

1 **Copper complexes from 3,5-disubstituted N-**
2 **hydroxyethylpyrazole ligands: Cleavage of C–N bond as**
3 **well as formation of second coordination sphere**
4 **complexes**

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25 **Abstract**

26 The coordination behaviour of two N,O-hybrid hydroxyethylpyrazole ligands, 2-(3,5-
27 diphenyl-1H-pyrazol-1-yl) ethanol, HL1; and (2-(3,5-di(2-pyridyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-
28 yl)ethanol, HL2; with $\text{CuCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ were studied. Four copper
29 complexes: $[\text{CuCl}(\mu\text{-L1})]_2 \cdot \text{HL1}$ (1), $[\text{CuCl}_2(\text{HL2})] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ (2A), $[\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)(3,5\text{-hdppz})(\mu\text{-}$
30 $\text{L1})]_2 \cdot 2\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ (3), (3,5-hdppz = 3,5-diphenylpyrazole) and $[\text{Cu}(\text{H}_2\text{O})(3,5\text{-dpypz})]_2$
31 $(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ (4), (3,5-dpypz = 3,5-(2-pyridyl) pyrazolate) were isolated and characterized
32 by analytical methods and spectroscopical studies. From their crystal structure, a Npz-C
33 bond cleavage was observed for HL1 and HL2 upon reaction with $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$,
34 yielding the unexpected complexes 3 and 4, respectively. Overall, these complexes provided
35 great structural diversity, as dimers (asymmetric and symmetric), monomers and ionic
36 complexes were obtained. Finally, magnetic susceptibility measurements for 3 were carried
37 out, showing the dependence of the magnetic moment on Cu-O-Cu angles.

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45 **1. Introduction**

46 Ligands bearing N-heterocyclic groups have become a staple of the coordination
47 chemists' research [1–4]. Pyridines are perhaps the most well-known representatives of this
48 family [5,6], but another family, azoles, has been increasingly gaining prominence over the
49 last decades [7–9], as their charged nature allows the formation of stronger coordination
50 bonds when compared to pyridines. Moreover, functionalized azoles acting as multi-topic
51 ligands are the focus of current interest. The incorporation of those different functional
52 groups greatly increases the available coordination modes and conformations of the ligands,
53 as well as the presence of interesting phenomena such as hemilability or selective
54 coordination to different metal centres [7,9]. They also pave the way for the tailoring of its
55 supramolecular network, allowing the incorporation of supramolecular synthons to the azole
56 backbone.

57 Of particular interest are those azoles that contain a potentially coordinating dinitrogen
58 moiety (N–N), like pyrazoles [10,11]. In fact, they are known to adopt a variety of
59 coordination modes [11], acting as NN'-bridging ligands and forming distinctive cyclic
60 complexes when deprotonated. On the contrary, when protonated, they act as N-
61 monodentate ligands. They also possess the interesting ability to be easily functionalized in
62 1-(N-substitution), 3-, 4- and 5- positions, in a variety of manners, such as before the
63 formation of the ring, N-alkylation, or by direct reaction over different functional groups
64 [12–15]. Thus, the pyrazole units act as a framework upon which different functional groups
65 can be incorporated.

66 Our group has a long trajectory in the design, synthesis, and characterization of
67 pyrazole derived ligands. In the past two decades our efforts have been focused in 1-, 3- and
68 5- trisubstituted ligands, and, particularly, in incorporating new functional groups in position
69 1-. For instance, pyrazole ligands bearing groups such as amines [16,17], thioethers [18],
70 sulfoxides/sulfones [19], phosphines [20], phosphinites [21] and alcohols [22] have been
71 obtained, and their coordination behaviour against different metal salts studied. In this sense,
72 we have recently reported the coordination behaviour of one N,O-hybrid pyrazole ligand (2-
73 (3,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrazol-1-yl) ethanol against different Cu(II) salts [23]. The morphology
74 of the resulting complexes shows a direct dependence on the protonation of the alcohol
75 moiety, which results in the formation of dimers or polymers when deprotonated or in the
76 formation of monomers or ionic complexes when protonated.

77 Following this previous work, we decided to study the behaviour of another two N,O-
78 hybrid ligands with two different aromatic substituents in positions 3,5-: phenyl (2-(3,5-
79 diphenyl-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)ethanol, HL1) or pyridine (2-(3,5-di(2-pyridyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-
80 yl)ethanol, HL2) against $\text{CuCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$. In recent reports, it has been
81 seen that the inclusion of ligands appended with hydrogen or π donor groups could promote
82 second coordination sphere interactions leading to significant changes in the supramolecular
83 structure and host-guest recognition interactions of the resulting coordination complexes
84 [24–26]. Thus, by incorporating aromatic substituents in the pyrazole framework, the second
85 coordination sphere interactions may promote molecular and supramolecular architectures
86 differing significantly of those obtained with 2-(3,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)ethanol [23].
87 Moreover, recent reports stress the importance of similar ligands in the field of catalysis, as
88 the use of dipyridyl substituents linked by fivemembered ring spacers (such as pyrazole),
89 greatly increase the catalytic ability of those substituents to interact with incoming substrates
90 [27].

91 On this basis, in this work four coordination complexes bearing the aromatically
92 substituted pyrazole ligands HL1 and HL2 have been isolated: $[\text{CuCl}(\mu\text{-L1})]_2 \cdot \text{HL1}$ (1),
93 $[\text{CuCl}_2(\text{HL2})] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ (2A), $[\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)(3,5\text{-hdppz})(\mu\text{-L1})]_2 \cdot 2\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ (3), (3,5-hdppz = 3,5-
94 diphenylpyrazole) and $[\text{Cu}(\text{H}_2\text{O})(3,5\text{-dpypz})]_2(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ (4), (3,5-dpypz = 3,5-(2-
95 pyridyl) pyrazolate) (Scheme 1), which were fully characterized, and their crystal structures
96 elucidated. For complexes 3 and 4 a spontaneous cleavage of the ligands along the NPz-C
97 was observed, resulting in the presence of the corresponding N-unsubstituted pyrazole ligand
98 in their structures. Moreover, it was also observed that upon recrystallization of 2A in
99 CH_2Cl_2 , the resulting complex contained uncoordinated CH_2Cl_2 molecules,
100 $[\text{CuCl}_2(\text{HL2})] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O} \cdot \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ (2B). The discussion of the molecular and supramolecular
101 structures is presented. Finally, the magnetic properties and magneto-structural correlations
102 for 3 were also determined.

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107 2. Results and discussion

108 2.1. Synthesis and general characterization

109 All reactions in this work were carried out using the same solvent, as the drastic effects
110 of the reaction solvent in the molecular structure of coordination complexes bearing similar
111 pyrazole derived ligands is well documented [28,29]. Reaction of HL1 or HL2 against
112 $\text{CuCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ was carried out via dropwise addition of the metal salt to the corresponding
113 ligand in a 1:1 metal to ligand ratio, in methanol solutions. The reaction mixtures were stirred
114 at r.t. for 48 h. After that period, if no precipitate had appeared, the solutions were
115 concentrated and left overnight in the fridge until its obtaining. Suitable crystals of the
116 resulting complexes were obtained by recrystallization in MeOH or CH_2Cl_2 , respectively.
117 Their single crystal X-ray structure revealed that complex 1 had an uncoordinated HL1
118 ligand molecule in its structure, thus resulting in $[\text{CuCl}(\mu\text{-L1})]_2 \cdot \text{HL1}$ (1). For 2A, it was
119 observed that upon recrystallization in CH_2Cl_2 , some of these solvent molecules were
120 present in its crystal structure, yielding $[\text{CuCl}_2(\text{HL2})] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O} \cdot \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ (2B) (Scheme 1).

121 The reactivity of HL1 and HL2 against $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ was also assayed, using the
122 same procedure as the one described for the synthesis of 1 and 2A. Single crystals suitable
123 for X-ray diffraction were obtained by recrystallization in CH_3CN or $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}:\text{CHCl}_3$
124 mixture (3:1 ratio), respectively. Their structure revealed them as $[\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)(3,5\text{-hdppz})(\mu\text{-}$
125 $\text{L1})]_2 \cdot 2\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ (3), (3,5-hdppz = 3,5-diphenylpyrazole) and $[\text{Cu}(\text{H}_2\text{O})(3,5\text{-}$
126 $\text{dpypz})]_2(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ (4), (3,5-dpypz = 3,5-(2-pyridyl)pyrazolate) (Scheme 1).

127 Our group had previously reported a NPz-C ligand cleavage for 1-
128 hydroxymethylpyrazole ligand [30], but this is the first time that we report this behaviour
129 for 2-hydroxyethylpyrazole ligand. In a report, Baruah et al. [31], observed a NPz-C
130 cleavage for N-benzoyl-3,5-dimethylpyrazole upon reaction with $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$.

131 Based on these precedents, the presence of the 3,5-hdppz or 3,5-dpypz ligands in the
132 structures may be caused by a similar cleavage of HL1 and HL2. This hypothesis also ties
133 in nicely with the simultaneous presence of HL1 and 3,5-hdppz in complex 3, which to the
134 best of our knowledge, is one of the scarce examples of a complex having simultaneously
135 two different pyrazole ligands coordinated to its metal centre. On the other hand, for 4, all
136 ligand HL2 is cleaved, resulting in the presence of only 3,5-dpypz. This behaviour is in stark
137 contrast with the results obtained for $\text{CuCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$, where the ligands remained intact,

138 suggesting that the NPz-C cleavage can be due to the reaction of the ligands with
139 Cu(NO₃)₂·3H₂O, much like in the case of Baruah et al [31].

