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#### **Supporting Information**

## Engineering anomalous elastic properties of coordination polymers and their amorphization by employing flexible linkers

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Figure S1. The unit-cell angles of  $Cd(HDA)_2(NO_3)_2$  as a function of pressure. Lines are for guiding the eye only. ESDs are smaller than plotted symbols.



Figure S2.  $Cd(HDA)_2(NO_3)_2$  coordination sphere presented as Cd-O (a), Cd-N (b) and (c) pressure-induced reduction of the Cd-Cd' distances in the function of pressure. Lines are for guiding the eye only. ESDs are smaller than plotted symbols.

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Figure S3. The molecular volume (a) unit-cell parameters (b) and unit-cell angles (c) of  $Cd(HDA)_2(NO_3)_2$  presented as a function of temperature. Lines are for guiding the eye only. ESDs are smaller than plotted symbols.



Figure S4. Site occupation factor of the disordered carbon atoms in HDA linker in  $\alpha$ -phase. Full symbols represent the C3A atom, and open symbols C3B.





Figure S5.  $Cd(HDA)_2(NO_3)_2$  coordination sphere presented as Cd-O (a), Cd-N (b) and (c) pressure-induced reduction of the Cd-Cd' distances in the function of temperature. Lines are for guiding the eye only. ESDs are smaller than plotted symbols.

Figure S6.  $Cd_2(HDA)_3(NO_3)_4$  coordination sphere presented as Cd-O (a), Cd-N (b) distances and (c) pressure-induced reduction of the Cd-Cd' in the function of pressure. Lines are for guiding the eye only. ESDs are smaller than plotted symbols, despite the model for the measurement collected at 4.30 GPa which due to a partial amorphization and additional constrains require for refining the structure is of lower quality.



Figure S7. The hOl layers presenting the disappearance of the n glide plane (connected with appearance h + l = n reflections) above a pressure above 1.2 GPa for Cd<sub>2</sub>(HDA)<sub>3</sub>(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>.





Figure S8. Changes in the Cu(HDA)<sub>2</sub>(MeCN)<sub>2</sub>·2BF<sub>4</sub> coordination sphere presented as a distances (a) Cu-B and Cu-F and (b) Cu-N distances pressure-induced reduction of the Cu-Cu' distance. Lines are for guiding the eye. ESDs are smaller than nlotted symbols



(b) The changes in torsion angles in HDA ligand (a) and pressure-induced reduction of the Cu-Cu'. Lines are for guiding (a) Figure S<sub>1</sub>



Figure S10. Conformational changes in the HDA linker in Cd<sub>2</sub>(HDA)<sub>3</sub>(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>, C<sub>i</sub>-symmetric HDA from phase  $\alpha$  (green) superimposed on HDA of phase  $\beta$  (pink). The torsion angles N3-C7-C8-C9 ( $\tau$ ) indicates the conformational change between phase  $\alpha$  at 0.4 GPa (green) and phase  $\beta$  at 3.1 GPa (pink).

Figure S11. The adjacent binuclear centers bonded by a  $\pi$ -hole interaction NO<sub>3</sub>···NO<sub>3</sub> between bidentate nitrate groups in Cd<sub>2</sub>(HDA)<sub>3</sub>(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>.





Figure S12.  $Cu(HDA)_2(MeCN)_2 \cdot 2BF_4$  structures projected along direction (a) [010], (b) [100], (c) view on the diamond-like framework.

(a)

(c)

(d)

![](_page_7_Figure_1.jpeg)

Figure S13. Cd(HDA)<sub>2</sub>(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> structures projected along direction (a) [100], (b) [010], (c) [001], [d] stereographic projection of the framework.

![](_page_7_Figure_3.jpeg)

![](_page_8_Figure_1.jpeg)

Figure S14.  $Cd_2(HDA)_3(NO_3)_4$  structures projected along direction (a) [100], (b) [010], (c) [001], [d] stereographic projection of the framework.

(a)

Figure S15. The crystal structure of (a)  $Cd(HDA)_2(NO_3)_2$ , (b)  $Cd_2(HDA)_3(NO_3)_4$ , and (c)  $Cu(HDA)_2(MeCN)_2 \cdot 2BF_4$  with the void spaces calculated by program Mercury<sup>1</sup> as contact surface with probe radius 0.8 Å and grid step 0.1 Å. There are no voids larger than 0.8 Å in radius, capable of absorbing guest molecules.

![](_page_9_Figure_2.jpeg)

Figure S16. Change in the volume of the free voids calculated by Mercury<sup>1</sup> as contact surface with probe radius 0.3 Å and grid step 0.1 Å for (a) Cd(HDA)<sub>2</sub>(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (top left) phases  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$  and (b) phase  $\delta$ ; (c) Cd<sub>2</sub>(HDA)<sub>3</sub>(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> phases  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ ; (d) Cu(HDA)<sub>2</sub>(MeCN)<sub>2</sub> (bottom right).

![](_page_9_Figure_4.jpeg)

(a) (b) (c)

Figure S17.  $Cd(HDA)_2(NO_3)_2$  crystal at (a) 0.7 GPa, (b) 3.6 GPa in DAC as well as (c) the recovered single-crystal mounted on a nylon loop for the X-ray diffraction experiment at room-conditions. The unit-cell dimensions of the crystal before and after the compression are compared below:

![](_page_10_Picture_3.jpeg)

| Cd(HDA) <sub>2</sub> (NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> | a (Å)     | b (Å)     | c (Å)     | V (Å <sup>3</sup> ) |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------------|
| as-synthesized                                       | 9.7855(7) | 9.7855(7) | 21.071(3) | 2017.7(4)           |
| post-compressed                                      | 9.7589(4) | 9.7589(4) | 21.026(5) | 2002.4 (8)          |

![](_page_10_Figure_5.jpeg)

Figure S18. Reconstruction of reciprocal layers for the  $Cd(HDA)_2(NO_3)_2$  crystal, showing decrease in the reflection intensities.

