

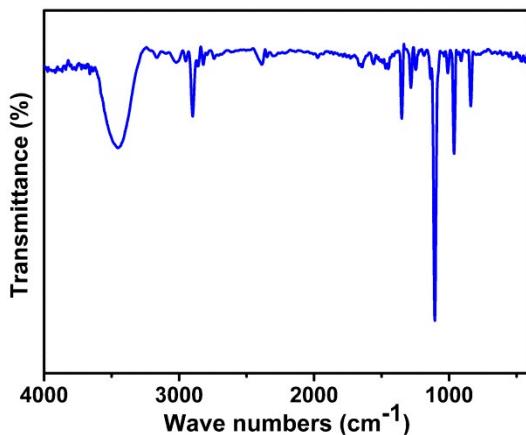
## Supporting Information

### A room temperature reversible phase transition containing dielectric switch of a host-guest supramolecular metal-halide compound †

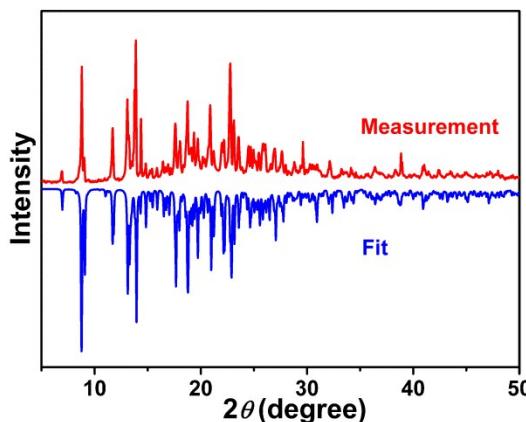
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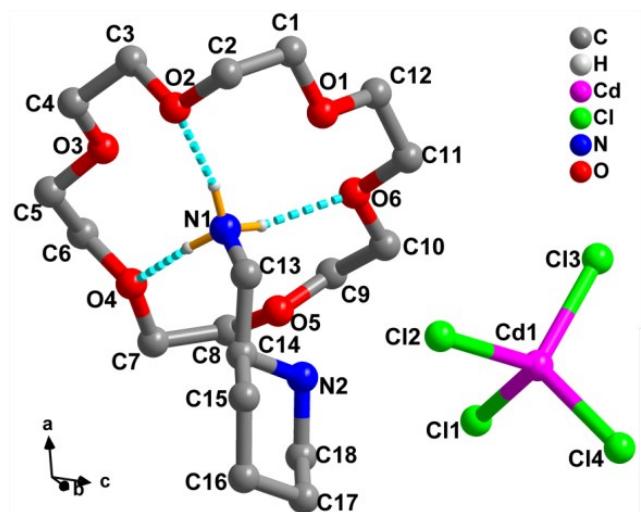
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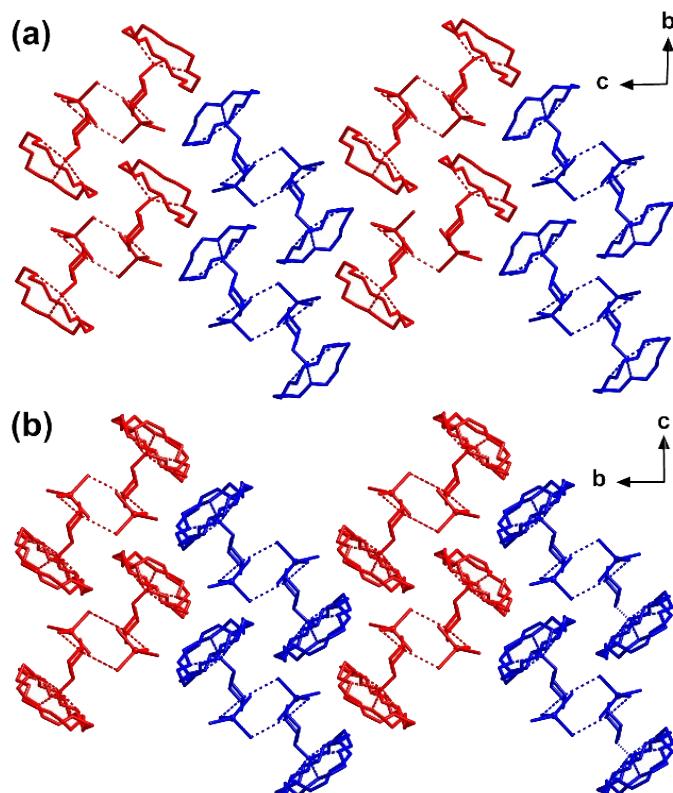
**Fig. S1** Infrared (IR) spectra of solid **1** in KBr pellet recorded on a Shimadzu model IR-60 spectrometer at room temperature.



