Towards polymorphism control in coordination networks and metallo-organic salts

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Figure S1: PXRD patterns for $[4,4'-H_2bipy][ZnCl_4]$ **3**: calculated from the crystal structure (black); solution synthesis (blue, Scheme route (vi)); grinding synthesis (green, Scheme route (vii)); HCl absorption (purple, Scheme route (viii)).



Figure S2: Comparison of the PXRD patterns calculated for the various polymorphs of **4** with those measured from the product obtained by various methods: 1) calculated for **4a** (black, *C2/c* phase); 2) solution synthesis (blue, Scheme route (ii)); 3) grinding (green, Scheme route (v)); 4) thermal elimination (red, Scheme route (i)); 5) mechanochemical elimination with KOH (light blue, Scheme route (iii)); 6) calculated for **4b** (yellow, *Pnma* phase); 7) By reaction of $[4,4'-H_2bipy]Cl_2$ with basic zinc carbonate (violet, Scheme route (iv)); 8) calculated for **4c** (brown, *Pban* phase).



Figure S3: Comparison of PXRD patterns measured for different samples: mixing equivalent amounts of 2 and 4 obtained from solution (pink), containing all three phases; solution synthesis of $4_{0.5}$ (blue), containing phases 4b and 4c; grinding synthesis of $4_{0.5}$ (green), containing just 4c.



Figure S4: Comparison of PXRD patterns measured for 4_x obtained by grinding 4,4'-bipy with cobalt and zinc chloride in a 1:3 ratio $4_{0.75}$ (blue), in a 1:1 ratio $4_{0.5}$ (green) and a 3:1 ratio $4_{0.25}$ (pink). Peaks due to the tetrahedral *Pnma* polymorph **4b** are indicated by arrows, and others are due to the octahedral *Pban* polymorph **4c**.



Figure S5: PXRD patterns for samples of [{(4,4'-bipy)Co_{1-x}Zn_xCl₂]_n] $\mathbf{4}_x$ obtained by thermal elimination from [4,4'-H₂bipy][Co_{1-x}Zn_xCl₄] $\mathbf{3}_x$: Co / Zn in 1:3 ratio $\mathbf{4}_{0.75}$ (blue); Co / Zn in 1:1 ratio $\mathbf{4}_{0.5}$ (green); Co / Zn in 3:1 ratio $\mathbf{4}_{0.25}$ (pink).



Figure S6: PXRD patterns for samples of [{(4,4'-bipy)Co_{1-x}Zn_xCl₂}_n] $\mathbf{4}_x$ obtained by mechanochemical elimination from [4,4'-H₂bipy][Co_{1-x}Zn_xCl₄] $\mathbf{3}_x$: Co / Zn in 1:3 ratio, $\mathbf{4}_{0.75}$ (blue); Co / Zn in 1:1 ratio, $\mathbf{4}_{0.5}$ (green); Co / Zn in 3:1 ratio, $\mathbf{4}_{0.25}$ (pink).



Figure S7: TGA of $[4,4'-H_2bipy][ZnCl_4]$ (3). Size 3.769 mg Ramp 10.00 °C/min to 600.00 °C Balance Gas: Nitrogen 40.0 ml/min Sample Gas: Nitrogen 60.0 ml/min.



Figure S8: SEM images and Co $K_{\alpha 1}$ and Zn $K_{\alpha 1}$ EDAX map scans of [{(4,4'-bipy)Co_{0.5}Zn_{0.5}Cl₂}_n] (**4**_{0.5}) obtained by mixing 4,4'-bipy, CoCl₂ and ZnCl₂ in a 2:1:1 ratio in a solution of ethanol.



Figure S9: SEM images and Co $K_{\alpha 1}$ and Zn $K_{\alpha 1}$ EDAX map scans of [{(4,4'-bipy)Co_{0.5}Zn_{0.5}Cl₂}_n] (**4**_{0.5}) obtained by manually grinding 4,4'-bipy, CoCl₂ and ZnCl₂ in a 2:1:1 ratio with a drop of ethanol.



