

# Encapsulation of tricopper cluster in a protein-like cavitand enables facile redox processes from Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup> to Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>II</sup> states

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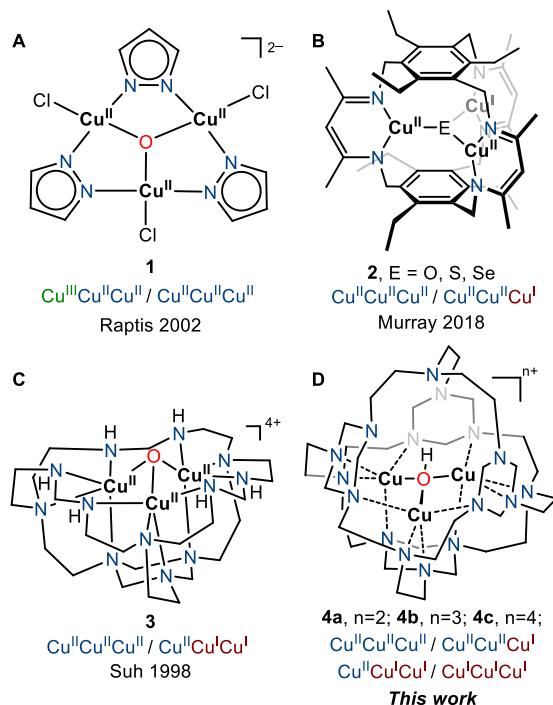
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**ABSTRACT:** One-pot reaction of tris(2-aminoethyl)amine (TREN), [Cu<sup>I</sup>(MeCN)<sub>4</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub>, and paraformaldehyde affords a mixed-valent [TREN<sub>4</sub>Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>(μ<sub>3</sub>-OH)](PF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>3</sub> complex. The macrocyclic azacryptand **TREN<sub>4</sub>** contains four TREN motifs, three of which provide a bowl-shape binding pocket for the [Cu<sub>3</sub>(μ<sub>3</sub>-OH)]<sup>3+</sup> core. The fourth TREN caps on top of the tricopper cluster to form a cavitand, imposing conformational constraints and preventing solvent interaction. Contrasting the limited redox capability of synthetic tricopper complexes reported so far, [TREN<sub>4</sub>Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>(μ<sub>3</sub>-OH)](PF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>3</sub> exhibits several reversible single-electron redox events. The distinct electrochemical behaviors of [TREN<sub>4</sub>Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>(μ<sub>3</sub>-OH)](PF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>3</sub> and its solvent-exposed analog [TREN<sub>3</sub>Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>II</sup>(μ<sub>3</sub>-O)](PF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>4</sub> suggest that isolation of tricopper core in a protein-like cavitand enables facile electron transfer, allowing potential application of synthetic tricopper complexes as redox catalysts. Indeed, the fully reduced [TREN<sub>4</sub>Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>(μ<sub>3</sub>-OH)](PF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub> can reduce O<sub>2</sub> under acidic conditions. The geometric constraints provided by the cavitand are reminiscent of Nature's multicopper oxidases (MCOs). For the first time, a synthetic tricopper cluster was isolated and fully characterized at Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup> (**4a**), Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup> (**4b**), and Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup> (**4c**) state, providing structural and spectroscopic models for many intermediates in MCOs. Fast electron transfer rates (10<sup>5</sup> - 10<sup>6</sup> M<sup>-1</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>) were observed for both Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>/Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup> and Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>/Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup> redox couples, approaching the rapid electron transfer rates of copper sites in MCO.

## INTRODUCTION

Synthetic tricopper clusters have been a prominent synthetic target for (bio)inorganic community over the past few decades,<sup>1–9</sup> since tricopper centers were identified/proposed as essential active sites for biological reduction of O<sub>2</sub> to H<sub>2</sub>O in multicopper oxidase (MCO)<sup>10,11</sup> and aerobic hydroxylation of methane in particulate methane monooxygenase (pMMO).<sup>12</sup> Although a tricopper active site in pMMO has been disputed, the conversion of methane to methanol was demonstrated with small-molecule tricopper complexes.<sup>13,14</sup> In both oxygen reduction and hydrocarbon hydroxylation, the synergy of three Cu<sup>II</sup>/Cu<sup>I</sup> redox couples in tricopper clusters is essential to harness the oxidative power of O<sub>2</sub>. Therefore, understanding factors governing the redox of tricopper clusters as a single unit is fundamental to their development as biomimetic catalysts in fuel cell technology and functionalization of alkanes.

An ideal tricopper redox catalyst should be able to engage all three Cu<sup>II</sup>/Cu<sup>I</sup> couple and accommodate four redox states from Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup> to Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>II</sup>. However, the majority of synthetic tricopper clusters reported to date have limited redox capability, and only isolated at a single oxidation state (primarily Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>II</sup> or Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>).<sup>15,16</sup> Copper(I) center (d<sup>10</sup>) and copper(II) center (d<sub>9</sub>) prefer distinct geometry due to the Jahn-Teller effect. The redox of Cu<sup>II</sup>/Cu<sup>I</sup>, in an unconstrained solvent-exposed environment, often results in significant geometric rearrangement associated with high reorganization energy.<sup>17</sup> Notably, among ca. 186 crystallographically characterized molecular tricopper μ<sub>3</sub>-E, (E= O, OH, S) clusters, **1** and **2**



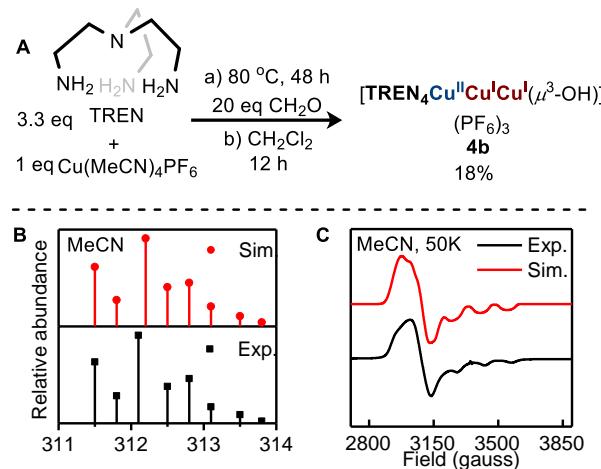
**Figure 1.** Redox-active tricopper clusters and their corresponding oxidation states demonstrated by cyclic voltammetry. Complex **4** reported in this work was isolated and characterized at three different oxidation states, denoted as **4a** (Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>), **4b** (Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>), and **4c** (Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>).

(Figure 1A, 1B) represents the only two redox-active examples.<sup>18,19</sup> Even **1** and **2**, however, cannot be further reduced to the Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup> state,<sup>16</sup> which is crucial for the activation of O<sub>2</sub> during catalytic oxygen reduction reaction (ORR) and hydrocarbon hydroxylation. In sharp contrast, Nature's trinuclear copper cluster (TNC) in MCOs has been observed in three different oxidation states: fully reduced (Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>, FR), alternative resting (Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>, AR), and native intermediate (Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>II</sup>, NI). Unlike synthetic tricopper complexes, TNC is embedded in a protein matrix, which provides conformational strains and site isolation that reduce reorganization energy during electron transfer (ET).<sup>20,21</sup>

According to Marcus theory, electron transfer in solution is strongly influenced by both inner sphere ligand interactions and outer sphere solvent environments.<sup>17</sup> We posited that the encapsulation of synthetic tricopper center in a protein-like cavitand could constrain the coordination environment, hence lowering the barriers for reorganization and allowing access to different redox states of tricopper clusters. Instead of using bulky ligands to simulate the protein environment, we leveraged multicyclic azacryptand ligand to restrict the conformational freedom and limit solvent interaction. The electrochemical property of **4** was compared to their solvent-exposed analog [TREN<sub>3</sub>Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>II</sup>(μ<sub>3</sub>-O)](PF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>4</sub>, **3**<sup>22</sup> to understand how compartmentalization of tricopper center impacts the redox behavior of Cu<sup>II</sup>/Cu<sup>I</sup>.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

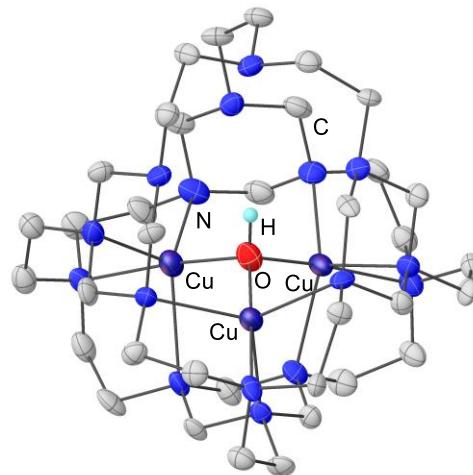
**Synthesis and characterization of encapsulated tricopper complex, [TREN<sub>4</sub>Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>(μ<sub>3</sub>-OH)](PF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, 4b.** Tricopper complex [TREN<sub>3</sub>Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>II</sup>(μ<sub>3</sub>-O)](PF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>4</sub>, **3** (Figure 1C) has been considered as a structural<sup>22</sup> and spectroscopic model<sup>23,24</sup> for TNC. However, **3** do not exhibit the multi-electron redox function of TNC. The ca. 550 mV separation of the redox couple (see supporting information), which is typical for synthetic tricopper complexes, indicates a substantial barrier for



**Figure 2.** (A) Synthesis of [TREN<sub>4</sub>Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>(μ<sub>3</sub>-OH)](PF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (**4b**). (B) ESI-MS (positive mode) of **4b**, (C) X-band EPR spectrum (frozen MeCN, 0.5 mM) of **4b**, g<sub>x</sub> = 2.25, g<sub>y</sub> = 2.14, g<sub>z</sub> = 2.01, A<sub>z</sub>(Cu) = 146 MHz.

reorganization during ET. Notably, the reduction of Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>-Cu<sup>I</sup> to Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup> was not observed within the voltage window of water, suggesting **3** is not suitable to activate dioxygen. To construct a protein-like environment, we sought to install an additional TREN cap on **3** to afford **4** (Figure 1D). The desired azacryptand ligand **TREN**<sub>4</sub> has synthesized previously,<sup>25</sup> however, no transition metal complex has been reported thus far. We found that metalation of **TREN**<sub>4</sub> with Cu(I) and Cu(II) salts only afforded complicated mixtures in low yields. Inspired by the metal-templated synthesis reported by Suh et al.,<sup>22</sup> we explored the one-pot reaction of copper salts, TREN, and paraformaldehyde. Reaction of [Cu<sup>I</sup>(MeCN)<sub>4</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub>, TREN (3.3 equivalents), and paraformaldehyde (20 equivalents based on CH<sub>2</sub>O units) resulted in the formation of a blue solid (Figure 2A). Workup and recrystallization under our optimized conditions afforded complex **4b** in 18% yield (see supporting information).

The Electrospray Ionization Mass Spectrum (ESI-MS, Figure 2B) of **4b** exhibited a prominent peak at 312.2 m/z, and the isotope distribution pattern matches that of [TREN<sub>4</sub>Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>(μ<sub>3</sub>-OH)]<sup>3+</sup> (molecular mass = 938.75 g/mol, C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>75</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>N<sub>16</sub>O), supporting the presence of a [Cu<sub>3</sub>(μ<sub>3</sub>-OH)]<sup>3+</sup> core. The frozen solution electron paramagnetic resonance (EPR) spectrum of **4b** (Figure 2C) displayed a rhombic signal (g<sub>x</sub> = 2.25, g<sub>y</sub> = 2.14, g<sub>z</sub> = 2.01) with hyperfine couplings to one <sup>63/65</sup>Cu (I = 3/2) nucleus (A<sub>z</sub>(Cu) = 146 MHz), suggesting a valence-localized one-hole Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup> electronic structure. The high g<sub>x</sub> and g<sub>y</sub> values indicated that the unpaired electron resides in the d<sub>z2</sub> orbital, consistent with a trigonal bipyramidal geometry.<sup>26</sup>



**Figure 3.** Solid-state structure of **4b** (100 K) with thermal ellipsoids shown at 35% probability level. All PF<sub>6</sub> anions, the minor components of disorder, and all C-H hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

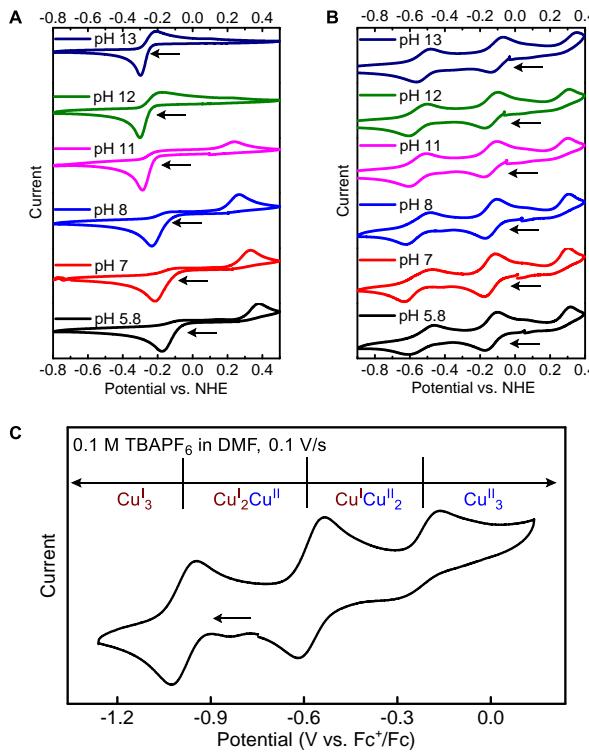
Single crystal X-ray diffraction analysis of **4b** confirmed its assignment as mixed-valent [TREN<sub>4</sub>Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>(μ<sub>3</sub>-OH)](PF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (Figure 3). Cryptate **4b** shares the macrocyclic tricopper assembly of **3** but features a fully encapsulated tricopper core. Three of four TREN moieties in **TREN**<sub>4</sub> serve as bowl-shape binding sites for the tricopper core, while the remaining one

forms a cavitand that isolates the  $\text{Cu}_3(\mu_3\text{-OH})$  core in a protein-like capsule. With its one-hole  $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}$  oxidation state, complex **4b** is the first synthetic model for the alternative resting (AR) state in MCO ( $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}$ ).<sup>27,28</sup> The  $\text{Cu}\cdots\text{Cu}$  and  $\text{Cu}\cdots\text{O}$  bond metrics within **4b** ( $\text{Cu}\cdots\text{Cu}$ : 2.973–3.260 Å;  $\text{Cu}\cdots\text{O}$ : 1.878–1.971 Å) are similar to those in **3** ( $\text{Cu}\cdots\text{Cu}$ : 3.095 Å;  $\text{Cu}\cdots\text{O}$ : 1.863 Å) but vary greater from each other, perhaps as a result of its localized electronic structure.

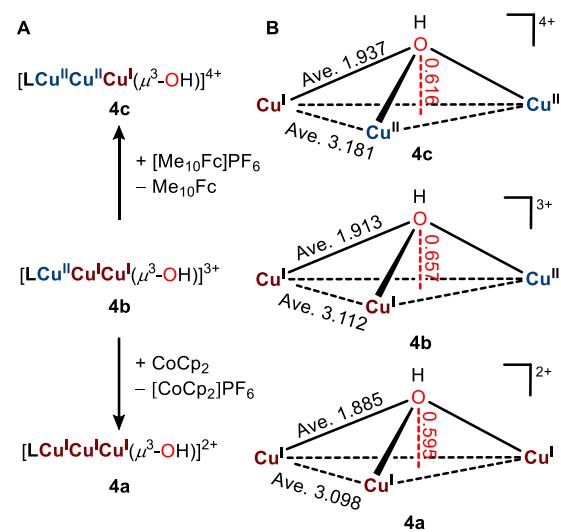
**Electrochemical study of **4b** and **3**.** To evaluate the impact of tricopper encapsulation on the redox capability, we performed cyclic voltammetry (CV) studies of **3** and **4** in aqueous environments with pH values range from 5.6 to 13. Dissolution of **3** in water produces an equilibrium mixture of **3** and its conjugate acid ( $\text{pK}_a = 4.6$ ).<sup>22</sup> Cyclic voltammogram of **3** at pH = 5.6 showed an irreversible reduction at -0.18 V (vs. NHE), which gradually shifts to -0.30 V (vs. NHE) at pH = 13. This cathodic peak is assigned to the two-electron reduction of  $[\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}(\mu_3\text{-OH})]^{5+}$  to  $[\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}(\mu_3\text{-OH})]^{3+}$  based on variable scan rate CV study (see supporting information, Figure S19). During the reverse scan, an anodic peak was observed at 0.37 V (vs. NHE, pH = 5.8), which is attributed to the oxidation of  $[\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}(\mu_3\text{-OH})]^{3+}$  back to  $[\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}(\mu_3\text{-OH})]^{5+}$  (Figure 4, left). The ca. 550 mV separation of the redox couple indicates a substantial geometric difference at  $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}$  and  $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}$  states. As the tricopper center in **3** is exposed to bulk exterior, it can lose/gain interactions with solvents during redox processes, further raising the reorganization energy. Notably, further reduction of  $[\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}(\mu_3\text{-OH})]^{3+}$  to  $[\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}(\mu_3\text{-OH})]^{2+}$  was not observed within the voltage window of water. The CV of **3** becomes more reversible as the pH increases from 5.6 to 13, perhaps due to the deprotonation of central  $\mu_3\text{-OH}$  to  $\mu_3\text{-O}$ , a stronger ligand that rigidifies the coordination environment (see supporting information).

In contrast to the irreversible redox behavior of **3**, the cyclic voltammogram of **4** shows two reversible ( $E_{1/2} = -0.55$  V and -0.13 V vs. NHE) and one irreversible ( $E_{\text{ox}} = 0.33$  V vs. NHE) redox events, allowing access to all four oxidation states of the tricopper cluster electrochemically (Figure 4B). The contrasting electrochemical behaviors of **3** and **4** suggest that the geometric constraints imposed by **TREN**<sub>4</sub> reduce the reorganization energies during ET. Additionally, the three redox events of complex **4** are insensitive to the pH of the buffer (Figure 4B), implicating that the protein-like cavitand of **TREN**<sub>4</sub> isolates the tricopper core from direct solvent interactions. The CVs of **4b** in aqueous and non-aqueous environments, e.g. dimethylformamide or acetonitrile, are essentially the same (Figure 4C), further supporting that the redox of tricopper center in **4** is unaffected by the bulk exterior.

**Synthesis and characterization of **4a** ( $\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}$ ) and **4c** ( $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}$ ).** The highly reversible oxidation and reduction couples of **4b** prompted us to pursue the isolation of fully reduced  $[\text{TREN}_4\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}(\mu_3\text{-OH})]^{2+}$  (**4a**) and two-hole  $[\text{TREN}_4\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}(\mu_3\text{-OH})]^{4+}$  (**4c**, Figure 4A). Consistent with its electrochemical behavior, chemical oxidation of **4b** with decamethylferrocenium hexafluorophosphate ( $\text{Me}_{10}\text{FcPF}_6$ ,  $E_{1/2} = -0.49$  V vs.  $\text{Fc}^+/\text{Fc}$ ) afforded a dark purple compound  $[\text{TREN}_4\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}(\mu_3\text{-OH})](\text{PF}_6)_4$  (**4c**) in 50% yield (Figure 5A). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **4c** show ca. 19 broad resonances from 0.13 to 122.5 ppm (Figure S8), indicating an  $S = 1$  ground state. Complex **4c** is a rare example of a tricopper cluster with a  $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}$  oxidation state with the only other example being **2** reported by Murray *et. al.*<sup>19</sup> Chemical reduction of **4b** with cobaltocene ( $\text{Cp}_2\text{Co}$ ,  $E_{1/2} = -1.3$  V vs.  $\text{Fc}^+/\text{Fc}$ ) led to a rapid color change from blue to yellow (Figure 5B), and colorless crystals of fully reduced  $[\text{TREN}_4\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}(\mu_3\text{-OH})](\text{PF}_6)_2$  (**4a**) were obtained by recrystallization. <sup>1</sup>H NMR characterization of **4a** was hampered by its low solubility. Therefore, we synthesized an analog of



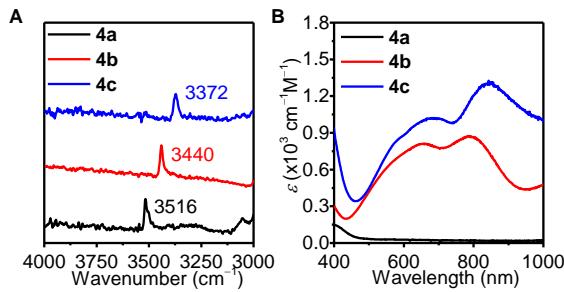
**Figure 4.** Cyclic voltammogram of (A) **3** and (C) **4**, in aqueous environment with various pH from 5.8 to 13 (phosphate buffer solution). (C) CV of **4** in DMF with 0.1 M (nBu4N)PF6. Scan rate of 0.1 V/s. Working electrode: glassy carbon; counter electrode: Pt wire; reference electrode: Ag/AgNO3.



