

1 **[Cu(m-MeCO₂)₂(4-Bzpy)]₂ (4-Bzpy ¼ 4-benzylpyridine): Study of the intermolecular C₆H/O**
2 **hydrogen bonds at two temperatures**

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39 **ABSTRACT:**

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41 Cu(m-MeCO₂)₂(4-Bzpy)]₂ (4-Bzpy $\frac{1}{4}$ 4-benzylpyridine) has been synthesized by reaction of [Cu(m-
42 MeCO₂)₂(H₂O)]₂ with 4-Bzpy in methanol at room temperature. The compound was characterized by
43 Elemental Analysis, ATR-FTIR and X-ray Powder Diffraction. The molecular structure was determined
44 by single crystal X-ray diffraction analysis at 100 K and 303 K. The compound consists of binuclear
45 units where both Cu(II) atoms are linked by four syn-syn carboxylate bridges, showing a paddle-wheel
46 unit. The role of C=H/O hydrogen bonds in the establishment of its supramolecular network is discussed,
47 comparing the resulting structural parameters at the two different temperatures. Finally, the thermal
48 variation of $\chi_p T$ for compound 1 has also been studied, suggesting an antiferromagnetic Cu/Cu
49 interaction ($J \frac{1}{4} 311 \text{ cm}^{-1}$), which agrees with the presence of four m-kO-kO₀ carboxylates bridging
50 the metallic centers in the binuclear complex.

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52 1. INTRODUCTION

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54 The synthesis, crystal structure and properties of numerous copper(II) carboxylates have already been
55 extensively studied, garnering great interest due to their diverse structural features [1e4], spectroscopic,
56 magnetic and catalytic activities [5,6]. Furthermore, a large number of paddle-wheel type binuclear
57 copper(II) carboxylate adducts $[\text{Cu}(\text{m-RCO}_2)_2(\text{L})]_2$, where L is an apical ligand with oxygen or
58 nitrogen atom, have been reported in the literature, many of them featuring pyridine groups [7e12]. In
59 their synthesis, metal carboxylates, along with N- and O- donor atoms, have often been used with the
60 aim of constructing paddle-wheels with mixed ligands, which might have interesting structural features
61 with useful applications.

62 Binuclear paddle-wheel Cu(II) units have attracted attention as building-blocks for Supramolecular
63 Metal Organic Frameworks (SMOFs), porous materials sustained by intermolecular weak forces
64 [13,14]. SMOFs have attracted great attention due the possibility of out-performing Metal Organic
65 Frameworks (MOFs) in its industrial applications due to enhanced host-guest interactions and
66 wetprocessability. Among the weak forces that hold SMOFs together, hydrogen bonds have a special
67 importance as they are among the strongest intermolecular forces, and play a central role in crystal
68 engineering [15,16]. Beyond the classical XeH\$\$\$O bond (X $\frac{1}{4}$ N, O or halogen), nowadays the
69 importance of CeH/O bonds is widely recognized, despite strong controversy over past years [17e20].
70 Although CeH/O bonds have been extensively studied regarding organic compounds, its importance in
71 coordination chemistry is now being recognized [21e23].

72 As a continuing effort to enhance the comprehension of structure, reactivity and different properties of
73 the copper(II) carboxylate compounds, we employed pyridine ligands with the potential to incorporate
74 intra- and intermolecular interactions (e.g. hydrogen bond, p-p stacking, etc) [1,2]. In this context, we
75 have studied the synthesis and structural characterization of 1,3-benzodioxole-5-carboxylic acid (HPip)
76 and different amines (3-phenylpyridine and 4-phenylpyridine) with $\text{Zn}(\text{MeCO}_2)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and $\text{Cd}(\text{Me}-$
77 $\text{CO}_2)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ obtaining the compounds $[\text{Zn}(\text{m-Pip})_2(3\text{-Phpy})]_2$, $[\text{Zn}(\text{m-Pip})_2(4\text{-Phpy})]_2$, $[\text{Cd}(\text{m}-$
78 $\text{Pip})(\text{Pip})(3\text{-Phpy})_2]_2$ and $[\text{Cd}(\text{m-Pip})(\text{- Pip})(4\text{-Phpy})_2]_2$ coordination dimers [24]. We also studied the
79 reaction of the same ligand (HPip) with $[\text{Cu}(\text{m-MeCO}_2)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})]_2$ and pyridine ligands (dPy $\frac{1}{4}$ 3-Phpy,
80 4-Bzpy and 4-Phpy) obtaining $[\text{Cu}(\text{Pip})_2(3\text{-Phpy})(\text{H}_2\text{O})]$ and $[\text{Cu}(\text{Pip})_2(4\text{-Bzpy})_2][\text{Cu}(\text{Pip})_2(4\text{-}$
81 $\text{Bzpy})_2(\text{HPip})]$ monomeric compounds and $[\text{Cu}(\text{m-Pip})_2(\text{dPy})]_2$ (dPy $\frac{1}{4}$ 3-Phpy, 4-Bzpy) and $[\text{Cu}(\text{m}-$
82 $\text{Pip})(\text{Pip})(4\text{-Phpy})_2]_2$ dimeric compounds [25]. Moreover, when the reaction of HPip and $[\text{Cu}(\text{m}-$
83 $\text{MeCO}_2)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})]_2$ in 1:1 M:L is assayed, heteroleptic compound is obtained $[\text{Cu}(\text{m-Pip})(\text{m}-$
84 $\text{MeCO}_2)(\text{MeOH})]_2$ [26].

