# A cadmium(II)-based metal-organic framework for selective trace detection of nitroaniline isomers and photocatalytic degradation of methylene blue in neutral aqueous solution

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### 1. X-ray Crystallography (Single-crystal diffraction) and Characterizations.

**1.1 Figure S1** The coordination configuration of the Cd(1) and Cd(2) centre in Cd–**PDA**. The asymmetric mode: A: x, 1+y, z; B: 1.5-x, 0.5+y, 0.5-z.



**1.2** Selective bond distance (Å) and angle (°) in Cd–PDA.

Selective bond distance (Å): Cd(1)-O(4) 2.2403(2), Cd(1)-O(8) 2.263(2), Cd(1)-O(2A) 2.3171(2), Cd(1)-O(7) 2.3192(2), Cd(1)-O(9) 2.3299(2), Cd(1)-O(1A) 2.4537(2), Cd(2)-O(12) 2.1982(2), Cd(2)-O(13B) 2.2054(2), Cd(2)-O(3) 2.2387(2), Cd(2)-O(10) 2.2864(2), Cd(2)-O(11) 2.3872(2), Cd(2)-O(20B) 2.5549(2).

Selective bond angle (°): O(4)-Cd(1)-O(8) 124.18(7), O(4)-Cd(1)-O(2A) 149.93(6), O(8)-Cd(1)-O(2A) 82.22(7), O(4)-Cd(1)-O(7) 84.03(7), O(8)-Cd(1)-O(7) 93.03(8), O(2A)-Cd(1)-O(7) 80.06(6), O(4)-Cd(1)-O(9) 94.65(7), O(8)-Cd(1)-O(9) 94.13(8), O(2A)-Cd(1)-O(9) 97.64(6), O(7)-Cd(1)-O(9) 172.11(7), O(4)-Cd(1)-O(1A) 100.41(6), O(8)-Cd(1)-O(1A) 135.41(7), O(2A)-Cd(1)-O(1A) 54.83(6), O(7)-Cd(1)-O(1A) 90.93(6), O(9)-Cd(1)-O(1A) 135.41(7), O(2A)-Cd(1)-O(1A) 54.83(6), O(7)-Cd(1)-O(1A) 90.93(6), O(9)-Cd(1)-O(1A) 81.65(6), O(12)-Cd(2)-O(13B) 97.91(7), O(12)-Cd(2)-O(3) 105.45(6), O(13B)-Cd(2)-O(3) 96.67(6), O(12)-Cd(2)-O(10) 101.31(6), O(13B)-Cd(2)-O(10) 139.63(6), O(3)-Cd(2)-O(10) 111.66(6), O(12)-Cd(2)-O(11) 157.45(7), O(13B)-Cd(2)-O(11) 101.15(6), O(3)-Cd(2)-O(10) 84.24(6), O(10)-Cd(2)-O(11) 56.18(6), O(12)-Cd(2)-O(20B) 94.39(6), O(13B)-Cd(2)-O(20B) 54.45(6), O(3)-Cd(2)-O(20B) 147.42(6), O(10)-Cd(2)-O(20B) 88.77(6).

**1.3 Figure S2** PXRD patterns of the as-synthesized (red), the simulated from single X-ray crystal structure (black).



**1.4 Figure S3** CO<sub>2</sub> adsorption/desorption isotherms of Cd–**PDA** at 195 K.





**1.5 Figure S4** TGA traces of Cd–**PDA** ranging from room temperature to 500 °C.

## 2. Studies on the nitro-explosives detection based on Cd-PDA.



**2.1 Figure S5** The UV/vis absorption spectra for solid Cd–**PDA**.

**2.2 Figure S6** The Stern–Volmer plot of Cd–**PDA** quenched by *p*-NA ethanol solution, where  $I_0$  and I are the fluorescence intensity before and after *p*-NA incorporation, respectively.





**2.3 Figure S7** Families of various fluorescence spectra of Cd–**PDA** in ethanol solution upon the addition of 0.125 mM of different selected analytes.

**2.4 Figure S8** (Left) FT-IR spectra of *o*-NA (top), Cd–PDA impregnated with *o*-NA solution (middle) and Cd–PDA (bottom); (Right) FT-IR spectra of *m*-NA (top), Cd–PDA impregnated with *m*-NA solution (middle) and Cd–PDA (bottom).



**2.5 Figure S9** Representation of the interaction between Cd–**PDA** and *o*-NA (left) and *m*-NA (right) computed by molecular force field-based calculations.



## 3. Studies on the photodegradation of MB based on Cd-PDA.



**3.1 Figure S10** The first-order plots for the photodegradation of MB using Cd–**PDA**.

**3.2 Figure S11** Recycling experiments employing Cd–**PDA** as a catalyst for the degradation of MB under Xe lamp irradiation.

