

Electronic Supplementary Information

**Five Transitional Metal Coordination Polymers Driven by a
Semirigid Trifunctional Nicotinic Acid Ligand: Selective
Adsorption and Magnetic Properties**

Nannan Bai, Ruicheng Gao, Haihua Wang, Yunlong Wu, Lei Hou* and Yao-Yu Wang*

*Key Laboratory of Synthetic and Natural Functional Molecule Chemistry of Ministry of Education,
Shaanxi Key Laboratory of Physico-Inorganic Chemistry, College of Chemistry and Materials
Science, Northwest University, Xi'an 710069, P.R. China. E-mail: wyaoyu@nwu.edu.cn*

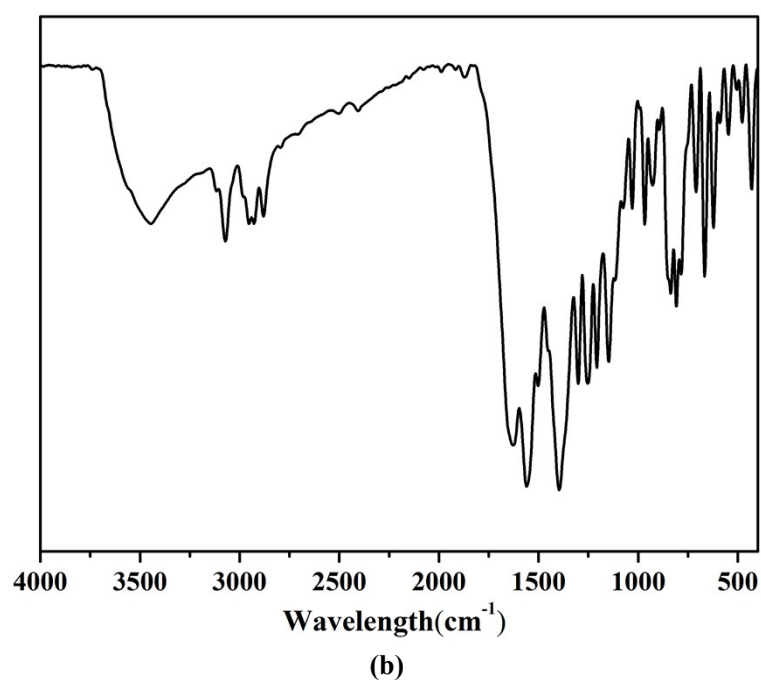
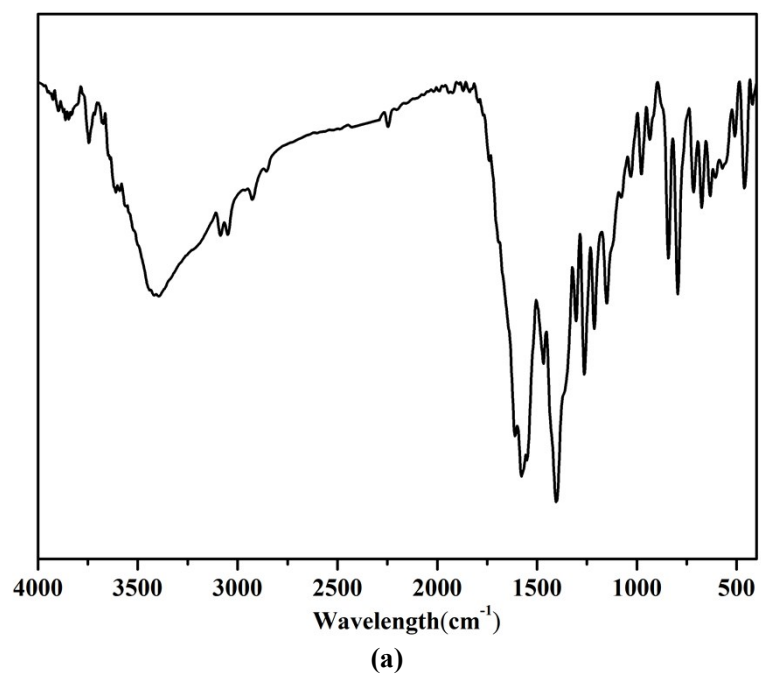
Contents

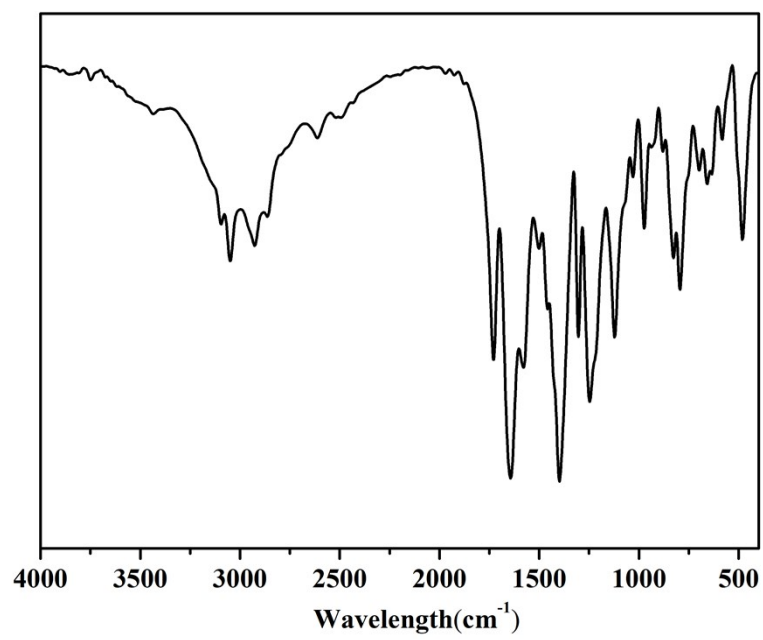
1 Figures

- 1.1 The IR curves for complexes 1-5.
- 1.2 Intermolecular $\pi \cdots \pi$ interactions between the phenyl rings of L^{3-} in 1.
- 1.3 The 3D supramolecular network of 2.
- 1.4 Coordination environments of Cu(II) ions in 3. (Symmetry codes: i 1-x, 0.5+y, 0.5-z; ii x, 1.5-y, -0.5+z; iii x, 1+y, z; iv 1-x, 2-y, -z; v 1-x, 1-y, -z.)
- 1.5 Coordination environments of Cd(II) ions in 4. (Symmetry codes: i 0.5+x, 1.5-y, -z; ii 0.5+x, 0.5-y, -z.)
- 1.6 Intermolecular $\pi \cdots \pi$ interactions between the phenyl rings of L^{3-} in 4.
- 1.7 Coordination environments of Co(II) ions in 5. (Symmetry codes: i 1+x, 1+ y, z; ii 1-x, 1-y, 2-z.)
- 1.8 PXRD patterns of complexes 1(a), 2(b), 3(c), 4(d) and 5(e) simulated from the X-ray single-crystal structure, experimental samples and desolvated samples.
- 1.9 TGA curves of 1-5.
- 1.10 CO₂ and CH₄ adsorption isotherms of complex 1 with fitted- by dual L-F model at 273 K and 298 K.
- 1.11 IAST adsorption selectivity of 1 for equimolar mixtures of CO₂/CH₄ at 273 and 298 K.
- 1.12 Virial analysis of CO₂ adsorption data at 273 and 298K for 1.
- 1.13 Isosteric heat of CO₂ adsorption for 1 estimated by the virial equation from the adsorption isotherms at 273 and 298K.
- 1.14 The $\chi_m T$ and χ_m^{-1} (inset) versus T plots for 1.
- 1.15 The $\chi_m T$ and χ_m^{-1} (inset) versus T plots for 5.
- 1.16 $\ln \tau$ versus T^{-1} plot for 2 under 1500Oe dc field.

