

Structures and Properties of Porous Coordination Polymers Based on Lanthanide Carboxylate Building Units

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A series of 3-D lanthanide porous coordination polymers, $[\text{Ln}_6(\text{BDC})_9(\text{DMF})_6(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3 \cdot 3\text{DMF}]_n$ [$\text{Ln} = \text{La}$, **1**; Ce , **2**; Nd , **3**], $[\text{Ln}_2(\text{BDC})_3(\text{DMF})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]_n$ [$\text{Ln} = \text{Y}$, **4**; Dy , **5**; Eu , **6**], $[\text{Ln}_2(\text{ADB})_3(\text{DMSO})_4 \cdot 6\text{DMSO} \cdot 8\text{H}_2\text{O}]_n$ [$\text{Ln} = \text{Ce}$, **7**; Sm , **8**; Eu , **9**; Gd , **10**], $\{[\text{Ce}_3(\text{ADB})_3(\text{HADB})_3] \cdot 30\text{DMSO} \cdot 29\text{H}_2\text{O}\}_n$ (**11**), and $[\text{Ce}_2(\text{ADB})_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]_n$ (**12**) ($\text{H}_2\text{BDC} = \text{benzene-1,4-dicarboxylic acid}$ and $\text{H}_2\text{ADB} = 4,4'$ -azodibenzoic acid), have been synthesized and characterized. In **1–3**, the adjacent Ln^{III} ions are intraconnected to form 1-D metal–carboxylate oxygen chain-shaped building units, $[\text{Ln}_4(\text{CO}_2)_{12}]_n$, that constructed a 3-D framework with $4 \times 7 \text{ \AA}$ rhombic channels. In **4–6**, the dimeric Ln^{III} ions are interlinked to yield scaffolds with 3-D interconnecting tunnels. Compounds **7–10** are all 3-D interpenetrating structures with the CaB6-type topology structure. Compound **11** is constructed by ADB spacers and trinuclear Ce nodes with a NaCl-type topology structure and a 1.9-nm open channel system. In **12**, the adjacent Ce^{III} ions are intraconnected to form 1-D metal–carboxylate oxygen chain-shaped building units, $[\text{Ln}_4(\text{CO}_2)_{12}]_n$, and give rise to a 3-D framework. Moreover, **6** exhibits characteristic red luminescence properties of Eu^{III} complexes. The magnetic susceptibilities, over a temperature range of 1.8–300 K, of **3**, **6**, and **7** have also been investigated; the results show paramagnetic properties.

Introduction

Microporous coordination polymers have been of tremendous interest due to their potential applications in catalysis, separation, ion exchange, etc.^{1–7} Presently, considerable achievements have been made to explore the relationship between the structures and physical properties, but precise

prediction is still difficult, especially for the f-block metal ions due to their versatile coordination numbers and their marked properties. The lanthanide (4f) complexes usually show intense emission over narrow wavelength ranges and are potentially applicable as fluorescent probes and in electroluminescent

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devices. Recently, a series of coordination polymers based on lanthanide metal ions and multicarboxylate ligands were reported.^{8–12} In particular for H₂BDC, two carboxylate groups with a 180° angle have less space hindrance, and conjugation with the aromatic ring allows it to become a rigid linker. Compared with H₂BDC, H₂ADB is provided by the 4-methylphenylazo and is highly conjugative. Therefore, through investigating these compounds constructed by two ligands, we may obtain some beneficial information about the structures and properties. Here, we employ the diffusion method to assemble lanthanide ions with H₂BDC or H₂ADB into porous coordination polymers: [Ln₆(BDC)₉(DMF)₆(H₂O)₃·3DMF]_n [Ln = La, **1**; Ce, **2**; Nd, **3**], [Ln₂(BDC)₃(DMF)₂(H₂O)₂]_n [Ln = Y, **4**; Dy, **5**; Eu, **6**], [Ln₂(ADB)₃(DMSO)₄·6DMSO·8H₂O]_n [Ln = Ce, **7**; Sm, **8**; Eu, **9**; Gd, **10**]. By changing the temperature, we also obtained {[Ce₃(ADB)₃(HADB)₃]·30DMSO·29H₂O}_n (**11**) and [Ce₂(ADB)₃(H₂O)₃]_n (**12**).

Results and Discussion

Description of the structures. Compound **6** and the isomorphous structures for **4**, **5**, and **7–10** were respectively described by Sun, Yaghi, etc.,^{12a,13} here, we only reported the IR, TGA, luminescence, and magnetic properties for these compounds. Single X-ray diffraction analysis reveals that **1–3** possess the same 3D architecture. Therefore, the structures of **1**, **11**, and **12** are taken as examples to be described in detail.

Crystal Structure of 1. An X-ray study on **1** reveals that it has a 3-D framework, crystallizing in triclinic space group $P\bar{1}$. In the asymmetric unit of [La₆(BDC)₉(DMF)₆(H₂O)₃·3DMF], there are three different types of coordination numbers: one is seven-coordinated, two are eight-coordinated, and three are nine-coordinated.

