

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### Reversible anion-dependent iodine uptake in nonporous pseudopolymorphic coordination polymers

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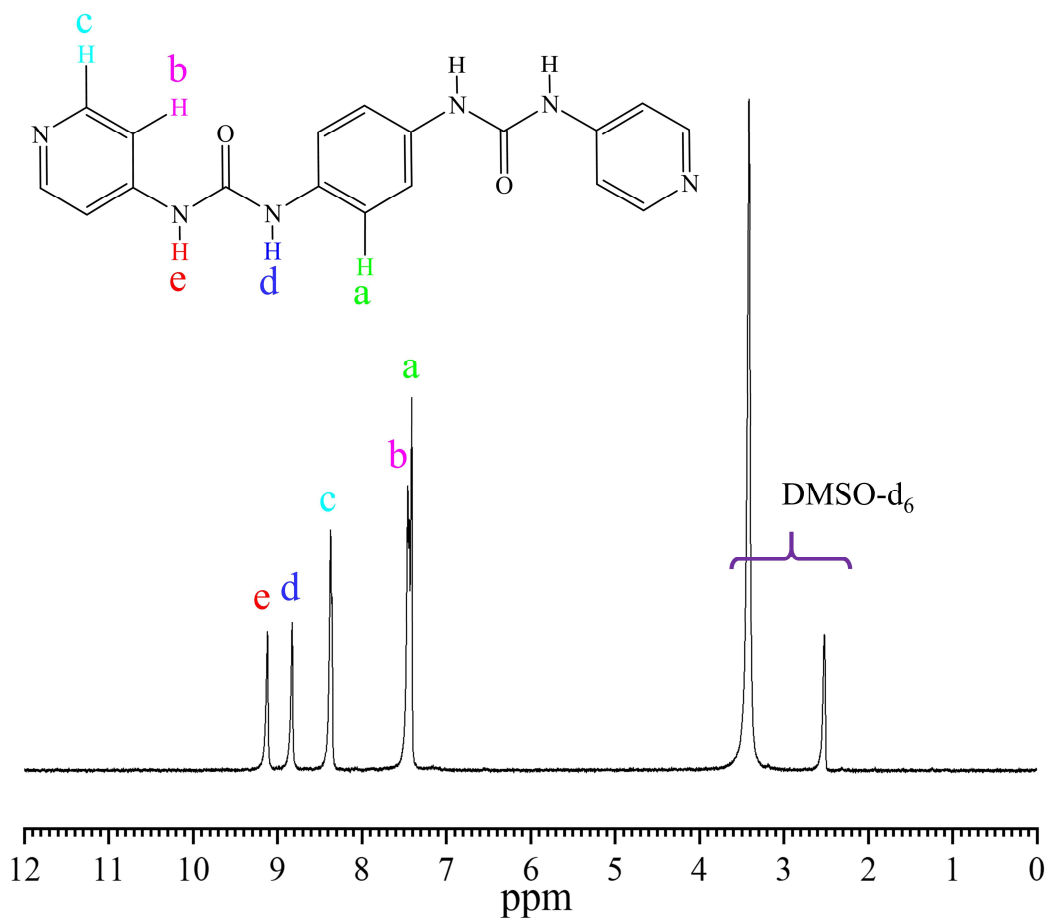
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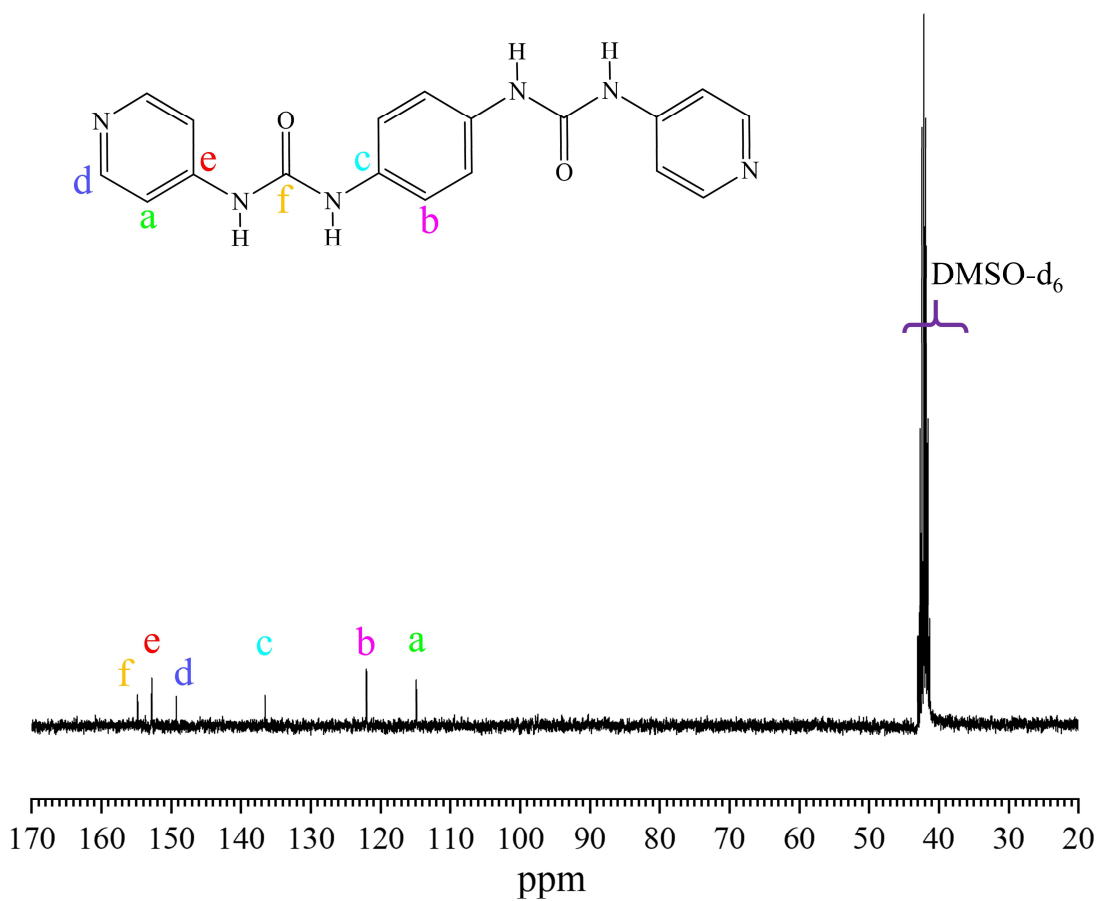
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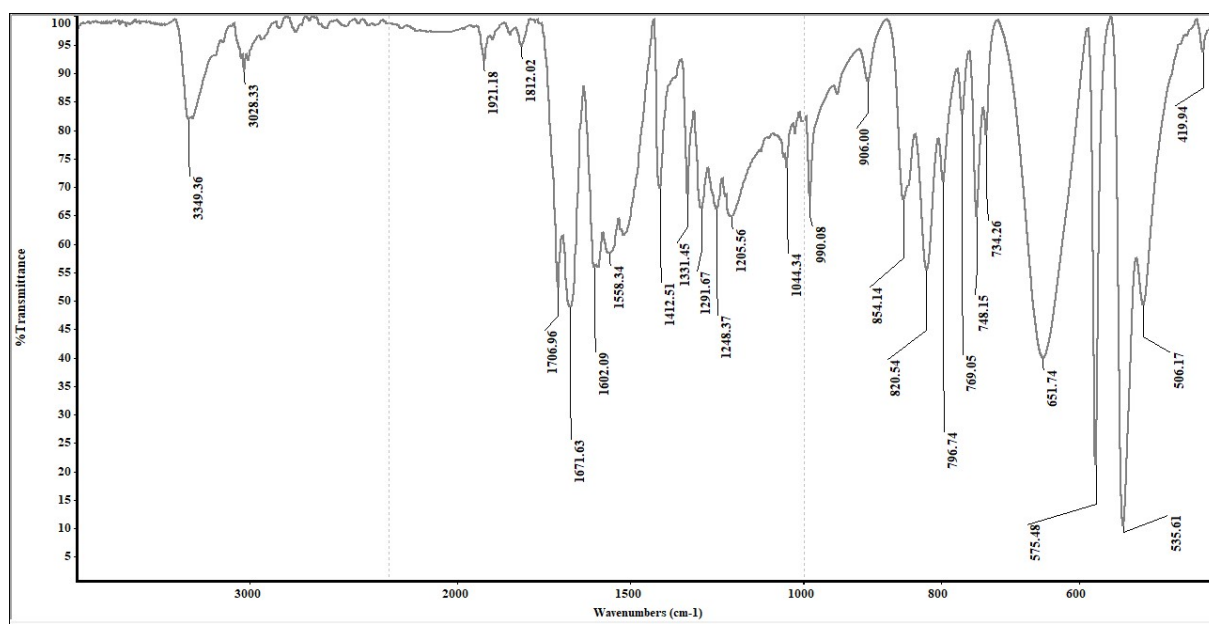
**Synthesis of ligand 4,4-pbubp<sup>1</sup>**: Isonicotinic acid hydrazide (6 mmol, 822 mg) was dissolved in 20 ml 25% aq. HCl at 0 °C and NaNO<sub>2</sub> (10.0 mmol, 689 mg) dissolved in 5 mL ice cold water was added to it with stirring. Stirring was continued for 1 h, maintaining the temperature below 5 °C. The solution was neutralized by adding solid Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> and extracted with 50 mL toluene. The organic extracts were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and filtered. Benzene-1,4-diamine (3.0 mmol, 324 mg) was added to the filtrate and refluxed for 6 h. The precipitate was filtered and dried to afford white solid powder **4,4-pbubp** in 70% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 300 MHz): δ= 9.12(s, 1H), 8.83(s, 1H), 8.36-8.37(d, 2H), 7.44-7.45(d, 2H) & 7.41(s, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 75 MHz) δ= 114.87, 121.97, 136.54, 149.22, 152.71 & 154.80. m.p >260 °C. IR data (KBr pellet, cm<sup>-1</sup>) (Fig. S3): 3349(w), 3028(w), 1921(w), 1812(w), 1706(s), 1671(s), 1602(s), 1558(m), 1412(m), 1331(m), 1291(m), 1248(m), 1205(m), 1044(m), 990(m), 906(w), 854(m), 820(m), 796(m), 769(m), 748(w), 734(m), 651(s), 575(s), 535(s), 506(m), 419(w).



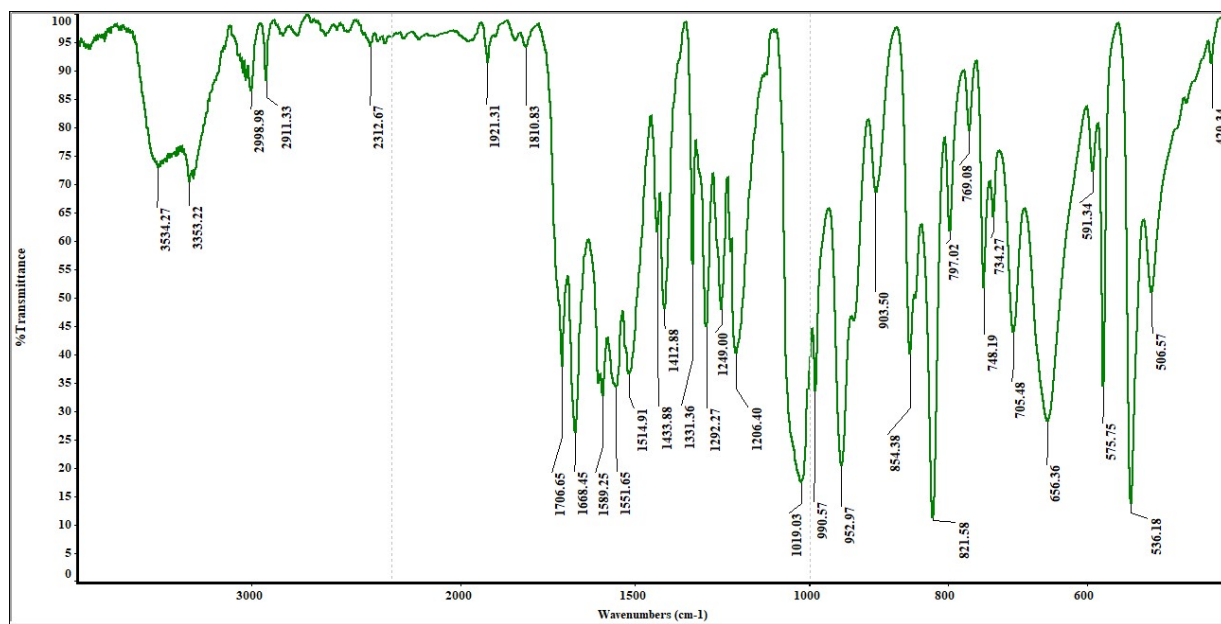
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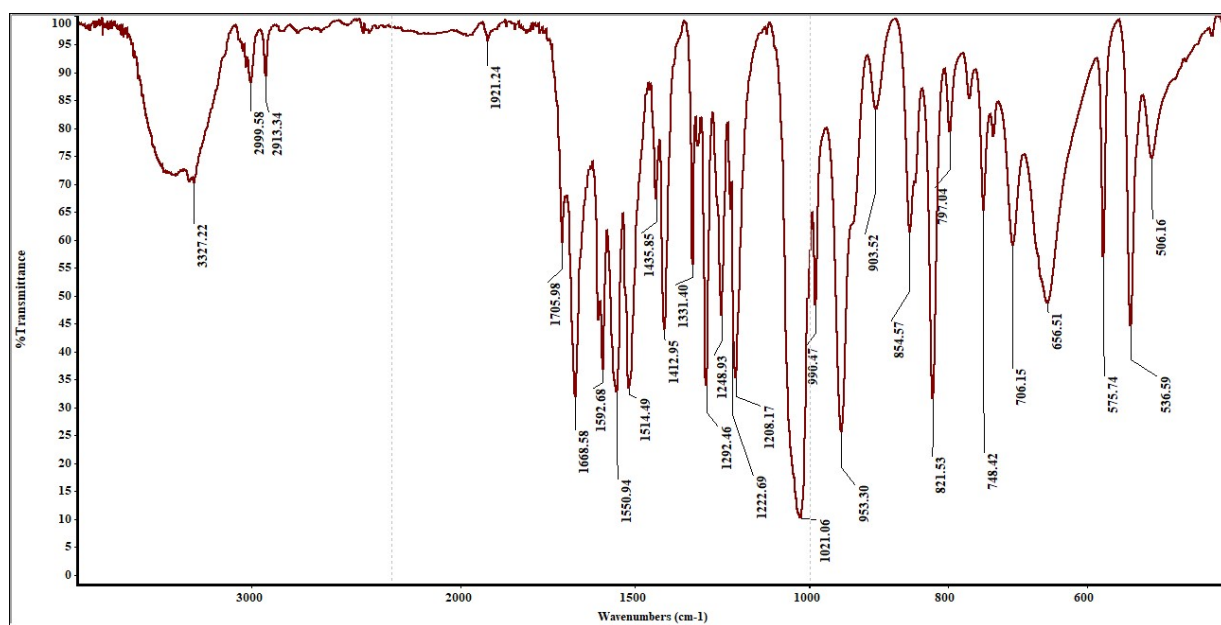
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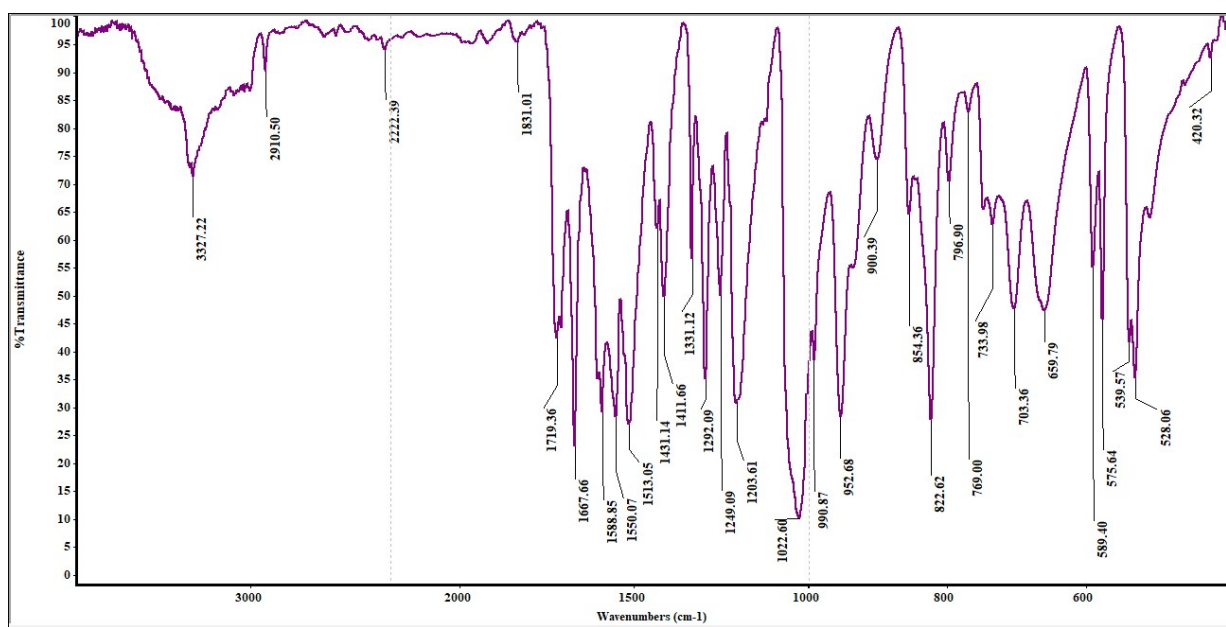


