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## A new 3D cadmium coordination polymer containing 3-amino-1H-1,2,4-triazole: Synthesis, structure, and property



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#### ABSTRACT

Cadmium acetate  $(Cd(Ac)_2)$  reacted with 3-amino-1H-1,2,4-triazole (Hatr) under hydrothermal conditions to produce a 3D framework,  $[Cd_5(atr)_7(Ac)_3(H_2O)_2]$  (1), which is constructed through the interweaving of the 2D (4'4) layers with the 1D zigzag  $[Cd_3(atr)_2(H_2O)]$  chains. Compound 1 was isolated with high phase purity confirmed by PXRD. TGA indicates the thermal decomposition temperature of compound 1 at 343 °C, showing the framework of 1 has high thermal stability. The solid state fluorescence of 1 at ambient temperature exhibits a blue emission at 419 nm, assigned to intraligand  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$  transition of 1,2,4-triazole ring, which is similar to that of free Hatr with emission at 427 nm. The temperature-dependent fluorescence of 1 shows a thermal quenching with 43.78% quenching rate at 200 °C, and the fluorescent intensity can be completely recovered as the temperature decreased to ambient temperature.

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Coordination polymers (CPs) have made many progresses recently in many fields, such as gas storage and selective separation [1], chemosensor [2], light-emitting devices [3], catalysis [4], drug-delivery [5], gas/liquid detection [6], which aims at the structure constructions and the structure-property relationship [7]. A lot of work have been devoted to the structure design and controlled synthesis of CPs, attributing to understand the structure-property relationship [8]. However, at present, the preparation of a CP with predicted structure and desired property is still a challenge [9]. One of the strategies of CP structure construction is the rational selection of inorganic metal connectors and organic linkers [10]. The organic linkers containing the donor sites of N or O atoms are commonly used to tune the CP structure constructions [11]. The metal azolate frameworks have attracted much interest due to the rich  $\pi$ -electron aromatic N-heterocycles bind to soft transition metal showing charming structures and properties with high stabilities [12]. Compared to the famous diazole ligands of imidazolate and pyrazolate with simple coordination modes to fabricate the predictable structures, 1,2,4-trizaole ligands with one more nitrogen donor exhibit less predictable coordination behaviors and relative weaker coordination abilities. With the bridging fashions of  $\mu_3$ -1 $\kappa$ N: 2 $\kappa$ N: 4 $\kappa$ N,  $\mu_2$ -1 $\kappa$ N: 2 $\kappa$ N,  $\mu_2$ -2 $\kappa$ N: 4 $\kappa$ N [13], 1,2,4-triazole ligands demonstrate themselves as versatile linkers to construct "simple, high-symmetry" structures [14]. 3-amino-1H-1,2,4-triazole (Hatr) is a two-connecting neutral or three-connecting anionic (deprotonated) ligand in the constructions of coordination polymers, which vails to achieve open porous

\* Corresponding authors. *E-mail addresses*: liubing@sust.ed.cn (B. Liu), xuling@snnu.edu.cn (L. Xu). CPs and new topological nets [15]. In this contribution, we present a 3D atr-containing cadmium CP,  $[Cd_5(atr)_7(Ac)_3(H_2O)_2]$  (1), which was synthesized under hydrothermal condition [16] and characterized by single crystal X-ray diffraction (SCXRD) (Table 1), powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD), thermogravimetric analysis (TGA), solid-state and temperature-dependent fluorescence, and FT-IR. Compound 1 shows interesting structure features, high thermal stability, blue fluorescence, and fluorescence thermal quenching.

