

**Electronic Supporting Information for:**

**Dynamic porous coordination polymers built-up from  
flexible 4,4'-dithiodibenzoate and rigid N-based ligands**

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**Table S1.** Data collection and structure refinement for **1**

Identification code	<b>1</b>
Empirical formula	C <sub>18.5</sub> H <sub>18.5</sub> CuN <sub>1.5</sub> O <sub>5.5</sub> S <sub>2</sub>
Formula weight	477.51
Temperature/K	100
Crystal system	triclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> -1
<i>a</i> /Å	9.960(5)
<i>b</i> /Å	10.210(5)
<i>c</i> /Å	12.060(5)
$\alpha$ /°	102.901(5)
$\beta$ /°	100.793(5)
$\gamma$ /°	113.618(5)
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	1041.4(8)
<i>Z</i>	2
$\rho_{\text{calc}}$ /cm <sup>3</sup>	1.523
$\mu$ /mm <sup>-1</sup>	1.431
F(000)	490.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.22 × 0.15 × 0.1
Radiation	synchrotron ( $\lambda = 0.82653$ )
2 $\Theta$ range for data collection/°	5.368 to 67.692
Index ranges	-13 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 12, -12 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 12, -16 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 16
Reflections collected	3976
Independent reflections	3976 [ <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = ?, <i>R</i> <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0641]
Data/restraints/parameters	3976/1/276
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.055
Final <i>R</i> indexes [ <i>I</i> ≥ 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )]	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0710, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.2099
Final <i>R</i> indexes [all data]	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0753, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.2146
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	1.68/-0.74

**Table S2.** Data collection and structure refinement for **2**

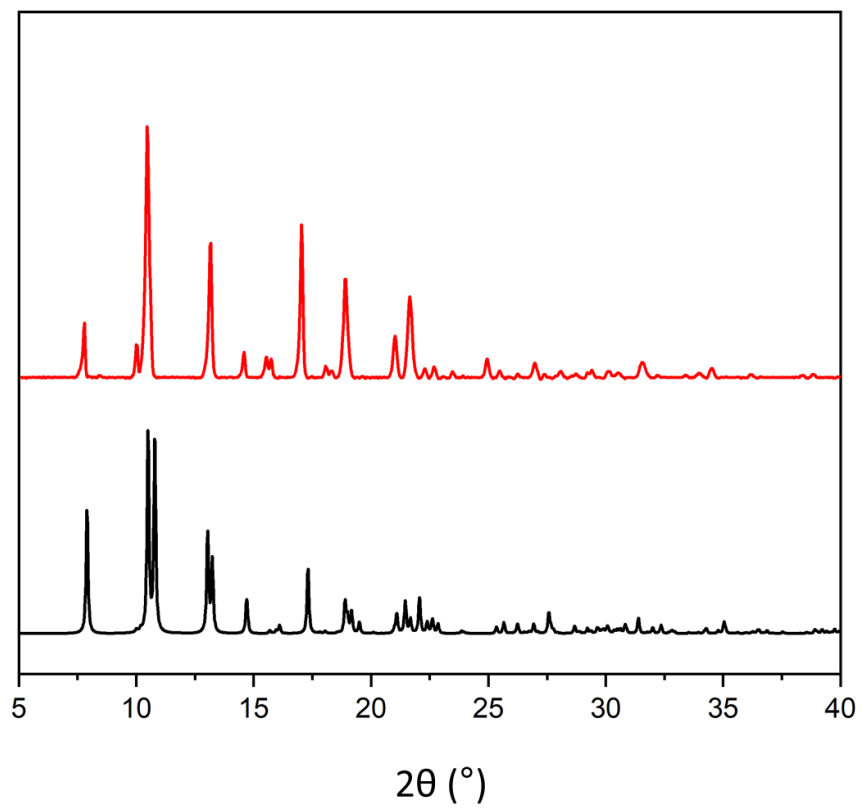
Identification code	<b>2</b>
Empirical formula	C <sub>39</sub> H <sub>28.33</sub> Cu <sub>2</sub> N <sub>2.33</sub> O <sub>8.33</sub> S <sub>4</sub>
Formula weight	918.29
Temperature/K	100
Crystal system	triclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> -1
<i>a</i> /Å	10.390(6)
<i>b</i> /Å	21.680(6)
<i>c</i> /Å	21.910(6)
$\alpha$ /°	115.86(5)
$\beta$ /°	103.91(5)
$\gamma$ /°	93.65(5)
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	4230(3)
<i>Z</i>	3
$\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{cm}^3$	1.081
$\mu/\text{mm}^{-1}$	1.422
F(000)	1402.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.24 × 0.23 × 0.21
Radiation	synchrotron ( $\lambda = 0.82643$ )
2 $\Theta$ range for data collection/°	2.474 to 67.626
Index ranges	-13 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 13, -25 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 25, -28 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 29
Reflections collected	38580
Independent reflections	16297 [ <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = 0.1310, <i>R</i> <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.1583]
Data/restraints/parameters	16297/46/751
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	0.940
Final <i>R</i> indexes [ <i>I</i> ≥ 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )]	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0973, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.2659
Final <i>R</i> indexes [all data]	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.1629, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.3106
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.73/-1.10

**Table S3.** Data collection and structure refinement for **3**

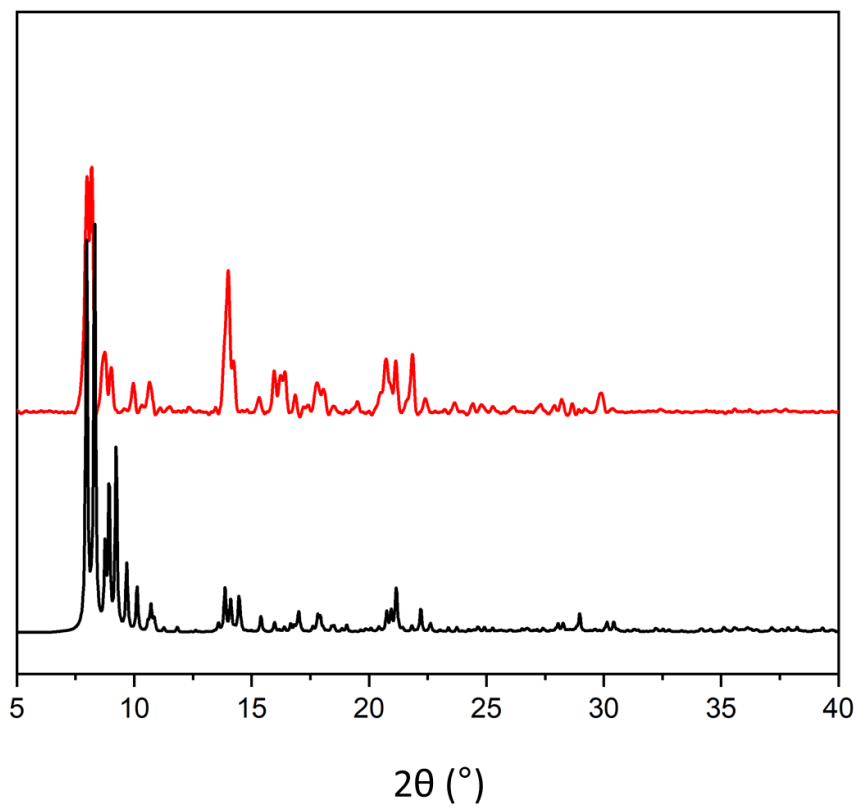
Identification code	<b>3</b>
Empirical formula	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>12</sub> NO <sub>4</sub> S <sub>2</sub> Cu
Formula weight	433.95
Temperature/K	293(2)
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	<i>C2/c</i>
<i>a</i> /Å	24.3747(7)
<i>b</i> /Å	13.9313(3)
<i>c</i> /Å	18.9465(7)
$\alpha$ /°	90
$\beta$ /°	111.435(4)
$\gamma$ /°	90
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	5988.7(3)
<i>Z</i>	13
$\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{cm}^3$	1.564
$\mu/\text{mm}^{-1}$	1.434
F(000)	2860.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.02 × 0.02 × 0.15
Radiation	MoK $\alpha$ ( $\lambda$ = 0.71073)
2 $\Theta$ range for data collection/°	3.752 to 62.85
Index ranges	-24 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 35, -20 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 19, -27 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 26
Reflections collected	35765
Independent reflections	9032 [ <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = 0.0326, <i>R</i> <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0319]
Data/restraints/parameters	9032/0/294
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.069
Final <i>R</i> indexes [ <i>I</i> ≥ 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )]	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0619, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1775
Final <i>R</i> indexes [all data]	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0747, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1854
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	1.64/-0.85

