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Space-Confined Indicator Displacement Assay inside a Metal-Organic Framework for Fluorescence Turn-On Sensing

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Physical methods.

^1H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Advance 400 MHz spectrometer. The FT-IR spectra were recorded in the range $500\text{--}4000\text{ cm}^{-1}$ using KBr pellets on a Nicolet NEXUS 670 spectrophotometer. Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) at ambient pressure was recorded on a Rigaku D/Max-2500 diffractometer at 35kV, 25mA for a Cu-target tube and a graphite monochromator. UV-vis diffuse reflectance spectra were measured using a SHIMADZU UV-2700 spectrophotometer, with BaSO_4 plates as references (100% reflection). Fluorescence spectra were recorded on a Hitachi F-4500 spectrofluorometer. Nitrogen adsorption and desorption isotherm measurements were performed on a Micromeritics ASAP2020 analyzer at 77K. Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) experiments were performed on a NETZSCH STA 449 F3.

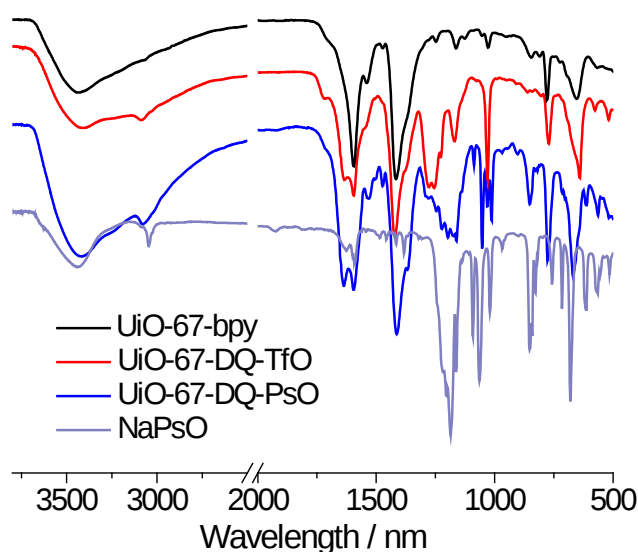


Fig. S1. IR spectra of the NaPsO, UiO-67-bpy, UiO-67-DQ-TfO, and UiO-67-DQ-PsO.

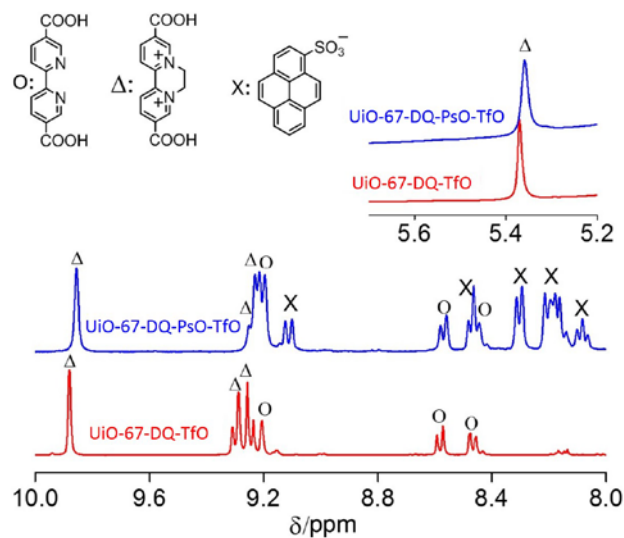


Fig. S2. ^1H NMR spectra of the solutions obtained by digesting UiO-67-DQ-TfO (red, N-alkylation ratio: 65%) and UiO-67-DQ-PsO-TfO (blue, N-alkylation ratio: 65%, anion exchange ratio: 67%) with HF (aq.)/ $\text{d}_6\text{-DMSO}$ (1/40, v/v). The dashed lines stress the shifts of some peaks.

