

# 基于 3-氧醚乙酸-邻苯二酸和 N-辅助配体的锌和镉配合物的合成、晶体结构及荧光性质

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**摘要:** 水热法合成得到 2 个配合物,  $[\{Zn_7(L)_4(bpe)_2(\mu_3-OH)_2(H_2O)_8\} \cdot 4H_2O]_n$  (**1**), 和  $[\{Cd_3(L)_2(bpy)_{2.5}(H_2O)\} \cdot 5.5H_2O]_n$  (**2**) ( $H_3L=3$ -(carboxymethoxy)benzene-1,2-dioic acid,  $bpe=1,2$ -bis(4-pyridyl)-ethene,  $bpy=4,4'$ -bipyridine), 并采用元素分析、红外光谱、热重和 X-射线单晶衍射对其结构进行表征。配合物 **1** 中, 配体  $L^3$  和  $bpe$  连接  $[Zn_5(\mu_3-OH)_2]$  中心形成一维链, 这样的链通过氢键连接成三维的超分子结构。配合物 **2** 呈现(3,3,6)连接的网状结构。此外, 对配合物 **1** 和 **2** 的荧光性质进行了研究。

**关键词:** 3-氧醚乙酸-邻苯二酸; 晶体结构; 荧光性质; 拓扑

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## Zinc and Cadmium Coordination Polymers Based on 3-(Carboxymethoxy)benzene-1,2-dioic Acid and N-donor Ancillary Ligands: Syntheses, Crystal Structures, and Luminescent Properties

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**Abstract:** Two coordination polymers,  $[\{Zn_7(L)_4(bpe)_2(\mu_3-OH)_2(H_2O)_8\} \cdot 4H_2O]_n$  (**1**), and  $[\{Cd_3(L)_2(bpy)_{2.5}(H_2O)\} \cdot 5.5H_2O]_n$  (**2**) ( $H_3L=3$ -(carboxymethoxy)benzene-1,2-dioic acid,  $bpe=1,2$ -bis(4-pyridyl)-ethene, and  $bpy=4,4'$ -bipyridine), have been synthesized under hydrothermal condition. Both complexes were characterized by elemental analysis, IR spectra, thermogravimetric analysis (TGA), and single-crystal X-ray crystallography. Complex **1** features a three-dimensional supramolecular architecture linked through hydrogen bonding interactions in which the secondary building unit (SBU) is  $[Zn_5(\mu_3-OH)_2]$  cluster. Complex **2** features three-dimensional metal-organic framework with (3,3,6)-connected topology. The luminescence behaviors of **1** and **2** were also discussed. CCDC: 965303, **1**; 965304, **2**.

**Key words:** 3-(carboxymethoxy)benzene-1,2-dioic acid; crystal structure; luminescence properties; topology

## 0 Introduction

In recent years, the rational design and assembly of coordination polymers have received remarkable attention in order to develop new function materials with various potential applications<sup>[1-5]</sup>. The construction

of coordination polymers is highly influenced by many factors such as the metal coordination preferences and multidentate organic ligands geometries, etc.<sup>[6-13]</sup>. Usually, multidentate organic ligands may potentially provide various coordination modes and favor the construction of polynuclear metal clusters<sup>[14]</sup>. New

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aromatic tricarboxylic acid 3-(carboxymethoxy) benzene-1,2-dioic acid ( $H_3L$ ), with two rigid carboxylic groups and one flexible group of  $-OCH_2-COO-$  at adjacent positions on the aromatic ring, has greater conformational freedom, which can change their conformations to meet the coordination requirement of the metal ion give rise to polynuclear metal clusters, and result in unique networks. In addition, only some coordination polymers based on bifunctional carboxylic acid ligand containing both rigid and flexible carboxylate coordinating groups have sporadically appeared in the literatures<sup>[15-17]</sup>. In the other hand, the use of auxiliary ligands is also an effective method for the construction of coordination polymers owing to the fact that they can mediate the coordination needs of the metal center<sup>[18-19]</sup>.

In this paper, we have engaged in the research of coordination polymers based on  $H_3L$  with  $d^{10}$  metal centers (Zn, Cd) to understand the coordination chemistry of  $H_3L$  and prepared new materials with interesting structural topology. Herein, we would like to present two coordination polymers:  $\{[Zn_7(L)_4(bpe)_2(\mu_3-OH)_2(H_2O)_8] \cdot 4H_2O\}_n$  (**1**),  $\{[Cd_3(L)_2(bpy)_{2.5}(H_2O)] \cdot 5.5H_2O\}_n$  (**2**) (bpe = 1,2-bis (4-pyridyl)-ethene, bpy = 4,4' - bipyridine), in which the  $L^{3-}$  ligand exhibits different coordination modes and makes the complexes interesting 3D framework structures.

