

## Electronic Supporting Information (ESI)

### **Tuning of Thermal Expansion Properties of Mixed-Ligand MOF by Ligand Variation**

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## 1. Experimental Section

### Synthesis of Co[(Bpy)(TPA)] (**2**)

All the chemicals were purchased from commercial sources and used as received without further purification. The solvent used *i.e.* Methanol has been distilled before use after receiving from commercial source. The synthesis of **2** has been done by a slightly modified method from reported literature.<sup>1</sup> 8ml Methanolic solution of CoCl<sub>2</sub>.6H<sub>2</sub>O (119mg, 0.5 mmol), 4,4'-Bipyridine (**Bpy**) (78mg, 0.5 mmol), and terephthalic acid (**TPA**) (83mg, 0.5 mmol) was stirred for 3 hrs. Then the solution was transferred to a Teflon lined autoclave and heated at 200°C for 72 hrs and then cooled to room temperature slowly to get pink needle shaped crystals. The crystals came along with the precipitate, from which the crystals have been separated manually. Then the crystals were washed thoroughly with methanol and dried in air.

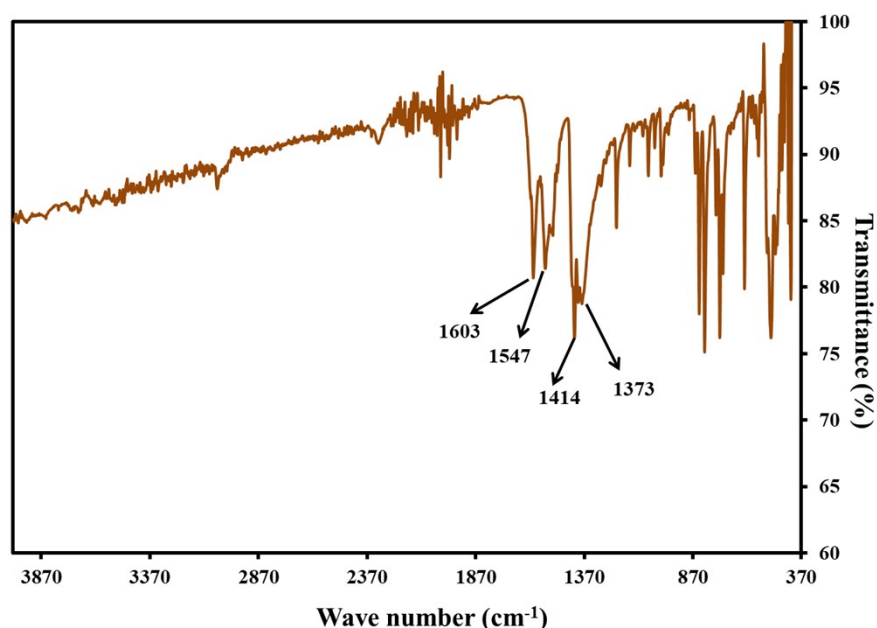
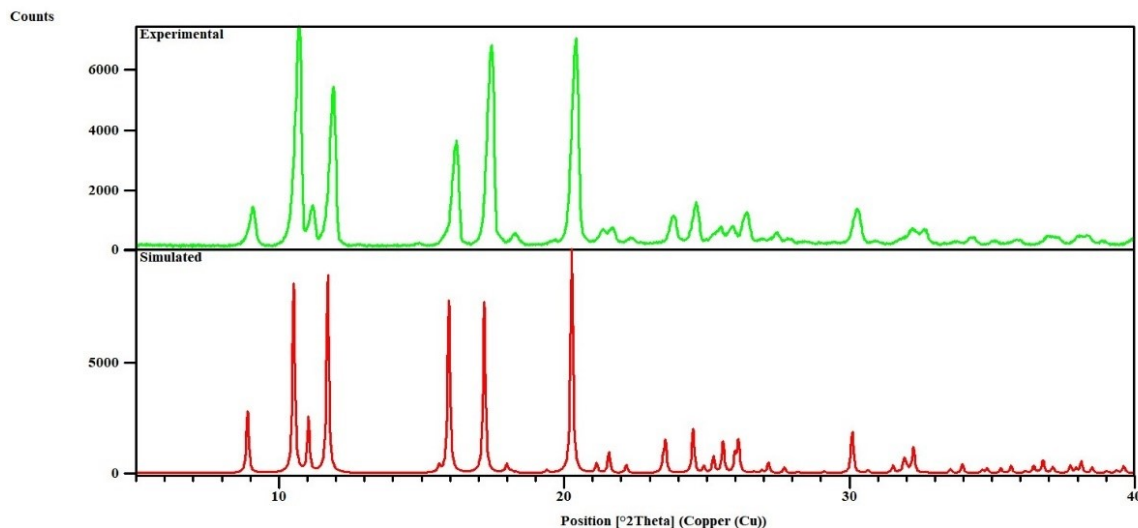


Figure S1 FT-IR Spectra of **2** recorded in Shimadzu (IR Affinity-1SWL).

## 2. Powder X-Ray Diffraction Study

The powder X-Ray diffraction data was taken in Rigaku powder X-ray diffractometer (Miniflex-600 with CuK $\alpha$  radiation,  $\lambda = 1.54059\text{\AA}$ ) to confirm the purity of the

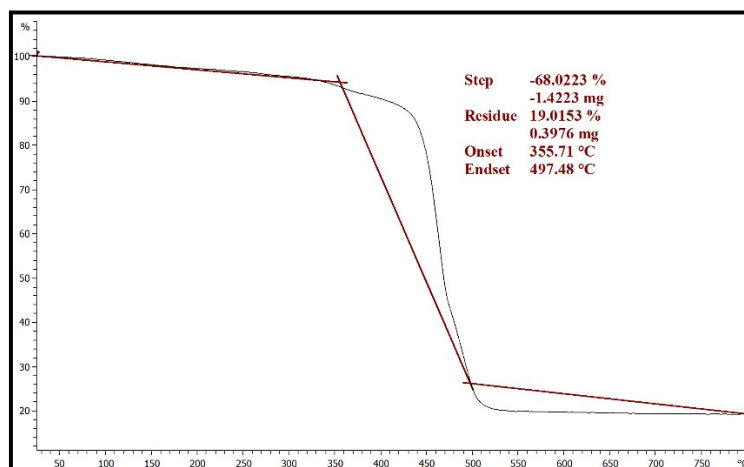
compound. The crystals of the compound **2** were crushed to form powder and this powder was placed in a quartz holder and data was taken at room temperature from 5°C to 40°C (2 $\theta$  value) at a scan rate of 2°/min.



