

## 基于 4-(1-咪唑基)苯甲酸配体构筑的一个单一配体和两个混和配体配位聚合物的结构与性质

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**摘要:** 以 4-(1-咪唑基)-苯甲酸(HIBA)为配体, 与  $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  和  $\text{Cd}(\text{Ac})_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  在加入或不加入 5-硝基间苯二甲酸( $\text{H}_2\text{NPA}$ )的情况下, 通过水热法得到了 3 个新的配位聚合物, 分别为  $[\{\text{Cu}(\text{IBA})_2\} \cdot \text{DMF}]_n$  (**1**)、 $[\{\text{Cd}(\text{IBA})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})\} \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}]_n$  (**2**)和  $[\text{Cd}_3(\text{IBA})_2(\text{NPA})_2]_n$  (**3**)。配合物 **1** 和 **2** 分别为 4 重和 3 重穿插的具有金刚石拓补网络的三维框架结构, 配合物 **3** 是由混合配体形成的基于一维 Cd-羧基次级构筑基元的三维框架结构, 其一维构筑基元由 Cd(II)离子通过 IBA<sup>-</sup>和 NPA<sup>2-</sup>配体同时桥联形成的。此外, 还表征了这些化合物的晶相纯度以及配合物 **2** 和 **3** 的荧光性质。

**关键词:** 4-(1-咪唑基)-苯甲酸; 配位聚合物; 晶体结构; 固体荧光

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## Structures and Properties of One Mixed-Ligand and Two Homoligand Coordination Polymers Based on 4-(Imidazol-1-yl)-benzoic Acid

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**Abstract:** Reactions of Cu(II) or Cd(II) salts, 4-(imidazol-1-yl)-benzoic acid (HIBA) with or without 5-nitroisophthalic acid ( $\text{H}_2\text{NPA}$ ) as co-ligand result in three coordination polymers (CPs), namely,  $[\{\text{Cu}(\text{IBA})_2\} \cdot \text{DMF}]_n$  (**1**),  $[\{\text{Cd}(\text{IBA})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})\} \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}]_n$  (**2**), and  $[\text{Cd}_3(\text{IBA})_2(\text{NPA})_2]_n$  (**3**). Compounds **1** and **2** exhibit 3D 4- and 3-fold interpenetrating diamondoid frameworks, respectively. Compound **3** displays a 3D mixed-ligand framework with 1D Cd-carboxylate secondary building blocks bridged by IBA<sup>-</sup> and NPA<sup>2-</sup> ligands. The phase purity and luminescent properties of selected compounds have also been explored. CCDC: 1554061, **1**; 1554062, **2**; 1554063, **3**.

**Keywords:** 4-(imidazol-1-yl)-benzoic acid; coordination polymer; crystal structure; solid-state luminescent

### 0 Introduction

The construction of coordination polymers (CPs) have been attracted increasing interest because of their intriguing architectures, as well as their potential applications in separation, adsorption, fluorescence,

magnetic, catalysis, and so on<sup>[1-7]</sup>. In order to obtain desirable CPs, the selection and design of proper organic ligands have been given special attention<sup>[8-11]</sup>. Rigid ligands containing both carboxylate and nitrogen donors, such as pyridine carboxylic acid<sup>[12-14]</sup>, imidazole carboxylic acid<sup>[15-19]</sup>, are versatile linkers that applied

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to synthesize CPs with interesting structures and properties. Such type of ligands have following characters: (1) they are rigid, thus it is easier to control and predict their resulting structures compared with those based on flexibly ligands, and easier to form porous CPs; (2) they contain both carboxylate and N donors, which are suitable for binding almost all kinds of metal ions, and have potential ability for constructing heterometallic and mixed-ligand CPs. Thus, it is significant to construct CPs based on N-containing carboxylate.

In addition, mixed-ligands CPs become an important type of CPs because they can incorporate of more types of organic ligands into a single unique framework which may bring some new functions derived from organic ligands<sup>[20-25]</sup>. The combination of nitrogen donor ligands and aromatic carboxylate has been proven to be an effective and useful strategy for constructing diverse mixed-ligand CPs<sup>[26-28]</sup>. However, the incorporation of a N-containing carboxylate and carboxylate into a unique framework is relatively less explored.

