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### **A unique copper(II)-assisted transformation of acetylacetonedioxime in acetone that leads to one-dimensional, quinoxaline-bridged coordination polymers**

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This work is dedicated to Professor Jan Reedijk for his great contributions to inorganic chemistry over the last 45 years and on the occasion of his retirement.

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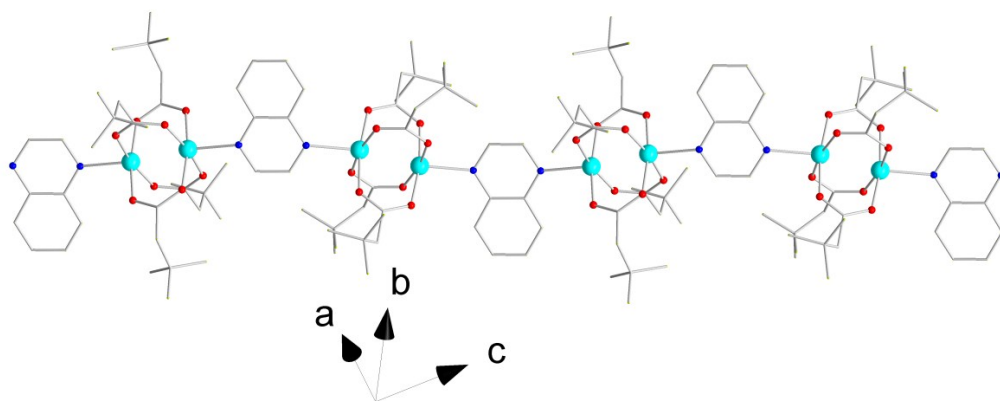
