

## Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)

# **Intermediate snapshots of a 116-nuclear metallo-supramolecular cage-of-cage in a homogeneous single-crystal-to-single-crystal transformation**

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## Materials

### Preparation of $[\text{Cd}_4\text{Na}_4\{\text{Au}_6\text{Cd}_3(\text{tdme})_2(\text{D-pen})_6\}_{12}(\text{NO}_3)_{12}] (\mathbf{1}_{\text{CdNa}})$ .

To a white suspension containing  $[\text{Au}_3(\text{tdme})(\text{D-Hpen})_3] \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (250 mg, 0.145 mmol) in 25 mL of ethanol was added 0.1 M aqueous NaOH (4.3 mL, 0.43 mmol) and 0.1 M aqueous  $\text{Cd}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  (4.3 mL, 0.43 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 6 h to afford a smoky solution. After 4 days, colourless cubic crystals ( $\mathbf{1}_{\text{CdNa}}$ ) were collected by filtration. Yield: 142.1 mg (56.8%). Found: C, 32.17; H, 4.10; N, 2.43%. Anal. Calcd for  $[\text{Cd}_4\text{Na}_4\{\text{Au}_6\text{Cd}_3(\text{tdme})_2(\text{D-pen})_6\}_{12}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{16}](\text{NO}_3)_{12} \cdot 262\text{H}_2\text{O} = \text{C}_{1344}\text{H}_{2140}\text{Au}_{72}\text{Cd}_{40}\text{N}_{84}\text{Na}_4\text{O}_{458}\text{P}_{72}\text{S}_{72}$ : C, 32.21; H, 4.30; N, 2.35%. IR spectrum ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , KBr disk): 1436 ( $\nu_{\text{Ph}}$ ), 745 ( $\nu_{\text{Ph}}$ ), 1100 ( $\nu_{\text{P-Ph}}$ ), 1585 ( $\nu_{\text{COO}}$ ), 1386 ( $\nu_{\text{NO}_3}$ ).

### Preparation of $[\text{Co}_8\{\text{Au}_6\text{Co}_3(\text{tdme})_2(\text{D-pen})_6\}_{12}(\text{NO}_3)_{16}] (\mathbf{1}_{\text{Co}})$ .

Single crystals of  $\mathbf{1}_{\text{CdNa}}$  (425 mg, 8.5  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) were soaked in 1 M aqueous  $\text{Co}^{\text{II}}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  (3 mL, 3 mmol). After the mixture was allowed to stand at room temperature for 6 days, the colour of the crystals changed from colourless to blue ( $\mathbf{1}_{\text{Co}}$ ), and the crystal shape was retained. Yield: 83.8 mg (19.7%). Found: C, 31.42; H, 3.90; N, 3.14%. Anal. Calcd for  $[\text{Co}_8\{\text{Au}_6\text{Co}_3(\text{tdme})_2(\text{D-pen})_6\}_{12}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{16}](\text{NO}_3)_{16} \cdot 18\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 244\text{H}_2\text{O} = \text{C}_{1344}\text{H}_{2104}\text{Au}_{72}\text{Co}_{62}\text{N}_{124}\text{O}_{560}\text{P}_{72}\text{S}_{72}$ : C, 31.45; H, 4.13; N, 3.38%. IR spectrum ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , KBr disk): 1433 ( $\nu_{\text{Ph}}$ ), 743 ( $\nu_{\text{Ph}}$ ), 1100 ( $\nu_{\text{P-Ph}}$ ), 1577 ( $\nu_{\text{COO}}$ ), 1382 ( $\nu_{\text{NO}_3}$ ).

### Elemental analysis for $\mathbf{1}^{\text{h}}$ , $\mathbf{1}^{\text{h}}$ , $\mathbf{1}^{\text{d}}$ , $\mathbf{1}^{\text{d}}$ , and $\mathbf{1}^{\text{d}}$

$\mathbf{1}^{\text{h}}$ : Found: C, 30.99; H, 3.99; N, 2.97%. Anal. Calcd for  $[\text{Cd}_4\text{Co}_4\{\text{Au}_6\text{Cd}_{2.97}\text{Co}_{0.03}(\text{tdme})_2(\text{D-pen})_6\}_{12}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{16}](\text{NO}_3)_{16} \cdot 18\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 193\text{H}_2\text{O} = \text{C}_{1344}\text{H}_{2002}\text{Au}_{72}\text{Cd}_{39.64}\text{Co}_{22.36}\text{N}_{124}\text{O}_{509}\text{P}_{72}\text{S}_{72}$ : C, 30.73; H, 3.84; N, 3.31%.

$\mathbf{1}^{\text{h}}$ : Found: C, 31.02; H, 3.80; N, 3.36%. Anal. Calcd for  $[\text{Cd}_{2.92}\text{Co}_{5.08}\{\text{Au}_6\text{Cd}_{2.19}\text{Co}_{0.81}(\text{tdme})_2(\text{D-pen})_6\}_{12}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{16}](\text{NO}_3)_{16} \cdot 18\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 196\text{H}_2\text{O} = \text{C}_{1344}\text{H}_{2008}\text{Au}_{72}\text{Cd}_{29.2}\text{Co}_{32.8}\text{N}_{124}\text{O}_{512}\text{P}_{72}\text{S}_{72}$ : C, 31.03; H, 3.89; N, 3.34%.

$\mathbf{1}^{\text{d}}$ : Found: C, 31.12; H, 3.95; N, 3.41%. Anal. Calcd for  $[\text{Cd}_{2.66}\text{Co}_{5.34}\{\text{Au}_6\text{Cd}_{1.46}\text{Co}_{1.54}(\text{tdme})_2(\text{D-pen})_6\}_{12}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{16}](\text{NO}_3)_{16} \cdot 18\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 204\text{H}_2\text{O} = \text{C}_{1344}\text{H}_{2024}\text{Au}_{72}\text{Cd}_{20.18}\text{Co}_{41.82}\text{N}_{124}\text{O}_{520}\text{P}_{72}\text{S}_{72}$ : C, 31.23; H, 3.95; N, 3.36%.

$\mathbf{1}^{\text{d}}$ : Found: C, 31.72; H, 4.00; N, 3.26%. Anal. Calcd for  $[\text{Cd}_{1.53}\text{Co}_{6.47}\{\text{Au}_6\text{Cd}_{0.59}\text{Co}_{2.41}(\text{tdme})_2(\text{D-pen})_6\}_{12}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{16}](\text{NO}_3)_{16} \cdot 18\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 181\text{H}_2\text{O} = \text{C}_{1344}\text{H}_{1978}\text{Au}_{72}\text{Cd}_{8.61}\text{Co}_{53.36}\text{N}_{124}\text{O}_{497}\text{P}_{72}\text{S}_{72}$ : C, 31.87; H, 3.94; N, 3.43%.

**1<sup>4d</sup>**: Found: C, 30.97; H, 3.84; N, 3.37%. Anal. Calcd for  $[\text{Co}_8\{\text{Au}_6\text{Cd}_{0.05}\text{Co}_{2.95}(\text{tdme})_2(\text{D-pen})_6\}_{12}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{16}](\text{NO}_3)_{16}\cdot 18\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2\cdot 264\text{H}_2\text{O} = \text{C}_{1344}\text{H}_{2144}\text{Au}_{72}\text{Cd}_{0.6}\text{Co}_{61.4}\text{N}_{124}\text{O}_{580}\text{P}_{72}\text{S}_{72}$ : C, 31.21; H, 4.18; N, 3.36%.

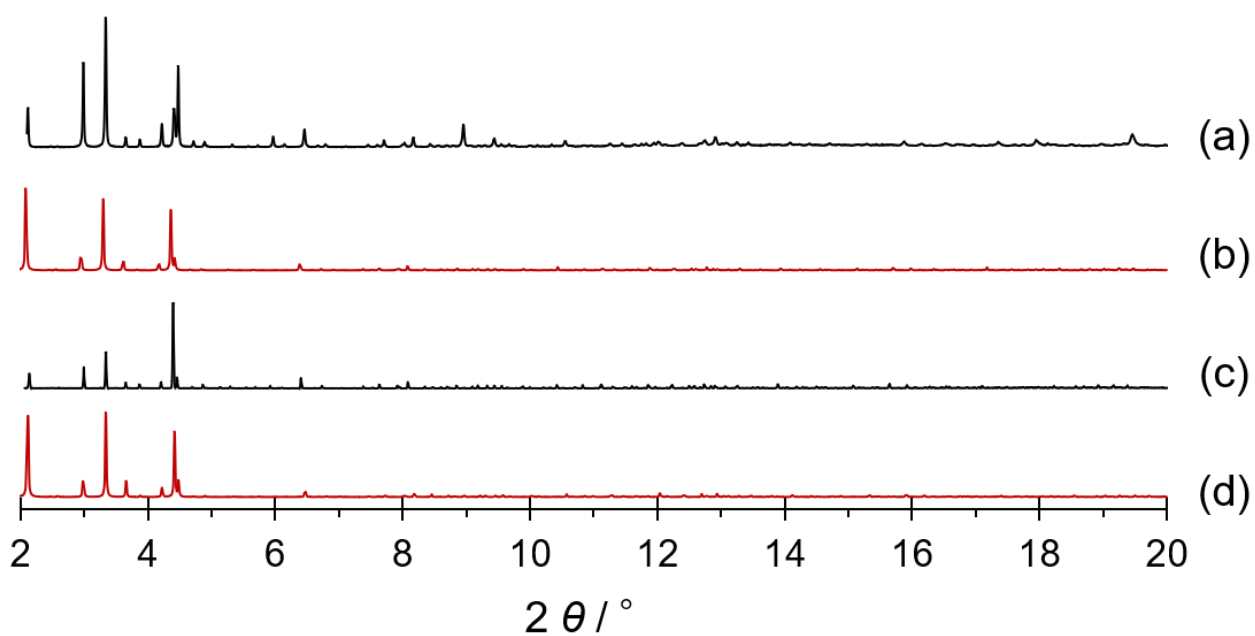
### Physical measurements

The IR spectra in the range of 4000–400  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  were measured on a JASCO FT/IR-4100 spectrometer by using KBr pellets. Elemental analyses (C, H, N) were performed at Osaka University using YANACO MT-5 or MT-6. X-ray fluorescence spectrometry was performed on a SHIMADZU EXD-7000 spectrometer. Diffuse reflectance spectra in the range of 900–300 nm were measured on a JASCO V-670 spectrophotometer. CD spectra in the range of 900–300 nm were measured on a JASCO J-820 spectropolarimeter. Powder X-ray diffraction patterns were recorded under a controlled temperature in transmission mode [synchrotron radiation  $\lambda=1.0$  Å;  $2\theta$  range=2–78°; step width=0.018; data collection time=1 min] on a diffractometer equipped with a MYTHEN microstrip X-ray detector (Dectris Ltd.) at the SPring-8 BL02B2 beamline. To prevent the loss of crystallinity, microcrystals of each compound were loaded into a glass capillary tube (diameter=0.3 mm), together with the mother liquor.

