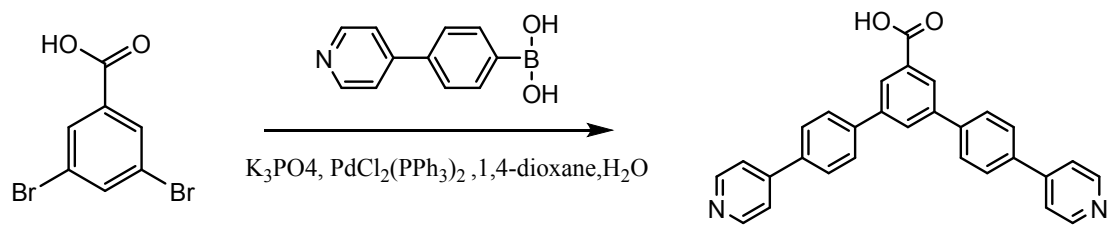


Electronic supplementary information (ESI)

**Guest-induced Reversible Crystal-to-Amorphous-to-Crystal
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Scheme S1. Synthetic scheme for DPPB

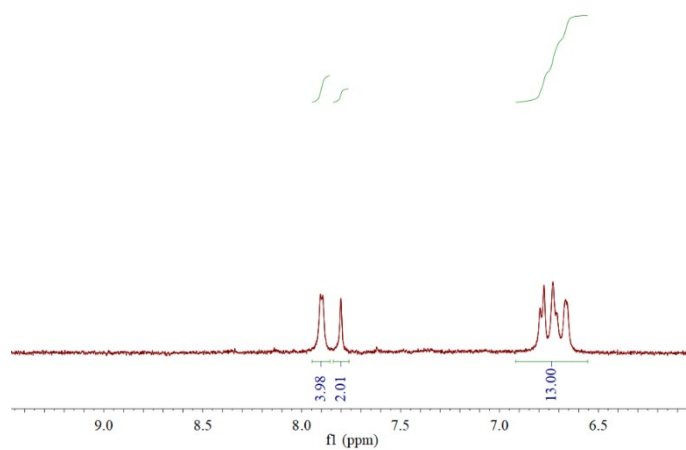


Fig S1. ¹H NMR spectrum of DPPB

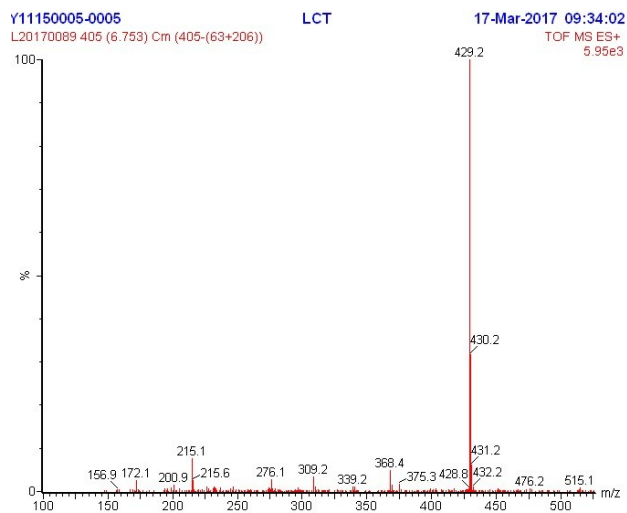


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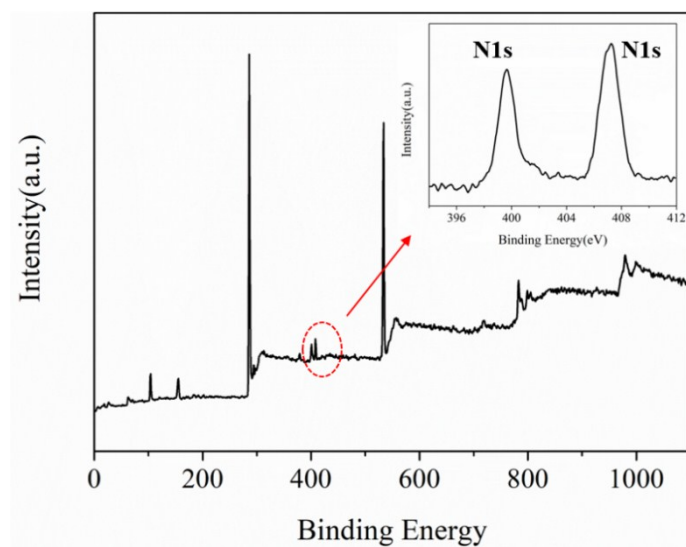


