# Supporting information for

### Bio-inspired copper complexes with Cu<sub>2</sub>S cores: (Solvent)Effects on Oxygen

### **Reduction Reactions.**

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#### **Cartesian coordinates from DFT calculations**

#### **Experimental section**

All chemicals are from Acros Organics, Merck, or Lancaster. Acroseal® purity solvents were used for air-sensitive experiments. Complex 1 was prepared according to our reported procedure.<sup>1</sup> LutHBF<sub>4</sub>, Me<sub>8</sub>Fc, Me<sub>2</sub>Fc<sup>+</sup>, Me<sub>8</sub>Fc<sup>+</sup> and Me<sub>10</sub>Fc<sup>+</sup> were prepared according to reported procedures.<sup>2-</sup> <sup>4</sup> Air-sensitive materials were manipulated in an Argon flushed glove box ( $O_2$  and  $H_2O < 2$  ppm). Electrospray ionization mass spectrometry (ESI-MS) spectra were recorded with a Bruker Daltonics Esquire 3000 Plus device. X-ray crystallography data were acquired at 150 K using an Oxford-diffraction XCalibur S diffractometer with graphite monochromated MoK $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda$  = 0.71073 Å). Molecular structure was solved by direct methods and refined on F<sup>2</sup> by full matrix least squares techniques using SHELX TL package. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically, and hydrogen atoms were placed in ideal positions and refined as riding atoms with individual isotropic displacement parameters. X-band EPR spectra were obtained on a Bruker EMX spectrometer equipped with an Oxford ESR 910 cryostat for low temperature studies. The microwave frequency was calibrated with a frequency counter and the magnetic field with an NMR gaussmeter. Spectra were analyzed with the WIN-EPR software and numerical simulation was conducted using the Matlab toolbox EasySpin 5.2.3.<sup>5</sup> Electrochemical experiments were performed in an argon-flushed glove box. A three-electrode setup was used, and consists of a glassy carbon (3mm in diameter) disk as a working electrode, a platinum wire serves as auxiliary electrode and a leakless Ag/AgCl electrode (Model ET069 from EDAQ) as reference electrode directly dipped into the solution. Cyclic voltammograms were recorded with a Bio-logic SP-300 potentiostat piloted by the EC-Lab software. All measurements were externally referenced to ferrocene. Solution UV-Vis/NIR spectra were recorded on a Perkin Elmer Lambda 1050 Spectrophotometer operating at room temperature equipped with appropriate optic fibres and connected to a glovebox. Spectral adjustments were performed using the Origin software. Solidstate UV-Vis/NIR spectra were acquired on a Perkin Elmer Lambda 1050 Spectrophotometer operating at room temperature equipped with a 150 nm integration sphere. **Kinetics** were recorded with a Lambda 465 (PerkinElmer) diode array spectrophotometer and H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> **concentrations** were determined according to the procedure described below using a Shimadzu 1800 device.

<u>Evaluation of the electron self-exchange rate constants  $k_{el}$  and  $k_{hom}$ </u>. The method of Nicholson<sup>6</sup> was used to determine the standard electrochemical electron self-exchange rate constant  $k_{el}$  (cm s <sup>-1</sup>) for **6** (Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>  $\rightarrow$  Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup> monoelectronic reduction process).  $k_{el}$  can be obtained, under "quasi-reversible" conditions, from:

$$\Psi = k_{el}(D_R/D_O)^{\alpha/2}(RT/nF\pi D_R)^{1/2}/v^{1/2}$$

Where n is the number of electrons exchanged (1 in this case), v is the potential scan rate (V s -1),  $\alpha$  is the transfer coefficient, and  $\pi$ , F, R, and T have their usual significance. D<sub>R</sub> and D<sub>O</sub> are the diffusion coefficients of the reduced and oxidized species in each solvent. D<sub>R</sub> values of 7.7(2)·10<sup>-6</sup> cm<sup>2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup> and 7.1(3)·10<sup>-6</sup>·cm<sup>2</sup>·s<sup>-1</sup> where obtained in acetone and MeCN, respectively using the Randles-Sevcik equation:

$$i_p = 2.69 \cdot 10^5 \times n^{3/2} \times A \times C \times (D \cdot v)^{1/2}$$
 at 25°C

where  $i_p$  is the current maximum in amps, n is the number of electrons transferred in the redox event (1 in our case), A is the electrode area in cm2, C in the concentration of the given complex, D is the diffusion coefficient of the complex in cm<sup>2</sup>·s<sup>-1</sup> and v is the scan rate in V·s<sup>-1</sup>.

Confirmation that  $D_0 \approx D_R$  was obtained in both solvents from the nearly identical values of  $i_{pa}$  and  $i_{pc}$ .  $(D_R/D_0)^{\alpha/2}$  was consequently set to 1.

Cyclic voltammograms of **6** (0.7 mM in acetone + 0.1 M Bu<sub>4</sub>NPF<sub>6</sub> and 0.6 mM in MeCN + .1 M Bu<sub>4</sub>NPF<sub>6</sub>) were recorded at different potential scan rates in the appropriate potential region (Figures S17 and S18). Under these conditions, an increase of  $\Delta$ Ep as a function of v was observed (from 130 to 180 mV in the 0.025 – 0.4 V s<sup>-1</sup> range in acetone and from 77 to 88 mV in the 0.05 – 0.4 V s<sup>-1</sup> range in MeCN). For each  $\Delta$ Ep value,  $\Psi$  can be calculated using the empirical equation:<sup>7</sup>

#### $\Psi = (-0.6288+0.0021n\Delta Ep)/(1-0.017n\Delta Ep)$

From all that, plotting  $\Psi$  vs v<sup>-1/2</sup> allows an estimate of k<sub>el</sub> in both solvents (Figures S17 ad S18)

Then, the homogeneous electron self-exchange rate constant khom can be calculated as it is correlated with  $k_{el}$  as described by Weaver<sup>8</sup> by:

$$k_{hom} = 4\pi \times N_A \times rh^2 \times k_{el} 10^{-19}$$

where  $N_A$  is the Avogadro constant (mol-1) and rh is the internuclear distance for self-exchange (Å). The value of rh was set to 2r (14 Å), where r is the radius of **6**, approximated to a sphere from the X-ray crystal structure.

