

A novel multichromic Zn (II) cationic coordination polymer based on a new flexible viologen ligand exhibiting aniline detection in solid state

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Computational methods and models

All of the DFT calculations were performed by using Vienna ab initio simulation package (VASP).^{1, 2} The exchange–correlation energy is treated based on the generalized gradient approximation (GGA) in the scheme of Perdew–Burke–Ernzerhof (PBE).³ The core–electron interactions are describe by Projector–augmented–wave (PAW) pseudopotentials.⁴ The Grimme’s dispersion correction (DFT–D3) method is applied to describe the van der Waals (vdW) interaction.⁵ A $5 \times 3 \times 2$ Monkhorst–Pack k–point grid was adopted for calculations on Complex **1**. The energy cutoff is set to be 420 eV. All atoms were fully relaxed until the total energy converges to less than 10^{-4} eV and the ionic relaxation were performed until the force on each atom converge to within $0.02 \text{ eV } \text{Å}^{-1}$.

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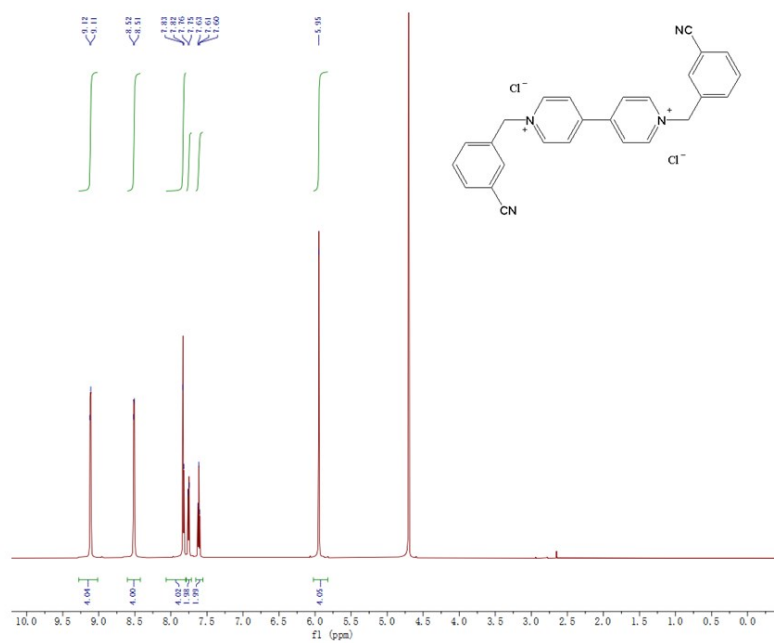


Fig. S1 The ^1H NMR spectrum of viologen ligand in D_2O (600 MHz).

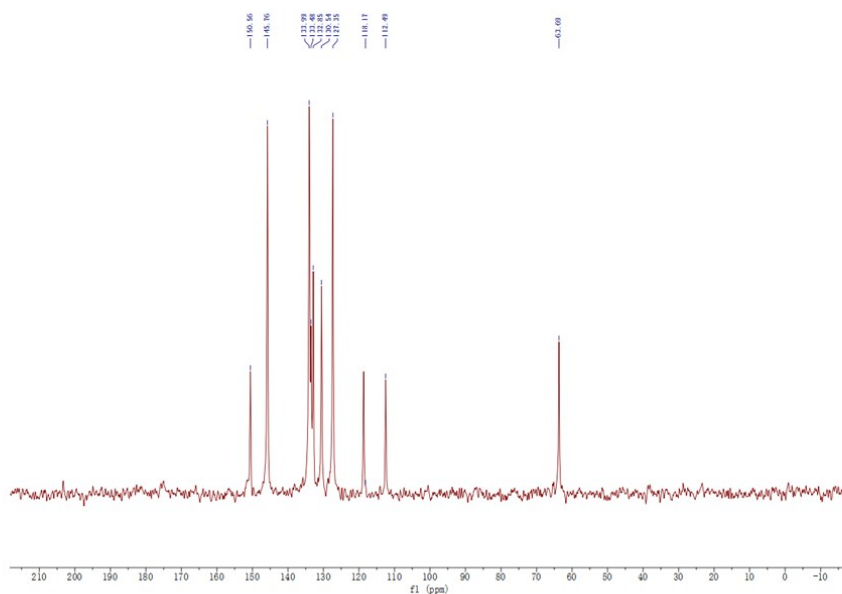


Fig. S2 The ^{13}C -NMR spectrum of viologen ligand in D_2O (600 MHz).

