## Electronic Supplementary Information

# Templation of a square grid copper(II) 4, $4^{\prime}$-bipyridine network by a 3D PtS-related $\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{I})-\mathrm{Cu}(I I)$ 4,4'-bipyridine crystal 

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## Contents

1. Channel contents in
i) $\left[\mathrm{Cu}_{2}\left(4,4^{\prime}{ }^{\prime} \text { bipy }\right)_{4}\right]\left(\mathrm{NO}_{3}\right)\left(\mathrm{S}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{6}\right) \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ (orange crystals)
ii) $\quad\left[\mathrm{Cu}\left(4,4^{\prime} \text { bipy }\right)_{2}\right]\left(\mathrm{S}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{6}\right)$ (blue crystals)
2. Calculated and experimental powder diffraction patterns for
iii) $\left[\mathrm{Cu}_{2}\left(4,4^{\prime}{ }^{\prime} \text { bipy }\right)_{4}\right]\left(\mathrm{NO}_{3}\right)\left(\mathrm{S}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{6}\right) \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ (orange crystals)
iv) $\left[\mathrm{Cu}\left(4,4^{\prime} \text { bipy }\right)_{2}\right]\left(\mathrm{S}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{6}\right)$ (blue crystals)
3. Microscope photographs of orange-blue composite figures.
a)

b)


Figure S1. Channel contents in a) $\left[\mathrm{Cu}_{2}\left(4,4^{\prime} \text { bipy }\right)_{4}\right]\left(\mathrm{NO}_{3}\right)\left(\mathrm{S}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{6}\right) \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ (orange crystals) and b) $\left[\mathrm{Cu}\left(4,4^{\prime} \text { bipy }\right)_{2}\right]\left(\mathrm{S}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{6}\right)$ (blue crystals). The anions are disordered around 4 -fold axes that run along the length of the channels. Colour code: S yellow, O red, N blue; H atoms have been omitted for clarity.


Figure S2. Experimental and calculated powder diffraction patterns for $\left[\mathrm{Cu}_{2}\left(4,4^{\prime} \text { bipy }\right)_{4}\right]\left(\mathrm{NO}_{3}\right)\left(\mathrm{S}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{6}\right) \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ (orange crystals)


Figure S3. Experimental and calculated powder diffraction patterns for [Cu(4,4'bipy) ${ }_{2}$ ( $\mathrm{S}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{6}$ ) (blue crystals)


Figure S4. Microscope photograph of the $\left[\mathrm{Cu}_{2}\left(4,4^{\prime} \text { bipy }\right)_{4}\right]\left(\mathrm{NO}_{3}\right)\left(\mathrm{S}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{6}\right) \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ (orange crystals) and $\left.\mathrm{Cu}\left(4,4^{\prime} \text { bipy }\right)_{2}\right]\left(\mathrm{S}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{6}\right)$ (blue crystals) composite crystals