85 Recently in our group, we have assayed the reaction of $[\text{Cu}(\text{m-MeCO}_2)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})]_2$ and pyridine ligands
86 (dPy $\frac{1}{4}$ 3-Phpy, 2-Bzpy and 4- Acpy) obtaining always paddle-wheel compounds $[\text{Cu}(\text{m}-$
87 $\text{MeCO}_2)_2(\text{dPy})]_2$ [27]. As a continuation of this work, in this manuscript we are interested in the
88 reaction of $[\text{Cu}(\text{m-MeCO}_2)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})]_2$ with 4-Bzpy. In particular, we report the synthesis, IR

89 spectroscopy and X-ray crystal structure of the resulting compound $[\text{Cu}(\text{MeCO}_2)_2(4\text{-Bzpy})]_2$ (1).
90 Furthermore, the X-ray crystal structure was determined at two different temperatures, 100 K (1A) and
91 303 K (1B), which allow to study the effect of temperature in its supramolecular structure, with special
92 focus on the role of C-H/O hydrogen bonds. Finally, magnetic studies for this compound were also
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96 2. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

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98 2.1. Synthesis and general characterization

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100 Complex 1, was prepared in MeOH at room temperature via combination of $[\text{Cu}(\text{m-MeCO}_2)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})]_2$
101 and 4-benzylpyridine (4-Bzpy), yielding complex $[\text{Cu}(\text{m-MeCO}_2)_2(4\text{-Bzpy})]_2$, a paddlewheel product.
102 In this reaction, the coordinated apical H_2O molecules were displaced by the pyridine-derived ligand.
103 The corresponding crystals suitable for X-ray crystallographic analysis were grown via slow evaporation
104 of their mother liquors. The obtained compound is green and elemental analyses agree with the proposed
105 formula. Phase purity of the compound was confirmed via a whole pattern matching process. The
106 experimental powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) is compared against a pattern calculated using DAjust
107 software [28], which considers the defining parameters (space group, symmetry group, unit cell
108 parameters) of the solved crystal structure. The result is graphically represented using WinPlotR
109 software [29] (SI, Fig. S1).

110 Shifts in the ATR-FTIR spectrum of the compound compared to the reagents, $[\text{Cu}(\text{m-MeCO}_2)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})]_2$
111 and 4-Bzpy (SI, Fig. S2-S4), confirms their coordination to the metal centre. Bands assignable to
112 carboxylate group give key information about the coordination mode. This compound displays the bands
113 attributable to carboxylate anion at 1600 cm^{-1} for $\nu_{\text{as}}(\text{COO})$ and 1423 cm^{-1} for $\nu_{\text{s}}(\text{COO})$, the
114 difference between $\nu_{\text{as}}(\text{COO})$ and $\nu_{\text{s}}(\text{COO})$ is 177 cm^{-1} , indicating bidentate bridging coordination
115 mode of the acetate group [30,31]. The bands attributable to the aromatic groups $\nu_{\text{ar}}(\text{C}=\text{C})$, $\nu_{\text{ar}}(\text{C}=\text{N})$,
116 $\delta_{\text{ip}}(\text{C}-\text{H})$ and $\delta_{\text{oop}}(\text{C}-\text{H})$ are also observed [32]. The IR spectral data thus clearly lend support to the
117 structure determined by the X-ray diffraction method (SI, Fig. S4).

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120 2.2. Crystal structure of $[\text{Cu}(\text{m-MeCO}_2)_2(4\text{-Bzpy})]_2$ (1)

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122 The compound was isolated as green prism-like crystals. Single crystal X-ray diffraction revealed that
123 the compound is $[\text{Cu}(\text{m-MeCO}_2)_2(4\text{-Bzpy})]_2$ (1) and crystallizes in the monoclinic space group $P2_1/c$.
124 The representation is shown in Fig. 1. Selected bond distances and angles are provided in Table 1.
125 The Cu atoms adopt the $[\text{CuO}_4\text{N}]$ coordination mode, with four oxygen atoms from different
126 carboxylates and one nitrogen atom from 4-Bzpy ligand. The structure consists in a centrosymmetric
127 binuclear copper(II) unit and is typical of binuclear $[\text{M}_2(\text{carboxylate})_4\text{L}_2]$ complexes [33]. The
128 carboxylate groups of the acetate ligands display a paddle-wheel-like arrangement, with four bridging
129 acetate ligands in a syn-syn coordination mode. At 100 K, the $\text{Cu}\cdots\text{Cu}$ separation is $2.6222(6)\text{ \AA}$,
130 whereas at 303 K is $2.6311(10)$. Both values are comparable to those reported for paddlewheel
131 complexes with similar structure [25,26,34,35]. The tetra-carboxylate bridging framework
132 accommodates a metal-metal separation up to 3.452 \AA [33]. Each Cu(II) has a slightly distorted square-

133 pyramidal coordination geometry ($t \frac{1}{4} 1.33 \text{ \AA}$ at 100 K, 5.17 \AA at 303 K) [36], with the
134 apex provided by axial coordination of the 4-Bzpy ligand. The Cu-O bond distances range from 1.963
135 (4) to 1.975 (4) Å and the Cu(1)-N(1) bond length is 2.1828 (19) Å at 100 K and 2.191 (4) at 303 K,
136 which are comparable with the reported values in $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{m-MeCO}_2)_2(\text{L})_2]$ ($L \frac{1}{4} 4$ -
137 dimethylaminopyridine [37], nicotinamide [38], N-2-acetamidopyridine [39], 2-[N-(2-
138 pyridyl)carbomoyl]pyridine [38], and 4-pyridylmethanol [40].
139 Intramolecular distances are barely affected by the change in temperature, as the differences between
140 both temperatures are in the range of 0.002 Å to 0.01 Å. These values are almost on the order of
141 magnitude corresponding to the standard deviation of the bond lengths in the elucidated crystal
142 structure, thus being negligible. The effect on intramolecular angles is more noticeable, as the
143 differences range between 0.40° and 3.57° , being especially noticeable the effect on the O3-Cu1-N1
144 (increase in 3.57°) and O4#1-Cu1-N1 (decrease in 3.17°) angles. Those slight changes in the bond
145 angles result in a slight increase in $t: 1.33 \text{ \AA}$ at 100 K, 5.17 \AA at 303 K, however, the overall
146 coordination geometry of the Cu(II) cation remains unchanged (Table 1).

