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# Framework dimensionality of copper(i) coordination polymers of 4,4'-bipyrimidine controlled by anions and solvents†

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The reaction of  $[\text{Cu}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)_n]\text{NO}_3$  with 4,4'-bipyrimidine (bpm) in  $\text{Me}_2\text{CO}$  under  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  afforded a polymeric Cu(i)–bpm/ $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  adduct  $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{bpm})(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)(\text{NO}_3)_2]_n$  (**1**) with an infinite 1-D zigzag chain structure. Similar reactions of  $[\text{Cu}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)_n]\text{ClO}_4$  or  $[\text{Cu}(\text{MeCN})_4]\text{BF}_4$  with bpm in  $\text{Me}_2\text{CO}$  under  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  afforded Cu(i)–bpm/ $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  adducts  $\{[\text{Cu}_3(\text{bpm})_2(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)_2](\text{ClO}_4)_3\}_n$  (**2**) and  $\{[\text{Cu}_3(\text{bpm})_2(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)_2](\text{BF}_4)_3\}_n$  (**3**), respectively, which have an infinite 1-D zigzag ladder structure. It is interesting that two disordered  $\text{ClO}_4^-$  or  $\text{BF}_4^-$  anions are accommodated in the inside cavity of the ladder chains. In contrast, the reaction of  $[\text{Cu}(\text{MeCN})_4]\text{BF}_4$  with bpm in MeOH under  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  afforded a Cu(i)–bpm/ $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  adduct  $\{[\text{Cu}_4(\text{bpm})_3(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)_3(\text{MeOH})(\text{BF}_4)_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \cdot 3\text{MeOH}]\}_n$  (**4**). Three Cu atoms are bridged by three bpm ligands to form a metallacalix[3]arene structure with three legs of  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$ . Furthermore, these metallacalix[3]arenes are linked through another Cu atom in the terminal N atom of bpm to produce a chiral 2-D sheet structure with space group  $P6_3$ . One  $\text{BF}_4^-$  anion is accommodated in the small triangular  $\text{Cu}_3$  cavities, whereas three disordered  $\text{BF}_4^-$  anions are encapsulated in the large triangular  $\text{Cu}_3$  cavities. In contrast to complex **4**,  $[\text{Cu}(\text{MeCN})_4]\text{BF}_4$  was reacted with bpm in MeOH under Ar, and  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  gas was then bubbled into the resultant brown suspensions. The reaction solution was allowed to come to room temperature, and Cu(i)–bpm complex  $\{[\text{Cu}_3(\text{bpm})_3](\text{SiF}_6)_{1.5}\}_n$  (**5**) was collected. The tetrahedral Cu atom is coordinated by two N atoms in the chelate site of bpm and two N atoms in the terminal sites of two other bpm ligands to form two racemic metallacalix[3]arene structures. It is noteworthy that these metallacalix[3]arenes are joined through the bpm ligands to afford a 3-D cage structure consisting of two right-handed and left-handed helix networks. One disordered  $\text{SiF}_6^{2-}$  anion is accommodated in the inside cavity between two opposite metallacalix[3]arene structures. On the basis of these results, it has been concluded that  $\text{BF}_4^-$ ,  $\text{PF}_6^-$ ,  $\text{ClO}_4^-$  and  $\text{SiF}_6^{2-}$  anions can serve as anion templates to self-assemble polymeric Cu(i)  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  adducts and a cage compound in complexes **2–5**. The  $\text{NO}_3^-$  anion is ineffective as an anion template, as indicated by the higher coordination ability of the  $\text{NO}_3^-$  anion in complex **1**. Additionally, solvent-dependent effects have been observed in the formation process:  $\text{Me}_2\text{CO}$  can preferentially induce polymeric 1-D chain and 1-D ladder structures in complexes **1–3**, whereas MeOH can produce 2-D sheet and 3-D cage structures by the linkage of metallacalix[3]arene structures in complexes **4** and **5**.

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## Introduction

The rational design of inorganic artificial receptors for host–guest chemistry is one of the most attractive areas in contemporary supramolecular chemistry.<sup>1</sup> In particular, metal-assembled bowl-shaped molecules that are structural analogues of calixarenes and cyclotrimeratrylenes have attracted considerable attention,<sup>2</sup> in contrast to their versatile behaviours as hosts for inclusion complexation and as efficient ligands for metal ions in classical calixarenes.<sup>3</sup> A successful strategy for forming metal-lamacrocycles closely related to calixarenes has been developed by the combination of *cis*-protected d<sup>8</sup> metal units such as Pd(II) or Pt(II) and an appropriate *N*-heterocyclic ligand such as

pyrimidine or 4,7-phenanthroline derivatives. Recently, a new approach utilizing anion templation to construct metallamacrocycles and cages has been employed with several reported successes.<sup>4</sup> However, in contrast to the well-studied templating properties of cationic and neutral species, the use of anionic components to direct the self-assembly process is an area of supramolecular chemistry still in its infancy.

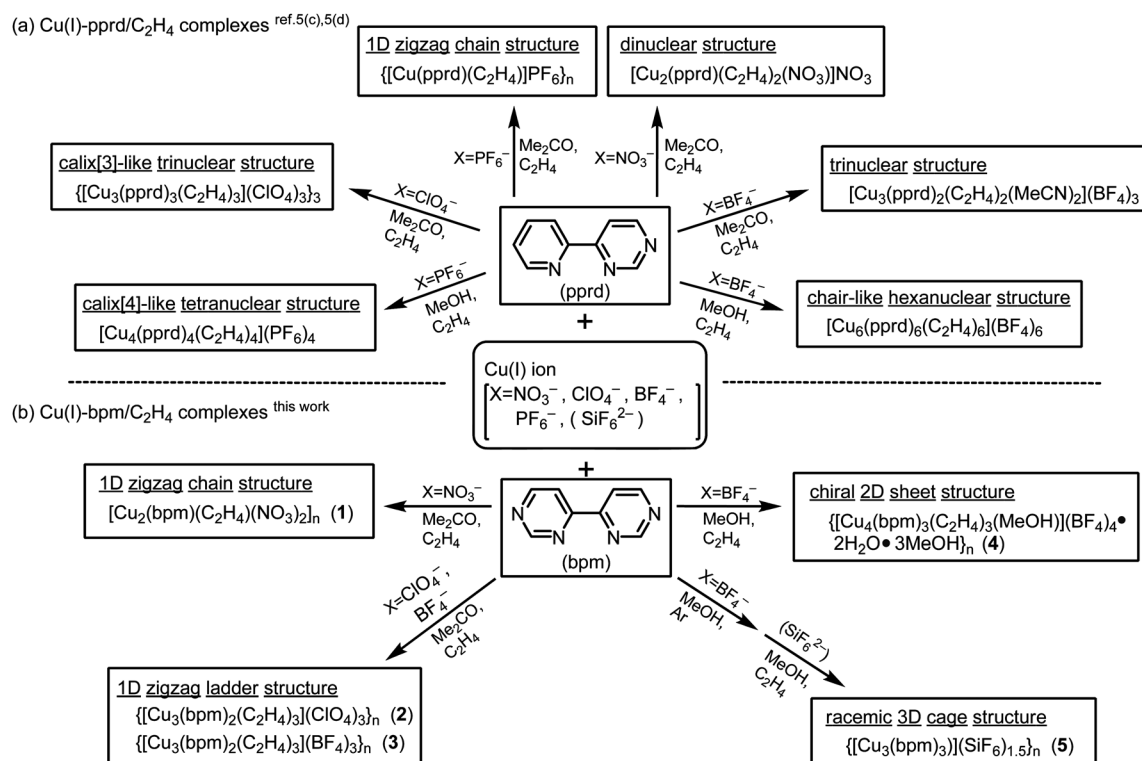
The 4-(2-pyridyl)pyrimidine (pprd) ligand is an attractive nitrogen ligand with a bidentate site for chelation and an *exo N*-donor site for bridging.<sup>5</sup> We have adopted the combination of a Cu(I) or Ag(I) ion and the pprd ligand to construct novel bowl-shaped metallamacrocycles. It has been shown that Cu(I)–pprd metallamacrocycles with C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> and CO legs encapsulating ClO<sub>4</sub><sup>−</sup>, PF<sub>6</sub><sup>−</sup> and BF<sub>4</sub><sup>−</sup> anions can be self-assembled by the controls of anion and solvent (Scheme 1(a)),<sup>5c,d</sup> together with sandwich-shaped Ag(I)–pprd metallamacrocycles encapsulating XF<sub>6</sub><sup>2−</sup> (X = Si, Ge and Sn) anions.<sup>5b</sup> Similar to the pprd ligand, 4,4'-bipyrimidine (bpm) possesses a bidentate site for chelation and two *exo N*-donor sites for bridging since it can be thought of as a combination of 2,2'-bipyridine and 4,4'-bipyridine. It is expected to produce a greater diversity of finite metallamacrocyclic and infinite polymeric compounds with square/rectangle motifs. However, only a few preliminary reports of the coordination polymers of Cu(I),<sup>6</sup> Ag(I)<sup>6b,7</sup> and Rh(III)<sup>8</sup> with bpm and derivatives can be found in the literature. Using 6,6'-diphenyl-4,4'-bipyrimidine (Ph<sub>2</sub>bpm) as a bpm derivative, we have recently reported that diverse 3-D Cu(I)–Ph<sub>2</sub>bpm/C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> adducts can be self-assembled by the different connectivities of an intermolecular  $\pi$ – $\pi$  stacking interaction and a C–H...N contact.<sup>6c</sup>

