

Supporting Information

Capturing the Organic Species Derived from the C-C Cleavage In-Situ Oxidation of 1,2,3,4-Tetra(pyridin-4-yl)cyclobutane by [CuCN]_n-Based MOFs

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Table S1. Selected Bond Lengths (\AA) and Angles (deg) for **1**.

| | | | |
|---------------|----------|----------------------|------------|
| Cu(1)-C(25) | 1.920(4) | C(25)-Cu(1)-C(25)#1 | 124.0(3) |
| Cu(1)-C(25)#1 | 1.920(4) | C(25)-Cu(1)-N(2)#2 | 117.55(16) |
| Cu(1)-N(2)#2 | 2.154(4) | C(25)#1-Cu(1)-N(2)#2 | 102.63(16) |
| Cu(1)-N(2)#3 | 2.154(3) | C(25)-Cu(1)-N(2)#3 | 102.63(15) |
| Cu(2)-N(5) | 1.885(5) | C(25)#1-Cu(1)-N(2)#3 | 117.55(16) |
| Cu(2)-N(6) | 1.906(5) | N(2)#2-Cu(1)-N(2)#3 | 87.0(2) |
| Cu(2)-N(3) | 2.110(4) | N(5)-Cu(2)-N(6) | 147.49(17) |
| Cu(3)-C(26) | 1.879(4) | N(5)-Cu(2)-N(3) | 111.53(16) |
| Cu(3)-N(7) | 1.893(4) | N(6)-Cu(2)-N(3) | 100.89(15) |
| Cu(3)-N(4)#4 | 2.075(3) | C(26)-Cu(3)-N(7) | 144.07(18) |
| Cu(4)-C(27) | 1.872(4) | C(26)-Cu(3)-N(4)#4 | 109.33(16) |
| Cu(4)-N(8) | 1.902(4) | N(7)-Cu(3)-N(4)#4 | 106.60(16) |
| Cu(4)-C(28) | 1.902(4) | C(27)-Cu(4)-N(8) | 146.21(19) |
| Cu(4)-N(1)#5 | 2.084(4) | C(27)-Cu(4)-C(28) | 146.21(19) |
| N(1)-Cu(4)#5 | 2.084(4) | C(27)-Cu(4)-N(1)#5 | 112.85(17) |
| N(2)-Cu(1)#2 | 2.154(3) | N(8)-Cu(4)-N(1)#5 | 100.94(16) |
| N(4)-Cu(3)#6 | 2.075(3) | C(28)-Cu(4)-N(1)#5 | 100.94(16) |

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1 -x+2,y,-z+5/2; #2 -x+2,-y+1,-z+2; #3 x,-y+1,z+1/2; #4 x,-y-1,z+1/2; #5 -x+1,-y,-z+1; #6 x,-y-1,z-1/2

Table S2. Selected Bond Lengths (\AA) and Angles (deg) for **2**.

| | | | |
|---------------|----------|--------------------|------------|
| Cu(1)-N(5) | 1.764(6) | N(5)-Cu(1)-C(29)#1 | 140.4(3) |
| Cu(1)-C(29)#1 | 1.878(3) | N(5)-Cu(1)-N(1) | 107.5(2) |
| Cu(1)-N(1) | 2.079(2) | C(29)#1-Cu(1)-N(1) | 109.88(11) |
| Cu(2)-N(6) | 1.858(3) | N(6)-Cu(2)-N(7) | 160.86(12) |
| Cu(2)-N(7) | 1.863(3) | N(6)-Cu(2)-N(2) | 98.67(10) |
| Cu(2)-N(2) | 2.225(2) | N(7)-Cu(2)-N(2) | 100.46(10) |
| Cu(3)-N(8) | 1.744(7) | N(8)-Cu(3)-C(27)#2 | 138.3(3) |
| Cu(3)-C(27)#2 | 1.860(4) | N(8)-Cu(3)-N(3) | 107.9(3) |
| Cu(3)-N(3) | 2.056(2) | C(27)#2-Cu(3)-N(3) | 112.94(12) |
| Cu(4)-C(26)#3 | 1.861(3) | C(26)#3-Cu(4)-N(9) | 139.06(12) |
| Cu(4)-N(9) | 1.885(3) | C(26)#3-Cu(4)-N(4) | 111.10(11) |
| Cu(4)-N(4) | 2.066(2) | N(9)-Cu(4)-N(4) | 109.52(10) |
| C(29)-Cu(1)#4 | 1.878(3) | | |
| C(27)-Cu(3)#2 | 1.860(4) | | |
| C(26)-Cu(4)#5 | 1.861(3) | | |

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1 -x-1/2,y+1/2,-z+3/2; #2 -x+1,-y+2,-z+2; #3 x-1/2,-y+3/2,z+1/2; #4 -x-1/2,y-1/2,-z+3/2; #5 x+1/2,-y+3/2,z-1/2

Table S3. Selected Bond Lengths (\AA) and Angles (deg) for **3**.