## 1 Experimental

### 1.1 Materials and measurements

The ligand  $H_3L$  was synthesized according to the literatures<sup>[15,17]</sup>. All other starting materials were of analytical grade and obtained from commercial sources without further purification. Elemental analysis for C, H, and N were performed on a Perkin-Elmer 240 elemental analyzer. The FTIR spectra were recorded from KBr pellets in the range from 4 000 to 400  $cm^{-1}$  on a Bruker VECTOR 22 spectrometer. Luminescence spectra for the solid samples were recorded on a Hitachi 850 fluorescence spectrophotometer. Thermal analyses were performed on a SDT 2960 thermal analyzer from room temperature to 800  $^{\circ}C$  at a heating rate of 20  $^{\circ}C \cdot min^{-1}$

under nitrogen flow.

### 1.2 Syntheses of the complexes

#### 1.2.1 Synthesis of $\{[Zn_7(L)_4(bpe)_2(\mu_3-OH)_2(H_2O)_8] \cdot 4H_2O\}_n$ (**1**)

A mixture of  $H_3L$  (12.0 mg, 0.05 mmol), bpe (9.1 mg, 0.05 mmol),  $Zn(NO_3)_2 \cdot 6H_2O$  (15.0 mg, 0.05 mmol), and KOH (8.4 mg, 0.15 mmol) in distilled water (7 mL) was placed in a Teflon-lined stainless steel container, heated to 120  $^{\circ}C$  for 3 days. After cooling to room temperature, the colorless block crystals of **1** were obtained in 67% yield based on zinc. Anal. Calcd. for  $C_{64}H_{64}N_4O_{41}Zn_7$  (2 002.78)(%): C, 38.38; H, 3.22; N, 2.80. Found (%): C, 38.41; H, 3.28; N, 2.72. IR (KBr,  $cm^{-1}$ ): 3 396 (m), 1 608 (s), 1 560 (s), 1 418 (s), 1 363 (s), 1 230 (m), 1 097 (w), 1 069 (w), 915 (w), 812 (m), 772 (m), 689 (w), 621 (w), 589 (w).

#### 1.2.2 Synthesis of $\{[Cd_3(L)_2(bpy)_{2.5}(H_2O)] \cdot 5.5H_2O\}_n$ (**2**)

Complex **2** was synthesized by analogy to **1** except that  $Cd(NO_3)_2 \cdot 4H_2O$  (15.4 mg, 0.05 mmol) and bpy (11.7 mg, 0.075 mmol) were used instead of  $Zn(NO_3)_2 \cdot 6H_2O$  and bpe. Colorless block crystals of **2** were obtained in 72% yield based on cadmium. Anal. Calcd. for  $C_{90}H_{86}Cd_6N_{10}O_{41}$  (2 638.09)(%): C, 40.97; H, 3.29; N, 5.31. Found (%): C, 41.02; H, 3.28; N, 5.49. IR (KBr,  $cm^{-1}$ ): 3 422 (m), 1 617 (s), 1 399 (m), 1 256 (w), 1 236 (w), 1 208 (w), 1 094 (w), 1 070 (w), 1 033 (w), 839 (w), 760 (m), 617 (w).

### 1.3 Structure Determinations

Single-crystal X-ray diffraction data of complexes **1** and **2** were collected on a Bruker Smart Apex CCD diffractometer<sup>[20]</sup> equipped with graphite monochromatized Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.071\ 073\ nm$ ) at room temperature using the  $\omega$ -scan technique. Empirical absorption corrections were applied to the intensities using the SADABS program<sup>[21]</sup>. The structure was solved by direct methods using SHELXS-97<sup>[22]</sup> computer program and refined by full-matrix least-squares methods on  $F^2$  with the SHELXL-97<sup>[23]</sup> program package. All nonhydrogen atoms were subjected to anisotropic refinement. The hydrogen atoms of the organic ligands were included in the structure factor calculation at idealized positions using a riding model and refined isotropically. The crystallographic data and selected

bond distances and angles for **1** and **2** are listed in Table 1 and Table 2, respectively.

CCDC: 965303, **1**; 965304, **2**.

