

Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI) for

**Synthesis and gas sorption property of a homochiral metal–organic
framework with octahedral cages**

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Experimental Section

General information: All of the reagents and solvents used in reactions were purchased commercially and used without purification, unless otherwise indicated. The chiral ligands (S)-H₃PIA and (R)-H₃PIA were synthesized from L-proline, D-proline and benzene-1,3,5-tricarboxylic acid by our group. Elemental analyses were carried out by the analysis center of our institute. All Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) analyses were recorded on a Rigaku Dmax2500 diffractometer with Cu K α radiation ($\lambda = 1.54056 \text{ \AA}$). Thermal stability studies were performed on a NETSCHZ STA-449C thermoanalyzer with a heating rate of 10°C/min under an N₂ atmosphere in the range of 30~800°C.

Synthesis of [Cu₃((S)-PIA)₂(pyridine)₃(H₂O)]·THF·6.25H₂O (1-L): A mixture of (S)-H₃PIA (31 mg, 0.1 mmol) and Cu(NO₃)₂·2.5H₂O (47 mg, 0.2 mmol) was dissolved in a mixed solvent of THF and H₂O (3 mL/1 mL) with two drops of pyridine in a Teflon reactor. The reaction mixture was heated at 100°C for 48 hours and then cooled to room temperature. Green-blue block crystals (32 mg, 60%, based on (S)-H₃PIA) were obtained after filtration. Elemental analysis calcd (%) for **1-L**: C 47.35, H 3.97, N 5.26; found C 46.48, H 4.12, N 5.45

Synthesis of [Cu₃((R)-PIA)₂(pyridine)₃(H₂O)]·THF·6.25H₂O (1-D): The same procedure as **1-L**, except (R)-H₃PIA was used. Green-blue powdery crystals (19 mg, 35%, based on (R)-H₃PIA) were obtained after filtration. Elemental analysis calcd (%) for **1-D**: C 47.35, H 3.97, N 5.56; found C 46.71, H 4.11, N 5.31.

Measurements of solid CD spectra: The mixture of sample and 50 mg dry KCl powder was well grounded and then pressed into a disk for the CD measurement with a MOS-450 spectropolarimeter.

Gas adsorption measurement: A freshly prepared sample of **1-L** was also soaked in acetone at 40°C for three days to exchange guest molecules. Subsequently, the sample was degassed under dynamic vacuum at 80°C for 5 h to activate the sample. Finally, gas adsorption measurements was performed in the ASAP (Accelerated Surface Area and Porosimetry) 2020 System.

Table S1. Summary of Crystal Data and Refinement Results

Compound reference	1-L
Chemical formula	$C_{38}H_{30}Cu_3N_4O_{15} \cdot C_4H_8O \cdot 6.25(H_2O)$
Formula Mass	1160.00
Crystal system	Monoclinic
$a/\text{\AA}$	20.7929(8)
$b/\text{\AA}$	12.4871(7)
$c/\text{\AA}$	19.5025(9)
$\alpha/^\circ$	90.00
$\beta/^\circ$	97.329(4)
$\gamma/^\circ$	90.00
Unit cell volume/ \AA^3	5022.3(4)
Temperature/K	293(2)
Space group	C2
No. of formula units per unit cell, Z	4
Radiation type	CuK α
Absorption coefficient, μ/mm^{-1}	2.204
No. of reflections measured	9300
No. of independent reflections	6627
R_{int}	0.0323
Final R_I values ($I > 2\sigma(I)$)	0.0549
Final $wR(F^2)$ values ($I > 2\sigma(I)$)	0.1330
Final R_I values (all data)	0.0668
Final $wR(F^2)$ values (all data)	0.1418
Goodness of fit on F^2	1.108
Flack parameter	-0.03(4)