Fig S3. XPS spectra of DPPB-1

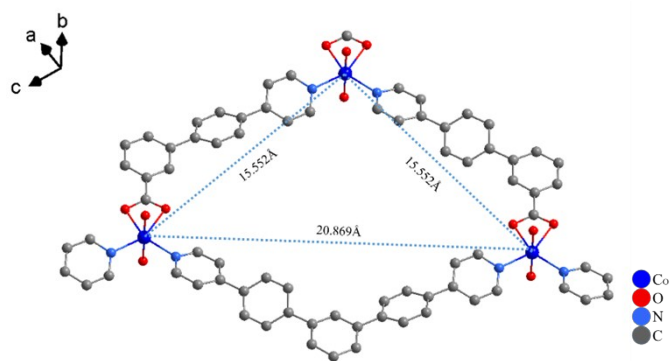


Fig S4. Honeycomb-like cavity showing the isosceles triangle formed by the three metal centers with the edge lengths (Co...Co separation) of 15.552 and 20.869 Å.

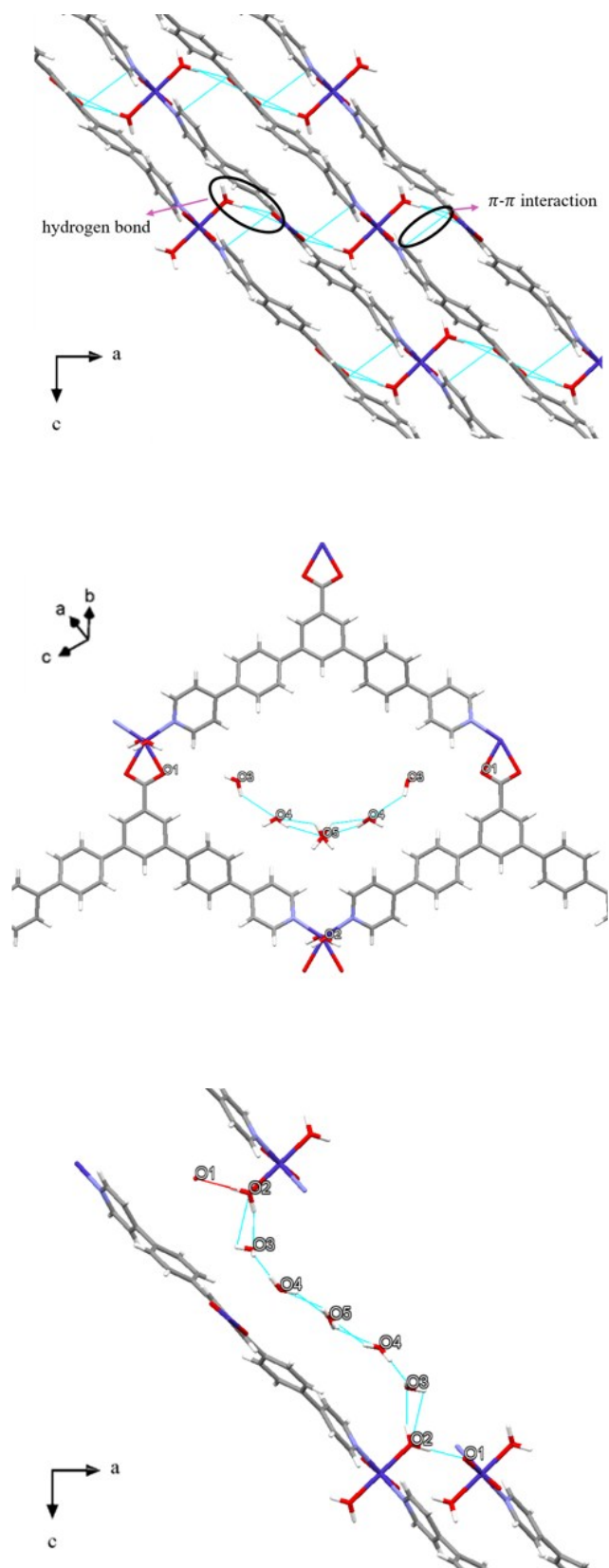


Fig S5. Structure view for DPPB-1 along the b axis (a) and c axis (b). Guests are omitted for clarity in a.

Color codes: Co, dark blue; N, light blue; C, grey; O, red.