**Figure S2** PXRD pattern of **2** in which comparison of experimental (Green) and simulated obtained from crystal structure (Red) PXRD pattern has been done.

### 3. Thermogravimetric Analysis

TGA analysis showed the starting point of mass loss is 355°C that continues till 500°C, which implies that the thermal decomposition of compound starts at 355°C and till that point compound is stable. TGA measurement was done in Mettler Toledo instrument supported with StarRe software version 13.00 with heating rate 10°C/min.



**Figure S3** TGA thermogram that shows mass loss after 350°C.

#### 4. Single Crystal X-Ray Diffraction Study

A suitable single crystal of **2** was mounted on goniometer head using nylon loop and single crystal X-Ray diffraction data has been taken on Bruker D8 Quest single crystal X-ray diffractometer equipped with a microfocus anode (MoK $\alpha$ ) and a PHOTON 100 CMOS detector. The data was integrated and scaled using the Bruker suite programs.<sup>1</sup> Structure was solved by direct method and refined using SHELXL.<sup>3, 4</sup>

#### 5. Variable Temperature X-Ray Diffraction Study

For variable temperature single crystal X-Ray diffraction study a suitable single crystal was glued with epoxy glue on top of a glass fiber. The single-crystal data was initially recorded at 100K and then successive data sets were collected at intervals of 50K till 450K. Although the crystal was stable up to 600K but data was collected up to 450K due to the limitations of cryostat attached with the diffractometer. All the data at each temperature was integrated and scaled using the Bruker suite programs.<sup>2</sup> Structure was solved by direct method and refined using SHELXL<sup>3, 4</sup> and X-Seed software.<sup>5</sup> Crystallographic data and final refinement details are given in Table S1.

**Table S1:** Crystallographic data of **2** from 100K to 450K.

| Compound       | 2_100K                                                           | 2_150K                                                           | 2_200K                                                           | 2_250K                                                           |
|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Moiety formula | C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>12</sub> Co N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> | C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>12</sub> Co N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> | C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>12</sub> Co N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> | C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>12</sub> Co N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> |
| Crystal system | Monoclinic                                                       | Monoclinic                                                       | Monoclinic                                                       | Monoclinic                                                       |
| Space group    | <i>C2/c</i>                                                      | <i>C2/c</i>                                                      | <i>C2/c</i>                                                      | <i>C2/c</i>                                                      |
| <i>a</i> /Å    | 20.777(3)                                                        | 20.720(3)                                                        | 20.676(3)                                                        | 20.634(2)                                                        |
| <i>b</i> /Å    | 10.2704(15)                                                      | 10.2647(14)                                                      | 10.2639(13)                                                      | 10.2655(12)                                                      |
| <i>c</i> /Å    | 16.306(2)                                                        | 16.365(2)                                                        | 16.439(2)                                                        | 16.4990(19)                                                      |
| $\alpha$ /(°)  | 90                                                               | 90                                                               | 90                                                               | 90                                                               |
| $\beta$ /(°)   | 105.520(5)                                                       | 105.495(5)                                                       | 105.457(4)                                                       | 105.415(4)                                                       |
| $\gamma$ /(°)  | 90                                                               | 90                                                               | 90                                                               | 90                                                               |

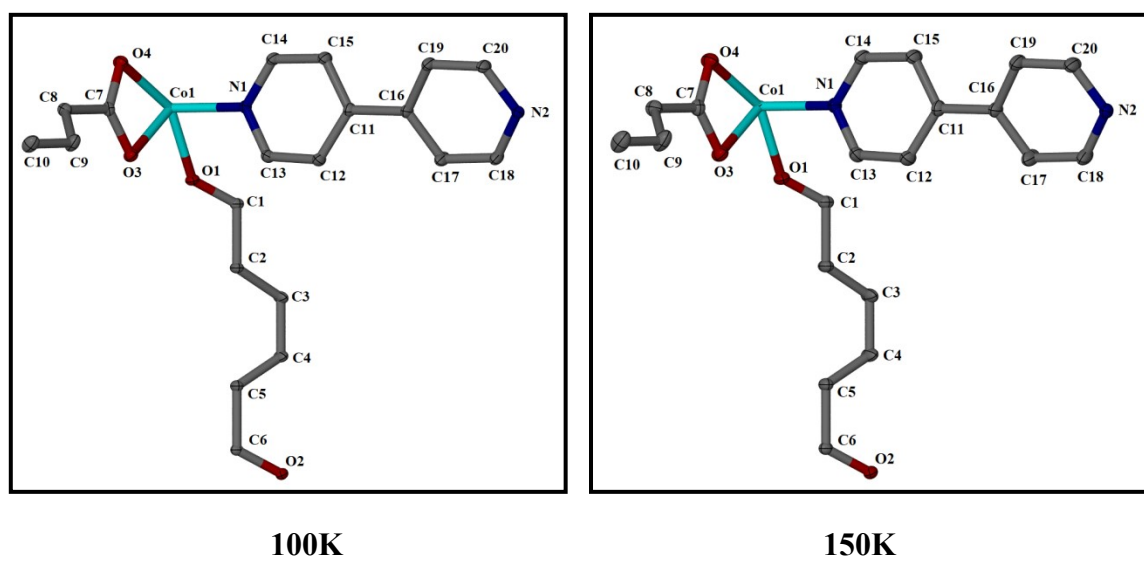
|                                   |           |           |           |           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| $V/\text{\AA}^3$                  | 3352.7(8) | 3354.0(8) | 3362.5(7) | 3369.0(7) |
| $Z$                               | 8         | 8         | 8         | 8         |
| $D_{\text{cal}}/\text{g cm}^{-3}$ | 1.503     | 1.502     | 1.498     | 1.495     |
| T/K                               | 100       | 150       | 200       | 250       |
| $\mu/\text{mm}^{-1}$              | 1.048     | 1.048     | 1.045     | 1.043     |
| $F_{000}$                         | 1544      | 1544      | 1544      | 1544      |
| Reflections measured              | 42019     | 42235     | 42334     | 42653     |
| Unique reflections                | 4175      | 4177      | 4186      | 4201      |
| Observed reflections              | 3712      | 3670      | 3593      | 3240      |
| Parameters                        | 228       | 228       | 228       | 237       |
| $R_{\text{int}}$                  | 0.0325    | 0.0317    | 0.0325    | 0.0336    |
| final $R$ (I > 2 $\sigma$ (I))    | 0.0251    | 0.0256    | 0.0293    | 0.0357    |
| final $R$ (all data)              | 0.0300    | 0.0315    | 0.0365    | 0.0494    |
| GOF on $F^2$                      | 1.089     | 1.078     | 1.074     | 1.070     |
| CCDC No.                          | 2253955   | 2253956   | 2253957   | 2253958   |