Considering the above mentioned, in the present study, the imidazole carboxylic acid, 4-(imidazol-1-yl)-benzoic acid (HIBA) is selected to construct three new CPs, including two homoligand CPs,  $[\text{Cu}(\text{IBA})_2 \cdot \text{DMF}]_n$  (**1**) and  $[\text{Cd}(\text{IBA})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})] \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}]_n$  (**2**), and one mixed-ligand CP,  $[\text{Cd}_3(\text{IBA})_2(\text{NPA})_2]_n$  (**3**). Although HIBA is similar to isonicitin acid (from the type and position of the donor atoms), CPs based on HIBA are still limited<sup>[29-33]</sup>. Furthermore, the mixed-ligand CPs containing HIBA are still relatively rare that only several CPs have been reported by far<sup>[29-30]</sup>.

## 1 Experimental

### 1.1 Materials and equipment

The materials and reagents were obtained commercially and used as purchased without further purification. Elemental (C, H, N) analyses were performed on a Perkin-Elmer 240 element analyzer. The FT-IR spectra were recorded from KBr pellets in the 400~4 000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  range on a Nicolet 5DX spectrometer. X-ray powder diffraction measurements were

performed on a Bruker D8 Advance diffractometer at 40 kV, 40 mA with a Cu-target tube (Cu  $K\alpha$ ,  $\lambda = 0.154\ 06\ \text{nm}$ ) and a graphite monochromator scanning from  $5^\circ$  to  $50^\circ$ . Solid-state fluorescence spectra were measured by using a Hitachi-2500 spectrophoto-meter with a 150 W xenon lamp as light source at room temperature.

### 1.2 Synthesis of coordination polymer 1

A mixture of HIBA (0.2 mmol),  $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.1 mmol) and DMF (6 mL) was sealed in a 10 mL Teflon-lined stainless steel autoclave. The mixture was heated at  $110\ ^\circ\text{C}$  for 3 days under autogenous pressure, and cooling at  $5\ ^\circ\text{C} \cdot \text{h}^{-1}$  to room temperature. Blue block crystals of **1** were obtained. Yield: 55% (based on the Cu). Elemental analysis Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{CuN}_3\text{O}_5$  (%): C, 54.06, H, 4.14, N, 13.71. Found(%): C, 54.80, H, 4.00, N, 13.22. IR(KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3 414(m), 3 144(m), 1 648(s), 1 598(s), 1 394(s), 860(m), 781(m), 747(w).

### 1.3 Synthesis of coordination polymer 2

A mixture of HIBA (0.2 mmol),  $\text{Cd}(\text{Ac})_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.1 mmol), and distilled water (6 mL) was sealed in a 10 mL Teflon-lined stainless steel autoclave and  $\text{NH}_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  ( $1\ \text{mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$ ) was used to adjust the pH value at about 6. The mixture was heated at  $160\ ^\circ\text{C}$  for 3 days under autogenous pressure and slow cooling at  $5\ ^\circ\text{C} \cdot \text{h}^{-1}$  to room temperature. Yellow block-shaped crystals of **2** were obtained. The single crystals could be easily separated from the precipitate by hand, washed with distilled water, and dried in air. Yield: 63% (based on the Cd). Elemental analysis Calcd. for  $[\text{Cd}(\text{IBA})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  ( $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{CdN}_4\text{O}_6$ , %): C, 45.95, H, 3.47, N, 10.72. Found(%): C, 46.03, H, 3.50, N, 10.75. IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3 410(s), 1 653(w), 1 604(w), 1 386(s), 1 184(w), 1 066(w), 862(m), 784(m), 720(w).