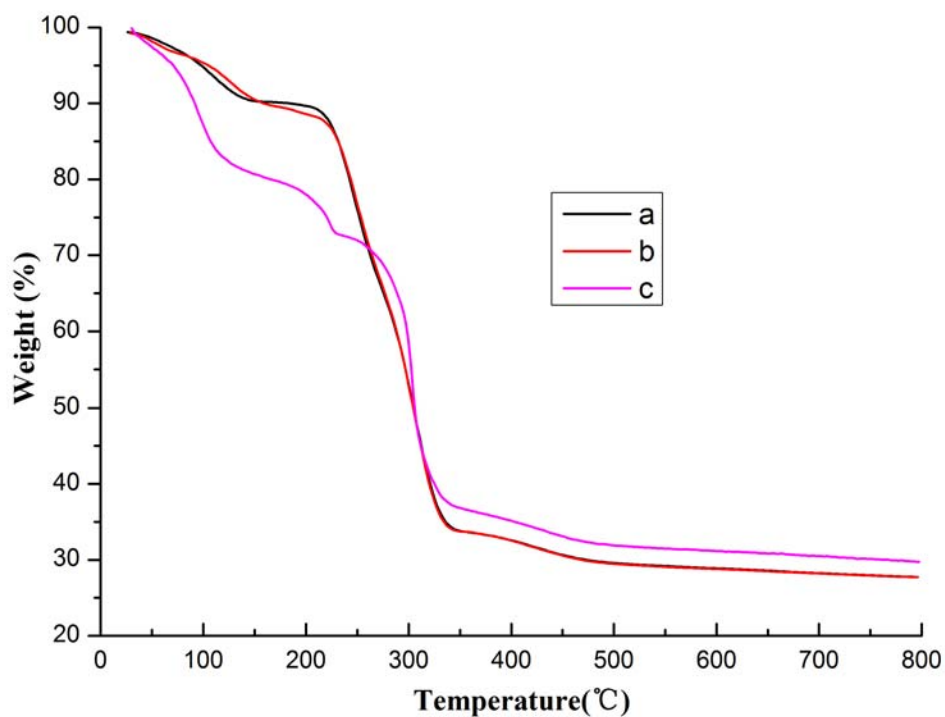


Figure S1. The TGA diagrams of **1-L** (a), the TGA diagrams of **1-D** (b) and the TGA diagrams of **1-L** soaked in acetone (c).