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149 2.3. Extended structures of 1 (A and B)

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151 The supramolecular structure of 1 is completely dominated by non-covalent C-H/O interactions at both
152 temperatures (100 K and 303 K). June Sutor, pioneer researcher on the structural role of C-H/O bonds
153 established its limits based on a $d(\text{H/O})$ distance [41,42] inferior to the sum of the Van der Waals radii
154 of H and O (2.72 Å according to Bondi [43] or 2.61 Å according to Rowland and Taylor [44]). On the
155 other hand, studies carried out by Steiner show that most of C-H/O bonds are comprised in the range of
156 $d(\text{H/O}) < 2.7 \text{ \AA}$ [45], which is more or less coincident with the sum of Van der Waals radii of H and O.
157 However, this same Steiner [45] affirms that using either the $d(\text{H/O})$ distance or the sum of Van
158 derWaals radii as a limit is an arbitrary election and could result in dismissing important interactions,
159 and demonstrates that C-H/O interactions can be found up to $d(\text{H/O})$ distances of 3.20 Å [15,17,20]. In
160 this work, $d(\text{H/O})$ interactions up to 2.90 Å will be considered, for the purposes of comparing the
161 structural parameters of compound 1 at 100 K and 303 K.

162 At low temperature (100 K) (1A) the main C-H/O hydrogen bonds results in a three-dimensional
163 expansion (Fig. 2). They are formed by the interaction of coordinated oxygens of the acetate moiety with
164 methyl and pyridyl functional groups from the acetate and pyridine ligands. The strongest, responsible
165 for the expansion in the c direction is C16-H16C/O3, O3 belonging to the coordinated acetate and H16C
166 to the methyl group of neighbouring acetate. This interaction results in the formation of a 1D chain (Fig.
167 3, top). The second one, responsible for the expansion in both b and c direction, involves O4 of the same
168 coordinate acetate and H2, a hydrogen in meta position of a neighbouring pyridyl ring resulting in the
169 formation of 2D layers in the bc plane (Fig. 3, down). Other minor interactions strengthen the plane,

170 such as C14eH14C/O3, which connects the same O3 that participates in the first mentioned
171 intermolecular interaction with another methyl group. Those three interactions are within the range of d
172 (H/O) < 2.7 Å and can be he considered the main ones in this structure. The final 3D expansion is
173 caused by the interaction between O4 and H10 (Fig. 3, top) a hydrogen of the benzene ring of 4-Bzpy,
174 which holds the layer together albeit this interaction is much weaker when compared to the previous
175 ones as d (H/O) > 2.7 Å (Table 2).

176 When the structure is measured at higher temperatures (303 K) (1B), the first thing we should note is
177 that the expansion of the cell is very small, representing only an increase in 3% in volume. At this
178 temperature, only one hydrogen bond with d (H/O) < 2.7 Å is present, this interaction is C2eH2/O4.
179 Therefore, due its propagation in both b and c directions, it is confirmed that the supramolecular 2D
180 layers are conserved. The rest of the interactions (O3/H16C, O3/H14C and O4/H10) are weakened at
181 this temperature because d (H/O) distance increases by 0.091 Åe0.103 Å, resulting in d (H/O) > 2.7 Å
182 (Fig. 4). These results agree with similar values obtained in previous studies reported in the literature
183 [45,46]. The fact that these interactions are weakened at higher temperatures suggests relatively weak
184 interaction strength.

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187 2.4. Magnetic properties of compound 1

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189 For compound 1, the cpT values reach a maximum at around 300 K and decreases upon cooling until
190 around 65 K, where the formation of a plateau-like region can be foreshadowed, as seen in Fig. 5. This
191 behaviour suggests a strong antiferromagnetic Cu\$\$\$Cu interaction, which is typical of Cu(II) paddle-
192 wheels [26]. The magnetic behaviour of this compound can be modelled according to the classical
193 Bleany and Bowers S ¼ 1/2 dimer model [47]. This model reproduces accurately the magnetic
194 properties on the selected temperature range. Found parameters are: g ¼ 2.00; J (cm⁻¹)¼ 311; r (%)¼
195 2.39; H ¼ -JSiþl. These values are in agreement with other reported values in the literature, including
196 the original Cu(II) acetate complex (J¼ 284 cm⁻¹) [48].

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198 **3. CONCLUSIONS**

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200 We described [Cu(m-MeCO₂)₂(4-Bzpy)]₂ (1) formed by [Cu(m-MeCO₂)₂]₂ paddle-wheel units and 4-
201 benzylpyridine coordinated to the apical positions of copper atoms. The compound has been fully
202 characterized to investigate their structural and spectroscopic properties. Moreover, a study of its
203 supramolecular structure is carried out at 100 K (1A) and 303 K (1B) to observe the effect of
204 temperature on its structural parameters. Single crystal X-ray diffraction shows that the main forces
205 involved in sustaining the supramolecular 2D layers are CeH/O bonds. The unit cell of 1 undergoes a
206 minor expansion (approx. 3% in volume) when the temperature is changed between 100 K and 303 K,
207 and the effects of this temperature increase on the atomic bonds are barely noticeable. The
208 intermolecular structure is retained as seen via PXRD. The CeH/O are weakened when the temperature
209 is increased, as d (H/O) increases 0.096 Å on average for the selected interactions, which is in range of
210 previously reported studies [45]. This results in having three interactions with d (H/O) < 2.7 Å at 100 K
211 and only one interaction with d (H/O) < 2.7 Å at 303 K. The dimeric complex shows a strong intradimer
212 Cu/Cu antiferromagnetic interaction, which is in agreement with the values of similar compounds
213 reported in the literature [26,48].

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215 4. EXPERIMENTAL

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217 4.1. Materials and general details

218 Cu(II) acetate monohydrate ($\text{Cu}(\text{m-MeCO}_2)_2\text{H}_2\text{O}$), 4-benzylpyridine (4-Bzpy) and methanol (MeOH)
219 were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and used without further purification. All reactions and
220 manipulation were carried out in air. Elemental analyses (C, H, N) were carried out by the staff of
221 Chemical Analysis Service of the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona on a Euro Vector 3100
222 instrument. IR spectra were recorded on a Tensor 27 (Bruker) spectrometer, equipped with an attenuated
223 total reflectance (ATR) accessory model MKII Golden Gate with diamond window in the range
224 $4000\text{e}600\text{ cm}^{-1}$. Powder X-ray diffraction patterns were measured with a Siemens 5000 apparatus
225 using the $\text{CuK}\alpha$ radiation. Patterns were recorded from 2θ $\frac{1}{4}$ 5° $\text{e}50^\circ$ with a step scan of 0.02°
226 counting for 1s at each step. Data was processed with DAjust software [28] and graphically represented
227 using WinPlotR software [29]. Magnetic measurements from 65 to 300 K were carried out with a
228 Quantum Design MPMS-5S SQUID susceptometer using a 100 Oe field.

