# Highly interpenetrated diamondoid nets of $\mathbf{Z n}$ (II) and $\mathrm{Cd}(\mathrm{II})$ coordination networks from mixed ligands 

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#### Abstract

The synthesis, structures and thermal properties of three coordination networks $\left[\mathrm{Zn}\left(\mathbf{L}^{1}\right)(1,4-\mathrm{BDC})\right] \quad \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O} \quad\left(\mathbf{L}^{1}=\right.$ $N, N^{\prime}$-di(4-pyridyl)adipoamide; 1,4- $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{BDC}=1,4$-benzenedicarboxylic acid), 1, $\left[\mathrm{Cd}\left(\mathbf{L}^{1}\right)(1,4-\mathrm{BDC})\right] \cdot 2 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}, \mathbf{2}$, and $\left[\mathrm{Zn}_{2}\left(\mathbf{L}^{2}\right)(1,4-\mathrm{BDC})_{2}\right]$. $2 \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OH}$ ( $\mathbf{L}^{2}=N, N^{\prime}$-di(4-pyridyl)dodecanamide), 3, are reported. Complexes $\mathbf{1}$ and $\mathbf{2}$ show the dia topology with the rare 8- and 9 -fold interpenetrating modes, respectively, while $\mathbf{3}$ exhibits an interpenetrating 3 -fold framework with the pcu $\mathrm{Zn}_{2}(\mathrm{COO})_{2}$ dimer decorated topology. Complex 2 shows the maximum number of interpenetration presently known for interpenetrating diamondoid networks of coordination networks containing mixed spacer ligands.


## Introduction

Considerable effort has been devoted to understanding the self-assembly of organic and inorganic molecules in the past decade, because it extends the range of new solids which can be designed to have particular physical and chemical properties. ${ }^{1,2}$ One of the most common nets observed in polymeric networks is related to the structure of diamond, ${ }^{2}$ which is, in general, formed by propagating a tetrahedral nodal point in all four directions by coordinating a topological linear bidentate ligand. The diamondoid networks (dia using the 3 -letter name) ${ }^{3}$ are particularly intriguing because of their general 3D robustness, and are often involved in interpenetrating phenomena with a range from 2 - up to 18 -fold, ${ }^{4}$ representing the largest class of interpenetrating nets in 3D coordination networks ( $30 \%$ according to a recent statistical analysis up to the year of 2009) $)^{4(f)} \quad$ The complex $\quad\left[\mathrm{CuSO}_{4}\left(\mathbf{L}^{1}\right)\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{2}\right]_{\infty} \quad\left[\mathbf{L}^{1} \quad=\right.$ $N, N^{\prime}$-di(4-pyridyl)adipoamide] shows the highest degree of 12 -fold interpenetration ever found for diamondoid nets exclusively based on coordination bonds, ${ }^{5}$ while the 18 -fold interpenetration of diamondoid frames was reported for the hydrogen-bonded complex prepared from the modular self-assembly of methanetetrabenzoic acid and 4,4'-bipyridine. ${ }^{6}$ Diamondoid networks of coordination networks with mixed spacer ligands have been reported and the fold-interpenetrating number ranges from 2 to 8 . ${ }^{7}$


The degree of interpenetration is strongly related to the length of the spacer ligand. ${ }^{8}$ There are, however, other factors which can affect interpenetration, such as the bulkiness of the ligands and the counterions, the number and type of solvated molecules, the $\pi-\pi$ interactions between the aromatic bridging ligands and the coordination geometry at the pseudotetrahedral centers. ${ }^{8}$ In the complex $\left[\mathrm{CuSO}_{4}\left(\mathbf{L}^{\mathbf{1}}\right)\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{2}\right]_{\infty}$, combination of a long flexible ligand with a node located at the midpoint of dinuclear copper centers which are bridged by two $\mathrm{SO}_{4}{ }^{2-}$ anions extended the degree of interpenetration. ${ }^{5}$ Thus, the flexibility of the $\mathbf{L}^{1}$ spacer ligand as well as the diversities of geometrical arrangements of the metal centers are essential in determining the structural type.

To investigate the possibility of tuning the degree of interpenetration of coordination networks, we have reacted $\mathbf{L}^{\mathbf{1}}$ and $1,4-\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{BDC}$ (1,4- $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{BDC}=1,4$-benzenedicarboxylic acid) with $\mathrm{Zn}(\mathrm{II})$ and $\mathrm{Cd}(\mathrm{II})$ salts, which afforded $\left[\mathrm{Zn}\left(\mathbf{L}^{\mathbf{1}}\right)(1,4-\mathrm{BDC})\right] \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}, \mathbf{1}$, and $\left[\mathrm{Cd}\left(\mathbf{L}^{\mathbf{1}}\right)(1,4-\mathrm{BDC})\right] \cdot$ $2 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}, 2$, showing 3 D interpenetrating 8 - and 9 -fold distorted dia nets respectively. We have also synthesized the more flexible ligand $N, N^{\prime}$-di(4-pyridyl)dodecanamide $\left(\mathbf{L}^{\mathbf{2}}\right)$ and reacted with $1,4-\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{BDC}$ and $\mathrm{Zn}(\mathrm{II})$ salts, which afforded $\left[\mathrm{Zn}_{2}\left(\mathbf{L}^{\mathbf{2}}\right)(1,4-\mathrm{BDC})_{2}\right] \cdot 2 \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OH}, \mathbf{3}$, showing a 3D 3-fold interpenetrating framework with a pcu $\mathrm{Zn}_{2}(\mathrm{COO})_{2}$ dimer decorated topology. The syntheses, structures and thermal properties of these three complexes form the subject of this report.

