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Hybrid organic—inorganic coordination assembly, which may incorporate functionality from both inorganic and organic components, is currently an active research area.^{1–3} However, despite impressive progress in the past decade, there remain a number of challenges, two of which are highlighted here. One is the control of the dimensionality in inorganic connectivity.^{2–5} Inorganic components in the majority of coordination polymers are isolated metal cations or clusters, and only a very limited number of 3-D inorganic connectivity (within organic—inorganic hybrids) are known.^{3,4} The 3-D inorganic connectivity is desirable for properties resulting from cooperative phenomenon such as magnetism^{3c} and conductivity.^{2d}

The second challenge relates to homochiral open-framework materials that have potential enantioselective applications.^{6–8} While the crystallization of chiral crystals from achiral precursors is not uncommon, the bulk sample tends to be a racemate, except in some rare cases when a particular chiral form is preferentially formed.⁷ For enantioselective applications, it is desirable to develop new synthetic procedures to produce enantiopure open-framework materials.

In known 3-D homochiral crystalline inorganic—organic hybrids, enantiopure ligands generally serve as structural building units to cross-link inorganic units into covalent frameworks, and chiral ligands are essential for the 3-D framework connectivity. The framework dimensionality in terms of the covalent connectivity would generally be lowered (to two-, one-, or zero-dimension) without cross-linking chiral ligands.

Here we present two isostructural homochiral materials (1 and 2) in which homochiral features serve as decoration on 3-D metal oxygen frameworks. The most interesting feature is that the 1-D homochiral chains can be considered not as a part of the 3-D framework but as decorative ligands to strengthen the existing 3-D metal—oxygen framework. Compounds 1 and 2 are also among rare inorganic—organic hybrids that contains 3-D inorganic connectivity (here, 3-D Mn–O or Mg–O network). It is worth noting that the 3-D inorganic connectivity among homochiral inorganic—organic hybrids is rare. Some metal carboxylates with 3-D M–O–M connectivity are known, but they are not homochiral.²c;3a,5a

Compounds 1 and 2 are among a total of five homochiral framework materials prepared in this work. These five compounds possess homochiral connectivity (i.e., the connectivity between enantiopure ligands and metal centers) in one-, two-, and three-dimensions. Such diverse homochiral features highlight the versatility of the synthetic system reported here. While 1, 3, 4, and 5 are based on the magnetic Mn^{2+} cations, we also prepared 2 to demonstrate that the synthetic chemistry reported here can be extended to other metal species such as Mg^{2+} .

Homochiral materials reported here are based on D-camphoric acid (D-H₂Cam) (Table 1). Figure 1a shows an unusual $[Mn_3-(HCOO)_4]_n^{2n+}$ 3-D framework in 1 with 3-D Mn-O-Mn con-

nectivity and open honeycomb channels. The organic chains based on enantiopure D-Cam ligands are attached to the wall of the channels, generating an unprecedented framework with 3-D inorganic M–O connectivity and decorative 1-D chiral chains (Figure 1a–e). Each Mn²⁺ site in **1** has distorted octahedral geometry. There are three independent Mn²⁺ ions. Mn1 and Mn2 are connected by HCOO⁻ ligands to form a 3₂ helix along the *c*-axis. Each 3₂ helix is connected to three adjacent helices by Mn3. Such connectivity results in the formation of the [Mn₃(HCOO)₄]_n 3-D framework with open channels along the *c*-axis (Figure 1a). The diameter of the cylindrical channel is about 14 Å.

The simplification of the 3-D network in **1** by connecting all the Mn²⁺ sites gives a distorted eta net (or (8,3)-a net)⁹ where the Mn1 centers behave as 3-connected nodes (Figure 1b). In this net, the linkage between the 3₂ helices with the same handedness gives rise to a 3-D network. All four independent HCOO⁻ ligands use μ_2 -O atoms to bridge Mn²⁺ ions, resulting in a 3-D Mn–O–Mn framework. Thermal analysis results show compound **1** has relatively high stability with no weight loss under 400 °C. Magnetic susceptibility measurements reveal dominant antiferromagnetic behavior, and the magnetic data above 25 K can be fitted to the Curie–Weiss law with C = 11.18 cm³ K mol⁻¹ and $\theta = -61.13$ K.

The large space of each hexagonal channel accommodates three columns of the D-Cam ligands with all chiral C centers of the D-Cam ligands directed toward the center of the channel. Such exposed chirality centers are particularly desirable for chiral recognition, but unfortunately, no additional solvent-accessible space is present within the honeycomb channels because channels are already filled with columns of homochiral ligands.

By employing different solvents, three other homochiral compounds 3-5 were obtained. Unlike compound 1 with 1-D homochiral connectivity (attached to 3-D M–O–M framework), compounds 3 and 4 exhibit 2-D homochiral connectivity while compound 5 has 3-D homochiral connectivity. The *n*-D homochiral connectivity means that metal cations or metal clusters are joined together by enantiopure ligands in *n*-dimensions. The dimensionality of homochiral connectivity may be equal to or lower than the overall framework dimensionality because of the additional cross-linking by achiral ligands.

