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Two Azo-functionalized Luminescent 3D Cd(II)-MOFs for Highly Selective Detection of Fe³⁺ and Al³⁺

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Physical Measurements. The FT-IR spectra were recorded from KBr pellets in the range of 400-4000 cm⁻¹ on a Perkin-Elmer RX1 spectrophotometer. PXRD patterns were recorded using Cu K_a radiation (1.5418 Å) on a Bruker D8 Advance diffactometer. Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) was performed using a TG 209 *F3* Tarsus (Netzsch) and the sample was heated from room temperature to 800 °C at a rate of 5 °C min⁻¹ under N₂ atmosphere. ¹H, ¹³C-NMR spectrum was recorded using a Bruker Avance II 400 spectrometer. Mass (MALDI-TOF) spectrum was recorded using a Bruker MALDI-TOF/TOF mass spectrometer. The luminescence spectra for the powdered solid samples were measured at room temperature using a Horiba Fluorolog spectrophotometer and the solution state fluorescence spectra were recorded using a Shimadzu-RF-6000 spectrophotometer. The UV–Vis spectra for the salt and small organic solvents solutions were measured at room temperature using a Shimadzu UV-2600 UV-Vis spectrophotometer. The morphology and elemental analysis of the samples were examined on a CarlZeiss MERLIN field emission scanning electron microscopy (FESEM) equipped with energy dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDX).

Single Crystal X-ray Diffraction. The crystal and refinement data for 1 and 2 were collected in Table S1. In this case, a crystal of appropriate size was selected from the mother liquor and immersed in paratone oil and then it was mounted on the tip of a glass fibre and cemented using epoxy resin. Single crystal X-ray data were collected at 300 K on a Bruker SMART APEX II CCD diffractometer using graphite-monochromated Mo-K_a radiation (0.71073 Å). The linear absorption coefficients, scattering factors for the atoms and the anomalous dispersion corrections were taken from International Tables for X-ray Crystallography. The data integration and reduction were processed with SAINT¹ software. An empirical absorption correction was applied to the collected reflections with SADABS using XPREP.² The structure was solved by the direct method using SHELXTL³ and was refined on F² by full-matrix least-squares technique using the SHELXL-2014⁴ program package. For all the cases non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Attempts to identify the highly disordered solvent molecules for **Cd-MOF-1** was failed. Instead, a new set of F² (hkl) values with the contribution from the solvent molecules withdrawn was obtained by the SQUEEZE procedure implemented in PLATON. ⁵ Selected bond lengths and bond angles are listed in Table S3 and S5.

Synthesis of 3,3'-azobis(pyridine) (L). The ligand L [3,3'-azobis(pyridine)] was synthesized based on a published methods.^[12a, 12c in main text] A solution of 3-aminopyridine (12 g, 98%, 0.128 mol) in DI water (240 mL) was added drop wise into a two-neck round bottom flask containing 1.6 L of sodium hypochlorite (10-14wt %, NaOCl, being chilled in ice-water bath and magnetically stirred) over a period of 1 hr. The mixture was stirred at 0°C for another 30 min before the orange-coloured precipitate was filtered and the filtrate extracted with chloroform (200 mL× 3). The combined organic layers were dried over magnesium sulphate, then filtrated and remove the solvent, the corresponding crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (ethyl acetate) to afford. The pure product was obtained as an orange-coloured, crystalline solid (needle shaped crystals, 7.32 g, 64% yield based on 4-aminopyridine). ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.23 (s, 2H), 8.74 (d, 2H), 8.17(d, 2H), 7.47(dd, 2H).¹³C NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃): δ 152.1, 147.5, 140.9, 126.6, 123.8. FT-IR (KBr pellet, cm⁻¹): 3855(w), 3437.9(b), 2923(m), 2372.1(w), 1587(s), 1469(m), 1421(s), 1317(m), 1232(m), 1191.6(s), 1088(s), 1017.7(s), 958.4(m), 821.5(s), 699(s), 625(s), 547.7(m), 521.8(s).



Fig. S1 Asymmetric unit of Cd-MOF-1. Color code: Cd, yellow; N, blue; O, red; C, grey; H,



Fig. S2 Core View of Cd-MOF-1. Color code: Cd, yellow; N, blue; O, red; C, grey; H atoms are omitted for clarity.