Figure S19. Reconstruction of reciprocal layers for the  $Cd_2(HDA)_3(NO_3)_4$  crystal, showing decrease in the reflection intensities. 3.1 GPa 4.3 GPa 4.5 GPa

![](_page_12_Figure_2.jpeg)

![](_page_13_Picture_1.jpeg)

Figure S20. Reconstruction of reciprocal layers for the  $Cu(HDA)_2(MeCN)_2$ · crystal, showing decrease in the reflection intensities.

Reference:

(1) Macrae, C. F.; Bruno, I. J.; Chisholm, J. A.; Edgington, P. R.; Mccabe, P.; Pidcock, E.; Rodriguezmonge, L.; Taylor, R.; Streek, J. Van De; Wood, P. A. Mercury CSD 2 . 0 – New Features for the Visualization and Investigation of Crystal Structures. *J. Appl. Cryst.* **2008**, *41*, 466–470. https://doi.org/10.1107/S0021889807067908.

**Table S1.** Selected large volume changes at phase transitions and compressibilities of our coordinationpolymers and other compounds reported in the literature.

| Material   | Application        | ΔV/V (%) at            | Volume                          | Reference      |
|--|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
|  |                    | μc                     | (GPa <sup>-1</sup> ) at 0.1 MPa |                |
| Cd(HDA) <sub>2</sub> (NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>               | Shock-             | (α→β) 5%               | α 0.092(2)                      | This work      |
|  | absorber           | at 1.1 GPa             | β 0.027(3)                      |                |
|  |                    | (β→γ) 1%<br>at 2.0 GPa | γ 0.062(2)                      |                |
| Cd <sub>2</sub> (HDA) <sub>3</sub> (NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> | Shock-             | 4% at 1.5              | α 0.141(4)                      | This work      |
|  | absorber           | GPa                    | β 0.043(2)                      |                |
| Cu(HDA) <sub>2</sub> (MeCN) <sub>2</sub> ·2BF <sub>4</sub>         | Shock-<br>absorber | N/A                    | 0.219(2)                        | This work      |
| MIL53(AI)  | Nano-shock         | 41% at 19              | Theory prediction               | Chem. Commun., |

|   | absorber      | MPa         |     |          | <b>2014</b> , 50, 9462        |
|---|---------------|-------------|-----|----------|-------------------------------|
| MIL53(Cr)                               | Nano-damper   | 6% at 53.5  | N/A |          | J. Phys. Chem. C              |
|   |               | MPa         |     |          | <b>2012</b> , 116, 13289-     |
|   |               |             |     |          | 13295                         |
| CUK-1                                   | Nano-springs  | 21% at 0.4  | 1   | 0.292(3) | Chem. Sci., <b>2021</b> , 12, |
|   |               | GPa         | 11  | 0.068(3) | 5682                          |
| MHy <sub>2</sub> PbBr <sub>4</sub>      | Photodetector | 1% at 4.1   | 111 | 0.043(1) | Chem. Mater. <b>2022</b> ,    |
|   |               | GPa         | IV  | 0.026(1) | 34, 7867–7877                 |
| [FA]Mn(H <sub>2</sub> POO) <sub>3</sub> | Solar-cell    | 2% at 3.9   | α   | 0.030(1) | J. Phys. Chem. C              |
|   |               | GPa         | γ   | 0.003(2) | <b>2021,</b> 125,26958-       |
|   |               |             |     |          | 26966                         |
| AMU3·DMF                                | Sensor        | 2% at 0.4   | α   | 0.128(3) | Mater. Adv. <b>2021</b> ,2,   |
|   |               | GPa         | β   | 0.024(2) | 4677-4684                     |
| AMU3·MeCN                               | Sensor        | 1% at 0.7   | α   | 0.051(2) | Mater. Adv. <b>2021</b> ,2,   |
|   |               | GPa         | β   | 0.005(2) | 4677-4684                     |
| Ag <sub>3</sub> [Co(CN) <sub>6</sub> ]  | Optical       | 16% at 0.19 | 1   | 0.152(2) | Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci.        |
|   | material      | GPa         | П   | 0.026(3) | <b>2008,</b> 105, 18708-      |
|   |               |             |     |          | 18713                         |
| T[PrA][Mn(dca) <sub>3</sub> ]           | Barocaloric   | 1% at 6.89  | N/A |          | Nat. Commun., <b>2017</b>     |
|   |               | MPa         |     |          | 8, 15715                      |
| NPG                                     | barocaloric   | 4.9%        | N/A |          | Nat. Commun., <b>2019</b>     |
|   |               |             |     |          | 10, 1803                      |

