

Selective Encapsulation of a Chloride Anion in a 1*H*-Pyrazole Cu²⁺.

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1 Ligand characterisation.

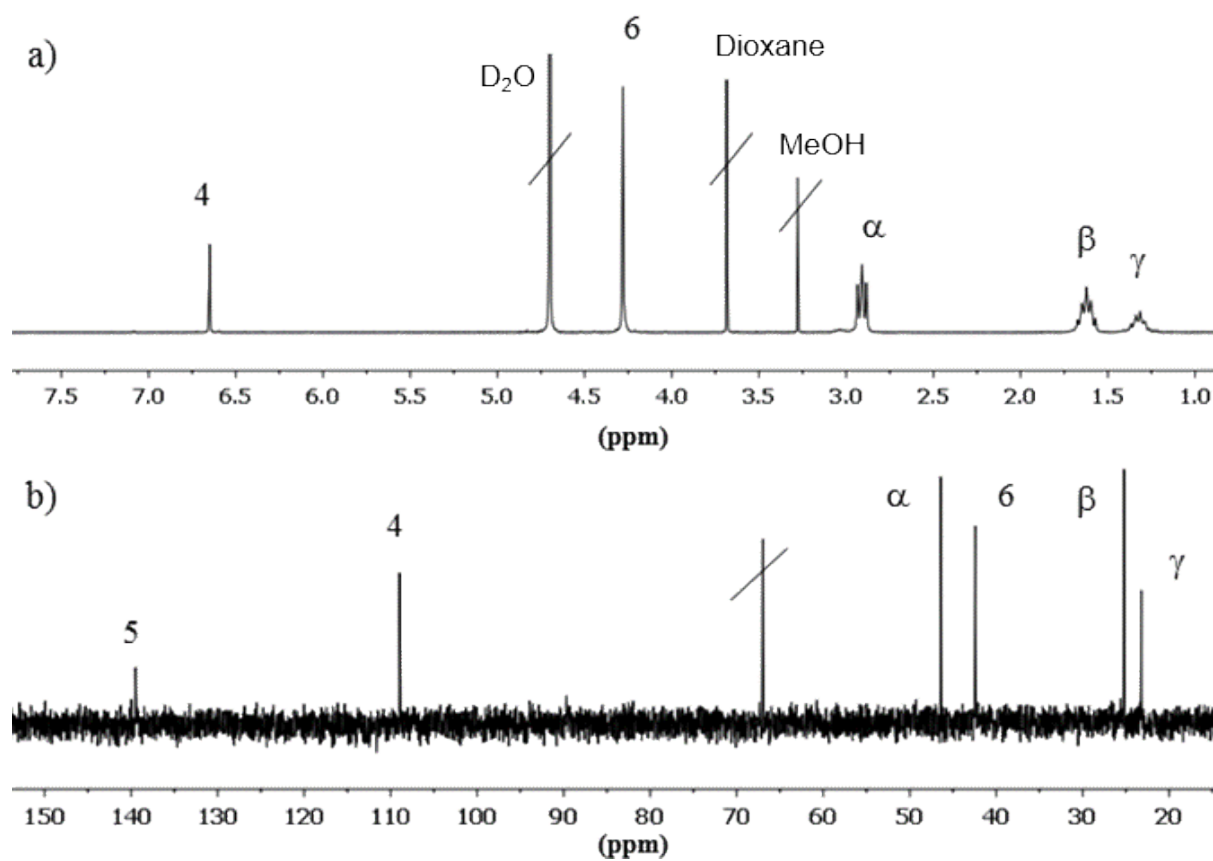
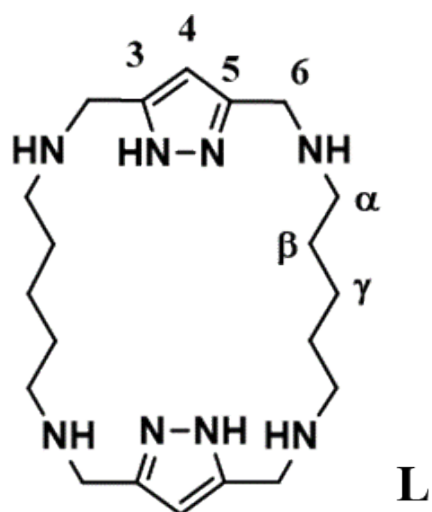


Figure S1: (a) ^1H NMR (300 MHz, D_2O) spectrum of **L**. (b) ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, D_2O) spectrum of **L**.