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230 4.2. Synthesis of $[\text{Cu}(\text{m-MeCO}_2)_2(4\text{-Bzpy})]_2$ (1)

231 To a solution of 4-benzylpyridine (0.103 g, 0.610 mmol), in MeOH (20 mL), $\text{Cu}(\text{m-MeCO}_2)_2\text{H}_2\text{O}$
232 (0.109 g, 0.550 mmol) in MeOH (20 mL) was added. The resulting light blue solution was allowed to
233 evaporate at room temperature. When the solution volume was reduced to 20 mL, a green crystalline
234 solid appeared; it was filtered, washed with cold MeOH (5 mL) and dried in the air.

235 Yield: 572mg (81.4%) (respect to $\text{Cu}(\text{m-MeCO}_2)_2\text{H}_2\text{O}$). Elemental Analyses: Calc. for
236 $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{34}\text{N}_2\text{O}_8\text{Cu}_2$ (701.69): C, 54.77; H, 4.88; N, 3.99. Found: C, 55.05; H, 4.93; N, 3.90%. ATR-FTIR
237 (wavenumber, cm^{-1}): 3062-3004(w) [n(CeH)ar], 2995-2924(w) [n(CeH)al], 1600(s) [nas (COO),
238 n(C)C/n(C)N], 1558(w), 1494(w), 1423(s) [ns (COO), d(C)C/d(C)N], 1351(w), 1220(m), 1095(m),
239 1069(w), 1051(w), 1033(w), 1016(m) [d(CeH)ip], 858(w), 831(w), 793 (m), 738(m), 681(s)
240 [d(CeH)oop], 615(m).

241 The variation of the magnetization with temperature of 0.1356 g (0.1930 mmols) in a 100 Oe field was
242 measured. The calculated diamagnetic contribution of this compound was found to be 1.85×10^{-4}
243 cm^3/mol using Pascal's constants [49].

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245 4.3. X-ray crystallography

246 A green prism-like specimen was used for the X-ray crystallographic analysis. The X-ray intensity data
247 were measured on a D8 Venture system equipped with a multilayer mono-chromate and a Mo
248 microfocus ($1 \frac{1}{4}$ 0.71073 \AA). For this compound (100 K (1A), 303 K (1B)), the frames were integrated
249 with the Bruker SAINT Software package using a narrow-frame algorithm. At 100 K (1A), the
250 integration of the data using a monoclinic unit cell yielded a total of 16918 reflections to a maximum q

251 angle of 26.06° (0.81 Å resolution), of which 3013 were independent (average redundancy 5615,
252 completeness $\frac{1}{4}$ 99.8%), R_{int} $\frac{1}{4}$ 5.81%, R_{sig} $\frac{1}{4}$ 3.78%) and 2518 (83.57%) were greater than $2s(F_2)$.
253 The calculated minimum and maximum transmission coefficients (based on crystal size) are 0.5924 and
254 0.7453. At 303 K (1B), the integration of the data using a monoclinic unit cell yielded a total of 20586
255 reflections to a maximum θ angle of 26.40° (0.80 Å resolution), of which 3193 were independent (average
256 redundancy 6447, completeness $\frac{1}{4}$ 99.2%), R_{int} $\frac{1}{4}$ 3.42%, R_{sig} $\frac{1}{4}$ 2.18%) and 2866 (89.76%) were
257 greater than $2s(F_2)$. The calculated minimum and maximum transmission coefficients (based on crystal
258 size) are 0.6490 and 0.7454.

259 The structures were solved using the Bruker SHELXTL Software, package and refined using SHELX
260 [50]. At 100 K (1A), the final anisotropic full-matrix least-squares refinement on F_2 with 201 variables
261 converged at R_1 $\frac{1}{4}$ 3.24%, for the observed data and wR_2 $\frac{1}{4}$ 8.12% for all data. At 303 K (1B) the final
262 anisotropic fullmatrix least-squares refinement on F_2 with 201 variables converged at R_1 $\frac{1}{4}$ 5.17%, for
263 the observed data and wR_2 $\frac{1}{4}$ 16.93% for all data. For 1A and 1B, the final cell constants and volume,
264 are based upon the refinement of the XYZ-centroids of reflections above $2\sigma(I)$. Data were corrected for
265 absorption effects using the multi-scan method (SADABS). Crystal data and relevant details of structure
266 refinement for compound 1 (1A, 1B), are reported in Table 3. Complete information about the crystal
267 structure and molecular geometry is available in CIF format as Supporting Information. CCDC 1585996
268 (1A), and 1585997 (1B) contain the supplementary data for this paper. Molecular graphics were
269 generated with the program Mercury 3.6 [51,52]. Color codes for all molecular graphics: blue (Cu), light
270 blue (N), red (O), grey (C), white (H).

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278 **APPENDIX A. SUPPLEMENTARY DATA**

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360 **Legends to figures**

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362 **Figure. 1** [Cu(m-MeCO₂)₂ (4-Bzpy)]₂ at 100 K (1A) showing the labelling scheme for relevant atoms.

363 See Table 1 for selected values of bond lengths and bond angles.

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365 **Figure.2** 3D network generated by propagating intermolecular contacts determined at 100 K. View
366 along the a axis (top). View along the c axis (down). All hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity, except
367 those participating in hydrogen bonds.

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369 **Figure.3.** Detail of the propagation of the C16eH16C/O3 and C10eH10/O4 hydrogen bonds (blue lines).

370 Note the 1D chains parallel to the c axis (100 K) generated by C16eH16/O3 and the expansion along the

371 a direction generated by the C10eH10/O4 interaction (top). Detail of the propagation of the

372 C14eH14C/O3 and C2eH2/O4 hydrogen bonds (blue lines, down). Note the 2D layers parallel to the bc

373 plane (100 K). All hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity, except those participating in hydrogen bonds.