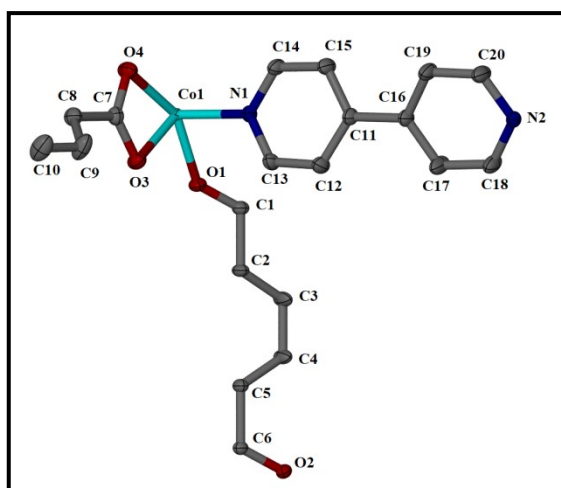
| Compound         | 2_300K                                                           | 2_350K                                                           | 2_400K                                                           | 2_450K                                                           |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Moiety formula   | C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>12</sub> Co N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> | C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>12</sub> Co N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> | C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>12</sub> Co N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> | C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>12</sub> Co N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> |
| Crystal system   | Monoclinic                                                       | Monoclinic                                                       | Monoclinic                                                       | Monoclinic                                                       |
| Space group      | $C2/c$                                                           | $C2/c$                                                           | $C2/c$                                                           | $C2/c$                                                           |
| $a/\text{\AA}$   | 20.570(2)                                                        | 20.504(3)                                                        | 20.439(3)                                                        | 20.376(3)                                                        |
| $b/\text{\AA}$   | 10.2665(12)                                                      | 10.2634(13)                                                      | 10.2687(17)                                                      | 10.2653(14)                                                      |
| $c/\text{\AA}$   | 16.5997(18)                                                      | 16.711(2)                                                        | 16.814(3)                                                        | 16.928(2)                                                        |
| $\alpha/^\circ$  | 90                                                               | 90                                                               | 90                                                               | 90                                                               |
| $\beta/^\circ$   | 105.387(4)                                                       | 105.360(5)                                                       | 105.349(6)                                                       | 105.342(5)                                                       |
| $\gamma/^\circ$  | 90                                                               | 90                                                               | 90                                                               | 90                                                               |
| $V/\text{\AA}^3$ | 3380.0(7)                                                        | 3391.0(7)                                                        | 3403.0(9)                                                        | 3414.6(8)                                                        |

|                                             |         |         |         |         |
|---------------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| <i>Z</i>                                    | 8       | 8       | 8       | 8       |
| <i>D</i> <sub>cal</sub> /g cm <sup>-3</sup> | 1.490   | 1.486   | 1.480   | 1.475   |
| T/K                                         | 300     | 350     | 400     | 450     |
| $\mu$ /mm <sup>-1</sup>                     | 1.040   | 1.037   | 1.033   | 1.029   |
| <i>F</i> <sub>000</sub>                     | 1544    | 1544    | 1544    | 1544    |
| Reflections measured                        | 43116   | 43290   | 38018   | 43465   |
| Unique reflections                          | 4211    | 4233    | 3499    | 4271    |
| Observed reflections                        | 2176    | 2129    | 1773    | 2021    |
| Parameters                                  | 257     | 267     | 247     | 247     |
| <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>                     | 0.0350  | 0.0365  | 0.0358  | 0.0499  |
| final <i>R</i> (I > 2 $\sigma$ (I))         | 0.0331  | 0.0317  | 0.0296  | 0.0344  |
| final <i>R</i> (all data)                   | 0.0561  | 0.0560  | 0.0517  | 0.0664  |
| GOF on F <sup>2</sup>                       | 1.087   | 1.054   | 1.051   | 1.049   |
| CCDC No.                                    | 2253959 | 2253960 | 2253961 | 2253962 |

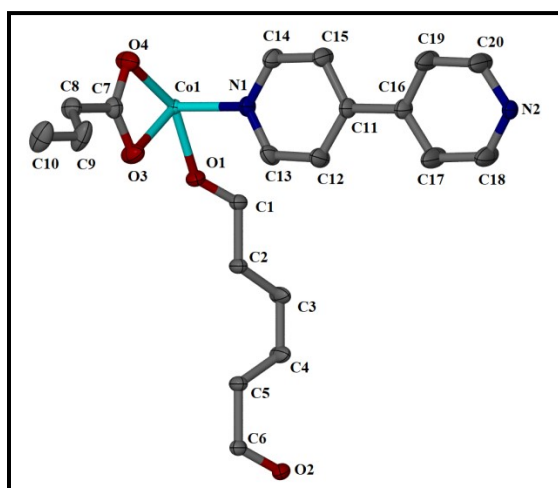
**Note.** All parameters are calculated in PLATON.<sup>6</sup>