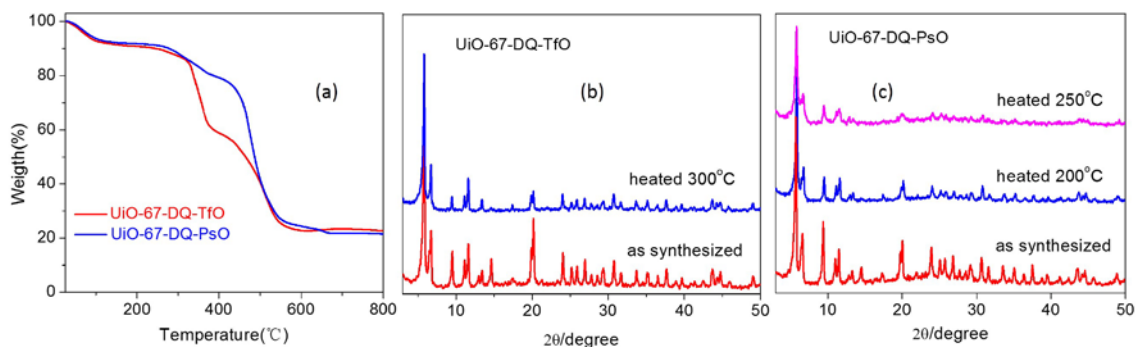


Fig. S3. (a) TGA of UiO-67-DQ-TfO and UiO-67-DQ-PsO. PXRD profiles for UiO-67-DQ-TfO (b) and UiO-67-DQ-PsO (c) before and after heated.

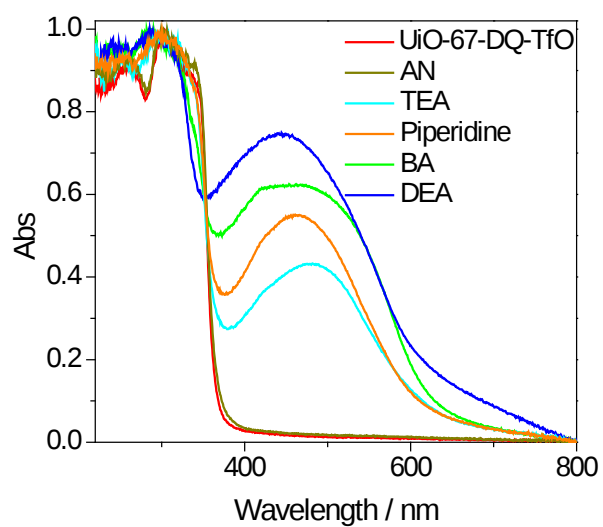


Fig. S4. UV/vis spectra of UiO-67-DQ-TfO before and after exposed to various amines.

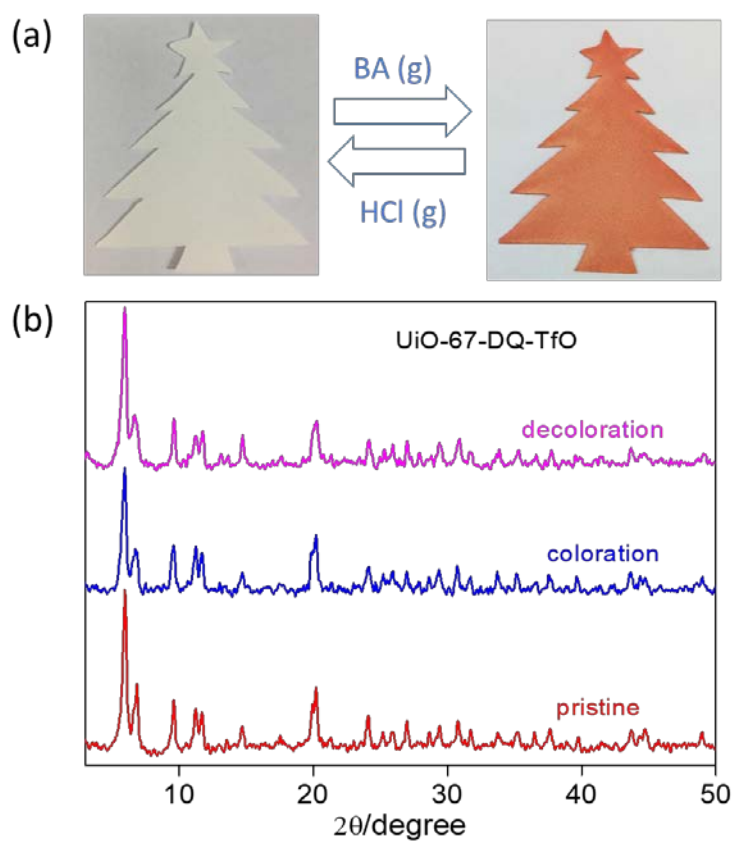


Fig. S5. (a) Color changes of a UiO-67-DQ-TfO-loaded papercut and (b) PXRD patterns of a UiO-67-DQ-TfO sample before and after coloration with butylamine vapor and after decoloration with hydrogen chloride.

