

Supporting Information

**Theoretical Rationalization for the Equilibrium between (μ - η^2 : η^2 -
Peroxido) $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}$ and Bis(μ -oxido) $\text{Cu}^{\text{III}}\text{Cu}^{\text{III}}$ Complexes:
Perturbational Effects from Ligand Frameworks**

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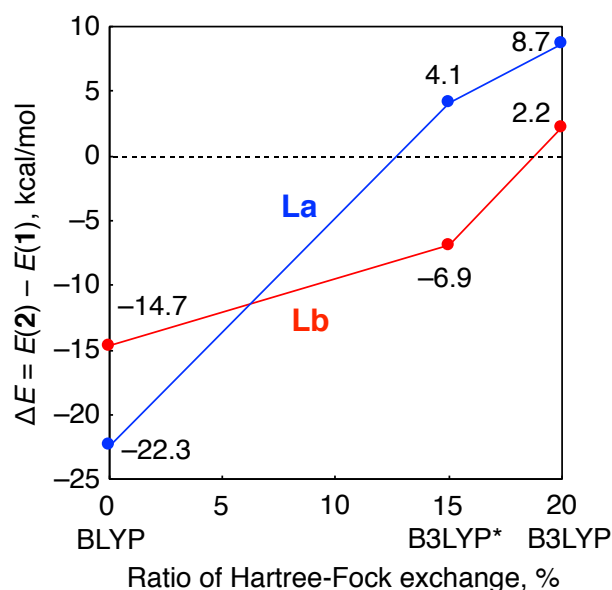


Fig. S1 Plots of the calculated energy differences between the $(\mu\text{-}\eta^2\text{:}\eta^2\text{-peroxido})\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}$ **1** and the bis(μ -oxido) $\text{Cu}^{\text{III}}\text{Cu}^{\text{III}}$ complex **2** in **La** and **Lb** ligand systems along with the ratio of the Hartree–Fock exchange in the functionals with Grimme’s dispersion correction (D3). A dotted line stands for the equal of the energies of **1** and **2**.

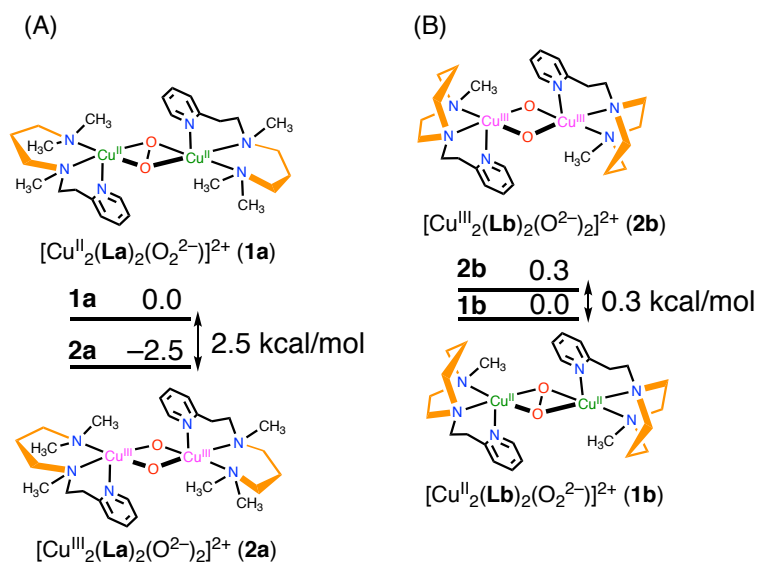


Fig. S2 Calculated energy differences between the $(\mu\text{-}\eta^2\text{:}\eta^2\text{-peroxido})\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}$ **1** and the bis(μ -oxido) $\text{Cu}^{\text{III}}\text{Cu}^{\text{III}}$ complex **2** in (A) **La** and (B) **Lb** ligand systems using the B3LYP* functional without Grimme’s dispersion correction (D3).

