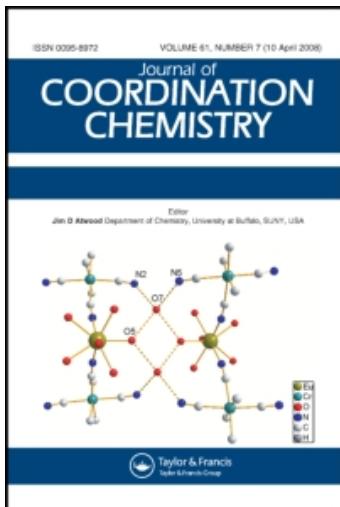


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# A NOVEL WATER SOLUBLE 4f–3d HETEROMETALLIC CYANO-BRIDGED COMPLEX, $\text{Sm}(\text{bipyO}_2)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$

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Reaction of 2,2'-bipyridine-*N,N'*-dioxide ( $\text{bipyO}_2$ ) with  $\text{Sm}(\text{NO}_3)_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{K}_3\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6$  affords a novel cyano-bridged complex  $\text{Sm}(\text{bipyO}_2)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (SmFe). The title complex crystallizes in the triclinic space group  $P\bar{1}$  with lattice parameters  $a = 10.3230(14)$ ,  $b = 12.5102(18)$ ,  $c = 13.8996(19)\text{\AA}$ ,  $\alpha = 85.273(2)$ ,  $\beta = 88.170(2)$ ,  $\gamma = 70.525(2)^\circ$ , its single-crystal X-ray structure refined to  $R_1 = 0.0371$ ,  $wR_2 = 0.0772$ . The luminescence of SmFe quenches more easily than binary samarium complex with  $\text{bipyO}_2$ .

**Keywords:** Cyano-bridged; 4f–3d Complex; Crystal structure; Samarium hexacyanoferrate; 2,2'-Bipyridine-*N,N'*-dioxide

## INTRODUCTION

Molecular-based magnetic materials represents an active research area [1–3] and cyano-bridged complexes (Prussian blue analogues) are a class of important molecular-based magnets [4–6]. Extensive research has been carried out on the structures and magnetic properties of cyano-bridged complexes, mainly focused on transition metal cyano-bridged complexes [7–9]. Recently a series of zero-dimensional (dinuclear, trinuclear), one-dimensional chain, two-dimensional layer and hydrogen-bonded ion pair 4f–3d complexes using 2,2'-bipyridine, 1,10-phenanthroline, 2,2'-bipyridyl-*N,N'*-dioxide, *N,N'*-dimethylformide, bipymidine, *N,N'*-dimethylformide, *N,N'*-dimethylacetamide as hybrid ligands [10–22] have been reported. It can be seen that the hybrid ligands, rare earth ions and transition metal ions influence the composition, the coordination environment of rare earth ions and the crystal structure. Steric effects of hybrid ligands have great influences on the coordination environment of rare earth ions and the crystal structures of complexes. For example, with 2-pyrrolidinone, dinuclear cyano-bridged complexes form  $[\text{Ln}(\text{pyo})_4(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}]$  ( $\text{Ln} = \text{Ce} \sim \text{Er}$ ),  $\text{Ln}(\text{pyo})_5(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\text{Cr}(\text{CN})_6 \cdot 2\text{pyo} \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  ( $\text{Ln} = \text{Ce} \sim \text{Nd}$ ) and  $\text{Ln}(\text{pyo})_5(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  ( $\text{Ln} = \text{Sm} \sim \text{Er}$ ); with *N*-methylpyrrolidinone, ion-pair complexes form

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$[\text{Ln}(\text{MPL})_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]$  ( $\text{Ln} = \text{La} \sim \text{Dy}$ ) because the methyl group in the MPL molecule enhances steric hindrance; with 1,8-naphthalanthroline, 1,10-phenanthroline, 2,2'-bipyridine, 2,2':6'2'-tetrapyridine and betaine as hybrid ligands, one-dimensional chain complexes are obtained [19,20]; with bipyrimidine, two-dimensional layer-like compounds are formed. In addition, we have prepared ion-pair complexes with different terminal ligands using  $\text{Er}(\text{NO}_3)_5$  and  $\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6$ . The coordination environment of the Er ion may be different; for *N*-pyrrolidinone, four MPL ligands surround the Er ion; for *N,N'*-dimethylacetamide, only three DMA ligands do so [22]. Using different  $[\text{M}(\text{CN})_6]^{3-}$  ( $\text{M} = \text{transition metal}$ ) molecular fragments as building blocks, one can obtain different coordination of rare earth ions and crystal structures of complexes. In the present work, we employed 2,2'-bipyridine-*N,N'*-dioxide (bipyO<sub>2</sub>) as a hybrid terminal ligand to synthesize a novel water soluble cyano-bridged complex,  $\text{Sm}(\text{bipyO}_2)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . Its crystal structure and luminescence properties are discussed below.

