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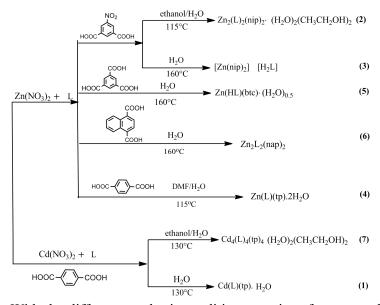
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Construction and Modulation of Structural Diversity in acylamide-MOFs

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ABSTRACT: A new N-donor ligand, N^1 , N^4 -di(pyridin-4-yl)naphthalene-1, 4-dicarboxamide (L) has been designed and applied to generate seven new acylamide-MOFs, namely, Cd(L)(tp)(1), $Cd(L)(tp)(H_2O).(H_2O)_3.(CH_3CH_2OH)_3(2), Zn(L)(nip)(3), [Zn(nip)_2][H_2L](4), Zn(HL)(btc).(H_2O)_{0.5}$ (5), Zn(L)(nap)(6), $Zn(L)(ip).(H_2O)_2.(CH_3CH_2OH)(7)$ (H₂tp=terephthalic acid, H₂nip= 5-nitroisophthalic acid. H₂nap=naphthalene-1,4-dicarboxylic acid. H₃btc=benzene-1,3,5tricarboxylic acid, H_2 ip=isophthalic acid). 1 presents a rare 4-connected sra framework with 8-fold interpenetration in the [4+4] manner. Similar reaction conditions except for different reaction temperature and solvent as employed in 1 produced compound 2, which shows a 2D net with two-fold interpenetration in the parallel fashion. Compound 3 and compound 4 are also synthesized with the same materials, but different solvent and reaction temperature, then 3 owns a 2D two-fold interpenetrating net in the parallel fashion and 4 is a 1D chain, but presents a 3D supramolecular net. In 5, the 2D layer constructed by the Zn ions and btc³⁻ ligands, and the L ligand single protonated acts as the ornamental, but playing a puncture role. 6 is a 3D layer-pillared framework with α -Po topology and three-fold interpenetration, where Zn ions combine with the nap²⁻ ligands to form the 2D layer, and the L ligands act as the pillars. 7 also presents a 2D net. Moreover, thermogravimetric and fluorescence of some compounds has been explored.

Introduction

Over the past few years, metal-organic frameworks (MOFs) or coordination polymers have received a wide range of attention in the field of crystal engineering, not only because of their enormous varieties of interesting structural topologies, but also due to their promising application as functionalized materials.¹⁻⁵ The growth and design of MOFs is highly influenced by factors such as the structural characteristics of the organic ligand, the coordination nature of the metal ion, the metal-ligand ratio, the reaction condition, and other possible influences, which provides a possible approach to control the assembly of metal-organic frameworks.⁶⁻¹⁰ For the organic ligands, we can design the coordination site or the conformation to construct the desire MOFs.¹¹ Theoretically, the

compounds containing a same ligand exist an infinite number, but in fact, we has not yet obtained so much.

On the other hand, it is sagacious that constructing desired MOF must, in principle, reply on the choice of proper organic ligands. At present, the acylamide ligands is extensively used to prepare topological and functional MOFs, mainly dependent on the unique coordination and supramolecule-directing function.¹²⁻¹³ As far as we know, the N¹,N⁴-di(pyridin-4-yl)naphthalene-1,4-dicarboxamide (L) ligand has never been applied to design MOFs until this work. Acting as a kind of naphthalene carboxamide, it is promising in medicine, optics.¹⁴⁻¹⁶ There are a lot of properties worth researching. Therefore, to design the MOFs containing the L ligand is highly significant. Herein, with L ligands, we obtained seven novel acylamide-MOFs, namely, Cd(L)(tp)(1), Cd(L)(tp)(H₂O).(H₂O)₃.(CH₃CH₂OH)₃(2), Zn(L)(nip)(3), [Zn(nip)₂][H₂L](4), Zn(HL) (btc).(H₂O)_{0.5}(5), Zn(L)(nap)(6), Zn(L)(ip).(H₂O)₂.(CH₃CH₂OH)(7), (H₂tp=terephthalic acid, H₂nip= 5-nitroisophthalic acid, H₂nap=naphthalene-1,4-dicarboxylic acid, H₃btc=benzene-1,3,5-tricarboxylic acid, H₂ip=isophthalic acid).

