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### **Synthesis, Structure and Magnetic behavior of iron arsenites with hierarchical magnetic units**

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### (S1) Synthesis strategies aspect

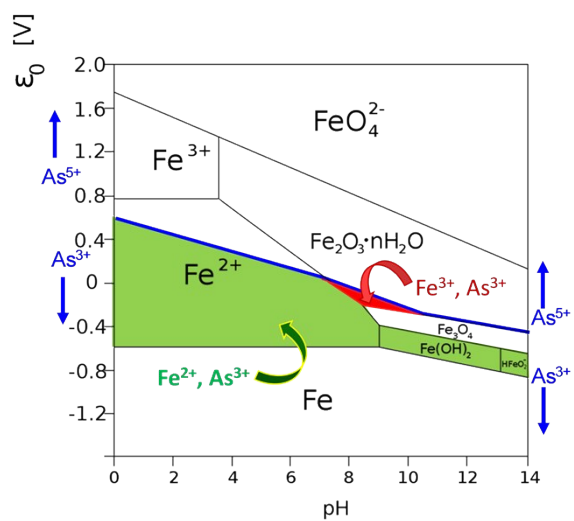


Figure S1. Schematized superposed Fe/As Pourbaix diagrams. The narrow area in red allowing the coexistence of  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  and  $\text{As}^{3+}$  in solution ( $\rightarrow$  the formation of compound **(2)** and **(3)**, prepared around  $\text{pH} = 9$ ). The area in green represents the possible coexistence of  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  and  $\text{As}^{3+}$  in solution, leading to the formation of compound **(1)** ( prepared around  $\text{pH} = 7$ ).

## (S2) Structural and refinement data

Table S2a. Atomic positions and equivalent isotropic thermal displacement (in Å<sup>2</sup>) for Ba<sub>2</sub>Fe(As<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub>.H<sub>2</sub>O.

Atom	Wick.	Site	x	y	z	Ueq (Å <sup>2</sup> )
Ba_1	4a	1	0.4639(1)	0.5814(1)	0.0083(1)	0.0223(2)
Ba_2	4a	1	-0.4639(1)	-0.0814(1)	-0.0083(1)	0.0223(2)
As1_1	4a	1	0.3479(1)	0.3448(1)	-0.2172(2)	0.0194(4)
As1_2	4a	1	-0.3479(1)	0.1552(1)	0.2172(2)	0.0194(4)
As2_1	4a	1	0.3556 (1)	0.3243(1)	0.3154(1)	0.0191(4)
As2_2	4a	1	-0.3556(1)	0.1751(1)	-0.3154(1)	0.0191(4)
As3_1	4a	1	0.3546(1)	0.5729(1)	-0.4887(1)	0.0184(4)
As3_2	4a	1	-0.3546(1)	-0.0729(1)	0.4896(1)	0.0184(4)
Fe	4a	1	0.50000	0.25000	0.00000	0.0179(7)
O1_1	4a	1	0.4371(5)	0.6091(7)	-0.3819(12)	0.0219(19)
O1_2	4a	1	-0.4371(5)	-0.1091(7)	0.3819(12)	0.0219(19)
O2_1	4a	1	0.3954(5)	0.4653(8)	0.3472(13)	0.029(2)
O2_2	4a	1	-0.3954(5)	0.0347(8)	-0.3472(13)	0.029(2)
O3_1	4a	1	0.3130(5)	0.4778(8)	-0.3138(12)	0.0236(19)
O3_2	4a	1	-0.3130(5)	0.0222(8)	0.3138(12)	0.0236(19)
O4_1	4a	1	0.4369(6)	0.3797(9)	-0.1552(14)	0.031(2)
O4_2	4a	1	-0.4369(6)	0.1203(9)	0.1552(14)	0.031(2)
O5_1	4a	1	0.3657(7)	0.2776(10)	-0.4369(16)	0.047(3)
O5_2	4a	1	-0.3657(7)	0.2225(10)	0.4369(16)	0.047(3)
O6_1	4a	1	0.4369(5)	0.2589(9)	0.2492(14)	0.033(2)
O6_2	4a	1	-0.4369(5)	0.2411(9)	-0.2492(14)	0.033(2)
O7_1	4a	1	0.2962(4)	0.5636(15)	0.0608(12)	0.042(5)
H_1	4a	1	0.26886	0.55083	0.16736	0.042(5)
H_2	4a	1	0.26902	0.60385	-0.02384	0.042(5)

Table S2b. Anisotropic thermal displacement (in Å<sup>2</sup>) for Ba<sub>2</sub>Fe(As<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub>.H<sub>2</sub>O.

Atom	U <sub>11</sub>	U <sub>22</sub>	U <sub>33</sub>	U <sub>12</sub>	U <sub>13</sub>	U <sub>23</sub>
Ba_1	0.0410(5)	0.0115(4)	0.0143(4)	0.0014(3)	-0.0021(3)	-0.0013(3)
Ba_2	0.0410(5)	0.0115(4)	0.0143(4)	0.0014(3)	-0.0021(3)	-0.0013(3)
As1_1	0.0284(7)	0.0151(6)	0.0147(6)	-0.0025(5)	0.0023(5)	0.0023(5)
As1_2	0.0284(7)	0.0151(6)	0.0147(6)	-0.0025(5)	0.0023(5)	0.0023(5)
As2_1	0.0307(7)	0.0107(6)	0.0160(6)	-0.0003(5)	-0.0058(5)	-0.0012(5)
As2_2	0.0307(7)	0.0107(6)	0.0160(6)	-0.0003(5)	-0.0058(5)	-0.0012(5)
As3_1	0.0280(7)	0.0074(5)	0.0196(6)	0.0011(5)	0.0002(5)	0.0011(5)
As3_2	0.0280(7)	0.0074(5)	0.0196(6)	0.0011(5)	0.0002(5)	0.0011(5)
Fe	0.0278(13)	0.0081(11)	0.0179(11)	0.0014(10)	-0.0020(10)	0.0002(9)

Table S2c. Pertinent interatomic distances (Å) and corresponding bond-valence sum calculations for Ba<sub>2</sub>Fe(As<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub>.H<sub>2</sub>O.

<b>Ba</b>		<b>Fe</b>		<b>As</b>	
Ba_1—O1_1	2.776(8)	Fe—O1_1	2.174(9)	As2_2—O2_2	1.829(10)
Ba_1—O1_1	2.968(9)	Fe—O1_2	2.174(9)	As2_2—O5_2	1.819(12)
Ba_1—O2_1	2.992(9)	Fe—O4_1	2.192(10)	As2_2—O6_2	1.712(10)
Ba_1—O2_1	2.812(10)	Fe—O4_2	2.192(10)	-	-
Ba_1—O4_1	2.689(10)	Fe—O6_1	2.072(10)	As3_1—O1_1	1.708(9)
Ba_1—O4_1	2.974(10)	Fe—O6_2	2.072(10)	As3_1—O2_1	1.861(10)
Ba_1—O5_2	2.956(12)	<b>As</b>		As3_1—O3_1	1.817(9)
Ba_1—O6_2	2.739(10)	As1_1—O3_1	1.823(9)	-	-
Ba_1—O7_1	3.033(7)	As1_1—O4_1	1.702(10)	As3_2—O1_2	1.711(9)
-	-	As1_1—O5_1	1.753(12)	As3_2—O2_2	1.857(10)
Ba_2—O1_2	2.776(8)	-	-	As3_2—O3_2	1.822(9)
Ba_2—O1_2	2.968(9)	As1_2—O3_2	1.823(9)	<b>H</b>	
Ba_2—O2_2	2.992(9)	As1_2—O4_2	1.702(10)	H_1—O7_1	0.901(8)
Ba_2—O2_2	2.812(10)	As1_2—O5_2	1.753(12)	H_1—H_2	1.471(1)
Ba_2—O4_2	2.689(10)	-	-	-	-
Ba_2—O4_2	2.974(10)	As2_1—O2_1	1.829(10)	H_2—O7_1	0.900(11)
Ba_2—O5_1	2.956(12)	As2_1—O5_1	1.819(12)	H_2—H_1	1.471(1)
Ba_2—O6_1	2.739(10)	As2_2—O6_1	1.712(10)	-	-
Ba_2—O6_2	3.160(10)	-	-	-	-
<b>BVS Ba_1</b>	2.02(2)	<b>BVS Ba_2</b>	1.89(2)	<b>BVS Fe</b>	1.99(2)
<b>BVS As1_1</b>	3.21(4)	<b>BVS As1_2</b>	3.18(4)	<b>BVS As2_1</b>	2.97(4)
<b>BVS As2_2</b>	3.00(4)	<b>BVS As3_1</b>	2.97(4)	<b>BVS As3_2</b>	2.93(4)
<b>BVS O1_1</b>	1.93(3)	<b>BVS O1_2</b>	1.92(3)	<b>BVS O2_1</b>	2.20(3)
<b>BVS O2_2</b>	2.11(3)	<b>BVS O3_1</b>	1.96(3)	<b>BVS O3_2</b>	2.12(3)
<b>BVS O4_1</b>	1.97(3)	<b>BVS O4_2</b>	1.97(3)	<b>BVS O5_1</b>	2.21(4)
<b>BVS O5_2</b>	2.26(4)	<b>BVS O6_1</b>	1.98(3)	<b>BVS O6_2</b>	1.98(3)
<b>BVS O7_1</b>	1.61(1)	<b>BVS H_1</b>	1.02(1)	<b>BVS H_2</b>	1.04(1)

