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### Alternative synthetic approaches for metal–organic frameworks: transformation from solid matters

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**Table S1** Summary of solid matters used for MOF syntheses.

Solid matter	Organic ligand	Reaction temperature	Reaction time	Solvent	Ref.
ZnO	2-methylimidazole	100°C	24 h	solvent-free	<sup>1</sup>
ZnO	2-methylimidazole	100°C	30 min	solid-vapor reaction	<sup>2</sup>
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1,4-naphthalenedicarboxylic acid	180°C	1 to 10 min	water	<sup>3</sup>
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4,4',4'',4'''-(porphyrin-5,10,15,20-tetrayl)tetrabenzoic acid (H <sub>4</sub> TCPP)	140°C	10 min	DMF/H <sub>2</sub> O	<sup>4,5</sup>
Bi <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	salicylic acid	room temperature (slight increase due to friction by ball milling)	10 to 60 min	solvent-free	<sup>6</sup>
Cu <sub>2</sub> O	benzene-1,3,5-tricarboxylic acid	room temperature	several hours	water, ethanol, DMF	<sup>7-9</sup>
CuO	benzene-1,3,5-tricarboxylic acid	room temperature	1 h	ethanol/water mixture	<sup>10</sup>

V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	1,4-naphthalenedicarboxylic acid	180°C	1 s to 1 h	water	<sup>11</sup>
ZnO	2-methylimidazole	100–160°C	varied depending on the conditions	solvent-free, <sup>12</sup> or ethanol/octanol, <sup>13</sup> or DMF/H <sub>2</sub> O <sup>14</sup>	<sup>12-14</sup>
ZnO	benzimidazole	50°C	30 min under microwave radiation	water/DMF mixture	<sup>14</sup>
ZnO	fumaric acid and 4,4'-dipyridyl or trans-1,2-bis(4-pyridyl)-ethylene	< 33°C	30 min	liquid-assisted grinding	<sup>15</sup>
MgO, MnO, CoO, NiO, or ZnO	H <sub>4</sub> (dobpdc), dobpdc = 4,4'-dioxido-3,3'-biphenyldicarboxylate	120 °C	10 min to 20 h	DMF	<sup>16</sup>
ZnO supported film	2-methylimidazole	room temperature	48 h	methanol	<sup>17</sup>
CoO or ZnO	2-methylimidazole	45°C, humid air	2 to 4 days; 15 days (without salt additive)	solvent free	<sup>18</sup>
MgO, MnO, CoO, NiO, ZnO, CdO, PbO	oxalic acid	45°C or room temperature	days	high humidity	<sup>19</sup>
Cu <sub>2</sub> O, Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	cyanometallate ions	40°C	30 min	water	<sup>20</sup>
Zn(OH) <sub>2</sub>	3-(3-methyl-2-pyridyl)-5-(4-pyridyl)-1,2,4-triazole	300°C	16 h	solvent-free	<sup>1</sup>
Zn(OH) <sub>2</sub>	2-methylimidazole (for preparation of ZIF-8), benzenedicarboxylic acid (for MOF-5)	room temperature, or 100°C	24 h	ethanol/water	<sup>21</sup>
Zn(OH) <sub>2</sub>	2-methylimidazole	30°C	6 h	ethanol/water	<sup>22</sup>
Mg(OH) <sub>2</sub> / or MgO	3-(3-methyl-2-pyridyl)-5-(4-pyridyl)-1,2,4-triazole	300°C	16 h	solvent-free	<sup>1</sup>
Co(OH) <sub>2</sub> /CoO	imidazole or 2-methylimidazole	100°C or 160°C	48 h	solvent-free	<sup>12</sup>
ZnO and Ni(OH) <sub>2</sub>	adenine and monocarboxylic acids	160°C	6 to 60 min	solvent free	<sup>23</sup>

Co(CO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>0.5</sub> (OH)	2-methylimidazole	room temperature	24 h	water	24
rare-earth(III) carbonates	benzene-1,3,5-tricarboxylic acid	ball-milling, temperature was not controlled	20 min	liquid-assisted grinding	25
rare earth sesquioxides	benzene-1,3,5-tricarboxylic acid	20°C	hours or days	solvent vapors or moisture	26
Cu <sub>2</sub> (OH) <sub>3</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	benzene-1,3,5-tricarboxylic acid	room temperature	10 min	ethanol	27
zinc slice	benzene-1,3,5-tricarboxylic acid	140°C	24 h	water	28
Cu(OH) <sub>2</sub> #	benzene-1,3,5-tricarboxylic acid	room temperature	5 min to 5 h	H <sub>2</sub> O / ethanol mixture	29-32
Cu(OH) <sub>2</sub>	benzene-1,3,5-tricarboxylic acid	nil	continuous process	solvent-assisted extrusion	33
Zn(OH) <sub>2</sub>	1,4-benzenedicarboxylic acid	room temperature	1 h	DMF	32
[Zn <sub>2</sub> (CO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ][Zn <sub>3</sub> (OH) <sub>6</sub> ]	2-methylimidazole	150 to 200°C	continuous process	solvent-free	33
Cu(OH) <sub>2</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> bdc, bpy (bdc <sup>2-</sup> = 1,4-benzenedicarboxylate; bpy=4,4'-bipyridine)	60°C	7 days	methanol	34
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , Al(OH) <sub>3</sub> , and AlO(OH)	1,4-benzenedicarboxylic acid	200°C	72 h	water	35
CaCO <sub>3</sub>	2,5-dihydroxybenzoquinone	room temperature	12 h	water	36
Cu substrate	benzene-1,3,5-tricarboxylic acid	n.a.	n.a.	benzyl alcohol, DMF	37,38
Cu nanoparticles	2,5-dihydroxyterephthalic acid	60°C	0 to 12 h	ethanol, DMF	39
Pt–Ni alloy	2,5-dihydroxyterephthalic acid	110°C	12 h	DMF	40
Cu <sub>2</sub> (OH) <sub>3</sub> (OAc)	potassium or sodium hexacyanoferrate (II or III)	room temperature	15 h	water	41
porous anodic aluminum oxide (AAO)	benzene-1,3,5-tricarboxylic acid	120°C	24 h	water, with the aid of metal hydroxide	42
ZnSnO <sub>3</sub>	2-methylimidazole	180°C	12 h	solvent-free	43

Cu <sub>2</sub> O@Au	benzene-1,3,5-tricarboxylic acid	room temperature or 50°C	40 min	ethanol and N,N-dimethyl acetamide (DMA)	<sup>44</sup>
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**Notes:** Usually, the room temperature represents that the reactions were conducted without a particular means of temperature control.

<sup>#</sup> Cu(OH)<sub>2</sub> was obtained from the copper plates treated with NaOH solution.

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