Experimental Section

Materials and Methods. The N¹,N⁴-di(pyridin-4-yl)naphthalene-1,4-dicarboxamide was prepared by the reported method.¹⁷ All other chemicals were obtained from commercial sources and used as received.

Physical Measurements. Thermogravimetric analyses (TGA) were carried out on METTLER TOLEDO TGA850 instrument in the temperature range of 25–400 °C under nitrogen atmosphere (flow rate of 50 mL min⁻¹) at a heating rate of 5 °C min⁻¹. Elemental analysis for C, H and N was performed on a Perkin-Elmer 240 analyzer. Steady-state photoluminescence spectra were measured on a SHIMADZU RF-5301PC spectro-Fluorophotometer.

Synthesis of Cd(L)(tp)(1) and Cd(L)(tp)(H₂O).(H₂O)₃.(CH₃CH₂OH)₃(2). Hydrothermal reaction was performed by using Cd(NO₃)₂.6H₂O (0.1 mmol), L (0.1mmol), and terephthalic acid (0.1 mmol) as raw materials , H₂O (8ml) as solvent under 130°C for 72 h, which produced colorless crystals of 1. The colourless crystals are obtained in the yield of 13%, based on Cd for 1. While ethanol (8ml) and H₂O (2ml) as solvent under 130 °C for 72 h, colorless crystals of 2 were obtained. The colourless crystals are obtained in the yield of 73%, based on Cd for 2. Element analysis (%) of 2: calcd: C 56.65, H 4.75, N 5.74; found: C 56.56, H 4.84, N 5.70.

Synthesis of Zn(L)(nip)(3), $[Zn(nip)_2][H_2L](4)$. Hydrothermal reaction was performed by using $Zn(NO_3)_2.6H_2O$ (0.1 mmol), L (0.1mmol), and 5-nitroisophthalic acid (0.2 mmol) as raw materials, H₂O (2ml) as solvent under 115 °C for 50 h, which produced colorless crystals of **3**. The colourless crystals are obtained in the yield of 17%, based on Zn for **3**. The same raw materials under 130°C

for 72 h produce colorless crystals of **4**. The colourless crystals are obtained in the yield of 77%, based on Zn for **4**. The phase purity of **4** is confirmed by both EA and XRD studies (Figure S1). Element analysis (%) of **4**: calcd: C 59.18, H 2.48, N 8.63; found: C 59.26, H 2.44, N 8.60.

Synthesis of $Zn(HL)(btc).(H_2O)_{0.5}(5)$. Hydrothermal reaction was performed by using $Zn(NO_3)_{2.}6H_2O$ (0.1 mmol), L (0.1mmol), and benzene-1,3,5-tricarboxylic acid (0.1 mmol) as raw materials , DMF(3ml), H₂O (1ml) as solvent under 115°C for 72 h, which produced colorless crystals of **5**. The colourless crystals are obtained in the yield of 75%, based on Zn for **5**. The phase purity of **5** is confirmed by both EA and XRD studies (Figure S2). Element analysis (%) of **5**: calcd: C 63.87, H 2.75, N 7.27; found: C 63.77, H 2.74, N 7.20.

Synthesis of [Zn(L)(nap)](6). Hydrothermal reaction was performed by using $Zn(NO_3)_2.6H_2O(0.1 \text{ mmol})$, L (0.1mmol), and naphthalene-1,4-dicarboxylic acid (0.1 mmol) as raw materials , H₂O (8ml) as solvent under 160°C for 72 h, which produced colorless crystals of **6**. The colourless crystals are obtained in the yield of 78%, based on Zn for **6**. The phase purity of **6** is confirmed by both EA and XRD studies (Figure S3). Element analysis (%) of **6**: calcd: C 68.80, H 2.89, N 7.29; found: C 68.76, H 2.94, N 7.37.

Synthesis of $[Zn(L)(ip)].(H_2O)_2.(CH_3CH_2OH)(7)$. Hydrothermal reaction was performed by using $Zn(NO_3)_2.6H_2O$ (0.1 mmol), L (0.1mmol), and isophthalic acid (0.1 mmol) as raw materials, ethanol(4ml), H₂O (1ml) as solvent under 130°C for 72 h, which produced crystals of 7. The colourless crystals are obtained in the yield of 71%, based on Zn for 7. The phase purity of 7 is confirmed by both EA and XRD studies (Figure S4). Element analysis (%) of 7: calcd: C 63.05, H 3.78, N 7.00; found: C 63.11, H 3.84, N 6.99.