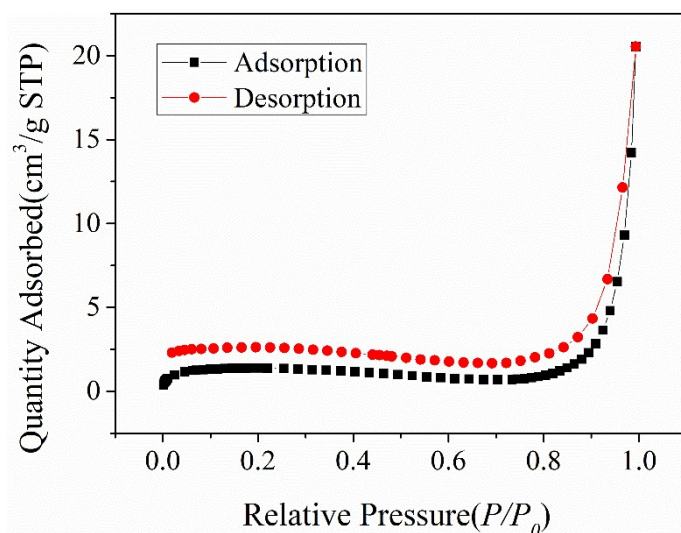


Fig S6. The N₂ adsorption-desorption isotherm of DPPB-2 at 77K

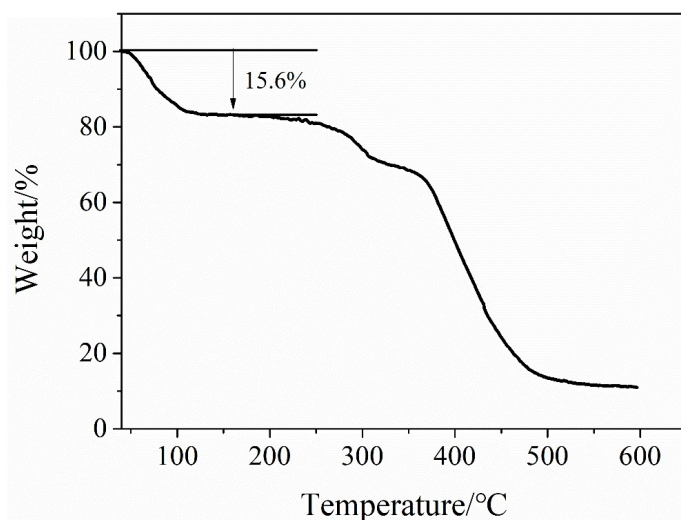


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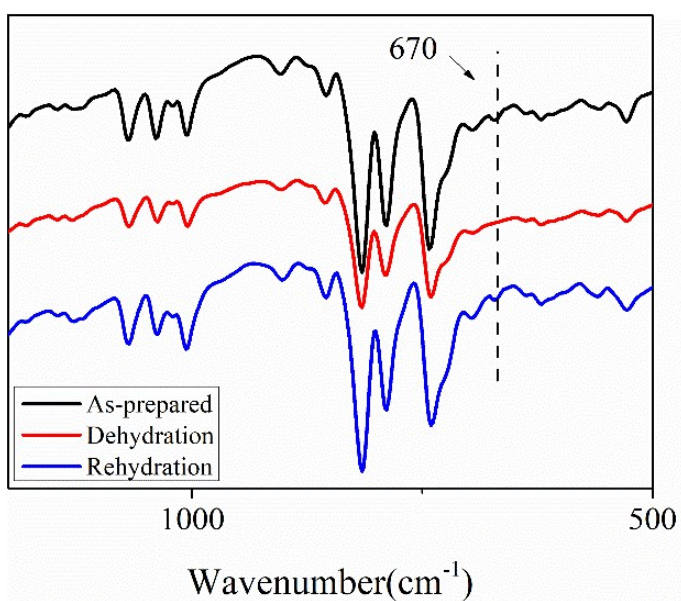