Figure S10: SEM images and Co $K_{\alpha 1}$ and Zn $K_{\alpha 1}$ EDAX map scans of [4,4'-H₂bipy][Co_{0.5}Zn_{0.5}Cl₄] (**3**_{0.5}) obtained by grinding [4,4'-H₂bipy]Cl₂, CoCl₂ and ZnCl₂ in a 2:1:1 ratio.



Figure S11: SEM images and Co $K_{\alpha 1}$ and Zn $K_{\alpha 1}$ EDAX map scans of $[\{(4,4'-bipy)Co_{0.5}Zn_{0.5}Cl_2\}_n]$ (**4**_{0.5}) obtained by thermal elimination of 2 equivalents of HCl from $[4,4'-H_2bipy][Co_{0.5}Zn_{0.5}Cl_4]$ (**3**_{0.5}).



Figure S12: $K_{\alpha 1}$ and $K K_{\alpha 1}$ EDAX map scans of $[\{(4,4'-bipy)Co_{0.5}Zn_{0.5}Cl_2\}_n]$ (**4**_{0.5}) obtained by mechanochemical elimination of 2 equivalents of HCI from from $[4,4'-H_2bipy][Co_{0.5}Zn_{0.5}Cl_4]$ (**3**_{0.5}).

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| Compound reference | 3 _{0.86} | 3 _{0.93} | 3 _{0.95} |
|--|---|---|---|
| Chemical formula | $C_{10}H_{10}Cl_4Co_{0.14}N_2Zn_{0.86}$ | $C_{10}H_{10}Cl_4Co_{0\boldsymbol{\cdot}07}N_2Zn_{0\boldsymbol{\cdot}93}$ | $C_{10}H_{10}Cl_4Co_{0\boldsymbol{\cdot}05}N_2Zn_{0\boldsymbol{\cdot}95}$ |
| Formula Mass | 364.48 | 364.90 | 364.90 |
| Crystal system | Monoclinic | Monoclinic | Monoclinic |
| a/Å | 7.6596(2) | 7.65960(10) | 7.6491(6) |
| b/Å | 19.7497(7) | 19.7388(4) | 19.7209(16) |
| c/Å | 9.4708(3) | 9.4616(2) | 9.4569(8) |
| α /° | 90.00 | 90.00 | 90.00 |
| β /° | 109.067(2) | 109.0620(10) | 109.049(2) |
| $\gamma/^{\circ}$ | 90.00 | 90.00 | 90.00 |
| Unit cell volume/Å ³ | 1354.09(7) | 1352.07(4) | 1348.43(19) |
| Temperature/K | 120(2) | 120(2) | 120(2) |
| Space group | $P2_{1}/c$ | $P2_{1}/c$ | $P2_{1}/c$ |
| No. of formula units per unit cell, Z | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Absorption coefficient, μ/mm^{-1} | 2.504 | 2.544 | 2.473 |
| No. of reflections measured | 14086 | 17759 | 12415 |
| No. of independent reflections | 3096 | 3100 | 3745 |
| R _{int} | 0.0798 | 0.0334 | 0.0242 |
| Final R_I values $(I > 2\sigma(I))$ | 0.0629 | 0.0216 | 0.0221 |
| Final $wR(F^2)$ values $(I > 2\sigma(I))$ | 0.1203 | 0.0489 | 0.0575 |
| Final R_1 values (all data) | 0.0915 | 0.0253 | 0.0228 |
| Final $wR(F^2)$ values (all data) | 0.1352 | 0.0503 | 0.0580 |
| Goodness of fit on F^2 | 1.098 | 1.080 | 1.052 |
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Table S1: Details of the crystal structure determinations of 3_x with x = 0.95, 0.93 and 0.86