**Table S4.** Data collection and structure refinement for **4**

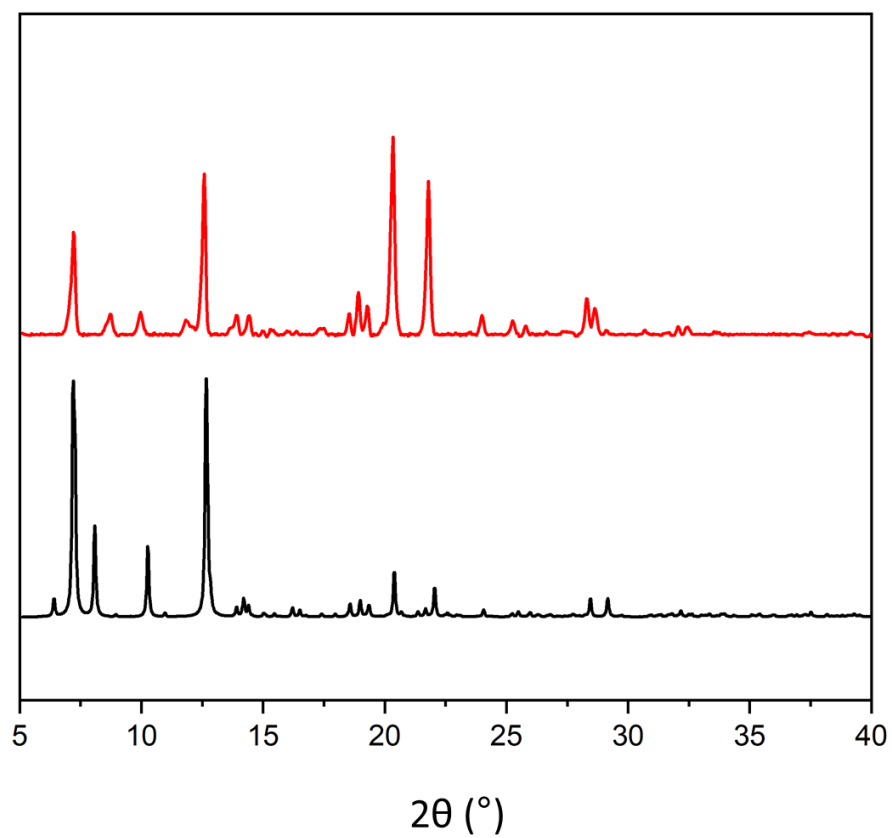
Identification code	<b>4</b>
Empirical formula	C <sub>34</sub> H <sub>24</sub> Cu <sub>2</sub> N <sub>6</sub> O <sub>10</sub> S <sub>2</sub>
Formula weight	867.79
Temperature/K	180
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	<i>P2<sub>1</sub>/m</i>
<i>a</i> /Å	8.9361(4)
<i>b</i> /Å	24.6960(15)
<i>c</i> /Å	10.4597(4)
$\alpha$ /°	90
$\beta$ /°	110.946(4)
$\gamma$ /°	90
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	2155.77(19)
<i>Z</i>	2
$\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{cm}^3$	1.337
$\mu/\text{mm}^{-1}$	1.716
F(000)	880.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.1 × 0.1 × 0.01
Radiation	MoK $\alpha$ ( $\lambda = 0.71073$ )
2 $\Theta$ range for data collection/°	4.17 to 50.054
Index ranges	-10 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 9, -29 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 29, -10 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 12
Reflections collected	3908
Independent reflections	3908 [ <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = ?, <i>R</i> <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0277]
Data/restraints/parameters	3908/136/281
Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	1.068
Final <i>R</i> indexes [ <i>I</i> ≥ 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )]	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0880, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.2652
Final <i>R</i> indexes [all data]	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.1039, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.2797
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.90/-0.54