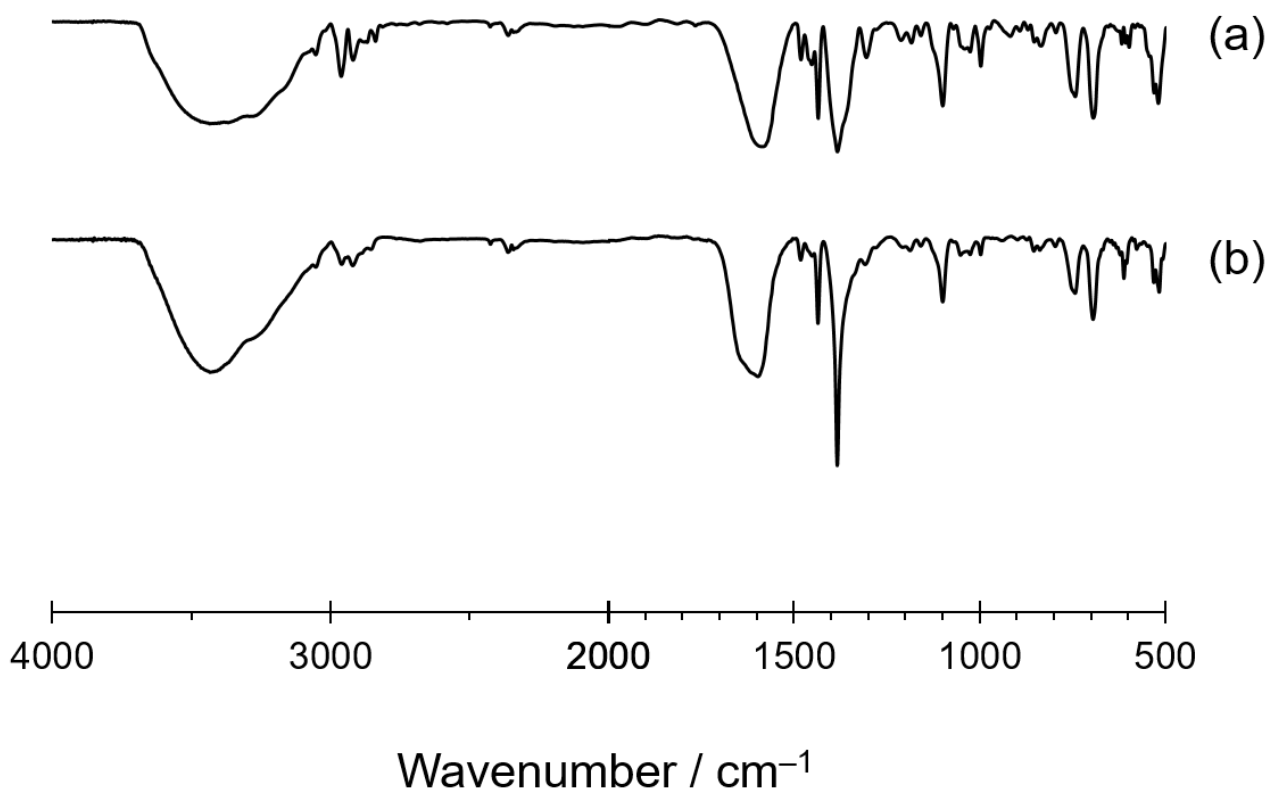
### Single-crystal X-ray analysis

The diffraction data for **1<sub>CdNa</sub>**, **1<sub>Co</sub>**, **1<sup>1h</sup>**, **1<sup>6h</sup>**, **1<sup>1d</sup>**, **1<sup>2d</sup>** and **1<sup>4d</sup>** were recorded at 100 K with a Rayonix MX225HS CCD area detector with synchrotron radiation ( $\lambda = 0.6500$  Å) at the 2D beamline at the Pohang Accelerator Laboratory. The intensity data were processed using the HKL3000 program and collected by using the  $\omega$ -scan technique. The empirical absorption correction was performed using HKL3000. The diffraction data for **1<sub>CdZn</sub>** and **1<sub>CdMn</sub>** were recorded at 100 K with Hybrid Pixel Array Detector. The intensity data were processed using the CrysAlisPro (1.171.40.75a) program and collected by using the  $\omega$ -scan technique. The Numerical absorption correction was performed using CrysAlisPro (1.171.40.75a). The structures were solved by direct methods using SHELXS-2014. Structure refinements were carried out using full-matrix least-squares (SHELXL-2018/3). ISOR, DELU and SIMU restraints were applied for coordinated water molecules. Global SIMU were applied. All nonhydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Considering the elemental and X-ray fluorescence analytical results, the porous spaces in **1<sub>CdNa</sub>** are considered to contain a large number of water molecules of crystallization, while those in **1<sup>1h</sup>**, **1<sup>6h</sup>**, **1<sup>1d</sup>**, **1<sup>2d</sup>** and **1<sup>4d</sup>** contain not only water molecules but also aqua  $\text{Co}^{\text{II}}$  species and nitrate anions, although they were not found in the X-ray structures. The contributions of aqueous  $\text{Co}^{\text{II}}$  species,  $\text{NO}_3^-$  ions, and solvated water molecules were excluded using the SQUEEZE program in the PLATON package (ver. 20221). Some diffractions were

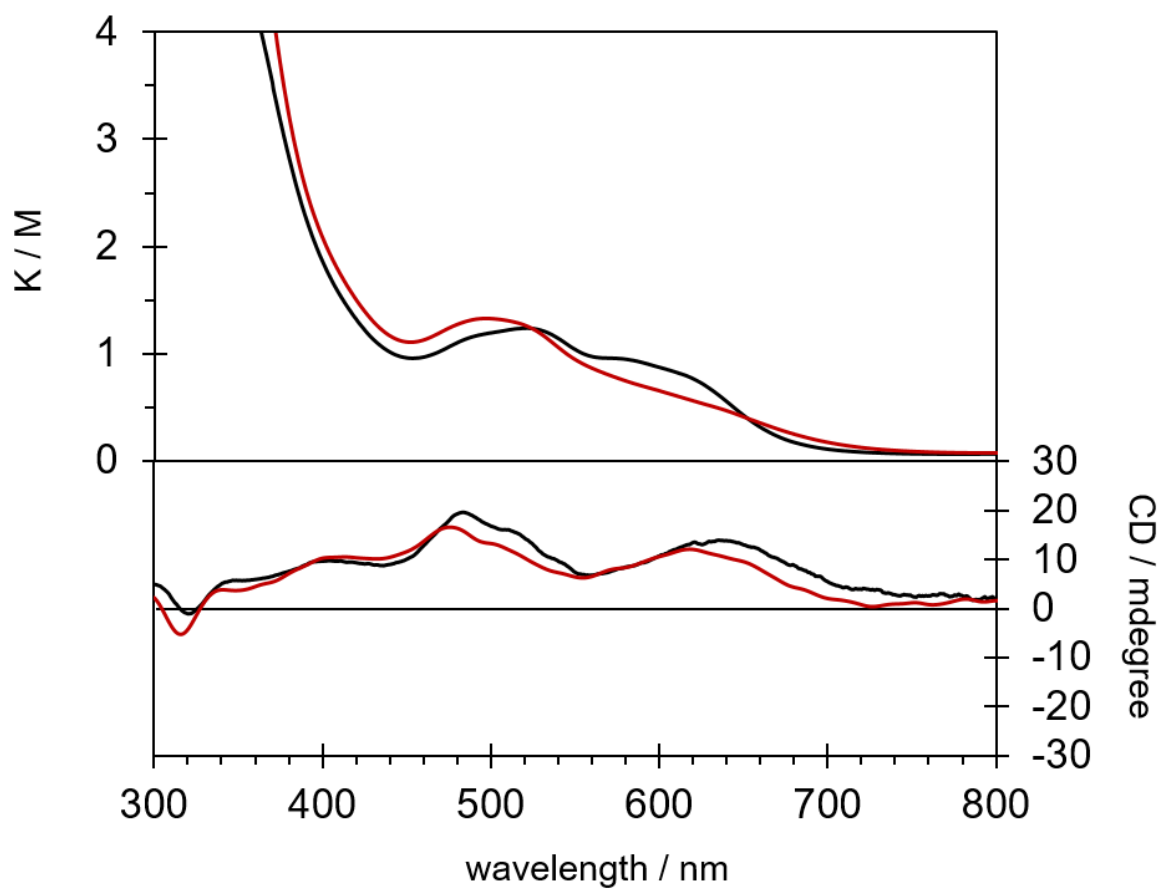
omitted to improve the data quality. For **1<sup>1h</sup>**, **1<sup>6h</sup>**, **1<sup>1d</sup>**, **1<sup>2d</sup>**, and **1<sup>4d</sup>**, each metal centre at M<sub>1</sub>, M<sub>2</sub>, M<sub>3</sub>, M<sub>4</sub>, and M<sub>5</sub> was refined as two positionally disordered metal ions (Na<sup>I</sup>/Co<sup>II</sup> or Cd<sup>II</sup>/Co<sup>II</sup>) with variable site occupancies. EADP and EXYZ constraints were applied for these positionally disordered two metal centres.



