

Two One-Dimensional Copper-Oxalate Frameworks with the Jahn–Teller Effect: $[(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{NH}]_2[\text{Cu}(\mu\text{-C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)] \cdot 2.5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (I) and $[(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_3\text{NH}]_2[\text{Cu}(\mu\text{-C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ (II)

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Abstract: Two one-dimensional oxalate-bridged Cu(II) ammonium salts, $[(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{NH}]_2[\text{Cu}(\mu\text{-C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)] \cdot 2.5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (I) and $[(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_3\text{NH}]_2[\text{Cu}(\mu\text{-C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ (II) were obtained and characterized. They were composed of ammonium: $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{NH}^+$ in (I), $(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_3\text{NH}^+$ in (II), $[\text{Cu}(\mu\text{-C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)^{2-}]_n$ and H_2O . The Jahn–Teller-distorted Cu(II) is octahedrally coordinated by six O atoms from three oxalates and forms a one-dimensional zigzag chain. The hydrogen bonds between ammonium, the anion and H_2O form a three-dimensional network. There is no hydrogen bond between the anion chains. They were insulated at 20 °C with a relative humidity of 40%. Ferromagnetic and weak-ferromagnetic behaviors were observed in I and II, separately. No long-range ordering was observed above 2 K.

Keywords: Jahn–Teller effect; Cu(II); oxalate; crystal structure; conductivity; magnetism

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1. Introduction

The Jahn–Teller effect plays an important role in inorganic superconductors and colossal magneto-resistance materials [1–9]. Interesting conductivity and magnetic behaviors are expected when the Jahn–Teller effect exists in molecular crystals, such as metal–organic frameworks. Oxalate ($\text{C}_2\text{O}_4^{2-}$), as one of the most commonly used short connectors, plays a key role in molecular-based magnets [10–12]. Long-range ordering has been reported in metal–oxalate framework compounds from one-dimensional zigzag chains ($\text{K}_2\text{Fe}(\mu\text{-C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)$, $\text{K}_2\text{Co}(\mu\text{-C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)$, $\text{Co}(\mu\text{-C}_2\text{O}_4)(\mu\text{-HOC}_3\text{H}_6\text{OH})$, $\text{TTF}[\text{Fe}(\mu\text{-C}_2\text{O}_4)\text{Cl}_2]$ and $\kappa\text{-BETS}_2[\text{Fe}(\mu\text{-C}_2\text{O}_4)\text{Cl}_2]$) to two-dimensional honeycomb lattices ($[(\text{C}_4\text{H}_9)_4\text{N}][\text{CrMn}(\mu\text{-C}_2\text{O}_4)_3]$, $[\text{A}^{\text{II}}\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(\mu\text{-C}_2\text{O}_4)_3]$ (A = ammonium; M = Mn, Fe), $[\text{C}_5\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2][\text{Fe}_2(\mu\text{-C}_2\text{O}_4)_3]$, $\text{Fe}_2(\mu\text{-C}_2\text{O}_4)_3 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$) and square lattices ($[\text{Fe}(\mu\text{-C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{CH}_3\text{OH})]_n$) to three-dimensional metal–oxalate framework compounds ($[\text{Co}(\text{bpy})_3][\text{Co}_2(\mu\text{-C}_2\text{O}_4)_3]\text{ClO}_4$, $\text{Mn}(\mu\text{-C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{0.25}$, $[\text{Z}^{\text{II}}(\text{bpy})_3][\text{M}^{\text{II}}\text{Cr}^{\text{III}}(\mu\text{-C}_2\text{O}_4)_3][\text{ClO}_4]$ (M = Mn, Fe, Co, Ni) and $(\text{Me}_4\text{N})_6[\text{Mn}_3\text{Cr}_4(\mu\text{-C}_2\text{O}_4)_{12}] \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$), while a single chain magnet $[\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_6\text{K}]_{0.5}[(\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_6)(\text{FC}_6\text{H}_4\text{NH}_2)]_{0.5}[\text{Co}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\text{Cr}(\mu\text{-C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)_2]$ has been reported [13–29].

Quantum spin liquid is an intriguing magnetic state, where spin ordering or freezing prevents spin frustration in a resonating valence bond (RVB) state. In 1979, P. W. Anderson proposed the RVB state in $S = 1/2$, a two-dimensional triangular lattice [30]. In 1987, he proposed that La_2CuO_4 is a parent compound of cuprate superconductors. The

