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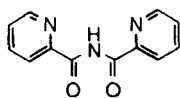
The reaction of  $[\text{Fe}(\text{bpca})_2] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  with  $\text{Fe}(\text{ClO}_4)_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  in  $\text{MeNO}_2\text{-CHCl}_3$  solution and  $\text{MeNO}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  solution afforded black crystals of a trinuclear complex,  $[\text{Fe}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\{\text{Fe}(\text{bpca})_2\}_2](\text{ClO}_4)_4$  (**1**), and a linear chain complex, *catena*- $[\text{Fe}(\text{ClO}_4)_2\{\text{Fe}(\text{bpca})_2\}]\text{ClO}_4$  (**2**), respectively (Hbpca = bis(2-pyridylcarbonyl)amine). In both complexes, iron atoms in  $[\text{Fe}(\text{bpca})_2]^+$  units are in a low-spin 3+ state, whereas irons coordinated by four carbonyl oxygen atoms and two axial oxygen atoms (from coordinated water molecules or perchlorate anions) take a high-spin 2+ state. In both **1** and **2** antiferromagnetic interactions operated between high-spin Fe(II) and low-spin Fe(III) ions. **2** shows the ferrimagnetic ordering at 2.5 K. The plot of  $1/\chi_m$  vs  $T$  above 50 K for **2** obeys the Curie-Weiss law with a negative Weiss constant of  $\theta = -15.3$  K.

**Keywords:** complexed-ligand; Fe(II)-Fe(III) alternate arrangement; ferrimagnetic chain

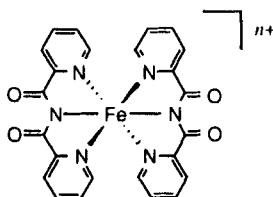
## INTRODUCTION

The chemistry of multi-metal-centered complexes or metal complex assemblies with highly ordered solid state structures has attracted much attention.<sup>[1]</sup> In such chemistry, "complexed-ligands" are known to be beneficial in the construction of multi-metal complexes and the control of their properties. Monomeric complexes of tridentate ligand bpca<sup>-</sup> (Hbpca = bis(2-pyridyl carbonyl)amine),  $[\text{M}(\text{bpca})_2]^{n+}$  ( $n = 0$  for  $\text{M} = \text{Fe(II)}$ ,  $n = 1$  for  $\text{M} = \text{Fe(III)}$ )<sup>[2]</sup> could be an example of this type of complexed-ligand. They have four free

C=O groups which, upon reaction with a metal ion M, may act as a bis-bidentate bridging ligand to give a linear chain complex of the type  $\cdots M(\mu\text{-bpca})\text{Fe}(\mu\text{-bpca})M\cdots$ , and the delocalized  $\pi$ -system on  $\{\text{Fe}(\text{bpca})_2\}^{n+}$  unit has the possibility to mediate magnetic interactions between Fe and M. It has been reported that oximate and oxamido complexes can act as a similar complexed ligand to give di-,<sup>[3]</sup> tri-,<sup>[4]</sup> and tetranuclear complexes.<sup>[5]</sup> One of the characteristics of the present system is that monomeric complexes  $[\text{Fe}(\text{bpca})_2]^{n+}$  can be isolated both in Fe<sup>II</sup> and Fe<sup>III</sup> state stably, and that they show reversible Fe<sup>II</sup>/Fe<sup>III</sup> redox wave at ca. 600 mV (vs SSCE). This suggests the potential of charge transfer interactions through delocalized  $\pi$ -system. We here report two complexes, a Fe(II)-Fe(III)-Fe(II) trimeric structure and Fe(II)-Fe(III) alternate chain structure.



Hbpca

 $[\text{Fe}(\text{bpca})_2]^{n+}$ 

## EXPERIMENTAL

### Syntheses

The reaction of  $[\text{Fe}(\text{bpca})_2] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  with  $\text{Fe}(\text{ClO}_4)_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  in  $\text{MeNO}_2/\text{CHCl}_3$  solution in 1:1 ratio and  $\text{MeNO}_2/\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  solution in 1:1.25 ratio afforded, respectively, black crystals of a trinuclear complex,  $[\text{Fe}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\{\text{Fe}(\text{bpca})_2\}_2](\text{ClO}_4)_4$  (**1**), and black crystals of a linear chain complex, *catena*- $[\text{Fe}(\text{ClO}_4)_2\{\text{Fe}(\text{bpca})_2\}]\text{ClO}_4$  (**2**).