#### 1. Crystal structure

The single crystal analysis reveals **1**,  $[Cd_5(atr)_7(Ac)_3(H_2O)_2]$ , is a 3D architecture, in whose asymmetric unit there are five cadmium atoms, seven atr<sup>-</sup> ligands, three Ac<sup>-</sup> anions, and two coordinated water molecules. Compound 1 crystallizes in orthorhombic noncentrosymmetric space group  $P2_12_12_1$ , whose structural flack factor is -0.02(6), indicating the absolute structure is accurate [17]. Five cadmium atoms show two types of coordination geometries: five-coordinated Cd1, Cd2 and Cd5 atoms are in distorted CdN<sub>5</sub> and CdN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> square pyramids and a CdN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> triangular bipyramid respectively; six-coordinated Cd3 and Cd4 are in CdN<sub>5</sub>O and CdN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> octahedra (Supporting information, Fig. S1). All the deprotoned atr<sup>-</sup> ligands adopt the same coordination mode of  $\mu_3$ -1 $\kappa$ N: 2 $\kappa$ N: 4 $\kappa$ N (Supporting information, Scheme S1a). The Ac<sup>-</sup> anions exhibit three types of coordination modes:  $\mu_3$ -monodentate bridging/monodentate,  $\mu_2$ -monodentate bridging, and monodentate (Supporting information, Scheme S1b-d). Each Cd3 shapes a [Cd(H<sub>2</sub>O)] subunit with O1W as a terminal ligand, which is further connected into a 1D  $[Cd(atr)(H_2O)]$  chain along the

#### Table 1

Crystal and	structure	refinement	data for	r compound <b>1</b> .
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Compound	1		
Empirical formula	$C_{20}H_{31}Cd_5N_{29}O_8$		
Fw	1367.74		
Crystal system	orthorhombic		
Space group	$P2_12_12_1$		
a/Å	13.3148(7)		
b/Å	15.0801(5)		
c/Å	19.6590(4)		
V/Å <sup>3</sup>	3947.3(3)		
Ζ	4		
$Dc(Mg m^{-3})$	2.302		
$\mu/\text{mm}^{-1}$	2.734		
F(000)	2632.0		
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.20  imes 0.10  imes 0.05		
20/°	8.24 to 50.046		
Reflections collected	13,449		
Independent reflections	6627 [ $R_{int} = 0.0768$ , $R_{sigma} = 0.1307$ ]		
S	1.020		
Final $R_1$ , $wR_2$ [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ]	$R_1 = 0.0682, wR_2 = 0.1412$		
$R_1$ , $wR_2$ (all data)	$R_1 = 0.1064, wR_2 = 0.1631$		
$\Delta \rho_{max/min}/e \cdot Å^{-3}$	1.82 / - 1.18		
Flack parameter	-0.02(6)		

 $R_1 = (\Sigma ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \Sigma |F_o|). wR_2 = [\Sigma (w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2) / \Sigma (w|F_o^2|^2)]^{1/2}.$ 

*a*-direction by the atr<sup>-</sup> ligands with N71 connecting neighboring  $[Cd(H_2O)]$  subunits in  $\mu_2$ -1 $\kappa$ N: 4 $\kappa$ N mode (Fig. 1). Cd2 and Cd5 are alternately linked by the  $\mu_2$ -atr<sup>-</sup> ligands with N61 and Ac<sup>-</sup> bridges into a  $[Cd_2(atr)(Ac)]$  chain along the *a*-direction, and its neighboring staggered chain is connected by the  $\mu_2$ -atr<sup>-</sup> ligands with N12 into a lattice-like chain (Fig. 1). These ladder-like chains fabricate with the  $[Cd(atr)(H_2O)]$  chain containing Cd3 through two groups of  $\mu_2$ -atr<sup>-</sup> bridges with N21 and N31 into a 2D (4'4) layer along the *ac*-plane (Fig. 1; the topological



Fig. 2. Comparison of the simulated and experimental PXRD patterns of compound 1.

network in Supporting information, Fig. S2). Cd4 also shapes a similar  $[Cd(H_2O)]$  subunit. Each Cd1 connects N44 and N51 of two atr<sup>-</sup> ligands in almost coplanar mode with the dihedral angle of 3.364°. The two atr<sup>-</sup> ligands continue to bind the  $[Cd(H_2O)]$  subunits into a 1D zigzag  $[Cd_3(atr)_2(H_2O)]$  chain along the *c*-direction (Fig. 1). The 2D (4'4) layers interweave with the zigzag  $[Cd_3(atr)_2(H_2O)]$  chains through the rest N sites of the atr<sup>-</sup> ligands and the Ac<sup>-</sup> to form a 3D architecture (Fig. 1).

Considering the structural features of **1**, the Cd<sub>2</sub>(Ac) subunit that is formed by the  $\mu_2$ -monodentate bridging Ac<sup>-</sup> bridging Cd2 and Cd4



Fig. 1. The structural construction and the topological network of 1.

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