

*Electronic Supplementary Information*

## **Molecular Pac-Men and Tacos: Layered Cu(II) cages from ligands with premeditated high binding site concentrations**

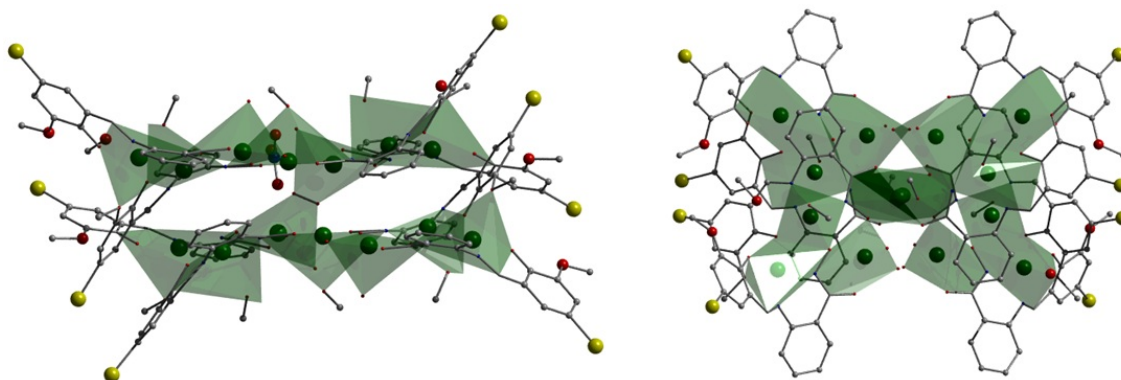
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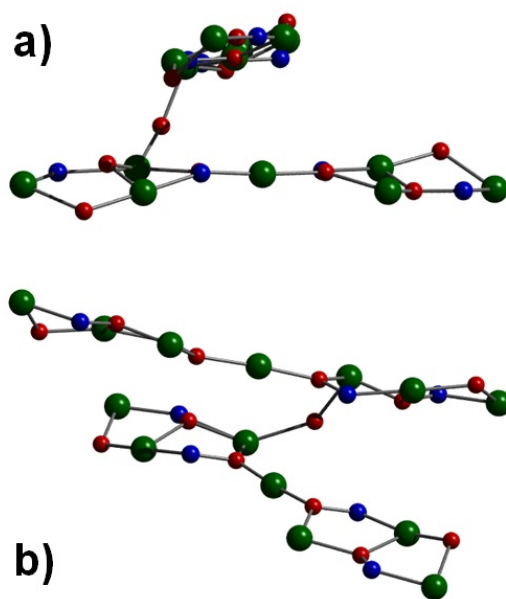
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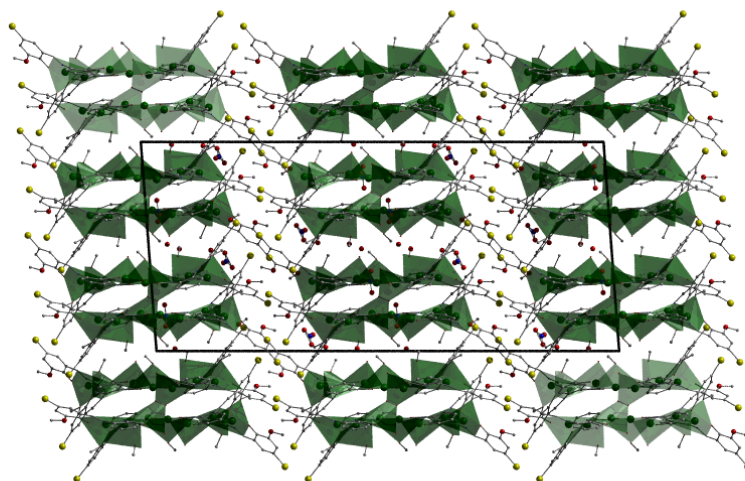
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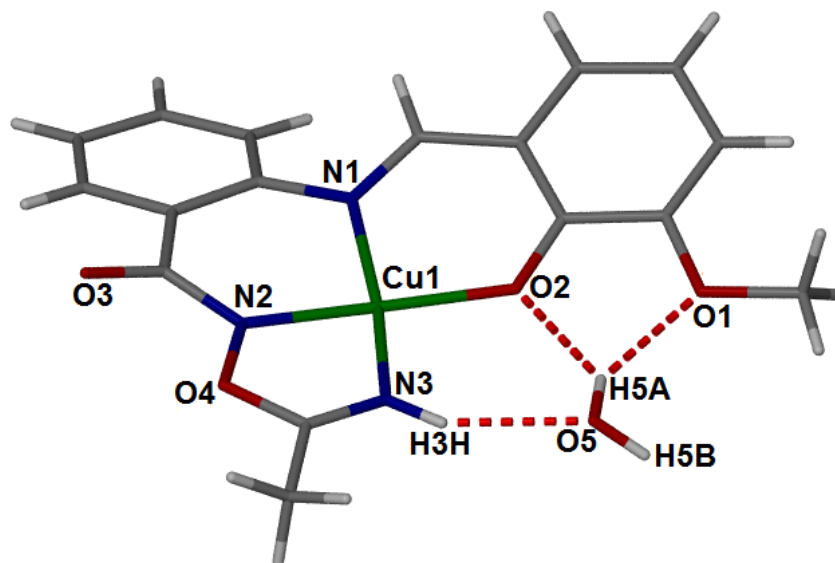
**Figure S1** Polyhedral representations of the crystal structure in **3** as viewed parallel (left) and perpendicular (right) to the {Cu<sub>7</sub>} planes. Hydrogen atoms and NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> counter anions have been omitted for clarity.