### 1.4 Synthesis of coordination polymer 3

A mixture of HIBA (0.2 mmol),  $\text{H}_2\text{NPA}$  (0.2 mmol),  $\text{Cd}(\text{Ac})_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.1 mmol), and distilled water (6 mL) was sealed in a 10 mL Teflon-lined stainless steel autoclave. The mixture was heated at  $160\ ^\circ\text{C}$  for 3 days under autogenous pressure and slow cooling at  $5\ ^\circ\text{C} \cdot \text{h}^{-1}$  to room temperature. Yellow block-shaped crystals of **3** were obtained. The single crystals could be easily separated from the precipitate by hand,

washed with distilled water, and dried in air. Yield: 48% (based on the Cd). Elemental analysis Calcd. for  $C_{18}H_{10}Cd_{1.50}N_3O_8$ (%): C, 38.27, H, 1.78, N, 7.44. Found (%): C, 38.55, H, 1.82, N, 7.16. IR (KBr,  $cm^{-1}$ ): 3 429 (s), 3 115(s), 2 366(w), 1 616(s), 1 520(s), 1 346(s), 1 251(w), 1 179(w), 1 128(w), 1 066(w), 970(w), 927 (w), 831(w), 778(w), 728(w), 639(w), 500(w).

### 1.5 X-ray diffraction determination

Single crystal X-ray diffraction data collections for **1**~**3** were performed on a Bruker Apex II CCD diffractometer operating at 50 kV and 30 mA using Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda=0.071\ 073\ nm$ ) at 293 K. Multiscan absorption corrections were applied with the SADABS program<sup>[34]</sup>. The structures were solved using direct

methods and refined by full-matrix least-squares on  $F^2$  using the SHELX-2016<sup>[35]</sup>. All the hydrogen atoms, except hydrogen atoms in water molecules were placed in idealized positions. The hydrogen atoms on coordinated water molecule in compound **2** were located from different density maps and were refined using AFIX 3. Hydrogen atoms on uncoordinated water molecules in compound **2** were not added but include in the formula. Crystal parameters and details of the data collection and refinement are given in Table 1. Selected bond lengths and angles are given in Table S1.

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Table 1 Crystallographic data and structure refinement summary for compounds **1**~**3**

Compound	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
Formula	$C_{23}H_{21}CuN_5O_5$	$C_{20}H_{22}CdN_4O_8$	$C_{18}H_{10}Cd_{1.50}N_3O_8$
Formula weight	510.99	558.81	564.89
$T / K$	298(2)	293(2)	296(2)
Cryst system	Monoclinic	Trigonal	Monoclinic
Space group	$P2_1/c$	$R\bar{3}2$	$C2/c$
$a / nm$	1.280 9(2)	1.380 46(11)	0.954 56(5)
$b / nm$	1.022 79(18)	1.380 46(11)	2.581 93(15)
$c / nm$	2.151 5(4)	6.100 7(5)	1.686 90(9)
$\beta / (^\circ)$	125.751(4)		99.468 0(10)
$V / nm^3$	2.287 5(7)	10.06 83(18)	4.100 9(4)
$Z$	4	18	8
$D_c / (g \cdot cm^{-3})$	1.484	1.659	1.830
$\mu / mm^{-1}$	1.000	1.030	1.620
$F(000)$	1 052	5 076	2 200
GOF on $F^2$	1.029	1.024	1.018
$R_1 [I > 2\sigma(I)]$	0.062 5	0.040 4	0.023 5
$wR_2 [I > 2\sigma(I)]$	0.154 5	0.126 8	0.051 6

$$^a R_1 = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o|, ^b wR_2 = \{ \sum [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / \sum (F_o^2)^2 \}^{1/2}$$

## 2 Results and discussion

### 2.1 Description of the crystal structures

Compound **1** crystallizes in the monoclinic space group  $P2_1/c$ . There are one Cu(II) ion, two IBA<sup>-</sup> anions, and one DMF molecule in the asymmetric unit. As shown in Fig.1a, Cu1 is six-coordinated by four carboxylate O atoms and two imidazolyl N atoms from four different IBA<sup>-</sup> anions, giving rise to a distorted

octahedral coordination geometry with a  $CuN_2O_4$  coordination mode. The Cu-N bonds range from 0.199 1(5) to 0.198 7(4) nm, whereas Cu-O bonds range from 0.198 7(4) to 0.200 6(4) nm. All of them fall in normal range<sup>[36-37]</sup>.