## 6. Thermal Ellipsoid Plots of Asymmetric Units at Different Temperature

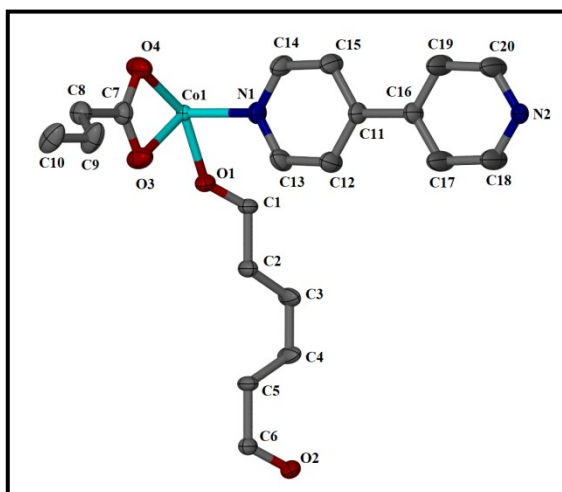




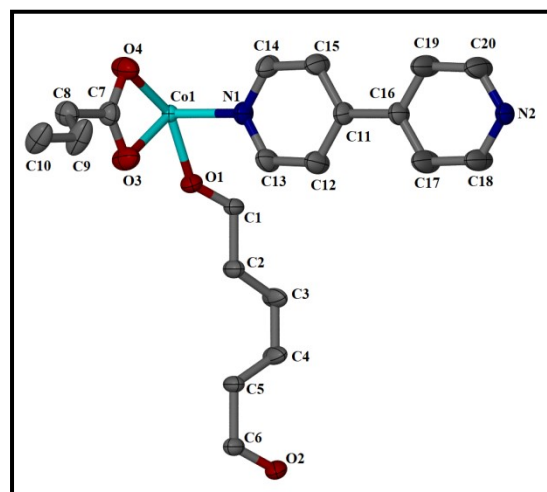
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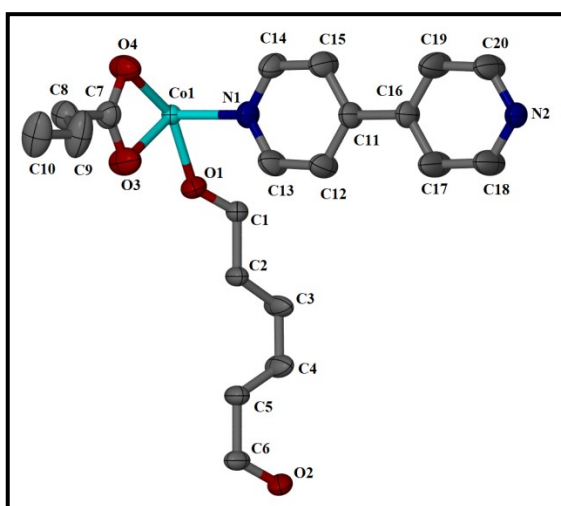
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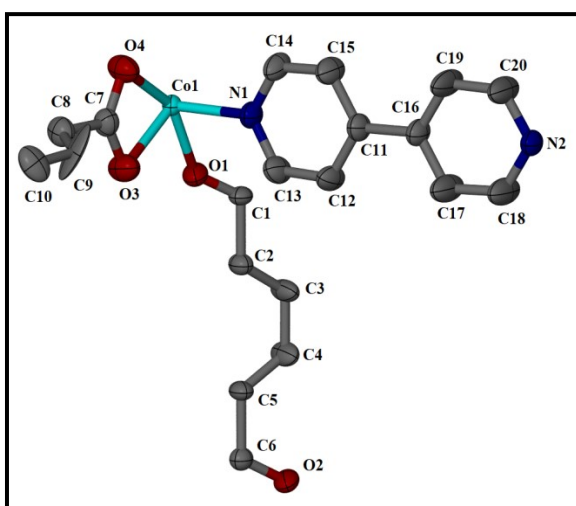
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350K



400K



450K

**Figure S4** Thermal ellipsoid plots of asymmetric units of the crystal structure of **2** at different temperatures (100 K – 450 K) shown in 50 % probability.

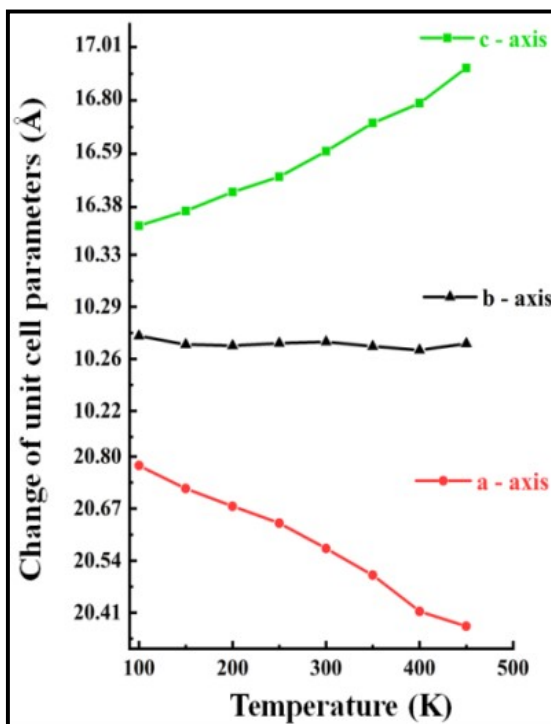


## 7. Change in Unit Cell Parameters of the Crystal Structures of Co[(Bpy)(TPA)] (**2**) with Temperature

**Table S2** Change of unit cell parameters of the crystal structures of **2** at different temperature.

| Temperature (K) | <i>a</i> (Å) | <i>b</i> (Å) | <i>c</i> (Å) | $\alpha = \gamma$ (°) | $\beta$ (°) | Volume(Å <sup>3</sup> ) |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| 100             | 20.7774      | 10.2704      | 16.3059      | 90                    | 105.520     | 3352.68                 |
| 150             | 20.7198      | 10.2647      | 16.3648      | 90                    | 105.495     | 3354.00                 |
| 200             | 20.6758      | 10.2639      | 16.4394      | 90                    | 105.457     | 3362.49                 |
| 250             | 20.6336      | 10.2655      | 16.4990      | 90                    | 105.415     | 3369.00                 |
| 300             | 20.5705      | 10.2665      | 16.5997      | 90                    | 105.387     | 3379.98                 |
| 350             | 20.5038      | 10.2634      | 16.7108      | 90                    | 105.36      | 3390.99                 |
| 400             | 20.439       | 10.2687      | 16.814       | 90                    | 105.349     | 3403.00                 |
| 450             | 20.3762      | 10.2653      | 16.9277      | 90                    | 105.342     | 3414.55                 |

**Note.** NTE along *a* axis and ZTE along *b* axis are highlighted in olive green and maroon colour respectively.



**Figure S5** Change of the length of unit cell axes with increasing temperature from 100K to 450K in case of **2**.

## 8. Calculation of Thermal Expansion Coefficient by PASCAL Program

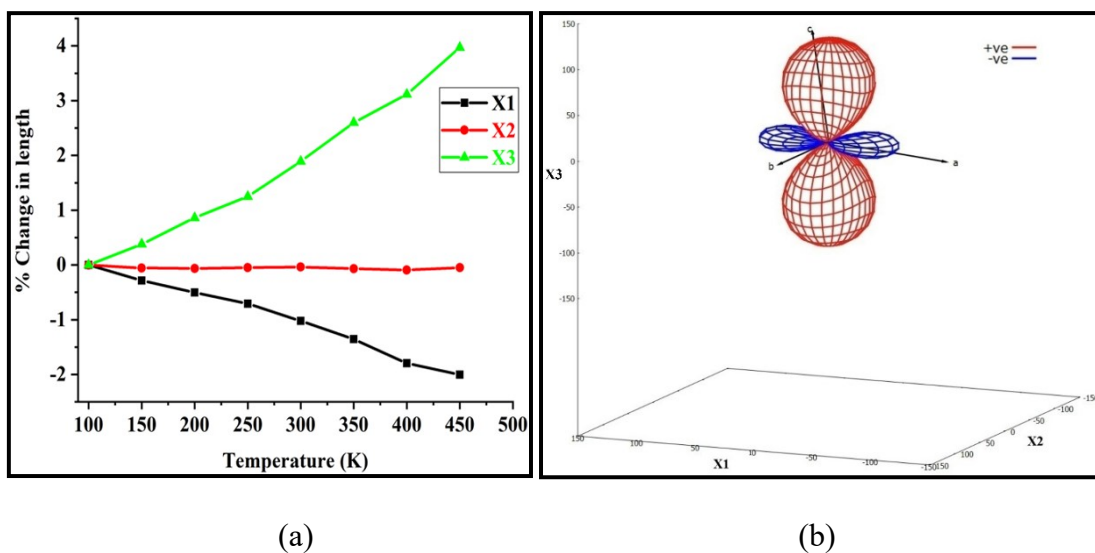
**Table S3** Thermal expansion coefficient of **2** from temperature range 100K to 450K.