| hase Phase                        |                      | ß                                 | αβ                             | α γ                            | α γ                        | β γ                        | β                          | , β                            | γβ                             | βγ                 |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| CDC rແພງຢູ່ໂອກັບmber              |                      | 2262376                           | 2202523847                     | 2262323262348                  | 2262340 2262349            | 2262341 226                | 2350262342                 | 2262236521343                  | 22003544                       | 22 <b>82643</b> 53 |
| Pressure                          |                      | 0.0001                            | 0.2                            | 0.5                            | 0.85                       | 1.1                        | 1.25                       | 1.4                            | 1.5                            | 1.65               |
| Temperature (K)                   |                      | 293                               | 293                            | 293                            | 293                        | 293                        | 293                        | 293                            | 293                            | 293                |
| Formula weight                    |                      | 234.42                            | 234.42                         | 234.26                         | 233.32                     | 234.42                     | 234.42                     | 234.42                         | 234.42                         | 234.42             |
| Wavelength (Å)                    |                      | 0.71073                           | 0.71073                        | 0.71073                        | 0.71073                    | 0.71073                    | 0.71073                    | 0.71073                        | 0.71073                        | 0.71073            |
| Crystal system                    |                      | tetragonal                        | tetragonal                     | tetragonal                     | tetragonal                 | triclinic                  | triclinic                  | triclinic                      | triclinic                      | triclinic          |
| Space group                       |                      | 141/a                             | 14 <sub>1</sub> /a             | 14 <u>1</u> /a                 | 141/a                      | <i>р</i> 1                 | <i>p</i> 1                 | рl                             | рl                             | ρl                 |
| Unit cell dimensions              | a (Å)                | 9.7855(7)                         | 9.7210(7)                      | 9.6225(8)                      | 9.5693(6)                  | 9.350(2)                   | 9.369(2)                   | 9.3296(18)                     | 9.3399(16)                     | 9.340(3)           |
|                                   | b (Å)                | 9.7855(7)                         | 9.7210(7)                      | 9.6225(8)                      | 9.5693(6)                  | 9.7253(18)                 | 9.730(2)                   | 9.719(3)                       | 9.7227(16)                     | 9.701(4)           |
|                                   | <i>c</i> (Å)         | 21.071(3)                         | 21.012(2)                      | 20.790(3)                      | 20.504(3)                  | 11.181(5)                  | 11.176(3)                  | 11.132(6)                      | 11.104(3)                      | 11.109(4)          |
|                                   | α (°)                | 90                                | 90                             | 90                             | 90                         | 110.90(3)                  | 111.06(2)                  | 110.81(4)                      | 110.89(2)                      | 111.06(4)          |
|                                   | в(°)                 | 90                                | 90                             | 90                             | 90                         | 105.07(3)                  | 105.360(20)                | 105.15(3)                      | 105.022(19)                    | 105.20(3)          |
|                                   | γ(°)                 | 90                                | 90                             | 90                             | 90                         | 95.909(17)                 | 95.987(19)                 | 95.96(2)                       | 96.004(14)                     | 95.86(3)           |
| Volume (ų)                        |                      | 2017.7(4)                         | 1985.6(4)                      | 1925.0(4)                      | 1877.5(4)                  | 895.3(5)                   | 893.9(4)                   | 888.7(6)                       | 887.9(4)                       | 884.6(6)           |
| Z/Z'                              |                      | 8/0.5                             | 8/0.5                          | 8/0.5                          | 8/0.5                      | 4/2                        | 4/2                        | 4/2                            | 4/2                            | 4/2                |
