

## Heterospin complexes of fluorinated dinuclear $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}$ and $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$ triketonates with nitroxides\*

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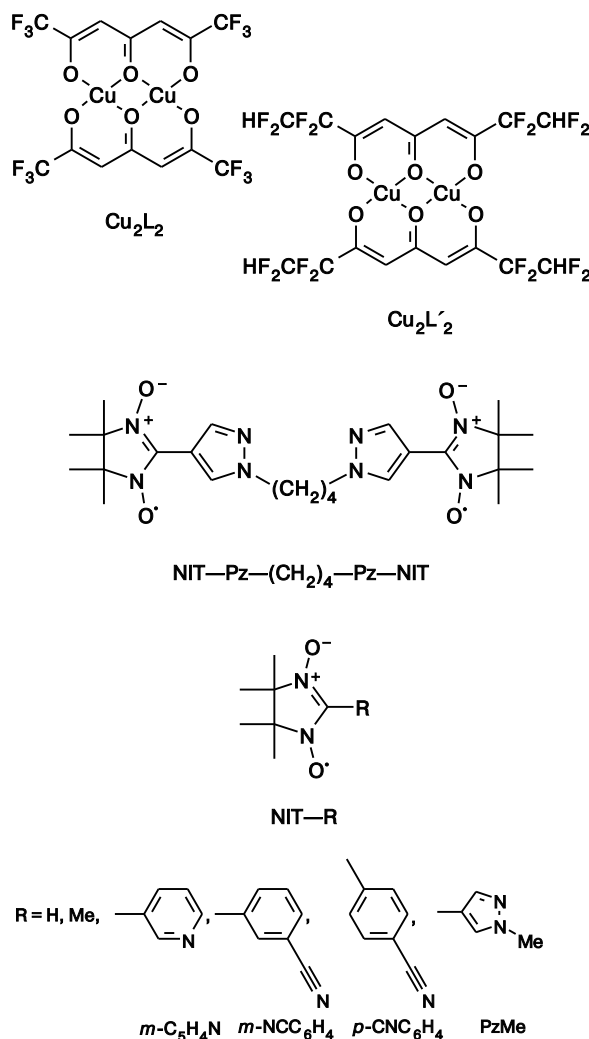
Dinuclear heterospin complexes of  $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}$  and  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$  1,1,1,7,7,7-hexafluoroheptane-2,4,6-trionates ( $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2]$  and  $[\text{Mn}_2\text{L}_2]$ , respectively) with nitronyl nitroxides 2-R-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-imidazole-3-oxide 1-oxyls (NIT–R, R = H, Me, Et, *m*- $\text{C}_5\text{H}_4\text{N}$ , *m*- $\text{NCC}_6\text{H}_4$ , *p*- $\text{NCC}_6\text{H}_4$ , PzMe) and the diradical NIT–Pz– $(\text{CH}_2)_4$ –Pz–NIT (Pz is 1,4-pyrazolylen) were synthesized and structurally characterized. In the complexes under study, the  $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}$  atom tends to have the square-pyramidal coordination environment, and the  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$  atom is in an octahedral environment. The magnetochemical investigation of the compounds in the temperature range of 2–300 K showed that the antiferromagnetic exchange coupling dominates in the  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2]$  molecules, whereas this coupling in  $[\text{Mn}_2\text{L}_2]$  is manifested in the experimental plot  $\mu_{\text{eff}}(T)$  at  $T < 100$  K. The magnetic properties of the heterospin complexes of  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2]$  with NIT–R are also determined by the intramatrix antiferromagnetic exchange coupling. For the complexes of  $[\text{Mn}_2\text{L}_2]$  with NIT–R, the coordination mode of the nitroxide plays a decisive role.

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Fluorinated chelates are widely used as acceptor matrices in the synthesis of heterospin systems containing nitroxides.<sup>1,2</sup> The high accepting ability of metal ions incorporated into such matrices is favorable for the coordination of weak donors (nitroxyl groups of nitroxides) resulting in the formation of heterospin exchange clusters. Among compounds based on copper(II) bis(hexafluoroacetylacetonate) ( $\text{Cu}(\text{hfac})_2$ ) with nitronyl nitroxides (NIT–R) containing such heterospin exchange clusters, there is an unusual family of heterospin complexes characterized by thermally induced magnetic effects, whose temperature dependences of the effective magnetic moment are analogous to those of the spin-crossover.<sup>3–14</sup> These complexes show a strong temperature dependence of the exchange integral determined by the structural dynamics of the exchange cluster in the magnetic anomaly region<sup>15,16</sup> and can exhibit a LIESST effect, which can be detected with the use of an original procedure based on ESR spectroscopy.<sup>17</sup>

The discovery of these new magnetically active systems has called for a detailed study of the structures and magnetic properties of these heterospin complexes, which made it necessary to extend the range of such compounds. It should be noted that the systematic studies of this type of compounds are based primarily on the successive variation of the substituent R in nitronyl nitroxide molecules and the preparation of solid solutions containing either various paramagnetic organic ligands or different metals in the matrix  $\text{M}(\text{hfac})_2$ .<sup>3,4</sup> A fluorinated metal-containing matrix is in itself varied in rare cases. Only recently,<sup>18</sup> molecular complexes of bis( $\mu_2$ -1,1,2,2,8,8,9,9-octafluorononane-3,5,7-trionato)dicopper(II) ( $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}'_2]$ ) with NIT–PzMe (Pz is 1,4-pyrazolylen) and NIT–*m*- $\text{C}_5\text{H}_4\text{N}$  have been synthesized and characterized. In this connection, we made an attempt to synthesize heterospin complexes based on NIT–R and the dinuclear fluorinated matrices bis( $\mu_2$ -1,1,1,7,7,7-hexafluoroheptane-2,4,6-trionates)dicopper(II) ( $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2]$ ) and -dimanganese(II) ( $[\text{Mn}_2\text{L}_2]$ ). We used mainly NIT–R as nitroxides. These compounds react with  $[\text{Cu}(\text{hfac})_2]$  to form complexes exhibiting thermally induced magnetic anomalies.<sup>3,4,16</sup> In the

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present study, we discuss the characteristic features of the synthesis, the structures of the complexes  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2] \cdot 2\text{C}_7\text{H}_8$  (**1**),  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2(\text{NIT-PzMe})_2]$  (**2**),  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2(\text{NIT-PzMe})_2] \cdot \text{Me}_2\text{CO} \cdot \text{C}_7\text{H}_8$  (**2**· $\text{Me}_2\text{CO} \cdot \text{C}_7\text{H}_8$ ),  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2(\text{NIT-}m\text{-C}_5\text{H}_4\text{N})_2] \cdot \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (**3**· $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ),  $[(\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2)_2(\text{NIT-Pz-(CH}_2)_4\text{-Pz-NIT})_3] \cdot 3\text{C}_7\text{H}_8$  (**4**· $3\text{C}_7\text{H}_8$ ),  $\{[(\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2)_2(\text{NIT-Pz-(CH}_2)_4\text{-Pz-NIT})_3][\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2(\text{EtOH})_4]\} \cdot \text{C}_7\text{H}_8$  (**5**· $\text{C}_7\text{H}_8$ ),  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2(\text{NIT-}p\text{-NCC}_6\text{H}_4)]$  (**6**),  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2(\text{NIT-}p\text{-NCC}_6\text{H}_4)_2(\text{EtOH})_2]$  (**7**),  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2(\text{NIT-}m\text{-NCC}_6\text{H}_4)_2]$  (**8**),  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2(\text{EtOH})_2] \cdot \text{NIT-}m\text{-NCC}_6\text{H}_4$  (**9**),  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2(\text{NIT-Me})_2]$  (**10**),  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2(\text{NIT-Me})]$  (**11**),  $[\text{Mn}_2\text{L}_2(\text{NIT-H})_4]$  (**12**),  $[\text{Mn}_2\text{L}_2(\text{NIT-Me})_4] \cdot \text{EtOH}$  (**13**· $\text{EtOH}$ ),  $[\text{Mn}_2\text{L}_2(\text{NIT-Me})_2]$  (**14**),  $[\text{Mn}_2\text{L}_2(\text{NIT-Et})_2]$  (**15**), and  $[\text{Mn}_2\text{L}_2(\text{NIT-}m\text{-NCC}_6\text{H}_4)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2] \cdot 2(\text{NIT-}m\text{-NCC}_6\text{H}_4)$  (**16**), and the temperature dependences of the effective magnetic moment for these complexes.

## Results and Discussion

**Synthesis.** Procedures for the synthesis described in the Experimental section allow the preparation of coordi-

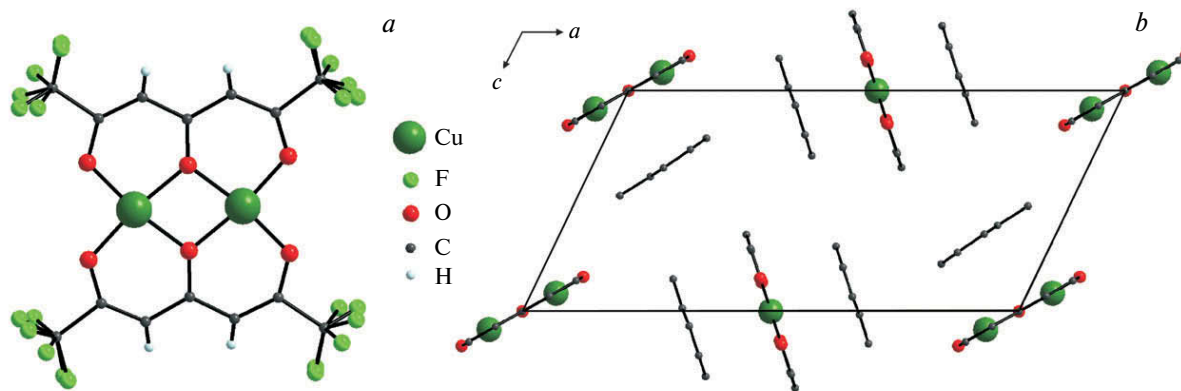
nation compounds as single crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction study. The choice of the solvents and their mixtures for the synthesis of dinuclear heterospin complexes with  $\text{NIT-R}$  was determined by the possibility of the preparation of compounds as single crystals. In principle, the dinuclear complexes of  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2]$  with  $\text{NIT-R}$  can be isolated from different solvents. For example, the complexes with  $\text{NIT-PzMe}$  and  $\text{NIT-}m\text{-C}_5\text{H}_4\text{N}$  can be synthesized in diethyl ether, acetone, toluene, or  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ .