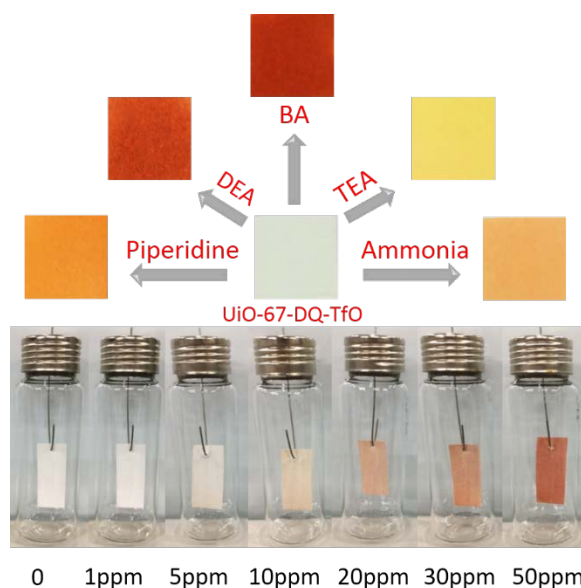


Fig. S6. Naked-eye detection of amines using UiO-67-DQ-TfO-coated test paper. Above: the color change of the test paper upon fuming with different amines. BA = butylamine, DEA = diethylamine, TEA = triethylamine. Below: the color change at different concentrations of BA. And the test papers response to different concentrations of butylamine.

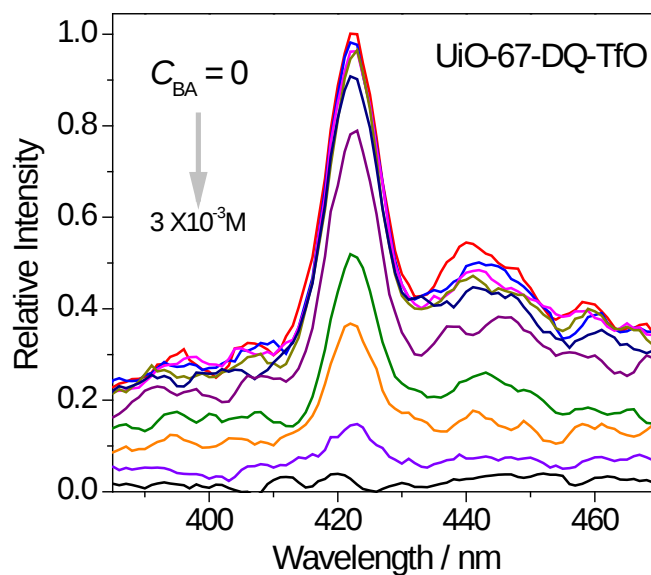


Fig. S7. Fluorescence spectra of the UiO-67-DQ-TfO dispersion in response to butylamine in aqueous solution .



Fig. S8. Colors of NaPsO, UiO-67-DQ-TfO and UiO-67-DQ-PsO before and after exposure to butylamine (BA) vapor.

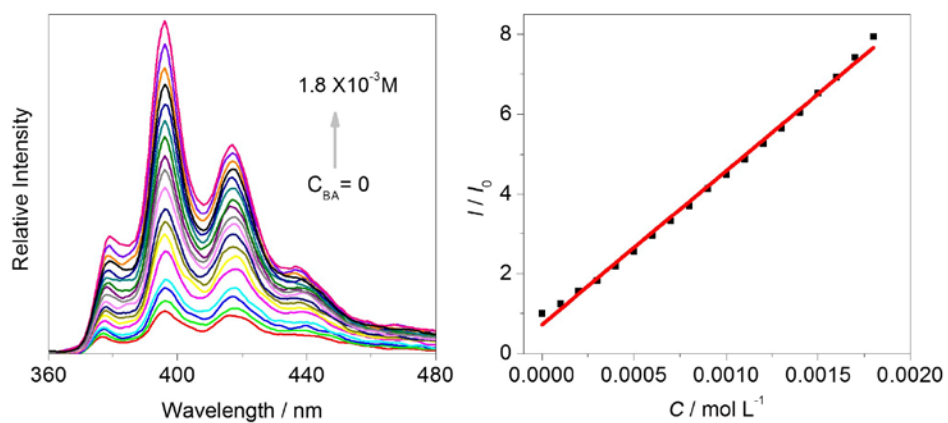


Fig. S9. Variation of fluorescence spectra (left) and I/I_0 (right, 395 nm) of UiO-67-DQ-PsO-TfO upon incremental addition of butylamine.