Single-Crystal X-ray Diffraction. X-ray single-crystal structural data of 1–7 were collected on a Bruker Smart-CCD diffractometer equipped with a normal focus, 2.4 kW sealed tube X-ray source with graphite monochromated MoK α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å) operating at 50 kV and 30 mA. The SAINT program was used for integration of diffraction profiles and absorption correction was made with the SADABS program. All the structures were solved by SIR 92 and refined by full matrix least-squares method using SHELXL 97. All the non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically, and all the hydrogen atoms were fixed by HFIX and placed in ideal positions. All calculations were carried out using SHELXL 97, PLATON, and WinGX system, Ver 1.70.01. All crystallographic and structure refinement data of 1–7 are summarized in Table 1. CCDC number is 982327, 982328, 897889, 897890, 897891, 982329, 897888 for compounds 1-7, respectively.

Table 1. Crystallographic and Structure Refinement Parameters for 1–7.

Compounds	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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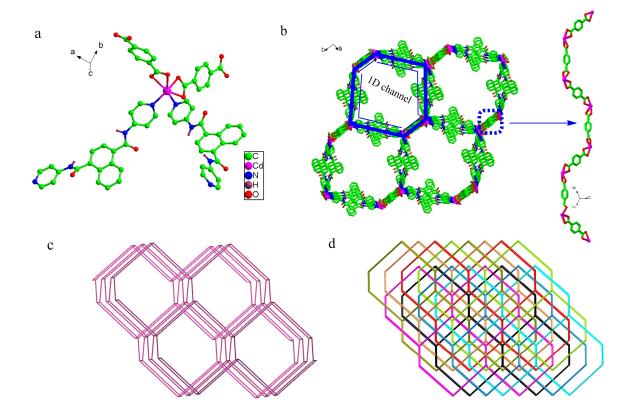
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Mr	765.02	975.29	763.02	974.15	771.04	768.08	800.12
crystal system	monoclinic	Triclinic	Orthorhombic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Triclinic
space group	P2/c	<i>P</i> -1	Pbca	$P2_{1}/c$	P21/c	$P2_{1}/c$	<i>P</i> -1
a (Å)	11.4377(5)	10.7918(4)	27.665(11)	15.0919(5)	11.8446(2)	8.5394(7)	9.9223(2)
b (Å)	10.9909(4)	22.0438(9)	21.903(7)	14.1967(5)	16.2081(2)	17.9536(16)	14.9699(3)
c (Å)	23.6256(10)	29.3454(11)	29.854(9)	18.1636(6)	15.5426(2)	14.6460(10)	21.0207(4)
a (deg)	90	78.661(2)	90	90	90	90	77.3650(10)
β (deg)	101.327(2)	81.342(2)	90	97.9410(10)	116.3730(10)	118.3440(10)	81.0100(10)
γ (deg)	90	83.766(3)	90	90	90	90	82.3770(10)
V (Å ³)	2912.1(2)	6744.3(4)	18090(11)	2719.3(2)	2673.29(7)	1978.24(4)	2993.54(10)
Z	4	2	8	4	4	4	1
$D_{calc}(mg/m^{-3})$	1.562	1.306	1.416	1.526	1.615	1.581	0.145
F(0 0 0)	1376	2664	7872	1284	1328	956	120
R _{int}	0.0421	0.0797	0.1122	0.0309	0.0349	0.0238	1.053
GOF on F ²	1.210	1.059	0.977	1.066	1.070	1.083	1.053
$R1^a\![I\!\!>\!\!2\sigma(I)]$	0.0736	0.0548	0.0766	0.0319	0.0357	0.0378	0.0644
$\omega R2^{b}$ (all data)	0.1815	0.1537	0.2179	0.0770	0.0850	0.1011	0.2334

