

Synthesis and Structural Characterization of Bi- and Trimetallic Octacyanometalate(IV) Complexes: [Δ, Λ -M^{II}(en)₃][*cis*-M^{II}(en)₂(OH₂)] [M^{IV}(CN)₈]·2H₂O and [*cis*-M^{II}(en)₂(OH₂)₂](μ -NC)₂M^{IV}(CN)₆·4H₂O (M^{II} = Mn, Co, Ni; M^{IV} = Mo, W)

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Treatment of [M^{II}(en)₃][OTs]₂ or methanolic ethylenediamine solutions containing transition metal *p*-toluenesulfonates (M^{II} = Mn, Co) with aqueous K₄M^{IV}(CN)₈·2H₂O or Cs₃M^{IV}(CN)₈ (M^{IV} = Mo, W; M^V = Mo) affords crystalline clusters of [M^{II}(en)₃][*cis*-M^{II}(en)₂(OH₂)(μ -NC)M^{IV}(CN)₇]·2H₂O (M^{IV} = Mo; M^{II} = Mn, **1**; Ni, **5**; M^{IV} = W; M^{II} = Mn, **2**; Ni, **6**) and [*cis*-M^{II}(en)₂(OH₂)₂](μ -NC)₂M^{IV}(CN)₆·4H₂O (M^{IV} = Mo; M^{II} = Co, **3**; Ni, **7**; M^{IV} = W; M^{II} = Co, **4**) stoichiometry. Each cluster contains *cis*-M^{II}(en)₂(OH₂)(μ -NC)²⁺ units that likely result from dissociative loss of en from [M^{II}(en)₃]²⁺, affording *cis*-M^{II}(en)₂(OH₂)₂²⁺ intermediates that are trapped by M^{IV}(CN)₈⁴⁻.

Introduction

The synthesis and characterization of molecule-based magnetic materials has experienced a resurgence of activity over the last 15 years.^{1–5} Using a building block approach, a variety of cyanometalate networks and clusters can be prepared that exhibit interesting properties such as room temperature magnetism,^{2–4} single molecule magnetism,^{5–7} compensation,^{8,9} electrochromism,^{10,11} and photomagnetic^{12–28} behavior. Cyanometalates are excellent building blocks for

constructing molecule-based clusters and networks because cyanides generally form linear μ -CN linkages between two metal centers, stabilize a variety of transition metal centers

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and oxidation states, and efficiently communicate spin density information.^{29–31}

The majority of cyanometalate networks and clusters generally contain hexacyanometalate or *fac*-LM(CN)₃ centers while far fewer contain octacyanometalates. The preparation of octacyanomolybdate(IV) networks of M^{II}₂[Mo^{IV}(CN)₈]_n·nH₂O (2 ≤ n ≤ 9) stoichiometry (M^{II} = Mn, Fe, Co, Ni, Cu, and Zn) was first reported in 1927, and the structures of several analogues have recently been determined.^{28,32–35} Octacyanometalate materials are an interesting class of cyanometalates due to their propensity to photoeject electrons and form lattices that exhibit photoinduced magnetization changes; analogues containing Cu^{II}/Mo(CN)₈ⁿ⁻ and Co^{II/III}/W(CN)₈ⁿ⁻ units are reported to exhibit reversible photoinduced magnetization changes, and we anticipate that incorporation of such bistable materials into electronic circuitry may ultimately afford molecule-based nanoscale switchable devices.^{13,26–28,36–39}

While limited success in crystallizing octacyanometalate networks via hydrothermal and slow diffusion methods was realized, we began to explore the utility of amine ligands to direct and limit the number of cyano linkages formed between transition metal centers. Bidentate amines such as ethylenediamine (en) and 1,3-propanediamine (tn) have been extensively used to prepare a variety of so-called “expanded Prussian blue solids”,⁴⁰ but relatively few octacyanometalate

derivatives are known;^{41–48} octacyanometalate clusters containing such amines are also relatively rare.⁴⁹

In the present contribution, we describe the synthesis and infrared, magnetic, and X-ray characterization of several unusual bi- and trimetallic octacyanometalate clusters containing [*cis*-M^{II}(en)₂OH₂]²⁺ fragments that crystallize from aqueous mixtures of ethylenediamine, octacyanometalate, and transition metal *p*-toluenesulfonate salts.⁴⁸

Experimental Section

Materials. All operations were conducted while dark in a vacuum or under an argon atmosphere by using standard Schlenk and drybox techniques. Transfers of solutions containing cyanide were carried out through stainless steel cannulas. Solvents were distilled under dinitrogen from CaH₂ (acetonitrile), Mg turnings (methanol), or sodium-benzophenone (diethyl ether) and sparged with argon before use. Deionized water was also sparged with argon before use. The preparation of K₄[Mo(CN)₈]·2H₂O,^{50,51} K₄[W(CN)₈]·2H₂O,⁵² Mn(OTs)₂,⁵³ Fe(OTs)₂,⁵³ Co(OTs)₂,⁵³ and [Ni(en)₃][OTs]₂⁵³ salts are described elsewhere. [HBu₃N]₃[Mo(CN)₈], [HBu₃N]₃[W(CN)₈], Cs₃[W(CN)₈], and Cs₃[Mo(CN)₈] were prepared via modifications to previously described procedures.^{52,54,55} Transfers of solutions containing cyanide materials were carried out through stainless steel cannulas.

Physical Measurements. The IR spectra were recorded as Nujol mulls between KBr plates on a Mattson Galaxy 5200 FTIR instrument. Magnetic measurements were conducted on a Johnson-Matthey magnetic susceptibility balance. Diamagnetic corrections were estimated using Pascal's constants:^{56,57} $\chi_{\text{dia}} = -419.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$ for **1**, $-425.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$ for **2**, $-408.2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$ for **3**, $-414.2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$ for **4**, $-415.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$ for **5**, $-421.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$ for **6**, $-408.2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$ for **7**, and $-414.2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$ for **8**. Microanalyses were performed by the University of Illinois Microanalysis Laboratory.