It should be noted that the solubility of the dinuclear complex  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2]$  and its complexes with nitroxides in organic solvents is substantially lower than that of the mononuclear complex  $\text{Cu}(\text{hfac})_2$  and its complexes with the corresponding nitroxides. In terms of the kinetic stability in solution, the dinuclear complexes of  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2]$  with  $\text{NIT-R}$  are much less reactive than the related complexes of  $\text{Cu}(\text{hfac})_2$ . The  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2] : \text{NIT-R}$  ratio may be of importance in the synthesis of the complexes. For example, under the same conditions,  $\text{NIT-Me}$  gives  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2(\text{NIT-Me})]$  (**11**) or  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2(\text{NIT-Me})_2]$  (**10**) as the solid phase depending on the ratio  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2] : \text{NIT-Me}$  (1 : 1 or 1 : 2, respectively). By contrast, complexes in which  $\text{NIT-R}$  contain stronger donor atoms compared to the  $>\text{N-O}$  group have the stoichiometry 1 : 2 regardless of the starting ratio of the reagents in solution. On the one hand, this is indicative of their individual state. However, on the other hand, this strongly reduces the diversity of possible heterospin compounds.

The structure of the resulting molecule is substantially influenced by the nature of the ligand. Thus, both ligands in the complex with  $\text{NIT-PzMe}$  are coordinated on the same side of the  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2]$  plane. Variations of the conditions of the synthesis, as well as the use of other solvents, the diradical analog, and the related matrix  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}'_2]$ ,<sup>18</sup> always led to compounds with this coordination mode for both nitroxide molecules (*cf.* Fig. 1, Fig. 2, *a*, and Fig. 3). The factors responsible for this coordination remain unclear and call for a special investigation. At least, this coordination mode was not observed in the other compounds under study. Moreover, the use of 4-iodo-1-methylpyrazole ( $\text{I-PzMe}$ ) in the reaction with  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2]$  leads to the formation of  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2(\text{I-PzMe})_2]$  in nearly quantitative yield. In the latter compound, the diamagnetic  $\text{I-PzMe}$  ligands are on the opposite sides of the coordination plane  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2]$  (Fig. 2, *c*).

**Structure.** It should be noted that the structural data for transition metal complexes with  $\text{L}$  are scarce. Only the complex with methanol  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2(\text{MeOH})_2]$ <sup>19</sup> was found in the Cambridge Structural Database. In the cited study, the synthesis of  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$  was also described, but the structure of the latter compound was not determined.

The dinuclear matrix  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2]$  without additional coordinated ligands was isolated as the solvate of the composition  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2] \cdot 2\text{C}_7\text{H}_8$  (**1**) by crystallization from toluene (see Fig. 1, *a*). Both crystallographically independent



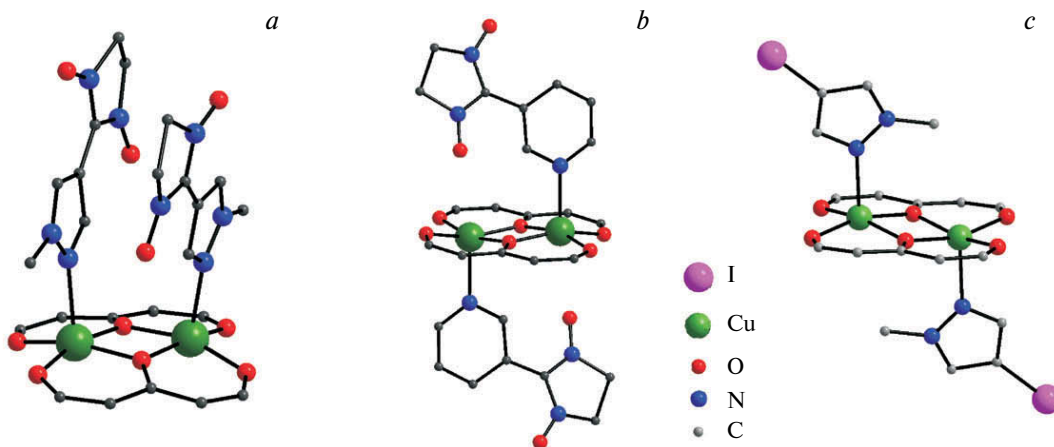
**Fig. 1.** Molecular structure of  $\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2$  (a) and a fragment of the crystal packing of  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2] \cdot 2\text{C}_7\text{H}_8$  (1) (b, the H atoms and the Me groups are not shown).\*

molecules are virtually planar; the deviations of the atoms from the mean plane passing through all atoms (except for H and F atoms) are at most 0.04 Å. The Cu—O distances to the terminal O atoms (1.874(2) and 1.878(3) Å) are substantially shorter than the corresponding distances to the bridging O atoms (1.927(2) and 1.922(2) Å). It should be noted that this ratio between the Cu—O<sub>term</sub> and Cu—O<sub>bridg</sub> distances is retained in all the complexes based on this matrix (Table 1). The CuO<sub>bridg</sub>Cu angles are 102.3(1) and 102.8(1)°; the intramatrix Cu...Cu distance is 3.001(1) Å. Figure 1, b shows the packing mode of the  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2]$  and toluene molecules in the solid phase.

As in the case of the matrix  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}'_2]$ , nitroxides in the molecules  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2(\text{NIT}-\text{PzMe})_2] \cdot \text{Me}_2\text{CO} \cdot \text{C}_7\text{H}_8$  and  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2(\text{NIT}-m\text{-C}_5\text{H}_4\text{N})_2]$  (Fig. 2, a, b) are in different coordination with respect to the plane of the dinuclear matrix. The square pyramidal coordination of the Cu atom causes its displacement from the plane of the base toward the apex by ~0.25 Å. The N—O bond lengths in NIT—R are in the range of 1.263(6)—1.274(4) Å and are typical of

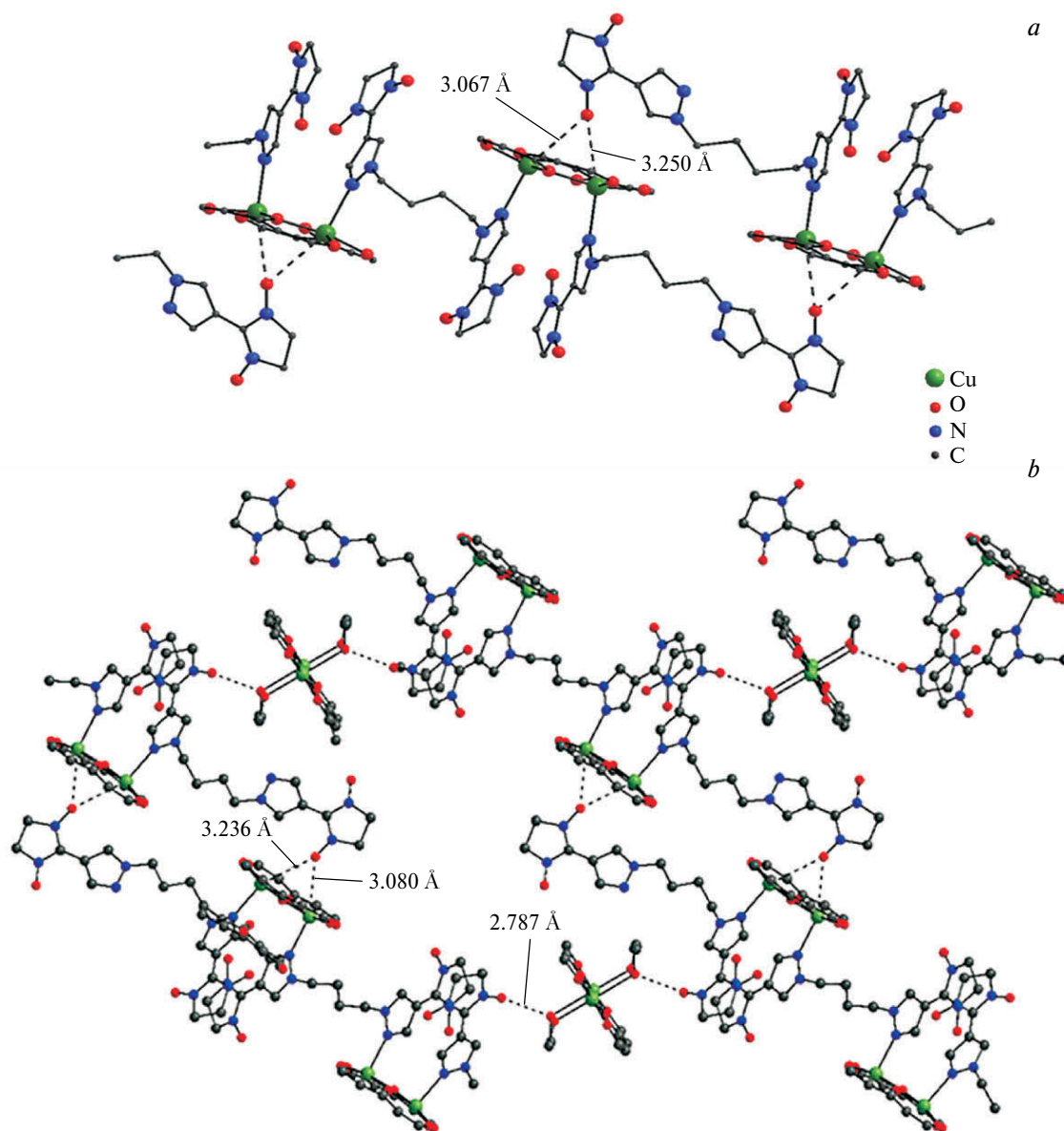
nitroxides. The bond lengths and the MON angles in the coordination units of all complexes, as well as the N—O bond lengths in the nitroxides, are given in Table 1.

