

1 **Preparation, spectroscopic and structural study of copper(II) complexes derived from bulky**
2 **pyridine ligands**

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28 **ABSTRACT:**

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30 Three different binuclear tetracarboxylato-bridged copper(II) complexes supported by bulky pyridines
31 ligands [Cu(m-MeCO₂)₂(dPy)]₂ (dPy = 3-phenylpyridine (1), 2-benzylpyridine (2) and 4-acetylpyridine
32 (3)) have been synthesised. These compounds were obtained from reaction of [Cu(MeCO₂)₂(H₂O)]₂
33 with pyridine-derived ligands in methanol at room temperature. All compounds were fully characterized
34 by analytical and spectroscopic methods. The molecular structures were determined by X-ray diffraction
35 analysis. All compounds consist of binuclear units where both Cu(II) atoms are linked by four syn–syn
36 carboxylates bridges, showing a paddle-wheel unit, and exhibit interesting intermolecular interactions in
37 the outer coordination sphere.

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41 1. INTRODUCTION

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43 Self-assembly of copper(II) cations through a mixed ligand strategy has progressively become an
44 innovative approach, which generates frameworks with more diverse structures and, therefore, new and
45 unexpected properties [1]. Copper(II) shows different coordination numbers and geometries. Thus, their
46 complexes and solid-state compounds possess an array of different redox, magnetic, optical and
47 electrical properties because of their fascinating topologies and intriguing frameworks [2].

48 The synthesis, crystal structure and properties of several copper (II) carboxylates have already been
49 extensively studied, in particular with pyridine groups have garnered great interest due to their diverse
50 structural features [3], spectroscopic, magnetic and catalytic activities [4]. Furthermore, a large number
51 of paddle-wheel type binuclear copper(II) carboxylate adducts $[\text{Cu}(\text{RCO}_2)_2(\text{L})]_2$, where L is an apical
52 ligand with oxygen or nitrogen atom, have been reported in the literature [5]. In their synthesis metal
53 carboxylates, along with NA and OA donor atoms, have often been used with the aim of constructing
54 paddle-wheel with mixed ligands, which might have interesting structural features with useful
55 applications.

56 As a continuing effort to enhance the structure, reactivity and different properties of the copper(II)
57 compounds, we employed pyridylamines ligands with the potential to incorporate intraand
58 intermolecular interactions (e.g. hydrogen bond, p-p stacking, etc) [1 a,b]. In this context, we have
59 studied the synthesis and structural characterization of 1,3-benzodioxole-5-carboxylic acid (HPip) and
60 different amines (3-phenylpyridine and 4-phenylpyridine) with $\text{Zn}(\text{MeCO}_2)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and
61 $\text{Cd}(\text{MeCO}_2)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ obtaining the compounds $[\text{Zn}(\text{m-Pip})_2(3\text{-Phpy})]_2$, $[\text{Zn}(\text{m-Pip})_2(4\text{-Phpy})]_2$,
62 $[\text{Cd}(\text{m-Pip})(\text{Pip})(3\text{-Phpy})_2]_2$ and $[\text{Cd}(\text{m-Pip})(\text{Pip})(4\text{-Phpy})_2]_2$ coordination dimers [6]. Also studied the
63 reaction of the same ligand (HPip) with $[\text{Cu}(\text{MeCO}_2)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})]_2$ and pyridine ligands (dPy = 3-Phpy, 4-
64 Bzpy and 4-Phpy) obtaining $[\text{Cu}(\text{Pip})_2(3\text{-Phpy})(\text{H}_2\text{O})]$ and $[\text{Cu}(\text{Pip})_2(4\text{-Bzpy})][\text{Cu}(\text{Pip})_2(4\text{-}$
65 $\text{Bzpy})_2(\text{HPip})]$ monomeric and $[\text{Cu}(\text{m-Pip})_2(\text{dPy})]_2$ (dPy = 3-Phpy, 4-Bzpy) and $[\text{Cu}(\text{m-Pip})(\text{Pip})(4\text{-}$
66 $\text{Phpy})_2]_2$ dimeric compounds [7]. Moreover, when the reaction of HPip and $[\text{Cu}(\text{MeCO}_2)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})]_2$ in
67 1:1 M:L is assayed, another compound is obtained $[\text{Cu}(\text{m-Pip})(\text{m-MeCO}_2)(\text{MeOH})]_2$ [8].

68 In this manuscript, we are interested in the reaction of $[\text{Cu}(\text{MeCO}_2)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})]_2$ compound with bulky
69 amine derivatives, with the finality of replacing H₂O for different amines, and studied novel
70 supramolecular systems with the potential applications in gas storage/separation and catalysis. In
71 particular, we show the synthesis, IR spectroscopy and X-ray crystal structure of three paddle- wheel
72 copper complexes, $[\text{Cu}(\text{m-MeCO}_2)_2(\text{dPy})]_2$ (dPy = 3-phenylpyridine (1), 2-benzylpyridine (2) and 4-
73 acetylpyridine (3)), which are obtained from copper(II) acetate and different pyridylamines.

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75 2. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

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77 2.1. Synthesis and general characterization

78 Complexes 1–3, were prepared in MeOH at room temperature via combination of the [Cu(m-
79 MeCO₂)₂(H₂O)]₂ salt, 3-phenylpyridine (3-Phpy) (1), 2-benzylpyridine (2-Bzpy) (2), and 4-
80 acetylpyridine (4-Acpy) (3) with ratio 1:1. In these reactions, H₂O solvent were displaced by bulky
81 amine ligands. The corresponding crystals suitable for X-ray crystallographic analysis were grown via
82 slow evaporation of their solution. The three compounds were characterized by elemental analyses, IR
83 spectroscopy and single-crystal X-ray diffraction. Interestingly, compound 3 has been previously
84 described in the literature [9]. Thus, the authors have also assayed this reaction with acetonitrile as
85 solvent.