**Figure 5.** (A) Synthesis of **4a** and **4c** from **4b**. (B) Geometric comparison of the  $\text{Cu}_3(\mu_3\text{-O(H)})$  core in **4a**, **4b**, and **4c**. All bond metrics (Å) was determined based on X-ray single-crystal diffraction.

**4a** with 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)borate ( $\text{BAr}^{\text{F}_4}$ ) counter anions (**4a-BAr $^{\text{F}_4}$** ) by treating **4b-BAr $^{\text{F}_4}$**  with  $\text{Cp}_2\text{Co}$ . All five  $^1\text{H}$  NMR resonances of **4a-BAr $^{\text{F}_4}$**  between 2 to 4.5 ppm are quite broad, perhaps because of the dynamic behavior of  $\text{CH}_2$  groups on **TREN<sub>4</sub>** (Figure S6).

Both **4a** and **4c** were characterized by X-ray single crystallography (Figure, 5B, Figure S12-S13). The geometric features of  $\text{Cu}_3(\mu_3\text{-OH})$  are maintained throughout the redox processes. Complex **4a** has a slightly contracted  $[\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}(\mu_3\text{-OH})]^{2+}$  core as evidenced by the shortened Cu...Cu distance (average 3.098 Å in **4a** comparing to 3.112 Å in **4b**) and Cu-O distances (average 1.885 Å in **4a** comparing to 1.913 Å in **4b**). In contrast, the  $[\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}(\mu_3\text{-OH})]^{4+}$  core in **4c** expanded (average Cu...Cu distance 3.181 Å, average Cu-O distance 1.937 Å) because of the increased Coulombic repulsion. The minimal geometric differences of complex **4a**, **4b**, and **4c** agree with their highly reversible redox behaviors. Importantly, the trigonal bipyramidal geometry of the Cu centers is preserved, even at the  $\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}$  state, highlighting the extraordinary constraints imposed by the multicyclic ligand **TREN<sub>4</sub>**, a feature not shared by **TREN<sub>3</sub>**.



**Figure 6.** (A) Infrared and (B) UV-Vis spectra of **4a** ( $\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}$ , black), **4b** ( $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}$ , red), and **4c** ( $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}$ , blue).

Infrared spectra of complexes **4a**, **4b**, **4c** reveal that the O-H stretches of  $\mu_3\text{-OH}$  progressively blueshifts from 3372 cm<sup>-1</sup> ( $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}$ ) to 3440 cm<sup>-1</sup> ( $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}$ ) to 3516 cm<sup>-1</sup> ( $\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}$ ), indicating increasing O-H bond strength as Cu oxidation state decreases (Figure 5A). The UV-vis spectra of **4b**, **4c** both exhibit two broad intervalence charge-transfer bands (**4b**: 655 nm ( $600 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) and 790 nm ( $870 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$ ), **4c**: 680 nm ( $1000 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) and 850 nm ( $1300 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$ )). Time-dependent density functional theory (TD-DFT) calculations at the BP86/TZVP level showed that these absorptions originate from charge transfers from combinations of copper *d* orbitals to the LUMO, which features the  $\sigma^*$  interaction of copper  $d_{z^2}$  and the  $\mu_3\text{-O}$  p<sub>z</sub> (Figure S22, Table S5-S6). Moreover, the calculated UV-vis spectra reflected the red-shifting trend from **4b** to **4c** (Figure S22).

**Self-exchange rates ( $k_{11}$ ) and reorganization energies ( $\lambda$ ) of **4a/4b** and **4b/4c**.** The reorganization energies ( $\lambda$ ) of tricopper clusters during ET have important implications in oxygen reduction reaction catalyzed by MCO.<sup>29</sup> The reorganization energies of TNC have been used to rationalize the various rates of intermolecular ET between Type 1 Cu sites and TNC<sup>21</sup>

as well as the inhibition<sup>30</sup> or acceleration<sup>31</sup> of ORR by halides. To further understand the kinetic factors that govern the redox of **4**, we evaluated the self-exchange rates ( $k_{11}$ ) and reorganization energy ( $\lambda$ ) of  $\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}/\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}$  and  $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}/\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}$  redox couples. Determine of  $k_{11}$  using  $^1\text{H}$  NMR line broadening experiment<sup>32</sup> was not feasible due to the dynamic behavior of  $\text{CH}_2$  resonances in **4a** and paramagnetic nature of **4c**. As an alternative, we employed an electrochemical method reported by Nicholson;<sup>33,34</sup> the self-exchange rates of **4a/4b** and **4b/4c** were determined to be  $7.4(2)\times 10^5 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$  and  $7.2(2)\times 10^5 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$ , respectively (see supporting information). These fast ET rates approach the fastest synthetic mono- and dicopper system ( $10^5\text{-}10^6 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$ )<sup>33,35-39</sup> as well as Nature's blue copper ET protein  $10^5\text{-}10^6 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$ .<sup>40,41</sup> The corresponding reorganization energies for **4a/4b** and **4b/4c** were calculated to be 1.21(1) eV and 1.21(1) eV using equation 1 ( $Z = 10^{11} \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$ ,  $T = 298 \text{ K}$ ).<sup>39,42</sup>

$$k_{11} = Z \exp\left(-\frac{\lambda}{4RT}\right) \quad (1)$$

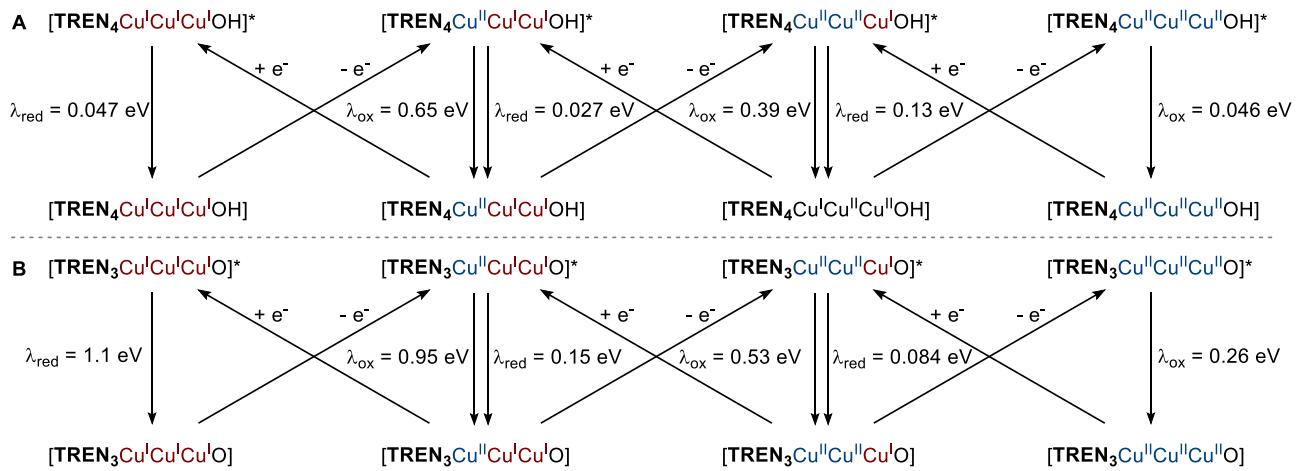
The reorganization energy ( $\lambda$ ) can be further partitioned into inner-sphere reorganization energy ( $\lambda_i$ ) and outer-sphere reorganization energy ( $\lambda_o$ ), which are associated with structural changes of the first coordination sphere and surrounding solvents, respectively (eq 2). The outer-sphere reorganization energy was calculated to be 0.93 eV for **4a/4b** and 0.93 eV for **4b/4c** using eq 3, where  $\Delta e$  is the elementary charge,  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  are the radii of redox partners, and  $D_{opt}$  and  $D_{stat}$  are the optical- and static-dielectric constants of acetonitrile<sup>43</sup> at 298.15 K. Thus, the inner-sphere reorganization energy for **4a/4b** and **4b/4c** are estimated to be 0.28 eV and 0.28 eV using equation 2.

$$\lambda = \lambda_i + \lambda_o \quad (2)$$

$$\lambda_o = \Delta e^2 \left[ \frac{1}{2a_1} + \frac{1}{2a_2} - \frac{1}{a_1 + a_2} \right] \left[ \frac{1}{D_{opt}} - \frac{1}{D_{stat}} \right] \quad (3)$$

$$\lambda_i = \lambda_{ox} + \lambda_{red} \quad (4)$$

Determination of  $k_{11}$  of **3** was not viable, since the  $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}/\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}$  was not reversible, and  $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}/\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}$  was not observed experimentally. Therefore, we turn to computational study to compare the reorganization energy of **3** and **4**. The inner-sphere reorganization energy  $\lambda_i$  can be calculated by eq 4, where  $\lambda_{ox}$  and  $\lambda_{red}$  are the reorganization energy of the reduced and oxidized complexes.  $\lambda_{ox}$  and  $\lambda_{red}$  can be computationally estimated by the energy required to distort the equilibrium geometries to their redox-partners' geometries (Figure S21).<sup>29,30,44</sup> For example,  $\lambda_{ox}$  of **4a/4b** couple is the energy of **4b** calculated at **4a**'s optimal geometry minus the energy of **4b** at its optimal geometry. Similarly, the  $\lambda_{red}$  of **4a/4b** couple is the energy of **4a** calculated at **4b**'s optimal geometry minus the energy of **4a** at its optimal geometry (Scheme 1). The optimized geometries of **3** and **4** at all four redox states were obtained at BP86/TZVP(Cu)/SVP(H,C,N,O) level using their crystallographic structures as starting points. The reorganization energies of **3** and **4** during three ET processes ( $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}/\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}$ ,  $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}/\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}$ ,  $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}/\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}$ ) were summarized in Scheme 1. There are several competing spin states for the  $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}$  oxidation state. Since our goal is to compare the reorganization energies of **3**



**Scheme 1.** Computed inner-sphere reorganization energy of (A) **4** and (B) **3**.

and **4**, we have only studied the electronic state with the lowest energies, which are the quartet states with three ferromagnetically coupled Cu(II) centers (Table S3). Complexes at Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup> oxidation state were treated as triplet according to the spin state of **4c**.

The inner-sphere reorganization energies ( $\lambda_i$ ) of **4a/b** and **4b/c** were well reproduced by calculations, giving confidence in the calculated  $\lambda_i$  in Table 1. The  $\lambda_i$  values for **3** and **4** differ the most for Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>/Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup> redox couple (2.1 eV for **3** vs. 0.70 eV for **4**), consistent with the fact that the reduction of **3** to Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup> state is not observed. The large inner-sphere reorganization energy for [TREN<sub>3</sub>Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>(μ<sub>3</sub>-O)]<sup>2+</sup>/[TREN<sub>3</sub>Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>(μ<sub>3</sub>-O)]<sup>+</sup> (2.1 eV) may be rationalized by its trigonal bipyramidal Cu centers, a geometry highly preferred by Cu(II). As a result, the reduction of Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup> to Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>, in an unconstrained environment, could be coupled with chemical reactions, e.g. ligand dissociation/reorganization. In contrast, multicyclic ligand **TREN**<sub>4</sub> prevents such ligand dissociation and restrict solvent access to the tricopper centers, synergistically yielding small reorganization energy and fast ET rates.

**Table 1.** Inner-sphere reorganization energy ( $\lambda_i$ , eV) of **4** and **3**.

	Cu <sup>II</sup> Cu <sup>I</sup> Cu <sup>I</sup> / Cu <sup>I</sup> Cu <sup>I</sup> Cu <sup>I</sup>	Cu <sup>II</sup> Cu <sup>II</sup> Cu <sup>I</sup> / Cu <sup>II</sup> Cu <sup>I</sup> Cu <sup>I</sup>	Cu <sup>II</sup> Cu <sup>II</sup> Cu <sup>II</sup> / Cu <sup>II</sup> Cu <sup>II</sup> Cu <sup>I</sup>
<b>4</b>	0.28 <sup>a</sup>	0.28 <sup>a</sup>	0.18 <sup>b</sup>
	0.70 <sup>b</sup>	0.42 <sup>b</sup>	
<b>3</b>	2.1 <sup>b</sup>	0.68 <sup>b</sup>	0.34 <sup>b</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Experimental reorganization energies determined by electrochemical measurements <sup>b</sup> Calculated reorganization energies by DFT.

**Oxygen reduction reactivity of **4a**.** The generation of the fully reduced Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup> state is crucial for oxygen reduction reaction at MCO. Encouraged by the redox capability of **4**, we studied its ability to reduce O<sub>2</sub>. As followed by UV-Vis spectroscopy (Figure S10), fully reduced **4a** slowly reduced O<sub>2</sub>,

while **4b** and **4c** did not react with O<sub>2</sub>, consistent with the fact that generation of Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup> state is required to harness the oxidative power of O<sub>2</sub>. Addition of proton sources, e.g. acetic acid, significantly accelerated the rate of ORR. Complex **4b** was regenerated in 96(2)% spectroscopic yield. The product of the O<sub>2</sub> reduction was assigned as H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> in 97(2)% yield based on iodometric titration (see supporting information).<sup>45</sup> To elucidate the mechanism of ORR, we performed the reaction **4a** with <sup>18</sup>O<sub>2</sub> in the presence of acetic acid. The resulting solution of **4b** was analyzed by ESI-MS for <sup>18</sup>O incorporation. Spectrum simulations show 10% of <sup>18</sup>O incorporation, indicating that the ORR mostly likely proceeds through an outer-sphere mechanism,<sup>46</sup> consistent with the predominant H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> selectivity.

## SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

In conclusion, we report that the encapsulation of tricopper core in a protein-like cavitand activates the redox of three Cu<sup>II</sup>/Cu<sup>I</sup> to be harnessed effectively in a homogeneous synthetic system. The tricopper complex was isolated and characterized in three of four oxidation states, showing that the redox-induced geometric changes were minimal. The encapsulated tricopper complex has self-exchange ET rates of 10<sup>5</sup> – 10<sup>6</sup> M<sup>-1</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>, approaching Nature's copper electron transfer sites (blue copper protein 10<sup>5</sup>-10<sup>6</sup> M<sup>-1</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>). Marcus analysis indicates that the reorganization energy required for the reduction of **4b** to **4a** was 0.70 eV, much smaller than that for solvent-exposed **3** (2.1 eV). These results are particularly consistent with the minimal structural difference of **4** at Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>, Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>, and Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup> state and suggest that multicyclic cryptands **TREN**<sub>4</sub> is effective at mimicking a protein-like environment. The geometric constraints and exclusion of solvent interactions synergistically reduce the reorganization energy of electron transfer. At last, we show that the fully reduced Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup> state can participate in oxygen reduction reaction, mimicking Nature's multicopper oxidases. Taken together, our work provides insights into Nature strategy in leveraging the cooperativity of multimetallic sites in multielectron transformation – redox processes that are not operational in bulk solution could potentially be accomplished by full encapsulation of the active site in an isolated environment.

## ASSOCIATED CONTENT

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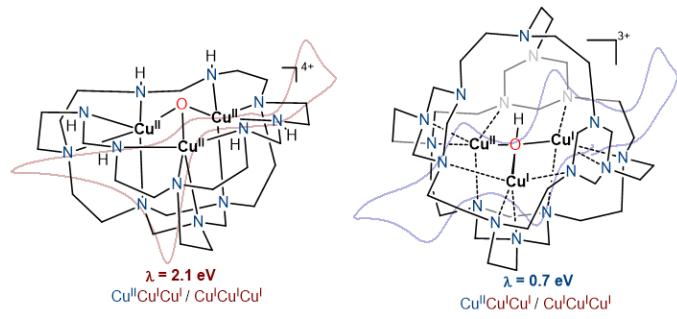
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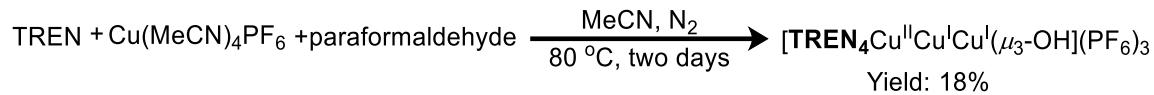
**General:** All reactions were carried out under a nitrogen atmosphere in an MBraun glovebox or using Schlenk techniques.

**Instrumentation:** Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were recorded on DXP 400 MHz (<sup>1</sup>H: 400 MHz) and AVIII 600 MHz (<sup>1</sup>H: 600 MHz) at ambient temperature. Chemical shift values for protons were referenced to the residual proton resonance of acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub> (δ: 2.05 ppm) and tetrahydrofuran-*d*<sub>8</sub> (THF-*d*<sub>8</sub>, δ: 1.72 ppm and 3.58 ppm). X-ray crystallographic analyses were performed under a cold nitrogen stream (Oxford Cryosystems Cryostream) at 100 K (**4a**, **4b**, **4c**, **4a**-BAr<sup>F</sup><sub>4</sub>) on a Bruker D8 Venture instrument with Mo Ka ra-

diation source ( $\lambda = 0.7107 \text{ \AA}$ ) and a Photon II detector. Elemental analyses were performed by Midwest Micro Lab (Indianapolis, IN, <http://midwestlab.com/>). ESI mass spectra were recorded on a Bruker MicroTOF. EPR measurements were performed in 4 mm low-pressure quartz tubes on a Bruker EMXPlus X-band EPR spectrometer equipped with a Coldedge cryostat with small-volume power saturation. Solid-state IR was recorded on a Bruker Alpha II FTIR spectrometer. Cyclic voltammogram was performed using Bio-Logic SAS SP-50 with a glassy carbon working electrode, a platinum wire counter electrode and a Ag/Ag<sup>+</sup> reference electrode (a commercial leakless miniature Ag/AgCl reference is used for aqueous solution and a Ag/AgNO<sub>3</sub> (0.01 M) reference electrode is used for organic solution).

**Materials:** Anhydrous acetone and anhydrous methanol were purchased from Acros and Alfa Aesar, respectively, and were used as received. Dichloromethane, acetonitrile, diethyl ether, tetrahydrofuran, and fluorobenzene were dried and degassed under nitrogen using a Pure Process Technologies (PPT, Nashua, NH) solvent purification system, and stored over 4 Å molecular sieves. Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub> (Cambridge Isotope Laboratories, Inc.) was purified by distillation, deoxygenated by three freeze-pump-thaw cycles, and dried over 4 Å molecular sieves prior to use. Tetrahydrofuran-*d*<sub>8</sub> (Cambridge Isotope Laboratories, Inc.) was deoxygenated by three freeze-pump-thaw cycles and dried over 4 Å molecular sieves prior to use. Tetrakis(acetonitrile)copper(I) hexafluorophosphate (Sigma-Aldrich), paraformaldehyde (Acros), tris(2-aminoethyl) amine (TREN, TCI), cobaltocene (Strem), tetra-*n*-butylammonium tetrafluoroborate (Sigma-Aldrich), tetra-*n*-butylammonium chloride (Combi-Blocks), decamethylferrocene (Sigma-Aldrich), silver hexafluorophosphate (Strem), iodine (VWR), sodium iodide (Sigma-Aldrich), triazabicyclodecene (TBD, Sigma-Aldrich), dioxygen (Praxair), and <sup>18</sup>O-dioxygen (Sigma-Aldrich) were purchased and used without further purification. Sodium tetrakis[(3,5-trifluoromethyl)phenyl]borate was prepared by a published method.<sup>1</sup> AcOH (glacial, Fisher) and heptane (anhydrous, Alfa Aesar) were deoxygenated by three freeze-pump-thaw cycles before use.

