## **Supporting information**

## Unveiling Excited State Energy Transfer and Charge Transfer in a Host/Guest Coordination Cage

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**Figure S1.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of **1** in  $D_2O$ .



Figure S2. Views of the optimized structure for 1.

Energy(nm)	Contrib.	CI%	Character
424	HOMO-1→LUMO+2	61.9	CCCT
	HOMO→LUMO+2	34.0	СССТ
422	HOMO-1→LUMO	82.0	СССТ
	HOMO→LUMO	14.2	СССТ
409	HOMO→LUMO+1	94.4	СССТ
408	HOMO-1→LUMO+2	34.2	СССТ
	HOMO→LUMO+2	61.9	СССТ
407	HOMO-1→LUMO	14.2	СССТ
	HOMO→LUMO	83.3	СССТ
395	HOMO-1→LUMO+1	96.4	СССТ
380	HOMO-1→LUMO+6	21.0	СССТ
	HOMO→LUMO+3	58.5	СССТ
	HOMO→LUMO+4	8.9	CCCT
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**Table S1**. Calculated electronic transition energies of the low-lying singlet excitedstates of 1<sup>a</sup>.

<sup>a</sup>HOMO means highest occupied molecular orbital, and LUMO means lowest unoccupied molecular orbital. CCCT means coronene-to-cage charge transfer.



Figure S3. (a) Steady-state fluorescence spectra of coronene in DCM with different degassed time by  $N_2$  bubbling. (b) Time-resolved fluorescence spectra of coronene in aerated solution of DCM.



**Figure S4.** Fs TA spectra of coronene in DCM upon excitation at 340 nm; (a) contour plot of the fs TA spectra from 0 to 7800 ps; (b) kinetic profiles of 455 and 534 nm; (c) normalized EADS derived from global analysis; (d) excited-state decay pathways in coronene.



**Figure S5.** Fs TA spectra from 440 to 600 nm of coronene in DCM upon excitation at 340 nm



**Figure S6.** Ns TE spectra of **1** in water with excitation at 355 nm: (a) ns TE spectra at selected time decays with corresponding waveform fit; (b) kinetic profile (red dots) at 550 nm with singlet wavelength fit (black line).

**Table S2.** Global analysis results of **1** upon different excitation wavelengths  $(\lambda_{ex})$  by Glotaran software: rate constant (*k*) and corresponding standard deviation (*sd*)

λ <sub>ex</sub> /nm	$k_{1}^{/ps^{-1}}$	$sd_1/ps^{-1}$	$k_2 / ps^{-1}$	$sd_2/ps^{-1}$	$k_{3}/ps^{-1}$	$sd_3/ps^{-1}$
310	0.10502	0.00095	0.00716	0.00008	< 0.0005	_
450	-	-	0.00706	0.00004	< 0.0005	-