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377 **Figure.4** Comparative diagram showing the extend of the H-bond (blue lines) network at 100 K and

378 303K. View along the a axis (top). View along the c axis (down). Note that although the 2D layers

379 parallel to bc plane are still held together, but how the interaction along the a axis disappears (down).

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384 **Figure.5** Thermal variation of cpT for 1. The solid red line is the best fit to the proposed model. (For

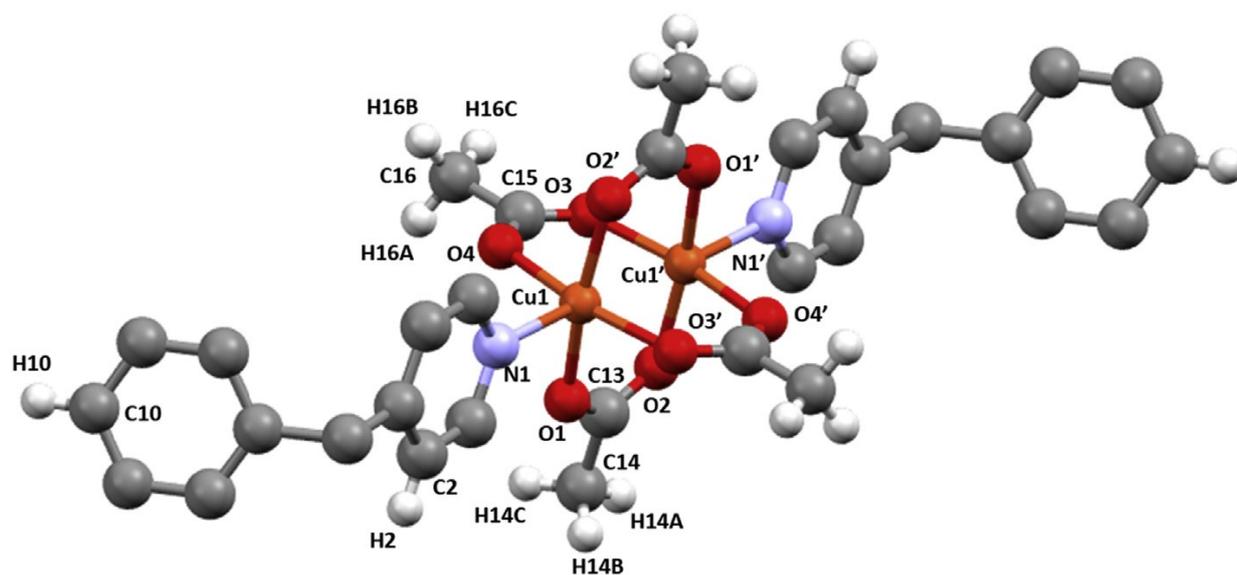
