

## Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI) for

### Two New Metal-Organic Frameworks Based on Tetrazole-Heterocyclic Ligands Accompanied by In-Situ Ligand Formation

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**Table S1.** Crystal data and structure refinement parameters for **1** and **2**.

|                                                    | <b>1</b>                                                                       | <b>2</b>                                                                      |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| chemical formula                                   | C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>10</sub> O <sub>8</sub> Zn <sub>2</sub> | C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>10</sub> O <sub>8</sub> Cd <sub>2</sub> |
| formula weight                                     | 625.14                                                                         | 717.16                                                                        |
| crystal system                                     | Tetragonal                                                                     | Monoclinic                                                                    |
| space group                                        | <i>Aba2</i>                                                                    | <i>C2/c</i>                                                                   |
| <i>a</i> /Å                                        | 17.8735(9)                                                                     | 22.552(5)                                                                     |
| <i>b</i> /Å                                        | 20.9554(14)                                                                    | 22.119(4)                                                                     |
| <i>c</i> /Å                                        | 20.7462(13)                                                                    | 19.125(4)                                                                     |
| $\beta$ /°                                         | 90                                                                             | 114.67(3)                                                                     |
| <i>V</i> /Å <sup>3</sup>                           | 7770.4(8)                                                                      | 8669(3)                                                                       |
| <i>Z</i>                                           | 8                                                                              | 8                                                                             |
| <i>D</i> /g cm <sup>-3</sup>                       | 1.069                                                                          | 1.099                                                                         |
| <i>T</i> /K                                        | 173(2)                                                                         | 293(2)                                                                        |
| $\mu$ /mm <sup>-1</sup>                            | 1.276                                                                          | 1.018                                                                         |
| <i>F</i> (000)                                     | 2496                                                                           | 2768                                                                          |
| <i>R</i> <sup>a</sup> [ <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> )] | 0.0813                                                                         | 0.0934                                                                        |
| <i>wR</i> <sup>b</sup> [all data]                  | 0.2230                                                                         | 0.3189                                                                        |
| <i>GOF on F</i> <sup>2</sup>                       | 1.053                                                                          | 1.018                                                                         |

<sup>a</sup>  $R = \Sigma ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \Sigma |F_o|$ ; <sup>b</sup>  $R_w = [\Sigma [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / \Sigma w(F_o^2)^2]^{1/2}$ .

**Table S2.** Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (deg) for **1**.

|                     |           |                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|
| Zn(1)#1-O(5)#2      | 1.923(9)  | Zn(1)-N(6)          | 2.022(13) |
| Zn(1)-O(3)#1        | 1.886(11) | Zn(1)-N(4)          | 2.062(12) |
| Zn(2)-O(1)          | 1.909(9)  | Zn(2)-N(8)#4        | 2.084(12) |
| Zn(2)-O(1)#2        | 1.909(9)  | Zn(2)-N(8)#3        | 2.084(12) |
| Zn(3)-N(2) #6       | 2.023(12) | Zn(3)-N(2)          | 2.023(12) |
| Zn(3)-O(8)#4        | 1.925(12) | Zn(3)-O(8)#5        | 1.925(12) |
| O(3)#1-Zn(1)-O(5)#2 | 113.9(5)  | O(5)#2-Zn(1)-N(4)   | 101.5(4)  |
| O(1)#3-Zn(2)-O(1)   | 127.5(6)  | O(1)#3-Zn(2)-N(8)#4 | 100.2(4)  |
| O(1)-Zn(2)-N(8)#5   | 100.2(4)  | O(1)#3-Zn(2)-N(8)#5 | 109.5(4)  |
| O(8)#6-Zn(3)-O(8)#5 | 107.7(13) | O(1)-Zn(2)-N(8)#4   | 109.5(4)  |
| N(6)-Zn(1)-N(4)     | 105.9(5)  | O(5)#2-Zn(1)-N(6)   | 111.6(5)  |
| N(8)#4-Zn(2)-N(8)#5 | 109.5(7)  | O(8)#6-Zn(3)-N(2)   | 100.3(6)  |
| N(2)-Zn(3)-N(2)#7   | 107.6(7)  | O(8)#4-Zn(3)-N(2)   | 121.2(5)  |
| O(8)#6-Zn(3)-N(2)#7 | 121.2(5)  | O(8)#5-Zn(3)-N(2)#7 | 100.3(6)  |
| O(3)#1-Zn(1)-N(6)   | 122.2(5)  | O(3)#1-Zn(1)-N(4)   | 98.0(5)   |

Symmetry codes:

#1  $x+1/2, -y+3/2, z+0$       #2  $x-1/2, -y+3/2, z+0$       #3  $-x, -y+2, z$       #4  $x-1/2, -y+2, z+1/2$   
 #5  $-x+1/2, y, z+1/2$       #6  $-x+3/2, y, z+1/2$       #7  $-x+1, -y+2, z$

