## Supporting information

## Regulation of pore size by shifting coordination sites of ligands in two MOFs: Enhancement of $\mathrm{CO}_{2}$ uptake and selective sensing of nitrobenzene

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Figure S1. FT-IR spectra of compounds 1 and 2.


Figure S2. Asymetric unit of 1. Color code: carbon (gray), nitrogen (blue), oxygen (red) and cadmium (cyan). (Hydrogens are omitted for clarity).


Figure S3. Octahedral arrangement of $\mathrm{Cd}(\mathrm{II})$ atom (left) and its polyhedral view (right) in 1. Color code; same as in Figure S2.


Figure S4. Octahedral arrangement of $\mathrm{Cd}(\mathrm{II})$ atom (left) and its polyhedral view (right) in 1. Color code; same as in Figure S2.


Figure S5. Various Bridging Modes of sdb found in compound 1 (Harris Notation). Color code; same as in Figure S2.


Figure S6. Illustration of 1D chain along the $b$-axis. Color code; same as in Figure S2.


Figure S7. View of the 6-connected binodal net. Color code; same as in Figure S2.


Figure S8. Asymetric unit of 2. Color code; same as in Figure S2.


Figure S9. Distorted octahedral arrangement of $\mathrm{Cd}(\mathrm{II})$ atom (left) and its polyhedral view (right) in 2. Color code; same as in Figure S2.


Figure S10. Pentagonal bipyramidal arrangement (left) of $\mathrm{Cd}(\mathrm{II})$ atom and its polyhedral view (right) in 2. Color code; same as in Figure S2.


Figure S11. Various Bridging Modes of sdb found in compound 2 (Harris Notation). Color code; same as in Figure S2.


Figure S12. Illustration of 1D chain in compound 2. Color code; same as in Figure S2.


Figure S13.Interpenatration of one 2D net over another to generate a 2 -fold interwoven 3D network found in compound 2.


Figure S14. View of the 6-connected uninodal net in 2. Color code; same as in Figure S2.

# Calculation of solvent accessible void volume for compound 1 by using van der Waals radii 

van der Waals (or ion) Radii used in the Analysis


Note: Expected volumes for solvent molecules are:
A hydrogen bonded $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$-molecule $40 \AA^{3}$
Small molecules (e.g. Toluene) 100-300 $\AA^{3}$

# Calculation of solvent accessible void volume for compound 2 by using van der Waals radii 

Van der Waals (or ion) Radii used in the Analysis

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:: Note: VOID/SOLV/SQUEEZE is relatively compute intense and experimental
$::$ Nr of grid points at least $1.20 \AA$. from nearest Van der Waals Surface $=61360$
:: Total Potential Solvent Area Vol $1713.1 \AA^{3}$ per Unit Cell Vol $6250.1 \AA^{3}[27.4 \%$ ]

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Figure S15. PXRD patterns of compound 1.


Figure S16. Pxrd patterns of compound 2.


Figure S17. TGA graph of Compounds $\mathbf{1}$ (black) and 2 (red).


Figure S18. Pxrd patterns of assynthesized and activated frameworks (after removal guest molecules) of compound $\mathbf{1 .}$


Figure S19. Pxrd patterns of assynthesized and activated frameworks (after removal guest molecules) of compound 2.


Figure S20. Isosteric heats $\left(\mathrm{Q}_{\mathrm{st}}\right)$ of $\mathrm{CO}_{2}$ adsorption are calculated based on the adsorption data collected at 273 K and 298 K by using Clapeyron method.


Figure S21. Isosteric heats $\left(\mathrm{Q}_{\mathrm{st}}\right)$ of $\mathrm{CH}_{4}$ adsorption are calculated based on the adsorption data collected at 273 K and 298 K by using Clapeyron method.


Figure S22. The virial graphs for adsorption of $\mathrm{CO}_{2}$ and $\mathrm{CH}_{4}$ on compounds $\mathbf{1}$ and $\mathbf{2}$ at 273 K and 298 K .