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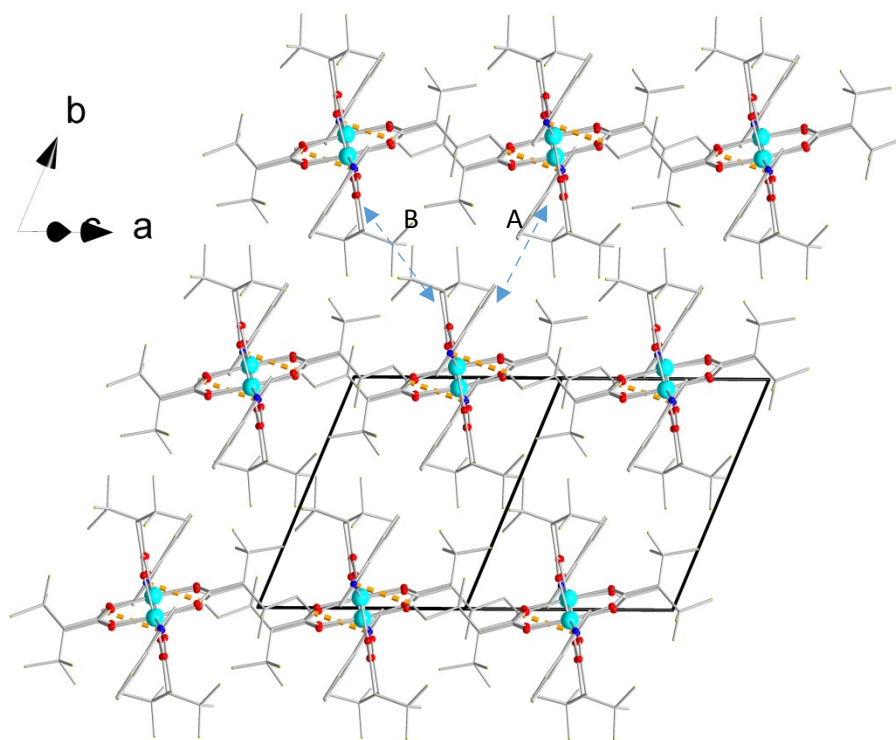
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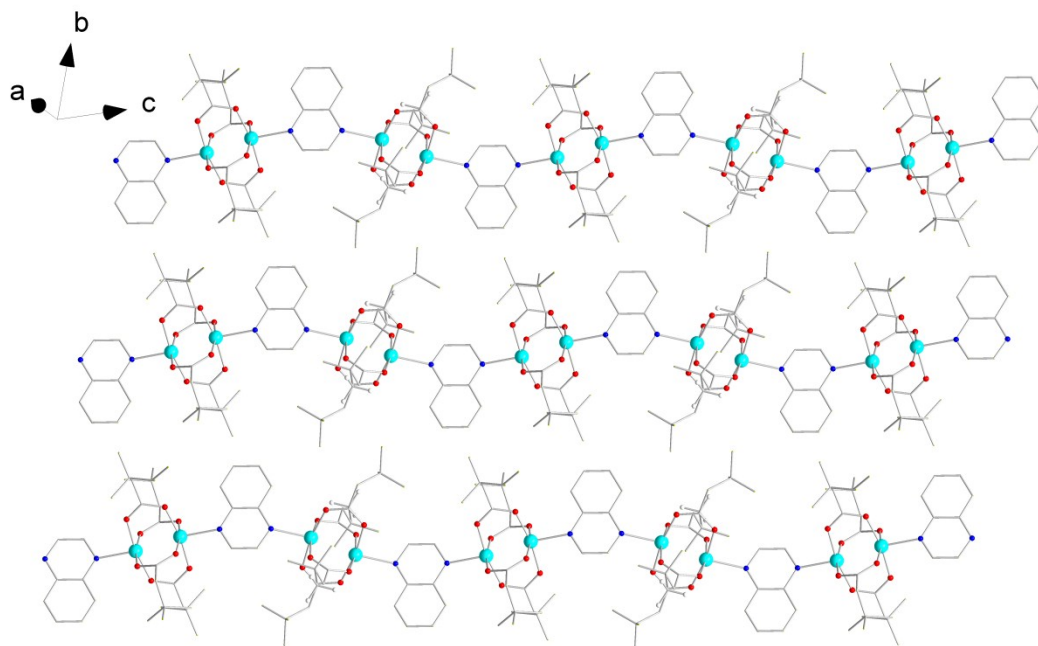
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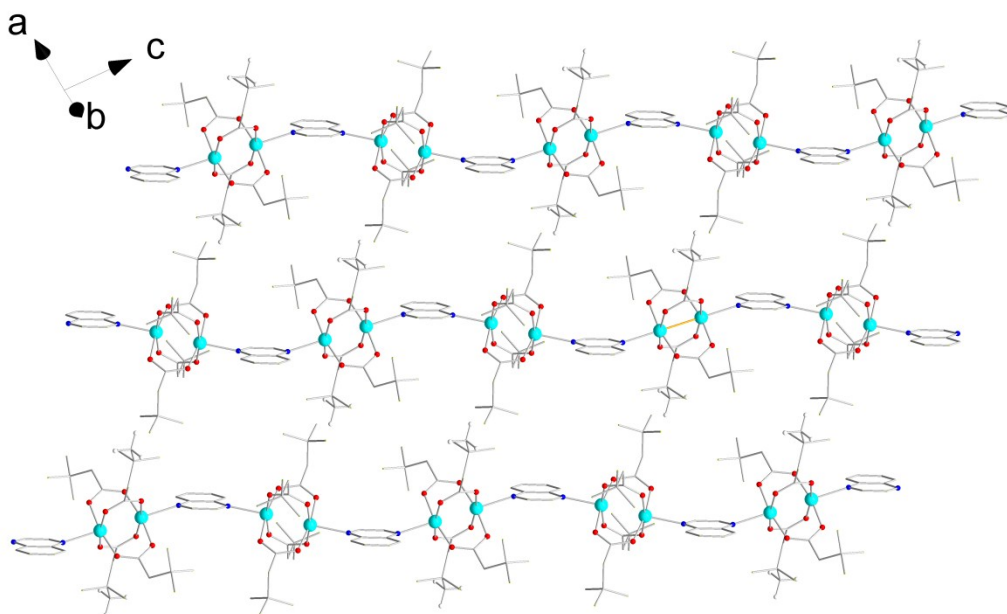
**Fig. S1** A portion of a chain that is present in the crystal of  $\{[\text{Cu}_2(\text{diba})_4(\text{qunx})]\}_n$  (**1**) illustrating four  $\text{Cu}_2$  units.



