

**Synthesis of a Spin-Coupled, Mixed-Metal Double Square Grid Complex [(poap-H)<sub>4</sub>Cu(II)<sub>3</sub>Fe(III)-(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>4</sub>(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>·12H<sub>2</sub>O (poap = N<sup>3</sup>-(2-pyridoyl)-2-pyridinecarboxamidrazone) with an S = 3 Ground State, from a Mononuclear Fe(III) Precursor Complex**

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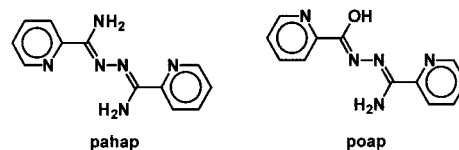
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### Introduction

The synthesis of mixed-metal complexes can be achieved by the selective occupation of one polytopic ligand site by one metal, prior to occupancy of a second site by a different metal. Such bridging ligands as oxalate, oxamide, and their derivatives,<sup>1–4</sup> oximes,<sup>5</sup> and polyfunctional ligands derived from phenolic substrates<sup>6–9</sup> have been successfully metalated in this fashion, leading to heterodinuclear complexes. Producing higher nuclearity heteronuclear clusters is more difficult, but there have been some successes.<sup>10</sup> The polyfunctional diazine ligands pahap (picolinamide azine) and poap (N<sup>3</sup>-(2-pyridoyl)-2-pyridinecarboxamidrazone) (Chart 1) provide several different dinucleating bonding motifs with cis and trans conformations about the single N–N bond,<sup>11</sup> and also oxygen-bridged structures (poap).<sup>12</sup> The magnetic properties vary as a function of the rotation of the magnetic planes about the N–N bond.<sup>11</sup>

This report outlines an unusual reaction between a mononuclear Fe(III) complex [Fe(Hpoap-H)(NO<sub>3</sub>)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>](NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (**1**) with a “vacant” coordination pocket and Cu(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> to produce a square [Cu<sub>3</sub>Fe]<sub>2</sub> gridlike dimeric octanuclear cluster, [(poap-

Chart 1



H)<sub>4</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>Fe(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>4</sub>(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>·12H<sub>2</sub>O (**2**), with only alkoxide bridges between the metal centers. Structural and magnetic properties will be discussed in the light of the magnetic orbital connections within the cluster.

### Experimental Section

**Physical Measurements.** Electronic spectra were recorded as Nujol mulls and in solution using a Cary 5E spectrometer. Infrared spectra were recorded as Nujol mulls using a Mattson Polaris FTIR instrument. C, H, N, and metal analyses on vacuum-dried samples (24 h) were performed by the Canadian Microanalytical Service, Delta, B.C., Canada. Variable temperature magnetic data (2–300 K) were obtained with a Quantum Design MPMS55 SQUID magnetometer operating at 0.1–5 T. Calibrations were carried out with a palladium standard cylinder, and temperature errors were determined with [H<sub>2</sub>TMEN]-[CuCl<sub>4</sub>] (H<sub>2</sub>TMEN = (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>HNCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>)<sup>2+</sup>.<sup>13</sup>

