

## Supporting Information

# Experimental and Theoretical Studies of a Pyridylvinyl(benzoate) Based Coordination Polymer Structure

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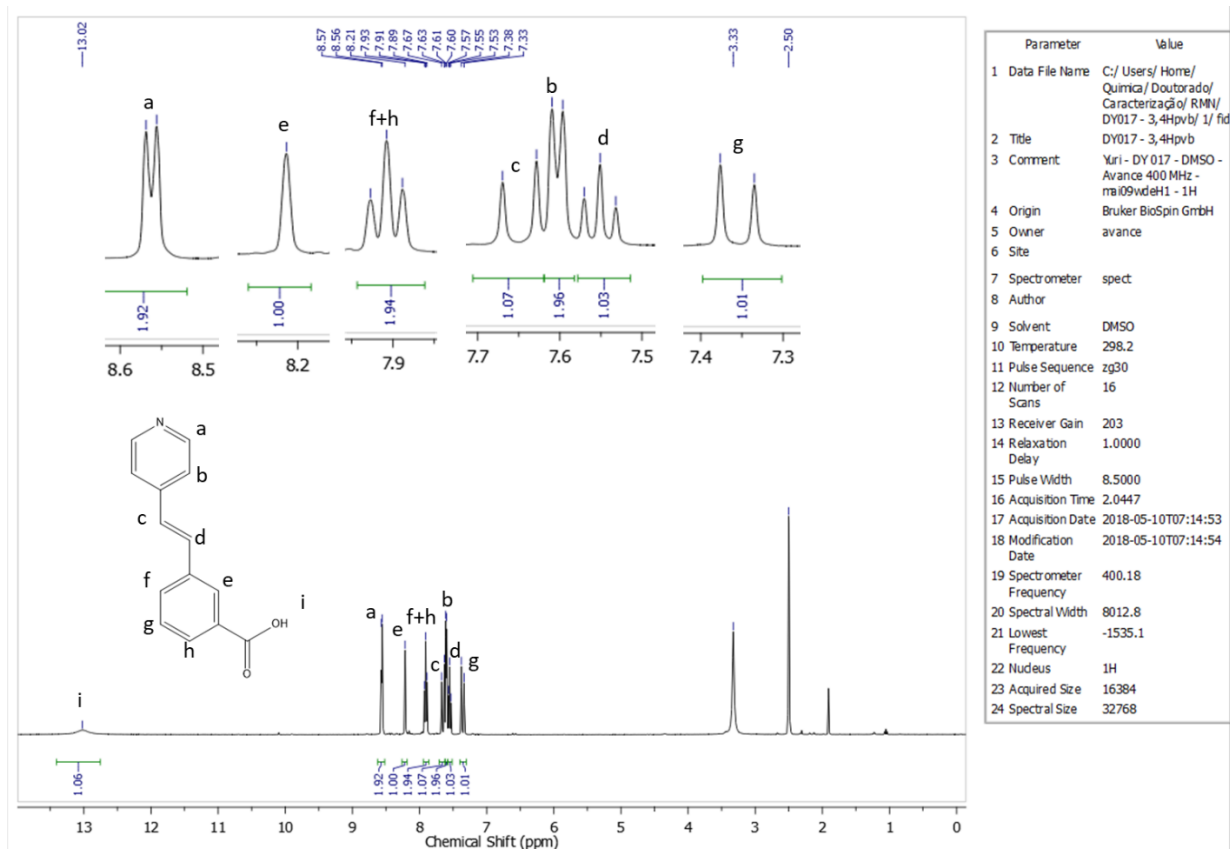
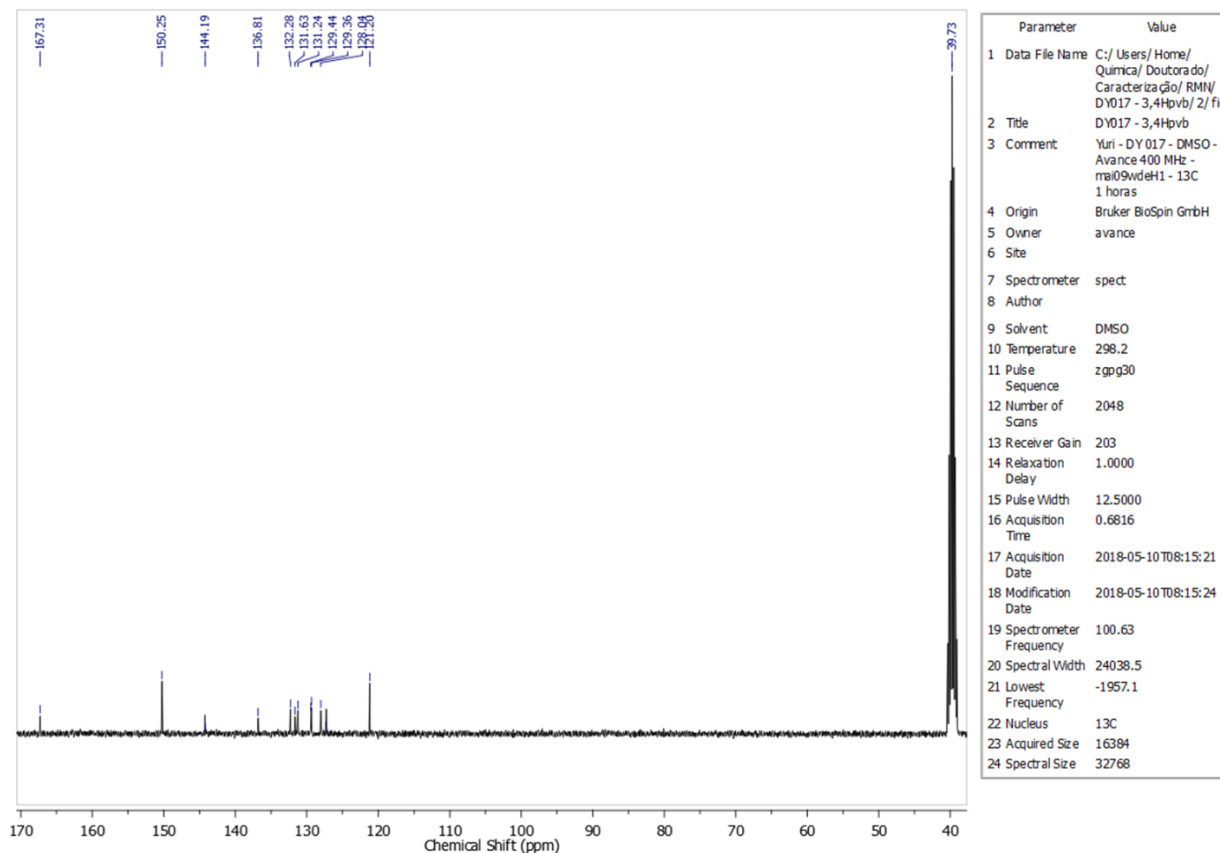
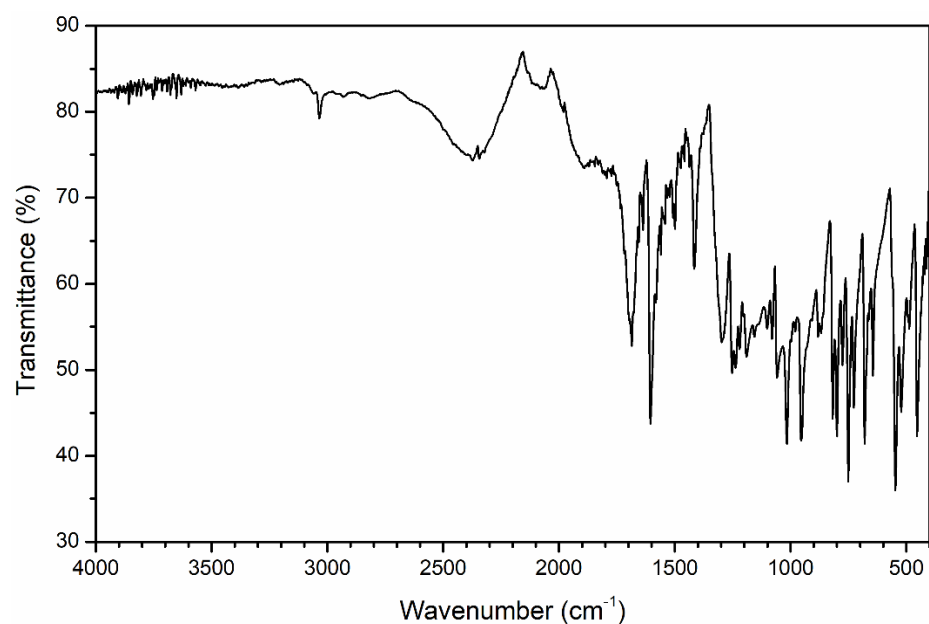