## Experimental section

## General procedures

Elemental analyses were obtained from a PE 2400 series II CHNS/O analyzer or a HERAEUS VaruoEL analyzer. The IR spectra (KBr disk) were recorded on a Jasco FT/IR-460 plus spectrophotometer. Thermal gravimetric analyses (TGA) measurements were carried out on a TGA-2050 instrument at a scan rate of $10^{\circ} \mathrm{C} / \mathrm{min}$. Powder X-ray patterns were recorded on a Panalytical PW3040/60 diffractometer.

## Materials

The reagents $\mathrm{ZnI}_{2}, \quad \mathrm{CdBr}_{2}$, dodecanedipoyl chloride and 4-aminopyridine were purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co.. The ligand $N, N^{\prime}$-di(4-pyridyl)adipoamide ( $\mathbf{L}^{\mathbf{1}}$ ) was prepared according to published procedures. ${ }^{5,9}$

## N, $\mathbf{N}^{\prime}$-di(4-dipyridyl)dodecanedipoamide ( $\mathbf{L}^{\mathbf{2}}$ )

Dodecanedipoyl chloride ( $1.46 \mathrm{~g}, 5.47 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was slowly added to a DMF solution of 4-aminopyridine ( $1.03 \mathrm{~g}, 10.94 \mathrm{mmol}$ ). The mixture was stirred for 15 min and then triethylamine ( $1.11 \mathrm{~g}, 10.94 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added slowly. The mixture was refluxed for 6 h and then the volume was reduced to 10 ml by vacuum evaporation. A light yellow precipitate was obtained from the solution after standing at room temperature for 24 h . The solid was filtered off and washed with excess cold water and white powder was obtained. Yield: $1.78 \mathrm{~g}(85 \%) .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (DMSO-D $\left.{ }_{6}, \mathrm{ppm}\right)$ : $10.27(2 \mathrm{H}), 8.38(4 \mathrm{H}), 7.54(4 \mathrm{H}), 2.32(4 \mathrm{H}), 1.55(4 \mathrm{H}), 1.62(12 \mathrm{H})$. Anal Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{24} \mathrm{H}_{38} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{4}$ : C, 64.55; H, 8.58; N, $12.55 \%$. Found: C, 64.50; H, 8.60; N, 12.58 \%. IR (KBr disk, $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3308(w), 3074(br), 1698(s), 1593(br), 1511(s), 1416(s), 1296(s), 1209(s), 949(m), 824(s), 518(s).

## Preparation of $\left[\mathbf{Z n}\left(\mathrm{L}^{1}\right)(\mathbf{1 , 4 - B D C})\right] \cdot \mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{2}} \mathbf{O}$, (1)

$\mathrm{ZnI}_{2}(0.062 \mathrm{~g}, 0.20 \mathrm{mmol}), 1,4-\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{BDC}(0.034 \mathrm{~g}, 0.20 \mathrm{mmol})$ and $\mathbf{L}^{1}$ $(0.06 \mathrm{~g}, 0.20 \mathrm{mmol})$ were placed in a in Teflon-lined digestion bomb (internal volume of 23 mL ) containing $10 \mathrm{~mL} \mathrm{NaOH}(0.04 \mathrm{M}$ ) solution under autogenous pressure. The reaction mixture was then heated at 120 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 2 days followed by slow cooling at $6{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{h}^{-1}$ to room temperature. The colorless crystals were then collected, washed with water and then dried under vacuum. Yield: 0.043 g ( 39 \%). Anal Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{24} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{7} \mathrm{Zn}(\mathrm{MW}=545.84)$ : C, $51.95 ; \mathrm{H}, 4.54 ; \mathrm{N}, 10.09$ \%. Found: C, 51.91; H, 4.46 \%; N, 9.66. IR (KBr disk, $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3512(w), 3345(w), 3253(w), 3166(w), 3073(w), 3006(w), 2948(w), 1713(m), 1599(s), 1511(s), 1434(s), 1387(s), 1975(s), 1160(m), 1069(w), 1025(m), 836(m), 563(w), 527(w).

