

呈现强链内铁磁耦合的 EO-叠氮与羧基双重桥连 一维铜链化合物:合成、晶体结构、磁性及 DFT 计算

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摘要: 合成了一例以取代苯甲酸衍生物为辅助配体的叠氮铜化合物 $[\text{Cu}(\text{4-Fb})(\text{N}_3)(\text{H}_2\text{O})]_n$ (**1**) (4-Fb=4-formylbenzoate), 并对其结构和磁性进行了表征。单晶结构研究表明, 化合物 **1** 中的最小不对称单元包含一个晶体学独立的 Cu(II) 离子, 中心离子呈现了扭曲的四棱锥几何构型。相邻的 Cu(II) 离子之间通过交替的 μ -1,1-(EO)-叠氮和 *syn,syn*-羧酸双重桥连接成一维线性金属链。磁性研究揭示, 双重桥的超交换反补偿效应导致目标化合物中链内相邻的 Cu(II) 离子之间表现出强的铁磁耦合作用 ($J=72.1 \text{ cm}^{-1}$)。但是并没有观察到铁磁有序和慢磁弛豫现象。作为影响磁性能的重要结构参数, 化合物中 Cu-N-Cu 的角度 (113.34°) 与已报道的含双重桥的叠氮铜体系相符。对化合物的磁构关系进行了讨论和探究。此外, 密度泛函理论(DFT)计算结果为化合物中相邻 Cu(II) 离子间的铁磁耦合作用提供了定性的理论解释。

关键词: 叠氮铜; 取代苯甲酸; 晶体结构; 铁磁性; DFT 计算

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One-Dimensional Cu(II) Chain Compound with Simultaneous EO-Azido and Carboxylato Bridges Displaying Strong Ferromagnetic Coupling: Synthesis, Crystal Structure, Magnetic Properties with DFT Calculations

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Abstract: An azido-Cu(II) compound with substituted benzoate derivative, $[\text{Cu}(\text{4-Fb})(\text{N}_3)(\text{H}_2\text{O})]_n$ (**1**) (4-Fb=4-formylbenzoate), has been successfully synthesized, and then structurally and magnetically characterized. Single crystal structure analysis demonstrates that the asymmetric unit of compound **1** possesses one crystallographically independent Cu(II) ion that exhibits distorted tetragonal pyramid geometry. Adjacent Cu(II) ions are linked by alternating mixed-bridges of μ -1,1 (end-on, EO) azido and *syn,syn*-carboxylate, forming a linear 1D Cu(II) chain-like motif. Magnetic measurements reveal that the dominant ferromagnetic coupling between adjacent Cu(II) ions within each chain due to the counter-complementarity of the dual superexchange pathway is observed in the resulting compounds. However, the interesting plots of magnetic ordering and slow magnetic relaxation are absent

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in the compound. The critical structural parameter, Cu-N-Cu angle of 113.34° , is corresponding to that of known ferromagnetic copper systems containing mixed carboxylate/EO-azido connectors. Magneto-structural correlations are also investigated. Moreover, density functional theory (DFT) calculations (using different methods and basis sets) have been performed on title compound to offer qualitatively theoretical explanation for the ferromagnetic coupling between two Cu(II) centers. CCDC: 1496426.

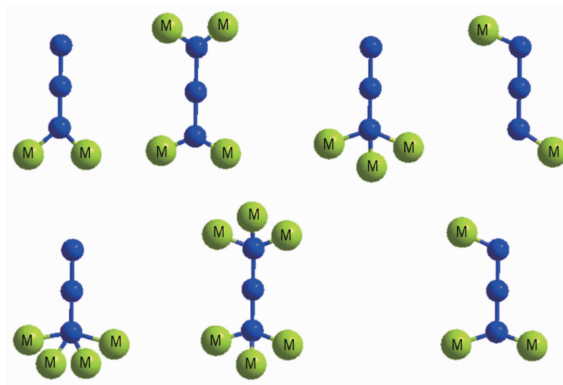
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0 Introduction

The molecular magnetism has been a hot research topic, in which great progress has been achieved^[1-2]. Research on the structural design and synthesis of molecule-based magnetic materials, including single-molecule magnets (SMMs)^[3] and single-chain magnets (SCMs)^[4], has made tremendous strides as a significant intersection between chemical synthesis and materials science and continues to be a productive area due to their intriguing structures, unique physical characteristics, and promising novel applications, such as magnetic sensors, magnetic switches and multifunctional magnetic devices^[5-6]. Since the first example of SCMs in 2001^[4a], one-dimensional (1D) molecular assemblies have received considerable attention for the construction of new molecule-based magnets. Such materials are usually assembled by combining paramagnetic centers with suitable organic ligands that regulate the architectures and transmit magnetic exchange coupling^[7].