As a further investigation, we attempted herein to join discrete Cu(I) metallamacrocycles by the combination of Cu(I) ion and bpm ligand and to synthesize a few polymeric Cu(I) C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> adducts by the application of preparative approach in the related Cu(I)–pprd metallamacrocycles.<sup>5c,d</sup> It was found that a diversity of 1-D chain, 1-D ladder, 2-D sheet Cu(I)–bpm/C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> adducts and 3-D Cu(I)–bpm cage compound, in which a ClO<sub>4</sub><sup>−</sup>, BF<sub>4</sub><sup>−</sup> or SiF<sub>6</sub><sup>2−</sup> anion was accommodated in the inside cavity, could be self-assembled by the controls of anions and solvents (Scheme 1(b)). Their structures and properties were characterized by X-ray, IR, TG-DTA, SEM and CD analyses. The roles of anion and solvent were determined in their formation processes.

## Experimental section

### General procedures and reagents

[Cu(MeCN)<sub>4</sub>]X (X = PF<sub>6</sub> and BF<sub>4</sub>) were prepared according to the literature.<sup>9</sup> 4,4'-Bipyrimidine (bpm) was prepared by modifications of the literature method.<sup>10</sup> Cu(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O and Cu(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·3H<sub>2</sub>O were purchased from Mitsuwa Chemicals and Wako pure Chemicals, respectively. The pure C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> gas (>99.9%) was purchased from Sumitomo Seika Chemicals (Japan). All organic solvents were dried and distilled by the usual methods before use. All procedures were carried out using standard Schlenk techniques under Ar and C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>. IR spectra were recorded with a JASCO FT-IR 430 spectrometer as KBr pellets. Thermogravimetric analysis (TG-DTA) was carried out with a Rigaku Thermo Plus 8120 under flowing N<sub>2</sub> gas.



Scheme 1 Cu(I)–{pprd, bpm}/C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> complexes.

## Preparation of Cu(I)–bpm complexes

**[Cu<sub>2</sub>(bpm)(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>n</sub> (1).** The precursor Cu(I) C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> complex [Cu(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>n</sub>]<sub>n</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> was prepared by the reductive reaction of Cu(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·3H<sub>2</sub>O (24.2 mg, 0.10 mmol) with Cu wire in Me<sub>2</sub>CO (5 ml) under C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>. A 5 ml Me<sub>2</sub>CO solution of bpm (3.2 mg, 0.02 mmol) was added to the Cu(I) C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> solution. The C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> gas was then bubbled for 1 hour. The brown suspension was filtered, and the filtrates were sealed in 7 mmϕ glass tubes under C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>. The reaction solution was allowed to stand at −10 °C for 1 month, and the solution was then allowed to come to room temperature. The brown plate crystals of complex **1** were collected. After complex **1** was dried by flowing C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> gas, it was immediately subjected to elementary analysis, IR and TG-DTA. Anal. Calcd for Cu<sub>2</sub>C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>6</sub>: C, 27.46; H, 2.30; N, 19.22. Found: C, 27.85; H, 3.17; N, 21.77%. IR (KBr, cm<sup>−1</sup>): 1636(w), 1601(m), 1577(s), 1559(m, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 1542(w), 1522(m), 1443(m), 1385(s, NO<sub>3</sub>), 1183(w), 1155(w), 1060(w), 845(w), 746(m), 692(w), 652(m).

**{[Cu<sub>3</sub>(bpm)<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>](ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>n</sub> (2).** The precursor Cu(I) C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> complex [Cu(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>n</sub>]<sub>n</sub>ClO<sub>4</sub> was prepared by the reductive reaction of Cu(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O (37.1 mg, 0.10 mmol) with Cu wire in Me<sub>2</sub>CO (5 ml) under C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>. A 5 ml Me<sub>2</sub>CO solution of bpm (3.2 mg, 0.02 mmol) was added to the Cu(I) C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> solution. The C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> gas was then bubbled for 1 hour. The brown suspension was filtered, and the filtrates were sealed in 7 mmϕ glass tubes under C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>. The reaction solution was allowed to stand at −10 °C for 1 month, and red plate crystals of complex **2** were collected. After complex **2** was dried by flowing C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> gas, it was immediately subjected to elementary analysis and IR. Anal. Calcd for Cu<sub>3</sub>C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>8</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>O<sub>12</sub>: C, 27.89; H, 2.34; N, 13.01. Found: C, 26.26; H, 2.50; N, 11.50%. IR (KBr, cm<sup>−1</sup>): 1598(s), 1568(s), 1548(m, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 1536(w), 1474(s), 1396(s), 1335(m, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 1274(w), 1167(s), 1094–927(s, ClO<sub>4</sub>), 858(s), 739(s), 684(w), 670(m), 622(s).

**Caution:** perchlorate salts of metal complexes with organic compounds are potentially explosive! Only small amounts of materials should be prepared and should be handled with great care.

