

Two Photoluminescent Metal–Organic Frameworks Constructed from $\text{Cd}_3(\mu_3\text{-OH})$ Cluster or 1D $\text{Zn}_5(\mu_3\text{-OH})_2(\mu\text{-OH})_2$ Chain Units and In Situ Formed Bis(tetrazole)amine Ligands

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Hydrothermal reactions of $\text{CdCl}_2 \cdot 2.5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ or ZnCl_2 , sodium dicyanamide, and sodium azide yield two interesting photoluminescent coordination polymers, namely, $[\text{Cd}\{\text{Cd}_3(\mu_3\text{-OH})(\text{dcadtzH})_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6\}_2]$ (**1**) and $[\text{Zn}_5(\mu_3\text{-OH})_2(\mu\text{-OH})_2(\text{dcadtz})_2] \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (**2**) [$\text{dcadtzH}_3 = \text{bis}(5\text{-tetrazolyl})\text{amine}$], in which triangular $[\text{Cd}_3(\mu_3\text{-OH})]^{5+}$ cluster subunits in **1** and 1D

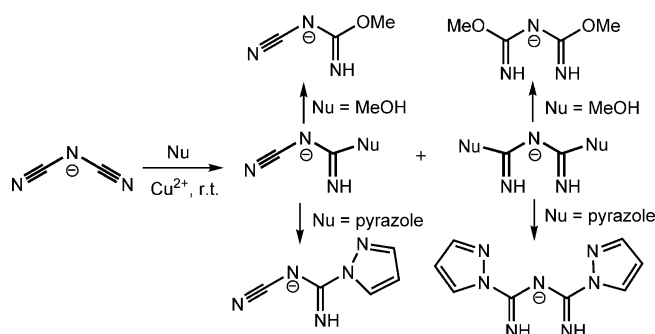
$[\text{Zn}_5(\mu_3\text{-OH})_2(\mu\text{-OH})_2]^{6n+}$ chain subunits in **2** are linked by in situ generated bis(tetrazole)amine ligands to generate an interesting 2D coordination net and a 3D microporous metal–organic framework, respectively.

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Introduction

Inorganic–organic hybrid polymers have attracted considerable attention in recent years because of their interesting molecular topologies and crystal packing motifs, alongside their potential applications in many areas including gas storage, separation, catalysis, magnetism, optics, as well as electrical conductivity.^[1] Neutral as well as ionic azides undergo cycloaddition with cyano groups to yield a huge variety of different tetrazole derivatives. The tetrazoles have found a wide range of applications in areas as diverse as coordination chemistry, medical chemistry, and materials science as high-density energy materials.^[2] More recently, Sharpless et al. reported the preparation of a variety of 5-substituted 1*H*-tetrazoles in water and investigated the mechanism by which zinc(II) catalyzes the union of an azide ion with organic nitriles to form tetrazoles by means of density functional theory.^[3] Although the role of Zn^{II} in the reaction is unclear, it allows us to explore the coordination chemistry of tetrazoles more extensively than in the past. We are interested in the construction of novel supramolecular motifs through in situ ligand reactions.^[4] In our earlier work, we found interesting in situ nucleophilic addition reactions of sodium dicyanamide $\{\text{Na}[\text{N}(\text{CN})_2]\}^{[5]}$ with some small molecules under mild conditions (Scheme 1), such as CH_3OH , pyrazole. As an extension of our continuing inter-

est in such systems, we chose NaN_3 as the nucleophile. Herein, we report the synthesis and characterization of two photoluminescent coordination polymers, $[\text{Cd}\{\text{Cd}_3(\mu_3\text{-OH})(\text{dcadtzH})_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6\}_2]$ (**1**) and $[\text{Zn}_5(\mu_3\text{-OH})_2(\mu\text{-OH})_2(\text{dcadtz})_2] \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (**2**) [$\text{dcadtzH}_3 = \text{bis}(5\text{-tetrazolyl})\text{amine}$].



Scheme 1. The known nucleophilic addition reactions of $\text{Na}[\text{N}(\text{CN})_2]$ with some small molecules under mild conditions.