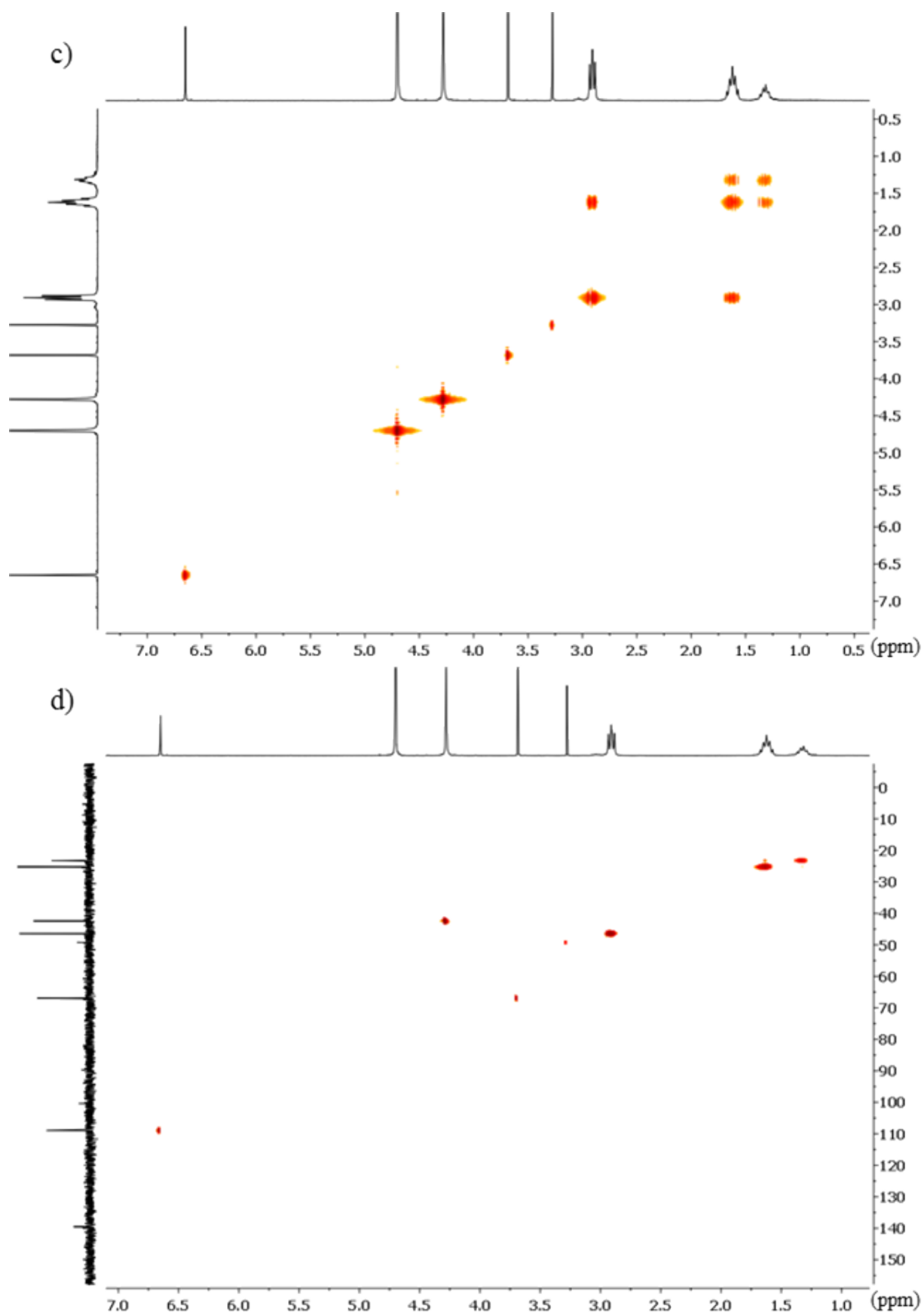


Figure S2: (c) COSY and (d) HSQC in D₂O of L.