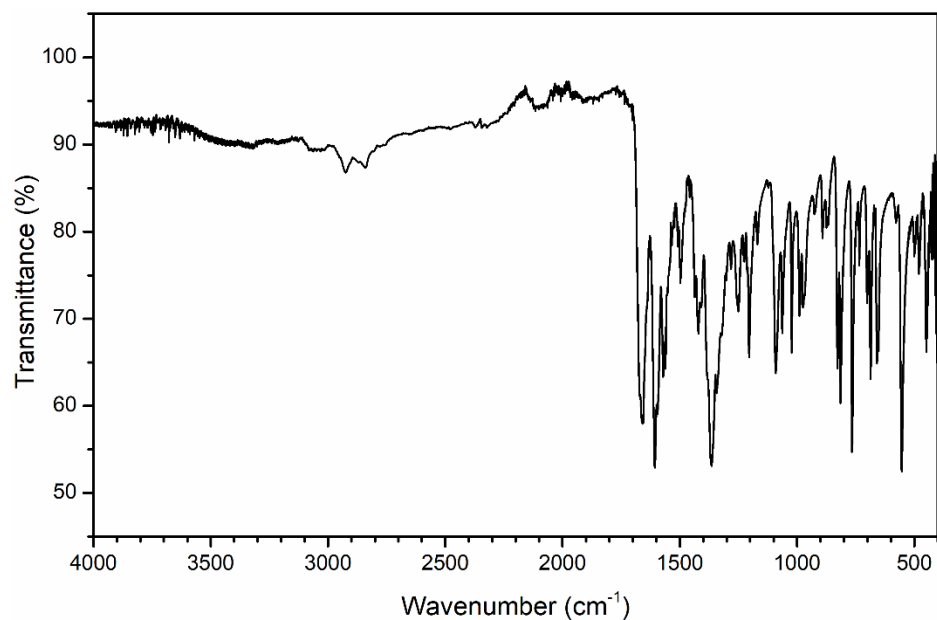
Figure S1.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum in  $\text{dmsO-d}_6$  for the 3,4-Hpvb.



