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**Zinc(II) coordination polymers with substituted benzenedicarboxylate
and tripodal imidazole ligands: syntheses, structures and properties**

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Table S1 Hydrogen bonding data for complexes **2-4**.

Complex 2				
<i>D</i> -H ··· <i>A</i>	<i>d</i> (<i>D</i> -H) (Å)	<i>d</i> (H ··· <i>A</i>) (Å)	<i>d</i> (<i>D</i> ··· <i>A</i>) (Å)	∠ <i>D</i> -H ··· <i>A</i> (°)
O7W-H7WB ···O2W#1	0.97	2.02	2.935(6)	156
O1W-H1WA ···O1#2	0.82	1.92	2.700(5)	160
O1W-H1WB ···O5#3	0.89	1.72	2.593(5)	165
C1-H1 ···O6W#4	0.93	2.40	3.310(6)	166
C9-H9 ···O6W#4	0.93	2.34	3.235(6)	161
O2W-H2WA ···O4W#4	0.82	2.05	2.788(5)	150
O2W-H2WB ···O3W#5	0.96	1.90	2.849(5)	174
O6W-H6WB ···O5#6	0.97	1.93	2.867(6)	163
O3W-H3WA ···O7W#7	0.90	1.98	2.808(6)	151
O4W-H4WA ···O7W#8	0.95	1.85	2.752(6)	158
O4W-H4WB ···O3#9	0.95	1.87	2.813(5)	173
O5W-H5WA ···O8#10	0.89	1.88	2.759(6)	171
C12-H12 ···O7#11	0.93	2.34	2.961(6)	124

Symmetry codes: #1 1-x, -y, 1-z; #2 2-x, 1-y, 1-z; #3 2-x, -y, 1-z; #4 x, -1+y, z; #5 1-x, -y, -z; #6 x, 1+y, z; #7 1-x, 1-y, 1-z; #8 x, y, -1+z; #9 1-x, 1-y, -z; #10 -1+x, 1+y, z; #11 -1+x, y, z.

Complex 3

<i>D</i> -H ··· <i>A</i>	<i>d</i> (<i>D</i> -H) (Å)	<i>d</i> (H ··· <i>A</i>) (Å)	<i>d</i> (<i>D</i> ··· <i>A</i>) (Å)	∠ <i>D</i> -H ··· <i>A</i> (°)
O(4)-H(4A) ···N(5)#1	1.05	1.52	2.573(4)	178
C(3)-H(3) ···O(7)#2	0.93	2.50	3.351 (4)	151
C(9)-H(9) ···O(7)#2	0.93	2.53	3.341 (4)	146
C(12)-H(12) ···O(2)#2	0.93	2.36	3.261 (4)	164
C(13)-H(13) ···O(3)#2	0.93	2.58	3.178(4)	123

Symmetry codes: #1 1+x, 1/2-y, -1/2+z; #2 x, 1/2-y, 1/2+z.

Complex 4

<i>D</i> -H ··· <i>A</i>	<i>d</i> (<i>D</i> -H) (Å)	<i>d</i> (H ··· <i>A</i>) (Å)	<i>d</i> (<i>D</i> ··· <i>A</i>) (Å)	∠ <i>D</i> -H ··· <i>A</i> (°)
C(12)-H(12) ···O(7)#1	0.93	2.41	3.312(4)	163
C(3)-H(3) ···N(5)#2	0.93	2.40	3.306(3)	166
C(5)-H(5) ···O(5)#3	0.93	2.55	3.481(3)	178
C(9)-H(9) ···O(5)#4	0.93	2.58	3.492(4)	168
C(1)-H(1) ···O(7)#5	0.93	2.60	3.524(4)	173

Symmetry codes: #1 1-x, 1-y, 1-z; #2 3/2-x, -1/2+y, 3/2-z; #3 2-x, 1-y, 1-z; #4 3/2-x, 1/2+y, 3/2-z; #5 1/2-x, 1/2+y, 3/2-z.