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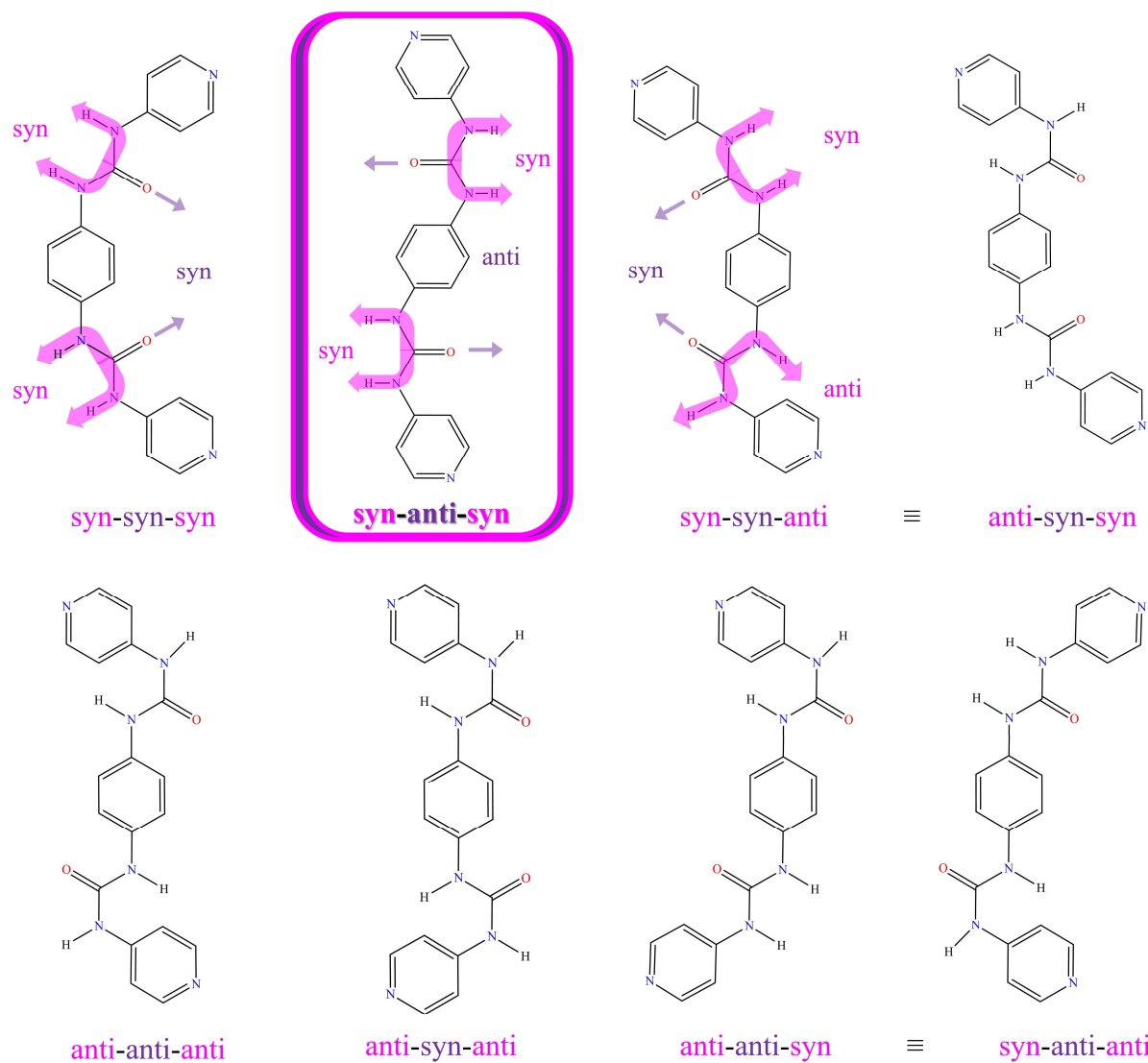


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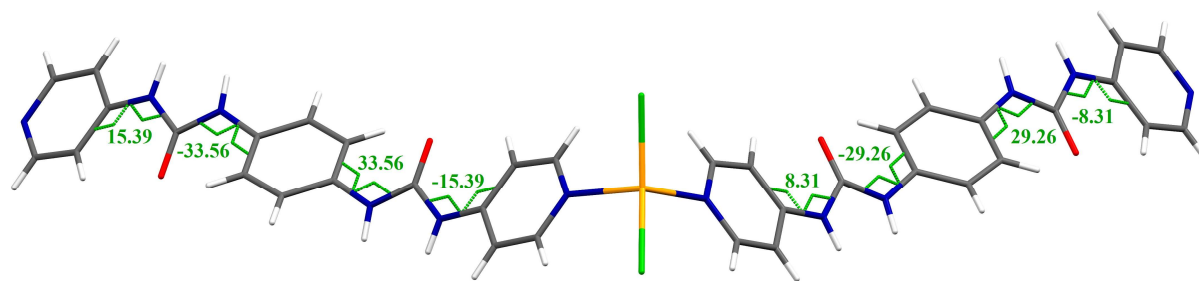




