Supporting Information

CO2-actuated Spin Transition Tuning in an Interdigitated Hofmann-type Coordination Polymer

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Materials and Methods:

All chemicals and reagents were of analytical grade and were used as received from commercial sources. Framework 1 was obtained and characterised using a previously reported procedure.¹

Synthesis of framework 1·1.3MeOH. A bulk crystalline sample of **1·1.3MeOH** was prepared by liquid-to-liquid slow diffusion technique. The ligand methyl isonicotinate (12 mg, 0.084 mmol) and $K_2[Pd(CN)_4].xH_2O$ (12.1 mg, 0.042 mmol) were taken in methanolic solution and placed on the top layer, and aqueous solution of $Fe(CIO₄)₂·6H₂O$ (15.2 mg, 0.042 mmol) was placed in the bottom layer. The layering tubes were kept separately for crystallisation without any disturbance. Yellow hexagonal plate crystals of **1·1.3MeOH** formed in quantitative yield over 6 weeks. IR (solid, ν/cm−1) 3336.8 (br), 2167.4 (sh), 1634.4 (br), 1510.3 (w), 1433.3 (sh), 1383.8 (w), 1325.5 (w), 1288.4 (w), 1208.2 (w), 1170.8 (w), 1054.0 (sh), 998.6 (w), 960.7 (w). CHN calcd. (for $C_{20}H_{22}FeN_6O_6Pd$): C, 39.72; H, 3.67; N, 13.90. Found: C, 39.65; H, 3.61; N, 13.50.

Synthesis of framework 1. To obtain completely desolvated framework **1**, a bulk quantity of single crystals of **1·1.3MeOH** was taken in a vial and heated at 180 ºC under vacuum for 3 hours, according to TGA). The completion of the desolvation process was confirmed by IR spectroscopy and elemental analysis. IR (solid, ν/cm-1) 3006.8 (w), 2167.8 (sh), 1636.4 (br), 1512.3 (br), 1380.7 (sh), 1322.7 (w), 1208.2 (w), 1170.8 (w), 1053.0 (sh), 996.6 (w), 962.7 (w). CHN calculated. (for $C_{18}H_{14}FeN_6O_4Pd$): C, 39.95; H, 2.68; N, 15.59; obtained: C, 39.60; H, 2.38; N, 15.30.

Synthesis of framework 1·CS2. A bulk crystalline sample of **1·CS²** was prepared by a similar liquidto-liquid slow diffusion technique as 1.3 MeOH, using a methanolic solution of CS_2 as the buffer layer.

Physical Measurement:

Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy. The FT-IR experiments were carried out using a Perkin Elmer spectrometer and attenuated total reflection (ATR) correction setup has been done between the range of 400–4000 cm-1 . To guarantee optimal optical contact, the powdered samples were squeezed between a diamond crystal and a bridge-clamped sapphire anvil. the peaks were assigned based on the reported literature.

Thermogravimetric Analysis. The thermal stability of the samples was analysed with a Perkin Elmer TGA-6000 thermobalance operating at a heating rate of 5 K min⁻¹, under dry N₂ atmosphere.

Powder XRD. Powder X-ray diffraction patterns of the samples (framework **1** and **1·1.3MeOH**) were obtained at 298 K on PANalytical Empyrean X-Ray Diffractometer with a Cu Kα radiation $(\lambda=1.54060\text{\AA})$. The bulk powder of each sample was placed on a silica sample holder and measured by a continuous scan between 5–50º with a step size of 0.013103˚.

In-situ VT-PXRD. The ground sample was sealed in a soda-lime glass capillary with an inner diameter of 0.5 mm. The PXRD pattern was obtained in the range 5−50° with 0.05° steps using a Rigaku Ultima IV diffractometer with Cu K α radiation ($\lambda = 1.5418$ Å). To obtain the PXRD patterns under gasadsorbed conditions, the glass capillary was connected to stainless steel lines that possessed valves to dose and remove gas, which were connected to a gas-handling system (BELSORP MINI X, MicrotracBEL). Temperature dependence of PXRD patterns was collected under fixed gas pressure (100 kPa of He or 100, 32, 10, and 3.2 kPa of $CO₂$). The temperature was controlled using a stream of $N₂$ gas. Unlike in-situ measurements in a SQUID, the lower limit of the measurement temperature is limited by the sublimation temperature of CO_2 since the formation of solid CO_2 breaks glass capillaries.