The coordination of nitroxide on one side of the plane of the chelate matrix is characteristic of  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}'_2(\text{NIT}-\text{PzMe})_2]$ <sup>18</sup> and  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2(\text{NIT}-\text{PzMe})_2]$  (2) and is retained in the compounds containing the pyrazole moiety in the diradical (Fig. 3). The reaction of the diradical NIT—Pz—(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub>—Pz—NIT with  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2]$  affords the solid two-matrix tetranuclear heterospin complex  $[(\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2)_2(\text{NIT}-\text{Pz}-(\text{CH}_2)_4-\text{Pz}-\text{NIT})_3] \cdot 3\text{C}_7\text{H}_8$  (4·3C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>8</sub>) with three diradical molecules. It is interesting that the recrystallization of this complex from EtOH is accompanied by the partial decomposition of the molecules to give the dinuclear complexes  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2(\text{EtOH})_4]$ . These complexes link the former two-matrix molecules  $[(\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2)_2(\text{NIT}-\text{Pz}-(\text{CH}_2)_4-\text{Pz}-\text{NIT})_3]$  to form chains through hydrogen bonds between the OH groups of the coordinated EtOH molecules and the O atoms of >N—O groups (see Fig. 3, b). It should be noted that there are



**Fig. 2.** Structures of the dinuclear molecules in  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2(\text{NIT}-\text{PzMe})_2]$  (2) (a),  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2(\text{NIT}-m\text{-C}_5\text{H}_4\text{N})_2]$  (3) (b), and  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2(\text{I}-\text{PzMe})_2]$  (c). The H atoms and the Me and CF<sub>3</sub> groups are not shown in Figs 2–9.

\* Figures 1–9 are available in full color in the on-line version of the journal (<http://www.springerlink.com>).



**Fig. 3.** Molecular structure of  $[(\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2)_2(\text{NIT}-\text{Pz}-(\text{CH}_2)_4-\text{Pz}-\text{NIT})_3]$  (**4**) (a) and a fragment of the chain  $\{[(\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2)_2(\text{NIT}-\text{Pz}-(\text{CH}_2)_4-\text{Pz}-\text{NIT})_3][\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2(\text{EtOH})_4]\} \cdot \text{C}_7\text{H}_8$  (**5** ·  $\text{C}_7\text{H}_8$ ) (b).

short  $\text{Cu}\cdots\text{O}_{\text{NO}}$  contacts in both structures, resulting in the square-bipyramidal coordination of the Cu atom (see Fig. 3, b).

In  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2(\text{NIT}-p\text{-NCC}_6\text{H}_4)]$  (**6**), the coordination environment of the Cu atoms can be described as a square pyramid due to the coordination by bridging paramagnetic ligands located on opposite sides of the matrix (Fig. 4, a). As a result, head-to-tail zigzag chains ( $\text{Cu}-\text{N}$ , 2.299(4) Å;  $\text{Cu}-\text{O}$ , 2.481(3) Å) are formed. The crystallization from ethanol affords  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2(\text{NIT}-p\text{-NCC}_6\text{H}_4)_2(\text{EtOH})_2]$  (**7**), in which the O atoms of the ethanol molecules are involved in the coordination of the metal atoms, resulting in the octahedral environment ( $\text{Cu}-\text{O}_\text{S}$ , 2.361(2) and 2.341(2) Å).

The ethanol molecules are involved in hydrogen bonding with the nitrile groups of  $\text{NIT}-p\text{-NCC}_6\text{H}_4$  of adjacent complex molecules (see Fig. 4, b).

Unlike the reaction of  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2]$  with  $\text{NIT}-p\text{-NCC}_6\text{H}_4$ , the reaction of  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2]$  with the *meta*-derivative  $\text{NIT}-m\text{-NCC}_6\text{H}_4$  in a ratio of either 1 : 1 or 1 : 2 in an  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ –hexane mixture affords the mononuclear complex  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2(\text{NIT}-m\text{-NCC}_6\text{H}_4)_2]$  (**8**) (Fig. 5). In complex **8**, the nitroxides are coordinated through the O atom of the  $>\text{N}-\text{O}$  group ( $d_{\text{Cu}-\text{O}}$  2.393(4) Å).

The complex of  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2]$  with  $\text{NIT}-m\text{-NCC}_6\text{H}_4$  with the stoichiometry of 1 : 1 was obtained by crystallization from EtOH. In this case, the dinuclear matrix coordinates

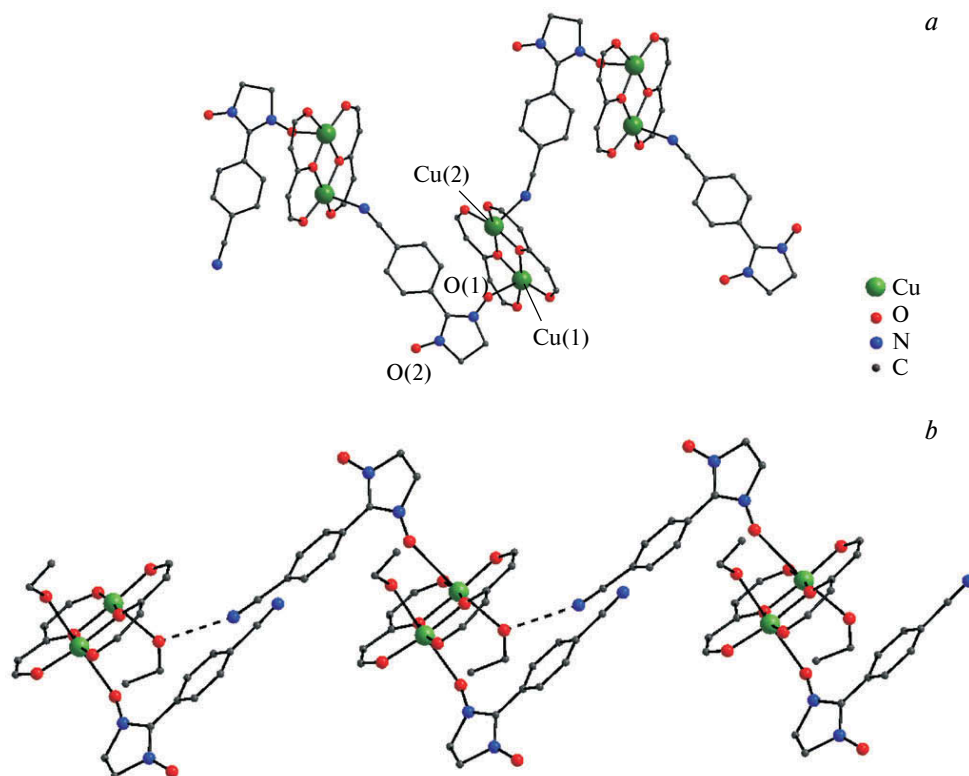


Fig. 4. Zigzag chains in [Cu<sub>2</sub>L<sub>2</sub>(NIT-*p*-NCC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)] (6) (a) and [Cu<sub>2</sub>L<sub>2</sub>(NIT-*p*-NCC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(EtOH)<sub>2</sub>] (7) (b).

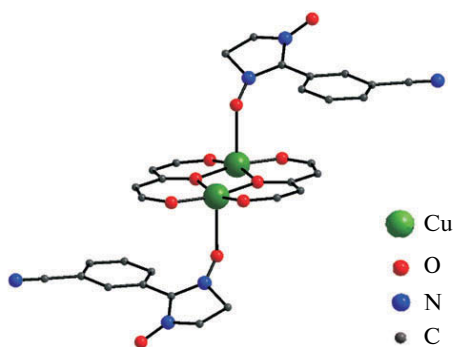


Fig. 5. Molecular structure of [Cu<sub>2</sub>L<sub>2</sub>(NIT-*m*-NCC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>] (8).

two EtOH molecules, and the paramagnetic bridging NIT-*m*-NCC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub> ligand links the [Cu<sub>2</sub>L<sub>2</sub>(EtOH)<sub>2</sub>] moieties together *via* hydrogen bonds between the OH groups of the coordinated ethanol molecules and the NO groups of the nitroxide to form chains (Fig. 6).

In the case of the nitroxide NIT-Me, which does not contain additional functional groups except nitronyl nitroxide, the complexes with the stoichiometry of both 1 : 1 and 1 : 2 were isolated. The molecular structure of complex **8** is similar to that of [Cu<sub>2</sub>L<sub>2</sub>(NIT-Me)<sub>2</sub>] (**10**) (Fig. 5). The complex with the ratio of 1 : 1 has a chain structure due to the bridging function of the paramagnetic ligand (Fig. 7).

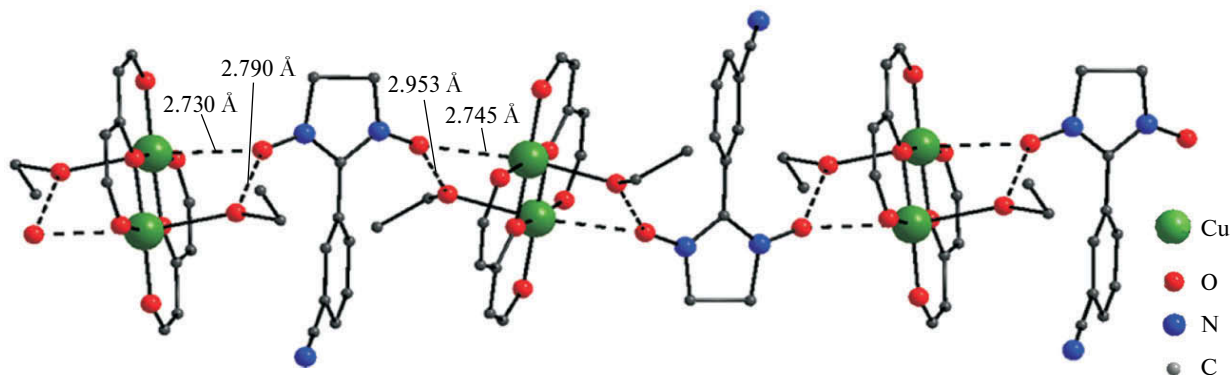


Fig. 6. Chain in the structure of [Cu<sub>2</sub>L<sub>2</sub>(EtOH)<sub>2</sub>(NIT-*m*-NCC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)] (9).

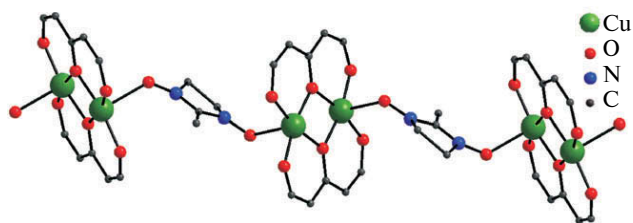


Fig. 7. Structure of the chain in  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2(\text{NIT-Me})]$  (**11**).

