

Supporting information

Dissection of bicapped octahedral copper hydride cluster to form two chiral tetrahedral copper hydride cluster series exhibiting auto deracemization and photoluminescence

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Refinement of hydrides

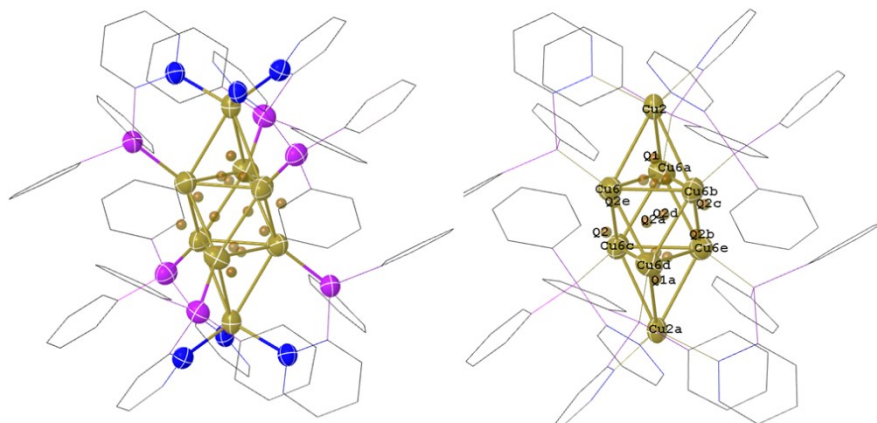
In each case, the positions of the hydrides were detected from the difference electron density map, and their positions were allowed to refine freely, or with restraints of the Cu–H distances of the hydride to be equal (via SADI).

The positions of six the hydrides in $[\text{Cu}_8\text{H}_6\text{L}_6]^{2+}$ were determined by high quality crystallography diffraction data and corroborated by DFT calculations. There are two independent $[\text{Cu}_8\text{H}_6\text{L}_6]^{2+}$ clusters per unit cell. In type A $[\text{Cu}_8\text{H}_6\text{L}_6]^{2+}$ (at the origin), two μ_4 hydrides are located in the centers of the two tetrahedra, and the four μ_3 hydrides are distributed in the six equatorial triangle faces of the central octahedron. In type B $[\text{Cu}_8\text{H}_6\text{L}_6]^{2+}$, one tetrahedron contained one μ_4 hydride in the center, while the other tetrahedron contained only 0.1 μ_4 hydride in the center, and 0.9 μ_3 hydride at the shared face of the tetrahedron and the octahedron. The situation in the six equatorial triangle faces of the octahedron was the same as that for type A.

In the final stage of crystallographic data refinement, 6 hydrides position could be located by residual electron density: The max peak ($Q1 = 1.98$) was located at center of copper tetrahedron and the $Q2 = 1.33$ was found at triply-bridge triangle copper face. These two Q peaks were refined as 2 μ_4 hydrides (occupancy 1) and 6 disordered μ_3 hydrides (occupancy 2/3).

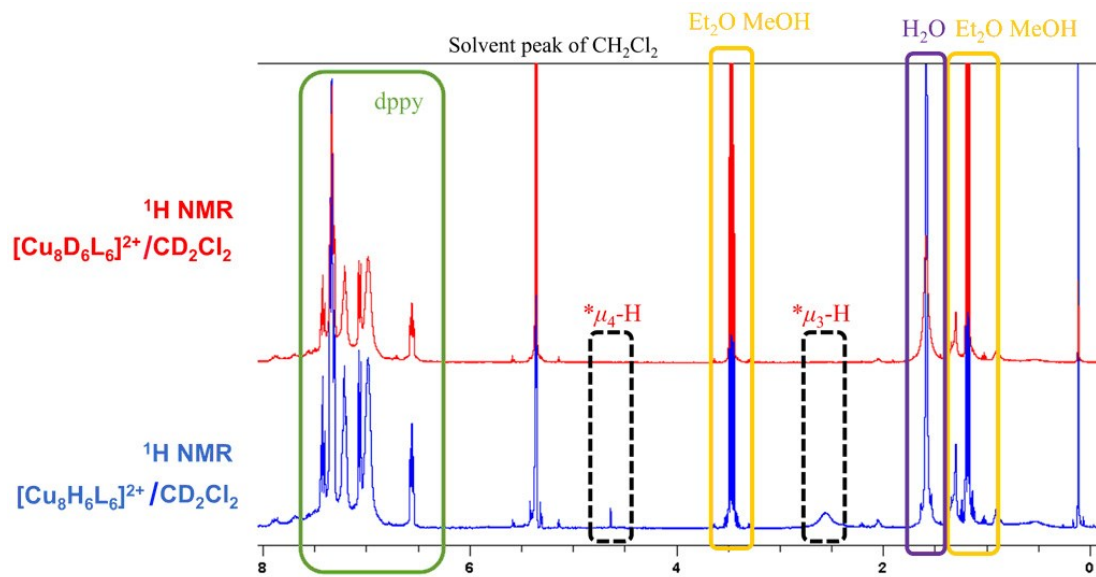
The anisotropic refinement of μ_4 hydride has been performed in series **2** and **3**.¹

Figure S1 a: Refinement of hydrides: residual peaks Q1 and Q2 $\text{e}\cdot\text{\AA}^{-3}$ in $[\text{Cu}_8\text{H}_6\text{L}_6]^{2+}$ and the anisotropic refinement of μ_4 hydride in 2 and 3 clusters.

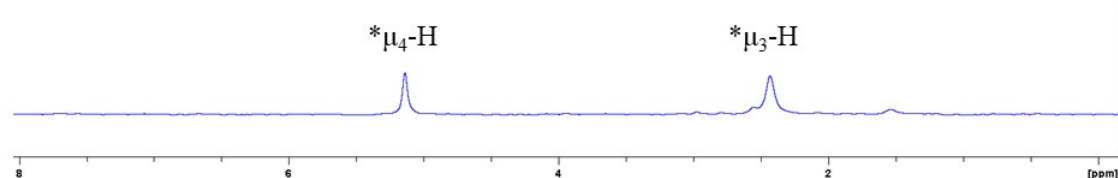


NMR

Figure S2 a: $[\text{Cu}_8\text{D}_6\text{L}_6]^{2+}$ ^1H NMR and $[\text{Cu}_8\text{H}_6\text{L}_6]^{2+}$ ^1H NMR and $[\text{Cu}_8\text{D}_6\text{L}_6]^{2+}$ ^2H NMR.



^2H NMR of $[\text{Cu}_8\text{D}_6\text{L}_6]^{2+} / \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$



^1H NMR proves that there are two types of hydrides in $[\text{Cu}_8\text{H}_6\text{L}_6]^{2+}$ (single peak at 4.6 ppm is attributed as $\mu_4\text{-H}$ and peak at 2.6 ppm is attributed as $\mu_3\text{-H}$). The broad peak of ^1H NMR at 2.6 ppm also proved the disorder of μ_3 hydrides, which was caused by fluxional hydrides has also been observed by previous work.^{2, 3}

^2H NMR of $[\text{Cu}_8\text{D}_6\text{L}_6]^{2+}$ in CH_2Cl_2 indicates that there are two types of deuterides in $[\text{Cu}_8\text{D}_6\text{L}_6]^{2+}$ (single peak at 5.1 ppm was attributed as μ_4 deuteride and peak at 2.4 ppm was attributed as μ_3 deuteride).

Figure S2 b: ^1H NMR of 2c, 2e, 3b, 3c in CD_2Cl_2 .

