## **Electronic Supporting Information**

# Construction of two novel non-penetrating Co-MOFs derived from designed 2,4,6-tri(2,4-dicarboxyphenyl) pyridine: synthesis, structure and gas adsorption properties

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| Co-MOF 1               |                            |                             |                           |
|------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Co(1)-O(5)#1           | 2.020(4)                   | Co(1)-O(1)                  | 1.970(5)                  |
| Co(1)-O(5)#2           | 2.020(4)                   | Co(2)-O(8)#3                | 1.935(4)                  |
| Co(1)-O(7)#3           | 2.068(5)                   | Co(2)-O(8)#4                | 1.935(4)                  |
| Co(1)-O(7)#4           | 2.068(5)                   | Co(2)-O(2)                  | 1.923(5)                  |
| O(5)#1-Co(1)-O(5)#2    | 89.8(3)                    | O(1)-Co(1)-O(7)#4           | 103.3(2)                  |
| O(7)#4-Co(1)-O(7)#3    | 91.2(4)                    | O(8)#3-Co(2)-O(8)#4         | 114.8(3)                  |
| O(1)-Co(1)-O(5)#2      | 95.12(18)                  | O(2)-Co(2)-O(8)#4           | 114.74(17)                |
| O(1)-Co(1)-O(5)#1      | 95.12(18)                  | O(2)-Co(2)-O(8)#3           | 114.74(17)                |
| O(1)-Co(1)-O(7)#3      | 103.3(2)                   |                             |                           |
| Symmetry code: #1 -x   | x+1,-y+1,-z+2; #2 y,x,-z+2 | 2; #3 -x+y+1/3,-x+2/3,z-1/3 | ; #4 x+1/3,x-y+2/3,z-1/3; |
| #5 -y+2/3,x-y+1/3,z+1/ | 3; #6 -y+1,-x+1,z for Co-  | MOF 1.                      |                           |
| Co-MOF 2               |                            |                             |                           |
| Co(1)-O(3)             | 2.093(3)                   | Co(2)-O(15)                 | 2.083(3)                  |
| Co(1)-O(4)             | 2.084(3)                   | Co(3)-O(2)                  | 2.136(3)                  |
| Co(1)-O(5)             | 2.096(3)                   | Co(3)-O(2)#1                | 2.136(3)                  |
| Co(1)-O(6)#1           | 2.145(3)                   | Co(3)-O(3)                  | 2.057(2)                  |
| Co(1)-O(10)#2          | 2.087(3)                   | Co(3)-O(3)#1                | 2.057(2)                  |