Results and Discussion

Crystal structure description

Cd(L)(tp)(1). The single crystal X-ray diffraction reveals that polymer 1 crystallizes in monoclinic, P2/c space group. In 1, each Cd(II) ion is six-coordinated with four oxygen atoms from two tp²⁻ ligands and two pyridine nitrogen atoms of two L ligands, creating a disordered octahedron geometry (Figure 1a). The tp²⁻ ligands take the μ_2 : $\eta^1\eta^1$: η^1 : η^1 : η^1 coordination mode, connecting to two Cd ions, which result in a 1D fold-like chain. Then, the L ligands taking the *trans* configuration (trans means that the two acylamide N-H groups of L ligand are in the same side and the dihedral angle between the naphthalene ring and the pyridine ring is 58.25° , 17.87° respectively) take bridge mode to join the adjacent 1D fold-like chains together through Cd-N bonds, ultimately resulting in a 3D framework with 1D hexagonal channels (Figure 1b), where π - π contacts occur between the pridine rings of L ligands (the distance of centroid-to-centroid is 3.699 Å). Topologically, by considering each Cd(II) ion as one 4-connecting node, the 3D framework can be rationalized as a 4-connected sra nets with $4^{2}6^{3}8$ topological symbol (Figure 1c). Notably, every four identical sra nets interpenetrate each other to form a 4-fold interpenetration, then resulting in the overall 8-fold interpenetration in the [4+4] mode (Figure 1d). As far as we know, in literatures, the sra net is common, but such net with higher interpenetrating number more than four is rare.¹⁸ Moreover, in spite of this 8-fold interpenetration, 1 also possess considerable voids, calculated by PLATON,

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giving 324.1 $Å^3$ (equal to 11.1% of the cell volume).

Figure 1. Structure of Cd(L)(tp) (1). (a) Coordination environment surrounding Cd(II) ion. (b) The 3D framework with 1D hexagonal channels and the 1D fold line chains. (c) The 3D 4-connected simplified nets of 1. (d) The 8-fold (4+4) interpenetrated net of 1.

Cd(L)(tp)(H₂O).(H₂O)₃.(CH₃CH₂OH)₃(2). The same materials as compound 1 but different solvent obtain compound 2, which is with a complete different structure, a 2D wave-like layer (Figure 2b). It crystallizes in the triclinic *P*-1 space group. In 2, there are four crystallographic independent Cd ions, which are all seven-coordinated with four oxygen atoms from two tp²⁻ ligands, two nitrogens from the pyridine group of two L ligands, and one oxygen from H₂O (Figure 2a). The L ligands take the same coordination mode as observed in compound 1 but different configuration of *anti* fashion (*anti* means that the two acylamide N-H groups are in the opposite side of L ligand), while the dihedral angle between the naphthalene ring and the pyridine ring is 67.83° , 17.34° respectively, which link with Cd ions to form a 1D line-shaped chain. After that, the 1D chains joined by the tp²⁻ ligands construct a 2D layer. Interestingly, in 1 and 2, both tp²⁻ ligands and L ligands hold the same coordination mode, but the whole framework of them is throughly different, which mainly due to the existence of the additional coordinated oxygens from H₂O molecule observed in 2. Notably, two independent 2D layers interlocked each other to finish a 2D 2-fold

parallel interpenetrated enlaced framework (Figure 2c), where there are seven kinds of hydrogen bonds, N15... H15M... O23 (2.868Å, 143.67°) between the L ligands, N3...H3M...O6(2.742Å, 164.63°), N7...H7M...O7(2.953Å, 169.37°), N6...H6M...O8(2.831Å, 151.54°), N10...H10M...O9(2.970Å, 166.59°), N11...H11M...O10(2.874Å, 168.77°), N14...H14M...O12(2.784Å, 148.28°) between L ligands and tp^{2-} ligands, which stabilize the interlocked framework. Calculated void space using PLATON was found to be 1804.1 Å³ (26.7% total of cell volume), indicative of potential porous material of **2**.

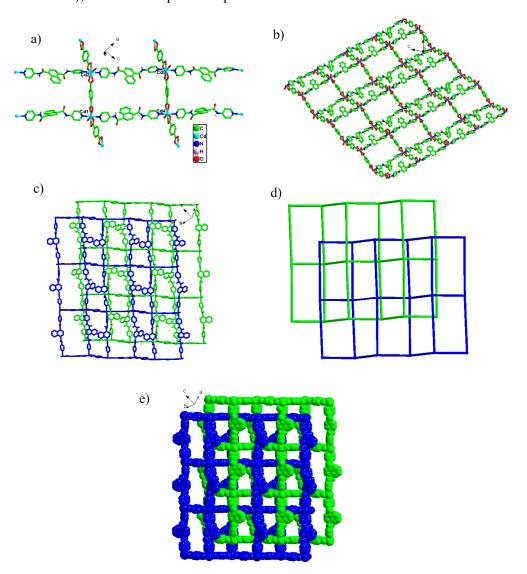


Figure 2. Structure of 2. (a) The unit cell of 2. (b) The 2D layer of 2. (c) The 2D enlaced structure.(d) The simplified 4-connected 2D 2-fold interpenetrated enlaced framework of 2. (e) The stacking framework of 2.