Table 1 Crystal data and structure refinement for compounds **1** and **2**

Compound	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
Chemical formula	C <sub>64</sub> H <sub>64</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>41</sub> Zn <sub>7</sub>	C <sub>90</sub> H <sub>86</sub> Cd <sub>6</sub> N <sub>10</sub> O <sub>41</sub>
Formula weight	2 002.78	2 638.09
Crystal system	Triclinic	Triclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$
<i>a</i> / nm	1.174 7(7)	1.337 60(4)
<i>b</i> / nm	1.288 7(8)	1.453 40(4)
<i>c</i> / nm	1.435 4(8)	1.560 86(4)
$\alpha$ / (°)	66.884(6)	82.406 0(10)
$\beta$ / (°)	67.181(6)	66.558 0(10)
$\gamma$ / (°)	87.941(7)	65.756 0(10)
<i>V</i> / nm <sup>3</sup>	1.824 6(18)	2.536 67(12)
<i>Z</i>	1	1
<i>D<sub>c</sub></i> / (g·cm <sup>-3</sup> )	1.823	1.727
$\mu$ / mm <sup>-1</sup>	2.368	1.328
<i>F</i> (000)	1 014	1 312
Reflns collected	13 974	27 926
Unique reflns	6 355	8 896
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>	0.072 4	0.025 9
GOF	1.034	1.071
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> [ <i>I</i> >2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )]	0.065 4, 0.146 1	0.036 1, 0.105 0
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> (all data)	0.112 9, 0.162 1	0.041 1, 0.108 7

Table 2 Selected bond lengths (nm) and angles (°) for compounds **1** and **2**

<b>1</b>					
Zn1-O1	0.201 2(5)	Zn1-O8	0.214 5(5)	Zn1-O1W	0.217 7(4)
Zn2-O9	0.196 3(5)	Zn2-O3W	0.197 8(5)	Zn2-O1W	0.198 0(5)
Zn2-O2#1	0.205 2(5)	Zn2-O2W	0.227 0(5)	Zn3-O3	0.193 3(5)
Zn3-O1W	0.195 4(5)	Zn3-O11#1	0.202 7(5)	Zn3-N2#2	0.203 4(6)
Zn4-O4W	0.192 6(5)	Zn4-O5W	0.195 3(5)	Zn4-O13	0.198 8(5)
Zn4-N1	0.201 6(6)				
O1-Zn1-O1#1	180.0	O1-Zn1-O8#1	89.9(2)	O1-Zn1-O8	90.1(2)
O1-Zn1-O1W	90.26(19)	O1#1-Zn1-O1W	89.74(19)	O8#1-Zn1-O1W	85.40(18)
O8-Zn1-O1W	94.61(18)	O8-Zn1-O1W#1	85.39(18)	O1W-Zn1-O1W#1	180.00(16)
O9-Zn2-O3W	110.1(2)	O9-Zn2-O1W	124.7(2)	O3W-Zn2-O1W	124.2(2)
O9-Zn2-O2#1	100.6(2)	O3W-Zn2-O2#1	88.2(2)	O1W-Zn2-O2#1	91.4(2)
O9-Zn2-O2W	92.2(2)	O3W-Zn2-O2W	88.4(2)	O1W-Zn2-O2W	80.2(2)
O2#1-Zn2-O2W	167.2(2)	O3-Zn3-O1W	117.6(2)	O3-Zn3-O11#1	97.5(2)
O1W-Zn3-O11#1	98.2(2)	O3-Zn3-N2#2	106.9(2)	O1W-Zn3-N2#2	130.9(2)
O11#1-Zn3-N2#2	95.5(2)	O4W-Zn4-O5W	106.0(2)	O4W-Zn4-O13	101.6(2)
O5W-Zn4-O13	119.4(2)	O4W-Zn4-N1	105.2(3)	O5W-Zn4-N1	112.6(3)
O13-Zn4-N1	110.3(2)				

