SINGLE CRYSTAL TO SINGLE CRYSTAL TRANSFORMATIONS IN Co(II) TRICARBOXYLATE METAL-ORGANIC FRAMEWORKS

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INTRODUCTION / LITERATURE REVIEW

Metal-organic frameworks/MOFs are a class of crystalline materials made of metal ions/clusters which are connected to each other by rigid organic linkers to give 1D, 2D or 3D structures.



Their hybrid nature is responsible of their unique properties. Eg: High surface area. Due to their porous nature, they exhibit a lot of potential applications including gas storage and separation, sensing, selectivity, energy, catalysis, drug delivery, photocatalysis, magnetism, ...

In liquid phase, molecules move freely, while their movement is confined in the solid state. However, the solid state reactions can also occur with ease if the reactive functional groups are closely and properly oriented. In ST molecules are closely bound to each other with different types of bonding forces, i.e., van der Waals, ionic, covalent, and metallic (Toda, 2002).

Schmidt *et al.* (1971) established the relationship between the structure and reactivity in solid state reactions by exposing the solid materials to light (photochemical reactions) that provided a pathway to the field of solid-state organic photochemistry and crystal engineering.

Single Crystal to Single Crystal (SCSC) transformation is a process where a single crystal is exposed to external stimuli (solvent, heat, or light and sometimes by applying mechanochemical forces) resulting in structurally transformed products (Zhang *et al.*, 2014).

SCSC transformation is fascinating because in many cases it may lead to the formation of products which otherwise cannot be designed by routine synthetic routes which help to directly visualize the change in molecular structure during the transformation process (Huang *et al.*, 2015).

These structural transformations are accompanied by a change in physical properties such as color, magnetism, porosity, luminescence, chirality, etc. as well as a change in coordination number, geometry...

For example, the change in color of the crystals make them a potential candidate for sensor technology.

In most cases, exposing single crystals to external forces results in the loss of crystallinity. Thus, the major challenge in SCSC transformation is to retain crystallinity of the transformed single crystal which can be authenticated by X-ray diffraction techniques (SCXRD, PXRD, and recently by synchrotron facility).

OBJECTIVES Synthesis of novel MOFs using tricarboxylic acids and amino acids.

□Elucidate the structures of these MOFs using

various instrumental techniques.

□Evaluate their ability to undergo SC/SC transformations.

EXPERIMENTAL





Fig 1 Coordination environment around cobalt ions

in **1** with the guest molecules. Ethanol is disordered over two positions, 3 coord mod

> [Co₃(μ_3 -O)(BTC)₂(DMF)(OH₂)]_n(DMF)(EtOH)_{0.25}(H₂O)_{2.5}]

> Orthorhombic, *Iba*2

 $a=19.1941(9), b=21.2228(10), c=17.7926(8) \text{ Å}, V=7247.9(6) \text{ Å}^3$



Fig 2 Packing diagram of 1 illustrating different types of pores running parallel to [001]. It has different type of channels of varying sizes which contain DMF and water, or ethanol and water molecules



Fig 3 Coordination environment around cobalt ions in 2, and guests, 2 coord modes.
[Co₃(µ₃-O)(BTB)₂(DMF)(OH₂)₂]_n(DMF)₂(H₂O)_{10.2}

> Orthorhombic, Pnma

>a=17.3664(19), b=28.029(3), c=18.260(2) Å, V= 78888.4(17) Å³

> R_1 = 0.0714, w R_2 = 0.1926; 53407 reflections



Fig 4 Packing of 2 showing large channels running parallel to [100] which contain water molecules. DMF is contained in pores and close to the metal centre. 9



Fig 5 Coordination environment around cobalt ions in 3, with the guests, 2 coord modes. >[Co₃(µ₃-O)(BTC)₂(DMF)(OH₂)]_n(DMF)(EtOH)_{0.25}(H₂O)_{2.5}]

 \succ Orthorhombic, *Pnma*

a=17.360(7), b=28.618(11), c=17.303(7) Å, V=8596(6) Å³

> R₁= 0.0347, wR₂= 00.1133; 140529 reflections

Fig 6 Packing of **3** showing large channels running parallel to [100] which contain water molecules.



Fig 7 Coordination environment around cobalt ions in 4

>[[$Co_{1.5}(\mu_3-O)_{0.5}BTB(OH_2)(DMF)_{0.5}$](DMF)_{0.5}](H₂O)_{5.8} >Orthorhombic, *Pnma* >a=17.39(6), b=21.92(7), c=25.03(9) Å, V= 9657(5) Å³

 $ightarrow R_1=0.0917$, wR_2= 0.2947; 118723 reflections

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Compound 4', reported, Yao et al., 2012:

>Co_{0.25}C_{6.75}H_{4.5}N_{0.25}O

>Cubic, Pm-3n

>a= b=c=27.65(6) Å, V= 21144.32 Å<sup>3</sup>
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Fig 8 Packing of 4 showing large channels running parallel to [100] which contain water molecules. The cooordinated DMF is close to the metal centre and connected to the other uncoordinated DMF which is disordered over two positions. **11** SC/SC transformation studies



or



2

4

Soaked in DMF or EtOH solution of Cu, Zn or Ni salt

or



Compound 1





Table 1 Metal ion ration in **1** after analysis by ICP-AES.

Samples	Elements / Metal molar ratio (%)			
	Со	Cu	Zn	Ni
1 crystals in EtOH solution of Cu(NO ₃) ₂ .3H ₂ O	0	100	/	/
1 crystals in EtOH solution of Zn(NO ₃) ₂ .6H ₂ O	0	/	100	/
1 crystals in EtOH solution of Ni(NO ₃) ₂ .6H ₂ O	63	/	/	37
1 crystals in DMF solution of Cu(NO ₃) ₂ .3H ₂ O	80	20	/	/
1 crystals in DMF solution of Zn(NO ₃) ₂ .6H ₂ O	73	/	27	/
1 crystals in DMF solution of Ni(NO ₃) ₂ .6H ₂ O	99	/	/	1

Fig 9 PXRD profile of $\mathbf 1$ and its metalated

samples.

Compound 2









Fig 11 Photographs of 2 (purple) and its metalated samples.



Compounds 4 & 4'



4-Cu







4





4-Zn

18



Fig13 PXRD profile of **4** and its metalated analogues

Conclusion/perspective

- □Four novel compounds were synthesized and fully characterised by various techniques.
- □Compounds 1, 2 and 4 were used for single crystal solid state studies, where new structures were obtained, no study done on 3.
- □Use Rietveld refinement to rebuild the structures of all the new compounds obtained, so as to undertand the mechanism of interaction of both guests and frameworks.
- □Investigate magnetic behaviour and other properties of the both parents and daughter MOFs.
- □The use of different synthetic methods to grow crystals of structures that were found new. allow to analyse them using SCXRD diffraction and get the exact structure of the compounds. 20







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