Structure of [Zn(L)(nip)](3). As show in Figure 3a, in the unit cell of 3, there are three

crystallographic independent Zn(II) ions, which are all with the same coordination mode. Each Zn connects to two oxygens from two different nip^{2-} ligands and two nitrogen from two different L ligands (the dihedral angle between the naphthalene ring and the pyridine ring is 68.37° , 21.27° respectively), giving a tetrahedral geometry. And the adjacent Zn ions share a nip^{2-} ligand. The L ligands and the nip^{2-} ligands both take a bidentate coordination mode. Both *trans* and *anti* configurations of L ligands are observed in **3**. Through L and nip^{2-} ligands these Zn(II) ions are combined together to construct a 2D wave-like layer (Figure 3b). And two 2D layers parallel interpenetrate in a interlocked fashion to give a interesting 2D twine structure (Figure 3c), which are further stabilized by two kinds of hydrogen bond between the L ligands and the nip^{2-} ligands, N12...H12...O2(2.776Å, 146.68°) and N2...H2...O10(2.848Å, 144.07°) respectively. Calculated void space using PLATON was found to be 2574.9 Å³ (14.2% total of cell volume).

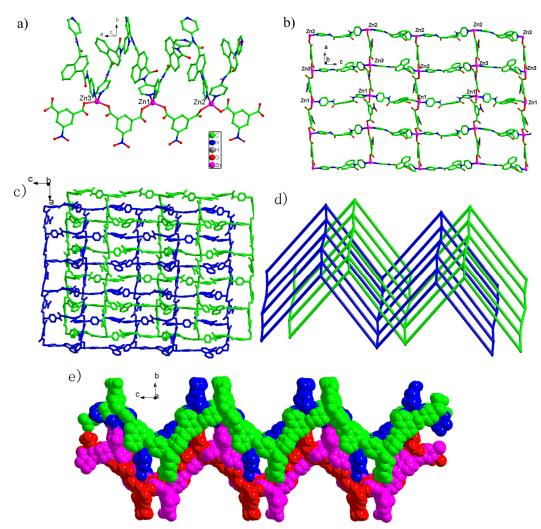


Figure 3. Structure of Zn(L)(nip) (**3**). (a) The unit cell of **3**. (b) The 2D wave-like layer of **3**. (c) The 2D enlaced structure. (d) the simplified enlaced framework of **3**. (e) The stacking framework of **3**.

Structure of [**Zn**(**nip**)₂][**H**₂**L**](**4**). In **4**, as presented in Figure 4a, the unit cell contains one Zn(II) ion, four nip²⁻ ligands, and one $[H_2L]^{2+}$ unit, indicating a anion-cation compound and fully protonation of L ligand. Each Zn is in tetrahedral coordination sphere, and surrounded by four nip²⁻ ligands as O-donor. Notably, the L ligands are doubly protonated to maintain the charge balance and the dihedral angle between the naphthalene ring and the pyridine ring is 73.14°, 64.62° respectively. The nip²⁻ ligands take bidentate coordination mode connecting to two Zn ions. As shown in Figure 4b, along *a* direction, two nip²⁻ ligands link with two Zn ions to form a sixteen-membered ring, then the rings combine with each other in a decussation way to form a 1D chain. Additionally, the N...H...O hydrogen bonds lying in the nip²⁻ ligands and the L ligands combine the L ligands and the 1D chains together to construct a 3D supermolecule framework {N1...H1M...O4(2.849Å, 166.44°), N2...H2M...O10(2.865Å, 170.43°), N3...H3M...O7(2.659Å, 169.84°), N4...H4M...O1(2.615Å, 157.54°) respectively}, where the 1D chains stack in a regular arrangement, and the L ligands seems as filler (Figure 4c).

