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Three water-stable luminescent two-dimensional Cd<sup>II</sup>-based coordination polymers as sensors for highly sensitive and selective detection of Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub><sup>2-</sup> and CrO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> anions

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| Cd-CPs                                                                            | <b>1</b>                                                              | <b>2</b>                                                        | <b>3</b>                                                        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Chemical formula                                                                  | C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>32.70</sub> CdN <sub>4</sub> O <sub>5.35</sub> | C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>27</sub> CdN <sub>5</sub> O <sub>6</sub> | C <sub>33</sub> H <sub>30</sub> CdN <sub>4</sub> O <sub>4</sub> |
| Formula weight                                                                    | 647.30                                                                | 653.95                                                          | 659.01                                                          |
| Crystal system                                                                    | Triclinic                                                             | Triclinic                                                       | Monoclinic                                                      |
| Space group                                                                       | <i>P</i> $\bar{1}$                                                    | <i>P</i> $\bar{1}$                                              | <i>P</i> 2(1)/ <i>n</i>                                         |
| <i>a</i> (Å)                                                                      | 10.349(2)                                                             | 10.578(4)                                                       | 11.369(6)                                                       |
| <i>b</i> (Å)                                                                      | 11.096(2)                                                             | 10.841(5)                                                       | 13.041(7)                                                       |
| <i>c</i> (Å)                                                                      | 13.621(3)                                                             | 11.676(5)                                                       | 18.032(10)                                                      |
| $\alpha$ (°)                                                                      | 111.687(3)                                                            | 100.906(6)                                                      | 90                                                              |
| $\beta$ (°)                                                                       | 92.716(3)                                                             | 100.575(6)                                                      | 91.795(6)                                                       |
| $\gamma$ (°)                                                                      | 95.370(3)                                                             | 91.284(6)                                                       | 90                                                              |
| <i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )                                                        | 1441.3(5)                                                             | 1290.2(9)                                                       | 2672(3)                                                         |
| <i>Z</i>                                                                          | 2                                                                     | 2                                                               | 4                                                               |
| <i>D</i> <sub>calcd</sub> (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )                                    | 1.491                                                                 | 1.683                                                           | 1.638                                                           |
| Absorption coefficient, mm <sup>-1</sup>                                          | 0.804                                                                 | 0.903                                                           | 0.866                                                           |
| <i>F</i> (000)                                                                    | 663                                                                   | 664                                                             | 1344                                                            |
| Crystal size, mm                                                                  | 0.16 × 0.12 × 0.12                                                    | 0.18 × 0.17 × 0.13                                              | 0.26 × 0.22 × 0.18                                              |
| $\theta$ range, deg                                                               | 1.615–27.535                                                          | 1.810–27.536                                                    | 1.927–27.592                                                    |
| Index range <i>h, k, l</i>                                                        | -13/10, -13/14, -17/17                                                | -13/12, -12/14, -14/15                                          | -13/14, -16/13, -21/23                                          |
| Reflections collected                                                             | 8808                                                                  | 7834                                                            | 15550                                                           |
| Independent reflections ( <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> )                               | 6355(0.0204)                                                          | 5671(0.0528)                                                    | 6087(0.0237)                                                    |
| Data/restraint/parameters                                                         | 6355/0/357                                                            | 5671/0/374                                                      | 6087/0/383                                                      |
| Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>                                          | 0.932                                                                 | 1.012                                                           | 1.061                                                           |
| Final <i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> ( <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> )) | 0.0361, 0.0922                                                        | 0.0751, 0.1795                                                  | 0.0247, 0.0726                                                  |
| Largest diff. peak and hole                                                       | 0.576, -0.421                                                         | 1.680, -2.480                                                   | 0.331, -0.559                                                   |

**Table S2** Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for the **1–3**.

| Parameter         | Value      | Parameter         | Value      |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| <b>1</b>          |            |                   |            |
| Cd(1)-O(1)        | 2.229(2)   | Cd(1)-O(2)A       | 2.366(2)   |
| Cd(1)-O(3)B       | 2.372(2)   | Cd(1)-O(4)B       | 2.388(2)   |
| Cd(1)-N(1)        | 2.298(2)   | Cd(1)-N(4)C       | 2.381(3)   |
| O(1)-Cd(1)-O(2)A  | 91.27(8)   | O(1)-Cd(1)-O(3)B  | 144.68(9)  |
| O(1)-Cd(1)-O(4)B  | 91.18(9)   | O(1)-Cd(1)-N(1)   | 120.82(9)  |
| O(1)-Cd(1)-N(4)C  | 87.51(9)   | O(2)A-Cd(1)-O(3)B | 99.54(9)   |
| O(2)A-Cd(1)-O(4)B | 94.20(9)   | O(2)A-Cd(1)-N(1)  | 87.42(9)   |
| O(2)A-Cd(1)-N(4)C | 171.77(8)  | O(3)B-Cd(1)-O(4)B | 54.77(8)   |
| O(3)B-Cd(1)-N(1)  | 93.35(9)   | O(3)B-Cd(1)-N(4)C | 86.06(10)  |
| O(4)B-Cd(1)-N(1)  | 147.94(9)  | O(4)B-Cd(1)-N(4)C | 93.96(10)  |
| N(1)-Cd(1)-N(4)C  | 86.22(10)  |                   |            |
| <b>2</b>          |            |                   |            |
| Cd(1)-O(1)        | 2.153(5)   | Cd(1)-O(3)A       | 2.497(5)   |
| Cd(1)-O(4)A       | 2.278(5)   | Cd(1)-O(3)C       | 2.805(6)   |
| Cd(1)-N(1)        | 2.251(6)   | Cd(1)-N(4)B       | 2.347(6)   |
| O(1)-Cd(1)-O(3)A  | 117.89(2)  | O(1)-Cd(1)-O(4)A  | 136.49(2)  |
| O(1)-Cd(1)-O(3)C  | 73.32(2)   | O(1)-Cd(1)-N(1)   | 117.07(2)  |
| O(1)-Cd(1)-N(4)B  | 94.45(2)   | O(3)A-Cd(1)-O(4)A | 53.35(19)  |
| O(3)A-Cd(1)-O(3)C | 67.58(19)  | O(3)A-Cd(1)-N(1)  | 93.34(2)   |
| O(3)A-Cd(1)-N(4)B | 133.71(19) | O(4)A-Cd(1)-O(3)C | 120.78(2)  |
| O(4)A-Cd(1)-N(1)  | 106.31(2)  | O(4)A-Cd(1)-N(4)B | 80.37(2)   |
| O(3)C-Cd(1)-N(1)  | 71.00(2)   | O(3)C-Cd(1)-N(4)B | 158.45(19) |
| N(1)-Cd(1)-N(4)B  | 100.55(2)  |                   |            |
| <b>3</b>          |            |                   |            |
| Cd(1)-O(1)        | 2.305(2)   | Cd(1)-O(2)        | 2.678(2)   |
| Cd(1)-O(2)A       | 2.381(2)   | Cd(1)-O(3)B       | 2.434(2)   |
| Cd(1)-O(4)B       | 2.342(2)   | Cd(1)-N(1)        | 2.287(2)   |
| Cd(1)-N(4)A       | 2.336(2)   |                   |            |
| O(1)-Cd(1)-O(2)   | 50.98(6)   | O(1)-Cd(1)-O(2)A  | 130.90(6)  |
| O(1)-Cd(1)-O(3)B  | 142.54(6)  | O(1)-Cd(1)-O(4)B  | 89.27(7)   |
| O(1)-Cd(1)-N(1)   | 92.77(7)   | O(1)-Cd(1)-N(4)A  | 93.05(7)   |
| O(2)-Cd(1)-O(2)A  | 80.27(6)   | O(2)-Cd(1)-O(3)B  | 166.13(6)  |
| O(2)-Cd(1)-O(4)B  | 139.63(6)  | O(2)-Cd(1)-N(1)   | 82.94(6)   |
| O(2)-Cd(1)-N(4)A  | 93.65(6)   | O(2)A-Cd(1)-O(3)B | 85.92(6)   |
| O(2)A-Cd(1)-O(4)B | 139.83(6)  | O(2)A-Cd(1)-N(1)  | 85.77(7)   |
| O(2)A-Cd(1)-N(4)A | 83.49(7)   | O(3)B-Cd(1)-O(4)B | 54.24(6)   |
| O(3)B-Cd(1)-N(1)  | 97.37(7)   | O(3)B-Cd(1)-N(4)A | 83.48(7)   |

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| O(4)B-Cd(1)-N(1) | 93.77(7)  | O(4)B-Cd(1)-N(4)A | 95.46(7) |
| N(1)-Cd(1)-N(4)A | 169.15(6) |                   |          |

symmetry code: A = 1-x, 2-y, 1-z; B = 1+x, y, z; C = 1-x, 1-y, 1-z for **1**; A = x, 1+y, z; B = -1+x, y, z; C = 1-x, 1-y,

1-z for **2**; A = 1-x, 1-y, 1-z; B = -0.5+x, 1.5-y,-0.5+ z for **3**.