## Preparation of $\left[\mathrm{Cd}\left(\mathrm{L}^{1}\right)(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{4}-\mathrm{BDC})\right] \cdot \mathbf{2} \mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{2}} \mathrm{O}$, (2)

Prepared as described for $\mathbf{1}$, except that $\mathrm{CdBr}_{2}(0.054 \mathrm{~g}, 0.2 \mathrm{mmol})$ was used. Yield: $0.082 \mathrm{~g}(67 \%)$. Anal Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{24} \mathrm{H}_{26} \mathrm{CdN}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{8}$ (MW $=$ 610.89): C, 46.50; H, 4.39; N, 9.03 \%. Found: C, 46.35 ; H, 4.40 \%; N, 9.24. IR (KBr disk, $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3521(m), 3262(m), 3082(w), 3013(w), 2932(w), 1707(m), 1596(s), 1559(s), 1510(s), 1462(w), 1428(s), 1387(s), 1333(s), 1305(m), 1247(w), 1210(m), 1154(m), 1017(m), 842(s), 747(m), 527(w).

## Preparation of $\left[\mathrm{Zn}_{2}\left(\mathbf{L}^{2}\right)(\mathbf{1}, 4-\mathrm{BDC})_{2}\right] \cdot \mathbf{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathbf{O H}$, (3)

Prepared as described for $\mathbf{1}$, except that $\mathbf{L}^{2}(0.077 \mathrm{~g}, 0.20 \mathrm{mmol})$ and $1,4-\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{BDC}(0.034 \mathrm{~g}, 0.20 \mathrm{mmol})$ in 5 mL methanol and $5 \mathrm{~mL} \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ were used. Yield: $0.040 \mathrm{~g}(11.0 \%)$. Anal Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{40} \mathrm{H}_{46} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{12} \mathrm{Zn}_{2}$ (MW = 905.55): C, 52.57; N, 5.78; H, 5.34 \%. Found: C, 53.05; N, 6.19; H, 5.12
\%. IR (KBr disk, $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3569 (w), 3560 (w), 3249 (w), 3164 (w), 3068 (w), 2997 (w), 2935 (w), 1720 (m), 1596 (s), 1510 (s), 1391 (s), 1151 (m), 1066 (s), 1032 (m), 835 (m), 549 (w), 526 (w).

## X-ray crystallography

Single crystal X-ray diffraction data were collected on a Bruker APEX2 diffractometer (complexes $\mathbf{1}$ and $\mathbf{3}$ ) or on a Bruker AXS P4 diffractometer (complex 2), which were equipped with a graphite-monochromated Mo $\mathrm{K}_{\alpha}\left(\lambda_{\mathrm{K} \alpha}=0.71073 \AA\right)$ radiation. Data reduction was carried by standard methods with use of well-established computational procedures. ${ }^{10}$ The structure factors were obtained after Lorentz and polarization corrections. The positions of the heavy atoms, including the Zn and Cd atoms, were located by the direct method. The remaining atoms were found in a series of alternating difference Fourier maps and least-square refinements, ${ }^{11}$ while the hydrogen atoms were added by using the HADD program and refined using a riding model. The $\mathrm{C}(8)$ and $\mathrm{C}(9)$ atoms of $\mathbf{1}$ are disordered such that two positions for each atom can be found. Basic information pertaining to crystal parameters and structure refinement is summarized in Table 1.