Synthesis of [Λ -Mn^{II}(en)₃][*cis*-Mn^{II}(en)₂(OH)₂](μ -NC)Mo^{IV}(CN)₇]·2H₂O (1**).** Solid Mn(OTs)₂ (1.05 g, 2.53 mmol) was

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dissolved into MeOH (15 mL) and ethylenediamine (0.98 mL, 14.6 mmol) was added over 15 s. The white suspension was evacuated to dryness under vacuum at room temperature, and the residue was suspended in water (25 mL). Aqueous (15 mL) $K_4Mo(CN)_8 \cdot 2H_2O$ (1.29 g, 2.60 mmol) was quickly added, and the amber mixture was allowed to stand 18 days. The yellow crystals were isolated by filtration, washed with EtOH (2×10 mL) and Et₂O (2×10 mL), and dried under vacuum for 2 h at room temperature. Yield: 0.624 g (62.7%). Anal. Calcd for $C_{18}H_{46}Mn_2N_{18}O_3Mo$: C, 28.11; H, 6.05; N, 32.79. Found: C, 28.25; H, 5.86; N, 32.27. IR (Nujol, cm^{-1}): 3484 (vs), 3219 (vs, br), 2134 (s), 2112 (vs), 2101 (vs), 2072 (s), 2061 (s), 1661 (m), 1621 (m, sh), 1592 (vs), 1569 (s, sh), 1394 (w), 1328 (m), 1279 (w), 1131 (w, sh), 1113 (w), 1057 (w), 1029 (s), 1015 (vs, sh), 999 (vs), 970 (s), 867 (w), 858 (w), 655 (m), 640 (m, sh), 610 (m), 594 (m), 509 (w, sh), 487 (m), 469 (m), 430 (w). μ_{eff} Calcd (μ_B): 8.37. μ_{eff} Found (μ_B): 8.47.

Synthesis of $[A-Mn^{II}(en)_3][cis-Mn^{II}(en)_2(OH)_2(\mu-NC)W^{IV}(CN)_7] \cdot 3H_2O$ (2). Solid $Mn(OTs)_2$ (0.72 g, 1.76 mmol) was dissolved into MeOH (15 mL) and ethylenediamine (0.40 mL, 5.98 mmol) was added over 15 s. The white suspension was evacuated to dryness under vacuum at room temperature and was suspended in water (25 mL). Aqueous (15 mL) $K_4Mo(CN)_8 \cdot 2H_2O$ (1.18 g, 2.02 mmol) was quickly added, and the amber mixture was allowed to stand overnight. The yellow crystals were isolated by filtration, washed with EtOH (2×10 mL) and Et₂O (2×10 mL), and dried under vacuum for 2 h at room temperature. Yield: 0.391 g (51.9%). Anal. Calcd for $C_{18}H_{46}Mn_2N_{18}O_3W$: C, 25.22; H, 5.42; N, 29.43. Found: C, 25.25; H, 5.37; N, 28.77. IR (Nujol, cm^{-1}): 3232 (vs, br) 2134 (s), 2111 (vs), 2098 (vs), 2077 (s), 2058 (s), 1659 (vs), 1480 (vs, sh), 1453 (vs), 1393 (s), 1328 (s), 1278 (s), 1128 (s, sh), 1113 (s), 1057 (s), 999 (vs), 960 (s), 866 (w), 655 (m, br), 510 (w, sh), 485 (m). μ_{eff} Calcd (μ_B): 8.37. μ_{eff} Found (μ_B): 8.21.

Synthesis of $[cis-Co^{II}(en)_2(OH)_2][(\mu-NC)_2Mo^{IV}(CN)_6]$ (3). Solid $Co(OTs)_2$ (1.003 g, 2.51 mmol) was dissolved into MeOH (15 mL) and ethylenediamine (0.90 mL, 13.5 mmol) was added over 15 s. The peach suspension was evacuated to dryness under vacuum at room temperature, and the residue was suspended in water (25 mL). Aqueous (25 mL) $K_4Mo(CN)_8 \cdot 2H_2O$ (1.29 g, 2.80 mmol) was quickly added, and the yellow solution was allowed to stand 18 days. The orange crystals were isolated by filtration, washed with EtOH (2×10 mL) and Et₂O (2×10 mL), and dried under vacuum for 2 h at room temperature. Yield: 0.750 g (74.4%). Anal. Calcd for $C_{16}H_{36}N_{16}O_2Co_2Mo$: C, 27.49; H, 5.21; N, 32.07. Found: C, 27.79; H, 5.96; N, 31.79. IR (Nujol, cm^{-1}): 3480 (vs), 3343 (vs, br), 3292 (vs, br), 2140 (s), 2126 (s), 2112 (vs), 2100 (vs), 2072 (s), 2059 (s), 1778 (w), 1755 (w), 1752 (w), 1664 (vs), 1641 (w), 1620 (s), 1593 (vs), 1572 (vs), 1514 (w), 1501 (w), 1464 (vs), 1392 (s), 1377 (s), 1277 (s), 1126 (s), 1112 (s), 1074 (m), 1065 (m), 1029 (vs, sh), 1012 (vs), 975 (vs), 872 (m), 855 (m), 664 (s), 621 (s), 505 (s), 486 (v), 472 (m), 464 (m), 430 (m), 418 (w), 404 (w). μ_{eff} Calcd (μ_B): 5.48. μ_{eff} Found (μ_B): 6.66.

Synthesis of $[cis-Co^{II}(en)_2(OH)_2][(\mu-NC)_2W^{IV}(CN)_6]$ (4). Solid $Co(OTs)_2$ (0.75 g, 1.87 mmol) was dissolved into MeOH (15 mL) and ethylenediamine (0.70 mL, 10.4 mmol) was added over 15 s. The peach suspension was evacuated to dryness under vacuum at room temperature, and the residue was suspended in water (15 mL). Aqueous (10 mL) $K_4Mo(CN)_8 \cdot 2H_2O$ (1.02 g, 1.75 mmol) was quickly added, and the amber solution was allowed to stand 18 days. The yellow crystals were isolated by filtration, washed with EtOH (2×10 mL) and Et₂O (2×10 mL), and dried under vacuum for 2 h at room temperature. Yield: 0.395 g (48.0%). Anal. Calcd for $C_{16}H_{36}N_{16}O_2Co_2W$: C, 24.42; H, 4.62; N, 28.49. Found: C, 24.96; H, 4.32; N, 28.60. IR (Nujol, cm^{-1}): 3501 (vs, br), 3343

(vs, br), 3292 (vs, br), 2139 (vs), 2124 (s), 2112 (vs), 2097 (s), 1778 (w), 1755 (w), 1752 (w), 1664 (vs), 1620 (s), 1593 (vs), 1464 (vs), 1392 (s), 1377 (s), 1277 (s), 1126 (s), 1112 (s), 1065 (s), 1012 (vs), 977 (vs), 872 (m), 855 (m), 800 (m), 664 (vs), 621 (vs), 510 (vs), 486 (vs), 464 (vs), 438 (m), 404 (m). μ_{eff} Calcd (μ_B): 5.48. μ_{eff} Found (μ_B): 7.05.

