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for

Cation-directed assembly of polyrotaxane and polycatenane

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	1	2
Formula	$C_{21}H_{16}N_2O_6Pb_1S_1$	$C_{62}H_{62}N_{10}O_{14}S_2Zn_2$
Formula weight	631.61	1366.08
Temperature (K)	173(2)	173(2)
Crystal system	Triclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	P-1	C2/c
Ζ	2	8
<i>a</i> (Å)	7.9089(4)	47.233(6)
<i>b</i> (Å)	11.4057(6)	11.4571(17)
<i>c</i> (Å)	12.6968(6)	25.455(4)
α (°)	65.743(2)	90
β (°)	77.931(2)	119.856(7)
γ (°)	85.251(2)	90
$V(Å^3)$	1021.13(9)	11947(3)
D_{calc} (g/cm ³)	2.054	1.519
μ (mm ⁻¹)	8.406	0.950
$2\theta_{\max}$ (°)	52.00	50.00
reflections collected	16687	53855
independent reflections	4005 [R(int) = 0.0356]	9977 [R(int) = 0.1224]
goodness-of-fit on F2	1.067	1.089
<i>R1, wR2</i> $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$	R1 = 0.0167, wR2 = 0.0407	R1 = 0.1110, wR2 = 0.2781
<i>R1, wR2</i> (all data)	R1 = 0.0175, wR2 = 0.0410	R1 = 0.1626, wR2 = 0.3087

Table S1Crystallographic data and structure refinement for 1 and 2

Pb1-O2	2.309(2)	Pb1-O5A	2.348(2)
Pb1-N1	2.469(2)	Pb1-O6A	2.681(2)
Pb1-O1	2.765(2)		
O2-Pb1-O5A	87.02(7)	O2-Pb1-N1	77.58(7)
O5A-Pb1-N1	78.64(8)	O2-Pb1-O6A	80.37(7)
O5A-Pb1-O6A	51.67(7)	N1-Pb1-O6A	126.23(7)
O2-Pb1-O1	50.88(6)	O5A-Pb1-O1	114.35(7)
N1-Pb1-O1	123.78(7)	O6A-Pb1-O1	71.14(6)
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**Table S2**Selected bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (°) for  $1^a$ 

^aSymmetry operations: (A) -x-1, -y, -z-1.

Zn1-O1	1.937(7)	Zn1-N4	2.023(9)	
Zn2-N5	2.044(8)	Zn2-N1B	2.044(9)	
Zn2-O8	2.047(7)	Zn2-O6	2.074(8)	
Zn3-O11	1.970(7)	Zn3-N8	2.047(8)	
O1-Zn1-O1A	112.5(4)	O1-Zn1-N4	119.0(3)	
O1A-Zn1-N4	99.2(3)	N4-Zn1-N4A	108.9(5)	
N5-Zn2-N1A	102.8(3)	N5-Zn2-O8	106.3(3)	
N1B-Zn2-O8	99.0(3)	N5-Zn2-O6	98.8(3)	
N1B-Zn2-O6	105.0(3)	O8-Zn2-O6	140.2(3)	
O11A-Zn3-O11	110.4(5)	O11A-Zn3-N8	99.4(3)	
O11-Zn3-N8	120.0(3)	N8A-Zn3-N8	108.9(5)	

**Table S3**Selected bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (°) for  $2^a$ 

^{*a*}Symmetry operations: (A) –x, y, -z+1/2; (B) –x+1/2, -y+3/2, -z+1.

## Experimental

**General.** All chemicals and solvents employed in the syntheses were of reagent grade and were used without further purification. The FT-IR spectra were measured with a Thermo Scientific Nicolet iS10 spectrometer. The elemental analysis was carried out on a Thermo Scientific Flash 2000 Series elemental analyzer. The solid-state excitation and emission spectra were performed on a RF-5301 spectrophotometer. The powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) experiments were performed in a transmission mode with a Bruker GADDS diffractometer equipped with graphite-monochromated Cu K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 1.54073$  Å).

