Electronic supplementary information for the paper:

Impact of the number of hydrogen bonds on proton conductivity in

metallo-hydrogen-bonded organic frameworks: The more, the better

at the maximum relative humidity

Shaoqiang Feng, ^a Fengxia Xie, *a Chengan Wan, ^b Feng Zhang, Lei Feng, ^b Chen Wen,

*b and Xiaoqiang Liang *a

^a College of Environmental and Chemical Engineering, Xi'an Polytechnic University, Xi'an 710048, PR China. E-mail: anxiny@163.com, xq-liang@163.com ^b Beijing Spacecrafts Manufacturing Factory, Beijing 100094, PR China. E-mail: 13552907280@163.com

^c Key Laboratory of Photochemical Biomaterials and Energy Storage Materials, Heilongjiang Province and College of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, Harbin Normal University, Harbin 150025, PR China.

Table of Contents

I. Crystallographic data

Table S1 Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for **Ni-Ci-NH³** and **Ni-Ci-H2O**.

Symmetry codes: a) 1*−x*, 1*−y*, *−z*; b) 1*−x*, 1*−y*, *−z*; c) *x*, 1*−y*, *z* for **Ni-Ci-NH3**; a) 1*−x*, 1*−y*, *−z* for **Ni-Ci-H2O**.

$D-H\cdots A$	$d(D-H)$	$d(H \cdots A)$	$d(D \cdots A)$	\angle (DHA)						
$Ni-Ci-NH_3$										
$N(1W) - H(1W1) \cdots O(2d)$	0.9100	2.4600	3.082(2)	126.00						
$N(2)-H(2)\cdots O(1e)$	0.96(4)	1.89(4)	2.846(3)	169(4)						
$N(1W)$ –H $(1W2)$ …O(1e)	0.9100	2.1100	2.962(2)	155.00						
$N(1W) - H(1W3) \cdots O(2f)$	0.9100	2.1600	3.044(2)	163.00						
$C(5)-H(5)\cdots O(2)$	0.9500	2.4800	2.801(3)	100.00						
$Ni-Ci-H2O$										
$N(1) - H(1) \cdots O(1b)$	0.8600	1.9500	2.763(6)	157.00						
$O(2W)$ -H(2WB) \cdots O(2c)	0.8100	2.0700	2.750(5)	141.00						
$O(2W)$ -H $(2WA)$ $O(1b)$	0.8300	2.5800	3.169(5)	129.00						
$O(2W)$ -H(2WA) \cdots O(2b)	0.8300	2.0300	2.838(5)	162.00						
$O(1W) - H(1WA) \cdots O(2d)$	0.9600	2.0000	2.802(5)	140.00						
$O(1W) - H(1WB) \cdots O(1e)$	0.9600	1.7400	2.688(5)	168.00						

Table S2 Hydrogen-bonding geometry parameters (Å, °) for **Ni-Ci-NH³** and **Ni-Ci-** H_2O .

Symmetry codes: d) *−*1/2+*x*, 1/2+*y*, *−*1+*z*; e) *x, y, −*1+*z*; f) 3/2*−x*, 1/2+*y*, 1*−z* for **Ni-Ci-NH3**; b) 1*−x*, 1/2+*y*, 1/2*−z*; c) 1/2*−x*, 1*−y*, *−*1/2+*z*; d) *−*1/2+*x*, *y*, 1/2*−z*; e) *x*, 1/2*−y*, *−*1/2+*z* for **Ni-Ci-H2O**.

II. Characterization: PXRD patterns

Fig. S1 The PXRD patterns for **Ni-Ci-NH³** (a) and **Ni-Ci-H2O** (b) of a simulation based on single-crystal analysis and as-synthesized bulk crystals.

III. Characterization: Infrared absorption spectra

Fig. S2 IR absorption spectrum of **Ni-Ci-NH³** (a) and **Ni-Ci-H2O** (b) in the solid state at room temperature.

IV. Characterization: SEM images

Fig. S3 SEM images of the full (a) and partial (b) views of **Ni-Ci-NH³** as well as the full (c) and partial (d) views of **Ni-Ci-H2O**.