## Results and Discussion

## Structure of 1

Fig. 1(a) shows the coordination environment about the Zn (II) metal center. Selected bond distances and angles are listed in Table 2. The $\mathrm{Zn}(\mathrm{II})$ cation is four-coordinated by two nitrogen atoms from two $\mathbf{L}^{1}$ ligands and two oxygen atoms from two $\mu_{1}-\eta^{1}: \eta^{0}$-monodentate $1,4-\mathrm{BDC}^{2-}$ ligands
with $\mathrm{Zn}-\mathrm{N}$ distances of 2.053(2) and 2.054(2) $\AA$ and $\mathrm{Zn}-\mathrm{O}$ distances of 1.932 (2) and $1.989(2)$, respectively. The other two $\mathrm{Zn}-\mathrm{O}$ distances to $\mathrm{O}(4)$ and $\mathrm{O}(5 \mathrm{~A})$ are $2.562(2)$ and $3.021(2) \AA$, respectively, which are beyond the limit $(2.5 \AA)^{12}$ that was counted as bidentate coordination, but the value of $2.562(2) \AA$ is shorter than would normally occur in a van der Waals contact $(2.91 \AA) .{ }^{13}$ The angles about the $\mathrm{Zn}(\mathrm{II})$ cation are in the range $95.61(9)-126.08(10)^{\circ}$, indicating a distorted tetrahedral geometry. A single adamantanoid cage is illustrated in Fig. 1(b), which exhibits maximum dimensions of $38.56 \times 29.28 \times 17.68 \AA^{3}$. The Zn (II) adjoining nodes are separated by two different distances that are 19.49 (through $\mathbf{L}^{\mathbf{1}}$ ) and 10.93 (through $1,4-\mathrm{BDC}^{2-}$ ) $\AA$. The $\mathbf{L}^{1}$ ligand adopts the AGA cis conformation ${ }^{14}$ and the dihedral angle between the two pyridyl rings is $65.72^{\circ}$, i.e. the two rings are twisted about the C-N bonds. Eight independent equivalent cages interpenetrate in the crystal structure by self-clathration grouping in two sets of four along the a-axis and related by a center of inversion, Fig. 1(c): this is a typical example of class IIIa of interpenetration with $Z_{t}=4$ (down $\left[\begin{array}{lll}1 & 0 & 0\end{array}\right]$ separated from each other by $8.37 \AA$ ) and $Z_{n}=2$ (inversion center). This is easily shown using the program package TOPOS. ${ }^{15}$ Each dia framework supports hydrogen bonding through the uncoordinated water molecules [one $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H}--\mathrm{O}$ with $\mathrm{N}---\mathrm{O}=2.814 \AA$ and two $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H}---\mathrm{O}$ with $\mathrm{O}--\mathrm{O}=2.646$ and $2.794 \AA$, Fig. $1(\mathrm{~d})$ ], resulting in a single complicated multinodal net. There is no $\pi-\pi$ interaction between the different nets. Due to the 8 -fold interpenetration, the solvent-accessible volume is small and approximately $121.7 \AA^{3}$ (4.9 $\%$ of the unit cell) as calculated using the PLATON program. ${ }^{16}$ For comparison, it is noted that in the 8 -fold interpenetrated 3 D dia net
observed for $\mathrm{Zn}(\mathrm{L})(1,4 \mathrm{BDC})$ [L $=N, N$ '-bis(4-pyridyl)phthalamide], no solvent-accessible volume was found in the structure. ${ }^{7(q)}$

## Structure of 2

Fig. 2(a) shows the coordination environments about the two Cd (II) metal centers. The $\mathrm{Cd}(\mathrm{II})$ cation is six-coordinated by two nitrogen atoms from two $\mathbf{L}^{1}$ ligands and four oxygen atoms form two $\mu_{1}-\eta^{1}: \eta^{1}$-chelating $1,4-\mathrm{BDC}^{2-}$ ligands with Cd-N distances of 2.267(2) and 2.298(2) $\AA$ and Cd-O distances of $2.232(2)-2.613(2) \AA$. The angles about the $\mathrm{Cd}(\mathrm{II})$ cation are in the range $52.56(7)-143.20(7)^{0}$, indicating a highly distorted octahedral geometry for the $\mathrm{Cd}(\mathrm{II})$ center. A single adamantane cage is illustrated in Fig. 2(b), which exhibits maximum dimensions of 37.17 x $33.50 \times 18.05 \AA^{3}$. The $\mathrm{Cd}(\mathrm{II})$ adjoining nodes are separated by two different distances that are 21.22 and 21.12 (through $\mathbf{L}^{\mathbf{1}}$ ) and 11.26 and 11.16 (through $1,4-\mathrm{BDC}^{2-}$ ) $\AA$. The $\mathbf{L}^{1}$ ligand adopts the AAA trans conformation ${ }^{14}$ and the dihedral angle between the two pyridyl rings is about $0^{\circ}$. This conformation gives a longer ligand compared to $\mathbf{1}$, hence more nets can interpenetrate: nine independent equivalent dia nets interpenetrate along the a-axis, Fig. 2(c). It belongs to class Ia interpenetration with $Z_{t}=9$ and a single translational vector relates all nine nets: $\left[\begin{array}{lll}1 & 0 & 0\end{array}\right]$ with a separation from each other by $9.08 \AA$. Up to now only 5 examples of 9 -fold dia nets are known. ${ }^{4 a, f}$ The nine frameworks are all crossed into a single complicated multinodal net by the hydrogen bonding interactions of the two uncoordinated water molecules via two $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H}---\mathrm{O}(\mathrm{N}---\mathrm{O}=2.915$ and $2.962 \AA)$ and three $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H}--\mathrm{O}(\mathrm{O}---\mathrm{O}=2.708$, 2.913 and $2.963 \AA$ ) hydrogen bonds, Fig. 2(d). Short $\pi-\pi$ contacts of 3.55 and $3.60 \AA$ between the pyridyl rings of the $\mathbf{L}$ ligands in the different nets are also observed. The solvent-accessible volume is only $76.9 \AA^{3}$ and the
volume ratio was calculated to be $6.2 \%$ using the PLATON program.