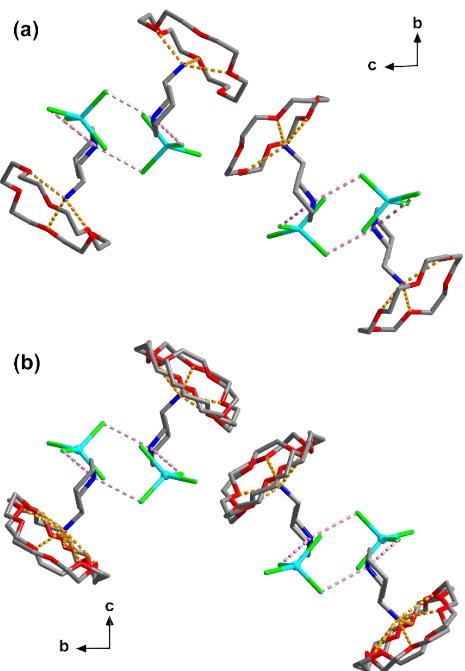
**Fig. S2** Experimental powder diffraction (XRPD) patterns matching very well with the simulated ones in terms of the crystal structures of **1**.



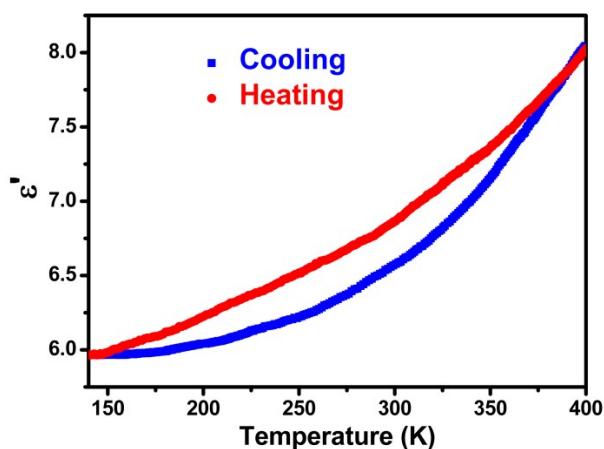
**Fig. S3** The asymmetric units of  $[(2\text{-AMPD})(18\text{-crown-6})]\text{CdCl}_4$  (**2**) at 293 K. H atoms bonded to the C atoms are omitted for clarity.



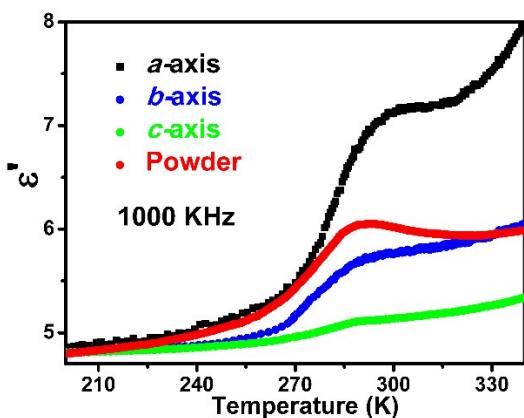
**Fig. S4** Packing diagrams of **1** at (a) 273 K and (b) 323 K. The red and blue represent two different structural arrangements. All the H atoms were omitted for clarity.



**Fig. S5** The hydrogen-bonding diagrams of **1** (a) at 273 K (b) at 323 K. The yellow/ pink dash lines stand for the N-H $\cdots$ O/Cl hydrogen bonds.



**Fig. S6** Temperature-dependent dielectric constants ( $\epsilon'$ ) of [(2-AMPD)(18-crown-6)]CdCl<sub>4</sub> (**2**) was measured at 1000 kHz upon heating and cooling.



**Fig. S7** Temperature-dependent dielectric permittivity of **1** measured on single-crystal samples along

a, b, and c axes and the powder samples at 1000 KHz upon cooling.

**Table S1.** Crystallographic data and structure refinements of [(2-AMPD)(18-crown-6)]CdCl<sub>4</sub> (**2**).

|  |  |
|--|--|
| Formula sum  | C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>40</sub> O <sub>6</sub> N <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>4</sub> Cd |
| Formula weight                                     | 634.73   |
| Crystal system                                     | Monoclinic   |
| Space group  | P2 <sub>1</sub> /c   |
| Temperature / K                                    | 293  |
| <i>a</i> / Å                                       | 15.653 (3)   |
| <i>b</i> / Å                                       | 9.780 (2)  |
| <i>c</i> / Å                                       | 19.737 (4)   |
| $\alpha$ / deg                                     | 90.00  |
| $\beta$ / deg                                      | 109.68 (3)   |
| $\gamma$ / deg                                     | 90.00  |
| Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )                           | 2845.0 (11)  |
| <i>Z</i>   | 4  |
| Reflns measured                                    | 18572  |
| Independent reflections                            | 6413   |
| Reflns used  | 5134   |
| GOF  | 1.10   |
| <i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> [ <i>I</i> >2σ( <i>I</i> )]  | 0.046  |
| <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> [ <i>I</i> >2σ( <i>I</i> )] | 0.113  |

