

Molecular Rotation induced giant, anisotropic negative thermal expansion in a hydrogen-bonded coordination framework

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1. Materials synthesis, characterization and measurement

1.1. Materials. Melamine ($\geq 99\%$, Sigma-Aldrich), Cyanuric acid ($\geq 98\%$, Sigma-Aldrich), Zinc nitrate ($\geq 99.5\%$, Sigma-Aldrich), and ammonia solution (30% in water, Chem-Supply) were used as received without further purification. Ultrapure water was used in all experiments (18.2 M Ω ·cm, Synergy UV Water Purification System, Merck Millipore). The solutions of melamine (40 mmol/L) and cyanuric acid (40 mmol/L) were prepared under 60 °C. The solutions of Zinc nitrate (100 mmol/L) and aqueous ammonia (10 wt%) were prepared under ambient environment in the laboratory.

1.2. Preparation of CA-M-Zn crystals. 4.5 mL cyanuric acid solution (40 mM) were mixed with 2 mL Zn(NO₃)₂ solution (100 mM) in a 15 mL glass vial, followed by the addition of 3 mL melamine solution (40 mM). The vial was capped and put in a dark closet at room temperature. Transparent crystals started to form within 1 day. The addition of melamine could be in solution or solids, and the initial molar ratio of CA to M could also be random. The outcome of the crystallization is exclusive.

1.3. Powder X-ray diffraction. The crystals were first washed by de-ionized water, then rinsed by ethanol at room temperature for quick drying and grinded into powders. The powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) patterns were obtained on a Rigaku Smartlab with oxford heating-cooling accessory using Cu K α radiation ($\lambda = 1.5406 \text{ \AA}$) working at 40 mA and 40 kV with a resolution of 0.01° (2 θ). Cyclic heating/cooling PXRD for lattice refinement were also

performed in the same instrument by sealing crystallites into a quartz capillary, with equilibrium time of 15 minutes at each temperature.

1.4. PXRD pattern refinement method. The calculation of PXRD patterns from crystal structures and the comparison with the PXRD patterns were conducted in DIFFRAC.TOPAS v6. Cell parameters from in-situ PXRD patterns were obtained by sequential refinements in DIFFRAC.TOPAS v6 with a Macro written by the third author.

1.5. Single crystal X-ray structure determination. A single crystal of CAM-Zn was coated in Paratone N oil and mounted on a nylon loop for collection. SCXRD data for structural determination were collected on Xcalibur, Sapphire3, Gemini ultra ($\lambda = 1.54184 \text{ \AA}$). And in situ SCXRD data were collected on XtaLAB Synergy, Dualflex, Pilatus 300K ($\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$). All data were processed in CrysAlis Pro¹. Structure solutions were obtained using SHELXT² and refined using SHELXL³ implemented within the Olex2 graphical interface⁴. All full-occupancy non-hydrogen models were refined anisotropically, while hydrogen atoms were placed in idealised positions and refined using a riding model on appropriate atoms.

Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement for CA-M-Zn.

Identification code	CA-M-Zn
Empirical formula	C ₁₅ H _{42.34} N ₂₅ O _{15.66} Zn ₂
Formula weight	954.45
Temperature/K	173.00(14)
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P2/c
a/Å	9.5713(2)
b/Å	6.93400(10)
c/Å	29.0393(5)
α /°	90
β /°	93.711(2)
γ /°	90
Volume/Å ³	1923.22(6)
Z	2
ρ_{calc} /cm ³	1.648
μ /mm ⁻¹	2.396
F(000)	985.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.2 × 0.2 × 0.1
Radiation	Cu K α (λ = 1.54184)
2 θ range for data collection/°	10.76 to 128.346
Index ranges	-11 ≤ h ≤ 11, -7 ≤ k ≤ 8, -32 ≤ l ≤ 33
Reflections collected	18723
Independent reflections	3177 R _{int} = 0.0275, R _{sigma} = 0.0175
Data/restraints/parameters	3177/2/307
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.122
Final R indexes I ≥ 2 σ (I)	R ₁ = 0.0337, wR ₂ = 0.1012
Final R indexes all data	R ₁ = 0.0347, wR ₂ = 0.1022
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	1.15/-0.30

Table S2. Variable temperature SCXRD study raw data.