Table S1. Selected Bond Length (Å) and Angles (°) for Co-MOF 1-2

| Co(1)-O(16)          | 2.111(3)   | Co(3)-O(17)               | 2.136(3)   |
|----------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|
| Co(2)-O(1)           | 2.060(3)   | Co(3)-O(17)#1             | 2.136(3)   |
| Co(2)-O(3)           | 2.080(3)   | Co(4)-O(4)                | 1.976(3)   |
| Co(2)-O(4)           | 2.138(3)   | Co(4)-O(9)#2              | 1.993(3)   |
| Co(2)-O(7)#1         | 2.114(3)   | Co(4)-O(11)#3             | 1.977(3)   |
| Co(2)-O(14)          | 2.115(3)   | Co(4)-O(13)#4             | 2.019(3)   |
| O(3)-Co(1)-O(5)      | 96.22(10)  | O(14)-Co(2)-O(4)          | 176.15(12) |
| O(3)-Co(1)-O(6)#1    | 87.11(11)  | O(15)-Co(2)-O(4)          | 96.95(12)  |
| O(3)-Co(1)-O(16)     | 87.99(11)  | O(15)-Co(2)-O(7)#1        | 88.36(13)  |
| O(4)-Co(1)-O(3)      | 87.25(10)  | O(15)-Co(2)-O(14)         | 86.72(13)  |
| O(4)-Co(1)-O(5)      | 89.92(11)  | O(2)-Co(3)-O(2)#1         | 180.00(7)  |
| O(4)-Co(1)-O(6)#1    | 85.15(12)  | O(2)-Co(3)-O(17)          | 89.72(11)  |
| O(4)-Co(1)-O(10)#2   | 97.13(11)  | O(2)-Co(3)-O(17)#1        | 90.28(11)  |
| O(4)-Co(1)-O(16)     | 173.75(12) | O(2)#1-Co(3)-O(17)        | 90.28(11)  |
| O(5)-Co(1)-O(6)#1    | 173.93(13) | O(2)#1-Co(3)-O(17)#1      | 89.72(11)  |
| O(5)-Co(1)-O(16)     | 94.62(13)  | O(3)-Co(3)-O(2)           | 95.68(10)  |
| O(10)#2-Co(1)-O(3)   | 175.46(11) | O(3)#1-Co(3)-O(2)         | 84.32(10)  |
| O(10)#2-Co(1)-O(5)   | 85.01(11)  | O(3)#1-Co(3)-O(2)#1       | 95.68(10)  |
| O(10)#2-Co(1)-O(6)#1 | 92.06(12)  | O(3)-Co(3)-O(2)#1         | 84.32(10)  |
| O(10)#2-Co(1)-O(16)  | 87.56(12)  | O(3)-Co(3)-O(3)#1         | 180        |
| O(16)-Co(1)-O(6)#1   | 90.56(14)  | O(3)-Co(3)-O(17)          | 93.88(10)  |
| O(1)-Co(2)-O(3)      | 93.63(11)  | O(3)#1-Co(3)-O(17)        | 86.12(10)  |
| O(1)-Co(2)-O(4)      | 86.97(12)  | O(3)#1-Co(3)-O(17)#1      | 93.88(10)  |
| O(1)-Co(2)-O(7)#1    | 173.54(12) | O(3)-Co(3)-O(17)#1        | 86.12(10)  |
| O(1)-Co(2)-O(14)     | 94.34(14)  | O(17)-Co(3)-O(17)#1       | 180.00(15) |
| O(1)-Co(2)-O(15)     | 88.10(13)  | O(4)-Co(4)-O(9)#2         | 111.22(11) |
| O(3)-Co(2)-O(4)      | 86.19(10)  | O(4)-Co(4)-O(11)#3        | 109.52(14) |
| O(3)-Co(2)-O(7)#1    | 90.19(11)  | O(4)-Co(4)-O(13)#4        | 128.22(13) |
| O(3)-Co(2)-O(14)     | 90.11(11)  | O(9)#2-Co(4)-O(13)#4      | 100.01(12) |
| O(3)-Co(2)-O(15)     | 176.50(13) | O(11)#3-Co(4)-O(9)#2      | 93.71(13)  |
| O(7)#1-Co(2)-O(4)    | 88.10(11)  | O(11)#3-Co(4)-<br>O(13)#4 | 108.43(14) |
| O(7)#1-Co(2)-O(14)   | 90.86(13)  | 、 /                       |            |

| v+3/2 7-1/2· #5           | -x+1/2,y-1/2,-z+1      | $\frac{1}{2} \cdot \#6 + \frac{1}{2} - x$             | x+3/2 $z+1/2$ for (   | $\sim MOF 2$               |
|---------------------------|------------------------|---|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| $y + J/2, Z = 1/2, \pi J$ | -A + 1/2, y-1/2,-Z + 1 | $\pi 2, \pi 0 \mathbf{A} \cdot 1/2, \mathbf{\bar{y}}$ | y · J/2,2 · 1/2 101 V | $20$ -10101 $\mathbf{Z}$ . |

| <b>Table S2.</b> A comparison of various MOF materials used for selective adsorption for |
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| $C_2H_2$ and $CO_2$ over $CH_4$ .  |

| MOF materials  | IAST calculated selectivity |                                  | Ref. |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|------|
|  | $C_2H_2/CH_4$               | CO <sub>2</sub> /CH <sub>4</sub> |      |
| $[(CH_3)_2NH_2][Zn_{1.5}(\mu_3-O)_{0.5}(F-tzba)_{1.25}(bpy)_{0.25}(\mu_2-$ | 14.4                        | 4.2                              | 22a  |

