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Co-crystallization of dithiocarbamate complexes $[M^{II}(S_2CNEt_2)_2]$ ($M = Cu$ **1**, Ni **2**, Pd **3**, Pt **4**) and 1,3,5-triodotrifluorobenzene (FIB) gives an isomorphous series of (**1–4**)-2FIB co-crystals exhibiting quadruple Cu/Ni/Pd/Pt isostructural exchange. In the structures of (**1–4**)-2FIB, the halogen-bonded C–I...M (Ni, Pd, Pt) and semicoordination M...I–C (Cu) metal-involving contacts were identified by X-ray diffractometry and their nature was verified theoretically. The directionality of the $I_{\sigma\text{-hole}} \cdots d_2^2 M^{II}$ and $M^{II} \cdots I_{\text{electron belt}}$ interactions depends on the identity of a metal center: on going from a rather electrophilic Cu^{II} to substantially more nucleophilic Ni^{II} , Pd^{II} , and Pt^{II} centers, we observed the electron belt-to- σ -hole switch of a noncovalently bound iodine(I) of FIB and, correspondingly, its shift from semicoordination to halogen bonding. The negative values of the electrostatic potentials (given in parentheses) were estimated for all metal centers and they decrease in the order Cu^{II} (–8.8) > Ni^{II} (–24.5) > Pd^{II} (–28.6) > Pt^{II} (–33.3 kcal mol^{–1}). Despite the negative potentials at all M^{II} s, the semicoordinative contact $Cu \cdots I$ was established by the recognition of the LP(I) \rightarrow LP*(Cu) charge transfer using natural bond orbital (NBO) analysis and the comparison of electron density (ED) and electrostatic potential (ESP) minima positions along the I...Cu bond paths. In the case of the rather nucleophilic (although positively charged) Pd^{II} and Pt^{II} centers, the contacts $C-I \cdots d_2^2[Pd]$ and $C-I \cdots d_2^2[Pt]$ can be attributed to the unconventional metal-involving halogen bonding; these contacts are among the strongest (4.30 and 5.42 kcal mol^{–1}, correspondingly) between any metal center and iodine(I)-based σ -hole donors.

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1. Introduction

Square-planar metal complexes bearing unhindered and easily accessible metal centers can form several types of metal-involving noncovalent interactions (Fig. 1) including hydrogen bonding (A),¹ H-anagostic^{2–4} (A) and agostic interactions,⁵

metallophilic contacts (B),⁶ semicoordination (C),⁷ and metal- π interactions (E).^{8–10}

As far as metal...halogen contacts are concerned, noncovalent interactions with halides could be considered as the $M^{\delta+} \cdots X^{\delta-}$ semicoordination⁷ (C) owing to the electrophilic nature of most metals in their compounds. In contrast, some rather electron-rich metal centers—such as Rh^I , Ni^{II} , Pd^{II} , Pt^{II} , Au^0 , or Au^I —are sufficiently nucleophilic and capable of forming halogen bonding (commonly abbreviated as XB; D) interacting with a halogen σ -hole (σh).^{11–16} In particular, I_2 forms XBs with Rh^I ,¹⁷ Pd^{II} ,¹⁸ and Pt^{II} metal centers.¹⁹ An iodine center of $R^{EWG}I$ organic species, featuring an electron-withdrawing group (EWG), could also behave as an XB donor and for instance 2-iodopyrazine forms XBs with Ni^{II} , Pd^{II} , and Pt^{II} .^{7,20} XB has also been identified in an adduct of tetraiodoethylene with Au^I species^{21,22} and co-crystals²³ of iodoform with $trans-[M^{II}X_2(NCNMe_2)_2]$ ($M = Pt, Pd; X = Cl, Br$).^{11,12} In addition, XB was recognized upon interactions between Ar^FI and gold nanoparticles in water solutions,²⁴ and $RI \cdots Au^0$ contacts were detected for a gold nanopag.^{25,26}

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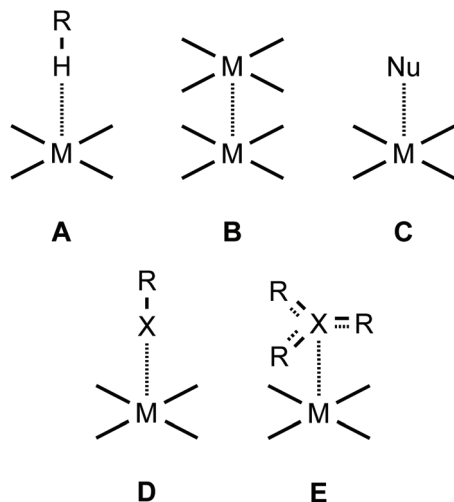


Fig. 1 Types of noncovalent interactions involving the metal center in square-planar metal complexes.

Previously we employed neutral square-planar metal complexes with sterically accessible metal sites (bis-dialkylcyanamide halide Pt^{II} and Pd^{II} complexes,^{11–13} Cu^{II}, Pd^{II}, and Pt^{II} acetylacetonates,^{9,10,15,27} and Ni^{II} nitrosoguanidates^{7,28}) as XB acceptors toward σ -donating halides. In particular, we revealed the structure-directing role of Ar^FI...S XB in the construction of supramolecular architectures formed on co-crystallization of the nickel(II) dithiocarbamate [Ni(S₂COEt)₂] with Ar^FI.²⁹ The latter study stimulated our interest in structurally relevant systems and for the continuation of our project we addressed the metal(II) dithiocarbamates [M(S₂CNEt₂)₂] (M = Cu, Ni, Pd, Pt; Fig. 2) and studied their co-crystallization with an Ar^FI.

