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PREPARATION, STRUCTURE AND SELECTED PROPERTIES OF NEW Co(II) CRYSTALLINE SOLIDS

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Nowadays the Co(II)-based coordination networks function as effective heterogeneous and reusable catalysts [1], are discussed as prototypes of future magnetic materials [2] and effective biodegradable drug carriers [3]. Solvatochromism as the inherent property allows using them as sensors for small molecules showing guest selectivity and providing a response in the UV/Vis/NIR spectral range to the guest inclusion [4].

Five new coordination polymers, $\{[Co(OAc)_2(bpe)(H_2O)]\cdot 0.5(dmf)\}_n$ (1), $\{[Co(bpy)_2(H_2O)_4][Co(Tfa)(bpy)_2(H_2O)_3](Tfa)_3 \cdot (bpy)_{1.5}\}_n$ **(2)**, $[Co(Tfa)_2(dps)_4]_n$ (3), $\{[Co(Tfa)_2(bpe)_4] \cdot H_2O\}_n$ (4), and $[Co(Tfa)_2(bpp)_4]_n$ (5) (where $AcO^- = CH_3CO_2^-$; $Tfa^- =$ $CF_3CO_2^-$; bpy = 4,4'-bipyridine; bpe = 1,2-bis(4-pyridyl)ethane; bpp = 1,3-bis(4pyridyl)propane; dps = 4,4'-dipyridyl sulfide; dmf = N,N'-dimethylformamide) were synthetized by the reactions of Co(OAc)₂·4H₂O and Co(Tfa)₂·4H₂O with different dipyridyl ligands and characterized by elemental analysis, IR spectra, and X-ray single-crystal diffraction. The IR spectra of complexes 1–5 exhibit very strong and broad bands due to asymmetric and symmetric stretching of coordinated carboxylic groups in the 1609–1564 (v_{as}COO) and 1458–1411 cm⁻¹ (v_sCOO) regions for acetate anion in 1, and in the 1703–1589 and 1465–1415 cm⁻¹ regions for trifluoroacetates in 2–5, respectively. These bands overlap with the v(C=N) stretching vibrations of the aromatic rings of the pyridyl containing ligands. The IR spectra of 2–5 also display strong bands in the range 1203–1125 cm⁻¹ arising from $\delta(C-F)$ asymmetric and symmetric bending vibrations of Tfa⁻ groups. The presence of the coordinated water molecules in 1 and 2 is justified by broad signals at 3265 and 3229 cm⁻¹, respectively. The single crystal X-ray analysis revealed the 2D polymeric networks in 1 and 5, 1D cationic chains in 2, and similar charge-neutral double tapes in 3 and 4. An impact of the anion's fluorination on coordination modes and supramolecular architectures is registered and discussed. Magnetic measurements for the two layered structures 1 and 5 indicate that the Co(II) centers interact only very weakly. The mechanical properties for 1 reveal pronounced anisotropy of hardness with the most soft layer facet.

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