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## Structural diversity of copper(I) ethylene complexes with 2,4-bis(2-pyridyl)pyrimidine directed by anions

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	[Cu <sub>2</sub> (bpprd)(η <sup>2</sup> -	[Cu₄(bpprd)₂(η²-	[Cu <sub>2</sub> (bpprd)(η <sup>2</sup> -	{[Cu <sub>6</sub> (bpprd) <sub>4</sub> ( $\eta^2$ -
	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ] ( <b>1</b> )	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> (μ-	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (BF <sub>4</sub> )]BF <sub>4</sub> ( <b>3</b> )	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (μ-η <sup>2</sup> :η <sup>2</sup> -C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> )(μ-
		NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ](NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ( <b>2</b> )		BF <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ](BF <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> } <sub>n</sub> ( <b>4</b> )
Formula	$C_{18}H_{18}CI_2Cu_2N_4O_8\\$	$C_{18}H_{18}Cu_2N_6O_6$	$C_{18}H_{18}B_2Cu_2F_8N_4$	$C_{62}H_{52}B_6Cu_6F_{24}N_{16}$
Formula	616.34	541.46	591.06	1923.29
Weight				
Crystal	monoclinic	triclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic
System				
Space Group	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> /c (No. 14)	P1(-) (No. 2)	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> /c (No. 14)	<i>C</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> /c (No. 15)
a /Å	11.3225(3)	9.3576(3)	11.1296(4)	22.7929(6)
b/Å	13.0447(4)	10.9852(6)	12.9401(4)	11.3730(2)
<i>c /</i> Å	15.7577(5)	11.9635(7)	15.7337(7)	29.0946(7)
α /°	90	64.609(5)	90	90
в /°	109.276(3)	67.153(4)	109.055(4)	109.594(3)
γ/°	90	84.922(4)	90	90
V/Å	2196.91(12)	1019.33(10)	2141.78(15)	7105.3(3)
Ζ	4	2	4	4
$D_{\rm calc}$ /gcm <sup>-3</sup>	1.863	1.764	1.833	1.798
F(000)	1240.0	548.0	1176.0	3824.0
μ(ΜοΚα)	2.235	2.137	2.070	1.881
/mm <sup>-1</sup>				
Temperature	100.15	100.15	97.15	97.15
/К				
Observed	26013 ( <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> =	19629 ( <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> =	31668 ( <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> =	50700 ( <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = 0.0281)
reflections	0.0640)	0.0577)	0.0556)	
Refined	6603 (all data);	6011 (all data);	6502 (all data);	10738 (all data);
reflections	5613 ( <i>I</i> >2σ( <i>I</i> ))	5130( <i>l</i> >2ơ( <i>l</i> ))	5816 ( <i>I</i> >2ơ( <i>I</i> ))	9477 ( <i>I</i> >2ơ( <i>I</i> ))
R	0.0462 (all data)	0.0396 (all data)	0.0355 (all data)	0.0408 (all data)
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub>	0.0381 ( <i>I</i> >2ơ( <i>I</i> ))	0.0325 (/>2ơ(/))	0.0306 ( <i>I</i> >2ơ( <i>I</i> ))	0.0356 ( <i>I</i> >2σ( <i>I</i> ))
wR <sub>2</sub>	0.1080 (all data)	0.0855 (all data)	0.0776 (all data)	0.0944 (all data)
GOF	1.072	1.048	1.031	1.041

## Table S1 Crystallographic data for Cu(I)–bpprd/C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> complexes 1–4

 $R=\Sigma||F_o|-|F_c||/\Sigma|F_o|. R_1=\Sigma||F_o|-|F_c||/\Sigma|F_o| (F_o>4\sigma(F_o)). wR_2=[\Sigma(w(F_o^2-F_c^2)^2/\Sigma w(F_o^2)^2]^{1/2}.$ 