In this work, by studying the isostructural co-crystals of [M(S₂CNEt₂)₂] (M = Cu **1**, Ni **2**, Pd **3**, Pt **4**) with 1,3,5-triiodotrifluorobenzene (FIB), we observed a pronounced amphiphilic character of an organoiodine in FIB, which is reflected in different iodine–metal noncovalent bonding patterns. Apart from the expectable two-center C–I...S XBs, the co-crystals featured other structure-directing iodine–metal interactions (Fig. 3). The type of these contacts depends on the nature of metals, which determines electron belt-to- σ h switch of noncovalently bound iodine(I) to form either Cu...I–C semicoordination, or metal-involving C–I...d_{z²}[M] (M = Ni, Pd, Pt) XB. All our experimental observations accompanied by appropriate theoretical considerations are detailed in sections that follow.

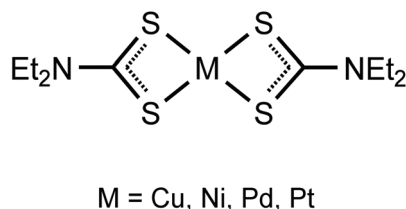


Fig. 2 Structures of the parent metal complexes.

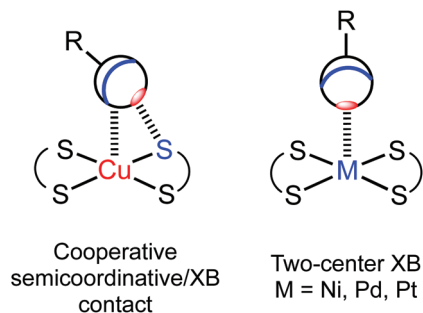


Fig. 3 Types of M...I/I...M interactions identified in this study.

2. Results and discussion

The homoleptic dithiocarbamates [M(S₂CNR₂)₂] (Fig. 2; R = Et) have wide applications in various fields (see the ESI† for the details). Despite this rather broad spectrum of applications, [M(S₂CNR₂)₂] species have never been systematically employed as σ h acceptors for crystal engineering involving XBs. The only identified Cl₂CH–Cl...S XB including a dithiocarbamate complex has been reported³⁰ for the X-ray diffraction structure of [Cu^I{(HO(CH₂)₂)₂NCS₂}(PPh₃)₂]-CHCl₃. In some other cases, C–Cl...S^{14,31–35} and I–I...S^{36,37} short contacts with thio-carbamate ligands were considered as “donor-acceptor”, “short-contact”, or “charge transfer” interactions of the electrostatic nature, but have never been recognized as XB.³⁸

The geometrical parameters of R–X...S (X = Cl, Br, I) contacts, including those with dithiocarbamate ligands, retrieved from the Cambridge Crystallographic Database (CSD) are given in the ESI (Table S4†). Notably, S-nucleophilic centers of metal-free dithiocarbamate species functioned as acceptors toward XB,^{39–41} coordinative⁴² halogen bonding,^{43–55} and chalcogen bonding.^{56–58}

2.1. Crystallization and common structural motifs of the co-crystals

Complexes **1–4** were co-crystallized with FIB in a 1 : 2 molar ratio in CH₂Cl₂ at room temperature (RT) to give co-crystals of (1–4)·2FIB. Similar cell parameters (Table S1†) and packing features, which are discussed later, indicate that (1–4)·2FIB are isomorphous and comprise a family of co-crystals featuring the quadruple Cu/Ni/Pd/Pt isostructural exchange; previously we demonstrated the importance of the dual and triple isostructural exchanges for the design of crystalline materials.⁵⁹

The geometric parameters of the M–S bonds in the co-crystals of the (1–4)·2FIB series are different. These distances are similar within 3 σ for **1**·2FIB (2.2988(12) and 2.3164(13) Å), **3**·2FIB (2.3280(13) and 2.3325(13) Å), and **4**·2FIB (2.3276(14) and 2.3270(15) Å). In **2**·2FIB (2.2066(14) and 2.2131(14) Å) (Table S2†), the M–S distances are shorter probably because of a smaller covalent Ni^{II} radius⁶⁰ (1.24 Å) than those of Cu^{II} (1.32 Å), Pd^{II} (1.39 Å), and Pt^{II} (1.36). In all structures, \angle (S–M–S) are smaller than 80° and \angle (S–C–S) (113.4(3) **1**, 109.4(3) **2**, 110.0(3) **3**, 110.1(3)° **4**) are substantially smaller than that in

the uncomplexed $\text{Et}_2\text{NCS}_2^-$, e.g., $121.69(7)^\circ$ in the X-ray diffraction structure of $[\text{Ph}_4\text{P}][\text{S}_2\text{CNET}_2]$ (CSD code: BOFRUL).⁶¹ The reduction of $\angle(\text{S}-\text{C}-\text{S})$ in the metal-bound species can be accounted for by the effect of the ligation on positively charged metal centers that minimize the sulfur-sulfur repulsion.

Parent **2**,⁶² **3**,⁶³ and **4**⁶⁴ demonstrate the same geometry around the metal center as in the corresponding co-crystals (**2-4**)-2FIB, while **1** exists as a (**1**)₂ dimer^{62,65-69} (Fig. 6J) formed by the $\text{Cu}\cdots\text{S}$ semicoordination.⁷ We assume that in co-crystal **1-2FIB**, metal complex **1** does not dimerize because of the stabilization of its monomeric form by the noncovalent interactions (section 2.2).