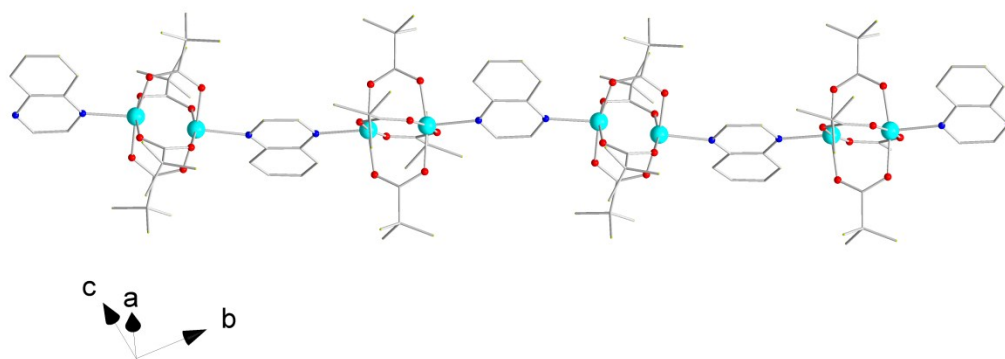
**Fig. S2** The arrangement of layers in the structure of  $\{[\text{Cu}_2(\text{diba})_4(\text{qunx})]\}_n$  (**1**).



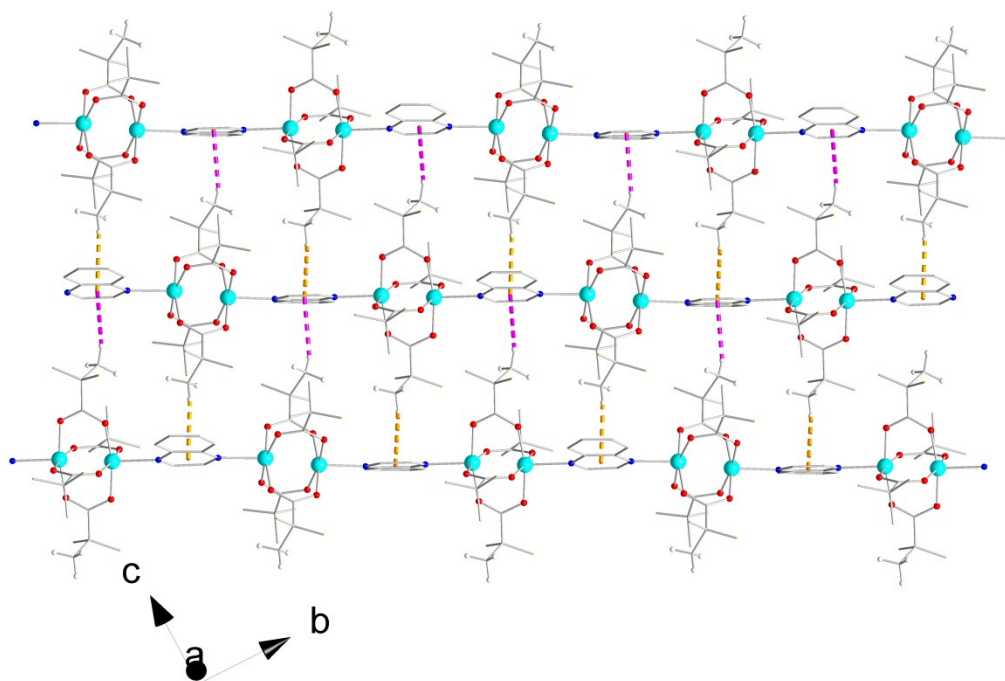
**Fig. S3** A view of the arrangement of chains in the structure of  $\{[\text{Cu}_2(\text{diba})_4(\text{qunx})]\}_n$  (**1**). The chains along the direction indicated with the double dashed arrow A in Fig. S2 are located within the (101) plane and are at distances of 11.0985(2) Å (*b* axis length).