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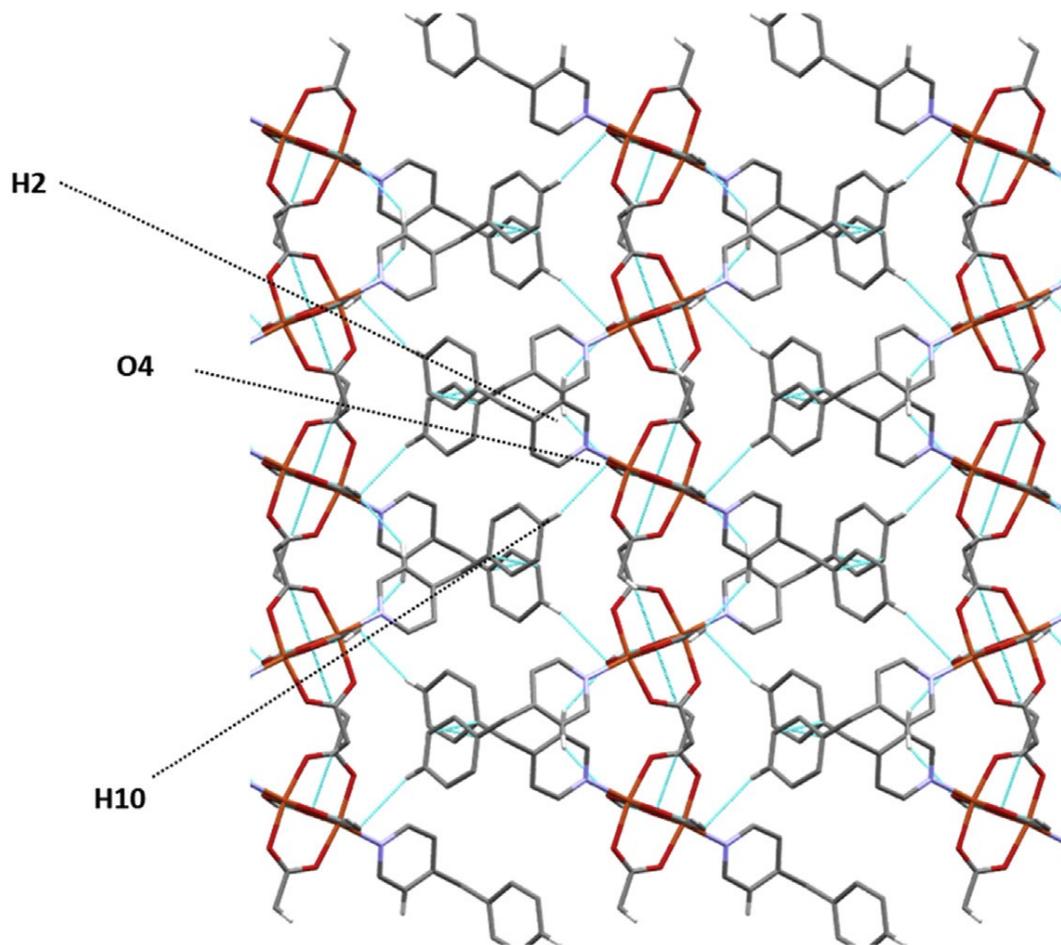
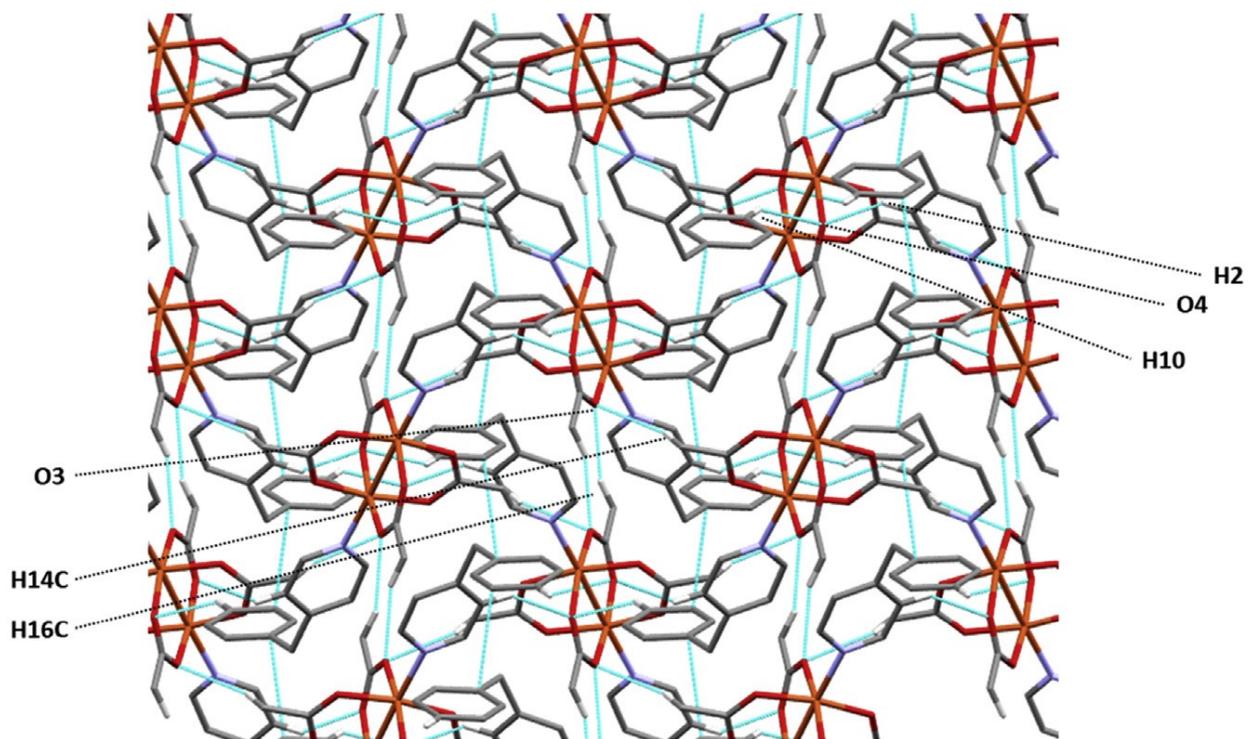
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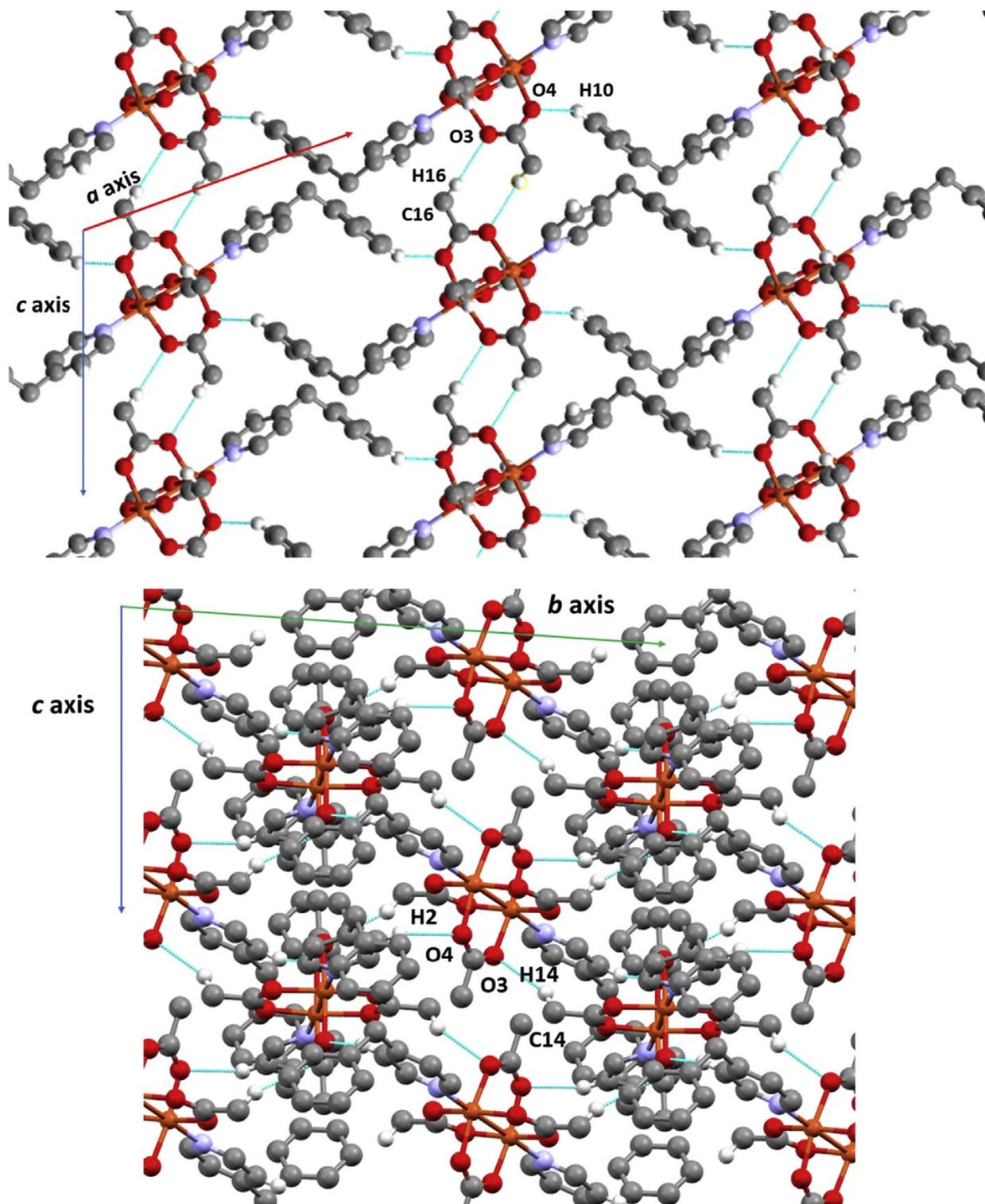
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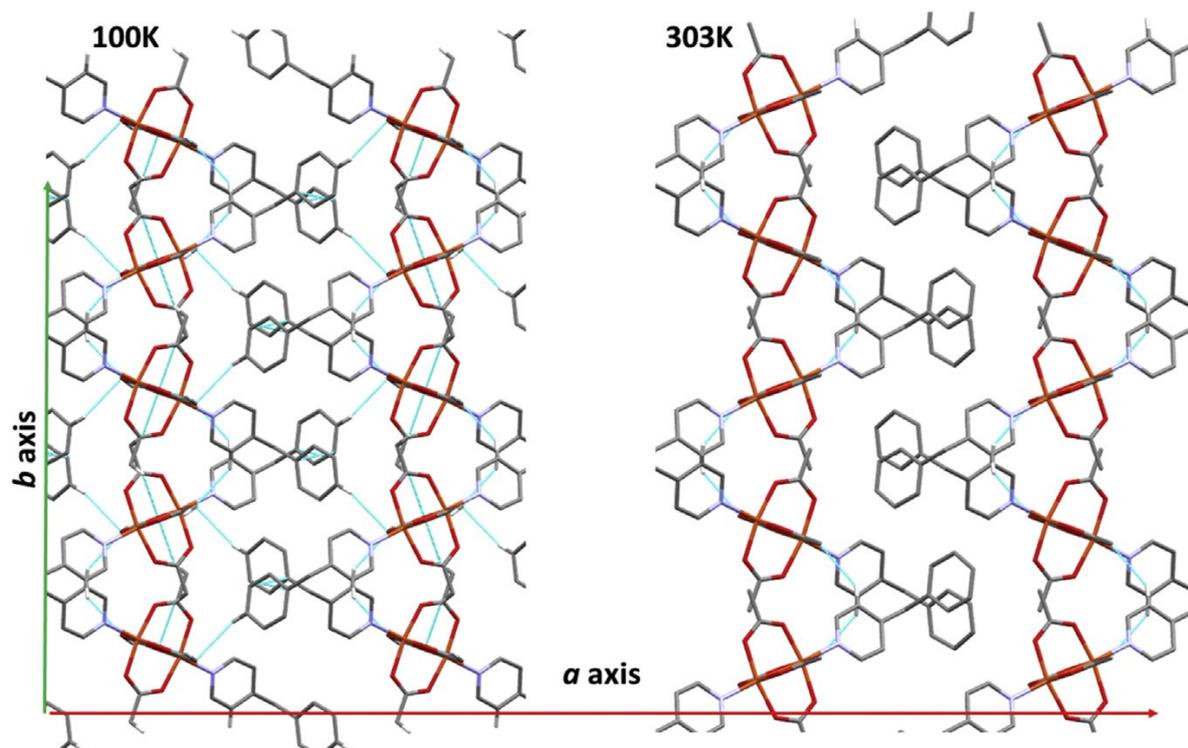
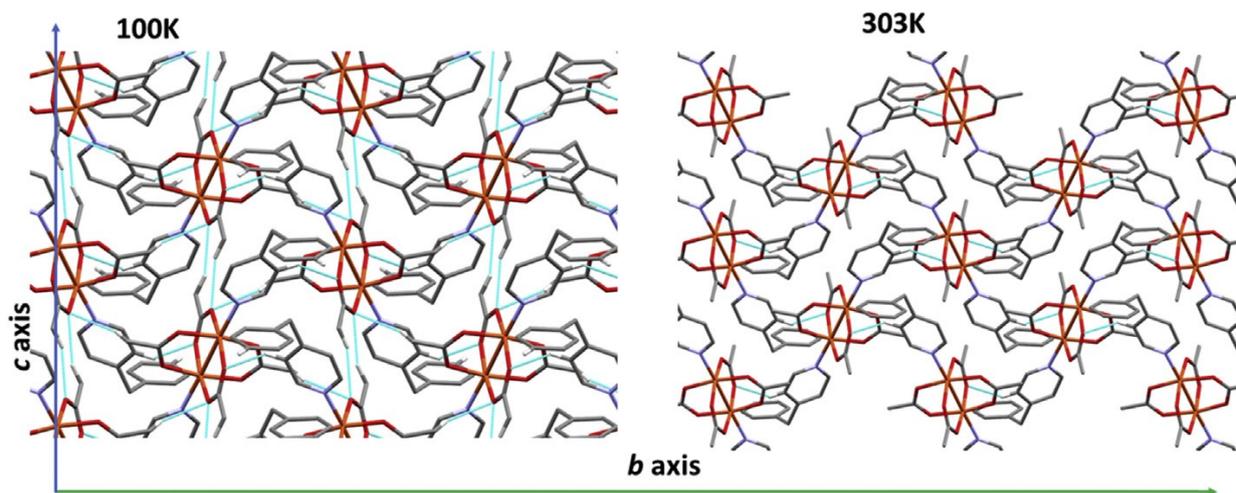
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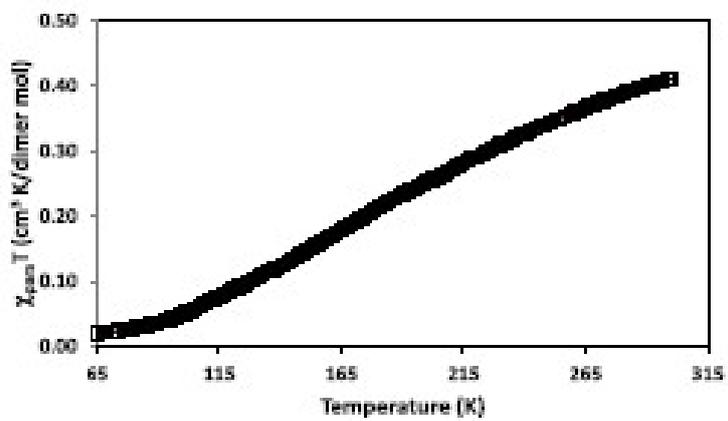
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415 **Table 1.** Selected bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (°) for 1A (100 K) and 1B (303 K).