**{[Cu<sub>3</sub>(bpm)<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>](BF<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>n</sub> (3).** [Cu(MeCN)<sub>4</sub>]BF<sub>4</sub> (62.8 mg, 0.20 mmol) and bpm (3.2 mg, 0.02 mmol) were reacted in Me<sub>2</sub>CO (10 ml) under C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>. The yellow reaction solution was filtered, and the filtrates were sealed in 7 mmϕ glass tubes under C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>. The reaction solution was allowed to stand for 2 months at −10 °C, and the solution was then allowed to come to room temperature. The red plate crystals of complex **3** were collected. After complex **3** was dried by flowing C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> gas, it was immediately subjected to elementary analysis, IR and TG-DTA. Anal. Calcd for Cu<sub>3</sub>C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>B<sub>3</sub>F<sub>12</sub>N<sub>8</sub>: C, 29.17; H, 2.45; N, 13.61. Found: C, 28.95; H, 2.57; N, 13.53%. IR (KBr, cm<sup>−1</sup>): 1599(s), 1569(s), 1550(m, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 1476(s), 1409(s), 1338(m, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 1286(w), 1273(m), 1167(s), 1088–956(s, BF<sub>4</sub>), 862(m), 740(s), 685(m), 672(m), 520(m).

**{[Cu<sub>4</sub>(bpm)<sub>3</sub>(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>(MeOH)](BF<sub>4</sub>)<sub>4</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O·3MeOH]<sub>n</sub> (4).** [Cu(MeCN)<sub>4</sub>]BF<sub>4</sub> (62.8 mg, 0.20 mmol) and bpm (3.2 mg, 0.02 mmol) were reacted in MeOH (10 ml) under C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>. The yellow reaction solution was filtered, and the filtrates were sealed

in 7 mmϕ glass tubes under C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>. The reaction solution was allowed to stand for 1 week at −10 °C. Two kinds of reddish-brown hexagonal prismatic (**4a**) and plate crystals (**4b**) were collected. The preliminary X-ray determinations showed that both crystals had the same crystallographic lattice constants. A single crystal X-ray analysis was carried out using appropriate plate crystals **4b**. After complex **4** was dried by flowing C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> gas, it was immediately subjected to elementary analysis, IR and TG-DTA. Anal. Calcd for Cu<sub>4</sub>C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>50</sub>N<sub>12</sub>O<sub>6</sub>B<sub>4</sub>F<sub>16</sub>: C, 30.84; H, 3.81; N, 12.69. Found: C, 30.70; H, 3.75; N, 12.63%. IR (KBr, cm<sup>−1</sup>): 1596(s), 1568(m), 1545(m, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 1472(s), 1402(s), 1335(m, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 1285(m), 1167(s), 1062(s, BF<sub>4</sub>), 843(m), 742(s), 696(w), 685(w), 666(s), 521(m).

**{[Cu<sub>3</sub>(bpm)<sub>3</sub>](SiF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>1.5</sub>]<sub>n</sub> (5).** [Cu(MeCN)<sub>4</sub>]BF<sub>4</sub> (9.4 mg, 0.03 mmol) and bpm (1.6 mg, 0.01 mmol) were reacted in MeOH (10 ml) under Ar. The C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> gas was bubbled into dark brown suspensions to form a clear yellow solution. The reaction solution was filtered, and the filtrates were sealed in 7 mmϕ glass tubes under C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>. The reaction solution was allowed to stand for 1 month at −10 °C, and the solution was then allowed to come to room temperature. The black brick crystals of complex **5** were collected after 2 weeks. After complex **5** was dried by flowing C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> gas, it was immediately subjected to elementary analysis and IR. Anal. Calcd for Cu<sub>3</sub>C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>12</sub>Si<sub>1.5</sub>F<sub>9</sub>: C, 32.82; H, 2.07; N, 19.14. Found: C, 32.65; H, 2.03; N, 19.04%. IR (KBr, cm<sup>−1</sup>): 1637(w), 1577(s), 1523(m), 1444(m), 1384(s), 1277(w), 1184(m), 1084(m), 1061(m), 845(m), 747(s, SiF<sub>6</sub>), 484(s, SiF<sub>6</sub>), 450(w).

## X-ray crystal structure determinations

All measurements of Cu(I)–bpm complexes **1–5** were made on a Rigaku Mercury CCD diffractometer with graphite monochromated Mo-K<sub>α</sub> radiation (λ = 0.71070 Å). The diffraction data were collected at −157(2), −165(2), −153(2), −175(2) and −155(2) °C for complexes **1–5** in the ω scan mode, respectively. Of the 10 327, 11 447, 17 589, 32 111 and 35 743 reflections that were collected, 3258, 3651, 3464, 4171 and 1248 were unique (*R*<sub>int</sub> = 0.0240, 0.0484, 0.0310, 0.0486 and 0.0523) for complexes **1–5**, respectively. Data were collected and processed using the Crystal Clear program (Rigaku). The linear absorption coefficient, μ, for Mo-K<sub>α</sub> radiation is 29.96, 23.47, 21.65, 16.343 and 21.07 cm<sup>−1</sup> for complexes **1–5**, respectively. The data were corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects.

The structures were solved by direct methods (*SHELXS-97*) and expanded using Fourier techniques. The non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atoms were included and constrained to the ideal position and thermal displacement parameter using the AFIX command on *SHELXL-97*. In complex **2**, one of the disordered ClO<sub>4</sub><sup>−</sup> anions was restrained as the same thermal displacement parameter using the EADP command on *SHELXL-97*. In complex **3**, fluorine atoms of the disordered BF<sub>4</sub><sup>−</sup> anions were restrained for the thermal displacement parameter using the DELU and SIMU commands on *SHELXL-97*. In complex **4b**, each disordered BF<sub>4</sub><sup>−</sup> anion, MeOH, and H<sub>2</sub>O except boron and hydrogen atoms were restrained to the same thermal displacement parameters using the EADP commands on *SHELXL-97*, respectively. In complex **5**, the disordered F(3) and F(4) atoms of SiF<sub>6</sub><sup>2−</sup> anions were

restrained for thermal displacement parameters using the DELU and SIMU commands on *SHELXL-97*. The hydrogen atoms of disordered water molecules were not located. The final cycle of full-matrix least squares refinement was based on {3258, 2814}, {3651, 2606}, {3464, 2955}, {4171, 4033} and {1248, 1247} observed reflections (all data,  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ) for complexes **1–5**, respectively. The unweighted and weighted agreement factors of  $R = \Sigma ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \Sigma |F_o|$ ,  $R_1 = \Sigma ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \Sigma |F_o|$  ( $F_o > 4\sigma(F_o)$ ) and  $wR_2 = [\Sigma w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \Sigma w(F_o^2)^2]^{1/2}$  were used. The  $R$ ,  $R_1$  and  $wR_2$  values were {0.0434, 0.0317 and 0.0686}, {0.0703, 0.0685 and 0.1941}, {0.0703, 0.0685 and 0.1941}, {0.0703, 0.0685 and 0.1941} and {0.0727, 0.0726 and 0.1729} for complexes **1–5**, respectively. All calculations were performed using the *WinGX* 1.80. Crystal data and details of the structure determination are summarized in Table 1.

