Towards polymorphism control in coordination networks and metallo-organic salts
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Figure S1: PXRD patterns for [4,4'- $\left.\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{bipy}\right]\left[\mathrm{ZnCl}_{4}\right]$ 3: calculated from the crystal structure (black); solution synthesis (blue, Scheme route (vi)); grinding synthesis (green, Scheme route (vii)); HCl absorption (purple, Scheme route (viii)).


Figure S2: Comparison of the PXRD patterns calculated for the various polymorphs of $\mathbf{4}$ with those measured from the product obtained by various methods: 1) calculated for $\mathbf{4 a}$ (black, C2/c phase); 2) solution synthesis (blue, Scheme route (ii)); 3) grinding (green, Scheme route (v)); 4) thermal elimination (red, Scheme route (i)); 5) mechanochemical elimination with KOH (light blue, Scheme route (iii)); 6) calculated for $\mathbf{4 b}$ (yellow, Pnma phase); 7) By reaction of [4,4'- $\mathrm{H}_{2}$ bipy] $\mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ with basic zinc carbonate (violet, Scheme route (iv)); 8) calculated for 4c (brown, Pban phase).


Figure S3: Comparison of PXRD patterns measured for different samples: mixing equivalent amounts of $\mathbf{2}$ and $\mathbf{4}$ obtained from solution (pink), containing all three phases; solution synthesis of $\mathbf{4}_{0.5}$ (blue), containing phases $\mathbf{4 b}$ and $\mathbf{4 c}$; grinding synthesis of $\mathbf{4}_{0.5}$ (green), containing just $\mathbf{4 c}$.


Figure S4: Comparison of PXRD patterns measured for $\mathbf{4}_{\mathrm{x}}$ obtained by grinding 4,4'-bipy with cobalt and zinc chloride in a $1: 3$ ratio $4_{0.75}$ (blue), in a $1: 1$ ratio $4_{0.5}$ (green) and a $3: 1$ ratio $4_{0.25}$ (pink). Peaks due to the tetrahedral Pnma polymorph 4b are indicated by arrows, and others are due to the octahedral Pban polymorph 4c.


Figure S5: PXRD patterns for samples of $\left[\left\{\left(4,4^{\prime}-\text { bipy }\right) \mathrm{Co}_{1-\mathrm{x}} \mathrm{Zn}_{x} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right\}_{n}\right] \mathbf{4}_{\mathrm{x}}$ obtained by thermal elimination from [4,4'- $\mathrm{H}_{2}$ bipy $]\left[\mathrm{Co}_{1-\mathrm{x}} \mathrm{Zn}_{\mathrm{x}} \mathrm{Cl}_{4}\right] \mathbf{3}_{\mathrm{x}}$ : Co / Zn in $1: 3$ ratio $\mathbf{4}_{0.75}$ (blue); Co / Zn in $1: 1$ ratio $\mathbf{4}_{0.5}$ (green); Co / Zn in $3: 1$ ratio $\mathbf{4}_{0.25}$ (pink).

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Figure S6: PXRD patterns for samples of $\left[\left\{\left(4,4^{\prime}-\text { bipy }\right) \mathrm{Co}_{1-x} \mathrm{Zn}_{x} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right\}_{n}\right] \mathbf{4}_{\mathrm{x}}$ obtained by mechanochemical elimination from [4,4'- $\mathrm{H}_{2}$ bipy $]\left[\mathrm{Co}_{1-x} \mathrm{Zn}_{x} \mathrm{Cl}_{4}\right] \mathbf{3}_{\mathrm{x}}$ : Co / Zn in 1:3 ratio, $\mathbf{4}_{0.75}$ (blue); Co / Zn in $1: 1$ ratio, $\mathbf{4}_{0.5}$ (green); Co / Zn in 3:1 ratio, $\mathbf{4}_{0.25}$ (pink).


Figure S7: TGA of $\left[4,4^{\prime}-\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{bipy}\right]\left[\mathrm{ZnCl}_{4}\right]$ (3). Size 3.769 mg Ramp $10.00^{\circ} \mathrm{C} / \mathrm{min}$ to $600.00^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ Balance Gas: Nitrogen $40.0 \mathrm{ml} / \mathrm{min}$ Sample Gas: Nitrogen $60.0 \mathrm{ml} / \mathrm{min}$.


Figure S8: SEM images and $\mathrm{Co} \mathrm{K}_{\alpha 1}$ and $\mathrm{Zn} \mathrm{K}_{\alpha 1}$ EDAX map scans of [\{(4,4'-bipy) $\left.\mathrm{Co}_{0.5} \mathrm{Zn}_{0.5} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right\}_{\mathrm{n}}$ ] (40.5) obtained by mixing 4,4'-bipy, $\mathrm{CoCl}_{2}$ and $\mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}$ in a 2:1:1 ratio in a solution of ethanol.


Figure S9: SEM images and $\mathrm{Co} \mathrm{K}_{\alpha 1}$ and $\mathrm{Zn} \mathrm{K}_{\alpha 1}$ EDAX map scans of [\{(4,4'-bipy) $\left.\left.\mathrm{Co}_{0.5} \mathrm{Zn}_{0.5} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right\}_{n}\right]\left(4_{0.5}\right)$ obtained by manually grinding 4,4'-bipy, $\mathrm{CoCl}_{2}$ and $\mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}$ in a $2: 1: 1$ ratio with a drop of ethanol.