## EXPERIMENTAL

### Materials and Methods

$\text{Sm}(\text{NO}_3)_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  was prepared by dissolving samarium oxide in concentrated nitric acid and drying. The ligand 2,2'-bipyridine-*N,N'*-dioxide (bipyO<sub>2</sub>) was synthesized according to the literature [23]. Other reagents were commercially available and used without further purification. Elemental analyses (C, H, N) were carried out using an Elementar Carlo EL instrument. Infrared spectroscopy using KBr pellets was performed on a Nicolet 7199B spectrophotometer in the 4000–400  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  range. Excitation and emission spectra were measured with a Perkin-Elmer LS-55 spectrophotometer.

### Synthesis of $\text{Sm}(\text{bipyO}_2)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$

To a mixed aqueous solution of  $\text{Sm}(\text{NO}_3)_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and 2,2'-bipyridine-*N,N'*-dioxide (bipyO<sub>2</sub>) was added an equimolar amount of  $\text{K}_3[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]$  in a minimum amount of water. The resulting yellow solution was kept undisturbed in the dark. After about some hours, well-shaped, light-yellow crystals were obtained. Anal. Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{30}\text{SmFeN}_{10}\text{O}_{11}$ (%): C, 36.11; H, 3.50; N, 16.20. Found: C, 35.89; H, 3.28; N, 16.07. IR:  $\nu_{\text{sO}-\text{H}}$  (3418  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ),  $\nu_{\text{sCN}}$  (2121  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , 2143  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ),  $\nu_{\text{sC-O}}$  (1652  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , 1671  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ).

### X-ray Crystallography

X-ray diffraction data for a crystal with dimensions  $0.05 \times 0.10 \times 0.20$  mm were collected with graphite-monochromated Mo K $\alpha$  radiation on an Enraf-Nonius CAD4 four-circle diffractometer. Data were collected by the  $\omega$ -2 $\theta$  scan technique. The crystal structure was solved by direct methods. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically by full-matrix least-squares methods on  $F^2$ . The function minimized was  $\sum w(|F_o|^2 - |F_c|^2)^2$  where  $w = [s^2(F_o^2) + (0.0727 P)^2 + 0.0000 P]^{-1}$  and  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ . Hydrogen atoms were added geometrically and not refined. All calculations were performed using the programs SHELXS-97 and SHELXL-97 [24,25]. A summary of crystallographic data and refinement parameters is given in Table I.

TABLE I Crystal data and structure refinement for the title complex

Complex	$\text{Sm}(\text{bipyO}_2)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$
Formula	$\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{30}\text{FeSmN}_{10}\text{O}_{11}$
Relative molecular weight $M$	864.80
Colour	Yellow
Temperature	293(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Radiation	Mo K $\alpha$
Crystal system	P1
Space group	Triclinic
Unit dimensions	$a = 10.3230(14)$ Å $b = 12.5102(18)$ Å $c = 13.8996(19)$ Å $\alpha = 85.273(2)^\circ$ $\beta = 88.170(2)^\circ$ $\gamma = 70.525(2)^\circ$
Volume	1686.6(4) Å <sup>3</sup>
Z	2
Calculated density	1.703 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Absorption coefficient	2.225 mm <sup>-1</sup>
F(000)	864
Crystal size	0.05 × 0.10 × 0.20 mm
$\theta$ range for data collection	1.47° to 27.01°
Reflections/collected/unique	8472/7130 [ $R(\text{int}) = 0.0227$ ]
Completeness to $2\theta = 25.01$	96.9%
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on $F^2$
Data/restraints/parameters	7130/0/442
Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$	0.948
Final $R$ indices [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ]	$R1 = 0.0371$ , $wR2 = 0.0771$
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.950 and -0.752 e Å <sup>-3</sup>