**Table S3.** Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (deg) for **2**.

|                     |          |                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|
| O(5)-Cd(3)          | 2.372(8) | Cd(1)-O(1)          | 2.358(7) |
| O(6)-Cd(3)          | 2.372(8) | O(3)-Cd(2)#3        | 2.321(7) |
| O(7)-Cd(1)#2        | 2.358(7) | N(9)-Cd(1)#1        | 2.246(8) |
| O(8)-Cd(1)#2        | 2.440(7) | N(7)-Cd(3)          | 2.226(8) |
| O(4)-Cd(2)#3        | 2.391(7) | Cd(1)-N(2)          | 2.269(7) |
| Cd(1)-O(2)          | 2.369(8) | Cd(2)-N(4)          | 2.261(8) |
| Cd(2)-N(4) #4       | 2.261(8) | O(3)#6-Cd(2)-O(4)#7 | 97.6(3)  |
| O(7)#5-Cd(1)-O(1)   | 88.7(3)  | N(9)#4-Cd(1)-N(2)   | 95.7(3)  |
| O(7)#5-Cd(1)-O(2)   | 96.7(3)  | N(4)-Cd(2)-N(4)#8   | 99.2(4)  |
| O(1)-Cd(1)-O(2)     | 55.9(3)  | N(7)-Cd(3)-N(7)#9   | 96.6(5)  |
| O(7)#5-Cd(1)-O(8)#5 | 55.2(3)  | N(9)#4-Cd(1)-O(7)#5 | 145.3(3) |
| O(1)-Cd(1)-O(8)#5   | 86.7(3)  | N(2)-Cd(1)-O(7)#5   | 95.2(3)  |
| O(2)-Cd(1)-O(8)#5   | 135.4(3) | N(9)#4-Cd(1)-O(1)   | 92.2(3)  |
| O(3)#6-Cd(2)-O(3)#7 | 90.1(4)  | N(2)-Cd(1)-O(1)     | 159.7(3) |
| O(3)#7-Cd(2)-O(4)#7 | 54.5(3)  | N(9)#4-Cd(1)-O(2)   | 112.4(3) |
| O(3)#6-Cd(2)-O(4)#6 | 54.5(3)  | N(2)-Cd(1)-O(2)     | 103.8(3) |
| O(4)#7-Cd(2)-O(4)#8 | 135.4(3) | N(9)#4-Cd(1)-O(8)#5 | 90.2(3)  |
| O(6)-Cd(3)-O(6)#9   | 88.9(5)  | N(2)-Cd(1)-O(8)#5   | 111.8(3) |
| O(6)-Cd(3)-O(5)#9   | 91.3(3)  | N(4)-Cd(2)-O(3)#7   | 95.6(3)  |
| O(6)#9-Cd(3)-O(5)   | 91.3(3)  | O(6)-Cd(3)-O(5)     | 54.5(3)  |
| O(6)#9-Cd(3)-O(5)#9 | 54.5(3)  | O(3)#7-Cd(2)-O(4)#6 | 97.6(3)  |
| O(5)#9-Cd(3)-O(5)   | 133.9(4) | N(4)-Cd(2)-O(4)#6   | 90.4(3)  |
| N(4)-Cd(2)-O(3)#6   | 144.9(3) | N(4)#8-Cd(2)-O(3)#6 | 95.6(3)  |
| N(4)#8-Cd(2)-O(4)#7 | 90.4(3)  | N(4)#8-Cd(2)-O(3)#7 | 144.9(3) |
| N(4)-Cd(2)-O(4)#7   | 113.9(3) | N(4)#8-Cd(2)-O(4)#6 | 113.9(3) |
| N(7)#9-Cd(3)-O(5)#9 | 103.8(3) | N(7)-Cd(3)-O(6)     | 158.3(3) |
| N(7)#9-Cd(3)-O(5)   | 106.4(3) | N(7) -Cd(3)-O(5)    | 103.8(3) |

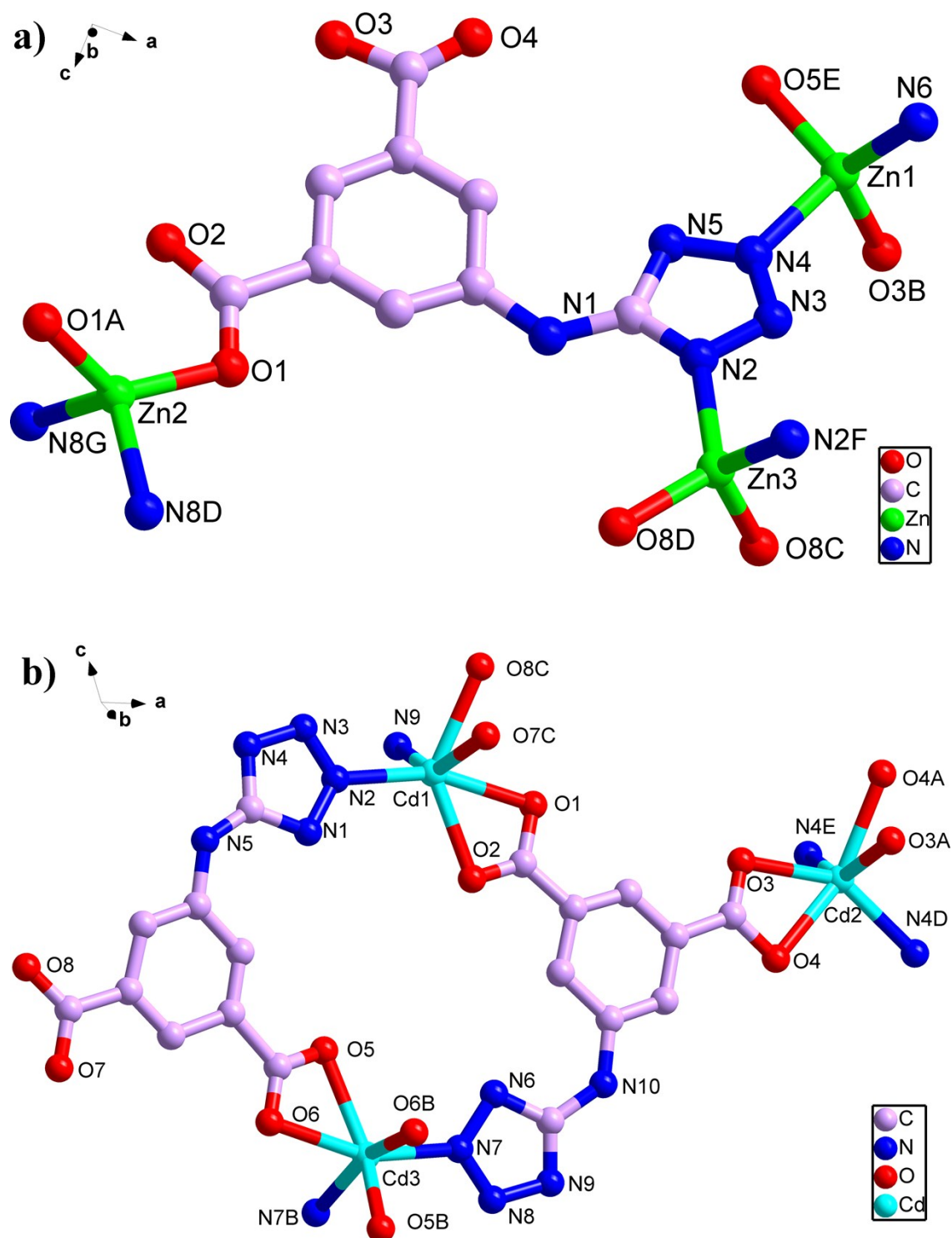
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Symmetry codes:

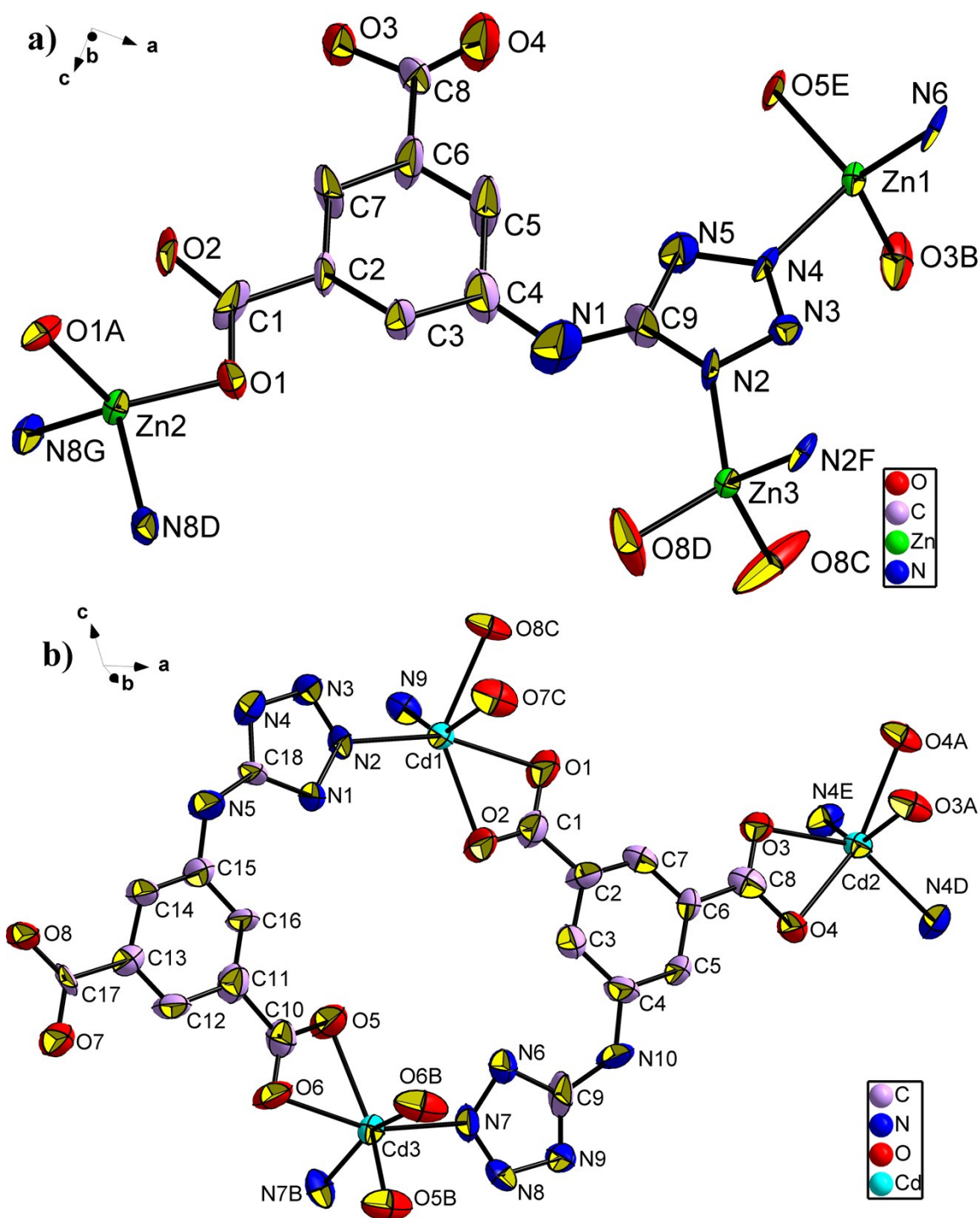
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#5  $x+1/2, -y+1/2, z+1/2$       #6  $-x, y, -z+1/2$       #7  $x-1/2, y-1/2, z$       #8  $-x+1/2, y-1/2, -z+1/2$   
#9  $-x, y, -z-1/2$

**Table S4.** Gas-adsorption data for **1a**.

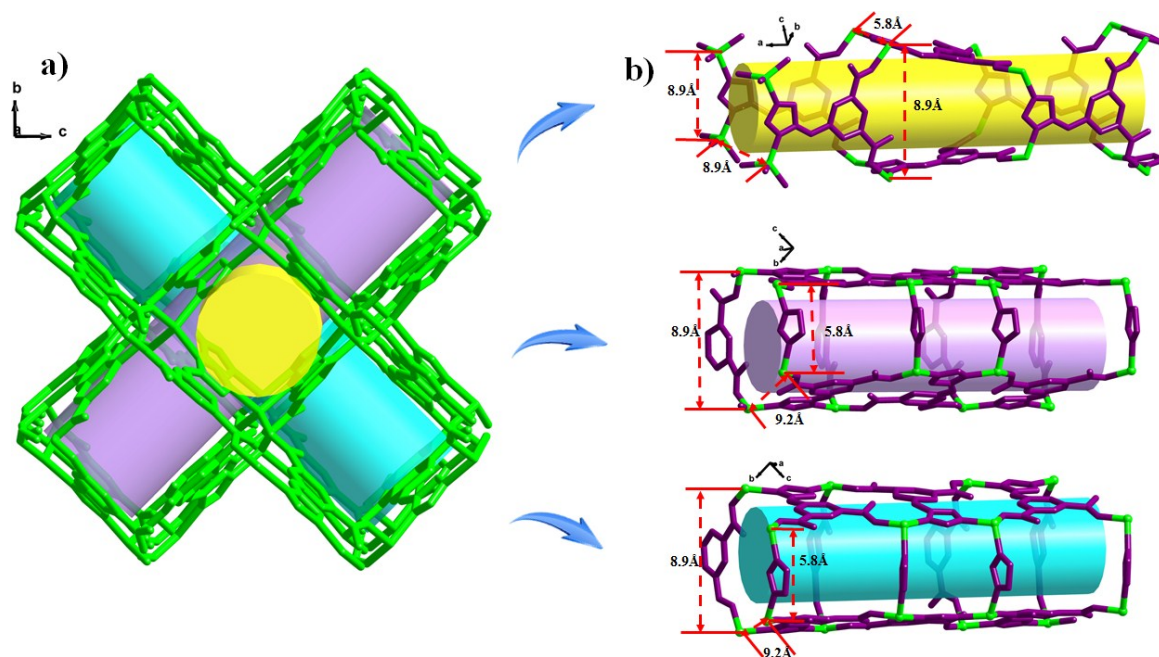
| Gas             | Temperature and Pressure | Amounts of gas adsorb |                    |        |
|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------|
|                 |                          | wt%                   | cm <sup>3</sup> /g | mmol/g |
| N <sub>2</sub>  | 77 K and 773 mmHg        | 0.004                 | 0.03               | 0.001  |
|                 | 273 K and 770 mmHg       | 0.65                  | 5.21               | 0.23   |
|                 | 298 K and 771 mmHg       | 0.31                  | 2.49               | 0.11   |
| CO <sub>2</sub> | 195 K and 738 mmHg       | 22.88                 | 116.47             | 5.20   |
|                 | 273 K and 771 mmHg       | 10.45                 | 53.18              | 2.37   |
|                 | 298 K and 770 mmHg       | 7.73                  | 39.34              | 1.76   |
| CH <sub>4</sub> | 273 K and 770 mmHg       | 1.40                  | 19.56              | 0.87   |
|                 | 298 K and 770 mmHg       | 0.80                  | 11.18              | 0.50   |