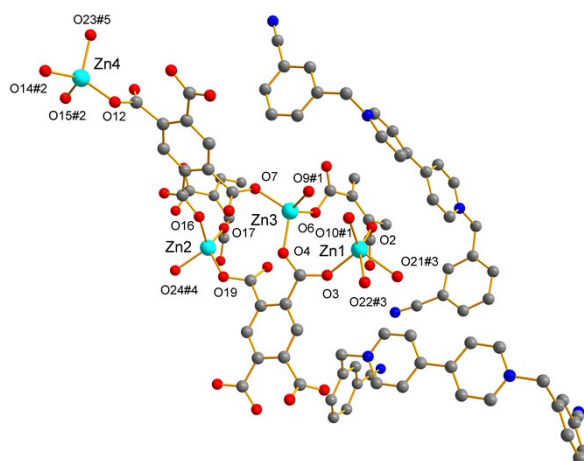


Fig. S3 The asymmetric unit of complex 1 (all H atoms were omitted for clarity)

Symmetry codes: for complex: #1: 1-x, -y, 1-z; #2: 2-x, -y, 1-z; #3: 1-x, 1-y, 2-z; #4: 2-x, 1-y, 2-z; #5: x, -1+y, -1+z .

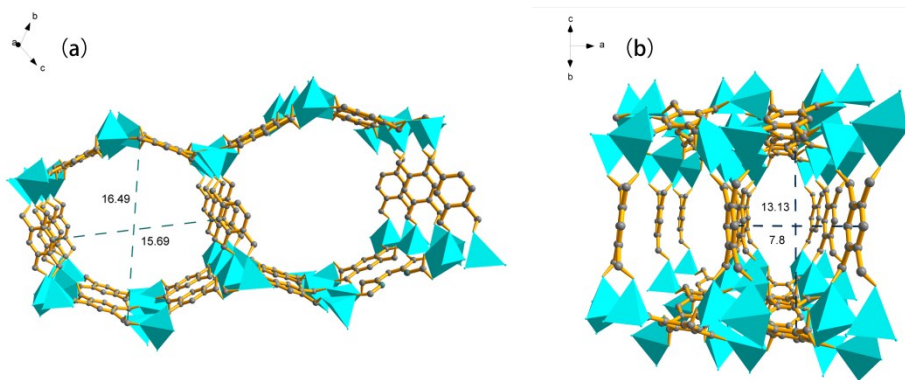


Fig. S4 Three-dimensional channels in the crystal.

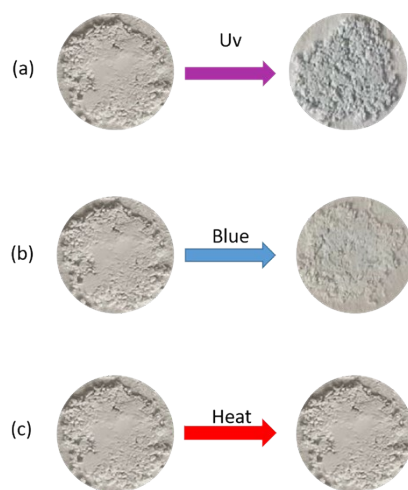


Fig. S5 Discoloration of viologen ligand (a)Uv irradiation (b)Blue ray irradiation (c)heat at 120°C

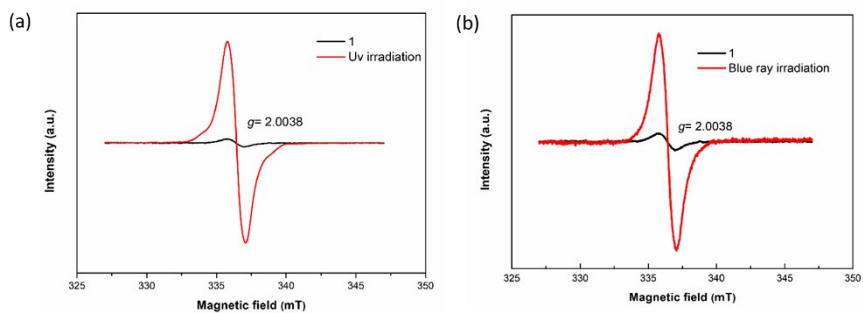


Fig. S6 EPR data of complex **1** before and after (a)Uv irradiation (b)Blue rays irradiation.