## Results and discussion

### Crystal structures of Cu(I)–bpm complexes

**[Cu<sub>2</sub>(bpm)(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>n</sub> (1).** The reaction of [Cu(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>n</sub>]–NO<sub>3</sub> with bpm in Me<sub>2</sub>CO under C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> afforded brown plate crystals of [Cu<sub>2</sub>(bpm)(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>n</sub> (**1**). The crystal structure of complex **1** is presented in Fig. 1. The Cu atom is coordinated by two N atoms of bpm in the chelate site and the C=C bond of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> in a trigonal-planar geometry. The other Cu atom is coordinated by two N atoms of the different bpm ligands in the *exo* bridging site and two O atoms of the different NO<sub>3</sub><sup>–</sup> anions in a distorted tetragonal geometry to form an infinite 1-D zigzag

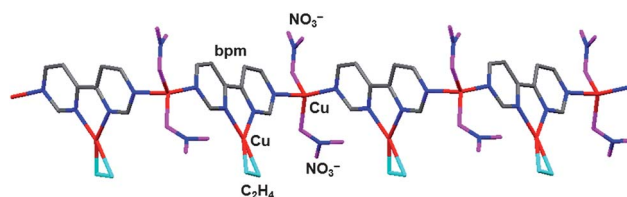


Fig. 1 X-Ray crystal structure of complex **1**.

chain structure. Although there have been several Cu(I) complexes with a NO<sub>3</sub><sup>–</sup> anion in the chelating bidentate mode<sup>11</sup> and the bridging bidentate manner,<sup>12</sup> there are few Cu(I) complexes with a NO<sub>3</sub><sup>–</sup> anion in the unidentate coordination mode.<sup>5d,11b,d,f</sup> Additionally, Cu(I) C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> adducts have been poorly characterized due to the extremely labile nature of the Cu(I)–C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> interaction.<sup>5c,d,6c,13</sup> In particular, preparative and structural reports of polynuclear and polymeric Cu(I) C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> complexes are few.<sup>5c,d,6c,13e,f</sup> Therefore, polymeric Cu(I)–bpm/C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> adduct **1** with the η<sup>1</sup>–NO<sub>3</sub><sup>–</sup> anion is of significance. In our related Cu(I)–pprd complexes (Scheme 1(a)), we have proved that the conformation of metallamacrocyclic Cu(I)–pprd/C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, CO adducts can be controlled by the choice of anion: the self-assemblies by anion templation of BF<sub>4</sub><sup>–</sup>, PF<sub>6</sub><sup>–</sup> and ClO<sub>4</sub><sup>–</sup> under C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> preferentially can induce metallamacrocyclic Cu(I)–pprd/C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, CO adducts.<sup>5c,d</sup> In contrast, the NO<sub>3</sub><sup>–</sup> anion is ineffective as an anion template in the formation of expected metallamacrocyclic Cu(I)–pprd/C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> adducts due to the higher coordination ability of the NO<sub>3</sub><sup>–</sup> anion. In fact, the reaction of [Cu(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>n</sub>]NO<sub>3</sub> with prpd in

Table 1 Crystal data of Cu(I)–bpm complexes **1–5**<sup>a</sup>

|                                              | [Cu <sub>2</sub> (bpm)(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> )(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>n</sub> ( <b>1</b> ) | {[Cu <sub>3</sub> (bpm) <sub>2</sub> (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ](ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ] <sub>n</sub> ( <b>2</b> ) | {[Cu <sub>3</sub> (bpm) <sub>2</sub> (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ](BF <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ] <sub>n</sub> ( <b>3</b> ) | {[Cu <sub>4</sub> (bpm) <sub>3</sub> (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> (MeOH)](BF <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> ·2H <sub>2</sub> O·3MeOH] <sub>n</sub> ( <b>4b</b> ) | {[Cu <sub>3</sub> (bpm) <sub>3</sub> ](SiF <sub>6</sub> ) <sub>1.5</sub> ] <sub>n</sub> ( <b>5</b> ) |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Formula                                      | C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>10</sub> Cu <sub>2</sub> N <sub>6</sub> O <sub>6</sub>                                     | C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>20</sub> Cl <sub>3</sub> Cu <sub>3</sub> N <sub>8</sub> O <sub>12</sub>                                                   | C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>20</sub> B <sub>3</sub> Cu <sub>3</sub> F <sub>12</sub> N <sub>8</sub>                                                   | C <sub>34</sub> H <sub>49</sub> Cu <sub>4</sub> N <sub>12</sub> B <sub>4</sub> F <sub>16</sub> O <sub>6</sub>                                                                  | C <sub>48</sub> H <sub>36</sub> Cu <sub>6</sub> N <sub>24</sub> Si <sub>3</sub> F <sub>18</sub>      |
| Formula weight                               | 437.32                                                                                                            | 861.44                                                                                                                                           | 823.49                                                                                                                                          | 1323.23                                                                                                                                                                        | 1756.48                                                                                              |
| Crystal system                               | Monoclinic                                                                                                        | Monoclinic                                                                                                                                       | Monoclinic                                                                                                                                      | Hexagonal                                                                                                                                                                      | Cubic                                                                                                |
| Space group                                  | <i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>a</i> (no. 14)                                                                       | <i>C</i> 2/ <i>c</i> (no. 15)                                                                                                                    | <i>C</i> 2/ <i>c</i> (no. 15)                                                                                                                   | <i>P</i> 6 <sub>3</sub> (no. 173)                                                                                                                                              | <i>I</i> a3(–) (no. 206)                                                                             |
| <i>a</i> /Å                                  | 14.897(9)                                                                                                         | 20.8073(9)                                                                                                                                       | 20.8286(7)                                                                                                                                      | 14.384(5)                                                                                                                                                                      | 18.673(5)                                                                                            |
| <i>b</i> /Å                                  | 5.819(3)                                                                                                          | 13.2133(18)                                                                                                                                      | 12.9965(5)                                                                                                                                      | 14.384(5)                                                                                                                                                                      | 18.673(5)                                                                                            |
| <i>c</i> /Å                                  | 17.441(10)                                                                                                        | 15.3486(11)                                                                                                                                      | 15.3593(5)                                                                                                                                      | 15.215(5)                                                                                                                                                                      | 18.673(5)                                                                                            |
| $\alpha$ /°                                  | 90.0                                                                                                              | 90.0                                                                                                                                             | 90.0                                                                                                                                            | 90.0                                                                                                                                                                           | 90.0                                                                                                 |
| $\beta$ /°                                   | 107.581(6)                                                                                                        | 132.126(2)                                                                                                                                       | 132.5660(10)                                                                                                                                    | 90.0                                                                                                                                                                           | 90.0                                                                                                 |
| $\gamma$ /°                                  | 90.0                                                                                                              | 90.0                                                                                                                                             | 90.0                                                                                                                                            | 120.0                                                                                                                                                                          | 90.0                                                                                                 |
| <i>V</i> /Å <sup>3</sup>                     | 1441.4(14)                                                                                                        | 3129.7(5)                                                                                                                                        | 3062.17(19)                                                                                                                                     | 2726.2(16)                                                                                                                                                                     | 6510.9(18)                                                                                           |
| <i>Z</i>                                     | 4                                                                                                                 | 4                                                                                                                                                | 4                                                                                                                                               | 2                                                                                                                                                                              | 4                                                                                                    |
| <i>D</i> <sub>calc</sub> /g cm <sup>–3</sup> | 2.015                                                                                                             | 1.828                                                                                                                                            | 1.786                                                                                                                                           | 1.498                                                                                                                                                                          | 1.820                                                                                                |
| <i>F</i> (000)                               | 872.0                                                                                                             | 1720.0                                                                                                                                           | 1624.0                                                                                                                                          | 1316.0                                                                                                                                                                         | 3536.0                                                                                               |
| $\mu$ (Mo–K $\alpha$ )/cm <sup>–1</sup>      | 29.96                                                                                                             | 23.47                                                                                                                                            | 21.65                                                                                                                                           | 16.343                                                                                                                                                                         | 21.07                                                                                                |
| Temperature/K                                | 116(2)                                                                                                            | 108(2)                                                                                                                                           | 120(2)                                                                                                                                          | 98(2)                                                                                                                                                                          | 118(2)                                                                                               |
| Observed reflections                         | 10 327 ( <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = 0.0237)                                                                        | 11 447 ( <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = 0.0484)                                                                                                       | 17 589 ( <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = 0.0310)                                                                                                      | 32 111 ( <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = 0.0486)                                                                                                                                     | 35 743 ( <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = 0.0523)                                                           |
| Refined reflections                          | 3258 (all data);<br>2814 ( <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> ))                                                    | 3651 (all data);<br>2606 ( <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> ))                                                                                   | 3464 (all data);<br>2955 ( <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> ))                                                                                  | 4171 (all data);<br>4033 ( <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> ))                                                                                                                 | 1248 (all data);<br>1247 ( <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> ))                                       |
| <i>R</i>                                     | 0.0434 (all data)                                                                                                 | 0.0870 (all data)                                                                                                                                | 0.0418 (all data)                                                                                                                               | 0.0703 (all data)                                                                                                                                                              | 0.0727 (all data)                                                                                    |
| <i>R</i> <sub>1</sub>                        | 0.0317 ( <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> ))                                                                      | 0.0570 ( <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> ))                                                                                                     | 0.0326 ( <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> ))                                                                                                    | 0.0685 ( <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> ))                                                                                                                                   | 0.0726 ( <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> ))                                                         |
| <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub>                       | 0.0686 (all data)                                                                                                 | 0.1475 (all data)                                                                                                                                | 0.0761 (all data)                                                                                                                               | 0.1941 (all data)                                                                                                                                                              | 0.1729                                                                                               |
| GOF                                          | 1.099                                                                                                             | 1.067                                                                                                                                            | 1.057                                                                                                                                           | 1.074                                                                                                                                                                          | 1.422                                                                                                |
| Flack parameter                              | —                                                                                                                 | —                                                                                                                                                | —                                                                                                                                               | 0.07(3)                                                                                                                                                                        | —                                                                                                    |