#### Computational details.

All theoretical calculations were based on the Density Functional Theory (DFT) and were performed with the ORCA program package.<sup>9, 10</sup> Full geometry optimizations were carried out using the BP86 functional<sup>11, 12</sup> in combination with the def2-TZVP basis sets<sup>13</sup> for all atoms. Increased integration grids (Grid2 in ORCA convention) and tight SCF convergence criteria were used. To resemble the experimental conditions as closely as possible, all calculations including geometry optimizations were performed in acetone solvent by invoking the Control of the Conductor-like Polarizable Continuum Model (CPCM).<sup>14</sup> To ensure that the resulting structures converged to a local minimum on the potential energy surface, frequency calculations were performed and resulted in only positive normal vibrations. The Gibbs free energies were computed from the optimized structures as a sum of electronic energy, solvation, and thermal corrections to the free energy. Redox potentials were obtained from the calculated free energy change between oxidized and reduced species in solution. They are relative potentials referenced to the ferrocene couple and, as such, a computed value of 4.893 V was subtracted to make direct comparisons to experimental data.<sup>15</sup> NBO analysis was performed using the Gaussian09 package<sup>16</sup> with inclusion of the 3-center bond option in the search algorithm.<sup>17, 18</sup> Electronic structures were obtained from single-point DFT calculations using the B3LYP functional<sup>19, 20</sup>

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together with the def2-TZVP basis sets.<sup>13</sup> EPR parameters, namely *g*-tensors, were obtained from single-point calculations using a modified version of B3PW91<sup>19, 21,</sup> with 40% exact (Hartree–Fock) exchange.<sup>22</sup> The large aug-cc-pVTZ-Jmod basis set<sup>23</sup> was applied for the metal center while the def2-TZVP basis sets<sup>13</sup> were used for all other atoms. Hyperfine tensors were obtained from single-point calculations using the B3PW91 functional<sup>19, 21</sup> together with the aug-cc-pVTZ-Jmod basis set<sup>23</sup> for the metal center and the def2-TZVP basis sets<sup>13</sup> for all other atoms. UV-vis spectral features were predicted using TD-DFT using the CAM-B3LYP functional<sup>19, 20, 24</sup> and the def2-TZVP basis sets.<sup>13</sup> Vertical electronic transitions were calculated using time-dependent DFT within the Tamm-Dancoff approximation (TDA).<sup>25-28</sup> To increase computational efficiency, the RI approximation<sup>29</sup> was used in calculating the Coulomb term, and at least 70 excited states were calculated in each case. Spin density plots, molecular orbitals as well as difference density plots for each transition were generated using the orca plot utility program and were visualized with the Chemcraft program (http://chemcraftprog.com).

**Determination of the extinction coefficients of Me<sub>8</sub>Fc<sup>+</sup> in acetone.** Electron-transfer oxidation of Me<sub>8</sub>Fc in acetone with cerium(IV) ammonium nitrate (CAN) was performed in a UV cell at 298 K. A  $\epsilon$  values of 460 M<sup>-1</sup>cm<sup>-1</sup> at 750 nm for Me<sub>8</sub>Fc<sup>+</sup> was determined with Beer's Law.

**Catalytic** H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> production, detection and quantification. The formation of Me<sub>8</sub>Fc<sup>+</sup> in the presence of **1** or **6** and *2,6*-lutidinium tetrafluoroborate (LutHBF<sub>4</sub>) was monitored in air-saturated acetone or MeCN at 298 K by visible absorption spectroscopy. In a typical experiment (1/40/400 Cat/Me<sub>8</sub>Fc/LutH), an air-saturated solution of LutHBF<sub>4</sub> (25 µL, 2.0 M, 50 µmol, 400 molar eq.) was added to an air-saturated solution of Me<sub>8</sub>Fc (2.225 mL, 2.24 mM, 4.98 µmol, 40 molar eq.) in a septum-sealed quartz cuvette (1 cm). An Ar-saturated solution of **1** or **6** (250 µL, 0.5mM, 0.125 µmol, 1 molar eq.) was then added. Kinetics traces at  $\lambda_{max}^{Me8Fc+}$  ( $\lambda_{max}$  = 785 nm,  $\varepsilon$  = 390 M<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup>

Based on eqn. 2, the amount of hydrogen peroxide in the catalytic reactions was determined based on  $\Delta$ Asample<sub>(n)</sub>. [H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>] in the reaction mixture was calculated considering the dilution

factor:

 $[H_2O_2]$ final sample = ( $\Delta A$ +0.0065) / 0.01827

electron consumption finally attributed to H<sub>2</sub>O production.

 $[H_2O_2]_{mother sample}(\mu M) = [H_2O_2]_{final sample} * (2500/15)$ 

A calibration curve (Fig S14) was independently obtained using the same procedure (1 mm cuvette) and H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> solutions (prepared by cascade dilutions of commercial 30% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> titrated at 9.8 M with the KMnO<sub>4</sub> method.<sup>30</sup> The obtained  $\Delta A$  values ( $\Delta Acal_{(n)}$ ) were plotted against H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> concentration in the final sample,  $[H_2O_2]_{final\_sample}(\mu M)$ , giving the following calibration curve equation:

 $\Delta$ Asample<sub>(n)</sub> = Ablank – Asample<sub>(n)</sub>, (n) being the sample number

were triplicated (97% identity). The  $H_2O_2$  content for sample (n) follows:

in MeCN and 460 M<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup> in acetone) were monitored using a Lambda 465 (PerkinElmer) diode array spectrophotometer. Control experiments were performed in an identical manner by adding 250  $\mu$ L of MeCN or [Cu(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)<sub>4</sub>]OTf at 1 mM (to take into account the dinuclearity of **1** and **6**). All the experiments were triplicated, yielding highly reproducible data (95% identity). The amount of hydrogen peroxide produced was determined by spectroscopic titration with an acidic solution of TiO(tpypH<sub>4</sub>)<sup>4+</sup> complex (TiO-tpyp reagent).<sup>30, 31</sup> The TiO-tpyp reagent (~4.5.  $10^{-5}$  M) was prepared by dissolving 3.45 mg of the [TiO(tpyp)] complex (≥90%, from TCI) in 100 mL of 0.05 M HCl<sub>(aq)</sub> and stored at 277 K. A small portion (15 µL) of each sample solution (collected after observing stable absorbance values along time) was added to a mixture of TiO-tpyp reagent (250 μL), 4.8 M perchloric acid (250 μL) and water (235 μL). The resulting solution was stirred for 5 min at 298 K. After dilution to 2.5 mL with distilled water, the solution was transferred in a quartz UVvis cell (1 mm) and the absorbance at  $\lambda$  = 433 nm was read using a Shimadzu 1800 device. For the blank experiments, MeCN (15  $\mu$ L) was used in place of the reaction mixture. All the experiments

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(eqn3)

(eqn 1)

(eqn2)

#### Preparation of [(benzylamino)methyl]pyridine.

Under inert atmosphere, benzaldehyde (981 mg, 9.25 mmol, 1 eq.) and 6-methylaminepyridine (1.00 g, 9.25 mmol, 1 eq.) were dissolved in EtOH (20 mL) and stirred for 1 h at room temperature. Solid NaBH<sub>4</sub> (700 mg, 18.5 mmol, 2 eq.) was then slowly added portion wise over 30 min. The mixture was stirred for an additional 30 min and then refluxed for 12 h. After cooling to room temperature, the solution was diluted with EtOH (5 mL) and carefully hydrolyzed with 4 M HCl (10 mL). 20 % aq. NaOH solution was then added until pH = 12. The medium was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After evaporation of the solvents, the title compound was obtained as a green/yellow oil (1.69 g, 93 %) and used without further purification.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ ppm): 8.57 (d, 3J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (dt, 3J = 7.8 Hz, 4J = 1.8 Hz,

1H), 7.28 (m, 7H), 3.95 (s, 2H), 3.87 (s, 2H), 2.24 (broad, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ ppm): 159.9, 149.4, 140.3, 136.5, 128.5, 128.3, 127.1, 122.4, 122.0, 54.6, 53.6.

ESI-MS: m/z = 199.3 [M + H<sup>+</sup>]<sup>+</sup>.

#### Preparation of II.

Under inert atmosphere, I (246 mg, 0.98 mmol, 1 eq.)<sup>1</sup> was suspended into a degassed NaOH solution (1 M, 75 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for 3 h at 50°C. The resulting orange mixture was filtered while cannulated. After cooling at 0°C, 6 M HCl (15 mL) was added dropwise until the orange color disappeared and a white solid (free thiol) precipitated. The solid was filtered and dissolved in a minimum of  $CH_2Cl_2$  (about 150 mL), dried over  $Na_2SO_4$  and the solvent evaporated. The residue was then dissolved in THF (50 mL) and the solution degassed with argon. Et<sub>3</sub>N (250 µl, 1.79 mmol, 1.8 eq.) was added under argon to give a bright orange solution (thiophenolate). Freshly prepared and degassed I<sub>2</sub> solution (0.05 M in THF) was then added dropwise until the orange color disappeared. Addition of few drops of Et<sub>3</sub>N followed by I<sub>2</sub> solution (10 mL in total) was subsequently repeated until addition of Et<sub>3</sub>N no longer affords the orange colored solution (reaction completion). THF was evaporated, the residue extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2/H_2O$  and the combined organic layers dried over  $Na_2SO_4$ . After evaporation, the residue was filtered over a short SiO<sub>2</sub> column using  $CH_2Cl_2$  as eluent. II was recovered as a yellow solid (120 mg, 70%) and used without further purification. X-ray quality crystal were obtained by slow

evaporation of a CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution of II (CCDC deposition number 2347077, Tables S12-S14 for details)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ ppm): 10.24 (s, 4H), 7.93 (s, 4H), 2.51 (s, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ ppm): 189.3, 143.1, 138.2, 136.4, 134.9, 21.4.

ESI-MS: m/z = 381.0 [M + Na+]<sup>+</sup>.

Anal. calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub>•0.5 CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: C, 55.43%; H, 3.77%. Found: C, 55.21%; H, 3.85%.



ORTEP diagram (30 % probability) for **II**. Non-representative hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity; see Tables S12-S14 for full details.

#### Preparation of (BAMP)<sub>2</sub><sup>S-S</sup>.

Under inert atmosphere, Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (2 g) and glacial acetic acid (77  $\mu$ L, 1.34 mmol, 3.2 eq.) were added to a solution of II (150 mg, 0.42 mmol, 1 eq.) in (CICH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (8 mL). A solution of [(benzylamino)methyl]pyridine (410 mg, 2.09 mmol, 5 eq.) in 7 mL of (CICH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub> was added dropwise and the mixture stirred for 15 min. Na[HB(OAc)<sub>3</sub>] (541 mg, 2.51 mmol, 6 eq.) was then introduced portion wise within 30 min and the reaction stirred at room temperature for 48 h. After filtration and evaporation, the crude oil was dissolved in a biphasic Et<sub>2</sub>O/H<sub>2</sub>O solution (15 mL/15 mL) and extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (2\*15 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water, NaHCO<sub>3(sat)</sub> and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After evaporation, the crude oil was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, Et<sub>2</sub>O 100 %  $\rightarrow$  AcOEt 100%). **(BAMP)**<sub>2</sub><sup>S-S</sup> was obtained as a yellowish oil (100 mg, 43 %). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 8.42 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 3.9 Hz, 4H), 7.48 (dt, <sup>3</sup>J = 7.8 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J = 1.8 Hz, 4H), 7.40 (s, 2H), 7.37 (s, 2H), 7.29 (s, 4H), 7.23 (m, 14H), 7.16 (m, 4H), 7.00 (dt, <sup>3</sup>J = 6.0 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J = 1.2 Hz, 4H), 3.53 (s, 14H), 3.39 (s, 8H) 2.30 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 160.2, 148.8, 143.8, 139.4, 139.1, 136.2, 132.4, 129.0, 128.9, 128.2, 126.9, 122.6, 121.7, 59.7, 58.6, 56.8, 21.8. ESI-MS: m/z = 1087.0 [M + H<sup>+</sup>]<sup>+</sup>. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>70</sub>H<sub>70</sub>N<sub>8</sub>S<sub>2</sub>•0.2 AcOEt: C, 76.95; H, 6.53; N, 10.14. Found: C, 76.57; H, 6.47; N, 10.29.