**Synthesis of [(poap-H)<sub>4</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>Fe(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>4</sub>(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>·12H<sub>2</sub>O (**2**).** Cu(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O (0.18 g, 0.50 mmol) dissolved in methanol (10 mL) was added to a solution of [Fe(Hpoap-H)(NO<sub>3</sub>)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>](NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (**1**)<sup>14</sup> (0.26 g, 0.5 mmol) and triethylamine (0.05 g, 0.5 mmol) in methanol (25 mL). The dark-green solution was stirred at room temperature for 30 min, filtered, and allowed to stand at room temperature for 2 weeks. Dark-green crystals of **2** suitable for structural analysis formed (yield, 0.17 g, 85% based on poap) after 2 weeks. IR (Nujol mull, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3555 (m) (ν(H<sub>2</sub>O)); 3328 (m) (ν(NH<sub>2</sub>)); 1737 (w) (ν<sub>1</sub> + ν<sub>4</sub>(NO<sub>3</sub>)); 1671 (s) (ν(C=N)); 1086 (ν<sub>3</sub>(ClO<sub>4</sub>)); 1018 (m) (ν(py)); Vis (Nujol mull) λ (nm): 615. Vis (H<sub>2</sub>O) λ (nm) (ε (M<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup>)): 616 (1830). Anal. Calcd for [Cu<sub>3</sub>Fe(C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O)<sub>4</sub>(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>](ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O: C, 33.90; H, 3.08; N, 18.95; Cu, 11.21; Fe, 3.28. Found: C, 33.81; H, 2.76; N, 18.69; Cu, 11.10; Fe, 3.21. A similar monomeric complex, [(poap-H)<sub>4</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>Fe-(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>](ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>5</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O (**3**), was produced with essentially the same method except that the reaction mixture was heated.<sup>24</sup> Anal. Calcd for [Cu<sub>3</sub>-

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**Table 1.** Crystallographic Data for [Fe(Hpoap-H)(NO<sub>3</sub>)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>](NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (**1**) and [(poap-H)<sub>4</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>Fe(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>](ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>4</sub>(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>·12H<sub>2</sub>O (**2**)

formula	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>15</sub> N <sub>8</sub> O <sub>12</sub> Fe	C <sub>48</sub> H <sub>50</sub> N <sub>23</sub> O <sub>26</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> Cu <sub>3</sub> Fe
space group	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i>	
fw	519.17	1682.45
<i>T</i> (K)	150(2)	193(1)
<i>a</i> (Å)	8.4517(3)	14.5592(7)
<i>b</i> (Å)	19.6456(6)	32.753(2)
<i>c</i> (Å)	12.6511(4)	14.9417(6)
$\beta$ (deg)	109.400(1)	116.3010(10)
<i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )	1981.3(1)	6387.5(5)
<i>Z</i>	4	4
$\lambda$ (Å)	0.710 73	0.710 73
$\rho_{\text{calcd}}$ (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )	1.74	1.749
$\mu$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	8.45	13.94
GOF	1.085	1.29
R1( <i>R</i> ) <sup>a</sup>	0.0462	0.052
wR2( <i>R</i> <sub>w</sub> ) <sup>a</sup>	0.0754	0.051

<sup>a</sup> R1 =  $\sum||F_o| - |F_c||/\sum|F_o|$ . wR2 =  $[\sum[w(|F_o|^2 - |F_c|^2)^2]/\sum[w(|F_o|^2)^2]]^{1/2}$ . *R* =  $\sum||F_o| - |F_c||/\sum|F_o|$ . *R*<sub>w</sub> =  $[(\sum w(|F_o| - |F_c|)^2)/\sum w(F_o^2)]^{1/2}$ .

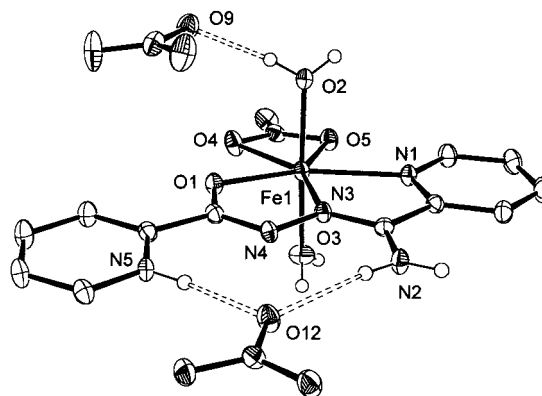
Fe(C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>4</sub>)<sub>4</sub>(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>5</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O: C, 33.47; H, 2.46; N, 16.26. Found: C, 33.44; H, 2.66; N, 16.39.