The main difference between the heterospin complexes of  $[\text{Mn}_2\text{L}_2]$  with  $\text{NIT-R}$  and the above-described  $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}$  compounds is that the central atoms in the former complexes are always in an octahedral environment. As a result, the complexes with the ratio  $[\text{Mn}_2\text{L}_2] : \text{NIT-R} = 1 : 4$  have a molecular structure, whereas the complexes with the ratio  $[\text{Mn}_2\text{L}_2] : \text{NIT-R} = 1 : 2$  have a layer-polymeric structure. Figure 8 shows the molecular structures of  $[\text{Mn}_2\text{L}_2(\text{NIT-H})_4]$  (**12**) and  $[\text{Mn}_2\text{L}_2(\text{NIT-Me})_4] \cdot \text{EtOH}$  (**13**·**EtOH**) in the crystals and a fragment of the

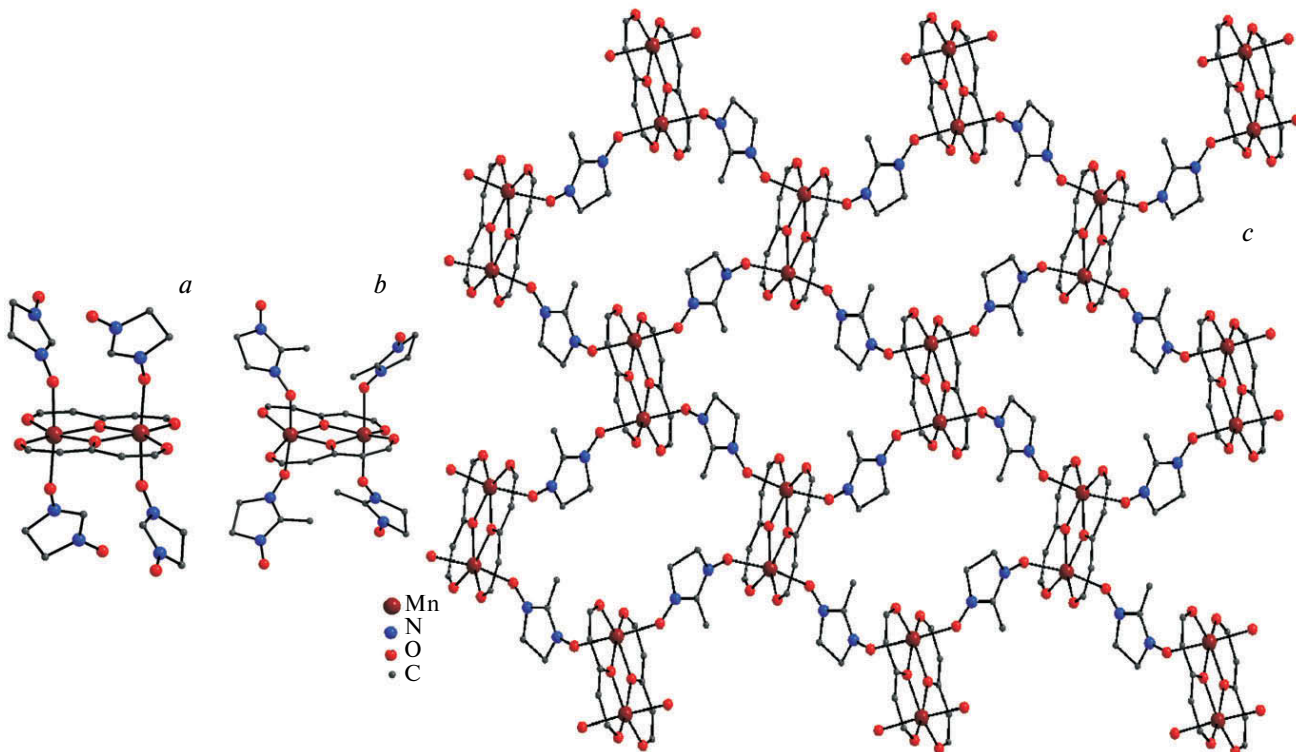


Fig. 8. Molecular structures of  $[\text{Mn}_2\text{L}_2(\text{NIT-H})_4]$  (**12**) (a) and  $[\text{Mn}_2\text{L}_2(\text{NIT-Me})_4] \cdot \text{EtOH}$  (**13**) (b) and a fragment of the layer in  $[\text{Mn}_2\text{L}_2(\text{NIT-Me})_2]$  (**14**) (c).

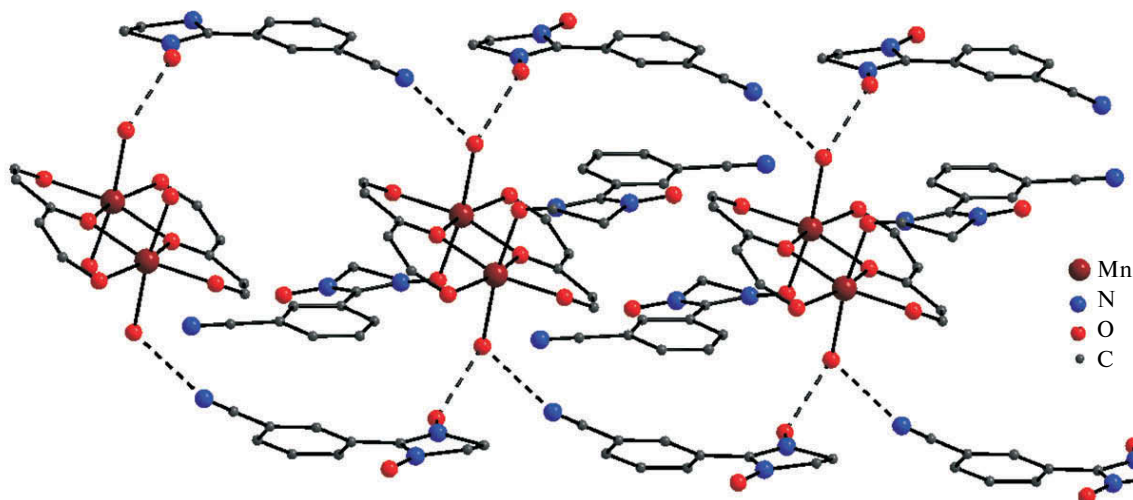


Fig. 9. Fragment of the ribbon in  $\{[\text{Mn}_2\text{L}_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2(\text{NIT-}m\text{-NCC}_6\text{H}_4)_2] \cdot 2(\text{NIT-}m\text{-NCC}_6\text{H}_4)\}$  (**16**).

**Table 1.** The M—O and M—N bond lengths (*d*) and the MON bond angles ( $\omega$ ) in the coordination units and the N—O bond lengths

Complex	<i>d</i> /Å					Angle MON/deg
	M—O <sub>bridg</sub>	M—O <sub>term</sub>	M—O <sub>NIT</sub>	M—N	N—O	
<b>1</b>	1.922(2), 1.926(2)	1.874(2), 1.878(2)	—	—	—	—
<b>2</b>	1.966(4), 1.969(4)	1.906(4), 1.911(4)	—	2.269(5)	1.282(5), 1.281(6)	—
<b>2</b> · Me <sub>2</sub> CO · C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	1.969(3), 1.971(2)	1.902(3), 1.915(3)	—	2.251(3)	1.275(4), 1.274(4)	—
<b>3</b> · CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	1.940(3), 1.968(4)	1.903(4), 1.909(4)	—	2.218(5)	1.274(6), 1.263(6)	—
<b>4</b> · 3C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	1.931(6)— 1.942(6)	1.866(6)— 1.894(6)	3.067(9), 3.250(9)	2.272(9), 2.257(9)	1.23(1)— 1.28(1)	—
<b>5</b> · C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	1.935(5)— 1.991(6)	1.887(5)— 1.930(5)	3.236(6), 3.080(6)	2.288(5), 2.296(5)	1.278(8)— 1.293(8)	—
<b>6</b>	1.942(3), 1.944(3), 1.944(3), 1.942(3)	1.891(3), 1.901(3), 1.892(3), 1.902(3)	2.482(3), 2.905(4)	2.300(4)	1.271(4), 1.281(4)	146.5(3), 119.2(3)
<b>7</b>	1.958(1), 1.962(1), 1.955(1), 1.970(1), 2.361(2) <sup>a</sup> , 2.341(2)	1.909(1), 1.925(1), 1.912(1), 1.927(1)	2.443(2), 2.776(2)	—	1.294(2), 1.271(2), 1.283(2), 1.274(2)	135.3(1), 126.7(1)
<b>8</b>	1.946(3), 1.963(3)	1.906(3), 1.921(3)	2.392(4)	—	1.296(5), 1.274(6)	125.6(3)
<b>9</b>	1.943(3), 1.946(2), 1.939(2), 1.946(2), 2.326(3) <sup>a</sup> , 2.282(3)	1.895(3), 1.897(3), 1.905(2), 1.905(2)	2.730(2), 2.745(2)	—	1.281(4), 1.277(4)	—
<b>10</b>	1.943(3), 1.949(3)	1.901(3), 1.905(3)	2.235(3)	—	1.274(5), 1.260(5)	137.4(3)
<b>11</b>	1.952(2), 1.957(2)	1.901(2), 1.913(2)	2.276(3)	—	1.287(4)	131.2(2)
<b>12</b>	2.186(4), 2.187(4)	2.068(5), 2.084(5)	2.142(5), 2.194(5)	—	1.288(7), 1.299(7), 1.312(7), 1.265(7)	137.8(5), 128.7(5)
<b>13</b> · EtOH	2.192(2), 2.180(2)	2.089(3), 2.071(3)	2.166(3), 2.172(2)	—	1.301(3), 1.268(4), 1.299(4), 1.276(4)	127.6(2), 130.8(2)
<b>14</b> <sup>b</sup>	2.169(2), 2.185(2), 2.163(2), 2.180(2)	2.061(2), 2.074(2), 2.068(2), 2.074(2)	2.196(2), 2.198(2), 2.175(2), 2.200(2)	—	1.292(3), 1.288(3), 1.303(3), 1.287(3)	127.0(2), 137.0(2), 132.4(2), 142.1(2)
<b>14a</b> <sup>c</sup>	2.183(2), 2.189(2), 2.169(2), 2.189(2)	2.069(2), 2.078(2), 2.078(2), 2.082(2)	2.217(2), 2.221(2), 2.210(2), 2.230(2)	—	1.298(3), 1.288(3), 1.303(3), 1.289(3)	127.3(2), 139.5(2), 132.7(2), 144.3(2)
<b>15</b>	2.179(2), 2.184(2)	2.061(2), 2.080(2)	2.218(2), 2.252(3)	—	1.300(3), 1.288(3)	132.8(2), 144.9(2)
<b>16</b>	2.168(2), 2.171(2), 2.242(2) <sup>d</sup>	2.075(2), 2.077(2)	2.200(2)	—	1.293(3), 1.271(3), 1.285(3), 1.271(3)	123.9(2)