#### Preparation of 6.

In the glove box, a solution of [Cu(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)<sub>4</sub>]OTf (73.0 mg, 0.19 mmol, 4.1 eq) in acetone (2 mL) was added to a solution of the ligand (50 mg, 0.046 mmol, 1 eq.) in acetone (1.5 mL). The reaction mixture immediately turned violet. After 5 min stirring, the solution was filtered over millipore and half of the solvent evaporated. Slow addition of diethyl ether induced precipitation of **6** that was collected by filtration as a dark colored powder. X-ray quality crystals were obtained by layering pentane onto a concentrated acetone solution of the complex. The CCDC deposition number for **6** is 2347081.

Anal. Calcd for C<sub>70</sub>H<sub>70</sub>N<sub>8</sub>S<sub>2</sub>•0.1 Et<sub>2</sub>O: C, 46.01; H, 3.72; N, 5.74. Found: , 45.79; H, 3.91; N, 5.98.



Figure S1. ESI spectrum of 6 in acetone.

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**Figure S2.** Selected views for the occupied natural orbital relevant to the Cu–Cu bond in DFToptimized structure of **6**. Color scheme: Cu brown, S yellow, O red, N dark blue, F green and C light grey. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.



**Figure S3**. Selected views for the occupied natural orbital relevant to the Cu–Cu bond of **6** (X-ray crystal structure). Color scheme: Cu brown, S yellow, O red, N dark blue, F green and C light grey. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.



**Figure S4.** Singly occupied molecular orbital (SOMO, left) and spin density plot (right) of **6** (DFToptimized structure). Color scheme: Cu brown, S yellow, O red, N dark blue, F green and C light grey. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.



**Figure S5**. Difference electron density sketches of the main TD-DFT calculated absorptions of **6** (DFT-optimized structure). Yellow = negative density, donor state; red = positive density, acceptor state. Color scheme: Cu brown, S yellow, O red, N dark blue, F green and C light grey. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.



**Figure S6.** Solid-sate (black) and TD-DFT-calculated (red) UV-Vis/NIR spectrum of **6** (X-ray crystal structure).



**Figure S7.** Comparison between the CV curves recorded from the open-circuit potential toward the cathodic (A) and anodic (B) directions. Conditions **6** at 0.7 mM in acetone + 0.1 M TBAPF<sub>6</sub> as supporting electrolyte and glassy carbon as working electrode. The curves corresponds to the initial scan at 100 mV.s<sup>-1</sup>.





**Figure S8.** Stack plots of UV-Vis changes for the catalytic ORR by **1** in air-saturated acetone **(A)** and **6** in air-saturated acetone **(B)** and MeCN **(C)** at 298 K by monitoring the absorbance values at 750 nm corresponding to the accumulation of Me<sub>8</sub>Fc<sup>+</sup>.



**Figure S9.** Typical UV-vis changes for the catalytic ORR by **1** (1 molar eq.) / LutHBF<sub>4</sub> (400 molar eq.) / Me<sub>8</sub>Fc (10, 20, 40, 60, 80 and 100 molar eq.) in air-saturated acetone. For each dataset, the theoretical absorbance value corresponding for full Me<sub>8</sub>Fc consumption is indicated.



**Figure S10.** Kinetic profiles ( $Abs_{max}^{750nm}$ ) for the catalytic ORR by **1** (1 molar eq.) / LutHBF<sub>4</sub> (400 molar eq.) / Me<sub>8</sub>Fc (10, 20, 40, 60, 80 and 100 molar eq.) in air-saturated acetone together with the blank experiments (green dots) performed with commercial [Cu(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)<sub>4</sub>](OTf). For each dataset, the theoretical absorbance value corresponding for full Me<sub>8</sub>Fc consumption is indicated.



**Figure S11**. Typical UV-vis changes for the catalytic ORR by **6** (1 molar eq.) / LutHBF<sub>4</sub> (400 molar eq.) / Me<sub>8</sub>Fc (10, 20, 40, 60, 80 and 100 molar eq.) in air-saturated acetone. For each dataset, the theoretical absorbance value corresponding for full Me<sub>8</sub>Fc consumption is indicated.



**Figure S12.** Kinetic profiles ( $Abs_{max}^{750nm}$ ) for the catalytic ORR by **6** (1 molar eq.) / LutHBF<sub>4</sub> (400 molar eq.) / Me<sub>8</sub>Fc (10, 20, 40, 60, 80 and 100 molar eq.) in air-saturated acetone together with the blank experiments (green dots) performed with commercial [Cu(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)<sub>4</sub>](OTf). For each dataset, the theoretical absorbance value corresponding for full Me<sub>8</sub>Fc consumption is indicated.



**Figure S13**. Typical UV-vis changes for the catalytic ORR by **6** (1 molar eq.) / LutHBF<sub>4</sub> (400 molar eq.) / Me<sub>8</sub>Fc (10, 20, 40, 60, 80 and 100 molar eq.) in air-saturated MeCN. For each dataset, the theoretical absorbance value corresponding for full Me<sub>8</sub>Fc consumption is indicated.