| | | | |
|---------------|----------|---------------------|----------|
| Cu(1)-C(13) | 1.868(7) | C(13)-Cu(1)-C(14) | 131.5(3) |
| Cu(1)-C(14) | 1.917(7) | C(13)-Cu(1)-N(10)#1 | 114.6(3) |
| Cu(1)-N(10)#1 | 2.102(6) | C(14)-Cu(1)-N(10)#1 | 102.8(3) |
| Cu(1)-N(2) | 2.154(6) | C(13)-Cu(1)-N(2) | 103.3(3) |
| Cu(2)-N(3)#2 | 1.824(7) | C(14)-Cu(1)-N(2) | 98.6(2) |
| Cu(2)-N(3) | 1.824(7) | N(10)#1-Cu(1)-N(2) | 100.7(2) |
| Cu(3)-N(4) | 1.936(9) | N(3)#2-Cu(2)-N(3) | 176.8(4) |
| Cu(3)-N(5) | 1.946(7) | N(4)-Cu(3)-N(5) | 136.7(3) |
| Cu(3)-N(9)#3 | 2.125(6) | N(4)-Cu(3)-N(9)#3 | 112.3(3) |
| Cu(3)-N(1)#4 | 2.153(6) | N(5)-Cu(3)-N(9)#3 | 98.7(3) |
| Cu(4)-C(15) | 1.872(8) | N(4)-Cu(3)-N(1)#4 | 101.3(3) |
| Cu(4)-N(6) | 1.899(7) | N(5)-Cu(3)-N(1)#4 | 98.5(2) |
| Cu(4)-N(8)#5 | 2.080(6) | N(9)#3-Cu(3)-N(1)#4 | 105.4(2) |
| Cu(5)-C(16) | 1.873(8) | C(15)-Cu(4)-N(6) | 143.7(3) |
| Cu(5)-N(12) | 1.885(7) | C(15)-Cu(4)-N(8)#5 | 109.9(3) |
| Cu(5)-C(17) | 1.885(7) | N(6)-Cu(4)-N(8)#5 | 106.3(3) |
| Cu(5)-N(7) | 2.067(6) | C(16)-Cu(5)-N(12) | 144.8(3) |
| N(1)-Cu(3)#6 | 2.153(6) | C(16)-Cu(5)-C(17) | 144.8(3) |
| N(8)-Cu(4)#1 | 2.080(6) | C(16)-Cu(5)-N(7) | 113.7(3) |
| N(9)-Cu(3)#3 | 2.125(6) | N(12)-Cu(5)-N(7) | 101.5(3) |
| N(10)-Cu(1)#5 | 2.102(6) | C(17)-Cu(5)-N(7) | 101.5(3) |

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1 -x+1,y-1,-z+1/2; #2 -x,y,-z-1/2;
#3 -x+1,-y,-z+1; #4 -x,y+1,-z+1/2; #5 -x+1,y+1,-z+1/2; #6 -x,y-1,-z+1/2