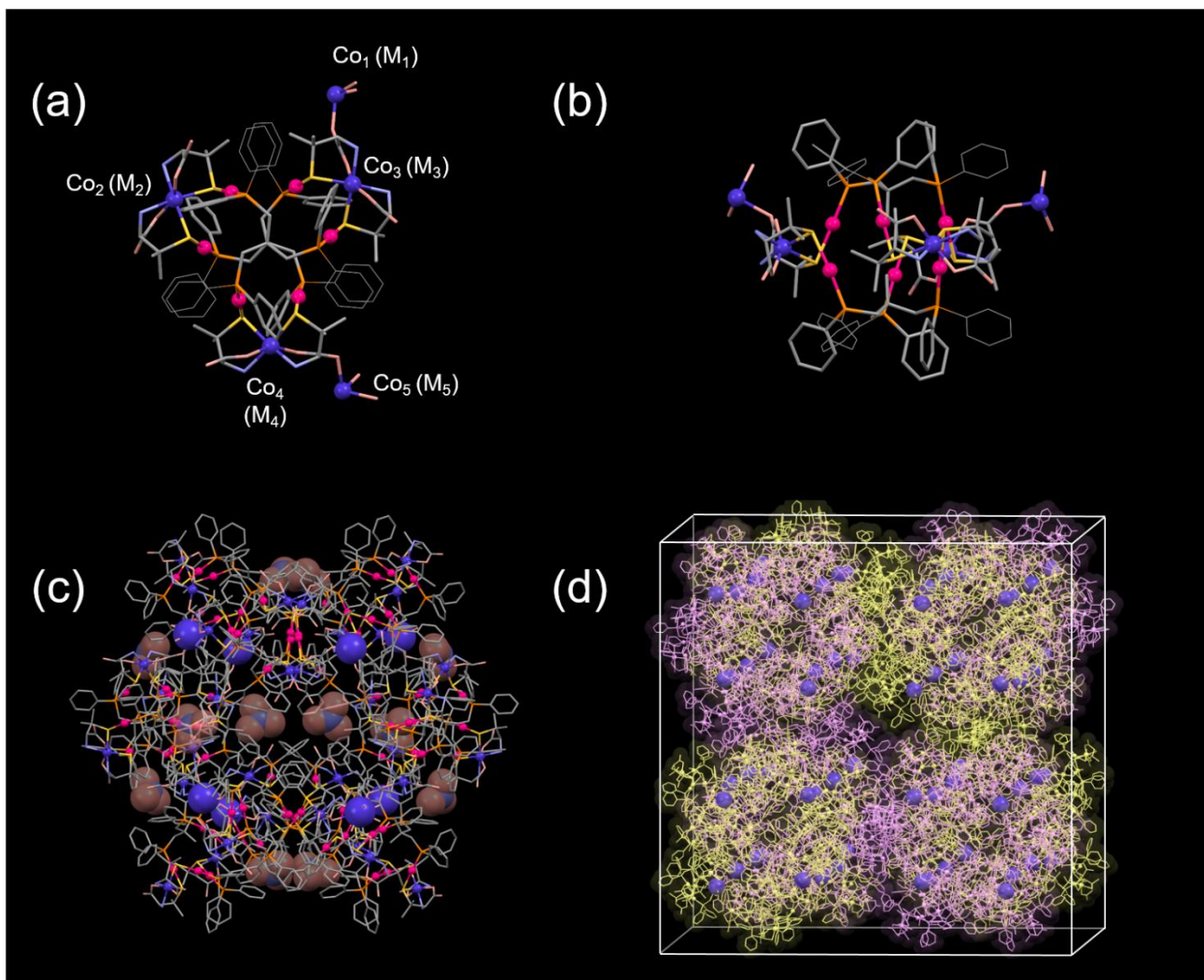
**Fig. S1.** The PXRDs that were measured in capillaries containing the mother liquor ( $\lambda = 1.000 \text{ \AA}$ ) (a)  $\mathbf{1}_{\text{CdNa}}$  and (c)  $\mathbf{1}_{\text{Co}}$ . The PXRDs that were simulated from single-crystal X-ray data collected at 100 K ( $\lambda = 1.000 \text{ \AA}$ ) (b)  $\mathbf{1}_{\text{CdNa}}$  and (d)  $\mathbf{1}_{\text{Co}}$ .



**Fig. S2.** IR spectra (KBr disk) of (a) **1<sub>CdNa</sub>** and (b) **1<sub>Co</sub>**.

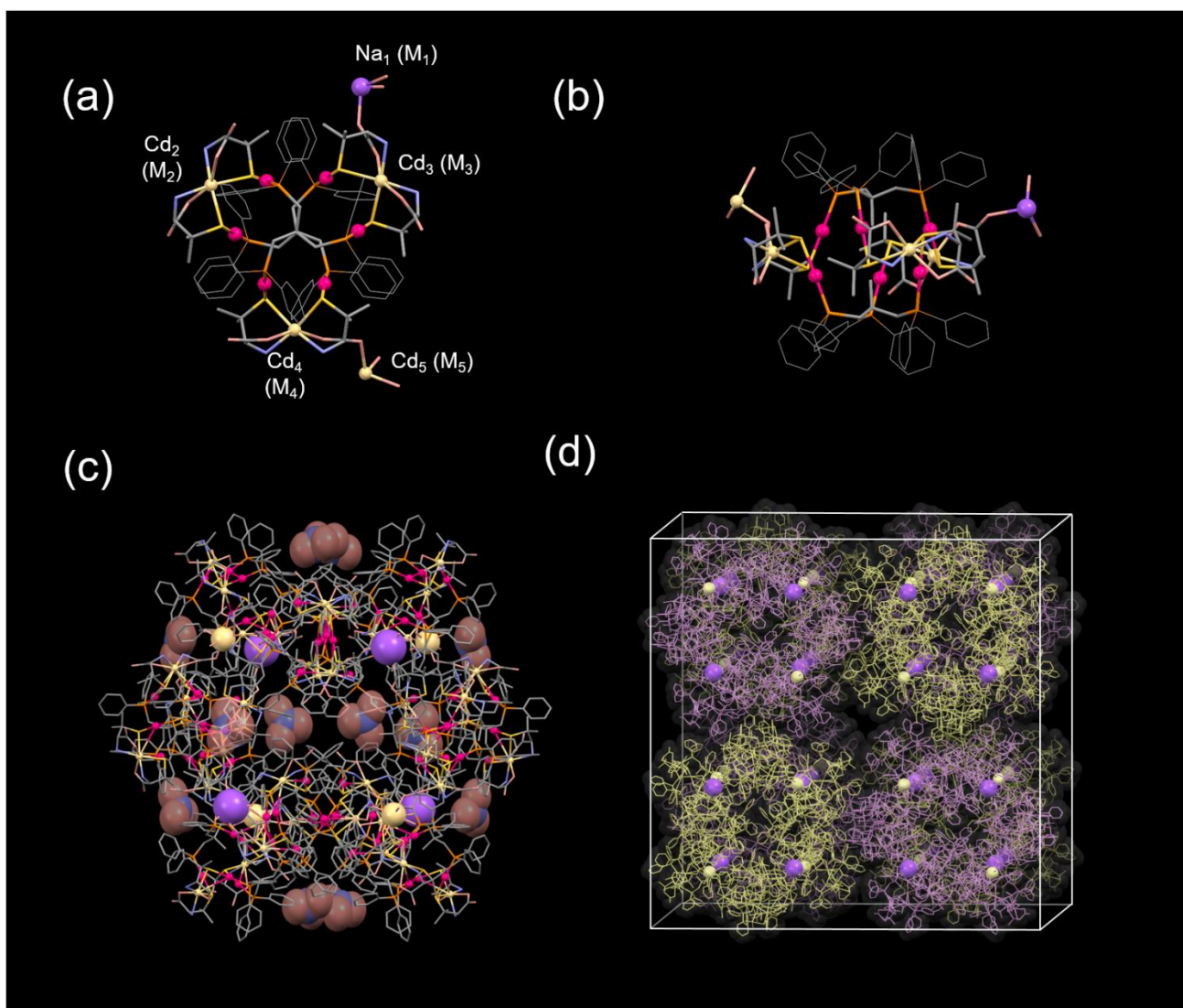


**Fig. S3.** Diffuse reflectance (top) and CD (bottom) spectra of **1Co** (black) and  $[\text{Co}^{\text{II}}_3(\text{L}^{\text{Au}^3})_2]$  (red) in the solid state.

