

Electronic supplementary information

Three different types of bridging ligands in a 3d-3d'-3d'' heterotrimetallic chain

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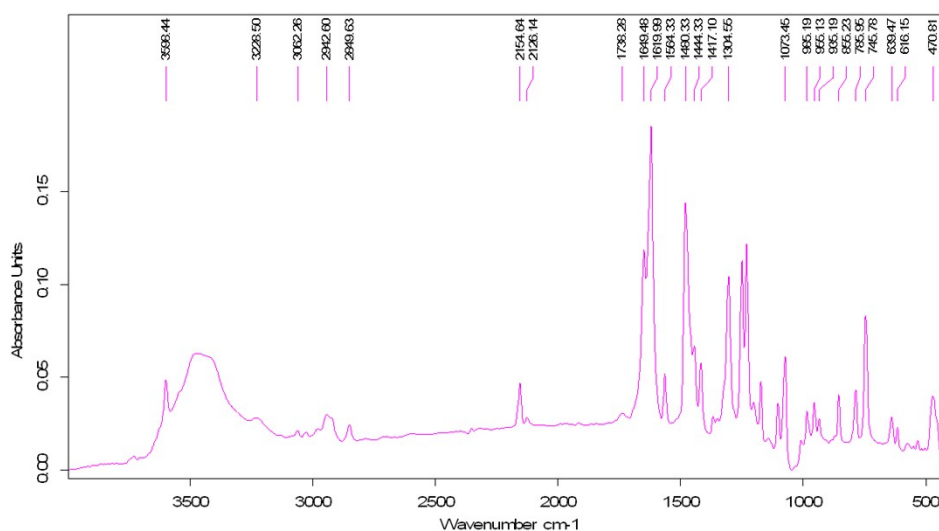


Figure S1. FTIR spectrum of 1.

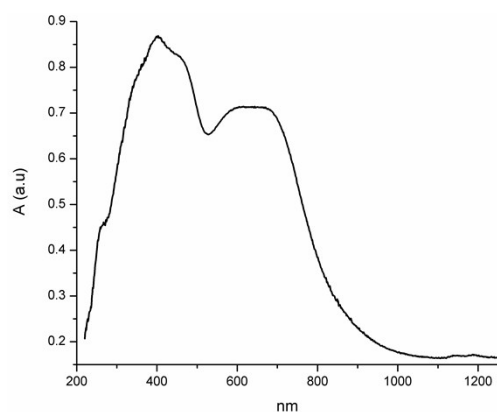


Figure S2. Solid-state UV-Vis spectrum of **1**.

The UV-Vis spectra of **1** exhibits three bands in the visible region: (i) the first peak at ca. 400 nm with a shoulder at 450 nm, which correspond most likely to the electronic transitions of the chromium(III) ion and (ii) two other absorptions at 610 and 705 nm that could be assigned to the d-d transitions of the square pyramidal copper(II) ions.

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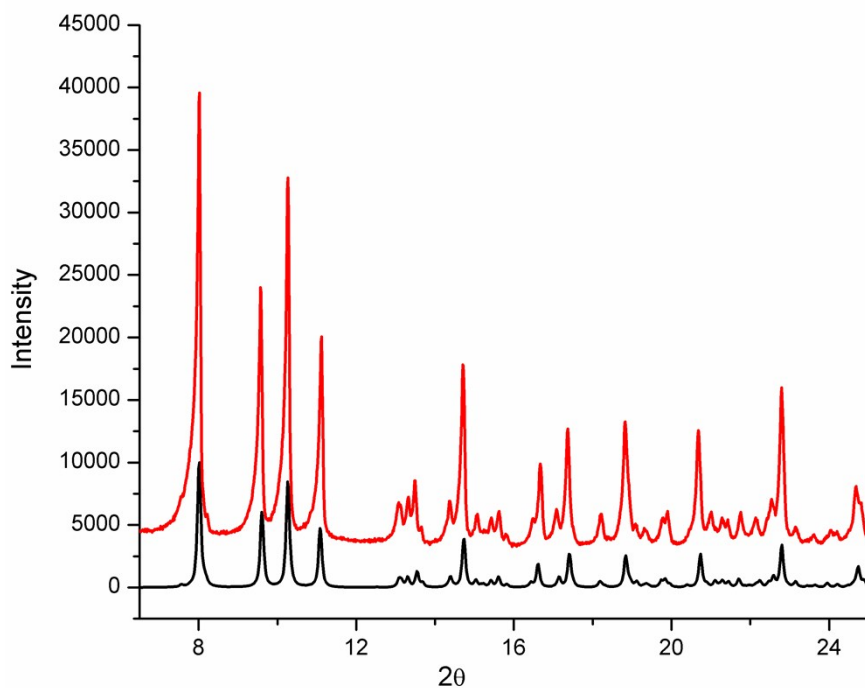


Figure S3. Experimental (red) and simulated (black) PXRD pattern for **1**.