antiferromagnetic insulator La_2CuO_4 turns into a diamagnetic superconductor after hole doping, and a quantum spin liquid with Jahn–Teller distortion on Cu(II) is an indispensable magnetic state [31]. The spin-frustrated copper-oxalate framework with Jahn–Teller distortion supports a platform for molecular-based quantum spin liquids [32,33]. Strong antiferromagnetic interactions without a long-range ordering above 2 K with spin frustration were observed in two-dimensional honeycomb lattices: $\theta^{21}\text{-(BEDT-TTF)}_3[\text{Cu}_2(\mu\text{-C}_2\text{O}_4)_3]\cdot 2\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$, $\theta^{21}\text{-(BETS-TTF)}_3[\text{Cu}_2(\mu\text{-C}_2\text{O}_4)_3]\cdot 2\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$, $[(\text{C}_3\text{H}_7)_3\text{NH}]_2[\text{Cu}_2(\mu\text{-C}_2\text{O}_4)_3]\cdot 2.2\text{H}_2\text{O}$, hydrogen-bonded square lattice $\beta''\text{-(BEDT-TTF)}_3[\text{Cu}_2(\mu\text{-C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)_2(\text{CH}_3\text{OH})(\text{H}_2\text{O})]$, and three-dimensional hyperhoneycomb lattice $[(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_3\text{NH}]_2[\text{Cu}_2(\mu\text{-C}_2\text{O}_4)_3]$ [34–38]. $[(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_3\text{NH}]_2[\text{Cu}_2(\mu\text{-C}_2\text{O}_4)_3]$, which is a quantum spin liquid with no long-range ordering was observed until 60 mK [39]. In these compounds, the antiferromagnetic behavior depends on the antiferromagnetic interaction between the ferromagnetic couple. The magnetic structure of $[(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_3\text{NH}]_2[\text{Cu}_2(\mu\text{-C}_2\text{O}_4)_3]$ is lower than the three-dimensional, with the coexistence of ferromagnetic and antiferromagnetic interactions between Jahn–Teller distorted Cu(II) [37,39]. Researching the magnetic properties of Jahn–Teller distorted one-dimensional copper-oxalate frameworks $[\text{Cu}(\mu\text{-C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)^{2-}]_n$ without the hydrogen bond between anions will help us to quantitatively analyze the magnetic interaction in Jahn–Teller-distorted two-dimensional and three-dimensional copper-oxalate frameworks and design new candidate quantum spin liquids. Two one-dimensional copper-oxalate framework compounds, $[(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{NH}]_2[\text{Cu}(\mu\text{-C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)]\cdot 2.5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (**I**) and $[(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_3\text{NH}]_2[\text{Cu}(\mu\text{-C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)]\cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ (**II**), have been obtained and characterized. The related work is presented here.

2. Experiment

$[(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{NH}]_2[\text{Cu}(\mu\text{-C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)]\cdot 2.5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (**I**) and $[(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_3\text{NH}]_2[\text{Cu}(\mu\text{-C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)]\cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ (**II**) were obtained from a methanol solution of $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2\cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and $\text{H}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ with $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{N}$ for **I** and $(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_3\text{N}$ for **II** in a 1:3:5 ratio at room temperature. Bulk blue plateful crystals of **I** and **II** were obtained after four weeks. The crystal was washed with $\text{CH}_3\text{COOC}_2\text{H}_5$ and dried. Elemental analysis calculated (%) for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{25}\text{CuN}_2\text{O}_{10.50}$ (**I**): C 29.67, H 6.22 and N 6.92 and found C 29.87, H, 6.08 and N 6.97. For $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{34}\text{CuN}_2\text{O}_9$ (**II**): C 41.60, H 7.42, N 6.06 and found C 42.03, H 7.46 and N 6.11.

Elemental analyses of carbon, hydrogen and nitrogen were performed using the Flash EA 1112 elemental analyzer. The IR spectra were recorded on a Bio-rad FTS6000/UMA500 spectrometer (Figure S1). Thermogravimeter analysis was carried out on a Shimadzu DTG-60 analyzer at a 10 °C/min heating rate from room temperature to 550 °C under N_2 gas with an Al bag. **I** remains stable until 40 °C, and **II** remains stable until 80 °C.

X-ray powder diffraction was carried out using a Rigaku RINT2000 diffractometer at room temperature with Cu $K\alpha$ radiation ($\lambda = 1.54056 \text{ \AA}$) in a flat-plate geometry (Figures S2 and S3).

Single-crystal X-ray diffraction was carried out on an Enraf-Nonius KappaCCD diffractometer at room temperature. The crystal structure was solved using the direct method and refined using the full-matrix least square on F^2 using the SHELX program, with anisotropic thermal parameters for all non-hydrogen atoms [40]. The hydrogen atoms on C and N were located through calculation, and on H_2O they were located through a difference Fourier map. All of the H were refined isotropically. The crystallographic data are listed in Table S1.

The resistance measurement was performed on a single crystal at Tonghui TH2828. Gold wires were attached to the best developed surfaces of a single crystal with a size of $0.40 \times 0.30 \times 0.11 \text{ mm}$ (**I**) and $0.71 \times 0.60 \times 0.17 \text{ mm}$ (**II**) using gold paste. The two-probe conductivity was measured at 20 °C and a relative humidity (RH) of 40%.

Magnetization measurements were performed on a polycrystalline sample tightly packed into a capsule on a Quantum Design MPMS 7XL SQUID system above 2 K. Susceptibility data were corrected for the diamagnetism of the sample by Pascal constants

and background by experimental measurement of the sample holder [41]. Temperature-dependent magnetization was performed under an applied field of 1000 G. Isothermal magnetization was measured at 2 K from 0 to 65 kG.

