

Fabrication of highly oriented crystalline pillared-layer-type metal-organic framework thin film by casting method

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Metal-organic frameworks (MOFs) are a kind of porous material with adsorption capabilities that are formed from a combination of metal cations and organic linkers. They have attracted attention for fuel storage, carbon dioxide capture, and catalysis¹. Recently, crystalline-oriented MOF thin films have been intensively pursued, which have been expected for their potential use as gas sensors and proton-conducting membranes². The layer-by-layer method, which involves sequentially soaking substrates in a solution containing the components of the MOF to construct the film structure, has been the typical method for fabricating thin films to date³. However, the method is complicated and too costly to construct thin films.

In this study, we aimed to fabricate crystalline-oriented pillared-layer-type MOF thin films using the casting method. Fe[Pt(CN₄)] nanosheets were synthesized and a colloidal solution was cast onto the substrate, which was subsequently dried to form a 2D Fe(H₂O)₂[Pt(CN)₄] thin film (**film-H**). As shown in Figure of X-ray diffraction (XRD) patterns of **film-H**, *hk0* and *00l* diffraction peaks are separately observed in the in-plane and out-of-plane patterns, respectively, which indicates that the obtained thin film was highly crystalline, and its orientation was accurately controlled. After dehydration by vacuum heating, **film-D** was obtained, and 3D pillared-layer-type Fe(pz)[Pt(CN)₄] thin film (**film-pz**) was fabricated by casting pyrazine solution onto **film-D**. The XRD measurements also confirmed the high crystallinity and controllable orientation of **film-pz**.

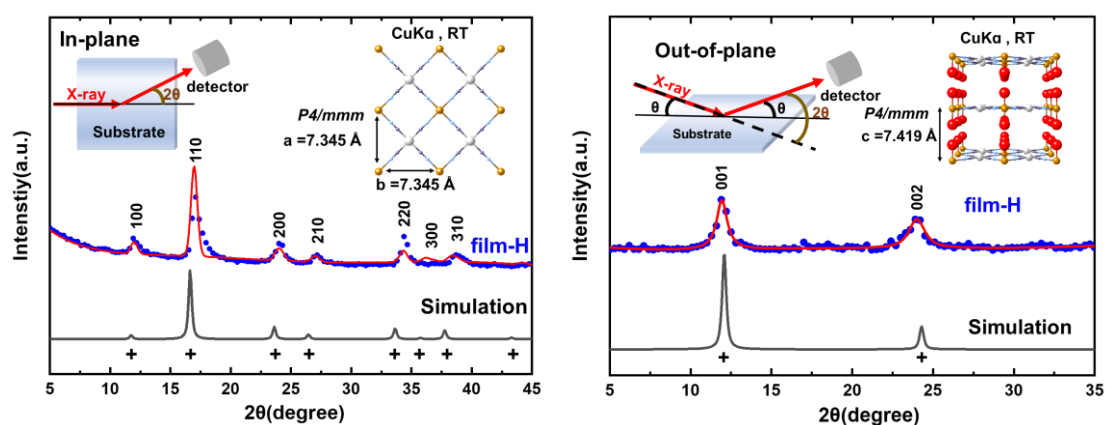


Figure XRD patterns of **film-H** ($\lambda = 1.540$ Å, rt). Left: In-plane (grazing-incidence mode) patterns, right: Out-of-plane (θ - 2θ mode) patterns.

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