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# Synthesis and structure of copper(II) complexes with an imine derived from 4-nitroaniline and 2-hydroxy-1-naphthaldehyde

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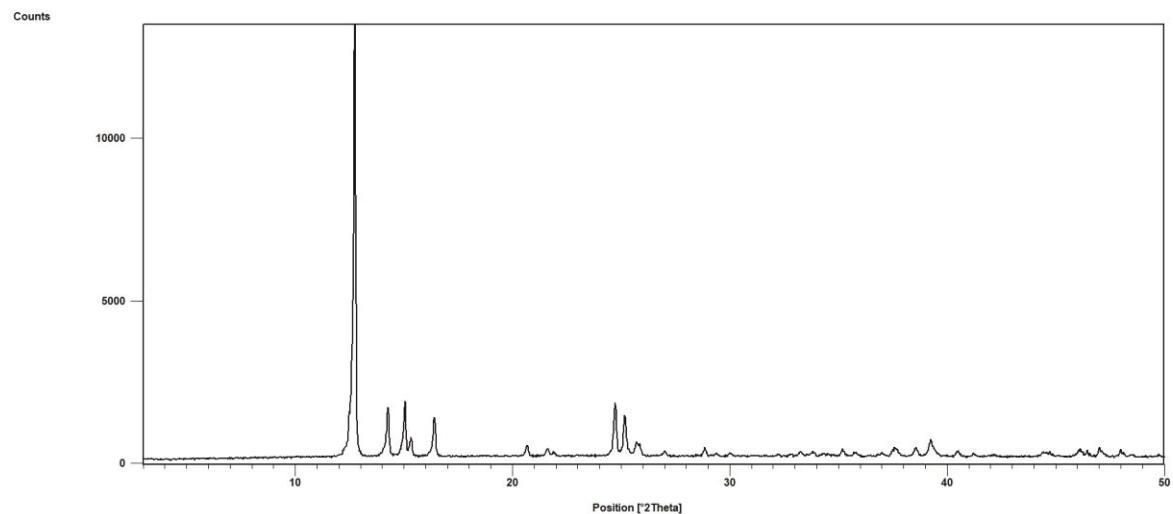
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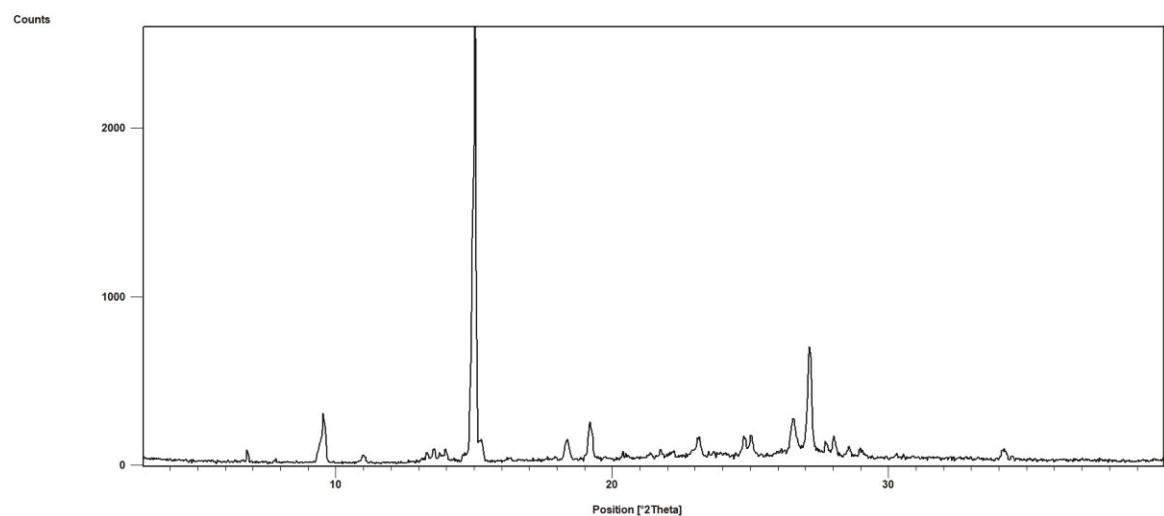
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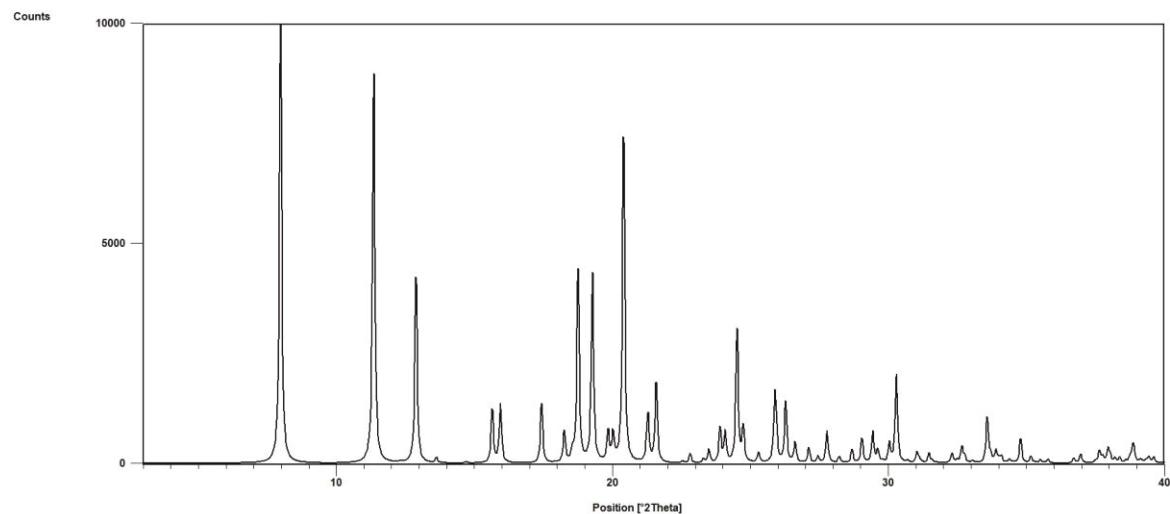
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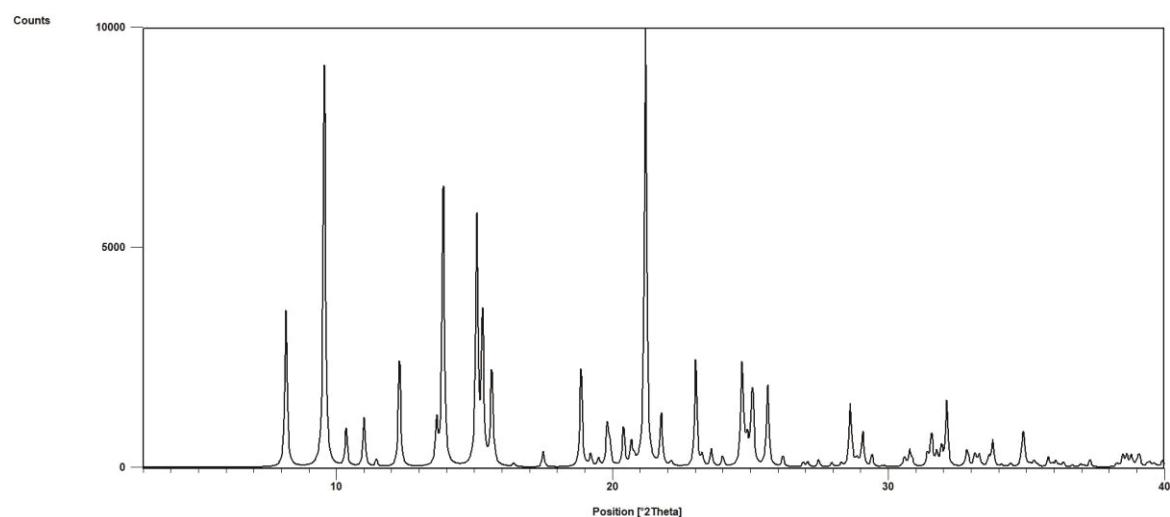