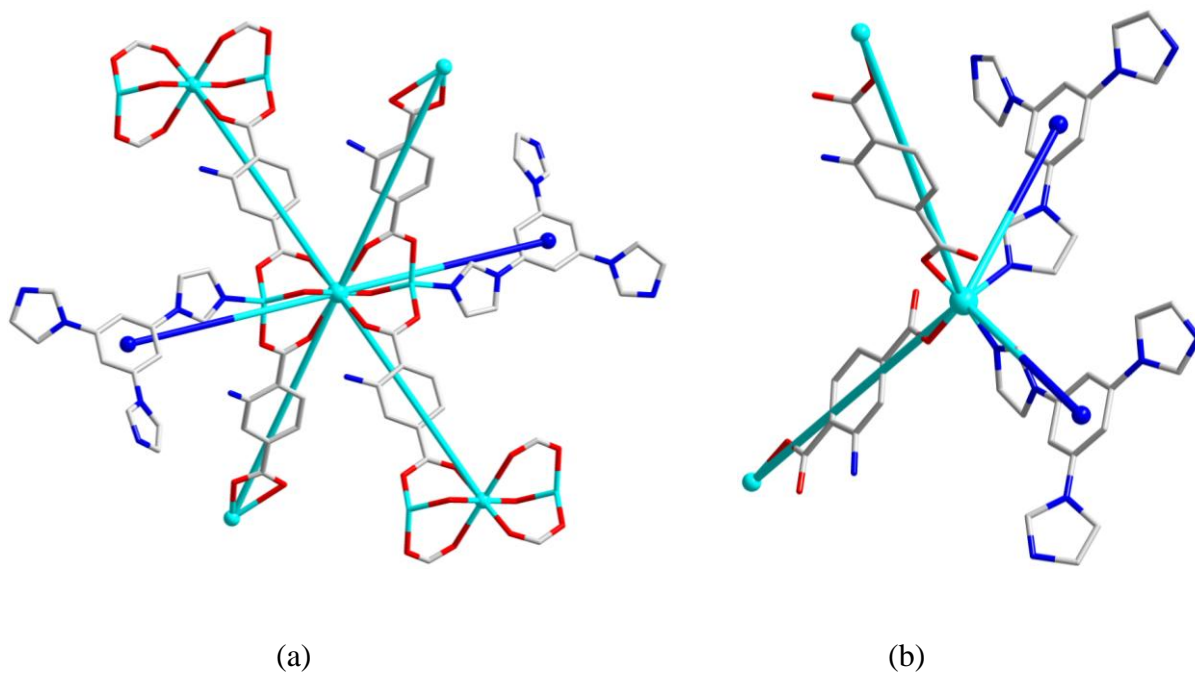


Fig. S1 (a) The 6-connected node of $\text{Zn}_3(\text{OCO})_4(\mu_2\text{-OH})_2$ in **1**. (b) The 4-connected node of Zn1 building unit in **1**.

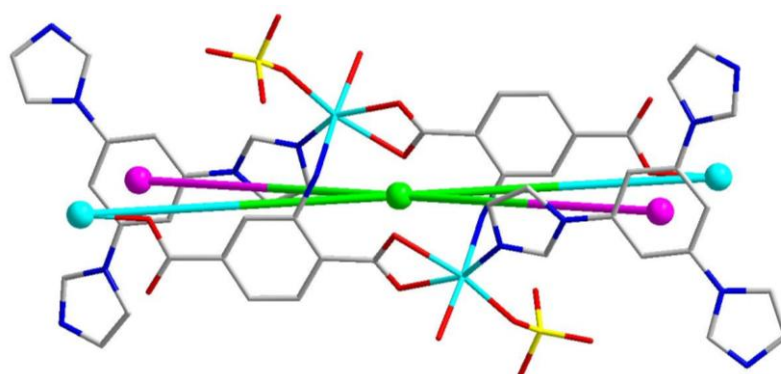
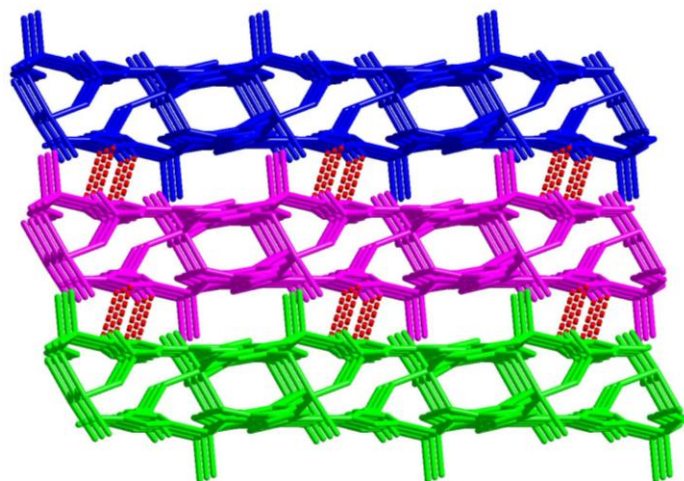
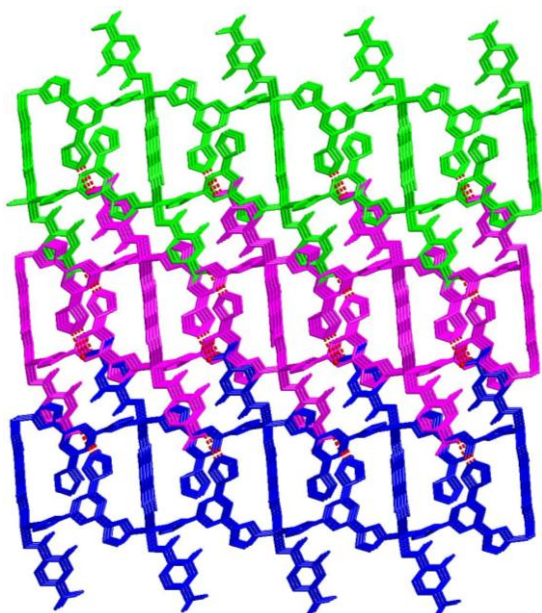


