

## Supporting Information

### Substituent effect of phenylacetic acid coligands perturbed structures and magnetic properties observed in two triple-bridged azido-Cu(II) chain compounds with ferromagnetic ordering and slow magnetic relaxation

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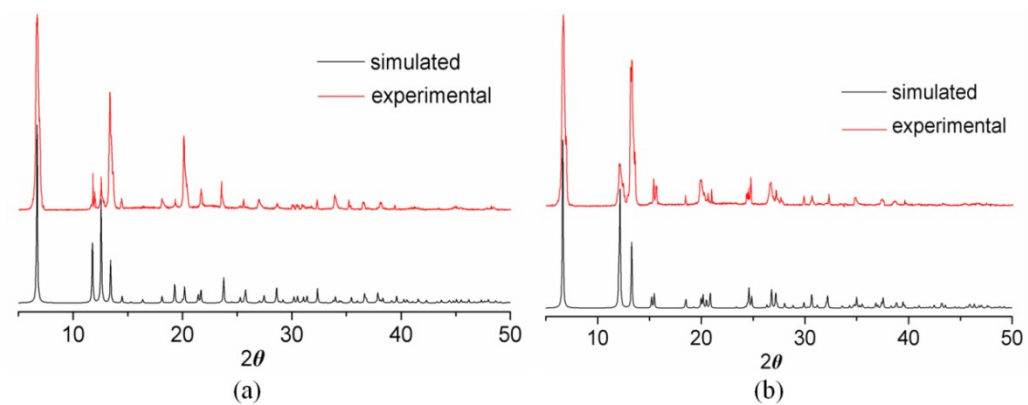


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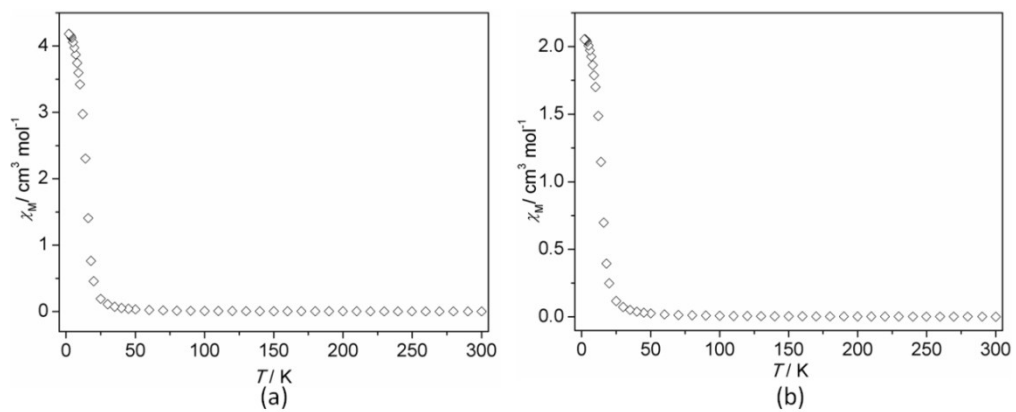


Fig. S2  $\chi_M$  vs  $T$  plots for 1 (a) and 2 (b).

**Table S1.** Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for compound **1**.

<b>1</b>			
Cu(1)-O(1)	1.945(5)	O(2)-Cu(1)-O(1)	179.0(3)
Cu(1)-O(2)#1	1.942(5)	O(2)#1-Cu(1)-N(1)#1	91.4(2)
Cu(1)-O(3)	2.439(6)	O(1)-Cu(1)-N(1)#1	89.5(2)
Cu(1)-N(1)	2.007(8)	O(2)-Cu(1)-N(1)	89.1(2)
Cu(1)-N(1)#1	2.001(7)	O(1)-Cu(1)-N(1)	90.0(2)
N(1)-N(2)	1.198(6)	N(1)#1-Cu(1)-N(1)	176.3(3)
N(2)-N(3)	1.125(7)	C(1)-O(1)-Cu(1)	131.1(5)
O(3)-C(9)	1.433(9)	N(2)-N(1)-Cu(1)	122.6(7)
C(1)-O(1)	1.246(11)	C(9)-O(4)-Cu(1)	118.2(6)
C(1)-O(2)	1.266(11)	O(3)-Cu(1)-N(1)	99.8(2)
C(8)-F(1)	1.342(2)	N(3)-N(2)-N(1)	178.5(8)
#1 1-x,-1/2+y,1-z			