| F) <sub>0.5</sub> ]·2DMF·2H <sub>2</sub> O  |       |       |           |
|---|-------|-------|-----------|
| {[(Me <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>0.5</sub> ][Cu <sub>0.75</sub> (L) <sub>0.5</sub> (DMA) <sub>0.375</sub> ]·H <sub>2</sub> O} <sub>n</sub> |       | 8.3   | 22d       |
| ${[Cu_4(L)_2(H_2O)_4]\cdot 4DMF\cdot 8H_2O}_n$  |       | 3.2   | 22d       |
| ${[Cu_4(L)_2(ATZ)_2(H_2O)] \cdot 5DMF \cdot 5H_2O}_n$   |       | 7.2   | 22d       |
| ZJNU-26   | 19    | 4.3   | 23a       |
| Sc-ABTC   | 14.7  |       | 23b       |
| ${[Co_6(\mu_3-OH)_4(Ina)_8](H_2O)_{10}(DMA)_2}_n$   | 9.6   |       | 22c       |
| ZJU-19  | 42.2  | 6.4   | 23c       |
| MOF-505   | ~8.9  |       | 23d       |
| ZJNU-15   | 37.7  | 5.0   | 23e       |
| ZJNU-119  | 62.9  | 28.6  | 22b       |
| NOTT-108  | ~6.3  |       | 23d       |
| HNUST-2   | ~4.3  |       | 23d       |
| Co-MOF 1  | 25.43 | 11.33 | This work |
| Co-MOF 2  | 32.71 | 11.42 | This work |

## Table S3. Results of the ICP analyses obtained for MOF materials of Co-MOF 1-2.

|                 | Total sample<br>quality( mg ) | The expected<br>amount of Li <sup>+</sup><br>ion ( ppm ) | The expected<br>amount of<br>Zn <sup>2+</sup> ion (<br>ppm ) | The ratio of<br>Li <sup>+</sup> :Zn <sup>2+</sup> in<br>sample | The expected<br>ratio in cation<br>exchange with<br>Li <sup>+</sup> |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|--|--|--|---|
| Co-MOF 1        | 6.10                          | 0.397  | 4.50   | 1:11.34  | 1:8.48  |
| Co-MOF <b>2</b> | 6.38                          | 0.37   | 11.6   | 1:31.35  | 1 : 29.71   |

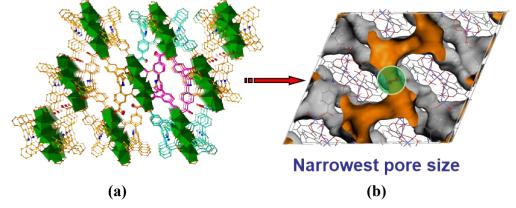
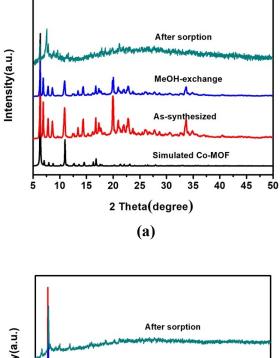


Figure S1. (a) The linkage of the  $Co_7(COO)_{12}$  cluster with eight adjacent cores; (b) A



channel diagram distorted in the b-direction of Co-MOF 2.

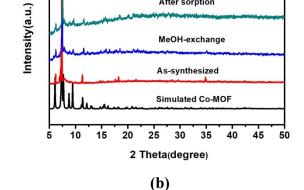
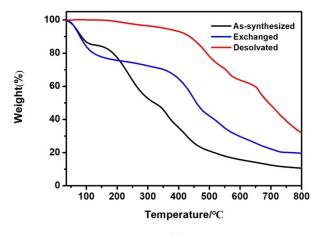
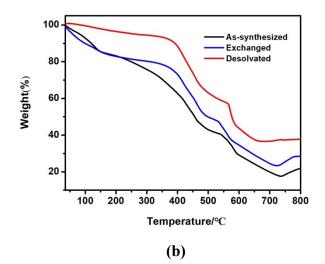


Figure S2. (a) and (b) correspond to the PXRD patterns for Co-MOF 1 and Co-MOF2: simulated, as-synthesized, exchanged and activated samples.





**Figure S3.** (a) and (b) correspond to the TGA for Co-MOF **1** and Co-MOF **2**: assynthesized, exchanged and desolvated samples.