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Bond length (Å)	1A (100K)	Bond length (Å)	1B (303K)
Cu(1)-O(1)#1	1.9637 (18)	Cu(1)-O(1)	1.975 (4)
Cu(1)-O(2)	1.9690 (18)	Cu(1)-O(2)#1	1.963 (4)
Cu(1)-O(3)	1.9695 (18)	Cu(1)-O(3)	1.962 (4)
Cu(1)-O(4)#1	1.9715 (18)	Cu(1)-O(4)#1	1.973 (4)
Cu(1)-N(1)	2.1828 (19)	Cu(1)-N(1)	2.191 (4)
Cu(1)-Cu(1)#1	2.6222 (6)	Cu(1)-Cu(1)#1	2.6311 (10)
Bond Angles (°)			
O(1)#1-Cu(1)-O(2)	168.60 (7)	O(1)-Cu(1)-O(2)#1	167.81 (15)
O(1)#1-Cu(1)-O(3)	90.27 (9)	O(1)-Cu(1)-O(3)	88.52 (18)
O(2)-Cu(1)-O(3)	88.58 (8)	O(2)#1-Cu(1)-O(3)	89.67 (17)
O(1)#1-Cu(1)-O(4)#1	89.30 (8)	O(4)#1-Cu(1)-O(1)	90.26 (18)
O(2)-Cu(1)-O(4)#1	89.58 (8)	O(2)#1-Cu(1)-O(4)#1	89.04 (18)
O(3)-Cu(1)-O(4)#1	168.52 (7)	O(3)-Cu(1)-O(4)#1	168.12 (15)
O(1)#1-Cu(1)-N(1)	93.52 (7)	O(1)#1-Cu(1)-N(1)	94.62 (15)
O(2)-Cu(1)-N(1)	97.88 (7)	O(2)#1-Cu(1)-N(1)	97.57 (15)
O(3)-Cu(1)-N(1)	94.54 (7)	O(3)-Cu(1)-N(1)	98.11 (15)
O(4)#1-Cu(1)-N(1)	96.94 (7)	O(4)#1-Cu(1)-N(1)	93.77 (15)