(a) $[Cu_2(bpprd)(\eta^2-C_2H_4)_2$	$(ClO_4)_2$ ] (1)		
Cu(1)-N(1)	1.9705(18)	Cu(1)-N(2)	2.0573(17)
Cu(1)-C(15)	2.010(2)	Cu(1)-C(16)	2.027(2)
Cu(1)-O(1)	2.573(2)	Cu(2)-N(3)	1.9988(19)
Cu(2)-N(4)	1.9990(17)	Cu(2)-C(17)	1.998(2)
Cu(2)-C(18)	2.010(2)	Cu(2)-O(7)	2.507(2)
C(15)=C(16)	1.361(3)	C(17)=C(18)	1.370(4)
N(1)-Cu(1)-N(2)	82.10(7)	N(1)-Cu(1)-C(15)	113.08(9)
N(1)-Cu(1)-C(16)	152.19(9)	N(1)-Cu(1)-O(1)	92.00(7)
N(2)-Cu(1)-C(15)	158.88(8)	N(2)-Cu(1)-C(16)	123.28(8)
N(2)-Cu(1)-O(1)	96.06(7)	C(15)-Cu(1)-C(16)	39.41(10)
C(15)-Cu(1)-O(1)	97.88(8)	C(16)-Cu(1)-O(1)	95.85(8)
N(3)-Cu(2)-N(4)	83.15(7)	N(3)-Cu(2)-C(18)	155.41(9)
N(3)-Cu(2)-C(17)	116.28(9)	N(3)-Cu(2)-O(7)	87.26(7)
N(4)-Cu(2)-C(17)	159.12(9)	N(4)-Cu(2)-C(18)	119.64(9)
N(4)-Cu(2)-O(7)	90.32(7)	C(17)-Cu(2)-C(18)	39.97(11)
C(17)-Cu(2)-O(7)	97.81(9)	C(18)-Cu(2)-O(7)	100.78(9)
(b) $[Cu_4(bpprd)_2(n^2-C_2H_4)]$	$4(11-NO_3)_2(NO_3)_2$ (2)		
Cu(1)-N(1)	2.0016(14)	Cu(1)-N(2)	2.2922(13)
Cu(1)-C(15)	2.0347(16)	$C_{\mu}(1)$ -C(16)	2.0374(17)
Cu(1)-O(1)	2.0615(12)	Cu(2)-N(3)	1.9826(14)
Cu(2)-N(4)	2.0151(13)	Cu(2)-C(17)	2.0166(17)
Cu(2)-C(18)	2.0169(17)	Cu(2)-O(2')	2.444(1)
C(15)=C(16)	1.364(3)	C(17)=C(18)	1.373(3)
N(1)-Cu(1)-N(2)	77.93(5)	N(1)-Cu(1)-C(15)	149.59(7)
N(1)-Cu(1)-C(16)	110.84(6)	N(1)-Cu(1)-O(1)	98.62(5)
N(2)-C(15)-C(15)	$\Gamma(15)-\Gamma(15)$ 111.97(6) N(2		108.30(6)
N(2)-Cu(1)-O(1)	(1)-O(1) 95.09(5) C		39.15(7)
C(15)-Cu(1)-O(1) 108.59(7)		C(16)-Cu(1)-O(1)	145.33(6)
N(3)-Cu(2)-N(4)	83.02(6)	N(3)-Cu(2)-C(17)	113.25(6)
N(3)-Cu(2)-C(18)	149.59(7)	N(3)-Cu(2)-O(2')	101.58(6)
N(4)-Cu(2)-C(17)	156.16(7)	N(4)-Cu(2)-C(18)	118.86(7)
N(4)-Cu(2)-O(2')	103.33(6)	C(17)-Cu(2)-C(18)	39.81(7)
C(17)-Cu(2)-O(2')	90.76(7)	C(18)-Cu(2)-O(2')	93.87(7)
(c) $[Cu_2(\text{bpprd})(n^2 - C_2 H_4)_2$	(BE4)]BE4 ( <b>3</b> )		
$(c) [cu_2(opp(u))(1] - c_2(14)_2]$ Cu(1)-N(1)	1 9664(14)	Cu(1)-N(2)	2 (0551(13)
Cu(1)-C(15)	2 0025(16)	Cu(1)-C(16)	2.0331(13)
Cu(2)-N(3)	9894(14)	Cu(2)-N(4)	1 9967(13) ?
$C_{u}(2)-C(17)$	1,9976(17)	$C_{u}(2)-C(18)$	2.0002(17)
Cu(2)-F(8)	2 586(2)	C(15)=C(16)	1.370(2)
C(17) = C(18)	1 368(3)		1.570(2)
N(1)-Cu(1)-N(2)	82 35(5)	N(1)-Cu(1)-C(15)	112 19(7)
······································	52.33(3)		±±£•±2(/)