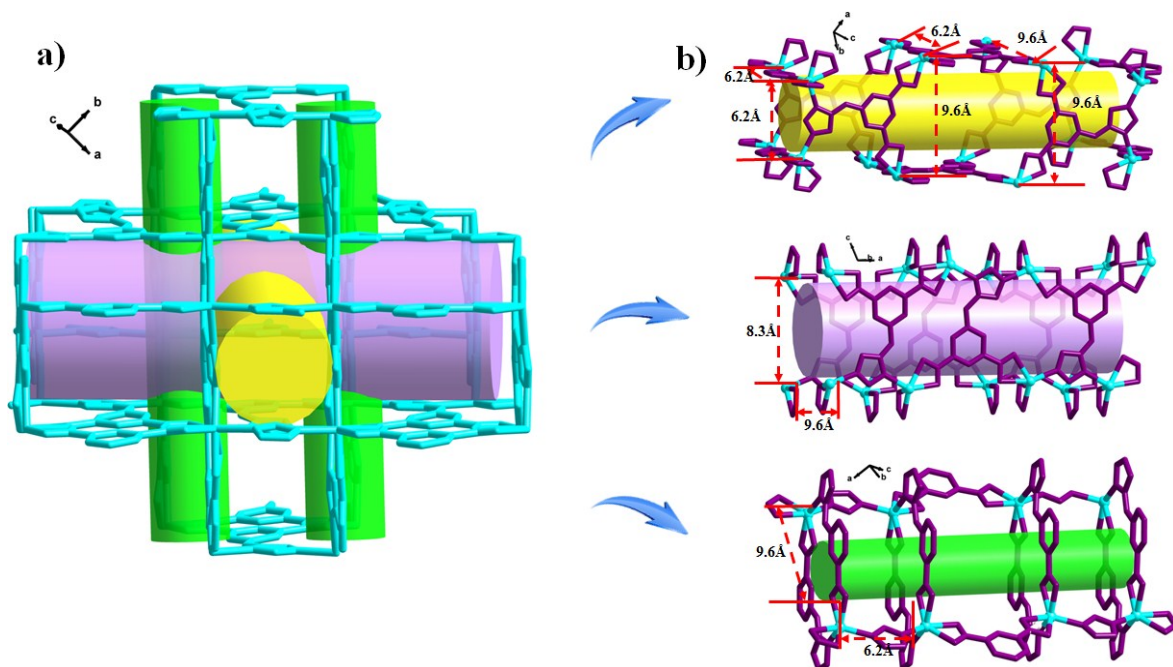
**Figure S1.** The coordination environments of **1(a)** and **2(b)**. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. For **1(a)**, A, B, C, D, E, F and G indicate symmetry operators  $-x, 2-y, z$ ;  $0.5+x, 1.5-y, z$ ;  $1.5-x, y, 0.5+z$ ;  $-0.5+x, 2-y, 0.5+z$ ;  $-0.5+x, 1.5-y, z$ ;  $1-x, 2-y, z$ ;  $0.5-x, y, 0.5+z$ , respectively. For **2(b)**, A, B, C, D and E indicate symmetry operators  $1-x, y, 2.5-z$ ;  $-x, y, 1.5-z$ ;  $0.5+x, 0.5-y, 0.5+z$ ;  $0.5+x, 0.5+y, z$ ;  $0.5-x, 0.5+y, 2.5-z$ , respectively.



**Figure S2** The structures of the  $[Zn_2(HL)_2]$  of **1(a)** and complex  $[Cd_2(HL)_2]$  of **2(b)**. Displacement ellipsoids are shown at the 50% probability level. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. For **1(a)**, A, B, C, D, E, F and G indicate symmetry operators  $-x, 2-y, z$ ;  $0.5+x, 1.5-y, z$ ;  $1.5-x, y, 0.5+z$ ;  $-0.5+x, 2-y, 0.5+z$ ;  $-0.5+x, 1.5-y, z$ ;  $1-x, 2-y, z$ ;  $0.5-x, y, 0.5+z$ , respectively. For **2(b)**, A, B, C, D and E indicate symmetry operators  $1-x, y, 2.5-z$ ;  $-x, y, 1.5-z$ ;  $0.5+x, 0.5-y, 0.5+z$ ;  $0.5+x, 0.5+y, z$ ;  $0.5-x, 0.5+y, 2.5-z$ , respectively.



**Figure S3.** The crystal structure of **1**. a) 3D framework showing open 3D intersecting channel system; b) Three types of channels from different directions. The light green represent Zn(II) centers, and the violet represent the ligand HL<sup>2-</sup>. H atoms and solvent molecules are omitted for clarity.



**Figure S4.** The crystal structure of **2**. a) 3D framework showing open 3D intersecting channel system; b) Three types of channels from different directions. The bright blue represent Cd(II) centers, and the violet represent the ligand L<sup>3-</sup>. H atoms and solvent molecules are omitted for clarity.