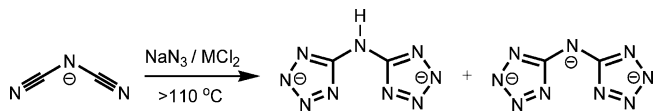
Results and Discussion

Compounds **1** and **2** were prepared by hydrothermal reactions of $\text{CdCl}_2 \cdot 2.5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ or ZnCl_2 , $\text{Na}[\text{N}(\text{CN})_2]$, and NaN_3 at 110 and 175 °C, respectively. The dcadtz^{3-} ligand was generated in situ from the dicyanamide and azide ions in the presence of Zn^{2+} or Cd^{2+} ions (Scheme 2). The in situ formation of tetrazoles by a [2+3] cycloaddition reaction of azide and nitriles has been well established for the synthesis of different coordination complexes.^[2,6] However, up to now, the use of dicyanamide as a source of CN was rarely

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documented.^[7] Moreover, **2** cannot be obtained under the same hydrothermal reaction temperature as that used for the preparation of **1**.



Scheme 2. The in situ synthesis of [dcadtzH]²⁻ and [dcadtz]³⁻.

Single-crystal X-ray analysis showed that the structure of **1** is a 2D coordination polymer composed of [Cd^{II}₃(μ₃-OH)]⁵⁺ cluster units, dcadtzH²⁻ ligands, and Cd^{II} ions (Figure 1). Each Cd1 ion displays a pseudooctahedral [CdN₃O₃] coordination geometry, and it is ligated to three nitrogen atoms from two dcadtzH²⁻ ligands [Cd1–N 2.304(1)–2.338(1) Å], two *trans* related aqua ligands [Cd1–O 2.316(1) and 2.353(1) Å], and one OH⁻ group [Cd1–O1 2.291(1) Å]. The hydroxy group lies on a threefold axis, and it acts as a μ₃ bridge linking three Cd1 ions, which leads to the formation of an equilateral triangle with Cd⋯Cd distances equal to 3.873(2) Å. The Cd–O1–Cd angle is 115.34(2)° and the OH⁻ group is out of the Cd₃ plane, which results in the formation of a noncoplanar [Cd₃(μ₃-OH)]⁵⁺ cluster unit. The [Cd₃(μ₃-OH)]⁵⁺ unit is surrounded by three dcadtzH²⁻ ligands, each of which acts in the μ₃:η¹:η¹:η¹:η¹ chelating-bridging mode to link a pair of Cd1 atoms and one Cd2 atom. Each Cd2 lies on a crystallographic $\bar{3}$ position and adopts octahedral geometry with six symmetry-related N6 atoms from six dcadtzH²⁻ ligands [Cd2–N 2.363(1) Å]. The dcadtzH²⁻ ligand also links a Cd2 ion through the N6 atom, and hence, the tetrazolate group acts as a bridge between the [Cd₃(μ₃-OH)]⁵⁺ clusters and the Cd2 centers; the shortest Cd⋯Cd distance is 6.700(3) Å. Each Cd2 ion links six [Cd₃(μ₃-OH)]⁵⁺ cluster units, and each cluster connects three Cd2 ions, which results in a 2D layer parallel to the *ab* plane (Figure 1c).

The network topology can be simplified by considering only the 3-connected [Cd₃(μ₃-OH)]⁵⁺ cluster units and the 6-connected Cd2 centers as nodes; the dcadtzH²⁻ ligands can be represented simply as links between the two types of nodes. The resulting net is shown in Figure 1d, which is a rare (3,6)-connected net.^[8] The long topological vertex symbol is 4.4.4 for the [Cd₃(μ₃-OH)]⁵⁺ cluster node and 4.4.4.4.4.6.6.6.6.6.*.* for the Cd2 node, which gives the short vertex symbol (4³)₂(4⁶.6⁶.8³). It should be noted that an artistic 3D metal–organic framework, [Ag₃(ctc)-(bsd)₃]·1.5bsd·3.5H₂O (H₃ctc = 1,3,5-cyclohexanetricarboxylic acid, bsd = 2,1,3-benzoselenadiazole),^[9] constructed with ideal Ag₃(ctc) honeycomb layers and the μ-bridging bsd ligands is a 3D (3,6)-connected topological net. It has the short vertex symbol (4³)₂(4⁶.6⁶.8³)₃, which is quite different from that in **1** mainly due to the octahedral geometry of the Cd2 ions; this results in a doubly decked layer structure that is similar to that in recently reported [Mn{Mn₃(μ₃-F)(dcadtz)₃(H₂O)₆}₂].^[7b]