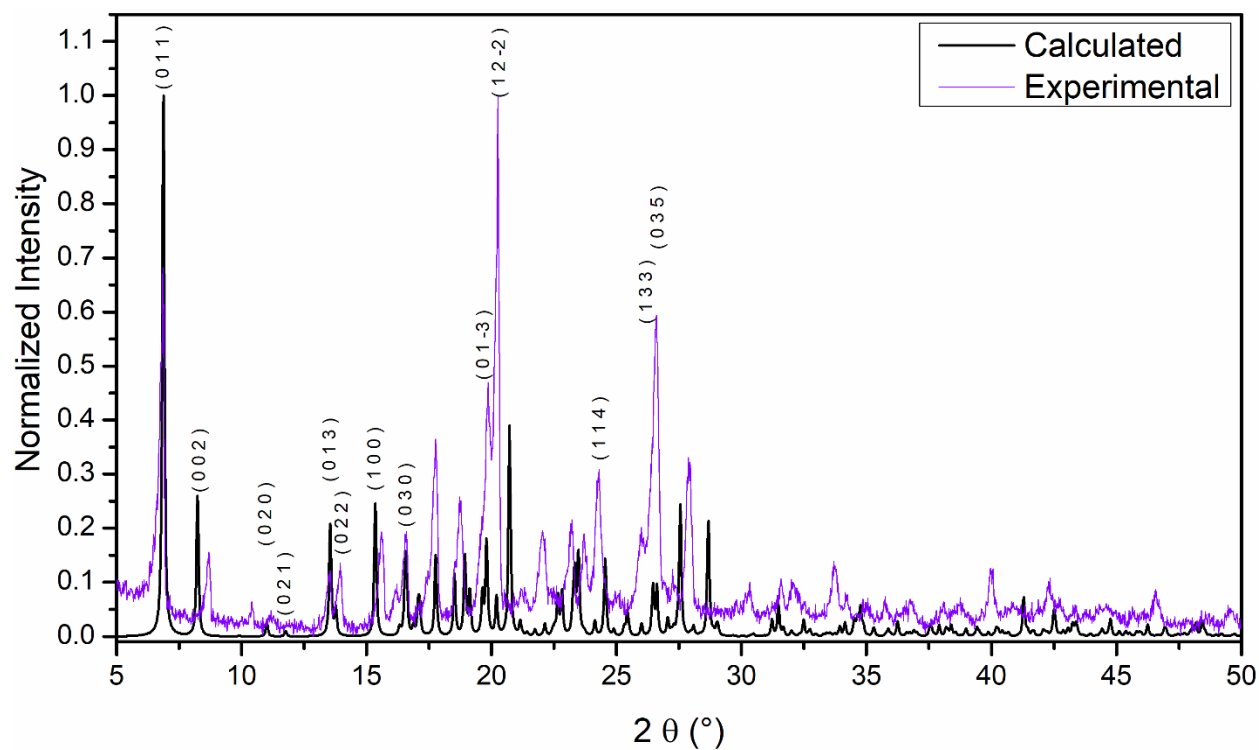
**Figure S2.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum in dms $o$ -d $_6$  for the **3,4-Hpvb**.



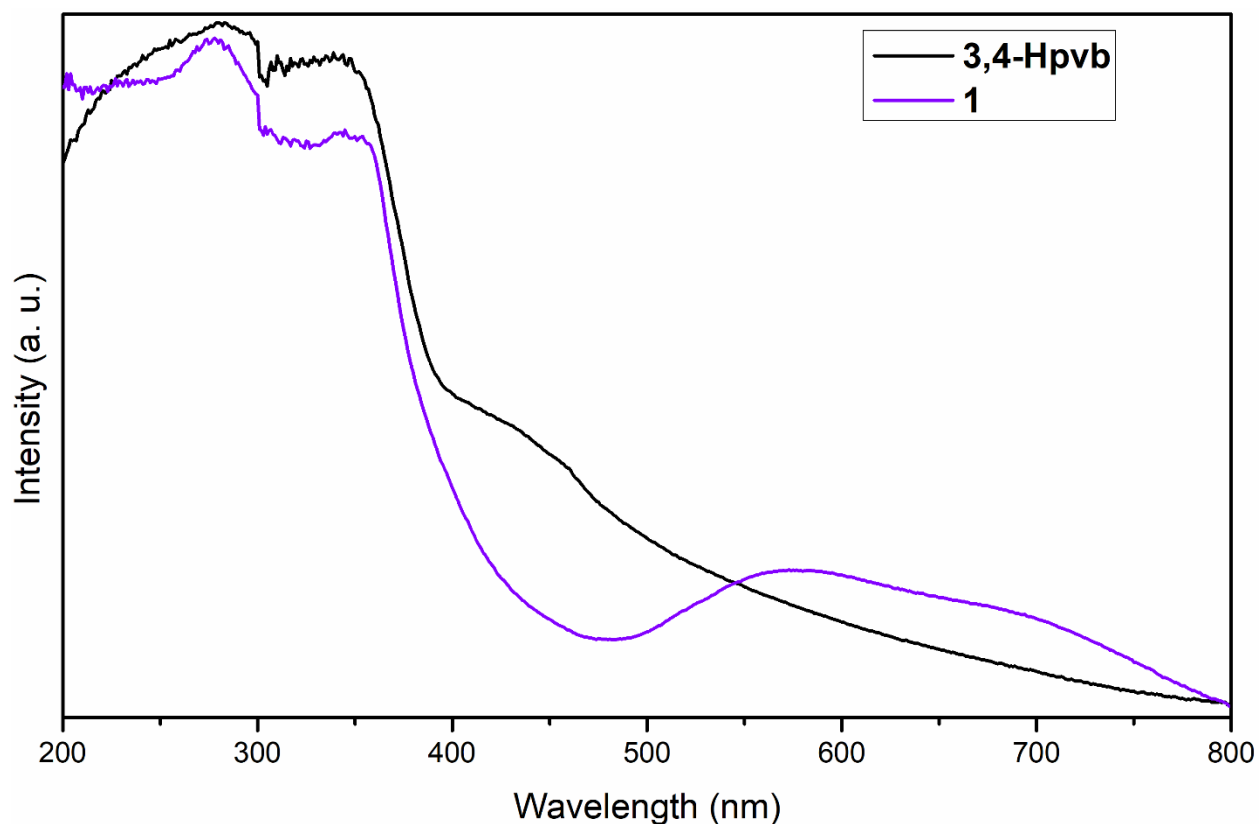
**Figure S3.** FT-IR (ATR) spectrum for the **3,4-Hpvb**.



**Figure S4.** FT-IR (ATR) spectrum for compound **1**.



**Figure S5.** Experimental and calculated PXRD pattern for compound **1**. Some (hkl) reflection indexes from the calculated PXRD pattern are shown for comparison.