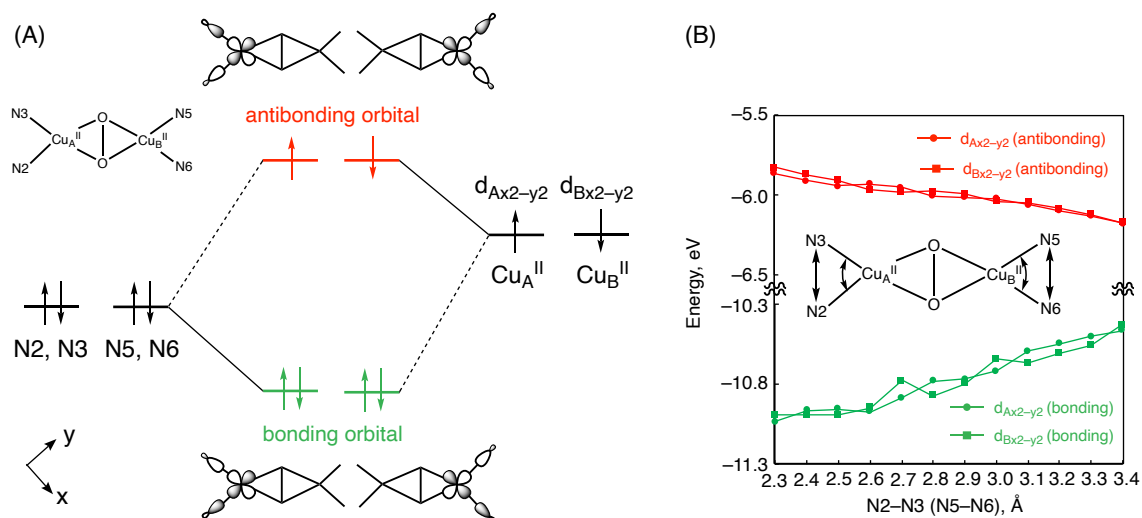


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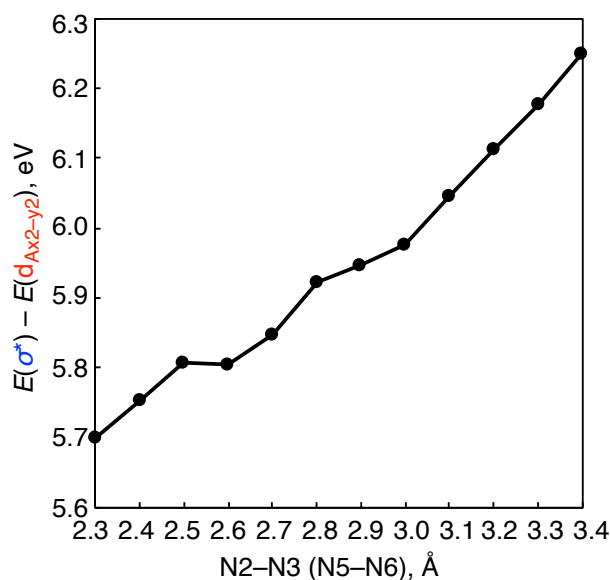


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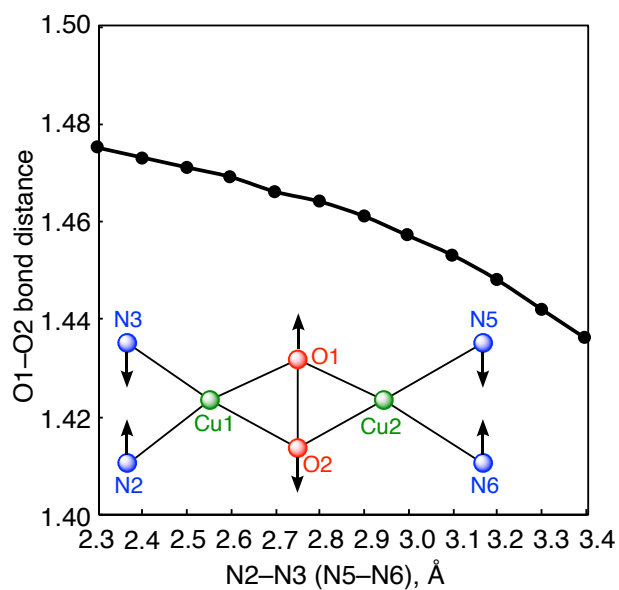


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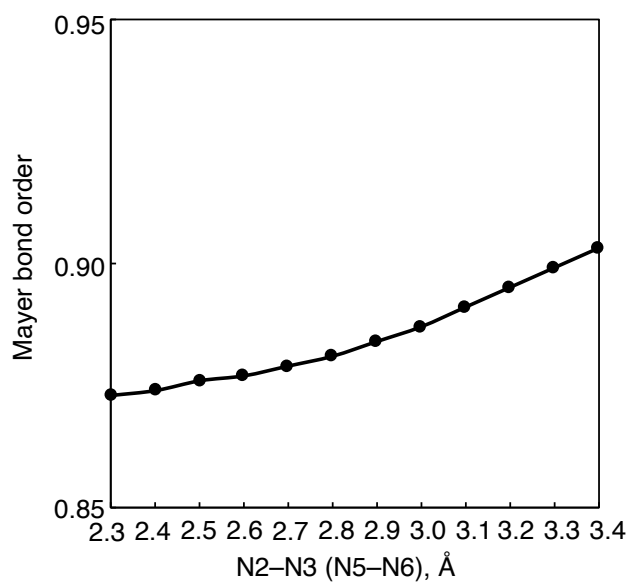