### Synthesis and characterization of [TREN<sub>4</sub>Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>II</sup>(μ<sub>3</sub>-OH)](PF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (4b)

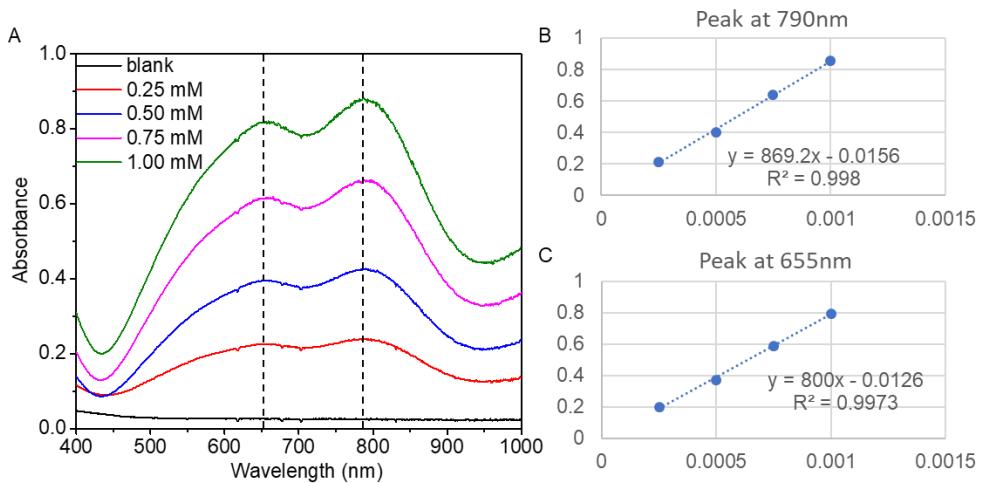


Tetrakis(acetonitrile)copper(I) hexafluorophosphate (93.3 mg, 0.251 mmol), paraformaldehyde (150 mg, 50.0 mmol), and acetonitrile (10 mL) were added to a 20 mL scintillation vial equipped with a septum under nitrogen atmosphere. Tris(2-aminoethyl) amine (TREN, 0.150 mL, 1.00 mmol) was injected with a syringe. Four other vials with the same suspension were prepared in parallel. The five vials were sealed and heated at 80 °C with vigorous stirring for two days, during which the solution turned dark brown. After the reaction, the solution was allowed to cool down and transferred back to the glovebox. The dark brown suspension from five vials was combined and filtered under a nitrogen atmosphere. The brown filtrate was dried under vacuum to afford an orange oil-like residue. Dichloromethane (10 mL) was added to the residue, and the resulting suspension was allowed to sit overnight at room temperature to yield a mixture of a blue solid and a yellow solid, which was collected by filtration and washed with additional dichloromethane (*ca.* 10 mL), and extracted into acetone (15 mL). The acetone solution was filtered, and all volatiles were removed under vacuum to yield a blue solid. The product was rewashed with dichloromethane (*ca.* 10 mL) and dried under vacuum to afford 106.8 mg of **4b** (18% yield). Single crystals of **4b** suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained by diffusing diethyl ether to an acetone solution of **4b** at -30 °C. Elemental analysis, Calcd for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>73</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>F<sub>18</sub>N<sub>16</sub>OP<sub>3</sub> C, 31.52; H, 5.36; N, 16.34. found C, 31.75; H, 5.39; N, 16.06.

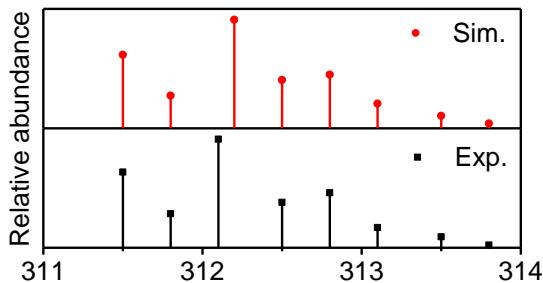
Infrared spectrum (ATR), νOH = 3440 cm<sup>-1</sup> (Figure 6);

UV-Vis spectrum (acetone, Figure S1), λ<sub>max</sub> = 655 nm (800 M<sup>-1</sup>cm<sup>-1</sup>), 790 nm (870 M<sup>-1</sup>cm<sup>-1</sup>);

ESI-MS spectrum (Figure S2), M/z = 312.2;  
EPR spectrum (acetonitrile, 50 K, Figure S16),  $g_1 = 2.14$ ,  $g_2 = 2.25$ ,  $g_3 = 2.01$ ,  $A_3 = 146$  MHz.

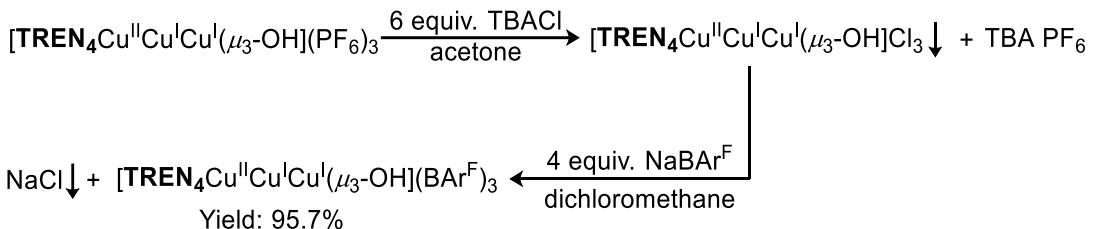


**Figure S1.** (A) UV-Vis spectra of  $[\text{TREN}_4\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}(\mu_3\text{-OH})](\text{PF}_6)_3$  (**4b**) at various concentration in acetone at room temperature; Beer's law plots for the peak at 790 nm (B,  $\epsilon = 870 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) and 655 nm (C,  $\epsilon = 800 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$ ).



**Figure S2.** ESI-MS spectrum (MeCN) and simulation of  $[\text{TREN}_4\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}(\mu_3\text{-OH})](\text{PF}_6)_3$ .

### Synthesis and characterization of $[\text{TREN}_4\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}(\mu_3\text{-OH})](\text{BAr}^{\text{F}}_4)_3$ (**4b-BArF4**)

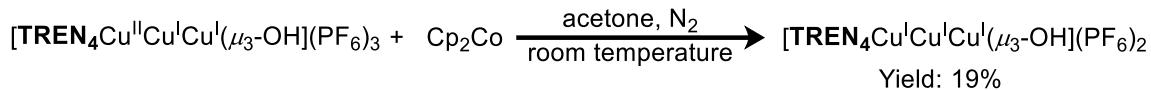


To an acetone (1 mL) solution of tetra-n-butylammonium chloride (60.8 mg, 0.219 mmol), an acetone (4 mL) solution of  $[\text{TREN}_4\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}(\mu_3\text{-OH})](\text{PF}_6)_3$  (40.0 mg, 0.0292 mmol) was added dropwise with stirring. A blue precipitate was formed immediately and collected by filtration. After being washed by acetone (ca. 2 mL), the blue solid was dried under vacuum. Then, a dichloromethane (3 mL) suspension of the obtained blue solid was added to a dichloromethane (2 mL) suspension of sodium tetrakis[(3,5-trifluoromethyl)phenyl]borate (103.5 mg, 0.117 mmol). The mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature overnight. After filtration, the blue filtrate was collected and dried under vacuum. The obtained blue solid was washed with diethyl ether (ca. 3 mL, three times) and dried under vacuum to afford the desired product **4b-BArF4** (98.3 mg, 96% yield).

Elemental analysis, Calcd for  $C_{132}\text{H}_{109}\text{B}_3\text{Cu}_3\text{F}_{72}\text{N}_{16}\text{O}$  C, 44.96; H, 3.12; N, 6.36. found C,

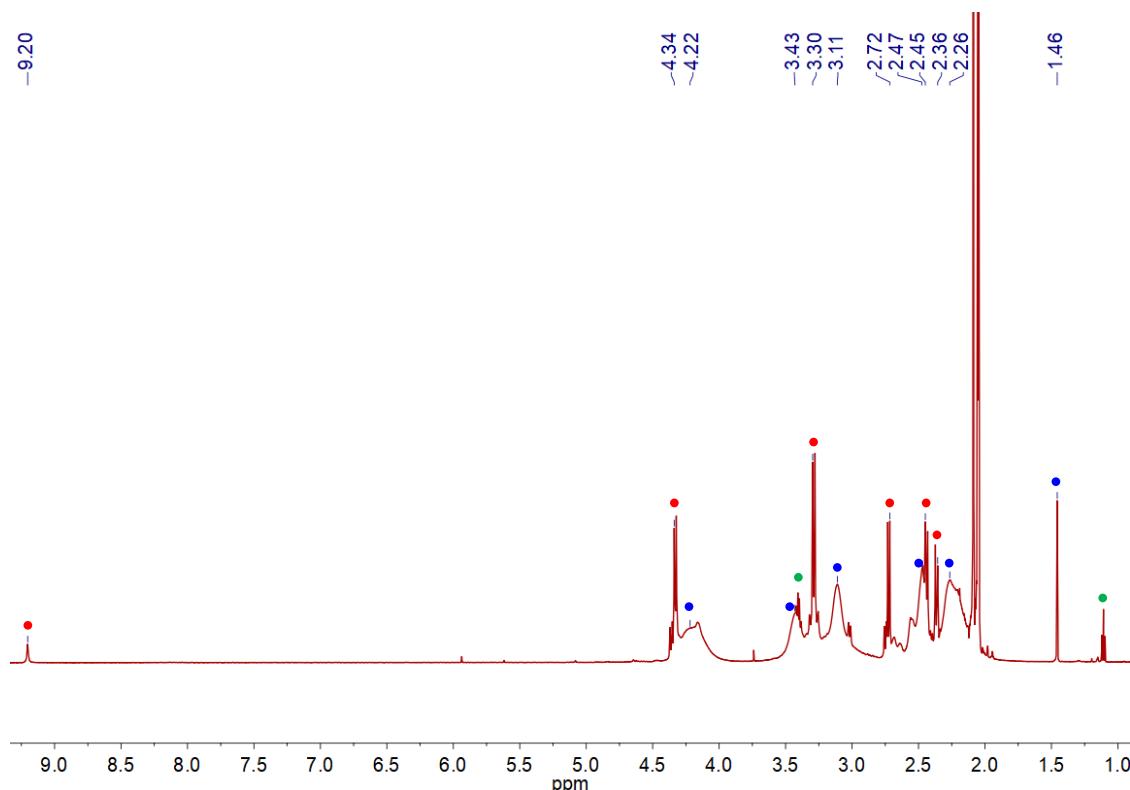
44.65; H, 3.19; N, 6.23.

### Synthesis and characterization of $[\text{TREN}_4\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}(\mu_3\text{-OH})](\text{PF}_6)_2$ (**4a**)

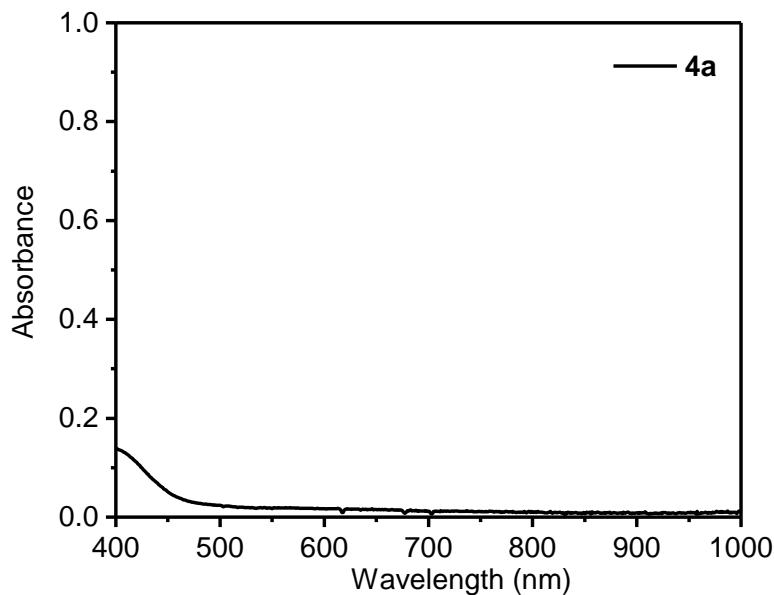


To an acetone (6 mL) solution of  $[\text{TREN}_4\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}(\mu_3\text{-OH})](\text{PF}_6)_3$  (**4b**, 40.0 mg, 0.0292 mmol), an acetone (2 mL) solution of CoCp<sub>2</sub> (6.1 mg, and 0.0321 mmol, 1.1 eq) was added under nitrogen atmosphere. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for five minutes, during which the color of the solution turns yellow. All volatiles were removed under vacuum, and the yielded yellow residue was washed by THF (*ca.* 15 mL). After dried under vacuum, the solid was dissolved in acetone (*ca.* 1.5 ml). Slow diffusion of diethyl ether to the acetone solution at -30 °C afford colorless crystals of **4a** (6.7 mg, yield 19%) suitable for XRD (Figure S11). <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the crystals (Figure S3) shows a mixture of **4a** (marked with blue dots) and a small amount of impurity that appears to be the protonated species [**4a**+H] with sharp resonances at 9.20, 4.34, 3.30, 2.72, 2.45, and 2.36 ppm (marked with red dots, Figure S3). We believe that the protonation of **4a** was due to the residual water in acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>, which cannot be completely removed without causing the decomposition of acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>. Unfortunately, we were unable to obtain a solution of **4a** in THF-*d*<sub>8</sub> due to its low solubility. Other NMR solvents, e.g. acetonitrile-*d*<sub>3</sub>, cause rapid decomposition of **4a** back to **4b**. To confirm these sharp resonances (9.20, 4.34, 3.30, 2.72, 2.45, and 2.36 ppm) are from protonated **4a**, we prepared the BAr<sup>F</sup><sub>4</sub> analog **4a**-BAr<sup>F</sup><sub>4</sub>, which can be dissolved and analyzed in THF-*d*<sub>8</sub> (*infra vide*).

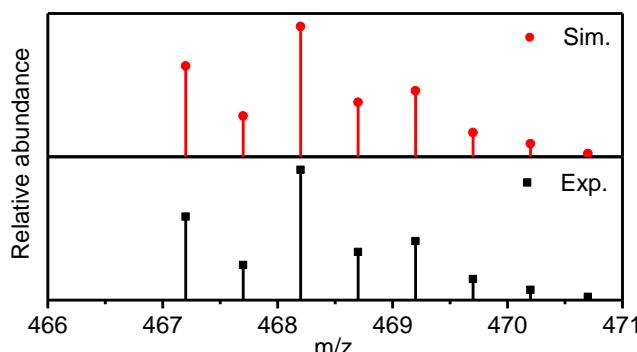
Infrared spectrum, νOH = 3516 cm<sup>-1</sup> (Figure 6).



**Figure S3.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (600 MHz, acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) of **4a** (blue dots). The peaks marked with green dots are from residual diethyl ether. The peaks marked with red dots are from protonated **4a**.

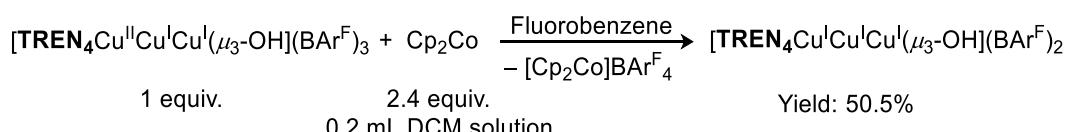


**Figure S4.** UV-Vis spectrum of  $[\text{TREN}_4\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}(\mu_3\text{-OH})](\text{PF}_6)_2$  (**4a**) in acetone at room temperature. The UV-Vis sample was generated in-situ from the treatment of  $[\text{TREN}_4\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}(\mu_3\text{-OH})](\text{PF}_6)_3$  (**4b**) with one equivalent of  $\text{Cp}_2\text{Co}$ .



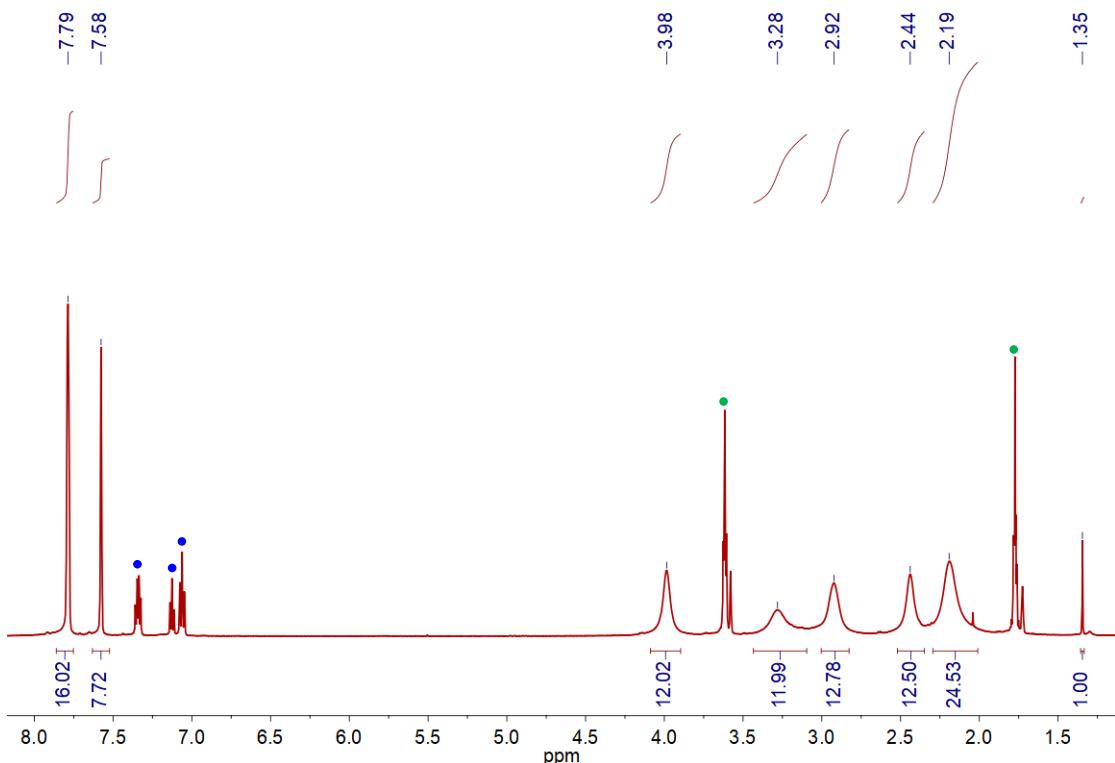
**Figure S5.** ESI-MS spectrum (MeCN) and simulation of  $[\text{TREN}_4\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}(\mu_3\text{-OH})](\text{PF}_6)_2$  (**4a**).

#### Synthesis and characterization of $[\text{TREN}_4\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}(\mu_3\text{-OH})](\text{BAr}^{\text{F}}_4)_2$ (**4a-BAr<sup>F</sup><sub>4</sub>**)



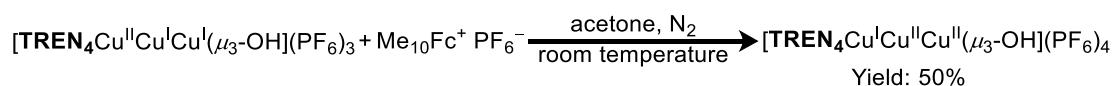
To a suspension of **4b-BAr<sup>F</sup><sub>4</sub>** (10.0 mg, 0.00284 mmol) in fluorobenzene (1 mL), a dichloromethane (0.2 mL) solution of  $\text{Cp}_2\text{Co}$  (1.3 mg, 0.0068 mmol) was added with stirring. The blue **4b-BAr<sup>F</sup><sub>4</sub>** was gradually dissolved and the solution turned yellow. After filtration, the yellow filtrate was allowed to sit at room temperature overnight. Colorless needle-like crystals of **4a-BAr<sup>F</sup><sub>4</sub>** suitable for single-crystal X-ray diffraction were obtained. The mother liquid was pipetted out and the crystals were washed by fluorobenzene (*ca.* 5 mL) for three times. The obtained white solid was dissolved in THF (1.5 mL) and treated with triazabicyclodecene (2.0 mg, 0.014 mmol). After about one minute, the resulting suspension was filtered, and the filtrate was dried under vacuum. The obtained solid was washed with fluorobenzene (*ca.* 8 mL, five times) and dried under vacuum to afford **4a-BAr<sup>F</sup><sub>4</sub>** (3.8 mg, 51 % yield). (Figure

S12).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz, THF- $d_8$ , Figure S6)  $\delta$  7.79 (br, 16H), 7.58 (br, 8H), 3.98 (br, 12H), 3.28 (br, 12H), 2.92 (br, 12H), 2.44 (br, 12H), 2.19 (br, 24H), 1.35 (s, 1H); Elemental analysis, Calcd for  $\text{C}_{100}\text{H}_{97}\text{B}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{F}_{48}\text{N}_{16}\text{O}$  C, 45.10; H, 3.67; N, 8.42. found C, 45.17; H, 3.84; N, 8.45.