2 Crystallographic information

Table S1: Crystallographic data

	1	2	3	4
Formula	C ₄₀ H _{78.67} Cu ₄ F ₁₄ N ₁₆ O _{5.33} P ₂	C ₄₀ H ₇₄ Cl ₄ Cu ₄ N ₁₆ O ₃	C ₈₀ H ₁₃₆ Br ₄ Cu ₈ N ₃₂	C ₄₀ H ₆₀ ClCu ₅ I ₇ N ₁₆ O ₄
Weight / g mol ⁻¹	1451.27	1223.11	2374.16	2077.10
Density / g cm ⁻³	1.423	1.601	1.488	1.962
Size	0.30 × 0.10 × 0.05	0.20 × 0.20 × 0.20	0.24 × 0.09 × 0.08	0.20 × 0.10 × 0.10
System	orthorhombic	triclinic	monoclinic	orthorhombic
Space Group	<i>I</i> bam	<i>P</i> -1	<i>I</i> 2/m	<i>I</i> mmm
Cell				
<i>a</i> /Å	13.861(3)	12.0598(7)	14.34035(14)	20.5739(9)
<i>b</i> /Å	20.5434(17)	14.3764(8)	18.7171(2)	14.4716(5)
<i>c</i> /Å	23.7890(18)	15.6936(6)	19.8559(2)	11.8083(4)
α /°		108.589(4)		
β /°		90.753(4)	96.1863(10)	
γ /°		99.531(5)		
<i>V</i> /Å ³	6774.0(17)	2537.0(2)	5298.49(10)	3515.8(2)
<i>Z</i>	4	2	2	2
<i>T</i> /K	291.0(2)	120.0(1)	123(1)	291.0(2)
Θ range / °	3.21–32.40	3.03–32.33	1.80–26.62	3.84–23.65
<i>F</i> (000)	2981	1268	2424	1959
μ /cm ⁻¹	1.373	1.920	3.136	4.677
Reflections				
- total	12959	27668	20584	9900
- unique	5683	14775	5669	2586
- <i>I</i> > 2 σ _{<i>I</i>}	2350	7843	5318	1536
Parameters	209	663	320	117
Constraints	0	0	0	0
Restraints	0	9	61	0
Indices	-20 < <i>h</i> < 8 -17 < <i>k</i> < 31 -34 < <i>l</i> < 15	-15 < <i>h</i> < 16 -20 < <i>k</i> < 20 -22 < <i>l</i> < 22	-18 < <i>h</i> < 14 -23 < <i>k</i> < 20 -24 < <i>l</i> < 24	-26 < <i>h</i> < 27 -20 < <i>k</i> < 17 -16 < <i>l</i> < 16
<i>R</i> (int)	0.0945	0.0472	0.0186	0.0332
<i>R</i> (sigma)	0.1500	0.0901	0.0139	0.0347
<i>R</i> 1	0.2068	0.1311	0.0519	0.0904
<i>R</i> 1(<i>I</i> > 2 σ _{<i>I</i>})	0.0835	0.0607	0.0493	0.0553
<i>wR</i> 2	0.2520	0.1755	0.1403	0.1925
<i>wR</i> 2(<i>I</i> > 2 σ _{<i>I</i>})	0.2034	0.1326	0.1429	0.1623
Goof	0.921	1.018	1.039	1.033
CCDC number	1994846	1994845	1994844	1994847

Table S2: Hydrogen bonds of structure 1

D-H...A	distances / Å			angles / °
	D-H	H...A	D...A	D-H...A
O(1)-H(1A)...(F6)	0.92	2.21	2.748(6)	117
O(1)-H(1A)...(F4) ⁱ	0.92	2.21	3.067(6)	156
O(1)-H(1B)...(F2)	0.91	2.23	2.99(3)	141
O(1)-H(1B)...(F3)	0.91	2.29	2.84(2)	119
N(2)-H(2)...(F5)	0.98	2.10	2.905(5)	138
N(2)-H(2)...(F6)	0.98	2.19	3.087(6)	152
N(3)-H(3)...(F5)	0.98	2.32	3.062(5)	132
N(3)-H(3)...(F4) ⁱ	0.98	2.09	3.034(6)	162

D: donor, A: acceptor, H: hydrogen. Symmetry operations: (i) $\frac{1}{2} - x, \frac{1}{2} - y, \frac{1}{2} - z$

