Supporting Information

Selective carbon dioxide uptake and crystal-to-crystal transformation: Porous 3D framework to 1D chain triggered by conformational change of the spacer

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Table S1. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for $\{[Zn(bpe)_2(N(CN)_2)](N(CN)_2)(5H_2O)\}_n$

(1).

Zn1-N1	2.162(3)	Zn1-N3	2.153(3)
Zn1 -N1_b	2.162(3)	Zn1-N3_b	2.153(3)
Zn1-N2_c	2.213(3)	Zn1-N2_e	2.213(3)
N1-Zn1-N3	91.95(13)	N1-Zn1-N1_b	86.38(11)
N1-Zn1-N3_b	94.23(13)	N1-Zn1-N2_c	176.04(12)
N1-Zn1-N2_e	90.11(12)	N1_b-Zn1-N3	94.23(13)
N3-Zn1-N3_b	171.52(13)	N2_c-Zn1-N3	86.47(13)
N2_e-Zn1-N3	87.72(13)	N1_b-Zn1-N3_b	91.95(13)
N1_b-Zn1-N2_c	90.11(12)	N1_b-Zn1-N2_e	176.04(12)
N2_c-Zn1-N3_b	87.72(13)	N2_e-Zn1-N3_b	86.47(13)
N2_c-Zn1-N2_e	93.45(12)	Zn1-N1-C1	124.1(3)
Zn1-N1-C5	118.7(3)	Zn1_d-N2-C11	122.8(3)
Zn1_d-N2-C12	120.8(3)	Zn1-N3-C13	168.3(3)

Symmetry code: b = 2-x, y, 3/2-z; c = -1/2+x, -1/2+y, z; e = 5/2-x, -1/2+y, 3/2-z.

Co1 -N1	2.113(3)	Co1-N3	2.189(2)
Co1 -N4	2.149(2)	Co1-N1_b	2.113(3)
Co1 -N3_b	2.189(2)	Co1-N4_b	2.149(2)
N1-Co1-N3	86.95(8)	N1-Co1-N4	91.83(8)
N1-Co1-N1_b	172.45(9)	N1-Co1-N3_b	87.90(8)
N1-Co1-N4_b	93.69(8)	N3-Co1-N4	175.67(8)
N1_b-Co1-N3	87.90(8)	N3-Co1-N3_b	93.95(8)
N3-Co1-N4_b	90.16(8)	N1_b-Co1-N4	93.69(8)
N3_b-Co1-N4	90.16(8)	N4-Co1-N4_b	85.78(8)
N1_b-Co1-N3_b	86.95(8)	N1_b-Co1-N4_b	91.83(8)
N3 b-Co1-N4 b	175.67(8)		

Table S2. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for $\{[Co(bpe)_2(N(CN)_2)](N(CN)_2)(4H_2O)\}_n$

(2).

Table S3. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for $\{[Zn(bpe)_2(N(CN)_2)](N(CN)_2)(H_2O)\}_n$

(1′).

Zn1-N1	2.174(4)	Zn1-N2	2.217(4)
Zn1-N3	2.162(5)	Zn1-N1_a	2.174(4)
Zn1-N2_a	2.217(4)	Zn1-N3_a	2.162(5)
N1-Zn1-N2	176.47(15)	N1-Zn1-N3	91.92(17)
N1-Zn1-N1_a	87.05(15)	N1-Zn1-N3_a	93.92(17)
N1-Zn1-N2_a	89.74(14)	N2-Zn1-N3	86.86(17)
N1_a-Zn1-N2	89.74(14)	N2-Zn1-N2_a	93.51(15)
N2-Zn1-N3_a	87.50(17)	N1_a-Zn1-N3	93.92(17)
N2_a-Zn1-N3	87.63(17)	N3-Zn1-N3_a	171.96(16)
N1_a-Zn1-N2_a	176.47(15)	N1_a-Zn1-N3_a	91.92(17)
N2_a-Zn1-N3_a	86.86(17)		

Symmetry code: a = 1-x, y, 1/2-z

Table S4. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for $\{[Zn(bpe)_2(N(CN)_2)](N(CN)_2)(5H_2O)\}_n$

(1″).

Zn1-N1	2.217(4)	Zn1-N2	2.168(4)
Zn1-N3	2.158(4)	Zn1-N1_a	2.217(4)
Zn1-N2_a	2.168(4)	Zn1-N3_a	2.158(4)
N1-Zn1-N2	175.93(15)	N1-Zn1-N3	86.69(17)
N1-Zn1-N1_a	93.57(15)	N1-Zn1-N2_a	90.07(14)
N1-Zn1-N3_a	87.26(17)	N2-Zn1-N3	91.66(17)
N1_a-Zn1-N2	90.07(15)	N2-Zn1-N2_a	86.36(15)
N2-Zn1-N3_a	94.83(17)	N1_a-Zn1-N3	87.47(17)
N2_a-Zn1-N3	94.78(17)	N3-Zn1-N3_a	171.16(16)
N1_a-Zn1-N2_a	175.93(15)	N1_a-Zn1-N3_a	86.69(17)
N2_a-Zn1-N3_a	91.66(17)		

Symmetry code: a = 1-x, y, 1/2-z



Fig. S1 View of the coordination environment of Co(II) in compound 1.