86 The elemental analyses for compounds 1–3 agree with the proposed formula. The IR spectra of 1–3
87 display the characteristic carboxylate bands in the range 1621–1615 cm⁻¹ for mas(CO₂) and 1429–
88 1423 cm⁻¹ for ms(CO₂) (Supporting Information Figs. S1, S2 and S3, respectively). The difference
89 between mas(CO₂) and ms(CO₂), for three compounds, is 192 cm⁻¹, indicating bidentate bridging
90 coordination mode of the acetate group [10,11]. The bands attributable to the aromatic groups
91 m(C@C)ar, m(C@N)ar, d(CAH)ip and d(CAH)oop are also observed [12]. The IR spectral data thus
92 clearly lend support to the structures determined by the X-ray diffraction method. UV–Vis electronic
93 spectra of the synthesised complexes were measured in methanol solution. All spectra show one band in
94 the visible region, between 706 and 682 nm with $\epsilon = 36\text{--}11 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ (Supporting Information
95 Figs. S4, S5 and S6, respectively). These values are characteristic of Cu(II) complexes [13].

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97 2.2. Crystal structure of complexes 1–3

98 The reaction of [Cu(m-MeCO₂)₂(H₂O)]₂ and 3-phenylpyridine (3-Phpy) (1), 2-benzylpyridine (2-
99 Bzpy) (2) and 4-acetylpyridine (3), in methanol at room temperature with ratio 1:1, leads [Cu
100 (MeCO₂)₂(3-Phpy)]₂ (1), [Cu(MeCO₂)₂(2-Bzpy)]₂ (2) and [Cu (MeCO₂)₂(4-Acpy)]₂ (3) compounds.
101 Perspective views of 1–3 are shown in Figs. 1–3 and selected distances and angles are provided in
102 Tables 1–3, respectively.

103 The crystal structure of 1–3 confirmed that the three compounds have a paddle-wheel binuclear Cu(II)
104 structures, with four bridging acetate ligands in a syn–syn coordination mode. The Cu–Cu
105 separation in 1–3 compounds are 2.6276(3), 2.6635(18) and 2.6317(3) Å, respectively, with values
106 comparable to those reported for paddle-wheel complexes with similar structure [7,8,14–16]. The tetra-
107 carboxylate bridging framework accommodates a metal–metal separation up to 3.452 Å [17].

108 Each Cu metal atom was coordinated to four oxygen atoms from two acetate groups at the equatorial
109 positions and one nitrogen atom from amine derivatives at the apical position completing the slightly
110 distorted square pyramidal coordination geometry ($\tau = 0.0077$ (1), 0.012 (2) and 0.0083 (3) [18]. The
111 CuAO bond distances [CuAO: 1.9693–1.9733 Å (1); 1.959–1.983 Å (2) and 1.9653–1.9693 Å (3)] are

112 slightly shorter than CuAN bond distances [CuAN: 2.1633 Å (1); 2.245 Å (2) and 2.1928 Å (3)] due to
113 the Jahn–Teller effect. The values are comparable with the reported values in [Cu₂(m-MeCO₂)₂(L)]₂ (L
114 = 4-dimethylaminopyridine [19], nicotinamide [20], N-2-acetamidopyridine [21], 2-[N-(2-pyridyl)-
115 carbamoyl]pyridine [18] and 4-pyridylmethanol [22]).

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117 2.3. Extended structures of 1–3

118 The main difference between the three compounds is the intermolecular hydrogen bonding interactions.
119 In all complexes, noncovalent CAH \cdots O are observed while CAH \cdots N is only observed in 1
120 (Table 4). In compound 1, four different CAH \cdots O intermolecular hydrogen bonding interactions
121 are observed. In these interactions, the oxygen atoms of the carboxylate groups are linked to CAH
122 corresponding mainly to phenyl and pyridine ring of the ligand (3-Phpy). Additionally, one weak
123 CAH \cdots N intermolecular interaction is found (3.4731 Å; 138°). Due to these interactions, the
124 extended supramolecular crystal structure can be described as 2-D compact arrangement (Fig. 4) [23]. In
125 compound 2, the two most important intermolecular hydrogen bonding interactions involve CAH
126 hydrogens of the phenyl ring and two non-equivalent oxygens of the acetates, leading also to the
127 formation of a truly 2D supramolecular network (Fig. 5). In compound 3, the oxygen atom of the 4-
128 acetylpyridine ligand is linked to CAH hydrogen of the pyridine ring of an adjacent ligand, forming a 2-
129 D layer (C6AO1 \cdots H4; Table 4). Additionally, intermolecular hydrogen bonding interactions
130 between antiparallel acetate groups (C11AH11B \cdots O5; Table 4), link adjacent bi-dimensional layers
131 yielding to the formation of a three-dimensional supramolecular network (Fig. 6). Regarding
132 intramolecular interactions, they are present in 1–3 complexes (Supporting Information Table S1)
133 involving acetate groups. Nevertheless, all of them can be considered “weak” considering their angles
134 (<120°).

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136 **3. CONCLUSIONS**

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138 In this paper, we described three acetate complexes (1–3) formed by [Cu(m-MeCO₂)₂]₂ paddle-wheel
139 units and different pyridine ligands (3-phenylpyridine (1), 2-benzylpyridine (2) and 4-acetylpyridine
140 (3)) coordinated to the apical positions of copper. These compounds have been fully characterized to
141 investigate their preparation and structural properties. The crystal structure confirmed that all of them
142 have a paddle-wheel binuclear Cu(II) structure, with 4 bridging acetate ligands in a syn–syn
143 coordination mode disposition. Finally, we have studied the extended structure of the Cu(II) complexes
144 through weak intra- and intermolecular interactions in the outer sphere of the metal sites yielding
145 bidimensional (1 and 2) or three-dimensional (3) supramolecular final arrangement. In all complexes,
146 non-covalent C–H...O are observed while C–H...N is only observed in 1.