Continued Table 2

2					
Cd1-O9#1	0.224 2(3)	Cd1-N1	0.234 3(3)	Cd1-N3	0.235 6(3)
Cd1-O8	0.236 9(3)	Cd2-O4#2	0.226 1(3)	Cd2-N4#3	0.230 7(3)
Cd1-O2	0.237 8(3)	Cd2-O3	0.227 4(3)	Cd2-N2#4	0.232 5(3)
Cd1-O7	0.249 6(3)	Cd2-O7	0.233 5(3)	Cd2-O2	0.238 9(3)
Cd3-O1W	0.222 9(3)	Cd3-O1#5	0.226 8(3)	Cd3-O11	0.235 4(3)
Cd3-O5#5	0.224 8(3)	Cd3-N5	0.232 0(4)	Cd3-O12	0.244 2(3)
O9#1-Cd1-N1	94.89(12)	O9#1-Cd1-N3	94.78(12)	N1-Cd1-N3	170.06(13)
O9#1-Cd1-O8	138.33(10)	N1-Cd1-O8	85.45(11)	N3-Cd1-O8	85.78(11)
O9#1-Cd1-O2	94.73(10)	N1-Cd1-O2	99.91(11)	N3-Cd1-O2	81.60(11)
O8-Cd1-O2	126.36(9)	O9#1-Cd1-O7	167.55(10)	N1-Cd1-O7	90.16(12)
N3-Cd1-O7	80.84(11)	O8-Cd1-O7	53.37(9)	O2-Cd1-O7	73.16(9)
O4#2-Cd2-O3	112.50(11)	O4#2-Cd2-N4#3	90.12(13)	O3-Cd2-N4#3	99.15(12)
O4#2-Cd2-N2#4	83.84(12)	O3-Cd2-N2#4	84.17(12)	N4#3-Cd2-N2#4	173.88(13)
O4#2-Cd2-O7	94.75(10)	N4#3-Cd2-O7	94.13(12)	O4#2-Cd2-O2	170.49(10)
O3-Cd2-O7	149.45(11)	N2#4-Cd2-O7	85.37(12)	O3-Cd2-O2	77.00(10)
N4#3-Cd2-O2	88.72(12)	O7-Cd2-O2	75.92(10)	O1W-Cd3-O1#5	86.52(10)
N2#4-Cd2-O2	97.06(12)	O1W-Cd3-O5#5	95.83(13)	O5#5-Cd3-O1#5	130.31(13)
O1W-Cd3-N5	175.66(14)	O1#5-Cd3-N5	92.68(12)	O5#5-Cd3-O11	87.83(13)
O5#5-Cd3-N5	87.95(15)	O1W-Cd3-O11	88.05(11)	O1#5-Cd3-O11	141.82(11)
N5-Cd3-O11	89.96(12)	O5#5-Cd3-O12	141.47(13)	N5-Cd3-O12	84.23(14)
O1W-Cd3-O12	91.48(12)	O1#5-Cd3-O12	87.80(10)	O11-Cd3-O12	54.59(10)

Symmetry codes: #1:  $-x+2, -y+2, -z$ ; #2:  $-x+1, -y+2, -z+1$  for **1**; #1:  $-x, -y+2, -z+1$ ; #2:  $-x+1, -y+1, -z+1$ ; #3:  $-x, -y+1, -z+1$ ; #4:  $-x+1, -y+2, -z+1$ ; #5:  $x, y, z-1$  for **2**

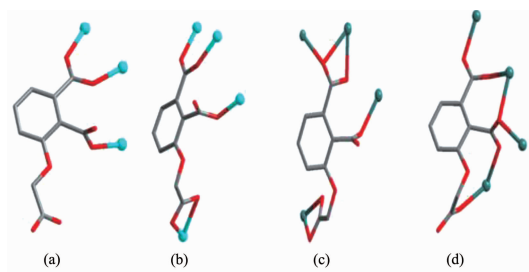
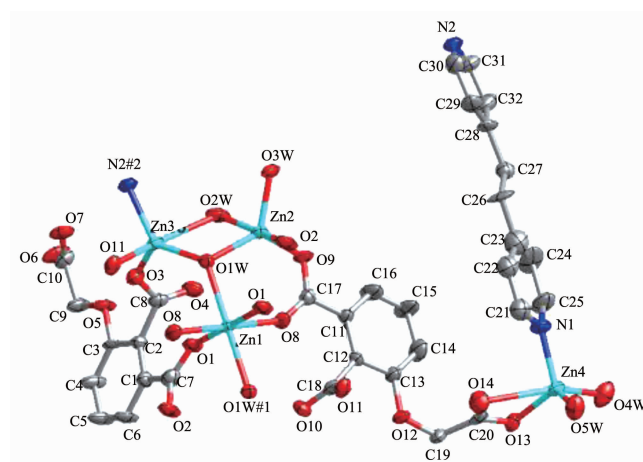
## 2 Results and discussion

### 2.1 Description of the Structure

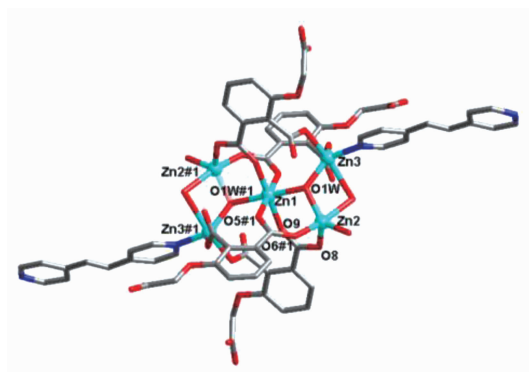
#### 2.1.1 $\{[\text{Zn}_7(\text{L})_4(\text{bpe})_2(\mu_3\text{-OH})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_8] \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}\}_n(\mathbf{1})$