Fig. S3 Asymmetric unit of Cd-MOF-2. Color code: Cd, yellow; N, blue; O, red; C, grey; H, white.



Fig. S4 Core View of Cd-MOF-1. Color code: Cd, yellow; N, blue; O, red; C, grey; H atoms are omitted for clarity.

	Cd-MOF-1	Cd-MOF-2
Empirical formula	$C_{28} H_{24} Cd_2 N_8 O_8$	C ₁₈ H ₁₈ Cd N ₄ O ₄
Formula weight	825.35	466.76
Temperature(K)	293(2)	293(2)
Radiation	Mo (k_{α})	Mo (k _a)
Wavelength(λ)	0.71073	0.71073
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	$P 2_1/n$	$P 2_1/n$
<i>a</i> [Å]	13.680(4)	11.265(2)
$b[\text{\AA}]$	10.906(12)	13.097(3)
<i>c</i> [Å]	20.884(3)	12.563(3)
<i>α</i> [°]	90.00	90.00
$\beta[^{\circ}]$	92.26(2)	106.74(3)
γ[°]	90.00	90.00
Volume[Å ³]	3113(4)	1775.0(7)
Z	4	4
Density (calculated)	1.761	1.747
$[Mg/m^3]$		
Absorption coefficient	1.428	1.263
[mm-1]		
F(000)	1632	963
Refl. used $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$	5705	3563
Independent reflections	6355	3649
Refinement method	full-matrix least squares on F^2	full-matrix least squares on
		F^2
GOF	1.054	1.120
Final <i>R</i> indices[I> $2\sigma(I)$]	R_1 =0.0535 wR_2 =0.1268	R_1 =0.0169 wR_2 =0.0429
<i>R</i> indices (all data)	$R_1 = 0.0580 \ wR_2 = 0.1294$	$R_1 = 0.0175 \ wR_2 = 0.0432$

Table S1: Crystal data and structure refinements for Cd-MOF-1 and Cd-MOF-2.

Topology study

1. Cd-MOF-1

1:C28 H20 Cd2 N8 O10

Structure consists of molecules (ZD1). The composition of molecule is C2O2Cd2

Topology for ZD1

Atom ZD1 links by bridge ligands and has

Comm	non verte	x with		R(A	A-A) fTo	otal SA
ZD 1	0.0003	1.1953	0.2492	(000)	8.740A	1 10.63
ZD 1	0.0003	0.1953	0.2492	(0-1 0)	8.740A	1 15.37
ZD 1	1.0003	0.1953	0.2492	(1-1 0)	8.755A	1 10.88
ZD 1	1.0003	1.1953	0.2492	(100)	8.755A	1 15.51
Comm	non edge	with		R(A	-A)	
ZD 1	0.5003	0.3047	-0.2508	(110)	11.311A	2 23.71
ZD 1	0.5003	1.3047	0.7492	(121)	12.347A	2 23.90

Structural group analysis

Structural group No 1

Structure consists of 3D framework with ZD

Coordination sequences

ZD1: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Num 6 22 52 94 148 214 292 382 484 598 Cum 7 29 81 175 323 537 829 1211 1695 2293 -----

TD10=2293

Vertex symbols for selected sublattice

ZD1 Point symbol:{4^8.6^6.8}

Extended point symbol: [4.4.4.4.4.4.4.6(6).6(6).6(9).6(9).6(9).6(9).8(66)]

Point symbol for net: {4^8.6^6.8}

6-c net; uninodal net

Topological type: rob (topos&RCSR.ttd) {4^8.6^6.8} - VS [4.4.4.4.4.4.4.6(4).6(4).6(8).6(8).6(8).6(8).*] (16813 types in 3 databases)

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2. Cd-MOF-2

1:C18 H18 Cd N4 O4

Structure consists of molecules (ZD1). The composition of molecule is C2Cd2

Topology for ZD1

Atom ZD1 links by bridge ligands and has

Comr	non verte	x with		R(A	Α-A) fT	otal SA
ZD 1	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	(101)	9.679A	1 10.72
ZD 1	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	(0-1 0)	9.679A	1 10.72
ZD 1	0.0000	1.0000	0.0000	(000)	9.679A	1 15.71
ZD 1	1.0000	0.0000	1.0000	(1-1 1)	9.679A	1 15.71
Comr	non edge	with		R(A	A-A)	
ZD 1	1.5000	0.5000	0.5000	(100)	11.265A	2 23.56
ZD 1	-0.5000	0.5000	0.5000	(-1 0 0)	11.265A	2 23.56