We carried out the Hirshfeld surface analysis to verify what types of noncovalent forces contribute to the crystal packing in the structures of (**1-4**)-2FIB; for visualization, we used a mapping of the normalized contact distance (d_{norm}) (Fig. 4). The Hirshfeld surface analysis indicates the domination of the contacts involving hydrogen atoms in all cases, specifically $\text{H}\cdots\text{S}$ (from 21.8 to 23.4%) and $\text{H}\cdots\text{F}$ hydrogen bonds (from 21.1 to 22.5%), which is expected as the fraction of the H atoms is large (Table S3†). The contribution of $\text{I}\cdots\text{S}$ and $\text{I}\cdots\text{M}$ ($\text{M} = \text{Cu}, \text{Ni}, \text{Pd}, \text{Pt}$) intermolecular contacts to the Hirshfeld surfaces is also significant and is in the 2.9–3.3% (for $\text{I}\cdots\text{M}$) and 8.6–9.1% (for $\text{I}\cdots\text{S}$) ranges, respectively. Although the contacts that involve H atoms mainly contribute to the crystal packing, detailed analysis of their geometric characteristics is out of scope of this study, while $\text{I}\cdots\text{M}$ and $\text{I}\cdots\text{S}$ interactions are the most interesting in the context of this work and therefore they are consistently discussed in section 2.2.

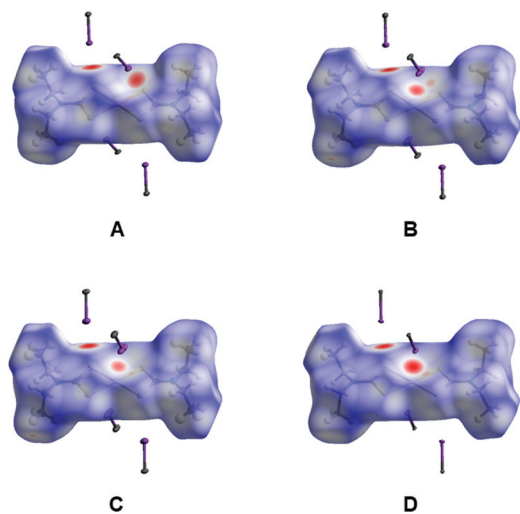


Fig. 4 Hirshfeld surfaces for **1-4** in the X-ray diffraction structures of (**1-4**)-2FIB (A–D, respectively); FIBs are omitted for clarity and only C–I fragments of FIBs are shown. Intermolecular contacts closer than the sum of Bondi vdW radii (Σ_{vdw})⁷⁰ highlighted in red, longer contacts are shown in blue, and contacts with a value of approximately Σ_{vdw} are shown in white.

2.2. Noncovalent interactions in the co-crystals

In the structures of (**1-4**)-2FIB, the metal complexes are surrounded by four FIBs (Fig. 5, Table S4†) to form $\text{C3S-I2S}\cdots\text{S2}$ two-center XBs and $\text{I1S}\cdots\text{M/M}\cdots\text{I1S}$ contacts, whose nature is different (sections 2.2.1–2.2.3). In **1-2FIB**, the $\text{Cu1}\cdots\text{I1S}$ interaction is accompanied by the $\text{C1S-I1S}\cdots\text{S1}$ contact (section 2.2.4). In the four structures, we detected at least two types of contacts between metal centers and iodine σh (or electron belt) of FIB (Fig. 5). Below in this section we provide arguments supporting our attribution of these contacts.

2.2.1. Simultaneous semicoordinative/XB $\text{I}\cdots(\text{S-Cu})$ contact. In **1-2FIB**, we identified the three-center bifurcated $\text{C1S-I1S}\cdots(\text{S1-Cu1})$ contact (Fig. 5E and 6I). The $\text{C1S-I1S}\cdots\text{S1}$ component belongs to the two-center XB (section 2.2.4), while the nature of the $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\cdots\text{I}$ contact is less obvious as the $\text{Cu1}\cdots\text{I1S}$ distance ($3.3924(3)$ Å) is close to Σ_{vdw} (3.38 Å) and $\angle(\text{Cu1}\cdots\text{I1S}-\text{C1S})$ $137.06(16)^\circ$ deviates strongly from 90 or 180° . Although the $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\cdots\text{I}$ distance is slightly longer than Σ_{vdw} , the existence of the $\text{Cu}\cdots\text{I}-\text{C}$ interaction in **1-2FIB**, attributed to semicoordination, was confirmed by appropriate theoretical calculations (section 3) and also supported by the literature data. Indeed, copper(II)–iodine semicoordinative contacts shorter than Σ_{vdw} (3.38 Å) are common,⁷¹⁻⁷⁷ but examples of $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\cdots\text{I}$ contacts longer than Σ_{vdw} are also not unusual^{73,74,78-84} (for further details see also the ESI†).