**Table S2.** Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for **1**<sup>a</sup> at 273 K and 323 K.

|       |             |           |             |           |
|-------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| 273 K | N1—C1       | 1.484(7)  | N4—C19      | 1.489(7)  |
|       | C1—C2       | 1.503(9)  | C19—C20     | 1.487(9)  |
|       | C2—C3       | 1.506(9)  | C20—C21     | 1.509(9)  |
|       | C3—C4       | 1.533(8)  | C21—C22     | 1.519(8)  |
|       | C4—C5       | 1.518(7)  | C22—C23     | 1.504(7)  |
|       | C5—N1       | 1.480(6)  | C23—N4      | 1.491(6)  |
|       | C5—C6       | 1.516(7)  | C23—C24     | 1.513(7)  |
|       | C6—N2       | 1.484(6)  | C24—N3      | 1.477(6)  |
|       | Cu1—Cl1     | 2.288(17) | Cu2—Cl5     | 2.259(17) |
|       | Cu1—Cl2     | 2.207(19) | Cu2—Cl6     | 2.288(18) |
|       | Cu1—Cl3     | 2.239(17) | Cu2—Cl7     | 2.241(18) |
|       | Cu1—Cl4     | 2.243(19) | Cu2—Cl8     | 2.208(18) |
|       | Cl1—Cu1—Cl2 | 98.89(7)  | Cl5—Cu2—Cl6 | 96.45(6)  |
|       | Cl1—Cu1—Cl3 | 129.32(7) | Cl5—Cu2—Cl7 | 97.60(7)  |
|       | Cl1—Cu1—Cl4 | 99.42(6)  | Cl5—Cu2—Cl8 | 137.96(8) |
|       | Cl2—Cu1—Cl3 | 99.30(8)  | Cl6—Cu2—Cl7 | 131.96(7) |
|       | Cl2—Cu1—Cl4 | 137.02(9) | Cl6—Cu2—Cl8 | 101.00(7) |
|       | Cl3—Cu1—Cl4 | 98.48(7)  | Cl7—Cu2—Cl8 | 98.48(7)  |
| 323 K | N1—C1       | 1.509(9)  | C5—C6       | 1.509(9)  |

|             |            |             |            |
|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| C1—C2       | 1.476(11)  | C6—N2       | 1.490(8)   |
| C2—C3       | 1.516(12)  | Cu1—Cl1     | 2.257(3)   |
| C3—C4       | 1.558(11)  | Cu1—Cl2     | 2.310(2)   |
| C4—C5       | 1.495(9)   | Cu1—Cl3     | 2.263(3)   |
| C5—N1       | 1.508(8)   | Cu1—Cl4     | 2.214(3)   |
| Cl1—Cu1—Cl2 | 127.75(10) | Cl2—Cu1—Cl3 | 98.75(10)  |
| Cl1—Cu1—Cl3 | 98.87(9)   | Cl2—Cu1—Cl4 | 100.34(10) |
| Cl1—Cu1—Cl4 | 100.28(11) | Cl3—Cu1—Cl4 | 135.67(11) |

**Table S3.** Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å) at 273 K and 323 K.

|       | D—H···A         | H···A | D···A    | D—H···A |
|-------|-----------------|-------|----------|---------|
| 273 K | N1—H1A···Cl6i   | 2.33  | 3.194(5) | 165     |
|       | N1—H1B···Cl7ii  | 2.47  | 3.150(5) | 134     |
|       | N2—H2A···O1     | 1.88  | 2.766(5) | 172     |
|       | N2—H2B···O3     | 2.05  | 2.931(7) | 170     |
|       | N2—H2C···O5     | 2.02  | 2.873(6) | 160     |
|       | N3—H3C···O8     | 2.00  | 2.855(7) | 160     |
|       | N3—H3D···O10    | 2.08  | 2.907(7) | 155     |
|       | N3—H3E···O12    | 1.98  | 2.835(7) | 161     |
|       | N4—H4C···Cl3    | 2.36  | 3.084(5) | 139     |
|       | N4—H4D···Cl1iii | 2.27  | 3.154(5) | 170     |
| 323 K | N1—H1A···Cl1iv  | 2.44  | 3.151(5) | 136     |
|       | N1—H1B···Cl2v   | 2.29  | 3.184(5) | 170     |
|       | N2—H2A···O3'    | 2.25  | 2.845(5) | 123     |
|       | N2—H2A···O4'    | 1.96  | 2.783(7) | 152     |
|       | N2—H2B···O1'    | 2.21  | 2.865(6) | 129     |
|       | N2—H2B···O2'    | 2.16  | 2.958(7) | 147     |
|       | N2—H2C···O5'    | 2.19  | 2.832(7) | 128     |
|       | N2—H2C···O6'    | 2.10  | 2.918(7) | 150     |
|       | N2—H2C···O5     | 1.99  | 2.833(5) | 155     |
|       | N2—H2C···O6     | 2.37  | 2.969(7) | 124     |
|       | N2—H2B···O1     | 2.00  | 2.844(7) | 155     |
|       | N2—H2B···O2     | 2.51  | 3.017(7) | 116     |
|       | N2—H2A···O3     | 2.07  | 2.908(6) | 154     |
|       | N2—H2A···O4     | 2.40  | 2.993(7) | 124     |

Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x+1, -y+1, -z+1$ ; (ii)  $x, y+1, z$ ; (iii)  $-x+1, -y+1, -z$ ; (iv)  $x, y, 1+z$ ; (v)  $1-x, -y, 1-z$ .