**Figure S1.** XRPD patterns of as-synthesized (red) and simulated (black) compound 1.

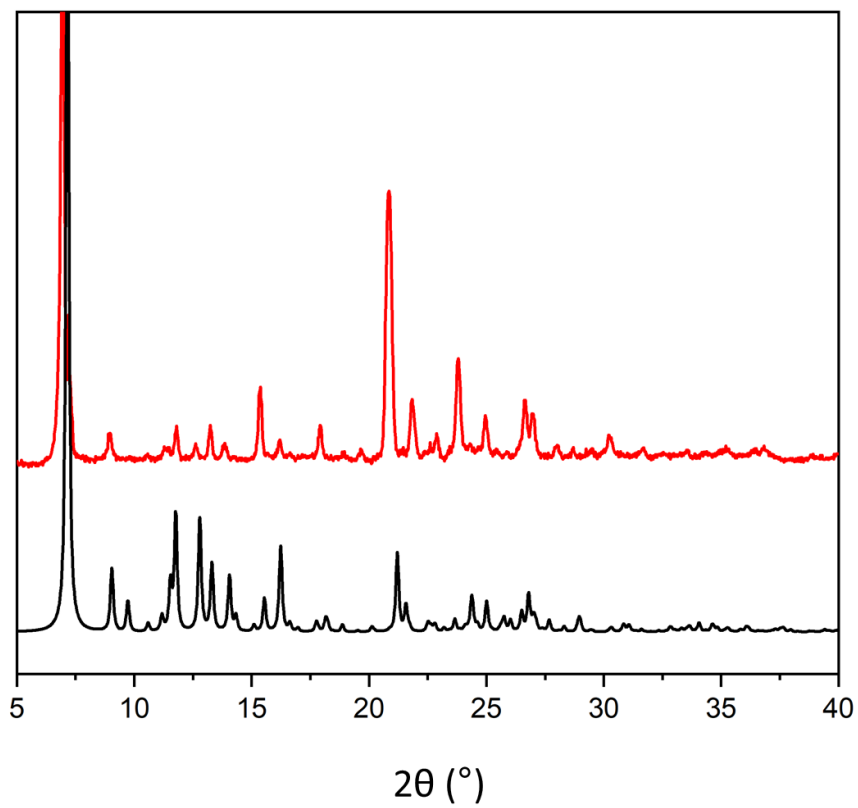


**Figure S2.** XRPD patterns of as-synthesized (red) and simulated (black) compound 2.

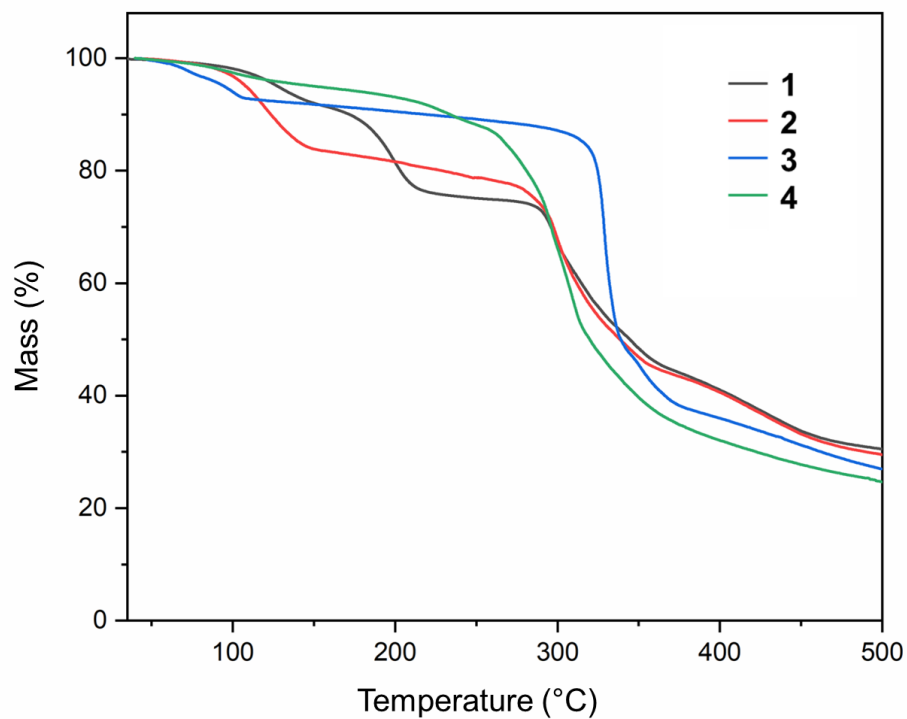


**Figure S3.** XRPD patterns of as-synthesized (red) and simulated (black) compound **3**.





**Figure S4.** XRPD patterns of as-synthesized (red) and simulated (black) compound 4.



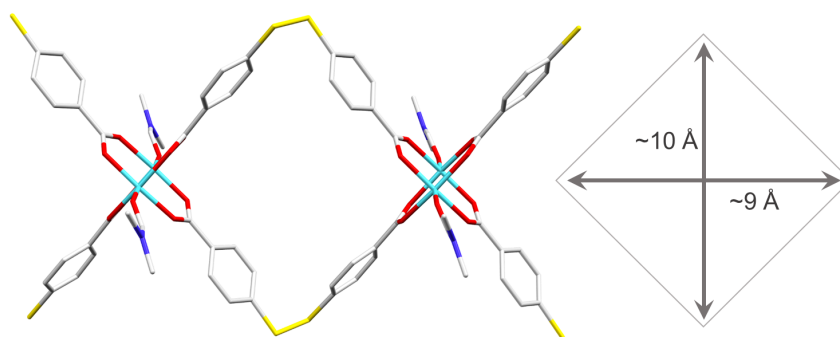
**Figure S5.** TGA curves of compounds **1-4** before solvent exchange in N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere with a heating rate of 5 °C min<sup>-1</sup>.

**Table S5.** TGA data for compounds for compounds **1-4**

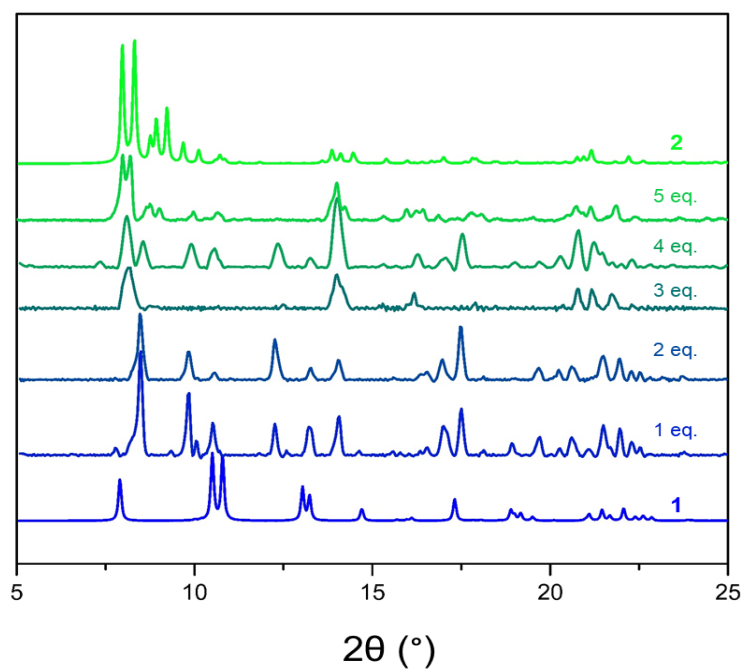
Compound	Proposed formula	Temperature range (°C)	% Mass loss (calc.)	Mass loss assignment
1	[Cu(4,4'-DTBA)(DMF)] <sub>n</sub> · 0.5DMF	80-145	7.5 (7.7)	0.5 DMF
		160-220	16.3 (15.3)	1 DMF
		275	69.4	decomposition
2	[Cu(4,4'-DTBA)(py)] <sub>n</sub> · 0.33DMF	70-275	77.9 (78.0)	py + 0.33 DMF
		275	70.5	decomposition
3	[Cu <sub>2</sub> (4,4'-DTBA) <sub>2</sub> (4,4'-bpy)] <sub>n</sub> · 2DMF	40-300	13.9 (14.1)	2 DMF
		300	73.1	decomposition
4	[Cu <sub>2</sub> (NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (4,4'-DTBA)(4,4'-bpy) <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>n</sub>	250	72.5	decomposition

**Table S6.** Selected bond lengths and angles for compounds **1-4** and previously reported  $[\text{Cu}_2(4,4'\text{-DTBA})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]_n$  coordination polymers<sup>1</sup>