**X-ray Crystallography.** Diffraction data for a black, rectangular prism of **1** of dimensions 0.13 mm × 0.20 mm × 0.32 mm were collected using a Siemens Smart three-circle diffractometer equipped with a CCD area detector using graphite-monochromatized Mo K $\alpha$  radiation and controlled by a Pentium based PC running the SMART software package.<sup>15</sup> Raw frame data were integrated using the SAINT<sup>16</sup> program. The structure was solved by direct methods.<sup>17</sup> An empirical absorption correction was applied to the data using the program SADABS.<sup>18</sup> The structure solution and the refinement were based on *F*<sup>2</sup>. All the non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atoms bonded to carbon atoms were fixed at idealized positions with isotropic *U* values set 1.2*U* (atom connected) and not refined. Hydrogen atoms bonded to N and O atoms were located from difference Fourier maps and refined. Abbreviated crystal data are listed in Table 1.

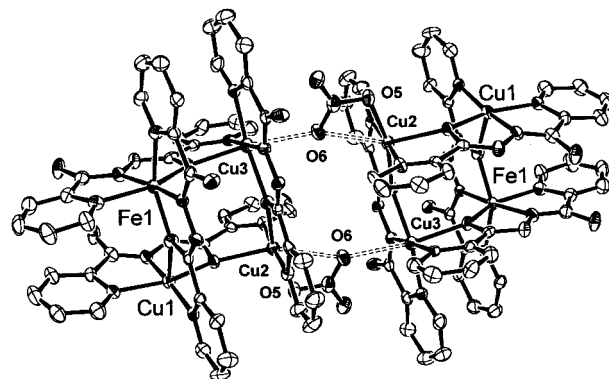
Diffraction data were collected for a black, irregular crystal of **2** of dimensions 0.52 mm × 0.20 mm × 0.05 mm using a Bruker P4/CCD system with graphite-monochromatized Mo K $\alpha$  X-radiation and a rotating anode generator. The data were corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects, but no decay correction was applied. The structure was solved by direct methods<sup>19</sup> and expanded using Fourier techniques.<sup>20</sup> All the non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atoms were fixed at idealized positions with isotropic *U* values set 1.2*U* (atom connected) and not refined. Neutral atom scattering factors were taken from Cromer and Waber,<sup>21</sup> and all calculations were performed using teXsan.<sup>22</sup> Abbreviated crystal data are listed in Table 1.

## Results and Discussion

**Structures.** The structure of **1** is illustrated in Figure 1, and important bond distances and angles are listed in Table 2. The mononuclear Fe(III) center has a seven-coordinate pentagonal-bipyramidal structure, and the tridentate ligand poap has a planar trans conformation. The equatorial pentagonal plane comprises an N<sub>2</sub>O donor set from the ligand and a tightly bound bidentate nitrate. Fe–ligand distances in the equatorial plane fall in the range 2.05–2.23 Å, while the axial contacts are quite short (<2.014 Å). This structural arrangement is stabilized by hydrogen-bonding contacts from nitrate oxygen O(12) to hydrogen atoms bonded to N(2) and protonated nitrogen N(5) (N(5)–O(12) 2.836 Å, N(2)–O(12) 2.380 Å; N(5)–H–O(12) 163.6°, N(2)–H–O(12) 174.7°) and leads to a situation where there are three potentially open coordination sites in this trans conformation (N(2), N(4), and N(5)). This presents an opportunity for the complex to behave as a ligand. Further



**Figure 1.** Molecular structure of [Fe(Hpoap-H)(NO<sub>3</sub>)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>](NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (**1**). Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.



**Figure 2.** Molecular structure for [(poap-H)<sub>4</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>Fe(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>](ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>4</sub>(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>·12H<sub>2</sub>O (**2**). Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

**Table 2.** Selected Bond Lengths (Å) and Angles (deg) for [Fe(Hpoap-H)(NO<sub>3</sub>)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>](NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (**1**)