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### Description of the Structure

Figure 1 shows an ORTEP diagram of the complex ion in **1**. The trinuclear structure consists of two  $\{\text{Fe}(\text{bpca})_2\}^{n+}$  units (with filled bonds) and central

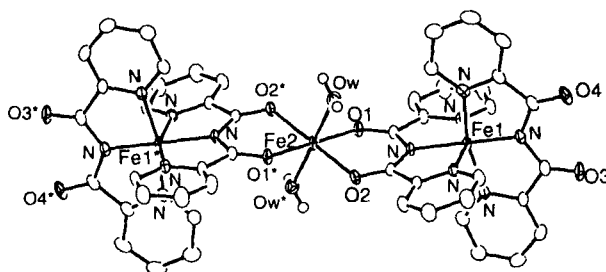


FIGURE 1 ORTEP drawing of cation part of **1**. Frameworks with filled bonds represent  $\{\text{Fe}(\text{bpc})_2\}^+$  units.

$\text{Fe}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$ , the former acting as terminal ligands to the central unit. Four perchlorate anions per a trinuclear unit were found, suggesting that three iron atoms have total charge of 8+, i.e.,  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}_2\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}$ . X-ray structures for both  $[\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{bpc})_2]$  and  $[\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(\text{bpc})_2]\text{NO}_3$  were reported,<sup>[2]</sup> and bond lengths and bond angles around metal centers are not much different between the  $\text{Fe}(\text{II})$  and  $\text{Fe}(\text{III})$  complexes (Table I).  $\text{Fe}-\text{N}$  bond lengths in **1** were close to those in both  $[\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{bpc})_2]$  and  $[\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(\text{bpc})_2]\text{NO}_3$ , therefore the oxidation states of the terminal iron atoms were not inferred crystallographically. In **1**, terminal  $\{\text{Fe}(\text{bpc})_2\}^{n+}$  units were related by a crystallographic inversion center at the central iron,  $\text{Fe}_2$ , hence two irons at terminal positions must be equivalent. Then the oxidation numbers of three irons are regarded as (3+, 2+, 3+).

TABLE I.  $\text{Fe}-\text{N}$  distances in **1**, **2**, and related complexes.

Compounds	Oxidation state	$\text{Fe}-\text{N}(\text{py}) / \text{\AA}$	$\text{Fe}-\text{N}(\text{amide}) / \text{\AA}$
$[\text{Fe}(\text{bpc})_2]^{2+}$	2+	1.929(8), 1.941(7), 1.943(8), 1.957(7)	1.918(7), 1.929(7)
$[\text{Fe}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2[\text{Fe}(\text{bpc})_2]_2](\text{ClO}_4)_4$ ( <b>1</b> )	3+	1.952(6), 1.957(6), 1.979(6), 1.982(6)	1.864(5) (free site) 1.961(5) (Fe site)
<i>catena</i> - $[\text{Fe}(\text{ClO}_4)_2[\text{Fe}(\text{bpc})_2]](\text{ClO}_4)$ ( <b>2</b> )	3+	1.968(5), 1.975(5), 1.976(5), 1.976(5)	1.900(4), 1.905(4)
$[\text{Fe}(\text{bpc})_2](\text{NO}_3)_2$	3+	1.943(6), 1.955(6), 1.963(6), 1.971(6)	1.908(5), 1.908(5)

TABLE II. Fe-O distances in **1**, **2**, and a related complex.

Compounds	Oxidation state	Fe-O(eq) / Å	Fe-O(ax) / Å
[Fe(acac) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>5)</sup>	2+	2.034(3), 2.041(3)	2.212(4) (H <sub>2</sub> O)
[Fe(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> {Fe(bpc <sub>a</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> } <sub>2</sub> ] (ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> ( <b>1</b> )	2+	2.057(5), 2.095(4)	2.116(7) (H <sub>2</sub> O)
<i>catena</i> -{Fe(ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> {Fe(bpc <sub>a</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> } <sub>2</sub> ] (ClO <sub>4</sub> ) ( <b>2</b> )	2+	2.030(4), 2.035(4), 2.065(4), 2.067(4)	2.134(5), 2.135(5) (ClO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> )

oxidation state assignments appear to be reasonable when Fe-O distances in **1** and related complexes are compared (Table II). Fe2 in **1** has coordination environment very similar to *trans*-[Fe<sup>II</sup>(acac)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>] ; for **1**, Fe-O(bpc<sub>a</sub><sup>-</sup>) = 2.057(5) and 2.095(4), Fe-O(H<sub>2</sub>O) = 2.116(7) ; for *trans*-[Fe(acac)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>], Fe-O(acac<sup>-</sup>) = 2.034(3) and 2.041(3) Å, Fe-O(H<sub>2</sub>O) = 2.212(4) Å. And the Fe-O distances in **1** are clearly longer than those found in [Fe(acac)<sub>3</sub>] and their Fe(III)-acac derivative complexes, Fe(III)-O = 1.955-2.026 Å.<sup>[7]</sup> These facts supports that Fe2 in **1** is in the +2 state.