Table S1. Crystallographic data, details of data collection and structure refinement parameters

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|---|---|
| Empirical formula | C ₄₅ H ₅₀ CrCu ₂ Mn ₂ N ₁₀ O ₁₅ |
| Formula weight | 1231.54 |
| Temperature/K | 293(2) |
| Crystal system | Triclinic |
| Space group | <i>P</i> -1 |
| <i>a</i> /Å | 12.6009(6) |
| <i>b</i> /Å | 13.4206(10) |
| <i>c</i> /Å | 18.2930(10) |
| α /° | 101.278(5) |
| β /° | 99.831(5) |
| γ /° | 114.139(6) |
| <i>V</i> /Å ³ | 2657.7(3) |
| <i>Z</i> | 2 |
| <i>D</i> _{calc} /g cm ⁻³ | 1.574 |
| μ /mm ⁻¹ | 1.521 |
| Crystal size/mm ³ | 0.2 × 0.05 × 0.02 |
| θ_{\min} , θ_{\max} (deg) | 3.06 to 25.03 |
| Reflections collected | 23304 |
| Independent reflections | 9327 [<i>R</i> _{int} = 0.0596] |
| Data/restraints/parameters | 9429/0/681 |
| GOF ^c | 1.023 |
| <i>R</i> ₁ ^a [<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>)] | 0.0565 |
| <i>wR</i> ₂ ^b (all data) | 0.0927 |

^a $R_1 = \frac{\sum ||F_o| - |F_c||}{\sum |F_o|}$. ^b $wR_2 = \frac{\{\sum [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2]\}}{\{\sum [w(F_o^2)]\}}^{1/2}$. ^c GOF = $\{\frac{\sum [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2]}{(n-p)}\}^{1/2}$, where *n* is the number of reflections and *p* is the total number of refined parameters.

**Figure S4.** Coordination geometry for Mn1 (distorted pentagonal pyramidal) and Mn2 (distorted monocapped trigonal prism).

Table S2. Results of the SHAPE1 analysis for $\{\text{MnNO}_6\}$, $\{\text{MnN}_2\text{O}_4\}$, $\{\text{CuN}_2\text{O}_2\}$ and $\{\text{CuN}_2\text{O}_3\}$ fragments in **1**.^a

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|---|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Structure [MnNO₆] | PBPY-7 ^a | COC-7 ^a | CTPR-7^a | JPBPY-7 ^a |
| | 20.293 | 19.143 | 17.682 | 27.377 |
| Structure [MnN₂O₄] | PPY-6 ^b | OC-6 ^b | TPR-6 ^b | JPPY-5 ^b |
| | 33.054 | 39.270 | 34.418 | 36.861 |

^aPBPY-7, D_{5h} Pentagonal bipyramid; COC-7, C_{3v} Capped octahedron; CTPR-7, C_{2v} Capped trigonal prism; JPBPY-7, D_{5h} Johnson pentagonal bipyramid (J13)

^bPPY-6, C_{5v} Pentagonal pyramid; OC-6, O_h Octahedron; TPR-6, D_{3h} Trigonal prism; JPPY-5, C_{5v} Johnson pentagonal pyramid (J2).

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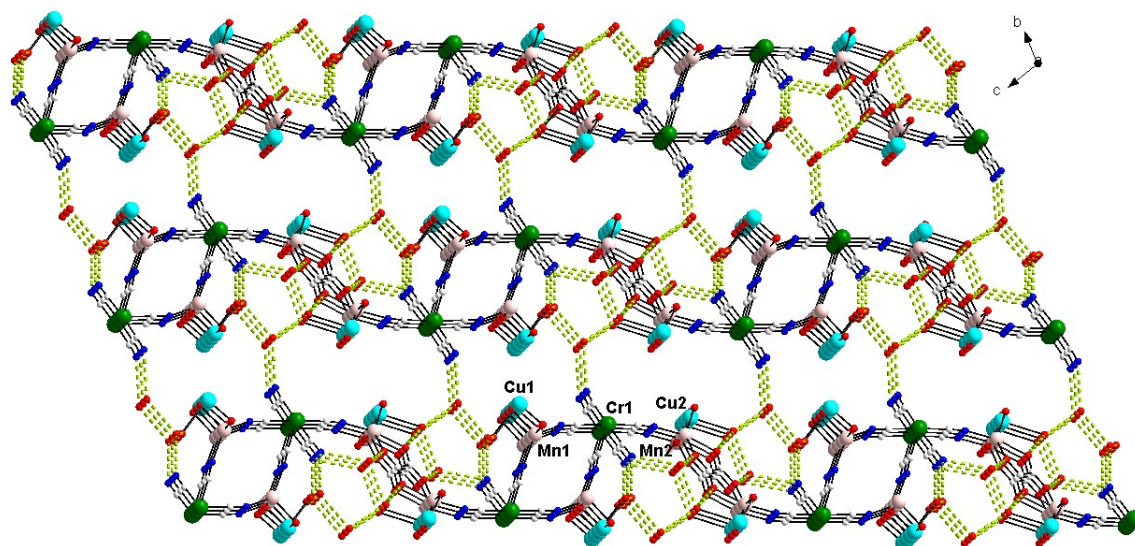


Figure S5. View of the fragment of the supramolecular 3 D supramolecular network of **1**. Hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines.