| Axes                 | $\alpha$ (MK <sup>-1</sup> ) | $\sigma\alpha$ (MK <sup>-1</sup> ) | Direction |         |         |
|----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------|---------|---------|
|                      |                              |                                    | $a$       | $b$     | $c$     |
| <b>X<sub>1</sub></b> | -56.8766                     | 1.5398                             | -0.9934   | 0.0000  | -0.1150 |
| <b>X<sub>2</sub></b> | -0.3756                      | 0.7674                             | 0.0000    | 1.0000  | -0.0000 |
| <b>X<sub>3</sub></b> | 114.2622                     | 5.0633                             | 0.1408    | -0.0000 | 0.9900  |
| <b>V</b>             | 56.5803                      | 3.5441                             |           |         |         |

**Note.** Thermal expansion coefficients were calculated using the PASCAL program.<sup>7</sup>

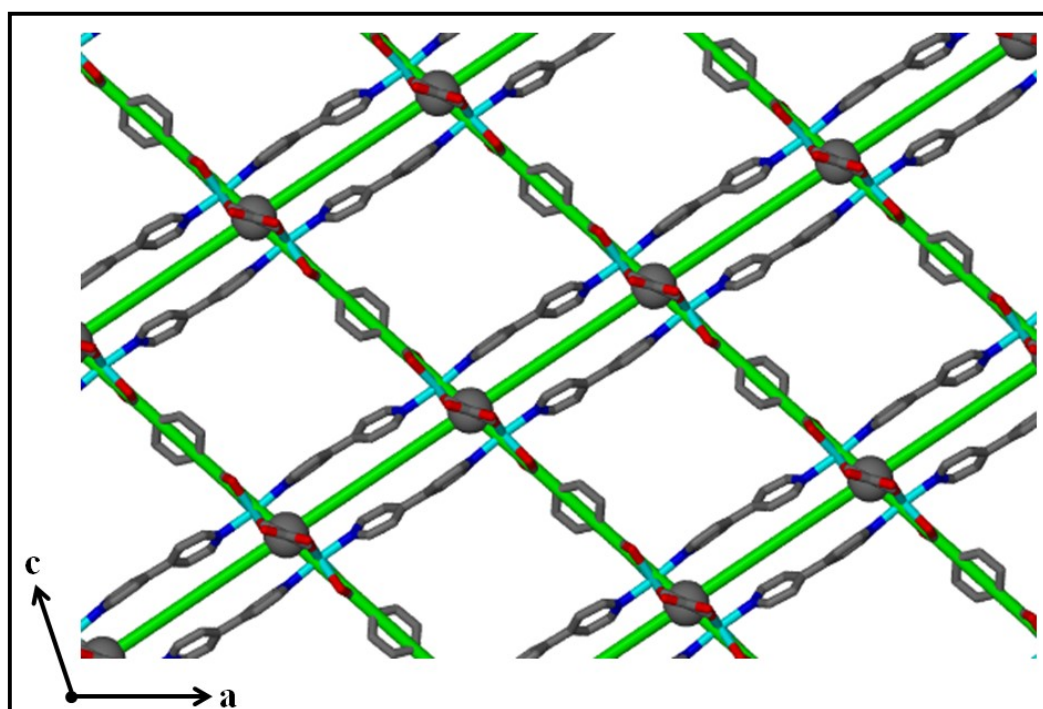
**Table S4** Percentage change in length with change in temperature.

| Temperature (K) | <b>X<sub>1</sub></b> | <b>X<sub>2</sub></b> | <b>X<sub>3</sub></b> |
|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 100             | 0.0000               | 0.0000               | 0.0000               |
| 150             | -0.2840              | -0.0555              | 0.3801               |
| 200             | -0.5010              | -0.0633              | 0.8610               |
| 250             | -0.7071              | -0.0477              | 1.2496               |
| 300             | -1.0220              | -0.0380              | 1.8915               |
| 350             | -1.3560              | -0.0682              | 2.5985               |
| 400             | -1.6829              | -0.0166              | 3.2513               |
| 450             | -2.0020              | -0.0497              | 3.9685               |