<sup>a</sup> Cu—O<sub>EtOH</sub>·<sup>b</sup> The experimental data at 200 K.<sup>c</sup> The experimental data at 295 K.<sup>d</sup> Mn—O<sub>H<sub>2</sub>O</sub>·

layer in isostructural  $[\text{Mn}_2\text{L}_2(\text{NIT-Me})_2]$  and  $[\text{Mn}_2\text{L}_2(\text{NIT-Et})_2]$ . The layered structures  $[\text{Mn}_2\text{L}_2(\text{NIT-R})_2]$  ( $\text{R} = \text{Me}, \text{Et}$ ) are formed due to the bridging function of nitroxide (Fig. 8, c). The matrices in these structures are almost planar (the maximum deviation of the atoms of the chelate rings is 0.09 Å). The  $\text{Mn}-\text{O}_{\text{NO}}$  distances in the layer-polymeric complexes are somewhat longer (2.210(2)–2.232(2) Å) than those in the molecular complexes.

The complex  $\{[\text{Mn}_2\text{L}_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2(\text{NIT-}m\text{-NCC}_6\text{H}_4)_2] \cdot 2(\text{NIT-}m\text{-NCC}_6\text{H}_4)\}$  (**16**) (Fig. 9), which was obtained with the use of the starting ratio  $[\text{Mn}_2\text{L}_2] : \text{NIT-}m\text{-NCC}_6\text{H}_4$  of 1 : 1 or 1 : 2 and, finally, the ratio of 1 : 4 optimal for the stoichiometry of this phase, has a specific structure in the solid state. The coordination environment of the Mn atom can be described as a distorted octahedron whose axial positions are occupied by the O atom of one NO group and the  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  molecule hydrogen-bonded to the  $\text{N}_{\text{CN}}$  and  $\text{O}_{\text{NO}}$  atoms of the outer-sphere  $\text{NIT-}m\text{-NCC}_6\text{H}_4$  ligand. As a result, the solid phase of the heterospin complex is built of infinite ribbons with nitroxide molecules at the edges.

In all the complexes under consideration, the distances between the paramagnetic centers of adjacent molecules or adjacent chains (layers) are large. In the Mn complexes, these distances are larger than 4.5 Å; the shortest distances ( $\text{Cu}\dots\text{O}_{\text{NO}}$ ) are observed in the structure of **9** (2.730(3) and 2.745(3) Å). Consequently, main exchange interactions between unpaired electrons should exist inside heterospin molecules or heterospin chains (layers).

The investigation of the magnetic properties of  $\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2 \cdot 2\text{C}_7\text{H}_8$  showed that in the solid phase there is a strong antiferromagnetic exchange coupling between the unpaired electrons of the  $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}$  ions inside the dinuclear matrix (Fig. 10). This coupling causes a rapid decrease in  $\mu_{\text{eff}}$  with a decrease in the temperature. Based on the estimation of the exchange coupling parameters with the use of the exchange-coupled pair model  $\chi = 2\text{Ng}^2\beta^2 / (kT[3 + \exp(-2J/kT)])$ ,<sup>20</sup> the optimum  $g$  factor and  $J/k$  are 2.08 and –385 K, respectively. It should be noted that there are indirect exchange interactions in the dinuclear matrices through the  $\text{Cu}-\text{O}-\text{Cu}$  channels with the involvement of the bridging O atom (the direct exchange between the unpaired electrons of paramagnetic centers occurs only if the O atoms of nitroxide groups are coordinated to  $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}$  or  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$  ions).

For complex **11**, the magnetic moment  $\mu_{\text{eff}}$  gradually decreases with a decrease in the temperature from 2.08  $\mu_{\text{B}}$  at 300 K to 1.77  $\mu_{\text{B}}$  at 200 K, after which it remains virtually unchanged down to 15 K (see Fig. 10). The magnetic moment  $\mu_{\text{eff}}$  on the plateau is 1.77  $\mu_{\text{B}}$  and it is in good agreement with the theoretical value (1.73  $\mu_{\text{B}}$ ) for one paramagnetic center with the spin  $S = 1/2$  and  $g = 2$ , which corresponds to the spin of the nitroxide. A decrease in  $\mu_{\text{eff}}$  in the initial region is indicative of the strong antiferromagnetic

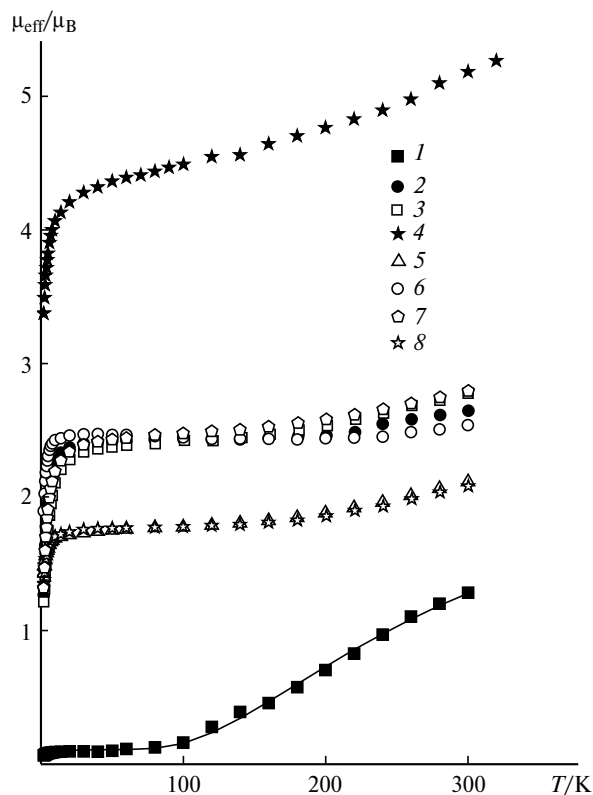


Fig. 10. Temperature dependences of the effective magnetic moment ( $\mu_{\text{eff}}$ ) for the  $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}$  complexes: **1** (1), **2** ( $\text{C}_7\text{H}_8 \cdot \text{Me}_2\text{CO}$  (2), **3** ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (3), **4** ( $3\text{C}_7\text{H}_8$  (4), **6** (5), **8** (6), **10** (7), and **11** (8). The points correspond to the experimental data, and the calculated data are indicated by the solid line.

exchange coupling between the unpaired electrons of the  $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}$  ions; the exchange parameter can be estimated as  $|J/k| > 500$  K, which is substantially larger than that in the starting dinuclear matrix. The magnetic properties of complexes **6** and **11** are virtually identical (see Fig. 10).

Complexes **2** ( $\text{Me}_2\text{CO} \cdot \text{C}_7\text{H}_8$ ), **3** ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ), **10**, and **8** are characterized by similar plots  $\mu_{\text{eff}}(T)$  (see Fig. 10). The magnetic moment  $\mu_{\text{eff}}$  gradually decreases with a decrease in the temperature and reaches a plateau  $\mu_{\text{eff}} = 2.46 \mu_{\text{B}}$  at ~200 K, which is in good agreement with the theoretical spin-only value (2.45  $\mu_{\text{B}}$ ) for two non-interacting spins  $S = 1/2$  with  $g = 2$ . Therefore, the unpaired electrons of the nitroxide centers make the major contribution to the magnetic susceptibility of the solid phases under consideration. The antiferromagnetic exchange coupling between the unpaired electrons of the  $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}$  ions in these complexes is large ( $|J/k| > 500$  K).

The temperature dependence of  $\mu_{\text{eff}}$  for complex **4** with the diradical has the same character (see Fig. 10) as that observed for the other complexes based on the matrix  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2]$ . The magnetic moment  $\mu_{\text{eff}}$  gradually decreases with a decrease in the temperature and approaches  $\mu_{\text{eff}} \approx 4.4 \mu_{\text{B}}$ . This value is in good agreement with the

theoretical spin-only value of  $4.24 \mu_B$  (at  $g = 2$ ), which was obtained by the summation of the contributions of six noninteracting electrons of three diradicals.

Therefore, the strong antiferromagnetic coupling between the unpaired electrons of the  $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}$  ions in  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2]$  is not only retained but is even increased upon the coordination of nitroxides. As a result, the spins of the  $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}$  ions in the matrices are almost completely paired, and only the unpaired electrons of NIT—R make the major contribution to the magnetic susceptibility.

In  $[\text{Mn}_2\text{L}_2]$ , the antiferromagnetic coupling predominates at temperatures below 100 K (Fig. 11). The calculations in terms of the dimer model for paramagnetic centers with the spin  $5/2$  confirmed this fact. The exchange coupling parameter ( $J/k$ ) and the  $g$  factor are  $-1.86$  K and  $1.96$ , respectively.

For complex **12**, the magnetic moment  $\mu_{\text{eff}}$  gradually decreases with a decrease in the temperature, reaches a small plateau of  $\sim 5.54 \mu_B$  at 100 K, and then again decreases (Fig. 11). This character of the plot  $\mu_{\text{eff}}(T)$  can be interpreted by assuming a strong antiferromagnetic exchange coupling between the unpaired electrons of the  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$  ions and the coordinated nitroxide groups. In this case, the value of  $5.54 \mu_B$  is in good agreement with the theoretical value of  $5.48 \mu_B$ , which corresponds to the paramagnetic system consisting of two weakly interacting paramagnetic centers with spins  $S = 3/2$ . In molecules **12**, these centers appear due to the compensation of the spins of two unpaired electrons of each high-spin  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$  ion by the spins of two coordinated NIT—H ligands.