Fe(1)–O(1)	2.0174(17)	O(3)–Fe(1)–N(3)	90.72(9)
Fe(1)–O(2)	2.009(3)	O(4)–Fe(1)–O(5)	58.30(7)
Fe(1)–O(3)	2.013(3)	O(4)–Fe(1)–N(1)	137.50(8)
Fe(1)–O(4)	2.228(2)	O(4)–Fe(1)–N(3)	150.12(8)
Fe(1)–O(5)	2.1632(18)	O(5)–Fe(1)–N(1)	79.22(7)
Fe(1)–N(1)	2.250(2)	O(5)–Fe(1)–N(3)	151.10(8)
Fe(1)–N(3)	2.052(2)	N(1)–Fe(1)–N(3)	72.26(8)
O(1)–Fe(1)–O(2)	91.17(9)	O(2)–Fe(1)–O(3)	172.97(9)
O(1)–Fe(1)–O(3)	93.69(9)	O(2)–Fe(1)–O(4)	88.93(8)
O(1)–Fe(1)–O(4)	75.34(7)	O(2)–Fe(1)–O(5)	88.44(8)
O(1)–Fe(1)–O(5)	133.64(7)	O(2)–Fe(1)–N(1)	88.84(10)
O(1)–Fe(1)–N(1)	147.14(7)	O(2)–Fe(1)–N(3)	95.45(8)
O(1)–Fe(1)–N(3)	75.03(8)	O(3)–Fe(1)–O(4)	87.39(8)
		O(3)–Fe(1)–O(5)	84.53(8)
		O(3)–Fe(1)–N(1)	89.83(10)

hydrogen-bonding contacts through N(2) link subunits together in the *y* direction (N(2)–O(8) 2.954 Å; N(2)–H–O(8) 176.6°).

The structure of **2** is illustrated in Figure 2, and important bond distances and angles are listed in Table 3. The complex consists of a dimeric entity with two heterotetranuclear subunits associated via a weak nitrate-bridging contact. Each subunit has an unusual square, tetranuclear gridlike arrangement of two nominally six-coordinate copper(II) centers, one square-pyramidal copper(II) center, and one six-coordinate iron(III) center, bridged by four poap ligands via their deprotonated oxygen centers. The square grid structure is very similar to homotetranuclear Cu<sub>4</sub> and Ni<sub>4</sub> square grids of poap and related ligands already reported.<sup>23</sup> The ligands are arranged in parallel pairs above and below the metal pseudoplane, with NH<sub>2</sub> ends pointing toward Fe(1), Cu(3), and Cu(1). The fifth and sixth sites at Cu(2) are occupied by oxygen atoms O(5) and O(6)