Single Crystal X-ray Diffraction (SCXRD) Single Crystal X-ray diffraction data were collected on Bruker D8 Venture diffractometer using monochromated Mo Ka radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å) at 100 K using an Oxford Cryostream low-temperature device. Unit cell measurements, data integration, scaling and absorption corrections for the crystals were done with Bruker APEX-3 software. Data reduction was carried out with Bruker SAINT suite. Absorption correction was performed by the multi-scan method implemented in SADABS. All the crystal structures were solved by direct methods using SIR 2014. The crystal structure refinements were done in the program package $Olex2¹$ and all non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically by full-matrix least-squares calculations based on F2 with SHELXL-2018.² Some hydrogen atoms were located from the difference Fourier Map, while the remaining hydrogen atoms were included in calculated positions as riding atoms. Details of crystal data, data collection, and refinement details are given in Table S3-S6.

Gas adsorption measurements. The sorption isotherm and isobar measurements for N_2 , O_2 , and CO_2 were carried out using an automatic volumetric adsorption apparatus (BELSORP MAX, MicrotracBEL) connected to a cryostat system (ULVAC-Cryo. A known weight (~40 mg) of **1** was placed into the sample cell, which was again evacuated before measurements for 12 h at 430 K. Then the change in pressure was monitored, and the degree of adsorption was determined based on the decrease in pressure at the equilibrium state. When the reading of the pressure gauge for 500 seconds was within 0.3%, the system was judged to have reached adsorption equilibrium.

Magnetic Susceptibility Measurements. Magnetic measurements of framework **1** were performed using a Quantum Design MPMS2 SQUID magnetometer equipped with a 7 T magnet, operating at 1000 Oe at the temperature range of 2−300 K. The measured values were corrected for the experimentally measured contribution of the sample holder, whereas the derived susceptibilities were corrected for the diamagnetic contribution of the sample, estimated from Pascal's tables.

Magnetic measurements under CO² atmosphere were performed using a home-built sealed gas cell.

 $CO₂$ gas was filled at RT to each pressure, then M-T curves were measured in the range 300-10 K at 1000 Oe and sweep mode (0.5 K min⁻¹). For the measurement without CO_2 ($CO_2 = 0$ kPa) in a sealed cell, 100 kPa of He gas was introduced to enhance thermal conductivity instead of vacuum, followed by the measurement under different $CO₂$ pressure in the order of 100 kPa, 32 kPa, 10 kPa, 3.2 kPa, 1 kPa, and He ($2nd$), to check the sample was reverted back to its original state.

Figure S1. Thermogravimetric analysis of framework **1**.

Figure S2. Comparative PXRD spectrum of the parent framework **1**·1.3MeOH (black) and **1** (red).

Figure S3. Comparative FTIR spectra of framework **1·**1.3MeOH (red) and framework **1** (green).

Figure S4. Variable temperature PXRD measurement of framework **1** under He in the temperature range of 160-300 K in the (a) cooling and (b) heating process. To avoid the influence of diffraction peaks from ice adhering to the capillary, only the region below 22° is shown.

Gas adsorption measurements

Figure S5. Adsorption isotherm of framework 1 under different adsorbent gases (a) CO_2 at 195 K, (b) N_2 at 77 K and 120 K, and (c) O_2 at 90 K and 120 K, respectively. Closed and Open circles correspond to desorption and adsorption, respectively.

Figure S6. (top) CO₂ adsorption isotherms and (bottom) isobars of framework 1 at different temperatures and CO_2 pressures, respectively. Solid lines are only a guide for the eye.