**Figure S6.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (600 MHz, THF- $d_8$ ) of **4a**- $\text{BAr}^{\text{F}_4}$ . The peaks marked with blue dots are from residual fluorobenzene. The peaks marked with green spots are from residual THF.

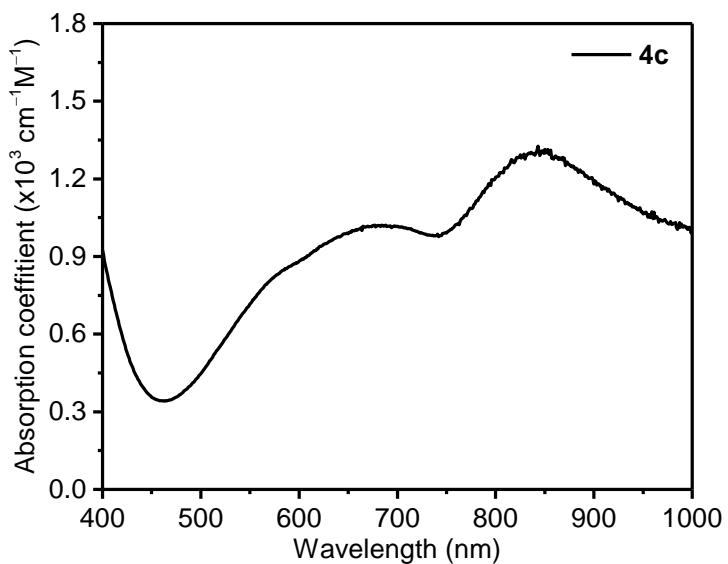
#### Synthesis and characterization of $[\text{TREN}_4\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}(\mu_3\text{-OH})](\text{PF}_6)_4$ (**4c**)



To an acetone (3 mL) solution of  $[\text{TREN}_4\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}(\mu_3\text{-OH})](\text{PF}_6)_3$  (20.0 mg, 0.0140 mmol), an acetone (4 mL) solution of decamethylferrocenium hexafluorophosphate (9.4 mg, 0.020 mmol) was added under nitrogen atmosphere. The mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature for ten minutes. The solution was dried under vacuum and the yielded solid was re-dissolved in acetone (*ca.* 1 mL). THF (*ca.* 15 mL) was then added to the acetone solution with stirring. The obtained suspension was filtered and the dark blue precipitate was collected and dried under vacuum to afford **4c** (10.6 mg, 50 % yield) as a dark blue powder.

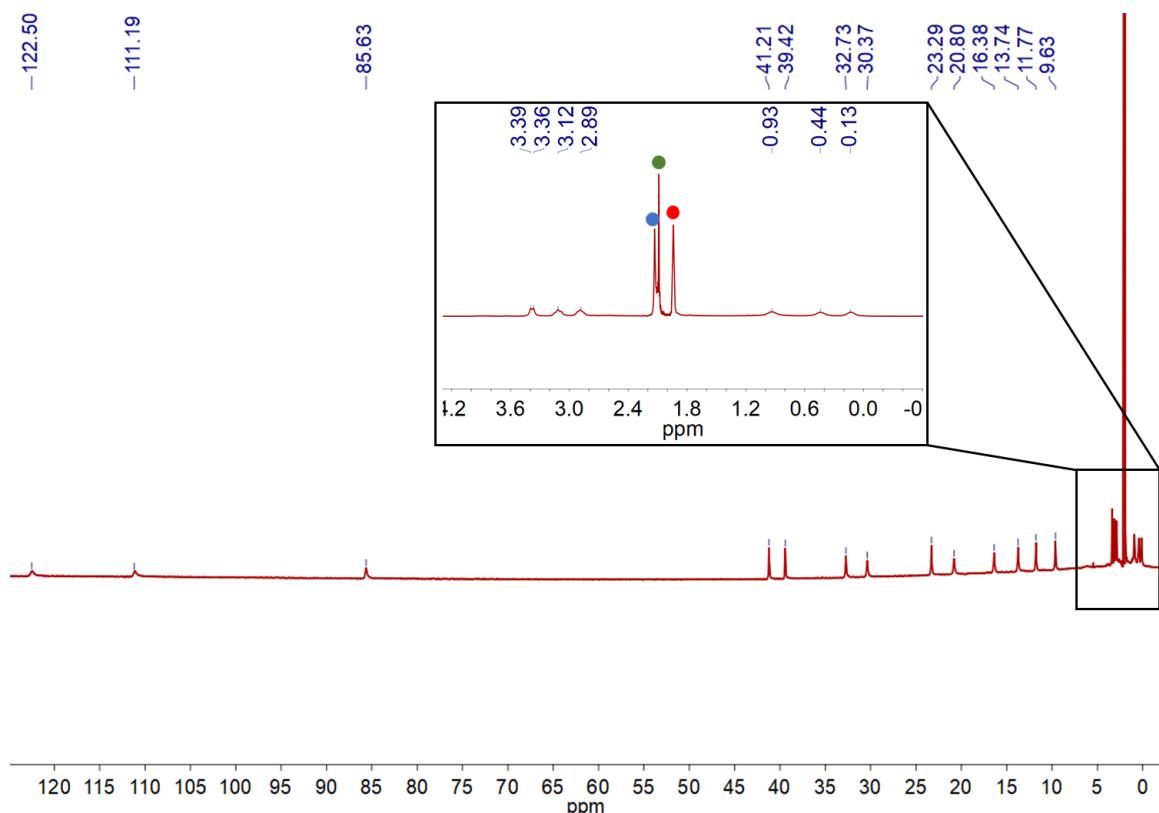
Elemental analysis, Calcd for **4c**•( $\text{CH}_3\text{C}(\text{O})\text{CH}_3$ )<sub>2</sub>,  $\text{C}_{42}\text{H}_{85}\text{Cu}_3\text{F}_{24}\text{N}_{16}\text{OP}_4$ : C, 30.90; H, 5.25; N, 13.73. found C, 30.05; H, 5.26; N, 13.70.

UV-Vis spectrum (acetone, Figure S7),  $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 680 \text{ nm}$  ( $970 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$ ), 850 nm ( $1250 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$ ); Infrared spectrum,  $\nu\text{OH} = 3372 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  (Figure 6).



**Figure S7.** UV-Vis spectrum of  $[\text{TREN}_4\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}(\mu_3\text{-OH})](\text{PF}_6)_4$  in acetonitrile at room temperature. Two maxima at 680 nm and 850 nm were observed.

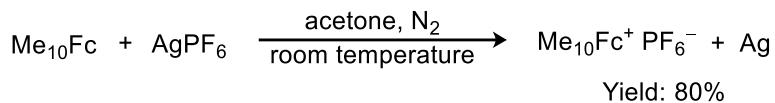
In order to obtain crystals of  $[\text{TREN}_4\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}(\mu_3\text{-OH})]^{4+}$  for single-crystal X-ray diffraction analysis,  $[\text{TREN}_4\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}(\mu_3\text{-OH})](\text{PF}_6)_4$  (10.0 mg, 0.00659 mmol) and tetra-n-butylammonium tetrafluoroborate (TBABF<sub>4</sub>, 2.0 mg, 0.0060 mmol) was dissolved in acetone (*ca.* 1 mL). Slow diffusion of diethyl ether to the mixture of  $[\text{TREN}_4\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}(\mu_3\text{-OH})](\text{PF}_6)_4$  and TBABF<sub>4</sub> at  $-30^{\circ}\text{C}$  afford single crystals of  $[\text{TREN}_4\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}(\mu_3\text{-OH})](\text{PF}_6)_4(\text{BF}_4)_3$  (Figure S13).



**Figure S8.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ ) spectrum of  $[\text{TREN}_4\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}(\mu_3\text{-OH})](\text{PF}_6)_4$  (**4c**).

The peak marked with a red dot is from residual CD<sub>2</sub>HCN from the NMR solvent. The peak marked with a green dot is from residual acetone. The peak marked with a green dot is from residual water.

### Synthesis and characterization of decamethylferrocenium hexafluorophosphate

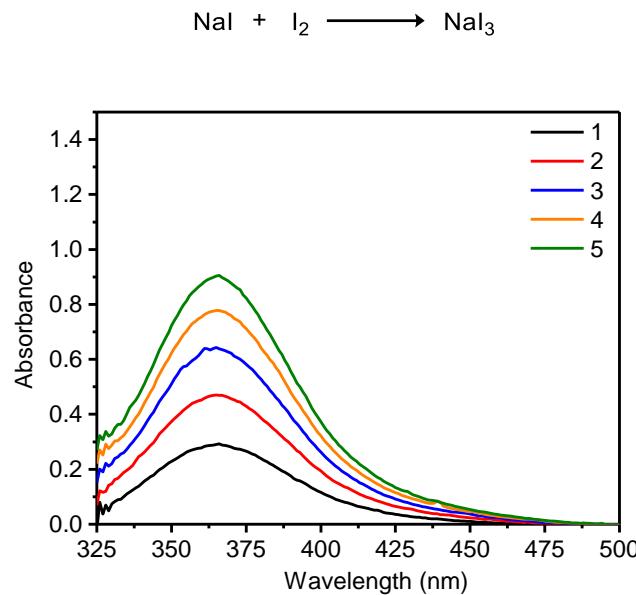


To an acetone suspension (5 mL) of decamethylferrocene (154.6 mg, 0.4738 mmol), an acetone solution (2 mL) of AgPF<sub>6</sub> (100.0 mg, 0.3955 mmol) was added dropwise with stirring. The obtained mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature for three hours. After filtration, the green filtrate was collected and dried under vacuum. The green-yellow solid was then dissolved in acetone (*ca.* 5 mL). Diethyl ether (*ca.* 15 mL) was added to the acetone solution to precipitate out the product. The green solid was collected with filtration and dried under vacuum. Block crystals of the product were obtained by diffusing diethyl ether into an acetone solution (5 mL) at room temperature overnight (149.9 mg, Yield 80.3%).

Elemental analysis, Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>30</sub>F<sub>6</sub>FeP C, 50.97; H, 6.42 found C, 51.42; H, 6.38.

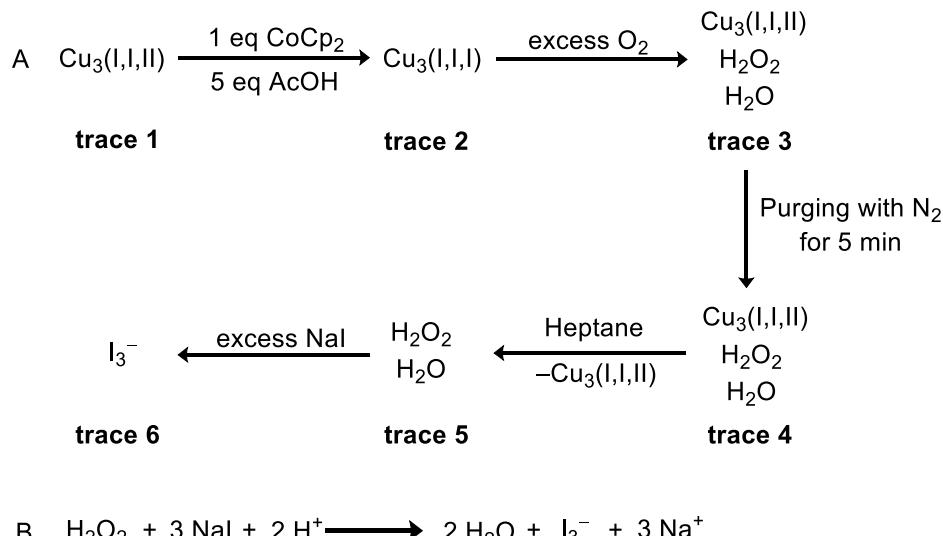
## 2. UV-Vis spectroscopy Studies Details

Determining the molar extinction coefficient of NaI<sub>3</sub> in an acetone/heptane (2:3) mixture



**Figure S9.** Solutions of NaI<sub>3</sub> with various concentrations were prepared by adding a solution of I<sub>2</sub> (0.2 mL, 1.2 mM) to NaI (2 mL, 50 mM, excess) in acetone/heptane (2:3) sequentially. The UV-Vis traces of the solutions were recorded at 0.0109 mM (trace 1), 0.0200 mM (trace 2), 0.0277 mM (trace 3), 0.0343 mM (trace 4), and 0.0400 mM (trace 5). The molar extinction coefficient of NaI<sub>3</sub> at 364 nm was calculated as  $2.13 \times 10^4 \text{ cm}^{-1}\text{M}^{-1}$ .

### Quantification of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> produced from the reaction of **4a** and O<sub>2</sub>



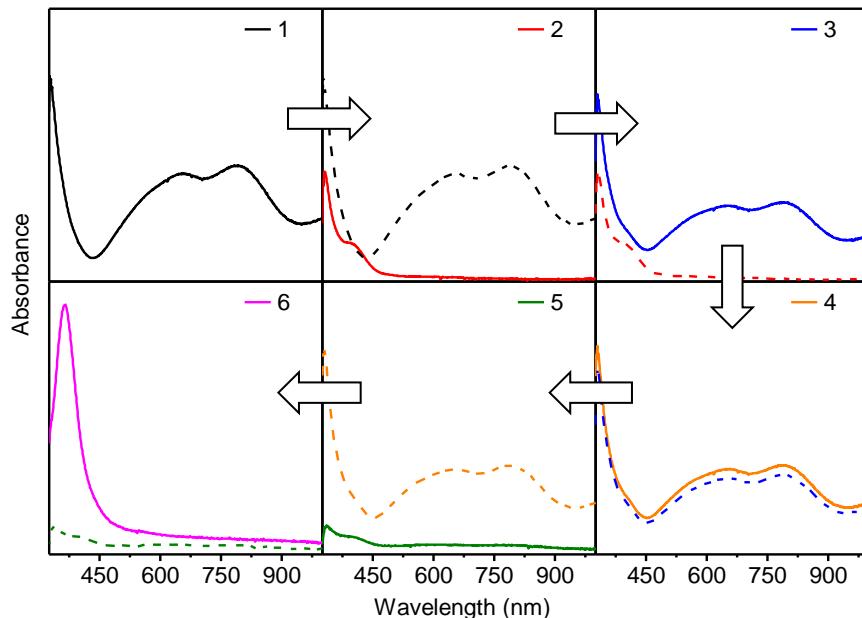
**Scheme S1.** (A) H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> quantification from the stoichiometric reaction between **4a** and O<sub>2</sub>. (B) The reaction of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> and NaI.

In glovebox, an acetone solution of [TREN<sub>4</sub>Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>II</sup>(μ<sub>3</sub>-OH)](PF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (**4b**, 1.4 mg, 1.0 μmol, 2.00 mL, 0.5 mM) was transferred to a Schlenk quartz cuvette. The cuvette was sealed and transferred to the UV-Vis spectrometer (Figure S9, trace 1). Under nitrogen protection, an ac-

etone solution of  $\text{Cp}_2\text{Co}$  (0.19 mg, 1.0  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 0.500 mL acetone) and acetic acid (0.30 mg, 5.0  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 5 equiv., 0.500 mL acetone) were injected to the cuvette. The 790 nm and 655 nm bands of complex **4b** ( $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}$ ) were bleached instantaneously (Figure S10, trace 2, Scheme 1), indicating the formation of complex **4a** ( $\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}$ ). Oxygen gas (0.500 ml, 20.5  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 20.5 equiv.) was injected to the cuvette (Figure S10, trace 3). The progress of oxygen reduction reaction was monitored by taking a UV-Vis spectrum every 60 seconds. Two bands at 790 nm and 655 nm grew in over 5 minutes, indicating the reformation of complex **4b** ( $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}$ ) in 96% spectroscopic yield. The solution in the Schlenk quartz cuvette was purged with  $\text{N}_2$  for five minutes to remove the excess oxygen (Figure S10, trace 4). The cuvette was sealed and transferred back into glovebox. The solution in cuvette was transferred to a scintillation vial. The cuvette was washed with additional acetone (1 mL) to ensure complete transfer. Additional acetone (0.354 mL, calculated based on absorbance increase at 790 nm after purging) was added to the scintillation vial in order to compensate the solvent loss during the  $\text{N}_2$  purging process. To the combined acetone solution, heptane (6 ml) was added in order to precipitate out all the copper complexes. The obtained suspension was then filtered, and the filtrate (2 mL) was transferred to a new Schlenk quartz cuvette (Figure S10, trace 5). Acetone/heptane (2:3) solution of  $\text{NaI}$  (7.5 mg, 50  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 0.500 mL) was injected to the solution in the cuvette (Figure S10, trace 6). The reaction between  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  and  $\text{NaI}$  affords  $\text{I}_3^-$  (Scheme S1, B), the yield of which can be determined by its characteristic absorbance at  $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 364 \text{ nm}$  ( $\epsilon = 2.1 \times 10^4 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ). The  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  quantification results from three independent trials are summarized in Table S1.

Entry	Experiment 1	Experiment 2	Experiment 3	average
Absorbance / $\text{I}_3^-$	0.817	0.813	0.847	0.826
Amount / mmol	$9.57 \times 10^{-5}$	$9.52 \times 10^{-5}$	$9.92 \times 10^{-5}$	$9.67 \times 10^{-5}$
Yield of $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$	96%	95%	99%	97%

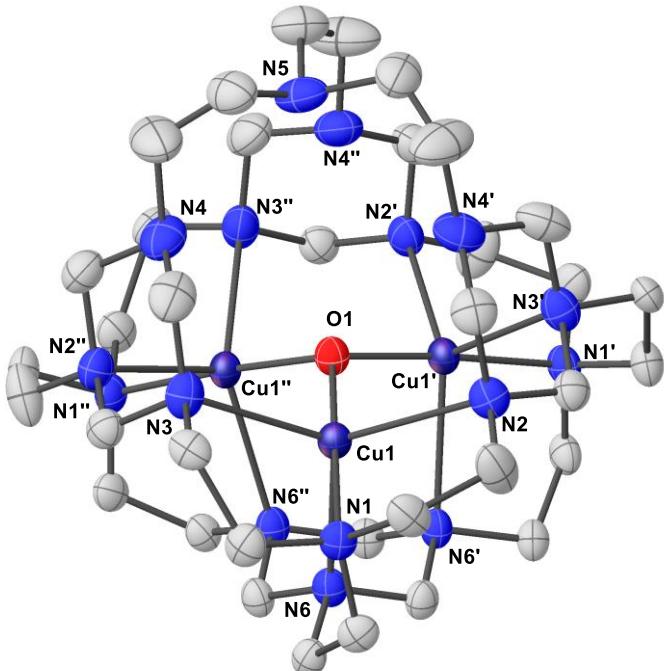
**Table S1.** Yields of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  in three independent trials.



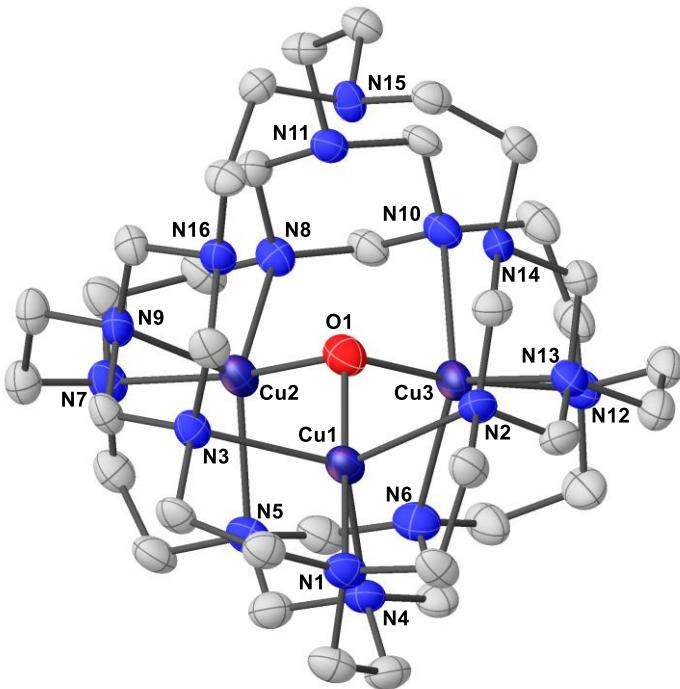
**Figure S10.** UV-Vis traces for  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  quantification. The absorbances of the spectra were normalized based on solution volume to account for dilution.