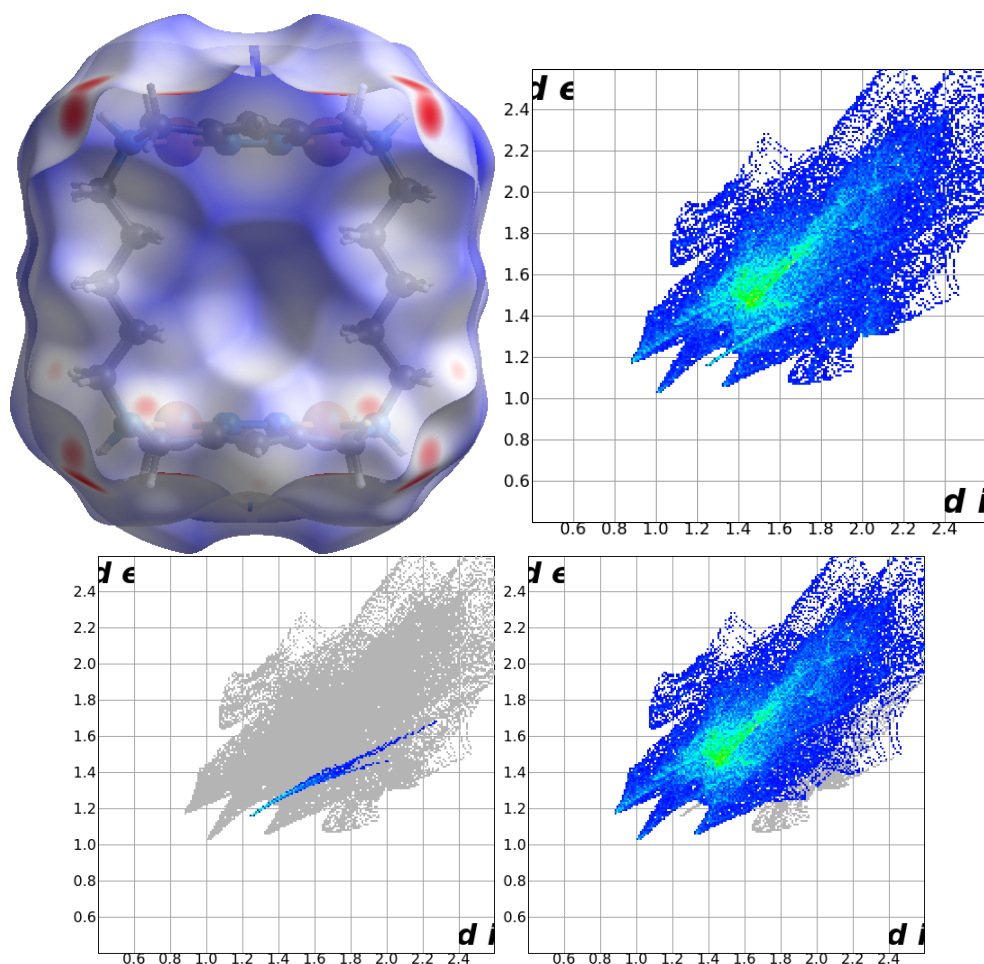


Figure S3: (top) Hirshfeld surface representation for structure 1. (middle) Hirshfeld surface fingerprint for all interactions. (bottom left) Interactions involving copper from the inside and oxygen on the outside which represent 2.1% of the Hirshfeld surface. (bottom right) Interactions involving hydrogen from the inside with any atom in the outside which account for 92.1% of the Hirshfeld surface.

Table S3: Hydrogen bonds of structure 2

D-H...A	distances / Å			angles / °
	D-H	H...A	D...A	D-H...A
N(16)-H(16)...O(3)	1.00	2.13	3.127(4)	175.5
N(4)-H(4)...Cl(2) ⁱ	1.00	2.46	3.293(4)	140.2
N(5)-H(5)...O(1) ⁱⁱ	1.00	2.17	3.021(5)	141.4
N(1)-H(1)...Cl(4) ⁱⁱⁱ	1.00	2.31	3.230(4)	152.4
O(3)-H(3A)...Cl(3) ⁱⁱⁱ	0.78	2.38	3.076(3)	149.2
O(3)-H(3B)...Cl(4) ^{iv}	0.82	2.49	3.173(3)	141.2
C(6)-H(6B)...Cl(1)	0.99	2.66	3.28(1)	121.5
N(13)-H(13A)...Cl(3) ⁱⁱ	1.00	2.40	3.303(4)	150.2
N(13)-H(13A)...O(1) ⁱⁱ	1.00	2.50	3.238(5)	130.8
O(2)-H(2A)...Cl(2) ^{iv}	0.80	2.43	3.154(5)	150.6
O(2)-H(2B)...Cl(4) ^v	0.81	2.43	3.161(5)	150.0

D: donor, A: acceptor, H: hydrogen. Symmetry operations: (i) $-x, 1-y, 1-z$; (ii) $1-x, 1-y, 1-z$; (iii) $x, 1+y, z$; (iv) $1-x, 1-y, 1-z$; (v) $1-x, -y, 1-z$.

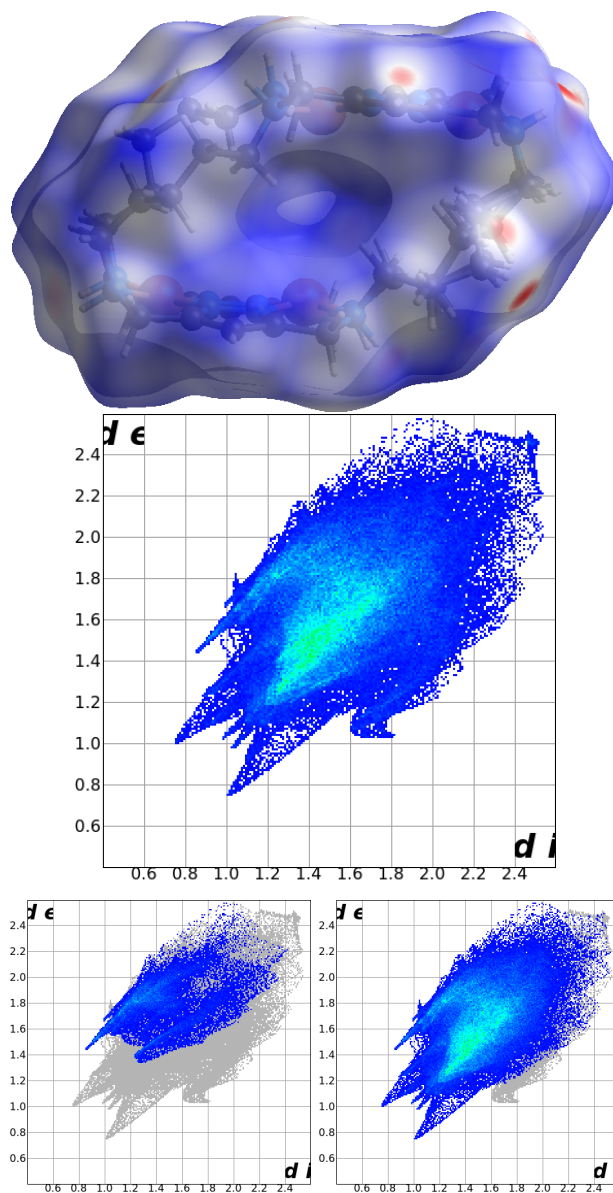


Figure S4: (top) Hirshfeld surface representation for structure 2. (middle) Hirshfeld surface fingerprint for all interactions. (bottom left) Interactions involving chlorine outside with any atom in the inside which represent 15.7% of the Hirshfeld surface. (bottom right) Interactions involving hydrogen from the inside with any atom in the outside which account for 89.7% of the Hirshfeld surface.

