

Crystalline versus amorphous 1D to 3D Coordination Polymer transformations

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We have reported several 1D, 2D and 3D coordination polymers based on diphosphinic acid (pcp= P,P'-diphenylmethylenediphosphate or pc2p= P,P'-diphenylethylenediphosphate) and in some cases we have described crystal-crystal transformation induced by temperature and by water [1]. For instance the Metal Organic NanoTube (MONT) $[[\text{Cu}_2(\text{bpye})(\text{pcp})_2] \cdot 2.5\text{H}_2\text{O}]_n$ (bpye = 1,2-bis(4-pyridyl)ethane) is converted in the 1D slab $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{bpye})(\text{pc}_2\text{p})_2](\text{H}_2\text{O})_n$ in water while the isostructural MONT $[[\text{Cu}_2(\text{bipy})(\text{pcp})_2] \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}]_n$ (bipy = (4, 4' bi- pyridine)) remain unaltered.[2]

In this work, we report the different behaviour, under heating, of three 1D coordination polymers, namely $[\text{Ni}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4(\text{bipy}) \cdot \text{pc}_2\text{p}]_n$, 1, $[\text{Ni}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4(\text{bpye}) \cdot \text{pc}_2\text{p}]_n$, 2, and $[\text{Ni}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4(\text{bpe}) \cdot \text{pc}_2\text{p}]_n$, 3 (bpe = 1,2-bis(4-pyridyl)ethene)). For 1, only an amorphous phase was obtained, while in case of 2 an anhydrous crystalline 3D coordination polymer was detected. Finally for 3, we have obtained a monohydrated $[\text{Ni}(\text{H}_2\text{O})(\text{bpe})\text{pc}_2\text{p}]_n$ and an anhydrous $[\text{Ni}(\text{bpe})\text{pc}_2\text{p}]_n$ phase. An interpretation based on the length of the bipyridine as well as on the role of supramolecular interactions will be given.

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