# **Supporting Information**

# **Coordination Polymers from Alkaline-Earth Nodes**

### and Pyrazine Carboxylate Linkers

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# Section. S1 X-ray Structure Analysis

Complexes	H₂pzdc	
Formula	$C_6H_8N_2O_6$	
Formula weight	204.14	
Space group	P-1	
a (Å)	6.9599 (6)	
b (Å)	7.1381 (4)	
C (Å)	9.3226 (6)	
α (°)	92.721 (7)	
β (°)	105.178 (7)	
γ (°)	110.866 (8)	
Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )	412.56 (6)	
Z	2	
$Dx (g/cm^3)$	1.643	
μ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	1.492	
Reflections Collected	5008	
Reflections	1767	
Unique	1707	
$\mathbf{R}_{1^{a}}\left[I > 2\sigma\left(I\right)\right]$	0.0463	
$wR_2^b$	0.1674	
${}^{a}R_{1} = \Sigma   Fo  -  Fc   / \Sigma   Fo  , {}^{b}wR_{2} = \{\Sigma   w( Fo ^{2} -  Fc ^{2})^{2}] / \Sigma   w( Fo ^{4}) \}^{1/2}$		

 Table S1. Crystal Data and Refinement Information for 2,5-H2pzdc Ligand.

 Table S2. Crystal Data and Refinement Information for Complexes.

Complexes	1	2	3	4	5
Formula	$C_6H_8CaN_2O_7$	$C_6H_{10}CaN_3O_8$	$C_{12}H_{16}Sr_2N_4O_{18}$	$C_6H_{10}BaN_2O_{10}$	$C_6H_2BaN_2O_6$
Formula weight	260.22	278.23	679.51	407.48	335.42
Space group	P-1	C2/c	P1	C2	C2/c
a (Å)	6.5656 (8)	11.640 (2)	6.2281 (2)	11.7030 (6)	19.899 (2)
b (Å)	8.5184 (11)	5.8956 (4)	9.4499 (4)	16.1087 (8)	6.9856 (5)
C (Å)	9.2413 (10)	15.168 (2)	10.6160 (7)	7.3641 (5)	6.3382 (5)
α (°)	105.140 (5)	90	73.814 (5)	90	90
β (°)	95.387 (4)	104.286 (7)	80. 723 (6)	116.030 (8)	96.274 (7)
γ (°)	99.325 (7)	90	75.136 (5)	90	90
Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )	487.26 (11)	1008.7 (2)	577.24 (5)	1247.5 (2)	875.8 (2)
Z	2	4	1	4	4
$Dx (g/cm^3)$	1.773	1.832	1.955	2.169	2.544
$\mu$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	6.668	6.575	47.071	32.335	45.444
Reflections Collected	4912	3900	8952	3901	2630
Reflections Unique	2038	1160	4760	2439	996
$R_1^a \left[ I > 2\sigma \left( I \right) \right]$	0.0449	0.0437	0.0418	0.0246	0.0361
wR <sub>2</sub> <sup>b</sup>	0.1215	0.1057	0.1175	0.0810	0.0932
${}^{a}R_{1} = \Sigma   Fo  -  Fc   / \Sigma   Fo , {}^{b}wR_{2} = \{\Sigma [w( Fo ^{2} -  Fc ^{2})^{2}] / \Sigma [w( Fo ^{4})]\}^{1/2}$					

#### Section. S2 Phase Purity and Thermal Stability



**Figure S1.** PXRD patterns of the simulated **1** (black), as-synthesized **1** (red), dehydrated **1** at 100 °C (blue), dehydrated **1** at 200 °C (green) and **1** after water adsorption measurement (orange), respectively.



**Figure S2.** PXRD patterns of the simulated **2** (black), simulated **1** (red) and as-synthesized **2** (blue), respectively. It shows that the as-synthesized compound **2** is a mixture containing the compounds  $[Ca(2,5-pzdc)(H_2O)_2]\cdot H_2O$  and  $[Ca(2,5-pzdc)(H_2O)_4]$ . This is in agreement with our observation during the single-crystal XRD measurement, in which we found two kind of crystals with independent shapes and crystal structure parameters.



**Figure S3.** PXRD patterns of the simulated **3** (black), as-synthesized **3** (red), activated **3** at 100 °C (blue) and activated **3** at 200 °C (green), respectively.



Figure S4. PXRD patterns of the simulated (black) and as-synthesized 4 (red), respectively.



Figure S5. PXRD patterns of the simulated (black) and as-synthesized 5 (red), respectively.



**Figure S6.** TGA (solid line) and DSC (dash lines) curves of the as-synthesized compound **1** (green), dehydrated **1** at 100 °C (red) and dehydrated **1** at 200 °C (blue).



**Figure S7.** TGA (solid line) and DSC (dash lines) curves of the as-synthesized compound **3** (dark blue), dehydrated **3** at 100 °C (red) and dehydrated **3** at 200 °C (green).