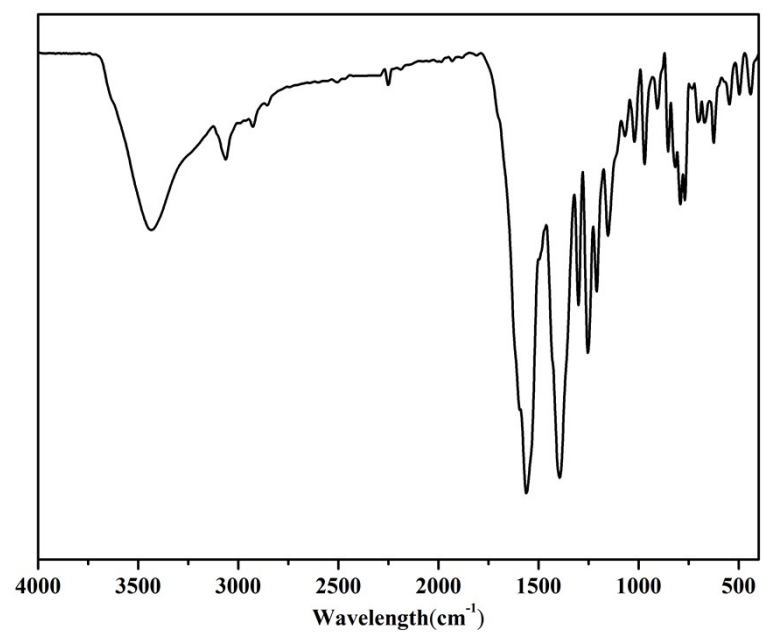
2 Tables

- 2.1 Crystal data and structure refinement for 1-5.
- 2.2 Selected bond lengths [$\text{\AA}$] and angles [$^\circ$] for complexes 1-5.





(c)



(d)

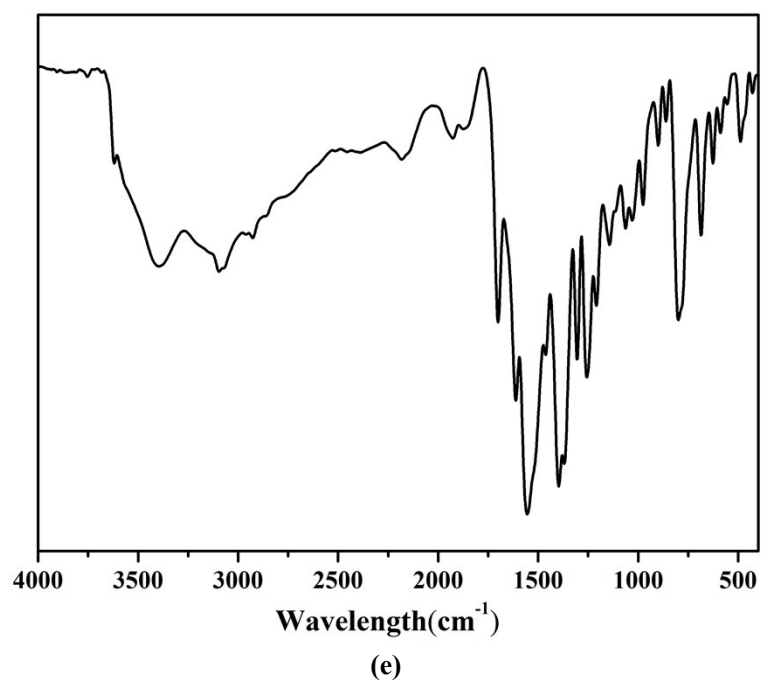


Fig. S1 The IR spectra for complexes **1(a)**, **2(b)**, **3(c)**, **4(d)** and **5(e)**.

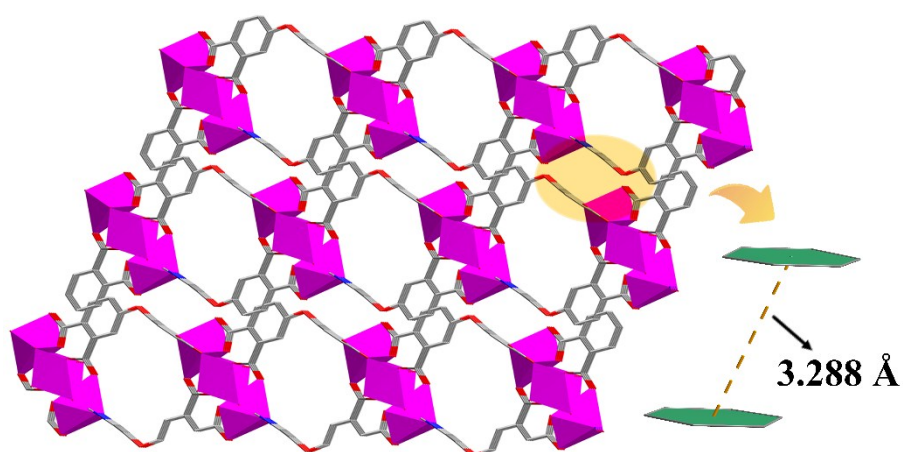


Fig. S2 Intermolecular $\pi \cdots \pi$ interactions between the phenyl rings of L^{3-} in **1**.

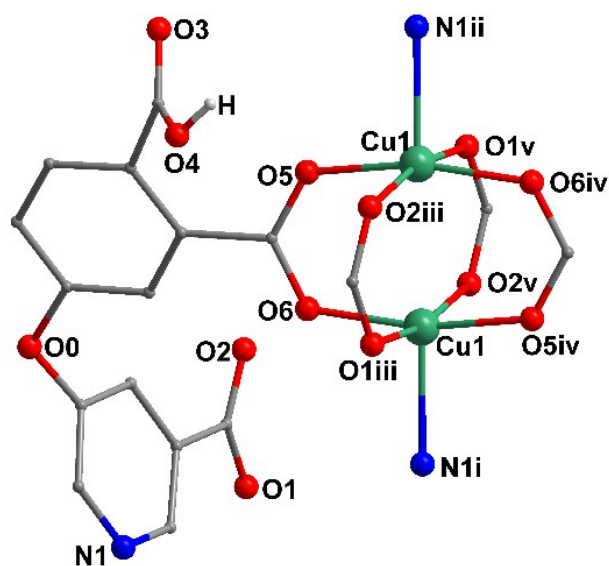
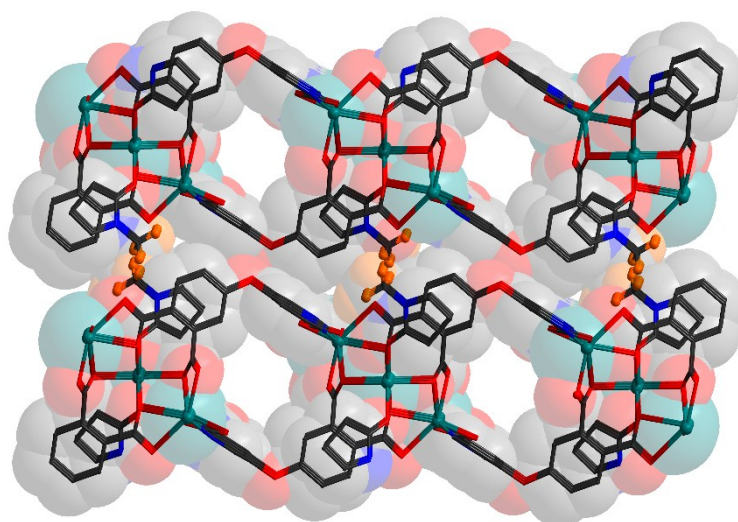
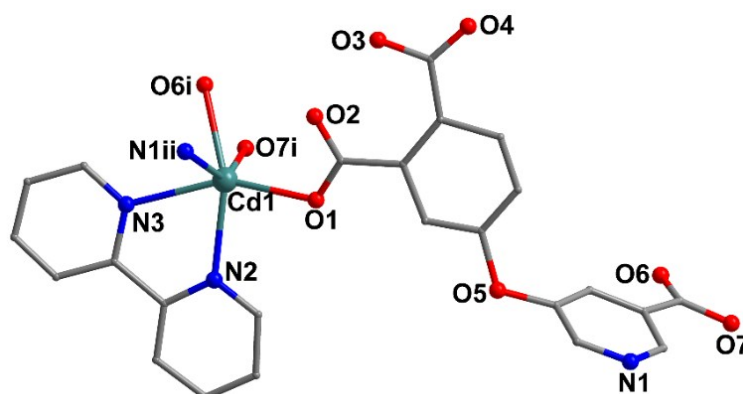