**Table S2.** Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for compound **2**.

<b>2</b>			
Cu(1)-O(1)	1.935(6)	O(1)-Cu(1)-O(2)#1	179.0(3)
Cu(1)-O(2)	1.947(6)	O(1)-Cu(1)-N(1)#1	90.0(2)
Cu(1)-O(3)	2.427(7)	O(2)#1-Cu(1)-N(1)#1	90.4(3)
Cu(1)-N(1)	2.023(10)	O(1)-Cu(1)-N(1)	90.9(2)
Cu(1)-N(1)#1	1.975(10)	O(2)#1-Cu(1)-N(1)	88.8(2)
Cu(1)-O(3)#1	2.469(7)	N(1)#1-Cu(1)-N(1)	178.6(2)
N(1)-N(2)	1.206(6)	C(8)-O(1)-Cu(1)	127.8(5)
N(2)-N(3)	1.131(7)	N(2)-N(1)-Cu(1)#2	122.7(8)
F(1)-C(1)	1.36(3)	N(2)-N(1)-Cu(1)	119.0(9)
O(3)-C(9)	1.436(7)	Cu(1)#2-N(1)-Cu(1)	104.8(2)
C(8)-O(1)	1.279(13)	N(3)-N(2)-N(1)	178.0(9)
#1 1-x,-1/2+y,1-z	#2 1-x,1/2+y,1-z		

**Table S3.** The charge distributions of Cu(II) ions and coordination atoms for compounds **1** and **2**.

	<b>1</b> (Natural charge $e/m^3$ )	<b>2</b> (Natural charge $e/m^3$ )
Cu1	1.30862	1.30011
Cu1A	1.31061	1.33218
O1 (carboxylates)	-0.73609	-0.73687
O1A (carboxylates)	-0.73067	-0.74645
N1	-0.71713	-0.74951
O2 (ethanol)	-0.73942	-0.77514

**Table S4.** Atomic spin densities (in au) for compounds **1** and **2** (for def2-tzvp basis set).

Atoms	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
Cu1	0.55850	0.55738
Cu1A	0.55945	0.57177
O1 (carboxylates)	0.07784	0.07921
O1A (carboxylates)	0.07571	0.08445
N1	0.07485	0.08472
O2 (ethanol)	0.00026	0.00004