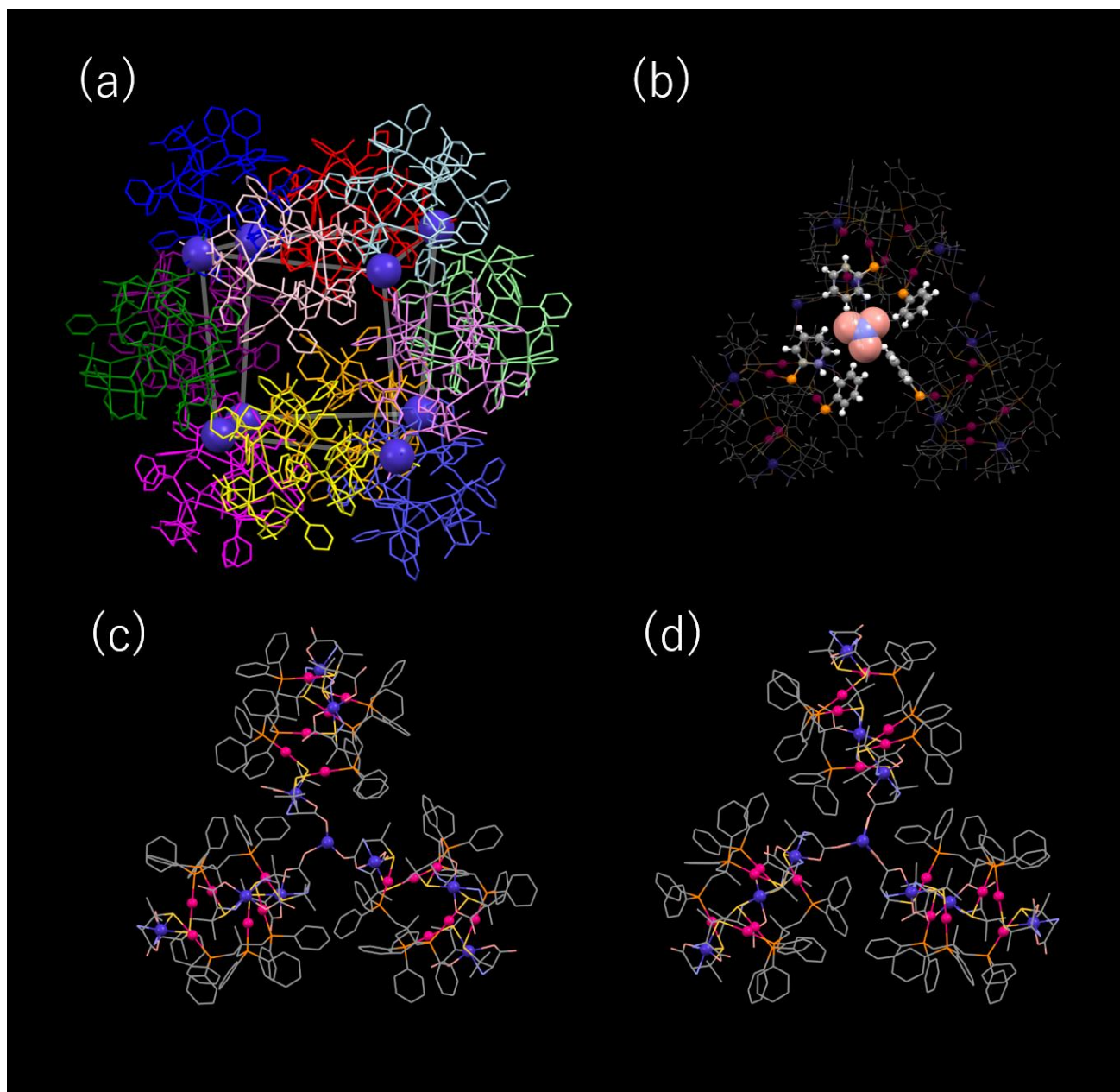


**Fig. S4.** Expanded illustration of Fig. 1. Crystal structures of **1Co**. Top (a) and side (b) views of the  $[\text{Co}^{\text{III}}(\text{L}^{\text{Au}^3})_2]$  molecule with linking  $\text{Co}^{\text{II}}$  atoms. (c) The entire  $\text{Au}^{\text{I}}_{72}\text{Co}^{\text{II}}_{44}$  cage-of-cage with  $\text{NO}_3^-$  anions. (d) The packing of the cage-of-cage molecules (cream and pink). Colour codes: red, Au; violet, Co; orange, P; yellow, S; pink, O; pale blue, N; grey, C.

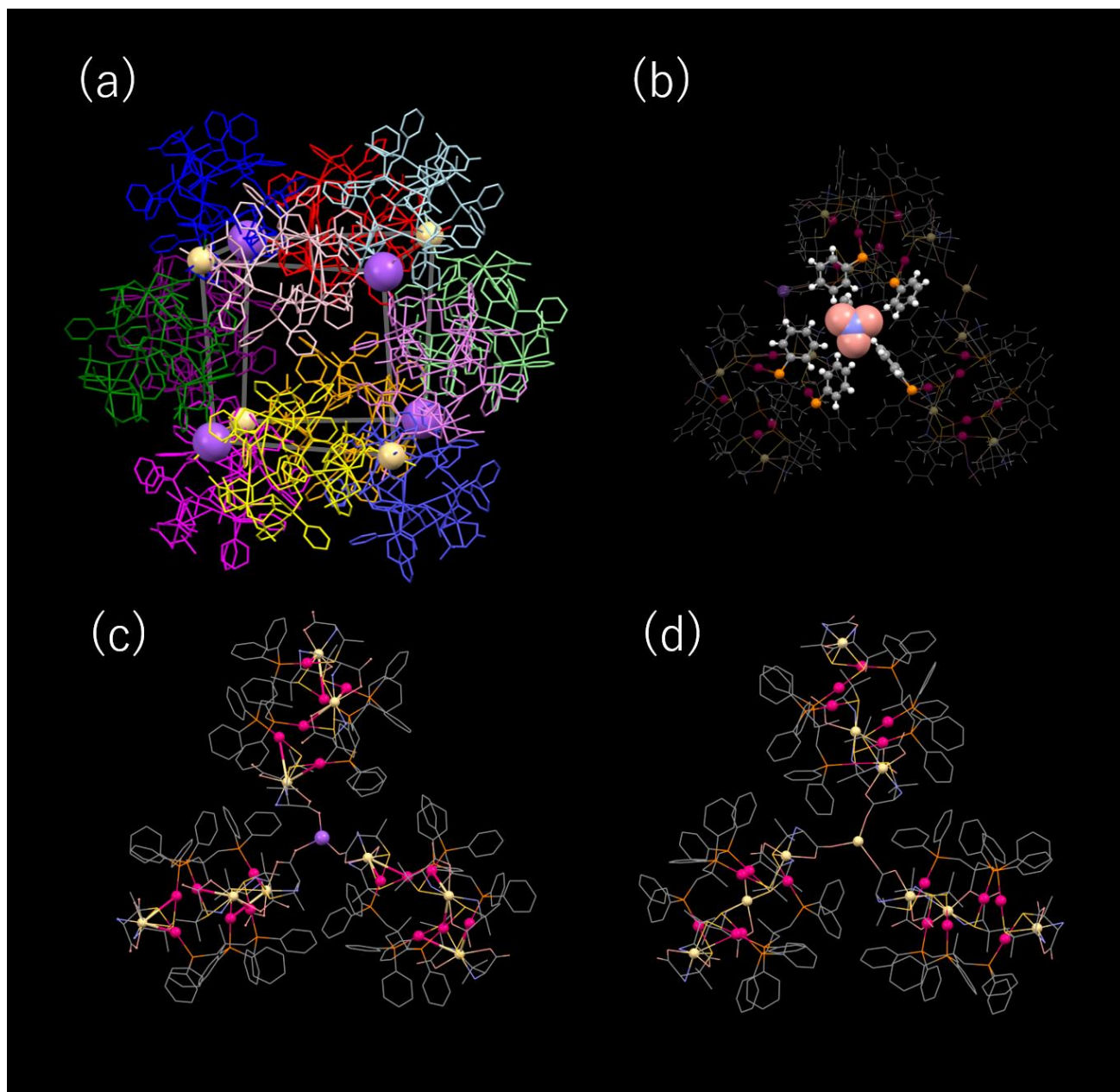




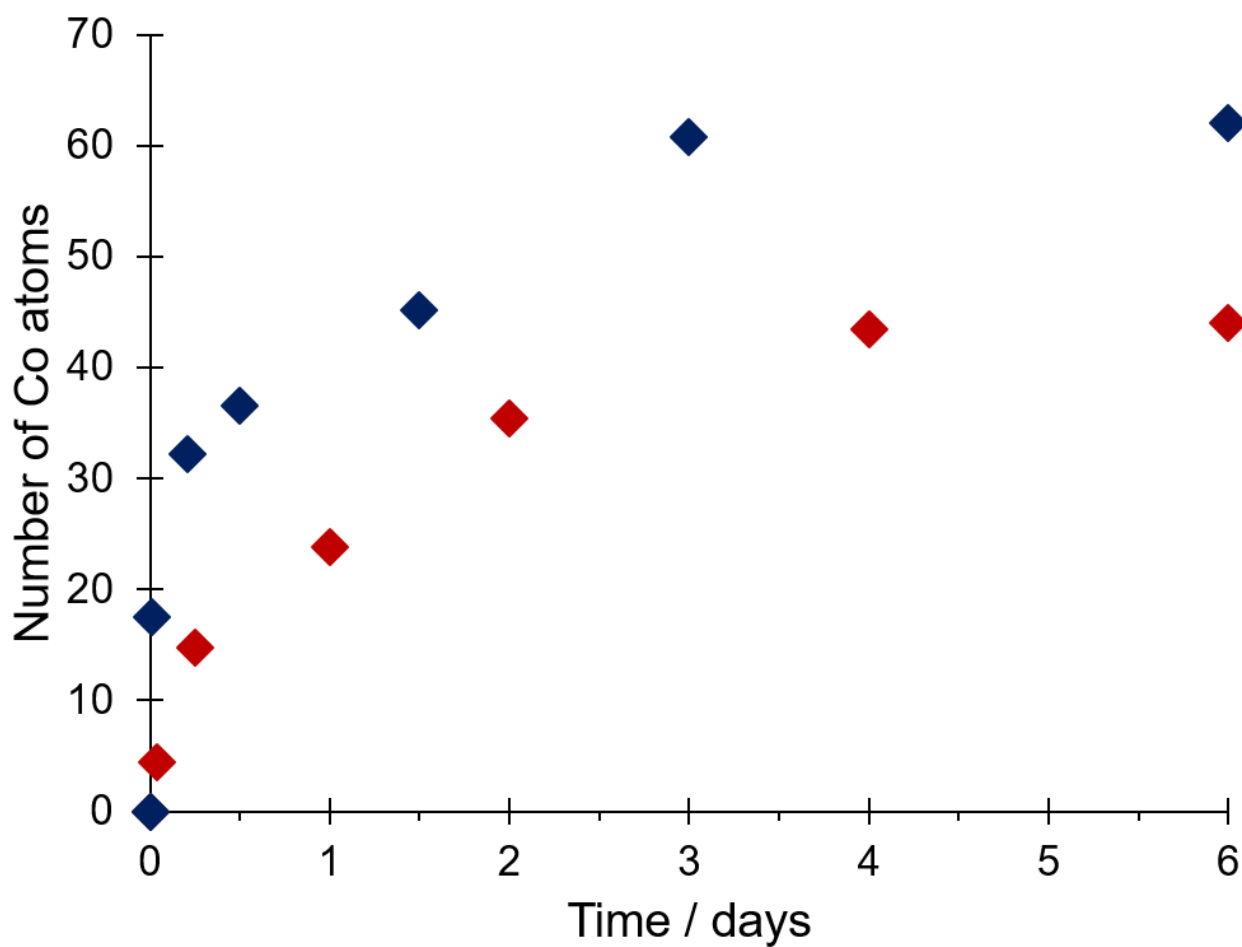
**Fig. S5.** Crystal structures of  $1_{\text{CdNa}}$ . (a) Top and (b) side views of the  $[\text{Cd}^{\text{II}}_3(\text{L}^{\text{Au}^3})_2]$  molecule linking  $\text{Cd}^{\text{II}}$  and  $\text{Na}^{\text{I}}$  atoms. (c) The entire  $\text{Au}^{\text{I}}_{72}\text{Cd}^{\text{II}}_{40}\text{Na}^{\text{I}}_4$  cage-of-cage molecule with  $\text{NO}_3^-$  anions. (d) The packing of the cage-of-cage molecules (cream and pink). Colour codes: red, Au; cream, Cd; purple, Na; orange, P; yellow, S; pink, O; pale blue, N; grey, C.