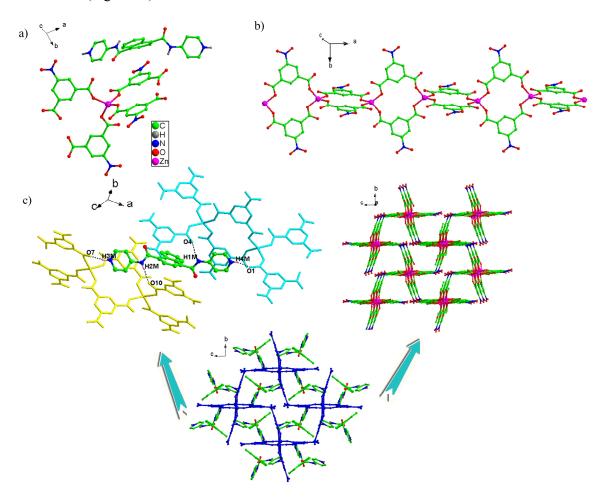


Figure 4. Structure of [Zn(nip)₂][(H₂L)](4). (a) The unit cell of 4. (b) The 1D cross-chain of 4. (c) The details of filling framework of 4.

Structure of Zn(HL)(btc)(H₂O)_{0.5}(5). In 5, the unit cell contains one Zn(II) ion, three btc³⁻ ligands, one [HL]⁺ unit, indicative of a partly protonated L ligand. The Zn ion is five-coordinated with four oxygen atoms from three btc³⁻ ligands, one nitrogen atom from [HL]⁺ ligand (Figure 5a). The btc³⁻ ligands take μ_3 : $\eta^1\eta^0$: η^1 : η^1 : η^0 : η^1 coordination mode to connect to three Zn ions, resulting in a wrinkle 2D layer (Figure 5b). Furthermore, the L ligands, where the dihedral angle between the naphthalene ring and the pyridine ring is 66.37°, 61.76° respectively, take monodentate coordination mode and act as a decoration in the exterior of the 2D layer (Figure 5c). A further insight into the structure is carried out by topology analysis, giving a 3-connected net with 4.8² topological symbol (Figure 5d). Notably, through N...H...O hydrogen bond between [HL]⁺ ligands and btc³⁻ ligands {N2...H2M...O6(2.918Å, 166.90°), N3...H3M...O1(2.890Å, 159.29°), N4...H1M...O4(2.655Å, 171.00°) respectively}, a 3D supramolecular net is built, where a remarkable puncture structure is observed with the [HL]⁺ ligand of one layer as mast to puncture into a 32-membered ring of one adjacent layer (Figure 5e).

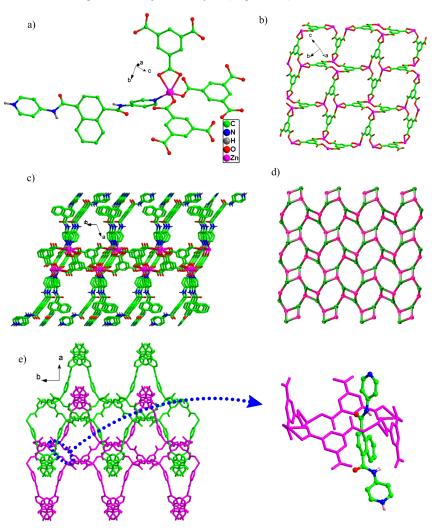


Figure 5. Structure of $ZnL(btc).(H_2O)_{0.5}(5)$. (a) Coordination environment surrounding Zn ion. (b) The view of part 2D wrinkle layer in 5. (c) The view of 2D layer of 5. (d) The view of the topology simplified structure of 5 (the pink/Zn nodes, the bright green/btc³⁻nodes). (e) The view of 3D puncture structure and the details of the puncture structure.

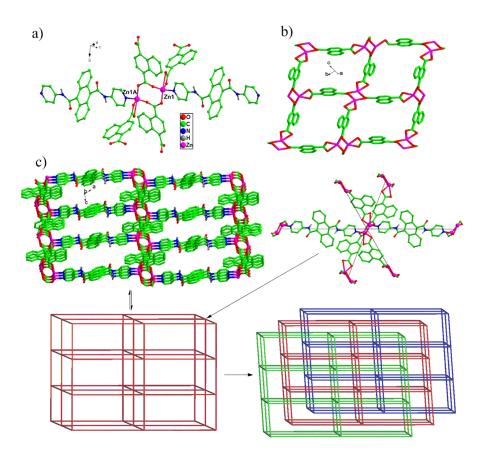


Figure 6. Structure of ZnL(nap)(6). (a) The crystal unit cell of 6. (b) The 2D layer along ac plane in 6. (c) The 3D pillared-layered framework of 6, the simplified cubic net with the details of nodes and the 3-fold interpenetrating nets.