Additional material is available from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre, No: CCDC-215780.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

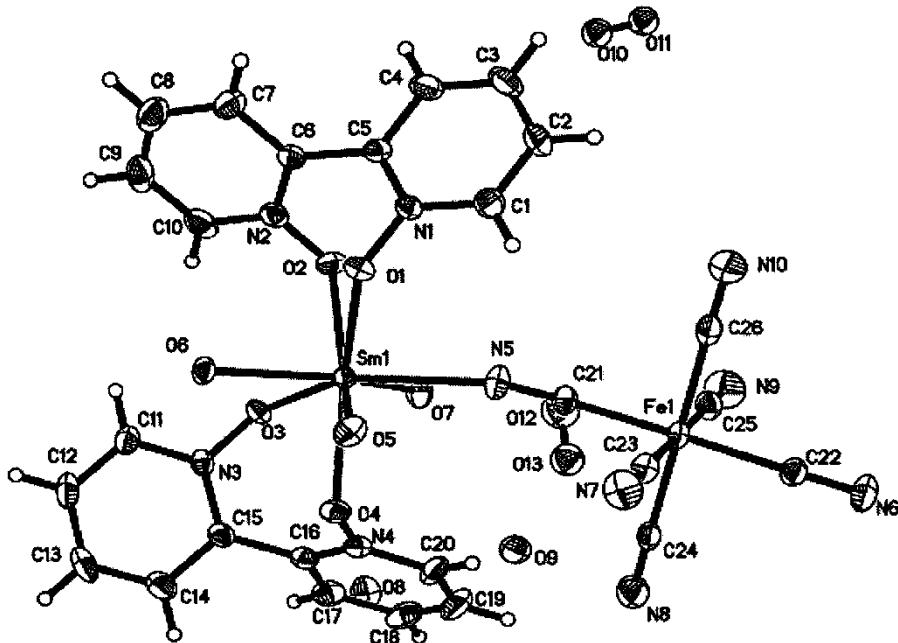
Final atomic coordinates for non-hydrogen atoms are listed in Table II. Figure 1 shows an ORTEP drawing of the SmFe complex. Samarium is coordinated by seven oxygen atoms from two bipyO<sub>2</sub> molecules and three water molecules, and a nitrogen atom from the bridging CN group. The geometry of the samarium ion can be described as a distorted 4,4-bicapped trigonal prism. The bond distance between Sm<sup>3+</sup> and the bridging nitrogen atom is 2.442(4) Å [Sm–N(1)]. Bond distances between Sm and the O atoms from H<sub>2</sub>O molecules ranges from 2.421(3) to 2.442(3) Å and range from 2.339(3) to 2.444(4) Å between Sm and O atoms of bipyO<sub>2</sub> molecules. Four uncoordinated water molecules are present in the unit cell.

The geometry of the Fe(CN)<sub>6</sub><sup>3-</sup> ion is approximately octahedral with coordination of six CN ligands. The Fe–C bond distances range from 1.927(5) to 1.947(5) Å and the bridging Fe(1)–C(1) distance is 1.993(6). Bond angles Fe–C–N range from 176.7(4) to 179.9(7)°. Although the Fe–C and C≡N distances vary, they are all normal. Fe–C–N bond angles do not significantly deviate from linearity. However, the bridging CN ligand is coordinated to the Sm atom in a bent mode, which may be due to the effect of steric hindrance of the coordinated bipyO<sub>2</sub> molecules around the Sm atom. Table III gives the selected bond lengths and angles data.

TABLE II Final atomic coordinates and  $10^3 \text{ \AA}^2$  of equivalent isotropic displacement parameters for the title complex