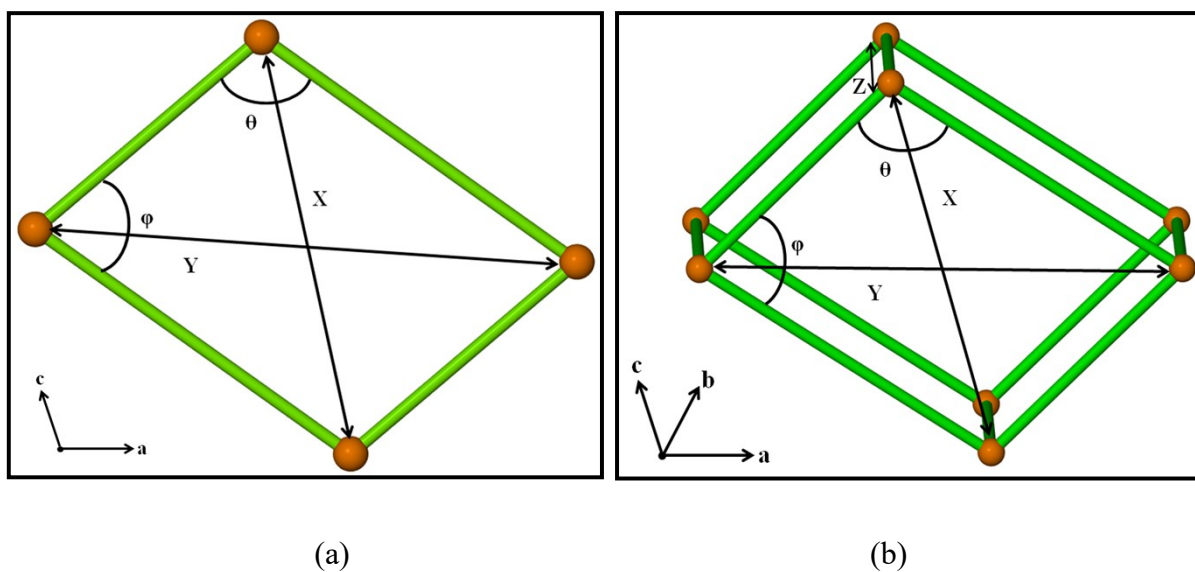


**Figure S6** (a) Percentage change in length with change in temperature. (b) Expansivity indicatrix plot.

## 9. Schematic Representation of Fencing Motion



**Figure S7** Fence like motion in 3D Network of **2** (Centroids of SBUs shown by '●' are hinges of the fence).

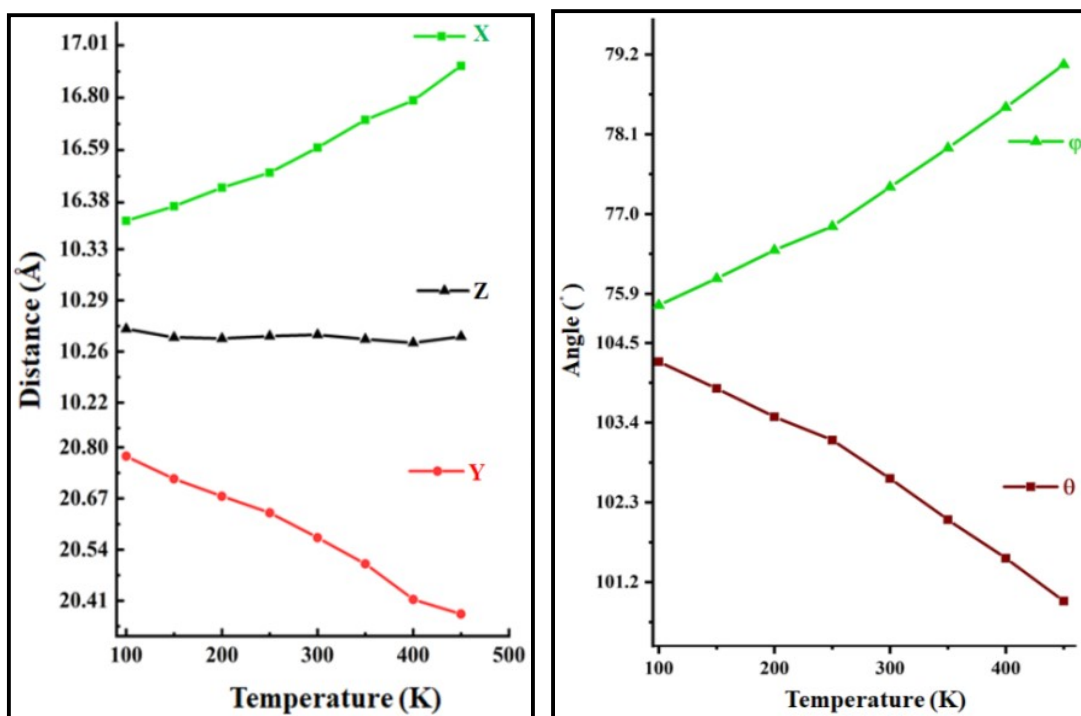


**Figure S8** Schematic representation of 2D rectangular grid. (a) Representing diagonal distance  $X$ ,  $Y$  and angle  $\theta$  and  $\phi$ . (b) Representing distance  $Z$  that is responsible for ZTE.

#### 10. Change of Distance $X$ , $Y$ and $Z$ and Angle $\theta$ , $\phi$ with Change in Temperature

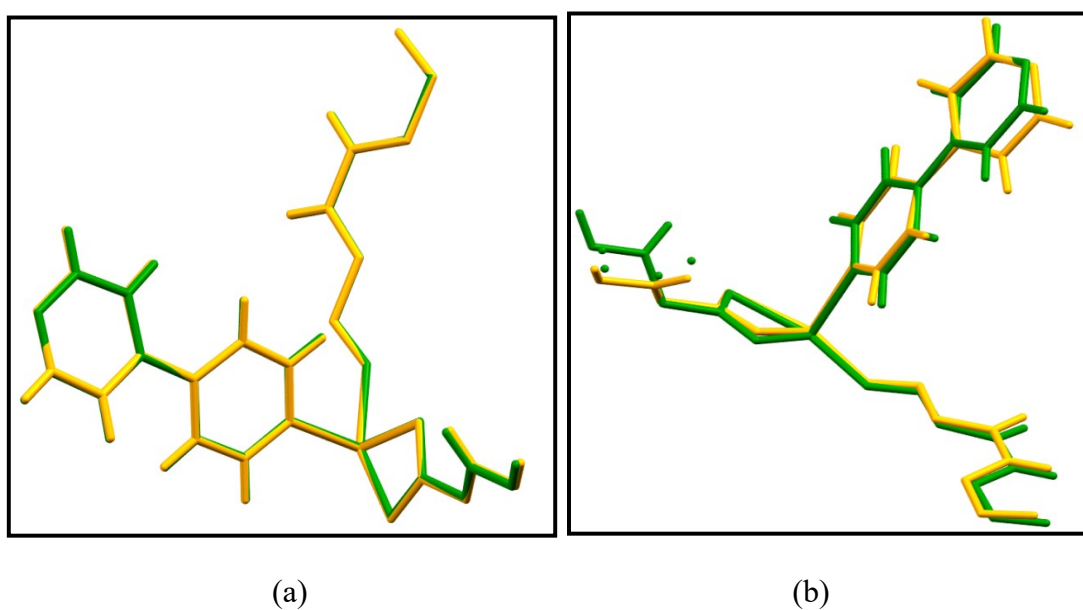
**Table S5** Change of Distance  $X$ ,  $Y$  and  $Z$  and angle  $\theta$ ,  $\phi$  with change in temperature from 100K to 450K.

