

# **Supporting Information**

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## A New Class of Hydroxo-Bridged Heptacopper(II) Clusters with an Acentrosymmetric Corner-Sharing Double-Cubane Framework Supported by D-Penicillaminedisulfides

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#### [A] Experimental Procedures.

**Preparation of** [Cu<sub>7</sub>( $\mu_3$ -OH)<sub>6</sub>( $\mu_3$ -Cl)<sub>2</sub>(D-pends)<sub>3</sub>] (1). To a stirred dark brown solution containing 0.10 g (0.23 mmol) of K[Co(D-pen-*N*, *O*, *S*)<sub>2</sub>]·2.5H<sub>2</sub>O in 5 mL of water was added 0.06 g (0.48 mmol) of CuCl<sub>2</sub> in 5 mL of water. The mixture was stirred at RT for 1 h, and then filtered. The filtrate was allowed to stand at RT for 3 days, and the resulting blue trigonal-pyramidal crystals were collected by filtration. Yield: 0.034 g (19 %); elemental analysis calcd (%) for [Cu<sub>7</sub>( $\mu_3$ -OH)<sub>6</sub>( $\mu_3$ -Cl)<sub>2</sub>(D-pends)<sub>3</sub>]·20H<sub>2</sub>O: C 19.36, H 5.42, N 4.52; found: C 19.33, H 5.20, N 4.51. Reflection spectrum in the solid state [ $\lambda_{max}$ , nm]: 697. CD spectrum in the solid state [ $\lambda_{extrema}$ , nm]: 557 (–). IR spectrum (KBr disk, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1636 ( $\nu_{COO-}$ ).

**Preparation of** [**Cu**<sub>7</sub>( $\mu_3$ -**OH**)<sub>6</sub>( $\mu_3$ -**Cl**)<sub>2</sub>(**L-pends**)<sub>3</sub>] (1'). To a stirred dark brown solution containing 0.05 g (0.17 mmol) of K[Co(L-pen-*N*, *O*, *S*)<sub>2</sub>]·2.5H<sub>2</sub>O in 2.5 mL of water was added 0.03 g (0.24 mmol) of CuCl<sub>2</sub> in 2.5 mL of water. The mixture was stirred at RT for 1 h, and then filtered. The filtrate was allowed to stand at RT for 8 days, and the resulting blue trigonal-pyramidal crystals were collected by filtration. Elemental analysis calcd (%) for [Cu<sub>7</sub>( $\mu_3$ -OH)<sub>6</sub>( $\mu_3$ -Cl)<sub>2</sub>(L-pends)<sub>3</sub>]·20H<sub>2</sub>O: C 19.36, H 5.42, N 4.52; found: C 19.30, H 5.31, N 4.49. Reflection spectrum in the solid state [ $\lambda_{max}$ , nm]: 680. CD spectrum in the solid state [ $\lambda_{extrema}$ , nm]: 556 (+). IR spectrum (KBr disk, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1634 ( $\nu_{COO}$ -).

**Preparation of**  $[Cu_7(\mu_3-OH)_6(\mu_3-Br)_2(D-pends)_3]$  (2). To a stirred dark brown solution containing 0.10 g (0.23 mmol) of K[Co(D-pen-*N*,*O*,*S*)<sub>2</sub>]·2.5H<sub>2</sub>O in 5 mL of water was added 0.10 g (0.47 mmol) of CuBr<sub>2</sub> in 5 mL of water. The mixture was allowed to stand at RT for 1 h, and then filtered. The filtrate was allowed to stand at room temperature for 3 days, and the resulting blue trigonal-pyramidal crystals were collected by filtration. Yield: 0.025 g (15 %); elemental analysis calcd (%) for  $[Cu_7(\mu_3-OH)_6(\mu_3-Br)_2(D-pends)_3]\cdot 20.5H_2O$ : C 18.39, H 5.20, N 4.29; found: C 18.42, H 5.12, N 4.29. Reflection spectrum in the solid state  $[\lambda_{max}, nm]$ : 688. CD spectrum in the solid state  $[\lambda_{extrema}, nm]$ : 578 (–). IR

spectrum (KBr disk, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1636 ( $v_{COO^{-}}$ ).