**Fig. S6.** (a) A perspective view of a  $\text{Au}^{\text{I}}_{72}\text{Co}^{\text{II}}_{44}$  cage-of-cage cation in **1Co**. (b) A nitrate anion attached to the surface via  $\text{CH}\cdots\text{O}$  interactions. (c) A  $\text{Co}^{\text{II}}$  centre (M1 site) linking three  $[\text{Co}_3(\text{L}^{\text{Au}^3})_2]$  molecules. (d) A  $\text{Co}^{\text{II}}$  centre (M5 site) linking three  $[\text{Co}_3(\text{L}^{\text{Au}^3})_2]$  molecules. Colour codes: red, Au; violet, Co; orange, P; yellow, S; pink, O; pale blue, N; grey, C.



**Fig. S7.** (a) A perspective view of a  $\text{Au}^{\text{I}}_{72}\text{Cd}^{\text{II}}_{40}\text{Na}^{\text{I}}_4$  cage-of-cage cation in  $\mathbf{1}_{\text{CdNa}}$ . (b) A nitrate anion attached to the surface via  $\text{CH}\cdots\text{O}$  interactions. (c) A  $\text{Na}^{\text{I}}$  centre (M1 site) linking three  $[\text{Cd}_3(\text{L}^{\text{Au}^3})_2]$  molecules. (d) A  $\text{Cd}^{\text{II}}$  centre (M5 site) linking three  $[\text{Cd}_3(\text{L}^{\text{Au}^3})_2]$  molecules. Colour codes: red, Au; cream, Cd; purple, Na; orange, P; yellow, S; pink, O; pale blue, N; grey, C.



**Fig. S8.** Time-dependent changes in the numbers of  $\text{Co}^{\text{II}}$  atoms per cage-of-cage molecule determined by X-ray fluorescence analysis (blue) and single-crystal X-ray diffraction analysis (red). The difference in the numbers of  $\text{Co}^{\text{II}}$  atoms between these methods corresponds to aqua  $\text{Co}^{\text{II}}$  species existing in the crystal interstices, which could not be located in the X-ray structure.

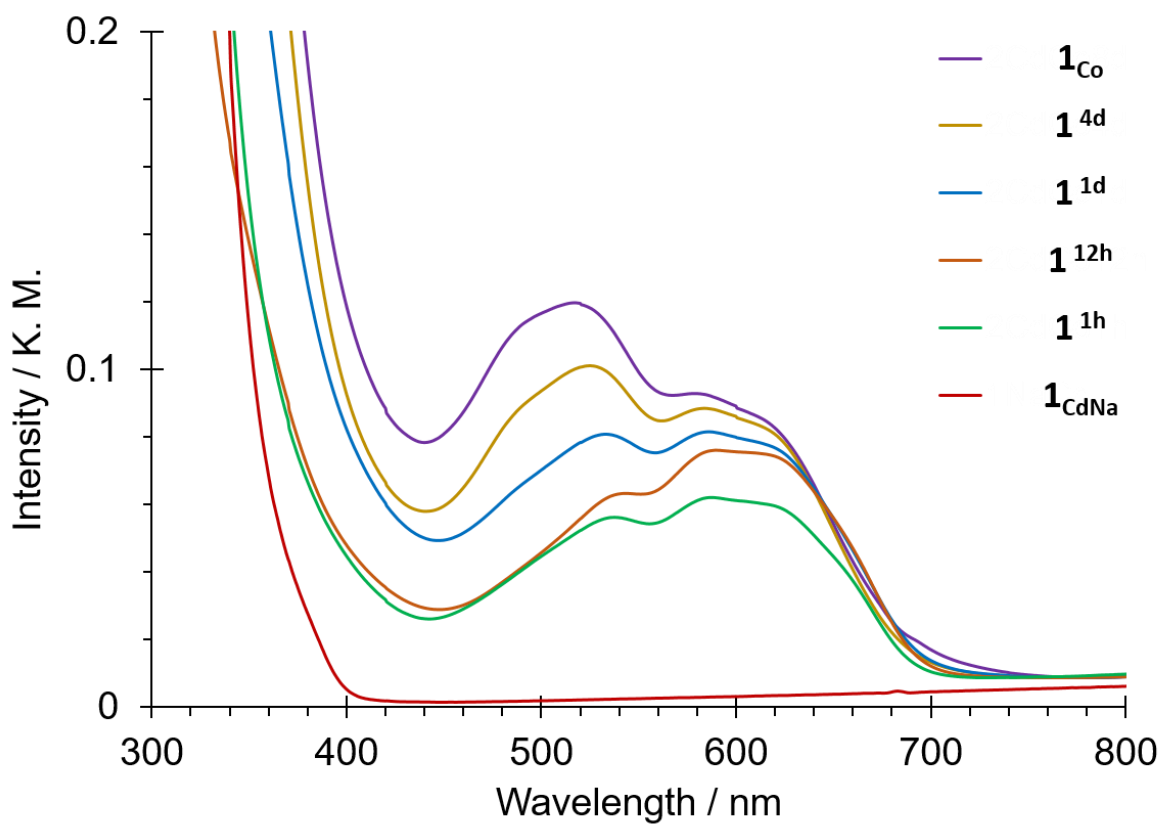
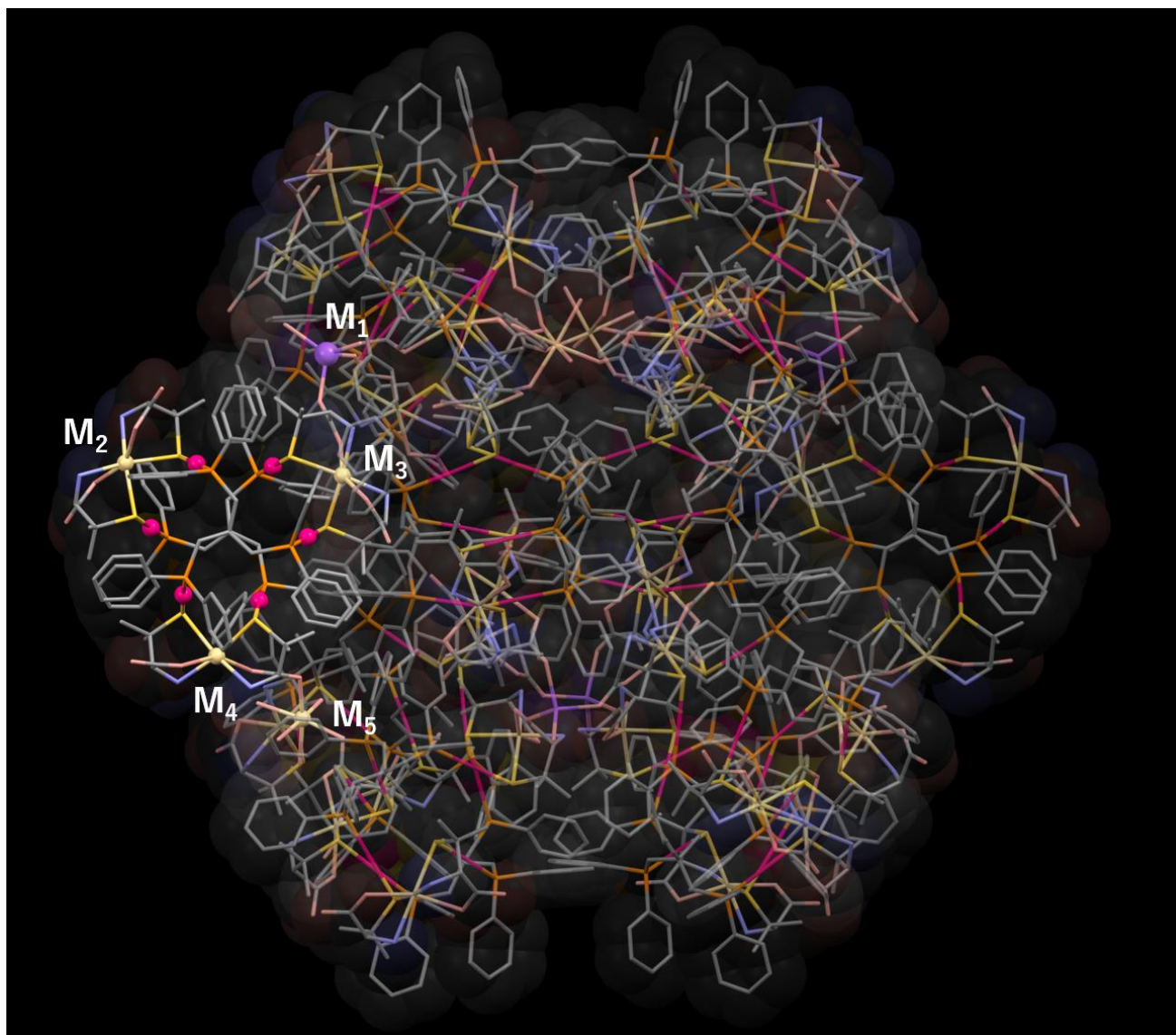
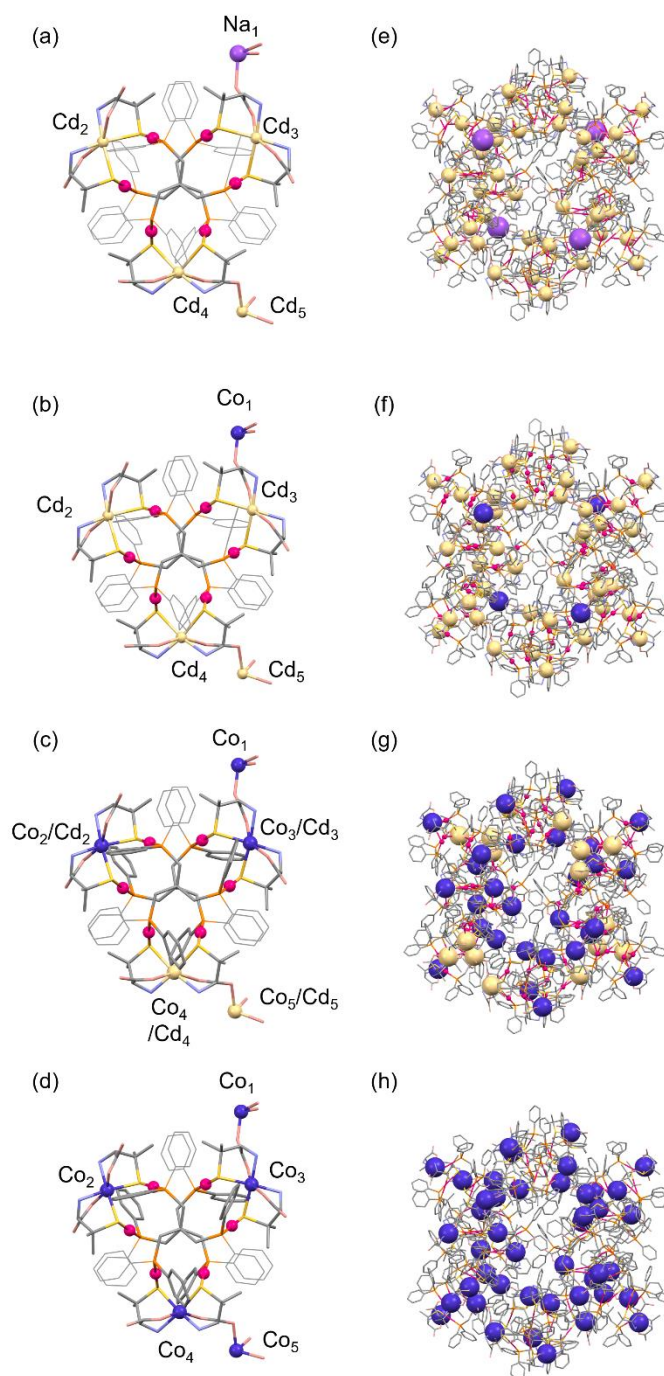