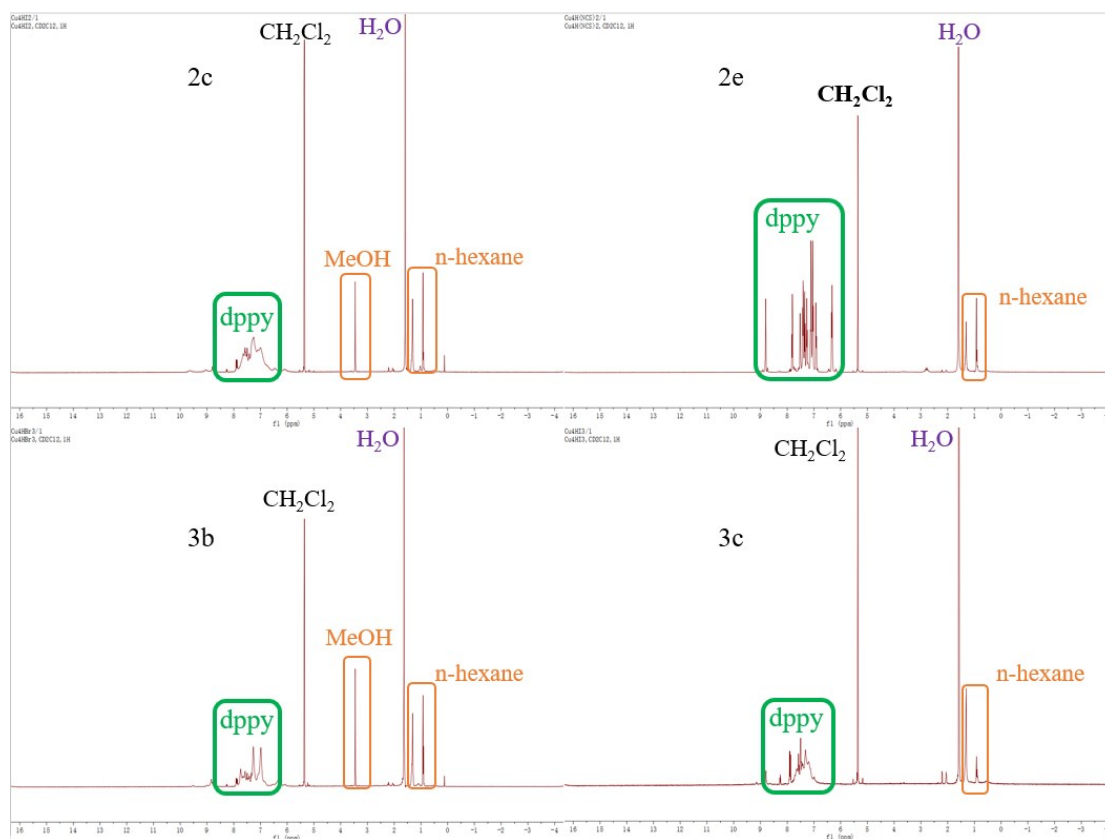
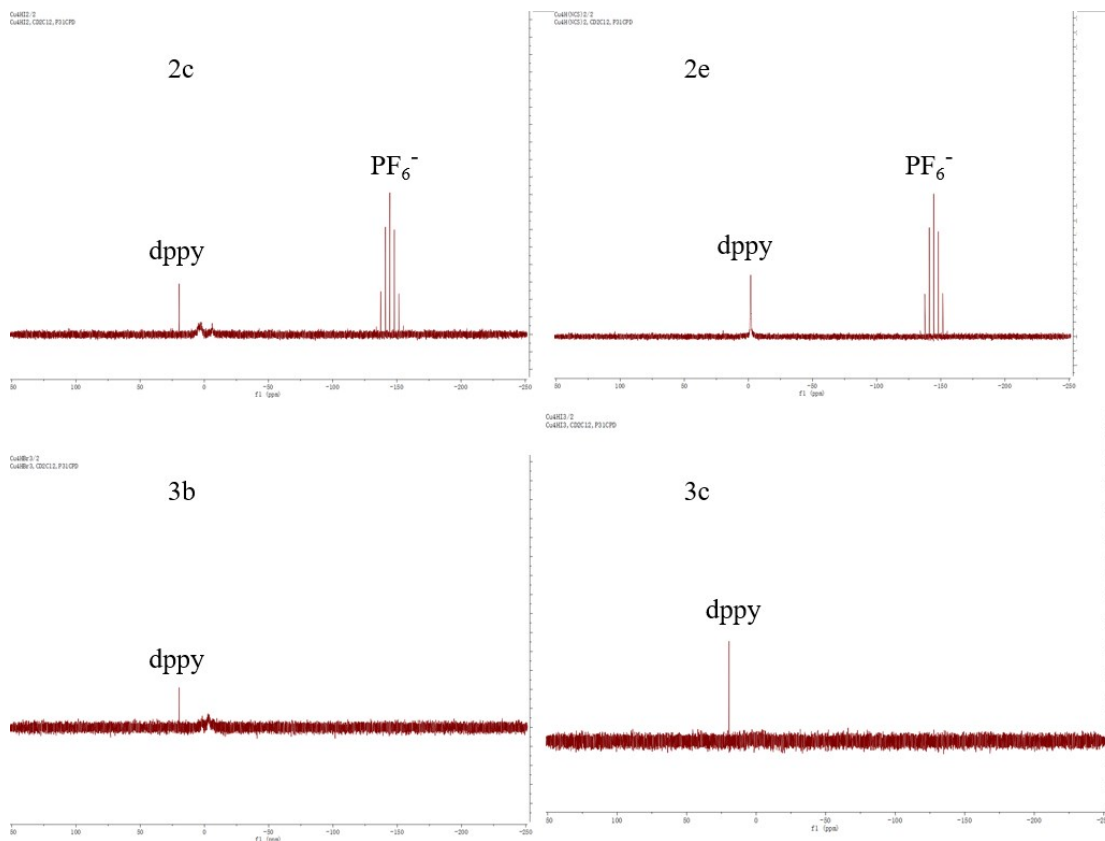
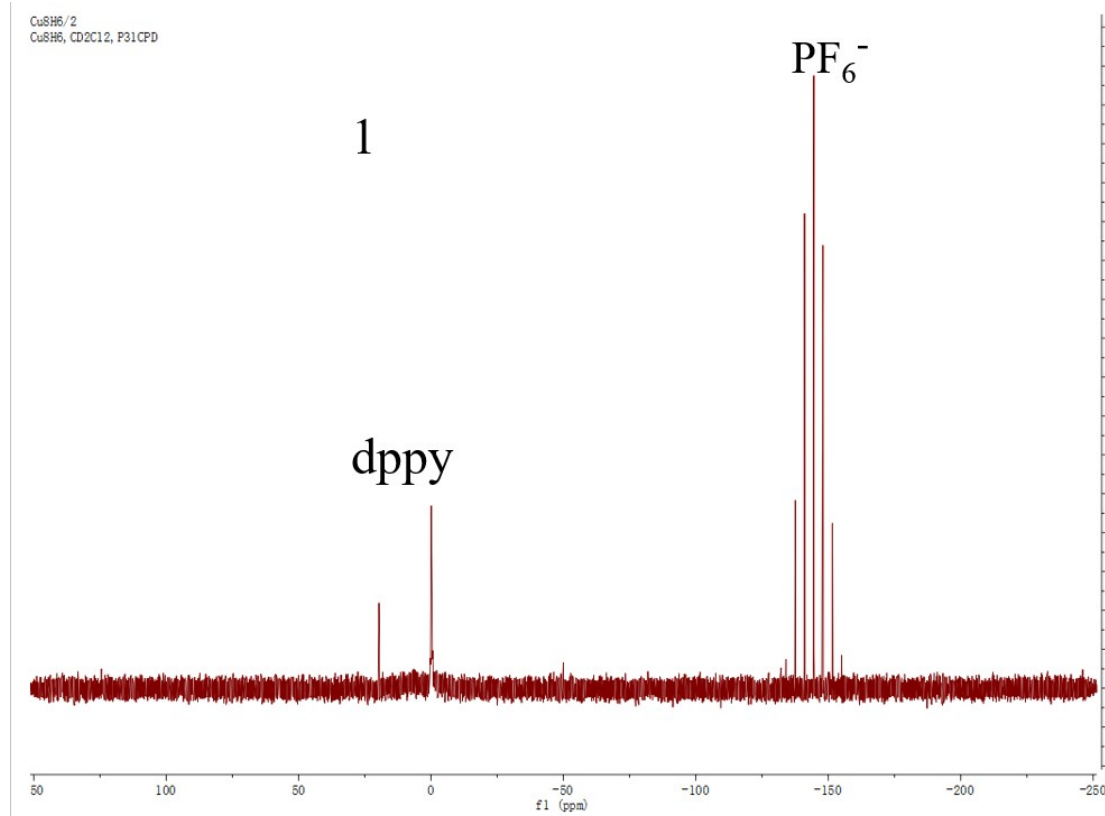
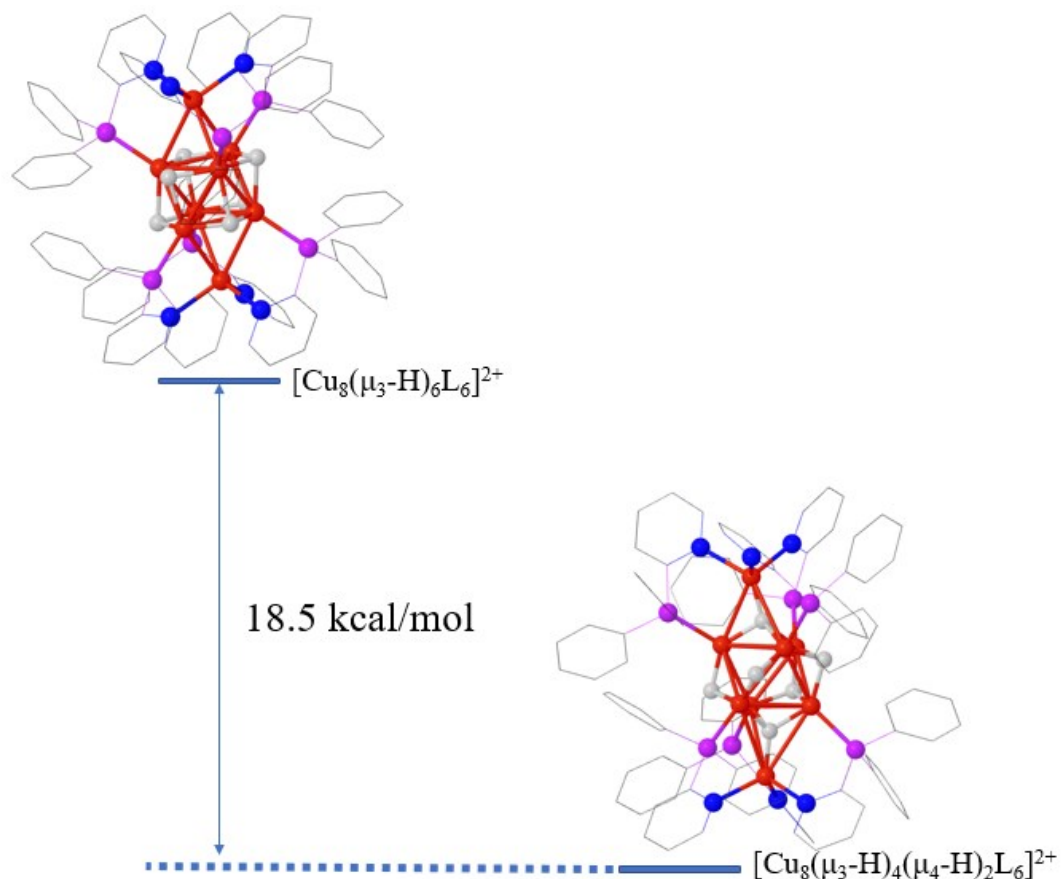


Figure S2 c: ^{31}P NMR of 1, 2c, 2e, 3b, 3c in CD_2Cl_2 .



DFT calculation

Figure S3: Density functional theory (DFT) calculations of $[\text{Cu}_8\text{H}_6\text{L}_6]^{2+}$.