**Preparation of**  $[Cu_2(D-pends)_2(H_2O)_2]$  (**3**). To a dark brown solution containing 0.20 g (0.47 mmol) of K[Co(D-pen-*N*, *O*, *S*)\_2]·2.5H<sub>2</sub>O in 10 mL of water was added 0.24 g (0.96 mmol) of CuSO<sub>4</sub>·5H<sub>2</sub>O in 10 mL of water. The mixture was stirred at RT for 1 h, followed by allowing to stand at RT for 1 day. After filtration, the filtrate was further allowed to stand at RT for one week, and the resulting blue block crystals were collected by filtration. Yield: 0.036 g (18 %); elemental analysis calcd (%) for [Cu<sub>2</sub>(D-pends)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>]·6.5H<sub>2</sub>O: C 27.64, H 6.15, N 6.45; found: C 27.49, H 5.98, N 6.42. Reflection spectrum in the solid state [ $\lambda_{max}$ , nm]: 631. CD spectrum in the solid state [ $\lambda_{extrema}$ , nm]: 614 (+). IR spectrum (KBr disk, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1615 ( $\nu_{COO-}$ ). This complex was obtained in a higher yield (47%) when K[Co(D-pen-*N*, *O*, *S*)<sub>2</sub>]·2.5H<sub>2</sub>O was reacted with CuSO<sub>4</sub>·5H<sub>2</sub>O in a 1:1 molar ratio. The use of Cu(BF<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, Cu(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, and Cu(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, instead of CuSO<sub>4</sub>, also gave **3** in yields of 29%, 27%, and 24%, respectively.

**X-ray Structural Determinations.** Single-crystal X-ray diffraction experiments for **1** and **2** were performed on a Bruker AXS SMART-1000/CCD area detector with graphite-monochromated Mo K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71069$  Å) at 210 K for **1** and 200 K for **2**, respectively. The intensity data were collected by the  $\omega$ -2 $\theta$  scan technique and were empirically corrected for absorption with using the program SADABS. Single-crystal X-ray diffraction experiments for **3** were performed on a Rigaku RAXIS-RAPID imaging plate area detector with graphite-monochromated Mo K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71069$  Å) at 200 K. The intensity data were collected by the  $\omega$  scan technique and were empirically corrected for absorption. The structure was solved by the direct method with SIR97 or SIR92 and refined with full-matrix least-squares on  $F^2$  using SHELXL-97. Crystal structure analysis for **1**·21H<sub>2</sub>O: C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>102</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>7</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>39</sub>S<sub>6</sub>, crystal size 0.22 x 0.20 x 0.10 mm, trigonal, space group *P*3<sub>2</sub>, *a* = 15.0898(9) Å, *c* = 27.315(2) Å, *V* = 5386.4(6) Å<sup>3</sup>, *Z* = 3,  $\rho_{calcd} = 1.738$  g cm<sup>-1</sup>,  $\mu = 2.373$  mm<sup>-1</sup>,  $\omega$ -2 $\theta$  scan mode,  $2\theta_{max} = 55.0$ , 39402 reflections collected, 13374 independent reflections, 11774 observed reflections ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ), 840 parameters, semiempirical absorption corrections with SADABS, max/min.

transmission 0.6942/0.6062, R1 (I>  $2\sigma(I)$ ) = 0.0366, wR2 (all data) = 0.0684, Flack parameter 0.005(10), residual electron density 0.76/-0.57 e Å<sup>-3</sup>. The inner Cu<sup>II</sup> ion is disordered in two positions with site occupancy factors of 0.9 (Cu1) and 0.1 (Cu1B), which are situated in a coordination environment very similar to each other. Hydrogen atoms were not included in the calculations. Crystal structure analysis for 2.21H<sub>2</sub>O: C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>102</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>7</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>39</sub>S<sub>6</sub>, crystal size 0.15 x 0.10 x 0.10 mm, trigonal, space group P3<sub>2</sub>, a = 15.1101(8) Å, c = 27.6093(19) Å, V = 5459.1(6) Å<sup>3</sup>, Z = 3,  $\rho_{calcd} = 1.796$  g cm<sup>-1</sup>,  $\mu$ = 3.366 mm<sup>-1</sup>,  $\omega$ -2 $\theta$  scan mode, 2 $\theta_{max}$  = 55.0, 40376 reflections collected, 16692 independent reflections, 12429 observed reflections ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ), 836 parameters, semiempirical absorption corrections with SADABS, max./min. transmission 0.8014/0.6389, R1 ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ) = 0.0433, wR2 (all data) = 0.0776, Flack parameter 0.005(7), residual electron density 0.96/-0.53 e Å<sup>-3</sup>. The inner Cu<sup>II</sup> ion is disordered in two positions with site occupancy factors of 0.9 (Cu1) and 0.1 (Cu1B). Hydrogen atoms were not included in the calculations. CCDC-648594 (1.21H<sub>2</sub>O) and CCDC-648595 (2.21H<sub>2</sub>O) contain the supplementary crystallographic data. These data can be obtained free of charge from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data\_request/cif. Crystal structure analysis for 3.7.5H<sub>2</sub>O: C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>55</sub>Cu<sub>2</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>17.5</sub>S<sub>4</sub>, Space group C2, a = 12.230(5) Å, b = 19.687(6), c = 12.230(5) Å 15.488(4) Å,  $b = 91.988(13)^{\circ}$ , V = 3727(2) Å<sup>3</sup>, Z = 4,  $r_{calcd} = 1.581$  g cm<sup>-1</sup>,  $\mu = 1.438$  mm<sup>-1</sup>,  $\omega$  scan mode,  $2\theta_{\text{max}} = 55^{\circ}$ , 18207 reflections collected, 7949 independent reflections, 7060 observed reflections ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ), 430 parameters, empirical absorption corrections, max./min. transmission 0.9316/0.7150,  $R1 (I > 2\sigma(I)) = 0.0404$ , wR2 (all data) = 0.1075, Flack parameter 0.009(11), residual electron density 0.53/-0.45 e Å<sup>-3</sup>.