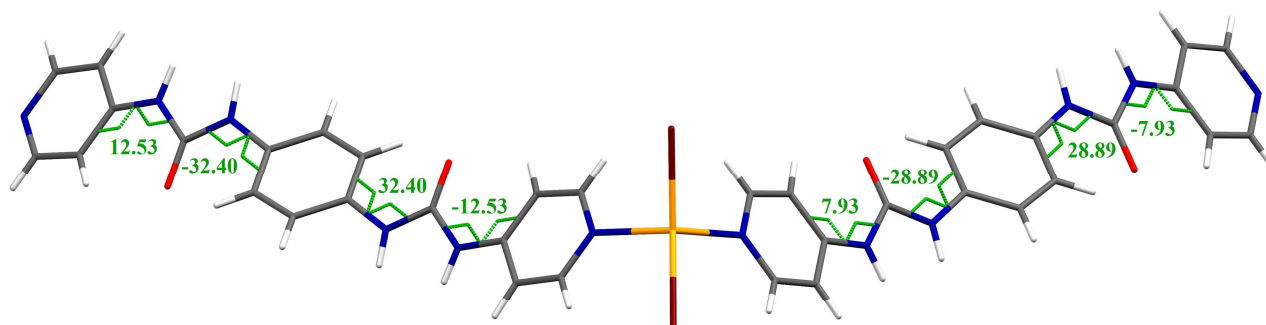
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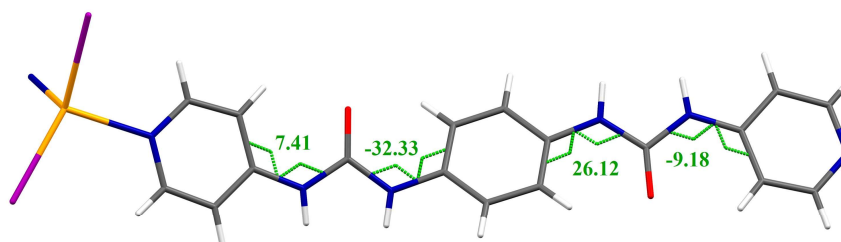
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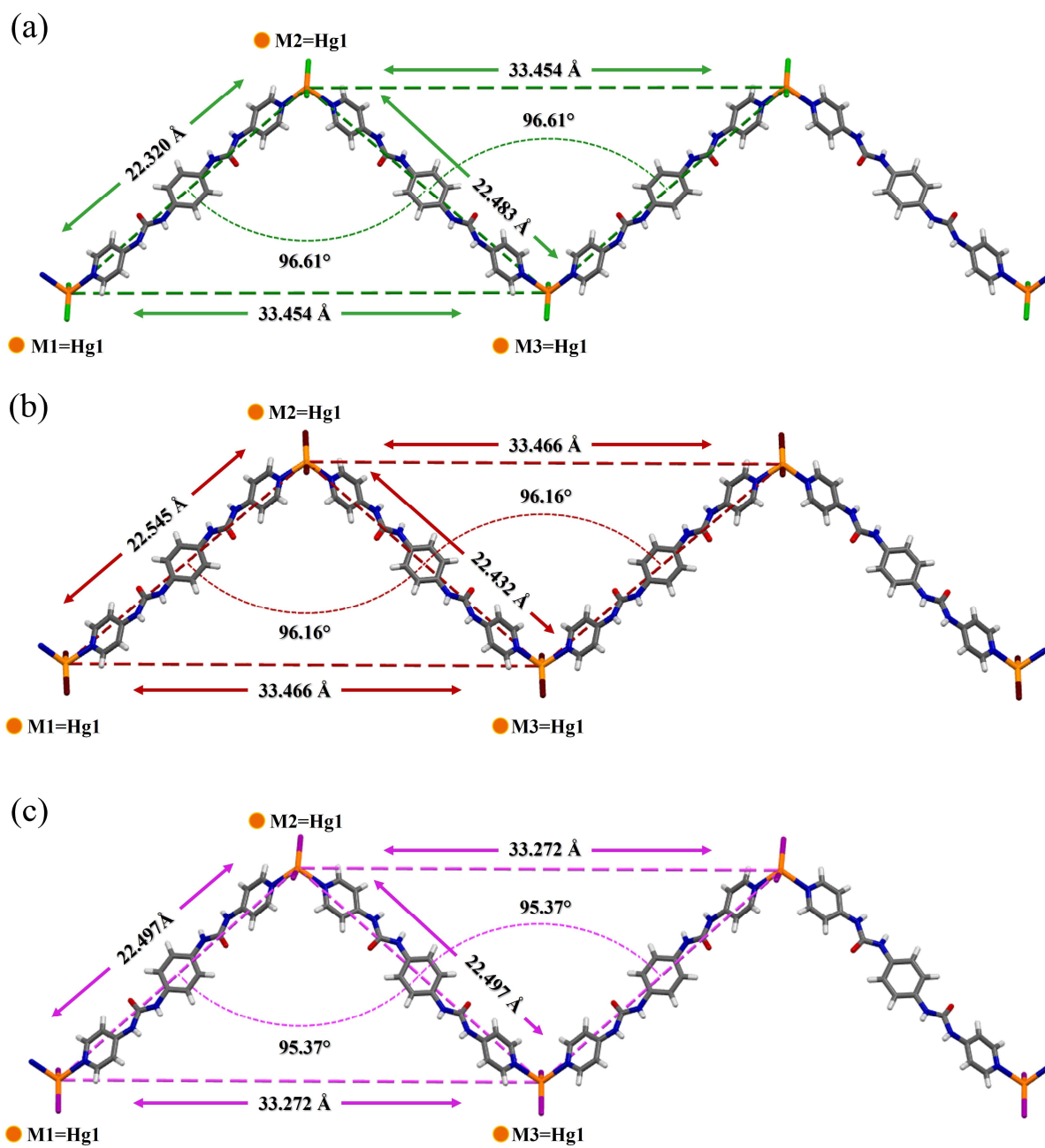
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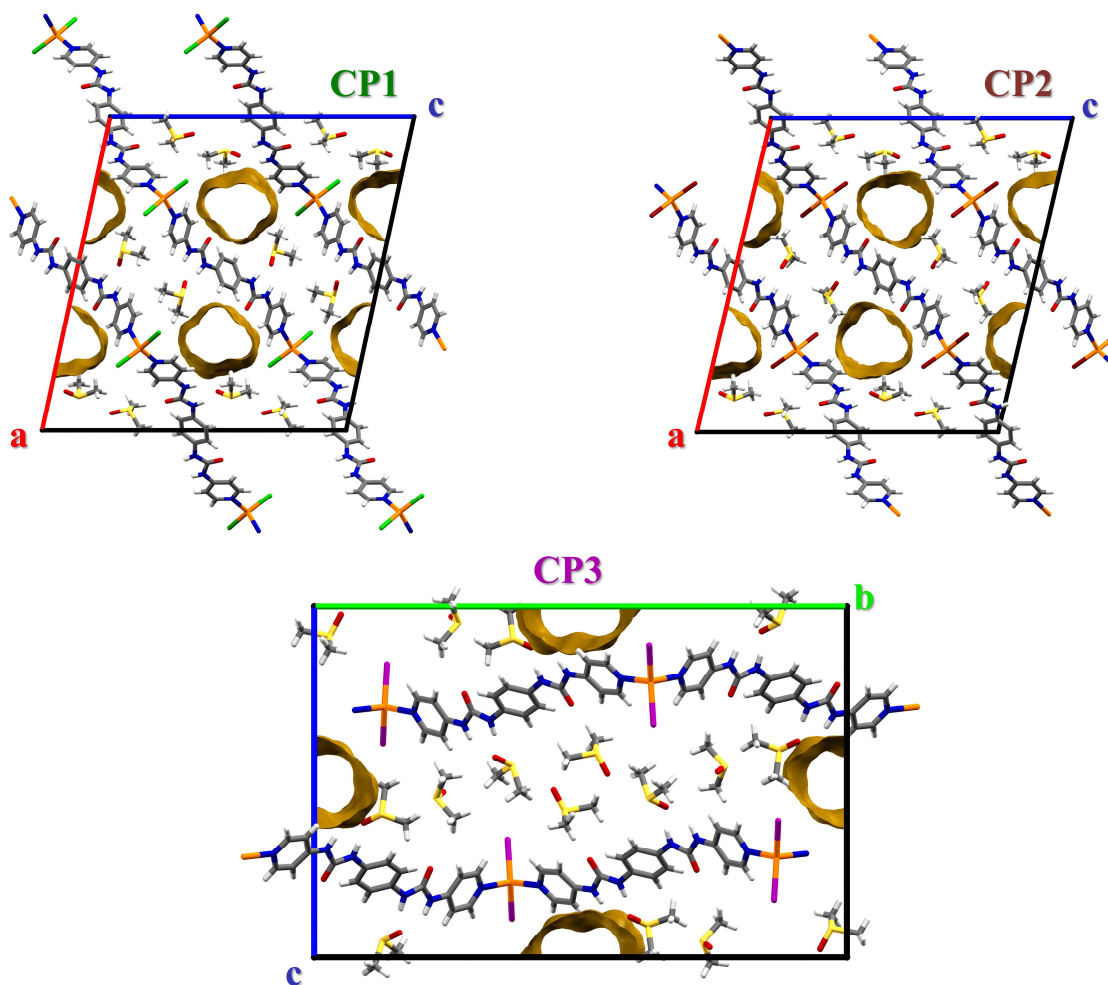
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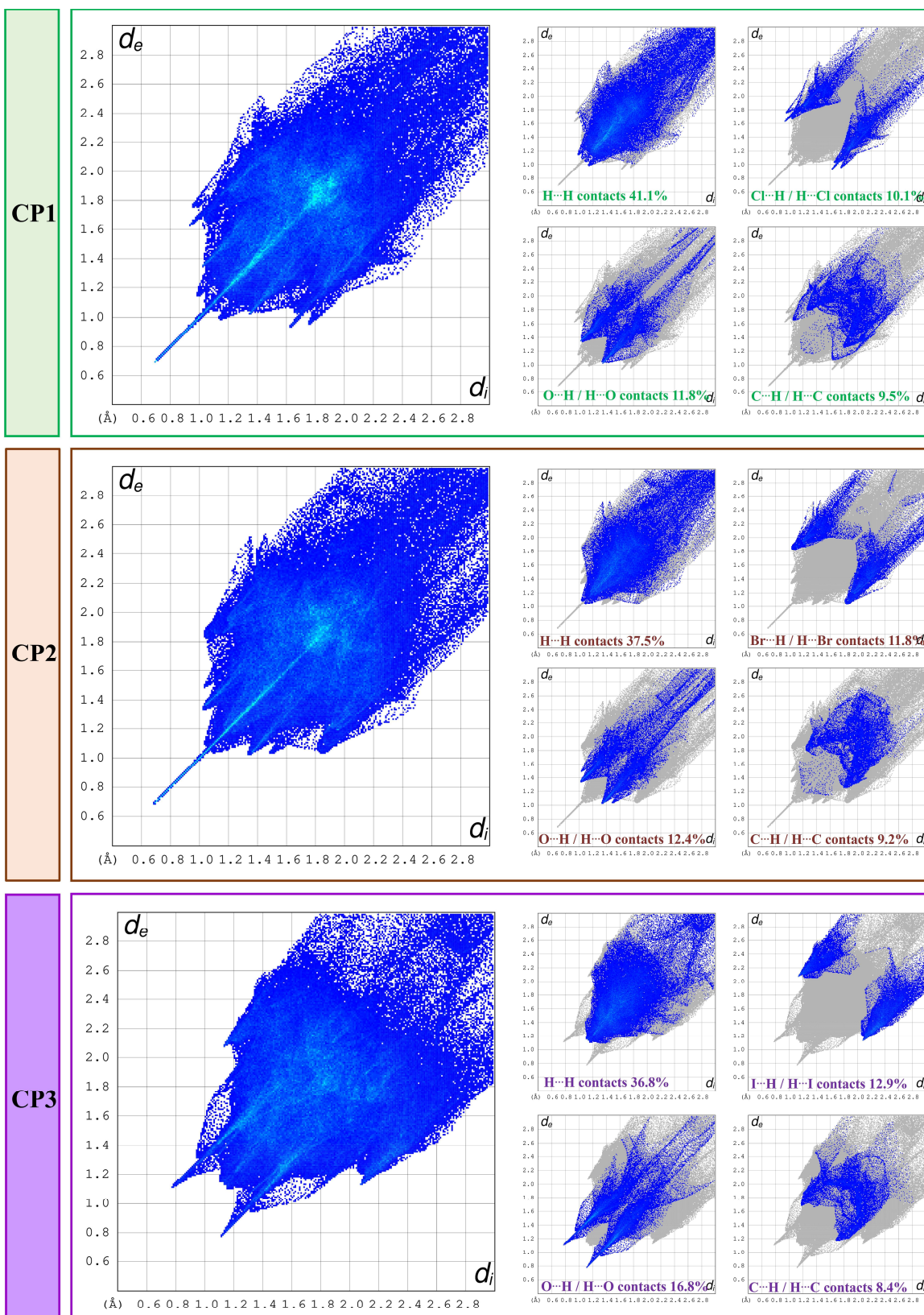
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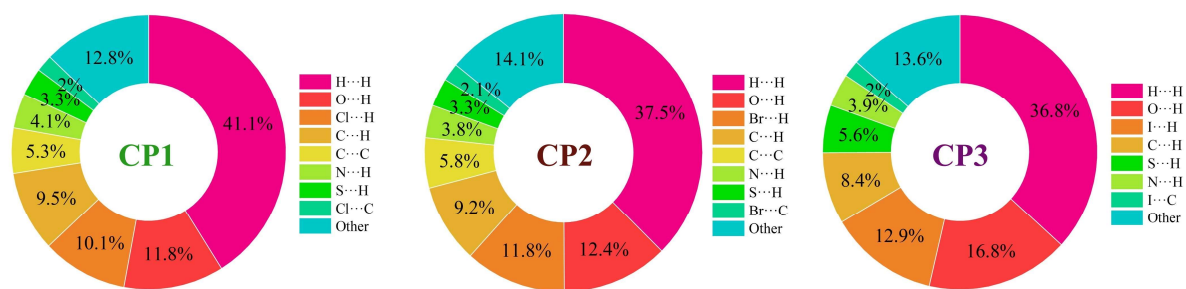
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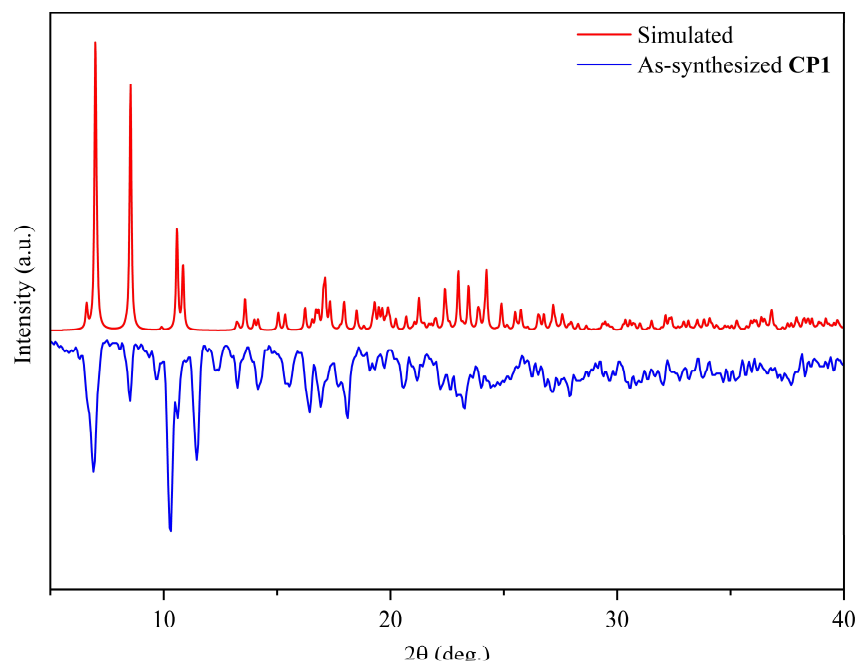
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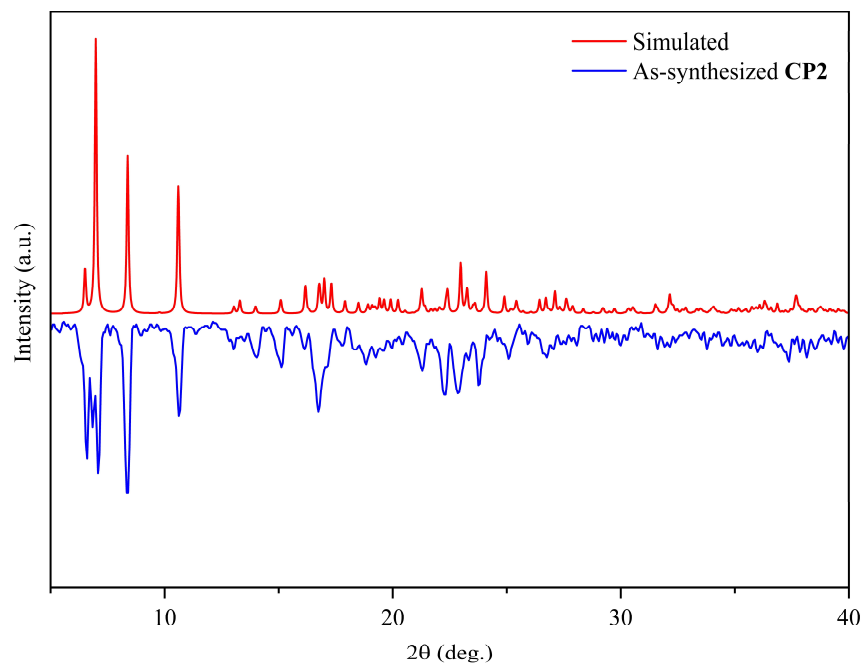
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**Fig. S14** Distribution of the intermolecular contacts base on Hirshfeld surface analysis for **CP1**, **CP2** and **CP3**.