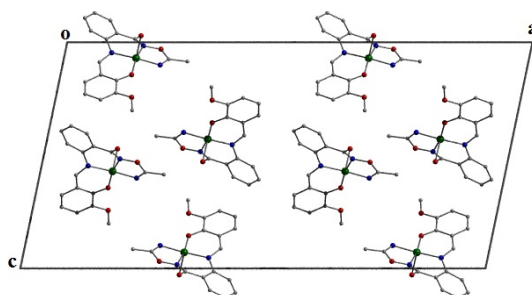
**Figure S2** The criss-cross orientation of the {Cu<sub>7</sub>} planes in **3** as viewed parallel (a) and off-set (b).



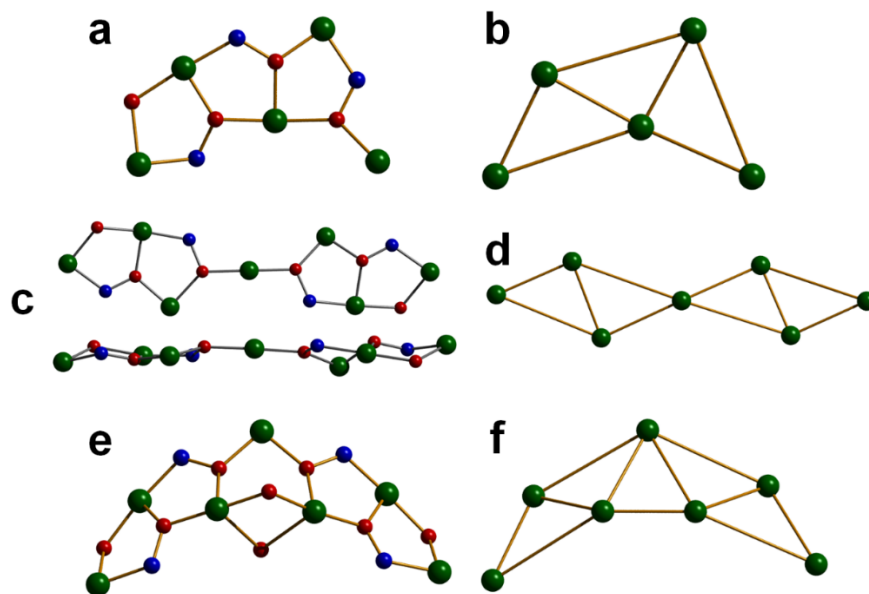
**Figure S3** Crystal packing arrangement observed in **3** as viewed along the *b* unit cell direction.



**Figure S4** The monomeric unit in **1** and its extensive H-bonding (dashed red lines) with a juxtaposed water of crystallisation. H-bond distances (Å): N3(H3H)···O5 = 2.142, O5(H5A)···O1 = 2.206 and O5(H5A)···O2 = 2.303.



**Figure S5** Packing arrangement of 1D units of **6** as viewed down the *b* axis of the unit cell. Hydrogen atoms and H<sub>2</sub>O solvents of crystallisation have been removed for clarity.



**Figure S6** (a) A  $\{Cu_5\}$  layer within the structure in **1**. (b) A skeletal representation of a  $\{Cu_5\}$  layer in **1**. (c) A  $\{Cu_7\}$  layer observed within the structures of **2-4** as viewed perpendicular and parallel to their heptanuclear planes. (d) A skeletal representation of a  $\{Cu_7\}$  layer observed in complexes **2-4**. (e) A  $\{Cu_7\}$  within the structure in **5**. (f) A skeletal representation of a  $\{Cu_7\}$  layer in the structure of **5**.