3. Result and Discussion

I crystallizes in a triclinic system with space group $P\bar{1}$. There are two $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{NH}^+$, one Cu^{2+} , one oxalate anion, two half-oxalate anions and one-and-a-half H_2O coexisting in an independent unit (Figure 1). Cu^{2+} is coordinated to two O atoms from one bidentate oxalate (O1 and O2) and four O atoms from two disbidentate oxalates in the Q_3 Jahn–Teller distortion mode of a CuO_6 octahedron [8].

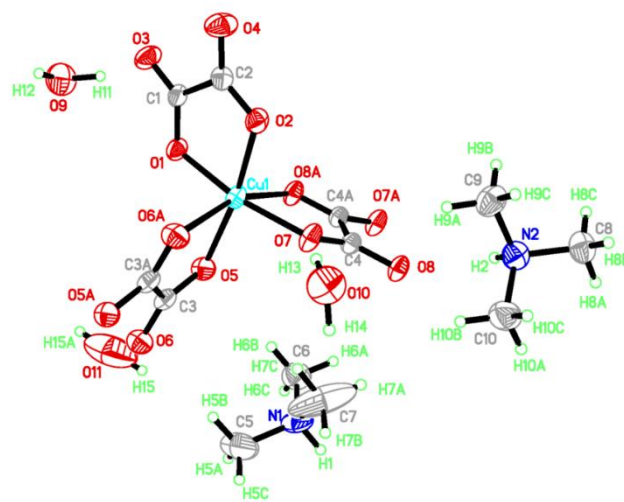


Figure 1. Atomic structure of **I** in an independent unit with scheme label and 50% ellipsoids. Asymmetry code for C3A, O5A, O6A: $2 - x, 2 - y, -z$; C4A, O7A, O8A: $1 - x, 1 - y, -z$; H15A: $-x, 2 - y, -z$.

The Cu–O distances are 1.954(2)–1.992(2) Å on the equatorial plane and 2.292(2) Å, 2.329(2) Å from the apex as a result of the Jahn–Teller distortion. The elongated Cu–O bonds (Cu1–O6, Cu1–O8) on the Jahn–Teller-distorted octahedron around Cu^{2+} are highlighted with solid black lines (Figure 2). The cis O–Cu–O angles are 77.73° and 77.12° for the bridged oxalate, 83.56° for the terminal oxalate, and 90.70°, 98.89°, 90.31°, 96.85°, 93.12° and 100.68° among the terminal and bridged oxalate. The trans O–Cu–O angles are in the range of 161.01(6)–171.46(6)°. The axial Cu to oxalate-oxygen angles are 109.17° (Cu1–O6–C3) and 108.27° (Cu1–O8–C4). A one-dimensional zigzag $[\text{Cu}(\mu\text{-C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)^{2-}]_n$ is formed along the b axis.

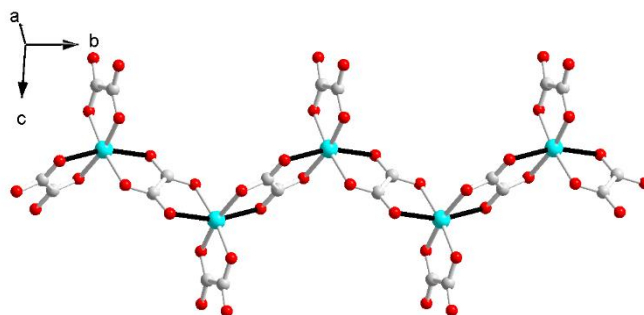


Figure 2. The zigzag anionic chain in **I**.

The one-dimensional $[\text{Cu}(\mu\text{-C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)^{2-}]_n$ zigzag chain running along the b axis is separated by $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{NH}^+$ (N1) along the c axis, and there are hydrogen bonds $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$, $\text{C}-$

$\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ between the cation and the out O atom in the oxalate. The anionic sheets composed of a $[\text{Cu}(\mu\text{-C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)^{2-}]_n$ chain and $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{NH}^+$ in a 1:1 ratio are separated by a cation layer composed of a zigzag $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{NH}^+$ (N_2) chain and a zigzag H_2O chain along the c axis. There are hydrogen bonds between neighboring H_2O molecules. Five H_2O molecules formed a hydrogen-bond $[\text{H}_2\text{O}]_5$ linear cluster along the c axis (Figure 3).