**Table S2** Selected bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (°) of Cu(I)-bpprd/ $C_2H_4$  complexes 1–4

N(1)-Cu(1)-C(16)	151.94(7)	N(2)-Cu(1)-C(15)	161.96(6)
N(2)-Cu(1)-C(16)	124.66(6)	C(15)-Cu(1)-C(16)	39.82(7)
N(3)-Cu(2)-N(4)	83.54(5)	N(3)-Cu(2)-C(17)	116.70(7)
N(3)-Cu(2)-C(18)	156.25(7)	N(3)-Cu(2)-F(8)	83.20(5)
N(4)-Cu(2)-C(17)	159.05(7)	N(4)-Cu(2)-C(18)	119.23(7)
N(4)-Cu(2)-F(8)	85.58(5)	C(17)-Cu(2)-C(18)	40.04(8)
C(17)-Cu(2)-F(8)	101.42(5)	C(18)-Cu(2)-F(8)	103.96(7)
(d) {[Cu <sub>6</sub> (bpprd) <sub>4</sub> (η <sup>2</sup> -C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (μ	η²:η²-C₂H₄)(μ-BF₄)₂](	(BF <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> } <sub>n</sub> ( <b>4</b> )	
Cu(1)-N(1)	1.9697(15)	Cu(1)-N(2)	2.1450(15)
Cu(2)-N(3)	1.9774(15)	Cu(2)-N(4)	1.9873(15)
Cu(2)-F(2)	2.543(1)	Cu(2)-C(29)	2.0130(18)
Cu(3)-N(5)	1.9222(16)	Cu(3)-N(6)	2.3470(17)
Cu(4)-N(7)	1.982(2)	Cu(4)-N(8)	2.0020(19)
Cu(4)-F(1)	2.591(1)	Cu(4)-C(30)	1.997(3)
Cu(4)-C(31)	2.004(2)	C(29)=C(29'')	1.436(2)
C(30)=C(31)	1.365(5)		
N(1)-Cu(1)-N(2)	80.77(6)	N(1)-Cu(1)-N(1')	156.61(9)
N(1)-Cu(1)-N(2')	109.96(6)	N(2)-Cu(1)-N(2')	126.97(8)
N(3)-Cu(2)-N(4)	83.99(6)	N(3)-Cu(2)-C(29'')	160.73(7)
N(3)-Cu(2)-C(29)	119.11(7)	N(4)-Cu(2)-C(29'')	115.00(7)
N(4)-Cu(2)-C(29)	156.80(7)	F(2)-Cu(2)-C(29)	96.71(6)
F(2)-Cu(2)-C(29'')	92.19(6)	F(2)-Cu(2)-N(3)	87.31(6)
F(2)-Cu(2)-N(4)	81.32(6)	C(29)-Cu(2)-C(29'')	41.82(9)
N(5)-Cu(3)-N(6)	79.91(6)	N(5)-Cu(3)-N(5')	160.82(10)
N(5)-Cu(3)-N(6')	107.68(6)	N(6)-Cu(3)-N(6')	134.67(8)
N(7)-Cu(4)-N(8)	82.53(8)	N(7)-Cu(4)-C(30)	160.82(12)
N(7)-Cu(4)-C(31)	120.93(11)	N(8)-Cu(4)-C(30)	116.56(12)
N(8)-Cu(4)-C(31)	156.04(11)	F(1)-Cu(4)-C(30)	101.3(1)
F(1)-Cu(4)-C(31)	96.97(9)	F(1)-Cu(4)-N(7)	78.52(6)
F(1)-Cu(4)-N(8)	82.52(6)	C(30)-Cu(4)-C(31)	39.89(14)

Symmetry codes. Complex 1: (i): x, y, z. Complex 2: (i): x, y, z; (ii(')): 1-x, 1-y, 1-z. Complex 3: (i): x, y, z. Complex 4: (i): x, y, z; (ii(')): 1-x, y, 3/2-z; (iii('')): 1-x, 1-y, 1-z.

Complexes	Plane 1 <sup>a</sup>	Plane 2 <sup>a</sup>	Dihedral angles (°)
$[Cu_2(bpprd)(\eta^2-C_2H_4)_2(ClO_4)_2]$ (1)	А	В	13.31
	В	С	20.40
$[Cu_4(bpprd)_2(\eta^2-C_2H_4)_4(\mu-NO_3)_2](NO_3)_2$ (2)	A	В	18.43
	В	С	10.76
$[Cu_2(bpprd)(\eta^2-C_2H_4)_2(BF_4)]BF_4$ (3)	A	В	15.42
	В	С	20.39
{[Cu <sub>6</sub> (bpprd) <sub>4</sub> ( $\eta^2$ -C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ( $\mu$ - $\eta^2$ : $\eta^2$ -C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> )( $\mu$ -BF <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ](BF <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> } <sub>n</sub> ( <b>4</b> )	A	В	13.90 <sup>b</sup>
	В	С	24.34 <sup>b</sup>
	А	В	15.84 <sup>c</sup>
	В	С	25.29 <sup>c</sup>

Table S3 The selected dihedral angles (°) of Cu(I)-bpprd/ $C_2H_4$  complexes 1–4

<sup>a</sup> The terminal pyridyl rings (A) and (C), and the central pyrimidine ring (B) are shown in Figs 1-4, respectively.

<sup>b</sup> The  $[Cu_3(bpprd)_2(\eta^2-C_2H_4)_2]^{3+}$  cation moiety.

 $^{c}$  The [Cu\_3(bpprd)\_2( $\mu-\eta^2:\eta^2-C_2H_4)]^{3+}$  cation moiety.