**Table S5.** Structural and magnetic parameters for Cu(II)-azido mixed-bridged compounds.

Year	Unit	Formula	Cu-N-Cu(°)	Cu...Cu(Å) (intrachain)	$J^a$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Ref.
1997	2Cu	[Cu <sub>2</sub> (N <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (L <sup>1</sup> ) <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>n</sub>	119.5	3.44	26	15b
	1Cu	{[Cu(Hpht)(N <sub>3</sub> )]H <sub>2</sub> O} <sub>n</sub>	111.9	3.28	75	15a
2006	1Cu	[Cu(INO)(N <sub>3</sub> )(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>0.5</sub> ] <sub>n</sub>	106.6	3.22	80	33c
	1Cu	[Cu(NNO)(N <sub>3</sub> )(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>0.5</sub> ] <sub>n</sub>	124.3	3.52	48	33c
	1.5Cu	[Cu <sub>1.5</sub> (N <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (isonic)] <sub>n</sub>	106.7	3.20	80	34a
2007	3Cu	[Cu <sub>3</sub> ((R)-phea) <sub>2</sub> (N <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> ] <sub>n</sub>	101.8	3.04	15.27	34b
	3Cu	[Cu <sub>3</sub> ((S)-phea) <sub>2</sub> (N <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> ] <sub>n</sub>				
	1Cu	[Cu(N <sub>3</sub> )(nic)] <sub>n</sub>	113.6	3.35	39.1	34c
	1.5Cu	[Cu <sub>1.5</sub> (hnta)(N <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O)] <sub>n</sub>	103.2	3.12	89	29b
	3Cu	[Cu <sub>3</sub> (hnta) <sub>4</sub> (N <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>3</sub> ] <sub>n</sub>	116.2	3.39	69.7	29b
2008	1Cu	[Cu(N <sub>3</sub> )(tp)(CH <sub>3</sub> OH)] <sub>n</sub>	105.5	3.19	63	34d
2009	2Cu	[Cu <sub>2</sub> (4-pya) <sub>2</sub> (N <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (DMF)] <sub>n</sub>	102.1	-	145	33b
	1Cu	[Cu(benzoate)(N <sub>3</sub> )] <sub>n</sub>	126.8	3.54	33.90	18a
	1Cu	[Cu(L <sup>2</sup> )(N <sub>3</sub> )] <sub>n</sub>	108.2	3.23	93.10	18a
	1Cu	[Cu(1-naphthoate)(N <sub>3</sub> )] <sub>n</sub>	116.8	3.41	65.63	18a
	1Cu	[Cu(N <sub>3</sub> )( <i>p</i> -CPA)] <sub>n</sub>	107.0	3.18	68.82	35a
2010	1Cu	[Cu(2-Clnic)(N <sub>3</sub> )(CH <sub>3</sub> OH)] <sub>n</sub>	110.3	3.29	81.22	35b
	3Cu	[Cu <sub>3</sub> (pyz) <sub>2</sub> (N <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> ] <sub>n</sub>	100.5	3.09	118.8	35c

2011	1Cu	$[\text{Cu}(\text{mptz})(\text{N}_3)_2]_n$	103.3	3.15	65.4	35d
	1Cu	$[\text{Cu}(4,3\text{-pybz})(\text{N}_3)]_n$	109.4	3.25	63.9	18b
	2Cu	$[\text{Cu}_2(4,4\text{-pybz})_3(\text{N}_3)]_n \cdot 3\text{nH}_2\text{O}$	101.1	3.08	93.6	18b
2012	4Cu	$[\text{Cu}_4(\text{N}_3)_8(\text{Me-hmpz})_2]_n$	101.0	3.11	$J_1=40.57$ $J_2=28.47$	35e
	4Cu	$[\text{Cu}_4(\text{N}_3)_8(\text{men})_2]_n$	102.2	3.40	$J_1=57.97$ $J_2=-14.03$	35e
	5Cu	$[\text{Cu}_5(\text{N}_3)_{10}(\text{N,N-dmen})_2]_n$	101.6	3.40	$J_1=-494.99$ $J_2=88.60$	35e
	5Cu	$[\text{Cu}_5(\text{N}_3)_{10}(\text{N,N'-dmen})_5]_n$	102.2	3.50	-	35e
2013	4Cu	$[\text{Cu}_4(\text{N}_3)_8(\text{L}^3)_2]_n$	102.9 137.1	3.12 4.13	$J_1=-0.70$ $J_2=64.9$	35f
	4Cu	$[\text{Cu}_4(\text{N}_3)_6(\text{L}^4)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]_n$	93.4 102.1 108.9	3.10 3.22	$J_1=-81.0$ $J_2=112.4$	35f
	4Cu	$[\text{Cu}_4(\text{N}_3)_6(\text{L}^5)_2]_n$	91.8 102.2 107.3	3.18 3.09 3.18	$J_1=-77.9$ $J_2=129.9$	35f
2014	1Cu	$[\text{Cu}(4\text{-fba})(\text{N}_3)(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH})]_n$	105.2	3.160	36.2	9f
	1Cu	$[\text{Cu}(o\text{-npa})(\text{N}_3)(\text{H}_2\text{O})]_n$	110.3	3.30	35.44	9g
	1Cu	$[\text{Cu}(p\text{-npa})(\text{N}_3)]_n$	120.4	3.39	52.25	9g
	1Cu	$[\text{Cu}(p\text{-mpa})(\text{N}_3)]_n$	122.4	3.46	-	9g
2015	1Cu	$[\text{Cu}(\text{L})(\text{N}_3)_2]_n$	89.8	3.199	1.07	36a
2016	1Cu	$[(\text{CuN}_3(\text{OH}_2))_2(\text{adp})]_n$	108.09	3.248	38.4	36b
2017	1Cu	$[\text{Cu}(2\text{-fba})(\text{N}_3)(\text{CH}_3\text{OH})]_n$	106.54	3.206	63.54	37
	1Cu	$[\text{Cu}(2,6\text{-dfba})(\text{N}_3)(\text{CH}_3\text{OH})]_n$	110.08	3.261	96.29	37
	1Cu	$[\text{Cu}(o\text{-fpa})(\text{N}_3)(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH})]_n$	106.8	3.218	87.08	This work
	1Cu	$[\text{Cu}(p\text{-fpa})(\text{N}_3)(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH})]_n$	104.8	3.168	66.05	This work