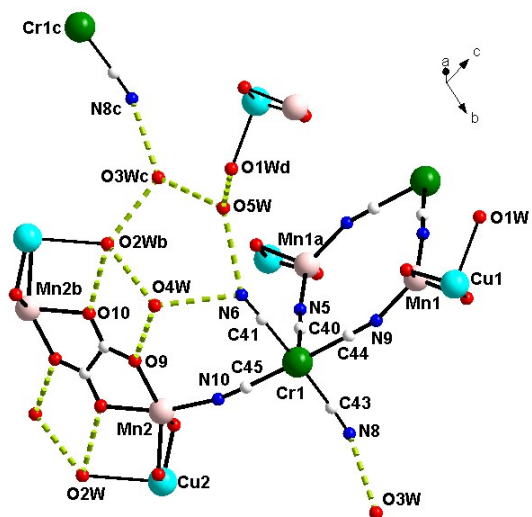


Figure S6. A detail of the hydrogen bonding in **1** illustrating the assembling role of the water molecules.

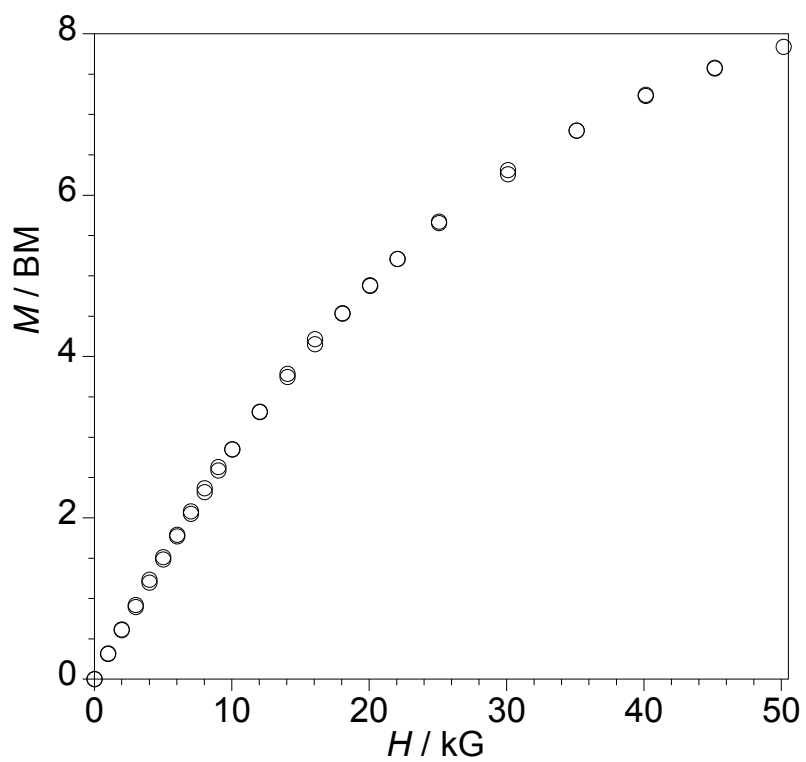


Figure S7. Field dependence of the magnetization for **1** at 2 K

Table S3. Geometrical parameters associated to the hydrogen bonds in **1**^{a,b}

| D---H···A | D – H/ Å | H···A/ Å | D···A/ Å | D - H···A, deg |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|----------------|
| O3Wc ··· O2Wb | 0.86 | 2.07 | 2.822(5) | 145 |
| O5W ··· N6 | 0.86 | 2.17 | 3.016(7) | 168 |
| O3Wc ··· N8c | 0.86 | 2.14 | 2.971(6) | 163 |
| O1Wd ··· O5W | 0.89 | 1.91 | 2.780(8) | 168 |
| O5W ··· O3Wc | 0.85 | 1.99 | 2.823(6) | 168 |
| O2Wb ··· O4W | 0.86 | 2.04 | 2.769(5) | 142 |
| O4W ··· N6 | 0.86 | 2.11 | 2.951(6) | 167 |
| O2Wb ··· O10 | 0.86 | 2.00 | 2.842(6) | 164 |
| O4W ··· O9 | 0.86 | 2.01 | 2.840(6) | 161 |

^a D = donor and A = acceptor; ^b Symmetry code: (b) = -x, -1-y, 1-z; (c) = x, -1+y, z; (d) = 2-x, -y, 2-z