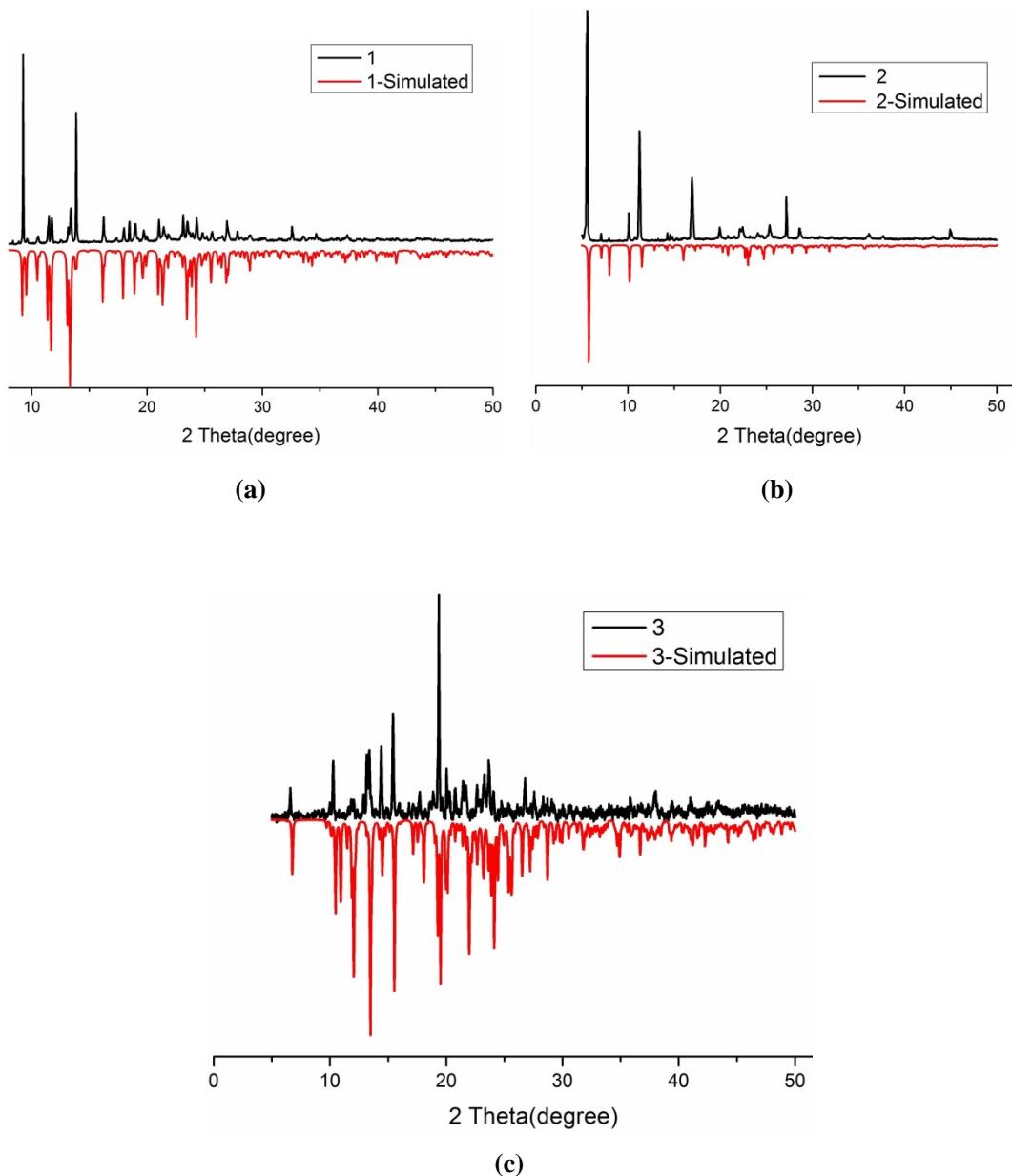


Figure S1. Experimental (black) and simulated (red) PXRD patterns for **1**(a), **2** (b) and **3** (c).

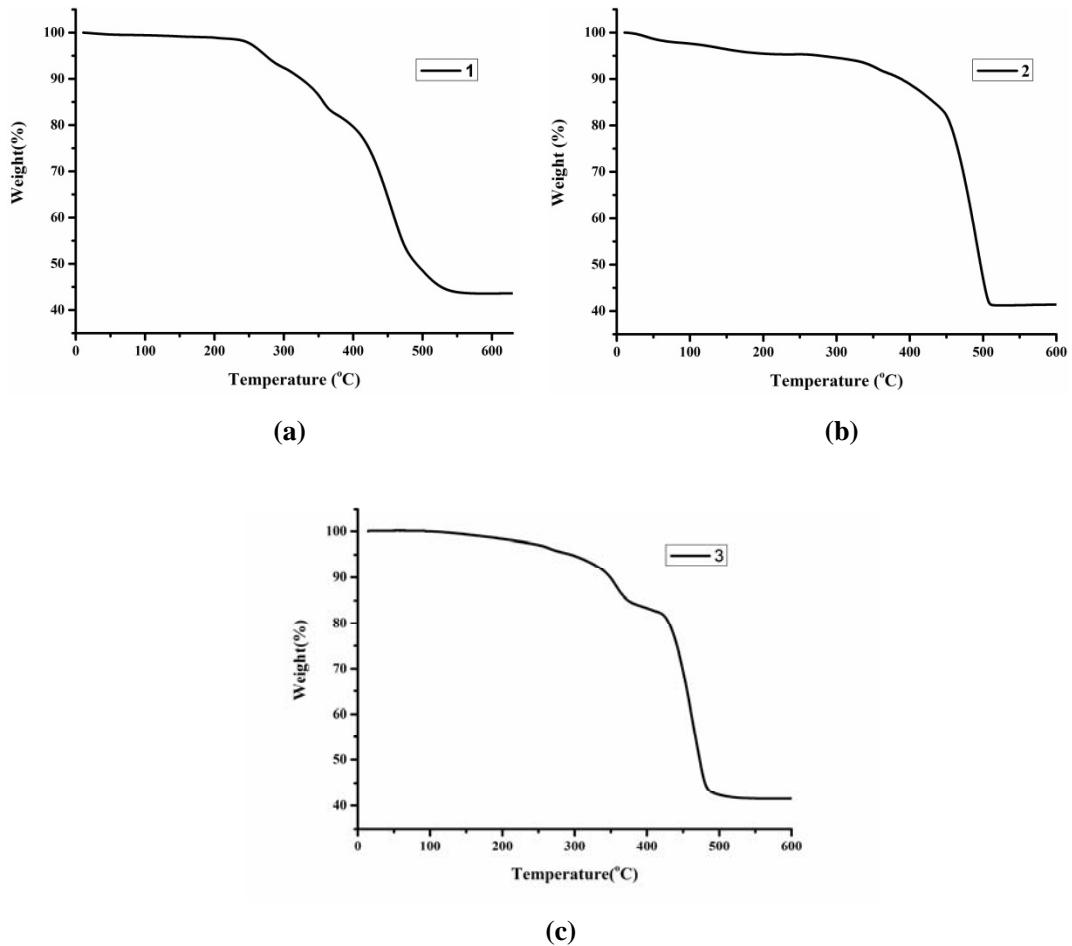


Figure S2. The TGA curves for **1** (a), **2** (b) and **3** (c).

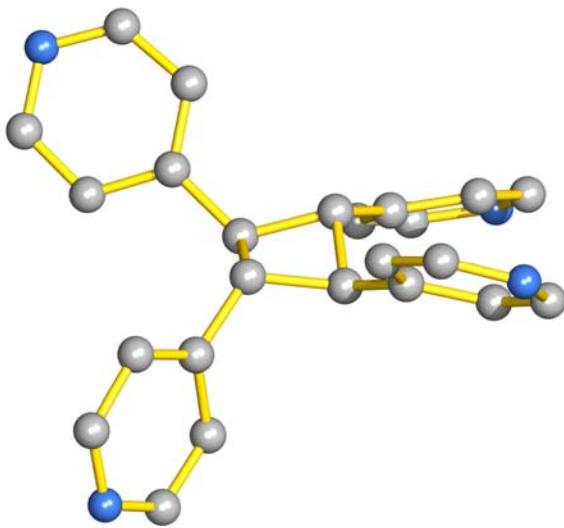


Figure S3. View of the tpcb ligand in **1**.

