

Sliding polymeric layers and anion displacement coupled with spin crossover in two-dimensional networks of $[\text{Fe}(\text{hbtz})_2(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_2](\text{BF}_4)_2$.

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The abrupt high spin (HS)→low spin (LS) transition ($T^{\uparrow}_{1/2} = 136$ K) in $[\text{Fe}(\text{hbtz})_2(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_2](\text{BF}_4)_2$ (hbtz=1,6-di(tetrazol-2-yl)hexane) is finished at 100 K and further thermal treatment influences the spin crossover. Subsequent heating involves a change of the spin state in the same way ($T^{\uparrow}_{1/2} = 136$ K) on cooling. In contrast, cooling below 100 K triggers different behavior and $T^{\uparrow}_{1/2}$ is shifted to 170 K. The extraordinary structural changes that occurred below 100 K are responsible for the observed diversity of properties. A unique feature of the low-temperature phase is the rebuilding of the anion network expressed by a shift of anions inside the polymeric layer at a distance of 1.2 Å as well as the relative shift of neighboring layers at over 4 Å. These structural alterations, connected with a phase transition, become the origin of the strain, which in most cases causes crystal cleaving. In a sample composed from crystals crushed as a result of the phase transition or as a result of mechanical crumbling, the hysteresis loop vanishes; however, annealing the sample allows to its partial restoration. A replacement of acetonitrile by other nitriles leads to preservation of the polymeric structure and spin crossover, but no phase transition follows.

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