A popular approach for constructing these types of materials is to employ short ligands capable of efficiently transmitting the magnetic coupling^[8]. In this sense, the azido ligand with three donor atoms is able to link metal ions in different coordination modes (Scheme 1), which induces rich structural diversity as well as a range of different magnetic properties in the azido-metal complexes^[9-14]. Especially, the azido-based Cu(II) coordination polymers are among the most important kinds of azido-metal complexes owing to the superiority for understanding the fundamental nature of magnetic interactions and magneto-structural relationships on the molecular level^[15]. It is well-established that μ -1,3 (end-to-end, EE) modes usually

propagate antiferromagnetic while μ -1,1 (end-on, EO) modes are usually ferromagnetic in the azido-Cu(II) cases, although the coupling between metal ions bridged by EO-azido ligands can be antiferromagnetic in the presence of other bridging ligands or for very large metal-N-metal angle^[16]. It has been suggested that the strongest ferromagnetic coupling in the EO-azido linker occurs at a Cu-N-Cu bond angle close to 108° , and so an antiferromagnetic interaction would probably be found for larger Cu-N-Cu bond angles^[17]. Consequently, an effective strategy for tuning the structures of azido-Cu(II) compounds with notable magnetic properties is to introduce coligands into the systems. The most common coligands are carboxylate-containing organics in which the carboxyl links the Cu(II) ions to generate various systems and adopts different bridging modes to transmit diverse superexchange interactions^[18]. A series of azido/carboxylate/Cu(II) compounds involving the combinations of μ -1,1-azido ligands and *syn,syn*-carboxylates have been previously prepared and performed intriguing structures and magnetisms^[19]. Most importantly, molecular orbital calculations dramatically support the counter complementary effect enforced by the carboxylate



Scheme 1 Coordination modes of bridging azido

ligand, which weakens the effect of the antiferromagnetic azido ligand to the point where dominant ferromagnetic behavior is obtained^[20]. It still remains significant challenge to design and configure the desired system for clarifying the complicated and crucial issues of azido-Cu(II) compounds, such as the key factors influencing the magnetic interactions, the regulation of magneto-structural correlation, and the mechanism of magnetization.

Based on the considerations above, we report the synthesis, structural characterization, and magnetic properties of a 1D azido-Cu(II) coordination polymer, $[\text{Cu}(\text{4-Fb})(\text{N}_3)(\text{H}_2\text{O})]_n$ (**1**) (4-Fb=4-formylbenzoate), in which the intrachain Cu(II) ions are connected by a mixed-bridge of syn,syn-carboxylate and μ -1,1-azido ligand with Cu-N-Cu angle of 113.34° . Magnetic investigations suggest that compound **1** shows strong ferromagnetic coupling between neighboring Cu(II) ions, which is further explored by density functional theory (DFT) calculations as well.

1 Experimental

1.1 Physical measurements

Elemental analysis (C, H, N) was performed on a Perkin-Elmer 2400 CHN elemental analyzer. The FT-IR spectra were recorded in the range of $400\sim 4\,000\text{ cm}^{-1}$ using KBr pellets on an EQUINOX55 FT/IR spectrophotometer. The phase purity of the bulk or polycrystalline samples were verified by powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) measurements performed on a Rigaku RU200 diffractometer at 60 kV, 300 mA and Cu $K\alpha$ radiation ($\lambda=0.071\,073\text{ nm}$), with a scan speed of $5^\circ\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$, a step size of 0.02° and a scan range of $5^\circ\sim 50^\circ(2\theta)$. Temperature-dependent magnetic measurement was obtained on poly-crystalline sample using a Quantum Design MPMS-XL7 SQUID magnetometer at temperatures range 1.9~300 K with an applied field of 1 000 Oe (restrained in eicosane to prevent torquing at high fields). Magnetization measurements were taken at 2.0 K from 0 to 50 kOe. All data were corrected for diamagnetism estimated from Pascal's constants, and an experimental correction for the sample holder was applied.

