

Heavy-Atom Tunnelling in Cu(II)N₆ Complexes: Theoretical Predictions and Experimental Manifestation

Supporting Information

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Energy Benchmark

DLPNO-CCSD(T)/aug-cc-pvqz//MN15/Def2-TZVPD was used for benchmark reference activation energies in the degenerate rearrangement of Cu(en)_3^{+2} , Cu(ein)_3^{+2} , $\text{Cu(NH}_3)_6^{+2}$, Cu(timm)_2^{+2} and Cu(biea)_2 . For $\text{Cu(NH}_3)_6^{+2}$ we tested several PNO schemes (loose, normal, tight and an “extra-tight” with home-made stricter parameters). While the first two had some variability, the difference between the tightPNO and our stricter values was only $0.3 \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$, indicating convergence in this front. Therefore, we computed all the DLPNO-CCSD(T) values with tightPNO criteria.

T1 and %TAE(T) diagnostics were carried out to test the viability of coupled-cluster single reference benchmarks. In all cases (Table S4) the results indicate very mild nondynamical correlation ($T1 \ll 0.05$ for first row transition metals,¹ and %TAE(T) $\ll 5\%$.²

DLPNO-CCSD(T) computations were carried out with ORCA4.0, while DFT results were obtained with Gaussian16. We selected a set of seven functionals known for their relatively good performance on barriers in complexes and/or their inexpensiveness. Similarly, five small basis sets were considered. From these results PBE0/6-31+G(d) was selected as the best compromise (Tables S1 and S2).

Table S1. Mean error ($\text{kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$) for the five complexes.

	TPSSh	MN15	MN15L	ω B97X	PBE0	PBE	B97D3
Def2-SV	2.2	2.6	4.6	1.8	2.5	2.3	2.5
Def2-SVP	2.3	3.1	4.7	1.9	2.7	2.3	2.4
Def2-TZVP	0.4	0.9	1.5	0.5	0.6	1.0	1.8
6-31G(d)	2.8	1.1	1.6	2.2	1.1	5.2	3.7
6-31+G(d)	0.6	2.2	3.0	1.1	0.4	1.1	2.0

Table S2. Maximum error ($\text{kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$) for the five complexes.

	TPSSh	MN15	MN15L	ω B97X	PBE0	PBE	B97D3
Def2-SV	3.2	3.8	6.5	2.5	3.6	3.7	4.8
Def2-SVP	3.3	3.7	6.3	2.9	3.7	3.6	4.8
Def2-TZVP	1.0	1.9	3.2	1.1	1.3	1.9	3.0
6-31G(d)	4.4	2.8	4.1	3.8	3.2	7.9	6.5
6-31+G(d)	1.3	3.9	4.2	2.1	0.9	1.7	2.4

Table S3. $\Delta E^\ddagger$ (kJ·mol⁻¹) for the degenerate rearrangement of Cu(II) with the depicted ligands.

Ligand		ein	timmm	en	NH ₃	biea
TPSSh	Def2-SV	5.20	6.53	3.75	4.99	7.05
	Def2-SVP	4.98	6.36	3.85	4.85	6.41
	Def2-TZVP	7.21	9.52	5.99	8.09	7.41
	6-31G(d)	8.77	11.76	8.63	11.49	11.32
	6-31+G(d)	7.85	9.60	6.88	8.64	8.19
MN15	Def2-SV	4.78	6.31	3.15	4.65	7.51
	Def2-SVP	4.61	6.19	3.30	4.69	0.00
	Def2-TZVP	6.52	8.50	5.11	7.32	7.64
	6-31G(d)	7.53	9.53	5.20	8.03	9.66
	6-31+G(d)	5.07	5.18	4.01	6.14	6.75
MN15L	Def2-SV	3.69	5.34	0.44	1.97	3.89
	Def2-SVP	3.49	5.25	0.68	1.97	3.26
	Def2-TZVP	6.29	9.11	3.74	6.03	5.38
	6-31G(d)	6.34	8.92	2.87	5.10	6.88
	6-31+G(d)	4.98	6.03	2.80	4.56	4.65
ωB97X	Def2-SV	5.23	7.06	4.44	0.00	7.54
	Def2-SVP	5.03	6.88	4.49	5.20	6.84
	Def2-TZVP	7.18	10.17	6.64	8.25	7.85
	6-31G(d)	0.00	11.42	7.48	0.00	10.69
	6-31+G(d)	7.89	10.40	7.57	8.74	8.97
PBE0	Def2-SV	4.67	6.24	3.53	4.56	6.77
	Def2-SVP	4.46	6.06	3.63	4.48	6.07
	Def2-TZVP	6.51	9.22	5.62	7.44	6.81
	6-31G(d)	8.22	8.92	6.83	8.90	10.06
	6-31+G(d)	7.30	9.39	6.43	8.05	7.83
PBE	Def2-SV	4.98	6.85	3.29	5.19	7.18
	Def2-SVP	5.28	6.60	3.33	4.78	6.46
	Def2-TZVP	7.45	10.97	5.40	7.51	7.47
	6-31G(d)	8.90	14.11	11.95	16.06	12.96
	6-31+G(d)	8.45	10.66	6.73	8.93	8.62
B97D3	Def2-SV	5.73	7.78	2.14	3.91	7.50
	Def2-SVP	5.99	7.58	2.15	3.57	6.92
	Def2-TZVP	7.94	10.97	3.97	6.06	8.11
	6-31G(d)	11.59	15.53	7.85	11.07	0.00
	6-31+G(d)	8.95	11.06	4.92	6.56	9.26
Ref.		7.13	9.06	6.97	8.14	6.89

Table S4. Static correlation diagnostics.

Ligand	T1		%TAE(T)	
	React.	TS	React.	TS
biea	0.019	0.018	2.5	2.5
ein	0.017	0.016	2.4	2.4
en	0.014	0.014	1.5	1.5
timmm	0.017	0.016	2.3	2.3
NH3	0.015	0.014	1.4	1.4

Table S5. CVT and CVT+SCT rate constants (in s⁻¹). QRST not included over ~50 K.