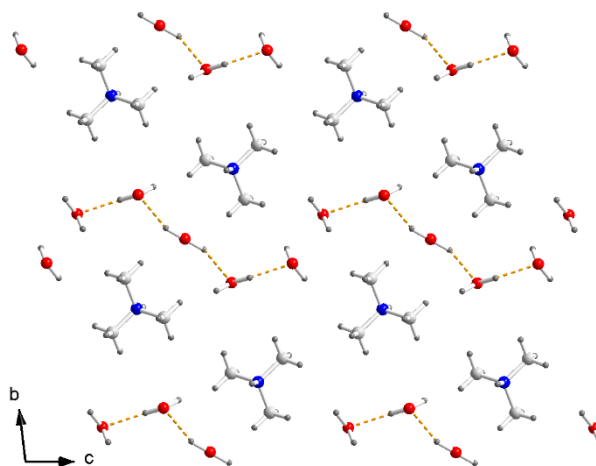


Figure 3. Arrangement of $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{NH}^+$ and H_2O in cation layer of **I**. Dashed yellow lines are hydrogen bonds between H_2O in $[\text{H}_2\text{O}]_5$.

At last, the hydrogen bonds $\text{N}\cdots\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ and $\text{C}\cdots\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ between the ammonium and the inner O of the terminal and bridged oxalate, the $\text{O}\cdots\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ between H_2O and the oxalate, and the $\text{O}\cdots\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ between the H_2O molecules form a three-dimensional hydrogen-bonded network in crystal (Figure 4). There is no hydrogen bond between the anions.

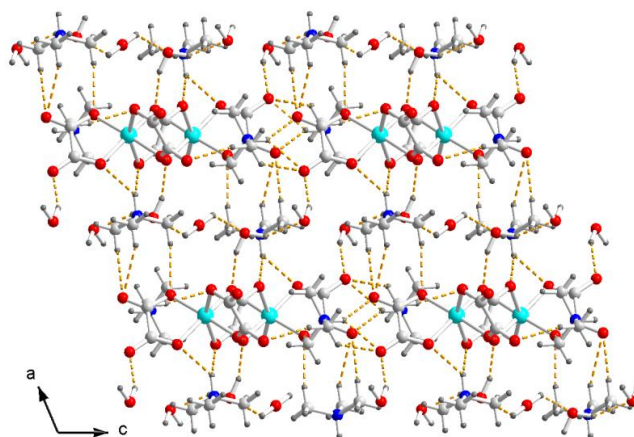


Figure 4. Packing diagram of **I** viewed along the b axis. Dash yellow lines are hydrogen bonds. Color code: Cu, cyan; O, red; C, white; N, blue; H, light grey.

II crystallizes in a monoclinic system with the space group $P2_1/c$. There are two $(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_3\text{NH}^+$, one Cu^{2+} , one and two half oxalates, and one H_2O in an independent unit (Figure 5). The Cu^{2+} is octahedrally coordinated by six O atoms from two bisbidentate oxalates and one bidentate oxalate, as in **I**, with $\text{Cu}\text{--}\text{O}$ distances of 1.960(2)–1.999(2) Å on the equatorial plane, and $\text{Cu1}\text{--}\text{O8}$: 2.314(2) Å and $\text{Cu1}\text{--}\text{O7}$: 2.368(2) Å from the apex. The $\text{Cu}\text{--}\text{O}$ distances of **II** in the equatorial plane are shorter than the direction of the apex as a result of the Q_3 Jahn–Teller distortion mode, as in **I**. The $\text{cis}\text{--}\text{O}\text{--}\text{Cu}\text{--}\text{O}$ angles are 75.93° and 77.79° for the bridged oxalate, 88.31° for the terminal oxalate and 92.34°, 93.72°, 95.98°,

89.66°, 95.48° and 102.48° between the terminal and bridged oxalate. The trans-O–Cu–O angles are in the range of 160.21(7)–172.64(7)°. The axial Cu to oxalate-oxygen angles are 108.09° (Cu1–O1–C3) and 108.53° (Cu1–O8–C4). The Cu–O distances and O–Cu–O angles in **I** and **II** are in the same range of the Cu–oxalate coordination polymer [29,30,34,35,37,38]. A one-dimensional oxalate-bridged zigzag $[\text{Cu}(\mu\text{-C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)^{2-}]_n$ chain is formed along the *b* axis.

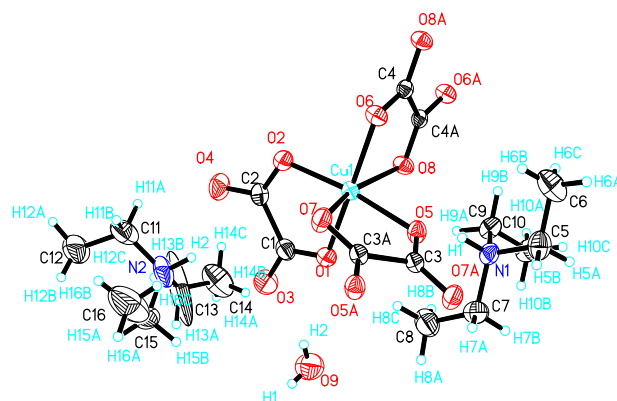


Figure 5. ORTEP drawing of **II** in an independent unit with scheme label and 50% ellipsoids. Asymmetry code for C3A, O5, O7: $-x, -y, 1 - z$; C4A, C6A, C8A: $-x, 1 - y, 1 - z$.