The C=O distances for C-O1 and C-O2 (av. 1.243 Å) are definitely longer as compared with those in the monomer and uncoordinated C=O bonds in **1** (C-O3 and C-O4 ; av. 1.208 Å). This fact suggests that minus charge of bpc<sub>a</sub><sup>-</sup> is delocalized on the O1-C-N-C-O2 moiety in the trinuclear complex, whereas it is localized mainly on the amide nitrogen in monomeric [Fe(bpc<sub>a</sub>)<sub>2</sub>] and [Fe(bpc<sub>a</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]X.

Figure 2 shows an ORTEP diagram of a cation part of chain complex **2**. In **2**, asymmetric unit consists of a {Fe(bpc<sub>a</sub>)<sub>2</sub>}<sup>n+</sup> (with filled bonds), and an Fe atom(Fe2) with two coordinating perchlorate anions. With one noncoordinating perchlorate anion, total oxidation number of two iron atoms in an asymmetric unit becomes 5+. Based on the same discussion as compound **1**, Fe1 and Fe2 are assigned to +3 and +2, respectively. As seen in Figure 2, {Fe(bpc<sub>a</sub>)<sub>2</sub>}<sup>+</sup> units are acting as a bridging bis-bidentate complexed ligand, and alternating arrangement of {Fe(bpc<sub>a</sub>)<sub>2</sub>}<sup>+</sup> and {Fe(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>} units forms the one dimensional chain structure. Fe-N bond lengths found in **2** were close to those in [Fe<sup>II</sup>(bpc<sub>a</sub>)<sub>2</sub>] and [Fe<sup>III</sup>(bpc<sub>a</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]NO<sub>3</sub> (Table I), and Fe-O(eq) bond length were close to those in [Fe<sup>II</sup>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>(acac)<sub>2</sub>], indicating that Fe2 in **2** is in

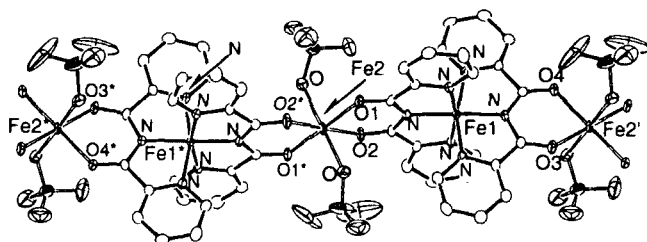


FIGURE 2 ORTEP drawing of cation part of **2**. Frameworks with filled bonds represent  $\{\text{Fe}(\text{bpcal})_2\}^+$  units.

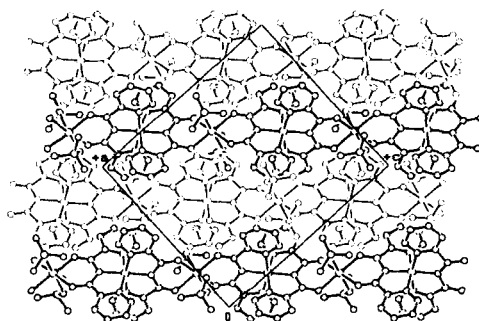


FIGURE 3 Packing diagram of cation part of **2**.

the 2+ state. One of the characteristics of the system is that two perchlorate anions axially coordinate to Fe2 in extremely short Fe-O separations of 2.134(5) and 2.135(5) Å. A few complexes are known with coordination of perchlorate to iron, and the Fe-OCIO<sub>3</sub> separations fall in the range of 2.093 to 2.148 Å.<sup>191</sup> They are all porphyrin complexes with iron(III), and the present Fe<sup>II</sup>-OCIO<sub>3</sub> bonds would be very novel. Coordination environment around Fe2 is again similar to that of  $[\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2(\text{acac})_2]$ .

As in complex **1**, the C=O distances (av. 1.235 Å) are definitely longer than those in the monomer, suggesting again the charge delocalization on the O-C-N-C-O moiety in **2**.