**Preparation of**  $[Pb_2(sdb)_2(bpp)]_n$  (1). A mixture of bpp (10 mg, 0.042 mmol), H₂sdb (13 mg, 0.042 mmol), and Pb(NO₃)₂ (14 mg, 0.042 mmol) dissolved in DMF (2 mL) and H₂O (1 mL) were placed in a 10 mL glass tube. The tube was sealed and kept at 120 °C for 48 h, followed by cooling to room temperature over 5 h. Colorless block-shaped crystalline product 1 suitable for X-ray analysis were obtained. IR (KBr): 3108, 2850, 1561, 1522, 1404, 1380, 1297, 1232, 1165, 1101, 1072, 1011, 951, 813, 782, 747, 725 and 622. Elemental analysis (%) calcd for  $[C_{42}H_{32}N_4O_{12}S_2Pb_2]$ : C, 39.93; H, 2.55; N, 4.44; S, 5.08; Found: C, 40.33; H, 2.65; N, 4.81; S, 4.81.

**Preparation of {** $[Zn_2(sdb)_2(bpp)_2] \cdot 2DMA$ **}***_n* (2). A mixture of bpp (10 mg, 0.042 mmol), H₂sdb (13 mg, 0.042 mmol), and Zn(NO₃)₂·4H₂O (11 mg, 0.042 mmol) dissolved in DMA (2 mL) and 0.1 M HCl (1 mL) were placed in a 10 mL glass tube. The tube was sealed and kept at 120 °C for 48 h, followed by cooling to room temperature over 5 h. Pink block-shaped crystalline product 2 suitable for X-ray analysis were obtained. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3482, 3109, 2839, 1564, 1521, 1375, 1231, 1165, 1101, 1071, 1012, 952, 813, 783, 748, 725, 699 and 622. Elemental analysis (%) calcd for [C₆₄H₆₈N₁₀O₁₅S₂Zn₂]: C, 54.43; H, 4.85; N, 9.92; S, 4.54; Found: C, 54.29; H,4.40; N,9.78; S, 4.63.

**X-ray crystallographic analysis.** All data were collected on a Bruker SMART APEX2 ULTRA diffractometer equipped with graphite monochromated Mo K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å) generated by a rotating anode. Data collection, data reduction, and semiempirical absorption correction were carried out using the software package APEX2.^{S1} All of the calculations for the structure determination were carried out using the SHELXTL package.^{S2} Relevant crystal data collection and refinement data for the crystal structures are summarized in Table S1. Since the compound **2** is slowly decomposed when exposed to air, it shows the larger *R*-values.

CCDC 1450365 (1) and 1450366 (2) contain the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif.

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S1. Bruker, APEX2 Version 2009.1-0 Data Collection and Processing Software; Bruker AXS Inc., Madison, Wisconsin, U.S.A., 2008.

S2. Bruker, SHELXTL-PC Version 6.22 Program for Solution and Refinement of Crystal Structures; Bruker AXS Inc., Madison, Wisconsin, U.S.A. 2001.



Fig. S1 The polymeric chains entangled in pairs to form a polyrotaxane (1).



**Fig. S2** Polycatenane structure of **2**,  $[Zn_2(sdb)_2(bpp)_2] \cdot 2DMA_n$ : (a) one tetrameric metallacycle unit (green part) with the coordinated bpp linkers (blue part), (b) basic linking of the metallacycles (green part) with bpp ligands (blue part) and (c) schematic perspective view.



**Fig. S3** Simplified 3D framework of the 4,4,4-connected 3-nodal net showing the *ssl*2 topology in **2**.

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Structural group analysis
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Structural group No 1
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Structure consists of 3D framework with Zn
Coordination sequences
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      Znl:
      1
      2
      3
      4
      5
      6
      7
      8
      9
      10

      Num
      4
      9
      22
      54
      123
      233
      388
      587
      862
      1219

      Cum
      5
      14
      36
      90
      213
      446
      834
      1421
      2283
      3502

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Zn2: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
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        23
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        130
        238
        387
        602
        874
        1199

        Cum
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        15
        38
        95
        225
        463
        850
        1452
        2326
        3525

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Zn3: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
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        11
        28
        66
        135
        241
        400
        613
        872
        1207

        Cum
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        886
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        2371
        3578

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Zn2 Point symbol: {4^2.6.10^3}
Extended point symbol: [4.10(6).4.10(10).6.10(6)]
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Zn3 Point symbol: {4.10^5}
Extended point symbol: [4.10(5).10(2).10(2).10(3).10(3)]
Point symbol for net: {4.10^5}{4^2.6.10^3}2{4^3.6^2.8}
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**Fig. S5** Comparison of the bpp conformations in (a) **1** and (b) **2**.



Fig. S6 PXRD patterns for (a) 1 and (b) 2.