V. Hydrophilicity: Water adsorption and water contact angle

Fig. S4 Water adsorption−desorption isotherms for **Ni-Ci-NH³** (a) and **Ni-Ci-H2O** (b). Water contact angles of **Ni-Ci-NH³** (c) and **Ni-Ci-H2O** (d) at 298 K.

VI. Proton conduction

·Impedance spectra of powder samples

Fig. S5 Nyquist plots of **Ni-Ci-NH**₃ at \sim 53% (a), \sim 65% (b), \sim 75% (c) and \sim 97% (d) RHs (relative humidities) and 298 K (R1, bulk resistor; R2, grain boundary resistor; CPE, constant phase element; C1 and C2 capacitor).

Fig. S6 Nyquist plots of **Ni-Ci-NH³** at 298 K (a), 303 K (b), 305 K (c), 310 K (d), 318 K (e), 323 K (f), 328 K (g), 330 K (h) and 333 K (i) under ~97% RH (R1, bulk resistor; R2, grain boundary resistor; CPE1 and CPE2, constant phase element; C1 and C2, capacitor).

Fig. S7 Nyquist plots of **Ni-Ci-NH³** at 0 h (a), 1 h (b), 2 h (c), 3 h (d) and 4 h (e) under 298 K and ~97% RH conditions (R1, bulk resistor; R2, grain boundary resistor; CPE1 and CPE2, constant phase element; C1 and C2, capacitor).

Fig. S8 Nyquist plots of **Ni-Ci-H₂O** at ~53% (a), ~65% (b), ~75% (c) and ~97% (d) RHs and 298 K (R1, bulk resistor; R2, grain boundary resistor; CPE1 and CPE2, constant phase element; C1 and C2 capacitor).

Fig. S9 Nyquist plots of **Ni-Ci-H2O** at 298 K (a), 303 K (b), 305 K (c), 310 K (d), 318 K (e), 323 K (f), 328 K (g), 330 K (h) and 333 K (i) under ~97% RH (R1, bulk resistor; R2, grain boundary resistor; CPE1 and CPE2, constant phase element; C1 and C2, capacitor).

Fig. S10 Nyquist plots of **Ni-Ci-H2O** at 0 h (a), 1 h (b), 2 h (c), 3 h (d) and 4 h(e) under 298 K and ~97% RH conditions (R1, bulk resistor; R2, grain boundary resistor; CPE1 and CPE2, constant phase element; C1 and C2, capacitor).

·Determination of single crystal orientations

Fig. S11 The determined single crystal orientations of **Ni-Ci-NH³** (a) and **Ni-Ci-H2O** (b).

·**Determination of crystal size**

Fig. S12 The crystal size of **Ni-Ci-NH³** (a) and **Ni-Ci-H2O** (b) for single-crystal proton conduction.

· Impedance spectra of single crystals

Fig. S13 Nyquist plots of **Ni-Ci-NH³** along the [010] direction at 313 K (a), 320 K (b), 323 K (c), 325 K (d), 328 K (e) and 333 K (f) under ~97% RH (R1, bulk resistor; R2, grain boundary resistor; CPE1 and CPE2, constant phase element; C1 and C2, capacitor).

Fig. S14 Nyquist plots of **Ni-Ci-NH³** along the [201] direction at 298 K (a), 300 K (b), 308 K (c), 315 K (d), 328 K (e) and 333 K (f) under ~97% RH (R1, bulk resistor; R2, grain boundary resistor; CPE1 and CPE2, constant phase element; C1 and C2, capacitor).

Fig. S15 Nyquist plots of **Ni-Ci-H2O** along the [100] direction of at 298 K (a), 303 K (b), 313 K (c), 323 K (d), 328 K (e) and 333 K (f) under ~97% RH (R1, bulk resistor; R2, grain boundary resistor; CPE1 and CPE2, constant phase element; C1 and C2, capacitor).

Fig. S16 Nyquist plots of **Ni-Ci-H2O** along the [010] direction at 298 K (a), 303 K (b), 315 K (c), 325 K (d), 328 K (e) and 333 K (f) under ~97% RH (R1, bulk resistor; R2, grain boundary resistor; CPE1 and CPE2, constant phase element; C1 and C2, capacitor).