| Molecular volume (V/Z)            | 1                    | 252.21                            | 248.2                          | 240.625                        | 234.69                     | 223.82                     | 223.47                     | 222.17                         | 221.98                         | 221.15             |
| Calculated density (g/cr          | n³)                  | 1.543                             | 1.568                          | 1.617                          | 1.651                      | 1.709                      | 1.742                      | 1.752                          | 1.754                          | 1.760              |
| Absorption (mm <sup>-1</sup> )    |                      | 1.120                             | 1.138                          | 1.174                          | 1.203                      | 1.261                      | 1.264                      | 1.272                          | 1.273                          | 1.278              |
| F(000)                            |                      | 968.0                             | 968.0                          | 967.0                          | 963.0                      | 468.0                      | 484.0                      | 484.0                          | 484.0                          | 484.0              |
| Crystal size (mm)                 |                      | $0.099 \times 0.067 \times 0.056$ | $0.25 \times 0.16 \times 0.05$ | $0.25 \times 0.16 \times 0.05$ | $0.25\times0.16\times0.05$ | $0.24\times0.15\times0.05$ | $0.24\times0.15\times0.05$ | $0.24 \times 0.15 \times 0.05$ | $0.24 \times 0.15 \times 0.05$ | 0.24 × 0.15 × 0.05 |
| 2∂-range for data colled          | tion (°)             | 7.046 to 57.566                   | 8.386 to 52.606                | 7.158 to 52.85                 | 7.216 to 59.988            | 4.592 to 54.042            | 4.13 to 56.774             | 6.898 to 51.33                 | 4.596 to 56.574                | 4.15 to 56.496     |
| Min/max indices: h, k, l          |                      | -13/13,-6/7,-13/27                | -12/12,-5/6,-24/23             | -9/9,-10/10, -24/24            | -10/9,-11/11,-25/26        | -11/11,-12/12,-9/9         | -8/8,-11/11, -14/14        | -11/11,-11/11,-11/11           | -12/12,-12/12, -8/8            | -7/7,-11/10,-13/13 |
| Reflect. Collected/uniqu          | Je                   | 1809/949                          | 4280/671                       | 2434/586                       | 3228/687                   | 5566/852                   | 15465/1139                 | 5909/858                       | 7141/891                       | 6284/87            |
| R <sub>int</sub>                  |                      | 0.0270                            | 0.1310                         | 0.0383                         | 0.0642                     | 0.1353                     | 0.1148                     | 0.2850                         | 0.1418                         | 0.1620             |
| Refinement method                 |                      | Full-matrix least-squar           | res on F <sup>2</sup>          |                                |                            |                            |                            |                                |                                |                    |
| Completeness (%)                  |                      | 84.3                              | 69.5                           | 62.8                           | 64.0                       | 35.6                       | 40.05                      | 25.8                           | 34.7                           | 35.8               |
| Data/restrains/paramet            | ters                 | 949/1/68                          | 671/6/68                       | 586/0/68                       | 687/0/62                   | 852/400/226                | 1139/403/227               | 858/406/226                    | 891/403/226                    | 877/300/226        |
| Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup> |                      | 1.078                             | 1.167                          | 1.040                          | 1.162                      | 1.675                      | 1.080                      | 1.808                          | 1.101                          | 1.084              |
| Final R1/wR <sup>2</sup> (I>2σ1)  |                      | 0.0457/0.0816                     | 0.0771/0.1761                  | 0.0322/0.0636                  | 0.0669/0.1172              | 0.1154/0.3078              | 0.0806/0.1835              | 0.1980/0.4378                  | 0.0851/0.2049                  | 0.0866/0.2119      |
| R1/wR <sup>2</sup> (all data)     |                      | 0.0726/0.0944                     | 0.1322/0.2479                  | 0.0501/0.0693                  | 0.1133/0.1731              | 0.1691/0.3855              | 0.1078/0.2064              | 0.2897/0.5365                  | 0.1307/0.2517                  | 0.1071/0.2348      |
| Largest diff. peak/hole           | (e.Å <sup>-3</sup> ) | 0.27/-0.29                        | 0.51/-0.52                     | 0.27/-0.24                     | 0.69/-0.74                 | 0.84/-0.90                 | 0.57/-0.60                 | 0.94/-0.89                     | 0.71/-0.86                     | 0.65/-0.80         |