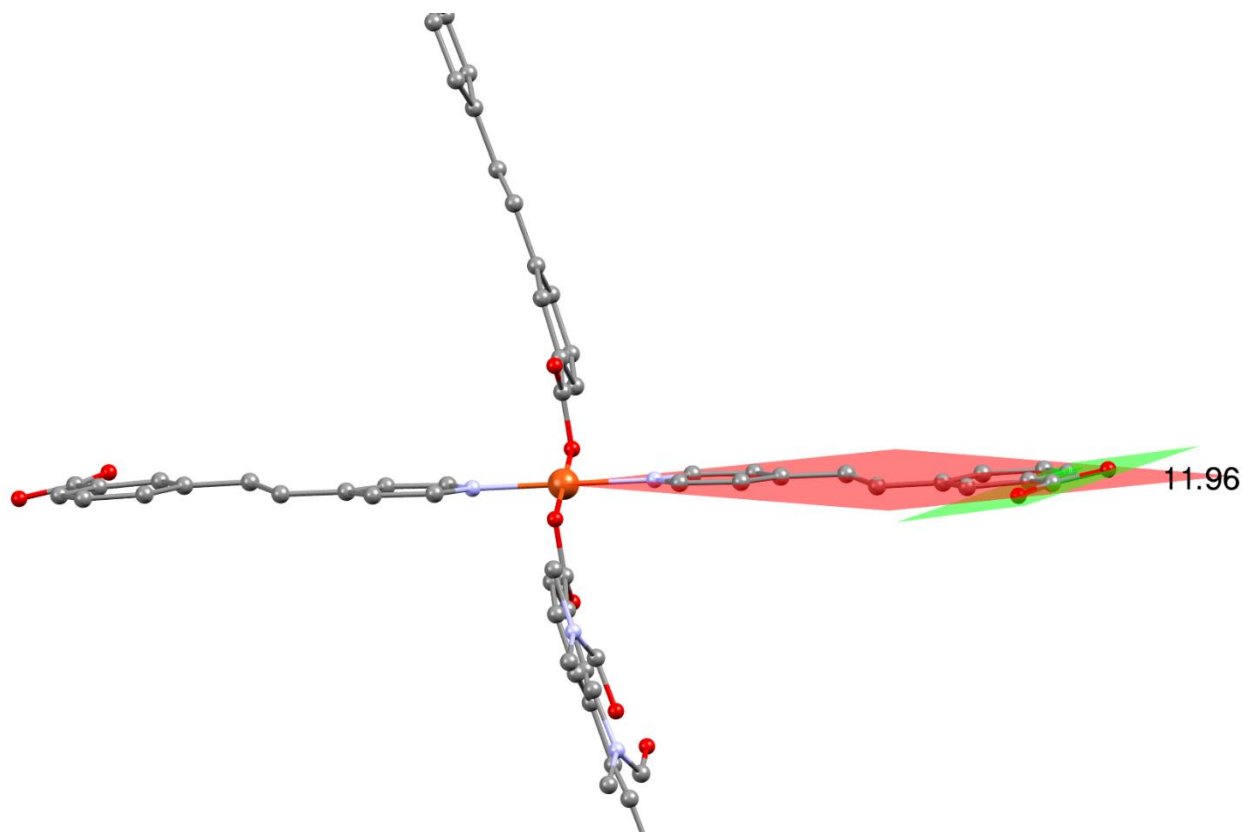


**Figure S6.** Electronic spectra obtained by the DRS method for the **3,4-Hpvb** pre-ligand (black line), with  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  around 280, 350, and 440 nm, characteristic of intra-ligand transitions, and for compound **1** (blue line), with  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  around 580 and 700 nm, characteristic of d-d transitions.

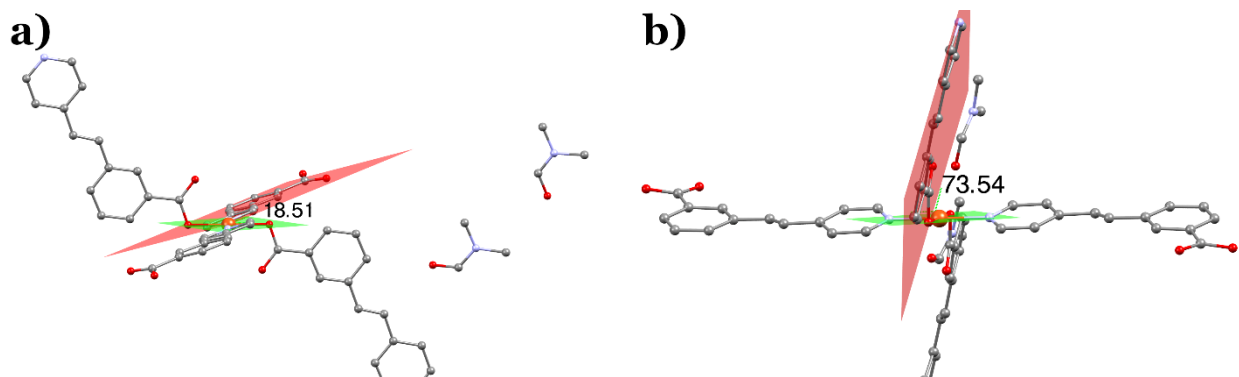
**Table S1.** Continuous Shape Measures (CShM) analysis for compound **1**.