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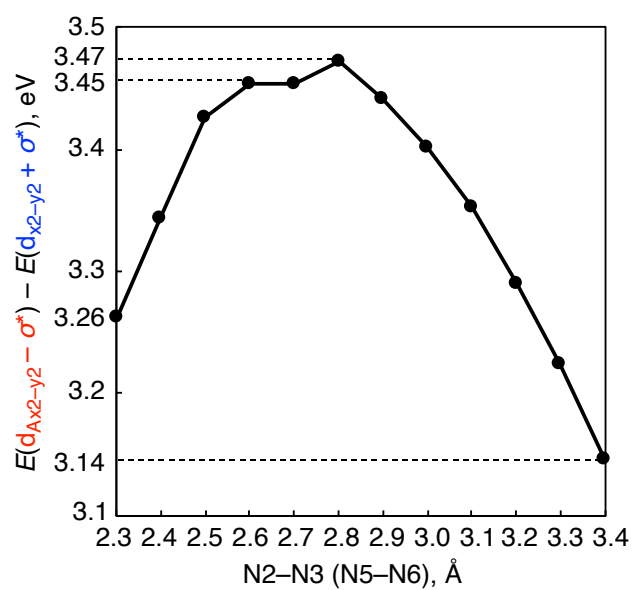


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Table S1 Cartesian coordinates of $[\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}_2(\text{La})_2(\text{O}_2^{2-})]^{2+}$ (**1a**) in the open-shell singlet state.

Atom	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
	X	Y	Z
C	3.836724	-2.437300	1.085554
C	-2.473578	2.600847	-1.391218
C	4.583853	-2.516439	-0.250147
C	-2.792833	3.243597	-0.036815
H	4.549284	-2.589620	1.912764
H	-3.108032	3.053445	-2.170275
C	3.681758	-2.641636	-1.481703
C	-1.788678	2.932306	1.077386
H	5.305041	-1.698502	-0.362748
H	-3.820883	3.034114	0.280167
H	5.186392	-3.433480	-0.210319
H	-2.752661	4.329278	-0.196802
N	2.908850	-1.410941	-1.830212
N	-1.789876	1.518928	1.561436
H	4.289790	-2.931974	-2.354227
H	-1.978509	3.598228	1.935445
H	2.948487	-3.439422	-1.306598
H	-0.776191	3.144616	0.711467
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C	-3.039617	1.206495	2.300777
C	1.944431	-1.749428	-2.913010
C	-0.637467	1.337295	2.482077
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N	-2.628541	1.111280	-1.460579
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H	1.239630	-2.501836	-2.548437
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C	2.239787	-1.381351	2.551897
C	-2.073248	0.646176	-2.762825
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H	-2.042147	-0.445248	-2.791234
H	1.574056	-2.231155	2.377625
H	-1.047364	1.010096	-2.861521
H	2.869576	-1.576092	3.433470
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H	0.852685	3.983746	-1.962691
H	-3.104432	-4.057933	2.465332
H	0.922256	1.477828	-1.845634
H	-1.624196	-2.180499	1.711825

Table S2 Cartesian coordinates of $[\text{Cu}^{\text{III}}_2(\text{La})_2(\text{O}^{2-})_2]^{2+}$ (**2a**) in the closed-shell singlet state.

Atom	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
	X	Y	Z
C	-3.648806	-1.133880	-1.355500
C	-4.298881	-1.665486	-0.081904
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C	-3.300148	-2.261518	0.904375
H	-4.946780	-0.919256	0.391202
H	-4.962940	-2.484051	-0.387960
N	-2.355589	-1.285364	1.534216
H	-3.841753	-2.776759	1.711946
H	-2.681803	-3.005790	0.387278
C	-3.066540	-0.366950	2.466936
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H	-2.344649	0.329726	2.897357
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H	1.143344	-4.802191	0.941329
H	0.422727	-1.608945	-2.716455

Table S3 Cartesian coordinates of $[\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}_2(\text{Lb})_2(\text{O}_2^{2-})]^{2+}$ (**1b**) in the open-shell singlet state.

Atom	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
	X	Y	Z
C	-3.488067	-2.012367	-1.850960
C	-3.769855	-3.230683	-0.964204
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H	-4.828256	-3.238718	-0.677296
H	-3.616809	-4.128912	-1.575372
N	-2.856667	-2.106780	1.106435
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Cu	1.507007	0.200758	-0.264068

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H	-4.640940	0.409383	0.209652
H	4.054749	2.454112	-1.874688
H	-4.512814	0.873589	-2.026652

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Atom	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
	X	Y	Z
C	1.865905	-2.480584	1.764365
C	1.757509	-3.623312	0.744270
H	2.514781	-2.800464	2.592445
C	1.117147	-3.255577	-0.600964
H	2.747544	-4.060502	0.571743
H	1.149366	-4.416977	1.194657
N	1.680963	-2.001254	-1.209743
H	1.274992	-4.083353	-1.307647
H	0.037490	-3.098145	-0.501796
C	3.169631	-1.939722	-1.129705
C	1.205120	-1.868680	-2.606808
N	2.435963	-1.225726	1.161383
H	0.886465	-2.212565	2.177410
H	1.533575	-0.908234	-3.011311
H	1.605116	-2.688519	-3.219977
H	0.112229	-1.891897	-2.605653
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