2.2.2. C–I \cdots Ni halogen bonding. In the structure of **2-2FIB**, we identified the $\text{C1S-I1S}\cdots\text{Ni1}$ contact (Fig. 5F) belonging to the rare⁷ nickel(II)-involving XB. In this linkage, the $\text{I1S}\cdots\text{Ni1}$ distance is significantly lower than Σ_{vdw} ($3.3388(4)$ vs. 3.61 Å). Although $\angle(\text{C1S-I1S}\cdots\text{Ni1})$ $149.1(2)^\circ$ is less than 150° , this interaction can still be attributed to XB. Indeed, $\text{C-I}\cdots\text{Nu}$ ($\text{Nu} = \text{O}, \text{N}$) XBs with such a small angle around an I atom of FIB have been previously reported in CSD structures ODIQAW^{85} ($149.2(2)^\circ$) and MEBXID^7 ($148.91(15)^\circ$). The $\text{I1S}\cdots\text{Ni1}$ contact is accompanied by the $\text{I1S}\cdots\text{S1}$ and $\text{I1S}\cdots\text{S2}$ short contacts ($3.6826(13)$ and $3.7383(15)$ vs. 3.78 Å, correspondingly). These $\text{I}\cdots\text{S}$ interactions were confirmed by NCIPLOT analysis^{86,87} (section 3), but the corresponding bond critical points (bond CPs) were not found. Accordingly, we assume that the structure of **2-2FIB** contains the genuine $\text{C1S-I1S}\cdots\text{Ni1}$ XB (Fig. 5F and 7K).

Previously we observed the electrophilic–nucleophilic dualism of a nickel(II) center toward its interaction with iodine electron belt (semicoordination) or iodine σh (XB).⁷ In most cases, the $\text{Ni}\cdots\text{I}$ interactions are of semicoordinative nature, and the environment of the nickel(II) center can be viewed as distorted $[4 + 2]$ -octahedral or distorted $[4 + 1]$ -square pyramidal. In the case of the co-crystal $[\text{Ni}\{\text{NHC}(\text{NMe}_2)\text{NN}(\text{O})\}_2]$ -2FIB, the $\text{C-I}\cdots\text{Ni}$ interaction is an intermediate between XB and semicoordination as the $\text{C-I}\cdots\text{Ni}$ angle is $142.51(14)^\circ$. Notably, $\angle(\text{C1S-I1S}\cdots\text{Ni1})$ ($149.1(2)^\circ$) in the $\text{I1S}\cdots\text{Ni1}$ XB in **2-2FIB** is larger, whereas $\angle(\text{Cu1}\cdots\text{I1S}-\text{C1S})$ ($137.06(16)^\circ$) in the $\text{Cu1}\cdots\text{I1S}$ semicoordination in **1-2FIB** is smaller.

The only known Ni^{II} -involving XB, which is formed between the nickel(II) center and 2-iodopyrazine ligands, was found in $[\text{Fe}(2\text{-iodopyrazine})(\text{H}_2\text{O})\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}(\text{CN})_4]$ MOF^{7,20} (Table S5†). In the



Fig. 5 C–I...S and C–I...M interactions in (1–4)-2FIB (E–H, respectively); FIBs are omitted for clarity and only C–I fragments of FIBs are shown. The contacts shorter than Σ_{vdW} and with confirmed bond critical points (section 3) given by dotted lines. Thermal ellipsoids are shown with 50% probability.



Fig. 6 C–I...(S–Cu) contact in the structure of 1:2FIB (I) and the dimerization of $[\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}(\text{S}_2\text{CNR}_2)_2]$ (J) via $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\cdots\text{S}$ semicoordination.

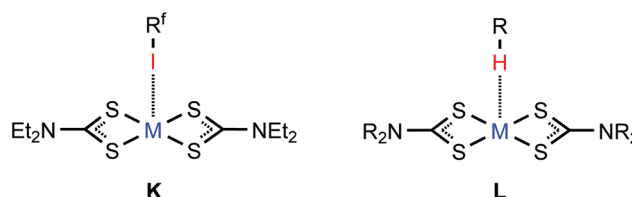


Fig. 7 C–I...M^{II} (M = Ni, Pd, Pt) XB in (2–4)-2FIB (K) and the C–H...M^{II} hydrogen bonding in the structure of $[\text{M}^{\text{II}}(\text{S}_2\text{CNR}_2)_2]$ (L).

structure of 2:2FIB, the C–I...Ni XB (3.3388(4) Å) is even shorter than that in $[\text{Fe}(2\text{-iodopyrazine})(\text{H}_2\text{O})\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}(\text{CN})_4]$ ($d(\text{I}\cdots\text{Ni}^{\text{II}})$ 3.4702(17) Å) and one nickel(II) center forms two XBs. This unprecedentedly high nucleophilicity of the Ni^{II} center is probably due to the strong σ -donation of the four

dithiocarbamate S atoms (see additional comments in the ESI†).

2.2.3. C–I...Pd halogen bonding. In the structures of Pd^{II}-based co-crystal 3:2FIB and Pt^{II}-based co-crystal 4:2FIB (section 2.2.4), co-crystal metal-involving contacts are also attributed to

XB. In 3-2FIB, we recognized the C1S–I1S...Pd1 metal-involving contact (Fig. 5G and 7K) belonging to XB as the I1S...Pd1 distance (3.3732(4) Å) is substantially less than Σ_{vdw} (3.61 Å) and $\angle(C1S-I1S...Pd1)$ 153.0(2)° tends to 180°. In 3-2FIB, we observed the C1S–I1S...Pd1 interaction accompanied by the C1S–I1S...S2 short contact (3.7221(14) vs. 3.78 Å). While the existence of the latter was supported by NCIPLOT analysis, the corresponding bond CP was not detected (section 3). Based on these theoretical data we attribute the C1S–I1S...Pd1 contact to two-center XB.