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148 4. EXPERIMENTAL

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150 4.1. Materials and general details

151 Cu(II) acetate monohydrate ($\text{Cu}(\text{MeCO}_2)_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$), 3-phenylpyridine (3-Phpy), 2-benzylpyridine (2-
152 Bzpy) and 4-acetylpyridine (4-Acpy) ligands and methanol (MeOH) as a solvent, were purchased from
153 Sigma–Aldrich and used without further purification. All reactions and manipulation were carried out in
154 air. Elemental analyses (C, H, N) were carried out by the staff of Chemical Analysis Service of the
155 Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona on a Thermo Scientific Flash 2000 CHNS Analyses. In the CHNS
156 analyses, accomplished by combustion analysis, 0.7 mg of each sample was burned ($1200 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$) in an
157 excess of oxygen and various traps, collecting the combustion products: CO_2 , H_2O , N_2 and SO_2 .
158 Finally, they were analyzed and quantified by gas chromatography.

159 IR spectra were recorded at the Chemical Analysis Service of the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
160 on a Tensor 27 (Bruker) spectrometer, equipped with an attenuated total reflectance (ATR) accessory
161 model MKII Golden Gate with diamond window in the range $4000\text{--}600 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. Electronic spectra in
162 solution were run Kontron- Uvikon 860 in methanol, between 800 and 350 nm

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164 4.2. Synthesis of the compounds $[\text{Cu}(\text{MeCO}_2)_2(3\text{-Phpy})]_2$ (1), $[\text{Cu}(\text{MeCO}_2)_2(2\text{-Bzpy})]_2$ (2) and 165 $[\text{Cu}(\text{MeCO}_2)_2(4\text{-Acpy})]_2$ (3)

166 To a solution of (0.608 mmol) 3-phenylpyridine (3-Phpy) (94.3 mg), 2-benzylpyridine (103 mg) or 4-
167 acetylpyridine (73.6 mg) in methanol 20 ml, $\text{Cu}(\text{MeCO}_2)_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.545 mmol, 109 mg) in methanol
168 (25 ml) was added. The two solutions turned turquoise and then were concentrated almost to dryness. The
169 green crystalline solids are formed. The compounds were filtered, washed with cold methanol and dried
170 under vacuum.

171 1. Yield: 147 mg (82.0%). Anal. Calc. for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_2\text{O}_8\text{Cu}_2$: C, 53.59; H, 4.49; N, 4.16. Found: C,
172 53.32; H, 4.37; N, 4.01%. IR (KBr, cm^{-1}) m: 1615(s) [mas(COO)], 1596(m) [m(C@C), m(C@N)],
173 1472(w) [m(C@C), m(C@N)], 1423(s) [ms(COO)], 1344(w), 1191(w), 1110(w), 1031(w), 823(w),
174 765(s), 707(s), 677(s) [d(CAH)oop], 624(m). UV–Vis (CH_3OH , $9.96 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$), $k(\text{e}) = 699$ (36) nm.

175 2. Yield: 143 mg (74.8%). Anal. Calc. for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{34}\text{N}_2\text{O}_8\text{Cu}_2$: C, 54.77; H, 4.88; N, 3.99. Found: C,
176 54.62; H, 4.85; N, 3.75%. IR (KBr, cm^{-1}) m: 1616(s) [mas(COO)], 1602(m) [m(C@C), m(C@N)],
177 1581(w), 1484(w) [m(C@C), m(C@N)], 1454(w), 1424(s) [ms(COO)], 1345(m), 1058(w), 1012(w),
178 765(m), 747(m), 724(w), 703(w), 676(s) [d(CAH)oop], 622(s). UV–Vis (CH_3OH , $5.90 \times 10^{-2} \text{ M}$),
179 $k(\text{e}) = 682$ (12) nm.

180 3. Yield: 112 mg (68.0%). Anal. Calc. for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}_{10}\text{Cu}_2$: C, 43.64; H, 4.63; N, 4.33. Found: C,
181 43.35; H, 4.57; N, 4.25%. IR (KBr, cm^{-1}) m: 1696(m) [mas(CO)]acetyl, 1621(s) [mas(COO)], 1555(w)
182 [m(C@C), m(C@N)], 1429(s) [ms(COO)], 1413(s), 1365(m), 1318(w), 1259(s), 1225(w), 1060(w),
183 1012(w), 833(m), 683(s) [d(CAH)oop], 631(m). UV–Vis (CH_3OH , $6.51 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$), $k(\text{e}) = 706$ (11)
184 nm.

185 4.3. X-ray crystallography

186 For compound 1–3, a green prism-like specimen was used for the X-ray crystallographic analysis. The
187 X-ray intensity data were measured on a D8 Venture system equipped with a multilayer mono-chromate
188 and a Mo microfocus ($k = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$). For 1–3, the frames were integrated with the Bruker SAINT
189 Software package using a narrow-frame algorithm. For 1, the integration of the data using a monoclinic
190 unit cell yielded a total of 115,095 reflections to a maximum h angle of 30.57° (0.70 \AA resolution), of
191 which 8857 were independent (average redundancy 12.995, completeness = 99.8%), $R_{\text{int}} = 6.37\%$, $R_{\text{sig}} =$
192 3.02% and 7016 (79.21%) were greater than $2\sigma(F_2)$. The calculated minimum and maximum
193 transmission coefficients (based on crystal size) are 0.6347 and 0.7461. For 2, the integration of the data
194 using a monoclinic unit cell yielded a total of 19,058 reflections to a maximum h angle of 26.62° (0.79 \AA
195 resolution), of which 3185 were independent (average redundancy 5.984, completeness = 98.5%), $R_{\text{int}} =$
196 9.71% , $R_{\text{sig}} = 6.01\%$ and 2106 (66.12%) were greater than $2\sigma(F_2)$. The calculated minimum and
197 maximum transmission coefficients (based on crystal size) are 0.6173 and 0.7454. For 3, the integration
198 of the data using a monoclinic unit cell yielded a total of 40,533 reflections to a maximum h angle of
199 30.57° (0.70 \AA resolution), of which 3775 were independent (average redundancy 10.737,
200 completeness = 99.6%), $R_{\text{int}} = 3.17\%$, $R_{\text{sig}} = 1.72\%$ and 3377 (89.46%) were greater than $2\sigma(F_2)$. The
201 calculated minimum and maximum transmission coefficients (based on crystal size) are 0.6920 and
202 0.7461.

