

Electronic Supporting Information

Highly selective C₂H₂ and CO₂ capture based on two new Zn^{II}-MOFs and fluorescence sensing of two doped MOFs with Eu^{III}

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Table S1. Selected Bond Length (Å) and Angles (°) for **Zn-MOF 1-2**

Zn-MOF 1			
N11-Zn(1)-O14	101.1(9)	N11-Zn(1)-O54	103.3(9)
O14-Zn(1)-Zn(4)#1	73.7(5)	O14-Zn(1)-O54	81.8(10)
O54-Zn(1)-Zn(4)#1	76.5(5)	O25#2-Zn(1)-Zn(4)#1	79.7(6)
O25#2-Zn(1)-N11	100.8(9)	O25#2-Zn(1)-O14	96.6(11)
O25#2-Zn(1)-O54	155.7(8)	O25#2-Zn(1)-O65#2	75.4(11)
O65#2-Zn(1)-Zn(4)#1	80.1(7)	O65#2-Zn(1)-N11	105.0(10)
O65#2-Zn(1)-O14	153.6(9)	O65#2-Zn(1)-O54	95.2(9)
N31-Zn(3)-N23	103.3(10)	N31-Zn(3)-O35	95.2(11)
N23-Zn(3)-O35	121.4(10)	O85#3-Zn(3)-N31	110.1(13)
O85#3-Zn(3)-N23	116.4(12)	O85#3-Zn(3)-O35	107.8(11)
N21-Zn(2)-N33	106.9(10)	O34#4-Zn(2)-N21	113.7(12)
O34#4-Zn(2)-N33	110.9(11)	O84#2-Zn(2)-N21	112.0(11)
O84#2-Zn(2)-N33	104.8(9)	O84#2-Zn(2)-O34#4	108.1(9)
N13-Zn(4)-Zn(1)#5	175.2(7)	O24#5-Zn(4)-Zn(1)#5	82.1(6)
N13-Zn(4)-O24#5	101.1(8)	O24#5-Zn(4)-O64#5	93.6(11)
N13-Zn(4)-O64#5	102.8(9)	O24#5-Zn(4)-O15#6	83.0(10)
N13-Zn(4)-O15#6	98.6(9)	O24#5-Zn(4)-O55#6	160.3(8)
N13-Zn(4)-O55#6	98.5(9)	O64#5-Zn(4)-Zn(1)#5	80.4(6)
O15#6-Zn(4)-Zn(1)#5	78.2(6)	O64#5-Zn(4)-O55#6	82.8(11)
O15#6-Zn(4)-O64#5	158.5(8)	O15#6-Zn(4)-O55#6	93.3(10)
O55#6-Zn(4)-Zn(1)#5	78.3(6)		

Symmetrical codes: #1 x-1, y, z-1; #2 -x+1, y-1/2, -z; #3 -x+2, y-1/2, -z; #4 x, y, z+1; #5 x+1, y, z+1; #6 -x+2, y-1/2, -z+1; #7 x, y, z-1; #8 -x+1, y+1/2, -z; #9 -x+2, y+1/2, -z+1; #10 -x+2, y+1/2, -z for **Zn-MOF 1**.

Zn-MOF 2			
N(1)-Zn(1)-Zn(2)	180.0	N(2)-Zn(2)-Zn(1)	180.0
N(1)-Zn(1)-O(3)	99.8(6)	N(2)-Zn(2)-O(1)	102.4(7)
N(1)-Zn(1)-O(4)	100.0(6)	N(2)-Zn(2)-O(2)	98.7(7)

N(1)-Zn(1)-O(7)	99.4(7)	N(2)-Zn(2)-O(6)	101.4(7)
N(1)-Zn(1)-O(9)	103.1(6)	N(2)-Zn(2)-O(8)	101.4(7)
O(3)-Zn(1)-Zn(2)	80.2(6)	O(6)-Zn(2)-Zn(1)	78.6(7)
O(3)-Zn(1)-O(4)	76.5(6)	O(8)-Zn(2)-Zn(1)	80.4(6)
O(4)-Zn(1)-Zn(2)	80.0(6)	O(8)-Zn(2)-O(6)	77.2(8)
O(7)-Zn(1)-Zn(2)	80.6(7)	N(3)-Zn(3)-O(10)	60.9(4)
O(9)-Zn(1)-Zn(2)	76.9(6)	N(3)-Zn(3)-O(10)#2	61.1(4)
O(9)-Zn(1)-O(7)	76.9(7)	N(4)#1-Zn(3)-O(10)#2	62.1(4)
O(1)-Zn(2)-Zn(1)	77.6(7)	N(4)#1-Zn(3)-O(10)	63.1(4)
O(1)-Zn(2)-O(2)	79.2(7)	O(10)-Zn(3)-O(10)#2	77.6(4)
O(2)-Zn(2)-Zn(1)	81.3(7)		

Symmetrical codes: #1 x, -y+1/2, z+1/2, #2 -x+1, -y+1/2, z+0, #3 x, -y+1/2, z-1/2 for **Zn-MOF 2**

Table S2. A comparison of various MOF materials used for selective adsorption for C₂H₂ and CO₂ over CH₄

MOFs materials	IAST calculated selectivity		Ref.
	C ₂ H ₂ /CH ₄	CO ₂ /CH ₄	
{[Cu ₄ (L) ₂ (H ₂ O) ₄]·4DMF·8H ₂ O} _n		3.2	43
ZJNU-63	13.1	3.5	44
Sc-ABTC	14.7		45
{[Co ₆ (μ ₃ -OH)4(Ima) ₈](H ₂ O) ₁₀ (DMA) ₂ } _n	9.6		46
ZJU-16a	7.5		47
{[Zn ₃ (dbba) ₂ (bipy)(DMF)]·3DMF·4H ₂ O} _n		4	48
{[Co ₃ (L)(OH) ₂ (H ₂ O) ₄]·2DMF·2H ₂ O} _n	13	4	49
SNNU-5-In	10	3.9	50
Zn-MOF 1	15.1	6.8	This work
Zn-MOF 1	14.2	6.5	This work

Table S3 Comparison the K_{sv} of Eu@Zn-MOF 1 and Eu@Zn-MOF 2 towards Fe³⁺ ions with other materials.