Fig. S3 3D supramolecular network of **2**.

Fig. S4 Coordination environments of Cu(II) ions in **3**. (Symmetry codes: i 1-x, 0.5+y, 0.5-z; ii x, 1.5-y, -0.5+z; iii x, 1+y, z; iv 1-x, 2-y, -z; v 1-x, 1-y, -z.)

Fig. S5 Coordination environments of Cd(II) ions in **4**. (Symmetry codes: i 0.5+x, 1.5-y, -z; ii 0.5+x, 0.5-y, -z.)



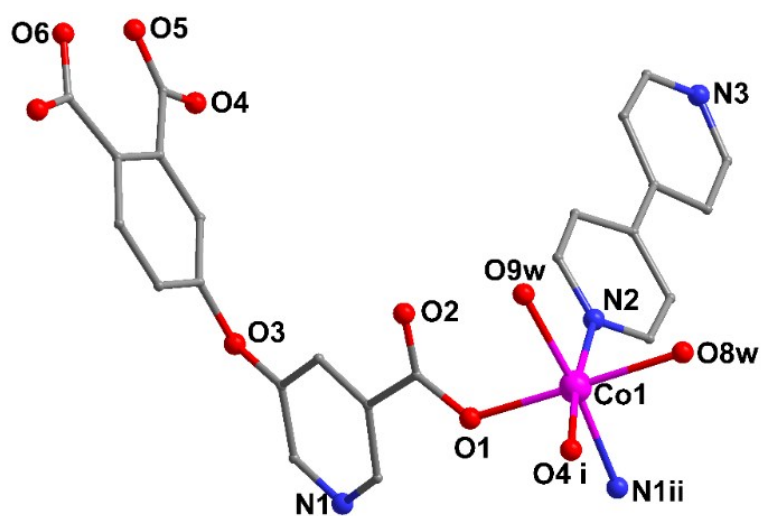
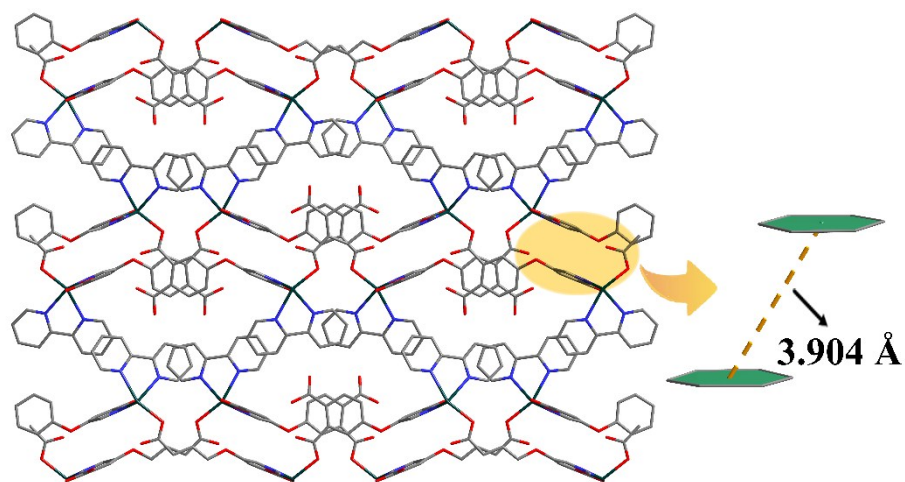
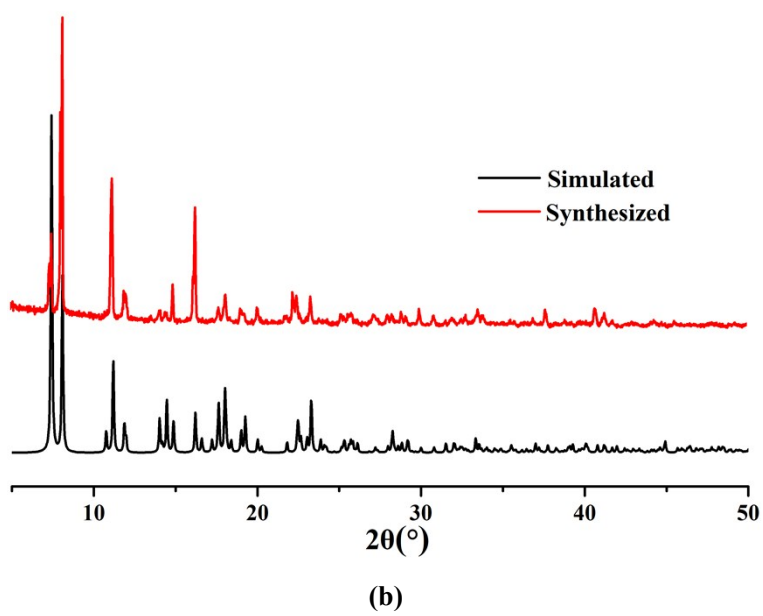
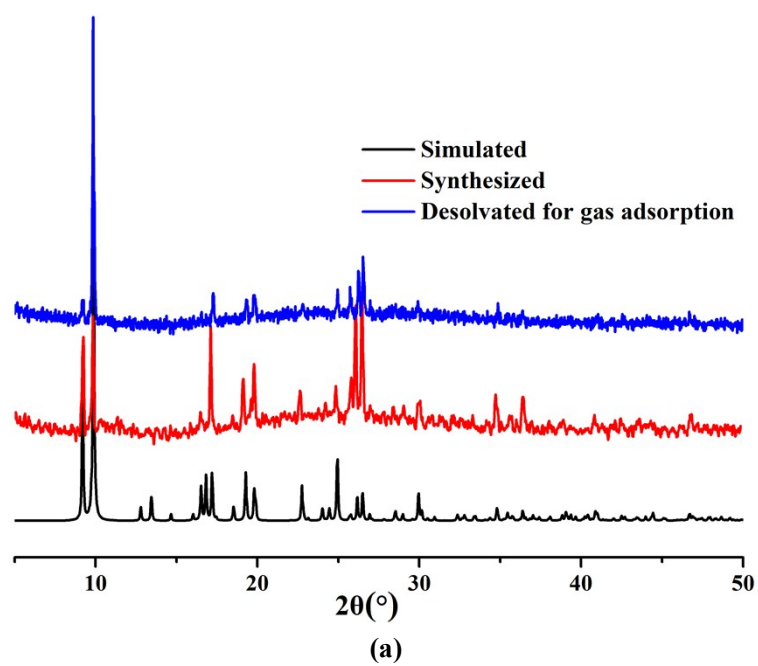
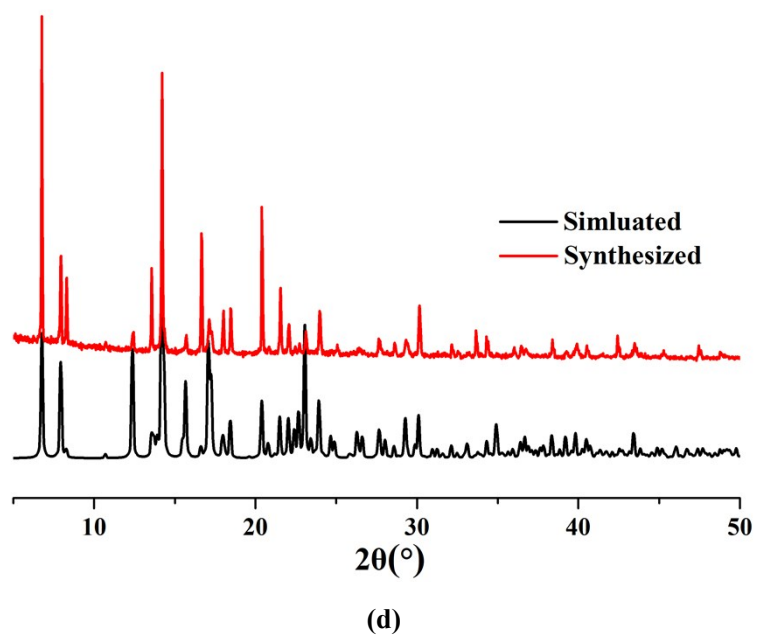
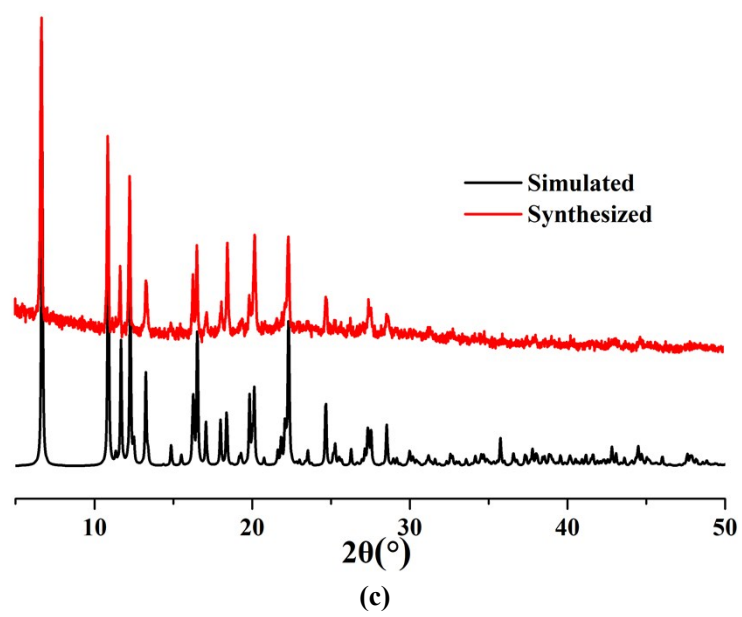


