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Supporting Information



Figure S1. Hydrogen bonding and close contacts patterns of the cationic stacks with the nitrate-water clusters and perchlorate clusters in salts $[HL_3]^+[NO_3]^-(H_2O)$ (a), and $[HL_3]^+[ClO_4]^-$. $[HL_4]^+[NO_3]^-$ (b), respectively, viewed down the crystallographic *b* axis. Hydrogen atoms were omitted for sake of clarity.



Figure S2. Hydrogen bonding patterns of the cationic layers with the nitrate and perchlorate anions in salts $[HL_4]^+[NO_3]^-$ (a) and $[L_4][HL_4]^+[ClO_4]^-$ (b), respectively, viewed down the crystallographic *c* axis. Hydrogen atoms were omitted for sake of clarity.



Figure S3. PXRD patterns for salts $[HL_1]^+[HSO_4]^{2-2}(H_2O)$, and the entries 1 and 2 in

Table 2.



Figure S4. PXRD patterns for salts $[HL_2]^+[HSO_4]^{2-2}(H_2O)$, and the entries 3 and 4 in Table 2.



Figure S5. PXRD patterns for salts $2[HL_3]^+[SO_4]^2 \cdot 2(H_2O)$, $[HL_3]^+[CIO_4]^-$ and the competitive sulfate/ perchlorate crystallization of entry 6 in Table 2.



Figure S6. PXRD patterns for salts $2[HL_4]^+[SO_4]^2 \cdot 2(H_2O)$, and the entries 7 and 8 in Table 2.



Figure S7. PXRD patterns for salts $[HL_1]^+[HSO_4]^- \cdot H_2O$, $[HL_2]^+[HSO_4]^- \cdot H_2O$ and the competitive L_1 and L_2 sulfate-binding (entry 1 in Table 3).



Figure S8. PXRD patterns for salts $[HL_1]^+[HSO_4]^- \cdot H_2O$ and the competitive L_1 and L_3 sulfate-binding (entry 2 in Table 3).



Figure S9. PXRD patterns for salts $[HL_2]^+[HSO_4]^- \cdot H_2O$ and the competitive L_2 and L_3 sulfate-binding (entry 4 in Table 3).



Figure S10. PXRD patterns for salts $[HL_2]^+[HSO_4]^- \cdot H_2O$, $2[HL_4]^+[SO_4]^2 \cdot H_2O$ and the competitive L_2 and L_4 sulfate-binding (entry 5 in Table 3).



Figure S11. PXRD patterns for salts $2[HL_4]^+[SO_4]^2 \cdot H_2O$ and the competitive L_3 and L_4 sulfate-binding (entry 6 in Table 3).