Materials	Solvent	K _{sv} (M ⁻¹)	Ref.
Bis(rhodamine)-1	CH ₃ CN	7.50 × 10 ³	51
Bis(rhodamine)-2	CH ₃ CN	5.10 × 10 ³	51
BUT-14	H ₂ O	2.17 × 10 ³	52
BUT-15	H ₂ O	1.66 × 10 ⁴	52
Eu ³⁺ @MIL-53-COOH (Al)	H ₂ O	5.12 × 10 ³	53
Ln(cpty)3	H ₂ O	4.10 × 10 ³	54
Benzimidazole-based sensor	H ₂ O	8.51 × 10 ⁴	55
FJU-13a-Eu	H ₂ O	2.03 × 10 ⁴	56
Eu ₂ (MFDA) ₂ (HCOO) ₂ (H ₂ O) ₆	DMF	1.58 × 10 ³	57

Tb-DSOA	H ₂ O	3.54×10^3	58
Eu(atpt)1.5(phen)(H ₂ O)	CH ₃ CH ₂ OH	7.60×10^3	59
Eu@Zn-MOF 1	H ₂ O	1.53×10^4	This work
Eu@Zn-MOF 2	H ₂ O	1.43×10^4	This work

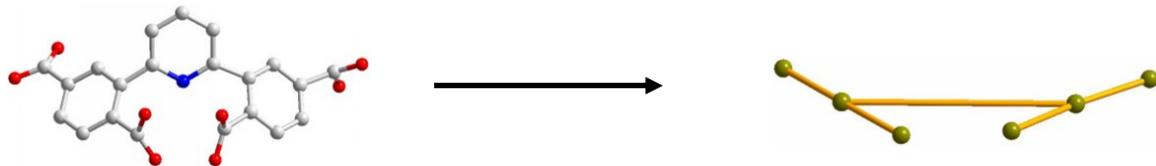


Figure S1. The L⁴⁻ ligand viewed as two 3-c nodes.

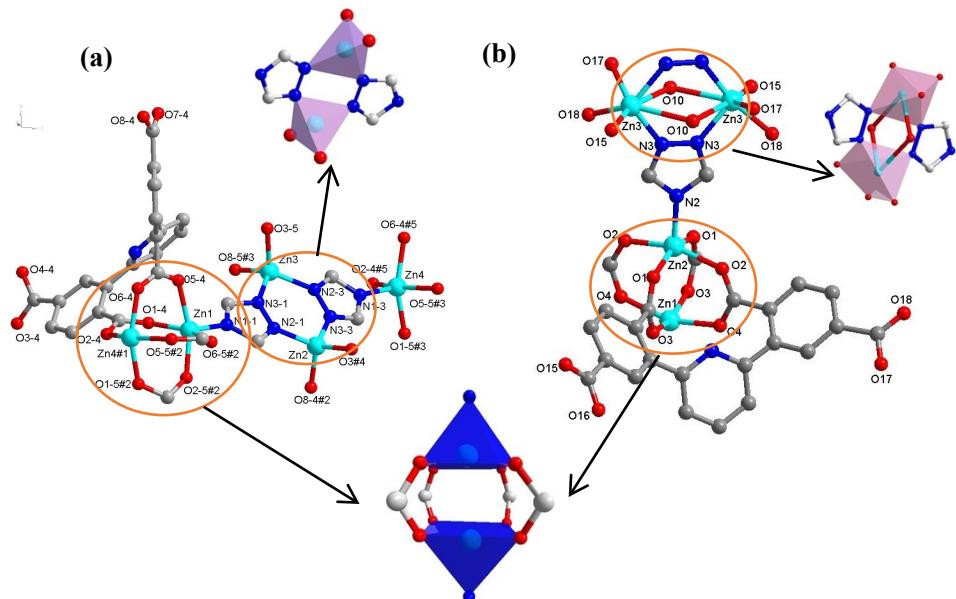


Figure S2. Single-crystal structure of 1. (a) Coordination environments of Zn ions in **Zn-MOF 1**.The hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. #1 x-1, y, z-1; #2 -x+1, y-1/2, -z; #3 -x+2, y-1/2, -z; #4 x, y, z+1; #5 x+1, y, z+1; (b) Coordination environments of Zn ions in **Zn-MOF 2**.The hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.#1 x, -y+1/2, z+1/2 #2 -x+1, -y+1/2, z+0 #3 x, -y+1/2, z-1/2.

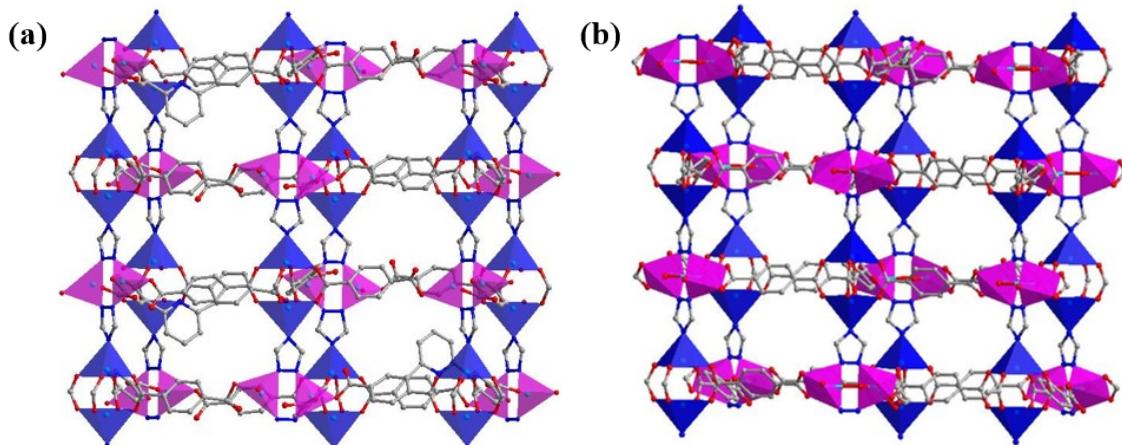


Figure S3. 2D double-layer of Zn-MOF 1 (a), Zn-MOF 2 (b).