Temperature/K	150.00(10)	200.02(10)	250.01(10)	280.01(10)	290.00(10)
Crystal system	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic
Space group	P2/c	P2/c	P2/c	P2/c	P2/c
a/Å	9.5910(3)	9.6009(3)	9.6144(3)	9.6115(4)	9.6061(4)
b/Å	6.9388(2)	6.9496(2)	6.9595(2)	6.9612(3)	6.9546(3)
c/Å	29.0162(8)	29.0452(8)	29.0893(8)	29.1217(9)	29.1266(9)
α /°	90	90	90	90	90
β /°	93.547(2)	93.638(2)	93.720(3)	93.780(3)	93.692(3)
γ /°	90	90	90	90	90
Volume/Å ³	1927.33(10)	1934.06(10)	1942.31(10)	1944.22(13)	1941.81(13)
ρ_{calc} /g/cm ³	1.673	1.667	1.660	1.658	1.660
μ /mm ⁻¹	1.933	1.927	1.918	1.917	1.919
F(000)	990.0	990.0	990.0	990.0	990.0
2 θ range for data collection/°	4.954 to 66.918	4.946 to 66.678	4.936 to 66.786	4.932 to 66.758	4.938 to 66.832
Reflections collected	28730	29054	29162	29135	29214
Independent reflections	6386 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0846$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0598$	6412 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0825$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0578$	6451 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0815$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0579$	6443 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0818$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0604$	6443 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0905$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0639$
Data/restraints/parameters	6386/0/234	6412/0/234	6451/0/234	6443/0/234	6443/0/234
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	0.860	1.096	1.091	1.115	1.113
Final R indexes $I > 2\sigma(I)$	$R_1 = 0.0591$, $wR_2 = 0.2053$	$R_1 = 0.0564$, $wR_2 = 0.1448$	$R_1 = 0.0551$, $wR_2 = 0.1472$	$R_1 = 0.0584$, $wR_2 = 0.1597$	$R_1 = 0.0642$, $wR_2 = 0.1808$
Final R indexes all data	$R_1 = 0.0731$, $wR_2 = 0.2194$	$R_1 = 0.0708$, $wR_2 = 0.1508$	$R_1 = 0.0719$, $wR_2 = 0.1528$	$R_1 = 0.0784$, $wR_2 = 0.1661$	$R_1 = 0.0862$, $wR_2 = 0.1897$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	1.43/-0.54	1.55/-0.53	1.43/-0.54	1.29/-0.51	1.48/-0.53

Temperature/K	300.00(10)	310.00(10)	320.00(10)	325.00(10)	330.00(10)
Crystal system	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic
Space group	P2/c	P2/c	P2/c	P2/c	P2/c
a/Å	9.6002(4)	9.5988(4)	9.6010(5)	9.6114(7)	9.6134(7)
b/Å	6.9504(3)	6.9453(3)	6.9455(4)	6.9454(4)	6.9448(4)
c/Å	29.1051(10)	29.0622(11)	28.9943(14)	28.8982(18)	28.8189(17)
α /°	90	90	90	90	90
β /°	93.474(3)	93.108(3)	92.476(4)	91.564(5)	90.731(5)
γ /°	90	90	90	90	90
Volume/Å ³	1938.48(13)	1934.63(14)	1931.64(18)	1928.4(2)	1923.9(2)
ρ_{calc} /cm ³	1.663	1.667	1.669	1.672	1.676
μ /mm ⁻¹	1.922	1.926	1.929	1.932	1.937
F(000)	990.0	990.0	990.0	990.0	990.0
2 θ range for data collection/°	4.948 to 66.946	4.964 to 66.73	4.992 to 66.986	5.028 to 66.722	5.064 to 66.974
Reflections collected	29140	29045	28736	28318	28459
Independent reflections	6421 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.1002$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0684$	6394 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0985$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0722$	6402 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.1107$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0815$	6379 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.1191$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0910$	6358 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.1227$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0900$
Data/restraints/parameters	6421/0/234	6394/0/234	6402/0/234	6379/0/234	6358/0/234
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.122	1.069	1.074	1.066	1.038
Final R indexes $ I \geq 2\sigma(I)$	$R_1 = 0.0684$, $wR_2 = 0.1951$	$R_1 = 0.0676$, $wR_2 = 0.1863$	$R_1 = 0.0759$, $wR_2 = 0.2053$	$R_1 = 0.0858$, $wR_2 = 0.2233$	$R_1 = 0.0922$, $wR_2 = 0.2653$
Final R indexes all data	$R_1 = 0.0917$, $wR_2 = 0.2044$	$R_1 = 0.0946$, $wR_2 = 0.1970$	$R_1 = 0.1064$, $wR_2 = 0.2165$	$R_1 = 0.1224$, $wR_2 = 0.2374$	$R_1 = 0.1287$, $wR_2 = 0.2847$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	1.23/-0.55	0.95/-0.72	1.14/-0.68	0.84/-0.74	1.09/-1.29