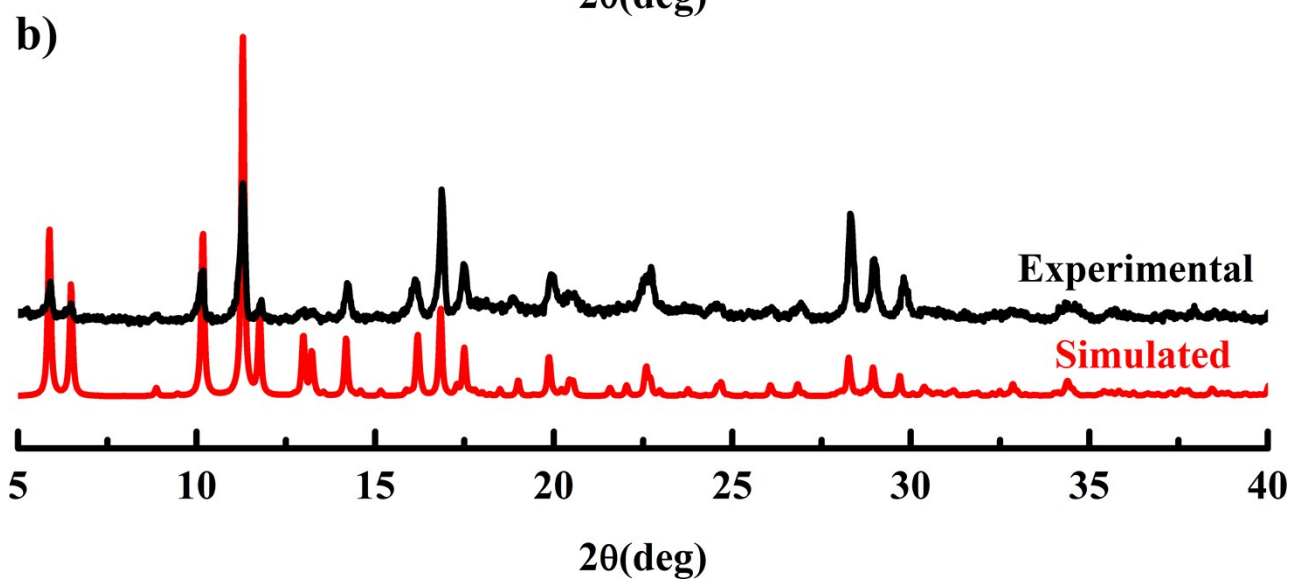
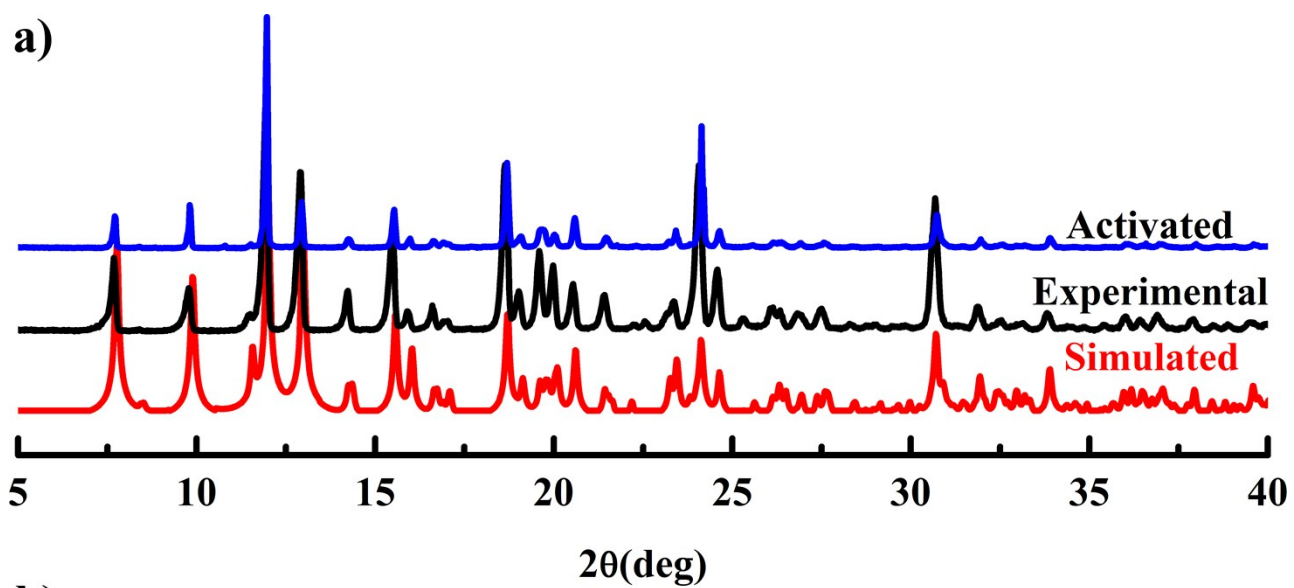