Fig S8. IR spectra of DPPB-1 during dehydration and rehydration

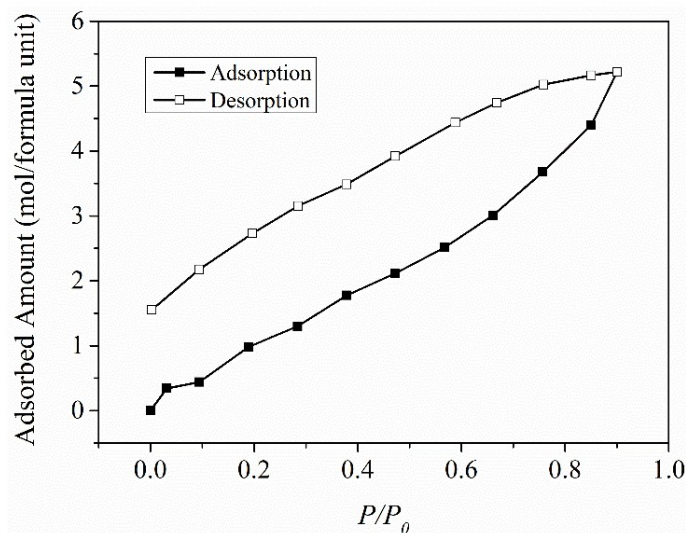


Fig S9. The ad/desorption isotherms of DPPB-2 for water at 298 K

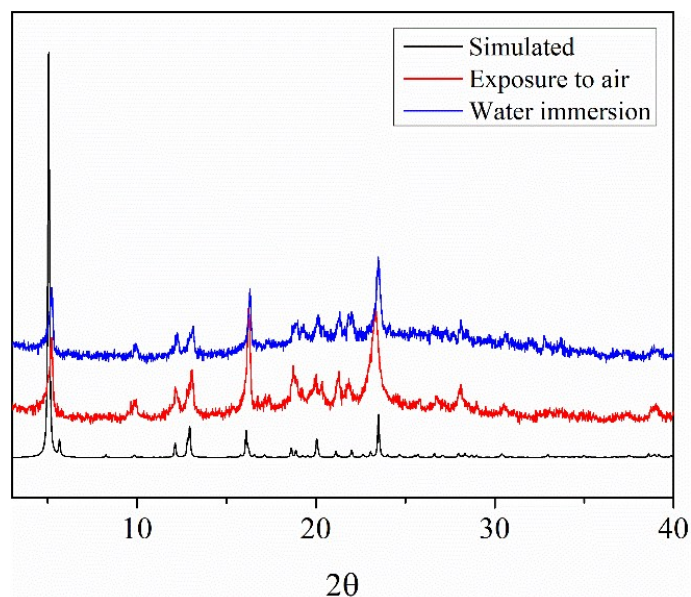


Fig S10. The PXRD pattern of DPPB-2 treated by water immersion and exposure to the air

