# Supporting Information

## Multifunctional Lanthanide-Organic Frameworks for Fluorescent Sensing, Gas Separation and Catalysis

Xiaobin Liu,<sup>†</sup> Huan Lin,<sup>†</sup> Zhenyu Xiao,<sup>†</sup> Ao Huang,<sup>†</sup> Rongming Wang,<sup>\*†</sup> Liangliang Zhang,<sup>†</sup> Daofeng Sun<sup>\*†</sup>

<sup>†</sup>College of Science, China University of Petroleum (East China), Qingdao, Shandong 266580, People's Republic of China.

#### Contents

1. Synthesis of ligand H <sub>2</sub> L <sup>OMe</sup>	1
2. Crystal Data for Complexes 1-2	4
3. Selected Bond Lengths and Angles	5
4. Coordinate mode	8
5. Powder X-Ray Diffraction	9
6. Infrared spectra	10
7. Thermogravimetric Analysis.	11
8. Luminescence Properties	11
9. Gas Sorption	16
10. Catalytic Properties	17

#### **1.** Synthesis of ligand H<sub>2</sub>L<sup>OMe</sup>



Synthesis of A: The mixture of 1,2-dimethoxybenzene (3.3 g, 24 mmol), 4bromobenzaldehyde (8.3 g, 45 mmol) and PWA (4.0 g, 1.4 mmol) were added in a 50ml threenecked flask with magneton. The mixture was heated to 75 °C for 30 minutes. Then the 4bromobenzaldehyde (7.4 g, 40 mmol), Ac<sub>2</sub>O (8.17 g, 80mmol) and PWA (1.15 g, 0.4 mmol) were dissolved in glacial AcOH (40 mL), which were added into the flask and heated to 75 °C for another 90 minutes. After the solutions cooled to room temperature, the mixture was neutralized with NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. Then it was extracted several times with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The organic layer was then dried with MgSO4, and the solvent was removed with rotary evaporator. The resulting crude product was purified by column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> as the eluent). The product 9,10-bis(4bromophenyl)-2,3,6,7-tetramethoxyanthracene was obtained after removal of the solvents (3.1 g, 42.6% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.74 (d, 4H); 7.37 (d, 4H); 6.75 (s, 4H); 3.80 (s, 12H).



Synthesis of B: A 250 mL three-necked flask with magneton was charged with a mixture of

9,10-bis(4-bromophenyl)-2,3,6,7-tetramethoxyanthracene (2.4 g, 4 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (90 mg, 0.4 mmol) and tris(*o*-tolyl)phosphine (580 mg, 1.9 mmol). The flask was degassed and filled with nitrogen, which was repeated for three times. Waterless DMF (80 mL) was added with a syring under nitrogen. After this, methyl acrylate (0.8 mL, 8 mmol) was added to the solution. The pressure vessel was sealed, and the reaction mixture was heated to 140 °C in an oil bath for 3 days under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. After the mixture was cooled to room temperature, it was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and washed three times with H<sub>2</sub>O. The organic layer was then dried with MgSO4, and the solvent was removed with rotary evaporator. The resulting crude product was purified by column chromatography (CHCl<sub>3</sub>:CH<sub>3</sub>OH = 70:1 as the eluent). The product 3,3'-((2,3,6,7-tetramethoxyanthracene-9,10-diyl)bis(4,1-phenylene))diacrylate was obtained after removal of the solvents (1.1 g, 45.1% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.89 (d, 2H); 7.78 (d, 4H); 7.54 (d, 4H); 6.78 (s, 4H); 6.63 (d, 2H); 3.87(s, 6H); 3.74 (s, 12H).



