Supporting Information (SI)

## The modulation effect of auxiliary ligands on photochromic

## properties of 3D naphthalene diimide coordination polymers

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## 2. Tables

Table S1 Crystallographic data and refinement parameters of 1 and 2.

Compound	1	2
Empirical formula	$C_{42}H_{24}CdN_6O_{10}$	$C_{40}H_{22}CdN_6O_{10}$
Formula weight	885.07	859.03
Temperature (K)	293(2)	293(2)
Crystal system	monoclinic	monoclinic
Space group	C2/c	C2/c
a (Å)	34.294(2)	17.3232(19)
b (Å)	7.2986(6)	28.428(3)
<i>c</i> (Å)	15.2539(13)	18.805(3)
α (°)	90	90
в (°)	110.932(2)	112.765(3)
γ (°)	90	90
V (Å <sup>3</sup> )	3566.1(5)	8539.4(19)
Ζ	4	8
$D_c ({ m g}{ m cm}^{-3})$	1.649	1.336
$\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.687	0.571
F(000)	1784.0	3456.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.846 × 0.246 × 0.173	$0.137 \times 0.108 \times 0.04$
Radiation	ΜοΚα (λ = 0.71073)	ΜοΚα (λ = 0.71073)
ϑ range (°)	5.724 to 56.714	4.326 to 56.836
Reflections collected	25587	63082
Unique reflections	4465	10679
R <sub>int</sub>	0.0769	0.0896
Data/restraints/parameters	4465/0/267	10679/0/514
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.055	1.046
$R_1/wR_2$ , $[l \ge 2\sigma(l)]^{a,b}$	0.0485/0.0996	0.0792/0.2374
$R_1/wR_2$ , (all data)	0.0873/0.1121	0.1399/0.2693
$\Delta  ho_{max}/\Delta  ho_{min}$ (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )	1.33/-0.58	1.97/-1.00

Compound 1					
Cd1-N1 <sup>1</sup>	2.305(3)	Cd1-O1 <sup>1</sup>	2.376(2)		
Cd1-N1	2.305(3)	Cd1-O1	2.376(2)		
Cd1-O2	2.281(2)	Cd1-O2 <sup>1</sup>	2.281(2)		
N1 <sup>1</sup> -Cd1-N1	87.36(13)	O2 <sup>1</sup> -Cd1-N1 <sup>1</sup>	143.57(9)		
N1 <sup>1</sup> -Cd1-O1 <sup>1</sup>	93.07(8)	O2 <sup>1</sup> -Cd1-N1	91.13(9)		
N1 <sup>1</sup> -Cd1-O1	118.38(8)	02 <sup>1</sup> -Cd1-O1	98.05(8)		
N1-Cd1-O1	93.07(8)	O2-Cd1-O1	56.17(8)		
N1-Cd1-O1 <sup>1</sup>	118.37(8)	O2 <sup>1</sup> -Cd1-O1 <sup>1</sup>	56.17(8)		
01 <sup>1</sup> -Cd1-O1	137.11(11)	02-Cd1-01 <sup>1</sup>	98.05(8)		
O2-Cd1-N1 <sup>1</sup>	91.13(9)	02-Cd1-O21	110.51(13)		
O2-Cd1-N1	143.58(9)				
symmetry codes: <sup>1</sup> -x,+y,1/2-z; <sup>2</sup> -x,1-y,1-z; <sup>3</sup> 1/2-x,-1/2-y,1-z					

 Table S2 Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) of 1 and 2.

Compound 2						
Cd1-01	2.266(5)	Cd1-07	2.455(4)			
Cd1-O9 <sup>1</sup>	2.263(4)	Cd1-O10 <sup>1</sup>	2.444(4)			
Cd1-N1	2.297(4)	Cd1-N2	2.317(4)			
01-Cd1-07	54.97(14)	01-Cd1-O10 <sup>1</sup>	99.74(15)			
O1-Cd1-N1	137.24(16)	01-Cd1-N2	88.66(17)			
091-Cd1-O1	112.25(18)	O91-Cd1-O7	104.14(16)			
O9 <sup>1</sup> -Cd1-N1	90.81(17)	091-Cd1-010 <sup>1</sup>	55.13(14)			
O9 <sup>1</sup> -Cd1-N2	140.59(18)	010 <sup>1</sup> -Cd1-O7	141.55(14)			
N1-Cd1-O7	85.43(15)	N1-Cd1-O10 <sup>1</sup>	122.76(15)			
N2-Cd1-O7	115.12(17)	N2-Cd1-O10 <sup>1</sup>	89.68(16)			
symmetry codes: 1-x,+y,1/2-z; 2-x,1-y,1-z; 31/2-x,-1/2-y,1-z						

 Table S3 Hydrogen bonds of 1 and 2 (Å and °).

Compound 1					
D-H···A	d(D-H)	d(H…A)	d(D…A)	<(DHA)	
N2-H2…O1 <sup>1</sup>	0.86	2.09	2.909(4)	157.9	
symmetry codes: <sup>1</sup> -x,+y,1/2-z; <sup>2</sup> -x,1-y,1-z; <sup>3</sup> 1/2-x,-1/2-y,1-z					
Compound <b>2</b>					
D-H···A	d(D-H)	d(H…A)	d(D…A)	<(DHA)	
N3-H3…O10 <sup>1</sup>	0.86	1.93	2.752(7)	158.5	
N5-H5…O7 <sup>2</sup>	0.86	1.99	2.807(7)	159.3	
symmetry codes: 1-x,+y,1/2-z; 2-x,1-y,1-z; 31/2-x,-1/2-y,1-z					