Fig. S6 Intermolecular $\pi \cdots \pi$ interactions between the phenyl rings of L^3 in **4**.

Fig. S7 Coordination environments of Co(II) ions in **5**. (Symmetry codes: i $1+x, 1+y, z$; ii $1-x, 1-y, 2-z$.)





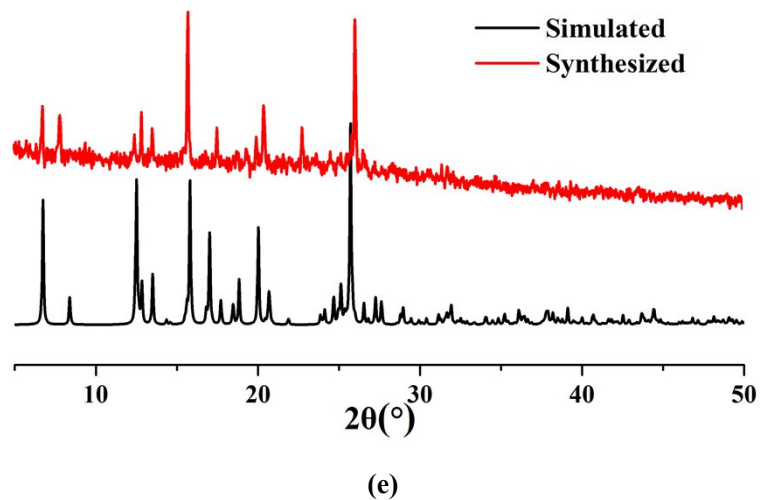


Fig. S8 PXRD patterns of complexes **1(a)**, **2(b)**, **3(c)**, **4(d)** and **5(e)** simulated from the X-ray single-crystal structure, experimental samples and desolvated samples.

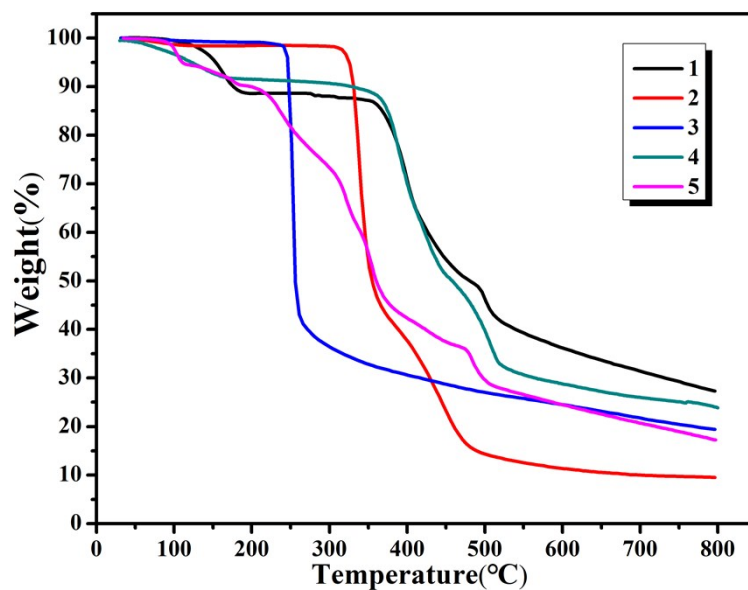


Fig. S9 TGA curves of **1-5**.