**Synthesis of C:** To a suspension of  $3,3'-((2,3,6,7-\text{tetramethoxyanthracene-9,10-diyl)bis(4,1-phenylene))diacrylate in 30 mL THF was added to 30 mL MeOH and 40 mL 3M aqueous KOH solution. The mixture was heated at 60 °C overnight. After this, the mixture was cooled to room temperature, poured into an ice/HCl mixture, then followed by filtration, and washed several times with H<sub>2</sub>O. The product <math>3,3'-((2,3,6,7-\text{tetramethoxyanthracene-9,10-diyl)bis(4,1-phenylene))diacrylic acid was obtained after the organic layer was collected and the solvent was removed via rotary evaporator. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sup>6</sup>): <math>\delta$  12.45 (s, 2H); 8.00 (d, 4H); 7.81 (d, 2H); 7.54 (d, 4H); 6.75 (s, 4H); 6.69 (d, 2H); 3.60 (s, 12H).



# 2. Crystal Data for Complexes 1-2

	1	2
empirical formula	$C_{68}H_{81.5}O_{19.5}N_{3.5}Eu$	$C_{46}H_{64.5}O_{17.5}N_{2.5}Pr$
formula weight	1411.85	1073.41
temperature (K)	295	200
crystal system	triclinic	monoclinic
space group	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> 2/c
a (Å)	8.7719(3)	43.7247(5)
<i>b</i> (Å)	20.0756(5)	12.93615(17)
<i>c</i> (Å)	20.1325(5)	8.49651(12)
$\alpha$ (deg)	72.939(2)	90.00
$\beta$ (deg)	85.154(2)	94.3334(12)
γ (deg)	80.362(2)	90.00
volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )	3339.14(16)	4792.13(11)
Ζ	2	4
pcalc (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	1.065	1.111
$\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.989	1.062
F (000)	1090.0	1628.0
data/restraints/par	11856/0/630	8580/7/466
ams		
GOF on $F^2$	1.076	1.054
final R indices [I	$R_1 = 0.0650$	$R_1 = 0.0694$
> 2s(I)]	$wR_2 = 0.1949$	$wR_2 = 0.1845$
$R_1 = \sum   \mathrm{Fo}  -  \mathrm{Fc}   / \sum$	Co . $wR_2 = \{\sum [w(F_0^2 - F_c)]$	$(2)^{2})^{2}]/\sum[w(F_{o}^{2})^{2}]\}^{1/2}$

#### Table S1. Crystallographic data for complexes 1 and 2.

### 3. Selected Bond Lengths and Angles

Eu1—O3	2.389 (4)	Eu1—O1W	2.452 (4)
Eu1—O12 <sup>i</sup>	2.574 (5)	Eu1—O1	2.475 (5)
Eu1—O12	2.394 (5)	Eu1—O2W	2.367 (8)
Eu1—O2	2.482 (5)	Eu1—O4	2.600 (5)
Eu1—O5	2.498 (5)	O12—Eu1 <sup>i</sup>	2.574 (5)
O3—Eu1—O12	88.16 (18)	O1W—Eu1—O1	145.62 (16)
O3—Eu1—O12 <sup>i</sup>	145.47 (18)	O1W—Eu1—O4	73.01 (15)
O3—Eu1—O2	73.98 (19)	O1—Eu1—O12 <sup>i</sup>	74.88 (15)
O3—Eu1—O5	146.42 (19)	O1—Eu1—O2	52.53 (17)
O3—Eu1—O1W	124.24 (17)	O1—Eu1—O5	88.65 (18)
O3—Eu1—O1	76.27 (17)	O1—Eu1—O4	124.88 (16)
O3—Eu1—O4	51.89 (16)	O2W—Eu1—O3	88.8 (2)
O3—Eu1—C36	71.93 (19)	O2W—Eu1—O12 <sup>i</sup>	124.16 (19)
O3—Eu1—C1	156.80 (19)	O2W—Eu1—O12	155.30 (19)
O3—Eu1—C54	26.00 (19)	O2W—Eu1—O2	75.6 (2)
O12—Eu1—O12 <sup>i</sup>	66.21 (16)	O2W—Eu1—O5	77.1 (2)
O12—Eu1—O2	126.68 (17)	O2W—Eu1—O1W	82.98 (19)
O12—Eu1—O5	116.90 (16)	O2W—Eu1—O1	128.12 (19)
O12—Eu1—O1W	78.55 (16)	O2W—Eu1—O4	73.8 (2)
O12—Eu1—O1	74.68 (16)	O5—Eu1—O4	144.90 (19)
O12 <sup>i</sup> —Eu1—O4	140.39 (15)	O5—Eu1—C36	81.3 (2)
O12—Eu1—O4	85.18 (17)	O5—Eu1—C1	24.91 (19)
O2—Eu1—O12 <sup>i</sup>	102.30 (17)	O5—Eu1—C54	153.9 (2)
O2—Eu1—O5	73.05 (18)	O1W—Eu1—O12 <sup>i</sup>	74.80 (15)
O2—Eu1—O4	116.95 (17)	O1W—Eu1—O2	151.83 (18)
O5—Eu1—O12 <sup>i</sup>	50.70 (16)	O1W—Eu1—O5	84.55 (17)