Section. S3 Water Adsorption Study



Figure S8. Water uptake of the as-synthesized compound 1 (green) and the dehydrated compound 1 (black) at 30  $^{\circ}$ C.

#### Section. S4 Crystal Structure Comparison

Compound <sup>[1]</sup>	Metal Salts	Ligands <sup>[2]</sup>	Coordina tion <sup>[3]</sup>	Metal Cluster	Application	Ref.
Ca-IRMOF-1	[4]	1,4-H <sub>2</sub> BDC	4	Ca <sub>4</sub> O(BDC) <sub>3</sub>	_	1
				Ca(TCM) <sub>6,</sub>		
Ref.2 <b>-3</b>	$Ca(NO_3)_2$ ·4H <sub>2</sub> O	H₃TCM	6,7,7	Ca(TCM)₅DMF,	_	2
				$Ca(TCM)_4(DMF)(H_2O)$		
Ref.3- <b>2</b>	_	HDCPP	6	$Ca(DCPP)_4(DMF)_2$	Adsorption	3
Ref.4- <b>1</b>	$Ca(NO_3)_2$ ·4H <sub>2</sub> O	$H_2BDC-F_4$	7	$Ca(BDC-F_4)_5(H_2O)$	Adsorption	4
Ref.5- <b>1</b>	$Ca(NO_3)_2$ ·4H <sub>2</sub> O	2,3-H₂pzdc	8	$Ca(2,3-pzdc)_2(NO_3)(H_2O)_3$	Magnetism	5
$Ca_4(pztc)_2(H_2O)_2$	Ca(OAc) <sub>2</sub> ·4H <sub>2</sub> O	2,3,4,6- H₄PZTC	7,8	$Ca(pztc)_3(H_2O)_4$ $Ca(pztc)_4(H_2O)_3$	_	6
$Ca(pztc)(H_2O)_3$	$Ca(NO_3)_2$ ·4H <sub>2</sub> O	2,3,4,6- H <sub>4</sub> PZTC	9	$Ca(pztc)_2(H_2O)_3$	_	7
$Ca-BTC-H_2O$	Ca(OAc) <sub>2</sub> ·4H <sub>2</sub> O	1,3,5-BTC	8	$Ca(BTC)_5(H_2O)$	Proton Conductivity	8
Ca-BTC-DMF	$Ca(NO_3)_2$ ·4H <sub>2</sub> O	1,3,5-BTC	7,8	Ca(BTC)₅DMF Ca(BTC)₄(DMF)(H₂O)	Proton Conductivity	8
Ca-BTC-DMSO	Ca(OAc) <sub>2</sub> ·4H <sub>2</sub> O	1,3,5-BTC	6,8	$Ca(BTC)_2(H_2O)_2(DMSO)_2$ $Ca(BTC)_4(H_2O)(DMSO)$	Proton Conductivity	8
Ca-BTC	CaCl <sub>2</sub>	1,3,5-BTC	6	Ca(BTC) <sub>6</sub>	Proton Conductivity	8
Ref.9- <b>1</b>	$Sr(NO_3)_2$ ·4H <sub>2</sub> O	2,6-H <sub>2</sub> pzdc	8,9	Sr(2,6-pzdc) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub> Sr(2,6-pzdc) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>5</sub>	_	9
$[Sr_3{H_2diol}_3(DMF)_5]$	SrCl <sub>2</sub>	H₄diol/ DABCO	8	$Sr(H_2diol)_3(DMF)_5$	Fluorescence	10
	-				Interlayer	
Ref.11- <b>1</b>	Sr(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	1,3-bdc	7,8	Sr(1,3bdc)₅(H₂O)	dielectric material	11
				$Ba(BPTC)_4(H_2O)$	Proton	
Ref.12- <b>3</b>	Ba(OH)₂	H₄BPTC	7,8,9	Ba(BPTC) <sub>4</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> Ba(BPTC) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>5</sub>	Conductivity	12
Ref.3- <b>4</b>	_	HDCPP	8	Ba(DCPP) <sub>5</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O)(DMA)	Adsorption	3
Ref.5- <b>3</b>	BaCl <sub>2</sub>	2,3-H <sub>2</sub> pzdc	9	Ba(2,3-pzdc) <sub>4</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>5</sub>	Magnetism	5
Ba-SBBA	Ba(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	SBBA	9,10	Ba(SBBA)₅DEF Ba(SBBA)₅(DEF)₃	_	13

**Table S3.** Structural details and potential applications of some alkaline-earth metal basedcoordination compounds/MOFs.