Similar to the nickel(II) center in the structure of 2-2FIB, the palladium(II) atom in 3-2FIB can also form both Pd^{II}...I semicoordination bonds and I...Pd^{II} XB (Table S5†). The Pd^{II}...I semicoordination has previously been identified for cationic and neutral palladium(II) complexes, featuring P- or S-donating ligands.^{88–92} Simultaneous Pd^{II}...I semicoordination and I...Pd^{II} XB have been found for the structure of [Pd(μ-SCH₂CO₂Me)₂]₈I₂.¹⁸ This co-crystal demonstrates the shortest I...Pd^{II} XB (3.0953(6) Å and 3.1021(6) Å; Table S5†) and the formation of the strong XB is accounted for by the deep σh of I₂ and the inclusion character of the co-crystal (see the ESI† for a more detailed discussion of the data collected in Table S5†).

The nucleophilicity of the metal center in 3-2FIB is relevant to the previously reported C–H...Pd^{II} hydrogen bonding (Fig. 7L) observed in some [Pd(S₂CNR₂)₂] crystals^{4,93,94} and also to the polarized metallophilic interactions M^{δ+}...Pd^{δ-} (M^I = Cu^I, Ag^I) involving [Pd(S₂CNR₂)₂] entities.^{95–97}

2.2.4. C–I...Pt halogen bonding. The structure of platinum(II)-based co-crystal 4-2FIB (Fig. 5H and 7K) exhibits the C1S–I1S...Pt1 metal-involving XB (3.3351(4) vs. 3.73 Å), while $\angle(C1S-I1S...Pt1)$ 160.1(2)° is rather close to 180°. Similar to the structures of (2–3)-2FIB, the C1S–I1S...S2 contact was also found (3.6931(16) vs. 3.78 Å) and confirmed (section 3) by NCIPLOT analysis, but the I...S bond CP was not observed. The C1S–I1S...Pt1 XB is stronger than that in 3-2FIB in the absolute (3.3351(4) Å for Pt vs. 3.3732(4) Å for Pd) and relative ($R_{Bondi} = d(I1S...Pt1)/\Sigma_{vdw} = 0.89$ vs. $R_{Bondi} = d(I1S...Pd1)/\Sigma_{vdw} = 0.93$) values. These data are in line with the previously reported data for the isostructural co-crystals *trans*-[MCl₂(NCNMe₂)₂]-2CHX₃ (M = Pd, Pt; X = Br, I), where the C–X...Pt^{II} (X = Br, I) XB are shorter and stronger than the C–X...Pd^{II} (X = Br, I) interactions.¹²

The Pt^{II}...I semicoordination is known,^{98–101} but it is significantly less common than I...Pt^{II} XBs. All reported C–I...Pt^{II} bonds (Table S5†), apart from the very strong coordinative I–I...Pt^{II} XBs,^{19,102–104} are weaker than that in 4-2FIB (3.3351(4) Å) thus indicating the strong donating effect of the dithiocarbamate ligands.

The Pt^{II} nucleophilicity found for 4-2FIB is in line with the C–H...Pt^{II} hydrogen bonding (Fig. 7L) identified for [Pt(S₂CNR₂)₂] species^{93,94} and it is also coherent with the polarized M^{δ+}...Pt^{δ-} (M^I = Cu^I, Ag^I) metallophilic interactions.^{95–97}

2.2.5. Two-center I...S XB. In the structures of (1–4)-2FIB, the I2S...S2 distances (3.3929(13)–3.4161(15) Å) and $\angle(C3S-I2S...S2)$ (163.87(16)–169.01(13)°) (Table S4†) are almost the same and these values are in agreement with the IUPAC distance and angle criteria for XB.³⁸

The R–I...S–Ni XBs have been reported for the related structures of [Ni(S₂COEt)₂]-2FIB and [Ni(S₂COEt)₂]-2(1,4-diiidotetrafluorobenzene).²⁹ Although the R–I...S–M (M = Cu^{II},¹⁰⁵ Ni^{II},¹⁰⁶ and Pd^{II} (ref. 107)) short contacts were earlier recognized, their XB nature was not considered. The XB between FIB and an S-nucleophile has been also reported¹⁰⁸ for co-crystals formed between an XB donor and thiocyanates in [Et₄N]SCN and [ⁿBu₄N]SCN. These C–I...SCN[−] (3.2447(7)–3.2881(7) Å) interactions are shorter than the corresponding R–I...S–M distances (3.3929(13)–3.4161(15) Å) probably because of the anionic nature of SCN[−].

In 1-2FIB, I1S...S1 interaction is not independent as it is accompanied by the Cu1...I1S interaction (section 2.2.1). For (2–4)-2FIB, the I1S...S1 and I1S...S2 contacts were also found (sections 2.2.2–2.2.4), but the corresponding bond CPs were not detected (section 3). Notably, the existence of a metal-involving bifurcate C–(μ₂-I)...(M–Nu) can be postulated upon analysis of appropriate geometric criteria of this entity. However, to reliably confirm its existence, an additional computational study (including Bader's analysis) is required. Indeed, in some similar cases the calculations verified only one CP between iodine and metal centers and this disproved the initial hypothesis on the bifurcate binding.^{15,16,109}