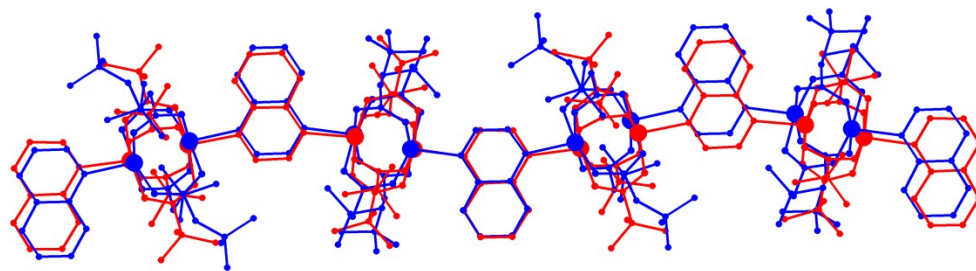
**Fig. S4** Another view of the arrangement of chains in the structure of  $\{[\text{Cu}_2(\text{diba})_4(\text{qunx})]\}_n$  (**1**). The chains along the direction indicated with the double dashed arrow B in Fig. S2 are located within the (111) plane and are at distances of 11.738(2) Å.



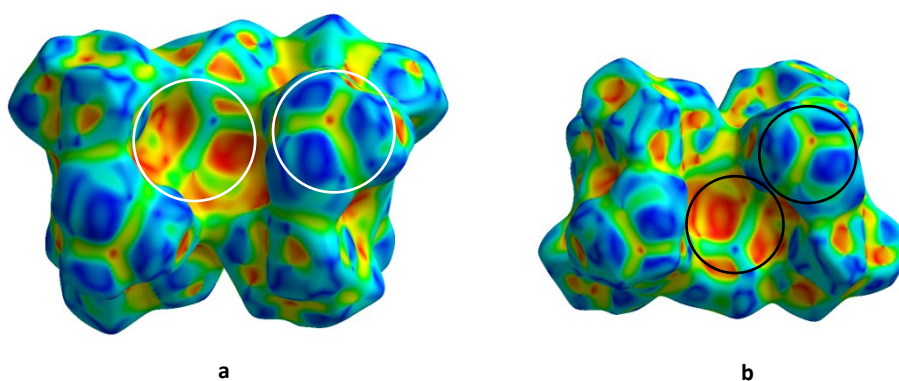
**Fig. S5** A portion of a chain that is present in the crystal of  $\{[\text{Cu}_2(\text{piv})_4(\text{qunx})]\}_n$  (**2**) illustrating four  $\text{Cu}_2$  units.



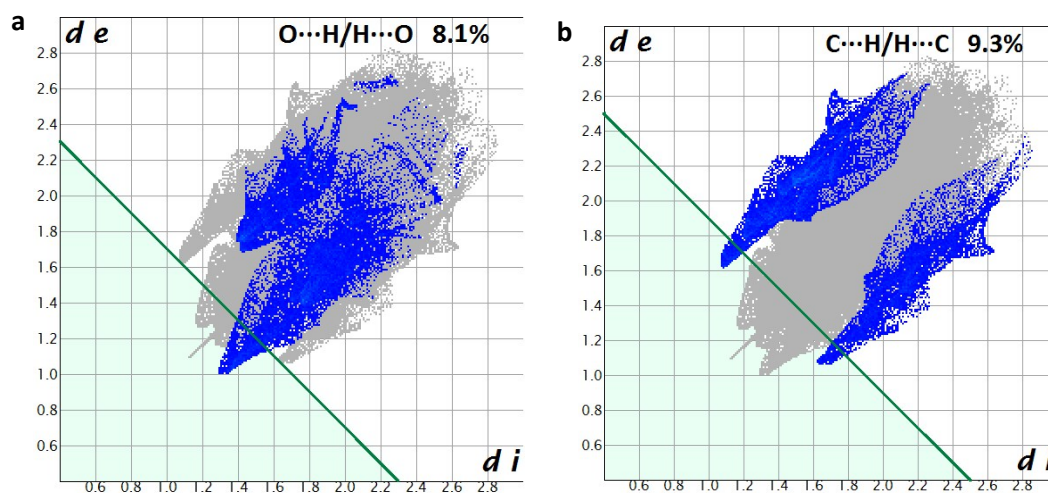
**Fig. S6** The formation of a layer parallel to the (100) plane through C(methyl)–H... $\pi$ (diazine) interactions; the interactions are shown with dashed orange and dashed magenta lines.