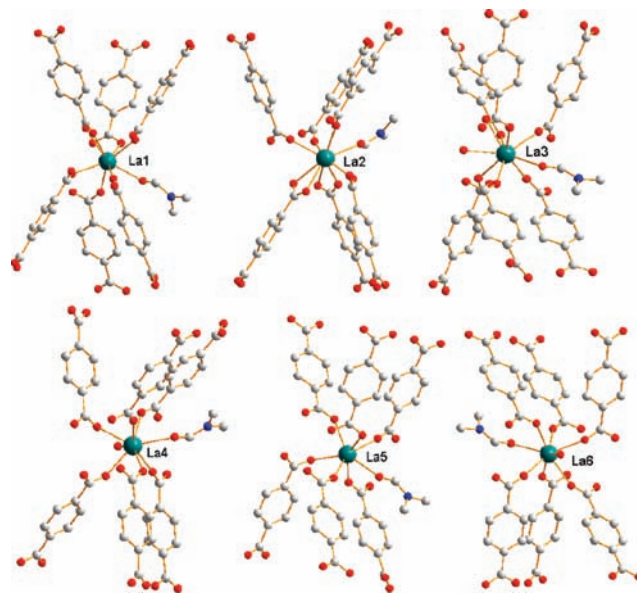


Figure 1. Coordination environment of La^{III} in **1**.

Six crystallographically different lanthanide ions are shown in Figure 1. La1, La2, and La3 are nine-coordinated with nine oxygen atoms from one chelating carboxylate group, five bridging carboxylate groups, one terminal DMF molecule, and one water molecule (Figure 1). The oxygen atom of the water in La2 is μ_2 -bridging, which is different from the terminal coordinated water molecule in La1 and La3. Eight oxygen atoms are coordinated with La4 and La6 by six different bridge-linking carboxylate groups, one terminal DMF molecule, and one water molecule. Similar to La1, there exists a bridging oxygen atom and terminal oxygen atom in La4, and La6. La5 is seven-coordinated with six bridge-linking carboxylate groups and one terminal water molecule. The bond lengths of La–O are in the range of 2.438(4)–2.968(5) Å, all of which are comparable to those reported for other lanthanide–oxygen donor complexes.^{9,14,15} In **1**, there exist two different metal–carboxylate oxygen chain-shaped building units [La₄(CO₂)₁₂] (Figure 2). La1 and La3 are linked through four chelating/bridging bidentate carboxylate groups to form a metallic dimer (Chart 1a and e); the dimer (La1 and La3) assembles with the other metallic monomers (La5 and La6) through carboxylate groups to lead to discrete metal–carboxylate oxygen chain-shaped building units [La₄(CO₂)₁₂]. Due to the bridging oxygen atom of water, La2 and its corresponding centrosymmetric atom La2A are connected through four chelating/bridging bidentate carboxylate groups to form a metallic dimer; the dimer (La2 and La2A) assembles with the two metallic monomers (La4 and La4A) through carboxylate groups to construct discrete metal–carboxylate oxygen chain-shaped building units [La₄(CO₂)₁₂]. The 1-D chains are stitched to each other by the ligands, resulting in an infinite 2-D net with rhomboidal openings and a 3-D La–BDC metal–organic framework (Figures 3 and 4).

Crystal Structure of 11. The X-ray structure analyses reveal that **11** is isostructural, crystallizing in the cubic crystal system, space group $Ia\bar{3}$. It is constructed from

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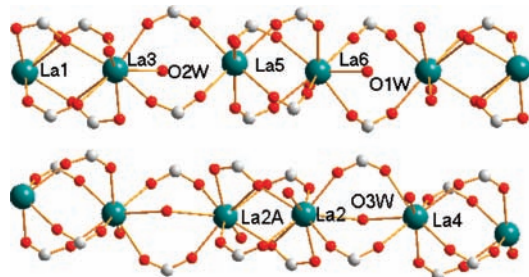
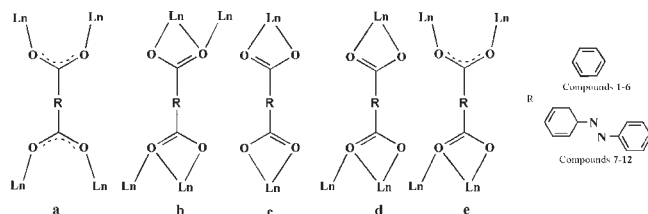


Figure 2. Two 1-D metal-carboxylate oxygen chain-shaped building units $[\text{La}_4(\text{CO}_2)_{12}]_n$.

Chart 1. Coordination Modes of the Ligands in 1–12



trinuclear $\text{Ce}_3(\text{ADB})_3(\text{HADB})_3$, where there exist two crystallographically different lanthanide atoms (Ce1 and Ce2; Figure 5). The Ce1 atom is 12-coordinated by six chelating carboxylate groups from six HADB anions, forming an icosahedron: Ce1–O1, O1A, O1B, O1C, O1D, O1E = 2.682(2) Å; Ce1–O2, O2A, O2B, O2C, O2D, O2E = 2.765(2) Å. There only exists one coordination mode for the ligand: bidentate and tridentate (Chart 1d). The HADB anions bridge two different coordinated Ce atoms (Ce1, Ce2, or Ce2A) constructing a trinuclear cluster (Figure S4): two oxygen atoms of one carboxylate group (O1 and O2) chelate to Ce1, and one of the two oxygen atoms (O1) bridges Ce1 and Ce2 (Ce1–O2–Ce2A, 99.98(7)°). There are three oxygen bridges between the Ce1 and Ce2 (Ce2A) atoms with a Ce1–Ce2(Ce2A) distance of 4.04(2) Å. The Ce1, Ce2, and Ce2A atoms are in a line with a Ce2–Ce2A distance of 8.08(2) Å, and the Ce1 atom locates on the symmetric center of the trinuclear unit. The Ce2 is nine-coordinated by nine oxygen atoms (Ce2–O2A or O2B or O2C, 2.509(2) Å; Ce2–O3A or O3B or O3C, 2.549(2); Ce2–O4A or O4B or O4C, 2.542(2) Å) from three ADB carboxylate groups and three HADB anions with a distorted tricapped trigonal prism. The bond lengths of Ce–O are within the range of those usually encountered for lanthanide oxygen coordination.^{16a} If considering ADB and HADB as linkers and trinuclear cerium clusters as tricapped trigonal prisms with six nodes, **11** possesses a NaCl-type 3-D network with an open channel system of ca. 1.9 nm space (the distance between the centers of two Ce's; Figures 6 and 7).