## Structure of 3

Fig. 3(a) depicts a coordination environment about the $\mathrm{Zn}_{2}(\mathrm{COO})_{2}$ dimer. The Zn (II) cation is four-coordinated by one nitrogen atom from one $\mathbf{L}^{\mathbf{2}}$ ligand and three oxygen atoms from one $\mu_{1}-\eta^{1}: \eta^{0}$-monodentate and one $\mu_{2}-\eta^{1}: \eta^{1}$-bridging $1,4-\mathrm{BDC}^{2-}$ ligands with $\mathrm{Zn}-\mathrm{N}$ distances of $1.995(2) \AA$ and $\mathrm{Zn}-\mathrm{O}$ distances of $1.923(2)-1.981(2) \AA$, respectively. The angles about the $\mathrm{Zn}(\mathrm{II})$ cation are in the range $97.54(8)-121.93(8)^{\circ}$, indicating a distorted tetrahedral geometry. The Zn (II) atoms forms a dimer via the bridging $(\mathrm{COO})$ of the $1,4-\mathrm{BDC}^{2-} \quad$ ligand with a metal separation of 3.47 $\AA$. The $\mathbf{L}^{\mathbf{2}}$ ligand adopts the AAGAAAGAA trans conformation ${ }^{14}$ and the dihedral angle between the two pyridyl rings is $0^{\circ}$. If we take the dimer as the node of the net (the so called "cluster" representation) ${ }^{4 \mathrm{f}}$, each dimer is joined to six other dimers via four 1,4-BDC ${ }^{2-}$ and two $\mathbf{L}^{2}$ and the final net will be 6-coordinated. The crystal structure of $\mathbf{3}$ reveals that the new phase consists of a 6-coordinated primitive cubic (pcu) 3-fold interpenetrated framework, Fig. 3(b). The different interpenetrated nets are connected by the $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H}---\mathrm{O}(\mathrm{N}---\mathrm{O}=2.869 \AA)$ hydrogen bonds, while the methanol molecules interact with the $1,4-\mathrm{BDC}^{-}$ligands through the $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H}---\mathrm{O}(\mathrm{O}---\mathrm{O}=3.169 \AA)$ hydrogen bonds, Fig. 3(c). There is no $\pi-\pi$ interaction between the different nets. If we keep as nodes the 4-coordinated Zn and the bridging $1,4-\mathrm{BDC}^{2-}$ ligands we get the "standard" representation ${ }^{4 \mathrm{f}}$ as binodal 4-connected mog (moganite) type topology with point symbol of $\left(4.6^{4} .8\right)_{2}\left(4^{2} .6^{2} .8^{2}\right) .{ }^{17}$ A schematic drawing for this topology is shown in Fig. S1 as supplementary materials. With both descriptions, obviously, we get the same kind of interpenetration with the three independent nets related by a single translation (down a-axis $\left[\begin{array}{lll}1 & 0 & 0\end{array}\right]$ and separated by $9.25 \AA$ ) hence of class Ia. The
solvent-accessible volume is approximately $129.3 \AA^{3}$ and the volume ratio was calculated to be $12.7 \%$ using the PLATON program.

## Thermal properties

The thermal gravimetric analyses (TGA) curves, Fig. S2, show that both complexes 1 and 2 are stable up to $40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. A total weight loss of $3.24 \%$ and $6.44 \%$ occurred in the temperature ranges $40-110{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and $40-125$ ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 1 and 2, respectively, presumably due to the removal of the water molecules per formula unit (calcd. $3.30 \%$ for 1 and $5.89 \%$ for 2). While a weight loss of 30.50 \% occurred in the temperature range 316 $360{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, corresponding to the removal of $1,4-\mathrm{BDC}^{2-}$ ligands per formula unit (calcd. $30.07 \%$ ) and a weight loss of $49.63 \%$ occurred in the temperature range $360-600{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, corresponding to the removal of $\mathbf{L}^{1}$ ligands per formula unit (calcd. $51.73 \%$ ) for 1 , a weight loss of $72.28 \%$ occurred in the temperature range $325-590{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, corresponding to the removal of 1,4-BDC ${ }^{2-}$ and $\mathbf{L}^{1}$ ligands per formula unit (calcd. $73.09 \%$ ) was observed for 2. Finally, the residual product weight of $15.93 \%$ was found in the temperature after $600^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, corresponding to the formation of ZnO (calcd. $14.91 \%$ ) for 1 and the residual product weight of $21.28 \%$ was found in the temperature after $590{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, corresponding to the formation of CdO (calcd. $21.02 \%$ ) for $\mathbf{2}$. The TGA curve shows that $\mathbf{3}$ is stable up to $40{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. A total weight loss of $6.83 \%$ occurred in the temperature range $40-330^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, presumably due to the removal of the two $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OH}$ molecules per formula unit (calcd. $7.08 \%$ ). A weight loss of $41.95 \%$ occurred in the temperature range $330-415^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, corresponding to the removal of $\mathbf{L}^{\mathbf{2}}$ ligands per formula unit (calcd. $42.24 \%$ ). Another weight loss of $33.02 \%$ occurred in the temperature range $415-730{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, corresponding to the removal of $1,4-\mathrm{BDC}^{2-}$ ligands per formula unit (calcd. $32.71 \%$ ). Finally, the residual product weight of $18.20 \%$ was
found in the temperature after $730^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, corresponding to the formation of ZnO (calcd. 17.97 \%).