Figure S23. Pxrd patterns of compound $\mathbf{1}$ and after adsorption of $\mathrm{CO}_{2}$ and $\mathrm{CH}_{4}$.


Figure S24. Pxrd patterns of compound $\mathbf{2}$ and after adsorption of $\mathrm{CO}_{2}$ and $\mathrm{CH}_{4}$.


Figure S25. Solid-state emission spectra for the ligands used and for compounds $\mathbf{1}$ and $\mathbf{2}$.


Figure S26. PXRD pattern of compound $\mathbf{1}$ obtained after immersing in NB.


Figure S27. PXRD pattern of compound $\mathbf{2}$ obtained after immersing in NB.


Figure S28. Excitaton spectra of compound $\mathbf{1}$ upon addition of NB.


Figure S29. Excitaton spectra of compound $\mathbf{2}$ upon addition of NB.

Table S1. Comparison of $\mathrm{CO}_{2} / \mathrm{CH}_{4}$ Selectivity for compound $\mathbf{2}$ with reported MOFs which are calculated by using henry equation.

| S.No | MOFs | $\mathbf{C O}_{2} / \mathbf{C H}_{4}$ Selectivity |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | $\left[\mathrm{Cu3}\left(\mathrm{BTB}^{6}\right), \mathrm{Cu} 3\left(\mathrm{TATB}^{6}-\right)\right]^{1}$ | 8.6 |
| 2 | $\left[\mathrm{Cu}_{2}(\mathrm{HBTB})^{2-}\right]^{2}$ | 12.4 |
| 3 | $[\mathrm{NJU-Bai}]^{3}$ | 14.7 |
| 4 | $[\mathrm{HKUST}-1 / \mathrm{PSf}]^{4}$ | 21.5 |
| 5 | $[\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{BPY}-\mathrm{HFS}]^{4}$ | 22.5 |
| 6 | $[\mathrm{HKUST}-1 / \mathrm{PI}]^{5}$ | 27.5 |
| 7 | $[\mathrm{CuTPA} \mathrm{MOF}]^{6}$ | 34.9 |
| 8 | $[\mathrm{CuTPA}]^{6}$ | 40 |
| 9 | $\left[\mathrm{NJU}^{6}-\mathrm{Bai8}\right]^{3}$ | 40.8 |
| 10 | ZIF-78 $^{7}$ | 45 |
| 11 | $\left[\mathrm{Cd}-(\mathrm{NDC})_{0.5}(\mathrm{PCA})\right] \cdot \mathrm{Gx}^{8}$ | 28 |
| 12 | ZIF-82 $^{7}$ | 32 |
| 13 | $\left\{[\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{tdc})(\text { (bpe })]_{\mathrm{n}} \cdot 2 \mathrm{n}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right) \cdot \mathrm{n}(\mathrm{MeOH})\right\}^{9}$ | 32 |
| $\mathbf{1 4}$ | Present work $(\mathrm{Compound} 2)$ | $\mathbf{4 1}$ |

