Hybrid Organic-Inorganic Framework Compounds

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What are framework compounds?

 High porosity materials with low structure density

Metal + organic linker

 Structures often contain 3-D channels or pores



Applications of framework materials

- Catalysis
- Separations
- Hydrogen storage
 - H₂ adsorbs to framework surface
 - Potentially used in fuel cells



www.bmwworld.com/hydrogen/h2r_racer.htm

Research objectives and approach

- Synthesize new framework structures using ionic liquids as solvents
- Perform as many different reactions as possible
- Vary reaction conditions to get crystals for structure solution
- Product characterization to figure out structure





Synthesis equipment



Teflon liner



Bomb



Heating oven

Experimental methods and equipment

Grinding the powder to do X-ray diffraction

Preparing the sample to be analyzed





Using the X-ray diffractometer





Typical synthesis:

1 gram of solvent 1:1 ratio of metal to glutaric acid Heat for two days



Powder product

Variables we've changed:

Temperature Concentration Solvent Ratios



Crystals product

Comparing the reaction results

1-ethyl-3-methyl-imidazolium chloride ([emim][CI])

lg of solvent [emim][Cl]	Diluted mixture at 150°	Concentrated mixture at 150°	Diluted mixture at 190°	Diluted mixture at 150° + DABCO	1g [emim][BF4] Diluted mixture at 150°
Reactants	Previous reactions	Reaction set #1	Reaction set #2	Reaction set #3	Compound 3
Ni[Ac]2+Glutaric acid	No product	Compound 1	No product	No product	
Cu[Ac]2+Glutaric acid	No product	No product	No product	No product	
Co[Ac]2+Glutaric acid	No product	No product	No product	No product	
Zn[Ac]2+Glutaric acid	No product	No product	No product	No product	
Mn[Ac]2+Glutaric acid	No product	No product	No product	No product	
Mg[Ac]2+Glutaric acid	No product	Compound 2	No product	No product	

Several more reactions using different solvents

1-butyl-3-methyl-imidazolium chloride ([bmim][Cl])

lg of solvent [bmim][Cl] +	Concentrated mixture at 150°	Concentrated mixture at 200°
Reactants	Reaction set # 4	Reaction set #5
Ni[Ac]2+Glutaric acid	Compound 4	Compound 1
Cu[Ac]2+Glutaric acid	No product	Cu metal
Co[Ac]2+Glutaric acid	Amorphous	No product
Zn[Ac]2+Glutaric acid	Known zinc glutarate	No product
Mn[Ac]2+Glutaric acid	No product	No product
Mg[Ac]2+Glutaric acid	Compound 2	Compound 2

1-ethyl-3-methyl-imidazolium bromide ([emim][Br])

lg of solvent [emim][Br] +	Diluted mixture at 150°	Concentrated mixture at 150°
Reactants	Reaction set #6	Reaction set #7
Ni[Ac]2+Glutaric acid	No product	Compound 1
Cu[Ac]2+Glutaric acid	No product	Compound 5
Co[Ac]2+Glutaric acid	No product	Amorphous
Zn[Ac]2+Glutaric acid	No product	Known zinc glutarate
Mn[Ac]2+Glutaric acid	No product	Compound 6
Mg[Ac]2+Glutaric acid	No product	Known Mg- glutarate

Powder X-ray diffraction patterns







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Future work

 Continue efforts to get crystals of the six new structures made

- Microwave synthesis
- Investigate other ionic liquids and other ligands

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