1.2 Materials and methods

All of the solvents and reagents for synthesis are of analytical grade and are commercially available. $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2\cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$, 4-formylbenzoic acid (4-Fba) and NaN_3 were purchased from commercial sources and used without further purification.

Caution! Although we have not experienced any problems in our experiments, azido and its compounds are potentially explosive; only a small amount of material should be prepared and handled with care.

1.3 Preparation of $[\text{Cu}(\text{4-Fb})(\text{N}_3)(\text{H}_2\text{O})]_n$ (**1**)

Compound **1** was hydrothermally synthesized under autogenous pressure. A mixture of $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2\cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.051 g, 0.3 mmol), 4-Fba (0.045 g, 0.3 mmol), NaN_3 (0.033 g, 0.5 mmol) and H_2O (8 mL) was sealed in a 15 mL Teflon-lined autoclave and heated to 120°C . After being maintained for 3 days, the reaction vessel was cooled to 20°C in 12 h. Green crystals were collected (Yield: 80%, based on Cu). Anal. Calcd. for $\text{CuC}_8\text{H}_7\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$ (%): C, 35.23; H, 2.58; N, 15.41. Found(%): C, 35.21; H, 2.57; N, 15.39. IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3 414 (m), 2 094 (m), 1 662 (m), 1 608(s), 1 375(s), 1 317 (w), 1 225(s), 1 179(s), 1 063(s), 1 037(s), 867(w), 774 (w), 688(m), 584(w).

1.4 Crystallographic data collection and refinement

Suitable single crystal of the compound was mounted on glass fibers for X-ray measurements. Reflection data were collected at room temperature on a Bruker SMART APEX-CCD-based diffractometer using graphite mono-chromated Mo $K\alpha$ radiation ($\lambda=0.071\,073\text{ nm}$). An empirical absorption correction was applied using the SADABS program^[21]. Data processing was accomplished with the SAINT processing program. The structures were solved by the direct methods and refined with full-matrix least-squares on F^2 using SHELXTL 97 program^[22]. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic displacement parameters. Hydrogen atoms were placed in geometrically calculated positions. Selected crystallographic data and structural refinement details for **1** are summarized in Table 1. Selected bond lengths and bond angles, and the hydrogen bonds of compound **1**

Table 1 Selected crystallographic data and structure refinement for compound **1**

Empirical formula	C ₈ H ₇ CuN ₃ O ₄	<i>D</i> / (Mg·m ⁻³)	1.814
Formula weight	272.71	<i>μ</i> / mm ⁻¹	2.19
Crystal system	Monoclinic	<i>F</i> (000)	548
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>c</i>	Unique reflections	2 080
<i>a</i> / nm	0.758 02(8)	Observed reflections	5 246
<i>b</i> / nm	0.661 77(7)	<i>R</i> _{int}	0.027 5
<i>c</i> / nm	2.008 2(2)	Data, restraint, parameter	2 080, 1, 150
<i>β</i> / (°)	97.707(2)	Final <i>R</i> indices [<i>I</i> >2σ(<i>I</i>)]	<i>R</i> ₁ =0.024 9, <i>wR</i> ₂ =0.066 8
<i>V</i> / nm ³	0.998 30(18)	<i>R</i> indices (all data)	<i>R</i> ₁ =0.028 9, <i>wR</i> ₂ =0.068 4
<i>Z</i>	4	Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> ²	1.008

are listed in Table S1 and S2, respectively.

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1.5 Computational methodology

The following computational methodology was used to calculate the coupling constant in the title compound^[23]. The spin Hamiltonian suggested originally by Heisenberg can be written as $\hat{H} = -\sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} J S_i S_j$ (where S_i and S_j are the spin operators of the paramagnetic centers, $S_i = S_j = 1/2$ for Cu(II) ion; and the J constant is the coupling constant between the paramagnetic spin carriers), which can be employed to express the exchange coupling between two transition metal ions, the full Hamiltonian matrix for the entire system can be established. The J value was calculated from the energy difference of the two spin states: the broken symmetry (BS) state and the triplet state (HS), the broken symmetry approach along with electron correlations has been widely used to investigate magnetic properties in a large number of magnetic systems^[24]. The J value was calculated using the following equation:

$$J = \frac{E_{\text{HS}} - E_{\text{BS}}}{S_{\text{HS}}^2 - S_{\text{BS}}^2} \quad (1)$$

where E_{BS} is the energy of the broken symmetry singlet state and E_{HS} is the energy of the triplet state.