Synthesis of $[\Delta-Ni^{II}(en)_3][cis-Ni^{II}(en)_2(OH)_2(\mu-NC)Mo^{IV}(CN)_7] \cdot 5H_2O$ (5).⁴⁸ An aqueous (40 mL) solution of $[Ni(en)_3][OTs]_2$ (2.04 g, 3.46 mmol) was treated with aqueous (20 mL) $K_4[Mo(CN)_8] \cdot 2H_2O$ (1.62 g, 3.26 mmol), and the resulting brown solution was allowed to stand for 3 days at room temperature. The brown blocks that deposited were isolated by suction filtration and were washed with water (2×10 mL), EtOH (2×10 mL), and Et₂O (2×20 mL). The crystals were dried under vacuum at room temperature overnight. Yield: 1.12 g (83.5%). Anal. Calcd for $C_{18}H_{46}N_{18}O_3MoNi_2$: C, 27.83; H, 5.99; N, 32.47. Found: C, 27.97; H, 5.74; N, 32.80. IR (Nujol, cm^{-1}): 3565 (vs, br), 2150 (s), 2145 (s), 2125 (s), 2112 (vs), 2102 (s), 2074 (w), 1658 (m), 1642 (m), 1597 (s), 1327 (m), 1279 (m), 1143 (s), 1107 (m), 1037 (m), 1021 (s), 978 (m), 869 (w), 845 (w), 680 (m), 642 (m), 522 (m), 512 (w), 460 (w), 412 (w). μ_{eff} Calcd (μ_B): 4.00. μ_{eff} Found (μ_B): 4.38.

Synthesis of $[\Delta-Ni^{II}(en)_3][cis-Ni^{II}(en)_2(OH)_2(\mu-NC)W^{IV}(CN)_7] \cdot 2H_2O$ (6). An aqueous (40 mL) solution of $[Ni(en)_3][OTs]_2$ (1.99 g, 3.37 mmol) was treated with aqueous (20 mL) $K_4[W(CN)_8] \cdot 2H_2O$ (2.25 g, 3.85 mmol), and the resulting brown solution was allowed to stand at room temperature for 3 days. The brown blocks that deposited were isolated by suction filtration and were washed with water (2×10 mL), EtOH (2×10 mL), and Et₂O (2×10 mL). The crystals were dried under vacuum at room temperature overnight. Yield: 1.26 g (86.5%). Anal. Calcd for $C_{18}H_{44}N_{18}Ni_2O_2W$: C, 25.53; H, 5.01; N, 29.79. Found: C, 25.52; H, 5.25; N, 29.79. IR (Nujol, cm^{-1}): 3571 (m), 3469 (vs), 3346 (vs), 3346 (vs), 3315 (vs), 3289 (vs), 3269 (vs), 3173 (vs), 2151 (s), 2143 (s), 2124 (s), 2110 (vs), 2072 (w), 1658 (w), 1642 (m), 1630 (m), 1592 (s), 1411 (w), 1327 (m), 1279 (m), 1143 (m), 1109 (m), 1100 (m), 1030 (vs), 1021 (vs), 979 (m), 868 (w), 842 (m), 720 (m), 673 (m), 664 (m), 645 (m, sh), 507 (m), 474 (m). μ_{eff} Calcd (μ_B): 4.00. μ_{eff} Found (μ_B): 4.41.

Synthesis of $[cis-Ni^{II}(en)_2(OH)_2][(\mu-NC)_2Mo^{IV}(CN)_6]$ (7). An aqueous (20 mL) solution of $[Ni(en)_3][OTs]_2$ (3.00 g, 5.16 mmol) was treated with aqueous (14 mL) $Cs_3[Mo(CN)_8]$ (1.86 g, 2.65 mmol), and the resulting brown gel was allowed to stand at room temperature for two weeks; within 1 h bubbles were observed in addition to brown blocks. The brown crystals were isolated by suction filtration and were washed with water (2×10 mL), EtOH (2×10 mL), and Et₂O (20 mL). The crystals were dried under vacuum at room temperature overnight. Yield: 1.28 g (69.3%, Mo-based). Anal. Calcd for $C_{16}H_{36}N_{16}MoNi_2O_2$: C, 27.51; H, 5.21; N, 32.10. Found: C, 27.74; H, 5.41; N, 32.49. IR (Nujol, cm^{-1}): 3590 (s), 3572 (s), 3469 (vs), 3347 (vs), 3316 (vs), 3290 (vs), 3268 (vs), 3173 (vs), 2144 (s), 2111 (vs), 2102 (vs), 2074 (m), 1642 (m), 1630 (m), 1592 (s), 1327 (m), 1278 (m), 1143 (m), 1109 (m), 1100 (m), 1031 (vs), 1020 (vs), 980 (m), 869 (w), 845 (w), 807 (w, sh), 673 (m), 666 (m), 647 (m), 521 (m), 505 (m), 458 (m). μ_{eff} Calcd (μ_B): 4.00. μ_{eff} Found (μ_B): 4.27.

Structure Determinations and Refinements. Crystals of 1–4 were grown from concentrated aqueous ethylenediamine solutions of either $Mn(OTs)_2$ (1, 2) or $Co(OTs)_2$ (3, 4) and aqueous $K_4Mo(CN)_8 \cdot 2H_2O$ (1, 3) or $K_4W(CN)_8 \cdot 2H_2O$ (2, 4). Crystals of 5–7 were grown from aqueous solutions of $[Ni(en)_3][OTs]_2$ with either $K_4Mo(CN)_8 \cdot 2H_2O$ (5), $K_4W(CN)_8 \cdot 2H_2O$ (6), or $Cs_3W(CN)_8$ (7), respectively. X-ray diffraction data were collected at 90.0(2) K on a Nonius Kappa CCD diffractometer from irregular shaped crystals

Table 1. Crystallographic Data for $[\Delta\text{-Mn}^{\text{II}}(\text{en})_3][\text{cis-Mn}^{\text{II}}(\text{en})_2(\text{OH})_2(\mu\text{-NC})\text{W}^{\text{IV}}(\text{CN})_8]\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (**2**), $[\text{cis-Co}^{\text{II}}(\text{en})_2(\text{OH})_2][(\mu\text{-NC})_2\text{W}^{\text{IV}}(\text{CN})_6]\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (**4**), $[\Delta\text{-Ni}^{\text{II}}(\text{en})_3][\text{cis-Ni}^{\text{II}}(\text{en})_2(\text{OH})_2(\mu\text{-NC})\text{Mo}^{\text{IV}}(\text{CN})_7]\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (**5**), $[\Delta\text{-Ni}^{\text{II}}(\text{en})_3][\text{cis-Ni}^{\text{II}}(\text{en})_2(\text{OH})_2(\mu\text{-NC})\text{W}^{\text{IV}}(\text{CN})_7]\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (**6**), and $[\text{cis-Ni}^{\text{II}}(\text{en})_2(\text{OH})_2][(\mu\text{-NC})_2\text{Mo}^{\text{IV}}(\text{CN})_6]\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (**7**)

