## **Supplementary Information**

# Coordination polymers based on di-9,10-(pyridine-4-yl)-anthracene: selectively adsorbing CO<sub>2</sub> and fluorescent properties

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	1	2	3	4
Empirical formula	C <sub>26</sub> H <sub>16</sub> CoNO <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>80</sub> H <sub>44</sub> Co <sub>2</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	$\begin{array}{c} C_{24}H_{16}Cd_{0.5}Cl_2 \\ N_2 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} C_{24}H_{20}CdCl_2N_2\\ O_2 \end{array}$
Formula weight	465.33	1220.15	459.51	551.72
Temperature (K)	296	296	295	297
Diffrn. wavelength (Å)	0.71073	0.71073	0.71076	0.71073
Crystal system	tetragonal	triclinic	triclinic	monoclinic
Space group	I4/m	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> -1	$P2_{1}/c$
a (Å)	15.208(1)	17.807(3)	8.942(7)	13.403(3)
<i>b</i> (Å)	15.208(2)	19.530(3)	10.101(8)	8.610(2)
<i>c</i> (Å)	18.172(2)	19.611(4)	12.964(10)	9.713(2)
a (°)	90	95.97(5)	88.57(2)	90
β (°)	90	114.76(4)	89.81(3)	97.52(6)
γ (°)	90	90.71(4)	83.80(4)	90
V, Å <sup>3</sup>	4202.6(10)	6147.8(18)	1163.7(16)	1111.3(4)
Ζ	4	2	2	2
$ ho_{ m calc}{ m Mg/m^3}$	0.735	0.693	0.494	1.649
$\mu$ , mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.425	0.302	0.96	1.247
F(000)	952	1320	157	552
Refl. collected	16225	49862	5654	8814
Independent refl.	2141	27742	3801	2607
Final R indices(R <sub>1</sub> )	0.0456	0.0419	0.01065	0.0318
(all data) wR <sub>2</sub>	0.1612	0.0905	0.3545	0.0761
GOOF	1.010	1.006	1.553	1.038

Table 1. Crystal and Structure Refinement Data for compound 1-4.



Figure S1. A diagram showing the  $Co_2(bpda)_2$  (*bpda* = 4,4'-biphenyldicarboxyic acid) layer structure in 1 (C, grey; O, red; Co, pink).



Figure S2. A diagram showing the topology of pcu for the 3D network in 1 following the classification from *RCSR* (reticular chemistry structure resource, the binuclear Co<sub>2</sub> units are shown as pink balls and organic ligands are shown as dark gray sticks).



Figure S3. The  $Co_2(dcpa)_2$  (dcpa = 9,10-Di(4-carboxyphenyl)anthracene) layer structure in **2** (C, grey; O, red; Co, pink polyhedron).



Figure S4. The 3-dimensional open network in 2 (C, grey; O, red; N, blue; Co, pink polyhedron).



Figure S5. 1D channel of pore size of  $5.1 \times 5.1$  Å along the *c* direction formed between two interpenetrated networks in **2**.



Figure S6. The C-H $\cdots\pi$  interactions formed between the pyridyl and anthracene groups, and between anthracene groups from adjacent layers in **3** (C, gray; H, light gray; N, blue; Cd, cyan; Cl, green, C-H $\cdots\pi$  interactions are shown in orange dashed lines).



Figure S7. TG profile of 1.



Figure S8. Powder XRD of as-synthesized and de-solvated sample of 1.

### Estimation of pore volume of 1 based on single-crystal structure of assynthesized sample

The accessible volume calculated by *PLATON* is 2057 Å<sup>3</sup> (2.057  $*10^{-21}$  cm<sup>3</sup>) per unit cell using a probe of radius of 1.2 Å.

The mass of one unit cell is  $3.088 \times 10^{-21}$  g without solvent guests (crystal\_density\_diffrn is 0.735 g·cm<sup>-3</sup>, unit cell volume is 4202 Å<sup>3</sup> (4.202 × 10<sup>-21</sup> cm<sup>3</sup>), 0.735 \* 4.202 \* 10<sup>-21</sup> = 3.088 \* 10<sup>-21</sup> g).

The pore volume of **1** calculated based on single crystal structure of assynthesized sample is 0.666 cm<sup>3</sup>·g<sup>-1</sup> (2.057 \*10<sup>-21</sup> cm<sup>3</sup> / 3.088 \* 10<sup>-21</sup> g).



Figure S9. (a) (b) Powder XRD of sample 3, 4 and m-3, m-4 and m-3, m-4 after 11 cycles of detecting tests.



Fig. S10 The picture of m-3 and m-4.



Fig. S11 (a) Fluorescence quenching of **m-4** towards different concentrations of the  $Cr_2O_7^{2^-}$  solution (**0~1.0×10<sup>-4</sup>** mol·L<sup>-1</sup>,  $\lambda_{ex} = 365$  nm). (b) Stern–Volmer plot of I<sub>0</sub>/I vs. concentration of the  $Cr_2O_7^{2^-}$  solution for **m-4**. (c) Relative fluorescence intensity of **m-4** dispersed in aqueous solutions of interfering anions (blue) and subsequent addition of  $Cr_2O_7^{2^-}$  (pink). (d) The variations of relative fluorescence intensity of **m-4** for detecting  $Cr_2O_7^{2^-}$  under 11 cycles.



Fig. S12. TG curves for complexes 3 and 4.



Fig. S13. The Solid UV absorption spectra of 3 and 4.

#### Preparation of mixed matrix membranes m-3 and m-4:

Submicron CPs particles were prepared according to the reference with slight modifications, <sup>1,2,3</sup> and the preparation procedures of **m-3** and **m-4** were the same. The crystals of 3 (50 mg) are soaked in liquid nitrogen for 20 min and then ground with an agate mortar. The ground sample is then dispersed in dichloromethane (DCM, 10 ml), where a small fraction of the micron-sized crystals was settled while most of the submicron-sized crystals remain in suspension and are subsequently sucked out and vacuum-dried at room temperature. Then, dissolve PMMA (0.3g) in acetone (3.0mL) and sonicated for 30 minutes to obtain a viscous solution. Submicron crystal 3 (0.03g) was added to the acetone solution of PMMA, followed by ultrasonic for 30 minutes to obtain a viscous dispersion uniform solution, and finally the solution was dropwise cast onto a glass plate and scraped flat with a spatula, and dried overnight at room temperature to obtain an unsupported film.

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