Coordinate of $[\text{Cu}_8(\mu_3\text{-H})_6\text{L}_6]^{2+}$

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Coordinate of $[\text{Cu}_8(\mu_3\text{-H})_4(\mu_4\text{-H})_2\text{L}_6]^{2+}$

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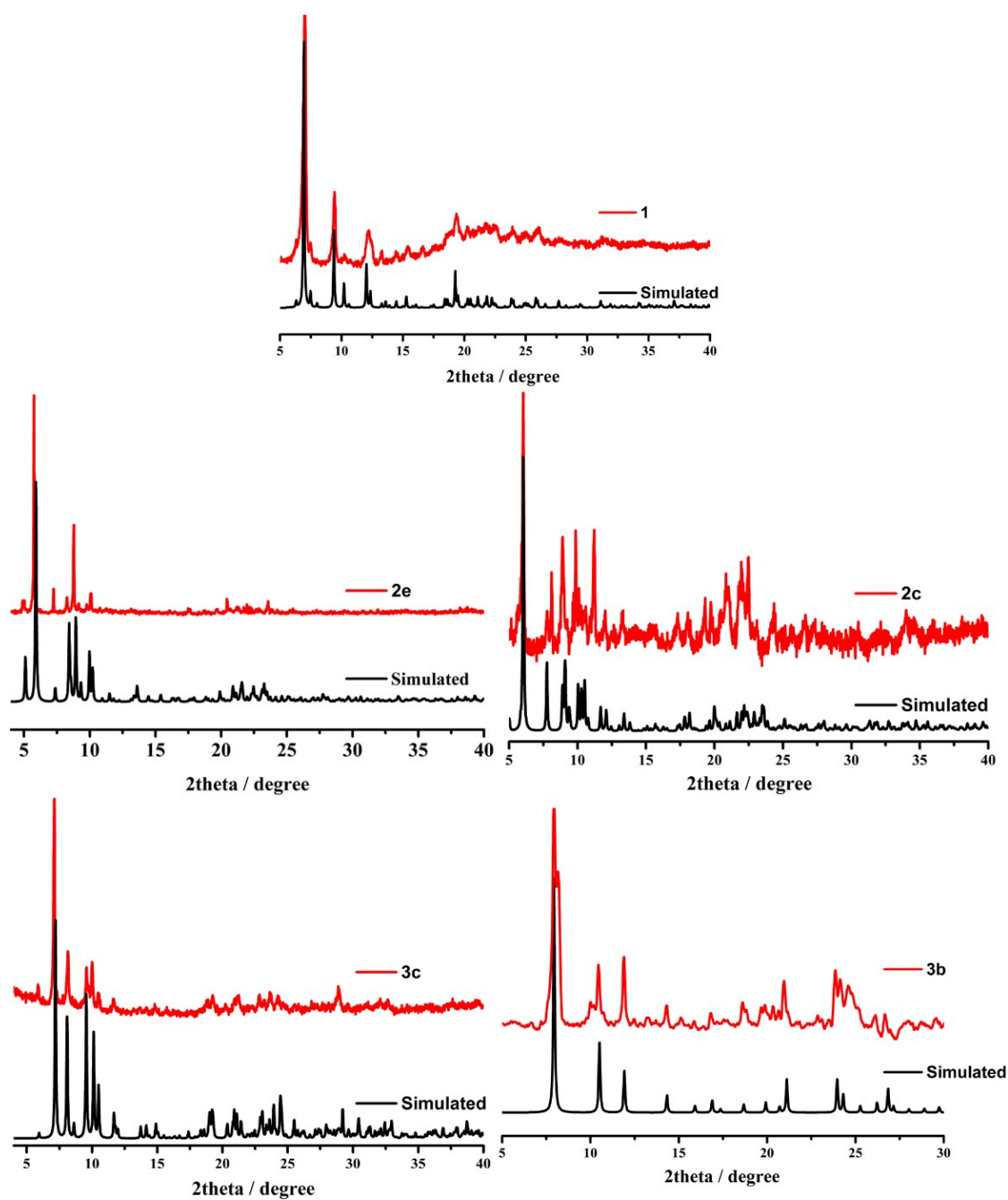
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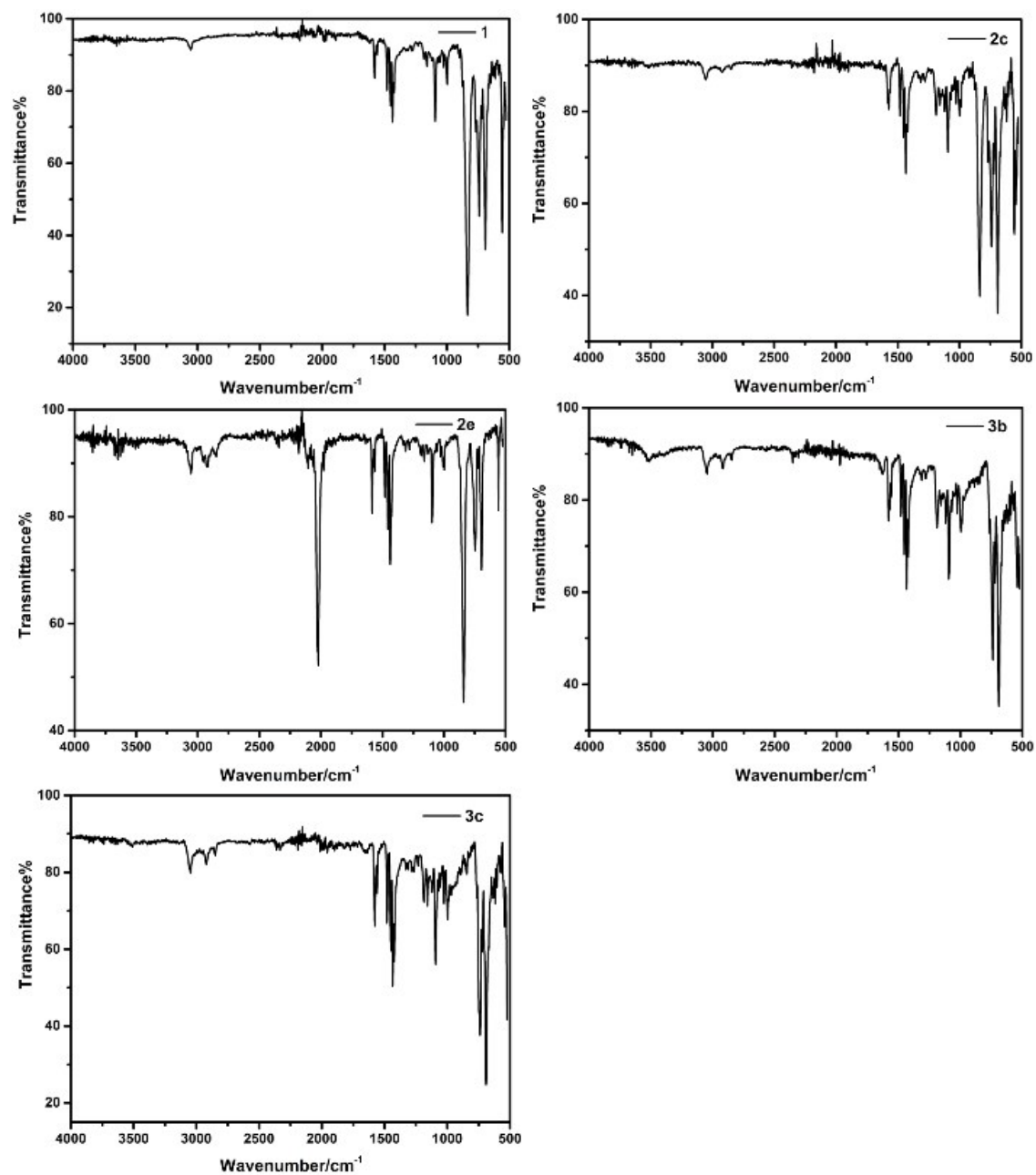
PXRD

Figure S4: Experimental and simulated PXRD patterns.



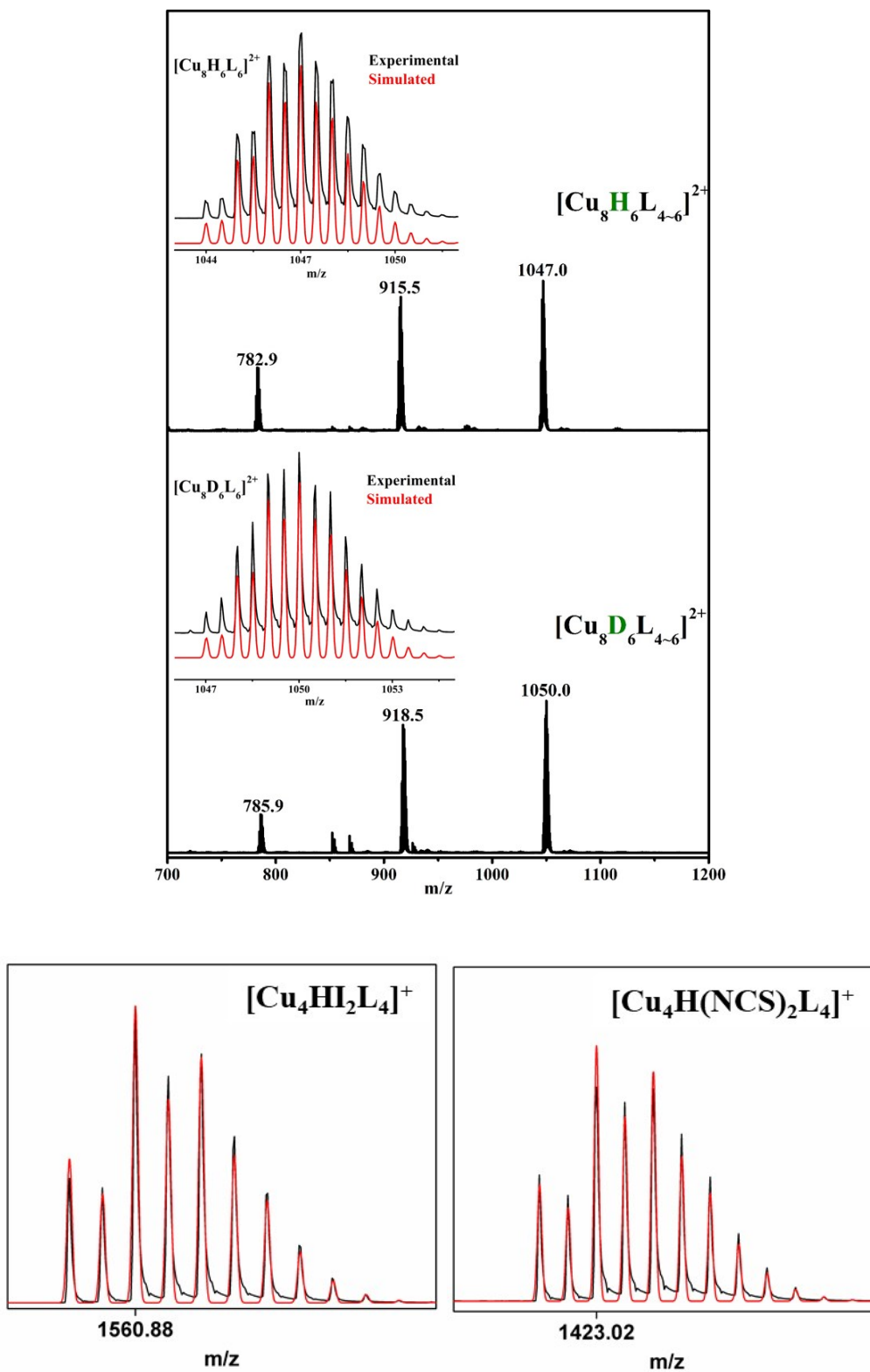
IR

Figure S5: The IR spectra.