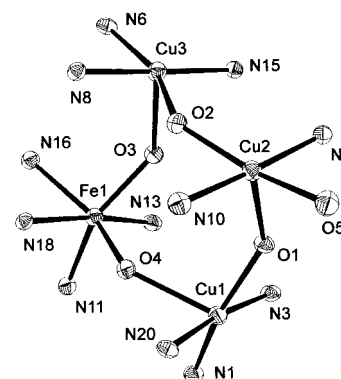
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Cu(1)–O(1)	2.014(4)	Cu(3)–N(8)	1.893(5)
Cu(1)–O(4)	2.240(4)	Cu(3)–N(15)	1.972(5)
Cu(1)–N(1)	2.037(6)	Fe(1)–O(3)	2.004(5)
Cu(1)–N(3)	1.907(5)	Fe(1)–O(4)	2.002(4)
Cu(1)–N(20)	1.986(5)	Fe(1)–N(11)	2.162(6)
Cu(2)–O(1)	2.233(4)	Fe(1)–N(13)	2.022(6)
Cu(2)–O(2)	2.007(4)	Fe(1)–N(16)	2.139(6)
Cu(2)–O(5)	2.004(5)	Fe(1)–N(18)	2.019(5)
Cu(2)–N(5)	1.977(6)	Cu(1)–Cu(2)	3.976(3)
Cu(2)–N(10)	1.959(5)	Cu(2)–Cu(3)	3.917(3)
Cu(3)–O(2)	2.135(4)	Cu(3)–Fe(1)	3.902(2)
Cu(3)–O(3)	2.234(4)	Cu(1)–Fe(1)	3.923(3)
Cu(3)–N(6)	2.059(5)		
O(1)–Cu(1)–O(4)	97.2(2)	O(4)–Fe(1)–N(18)	75.2(2)
O(3)–Cu(3)–N(15)	78.1(2)	O(1)–Cu(2)–N(10)	106.3(2)
O(1)–Cu(1)–N(1)	159.3(2)	N(11)–Fe(1)–N(13)	74.3(2)
N(6)–Cu(3)–N(8)	79.8(2)	O(2)–Cu(2)–O(5)	163.2(2)
O(1)–Cu(1)–N(3)	79.4(2)	N(11)–Fe(1)–N(16)	95.1(2)
N(6)–Cu(3)–N(15)	97.6(2)	O(2)–Cu(2)–N(5)	97.8(2)
O(1)–Cu(1)–N(20)	100.5(2)	N(11)–Fe(1)–N(18)	96.5(2)
N(8)–Cu(3)–N(15)	177.4(2)	O(2)–Cu(2)–N(10)	83.1(2)
O(4)–Cu(1)–N(1)	89.8(2)	N(13)–Fe(1)–N(16)	104.8(2)
O(3)–Fe(1)–O(4)	93.5(2)	O(5)–Cu(2)–N(5)	87.4(2)
O(4)–Cu(1)–N(3)	110.5(2)	N(13)–Fe(1)–N(18)	170.8(2)
O(3)–Fe(1)–N(11)	149.1(2)	O(5)–Cu(2)–N(10)	90.3(2)
O(4)–Cu(1)–N(20)	77.9(2)	N(16)–Fe(1)–N(18)	74.8(2)
O(3)–Fe(1)–N(13)	74.8(2)	N(5)–Cu(2)–N(10)	174.8(2)
N(1)–Cu(1)–N(3)	79.9(2)	O(2)–Cu(3)–O(3)	90.6(2)
O(3)–Fe(1)–N(16)	93.5(2)	O(2)–Cu(3)–N(6)	157.4(2)
N(1)–Cu(1)–N(20)	100.0(2)	O(2)–Cu(3)–N(8)	77.6(2)
O(3)–Fe(1)–N(18)	114.3(2)	O(2)–Cu(3)–N(15)	105.0(2)
N(3)–Cu(1)–N(20)	171.6(2)	O(3)–Cu(3)–N(6)	94.0(2)
O(4)–Fe(1)–N(11)	94.0(2)	O(3)–Cu(3)–N(8)	102.3(2)
O(1)–Cu(2)–O(2)	99.0(2)	Cu(1)–O(1)–Cu(2)	138.8(2)
O(4)–Fe(1)–N(13)	105.7(2)	Cu(2)–O(2)–Cu(3)	142.0(2)
O(1)–Cu(2)–O(5)	97.6(2)	Cu(3)–O(3)–Fe(1)	134.0(2)
O(4)–Fe(1)–N(16)	149.4(2)	Cu(1)–O(4)–Fe(1)	135.2(2)
O(1)–Cu(2)–N(5)	78.6(2)		

from bidentate nitrate N(21) (Cu(2)–O(5) 2.004(5) Å, Cu(2)–O(6) 2.685(5) Å) with short and long contacts, respectively, and the dimer interaction occurs as a result of weak Cu(3)–O(6) (2.709(5) Å) bridging contacts. The iron center is coordinated to two ligands via contiguous NNO donor segments, generating a *cis*-N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub> chromophore. Cu(1), Cu(2), and Cu(3) have N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, and N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> chromophores, respectively. The equatorial planes of Cu(2) and Cu(3) are connected via O(2) with a short (Cu(2)–O(2) 2.007(4) Å) and a longer (Cu(3)–O(2) 2.135(4) Å) contact. Cu(2) and Cu(1) are connected through O(1) by a long (2.233(4) Å) and a short (2.014(4) Å) connection, respectively, and Cu(1) and Cu(3) are connected to Fe(1) via O(4) and O(3) with long Cu–O contacts (2.234(4) and 2.240(4) Å, respectively). This sets up orthogonal connections between Cu(1) and Cu(3) and Fe(1), and an equatorial connection between Cu(2) and Cu(3) via the oxygen bridges. The Cu<sub>3</sub>FeO<sub>4</sub> framework has a distorted boat shape (Figure 3) with the four metals forming a slightly twisted square. Metal–metal distances are quite long (3.90–3.98 Å), and oxygen bridge angles are large (134–142°).

