## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

# Porous Metal-Organic Framework Based on a Macrocyclic Tetracarboxylate Ligand Exhibiting Selective CO<sub>2</sub> Uptake

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## **Synthesis of H4tactmb:**

The H<sub>4</sub>tactmb ligand was prepared as the following procedures. To a solution of 1,4,7,10-tetracyclododecane (3mmol, 516mmg) and methyl 4-(bromomethyl)benzoate (14.4 mmol, 3.3g) in 200 mL of CH<sub>3</sub>CN, potassium carbonate (4.0g, 29 mmol) was added. The suspension was refluxed for 24h. The solvent was removed, and the residue was partitioned between CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and water, extracted water phase with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (100 mLx3). The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried with sodium sulfate, crystallized from mixture solvent of hexane and ethyl acetate to afford product (1.62g, 73%). This solid was dissolved in methanol (100 ml), and a solution of potassium hydroxide (0.94g, 17mmol) in water (5 ml) was added. The solution was refluxed overnight. The volatile was evaporated under reduced

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pressure, and the solution was neutralized with HCl (1M). Then precipitated solid was washed thoroughly with deionized water. The solid was collected and lyophilized to give product H<sub>4</sub>tactmb(1.02g, 69%).

## **Synthesis of MMCF-1:**

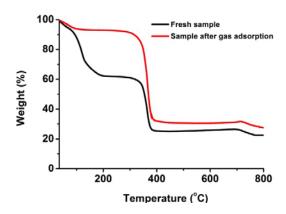
A mixture of  $H_4$ tactmb (0.003g),  $Cd(NO_3) \cdot 4H_2O$  (0.010g) and 1.0 mL dimethylformamide (DMF) was sealed in a Pyrex tube under vacuum and heated to 105 °C for 48 hours. The resulting colorless block crystals were obtained (yielding: 65% based on the ligand).

#### **General method:**

Commercially available reagents were purchased as high purity from Fisher Scientific or Frontier Scientific and used without further purification. Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) was performed under nitrogen on a TA Instrument TGA 2950 Hi-Res from 30°C to 700 °C at the speed of 10 °C/min.

#### **Gas Adsorption Experiments:**

Gas adsorption isotherms of MMCF-1 were collected using the surface area analyzer ASAP-2020. Before the measurements, the freshly prepared samples were washed with methanol, and then activated with supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> in a Tousimis Samdri PVT-3D critical point dryer. CO<sub>2</sub> gas adsorption isotherm was measured at 195K using a liquid acetone-dry ice bath, while CO<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub> gas adsorption isotherms were measured at 273K using a water-ice bath. CO<sub>2</sub> gas adsorption was also collected at 298K with a water bath.



**Fig. S1** TGA plots of MMCF-1.

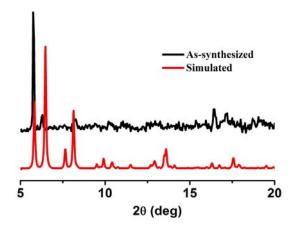


Fig. S2 PXRD patterns of MMCF-1.

### Heat of Adsorption ( $Q_{st}$ ) Calculations.

The virial equation of the form given in Equation (1) was employed to calculate the enthalpies of adsorption for CO<sub>2</sub> on MMCF-1.

$$\ln P = \ln N + 1/T \sum_{i=0}^{m} a_i N^i + \sum_{i=0}^{n} b_i N^i$$
 (1)

where P is the pressure expressed in Torr, N is the amount adsorbed in mmol/g, T is the temperature in K,  $a_i$  and  $b_i$  are virial coefficients, and m and n represent the number of coefficients required to adequately describe the isotherms. The equation was fitted by using the the least-squares method; m and m were gradually increased until the contribution of m and m to coefficients toward the overall fitting is statistically trivial, as determined by the t-test. The values of the virial coefficients m0...m1 were then used to calculate the isosteric heat of adsorption by the following expression:

$$\Box Q_{st} = -R \sum_{i=0}^{m} a_i N^i \qquad \Box (2)$$

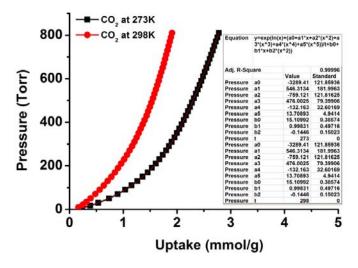


Fig. S2 The plots of virial equation of MMCF-1.

## The Ideal Adsorption Solution Theory (IAST) calculation

The ideal adsorption solution theory (IAST) was utilized to predict the binary mixture composed of  $CO_2$  (15%) and  $N_2$  (85%) from the experimental pure-gas isotherms. Herein the single-component isotherms were fit to the Langmuir equation. The selectivity  $S_{A/B}$  in a binary mixture of component A and B is defined as  $(x_A/y_A)/(x_B/y_B)$ , where  $x_i$  and  $y_i$  are the mole fractions of component i (i=A,B) in the adsorbed and bulk phases respectively.

#### **Single-Crystal X-ray Diffraction for MMCF-1**

The X-ray diffraction data were collected using synchrotron radiation,  $\lambda = 0.49594$  Å, at Advanced Photon Source, Argonne National Lab, Argonne, II. Indexing was performed using *APEX2* [1] (Difference Vectors method). Data integration and reduction were performed using SaintPlus 6.01 [2]. Absorption correction was performed by multi-scan method implemented in SADABS [3]. Space groups were determined using XPREP implemented in APEX2 [1]. The structure was solved using SHELXS-97 (direct methods) and refined using SHELXL-97 (full-matrix least-squares on  $F^2$ ) contained in APEX2 [1] and WinGX v1.70.01 [4,5,6,7] programs packages. All non-H atoms were found in the Fourier difference map.

SIMU restraints were used to refine the anisotropic displacement parameters of pairs of atoms: C1 and N2, C3 and C4, C17 and O4. Hydrogen atoms were placed in geometrically calculated positions and included in the refinement process using riding model with isotropic thermal parameters: Uiso(H) = 1.2Ueq(-CH). The contribution of heavily disordered solvent molecules was treated as diffuse using Squeeze procedure implemented in Platon program [8, 9]. Crystal data and refinement conditions are shown in Table 1.

Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement for MMCF-1	
Identification code	MMCF-1
Empirical formula	C40 H40 Cd2 N4 O9
Formula weight	945.56
Temperature	100(2) K
Wavelength	0.49594 A
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, P21/c
Unit cell dimensions	a = 17.8372(19) A $alpha = 90 $ deg.
	b = 21.164(2)  A $beta = 90.300(2)  deg.$
	c = 21.721(2)  A gamma = 90 deg.
Volume	8199.7(15) A^3
Z, Calculated density	4, 0.766 Mg/m^3
Absorption coefficient	0.181 mm^-1
F(000)	1904
Crystal size	0.05 x 0.02 x 0.01 mm
Theta range for data collection	0.80 to 18.13 deg.
Limiting indices	-22<=h<=22, -21<=k<=24, -26<=l<=21
Reflections collected / unique	91148 / 16212 [R(int) = 0.0648]
Completeness to theta = 18.13	95.5 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.9982 and 0.9910
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F^2
Data / restraints / parameters	16212 / 18 / 497
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.031
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0725, $wR2 = 0.1930$
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.1012, $wR2 = 0.2019$
Largest diff. peak and hole	1.397 and -1.569 e.A^-3

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