To investigate the thermal stability of $\mathbf{1}$ and $\mathbf{2}$ upon removal of the cocrystallized water molecules, we have measured their variable temperature powder X-ray diffraction patterns from 30 to $170{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, which show significant changes both in peak positions and intensities, Fig. S3(a)-(b). When the sample of $\mathbf{1}$ was heated to $130^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, obvious changes in peak positions indicate the formation of the second phase. Interestingly, when the dehydrated sample pretreated at $130{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ was exposed to water vapor for one hour, the original crystalline phase of $\mathbf{1}$ was regenerated, Fig. 4. Similar phenomena were observed for 2. When the dehydrated sample pretreated at $150{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ was exposed to water vapor for one hour, the original crystalline phase of $\mathbf{2}$ was also regenerated, Fig. 5. In marked contrast to $\mathbf{1}$ and $\mathbf{2}$, the variable temperature powder X-ray diffraction patterns of $\mathbf{3}$ from 30 to $300{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ show no obvious changes, indicating that the framework remains rigid upon removal of methanol molecules, Fig. S3(c).

## Conclusions

The synthesis, structures and thermal properties of three interpenetrated coordination networks from mixed ligands have been successfully accomplished. The diamondoid complexes $\mathbf{1}$ and $\mathbf{2}$ show distorted cages with 8 - and 9 -fold interpenetrating modes. The asymmetry obviously derives from the very different $\mathbf{L}^{1}$ and $1,4-\mathrm{BDC}^{2-}$ ligands that give a very distorted adamantane cages, and the different degree of interpenetration arises from the different conformations of $\mathbf{L}^{1}$. In marked contrast to the complex $\quad\left[\mathrm{CuSO}_{4}\left(\mathbf{L}^{1}\right)\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{2}\right]_{\infty} \quad$ with a 12 -fold interpenetration, ${ }^{5}$ combination of a long flexible $\mathbf{L}^{1}$ ligand with a short rigid $1,4-\mathrm{BDC}^{2-}$
ligands reduced the number of interpenetration, indicating that the degree of interpenetration of diamondoid networks of coordination networks containing the $\mathbf{L}^{1}$ ligands may be tuned by changing the length of the dicarboxylate ligand. The nature of the metal center (size and geometry) also alters the degree of interpenetration. To our best knowledge, complex 2 show the maximum number of interpenetration presently known for interpenetrating diamondoid networks of coordination networks containing mixed spacer ligands. ${ }^{4 \mathrm{f}}$ We have also shown in $\mathbf{3}$ that increasing the number of the backbone carbon atom of the neutral spacer ligand not only decreases the degree of interpenetration but also changes the structural type. The diamondoid complexes $\mathbf{1}$ and $\mathbf{2}$ show more flexible frameworks than $\mathbf{3}$ upon removal and addition of the solvent molecules.

## Electronic supplementary information (ESI) available

The drawings showing the coordination environment of the $\mathrm{Zn}(\mathrm{II})$ center and the mog topology for $\mathbf{3}$ and the variable temperature power X-ray diffraction patterns of $\mathbf{1 - 3}$. CCDC reference numbers 791960-791962.

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Table 1. Crystal data for 1-3.