Temperature/K	335.00(10)	340.00(10)	345.00(10)	350.00(10)	355.00(10)
Crystal system	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic
Space group	P2/c	P2/c	P2/c	P2/c	P2/c
a/Å	9.6173(5)	9.6204(5)	9.6162(5)	9.6232(5)	9.6271(6)
b/Å	6.9458(3)	6.9456(3)	6.9418(3)	6.9478(3)	6.9548(4)
c/Å	28.7789(12)	28.7738(10)	28.7773(10)	28.8132(10)	28.8430(12)
α /°	90	90	90	90	90
β /°	90.232(4)	90.034(4)	90.116(3)	90.030(4)	90.156(4)
γ /°	90	90	90	90	90
Volume/Å ³	1922.41(15)	1922.65(15)	1920.99(15)	1926.45(15)	1931.16(18)
ρ_{calc} /g/cm ³	1.677	1.677	1.678	1.674	1.670
μ /mm ⁻¹	1.938	1.938	1.940	1.934	1.930
F(000)	990.0	990.0	990.0	990.0	990.0
2 θ range for data collection/°	5.086 to 66.866	5.092 to 66.88	5.09 to 66.936	5.09 to 66.91	5.082 to 66.948
Reflections collected	28690	28859	29022	28982	28906
Independent reflections	6374 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.1239$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0910$	6375 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.1194$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0875$	6389 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.1199$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0880$	6395 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.1281$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0935$	6403 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.1263$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0954$
Data/restraints/parameters	6374/0/234	6375/0/234	6389/0/235	6395/0/234	6403/0/234
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.070	1.050	1.028	1.037	1.004
Final R indexes $ I \geq 2\sigma(I)$	$R_1 = 0.0957$, $wR_2 = 0.2723$	$R_1 = 0.0914$, $wR_2 = 0.2571$	$R_1 = 0.0908$, $wR_2 = 0.2522$	$R_1 = 0.0961$, $wR_2 = 0.2693$	$R_1 = 0.0967$, $wR_2 = 0.2732$
Final R indexes all data	$R_1 = 0.1324$, $wR_2 = 0.2906$	$R_1 = 0.1285$, $wR_2 = 0.2755$	$R_1 = 0.1274$, $wR_2 = 0.2718$	$R_1 = 0.1353$, $wR_2 = 0.2906$	$R_1 = 0.1408$, $wR_2 = 0.2981$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	1.25/-1.47	1.24/-1.45	0.93/-1.44	1.03/-1.63	1.10/-1.65

Temperature/K	360.00(10)	365.00(10)	370.00(10)	375.00(10)
Crystal system	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic
Space group	P2/c	P2/c	P2/c	P2/c
a/Å	9.6255(6)	9.6250(6)	9.6281(7)	9.6290(7)
b/Å	6.9592(4)	6.9587(4)	6.9664(4)	6.9689(4)
c/Å	28.8493(12)	28.8587(12)	28.8775(14)	28.8838(14)
α /°	90	90	90	90
β /°	90.396(4)	90.597(4)	90.664(5)	90.775(5)
γ /°	90	90	90	90
Volume/Å ³	1932.45(18)	1932.78(18)	1936.8(2)	1938.0(2)
ρ_{calc} /cm ³	1.668	1.668	1.665	1.664
μ /mm ⁻¹	1.928	1.928	1.924	1.923
F(000)	990.0	990.0	990.0	990.0
2 θ range for data collection/°	5.072 to 66.792	5.064 to 66.832	5.058 to 66.794	5.054 to 66.798
Reflections collected	28971	29104	29112	29184
Independent reflections	6399 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.1245$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0959$	6405 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.1272$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0958$	6417 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.1285$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0969$	6429 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.1291$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0994$
Data/restraints/parameters	6399/0/235	6405/0/234	6417/0/234	6429/0/234
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.004	0.998	1.003	1.011
Final R indexes $ I \geq 2\sigma(I)$	$R_1 = 0.0960$, $wR_2 = 0.2717$	$R_1 = 0.0970$, $wR_2 = 0.2775$	$R_1 = 0.0972$, $wR_2 = 0.2824$	$R_1 = 0.0977$, $wR_2 = 0.2792$
Final R indexes all data	$R_1 = 0.1404$, $wR_2 = 0.2953$	$R_1 = 0.1428$, $wR_2 = 0.3032$	$R_1 = 0.1458$, $wR_2 = 0.3086$	$R_1 = 0.1487$, $wR_2 = 0.3069$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	1.02/-1.44	1.25/-1.28	1.22/-1.16	1.28/-1.13

Table S3. Numeric data in Figure 2b.

Compound	α_v (10^{-6} K^{-1})	ΔT	Ref.
Oxides			
ZrW ₂ O ₈	-21.9	1049.7	5
α -HfW ₂ O ₈	-26.4	378	6
β -HfW ₂ O ₈	-16.5	92	6
γ -ZrMo ₂ O ₈	-15.0	562	7
γ -HfMo ₂ O ₈	-12.0	496	8
α -Zr _{0.7} Sn _{0.3} W ₂ O ₈	-40.6	100	9
β -Zr _{0.7} Sn _{0.3} W ₂ O ₈	-18.7	450	9
α -Zr _{0.95} Ti _{0.05} W ₂ O ₈	-30.0	105	10
β -Zr _{0.95} Ti _{0.05} W ₂ O ₈	-13.5	168	10
Zr _{0.96} Mo _{0.04} W ₂ O _{8-0.02} (M = Eu ³⁺ , Er ³⁺ and Yb ³⁺)	-30.9	70	11
ZrW _{1.8} V _{0.2} O _{7.9}	-29.1	74	12
ZrW _{1.8} V _{0.2} O _{7.9}	-4.8	175	12
ZrV ₂ O ₇	-20.1	498	13
ZrV ₂ O ₇	-75.5	168	13
ThP ₂ O ₇	-10.5	501	14
CeP ₂ O ₇	-5.7	360	15
Zr _{0.70} V _{1.33} Mo _{0.67} O _{6.73}	-11.3	510	16
Sc ₂ W ₃ O ₁₂	-6.7	1190	17
Dy ₂ W ₃ O ₁₂	-26.0	350	18
Y ₂ W ₃ O ₁₂	-21.0	1358	19
Er ₂ W ₃ O ₁₂	-20.2	600	20
Yb ₂ W ₃ O ₁₂	-19.1	600	20
Lu ₂ W ₃ O ₁₂	-18.5	600	20
Y ₂ Mo ₃ O ₁₂	-37.8	770	21
Er ₂ Mo ₃ O ₁₂	-22.7	775	22
Yb ₂ Mo ₃ O ₁₂	-18.1	775	22
Lu ₂ Mo ₃ O ₁₂	-18.1	775	22
Sc ₂ Mo ₃ O ₁₂	-18.9	775	22
NbPO ₅	-11.0	300	23
TaPO ₅	-1.7	400	23
TaVO ₅	-8.9	580	24
TaVO ₅	-21.9	200	24
NbVO ₅	-6.6	575	25
TaAs _{0.1} V _{0.9} O ₅	-17.5	480	23
ReO ₃	-1.8	80	24
SiO ₂ (β -cristobalite)	-6.9	548	25
Cu ₂ O	-7.2	231	26
Ag ₂ O	-21	145	27
Ag ₂ O	-27.1	173	26
AlPO ₄ -17	-35.1	282	28
H-ZSM-5	-27	800	29
Zn ₂ V ₂ O ₇	-17.9	300	30
α -Cu ₂ V ₂ O ₇	-10.2	375	31
Fluorides			
CaZrF ₆	-26.5	1163	32
MnZrF ₆	-13.4	373	33
FeZrF ₆	-9.7	373	33