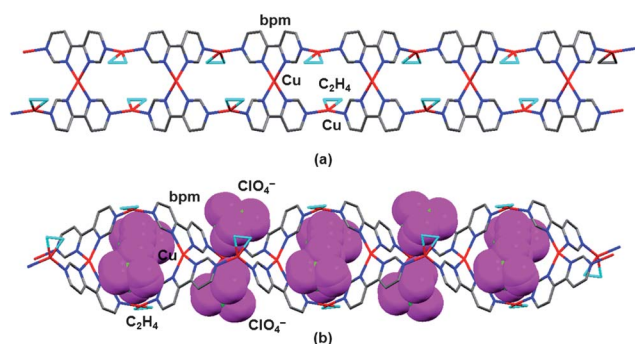
<sup>a</sup>  $R = \Sigma ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \Sigma |F_o|$ ,  $R_1 = \Sigma ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \Sigma |F_o|$  ( $F_o > 4\sigma(F_o)$ ).  $wR_2 = [\Sigma w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \Sigma w(F_o^2)^2]^{1/2}$ .



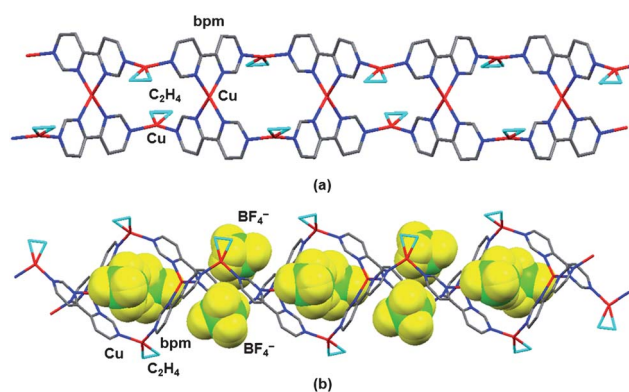
Me<sub>2</sub>CO under C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> afforded dinuclear Cu(I)-pprd/C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> complex, [Cu<sub>2</sub>(pprd)(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(NO<sub>3</sub>)]NO<sub>3</sub>.<sup>5d</sup> In this study, two NO<sub>3</sub><sup>−</sup> anions were similarly coordinated to the Cu atom in the terminal bridging sites of bpm in the η<sup>1</sup>-fashion. This finding suggests that the NO<sub>3</sub><sup>−</sup> anion is ineffective as an anion template in the construction of expected metallamacrocyclic Cu(I)-bpm/C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> adducts, although the combination of [Cu(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>n</sub>]NO<sub>3</sub> and bpm under C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> can produce a rare polymeric 1-D zigzag chain Cu(I) C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> adduct. In the coordinated C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, the C=C distance of 1.373(4) Å is slightly longer than those [1.30(1)–1.366(6) Å] in the reported trigonal-planar Cu(I) C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> complexes<sup>5d,13c–i</sup> and that [1.313 (exptl) and 1.333 (calc.) Å] of metal-free C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>.<sup>14</sup> The average Cu–N distance of 2.011 Å in the terminal bridging site is slightly shorter than that (2.006 Å) in the chelate site.

**{[Cu<sub>3</sub>(bpm)<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>](ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>n</sub> (2) and {[Cu<sub>3</sub>(bpm)<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>](BF<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>n</sub> (3).** The reaction of [Cu(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>n</sub>]ClO<sub>4</sub> with bpm in Me<sub>2</sub>CO under C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> afforded red plate crystals of {[Cu<sub>3</sub>(bpm)<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>](ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>n</sub> (2). In contrast to complex 1, this result indicates a significant anion-dependent effect in the formation process of Cu(I)-bpm/C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> adducts. The crystal structure of complex 2 is shown in Fig. 2. The Cu atom is coordinated by four N atoms in the chelate site of two different bpm ligands in the distorted tetrahedral geometry. The other Cu atom is coordinated by two terminal N atoms in the bridging sites of two different bpm ligands and the C=C bond of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> in the distorted trigonal geometry to form an infinite 1-D zigzag ladder structure. It is interesting that two disordered ClO<sub>4</sub><sup>−</sup> anions are accommodated in the inside cavity of the ladder chains. Although there have been several reports of the encapsulation of NO<sub>3</sub><sup>−</sup>,<sup>15</sup> BF<sub>4</sub><sup>−</sup>,<sup>5d,15a,b,16</sup> PF<sub>6</sub><sup>−</sup>,<sup>15a,b,17</sup> Cl<sub>2</sub><sup>18</sup> and I<sub>2</sub><sup>2–19</sup> anions, less is known about the encapsulation of a ClO<sub>4</sub><sup>−</sup> anion into macrocycles and cages.<sup>15a,16h,20</sup>

