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Post-cycloaddition modification of a porous MOF for improved GC separation of ethanol and water

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Additional Data



Fig.S1 (1) PXRD of simulated **1** based on the structure, crystal **1**, **1-i** (irradiated under 365 nm UV light for 48 h), **1-373K** (heated at 373 K for 1h), **1-EtOH** (after adsorption-desorption test for EtOH vapor at 298 K), **1-MeOH** (after adsorption-desorption test for MeOH vapor at 298 K), **1-Water** (after adsorption-desorption test for Water vapor at 298 K).



Fig. S2 In-situ FT-IR spectra of crystal 1 before (black) and after (red) irradiated by 365 nm UV light, the blue line is IR spectra of crystal 1 after heated at 373 K for one hour; The characteristic N-O vibration at 1382 cm⁻¹ demonstrates that there is nitrate ion in the structure and the disappearance of the characteristic C–H vibration of trans RCH=CHR at 981 cm⁻¹ after irradiated by 365 nm light demonstrates the occurrence of photoinduced structural transformation.



Fig.S3 Energy-dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDS) of 1 shows no Cl in the structure.



Fig. S4 Thermogravimetric (TG) plots of compound 1(black) and the photoirradiated sample 1-i (red).



Fig.S5 Two independent networks interpenetrate each other in a $2D + 2D \rightarrow 2D$ fashion, leading to a 2-fold interlocked bilayer.



Fig.S6 Top: Schematic of definition of the parameters usually considered to be geometric criteria for [2+2] photodimerization of double bonds (According to Ref: V.Ramamurthy, K.Venkatesan, Chem. Rev. 1987, 87, 433–481; θ_3 is the angle between the >C=C< and C=C-C=C Planes). Bottom: The corresponding geometrical parameters $\theta_1(a)$, $\theta_2(b)$, $\theta_3(c)$ and D₂(d) in crystal **1** are 1.16°, 78.12°, 66.48° and 3.89 Å. D₁ is 0.82 Å gotten by calculation of D₂/tan θ_2 .



Fig. S7 Top panel: Fluorescence image of powdered crystal **1** upon UV irradiation. Bottom panel: The emission spectra of sample **1** before and after irradiated by 365 nm UV light, $\lambda_{ex} = 330$ nm.



Fig. S8 ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) spectra showing the photocycloaddition of crystal **1** with a conversion yield of around 60% after the sample is subjected to 365nm UV radiation for 24 h (2 mW cm⁻²).



Fig.S9 (a)The PXRD patterns show the shifts of the $(0\ 1\ 1)$, $(1\ 1\ 2)$ and $(2\ 6\ 3)$ peaks of crystal **1** after irradiated by 365nm UV light; (b) The corresponding PXRD peaks shift suggest the contraction of two adjacent layers due to the [2+2] cycloaddition reaction happened in crystal **1**.



Fig. S10 The retention time of ethanol, methanol and water in the column filled with crystal **1** is 0.20 min, 2.51 min and 9.12 min respectively (solid line); The retention time of ethanol, methanol and water in the column filled with sample **1-i** is 0.16 min, 0.22 min and 9.07 min respectively (dash line).