MgZrF ₆	-2.4	373	34
CaHfF ₆	-45.3	288	32
CaNbF ₆	-36.5	775	35
TiZrF ₆	-6.1	323	36
YbZrF ₇	-6.0	132	37
Cyanides			
Zn(CN) ₂	-50.7	350	38
Cd(CN) ₂ (double-network)	-61.2	225	38
Cd(CN) ₂ (single-network)	-100	225	39
Zn[Ag(CN) ₂] ₂	-13.6	275	40
AgB(CN) ₄	-40.0	500	41
CuB(CN) ₄	-9.2	300	41
YFe(CN) ₆	-33.7	225	42
FeCo(CN) ₆	-4.4	295.8	43
GaFe(CN) ₆	-11.9	375	44
FeFe(CN) ₆	-12.8	350	45
ScCo(CN) ₆	-19.8	575	46
TiCo(CN) ₆	-12.2	375	47
LaCo(CN) ₆	-43.9	400	48
SmCo(CN) ₆	-37.4	400	48
HoCo(CN) ₆	-30.2	400	48
LuCo(CN) ₆	-27.2	400	48
YCo(CN) ₆	-31.6	400	48
ErCo(CN) ₆	-27.0	275	49
CsCd[Fe(CN) ₆]·0.5H ₂ O	-26.4	200	50
Cs _{0.7} Ni[Fe(CN) ₆] _{0.9} ·2.9H ₂ O	-1.2	200	50
Cs _{0.97} Cu[Fe(CN) ₆] _{0.99} ·1.1H ₂ O	-6.3	200	50
Cs _{0.91} Ni[Fe(CN) ₆] _{0.97} ·0.4H ₂	-12.3	200	50
Rb _{0.78} Fe[Fe(CN) ₆] _{0.83} ·2.8H ₂ O	-6.3	200	50
Rb _{0.64} Zn[Fe(CN) ₆] _{0.88} ·2.3H ₂ O	-17.7	200	50
CdPt(CN) ₆	-30.1	140	51
MnPt(CN) ₆	-19.7	200	51
FePt(CN) ₆	-12.0	215	51
CoPt(CN) ₆	-4.8	250	51
NiPt(CN) ₆	-3.1	230	51
ZnPt(CN) ₆	-10.6	300	51
Mn ₃ Co(CN) ₆] ₂ ·12H ₂ O	-87.6	175	52
Fe ₃ Co(CN) ₆] ₂ ·12H ₂ O	-58.8	175	52
Co ₃ Co(CN) ₆] ₂ ·12H ₂ O	-119.1	175	52
Ni ₃ Co(CN) ₆] ₂ ·12H ₂ O	-83.0	175	52
Cu ₃ Co(CN) ₆] ₂ ·12H ₂ O	-58.7	175	52
Zn ₃ Co(CN) ₆] ₂ ·12H ₂ O	-89.1	175	52
Fe ₃ Fe(CN) ₆] ₂ ·16H ₂ O	-29.7	175	52
Cu ₃ Fe(CN) ₆] ₂ ·16H ₂ O	-59.7	175	52
Zn ₃ Fe(CN) ₆] ₂ ·16H ₂ O	-118.8	175	52
MOFs			
MOF-5	-39.3	420	53
HKUST-1	-12.3	420	54
UiO-66(Zr)	-97	180	55

MIL-68(In)	-12.3	475	56
Zn ₈ (SiO ₄)(m-BDC) ₆	-4.4	375	57
Cu-TDPAT	-19.7	400	58
M ₂ C ₄ O ₄ ·2H ₂ O (M = Zn, Cd)	-13.9	250	59