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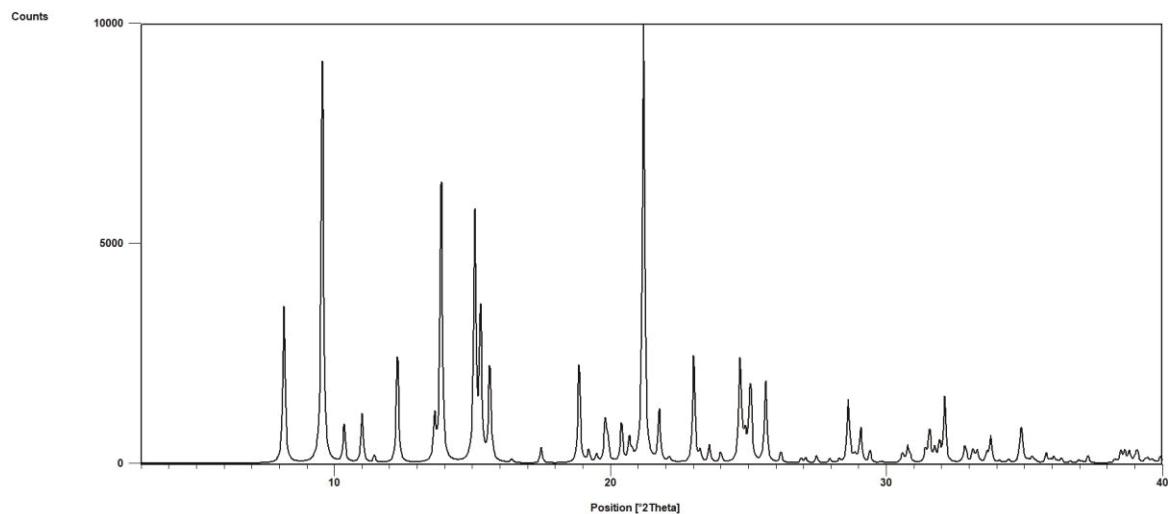
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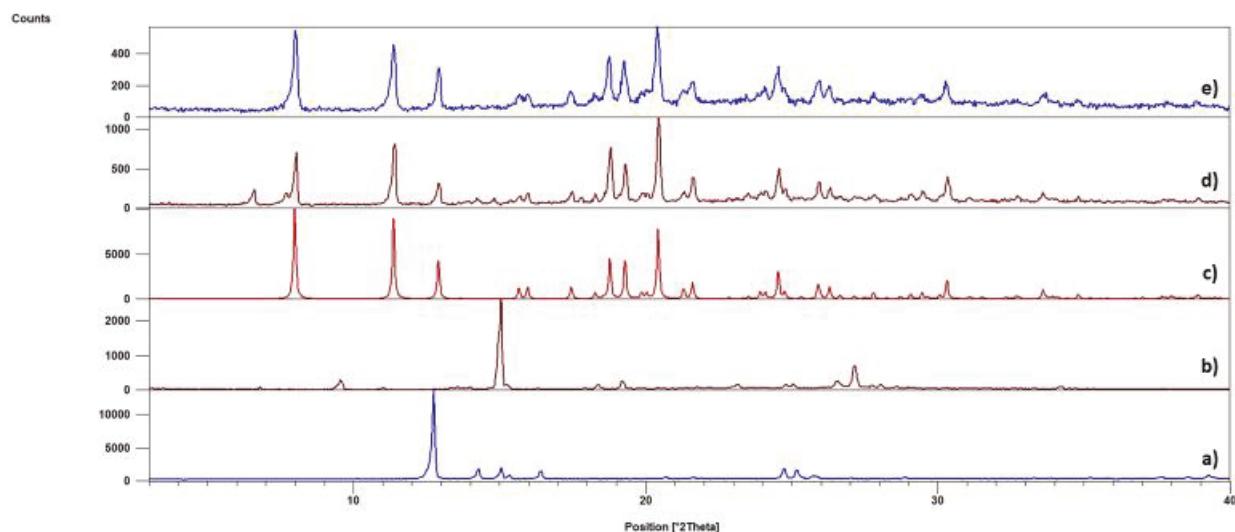
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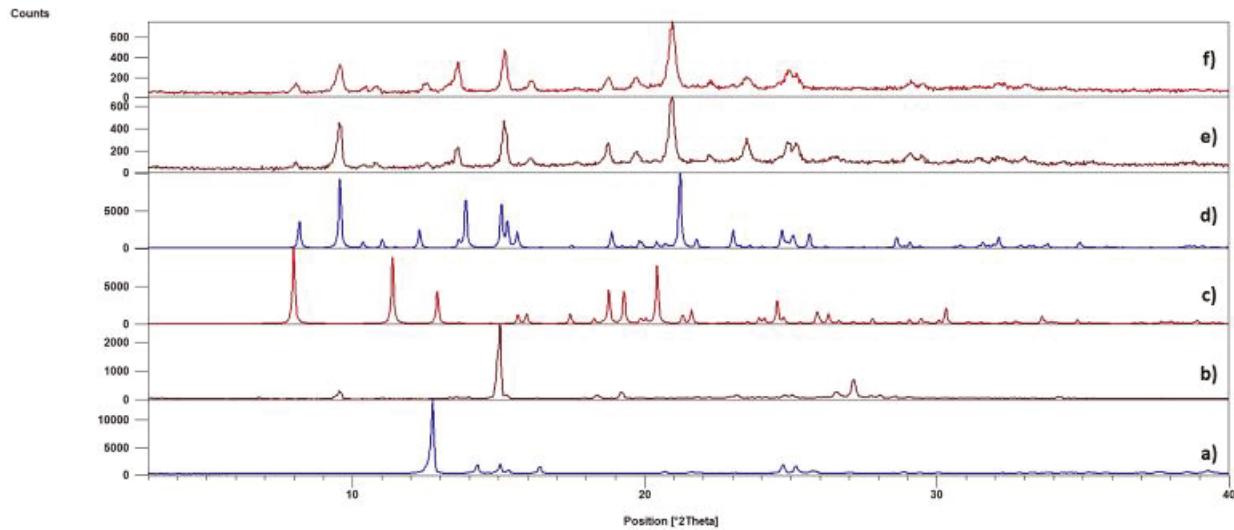
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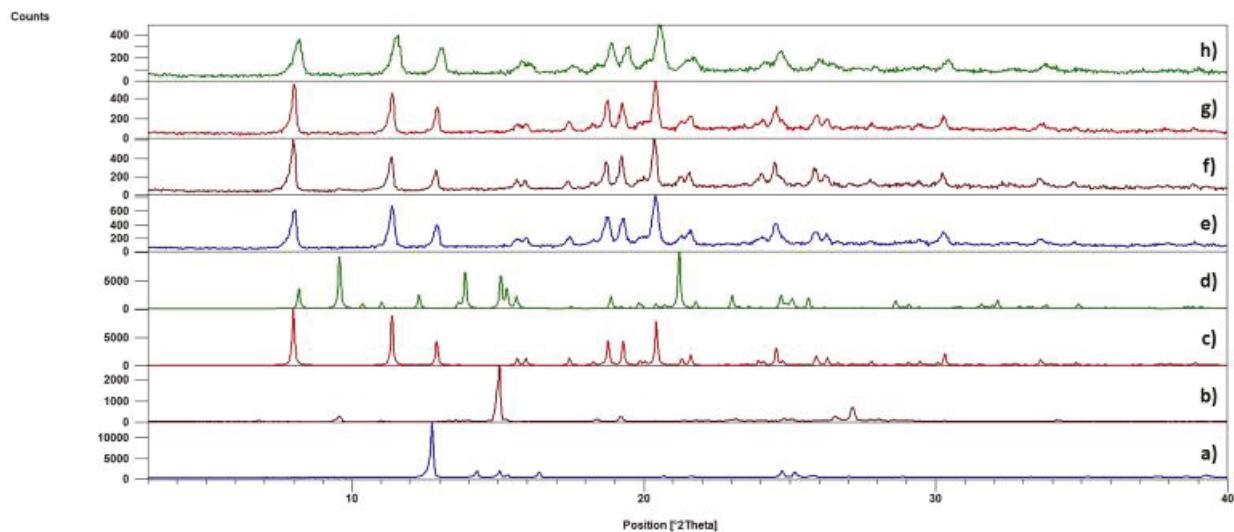
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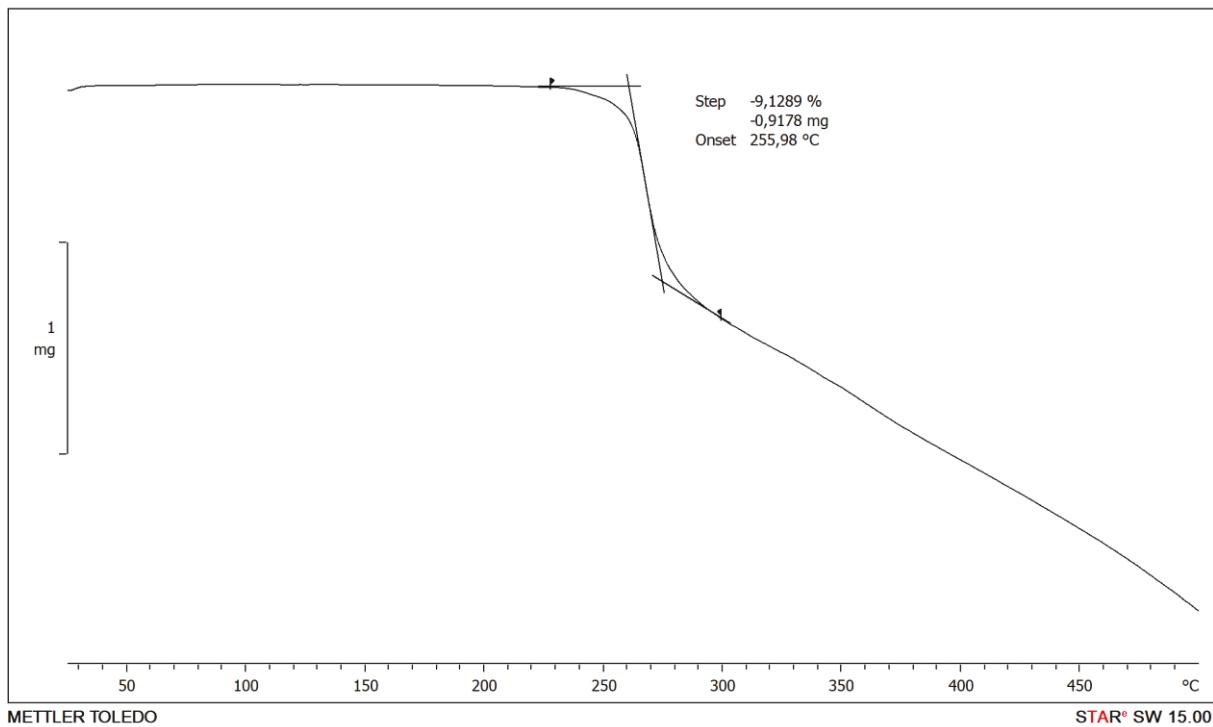
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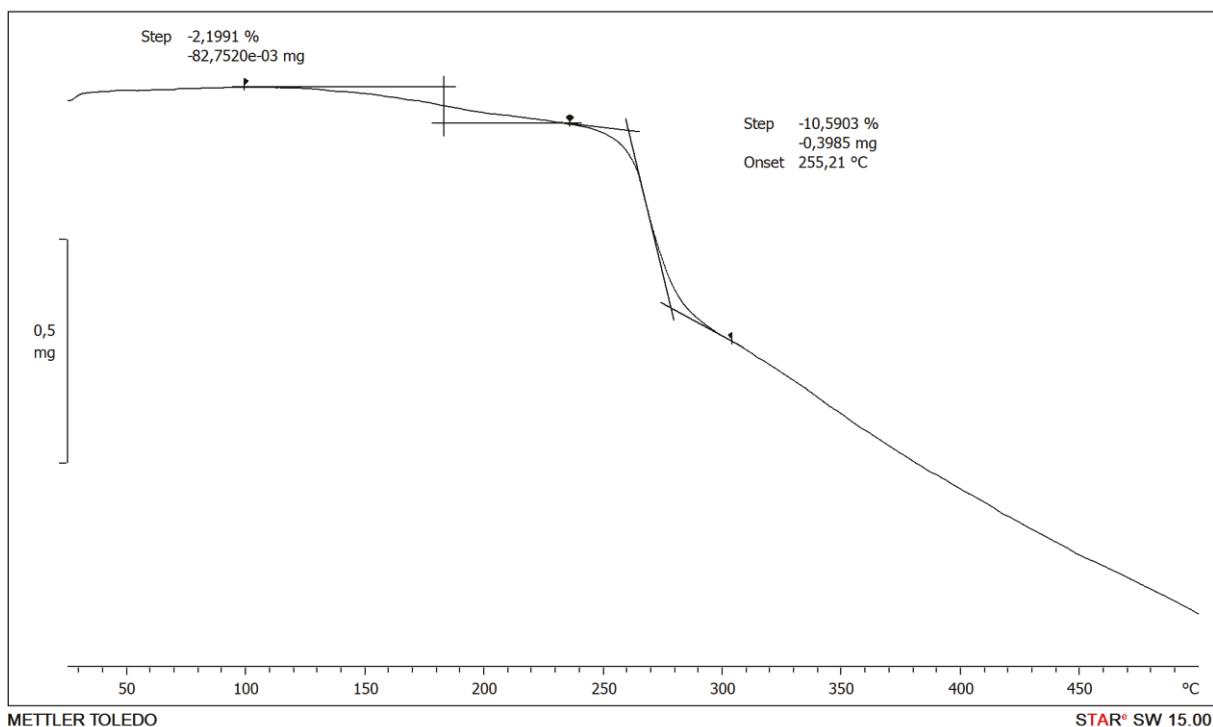