[B] Absorption and CD Spectra of Complexes.



Figure S1. Absorption (top) and CD (bottom) spectra of 1 (---) and 1' (---) in the solid state.



Figure S2. Absorption (top) and CD (bottom) spectra of 2 in the solid state.



Figure S3. Absorption (top) and CD (bottom) spectra of **3** in the solid state.

#### [C] Crystal Structures of Complexes



Figure S4. Ortep drawing of **1**. Hydrogen atoms and a disordered copper atom (Cu1B) are omitted for clarity. Cl green, Cu brown, C black, N blue, O red, S yellow. Selected distances [Å] and angles [°]: Cu1–O1 = 1.939(4), Cu1–O2 = 1.979(4), Cu1–O3 = 2.758(5), Cu1–O4 = 1.969(4), Cu1–O5 = 1.963(4), Cu1–O6 = 2.354(5), av Cu<sub>outer</sub>–O<sub>OH</sub> = 1.978(4), av Cu–O<sub>D-pends</sub> = 1.945(5), av Cu–N = 1.977(5), av Cu–Cl = 2.696(2), av Cu···S = 3.314(2), av S–S = 2.031(3), av Cu<sub>inner</sub>····Cu<sub>outer</sub> = 3.084(1), av Cu<sub>outer</sub> = 3.279(1), Cu2–Cl1–Cu3 = 76.05(5), Cu2–Cl1–Cu4 = 75.90(5), Cu3–Cl1–Cu4 = 72.57(4), Cu5–Cl2–Cu6 = 75.62(5), Cu5–Cl2–Cu7 = 75.30(5), Cu6–Cl2–Cu7 = 73.75(5), Cu1–O1–Cu4 = 112.7(2), Cu1–O1–Cu2 = 90.27(17), Cu2–O1–Cu4 = 109.41(19), Cu1–O2–Cu2 = 90.80(17), Cu2–O2–Cu3 = 108.76(19), Cu1–O2–Cu3 = 114.9(2), Cu3–O3–Cu4 = 114.6(2), Cu1–O3–Cu3 = 90.19(17), Cu1–O3–Cu4 = 86.13(16), Cu1–O4–Cu5 = 93.11(17), Cu1–O4–Cu7 = 102.47(19), Cu5–O4–Cu7 = 112.5(2), Cu1–O5–Cu6 = 104.06(19), Cu1–O5–Cu5 = 92.16(17), Cu5–O5–Cu6 = 112.0(2), Cu6–O6–Cu7 = 114.9(2), Cu1–O6–Cu7 = 91.39(17), Cu1–O6–Cu6 = 91.46(17).



Figure S5. Core structure of **1**. Cl green, Cu brown, O red. Selected distances [Å] and angles [°]: Cu1B-O1 = 2.399(8), Cu1B-O2 = 1.847(8), Cu1B-O3 = 2.107(8), Cu1B-O4 = 2.606(9), Cu1B-O5 = 2.158(8), Cu1B-O6 = 1.851(8), Cu1B-O1-Cu2 = 91.4(2), Cu1B-O1-Cu4 = 91.8(2), Cu1B-O2-Cu2 = 112.8(3), Cu1B-O2-Cu3 = 90.2(3), Cu1B-O3-Cu3 = 85.5(3), Cu1B-O3-Cu4 = 102.2(3), Cu1B-O4-Cu5 = 98.0(2), Cu1B-O4-Cu7 = 85.0(2), Cu1B-O5-Cu5 = 113.2(3), Cu1B-O5-Cu6 = 82.0(2), Cu1B-O6-Cu6 = 90.7(3), Cu1B-O6-Cu7 = 111.5(3).