Fig. S9. Diffuse reflection spectra of 1<sub>CdNa</sub>, 1<sub>1h</sub>, 1<sub>12h</sub>, 1<sub>1d</sub>, 1<sub>4d</sub>, and 1<sub>Co</sub>.

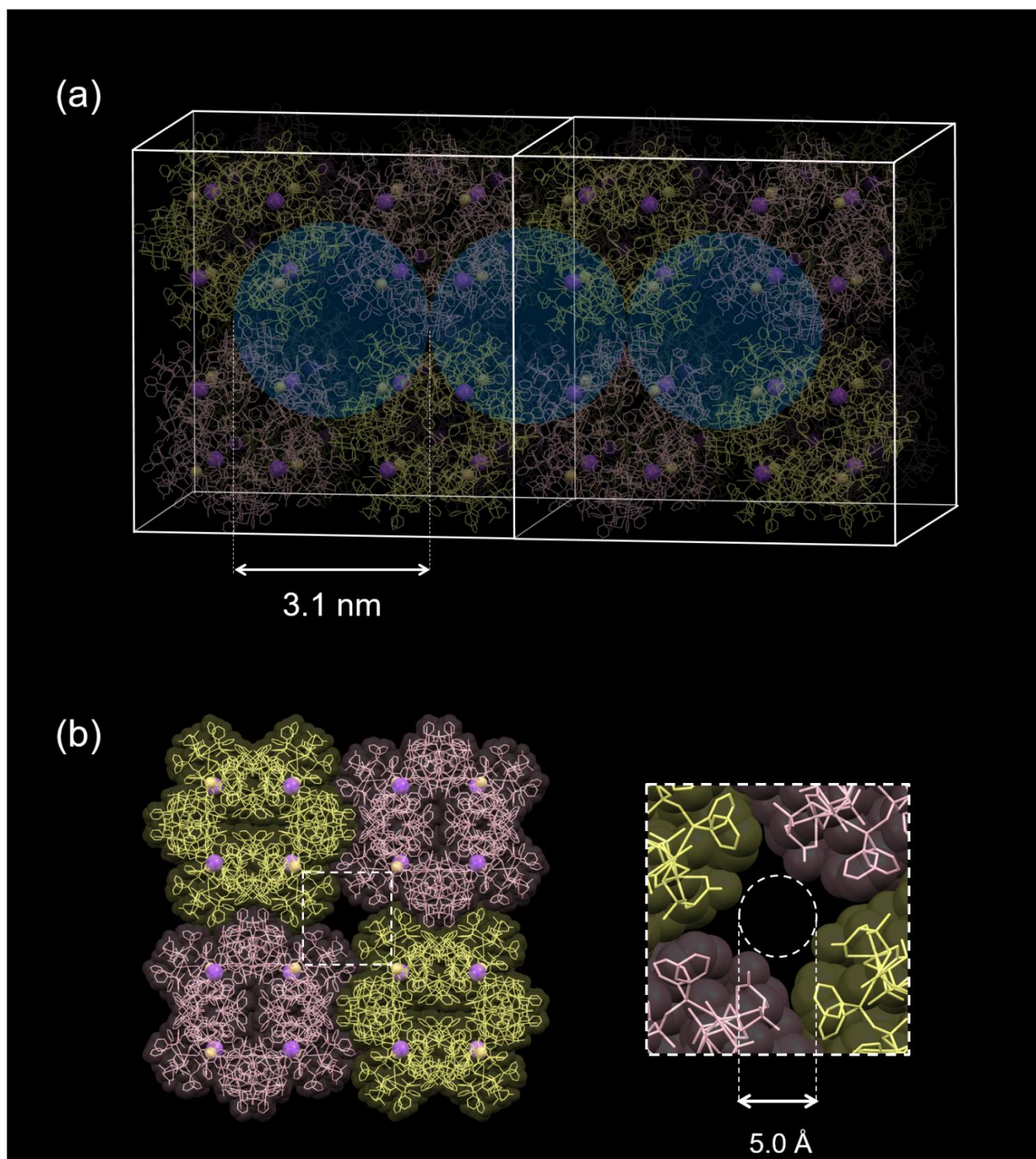




**Fig. S10.** The entire  $\text{Au}^{\text{I}}_{72}\text{Cd}^{\text{II}}_{40}\text{Na}^{\text{I}}_4$  cage-of-cage molecule. Colour codes: red, Au; cream, Cd; purple, Na; orange, P; yellow, S; pink, O; pale blue, N; grey, C.