| Complex | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Formula | $\mathrm{C}_{24} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{7} \mathrm{Zn}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{24} \mathrm{H}_{26} \mathrm{CdN}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{8}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{40} \mathrm{H}_{46} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{12} \mathrm{Zn}_{2}$ |
| Formula weight | 545.84 | 610.89 | 905.55 |
| crystal system | Monoclinic | Triclinic | Triclinic |
| space group | $P 2{ }_{1} / n$ | $P_{1}$ | $P_{1}$ |
| $\mathrm{a}, \AA$ | 8.3732(4) | 9.0807(15) | 9.2535(2) |
| $\mathrm{b}, \AA$ | 19.2810(9) | 11.3600(16) | 10.2529(2) |
| c, $\AA$ | 15.4445(7) | 13.2607(19) | 11.8897(3) |
| $\alpha,{ }^{\circ}$ | 90 | 92.714(13) | 91.372(1) |
| $\beta$, ${ }^{\circ}$ | 90.890(2) | 106.281(16) | 111.487(1) |
| $\gamma,{ }^{\circ}$ | 90 | 107.242(14) | 102.427(1) |
| V, $\AA^{3}$ | 2493.1(2) | 1241.3(3) | 1018.47(4) |
| Z | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| $\mathrm{d}_{\text {calc }}, \mathrm{g} / \mathrm{cm}^{3}$ | 1.454 | 1.634 | 1.476 |
| $\mathrm{F}(000)$ | 1128 | 620 | 470 |
| $\mu(\mathrm{MoK}), \mathrm{mm}^{-1}$ | 1.036 | 0.936 | 1.245 |
| limiting indices | $\begin{aligned} & -11 \leq \mathrm{h} \leq 11, \\ & -24 \leq \mathrm{k} \leq 25, \\ & -20 \leq 1 \leq 20 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -10 \leq \mathrm{h} \leq 1, \\ & -13 \leq \mathrm{k} \leq 13, \\ & -15 \leq 1 \leq 15 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -12 \leq h \leq 12, \\ & -13 \leq k \leq 13, \\ & -15 \leq 1 \leq 15 \end{aligned}$ |
| independent reflections | 6229 | 4384 | 5029 |
|  | $[\mathrm{R}(\mathrm{int})=0.0565]$ | [ $\mathrm{R}(\mathrm{int}$ ) $=0.0258$ ] | [ $\mathrm{R}(\mathrm{int}$ ) $=0.0524]$ |
| data / restraints / parameters | 6229 / 0 / 343 | 4384 / 0 / 340 | 5029 / 0 / 253 |
| quality-of-fit indicator ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | 1.006 | 1.071 | 1.085 |
| final R indices $[\mathrm{I}>2 \sigma(\mathrm{I})]^{\text {a,b }}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{R} 1=0.0410 \\ & \mathrm{wR} 2=0.0950 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{R} 1=0.0236 \\ & \mathrm{wR} 2=0.0599 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{R} 1=0.0399 \\ & \mathrm{wR} 2=0.1245 \end{aligned}$ |
| R indices (all data) | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{R} 1=0.0886 \\ & \mathrm{wR} 2=0.1035 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{R} 1=0.0258 \\ & \mathrm{wR} 2=0.0612 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{R} 1=0.0492 \\ & \mathrm{wR} 2=0.1287 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & { }^{{ }^{\mathrm{a}} \mathrm{R}_{1}=\Sigma\| \| \mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{o}}\left\|-\left\|\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{c}} \\| / \Sigma\right\| \mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{o}}\right\| \cdot{ }^{\mathrm{b}}{ }_{\mathrm{wR}}^{2}}=\left[\Sigma \mathrm{w}\left(\mathrm{~F}_{\mathrm{o}}{ }^{2}-\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{c}}{ }^{2}\right)^{2} / \Sigma \mathrm{w}\left(\mathrm{~F}_{\mathrm{o}}{ }^{2}\right)^{2}\right]^{1 / 2} . \\ & \mathrm{w}=1 /\left[\sigma^{2}\left(\mathrm{~F}_{\mathrm{o}}{ }^{2}\right)+(\mathrm{ap})^{2}+(\mathrm{bp})\right], \mathrm{p}=\left[\max \left(\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{o}}{ }^{2} \text { or } 0\right)+2\left(\mathrm{~F}_{\mathrm{c}}{ }^{2}\right)\right] / 3 . \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |

Table 2. Selected bond distances $(\AA)$ and angles $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ for $\mathbf{1}-\mathbf{3}$.