The rigid IBA<sup>-</sup> anion adopts a  $\mu_2$ -coordination mode that bridges two Cu(II) ions via carboxylate and imidazole groups. Thus, the IBA<sup>-</sup> anion act as rod that connects the Cu(II) ions into 3D network, as showed in

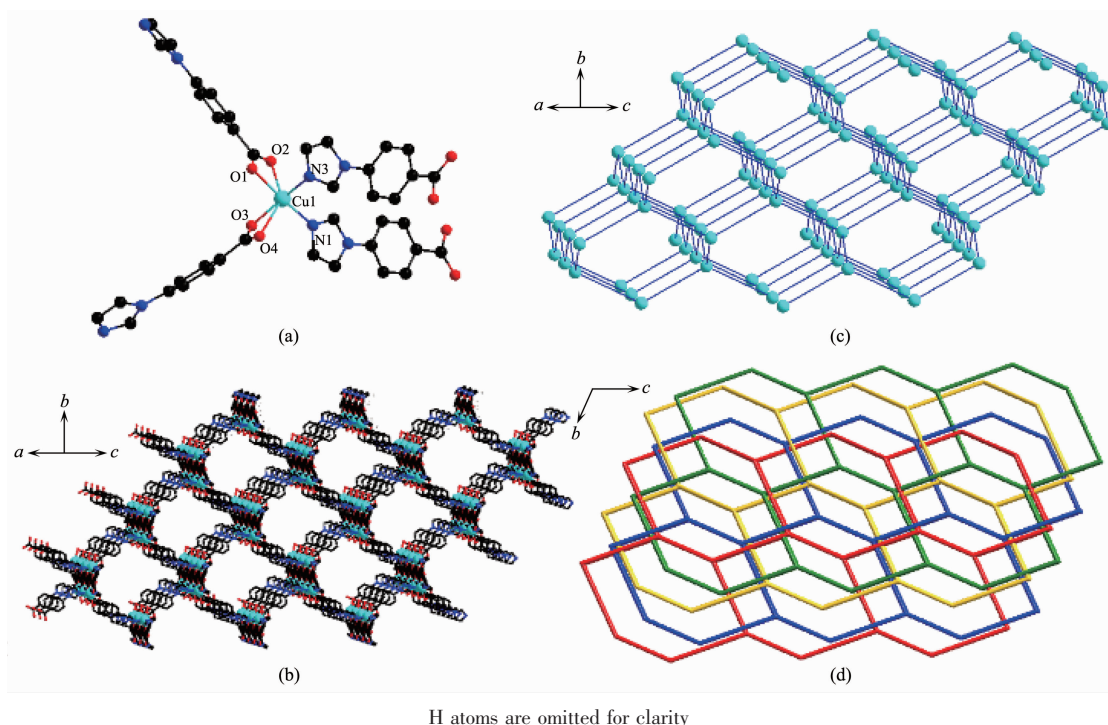


Fig.1 (a) View of the coordination environment of Cu(II) ions in **1**; (b) View of the single 3D framework in **1**; (c) View of the dia network topology in **1**; (d) Four-fold interpenetrating *dia* network in **1**

Fig.1b. For clearly, the Cu(II) ion that connects to four IBA<sup>-</sup> anions can be seen as four-connected nodes, and the 3D net can be described as 4-connected dia network topology<sup>[38-39]</sup>, as showed in Fig.1c. In this single net, the void is large (as it is indicated by Cu...Cu separation of about 1.2 nm), thus four single nets are interpenetrated together to generate a four-fold interpenetrated framework (Fig.1d). There are still small 1D channels along *b* direction, which are occupied by DMF molecules.

When Cd(II) salt was used instead of Cu(II) salt in the preparation, compound **2** is obtained. Single X-ray diffraction reveals that compound **2** crystallizes in rhombohedral with space group *R*32. The asymmetric unit contains one Cd(II) ion, two IBA<sup>-</sup> anions, one coordinated water molecule, and three uncoordinated water molecules. Cd1 ion adopts a distorted pentagonal bipyramid coordination geometry with four carboxylate O atoms from two IBA<sup>-</sup> anions and one coordinated water O atom on the equatorial plane, as well as two imidazole N atoms on the apex position, as showed in Fig.2a. All the Cd-N and Cd-O bonds are compared with other Cd(II) compounds<sup>[40-41]</sup>. The coordination mode