Temperature dependence of the gated sorption pressure

The relationship between the GO/GC pressure and temperature was investigated in ln (*P*) vs. T-1 plots based on the Clausius-Clapeyron equation

$$
\frac{d(lnP)}{dT^{-1}} = \frac{\Delta H_{trans}}{R_g}
$$
 ---- Eq 1

Where ΔH_{trans} is the transition enthalpy and *R* is the universal gas constant. Notably, the Clausius-Clapeyron equation is valid under an equilibrium condition, and hence it might not be suitable for applying to the present hysteretic behaviour. However, it was also theoretically revealed that the ln *P* vs. $T¹$ plots have a linear correlation even in the system showing hysteretic transition.²

Figure S7. (left) Log-scale plots of the CO₂ pressure where GO (blue) and GC (red) occur *vs*. the inverse of the temperatures for GO/GC based on the CO_2 adsorption/desorption isotherms. The corresponding lines represent the fitting results based on the Clausius−Clapeyron equation 1. (right) Phase diagram for **1** and $1 \supseteq C_2(1)$, where the blue and red lines represent the GO and GC, respectively, determined from CO₂ adsorption isotherms (closed circles) and isobars (open circles). The red and blue lines (right) represent the fitting based on the Clausius-Clapeyron equation (Eq 1). The black line represents the saturated vapour pressure curve, which distinguishes between the gas phase and the solid phase for bulk $CO₂$.

Determination of gate-opening/closing pressure under CO² ad/desorption at different temperatures

The gate opening (GO) and gate closing (GC) behaviours were observed in the $CO₂$ adsorption and desorption isotherms, respectively (Figure S6). The GO (or GC) pressures were determined as the peaks in d*Aads*/d*P* plots from adsorption (or desorption) isotherms, where *Aads* represents the amount adsorbed.

Figure S8. CO₂ adsorption (a, c, e) and desorption (b, d, f) isotherms (black) and dA_{ads}/dP *vs. P* plots (red) at 195 K (a, b), 200 K (c, d) and 210 K (e, f).

Figure S8 (continued). CO₂ adsorption (g, i, k) and desorption (h, j, l) isotherms (black) and dA_{ads}/dP *vs. P* plots (red) at 220 K (g, h), 230 K (i, j) and 240 K (k, l).

Determination of gate-opening/closing pressure under CO² ad/desorption at different pressures

The gate opening (GO) and gate closing (GC) behaviours were observed in the $CO₂$ adsorption and desorption isobars, respectively (Figure S6). The GO (or GC) pressures were determined as the peaks in d*Aads*/d*T* plots from adsorption (or desorption) isobars, where *Aads* represents the amount adsorbed.

Figure S9. CO₂ adsorption (a, c, e) and desorption (b, d, f) isobars (black) and dA_{ads}/dT *vs. T* plots (red) at 1 kPa (a, b), 3.2 kPa (c, d) and 10 kPa (e, f).

Figure S9 (continued). CO₂ adsorption (g, i) and desorption (h, j) isobars (black) and dA_{ads}/dT *vs. T* plots (red) at 32 kPa (g, h) and 100 kPa (i, j) .

Figure S 10. Complete SCO transition for framework **1** in the temperature range of 10-300 K under an external magnetic field ($H_{dc} = 1.0$ kOe) at different conditions. (a) in absence of any gas (vacuum); (b) under 100 kPa He; (c) under P_{CO2} = 1.0 kPa; (d) P_{CO2} = 3.2 kPa; (e) under P_{CO2} = 10.0 kPa; (f) P_{CO2} = 32.0 kPa. (inset) transition temperatures as determined from the *dcMT/dT* plot.

Figure S10 (continued). Complete SCO transition for framework **1** in the temperature range of 10-300 K under an external magnetic field (H_{dc} = 1.0 kOe) at (g) P_{CO2} = 100 kPa; (h) P_{CO2} = 0 kPa, 100 kPa He (repeated). (inset) transition temperatures as determined from the $d\chi_M T/dT$ plot.