A PLATON program analysis suggests that approximately 35.3% of the crystal volume is accessible to the solvents.¹⁷ When the DMSO and water molecules are

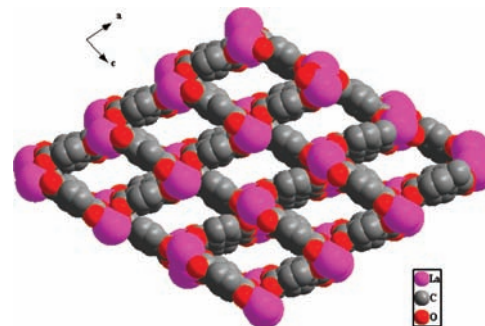


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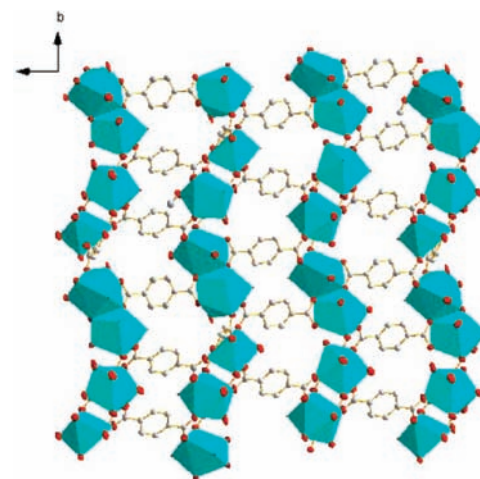


Figure 4. Polyhedral representation of **1**, [001] direction.

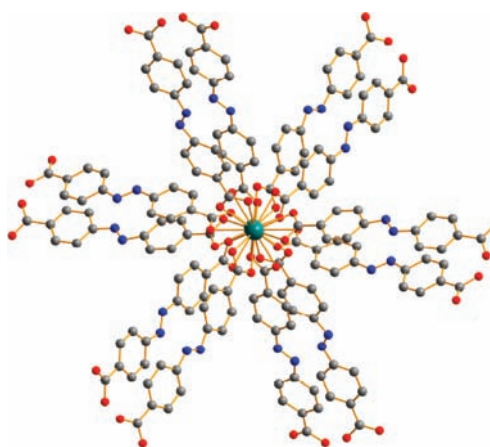


Figure 5. Coordination environment of Ce^{III} in **11**.

removed, the volume increases up to 79.9%, more than that observed in MOF-500 (78.5%).¹⁸ Compared with $\{[\text{Nd}_3(\text{ATPT})_3(\text{HATPT})_3] \cdot 9\text{H}_2\text{O}\}_n$ (H_2ATPT = 2-amino-terephthalic acid), ADB, which is the extending BDC, increases the volume by 28.9%.¹⁹

Crystal Structure of 12. Each asymmetric unit $[\text{Ce}_2(\text{ADB})_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]_n$ contains two Ce^{III} , three ADB ligands,

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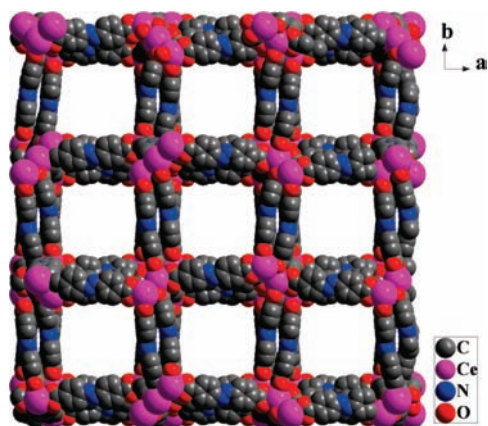


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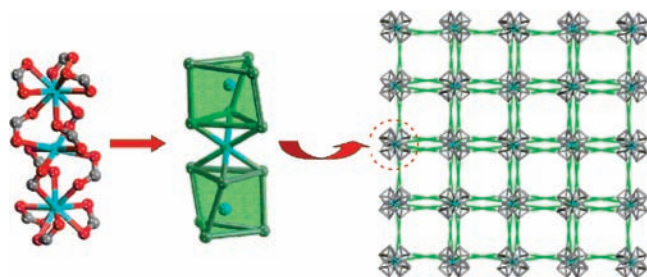


Figure 7. The NaCl-type topology net of **11**.