140 Moreover, when considering our previously published results of the reactivity of the
141 similar 3,5-disubstituted ligand 2-(3,5-dimethyl-1Hpyrazol-1-yl)ethanol against
142 Cu(NO₃)₂·3H₂O [23], where the ligand remained intact, this behaviour is even more
143 striking. This suggests that electronic effects caused by the substituents in positions 3- and
144 5- to the pyrazole ring may result in the NPz-C bond being more susceptible to cleavage
145 promoted by the Cu(NO₃)₂·3H₂O. In this sense, the ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectra of 2-(3,5-
146 dimethyl-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)ethanol, HL1 and HL2 show a progressive downfield shift of the
147 C-NPz: 49.8 ppm [32], 51.3 ppm [33] and 52.7 ppm [34], respectively, suggesting that the
148 carbon atoms in HL1 and HL2 are more deshielded than those of 2-(3,5-dimethyl-1H-
149 pyrazol-1-yl)ethanol.

150 All complexes were characterized by analytical and spectroscopic techniques.
151 Spectroscopic details of their characterization can be found in the Exp. Sect. and Supporting
152 Information (S.I.). Elemental analyses (EA) of all complexes agreed with the proposed
153 formulae, except for 2B, as the solvent molecules of CH₂Cl₂ were readily lost during sample
154 preparation for EA.

155 Conductivity values were registered in MeOH (1, 2A) or CH₃CN (3, 4) in
156 concentrations around 1·10⁻³ M. The measured conductivity values for 1 - 3 were small,
157 ranging from 14 to 57 Ω⁻¹cm²mol⁻¹, agreeing with the presence of non-electrolytes [35].
158 For complex 4, on the other hand, the measured value was 219 Ω⁻¹cm²mol⁻¹ agreeing with
159 the presence of a 2:1 electrolyte complex [35].

160 The FTIR-ATR spectra of the four complexes in the range of 4000–500 cm⁻¹
161 confirmed the coordination of the ligand to the metal center (S.I. Fig. S1-S4). The most
162 characteristic bands of the IR spectra were those corresponding to [ν(C–C/C–N)_{ar}] (1614–
163 1551 cm⁻¹), [δ(C–C/C–N)_{ar}] (1464–1438 cm⁻¹), [δ(C–H)_{ip}] (1073–1016 cm⁻¹) and [δ(C–
164 H)_{oop}] (781–688 cm⁻¹) [36]. These signals were attributable to the pyrazole and phenyl
165 rings present in the ligands. For complex 1, since both deprotonated coordinated and
166 protonated uncoordinated HL1 were present in the molecule, the signals were broad, as the
167 signals of both ligands overlapped. The region between 3600 and 3100 cm⁻¹ was also
168 relevant for the characterization of these complexes, since it hosted signals attributed to
169 [ν(O–H)]. Thus, for complexes 1, 2A and 4 broad bands centred at 3532–3121 cm⁻¹ were

170 identified, attributed to the alcohol moieties of HL ligands or water molecules. For complex
171 2A, this region was especially remarkable, as two distinct $[\nu(\text{O-H})]$ [37] signals were
172 identified, one corresponding to coordinated HL2 at 3532 cm^{-1} and one corresponding to
173 solvent water molecules at 3246 cm^{-1} . Moreover, for complex 3, a small band was observed
174 at 3122 cm^{-1} but owing to its shape and neighbouring flat region was attributed to $[\nu(\text{N-H})]$
175 [37]. In this same complex, a small band appeared at 2254 cm^{-1} which was attributed to
176 $[\nu(\text{CN})]$ of the occluded acetonitrile molecules. Finally, for complexes 3 and 4, signals
177 attributed to $[\nu(\text{NO}_3)]$ [37] appeared at 1453–1389 cm^{-1} and 1300–1268 cm^{-1} . Regarding
178 those same groups, between 1800 and 1700 cm^{-1} , signals attributed to $\nu_1 + \nu_4$ vibrations
179 were observed [38]. For complex 3, two signals at 1750 and 1741 cm^{-1} were identified,
180 which agreed with a monodentate coordination mode, whereas for 4, only one band at 1749
181 cm^{-1} was observed, indicative of the presence of ionic nitrates [38].

182 The UV–Vis spectra have been recorded in MeOH for 1 and 2A ($\approx 1 \cdot 10^{-3}$ M), and in
183 CH₃CN for 3 and 4 ($\approx 1 \cdot 10^{-3}$ M) (Figs. S5 and S6). All the spectra showed one band in the
184 visible region between 709 and 769 nm. The ϵ values were between 66 and 154 $\text{M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$.
185 These bands are typical of Cu(II) metal centers in a square planar or square pyramidal
186 coordination and were assigned to a 2B_{1g} to 2A_{1g} transitions [39–41]. All ϵ values were
187 consistent with Laporte-forbidden transitions [40].

188 2.2. Crystal and extended structure of 1

189 Complex 1 crystallizes in the monoclinic crystal system having a $C2/c$ space group.
190 It has a dimeric structure with a Cu:L1:Cl 1:1:1 ratio and possesses an HL1 molecule in its
191 second coordination sphere (Fig. 1). Contrary to most of the reported dimers with other N-
192 hydrox- yethylpyrazoles [22,23,42–45], 1 is an asymmetric dimer, displaying two different
193 distorted square planar Cu(II) atom cores. The first one, $[\text{CuO}_2\text{Cl}_2]$ ($\tau_4 = 0.22$) [46], contains
194 two terminal chlorine atoms, with Cu–Cl bond lengths ranging from 2.2230(8) Å to
195 2.2397(7) Å (Table 1), and two bridging oxygens provided by the pyrazole ligand, Cu–O
196 bond lengths being shorter, ranging from 1.9391(17) Å to 1.9686(17) Å (Table 1). The
197 second one, $[\text{CuO}_2\text{N}_2]$ ($\tau_4 = 0.26$) [46], is coordinated exclusively to the pyrazole ligand,
198 sharing the bidentate oxygens of the first core (Cu–O bond lengths at 1.8958(16) and
199 1.9062(17) Å, Table 1) and completing their coordination with the nitrogen atoms (Cu–N
200 bond lengths at 1.945(2) and 1.961(1) Å, Table 1). The coordinated pyrazole ligands are
201 deprotonated, acting as bidentate bridging and chelate li- gands, having a NPz-Cu-Oal of

202 91.23(9)°. The steric constraints induced by the presence of the bulky substituents in
203 positions 3,5-, coupled with the chelate behaviour of the ligands, may be the cause of the
204 distortion of the square planar cores, with angles ranging from 76.09(7)° to 94.77 (5)° and
205 156.68(9)° to 168.11(5)° (Table 1). Selected bond distances and angles for 1 are summarized
206 on Table 1. They are in agreement with reported Cu(II) pyrazole complexes [32,33]. Our
207 research group has previously reported the synthesis of [CuCl(μ -L1)]₂·CH₃NO₂ [33], which
208 possesses a nitromethane solvent molecule. In both cases, the solvent molecules in the
209 second coordination sphere play key roles in their respective supramolecular architectures.

210 The disorder in the HL1 ligand present in the second coordination sphere prevents an
211 in-depth study of complex's 1 supramolecular scaffold. Despite this hindrance, it can be
212 observed that pairs of dimeric units are associated via H...Cl interactions, involving
213 hydrogen groups of the phenyl ring of coordinate L1. Then, those pairs of dimers units are
214 linked together thanks to interactions involving the oxygen atoms of uncoordinated HL1 and
215 hydrogen atoms of the phenyl rings from co-ordinated L1. Overall, the pairs of dimers and
216 the occluded solvents are disposed in alternate layers. The non-coordinated ligand molecules
217 occupy isolated cavities accounting for a remarkable 20.2% of its unit cell volume (1543.68
218 Å³) (Fig. 1). The values of intermolecular interactions are summarized in Table 1.

219 **2.3. Crystal and extended structure of 2B**

220 Complex 2B crystallizes in the triclinic crystal system having a P-1 space group. It has
221 a monomeric structure having a Cu:HL2:Cl 1:1:2 ratio (Fig. 2). Moreover, it contains both
222 H₂O and CH₂Cl₂ as occluded solvents. Its [CuON₂Cl₂] core has a slightly distorted square
223 pyramidal geometry ($\tau_5 = 0.22$) [47]. This slight distortion is reflected in the bond angles,
224 which range between 79.50(3)° to 105.162(11)° and from 153.75(3)° to 166.79(3)° (Table
225 2). The basal plane is formed by two nitrogen atoms and one oxygen atom from the HL2
226 ligand (Cu–O bond length at 1.9985(8) Å, and Cu–N ranging from 1.9805(8) Å to 2.0261(9)
227 Å, Table 2), and a chlorine atom lying at a longer distance (Cu–Cl bond length being
228 2.2322(3) Å, Table 2), while the apical position is occupied by the last chlorine atom (Cu–
229 Cl bond length at 2.4818(4) Å, Table 2). Thus, HL2 acts as a tridentate chelate ligand,
230 coordinating via its Npyrazol, N-pyridine and HO-alcohol moieties. The NPz-Cu-NPy and
231 NPz-Cu-Oal bite angles are 79.50(3)° and 87.45(3)°, respectively. Selected bond distances
232 and angles are reported in Table 2. They are in agreement with similar Cu(II) nitrate pyrazole
233 complexes [48,49].

234 The presence of H₂O and CH₂Cl₂ dictates the supramolecular architecture in 2B.
235 Thus, sets of two H₂O molecules link four monomers forming a double linear chain along a
236 axis. The chlorine atoms and the hydrogen of alcohol moieties are heavily involved in this
237 scaffold (Fig. 2, Table 2). Nestled among those chains, lie the CH₂Cl₂ molecules, forming
238 a clathrate-like structure (Fig. 2). Overall, these CH₂Cl₂ molecules occupy isolated cavities
239 representing 13.0% of its unit cell volume (128.87 Å³, measured with a probe radius of 1.2
240 Å). Taking H₂O molecules into consideration, the cavities nestling the solvents account for
241 15.9% of its unit cell volume (157.39 Å³, measured with a probe radius of 1.2 Å, Fig. S7).