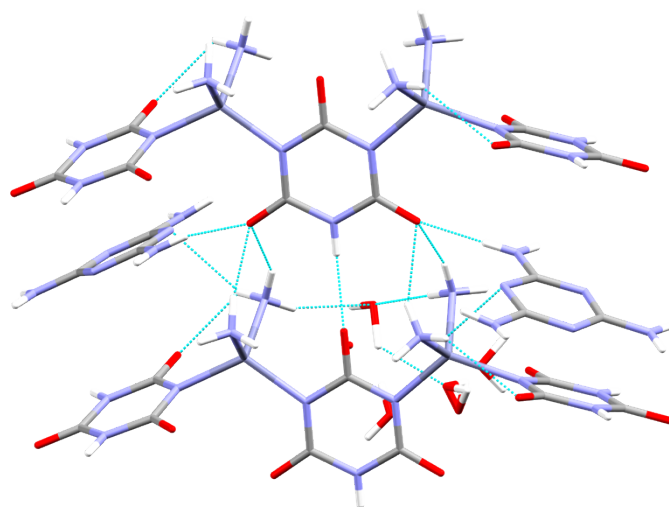


Figure S1. Auxiliary H-bonds between NH₃ and M(CA).

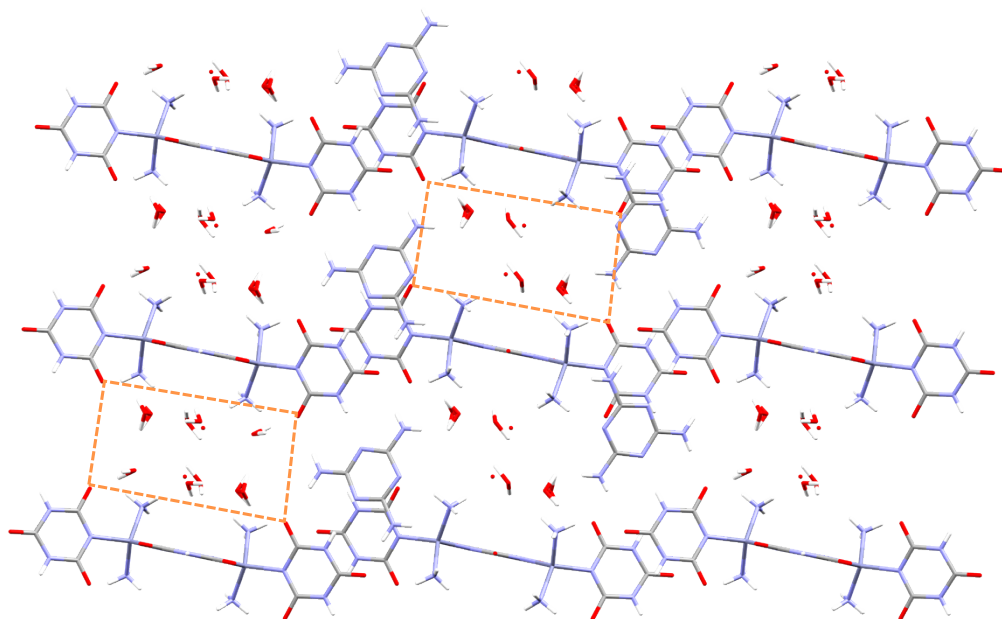


Figure S2. Water molecules filling the 1D channels.

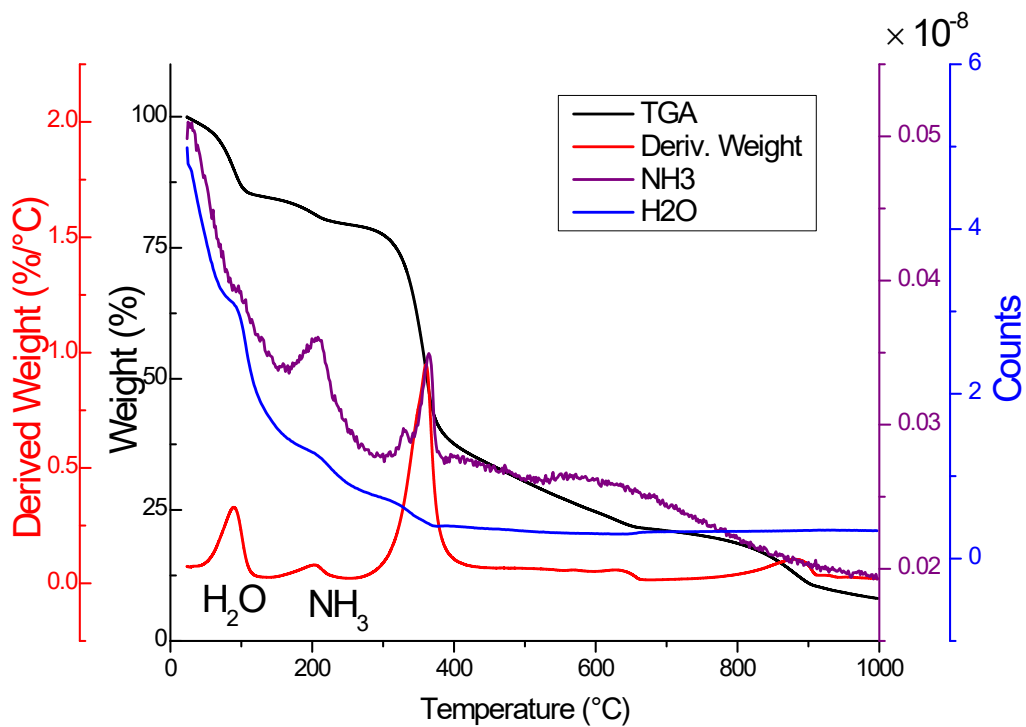


Figure S3. TGA-MS result of CAM-Zn crystal.