Coordination number	SHAPE label	Reference Polyhedra	Symmetry	CShM value <sup>a</sup>
4	SP-4	Square	D <sub>4h</sub>	0.06008
	T4	Tetrahedron	T <sub>d</sub>	33.37338
	SS-4	Seesaw	C <sub>2v</sub>	18.41743
	vTBPY-4	Axially vacant trigonal bipyramid	C <sub>3v</sub>	34.59204
6	HP-6	Hexagon	D <sub>6h</sub>	22.64759
	PPY-6	Pentagonal pyramid	C <sub>5v</sub>	26.43905
	OC-6	Octahedron	O <sub>h</sub>	8.57224
	TPR-6	Trigonal prism	D <sub>3h</sub>	19.43249
	JPPY-6	Johnson pentagonal pyramid (J2)	C <sub>5v</sub>	26.92323

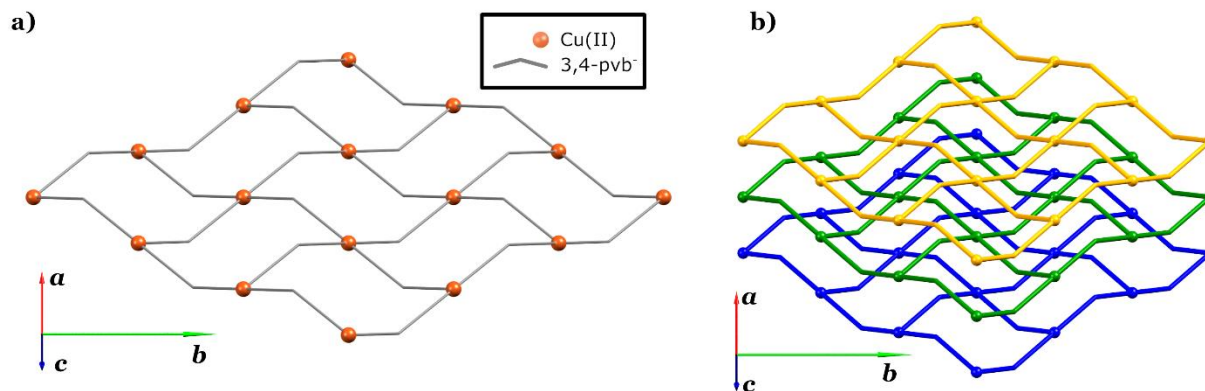
<sup>a</sup> The smallest value indicates proximity between the actual coordination sphere and the idealized polyhedron.



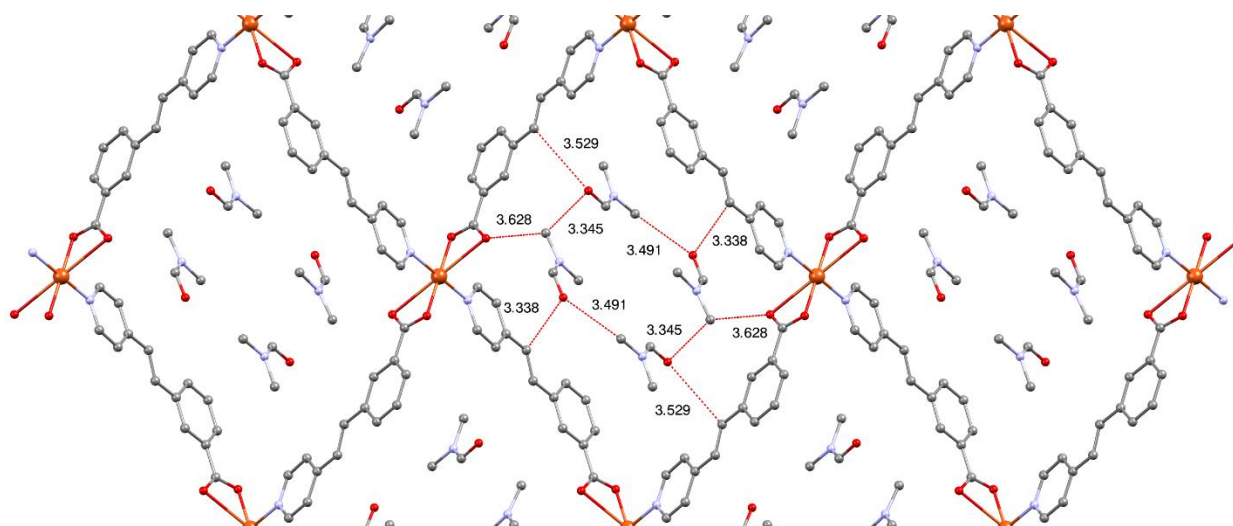
**Figure S7.** Angle between the 3,4-pvb<sup>-</sup> mean-plane and the carboxylate mean-plane. Pink plane: C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 C8 C9 C10 C11 C12 C13 C14 N1 O1 O2 C1; Rms of fitted atoms: 0.1015. Green plane: O1 O2 C1; Rms of fitted atoms: 0.0.