Table S4: Hydrogen bonds of structure 3

D-H...A	distances / Å			angles / °
	D-H	H...A	D...A	D-H...A
N(5)-H(5A)... Br(1) ⁱ	1.00	2.60	3.336(5)	130.6
N(1)-H(1)... Br(2) ⁱⁱ	1.00	2.58	3.433(3)	143.6

D: donor, A: acceptor, H: hydrogen. Symmetry operations: (i) $\frac{3}{2} - x, \frac{1}{2} + y, \frac{1}{2} - z$; (ii) $-x, -y, 1 - z$.

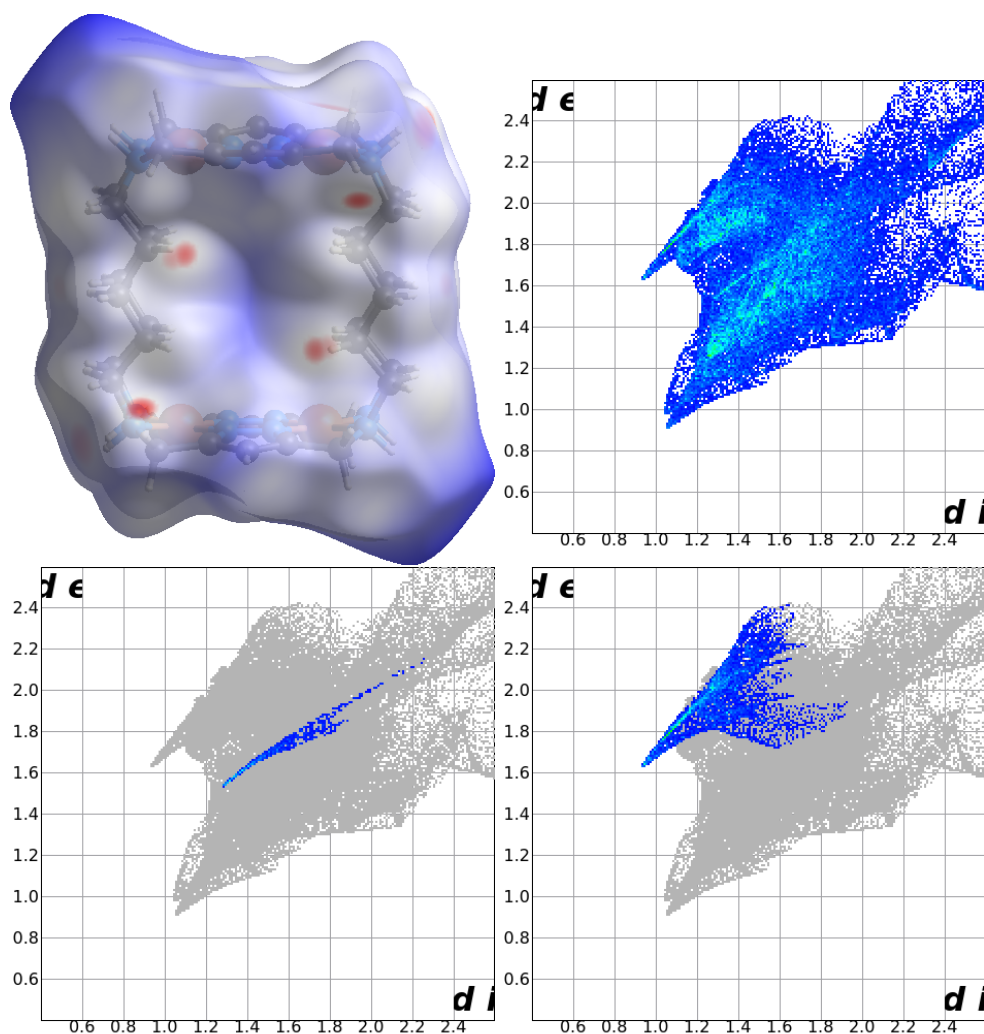


Figure S5: (top) Hirshfeld surface representation for structure 3. (middle) Hirshfeld surface fingerprint for all interactions. (bottom left) Interactions involving oxygen outside with copper inside which represent 0.12% of the Hirshfeld surface. (bottom right) Interactions involving hydrogen from the inside with any atom in the outside which account for 8.3% of the Hirshfeld surface.