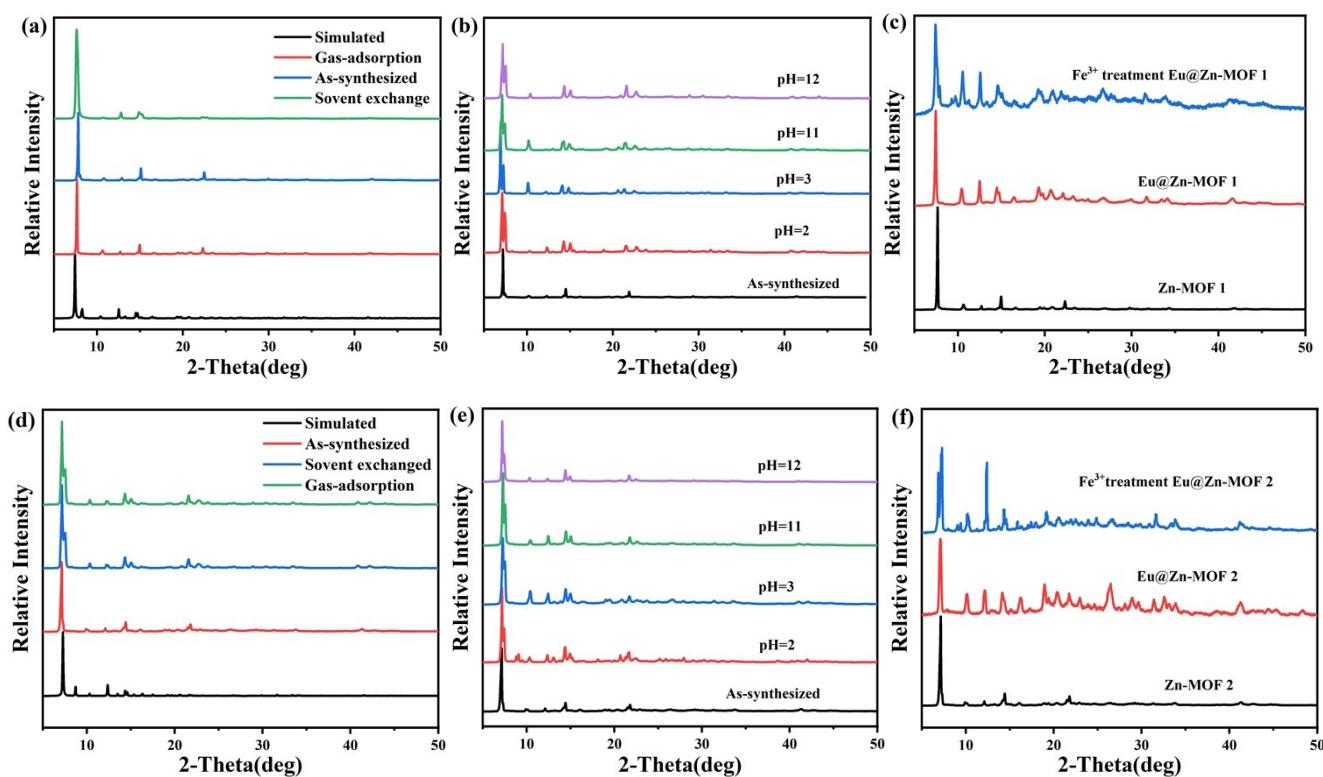


Figure S4. PXRD patterns. Simulated, as-synthesized, Gas-adsorption and Solvent exchanged of **Zn-MOF 1** (a) and **Zn-MOF 2** (d). After being soaked in acidic and basic solutions for different time periods of **Zn-MOF 1** (b) and **Zn-MOF 2** (e). Before and after immersion in Fe^{3+} of **Eu@Zn-MOF 1** (c) and **Eu@Zn-MOF 2** (f).

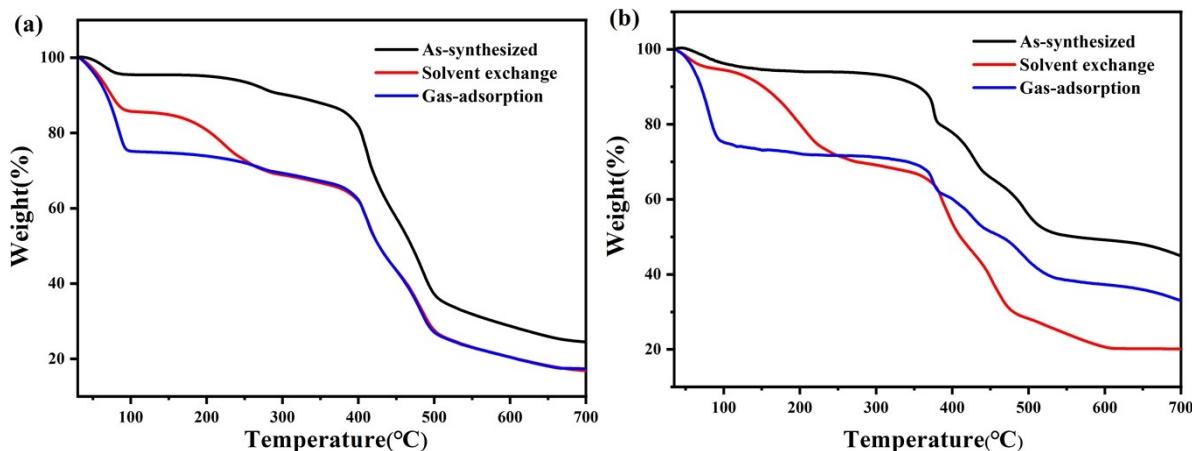


Figure S5. TGA for **Zn-MOF 1** (a) and **Zn-MOF 2** (b): As-synthesized, exchanged and Gas-adsorption samples.