### 3. X-ray Crystallographic Data

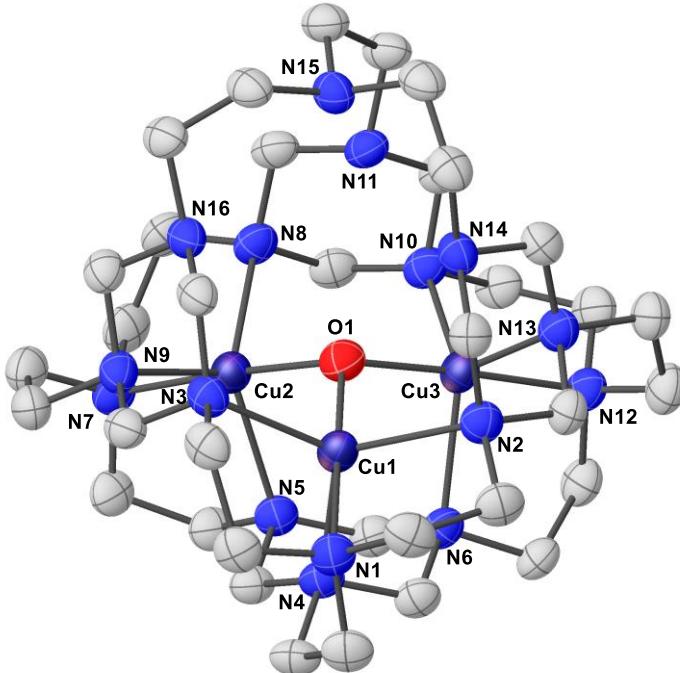
The single crystal X-ray diffraction studies were carried out on a Bruker Kappa Photon II CPAD diffractometer equipped with Cu K<sub>α</sub> radiation ( $\lambda = 1.54178$ ) for **4a**, a Bruker Kappa Photon II CPAD diffractometer equipped with Mo K<sub>α</sub> radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ ) for **4b**, and a Nonius Kappa diffractometer equipped with a Bruker APEX-II CCD and Mo K<sub>α</sub> radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ ) for **4c**. Crystals were mounted on MiTeGen Micromounts with Paratone oil, and data were collected in a nitrogen gas stream at 100 K. The data were integrated using the Bruker SAINT software program and scaled using the SADABS software program. Solution by direct methods (SHELXT) produced a complete phasing model for refinement. All nonhydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically by full-matrix least-squares (SHELXL-2014). All carbon bonded hydrogen atoms were placed using a riding model. Their positions were constrained relative to their parent atom using the appropriate HFIX command in SHELXL-2014. Due to the disorder of the Cu positions in the structure, the hydroxide hydrogen atoms were placed at idealized locations and restrained using DFIX commands to fit to the disorder model of each structure. Their thermals were fixed to that of the parent oxygen atom. Platon SQUEEZE was used to remove the electron density from the lattice due to the disordered solvent contribution. **4a** and **4b** both had 4 voids with 34 electrons in each. **4c** had 2 large voids of 600 electrons. In all cases, the disordered solvent appeared to be a mixture of acetone and diethyl ether.



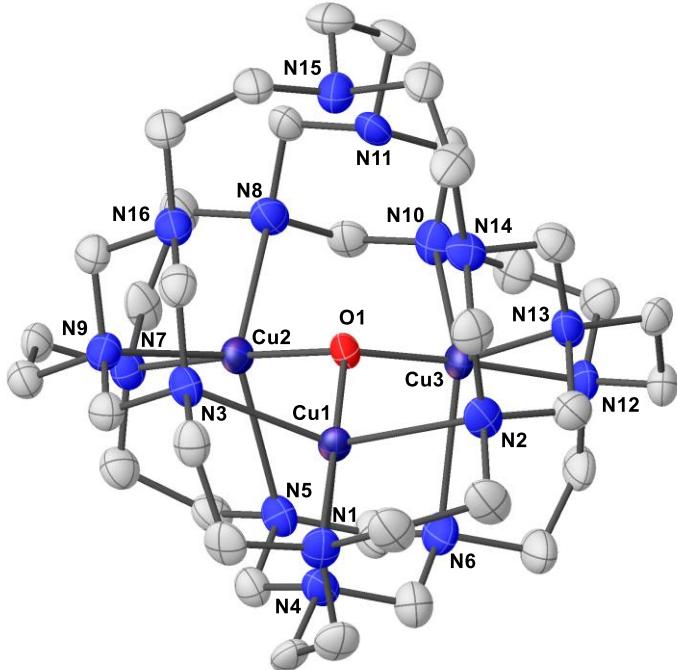
**Figure S11:** X-ray structure (CIF: 1984893, 100 K) of **4a** with thermal ellipsoids of 20% probability. Hydrogen atoms and anion PF<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup> are omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths (Å) for **4a**: Ave. Cu–O = 1.885(5), Ave. Cu...Cu = 3.098, Cu–N = 2.057–2.538.



**Figure S12:** X-ray structure (CIF: 1984894, 100 K) of **4b** with thermal ellipsoids of 50% probability. Hydrogen atoms, solvent molecules, and anion  $\text{PF}_6^-$  are omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ ) for **4b**: Ave.  $\text{Cu}-\text{O} = 1.913(6)$ , Ave.  $\text{Cu}\cdots\text{Cu} = 3.112$ ,  $\text{Cu}-\text{N} = 2.060\text{--}2.491$ .



**Figure S13:** X-ray structure (CIF: 1984895, 100 K) of **4c** with thermal ellipsoids of 30% probability. Hydrogen atoms, solvent molecules, and anion  $\text{BF}_4^-/\text{PF}_6^-$  are omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ ) for **4c**: Ave.  $\text{Cu}-\text{O} = 1.937(3)$ , Ave.  $\text{Cu}\cdots\text{Cu} = 3.181$ ,  $\text{Cu}-\text{N} = 2.093\text{--}2.300$ .



**Figure S14:** X-ray structure (CIF: 1987932, 100 K) of **4a**- $\text{BAr}_4^{\text{-}}$  with thermal ellipsoids of 50% probability. Hydrogen atoms, solvent molecules, and anion  $\text{BAr}_4^{\text{-}}$  are omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ ) for **4a**- $\text{BAr}_4^{\text{-}}$ : Ave. Cu–O = 1.913(2), Ave. Cu…Cu = 3.129, Cu–N = 2.049–2.559.

**Table S2:** Crystal Data and Structure Refinement for **4a**, **4b**, **4c**, and **4a**- $\text{BAr}_4^{\text{-}}$ .

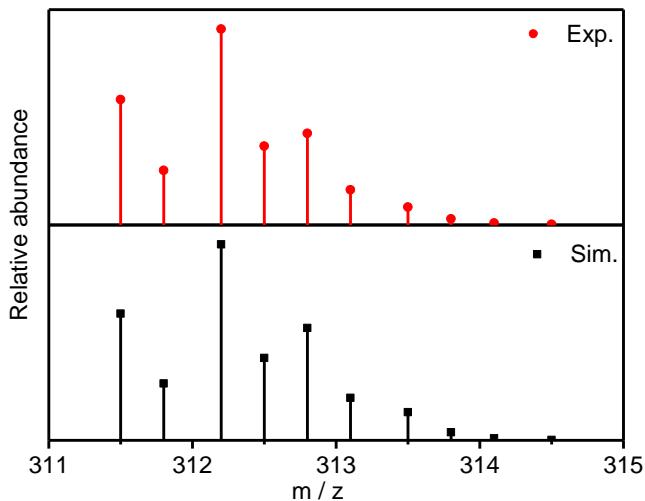
	<b>4a</b>	<b>4b</b>	<b>4c</b>	<b>4a</b> - $\text{BAr}_4^{\text{-}}$
CCDC	1984893	1984894	1984895	1987932
Empirical formula, FW (g/mol)	$\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{73}\text{Cu}_3\text{F}_{12}\text{N}_{16}$ $\text{OP}_2$ , 1226.64	$\text{C}_{45}\text{H}_{91}\text{Cu}_3\text{F}_{18}\text{N}_{16}$ $\text{O}_4\text{P}_3$ , 1545.70	$\text{C}_{39}\text{H}_{79}\text{B}_3\text{Cu}_3\text{F}_{18}\text{N}_1$ $\text{O}_2\text{P}$ , 1400.20	$\text{C}_{100}\text{H}_{97}\text{B}_2\text{Cu}_3$ $\text{F}_{48}\text{N}_{16}\text{O}$ , 2663.17
Color	Colorless Block	Blue Block	Blue Block	Colorless Block
Temperature (K)	100	100	100	100
Wavelength ( $\text{\AA}$ )	1.54178	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
Crystal system, Space group	Cubic, Pa-3	Monoclinic, C 1 c 1	Monoclinic, C 1 2/c 1	Triclinic, P-1
Unit cell dimensions a ( $\text{\AA}$ )	17.4900(2)	22.6031(11)	35.673(3)	12.4878(13)
b ( $\text{\AA}$ )	17.4900(2)	17.2489(8)	21.1666(16)	15.1031(17)
c ( $\text{\AA}$ )	17.4900(2)	17.6361(8)	21.0194(17)	15.1131(17)
$\alpha$ ( $^\circ$ )	90 $^\circ$	90	90	77.567(3)
$\beta$ ( $^\circ$ )	90 $^\circ$	100.981(2)	102.442(2)	88.651(3)
$\gamma$ ( $^\circ$ )	90 $^\circ$	90	90	85.637(3)
Volume ( $\text{\AA}^3$ )	5350.19(18)	6750.0(5)	15498(2)	2775.4(5)
Z	4.00008	4	8	1
Density (calc., g/cm $^{-3}$ )	1.523	1.521	1.200	1.593
Absorption coefficient (mm $^{-1}$ )	2.729	1.108	0.917	0.706
F(000)	2536	3196	5760	1346

Theta range for data collection (°)	6.198 to 68.078	2.932 to 25.393	1.126 to 25.437	3.113 to 25.380
Index ranges	-20<=h<=19, -20<=k<=20, -16<=l<=20	-27<=h<=27, -20<=k<=20, -20<=l<=21	-42<=h<=43, -25<=k<=25, -25<=l<=24	-15<=h<=15, -18<=k<=18, -18<=l<=18
Reflections collected	33351	82474	205973	111075
Independent reflections, R <sub>int</sub>	1628 [R(int) = 0.0331, R(sigma) = 0.0104]	12117 [R(int) = 0.0465, R(sigma) = 0.0347]	14249 [R(int) = 0.0763, R(sigma) = 0.0452]	10153 [R(int) = 0.0801, R(sigma) = 0.0439]
Completeness to 2θ <sub>max</sub> (%)	99.4	99.2	99.9	99.8
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents	Semi-empirical from equivalents	Semi-empirical from equivalents	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>			
Data / restraints / parameters	1628 / 196 / 201	12117 / 194 / 867	14249 / 52 / 837	10153 / 564 / 1124
Goodness-of-fit	1.047	1.037	1.028	1.128
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0679, wR2 = 0.1844	R1 = 0.0530, wR2 = 0.1221	R1 = 0.0616, wR2 = 0.1770	R1 = 0.0791, wR2 = 0.1663
Largest diff. peak and hole (e · Å <sup>-3</sup> )	0.359 and -0.218	0.479 and -0.470	0.732 and -0.316	0.409 and -0.546

#### 4. ESI-MS details

##### ESI-MS analysis of the reaction of complex **4a** and <sup>18</sup>O<sub>2</sub> in the presence of acetic acid

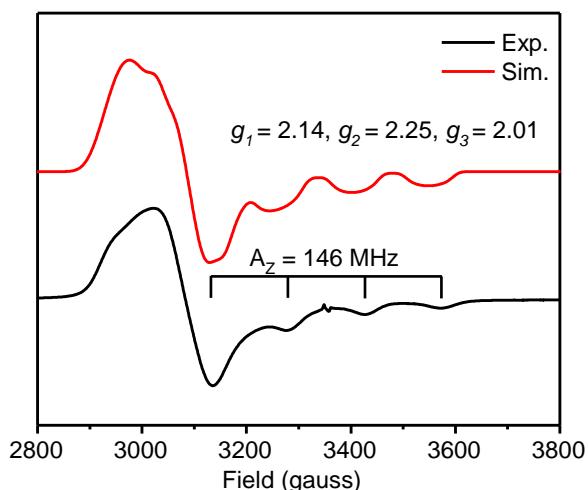
To an acetone solution (5 mL) of complex **4b** (2.2 mg, 0.0016 mmol) in a 20 mL scintillation vial equipped with a septum, CoCp<sub>2</sub> (0.27 mg, 0.0015 mmol) was added under nitrogen atmosphere to generate complex **4a** in situ. Excess <sup>18</sup>O<sub>2</sub> (0.5 mL, 0.02 mmol) and acetic acid (2.1 mg, 0.035 mmol) was inject to the vial and the obtained mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature for five minutes, during which the color of the solution changed from yellow to blue, indicating complex **4a** was oxidized back to complex **4b**. ESI-MS analysis of the resulting blue solution (Figure S15) showed that less than 10% of μ<sub>3</sub>-<sup>16</sup>O ligand in **4a** was replaced by <sup>18</sup>O during its aerobic oxidation to **4b**.



**Figure S15.** ESI-MS analysis of complex **4b** from the reaction of complex **4a** and  $^{18}\text{O}_2$  in the presence of acetic acid (red), and simulated mass spectrum with 90% **4b**- $^{16}\text{O}$  and 10% **4b**- $^{18}\text{O}$  (black).

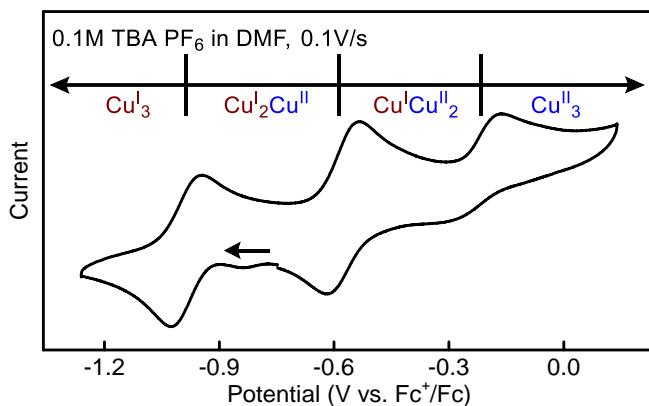
## 5. X-band EPR details

EPR spectra were recorded on a Bruker EMXPlus X-band EPR spectrometer equipped with Colledge cryostat with small-volume power saturation. All samples were measured in 4 mm septum-capped EPR quartz tubes (Wilmad Lab glass, 727-SQ-250MM). Complex **4b** (4.1 mg, 3  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) was dissolved in acetonitrile (6.0 mL) to make a 0.50 mM solution of **4b**, and 0.20 mL of the solution was transferred into the EPR tube under nitrogen atmosphere, frozen in liquid nitrogen, and used for EPR measurement. The spectrum was collected at 50 K with a modulation frequency of 100 kHz and a modulation amplitude of 10 G using 30 dB attenuation. A time constant of 40.96 ms and a conversion time of 50.15 ms were used. All spectra were baseline-corrected using Igor Pro (Wavemetrics, Lake Oswego, OR) software. Spectral simulations were performed using the EasySpin toolbox with MATLAB.<sup>2</sup>

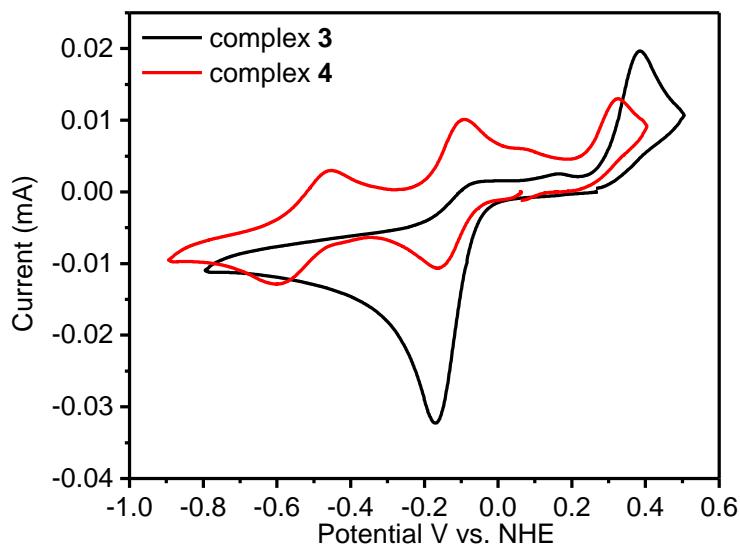


**Figure S16.** X-band EPR spectrum (frozen MeCN, 50K, 0.5 mM) of complex **4b**;  $g_1 = 2.14$ ,  $g_2 = 2.25$ ,  $g_3 = 2.01$ ,  $A_Z = 146$  MHz.

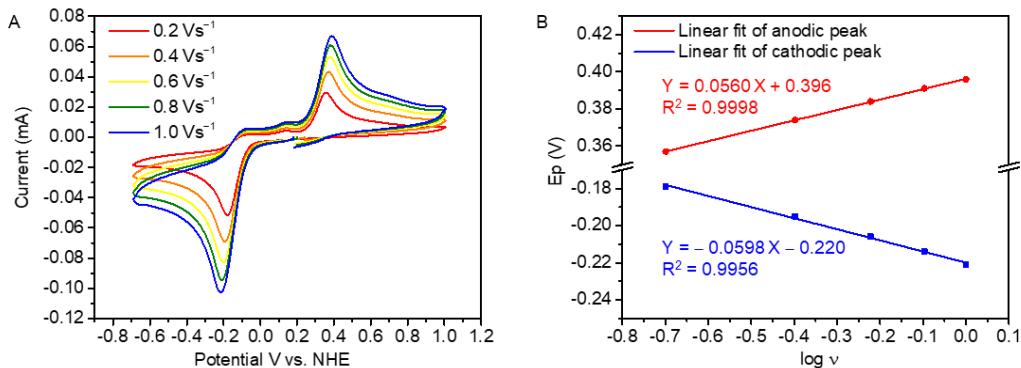
## 6. Electrochemistry details



**Figure S17.** Solution cyclic voltammogram of **4b** (1 mM) in DMF (0.1 M TBAPF<sub>6</sub>) with a scan rate of 0.100 V/s. Working electrode: glassy carbon; counter electrode: Pt wire; reference electrode: Ag/AgNO<sub>3</sub>.



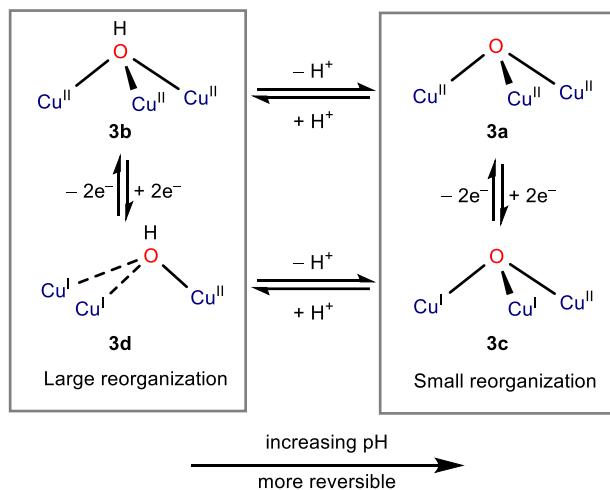
**Figure S18.** Solution cyclic voltammogram of **4** (1 mM) and **3** (1 mM) in phosphate buffer (pH = 5.8, 0.1 M) with a scan rate of 0.100 V/s. Working electrode: glassy carbon; counter electrode: Pt wire; reference electrode: leakless Ag/AgCl electrode (eDAQ).



**Figure S19.** (A) Scan rate dependant cyclic voltammetry of **3a** (1 mM, pH = 5.8 phosphate buffer). (B) Plot of cathodic and anodic potentials against  $\log v$  (scan rate, V/s). The number of electrons involved in the redox process can be calculated using Laviron's equation.<sup>3</sup> The slope obtained from the plot is equal to:

$$\frac{2.3RT}{\alpha Fn}$$

where  $\alpha$  is the electron-transfer coefficient and assumed to be 0.5 for irreversible process.<sup>4</sup> R (8.314 J · K<sup>-1</sup> · mol<sup>-1</sup>) is the ideal gas constant. T (298K) is temperature. F (96485 C · mol<sup>-1</sup>) is Faraday constant. n is the number of electrons involved.  $n_c$ , the number of electrons involved in the cathodic process, was calculated to be 2.0. And  $n_a$ , the number of electrons involved in the anodic process, was calculated to be 2.1. This result suggests that both the oxidation and the reduction are two-electron processes.