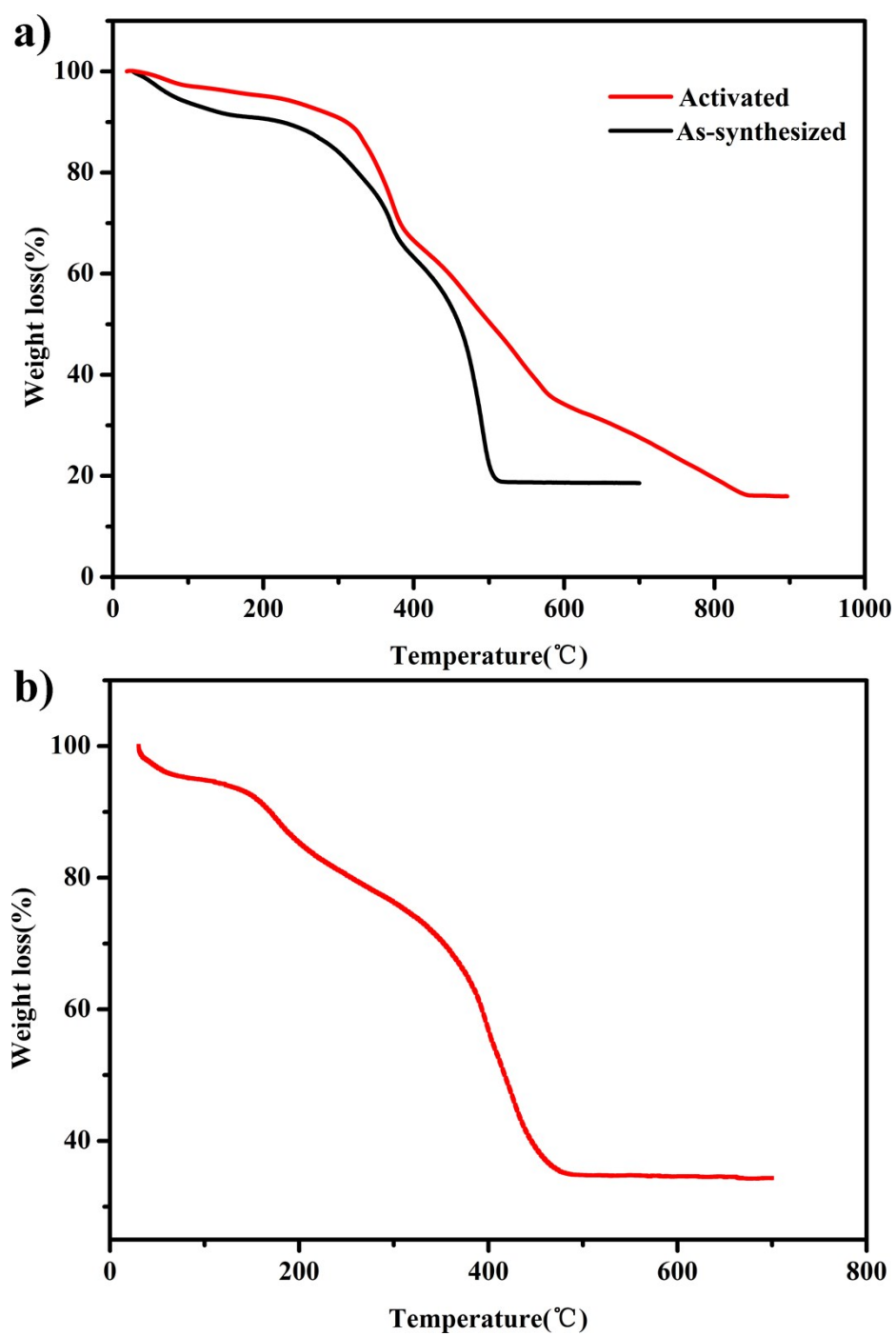
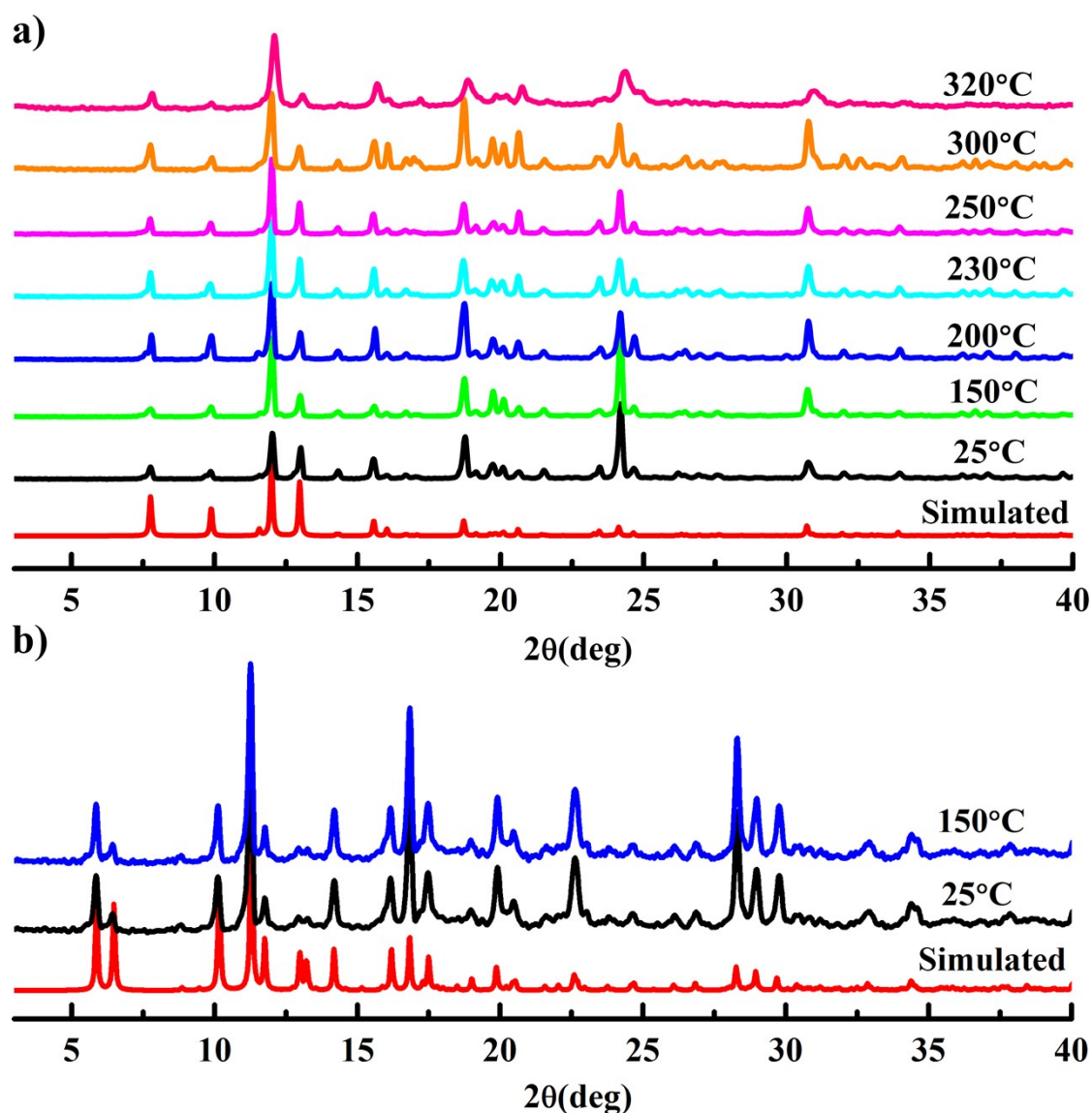


