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Silver coordination metallacycles assembled into microporous materials

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Porous solid materials represent one of the most intense areas of study for chemists, physicists, and materials scientists [1]. These systems have found a large number of applications in many fields, such as adsorption, separation and purification, as well as catalysis [2]. We have previously shown that when using the pre-organized thioether functionalized bispyrazolylmethane ligand (LSPh) and silver(I), hexameric metallacycles are formed in solution. In the solid state the role of the counteranion (BF_4^- , PF_6^- , NO_3^- , and $CF_3SO_3^-$) is of fundamental importance in the way the metallacycles self-assembled into a diversity of 3D supramolecular architectures and cavities. In particular, highly symmetric BF_4^- and PF_6^- favours the formation of crystals with permanent porosity as demonstrated by gas adsorption measurements. In order to modulate the porous properties of these silver coordination polymer (CP), we synthesised a series of differently functionalized bis(pyrazolyl)methane ligands (Figure). The silver complexes were prepared with two types of anions (PF_6^- and $CF_3SO_3^-$) to investigate their role in the supramolecular arrangements. The structural features and gas sorption properties (CO_2 , CH_4 and N_2) of the new silver complexes will be presented. Solid state NMR was employed to investigate the localization of CO_2 within the cavities.

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