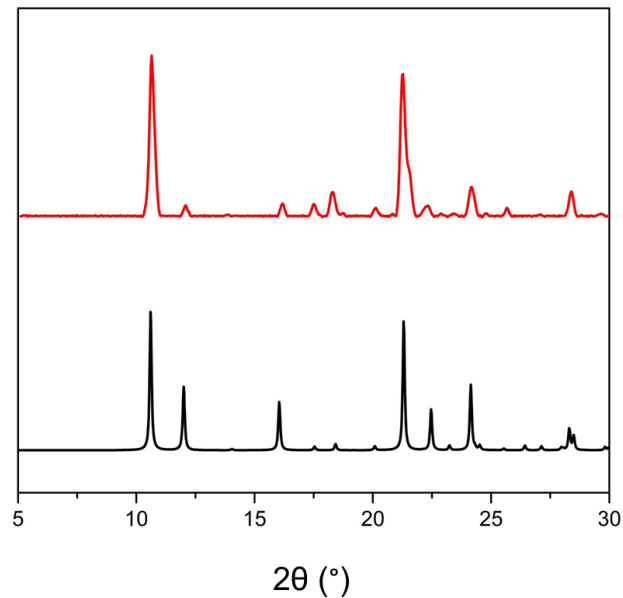
	Cu-Cu (Å)	Cu-O (Å)	Cu-N (Å)	S-S (Å)	C-S-S (°)	C-S-S-C torsion angle (°)	Dihedral angle (°)
<b>1</b> [Cu(4,4'-DTBA)(DMF)] <sub>n</sub>	2.633(13)	1.951(3) 1.964(3) 1.965(3) 1.979(3) 2.146(4)		2.033(2)	105.50(18) 105.59(19)	69.8(3)	70.1(2)
<b>2</b> [Cu(4,4'-DTBA)(py)] <sub>n</sub>	2.635(2) 2.645(2)	1.949(6) 1.954(6) 1.964(6) 1.968(6) 1.970(7) 1.978(5) 1.990(5) 1.999(6)	2.165(7) 2.173(7) 2.181(7)	2.015(5) 2.025(3) 2.036(4)	102.0(3) 103.0(4) 105.4(3) 105.5(4) 105.6(3) 105.8(3)	78.6(5) 83.6(6) 85.4(5)	75.0(4) 87.6(4) 100.0(3)
<b>3</b> [Cu <sub>2</sub> (4,4'-DTBA) <sub>2</sub> (4,4'-bpy)] <sub>n</sub>	2.623(6)	1.947(2) 1.956(2) 1.964(2) 2.022(2)	2.126(3) 2.135(3)	2.022(11)	104.94(11) 105.04(11)	78.0(2)	82.81(12)
<b>4</b> [Cu <sub>2</sub> (NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (4,4'-DTBA)(4,4'-bpy) <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>n</sub>		1.915(13) 2.030(2) 2.066(7) 2.102(16) 2.264(14)	2.017(6) 2.019(5)	1.374(13)	128.9(6) 129.6(6)	75.6(2)	84.6(6)
[Cu <sub>2</sub> (4,4'-DTBA)(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>n</sub> (1D)	2.647(2)	1.958(4) 1.972(6)		2.023(2)	105.92(2)	73.64(2)	73.02(3)
[Cu <sub>2</sub> (4,4'-DTBA)(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>n</sub> (2D)	2.609(1)	1.951(4) 1.958(4) 1.974(4) 1.983(4) 2.150(4)		2.020(2)	105.23(2) 105.98(2)	91.10(3)	78.40(3)



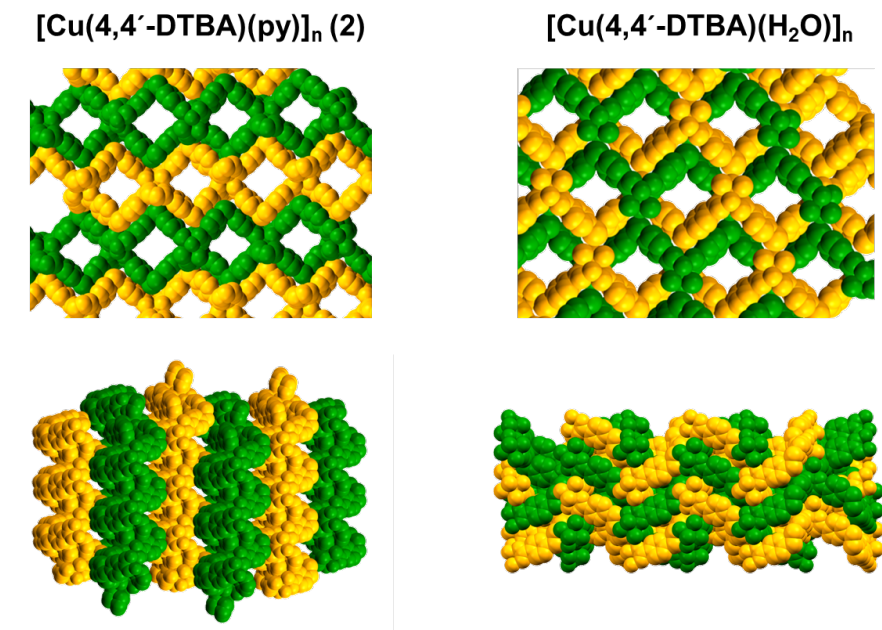
**Figure S6.** View of the square cavities formed in **1** showing the pore aperture dimensions.



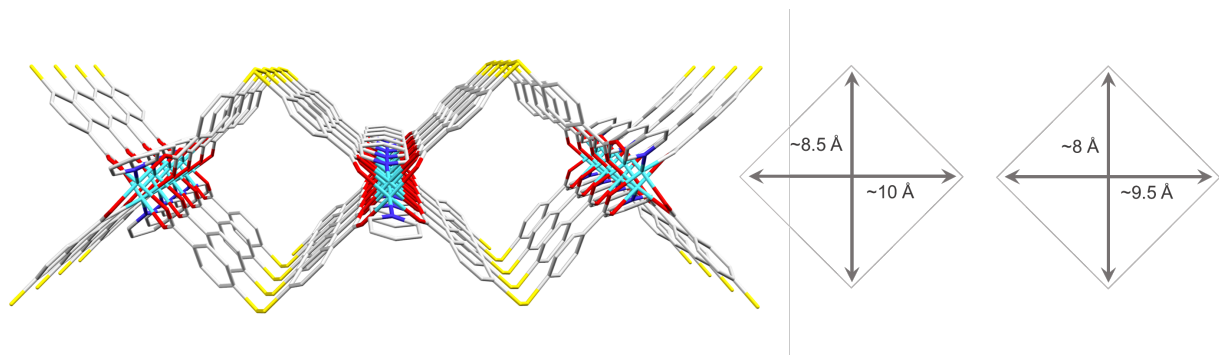
**Figure S7.** XRPD patterns of the solids obtained after reacting  $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  and 4,4'-DTBA in the presence of 1-5 equivalents of pyridine, compared with simulated patterns for **1** and **2**.