Single crystal X-ray diffraction revealed that complex **1** crystallized in the triclinic system with space group  $P\bar{1}$ , and can be formulated as  $\{[\text{Zn}_7(\text{L})_4(\text{bpe})_2(\mu_3\text{-OH})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_8] \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}\}_n(\mathbf{1})$ . There are four crystallographically independent Zn(II) ions, two  $\text{L}^{3-}$  ligands, one bpe ligand, one  $\mu_3\text{-OH}$  anion, four coordinated water molecules, and two free water molecules in the asymmetric unit. Zn1 ion was refined with an occupancy factor of 0.5. As illustrated in Fig. 1, Zn1 is six-coordinated with a distorted octahedral geometry with four oxygen atoms from four  $\text{L}^{3-}$  ligands, and two hydroxyl groups. Zn2, Zn3, and Zn4 display square-pyramidal [O5] and [O4N] geometries, respectively. The Zn-N bond length is 0.201 6(6), 0.203 4(6)

nm and the Zn-O bond lengths are in the range of 0.192 6(5)~0.227 0(5) nm, which are in agreement with those observed in other structures<sup>[24-25]</sup>. The N-Zn-O and O-Zn-O angles are in the range of  $95.5(2)^\circ \sim 130.9(2)^\circ$  and  $80.2(2)^\circ \sim 180.0^\circ$ , respectively. Clearly, five Zn(II) centers form a  $[\text{Zn}_5(\mu_3\text{-OH})_2]$  cluster linked by two  $_3\text{-hydroxyl}$  oxygen (O1W) atom (Fig.2). All the flexible and rigid carboxyl groups of the  $\text{L}^{3-}$  ligand are fully deprotonated and adopt the  $\mu_3\text{-}\eta^2\text{:}\eta^1\text{:}\eta^0$  and  $\mu_4\text{-}\eta^2\text{:}\eta^1\text{:}\eta^1$  bridging modes (Scheme 1a, 1b). The remaining Zn4 ions are linked by the adjacent pentanuclear  $[\text{Zn}_5(\mu_3\text{-OH})_2]$  subunits to produce infinite chain (Fig. 3). Such chains are associated through hydrogen bonding (O3W-O6#8, O3W-O13#6, O4W-O3#4, O4W-O7#4, O5W-O14#5, O5W-O11#5) to give rise to a three-dimensional supramolecular framework (Fig.4). The geometric parameters of hydrogen bonds are summarized in Table 3.

Scheme 1 Coordination modes of the  $L^{3-}$  anion in **1** and **2**

All hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity; Symmetry codes: #1:  $-x+2, -y+2, -z$ ; #2:  $-x+1, -y+2, -z+1$

Fig.1 Metal coordination and atom labeling in complex **1** (thermal ellipsoids at 50% probability level)

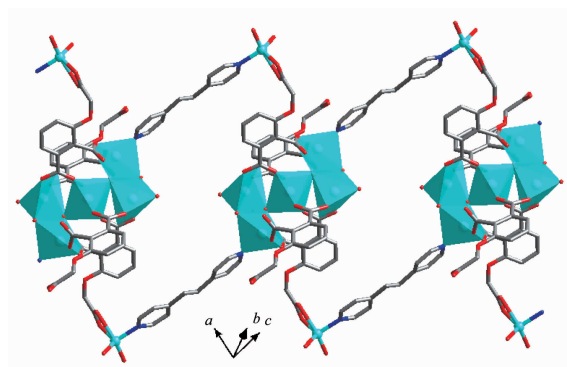
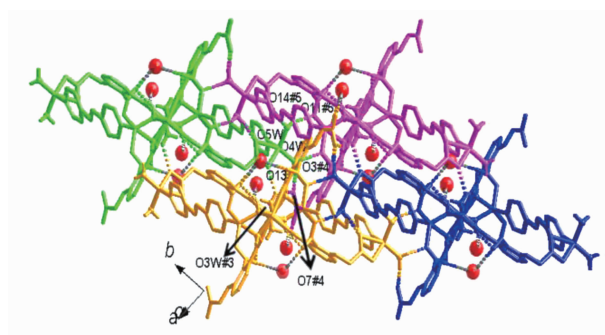
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Fig.2 Coordination environment of  $[Zn_3(OH)_2]$  cluster in **1**