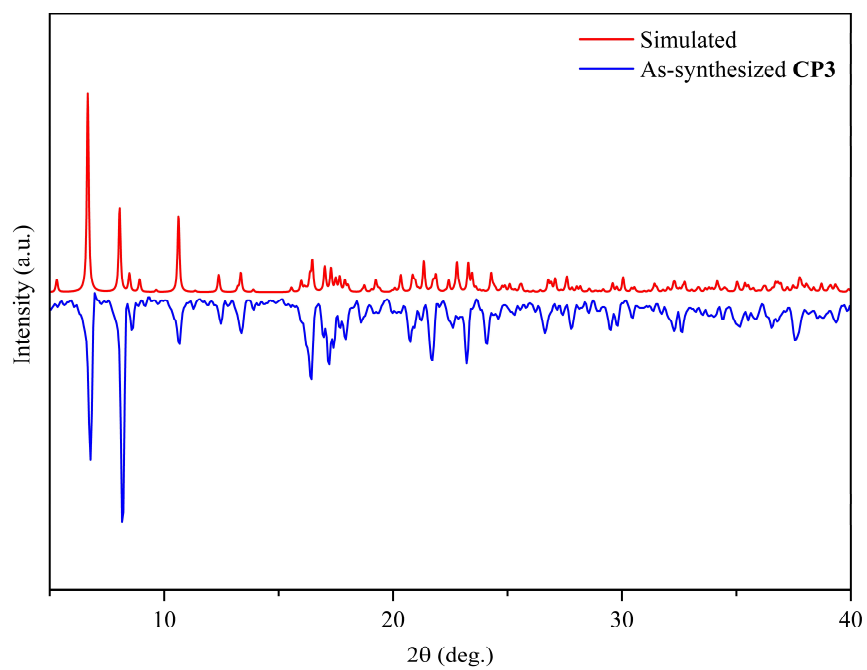


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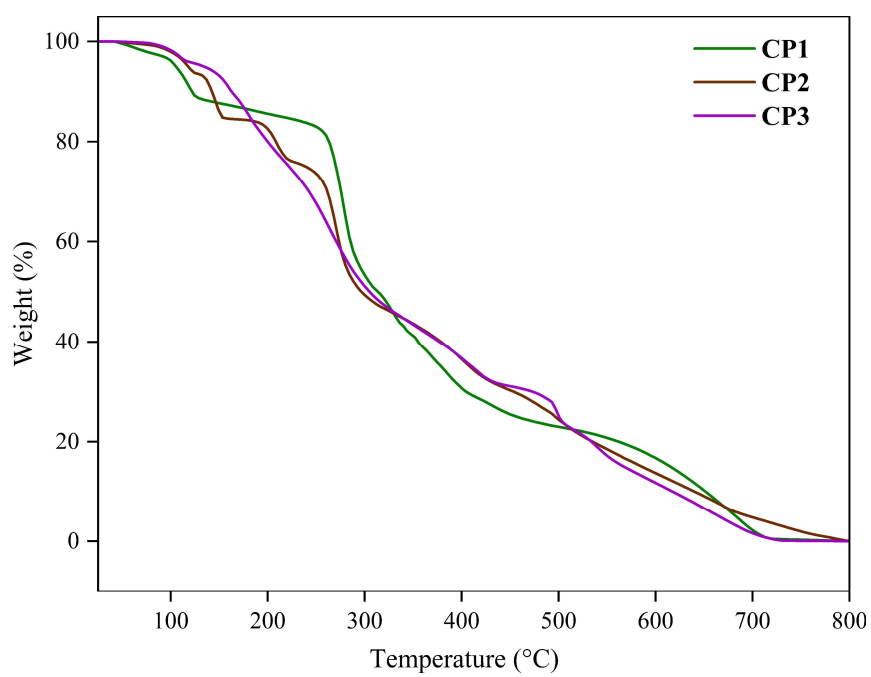


**Fig. S16** PXRD patterns of **CP2**. Red: Simulated from the X-ray single crystal data; Blue: observed for the as-synthesized solids.

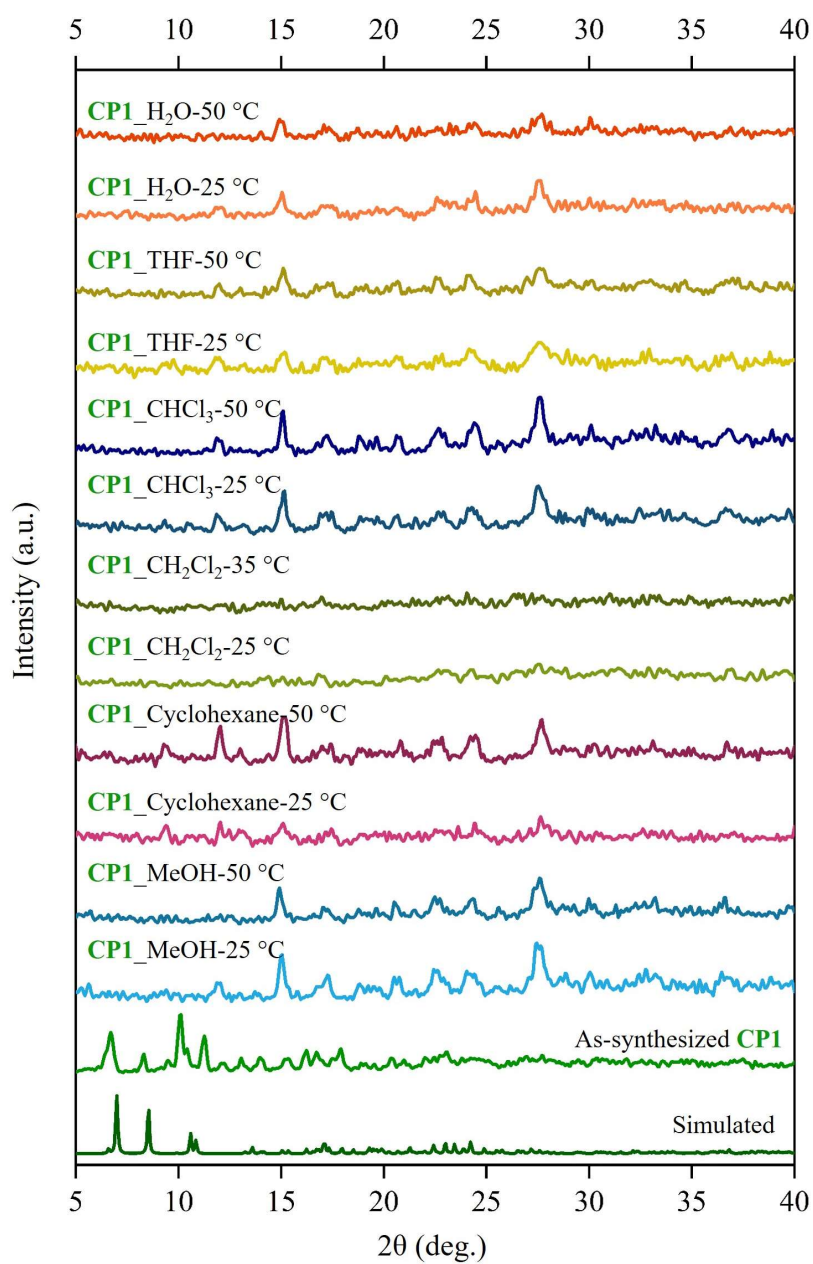




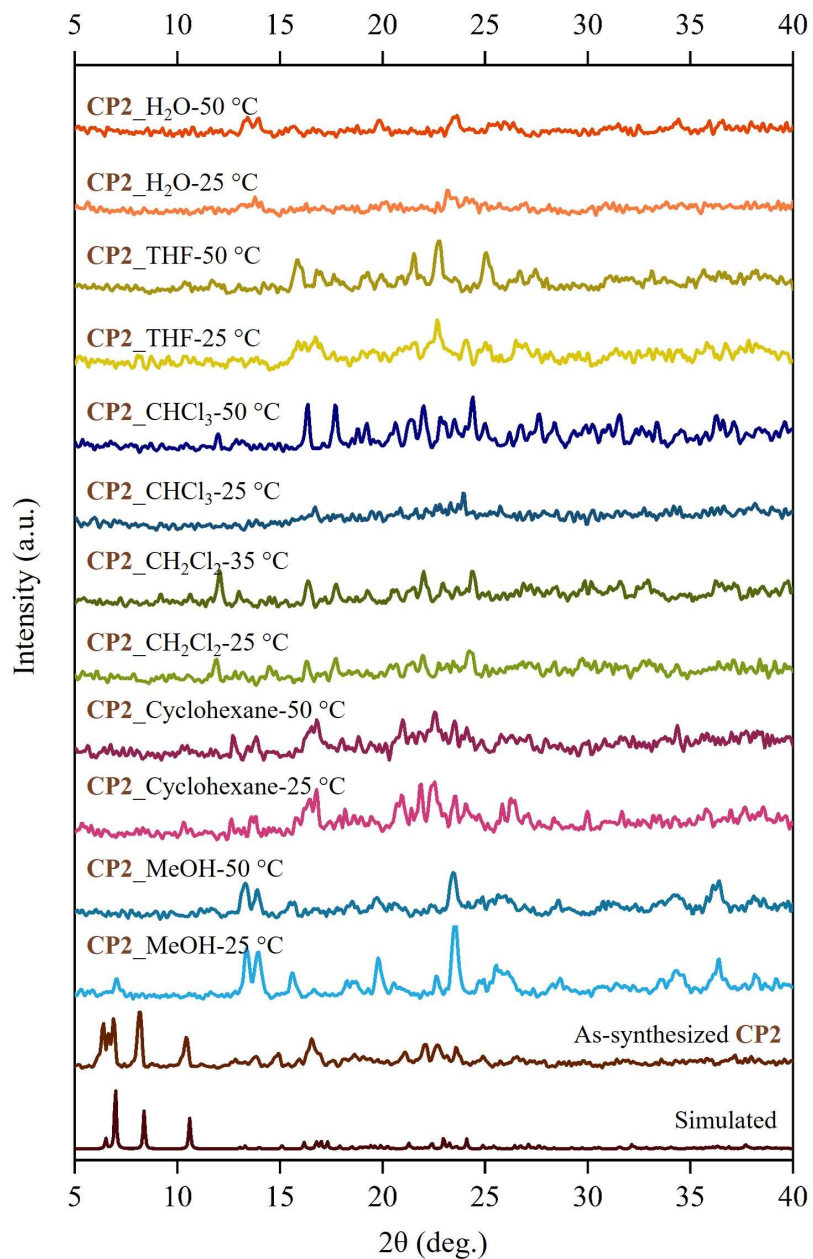
**Fig. S17** PXR D patterns of **CP3**. Red: Simulated from the X-ray single crystal data; Blue: observed for the as-synthesized solids.