and three water molecules. Two crystallographically different Ce atoms (Ce1 and Ce2) are shown in Figure 8. Ce1 is coordinated with eight oxygen atoms from three chelating/bridging tridentate carboxylate groups (O1, O7, O8, and O11), four di-monodentate carboxylate groups (O3, O4, O9, and O10), and one terminal water molecule (O15). The nine oxygen atoms are coordinated with Ce2 by three chelating/bridging tridentate carboxylate groups (O1, O2, O7, O11, and O12), two di-monodentate carboxylate groups (O5 and O6), and two terminal water molecules (O13 and O14). The Ce–O(carboxylate) and Ce–O(water) bonds are in the ranges of 2.393(9)–2.909(7) and 2.579(9)–2.658(8) Å, respectively, all of which are comparable to those reported for other cerium–oxygen donor complexes.^{16a} The Ce1 and its corresponding centrosymmetric atom (Ce1A) link through four bridging di-monodentate carboxylate groups of ADB ligands to form a metallic dimer. The dimer (Ce1 and Ce1A) assembles with the two metallic monomers (Ce2 and Ce2A) through chelating/bridging carboxylate groups, leading to discrete metal–carboxylate oxygen chain-shaped building units $[\text{Ce}_4(\text{CO}_2)_{12}]_n$ (Figure 9). These metal–carboxylate oxygen chain-shaped building units through three coordination modes of the ADB linkers (Chart 1a, b, and e) link to each other and construct a 3-D framework with 1.7 nm (the distance between the centers of two Ce's) trigonal channels along the $[0,0,1]$ direction (Figure 10). The intrachain Ce...Ce distances are 4.419, 4.118, and 5.202 Å for Ce1...Ce1A, Ce1...Ce2, and Ce2...Ce1A, respectively.

By comparing with **7**, **11**, and **12**, it is useful to find out how the frameworks are constructed from SBUs. There exist two types of SBUs in metal–organic frameworks reported by Yaghi's group: short SBUs and infinite chain-like SBUs. The short metal–carboxylate SBUs can be

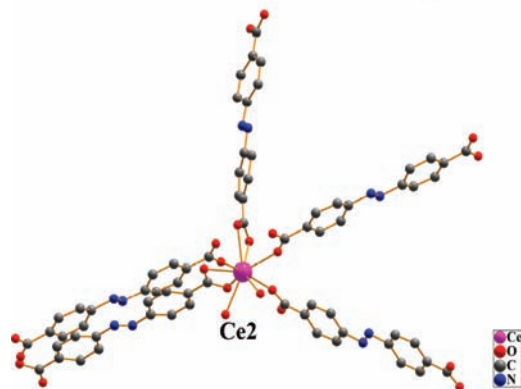
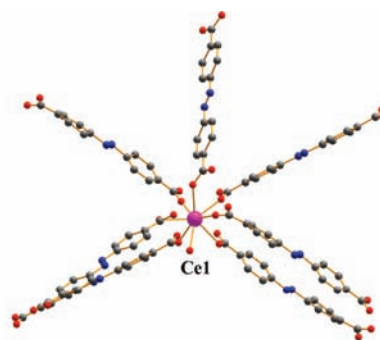


Figure 8. Coordination environment of Ce^{III} in **12**.

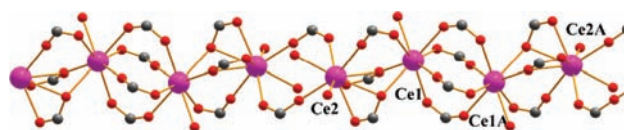


Figure 9. 1-D metal–carboxylic oxygen chain-shaped building units $[\text{Ce}_4(\text{CO}_2)_{12}]_n$ of **12**.

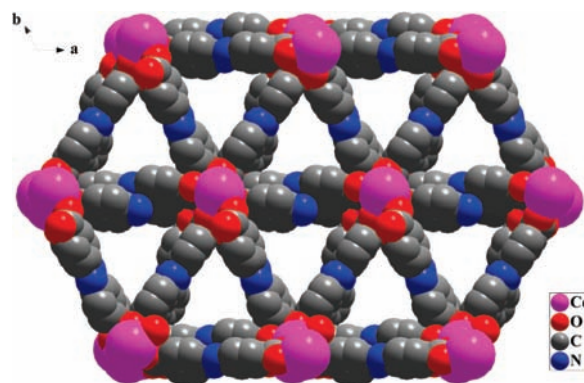


Figure 10. Open channels of **12**, $[001]$ direction.

linked by the organic groups as “struts”, and the infinite chain-like SBUs are joined through organic units as “linkers” to assemble MOFs.^{1c}

Compounds **7** and **11** have the short SBUs because the dimer $[\text{Ln}_2(\text{CO}_2)_4]$ and trimer $\text{Ce}_3(\text{ADB})_3(\text{HADB})_3$ are connected to each other through ADB groups as “linkers”. The ADB ligands with carboxylate groups that adopt di-monodentate and chelating/bridging tridentate coordination modes are the “linkers”, and those that adopt the chelating bidentate mode are the “struts” that connect the dimeric units. However, **12** shows the infinite chain-like SBUs.

IR Spectra. Compound **1** shows strong bands at 1655 and 1533 cm^{-1} as well as at 1401 cm^{-1} , corresponding to the asymmetric and symmetric stretching vibrations of the carboxylate groups, respectively. The bands at 3060, 1543, 831, 760, and 671 cm^{-1} are attributed to the aromatic skeleton vibration of the benzene ring (Figure S8, Supporting Information).