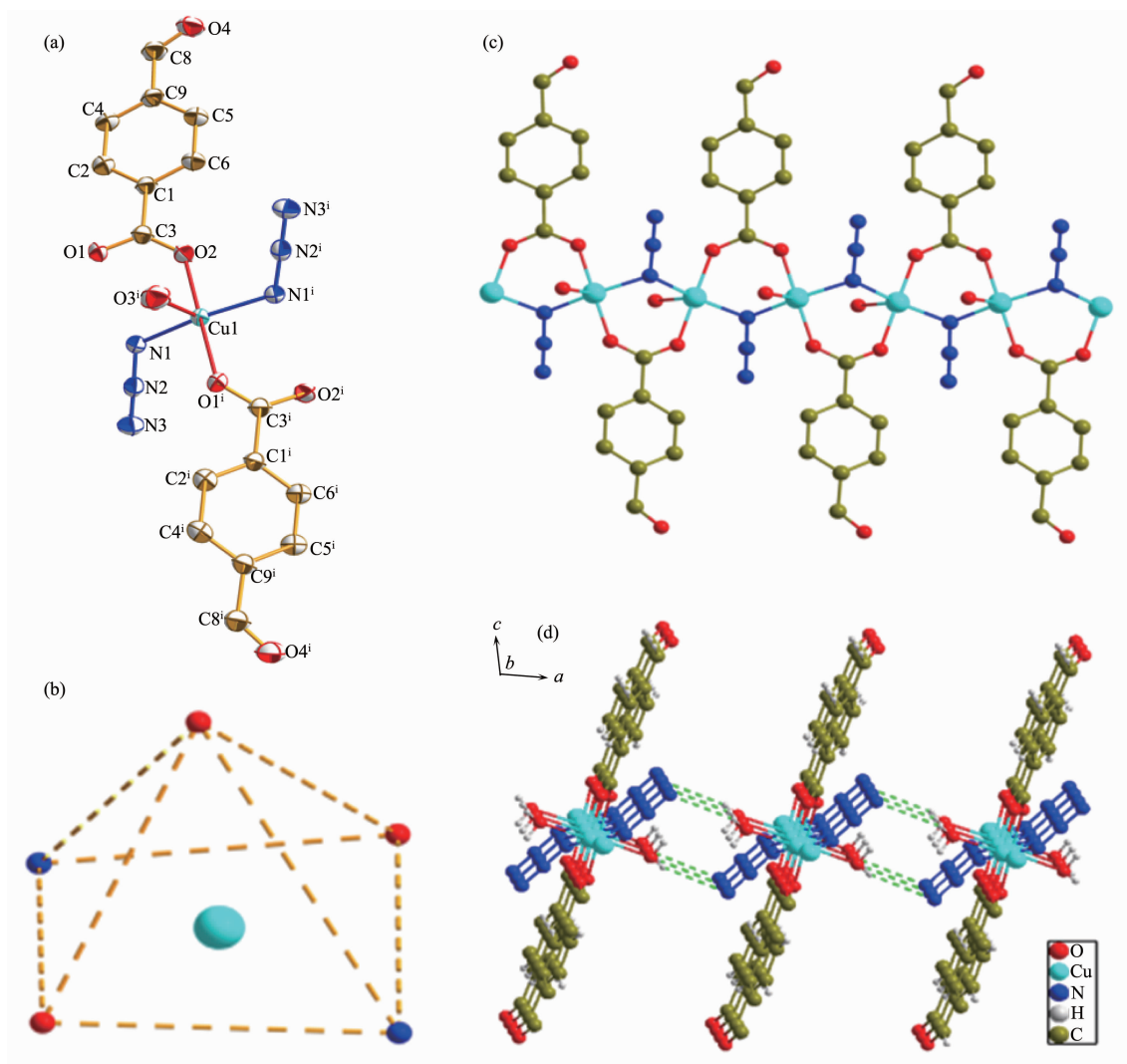
The DFT calculations are implemented with the ORCA 3.0.2 package^[25]. The BP86 functional proposed by Becke^[26] and Perdew^[27a] and hybrid B3LYP functional built by Becke^[27b] were applied in the calculations, respectively. The double- ξ quality plus polarization def2-SVP basis set and polarized triple-quality basis sets of def2-TZVP, TZVP, and TZV proposed by Ahlrichs and co-workers were respectively performed

for all atoms^[28]. The calculation model for the compound was built from the experimental results.