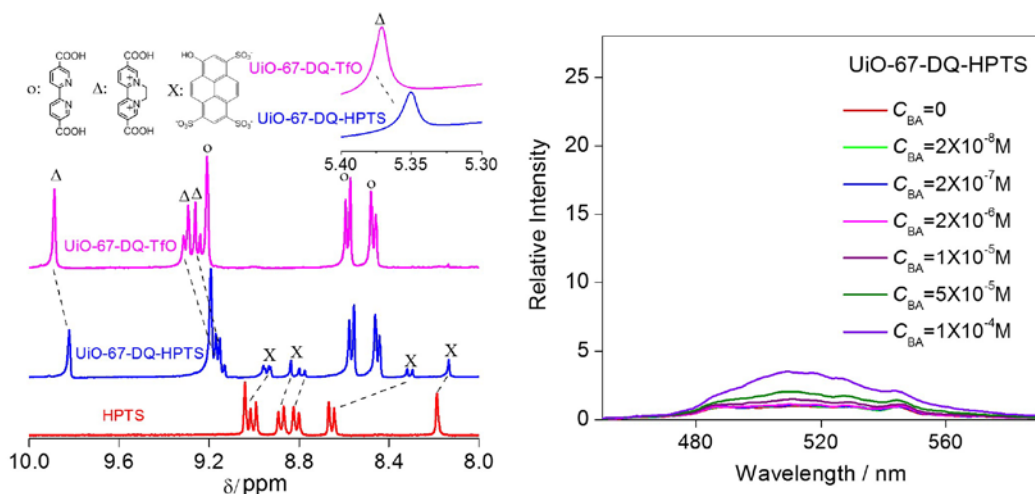


Fig. S10. (Left) ¹H NMR spectra of the solutions obtained by digesting Na₃HPTS (red), UiO-67-DQ-HPTS (blue), UiO-67-DQ-TfO (pink) with HF (aq.)/d₆-DMSO (1/40, v/v). The dashed lines stress the shifts of some peaks. (Right) Fluorescence spectra of UiO-67-DQ-HPTS solutions upon incremental addition of butylamine (BA).

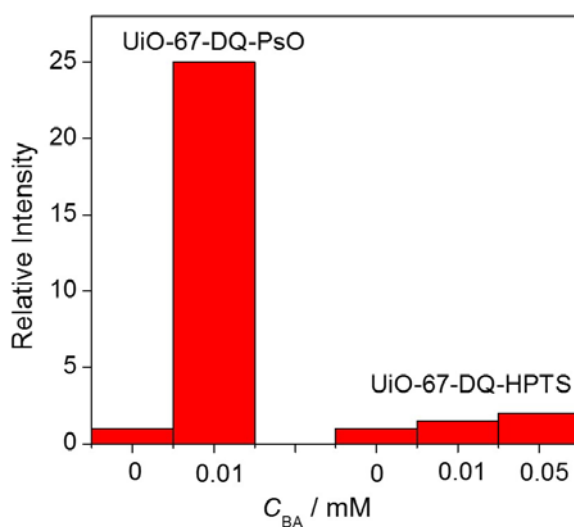


Fig. S11. The fluorescence relative intensity of UiO-67-DQ-PsO (395nm) and UiO-67-DQ-HPTS (510nm) upon before and after added a certain concentration of butylamine (BA).

