

# Solvothermal Synthesis of a Novel 3D Microporous Transition Metal-Organic Framework

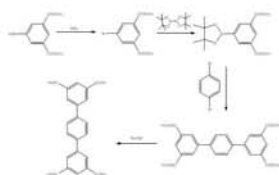


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**Abstract:** A new three-dimensional (3D) zinc based metal-organic frameworks (MOFs) containing terphenyl-3,3',5,5'-tetracarboxylic acid (TPTC) have been synthesized solvothermally and characterized by single crystal X-ray diffraction.  $Zn_2(TP TC)(H_2O)_2$  ( $ZnTP TC$ ), which crystallizes in the space group  $R\bar{3}m$  ( $a = 19.1771(7) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $b = 19.1771(7) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $c = 37.6412(13) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\alpha = 90.00(4)^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 90.00(4)^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 120(4)^\circ$ ), Pairs of  $Zn^{II}$  centers are bridged by four carboxylate groups, forming  $\{Zn_2(O_2CR)_4\}$  paddle-wheel units. One  $H_2O$  molecule binds to each metal center along the paddle-wheel axis. Each  $\{Zn_2(O_2CR)_4\}$  paddlewheel is linked to four terphenyl connectors, to give frameworks with NbO-type topologies. Interestingly, it can exhibit high thermal stability and will be an excellent framework of gas adsorption.



Scheme 1. The synthetic routes of TPTC

$^1H$ NMR ( $[D_6]$  DMSO, 500 MHz):  $\delta = 8.48$  (t,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 8.44 (d,  $J = 2.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.91 ppm (s, 2H);  
Elemental analysis (%) calcd for  $TP TC(C_{22}O_8H_{14})$ : C 65.03, H 3.47; found: C 64.87, H 3.59

The synthetic of  $ZnTP TC$ : a mixture of  $Zn(NO_3)_2 \cdot 6H_2O$  (1.5mg, 50  $\mu$ mol) and  $TP TC$  (5 mg, 12.3  $\mu$ mol) was suspended in 1.1 ml DMF/MeCN (10:1), and heated in a teflon (3 ml) vessel at  $90^\circ C$  for 48h

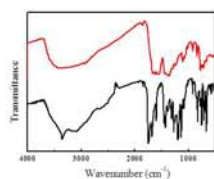


Fig 1. FT-IR of TPTC and  $ZnTP TC$

IR spectrum shows that the  $C=O$  stretching peak at  $1750\text{cm}^{-1}$  in  $TP TC$  shifted to  $1655\text{cm}^{-1}$  in  $ZnTP TC$ , which indicated that the reaction of carboxylic group and  $Zn^{2+}$ .

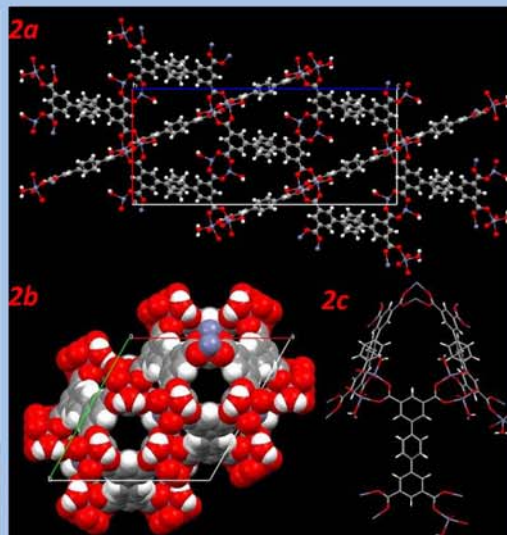
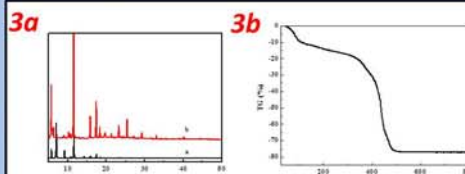


Fig 2. Crystal structure of  $ZnTP TC$ , Zn, blue; O, red; C, grey; H, white

The diameters of the channels are predefined by the geometry of  $\{Zn_2(O_2CR)_4\}$  units and the span of the dicarboxylate moieties of the isophthalate groups on each terminus of the bridging ligands. The diameters of the channels is approximately 0.5nm.



**3a** The experimental XRD patterns agreed well with the simulated for  $ZnTP TC$   
**3b** shows the weight loss of uncoordinated and coordinated water molecules in the temperature range of  $\sim 90^\circ C$ . The host framework is stable up to ca.  $320^\circ C$ .

## Conclusion

- > A Novel 3D zinc MOF,  $Zn_2(TP TC)(H_2O)_2$ , was synthesized by solvothermal reaction
- >  $ZnTP TC$  has high thermal stability up to  $320^\circ C$
- > The diameters of the channels is approximately 0.5nm, and it will be an excellent framework for gas adsorption

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