of IBA<sup>-</sup> anion in compound **2** is same as that in compound **1**, thus it also act as ditopic linker that connects the Cd(II) ions into 3D network(Fig.2b). Similar to that in compound **1**, the Cd(II) ions surrounded by four IBA<sup>-</sup> anions can be considered as 4-connected nodes, and the resulting network is also a dia network topology (Fig.2c). The Cd...Cd distance is 0.126 5 nm, indicating that the single network contains large voids. Therefore, three networks are interpenetrated, leading to a three-fold interpenetrated dia framework (Fig.2d). Different from those in compound **1**, there are no obvious channels in compound **2**.

The different interpenetrated frameworks for compounds **1~2** may mainly due to the coordination geometries of metal ions, which can decide the orientation of four IBA<sup>-</sup> anions around the metal center. The orientation of four IBA<sup>-</sup> anions can be estimated by the six included angles around the 4-connected node. The angles in compound **1** are 86.37°, 86.37°, 115.33°, 1115.33°, 128.04° and 130.84°, whereas in compound **2** are 66.13°, 66.16°, 116.51°, 119.58°, 123.07° and 171.88°. This means that the 4-connected node in compound **1** is more nearly to a tetrahedron

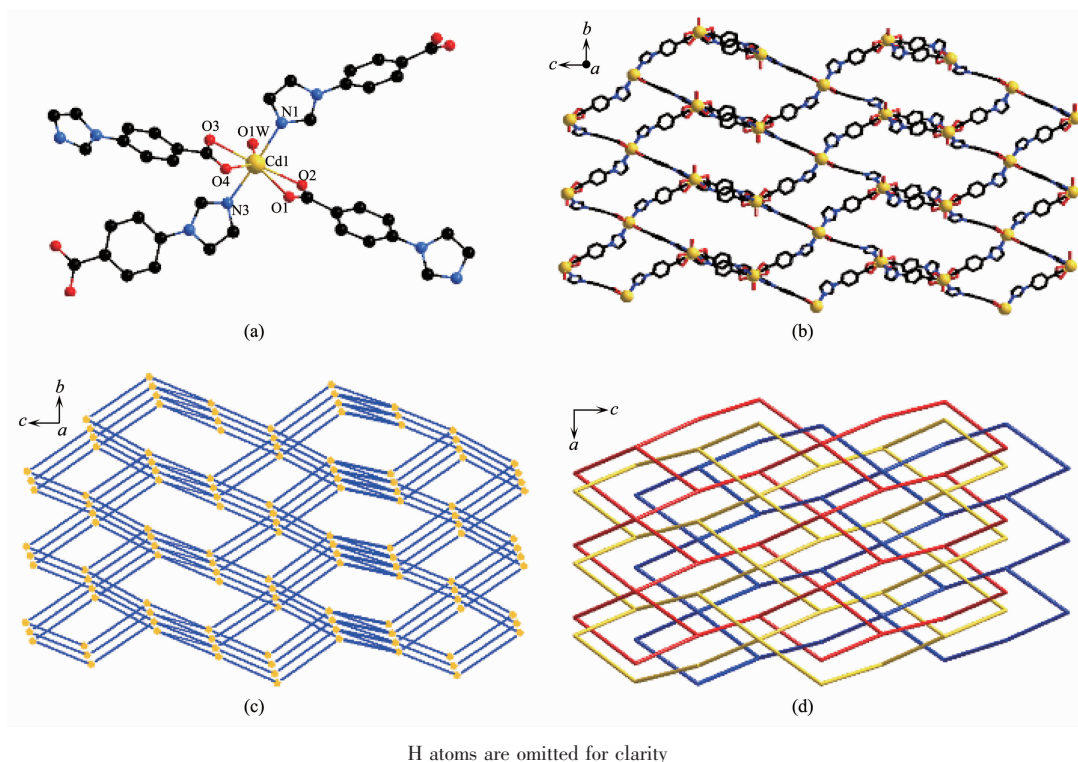


Fig.2 (a) View of the coordination environment of Cd(II) ions in **2**; (b) View of the single 3D framework in **2**; (c) View of the dia network topology in **2**; (d) Four-folded interpenetrating dia network in **2**

than that in compound **2**, thus it is more suitable for creating body voids. Therefore, it is leading to interpenetrated framework with more number of folds in compound **1**. From the reported literatures, the combination of IBA<sup>-</sup> anions and Cd(II)/Cu(II) ions often lead to interpenetrated *dia* framework<sup>[42-43]</sup>, however, the three-fold *dia* framework of Cu(II) compound is firstly observed.