A similar reaction of [Cu(MeCN)<sub>4</sub>]BF<sub>4</sub> with bpm in Me<sub>2</sub>CO under C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> gave red plate crystals of {[Cu<sub>3</sub>(bpm)<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>](BF<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>n</sub> (3). The crystal structure of complex 3 is shown in Fig. 3. The infinite 1-D zigzag ladder structure of complex 3 essentially resembles that of complex 2, in which two disordered BF<sub>4</sub><sup>−</sup> anions are accommodated in the inside cavity of the ladder chains. These findings indicate that BF<sub>4</sub><sup>−</sup> and ClO<sub>4</sub><sup>−</sup> anions can serve as anion templates in the formation of polymeric 1-D ladder Cu(I) C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> adducts, although BF<sub>4</sub><sup>−</sup> and ClO<sub>4</sub><sup>−</sup> anions contribute to the formation of metallamacrocyclic Cu(I) C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> adducts in the related Cu(I)-pprd complexes.<sup>5c,d</sup>



**Fig. 2** X-Ray crystal structure of complex 2 encapsulating ClO<sub>4</sub><sup>−</sup> anions.

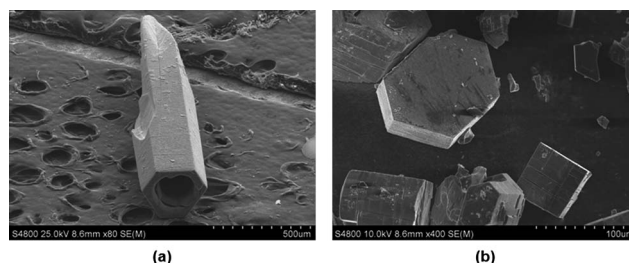


**Fig. 3** X-Ray crystal structure of complex 3 encapsulating BF<sub>4</sub><sup>−</sup> anions.

In the coordinated C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, the C=C distances of 1.385(8) and 1.370(9) Å in complexes 2 and 3 are slightly longer than that [1.313 (exptl) and 1.333 (calc.) Å] of the metal-free C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub><sup>14</sup> and those (1.30(1)–1.366(6) Å) in tetrahedral Cu(I) C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> complexes<sup>13b,j</sup> and related Cu(I)-pprd/C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> metallamacrocycles.<sup>5c,d</sup>

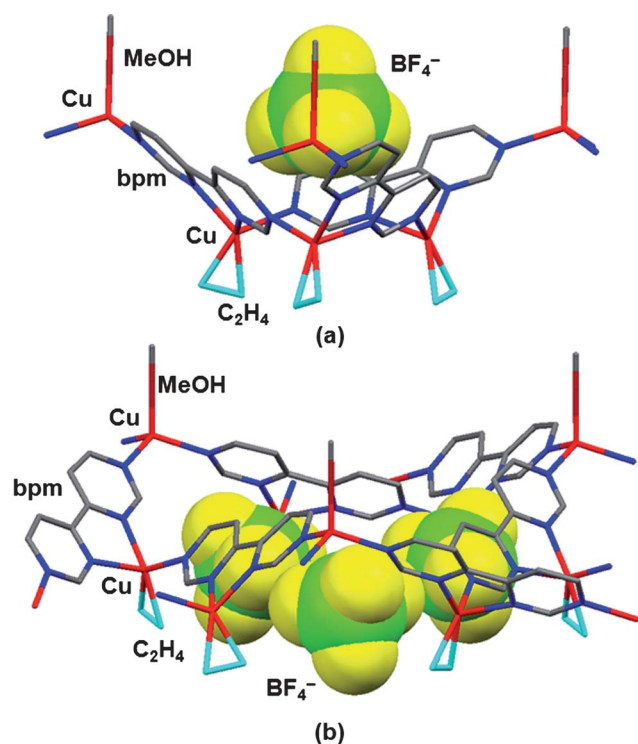
**{[Cu<sub>4</sub>(bpm)<sub>3</sub>(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>(MeOH)](BF<sub>4</sub>)<sub>4</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O·3MeOH]<sub>n</sub> (4).** Further attempts to react [Cu(MeCN)<sub>4</sub>]BF<sub>4</sub> with bpm in MeOH under C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> afforded reddish-brown hexagonal prismatic (4a) and plate crystals (4b) of {[Cu<sub>4</sub>(bpm)<sub>3</sub>(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>(MeOH)](BF<sub>4</sub>)<sub>4</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O·3MeOH]<sub>n</sub>, with the crystals of both having the same crystallographic lattice constants. In contrast to complex 3, this result indicates a remarkable solvent-dependent effect in the formation process of Cu(I)-bpm/C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> adducts. The SEM images of crystals 4a and 4b are shown in Fig. 4. In particular, it is interesting that the shape of crystals 4a showed a hexagonal prismatic structure with a hollow hole, in which the outside diameter is about 250 ± 25 μm and the inside diameter is about 130 ± 10 μm. Although it is difficult to decide the crystal growth process at this time, it is considered that a horn-like shape should be formed by the aggregations of the torus-shape plates according to the enlarged SEM images (ESI, Fig. S1†). For instance, it has been known that the hexagonal ZnP(Py)<sub>4</sub> nanorods with a hollow hole could encapsulate fullerene (C<sub>60</sub>), which showed photo-induced electron transfer and light energy conversion properties.<sup>21</sup> Thus coordination polymers with a hollow hole are expected to develop into structurally and functionally interesting host compounds.

A single crystal X-ray analysis was carried out using appropriate plate crystals 4b. The crystal structure of complex 4b is

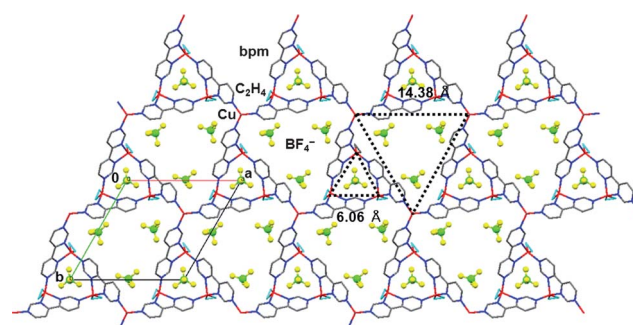


**Fig. 4** The SEM images of hexagonal prismatic crystals for 4a (a) and plate crystals for 4b (b).

shown in Fig. 5. No inversion center was found, confirming  $P6_3$  as the correct space group. Each Cu atom is coordinated by three N atoms in chelate and bridging sites of bpm and the C=C bond of  $C_2H_4$  in the distorted tetrahedral geometry. Three Cu atoms are bridged by three bpm ligands to form a metallacalix[3]arene structure with three legs of  $C_2H_4$ . Furthermore, these metallacalix[3]arenes are linked through another Cu atom with MeOH in the terminal N atom of bpm to produce a 2-D sheet structure with small and large  $Cu_3$  cavities (Fig. 5). Although  $C_2H_4$  adducts to the 2-D surfaces of  $CuMCl_4$  ( $M = Al$  and  $Ga$ ) have been determined by powder X-ray diffraction analysis,<sup>22</sup> complex **4b** is the first 2-D sheet  $Cu(I)$   $C_2H_4$  adduct. It should be noted that each 2-D sheet structure is arranged in parallel along the  $c$ -axis, resulting in the formation of a chiral 2-D sheet structure (Fig. 6 and 7). The presence of chirality could be confirmed by circular dichroic (CD) spectroscopy in the solid state (ESI, Fig. S2†). The positive cotton effect was observed. More noteworthy are one  $BF_4^-$  anion is functionally accommodated in the small triangular  $Cu_3$  cavities with neighbouring  $Cu \cdots Cu$  distances of 6.06 Å and three disordered  $BF_4^-$  anions are encapsulated in the large triangular  $Cu_3$  cavities with corresponding distances of 14.38 Å. It was shown that the  $BF_4^-$  anion can play a role as an anion template to build a chiral 2-D sheet structure consisting of the linkage of  $[Cu_3(bpm)_3]$  frameworks with a metallacalix[3]arene structure. To the best of our knowledge, the encapsulations of  $BF_4^-$  anion into macrocycles and cage compounds have been limited.<sup>5d,15a,b,16</sup> As such, this compound is expected to develop as an unprecedented inorganic anion receptor with chirality. In the coordinated  $C_2H_4$ , the C=C distance of 1.31(2) Å is similar to that [1.313 (exptl) and