Structural group analysis

Structural group No 1

Structure consists of 3D framework with ZD

Coordination sequences

ZD1: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Num 6 18 38 66 102 146 198 258 326 402

Cum 7 25 63 129 231 377 575 833 1159 1561

TD10=1561

Vertex symbols for selected sublattice

ZD1 Point symbol:{4^12.6^3}

Extended point symbol: [4.4.4.4.4.4.4.4.4.4.4.6(4).6(4).6(4)]

Point symbol for net: {4^12.6^3}

6-c net; uninodal net

Topological type: pcu alpha-Po primitive cubic; 6/4/c1; sqc1 (topos&RCSR.ttd) {4^12.6^3} - VS [4.4.4.4.4.4.4.4.4.4.4.*.*] (16813 types in 3 databases)

Elapsed time: 3.72 sec.



Fig. S5 The PXRD pattern of simulated (a), as synthesized sample **Cd-MOF-1** (b), after treated the sample with DMF (4 mL) and water (1mL) for 12 hours (c), after the sensing experiment of Fe^{3+} in DMF/water solution (d), after the sensing experiment of Al^{3+} in DMF/water solution of **Cd-MOF-1** (e).



Fig. S6 The PXRD pattern of simulated (a), as synthesized sample **Cd-MOF-2** (b), after treated the sample with DMF (4 mL) and water (1mL) for 12 hours (c), after the sensing experiment of Fe^{3+} in DMF/water solution (d), after the sensing experiment of Al^{3+} in DMF/water solution of **Cd-MOF-2** (e).



Fig. S7 Thermo gravimetric analysis profile of Cd-MOF-1



Fig. S8 Thermo gravimetric analysis profile of Cd-MOF-2



Fig. S9 FT-IR spectra of Cd-MOF-1.



Fig. S10 FT-IR spectra of Cd-MOF-2



Fig. S11 The solid state emission spectra of Cd-MOF-1 (red, $\lambda_{ex} = 305$ nm), Cd-MOF-2 (black, $\lambda_{ex} = 312$ nm) and the spacer L (blue, $\lambda_{ex} = 300$ nm) at room temperature.







Fig. S12 The fluorescence spectra of Cd-MOF-1 in DMF solution upon the addition of 100 μ L of 10⁻² mol/L of various metal ions.



Fig. S13 Stern-Volmer plot of **Cd-MOF-1** by gradual addition of Fe^{3+} ions (left). The plot (right) demonstrate the quenching linearity relationship at low concentrations of Fe^{3+} ion.



Fig. S14 Stern-Volmer plot of **Cd-MOF-1** by gradual addition of Al^{3+} ions (left). The plot (right) demonstrate the quenching linearity relationship at low concentrations of Al^{3+} ion.







Fig. S15 The fluorescence spectra of Cd-MOF-2 in DMF solution upon the addition of 100 μ L of 10⁻² mol/L of various metal ions.



Fig. S16 Stern-Volmer plot of **Cd-MOF-2** by gradual addition of Fe^{3+} ions (left). The plot (right) demonstrate the quenching linearity relationship at low concentrations of Fe^{3+} ion.



Fig. S17 Stern-Volmer plot of **Cd-MOF-2** by gradual addition of Al^{3+} ions (left). The plot (right) demonstrate the quenching linearity relationship at low concentrations of Al^{3+} ion.



Fig. S18 Fluorescent spectra of time-dependent Cd-MOF-1 after addition of 10 μ L Fe³⁺/Al³⁺ aqueous.



Fig. S19 Fluorescent spectra of time-dependent Cd-MOF-2 after addition of 10 μ L Fe³⁺/Al³⁺ aqueous solutions.



Fig. S20 (a) SEM image of the morphology of Cd-MOF-1 after loading Fe^{3+} .



Fig. S21 (a) SEM image of the morphology of Cd-MOF-2 after loading Fe³⁺.



Fig. S22 (a) SEM image of the morphology of Cd-MOF-1 after loading Al^{3+} .



Fig. S23 (a) SEM image of the morphology of Cd-MOF-2 after loading Al^{3+} .



Fig. S24 EDX mapping of **Cd-MOF-1** after loading Fe³⁺. (a) Overlapped element mapping; (b) C element mapping; (c) N element mapping; (d) O element mapping; (e) Cd element mapping; (f) Fe element mapping.