Cu(NH ₃) ₆ ²⁺			Cu(NH ₃) ₆ ²⁺ [¹⁵ N]		
T(K)	CVT	CVT+SCT	T(K)	CVT	CVT+SCT
4	9.04E-88	8.61E-02	4	6.80E-88	3.39E-02
6	5.13E-55	1.10E-01	6	4.24E-55	4.54E-02
8	1.24E-38	1.40E-01	8	1.08E-38	5.91E-02
10	8.52E-29	1.74E-01	10	7.59E-29	7.53E-02
20	4.21E-09	5.60E-01	20	3.96E-09	2.70E-01
30	1.57E-02	4.77E+00	30	1.50E-02	2.94E+00
40	2.98E+01	2.33E+02	40	2.87E+01	1.94E+02
50	2.72E+03	8.23E+03	50	2.62E+03	7.44E+03
75	1.08E+06	1.66E+06	75	1.04E+06	1.57E+06
77.36	1.55E+06	2.32E+06	77.36	1.50E+06	2.20E+06
100	2.11E+07	2.67E+07	100	2.05E+07	2.56E+07
125	1.26E+08	1.45E+08	125	1.22E+08	1.40E+08
150	4.12E+08	4.56E+08	150	4.00E+08	4.41E+08
175	9.65E+08	1.04E+09	175	9.38E+08	1.01E+09
194.7	1.62E+09	1.72E+09	194.7	1.57E+09	1.67E+09
200	1.83E+09	1.94E+09	200	1.78E+09	1.88E+09
225	3.01E+09	3.15E+09	225	2.93E+09	3.05E+09
250	4.49E+09	4.66E+09	250	4.37E+09	4.52E+09
273.15	6.10E+09	6.29E+09	273.15	5.94E+09	6.11E+09
275	6.24E+09	6.43E+09	275	6.07E+09	6.25E+09
298.15	8.06E+09	8.27E+09	298.15	7.84E+09	8.03E+09
300	8.21E+09	8.42E+09	300	7.99E+09	8.18E+09
325	1.04E+10	1.06E+10	325	1.01E+10	1.03E+10
350	1.27E+10	1.29E+10	350	1.23E+10	1.26E+10
373.15	1.49E+10	1.51E+10	373.15	1.45E+10	1.47E+10
375	1.51E+10	1.53E+10	375	1.47E+10	1.49E+10
400	1.76E+10	1.78E+10	400	1.71E+10	1.73E+10

Cu(en)_3^{2+}

T(K)	CVT	CVT+SCT
4	4.65E-63	1.45E+03
6	1.81E-38	1.45E+03
8	3.90E-26	1.45E+03
10	1.03E-18	1.46E+03
20	9.02E-04	2.12E+03
30	9.78E+01	1.08E+04
40	3.35E+04	1.91E+05
50	1.13E+06	3.14E+06
75	1.25E+08	1.87E+08
77.36	1.66E+08	2.43E+08
100	1.33E+09	1.66E+09
125	5.52E+09	6.35E+09
150	1.43E+10	1.58E+10
175	2.84E+10	3.05E+10
194.7	4.30E+10	4.56E+10
200	4.75E+10	5.01E+10
225	7.09E+10	7.40E+10
250	9.79E+10	1.01E+11
273.15	1.25E+11	1.29E+11
275	1.28E+11	1.31E+11
298.15	1.57E+11	1.60E+11
300	1.59E+11	1.63E+11
325	1.92E+11	1.96E+11
350	2.25E+11	2.29E+11
373.15	2.57E+11	2.61E+11
375	2.59E+11	2.63E+11
400	2.93E+11	2.97E+11

$\text{Cu(en)}_3^{2+} [^{15}\text{N}]$

T(K)	CVT	CVT+SCT
4	3.03E-63	9.93E+02
6	1.36E-38	9.93E+02
8	3.15E-26	9.94E+02
10	8.68E-19	9.98E+02
20	8.27E-04	1.37E+03
30	9.21E+01	6.59E+03
40	3.19E+04	1.79E+05
50	1.08E+06	2.83E+06
75	1.21E+08	1.77E+08
77.36	1.61E+08	2.31E+08
100	1.29E+09	1.59E+09
125	5.37E+09	6.13E+09
150	1.40E+10	1.53E+10
175	2.77E+10	2.96E+10
194.7	4.20E+10	4.43E+10
200	4.63E+10	4.87E+10
225	6.92E+10	7.21E+10
250	9.55E+10	9.87E+10
273.15	1.22E+11	1.26E+11
275	1.24E+11	1.28E+11
298.15	1.53E+11	1.56E+11
300	1.55E+11	1.59E+11
325	1.87E+11	1.91E+11
350	2.20E+11	2.24E+11
373.15	2.51E+11	2.54E+11
375	2.53E+11	2.57E+11
400	2.86E+11	2.90E+11

Cu(ein)₃²⁺

T(K)	CVT	CVT+SCT
4	1.76E-71	7.69E+02
6	4.42E-44	7.69E+02
8	2.41E-30	7.70E+02
10	4.42E-22	7.72E+02
20	1.90E-05	1.04E+03
30	7.78E+00	3.98E+03
40	5.31E+03	6.09E+04
50	2.75E+05	1.01E+06
75	5.53E+07	9.12E+07
77.36	7.66E+07	1.22E+08
100	8.04E+08	1.05E+09
125	4.05E+09	4.80E+09
150	1.20E+10	1.35E+10
175	2.61E+10	2.84E+10
194.7	4.20E+10	4.50E+10
200	4.70E+10	5.01E+10
225	7.43E+10	7.82E+10
250	1.07E+11	1.12E+11
273.15	1.42E+11	1.47E+11
275	1.45E+11	1.50E+11
298.15	1.84E+11	1.89E+11
300	1.87E+11	1.92E+11
325	2.31E+11	2.37E+11
350	2.78E+11	2.84E+11
373.15	3.23E+11	3.29E+11
375	3.26E+11	3.32E+11
400	3.75E+11	3.81E+11

Cu(ein)₃²⁺ [¹⁵N]