203 The structures were solved using the Bruker SHELXTL Software, package and refined using SHELX
204 [24]. For 1, the final anisotropic full-matrix least-squares refinement on F_2 with 383 variables
205 converged at $R_1 = 3.38\%$, for the observed data and $wR_2 = 7.72\%$ for all data. For 2, the final
206 anisotropic full-matrix least-squares refinement on F_2 with 200 variables converged at $R_1 = 8.44\%$, for
207 the observed data and $wR_2 = 17.36\%$ for all data. For 3, the final anisotropic full-matrix least-squares
208 refinement on F_2 with 165 variables converged at $R_1 = 2.48\%$, for the observed data and $wR_2 = 5.91\%$
209 for all data. For 1–3, the final cell constants and volume, are based upon the refinement of the XYZ-
210 centroids of reflections above $20 \sigma(I)$. Data were corrected for absorption effects using the multi-scan
211 method (SADABS). Crystal data and relevant details of structure refinement for compounds 1–3, are
212 reported in Table 5. Complete information about the crystal structure and molecular geometry is
213 available in CIF format as Supporting Information. CCDC 1545879 (1), 1545880 (2), and 1545881 (3)
214 contain the supplementary data for this paper as well as the IR and UV–Vis spectra. Molecular graphics
215 were generated with the program Mercury 3.6 [25,26]. Color codes for all molecular graphics: blue
216 (Cu), light blue (N), red (O), grey (C), white (H).

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278 **Legends to figures**

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280 **Figure. 1** ORTEP diagram of the $[\text{Cu}(\text{MeCO}_2)_2(3\text{-Phpy})]_2$ (1) complex showing an atom labelling
281 scheme. 50% probability of the amplitude displacement ellipsoids is shown. The hydrogen atoms are
282 omitted for clarity. See Table 1 for selected values of bond lengths and bond angles.

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284 **Figure. 2** ORTEP diagram of the $[\text{Cu}(\text{MeCO}_2)_2(2\text{-Bzpy})]_2$ (2) complex showing an atom labelling
285 scheme. 50% probability of the amplitude displacement ellipsoids is shown. The hydrogen atoms are
286 omitted for clarity. See Table 2 for selected values of bond lengths and bond angles.

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288 **Figure. 3** ORTEP diagram of the $[\text{Cu}(\text{MeCO}_2)_2(4\text{-Acpy})]_2$ (3) complex showing an atom labelling
289 scheme. 50% probability of the amplitude displacement ellipsoids is shown. The hydrogen atoms are
290 omitted for clarity. See Table 3 for selected values of bond lengths and bond angles.

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292 **Figure. 4** Three-dimensional ordering of the $[\text{Cu}(\text{MeCO}_2)_2(3\text{-Phpy})]_2$ (1) units generated by
293 intermolecular $\text{CAH}\cdots\text{O}$ and $\text{CAH}\cdots\text{N}$ hydrogen bonding interactions. (left (100) direction;
294 right (001) direction).