Thermogravimetric Analysis and Powder X-Ray Diffraction. TG analysis of **1** displays the first weight loss of 20.1% between 100 and 480 $^{\circ}\text{C}$, corresponding to the loss of eight DMF and one H_2O molecule (calculated: 20.0%). Above 480 $^{\circ}\text{C}$, the compound starts to decompose. The remaining weight of 32.0% corresponds to the percentage of the La and O component, La_2O_3 (calculated: 32.3%; Figure S9, Supporting Information). Thermogravimetric analyses for **3** give similar results.

The TG analysis of **4** displays the first weight loss of 21.9% between 150 and 480 $^{\circ}\text{C}$, corresponding to the loss of DMF and H_2O molecules (calculated: 21.4%). Above 500 $^{\circ}\text{C}$, the compound starts to decompose. The remaining weight of 28.4% corresponds to the percentage of the Y and O component, Y_2O_3 (calculated: 26.40%; Figure S9, Supporting Information).

The TG analysis of **7** shows a weight loss starting at room temperature and ending at 180 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ to give a total loss of 58.5%. This is equivalent to the loss of 20 DMSO molecules per formula unit (calcd: 58.2%) and accounting for the liberation of all guests in the channels.

The experimental powder XRD patterns for **1** are in good agreement with the corresponding simulated ones (Figure S10, Supporting Information).

Photoluminescent Properties. The solid-state photoluminescent spectra of **6** were recorded at room temperature (Figure 11). The emission spectrum of **6** exhibits typical emission bands of Eu^{III} ions upon excitation at 350 nm. The emission bands in **6** arise from $^5\text{D}_0 \rightarrow ^7\text{F}_J$ ($J = 0-4$) transitions of Eu^{III} ions.²⁰ The $^5\text{D}_0 \rightarrow ^7\text{F}_0$ and $^5\text{D}_0 \rightarrow ^7\text{F}_3$ transitions are too weak to be observed. The most intense emission at 616 nm is attributed to the electric dipole induced $^5\text{D}_0 \rightarrow ^7\text{F}_2$ transition, which is hypersensitive to the coordination environment of the Eu^{III} ion.²⁰ The medium-strong emission at 591 nm is corresponding to the magnetic dipole induced $^5\text{D}_0 \rightarrow ^7\text{F}_1$ transition, which is fairly insensitive to the environment of the Eu^{III} ion. The intensity ratio of $^5\text{D}_0 \rightarrow ^7\text{F}_2 / ^5\text{D}_0 \rightarrow ^7\text{F}_1$ is ca. 5.7, indicating that the Eu^{III} ion is not located at the inversion center and the symmetry of the Eu^{III} ion site is low; this is in agreement with the single-crystal structure of **6**.

Magnetic Properties. Variable-temperature magnetic susceptibility measurements were performed with polycrystalline samples of **3**, **6**, and **7** at an applied field of 2 kOe in the range of 1.8–300 K. The plots of $\chi_{\text{M}}T$ vs T are shown in Figure 12. For compound **3**, the $\chi_{\text{M}}T$ value is 1.68 emu K mol^{-1} at room temperature, which is close to the spin-only value of 1.68 emu K mol^{-1} based on Nd^{III} ion with $S_{\text{Nd}} = 8/11$ and $g_{\text{Nd}} = 3/2$, indicating basic paramagnetic properties in **3**. Upon lowering the temperature, $\chi_{\text{M}}T$ decreases down to 0.4 emu K mol^{-1} , indicating

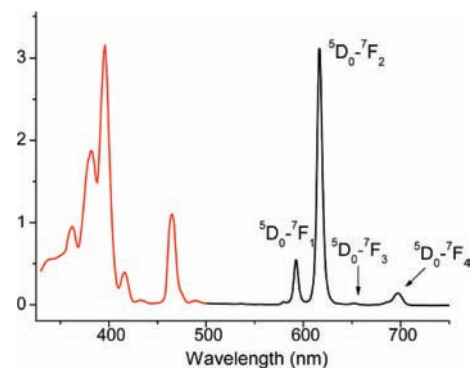


Figure 11. Solid state excitation (red) and emission (black) spectra of **6**.

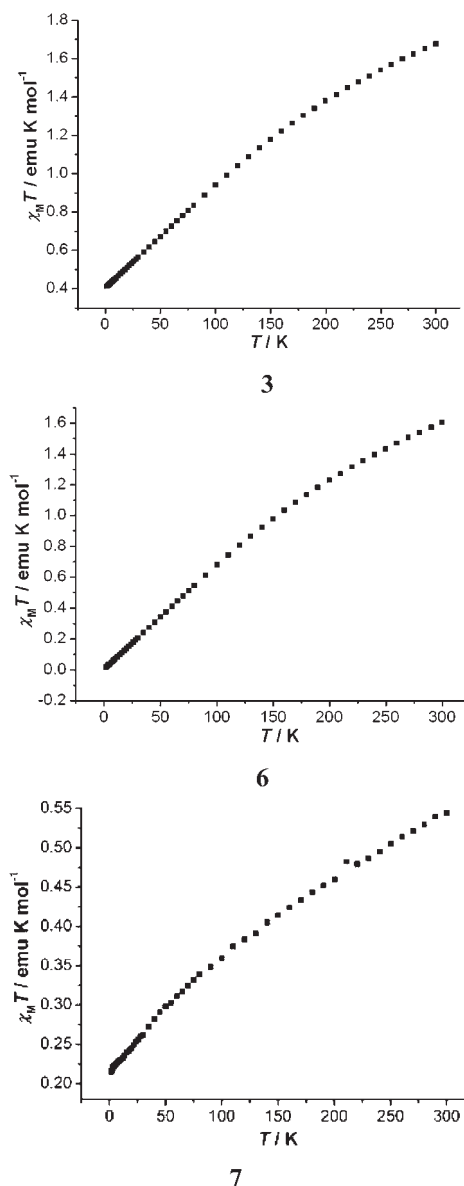


Figure 12. Temperature dependences of magnetic properties for **3**, **6**, and **7**.

strong deviations from the Curie law.²¹ This result indicates that these bridging carboxylate groups mediate in total a very weak magnetic exchange interaction between Nd^{III} ions.