	2	4	5	6	7
chemical formula	$\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{46}\text{Mn}_2\text{N}_{18}\text{O}_3\text{W}$	$\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{44}\text{Co}_2\text{N}_{16}\text{O}_6\text{W}$	$\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{46}\text{MoN}_{18}\text{Ni}_2\text{O}_3$	$\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{46}\text{N}_{18}\text{Ni}_2\text{O}_3\text{W}$	$\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{44}\text{MoN}_{16}\text{Ni}_2\text{O}_6$
fw	856.46	858.38	776.09	864.00	770.03
temp, K	90.0 (2)	90.0 (2)	90.0 (2)	90.0 (2)	90.0 (2)
λ , Å	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
cryst size (mm ³)	$0.20 \times 0.20 \times 0.18$	$0.12 \times 0.12 \times 0.10$	$0.25 \times 0.20 \times 0.10$	$0.30 \times 0.30 \times 0.25$	$0.25 \times 0.23 \times 0.22$
space group	orthorhombic	monoclinic	orthorhombic	orthorhombic	monoclinic
cryst syst	$P2_12_12_1$	$C2/c$	$P2_12_12_1$	$P2_12_12_1$	$C2/c$
a , Å	11.5650(2)	17.1162(3)	11.5497(4)	11.5576(4)	17.0725(4)
b , Å	15.0820(2)	11.0546(2)	14.9007(7)	14.9065(6)	11.0054(3)
c , Å	18.8610(3)	17.6671(3)	18.7582(7)	18.7669(8)	17.5905(5)
β , deg		108.783(6)			108.6950(10)
V , Å ³	3289.80(9)	3164.82(10)	3228.3(2)	3233.2	3130.69(14)
ρ , g cm ⁻³	1.729	1.802	1.594	1.775	1.634
Z	4	8	4	4	4
μ , mm ⁻¹	4.295	4.719	1.587	4.754	1.643
final R indices	$R_1 = 0.0245$	$R_1 = 0.0200$	$R_1 = 0.0402$	$R_1 = 0.0388$	$R_1 = 0.0262$
$[I > 2\sigma(I)]^a$	$wR_2 = 0.0426$	$wR_2 = 0.0423$	$wR_2 = 0.0564$	$wR_2 = 0.0696$	$wR_2 = 0.0567$
R indices	$R_1 = 0.0299$	$R_1 = 0.0236$	$R_1 = 0.0673$	$R_1 = 0.0553$	$R_1 = 0.0386$
(for all data)	$wR_2 = 0.0439$	$wR_2 = 0.0430$	$wR_2 = 0.0620$	$wR_2 = 0.0748$	$wR_2 = 0.0603$

$$^a R = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o|, R_w = [(\sum w(|F_o| - |F_c|)^2) / \sum wF_o^2]^{1/2}.$$

Table 2. Selected Bond Distances (Å) for Crystallographic Data for $[\Delta\text{-Mn}^{\text{II}}(\text{en})_3][\text{cis-Mn}^{\text{II}}(\text{en})_2(\text{OH})_2(\mu\text{-NC})\text{W}^{\text{IV}}(\text{CN})_8]\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (**2**), $[\text{cis-Co}^{\text{II}}(\text{en})_2(\text{OH})_2][(\mu\text{-NC})_2\text{W}^{\text{IV}}(\text{CN})_6]\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (**4**), $[\Delta\text{-Ni}^{\text{II}}(\text{en})_3][\text{cis-Ni}^{\text{II}}(\text{en})_2(\text{OH})_2(\mu\text{-NC})\text{Mo}^{\text{IV}}(\text{CN})_7]\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (**5**), $[\Delta\text{-Ni}^{\text{II}}(\text{en})_3][\text{cis-Ni}^{\text{II}}(\text{en})_2(\text{OH})_2(\mu\text{-NC})\text{W}^{\text{IV}}(\text{CN})_7]\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (**6**), and $[\text{cis-Ni}^{\text{II}}(\text{en})_2(\text{OH})_2][(\mu\text{-NC})_2\text{Mo}^{\text{IV}}(\text{CN})_6]\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (**7**)