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296 **Figure. 5** Three-dimensional ordering of the $[\text{Cu}(\text{MeCO}_2)_2(2\text{-Bzpy})]_2$ (2) units generated by
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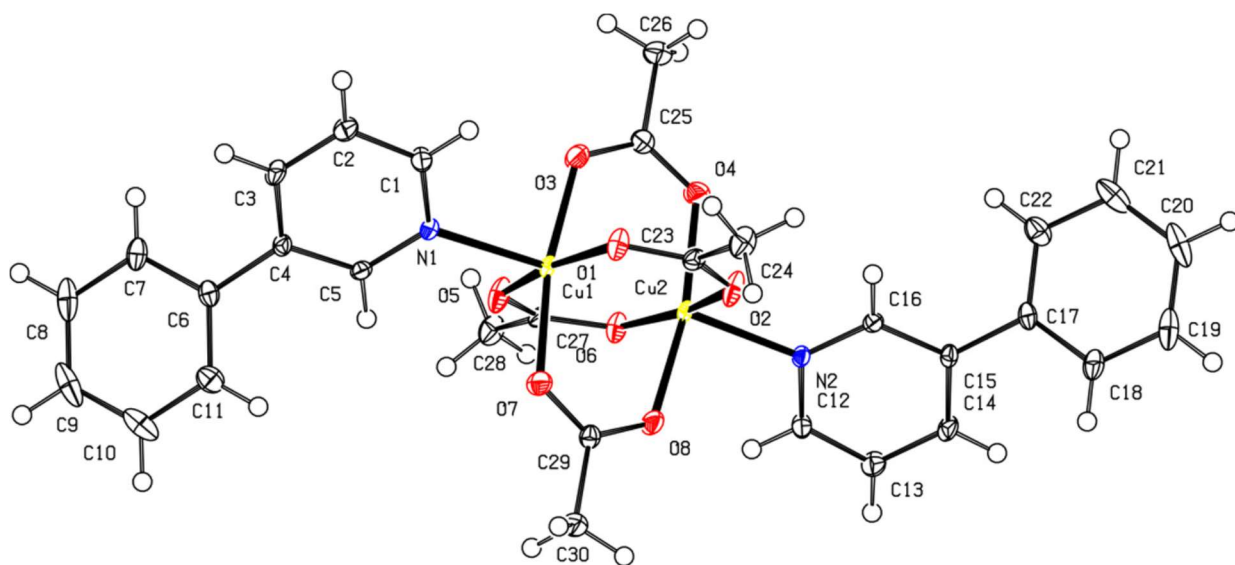
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299 **Figure. 6** Three-dimensional ordering of the $[\text{Cu}(\text{MeCO}_2)_2(4\text{-Acpy})]_2$ (3) units generated by