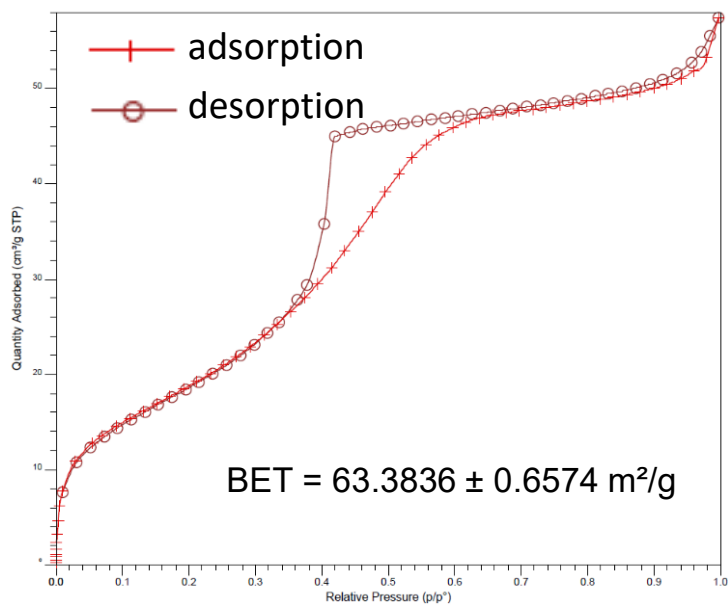


Figure S4. N₂ Adsorption/desorption curves. Degas temperature: 105 °C.

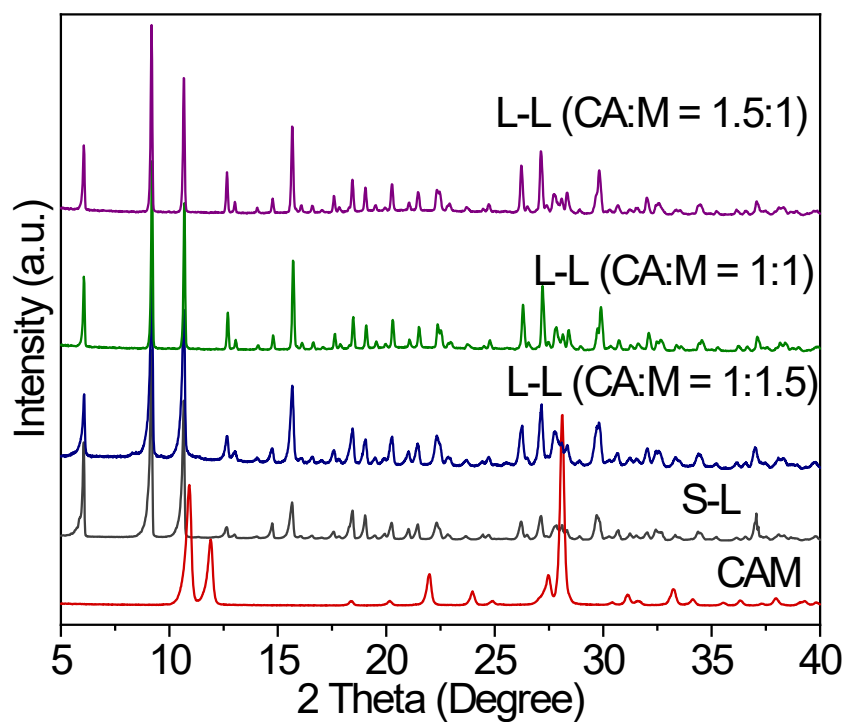


Figure S5. PXRD patterns of crystals obtained at different conditions. L-L means all reactants were in solutions state at the commencement of reaction; following is the molar ratio of CA:M. S-L means that the M added in the reaction system was particles (without dissolved) and CA was in solution state (the amount of M do not affect the outcome).