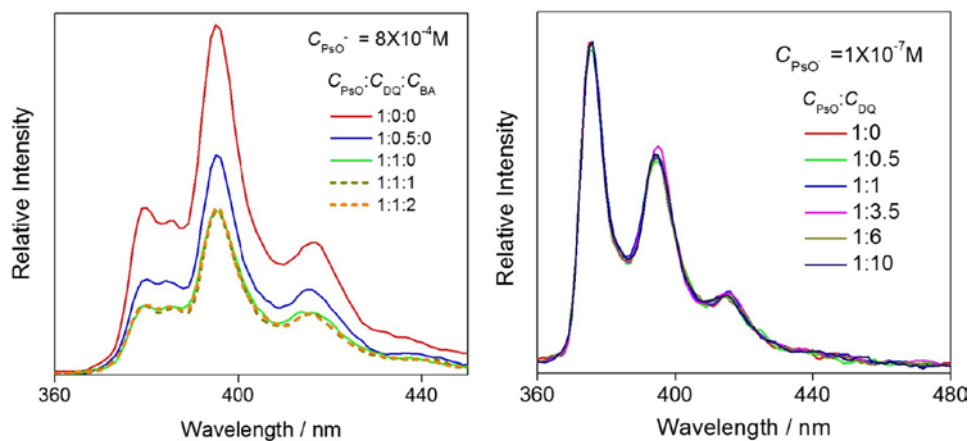


Fig. S12. Fluorescence spectra of NaPsO solutions upon incremental addition of DQ(TfO)₂ and butylamine (BA). Left: The amount of PsO⁻ is equivalent to that for the UiO-67-DQ-PsO suspension used for sensing experiments. Right: the results obtained at a much lower C_{PsO}, showing that the emission of PsO⁻ in dilute solution is hardly influenced by DQ²⁺.

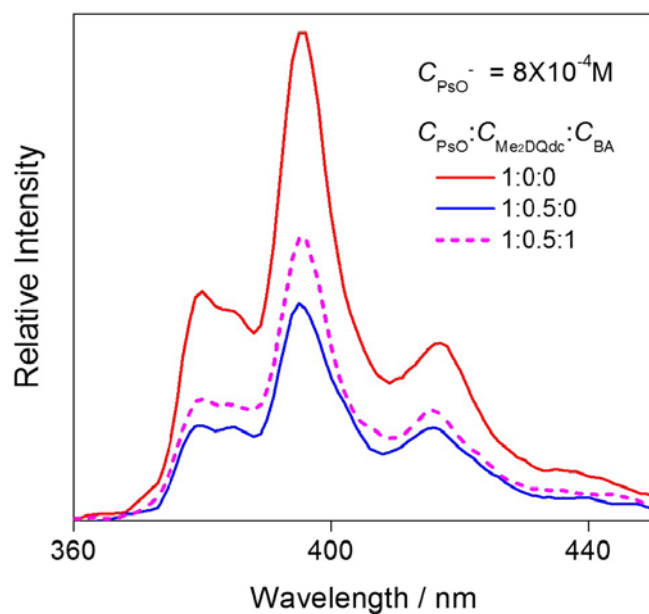


Fig. S13. Fluorescence spectra of NaPsO solutions monitored upon addition of [Me₂DQdc](TfO)₂ and butylamine (BA).

Table S1

Comparison of different materials for colorimetric detection of alkylamine vapors.

Materials ^a	Analytes	Detection limit(ppm)	Ref.
MAF	dimethylamine	0.4	1
UiO-68-osdm	diethylamine	10	2
ZZ-HPB-CN	triethylamine	10	3
MS	triethylamine	11.7	4
1b-GFP	propylamine	29	5
UiO-67-DQ-TfO	butylamine	5	This work

^a MAF = Meldrum's activated furan, MS = a pyrylium-functionalized polymeric membrane, ZZ-HPB-CN = hexaphenyl-1,3-butadiene derivative, 2,2'-((((1Z,3Z)-1,2,3,4-tetraphenylbuta-1,3-diene-1,4-diyl)bis(4,1-phenylene))bis(methanylylidene)) dimalononitrile, 1b-GFP = glass filter paper loaded with a ylidenemalononitrile enamine.

Table S2

Comparison of different materials for the determination of DA.

Detection mode	Materials	Detection limit(μM)	Ref.
Fluorescence (Turn-off)	[UO ₂ (L)]	126	6
Fluorescence (Turn-off)	Fe-MIL-88-NH ₂	30	7
Fluorescence (Turn-on)	Fe-MIL-88-H ₂ O ₂ -OPD	0.046	8
Fluorescence (Turn-on)	Abtz-CdI ₂ -MOF	0.057	9
Fluorescence(Turn-off)	Graphene QDs	0.09	10
Fluorescence(Turn-on)	Calcein blue-Fe ²⁺	10	11
Fluorescence(Turn-on)	YCY_620	1.43	12
Fluorescence(Turn-off)	MoS ₂ QDNS	0.0009	13
Fluorescence(Turn-off)	MoS ₂ QDs	0.001	14
Fluorescence(Turn-off)	CQDs	200	15
Fluorescence(Turn-off)	QD@SiO ₂	0.0125	16
Fluorescence(Turn-off)	β -CD@AuNCs	0.020	17
Fluorescence(Turn-off)	CDots-AuNCs	0.0029	18
Fluorescence(Turn-off)	GQDs	0.16	19
Fluorescence(Turn-off)	AgNPs	0.0001	20
Fluorescence (Turn-on)	UiO-67-DQ-PsO	0.00034	This work

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