300 intermolecular $\text{CAH}\cdots\text{O}$ and $\text{CAO}\cdots\text{H}$ hydrogen bonding interactions. (top (010) direction;
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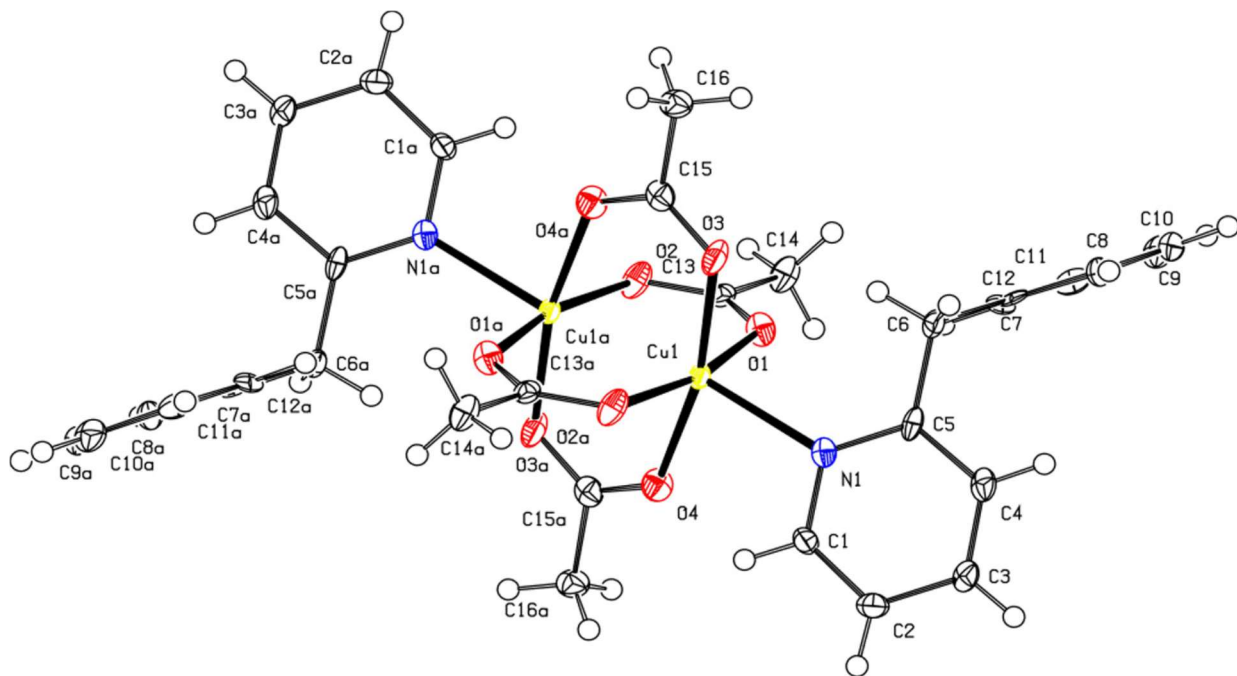
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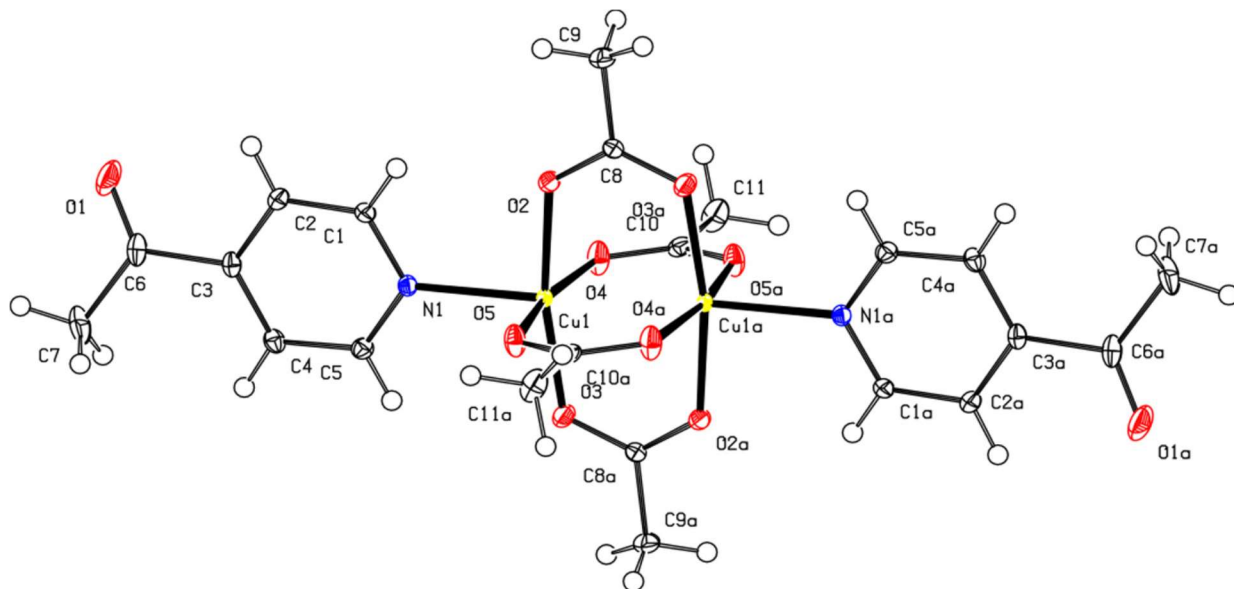
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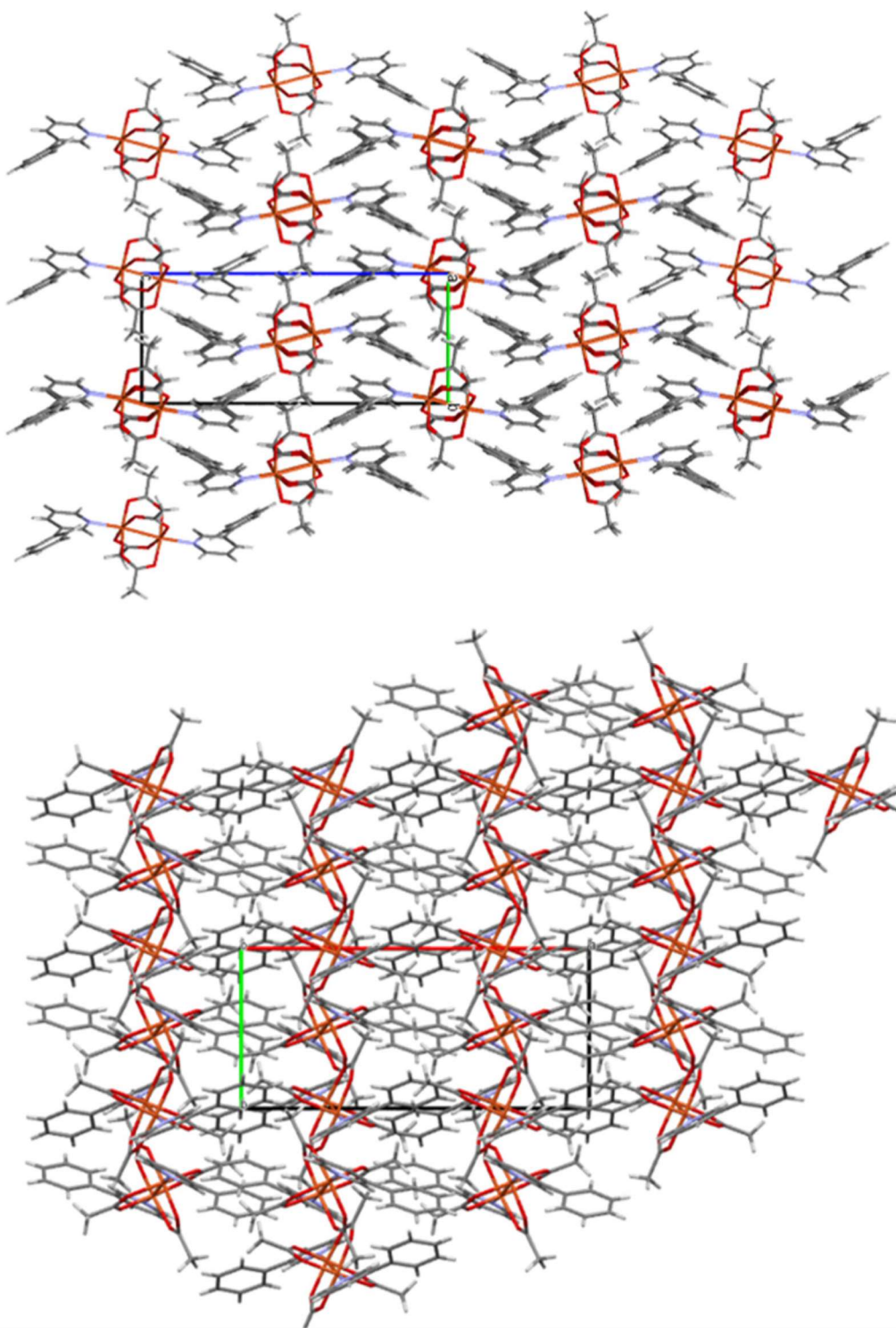