2 Results and discussion

2.1 Crystal structure of **1**

Single-crystal X-ray diffraction analysis reveals that compound **1** crystallizes in the monoclinic space group *P*2₁/*c*. The asymmetrical unit of compound **1** is composed by one Cu(II) cation, one azido ligand, one 4-Fb ligand and one coordinated water molecule. The penta-coordinated Cu(II) cation in the center presents a distorted tetragonal pyramid geometry (Fig.1b). The bottom square is formed by two nitrogen atoms (Cu1-N1 0.199 38 nm, Cu1-N1ⁱ 0.199 46 nm) from two azido ligands and two oxygen atoms (Cu1-O1 0.194 08 nm, Cu1-O2ⁱ 0.195 66 nm) from two carboxylate groups of 4-Fb ligands. The apical position is occupied by one oxygen atom (Cu1-O3 0.233 92 nm) from coordinated water molecule (Fig.1a). Adjacent Cu(II) cations are mediated by EO-azido, μ_2 -bridging bidentate carboxylate groups, with a Cu-N-Cu angle of 113.34° and a Cu-Cu distance of 0.333 2 nm to yield a well-isolated 1D copper chain (Fig.1c). And then, the linear metal chains are integrated by interchain hydrogen-bonding between the O atom in the coordinated water and the terminal N atom in the azido anion (O4...N3 0.268 nm) (Fig.1d), constructing the supramolecular network of **1**. In addition, the azido moieties are quasi linear with N1-N2-N3 angles of 178.8°, and the bond length of N1-N2 (0.121 8 nm) is slightly longer than N2-N3 (0.114 2 nm). The nearest distance of interchain Cu(II) ions is 0.758 0 nm.



Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity in (a)~(c); Symmetry codes: i $-x+1$, $y-1/2$, $-z+1/2$

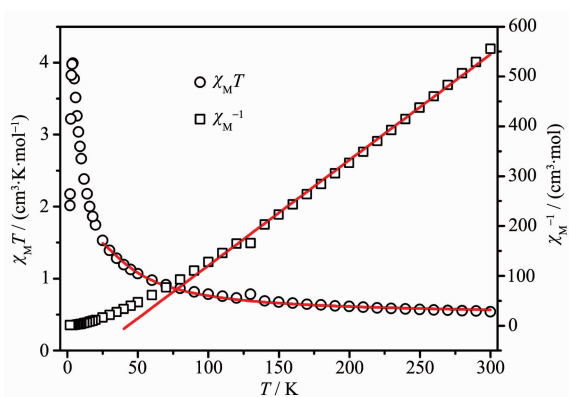
Fig.1 (a) Structure of **1** with 50% thermal ellipsoids; (b) Simplified tetragonal pyramidal geometry of the center Cu(II) cation for **1**; (c) 1D chain with carboxylate and azido bridges for **1**; (d) Hydrogen bonding formed by azido and water molecules between adjacent chains in **1**

2.2 Magnetic studies

The crystalline sample of **1** was all phase-pure, as confirmed by PXRD (Fig.S1). According to the obtained data, a dominant ferromagnetic coupling between the Cu (II) cations in compound **1** can be suggested.