Figure S6. Ortep drawing of **2**. Hydrogen atoms and a disordered copper atom (Cu1B) are omitted for clarity. Br purple, Cu brown, C black, N blue, O red, S yellow. Selected distances [Å] and angles [°]: Cu1–O1 = 1.956(4), Cu1–O2 = 1.986(4), Cu1–O3 = 2.781(5), Cu1–O4 = 1.966(5), Cu1–O5 = 1.952(4), Cu1–O6 = 2.341(5), av Cu<sub>outer</sub>–O<sub>OH</sub> = 1.979(5), av Cu–O<sub>b-pends</sub> = 1.947(5), av Cu–N = 1.973(6), av Cu–Br = 2.823(1), av Cu···S = 3.126(2), av S–S = 2.028(3), av Cu<sub>inner</sub>···Cu<sub>outer</sub> = 3.083(1), av Cu<sub>outer</sub> = 3.299(1), Cu2–Br1–Cu3 = 72.63(3), Cu2–Br1–Cu4 = 72.64(3), Cu3–Br1–Cu4 = 69.35(3), Cu5–Br2–Cu7 = 71.60(3), Cu5–Br2–Cu6 = 71.89(3), Cu6–Br2–Cu7 = 70.83(3), Cu1–O1–Cu4 = 112.7(2), Cu1–O1–Cu2 = 89.56(18), Cu2–O1–Cu4 = 110.7(2), Cu1–O2–Cu2 = 90.12(18), Cu2–O2–Cu3 = 108.7(2), Cu1–O2–Cu3 = 114.6(2), Cu3–O3–Cu4 = 114.9(2), Cu1–O3–Cu3 = 89.69(17), Cu1–O3–Cu4 = 85.86(16), Cu1–O4–Cu5 = 93.43(19), Cu5–O4–Cu7 = 113.8(2), Cu1–O4–Cu7 = 102.2(2), Cu1–O5–Cu6 = 104.0(2), Cu1–O5–Cu5 = 92.29(18), Cu5–O5–Cu6 = 113.1(2), Cu6–O6–Cu7 = 116.5(2), Cu1–O6–Cu7 = 91.47(18), Cu1–O6–Cu6 = 91.18(18).



Figure S7. Core structure of **1**. Br purple, Cu brown, O red. Selected distances [Å] and angles [°]: Cu1B-O1 = 2.380(11), Cu1B-O2 = 1.853(11), Cu1B-O3 = 2.127(11), Cu1B-O4 = 2.588(12), Cu1B-O5 = 2.156(11), Cu1B-O6 = 1.855(11), Cu1B-O1-Cu2 = 91.3(3), Cu1B-O1-Cu4 = 91.8(3), Cu1B-O2-Cu2 = 111.0(4), Cu1B-O2-Cu3 = 90.4(4), Cu1B-O3-Cu3 = 85.4(3), Cu1B-O3-Cu4 = 100.9(4), Cu1B-O4-Cu5 = 98.6(3), Cu1B-O4-Cu7 = 85.1(3), Cu1B-O5-Cu5 = 112.9(4), Cu1B-O5-Cu6 = 82.3(3), Cu1B-O6-Cu6 = 90.5(4), Cu1B-O6-Cu7 = 110.9(4).



Figure S8. Ortep drawing of **3**. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Cu brown, C black, N blue, O red, S yellow. Selected distances [Å]: av Cu–O<sub>D-pends</sub> = 1.964(3), av Cu–O<sub>water</sub> = 2.382(4), av Cu–N = 1.984(3), av S–S = 2.041(2), Cu···Cu = 6.412(2).



Figure S9. Packing structures of **1**. Blue dashed line represents the hydrogen bonds between carboxyl and amine groups  $(N \cdots O = 2.852(7) - 2.934(7) \text{ Å})$ .

### [D] IR Spectra of Complexes.



Figure S10. IR spectra of a) **1**, b) **2**, and c) **3**.

#### [E] Magnetic Data of Complexes.



Figure S11. Plots of  $\chi_M T$  vs T for **1** (red circle) and **2** (blue triangle). Solid lines correspond to the theoretical curves. Magnetic data were analyzed with the exchange coupling constants  $J_1$ ,  $J_2$ ,  $J_3$ , and  $J_4$ . The parameters obtained from the least-squares calculation are given in the text.



Figure S12. Plots of *M* vs  $HT^{-1}$  for **1** (red circle) and **2** (blue triangle). Solid lines correspond to the theoretical curves (*g* = 2.0).



Figure S13. Energy level diagrams of a) **1** and b) **2** using  $J_1 = -0.9 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $J_2 = -20.9 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $J_3 = -4.1 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $J_4 = -24.0 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , and g = 2.03 for **1** and  $J_1 = -1.1 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $J_2 = -20.9 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $J_3 = -4.7 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $J_4 = -24.4 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , and g = 2.06 for **2**.