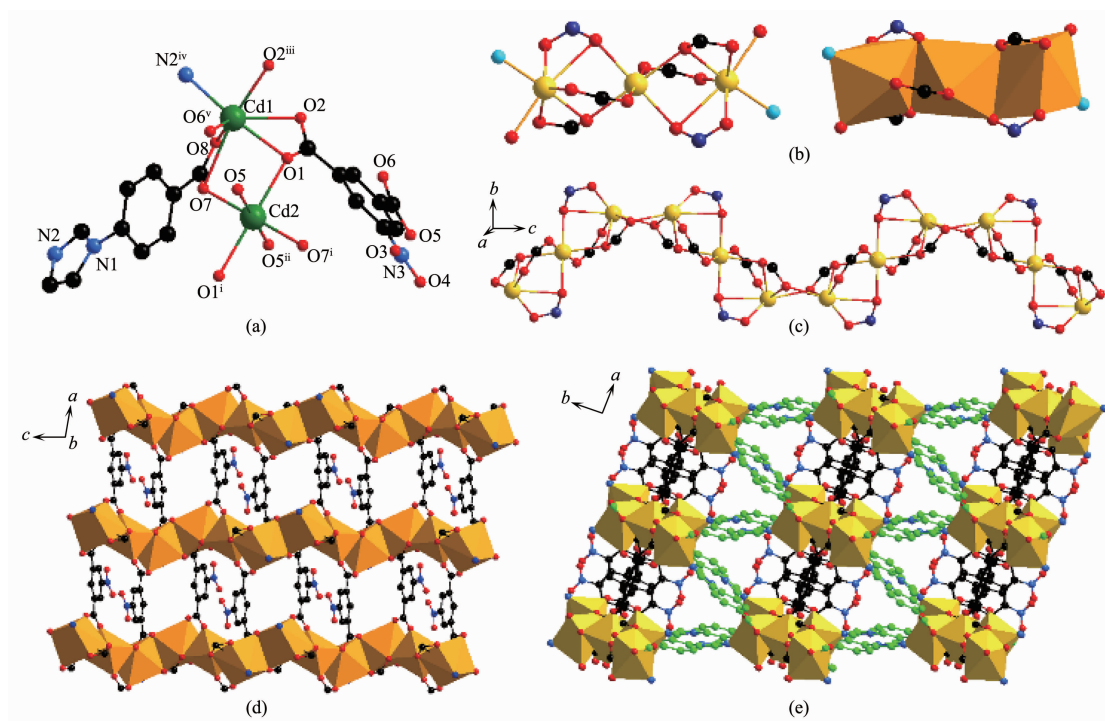
When H<sub>2</sub>NPA was used as a co-ligand, a mixed-ligand CP (compound **3**) is obtained. The asymmetric unit of compound **3** contains two Cd(II) ions with 1 and 1/2 site occupancy, respectively, one NPA<sup>2-</sup> and one IBA<sup>-</sup> anions. As showed in Fig.3a, Cd1 is seven-coordinated by six O atoms and one N atom from three NPA<sup>2-</sup> and two IBA<sup>-</sup> anions, whereas Cd2 is six-coordinated by six O atoms from four NPA<sup>2-</sup> and two IBA<sup>-</sup> anions. Three Cd(II) ions are bridged by four carboxylate groups from NPA<sup>2-</sup> and two carboxylate groups from IBA<sup>-</sup> anions (with three carboxylate groups between every two Cd(II) ions), resulting in a linear trinuclear Cd(II) building block (Fig.3b)<sup>[44-45]</sup>. The trinuclear building blocks are further interconnected