The zigzag chain in **I** and **II** is centrosymmetric with the inversion center located at the middle point of the oxalate bridge; thus, the metal sites have a $\Delta\Delta\Delta\Delta$ configuration along the *b* axis in **I** and **II** (Figure 6). It is similar to $[(\text{CH}_3)_4\text{N}]_2\text{Cu}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})$ [42,43]. The hydrogen bonds between ammonium and the anion and H_2O and the anion influence the bond length of the CuO_6 octahedron due to the Jahn–Teller distortion. Due to the magnetic orbitals of $dx^2 - y^2$ on Cu(II) with the unpaired electrons parallel to each other and the axial Cu to oxalate-oxygen angles, which are sensitive to magnetic interaction and smaller than 109.5°, a ferromagnetic interaction was expected [43,44].

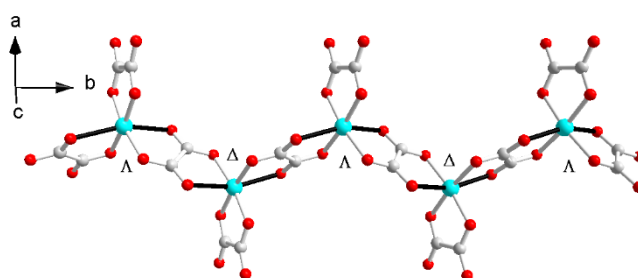


Figure 6. The zigzag anionic chain in **II**.

In **II**, the $[\text{Cu}(\mu\text{-C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)^{2-}]_n$ chain is surrounded by zigzag chains of $(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_3\text{NH}^+$ and H_2O . A pair $(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_3\text{NH}^+$ column separates two zigzag chains along the *c* axis. There are hydrogen bonds between the N of the ammonium and the O on the bridged oxalate: N1–H1...O5 2.10 Å/146.9°, N1–H1...O8 2.44 Å/131.7°. There are hydrogen bonds between the N of the ammonium and the O on the terminal oxalate: N2–H2...O3 2.20 Å/139°, N2–H2...O4 2.21 Å/143.1°. There are hydrogen bonds between H_2O and the terminal oxalate: O9–H4...O3 2.11 Å/159°, O9–H3...O4 2.20 Å/164°. There are hydrogen bonds between ammonium and H_2O : C8–H8C...O1 2.45 Å/174°; C15–H15A...O8 2.40 Å/155°. The hydrogen bond forms a two-dimensional (2D) network on the (01) plane (Figure 7). There is no hydrogen bond between the one-dimensional $[\text{Cu}(\mu\text{-C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)^{2-}]_n$ chains.

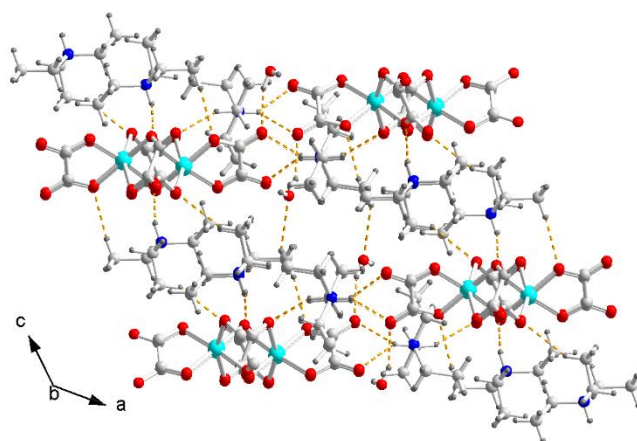


Figure 7. Arrangement of $(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_3\text{NH}^+$, zigzag $[\text{Cu}(\mu\text{-C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)^{2-}]_n$ chain and H_2O on two-dimensional hydrogen-bond network viewed along the b axis in **II**. Dashed yellow lines are hydrogen bonds. Color code: Cu, cyan; O, red; C, white; N, blue; H, light grey.

On the basis of the hydrogen bonded cation layer, the resistance, as the proton conductivity under different relative humidities (RH), was measured. Depending on the thermal dynamic analysis, **I** and **II** dehydrate at 40 °C (**I**) and 76 °C (**II**), losing H_2O , with a relative weight of 11.2% in **I** and 4% in **II**; therefore, the experiment should be carried out below 40 °C (Figure 8). When the RH increased, the conductivity of **I** and **II** increased. Under a relatively high RH, the surfaces of the crystal were covered with debris at first, which was solvable in gel. Although the sample was restored to a solid state when the RH decreased and reached the same value as the beginning, the sample turned out to be in a polycrystalline state but not a single crystal. When a single crystal of **I** or **II** was exposed to air under a low relative humidity, such as when the relative humidity was lower than 35%, guest molecules, such as H_2O , in **I** and **II** would escape from the crystal, leading to crystalline collapse. The crystal surface remained transparent and clear after measurements at 20 °C and an RH of 40%. The resistance comes from the intrinsic behavior of the crystal. The resistance is $1 \times 10^9 \Omega\cdot\text{cm}$ in **I** and $1 \times 10^7 \Omega\cdot\text{cm}$ in **II**. They are insulators.

