

ENGINEERING MOFs WITH POLYPHENOLIC PORPHYRINS: FROM STRUCTURAL VERSATILITY TO REDOX AND PHOTOCATALYTIC PROPERTIES

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The structural rigidity, high thermal stability and concomitant existence of multiple metal binding sites in porphyrins make them relevant building units for engineering of functional MOFs. [1] On top of that, porphyrin derivatives exhibit exciting physical phenomena such as visible light absorption, energy transfer processes, luminescence, redox activity, photo-, electro- and biomimetic catalytic activity which drives the interest in porous materials derived from these macrocyclic ligands.

In this line of research, our effort focused on the development of novel MOFs featuring original porphyrin linkers. [2] They feature custom-designed polyphenolic porphyrin linkers, that enable the formation of MOFs with enhanced chemical and thermal stability. [3] Through a comprehensive characterization approach involving single crystal and powder synchrotron X-ray diffraction (XRD) in combination with the local information gained from spectroscopic techniques, we elucidated the structural features of a series of new MOFs, which are all based on different inorganic secondary building units [4] (Figure 1). Besides, indigenous redox activity of polyphenol moiety motivated us to explore the photo-redox activity to evaluate the potential for energy-related applications in electrochemical energy storage and photocatalysis. [5]

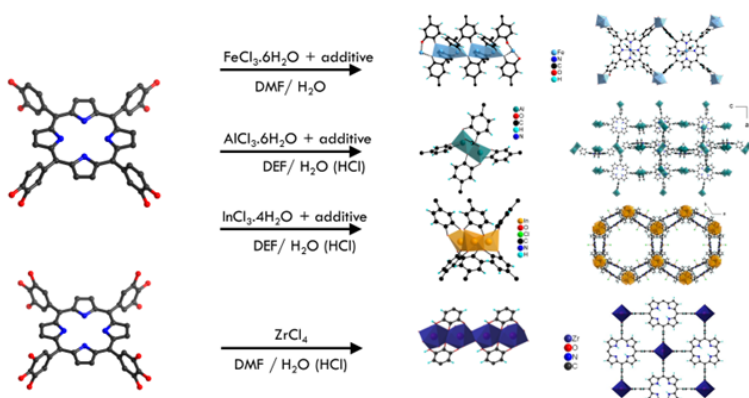


Figure 1: Structural diversity of novel polyphenolic porphyrin-based MOFs

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