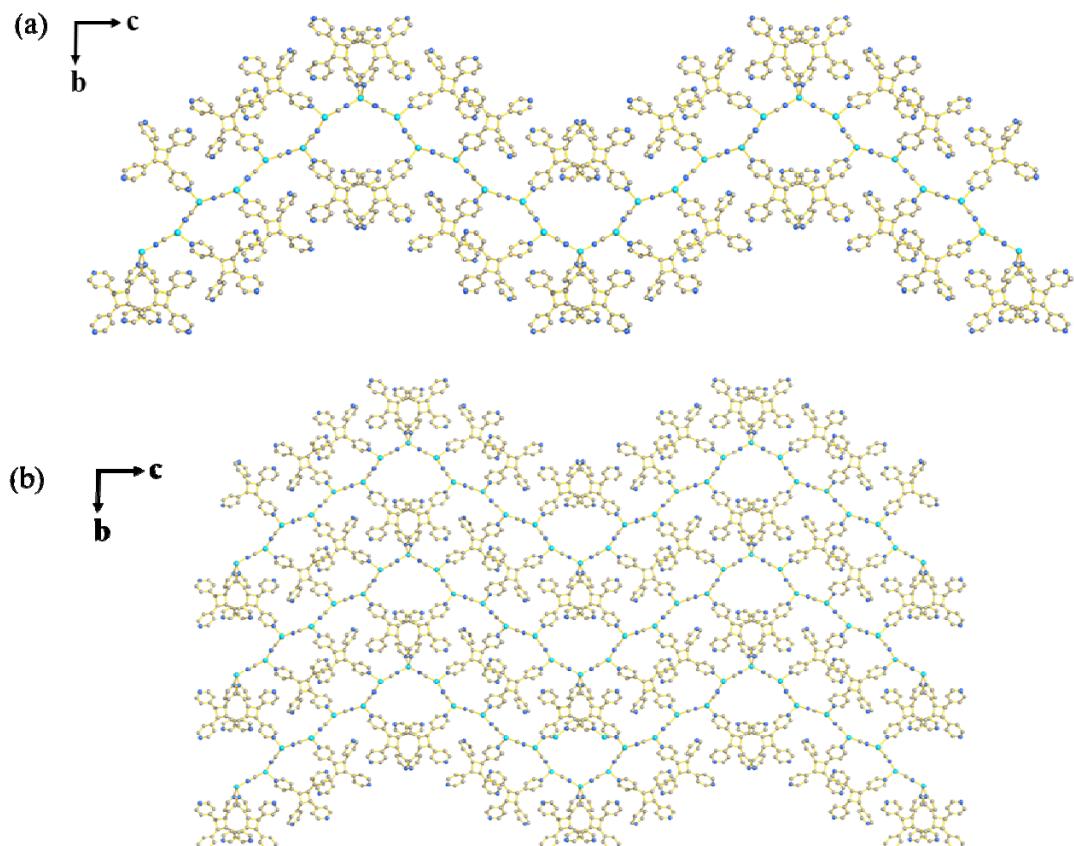


Figure S4. (a) View of a section of the 1D chain of **1** extending along the *c* axis. (b) View of the 2D network of **1** extending along the *bc* plane.