**Figure S14**. Kinetic profiles ( $Abs_{max}^{750nm}$ ) for the catalytic ORR by **6** (1 molar eq.) / LutHBF<sub>4</sub> (400 molar eq.) / Me<sub>8</sub>Fc (10, 20, 40, 60, 80 and 100 molar eq.) in air-saturated MeCN together with the blank experiments (green dots) performed with commercial [Cu(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)<sub>4</sub>](OTf). For each dataset, the theoretical absorbance value corresponding for full Me<sub>8</sub>Fc consumption is indicated.



**Figure S15.** H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> calibration curve using the TiO-tpyp reagent and corresponding UV-vis traces.



**Figure S16.** Comparison of the CV curves recorded from the open-circuit potential toward the cathodic (A) and anodic (B) directions. Conditions **6** at 0.6 mM in MeCN + 0.1 M TBAPF<sub>6</sub> as supporting electrolyte and glassy carbon as working electrode. The curves corresponds to the initial scan at 100 mV.s<sup>-1</sup> starting from the open-circuit potential.



**Figure S17.** CVs of **6** (0.7 mM) in acetone at different scan rates and experimental plot of  $\Psi vs v^{-1/2}$  for the redox Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>II</sup> process in **6**.



**Figure S18.** CVs of **6** (0.6 mM) in MeCN at different scan rates and experimental plot of  $\Psi vs v^{-1/2}$  for the redox Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>II</sup> process in **6**.

## Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement for 6.

Empirical formula	$C_{40}H_{41}Cu_2F_6N_4O_7S_3$
Formula weight	1027.03
Temperature	151(5) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	Triclinic
Space group	P <sub>-1</sub>
	a = 11.0301(4) Å $\alpha$ = 71.825(3)°
Unit cell dimensions	b = 13.4863(5) Å $β$ = 89.191(3)°
	c = 15.6024(5) Å γ = 79.823(3)°
Volume, Z	2168.37(14) ų, 2
Density (calculated)	1.573 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Absorption coefficient	1.204 mm <sup>-1</sup>
F(000)	1050
Crystal size	0.284 × 0.244 × 0.142 mm
heta range for data collection	3.756 to 61.012 °
Limiting indices	-15 ≤ h ≤ 11, -19 ≤ k ≤ 19, -22 ≤ l ≤ 22
Reflections collected	26420
Independent reflections	13107 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0362]
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.8995 and 0.7736
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Data / Restraints / Parameters	13107/422/786
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.026
Final R indices [I>2σ(I)]	$R_1 = 0.0574$ , $wR_2 = 0.1308$
R indices (all data)	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0863, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1463

## Table S2. Bond length [Å] for 6.

Cu1	Cu2	2.5475(5)	C17	C22	1.392(5)
Cu1	S1	2.1798(8)	C18	C19	1.389(5)
Cu1	O1S2	2.176(2)	C19	C20	1.376(6)
Cu1	N1	2.043(2)	C20	C21	1.376(7)
Cu1	N2	1.959(3)	C21	C22	1.392(6)
Cu2	S1	2.1611(8)	C23	C24	1.503(5)
Cu2	N3	2.114(3)	C24	C25	1.384(5)
Cu2	N4	1.945(3)	C25	C26	1.388(5)
S1	C1	1.799(3)	C26	C27	1.381(6)
S2	01S2	1.450(2)	C27	C28	1.383(5)
S2	O2S2	1.437(3)	C29	C30	1.500(5)
S2	O3S2	1.427(3)	C30	C31	1.388(5)
S2	C2S	1.825(4)	C30	C35	1.387(5)
F1S2	C2S	1.312(5)	C31	C32	1.384(6)
F2S2	C2S	1.317(6)	C32	C33	1.378(7)
F3S2	C2S	1.321(5)	C33	C34	1.376(7)
N1	C8	1.492(4)	S3	O1S3	1.4416
N1	C10	1.484(4)	S3	O2S3	1.4538
N1	C16	1.508(4)	S3	O3S3	1.4330
N2	C11	1.353(4)	S3	C3S	1.8105(12)
N2	C15	1.341(4)	F1S3	C3S	1.3496
N3	C9	1.482(4)	F2S3	C3S	1.3248
N3	C23	1.482(4)	F3S3	C3S	1.3429
N3	C29	1.494(4)	C34	C35	1.391(6)
N4	C24	1.352(4)	S4	01S4	1.426(9)
N4	C28	1.341(4)	S4	O2S4	1.438(9)
C1	C2	1.399(4)	S4	O3S4	1.417(9)
C1	C6	1.395(4)	S4	C4S	1.791(11)
C2	C3	1.392(4)	F1S4	C4S	1.335(9)
C2	C8	1.507(4)	F2S4	C4S	1.310(8)
C3	C4	1.385(4)	F3S4	C4S	1.327(8)
C4	C5	1.392(4)	S5	01\$5	1.434(8)
C4	C7	1.506(4)	S5	O2S5	1.444(8)
C5	C6	1.396(4)	S5	O3S5	1.424(8)
C6	C9	1.512(4)	S5	C5S	1.801(10)
C10	C11	1.497(4)	F1S5	C5S	1.342(7)
C11	C12	1.380(4)	F2S5	C5S	1.318(7)
C12	C13	1.388(5)	F3S5	C5S	1.335(7)
C13	C14	1.369(6)	041	C41	1.205(6)
C14	C15	1.380(5)	C41	C42	1.492(7)
C16	C17	1.511(4)	C41	C43	1.498(7)
C17	C18	1.386(5)			