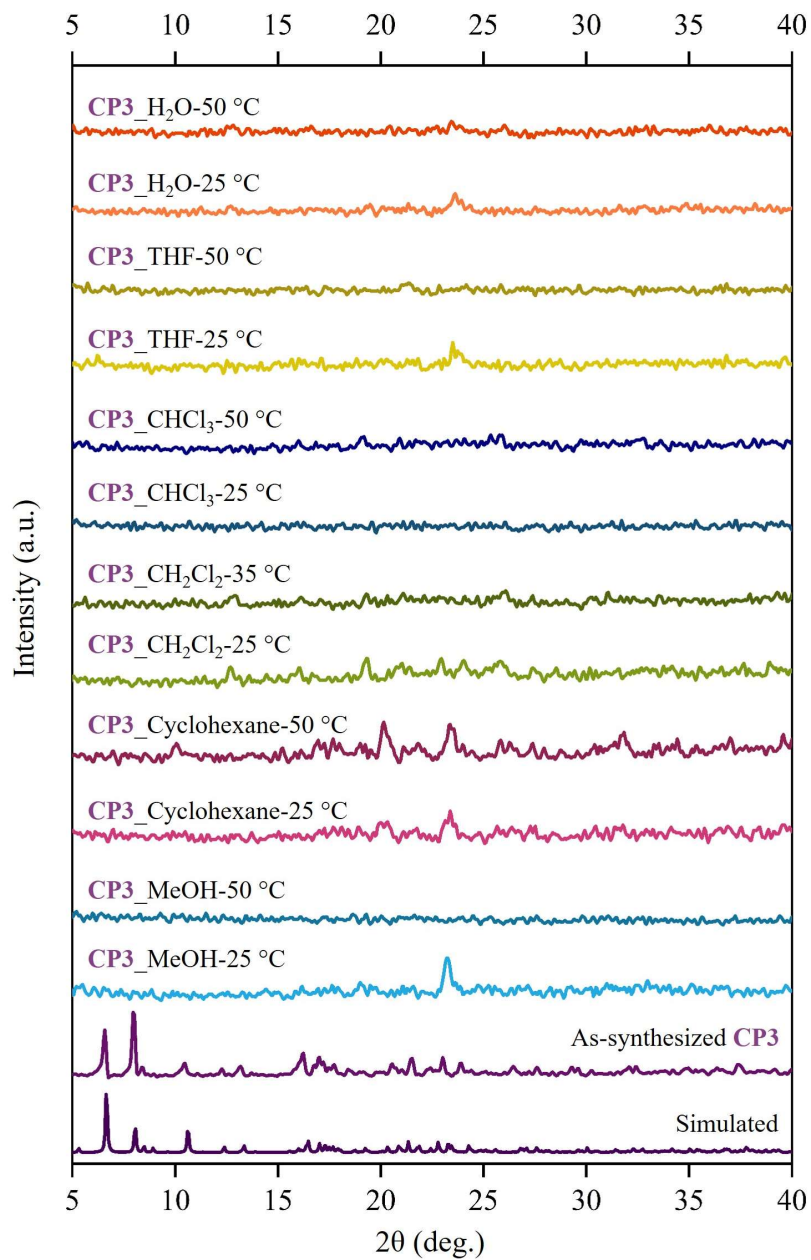
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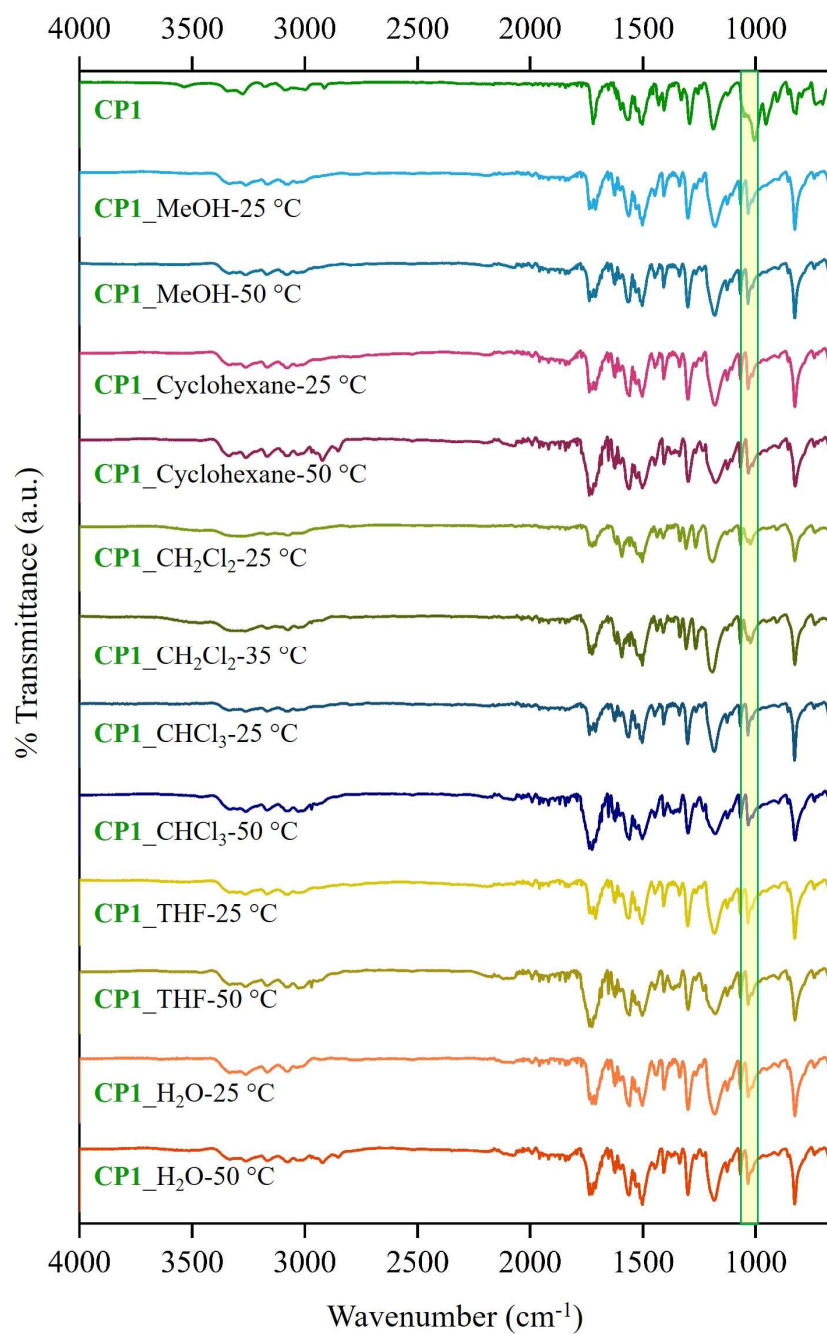
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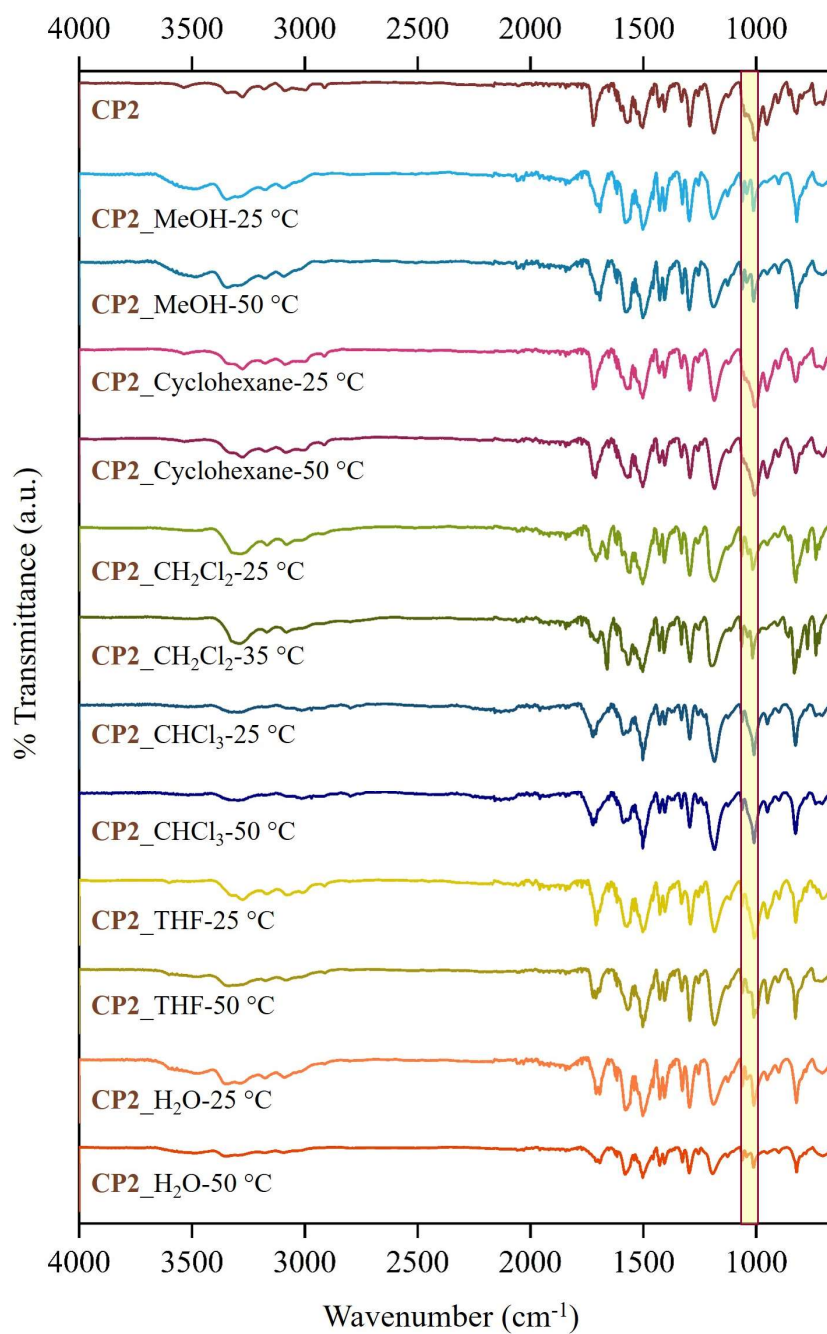
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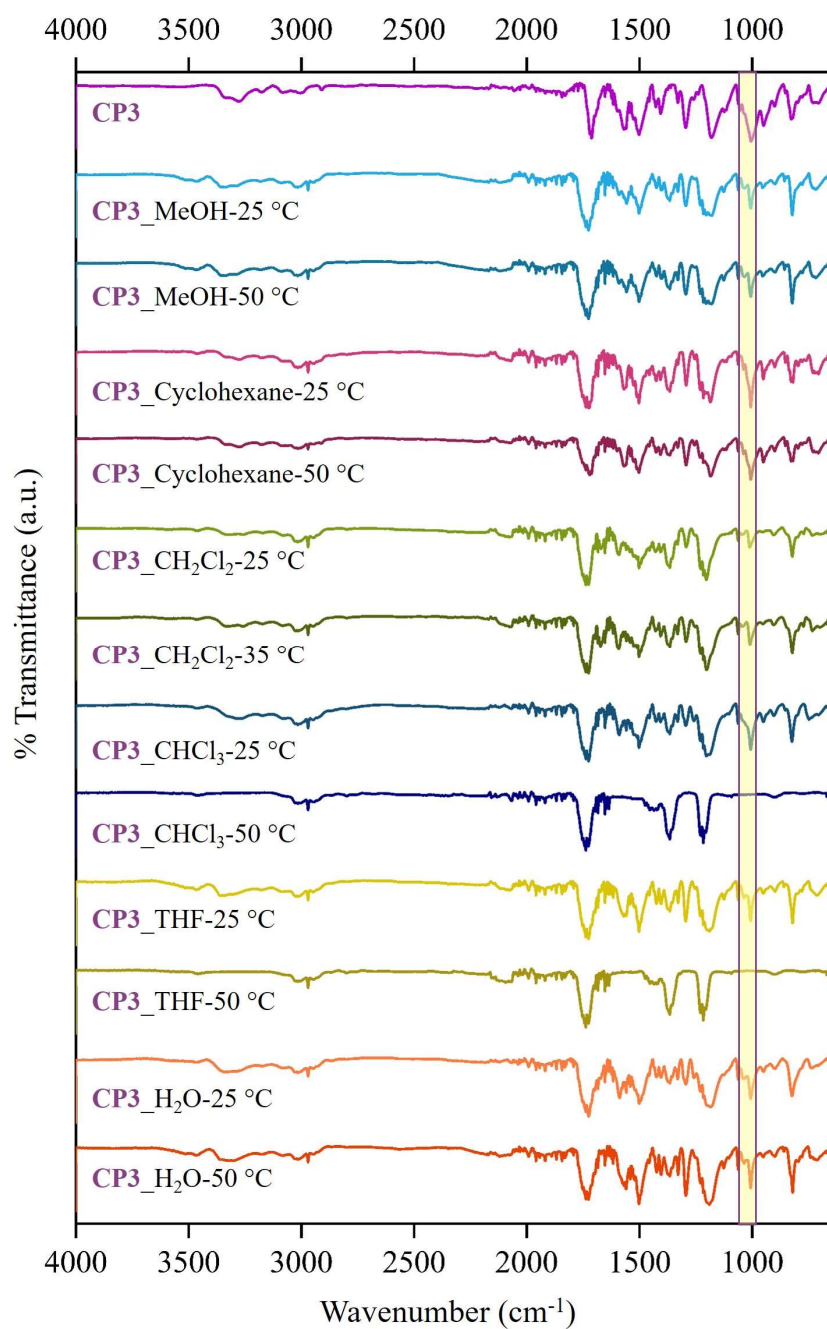
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**Fig S22** ATR-FTIR spectra of **CP1**: as-synthesized, and after immersion in H<sub>2</sub>O and different organic solvents for 1 h, at 25 and 50 °C.

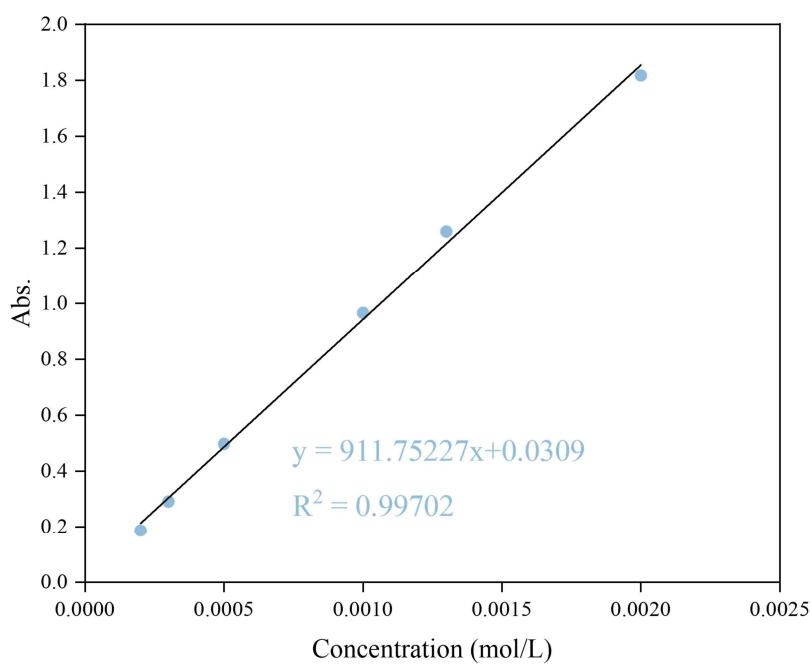


**Fig S23** ATR-FTIR spectra of CP2: as-synthesized, and after immersion in H<sub>2</sub>O and different organic solvents for 1 h, at 25 and 50 °C.

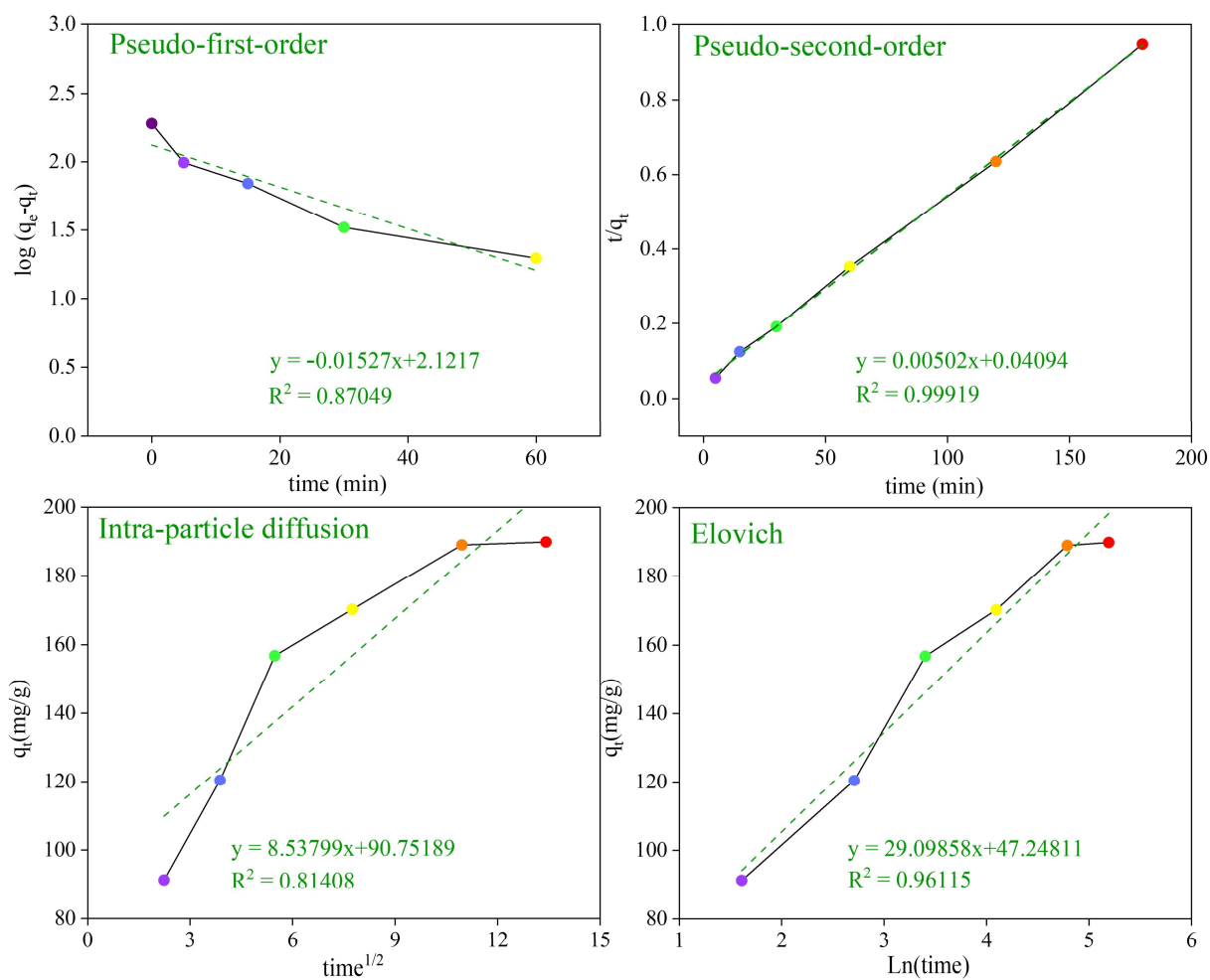


**Fig S24** ATR-FTIR spectra of **CP3**: as-synthesized, and after immersion in H<sub>2</sub>O and different organic solvents for 1 h, at 25 and 50 °C.