**Table S1** Crystallographic data obtained from complexes **1-4**

	<b>1</b>	<b>2.3MeOH.7H<sub>2</sub>O</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4.4MeOH.4H<sub>2</sub>O</b>
Formula <sup>a</sup>	C <sub>74</sub> H <sub>60</sub> N <sub>12</sub> O <sub>38</sub> Cl <sub>4</sub> Cu <sub>10</sub>	C <sub>125.5</sub> H <sub>125</sub> N <sub>16</sub> O <sub>57</sub> Cu <sub>14</sub>	C <sub>123</sub> H <sub>101.17</sub> N <sub>20</sub> O <sub>42.58</sub> Br <sub>8</sub> Cu <sub>14</sub>	C <sub>122</sub> H <sub>124</sub> N <sub>20</sub> O <sub>60</sub> Cu <sub>14</sub>
<i>M<sub>w</sub></i>	2502.54	3827.01	4013.52	3643.88
Crystal System	Monoclinic	Triclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	<i>C2/c</i>	<i>P</i> -1	<i>C2/c</i>	<i>P2<sub>1</sub>/c</i>
<i>a</i> /Å	23.6341(10)	15.4185(6)	47.208(3)	18.989(4)
<i>b</i> /Å	25.5162(8)	22.8429(7)	16.6283(12)	13.838(3)
<i>c</i> /Å	16.5739(9)	25.1092(9)	21.3697(15)	26.748(5)
<i>α</i> <sup>o</sup>	90.00	71.435(3)	90.00	90.00
<i>β</i> <sup>o</sup>	104.244(5)	77.204(3)	94.2850(10)	91.05(3)
<i>γ</i> <sup>o</sup>	90.00	80.405(3)	90.00	90.00
<i>V</i> /Å <sup>3</sup>	9687.7(8)	8130.8(5)	16728(2)	7028(2)
<i>Z</i>	4	2	4	2
<i>T</i> /K	150(2)	173(2)	173(2)	150(2)
<i>λ</i> <sup>b</sup> /Å	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
<i>D<sub>c</sub></i> /g cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.716	1.563	1.594	1.722
<i>μ</i> (Mo-K $\alpha$ )/mm <sup>-1</sup>	2.348	1.882	3.723	2.169
Meas./indep.( <i>R<sub>m</sub></i> ) refl.	8858/5297 (0.1077)	28668/13027 (0.1112)	19105 / 12747(0.0572)	12859/8415(0.1128)
w <i>R</i> 2 (all data) <sup>c</sup>	0.1766	0.2446	0.1503	0.2302
<i>R</i> 1 <sup>d,e</sup>	0.0658	0.0861	0.0551	0.0948
Goodness of fit on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	1.010	0.937	1.058	1.050

<sup>a</sup> Includes guest molecules (does not include SQUEEZE results obtained on **2-4**).<sup>b</sup> Mo-K $\alpha$  radiation, graphite monochromator. <sup>c</sup>  $wR2 = [\sum w(|F_o|^2 - |F_c|^2)|^2 / \sum w|F_o|^2]^2$ . <sup>d</sup>For observed data. <sup>e</sup>  $R1 = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o|$ .

**Table S2** Crystallographic data obtained from complex **5** and **6**.

<b>Complex</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6·H<sub>2</sub>O</b>
Formula <sup>a</sup>	C <sub>246</sub> H <sub>202</sub> N <sub>32</sub> O <sub>94</sub> Cl <sub>4</sub> Cu <sub>30</sub>	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>5</sub> Cu <sub>1</sub>
<i>M<sub>w</sub></i>	7158.38	406.88
Crystal System	Triclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> -1	<i>C</i> 2/ <i>c</i>
<i>a</i> /Å	18.6255(5)	36.1459(12)
<i>b</i> /Å	20.6535(7)	5.2200(2)
<i>c</i> /Å	38.2976(12)	18.0068(7)
<i>α</i> /°	92.913(3)	90.00
<i>β</i> /°	99.064(3)	101.697(3)
<i>γ</i> /°	103.632(3)	90.00
<i>V</i> /Å <sup>3</sup>	14079.1(8)	3327.0(2)
<i>Z</i>	2	8
<i>T</i> /K	150(2)	150(2)
<i>λ</i> <sup>b</sup> /Å	0.71073	0.71073
<i>D<sub>c</sub></i> /g cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.689	1.625
<i>μ</i> (Mo-Kα)/ mm <sup>-1</sup>	2.340	1.348
Meas./indep., ( <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> ) refl.	51469/25059 (0.1034)	3047/2627, (0.0249)
wR2 (all data)	0.3398	0.0842
<i>R</i> 1 <sup>d,e</sup>	0.1234	0.0315
Goodness of fit (GOOF) on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	1.054	1.066

<sup>a</sup> Includes guest molecules (does not include SQUEEZE results on complex **5**). <sup>b</sup> Mo-Kα radiation, graphite monochromator. <sup>c</sup>  $wR2 = [\sum w(|F_o|^2 - |F_c|^2)|^2] / \sum w|F_o|^2]^{1/2}$ . <sup>d</sup> For observed data. <sup>e</sup>  $R1 = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o|$ .