	2	4	5	6	7
$\text{W}_1\text{-C}_1$	2.152(3)	W-C_5 2.161(2)	$\text{Mo}_1\text{-C}_1$ 2.156(4)	$\text{W}_1\text{-C}_1$ 2.142(6)	Mo-C_1 2.168(3)
$\text{W}_1\text{-C}_2$	2.164(4)	W-C_6 2.166(2)	$\text{Mo}_1\text{-C}_2$ 2.176(3)	$\text{W}_1\text{-C}_2$ 2.182(5)	Mo-C_2 2.164(3)
$\text{W}_1\text{-C}_3$	2.177(3)	W-C_7 2.167(2)	$\text{Mo}_1\text{-C}_3$ 2.158(4)	$\text{W}_1\text{-C}_3$ 2.142(6)	Mo-C_3 2.164(3)
$\text{W}_1\text{-C}_4$	2.159(3)	W-C_8 2.169(2)	$\text{Mo}_1\text{-C}_4$ 2.160(4)	$\text{W}_1\text{-C}_4$ 2.152(6)	Mo-C_4 2.164(3)
$\text{W}_1\text{-C}_5$	2.172(4)	$\text{C}_5\text{-N}_5$ 1.155(3)	$\text{Mo}_1\text{-C}_5$ 2.174(4)	$\text{W}_1\text{-C}_5$ 2.188(6)	$\text{C}_4\text{-N}_4$ 1.150(3)
$\text{W}_1\text{-C}_6$	2.165(4)	Co-N_1 2.1305(19)	$\text{Mo}_1\text{-C}_6$ 2.180(4)	$\text{W}_1\text{-C}_6$ 2.168(6)	Ni-N_4 2.090(2)
$\text{W}_1\text{-C}_7$	2.171(3)	Co-N_2 2.1670(18)	$\text{Mo}_1\text{-C}_7$ 2.178(4)	$\text{W}_1\text{-C}_7$ 2.173(6)	Ni-N_5 2.106(2)
$\text{W}_1\text{-C}_8$	2.170(3)	Co-N_3 2.1411(19)	$\text{Mo}_1\text{-C}_8$ 2.172(4)	$\text{W}_1\text{-C}_8$ 2.163(6)	Ni-N_6 2.091(2)
$\text{C}_1\text{-N}_1$	1.150(4)	Co-N_4 2.1535(19)	$\text{C}_1\text{-N}_1$ 1.143(4)	$\text{C}_1\text{-N}_1$ 1.146(7)	Ni-N_7 2.115(2)
$\text{Mn}_1\text{-N}_1$	2.210(3)	Co-N_5 2.1197(19)	$\text{Ni}_1\text{-N}_1$ 2.077(3)	$\text{Ni}_1\text{-N}_1$ 2.090(5)	Ni-N_8 2.087(2)
$\text{Mn}_1\text{-N}_9$	2.274(3)	Co-O_1 2.1983(15)	$\text{Ni}_1\text{-N}_9$ 2.102(3)	$\text{Ni}_1\text{-N}_9$ 2.114(5)	$\text{Ni-O}_{3\text{w}}$ 2.1616(19)
$\text{Mn}_1\text{-N}_{10}$	2.272(3)	$\text{Ni}_1\text{-N}_{10}$ 2.105(3)	$\text{Ni}_1\text{-N}_{10}$ 2.115(5)		
$\text{Mn}_1\text{-N}_{11}$	2.259(3)	$\text{Ni}_1\text{-N}_{11}$ 2.108(3)	$\text{Ni}_1\text{-N}_{11}$ 2.125(5)		
$\text{Mn}_1\text{-N}_{12}$	2.272(3)	$\text{Ni}_1\text{-N}_{12}$ 2.105(3)	$\text{Ni}_1\text{-N}_{12}$ 2.111(5)		
$\text{Mn}_1\text{-O}_1$	2.2044(19)	$\text{Ni}_1\text{-O}_1$ 2.121(2)	$\text{Ni}_1\text{-O}_1$ 2.126(3)		
$\text{Mn}_2\text{-N}_{13}$	2.287(3)	$\text{Ni}_2\text{-N}_{13}$ 2.123(3)	$\text{Ni}_2\text{-N}_{13}$ 2.133(5)		
$\text{Mn}_2\text{-N}_{14}$	2.277(3)	$\text{Ni}_2\text{-N}_{14}$ 2.140(3)	$\text{Ni}_2\text{-N}_{14}$ 2.121(5)		
$\text{Mn}_2\text{-N}_{15}$	2.282(3)	$\text{Ni}_2\text{-N}_{15}$ 2.107(3)	$\text{Ni}_2\text{-N}_{15}$ 2.098(4)		
$\text{Mn}_2\text{-N}_{16}$	2.265(3)	$\text{Ni}_2\text{-N}_{16}$ 2.133(3)	$\text{Ni}_2\text{-N}_{16}$ 2.136(5)		
$\text{Mn}_2\text{-N}_{17}$	2.244(3)	$\text{Ni}_2\text{-N}_{17}$ 2.120(3)	$\text{Ni}_2\text{-N}_{17}$ 2.118(5)		
$\text{Mn}_2\text{-N}_{18}$	2.296(3)	$\text{Ni}_2\text{-N}_{18}$ 2.131(3)	$\text{Ni}_2\text{-N}_{18}$ 2.140(4)		

mounted in Paratone-N oil on glass fibers. Initial cell parameters were obtained (DENZO)⁵⁸ from ten 1° frames and were refined via a least-squares scheme using all data-collection frames (SCALEPACK).⁵⁸ Lorentz/polarization corrections were applied during data reduction. The structures were solved by direct methods (SHELXS97)⁵⁹ and completed by difference Fourier methods (SHELXL97).⁵⁹ Refinement was performed against F^2 by weighted full-matrix least-squares (SHELXL97),⁵⁹ and empirical absorption corrections (either SCALEPACK⁵⁸ or SADABS⁵⁹) were applied. Hydrogen atoms were found in difference maps and subsequently placed at calculated positions using suitable riding models with isotropic displacement parameters derived from their carrier atoms. Non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic displacement parameters. Atomic scattering factors were taken from the Inter-

national Tables for Crystallography vol. C.⁶⁰ Crystal data, relevant details of the structure determinations, and selected geometrical parameters are provided in Tables 1–3.

Results and Discussion

Synthesis and Spectroscopic Characterization. We had initially anticipated that a series of crystalline, amine-expanded analogues of $[\text{M}^{\text{II}}(\text{L})_2]_2[\text{M}^{\text{IV}}(\text{CN})_8]\cdot n\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and $[\text{M}^{\text{II}}(\text{L})_2]_3[\text{M}^{\text{V}}(\text{CN})_8]_2\cdot n\text{H}_2\text{O}$ stoichiometry would be obtained when aqueous $[\text{M}^{\text{II}}(\text{en})_3][\text{OTs}]_2$ ($\text{OTs}^- = p\text{-toluenesulfonate}$) was treated with $\text{M}(\text{CN})_8^{n-}$ ($\text{M} = \text{Mo}^{\text{IV,V}}, \text{W}^{\text{IV,V}}$). Instead, bi- and trimetallic octacyanometalate(IV) salts and clusters are obtained regardless of addition order or reagent stoichiometry. Treatment of either methanolic ethylenediamine and $\text{M}^{\text{II}}(\text{OTs})_2$ ($\text{M}^{\text{II}} = \text{Mn}$, **1**, **2**; Co , **3**, **4**) mixtures or $[\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}(\text{en})_3][\text{OTs}]_2$ (**5**, **6**) with $\text{M}^{\text{IV}}(\text{CN})_8^{4-}$ affords bi- and trimetallic

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Table 3. Selected Bond Angles (deg) for $[\Lambda\text{-Mn}^{\text{II}}(\text{en})_3][\text{cis-Mn}^{\text{II}}(\text{en})_2(\text{OH})_2(\mu\text{-NC})\text{W}^{\text{IV}}(\text{CN})_8]\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (**2**), $[\text{cis-Co}^{\text{II}}(\text{en})_2(\text{OH})_2][(\mu\text{-NC})_2\text{W}^{\text{IV}}(\text{CN})_6]\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (**4**), $[\Delta\text{-Ni}^{\text{II}}(\text{en})_3][\text{cis-Ni}^{\text{II}}(\text{en})_2(\text{OH})_2(\mu\text{-NC})\text{Mo}^{\text{IV}}(\text{CN})_7]\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (**5**), $[\Delta\text{-Ni}^{\text{II}}(\text{en})_3][\text{cis-Ni}^{\text{II}}(\text{en})_2(\text{OH})_2(\mu\text{-NC})\text{W}^{\text{IV}}(\text{CN})_7]\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (**6**), and $[\text{cis-Ni}^{\text{II}}(\text{en})_2(\text{OH})_2][(\mu\text{-NC})_2\text{Mo}^{\text{IV}}(\text{CN})_6]\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (**7**)