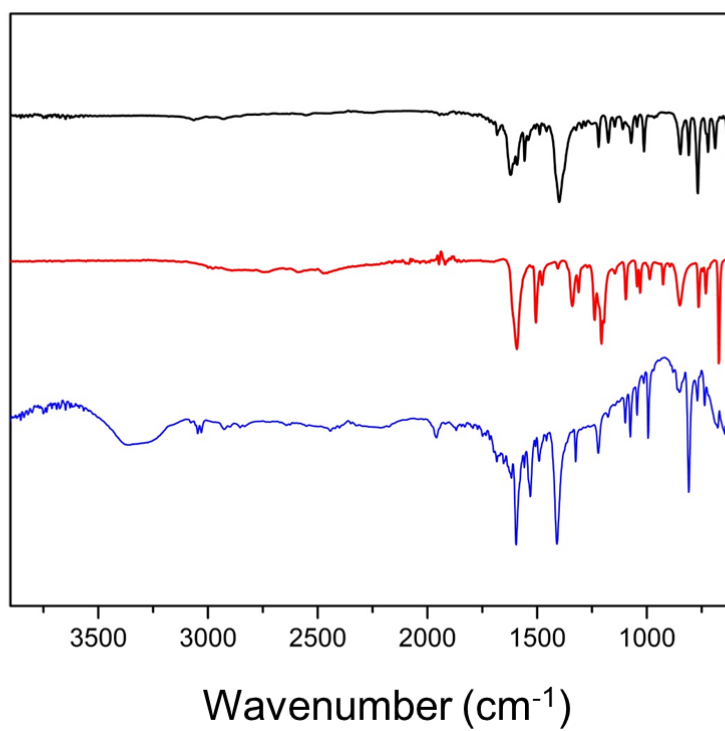
**Figure S8.** XRPD patterns of as-synthesized (red) and simulated (black)  $[\text{Cu}(\text{py})_4(\text{NO}_3)_2] \cdot 2\text{py}$  complex.<sup>2</sup>



**Figure S9.** Space filling models of non-interpenetrated **2** (left) and previously reported 2-fold interpenetrated  $[\text{Cu}_2(4,4'\text{-DTBA})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]_n$ <sup>1</sup> (right) showing the crystal packing of 2D layers in which the various colours differentiates the contiguous layers.



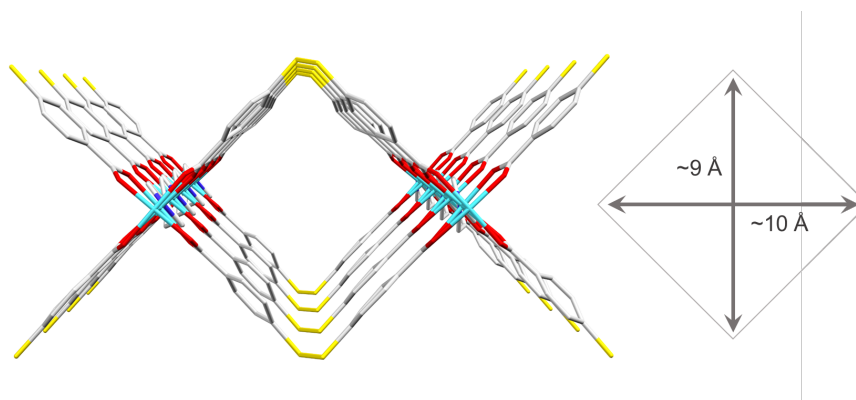
**Figure S10.** View of the square channels formed in **2** showing the pore aperture dimensions.



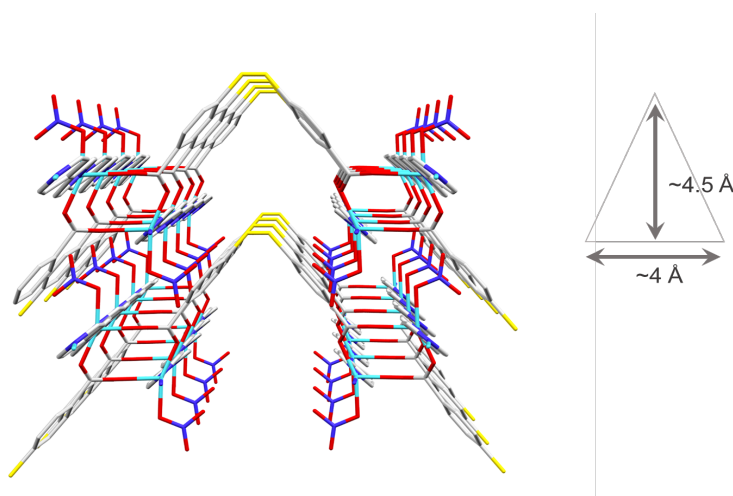
**Figure S11.** FT-IR spectra of **3'** (black), 4,4'-DTBA (red) and 4,4'-bpy (blue).

**Table S7.** CHNS Elemental analysis of **3'** and theoretical values for a  $\text{Cu}_2(4,4'\text{-DTBA})_2(4,4'\text{-bpy})$  composition

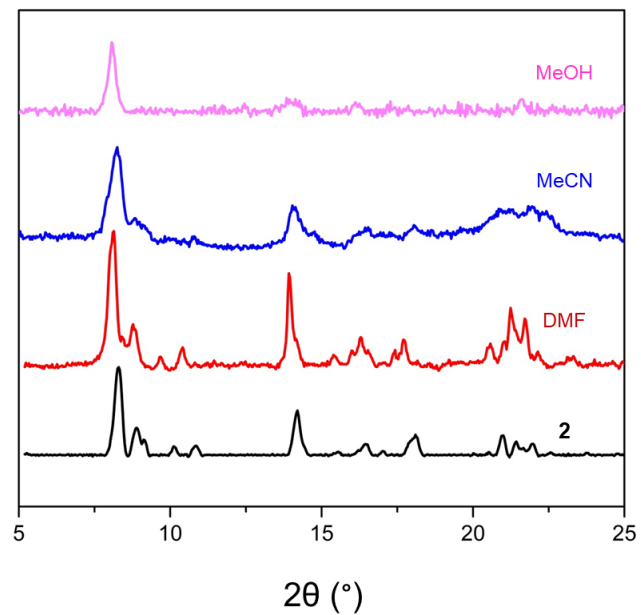
	C (%)	H (%)	N (%)	S (%)
<b>3'</b>	50.77	2.64	3.08	14.19
$\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{12}\text{CuNO}_4\text{S}_2$ ( <i>calcd.</i> )	51.17	2.71	3.14	14.38



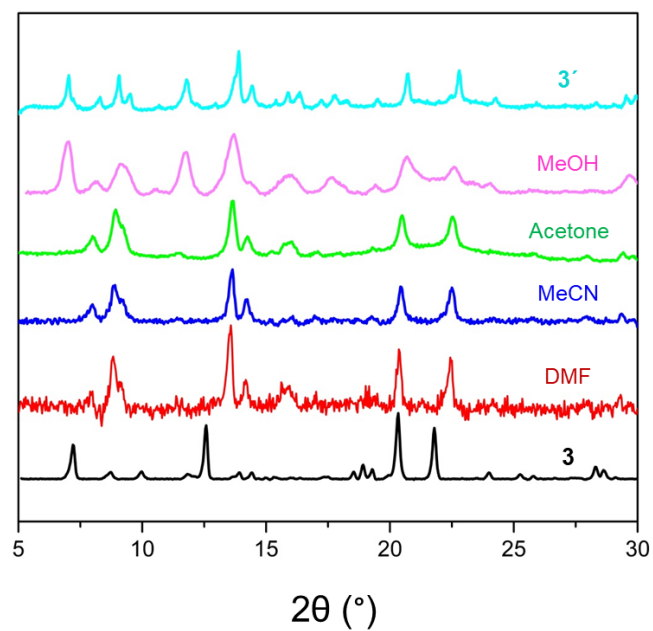
**Figure S12.** View of the square channels formed in **3** showing the pore aperture dimensions.