**Scheme S2.** Proposed redox behavior of **3a** based on its CV at different pH. Under acidic conditions, **3a** is protonated to form **3b** with a  $\mu_3$ -hydroxo ligand. The ca. 800 mV separation of the redox couple at low pH indicates a substantial barrier for electron transfer. Under basic conditions, **3b** is deprotonated to afford **3a**. The central  $\mu_3$ -oxo ligand in **3a** binds to the three copper centers tighter than  $\mu_3$ -hydroxo, attenuating the redox-induced geometric change and lowering the barrier for electron transfer. Consequently, the redox of **3a** is more reversible under basic conditions.

#### Evaluation of the electron self-exchange rate constants $k_{el}$ and $k_{hom}$ .

The standard electrochemical electron self-exchange rate constant  $k_{el}$  (cm s<sup>-1</sup>) for the **4a/4b**

and **4b/4c** redox couples was estimated using an electrochemical method published previously.<sup>5</sup> Under quasi-reversible conditions,  $k_{el}$  can be derived from Eq. 1:<sup>6,7</sup>

$$\Psi = k_{el}(D_R/D_O)^{\alpha/2} (RT/nF\pi D_R)^{1/2} v^{-1/2} \quad (1)$$

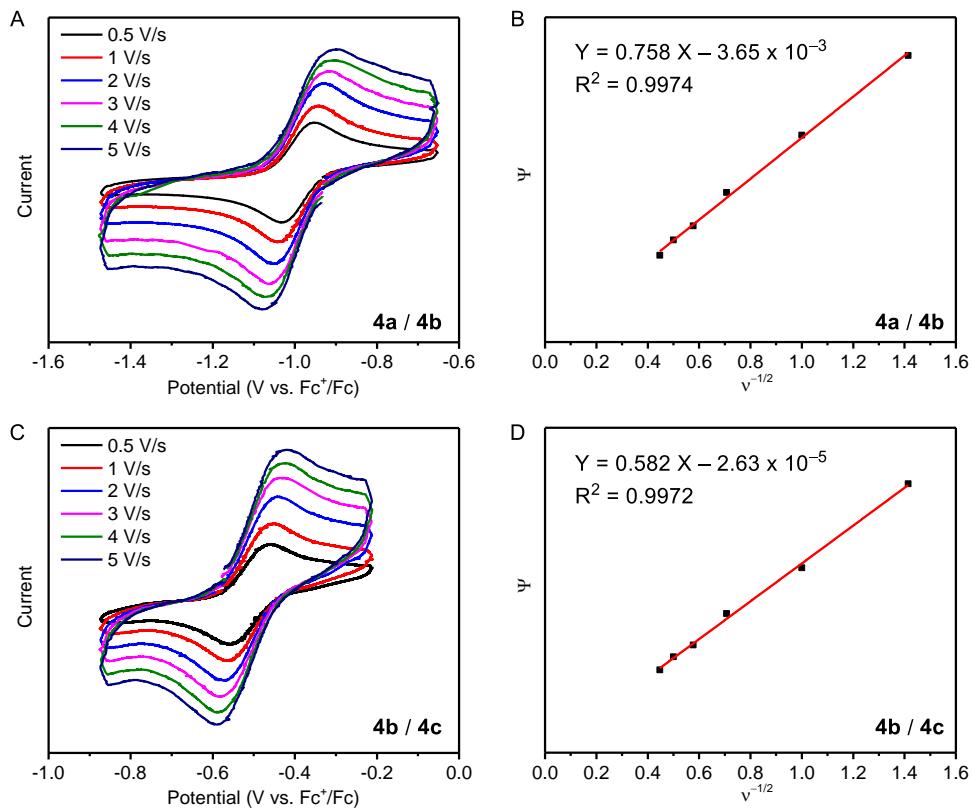
where  $\Psi$  is a kinetic parameter,  $D_R$  and  $D_O$  are the diffusion coefficients ( $\text{cm}^2/\text{s}$ ) of the reduced and oxidized species, respectively,  $\alpha$  is the transfer coefficient for the electrode process,  $R$  is gas constant ( $8.314 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ ),  $T$  is temperature ( $T = 298.15 \text{ K}$  in this case),  $n$  is the number of electrons transferred in each step ( $n = 1$  in this case),  $F$  is Faraday constant ( $96485.3 \text{ C mol}^{-1}$ ), and  $v$  is the potential scan rate ( $\text{V s}^{-1}$ ). The kinetic parameter  $\Psi$  is also related to the peak-to-peak separation ( $\Delta E_p / \text{mV}$ ) of the anodic and cathodic waves in cyclic voltammogram by using the empirical equation (Eq. 2):<sup>6</sup>

$$\Psi = (-0.6288 + 0.0021n\Delta E_p)/(1 - 0.017n\Delta E_p) \quad (2)$$

where  $n$  is the number of electrons transferred in each step. Cyclic voltammograms of **4a/4b** and **4b/4c** (1 mM in MeCN + 0.1 M Bu<sub>4</sub>NPF<sub>6</sub>) were measured at different potential scan rates (0.5–5.0 V s<sup>-1</sup> range) in the suitable potential regions (Figure S20A and S20C). Current interrupt (CI) measurement was performed before the cyclic voltammetry to account for uncompensated resistance ( $R_u$ ). The values of  $\Psi$  were calculated from the experimental  $\Delta E_p$  values (80 mV – 140 mV) using the Eq. 2. The value of  $D_O$  and  $D_R$  was obtained using the Randles-Sevcik equations ( $9.4(6)\times 10^{-7} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$  and  $9.4(6)\times 10^{-7} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$  for **4a/4b** redox couple;  $1.5(1)\times 10^{-6} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$  and  $1.4(1)\times 10^{-6} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$  for **4b/4c** redox couple). Since  $D_O \approx D_R$  in both redox cases and  $0 < \alpha < 1$ ,  $(D_R/D_O)^{\alpha/2}$  is approximated equal to 1.<sup>7</sup> An estimate of the values of  $k_{el}$  was obtained from the  $\Psi$  vs  $v^{-1/2}$  plot using Eq. 1 ( $7.8(2)\times 10^{-3} \text{ cm s}^{-1}$  for **4a/4b** redox couple, FigureS19B;  $7.6(2)\times 10^{-3} \text{ cm s}^{-1}$  for **4b/4c** redox couple, FigureS19D). A correlation between  $k_{el}$  and the homogeneous electron self-exchange rate constant  $k_{hom}$  ( $\text{L mol}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) has been described by Weaver et al. (Eq. 3):<sup>8</sup>

$$k_{hom} = 4\pi N_A r_h^2 k_{el} 10^{-19} \quad (3)$$

where  $k_{el}$  is the electrochemical rate constant ( $\text{cm s}^{-1}$ ),  $N_A$  is the Avogadro constant ( $\text{mol}^{-1}$ ), and  $r_h$  is the internuclear distance for self-exchange ( $\text{\AA}$ ). The value of  $r_h$  (11.2 Å) was estimated based on atomic coordinate of the X-ray single-crystal structure **4b** using chemcraft software. The value of  $k_{hom}$  was calculated as  $7.4(2)\times 10^5 \text{ L mol}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$  for **4a/4b** redox couple and  $7.2(2)\times 10^5 \text{ L mol}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$  for **4b/4c** redox couple.



**Figure S20.** Scan rate dependent cyclic voltammograms for **4a/4b** redox couple (A) and **4b/4c** redox couple (C).  $\Psi$  vs  $v^{-1/2}$  plots for **4a/4b** redox couple (B) and **4b/4c** redox couple (D).

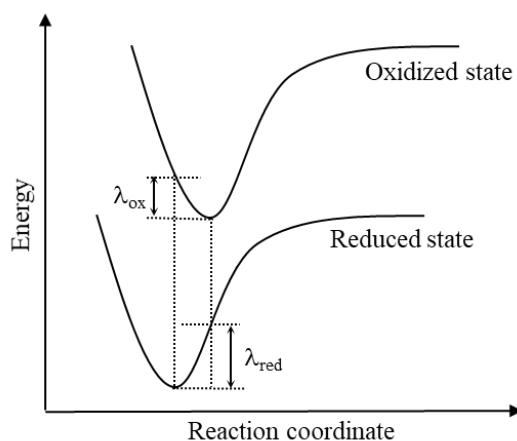
## 7. Computational details

All computations were performed using ORCA software packages.<sup>9</sup> The geometry optimization was carried out using BP86 method with a mixed basis set (def2-TZVP for the copper atoms and def2-SVP for all light atoms, C, N, O, H), followed by a frequency calculation. For both complex **3** and **4** in  $\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}$  and  $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}$  oxidation states, the structures were optimized at three spin states (singlet, triplet, broken symmetry triplet for  $\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}$ ; doublet, quartet, and broken symmetry quartet for  $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}$ ) at BP86/def2-TZVP(Cu)/def2-TZVP(C, N, O, H) level of theory to determine the ground state (Table S3). To estimate the reorganization energy ( $\lambda$ ), single-point calculations of the one-electron oxidized or reduced species at their redox counterpart's geometry were performed. The implication of reorganization energy for the oxidized complex ( $\lambda_{\text{ox}}$ ) and the reduced complex ( $\lambda_{\text{red}}$ ) of a redox couple is clarified in Figure S21. The total inner-sphere reorganization energy for a self-exchange reaction ( $\lambda_i$ ) is the sum of  $\lambda_{\text{ox}}$  and  $\lambda_{\text{red}}$ . Solvated single-point energies were calculated at TPSSh/def2-TZVP(Cu)/def2-SVP(C, N, O, H) level<sup>10</sup> with a Solvation Model based on Density (SMD, acetonitrile).<sup>11</sup> Dispersion corrections with Becke-Johnson damping were applied for single-point calculation.<sup>12,13</sup> The Gibbs free energy of each species was determined by adding the solvated single point SCF energy to the thermal correction from the respective frequency calculation.<sup>14</sup> The results are shown in Table S4. Time-dependent density-functional theory (TD-DFT) calculation for complex **4b** and **4c** were performed at BP86/def2-TZVP level using 50 roots.

Oxidation state	Spin state	[TREN <sub>3</sub> Cu <sub>3</sub> O]/Ha	[TREN <sub>4</sub> Cu <sub>3</sub> OH]/Ha
I II II	Singlet	-6599.04390513 <sup>a,b</sup>	-
	Triplet	-6599.04831111 <sup>a,b</sup>	Exp. Ground state
	Triplet Broken-symmetry	-6599.04390608 <sup>a,b</sup>	-
II II II	Doublet	-6598.55474903 <sup>a,b</sup>	-7285.19694591 <sup>a,b</sup>
	Quartet	-6598.55615692 <sup>a,b</sup>	-7285.19896527 <sup>a,b</sup>
	Quartet Broken-symmetry	-6598.55475856 <sup>a,b</sup>	-7285.19535823 <sup>a,b</sup>

a: BP86/SVP; b: SCF single point energy

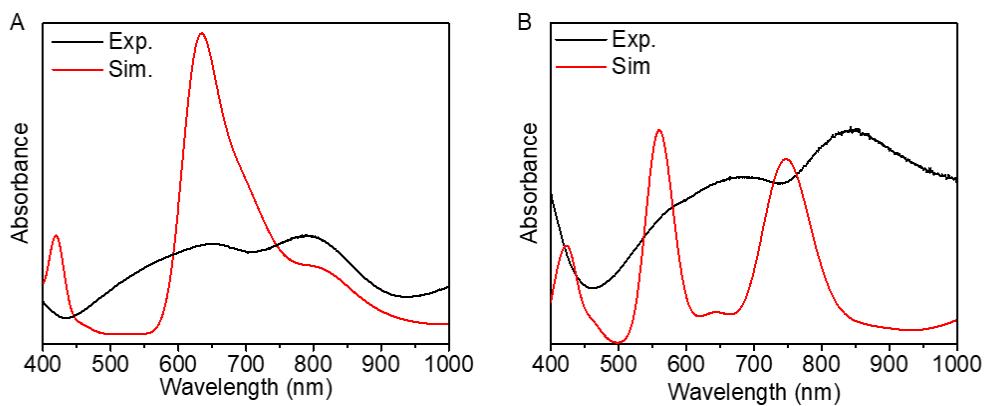
**Table S3:** Ground state determination of complex **3** and **4** at the Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>II</sup> and Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>II</sup> oxidation states. The isolated [TREN<sub>4</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>OH] in Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>II</sup> oxidation has a paramagnetic <sup>1</sup>H NMR, which suggests its triplet ground state.



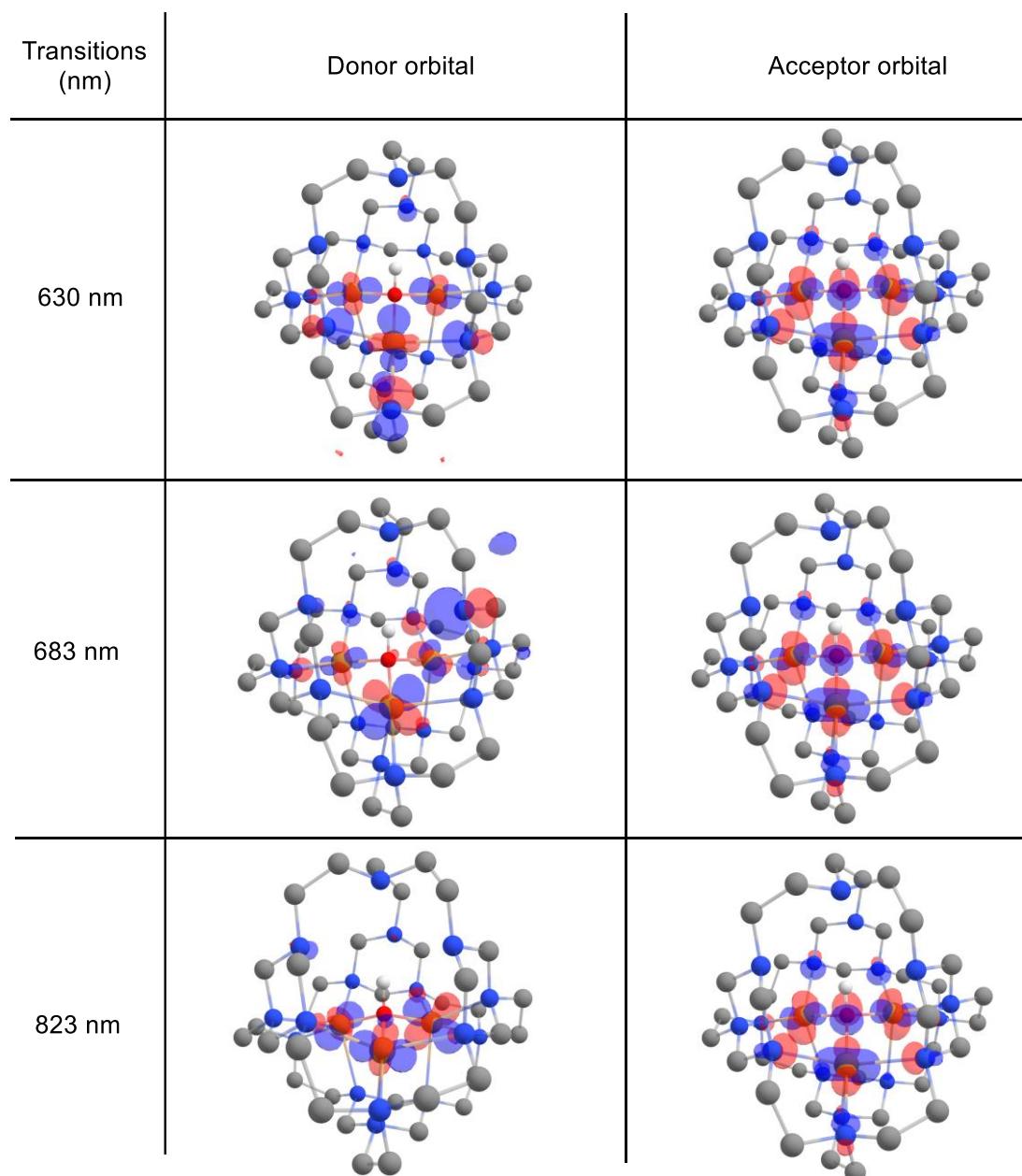
**Figure S21.** The potential energy of a general electron-transfer process. The reorganization energy of the reduction and the oxidation ( $\lambda_{\text{ox}}$  and  $\lambda_{\text{red}}$ ) are indicated.

Complex	Redox couple	$\lambda_{\text{ox}}$	$\lambda_{\text{red}}$	$\lambda_i$
Complex <b>4</b>	I,II,II – I,I,II	0.047	0.65	0.70
	I,I,II – I,II,II	0.027	0.39	0.42
	I,II,II – II,II,II	0.13	0.046	0.18
Complex <b>3</b>	I,II,I – I,I,II	1.1	0.95	2.1
	I,I,II – I,II,II	0.15	0.53	0.68
	I,II,II – II,II,II	0.084	0.26	0.34

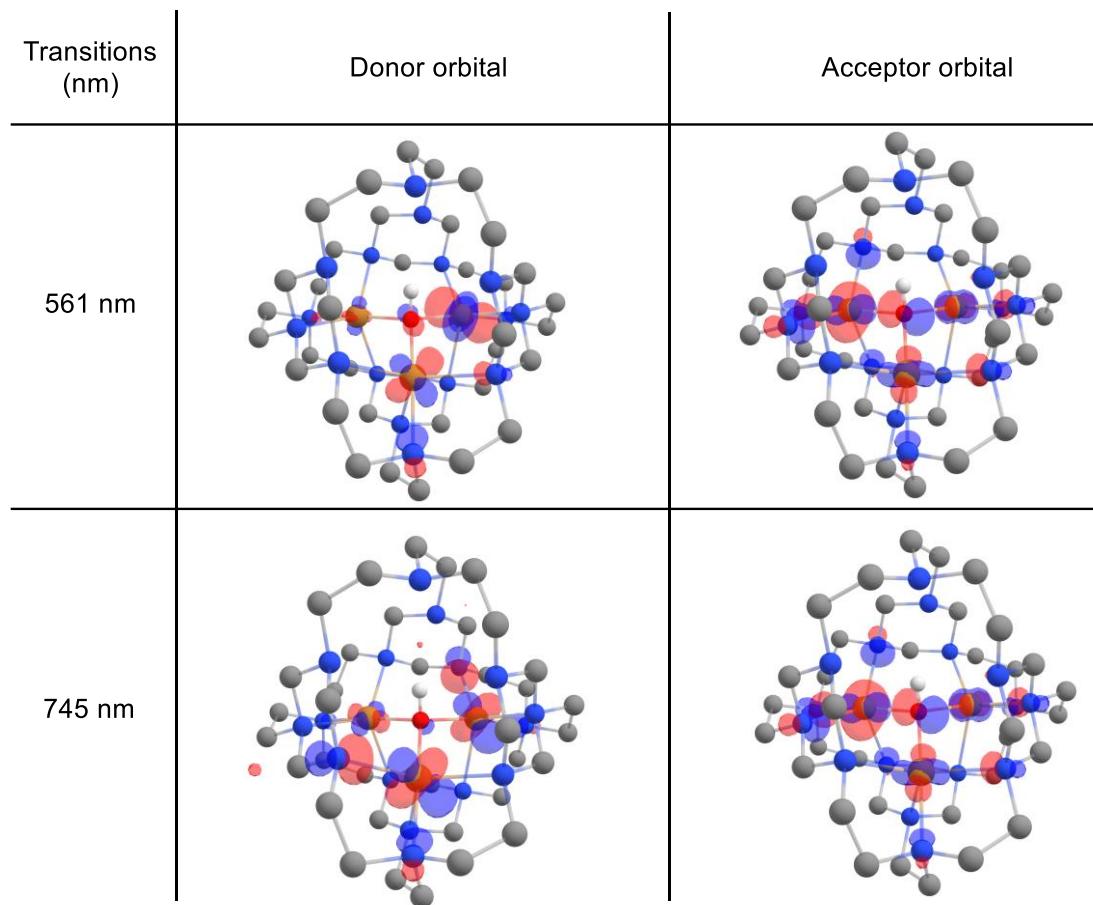
**Table S4.** The calculated  $\lambda_{\text{ox}}$ ,  $\lambda_{\text{red}}$ , and  $\lambda_i$  (eV) for complex **3** and **4**.