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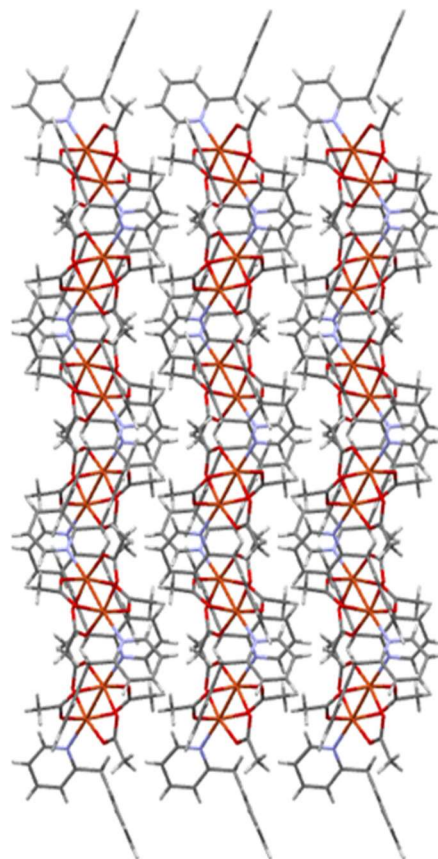
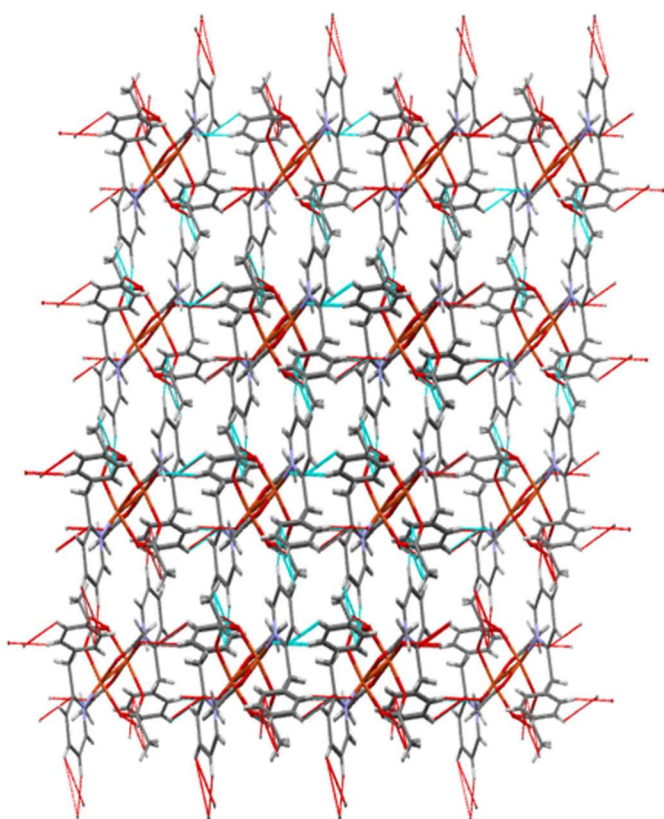
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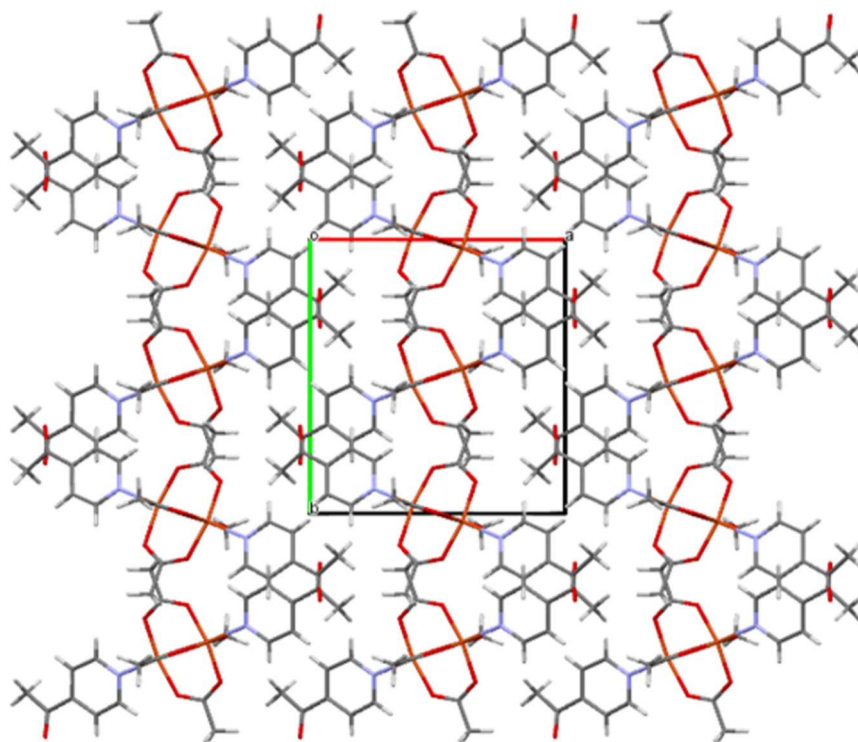
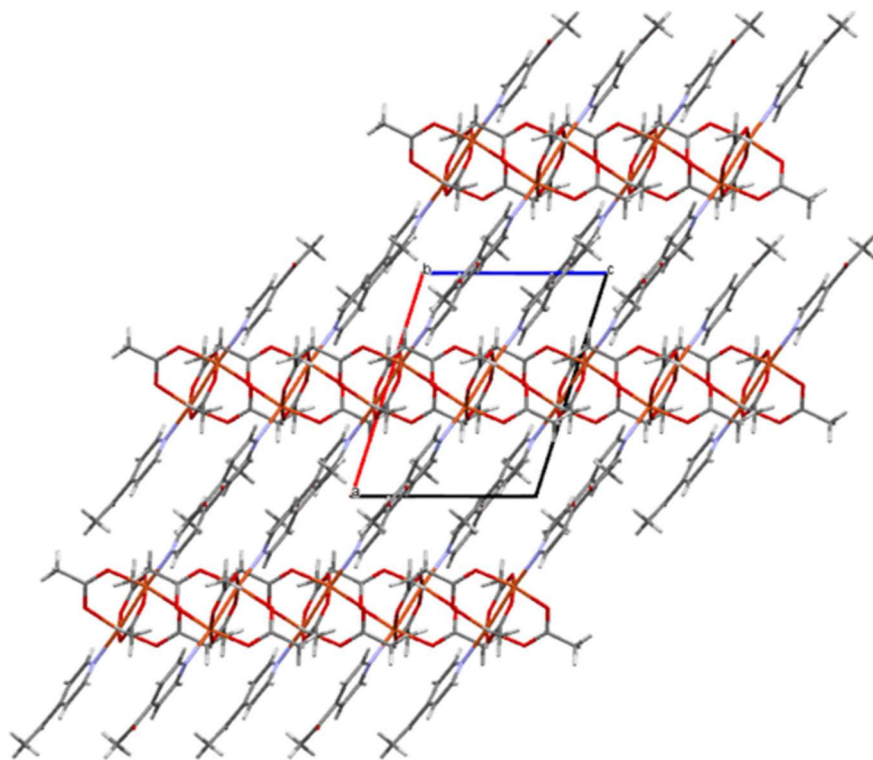