CO₂/CH₄ selectivity predication via IAST

The experimental isotherm data for pure CO₂ and CH₄ were fitted using a dual Langmuir-Freundlich (L-F) model:

$$q = \frac{a * b * p^c}{1 + b * p^c}$$

Where q and p are adsorbed amounts and pressures of component I , respectively. The adsorption selectivity for binary mixtures of CO₂/CH₄ at 273 and 298 K, defined by

$$S_{ads} = (q_1/q_2)/(p_1/p_2)$$

Where q_i is the amount of i adsorbed and p_i is the partial pressure of i in the mixture.

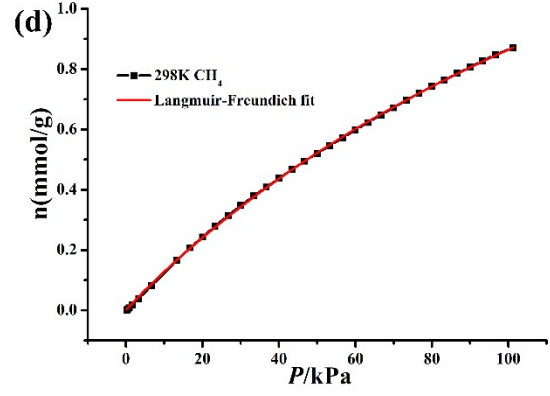
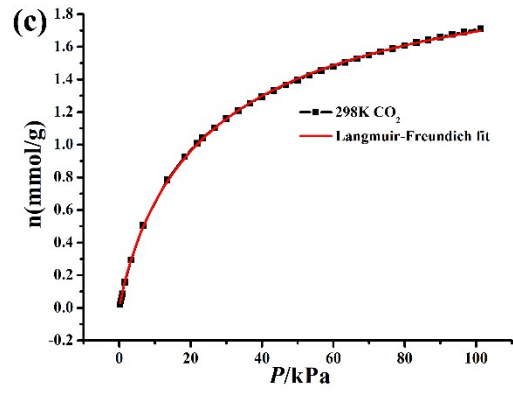
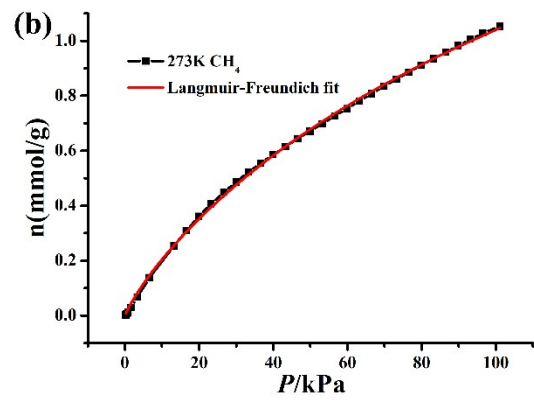
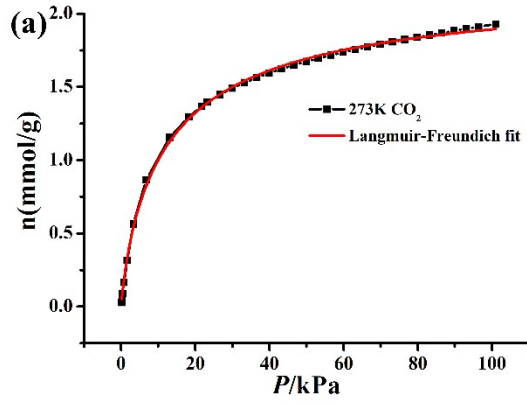
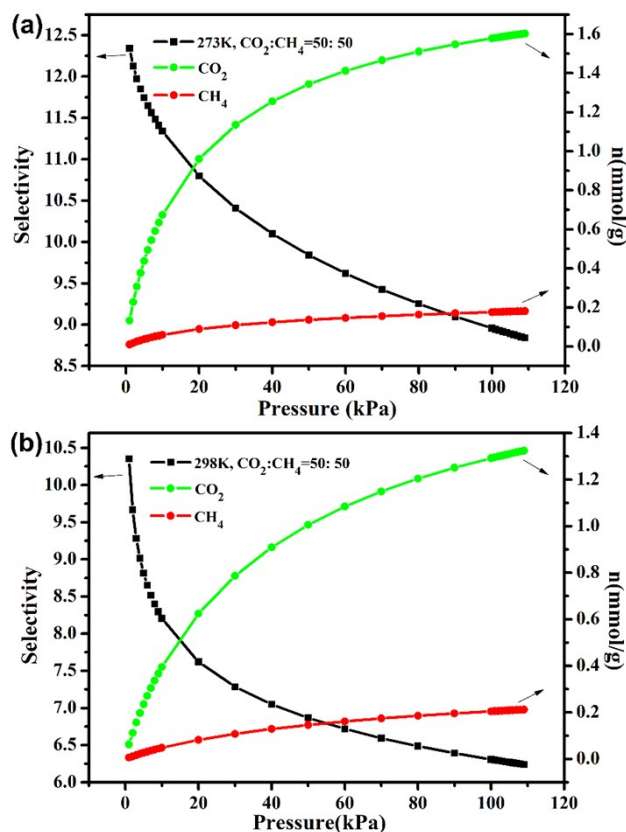


Fig. S10 (a) CO₂ adsorption isotherms of complex **1** with fitted- by dual L-F model :273 K, a = 2.2208, b = 0.1165, c = 0.8474, Chi² = 4.39 × 10⁻⁵, R² = 0.99881; (b) CH₄ adsorption isotherms



of complex **1** with fitted- by dual L-F model :273 K, a = 2.9928, b = 0.0101, c = 0.86, Chi² = 8.0 × 10⁻⁵, R² = 0.99927; (C) CO₂ adsorption isotherms of complex **1** with fitted- by dual L-F model :298 K, a = 2.237, b = 0.053, c = 0.883, Chi² = 6.30 × 10⁻⁵, R² = 0.9998; (d) CH₄ adsorption isotherms of complex **1** with fitted- by dual L-F model :298 K, a = 2.6642, b = 0.0053, c = 0.9788, Chi² = 1.07 × 10⁻⁵, R² = 0.99987.

Fig. S11 IAST adsorption selectivity of **1** for equimolar mixtures of CO₂/CH₄ at 273 and 298 K.

Calculation of adsorption heat for CO₂ uptake using Viral 2 model

$$\ln = \ln N + 1/T \sum_{i=0}^m aiN^i + \sum_{i=0}^n biN^i$$

$$Q_{st} = -R \sum_{i=0}^m aiN^i$$

The above equation was applied to fit the combined CO₂ isotherm data for desolvated **1** at 273K and 298K, where P is pressure, N is the adsorbed amount, T is the temperature, ai and bi are virial coefficients, and m and n are the number of coefficients used to describe the isotherms. Q_{st} is the coverage-dependent enthalpy of adsorption and R is the universal gas constant.