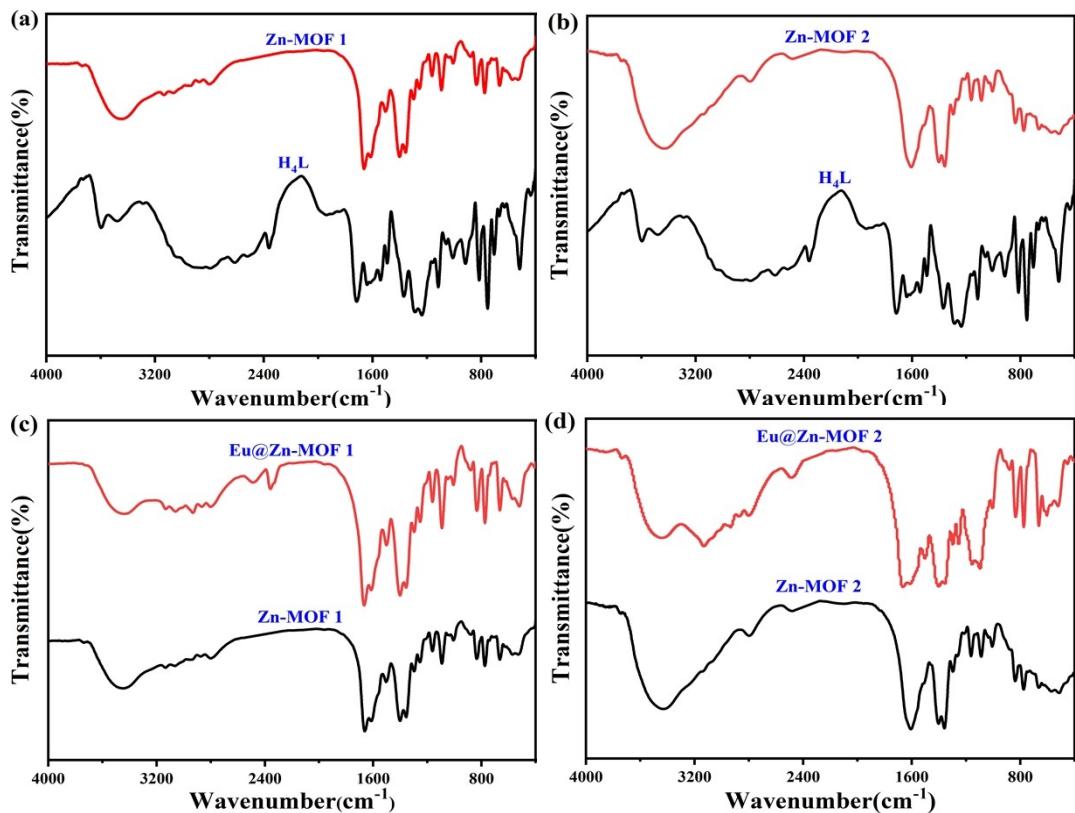


Figure S6. IR for (a) **Zn-MOF 1**, (b) **Eu@Zn-MOF 1**, (c) **Zn-MOF 2**, (d) **Eu@Zn-MOF 2**: ligand and as-synthesized samples.

IAST adsorption selectivity calculation

The experimental isotherm data for pure CO₂, CH₄ and C₂H₂ (measured at 298 K) were fitted using a Langmuir-Freundlich (L-F) model.

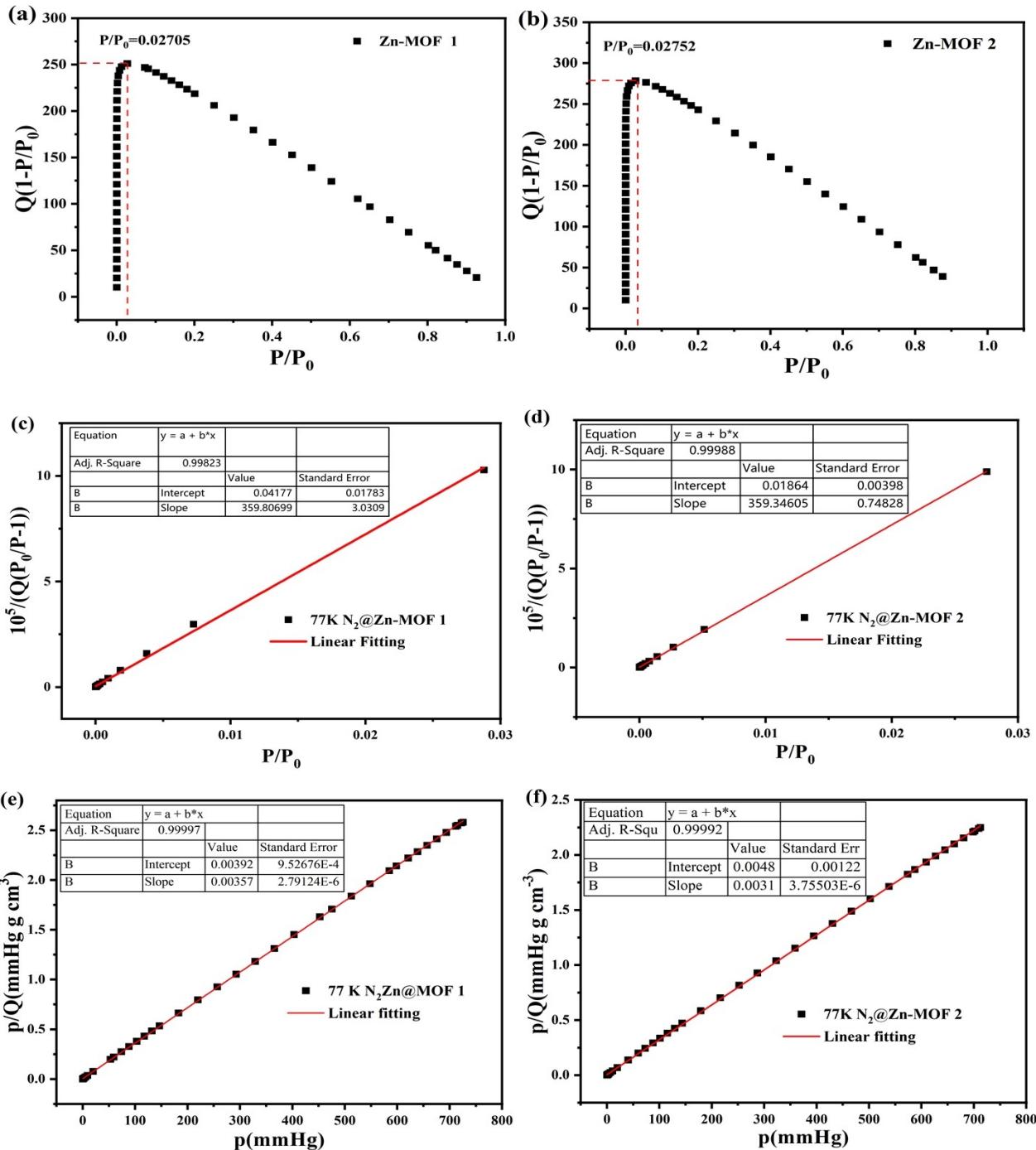
$$q = \frac{a \times b \times p^c}{1 + b \times p^c}$$

