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**Cation Radii Induced Structural Variation in Fluorescent
Alkaline Earth Networks Constructed from
Tautomers of Nucleobases' Analogue †**

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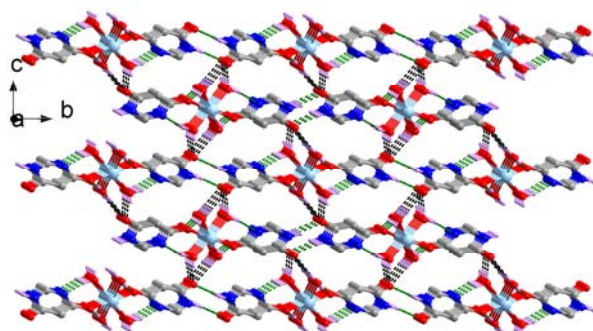


Fig. S1 3D supramolecular network of **1**.

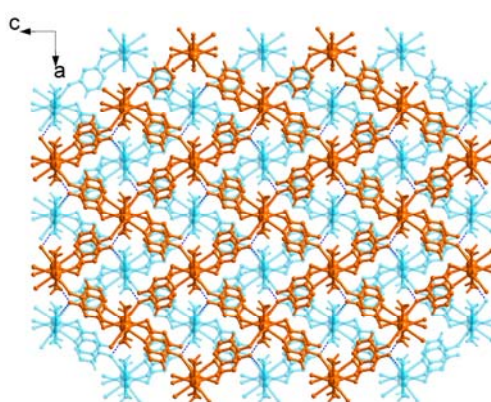


Fig. S2 3D framework linked by the interlayer hydrogen bonds with adjacent layers packed in an interlaced **ABAB** mode.

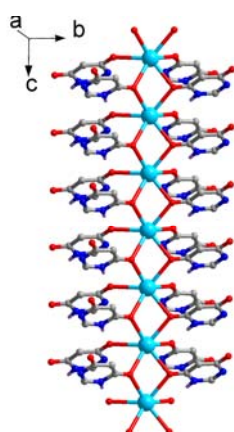


Fig. S3 Ball-and-stick representation of the infinite Ba-O rod.

Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD)

Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) patterns for solid samples of **1-4** are measured at room temperature as illustrated in Fig. S4. The patterns of complexes **1-3** are highly similar to their simulated ones (based on the single-crystal X-ray diffraction data), indicating that the single-crystal structures are really representative of the bulk of the corresponding samples. However, the slightly mismatch between the powder diffraction data and the simulated pattern for complex **4** indicates the existence of very small amount of adherent impurity in the solid-state sample.

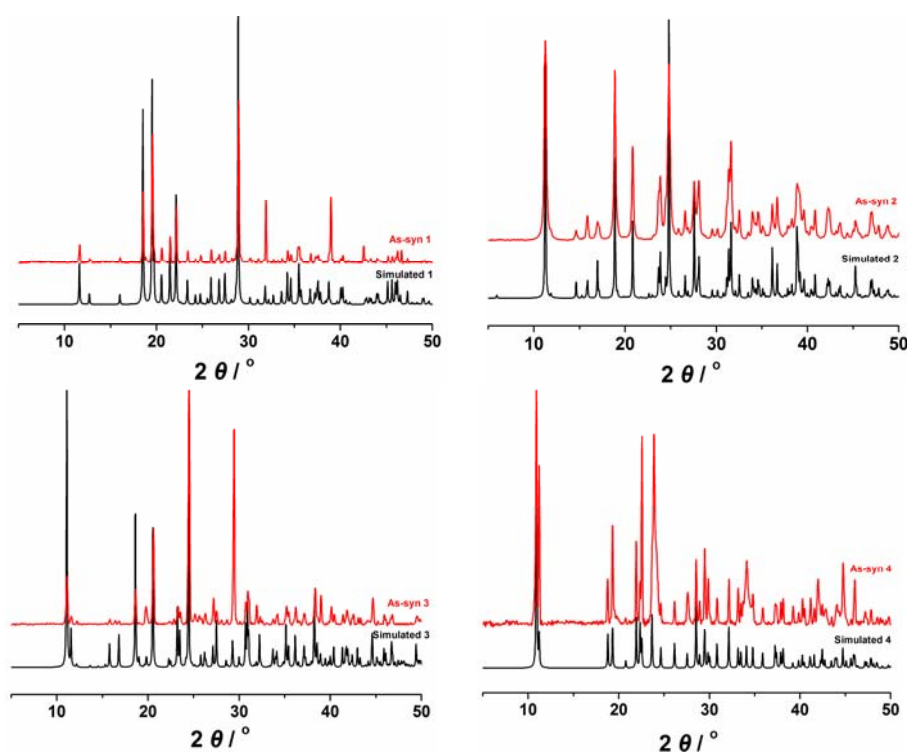


Fig. S4 PXRD patterns for complexes **1-4**.