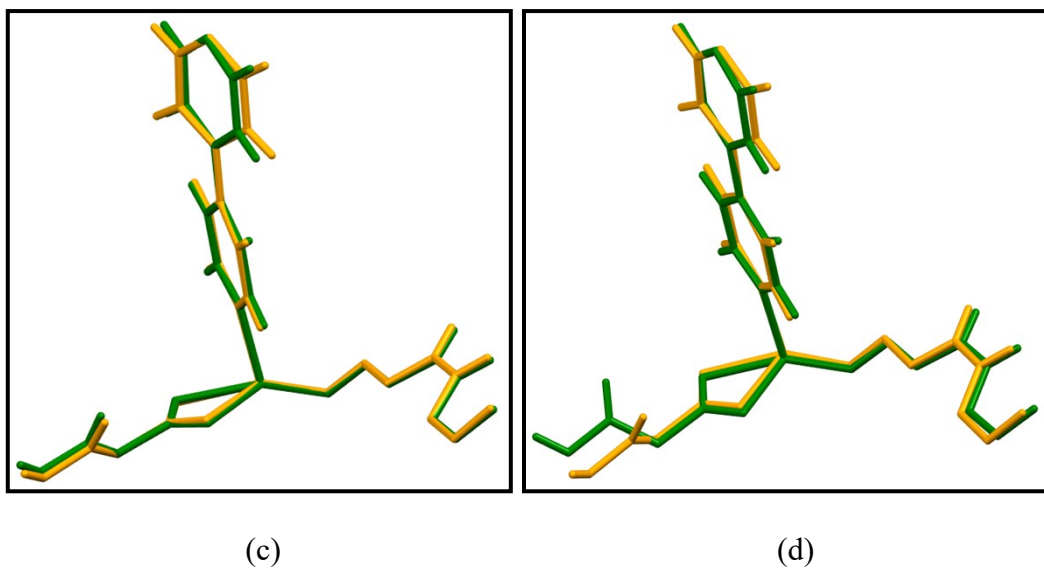
| Temperature(K) | $X$    | $Y$    | $Z$    | $\theta$ | $\phi$ |
|----------------|--------|--------|--------|----------|--------|
| 100            | 16.306 | 20.777 | 10.270 | 104.24   | 75.74  |
| 150            | 16.365 | 20.720 | 10.265 | 103.87   | 76.11  |
| 200            | 16.439 | 20.676 | 10.264 | 103.48   | 76.50  |
| 250            | 16.499 | 20.634 | 10.265 | 103.16   | 76.83  |
| 300            | 16.600 | 20.571 | 10.267 | 102.63   | 77.37  |
| 350            | 16.711 | 20.504 | 10.263 | 102.06   | 77.94  |
| 400            | 16.789 | 20.413 | 10.261 | 101.53   | 78.47  |
| 450            | 16.928 | 20.376 | 10.265 | 100.94   | 79.06  |



**Figure S9** (a) Change in length X, Y and Z with temperature (b) Change in angle  $\theta$  and  $\phi$  with temperature for **2**.

### 11. Change in Tilt Angle of Pyridyl Rings of 4,4'-Bipyridine (Bpy)





**Figure S10** (a) Molecular Overlay of asymmetric units at 100K and 200K. (b) Molecular Overlay of asymmetric units at 100K and 450K. (c) Molecular Overlay of asymmetric units at 100K and 250K. (d) Molecular Overlay of asymmetric units at 250K and 450K.

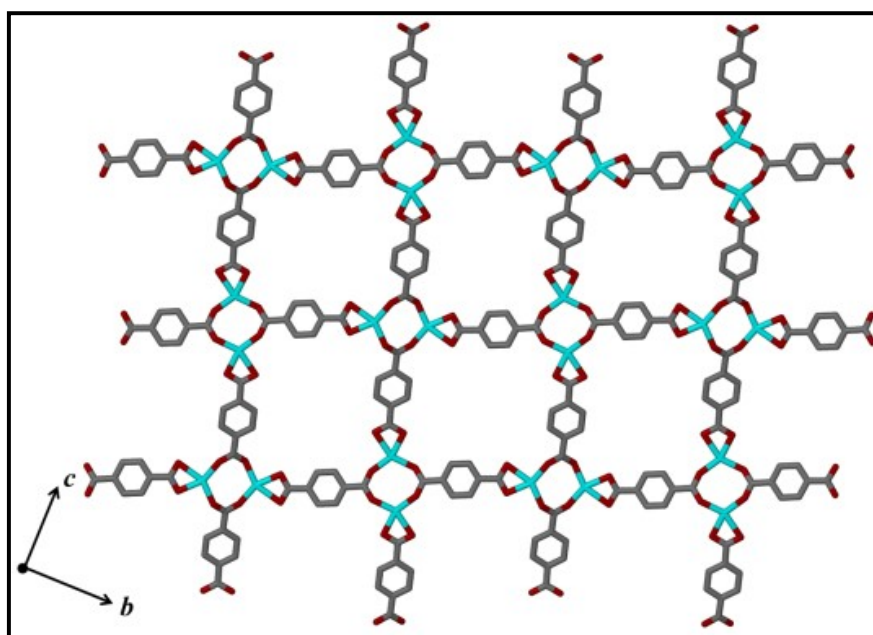
**Table S6** Change in angle between two pyridyl rings of **Bpy** ligand with change in temperature.

| Temperature (K) | Angle between two pyridyl rings of Bpy ligand (°) | Rate of change of angle with temperature (°) |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 100             | 26.28                                             | 0                                            |
| 150             | 25.44                                             | 0.84                                         |
| 200             | 23.46                                             | 1.98                                         |
| 250             | 14.34                                             | 9.12                                         |
| 300             | 6.23                                              | 8.11                                         |
| 350             | 5.92                                              | 0.31                                         |
| 400             | 5.67                                              | 0.25                                         |
| 450             | 5.50                                              | 0.17                                         |