**Figure S22.** Experimental and simulated UV-vis spectrum of complex **4b** (A) and **4c** (B).



**Table S5:** Selected TD-DFT transitions for **4b**. Orbitals plotted at a 0.048 isosurface value.



**Table S6:** Selected TD-DFT transitions for **4c**. Orbitals plotted at a 0.048 isosurface value.

#### Cartesian coordinates of complexes used in computations

Complex – Level of theory optimized (Calculations used for)

*Charge, spin multiplicity*

[TREN<sub>4</sub>Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>(μ<sub>3</sub>-OH)] – BP86/def2-SVP (C, H, O, N)/def2-TZVP (Cu)

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6	10.621100000	0.765416000	12.970879000
1	11.315256000	0.693894000	13.841371000
1	9.607250000	0.884495000	13.400234000

6	11.554433000	-2.725960000	8.702771000
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1	12.509034000	-3.313851000	8.540103000
6	7.797845000	-2.849105000	11.039747000
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1	8.837605000	-3.232061000	10.990502000
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1	9.705361000	3.623515000	5.427949000
1	11.040438000	3.265569000	4.325145000
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1	6.453228000	-2.161334000	4.155458000
1	5.822680000	-2.433456000	5.790602000
6	9.596610000	1.679672000	4.480024000
1	10.284614000	0.866169000	4.168776000
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8	8.864795000	0.114946000	8.628418000
6	5.338977000	2.234920000	6.729351000
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7	5.898404000	-0.938916000	10.239760000
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7	11.190965000	2.436277000	6.304654000
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1	10.992563000	4.142349000	10.554636000
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1	10.836021000	5.213710000	8.334511000

1	9.434252000	0.683367000	8.059623000
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1	10.185168000	-1.512097000	14.095906000
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1	7.256819000	-3.402649000	11.623795000
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6	12.091369000	-1.009883000	12.057090000
1	12.498026000	-1.443772000	12.999191000
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6	11.785443000	-1.238275000	6.845599000
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1	13.918938000	0.393563000	6.787675000
29	8.693098000	-1.653489000	7.762670000
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1	11.657575000	-4.003152000	6.497111000
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1	6.620123000	-4.776445000	9.597903000
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7	7.207595000	-0.861474000	5.842430000
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7	6.542923000	1.340993000	6.650146000
6	9.532085000	-4.272614000	6.791161000
1	9.500306000	-5.087777000	6.031746000
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1	5.474328000	0.209777000	5.187999000
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1	5.672842000	-2.187900000	8.516808000
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1	7.327802000	-4.204184000	4.995779000
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1	6.975306000	2.227476000	4.755882000
6	8.095749000	-0.211396000	4.863525000
1	8.943494000	-0.884700000	4.628726000
1	7.530443000	-0.040758000	3.897952000
6	10.414946000	2.787609000	5.096288000
1	9.725676000	3.616420000	5.351278000
1	11.060921000	3.194888000	4.275908000
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29	7.153099000	1.134582000	8.851469000
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1	4.781077000	2.285551000	5.833364000
1	5.815684000	3.301998000	6.856736000
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1	3.987080000	-0.862990000	10.827099000
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7	6.013546000	-0.838008000	10.086433000
6	4.486469000	1.155570000	10.260945000
1	3.405054000	1.424722000	10.263047000
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7	7.858852000	2.892031000	10.236735000
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6	8.762336000	2.598128000	11.367512000
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6	5.445366000	3.344641000	9.746261000
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6	11.532594000	3.651025000	7.067082000
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6	6.578374000	3.420591000	10.767405000
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1	6.317423000	2.830500000	11.670706000
6	10.368209000	4.256558000	7.859115000
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1	10.732632000	5.204324000	8.330877000
1	9.437600000	0.695093000	8.040209000

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8	10.728126000	7.341804000	5.391253000
7	9.616170000	4.313948000	5.914762000
7	7.004834000	8.315041000	3.891774000
7	13.394214000	5.563578000	5.638601000
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7	13.886588000	7.900561000	6.183297000
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7	11.830757000	3.593115000	4.060469000
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7	10.265118000	9.597520000	7.628435000
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6	7.590734000	6.059726000	6.837337000
6	9.355609000	4.526975000	7.350487000
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6	12.071523000	3.643784000	2.587335000
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6	7.122886000	10.090878000	5.640837000
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6	8.387213000	8.559616000	1.824149000
6	6.687721000	9.736890000	4.222843000
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6	13.070987000	3.208299000	4.797203000
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6	11.972247000	7.182603000	10.082720000
6	6.526706000	5.971951000	4.652861000
6	13.124556000	11.409593000	4.747042000
6	7.058303000	8.104733000	2.414860000
1	8.506616000	10.800415000	7.754380000
1	8.227064000	9.023886000	7.791557000
1	15.343677000	6.426068000	5.667487000
1	14.261605000	6.980916000	4.334870000
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1	14.287880000	4.979723000	7.486616000
1	14.833021000	7.235759000	7.996032000
1	13.551352000	8.481469000	8.166584000
1	8.845310000	5.914583000	2.369506000
1	9.653207000	6.489019000	0.865855000
1	10.738570000	8.818177000	0.928580000
1	10.712752000	9.685019000	2.508925000
1	5.757955000	7.807589000	5.525189000
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1	15.591271000	10.436886000	4.542670000
1	10.022605000	4.040016000	1.959712000
1	11.258420000	4.519021000	0.783092000
1	6.552078000	9.494770000	6.381694000
1	6.872501000	11.156352000	5.847511000
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1	7.195414000	10.389454000	3.486818000
1	5.598554000	9.934933000	4.107727000
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1	10.029899000	10.748472000	9.445195000
1	12.339611000	5.151680000	9.388175000
1	13.805940000	6.088720000	9.727725000
1	11.217674000	11.752276000	3.754436000
1	11.461469000	12.683710000	5.241020000
1	12.470747000	8.170875000	10.066564000
1	11.931136000	6.876909000	11.151928000
1	6.685430000	5.532871000	3.646291000
1	5.735261000	5.347644000	5.130849000
1	13.537194000	11.423297000	5.775666000
1	13.593460000	12.292298000	4.244279000
1	6.888812000	7.030500000	2.206111000
1	6.227002000	8.643700000	1.907658000
1	11.389142000	8.004095000	5.055192000

**[TREN<sub>4</sub>Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>II</sup>(μ<sub>3</sub>-OH)] – BP86/def2-SVP (C, H, O, N)/def2-TZVP (Cu)**

5, 4			
29	11.301151000	5.508161000	4.709651000
29	8.903489000	7.865459000	4.645166000
29	10.722745000	7.370986000	7.437181000
8	10.694486000	7.306051000	5.410588000
7	9.618399000	4.319254000	5.887529000
7	6.996634000	8.310187000	3.889444000
7	13.377816000	5.553089000	5.634479000

7	9.552486000	7.893690000	2.467821000
7	8.593633000	9.796404000	5.842628000
7	13.862294000	7.908986000	6.131074000
7	10.854487000	10.602551000	5.492701000
7	11.830244000	3.585372000	4.063099000
7	8.859758000	5.878794000	7.614952000
7	12.814083000	6.523291000	7.822579000
7	12.000379000	8.079358000	2.489587000
7	10.255405000	9.578153000	7.643132000
7	7.812549000	5.898759000	5.399239000
7	10.589229000	7.339924000	9.535021000
7	13.620621000	10.258882000	4.061893000
7	10.970441000	5.882876000	2.466246000
6	8.832210000	9.810266000	7.303379000
6	14.276423000	6.720493000	5.392861000
6	13.272453000	5.319934000	7.094449000
6	13.794148000	7.611253000	7.556015000
6	9.707930000	6.497074000	1.996057000
6	10.747170000	8.685337000	2.051032000
6	5.993844000	7.419421000	4.552346000
6	8.351822000	4.541503000	5.160791000
6	12.096001000	6.720507000	1.970371000
6	7.607095000	6.073630000	6.852980000
6	9.371399000	4.523443000	7.331839000
6	8.521326000	6.007407000	9.069474000
6	12.098997000	3.650799000	2.591252000
6	13.168953000	8.855754000	1.997821000
6	11.097638000	10.584347000	6.931801000
6	9.442770000	10.856371000	5.234452000
6	9.745860000	6.177306000	9.953586000
6	14.861752000	9.636736000	4.520959000
6	11.065947000	4.507318000	1.873209000
6	7.144991000	10.111131000	5.607377000
6	14.019940000	4.359063000	4.982068000
6	10.072126000	2.901686000	5.710231000
6	8.357212000	8.523320000	1.806312000
6	6.706545000	9.747078000	4.195734000
6	10.701046000	2.646225000	4.348936000
6	13.059690000	3.190254000	4.819488000
6	14.820357000	9.026721000	5.927756000
6	9.967253000	8.633301000	9.962204000
6	13.369843000	10.240853000	2.621560000
6	10.463476000	9.796155000	9.117080000
6	12.797496000	6.202098000	9.288918000
6	11.654795000	11.665491000	4.830718000
6	11.977964000	7.210170000	10.081040000
6	6.495219000	5.989398000	4.686737000
6	13.171351000	11.444951000	4.789617000
6	7.037636000	8.069668000	2.413013000
1	8.508926000	10.800196000	7.718658000
1	8.205312000	9.031985000	7.778967000
1	15.324063000	6.418063000	5.670081000
1	14.267870000	6.935830000	4.307913000
1	12.566117000	4.490464000	7.287448000
1	14.272463000	5.008625000	7.493584000

1	14.792968000	7.297930000	7.969270000
1	13.491015000	8.525300000	8.103278000
1	8.856022000	5.888043000	2.355199000
1	9.687398000	6.477461000	0.874920000
1	10.722124000	8.795172000	0.931401000
1	10.650298000	9.699159000	2.483289000
1	5.751346000	7.845699000	5.544398000
1	5.038547000	7.422826000	3.980881000
1	8.519672000	4.409830000	4.075362000
1	7.595161000	3.776211000	5.479077000
1	12.085309000	6.698181000	0.845552000
1	13.055827000	6.275007000	2.295823000
1	6.829393000	5.348723000	7.214110000
1	7.224807000	7.093123000	7.051299000
1	8.637174000	3.757307000	7.699446000
1	10.319427000	4.361321000	7.878288000
1	7.846732000	6.881055000	9.169936000
1	7.933085000	5.130380000	9.426988000
1	13.117751000	4.055839000	2.436761000
1	12.108880000	2.627988000	2.151809000
1	14.070634000	8.232444000	2.166606000
1	13.119539000	9.006193000	0.891484000
1	12.158634000	10.339851000	7.127607000
1	10.893751000	11.593098000	7.386678000
1	9.273697000	10.880769000	4.140515000
1	9.113031000	11.852484000	5.641268000
1	10.373369000	5.265448000	9.939820000
1	9.420168000	6.300017000	11.011338000
1	15.181275000	8.887131000	3.771731000
1	15.680225000	10.400246000	4.529983000
1	10.060435000	4.042998000	1.929688000
1	11.315294000	4.555066000	0.789218000
1	6.553782000	9.549425000	6.358418000
1	6.932536000	11.187571000	5.795587000
1	14.401587000	4.690220000	3.995369000
1	14.913651000	4.024261000	5.555624000
1	10.800654000	2.689537000	6.519089000
1	9.231874000	2.186190000	5.863830000
1	8.472834000	9.621884000	1.905980000
1	8.350827000	8.315235000	0.712243000
1	7.223312000	10.377372000	3.447123000
1	5.620611000	9.958379000	4.074671000
1	9.948116000	2.741403000	3.542121000
1	11.055734000	1.591824000	4.301400000
1	12.752499000	2.792506000	5.806355000
1	13.579453000	2.351309000	4.305175000
1	14.569007000	9.809911000	6.671527000
1	15.865850000	8.715084000	6.172608000
1	8.866719000	8.535853000	9.894758000
1	10.187271000	8.832129000	11.034864000
1	12.509626000	10.903013000	2.404534000
1	14.234751000	10.709961000	2.087121000
1	11.550175000	9.951083000	9.270589000
1	9.970050000	10.735305000	9.455059000
1	12.385645000	5.179515000	9.407572000

1	13.830363000	6.158489000	9.702668000
1	11.260870000	11.777634000	3.799891000
1	11.488434000	12.659937000	5.313237000
1	12.455598000	8.208480000	10.060456000
1	11.945307000	6.909351000	11.151773000
1	6.623884000	5.526484000	3.687065000
1	5.717458000	5.378624000	5.200412000
1	13.599856000	11.417236000	5.809515000
1	13.612769000	12.359634000	4.319886000
1	6.868105000	6.991516000	2.226900000
1	6.196751000	8.596785000	1.909255000
1	11.353151000	7.971043000	5.077297000

**[TREN<sub>3</sub>Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>(μ<sub>3</sub>-O)] – BP86/def2-SVP (C, H, O, N)/def2-TZVP (Cu)**

1, 1			
29	5.142650000	1.378498000	-2.485868000
7	3.599546000	0.008147000	-3.843059000
6	3.990698000	-1.387176000	-4.160881000
1	3.978414000	-1.951726000	-3.207063000
1	3.219284000	-1.865609000	-4.818215000
6	5.376240000	-1.559008000	-4.822788000
7	6.541422000	-1.138282000	-4.048112000
7	4.964341000	2.630356000	-4.157060000
6	6.092672000	2.376960000	-5.090235000
7	7.353769000	2.666930000	-4.438305000
29	7.828423000	1.225693000	-2.215122000
29	6.425283000	2.750381000	-0.553633000
7	8.102229000	2.913058000	1.158071000
6	9.397202000	2.523003000	0.606058000
7	9.590117000	3.168400000	-0.690685000
7	8.019221000	-1.650082000	-2.143339000
6	6.992811000	-2.122506000	-3.028362000
1	7.365468000	-3.018277000	-3.577727000
6	9.378642000	-1.464161000	-2.607531000
1	10.038602000	-1.381079000	-1.717510000
1	9.702238000	-2.399838000	-3.117526000
6	9.704348000	-0.330805000	-3.615446000
7	9.615471000	1.088967000	-3.108933000
7	3.431167000	0.968776000	-0.963684000
6	2.670818000	-0.161950000	-1.502907000
6	2.382393000	0.024713000	-2.999854000
6	3.436626000	0.839124000	-5.048152000
6	3.657952000	2.337684000	-4.792640000
6	5.024547000	4.052453000	-3.727967000
7	6.306979000	4.333104000	-3.109331000
7	6.019713000	4.703153000	0.000640000
6	7.288307000	5.213551000	0.610700000
6	7.928909000	4.281807000	1.653748000
1	7.307731000	4.248954000	2.572124000
1	8.898871000	4.742375000	1.953238000
1	8.018073000	5.352614000	-0.209391000
1	7.102698000	6.210630000	1.079788000
6	5.589128000	5.639778000	-1.082133000
1	4.530763000	5.421776000	-1.315712000
1	5.614007000	6.687429000	-0.698321000

6	6.398842000	5.597468000	-2.387776000
6	7.409534000	4.064221000	-4.018247000
6	8.523139000	2.167299000	-5.156171000
6	9.763411000	2.022637000	-4.266181000
6	10.720835000	1.335230000	-2.118604000
1	11.701259000	1.177405000	-2.631137000
1	10.636943000	0.550397000	-1.342453000
6	10.757520000	2.732853000	-1.449388000
1	10.989795000	3.508161000	-2.211220000
1	11.640614000	2.728210000	-0.773416000
1	10.042187000	3.016056000	-3.865870000
1	10.618544000	1.697192000	-4.904163000
1	8.245291000	1.181218000	-5.580434000
1	8.810377000	2.814214000	-6.024716000
1	7.387733000	4.748832000	-4.921638000
1	8.361956000	4.255848000	-3.484554000
1	7.473168000	5.781890000	-2.181307000
1	6.057572000	6.471722000	-3.002010000
6	4.948621000	4.583566000	1.049449000
6	3.520463000	4.291071000	0.527384000
7	3.443022000	3.315145000	-0.551065000
6	2.673733000	2.083071000	-0.389903000
1	1.697903000	2.137872000	-0.927489000
1	3.041779000	5.253365000	0.227229000
1	2.934171000	3.946168000	1.410304000
1	5.268681000	3.773304000	1.735068000
1	4.903468000	5.527165000	1.646469000
1	4.845230000	4.715310000	-4.626387000
1	4.206825000	4.217132000	-2.998028000
1	2.876471000	2.733702000	-4.111734000
1	3.548452000	2.883444000	-5.761841000
1	4.156277000	0.487475000	-5.812418000
1	2.427052000	0.714672000	-5.513324000
1	1.877988000	1.004620000	-3.130216000
1	1.653247000	-0.750199000	-3.345697000
1	3.266505000	-1.084458000	-1.347266000
1	1.705036000	-0.325737000	-0.970150000
1	8.996217000	-0.425977000	-4.460843000
1	10.739428000	-0.490171000	-4.006190000
1	9.378883000	1.405135000	0.559092000
1	5.942230000	3.005764000	-6.017285000
1	6.088833000	1.313699000	-5.390434000
1	5.381959000	-1.047005000	-5.812345000
1	5.484248000	-2.637526000	-5.071007000
1	6.145900000	-2.475116000	-2.387543000
1	2.421810000	1.915663000	0.692100000
1	10.254150000	2.816707000	1.264903000
1	6.313646000	-0.256422000	-3.539311000
1	7.681873000	-0.940863000	-1.473599000
1	7.801250000	2.218795000	1.847391000
1	4.387904000	3.047541000	-0.904278000
1	4.187634000	0.661089000	-0.335684000
1	8.721686000	2.981075000	-1.242204000
8	6.405816000	0.936532000	-1.057821000

**[TREN<sub>3</sub>Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>II</sup>(μ<sub>3</sub>-O)] – BP86/def2-SVP (C, H, O, N)/def2-TZVP (Cu)**

2, 2			
29	5.113601000	0.579796000	-2.423412000
7	3.416344000	0.075222000	-3.714160000
6	3.495152000	-1.378380000	-4.024000000
1	3.120133000	-1.935554000	-3.142043000
1	2.816326000	-1.641528000	-4.869412000
6	4.909727000	-1.851175000	-4.339291000
7	5.832736000	-1.508324000	-3.244264000
7	5.108129000	2.608988000	-4.112997000
6	6.257924000	2.349894000	-4.977066000
7	7.510572000	2.550797000	-4.246704000
29	8.041408000	0.982797000	-2.282325000
29	6.197588000	2.922971000	-0.652406000
7	7.960702000	3.116538000	0.816342000
6	9.332713000	3.219660000	0.287810000
7	9.685306000	2.091716000	-0.551806000
7	8.177109000	-1.228943000	-2.634919000
6	7.221777000	-1.808268000	-3.587275000
1	7.423134000	-1.369017000	-4.586354000
6	9.579668000	-1.467009000	-3.031345000
1	10.195712000	-1.518237000	-2.112721000
1	9.715593000	-2.445852000	-3.547367000
6	10.077503000	-0.346307000	-3.949980000
7	9.966616000	0.993277000	-3.312555000
7	3.247547000	0.661011000	-0.804892000
6	2.182785000	-0.053394000	-1.518208000
6	2.141107000	0.349639000	-2.998236000
6	3.499469000	0.867374000	-4.971369000
6	3.823667000	2.352022000	-4.775912000
6	5.167724000	3.974925000	-3.598192000
7	6.412325000	4.201743000	-2.857734000
7	5.837123000	4.983253000	0.037104000
6	7.049690000	5.410806000	0.783833000
6	7.613920000	4.280532000	1.651187000
1	6.869512000	3.961764000	2.407415000
1	8.488825000	4.668101000	2.224485000
1	7.816652000	5.722979000	0.048223000
1	6.836477000	6.307252000	1.411893000
6	5.589354000	5.854755000	-1.140211000
1	4.531337000	5.723427000	-1.444106000
1	5.690881000	6.931529000	-0.863213000
6	6.506316000	5.574413000	-2.334178000
6	7.564875000	3.914160000	-3.715853000
6	8.665976000	2.242506000	-5.101902000
6	9.981924000	2.069900000	-4.337590000
6	11.097106000	1.177532000	-2.358460000
1	12.049648000	1.348278000	-2.913336000
1	11.229850000	0.227371000	-1.802579000
6	10.893408000	2.303608000	-1.347499000
1	10.790457000	3.279942000	-1.869720000
1	11.827555000	2.388276000	-0.739229000
1	10.242536000	3.017880000	-3.827836000
1	10.795971000	1.894090000	-5.080196000
1	8.426684000	1.311063000	-5.657815000