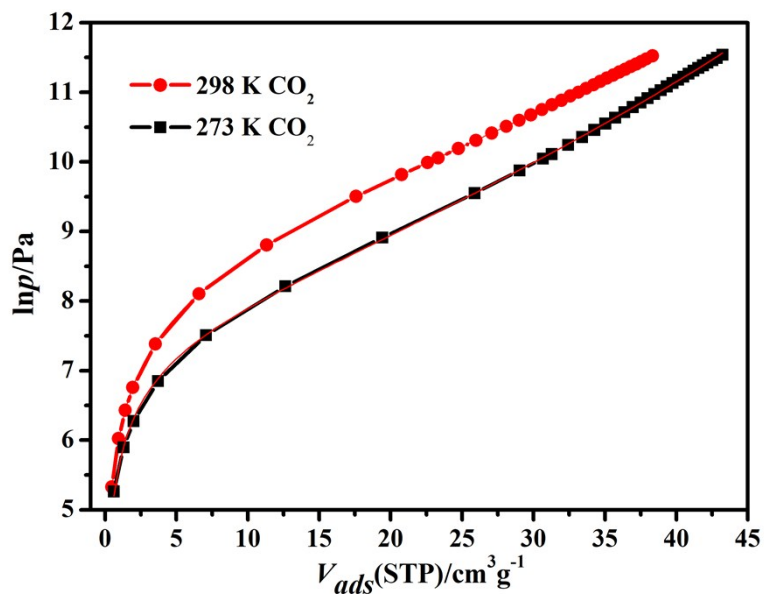


Fig. S12 Virial analysis of CO₂ adsorption data at 273 and 298K for **1**. Fitting results: $a_0 = -1816.47$, $a_1 = -151.84$, $a_2 = 6.205$, $a_3 = -0.6557$, $a_4 = 9.97 \times 10^{-5}$, $\chi^2 = 2.3018 \times 10^{-5}$, $R^2 = 0.99992$.

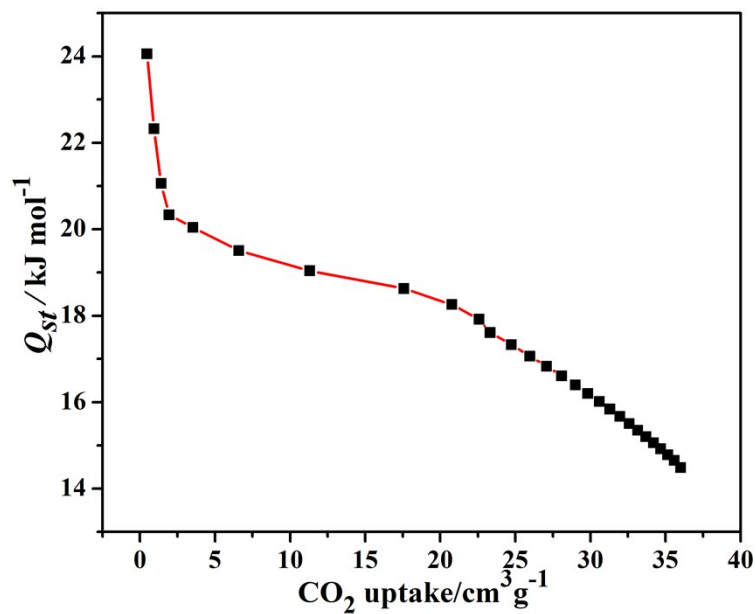


Fig. S13 Isostatic heat of CO₂ adsorption for **1** estimated by the virial equation from the adsorption isotherms at 273 and 298K.

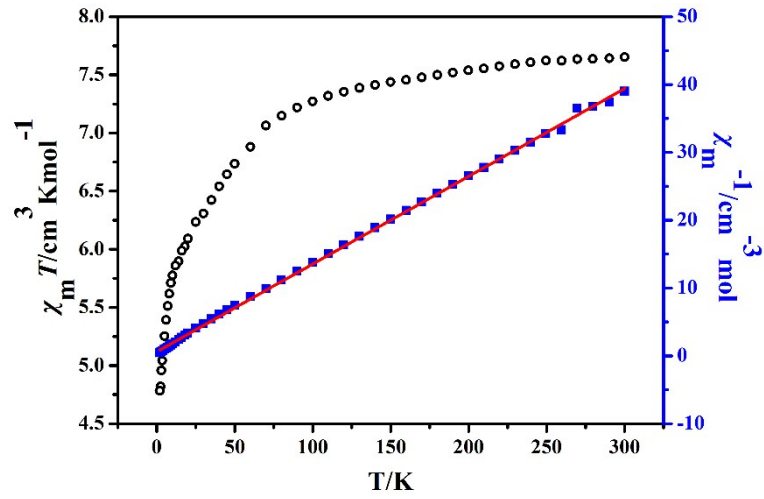


Fig. S14 The $\chi_m T$ and χ_m^{-1} (inset) versus T plots for **1**.

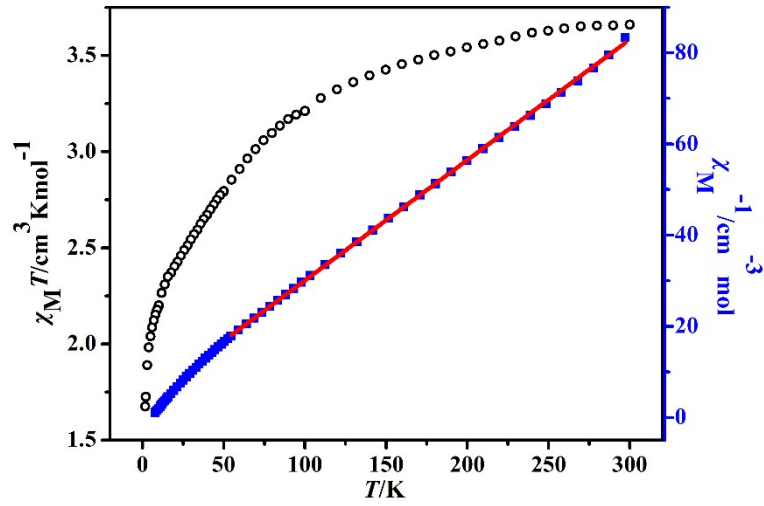


Fig. S15 The $\chi_M T$ and χ_M^{-1} (inset) versus T plots for **5**.

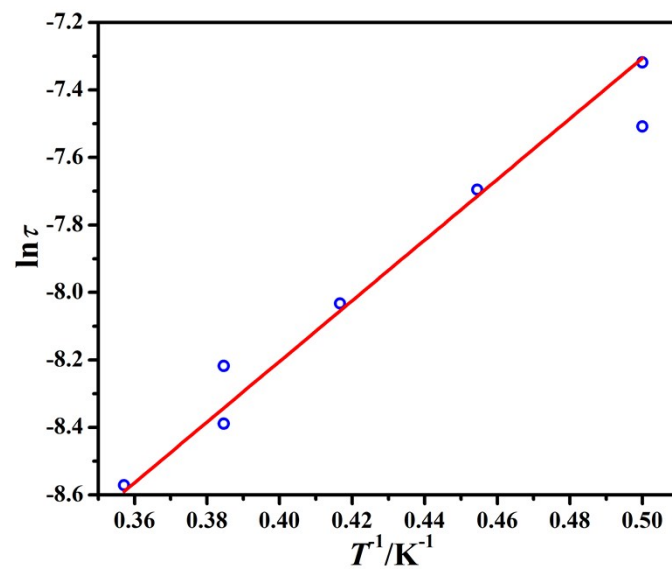


Fig. S16 $\ln \tau$ versus T^{-1} plot for **2** under 1500Oe dc field from the Core-Core data ($U_{\text{eff}} = 8.98$ K; $\tau_0 = 7.58 \times 10^{-6}$ s) the sold red lines are Arrhenius laws discussed in the paper.