2			4			5			6			7		
C ₁ –W ₁ –C ₂	74.41(12)	C ₅ –W–C _{5A}	80.48(11)	C ₁ –Mo ₁ –C ₂	75.65(12)	C ₁ –W ₁ –C ₂	75.76(19)	C ₄ –Mo–C ₁	142.99(9)					
C ₁ –W ₁ –C ₃	74.45(12)	C ₅ –W–C ₆	71.92(8)	C ₁ –Mo ₁ –C ₃	85.23(13)	C ₁ –W ₁ –C ₃	84.7(2)	C ₄ –Mo–C _{1A}	112.43(9)					
C ₁ –W ₁ –C ₄	144.45(12)	C ₅ –W–C _{6A}	142.54(8)	C ₁ –Mo ₁ –C ₄	143.28(13)	C ₁ –W ₁ –C ₄	142.5(2)	C ₄ –Mo–C ₂	142.89(9)					
C ₁ –W ₁ –C ₅	141.19(12)	C ₅ –W–C ₇	76.96(8)	C ₁ –Mo ₁ –C ₅	142.31(13)	C ₁ –W ₁ –C ₅	142.3(2)	C ₄ –Mo–C _{2A}	71.96(9)					
C ₁ –W ₁ –C ₆	83.92(12)	C ₅ –W–C _{7A}	73.67(8)	C ₁ –Mo ₁ –C ₆	108.78(13)	C ₁ –W ₁ –C ₆	109.7(2)	C ₄ –Mo–C ₃	73.89(9)					
C ₁ –W ₁ –C ₇	109.66(12)	C ₅ –W–C ₈	143.10(8)	C ₁ –Mo ₁ –C ₇	71.88(13)	C ₁ –W ₁ –C ₇	71.8(2)	C ₄ –Mo–C _{3A}	77.35(9)					
C ₁ –W ₁ –C ₈	71.17(12)	C ₅ –W–C _{8A}	112.02(8)	C ₁ –Mo ₁ –C ₈	73.30(13)	C ₁ –W ₁ –C ₈	73.4(2)	C ₄ –Mo–C _{4A}	80.30(13)					
W ₁ –C ₁ –N ₁	177.1(3)	W–C ₅ –N ₅	176.34(19)	Mo ₁ –C ₁ –N ₁	175.0(3)	W ₁ –C ₁ –N ₁	176.6(5)	Mo–C ₄ –N ₄	176.0(2)					
C ₁ –N ₁ –Mn ₁	152.4(3)	Co–N ₅ –C ₅	169.57(18)	C ₁ –N ₁ –Ni ₁	158.2(3)	C ₁ –N ₁ –Ni ₁	158.1(5)	Ni–N ₄ –C ₄	169.9(2)					
N ₁ –Mn ₁ –O ₁	92.77(9)	N ₅ –Co–N ₁	92.00(7)	N ₁ –Ni ₁ –O ₁	92.30(10)	N ₁ –Ni ₁ –O ₁	91.79(16)	N ₄ –Ni–N ₅	170.64(8)					
N ₁ –Mn ₁ –N ₉	168.60(10)	N ₅ –Co–N ₂	89.21(7)	N ₁ –Ni ₁ –N	987.76(11)	N ₁ –Ni ₁ –N ₉	88.32(18)	N ₄ –Ni–N ₆	88.96(8)					
N ₁ –Mn ₁ –N ₁₀	91.78(10)	N ₅ –Co–N ₃	89.11(7)	N ₁ –Ni ₁ –N ₁₀	91.40(11)	N ₁ –Ni ₁ –N ₁₀	91.33(18)	N ₄ –Ni–N ₇	89.43(8)					
N ₁ –Mn ₁ –N ₁₁	88.69(10)	N ₅ –Co–N ₄	169.53(8)	N ₁ –Ni ₁ –N ₁₁	173.06(11)	N ₁ –Ni ₁ –N ₁₁	173.36(18)	N ₄ –Ni–N ₈	91.86(8)					
N ₁ –Mn ₁ –N ₁₂	93.34(10)	O ₁ –Co–N ₁	92.49(6)	N ₁ –Ni ₁ –N ₁₂	91.23(11)	N ₁ –Ni ₁ –N ₁₂	91.14(18)	O _{3W} –Ni–N ₄	87.28(18)					
O ₁ –Mn ₁ –N ₉	89.23(8)	O ₁ –Co–N ₂	172.92(7)	O ₁ –Ni ₁ –N ₉	168.92(10)	O ₁ –Ni ₁ –N ₉	169.10(16)	O _{3W} –Ni–N ₅	88.48(8)					
O ₁ –Mn ₁ –N ₁₀	96.55(10)	O ₁ –Co–N ₃	92.50(7)	O ₁ –Ni ₁ –N ₁₀	86.32(10)	O ₁ –Ni ₁ –N ₁₀	86.41(16)	O _{3W} –Ni–N ₆	92.59(8)					
O ₁ –Mn ₁ –N ₁₁	163.58(10)	O ₁ –Co–N ₄	88.28(7)	O ₁ –Ni ₁ –N ₁₁	87.22(10)	O ₁ –Ni ₁ –N ₁₁	87.47(16)	O _{3W} –Ni–N ₇	173.24(7)					
O ₁ –Mn ₁ –N ₁₂	85.95(9)	O ₁ –Co–N ₅	87.68(6)	O ₁ –Ni ₁ –N ₁₂	94.35(10)	O ₁ –Ni ₁ –N ₁₂	93.99(17)	O _{3W} –Ni–N ₈	91.35(8)					
N ₁₃ –Mn ₂ –N ₁₄	77.49(10)					N ₁₃ –Ni ₂ –N ₁₄	81.69(11)	N ₁₃ –Ni ₂ –N ₁₄	81.49(18)					
N ₁₃ –Mn ₂ –N ₁₅	100.56(11)					N ₁₃ –Ni ₂ –N ₁₅	169.93(11)	N ₁₃ –Ni ₂ –N ₁₅	169.70(19)					
N ₁₃ –Mn ₂ –N ₁₆	173.62(10)					N ₁₃ –Ni ₂ –N ₁₆	94.15(11)	N ₁₃ –Ni ₂ –N ₁₆	93.89(19)					
N ₁₃ –Mn ₂ –N ₁₇	87.51(10)					N ₁₃ –Ni ₂ –N ₁₇	94.30(11)	N ₁₃ –Ni ₂ –N ₁₇	94.35(19)					
N ₁₃ –Mn ₂ –N ₁₈	93.52(10)					N ₁₃ –Ni ₂ –N ₁₈	91.03(11)	N ₁₃ –Ni ₂ –N ₁₈	91.01(19)					