Table S2d. Atomic positions and equivalent isotropic thermal displacement (in Å<sup>2</sup>) for BaFe<sub>2</sub>As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>AsO<sub>3</sub>OH.

Atom	Wick.	Site	x	y	z	Ueq (Å <sup>2</sup> )
Ba (2+)	4g	..m	0.3206(1)	0.2510(2)	0	0.0200(6)
Fe (3+)	8i	1	0.2569(2)	0.0017(4)	0.3279(2)	0.0193(9)
As1 (3+)	8i	1	0.4248(2)	0.7419(2)	-0.1860(2)	0.0198(7)
As2 (3+)	4h	..m	0.1099(3)	-0.1952(3)	1/2	0.0229(11)
O1 (2-)	8i	1	0.3351(10)	0.5741(15)	-0.1680(14)	0.024(3)
O2 (2-)	8i	1	0.3464(10)	-0.0698(15)	0.1706(13)	0.019(3)
O3 (2-)	8i	1	0.3115(8)	0.2510(14)	0.3471(11)	0.014(2)
O4 (2-)	4g	..m	0.5239(13)	0.263(2)	0	0.022(4)
O5 (2-)	4h	..m	0.1563(12)	0.0333(19)	1/2	0.011(4)
O6 (2-)	4h	..m	0.3481(18)	-0.060(3)	1/2	0.038(6)
H (1+)	4h	..m	0.406(16)	-0.13(4)	1/2	0.12(14)

Table S2e. Anisotropic thermal displacement (in Å<sup>2</sup>) for BaFe<sub>2</sub>As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>AsO<sub>3</sub>OH.

Atom	U <sub>11</sub>	U <sub>22</sub>	U <sub>33</sub>	U <sub>12</sub>	U <sub>13</sub>	U <sub>23</sub>
Ba	0.0251(12)	0.0204(8)	0.0144(9)	-0.0005(10)	0.0000	0.0000
Fe	0.029(2)	0.0187(12)	0.0106(13)	0.0000(14)	-0.0009(18)	-0.0011(12)
As1	0.0250(14)	0.0226(10)	0.0118(10)	-0.0006(11)	0.0027(9)	0.0001(8)
As2	0.032(2)	0.0263(16)	0.0103(16)	0.0010(15)	0.0000	0.0000

Table S2f. Pertinent interatomic distances (Å) and corresponding bond-valence sum calculations for BaFe<sub>2</sub>As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>AsO<sub>3</sub>OH.

Ba		Fe		As	
Ba—O1	2.830(12)	Fe—O1	1.982(13)	As1—O1	1.745(13)
Ba—O1	2.912(13)	Fe—O2	1.942(13)	As1—O2	1.757(12)
Ba—O1	2.830(12)	Fe—O3	1.990(11)	As1—O4	1.816(7)
Ba—O1	2.912(13)	Fe—O3	2.077(11)	-	-
Ba—O2	2.843(11)	Fe—O5	2.082(11)	-	-
Ba—O2	3.045(12)	Fe—O6	2.037(15)	As2—O3	1.789(11)
Ba—O2	2.843(11)	Fe—Fe	3.102(3)	As2—O3	1.789(11)
Ba—O2	3.045(12)	Fe—As2	2.919(4)	As2—O5	1.800(15)
Ba—O3	3.131(10)	-	-	As2—O6	2.759(15)
Ba—O3	3.131(10)	-	-	<b>H</b>	
Ba—O4	2.768(18)	-	-	H—O6	1.0(3)
<b>BVS Ba</b>	2.00(2)	<b>BVS Fe</b>	3.06(4)	-	-
<b>BVS As1</b>	3.15(5)	<b>BVS As2</b>	3.04(6)	<b>BVS H</b>	0.92(5)
<b>BVS O1</b>	2.10(4)	<b>BVS O2</b>	2.07(4)	<b>BVS O3</b>	2.08(4)
<b>BVS O4</b>	2.13(3)	<b>BVS O5</b>	1.84(4)	<b>BVS O6</b>	1.9(5)

Table S2g. Atomic positions and equivalent isotropic thermal displacement (in Å<sup>2</sup>) for Ba<sub>2</sub>Fe<sub>2</sub>O(As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub>.

Atom	Wick.	Site	x	y	z	Ueq (Å <sup>2</sup> )
Ba (2+)	8h	m.2m	0.6722(1)	0.1722(1)	0	0.0091(1)
Fe (3+)	8f	4..	1/2	1/2	0.8604(1)	0.0072(1)
As (3+)	16l	..m	0.8639(1)	0.3639(1)	0.8345(1)	0.0086(1)
O1 (2-)	8g	2.mm	1/2	0	0.1175(2)	0.0123(5)
O2 (2-)	32m	1	0.7093(1)	0.4241(1)	0.8965(1)	0.0120(3)
O3 (2-)	4a	422	1/2	1/2	3/4	0.0210(8)

Table S2h. Anisotropic thermal displacement (in Å<sup>2</sup>) for Ba<sub>2</sub>Fe<sub>2</sub>O(As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub>.

Atom	U <sub>11</sub>	U <sub>22</sub>	U <sub>33</sub>	U <sub>12</sub>	U <sub>13</sub>	U <sub>23</sub>
Ba	0.0085(1)	0.0085(1)	0.0103(1)	-0.0006(1)	0.0000	0.0000
Fe	0.0065(1)	0.0065(1)	0.0086(2)	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
As	0.0082(1)	0.0082(1)	0.0094(1)	-0.0009(1)	-0.0003(1)	-0.0003(1)
O1	0.0105(6)	0.0105(6)	0.0158(12)	0.0039(9)	0.0000	0.0000
O2	0.0074(5)	0.0120(6)	0.0165(6)	0.0013(4)	0.0005(4)	0.0012(5)
O3	0.0253(12)	0.0253(12)	0.0124(17)	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000



Table S2i. Pertinent interatomic distances (Å) and corresponding bond-valence sum calculations for Ba<sub>2</sub>Fe<sub>2</sub>O(As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub>.