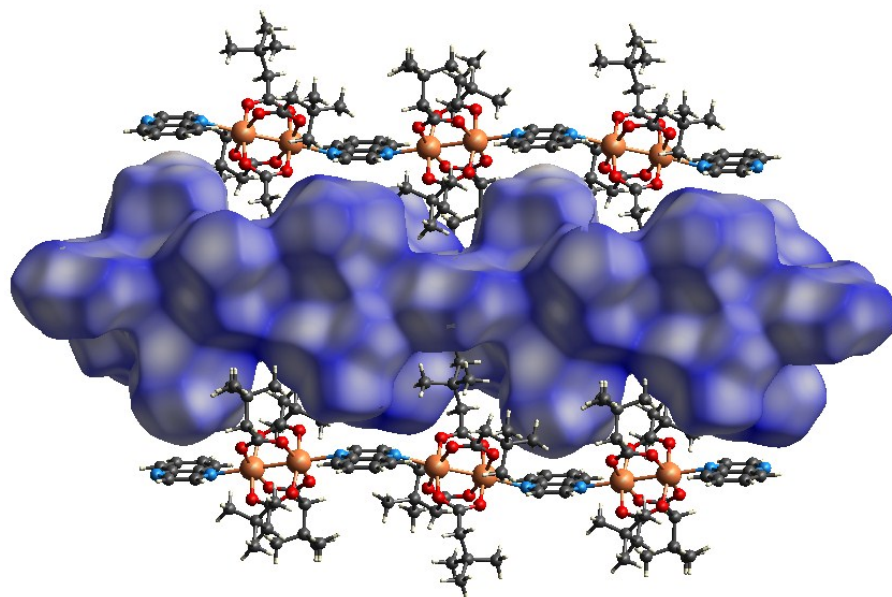
**Fig. S7** Portions of the chains of complexes **1** (blue) and **2** (red) in an overlapped mode.



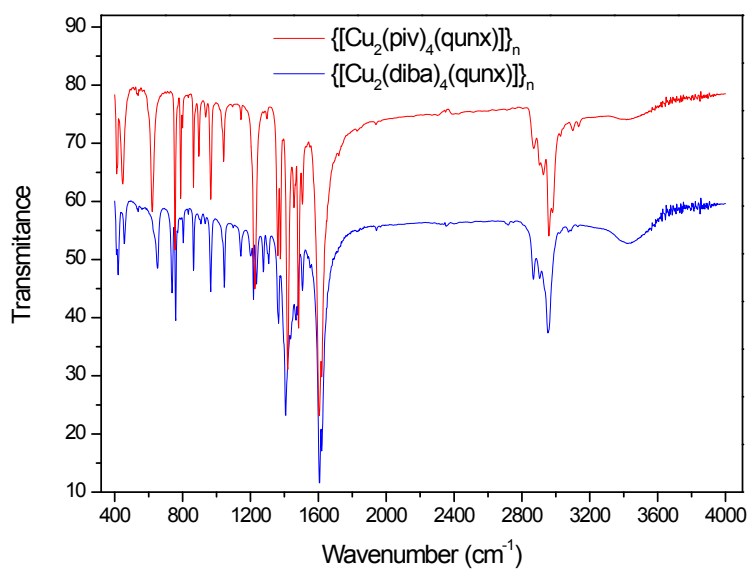
**Fig. S8** S map for **2**. Circled with white lines (a) and black lines (b) are the contact areas of HS which indicate the C5–H5A...Cg1 and C14–H14A...Cg1 interactions, respectively.



**Fig. S9** O...H/ H...O (a) and C...H/H...C (b) contributions (blue areas), along with the other kinds of contacts (gray area), into the 2D fingerprint plot for compound **2**. For the meaning of the green line, see text of the main ms.