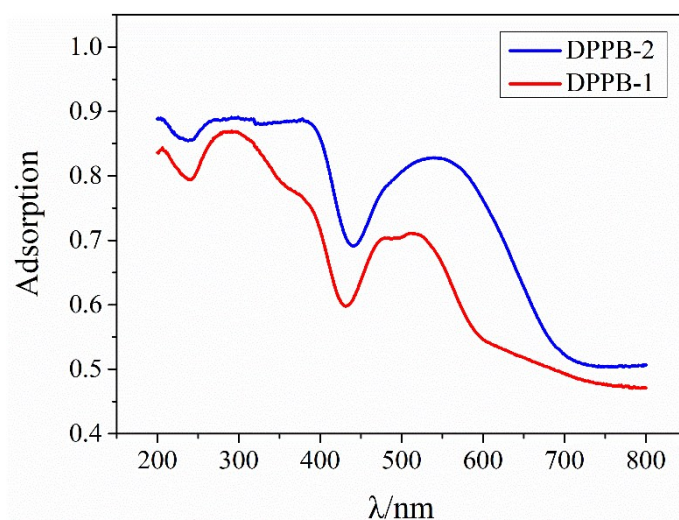


Fig S11. Solid UV-visible spectra of DPPB-1 and DPPB-2

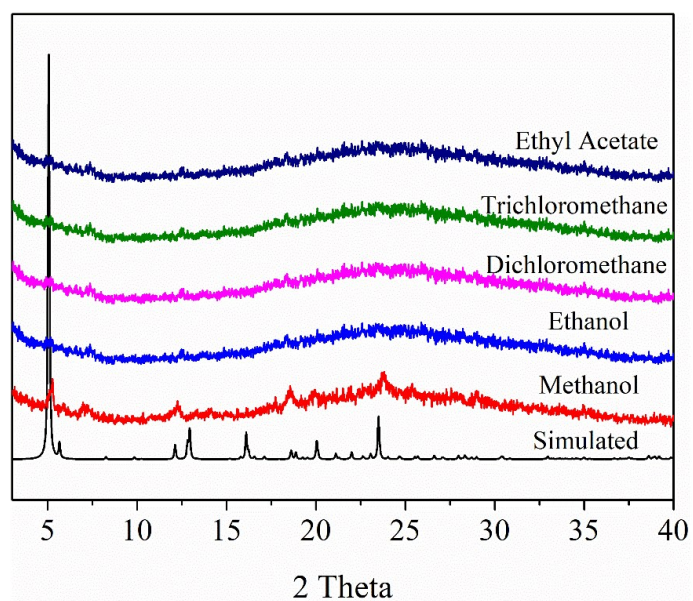


Fig S12. The PXR D patterns of DPPB-2 immersed in different solvent

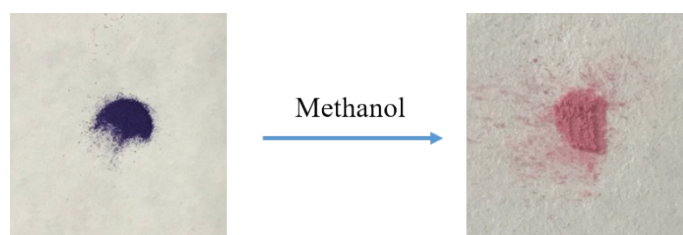


Fig S13. Color change of DPPB-2 in methanol

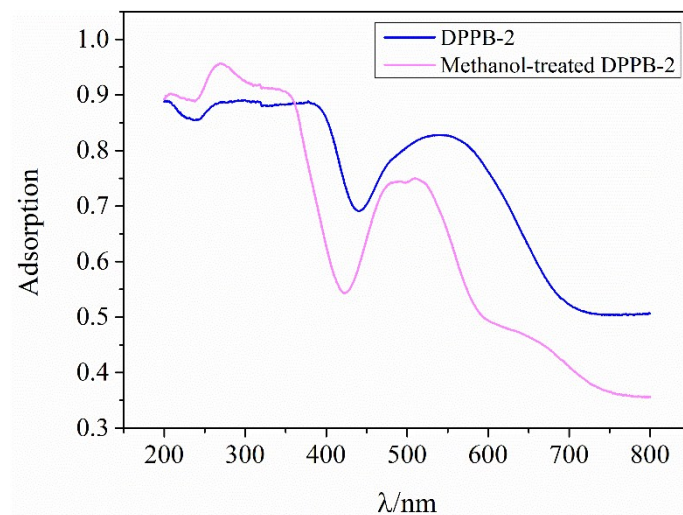


Fig S14. Solid UV-visible spectra of DPPB-2 and Methanol-treated DPPB-2

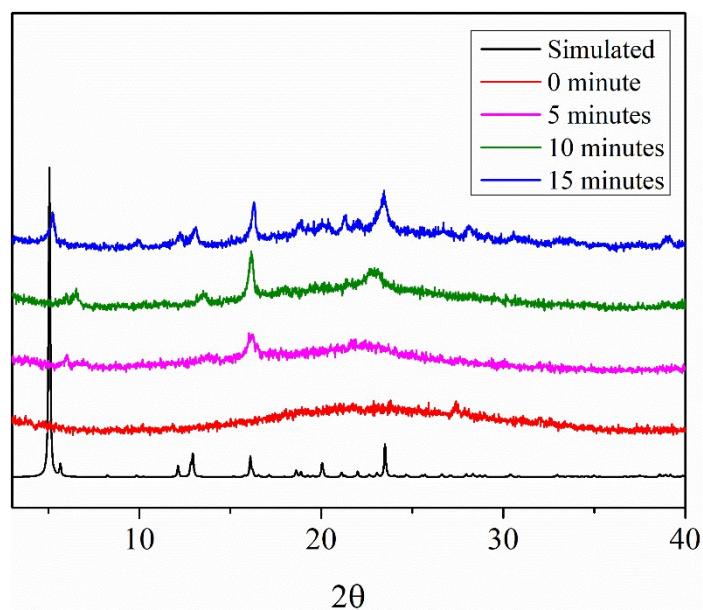


Fig S15. The PXR D patterns of DPPB-2 samples immersed in methanol.