### 2.1.2 $\{[Cd_3(L)_2(bpy)_{2.5}(H_2O)] \cdot 5.5H_2O\}_n$ (**2**)

In complex **2**, the asymmetric unit consists of three crystallographically independent Cd(II) centers, two  $L^{3-}$  ligands, two and a half bpy ligands, one coordinated water molecule, and five and a half free water molecules (Fig.5). Three independent Cd(II) ions exhibiting slightly distorted octahedral  $[O_4N_2]$  and  $[O_5N_1]$  coordination geometries, respectively. The Cd-O

and Cd-N bond distances are in the ranges of 0.223 0(3) ~ 0.249 6(3) nm and 0.230 7(5) ~ 0.235 7(5) nm, respectively. The coordination modes of  $\mu_4-\eta^3:\eta^1:\eta^1$  and  $\mu_4-\eta^3:\eta^2:\eta^1$  for  $L^{3-}$  is found in complex **2** (Scheme 1c, 1d). As shown in Fig.6, Cd1 and Cd2 centers are bridged by a pair of carboxylate groups into a dimer unit. Neighboring dimer units are further linked by  $L^{3-}$  ligands to form an infinite metal-carboxylate ribbon.

Fig.3 Infinite chain in **1**Symmetry codes: #3:  $x+1, y-1, z+1$ ; #4:  $x-1, y-1, z$ ; #5:  $-x+1, -y+1, -z$ Fig.4 3D framework of **1** forming through hydrogen bondingTable 3 Selected hydrogen-bonding geometries for **1**

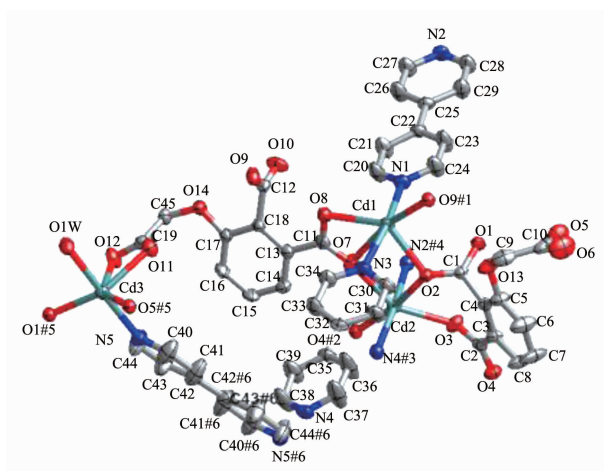
D-H...A	$d(\text{D-H}) / \text{nm}$	$d(\text{H}\cdots\text{A}) / \text{nm}$	$d(\text{D}\cdots\text{A}) / \text{nm}$	$\angle \text{D-H}\cdots\text{A} / (^\circ)$
O1W-H1WA...O10#1	0.085	0.210	0.279 6(7)	138.9
O2W-H2WA...O4	0.085	0.196	0.280 1(7)	171.2
O2W-H2WB...O7#10	0.085	0.223	0.274 7(7)	119.1
O3W-H3WA...O13#6	0.085	0.219	0.278 2(7)	126.9
O3W-H3WB...O6#10	0.085	0.195	0.254 5(7)	126.4
O4W-H4WA...O3#4	0.085	0.189	0.265 5(7)	149.9
O4W-H4WB...O7#4	0.085	0.179	0.259 9(8)	157.9
O5W-H5WA...O14#5	0.085	0.183	0.266 7(7)	170.2
O5W-H5WB...O11#5	0.085	0.204	0.267 5(7)	131.4
O6W-H6WA...O10#7	0.085	0.223	0.306 8(10)	167.9
O6W-H6WB...O4#7	0.080	0.216	0.296 3(10)	179.6
O7W-H7WA...O6#8	0.075	0.208	0.283(3)	179.2
O7W-H7WB...O9#9	0.075	0.228	0.303(2)	178.0

Symmetry codes: #1:  $-x+2, -y+2, -z$ ; #4:  $x-1, y-1, z$ ; #5:  $-x+1, -y+1, -z$ ; #6:  $x, y+1, z$ ; #7:  $x-1, y, z$ ; #8:  $-x+2, -y+1, -z+1$ ; #9:  $-x+1, -y+1, -z+1$ ; #10:  $-x+2, -y+2, -z+1$ 

Such ribbons are associated together by Cd3 and one kind of bpy (N5, N5#6) to generate a 2D sheet. As illustrated in Fig.7, adjacent layers are linked through the remaining two kinds of bpy ligands (N1-N2, N3-N4)