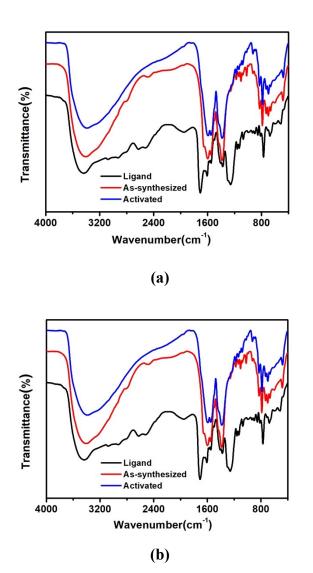


Figure S4. (a) and (b) correspond to the Infrared Spectra of H<sub>6</sub>tdp ligand, as-

### IAST adsorption selectivity calculation

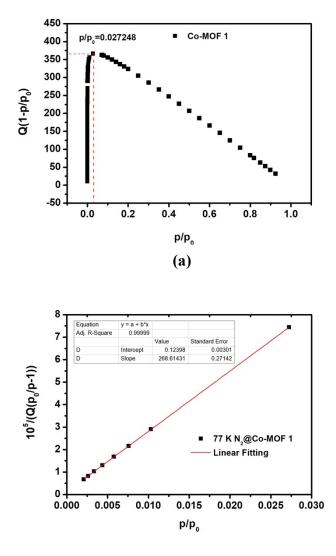
The experimental isotherm data for pure C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, and CH<sub>4</sub> (measured at 298 K) were fitted using a Langmuir-Freundlich (L-F) model.

$$q = \frac{a * b * p^c}{1 + b * p^c}$$

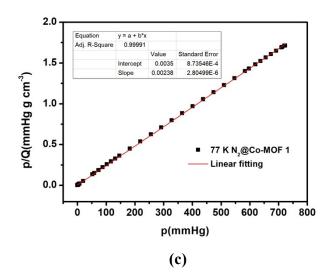
Where q and p are adsorbed amounts and pressures of component *i*, respectively. The adsorption selectivities for binary mixtures of  $C_2H_2/CH_4$ ,  $C_2H_4/CH_4$ ,  $CO_2/CH_4$  at 273 and 298 K, defined by

$$S_{ads} = (q_1 / q_2) / (p_1 / p_2)$$

Where *qi* is the amount of *i* adsorbed and *pi* is the partial pressure of *i* in the mixture.



**(b)** 



$$\begin{split} S_{BET} &= 1/(0.124 \times 10^{-6} + 268.61) \times 10^{5} / 22414 \times 6.023 \times 10^{23} \times 0.162 \times 10^{-18} \\ = 1620.64 \ m^{2} \\ g^{-1} \end{split}$$

 $S_{Langmuir} = (1/0.00238)/22414 \times 6.023 \times 10^{23} \times 0.162 \times 10^{-18} = 1829.08 \text{ m}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$ 

BET constant C=1+268.61/0.124×10<sup>5</sup>×10<sup>-6</sup>=217.62

 $(P/P_0)_{nm} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{C}+1} = 0.063484$ 

Figure S5. (a) The consistency plot, (b) BET surface area plot, and (c) Langmuir surface area plot for Co-MOF 1.

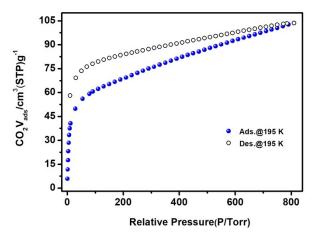
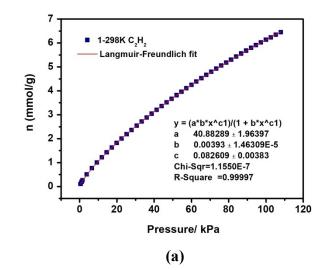
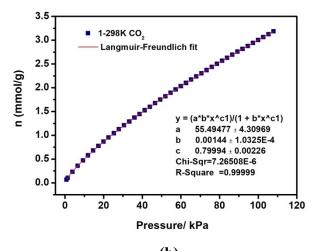
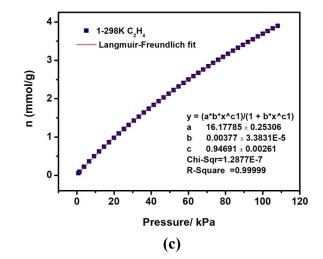


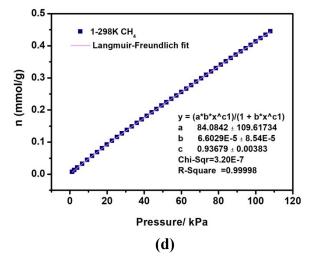
Figure S6. CO<sub>2</sub> adsorption and desorption isotherm curves of Co-MOF 2 at 195 K.