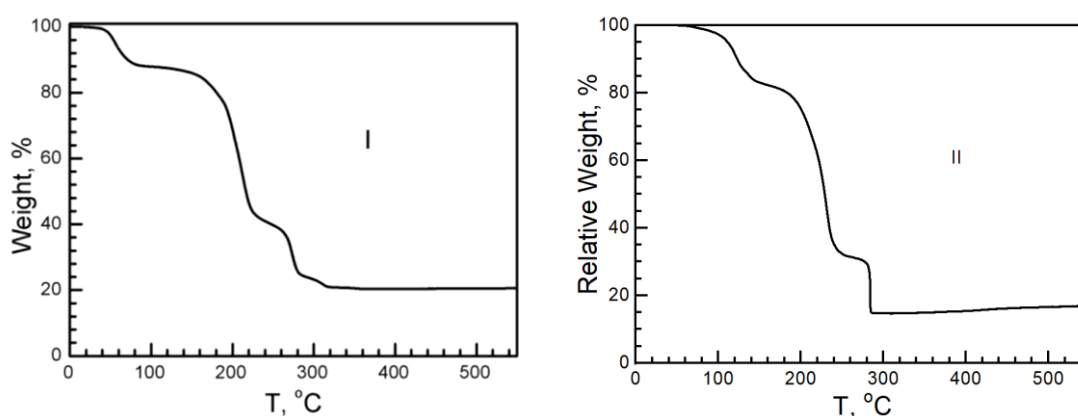


Figure 8. Schematic TGA curves of **I** and **II**. Above 300 °C, the final residue is CuO .

On the basis of the oxalate-bridging and Jahn–Teller distortion of the $\text{Cu}(\text{II})$ ion, $\text{Cu}(\text{II})$ in an independent unit, and the magnetic properties were studied per $\text{Cu}^{2+}/\text{mol}$.

At 300 K, the χT value of **I** was $0.473 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ K mol}^{-1}$ and $g = 2.25$. It is higher than $0.375 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ K mol}^{-1}$ for an isolated, spin only $\text{Cu}(\text{II})$ ion with $S = 1/2$, $g = 2.00$ and in the range of Cu^{2+} compounds [34–37,45,46]. The χT value remained stable at $0.478 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ K mol}^{-1}$ at 40 K and increased slowly, reaching $0.71 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ K mol}^{-1}$ at 2 K. No bifurcation is observed from zero-field-cool magnetization and field-cooled magnetization (ZFCM/FCM)

measurements from 2 K to 100 K under 100 G (Figure S4). The magnetic data were fitted with the Curie–Weiss law from 2 to 300 K: $C = 0.4711(2) \text{ cm}^{-1}\cdot\text{K/mol}$, $\theta = 0.61(6) \text{ K}$ and $R = 1.37 \times 10^{-5}$. It suggests a ferromagnetic interaction in **I** (Figure 9) [47,48].

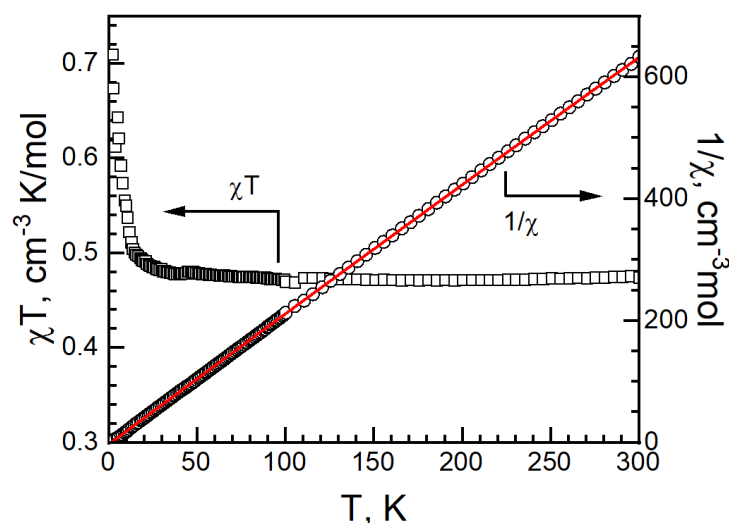


Figure 9. χT vs. T (left, black empty square), $1/\chi$ vs. T (right, black empty circle) and Curie–Weiss fitting data (red solid) of **I**.

A one-dimensional Baker–Rushbrooke–Gilbert model was used to fit the temperature-dependent magnetization above 2 K, yielding $J = 0.60(2) \text{ cm}^{-1}$, $g = 2.31(1)$ and $R = 9.2 \times 10^{-4}$ (Figure 10) [49]. It shows an intrachain ferromagnetic interaction and corresponds with the Curie–Weiss fitting.