242 **2.4. Crystal and extended structure of 3**

243 Complex 3 crystallizes in the triclinic crystal system having a P-1 space group. It has
244 a dimeric structure having a Cu:L1:3,5-hdppz:NO₃ 1:1:1:1 ratio (Fig. 3). Moreover, it
245 contains CH₃CN molecules. Its [CuO₃N₂] core displays a slightly distorted square
246 pyramidal geometry ($\tau_5 = 0.14$) [47]. The apical position is occupied by the oxygen atom of
247 the nitrate group, displaying a Cu–O bond length of 2.474(1) Å (Table 3), while the rest of
248 the atoms, namely two oxygens and one nitrogen provided by L1 and one nitrogen provided
249 by 3,5-hdppz, are in the basal plane, Cu–O bond lengths ranging from 1.9008(10) Å to
250 1.9501(10) Å and Cu–N from 1.9505(11) Å to 2.0251(11) Å (Table 3). The L1 ligands acts
251 as a chelated and bridged ligand, NPz-Cu-Oal bite angle being 93.27(4)°, while the nitrate
252 moiety coordinates in a monodentate fashion. Selected bond lengths and angles are
253 summarized in Table 3. As stated before, the presence of the 3,5-hdppz ligand in this
254 complex owes to the cleavage of the HL1 ligand. The 3,5-hdppz ligand remains protonated,
255 thus acting as a neutral monodentate ligand.

256 The supramolecular scaffold of 3 is dominated by the interaction between
257 uncoordinated oxygens of the nitrate group and the hydrogen of the pyrazole ligand. This
258 results in the formation of supramolecular 1D-chains parallel to the a axis. Moreover, the
259 solvent molecules in the second coordination sphere also play a role in holding the
260 supramolecular structure, binding together these supramolecular chains in 2D planes.
261 Finally, it is remarkable that the presence of multiple phenyl groups in positions 3- and 5-
262 result in the formation of C–H⋯π interactions, which bind the planes completing the 3D
263 structure (Fig. 4).

264 The second coordination sphere's solvents occupy isolated cavities, accounting for
265 6.3% (96.15 Å³) of its unit cell volume (Fig. S7). The values of intermolecular interactions
266 are summarized in Table 3.

267 **2.5. Crystal and extended structure of complex 4**

268 Complex 4 crystallizes in the orthorhombic crystal system having a Fddd space group.
269 During the synthesis of complex 4, ligand HL2 is cleaved, yielding an ionic complex bearing
270 a dimeric cation and two nitrate anions. Moreover, three water molecules are also present in
271 its crystal structure, as each of the two Cu(II) metal centres is coordinated to one and a further
272 water molecule is present in the second coordination sphere. Thus, the cation possesses a
273 Cu:3,5-dpypz:H₂O 1:1:1 ratio (Fig. 5).

274 The Cu(II) atoms display an almost perfect square pyramidal geometry ($\tau_5 = 3.3 \cdot 10^{-3}$)
275 [47] with a [CuN₄O] core. The nitrogen atoms of the 3,5-dpypz ligands form the basal
276 plane. Note that azo nitrogen atoms bond lengths are shorter (1.960(5) Å, Table 4) than those
277 of the pyridine nitrogen atoms (ranging from 2.077(5) to 2.097(5) Å, Table 4) and the oxygen
278 atom of the water molecules are in the apical positions (Cu–O bond length being 2.207(4)
279 Å, Table 4). It is also worth noting that the ligand is deprotonated, thus acting as a
280 tetracoordinate pyrazolate ligand. The pyrazolate ligands with hydrogens in positions 3- and
281 5- are known to coordinate by both of their nitrogen groups, forming trimeric or polymeric
282 structures [8,50]. However, the addition of bulky substituents on these positions prevents the
283 formation of these motifs due to steric constraints, resulting in the formation of dimers, as
284 reported in different publications by our group [51–55] and other authors [56–59]. Moreover,
285 the presence of the pyridine substituent may promote a chelate behaviour of the ligand [60–
286 64]. Thus, based on these precedents, the chelating and bridging behaviour of the 3,5-dpypz
287 ligand is clearly rationalized. In fact, the dihydrate analogue of 4, ([Cu(H₂O)(3,5-
288 dpypz)]₂(NO₃)₂·2H₂O), has already been synthesized in our group [65]. This chelate
289 behaviour is reflected in the N_{pyr}-Cu-NPz angles of the same ligand (ranging from
290 79.70(18) to 79.81(18)°, Table 4), which are smaller than the ideal 90° for a square pyramidal
291 coordination geometry, but is compensated by the bigger N_{pyr}-Cu-NPyr angles of different
292 ligands (ranging from 104.99(19)° □ 107.63(19)°, Table 4) accounting for its small τ_5 value.
293 Meanwhile, all N-Cu–O angles to the apical oxygen range from 85.93(19)° to 96.43(17)°
294 (Table 4). Relevant bond lengths and angles for complex 4 are summarized in Table 4. They
295 agree with similar complexes reported in the literature [57–59,65].

296 Owing to the presence of some disorder in nitrate anions and second coordination
297 sphere's water molecules in complex 4, its supramolecular scaffold cannot be studied
298 precisely. However, it is clearly dominated by the formation of strong O–H···O hydrogen
299 bonds between both types of water molecules (coordinated and uncoordinated) and nitrate
300 anions. Thus, the overall supramolecular packing could be described as alternating layers of
301 nitrate anions and dimeric cations, with the occluded water molecules embedded in the
302 cationic layer (Fig. 5b). Moreover, π - π stacking interactions between pyridyl rings of the
303 cations are identified, as pyridyl rings lie completely parallel to each other at 3.487 Å and
304 3.862 Å (Fig. 5c). In this arrangement, water molecules occupy isolated cavities which
305 account for 1.0% of its unit cell volume (113.34 Å³, measured with a probe radius of 1.2 Å,
306 Fig. S7). The intermolecular interactions are summarized in Table 4.

307 2.6. Magnetic susceptibility measurements of 3

308 Solid-state, variable temperature (5–300 K) magnetic susceptibility data was collected
309 for 3 using a 100 Oe field (Fig. 6). Its $\chi_p T$ value at 300 K is 0.325 cm³mol⁻¹, lower than
310 the expected for two uncoupled $S = \frac{1}{2}$ assuming $g = 2.00$ (0.75 cm³mol⁻¹). Upon decreasing
311 temperature, this value decreases almost linearly to a value of 0.232 cm³mol⁻¹, at 5 K,
312 suggesting a strong antiferromagnetic interaction. The experimental data were fitted using
313 the Bleaney-Bowers equation [66] for binuclear copper(II) complexes with the Hamiltonian
314 in the form $H = -JS_1S_2$. The best fit parameters in the temperature range from 5 to 300 K
315 were found for: $g = 2.10$, $\rho = 2.94\%$ and $2J = -539$ cm⁻¹. These values are similar to those
316 reported for complex [CuCl(μ -L1)]₂·CH₃NO₂ ($g = 2.16$, and $2J = -572$ cm⁻¹) [33], and
317 similar alkoxide bridged dimers [23] and agree to Haase's magneto-structural correlations
318 [67]. However, it is important to note that for strong antiferromagnetic complexes, where
319 the diamagnetic correction is of the same order of magnitude as the uncorrected molar
320 susceptibility, uncertainty of the corrected values is large, thus uncertainty of the estimated
321 $2J$ values is 5–10% [68–70]. Despite this, trends can still be assessed.

322 Previous studies show that the magnetic interaction value in alkoxo-bridged Cu(II)
323 dimers strongly depends on their topological features. The consensus is that six of them are
324 key: (i) Cu···Cu distance, (ii) Cu–O–Cu angle (θ), (iii) Cu–O distance, (iv) torsional angle
325 (angle of the carbon bonded to the bridging oxygen atom, τ), (v) planarity of the bonds
326 around the bridging oxygen and (vi) hinge distortion (roof shape) [67,71–74]. However, it
327 has been established that parameters (i), (ii), and (iii) show some intrinsic relationship [72–

328 74], thus Cu–O–Cu angle is the main parameter for predicting 2 J values. For complex 3, the
329 sum of the angles around the bridging oxygen is 374.35°, has a θ value of 104.30°, a τ value
330 of 16.3°, and no hinge distortion is observed. Owing to these parameters, the
331 antiferromagnetic interactions agree with the reported models.

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343 3. Conclusions

344 We have tested the reactivity of two hybrid N,O- donor pyrazole derived ligands, (HL1
345 and HL2) against different Cu(II) salts: $\text{CuCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$, yielding
346 complexes 1–4. All complexes were fully characterized. The crystal structure of all the
347 resulting complexes was elucidated, showing diverse topologies such as asymmetrical
348 dimers (1), monomers (2B), symmetrical dimers (3) and ionic (4). Moreover, it showed that
349 those ligands are cleaved along the NPz-C bond upon reaction with $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$,
350 resulting in the in situ formation of two disubstituted pyrazole ligands: 3,5-diphenylpyrazole
351 and 3,5-di(2-pyridyl)pyrazolate. As a result, a complex bearing two different pyrazole
352 ligands in its structure has been isolated (3). Lastly, the magneto structural correlations in 3
353 were studied. This complex shows strong antiferromagnetic behaviour, which can be
354 rationalised based on their Cu–O–Cu angle and τ values.