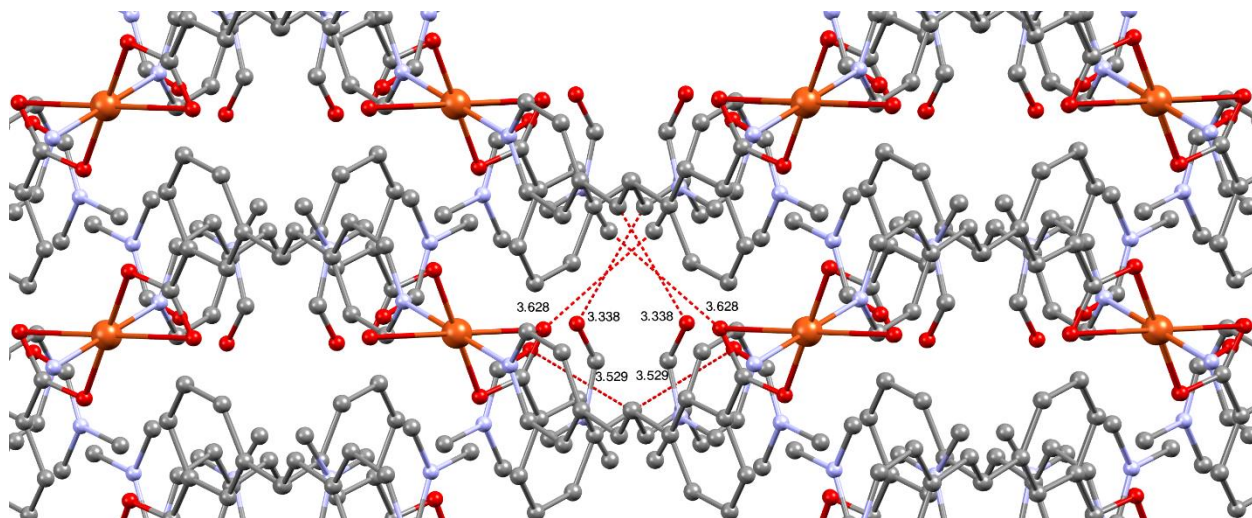
**Figure S8.** Angle between the 3,4-pvb<sup>-</sup> mean-plane and the copper(II) basal plane. a) Green plane: O2 O2<sup>iii</sup> N1<sup>i</sup> N1<sup>ii</sup>; Rms of fitted atoms: 0.0. Pink plane: C2<sup>i</sup> C3<sup>i</sup> C4<sup>i</sup> C5<sup>i</sup> C6<sup>i</sup> C7<sup>i</sup> C8<sup>i</sup> C9<sup>i</sup> C10<sup>i</sup> C11<sup>i</sup> C12<sup>i</sup> C13<sup>i</sup> C14<sup>i</sup> N1<sup>i</sup> O1<sup>i</sup> O2<sup>i</sup> C1<sup>i</sup>; Rms of fitted atoms: 0.1015. b) Green plane: O2 O2<sup>iii</sup> N1<sup>i</sup> N1<sup>ii</sup>; Rms of fitted atoms: 0.0. Pink plane: C2<sup>iii</sup> C3<sup>iii</sup> C4<sup>iii</sup> C5<sup>iii</sup> C6<sup>iii</sup> C7<sup>iii</sup> C8<sup>iii</sup> C9<sup>iii</sup> C10<sup>iii</sup> C11<sup>iii</sup> C12<sup>iii</sup> C13<sup>iii</sup> C14<sup>iii</sup> N1<sup>iii</sup> O1<sup>iii</sup> O2<sup>iii</sup> C1<sup>iii</sup>; Rms of fitted atoms: 0.1015.



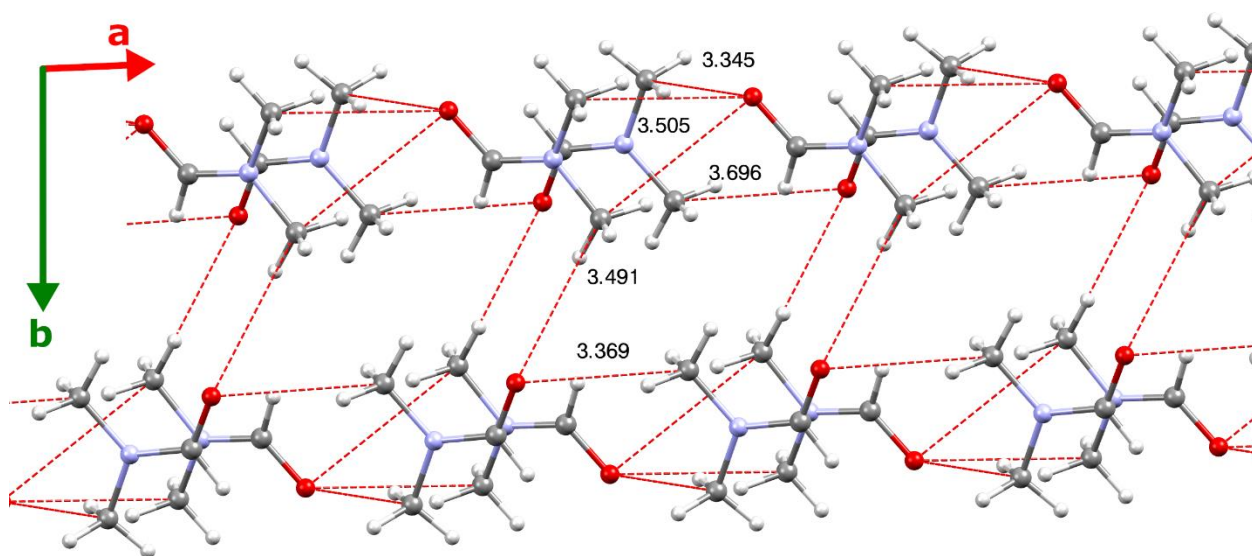
**Figure S9.** Simplified molecular structure of  $\{[\text{Cu}(\mathbf{3,4\text{-pvb}})_2]\cdot 4(\text{dmf})\}_n$  showing a) arrangement between the 4-connected metal nodes and the  $\mathbf{3,4\text{-pvb}}^-$  bridges in one corrugated layer; (b) overall three-dimensional supramolecular structure of  $\{[\text{Cu}(\mathbf{3,4\text{-pvb}})_2]\cdot 4(\text{dmf})\}_n$  with the parallel stacking of the corrugated layers. Solvent molecules are not shown for clarity purposes.



**Figure S10.** Intermolecular interactions between dmf molecules and the  $\mathbf{3,4\text{-pvb}}^-$  moieties (view along the  $a$ -axis).