Fig. S2 (a) 2D sheet of $\{Co(bpe)_2\}^{2+}$ along crystallographic *ab* plane, (b) α -Po type 3D building unit of compound **2**, (c) View of 3D framework along crystallographic *c*-axis showing two fold interpenetrated bimodal channel structure, (d) CPK diagram showing two types of pores along *c* axis.



Fig. S3 TGA of compound 1 in the temperature range of 30-500 °C at heating rate of 3 °C/min under N_2 atmosphere.



Fig. S4 TGA of compound 2 in the temperature range of 30-500 °C at heating rate of 3 °C/min under N_2 atmosphere.



Fig. S5 PXRD patterns of $\{[Zn(bpe)_2(N(CN)_2)](N(CN)_2)(5H_2O)\}_n$ (1). (a) simulated, (b) as-synthesized.



Fig. S6 FT-IR spectra (a) compound $\{[Zn(bpe)_2(N(CN)_2)](N(CN)_2)(5H_2O)\}_n$ (1) and (b) $\{Zn(bpe)(N(CN)_2)_2\}_n$ (1b).

Synthesis of $\{[M(bpe)(N(CN)_2)_2]\}_n$ (M= Zn(II) (1b) / Co(II) (2b)).

An aqueous solution (25 mL) of NaN(CN)₂ (1mmol, 0.089 gm) was mixed with an ethanolic solution (25 mL) of bpe (0.5 mmol, 0.092 gm) and stirred for 30 min to mix well. $Zn(NO_3)_2 \cdot 6H_2O$ (0.5 mmol, 0.146 gm) (for compound **2**, $Co(NO_3)_2 \cdot 6H_2O$) was dissolved in 50 mL of water and added to the ligand solution drop wise. White powder sample was isolated after 1-2 days of continuous stirring. Just by keeping the filtrate solution in room temperature for 4-5 days beautiful colorless block shaped crystals of compound **1** (pink colored crystals for compound **2**) were obtained. Crystals were separated, washed with water and dried. Good quality single crystals were picked up from the mother liquor and immediately covered with paraffin oil and crystal data was collected at 293 K. Compound **1b**:Yield: 50%, relative to Zn. Compound **1b**: FT-IR (KBr pellet, 4000-500 cm⁻¹): 3237(w), 3057(w), 2298(s), 2240(s), 2180(s), 1616(s), 1561(s), 1503(s), 1423(s), 1349(s), 1216(s), 1074(s), 1024(s), 928(m), 807(s). Anal. Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₂ZnN₈: C, 50.39; H, 3.14; N, 29.39. Found: C, 50.82; H, 3.54; N, 29.75. Compound **2b**: Yield: 61%, relative to Co. FT-IR (KBr pellet, 4000-500 cm⁻¹): similar to **1b**. Anal. Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₂CoN₈: C, 51.16; H, 3.31; N, 29.84. Found: C, 51.51; H, 3.39; N, 29.09.

Synthesis of $\{[Co(bpe)_2(N(CN)_2)](N(CN)_2)\}_n$ (2a) :

As-synthesized compound **2** (~ 0.100 g) was taken in a glass tube and heated at 100 °C under dynamic vacuum (10⁻¹ pa) for about 10 hours to remove all the guest water molecules. This dehydrated compound **2a** is characterized by PXRD (see Fig. 5 in manuscript) and elemental analysis. Anal. Calcd. for C_{28} H₂₄CoN₁₀ : C, 60.05; H, 4.28; N, 25.22. Found: C, 60.51; H, 4.39; N, 26.09.



Fig. S7 View of the 1D coordination chain of $\{[Zn(bpe)(N(CN)_2)_2]\}_n$ (**1b**) showing octahedral Zn(II) centers connected by doubly bridged N(CN)_2⁻ and bpe linkers.



Fig. S8 View of the 1D coordination chain of $\{[Co(bpe)(N(CN)_2)_2]\}_n$ (**2b**) showing octahedral Co(II) centers connected by doubly bridged $N(CN)_2^-$ and bpe linkers.



Fig. S9: CO₂ adsorption profile of compound 1a at 195 K.

Indexing result of the powder pattern of the compound 1b after heating at 200 °C

Cell parameters: a = 16.5107(4) Å, b = 9.5342(5) Å, c = 12.8793(7) Å, $\beta = 123.444(7)^{\circ}$, V = 1699.39 (9) Å

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Indexing result of the powder pattern of the compound 2b after heating at 200 °C

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Cell parameters : a = 16.5034(9) Å, b = 9.5213(4) Å, c = 12.8964(6) Å, \beta = 123.484(3)^{\circ}, V = 1690.15(6)Å<sup>3</sup>
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