· Single-crystal proton conduction

Fig. S17 Single-crystal proton conductivity of **Ni-Ci-NH³** and **Ni-Ci-H2O**. (a) Arrhenius plots of **Ni-Ci-NH³** along the [010] and [201] directions at various temperatures under the ∼97% RH condition. (b) Arrhenius plots of **Ni-Ci-H2O** along the [100] and [010] directions at various temperatures under the ∼97% RH condition.

Considering the temperature-dependent characteristic of single-crystal proton conductivity, we calculated the proton transfer activation energy (E_a) of Ni-Ci-NH₃ and Ni-Ci-H₂O along different directions at ∼97% RH. Figure S13 shows the Arrhenius plots of ln(*σT*) versus 1000 T−1 , following a linear relationship. The obtained *E^a* values for Ni-Ci-NH₃ along the $[010]$ and $[201]$ direction are 0.790 eV and 1.171 eV, respectively, while the E_a values for Ni-Ci-H₂O along the [100] and [010] direction are smaller those of Ni-Ci-NH₃ along the [010] and [201] direction, which are 0.306 eV and 0.151 eV, respectively.

In theory, proton transfer along hydrogen-bonded networks should exhibit a lower activation energy, obeying the Grotthuss mechanism (0.1–0.4 eV). However, the above results deviate significantly from the theory. For example, the [010] direction of Ni-Ci-NH₃ is the extension of its hydrogen bonds, thus the proton conduction along the direction should follow the Grotthuss mechanism and the corresponding *E^a* value should fall in the range of $0.1-0.4$ eV. However, the E_a value is far larger than 0.4 eV. Additionally, for Ni-Ci-H₂O, its hydrogen-bonded networks are along the $[100]$ direction, thereby harvesting a lower *Ea*. However, its *E^a* value is higher that along the [201] direction. Notably, some phenomena similar to the above results were observed in water-mediated single-crystal proton conduction of other MOF materials, which are summarized in Table S3.

Why was the phenomenon observed in water-mediated single-crystal proton conduction? It may be related with anisotropic hydrophilicity in single crystals. For single crystals, the main feature is the presence of anisotropy of physicochemical properties. As indicated by experimental results, the single-crystal proton conductivity shows an anisotropic behavior. Similarly, hydrophilicity as a kind of physicochemical property should display an anisotropy of single crystal. In fact, there is indeed the anisotropic hydrophilicity in single crystals, which were confirmed by hydrophilic measurements of some big single crystals.¹⁻⁴ Additionally, considering that the measured proton conductivity of MOFs and HMOFs under the low temperature is the water-mediated or water-assistant single-crystal proton conduction, thus besides effective hydrogen-bonded networks, another factor, i.e. hydrophilicity, has a contribution to activation energy, which cannot be ignored. Generally, a good hydrophilicity is conducive to proton migration/transfer with a lower barrier, and vice versa. However, anisotropic hydrophilicity is often overlooked due to the smaller size of MOF and HMOF materials. Thus, there is a larger deviation between the theoretic and experimental *E^a* values. For powder samples, anisotropic hydrophilicity was weakened or eliminated due to the random orientation leading to averaging effect, and effective hydrogen-bonded networks is predominated in proton conduction process. Consequently, the *E^a* show a good agreement between the experiment and the theory.