Where q and p are adsorbed amounts and pressures of component i, respectively. The adsorption selectivities for binary mixtures of CO₂/CH₄ at 273 and 298 K and C₂O₂/CH₄ at 298K, defined by

Where q_i is the amount of i adsorbed and p_i is the partial pressure of i in the mixture.

$$S_{\text{ads}} = \frac{q_1/q_2}{p_1/p_2}$$

Figure S7. (a) The consistency plot, (c) BET surface area plot, and (e) Langmuir surface area plot for **Zn-MOF 1**, (b) The consistency plot, (d) BET surface area plot, and (f) Langmuir surface area plot for **Zn-MOF2**.



$$S_{\text{BET}} = 1/(0.042 \times 10^{-6} + 359.82) \times 10^5 / 22414 \times 6.023 \times 10^{23} \times 0.162 \times 10^{-18} = 1209.83 \text{ m}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$$

$$S_{\text{Langmuir}} = (1/0.00357) / 22414 \times 6.023 \times 10^{23} \times 0.162 \times 10^{-18} = 1219.38 \text{ m}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$$

$$\text{BET constant } C = 1 + 359.81 / 0.042 \times 10^5 \times 10^{-6} = 857.69$$

$$(P / P_0)_{\text{nm}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{C} + 1} = 0.033018$$

$$S_{\text{BET}} = 1/(0.019 \times 10^{-6} + 359.35) \times 10^5 / 22414 \times 6.023 \times 10^{23} \times 0.162 \times 10^{-18} = 1211.41 \text{ m}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$$

$$S_{\text{Langmuir}} = (1/0.0031) / 22414 \times 6.023 \times 10^{23} \times 0.162 \times 10^{-18} = 1404.27 \text{ m}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$$

$$\text{BET constant } C = 1 + 359.35 / 0.042 \times 10^5 \times 10^{-6} = 856.60$$

$$(P / P_0)_{\text{nm}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{C} + 1} = 0.032983$$