Atom	<i>x/a</i>	<i>y/b</i>	<i>z/c</i>	<i>U(eq)</i>
Sm(1)	9657(1)	7904(1)	2245(1)	24(1)
Fe(1)	5845(1)	12 232(1)	2091(1)	29(1)
O(1)	11 321(3)	8865(3)	2474(2)	35(1)
O(2)	10 611(3)	7392(3)	3815(2)	39(1)
O(3)	9493(3)	6020(2)	2564(2)	31(1)
O(4)	8291(3)	7635(3)	1039(2)	34(1)
O(5)	10 006(3)	8877(3)	714(2)	40(1)
O(6)	11 682(3)	6670(2)	1479(2)	32(1)
O(7)	7739(3)	7938(3)	3330(2)	45(1)
N(1)	11 348(4)	9410(3)	3255(3)	34(1)
N(2)	11 970(4)	6925(3)	3892(3)	39(1)
N(3)	9579(4)	5266(3)	1929(3)	31(1)
N(4)	7148(4)	7401(3)	1273(3)	34(1)
C(1)	10 720(5)	10 540(4)	3246(4)	48(1)
C(2)	10 785(6)	11 109(5)	4013(5)	62(2)
C(3)	11 477(6)	10 541(5)	4812(4)	59(2)
C(4)	12 103(5)	9398(5)	4834(4)	49(1)
C(5)	12 029(4)	8815(4)	4046(3)	35(1)
C(6)	12 743(5)	7593(4)	4003(3)	37(1)
C(7)	14 145(5)	7102(5)	4082(3)	50(1)
C(8)	14 751(6)	5957(5)	4026(4)	61(2)
C(9)	13 954(7)	5312(5)	3922(4)	69(2)
C(10)	12 542(6)	5799(4)	3860(3)	56(2)
C(11)	10 729(5)	4358(4)	1914(3)	41(1)
C(12)	10 850(5)	3538(4)	1292(4)	53(1)
C(13)	9776(6)	3618(5)	702(4)	59(2)
C(14)	8608(5)	4542(4)	738(4)	49(1)
C(15)	8504(5)	5377(4)	1356(3)	34(1)
C(16)	7196(5)	6311(4)	1443(3)	32(1)
C(17)	5988(5)	6095(5)	1658(3)	46(1)
C(18)	4772(5)	6986(5)	1709(4)	57(2)
C(19)	4763(5)	8061(5)	1534(4)	61(2)
C(20)	5958(5)	8271(5)	1303(4)	49(1)
N(5)	8085(4)	9891(3)	2404(3)	44(1)
N(6)	3660(4)	14 582(3)	1670(3)	50(1)
N(7)	7308(4)	12 477(4)	168(3)	55(1)
N(8)	4028(5)	11 089(4)	1152(3)	59(1)
N(9)	4368(5)	11 947(5)	4000(3)	71(2)
N(10)	7585(5)	13 321(4)	3179(4)	72(2)
C(21)	7249(4)	10 760(4)	2317(3)	33(1)
C(22)	4474(5)	13 705(4)	1817(3)	35(1)
C(23)	6761(5)	12 391(4)	885(3)	36(1)
C(24)	4710(5)	11 516(4)	1478(3)	36(1)
C(25)	4910(5)	12 053(4)	3297(4)	40(1)
C(26)	6951(5)	12 917(4)	2765(4)	43(1)
O(8)	1977(4)	3422(3)	5021(3)	67(1)
O(9)	601(4)	5792(3)	5886(3)	68(1)
O(10)	8415(7)	9451(6)	9124(5)	53(3)
O(11)	7800(8)	9965(7)	9622(6)	55(3)
O(13)	4927(11)	9513(9)	3377(9)	58(4)
O(12)	5378(7)	9330(6)	4033(6)	77(3)

In the unit cell there are two types of hydrogen bonding; one is intra-chain hydrogen bonding between a coordinated water molecule in a complex unit and a CN of another. The second is inter-chain hydrogen bonding involving a lattice water molecule. The O atom of an uncoordinated water molecule forms a hydrogen bond with an H atom

FIGURE 1 ORTEP drawing of  $\text{Sm}(\text{bipyO}_2)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .TABLE III Selected bond lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ ) and bond angle ( $^\circ$ ) for the title complex