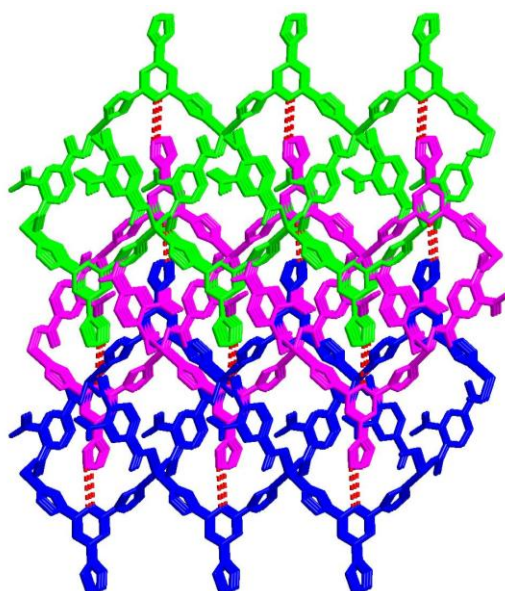
Fig. S2 The 4-connected node of $\text{Zn}_2(\text{BDC-NH}_2)_2$ building unit in **2**.



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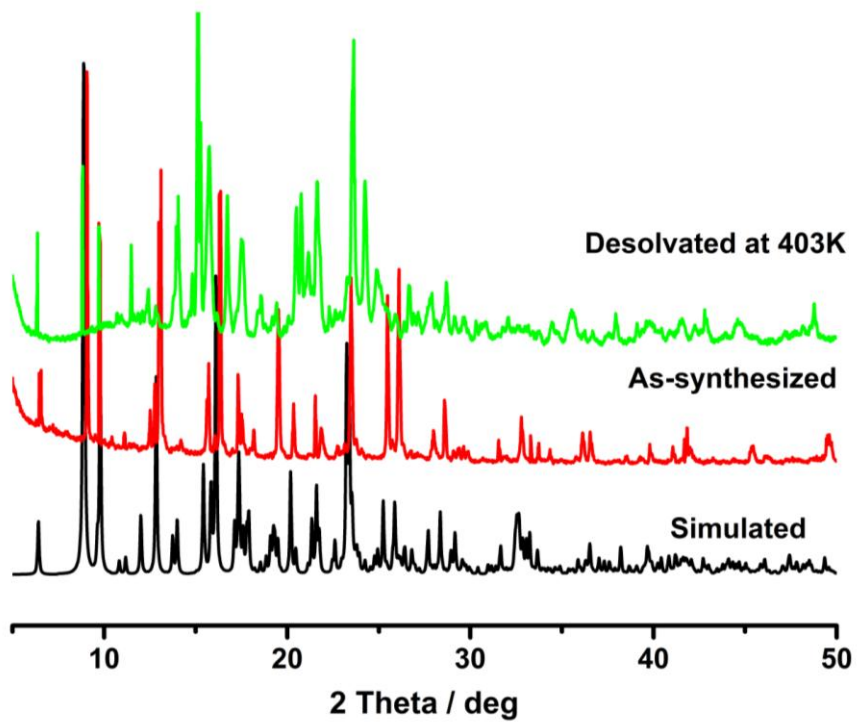