Ba		Fe	
Ba—O1	2.8342(17)	Fe—O2	2.0152(11)
Ba—O1	2.8342(17)	Fe—O2	2.0152(11)
Ba—O2	2.7660(13)	Fe—O2	2.0152(11)
Ba—O2	2.9085(13)	Fe—O2	2.0152(11)
Ba—O2	2.9086(13)	Fe—O3	1.7775(6)
Ba—O2	2.7660(13)	Fe—Fe	3.5551(8)
Ba—O2	2.7660(13)	As	
Ba—O2	2.9085(13)	As—O1	1.8391(11)
Ba—O2	2.9086(13)	As—O2	1.7503(12)
Ba—O2	2.7660(13)	As—O2	1.7503(12)
<b>BVS Ba</b>	<b>2.285(3)</b>	<b>BVS Fe</b>	<b>2.2953(4)</b>
<b>BVS As</b>	<b>3.094(6)</b>	<b>BVS O1</b>	<b>2.200(4)</b>
<b>BVS O2</b>	<b>2.069(4)</b>	<b>BVS O3</b>	<b>1.902(2)</b>

Table S2j. Atomic positions and equivalent isotropic thermal displacement (in Å<sup>2</sup>) for Fe<sub>3</sub>(As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>)(AsO<sub>3</sub>)Cl.

Atom	Wick.	Site	x	y	z	Ueq (Å <sup>2</sup> )
Fe1 (3+)	1a	-1	0	0	0	0.0084(5)
Fe2 (2+)	1h	-1	1/2	-1/2	1/2	0.0137(6)
Fe3 (3+)	2i	1	0.58463(19)	-0.27586(12)	0.12719(11)	0.0081(4)
Fe4 (2.5+)	2i	1	-0.3011(2)	0.34295(13)	0.12287(12)	0.0101(4)
As1 (3+)	2i	1	0.28644(14)	0.07443(9)	0.21285(8)	0.0092(3)
As2 (3+)	2i	1	0.89118(14)	-0.23947(9)	0.34916(8)	0.0100(3)
As3 (3+)	2i	1	0.15656(15)	-0.54602(10)	0.23166(9)	0.0138(3)
Cl1 (1-)	2i	1	-0.3176(4)	0.2558(2)	0.3881(2)	0.0188(7)
O1 (2-)	2i	1	0.8363(9)	-0.1512(6)	0.1583(5)	0.0094(11)
O2 (2-)	2i	1	0.3685(9)	-0.4411(6)	0.1084(5)	0.0116(11)
O3 (2-)	2i	1	0.6417(9)	-0.3396(6)	0.3477(5)	0.0115(11)
O4 (2-)	2i	1	0.3104(9)	-0.0864(6)	0.1246(5)	0.0101(11)
O5 (2-)	2i	1	0.4505(9)	0.2098(6)	0.0899(5)	0.0079(10)
O6 (2-)	2i	1	-0.1295(9)	0.5302(6)	0.1290(5)	0.0110(11)
O7 (2-)	2i	1	-0.0125(9)	0.1621(6)	0.1198(5)	0.0103(11)
O8 (2-)	2i	1	1.1425(9)	-0.4177(6)	0.3521(5)	0.0117(11)

Table S2k. Anisotropic thermal displacement (in Å<sup>2</sup>) for Fe<sub>3</sub>(As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>)(AsO<sub>3</sub>)Cl.

Atom	U <sub>11</sub>	U <sub>22</sub>	U <sub>33</sub>	U <sub>12</sub>	U <sub>13</sub>	U <sub>23</sub>
Fe1	0.0052(8)	0.0088(7)	0.0103(8)	-0.0029(6)	0.0007(7)	-0.0007(6)
Fe2	0.0112(9)	0.0178(8)	0.0112(8)	-0.0094(7)	0.0026(7)	0.0011(6)
Fe3	0.0044(5)	0.0089(5)	0.0111(6)	-0.0012(4)	0.0004(5)	-0.0031(4)
Fe4	0.0054(6)	0.0119(5)	0.0135(6)	-0.0026(4)	0.0016(5)	-0.0041(4)
As1	0.0064(4)	0.0110(4)	0.0106(4)	-0.0039(3)	0.0013(3)	-0.0024(3)
As2	0.0052(4)	0.0142(4)	0.0112(4)	-0.0035(3)	-0.0006(3)	-0.0037(3)
As3	0.0068(4)	0.0152(4)	0.0186(5)	-0.0037(3)	0.0007(4)	-0.0030(3)
Cl1	0.0145(10)	0.0223(10)	0.0164(10)	-0.0026(8)	0.0005(9)	-0.0022(8)

Table S2l. Pertinent interatomic distances (Å) and corresponding bond-valence sum calculations for Fe<sub>3</sub>(As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>)(AsO<sub>3</sub>)Cl.

	As	Fe	Fe
As1—Fe1	2.8910(12)	Fe1—O1 2.019(5)	Fe3—Fe4 3.196(2)
As1—O4	1.802(6)	Fe1—O1 2.019(5)	Fe3—Fe4 3.136(2)
As1—O5	1.774(5)	Fe1—O4 1.978(5)	Fe3—O1 1.991(6)
As1—O7	1.791(5)	Fe1—O4 1.978(5)	Fe3—O2 2.073(6)
-	-	Fe1—O7 2.042(6)	Fe3—O3 2.035(5)
As2—Fe3	2.8649(17)	Fe1—O7 2.042(6)	Fe3—O4 1.972(5)
As2—O1	1.764(5)	-	Fe3—O5 1.992(5)
As2—O3	1.768(6)	Fe2—Cl1 2.645(2)	Fe3—O6 2.038(5)
As2—O8	1.832(5)	Fe2—Cl1 2.645(2)	-
-	-	Fe2—O3 1.961(5)	Fe4—Cl1 2.441(3)
As3—Fe4	3.1668(18)	Fe2—O3 1.961(5)	Fe4—O2 2.286(5)
As3—Cl1	3.179(2)	Fe2—O8 2.303(5)	Fe4—O2 2.134(5)
As3—O2	1.831(5)	Fe2—O8 2.303(5)	Fe4—O5 2.035(6)
As3—O5	3.024(5)	-	Fe4—O6 2.033(6)
As3—O6	1.766(5)	-	Fe4—O7 1.988(5)
As3—O8	1.811(6)	-	-
<b>BVS As1</b>	3.00(2)	<b>BVS As2</b> 3.02(2)	<b>BVS As3</b> 2.94(2)
<b>BVS Fe1</b>	3.030(17)	<b>BVS Fe2</b> 2.064(12)	<b>BVS Fe3</b> 3.001(17)
<b>BVS Fe4</b>	2.480(14)	-	<b>BVS Cl1</b> 0.611(3)
<b>BVS O1</b>	2.099(17)	<b>BVS O2</b> 1.925(15)	<b>BVS O3</b> 2.112(19)
<b>BVS O4</b>	2.081(18)	<b>BVS O5</b> 2.084(17)	<b>BVS O6</b> 2.012(17)
<b>BVS O7</b>	1.998(16)	<b>BVS O8</b> 2.063(19)	-