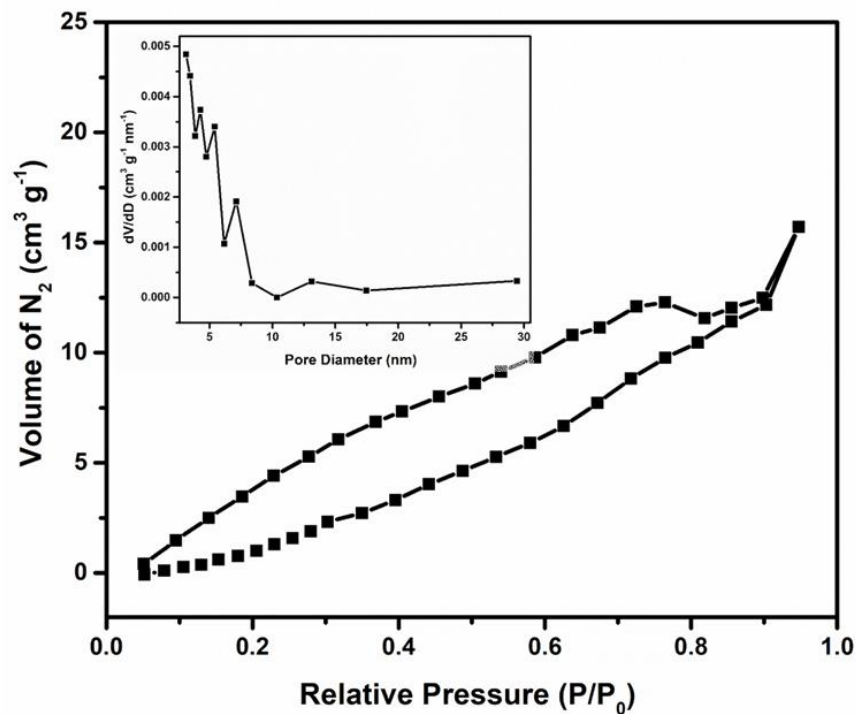


**Figure S11.** Intermolecular interactions between dmf molecules and the 3,4-pvb<sup>-</sup> moieties.

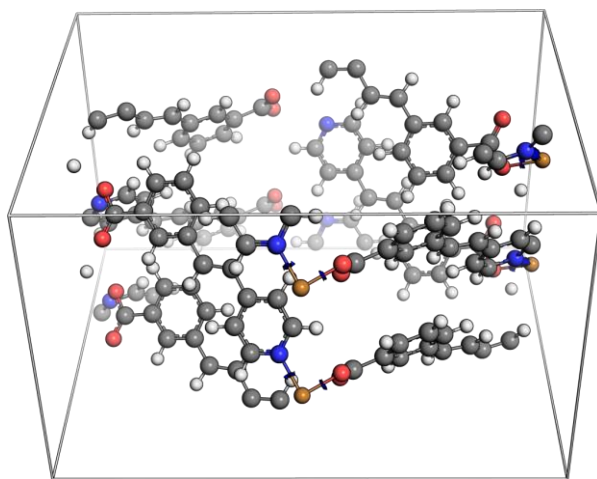


**Figure S12.** Intermolecular interactions between dmf molecules across one rhombus channel (only dmf molecules are shown for the sake of clarity).

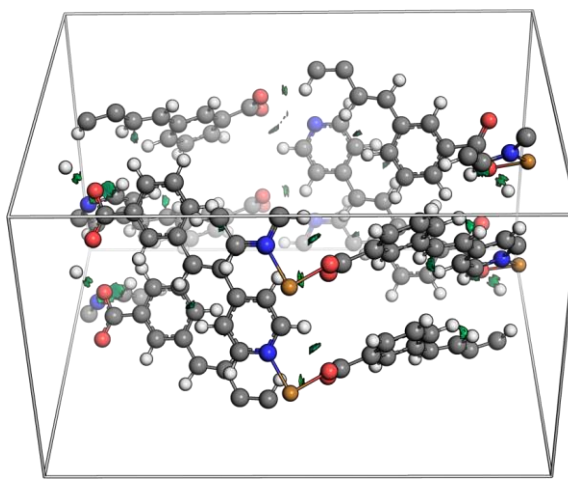




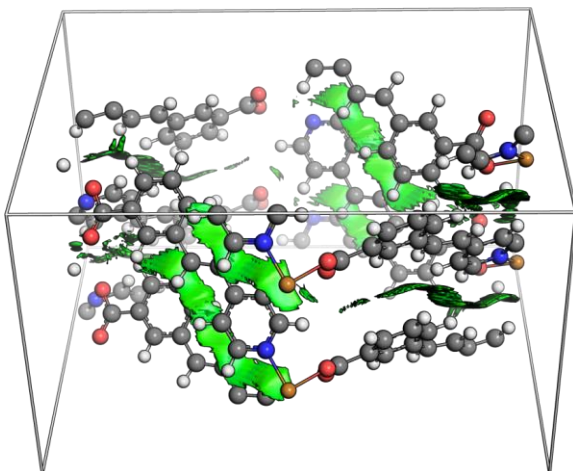
**Figure S13.** N<sub>2</sub> adsorption-desorption isotherm pattern for **1**. Insert: Pore size distribution calculated from the N<sub>2</sub> adsorption-desorption isotherm by the BJH method.



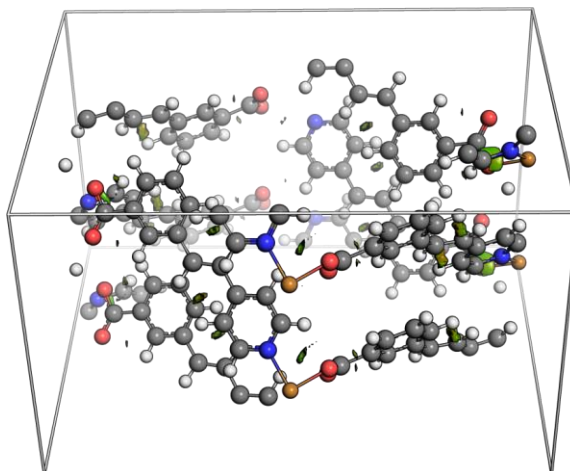
**Figure S14.** NCI isosurface (0.3 bohr) representation for the first domain.



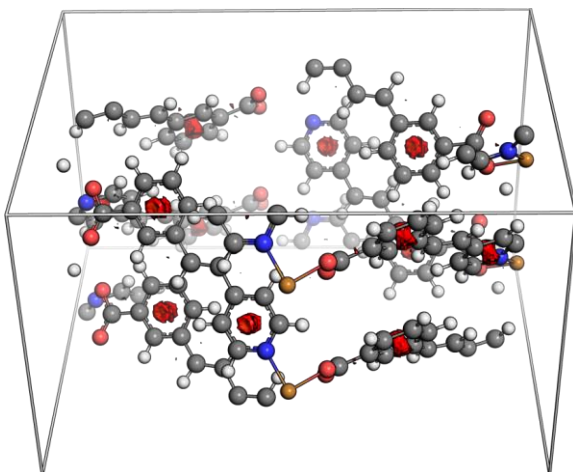
**Figure S15.** NCI isosurface (0.3 bohr) representation for the second domain.