The magnetic properties of **1** are shown in Fig.2 in the form of a $\chi_{\text{M}}T$ versus T plot (χ_{M} is the molar magnetic susceptibility per Cu(II) cation). $\chi_{\text{M}}T$ values are observed as $0.54 \text{ cm}^3 \cdot \text{K} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$ for **1** at 300 K, larger than the spin-only value ($0.375 \text{ cm}^3 \cdot \text{K} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$) for an isolated Cu(II) cation ($S=1/2$). Upon cooling, the $\chi_{\text{M}}T$ values increase gradually, and firstly the value

increases to $3.99 \text{ cm}^3 \cdot \text{K} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$ at 4 K, suggesting ferromagnetic exchange between Cu (II) cations and finally drops to $2.01 \text{ cm}^3 \cdot \text{K} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$ at 1.9 K. The $\chi_{\text{M}}T$ vs T curve illustrates that strongly coupled ferromagnetic system accompanies with antiferromagnetic interaction between the azido-Cu (II) chains in the compound **1**, especially at low temperature. The parameters fitted by the Curie-Weiss law above are obtained to be $C=0.472 \text{ cm}^3 \cdot \text{K} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$ and $\theta=43.04 \text{ K}$. The positive θ value supports strong ferromagnetic coupling between the intrachain Cu(II) ions. Considering the mean-field approximation for interchain coupling zJ' (Eq.2), the temperature-dependent magn-



Solid line is the fit to the experimental data and the fit to the Curie-Weiss law, respectively

Fig.2 $\chi_M T$ vs T and $1/\chi_M$ vs T plots for compound **1**

etic susceptibility data of **1** can be simulated with the formula proposed by Baker et al. (Eq.3)^[29] for a ferromagnetic Cu(II) chain ($S=1/2$) which is achieved from the high temperature series expansion.

$$\chi_M T = \frac{\chi T}{1 - [zJ' / (Ng^2 \beta^2)]} \quad (2)$$

$$\chi_M = \frac{N\beta^2 g^2}{4kT} \left(\frac{A}{B} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \quad (3)$$

$$A = 1.0 + 5.7980x + 16.9027x^2 + 29.3769x^3 +$$

$$29.8329x^4 + 14.0369x^5$$

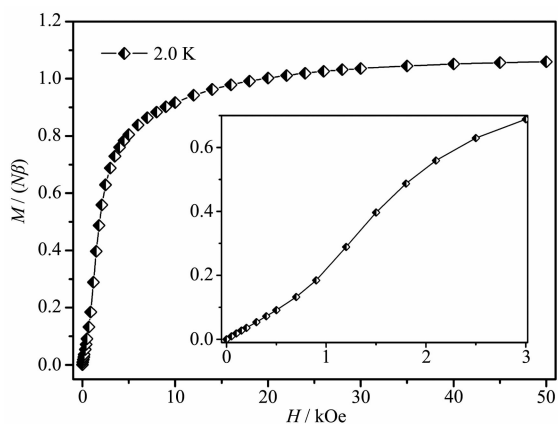
$$B = 1.0 + 2.7980x + 7.0087x^2 + 8.6538x^3 + 4.5743x^4$$

$$x = J/(2kT)$$

The best fit of the magnetic susceptibility data resulted in: $g=2.27$, $J=72.1 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, $zJ'=-0.71 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ and $R=5.75 \times 10^{-5}$ (g is the Zeeman factor of the metal ion, J describes the intrachain magnetic interaction, zJ' describes the interchain antiferromagnetic interaction and R accounts for the agreement factor defined as $R = \sum [(\chi_M T)_{\text{obsd}} - (\chi_M T)_{\text{calcd}}]^2 / \sum [(\chi_M T)_{\text{obsd}}]^2$). The large J value supports strong ferromagnetic coupling between the Cu(II) centers. The small negative zJ' value indicates the presence of interchain antiferromagnetic interactions, according with the drop in the $\chi_M T$ product at low temperature. In principle, it seems that intrachain antiferromagnetic coupling would be predicted for **1** due to the cooperation of EO-azido with the Cu-N-Cu angle of 113.34° (larger than the critical value of 108°) and the carboxylate group with *syn-syn* mode. However, according to the proposition from Thompson et al. and Escuer et al., the counter-complementarity

function derived from two kinds of ligands may expound the strong ferromagnetic interaction, not just the total of the two isolated components^[20].

As shown in Fig.3, the isothermal field-dependent magnetization $M(H)$ values at 2 K and fields up to 50 kOe are measured for **1**. The magnetization curve increases linearly under very low field, subsequently climbs up quickly until 10 kOe and rises up gradually to 50 kOe with an effective moment of $1.06N\beta$ at the high fields, slightly higher than the saturation value ($1.0N\beta$) of one Cu(II) cation. Notably, the S-shaped curve emerges with a critical field of 1 200 Oe at low field (Fig.3, inset), signifying weakly interchain antiferromagnetic exchange and **1** might sustain decoupling effect of external field.