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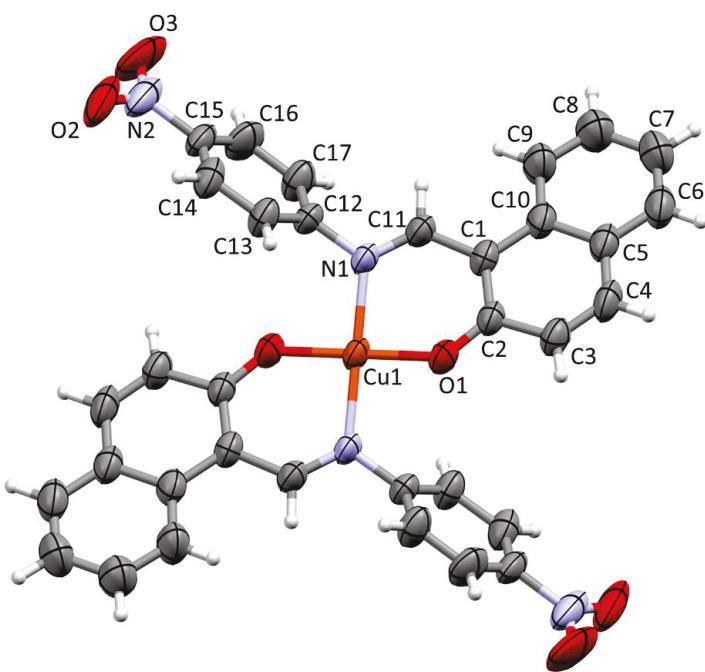
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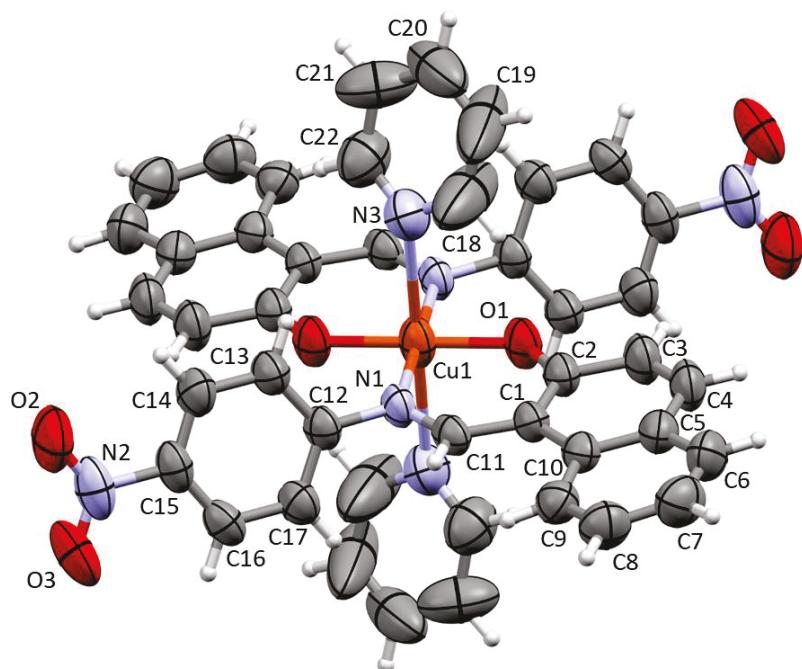
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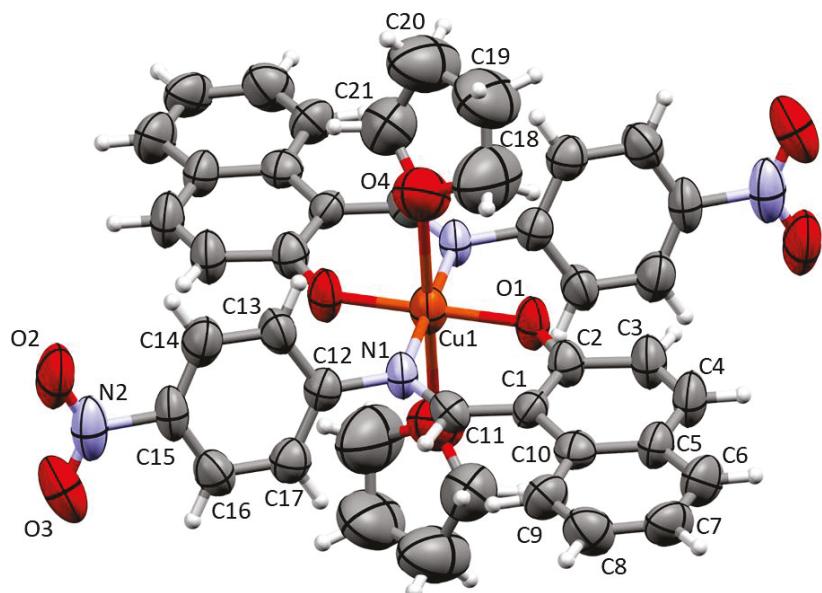
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**Figure S12.** Molecular structure of  $\text{Cu}(\text{n4noa})_2(\text{py})_2$  showing the atom-labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50 % probability level, and H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radius.