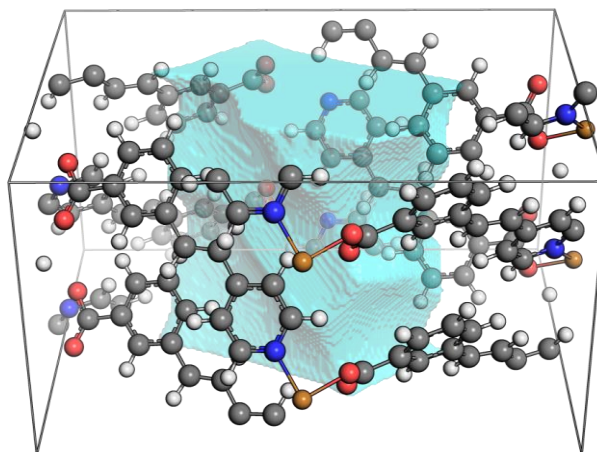
**Figure S16.** NCI isosurface (0.3 bohr) representation for the third domain.



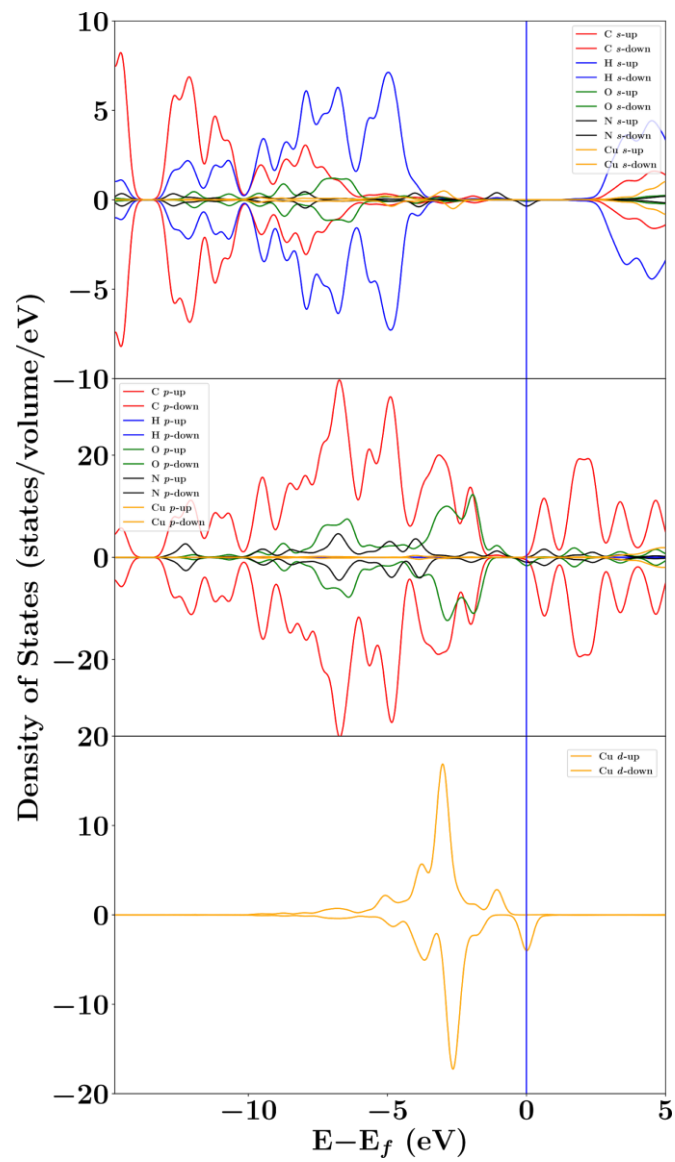
**Figure S17.** NCI isosurface (0.3 bohr) representation for the fourth domain.



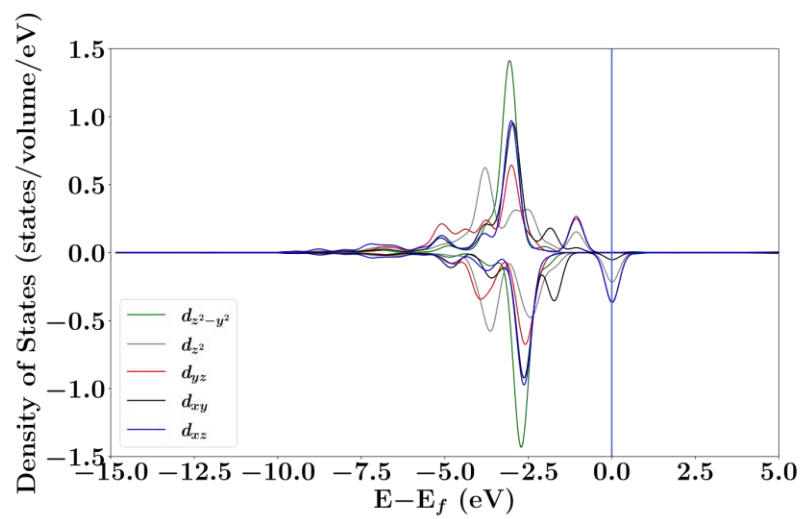
**Figure S18.** NCI isosurface (0.3 bohr) representation for the fifth domain.



**Figure S19.** Isosurface volume for the central cavity pore highlighted for clarity.



**Figure S20.** PDOS for  $s$ ,  $p$  and  $d$  states for each atomic specie.



**Figure S21** PDOS for  $d$ -states of copper(II) upon coordination with 4 ligands of **3,4-pvb<sup>-</sup>**.