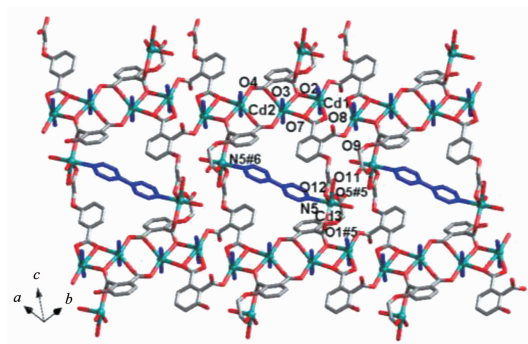
to produce an overall three-dimensional coordination polymer encapsulating free water molecules. Among the water molecules, O1W, O2W and O4W-O6W show tri-coordinated, while all other water molecules are mono-





All hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity; Symmetry codes: #1:  $-x, -y+2, -z+1$ ; #2:  $-x+1, -y+1, -z+1$ ; #3:  $-x, -y+1, -z+1$ ; #4:  $-x+1, -y+2, -z+1$ ; #5:  $x, y, z-1$ ; #6:  $-x+1, -y+1, -z$

Fig.5 Metal coordination and atom labeling in complex **2** (thermal ellipsoids at 50% probability level)

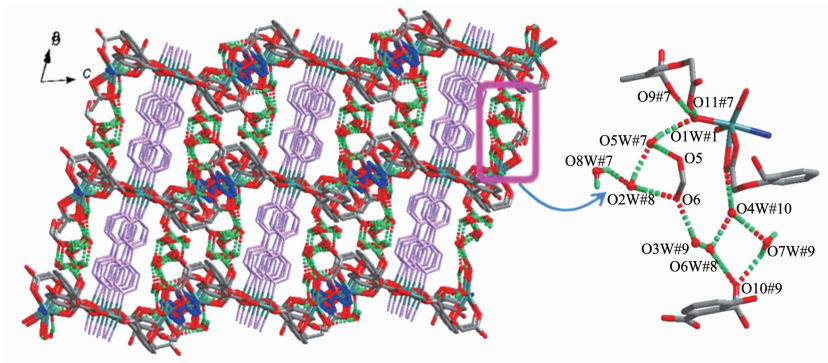


Symmetry codes: #5:  $x, y, z-1$ ; #6:  $-x+1, -y+1, -z$

Fig.6 View of a 2D layer connecting bpy ligands

or di-coordinated modes with the  $O \cdots O$  distance ranging from 0.261 5(18) to 0.318 1(12) nm. Notably, there are rich hydrogen bonds between the free water molecules and the coordinated carboxylic oxygen atoms, which bring further stability for the structure. The geometric parameters of hydrogen bonds are

summarized in Table 4. Better insight into such an intricate framework can be achieved by using the topological approach, if the  $L^{3-}$  anion can be considered as a 3-connected node, Cd1 and Cd2 as a 6-connected node, Cd3 as a 3-connected node, respectively. Thus, a (3,3,6)-connected network is formed with a Schläfli



Dotted lines represent H-bonds; Symmetry codes: #1:  $-x, -y+2, -z+1$ ; #7:  $x, y, z+1$ ; #8:  $-x, -y+1, -z+2$ ; #9:  $x-1, y, z+1$ ; #10:  $x-1, y+1, z+1$

Fig.7 3D framework of **2** connecting bpy ligands

Table 4 Selected hydrogen-bonding geometries for **2**

D-H...A	<i>d</i> (D-H) / nm	<i>d</i> (H...A) / nm	<i>d</i> (D...A) / nm	∠ D-H...A / (°)
O1W-H1WA...O11#13	0.085	0.185	0.268 8(4)	168.8
O1W-H1WB...O9#13	0.085	0.182	0.266 9(4)	176.6
O2W-H2WB...O5W#3	0.072	0.198	0.261 5(18)	147.1
O2W-H2WA...O6#18	0.085	0.211	0.295 8(11)	177.7
O3W-H3WA...O6W#2	0.072	0.202	0.273 5(16)	176.9
O3W-H3WB...O6#14	0.072	0.196	0.267 6(9)	177.1
O4W-H4WA...O7W	0.072	0.207	0.279 0(19)	177.3
O4W-H4WB...O12#6	0.075	0.199	0.274 1(7)	177.3
O5W-H5WA...1W#13	0.085	0.237	0.318 1(12)	160.2
O5W-H5WB...O5#5	0.085	0.212	0.296 7(15)	177.9
O6W-H6WA...O10#2	0.085	0.231	0.282 2(9)	119.4
O6W-H6WB...O4W#12	0.085	0.229	0.286 7(14)	125.4
O7W-H7WB...O10#11	0.085	0.221	0.300 0(15)	154.6
O8W-H8WB...O2W#3	0.072	0.197	0.269(3)	179.5

Symmetry codes: #6:  $-x+1, -y+1, -z$ ; #8:  $-x, -y+1, -z+2$ ; #11:  $x, y-1, z$ ; #12:  $-x+1, -y, -z+1$ ; #13:  $-x, -y+2, -z$ ; #14:  $x+1, y, z-1$

symbol of  $\{4.5.7\}_2\{4^2.5.6^8.7^2.8^2\}\{5^2.8\}$  (Fig.8).