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362 4. Experimental Section

363 4.1. Materials and general details

364 Copper(II) chloride dihydrate ($\text{CuCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$), copper(II) nitrate tri- hydrate
365 ($\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$), 2-hydroxyethylhydrazine, 1,3-diphenyl-1,3- propanedione, 1,3-di(2-
366 pyridyl)-1,3-propanedione, methanol (MeOH), ethanol (EtOH), diethyl ether (Et₂O),
367 acetonitrile (CH_3CN), dichloro- methane (CH_2Cl_2) and chloroform (CHCl_3) were
368 purchased from Sigma Aldrich and used without further purification. Reactions and
369 manipulation were carried out in air at room temperature (r.t.). The 2-(3,5- diphenyl-1H-
370 pyrazol-1-yl) ethanol (HL1) and 2-(3,5-(2-dipyridyl)-1H- pyrazol-1-yl)ethanol (HL2) were
371 synthesised as described in the literature [27,28]. Elemental analyses (EA) (C, H, N) were
372 carried out on a Thermo Scientific Flash 2000 CHNS Analyses. Conductivity measurements
373 were performed at r.t. in MeOH (1, 2A) or CH_3CN (3, 4) solutions ($\approx 1 \cdot 10^{-3}$ M), using an
374 EC-Meter BASIC 30 (Crison Instruments) conductometer. FTIR-ATR spectra were
375 recorded on a Tensor 27 (Bruker) spectrometer, equipped with an attenuated total reflectance
376 (ATR) accessory model MKII Golden Gate with diamond window in the range 4000–600
377 cm^{-1} . The electronic spectra in MeOH (1, 2A) or CH_3CN (3, 4) solutions ($5.96 \cdot 10^{-4}$ -
378 $1.32 \cdot 10^{-3}$ M) were run on a JASCO V-780 UV–Visible/NIR Spectrophotometer with a
379 quartz cell having a path length of 1 cm in the range of 500–1100 nm. Magnetic
380 measurements from 5 K to 300 K were carried out with a Quantum Design MPMS-5S
381 SQUID spectrometer using a 100 Oe field. The experimental susceptibilities were corrected
382 for the diamagnetism of the constituent atoms [75] and effects of the capsule container.

383 4.2. Synthesis of complex $[\text{CuCl}(\mu\text{-L1})]_2 \cdot \text{HL1}$ (1)

384 To a solution of HL1 (1.01 mmol, 0.266 g) in MeOH (15 mL), a solution of
385 $\text{CuCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1.00 mmol, 0.171 g) in MeOH (10 mL) was added dropwise. The resulting
386 dark green solution was stirred for 48 h at r.t. After that period, the solution was concentrated
387 up to 5 mL and left overnight on the fridge, resulting in the formation of a dark green solid.
388 This solid was filtered off, washed with cold Et₂O (5 mL) and dried under

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390 vacuum. Suitable crystals for X-ray diffraction of complex 1 were ob- tained by
391 recrystallization in MeOH for six days.

392 1. Yield: 27.9% (0.090 g). Elem. Anal. Calc. for C₈₅H₇₆Cl₄Cu₄N₂O₅
393 (1713.56 g/mol): C 59.32; H 4.19; N 8.12. Found: C 59.22; H 4.08; N 7.95%. Conductivity
394 (1.06·10⁻³ M in MeOH): 57 Ω⁻¹·cm²·mol⁻¹. FTIR- ATR (wavenumber, cm⁻¹): 3331(br)
395 [ν(O–H)], 3056(w) [ν(C–H)_{ar}], 2941–2851(w) [ν(C–H)_{al}], 1576(m) and 1551(m) [ν(C–
396 C/C–N)]_{ar}, 1469(m), 1464(m) and 1451(m) [δ(C–C/C–N)]_{ar}, 1374(m), 1298(m), 1278(m),
397 1235(w), 1202(w), 1160 (w), 1102(w), 1073(m) and 1016(m) [δ(C–H)_{ip}], 965(w), 922(w),
398 879(w), 809(w), 761(vs) [δ(C–H)_{oop}] and 695(vs) [δ(C–H)_{oop}], 614(w), 580(w), 519(w).
399 UV–Vis: (MeOH, 8·92·10⁻⁴ M) λ_{max} (ε(M⁻¹cm⁻¹)) = 769 nm (66).

400 4.3. Synthesis of complex [CuCl₂(HL₂)·H₂O (2A)

401 To a solution of HL₂ (0.635 mmol, 0.169 g) in MeOH (10 mL), a solution of
402 CuCl₂·2H₂O (0.635 mmol, 0.285 g) in MeOH (20 mL) was added dropwise. The resulting
403 dark green solution was stirred for 48 h at r.t. After that period, a green precipitate appeared,
404 which was filtered off, washed with cold Et₂O (5 mL) and dried under vacuum. Suitable
405 crystals for X-ray diffraction of the complex were obtained by recrystallization in CH₂Cl₂
406 for two weeks. The single X-ray crystal analysis revealed the presence of CH₂Cl₂ in its
407 structure, thus resulting in complex [CuCl₂(HL₂)·H₂O·CH₂Cl₂ (2B). However, for
408 samples of 2B, the molecules of CH₂Cl₂ are readily lost in contact with the atmosphere,
409 even for single crystals, preventing its spectroscopical and analytical characterization. Thus,
410 EA results were adjusted considering [CuCl₂(HL₂)·H₂O (2A). 2A. Yield: 72.2% (0.231 g).
411 Elem. Anal. Calc. for C₁₄H₁₆Cl₂CuN₄O₂ (406.75 g/mol): C 41.34; H 3.96; N 13.77.
412 Found: C 41.27; H 4.08; N 13.49%. Conductivity (1.3·10⁻³ M in MeOH): 14 Ω⁻¹·cm²·mol⁻¹.
413 FTIR- ATR (wavenumber, cm⁻¹): 3532(br) and 3246(br) [ν(O–H)], 3113 (m)-3032(m)
414 [ν(C–H)_{ar}], 2969(w)-2932(w) [ν(C–H)_{al}], 1609(m) [ν(C–C/C–N)]_{ar}, 1586(m) and 1567(m)
415 [ν(C–C/C–N)]_{ar}, 1466(w), 1442(m) and 1438(s) [δ(C–C/C–N)]_{ar}, 1380(m), 1351(m),
416 1314(w), 1286(m), 1252(w), 1229(w), 1161 (m), 1043(s) [δ(C–H)_{ip}], 1013(m), 978(m),
417 880(w), 848(m), 826(m), 795(m), 781(s) [δ(C–H)_{oop}], 741(w), 738(m), 685(m), 659(w),
418 626(m). UV–Vis: (MeOH, 1.32·10⁻³ M) λ_{max} (ε(M⁻¹cm⁻¹)) = 769 nm (68).

419 4.4. Synthesis of [Cu(NO₃)(3,5-hdppz)(μ-L₁)]₂·2CH₃CN (3), (3,5- 420 hdppz = 3,5-diphenylpyrazole)

421 To a solution of HL₁ (1.69 mmol, 0.474 g) in MeOH (20 mL), a solution of
422 Cu(NO₃)₂·3H₂O (1.79 mmol, 0.432 g) in MeOH (20 mL) was added dropwise. The
423 resulting dark green solution was stirred for 48 h at r.t. After that period, the solution was

424 concentrated up to 5 mL, and left standing to evaporate for four days. Then, the green
425 precipitate was filtered off, washed with cold Et₂O (5 mL) and dried under vacuum.
426 Recrystallization of this solid in CH₃CN for two weeks yielded suitable crystals for X-ray
427 diffraction.

428 3. Yield: 89.55% (0.492 g). Elem. anal. Calc. for C₆₈H₆₀Cu₂N₁₂O₈ (1300.36 g/mol):
429 C 62.81; H 4.65; N 12.93. Found: C 62.59; H 4.36; N 12.78%. Conductivity (5.69·10⁻⁴ M
430 in CH₃CN): 44 Ω⁻¹·cm²·mol⁻¹. FTIR-ATR (wavenumber, cm⁻¹): 3122(w) [ν(N-H)],
431 3061(w) [ν(C-H)_{ar}], 2915(w)-2863(w) [ν(C-H)_{al}], 2254(m) [ν(CN)], 1750–1741(w) [ν₁
432 + ν₄ (NO₃)], 1577(s)-1551(s) [ν(C-C/C-N)_{ar}], 1478(m), 1464(m) [δ(C-C/C-N)_{ar}],
433 1441(m), 1389(vs) [ν(NO₃)], 1300(vs) [ν(NO₃)], 1233(w), 1204(w), 1161(m), 1104(m),
434 1076(s) [δ(C-H)_{ip}], 1038(m), 1028(m), 1016(m), 990(m), 986(m), 968(w), 954 (w), 910(m),
435 843(w), 811(w), 758(vs) [δ(C-H)_{oop}], 705(w), 689(vs) [δ(C-H)_{oop}], 669 (m), 648(w),
436 579(m). UV-Vis: (CH₃CN, 5.69·10⁻⁴ M) λ_{max} (ε(M⁻¹cm⁻¹)) = 728 (154).

437 **4.5. Synthesis of [Cu(H₂O)(3,5-dpypz)]₂(NO₃)₂·H₂O (4), (3,5-dpypz = 3,5-di(2- 438 pyridyl)pyrazolate)**

439 To a solution of HL2 (0.37 mmol, 0.098 g) in MeOH (20 mL), a solution of
440 Cu(NO₃)₂·3H₂O (0.39 mmol, 0.094 g) in MeOH (20 mL) was added dropwise. The
441 resulting dark green solution was stirred for 48 h at r.t. After that period, the solution was
442 concentrated up to 5 mL, and left in the fridge for two days, resulting in the formation of a
443 green precipitate. Then, the green precipitate was filtered off, washed with cold Et₂O (5 mL)
444 and dried under vacuum. Recrystallization of this solid in a CH₃CN:CHCl₃ mixture (3:1)
445 for one month yielded suitable crystals for X-ray diffraction.

446 4. Yield: 71.24% (0.098 g). Elem. anal. Calc. for C₂₆H₂₄Cu₂N₁₀O₉ (747.63 g/mol):
447 C 41.77; H 3.24; N 18.74. Found: C 41.62; H 3.30; N 18.53%. Conductivity (6.95·10⁻⁴ M
448 in CH₃CN): 219 Ω⁻¹·cm²·mol⁻¹. FTIR-ATR (wavenumber, cm⁻¹): 3301(br) [ν(OH)],
449 3099(w)-2952(w) [ν(C-H)_{ar} + ν(C-H)_{al}], 1749(w) [ν₁ + ν₄ (NO₃)], 1614(s) [ν(C≡N)_{ar}],
450 1588(s) and 1569(s) [ν(C-C/C-N)_{ar}], 1472(m), 1461(m) [δ(C-C/C-N)_{ar}], 1435(s)
451 [ν(NO₃)], 1406(m), 1361(m), 1271(vs) [ν(NO₃)], 1158(m), 1053(w), 1046(m), 1036(s)
452 [δ(C-H)_{ip}], 1017(m), 993(m), 980(w), 955(m), 891(w), 870(m), 840(w), 820(m), 799(m),
453 781 (vs) [δ(C-H)_{oop}], 750(s) [δ(C-H)_{oop}], 716(m), 984(m), 656(m), 648 (m), 626(m),
454 596(m). UV-Vis: (CH₃CN, 6.95·10⁻⁴ M) λ_{max} (ε(M⁻¹cm⁻¹)) = 709 nm (119).