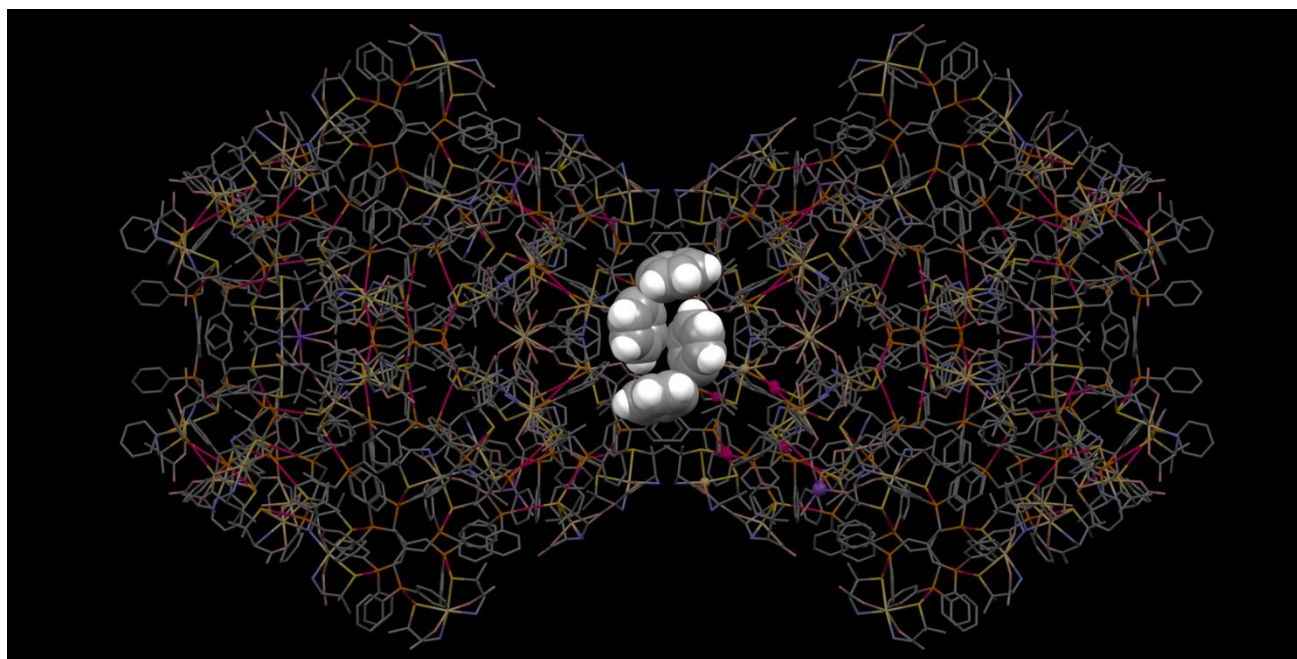


**Fig. S11.** Expanded illustration of Fig. 4. Crystal structures of (a-d) the asymmetric units and (e-h) the cage-of-cage molecules in  $1_{\text{NaCd}}$ ,  $1^{1h}$ ,  $1^{1d}$ , and  $1_{\text{Co}}$ . (a)  $1_{\text{NaCd}}$ . (b)  $1^{1h}$ :  $\text{Cd}^{\text{II}}$  and  $\text{Co}^{\text{II}}$  atoms are disordered at the  $M_2$  metal centre with site occupancies of 0.97 and 0.03, respectively. (c)  $1^{1d}$ :  $\text{Co}^{\text{II}}$  and  $\text{Cd}^{\text{II}}$  atoms are disordered at  $M_2$ ,  $M_3$ ,  $M_4$ , and  $M_5$  metal centres with site occupancies of 0.71/0.29 for  $M_2$ , 0.57/0.43 for  $M_3$ , 0.25/0.75 for  $M_4$ , and 0.33/0.67 for  $M_5$ , respectively. (d)  $1_{\text{Co}}$ . Colour codes: red, Au; cream, Cd; purple, Na; violet, Co; orange, P; yellow, S; pink, O; pale blue, N; grey, C.

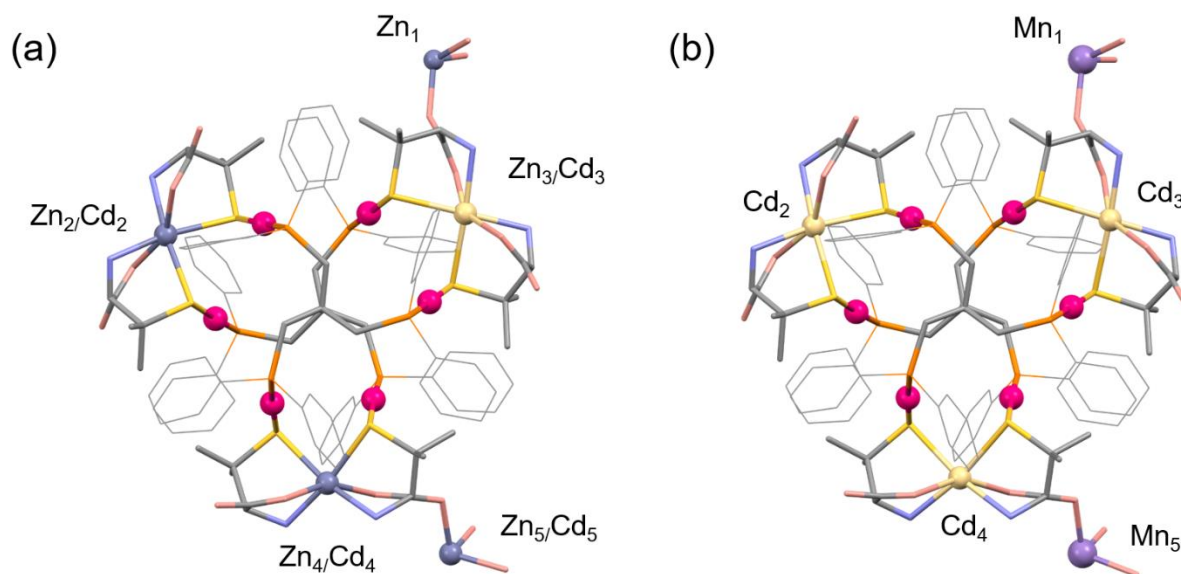


**Fig. S12.** Crystal structures of  $1_{CdNa}$ . Perspective views that show (a) the large interstices (diameters of  $\sim 3.1$  nm) and (b) the pore window with the shortest diameter of 5.0 Å.





**Fig. S13.** A perspective view that shows the contact between the two cage-of-cage molecules through CH--- $\pi$  and  $\pi$ --- $\pi$  interactions. Colour codes: red, Au; cream, Cd; purple, Na; orange, P; yellow, S; pink, O; pale blue, N; grey, C.



**Fig. S14.** Crystal structures of the asymmetric units of **1<sub>CdZn</sub>** and **1<sub>CdMn</sub>**, which were obtained by soaking crystals of **1<sub>CdNa</sub>** in 1M aqueous  $\text{Zn}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  and  $\text{Mn}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ , respectively, for 2 weeks. (a) **1<sub>CdZn</sub>**:  $\text{Zn}^{\text{II}}$  and  $\text{Cd}^{\text{II}}$  atoms were disordered at  $M_2$ ,  $M_3$ ,  $M_4$  and  $M_5$  metal centres with site occupancies of  $\text{Zn}/\text{Cd} = 0.68/0.32$ ,  $0.33/0.67$ ,  $0.59/0.41$  and  $0.83/0.17$  for  $M_2$ ,  $M_3$ ,  $M_4$  and  $M_5$ , respectively, while  $M_1$  site was refined as a Zn atom. Crystallographic data, Cubic  $F432$ ,  $a = b = c = 77.1192(5)$  Å,  $V = 458,656(9)$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $R_1 (I > 2\sigma(I)) = 0.0640$ ,  $R_{w2} (\text{all data}) = 0.2074$  (CCDC 2080059). (b) **1<sub>CdMn</sub>**:  $M_1$  and  $M_5$  metal centres were refined as a Mn atom, while  $M_2$ ,  $M_3$  and  $M_4$  centres were refined as a Cd atom, indicative of the replacement of  $\text{Cd}^{\text{II}}$  in **1<sub>CdNa</sub>** by  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$  at only linking metal sites of  $M_1$  and  $M_5$ . Crystallographic data, Cubic  $F432$ ,  $a = b = c = 77.5594(4)$  Å,  $V = 466,556(7)$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $R_1 (I > 2\sigma(I)) = 0.0572$ ,  $R_{w2} (\text{all data}) = 0.1827$  (CCDC 2080060). Colour codes: red, Au; cream, Cd; pale purple, Zn; light purple, Mn; orange, P; yellow, S; pink, O; pale blue, N; grey, C.

**Table S1.** Crystallographic data for **1<sub>CdNa</sub>**, **1<sup>1h</sup>**, **1<sup>6h</sup>**, **1<sup>1d</sup>**, **1<sup>2d</sup>**, **1<sup>4d</sup>**, and **1<sub>Co</sub>**.

	<b>1<sub>CdNa</sub></b>	<b>1<sup>1h</sup></b>	<b>1<sup>6h</sup></b>	<b>1<sup>1d</sup></b>
CCDC No.	2054688	2054689	2056446	2054592
Formula	C <sub>1344</sub> H <sub>2140</sub> Au <sub>72</sub> Cd <sub>40</sub> N <sub>84</sub> Na <sub>4</sub> O <sub>458</sub> P <sub>72</sub> S <sub>72</sub>	C <sub>1344</sub> H <sub>2002</sub> Au <sub>72</sub> Cd <sub>39.64</sub> Co <sub>22.46</sub> N <sub>124</sub> O <sub>509</sub> P <sub>72</sub> S <sub>72</sub>	C <sub>1344</sub> H <sub>2008</sub> Au <sub>72</sub> Cd <sub>29.20</sub> Co <sub>32.80</sub> N <sub>124</sub> O <sub>512</sub> P <sub>72</sub> S <sub>72</sub>	C <sub>1344</sub> H <sub>2024</sub> Au <sub>72</sub> Cd <sub>20.18</sub> Co <sub>41.82</sub> N <sub>124</sub> O <sub>520</sub> P <sub>72</sub> S <sub>72</sub>
Colour, form	Colourless, cubic	Pale purple, block	Pale purple, block	Purple, cubic
Crystal size/ mm <sup>3</sup>	0.11×0.11×0.11	0.14×0.14×0.11	0.14×0.14×0.14	0.19×0.19×0.19
Wavelength/ Å	0.6500			
Crystal system	Cubic	Cubic	Cubic	Cubic
Space group	<i>F</i> 432	<i>F</i> 432	<i>F</i> 432	<i>F</i> 432
<i>a</i> = <i>b</i> = <i>c</i> / Å	77.714(9)	77.522(9)	77.518(9)	77.485(9)
$\alpha = \beta = \gamma / ^\circ$	90	90	90	90
<i>V</i> / Å <sup>3</sup>	469,342(159)	465,879(159)	465,809(159)	465,209(160)
<i>Z</i>	8	8	8	8
<i>T</i> / K	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)
Flack parameter	0.013(1)	0.006(1)	0.001(1)	0.001(1)
R <sub>1</sub> ( <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> ))	0.0403	0.0451	0.0470	0.0508
Rw <sub>2</sub> (all data)	0.1139	0.1477	0.1580	0.1875
GOF	1.054	1.038	1.064	1.023

**Table S1. (Continued)**

	<b>1<sup>2d</sup></b>	<b>1<sup>4d</sup></b>	<b>1<sup>Co</sup></b>
CCDC No.	2054593	2054594	2054595
Formula	C <sub>1344</sub> H <sub>1978</sub> Au <sub>72</sub> Cd <sub>8.61</sub> Co <sub>53.39</sub> N <sub>124</sub> O <sub>497</sub> P <sub>72</sub> S <sub>72</sub>	C <sub>1344</sub> H <sub>2144</sub> Au <sub>72</sub> Cd <sub>0.60</sub> Co <sub>61.40</sub> N <sub>124</sub> O <sub>580</sub> P <sub>72</sub> S <sub>72</sub>	C <sub>1344</sub> H <sub>2104</sub> Au <sub>72</sub> Co <sub>62</sub> N <sub>124</sub> O <sub>560</sub> P <sub>72</sub> S <sub>72</sub>
Colour, form	Purple, cubic	Purple, cubic	Purple, cubic
Crystal size/ mm <sup>3</sup>	0.12×0.12×0.12	0.10×0.10×0.10	0.09×0.08×0.06
Wavelength/ Å	0.6500		
Crystal system	Cubic	Cubic	Cubic
Space group	<i>F</i> 432	<i>F</i> 432	<i>F</i> 432
<i>a</i> = <i>b</i> = <i>c</i> / Å	77.370(9)	76.326(9)	76.541(9)
$\alpha = \beta = \gamma / ^\circ$	90	90	90
<i>V</i> / Å <sup>3</sup>	463,149(160)	444,649(154)	448,417(155)
<i>Z</i>	8	8	8
<i>T</i> / K	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)
Flack parameter	0.001(1)	0.012(2)	0.003(3)
R <sub>1</sub> ( <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> ))	0.0505	0.0510	0.0540
R <sub>w</sub> 2 (all data)	0.1827	0.1824	0.1945
GOF	1.032	0.920	0.983

**Table S2.** Selected bond length (Å) for **1CdNa**, **1<sup>1h</sup>**, **1<sup>6h</sup>**, **1<sup>1d</sup>**, **1<sup>2d</sup>**, **1<sup>4d</sup>**, and **1Co**.