The coordinated water molecules play an important role as hydrogen donors for intra- and interlayer hydrogen

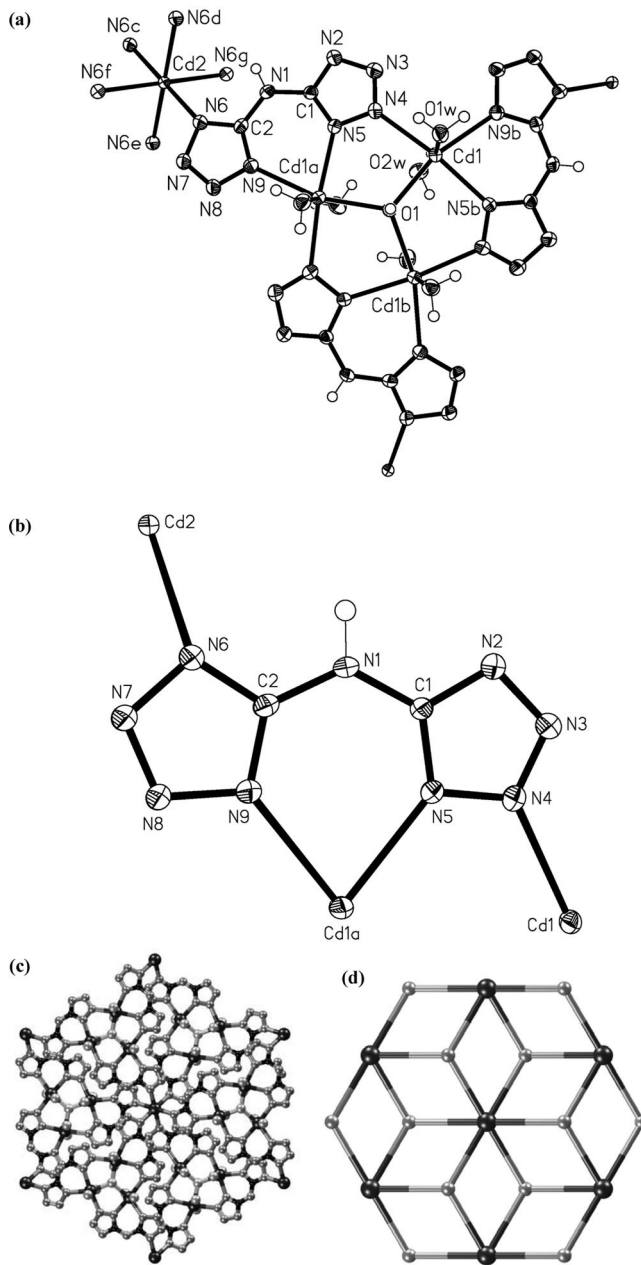


Figure 1. Perspective views of the coordination geometries of Cd^{II} ions (a), the bridging mode of the [dcadtzH]²⁻ ligand (b), the 2D coordination layer (c), and the (3,6)-connected topological net of the coordination layer (d) in **1**.

bonding interactions. Within the layer, the hydrogen atom of the O1w water molecule forms a O–H⋯N [O1w⋯N3 2.757(1) Å] hydrogen bond with the N3 atom from the dcadtzH²⁻ ligand. For the interlayer hydrogen bonding interactions, each O2w forms two interlayer O–H⋯N hydrogen bonds with two nitrogen atoms (N4 and N7) of the tetrazolate group [O2w⋯N4 2.780(1) Å, O2w⋯N7 2.767(1) Å]. These hydrogen bonds extend the 2D coordination layers into a 3D supramolecular network (Supporting Information, Figure S1). The nearest interlayer Cd⋯Cd distances are 5.688(3) and 7.793(4) Å.