Table S2: The selected bond distances (Å) and angles (deg) for complex 1.

Symmetry codes: (i) -*x*+1, -*y*, -*z*+2; (ii) -*x*+2, -*y*+1, -*z*+1; (iii) *x*+2, *y*-1, *z*; (iv) *x*-2, *y*+1, *z*.

Table S3:	The selected bond	distances (Å)	and angles (	(deg) for com	plex 2.

Pr1—O2 <sup>i</sup>	2.437 (3)	Pr2—O4	2.635 (6)
Pr1—O2 <sup>ii</sup>	2.589 (4)	Pr2—O4 <sup>v</sup>	2.476 (6)
Pr1—O2	2.437 (3)	Pr2—O4 <sup>vi</sup>	2.476 (6)
Pr1—O2 <sup>iii</sup>	2.589 (4)	Pr2—O4 <sup>iv</sup>	2.635 (6)
Pr1—O1 <sup>i</sup>	2.543 (4)	Pr2—O3W	2.491 (8)
Pr1—O1	2.543 (4)	Pr2—O3W <sup>iv</sup>	2.491 (8)
Pr1—O1W <sup>i</sup>	2.489 (5)	Pr2—O4WA	2.12 (2)
Pr1—O1W	2.489 (5)	Pr2—O4WB <sup>iv</sup>	2.494 (9)
Pr1—O2W	2.440 (9)	Pr2—O4WB	2.494 (9)
Pr2—O3	2.510 (5)	O2—Pr1 <sup>iii</sup>	2.589 (4)
Pr2—O3 <sup>iv</sup>	2.510 (5)	O4—Pr2 <sup>vi</sup>	2.476 (6)
O2 <sup>i</sup> —Pr1—O2	156.6 (2)	O4WA—Pr2—O4 <sup>iv</sup>	86.59 (15)
O2—Pr1—O2 <sup>iii</sup>	64.55 (13)	O4WA—Pr2—O4 <sup>v</sup>	74.14 (16)
O2 <sup>i</sup> —Pr1—O2 <sup>iii</sup>	121.90 (14)	O4WA—Pr2—O4	86.59 (15)
O2 <sup>i</sup> —Pr1—O2 <sup>ii</sup>	64.54 (13)	O4WA—Pr2—O4 <sup>vi</sup>	74.14 (16)
O2—Pr1—O2 <sup>ii</sup>	121.89 (14)	$O3W^{iv}$ —Pr2—O4WB <sup>iv</sup>	143.2 (5)
O2 <sup>ii</sup> —Pr1—O2 <sup>iii</sup>	151.8 (2)	O4WA—Pr2—O3W <sup>iv</sup>	148.8 (3)
O2—Pr1—O1 <sup>i</sup>	114.41 (12)	O4WA—Pr2—O3W	148.8 (3)
$O2^{i}$ —Pr1—O1 <sup>i</sup>	73.34 (13)	O4WB—Pr2—O3	137.0 (5)
O2 <sup>i</sup> —Pr1—O1	114.41 (12)	O4WB—Pr2—O3 <sup>iv</sup>	76.3 (5)
O2—Pr1—O1	73.34 (13)	O4WB <sup>iv</sup> —Pr2—O3 <sup>iv</sup>	137.0 (5)
O2—Pr1—O1W <sup>i</sup>	79.82 (16)	O4WB <sup>iv</sup> —Pr2—O3	76.3 (5)
$O2^{i}$ —Pr1—O1W <sup>i</sup>	81.09 (16)	O4WB—Pr2—O4 <sup>iv</sup>	60.7 (4)
O2 <sup>i</sup> —Pr1—O1W	79.82 (16)	O4WB <sup>iv</sup> —Pr2—O4	60.7 (4)
O2—Pr1—O1W	81.09 (16)	O4WB—Pr2—O4	112.8 (4)
O2 <sup>i</sup> —Pr1—O2W	101.68 (11)	O4WA—Pr2—O3 <sup>iv</sup>	106.86 (16)
O2—Pr1—O2W	101.68 (11)	O4WA—Pr2—O3	106.86 (16)
O1 <sup>i</sup> —Pr1—O2 <sup>iii</sup>	50.33 (12)	$O4^{vi}$ —Pr2—O3 <sup>iv</sup>	75.96 (19)