complexes of $[\text{M}^{\text{II}}(\text{en})_3][\text{cis-M}^{\text{II}}(\text{en})_2(\text{OH})_2(\mu\text{-NC})\text{M}^{\text{IV}}(\text{CN})_7]$ (**1**, **2**, **5**, **6**) and $[\text{cis-M}^{\text{II}}(\text{en})_2(\text{OH})_2][(\mu\text{-NC})_2\text{M}^{\text{IV}}(\text{CN})_6]$ (**3**, **4**) stoichiometry. Treatment of aqueous $[\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}(\text{en})_3][\text{OTs}]_2$ with $\text{Cs}_3[\text{Mo}^{\text{V}}(\text{CN})_8]$ affords an additional trimetallic cluster (**7**) via $\text{M}^{\text{V}}(\text{CN})_8^{3-}$ reduction, and such behavior has been previously reported.^{61–62}

The infrared spectra of **1–7** clearly show bridging and terminal cyano ligands are present and range from 2142 to 2062 cm^{-1} .^{63,64} The cyano stretching absorptions for the Ni^{II} (**5–7**) derivatives are highest in energy while the Mn^{II} (**1**, **2**) derivatives exhibit the lowest and are consistent with the

formation of $\text{M}^{\text{II}}\text{—NC—M}^{\text{IV}}$ bridging units and the depopulation of the cyanide 5σ orbital;⁶⁵ increasing π -back-bonding progressing from Ni^{II} to Mn^{II} compensates this effect and progressively lowers the energy of the ν_{CN} absorptions from 2142 to 2134 cm^{-1} for **5** and **2**, respectively. Similar trends are observed for **3**, **5**, and **7**.⁶⁵

Generally, $\text{M}^{\text{IV}}(\text{CN})_8^{4-}$ compounds exhibit cyano stretching absorptions (ν_{CN}) that range from 2060 to 2160 (ionic) and 2085 to 2141 cm^{-1} (cyanide-bridged).^{42,63–64,66–68} The ν_{CN} of bridging cyanides are often found at higher energies than terminal ones, but this assumption is only applicable to compounds derived from bridged metal centers that do not function as donor–acceptor pairs. If kinematic effects, or the mechanical restraint of cyanide motion in $\text{M—CN—M}'$ units, are operative between the cyanide-bridged donor and acceptor centers, the ν_{CN} absorptions are expected to move to higher energies.^{65,69} If, however, increased π -back-bonding compensates the kinematic effect by decreasing the C–N bond order, then red-shifted ν_{CN} absorptions that scale as a function of the donor–acceptor charge-transfer absorption oscillator strength will be observed.^{65,69} Assuming that π -back-bonding effects are minor, we tentatively assign the bridging and terminal cyano stretching absorptions as those near 2140 and 2080 cm^{-1} , respectively.

Crystallographic Studies. Crystals of **2**, **5**, and **6** are in the orthorhombic ($P2_12_12_1$) space group and crystallize as bimetallic $[\text{M}^{\text{II}}(\text{en})_3][(\text{OH})_2(\text{en})_2\text{M}^{\text{II}}(\mu\text{-NC})\text{M}^{\text{IV}}(\text{CN})_7]\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ salts (Table 1).⁴⁸ The salts consist of D_3 -symmetric $\text{M}^{\text{II}}(\text{en})_3^{2+}$

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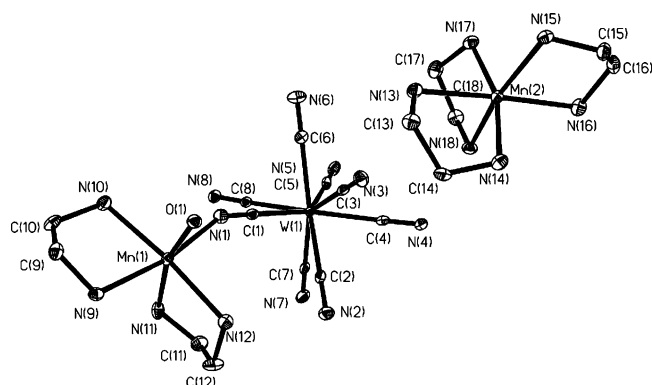


Figure 1. X-ray structure of $[\Lambda\text{-Mn}^{\text{II}}(\text{en})_3][\text{cis-Mn}^{\text{II}}(\text{en})_2(\text{OH})_2(\mu\text{-NC})\text{-W}^{\text{IV}}(\text{CN})_7]\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (**2**). Ellipsoids are at the 50% probability level, and hydrogen atoms are eliminated for clarity.

cations that cocrystallize with $\text{cis-M}^{\text{II}}(\text{en})_2(\text{OH})_2^{2+}$ and distorted square-antiprismatic $\text{M}^{\text{IV}}(\text{CN})_8^{4-}$ centers linked by a single $\mu\text{-CN}$ bridge (Figure 1). Both D_3 -symmetric Λ - (**2**) and Δ - $\text{M}^{\text{II}}(\text{en})_3^{2+}$ (**5**, **6**) enantiomers can be crystallized from racemic $[\text{M}^{\text{II}}(\text{en})_3][\text{OTs}]_2$ and $\text{K}_4\text{M}^{\text{IV}}(\text{CN})_8\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ mixtures, and neither prior resolution of the $\text{M}(\text{en})_3^{2+}$ salts nor isolation of both enantiomers of **1**, **2**, **5**, or **6** was pursued.

The average $\text{M}^{\text{II}}\text{-N}$ bond distances for the $\text{M}^{\text{II}}(\text{en})_3^{2+}$ centers are 2.275(3), 2.126(3), and 2.124(5) Å while the $\text{N-M}^{\text{II}}_2\text{-N}$ bond angles range from 77.49(10)° to 173.62(10)°, 81.69(11)° to 169.93(11)°, and 81.49(18)° to 169.70(19)° for **2**, **5**, and **6**, respectively (Tables 2 and 3). The distorted square antiprismatic $\text{M}^{\text{IV}}(\text{CN})_8^{4-}$ ($\text{M}^{\text{IV}} = \text{Mo}$, W) centers are linked via $\mu\text{-CN}$ bridges to a $\text{cis-M}^{\text{II}}(\text{en})_2(\text{OH})_2^{2+}$ ($\text{M}^{\text{II}} = \text{Mn}$, Ni) fragment *cis* to the coordinated aqua ligand. The $\text{M}^{\text{II}}_1\text{-N}_1$ bond distances are 2.210(3), 2.077(3), and 2.090(5) Å, while the $\text{M}_1\text{-N}_1\text{-C}_1$ bond angles are 152.4(3)°, 158.2(3)°, and 158.1(5)° for **2**, **5**, and **6**, respectively. The $\text{M}^{\text{IV}}\text{-C}_1\text{-N}_1$ bond angles are 177.1(3)°, 175.0(3)°, and 176.6(5)°, and the $\text{M}^{\text{II}}\text{-O}$ and $\text{O-M}^{\text{II}}\text{-N}_1$ bond distances and angles are 2.2044(19), 2.121(2), and 2.126(3) Å and 92.77(9)°, 92.30(10)°, and 91.79(16)°, for **2**, **5**, and **6**, respectively.