**Fig. S1.** (a) the binuclear  $[\text{Cd}_2(\text{L})_2]$  unit was formed by L ligands and  $\text{Cd}^{\text{II}}$  atoms; (b) The  $\text{MIP}^{2-}$  anions create a 1D infinite  $[\text{Cd}(\text{MIP})]_n$  chain by linking adjacent  $\text{Cd}^{\text{II}}$  ions in **1**; (c) the 3D supramolecular network of **1** formed by  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interactions (red dotted line).

**Fig. S2.** (a) one varying 1D chains, named as  $[\text{Cd}(\text{NTP})]_n$  is formed by  $\text{H}_2\text{NTP}$  ligands and  $\text{Cd}^{\text{II}}$  atoms in **2**; (b) one 1D “V” like chains  $[\text{Cd}_2(\text{L})_2]_n$  with the surrounding  $\text{Cd}^{\text{II}}$  centers in **2** (c) the 3D supramolecular network of **2** formed by  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interactions (red dotted line).

**Fig. S3.** (a) The  $1,4\text{-NDC}^{2-}$  anions connect the adjacent  $\text{Cd}^{\text{II}}$  ions to form a two-dimensional layered structure in **3**; (b) The simplified layer of  $1,4\text{-NDC}^{2-}$  anions and  $\text{Cd}^{\text{II}}$  ions is topologically described as a three-connected single-node **fes** topology network with dot symbol  $\{4.8^2\}$ ; (c) the binuclear  $[\text{Cd}_2(\text{L})_2]$  unit was formed by L ligands and  $\text{Cd}^{\text{II}}$  atoms in **3**; (d) the 3D supramolecular network of **3** formed by  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interactions (red dotted line).

**Fig. S4.** The infrared spectra of Cd-CPs **1–3**.

**Fig. S5.** The PXRD patterns of the bulk samples are consistent with the simulated ones of the single crystal structures in Cd-CPs **1–3**.

**Fig. S6.** TGA curves of Cd-CPs **1–3**.

**Fig. S7.** Luminescence emission spectra of L and **1–3** in the solid state.

**Fig. S8.** (a) Time-dependent emission spectra of **1** suspended in aqueous solutions; (b) Time-dependent emission spectra of **3** suspended in aqueous solutions.

**Fig. S9.** (a) PXRD patterns of **1** under simulated conditions; (b) PXRD patterns of **3**

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**Fig. S10.** (a) The change of the PXRD patterns of **1** in different pH solutions; (b) The change of PXRD patterns of **3** in different pH solutions.

**Fig. S11.** Fluorescence intensities of **2** in water with various potassium salts ( $5 \times 10^{-4}$  mol/L)

**Fig. S12.** In **1**, the time required for the quenching efficiency of  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}/\text{CrO}_4^{2-}$  anions to reach the maximum.

**Fig. S13.** In **3**, the time required for the quenching efficiency of  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}/\text{CrO}_4^{2-}$  anions to reach the maximum.

**Fig. S14.** Comparison of the quenching efficiency of **1** and **3** for  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}/\text{CrO}_4^{2-}$  over three cycles.

**Fig. S15.** (a) The PXRD patterns of **1** sample was immersed in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  solution containing  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}/\text{CrO}_4^{2-}$  anions and other common anions; (b) The PXRD patterns of **3** sample was immersed in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  solution containing  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}/\text{CrO}_4^{2-}$  anions and other common anions.

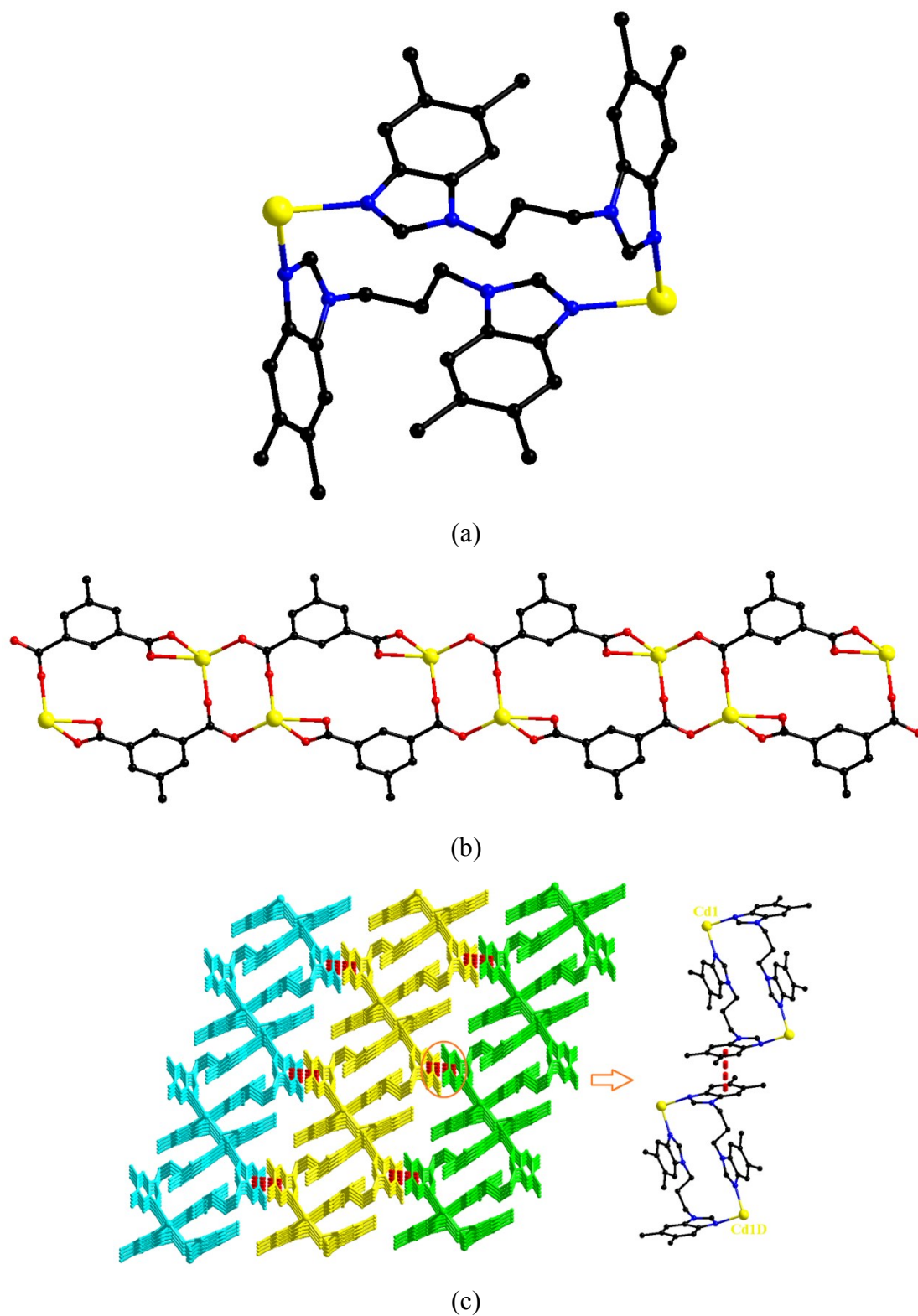
**Fig. S16.** (a) The original infrared spectrum of **1**, and the infrared spectra measured after  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}/\text{CrO}_4^{2-}$  detection of **1**. (b) The original infrared spectrum of **3**, and the infrared spectra measured after  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}/\text{CrO}_4^{2-}$  detection of **3**.

**Fig. S17.** (a) Effects of pH on the fluorescence maxima of **1** +  $\text{CrO}_4^{2-}$  (circle) and **1** +  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$  (triangle). Solvent:  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (1:1, v/v); (b) Effects of pH on the fluorescence maxima of **3** +  $\text{CrO}_4^{2-}$  (circle) and **3** +  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$  (triangle). Solvent:  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (1:1, v/v).