3. Theoretical studies

First, we computed the molecular electrostatic potential (MEP) of compounds 1–4 in order to rationalize the XB interactions and the nucleophilic nature of the metal centers and the S-atoms of the ligands, since both atoms function as an XB acceptor in the co-crystals. The MEP surfaces are given in Fig. S2† for 1–4 and in Fig. S1† for the FIB molecule that shows the typical σh at the I-atom. The MEP results gathered in Fig. S2† evidence that the Cu-atom has a very modest nucleophilic character in 1 (−8.8 kcal mol^{−1}). The negative value over the metal center is likely due to the strong electron donation of the thiocarbamate ligands. Although the relevant [Ni(S₂COEt)₂] complex also demonstrates a low negative potential on the metal center (−11.0 kcal mol^{−1}), it forms the Ni^{II}...S semicoordination, which was identified in the co-crystals [Ni(S₂COEt)₂]-2FIB and [Ni(S₂COEt)₂]-2(1,4-diiidotetrafluorobenzene).²⁹ The MEP minimum in 1 is located at the coordinated S-atoms (−26.0 kcal mol^{−1}). The rest of the compounds exhibit larger values of MEP at the M^{II}-centers (ranging from −24.5 to −33.3 kcal mol^{−1}), increasing on going from 2 to 4. Interestingly for the Pt complex (4), the MEP minimum is located at the metal center instead of the S-atom, thus evidencing the strong XB acceptor ability of Pt. This MEP analysis strongly agrees with the directionality of the C–I...M XB interactions in the co-crystals. For instance, in the 1-2FIB co-crystal, the C–I...Cu angle is 137.1° (the C–I points to the S atom) and in the 4-2FIB co-crystal, the C–I...Pt angle increases to 160°. In fact, a strong linear relationship ($r = 0.988$) has been found between the C–I...M^{II} angle and the MEP value at the metal center (Fig. S3†). This remarkable relationship demonstrates

that the directionality of the interaction is affected by the nucleophilicity of the metal center.

The energetic features of the two types of XBs observed in the structures of the co-crystals have been analyzed using DFT calculations and also characterized by a combination of the quantum theory of “atoms in molecules” (QTAIM) and noncovalent interaction plot (NCIPlot)^{86,87} computational tools for the (1–4)-FIB isolated clusters of two types, both extracted from the corresponding X-ray diffraction data. Fig. 8 shows the results for the C–I...S interaction in the four model clusters reported herein revealing that they are energetically similar, varying from –5.9 to –6.3 kcal mol^{–1}. The strength of the interaction increases from 1-FIB to 4-FIB, in agreement with the MEP values at the S atoms that become more negative on moving from 1 to 4. The combined QTAIM/NCIplot analysis shows that the XB is characterized by a bond CP, bond path interconnecting the I and S atoms. It is further characterized by a bluish NCIplot isosurface, thus evidencing its attractive and moderately strong nature. Moreover, it also reveals the existence of ancillary C–H...I hydrogen bonds also characterized by a bond CP and bond path interconnecting the H-atom to the negative belt of the I-atom. The color of the NCIplot isosurface for this H-bond is green, thus anticipating a weaker interaction. This is confirmed by the contribution of each interaction that has been evaluated using the potential energy density at the bond CPs (the data are summarized in

Table S7†). It can be observed that the contribution of the C–H...I H-bond is less than 1 kcal mol^{–1} in all cases.

Fig. 9 shows a similar analysis of the C–I...M^{II} interaction in four other (1–4)-FIB isolated clusters. The binding energies (see Table S7†) in this series of metal complexes show that platinum(II) is the best XB acceptor in line with the MEP results.

It is interesting to highlight the differences between the C–I...Cu/Ni and C–I...Pd/Pt interactions in terms of the NCIplot analysis. That is, in latter metal complexes the isosurface is blue (or even dark blue in Pt) between the C–I bond and the metal center and green between the C–I bond and the S-atoms of the thiocarbamate ligand, showing that the I...M interaction dominates over the I...S one. In contrast, the interaction in the 1-FIB cluster is characterized by bluish isosurfaces between the I and both the Cu and S-atoms. In fact, for 1-FIB the QTAIM analysis shows two bond CPs and bond paths connecting the I-atom to the Cu and S-atoms. Moreover, the value of the charge density (ρ) at the bond CP that connects the I to the S atom is similar to the CP that connects the I to the Cu-atom (see Table S8† for details), thus confirming their equivalent importance. This result is inconsistent with the MEP surface that showed a very small MEP value at the Cu-atom and a much larger value at the S-atom. This suggests that apart from the small electrostatic attraction between the positive σ_h at the I-atom the negative MEP over the Cu-atom, an additional con-



Fig. 8 Combined QTAIM and NCIplot surface analyses of the 1-FIB (a), 2-FIB (b), 3-FIB (c), and 4-FIB (d) model clusters extracted from the X-ray coordinates. Bond and ring CPs are represented using red and yellow spheres, respectively. The color scale for the NCIplot is $-0.03 < \text{sign}(\lambda_2)\rho < 0.03$.



Fig. 9 Combined QTAIM and NCIplot surface analyses of 1-FIB (a), 2-FIB (b), 3-FIB (c), and 4-FIB (d) model clusters extracted from the X-ray coordinates. Bond and ring CPs are represented using red and yellow spheres, respectively. The color scale for the NCIplot is $-0.03 < \text{sign}(\lambda_2)\rho < 0.03$.

tribution must exist, which can be tentatively assigned to a semicoordination bond, as proposed above. To verify this hypothesis, the Natural Bonding Orbital analysis has been used (see “Computational details” in the ESI†). The orbital donor–acceptor interactions have been examined in terms of the second order perturbation analysis. Agreeably, it reveals an electron donation from the LP at the I-atom to the unfilled $4p_z$ orbital of the Cu atom [$LP(I) \rightarrow LP^*(Cu)$] with a concomitant stabilization energy of $E^{(2)} = 3.85 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$. Quite remarkably this stabilization energy is very similar to the dissociation energy estimated using the V_r predictor for this particular contact ($3.32 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$; Table S8†) and supports the semicoordination character of the I...Cu contact.