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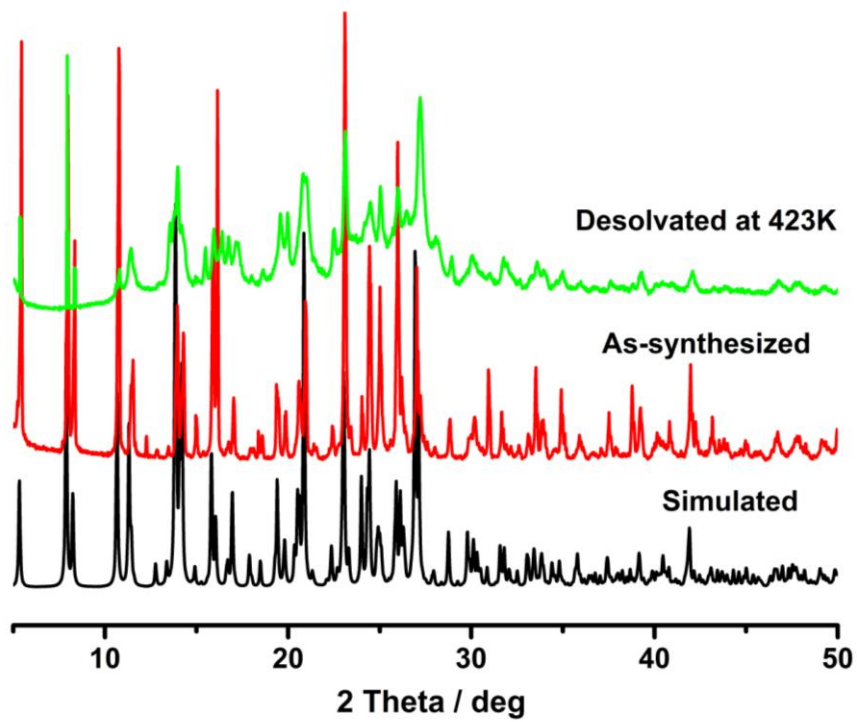


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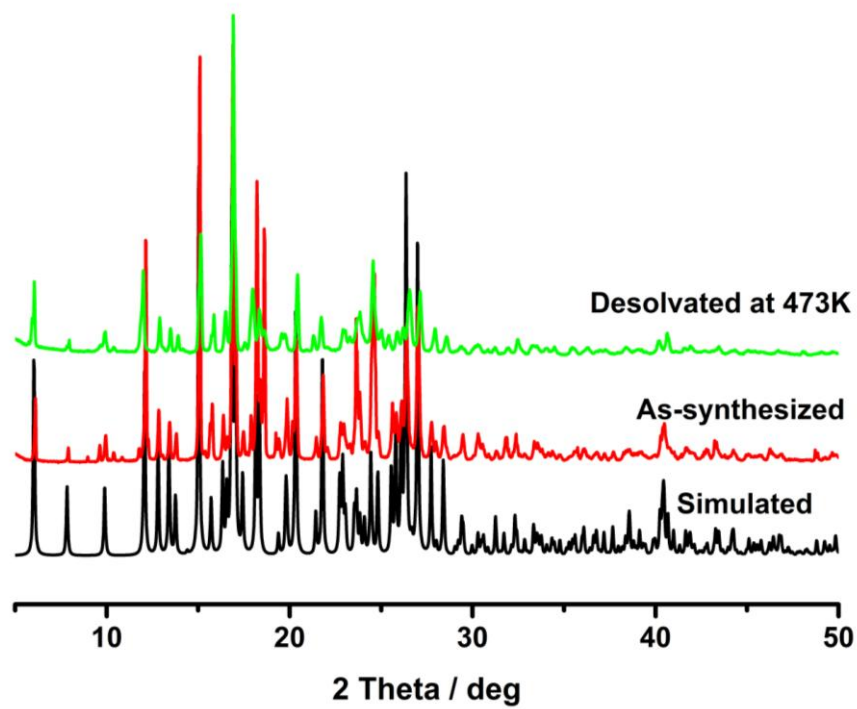
Fig. S3 The 2D layers are further held by C12-H12 \cdots O7, O4-H4A \cdots N5 and C3-H3 \cdots N5 hydrogen bonds respectively to obtain 3D supramolecular structures of **2** (a), **3** (b) and **4** (c): different colors indicate the different layers. The hydrogen bonds are indicated by the red dashed lines.