455 **4.6. X-ray crystallography**

456 Blue (1, 3 and 4) or green (2B) prism-like specimens were used for the X-ray
457 crystallographic analysis. The X-ray intensity data were measured on a D8 Venture system
458 equipped with a multilayer monochromator and a Mo microfocus ($\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$). The
459 frames were integrated with the Bruker SAINT software package using a narrow-frame
460 algorithm. For 1, the integration of the data using a monoclinic unit cell yielded a total of
461 67927 reflections to a maximum θ angle of 26.54° (0.80 \AA resolution), of which 7851 were
462 independent (average redundancy 8.652, completeness = 98.4%, $R_{\text{int}} = 8.91\%$, $R_{\text{sig}} =$
463 4.48%) and 5742 (73.14%) were greater than $2\sigma(F_2)$. For 2B, the integration of the data
464 using a triclinic unit cell yielded a total of 38964 reflections to a maximum θ angle of 30.62°
465 (0.70 \AA resolution), of which 5964 were independent (average redundancy 6.533,
466 completeness = 97.9%, $R_{\text{int}} = 2.53\%$, $R_{\text{sig}} = 1.60\%$) and 5747 (96.36%) were greater than
467 $2\sigma(F_2)$. For 3, the integration of the data using a triclinic unit cell yielded a total of 63778
468 reflections to a maximum θ angle of 30.55° (0.70 \AA resolution), of which 9331 were
469 independent (average redundancy 6.835, completeness = 99.8%, $R_{\text{int}} = 3.55\%$, $R_{\text{sig}} =$
470 2.22%) and 8326 (89.23%) were greater than $2\sigma(F_2)$. For 4, the integration of the data using
471 an orthorhombic unit cell yielded a total of 70886 reflections to a maximum θ angle of 31.06°
472 (0.69 \AA resolution), of which 4701 were independent (average redundancy 15.079,
473 completeness = 99.7%, $R_{\text{int}} = 10.15\%$, $R_{\text{sig}} = 4.16\%$) and 2749 (58.48%) were greater than
474 $2\sigma(F_2)$. The structures were solved and refined using the Bruker SHELXTL Software
475 Package [76].

476 Crystal data and relevant details of structure refinement are reported in Table 5.
477 Molecular graphics were generated with Mercury 4.1.3 [77,78] with POV-Ray package [79].
478 Color codes for molecular graphics: grey (C), white (H), green (Cl), red (O), blue (N), orange
479 (Cu).

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694 **Table 1.** Selected bond lengths (Å), angles (°) and intermolecular hydrogen bond parameters
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Bond lengths (Å)				
Cu(1)-O(1)	1.9391(17)	Cu(2)-O(1)	1.8958(16)	
Cu(1)-O(2)	1.9686(17)	Cu(2)-O(2)	1.9062(17)	
Cu(1)-Cl(2)	2.2230(8)	Cu(1)-N(3)	1.945(2)	
Cu(1)-Cl(1)	2.2397(7)	Cu(1)-N(1)	1.961(1)	
Cu(1)···Cu(2)	2.9630(5)			
Bond angles (°)				
O(1)-Cu(1)-O(2)	76.09(7)	O(1)-Cu(2)-O(2)	78.61(7)	
O(1)-Cu(1)-Cl(2)	168.11(5)	O(1)-Cu(2)-N(3)	156.68(9)	
O(2)-Cu(1)-Cl(2)	94.77(5)	O(2)-Cu(2)-N(3)	91.23(8)	
O(1)-Cu(1)-Cl(1)	92.80(5)	O(1)-Cu(2)-N(1)	94.23(8)	
O(2)-Cu(1)-Cl(1)	161.49(6)	O(2)-Cu(2)-N(1)	165.39(8)	
Cl(2)-Cu(1)-Cl(1)	97.93(3)	N(3)-Cu(2)-N(1)	99.84(9)	
Intermolecular Hydrogen Bond Parameters				
	D-H (Å)	H···A (Å)	D···A (Å)	<D-H···A (°)
C5-H5···Cl2	0.950	2.688	3.636	175.47
C8-H8···O5	0.950	2.416	3.276	150.52
C32-H32···O5	0.950	2.527	3.168	124.94
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705 **Table 2.** Selected bond lengths (Å), angles (°) and intermolecular hydrogen bond parameters
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Bond lengths (Å)				
Cu(1)-N(2)	1.9805(8)	Cu(1)-Cl(1)	2.2322(3)	
Cu(1)-O(1)	1.9985(8)	Cu(1)-Cl(2)	2.4818(4)	
Cu(1)-N(1)	2.0261(9)			
Bond angles (°)				
N(2)-Cu(1)-O(1)	87.45(3)	N(1)-Cu(1)-Cl(1)	97.06(3)	
N(2)-Cu(1)-N(1)	79.50(3)	N(2)-Cu(1)-Cl(2)	101.03(3)	
N(1)-Cu(1)-O(1)	166.79(3)	Cl(2)-Cu(1)-O(1)	90.88(2)	
N(2)-Cu(1)-Cl(1)	153.75(3)	N(1)-Cu(1)-Cl(2)	93.60(3)	
O(1)-Cu(1)-Cl(1)	93.74(2)	Cl(1)-Cu(1)-Cl(2)	105.162(11)	
N(3)-Cu(1)-O(1)	89.27(4)	N(3)-Cu(1)-O(5)	100.27(6)	
Intermolecular Hydrogen Bond Parameters				
	D-H (Å)	H...A (Å)	D...A (Å)	<D-H...A (°)
O1-H1O...O1W	0.840	1.801	2.624	166.08
O1W-H1WA...Cl2	0.796	2.435	3.215	166.39
O1W-H1WB...Cl2	0.804	2.309	3.111	175.82

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716 **Table 3.** Selected bond lengths (Å), angles (°) and intermolecular hydrogen bond parameters
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Bond lengths (Å)				
Cu(1)-O(1)	1.9008(10)	Cu(1)-N(3)	2.0251(11)	
Cu(1)-O(1)#1	1.9501(10)	Cu(1)-N(1)	1.9505(11)	
Cu(1)-O(3)	2.474(1)	Cu(1)···Cu(1)#1	3.0408(4)	
Bond angles (°)				
O(1)-Cu(1)-O(1)#1	75.70(5)	O(1)-Cu(1)-N(1)	169.46(5)	
O(1)#1-Cu(1)-N(1)	94.38(4)	O(1)-Cu(1)-N(3)	93.27(4)	
O(1)#1-Cu(1)-N(3)	160.89(5)	N(1)-Cu(1)-N(3)	95.27(5)	
O(1)-Cu(1)-O(3)	87.74(4)	O(1)#1-Cu(1)-O(3)	94.40(4)	
N(1)-Cu(1)-O(3)	96.65(5)	N(3)-Cu(1)-O(3)	100.81(5)	
Intermolecular Hydrogen Bond Parameters				
	D-H (Å)	H···A (Å)	D···A (Å)	<D-H···A (°)
C8-H8···O2	0.950	2.531	3.420	155.83
C31-H31A···N6	0.990	2.622	3.413	135.92
C33-H33C···O2	0.980	2.599	3.464	147.17
C12-H12···Cg1 ^a	0.950	3.535	4.153	124.99

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^aCg1 = C10-C15; #1: -x + 1, y + 2, -z + 1

727 **Table 4.** Selected bond lengths (Å), angles (°) and intermolecular hydrogen bond parameters
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Bond lengths (Å)				
Cu(1)-N(3)	1.955(4)	Cu(1)-N(4)	2.097(5)	
Cu(1)-N(2)	1.960(5)	Cu(1)-O(1)	2.207(4)	
Cu(1)-N(1)	2.077(5)	Cu(1)···Cu(1)	4.0448(9)	
Bond angles (°)				
N(3)-Cu(1)-N(2)	91.43(17)	N(2)-Cu(1)-N(1)	79.81(18)	
N(3)-Cu(1)-N(1)	168.8(2)	N(3)-Cu(1)-N(4)	79.70(18)	
N(2)-Cu(1)-N(4)	166.74(18)	N(1)-Cu(1)-N(4)	107.63(19)	
N(3)-Cu(1)-O(1)	96.43(17)	N(2)-Cu(1)-O(1)	104.99(19)	
N(1)-Cu(1)-O(1)	92.55(19)	N(4)-Cu(1)-O(1)	85.93(19)	
Intermolecular Hydrogen Bond Parameters				
	D-H (Å)	H···A (Å)	D···A (Å)	<D-H···A (°)
O1-H10A···O3	0.797	2.061	2.756	145.70
O1-H10B···O7	0.815	1.917	2.724	170.88
O1W-H70A···O7	0.811	2.080	2.566	118.33
#1: -x + 1/4, -y + 1/4, z				

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738 **Table 5.** Crystallographic data for complexes 1–4.