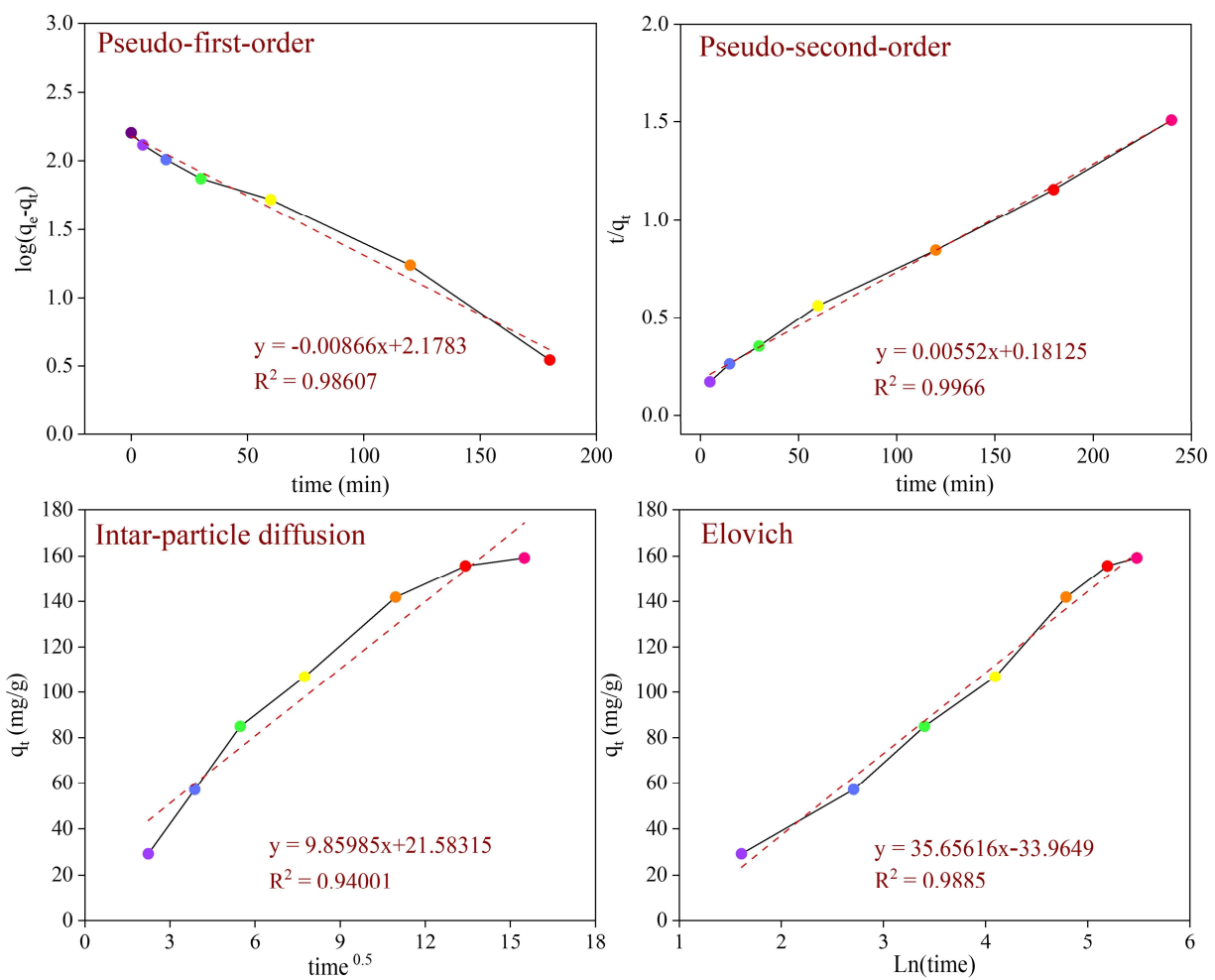




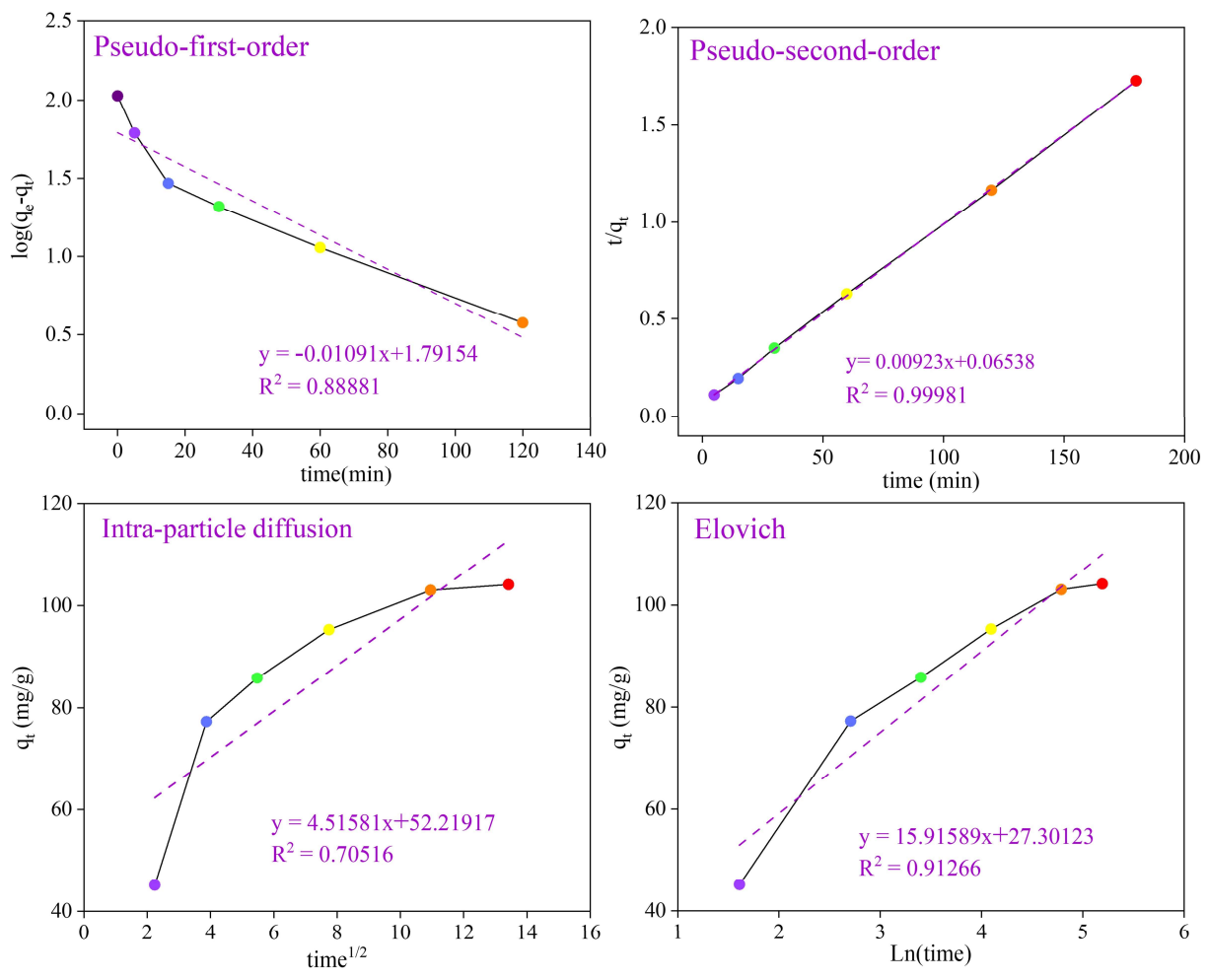
**Fig. S25** Calibration plot of standard iodine in cyclohexane by UV-Vis spectra.



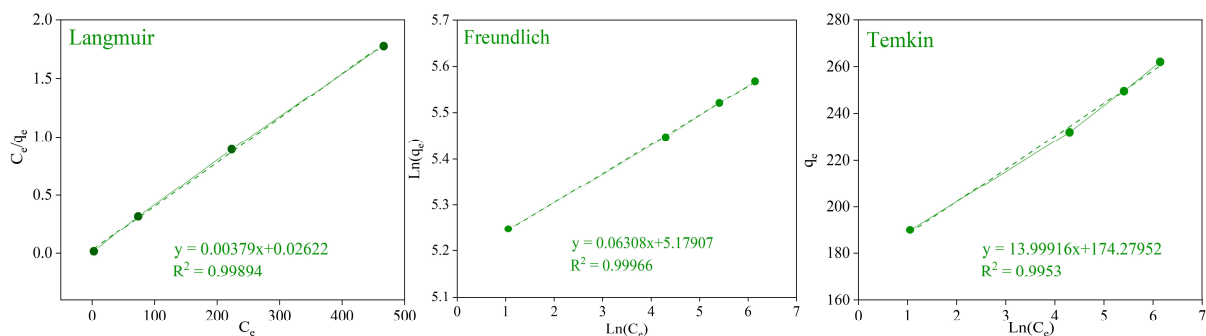
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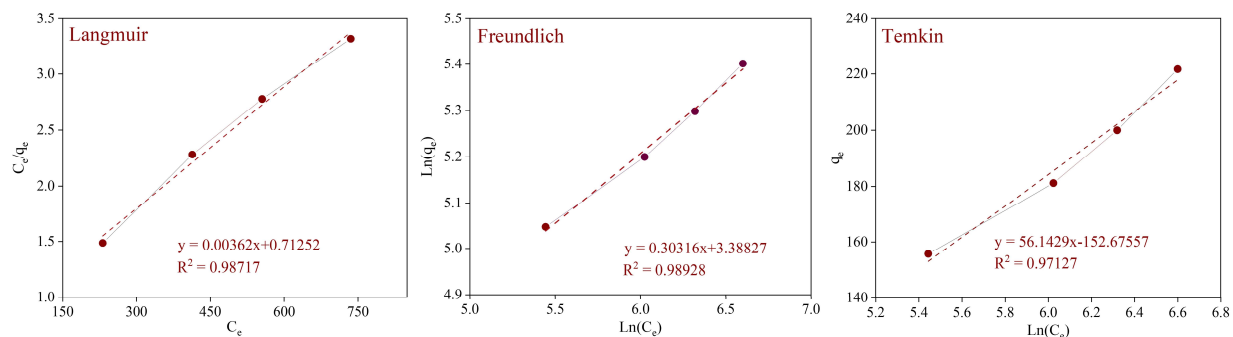
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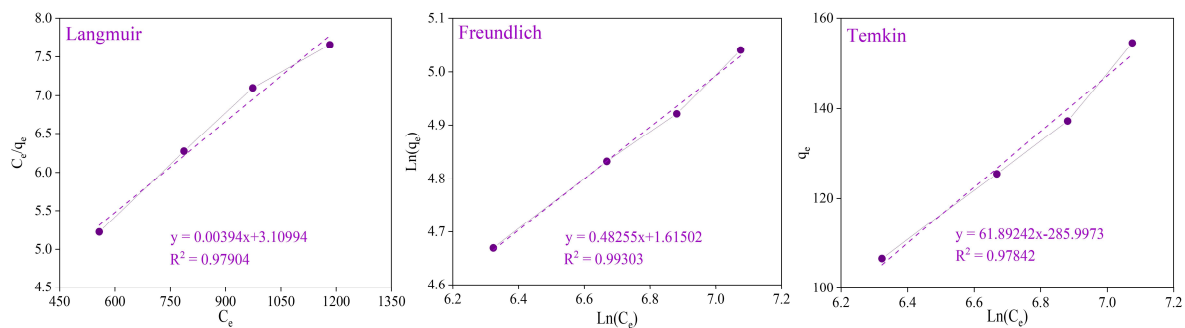
**Fig. S28** The pseudo-first-order, pseudo-second-order, intraparticle diffusion, and Elovich models for the uptake of I<sub>2</sub> by compound CP3 at 0.005 M concentration of solution.