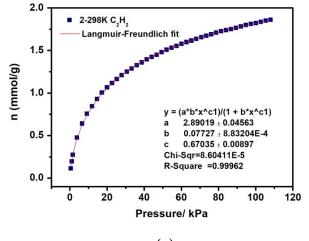




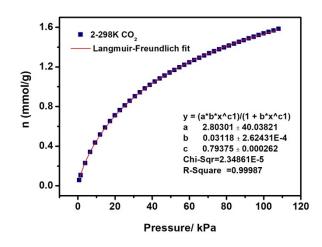




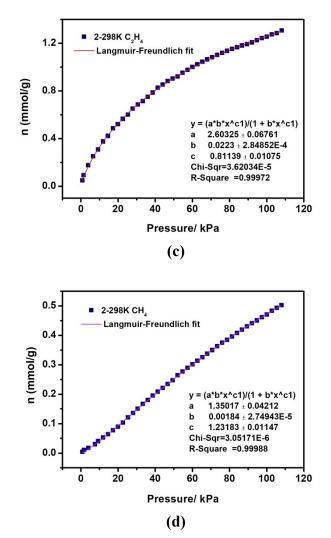
**Figure S7.** (a), (b), (c) and (d) correspond to the C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub> adsorption isotherms of Co-MOF **1** at 298 K with fitting by L-F model.



**(a)** 



**(b)** 

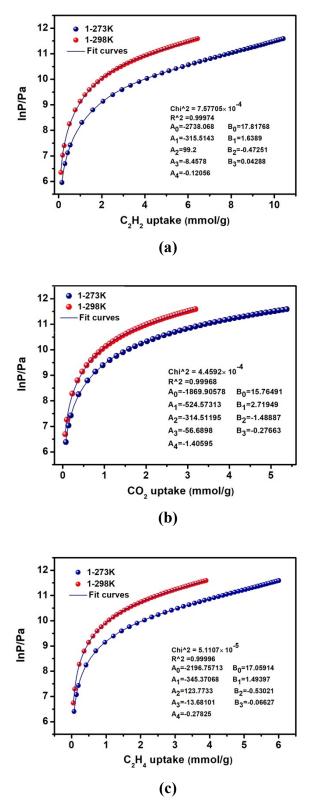


**Figure S8.** (a), (b), (c) and (d) correspond to the C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub> isotherms of Co-MOF **2** at 298 K with fitting by L-F model.

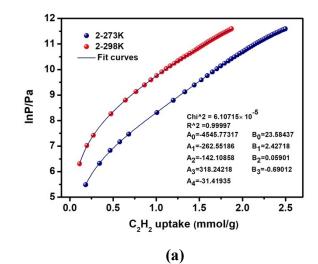
### Calculation of sorption heat for C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> uptakes using Virial II model

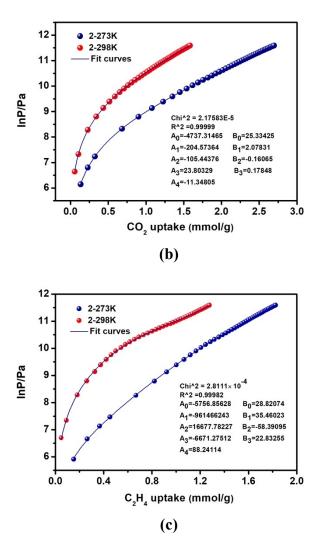
The above equation was applied to fit the  $C_2H_2$ ,  $C_2H_4$  and  $CO_2$  adsorption isotherm data for desolvated Co-MOF **1** and Co-MOF **2** at 273 and 298 K, where *P* is the pressure, *N* is the adsorbed amount, *T* is the temperature, *ai* and *bi* are virial coefficients, and *m* and *n* are the number of coefficients used to describe the isotherms.  $Q_{st}$  is the coverage-dependent enthalpy of adsorption and *R* is the universal gas constant.

$$\ln P = \ln N + 1/T \sum_{i=0}^{m} aiN^{i} + \sum_{i=0}^{n} biN^{i}Q_{st} = -R \sum_{i=0}^{m} aiN^{i}$$



**Figure S9.** (a), (b) and (c) correspond to the Virial analysis of the C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> adsorption data at 298 K and 273 K for Co-MOF **1**.





**Figure S10.** (a), (b) and (c) correspond to the Virial analysis of the C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> adsorption data at 298 K and 273 K for Co-MOF **2**.