In the case of 2-FIB, although only one bond CP and bond path connect the I to the Ni atom, the NCIPLOT shows an extended isosurface with bluish color embracing the I atom and both the Ni and S-atoms, thus suggesting a similar participation of both atoms as electron donors. In fact, the MEP values are large and negative at both the Ni and S-atoms. The QTAIM parameters are gathered in Table S8† revealing some interesting issues. First, in 1-FIB, the energies associated with C–I...S and C–I...Cu contacts are similar and the sum of both contributions ($6.54 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$) is similar to the dimerization energy shown in Fig. 9 ($-5.9 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$). Second, the energy associated with the I...M^{II} contact derived from V_r increases on going from 1-FIB to 4-FIB (from $3.32 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$ for Cu to $5.42 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$ for Pt). The difference from the dimerization energies is included in Fig. 9 and those summarized in Table S8† for co-crystals (2–4)-FIB can be associated with the stabilization energy due to the I...S interaction that is also important (as revealed by the NCIPLOT) in spite of the absence of the corresponding bond CP and bond path connecting the I to the S-atom. Finally, we also examined the existence of the orbital donor–acceptor interaction described above for 1-FIB for the rest of the metal complexes. Interestingly, only in the case of cluster 2-FIB, a similar $LP(I) \rightarrow 4p_z(Ni)$ electron donation is observed with a concomitant stabilization energy of $E^{(2)} = 1.30 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$. It is smaller than that obtained for the Cu cluster and also smaller than the dissociation energy estimated for the I...Ni contact using the V_r predictor ($3.91 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$; Table S8†). This suggests that the Ni...I interaction has a dual character (semicoordination and XB).

More information on atom philicities in the I...M interactions can be obtained by two additional methods. According to the first scheme, previously used by us,¹¹⁰ one should compare the positions of bond paths and areas of electron localization function (ELF), corresponding to lone pairs and σ_h .^{13,111} For this purpose, the ELF projections with the plotted bond path and CPs (Fig. S4†) were drawn along the S...S...I planes containing metal nuclear CPs. In 1-FIB, the I...S bond path passes through the area with $ELF > 0.75$ on the S atom (which corresponds to the region of lone electron pairs) and through the area with the depleted ELF region on I atoms (corresponding to the reduced shielding of I nuclei in the σ_h); inspection of these data confirms the XB nature of the I...S interaction. At the same time, the relevant Cu...I bond path

passes through the I area with the ELF value that is larger than that for the I...S bond path, and the consideration of these values could indicate the nucleophilicity of the I atom toward the Cu center.

In (2–4)-FIB, the I...M (M = Ni, Pd, Pt) bond paths pass through the depleted ELF region on the I atoms (σ_h), and this observation confirms the electrophilic nature of iodine atoms when they interact with the metal centers. ELF projections in all clusters allow the identification of the ELF areas, corresponding to the d^9 - or d^8 -level, around the metal centers. The enlargement of these ELF areas in a row $Cu < Ni < Pd < Pt$ is probably associated with the increase of the nucleophilicity of the metal centers. The enlargement and also the ELF depletion on the I atoms in the same row can also be illustrated by 1D ELF projections along the I...M bond paths (Fig. 10).

Nevertheless, any bond path corresponding to noncovalent interactions with the metal centers passes through this area, because any d^8 - or d^9 -square-planar metal-involving interaction has to be far from the ligands in the metal complex plane. Therefore, another method to verify the philicities should be applied. The analysis of the order of the electron density (ED) and electrostatic potential (ESP) minima along the bond path^{21,53–55,57–59} is useful for these purposes. The minimum of ESP is shifted toward the nucleophilic atom, while the ED minimum is shifted toward the electrophilic atom.

The 1D profiles of the ED and ESP functions along the I...M bond paths are depicted in Fig. 11. For 1-FIB, the ED minimum is slightly shifted to the Cu nucleus, whereas the ESP minimum is closer to the I nucleus. It means that the Cu atom functions as an electrophile, while the I center acts as a nucleophile, and the Cu...I interaction should be treated as the semicoordination. This observation is in accordance with the Natural Bonding Orbital analysis data (see above), which indicate the $LP(I) \rightarrow LP^*(Cu)$ charge transfer.

The opposite situation was found for the projections in (2–4)-FIB, where the ESP minima are closer to a metal center and the ED minima are near the I atom. To summarize this part, we confirmed the nucleophilicity of Ni, Pd, and Pt toward I in all three cases, and proved that the C–I...M (M = Ni, Pd, Pt) interactions belong to the category of metal-involving XBs.

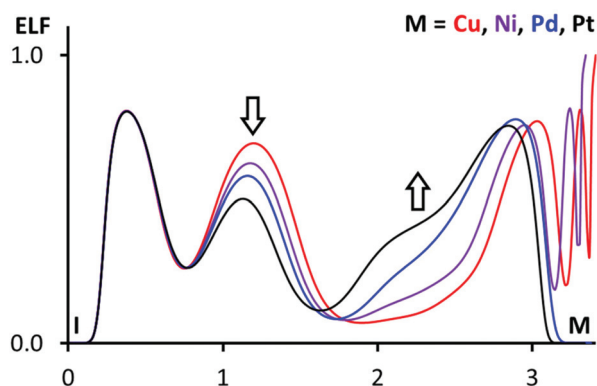


Fig. 10 ELF projections along the I...M bond paths.