CO ₂ Pressure (kPa)	T_{H1}	\mathbf{T}_{H2}	$\mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{C}}$	$\delta T (T_{H1}-T_C)$ $\delta T (T_{H2}-T_C)$	
$0p$	185	--	171	14	--
0°	186	--	171	15	$\qquad \qquad -$
$1.0\,$	188	224	173	$15\,$	51
$3.2\,$	190	232	173	$17\,$	59
$10\,$	190	240	175	$15\,$	65
$32\,$	--	246	195	51	$\qquad \qquad -$
$100\,$	--	245	213	$32\,$	$\qquad \qquad -$

Table S1. SCO transition temperatures^a for framework 1 at different CO² pressure.

^aThe transition temperatures were determined by the peaks at $d\chi_M T/dT$ vs. *T* plots.

^bAs P_{CO2} = 0 kPa, P_{He} = 100 kPa was filled in the gas cell instead of vacuum.

^cAs *PCO2* = 0 kPa, magnetic measurements were performed under vacuum.

Determination of the CO2-admixed states of framework 1 at different CO² pressures

From the magnetic characterisation under varied CO_2 pressure, it is evident that the CO_2 admixed states stabilize the LS states. Thus, the % of CO_2 admixed states present at different P_{CO2} was determined by the following equations.

$$
\gamma_{HS} = \frac{(\chi_M T)_P - (\chi_M T)_{100}}{(\chi_M T)_{He} - (\chi_M T)_{100}} \qquad \dots \qquad \text{Eq 2}
$$

$$
\% \text{ of } \mathbf{1'} = 100 \times (1 - \gamma_{HS}) \qquad \qquad \dots \qquad \text{Eq 3}
$$

Where, γ_{HS} represents the residual HS fraction under consecutive P_{CO2} , $(\chi_M T)_P$, $(\chi_M T)_{100}$, and $(\chi_M T)_{He}$, represents the magnetic susceptibility values of framework 1 at the consecutive P_{CO2} , 100 kPa $CO₂$ pressure and 100 kPa He pressure, respectively.

Table S2. determination of CO² admixed states of framework 1 at different CO² pressures

Figure S 11. Determination of the CO₂-admixed states of 1 at (a) 190 K, (b) 196 K, (c) 200 K and (d) 206 K. Red dashed line indicates the exponential fit.

Figure S11 (continued). Determination of the CO_2 -admixed states of 1 at (a) 210 K, (b) 216 K, (c) K and (d) 226 K. Red dashed line indicates the exponential fit.

In situ **VT-PXRD of framework 1 under CO²**

In situ variable-temperature (VT)-PXRD measurements were conducted to investigate the relationship between SCO and gated $CO₂$ adsorption in detail. For all conditions, measurements began at 260 K at fixed $CO₂$ pressure.

Figure S12a shows the PXRD pattern under 100 kPa of $CO₂$. Upon cooling, the PXRD pattern changed abruptly at around 225 K, which agrees with the temperature where gated $CO₂$ adsorption begins (Figure 3c). Since the PXRD pattern below 220 K was different from that of **1***ls* (Figure S4), the observed patterns are assigned to that of **1'***ls*. In the present experiment, no intermediate phase was observed between **1***hs* and **1'***ls* in the cooling process, indicating that SCO was closely associated with the gated CO₂ adsorption. These results agree with the scheme shown in Figure 6b ($\mathbf{1}_{hs} \rightarrow \mathbf{1}_{ls}$). Whereas, upon heating, the abrupt peak change was firstly observed at 245 K, then 255 K, which agrees with the temperatures of SCO (Figure 4c) and gated $CO₂$ desorption (Figure 3c), respectively. The pattern at 260 K was the same as the initial state, *i.e.*, **1***hs*. Consequently, the PXRD pattern at 250 K was assigned to $1'_{hs}$. These results agree with the scheme of the two-step phase transition shown in Figure 6d ($1'_{ls} \rightarrow$ $\mathbf{1'}_{hs} \rightarrow \mathbf{1}_{hs}$. These results also indicate that all four states, *i.e.*, $\mathbf{1}_{hs}$, $\mathbf{1}_{ls}$, $\mathbf{1'}_{hs}$, and $\mathbf{1'}_{ls}$, are distinguishable in PXRD patterns.