Materials		σ	\mathcal{E}_a	\boldsymbol{T}	RH	Reference
	Crystalline facet	(S/cm)	(eV)	(K)	$(\%)$	
$Ni-Ci-NH_3$	[010]	1.88×10^{-3}	0.790	333	97	This work
	$[201]$	3.52×10^{-5}	1.171	333	97	This work
$Ni-Ci-H2O$	$[100]$	8.84×10^{-4}	0.306	333	97	This work
	[010]	5.11×10^{-6}	0.151	333	97	This work
CoCa·4H ₂ O	$[010]$	1.00×10^{-3}	0.90	298	95	
	$[202]$	4.49×10^{-6}	0.86	298	95	5
	$[20-1]$	4.35×10^{-8}	0.58	298	95	
$CFA-17$	[011]	2.1×10^{-3}	-0.68	295	95	6
	$[100]$	2.1×10^{-5}	$\overline{}$	295	95	
NNU-6	$[100]$	1.92×10^{-2}	0.86	323	98	
	$[010]$	2.42×10^{-4}	0.75	323	98	7
	[001]	8.90×10^{-5}	0.53	323	98	
CuCo-orotate	$[010]$	$~10^{-6}$	0.95	298	96	$\,$ 8 $\,$
1.3H ₂ O	$[100]$	1.39×10^{-4}	0.48	303	95	9
	$[010]$	1.52×10^{-6}	0.56	303	95	

Table S3 Summarization of single-crystal proton conductivity and activation energy of **Ni-Ci-NH³** and **Ni-Ci-H2O** along with some reported proton conductors.

VII. Detail of hydrogen-bonded network

Fig. S18 Hydrogen-bonded networks of Ni-Ci-NH³ (a) and Ni-Ci-H2O (b). (Black, C; blue, N; red, O; cyan, Ni; dark green, H).

VIII. PXRD patterns after impedance measurements

Fig. S19 PXRD patterns of simulations based on single-crystal analysis and after the impedance measurements for **Ni-Ci-NH³** (a) and **Ni-Ci-H2O** (b) (at ∼97% RH and 298-323 K for 0-4 h).

IX. Differential scanning calorimeter measurements

Fig. S20 Differential scanning calorimeter (DSC) curves of **Ni-Ci-NH³** (a) and **Ni-Ci-H2O** (b) and **blank sample** (c).

X. PXRD patterns after dielectric spectroscopy measurements

Fig. S21 PXRD patterns after dielectric spectroscopy measurements of **Ni-Ci-NH³** (a) and **Ni-Ci-H2O** (b).

XI. Comparison of chemical stability

[a] [Cu(BTTA)H2O]*n*·6*n*H2O; [b] Cu4(tdhb); [c] NDC = naphthalenedicarboxylate; [d] HPPA = 4-(3-pyridinyl)-2-amino pyrimidine.

XII. Comparison of proton conductivity

Table S5 Comparison of proton conductivity of **Ni-Ci-NH³** and **Ni-Ci-H2O** with some reported proton conductors.

Note: σ = Proton conductivity; E_a = Activation energy; T = Temperature; RH = Relative humidity. ^[e] PCMOF-3 = $Zn_3(L)(H_2O)_2 \cdot 2H_2O$, $L = [1,3,5$ -benzenetriphosphonate]⁶⁻; ^[f] SBBA = 4,4'-sulfob-isbenzoic acid; ^[g] BTC = 1,3,5benzenetricarboxylic acid; [h] Phen = phenanthroline; [i] $H_2SDBA = 4.4'$ -sulfonyldibenzoic acid; [i] B-BDC = 5borono-1,3-benzenedicarboxylic acid; ^[k] H₃cpida = (N-(4-carboxyphenyl)iminodiacetic acid; ^[l] L = N-phenyl-N[']phenylbicyclo-[2,2,2]-oct-7-ene-2,3,5,6-tetracarboxdiimide tetracarboxylic acid, Ln = Eu, Dy; [m] H4BPTC = 2,2',6,6'-tetracarboxybiphenyl; [n] H₂adp = adipic acid; ox = oxalate; ^[o] HPAA = R,S-hydroxyphos-phonoacetic acid; ^[p] H₂pzdc = 2,3-pyrazinedicar-boxylic acid. ^[q] JUC-125 = {[Gd₄(R-ttpc)₂(R-Httpc)₂(HCOO)₂(H₂O)₈]·4H₂O}_n; [r] OCC 2 = $(H_3$ betc)₂ $(H_2$ -Mepip)· (H_2O) ; [s] LOF 1 = {[Er₃(pmpc)(C₂O₄)₃ $(H_2O)_7$]·2H₂O}_n; [r] PMOCP3 = {Cd(DpmpcH) $(H_2O_2Cl_2)_n$, D-H₃pmpc = 1-(phosphonomethyl)piperidine-3-carboxylic-acid; ^[u] Co(PPA)₂(BDC) (H_2O) ·(PPA)₂(H₂BDC)₂(H₂O), H₂BDC = 1,4- benzenedicarboxylic acid); [v] NDS = 1,5-naphthalenedisulfonate; [W] DPBA = 3,5-diphosphonobenzoic acid, PAM = terephtalimidamide; [x] (2-Hmim)₂⋅Ni(H₂PO₄)₄(4,4'-bpy) (denoted SCU-41, $4,4'$ -bpy = $4,4'$ -bipyridine).