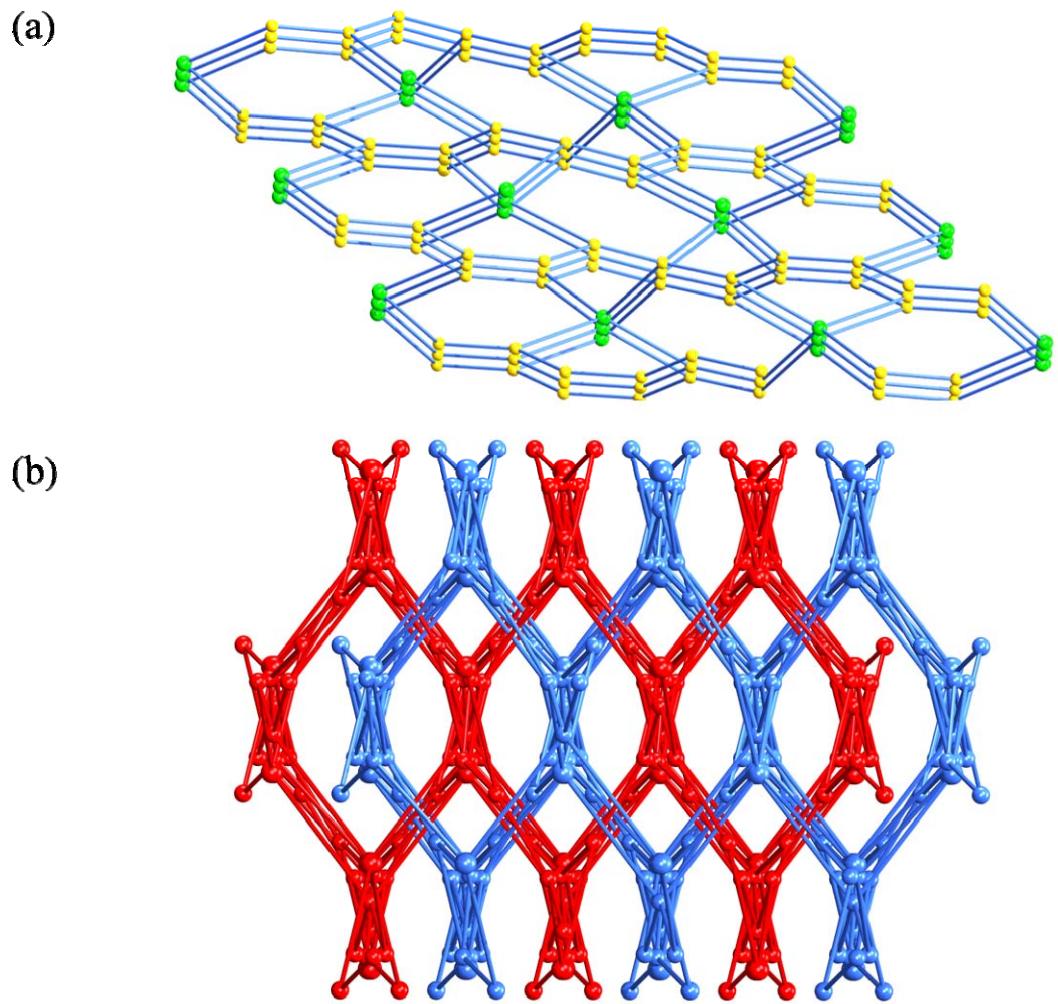


Figure S5. (a) View of the topological structure of **1**. The yellow and green spheres represent Cu centres and tpcb ligands, respectively. (b) Schematic view of the 2-fold interpenetrated network of **1**.

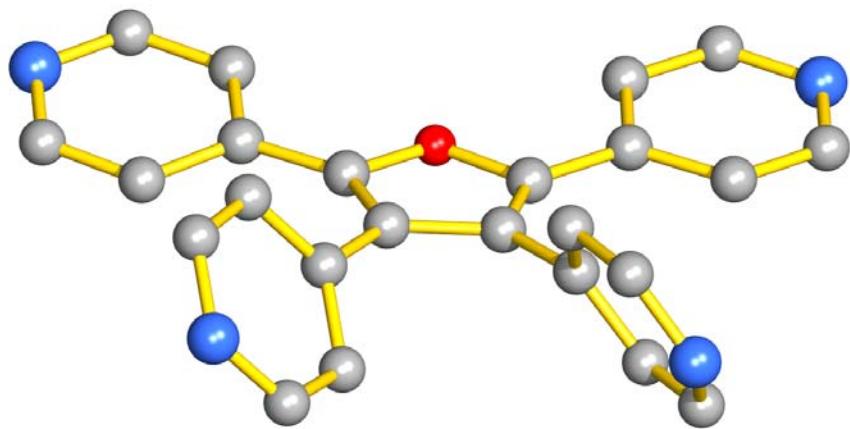


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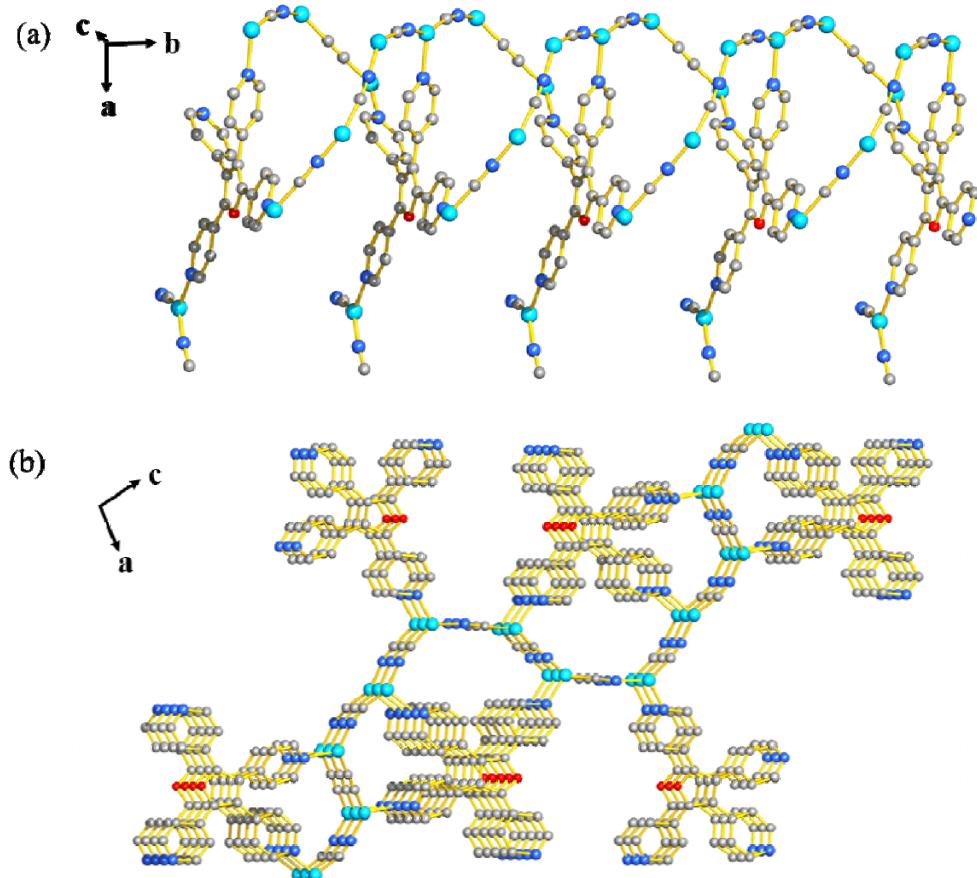