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	S1	Cu1	Cu2	53.72(2)	C11	C12	C13	119.4(3)
	O1S2	Cu1	Cu2	99.82(6)	C14	C13	C12	119.2(3)
	O1S2	Cu1	S1	100.90(7)	C13	C14	C15	119.3(3)
	N1	Cu1	Cu2	139.15(7)	N2	C15	C14	121.9(3)
	N1	Cu1	S1	99.32(7)	N1	C16	C17	114.8(3)
	N1	Cu1	01S2	116.63(10)	C18	C17	C16	119.9(3)
	N2	Cu1	Cu2	111.60(8)	C18	C17	C22	118.8(3)
	N2	Cu1	S1	160.22(9)	C22	C17	C16	121.3(3)
	N2	Cu1	01S2	94.50(10)	C17	C18	C19	120.4(4)
	N2	Cu1	N1	84.55(10)	C20	C19	C18	120.4(4)
	S1	Cu2	Cu1	54.41(2)	C19	C20	C21	119.9(4)
	N3	Cu2	Cu1	140.85(7)	C20	C21	C22	120.1(4)
	N3	Cu2	S1	99.66(7)	C17	C22	C21	120.4(4)
	N4		Cu1	114 01(8)	N3	(23	C24	109 8(3)
	N4		S1	164 67(8)	N4	C24	C23	115 2(3)
	N4		N3	84 24(11)	N4	C24	C25	122 2(3)
		S1	Cu1	71 87(3)	C25	C24	C23	122.2(3)
	C1	S1		95 54(9)	C24	C25	C26	122.0(3) 118 6(4)
	C1	S1		94 69(10)	C27	C26	C25	110.0(4) 119 $A(A)$
	0152	52	C2S	102 13(18)	C26	C20	C23	119.4(4) 118 9(4)
	0152	52	0152	113 01/15)	020 N/	C28	C20	120.3(+)
	0252	52	C2S	1010(2)	N3	C20	C20	122.7(7) 112.2(3)
	0252	52	0152	11/ 30/17)	(31	C20	C20	120 2(3)
	0322	52 52	0132	114.30(17) 116.38(10)	C35	C30	C29	120.2(3)
	0332	52	0232	10.38(19) 102.72(10)	C32	C20	C21	121.4(3)
	0332 52	32 0152		103.73(19)	(2)	C30	C3U	110.4(5) 120.0(4)
	52	C25	cui co	123.32(13)	C32	(22	C21	120.9(4)
	F132	C23	52	111.4(3)	C33	C32	C22	120.1(3)
		C25	FZ3Z	100.4(4)	0152	C33	0352	119.9(4)
	F132	C25	гээ <u>г</u>	107.7(4)	0155	33 52	0235	113.0
	FZ3Z	C25	52	111.0(5)	0122	33	C35	102.7
	FZ3Z	C25	гээ <u>г</u>	100.1(4)	0235	33 52	0152	105.0
	F332	C25	5Z	110.1(3)	0355	33	0153	115.0
			CUI C1C	112.53(17)	0333	55	0255	114.9
	C0			10.5(2)		33 C25	C33	102.0
	C10		CUI	102.89(18)	LT22	C35	55	111.0
	C10			111.4(2)	F253	C35	55	111.5
	C10			111.0(2)	F235	C35	LT22	100.5
			Cu1	107.03(18)	FZ33	C35	F333	108.7
		NZ N2	Cu1	112.0(2)	F353	C35	53	111.0
	C15	NZ N2	CUI	128.1(2)	F353	C35	F122	100.0
	C15	NZ N2	C11 C12	119.3(3)	0104	C34	035	120.0(4)
	C9		Cu2	111.30(18)	0154	54 64	0254	Δ102 7 102 7
	C9	N3	C29	109.5(2)	0154	54	C45	102.7
	C23	N3	Cu2	99.17(19)	0254	54	C45	103.0
	C23	N3	C9	112.6(2)	0354	54	0154	115.0
	C23	N3	C29	108.7(2)	0354	54	0254	114.9
	C29	NJ	Cu2	115.1(2)	0354	54	C45	102.7
	C24	N4	Cu2	112.2(2)	F1S4	C4S	S4	111.8

C28	N4	Cu2	128.9(3)	F2S4	C4S	S4	111.5	
C28	N4	C24	118.5(3)	F2S4	C4S	F1S4	106.3	
C2	C1	S1	119.2(2)	F2S4	C4S	F3S4	108.7	
C6	C1	S1	120.8(2)	F3S4	C4S	S4	111.7	
C6	C1	C2	120.0(3)	F3S4	C4S	F1S4	106.5	
C1	C2	C8	121.7(3)	C30	C35	C34	120.7(4)	
C3	C2	C1	119.1(3)	01S5	S5	02S5	115.8	
C3	C2	C8	119.2(3)	O1S5	S5	C5S	102.7	
C4	C3	C2	122.1(3)	O2S5	S5	C5S	103.0	
C3	C4	C5	117.8(3)	03S5	S5	01\$5	115.1	
C3	C4	C7	121.1(3)	03S5	S5	02S5	114.9	
C5	C4	C7	121.1(3)	O3S5	S5	C5S	102.6	
C4	C5	C6	121.9(3)	F1S5	C5S	S5	111.8	
C1	C6	C5	119.1(3)	F2S5	C5S	S5	111.5	
C1	C6	C9	122.1(3)	F2S5	C5S	F1S5	106.3	
C5	C6	C9	118.7(3)	F2S5	C5S	F3S5	108.7	
N1	C8	C2	113.4(2)	F3S5	C5S	S5	111.7	
N3	C9	C6	113.9(2)	F3S5	C5S	F1S5	106.5	
N1	C10	C11	109.0(2)	041	C41	C42	121.4(4)	
N2	C11	C10	115.3(3)	041	C41	C43	121.8(5)	
N2	C11	C12	120.9(3)	C42	C41	C43	116.8(5)	
C12	C11	C10	123.7(3)					

**Table S4.** NBO analysis of the Cu-Cu bond in mixed-valent Cu<sup>II</sup>-Cu<sup>I</sup> species: Comparison of the results obtained for DFT-optimized and X-ray crystal structures of **6** featuring different metal-metal bond lengths.

	Cu-Cu distance (Å)	Wiberg bond index	NBO composition	Occupancy
DFT- optimized	2.719	0.539	43.16% Cu1 (5.5% 4s, 36.9% 4p, 57.6% 3d) 56.84% Cu2 (8.0% 4s, 33.3% 4p, 58.7% 3d)	0.748
X-ray	2.5475(5)	0.567	30.54% Cu1 (4.2% 4s, 34.8% 4p, 61.0% 3d) 69.46% Cu2 (8.2% 4s, 20.7% 4p, 71.1% 3d)	0.814

Table S5. Mulliken spin population analysis for 6 (DFT-optimized structure).