Inset: Magnetization vs H plots in the field of 0~3 kOe

Fig.3 Magnetization vs H plots for **1**

The dc magnetization is determined at 2, 2.5, and 4 K within $-7 \sim 7$ kOe, which is shown in Fig.S2. When the temperature goes down to 2 K, no hysteresis loop emerges. The field-cooled (FC) and zero-field-cooled (ZFC) magnetization measurements were performed at a low applied field of 10 Oe below the temperature of 20 K (Fig.S3), the FC/ZFC plots with coincident pattern increase rapidly until the temperature drops to 2 K, indicating the absence of the ferromagnetic ordering. In addition, under the oscillating field of 3.5 Oe, the zero-field AC susceptibility experiments for **1** were determined in the range of 1.9~25 K at various frequencies of 1, 10, 33, 100, 333 and 1 000 Hz (Fig.S4). In-phase signal and no out-of-phase signal were observed until the

temperature drops to 2 K, which further verifies intrachain antiferromagnetic coupling and implies that the slow dynamics of magnetization and long-rang ferromagnetic ordering are nonexistent in compound **1**. The in-phase (χ') component of the AC magnetic susceptibility with a peak value at 4 K might explicate that compound **1** behaves as an antiferromagnet with extremely low Néel temperature.

2.3 Theoretical studies

In order to further clarify the ferromagnetic nature of the exchange interaction in compound **1**, we performed a theoretical study of the isotropic coupling constants J between Cu (II) ions based on DFT calculation at BP86 and B3LYP level with the aid of ORCA program. According to the structure of **1**, supposing that the dominant magnetic exchange is mediated between adjacent two Cu(II) ions through azido and carboxylate. The calculations for the compound were carried out with the model (for comparing) applied to the magnetic fitting by filling-in all the coordination sites of the Cu(II) ions (Fig.4).

The results of the theoretical calculation and the experimental fitting in terms of the coupling constants are listed in Table 2. Based on BP86 and B3LYP functions with def2-SVP, def2-TZVP, TZVP, and TZV basis sets, the calculated J values are unexceptionally found to be moderate positive values and close to the experimentally fitted values, which completely verifies that the strong ferromagnetic coupling is prevailing in compound **1**. Obviously, the choices of the methods and basis sets for these calculations are simultaneously suitable for the title compound. Although the

calculated values deviate slightly from the fitting values, in all the cases the sign and the relative magnitudes of the exchange parameters agree very well with the experimental results. It is difficult to say in general which basis set works better, but it is clear that the results of theoretical calculation prove qualitatively and quantificationally the measuring data. Therefore, the tiny difference may result from the fact that the real compound is not scattered