	Bond length / Å			
	<b>1CdNa</b>	<b>1<sup>1h</sup></b>	<b>1<sup>6h</sup></b>	<b>1<sup>1d</sup></b>
M <sub>1</sub> -O <sub>10</sub>	2.234(6)	2.042(10)	2.067(14)	2.054(17)
M <sub>2</sub> -S <sub>1</sub> /S <sub>4</sub>	ave. 2.646 2.636(2)/2.656(2)	ave. 2.649 2.647(3)/2.651(4)	ave. 2.598 2.596(4)/2.600(4)	ave. 2.538 2.537(4)/2.539(5)
M <sub>2</sub> -O <sub>1</sub> /O <sub>7</sub>	ave. 2.353 2.364(8)/2.342(8)	ave. 2.338 2.345(11)/2.331(9)	ave. 2.249 2.255(13)/2.243(10)	ave. 2.176 2.191(15)/2.162(12)
M <sub>2</sub> -N <sub>1</sub> /N <sub>4</sub>	ave. 2.335 2.324(9)/2.346(9)	ave. 2.310 2.314(13)/2.306(11)	ave. 2.286 2.302(14)/2.271(14)	ave. 2.211 2.197(17)/2.226(15)
M <sub>3</sub> -S <sub>2</sub> /S <sub>5</sub>	ave. 2.637 2.630(2)/2.644(2)	ave. 2.627 2.623(3)/2.631(3)	ave. 2.614 2.592(7)/2.636(8)	ave. 2.536 2.530(5)/2.542(4)
M <sub>3</sub> -O <sub>3</sub> /O <sub>9</sub>	ave. 2.366 2.380(6)/2.351(5)	ave. 2.363 2.319(10)/2.408(8)	ave. 2.286 2.252(15)/2.320(11)	ave. 2.207 2.136(17)/2.279(11)
M <sub>3</sub> -N <sub>2</sub> /N <sub>5</sub>	ave. 2.338 2.355(8)/2.321(6)	ave. 2.325 2.311(10)/2.340(10)	ave. 2.277 2.272(15)/2.282(14)	ave. 2.228 2.217(14)/2.240(15)
M <sub>4</sub> -S <sub>3</sub> /S <sub>6</sub>	ave. 2.645 2.658(2)/2.633(17)	ave. 2.648 2.658(3)/2.638(3)	ave. 2.636 2.644(4)/2.629(3)	ave. 2.614 2.610(5)/2.618(4)
M <sub>4</sub> -O <sub>5</sub> /O <sub>11</sub>	ave. 2.384 2.395(7)/2.372(5)	ave. 2.368 2.386(10)/2.360(6)	ave. 2.357 2.358(12)/2.357(7)	ave. 2.321 2.316(15)/2.337(8)
M <sub>4</sub> -N <sub>3</sub> /N <sub>6</sub>	ave. 2.328 2.302(8)/2.354(6)	ave. 2.323 2.306(12)/2.340(10)	ave. 2.335 2.325(15)/2.346(11)	ave. 2.302 2.266(19)/2.339(14)
M <sub>5</sub> -O <sub>12</sub>	2.243(5)	2.221(6)	2.206(7)	2.209(9)

**Table S2.** (Continued)

	Bond length / Å		
	<b>1<sup>2d</sup></b>	<b>1<sup>4d</sup></b>	<b>1<sub>Co</sub></b>
M <sub>1</sub> -O <sub>10</sub>	2.058(14)	2.102(13)	2.079(16)
M <sub>2</sub> -S <sub>1</sub> /S <sub>4</sub>	ave. 2.503 2.508(4)/2.496(5)	ave. 2.458 2.451(6)/2.465(5)	ave. 2.472 2.460(7)/2.485(7)
M <sub>2</sub> -O <sub>1</sub> /O <sub>7</sub>	ave. 2.125 2.146(12)/2.113(11)	ave. 2.094 2.087(15)/2.108(13)	ave. 2.119 2.117(19)/2.122(16)
M <sub>2</sub> -N <sub>1</sub> /N <sub>4</sub>	ave. 2.191 2.201(14)/2.186(13)	ave. 2.189 2.147(15)/2.231(13)	ave. 2.119 2.125(19)/2.213(16)
M <sub>3</sub> -S <sub>2</sub> /S <sub>5</sub>	ave. 2.498 2.499(4)/2.496(4)	ave. 2.414 2.407(6)/2.423(5)	ave. 2.417 2.413(8)/2.421(7)
M <sub>3</sub> -O <sub>3</sub> /O <sub>9</sub>	ave. 2.110 2.021(14)/2.203(10)	ave. 2.049 2.039(15)/2.062(12)	ave. 2.044 2.011(19)/2.077(15)
M <sub>3</sub> -N <sub>2</sub> /N <sub>5</sub>	ave. 2.150 2.152(13)/2.159(13)	ave. 2.135 2.130(16)/2.127(16)	ave. 2.114 2.14(2)/2.089(19)
M <sub>4</sub> -S <sub>3</sub> /S <sub>6</sub>	ave. 2.544 2.528(5)/2.560(4)	ave. 2.447 2.445(5)/2.450(5)	ave. 2.446 2.449(7)/2.444(6)
M <sub>4</sub> -O <sub>5</sub> /O <sub>11</sub>	ave. 2.243 2.220(15)/2.274(9)	ave. 2.124 2.097(12)/2.141(10)	ave. 2.130 2.115(15)/2.146(12)
M <sub>4</sub> -N <sub>3</sub> /N <sub>6</sub>	ave. 2.222 2.197(18)/2.255(14)	ave. 2.142 2.132(17)/2.144(15)	ave. 2.168 2.16(2)/2.176(19)
M <sub>5</sub> -O <sub>12</sub>	2.165(9)	2.125(11)	2.132(15)

**Table S3.** Site occupancies of metal centres (M<sub>1</sub>, M<sub>2</sub>, M<sub>3</sub>, M<sub>4</sub>, M<sub>5</sub>) for **1<sub>CdNa</sub>**, **1<sup>1h</sup>**, **1<sup>6h</sup>**, **1<sup>1d</sup>**, **1<sup>2d</sup>**, **1<sup>4d</sup>**, and **1<sub>Co</sub>**.

	Site occupancy			
	<b>1<sub>CdNa</sub></b>	<b>1<sup>1h</sup></b>	<b>1<sup>6h</sup></b>	<b>1<sup>1d</sup></b>
Co <sub>1</sub> /Na <sub>1</sub> (M <sub>1</sub> )	0.0/1.0	1.0/0.0	1.0/0.0	1.0/0.0
Co <sub>2</sub> /Cd <sub>2</sub> (M <sub>2</sub> )	0.0/1.0	0.03(1)/0.97(1)	0.38(1)/0.62(1)	0.71(1)/0.29(1)
Co <sub>3</sub> /Cd <sub>3</sub> (M <sub>3</sub> )	0.0/1.0	0.0/1.0	0.29(1)/0.71(1)	0.57(1)/0.43(1)
Co <sub>4</sub> /Cd <sub>4</sub> (M <sub>4</sub> )	0.0/1.0	0.0/1.0	0.14(1)/0.86(1)	0.26(1)/0.74(1)
Co <sub>5</sub> /Cd <sub>5</sub> (M <sub>5</sub> )	0.0/1.0	0.0/1.0	0.27(2)/0.73(2)	0.33(2)/0.67(2)
Total Co atoms per cage-of-cage <sup>a</sup>	0.0	4.4	14.8	23.8

	Site occupancy		
	<b>1<sup>2d</sup></b>	<b>1<sup>4d</sup></b>	<b>1<sub>Co</sub></b>
Co <sub>1</sub> /Na <sub>1</sub> (M <sub>1</sub> )	1.0/0.0	1.0/0.0	1.0/0.0
Co <sub>2</sub> /Cd <sub>2</sub> (M <sub>2</sub> )	0.98(1)/0.02(1)	1.0/0.0	1.0/0.0
Co <sub>3</sub> /Cd <sub>3</sub> (M <sub>3</sub> )	0.85(1)/0.15(1)	1.0/0.0	1.0/0.0
Co <sub>4</sub> /Cd <sub>4</sub> (M <sub>4</sub> )	0.58(1)/0.42(1)	0.96(1)/0.04(1)	1.0/0.0
Co <sub>5</sub> /Cd <sub>5</sub> (M <sub>5</sub> )	0.62(1)/0.38(1)	1.0/0.0	1.0/0.0
Total Co atoms per cage-of-cage <sup>a</sup>	35.4	43.5	44.0

a: Calculated from  $4 \times \text{Co}_1 + 12 \times \text{Co}_2 + 12 \times \text{Co}_3 + 12 \times \text{Co}_4 + 4 \times \text{Co}_5$