## Metal Exchange within a Body-Centred Hydrogen-Bonded Network

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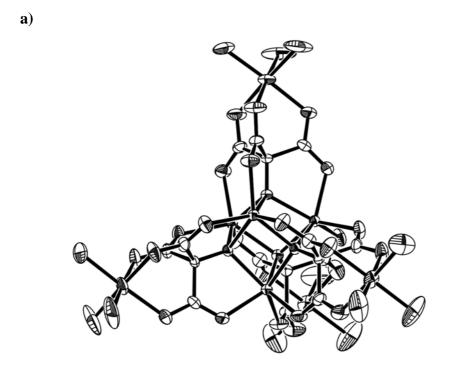
## **Supplementary Material**

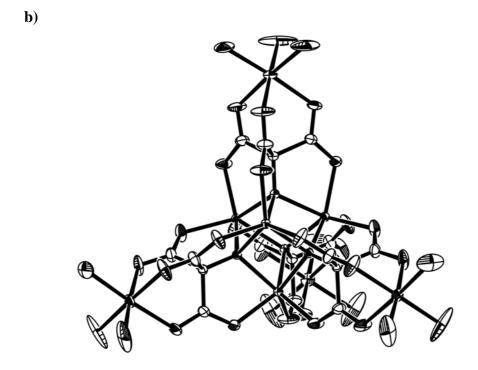
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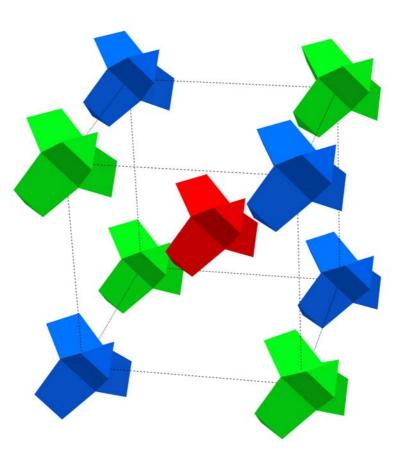
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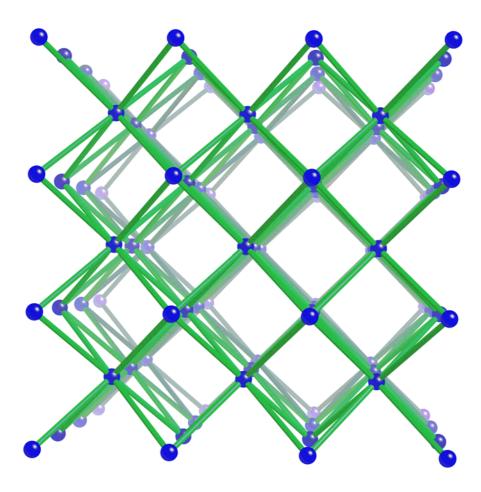




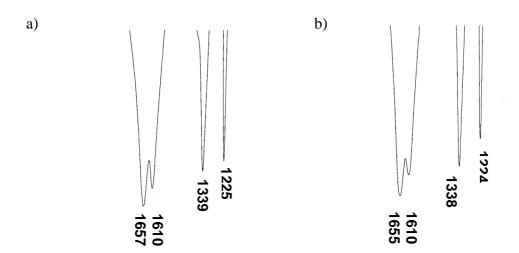
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**Figure S2**. Schematic representation of the unit cell for  $M_8(C_4O_7)_4(H_2O)_{12}$  hydrate. Each tetrahedral unit represents a  $M_8(C_4O_7)_4(H_2O)_{12}$  unit. The central red unit acts as a hydrogen-bond donor to the four blue units. The four green units each act as a hydrogen bond donor toward the red unit. Each connection between a pair of units involves a triple hydrogen bond and thus the central unit participates in 24 equivalent hydrogen bonds.



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