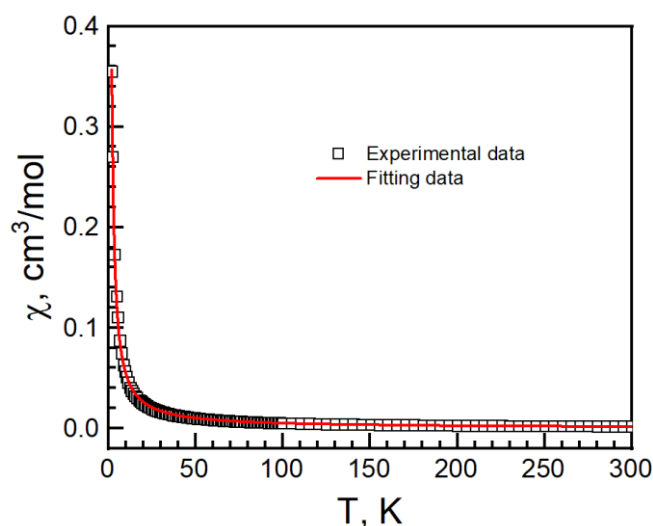


Figure 10. Temperature-dependent susceptibility of **I**. Black empty square is experimental data. Red solid curve is the best fit from the Baker–Rushbrooke–Gilbert model.

At 2 K, the isothermal magnetization (M) saturated at $1.11 N\beta$ (N is Avogadro's number and β is the Bohn magneton, $1 N\beta = 5585 \text{ cm}^{-1} \text{ G mol}^{-1}$) at 65 kG (Figure 11). The average anisotropic g -factor calculated from isothermal magnetization at 2 K is 2.22. It is in the range of 2.25 from χT at 300 K and 2.31 from Baker–Rushbrooke–Gilbert model fitting.

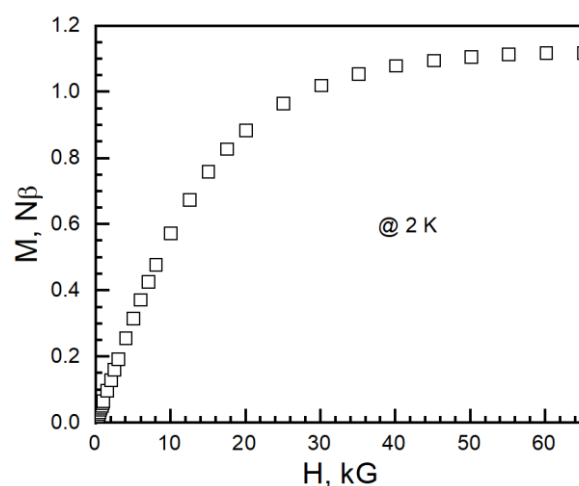


Figure 11. Isothermal magnetization of **I** at 2 K.

In **II**, the χT value was $0.443 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ K mol}^{-1}$ at 300 K with a g -factor of 2.13. It is higher than the $0.375 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ K mol}^{-1}$ of an isolated, spin only Cu(II) ion with $S = 1/2$, $g = 2.00$. It is in the range of Cu^{2+} compounds, as in **I** [34–37,45,46]. As the temperature decreased, the χT value decreased slowly to $0.393 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ K mol}^{-1}$ around 30 K, and then increased, reaching $0.446 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ K mol}^{-1}$ at 2 K (Figure 12). No bifurcation was observed in the ZFCM/FCM measurement from 2 K to 100 K under 100 G (Figure S5). The magnetic data were fitted with Curie–Weiss law from 80 to 300 K with $C = 0.462(1) \text{ cm}^3 \cdot \text{K/mol}$, $g = -14.2(4)$ K and $R = 3.8 \times 10^{-5}$ (Figure 12).

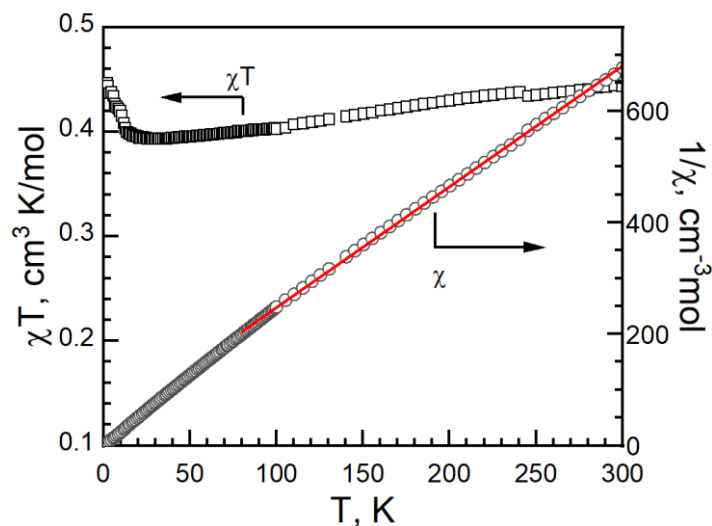


Figure 12. cT vs. T (left, black empty square), $1/c$ vs. T (right, black empty circle) and Curie–Weiss fitting data (red solid) of **II**.