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419 **Table 2** Distances (Å) and angles (°) related to hydrogen bonding interactions for 1A (100 K) and 1B
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	C-H...O	C-H	H-C...O	C-H...O	Symmetry code
1A					
C16-H16C...O3	2.548	0.980	3.482	159.16	1-x, 1-y, z
C14-H14C...O3	2.646	0.980	3.538	151.46	1-x, 1/2+y, 3/2-z
C2-H2...O4	2.595	0.950	3.349	136.54	1-x, 3/2-y, 1/2+z
C10-H10...O4	2.775	0.950	3.603	146.27	
1B					
C16-H16C...O3	2.751	0.960	3.581	145.15	1-x, 1-y, 2-z
C14-H14C...O3	2.737	0.959	3.609	151.41	1-x, -1/2 + y, 3/2-z
C2-H2...O4	2.672	0.930	3.426	138.67	1-x, -1/2 + y, 3/2-z
C10-H10...O4	2.877	0.930	3.700	148.15	2-x, 1/2+y, 3/2-z

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	1A (100 K)	1B (303 K)
Formula	C ₂₂ H ₂₄ N ₂ O ₈ Cu ₂	C ₂₂ H ₂₄ N ₂ O ₈ Cu ₂
Formula Weight	701.69	701.69
Temperature (K)	100 (2)	303 (2)
Wavelength (Å)	0.71073	0.71073
System, space group	Monoclinic, <i>P2₁/c</i>	Monoclinic, <i>P2₁/c</i>
a (Å)	14.0442 (12)	14.0888 (8)
b (Å)	13.1036 (10)	13.2921 (7)
c (Å)	8.6257 (7)	8.7292 (5)
α (°)	90	90
β (°)	106.611 (3)	106.406 (2)
γ (°)	90	90
U (Å ³ /Z)	1521.1 (2)/2	1568.16 (15)/2
D _{calc} (g cm ⁻³)/μ (mm ⁻¹)	1.532/1.453	1.486/1.409
F(000)	724	724
Crystal size (mm ³)	0.140 × 0.112 × 0.075	0.506 × 0.120 × 0.091
hkl ranges	-17 ≤ h ≤ 17, -16 ≤ k ≤ 16, -10 ≤ l ≤ 10	-17 ≤ h ≤ 17, -16 ≤ k ≤ 16, -10 ≤ l ≤ 10
2θ Range (°)	2.914 to 26.063	2.149 to 26.399
Reflections collected/ unique/[R _{int}]	16918/3013 [R (int) = 0.0581]	20586/3193 [R (int) = 0.0342]
Completeness to θ (%)	99.9	99.3
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical	Semi-empirical
Max. and min. trans.	0.7453 and 0.5924	0.7454 and 0.6490
Data/restraints/parameters	3013/0/201	3193/0/201
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.043	1.167
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R ₁ = 0.0324, wR ₂ = 0.0763	R ₁ = 0.0517, wR ₂ = 0.1633
R indices (all data)	R ₁ = 0.0443, wR ₂ = 0.0812	R ₁ = 0.0566, wR ₂ = 0.1693
Extinction coefficient	n/a	n/a
Largest diff. peak and hole (e Å ⁻³)	+0.503, -0.441	+1.272, -0.670