Table. S1 Crystal data and structure refinement for **1-5**.

Complexes	1	2	3	4	5
Empirical formula	C ₂₈ H ₂₂ Co ₃ N ₂ O ₂₀	C ₃₈ H ₃₀ Cd ₃ N ₄ O ₁₆	C ₁₉ H ₁₆ CuN ₂ O ₈	C ₂₄ H ₁₅ CdN ₃ O ₇	C ₂₄ H ₁₈ CoN ₃ O ₉
Formula mass	885.23	1135.86	463.88	569.80	551.34
Crystal system	Triclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Orthorhombic	Triclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> -1	<i>C</i> 2/ <i>c</i>	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>c</i>	<i>Pbca</i>	<i>P</i> -1
<i>a</i> [Å]	7.838(2)	31.709(9)	13.390(8)	21.331(5)	7.5476(13)
<i>b</i> [Å]	10.632(3)	7.843(2)	9.643(6)	7.9294(19)	11.701(2)
<i>c</i> [Å]	10.783(3)	21.873(6)	15.340(10)	26.114(6)	14.477(3)
α [°]	114.411(4)	90	90	90	109.368(3)
β [°]	94.739(5)	131.327(4)	99.263(12)	90	100.819(3)
γ [°]	104.111(5)	90	90	90	102.451(3)
<i>V</i> [Å ³]	776.3(4)	4085.1(19)	1955.0(2)	4417.0(18)	1130.2(4)
<i>Z</i>	1	4	4	8	2
<i>D</i> _{calcd.} [mg·cm ⁻³]	1.778	1.847	1.576	1.714	1.620
μ [mm ⁻¹]	1.669	1.625	1.168	1.042	0.823
<i>F</i> [000]	417	2232	948	2272	564
Reflections	4053 / 2868	10020 / 3820	11802 / 4686	20840 / 3887	5934 / 4176
<i>R</i> _{int}	0.0266	0.0401	0.1072	0.1338	0.0242
θ [°]	2.120-25.677	2.579-25.679	1.541-28.227	1.560-25.027	1.554-25.679
Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> ²	1.129	1.051	0.973	0.985	1.166
Final <i>R</i> ^[a,b] indices	R1 = 0.0637	R ₁ = 0.0318	R ₁ = 0.0681	R ₁ = 0.0495	0.0690
[<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>)]	wR2 = 0.1998	wR ₂ = 0.0790	wR ₂ = 0.1546	wR ₂ = 0.0860	0.1950

$$^a R_1 = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o|, \quad ^b wR_2 = [\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \sum w(F_o^2)^2]^{1/2}$$

Table. S2 Selected bond lengths (Å) and bong angles (°) for **1-5**.

Complex 1			
Co(1)-O(2)#1	2.055(4)	O(2)-Co(1)-O(8)	89.65(18)
Co(1)-O(2)	2.055(4)	O(2)#1-Co(1)-O(8)#1	89.65(18)
Co(1)-O(7)#2	2.118(4)	O(7)#3-Co(1)-O(7)#2	180.0
Co(1)-O(7)#3	2.118(4)	O(8)#1-Co(1)-O(7)#2	91.97(18)
Co(1)-O(8)	2.084(5)	O(8)#1-Co(1)-O(7)#3	88.03(18)
Co(1)-O(8)#1	2.084(5)	O(8)-Co(1)-O(7)#2	88.03(18)
Co(2)-N(1)	2.073(5)	O(8)-Co(1)-O(7)#3	91.97(18)
Co(2)-O(1)#4	2.008(4)	O(8)-Co(1)-O(8)#1	180.0
Co(2)-O(7)#5	2.387(4)	N(1)-Co(2)-O(7)#5	157.64(17)
Co(2)-O(6)#5	2.025(4)	O(1)#4-Co(2)-N(1)	96.31(18)
Co(2)-O(3)#6	2.002(4)	O(1)#4-Co(2)-O(7)#5	90.44(17)
O(2)#1-Co(1)-O(2)	180.00(17)	O(1)#4-Co(2)-O(6)#5	105.1(2)
O(2)-Co(1)-O(7)#2	88.28(17)	O(6)#5-Co(2)-N(1)	98.99(18)
O(2)#1-Co(1)-O(7)#3	88.28(17)	O(6)#5-Co(2)-O(7)#5	58.65(15)
O(2)-Co(1)-O(7)#3	91.72(17)	O(3)#6-Co(2)-N(1)	102.76(19)
O(2)#1-Co(1)-O(7)#2	91.72(17)	O(3)#6-Co(2)-O(1)#4	103.54(18)
O(2)#1-Co(1)-O(8)	90.35(18)	O(3)#6-Co(2)-O(7)#5	96.29(16)

O(2)-Co(1)-O(8)#1	90.35(18)	O(3)#6-Co(2)-O(6)#5	141.54(19)
Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1: -x,-y+1,-z+1; #2: -x,-y+1,-z+2; #3: x,y,z-1; #4: -x+1,-y+1,-z+2; #5: x+1,y,z; #6 x,y,z+1.			