The structure of **2** is a 3D coordination polymer composed by 1D unprecedented [Zn₅(μ₃-OH)₂(μ-OH)₂]_n⁶ⁿ⁺ inorganic chains (Figure 3c) and fully-deprotonated dcaetz³⁻ ligands (Figure 2a,b). In **2**, the fully-deprotonated dcaetz³⁻ ligand acts as a μ₆ bridge, which is different from that found in **1**. The Zn²⁺ ions adopt three different coordination geometries. The Zn1 atom is in square-pyramid geometry [*cis* N/O_{basal}-Zn1-O/N_{basal} 78.74(8)–96.69(7)°, *trans* N/O_{basal}-Zn1-O/N_{basal} 145.42(8) and 165.30(8)°, N_{apical}-Zn1-O/N_{basal} 93.89(8)–109.31(8)°] surrounded by two chelated nitrogen atoms [Zn1–N 2.046(2) and 2.175(2) Å] from a dcaetz³⁻ ligand, two hydroxide groups [Zn1–O 1.9835(19) 2.0960(17) Å] in the basal positions, and one nitrogen atom [Zn1–N1a 2.097(2) Å] from another dcaetz³⁻ ligand at the apical position. The Zn2 atom is coordinated in a distorted tetrahedral geometry to two nitrogen atoms [Zn2–N 2.016(2) and 2.018(2) Å] from two dcaetz³⁻ ligands and two hydroxide groups [Zn2–O 1.9152(18) and 2.0556(18) Å]. The O/N–Zn2–O/N bond angles range from 95.87(8) to 126.93(9)°. The Zn3 atom is in an octahedral geometry ligated by four nitrogen atoms [Zn3–N 2.156(2)–2.190(2) Å, *cis* N–Zn3–N 85.13(8)–96.36(11)°, *trans* N–Zn3–N = 176.17(8)°] from four dcaetz³⁻ ligands and two *trans* related hydroxide groups [Zn3–O 2.0654(17) and 2.0654(17) Å, O–Zn3–O 179.68(10), O–Zn3–N 86.61(7)–93.61(7)°]. There are two types of hydroxide groups adopting μ₂ and μ₃ bridging modes, respectively. Each μ₃ bridging hydroxide group (O1–H) connects three Zn ions (Zn1, Zn2, and Zn3), and the Zn···Zn distances are 3.614, 3.379, and 3.394 Å and the Zn–O1–Zn angles are 109.29(8)–121.04(8)°. A pair of [Zn₃(μ₃-OH)]⁵⁺ units are further bridged by two μ₂ hydroxide groups [Zn1–O2–Zn2b 108.45(9)°] into an eight-membered Zn₄(OH)₄ circle. The circles are extended into 1D inorganic [Zn₅(μ₃-OH)₂(μ-OH)₂]_n⁶ⁿ⁺ chains (Figure 2c) by Zn3–O1 coordination. Interestingly, the 1D inorganic chains are bridged by the μ₆ dcaetz³⁻ ligands into a 3D microporous metal–organic framework (Figure 2d). Analysis by using PLATON^[10] suggested that the total void volume of **2** without water guests, V_{void}, occupy 17.3% of the crystal volume. The water guests are located at these channels and contact the MOF host through plentiful hydrogen-bonding interactions.

To examine the thermal stabilities of the networks of **1** and **2**, we carried out thermal gravimetric (TG) analyses and measured the XPRD patterns to confirm the purity of the two complexes (Figure 3). Samples of the complexes were heated to 650 °C in air. The TGA curve (Figure 4a) of **1** shows the first weight loss from 20 to 230 °C, and this is in accordance with the loss of all the coordinated water molecules; the dcaetzH²⁻ components were lost above 230 °C. Comparatively, the stability of **2** is higher than that of **1** for its 3D network connection. The TGA curve of **2** (Figure 4b) indicates the loss of lattice water molecules (calcd. 4.9%; found 4.7%) at about 230 °C, and the MOF began to decompose above 400 °C. The complex is finally decomposed to give the ZnO residue (calcd. 57.3%; found 55.7%) above 550 °C.

