## **Electronic Supporting Information**

## Hetero-alkali metallic (Na, K) three-dimensional supramolecular assembly based on *p*sulfonatothiacalix[4]arene

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## **Physical measurments:**

Fourier transform infrared (FT-IR) spectra were measured using Thermo Fisher Scientific Nicolet iS5 spectrophotometer (attenuated total reflection (ATR) method). MR data were recorded on JEOL 600SSS ECA-600 instrument. Chemical shifts are quoted as parts per million (ppm) relative to tetrametylsilane (CDCl<sub>3</sub>). Melting points were determined by using Yanaco, MP-500P apparatus. Powder X-ray diffractions (PXRD) were collected with a Rigaku Ultima 1V diffractometer by using Cu Ka radiation ( $\lambda$ = 1.5406 Å, 40 kV, 40 mA) with a graphite monochromator at a step wise width of 0.02° 2theta and a scan speed 2.000°/min. Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) was recorded on Thermoplus TG8120 (Rigaku Corp.) thermogravimetric analyzer under nitrogen atmosphere. The temperature was raised at 10 °C/min. to 800 °C. elemental analysis was performed using CE-440 elemental analyzer (System Engineering Inc)

Characterization of compound 5: m.p (°C): 231.8-232.1; IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3438.72 (OH), 3053.99 (Ar-CH), 1144.71 (S=O); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, DSS, ppm): 7.85 (8H, s, Ar). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>16</sub>S<sub>8</sub>Na<sub>2</sub>K<sub>4</sub>: 5.5 H<sub>2</sub>O (%): C, 25.91; H, 1.90; found (%): C, 25.61; H, 1.46.

Characterization of compound 4: m.p (°C): over 420 °C (dec), IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3327.98 (OH), 3051.55 (Ar-CH), 1151.39 (S=O); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, DSS, ppm): 8.04 (8H, s, Ar), 3.64 (q, 2H, CH<sub>3</sub>C<u>H<sub>2</sub>OH), 3.36 (s, 1H, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O<u>H</u>), 1.15 (t, 3H, C<u>H<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>16</sub>S<sub>8</sub>Na<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH (%): C, 32.83; H, 1.90; found (%): C, 32.71; H, 1.78.</u></u>



**Fig. S1**: Coordination environment of K1. It coordinated to three water molecules (O1W, O2W, O3W)three sulfonic acid oxygens (O2,<sup>a</sup> O7, O8) of different **2** units, one phenolic oxygen (O5<sup>b</sup>) and one bridged sulfur (S2<sup>c</sup>). Symmetry elements: <sup>a</sup>, x,y,-1+z; <sup>b</sup>, -x,1-y,1-z; <sup>c</sup>,-x,1-y,1-z.



**Fig. S2**: Coordination environment of K2. It coordinated to one water molecule (O4W), eight sulfonic acid oxygens(O3,<sup>a</sup> O4,<sup>b</sup> O15,<sup>c</sup> O16,<sup>d</sup> O14,<sup>e</sup> O15,<sup>f</sup> O10, O12) of different **2** units.Symmetry elements: <sup>a</sup>, -*x*,2-*y*,1-*z*; <sup>b</sup>, -*x*,2-*y*,1-*z*; <sup>c</sup>,*x*,*y*,-1+*z*; <sup>d</sup>, *x*,*y*,-1+*z*; <sup>e</sup>,1-*x*,2-*y*,1-*z*; <sup>f</sup>, 1-*x*,2-*y*,1-*z*.



**Fig. S3**: (a) Coordination environment of K3. K3 and K3<sup>a</sup> of different units connected to each other through bridged water molecule (O5W and O5W<sup>b</sup>) and one K3 coordinated four sulfonic acid oxygens(O8,<sup>c</sup> O10,<sup>d</sup> O4,<sup>e</sup> O6<sup>f</sup>) of different **2** units. (b) bridge like coordination between two K3, O5W and O6W.Symmetry elements: <sup>a</sup>, -*x*,2-*y*,1-*z*; <sup>b</sup>, -*x*,2-*y*,1-*z*; <sup>c</sup>,-*x*,2-*y*,1-*z*; <sup>d</sup>, -*x*,2-*y*,1-*z*; <sup>e</sup>,-*x*,2-*y*,1-*z*.



**Fig. S4**: Coordination environment of K4. It coordinated to two water molecules (O6W, O7W), six sulfonic acid oxygens (O6,<sup>a</sup>O7, <sup>b</sup>O11,<sup>c</sup> O12,<sup>d</sup> O11, O14) of different **2** units.Symmetry elements: <sup>a</sup>, -*x*,2-*y*,1-*z*; <sup>b</sup>, -*x*,2-*y*,1-*z*; <sup>c</sup>,1-*x*,2-*y*,1-*z*; <sup>d</sup>, 1-*x*,2-*y*,1-*z*.



**Fig. S5**: Coordination environment of Na1, Na2. The two sodium atoms connected to each other through one bridged watermolecule (O1W) and each sodium coordinated to two phenolic oxygens (O1 &O13 to Na1, O5 & O9 to Na2), two sulfonic acid oxygens of different **2** units (O3<sup>a</sup>& O15<sup>b</sup> to Na1, O7<sup>c</sup>& O12<sup>d</sup> to Na2) and one bridged sulfur (S1 to Na1, S3 to Na2).Symmetry elements: <sup>a</sup>,-*x*,1-*y*,2-*z*;<sup>b</sup>, 1-*x*,1-*y*,2-*z*; <sup>c</sup>, -*x*,1-*y*,1-*z*; <sup>d</sup>, 1-*x*,1-*y*,1-*z*.



Fig S6: Thermogravimetric Analasis of complex 5 recorded in the temperature range between 30 and 800°C at a heating rate  $10^{\circ}$ C /min.



**Fig S7**: (a) Calculated powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) patterns from crystal structure of complex **5** (b) PXRD patterns of grinded crystals of complex **5** in oil.