1	8.829908000	3.025997000	-5.885052000
1	7.619776000	4.659223000	-4.567470000
1	8.482997000	4.032831000	-3.107042000
1	7.564608000	5.742334000	-2.042938000
1	6.285718000	6.337727000	-3.122611000
6	4.666726000	5.005429000	0.955084000
6	3.500727000	4.151708000	0.474930000
7	3.916938000	2.763691000	0.228313000
6	2.831496000	1.993803000	-0.382548000
1	2.504994000	2.554544000	-1.284050000
1	3.091050000	4.551674000	-0.476791000
1	2.671396000	4.237765000	1.217762000
1	4.999807000	4.627422000	1.941980000
1	4.319338000	6.050867000	1.126593000
1	5.073846000	4.727580000	-4.439807000
1	4.305885000	4.127217000	-2.918109000
1	3.034614000	2.828322000	-4.157974000
1	3.760639000	2.847610000	-5.777948000
1	4.270325000	0.401324000	-5.617324000
1	2.542922000	0.791906000	-5.541001000
1	1.932577000	1.435111000	-3.072406000
1	1.289200000	-0.164334000	-3.502281000
1	2.364921000	-1.142484000	-1.416782000
1	1.169362000	0.125532000	-1.082040000
1	9.470602000	-0.337442000	-4.876211000
1	11.126403000	-0.552993000	-4.266366000
1	10.057667000	3.375725000	1.134176000
1	6.221299000	3.014399000	-5.893976000
1	6.226661000	1.299093000	-5.327240000
1	5.287698000	-1.362486000	-5.261776000
1	4.878045000	-2.943684000	-4.561083000
1	7.385530000	-2.913843000	-3.686546000
1	1.933267000	1.948144000	0.295040000
1	9.392372000	4.135648000	-0.338268000
1	5.570300000	-2.048211000	-2.405646000
1	8.005272000	-1.619660000	-1.699077000
1	7.877202000	2.250259000	1.363614000
1	4.173965000	2.325360000	1.125457000
1	3.568837000	0.114865000	0.003371000
1	9.789111000	1.242538000	0.020631000
8	6.474696000	1.163979000	-1.251286000

**[TREN<sub>3</sub>Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>II</sup>(μ<sub>3</sub>-O)] – BP86/def2-SVP (C, H, O, N)/def2-TZVP (Cu)**

3, 3			
29	5.013514000	0.642931000	-2.445526000
7	3.370342000	0.079773000	-3.764293000
6	3.501299000	-1.367388000	-4.095789000
1	3.095849000	-1.957383000	-3.249704000
1	2.879667000	-1.632801000	-4.981157000
6	4.947675000	-1.768680000	-4.339857000
7	5.804839000	-1.386192000	-3.189495000
7	5.091639000	2.552374000	-4.021035000
6	6.245253000	2.285569000	-4.893939000
7	7.515811000	2.492293000	-4.178846000
29	8.129092000	1.094591000	-2.239055000

29	6.158894000	2.985397000	-0.669338000
7	7.848373000	3.055874000	0.768780000
6	9.206555000	3.135575000	0.207034000
7	9.548084000	2.012951000	-0.674142000
7	8.163024000	-1.107790000	-2.530103000
6	7.210131000	-1.677776000	-3.496651000
1	7.431122000	-1.242985000	-4.492029000
6	9.559760000	-1.424091000	-2.932943000
1	10.184184000	-1.449687000	-2.018900000
1	9.641192000	-2.436850000	-3.387548000
6	10.080029000	-0.379666000	-3.922754000
7	10.003054000	0.991123000	-3.346917000
7	3.412823000	0.649856000	-0.913602000
6	2.279685000	-0.092213000	-1.531313000
6	2.114014000	0.311263000	-2.998331000
6	3.435506000	0.910444000	-4.998465000
6	3.804537000	2.370954000	-4.735709000
6	5.174391000	3.936186000	-3.527525000
7	6.427832000	4.168431000	-2.793195000
7	5.841734000	5.025905000	0.038130000
6	7.058573000	5.406559000	0.807650000
6	7.572982000	4.230229000	1.640124000
1	6.824026000	3.926360000	2.397048000
1	8.475426000	4.545806000	2.210111000
1	7.838222000	5.732491000	0.091252000
1	6.859899000	6.282835000	1.465305000
6	5.624528000	5.905070000	-1.142721000
1	4.561784000	5.813446000	-1.445503000
1	5.767582000	6.977212000	-0.872694000
6	6.534230000	5.573267000	-2.325734000
6	7.567537000	3.874199000	-3.679061000
6	8.642661000	2.200630000	-5.098749000
6	9.994158000	2.041859000	-4.401431000
6	11.131424000	1.203009000	-2.396269000
1	12.071965000	1.447057000	-2.939978000
1	11.323269000	0.248960000	-1.865269000
6	10.826726000	2.289992000	-1.376996000
1	10.728574000	3.278753000	-1.873365000
1	11.685202000	2.382415000	-0.673824000
1	10.291930000	2.999374000	-3.930569000
1	10.768294000	1.834094000	-5.175101000
1	8.386878000	1.267773000	-5.643960000
1	8.748180000	2.987625000	-5.885016000
1	7.581846000	4.597607000	-4.544747000
1	8.503235000	4.024259000	-3.105528000
1	7.595405000	5.743057000	-2.048142000
1	6.317330000	6.296997000	-3.148327000
6	4.652553000	5.043282000	0.936061000
6	3.532622000	4.151002000	0.424859000
7	4.025623000	2.772988000	0.175498000
6	2.958390000	1.961154000	-0.421814000
1	2.549764000	2.528165000	-1.282423000
1	3.124636000	4.537550000	-0.532027000
1	2.688102000	4.173858000	1.150617000
1	4.967881000	4.691614000	1.938149000

1	4.275369000	6.080751000	1.079045000
1	5.092128000	4.661534000	-4.387558000
1	4.314540000	4.120652000	-2.854685000
1	3.019451000	2.851748000	-4.115877000
1	3.795480000	2.915223000	-5.710641000
1	4.175108000	0.448996000	-5.683908000
1	2.464351000	0.882760000	-5.543858000
1	1.856954000	1.387002000	-3.064887000
1	1.259035000	-0.239822000	-3.451257000
1	2.486983000	-1.177104000	-1.439252000
1	1.323469000	0.082224000	-0.988341000
1	9.472386000	-0.401251000	-4.848106000
1	11.120682000	-0.628703000	-4.229877000
1	9.957506000	3.233142000	1.031664000
1	6.202706000	2.947919000	-5.806356000
1	6.208942000	1.236498000	-5.245530000
1	5.350376000	-1.256318000	-5.238473000
1	4.992159000	-2.859465000	-4.557940000
1	7.371091000	-2.781430000	-3.589660000
1	2.113625000	1.828312000	0.300599000
1	9.276376000	4.065018000	-0.393501000
1	5.527432000	-1.964747000	-2.380454000
1	7.979519000	-1.513775000	-1.601396000
1	7.770595000	2.195598000	1.329407000
1	4.272138000	2.355677000	1.087239000
1	3.777301000	0.104274000	-0.119625000
1	9.685699000	1.174129000	-0.088048000
8	6.452142000	1.246907000	-1.369009000

**[TREN<sub>3</sub>Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>II</sup>(μ<sub>3</sub>-O)] – BP86/def2-SVP (C, H, O, N)/def2-TZVP (Cu)**

4, 4			
29	4.991974000	0.732780000	-2.547108000
7	3.364416000	0.084940000	-3.778646000
6	3.494433000	-1.374536000	-4.087621000
1	3.085363000	-1.950454000	-3.234629000
1	2.869935000	-1.643707000	-4.968500000
6	4.939684000	-1.769071000	-4.323370000
7	5.790180000	-1.313320000	-3.185936000
7	5.093598000	2.496603000	-3.997332000
6	6.270367000	2.247922000	-4.858375000
7	7.541970000	2.472847000	-4.131124000
29	8.127298000	1.158401000	-2.355872000
29	6.168398000	3.068639000	-0.751028000
7	7.809573000	3.056339000	0.727388000
6	9.181456000	3.107412000	0.190815000
7	9.503235000	2.007546000	-0.730333000
7	8.158358000	-1.045940000	-2.527131000
6	7.193381000	-1.659967000	-3.457056000
1	7.436223000	-1.315951000	-4.481915000
6	9.552001000	-1.405002000	-2.937855000
1	10.182242000	-1.440966000	-2.028666000
1	9.599552000	-2.424449000	-3.378832000
6	10.076510000	-0.380949000	-3.940629000
7	10.009477000	0.995510000	-3.359258000
7	3.456886000	0.658138000	-0.959429000

6	2.294113000	-0.080299000	-1.546998000
6	2.106150000	0.327203000	-3.005934000
6	3.432161000	0.895147000	-5.031126000
6	3.812251000	2.347635000	-4.767722000
6	5.158135000	3.888854000	-3.494378000
7	6.406410000	4.147162000	-2.745325000
7	5.842040000	5.036448000	0.034923000
6	7.069103000	5.416226000	0.802160000
6	7.566075000	4.230080000	1.623558000
1	6.822838000	3.930018000	2.386920000
1	8.481690000	4.515101000	2.186201000
1	7.847884000	5.746420000	0.086556000
1	6.865153000	6.289859000	1.460130000
6	5.600324000	5.925512000	-1.139444000
1	4.532025000	5.839666000	-1.422757000
1	5.752081000	6.994164000	-0.863670000
6	6.495937000	5.587361000	-2.325577000
6	7.561578000	3.863118000	-3.629591000
6	8.671955000	2.227075000	-5.090859000
6	10.023304000	2.060775000	-4.404950000
6	11.135486000	1.187118000	-2.390486000
1	12.078290000	1.424421000	-2.931149000
1	11.315107000	0.226253000	-1.869107000
6	10.824376000	2.268200000	-1.372722000
1	10.777473000	3.269904000	-1.848200000
1	11.648455000	2.319192000	-0.626627000
1	10.337616000	3.009253000	-3.926520000
1	10.794590000	1.844729000	-5.178058000
1	8.414814000	1.310790000	-5.660913000
1	8.744287000	3.045514000	-5.843959000
1	7.552158000	4.577135000	-4.495465000
1	8.494454000	4.039840000	-3.061843000
1	7.558578000	5.782570000	-2.076057000
1	6.251243000	6.267679000	-3.173623000
6	4.656717000	5.040651000	0.950034000
6	3.546300000	4.147445000	0.432035000
7	4.077745000	2.785531000	0.136409000
6	2.999232000	1.946778000	-0.407843000
1	2.503092000	2.513329000	-1.221357000
1	3.108016000	4.549100000	-0.504640000
1	2.717611000	4.120496000	1.174515000
1	4.982692000	4.687040000	1.947242000
1	4.283502000	6.077770000	1.098287000
1	5.083376000	4.600381000	-4.358770000
1	4.287418000	4.069033000	-2.836476000
1	3.022627000	2.848546000	-4.171357000
1	3.858859000	2.895662000	-5.736520000
1	4.163500000	0.416862000	-5.713792000
1	2.457853000	0.867828000	-5.569238000
1	1.850174000	1.403217000	-3.076006000
1	1.253552000	-0.225191000	-3.459512000
1	2.489422000	-1.166851000	-1.452353000
1	1.357666000	0.106814000	-0.977096000
1	9.470191000	-0.400319000	-4.867268000
1	11.117317000	-0.628500000	-4.245072000

1	9.915816000	3.132291000	1.033007000
1	6.231795000	2.920808000	-5.755819000
1	6.250301000	1.204315000	-5.222756000
1	5.339786000	-1.305145000	-5.248854000
1	5.000579000	-2.869352000	-4.476467000
1	7.321063000	-2.769903000	-3.455305000
1	2.221383000	1.767054000	0.373925000
1	9.302692000	4.060302000	-0.362481000
1	5.494365000	-1.839555000	-2.346699000
1	7.986327000	-1.418029000	-1.580642000
1	7.706695000	2.193015000	1.281877000
1	4.373186000	2.368071000	1.034752000
1	3.850507000	0.092839000	-0.191869000
1	9.598273000	1.144987000	-0.168339000
8	6.450609000	1.284085000	-1.417582000

[TREN<sub>4</sub>Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>II</sup>(μ<sub>3</sub>-OH)] – BP86/def2- TZVP (TD-DFT)

3, 2

29	9.863709000	-0.255723000	10.292554000
6	10.996198000	1.975354000	12.070077000
1	11.009247000	2.886877000	12.700143000
1	12.011053000	1.879665000	11.655274000
6	8.394522000	-1.357951000	12.903464000
1	7.912575000	-2.129739000	13.534778000
1	8.092595000	-0.389376000	13.329232000
7	7.892816000	-1.394897000	11.512450000
6	9.905498000	-1.535335000	13.002691000
1	10.196914000	-1.512594000	14.068425000
1	10.188046000	-2.529058000	12.628443000
7	10.678965000	-0.518770000	12.233431000
7	11.664062000	-1.539717000	9.645162000
7	12.065839000	-0.142993000	7.738207000
7	10.868347000	-2.238593000	7.454234000
6	10.681852000	0.782202000	12.966313000
1	11.415535000	0.755193000	13.792111000
1	9.700541000	0.909767000	13.440207000
6	11.427041000	-2.684149000	8.746803000
1	10.721391000	-3.370771000	9.232890000
1	12.383882000	-3.230268000	8.573150000
6	7.869488000	-2.766267000	10.993029000
1	7.216418000	-3.409952000	11.633127000
1	8.883266000	-3.188673000	11.014811000
6	12.082067000	-0.995383000	12.046313000
1	12.475399000	-1.422054000	12.986130000
1	12.708463000	-0.122883000	11.817099000
6	11.802554000	-1.255963000	6.841092000
1	11.341095000	-0.880102000	5.920946000
1	12.749456000	-1.783781000	6.563662000
6	12.638072000	-0.643691000	8.975244000
1	12.868770000	0.204208000	9.632619000
1	13.587265000	-1.211572000	8.803081000
6	12.363314000	1.645696000	5.957453000
1	12.087599000	0.954393000	5.150228000
1	13.178325000	2.273903000	5.537934000
6	12.204642000	-2.034433000	10.937301000

1	13.263140000	-2.338398000	10.844876000
1	11.645727000	-2.944036000	11.203832000
6	12.966250000	0.856304000	7.122064000
1	13.266756000	1.545121000	7.925146000
1	13.902905000	0.384603000	6.759948000
29	8.702366000	-1.652336000	7.771688000
6	10.739917000	-3.388253000	6.516339000
1	11.649199000	-4.017716000	6.522337000
1	10.668836000	-2.964932000	5.503717000
6	7.394857000	-4.168657000	9.101675000
1	6.604674000	-4.779748000	9.579532000
1	8.352281000	-4.618290000	9.405667000
7	7.388331000	-2.776360000	9.604639000
6	7.218453000	-4.253454000	7.590769000
1	7.220178000	-5.315876000	7.287668000
1	6.235404000	-3.853949000	7.310064000
7	8.252059000	-3.494233000	6.832302000
7	7.214861000	-0.850763000	5.830471000
7	8.609598000	1.040664000	5.406815000
7	6.541636000	1.340543000	6.642776000
6	9.529505000	-4.267559000	6.806790000
1	9.481000000	-5.071846000	6.050631000
1	9.646750000	-4.768952000	7.776325000
6	6.082530000	0.039031000	6.102565000
1	5.428087000	-0.446095000	6.840381000
1	5.487319000	0.217436000	5.173478000
6	6.024859000	-2.225177000	9.583361000
1	5.342101000	-2.879762000	10.181194000
1	5.651344000	-2.206024000	8.550520000
6	7.774170000	-3.256183000	5.436355000
1	7.355140000	-4.187551000	5.015129000
1	8.648212000	-3.005856000	4.820058000
6	7.504236000	1.941928000	5.681483000
1	7.888163000	2.869412000	6.122072000
1	6.956656000	2.207012000	4.741098000
6	8.089357000	-0.193984000	4.843498000
1	8.930023000	-0.856679000	4.598821000
1	7.514700000	-0.012626000	3.897536000
6	10.407617000	2.797693000	5.103654000
1	9.729009000	3.619106000	5.368236000
1	11.056322000	3.203153000	4.297868000
6	6.726711000	-2.150674000	5.329262000
1	6.395559000	-2.088928000	4.274503000
1	5.829874000	-2.419329000	5.908369000
6	9.601100000	1.648027000	4.497327000
1	10.276769000	0.838359000	4.183313000
1	9.126301000	2.022479000	3.566691000
29	7.158111000	1.128257000	8.846880000
8	8.851378000	0.136057000	8.622385000
6	5.387653000	2.271853000	6.762782000
1	4.771943000	2.267856000	5.843496000
1	5.801486000	3.287524000	6.849266000
6	4.613268000	-0.354338000	10.070969000
1	3.984521000	-0.847535000	10.838310000
1	4.188648000	-0.648092000	9.098945000

7	6.006374000	-0.852643000	10.104899000
6	4.505395000	1.153132000	10.265351000
1	3.437766000	1.437399000	10.267220000
1	4.899720000	1.428169000	11.252638000
7	5.248070000	1.941203000	9.241585000
7	7.869196000	2.897880000	10.228261000
7	9.777036000	3.353388000	8.859463000
7	10.074835000	2.120060000	10.919291000
6	4.490892000	1.963103000	7.955470000
1	3.675900000	2.707542000	7.998122000
1	4.005410000	0.987623000	7.826170000
6	8.767107000	2.621324000	11.368701000
1	8.286735000	1.864398000	12.004481000
1	8.899749000	3.552346000	11.972786000
6	6.524587000	-0.862005000	11.479286000
1	5.855095000	-1.468687000	12.139473000
1	6.541944000	0.163571000	11.872634000
7	11.178739000	2.441302000	6.302162000
6	5.459492000	3.336250000	9.732359000
1	4.530342000	3.733246000	10.178285000
1	5.682589000	3.969852000	8.863544000
6	10.672572000	3.089564000	9.975105000
1	11.608257000	2.660712000	9.597428000
1	10.924299000	4.037686000	10.517402000
6	8.535482000	3.903527000	9.367139000
1	7.879577000	4.155901000	8.523339000
1	8.698406000	4.837310000	9.964318000
6	11.542249000	3.638522000	7.071755000
1	12.354632000	3.369975000	7.759526000
1	11.960118000	4.438051000	6.423372000
6	6.586956000	3.429677000	10.753219000
1	6.688198000	4.480456000	11.081520000
1	6.330941000	2.853114000	11.655149000
6	10.388442000	4.256563000	7.865101000
1	9.584375000	4.565586000	7.180776000
1	10.761834000	5.189483000	8.335733000
1	9.434888000	0.686981000	8.049087000

**[TREN]<sub>4</sub>Cu<sup>I</sup>Cu<sup>II</sup>Cu<sup>II</sup>(μ<sub>3</sub>-OH)] – BP86/def2- TZVP (TD-DFT)**

4, 3			
29	11.335532000	5.561258000	4.697933000
29	8.965119000	7.918370000	4.633196000
29	10.784921000	7.414099000	7.401208000
8	10.730231000	7.342440000	5.391752000
7	9.601658000	4.305787000	5.913186000
7	7.029813000	8.308150000	3.899175000
7	13.401160000	5.559503000	5.643785000
7	9.568134000	7.902492000	2.447341000
7	8.587901000	9.829380000	5.860954000
7	13.898996000	7.892185000	6.169954000
7	10.817242000	10.653486000	5.504129000
7	11.824082000	3.613733000	4.072882000
7	8.827917000	5.861894000	7.608814000
7	12.843888000	6.511488000	7.830235000
7	12.003851000	8.060406000	2.439214000

7	10.259138000	9.604626000	7.637565000
7	7.809035000	5.863488000	5.401357000
7	10.593006000	7.343613000	9.503238000
7	13.484446000	10.128058000	4.116902000
7	10.964562000	5.887885000	2.440322000
6	8.832687000	9.837002000	7.319098000
6	14.318335000	6.717565000	5.422672000
6	13.302045000	5.311117000	7.100235000
6	13.849898000	7.579865000	7.586690000
6	9.703921000	6.505471000	1.974771000
6	10.762776000	8.676379000	1.997320000
6	6.025334000	7.408828000	4.542013000
6	8.337969000	4.504391000	5.181463000
6	12.085941000	6.710405000	1.912499000
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