**Figure S13.** Molecular structure of  $\text{Cu}(\text{n}4\text{noa})_2(\text{thf})_2$  showing the atom-labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50 % probability level, and H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radius.

**Table S1.** Crystal data and refinement details for the prepared compounds.

	Cu( <b>n4noa</b> ) <sub>2</sub>	Cu( <b>n4noa</b> ) <sub>2</sub> (py) <sub>2</sub>	Cu( <b>n4noa</b> ) <sub>2</sub> (thf) <sub>2</sub>
Molecular formula	CuC <sub>34</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>6</sub> H <sub>22</sub>	CuC <sub>44</sub> N <sub>6</sub> O <sub>6</sub> H <sub>32</sub>	CuC <sub>42</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>8</sub> H <sub>38</sub>
<i>M</i> <sub>r</sub>	646.09	804.29	790.30
Crystal system	monoclinic	triclinic	triclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i>	<i>P</i> ̄1	<i>P</i> ̄1
Crystal data:			
<i>a</i> / Å	11.1022(5)	9.1696(6)	9.1721(13)
<i>b</i> / Å	9.4550(5)	9.4808(9)	9.5797(13)
<i>c</i> / Å	13.7613(7)	11.6801(8)	11.4448(15)
$\alpha$ / °	90	93.300(7)	96.138(11)
$\beta$ / °	94.035(4)	108.738(6)	106.446(12)