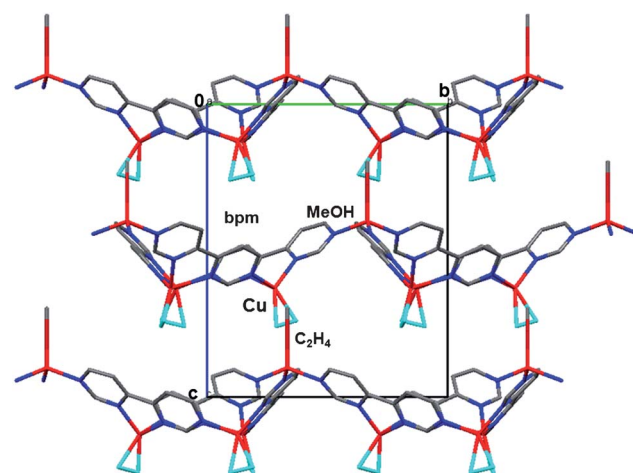
**Fig. 5** X-Ray crystal structure of complex **4b** encapsulating  $BF_4^-$  anions in small (a) and large  $Cu_3$  cavities (b).



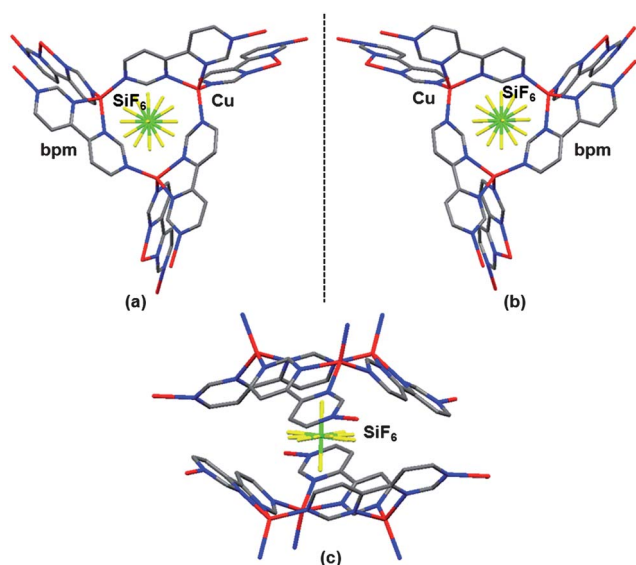
**Fig. 6** 2-D sheet structure of complex **4b** encapsulating  $BF_4^-$  anions. The solvated MeOH and  $H_2O$  molecules are omitted for clarity.

1.333 (calc.) Å] of the metal-free  $C_2H_4$ <sup>14</sup> and those (1.30(1)–1.366(6) Å) in tetrahedral  $Cu(I)$   $C_2H_4$  complexes<sup>13b,j</sup> and related  $Cu(I)$ –pprd/ $C_2H_4$  metallamacrocycles.<sup>5c,d</sup> The average Cu–N distance of 2.025 Å in the terminal bridging site is slightly shorter than that (2.144 Å) in the chelate site.

**$\{[Cu_3(bpm)_3](SiF_6)_{1.5}]_n$  (**5**).** In contrast to  $Cu(I)$   $C_2H_4$  adduct **4**,  $[Cu(MeCN)_4]BF_4$  was reacted with bpm in MeOH under Ar, and the  $C_2H_4$  gas was then bubbled into the resultant brown suspensions to afford a clear yellow solution. The reaction solution was allowed to stand for 2 months at  $-10^\circ C$ , but we were not able to obtain any crystals and precipitates due to the higher solubility. The reaction solution was then allowed to come to room temperature, and black brick crystals of  $\{[Cu_3(bpm)_3](SiF_6)_{1.5}]_n$  (**5**) were collected after 2 weeks. The crystal structure of complex **5** is shown in Fig. 8. The tetrahedral Cu atom is coordinated by two N atoms in the chelate site of bpm and two N atoms in the terminal sites of two other bpm ligands to form two racemic metallacalix[3]arene structures, in which the neighbouring triangular  $Cu \cdots Cu$  distances are 5.73 Å. It is noteworthy that these metallacalix[3]arenes are joined through the bpm ligands to afford a 3-D cage structure consisting of two right-handed (blue) and left-handed (red) helix networks. One disordered  $SiF_6^{2-}$  anion is accommodated in the inside cavity between two opposite metallacalix[3]arene structures (Fig. 9). Although

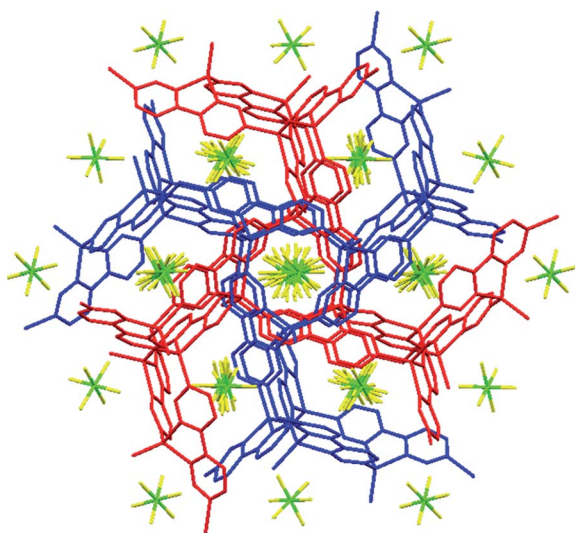


**Fig. 7** X-Ray crystal packing structure of complex **4b** along the  $a$ -axis. The solvated MeOH and  $H_2O$  molecules are omitted for clarity.