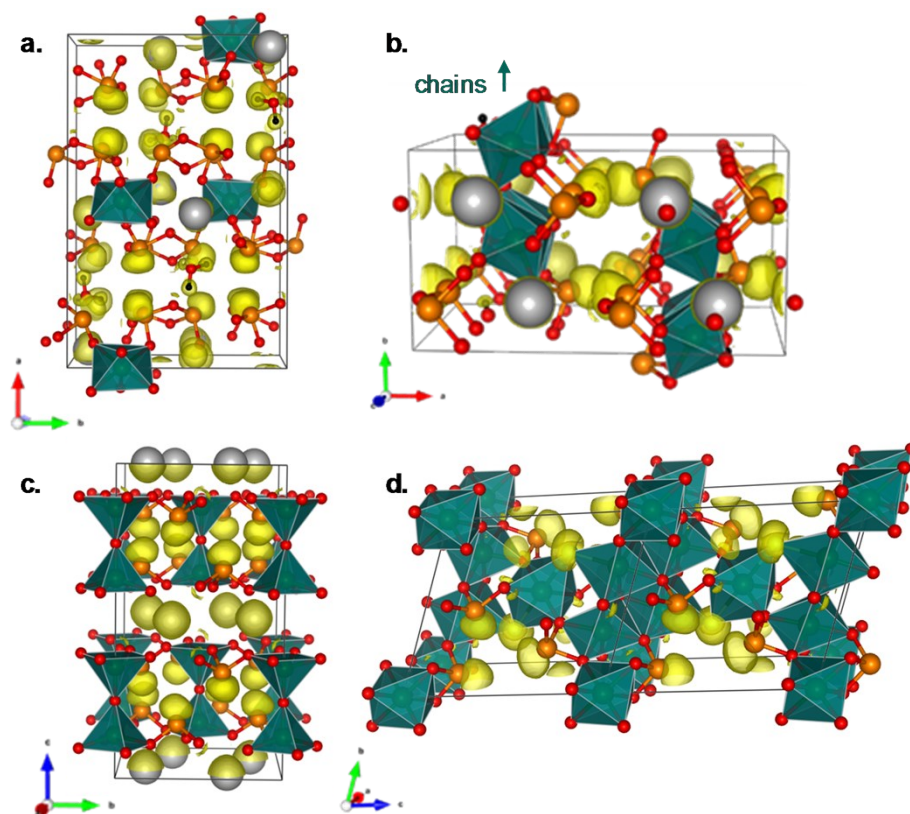


Figure S2m. Snapshots of the ELF function with evidence of the  $\text{As}^{3+}$  electronic lone pair (in yellow) from DFT calculations for  $\text{Ba}_2\text{Fe}(\text{As}_3\text{O}_6)_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{BaFe}_2\text{As}_2\text{O}_5\text{AsO}_3\text{OH}$ ,  $\text{Ba}_2\text{Fe}_2\text{O}(\text{As}_2\text{O}_5)_2$  and  $\text{Fe}_3(\text{As}_2\text{O}_5)(\text{AsO}_3)\text{Cl}$  (a,b,c,d respectively). These representations were drawn at  $\eta(r) = 0.7379$ ,  $0.7232$ ,  $0.7155$  and  $0.7010$  isosurface respectively.

## INFRARED SPECTROSCOPIES

For  $\text{BaFe}_2\text{As}_2\text{O}_5\text{AsO}_3\text{OH}$  (compound **(2)**), the structure being rather complex mixing ortho and pyro-arsenites, the precise assignment of all the bands is complicated, by band overlap, and possible contribution of secondary phases. However, the presence of hydroxides is confirmed by a stretching and in plane deformation modes seen around 3435 and 1415  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  respectively (see Fig. 2a, marked in blue). As-O stretching modes in  $\text{As}_2\text{O}_5$  groups and  $\text{AsO}_3$  groups respectively can be seen around 895 and 875/840  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  region, while the bands around 675/ 615  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  correspond to stretching modes in  $\text{AsO}_2\text{-O-AsO}_2$  bridges groups.<sup>1-4</sup> Bands around 520, 440 and 415  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  might be assigned to various As-O bending modes. Finally, the bands around 855, 777, 700  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  are assigned to Fe-O bending in iron octahedra.

In the case of  $\text{Fe}_3(\text{As}_2\text{O}_5)(\text{AsO}_3)\text{Cl}$  (compound **(4)**) most of the bands related to chloride bonding are usually found below 400  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , thus not shown here.<sup>4</sup> Similarly to compound **(1)**, the bands observed around 750, 665 and 610  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  can be attributed to As-O stretching in  $\text{AsO}_3$ ,  $\text{As}_2\text{O}_5$  and  $\text{AsO}_2\text{-O-AsO}_2$  groups respectively, while the bands around 525, 480 and 430  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  can be attributed to bending modes in  $\text{As}_2\text{O}_5$ ,  $\text{AsO}_3$  and  $\text{AsO}_2\text{-O-AsO}_2$  groups.<sup>1-4</sup> However, one must note that the Fe-O stretching vibration in iron octahedra can also be seen in the 750 and 650  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  domain, making it difficult to exactly assign the bands.<sup>4</sup>

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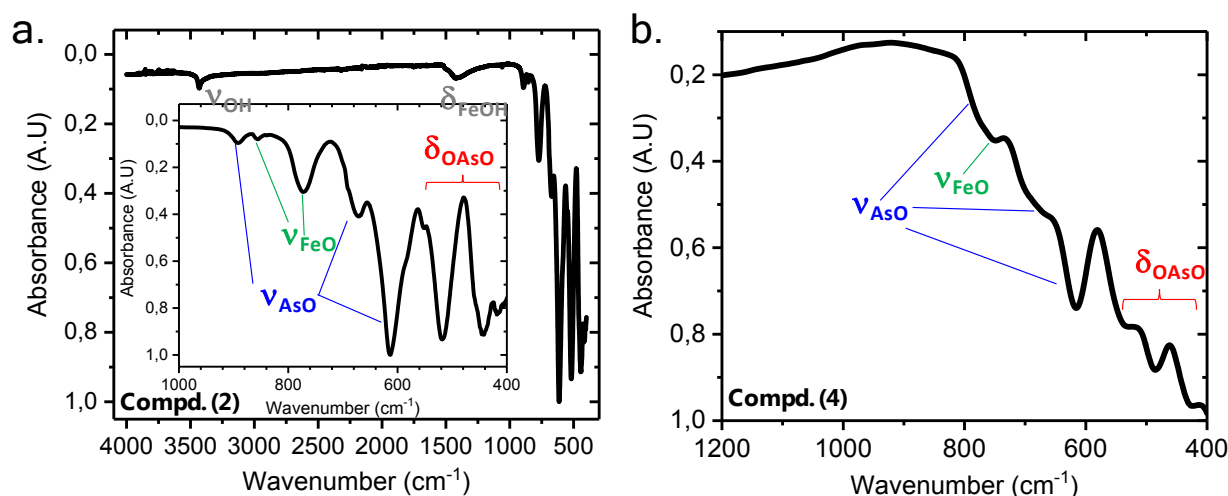


Figure S2n. Spectroscopies: a) IR spectra for  $\text{BaFe}_2(\text{As}_2\text{O}_5)(\text{AsO}_3)(\text{OH})$  (compound **(2)**). b) IR spectra for  $\text{Fe}_3(\text{As}_2\text{O}_5)(\text{AsO}_3)\text{Cl}$  (compound **(4)**).