Center	Cu1	S	Cu <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>1</sub>	$N_2$	$N_3$	N <sub>4</sub>
Spin population	0.274	0.235	0.247	0.083	0.040	0.070	0.038

**Table S6.** Computed *g*-values and copper hyperfine coupling constants for **6** (DFT-optimized structure).

	<i>g</i> 1	<b>g</b> 2	<b>g</b> 3	$oldsymbol{g}$ iso
g-tensor	2.045	2.117	2.231	2.131
	A1	A <sub>2</sub>	<i>A</i> <sub>3</sub>	A <sub>iso</sub>
A-tensor (Cu <sub>1</sub> )	23.6	74.7	240.2	112.8
A-tensor (Cu <sub>2</sub> )	35.2	59.8	229.0	108

**Table S7.** Theoretical assignments of the main bands of the UV-Vis/NIR spectrum of **6** (DFT-optimized structure).

State	TD-DFT assignement	λ <sup>calc</sup> (nm)	f <sup>calc</sup>
1	Core (Cu-S-Cu) → Core (Cu-S-Cus) - IVCT	1255	0.039
2	Metal-Ligand (Cu-thiophenolate) $\rightarrow$ Core (Cu-S-Cu)	703	0.071
3	Ligand (thiophenolate) $\rightarrow$ Core (Cu-S-Cu)	481	0.057

**Table S8.** Theoretical assignments of the main bands of the UV-Vis/NIR spectrum of **6** in the Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>II</sup> form (X-ray crystal structure).

State	TD-DFT assignement	λ <sup>calc</sup> (nm)	f <sup>calc</sup>
1	Core (Cu-S-Cu) $\rightarrow$ Core (Cu-S-Cus) - IVCT	1007	0.038
2	Metal-Ligand (Cu-thiophenolate) $\rightarrow$ Core (Cu-S-Cu)	613	0.046
3	Ligand (thiophenolate) $\rightarrow$ Core (Cu-S-Cu)	418	0.034

**Table S9.** Calculated redox potentials for  $Fc^{+/0}$  couple.

$G_O^0$ (Eh)	$G^0_R$ (Eh)	$\Delta G^0_{O/R}$ (Eh)	$E_{Fc}^{0}$ (eV)
-1650.899495	-1651.079309	-0.179813	-4.893

**Table S10.** Calculated redox potential for the Cu(II)Cu(I)/Cu(I)Cu(I) couple of **6** (DFT-optimized structure).

$G_O^0$ (Eh)	$G^0_{R-Otf}$ (Eh)	$G_{Otf}^0$ (Eh)	$\Delta G^0_{O/R}$ (Eh)	$\Delta G^0_{O/R}$ (V)	$E_{O/R}^{0}$ (V)
-6215.511418	-5253.678372	-962.009108	-0.176062	-4.791	-0.102

**Table S11.** ORR experiments performed with **1** and **6** in acetone or MeCN at room temperature using Me<sub>8</sub>Fc and LutHBF<sub>4</sub> as electron and proton sources. The values obtained for **1** in MeCN (already reported)<sup>32</sup> are listed for comparison.

Entry	[Me <sub>8</sub> Fc] (mM)	Cat/e <sup>-</sup> /H⁺	TON	TON <sub>max</sub>	k <sub>obs</sub> (s <sup>-1</sup> )	t (s)	% H₂O₂ MeଃFc	% H₂O Me₃Fc	TOF (s <sup>-1</sup> ) <sup>(b)</sup>
	0.5	1/10/400	10	10	$\textbf{1.06} \pm \textbf{0.02}$	$\textbf{4.1}\pm\textbf{0.2}$	90	10	$\textbf{5.3}\pm\textbf{0.3}$
	1.0	1/20/400	20	20	$\textbf{0.61}\pm\textbf{0.02}$	$\textbf{6.5}\pm\textbf{0.3}$	83	17	$\textbf{6.0} \pm \textbf{0.2.}$
<b>1</b> in	2.0	1/40/400	40	40	$\textbf{0.28} \pm \textbf{0.04}$	$\textbf{15.0} \pm \textbf{0.4}$	57	43	$\textbf{7.6} \pm \textbf{0.4}$
MeCN <sup>32</sup>	3.0	1/60/400	60	60	$\textbf{0.13}\pm\textbf{0.01}$	$\textbf{28.1}\pm\textbf{0.5}$	51	49	$\textbf{8.3}\pm\textbf{0.3}$
	4.0	1/80/400	80	80	$\textbf{0.15}\pm\textbf{0.01}$	$\textbf{32.1}\pm\textbf{1}$	38	62	$10.7\pm0.3$
	5.0	1/100/400	100	100	$\textbf{0.12}\pm\textbf{0.01}$	$41.2\pm2$	10	90	$14.1{\pm}0.4$
	0.5	1/10/400	10	10	$\textbf{0.30} \pm \textbf{0.05}$	$\textbf{22.0} \pm \textbf{0.8}$	70	30	$\textbf{1.5}\pm\textbf{0.2}$
	1.0	1/20/400	20	20	0.13 ± 0.02	$44\pm2$	60	40	$\textbf{1.7}\pm\textbf{0.3}$
	2.0	1/40/400	40	40	$0.08 \pm 0.005$	$55\pm2$	44	36	$\textbf{1.8}\pm\textbf{0.3}$
<b>1</b> in	3.0	1/60/400	60	60	$0.05 \pm 0.004$	$\textbf{91} \pm \textbf{4}$	31	69	$\textbf{1.9}\pm\textbf{0.2}$
acetone	4.0	1/80/400	80	80	0.13 ± 0.03 0.014 ± 0.006	$279 \pm 9$	23	77	$\textbf{2.3}\pm\textbf{0.3}$
	5.0	1/100/400	100	100	0.10 ± 0.02 0.014 ± 0.009	$268\pm10$	20	80	$\textbf{2.7}\pm\textbf{0.4}$
	0.5	1/10/400	10	10	$0.51 \pm 0.01$	$11.2\pm0.9$	42	54	$\textbf{3.1}\pm\textbf{0.2}$
	1.0	1/20/400	20	20	0.45 ±0.003	$\textbf{13.4} \pm \textbf{1.1}$	25	75	$\textbf{4.4}\pm\textbf{0.3}$
<b>6</b> in	2.0	1/40/400	40	40	$0.45 \pm 0.004$	$\textbf{13.8} \pm \textbf{1.0}$	17	83	$\textbf{7.9}\pm\textbf{0.3}$
acetone	3.0	1/60/400	60	60	$0.40 \pm 0.004$	$\textbf{15.1} \pm \textbf{1.2}$	11	89	$\textbf{10.6} \pm \textbf{0.4}$
	4.0	1/80/400	80	80	$0.56 \pm 0.01$	$\textbf{14.2} \pm \textbf{1.1}$	12	88	$\textbf{14.0}\pm\textbf{0.3}$
	5.0	1/100/400	100	100	0.46 ± 0.006	$15.5\pm1.3$	5	95	$\textbf{17.6} \pm \textbf{0.2}$
	0.5	1/10/400	10	10	0.51 ± 0.05 89.9 ± 8	$340\pm30$	34	66	< 1
	1.0	1/20/400	20	20	0.58 ± 0.09 122 ± 14	$390 \pm 35$	17	83	< 1
<b>6</b> in	2.0	1/40/400	40	40	0.55 ± 0.08 178 ± 12	$3500 \pm 150$	10	90	< 1
MeCN	3.0	1/60/400	50 <sup>(a)</sup>	60	nd	> 6000	nd	nd	<1
	4.0	1/80/400	40 <sup>(a)</sup>	80	nd	> 6000	nd	nd	< 1
	5.0	1/100/400	40 <sup>(a)</sup>	100	nd	> 6000	nd	nd	< 1