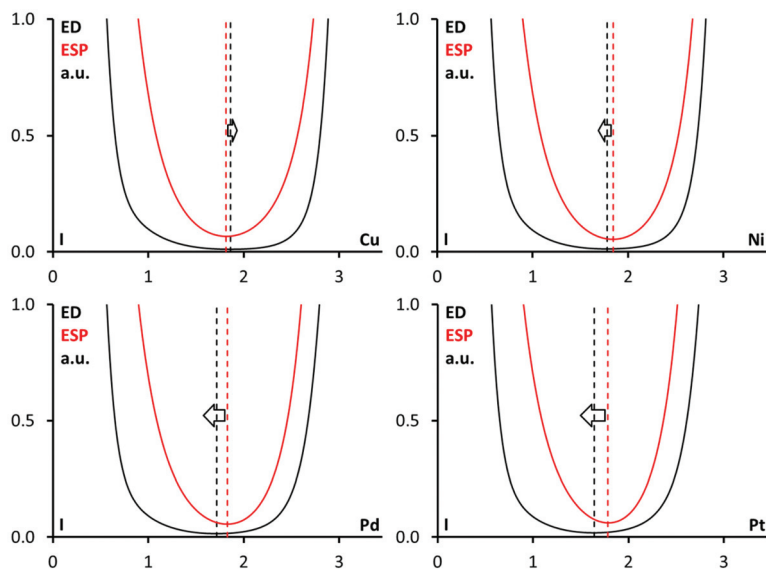


Fig. 11 Criterion ED minimum vs. ESP minimum: the ED (black) and the ESP (red) for the I...M interactions; interatomic distances are in Å.

Taken together, the DFT study evidences a progressive change from semicoordination $M\cdots I$ to XB on going from 1-FIB to 4-FIB species, where 2-FIB demonstrates the $LP(I) \rightarrow LP^*(Ni)$ charge transfer, but the $C-I\cdots Ni$ interaction is already an XB according to ED and ESP positions along the $I\cdots Ni$ bond path.

4. Conclusions

The co-crystallization of FIB with the metal(II) dithiocarbamates $[M(S_2CNET_2)_2]$ (1–4; $M = Cu, Ni, Pd, Pt$) gave an isostructural series of co-crystals (1–4)·2FIB, where the noncovalent interactions such as $I\cdots S$ XB and $C-I\cdots M/M\cdots I-C$ metal-involving contacts were detected by X-ray diffraction and their existence was confirmed theoretically. Crystal packing motifs in all these isomorphous co-crystals are similar and one can conclude that the difference in the directionality of $I\cdots M/M\cdots I$ interactions depends on the identity of a metal center. The linear correlation between the $C-I\cdots M^{II}$ angle and MEP values on the metals reflects the switch in the $I\cdots M/M\cdots I$ interaction patterns on going from Ni^{II} to Cu^{II} . The $C-I\cdots M^{II}$ angle is the smallest for the rather electrophilic Cu^{II} and gradually increases in the row $Cu^{II} > Ni^{II} > Pd^{II} > Pt^{II}$ along with the increase of the nucleophilicity of these metal centers. According to the change in the nature of the metal center, the electron belt-to- σ_h switch of noncovalently bound iodine(I) occurs, which demonstrates the amphiphilic character of an organoiodine in FIB. In the $Cu^{II} > Ni^{II} > Pd^{II} > Pt^{II}$ row, the electron localization function around the metal centers is also gradually increased reflecting the growth of diffuseness of the d -sublevel and therefore the growth of the nucleophilicity.

In the case of a rather electrophilic copper(II), the semicoordinative nature of the $Cu\cdots I$ contact was established by the recognition of the $LP(I) \rightarrow LP^*(Cu)$ charge transfer using NBO analysis and the comparison of ED and ESP minima positions

along the $I\cdots Cu$ bond paths. At a glance, a negative value of the electrostatic potential at the metal center in $[Cu(S_2CNET_2)_2]$ ($-8.8 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$) contradicts the electrophilic character of copper(II). However, we demonstrated²⁹ that the semicoordination is still possible when a metal center exhibits a negative potential. The nature of the semicoordination contact in the co-crystal of $[Cu(S_2CNET_2)_2]$ can be rationalized by orbital, rather than electrostatic effects.²⁹

In 2·2FIB, the nickel(II) center (which in principle can exhibit electrophilic-nucleophilic dualism⁷) demonstrates $LP(I) \rightarrow LP^*(Ni)$ charge transfer as confirmed by the NBO analysis. At the same time, analysis of ED and ESP minima positions along the $I\cdots Ni$ bond paths indicates the nucleophilicity of the Ni^{II} center. Pronounced negative potential at the nickel(II) atom in $[Ni(S_2CNET_2)_2]$ ($-24.5 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$), in comparison with that of the copper(II) atom in $[Cu(S_2CNET_2)_2]$, additionally proves the nucleophilicity of the Ni^{II} center.

In the case of even more nucleophilic palladium(II) and platinum(II) (potentials at the metal centers for $[M(S_2CNET_2)_2]$ are 28.6 and $-33.3 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$, correspondingly), contacts $C-I\cdots Pd$ and $C-I\cdots Pt$ can be attributed to metal-involving XB. These contacts are among the strongest XB (4.30 and $5.42 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$, correspondingly) between these metal centers and iodine(I)-based electrophiles. We believe that the observed $C-I\cdots Pd$ metal-involving XB interaction should be taken into account upon further studies focused on fine mechanisms of palladium-catalyzed reactions that include the oxidative addition step of aryl iodides.¹²

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Conflicts of interest

There are no conflicts to declare.

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