XIII. References

- 1 K. C. Pingali, T. Shinbrot, A. Cuitino, F. J. Muzzio, E. Garfunkel, Y. Lifshitz and A. B. Mann, AFM study of hydrophilicity on acetaminophen crystals, *Int. J. Pharm.*, 2012, **438**, 184‒190.
- 2 M. Miyauchi, A. Shimai and Y. Tsuru, Photoinduced hydrophilicity of heteroepitaxially grown ZnO thin films, *J. Phys. Chem. B*., 2005, **109**, 13307‒13311.
- 3 R. Kawamoto, S. Uchida and N. Mizuno, Amphiphilic guest sorption of $K_2[C_3O]$ (OOCC2H5)6(H2O)3]2[α-SiW12O40] ionic crystal, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 2005, **127**, 10560‒10567.
- 4 D. Kamiya and M. Horie, Hydrophilic and hydrophobic phenomena on silicon substrate for MEMS, *SPIE*, 1999, **3893**, 277‒786X.
- 5 S. Bao, N. Li, J. M. Taylor, Y. Shen, H. Kitagawa and L. Zheng, Co–Ca phosphonate showing humidity-sensitive single crystal to single crystal structural transformation and tunable proton conduction properties, *Chem. Mater.*, 2015, **27**, 8116‒8125.
- 6 H. Bunzen, A. Javed, D. Klawinski, A. Lamp, M. Grzywa, A. Kalytta-Mewes, M. Tiemann, H.A. K. von Nidda, T. Wagner and D. Volkmer, Anisotropic Water-Mediated Proton Conductivity in Large Iron(II) Metal–Organic Framework Single Crystals for Proton-Exchange Membrane Fuel Cells, *ACS Appl. Nano Mater.*, 2018, **2**, 291‒298.
- 7 X. L. Cao, S. L. Xie, S. L. Li, L. Z. Dong, J. Liu, X. X. Liu, W. B. Wang, Z. M. Su, W. Guan and Y. Q. Lan, A Well‐Established POM‐based Single‐Crystal Proton‐Conducting Model Incorporating Multiple Weak Interactions, *Chem. Eur. J.Chemistry*., 2018, **24**, 2365‒2369.
- 8 J. Stankiewicz, M. Tomás, I. T. Dobrinovitch, E. Forcén-Vázquez and L. R. Falvello, Proton Conduction in a Nonporous One Dimensional Coordination Polymer, *Chem. Mater.*, 2014, **26**, 5282‒5287.
- 9 R. Li, S. Wang, X. Chen, J. Lu, Z. Fu, Y. Li, G. Xu, F. Zheng and G. Guo, Highly Anisotropic and Water Molecule-Dependent Proton Conductivity in a 2D Homochiral Copper(II) Metal–Organic Framework, *Chem. Mater.*, 2017, **29**, 2321‒2331.
- 10 X. Chen, H. Jiang, B. Hou, W. Gong, Y. Liu and Y. Cui, Boosting chemical stability, catalytic activity, and enantioselectivity of metal-organic frameworks for batch and flow reactions, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 2017, **139**, 13476‒13482.
- 11 F. Leng, H. Liu, M. Ding, Q. P. Lin and H. L. Jiang, Boosting photocatalytic hydrogen production of porphyrinic MOFs: the metal location in metalloporphyrin matters, *ACS. Catal.*, 2018, **8**, 4583‒4590.
- 12 K. Wang, D. Feng, T. F. Liu, J. Su, S. Yuan, Y. P. Chen, M. Bosch, X. Zou and H. C. Zhou, A series of highly stable mesoporous metalloporphyrin Fe-MOFs, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 2014, **136**, 13983‒13986.
- 13 L. Liang, C. Liu, F. Jiang, Q. Chen, L. Zhang, H. Xue, H. L. Jiang, J. Qian, D. Yuan

and M. Hong, Carbon dioxide capture and conversion by an acid-base resistant metal-organic framework, *Nat. Commun.*, 2017, **8**, 1233.