T(K)	CVT	CVT+SCT
4	1.06E-71	4.27E+02
6	3.14E-44	4.27E+02
8	1.86E-30	4.27E+02
10	3.60E-22	4.29E+02
20	1.71E-05	5.85E+02
30	7.26E+00	2.50E+03
40	5.04E+03	4.88E+04
50	2.63E+05	8.91E+05
75	5.34E+07	8.57E+07
77.36	7.39E+07	1.15E+08
100	7.79E+08	1.01E+09
125	3.94E+09	4.62E+09
150	1.17E+10	1.30E+10
175	2.54E+10	2.76E+10
194.7	4.09E+10	4.37E+10
200	4.58E+10	4.87E+10
225	7.24E+10	7.60E+10
250	1.05E+11	1.09E+11
273.15	1.39E+11	1.43E+11
275	1.42E+11	1.46E+11
298.15	1.79E+11	1.84E+11
300	1.82E+11	1.87E+11
325	2.26E+11	2.31E+11
350	2.71E+11	2.77E+11
373.15	3.15E+11	3.20E+11
375	3.18E+11	3.24E+11
400	3.66E+11	3.72E+11

Cu(timm)₂²⁺

T(K)	CVT	CVT+SCT
4	1.90E-101	2.23E-01
6	4.64E-64	2.23E-01
8	2.50E-45	2.23E-01
10	4.54E-34	2.24E-01
20	1.91E-11	3.20E-01
30	7.73E-04	1.75E+00
40	5.16E+00	7.96E+01
50	1.03E+03	4.19E+03
75	1.23E+06	2.08E+06
77.36	1.89E+06	3.09E+06
100	4.23E+07	5.61E+07
125	3.55E+08	4.24E+08
150	1.47E+09	1.66E+09
175	4.06E+09	4.44E+09
194.7	7.54E+09	8.10E+09
200	8.72E+09	9.33E+09
225	1.58E+10	1.67E+10
250	2.55E+10	2.66E+10
273.15	3.67E+10	3.81E+10
275	3.77E+10	3.91E+10
298.15	5.11E+10	5.27E+10
300	5.23E+10	5.39E+10
325	6.90E+10	7.08E+10
350	8.75E+10	8.94E+10
373.15	1.06E+11	1.08E+11
375	1.08E+11	1.10E+11
400	1.29E+11	1.31E+11

Cu(timm)₂²⁺ [¹⁵N]

T(K)	CVT	CVT+SCT
4	1.33E-101	1.02E-01
6	3.65E-64	1.02E-01
8	2.09E-45	1.02E-01
10	3.94E-34	1.03E-01
20	1.78E-11	1.53E-01
30	7.35E-04	1.05E+00
40	4.96E+00	6.37E+01
50	9.98E+02	3.74E+03
75	1.19E+06	1.97E+06
77.36	1.83E+06	2.93E+06
100	4.11E+07	5.39E+07
125	3.46E+08	4.10E+08
150	1.43E+09	1.61E+09
175	3.96E+09	4.31E+09
194.7	7.36E+09	7.88E+09
200	8.51E+09	9.08E+09
225	1.54E+10	1.63E+10
250	2.49E+10	2.60E+10
273.15	3.59E+10	3.72E+10
275	3.69E+10	3.81E+10
298.15	5.00E+10	5.15E+10
300	5.11E+10	5.26E+10
325	6.74E+10	6.91E+10
350	8.55E+10	8.73E+10
373.15	1.04E+11	1.06E+11
375	1.05E+11	1.07E+11
400	1.26E+11	1.28E+11

Cu(biea)₂

T(K)	CVT	CVT+SCT
4	2.95E-75	1.60E+04
6	1.34E-46	1.60E+04
8	3.12E-32	1.60E+04
10	1.36E-23	1.61E+04
20	3.26E-06	2.03E+04
30	2.30E+00	4.11E+04
40	2.04E+03	1.61E+05
50	1.23E+05	1.12E+06
75	3.00E+07	6.54E+07
77.36	4.20E+07	8.67E+07
100	4.82E+08	7.26E+08
125	2.59E+09	3.34E+09
150	8.03E+09	9.55E+09
175	1.81E+10	2.06E+10
194.7	2.98E+10	3.30E+10
200	3.35E+10	3.69E+10
225	5.42E+10	5.85E+10
250	7.98E+10	8.48E+10
273.15	1.07E+11	1.13E+11
275	1.10E+11	1.15E+11
298.15	1.40E+11	1.47E+11
300	1.43E+11	1.49E+11
325	1.79E+11	1.86E+11
350	2.18E+11	2.25E+11
373.15	2.55E+11	2.62E+11
375	2.58E+11	2.65E+11
400	2.99E+11	3.06E+11

Cu(biea)₂ [¹⁵N]

T(K)	CVT	CVT+SCT
4	1.52E-75	8.44E+03
6	8.62E-47	8.44E+03
8	2.24E-32	8.45E+03
10	1.05E-23	8.51E+03
20	2.85E-06	1.11E+04
30	2.11E+00	2.47E+04
40	1.91E+03	1.16E+05
50	1.16E+05	9.15E+05
75	2.88E+07	5.99E+07
77.36	4.04E+07	7.99E+07
100	4.66E+08	6.86E+08
125	2.51E+09	3.20E+09
150	7.80E+09	9.20E+09
175	1.76E+10	1.99E+10
194.7	2.90E+10	3.20E+10
200	3.26E+10	3.58E+10
225	5.28E+10	5.68E+10
250	7.78E+10	8.25E+10
273.15	1.05E+11	1.10E+11
275	1.07E+11	1.12E+11
298.15	1.37E+11	1.43E+11
300	1.40E+11	1.45E+11
325	1.75E+11	1.81E+11
350	2.13E+11	2.19E+11
373.15	2.49E+11	2.55E+11
375	2.52E+11	2.58E+11
400	2.92E+11	2.99E+11