**Figure S13.** View of the triangular pore aperture of 2D porous channels in **4** showing the pore aperture dimensions.

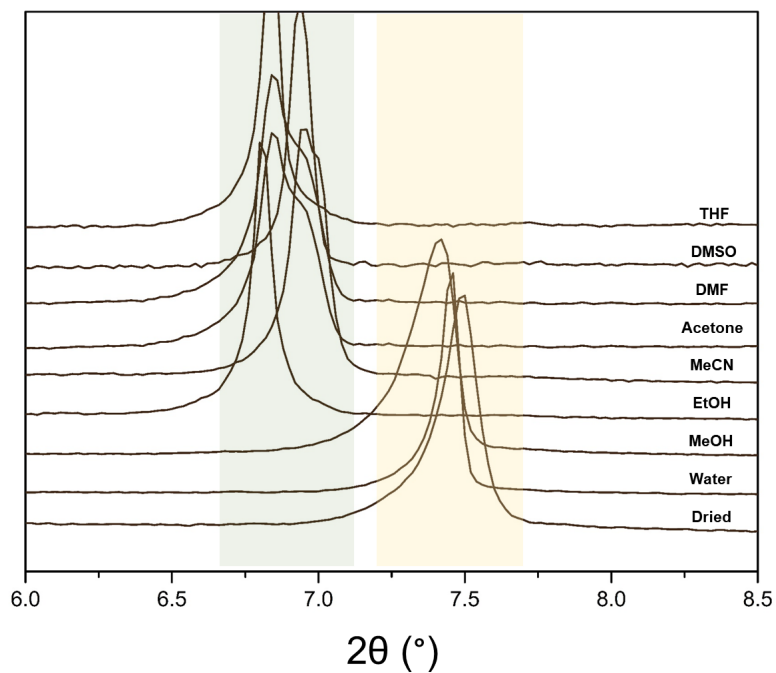


**Figure S14.** XRPD patterns of **2** after immersing in various solvents for 48 h at room temperature.

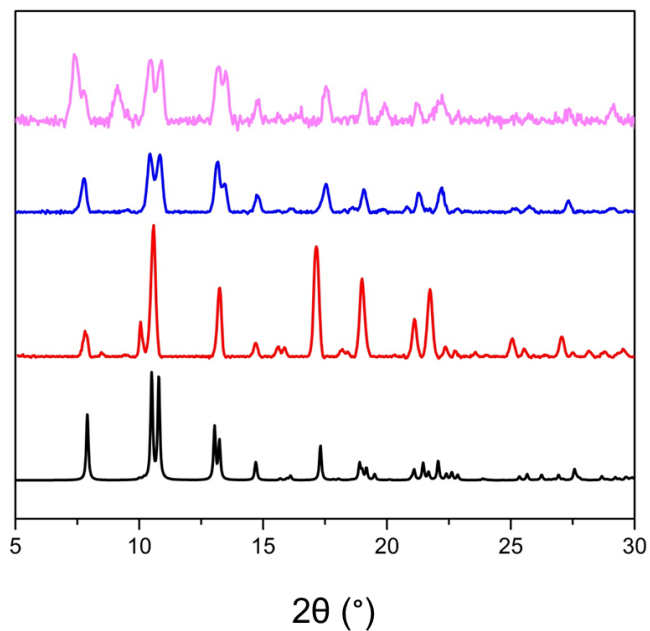


**Figure S15.** XRPD patterns of **3** after immersing in various solvents 48 h at room temperature.

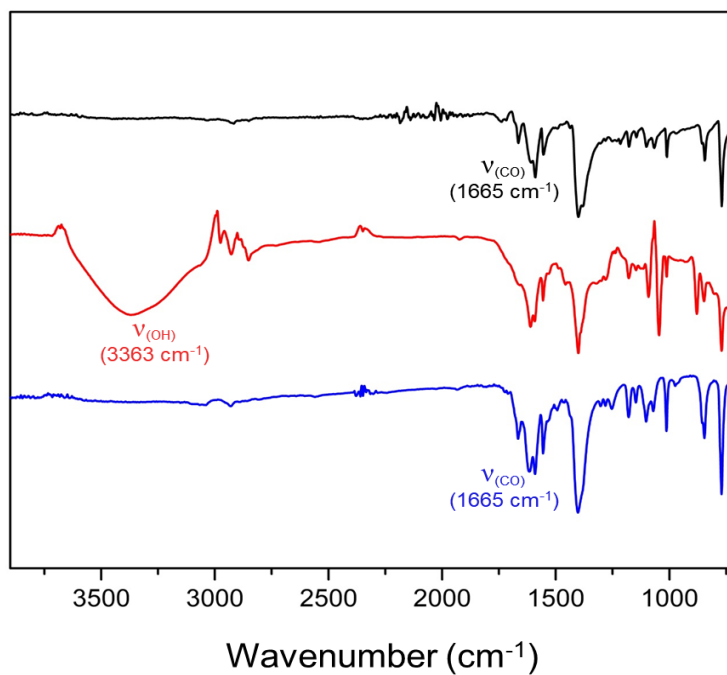




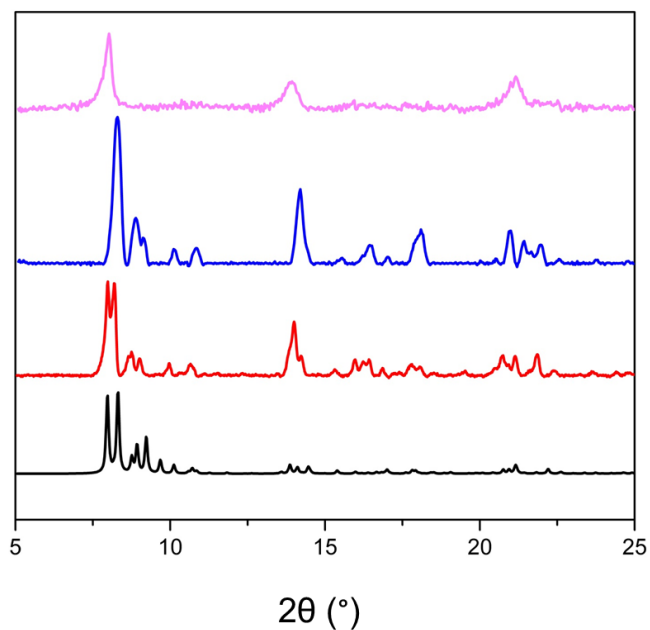
**Figure S16.** Zoom of the recorded XRPD patterns of **4'** before (dried) and after immersion in water and several organic solvents in the region  $6^\circ < 2\theta < 8.5^\circ$ .