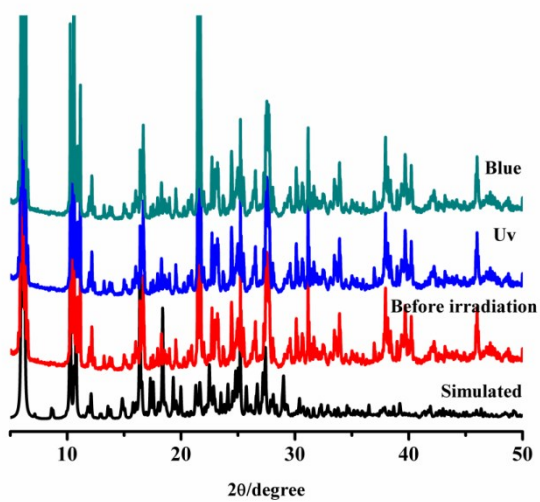


Fig. S7 PXRD patterns of **1** before irradiation, after irradiated by UV and blue rays, respectively. The black line is the simulated curve.

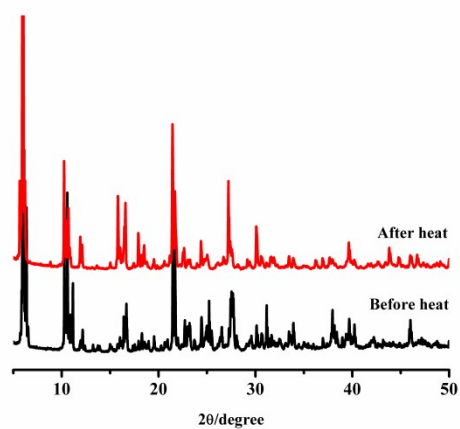


Fig. S8 PXRD patterns of **1** before and after heated at 120 °C.

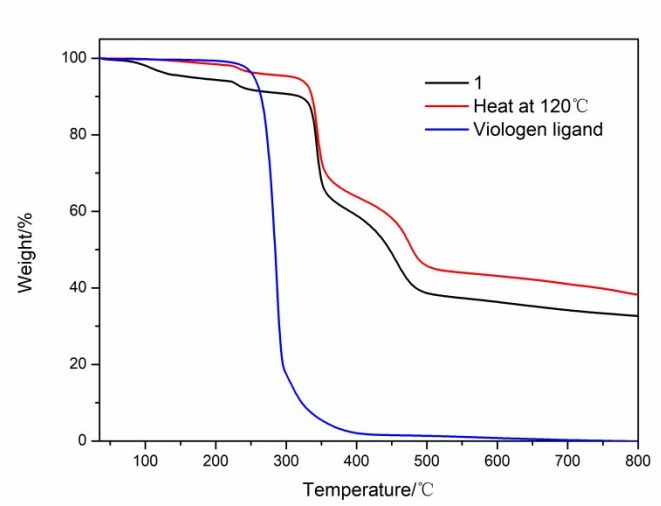


Fig. S9 The TGA date of **1**, heat at 120 °C and the viologen ligand.

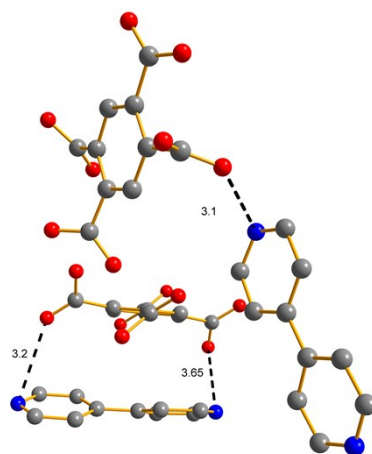


Fig. S10 The electron transfer pathways of **1** studied by VASP.

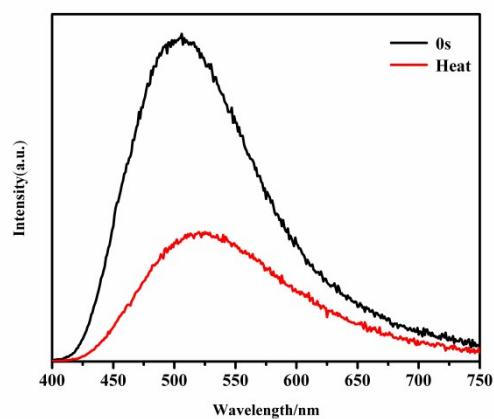


Fig. S11 The luminescence spectra of **1** before and after heated at 120 °C.

