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### A Thermally Stable and Reversible Microporous Hydrogen-Bonded Organic

## Framework: Aggregation Induced Emission and Metal Ion-sensing Properties

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**Fig. S6** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of POSS-T<sub>8</sub>A in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.

**Table S1**. Particle sized and quantum yield of microsized polymer particle of  $POSS-T_8A$  in different solvents.

	Solvent	1 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>		
	Joivent	Size (nm)	Count (kcps)	$\phi_{ m f}$
1	THF	545.8	8.5	0.5293
2	DMSO	291.4	5.6	0.4310
3	DMF	841.8	8.8	0.3841
4	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	406.2	8.5	0.3291
5	Toluene	1793.1	5.4	0.2272
6	Dioxane	355.1	9.0	0.4508
7	EA	154.7	8.7	0.8312
8	Pyridine	Not detectable	Not detectable	0.0006



Fig. S7 Fluorescence lifetime of POSS-T<sub>8</sub>A in different solvents.

Table S2.	List	of	fitting	results	obtained	from	time-resolved	fluorescence	lifetime	decay
profiles co	ollecto	ed a	at 465	nm of P	OSS-T <sub>8</sub> A in	differ	ent solvents.			

solvent	$\tau_1/ns$	τ <sub>2</sub> /ns	τ <sub>3</sub> /ns	<τ>/ns
CHCl <sub>3</sub>	0.03 (6.42%)	0.56 (42.64%)	1.17 (50.94%)	0.99
DMSO	0.27 (26.60%)	1.08 (74.40%)		1.01
Dioxane	0.47 (36.79%)	1.20 (63.21%)		1.07
EA	0.50 (34.81%)	1.20 (65.19%)		1.07
Toluene	0.30 (35.60%)	1.22 (64.40%)		1.11
DMF	0.47 (14.77%)	1.46 (85.23%)		1.41
THF	2.09 (34.30%)	5.00 (65.70%)		4.47

The time-resolved fluorescence lifetimes of POSS-T<sub>8</sub>A in different solvents were measured using a time-correlated single photon counting (TCSPC) spectrofluorimeter (FluoroCube, Horiba Jobin Yvon). The samples were excited at 375 nm using a pulsed diode laser (NanoLED-375L, Horiba Jobin Yvon). The fluorescence decay profiles were analyzed using the Horiba Jobin Yvon Datastation software and the goodness of fit was assessed by considering the reduced chi-square ( $\chi^2$ ) value and the randomness of the weighted residuals. All measurements were performed at ambient conditions. All measurements were performed at ambient conditions.



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Fig. S11 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 1 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



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Fig. S13 HRMS spectrum of compound 1.



Fig. S14 FTIR spectrum of compound 1 in KBr.







Fig. S16 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 2 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Fig. S17 HRMS spectrum of compound 2.



Fig. S18 FTIR spectrum of compound 2 in KBr.





C2

C1

C3

Fig. S20 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of POSS-T<sub>8</sub>A in pyridine-d<sub>5</sub>.

C12-13 C16-17

C9-10

C11

C8

C4

C14-18

C7



Fig. S21  $^{29}$ Si NMR spectrum of POSS-T<sub>8</sub>A in pyridine-d<sub>5</sub>.



Fig. S22 MALDI-TOF spectrum of POSS-T<sub>8</sub>A.



Fig. S23 FTIR spectrum of POSS-T<sub>8</sub>A in KBr.



Fig. S24 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of POSS-T<sub>8</sub>B in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Fig. S25 <sup>29</sup>Si NMR spectrum of POSS-T<sub>8</sub>B in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Fig. S26 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of POSS-T<sub>8</sub>B in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Fig. S27 FTIR spectrum of POSS-T<sub>8</sub>B in KBr.



Fig. S28 MALDI-TOF spectrum of POSS-T<sub>8</sub>B.

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