The fluorescent properties of the as-synthesized compounds were studied in the solid state at 66 K (Figure 5a,

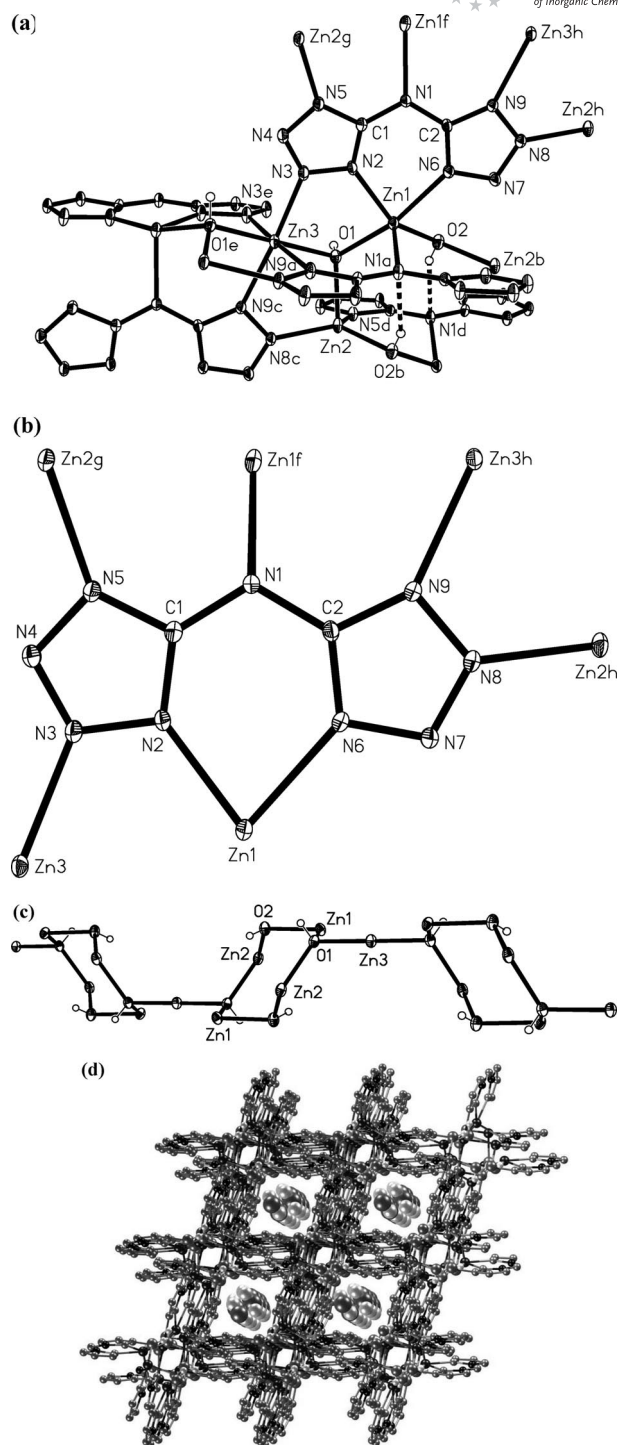


Figure 2. Perspective views of the coordination geometries of Zn^{II} ions (a), the bridging mode of the [dcaetz]³⁻ ligand (b), the 1D [Zn₅(μ₃-OH)(μ-OH)]_n⁸ⁿ⁺ chain (c), and the 3D microporous metal–organic framework (c) in **2**.

λ_{ex} = 311 nm). Both compounds exhibit weak fluorescence and therefore fluorescent spectra at lower temperature were recorded. Solid **1** displays blue emission with a maximum at ca. 390 nm (τ = 6.11 μs; Supporting Information, Figure S2). The emission of solid **2** is observed at about 402 nm

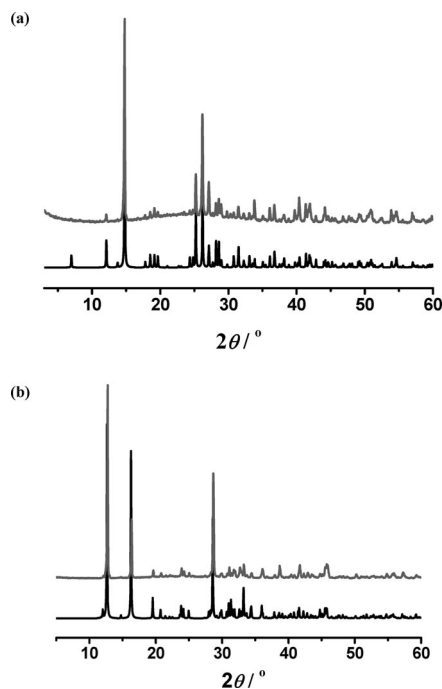


Figure 3. Observed (gray) and calculated (black) X-ray powder diffraction patterns for **1** (a) and **2** (b).