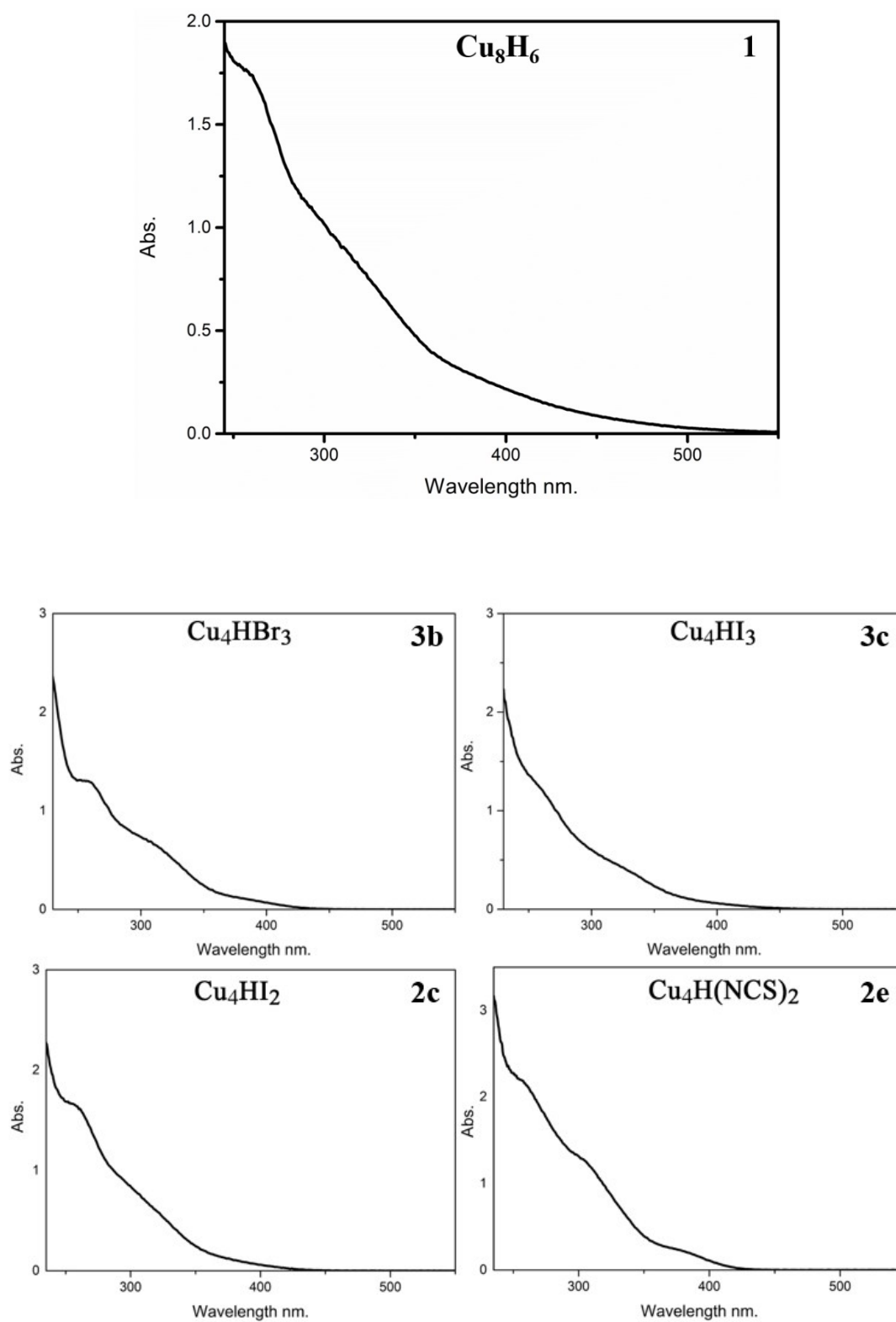
MS

Figure S6: ESI-TOF-MS of $[\text{Cu}_8\text{H}_6\text{L}_6]^{2+}$, $[\text{Cu}_8\text{D}_6\text{L}_6]^{2+}$, $[\text{Cu}_4\text{HI}_2\text{L}_4]^+$ and $[\text{Cu}_4\text{H}(\text{NCS})_2\text{L}_4]^+$.



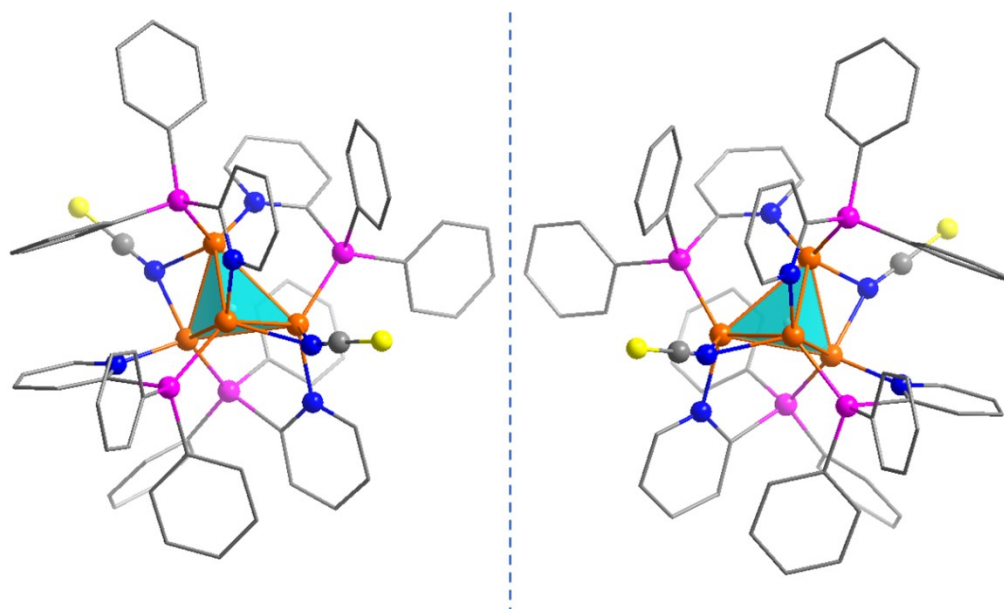
UV/Vis

Figure S7: UV/Vis absorption spectra of 1, 3b, 3c, 2c and 2e in dichloromethane solution.

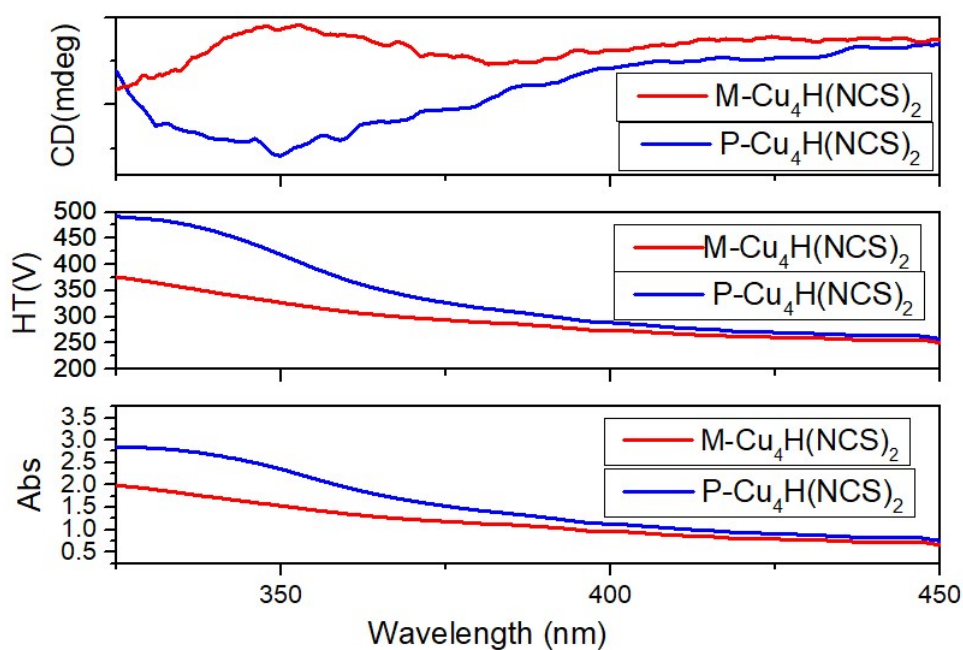


CD

Figure S8: CD of M -[Cu₄H(NCS)₂][PF₆] and P -[Cu₄H(NCS)₂][PF₆] enantiomers (From top to bottom are CD, voltage and absorption vs. wavelength (nm), respectively).



Enantiomers of [Cu₄H(NCS)₂]⁺ left: M , right: P .



Yellow crystals of M and P enantiomers of [Cu₄H(NCS)₂L₄][PF₆] were prepared as KBr pellets ($m_s : m_{\text{KBr}} = 1:200$) and the CD spectra were obtained in the 200-800 cm⁻¹ range using Jasco-810 spectrometer.

Structure figures

Figure S9: Enantiomers $[\text{Cu}_4\text{HBr}_3]$ (3b). Left: Λ Right: Δ .