#### **Table S2.** Crystallographic data of Cd(HDA)<sub>2</sub>(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> phases $\alpha$ , $\beta$ and $\gamma$ .

 $w=1/(\sigma^2 F_o^2 + w_1^2 P^2 + w_2 P^2)$ , where  $P=(Max(F_o^2, 0) + 2^* F_c^2)$ 

| Pressure                                  |              | 1.77                    | 1.96                 | 2.1                  | 2.3                            | 2.55               | 2.8                | 3.3                | 3.7                |
|---|--------------|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Temperature (K)                           |              | 293                     | 293                  | 293                  | 293                            | 293                | 293                | 293                | 293                |
| Formula weight                            |              | 234.42                  | 234.42               | 234.42               | 234.42                         | 234.42             | 234.42             | 234.42             | 234.42             |
| Wavelength (Å)                            |              | 0.71073                 | 0.71073              | 0.71073              | 0.71073                        | 0.71073            | 0.71073            | 0.71073            | 0.71073            |
| Phase<br>Crystal system                   |              | triclinic a             | triclinic a          | triclinic            | α<br>triclinic                 | triclinic          | δtriclinicδ        | triclinic a        | triclinic          |
| Space group                               |              | ρl                      | βÌ                   | ρl                   | ρĪ                             | рl                 | <i>р</i> 1         | ρl                 | βĪ                 |
| Unit cell dimensions                      | a (Å)        | 9.319(3)                | 9.2950(18)           | 9.264(3)             | 9.234(2)                       | 9.202(3)           | 9.188(2)           | 9.147(2)           | 9.127(2)           |
|   | <i>b</i> (Å) | 9.7075(18)              | 9.6793(19)           | 9.585(3)             | 9.5879(16)                     | 9.608(2)           | 9.5899(16)         | 9.5510(17)         | 9.5346(18)         |
|   | <i>c</i> (Å) | 11.051(5)               | 10.957(3)            | 11.069(4)            | 10.970(5)                      | 10.973(6)          | 10.926(4)          | 10.842(5)          | 10.805(5)          |
|   | α (°)        | 110.92(3)               | 110.80(2)            | 110.41(3)            | 110.44(3)                      | 110.88(4)          | 110.87(2)          | 110.73(3)          | 110.62(3)          |
|   | в(°)         | 104.97(3)               | 104.87(2)            | 105.98(3)            | 106.00(3)                      | 106.16(4)          | 106.04(3)          | 106.08(3)          | 106.02(3)          |
|   | γ(°)         | 96.149(18)              | 96.250(16)           | 97.17(3)             | 97.186(17)                     | 97.29(2)           | 97.405(17)         | 97.435(17)         | 97.498(18)         |
| Volume (ų)                                |              | 879.9(5)                | 868.6(4)             | 858.6(5)             | 848.0(5)                       | 842.5(6)           | 836.4(4)           | 823.5(5)           | 818.3(5)           |
| Z/Z'                                      |              | 4/2                     | 4/2                  | 4/2                  | 4/2                            | 4/2                | 4/2                | 4/2                | 4/2                |
| Molecular volume (V/Z)                    |              | 219.98                  | 217.15               | 214.65               | 212.0                          | 210.62             | 209.10             | 205.87             | 204.57             |
| Calculated density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )   | 1            | 1.770                   | 1.793                | 1.813                | 1.836                          | 1.848              | 1.862              | 1.883              | 1.899              |
| Absorption (mm <sup>-1</sup> )            |              | 1.284                   | 1.301                | 1.316                | 1.333                          | 1.341              | 1.351              | 1.372              | 1.381              |
| F(000)                                    |              | 484.0                   | 484.0                | 484.0                | 484.0                          | 484.0              | 484.0              | 484.0              | 484.0              |
| Crystal size (mm)                         |              | 0.24 × 0.15 × 0.05      | 0.24 × 0.15 × 0.05   | 0.24 × 0.15 × 0.05   | $0.24 \times 0.15 \times 0.05$ | 0.24 × 0.15 × 0.05 | 0.24 × 0.15 × 0.05 | 0.24 × 0.15 × 0.05 | 0.24 × 0.15 × 0.05 |
| 2ϑ-range for data collection              | on (°)       | 4.606 to 56.526         | 4.616 to 56.56       | 5.772 to 59.798      | 7.308 to 49.648                | 4.69 to 56.71      | 4.698 to 55.666    | 4.714 to 56.584    | 4.718 to 56.344    |
| Min/max indices: h, k, l                  |              | -12/12,-12/12,-8/8      | -12/12,-12/12,-8/8   | -11/11,-9/10, -10/10 | -10/10,-11/11,-9/9             | -12/11,-12/12,-8/9 | -11/11,-12/12,-8/8 | -11/11,-12/12,-9/9 | -11/11,-12/12,-9/9 |
| Reflect. Collected/unique                 |              | 6027/885                | 5986/858             | 5871/985             | 5773/665                       | 5255/826           | 5631/788           | 6161/825           | 7462/806           |
| R <sub>int</sub>                          |              | 0.0895                  | 0.0810               | 0.1217               | 0.1092                         | 0.1037             | 0.0932             | 0.0762             | 0.1696             |
| Refinement method                         |              | Full-matrix least-squar | es on F <sup>2</sup> |                      |                                |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Completeness (%)                          |              | 34.1                    | 34.6                 | 25.7                 | 22.8                           | 34.7               | 34.2               | 35.3               | 35.8               |
| Data/restrains/parameter                  | s            | 885/421/227             | 858/386/226          | 985/208/208          | 665/386/208                    | 826/464/197        | 788/363/209        | 825/409/208        | 806/443/208        |
| Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>         |              | 1.111                   | 1.164                | 1.056                | 1.589                          | 1.073              | 1.057              | 1.068              | 1.731              |
| Final R1/wR <sup>2</sup> (I>2 $\sigma$ 1) |              | 0.0949/0.2060           | 0.0888/0.2164        | 0.0732/0.1909        | 0.1111/0.3163                  | 0.0957/0.2051      | 0.1094/0.2692      | 0.0879/0.1954      | 0.1337/0.3530      |
| R1/wR <sup>2</sup> (all data)             |              | 0.1599/0.2567           | 0.1438/0.2706        | 0.1497/0.2402        | 0.1506/0.3571                  | 0.1652/0.2626      | 0.1402/0.3037      | 0.1206/0.2253      | 0.1802/0.4103      |
| Largest diff. peak/hole (e./              | Å-3)         | 0.75/-0.68              | 0.78/-0.87           | 0.34/-0.31           | 0.61/-0.83                     | 0.83/-0.62         | 0.88/-0.67         | 0.83/-0.83         | 0.89/-1.36         |
|   |              |                         | . // 3=              | 2 2452 452 1 5 4     | (= 2 = 2 = 2 = 2)              |                    |                    |                    |                    |