; <sup>(a)</sup> after 6000 s reaction time; *nd*: not determined; (b) determined for the first kinetic event in the case of multi regimes

## Table S12. Crystal data and structure refinement for II.

Empirical formula	$C_{18}H_{14}O_4S_2$
Formula weight	358.41
Temperature	90(1) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	Triclinic
Space group	P -1
	a = 8.0729(3)Å α =96.363(3)°
Unit cell dimensions	b = 9.8805(4) Å $\beta$ = 104.018(3)°
	c = 11.0153(4) Å γ = 108.327(3)°
Volume, Z	792.37(5) ų, 2
Density (calculated)	1.502 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Absorption coefficient	0.356 mm <sup>-1</sup>
F(000)	372
Crystal size	0.422 × 0.263 × 0.059 mm
$\boldsymbol{\theta}$ range for data collection	3.892 to 61.014 °
Limiting indices	$-11 \leq h \leq 11,  -14 \leq k \leq 14,  -15 \leq l \leq 15$
Reflections collected	19291
Independent reflections	4832 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0222]
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Data / Restraints / Parameters	4832/0/273
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.143
Final R indices [I>2σ(I)]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0317, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0809
R indices (all data)	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0367, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0830

S1	S2	2.0814(5)	C4	C8	1.4993(17)
S1	C1	1.7823(12)	C5	C6	1.3932(17)
S2	C10	1.7826(12)	C6	C9	1.4871(17)
01	C7	1.2087(16)	C10	C11	1.4062(16)
02	C9	1.2116(16)	C10	C15	1.4053(16)
03	C16	1.2059(16)	C11	C12	1.3931(17)
04	C18	1.2126(15)	C11	C16	1.4894(17)
C1	C2	1.4020(17)	C12	C13	1.3965(17)
C1	C6	1.4094(17)	C13	C14	1.3913(17)
C2	C3	1.3980(16)	C13	C17	1.5020(17)
C2	C7	1.4917(17)	C14	C15	1.3959(17)
C3	C4	1.3891(17)	C15	C18	1.4890(16)
C4	C5	1.3947(17)			

Table S13. Bond length [Å] for II.

	C1	S1	S2	102.09(4)	02	C9	C6	123.01(12)
	C10	S2	S1	100.68(4)	C11	C10	S2	122.00(9)
	C2	C1	S1	119.49(9)	C15	C10	S2	119.06(9)
	C2	C1	C6	118.73(11)	C15	C10	C11	118.86(11)
	C6	C1	S1	121.78(9)	C10	C11	C16	122.34(11)
	C1	C2	C7	122.71(11)	C12	C11	C10	119.74(11)
	C3	C2	C1	119.93(11)	C12	C11	C16	117.87(11)
	C3	C2	C7	117.36(11)	C11	C12	C13	121.85(11)
	C4	C3	C2	121.93(11)	C12	C13	C17	120.66(11)
	C3	C4	C5	117.62(11)	C14	C13	C12	117.79(11)
	C3	C4	C8	121.47(11)	C14	C13	C17	121.55(11)
	C5	C4	C8	120.91(11)	C13	C14	C15	121.69(11)
	C6	C5	C4	121.98(11)	C10	C15	C18	122.32(11)
	C1	C6	C9	122.18(11)	C14	C15	C10	119.91(11)
	C5	C6	C1	119.79(11)	C14	C15	C18	117.77(11)
	C5	C6	C9	118.02(11)	03	C16	C11	123.22(12)
	01	C7	C2	122.54(12)	04	C18	C15	122.64(12)
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### **Cartesian coordinates from DFT calculations**

• Optimized structure for **6** in the Cu(II)-Cu(I) state

Cι	7.69971045523041	12.41635264839144	10.40417239113580
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Cu	7.89101528931459	12.59996309076785	10.64119982102792
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	<ul> <li>Optimized structure for CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup></li> </ul>					

S	5.53252468385583	14.74213967093031	8.76550065995040
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