**Fig. 8** X-Ray crystal structures of complex **5** encapsulating disordered  $\text{SiF}_6^{2-}$  anions. Top {(a) and (b)} and side views (c) in two racemic metallocalix[3]arene structures.

there have been only a few reports regarding the encapsulation of a  $\text{SiF}_6^{2-}$  anion to create sandwich-shaped  $\text{Ag}(\text{I})$  metal-lamacrocycles<sup>5b</sup> and an organic anion complex,<sup>23</sup> the encapsulation of a  $\text{SiF}_6^{2-}$  anion into a racemic 3-D  $\text{Cu}(\text{I})$  cage compound is quite unique. It would be interesting to elucidate the formation process of this 3-D  $\text{Cu}(\text{I})$  cage compound. Presumably, a chopped  $\text{Cu}(\text{I})$ -bpm/ $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  complex should be induced from a polymeric  $\text{Cu}(\text{I})$ -bpm complex by the addition of  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  since a dark brown suspension under Ar was changed to a clear yellowish-brown solution upon bubbling of  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$ . Similar behaviors have been observed in the formation process of our related  $\text{Cu}(\text{I})$ -pprd/ $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  adducts.<sup>5c</sup> Subsequently, a coordinatively unsaturated  $\text{Cu}(\text{I})$ -bpm complex would be produced as an intermediate

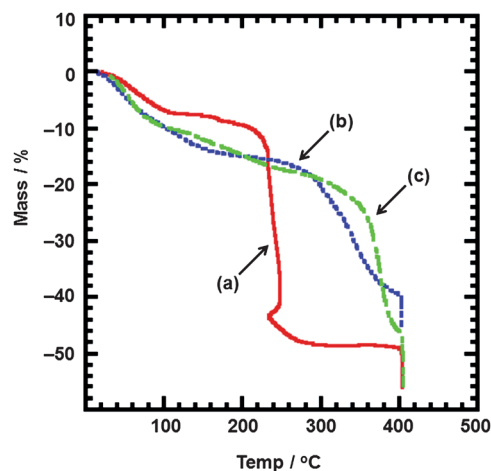


**Fig. 9** 3-D  $\text{Cu}(\text{I})$  cage structure of complex **5** encapsulating disordered  $\text{SiF}_6^{2-}$  anions, which consist of two right-handed (blue) and left-handed (red) helix networks.

in the dissociation equilibrium of  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  upon the reaction solution standing at room temperature. Finally, the  $\text{SiF}_6^{2-}$  anion could act as an anion template to form a 3-D  $\text{Cu}(\text{I})$  cage compound **5**.<sup>5b</sup> These results also suggest that a source of  $\text{SiF}_6^{2-}$  anion can be introduced by the reaction of a  $\text{BF}_4^-$  anion and  $\text{SiO}_2$  component from a glass-made reactor and tube.<sup>5b,23,24</sup>

#### TG-DTA curves and IR spectra of $\text{Cu}(\text{I})$ -bpm/ $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$ adducts

Thermogravimetric analysis (TG-DTA) was carried out under  $20 \text{ ml min}^{-1}$  flowing  $\text{N}_2$  gas for  $\text{Cu}(\text{I})$ -bpm/ $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  adducts **1**, **3** and **4** except for explosive  $\text{Cu}(\text{I})$ -bpm/ $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$ - $\text{ClO}_4$  complex **2**. The temperature was ramped at a rate of  $5^\circ \text{ min}^{-1}$  from 20 to  $400^\circ \text{C}$ . As shown in Fig. 10, 1-D chain  $\text{Cu}(\text{I})$ -bpm/ $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  adduct **1** displayed a mass loss of three-step curves at 20–115 (sharp, 7.2%), 115–185 (gentle, 1.6%) and 185–250  $^\circ \text{C}$  (sharp, 36.8%). The thermal decomposition of complex **1** was determined near  $250^\circ \text{C}$  with the rapid mass loss by the elimination of bpm ligands in accordance with exothermic DTA behaviors. The mass loss of 7.2% at the first step is correlated with the elimination of one  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  molecule (calcd 6.4%). The total mass loss of 38.4% (calcd 36.1%) at the sum of first and second steps was roughly identical to the elimination of one bpm molecule. Similarly, 1-D ladder  $\text{Cu}(\text{I})$ -bpm/ $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  adducts **3** showed a mass loss of three-step curves at 20–70 (gentle, 6.6%), 70–170 (gentle, 7.5%) and 170–330  $^\circ \text{C}$  (sharp, 12.9%). The mass loss of 6.6% at the first step is correlated with the elimination of two  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  molecules (calcd 6.8%). The total mass loss of 20.4% (calcd 19.2%) at the sum of the first and second steps was roughly assigned to the elimination of one bpm molecule. In contrast, 2-D sheet  $\text{Cu}(\text{I})$ -bpm/ $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  adducts **4** showed a total mass loss of 20.3% (calcd 18.8%) with gentle relatively unclear three-step curves at 20–120 (10.0%) and 120–320  $^\circ \text{C}$  (10.3%) corresponding to three  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$ , two  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and four MeOH molecules, and the curve subsequently showed a sharp decline from around 320  $^\circ \text{C}$  in response to the elimination of the bpm ligand. At the present time, gentle two-step curves are unidentified due to simultaneous desorptions of the coordinated  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  and MeOH molecules and the solvated  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and MeOH



**Fig. 10** TG-DTA curves of  $\text{Cu}(\text{I})$ -bpm/ $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  adducts **1**, **3** and **4** under flowing  $\text{N}_2$  gas. Solid line (a) for **1**, broken line (b) for **3** and dashed-dotted line (c) for **4**.



molecules, although endothermic DTA behaviour was clearly observed at the first step (20–120 °C).

The  $\nu_{C=C}$  bands of Cu(I)–bpm/ $C_2H_4$  adducts **1–4** are observed at 1559 (**1**), 1548 (**2**), 1550 (**3**) and 1545 (**4**)  $cm^{-1}$ , respectively [metal-free  $C_2H_4$ , 1623  $cm^{-1}$ ]. These  $\nu_{C=C}$  wavenumbers are slightly larger than those (1537–1543  $cm^{-1}$ ) of the related Cu(I)–pprd/ $C_2H_4$  metallamacrocycles encapsulating  $ClO_4^-$ ,  $PF_6^-$  and  $BF_4^-$  anions,<sup>5c,5d</sup> indicative of the contribution of poor Cu  $\rightarrow C_2H_4$   $\pi$  back-bonding.

## Conclusion

As summarized in Scheme 1, the reactions of Cu(I) ion with  $NO_3^-$ ,  $ClO_4^-$  and  $BF_4^-$  anions and bpm under  $C_2H_4$  in  $Me_2CO$  afforded Cu(I)–bpm/ $C_2H_4$  adducts **1–3** with infinite 1-D chain and 1-D ladder structures, whereas similar reactions of Cu(I) ion with  $BF_4^-$  and  $SiF_6^{2-}$  anions and bpm under  $C_2H_4$  in MeOH gave Cu(I) coordination polymers **4** and **5** with 2-D sheet and 3-D cage structures by the linkage of  $[Cu_3(bpm)_3]$  frameworks with a metallacalix[3]arene structure. It has been shown that  $BF_4^-$ ,  $PF_6^-$ ,  $ClO_4^-$  and  $SiF_6^{2-}$  anions can serve as anion templates to self-assemble polymeric Cu(I)  $C_2H_4$  adducts and a cage compound in complexes **2–5**. The  $NO_3^-$  anion is ineffective as an anion template, as indicated by the higher coordination ability of the  $NO_3^-$  anion in complex **1**. Additionally, the solvent-dependent effects are clarified in the formation process:  $Me_2CO$  preferentially can induce polymeric 1-D chain and 1-D ladder structures in complexes **1–3**, whereas MeOH can produce 2-D sheet and 3-D cage structures by the linkage of metallacalix[3]arene structures in complexes **4** and **5**. These results are expected to contribute to the design and architecture of structurally and functionally new inorganic anion receptors, in combination with previous results regarding the related Cu(I) and Ag(I) prpd complexes.<sup>5b–d</sup>

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