**(S3) EDS-SEM analysis.**

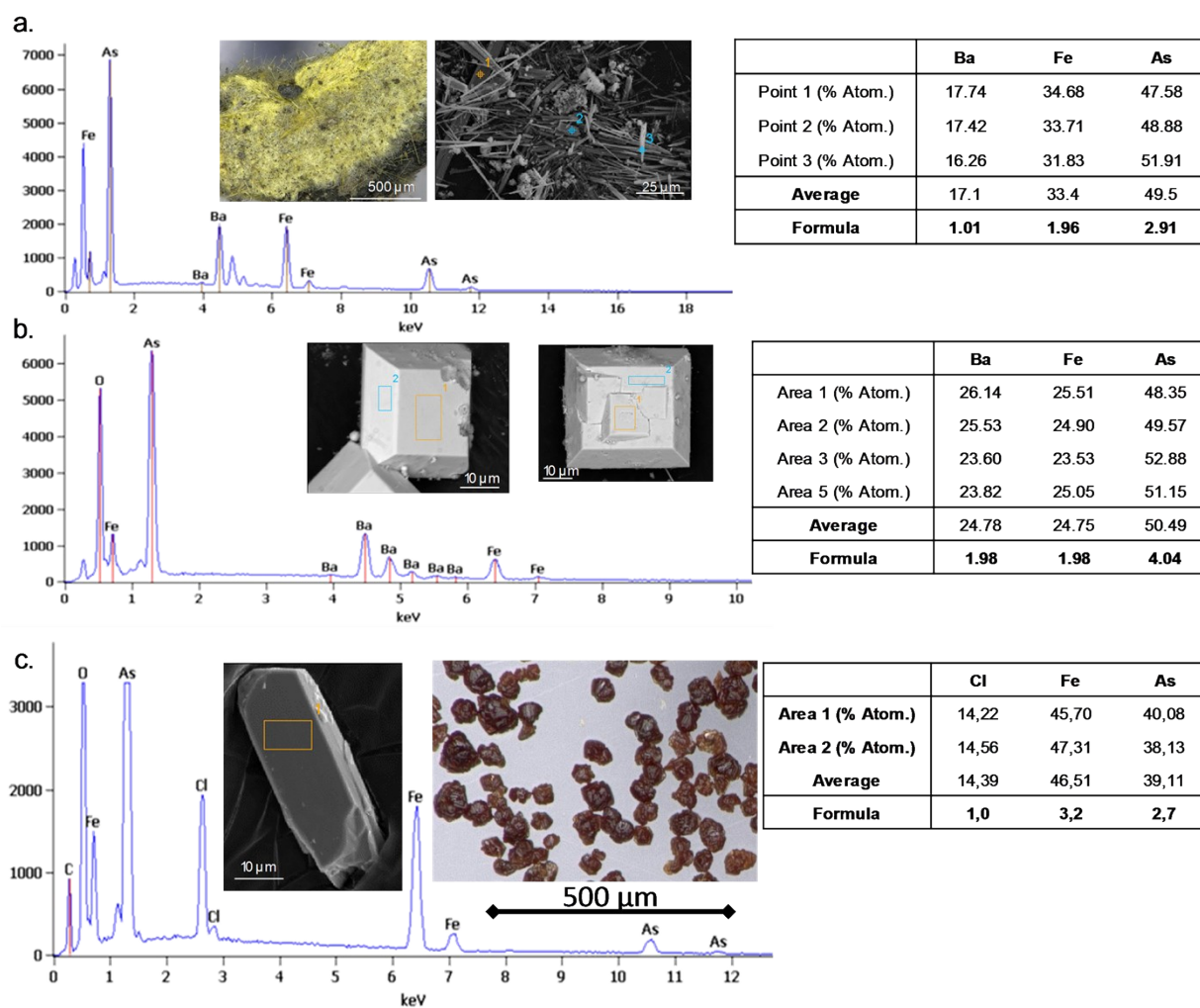


Figure S3. EDS-SEM analysis, and resulting formula obtained from several averaged % Atomic points acquisition for  $\text{BaFe}_2\text{As}_2\text{O}_5\text{AsO}_3\text{OH}$ ,  $\text{Ba}_2\text{Fe}_2\text{O}(\text{As}_2\text{O}_5)_2$  and  $\text{Fe}_3(\text{As}_2\text{O}_5)(\text{AsO}_3)\text{Cl}$  (a,b,c respectively).

#### (S4) DFT calculations details.

Table S4a. Relative energies for the different magnetic configurations used to extract the two magnetic exchanges parameters ( $J_1$ ,  $J_2$ ) within  $\text{Ba}_2\text{Fe}(\text{As}_3\text{O}_6)_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  structure, at  $U_{\text{eff}} = 6 \text{ eV}$ . The most stable configuration was shifted to  $E = 0$ . The values are really low, in agreement with our statement (highly disconnected octahedral leading to a paramagnetic behaviour). FM values are represented negative, while AFM are positive.

$\text{Ba}_2\text{Fe}(\text{As}_2\text{O}_3)_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$		$U = 6 \text{ eV}$
Relative energies (eV/unit cell)	FM	0.00155
	AF1	0.00028
	AF2	0.00199
	AF3	0
Spin exchange parameters (K)	$J_1$	+0.23
	$J_2$	-0.14

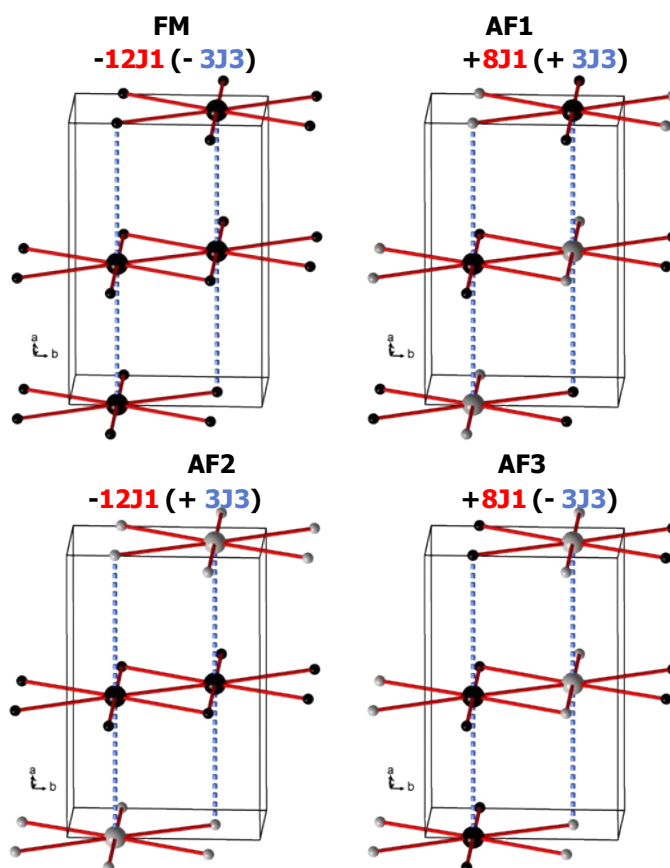


Figure S4b. Representation of the four ordered spin states (FM, AF1, AF2, AF3) employed to probe the magnetically disconnected and paramagnetic behaviour of  $\text{Ba}_2\text{Fe}(\text{As}_3\text{O}_6)_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  structure. Only  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  sites are represented for clarity. Up spin  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  sites are represented in black filled circles, while down spins are represented in white filled circle. The 4  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  cations inside the primitive cell display larger radius.

Table S4c. Values of the geometrical parameters (distances in Å and angles in °) along the magnetic exchanges paths for BaFe<sub>2</sub>As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>AsO<sub>3</sub>OH structure a x b x 2c cell at U = 6 eV. FM values are represented negative, while AFM are positive.

Path	Path	Fe...Fe (Å)	Fe-O (Å)	O...O (Å)	O-Fe (Å)	∠ Fe-O-Fe τ Fe-O-O-Fe (deg)	U = 6 eV J (K)
<b>SE</b>							
<b>J1</b>	In chains	3,104(1)	2.035(1)	-	2.035(1)	99	+28.56
<b>J2</b>	In chains	3.691(1)	2.077(1)	-	1.988(1)	130.5	+6.57
<b>SSE</b>							
<b>Jd</b>	In chains	4.823(1)	1.988(1)	2.542(1)	2.084(1)	187.5	-3.29
<b>« No path »</b>							
<b>J3</b>	Between Chains	5.910(2)	-	-	-	« 0 »	+0.69
<b>J4</b>	Between Layers	6.619(3)	-	-	-	« 79.2 »	-0.003

Table S4d. Relative energies for the different magnetic configurations used to extract the magnetic exchanges parameters for BaFe<sub>2</sub>As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>AsO<sub>3</sub>OH structure within a x b x 2c, and U<sub>eff</sub> = 6 eV. The most stable configuration was shifted to E = 0. FM values are represented negative, while AFM are positive.