O1—Pr1—O2 <sup>ii</sup>	50.33 (12)	O4v—Pr2—O4vi	148.3 (3)
O1—Pr1—O2 <sup>iii</sup>	119.09 (13)	O4v—Pr2—O4 <sup>iv</sup>	64.26 (17)
O1 <sup>i</sup> —Pr1—O2 <sup>ii</sup>	119.09 (13)	O4 <sup>iv</sup> —Pr2—O4	173.2 (3)
O1 <sup>i</sup> —Pr1—O1	143.6 (2)	O4 <sup>v</sup> —Pr2—O4	113.69 (18)
O1W—Pr1—O2 <sup>iii</sup>	133.23 (16)	O4 <sup>vi</sup> —Pr2—O4 <sup>iv</sup>	113.69 (18)
O1W—Pr1—O2 <sup>ii</sup>	73.39 (16)	O4 <sup>vi</sup> —Pr2—O4	64.26 (17)
O1W <sup>i</sup> —Pr1—O2 <sup>ii</sup>	133.23 (16)	O4 <sup>v</sup> —Pr2—O3W	134.2 (3)
O1W <sup>i</sup> —Pr1—O2 <sup>iii</sup>	73.39 (16)	O4vi-Pr2-O3Wiv	134.2 (3)
O1W—Pr1—O1	75.86 (16)	O4v—Pr2—O3W <sup>iv</sup>	76.7 (4)
O1W <sup>i</sup> —Pr1—O1	139.15 (17)	O4 <sup>vi</sup> —Pr2—O3W	76.7 (4)
O1W—Pr1—O1 <sup>i</sup>	139.15 (16)	O4v—Pr2—O4WBiv	73.1 (4)
O1W <sup>i</sup> —Pr1—O1 <sup>i</sup>	75.86 (16)	O4 <sup>v</sup> —Pr2—O4WB	79.9 (4)
O1W—Pr1—O1W <sup>i</sup>	69.9 (2)	O4 <sup>vi</sup> —Pr2—O4WB	73.1 (4)
O2W—Pr1—O2 <sup>iii</sup>	75.91 (10)	O4vi—Pr2—O4WBiv	79.9 (4)
O2W—Pr1—O2 <sup>ii</sup>	75.91 (10)	O3W <sup>iv</sup> —Pr2—O3	76.2 (2)
O2W—Pr1—O1 <sup>i</sup>	71.79 (11)	O3Wiv—Pr2—O3iv	75.1 (3)
O2W—Pr1—O1	71.79 (11)	O3W—Pr2—O3 <sup>iv</sup>	76.2 (2)
O2W—Pr1—O1W <sup>i</sup>	145.03 (12)	O3W—Pr2—O3	75.1 (3)
O2W—Pr1—O1W	145.03 (12)	O3W—Pr2—O4 <sup>iv</sup>	115.5 (3)
O3 <sup>iv</sup> —Pr2—O3	146.3 (3)	O3W <sup>iv</sup> —Pr2—O4 <sup>iv</sup>	70.8 (3)
$O3^{iv}$ —Pr2—O4 <sup>iv</sup>	49.98 (17)	O3Wiv—Pr2—O4	115.5 (3)
O3—Pr2—O4 <sup>iv</sup>	132.65 (18)	O3W—Pr2—O4	70.8 (3)
O3 <sup>iv</sup> —Pr2—O4	132.65 (18)	O3W—Pr2—O3W <sup>iv</sup>	62.4 (6)
O3—Pr2—O4	49.98 (17)	O3W—Pr2—O4WB <sup>iv</sup>	131.3 (5)
O4 <sup>v</sup> —Pr2—O3 <sup>iv</sup>	113.65 (17)	O3W—Pr2—O4WB	143.2 (5)
O4 <sup>vi</sup> —Pr2—O3	113.65 (17)	O3W <sup>iv</sup> —Pr2—O4WB	131.4 (5)
O4v—Pr2—O3	75.95 (19)		