Compounds **4** and **7** are trimetallic clusters of $[\text{cis-M}^{\text{II}}(\text{en})_2(\text{OH})_2]_2[(\mu\text{-NC})_2\text{M}^{\text{IV}}(\text{CN})_6]\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ stoichiometry that crystallize in the monoclinic ($C2/c$) space group (Table 1). The $[\text{cis-M}^{\text{II}}(\text{en})_2(\text{OH})_2]^{2+}$ centers are related by a crystallographic 2-fold and are linked by $\mu\text{-CN}$ linkages to the $[\text{M}^{\text{IV}}(\text{CN})_8]^{4-}$ center; the bridging cyanides are *cis* to the aqua

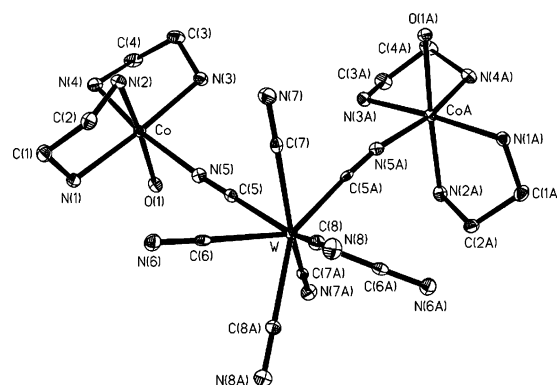


Figure 2. X-ray structure of $[\text{cis-Co}^{\text{II}}(\text{en})_2(\text{OH})_2]_2[(\mu\text{-NC})_2\text{W}^{\text{IV}}(\text{CN})_6]\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (**4**). Ellipsoids are at the 50% probability level, and hydrogen atoms are eliminated for clarity.

ligand present in each $[\text{cis-M}^{\text{II}}(\text{en})_2(\text{OH})_2]^{2+}$ unit (Figure 2). The average $\text{W}^{\text{IV}}\text{-C}$ and $\text{Mo}^{\text{IV}}\text{-C}$ bond distances for the distorted square antiprismatic $\text{M}^{\text{IV}}(\text{CN})_8^{4-}$ centers are 2.166(2) and 2.165(3) Å and the $\text{C}_5\text{-W-C}_{5A}$ and $\text{C}_4\text{-Mo-C}_{4A}$ bond angles are 80.48(11)° and 80.30(13)°; the $\text{Co-N}_5\text{-C}_5$, $\text{W-C}_5\text{-N}_5$, $\text{Ni-N}_4\text{-C}_4$, and $\text{Mo-C}_4\text{-N}_4$ bond angles are 169.57(18)° and 176.34(19)° for **4** and 169.9(2)°, and 176.0(2)° for **7**, respectively (Tables 2 and 3).

Magnetic Studies. Previous reports show that the temperature dependence of the magnetic susceptibility of **5** exhibits weak antiferromagnetic coupling or zero-field splitting of the Ni^{II} centers below ca. 20 K (Figure 1).⁴⁸ Given that **1–7** each contain diamagnetic centers, we did not initiate extensive magnetic studies of **1–7**. The room temperature effective magnetic moments (μ_{eff}) of **1–7** suggest that the $\text{M}^{\text{IV}}(\text{CN})_8^{4-}$ centers are diamagnetic and the paramagnetism of each cluster is entirely due to the Mn^{II} ($S = 5/2$), Co^{II} ($S = 3/2$), and Ni^{II} ($S = 1$) centers present. The calculated μ_{eff} values expected for a 2:1 ratio of paramagnetic (M^{II}) and diamagnetic (M^{IV}) centers assuming $g = 2$ are 8.37 (**1**, **2**), 5.48 (**3**, **4**), and 4.0 μ_B (**5–7**); the experimental values are 8.47, 8.21, 6.66, 7.05, 4.38, 4.41, and 4.23 μ_B for **1–7**, respectively. Assuming spin-orbit effects are operative, the calculated g values are 2.49, 2.57, 2.19, 2.21, and 2.13 for **3–7**, respectively.^{56–57,70–72}

While we were unable to isolate any crystals suitable for crystallographic studies of networks containing bidentate ethylenediamine, octacyanometalate, and divalent transition metal centers,^{43–48} a series of cyanide-bridged trimetallic clusters were obtained, presumably via rate-limiting dissociative loss of ethylenediamine and substitution by water. Subsequent water loss from the putative $\text{cis-M}^{\text{II}}(\text{en})_2(\text{OH})_2^{2+}$

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intermediate and coordination of $M^{IV}(CN)_8^{4-}$ affords a single μ -cyano linkage per $M^{II}(en)_2(OH_2)^{2+}$ center, suggesting that the cis - $[M^{II}(en)_2(OH_2)(\mu-NC)M^{IV}(CN)_7]^{2-}$ units present in each cluster are kinetic reaction products; we presume that networks are the thermodynamically favored products. Similar intermediates have been proposed by Sieklucka in the formation of octacyanometalate clusters derived from cis - $[Mn(bpy)_2(OH_2)_2]^{2+}$ units.^{48,53}

Conclusions

We have described the synthesis, spectroscopic, and magnetic characterization of eight unusual bi- and trimetallic clusters containing divalent and square antiprismatic octacyanometalate(IV) centers that are linked by cyanides. Coordinated ethylenediamine limits the number of cyano linkages formed, and a series of clusters rather than networks are obtained. We postulate that slow formation of cis - $M^{II}(en)_2(OH_2)_2^{2+}$ from $M^{II}(en)_3^{2+}$ and subsequent substitution of an aquo ligand by a terminal cyanide from $M^{IV}(CN)_8^{4-}$ affords cis - $M^{II}(en)_2(OH_2)(\mu-NC)M^{IV}(CN)_7^{2-}$ spe-

cies rather than octacyanometalate networks. In a subsequent manuscript, we will report that several 1-D and 3-D lattices can be prepared via substitution of ethylenediamine for other amine donors.

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