- 14 Y. Chen, B. Wang, X. Wang, L. H. Xie, J. Li, Y. Xie and J. R. Li, A copper(II) paddlewheel metal‒organic framework with exceptional hydrolytic stability and selective adsorption and aetection ability of aniline in water, *ACS. Appl. Mater. Interfaces.*, 2017, **9**, 27027−27035.
- 15 K. Leus, T. Bogaerts, J. De Decker, H. Depauw, K. Hendrickx, H. Vrielinck, V. Van Speybroeck and P. Van Der Voort, Systematic study of the chemical and hydrothermal stability of selected "stable" metal organic frameworks, *Micropor. Mesopor. Mater.*, 2016, **226**, 110‒116.
- 16 D. Feng, K. Wang, J. Su, T. F. Liu, J. Park, Z. Wei, M. Bosch, A. Yakovenko, X. Zou and H. C. Zhou, A highly stable zeotype mesoporous zirconium metal–organic framework with ultralarge pores, *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.*, 2015, **54**, 149‒154.
- 17 D. X. Xue, Y. Belmabkhout, O. Shekhah, H. Jiang, K. Adil, A. J. Cairns and M. Eddaoudi, Tunable rare earth fcu-MOF platform: access to adsorption kinetics driven gas/vapor separations via pore size contraction, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 2015, **137**, 5034‒5040.
- 18 S. Wang, F. Xie, S. Zhang, X. Liang, Q. Gao, Y. Chen, F. Zhang, C. Wen, L. Feng and C. Wan, Water-assisted proton conduction regulated by hydrophilic groups in metallo-hydrogen-bonded organic frameworks: "like-attracts-like" between hydrophilic groups and water molecules, *CrystEngComm*, 2023, 25, 4701–4715.
- 19 H. Okawa, M. Sadakiyo, K. Otsubo, K. Yoneda, T. Yamada, M. Ohba and H. Kitagawa, Proton conduction study on water confined in channel or layer networks of La(III)M(III)(ox)₃.10H₂O (M = Cr, Co, Ru, La), *Inorg. Chem.*, 2015, 54, 8529−8535.
- 20 G. Xing, T. Yan, S. Das, T. Ben and S. Qiu, Synthesis of Crystalline Porous Organic Salts with High Proton Conductivity, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.*, 2018, **57**, 5345-5349.
- 21 J. M. Taylor, R. K. Mah, I. L. Moudrakovski, C. I. Ratcliffe, R. Vaidhyanathan and G. K. Shimizu, Facile proton conduction via ordered water molecules in a phosphonate metal−organic framework, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 2010, **132**, 14055‒14057.
- 22 A. Shigematsu, T. Yamada and H. Kitagawa, Wide control of proton conductivity in porous coordination polymers, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 2011, **133**, 2034‒2036.
- 23 S. C. Sahoo, T. Kundu and R. Banerjee, Helical water chain mediated proton conductivity in homochiral metal-organic frameworks with unprecedented zeolitic unh-topology, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 2011, **133**, 17950‒17958.
- 24 R. M. P. Colodrero, K. E. Papathanasiou, N. Stavgianoudaki, P. Olivera-Pastor, E. R. Losilla, M. A. G. Aranda, L. León-Reina, J. Sanz, I. Sobrados, D. Choquesillo-Lazarte, J. M. García-Ruiz, P. Atienzar, F. Rey, K. D. Demadis and A. Cabeza, Multifunctional luminescent and proton-conducting lanthanide carboxyphosphonate open-Framework hybrids exhibiting crystalline-toamorphous-to-crystalline transformations, *Chem. Mater.*, 2012, **24**, 3780‒3792.
- 25 T. Kundu, S. C. Sahoo and R. Banerjee, Alkali earth metal (Ca, Sr, Ba) based

thermostable metal‒organic frameworks (MOFs) for proton conduction, *Chem. Commun.*, 2012, **48**, 4998‒5000.