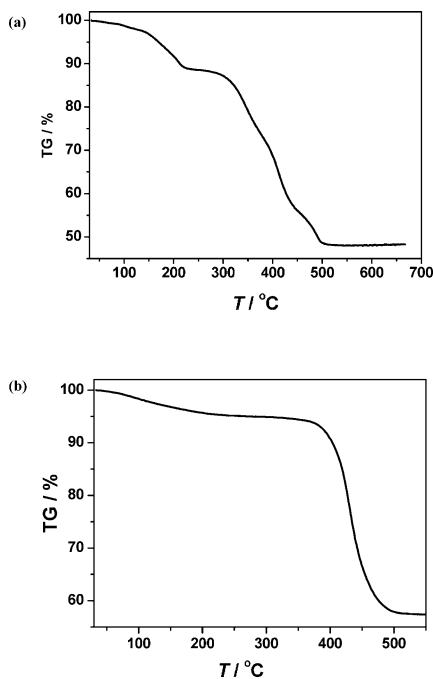


Figure 4. Thermogravimetric curves for **1** (a) and **2** (b).

(Figure 5b, $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 291 \text{ nm}$). The emission may be ascribed to the cooperative effects of intraligand emission and ligand-to-metal charge transfer (LMCT).^[11] Moreover, the lifetime of **2** ($\tau = 28.48 \text{ ns}$) is also longer than that of **1**, which may be due to the stronger interactions of deprotonated dcadtz^{3-} ligands with zinc atoms in **2** (Figure 2b). The 3D connec-

tion and more rigid framework of **2** relative to that of **1** results in less vibrations of the skeleton and less radiationless decay of the energy.^[12]

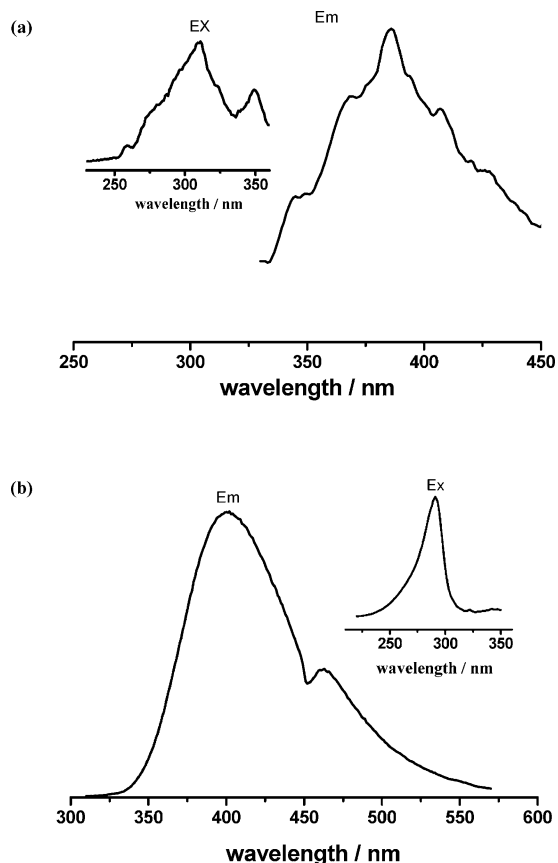


Figure 5. The solid-state emission spectra and excitation spectra (inset) of **1** (a) and **2** (b) at 66 K.

Conclusion

Hydrothermal reactions of $\text{CdCl}_2 \cdot 2.5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ or ZnCl_2 , sodium dicyanamide, and sodium azide were performed at 110 or 175 °C and yielded an interesting 2D coordination net of $[\text{Cd}\{\text{Cd}_3(\mu_3\text{-OH})(\text{dcadtzH})_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6\}_2]$ (**1**) or a 3D microporous metal–organic framework of $[\text{Zn}_5(\mu_3\text{-OH})_2(\mu\text{-OH})_2(\text{dcadtz})_2] \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (**2**). The deprotonated forms of the bis(5-tetrazolyl)amine ligand, dcadtzH^{2-} and dcadtz^{3-} , were generated in situ. We are expanding this reactivity to other transition-metal systems.

