SC-SC Transformation of 2D MOFs to 3D by [2+2] Photodimerization

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A 2D interdigitated [Ni2(adipate)2(spy)4(H2O)2] (spy = 4-styrylpyridine) was transformed to a 3D coordination polymer through [2 + 2] photodimerization between the olefin bonds in spy upon UV-irradiation in a single-crystal-to-single-crystal (SC–SC) manner. During this transformation, a coexisting flexible adipate ligand changes its conformation, and helps in withstanding the conversion strain and retaining the single crystallinity.


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