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340 **Table 1** Selected bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (°) for 1.
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<i>Bond length (Å)</i>			
Cu(1)—O(5)	1.9693(12)	Cu(1)—O(3)	1.9711(12)
Cu(1)—O(1)	1.9706(12)	Cu(1)—O(7)	1.9733(12)
Cu(1)—N(00B)	2.1653(13)	Cu(1)—Cu(2)	2.6276(3)
<i>Bond angles (°)</i>			
O(5)—Cu(1)—O(1)	168.11(5)	O(5)—Cu(1)—O(7)	89.04(6)
O(5)—Cu(1)—O(3)	89.75(6)	O(1)—Cu(1)—O(7)	90.23(6)
O(1)—Cu(1)—O(3)	88.62(6)	O(3)—Cu(1)—O(7)	168.57(5)
O(5)—Cu(1)—N(00B)	91.75(5)	O(3)—Cu(1)—N(00B)	95.03(5)
O(1)—Cu(1)—N(00B)	100.13(5)	O(7)—Cu(1)—N(00B)	96.37(5)

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346 **Table 2** Selected bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (°) for 2.
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<i>Bond length (Å)</i>			
Cu(1)—O(1)	1.959(5)	Cu(1)—O(2)#1	1.971(5)
Cu(1)—O(3)	1.964(5)	Cu(1)—O(4)	1.983(5)
Cu(1)—N(1)	2.245(6)	Cu(1)—Cu(1)#1	2.6635(18)
<i>Bond angles (°)</i>			
O(1)—Cu(1)—O(3)	88.6(2)	O(1)—Cu(1)—O(2)#1	166.5(2)
O(1)—Cu(1)—O(4)	91.4(2)	O(3)—Cu(1)—O(2)#1	88.3(2)
O(3)—Cu(1)—O(4)	167.2(2)	O(2)#1—Cu(1)—O(4)	88.7(2)
O(1)—Cu(1)—N(1)	96.3(2)	O(2)#1—Cu(1)—N(1)	97.2(2)
O(3)—Cu(1)—N(1)	102.7(2)	O(4)—Cu(1)—N(1)	90.0(2)

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351 **Table 3** Selected bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (°) for 3.
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<i>Bond length (Å)</i>			
Cu(1)—O(5)#1	1.9653(10)	Cu(1)—O(3)#1	1.9658(10)
Cu(1)—O(4)	1.9676(10)	Cu(1)—O(2)	1.9693(10)
Cu(1)—N(1)	2.1928(11)	Cu(1)—Cu(1)#1	2.6317(3)
<i>Bond angles (°)</i>			
O(5)#1—Cu(1)—O(3)#1	89.45(5)	O(5)#1—Cu(1)—O(4)	168.42(4)
O(3)#1—Cu(1)—O(4)	88.95(5)	O(5)#1—Cu(1)—O(2)	89.50(5)
O(3)#1—Cu(1)—O(2)	168.47(4)	O(4)—Cu(1)—O(2)	89.78(5)
O(5)#1—Cu(1)—N(1)	94.23(4)	O(3)#1—Cu(1)—N(1)	98.23(4)
O(4)—Cu(1)—N(1)	97.35(4)	O(2)—Cu(1)—N(1)	91.31(4)

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357 **Table 4** Distances [\AA] and angles [$^\circ$] related to hydrogen bonding interactions in complexes 1–3.
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D–H...A	H...A	D...A	>D–H...A	Symmetry
C2–H2...O5	2.566	3.312	135.64	$3/2 - x, 1/2 + y, 3/2 - z$
C7–H7...O1	2.526	3.442	162.01	x, y, z
C18–H18...O6 ⁱⁱ	2.540	3.460	163.37	$x, 1 + y, 1 + z$
C24–H24C...O6 ⁱⁱ	2.582	3.428	144.65	$3/2 - x, 1/2 + y, 3/2 - z$
C9–H9...N00C	2.708	3.473	138.00	$-1/2 + x, 1/2 - y, 1/2 + z$
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C10–H10A...O4	2.620	3.414	143.74	$x, -1 + y, z$
C8–H8A...O2	2.707	3.626	169.12	$x, 1/2 - y, 1/2 + z$
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C11–H11B...O5	2.586	3.520	159.36	$1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z$
C6–O1...H4	2.711	3.901	167.08	$1 - x, 1 - y, -z$

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363 Table 5 Crystallographic data for 1–3.

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Empirical formula	C ₂₂ H ₁₀ Cu ₂ N ₂ O ₈	C ₂₂ H ₁₀ Cu ₂ N ₂ O ₈	C ₂₂ H ₁₀ Cu ₂ N ₂ O ₈
Formula weight	673.64	701.69	605.53
T (K)	100(2)	293(2)	100(2)
λ (Å)	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
System, space group	monoclinic, P2 ₁ /n	monoclinic, P2 ₁ /c	monoclinic, P2 ₁ /c
Unit cell dimensions			
a (Å)	18.0025(10)	7.8581(8)	11.5737(6)
b (Å)	8.2631(4)	11.2348(13)	12.9188(6)
c (Å)	19.4947(11)	17.6990(19)	8.6005(4)
α (°)	90	90	90
β (°)	93.563(2)	98.435(7)	106.70(2)
γ (°)	90	90	90
V (Å ³)	2894.4(3)	1545.6(3)	1231.69(10)
Z	4	2	2
D _{calc} (g cm ⁻³)	1.546	1.508	1.633
μ (mm ⁻¹)	1.523	1.430	1.785
F(000)	1384	724	620
Crystal size (mm ³)	0.587 × 0.388 × 0.285	0.128 × 0.078 × 0.075	0.158 × 0.105 × 0.096
hkl ranges	-25 ≤ h ≤ 25 -11 ≤ k ≤ 11 -25 ≤ l ≤ 27	-9 ≤ h ≤ 9 -14 ≤ k ≤ 14 -22 ≤ l ≤ 22	-16 ≤ h ≤ 15 -18 ≤ k ≤ 18 -10 ≤ l ≤ 12
2θ range (°)	2.093–30.574	2.327–26.616	2.421–30.569
Reflections collected/unique/[R _{int}]	115095/8857/[R _{int}] = 0.0637	19058/3185/[R _{int}] = 0.0971	40533/3775/[R _{int}] = 0.0317
Completeness to θ = 25.240	99.9%	99.8%	99.8
Absorption correction	semi-empirical	semi-empirical	semi-empirical
Max. and min. transmis.	0.7461 and 0.6347	0.7454 and 0.6173	0.7461 and 0.6920
Refinement method	full matrix least-squares on F ²	full matrix least-squares on F ²	full matrix least-squares on F ²
Data/restraints/parameters	8857/0/383	3185/0/200	3775/0/165
Goodness-of-fit (GOF) on F ²	1.040	1.175	1.065
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R ₁ = 0.0838, wR ₂ = 0.0710	R ₁ = 0.0844, wR ₂ = 0.1581	R ₁ = 0.0248, wR ₂ = 0.0572
R indices (all data)	R ₁ = 0.0529 wR ₂ wR ₂ = 0.0772	R ₁ = 0.1398 wR ₂ = 0.1736	R ₁ = 0.0308 wR ₂ = 0.0591
Extinction coefficient	n/a	n/a	n/a
Largest. Diff. peak and hole (e Å ⁻³)	0.479 and -0.460	0.909 and -0.826	0.472 and -0.421

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