Fig. S25 EDX mapping of **Cd-MOF-1** after loading Al³⁺ (above); Overlapped and individual element mapping (bellow).



Fig. S26 EDX mapping of **Cd-MOF-2** after loading Fe³⁺. (a) Overlapped element mapping; (b) C element mapping; (c) N element mapping; (d) O element mapping; (e) Cd element mapping; (f) Fe element mapping.



Fig. S27 EDX mapping of **Cd-MOF-2** after loading Al³⁺ (above); Overlapped and individual element mapping (bellow).



Fig. S28 UV-Vis absorption spectra of different metal ions. In the inset, the emission spectrum of Cd-MOF-1 and the absorption spectra of Fe^{3+} ion.



Fig. S29 UV-Vis absorption spectra of different metal ions. In the inset, the emission spectrum of Cd-MOF-2 and the absorption spectra of Fe³⁺ ion.

Table S2: Selected Bond Distances (Å) and Bond Angles (°) in Cd-MOF-1.

Cd	1 01		2.519(4)	Cd1	02	2.	330(4)	Cd1	N1	2.355(5)
Cd	1 O4	Ļ	2.400(4)	Cd1	05	2	343(4)	Cd1	N8	2.350(5)
Cd	1 03	3	2.380(4)	Cd2	05	2	367(4)	Cd2	N4	2.369(5)
Cd	2 02	2	2.330(4)	Cd2	06	2.4	492(4)	Cd2	07	2.357(4)
Cd	2 08	3	2.418(5)	Cd2	N5	2	353(5)			
03	Cd1	01		91.88(1	4)	05	Cd1 01			125.68(14)
05	Cd1	03		142.26	(14)	O4	Cd1 01			146.46(14)
04	Cd1	03		54.89(14)	04	Cd1 O5			87.81(15)
02	Cd1	01		53.56(14)	02	Cd1 O3			145.07(14)
02	Cd1	05		72.13(15)	02	Cd1 O4			159.94(15)
N8	Cd1	01		90.46(1	5)	N8	Cd1 O3			84.78(16)
N8	Cd1	05		90.79(1	6)	N8	Cd1 O4			90.81(17)
N8	Cd1	02		90.00(1	7)	N1	Cd1 O1			90.70(16)
N1	Cd1	03		97.02(1	6)	N1	Cd1 O5			87.03(16)
N1	Cd1	O4		89.24(1	7)	N1	Cd1 O2			89.20(17)
N1	Cd1	N8		177.82	(16)	05	Cd2 06			53.65(14)
07	Cd2	O6		92.29(1	4)	07	Cd2 O5			145.50(14)
08	Cd2	06		147.17	(14)	08	Cd2 O5			159.18(15)
08	Cd2	O7		55.08(1	5)	02	Cd2 O6			125.29(14)
02	Cd2	05		71.70(1	5)	02	Cd2 07			142.31(15)
02	Cd2	08		87.50(1	5)	N4	Cd2 06			88.61(16)

N4	Cd2 O5	88.04(16)	N4 Cd2 O7	85.53(16)
N4	Cd2 O8	91.93(17)	N4 Cd2 O2	92.02(17)
N5	Cd2 O6	89.21(16)	N5 Cd2 O5	88.41(16)
N5	Cd2 O7	97.36(16)	N5 Cd2 O8	91.42(17)
N5	Cd2 O2	86.95(17)	N5 Cd2 N4	176.45(17)

 Table S3: Non-bonding interactions in Cd-MOF-1.

D HA	d(HA) (Å)	D(DA) (Å)	< DHA (⁰)
C2 H2O1	2.414(4)	3.220(5)	144.82(7)
С8 Н8О7	2.504(4)	3.011(5)	114.55(7)
С9 Н9О8	2.657(4)	3.343(5)	130.96(7)
C12 H12O6	2.364(2)	3.189(3)	147.58(10)
C17 H17O3	2.699(3)	3.054(4)	103.57(12)
C18 H18O3	2.653(3)	3.040(4)	105.70(10)
C19 H19O4	2.574(3)	3.254(3)	130.34(8)

Table S4: Selected Bond Distances (Å) and Bond Angles (°) in Cd-MOF-2.