For complexes **14** and **15**, the temperature dependences of  $\mu_{\text{eff}}$  are virtually identical. The magnetic moments  $\mu_{\text{eff}}$  gradually increase from 8.39 and  $8.53 \mu_B$ , respectively (300 K), with a decrease in the temperature, reach a maximum of  $11.12 \mu_B$  (80 K) and  $11.12 \mu_B$  (100 K), and then

decrease (see Fig. 11). An increase in  $\mu_{\text{eff}}$  in the initial step indicates that the ferromagnetic exchange between the unpaired electrons of NIT—R and  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$  ions predominate. A decrease in  $\mu_{\text{eff}}$  after the achievement of the maximum can be attributed to the antiferromagnetic exchange coupling in the dinuclear matrix.

For complex **16**, the dependence  $\mu_{\text{eff}}(T)$  is in good agreement with the structural data. The magnetic moment  $\mu_{\text{eff}}$  slowly decreases with a decrease in the temperature from  $7.72 \mu_B$  at 300 K to  $7.01 \mu_B$  at 80 K and then strongly decreases (see Fig. 11). In the temperature range of 200—100 K, the magnetic moments  $\mu_{\text{eff}}$  are close to  $7.39 \mu_B$ , which corresponds to the contribution of four weakly interacting centers to the magnetic susceptibility; two of these centers have  $S = 4/2$  and the other two centers have  $S = 1/2$  (at  $g = 2$ ). This indicates that there is the strong antiferromagnetic exchange coupling between the spins of  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$  and coordinated nitroxides in complex **16**. The antiferromagnetic coupling between the spins of the hydrogen-bonded  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$  ions and NIT—*m*-CNC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub> is substantially weaker and is observed at temperatures below 100 K.

The results of magnetic measurements for the dinuclear  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$  complexes with nitroxides lead to the conclusion that the strongest exchange coupling exists between the unpaired electrons of the metal ions and the coordinated NIT—R ligands. It is important that not only antiferromagnetic exchange but also ferromagnetic exchange coupling (as in complexes **14** and **15**) can exist.

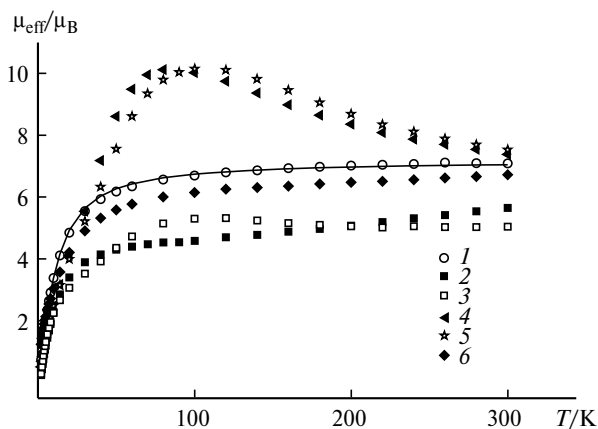
Therefore, we synthesized and structurally characterized dinuclear heterospin  $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}$  and  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$  1,1,1,7,7,7-hexafluoroheptane-2,4,6-trione complexes with nitroxides. Heterospin complexes of both  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2]$  and  $[\text{Mn}_2\text{L}_2]$  with the direct coordination of nitroxide groups were isolated, *i.e.*, heterospin magnetic clusters with high-energy exchange interactions were synthesized. Consequently, these compounds are promising in the molecular design of magnets. The following magnetochemical features of the compounds should be taken into account. In the  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2]$  molecules, the antiferromagnetic exchange coupling predominates in the temperature range of 2—300 K, whereas this type of coupling in the  $[\text{Mn}_2\text{L}_2]$  matrix becomes significant only at temperatures below 100 K. The magnetic properties of the heterospin complexes of  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2]$  with NIT—R are also determined by the intramatrix antiferromagnetic exchange; in the complexes of  $[\text{Mn}_2\text{L}_2]$  with NIT—R, the coordination mode of nitroxides is a decisive factor.

## Experimental

1,1,1,7,7,7-Hexafluoroheptane-2,4,6-trione monohydrate was synthesized by the modified Claisen condensation.<sup>21</sup>

### Synthesis of dinuclear matrices $[\text{M}_2\text{L}_2]$

Bis( $\mu_2$ -1,1,1,7,7,7-hexafluoroheptane-2,4,6-trionato)dicopper(II) monohydrate,  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ . A solution of 1,3,5-triketone



**Fig. 11.** Temperature dependences of the effective magnetic moment  $\mu_{\text{eff}}$  for the  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$  complexes:  $[\text{Mn}_2\text{L}_2] \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (**1**), **12** (**2**), **13** (**3**), **14** (**4**), **15** (**5**), and **16** (**6**). The points correspond to the experimental data, and the calculated data are indicated by the solid line.

monohydrate (8.04 g, 30 mmol) in water (30 mL) was added to a solution of  $\text{Cu}_2(\text{CH}_3\text{COO})_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (10 g, 25 mmol) in water (100 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h and kept for 16 h. The precipitate was filtered off, repeatedly washed with water, dried on the filter, washed with boiling chloroform (3×20 mL), and twice sublimed. The dark-green crystals that formed were dried in air to a constant weight. The yield was 7.02 g (73%). Found (%): C, 26.1; H 1.1; F, 35.4.  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_6\text{O}_7\text{F}_{12}\text{Cu}_2$ . Calculated (%): C, 26.2; H, 0.9; F, 35.6.

**Bis( $\mu_2$ -1,1,1,7,7,7-hexafluoroheptane-2,4,6-trionato)dimanganese(II) tetrahydrate,  $[\text{Mn}_2\text{L}_2] \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .** A solution of 1,3,5-triketone hydrate (5.36 g, 20 mmol) and  $\text{CH}_3\text{COONa} \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (5.50 g, 40.4 mmol) in water (30 mL) was slowly added with vigorous stirring to a solution of  $\text{MnCl}_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (5.94 g, 30 mmol) in water (30 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for 4 h and kept for 16 h. The precipitate was filtered off, repeatedly washed with water, dried on the filter, washed with boiling chloroform (3×20 mL), and twice reprecipitated from methanol. The cream-colored powder was dissolved in diethyl ether (10 mL). Then toluene (20 mL) was added, and diethyl ether was slowly evaporated at room temperature. The crystals that formed were filtered off, repeatedly recrystallized, dried *in vacuo*, and then dried in air to a constant weight for two days. The yield was 3.78 g (56%). Found (%): C, 24.6; H, 1.7; F, 33.6.  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_{10}\text{F}_{12}\text{Mn}_2$ . Calculated (%): C, 24.9; H, 1.5; F, 33.7.

#### Synthesis of heterospin complexes

**catena- $\{(\mu_2$ -2,4,4,5,5-Pentamethyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazole-3-oxide-1-oxyl) $\}[\text{bis}(\mu_2$ -1,1,1,7,7,7-hexafluoroheptane-2,4,6-trionato)dicopper(II)],  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2(\text{NIT}-\text{Me})]$  (11).** A mixture of  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.0500 g, 0.08 mmol) and  $\text{NIT}-\text{Me}$  (0.0134 g, 0.08 mmol) was dissolved in diethyl ether (2 mL) and filtered. Then toluene (3 mL) was added, and the reaction mixture was kept in an open flask in a refrigerator overnight. The dark-red crystals that formed were filtered off, washed with cold toluene, and dried in air. The yield was 42%. Found (%): C, 33.3; H, 2.0; N, 3.7; F, 28.2.  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_8\text{F}_{12}\text{Cu}_2$ . Calculated (%): C, 33.3; H, 2.4; N, 3.5; F, 28.7.

**Bis[2,4,4,5,5-pentamethyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazole-3-oxide-1-oxyl] $\}[\text{bis}(\mu_2$ -1,1,1,7,7,7-hexafluoroheptane-2,4,6-trionato)dicopper(II)],  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2(\text{NIT}-\text{Me})_2]$  (10).** A mixture of  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.0500 g, 0.08 mmol) and  $\text{NIT}-\text{Me}$  (0.0267 g, 0.16 mmol) was dissolved in diethyl ether (5 mL) and filtered. Then hexane (3 mL) was added, and the reaction mixture was kept in an open flask in a refrigerator overnight. The dark-red crystalline intergrowths that formed were filtered off, washed with cold hexane, and dried in air. The yield was 56%. Found (%): C, 37.2; H, 3.8; N, 6.1; F, 23.6.  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{34}\text{N}_4\text{O}_{10}\text{F}_{12}\text{Cu}_2$ . Calculated (%): C, 37.3; H, 3.6; N, 5.8; F, 23.6.

**Bis[1-methyl-4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-3-oxide-1-oxyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-1H-pyrazole] $\}[\text{bis}(\mu_2$ -1,1,1,7,7,7-hexafluoroheptane-2,4,6-trionato)dicopper(II) acetone toluene solvate,  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2(\text{NIT}-\text{PzMe})_2] \cdot \text{Me}_2\text{CO} \cdot \text{C}_7\text{H}_8$  (2· $\text{Me}_2\text{CO} \cdot \text{C}_7\text{H}_8$ ).** A mixture of  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.0500 g, 0.08 mmol) and  $\text{NIT}-\text{PzMe}$  (0.0370 g, 0.16 mmol) was dissolved in acetone (2 mL). Then toluene (5 mL) was slowly added, and the reaction mixture was kept in an open flask for one day. The black octahedral crystals that formed were filtered off, washed with cold toluene, and dried in air. The yield was 62%. Calculated for the desolvated compound (%): C, 39.4; H, 3.5; N, 10.2; F, 20.8.

Found (%): C, 39.8; H, 3.8; N, 10.1; F, 20.2.  $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{38}\text{N}_8\text{O}_{10}\text{F}_{12}\text{Cu}_2$ . The synthesis in an acetone–hexane mixture afforded  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2(\text{NIT}-\text{PzMe})_2]$  (2) as the solid product in ~90% yield.