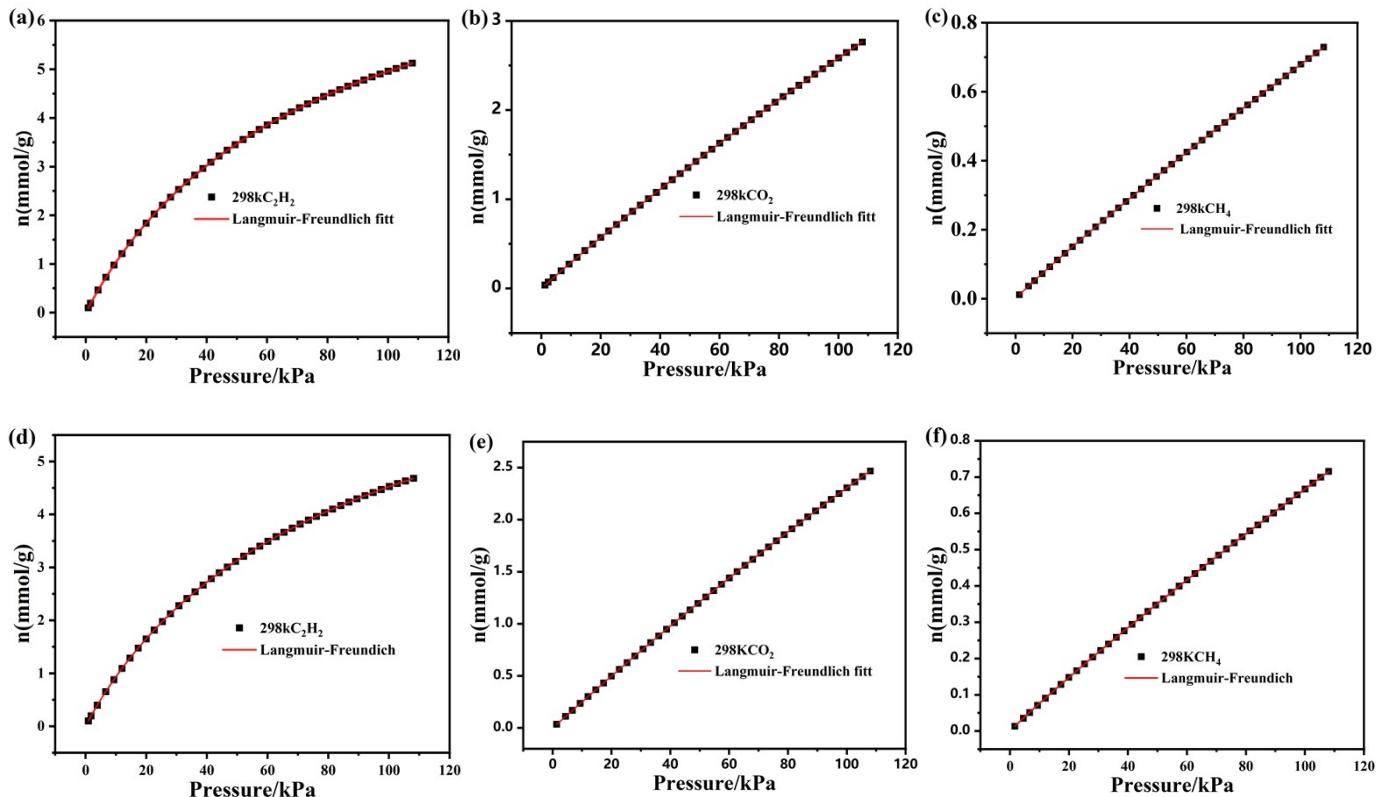


Figure S8. (a) C₂H₂ adsorption isotherms of **Zn-MOF 1** at 298 K with fitting by L-F model: a = 8.84199, b = 0.01393, c = 0.01892, Chi² = 5.41538E-6, R² = 1.00000; (b) CO₂ adsorption isotherms of **Zn-MOF 1** at 298 K with fitting by L-F model: a = 23.4444, b = 0.00127, c = 0.00587, Chi² = 2.36173E-6, R² = 1.00000; (c) CH₄ adsorption isotherms of **Zn-MOF 1** at 298 K with fitting by L-F model: a = 13.12646, b = 6.55114E-4, c = 0.04004, Chi² = 2.72873E-7, R² = 0.9999; (d) C₂H₂ adsorption isotherms of **Zn-MOF 2** at 298 K with fitting by L-F model: a = 8.4592, b = 0.01342, c = 0.0337, Chi² = 3.49595E-6, R² = 1.00000; (e) CO₂ adsorption isotherms of **Zn-MOF 2** at 298 K with fitting by L-F model: a = 21.34253, b = 0.00116, c = -0.00884, Chi² = 1.6233E-6, R² = 1.00000; (f) CH₄ adsorption isotherms of **Zn-MOF 2** at 298 K with fitting by L-F model: a = 12.09448, b = 6.88961E-4, c = 0.03614, Chi² = 1.10292E-7, R² = 1.00000;

Calculation of sorption heat for C₂H₂ and CO₂ uptakes using Virial 2 model

The above equation was applied to fit the combined C₂H₂ and CO₂ and isotherm data for desolvated 1 at

273 and 298 K, where P is the pressure, N is the adsorbed amount, T is the temperature, a_i and b_i are virial coefficients, and m and n are the number of coefficients used to describe the isotherms. Q_{st} is the coverage-dependent enthalpy of adsorption and R is the universal gas constant.

$$\ln P = \ln N + 1/T \sum_{i=0}^m a_i N^i + \sum_{i=0}^n b_i N^i Q_{st} = -R \sum_{i=0}^m a_i N^i$$

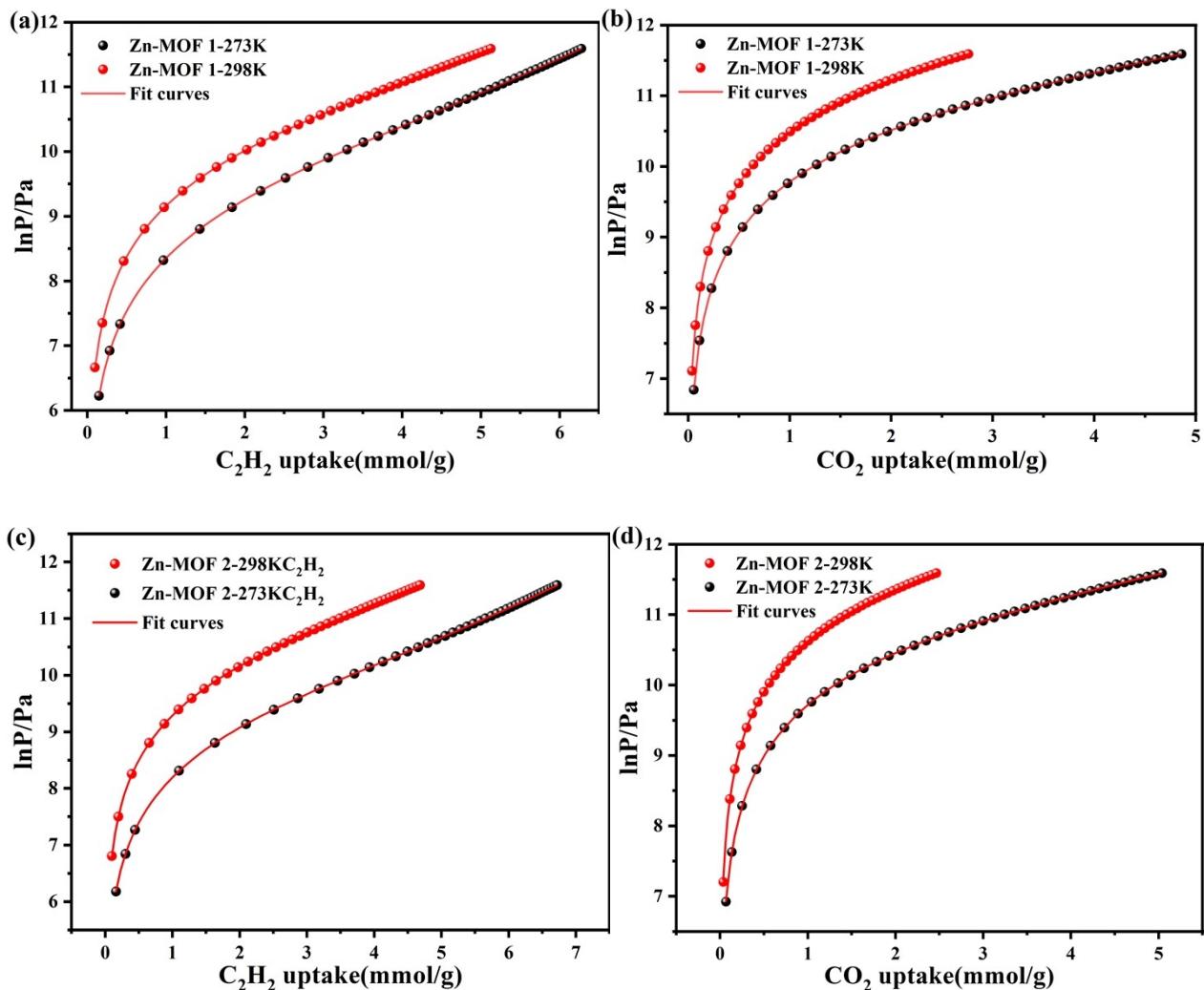


Figure S9. (a) Virial analysis of the C_2H_2 adsorption data at 298 K and 273 K for **Zn-MOF 1**. Fitting results:

$A_0 = -2862.81452$, $A_1 = 286.59277$, $A_2 = -55.76345$, $A_3 = 6.96046$, $A_4 = -0.15284$, $\text{Chi}^2 = 5.35045\text{E-}6$, $R^2 = 1$, $B_0 = 18.5486$, $B_1 = -0.74012$, $B_2 = 0.14685$, $B_3 = -0.01399$; (b) Virial analysis of the CO_2 adsorption data at 298 K and 273 K for **Zn-MOF 1**. Fitting results: $A_0 = -2170.06756$, $A_1 = -254.82424$, $A_2 = 154.06248$, $A_3 = -30.59728$, $A_4 = -0.25843$, $\text{Chi}^2 = 2.30489\text{E-}5$, $R^2 = 0.99998$ $B_0 = 17.66738$, $B_1 = 1.02847$, $B_2 = -0.60576$, $B_3 = 0.12369$; (c) Virial analysis of the C_2H_2 adsorption data at 298 K and 273 K for **Zn-MOF 2**. Fitting results: $A_0 = -3647.84636$, $A_1 = 117.62901$, $A_2 = -37.56691$, $A_3 = 4.22109$, A_4

= -0.09628, Chi² = 5.97073E-6, R² = 1; B0= 21.32644, B1 = -0.16174, B2 = 0.09364, B3 = -0.00673,(d)

Virial analysis of the CO₂ adsorption data at 298 K and 273 K for **Zn-MOF 2**. Fitting results: A0= 3023.00731, A1= -83.10174, A2 = -7.2069, A3 =12.87007, A4 = -0.34707, Chi² = 1.54628E-5, R² = 0.99999 B0= -0.51505, B1 = 0.4125, B2 = -0.03495, B3 =-0.02818

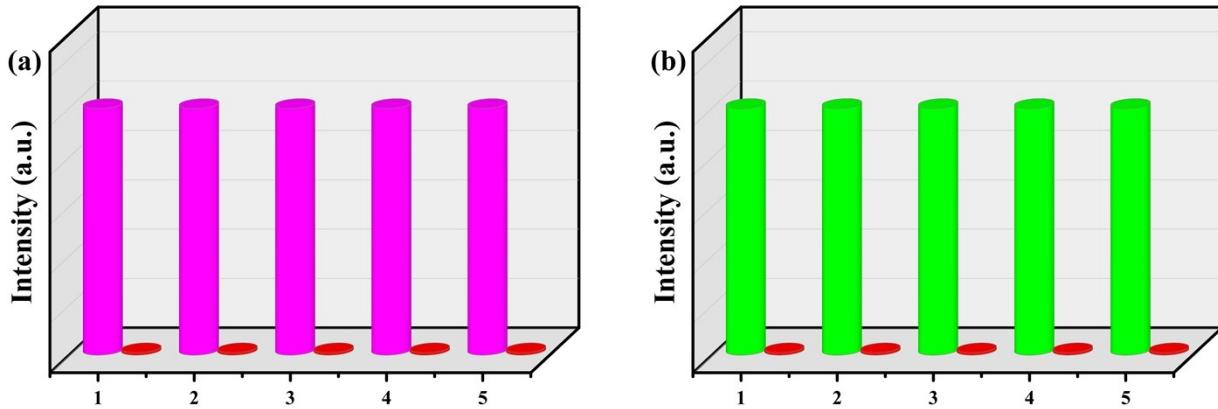


Figure S10. Comparison of fluorescence properties of **Eu@Zn-MOF 1** (a) and **Eu@Zn-MOF 2** (b) before and after recovery.

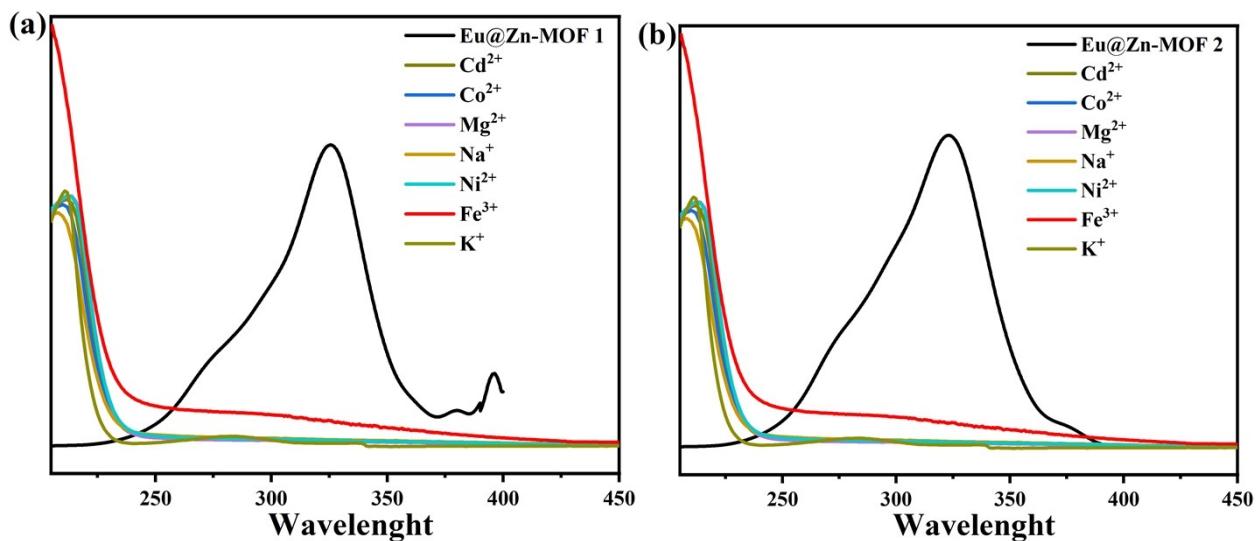


Figure S11. UV-vis adsorption spectra of M(NO₃)_x aqueous solutions and the excitation spectrum of **Eu@Zn-MOF 1** (a) and **Eu@Zn-MOF 2** (b).