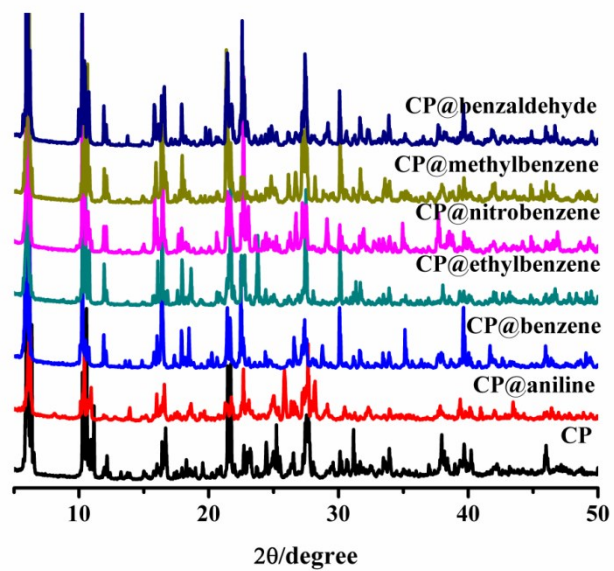


Fig. S12 PXRD patterns of **1** and after detecting different benzenes.

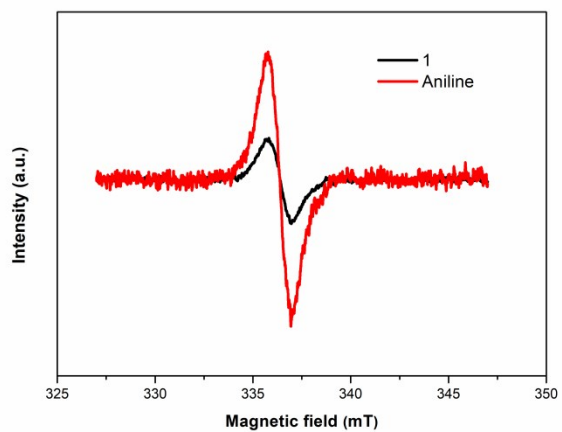


Fig. S13 EPR of complex **1** and after detecting aniline.

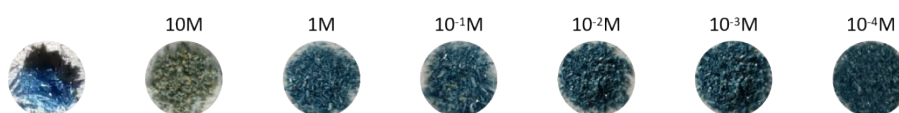


Fig. S14 Varied colour changing to detect NO_2^- from NaNO_2 solution with different concentration.

Table S1 Crystal data and structure refinement for **1**.

Empirical formula	$\text{C}_{82}\text{H}_{56}\text{N}_8\text{O}_{29}\text{Zn}_4$
Formula weight	1878.82

Crystal system	triclinic
Space group	P-1
a/Å	15.5845(8)
b/Å	16.7477(9)
c/Å	16.9751(9)
α /°	114.048(2)
β /°	100.299(2)
γ /°	101.237(2)
Volume/Å ³	3800.0(4)
Z	2
Temperature/K	297
$\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{cm}^3$	1.642
μ/mm^{-1}	2.251
Radiation	CuK α (λ = 1.54178)
2 Θ range for data collection/°	5.954 to 101.202
Reflections collected	57367
Independent reflections	8001 [R_{int} = 0.1264, R_{sigma} = 0.0796]
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.034
Final R indexes [$I \geq 2\sigma(I)$]	R_1 = 0.0616, wR_2 = 0.1553
Final R indexes [all data]	R_1 = 0.0962, wR_2 = 0.1775

Table S2 The main crystal data of **1**, **1-UV** and **1-blue**.

	1	1-UV	1-blue
a	15.5845(8)	15.5797(7)	15.5861(8)
b	16.7477(9)	16.7473(8)	16.7515(8)
c	16.9751(9)	16.9714(8)	16.9797(8)
α	114.048(2)	114.109(2)	114.137(1)
β	100.299(2)	100.262(2)	100.258(2)
γ	101.237(2)	101.279(2)	101.247(2)
Volume	3800.0(4)	3795.6(3)	3799.7(3)
Space group	P -1	P-1	P-1