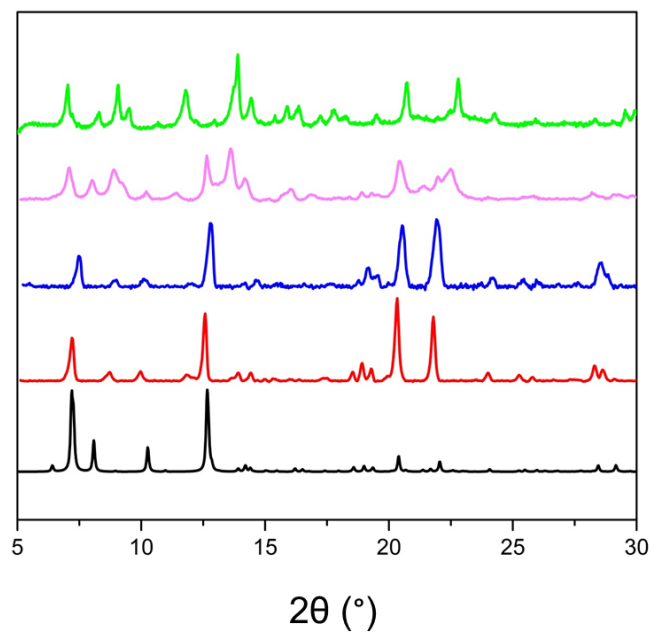
**Figure S17.** XRPD patterns of simulated (black) and as-synthesized (red) **1** compared to the ones obtained after heating **1** at 85 °C (blue) and 120 °C (pink) under vacuum for 24 h.



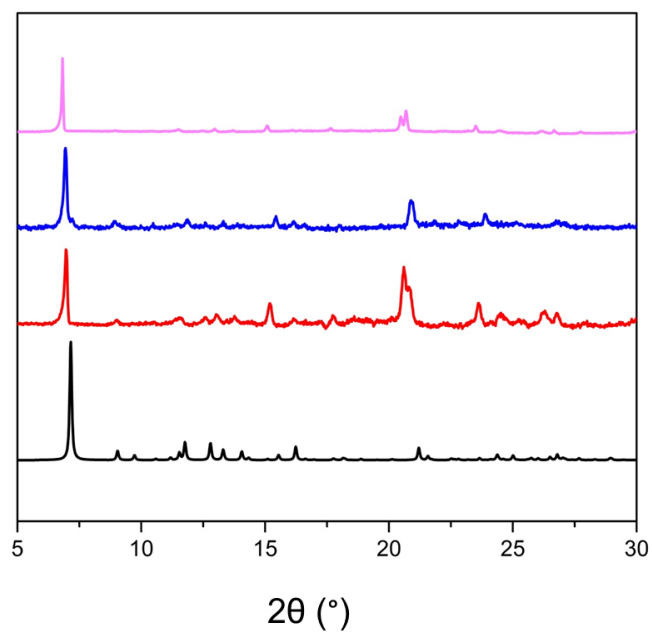
**Figure S18.** FT-IR spectra of **1** before (black) and after immersing in MeOH (**1'**, red) and after heating **1'** at 85 °C for 24 h in DMF (**1**, blue).



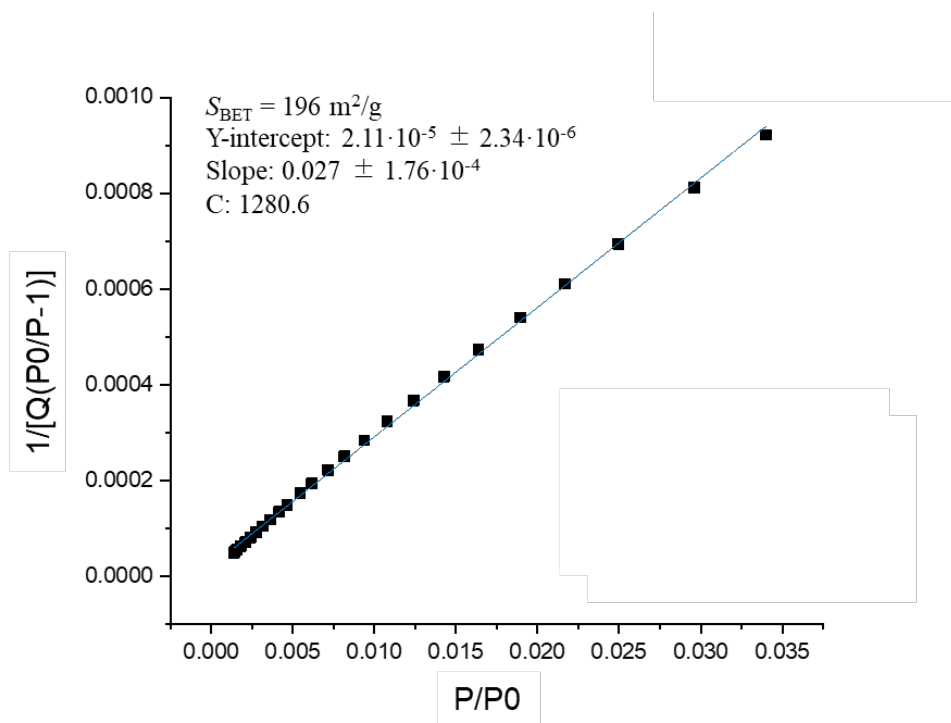
**Figure S19.** XRPD patterns of simulated (black) and as-synthesized (red) **2** compared to the ones obtained after heating **2** at 85 °C (blue) and 120 °C (pink) under vacuum for 24 h.



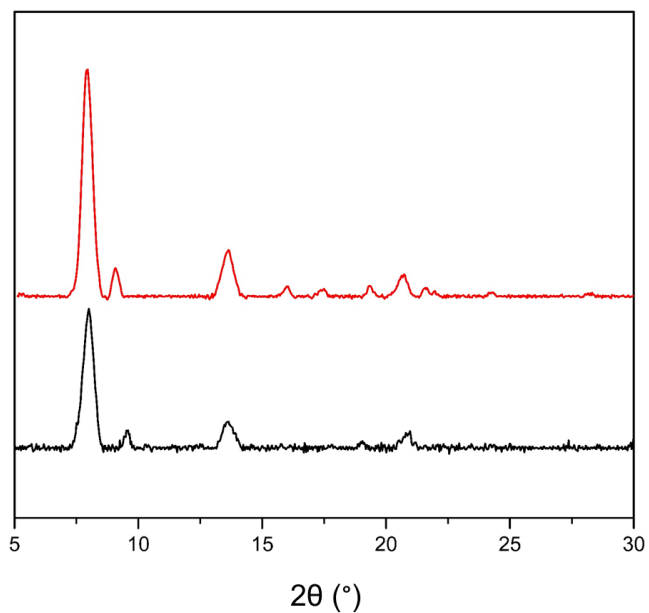
**Figure S20.** XRPD patterns of simulated (black) and as-synthesized (red) **3** compared to the ones obtained after heating **3** at 85 °C (blue) and 120 °C (pink) under vacuum for 24 h and as-synthesized **3'** (green).