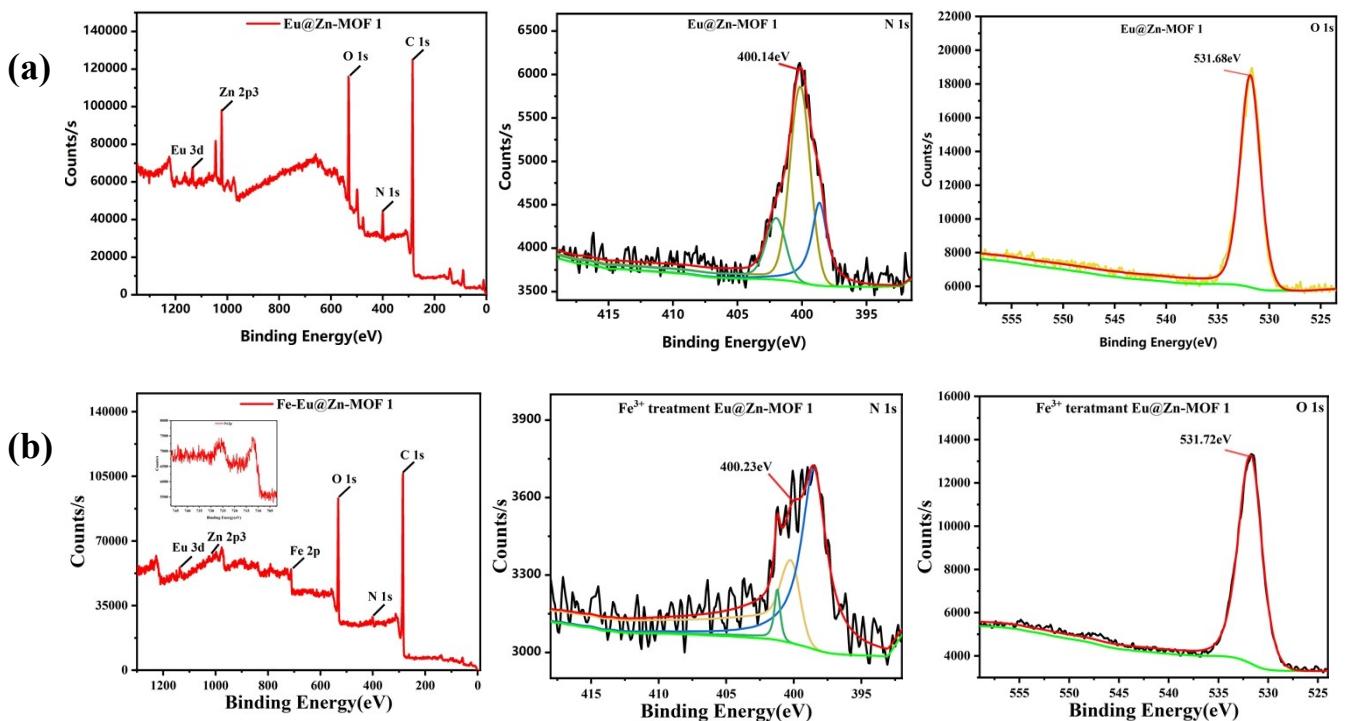


Figure S12. Comparison of the XPS spectra of **Eu@Zn-MOF 1** before (a) and after (b) treatment with Fe^{3+} ions: overall spectra (left); N1s (middle); O1s(right).

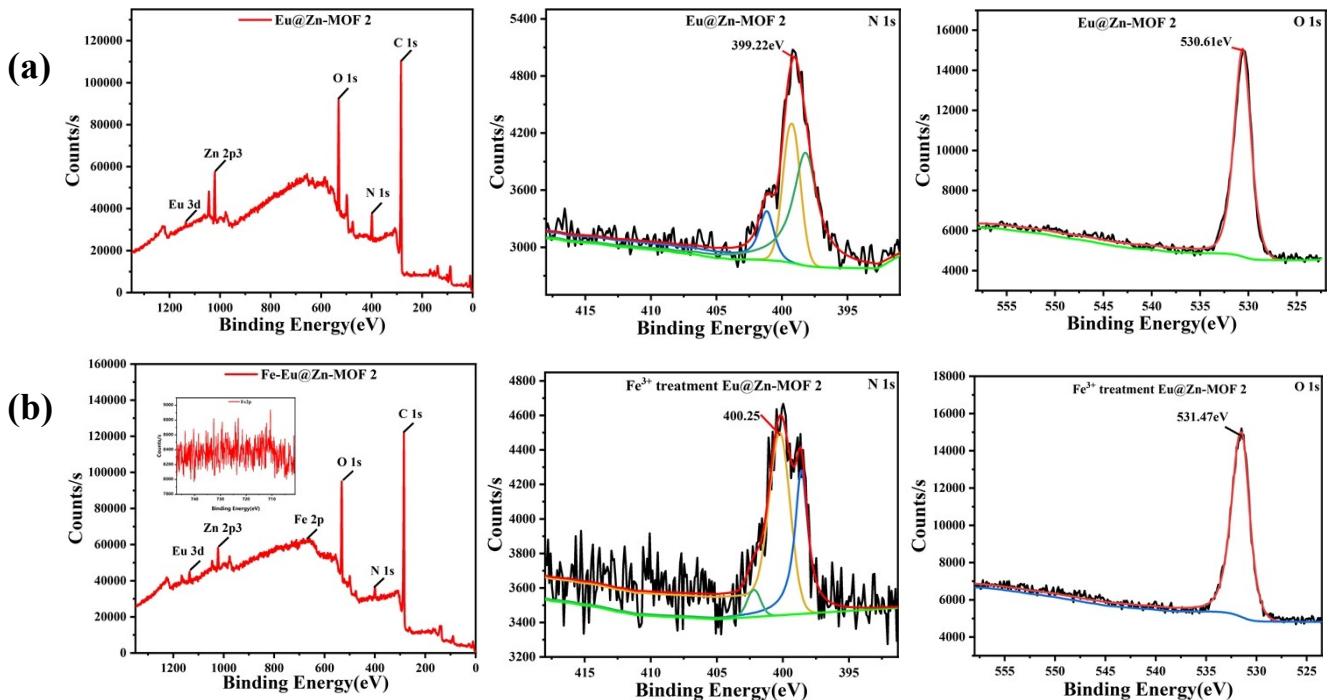


Figure S13. Comparison of the XPS spectra of **Eu@Zn-MOF 2** before (a) and after (b) treatment with Fe^{3+} ions: overall spectra (left); N1s (middle); O1s (right)