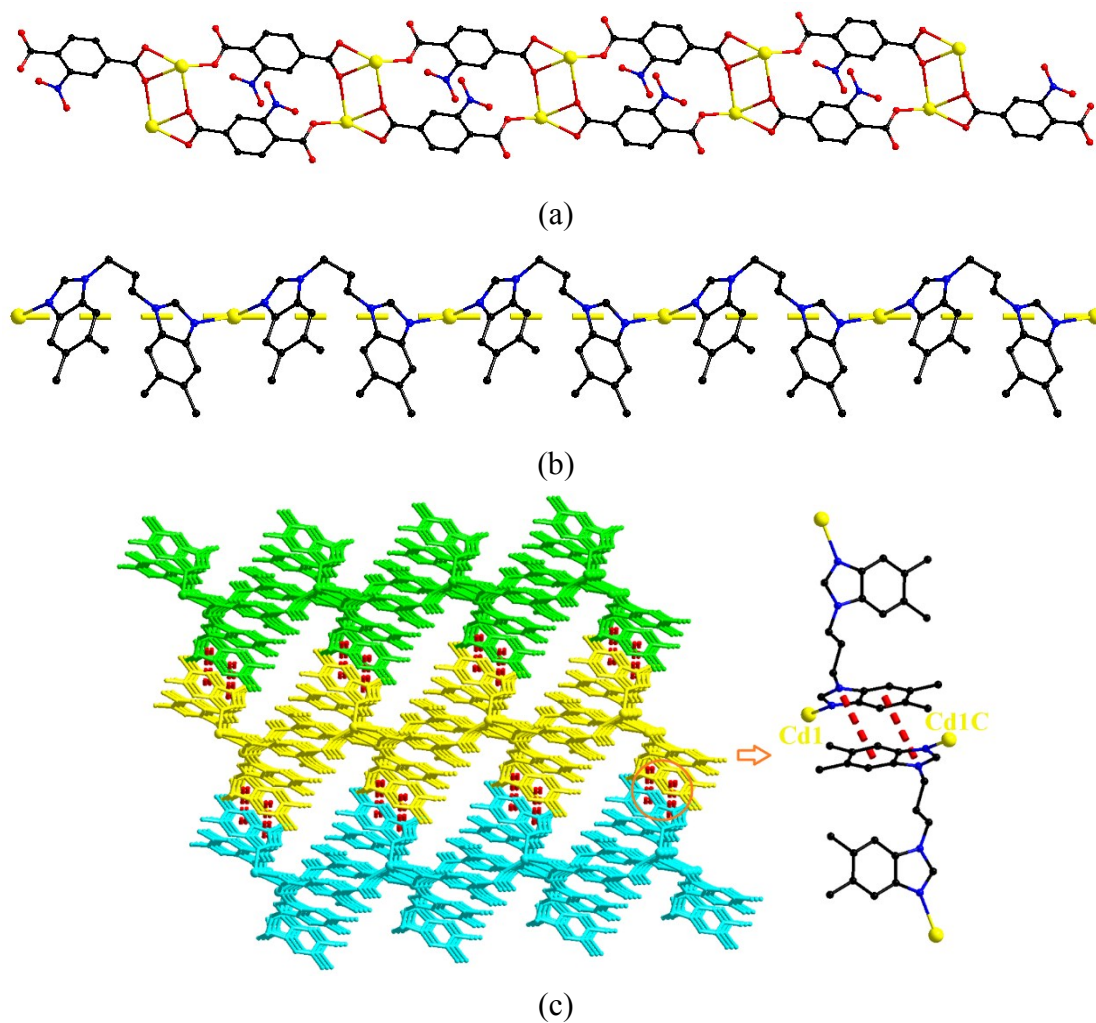
**Fig. S18.** (a) The EDX patterns of **3**, **3** + CrO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>, **3** + Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub><sup>2-</sup>, respectively; (b) The EDX patterns of **3**, **3** + CrO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>, **3** + Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub><sup>2-</sup>, respectively.

**Fig. S19.** (a) Spectral overlap between the absorption spectrum of Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub><sup>2-</sup> anions and the excitation spectrum of **3**; (b) Spectral overlap between the absorption spectrum of Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub><sup>2-</sup> anions and the excitation spectrum of **3**.