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Empirical Formula	C ₈₈ H ₇₆ Cl ₄ Cu ₄ N ₁₀ O ₅	C ₁₆ H ₁₈ Cl ₄ CuN ₄ O ₂	C ₆₈ H ₆₀ Cu ₂ N ₁₂ O ₈	C ₂₆ H ₂₄ Cu ₂ N ₁₀ O ₉
Formula weight	1713.51	503.60	1300.36	747.63
T (K)	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)
Wavelength (Å)	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
System, space group	Monoclinic, C2/c	Triclinic, P-1	Triclinic, P-1	Orthorhombic, Fddd
Unit cell dimensions				
a (Å)	32.071(3)	7.1504(7)	9.8155(9)	18.360(2)
b (Å)	12.8910(12)	11.4516(10)	12.1884(12)	23.625(2)
c (Å)	21.3823(19)	13.4558(11)	13.9385(14)	27.030(3)
α (°)	90	115.148(3)	67.033(4)	90
β (°)	120.051(3)	94.615(3)	87.810(4)	90
γ (°)	90	93.934(3)	84.075(4)	90
V (Å ³)	7651.8(12)	987.66(15)	1527.1(3)	11728(2)
Z	4	2	1	16
D _{calc} (mg/m ³)	1.487	1.694	1.414	1.694
μ (mm ⁻¹)	1.297	1.667	0.764	1.523
F (000)	3520	510	674	6080
Crystal size (mm ⁻³)	0.126*0.071* 0.046	0.348*0.158* 0.092	0.150*0.080* 0.060	0.120*0.090* 0.060
hkl ranges	-40 ≤ h ≤ 40, -16 ≤ k ≤ 16, -26 ≤ l ≤ 26	-10 ≤ h ≤ 10, -16 ≤ k ≤ 16, -19 ≤ l ≤ 19	-13 ≤ h ≤ 14-17 ≤ k ≤ 17-19 ≤ l ≤ 19	-26 ≤ h ≤ 26-34 ≤ k ≤ 34-39 ≤ l ≤ 35
2θ range (°)	2.475 to 26.541	3.082 to 30.620	2.086 to 30.549	2.290 to 31.063
Reflections collected/unique / [R _{int}]	67,297 / 7851 / [R _{int}] = 0.0891	38,694 / 5964 / [R _{int}] = 0.0253	63778 / 9331 / [R _{int}] = 0.0355	70,856 / 4701 / [R _{int}] = 0.1015
Completeness to θ (%)	99.1	98.4	99.8	99.9
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical	Semi-empirical	Semi-empirical	Semi-empirical
Max. and min. transmission	0.7454 and 0.6969	0.7461 and 0.6694	0.7461 and 0.6980	0.7462 and 0.6972
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-square on F ²	Full-matrix least-square on F ²	Full-matrix least-square on F ²	Full-matrix least-square on F ²
Data/Restraints/Parameters	7051 / 7 / 501	5964 / 3 / 250	9331 / 0 / 407	4701 / 3 / 243
Goodness-on-fit on F ²	0.984	1.080	1.073	1.089
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R ₁ = 0.0358 wR ₂ = 0.0878	R ₁ = 0.0193 wR ₂ = 0.0529	R ₁ = 0.0331 wR ₂ = 0.0805	R ₁ = 0.0725 wR ₂ = 0.1923
R indices (all data)	R ₁ = 0.0583 wR ₂ = 0.0972	R ₁ = 0.0204 wR ₂ = 0.0541	R ₁ = 0.0405 wR ₂ = 0.0872	R ₁ = 0.1381 wR ₂ = 0.2630
Extinction coefficient	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.00051(10)
Largest diff. peak and hole (e.Å ⁻³)	1.512 and -0.472	0.460 and -0.399	1.694 and -0.565	1.227 and -0.786

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748 **Figures Captions**

749 **Scheme 1.** Representation of the reactions carried out in this work. Occluded solvent
750 molecules have been excluded for clarity. 3,5-hdppz = 3,5-diphenylpyrazole; 3,5-dpypz =
751 3,5-(2-pyridyl)pyrazolate.

752 **Figure 1.** a) Complex 1, showing relevant atoms and their numbering scheme. Occluded
753 solvent molecules have been excluded for clarity b) Supramolecular packing in 1, view along
754 b axis. Occluded HL1 molecules are highlighted in blue. Detail of the association between
755 dimeric units. c) Voids representation (1543.8 Å³, 20.2% of unit cell volume), view along c
756 axis.

757 **Figure. 2** a) Complex 2B, showing all its relevant atoms and numbering scheme. b)
758 Supramolecular chains, view along c axis. c) Clathrate-like structure, view along a axis.

759 **Figure 3.** Complex 3, showing relevant atoms and their numbering scheme. Occluded
760 solvent molecules have been excluded for clarity.

761 **Figure 4.** a) Supramolecular chains in 3, view along b axis. b) Interactions between chains
762 along c axis (left) and a axis (right). Occluded CH₃CN molecules are highlighted in green.
763 Only relevant hydrogen atoms are shown.

764 **Figure 5.** a) Dimeric cation of complex 4, showing relevant atoms and numbering scheme.
765 Occluded solvent molecules have been excluded for clarity. b) Supramolecular packing,
766 showing all non-hydrogen atoms. Water molecules are highlighted in blue and space fill
767 mode. View along a axis. c) Detail of the π - π stacking interactions.

768 **Figure 6.** Thermal variation of χ_{para} for 3. Inset: thermal variation of χ_M for 3. Solid line
769 represents best fit to the proposed model (see text)..