Figure S12b shows the PXRD pattern under 32 kPa of $CO₂$. Upon cooling, the PXRD pattern changed abruptly at around 205 K, which agrees with the temperature where gated $CO₂$ adsorption begins (Figure 3c). This indicates the occurrence of SCO associated with gated CO₂ adsorption ($\mathbf{1}_{h_s} \rightarrow$ **1'***ls*). Upon heating, the abrupt peak change was observed at 245 K, which agrees with the temperatures of both SCO (Figure 4c) and gated CO² desorption (Figure 3c). Thus, PXRD patterns changed from **1'***ls* to $\mathbf{1}_{hs}$; different from PXRD under 100 kPa of CO₂, $\mathbf{1}_{hs}$ ^{*} was not observed.

Figure S12c and d show the PXRD pattern under 10 and 3.2 kPa of $CO₂$, respectively. Upon cooling, the change of PXRD pattern was recognised at around 180 K. Judging from the PXRD pattern, the patterns below 180 K contain both $\mathbf{1}_{ls}$ and $\mathbf{1}_{ls}$. This indicates the occurrence of both temperatureinduced SCO ($\mathbf{1}_{hs} \rightarrow \mathbf{1}_{ls}$) and CO₂-adsorption-induced SCO ($\mathbf{1}_{hs} \rightarrow \mathbf{1}_{ls}$), which qualitatively agrees with the scheme shown in Figure 6a. Upon heating, the change of the PXRD pattern was recognised at around 190 K, which agrees with the SCO temperature of 1, *i.e.*, $\mathbf{1}_k \to \mathbf{1}_k$ (Figure 4c). Then, the second peak change was observed at 240 and 230 K for 10 and 3.2 kPa of CO_2 , respectively. These temperatures are slightly higher than gated $CO₂$ desorption temperature (Figure 3c), though they almost agree with SCO temperature at each CO₂ pressure (Figure 4c). Thus, the second peak shift can be ascribed to $\mathbf{1'}_{ls} \rightarrow \mathbf{1}_{hs}$. Totally in the heating process, a two-step transition involving phase mixing was observed $(1_k + 1)_s \rightarrow$ $1_{hs} + 1^o$ _{*hs*} \rightarrow 1_{*hs*}), which qualitatively agrees with the scheme shown in Figure 6c.

Figure S12. Variable temperature PXRD measurement of framework **1** under (a) 100 and (b) 32 kPa of CO² while cooling (left) and heating (right). To avoid the influence of diffraction peaks from ice adhering to the capillary, only the region below 22° is shown.

Figure S12 (Continued). Variable temperature PXRD measurement of **1** under (c) 10 and (b) 3.2 kPa of CO² while cooling (left) and heating (right). To avoid the influence of diffraction peaks from ice adhering to the capillary, only the region below 22° is shown.

Crystallographic details of 1·CS²

Table S3. Crystallographic data for **1·CS²**

Table S4. Selected bond lengths for **1·CS²**

 $11-X, +Y, 1/2-Z; 2-X, +Y, 1/2-Z; 31+X, +Y, +Z; 4-X, -Y, 1-Z$

¹1-X,+Y,1/2-Z; ² -X,+Y,1/2-Z; ³1+X,+Y,+Z; ⁴ -X,-Y,1-Z; ⁵ -1+X,+Y,+Z; ⁶1/2-X,1/2-Y,1/2-Z

Table S6. Torsional angles for **1·CS²**

Structural diagram for 1·CS²

Figure S13. (a) Asymmetric unit of $1 \cdot CS_2$, indicating Fe-N bond lengths; (b) a single $[FeN_6]$ unit of **1·CS₂** framework; (c) S···Pd short contacts and the array of C-H···S bonding stabilizing the CS_2 molecule inside the framework channel. Color code: grey, C; red, O; blue, N; yellow, S; orange, Fe; navy, Pd.

Figure S 14. Molecular packing diagram of 1 ·CS₂ along crystallographic axes *a*, *b* and *c*, respectively.

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