Figure S5. Power X-ray diffraction(PXRd) patterns for 1(a) and 2(b).



**Figure S6.** Thermogravimetric analyses (TGA) curves for **1** (a) and **2** (b).



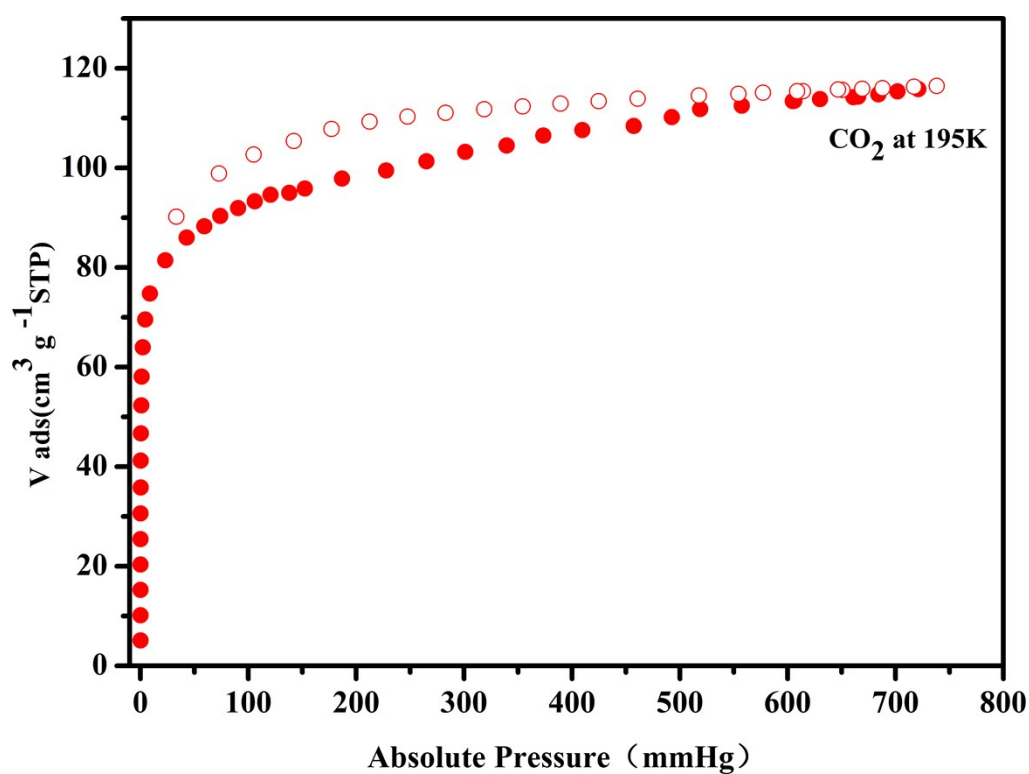
**Figure S7.** Power X-ray diffraction(PXRD) patterns for **1**(a) and **2**(b) at different temperature.

#### Experimental method:

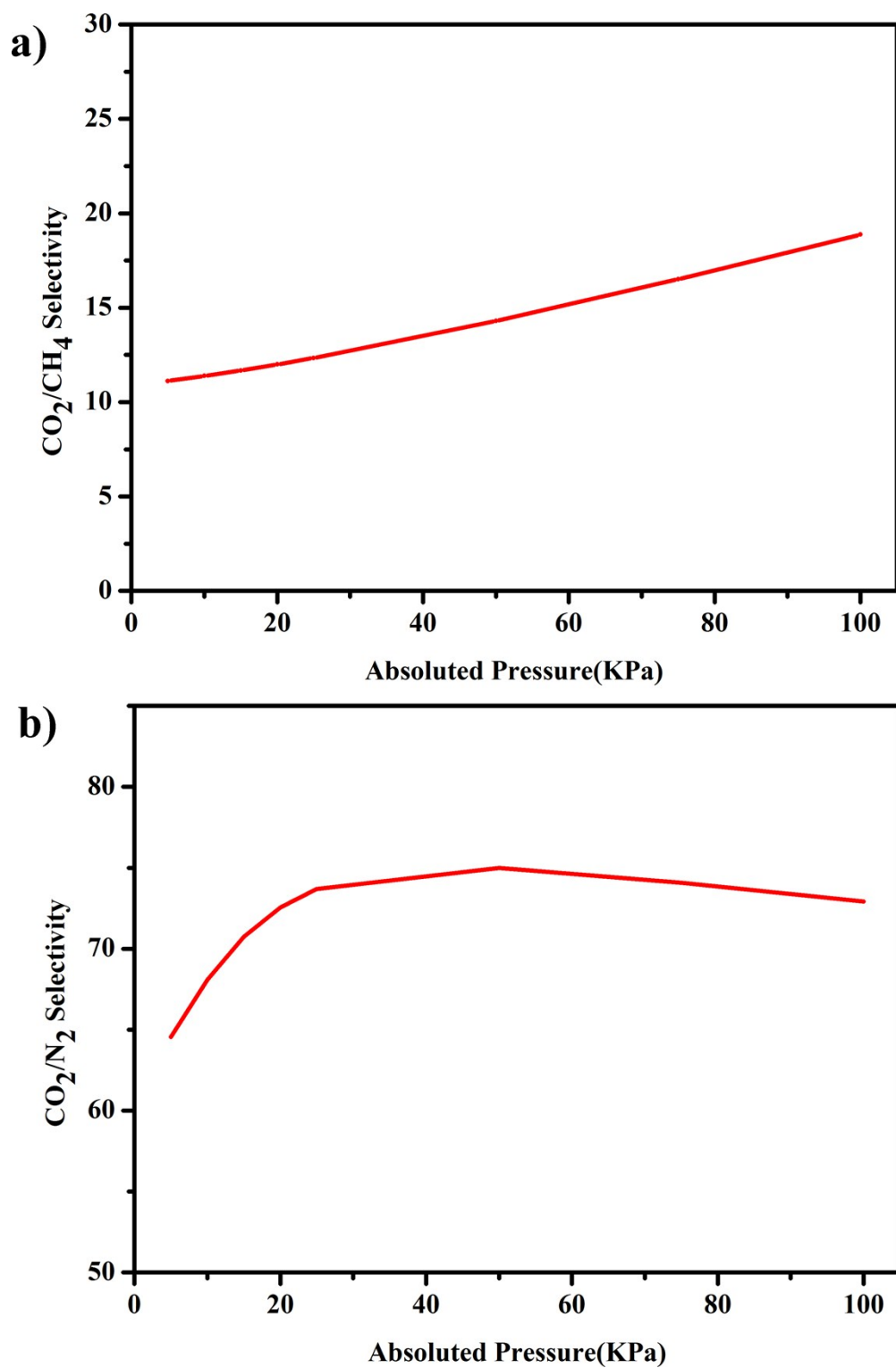
Bulk of **1** and **2** were synthesized and the purities were examined by Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) (Figure S6a and S6b, Supporting Information). Then **1** and **2** were heating on Micrometrics ASAP 2020 volumetric gas sorption instrument at different temperature. The heating process were from 20°C to 150°C at the rate of 10°C/min, and constant about 15min, and then remove the sample immediately to measure the PXRD on a Rigaku Miniflex 600. Other PXRD at different temperature were measured in the same way.