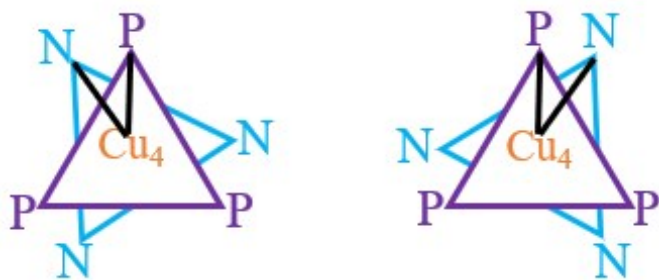
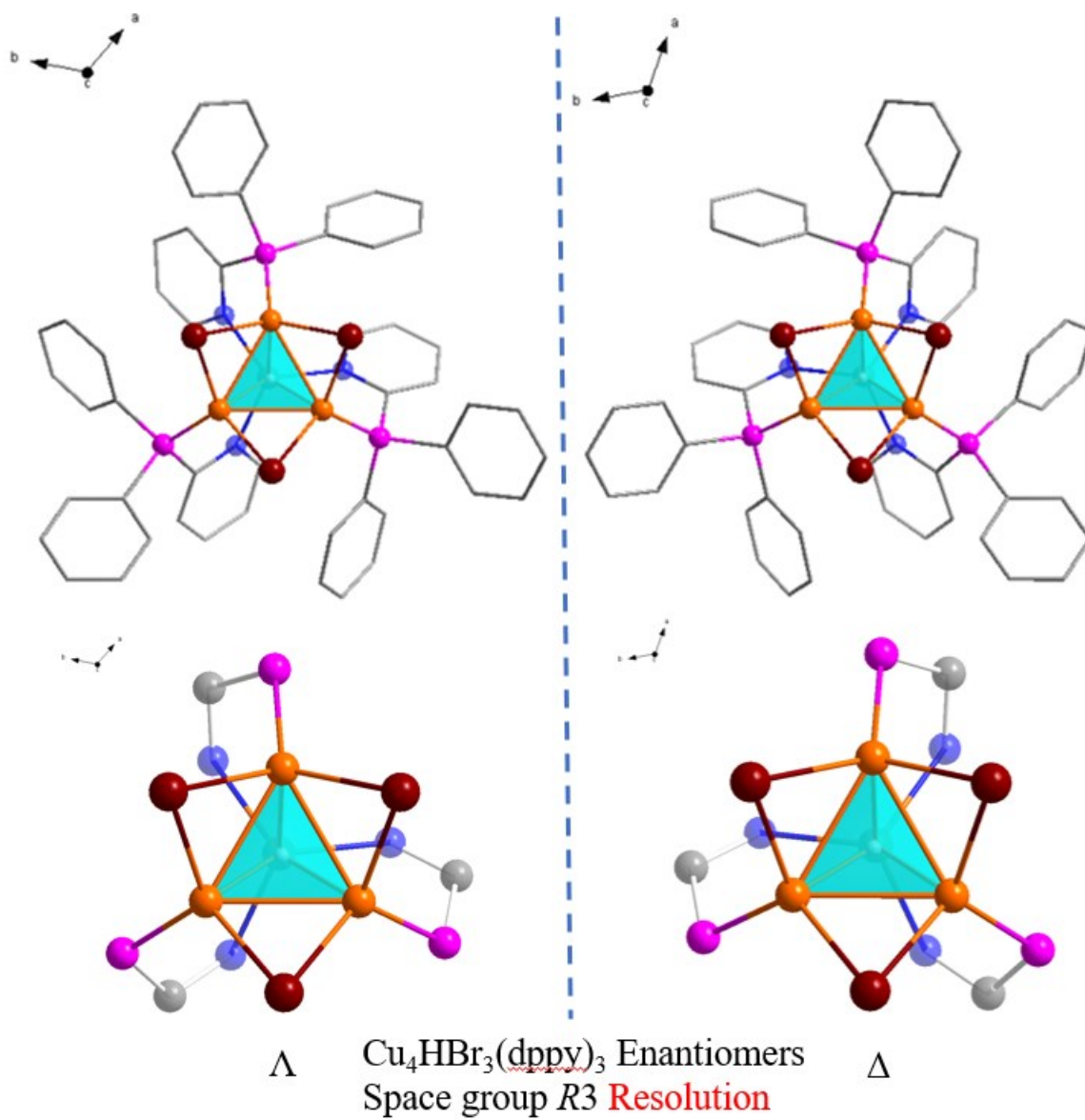


Figure S10: Different coordination mode of $[\text{Cu}_4\text{HX}_2\text{L}_4]^+$ clusters ($\text{X}^- = \text{Cl}^-$, Br^- , I^- , N_3^- , NCS^-).

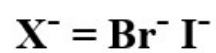
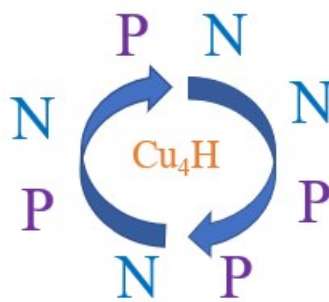
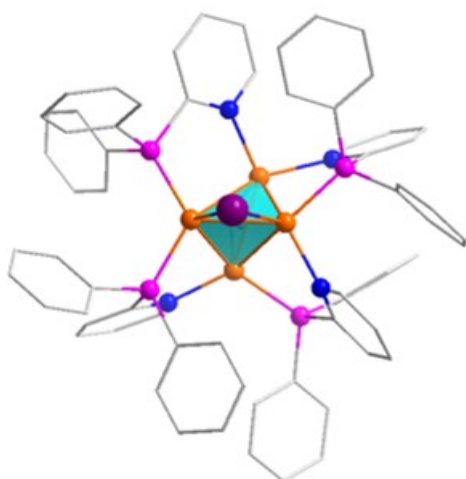
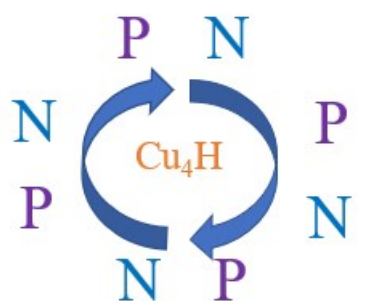
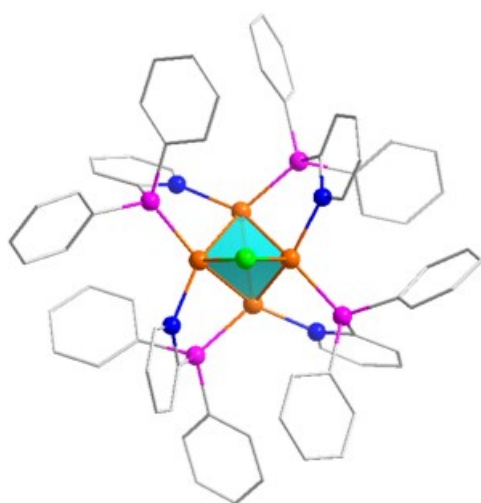


Figure S11: Packing of $[\text{Cu}_4\text{HBr}_3]$ Δ and Λ (3b) crystals.

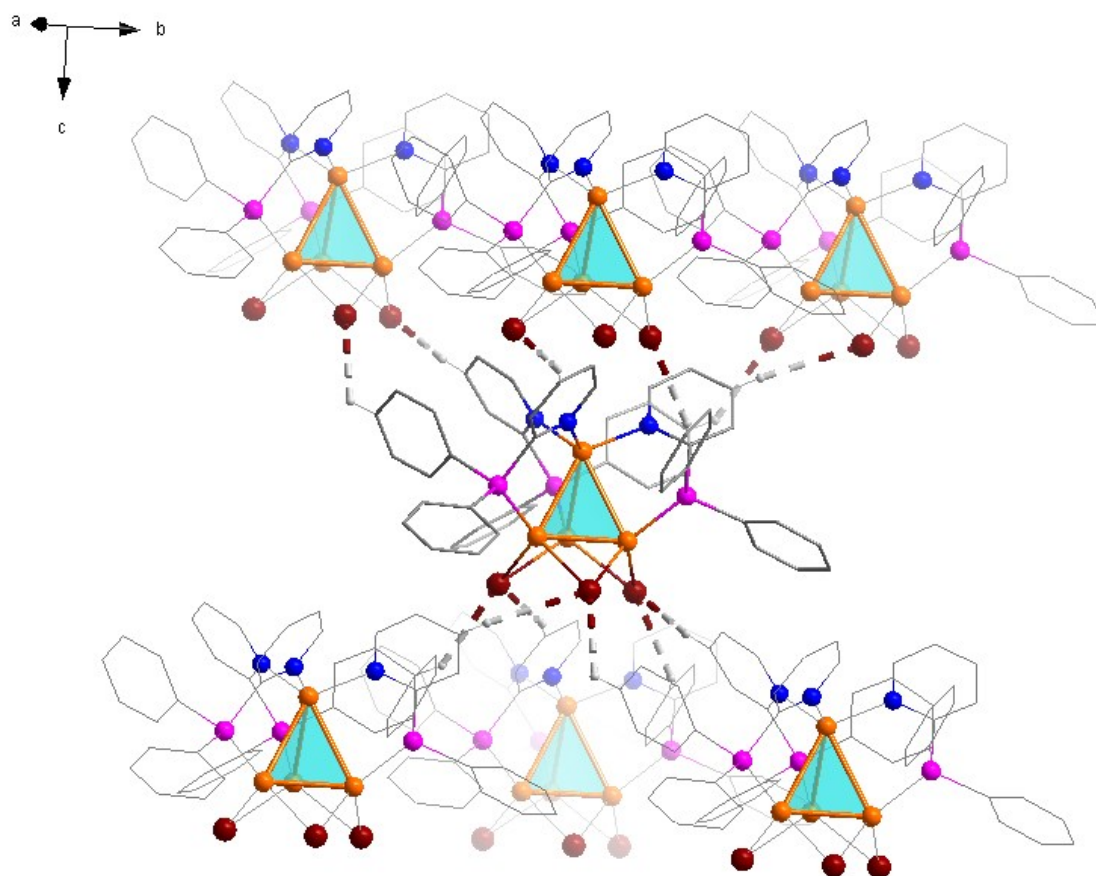
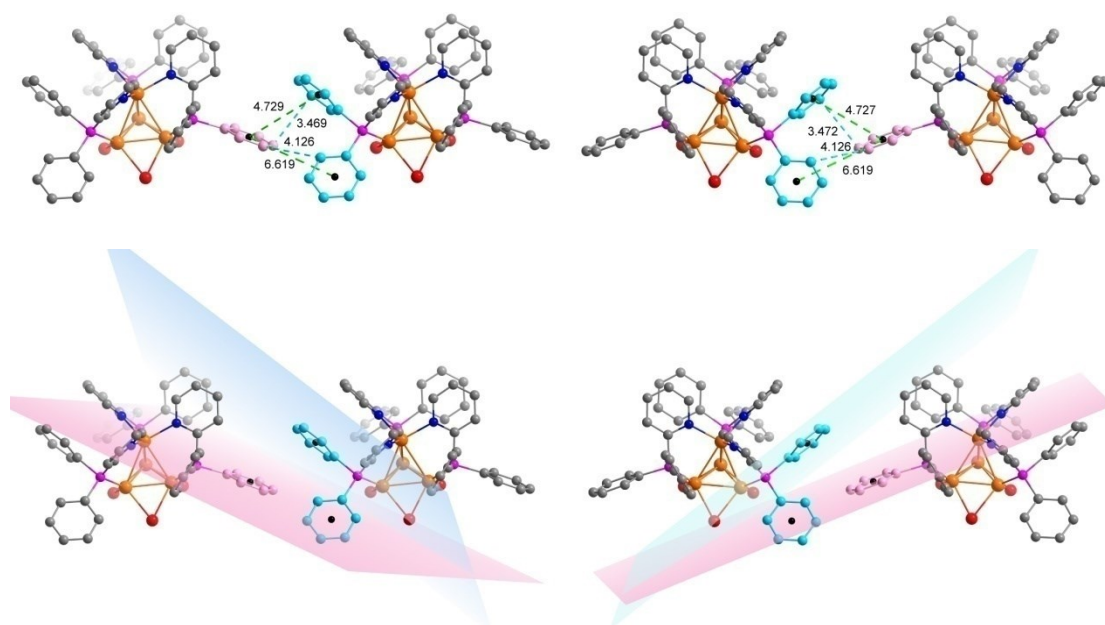
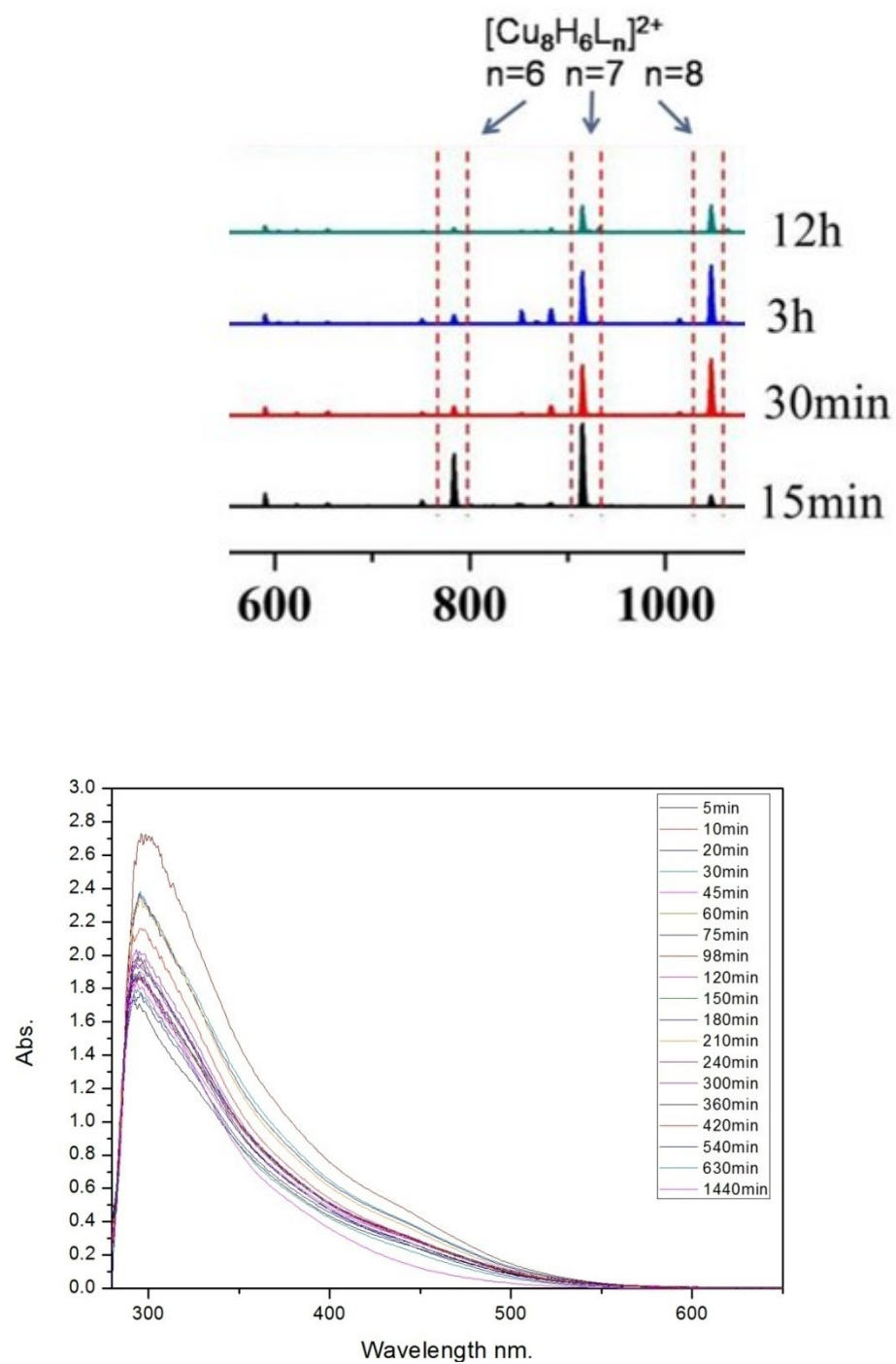