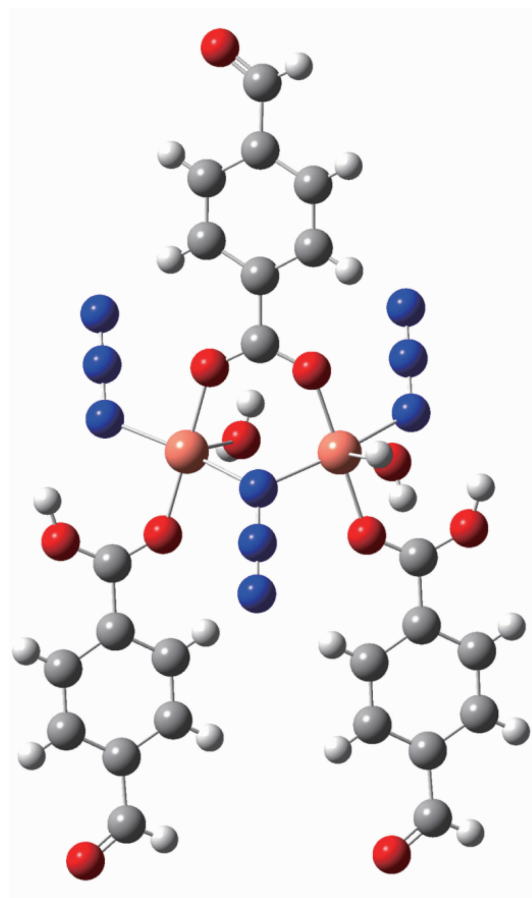


Fig.4 Magnetic cores of **1** used for computational study

Table 2 Comparison of the experimental (from fitting) and DFT studies

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		$E_{\text{IS}} / \text{eV}$	$E_{\text{IS}} / \text{eV}$	$J_{\text{DFT}} / \text{cm}^{-1}$	$J_{\text{Exp}} / \text{cm}^{-1}$
BP86	def2-tzvp	-150 464.859 80	-150 464.849 39	83.54	72.1
	def2-svp	-150 381.266 57	-150 381.256 40	81.51	
	tzv	-150 442.523 75	-150 442.513 24	84.23	
	tzvp	-150 461.971 63	-150 461.960 85	86.60	
B3LYP	def2-tzvp	-150 413.412 20	-150 413.401 33	87.63	
	def2-svp	-150 329.346 82	-150 329.335 65	89.97	
	tzv	-150 389.311 06	-150 389.299 97	89.39	
	tzvp	-150 410.351 84	-150 410.340 80	88.96	

entities as has been modeled but is very complicated in the whole structures.

2.4 Discussion

In compound **1**, two consecutive Cu(II) ions are bonded by *syn-syn* carboxylate and symmetric EO-azido bridges, constituting the 1D chain-like pattern. Intrachain Cu-Cu distances and Cu-N-Cu angles are 0.333 2 nm and 113.34°. The alternating 1D chains are interacted through interchain hydrogen-bonds derived from the water oxygen atom and the nitrogen atom of the azido group between nearby chains. The nearest interchain Cu...Cu separation is 0.758 0 nm. EO-azido is certainly one of the most interesting magnetic couplers in molecular magnetism, and the magnitude of the J parameter depends on several factors, but mainly the Cu-N-Cu angle (β). According to a number of studies on Cu(II) systems with such bridges^[30,17a], the single EO-azido motif could also mediate ferromagnetic coupling, EO-azido bridging Cu(II) ions with low β gives rise to ferromagnetic coupling, whereas the coupling is antiferromagnetic if the angle is above a critical β value which has been evaluated to be about 108°^[19a]. In this sense, antiferromagnetic coupling would be expected for **1**, owing to the presence of EO-azido bridges with a large Cu-N-Cu angle of 113.34°, together with the *syn-syn* carboxylate bridges featured in the chain. However, the fitting magnetic coupling parameter (J) confirms that the ferromagnetic interactions are enabled by the single EO-azido bridges in compound **1**, probably due to the counter-complementarity effect from the *syn-syn* carboxylate bridge which usually transmit antiferromagnetic interactions between neighbouring metal ions.

To deduce a general magneto-structural relationship, we have made a comprehensive comparison of the Cu(II)-azido-benzoate compounds reported in recent years, as shown in Table S3^[31-32,19a,33-34]. EO-azido compounds with Cu-N-Cu angles of 126.8°^[31a], 108.2°^[31a], 116.8°^[31a], 109.4°^[31c], 101.1°^[31c], 111.9°^[31b], and 105.5°^[33d] also exhibit strong ferromagnetic coupling. Similarly, in our work, the Cu-N-Cu angle is 113.34°, and the corresponding compound shows ferromagnetic interac-

tion. The coupling constant value ($J=72.1\text{ cm}^{-1}$) for compound **1** is comparable to previous results in the literature^[31b,32a].

3 Conclusions

In present work, a new azido-copper compound with 4-formylbenzoic acid as coligand has been successfully isolated. Structural analyses indicate compound **1** features a 1D two-fold bridged copper chain in which the coordination geometry of center Cu(II) ion is distorted tetragonal pyramid and the adjacent two Cu(II) ions is bridged by mixed μ -1,1(EO)-azido and *syn-syn*-carboxylate ligands. Magnetic investigations demonstrate that the compound is composed of ferromagnetically coupled ferromagnetic chains. The intrachain behavior reflects how the counter complementary effect imposed by the carboxylate bridge overcomes the antiferromagnetic effect of the azido bridge resulting in an overall ferromagnetic interaction. DFT calculations qualitatively and quantificationally support the strong ferromagnetic coupling between the Cu(II) ions.

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