### Sorption Measurements.

Gas sorption experiments were carried out with a Micrometrics ASAP 2020 M volumetric gas sorption instrument. Before the measurement, the sample was soaked in acetone ( $\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3$ ) for 3 days to remove DMF and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , filtrated and dried at room temperature. Then the sample was loaded in the sample tube and dried under high vacuum (less than  $10^{-5}$  Torr) at  $100^\circ\text{C}$  overnight to remove acetone and all residue solvents in the channels. 176.3 mg of the desolvated sample was used to the whole adsorption measurements. The BET (Brunauer-Emmet-Telle) was characterized by  $\text{CO}_2$  isotherm measurement at 195 K in a dry ice-acetone bath. The gas sorption experiments of  $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{CH}_4$  and  $\text{N}_2$  were carried out at 273 K in an ice-water bath and 298 K in a temperature controlled circular bath, respectively.



**Figure S8.** Gas sorption isotherms for **1a**. Adsorption and desorption data are shown as filled and open symbols, respectively.



**Figure S9.** IAST predicted selectivity for **1a**: (a) CO<sub>2</sub> over CH<sub>4</sub> (50:50) at 298 K, and (b) CO<sub>2</sub> over N<sub>2</sub> (15:85) at 298 K.

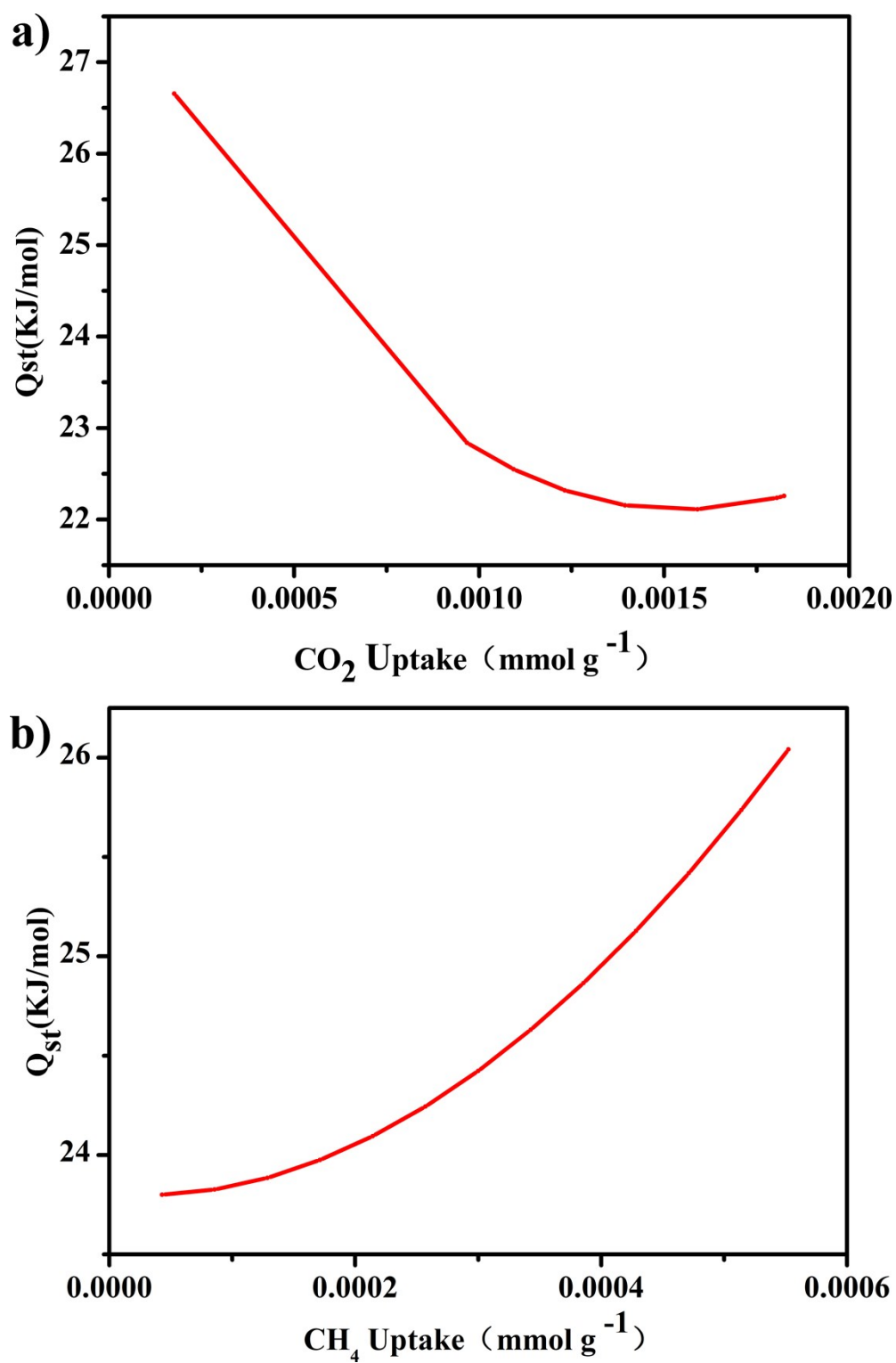


Figure S10. Isosteric heat of CO<sub>2</sub> (a) and CH<sub>4</sub> (b) adsorption for **1a**.