Table S5: Hydrogen bonds of structure 4

D-H...A	distances / Å			angles / °
	D-H	H...A	D...A	D-H...A
C(3)-H(3B)...(I2)	0.97	2.95	3.920(7)	178

D: donor, A: acceptor, H: hydrogen.

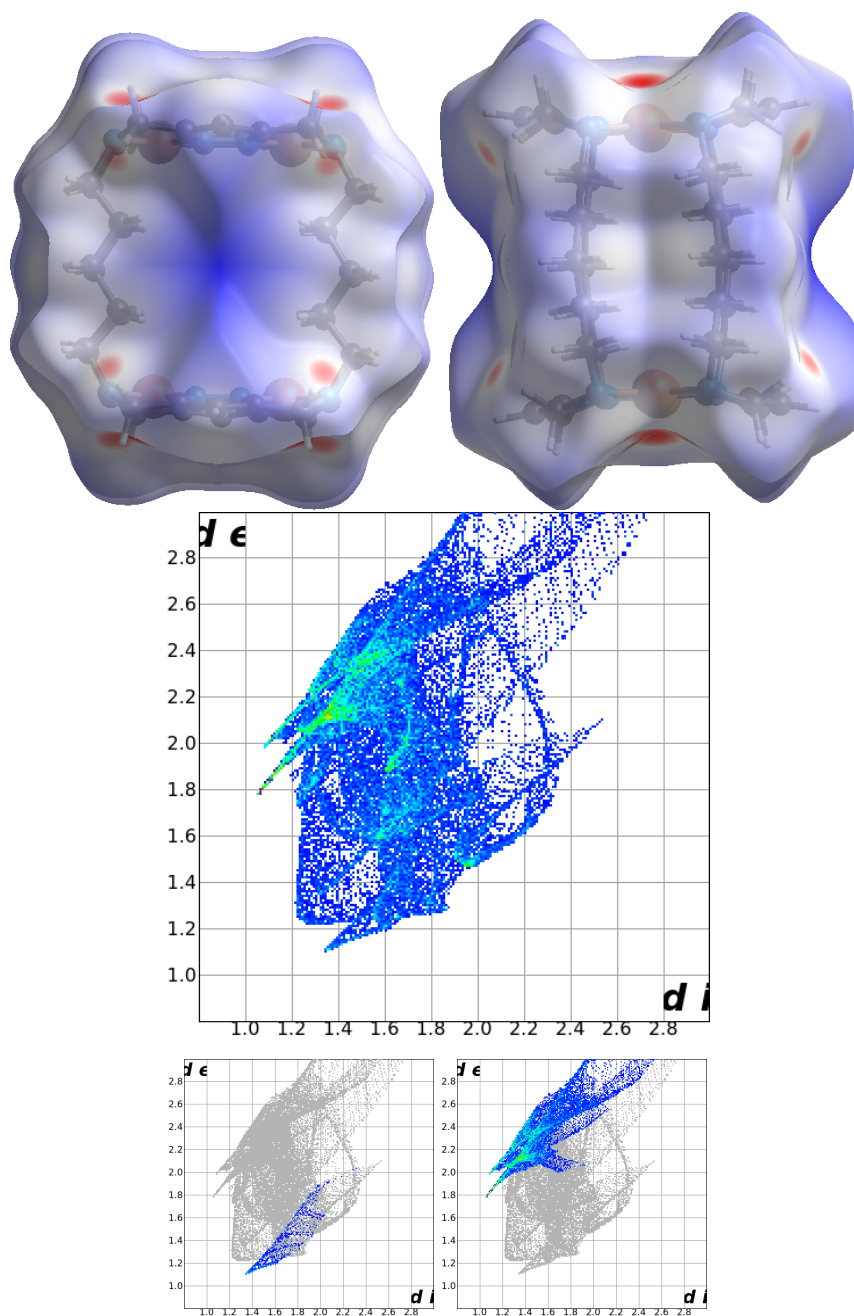


Figure S6: (top) Hirshfeld surface representation for structure 4. (middle) Hirshfeld surface fingerprint for all interactions. (bottom left) Interactions involving oxygen outside with copper inside which represent 2.4% of the Hirshfeld surface. (bottom right) Interactions involving hydrogen from the inside with iodine atoms in the outside which account for 38.0% of the Hirshfeld surface.