Thermogravimetric analysis

To examine the thermal stability of the complexes, in this study, their stabilities were analyzed on crystalline samples by thermogravimetric analyses (TGA) from 30 to 900 °C at a rate of 10 °C min⁻¹, under N₂ atmosphere. As shown in Fig. S5, the TGA curve indicates that complex **1** loses the coordinated water molecules between 102-184 °C with the observed weight loss of 23.07% (calcd 22.62%). The next weight loss in the temperature range 280-847 °C is due to the decomposition of organic components. The residue has a composition of MgO (obsd 12.47%, calcd 12.65%). Complexes **2** and **3** have the similar formula except for the difference of metal cation, which result in the similar weight loss during the decomposition. The first weight losses between 90-315 °C for complex **2** and 110-320 °C for complex **3** corresponds to the release of free and coordinated water molecules (obsd 21.11%, calcd 21.55% for **2**; obsd 18.33%, calcd 18.87% for **3**). Then, the weight losses are continuously with the decomposing of organic components till, leaving the residue of CaO (obsd 16.46%, calcd 16.77%) for complex **2** and SrO (obsd 27.36%, calcd 27.14%) for complex **3**. Complex **4** loses the uncoordinated and coordinated water molecules before 177 °C with the observed weight loss of 13.03% (calcd 13.07%). Then, the organic components are decomposed progressively up to 595 °C, and the remaining weight of 37.58% corresponds to the percentage (calcd 37.08%) of the Ba and O components, BaO.

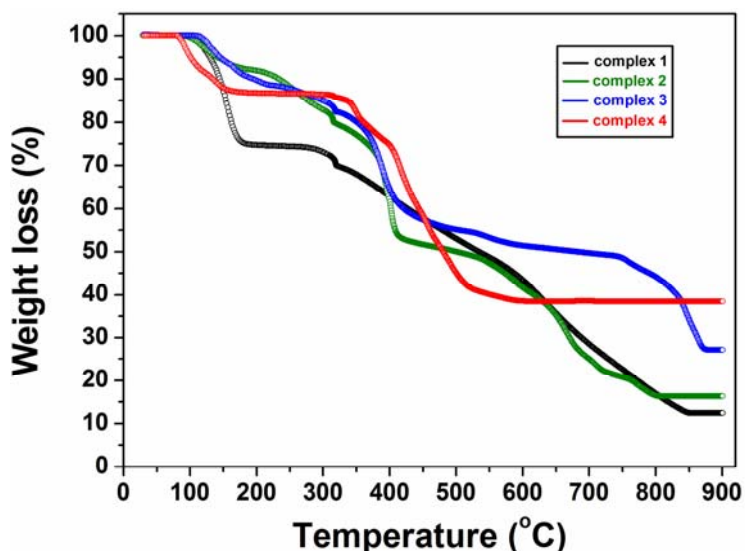


Fig. S5 TG curves of complexes 1-4.

UV Spectra

UV spectra for ligand H₂DHP and complexes **1-4** in aqueous solution (10⁻³ M) are measured at room temperature. As illustrated in Fig. S6, H₂DHP and complexes **1-4** exhibit the same absorption band at 252 nm, which can be assigned to the π - π^* transitions.

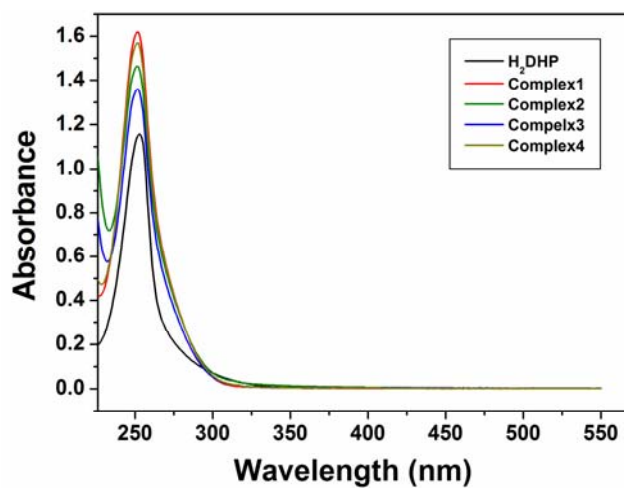


Fig. S6 UV spectra of ligand H₂DHP and complexes **1-4**.

