

Supporting Information
 Synthesis, Structure and Bonding of Sc_6MTe_2 (M=Ag, Cu, Cd): Heterometal Induced
 Polymerization of Metal Chains in Sc_2Te

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Table S1. Single crystal X-ray data collection and structure refinement parameters for Sc_6MTe_2 (M = Ag, Cu)

formula, Z	Sc_6AgTe_2	$\text{Sc}_6\text{Cu}_{0.80(2)}\text{Te}_{2.20(2)}$
temperature	293(2) K	293(2) K
crystal system, space group, Z	orthorhombic, $Pnma$, 4	orthorhombic, $Pnma$, 4
lattice parameters ^a (Å, Å ³)	$a = 20.094$ (9) $b = 3.913$ (1) $c = 10.688$ (2) $V = 840.4$ (5)	$a = 19.853$ (4) $b = 3.914$ (1) $c = 10.644$ (2) $V = 827.1$ (3)
d_{calc} , (g/cm ³)	5.002	4.726
crystal size (mm)	0.11 x 0.1 x 0.04	0.08 x 0.08 x 0.04
diffractometer	SMART CCD	SMART CCD
absorption coefficient (mm ⁻¹)	13.537	13.957
index range	$-12 \leq h \leq 26$, $-5 \leq k \leq 2$, $-12 \leq l \leq 12$	$-11 \leq h \leq 25$, $-2 \leq k \leq 5$, $-14 \leq l \leq 8$
reflections collected	3241	3149
independent reflections	1042 [R(int) = 0.0273]	1120 [R(int) = 0.0506]
absorption correction	SADABS	SADABS
goodness -of-fit on F^2	1.123	1.016
$R1$, $wR2^b$ for $I > 2\sigma(F_o^2)$	$R1 = 0.0239$, $Rw = 0.0574$	$R1 = 0.0276$, $Rw = 0.0623$
$R1$, $wR2$ for all data	$R1 = 0.0265$, $Rw = 0.0583$	$R1 = 0.0345$, $Rw = 0.0643$
largest diff. peak and hole	0.977 and -1.875 e/Å ³	1.633 and -0.997 e/Å ³

^a Guinier data.

^b $R1 = \Sigma ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \Sigma |F_o|$; $wR2 = \{\Sigma[w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / \Sigma[w(F_o^2)^2]\}^{1/2}$.
 in Sc_6AgTe_2 : $w^{-1} = [\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0327p)^2 + 1.3898p]$, where $p = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 in $\text{Sc}_6\text{Cu}_{0.80(2)}\text{Te}_{2.20(2)}$: $w^{-1} = [\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0310p)^2]$, where $p = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$.

Table S2. Anisotropic displacement parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) for Sc_6AgTe_2 and $\text{Sc}_6\text{Cu}_{0.80(2)}\text{Te}_{2.20(2)}$.
The anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form: $-2p^2[h^2 a^*2U11 + \dots + 2 h$
 $k a^* b^* U12]$

Sc_6AgTe_2	U11	U22	U33	U23	U13	U12
Ag1	12(1)	10(1)	11(1)	0	2(1)	0
Te2	12(1)	10(1)	10(1)	0	1(1)	0
Te3	12(1)	9(1)	11(1)	0	0(1)	0
Sc1	12(1)	20(1)	13(1)	0	2(1)	0
Sc2	14(1)	16(1)	9(1)	0	0(1)	0
Sc3	13(1)	12(1)	10(1)	0	0(1)	0
Sc4	16(1)	15(1)	15(1)	0	-4(1)	0
Sc5	17(1)	10(1)	11(1)	0	0(1)	0
Sc6	13(1)	23(1)	15(1)	0	1(1)	0

$\text{Sc}_6\text{Cu}_{0.80(2)}\text{Te}_{2.20(2)}$	U11	U22	U33	U23	U13	U12
Cu1	11(1)	9(1)	10(1)	0	3(1)	0
Te2	12(1)	11(1)	8(1)	0	1(1)	0
Te3	11(1)	9(1)	10(1)	0	0(1)	0
Sc1	10(1)	24(1)	12(1)	0	1(1)	0
Sc2	14(1)	26(1)	8(1)	0	0(1)	0
Sc3	13(1)	13(1)	10(1)	0	0(1)	0
Sc4	17(1)	23(1)	16(1)	0	6(1)	0
Sc5	13(1)	10(1)	10(1)	0	0(1)	0
Sc6	12(1)	18(1)	15(1)	0	2(1)	0