A preliminary X-ray structural study on **3** revealed the same pseudosquare Cu<sub>3</sub>Fe gridlike arrangement with no evidence for dimer association. The equivalent coordination sites on Cu(2) and Cu(3) are occupied by water molecules.<sup>24</sup> Two water molecules are lost on vacuum-drying (see Experimental Section).

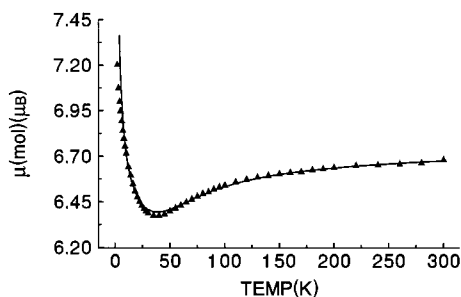
**Synthesis.** Repeated syntheses of **2** and **3** produce the same compounds with no evidence of other mixed-metal clusters with different combinations of copper and iron centers. Similar M<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, oxygen-bridged square M(II)<sub>4</sub> complexes (M = Mn(II), Co(II),

**Figure 3.** Core structure of **2**.

Ni(II), Cu(II))<sup>23,24</sup> and 2:2 mixed-metal (Fe(III)<sub>2</sub>M(II)<sub>2</sub> (M = Mn(II), Co(II), Ni(II)) derivatives of poap have also been prepared, with the heteronuclear complexes produced in the same way by reaction of **1** with the appropriate metal salt.<sup>24</sup> It is of interest to note that only copper produces a 3:1 derivative. The iron remains coordinated to three original donors (NNO) of one ligand, but unexpectedly a second ligand also binds to this six-coordinate center with a comparable bonding arrangement, generating a *cis*-N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub> chromophore. This second ligand to iron, and the involvement of two other iron-free ligands, must have resulted from partial decomplexation of **1** during the reaction with Cu(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> and from significant molecular rearrangement prior to the formation of **2** and **3**, which are clearly the thermodynamically favored products. It is perhaps significant that there is no evidence for the formation of any Cu<sub>4</sub> cluster in these reactions and that no tetranuclear Fe(III) complexes of poap or related ligands have been produced so far.

**Magnetic Properties.** The variable temperature magnetic properties of a powdered sample of **2** are most unusual, with a room-temperature magnetic moment ( $\mu_{\text{mol}}$ ) of 6.68  $\mu_{\text{B}}$ , dropping to a minimum value of 6.38  $\mu_{\text{B}}$  at 35 K, followed by a sharp rise at lower temperatures with a value of 7.20  $\mu_{\text{B}}$  at 2.0 K (Figure 4). The initial drop is consistent with intramolecular antiferromagnetic exchange and is reasonably associated with the equatorial Cu(2)–Cu(3) bridging connection and the large oxygen bridge angle (Cu(2)–O(1)–Cu(3); 142.0°),<sup>25</sup> despite the rather long Cu(3)–O(2) contact (2.135(4) Å). All other oxygen connections involving copper are orthogonal and so would not be expected to cause significant antiferromagnetic coupling. The pronounced rise in moment below 30 K indicates the presence of an intramolecular ferromagnetic term, and this is reasonably assumed to be associated with the Cu(1)–O(4)–Fe(1) connection because at low temperature the Cu(2)–Cu(3) interaction would lead to dominant occupation of a singlet ground-state term. Given this situation, a reasonable model would involve two effectively “isolated” dinuclear halves (Cu(2)–Cu(3) and Fe(1)–Cu(1)). The variable temperature magnetic data were therefore fitted to an exchange equation derived from the sum of two dinuclear components based on the spin Hamiltonians  $H = -J_1 S_{\text{Cu}2} S_{\text{Cu}3}$  and  $H = -J_2 S_{\text{Fe}1} S_{\text{Cu}1}$ , with corrections for paramagnetic impurity ( $\rho$ ), TIP, and intermolecular coupling ( $\theta$ ). An excellent fit was obtained, and Figure 4 shows the experimental and calculated  $\mu_{\text{mol}}$  values for  $g_{\text{ave}} = 2.04(1)$ ,  $J_1 = -54.0(2) \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $J_2 = 0.8(1) \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $\theta = 0.6 \text{ K}$ ,  $\rho = 0.03$ , and  $\text{TIP} = 0.00016 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$ . These parameters are consistent with the structure. The moderately large negative  $J_1$  value is associated with the equatorial Cu(2)–O(2)–Cu(3) connection, due to direct copper magnetic orbital overlap via the oxygen