by Cd-O bonds, giving rise to a 1D zigzag secondary building block (SBU) extending along *c* direction (Fig. 3c). The 1D SBUs are linked by NPA<sup>2-</sup> anions to a 2D layer in *ac* plane (Fig.3d), which is further connected by IBA<sup>-</sup> anions into a 3D framework (Fig.3e). Some inorganic anions, such as Cl<sup>-</sup>, Ac<sup>-</sup>, and ox<sup>2-</sup> have been used as a auxiliary ligand to construct CPs based on HIBA. However, very few CPs that use a organic carboxylate acid as auxiliary ligand, as far as we know<sup>[29]</sup>. Obviously, the incorporation of organic carboxylate auxiliary ligand seems more difficult to achieve because the coordination modes and conformations of organic ligands are larger, thus more balance between the building units should be considered.

## 2.2 PXRD analyses and luminescent properties

In order to check the purity of compounds **1~3**, the as-synthesized crystals of **1~3** were characterized by powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD). As shown in Fig. S1~S3, the observed peaks in the measured patterns are in good agreement with the calculated patterns that generated from single-crystal diffraction data, thus indicating that single phases of **1~3** are formed. The





H atoms are omitted for clarity; Symmetry codes: <sup>i</sup> 1-x, 1-y, 2-z; <sup>ii</sup> -x, 1-y, 2-z; <sup>iii</sup> 1-x, -y, 5/2-z; <sup>iv</sup> 1/2+x, 1/2-y, 1/2+z; <sup>v</sup> 1+x, y, z

Fig.3 (a) View of the coordination environment of Cd(I) ions in **3**; View of the triuclear SBU(b) and 1D SBU(c) in **3**; (d) View of the 2D framework along b direction in **3**; (e) 3D framework in **3**

difference in intensity between the simulated and measured patterns may be attributed to a certain degree of preferred orientation of the powder samples during data collection.

The coordination polymers constructed from organic ligands and metal centers with  $d^{10}$  electronic configuration have shown competitive prospect for photoactive crystalline materials<sup>[46-47]</sup>. Thus, the solid-state fluorescent properties of **2~3** have been studied at room temperature. As shown in Fig.4, excitation of the microcrystalline samples results in emission bands

at 381 nm with a shoulder at 468 nm ( $\lambda_{ex}$ =365 nm) for **2**, and 469 nm ( $\lambda_{ex}$ =335 nm) for **3**. Compared with the fluorescent spectra of free HIBA and H<sub>2</sub>NPA<sup>[48-49]</sup>, the emission bands at 468 and 469 nm of complexes **2~3** are mainly due to an intraligand emission state of HIBA ligands. The emission bands at 381 nm of compound **2** can be attributed to ligand-to-metal charge transfer (LMCT) between aromatic  $\pi$  systems and the 5s orbitals of Cd(II) centers.

### 3 Conclusions

In conclusion, three new CPs was constructed based on HIBA. Compounds **1** and **2** are frameworks with 4-connected four-fold and three-fold dia network topologies, respectively. Their different interpenetrations are largely dependent on the coordination geometries of metal centers. Compound **3** is a mixed-ligand CPs including HIBA ligands, which exhibit 3D framework based on 1D zigzag SBUs and NPA<sup>2-</sup> and IBA<sup>-</sup> linkers. This work may be helpful in the construction of homoligand and mixed-ligand CPs based on HIBA.

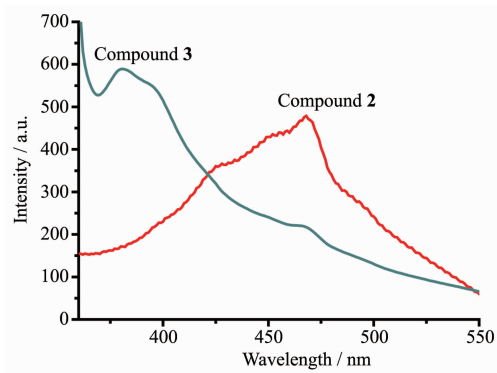


Fig.4 Emission spectra of compounds **2** (excited at 365 nm) and **3** (excited at 335 nm)

Supporting information is available at <http://www.wjhxxb.cn>

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