$\gamma$ / °	90	100.650(7)	101.543(12)
<i>V</i> / Å <sup>3</sup>	1440.96(12)	937.54(13)	930.5(2)
<i>Z</i>	2	1	1
<i>D</i> <sub>calc</sub> / g cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.489	1.425	1.410
$\lambda$ (MoK $\alpha$ ) / Å	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
<i>T</i> / K	295	295	295
Crystal size / mm <sup>3</sup>	0.28 x 0.24 x 0.20	0.26 x 0.21 x 0.16	0.18 x 0.16 x 0.14
$\mu$ / mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.813	0.642	0.647
<i>F</i> (000)	662	415	411
Refl. collected/unique	12984 / 2525	6185 / 3274	7002 / 3241
Data/restraints/parameters	209	263	254
$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}}$ , $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}}$ / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.821; -0.685	0.282; -0.344	0.413; -0.260
<i>R</i> [ $F^2 > 4\sigma(F^2)$ ]	0.0540	0.0618	0.0767
w <i>R</i> ( $F^2$ )	0.1545	0.1490	0.2165
Goodness-of-fit, <i>S</i>	1.049	0.999	0.969

**Table S2.** List of experimental mechanochemical attempts for obtaining the Cu(**n4noa**)<sub>2</sub>(**thf**)<sub>2</sub> adduct.