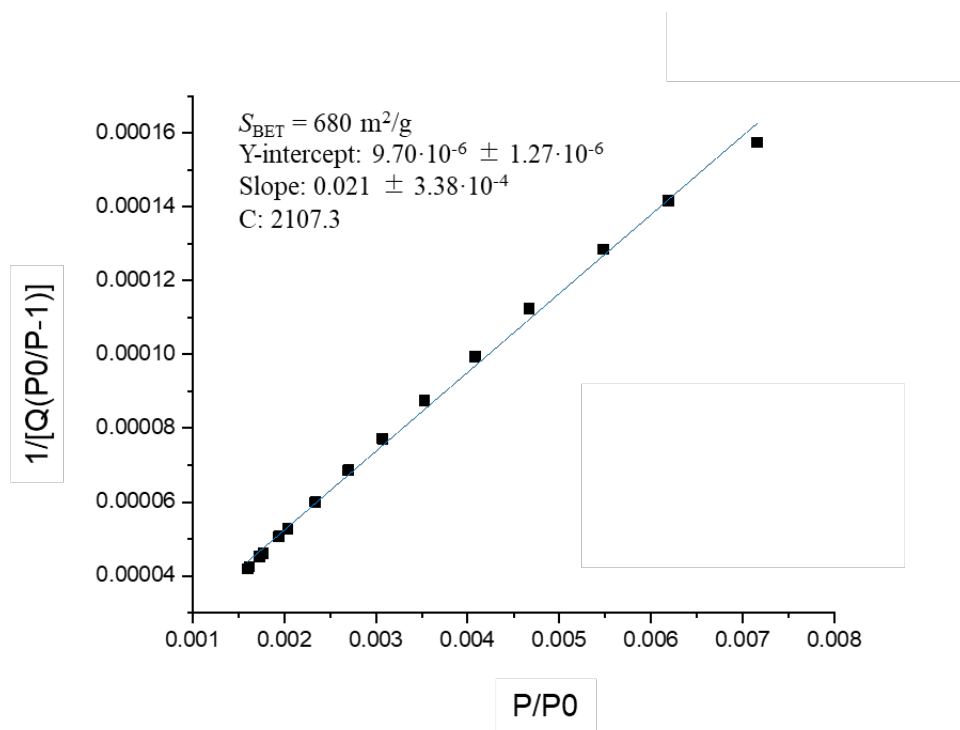
**Figure S21.** XRPD patterns of simulated (black) and as-synthesized (red) **4** compared to the ones obtained after heating **4** at 85 °C (blue) and 120 °C (pink) under vacuum for 24 h.



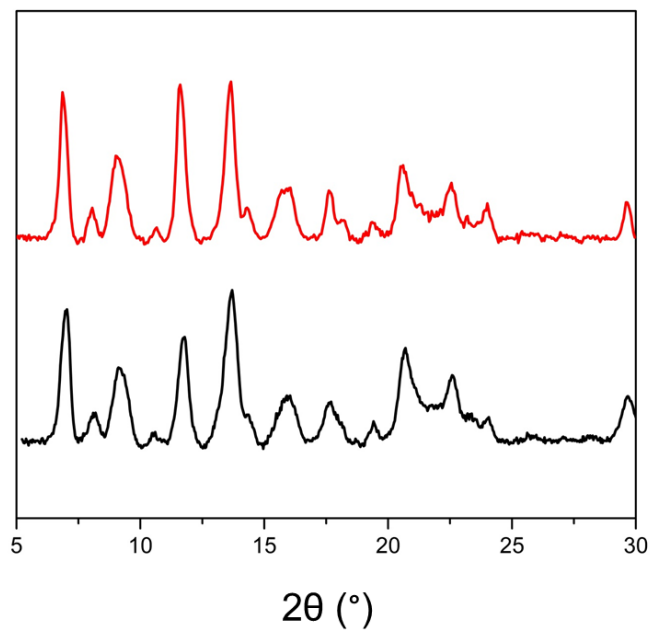
**Figure S22.** BET surface area plot for **1'**.



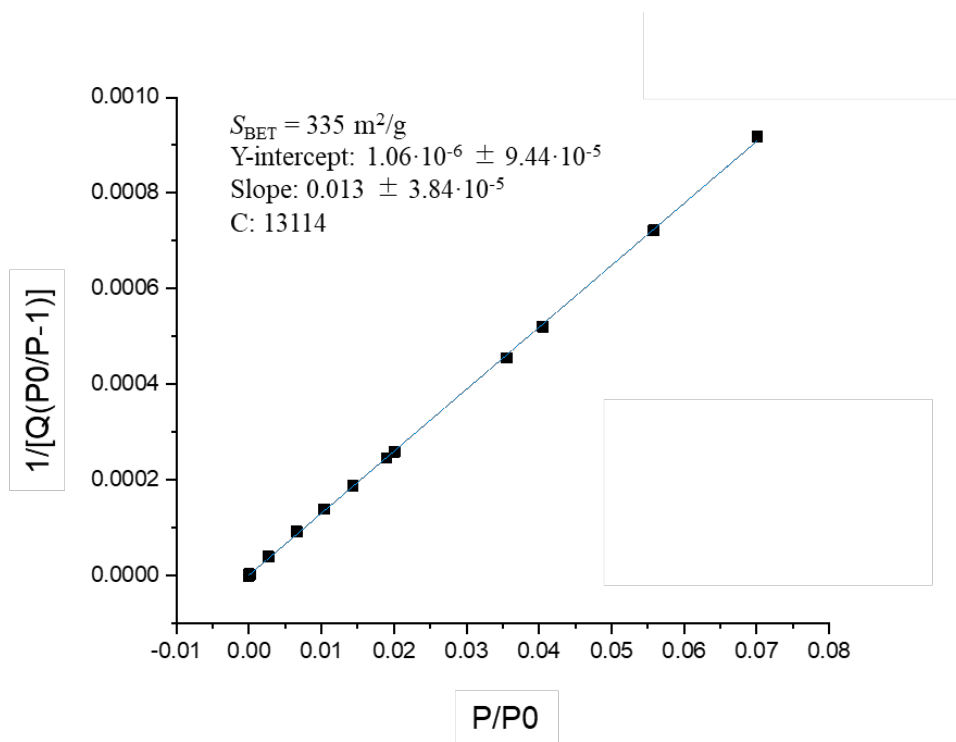
**Figure S23.** XRPD patterns of **1'** before (black) and after (red) adsorption. The sample was activated at 85 °C under vacuum for 12 h prior adsorption experiments



**Figure S24.** BET surface area plot for 3'.



**Figure S25.** XRPD patterns of 3' before (black) and after (red) adsorption. The sample was activated at 85 °C under vacuum for 12 h prior adsorption experiments.



**Figure S26.** BET surface area plot for 4'.

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