Cu(tach)₂²⁺

T(K)	CVT	CVT+SCT
4	4.27E-50	3.69E+04
6	7.99E-30	3.70E+04
8	1.19E-19	3.70E+04
10	1.59E-13	3.71E+04
20	3.60E-01	5.34E+04
30	5.51E+03	2.48E+05
40	7.27E+05	3.78E+06
50	1.40E+07	3.59E+07
75	7.61E+08	1.11E+09
77.36	9.72E+08	1.39E+09
100	5.76E+09	7.08E+09
125	1.96E+10	2.24E+10
150	4.47E+10	4.89E+10
175	8.08E+10	8.63E+10
194.7	1.16E+11	1.22E+11
200	1.26E+11	1.33E+11
225	1.79E+11	1.86E+11
250	2.37E+11	2.44E+11
273.15	2.93E+11	3.01E+11
275	2.98E+11	3.06E+11
298.15	3.56E+11	3.65E+11
300	3.61E+11	3.69E+11
325	4.25E+11	4.33E+11
350	4.89E+11	4.97E+11
373.15	5.48E+11	5.56E+11
375	5.53E+11	5.61E+11
400	6.15E+11	6.23E+11

Cu(tach)₂²⁺ [¹⁵N]

T(K)	CVT	CVT+SCT
4	2.34E-50	1.76E+04
6	5.35E-30	1.76E+04
8	8.81E-20	1.76E+04
10	1.25E-13	1.77E+04
20	3.19E-01	2.80E+04
30	5.08E+03	1.82E+05
40	6.83E+05	3.25E+06
50	1.33E+07	3.25E+07
75	7.32E+08	1.05E+09
77.36	9.36E+08	1.31E+09
100	5.57E+09	6.79E+09
125	1.90E+10	2.16E+10
150	4.35E+10	4.74E+10
175	7.87E+10	8.38E+10
194.7	1.13E+11	1.19E+11
200	1.23E+11	1.29E+11
225	1.74E+11	1.81E+11
250	2.31E+11	2.38E+11
273.15	2.86E+11	2.93E+11
275	2.91E+11	2.98E+11
298.15	3.48E+11	3.55E+11
300	3.52E+11	3.60E+11
325	4.15E+11	4.22E+11
350	4.77E+11	4.85E+11
373.15	5.35E+11	5.42E+11
375	5.39E+11	5.47E+11
400	6.00E+11	6.07E+11

Table S6. Reaction rate constants [s^{-1}] of $\text{Cu}(\text{NH}_3)_6^{+2}$, for different hydrogen masses.

T(K)	2H		4H		8H		16H	
	CVT	CVT+SCT	CVT	CVT+SCT	CVT	CVT+SCT	CVT	CVT+SCT
4	6.65E-89	7.66E-03	8.52E-90	4.45E-05	1.71E-90	5.20E-09	4.95E-91	3.87E-15
6	8.32E-56	9.19E-03	1.93E-56	5.36E-05	6.08E-57	6.52E-09	2.46E-57	5.11E-15
8	3.00E-39	1.11E-02	9.42E-40	6.58E-05	3.73E-40	8.77E-09	1.80E-40	8.02E-15
10	2.61E-29	1.34E-02	9.87E-30	8.25E-05	4.51E-30	1.26E-08	2.44E-30	1.59E-14
20	2.11E-09	4.64E-02	1.18E-09	5.27E-04	7.27E-10	7.78E-07	4.86E-10	5.56E-09
30	9.33E-03	8.47E-01	5.95E-03	9.70E-02	4.02E-03	1.70E-02	2.81E-03	5.93E-03
40	1.94E+01	9.99E+01	1.32E+01	4.10E+01	9.27E+00	1.80E+01	6.58E+00	9.56E+00
50	1.87E+03	4.48E+03	1.33E+03	2.51E+03	9.50E+02	1.39E+03	6.79E+02	8.49E+02
75	8.05E+05	1.10E+06	6.02E+05	7.68E+05	4.44E+05	5.13E+05	3.22E+05	3.52E+05
77.36	1.16E+06	1.55E+06	8.72E+05	1.09E+06	6.45E+05	7.37E+05	4.69E+05	5.09E+05
100	1.65E+07	1.92E+07	1.27E+07	1.44E+07	9.54E+06	1.02E+07	7.03E+06	7.35E+06
125	1.01E+08	1.10E+08	7.89E+07	8.50E+07	6.03E+07	6.27E+07	4.49E+07	4.60E+07
150	3.37E+08	3.55E+08	2.68E+08	2.81E+08	2.07E+08	2.12E+08	1.55E+08	1.58E+08
175	7.99E+08	8.27E+08	6.45E+08	6.66E+08	5.02E+08	5.09E+08	3.78E+08	3.82E+08
194.7	1.35E+09	1.39E+09	1.10E+09	1.13E+09	8.60E+08	8.69E+08	6.49E+08	6.54E+08
200	1.53E+09	1.57E+09	1.25E+09	1.28E+09	9.76E+08	9.85E+08	7.37E+08	7.42E+08
225	2.55E+09	2.59E+09	2.09E+09	2.12E+09	1.64E+09	1.65E+09	1.24E+09	1.25E+09
250	3.83E+09	3.87E+09	3.16E+09	3.20E+09	2.49E+09	2.50E+09	1.89E+09	1.89E+09
273.15	5.24E+09	5.27E+09	4.33E+09	4.37E+09	3.42E+09	3.43E+09	2.60E+09	2.60E+09
275	5.36E+09	5.39E+09	4.44E+09	4.48E+09	3.50E+09	3.51E+09	2.66E+09	2.66E+09
298.15	6.96E+09	6.99E+09	5.78E+09	5.82E+09	4.57E+09	4.57E+09	3.47E+09	3.47E+09
300	7.10E+09	7.12E+09	5.89E+09	5.93E+09	4.66E+09	4.66E+09	3.54E+09	3.54E+09
325	9.00E+09	9.02E+09	7.49E+09	7.53E+09	5.94E+09	5.94E+09	4.51E+09	4.51E+09
350	1.10E+10	1.10E+10	9.21E+09	9.25E+09	7.31E+09	7.30E+09	5.55E+09	5.55E+09
373.15	1.30E+10	1.30E+10	1.09E+10	1.09E+10	8.64E+09	8.63E+09	6.57E+09	6.57E+09
375	1.32E+10	1.32E+10	1.10E+10	1.11E+10	8.75E+09	8.74E+09	6.65E+09	6.65E+09
400	1.54E+10	1.54E+10	1.29E+10	1.29E+10	1.02E+10	1.02E+10	7.79E+09	7.79E+09