**$\{\mu_2$ -1,4-bis[4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-3-oxide-1-oxyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazol-2-yl)pyrazol-1-yl]butane-*N,N'*}]bis[1,4-bis[4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-3-oxide-1-oxyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazol-2-yl)pyrazol-1-yl]butane-*N*}]bis[bis( $\mu_2$ -1,1,1,7,7,7-hexafluoroheptane-2,4,6-trionato)dicopper(II)] tritoluene solvate,  $\{[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2]_2(\text{NIT}-\text{Pz}-(\text{CH}_2)_4-\text{Pz}-\text{NIT})_3\} \cdot 3\text{C}_7\text{H}_8$  (4·3 $\text{C}_7\text{H}_8$ ).** A mixture of  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.0500 g, 0.08 mmol) and  $\text{NIT}-\text{Pz}-(\text{CH}_2)_4-\text{Pz}-\text{NIT}$  (0.0585 g, 0.12 mmol) was dissolved in acetone (2 mL). Then toluene (4 mL) was added, and the reaction mixture was kept in an open flask in a refrigerator for 2 days. The dark-blue crystals that formed were filtered off, washed with cold toluene, and dried in air for 1 min. The yield was 30%. Found (%): C, 44.1; H, 4.6; N, 12.6; F, 16.6.  $\text{C}_{100}\text{H}_{116}\text{N}_{24}\text{O}_{24}\text{F}_{24}\text{Cu}_4$ . Calculated for the desolvated compound (%): C, 43.7; H, 4.3; N, 12.2; F, 16.6.

The recrystallization of the complex from ethanol afforded  $\{\mu_2$ -1,4-bis[4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-3-oxide-1-oxyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazol-2-yl)pyrazol-1-yl]butane-*N,N'*}]bis[1,4-bis[4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-3-oxide-1-oxyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazol-2-yl)pyrazol-1-yl]butane-*N*}]bis[bis( $\mu_2$ -1,1,1,7,7,7-hexafluoroheptane-2,4,6-trionato)dicopper(II)]bis( $\mu_2$ -1,1,1,7,7,7-hexafluoroheptane-2,4,6-trionato)tetraethanoldicopper(II) toluene solvate,  $\{[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2]_2(\text{NIT}-\text{Pz}-(\text{CH}_2)_4-\text{Pz}-\text{NIT})_3\}[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2(\text{EtOH})_4] \cdot \text{C}_7\text{H}_8$  (5· $\text{C}_7\text{H}_8$ ).

**Bis[3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-3-oxide-1-oxyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazole-2-yl)-pyridine] $\}[\text{bis}(\mu_2$ -1,1,1,7,7,7-hexafluoroheptane-2,4,6-trionato)dicopper(II) dichloromethane solvate,  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2(\text{NIT}-m\text{-C}_5\text{H}_4\text{N})_2] \cdot \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (3· $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).** A mixture of  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.0500 g, 0.08 mmol) and  $\text{NIT}-m\text{-C}_5\text{H}_4\text{N}$  (0.0365 g, 0.16 mmol) was dissolved in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (2 mL). Then heptane (2 mL) was added, and the reaction mixture was kept in an open flask for 7 h. Large dark-blue crystals that formed were filtered off, washed with a cold  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ –heptane mixture (1 : 1), and dried in air for 1 min. The yield was 71%. Found (%): C, 41.3; H, 3.3; N, 7.8; F, 20.3.  $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{36}\text{N}_6\text{O}_{10}\text{F}_{12}\text{Cu}_2$ . Calculated for the desolvated compound (%): C, 41.8; H, 3.3; N, 7.7; F, 20.9.

**catena- $\{\mu_2$ -2-(4-Cyanophenyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazole-3-oxide-1-oxyl-*N,O*}]bis( $\mu_2$ -1,1,1,7,7,7-hexafluoroheptane-2,4,6-trionato)dicopper(II)],  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2(\text{NIT}-p\text{-NCC}_6\text{H}_4)]$  (6).** A mixture of  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.0500 g, 0.08 mmol) and  $\text{NIT}-p\text{-NCC}_6\text{H}_4$  (0.0183 g, 0.08 mmol) was dissolved in diethyl ether (5 mL) and filtered. Then hexane (3 mL) was added, and the reaction mixture was kept in an open flask in a refrigerator overnight. The crystalline dark-blue intergrowths that formed were filtered off, washed with cold hexane, and dried in air. The yield was 60%. Found (%): C, 38.5; H, 2.6; N, 5.1; F, 25.3.  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_3\text{O}_8\text{F}_{12}\text{Cu}_2$ . Calculated (%): C, 38.2; H, 2.3; N, 4.8; F, 25.9. The recrystallization of the complex from ethanol afforded bis[2-(4-cyanophenyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazole-3-oxide-1-oxyl-*O*}]bis( $\mu_2$ -1,1,1,7,7,7-hexafluoroheptane-2,4,6-trionato)diethanoldicopper(II),  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2(\text{NIT}-p\text{-NCC}_6\text{H}_4)_2](\text{EtOH})_2$  (7).

**Bis[2-(3-cyanophenyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazole-3-oxide-1-oxyl-*O*}]bis( $\mu_2$ -1,1,1,7,7,7-hexafluoroheptane-2,4,6-trionato)dicopper(II)],  $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2(\text{NIT}-m\text{-NCC}_6\text{H}_4)_2]$  (8)** was synthesized analogously. Dark-blue crystals formed. The yield was 50%. Found (%): C, 44.8; H, 2.6; N, 7.6; F, 20.2.  $\text{C}_{42}\text{H}_{36}\text{N}_6\text{O}_{10}\text{F}_{12}\text{Cu}_2$ . Calculated (%): C, 44.3; H, 3.2; N, 7.4; F, 20.0.

**2-[(3-Cyanophenyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazole-3-oxide-1-oxyl]bis( $\mu_2$ -1,1,1,7,7,7-hexafluoroheptane-2,4,6-trionato)diethanoldicopper(II), [Cu<sub>2</sub>L<sub>2</sub>(EtOH)<sub>2</sub>] · NIT-*m*-NCC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub> (9).** A mixture of [Cu<sub>2</sub>L<sub>2</sub>] · H<sub>2</sub>O (0.0500 g, 0.08 mmol) and NIT-*m*-NCC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub> (0.0183 g, 0.08 mmol) was dissolved in ethanol (5 mL) and kept in an open flask for one day. The dark-blue crystals that formed were filtered off, washed with cold ethanol, and dried in air. The yield was 40%. Found (%): C, 38.4; H, 4.3; N, 4.6; F, 24.6. C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>10</sub>F<sub>12</sub>Cu<sub>2</sub>. Calculated (%): C, 37.9; H, 3.4; N, 4.4; F, 24.0.

**Tetrakis[4,4,5,5-pentamethyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazole-3-oxide-1-oxyl]bis( $\mu_2$ -1,1,1,7,7,7-hexafluoroheptane-2,4,6-trionato)dimanganese(II), [Mn<sub>2</sub>L<sub>2</sub>(NIT-H)<sub>4</sub>] (12).** A solution of NIT-H (0.0464 g, 0.3 mmol) in diethyl ether (3 mL) was added to a solution of [Mn<sub>2</sub>L<sub>2</sub>] · 4H<sub>2</sub>O (0.0500 g, 0.07 mmol) in diethyl ether (2 mL). Dark-red crystals immediately formed. The crystals were filtered off, washed with cold diethyl ether, and dried in air. The yield was 53%. Found (%): C, 41.1; H, 4.7; N, 9.3; F, 19.0. C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>56</sub>N<sub>8</sub>O<sub>14</sub>F<sub>12</sub>Mn<sub>2</sub>. Calculated (%): C, 40.8; H, 4.6; N, 9.1; F, 18.5.

**Tetrakis[2,4,4,5,5-pentamethyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazole-3-oxide-1-oxyl]bis( $\mu_2$ -1,1,1,7,7,7-hexafluoroheptane-2,4,6-trionato)dimanganese(II), [Mn<sub>2</sub>L<sub>2</sub>(NIT-Me)<sub>4</sub>] (13)** was synthesized analogously. Dark-red fiber-like crystals were obtained. The yield was 61%. Found (%): C, 43.0; H, 5.4; N, 8.8; F, 18.1. C<sub>46</sub>H<sub>64</sub>N<sub>8</sub>O<sub>14</sub>F<sub>12</sub>Mn<sub>2</sub>. Calculated (%): C, 42.8; H, 5.0; N, 8.7; F, 17.7. Crystals of [Mn<sub>2</sub>L<sub>2</sub>(NIT-Me)<sub>4</sub>] · EtOH suitable for X-ray diffraction were grown by recrystallization of the complex from ethanol.

**catena-{Bis( $\mu_2$ -2,4,4,5,5-pentamethyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazole-3-oxide-1-oxyl)bis( $\mu_2$ -1,1,1,7,7,7-hexafluoroheptane-2,4,6-trionato)dimanganese(II)}, [Mn<sub>2</sub>L<sub>2</sub>(NIT-Me)<sub>2</sub>] (14).** A solution

of NIT-Me (0.0252 g, 0.15 mmol) in diethyl ether (3 mL) was added to a solution of [Mn<sub>2</sub>L<sub>2</sub>] · 4H<sub>2</sub>O (0.0500 g, 0.07 mmol) in diethyl ether (2 mL). After 3 h, the dark-red crystals that formed were filtered off, washed with cold diethyl ether, and dried in air. The yield was 39%. Found (%): C, 38.8; H, 3.8; N, 6.0; F, 24.4. C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>10</sub>F<sub>12</sub>Mn<sub>2</sub>. Calculated (%): C, 38.0; H, 3.6; N, 5.9; F, 24.0.

**catena-{Bis( $\mu_2$ -2-ethyl-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazole-3-oxide-1-oxyl)bis( $\mu_2$ -1,1,1,7,7,7-hexafluoroheptane-2,4,6-trionato)dimanganese(II)}, [Mn<sub>2</sub>L<sub>2</sub>(NIT-Et)<sub>2</sub>] (15).** A mixture of [Mn<sub>2</sub>L<sub>2</sub>] · 4H<sub>2</sub>O (0.0500 g, 0.07 mmol) and NIT-Et (0.0273 g, 0.15 mmol) was dissolved in diethyl ether (3 mL) and filtered. Then hexane (2 mL) was added, and the reaction mixture was kept in an open flask in a refrigerator for 4 h. The dark-red crystals that formed were filtered off, washed with a cold diethyl ether-hexane mixture (1 : 1), and dried in air. The yield was 73%. Found (%): C, 39.5; H, 3.9; N, 5.8; F, 24.2. C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>38</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>10</sub>F<sub>12</sub>Mn<sub>2</sub>. Calculated (%): C, 39.4; H, 3.9; N, 5.7; F, 23.4.