Figure S7. (a) View of a part of the 1D chain of **2** extending along the *b* axis. (b) View of the 2D network of **2** extending along the *ac* plane.

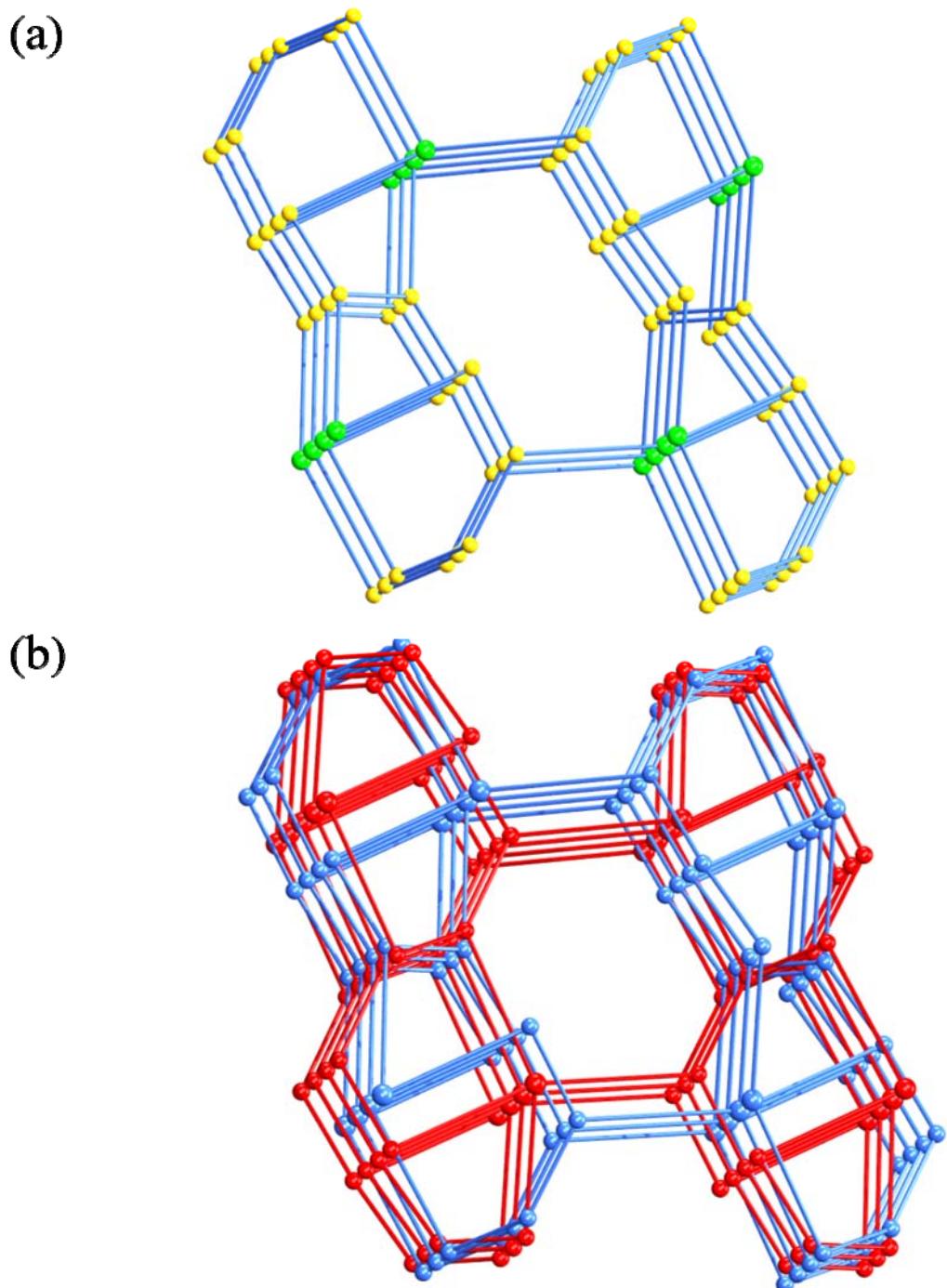


Figure S8. (a) View of the topological structure of **2**. The yellow and green spheres represent the Cu centres and tpyf ligands, respectively. (b) Schematic view of the 2-fold interpenetrated network of **2**.