Table S1. Crystallographic Data of Complexes **1-4**

	1	2	3	4
formula	C ₈ H ₁₄ N ₄ O ₈ Mg	C ₈ H ₁₄ N ₄ O ₈ Ca	C ₈ H ₁₄ N ₄ O ₈ Sr	C ₈ H ₁₂ N ₄ O ₇ Ba
fw	318.54	334.31	381.85	413.56
space group	<i>P2</i> ₁ / <i>c</i>	<i>Pcca</i>	<i>Pbca</i>	<i>Cm</i>
<i>a</i> /Å	5.1545(10)	14.347(3)	12.169(2)	9.5261(6)
<i>b</i> /Å	13.940(3)	14.902(3)	14.549(3)	15.7700(9)
<i>c</i> /Å	9.1871(18)	12.099(2)	15.315(3)	4.3128(2)
<i>α</i> ^o	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00
<i>β</i> ^o	98.45(3)	90.00	90.00	97.767(2)
<i>γ</i> ^o	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00
<i>V</i> /Å ³	652.9(2)	2586.9(9)	2711.3(9)	641.95(6)
<i>Z</i>	2	8	8	2
<i>D</i> _c /g m ⁻³	1.620	1.717	1.871	2.139
<i>μ</i> /mm ⁻¹	0.185	0.535	4.024	3.133
<i>F</i> (000)	332	1392	1536	400
reflections collected	6244	23744	18149	3127
unique reflections	1494	2953	3022	1329
parameters	112	220	220	113
<i>R</i> (int)	0.0281	0.0325	0.0528	0.0325
GOF on <i>F</i> ²	1.038	1.047	1.100	1.091
final <i>R</i> indices	<i>R</i> ₁ = 0.0347	<i>R</i> ₁ = 0.0395	<i>R</i> ₁ = 0.0450	<i>R</i> ₁ = 0.0207
[<i>I</i> ≥ 2σ(<i>I</i>)]	<i>wR</i> ₂ = 0.0844	<i>wR</i> ₂ = 0.0994	<i>wR</i> ₂ = 0.0801	<i>wR</i> ₂ = 0.0486

Table S2 Selected Bond Distances (Å) for Complexes **1-4**^a

Complex 1			
Mg(1)-O(1W) ⁱ	2.0442(11)	Mg(1)-O(2W)	2.0901(13)
Mg(1)-O(1W)	2.0442(11)	Mg(1)-O(1)	2.1169(10)
Mg(1)-O(2W) ⁱ	2.0901(13)	Mg(1)-O(1) ⁱ	2.1169(10)
Complex 2			
Ca(1)-O(1W)	2.3925(16)	Ca(1)-O(2W)	2.4846(14)
Ca(1)-O(3)	2.4034(13)	Ca(1)-O(4) ⁱ	2.5421(13)
Ca(1)-O(1)	2.4602(14)	Ca(1)-O(3W) ⁱⁱ	2.5860(13)
Ca(1)-O(3W)	2.4715(13)	Ca(1)-N(1)	2.6954(16)
Complex 3			
Sr(1)-O(1W)	2.533(3)	Sr(1)-O(3W)	2.612(3)
Sr(1)-O(1)	2.560(4)	Sr(1)-O(4) ⁱ	2.670(3)
Sr(1)-O(3)	2.583(6)	Sr(1)-O(3W) ⁱⁱ	2.706(3)
Sr(1)-O(2W)	2.591(3)	Sr(1)-N(1)	2.711(4)
Complex 4			
Ba(1)-O(1W)	2.781(7)	Ba(1)-O(1) ⁱ	2.828(4)
Ba(1)-O(2W) ⁱ	2.792(5)	Ba(1)-O(2W)	2.872(6)
Ba(1)-O(1)	2.793(4)	Ba(1)-O(2) ^{iv}	2.880(4)
Ba(1)-O(1) ⁱⁱ	2.793(4)	Ba(1)-O(2) ^v	2.880(4)
Ba(1)-O(1) ⁱⁱⁱ	2.828(4)		

^a Symmetry Codes: For **1**: i, -x,-y+1,-z+1; For **2**: i, x,-y+2,z+1/2; ii, -x+1,y,-z+3/2; For **3**: i, x+1/2,y,-z+1/2; ii, -x+1,-y+1,-z+1; For **4**: i, x,y,z-1; ii, x,-y+1,z; iii, x,-y+1,z-1; iv, x+1/2,-y+3/2,z; v, x+1/2,y-1/2,z.