**Bis[2-(3-cyanophenyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazole-3-oxide-1-oxyl]bis[2-(3-cyanophenyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazole-3-oxide-1-oxyl-O]bis( $\mu_2$ -1,1,1,7,7,7-hexafluoroheptane-2,4,6-trionato)diaquadimanganese(II), [Mn<sub>2</sub>L<sub>2</sub>(NIT-*m*-NCC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>] · 2NIT-*m*-NCC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub> (16).** A solution of NIT-*m*-NCC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub> (0.0762 g, 0.30 mmol) in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> (2 mL) was added to a solution of [Mn<sub>2</sub>L<sub>2</sub>] · 4H<sub>2</sub>O (0.0500 g, 0.07 mmol) in diethyl ether (2 mL). After 5 h, the crystals that formed were filtered off, washed with cold diethyl ether, and dried in air. The yield was 62%. Found (%): C, 50.5; H, 4.3; N, 10.2; F, 13.2. C<sub>70</sub>H<sub>72</sub>N<sub>12</sub>O<sub>16</sub>F<sub>12</sub>Mn<sub>2</sub>. Calculated (%): C, 50.2; H, 4.3; N, 10.0; F, 13.6.

**Table 2.** Crystallographic parameters and the X-ray diffraction data collection and refinement statistics for compounds 1–5

Parameter	1	2	2 · Me <sub>2</sub> CO · C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	3 · CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	4 · 3C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	5 · C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>8</sub>
Molecular weight	807.52	1097.82	1248.04	1176.74	1512.37	3647.98
<i>T</i> /K	293	298	298(2)	293	293	293
Space group	<i>C2/m</i>	<i>Pnna</i>	<i>Pnna</i>	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$
<i>a</i> /Å	19.568(8)	12.657(1)	12.764(4)	8.910(3)	14.063(3)	14.375(3)
<i>b</i> /Å	18.917(8)	18.929(2)	18.449(5)	10.734(4)	14.544(3)	14.426(2)
<i>c</i> /Å	9.658(4)	22.604(3)	23.236(7)	13.062(5)	18.451(4)	20.251(4)
$\alpha$ /deg	—	—	—	76.294(6)	112.03(3)	80.443(5)
$\beta$ /deg	115.661(6)	—	—	84.144(6)	94.15(3)	80.302(5)
$\gamma$ /deg	—	—	—	76.863(6)	102.99(3)	76.583(8)
<i>V</i> /Å <sup>3</sup>	3223(2)	5415.9(11)	5472(3)	1180.3(7)	3357(1)	3991.1(13)
<i>Z</i>	4	4	4	2	2	1
<i>d</i> <sub>calc</sub> /g cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.664	1.346	1.515	1.655	1.496	1.518
$\mu$ /mm <sup>-1</sup>	1.428	0.879	0.881	1.122	0.735	0.904
$\theta$ -Scan range/deg	1.58–23.28	1.80–23.33	1.82–23.33	2.27–26.47	1.76–23.64	1.90–26.41
<i>I</i> <sub>hkl</sub> measured/independent	11997/2375	39118/3912	40007/3967	8005/4800	25413/9784	27968/15554
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>	0.0397	0.0913	0.0712	0.0731	0.0632	0.0504
Refined parameters	286	353	405	352	967	1047
GOOF	1.021	1.054	0.998	0.913	0.681	0.971
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub>	0.0365	0.0661	0.0483	0.0578	0.0646	0.0618
<i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> based on reflections	0.0987	0.1887	0.1073	0.1603	0.1078	0.1308
with <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )						
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub>	0.0489	0.1024	0.0747	0.0861	0.3155	0.1414
<i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> (based on all data)	0.1067	0.2056	0.1271	0.2251	0.1651	0.1628

**Table 3.** Crystallographic parameters and the X-ray diffraction data collection and refinement statistics for compounds **6–11**

Parameter	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
Molecular weight	881.55	1231.98	1139.84	723.69	965.69	794.47
<i>T</i> /K	298	150	293	293	293	298
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>n</i>	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>n</i>	<i>C</i> 2/ <i>c</i>
<i>a</i> /Å	11.4981(14)	9.9992(3)	8.1770(16)	10.406(2)	7.1353(17)	20.454(4)
<i>b</i> /Å	15.7557(19)	12.8045(3)	10.833(2)	11.555(2)	28.032(8)	8.1842(15)
<i>c</i> /Å	18.504(2)	21.8111(7)	14.442(3)	16.890(4)	10.192(3)	18.934(3)
$\alpha$ /deg	—	100.285(1)	105.96(3)	88.690(4)	—	—
$\beta$ /deg	97.751(2)	92.764(1)	104.60(3)	80.492(4)	96.789(4)	109.939(2)
$\gamma$ /deg	—	110.054(1)	90.49(3)	78.645(3)	—	—
<i>V</i> /Å <sup>3</sup>	3321.5(7)	2562.9(1)	1186.1(4)	1963.7(7)	2024.2(9)	2979.5(9)
<i>Z</i>	4	2	1	2	2	4
<i>d</i> <sub>calc</sub> /g cm <sup>−3</sup>	1.763	1.596	1.596	1.647	1.584	1.771
$\mu$ /mm <sup>−1</sup>	1.401	0.94	1.005	1.197	1.161	1.55
$\theta$ -Scan range/deg	1.97–23.33	1.79–26.37	1.96–23.41	2.02–23.38	2.14–23.27	2.12–23.31
<i>I</i> <sub>hkl</sub> measured/independent	25303/4802	18713/10266	8974/3434	15305/5660	5241/2837	10942/2143
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>	0.1124	0.0158	0.0881	0.0807	0.0538	0.0642
Refined parameters	478	759	325	613	316	209
GOOF	0.965	1.002	1.009	0.923	0.952	1.09
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub>	0.049	0.0356	0.0595	0.0456	0.0476	0.0385
<i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> no <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )	0.1292	0.1037	0.1401	0.0937	0.1011	0.1132
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub>	0.066	0.432	0.081	0.0672	0.0679	0.0442
<i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> (based on all data)	0.1232	0.1085	0.1507	0.1005	0.1084	0.1173

**X-ray diffraction study.** Single-crystal X-ray diffraction data sets were collected on a Bruker AXS SMART APEX CCD diffractometer (Mo-K $\alpha$ ,  $\lambda$  = 0.71073 Å, graphite monochromator, absorption corrections were applied using the Bruker SADABS

software, version 2.10). The structures were solved by direct methods and refined by the full-matrix least-squares method with anisotropic displacement parameters for all nonhydrogen atoms. Some H atoms were located in difference electron densi-

**Table 4.** Crystallographic parameters and the X-ray diffraction data collection and refinement statistics for compounds **12–16**

Parameter	<b>12</b>	<b>13 • EtOH</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14a</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
Molecular weight	1234.83	1337.00	948.50	948.50	976.54	1675.28
<i>T</i> /K	218	295	200	295	240	240
Space group	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	<i>I</i> 4 <sub>1</sub> / <i>acd</i>	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i>	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$
<i>a</i> /Å	10.584(5)	25.2059(14)	11.174(2)	11.378(2)	11.193(3)	11.678(3)
<i>b</i> /Å	11.401(6)	—	13.349(2)	13.361(2)	14.738(4)	13.189(3)
<i>c</i> /Å	11.422(6)	41.931(6)	14.091(2)	14.260(2)	13.136(4)	14.105(3)
$\alpha$ /deg	80.763(12)	—	93.023(3)	93.102(3)	—	92.942(3)
$\beta$ /deg	85.906(10)	—	90.480(3)	90.353(3)	108.471(5)	103.654(3)
$\gamma$ /deg	79.919(10)	—	110.372(2)	110.378(2)	—	115.014(3)
<i>V</i> /Å <sup>3</sup>	1338.1(11)	26640(4)	1966.8(6)	2028.4(5)	2055.4(10)	1884.5(7)
<i>Z</i>	1	16	2	2	4	1
<i>d</i> <sub>calc</sub> /g cm <sup>−3</sup>	1.532	1.333	1.602	1.553	1.578	1.476
$\mu$ /mm <sup>−1</sup>	0.582	0.474	0.755	0.732	0.725	0.438
$\theta$ -Scan range/deg	1.81–26.59	1.87–25.69	1.94–26.48	1.43–26.47	1.92–26.43	1.73–26.45
<i>I</i> <sub>hkl</sub> measured/independent	11883/5493	87029/6332	19936/8044	20519/8291	13176/4194	18901/7704
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>	0.1526	0.1124	0.0806	0.0800	0.0799	0.0816
Refined parameters	352	435	604	604	271	511
GOOF	1.041	1.032	0.947	0.848	0.942	1.026
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub>	0.0981	0.0501	0.0524	0.0510	0.0541	0.0554
<i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> based on reflections with <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )	0.1472	0.1261	0.0957	0.0915	0.1308	0.1444
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub>	0.1969	0.1246	0.0826	0.0938	0.0777	0.0703
<i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> (based on all data)	0.1825	0.1699	0.1046	0.1022	0.1405	0.1560

ty maps, and the other hydrogen atoms were positioned geometrically. The H atoms were refined isotropically using the rigid-group approximation. All calculations associated with the structure solution and refinement were carried out with the use of the Bruker SHELXTL software (Version 6.14). Selected bond lengths and bond angles are listed in Table 1. Crystallographic parameters and the X-ray diffraction data collection and refinement statistics are given in Tables 2–4.

**Microanalysis of the compounds** was carried out on a Carlo Erba 1106 analyzer in the N. N. Vorozhtsov Novosibirsk Institute of Organic Chemistry of the Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

**Magnetic properties** of the complexes were measured on a SQUID magnetometer in the temperature range of 5–300 K and a magnetic field of 5 kOe. The paramagnetic terms of the magnetic susceptibility  $\chi$  were evaluated taking into account the diamagnetic contribution, which was estimated from the Pascal constants. The effective magnetic moment was calculated by the equation

$$\mu_{\text{eff}} = \left( \frac{3k}{N_A \beta^2} \cdot \chi T \right)^{1/2} \approx (8\chi T)^{1/2},$$

where  $N_A$  is Avogadro's number,  $\beta$  is the Bohr magneton, and  $k$  is the Boltzmann constant. The correction for the temperature-independent paramagnetism was not applied.

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