Table S7. Experimental automerization rate constants for solid state $\text{Cu(en)}_3\text{SO}_4$.³

T(K)	k [s^{-1}]	ln(k)
25	7.50E+06	15.83
35	1.50E+07	16.52
45	4.75E+07	17.68
51	7.00E+07	18.06
56	1.28E+08	18.66
62	1.63E+08	18.91
65	2.06E+08	19.14
71	2.63E+08	19.39
75	3.16E+08	19.57

Table S8. Kinetic isotope effect from CVT+SCT rate constants

T(K)	Cu(NH ₃) ₆ ⁺²	Cu(en) ₃ ⁺²	Cu(ein) ₃ ⁺²	Cu(timm) ₂ ⁺²	Cu(tach) ₂ ⁺²	Cu(biea) ₂
4	2.54	1.46	1.80	2.19	2.10	1.90
6	2.42	1.46	1.80	2.19	2.10	1.90
8	2.37	1.46	1.80	2.19	2.10	1.89
10	2.31	1.46	1.80	2.17	2.10	1.89
20	2.07	1.55	1.78	2.09	1.91	1.83
30	1.62	1.52	1.59	1.67	1.36	1.66
40	1.20	1.20	1.25	1.25	1.16	1.39
50	1.11	1.11	1.13	1.12	1.10	1.22
75	1.06	1.06	1.06	1.06	1.06	1.09
77.36	1.05	1.05	1.06	1.05	1.06	1.09
100	1.04	1.04	1.04	1.04	1.04	1.06
125	1.04	1.04	1.04	1.03	1.04	1.04
150	1.03	1.03	1.04	1.03	1.03	1.04
175	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.04
194.7	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.03
200	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.03
225	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.02	1.03	1.03
250	1.03	1.02	1.03	1.02	1.03	1.03
273.15	1.03	1.02	1.03	1.02	1.03	1.03
275	1.03	1.02	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.03
298.15	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.02	1.03	1.03
300	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.02	1.03	1.03
325	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.02	1.03	1.03
350	1.02	1.02	1.03	1.02	1.02	1.03
373.15	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.02	1.03	1.03
375	1.03	1.02	1.02	1.03	1.03	1.03
400	1.03	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.03	1.02

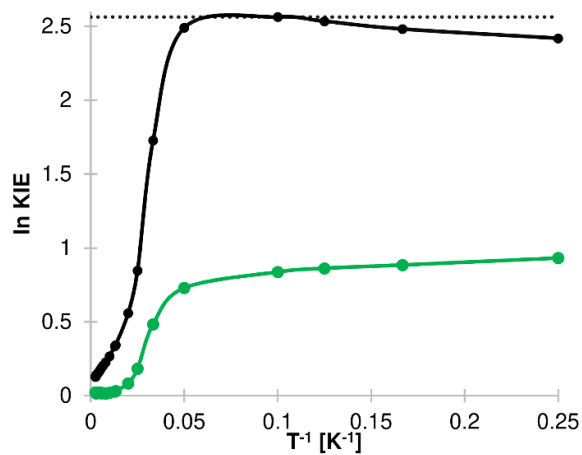


Figure S1. ln KIE vs T^{-1} for H/D (black) and $^{14}\text{N}/^{15}\text{N}$ (green) KIEs of $\text{Cu}(\text{NH}_3)_2^{2+}$. Dotted line, as a reference, shows the maximum KIE (at 10 K).

Table S9. Crossover temperatures.

	$\tilde{\nu}$ (cm ⁻¹)	$\tilde{\omega}$ (rad cm ⁻¹)	ω (s ⁻¹)	T_c
Cu(biea) ₂	208.3	1308	3.93E+13	47.7
Cu(ein) ₃ ⁺²	172.4	1083	3.25E+13	39.5
Cu(en) ₃ ⁺²	159.4	1002	3.01E+13	36.5
Cu(timm) ₂ ⁺²	176.1	1106	3.32E+13	40.3
Cu(NH3) ₆ ⁺²	161.8	1017	3.05E+13	37.1
Cu(tach) ₂ ⁺²	154.6	972	2.91E+13	35.4

The crossover temperature is measured as $T_c = \hbar\omega/2\pi k_B$, where ω is the imaginary frequency at the transition state corresponding to the reaction coordinate.

Example of Polyrate input file (.dat file):

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	16	20	275
TITLE	17	21	298.15
	18	22	300
QMT_calculation_for_CuNH3_6	19	23	325
END	20	24	350
	21	25	373.15
ATOMS	22	END	375
1 Cu	23	SPECIES nonlints	400
2 N	24	PROJECT	END
3 N	25		
4 N	END	*PATH	ANALYSIS
5 N	SPECIES nonlinrp	SYMMETRY	4
6 N		INTMU 3	6
7 N	*PROD1	SSTEP 0.001	8
8 H	INITGEO hooks	RPM pagem	10
9 H	GEOM	SRANGE	20
10 H	1	SLP 20.	30
11 H	2	SLM -20.	40
12 H	3	END	50
13 H	4	SPECSTOP	75
14 H	5	CURVE VMCP	77.355
15 H	6	PERCENTDOWN 99	100
16 H	7	END	125
17 H	8	PRPATH	150
18 H	9	coord 1 2	175
19 H	10	xmol	194.7
20 H	11	freq 69	200
21 H	12	END	225
22 H	13		250
23 H	14	*TUNNEL	273.15
24 H	15	ZCT	275
25 H	16	SCT	298.15
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	18	harmonic	325
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	20	states all	373.15
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	22		400
HESSCAL hhook	23	*RATE	END
	24	FORWARDK	
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	END	TST	6. 10.
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		PRDELG	20. 50.
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OPTTS ohook	1	4	END
	2	6	
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INITGEO hooks	4	10	
GEOM	5	20	
1	6	30	
2	7	40	
3	8	50	
4	9	75	
5	10	77.355	
6	11	100	
7	12	125	
8	13	150	
9	14	175	
10	15	194.7	
11	16	200	
12	17	225	
13	18	250	
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XYZ optimized geometries at the PBE0/6-31+G(d) level.