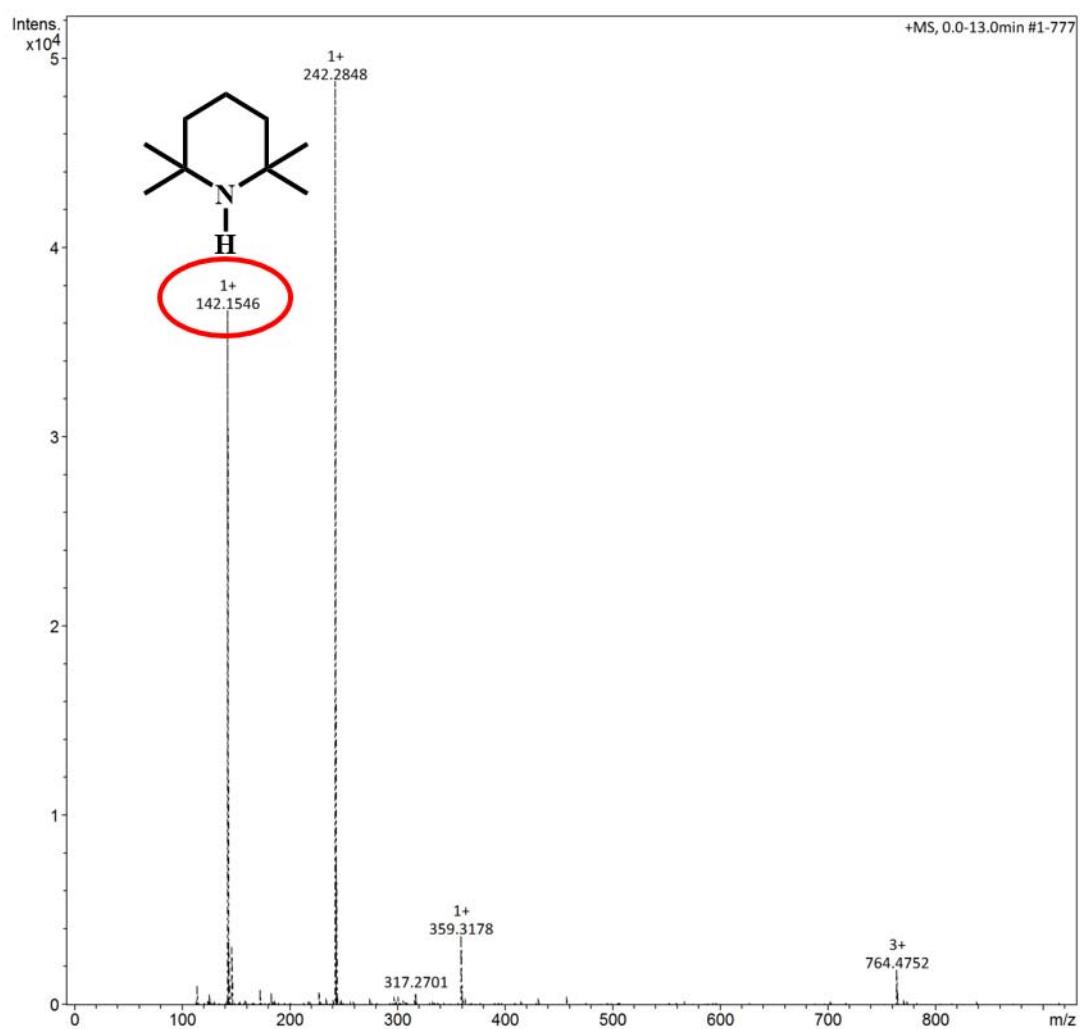


Figure S9. The mass spectrum of the supernatant solution during the synthesis of **3**.

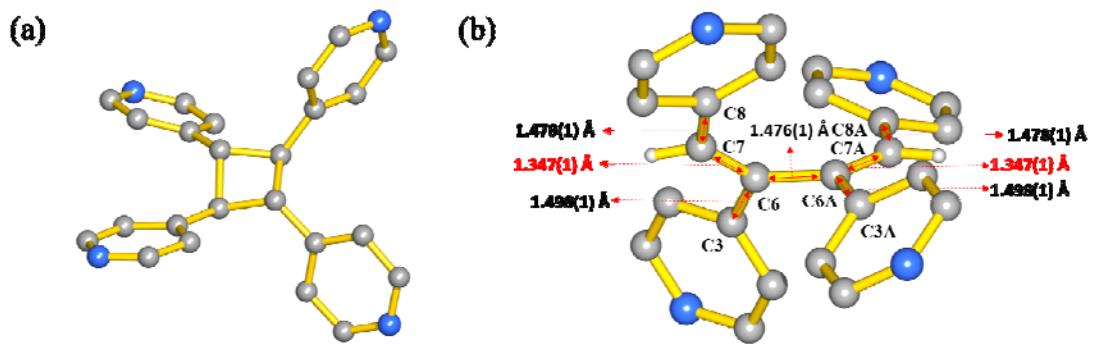


Figure S10. (a) View of the tpcb ligand in **3**. (b) View of the tpyb ligand in **3**.