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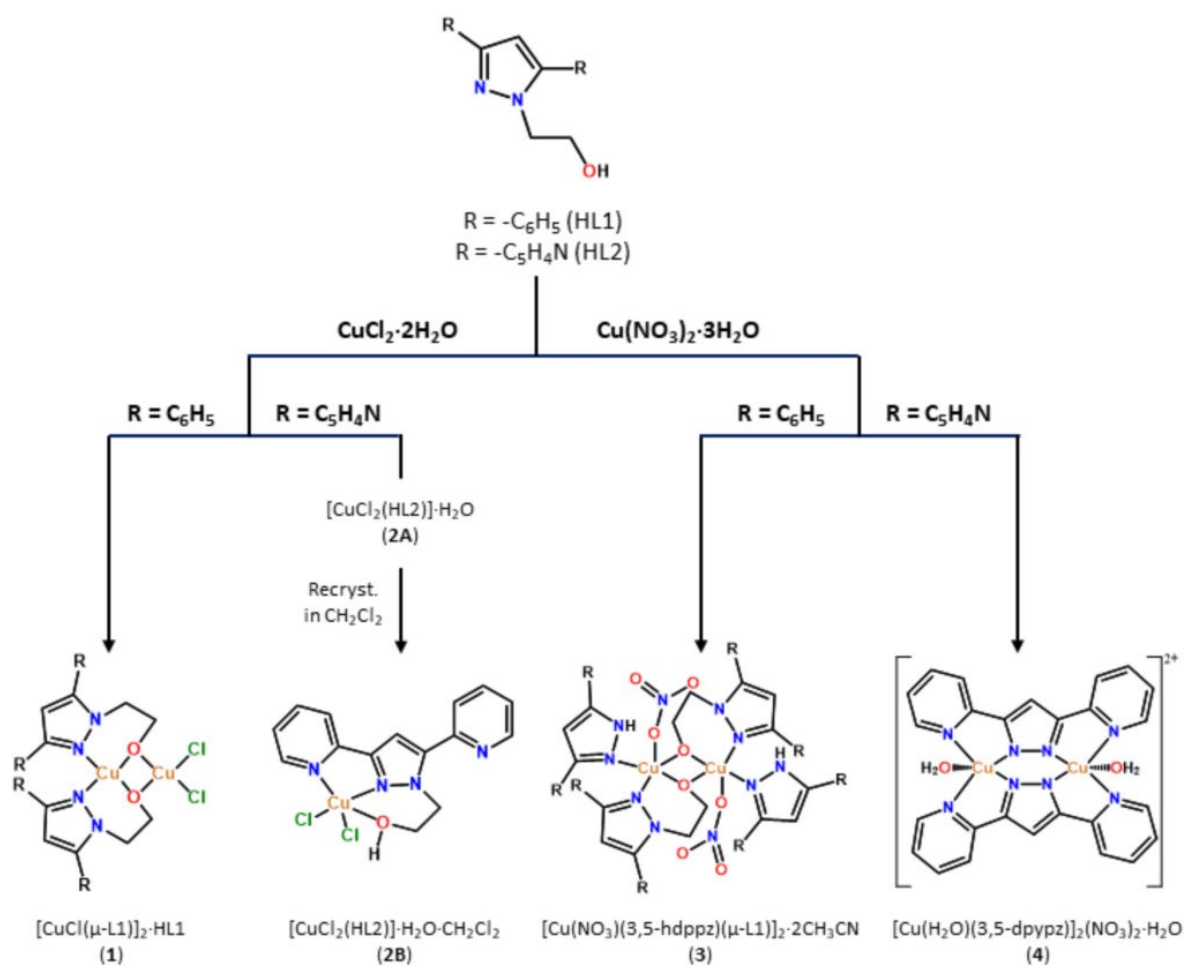
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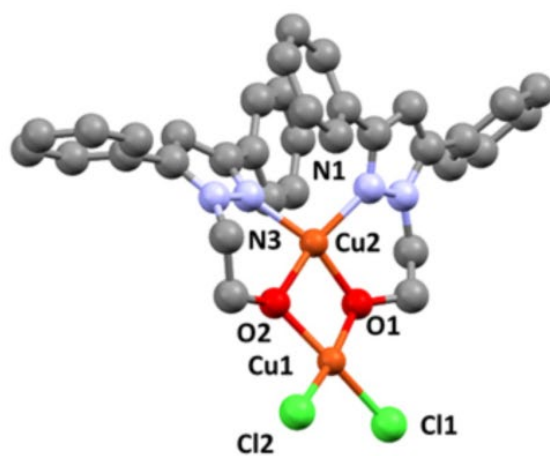
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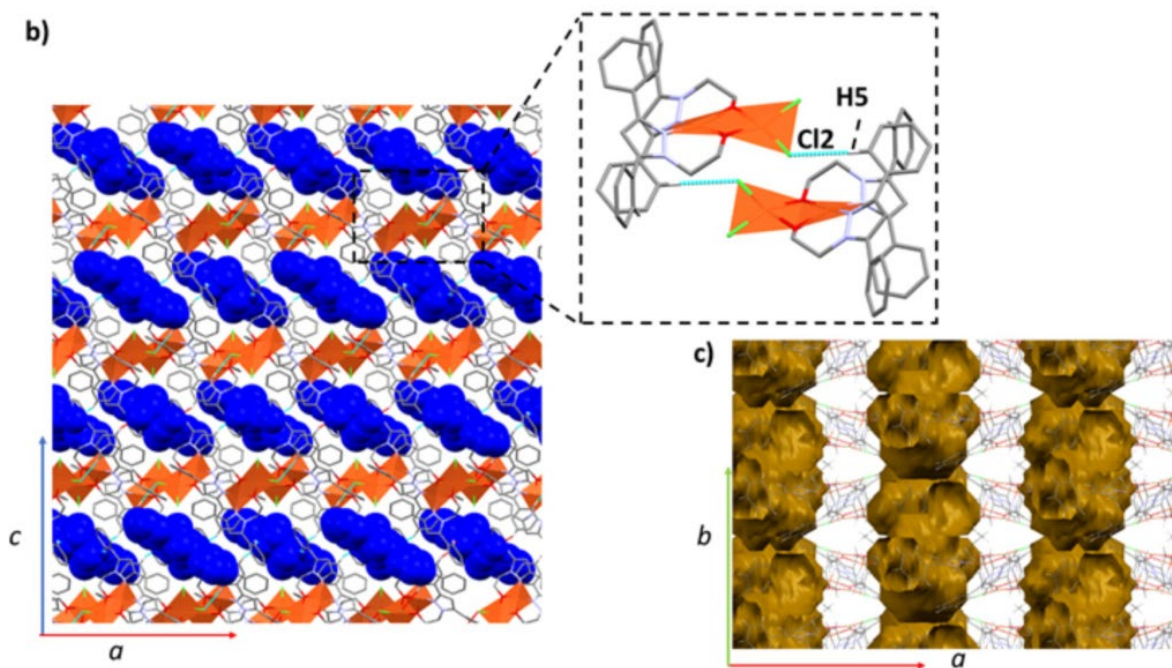
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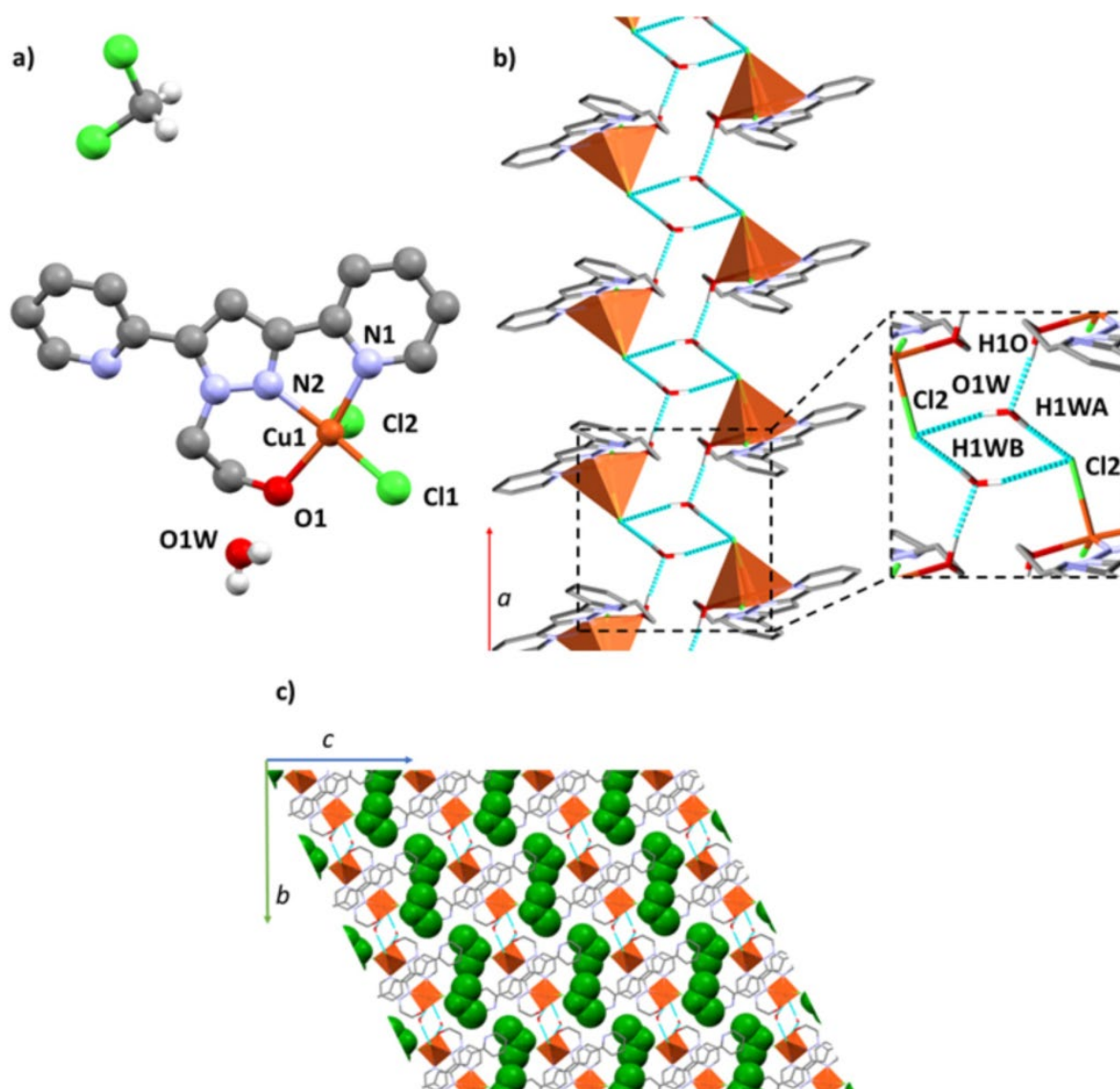
