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**Simultaneous encapsulation of infinite T4(0)A(0)6(0) water tape and discrete water hexamer in a hydrogen-bonded Ag(I) supramolecular framework**

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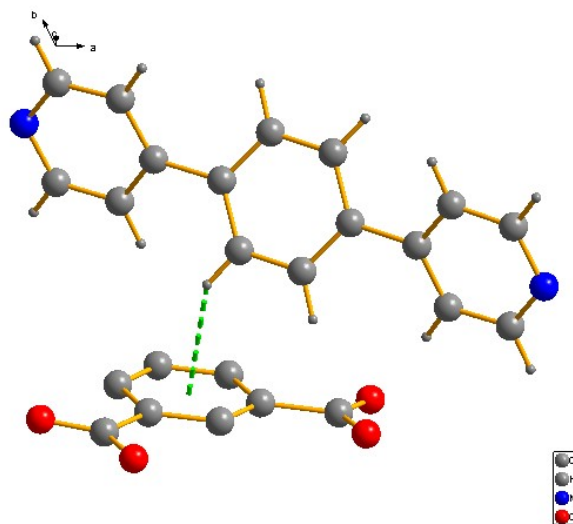
**(1) Table S1: The  $\pi \cdots \pi$  interactions in 1**

Cg1 $\cdots$ Cg2 <sup>viii</sup>	3.738(2)
Cg1 $\cdots$ Cg3 <sup>ix</sup>	3.637(2)
Cg2 $\cdots$ Cg2 <sup>ix</sup>	3.7011(19)
Cg3 $\cdots$ Cg4 <sup>x</sup>	3.730(2)
Cg4 $\cdots$ Cg4 <sup>xi</sup>	3.8642(19)
Cg5 $\cdots$ Cg5 <sup>viii</sup>	3.857(2)
Cg6 $\cdots$ Cg6 <sup>x</sup>	3.829(2)

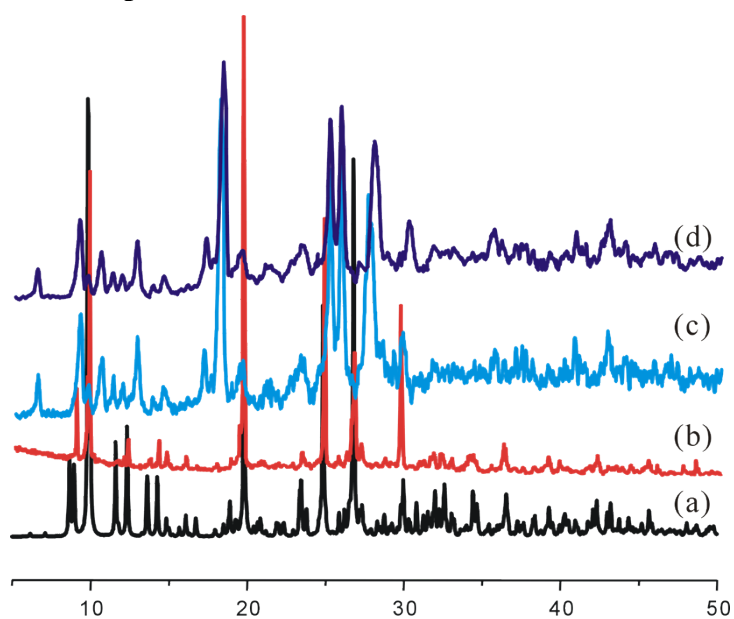
Cg1 to Cg6 are the centroids of N1/C1/C2/C3/C4/C5, N2/C12/C13/C14/C15/C16, N3/C17/C18/C19/C20/C21, N4/C28/C29/C30/C31/C32, C6/C7/C8/C9/C10/C11 and C22/C23/C24/C25/C26/C27.

Symmetry code: (viii) -1-x, 1-y, 1-z; (ix) -x, 1-y, 1-z; (x) 1-x, -y, 2-z; (xi) 2-x, -y, 2-z.

**(2) Fig. S1: The C-H $\cdots$  $\pi$  interaction**

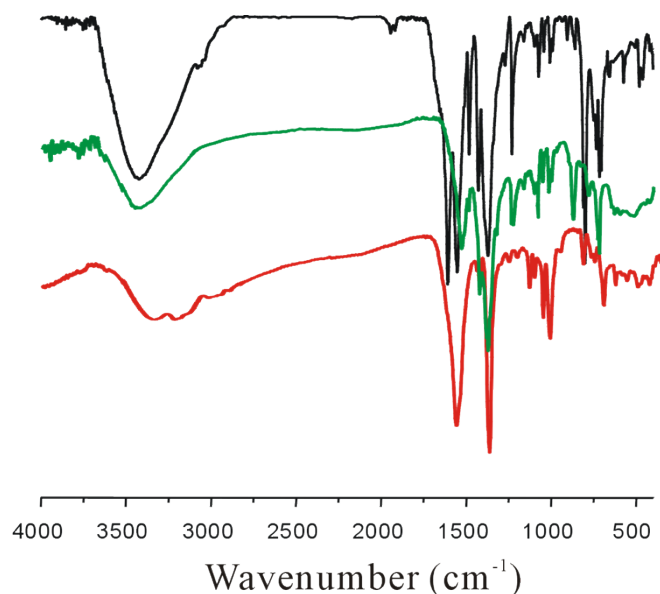


**(3) Fig. S2: The XRD patterns of 1.**



PXRD pattern of **1**: (a) simulated, (b) as-synthesized, (c) heated at 150 °C for 2 h and (d) rehydrated.