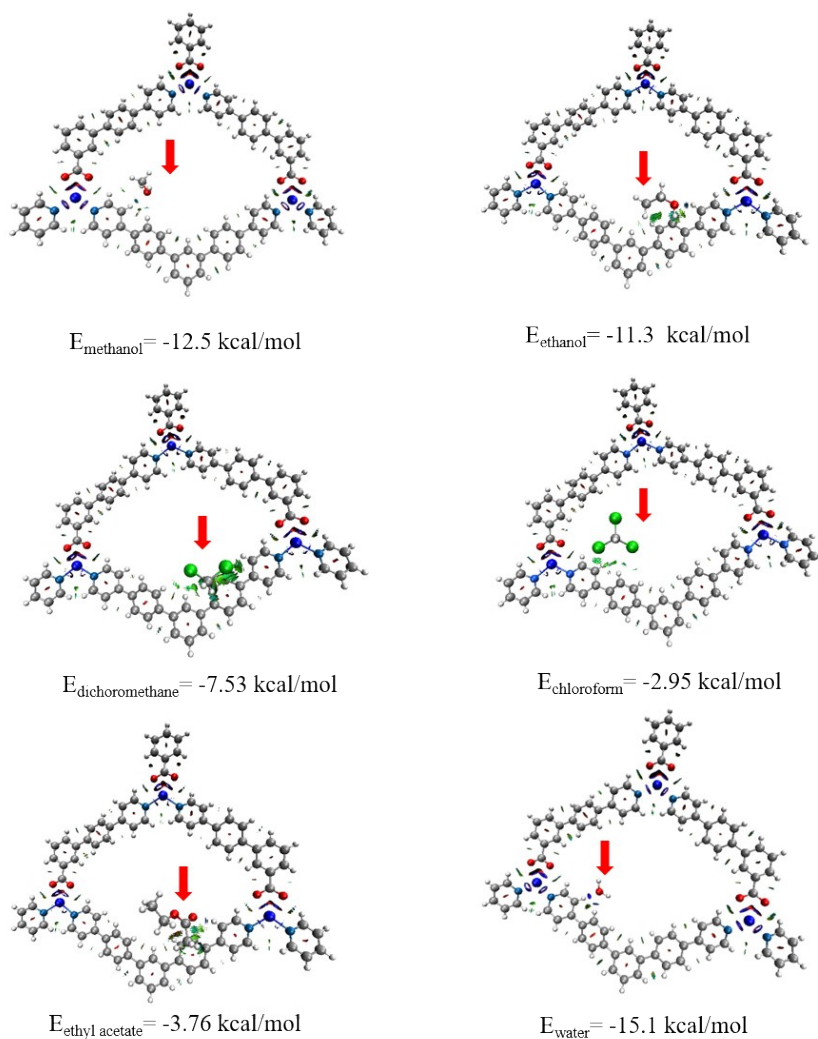


Fig S16. Energies and NCI analyses for host-guest interactions between guest molecules and cavity. VOC molecules are mark as red arrows.

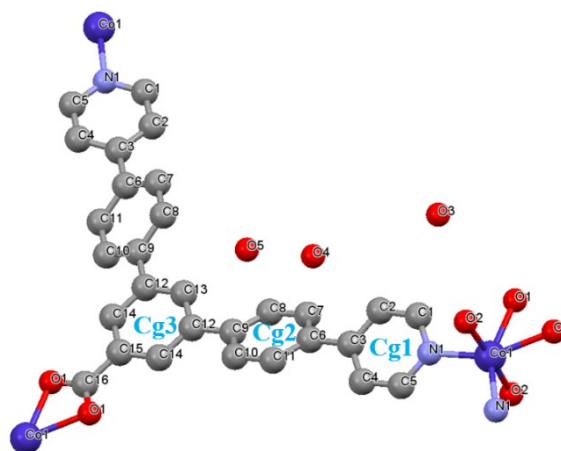


Fig S17. The asymmetric unit and atom labeling of scheme of DPPB-1. Guests and hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

Table S1. Hydrogen bonds (Å, Deg.) calculated by PLATON software for DPPB-1.

| Donor ---H...Acceptor | D - H | H...A | D...A | D - H...A |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|
| O(2)---H(1A)...O(3) | 0.96 | 1.90 | 2.740 | 144 |
| O(2)---H(2B)...O(1) | 0.96 | 1.82 | 2.757 | 163 |
| O(3)---H(3A)...O(4) | 0.85 | 2.54 | 3.210 | 136 |
| O(4)---H(4A)...O(5) | 0.85 | 2.19 | 3.09 | 151 |

Table S2. Analysis of short ring-interactions with Cg-Cg Distances < 6.0 Å and Beta < 60.0 Deg. calculated by PLATON software for DPPB-1. Alpha: Dihedral Angle between Planes I and J (Deg); Beta: Angle Cg(I)--Cg(J) or Cg(I)--Me vector and normal to plane I (Deg); Gamma: Angle Cg(I)--Cg(J) vector and normal to plane J (Deg).