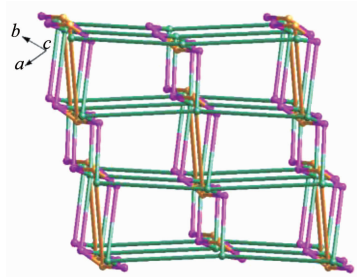


Fig.8 Schematic representation of the (3,3,6)-connected topology of **2**

## 2.2 TG analysis

Thermogravimetric analyses were carried out for the two compounds and corresponding TG curves are shown in Fig.9. For complex **1**, a weight loss of 10.28% is detected in the range of 121 ~181 °C

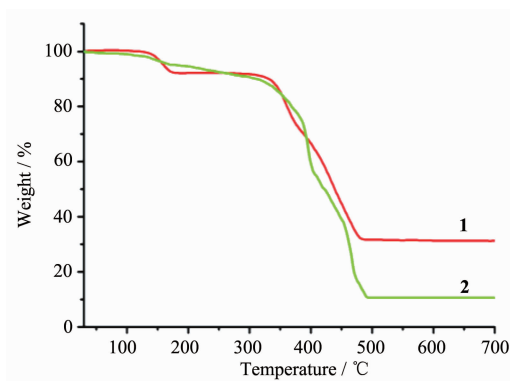


Fig.9 TG curves for compounds **1** and **2**

corresponding to the loss of six water molecules (Calcd. 10.78%), and then, a plateau region follows. The further weight loss is observed at about 321 °C due to the decomposition of overall framework. According to the type of water in compound **2**, the loss of coordination water takes place at temperature above 283 °C (Obsd. 8.83%; Calcd. 8.87%). Rapid weight loss is observed from 316 °C, which indicated collapse of the whole structure.

## 2.3 Photoluminescence properties

Emission behaviors of complexes **1** and **2** were investigated in the solid-state at room temperature and shown in Fig.10. It was observed that the emission peaks occurred at ca. 458 ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}}=368$  nm) and 343 nm ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}}=274$  nm) for complexes **1** and **2**, respectively. In order to understand the nature of these emission bands, the photoluminescence properties of free  $\text{H}_3\text{L}$  ligand was measured, upon excitation at ca. 274 nm, which shows similar emission at ca. 345 nm. Compared to the emission peak for free, the emission of **1** with the significant red-shift of luminescence may be mainly attributed to the coordination interactions of the  $\text{L}^{3-}$  ligand, which effectively increases the rigidity of the ligand and reduces the loss of energy by radiationless decay<sup>[26-28]</sup>. The emission of complex **2** can probably be assigned to the intraligand ( $\pi-\pi^*$ )



fluorescent emission because similar emission is observed for the free  $H_3L$  ligand.

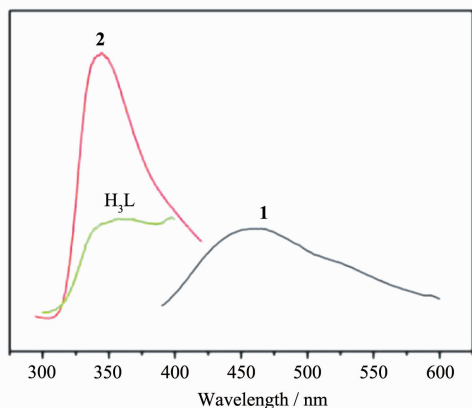


Fig.10 Solid-state emission spectra of complexes **1** and **2**, and free  $H_3L$  ligand at room temperature

### 3 Conclusions

In summary, two new coordination polymers based on the assembly of  $H_3L$  and co-ligands with different divalent zinc and cadmium salts under hydrothermal conditions have been synthesized and characterized. Complex **1** shows metal-organic chain structure built from  $[Zn_5(\mu_3-OH)_2]$  subunit, and the adjacent chains are further linked through hydrogen bonding to form a 3D supramolecular structure. Complex **2** exhibits a three-dimensional metal-organic framework, which is also consolidated by the hydrogen bonding. The study reveals that the multi-flexible ligand can be used as a good multidentate bridging ligand to construct novel coordination polymers based on polynuclear clusters.

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