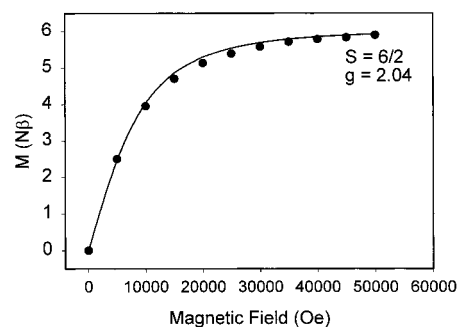
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**Figure 4.** Variable temperature magnetic data for **2**. Solid line was calculated using  $g_{\text{ave}} = 2.04(1)$ ,  $J_1 = -54.0(2) \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $J_2 = 0.8(1) \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $\theta = 0.6 \text{ K}$ ,  $\rho = 0.03$ , and  $\text{TIP} = 0.00016 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$ .

bridge, while the small positive  $J_2$  value indicates the presence of weak ferromagnetic coupling between Cu(1) and Fe(1), consistent with the orthogonal bridge. The small positive Weiss-like correction ( $\theta$ ) indicates a weak intermolecular association, which is reasonably associated with the orthogonal connection between the two dinuclear halves. The dimer association via O(6) is likely to be a much weaker intermolecular component.

The variable temperature magnetic data were also fitted to a complete exchange model based on a spin Hamiltonian ( $H = -J_1 S_{\text{Cu}2} S_{\text{Cu}3} - J_2 S_{\text{Fe}1} S_{\text{Cu}1} - J_3 S_{\text{Fe}1} S_{\text{Cu}3} - J_4 S_{\text{Cu}1} S_{\text{Cu}2}$ ) with four different  $J$  values. The fit required that  $J_3$  and  $J_4$  be set close to zero and was dominated by variations in  $J_1$  and  $J_2$ . To avoid overparametrizing the fit,  $J_3$  and  $J_4$  were set to zero, and a good fit of the data was obtained with  $g = 2.04$ ,  $J_1 = -61.5 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $J_2 = 1.1 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , and  $\text{TIP} = 0.000150 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$ . This result is entirely consistent with the previous analysis and strongly supports the simplified, isolated dimer model. The magnetic



**Figure 5.**  $M/H$  data for **2** (●); theoretical line using  $g = 2.04$ ,  $T = 2 \text{ K}$  (-).

models suggest an  $S = 3$  spin ground state at low temperature, in agreement with the observed moments below 30 K. A magnetization ( $M/H$ ) study was carried out at 2 K in the field range 0–50000 Oe (Figure 5). Experimental data (●) were compared with the theoretical Brillouin function (-) calculated at 2 K for  $g = 2.04$  and  $S = 6/2$ , clearly confirming the  $S = 3$  ground state.

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**Supporting Information Available:** X-ray crystallographic files in CIF format for **1** and **2**. This material is available free of charge via the Internet at <http://pubs.acs.org>.

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