Table S3 Selected Hydrogen Bond Parameters for Complexes **1-4**^a

D-H...A	d(H...A) /Å	d(D...A) /Å	<(DHA) ^o
Complex 1			
O(1W)-H(1WA)...N(1) ⁱ	1.867(10)	2.6783(17)	157(2)
O(1W)-H(1WB)...O(2) ⁱⁱ	1.843(19)	2.6958(16)	174(2)
O(2W)-H(2WA)...O(1) ⁱⁱⁱ	1.900(10)	2.7525(16)	174(2)
O(2W)-H(2WB)...O(2) ^{iv}	2.040(11)	2.8615(17)	162.8(17)
N(2)-H(2A)...O(2) ^v	1.98	2.7981(16)	159.8
Complex 2			
O(1W)-H(1WA)...O(4W) ^{iv}	1.967(12)	2.804(2)	168(3)
O(1W)-H(1WB)...O(2) ^v	2.014(12)	2.8218(19)	162(2)
O(2W)-H(2WA)...O(4) ^{vi}	1.993(10)	2.8431(18)	171(2)
O(2W)-H(2WB)...O(2) ^{vii}	2.005(10)	2.8542(19)	175(2)
O(3W)-H(3WA)...O(2) ^{viii}	2.085(14)	2.8185(17)	145.1(16)
O(3W)-H(3WB)...N(3) ⁱⁱ	1.876(10)	2.7191(19)	170(2)
O(3W)-H(3WB)...O(3) ⁱⁱ	2.564(19)	3.0057(18)	113.4(16)
O(4W)-H(4WA)...O(4) ⁱ	2.134(11)	2.959(2)	163(2)
O(4W)-H(4WB)...O(2) ^{viii}	2.051(13)	2.859(2)	162(2)
N(2)-H(2A)...O(1) ^{ix}	1.93	2.776(2)	169.7
N(4)-H(4A)...O(3) ⁱⁱⁱ	1.80	2.6472(19)	166.3
Complex 3			
N(2)-H(2A)...O(1) ^{iv}	1.80	2.653(6)	170.4
N(4)-H(4A)...O(3) ⁱⁱⁱ	1.77	2.617(8)	169.7
O(3W)-H(3W1)...O(2) ^v	1.94(3)	2.728(5)	154(6)
O(3W)-H(3W2)...N(3) ⁱⁱ	1.98(5)	2.821(7)	172(6)
O(1W)-H(1W1)...O(4W)	1.93(5)	2.770(6)	176(6)
O(4W)-H(4W1)...O(4) ^{vi}	2.63(8)	3.062(8)	113(8)
O(4W)-H(4W2)...O(2) ^{vii}	1.98(4)	2.734(8)	147(7)
O(2W)-H(2W1)...N(3)	2.53(6)	3.072(7)	122(6)
O(2W)-H(2W2)...O(4) ^{vi}	2.00(4)	2.758(6)	148(7)
O(1W)-H(1W2)...O(2) ^{viii}	1.92(6)	2.749(6)	164(6)
Complex 4			
N(1)-H(1)...O(2) ^{viii}	1.85	2.703(6)	168.9
O(1W)-H(1W1)...O(3W)	1.85(11)	2.702(10)	178(14)

O(1W)-H(1W2)...O(3W) ⁱ	2.35(6)	3.148(13)	157(13)
O(2W)-H(2W)...N(2) ^{iv}	2.06(2)	2.885(5)	164(7)
O(3W)-H(3W1)...N(2) ^{ix}	2.07(13)	2.854(6)	153(25)
O(3W)-H(3W2)...N(2) ^x	2.004(19)	2.854(6)	177(28)

^a Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: (i) $-x,-y+1,-z+1$; (ii) $-x+1,y+1/2,-z+1/2$; (iii) $-x+1,-y+1,-z+1$; (iv) $x,-y+1/2,z+1/2$; (v) $-x+1,-y,-z+1$ for **1**; (i) $x,-y+2,z+1/2$; (ii) $-x+1,y,-z+3/2$; (iii) $x,-y+2,z-1/2$; (iv) $-x+3/2,y,z-1/2$; (v) $-x+3/2,-y+1,z$; (vi) $-x+3/2,-y+2,z$; (vii) $x,-y+1,z-1/2$; (viii) $-x+1,-y+1,-z+2$; (ix) $x,-y+1,z+1/2$ for **2**; (ii) $-x+1,-y+1,-z+1$; (iii) $x-1/2,y,-z+1/2$; (iv) $x+1/2,y,-z+3/2$; (v) $-x+3/2,-y+1,z-1/2$; (vi) $x,-y+1/2,z+1/2$; (vii) $-x+1,y-1/2,-z+3/2$; (viii) $x,-y+1/2,z-1/2$ for **3**; (i) $x,y,z-1$; (iv) $x+1/2,-y+3/2,z$; (viii) $x+1/2,-y+3/2,z+1$; (ix) $x-1/2,-y+3/2,z$; (x) $x-1/2,y-1/2,z$ for **4**.