Complex 2

Cd(1)-O(1)	2.48(2)	O(7A)#1-Cd(1)-N(1)#3	109.0(2)
Cd(1)-O(2)	2.291(9)	O(7A)#1-Cd(1)-O(4A)#1	52.6(2)
Cd(1)-O(4)#1	2.390(5)	O(7A)#1-Cd(1)-O(6A)#2	98.8(3)
Cd(1)-O(5)#2	2.283(6)	O(7A)#1-Cd(1)-O(5A)#2	151.8(3)
Cd(1)-N(1)#3	2.321(3)	O(7A)#1-Cd(1)-O(1A)	105.9(15)
Cd(1)-O(7)#1	2.410(7)	O(6A)#2-Cd(1)-O(4A)#1	71.0(2)
Cd(1)-O(4A)#1	2.585(6)	O(6A)#2-Cd(1)-O(5A)#2	53.0(2)
Cd(1)-O(7A)#1	2.319(8)	O(5A)#2-Cd(1)-O(4A)#1	109.9(2)
Cd(1)-O(6A)#2	2.406(6)	O(2A)-Cd(1)-N(1)#3	139.7(5)
Cd(1)-O(5A)#2	2.419(7)	O(2A)-Cd(1)-O(4A)#1	134.7(7)
Cd(1)-O(2A)	2.31(2)	O(2A)-Cd(1)-O(7A)#1	89.9(11)
Cd(1)-O(1A)	2.34(4)	O(2A)-Cd(1)-O(6A)#2	94.8(8)
Cd(2)-O(4)#4	2.359(5)	O(2A)-Cd(1)-O(5A)#2	91.9(12)
Cd(2)-O(4)	2.359(5)	O(2A)-Cd(1)-O(1A)	56.1(13)
Cd(2)-O(6)	2.238(5)	O(1A)-Cd(1)-O(4A)#1	147.8(13)
Cd(2)-O(6)#4	2.238(5)	O(1A)-Cd(1)-O(6A)#2	140.8(12)
Cd(2)-O(4A)#4	2.225(6)	O(1A)-Cd(1)-O(5A)#2	98.4(14)
Cd(2)-O(4A)	2.225(6)	O(4)#4-Cd(2)-O(4)	78.7(3)
Cd(2)-O(6A)#4	2.352(6)	O(6)-Cd(2)-O(4)	80.30(19)
Cd(2)-O(6A)	2.352(6)	O(6)#4-Cd(2)-O(4)#4	80.30(19)
Cd(2)-O(8)	2.184(6)	O(6)#4-Cd(2)-O(4)	78.9(2)
Cd(2)-O(8A)#4	2.231(6)	O(6)-Cd(2)-O(4)#4	78.9(2)
Cd(2)-O(8A)	2.231(6)	O(6)-Cd(2)-O(6)#4	153.0(3)
Cd(1)-O(1)	2.48(2)	O(4A)#4-Cd(2)-O(4A)	150.7(3)
Cd(1)-O(2)	2.291(9)	O(4A)#4-Cd(2)-O(6A)#4	78.9(2)
Cd(1)-O(4)#1	2.390(5)	O(4A)-Cd(2)-O(6A)	78.9(2)
Cd(1)-O(5)#2	2.283(6)	O(4A)-Cd(2)-O(6A)#4	78.7(2)
Cd(1)-N(1)#3	2.321(3)	O(4A)#4-Cd(2)-O(6A)	78.7(2)
O(4)#1-Cd(1)-O(7)#1	54.0(2)	O(4A)-Cd(2)-O(8A)	98.8(2)
O(5)#2-Cd(1)-O(1)	94.5(6)	O(4A)#4-Cd(2)-O(8A)	97.9(2)
O(5)#2-Cd(1)-O(2)	90.1(10)	O(4A)#4-Cd(2)-O(8A)#4	98.8(2)
O(5)#2-Cd(1)-O(4)#1	93.6(2)	O(4A)-Cd(2)-O(8A)#4	97.9(2)
O(5)#2-Cd(1)-N(1)#3	114.7(2)	O(6A)#4-Cd(2)-O(6A)	79.5(3)
O(5)#2-Cd(1)-O(7)#1	147.2(2)	O(8)-Cd(2)-O(4)#4	163.3(2)
N(1)#3-Cd(1)-O(1)	85.2(5)	O(8)-Cd(2)-O(4)	84.7(2)
N(1)#3-Cd(1)-O(4)#1	115.90(16)	O(8)-Cd(2)-O(6)	96.9(2)
N(1)#3-Cd(1)-O(7)#1	87.3(2)	O(8)-Cd(2)-O(6)#4	98.2(2)
N(1)#3-Cd(1)-O(4A)#1	82.31(15)	O(8A)#4-Cd(2)-O(6A)	164.8(2)
N(1)#3-Cd(1)-O(6A)#2	115.99(17)	O(8A)#4-Cd(2)-O(6A)#4	85.3(2)

N(1)#3-Cd(1)-O(5A)#2	87.3(2)	O(8A)-Cd(2)-O(6A)	85.3(2)
N(1)#3-Cd(1)-O(1A)	84.1(12)	O(8A)-Cd(2)-O(6A)#4	164.8(2)
O(7)#1-Cd(1)-O(1)	112.1(6)	O(8A)#4-Cd(2)-O(8A)	110.0(4)
O(7A)#1-Cd(1)-O(6A)#2	98.8(3)	O(7A)#1-Cd(1)-N(1)#3	109.0(2)
O(7A)#1-Cd(1)-O(5A)#2	151.8(3)	O(7A)#1-Cd(1)-O(4A)#1	52.6(2)
O(7A)#1-Cd(1)-O(1A)	105.9(15)		

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1: $x+1/2, -y+5/2, z+1/2$; #2: $-x+1/2, -y+5/2, -z+1$; #3: $x, y+1, z$; #4: $-x, y, -z+1/2$.

Complex 3

Cu(1)-O(1)	1.981(4)	O(5) #3-Cu(1)-O(6)#4	166.46(17)
Cu(1)-O5#2	1.961(4)	O(5) #3-Cu(1)-N(0AA)#2	95.35(18)
Cu(1)-O(2) #1	1.965(4)	O(2) #1-Cu(1)-O(1)	167.36(17)
Cu(1)-O(6)#3	1.966(4)	O(2) #1-Cu(1)-O(6)#4	91.38(18)
Cu(1)-N(0AA) #4	2.202(5)	O(2) #1-Cu(1)-N(0AA)#2	106.57(18)
O(1)-Cu(1)-N(0AA)#2	86.07(18)	O(6) #4-Cu(1)-O(1)	87.30(19)
O(5) #3-Cu(1)-O(1)	89.08(19)	O(6) #4-Cu(1)-N(0AA)#2	97.41(17)
O(5) #3-Cu(1)-O(2)#1	89.30(18)		

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1: $1-x, -y, -z$; #2: $1-x, -1/2+y, 1/2-z$; #3: $1-x, 1-y, -z$; #4: $+x, -1+y, +z$.

Complex 4

Cd(1)-O(1)	2.250(4)	O(6)#1-Cd(1)-N(2)	87.72(17)
Cd(1)-O(6)#1	2.397(4)	O(7)#1-Cd(1)-O(6)#1	55.29(16)
Cd(1)-O(7)#1	2.326(4)	O(7)#1-Cd(1)-N(2)	93.97(17)
Cd(1)-N(1)#2	2.290(5)	O(7)#1-Cd(1)-N(3)	104.15(18)
Cd(1)-N(2)	2.406(5)	N(1)#2-Cd(1)-O(6)#1	87.75(18)
Cd(1)-N(3)	2.346(5)	N(1)#2-Cd(1)-O(7)#1	143.03(18)
O(1)-Cd(1)-O(6)#1	118.00(17)	N(1)#2-Cd(1)-N(2)	83.07(18)
O(1)-Cd(1)-O(7)#1	96.99(19)	N(1)#2-Cd(1)-N(3)	108.88(19)
O(1)-Cd(1)-N(1)#2	101.65(19)	N(3)-Cd(1)-O(6)#1	148.53(18)
O(1)-Cd(1)-N(2)	153.81(19)	N(3)-Cd(1)-N(2)	68.8(2)
O(1)-Cd(1)-N(3)	85.5(2)		

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1: $x-1/2, -y+3/2, -z+1$; #2: $x-1/2, -y+1/2, -z+1$.

Complex 5

Co(1)-O(1)	2.096(3)	O(4)#1-Co(1)-O(8)	85.63(15)
Co(1)-O(4)#1	2.130(4)	O(4)#1-Co(1)-O(9)	91.11(14)
Co(1)-O(8)	2.134(4)	O(4)#1-Co(1)-N(1)#2	85.45(15)
Co(1)-O(9)	2.136(4)	O(4)#1-Co(1)-N(2)	173.11(15)
Co(1)-N(1)#2	2.165(4)	O(8)-Co(1)-O(9)	91.62(16)
Co(1)-N(2)	2.189(4)	O(8)-Co(1)-N(1)#2	93.43(16)
O(1)-Co(1)-O(4)#1	95.83(15)	O(8)-Co(1)-N(2)	87.58(15)

O(1)-Co(1)-O(8)	178.50(13)	O(9)-Co(1)-N(1)#2	173.66(15)
O(1)-Co(1)-O(9)	88.02(15)	O(9)-Co(1)-N(2)	90.25(14)
O(1)-Co(1)-N(1)#2	87.04(15)	N(1)#2-Co(1)-N(2)	93.80(15)
O(1)-Co(1)-N(2)	90.96(15)		
Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1: x+1,y+1,z; #2: -x+1,-y+1,-z+2.			