**(4) Fig. S3: IR of 1, dehydrated and rehydrated 1.**



IR of **1**: (Black line) as-synthesized, (Green line) heated at 150 °C for 2 h and (red line) rehydrated **1**.

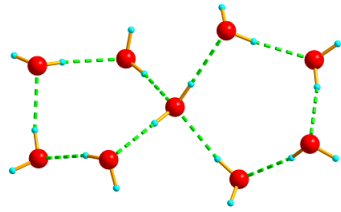
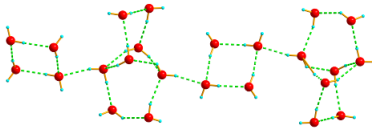
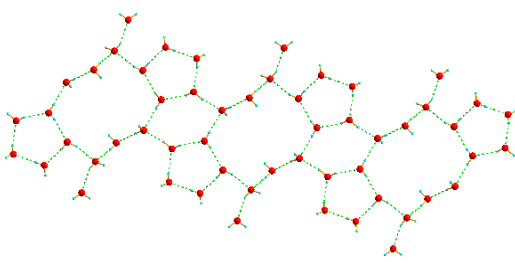
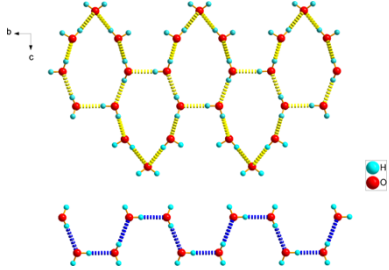
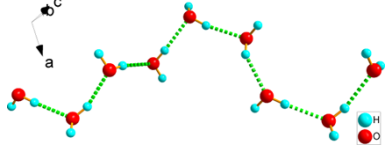
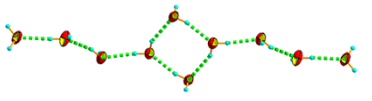
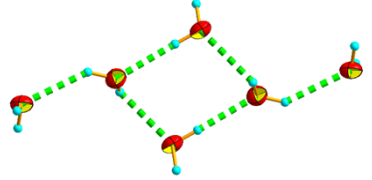
**(5) Elemental analysis for 1, dehydrated and rehydrated 1.**

Elemental Analysis for  $[\text{Ag}_2(\text{dpb})_2(\text{bdc})\cdot 9\text{H}_2\text{O}]_n$  (**1**,  $\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{46}\text{Ag}_2\text{N}_4\text{O}_{13}$ ): C, 47.73 (47.59); H, 4.60 (3.98); N, 5.57 (5.30) %.

Elemental Analysis for dehydrated **1**: C, 55.62; H, 3.37; N, 6.41 %, resulting in a approximate formula of  $[\text{Ag}_2(\text{dpb})_2(\text{bdc})\cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}]_n$  (calculated C, H, N contents: C, 55.71; H, 3.51; N, 6.50 %)

Elemental Analysis for rehydrated **1**: C, 56.13; H, 3.62; N, 6.03 %, resulting in a approximate formula of  $[\text{Ag}_2(\text{dpb})_2(\text{bdc})\cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}]_n$  (calculated C, H, N contents: C, 55.71; H, 3.51; N, 6.50 %)

**(6) Table S2: Different water clusters found in Ag(I)/bipyridine-based ligand dicarboxylate system**

Complex	Water cluster	Ref.
Ag/1,2-bis(4-pyridyl)ethane/succinate		<i>Cryst. Growth Des.</i> , 2011, <b>11</b> , 1948
Ag/1,3-bis(4-pyridyl)propane/succinate		<i>Cryst. Growth Des.</i> , 2011, <b>11</b> , 1948
Ag/4,4'-bipyridine/succinate		<i>Inorg. Chem. Commun.</i> , 2006, <b>9</b> , 691
Ag/4,4'-bipyridine/oxalate		<i>Cryst Growth Des.</i> , 2010, <b>10</b> , 4642
Ag/4,4'-bipyridine/adipate		<i>Cryst Growth Des.</i> , 2010, <b>10</b> , 4642
Ag/4,4'-bipyridine/suberate		<i>J Mol Struct.</i> , 2011, <b>1004</b> , 313
Ag/4,4'-bipyridine/azelate		<i>J Mol Struct.</i> , 2011, <b>1004</b> , 313