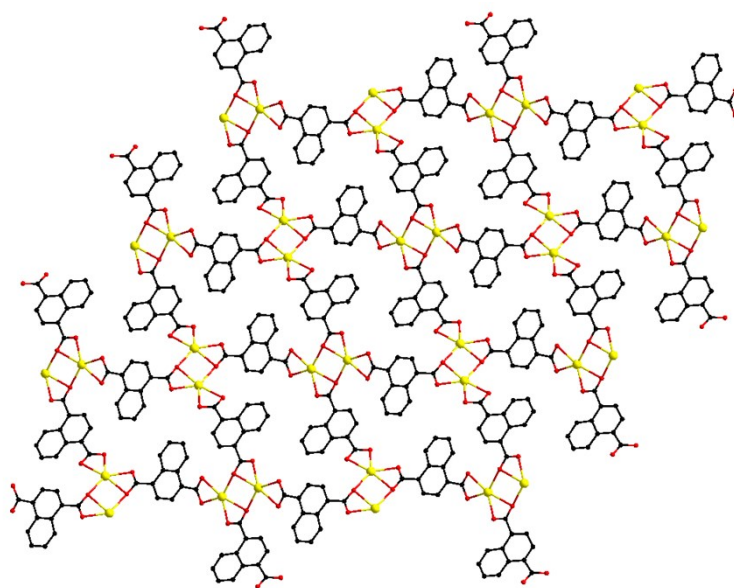




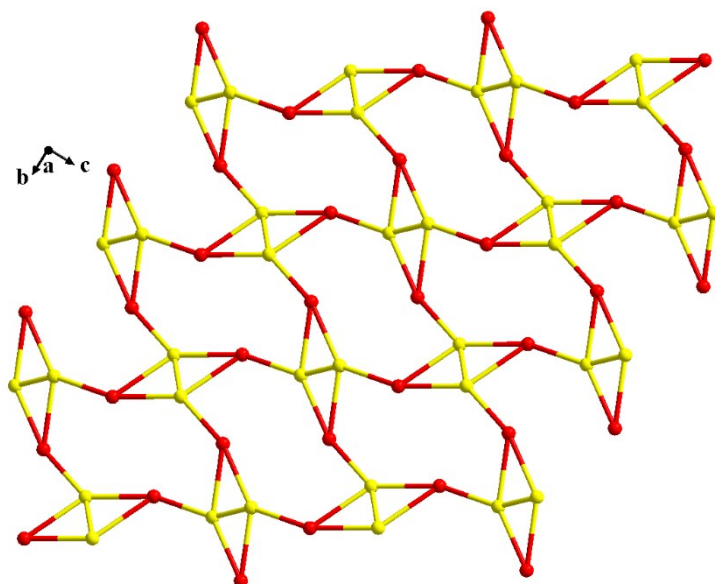
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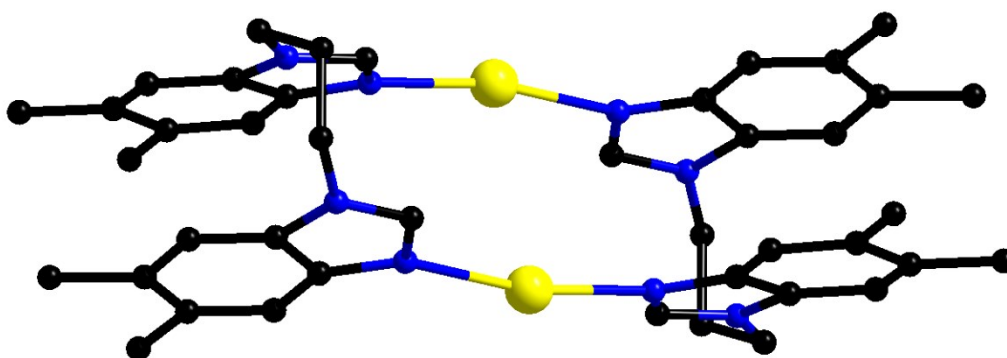
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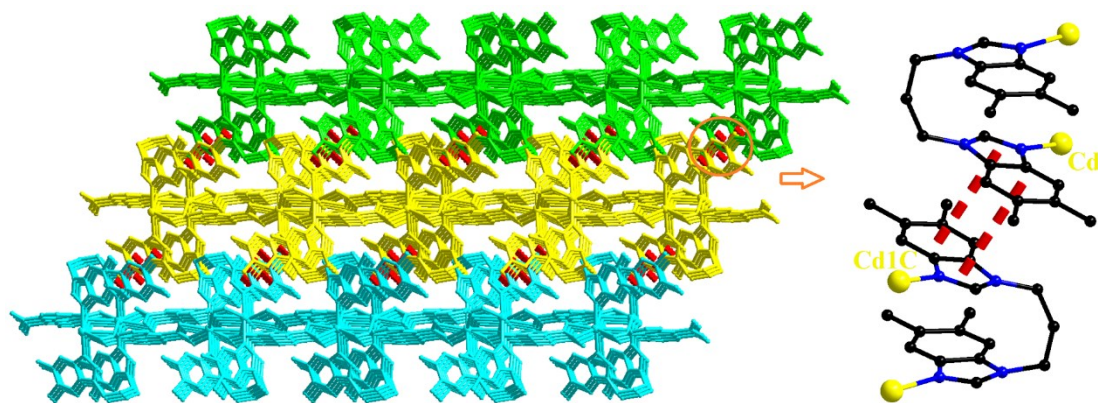
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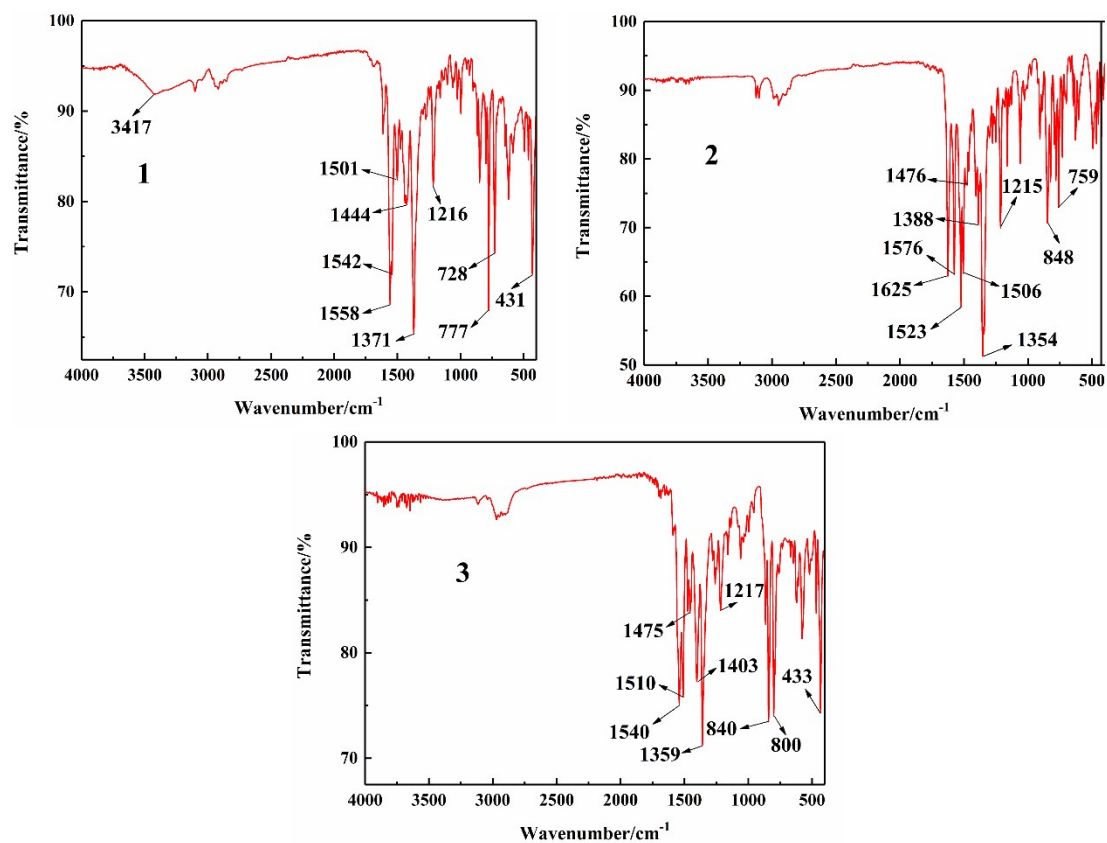
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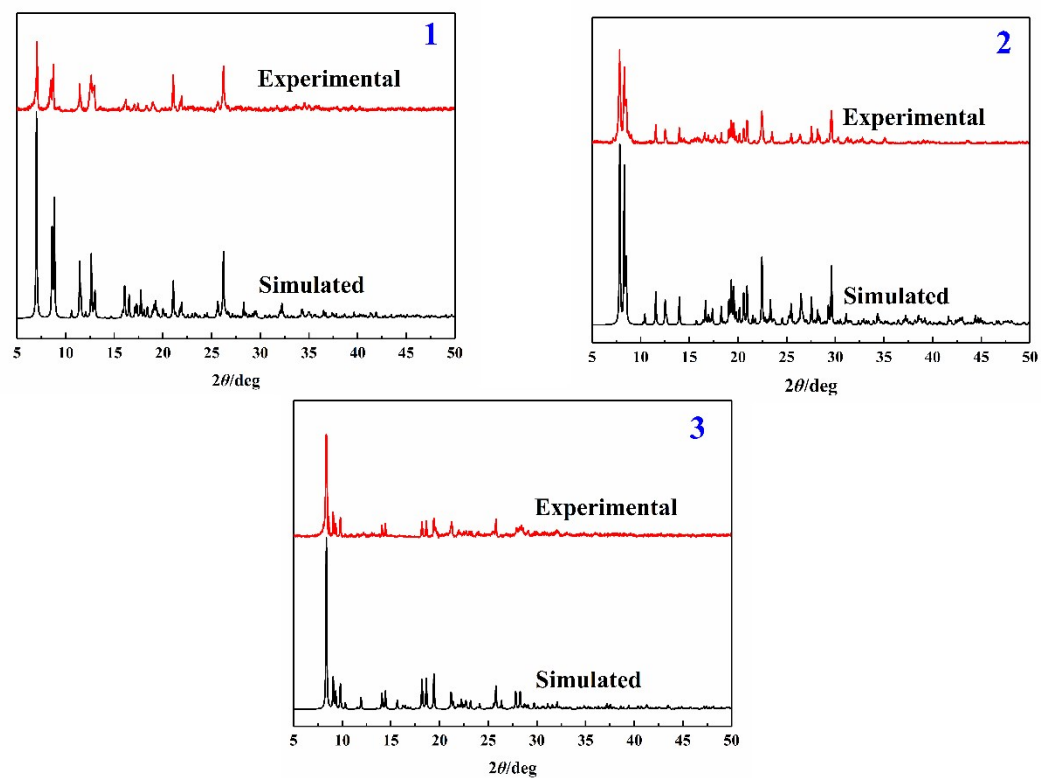
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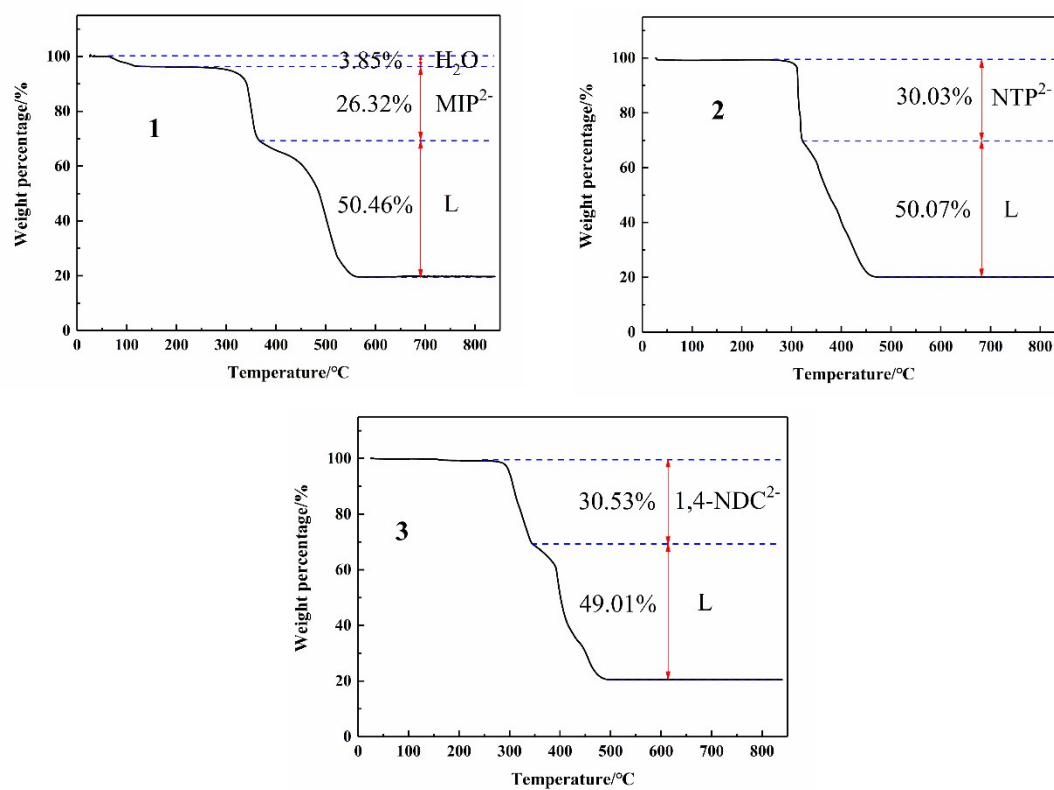
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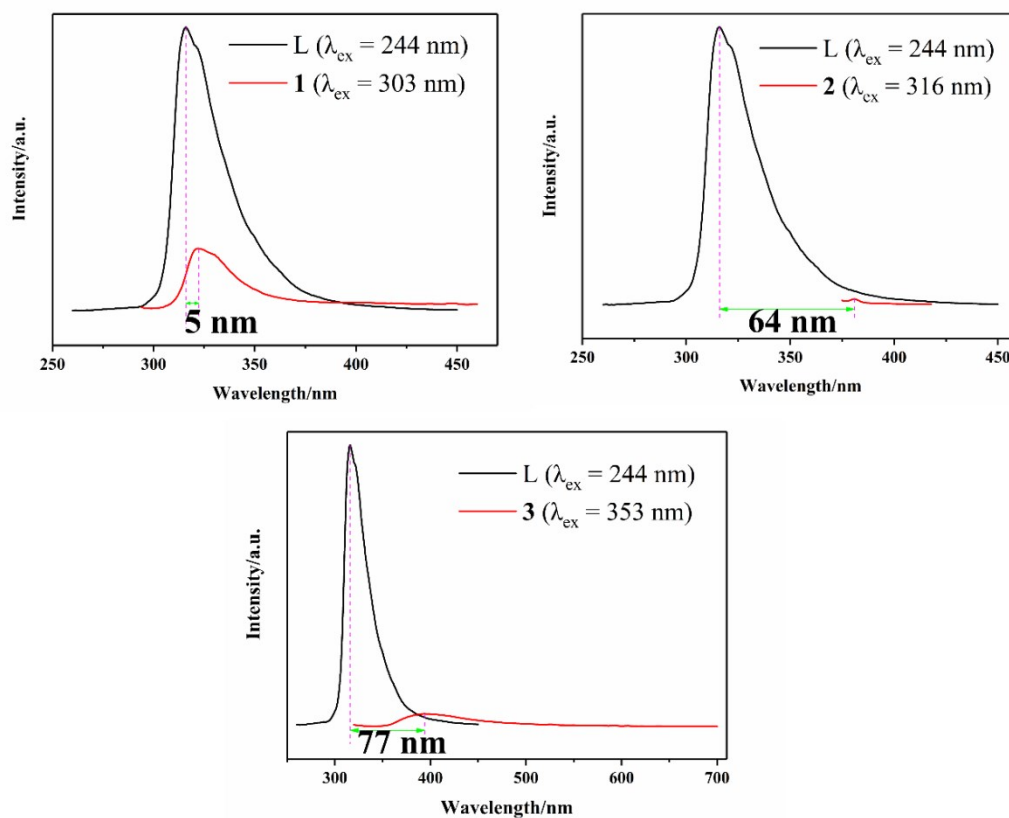