- 26 A. Mallick, T. Kundu and R. Banerjee, Correlation between coordinated water content and proton conductivity in Ca-BTC-based metal–organic frameworks, *Chem. Commun.*, 2012, **48**, 8829‒8831.
- 27 T. Panda, T. Kundu and R. Banerjee, Self-assembled one dimensional functionalized metal–organic nanotubes (MONTs) for proton conduction, *Chem. Commun.*, 2012, **48**, 5464‒5466.
- 28 S. Bhattacharya, M. Gnanavel, A. J. Bhattacharyya and S. Natarajan, Organization of Mn-clusters in pcu and bcu networks: synthesis, structure, and properties, *Cryst. Growth Des.*, 2014, **14**, 310‒325.
- 29 B. Hao, X. Wang, C. Zhang and Q. Wang, Two Hydrogen-Bonded Organic Frameworks with Imidazole Encapsulation: Synthesis and Proton Conductivity, *Cryst. Growth Des.*, 2021, **21**, 3908-3915.
- 30 X. Meng, X. Z. Song, S. Y. Song, G. C. Yang, M. Zhu, Z. M. Hao, S. N. Zhao and H. J. Zhang, A multifunctional proton-conducting and sensing pillar-layer framework based on [24-MC-6] heterometallic crown clusters, *Chem. Commun.*, 2013, **49**, 8483‒8485.
- 31 M. Zhu, Z. M. Hao, X. Z. Song, X. Meng, S. N. Zhao, S. Y. Song and H. J. Zhang, A new type of double-chain based 3D lanthanide(III) metal-organic framework demonstrating proton conduction and tunable emission, *Chem. Commun.*, 2014, **50**, 1912‒1914.
- 32 T. Satoshi, C. François-Xavier and N. Tadaaki, Insulator-to-proton-conductor transition in a dense metal−organic framework, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.,* 2015, **137**, 6428‒6431.
- 33 X. Y. Dong, X. P. Hu, H. C. Yao, S. Q. Zang, H. W. Hou and T. C. Mak, Alkaline earth metal (Mg, Sr, Ba)-organic frameworks based on 2,2',6,6'-tetracarboxybiphenyl for proton conduction, *Inorg. Chem.*, 2014, **53**, 12050‒12057.
- 34 T. Panda, T. Kundu and R. Banerjee, Structural isomerism leading to variable proton conductivity in indium(III) isophthalic acid based frameworks, *Chem. Commun.*, 2013, **49**, 6197‒6199.
- 35 M. Bazaga-García, M. Papadaki, R. M. P. Colodrero, P. Olivera-Pastor, E. R. Losilla, B. Nieto-Ortega, M. Á. G. Aranda, D. Choquesillo-Lazarte, A. Cabeza and K. D. Demadis, Tuning proton conductivity in alkali metal phosphonocarboxylates by cation size-induced and water-facilitated proton transfer pathways, *Chem. Mater.*, 2015, **27**, 424‒435.
- 36 N. E. Wong, P. Ramaswamy, A. S. Lee, B. S. Gelfand, K. J. Bladek, J. M. Taylor, D. M. Spasyuk and G. K. H. Shimizu, Tuning intrinsic and extrinsic proton conduction in metal–organic frameworks by the lanthanide contraction, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 2017, **139**, 14676‒14683.
- 37 F. M. Zhang, L. Z. Dong, J. S. Qin, W. Guan, J. Liu, S. L. Li, M. Lu, Y. Q. Lan, Z. M. Su and H. C. Zhou, Effect of emidazole arrangements on proton-conductivity in metal‒organic frameworks, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 2017, **139**, 6183‒6189.
- 38 S. Pili, S. P. Argent, C. G. Morris, P. Rought, V. Garcia-Sakai, I. P. Silverwood, T.