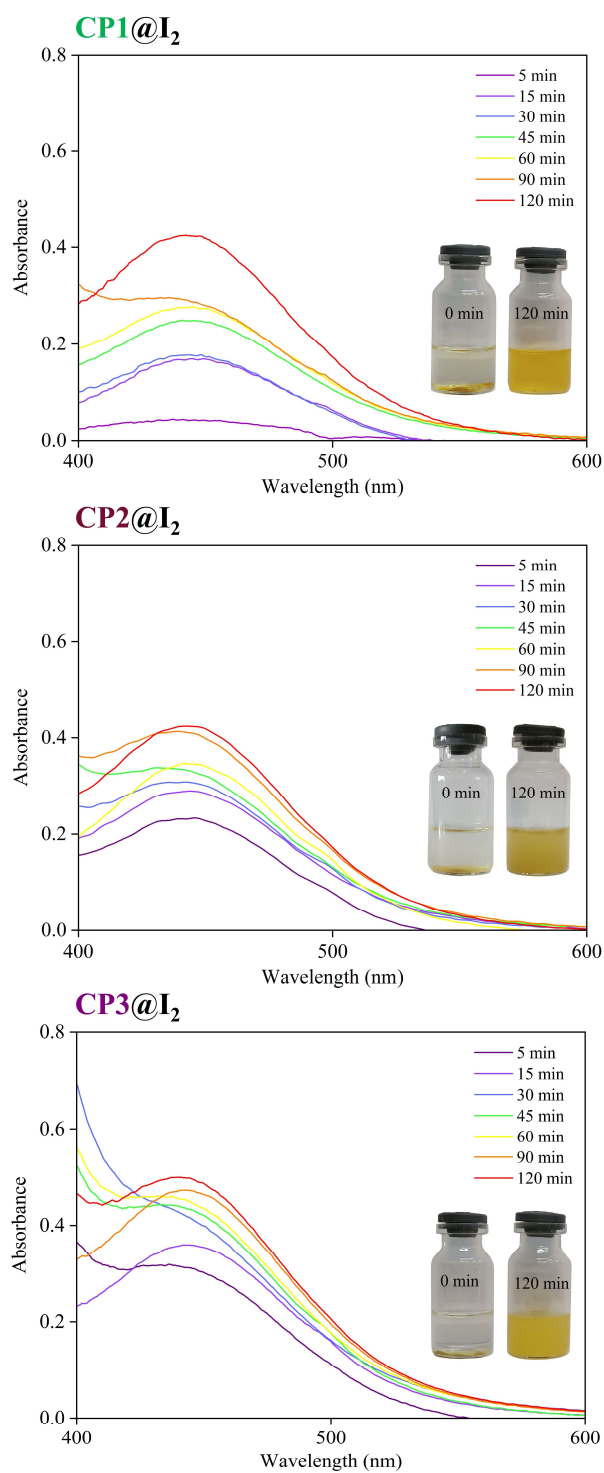
**Fig. S29** The Langmuir, Temkin, and Freundlich isotherm models for compound CP1.



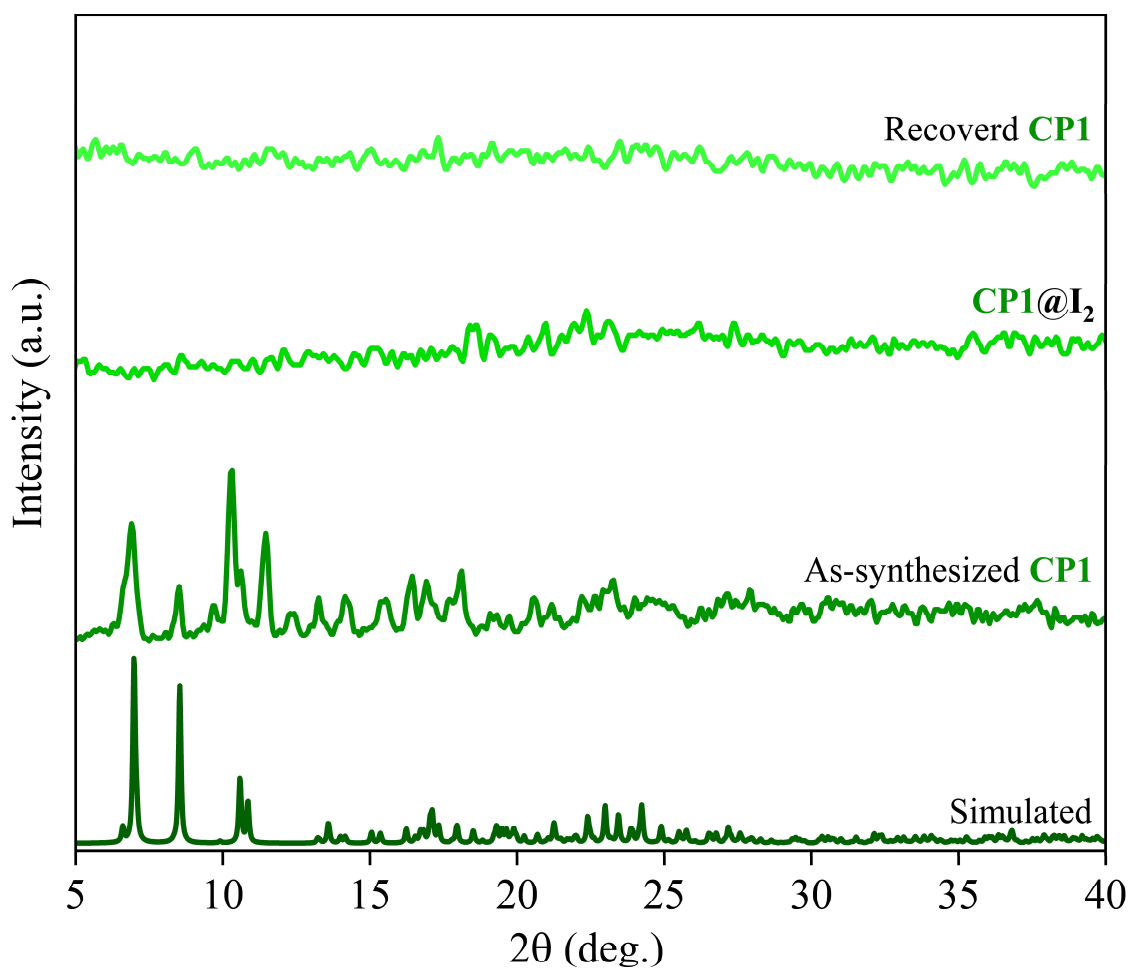
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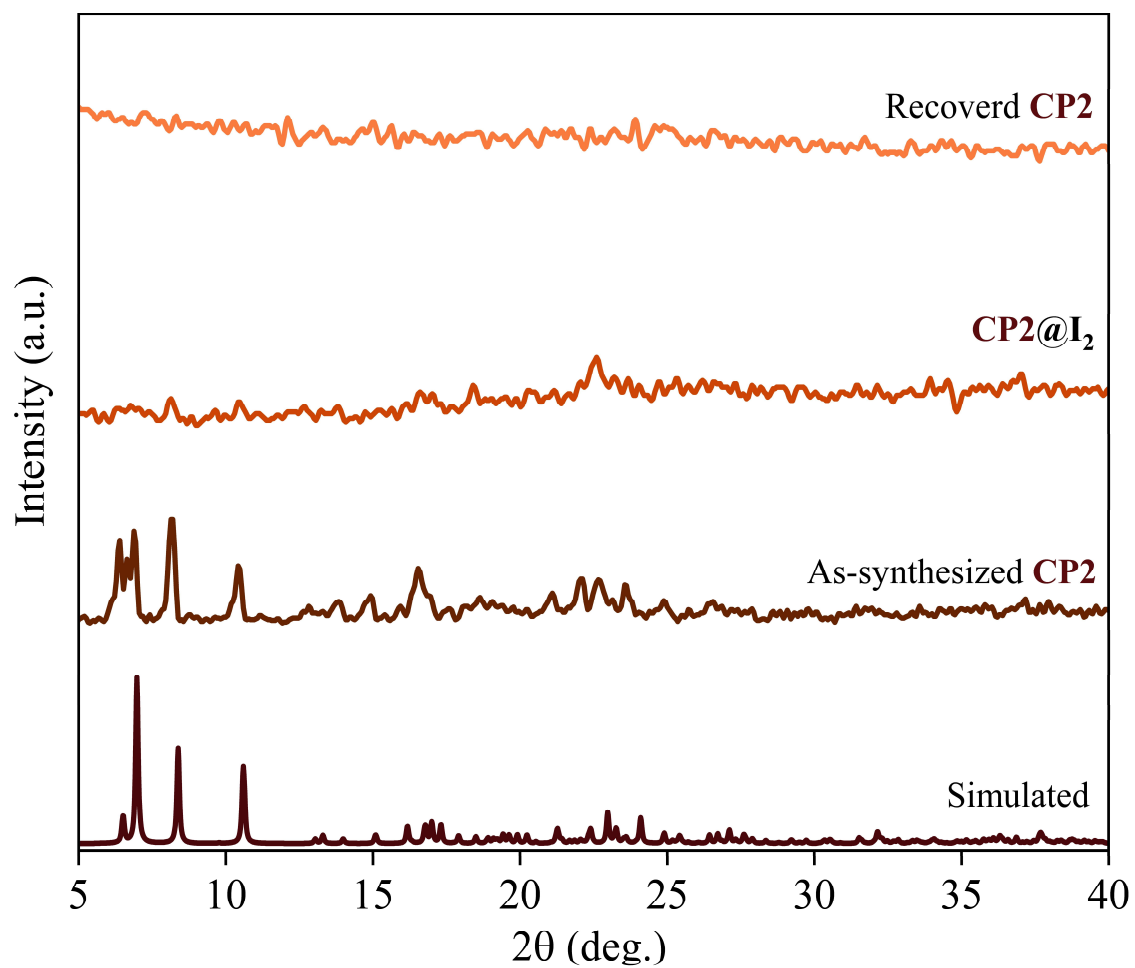
**Fig. S31** The Langmuir, Temkin, and Freundlich isotherm models for compound CP3.



**Fig. S32** The UV-Vis spectra of compounds CP1@I<sub>2</sub>, CP2@I<sub>2</sub> and CP3@I<sub>2</sub> immersed in 5 mL ethanol and the photograph of the releasing process at the beginning and after 120 min.

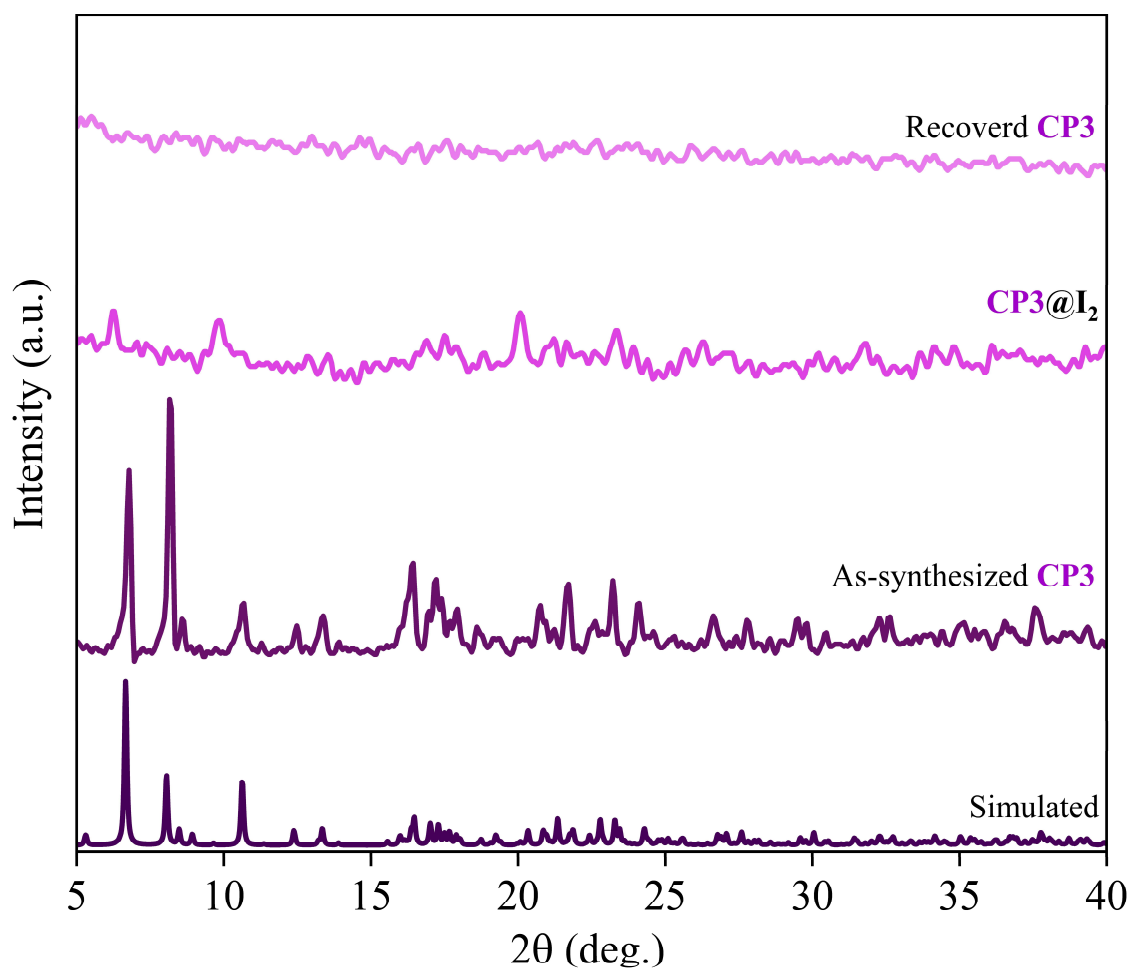


**Fig. S33** Comparison between the simulation powder X-ray diffraction patterns of the CP1, before iodine uptake, the CP1@I<sub>2</sub> and recovered CP1.