Figure S10: SEM images and Co $\mathrm{K}_{\alpha 1}$ and $\mathrm{Zn} \mathrm{K}_{\alpha 1} \mathrm{EDAX}$ map scans of [4,4'- $\mathrm{H}_{2}$ bipy] $\mathrm{Co}_{0.5} \mathrm{Zn}_{0.5} \mathrm{Cl}_{4}$ ] ( $\mathbf{3}_{0.5}$ ) obtained by grinding [4,4'- $\mathrm{H}_{2}$ bipy $] \mathrm{Cl}_{2}, \mathrm{CoCl}_{2}$ and $\mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}$ in a 2:1:1 ratio.


Figure S11: SEM images and Co $\mathrm{K}_{\alpha 1}$ and $\mathrm{Zn} \mathrm{K}_{\alpha 1}$ EDAX map scans of [\{(4,4'-bipy) $\left.\mathrm{Co}_{0.5} \mathrm{Zn}_{0.5} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right\}_{n}$ ] $\left(\mathbf{4}_{0.5}\right)$ obtained by thermal elimination of 2 equivalents of HCl from $\left[4,4^{\prime}-\mathrm{H}_{2}\right.$ bipy $]\left[\mathrm{Co}_{0.5} \mathrm{Zn}_{0.5} \mathrm{Cl}_{4}\right]\left(\mathbf{3}_{0.5}\right)$.


Figure S12: $\mathrm{K}_{\alpha 1}$ and $\mathrm{K} \mathrm{K}_{\alpha 1}$ EDAX map scans of $\left[\left\{\left(4,4^{\prime}-\text { bipy }\right) \mathrm{Co}_{0.5} \mathrm{Zn}_{0.5} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right\}_{n}\right]$ ( $\mathbf{4}_{0.5}$ ) obtained by mechanochemical elimination of 2 equivalents of HCl from from $\left[4,4^{\prime}-\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{bipy}^{2}\right]\left[\mathrm{Co}_{0.5} \mathrm{Zn}_{0.5} \mathrm{Cl}_{4}\right]\left(\mathbf{3}_{0.5}\right)$.

| Compound reference | $\mathbf{3}_{0.86}$ | $\mathbf{3}_{0.93}$ | $\mathbf{3}_{0.95}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Chemical formula | $\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{10} \mathrm{Cl}_{4} \mathrm{Co}_{0.14} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{Zn}_{0.86}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{10} \mathrm{Cl}_{4} \mathrm{Co}_{0.07} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{Zn}_{0.93}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{10} \mathrm{Cl}_{4} \mathrm{Co}_{0.05} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{Zn}_{0.95}$ |
| Formula Mass | 364.48 | 364.90 | 364.90 |
| Crystal system | Monoclinic | Monoclinic | Monoclinic |
| $a / \AA{ }^{\text {A }}$ | 7.6596(2) | 7.65960(10) | 7.6491(6) |
| b/Å | 19.7497(7) | 19.7388(4) | 19.7209(16) |
| $c / \AA{ }^{\text {c }}$ | 9.4708(3) | 9.4616(2) | 9.4569(8) |
| $\alpha 1^{\circ}$ | 90.00 | 90.00 | 90.00 |
| $\beta 1{ }^{\circ}$ | 109.067(2) | 109.0620(10) | 109.049(2) |
| $\gamma /{ }^{\circ}$ | 90.00 | 90.00 | 90.00 |
| Unit cell volume/ $\AA^{3}$ | 1354.09(7) | 1352.07(4) | 1348.43(19) |
| Temperature/K | 120(2) | 120(2) | 120(2) |
| Space group | $P 21 / c$ | $P 2{ }_{1} / c$ | $P 2{ }_{1} / c$ |
| No. of formula units per unit cell, $Z$ | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Absorption coefficient, $\mu / \mathrm{mm}^{-1}$ | 2.504 | 2.544 | 2.473 |
| No. of reflections measured | 14086 | 17759 | 12415 |
| No. of independent reflections | 3096 | 3100 | 3745 |
| $R_{\text {int }}$ | 0.0798 | 0.0334 | 0.0242 |
| Final $R_{l}$ values ( $I>2 \sigma(I)$ ) | 0.0629 | 0.0216 | 0.0221 |
| Final $w R\left(F^{2}\right)$ values ( $I>2 \sigma(I)$ ) | 0.1203 | 0.0489 | 0.0575 |
| Final $R_{l}$ values (all data) | 0.0915 | 0.0253 | 0.0228 |
| Final $w R\left(F^{2}\right)$ values (all data) | 0.1352 | 0.0503 | 0.0580 |
| Goodness of fit on $F^{2}$ | 1.098 | 1.080 | 1.052 |

Table S1: Details of the crystal structure determinations of $\mathbf{3}_{\mathbf{x}}$ with $\mathrm{x}=0.95,0.93$ and 0.86