 $w=1/(\sigma^2 F_o^2 + w_1^2 * P^2 + w_2 * P)$ , where  $P=(Max(F_o^2, 0) + 2 * F_c^2)$ 

**Table S2.** Crystallographic data of Cd(HDA)<sub>2</sub>(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> phases  $\alpha$  and  $\delta$ .

| CCDC number                                  |              | 2262371                                     | 2262354                      | 2262355  | 2262356                      | 2262357                      | 2262358                      |
|--|--------------|---|------------------------------|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Pressure                                     |              | 0.0001                                      | 0.0001                       | 0.0001   | 0.0001                       | 0.0001                       | 0.0001                       |
| Phase<br>Temperature (K)                     |              | α<br>293                                    | 250                          | 200  | β<br>150                     | 100                          | β<br>100*                    |
| <u>CCDC number</u><br>Formula weight         |              | <del>2262359</del><br>234.42                | <del>2262360</del><br>234.42 | <del>2262361</del><br>234.42                       | <del>2262362</del><br>468.83 | <del>2262363</del><br>468.83 | <del>2262364</del><br>234.42 |
| Pressure<br>Wavelength (Å)                   |              | 8:9187 <sub>3</sub>                         | 8: <del>1</del> 1073         | 1.2<br>0:71073                                     | <u>8:<del>1</del></u> 1073   | <u>ð</u> :71073              | <u>4</u> .3<br>0:71073       |
| Crystal system                               |              | tetragonal                                  | tetragonal                   | tetragonal   | triclinic                    | triclinic                    | tetragonal                   |
| Space group                                  |              | 14 <sub>1</sub> /a                          | 141/a                        | 141/a  | рĪ                           | рĪ                           | 14 <sub>1</sub> /a           |
| Unit cell dimensions                         | a (Å)        | 9.7855(7)                                   | 9.6193(2)                    | 9.5708(2)  | 9.9696(8)                    | 9.9729(8)                    | 9.5843(7)                    |
|  | b (Å)        | 9.7855(7)                                   | 9.6193(2)                    | 9.5708(2)  | 12.2010(9)                   | 12.1703(10)                  | 9.5843(7)                    |
|  | <i>c</i> (Å) | 21.071(3)                                   | 21.2771(8)                   | 21.3382(7)   | 18.1134(16)                  | 18.0586(17)                  | 20.900(2)                    |
|  | α (°)        | 90  | 90                           | 90   | 74.552(7)                    | 74.687(7)                    | 90                           |
|  | в(°)         | 90  | 90                           | 90   | 74.701(7)                    | 74.744(7)                    | 90                           |
|  | γ(°)         | 90  | 90                           | 90   | 68.229(7)                    | 68.239(7)                    | 90                           |
| Volume (ų)                                   |              | 2017.7(4)                                   | 1968.79(11)                  | 1954.58(10)  | 1938.4(3)                    | 1929.7(3)                    | 1919.9(3)                    |
| Z/Z'   |              | 8/0.5                                       | 8/0.5                        | 8/0.5  | 8/4                          | 8/4                          | 8/0.5                        |
| Molecular volume (V/Z)                       |              | 252.21                                      | 246.10                       | 244.32   | 242.30                       | 241.21                       | 240.00                       |
| Calculated density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )      |              | 1.543                                       | 1.582                        | 1.593  | 1.607                        | 1.614                        | 1.622                        |
| Absorption (mm <sup>-1</sup> )               |              | 1.120                                       | 1.148                        | 1.156  | 1.166                        | 1.171                        | 1.177                        |
| F(000)                                       |              | 968.0                                       | 968.0                        | 968.0  | 968.0                        | 968.0                        | 968.0                        |
| Crystal size (mm)                            |              | 0.099 × 0.067 × 0.056                       | 0.307 × 0.213 × 0.127        | 0.307 × 0.213 × 0.127                              | 0.307 × 0.213 × 0.127        | 0.307 × 0.213 × 0.127        | 0.325 × 0.256 × 0.198        |
| $2\vartheta$ -range for data collection (°)  |              | 7.046 to 57.566                             | 4.648 to 61.302              | 4.664 to 61.208                                    | 5.422 to 52.746              | 4.664 to 61.304              | 7.166 to 56.718              |
| Min/max indices: h, k, l                     |              | -13/13,-6/7,-13/27                          | -12/13,-13/13,-28/29         | -12/13,-13/13, -28/29                              | -12/12,-15/15,-22/22         | -14/13,-17/17,-24/25         | -12/12,-10/12, -25/27        |
| Reflect. Collected/unique                    |              | 1809/949                                    | 12931/1449                   | 12842/1444   | 19863/7845                   | 23553/10332                  | 5245/1155                    |
| R <sub>int</sub>                             |              | 0.0270                                      | 0.0330                       | 0.0316   | 0.0687                       | 0.0774                       | 0.0358                       |
| Refinement method                            |              | Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup> |                              |  |                              |                              |                              |
| Completeness (%)                             |              | 84.3  | 100                          | 100  | 99.2                         | 99.2                         | 99.1                         |
| Data/restrains/parameters                    |              | 949/1/68                                    | 1449/0/68                    | 1444/0/68  | 7845/12/451                  | 10332/0/451                  | 1155/31/68                   |
| Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>            |              | 1.078                                       | 1.071                        | 1.059  | 1.088                        | 1.088                        | 1.180                        |
| Final R1/wR <sup>2</sup> (I>2o1)             |              | 0.0457/0.0816                               | 0.0261/0.0572                | 0.0212/0.0463                                      | 0.0862/0.2192                | 0.0939/0.2258                | 0.0713/0.1590                |
| R1/wR <sup>2</sup> (all data)                |              | 0.0726/0.0944                               | 0.0337/0.0598                | 0.0269/0.0486                                      | 0.1280/0.2468                | 0.1538/0.2613                | 0.0775/0.1613                |
| Largest diff. peak/hole (e.Å <sup>-3</sup> ) |              | 0.27/-0.29                                  | 0.39/-0.21                   | 0.31/-0.18   | 3.81/-1.14                   | 4.95/-1.44                   | 1.51/-0.83                   |
|  |              |   | $w=1/(\sigma^2 F_o^2 + w)$   | $v_1^{2*}P^2 + w_2^*P$ ), where $P = (Max(F_o^2))$ | $(0)+2^*F_c^2)$              |                              |                              |

\*fast-cooled crystal

**Table S3.** Crystallographic data of  $Cd_2(HDA)_3(NO_3)_4$  phases  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