Figure S12: Short contacts in “key-and-lock” shape recognition in $[\text{Cu}_4\text{HBr}_3]$ Δ and Λ (3b) crystals.



MS and UV-Vis of 1

Figure S13: The MS and UV-Vis of the red reaction solution of 1.



Table

Table S1: Crystal data.

Name	[Cu ₈ H ₆ L ₆] ²⁺ 1	[Cu ₄ HCl ₂ L ₄] ⁺ 2a	[Cu ₄ HI ₂ L ₄] ⁺ 2c
CCDC	2039341	2039342	2039343
Moieties	[Cu ₈ H ₆ L ₆][PF ₆] ₂ ·2CH ₂ Cl ₂	[Cu ₄ HCl ₂ L ₄][PF ₆] ·2CH ₂ Cl ₂	[Cu ₄ HI ₂ L ₄][PF ₆] ·CH ₂ Cl ₂
Empirical formula	C ₁₀₄ H ₉₄ Cu ₈ N ₆ P ₈ F ₁₂ Cl ₄	C ₇₀ H ₆₁ Cu ₄ N ₄ P ₅ F ₆ Cl ₆	C ₆₉ H ₅₉ Cl ₂ Cu ₄ I ₂ N ₄ P ₅ F ₆
Formula weight	2553.73	1693.93	1791.91
<i>T</i> (K)	100(10)	100(10)	100(10)
Crystal system	<i>P</i> –3	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>c</i>	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>n</i>
Space group	Trigonal	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
<i>a</i> (Å)	25.4756(5)	13.7032(1)	16.4263(1)
<i>b</i> (Å)	25.4756(5)	26.1636(2)	12.0316(1)
<i>c</i> (Å)	13.9849(4)	20.0973(2)	35.2262(3)
<i>α</i> (°)	90	90	90
<i>β</i> (°)	90	96.232(1)	92.5280(10)
<i>γ</i> (°)	120	90	90
<i>V</i> (Å ³)	7860.3(4)	7162.8(1)	6955.14(9)
<i>Z</i>	3	4	4
<i>ρ</i> _{calcd} (g/cm ³)	1.617	1.571	1.711
<i>μ</i> (mm ^{–1})	4.434	4.955	10.644
<i>F</i> (000)	3856	3424	3544
Radiation (Å)	CuKα (λ = 1.54184)	CuKα (λ = 1.54184)	CuKα (λ = 1.54184)
Crystal size (mm)	0.12×0.02×0.02	0.20×0.20×0.20	0.20×0.20×0.10
<i>θ</i> limits (°)	3.160 to 66.739	3.658 to 78.166	2.921 to 75.941
Limiting indices	–27 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 29 –29 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 30 –16 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 16	–17 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 16 –32 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 32 –25 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 25	–20 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 20 –14 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 14 –43 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 43
Reflections / unique	22580 / 8942	53516 / 14837	51048 / 13832
<i>R</i> _{int}	0.0734	0.0391	0.0420
Completeness (%)	96.0	99.8	95.3
Data/restraints/parameters	8942 / 518 / 758	14837 / 0 / 897	13832 / 6 / 833
GooFs	1.004	1.048	1.032
<i>R</i> ₁ , <i>wR</i> ₂ [<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>)]	0.0771, 0.2070	0.0375, 0.0929	0.0315, 0.0783
<i>R</i> ₁ , <i>wR</i> ₂ (all data)	0.1232, 0.2365	0.0488, 0.1019	0.0363, 0.0817
Δρ (e·Å ^{–3})	1.553, –0.786	0.699, –0.818	1.010, –1.028

Continued Table S1: Crystal data. (1)

Name	[Cu ₄ H(N ₃) ₂ L ₄] ⁺ 2d	[Cu ₄ H(NCS) ₂ L ₄] ⁺ 2e (M)	[Cu ₄ H(NCS) ₂ L ₄] ⁺ 2e (P)
CCDC	2039344	2039345	2039346
Moieties	[Cu ₄ H(N ₃) ₂ L ₄][PF ₆] ·2CH ₂ Cl ₂	[Cu ₄ H(NCS) ₂ L ₄] [PF ₆]·1.25CH ₂ Cl ₂	[Cu ₄ H(NCS) ₂ L ₄] [PF ₆]·1.25CH ₂ Cl ₂
Empirical formula	C ₇₀ H ₆₁ Cu ₄ N ₁₀ P ₅ F ₆ Cl ₄	C _{71.25} H _{59.5} Cl _{2.5} Cu ₄ S ₂ N ₆ P ₅ F ₆	C _{71.25} H _{59.5} Cl _{2.5} Cu ₄ S ₂ N ₆ P ₅ F ₆
Formula weight	1707.09	1675.50	1675.50
<i>T</i> (K)	100(10)	100(10)	100(10)
Crystal system	<i>Cc</i>	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 ₁	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 ₁
Space group	Monoclinic	Orthorhombic	Orthorhombic
<i>a</i> (Å)	30.2978(2)	13.1572(2)	13.1571(2)
<i>b</i> (Å)	18.41230(10)	16.6001(2)	16.5948(2)
<i>c</i> (Å)	15.20620(10)	34.5546(5)	34.5954(4)
α (°)	90	90	90
β (°)	121.0420(10)	90	90
γ (°)	90	90	90
<i>V</i> (Å ³)	7267.98(10)	7547.10(18)	7553.54(17)
<i>Z</i>	4	4	4
ρ_{calcd} (g/cm ⁻³)	1.560	1.475	1.473
μ (mm ⁻¹)	4.254	4.096	4.093
<i>F</i> (000)	3456	3394	3394
Radiation (Å)	CuK α (λ = 1.54184)	CuK α (λ = 1.54184)	CuK α (λ = 1.54184)
Crystal size (mm)	0.30×0.20×0.10	0.20×0.20×0.10	0.30×0.20×0.10
θ limits (°)	2.935 to 76.974	2.953 to 78.032	2.554 to 76.958
Limiting indices	-37 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 38 -23 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 22 -18 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 19	-16 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 16 -21 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 21 -42 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 43	-15 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 15 -20 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 17 -38 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 43
Reflections / unique	95245 / 14260	43431 / 15466	46360 / 15033
<i>R</i> _{int}	0.0360	0.0506	0.0478
Completeness (%)	99.8	98.0	94.5
Data/restraints/parameters	14257 / 993 / 1003	15446 / 32 / 896	15033 / 608 / 896
GooFs	1.021	1.059	1.060
Flack parameter	0.016(12)	0.013(10)	-0.003(7)
<i>R</i> ₁ , <i>wR</i> ₂ [<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>)]	0.0409, 0.1089	0.0557, 0.1481	0.0387, 0.1005
<i>R</i> ₁ , <i>wR</i> ₂ (all data)	0.0424, 0.1100	0.0642, 0.1595	0.0428, 0.1039
$\Delta\rho$ (e·Å ⁻³)	1.09, -0.53	1.063, -1.204	1.120, -0.854