### Magnetic Properties

Temperature dependence of magnetic susceptibility of complexes **1** and **2** were

measured down to 2.0 K. Room temperature  $\chi_m T$  value of **1** was 5.62 emu K mol<sup>-1</sup>, decreased to 4.26 emu K mol<sup>-1</sup> at 50 K, and then went smoothly to a value of 1.50 emu K mol<sup>-1</sup> at 5.0 K.  $\chi_m T$  value at room temperature is higher than the spin-only value of 3.75 emu K mol<sup>-1</sup> for the magnetically dilute three-spin system with low-spin Fe(III), ( $S_{\text{Fe(III)}}, S_{\text{Fe(II)}}, S_{\text{Fe(III)}} = (1/2, 2, 1/2)$ ), but lower than that with high-spin Fe(III), ( $S_{\text{Fe(III)}}, S_{\text{Fe(II)}}, S_{\text{Fe(III)}} = (5/2, 2, 5/2)$ ) 11.74 emu K mol<sup>-1</sup>. It is reported that monomeric [Fe(bpc<sub>a</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]X show different magnetic properties depending on counter anion, X.<sup>[2]</sup> With NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, Fe(III) atom is practically in the low-spin state. On the other hand,  $\mu_{\text{eff}}$  of the ClO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> salt shows a gradual decrease from 4.4 BM to 3.3 BM on lowering the temperature, and this was explained as a continuous high-spin to low-spin transition on lowering the temperature which is not completed even at 20 K. The same phenomenon as the latter case may cause the curious magnetic behavior of **1**.

Figure 4 shows the temperature dependence of  $\chi_m T$  per repeating unit for **2**. Room temperature  $\chi_m T$  value of **2** is 3.46 emu K mol<sup>-1</sup>, which is compatible with the spin-only value of 3.37 emu K mol<sup>-1</sup> for the magnetically dilute two-spin system with low-spin Fe(III) and high-spin Fe(II), ( $S_{\text{Fe(III)}},$

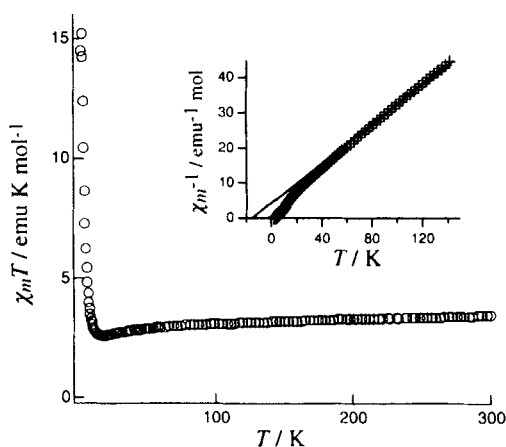


FIGURE 4  $\chi_m T$  per Fe<sub>2</sub> repeating unit vs  $T$  for **2**. The inset shows  $\chi_m^{-1}$  vs  $T$ .



$S_{\text{Fe(II)}} = (1/2, 2)$  with  $g = 2.00$ . This room temperature  $\chi_m T$  value is consistent with the assignment of iron atoms,  $3+$  to Fe1(N<sub>6</sub> site) with low-spin state and  $2+$  to Fe2(O<sub>6</sub> site) with high-spin state. On lowering the temperature,  $\chi_m T$  gradually decreases and shows a minimum at *ca.* 20 K, and then it increases abruptly to reach a value of 15.2 emu K mol<sup>-1</sup> at 2.5 K, which is significantly higher than the largest possible value of 4.37 emu K mol<sup>-1</sup> with  $g = 2.0$ . The plot of  $1/\chi_m$  vs  $T$  above 50 K obeys the Curie-Weiss law with a negative Weiss constant of  $\theta = -15.3$  K, indicating the presence of antiferromagnetic interactions. These facts suggest the ferrimagnetic ordering within the linear chain through Fe(II)- $\pi$ -system-Fe(III) linkages.

## CONCLUSION

This study shows that  $[\text{M}(\text{bpca})_2]^{n+}$  could be a potential building block for supramolecular compounds. In fact, two-dimensional honeycomb structure has been constructed *via* the reaction of  $[\text{Ni}(\text{bpca})_2]$  and  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ , in which  $[\text{Ni}(\text{bpca})_2]$  is acting as a building block.<sup>[10]</sup> Such studies are now in progress in our laboratories.

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