Cu (NH₃)₆²⁺

Reactant/Product				Transition state			
Cu	0.000000	0.000000	0.003747	Cu	-0.000000	0.000000	0.013390
N	-0.153290	1.450585	1.485711	N	1.590127	0.026852	-1.668416
N	2.555756	0.133947	-0.040956	N	1.674842	-0.020915	1.587549
N	0.000000	-1.483144	-1.450119	N	-1.674842	0.020915	1.587549
N	-2.555756	-0.133947	-0.040956	N	-1.590127	-0.026852	-1.668416
N	0.153290	-1.450585	1.485711	N	0.000000	2.032650	0.064335
N	0.000000	1.483144	-1.450119	N	-0.000000	-2.032650	0.064335
H	0.748775	1.730082	1.874370	H	2.547512	0.168791	-1.342832
H	3.030137	-0.608522	0.475194	H	1.360830	-0.192218	2.543886
H	-0.532558	-2.308327	-1.171846	H	-2.378844	0.740364	1.416870
H	-3.030137	0.608522	0.475194	H	-1.438268	-0.766439	-2.355660
H	-0.595826	2.316338	1.174718	H	1.635577	-0.824046	-2.230847
H	2.953176	0.992008	0.344457	H	2.211292	0.845785	1.647632
H	-0.415767	-1.195538	-2.336786	H	-2.211292	-0.845785	1.647632
H	-2.960092	-0.079884	-0.977053	H	-2.547512	-0.168791	-1.342832
H	0.595826	-2.316338	1.174718	H	-0.001223	2.396701	1.018096
H	-0.935187	1.821442	-1.682518	H	-0.813470	-2.452317	-0.387703
H	0.532558	2.308327	-1.171846	H	0.812243	-2.454208	-0.387876
H	-0.748775	-1.730082	1.874370	H	-0.812243	2.454208	-0.387876
H	2.960092	0.079884	-0.977053	H	2.378844	-0.740364	1.416870
H	0.935187	-1.821442	-1.682518	H	-1.360830	0.192218	2.543886
H	0.712873	-1.144107	2.282681	H	0.813470	2.452317	-0.387703
H	-2.953176	-0.992008	0.344457	H	-1.635577	0.824046	-2.230847
H	0.415767	1.195538	-2.336786	H	0.001223	-2.396701	1.018096
H	-0.712873	1.144107	2.282681	H	1.438268	0.766439	-2.355660

Cu (biea)₂

Reactant/Product				Transition state			
Cu	0.068811	0.000001	-0.000000	Cu	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
N	-0.498153	-2.308588	0.000009	N	-0.000000	2.164043	0.438084
C	1.693566	-0.000009	-2.272337	C	2.324560	-0.000000	-1.725248
N	0.423298	0.000009	1.997071	N	-2.164043	-0.000000	-0.438084
N	2.100920	0.000001	0.000000	N	0.000000	0.000000	-2.009560
N	-1.993181	-0.000002	-0.000000	N	0.000000	0.000000	2.009560
N	-0.498159	2.308587	-0.000009	N	0.000000	-2.164043	0.438084
N	0.423298	-0.000007	-1.997071	N	2.164043	0.000000	-0.438084
C	1.693566	0.000011	2.272337	C	-2.324560	0.000000	-1.725248
C	2.639988	0.000006	1.205960	C	-1.190659	-0.000000	-2.589474
C	2.639989	-0.000005	-1.205960	C	1.190659	0.000000	-2.589474
C	-2.594555	-1.180116	0.000004	C	-0.000000	1.190659	2.589474
H	-3.683710	-1.249731	0.000005	H	0.000000	1.294257	3.674381
H	-3.683714	1.249721	-0.000004	H	-0.000000	-1.294257	3.674381
C	-2.594559	1.180110	-0.000004	C	0.000000	-1.190659	2.589474
C	-1.793511	2.361574	-0.000009	C	-0.000000	-2.324560	1.725248
C	-1.793504	-2.361578	0.000009	C	0.000000	2.324560	1.725248
H	3.716346	-0.000006	-1.374380	H	1.294257	-0.000000	-3.674381
H	3.716346	0.000007	1.374381	H	-1.294257	0.000000	-3.674381
H	-0.205344	0.000015	2.792393	H	-3.031832	0.000000	0.089763
H	2.056416	0.000017	3.303966	H	-3.316492	0.000002	-2.190887
H	2.056417	-0.000014	-3.303965	H	3.316492	-0.000002	-2.190887
H	-0.205343	-0.000011	-2.792393	H	3.031832	-0.000000	0.089763
H	-0.068598	3.230548	-0.000013	H	-0.000000	-3.031832	-0.089763
H	-2.338900	3.313979	-0.000013	H	-0.000002	-3.316492	2.190887
H	-2.338891	-3.313984	0.000013	H	0.000002	3.316492	2.190887
H	-0.068589	-3.230548	0.000012	H	0.000000	3.031832	-0.089763

