## Crystal Engineering and Supramolecular Synthon Approach for the Assembly of Hydrogen Bonded Metal Complexes

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The work done during this project is summarized as below-

(i) PI has recognized C-H...M hydrogen bond and {...HCNM}<sub>2</sub> synthons which was not reported earlier. (Chemical Communication, 2013, 49,8501).

(ii) PI have identified the different types of hydrogen bonding patterns in lattice water molecules that was not reported earlier in the scientific community. (Journal of Structural Chemistry, 2018,59(1),106).

(iii) We have synthesized first supramolecular orotic acid and Isonicotinic acidbased Zn-complex [Zn(HOr)(Hiso) $\cdot$ 3H<sub>2</sub>O] $\cdot$ H<sub>2</sub>O] that have future applications in metalodrug chemistry. (Journal of Structural Chemistry, 2018,59(1),166).

(iv) In this project, we have successfully synthesized and characterized a series of metalorotato coordination compounds of different architecture using crystal engineering principle involving N–H–O/N–H–N and O–H–O/O–H–N synthons as connecting tools. DFT calculation is used to rationalize the magnetic behaviour of reported complexes. These calculations underline the pathway of magnetic exchange interactions through N–H–O/N– H–N and O–H–O/O–H–N supramolecular synthons and confirm that the magnetic interactions propagate through such contacts. Due to N–H–O/N–H–N and O–H–O/O–H–N there is a varieties of structure we obtained with different magnetic properties. Such study will enriched the metal-organic structural chemistry and help the researchers to find a platform to design and synthesis of similar molecules.

(v) We have established a "**Crystal Engineering Laboratory**" for design and hydrothermal synthesis of *Single Crystal* of Porous Hydrogen Bonded Metal Complexes, Coordination Polymers and MOF materials for diverse applications like Magnetic, Photoluminescence, Sensor, Sorption etc. Hydrothermal synthesis is a special type of synthesis of material at high temperature, in programmable *Hydrothermal Oven*.

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