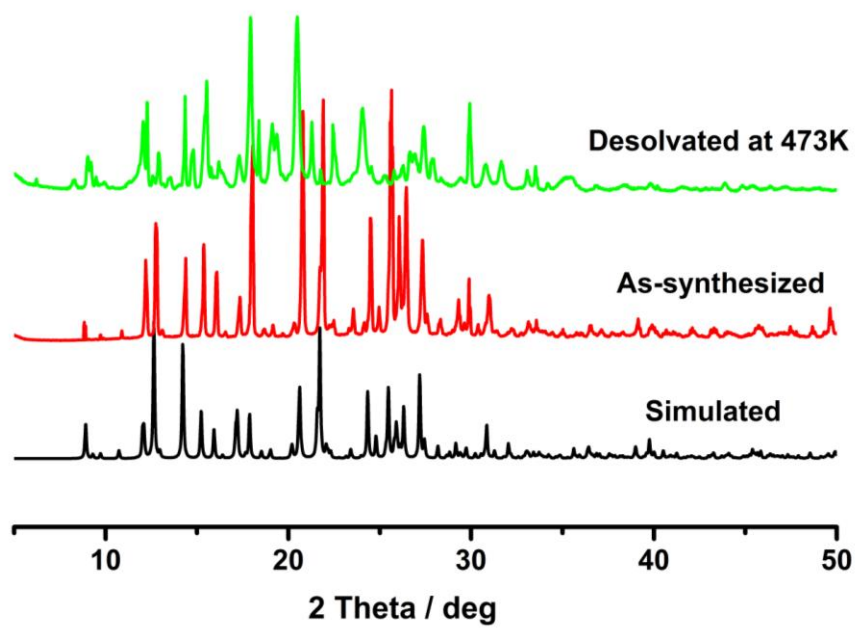
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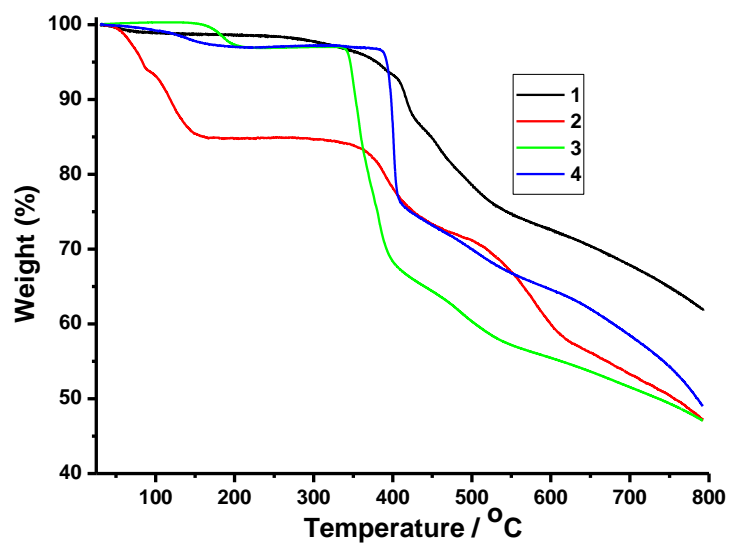


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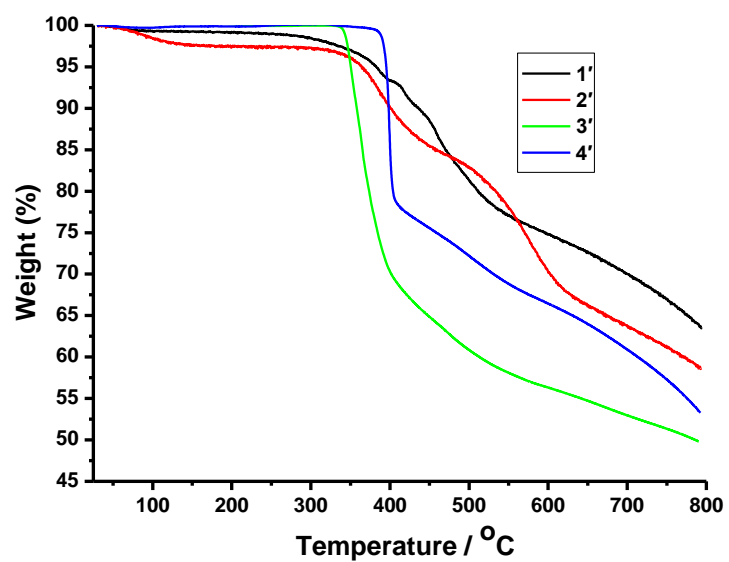


(d)

Fig. S4 The PXR D patterns of **1** (a)-4 (d).



(a)



(b)

Fig. S5 The TGA curves of complexes 1-4 (a) and desolvated samples 1'-4' (b).