Cu(timm)₂²⁺

Reactant/Product				Transition state			
Cu	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	Cu	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
H	-3.696636	-2.139409	0.000000	H	0.191014	3.637880	1.884822
N	0.000000	-1.481347	1.379431	N	-1.820247	0.792983	-0.000000
N	0.000000	1.481347	1.379431	N	-0.454898	-1.614046	1.466180
N	0.000000	-1.481347	-1.379431	N	0.454898	1.614046	-1.466180
N	-2.407798	-0.492604	0.000000	N	0.454898	1.614046	1.466180
H	0.535813	-1.434741	-2.246616	H	1.020733	1.552543	-2.314130
N	0.000000	1.481347	-1.379431	N	1.820247	-0.792983	-0.000000
C	-0.689762	-2.540610	1.240661	C	-2.024309	2.048830	-0.000000
H	0.706428	3.325230	-2.000941	H	3.033502	-2.466994	0.000000
H	-0.535813	1.434741	-2.246616	H	2.664694	-0.220529	-0.000000
H	0.706428	3.325230	2.000941	H	-0.191014	-3.637880	1.884822
C	-0.689762	-2.540610	-1.240661	C	0.000000	2.775312	-1.240615
H	0.535813	-1.434741	2.246616	H	-2.664694	0.220529	-0.000000
H	-3.239291	0.101496	0.000000	H	1.020733	1.552543	2.314130
C	0.689762	2.540610	-1.240661	C	2.024309	-2.048830	-0.000000
H	-0.706428	-3.325230	2.000941	H	-3.033502	2.466994	0.000000
C	0.689762	2.540610	1.240661	C	-0.000000	-2.775312	1.240615
H	-0.706428	-3.325230	-2.000941	H	0.191014	3.637880	-1.884822
N	2.407798	0.492604	0.000000	N	-0.454898	-1.614046	-1.466180
H	-0.535813	1.434741	2.246616	H	-1.020733	-1.552543	2.314130
H	3.239291	-0.101496	0.000000	H	-1.020733	-1.552543	-2.314130
C	-2.683888	-1.726169	0.000000	C	0.000000	2.775312	1.240615
H	3.696636	2.139409	0.000000	H	-0.191014	-3.637880	-1.884822
C	2.683888	1.726169	0.000000	C	-0.000000	-2.775312	-1.240615
C	-1.530514	-2.746453	0.000000	C	-0.859400	3.011552	-0.000000
H	-1.941944	-3.757800	0.000000	H	-1.230979	4.038006	-0.000000
C	1.530514	2.746453	0.000000	C	0.859400	-3.011552	-0.000000
H	1.941944	3.757800	0.000000	H	1.230979	-4.038006	-0.000000

Cu(ein)₃²⁺

Reactant/Product				Transition state			
Cu	0.000000	-0.000000	0.076293	Cu	0.000000	-0.000000	0.058243
N	-0.797312	1.014358	1.661075	N	1.606778	0.405436	1.540660
N	1.773013	1.600606	-0.337673	N	-1.606778	-0.405436	1.540660
N	0.707536	-1.294483	-1.322030	N	-1.338468	0.017160	-1.737218
N	-1.773013	-1.600606	-0.337673	N	1.338468	-0.017160	-1.737218
N	0.797312	-1.014358	1.661075	N	-0.000000	1.990105	0.204996
N	-0.707536	1.294483	-1.322030	N	0.000000	-1.990105	0.204996
C	-0.000000	2.266325	-1.749014	C	-0.827676	-2.549236	0.998702
C	1.367335	2.456774	-1.186804	C	-1.739248	-1.652631	1.760578
C	-0.461780	0.583241	2.812702	C	1.739248	1.652631	1.760578
C	0.461780	-0.583241	2.812702	C	0.827676	2.549236	0.998702
C	-1.367335	-2.456774	-1.186804	C	0.746666	0.008625	-2.863821
C	-0.000000	-2.266325	-1.749014	C	-0.746666	-0.008625	-2.863821
H	-0.361465	2.961096	-2.509951	H	-0.884568	-3.631051	1.130384
H	1.948477	3.315739	-1.531028	H	-2.461382	-2.086604	2.455165
H	-0.810312	1.017427	3.751018	H	2.461382	2.086604	2.455165
H	0.810312	-1.017427	3.751018	H	0.884568	3.631051	1.130384
H	-1.948477	-3.315739	-1.531028	H	1.267527	0.041223	-3.823500
H	0.361465	-2.961096	-2.509951	H	-1.267527	-0.041223	-3.823500
H	1.629609	-1.215355	-1.752081	H	-2.357008	-0.004454	-1.809994
H	1.432414	-1.813302	1.659434	H	-0.613725	2.623223	-0.308292
H	2.715305	1.799551	0.005449	H	-2.245298	0.182201	2.079900
H	-1.629609	1.215355	-1.752081	H	0.613725	-2.623223	-0.308292
H	-1.432414	1.813302	1.659434	H	2.245298	-0.182201	2.079900
H	-2.715305	-1.799551	0.005449	H	2.357008	0.004454	-1.809994

Cu (en) ₃²⁺

Reactant/Product				Transition state			
Cu	-0.000000	-0.000000	0.059806	Cu	-0.000000	-0.000000	0.055138
N	-0.000000	2.467823	-0.286936	N	-1.062646	1.289066	1.602798
N	-1.365484	-0.008846	1.626848	N	1.062646	-1.289066	1.602798
N	0.000000	-2.467823	-0.286936	N	0.672462	-1.265979	-1.742435
N	1.508204	-0.249787	-1.355093	N	-0.672462	1.265979	-1.742435
N	-1.508204	0.249787	-1.355093	N	-1.764841	-1.005861	0.169623
N	1.365484	0.008846	1.626848	N	1.764841	1.005861	0.169623
C	0.675129	-0.342028	2.890640	C	2.825874	0.193396	0.816479
C	-0.675129	0.342028	2.890640	C	2.243505	-0.508314	2.025987
C	-0.824416	2.614944	-1.499555	C	-2.243505	0.508314	2.025987
C	-1.993951	1.649893	-1.451935	C	-2.825874	-0.193396	0.816479
C	1.993951	-1.649893	-1.451935	C	0.000000	0.759073	-2.956372
C	0.824416	-2.614944	-1.499555	C	-0.000000	-0.759073	-2.956372
H	1.737088	0.957187	1.700965	H	1.617067	1.853957	0.718655
H	1.261356	-0.054529	3.769946	H	3.683469	0.813485	1.098981
H	0.553156	-1.430286	2.915934	H	3.180591	-0.540460	0.084459
H	-0.553156	1.430286	2.915934	H	1.916492	0.228209	2.768870
H	-1.261356	0.054529	3.769946	H	3.009452	-1.128690	2.505483
H	-1.737088	-0.957187	1.700965	H	1.378634	-2.160248	1.175543
H	0.881065	2.961393	-0.425198	H	-1.378634	2.160248	1.175543
H	-1.205782	3.634415	-1.636071	H	-3.009452	1.128690	2.505483
H	-2.614917	1.853669	-0.572057	H	-1.916492	-0.228209	2.768870
H	-0.195965	2.398328	-2.372313	H	-3.180591	0.540460	0.084459
H	-2.633733	1.781506	-2.331637	H	-3.683469	-0.813485	1.098981
H	-2.295805	-0.364673	-1.147815	H	-1.617067	-1.853957	0.718655
H	2.295805	0.364673	-1.147815	H	-0.486826	2.264340	-1.650686
H	2.614917	-1.853669	-0.572057	H	1.031354	1.132665	-2.959537
H	2.633733	-1.781506	-2.331637	H	-0.469681	1.129694	-3.874928
H	1.205782	-3.634415	-1.636071	H	0.469681	-1.129694	-3.874928
H	0.195965	-2.398328	-2.372313	H	-1.031354	-1.132665	-2.959537
H	-0.881065	-2.961393	-0.425198	H	0.486826	-2.264340	-1.650686
H	-1.197297	-0.049236	-2.279946	H	-2.094522	-1.335581	-0.737447
H	-2.180535	0.591601	1.505978	H	0.542563	-1.579621	2.430057
H	0.451259	-2.972390	0.476400	H	1.681276	-1.211667	-1.885413
H	2.180535	-0.591601	1.505978	H	2.094522	1.335581	-0.737447
H	-0.451259	2.972390	0.476400	H	-0.542563	1.579621	2.430057
H	1.197297	0.049236	-2.279946	H	-1.681276	1.211667	-1.885413