Continued Table S1: Crystal data. (2)

Name	[Cu ₄ HBr ₃ L ₃] 3b (Δ)DBM	[Cu ₄ HBr ₃ L ₃] 3b (Δ)DCM
CCDC	2039347	2039348
Moieties	[Cu ₄ HBr ₃ L ₃]·2CH ₂ Br ₂	[Cu ₄ HBr ₃ L ₃]·2CH ₂ Cl ₂
Empirical formula	C ₅₃ H ₄₇ Br ₇ Cu ₄ N ₃ P ₃	C ₅₃ H ₄₇ Br ₃ Cl ₄ Cu ₄ N ₃ P ₃
Formula weight	1632.37	1454.53
<i>T</i> (K)	100(10)	100(10)
Crystal system	<i>R</i> 3	<i>R</i> 3
Space group	Trigonal	Trigonal
<i>a</i> (Å)	14.9752(2)	14.8018(2)
<i>b</i> (Å)	14.9752(2)	14.8018(2)
<i>c</i> (Å)	22.1086(2)	22.1489(3)
<i>α</i> (°)	90	90
<i>β</i> (°)	90	90
<i>γ</i> (°)	120	120
<i>V</i> (Å ³)	4193.75(14)	4202.54(13)
<i>Z</i>	3	3
ρ_{calcd} (g/cm ⁻³)	1.894	1.724
μ (mm ⁻¹)	8.484	7.081
<i>F</i> (000)	2376	2160
Radiation (Å)	CuK α (λ = 1.54184)	CuK α (λ = 1.54184)
Crystal size (mm)	0.10×0.10×0.10	0.20×0.20×0.20
θ limits (°)	3.952 to 78.290	3.984 to 73.099
Limiting indices	$-18 \leq h \leq 18$ $-18 \leq k \leq 17$ $-27 \leq l \leq 27$	$-17 \leq h \leq 17$ $-18 \leq k \leq 17$ $-26 \leq l \leq 26$
Reflections / unique	34214 / 4056	9131 / 3463
<i>R</i> _{int}	0.0446	0.0233
Completeness (%)	99.6	95.7
Data/restraints/parameters	4056 / 7 / 242	3463 / 1 / 234
GooFs	1.047	1.055
Flack parameter	-0.017(10)	-0.010(9)
<i>R</i> ₁ , <i>wR</i> ₂ [<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>)]	0.0348, 0.0841	0.0259, 0.0624
<i>R</i> ₁ , <i>wR</i> ₂ (all data)	0.0363, 0.0851	0.0272, 0.0631
$\Delta\rho$ (e·Å ⁻³)	0.920, -0.590	0.606, -0.837

Continued Table S1: Crystal data. (3)

Name	[Cu ₄ HBr ₃ L ₃] 3b (Λ)DBM	[Cu ₄ HBr ₃ L ₃] 3b (Λ)DCM	[Cu ₄ HI ₃ L ₃] 3c
	2039349	2039350	2039351
Moieties	[Cu ₄ HBr ₃ L ₃] ·2CH ₂ Br ₂	[Cu ₄ HBr ₃ L ₃] ·2CH ₂ Cl ₂	[Cu ₄ HI ₃ L ₃] ·1.5CH ₂ Cl ₂
Empirical formula	C ₅₃ H ₄₇ Br ₇ Cu ₄ N ₃ P ₃	C ₅₃ H ₄₇ Br ₃ Cl ₄ Cu ₄ N ₃ P ₃	C _{52.5} H ₄₆ Cl ₃ Cu ₄ I ₃ N ₃ P ₃
Formula weight	1632.37	1454.53	1553.04
<i>T</i> (K)	203(2)	100(10)	100(10)
Crystal system	<i>R</i> 3	<i>R</i> 3	<i>Fdd</i> 2
Space group	Trigonal	Trigonal	Orthorhombic
<i>a</i> (Å)	14.9436(8)	14.7989(2)	49.0830(4)
<i>b</i> (Å)	14.9436(8)	14.7989(2)	37.3456(3)
<i>c</i> (Å)	22.1101(11)	22.1361(3)	11.73950(10)
α (°)	90	90	90
β (°)	90	90	90
γ (°)	120	120	90
<i>V</i> (Å ³)	4275.9(5)	4198.46(13)	21518.9(3)
<i>Z</i>	3	3	16
ρ_{calcd} (g/cm ³)	1.902	1.726	1.917
μ (mm ⁻¹)	6.500	7.088	17.816
<i>F</i> (000)	2376	2160	12048
Radiation (Å)	MoK α (λ =0.71073)	CuK α (λ = 1.54184)	CuK α (λ = 1.54184)
Crystal size (mm)	0.13×0.12×0.10	0.20×0.20×0.20	0.05×0.05×0.02
θ limits (°)	1.823 to 28.732	3.986 to 76.678	2.974 to 77.008
Limiting indices	$-20 \leq h \leq 19$ $-20 \leq k \leq 19$ $-28 \leq l \leq 29$	$-17 \leq h \leq 18$ $-18 \leq k \leq 15$ $-27 \leq l \leq 27$	$-60 \leq h \leq 34$ $-46 \leq k \leq 47$ $-12 \leq l \leq 14$
Reflections / unique	12357 / 4511	10098 / 3703	25721 / 9639
<i>R</i> _{int}	0.0248	0.0264	0.0294
Completeness (%)	95.0	97.0	96.6
Data/restraints/parameters	4511 / 343 / 298	3703 / 7 / 234	9639 / 1 / 622
GooFs	1.000	1.076	1.050
Flack parameter	0.013(5)	-0.031(11)	\
<i>R</i> ₁ , <i>wR</i> ₂ [<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>)]	0.0302, 0.0597	0.0283, 0.0654	0.0214, 0.0563
<i>R</i> ₁ , <i>wR</i> ₂ (all data)	0.0390, 0.0612	0.0309, 0.0679	0.0232, 0.0568
$\Delta\rho$ (e·Å ⁻³)	0.506, -0.304	0.608, -0.918	0.490, -0.670

Table S2: Cu–Cu and Cu–H distances of all clusters.

[Cu ₈ H ₆ L ₆][PF ₆] ₂ 1			
Cu – Cu	Length (Å)	Cu – H	Length (Å)
Cu1 – Cu4 ¹	2.7760(18)	Cu1 – HA	1.639(12)
Cu1 – Cu4	2.7760(18)	Cu2 – HA	1.640(5)
Cu1 – Cu4 ²	2.7760(18)	Cu4 – HD	1.650(12)
Cu3 – Cu5 ¹	2.8152(19)	Cu3 – HD	1.649(5)
Cu3 – Cu5	2.8152(19)	Cu2 – H	1.59(4)
Cu3 – Cu5 ²	2.8152(19)	Cu3 – H	1.59(4)
Cu4 – Cu4 ¹	2.5575(18)	Cu2 – HC	1.71(5)
Cu4 – Cu4 ²	2.5575(18)	Cu3 – HC	1.70(5)
Cu4 – Cu5 ²	2.5948(16)	Cu5 – HE	1.81(12)
Cu4 – Cu5	2.5939(15)	Cu6 – HE	1.60(5)
Cu5 – Cu5 ²	2.5416(19)	Cu6 – HF	1.63(4)
Cu5 – Cu5 ¹	2.5416(19)		
Cu2 – Cu6	2.8346(19)		
Cu2 – Cu6 ³	2.835(2)		
Cu2 – Cu6 ⁴	2.835(2)		
Cu6 – Cu6 ⁵	2.621(2)		
Cu6 – Cu6 ³	2.5564(18)		
Cu6 – Cu6 ⁴	2.5564(18)		
Cu6 – Cu6 ⁶	2.621(2)		
Average Type A	2.67	Average Type A	1.639
Average Type B	2.647	Average Type B	1.6463

¹ 1-y, +x-y, +z; ² 1+y-x, 1-x, +z; ³ 1+y-x, 2-x, +z;
⁴ 2-y, 1+x-y, +z; ⁵ 1-y+x, +x, 1-z; ⁶ +y, 1-x+y, 1-z.

[Cu ₄ HI ₂ L ₄][PF ₆] 2c			
Cu–Cu	Length (Å)	Cu–H	Length (Å)
Cu1 – Cu2	2.6380(6)	Cu1 – H	1.712(12)
Cu4 – Cu3	2.6772(6)	Cu2 – H	1.726(12)
Cu1 – Cu3	2.6261(6)	Cu3 – H	1.724(13)
Cu2 – Cu4	2.8309(6)	Cu4 – H	1.717(12)
Cu2 – Cu3	2.9977(6)		
Cu1 – Cu4	3.0354(6)		
Average	2.802	Average	1.7198

Continued Table S2: Cu–Cu and Cu–H distances of all clusters. (1)

[Cu ₄ H(N ₃) ₂ L ₄][PF ₆] 2d			
Cu–Cu	Length (Å)	Cu–H	Length (Å)
Cu1 – Cu2	2.8776(10)	Cu1 – H	1.727(9)
Cu2 – Cu3	2.6423(11)	Cu2 – H	1.724(9)
Cu1 – Cu3	2.9108(10)	Cu3 – H	1.724(9)
Cu1 – Cu4	2.6356(10)	Cu4 – H	1.726(9)
Cu2 – Cu4	2.8212(10)		
Cu4 – Cu3	2.9872(11)		
Average	2.8125	Average	1.725

[Cu ₄ H(NCS) ₂ L ₄][PF ₆] (M) 2e			
Cu–Cu	Length (Å)	Cu–Cu	Length (Å)
Cu1 – Cu2	2.9800(13)	Cu1 – H	1.728(17)
Cu1 – Cu4	2.9229(13)	Cu2 – H	1.736(17)
Cu1 – Cu3	2.5890(13)	Cu3 – H	1.733(18)
Cu2 – Cu4	2.6871(14)	Cu4 – H	1.738(17)
Cu2 – Cu3	2.8549(14)		
Cu4 – Cu3	2.9238(14)		
Average	2.8263	Average	1.734

[Cu ₄ H(NCS) ₂ L ₄][PF ₆] (P) 2e			
Cu–Cu	Length (Å)	Cu–Cu	Length (Å)
Cu1 – Cu2	2.9859(9)	Cu1 – H	1.731(17)
Cu1 – Cu4	2.9170(9)	Cu2 – H	1.737(17)
Cu1 – Cu3	2.5914(9)	Cu3 – H	1.732(17)
Cu2 – Cu4	2.6876(9)	Cu4 – H	1.735(17)
Cu2 – Cu3	2.8612(9)		
Cu4 – Cu3	2.9170(9)		
Average	2.8267	Average	1.734

[Cu ₄ HBr ₃ L ₃]·CH ₂ Br ₂ (Δ) 3b			
Cu–Cu	Length (Å)	Cu–H	Length (Å)
Cu1 – Cu2 ²	2.9083(11)	Cu1 – H	1.51(16)
Cu1 – Cu2	2.9082(11)	Cu2 ² – H	1.80(9)
Cu1 – Cu2 ¹	2.9083(11)	Cu2 ¹ – H	1.80(9)
Cu2 – Cu2 ¹	2.6235(11)		
Cu2 – Cu2 ²	2.6235(11)		
Average	2.7659	Average	1.729

¹ +y-x, 1-x, +z; ² 1-y, 1+x-y, +z.