Table S2. Selected bond angles and bond lengths of compound $\mathbf{1}$

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| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Cd1-N2 | 2.3708 | N1-Cd1-O10 | $88.8(3)$ |
| Cd1-O6 | 2.3519 | $\mathrm{~N} 3-\mathrm{Cd} 2-\mathrm{O} 3$ | $105.5(4)$ |
| Cd1-O7 | 2.2411 | $\mathrm{~N} 3-\mathrm{Cd} 2-\mathrm{N} 7$ | $167.6(4)$ |
| Cd1-O9 | 2.3970 | $\mathrm{~N} 3-\mathrm{Cd} 2-\mathrm{O} 13$ | $95.3(5)$ |
| Cd1-N1 | 2.3265 | $\mathrm{~N} 3-\mathrm{Cd} 2-\mathrm{O} 12$ | $87.7(5)$ |
| Cd1-O10 | 2.2425 | O3-Cd2-N7 | $86.6(4)$ |
| Cd2-N3 | 2.3036 | O3-Cd2-O13 | $90.5(5)$ |
| Cd2-O3 | 2.1903 | O3-Cd2-O12 | $140.4(5)$ |
| Cd2-N7 | 2.3354 | N7-Cd2-O13 | $87.2(5)$ |
| Cd2-O13 | 2.6945 | O13-Cd2-O12 | $84.5(5)$ |
| Cd2-O12 | $84.5(3)$ | O13-Cd2-O12 | $50.6(5)$ |
| N2-Cd1-O6 | $84.1(3)$ | O9-Cd1-O10 | $90.6(5)$ |
| N2-Cd1-O7 | $179.1(3)$ | O6-Cd1-N1 | $96.5(3)$ |
| N2-Cd1-O9 | $90.5(3)$ | O7-Cd1-O9 | $143.5(3)$ |
| N2-Cd1-N1 | $89.1(3)$ | O7-Cd1-N1 | $85.9(3)$ |
| N2-Cd1-10 | $54.5(3)$ | $144.7(3)$ |  |
| O6-Cd1-O7 | O6-Cd1-O9 | O6-Cd1-N1 |  |

Table S3. Selected bond angles and bond lengths of compound 2

| Cd1-N1 | 2.313(8) | Cd1-O3-Cd2 | 106.5(3) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cd1-O13 | 2.479(8) | O4-Cd2-O3 | 50.3(2) |
| Cd1-O12 | 2.296(8) | O5-Cd2-O3 | 83.1(2) |
| Cd1-O11 | 2.231(7) | O2-Cd2-O5 | 84.3(3) |
| Cd1-N8 | 2.365(9) | O4-Cd2-O3 | 50.3(2) |
| Cd1-O3 | 2.272(7) | O4-Cd2-N7 | 97.8(3) |
| N8-Cd1 | 2.365(9) | O4-Cd2-O5 | 129.8(3) |
| O3-Cd1 | 2.272(7) | O3-Cd2-N7 | 78.8(2) |
| O3-Cd2 | 2.785(8) | O3-Cd2-O5 | 83.1(2) |
| Cd2-N6 | 2.33(1) | N7-Cd2-O5 | 88.9(3) |
| Cd2-O1 | 2.337(8) | N6-Cd2-O1 | 90.2(3) |
| Cd2-O2 | 2.457(8) | N6-Cd2-O2 | 86.9(3) |
| Cd2-O4 | 2.275(7) | N6-Cd2-O4 | 86.7(3) |
| Cd2-O3 | 2.785(8) | N6-Cd2-O3 | 99.0(3) |
| Cd2-N7 | 2.321(8) | N6-Cd2-N7 | 171.6(3) |
| Cd2-O5 | 2.284(7) | N6-Cd2-O5 | 82.8(3) |
| N7-Cd2 | 2.321(8) | O1-Cd2-O2 | 54.3(3) |
| O5-Cd2 | 2.284(7) | O1-Cd2-O4 | 90.4(3) |
| O3-Cd2 | 2.785(8) | O1-Cd2-O3 | 138.4(2) |
| N1-Cd1-O13 | 91.2(3) | O1-Cd2-N7 | 96.8(3) |
| N1-Cd1-O12 | 95.8(3) | O1-Cd2-O5 | 138.4(3) |
| N1-Cd1-O11 | 101.5(3) | O2-Cd2-O4 | 144.0(3) |
| N1-Cd1-N8 | 169.7(3) | O2-Cd2-O3 | 165.3(2) |
| N1-Cd1-O3 | 85.0(3) | O2-Cd2-N7 | 93.4(3) |
| O13-Cd1-O12 | 55.0(2) | O12-Cd1-N8 | 88.7(3) |
| O13-Cd1-O11 | 149.2(3) | O12-Cd1-O3 | 149.2(3) |
| O13-Cd1-N8 | 83.8(3) | O11-Cd1-N8 | 87.3(3) |
| O13-Cd1-O3 | 94.1(3) | O11-Cd1-O3 | 114.6(3) |
| O12-Cd1-O11 | 95.5(3) | N8-Cd1-O3 | 86.4(3) |

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