$J^n$  : intrachain coupling.

L1 =  $\text{Me}_3\text{NCH}_2\text{CO}_2$ , Hpht = hydrogen phthalate, INO = isonicotinate *N*-oxide, NNO = nicotinate *N*-oxide, isonic = isonicotinate, phea = 1-phenylethylamine, nic = nicotinate, hnta = 6-hydroxynicotinate, tp = terephthalate, 4-Hpya

= 4-pyridylacrylic acid, L<sup>2</sup> = 2-methyl-benzoate, *p*-CPAH = *p*-cyanophenoxyacetic acid, 2-Clnic = 2-chloronicotinate, pyz = pyrazine, mptz = *N*-methyl-4-pyridinium tetrazolate, 4,3-pybz = 4-(3-pyridyl)benzoate, 4,4-pybz = 4-(4-pyridyl)benzoate, Me-hmpz = 1-methylhomopiperazine, men = *N*-methylethylenediamine, *N,N*-dmen = *N,N*-dimethylethylenediamine, *N,N'*-dmen = *N,N'*-dimethylethylenediamine, L<sup>3</sup> is the imine resulting from the condensation of pyridine-2-carboxaldehyde with *N*-methylethylenediamine, HL<sup>4</sup> and HL<sup>5</sup> are the condensation products of 2-hydroxy-3-methoxybenzaldehyde with *N,N*-diethylethylenediamine and *N*-ethylethylenediamine respectively, 4-Hfba = 4-fluorobenzoic acid, *o*-Hfpa = *o*-fluorophenylacetic acid, *p*-Hfpa = *p*-fluorophenylacetic acid, L = *N*-benzyl ethylenediamine, adp = adipic acid, 2-Hfba = 2-fluorobenzoic acid, 2,6-Hdfba = 2,6-difluorobenzoic acid, *o*-Hnpa = *o*-nitrophenylacetic acid, *p*-Hnpa = *p*-nitrophenylacetic acid, and *p*-Hmpa = *p*-methylphenylacetic acid.

All of the *J* values were quoted using the Hamiltonian  $H = -J\sum S_i \cdot S_{i+1}$ .

**Table S6.** Structural and magnetic parameters for four triple-bridged azido-Cu(II) compounds.

Formula	Cu-N-Cu(°)	Cu-Cu (Å) (intrachain)	Hydrogen-bonding (Å) (interchain)	Cu...Cu (Å) (interchain)	<i>J</i> <sup>a</sup> (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Ref.
[Cu( <i>o</i> -fpa)(N <sub>3</sub> )(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH)] <sub>n</sub>	106.8	3.218	2.901	7.615	87.08	This work
[Cu( <i>p</i> -fpa)(N <sub>3</sub> )(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH)] <sub>n</sub>	104.8	3.168	2.902	7.562	66.05	This work
[Cu(2-fba)(N <sub>3</sub> )(CH <sub>3</sub> OH)] <sub>n</sub>	106.6	3.206	2.861	7.512	63.54	37
[Cu(2,6-dfba)(N <sub>3</sub> )(CH <sub>3</sub> OH)] <sub>n</sub>	110.3	3.266	2.927	7.784	96.29	37