| Cg(I)·····Cg(J) | D(Cg-Cg) | Alpha | Beta | Gamma |
|-----------------|------------|-------|------|-------|
| Cg(1)·····Cg(2) | 5.330(2) | 36 | 35.1 | 70.5 |
| Cg(1)·····Cg(3) | 3.7512(17) | 14 | 29.2 | 16.7 |
| Cg(1)·····Cg(3) | 3.7512(17) | 14 | 29.2 | 16.7 |
| Cg(2)·····Cg(1) | 5.778(3) | 20 | 57.6 | 67.4 |
| Cg(2)·····Cg(2) | 3.7105(17) | 0 | 18.3 | 18.3 |
| Cg(2)·····Cg(3) | 4.927(2) | 22 | 2.3 | 47.5 |
| Cg(2)·····Cg(3) | 4.927(2) | 22 | 42.3 | 47.5 |
| Cg(3)·····Cg(1) | 3.7512(17) | 14 | 16.7 | 29.2 |
| Cg(3)·····Cg(1) | 3.7512(17) | 14 | 16.7 | 29.2 |
| Cg(3)·····Cg(2) | 4.927(2) | 22 | 47.5 | 42.3 |
| Cg(3)·····Cg(2) | 4.927(2) | 22 | 47.5 | 42.3 |

Table S3. Methanol adsorption capacity of different materials

| Material | Ligand | $q_{\max}(\text{g/g})$ | ref |
|---|-----------|------------------------|-----------|
| Co(pybz) ₂ | pybz | 0.23 | 1 |
| Zn ₂ (BDC) ₂ (dabco) | BDC/dabco | 0.21 | 2 |
| MAF-5(Zn) | eim | 0.20 | 3 |
| Cu ₂ (dmcapz) ₂ | dmcapz | 0.19 | 4 |
| [Cd ₂ (pbpy)(bdc) ₂ Cl ₂] · 5H ₂ O | pbpy/bdc | 0.18 | 5 |
| Al(OH)-(1,4-NDC) | 1,4-NDC | 0.16 | 6 |
| [Cd ₂ (pbpy)(bdc) ₂ ClBr] · 9H ₂ O | pbpy/bdc | 0.16 | 5 |
| Zn ₅ O ₂ (bpdc) ₄ | bpdc | 0.15 | 7 |
| ThrZnOAc | Thr | 0.15 | 8 |
| Zn(tbip) | Tbip | 0.11 | 9 |
| Cu ₂ (pzdc) ₂ (dpyg) | Pzdc/dpyg | 0.11 | 10 |
| CoDPE | DPE | 0.11 | 11 |
| Co ₃ (fa) ₆ | FA | 0.10 | 12 |
| Zn ₂ (bptc) | Bptc | 0.10 | 13 |
| [Cd ₂ (pbpy)(bdc) ₂ Br ₂] · 8H ₂ O | pbpy/bdc | 0.10 | 5 |
| DPPB-2 | dppb | 0.26 | This work |

Table S4. Ethanol adsorption capacity of different materials

| Material | Ligand | $q_{\max}(\text{g/g})$ | ref |
|---|---------------|------------------------|-----------|
| MIL-100(Fe) | TPA | 0.34 | 14 |
| Zn ₂ (BDC) ₂ (dabco) | BDC/dabco | 0.33 | 2 |
| ZIF-8(Zn) | mIm | 0.28 | 15 |
| ZIF-71(Zn) | dcIm | 0.28 | 15 |
| ZIF-90(Zn) | Ica | 0.28 | 15 |
| ZIF-68(Zn) | nIm/blm | 0.26 | 16 |
| ([Eu(CAM)(HCAM)2Mn2(H ₂ O)4]) _n | (H)CAM | 0.26 | 17 |
| (H ₂ dab)[Zn ₂ (ox) ₃] | ox/dab | 0.26 | 18 |
| MAF-2(Cu) | etz | 0.25 | 19 |
| Zn ₂ (NDC) ₂ (dabco) | 1,4-NDC/dabco | 0.20 | 2 |
| [Cd ₂ (pbpy)(bdc) ₂ Cl ₂] · 5H ₂ O | pbpy/bdc | 0.19 | 5 |
| [Cd ₂ (pbpy)(bdc) ₂ ClBr] · 9H ₂ O | pbpy/bdc | 0.16 | 5 |
| Co ₃ (fa) ₆ | FA | 0.14 | 1 |
| [Cd ₂ (pbpy)(bdc) ₂ Br ₂] · 8H ₂ O | pbpy/bdc | 0.088 | 5 |
| ([Ni(L6) ₂] · 4H ₂ O) _n | L6 | 0.070 | 20 |
| [Cd(L7)(DMF)] | L7 | 0.060 | 21 |
| DPPB-2 | dppb | 0.37 | This work |