**Fig. S5.** The PXRD patterns of the bulk samples are consistent with the simulated ones of the single crystal structures in Cd-CPs **1–3**.



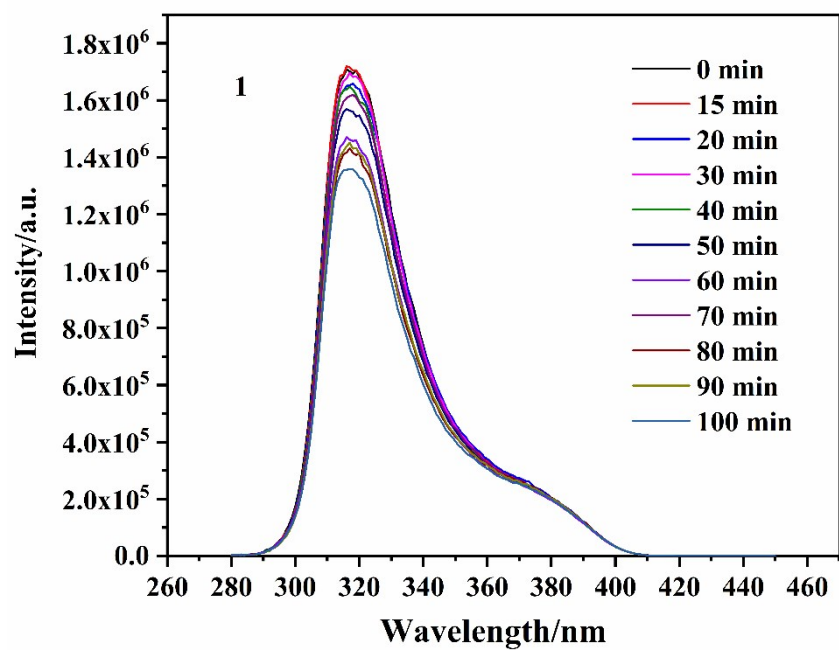
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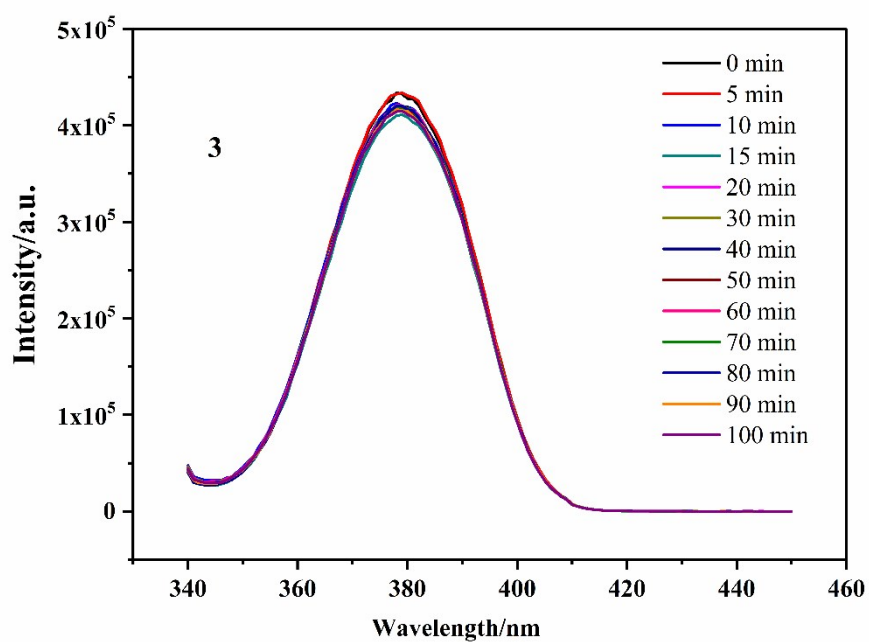


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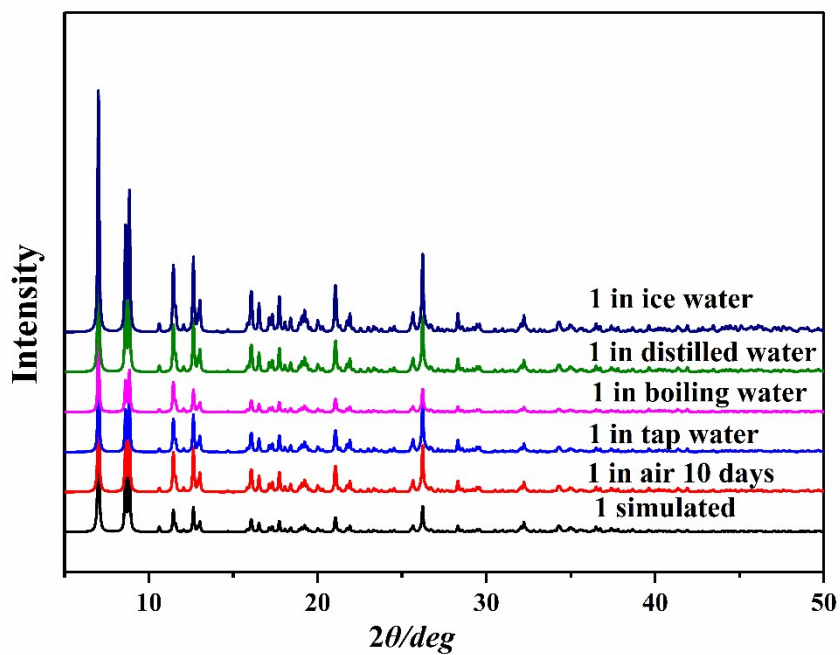


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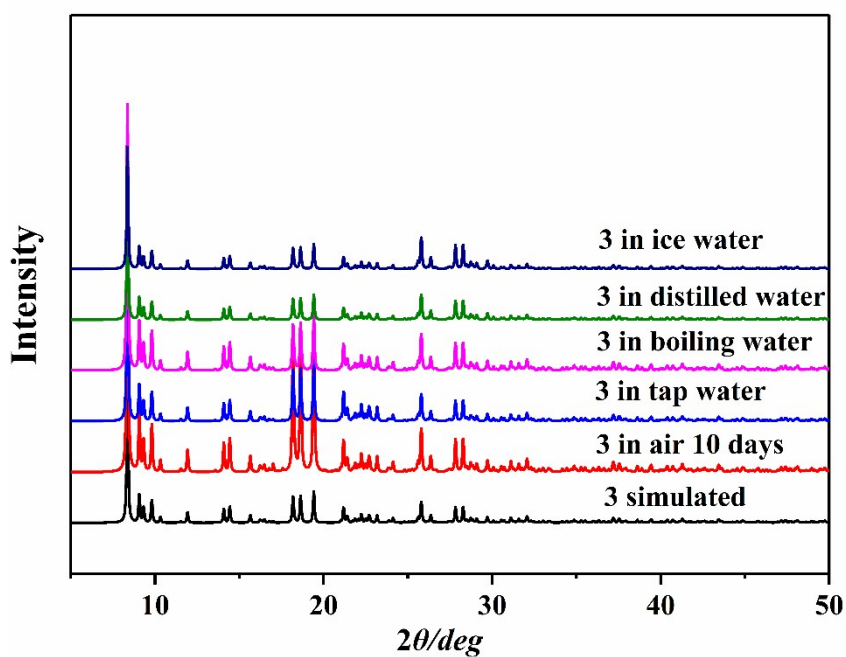