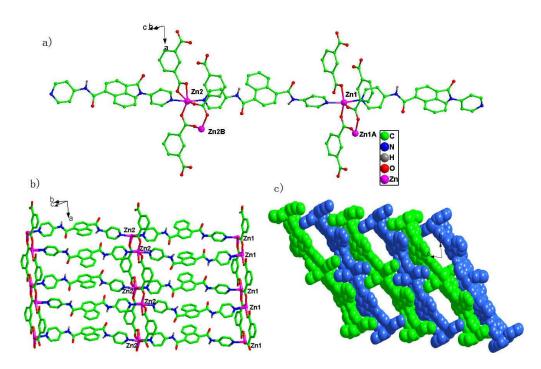


Figure 7. Structure of $Zn(L)(ip).(H_2O)_2.(CH_3CH_2OH)(7)$. (a) Coordination environment surrounding Zn ion. (b) The 2D sheet of 7. (c) The stacking 3D framework of 7.

IR, TG and Fluorescence Properties

IR studies were carried out for compounds, 4, 5, 6, 7. The characteristic IR bands of acylamide group are observed in them (4: 3278, 3093, 1622; 5: 3284, 3070, 1650; 6: 3293, 3059, 1682; 7: 3301, 3070, 1673 cm⁻¹), and the characteristic IR bands of carboxyl group are observed in them (4: 1700, 932; 5:1709, 935; 6: 1733, 913; 7: 1709, 915 cm⁻¹) are observed.

As compounds 1, 3 show very low yield, we study the thermogravimetric and the fluorescence of the other compounds. As shown in Figure 8a, compound 2 has a continuous weight loss without any platform until 550°C indicates low thermostability of 2, and the loss of three free H₂O molecule and three ethanol solvent existing in the large pore of the framework and one coordinated H₂O molecular (calc. 21.6%) is estimated at 30-180°C (exp. 22.2%). Compound 4 is stable to 350°C, and then has a major weight loss which is due to the chemical decomposition. In the crystal data of compound 5, we can found it contains half free H₂O molecule, but for its small occupation, we can't find obvious weight loss between 30-350°C in the thermogravimetric curve, after that, the compound have a big weight loss which is ascribed to the chemical decomposition. Compound 6 are stable to 390°C, and then have a weight loss which due to the chemical decomposition. Compound 7 has a 9.7% weight loss between 30-250°C, which corresponds to two free H₂O molecule and one free CH₃CH₂OH molecule (calc. 10.2%), then the compound begin to decompose. Further insight from this TG study gives a thermo-stability sequence, viz. 6>5>4>7>2, and it is

possibly due to the difference of the pore structure of the 3D framework.

In Figure 8b, the compounds 2, 5, 6, 7 in the solid afford strong luminescence at 399nm, 418nm, 412nm, 412nm if excited at 342nm, 367nm, 364nm, 360nm, respectively. While compound 4 has no fluorescence emission, as the L ligand is completely protonated. The excitation spectra in Figure 9b clearly give two kinds of excitation wavelength, indicative of multi-source of emission or tunable luminescence. However, further test suggests that tunable luminescence is not existent. Thus, taking into account the co-existence of L and organic carboxylate ligands, multi-source of emission is deduced. However, the similarity observed in both excitation and emission spectra for compounds 2, 5, 6, 7, indicates that the luminescence of them is mainly derived from L ligands, and the presence of other organic carboxylate ligands may generate the small difference in luminescence.

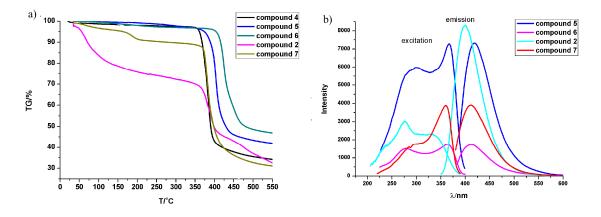


Figure 8. The TG plots, excitation and emission spectra of these acylamide-MOFs.

Conclusions

In conclusion, we represent here a series of compounds based on L ligands. With the different synthesis condition, the resulting compounds, 1-7, show different structural features, involving interpenetrating, interlocked, puncturing, and pillared-layered framework. The results give us insight into the generating structural diversity *via* the control of reaction conditions. This work also demonstrates that L ligand is not only good coordination skeleton but also excellent supramolecule-directing template. Moreover, considerable solvent-accessible void in some compounds is also very attractive.

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