| Temperature (K)                         |              | 293                          |                   | 293               |         | 293             |         | 293                              | 293                   | 293                              |
|---|--------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------|-----------------|---------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Formula weight                          |              | 410.73                       |                   | 410.73            |         | 410.73          |         | 410.73                           | 410.73                | 410.73                           |
| Phase<br>Wavelength (Å)                 | α            | 0.71073                      | α                 | 0.71073           | α       | 0.71073         | α       | 0.71073 α                        | 0.71073               | 0.71073                          |
| CCDC number<br>Crystal system           | 226          | 2365<br>monoclinic           | 2262366           | monoclinic        | 2262367 | monoclinic      | 2262368 | monoclinic 2262369               | 2262370<br>monoclinic | monoclinic                       |
| Space group                             |              | P21/n                        |                   | P21/n             |         | P21/n           |         | P2 <sub>1</sub>                  | P2 <sub>1</sub>       | P2 <sub>1</sub>                  |
| Unit cell dimensions                    | a (Å)        | 14.3304(4)                   |                   | 14.316(10)        |         | 14.276(14)      |         | 14.206(12)                       | 14.188(11)            | 14.10(4)                         |
|   | b (Å)        | 7.0034(2)                    |                   | 6.8838(4)         |         | 6.7318(5)       |         | 6.6183(4)                        | 6.5088(3)             | 6.4726(15)                       |
|   | <i>c</i> (Å) | 16.3600(7)                   |                   | 15.7250(18)       |         | 15.218(2)       |         | 14.9354(14)                      | 14.7051(11)           | 14.568(5)                        |
|   | α (°)        | 90                           |                   | 90                |         | 90              |         | 90                               | 90                    | 90                               |
|   | в(°)         | 97.033(3)                    |                   | 97.17(3)          |         | 96.72(4)        |         | 96.11(3)                         | 95.70(3)              | 94.60(11)                        |
|   | γ(°)         | 90                           |                   | 90                |         | 90              |         | 90                               | 90                    | 90                               |
| Volume (ų)                              |              | 1629.56(10)                  |                   | 1537.5(11)        |         | 1452.5(14)      |         | 1396.2(12)                       | 1351.2(10)            | 1325(4)                          |
| Z/Z'                                    |              | 4/1                          |                   | 4/1               |         | 4/1             |         | 4/1                              | 4/1                   | 4/1                              |
| Molecular volume (V/Z)                  |              | 407.39                       |                   | 384.37            |         | 363.12          |         | 349.05                           | 337.80                | 331.25                           |
| Calculated density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> ) |              | 1.674                        |                   | 1.774             |         | 1.878           |         | 1.954                            | 2.019                 | 2.059                            |
| Absorption (mm <sup>-1</sup> )          |              | 1.373                        |                   | 1.455             |         | 1.540           |         | 1.602                            | 1.655                 | 1.688                            |
| F(000)                                  |              | 836.0                        |                   | 836.0             |         | 836.0           |         | 836.0                            | 836.0                 | 836.0                            |
| Crystal size (mm)                       |              | 0.324 × 0.222 × 0.193        |                   | 0.385 × 0.293 × 0 | 0.08    | 0.385 × 0.293   | × 0.08  | $0.385 \times 0.293 \times 0.08$ | 0.385 × 0.293 × 0.08  | $0.385 \times 0.293 \times 0.08$ |
| 2ϑ-range for data collection (°)        |              | 5.728 to 56.624              |                   | 5.222 to 52.998   |         | 3.702 to 53.33  | 4       | 5.486 to 53.508                  | 5.568 to 53.32        | 3.868 to 49.408                  |
| Min/max indices: h, k, l                |              | -17/15,-8/9,-19/17           |                   | -8/8,-8/8,-19/19  |         | -8/8,-8/8, -18/ | 18      | -7/7,-8/8,-18/18                 | -7/7,-8/8,-17/18      | -7/7,-7/7, -17/17                |
| Reflect. Collected/unique               |              | 11904/3524                   |                   | 12275/1061        |         | 11532/1001      |         | 11452/1834                       | 10939/1726            | 8713/1508                        |
| R <sub>int</sub>                        |              | 0.0244                       |                   | 0.0727            |         | 0.0943          |         | 0.0821                           | 0.0580                | 0.3401                           |
| Refinement method                       |              | Full-matrix least-squares of | on F <sup>2</sup> |                   |         |                 |         |                                  |                       |                                  |
| Completeness (%)                        |              | 99.9                         |                   | 35.3              |         | 35.0            |         | 33.3                             | 32.9                  | 33.1                             |
| Data/restrains/parameters               |              | 3524/6/190                   |                   | 1061/172/184      |         | 1001/151/190    |         | 1834/518/380                     | 1726/716/379          | 1508/800/313                     |
| Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>       |              | 1.033                        |                   | 1.065             |         | 1.063           |         | 1.103                            | 1.122                 | 1.253                            |
| Final R1/wR <sup>2</sup> (I>2σ1)        |              | 0.0369/0.0794                |                   | 0.0479/0.1092     |         | 0.0524/0.1272   |         | 0.0523/0.1262                    | 0.0658/0.1799         | 0.1558/0.3622                    |
| R1/wR <sup>2</sup> (all data)           |              | 0.0529/0.0885                |                   | 0.0842/0.1301     |         | 0.0848/0.1518   |         | 0.0807/0.1579                    | 0.0915/0.2495         | 0.2921/0.4524                    |
| Largest diff. peak/hole (e.Å-3)         |              | 1.36/-0.73                   |                   | 0.51/-0.71        |         | 0.50/-0.41      |         | 0.40/-0.56                       | 0.90/-1.36            | 0.82/-0.61                       |

 $w=1/(\sigma^2 F_o^2 + w_1^2 P^2 + w_2 P^2)$ , where  $P=(Max(F_o^2, 0) + 2^* F_c^2)$ 

Table S4. Crystallographic data of Cu(HDA)<sub>2</sub>(MeCN)<sub>2</sub>·2BF<sub>4</sub>.