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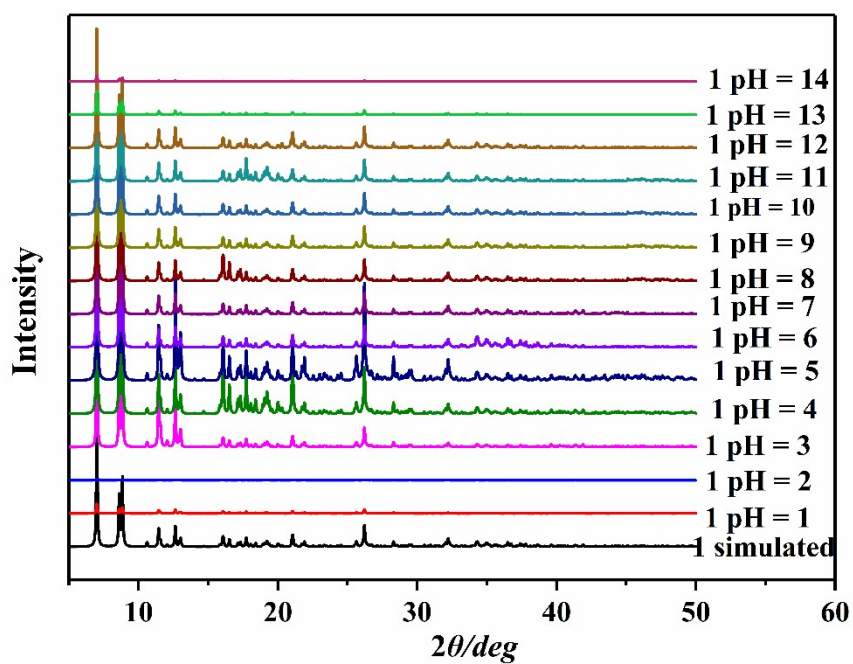


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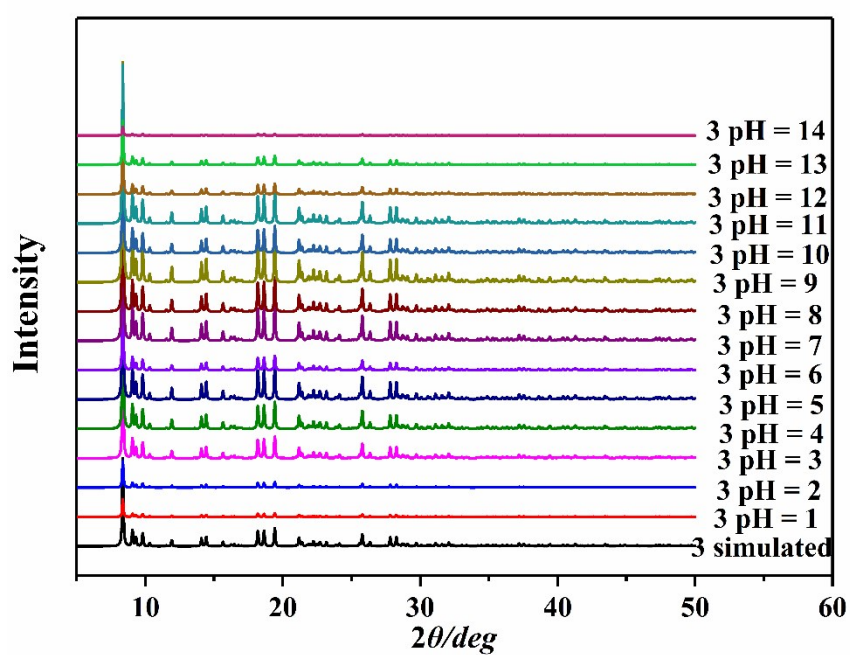


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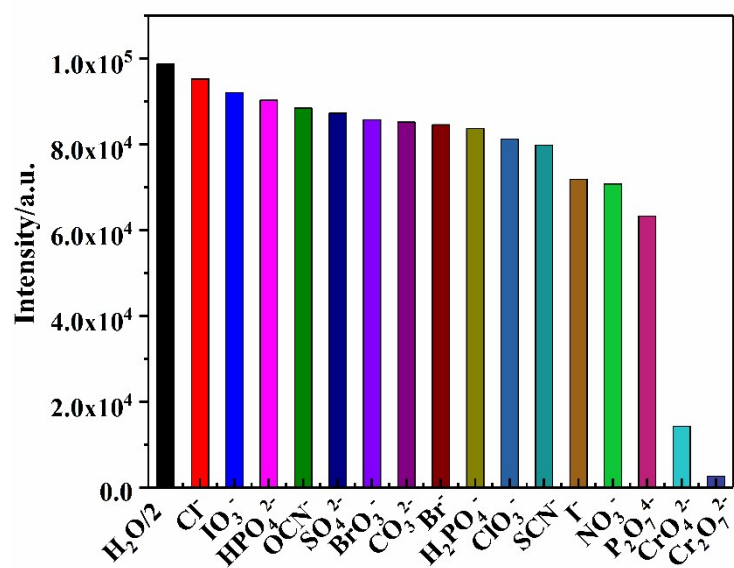


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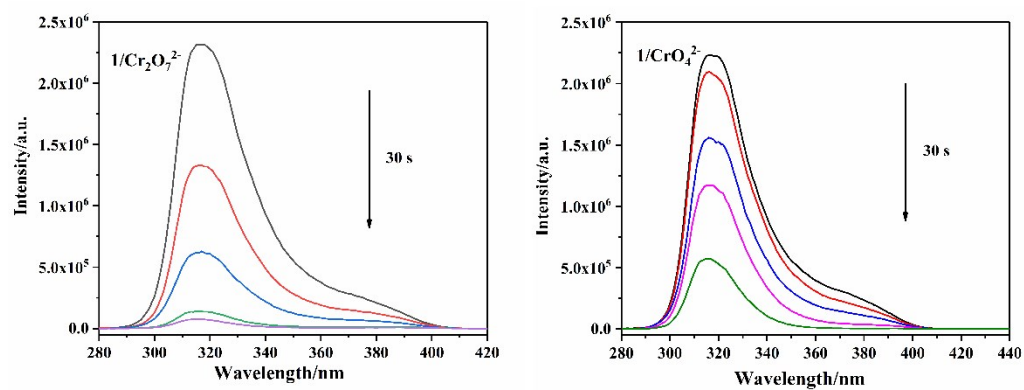