Continued Table S2: Cu–Cu and Cu–H distances of all clusters. (2)

[Cu ₄ HBr ₃ L ₃]·CH ₂ Cl ₂ (Δ) 3b			
Cu–Cu	Length (Å)	Cu–H	Length (Å)
Cu1 – Cu2 ²	2.9083(11)	Cu1 – H	1.814(10)
Cu1 – Cu2	2.9082(11)	Cu2 ² – H	1.656(4)
Cu1 – Cu2 ¹	2.9083(11)	Cu2 ¹ – H	1.656(4)
Cu2 – Cu2 ¹	2.6235(11)		
Cu2 – Cu2 ²	2.6235(11)		
Average	2.7659	Average	1.696
¹ +y-x, 1-x, +z; ² 1-y, 1+x-y, +z.			

[Cu ₄ HBr ₃ L ₃]·CH ₂ Br ₂ (Λ) 3b			
Cu–Cu	Length (Å)	Cu–H	Length (Å)
Cu1 – Cu2 ²	2.9073(12)	Cu1 – H	1.71(5)
Cu1 – Cu2	2.9073(12)	Cu2 ² – H	1.65(11)
Cu1 – Cu2 ¹	2.9073(12)	Cu2 ¹ – H	1.65(11)
Cu2 – Cu2 ²	2.6227(12)		
Cu2 – Cu2 ¹	2.6227(13)		
Average	2.765	Average	1.665
¹ 1-y, 1+x-y, +z; ² +y-x, 1-x, +z			

[Cu ₄ HBr ₃ L ₃]·CH ₂ Cl ₂ (Λ) 3b			
Cu–Cu	Length (Å)	Cu–Cu	Length (Å)
Cu1 – Cu2 ²	2.9073(12)	Cu1 – H	1.706(17)
Cu1 – Cu2	2.9073(12)	Cu2 ² – H	1.701(8)
Cu1 – Cu2 ¹	2.9073(12)	Cu2 ¹ – H	1.701(8)
Cu2 – Cu2 ²	2.6227(12)		
Cu2 – Cu2 ¹	2.6227(13)		
Average	2.765	Average	1.702
¹ 1-y, 1+x-y, +z; ² +y-x, 1-x, +z			

[Cu ₄ HI ₃ L ₃] 3c			
Cu–Cu	Length (Å)	Cu–H	Length (Å)
Cu1 – Cu2	2.6639(10)	Cu1 – H	1.63(8)
Cu2 – Cu3	2.6231(9)	Cu2 – H	1.79(8)
Cu1 – Cu3	2.6683(10)	Cu3 – H	1.62(8)
Cu1 – Cu4	2.8842(10)	Cu4 – H	1.79(8)
Cu2 – Cu4	2.9068(10)		
Cu4 – Cu3	2.9310(10)		
Average	2.7796	Average	1.708

Table S3: Crystal information of Cu₄H clusters.

	Space group	Z	Cell volume/Å ³	Racemic /Enantiomeric
[Cu ₄ HCl ₂ L ₄] ⁺	<i>P2₁/c</i>	4	7162.80	Racemic crystal
[Cu ₄ HBr ₂ L ₄] ⁺	<i>P</i> -1	2	3667.0	Racemic crystal
[Cu ₄ HI ₂ L ₄] ⁺	<i>P2₁/n</i>	4	6955.14	Racemic crystal
[Cu ₄ H(N ₃) ₂ L ₄] ⁺	<i>Cc</i>	4	7267.98	Racemic crystal
[Cu ₄ H(NCS) ₂ L ₄] ⁺ <i>M</i>	<i>P2₁2₁2₁</i>	4	7574.10	Enantiomeric crystals
[Cu ₄ H(NCS) ₂ L ₄] ⁺ <i>P</i>	<i>P2₁2₁2₁</i>	4	7553.54	Enantiomeric crystals
[Cu ₄ HBr ₃ L ₃] Δ	<i>R3</i>	3	4202.54	Enantiomeric crystals
[Cu ₄ HBr ₃ L ₃] Λ	<i>R3</i>	3	4198.46	Enantiomeric crystals
[Cu ₄ HI ₃ L ₃]	<i>Fdd2</i>	16	21518.9	Racemic crystal

* [Cu₄HBr₂L₄]⁺ was determined at 203 K. The other data were determined at 100 K.

Table S4: Neighboring clusters' hydrogen bonds of Cu₄ clusters (Å, °).

2a [Cu₄HCl₂L₄]⁺ (<i>P2₁/c</i>)				
A...H-D	d(D-H)	d(H...A)	d(D...A)	∠ (DHA)
Cl1...H49-C49 ⁱ	0.950	2.868	3.557	130.229
Cl1...H60-C60 ⁱⁱ	0.950	3.740	4.513	140.450
Cl2...H66-C66 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.950	2.997	3.694	131.379
Cl2...H10-C10 ^{iv}	0.950	3.024	3.752	134.521

ⁱ 1-x, 1-y, 1-z; ⁱⁱ +x, 1/2-y, 1/2+z; ⁱⁱⁱ 1-x, 1-y, -z; ^{iv} +x, 1/2-y, -1/2+z.

2b [Cu₄HBr₂L₄]⁺ (<i>P</i>-1)				
A...H-D	d(D-H)	d(H...A)	d(D...A)	∠ (DHA)
Br1...H56A-C56 ⁱ	0.94	2.863	3.588	134.733
Br2...H38A-C38 ⁱⁱ	0.94	2.783	3.445	128.292

ⁱ 1-x, -y, 1-z; ⁱⁱ 1-x, 1-y, -z.

2c [Cu₄HI₂L₄]⁺ (<i>P2₁/n</i>)				
A...H-D	d(D-H)	d(H...A)	d(D...A)	∠ (DHA)
I1...H49-C49 ⁱ	0.930	3.233	3.977	138.437
I1...H60-C60 ⁱⁱ	0.930	3.273	3.713	111.290
I2...H13-C13 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.930	3.382	3.779	108.344
I2...H24-C24 ^{iv}	0.930	3.221	3.855	127.141

ⁱ +x, -1+y, +z; ⁱⁱ +x, 1/2-y, 1/2+z; ⁱⁱⁱ +x, 1+y, +z; ^{iv} -x, 1-y, 1-z.

Continued Table S4: Neighboring clusters' hydrogen bonds for Cu₄ clusters (Å, °). (1)

2e [Cu₄H(NCS)₂L₄]⁺ (M) (P2₁2₁2₁)				
A...H-D	d(D-H)	d(H...A)	d(D...A)	∠(DHA)
S1...H47-C47 ⁱ	0.950	3.081	3.799	133.582
S1...H32-C32 ⁱⁱ	0.950	2.854	3.629	139.561
S2...H4-C4 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.950	3.008	3.804	142.282
S2...H9-C9 ^{iv}	0.950	3.022	3.876	150.267

ⁱ 1/2+x, 3/2-y, 1-z; ⁱⁱ 1+x, +y, +z; ⁱⁱⁱ 1-x, 1/2+y, 3/2-z; ^{iv} -1+x, +y, +z.

2e [Cu₄H(NCS)₂L₄]⁺ (P) (P2₁2₁2₁)				
A...H-D	d(D-H)	d(H...A)	d(D...A)	∠(DHA)
S1...H2-C2 ⁱ	0.950	3.010	3.792	142.743
S1...H9-C9 ⁱⁱ	0.950	3.045	3.880	150.105
S2...H32-C32 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.950	2.855	3.631	141.710
S2...H47-C47 ^{iv}	0.950	3.080	3.795	135.013

ⁱ 1-x, -1/2+y, 1/2-z; ⁱⁱ 1+x, +y, +z; ⁱⁱⁱ -1+x, +y, +z; ^{iv} -1/2+x, 3/2-y, 1-z.

3b [Cu₄HBr₃L₃] (R3)(Δ)				
A...H-D	d(D-H)	d(H...A)	d(D...A)	∠(DHA)
Br1...H9-C9 ⁱ	0.930	2.866	3.524	128.815

ⁱ -1/3+x, -2/3+y, 1/3+z.

3b [Cu₄HBr₃L₃] (R3)(Λ)				
A...H-D	d(D-H)	d(H...A)	d(D...A)	∠(DHA)
Br1...H15-C15 ⁱ	0.950	2.850	3.523	128.726

ⁱ 2/3+x, 1/3+y, 1/3+z.

3c [Cu₄HI₃L₃] (Fdd2)				
A...H-D	d(D-H)	d(H...A)	d(D...A)	∠(DHA)
I1...H43-C43 ⁱ	0.930	3.095	3.839	138.248
I1...H22-C22 ⁱⁱ	0.930	3.228	3.886	129.438
I2...H50-C50 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.930	3.256	3.806	119.888
I2...H9-C9 ^{iv}	0.930	3.195	4.078	159.116
I3...H37-C37 ^v	0.930	2.945	3.713	140.899

ⁱ -1/4+x, 5/4-y, 1/4+z; ⁱⁱ 1-x, 3/2-y, 1/2+z; ⁱⁱⁱ 5/4-x, -1/4+y, -1/4+z;

^{iv} 5/4-x, -1/4+y, 3/4+z; ^v +x, +y, -1+z.

Table S5: Short contacts in Key-lock relationship, π - π distances Å, angles °.

	[Cu ₄ HBr ₃ L ₃] Δ	[Cu ₄ HBr ₃ L ₃] Λ
Shortest C-C ring1-ring2	3.469	3.472
d center1-center2	4.729	4.727
d center2-plane1	3.683	3.683
θ	38.8	38.8
Dihedral angle plane1-plane2	28.4	28.2

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