BaFe <sub>2</sub> (As <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> )(AsO <sub>3</sub> )(OH)		U = 6 eV
Relative energies (eV/unit cell)	FM	0.59926
	AF1	0.44403
	AF2	0.00594
	AF3	0
	AF4	0.59287
	AF5	0.58782
	AF6	0.0474
	AF7	0.43862
	AF8	0.00005
	AF9	0.59926
Spin exchange parameters (K)  (- = FM   + = AFM)	J1	+28.56
	J2	+6.57
	Jd	-3.29
	Jinter	+0.69
	J4	-0.003
	Total θ <sub>c</sub> (K)	-55.03



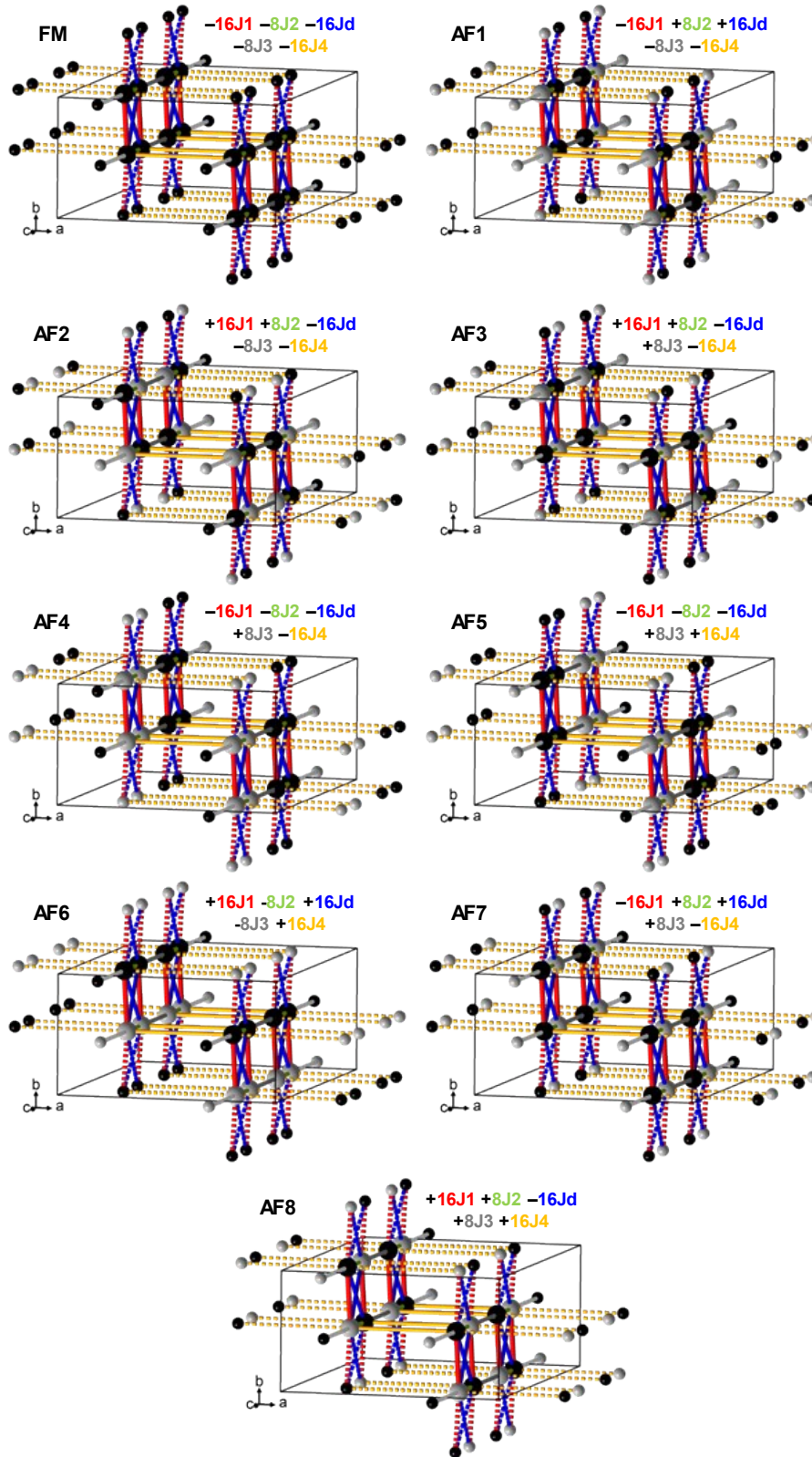


Figure S4e. Representation of the nine ordered spin states (FM, AF1, AF2, AF3, AF4, AF5, AF6, AF7, AF8) employed to extract the five spin exchange parameters ( $J_1$ ,  $J_2$ ,  $J_d$ ,  $J_3$ ,  $J_4$ ) for  $\text{BaFe}_2\text{As}_2\text{O}_5\text{AsO}_3\text{OH}$  structure within a “ $a \times b \times 2c$ ”. Only  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  sites are represented for clarity. Up spin  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  sites are represented in black filled circles, while down spin are represented in white filled circle. The 16  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  cations inside the primitive cell display larger radius.

Table S4f. Values of the geometrical parameters (distances in Å and angles in °) along the magnetic exchanges paths for Ba<sub>2</sub>Fe<sub>2</sub>O(As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub> structure at U = 7 eV. FM values are represented negative, while AFM are positive.

Path	Path	Fe...Fe (Å)	Fe-O (Å)	O...O (Å)	O-Fe (Å)	∠ Fe-O-Fe τ Fe-O-O-Fe (deg)	U = 7 eV J (K)
<b>SE</b>							
<b>Jdim</b>	In dimers	3,555(1)	1,778(1)	-	1,778(1)	180	+259.03
<b>SSE</b>							
<b>J2</b>	Between dimers	6,128(1)	2,015(1)	2,633(2)	2,015(1)	180	-3.33
<b>No path</b>							
<b>J3</b>	Between Layers	4.498(1)	-	-	-	« 180 »	+1.28

Table S4g. Relative energies for the different magnetic configurations used to extract the magnetic exchanges parameters for Ba<sub>2</sub>Fe<sub>2</sub>O(As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub> structure, and U<sub>eff</sub> = 4 eV to 7 eV. The most stable configurations were shifted to E = 0 for each U<sub>eff</sub> values. FM values are represented negative, while AFM are positive.

Ba <sub>2</sub> Fe <sub>2</sub> O(As <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>		U = 4 eV	U = 6 eV	U = 7 eV
<b>Relative energies</b> (eV/unit cell)	<b>FM</b>	1.76997	1.35769	1.17905
	<b>AF1</b>	1.76057	1.35112	1.17353
	<b>AF2</b>	0.09374	0.06626	0.05523
	<b>AF3</b>	1.66171	1.28189	1.11606
	<b>AF4</b>	0	0	0
<b>Spin exchange</b> <b>parameters (K)</b> (- = FM   + = AFM)	<b>Jdim</b>	+385.666	+297.514	+259.027
	<b>J2</b>	-5.736	-4.017	-3.335
	<b>J3</b>	+2.182	+1.525	+1.281
	<b>Total θ<sub>c</sub></b> (K)	-373.508	-288.997	-251.971