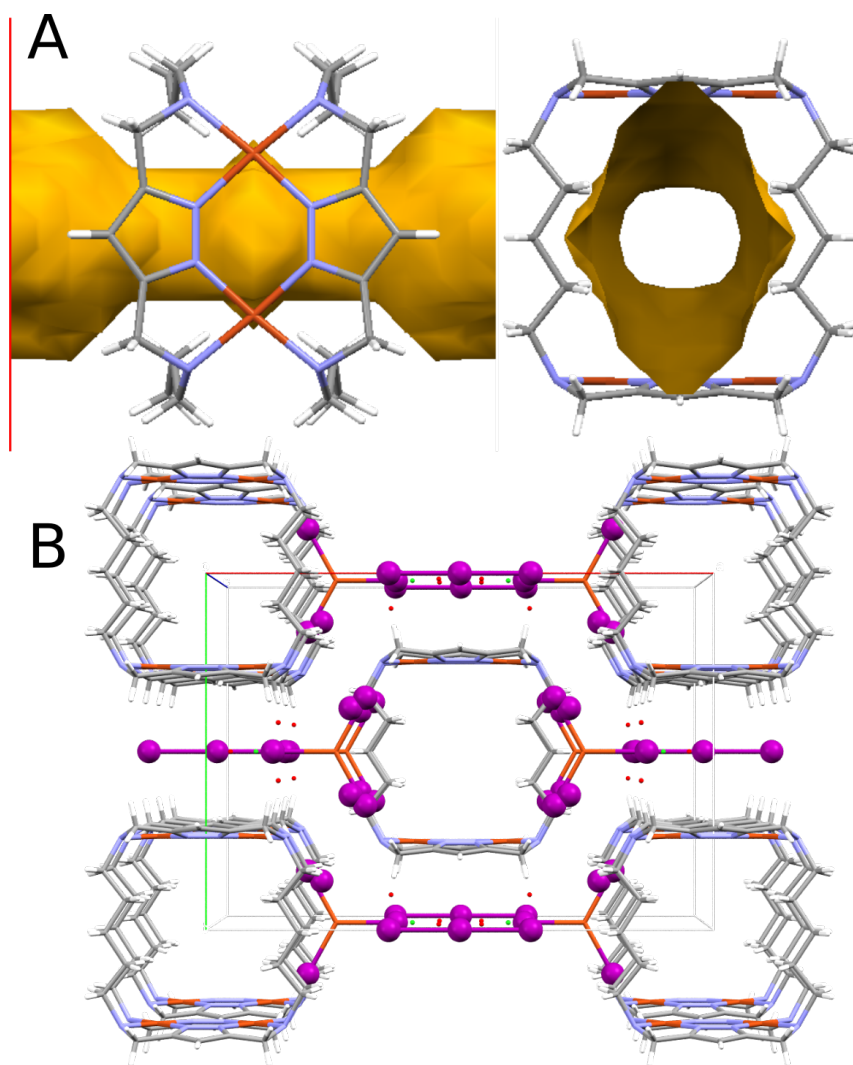
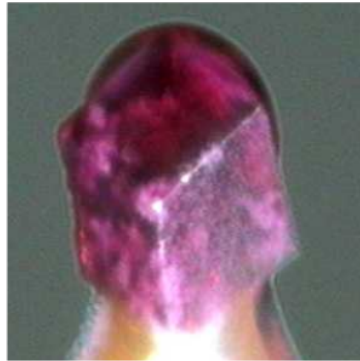


Figure S7: (A) Void channels as calculated by Mercury viewed down *b* and *c* axis. (B) Unit cell of **4** showing the arrangements of the anions in the lattice with respect to the $[\text{Cu}_4(\text{H}_2\text{L})_2]^{4+}$ cations.

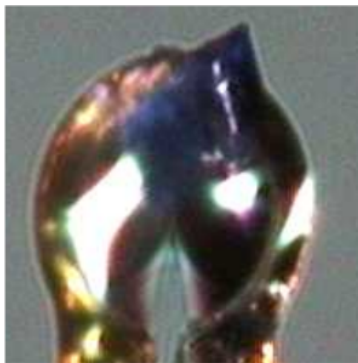
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chloride



bromide



iodide

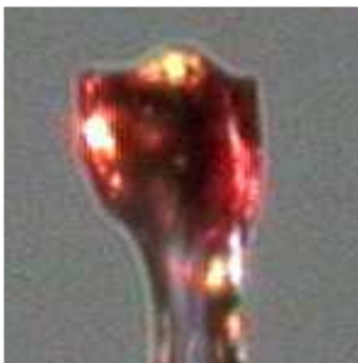


Figure S8: Pictures of the crystals sampled.

3 Mass Spectroscopy

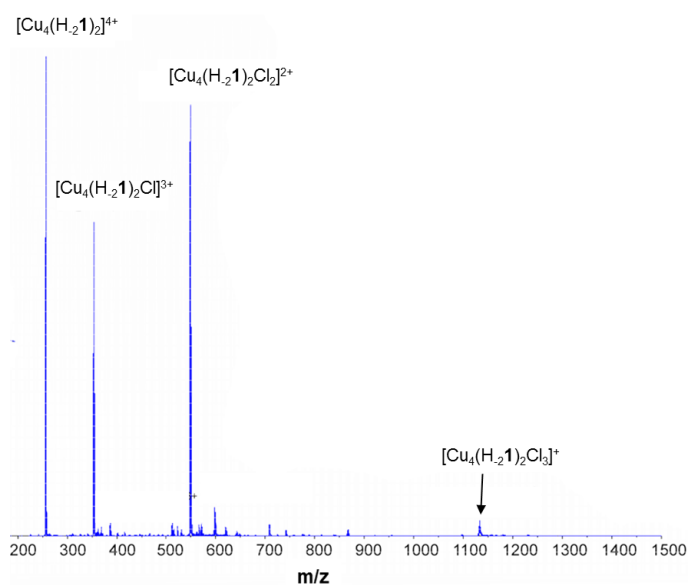


Figure S9: Mass Spectrum ESI(+) of crystals of **3** dissolved in H₂O/CH₃CN.