Cd1	01		2.2664(15)	Cd1	02	2.2	2685(14)	Cd1	N1	2.3143(16)
Cd1	O4		2.3060(15)	Cd1	N4	2.2	3193(15)	Cd1	03	2.4560(14)
01	Cd1	02		126.56	5(5)	01	Cd1 O4	ŀ		140.89(5)
02	Cd1	O4		92.52(6)	01	Cd1 N1			91.24(6)

02	Cd1	N1	92.63(5)	04	Cd1	N1	84.79(6)
01	Cd1	N4	85.83(5)	02	Cd1	N4	84.66(5)
O4	Cd1	N4	101.01(6)	N1	Cd1	N4	173.68(5)
01	Cd1	03	86.46(5)	02	Cd1	O3	146.94(5)
O4	Cd1	03	54.57(5)	N1	Cd1	O3	87.83(5)
N4	Cd1	03	97.56(5)				

Table S5: Non-bonding interactions in Cd-MOF-2.

DH	НА	d(HA) (Å)	D(DA) (Å)	< DHA (⁰)
C15	H1501	2.672(4)	3.206(5)	117.16(7)
C16	H16O2	2.457(2)	3.073(3)	123.85(10)
C18	H18O3	2.301(3)	3.147(4)	150.99(12)
C10	H10O4	2.128(3)	2.996(4)	154.91(10)

Table S6. A comparison of MOF-based luminescent probes for the detection of Fe^{3+} ions.

Fluorescent Material	K_{sv} value	Reference
	(L/M ⁻¹)	
${[Tb_4(OH)_4(DSOA)_2(H2O)_8].(H_2O)_8}_n$	3.543×10 ⁴	J. Mater. Chem. A, 2015, 3,
		641–647
{ $(Me_2NH_2)[Tb(OBA)_2] \cdot (Hatz) \cdot (H_2O)1.5$ } _n	3.4×10 ⁴	J. Mater. Chem. C, 2017, 5,
		2311-2317
(MOF-LIC-1)Eu	2.8×10 ⁴	J. Mater. Chem. C, 2014, 2,
		6758–6764
Cd-MOF-1	2.1×10 ⁴	This Work
Eu-HODA	2.09×10 ⁴	Inorg. Chem. 2016, 55,
		12660-12668
[Zn ₂ (TPOM)(NDC) ₂]·3.5H ₂ O	1.9×10 ⁴	Inorg. Chem. 2017, 56,
		12348-12356
[Cd ₃ {Ir(ppy-	1.165×10 ⁴	Inorg. Chem. 2018, 57,

$COO)_{3}_{2}(DMF)_{2}(H_{2}O)_{4}]\cdot 6H_{2}O\cdot 2DMF$		1079–1089
[Tb(TBOT)(H ₂ O)](H ₂ O) ₄ (DMF)(NMP) _{0.5}	5.51×10^{3}	J. Mater. Chem. C, 2017, 5,
		2015–2021.
Cd-MOF-2	5.4×10 ³	This Work
$[Zr_6O_4(OH)_4(C_8H_2O_4S_2)_6] \cdot DMF \cdot 18H_2O$	4.41×10 ³	Dalton Trans., 2018, 47, 1159-
		1170.
${[Tb(TATAB)(H2O)_2] \cdot NMP \cdot H_2O}_n$	3.6×10 ³	Dalton Trans., 2016, 45,
		15492–15499.
$[Zn_2(L_1)_2(bpe)_2(H_2O)_2]$	2395	Dalton Trans, 2015, 44, 18795–
		18803.
$Ln_{3}L_{2}(OH)(DMF)_{0.22}(H_{2}O)_{5.78}]$ ·guest	393	ChemPlusChem 2016, 81,
		1299–1304.

Table S7. A comparison of MOF-based luminescent probes for the detection of Al³⁺ ions.

Fluorescent Material	$K_{SV}(L/mole)$	Reference
${[Eu(BTB)(phen)] \cdot 4.5DMF \cdot 2H_2O}_n$	1.59×10 ⁴	Inorg. Chem., 2016, 55, 9671–
		9676
${Zn(DMA)(TBA)}_n$	1.33×10 ⁴	Inorg. Chem. Front., 2017, 4,
		1888–1894
Cd-MOF-1	4.9×10 ³	This Work
(TMU-34) F	4170	Ultrasonics - Sonochemistry
		2018 , <i>41</i> , 17–26.
Cd-MOF-2	2.6 ×10 ³	This Work

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