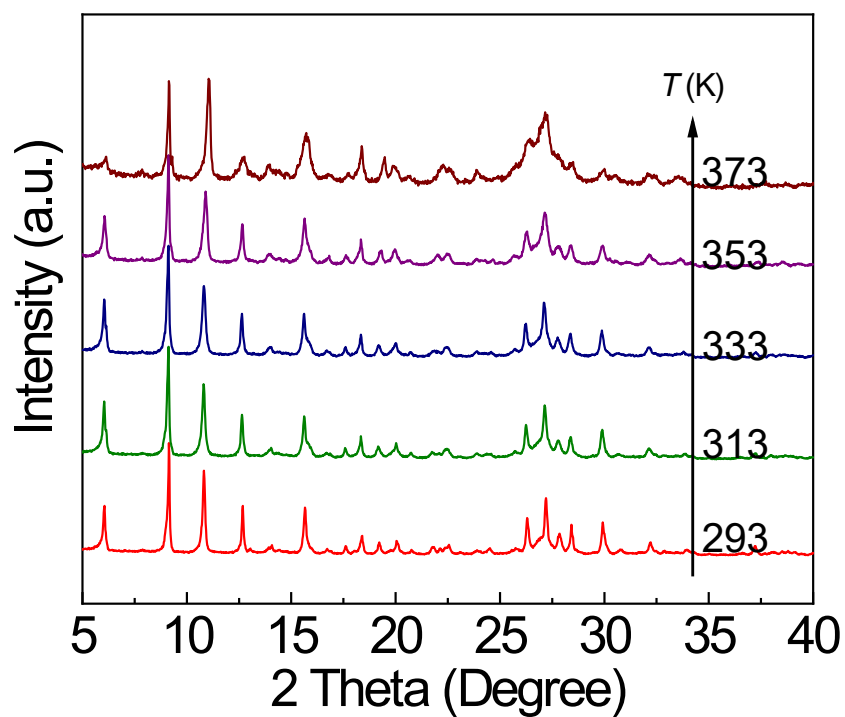


Figure S6. PXRD patterns at varied temperatures.

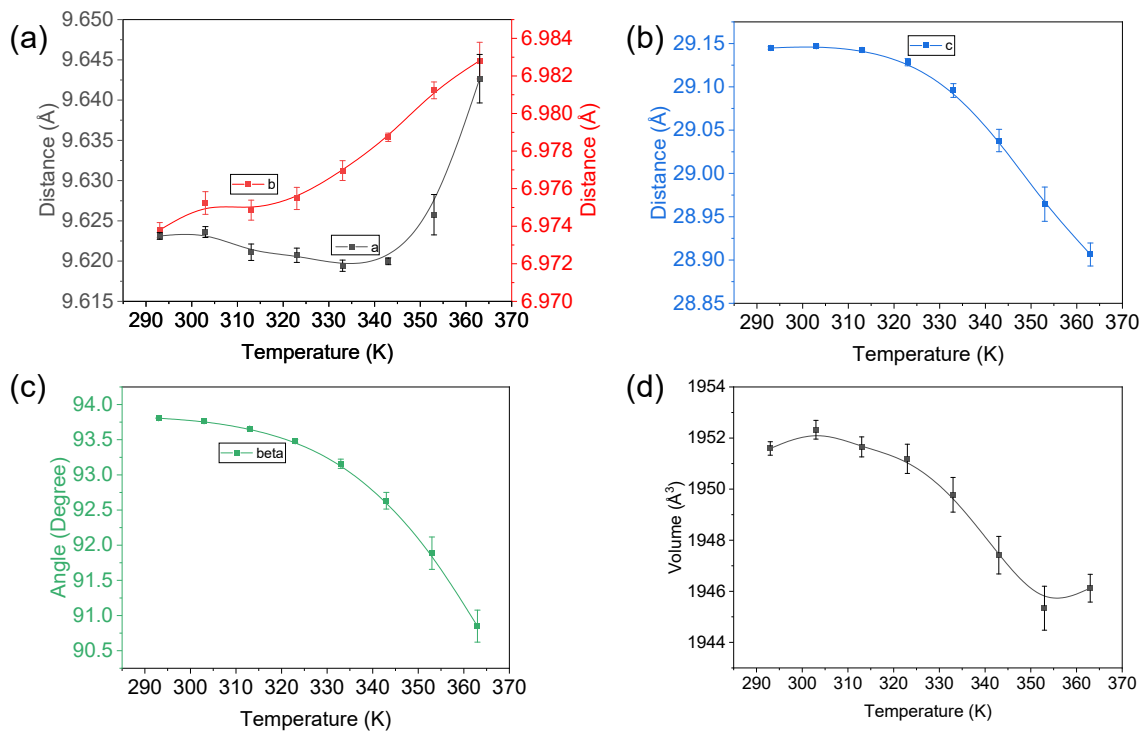


Figure S7. unit cell parameters refined from in-situ PXRD patterns: (a) *a* and *b* axis, (b) *c* axis, (c) beta angle, (d) volume change.