L. Easun, M. Li, M. R. Warren, C. A. Murray, C. C. Tang, S. Yang and M. Schroder, Proton conduction in a phosphonate-based metal–organic framework mediated by intrinsic "Free Diffusion inside a Sphere", *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 2016, **138**, 6352‒6355.

- 39 X. Liang, S. Wang, S. Zhang, C. Lin, F. Xie, R. Li, F. Zhang, C. Wen, L. Feng and C. Wan, High proton conductivity modulated by active protons in 1D ultra-stable metal–organic coordination polymers: a new insight into the coordination interaction/ability of metal ions, *Inorg. Chem. Front.*, 2023, **10**, 1238‒1254.
- 40 X. Liang, F. Zhang, H. Zhao, W. Ye, L. Long and G. Zhu, A proton-conducting lanthanide metal–organic framework integrated with a dielectric anomaly and second-order nonlinear optical effect, *Chem. Commun.*, 2014, 50, 6513-6516.
- 41 X. Liang and Z. Fan, Structural characterization and proton-conductive property of a lanthanide metal-organic framework assembled from 1, 2, 4, 5 benzenetetracarboxylic acid and piperazine, *Chin*. *J. Struct. Chem.*, 2017, **36**, 977‒984.
- 42 X. Liang, K. Cai, F. Zhang, J. Liu and G. Zhu, A proton-conductive lanthanide oxalatophosphonate framework featuring unique chemical stability: stabilities of bulk phase and surface structure, *J. Mater. Chem. A*, 2017, **5**, 25350‒25358.
- 43 X. Liang, K. Cai, F. Zhang, J. Liu and G. Zhu, One, two, and three-dimensional metal–organic coordination polymers derived from enantiopure organic phosphorate: homochirality, water stability and proton conduction, *CrystEngComm*, 2017, **19**, 6325‒6332.
- 44 X. Liang, T. Cao, L. Wang, C. Zheng, Y. Zhao, F. Zhang, C. Wen, L. Feng and C. Wan, From an organic ligand to a metal–organic coordination polymer, and to a metal–organic coordination polymer–cocrystal composite: a continuous promotion of the proton conductivity of crystalline materials, *CrystEngComm*, 2020, **22**, 1414‒1424.
- 45 M. Liu, L. Chen, S. Lewis, S. Y. Chong, M. A. Little, T. Hasell, I. M. Aldous, C. M. Brown, M. W. Smith, C. A. Morrison, L. J. Hardwick and A. I. Cooper, Threedimensional protonic conductivity in porous organic cage solids, *Nat. Commun.*, 2016, **7**, 12750.
- 46 X. Liang, T. Cao, L. Wang, C. Zheng, Y. Zhao, F. Zhang, C. Wen, L. Feng and C. Wan, From an organic ligand to a metal–organic coordination polymer, and to a metal–organic coordination polymer–cocrystal composite: a continuous promotion of the proton conductivity of crystalline materials, *CrystEngComm*, 2020, **22**, 1414‒1424.
- 47 A. Garai, A. G. Kumar, S. Banerjee and K. Biradha, Proton‐Conducting Hydrogen‐Bonded 3D Frameworks of Imidazo‐Pyridine‐Based Coordination Complexes Containing Naphthalene Disulfonates in Rhomboid Channels, *Chem. Asian J.*, 2019, **14**, 4389‒4394.
- 48 S. Zheng, L. Li, L. Chen, Z. Fan, F. Xiang, Y. Yang, Z. Zhang and S. Xiang, Two Water Stable Phosphate‐Amidinium Based Hydrogen‐Bonded Organic Framework with Proton Conduction, *Z. Anorg. Allg. Chem.*, 2022, **648**, e202200031.
- 49 H. Zeng, Y. Tang, L. Luan, X. Dong, G. Zou and Z. Lin, Ionothermal synthesis and

proton conductive behaviors of an organic–inorganic hybrid nickel dihydrogen phosphate, *Inorg. Chem. Commun.*, 2023, **151**, 110559.