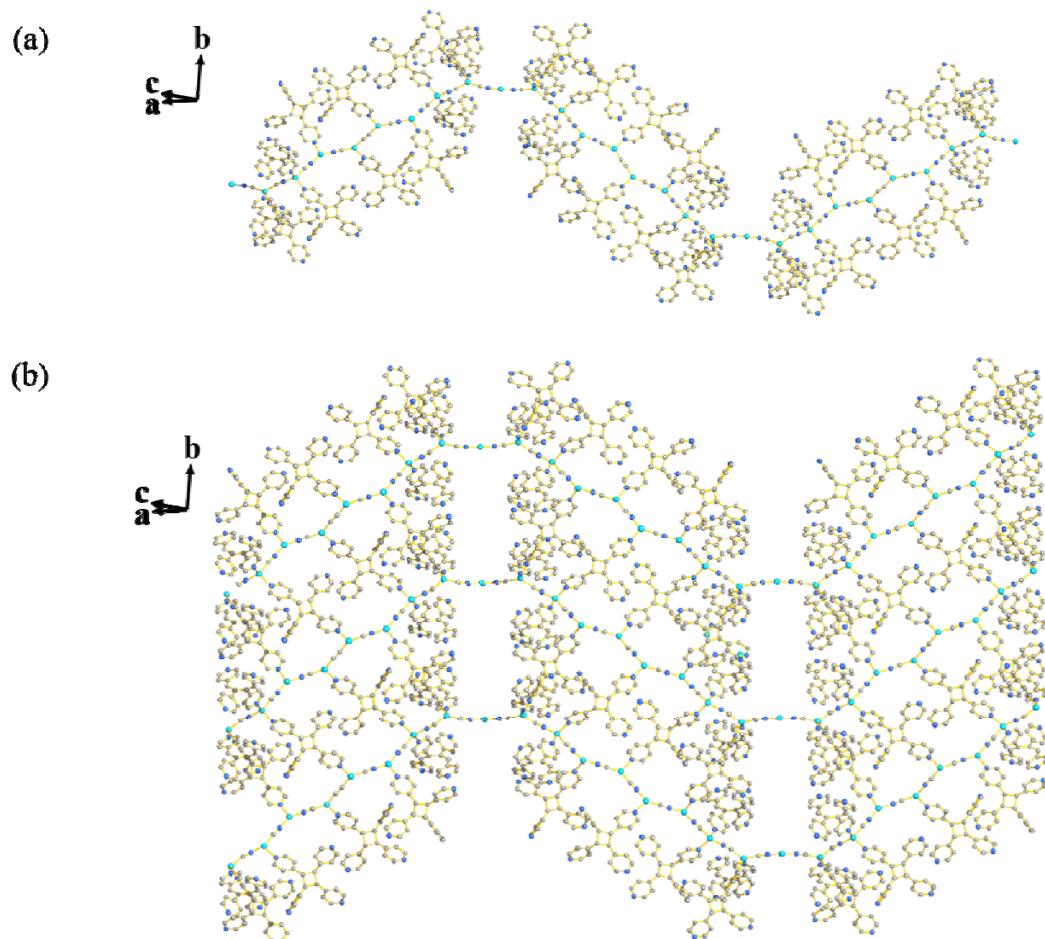


Figure S11. (a) View of a portion of the 1D chain of **3** extending along the [101] direction. (b) View of the 2D network of **3** extending along the (101) plane.

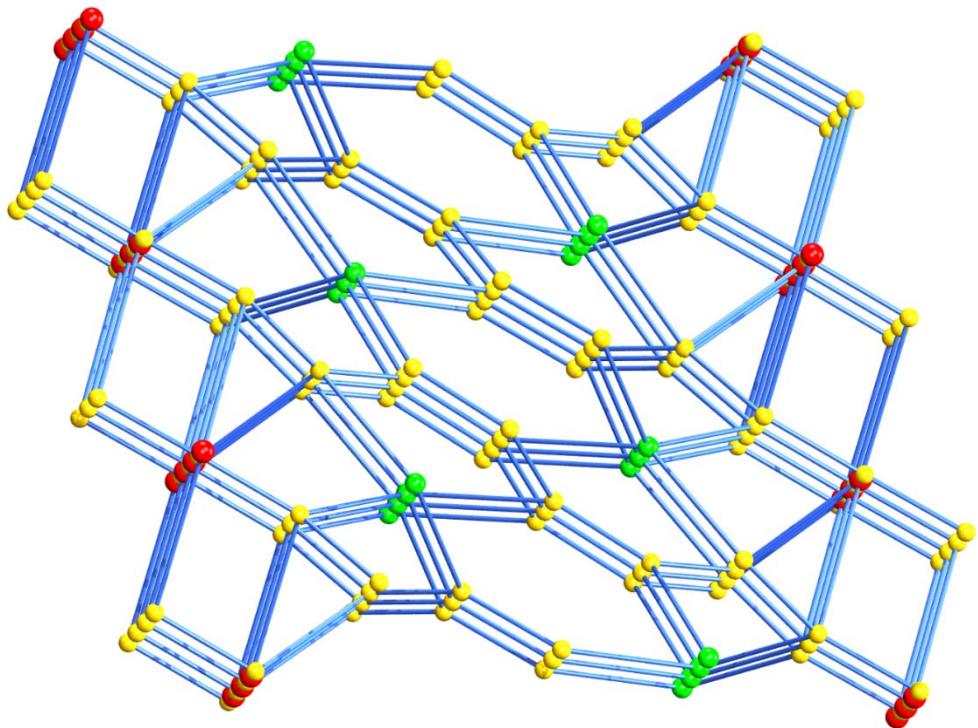


Figure S12. View of the topological structure of **3**. The yellow, green and red spheres represent the Cu centres, tpcb and tpyb ligands, respectively.