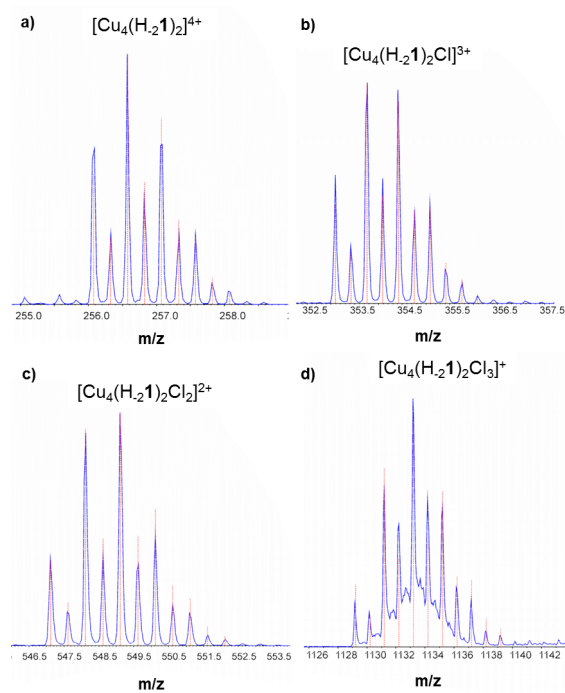


Figure S10: Detail of experimental (blue lines) and calculated (red lines) peaks for $m/z = 256.0744$ (a), 353.0892 (b), 547.1182 (c) and 1129.2057 .

Table S6: The ions observed in the ESI(+)-MS spectrum measured from $[\text{Cu}_4(\text{H}_2\text{L})]$ with chloride ions, their formulas, theoretical and experimental m/z values (monoisotopic) and absolute mass accuracies.

ion	charge	formula	m/z (calc)	m/z (exp)	$\Delta(m/z)$
$[\text{Cu}_4(\text{H}_2\text{L})_2]^{4+}$	+4	$\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{68}\text{N}_{16}\text{Cu}_4$	256.0744	256.0783	0.0039
$[\text{Cu}_4(\text{H}_2\text{L})_2\text{Cl}]^{3+}$	+3	$\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{68}\text{N}_{16}\text{Cu}_4\text{Cl}$	353.0892	353.0921	0.0029
$[\text{Cu}_5(\text{H}_2\text{L})_2\text{Cl}_2]^{3+}$	+3	$\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{68}\text{N}_{16}\text{Cu}_5\text{Cl}_2$	385.7218	385.7254	0.0036
$[\text{Cu}_4(\text{H}_2\text{L})_2\text{Cl}_2]^{2+}$	+2	$\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{68}\text{N}_{16}\text{Cu}_4\text{Cl}_2$	547.1182	547.122	0.0038
$[\text{Cu}_5(\text{H}_2\text{L})_2\text{Cl}_3]^{2+}$	+2	$\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{68}\text{N}_{16}\text{Cu}_5\text{Cl}_3$	596.0674	596.0797	0.0123
$[\text{Cu}_4(\text{H}_2\text{L})_2\text{Cl}_3]^+$	+1	$\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{68}\text{N}_{16}\text{Cu}_4\text{Cl}_3$	1129.2057	1129.183	0.0227

4 UV-vis titrations

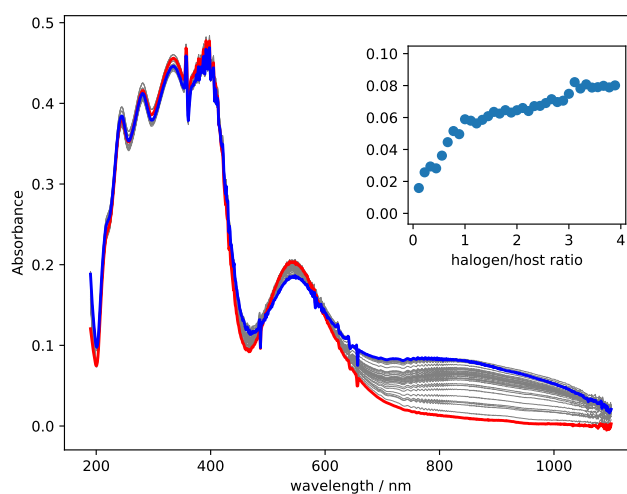


Figure S11: UV-vis spectra for the titration of a 0.002 M water solution of $[\text{Cu}_4(\text{H}_{-1}\text{L})_2](\text{ClO}_4)_4$ with chloride and absorbance vs. chloride concentration at 812 nm (inset).