Experimental Section

Synthesis of 1 and 2: The single crystals of **1** and **2** were prepared by hydrothermal reaction of To a Teflon-lined stainless steel vessel was added $\text{CdCl}_2 \cdot 2.5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.114 g, 0.5 mmol) [or ZnCl_2 (0.068 g, 0.5 mmol)], $\text{Na}[\text{N}(\text{CN})_2]$ (0.045 g, 0.5 mmol), and NaN_3 (0.065 g, 1.0 mmol) in H_2O (5 mL). The vessel was sealed and heated for 4 d at 110 °C for **1** [or for 4 d at 175 °C for **2**]. After the mixture was slowly cooled to room temperature, colorless block crystals of **1** [or **2**] were obtained. Yield: 60% based on Cd for **1** [85% based on Zn for **2**]. **1**: $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{32}\text{Cd}_7\text{N}_{54}\text{O}_{14}$ (1943.72); calcd. C 7.42, H 1.66, N

38.92; found C 7.21, H 1.51, N 38.78. IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3495 (s), 3159 (s), 3074 (s), 1624 (vs), 1539 (m), 1512 (vs), 1425 (m), 1314 (m), 1268 (s), 1180 (w), 1148 (w), 1125 (w), 1034 (w), 1014 (w), 861 (w), 798 (m), 723 (m), 651 (m) cm⁻¹. **2**: C₄H₈N₁₈O₆Zn₅ (731.13); calcd. C 6.57, H 1.10, N 34.48; found C 6.45, H 1.08, N 34.61. IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3540 (s, br), 1618 (s), 1529 (vs), 1490 (vs), 1409 (s), 1350 (m), 1301 (m), 1281 (m), 1191 (w), 1159 (m), 1099 (w), 1047 (w), 873 (m), 787 (m), 763 (m), 506 (m), 469 (w) cm⁻¹.

X-ray Crystallographic Study: Diffraction intensities of **1** and **2** were collected with a Bruker Apex CCD area-detector diffractometer (Mo-*K*_α, λ = 0.71073 Å). The intensities were integrated with SAINT⁺, which also applied corrections for Lorentz and polarization effects. Absorption corrections were applied by using multiscan program SADABS.^[13] The structures were solved with direct methods and refined with a full-matrix least-squares technique with the SHELXTL program package.^[14] Compound **1**: C₁₂H₃₂Cd₇N₅₄O₁₄, *M* = 1943.72, trigonal, space group *P* $\bar{3}$ *c*1 (No. 165), *a* = 14.6088(6) Å, *c* = 13.5875(11) Å, *V* = 2511.3(3) Å³, *Z* = 2, *T* = 293(2) K, *F*(000) = 1860, *D*_{calcd.} = 2.570 g cm⁻³, $\mu_{(Mo-K\alpha)}$ = 3.021 mm⁻¹; *R*₁ = 0.0310, *wR*₂ = 0.0784 and GOF = 1.119 for 154 parameters, 1572 reflections with $|F_o| \geq 4\sigma(F_o)$. Compound **2**: C₄H₈N₁₈O₆Zn₅, *M* = 731.13, monoclinic, space group *C*2*c* (No. 15), *a* = 16.139(2) Å, *b* = 8.4411(11) Å, *c* = 14.2879(18) Å, β = 111.498(2)°, *V* = 1811.1(4) Å³, *Z* = 4, *T* = 293(2) K, *F*(000) = 1424, *D*_{calcd.} = 2.681 g cm⁻³, $\mu_{(Mo-K\alpha)}$ = 6.604 mm⁻¹; *R*₁ = 0.0211, *wR*₂ = 0.0537 and GOF = 1.029 for 158 parameters, 1799 reflections with $|F_o| \geq 4\sigma(F_o)$.

CCDC-658316 (for **1**) and -658317 (for **2**) contain the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif.

Supporting Information (see footnote on the first page of this article): The 3D hydrogen-bonded supramolecular network in **1** and the luminescence decay for **1** and **2**.

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