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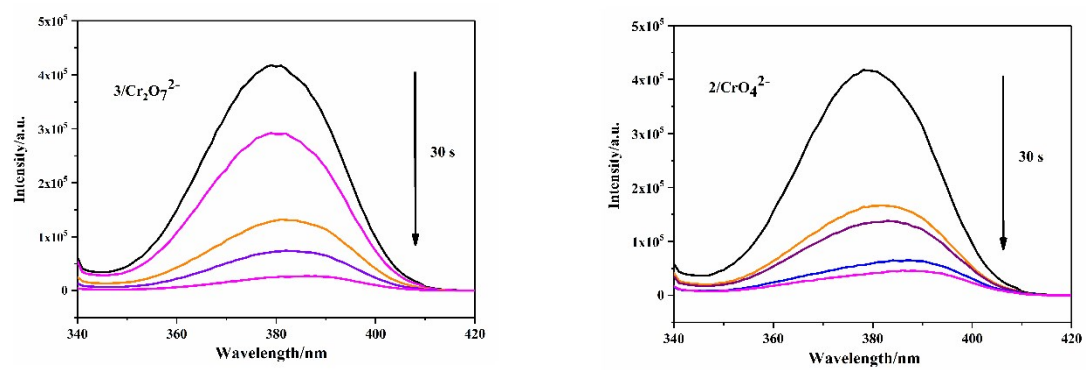
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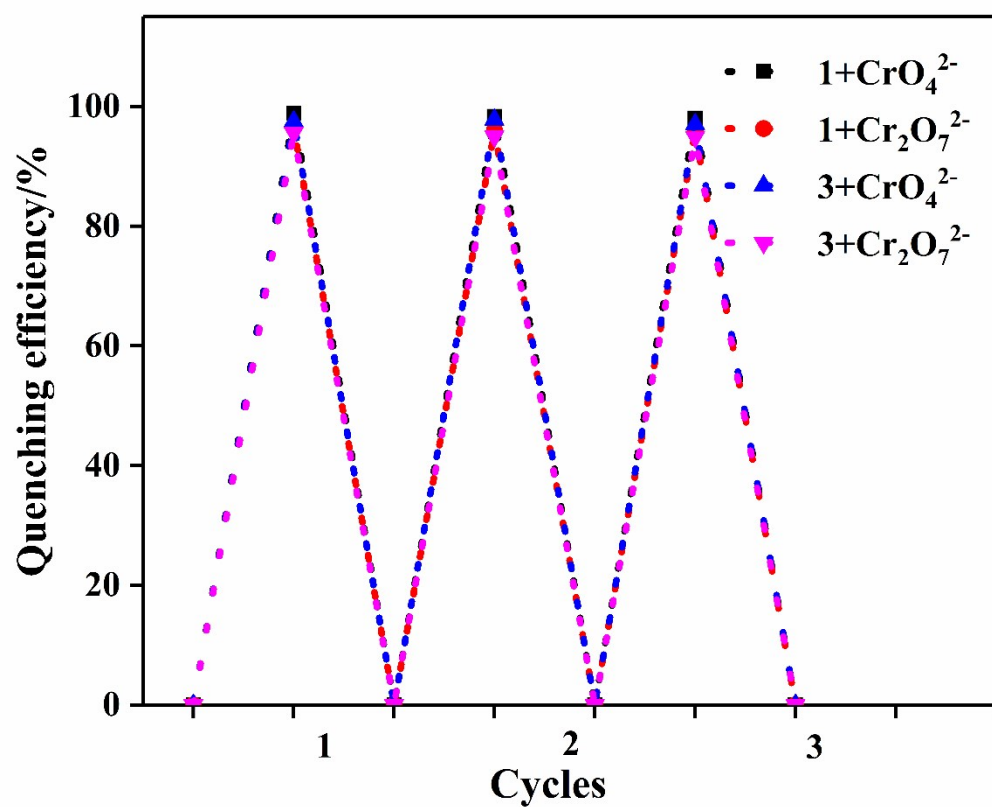
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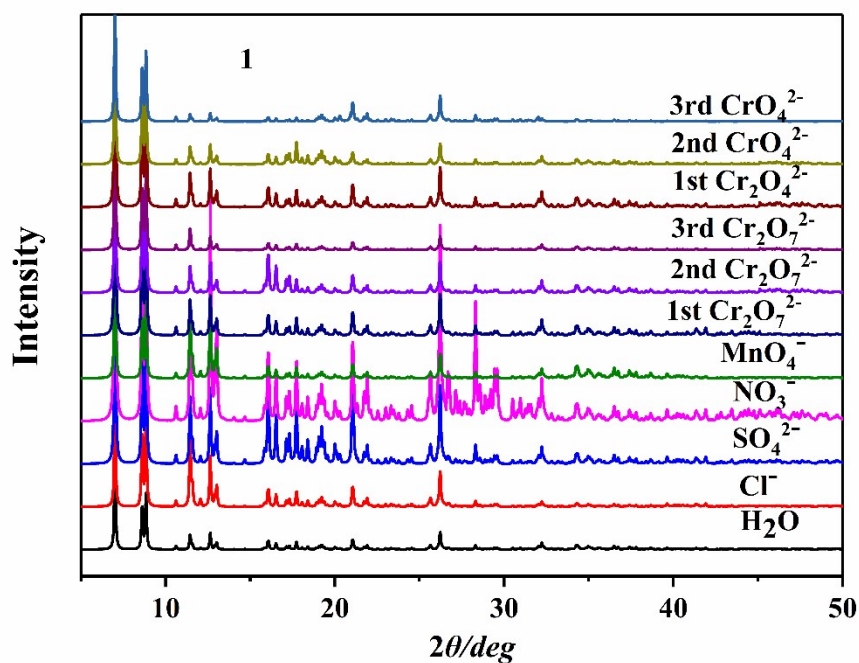
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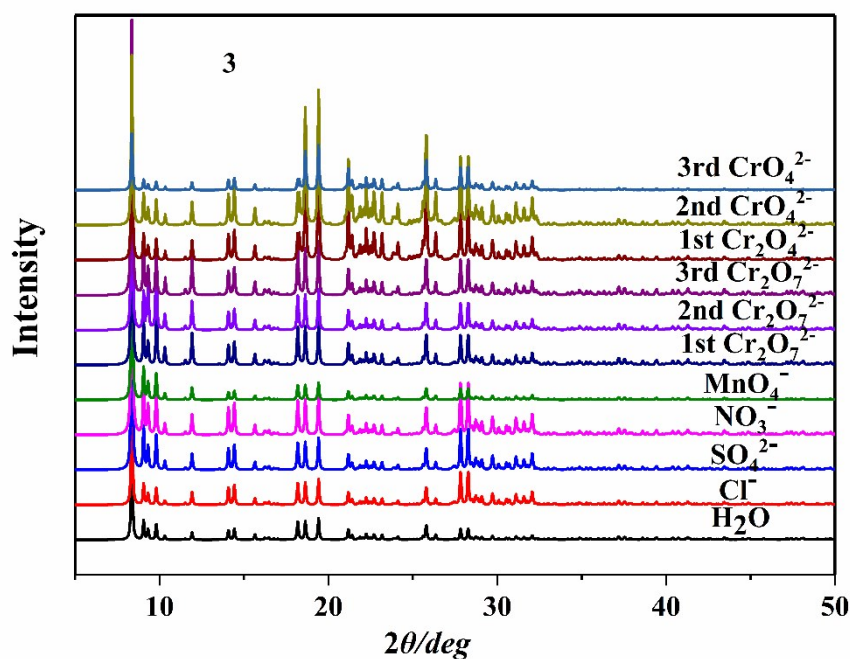
**Fig. S13.** In 3, the time required for the quenching efficiency of  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}/\text{CrO}_4^{2-}$  anions to reach the maximum.



**Fig. S14.** Comparison of the quenching efficiency of **1** and **3** for Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub><sup>2-</sup>/CrO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> over three cycles.



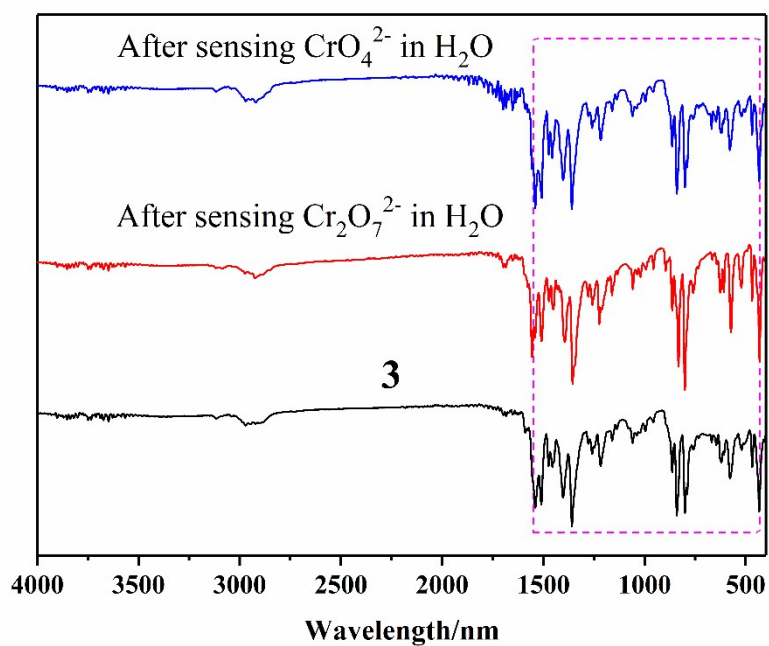
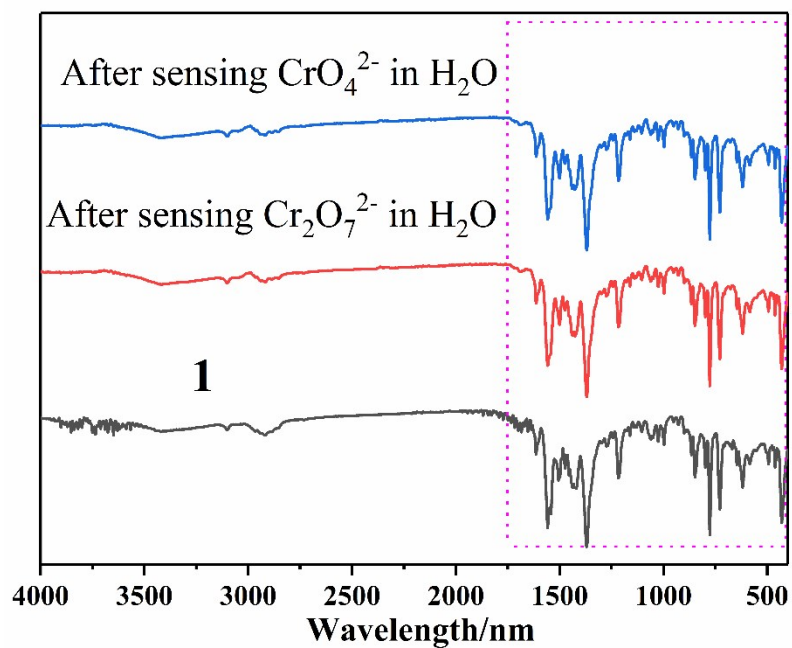
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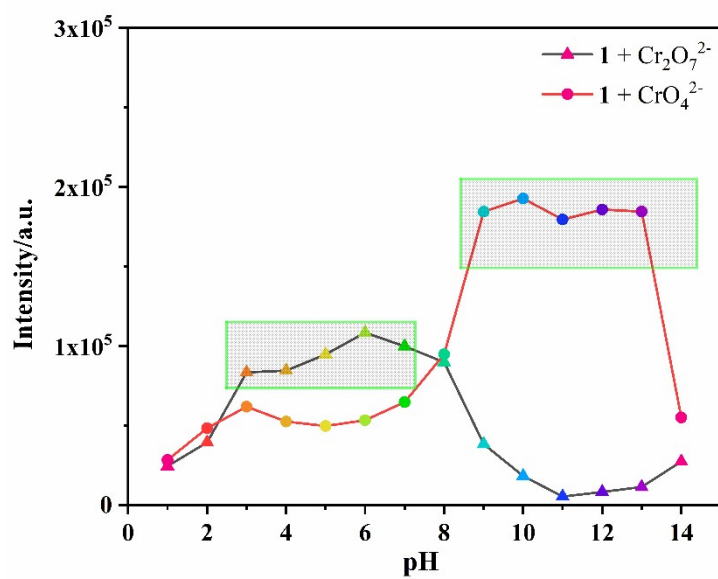
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**Fig. S15.** (a) The PXRD patterns of **1** sample were immersed in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  solution containing  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}/\text{CrO}_4^{2-}$  anions and other common anions; (b) The PXRD patterns of **3** sample were immersed in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  solution containing  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}/\text{CrO}_4^{2-}$  anions and other common anions.