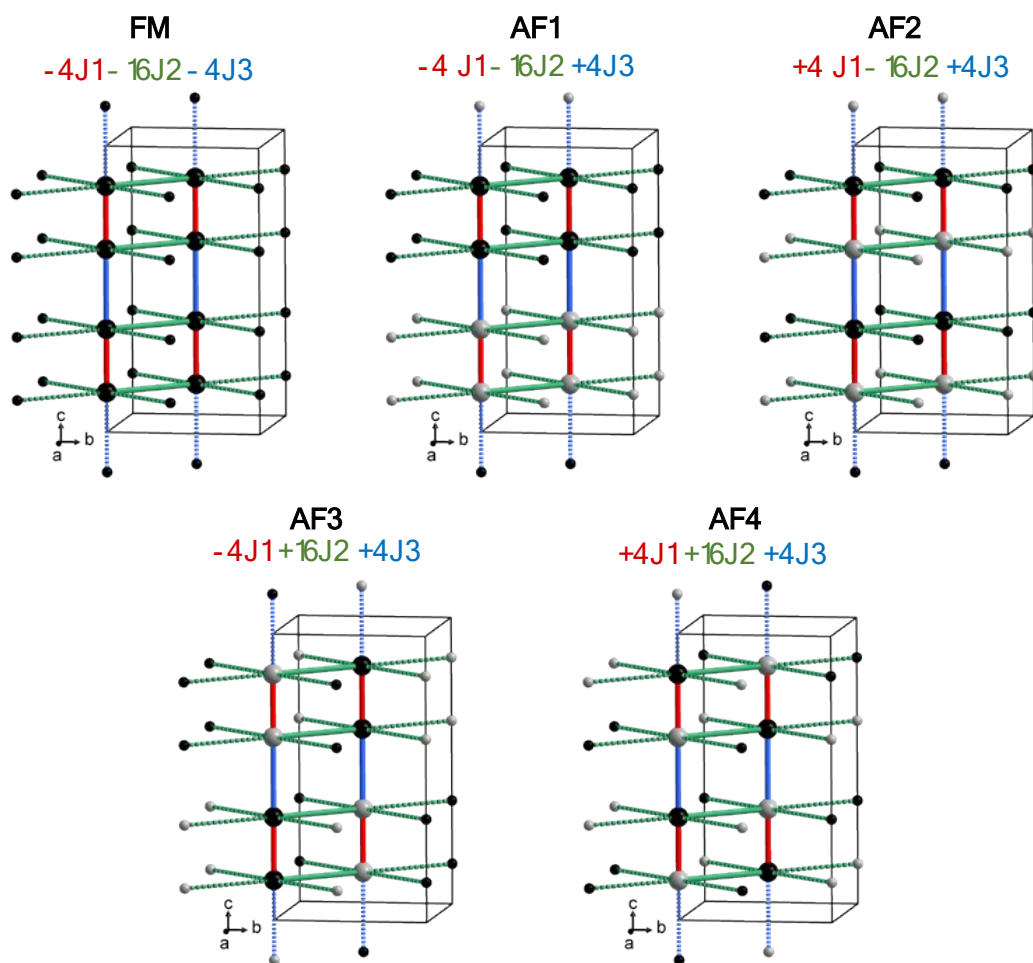


Figure S4h. Representation of the five ordered spin states (FM, AF1, AF2, AF3, AF4) employed to extract the three spin exchange parameters ( $J_1$ ,  $J_2$ ,  $J_3$ ) for  $\text{Ba}_2\text{Fe}_2\text{O}(\text{As}_2\text{O}_5)_2$  structure. Only  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  sites are represented for clarity. Up spin  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  sites are represented in black filled circles, while down spin are represented in white filled circle. The 8  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  cations inside the primitive cell display larger radius.

Table S4i. Values of the geometrical parameters (distances in Å and angles in °) along the magnetic exchanges paths for  $\text{Fe}_3(\text{As}_2\text{O}_5)(\text{AsO}_3)\text{Cl}$  structure at  $U = 6$  eV. FM values are represented negative, while AFM are positive.

Path	Path	Fe...Fe (Å)	Fe-O (Å)	O...O (Å)	O-Fe (Å)	$\angle$ Fe-O-Fe τ Fe-O-O-Fe (deg)
<b>SE</b>						
<b>J1</b>	Fe4-Fe4	3.384(1)	2.286(5)	-	2.1334(5)	99.9(2)
<b>J2</b>	Fe3-Fe2	3.5981(1)	1.961(5)	-	2.035 (5)	128.4(3)
<b>J3 (CI)</b>	Fe4-Fe2	4.297(1)	2.441(2)	-	2.646(2)	115.26(8)
<b>J4</b>	Fe3-Fe4	3.196(2)	2.286(5)	-	2.073(6)	94.1(2)
<b>J5</b>	Fe4-Fe1	3.578(1)	1.988(5)	-	2.042(6)	125.2(3)
<b>J6</b>	Fe3-Fe4	3.136(2)	2.073(6)	-	2.134(5)	94.4(2)
<b>J6</b>	-	-	1.993(5)	-	2.035(6)	102.2(2)
<b>J7</b>	Fe3-Fe1	3.5645(9)	1.972 (5)	-	1.977(5)	128.9(3)
<b>J8</b>	Fe3-Fe1	3.571(1)	1.991(6)	-	2.019(5)	125.9(3)
<b>SSE</b>						
<b>J9</b>	Fe3-Fe3	5.353(2)	2.073(6)	2.848(7)	2.073(6)	180.0(2)
<b>J10</b>	Fe4-Fe1	5.630(1)	2.042(6)	2.676(7)	2.035(6)	171.0(4)
<b>J11</b>	Fe1-Fe1	5.5346(1)	1.977(5)	2.851(7)	2.019(5)	25.7(6)

Table S4j. Relative energies for the different magnetic configurations used to extract the magnetic exchanges parameters trends for  $\text{Fe}_3(\text{As}_2\text{O}_5)(\text{AsO}_3)\text{Cl}$  structure at  $U = 6$  eV. The most stable configurations were shifted to  $E = 0$  for each  $U_{\text{eff}}$  values.

<b>Fe3(As2O5)(AsO3)Cl</b>		<b>U = 6 eV</b>
<b>Relative energies (eV/unit cell)</b>	<b>FM</b>	0.03715
	<b>AF1</b>	0.00494
	<b>AF2</b>	0.00297
	<b>AF3</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>AF4</b>	0.00121
	<b>AF5</b>	0.14171

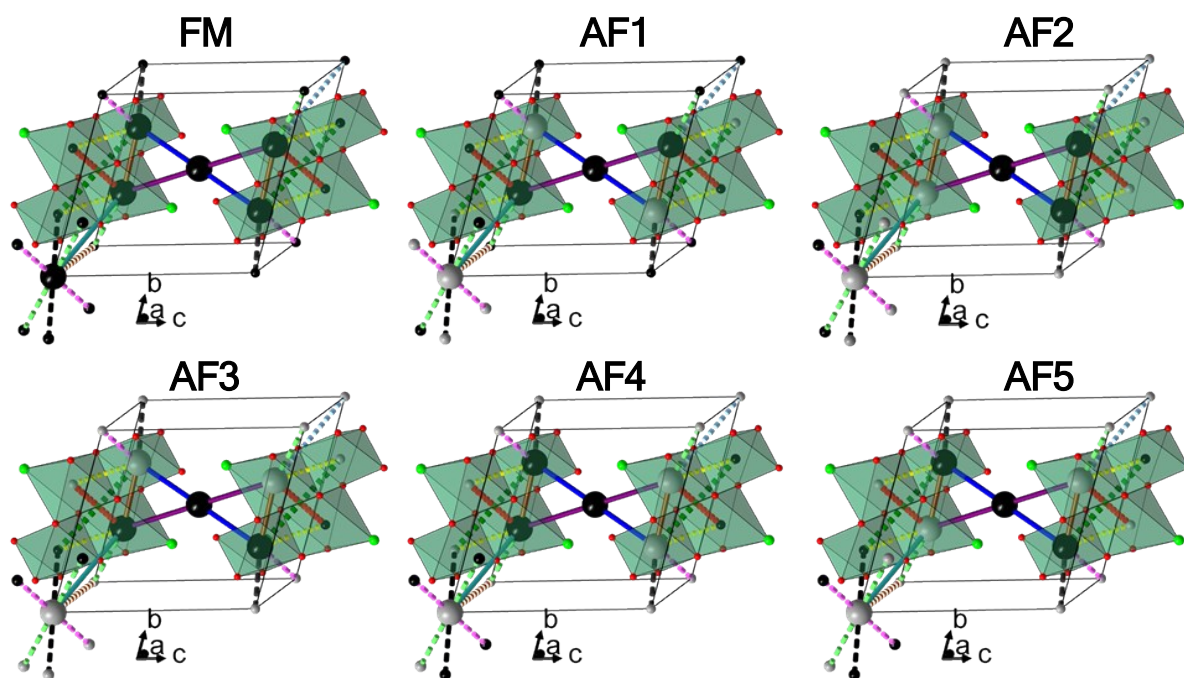


Figure S4k. Representation of the six pertinent ordered spin stated (FM, AF1, AF2, AF3, AF4, AF5) employed to extract the global trends in couplings for  $\text{Fe}_3(\text{As}_2\text{O}_5)(\text{AsO}_3)\text{Cl}$  structure, within a single unit cell. Only  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  sites are represented for clarity. Up spin  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  sites are represented in black filled circles, while down spin are represented in white filled circle. The 6 Fe cations inside the primitive cell display larger radius.