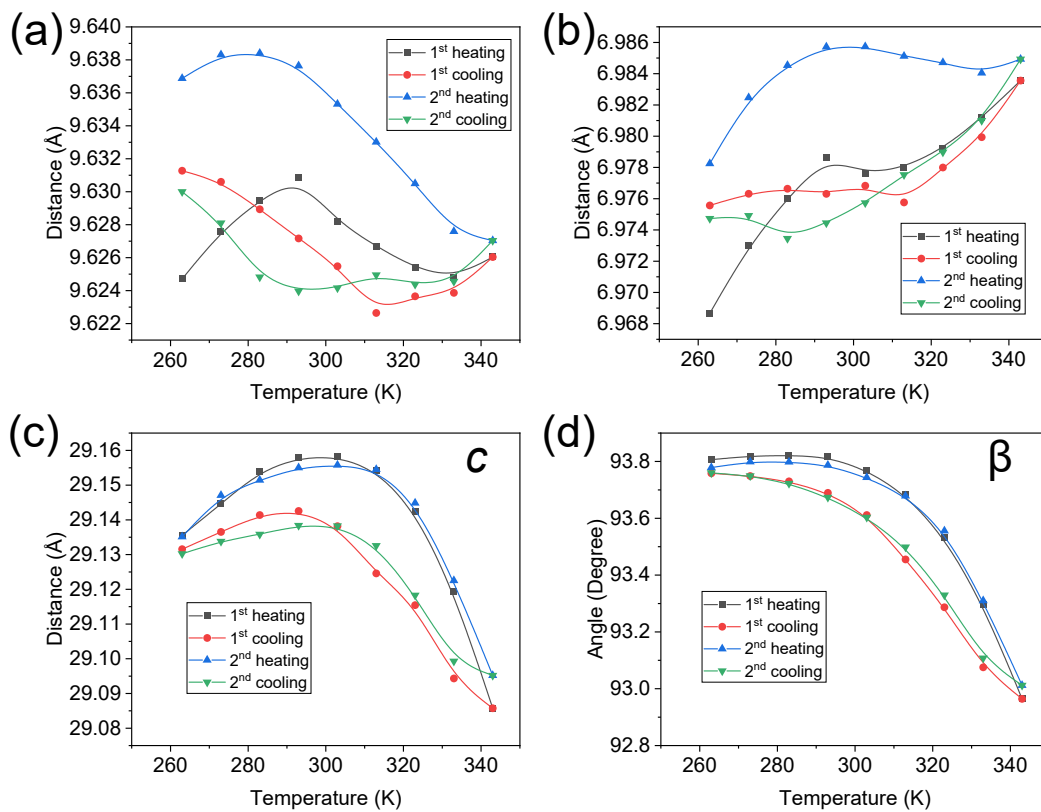


Figure S8. the length change of (a) *a* axis, (b) *b* axis, (c) *c* axis, (d) β angle upon cyclic heating/cooling.

Figure S9. illustration of θ_2 and ω_2 rotations of CA02 with respect to Zn.

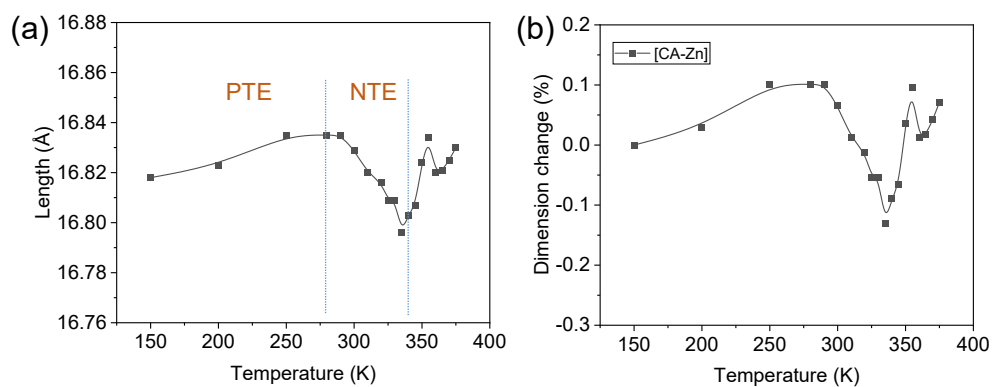


Figure S10. (a) Length change of coordination subunits CA-Zn-CA-Zn-CA with respect to temperature (measured between the two farthest oxygen atoms) and (b) the corresponding dimension change.

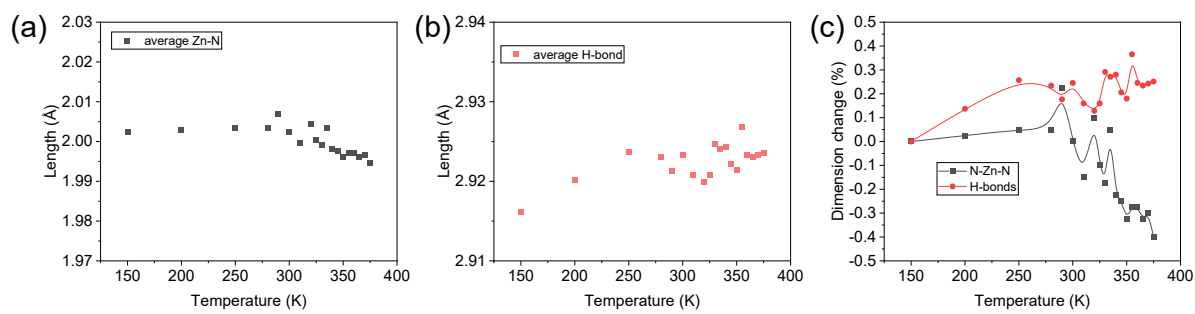


Figure S11. (a) Average length of Zn-N(CA) bonds, (b) average length of triple H-bonds between M-CA01, (c) the corresponding dimension change.

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