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For **6**, the observed $\chi_{\text{M}}T$ value is 1.61 emu K mol⁻¹ at room temperature, slightly more than the value 1.5 for a Eu^{III} ion calculated by Van Vleck, allowing for population of the excited state with higher values of J at 293 K. As the temperature is lowered, $\chi_{\text{M}}T$ decreases continuously, which should be attributed to the depopulation of the Stark levels for a single Eu^{III} ion. At the lowest temperature, $\chi_{\text{M}}T$ is close to zero, indicating a $J = 0$ ground state of the Eu^{III} ion (⁷F₀).²²

For **7**, the $\chi_{\text{M}}T$ value is 0.548 emu K mol⁻¹ at room temperature, which is lower than the spin-only value of 0.804 emu K mol⁻¹ based on the Ce^{III} ion, and at 1.8 K, the value is close to the spin-only value of 0.213 emu K mol⁻¹, indicating basic paramagnetic properties in **7**. This result indicates that the magnetic properties of **3**, **6**, and **7** are mainly ascribed to the contribution of the spin-orbit coupling of Ln^{III} ions; namely, **3**, **6**, and **7** display single-ion behaviors, which are the same as the properties reported in the literature previously.²³

Conclusion

Twelve 3-D lanthanide porous coordination polymers have been successfully constructed from lanthanide ions and H₂BDC or H₂ADB under mild conditions. Compounds **1–3** form 1-D metal-carboxylate oxygen chain-shaped building units [Ln₄(CO₂)₁₂]_n that generate 1-D open channel systems, with 4 × 7 Å rhombic channels. Compounds **4–6** possess two-fold interpenetrating structures through lanthanide ions dimers. Compounds **7–10** are all 3-D interpenetrating structures and adopt the CaB6-type topology structure. **11** adopts a NaCl-type topological structure with a 3-D open channel system of ca. 1.9 nm space. **12** gives rise to a 3-D framework that consists of 1-D open trigonal channels with a 1-D metal-carboxylate oxygen chain-shaped building unit [Ln₄(CO₂)₁₂]_n. Compound **6** shows a Eu^{III} characteristic red luminescence, which has potential application in optical devices. The magnetic properties of **3**, **6**, and **7** are mainly ascribed to the contribution of the spin-orbit coupling of Ln^{III} ions and display single-ion behaviors. Further efforts will be focused on investigating the effect of temperature and the even larger porosity of lanthanide porous coordination polymers using lanthanide metal ions and more extended ligands.

Experimental Section

General Materials and Characterization. The Ln(NO₃)₃·6H₂O (Ln = Y, La, Ce, Nd, Sm, Eu, Gd and Dy) compounds were prepared by dissolving the corresponding Ln₂O₃ in an aqueous solution of HNO₃ (6.0 M) and were evaporated at 100 °C. H₂ADB was synthesized as described in ref 24. The H₂BDC and other reagents were commercially available and used as received. Elemental analyses (C, H, and N) were performed on a Perkin-Elmer 240C elemental analyzer. The infrared (IR) spectra were recorded on a VECTOR 22 spectrophotometer using KBr pellets in the 400–4000 cm⁻¹ region. TGAs (thermal gravimetric analyses) were performed under nitrogen on a TGA V5.1A Dupont 2100 instrument from room temperature to 700 °C with a heating rate

Table 1. Crystallographic Data and Structural Refinements for **1–3**

	1	2	3
empirical formula	C ₉₉ H ₁₀₂ N ₉ ·O ₄₈ La ₆	C ₉₉ H ₁₀₂ N ₉ ·O ₄₈ Ce ₆	C ₉₉ H ₁₀₂ N ₉ ·O ₄₈ Nd ₆
fw	3019.36	3026.62	3051.34
cryst syst	triclinic	triclinic	triclinic
space group	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$
<i>a</i> /Å	11.107(1)	11.099(1)	11.144(1)
<i>b</i> /Å	17.773(2)	17.768(2)	17.850(2)
<i>c</i> /Å	29.228(3)	29.159(3)	29.340(4)
α /deg	86.624(2)	86.547(2)	86.638(2)
β /deg	79.689(2)	79.811(2)	79.666(2)
γ /deg	73.275(2)	73.123(2)	73.206(2)
vol/Å ³	5436 (1)	5416(1)	5497(1)
<i>Z</i>	2	2	2
<i>D</i> _{calcd} /mg m ⁻³	1.845	1.856	1.844
μ /mm ⁻¹	2.404	2.568	2.880
<i>F</i> (000)	2970	2982	3006
data/restraints/params	19864/632/1459	19715/990/1459	21066/990/1459
GOF on <i>F</i> ²	1.074	1.035	1.024
<i>R</i> ₁ [<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>)] ^a	0.0462	0.0593	0.0644
<i>wR</i> ₂ [<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>)] ^b	0.1075	0.1289	0.1588
<i>R</i> ₁ (all data) ^a	0.0616	0.0906	0.0899
<i>wR</i> ₂ (all data) ^b	0.1123	0.1377	0.1683

$${}^a R_1 = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum F_o, {}^b wR_2 = [\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \sum w(F_o^2)]^{1/2}.$$