It can be useful to indicate the dimensionality of metal/chiral ligand connectivity and the dimensionality of metal/achiral ligand connectivity using the C^nA^m scheme first proposed here, where C and A represent chiral and achiral connectivity, respectively, and *n* and *m* represent dimensionality of chiral and achiral connectivity (Table 1). The C^nA^m scheme is similar to the previously reported I^nO^m scheme that shows inorganic and organic connectivity in inorganic–organic hybrids.^{2a}

Compound **3** has a homochiral 2-D layered structure with dinuclear Mn units bridged by the D-Cam ligands and belongs to the C^2A^0 -type structure (Figure 2a). Each Mn(II) site in **3** has square

Table 1. A Summary of Crystal Data and Refinement Results^a a (Å) b (Å) c (Å) R (F) Flack parameter CⁿA^m type formula space group β (°) $[Mn_3(HCOO)_4(D-Cam)]_n$ P32 15.128(1) 15.128(1) 7.716(1) 90 0.0662 0.09(5) C^1A^3 1 2 $[Mg_3(HCOO)_4(D-Cam)]_n$ $P3_{2}$ 14.872(1)14.872(1)7.333(1)90 0.0751 0.02(7) C^1A^3 $P2_1$ 9.670(1) 13.269(1) 13.274(1) 108.63(1) 0.0847 0.2(3) C^2A^0 3 $[Mn_2(D-Cam)_2(DMA)_2]_n$ [Mn₃(HCOO)₂(D-Cam)₂(DMF)₂]_n $P2_1$ 8.872(1) 13.708(1) 14.441(1)97.75(1) 0.0646 0.01(1) C^2A^1 4 0.0389 C^3A^0 $P2_1$ 6.868(1)12.566(2) 12.782(2)103.46(1)-0.04(2)5 $[Mn_2(D-Cam)_2]_n$

^a D-H₂Cam = D-camphoric acid; DMF = N,N'-dimethylformamide; DMA = N,N'-dimethylacetamide; CCDC-655527-655531 (1-5).



Figure 1. (a) The $[Mn_3(HCOO)_4]_n^{2n+}$ 3-D framework with 3-D Mn-O–Mn connectivity and open channels along the *c*-axis. (b) Topological representation of the eta net in **1**. (c) The D-Cam ligands link trinuclear Mn(II) centers into the 1-D homochiral chain in **1**. (d) The 3-D I³O¹ (or C¹A³) framework of **1**, showing the 3-D Mn–O–Mn connectivity (polyhedron) and the attached homochiral chains. (e) Schematic representation of the honeycomb-like 3-D frameworks with attached 1-D homochiral chains.



Figure 2. (a) The 2-D homochiral layer in 3. (b) The 3-D C^2A^1 framework of 4. (c) The 3-D C^3A^0 framework of 5.

pyramidal geometry, and the Mn dimers are bridged by four bidentate carboxylate groups from four D-Cam ligands into a paddlewheel. The DMA molecule affords one oxygen atom to complete the five-coordinate geometry of the Mn(II) center.

Compound **4** consists of homochiral layers linked by 1-D achiral chains and therefore has a C²A¹ 3-D framework (Figure 2b). The D-Cam ligands act as μ_4 -linkers and connect the trinuclear Mn units to form a homochiral (4,4) layer parallel to the *bc* plane. Both DMF and HCOO⁻ ligands afford μ_2 -O atoms to connect Mn(II) centers to form a 1-D Mn–O–Mn chain along the *a*-axis. The homochiral layer and achiral Mn–O–Mn chain share the common trinuclear Mn units resulting in a 3-D C²A¹ homochiral framework (*n* + *m* = 3).

Compound **5** is formed between Mn^{2+} ions and D-Cam ligands and has the 3-D homochiral connectivity (C³A⁰) (Figure 2c). It consists of Mn^{2+} chains bridged by homochiral D-Cam ligands. There are two independent Mn^{2+} centers, and both of them are coordinated by five carboxylate oxygen atoms from four D-Cam ligands in a distorted square pyramidal geometry. Mn1 and Mn2 atoms are bridged by two carboxylate groups from two independent D-Cam ligands to form a chain with corner-sharing [MnO₅] square pyramids. Each carboxylate-bridged Mn chain is further linked to four neighboring chains by D-Cam ligands, to generate a 3-D homochiral framework. Such framework can be described as the PtS net by considering Mn^{2+} as tetrahedral nodes and D-Cam as planar 4-connected nodes.

In conclusion, we have synthesized five framework solids that exhibit homochiral connectivity in one-, two-, and three-dimensions. The overall framework connectivity of these materials ranges from two- to three-dimensions by also considering achiral connectivity. Compounds 1 and 2 are unusual because of the presence of 3-D inorganic metal—oxygen frameworks coupled with the decoration of their honeycomb channels by columns of homochiral chains.

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Supporting Information Available: Detailed synthesis conditions, additional structural diagrams, thermal analysis data, experimental and simulated X-ray powder diffraction patterns, magnetic data, and CIF files. This material is available free of charge via the Internet at http:// pubs.acs.org.

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