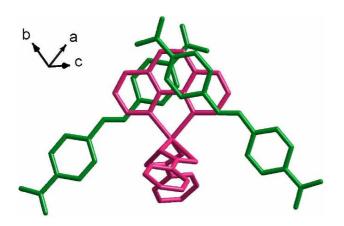
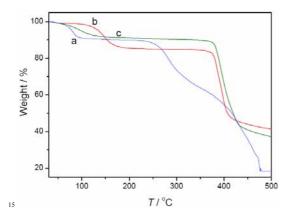
## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

## Towards tuning the packing and entanglement of zigzag coordination chains by terminal ligands

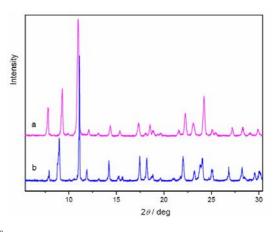
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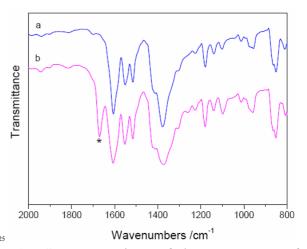
**Fig. S1.** A view of the  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interactions between phen and stilbene groups in **4a** 



**Fig. S2.** TGA analyses of **2** (a), **4a** (b) and **4b** (c) over the temperature range from 30 to 500°C



**Fig. S2.** XRD pattern for (a) **4** (evacuated at 120 °C under vacuum for 24 h), and (b) **4b** (obtained by immersing **4** in DMF for 10 h)



**Fig. S3.** Comparison of the IR Spectra of the evacuated sample **4** (a), and the re-solvated **4b** obtained by immersing **4** in DMF for 10 h (b). The band (1669 cm-1) marked with asterisk is attributable to the v(C=O) absorption of the DMF molecules in **4b**.