**Table S7** RMSD values of Molecular Overlay of asymmetric units of crystal structure of **2** at each temperature.

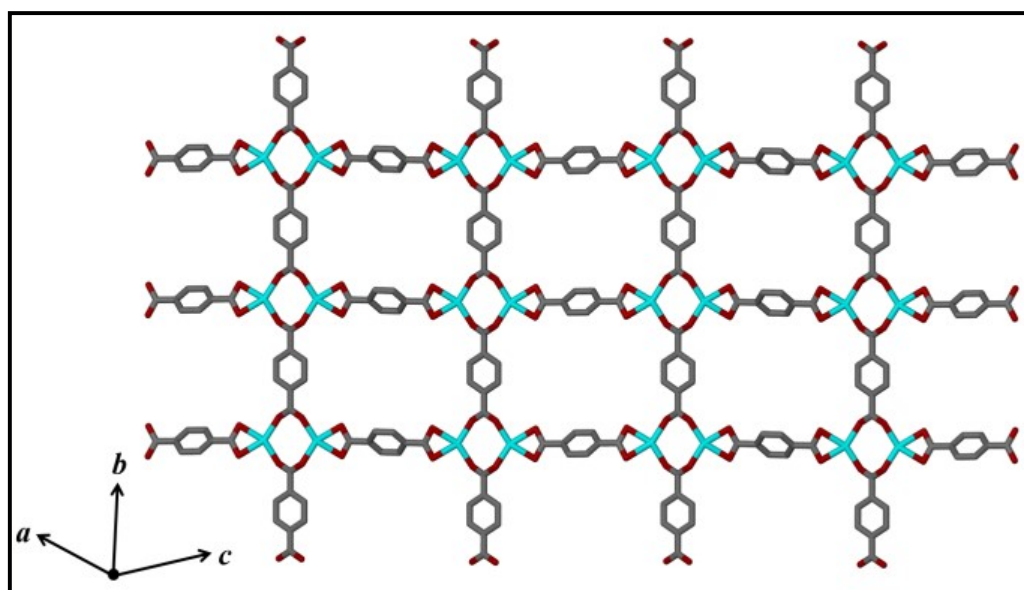
| Temperature (K) | RMSD   | Max. D |
|-----------------|--------|--------|
| 100-150         | 0.0152 | 0.0376 |
| 150-200         | 0.0223 | 0.0547 |
| 200-250         | 0.0710 | 0.1810 |
| 250-300         | 0.2703 | 0.8249 |
| 300-350         | 0.0375 | 0.1334 |
| 350-400         | 0.1277 | 0.4325 |
| 400-450         | 0.2002 | 0.6386 |

## 12. Comparison of the Packing Arrangement of Co[(Pz)(TPA)] (**1**)<sup>8</sup> and Co[(Bpy)(TPA)] (**2**)



(a)

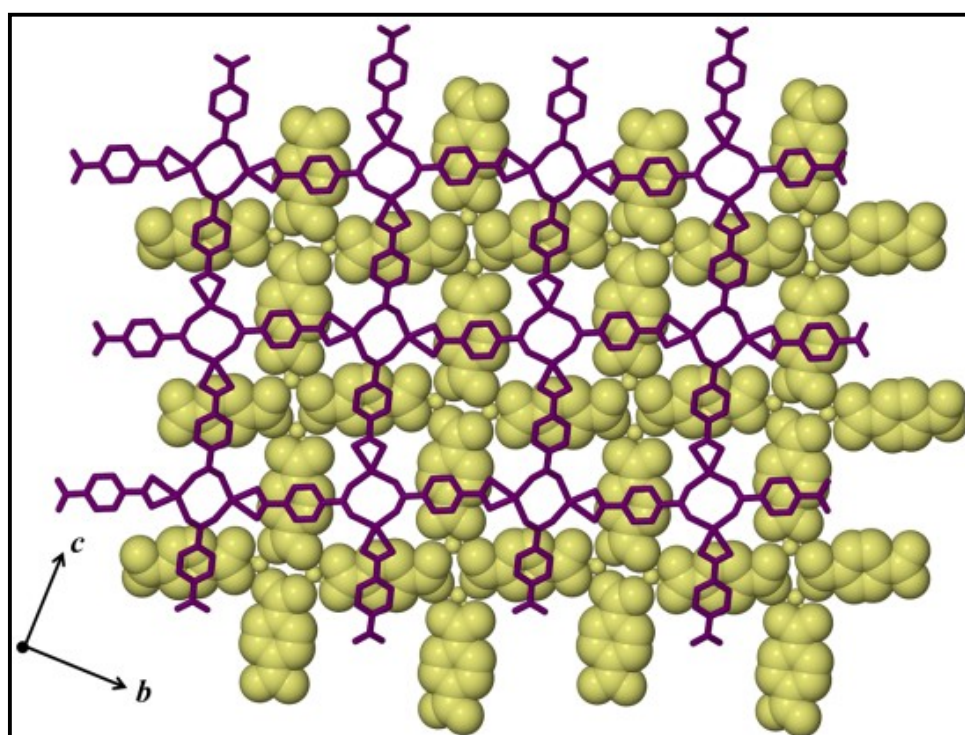




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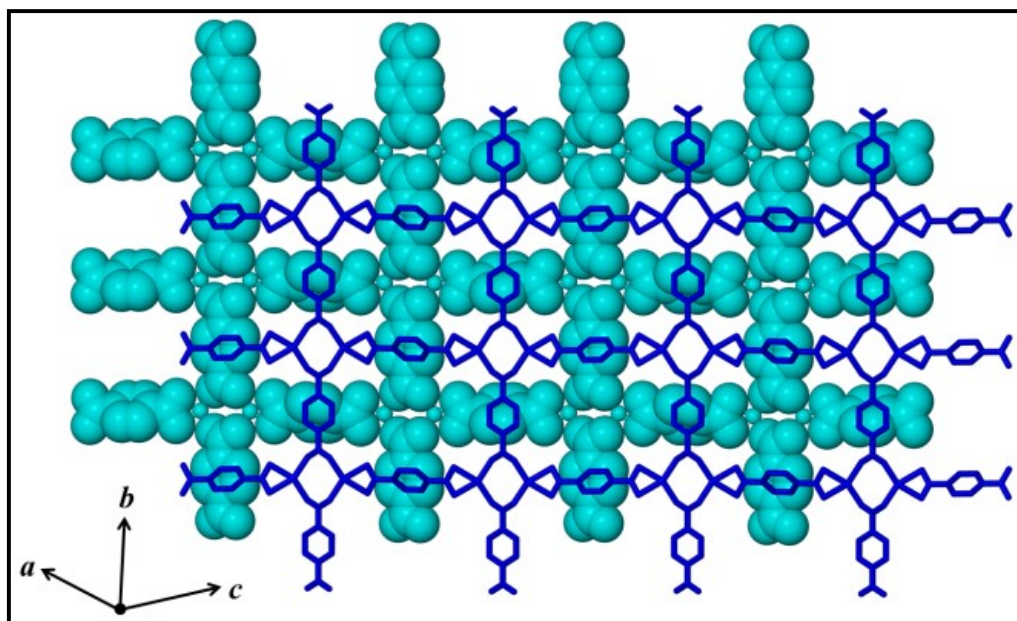
**Figure S11** (a) 2D square grid parallel to  $bc$  plane formed in the crystal structure of **1**.

(b) 2D rectangular grid parallel to  $(2\ 0\ 1)$  plane formed in the crystal structure of **2**.



(a)





(b)

**Figure S12** Interpenetrated 3D framework in the crystal structure of compound **1** and **2** in which A and B layers are shown in two different colours (a) **1** viewed in  $bc$  plane. (b) **2** viewed in  $(2\ 0\ 1)$  plane.

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