A one-dimensional Baker–Rushbrooke–Gilbert model combined with exchange coupling was used to fit the temperature-dependent magnetization from 2 to 300 K with $J = 0.87(2) \text{ cm}^{-1}$, $g = 2.035(3)$, $zJ = -0.65(2) \text{ cm}^{-1}$ and $R = 6.76 \times 10^{-5}$ (Figure 13) [50]. It shows that intrachain ferromagnetic interaction is stronger than intrachain antiferromagnetic interaction. The g -factor is in the range of 2.13 from χT at 300 K.

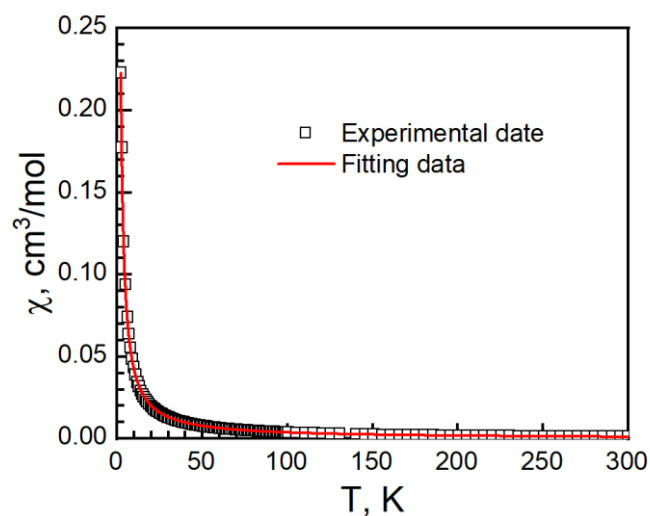


Figure 13. Temperature-dependent susceptibility of **II**. Empty solid square (c), is experimental data. Red solid curve is best fit from the Baker–Rushbrooke–Gilbert model with exchange coupling.

At 2 K, the magnetization increases with increasing field and is saturated at $0.89 N\beta$ at 65 kG (Figure 14). The average anisotropic g -factor calculated from isothermal magnetization at 2 K is 1.78. Its magnetic behavior is not the same as expected. This means the Jahn–Teller effect is important to the magnetic property of the copper-oxalate framework. This is different from the compounds $[\text{CrMn}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)_3]_n$, where in the ferromagnetic order, temperature and isothermal magnetization at 2 K are the same as those taken from ammonium salts to charge-transfer salts [19,51,52]. Depending on the difference in magnetic behaviors between **I** and **II**, the Jahn–Teller effect will help us to obtain molecular-based candidate quantum spin liquid and to look for a new superconductor and colossal magnetoresistance material from copper-oxalate frameworks as cuprate superconductors and colossal magnetoresistance material.

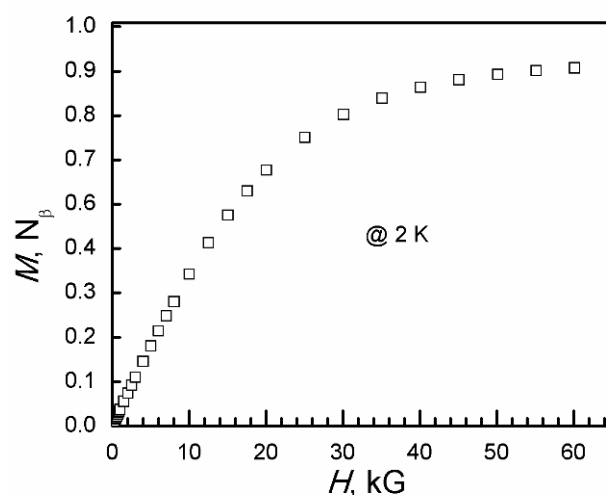


Figure 14. Isothermal magnetization of **II** at 2 K.

4. Conclusions

Two one-dimensional copper-oxalate framework compounds were obtained and characterized. The hydrogen bonds among ammonium, H_2O and the copper-oxalate framework form a three-dimensional hydrogen-bond network, and there is no hydrogen bond between the one-dimensional $[\text{Cu}(\mu\text{-C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)^{2-}]_n$ chains. The Q_3 -mode Jahn–Teller distortion of elongated CuO_6 octahedrons is observed. They are insulators. The

Jahn–Teller effect results the ferromagnetic and weak-ferromagnetic interaction between Cu(II) in **I** and **II**. No long-range ordering is observed above 2 K.

Supplementary Materials: Table S1. Crystallographic data of **I** and **II**; Figure S1. IR spectra on crystalline **I** (top) and **II** (bottom); Figure S2. Experimental X-ray powder diffraction pattern of crystalline sample and simulated one based on single crystal structure of **I**. **I** shows preferred orientation; Figure S3. Experimental X-ray powder diffraction pattern of crystalline sample and simulated one based on single crystal structure of **II**; Figure S4. ZFCM/FCM of polycrystal of **I** under 100 G.; Figure S5. ZFCM/FCM of polycrystal of **II** under 100 G.

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