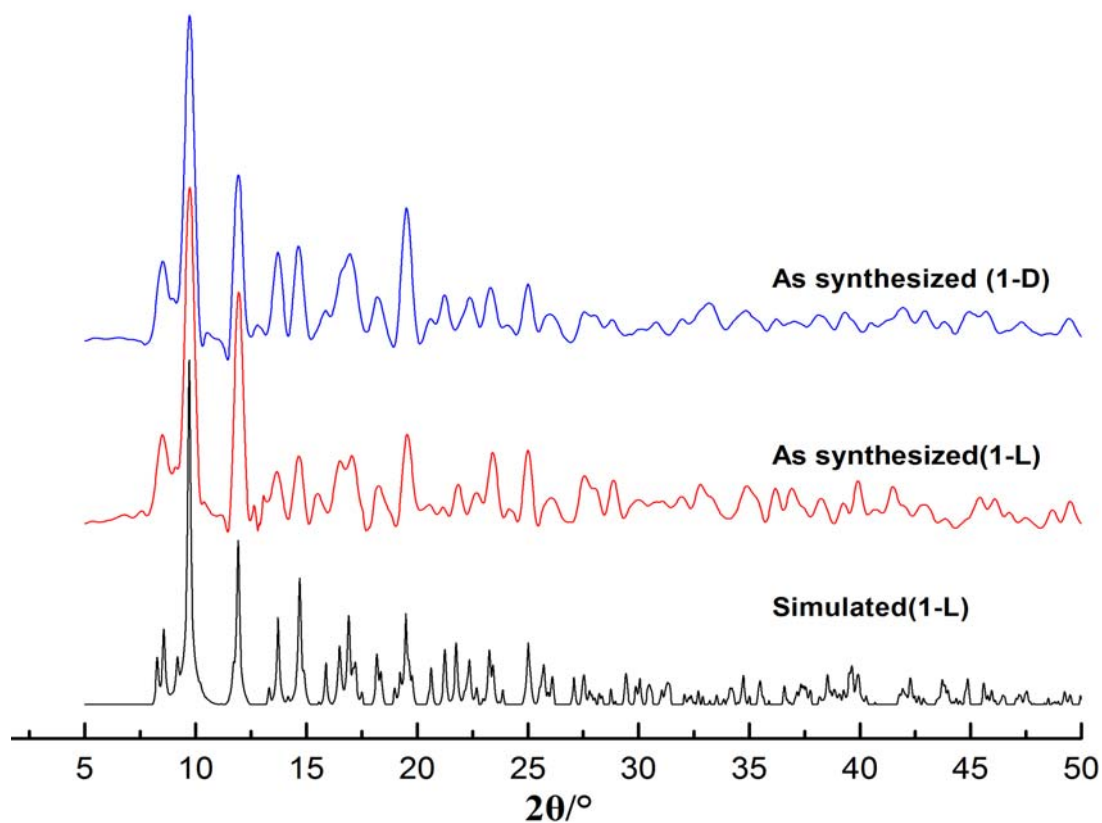


Figure S2. XRPD patterns of **1-D** and **1-L**.

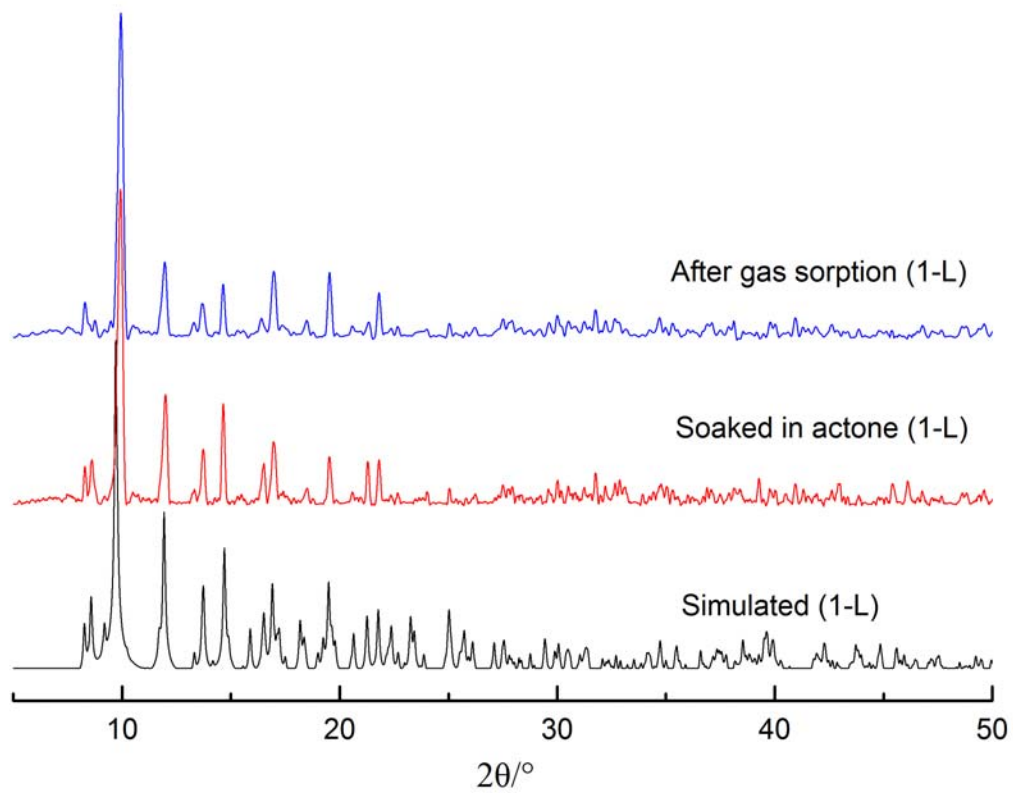


Figure S3. XRPD patterns of **1-L**.