**Fig. S10** A combined HS  $d_{\text{norm}}$  map and the molecular representation of neighbouring chains within the layers of complex **1**.



**Fig. S11** The FT-IR (KBr) spectra of  $\{[\text{Cu}_2(\text{diba})_4(\text{qunx})]\}_n$  (**1**, bottom plot) and  $\{[\text{Cu}_2(\text{piv})_4(\text{qunx})]\}_n$  (**2**, upper plot).

**Table S1** Selected interatomic distances and angles for complex **1**<sup>a</sup>

Distances (Å)			
Cu1...Cu1'	2.609(2)	Cu1-N1	2.261(2)
Cu2...Cu2'	2.611(1)	Cu2-O5	1.964(2)
Cu1...Cu2	7.159(2)	Cu2-O6''	1.960(2)
Cu1-O1	1.971(2)	Cu2-O7	1.978(2)
Cu1-O2'	1.958(2)	Cu2-O8''	1.962(2)
Cu1-O3	1.945(2)	Cu2-N2	2.245(2)
Cu1-O4'	1.950(2)		
Angles (°)			
O1-Cu1-O2'	169.1(1)	O5-Cu2-O6''	169.4(1)
O1-Cu1-O3	89.5(1)	O5-Cu2-O7	88.1(1)
O1-Cu1-O4'	87.8(1)	O5-Cu2-O8''	90.1(1)
O1-Cu1-N1	91.0(1)	O5-Cu2-N2	90.6(1)
O2'-Cu1-O3	88.4(1)	O6''-Cu2-O7	90.8(1)
O2'-Cu1-O4'	92.3(1)	O6''-Cu2-O8''	88.3(1)
O2'-Cu1-N1	99.9(1)	O6''-Cu2-N2	99.9(1)
O3-Cu1-O4'	169.1(1)	O7-Cu2-O8''	169.1(1)
O3-Cu1-N1	101.1(1)	O7-Cu2-N2	90.6(1)
O4'-Cu1-N1	89.5(1)	O8''-Cu2-N2	100.2(1)
Cu1...Cu2...Cu2''	160.3(1)	Cu1'...Cu1...Cu2	158.2(1)

<sup>a</sup>Symmetry operations used to generate equivalent atoms: (') -x, -y+2, -z; (") -x, -y+2, -z+1.

**Table S2** Selected interatomic distances and angles for complex **2<sup>a</sup>**

Distances (Å)			
Cu1...Cu2	2.606(2)	Cu1-N2'	2.247(13)
Cu1''...Cu2	7.274(2)	Cu2-O2	1.954(11)
Cu1-O1	1.945(10)	Cu2-O4	1.957(10)
Cu1-O3	1.941(10)	Cu2-O5	1.938(11)
Cu1-O6	1.943(10)	Cu2-O7	1.939(10)
Cu1-O8	1.955(10)	Cu2-N1	2.233(13)
Angles (°)			
O1-Cu1-O3	89.2(5)	O2-Cu2-O4	87.8(5)
O1-Cu1-O6	169.1(4)	O2-Cu2-O5	167.6(4)
O1-Cu1-O8	90.1(5)	O2-Cu2-O7	89.9(5)
O1-Cu1-N2'	95.4(5)	O2-Cu2-N1	97.1(5)
O3-Cu1-O6	89.1(5)	O4-Cu2-O5	90.1(5)
O3-Cu1-O8	167.7(4)	O4-Cu2-O7	170.4(4)
O3-Cu1-N2'	103.9(5)	O4-Cu2-N1	90.4(5)
O6-Cu1-O8	89.3(5)	O5-Cu2-O7	90.1(5)
O6-Cu1-N2'	95.5(5)	O5-Cu2-N1	95.1(4)
O8-Cu1-N2'	88.5(5)	O7-Cu2-N1	99.1(5)
Cu1...Cu2...Cu1''	166.5(4)	Cu2...Cu1''...Cu2''	164.2(4)

<sup>a</sup>Symmetry operations used to generate equivalent atoms: (')  $-x+3/2, y+1/2, z+1/2$ ; (')  $-x+3/2, y-1/2, z-1/2$ .