**Notes**: [1] Owing to the length of name of some compounds are too long to be putted in Table S3, thus only their abbreviation name in references are shown in column 1. The exact name are shown below:

$$\begin{split} & \textit{Ref.2-3}: \{[Ca_{5/2}(TCM)_2(DMF)_2(H_2O)](Me_2NH_2)(DMF)_2(H_2O)\}_n \\ & \textit{Ref.3-2}: [Ca(HDCPP)_2(H_2O)_2]_n(DMF)_{1.5n} \\ & \textit{Ref.4-1}: \{[Ca_4(BDC-F_4)_4(H_2O)_4]^{\cdot}4H_2O\}_n \\ & \textit{Ref.5-1}: [Ca_2Co(pzdc)_2(NO_3)_2(H_2O)_8]_n^{\cdot}2nH_2O \\ & \textit{Ref.9-1}: Sr_2(2,6-pzdc)_2(H_2O)_7^{\cdot}1.5H_2O \\ & \textit{Ref.9-1}: Sr_2(2,6-pzdc)_2(H_2O)_2]^{\cdot}H_2O\}_n \\ & \textit{Ref.11-1}: \{[Sr_2(1,3-bdc)_2(H_2O)_2]^{\cdot}H_2O\}_n \\ & \textit{Ref.12-3}: [Ba_6(BPTC)_3(H_2O)_6]^{\cdot}11H_2O \\ & \textit{Ref.3-4}: [Ba(DCPP)(H_2O)(DMA)]_n \\ & \textit{Ref.5-3}: [Ba_2Co(pzdc)_2(H_2O)_{10}]_n^{\cdot}2nCl \\ & Ba-SBBA: Ba_2(SBBA)_2^{\cdot}4DEF \end{split}$$

[2] 1,4-H<sub>2</sub>BDC 1,4-benzenedicarboxylic acid;

 $H_{3}TCM \ 4,4',4''-\{[(2,4,6-trimethylbenzene-1,3,5-triyl)tris-(methylene)]tris(oxy)]\} tribenzoic \ acid;$ 

HDCPP metal free 5,15-di(4-carboxypheneyl)porphyrin;

H<sub>2</sub>BDC-F<sub>4</sub> 2,3,5,6-tetrafluorobenzenedicarboxylic acid;

2,3-H<sub>2</sub>pzdc Pyrazine-2,3-dicarboxylic acid

2,3,5,6-H<sub>4</sub>PZTC Pyrazine-2,3,5,6-tetracarboxylic acid

1,3,5-BTC Bezene-1,3,5-tricarboxylic acid

2,6-H<sub>2</sub>pzdc Pyrazine-2,6-dicarboxylic acid

 $H_4 diol\ 2,2'\ dihydroxy biphenyl-4,4'\ dicarboxylic\ acid$ 

H<sub>4</sub>BPTC 2,2',6,6'-tetracarboxybiphenyl acid

SBBA 4,4'-sulfobisbenzoic acid

[3] It indicates that there are at least two independent coordinated metal ions in compound when the number in column 3 is above two.

[4] Sign \_ indicates that the reference didn't mention the starting metal salt or potential application.

# Section. S5 Proton Conductivity Comparison

Compound	Conductivity (S cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Activation energy (eV)	Measurement Condition	Reference
Ca-SBBA	8.58×10 <sup>-6</sup>	0.23	298K; 98% RH	13
Sr-SBBA	4.4×10 <sup>-5</sup>	0.56	298K; 98% RH	13
Ca-BTC-DMF	4.8×10 <sup>-5</sup>	0.32	298K; 98% RH	8
Ca-BTC-DMA	1.46×10 <sup>-5</sup>	0.40	298K; 98% RH	8
Mg-BPTC	6.9×10 <sup>-7</sup>	0.47	296K; 98% RH	12
Sr-BPTC	1.6×10 <sup>-6</sup>	0.77	296K; 98% RH	12
MIL-53 (Al)	3.6×10 <sup>-7</sup>	0.47	353K; 95% RH	14
MIL-53 (AI)-NH <sub>2</sub>	4.1×10 <sup>-8</sup>	0.45	353K; 95% RH	14
MIL-53 (Al)-OH	1.9×10 <sup>-6</sup>	0.27	353K; 95% RH	14

 Table S4. Performance indicators for alkaline-earth based MOFs in proton conductivity.

#### Section. S6 Proton Conductivity Mechanism



**Figure S9.** The proposed possible pathway of proton migration by Grotthuss mechanism in compound **3**. O15L, O16L, O17L and O18L are assigned to the lattice water molecules; O10C, O11C, O13C and O14C are assigned to the coordinated water molecules; O2, O4 and O6 are assigned to the uncoordinated oxygen atoms of carboxylate groups of 2,5-pzdc<sup>2-</sup> linkers. All the hydrogen atoms are removed for clarify.

# Section. S7 ORTEP representations, including thermal ellipsoids



**Figure S10.** Molecular structure of the ligand 2,5-H<sub>2</sub>pzdc.



**Figure S11.** Molecular packing of the ligand 2,5-H<sub>2</sub>pzdc along the *a* crystallographic axis.



Figure S12. Molecular packing of 1 along the *b* crystallographic axis.



Figure S13. Molecular packing of 2 along the *a* crystallographic axis.



Figure S14. Molecular structure of the dimeric unit of 3.



**Figure S15.** Molecular packing of **3** along the *a* crystallographic axis.



Figure S16. Molecular packing of 5 along the *c* crystallographic axis.

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