Reactants (50 mg)	Volume of <b>thf</b> / $\mu\text{L}$	Added additive	Time / min	Grinding balls diameter /mm	Product
Cu( <b>n4noa</b> ) <sub>2</sub>	15.5	—	30	2×5	Cu( <b>n4noa</b> ) <sub>2</sub>
Cu( <b>n4noa</b> ) <sub>2</sub>	15.5	—	45	2×7	Cu( <b>n4noa</b> ) <sub>2</sub>
Cu( <b>n4noa</b> ) <sub>2</sub>	20	—	45	2×7	Cu( <b>n4noa</b> ) <sub>2</sub>
Cu( <b>n4noa</b> ) <sub>2</sub>	25	—	45	2×7	Cu( <b>n4noa</b> ) <sub>2</sub>
Cu( <b>n4noa</b> ) <sub>2</sub>	15.5	Acetone (10 $\mu\text{L}$ )	45	2×5	Cu( <b>n4noa</b> ) <sub>2</sub>
Cu( <b>n4noa</b> ) <sub>2</sub>	15.5	Triethylamine (10 $\mu\text{L}$ )	45	2×7	Cu( <b>n4noa</b> ) <sub>2</sub>
Cu( <b>n4noa</b> ) <sub>2</sub>	15.5	Triethylamine (10 $\mu\text{L}$ )	45	10	Cu( <b>n4noa</b> ) <sub>2</sub>
Cu( <b>n4noa</b> ) <sub>2</sub>	15.5	Nitromethane (10 $\mu\text{L}$ )	45	2×5	Cu( <b>n4noa</b> ) <sub>2</sub>
<b>CuOAc + n4noa</b>	15.5	—	30	2×5	Cu( <b>n4noa</b> ) <sub>2</sub>
<b>CuOAc + n4noa</b>	20	—	45	2×7	Cu( <b>n4noa</b> ) <sub>2</sub>
<b>CuOAc + n4noa</b>	15.5	Acetone (10 $\mu\text{L}$ )	45	2×5	Cu( <b>n4noa</b> ) <sub>2</sub>
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**Table S3.** Selected bond distances and angles for Cu(**n4noa**)<sub>2</sub>, Cu(**n4noa**)<sub>2</sub>(**py**)<sub>2</sub> and Cu(**n4noa**)<sub>2</sub>(**thf**)<sub>2</sub>.

<i>d</i> (Å)		Angle (°)	
<b>Cu(n4noa)<sub>2</sub></b>			
Cu1–O1	1.889(3)	O1–Cu1–N1	90.2(1)
Cu1–N1	1.977(3)	Cu1– O1–C2	129.2(2)
N1–C11	1.293(5)	Cu1– N1–C11	122.6(3)
O1–C2	1.277(4)	Cu1– N1–C12	120.8(2)
C1–C2	1.424(5)	C11– N1–C12	116.4(3)
N1–C12	1.424(4)	C11– C1–C2	119.4(3)
		N1–C11–C1	127.7(3)
		O1–C2–C1	124.1(3)
<b>Cu(n4noa)<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>2</sub></b>			
Cu1–O1	1.890(3)	O1–Cu1–N1	89.5(1)
Cu1–N1	2.016(3)	Cu1– O1–C2	132.3(3)
Cu1–N3	2.605(5)	Cu1– N1–C11	124.5(3)
N1–C11	1.291(6)	O1–Cu1–N3	91.7(1)
O1–C2	1.282(6)	N1–Cu1–N3	92.7(1)
C1–C2	1.411(6)	Cu1– N1–C12	118.8(2)
N1–C12	1.421(5)	C11– N1–C12	116.3(4)
		C11– C1–C2	119.6(4)
		N1–C11–C1	128.6(4)
		O1–C2–C1	125.0(4)
<b>Cu(n4noa)<sub>2</sub>(thf)<sub>2</sub></b>			
Cu1–O1	1.879(4)	O1–Cu1–N1	89.2(2)
Cu1–N1	2.007(5)	Cu1– O1–C2	132.4(5)
Cu1–O4	2.600(8)	Cu1– N1–C11	125.5(4)
N1–C11	1.290(9)	O1–Cu1–O4	90.9(2)
O1–C2	1.275(9)	N1–Cu1–O4	86.9(2)
C1–C2	1.414(8)	Cu1– N1–C12	118.9(4)
N1–C12	1.443(8)	C11– N1–C12	116.3(4)
		C11– C1–C2	119.6(4)
		N1–C11–C1	128.6(4)
		O1–C2–C1	125.0(4)