Table S5. The selectivity of DPPB-2 for VOCs at 298K

| Type | Selectivity |
|--|-------------|
| C ₂ H ₅ OH/CHCl ₃ | 21.5 |
| C ₂ H ₅ OH/CH ₂ Cl ₂ | 19.4 |
| C ₂ H ₅ OH/EA | 25.1 |
| CH ₃ OH/CHCl ₃ | 15.6 |
| CH ₃ OH/CH ₂ Cl ₂ | 14.7 |
| CH ₃ OH/EA | 16.2 |

Table S6. Crystal data and structure refinement parameters for DPPB-1 or

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|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| Formula | DPPB-1 | □ |
| Empirical formula | C ₂₉ H ₃₀ Co N ₂ O _{7.50} | |
| Formula weight | 585.48 | |
| Temperature | 296 K | |
| Wavelength | 0.71073 Å | |
| Crystal system | Monoclinic | |
| Space group | C 1 2/c 1 | |
| Unit cell dimensions | a = 15.715(7) Å b = 23.065(9) Å c = 9.764(4) Å | a = 90°. b = 108.308(7)°. g = 90°. |
| Volume | 3360(2) Å ³ | |
| Z | 4 | |
| Density (calculated) | 1.157 Mg/m ³ | |
| Absorption coefficient | 0.553 mm ⁻¹ | |
| F(000) | 1220 | |
| Crystal size | 0.12 x 0.1 x 0.08 mm ³ | |
| Theta range for data collection | 2.819 to 27.814°. | |
| Index ranges | -20 ≤ h ≤ 20, -30 ≤ k ≤ 27, -12 ≤ l ≤ 9 | |
| Reflections collected | 13526 | |
| Independent reflections | 3892 [R(int) = 0.0970] | |
| Completeness to theta = 25.242° | 98.90% | |
| Absorption correction | Semi-empirical from equivalents | |
| Max. and min. transmission | 0.7456 and 0.6495 | |
| Refinement method | Full-matrix-block least-squares on F ² | |
| Data / restraints / parameters | 3892 / 18 / 198 | |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 0.884 | |
| Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)] | R1 = 0.0606, wR2 = 0.1532 | |
| R indices (all data) | R1 = 0.1297, wR2 = 0.1914 | |
| Extinction coefficient | n/a | |

| | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Largest diff. peak and hole | 0.550 and -0.464 e.Å ⁻³ |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|

Table S7. Atomic coordinates (x 10⁴) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (Å²x 10³) for DPPB-1. U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized Uij tensor.

| | x | y | z | U(eq) |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Co(1) | 10000 | 9458 | 12500 | 41(1) |
| O(1) | 4522 | 5281 | 1415 | 44(1) |
| O(2) | 9051 | 9430 | 13533 | 53(1) |
| N(1) | 9137 | 8950 | 10860 | 44(1) |
| C(1) | 8429 | 9215 | 9913 | 62(1) |
| C(2) | 7840 | 8925 | 8766 | 60(1) |
| C(3) | 7954 | 8339 | 8548 | 44(1) |
| C(4) | 8670 | 8073 | 9534 | 46(1) |
| C(5) | 9249 | 8381 | 10651 | 47(1) |
| C(6) | 7345 | 8027 | 7294 | 43(1) |
| C(7) | 6982 | 8303 | 5959 | 55(1) |
| C(8) | 6442 | 8004 | 4778 | 51(1) |
| C(9) | 6215 | 7426 | 4900 | 38(1) |
| C(10) | 6571 | 7152 | 6224 | 46(1) |
| C(11) | 7131 | 7446 | 7395 | 48(1) |
| C(12) | 5608 | 7111 | 3645 | 36(1) |
| C(13) | 5000 | 7396 | 2500 | 38(1) |
| C(14) | 5609 | 6506 | 3600 | 37(1) |
| C(15) | 5000 | 6202 | 2500 | 32(1) |
| C(16) | 5000 | 5557 | 2500 | 35(1) |
| O(3) | 7226 | 10470 | 7413 | 231(4) |
| O(4) | 5934 | 8572 | 10422 | 202(6) |
| O(5) | 5000 | 8118 | 7500 | 141(5) |

Table S8. Selected bonds lengths (Å) for DPPB-1

| Bond lengths | Å | Bond lengths | Å |
|--------------|------|--------------|------|
| Co(1)-O(1) | 2.19 | O(1)-C(16) | 1.26 |
| Co(1)-O(2) | 2.05 | O(2)-H(2A) | 0.96 |
| Co(1)-N(1) | 2.1 | O(2)-H(2B) | 0.96 |
| | | N(1)-C(1) | 1.35 |
| | | N(1)-C(5) | 1.35 |
| | | C(1)-H(1) | 0.93 |
| | | C(1)-C(2) | 1.38 |

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