Sm(1)-O(4)	2.339(3)	Fe(1)-C(21)	1.935(5)
Sm(1)-O(2)	2.372(3)	Fe(1)-C(26)	1.942(5)
Sm(1)-O(6)	2.421(3)	Fe(1)-C(25)	1.942(5)
Sm(1)-O(3)	2.423(3)	Fe(1)-C(24)	1.947(5)
Sm(1)-O(5)	2.441(3)	N(5)-C(21)	1.141(5)
Sm(1)-O(7)	2.442(3)	N(6)-C(22)	1.145(5)
Sm(1)-O(1)	2.444(3)	N(7)-C(23)	1.145(5)
Sm(1)-N(5)	2.498(4)	N(8)-C(24)	1.139(6)
Fe(1)-C(23)	1.927(5)	N(9)-C(25)	1.131(6)
Fe(1)-C(22)	1.930(5)	N(10)-C(26)	1.143(6)
O(4)-Sm(1)-O(2)	149.12(11)	O(1)-Sm(1)-N(5)	79.33(12)
O(4)-Sm(1)-O(6)	89.75(10)	C(23)-Fe(1)-C(22)	90.66(19)
O(2)-Sm(1)-O(6)	93.37(10)	C(23)-Fe(1)-C(21)	87.17(19)
O(4)-Sm(1)-O(3)	72.35(10)	C(22)-Fe(1)-C(21)	177.83(19)
O(2)-Sm(1)-O(3)	78.68(10)	C(23)-Fe(1)-C(26)	91.7(2)
O(6)-Sm(1)-O(3)	75.75(10)	C(22)-Fe(1)-C(26)	90.6(2)
O(4)-Sm(1)-O(5)	69.45(10)	C(21)-Fe(1)-C(26)	89.7(2)
O(2)-Sm(1)-O(5)	140.34(11)	C(23)-Fe(1)-C(25)	179.0(2)
O(6)-Sm(1)-O(5)	72.17(10)	C(22)-Fe(1)-C(25)	89.63(19)
O(3)-Sm(1)-O(5)	129.37(10)	C(21)-Fe(1)-C(25)	92.53(19)
O(4)-Sm(1)-O(7)	85.56(11)	C(26)-Fe(1)-C(25)	89.3(2)
O(2)-Sm(1)-O(7)	74.07(11)	C(23)-Fe(1)-C(24)	91.1(2)
O(6)-Sm(1)-O(7)	144.09(11)	C(22)-Fe(1)-C(24)	90.23(19)
O(3)-Sm(1)-O(7)	68.89(10)	C(21)-Fe(1)-C(24)	89.62(19)
O(5)-Sm(1)-O(7)	137.23(11)	C(26)-Fe(1)-C(24)	177.1(2)
O(4)-Sm(1)-O(1)	140.32(10)	C(25)-Fe(1)-C(24)	87.9(2)
O(2)-Sm(1)-O(1)	70.11(10)	N(1)-O(1)-Sm(1)	123.5(2)
O(6)-Sm(1)-O(1)	78.64(10)	N(2)-O(2)-Sm(1)	118.1(2)

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TABLE III Continued

O(3)–Sm(1)–O(1)	137.96(10)	N(3)–O(3)–Sm(1)	127.3(2)
O(5)–Sm(1)–O(1)	70.87(10)	N(4)–O(4)–Sm(1)	120.2(2)
O(7)–Sm(1)–O(1)	125.05(10)	C(21)–N(5)–Sm(1)	166.3(4)
O(4)–Sm(1)–N(5)	91.76(12)	N(5)–C(21)–Fe(1)	176.7(4)
O(2)–Sm(1)–N(5)	101.82(12)	N(6)–C(22)–Fe(1)	178.9(5)
O(6)–Sm(1)–N(5)	147.03(12)	N(7)–C(23)–Fe(1)	179.5(4)
O(3)–Sm(1)–N(5)	135.66(11)	N(8)–C(24)–Fe(1)	177.5(5)
O(5)–Sm(1)–N(5)	77.59(12)	N(9)–C(25)–Fe(1)	179.9(7)
O(7)–Sm(1)–N(5)	68.81(12)	N(10)–C(26)–Fe(1)	178.6(5)

of a coordinated water molecule while the H atom of a lattice water molecule forms another hydrogen bond with a terminal CN group.

The emission spectrum of  $\text{Sm}(\text{bipyO}_2)_2(\text{NO}_3)_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  with excitation at 242 nm, gives three emission bands at 562.5, 603.5 and 643.0 nm are observed. The emission spectrum of  $\text{Sm}(\text{bipyO}_2)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  shows three similar emission bands with peaks at 558.5, 598.0 and 643.5 nm, but with much lower luminescence intensities. These correspond with the characteristic emission  ${}^4G_{5/2} \rightarrow {}^6H_j$  ( $j = 5/2, 7/2, 9/2$ ) transitions of the  $\text{Sm}^{3+}$  ion. The weak luminescence of cyano-bridged complex is caused by the cyano group between the Sm ion and Fe ion, which quenches emission originating from intramolecular energy transfer from 2,2'-bipyridine-*N,N*-dioxide.

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