Table S4l. Comparison between the crystallographically calculated BVS and obtained magnetic moment (in  $\mu_B/\text{Fe}$ ) from DFT calculations for each Fe cations within the simple cell  $\text{Fe}_3(\text{As}_2\text{O}_5)(\text{AsO}_3)\text{Cl}$  structure at  $U = 6$  eV. The results are in favour of a  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\text{Fe}^{2+}$  charge ordering on the Fe4 sites.

	BVS	FM ( $U = 6$ eV)	AF1 ( $U = 6$ eV)	AF2 ( $U = 6$ eV)	AF3 ( $U = 6$ eV)	AF4 ( $U = 6$ eV)	AF5 ( $U = 6$ eV)
		M ( $\mu_B/\text{Fe}$ )	M ( $\mu_B/\text{Fe}$ )	M ( $\mu_B/\text{Fe}$ )	M ( $\mu_B/\text{Fe}$ )	M ( $\mu_B/\text{Fe}$ )	M ( $\mu_B/\text{Fe}$ )
Fe1	3.03(2)	4.376	4.355	4.345	4.346	4.345	4.333
Fe2	2.06(1)	3.769	3.741	3.750	3.749	3.749	3.762
Fe3	3.00(2)	4.357 4.356	4.340 4.341	4.348 4.330	<b>3.444</b> <b>4.331</b>	4.330 4.348	4.330 4.330
Fe4	2.48(2)	<b>4.335</b> <b>3.767</b>	<b>3.730</b> <b>4.308</b>	<b>4.323</b> <b>3.731</b>	<b>3.733</b> <b>4.321</b>	<b>3.731</b> <b>4.323</b>	<b>4.063</b> <b>4.096</b>

### (S5) Magnetic measurements details.

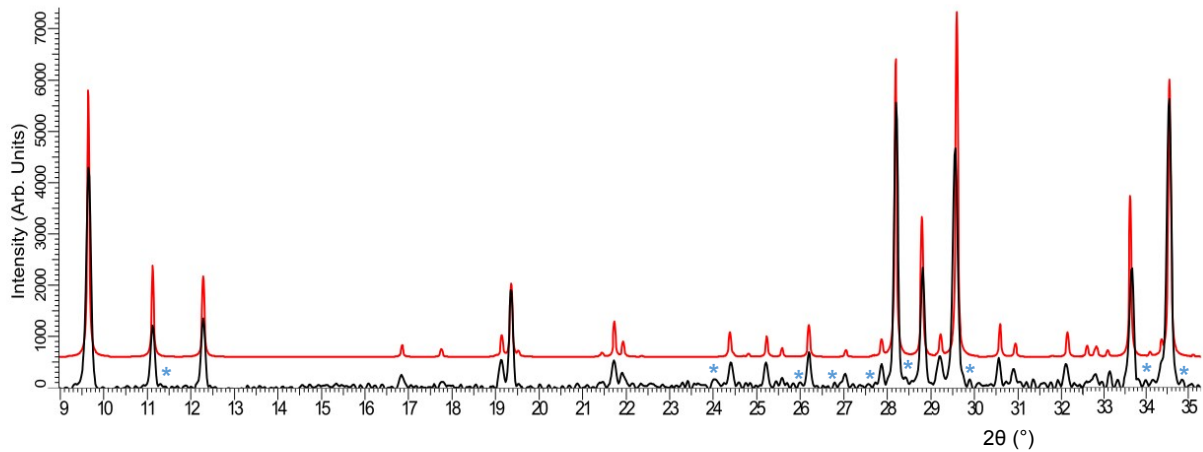


Figure S5a. Comparison between the experimental measured XRD powder diagram (in black) and the simulated one from our crystallographic model (in red) for  $\text{Fe}_3(\text{As}_2\text{O}_5)(\text{AsO}_3)\text{Cl}$ . Blue stars stand for the impurity peaks, identified as  $\gamma\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ .

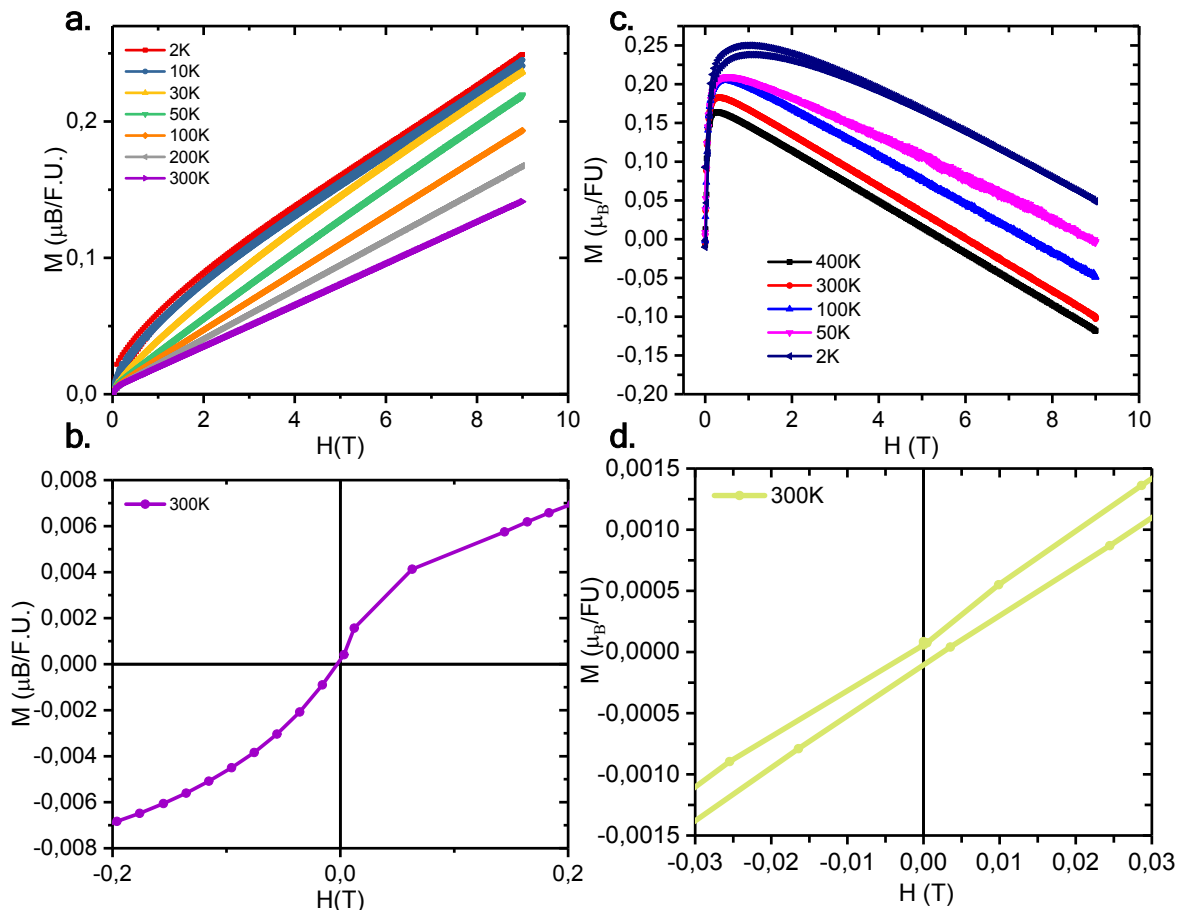


Figure S5b. a)  $M(H)$  measurement between 0 and 9 T for  $\text{BaFe}_2(\text{As}_2\text{O}_5)(\text{AsO}_3)(\text{OH})$ , b) Highlighting the hysteresis at room temperature due to the presence of magnetic impurity in the sample. c)  $M(H)$  measurement between 0 and 9 T for  $\text{Ba}_2\text{Fe}_2\text{O}(\text{As}_2\text{O}_5)_2$  d) Highlighting the small hysteresis observed in the  $\text{Fe}_3(\text{As}_2\text{O}_5)(\text{AsO}_3)\text{Cl}$  magnetic measurements, resulting from the presence of  $\gamma\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ .