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SYNTHESIS AND STRUCTURAL CHARACTERISTICS OF BIS(CITRATE)GERMANATES(IV) $(Hbipy)_2[Ge(HCit)_2]\cdot 2H_2$ AND $[CuCl(bipy)_2]_2[Ge(HCit)_2]\cdot 8H_2O$

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Abstract. The crystalline compounds $(Hbipy)_2[Ge(HCit)_2]\cdot 2H_2O$ (**1**) and $[CuCl(bipy)_2]_2[Ge(HCit)_2]\cdot 8H_2O$ (**2**) (where H_4Cit is citric acid, bipy is 2,2′-bipyridine) were obtained for the first time and their structures were determined by the single-crystal X-ray diffraction method. Compounds were characterized by IR spectroscopy, thermogravimetric (TGA) and elemental analyses. Both compounds are formed with complex bis(citrate)germanate anion and protonated 2,2'-bipyridine or $[Cu(bipy)_2Cl]^+$ as cations in compounds **1** and **2**, respectively.

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