| 1 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bond distances |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{Zn}-\mathrm{O}(6 \mathrm{~A})$ | 1.932(2) | $\mathrm{Zn}-\mathrm{O}(3)$ | 1.989(2) |
| $\mathrm{Zn}-\mathrm{N}(4 \mathrm{~B})$ | 2.053(2) | $\mathrm{Zn}-\mathrm{N}(1)$ | 2.054(2) |
| Bond angles |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{O}(6 \mathrm{~A})-\mathrm{Zn}-\mathrm{O}(3)$ | 126.08(10) | $\mathrm{O}(6 \mathrm{~A})-\mathrm{Zn}-\mathrm{N}(1)$ | 98.41(9) |
| $\mathrm{O}(3)-\mathrm{Zn}-\mathrm{N}(1)$ | 119.65(9) | $\mathrm{O}(6 \mathrm{~A})-\mathrm{Zn}-\mathrm{N}(4 \mathrm{~B})$ | 112.15(9) |
| $\mathrm{O}(3)-\mathrm{Zn}-\mathrm{N}(4 \mathrm{~B})$ | 95.61(9) | $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{Zn}-\mathrm{N}(4 \mathrm{~B})$ | 103.28(9) |
| 2 |  |  |  |
| Bond distances |  |  |  |
| Cd-O(6) | 2.232(2) | Cd-N(1) | 2.267(2) |
| Cd-O(3) | 2.281(2) | Cd-N(3) | 2.298(2) |
| Cd-O(4) | $2.426(2)$ | Cd-O(5) | 2.613(2) |
| Bond angles |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{O}(6)-\mathrm{Cd}-\mathrm{N}(1)$ | 115.39(8) | $\mathrm{O}(6)-\mathrm{Cd}-\mathrm{O}(3)$ | 134.17(8) |
| $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{Cd}-\mathrm{O}(3)$ | 89.02(7) | $\mathrm{O}(6)-\mathrm{Cd}-\mathrm{N}(3)$ | 89.77(8) |
| $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{Cd}-\mathrm{N}(3)$ | 106.97(7) | $\mathrm{O}(3)-\mathrm{Cd}-\mathrm{N}(3)$ | 120.95(8) |
| $\mathrm{O}(6)-\mathrm{Cd}-\mathrm{O}(4)$ | 97.58(8) | $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{Cd}-\mathrm{O}(4)$ | 143.20(7) |
| $\mathrm{O}(3)-\mathrm{Cd}-\mathrm{O}(4)$ | 55.06(7) | $\mathrm{N}(3)-\mathrm{Cd}-\mathrm{O}(4)$ | 88.10(7) |
| $\mathrm{O}(6)-\mathrm{Cd}-\mathrm{O}(5)$ | 52.56(7) | $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{Cd}-\mathrm{O}(5)$ | 89.90(7) |
| $\mathrm{O}(3)-\mathrm{Cd}-\mathrm{O}(5)$ | 92.11(8) | $\mathrm{N}(3)-\mathrm{Cd}-\mathrm{O}(5)$ | 142.25(7) |
| $\mathrm{O}(4)-\mathrm{Cd}-\mathrm{O}(5)$ | 98.30(8) |  |  |
| 3 |  |  |  |
| Bond distances |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{Zn}-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 1.923(2) | $\mathrm{Zn}-\mathrm{O}(5 \mathrm{~A})$ | 1.961(2) |
| $\mathrm{Zn}-\mathrm{O}(4)$ | 1.981(2) | $\mathrm{Zn}-\mathrm{N}(1)$ | $1.995(2)$ |
| Bond angles |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{O}(5 \mathrm{~A})-\mathrm{Zn}-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 121.93(8) | $\mathrm{O}(2)-\mathrm{Zn}-\mathrm{O}(4)$ | 97.82(8) |
| $\mathrm{O}(5 \mathrm{~A})-\mathrm{Zn}-\mathrm{O}(4)$ | 116.11(8) | $\mathrm{O}(2)-\mathrm{Zn}-\mathrm{N}(1)$ | 115.49(9) |
| $\mathrm{O}(5 \mathrm{~A})-\mathrm{Zn}-\mathrm{N}(1)$ | 97.54(8) | $\mathrm{O}(4)-\mathrm{Zn}-\mathrm{N}(1)$ | 108.23(8) |

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms :
(A) $x-1 / 2,-y+1 / 2, z+1 / 2$; (B) $x-3 / 2,-y-1 / 2, z-1 / 2$ for 1 .
(A) $-\mathrm{x}+1,-\mathrm{y}+1,-\mathrm{z}+1$ for 3 .

## Captions

Fig. 1. (a) Coordination environment of the $\mathrm{Zn}(\mathrm{II})$ center in 1. Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: (A) $x-1 / 2,-y+1 / 2, z+1 / 2$;
(B) $x-3 / 2,-y-1 / 2, z-1 / 2$;
(C) $x+1 / 2,-y+1 / 2, z-1 / 2$;
(D) $x+3 / 2,-y-1 / 2, z+1 / 2$. (b)

A diagram showing a single adamantanoid cage. (c) A schematic view of the 8 -fold interpenetration. (d) A drawing showing the N-H---O and O-H---O hydrogen bonds that connect the nets.

Fig. 2. (a) Coordination environment of the $\mathrm{Cd}(\mathrm{II})$ center in 2. Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: (A) $-x+1,-y-1,-z+2$; (B) $-x-2,-y,-z ;(C)-x,-y+1,-z+2 ;(D)-x+1,-y+1,-z+1$. (b) A diagram showing a single adamantanoid cage. (c) A schematic view of the 9-fold interpenetration. (d) A drawing showing the $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H}---\mathrm{O}$ and $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H}---\mathrm{O}$ hydrogen bonds and the $\pi-\pi$ interactions that connect the nets.
Fig. 3. (a) Coordination environment of the $\mathrm{Zn}_{2}(\mathrm{COO})_{2}$ dimer in 3. Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: (A) $-\mathrm{x}+1,-\mathrm{y}+1,-\mathrm{z}+1$. (b) A schematic view of the 3-fold interpenetration. (c) A drawing showing the $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H}---\mathrm{O}$ hydrogen bonds that connect the nets. The methanol molecules interact with the $1,4-\mathrm{BDC}^{-}$ligands through the O-H---O interactions.

Fig. 4. Powder XRD patterns of 1. (a) simulated (b) at $30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (c) at $130^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (d) heated to $130^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ then exposed to water vapor.
Fig. 5. Powder XRD patterns of 2 (a) simulated (b) at $30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (c) at $150^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (d) heated to $150^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ then exposed to water vapor.

(a)

(b)

Fig. 1

(d)

Fig. 1

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(b)

Fig. 2

(c)

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(b)

(c)

Fig. 3


Fig. 4


Fig. 5