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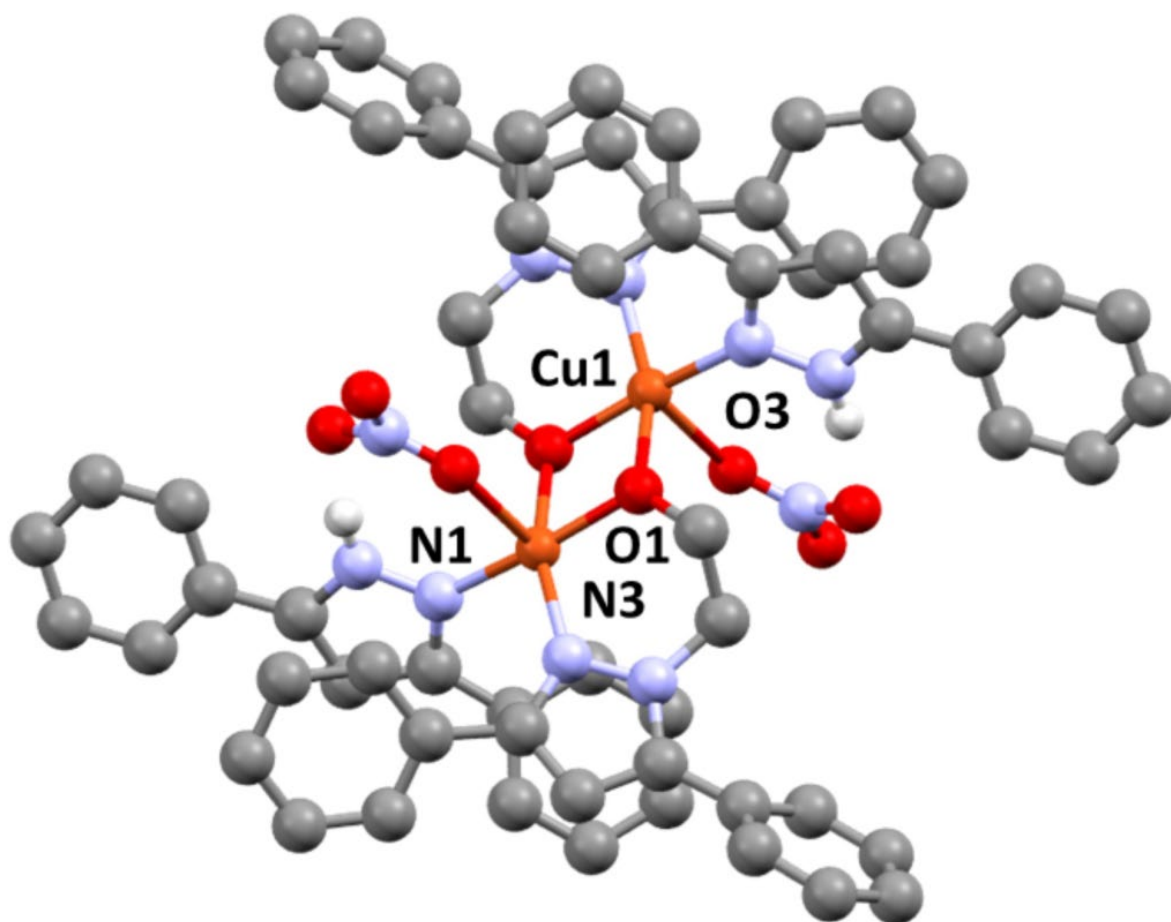
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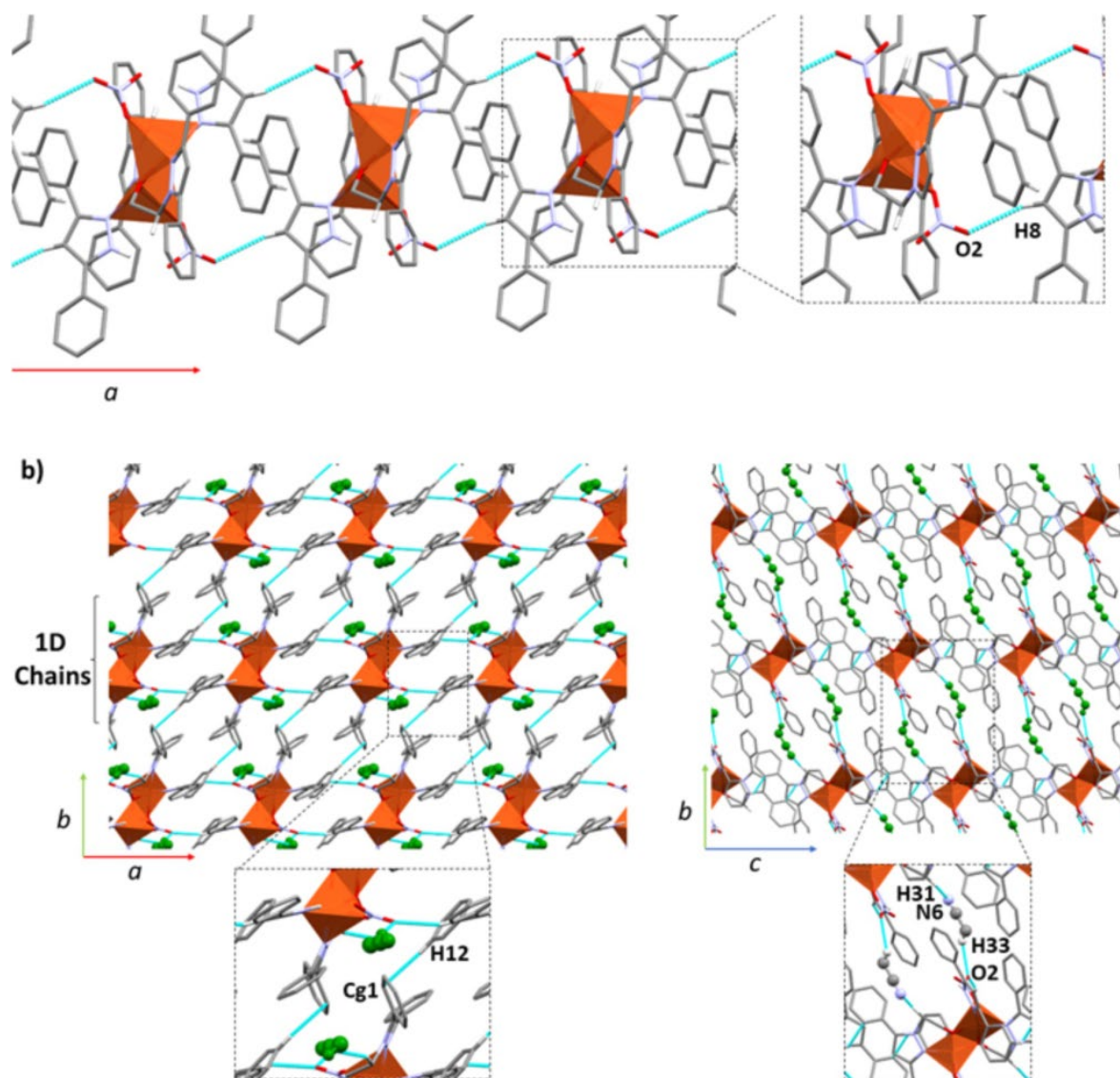
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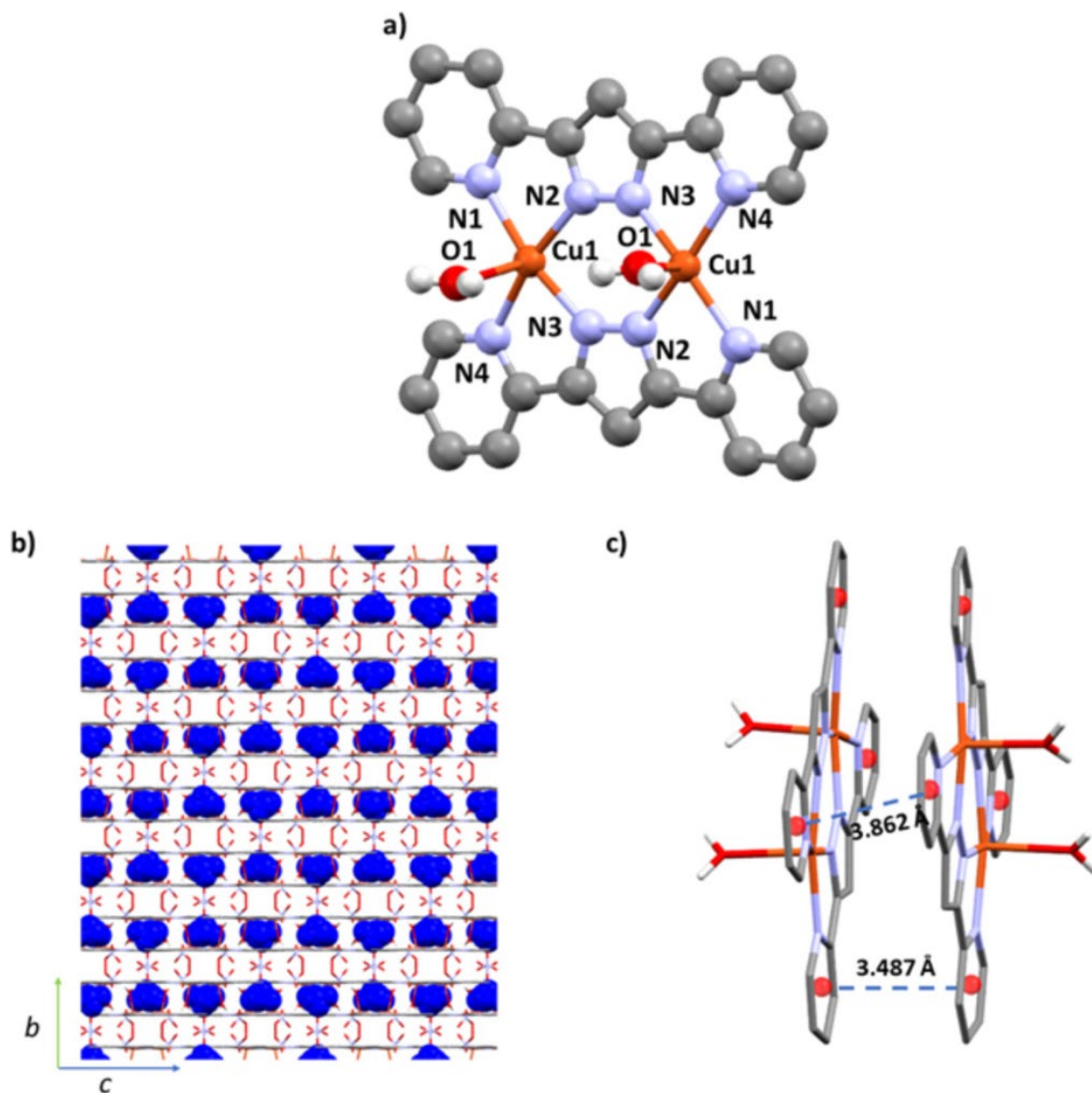
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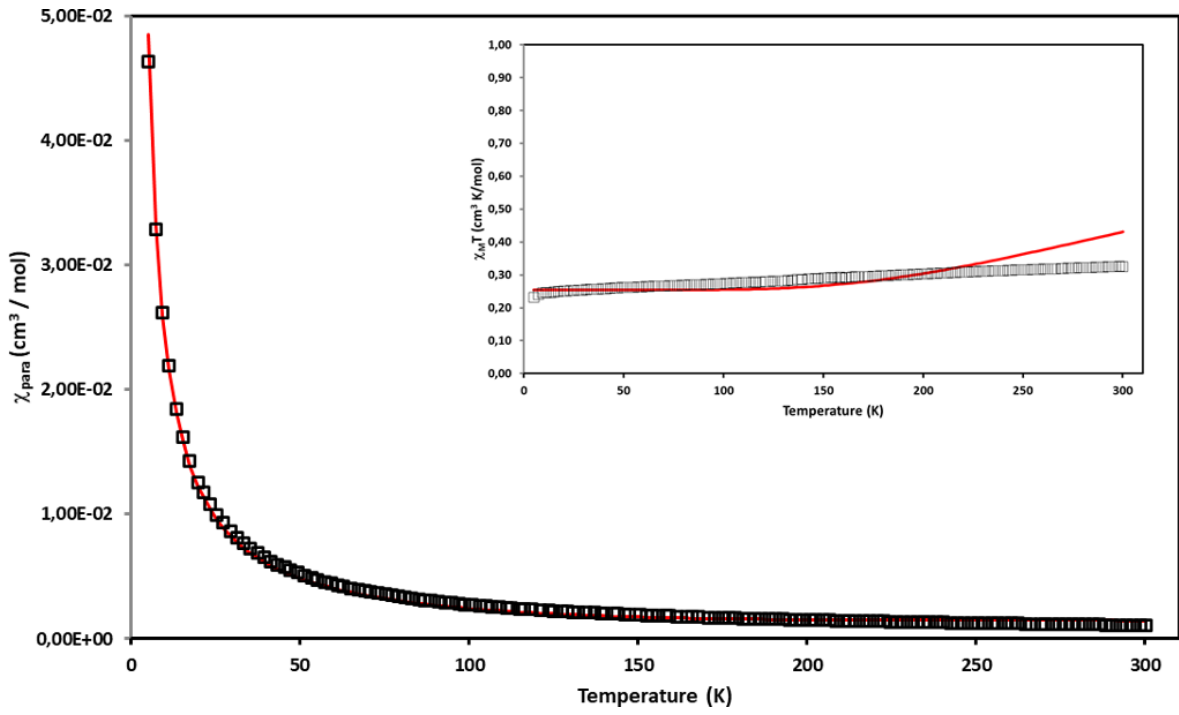
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