Cu(tach)₂²⁺

Reactant/Product				Transition state			
Cu	0.000000	-0.000000	-0.000000	Cu	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
H	-3.644730	2.283825	0.000001	H	1.050883	3.452803	2.118668
N	-1.236283	-0.821858	1.464357	N	-1.682649	1.152455	0.000000
N	1.236282	0.821853	1.464359	N	-0.879877	-1.426424	1.538231
N	-1.236282	-0.821855	-1.464359	N	0.879877	1.426424	-1.538231
N	-1.562971	1.884610	0.000003	N	0.879877	1.426424	1.538231
H	-1.050611	-0.369756	-2.360472	H	1.890694	1.310016	-1.623944
N	1.236282	0.821860	-1.464356	N	1.682649	-1.152455	0.000000
C	-2.717047	-0.817598	1.272914	C	-1.579326	2.643472	0.000000
H	3.162824	1.347183	-2.124857	H	2.603084	-3.039387	-0.000000
H	0.941669	1.790746	-1.599508	H	2.246728	-0.884950	0.807976
H	3.162825	1.347177	2.124861	H	-1.050883	-3.452803	2.118668
C	-2.717045	-0.817595	-1.272916	C	0.622520	2.871122	-1.291518
H	-0.941670	-1.790743	1.599513	H	-2.246728	0.884950	-0.807976
H	-1.448274	2.505429	-0.802709	H	1.890694	1.310016	1.623944
C	2.717046	0.817599	-1.272914	C	1.579326	-2.643472	0.000000
H	-3.162825	-1.347182	2.124857	H	-2.603084	3.039387	-0.000000
C	2.717046	0.817594	1.272916	C	-0.622520	-2.871122	1.291518
H	-3.162823	-1.347178	-2.124861	H	1.050883	3.452803	-2.118668
N	1.562971	-1.884609	-0.000002	N	-0.879877	-1.426424	-1.538231
H	0.941668	1.790739	1.599515	H	-0.525029	-1.204743	2.469875
H	1.448274	-2.505430	-0.802712	H	-0.525029	-1.204743	-2.469875
C	-2.971971	1.415341	0.000001	C	0.622520	2.871122	1.291518
H	3.644730	-2.283825	-0.000005	H	-1.050883	-3.452803	-2.118668
C	2.971971	-1.415341	-0.000002	C	-0.622520	-2.871122	-1.291518
C	-3.270543	0.606145	-1.262910	C	1.297474	3.333012	0.000000
H	-4.359833	0.528863	-1.364576	H	1.295771	4.429779	0.000000
C	3.083368	1.570574	0.000002	C	0.879877	-3.138913	1.261792
H	4.167594	1.732366	0.000002	H	1.034588	-4.222779	1.321435
C	-3.270545	0.606143	1.262910	C	-0.879877	3.138913	1.261792
C	-3.083368	-1.570574	-0.000002	C	-0.879877	3.138913	-1.261792
H	-2.937034	1.154590	2.155500	H	-1.362736	2.726874	2.159505
H	-4.359835	0.528860	1.364574	H	-1.034588	4.222779	1.321435
H	-2.637213	-2.575407	-0.000003	H	-1.362736	2.726874	-2.159505
H	-4.167594	-1.732366	-0.000003	H	-1.034588	4.222779	-1.321435
H	-2.937030	1.154594	-2.155499	H	2.359319	3.047847	0.000000
H	-0.941668	-1.790742	-1.599512	H	0.525029	1.204743	-2.469875
H	-1.448275	2.505428	0.802716	H	0.525029	1.204743	2.469875
H	-1.050612	-0.369755	2.360469	H	-2.246728	0.884950	0.807976
C	3.270543	-0.606142	-1.262912	C	0.879877	-3.138913	-1.261792
C	3.270545	-0.606146	1.262909	C	-1.297474	-3.333012	0.000000
H	2.937034	-1.154595	2.155498	H	-2.359319	-3.047847	0.000000
H	4.359833	-0.528860	-1.364577	H	1.034588	-4.222779	-1.321435
H	4.359835	-0.528863	1.364573	H	-1.295771	-4.429779	0.000000
H	2.937030	-1.154588	-2.155501	H	1.362736	-2.726874	-2.159505
H	2.637213	2.575407	0.000004	H	1.362736	-2.726874	2.159505
H	1.050610	0.369761	-2.360470	H	2.246728	-0.884950	-0.807976
H	1.050612	0.369752	2.360472	H	-1.890694	-1.310016	1.623944
H	1.448274	-2.505425	0.802712	H	-1.890694	-1.310016	-1.623944

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