Symmetry codes: (i) -x, y, -z+3/2; (ii) x, -y+2, z-1/2; (iii) -x, -y+2, -z+2; (iv) -x+1, y, -z-1/2; (v) x, -y+1, z-1/2; (vi) -x+1, -y+1, -z; (vii) x, -y+2, z+1/2.

### 4. Coordination modes



Scheme S1. Coordination modes of  $\rm H_2L^{OMe}$  in complexes 1 and 2.

### 5. Powder X-Ray Diffraction



Figure S1. PXRD patterns of 1 (a) and 2 (b).

### 6. Infrared spectra



Figure S2. IR spectra for complexes 1 and 2.

7. Thermogravimetric Analysis.



Figure S3. TGA plots of complexes 1 and 2

### 8. Luminescence Properties



Figure S4. Photoluminescences of  $H_2L^{OMe}$  ligand, 1 and 2.



**Figure S5**. Emission intensity of complex **2** dispersed in DMF upon incremental addition of aromatic compounds (4-NA, 1,4-DNB, 1-M-4-NB and NB) solution (10 mM) in DMF.



S12

**Figure S6**. The Stern-Volmer plots for complex **2** with 4-NA, 1,4-DNB, 1-M-4-NB and NB in the relatively high concentration region. The solid lines fit to the concentration-resolved data using the Stern-Volmer equation.



**Figure S7**. Percentage of fluorescence quenching obtained by introducing different nitrobenzene derivatives into the DMF-emulsion of complex **2**.



**Figure S8.** Emission intensity of complex **2** dispersed in DMF upon incremental addition of a  $M(NO_3)_x$  (M= Fe<sup>3+</sup>, Cu<sup>2+</sup>, Ag<sup>+</sup>, Co<sup>2+</sup>, Zn<sup>2+</sup>, Mg<sup>2+</sup>) solution (10 mM) in DMF.



**Figure S9**. Percentage of fluorescence quenching by introducing different organic solvent molecules into the DMF-emulsion of **1**.



Figure S10. Relative intensity by introducing different metal ions into the DMF-emulsion of 1.



**Figure S11**. Percentage of fluorescence quenching by introducing different aromatic compounds into the DMF-emulsion of **1**.

### 9. Gas Sorption



Figure S12. The isosteric heat of adsorption for  $H_2$  in complex 2.



Figure S12. The CH<sub>4</sub> sorption isotherms of complex 2 at 273 K and 295K under 1 atm.

#### **10. Catalytic Properties**

Under the  $N_2$  atmosphere, a solution of aldehyde (0.5 mmol) and cyanotrimethylsilane (1 mmol) was added to activated samples (10 mg) at room temperature. After the solution was stirred for 14 hours, the mixtures were separated by centrifugal machine. The liquid part was utilized to analyze the conversions by Gas Chromatograph-Mass Spectrometry. The recycled experiment was carried out for the cyanosilylation of p-methoxy benzaldehyde with complex **2**. The reaction was carried out under the standard conditions. After the reaction was completed, the catalyst was recovered by filtration, washed with DMA, and reactivated prior to being used for the recycled experiment.



Figure S13. The recycled experiments of complex 2 for p-methoxy benzaldehyde.