Table 2. Crystallographic Data and Structural Refinements for **4** and **5**

	4	5
empirical formula	C ₁₅ H ₁₅ NO ₈ Y	C ₁₅ H ₁₅ NO ₈ Dy
fw	426.19	499.78
cryst syst	triclinic	triclinic
space group	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$
<i>a</i> /Å	8.613(2)	8.522(3)
<i>b</i> /Å	10.122(3)	10.154(3)
<i>c</i> /Å	11.095(3)	11.067(4)
α /deg	65.205(4)	64.726(5)
β /deg	71.609(5)	71.738(6)
γ /deg	78.617(5)	79.581(6)
vol/Å ³	830.8(4)	821.1(5)
<i>Z</i>	2	2
<i>D</i> _{calcd} /mg m ⁻³	1.704	2.021
μ /mm ⁻¹	3.554	4.594
<i>F</i> (000)	430	484
data/restraints/params	3224/18/228	2987/0/228
GOF on <i>F</i> ²	1.010	1.043
<i>R</i> ₁ [<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>)] ^a	0.0409	0.0353
<i>wR</i> ₂ [<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>)] ^b	0.1090	0.0858
<i>R</i> ₁ (all data) ^a	0.0522	0.0369
<i>wR</i> ₂ (all data) ^b	0.1132	0.0866

$${}^a R_1 = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum F_o, {}^b wR_2 = [\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \sum w(F_o^2)]^{1/2}.$$

of 10 °C min⁻¹. Luminescent spectra for the solid samples were recorded on a Hitachi 850 fluorescence spectrophotometer. XRD measurements were performed on a XRD-6000 X-ray diffractometer using Cu K α radiation (operating at 40 kV and 30 mA). Temperature-dependent magnetic susceptibility measurement for polycrystalline compounds **3**, **6**, and **7** were performed on a Quantum Design MPMS-XL7 SQUID magnetometer under an applied field of 2 kOe over a temperature range of 1.8–300 K.

Synthesis of 1–12. Single crystals of compounds **1–6** were obtained by slow diffusion of a solution of Ln(NO₃)₃·6H₂O (0.2 mmol) in DMF and water (1:1 v/v, 10 mL) into the solution containing Na₂BDC (0.3 mmol) in DMF and water (1:1 v/v, 10 mL). Single crystals of compounds **7–12** were obtained by slow diffusion of triethylamine into a solution of Ln(NO₃)₃·6H₂O (0.2 mmol) and H₂ADB (0.3 mmol) in DMSO (10 mL).

[La₆(BDC)₉(DMF)₆(H₂O)₃·3DMF] (**1**): The yield was 38% based on La^{III}. Anal. Calcd for C₉₉H₁₀₂O₄₈N₉La₆: C, 39.38%; H, 3.41%; N, 4.18%. Found: C, 39.17%; H, 3.52%; N, 4.21%.

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Table 3. Crystallographic Data and Structural Refinements for 7–10

	7	8	9	10
empirical formula	C ₃₁ H ₅₀ N ₃ O ₁₅ S ₅ Ce	C ₃₁ H ₅₀ N ₃ O ₁₅ S ₅ Sm	C ₃₁ H ₅₀ N ₃ O ₁₅ S ₅ Eu	C ₃₁ H ₅₀ N ₃ O ₁₅ S ₅ Gd
formula weight	1005.16	1015.39	1017.00	1022.29
crystal system	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic
space group	C2/c	C2/c	C2/c	C2/c
a/Å	27.435(2)	27.467(1)	27.441(4)	27.367(3)
b/Å	16.871(1)	16.838(2)	16.864(3)	16.829(2)
c/Å	28.128(2)	27.963(1)	27.919(4)	27.915(3)
β/deg	102.482(2)	101.776(3)	101.880(3)	71.609(5)
vol/Å ³	12711 (2)	12660 (1)	12643(3)	12580(2)
Z	8	8	8	8
D _{calcd} /mg m ⁻³	1.050	1.065	1.069	1.080
μ/mm ⁻¹	0.925	1.137	1.202	1.265
F(000)	4120	4152	4160	4168
data/restraints/params	12426/0/569	13810/0/569	12403/0/569	12327/0/569
GOF on F ²	1.042	1.058	1.023	1.039
R ₁ [I > 2σ(I)] ^a	0.0509	0.0546	0.0399	0.0574
wR ₂ [I > 2σ(I)] ^b	0.0970	0.1071	0.0844	0.1208
R ₁ (all data) ^a	0.0616	0.0906	0.0596	0.0522
wR ₂ (all data) ^b	0.1123	0.1377	0.0888	0.1132

$$^a R_1 = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum F_o, \quad ^b wR_2 = [\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \sum w(F_o^2)]^{1/2}.$$

[Ce₆(BDC)₉(DMF)₆(H₂O)₃·3DMF] (2): The yield was 42% based on Ce^{III}. Anal. Calcd for C₉₉H₁₀₂O₄₈N₉Ce₆: C, 39.29%; H, 3.40%; N, 4.17%. Found: C, 39.19%; H, 3.55%; N, 4.26%.