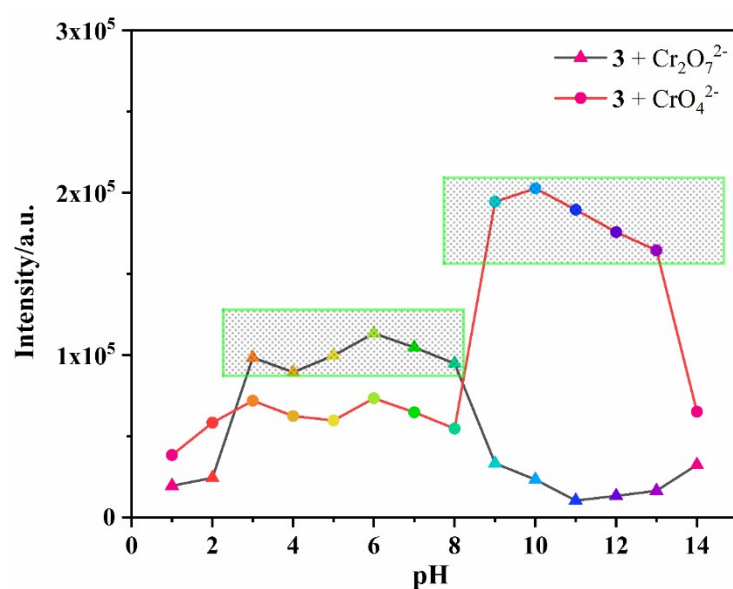




**Fig. S16.** (a)The original infrared spectrum of **1**, and the infrared spectra measured after  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}/\text{CrO}_4^{2-}$  detection of **1**. (b)The original infrared spectrum of **3**, and the infrared spectra measured after  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}/\text{CrO}_4^{2-}$  detection of **3**.

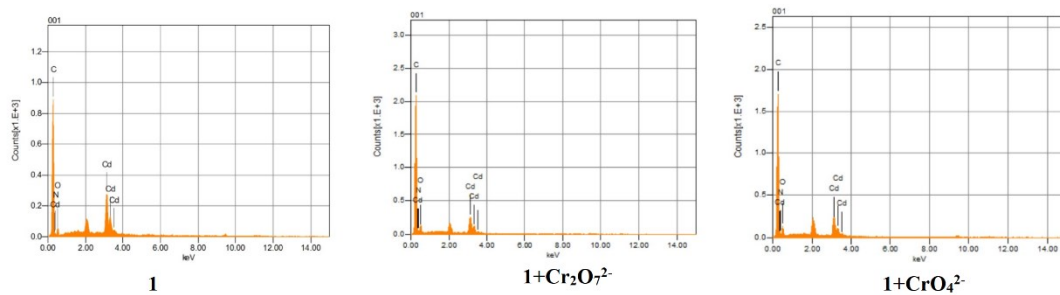


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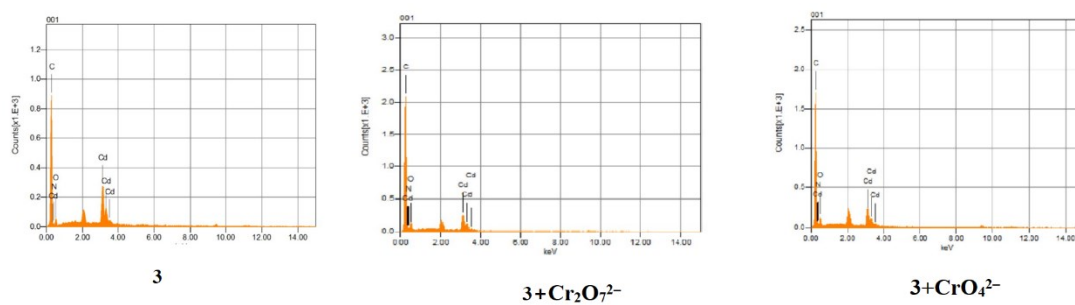


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**Fig. S17.** (a) Effects of pH on the fluorescence maxima of  $1 + \text{CrO}_4^{2-}$  (circle) and  $1 + \text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$  (triangle). Solvent:  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (1:1, v/v); (b) Effects of pH on the fluorescence maxima of  $3 + \text{CrO}_4^{2-}$  (circle) and  $3 + \text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$  (triangle). Solvent:  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (1:1, v/v).

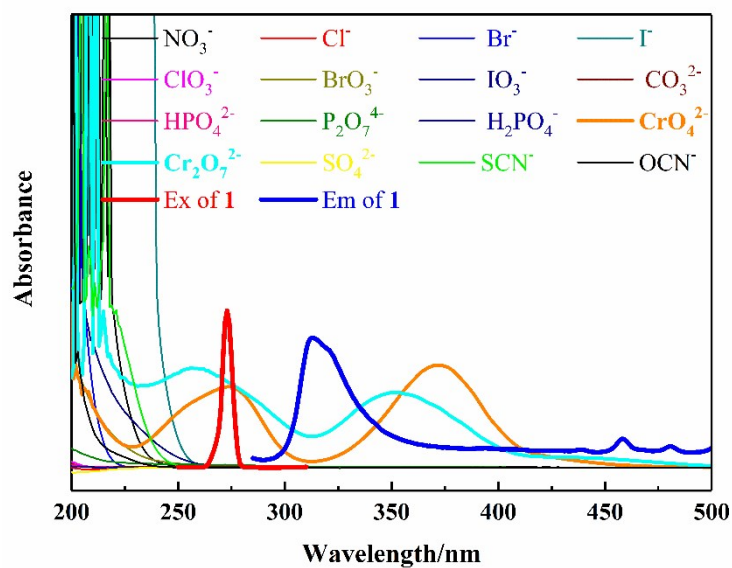


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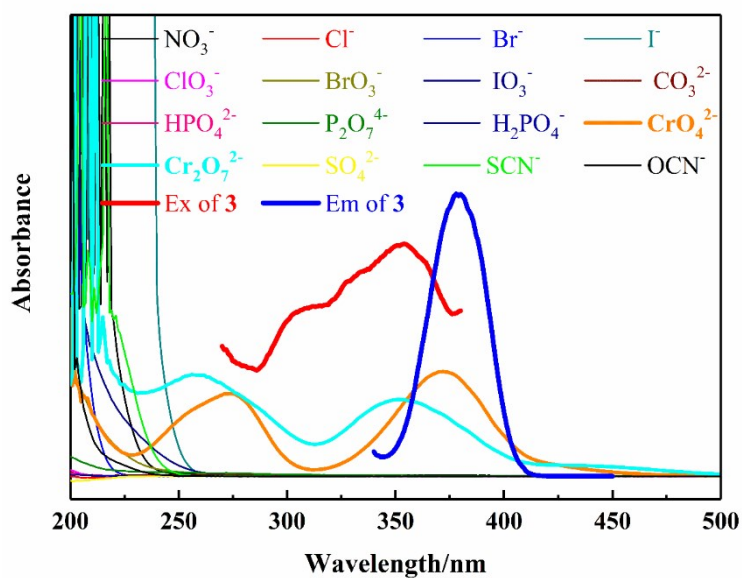


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**Fig. S18.** (a) The EDX patterns of **1**, **1** +  $\text{CrO}_4^{2-}$ , **1** +  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$ , respectively; (b) The EDX patterns of **3**, **3** +  $\text{CrO}_4^{2-}$ , **3** +  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$ , respectively.



(a)



(b)

**Fig. S19.** (a) Spectral overlap between the absorption spectrum of  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$  anions and the excitation spectra of **1**; (b) Spectral overlap between the absorption spectrum of  $\text{CrO}_4^{2-}$  anions and the excitation spectra of **3**.