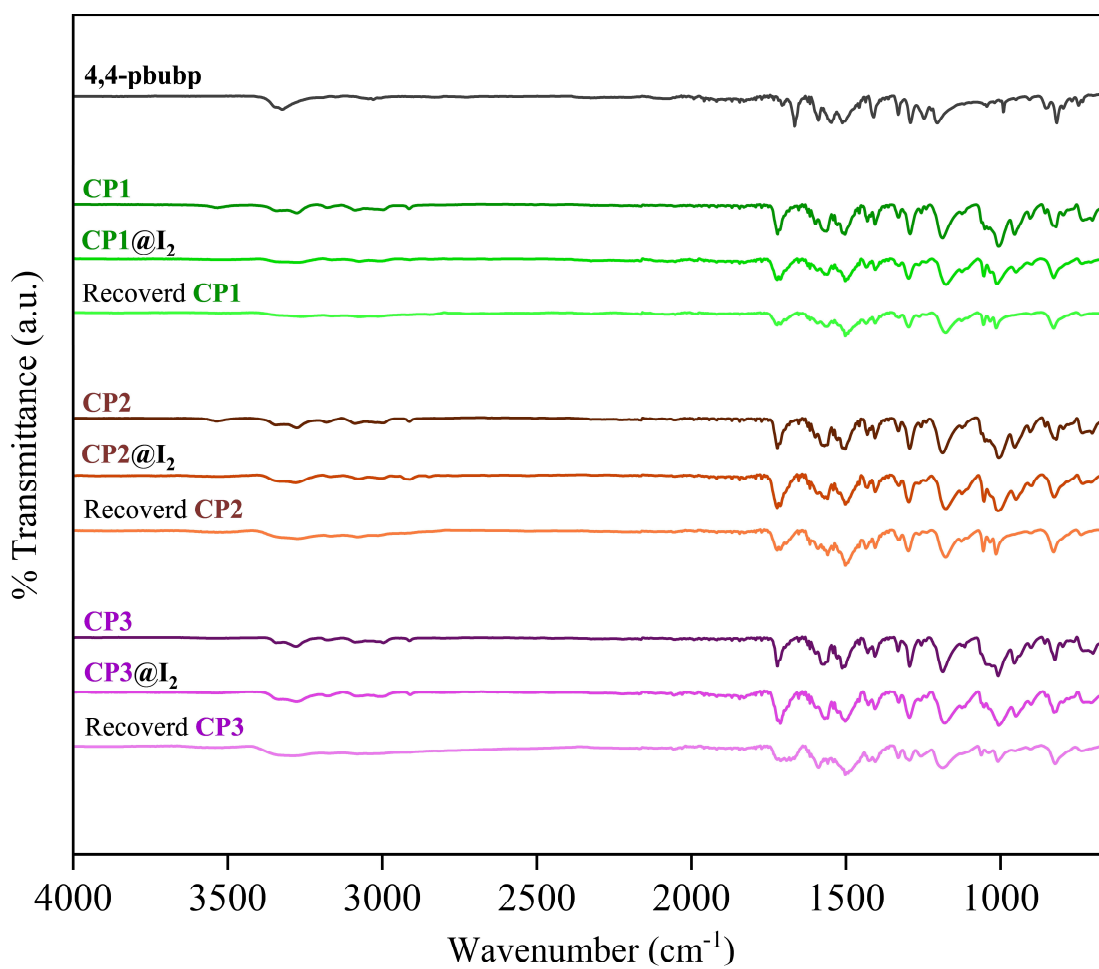


**Fig. S34** Comparison between the simulation powder X-ray diffraction patterns of the CP2, before iodine uptake, the CP2@I<sub>2</sub> and recovered CP2.





**Fig. S35** Comparison between the simulation powder X-ray diffraction patterns of the CP3, before iodine uptake, the CP3@I<sub>2</sub> and recovered CP3.



**Fig. S36** ATR-FTIR spectra of **4,4-pbubp**, compounds **CP1**, **CP2** and **CP3** before and after iodine uptake.

**Table S1** Selected bond lengths [ $\text{\AA}$ ] and angles [ $^\circ$ ] for **CP1**.

Hg(1)—Cl(1)	2.3990(10)	Cl(1)—Hg(1)—N(1A)	101.24(8)
Hg(1)—Cl(2)	2.3925(12)	Cl(1)—Hg(1)—N(1B)	102.81(7)
Hg(1)—N(1A)	2.345(3)	Cl(2)—Hg(1)—N(1A)	98.59(8)
Hg(1)—N(1B)	2.309(3)	Cl(2)—Hg(1)—N(1B)	103.70(8)
Cl(1)—Hg(1)—Cl(2)	143.41(3)	N(1A)—Hg(1)—N(1B)	99.80(9)

**Table S2** Selected bond lengths [ $\text{\AA}$ ] and angles [ $^\circ$ ] for **CP2**.

Hg(1)—Br(1)	2.5228(8)	Br(1)—Hg(1)—N(1A)	102.57(10)
Hg(1)—Br(2)	2.5181(7)	Br(1)—Hg(1)—N(1B)	98.19(10)
Hg(1)—N(1A)	2.318(4)	Br(2)—Hg(1)—N(1A)	103.15(10)
Hg(1)—N(1B)	2.354(4)	Br(2)—Hg(1)—N(1B)	102.22(10)
Br(1)—Hg(1)—Br(2)	143.04(2)	N(1A)—Hg(1)—N(1B)	101.42(13)

**Table S3** Selected bond lengths [ $\text{\AA}$ ] and angles [ $^\circ$ ] for **CP3**.

Hg(1)—I(1)	2.6754(8)	I(1)—Hg(1)—N(1)	102.8(2)
Hg(1)—I(2)	2.6944(8)	I(1)—Hg(1)—N(6) <sup>#1</sup>	102.6(2)
Hg(1)—N(1)	2.350(7)	I(2)—Hg(1)—N(1)	99.8(2)
Hg(1)—N(1)	2.362(7)	I(2)—Hg(1)—N(6) <sup>#1</sup>	101.8(2)
I(1)—Hg(1)—I(2)	142.19(2)	N(1)—Hg(1)—N(6) <sup>#1</sup>	101.9(2)
Symmetry codes: #1: $-x + 1, y + 1/2, -z + 3/2$ .			

**Table S4** Geometry of intermolecular hydrogen bonds (D–H···A) for **CP1-CP3**.

Compound	D–H···A	d(D–H) / Å	d(H···A) / Å	d(D···A) / Å	∠ D–H···A/deg.
<b>CP1</b>	N2A–H2AA···O1E	0.88	1.94	2.719(9)	147
	N3A–H3AA···O1E	0.88	2.00	2.786(10)	149
	N2B–H2BA···O1D	0.88	2.03	2.836(4)	152
	N3B–H3BA···O1D	0.88	1.98	2.802(4)	156
	C1C–H1C2 <sup>a</sup> ···O8B	0.98	2.46	3.229(4)	135
	C2C–H2C2 <sup>a</sup> ···O8B	0.98	2.54	3.297(4)	134
	C2C–H2C1 <sup>a</sup> ···O1C <sup>b</sup>	0.98	2.48	3.446(4)	168
	C2C–H2C3 <sup>b</sup> ···O1C <sup>a</sup>	0.98	2.47	3.401(4)	159
	C1E–H1E3···Cl1 <sup>c</sup>	0.98	2.79	3.671	149
C2E–H2E3···Cl1 <sup>c</sup>	0.98	2.80	3.678	149	
Symmetry codes: <i>a</i> : x, y – 1, z <i>b</i> : –x, y – 3/2, –z + 3/2 <i>c</i> : –x + 1, y – 1/2, –z + 3/2					
<b>CP2</b>	N2A–H2AA···O1D	0.88	2.02	2.839(5)	154
	N3A–H3AA···O1D	0.88	1.97	2.802(6)	157
	N2B–H2BA···O1E	0.88	1.96	2.808(8)	161
	N3B–H3BA···O1E	0.88	2.08	2.903(10)	155
	C1C–H1CB <sup>a</sup> ···O1A	0.98	2.56	3.309(6)	133
	C2C–H2CB <sup>a</sup> ···O1A	0.98	2.48	3.247(6)	135
	C1C–H1CC <sup>a</sup> ···O1C <sup>b</sup>	0.98	2.51	3.470(6)	167
	C1C–H1CA <sup>b</sup> ···O1C <sup>a</sup>	0.98	2.50	3.413(6)	156
	C1E–H1ED···Br2 <sup>c</sup>	0.98	2.98	3.838	148
C2E–H2EE···Br2 <sup>c</sup>	0.98	3.05	3.846	140	
Symmetry codes: <i>a</i> : x, –y + 1/2, z – 1/2 <i>b</i> : –x + 2, –y, –z + 1 <i>c</i> : –x + 1, y – 1/2, –z + 1/2					
<b>CP3</b>	N2–H2A···O1C	0.88	2.04	2.851(11)	152
	N3–H3A···O1C	0.88	2.02	2.840(12)	155
	N4–H4A···O1A <sup>a</sup>	0.88	2.01	2.835(12)	156
	N5–H5···O1A <sup>a</sup>	0.88	2.07	2.873(11)	151
	C1D–H1DB <sup>b</sup> ···O1D <sup>a</sup>	0.98	2.46	3.405(13)	162
	C1D–H1DB <sup>a</sup> ···O1D <sup>b</sup>	0.98	2.72	3.689	171
	C1B–H1BA <sup>a</sup> ···O1C	0.98	2.32	3.267(14)	164
	C2D–H2DC <sup>b</sup> ···O2	0.98	2.44	3.255(15)	140
	C1D–H1DC <sup>b</sup> ···O2	0.98	2.65	3.399	133
	C1C–H1CA···O1B <sup>a</sup>	0.98	2.78	3.615	144
	C2C–H2CC···O1D <sup>a</sup>	0.98	2.61	3.568	165
	C1C–H2CC···I2 <sup>c</sup>	0.98	3.60	4.186	121
C2C–H2CA···I2 <sup>c</sup>	0.98	3.86	4.440	120	
Symmetry codes: <i>a</i> : x + 1, y, z <i>b</i> : –x, –y + 1, –z + 1 <i>c</i> : x, –y + 3/2, z – 1/2					

**Table S5** Kinetics parameters for iodine uptake from the solution by **CP1**, **CP2** and **CP3** at room temperature.

Kinetic models	Equations	Parameters	CP1	CP2	CP3
<b>Pseudo-first-order</b>	$q_t = q_e(1 - e^{-k_1 t})$	Adj. R <sup>2</sup>	0.8705	0.9861	0.8888
		q <sub>e</sub>	132.34	150.76	61.879
		k <sub>1</sub>	0.0352	0.0199	0.0251
<b>Pseudo-second-order</b>	$q_t = \frac{q_e^2 k_2 t}{(1 + q_e k_2 t)}$	Adj. R <sup>2</sup>	0.9992	0.9966	0.9998
		q <sub>e</sub>	199.20	181.16	108.34
		k <sub>2</sub>	6×10 <sup>-4</sup>	1.7×10 <sup>-4</sup>	1.3×10 <sup>-3</sup>
<b>Intra-particle diffusion</b>	$q_t = x_i + k_i t^{1/2}$	Adj. R <sup>2</sup>	0.8141	0.9400	0.7052
		k <sub>i</sub>	8.5380	9.8599	4.5158
		x <sub>i</sub>	90.752	21.583	52.219
<b>Elovich</b>	$q_t = \frac{\ln a_e b_e}{b_e} + \frac{1}{b_e} \ln t$	Adj. R <sup>2</sup>	0.9612	0.9885	0.9127
		a	147.59	13.754	88.469
		b	0.0344	0.0280	0.0628

**Table S6** Langmuir, Freundlich, and Temkin parameters of iodine removal by **CP1**, **CP2** and **CP3** at room temperature.

Models	Equations	CP1 Adj. R <sup>2</sup>	CP2 Adj. R <sup>2</sup>	CP3 Adj. R <sup>2</sup>
<b>Langmuir</b>	$q_e = \frac{q_{\max} C_e k_L}{(1 + C_e k_L)}$	0.9989	0.9872	0.9790
<b>Freundlich</b>	$q_e = k_F C_e^{1/n}$	0.9997	0.9893	0.9930
<b>Temkin</b>	$q_e = B \ln(A_t C_e)$	0.9953	0.9713	0.9784

## X-ray crystallography

Diffraction data were collected at 100(1) K by the  $\omega$ -scan technique, using graphite-monochromated MoK $_{\alpha}$  radiation ( $\lambda=0.71073$  Å), on Rigaku XCalibur four-circle diffractometer with EOS CCD detector. The data were corrected for Lorentz-polarization as well as for absorption effects.<sup>2</sup> Precise unit-cell parameters were determined by a least-squares fit of the 8919 (**CP1**), 9998 (**CP2**) and 11958 (**CP3**) reflections of the highest intensity, chosen from the whole experiment. The structures were solved with SHELXT<sup>3</sup> and refined with the full-matrix least-squares procedure on F<sup>2</sup> by SHELXL.<sup>4</sup> All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atoms were placed in idealized positions and refined as ‘riding model’ with isotropic displacement parameters set at 1.2 (1.5 for CH<sub>3</sub>) times U<sub>eq</sub> of appropriate carrier atoms. In all structures, diffused electron density was found, caused probably by additional solvent molecules; the number of such molecules given in the formulae reflect the modelled molecules only. The Squeeze procedure<sup>5</sup> was applied in order to include this electron density in the model. In **CP1** and **CP2** one of the localized solvent DMSO molecules was refined in two alternative positions, site occupancy factors refined at 57.5(6)/42.5(6)% in **CP1** and at 50.7(12)/49.3(12)% in **CP2**.

### Analysis of Hirshfeld surfaces

The surfaces are transparent to permit visualization of the asymmetric unit of each coordination polymer. The intermolecular interactions data (cf. Table S4) makes clear that the interactions discussed widely in the crystal structure section are summarized effectively in the spots. The deep red large circular depressions on each and every face of the  $d_{\text{norm}}$  surfaces indicate that they have been encapsulated in the hydrogen bond interactions. The small extent of area and light color on the surface indicates weaker and longer contact other than hydrogen bonds and the blue spots indicate the areas without close contacts. The FPs of Hirshfeld surface for compounds and relative contributions of different interactions overlapping in the full FPs are shown in Fig. S13 and S14, respectively. The Hirshfeld surfaces mapped over  $d_{\text{norm}}$  shown (as expected) that the  $\text{H}\cdots\text{H}$ ,  $\text{O}\cdots\text{H}/\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ ,  $\text{X}\cdots\text{H}/\text{H}\cdots\text{X}$  ( $\text{X} = \text{Cl}$ ,  $\text{Br}$  and  $\text{I}$ ) and  $\text{C}\cdots\text{H}/\text{H}\cdots\text{C}$  hydrogen contacts were the most outstanding interaction in the total Hirshfeld surface (Fig. S13). In all cases, the  $\text{O}\cdots\text{H}/\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  interactions are highlighted by the two distinct spikes in the  $(d_i, d_e)$  region of (1.340, 1.020), (1.332, 1.022), (1.112, 0.772)  $\text{C}\cdots\text{H}/\text{H}\cdots\text{C}$  close contacts, which take almost 10% of the total surface (Fig. S13), can be attributed to  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\pi$  interaction.

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