[Nd₆(BDC)₉(DMF)₆(H₂O)₃·3DMF] (3): The yield was 35% based on Nd^{III}. Anal. Calcd for C₉₉H₁₀₂O₄₈N₉Nd₆: C, 38.97%; H, 3.37%; N, 4.13%. Found: C, 38.81%; H, 3.49%; N, 4.25%.

[Y₂(BDC)₃(DMF)₂(H₂O)₂] (4): The yield was 27% based on Y^{III}. Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₁₅NO₈Y: C, 42.27%; H, 3.55%; N, 3.29%. Found: C, 42.09%; H, 3.67%; N, 3.21%.

[Dy₂(BDC)₃(DMF)₂(H₂O)₂] (5): The yield was 41% based on Dy^{III}. Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₁₅NO₈Dy: C, 36.05%; H, 3.03%; N, 2.80%. Found: C, 35.89%; H, 3.22%; N, 2.69%.

[Eu₂(BDC)₃(DMF)₂(H₂O)₂] (6): The yield was 35% based on Eu^{III}. Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₁₅NO₈Eu: C, 36.83%; H, 3.09%; N, 2.86%. Found: C, 36.61%; H, 3.20%; N, 2.73%.

Ce₂(ADB)₃(DMSO)₄·6DMSO·8H₂O (7): The yield was 32% based on Ce^{III}. Anal. Calcd for C₆₂H₁₀₀N₆O₃₀S₁₀Ce₂: C, 37.04%; H, 5.01%; N, 4.18%. Found: C, 36.84%; H, 5.27%; N, 4.26%.

Sm₂(ADB)₃(DMSO)₄·6DMSO·8H₂O (8): The yield was 35% based on Sm^{III}. Anal. Calcd for C₆₂H₁₀₀N₆O₃₀S₁₀Sm₂: C, 36.67%; H, 4.96%; N, 4.14%. Found: C, 36.53%; H, 5.17%; N, 4.21%.

Eu₂(ADB)₃(DMSO)₄·6DMSO·8H₂O (9): The yield was 41% based on Eu^{III}. Anal. Calcd for C₆₂H₁₀₀N₆O₃₀S₁₀Eu₂: C 38.97%; H 3.37%; N 4.13%. Found: C 38.81%; H 3.49%; N 4.25%.

Gd₂(ADB)₃(DMSO)₄·6DMSO·8H₂O (10): The yield was 44% based on Gd^{III}. Anal. Calcd for C₆₂H₁₀₀N₆O₃₀S₁₀Gd₂: C, 36.42%; H, 4.93%; N, 4.11%. Found: C, 36.20%; H, 5.18%; N, 4.23%.

[Ce₃(ADB)₃(HADB)₃]·30DMSO·29H₂O (11): The synthetic method was similar to that of 7, except a temperature of 50 °C was used.

[Ce₂(ADB)₃(H₂O)₃] (12): The synthetic method was similar to that of 7, except a temperature of 80 °C was used.

X-Ray Crystallography. The crystallographic data for compounds were recorded at room temperature on a Bruker SMART CCD-based diffractometer. Intensities were collected with graphite monochromatized Mo Kα radiation (λ = 0.71073 Å) operating at 50 kV and 30 mA, using the φ and ω scan technique. The data reduction was made with the Bruker SAINT package. Absorption corrections were performed using the SADABS program. The structures were solved by direct methods and refined on F² by full-matrix least-squares using SHELXL-2000 with anisotropic displacement parameters for all non-hydrogen atoms.²⁵

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Table 4. Crystallographic Data and Structural Refinements for 11 and 12

	C ₅₇₆ H ₁₁₆₈ Ce ₁₂ N ₄₈ O ₃₃₂ S ₁₂₀	C ₄₂ H ₅₀ Ce ₂ N ₆ O ₁₅
empirical formula	C ₅₇₆ H ₁₁₆₈ Ce ₁₂ N ₄₈ O ₃₃₂ S ₁₂₀	C ₄₂ H ₅₀ Ce ₂ N ₆ O ₁₅
fw	19608.22	1138.96
temperature (K)	293	295
wavelength (Å)	0.71073	0.71073
cryst syst	cubic	triclinic
space group	Ia $\bar{3}$	P $\bar{1}$
a/Å	39.854(2)	15.743(2)
b/Å	39.854(2)	16.556(2)
c/Å	39.854(2)	16.976(2)
α/deg	90	99.866(1)
β/deg	90	95.617(1)
γ/deg	90	115.060(2)
vol/Å ³	63299(6)	3876.1(8)
Z	2	2
D _{calcd} /mg m ⁻³	1.080	0.976
μ/mm ⁻¹	1.265	1.203
F(000)	20464	1120
data/restraints/params	10388/0/465	13278/26/586
GOF on F ²	1.084	1.220
R ₁ [I > 2σ(I)] ^a	0.0487	0.0997
wR ₂ [I > 2σ(I)] ^b	0.0863	0.2170
R ₁ (all data) ^a	0.0831	0.1278
wR ₂ (all data) ^b	0.0916	0.2273

$$^a R_1 = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum F_o, \quad ^b wR_2 = [\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \sum w(F_o^2)]^{1/2}.$$

Hydrogen atoms were introduced in calculations using the riding model. The hydrogen thermal displacement parameters were fixed at 1.5 times the equivalent isotropic thermal displacement parameters of the internal and terminal carrier atoms. All computations were carried out using the SHELXTL-2000 program package.²⁶ The detailed crystallographic data and structural refinement parameters for 1–5 and 7–12 are summarized in Tables 1–4.

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