| Pressure                                    |              | 0.0001                         | 0.15                    | 0.4                                  | 0.7                    | 1.0                  | 0.0001                | 1.2*         |
|---|--------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Temperature (K)                             |              | 293                            | 293                     | 293                                  | 293                    | 293                  | 100                   | 293          |
| Formula weight                              |              | 551.68                         | 551.68                  | 551.68                               | 551.68                 | 551.68               | 551.68                | 551.68       |
| Wavelength (Å)                              |              | 0.71073                        | 0.71073                 | 0.71073                              | 0.71073                | 0.71073              | 0.71073               | 0.71073      |
| Crystal system                              |              | orthorhombic                   | orthorhombic            | orthorhombic                         | orthorhombic           | orthorhombic         | orthorhombic          | orthorhombic |
| Space group                                 |              | Fddd                           | Fddd                    | Fddd                                 | Fddd                   | Fddd                 | Fddd                  | Fddd         |
| Unit cell dimensions                        | a (Å)        | 12.9608(7)                     | 12.99(4)                | 13.19(3)                             | 13.23(3)               | 13.220(10)           | 13.084(2)             | 13.26(4)     |
|   | b (Å)        | 14.1880(8)                     | 13.946(12)              | 13.731(6)                            | 13.517(6)              | 13.480(3)            | 13.9110(14)           | 13.340(9)    |
|   | <i>c</i> (Å) | 27.6850(17)                    | 27.191(7)               | 26.844(8)                            | 26.501(5)              | 26.429(3)            | 27.113(3)             | 26.110(6)    |
| Volume (ų)                                  |              | 5091.0(5)                      | 4924(17)                | 4862(12)                             | 4737(12)               | 4710(4)              | 4934.9(10)            | 4620(15)     |
| Z/Z'  |              | 8/0.25                         | 8/0.25                  | 8/0.25                               | 8/0.25                 | 8/0.25               | 8/0.25                | 8/0.25       |
| Molecular volume (V/Z)                      |              | 636.37                         | 615.5                   | 607.75                               | 592.12                 | 588.75               | 616.86                | 577.5        |
| Calculated density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )     |              | 1.443                          | 1.488                   | 1.507                                | 1.547                  | 1.556                | 1.488                 |              |
| Absorption (mm <sup>-1</sup> )              |              | 0.933                          | 0.963                   | 0.976                                | 1.001                  | 1.007                | 0.962                 |              |
| F(000)                                      |              | 2301.0                         | 2296.0                  | 2296.0                               | 2296.0                 | 2296.0               | 2300.0                |              |
| Crystal size (mm)                           |              | 0.438 × 0.322 × 0.111          | 0.325 × 0.173 × 0.07    | 0.325 × 0.173 × 0.07                 | 0.325 × 0.173 × 0.07   | 0.325 × 0.173 × 0.07 | 0.438 × 0.322 × 0.111 |              |
| $2\vartheta$ -range for data collection (°) |              | 6.134 to 56.422                | 10.346 to 53.442        | 6.252 to 63.146                      | 6.15 to 57.094         | 8.838 to 56.92       | 6.01 to 57.842        |              |
| Min/max indices: h, k, l                    |              | -16/16,-11/18,-36/20           | -6/7,-15/16,-31/34      | -6/6,-19/13, -28/28                  | -6/6,-13/13,-35/35     | -6/6,-16/15,-35/35   | -11/15,-18/18, -20/36 |              |
| Reflect. Collected/unique                   |              | 3238/1347                      | 2590/462                | 1551/516                             | 2412/390               | 4151/497             | 3465/1277             |              |
| R <sub>int</sub>                            |              | 0.0278                         | 0.3349                  | 0.3341                               | 0.3050                 | 0.2052               | 0.0296                |              |
| Refinement method                           |              | Full-matrix least-squares on F | 2                       |                                      |                        |                      |                       |              |
| Completeness (%)                            |              | 99.7                           | 39.5                    | 38.1                                 | 34.2                   | 38.6                 | 90.1                  |              |
| Data/restrains/parameters                   |              | 1347/0/79                      | 462/92/79               | 516/57/79                            | 390/94/79              | 497/69/79            | 1277/0/79             |              |
| Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>           |              | 1.059                          | 0.901                   | 0.868                                | 0.939                  | 0.983                | 1.067                 |              |
| Final R1/wR <sup>2</sup> (I>2o1)            |              | 0.0533/0.1454                  | 0.0921/0.1926           | 0.0887/0.1585                        | 0.0869/0.2116          | 0.0770/0.1866        | 0.0477/0.1174         |              |
| R1/wR <sup>2</sup> (all data)               |              | 0.0603/0.1547                  | 0.2220/0.2579           | 0.3838/0.2732                        | 0.2445/0.2934          | 0.2296/0.2656        | 0.0555/0.1229         |              |
| Largest diff. peak/hole (e.Å-3)             |              | 0.80/-0.46                     | 0.21/-0.26              | 0.23/-0.20                           | 0.19/-0.28             | 0.22/-0.21           | 0.89/-0.42            |              |
|   |              |                                | $w=1/(\sigma^2 F_o^2 +$ | $w_1^{2*}P^2+w_2^*P$ ), where P=(Max | $x(F_o^2,0)+2^*F_c^2)$ |                      |                       |              |

\* The measurement at 1.2 GPa, due to the reduced reflections intensities caused by the partial amorphization of the sample, provides the unit-cell parameters only.

Table S5. Torsion angles of HDA linkers in Cd(HDA)<sub>2</sub>(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> structures under pressure.

| Pressure (GPa) | HDA    | τ0 (°) | τ1 (°) | τ2 (°) | τ3 (°) | Conformation code |
|----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------------------|
| 0.0001         | Site A | 172.34 | 151.88 | 61.54  | 180    | TTG⁺T             |

|      | -      |         |         |        |     |                                  |
|------|--------|---------|---------|--------|-----|----------------------------------|
|      | Site B | 172.34  | -168.77 | -71.49 | 180 | TTG <sup>-</sup> T               |
| 0.2  | Site A | 172.96  | 142.15  | 76.46  | 180 | TTG⁺T                            |
|      | Site B | 172.96  | -169.07 | -71.14 | 180 | TTG <sup>-</sup> T               |
| 0.5  | Site A | 171.23  | 155.44  | 58.14  | 180 | TTG⁺T                            |
|      | Site B | 171.23  | -167.26 | -67.03 | 180 | TTGT                             |
| 0.85 | Site A | 170.24  | 160.77  | 41.38  | 180 | TTG⁺T                            |
|      | Site B | 170.24  | -165.47 | -82.52 | 180 | TTGT                             |
| 1.1  | HDA-1  | 170.32  | 176.97  | 63.85  | 180 | TIG <sup>+</sup> T               |
|      | HDA-2  | -169 37 | 176.57  | 158.89 | 180 | ттт                              |
|      | HDA-3  | 163.46  | -177 93 | -66 37 | 180 | TIGT                             |
|      | HDA-4  | -178 27 | 59.67   | 48 72  | 180 | TG*G*T                           |
| 1 25 | HDA-1  | -179 5  | 175.64  | 58 79  | 180 | TIG+T                            |
| 1.25 | HDA-2  | -169 78 | 177.65  | 157.63 | 180 | ттт                              |
|      | HDA-2  | 162.12  | -178.01 | -62.4  | 180 | TIGT                             |
|      | HDA-4  | -178 50 | -178.01 | -02.4  | 180 | TG <sup>+</sup> G <sup>+</sup> T |
| 1.4  |        | -178.55 | 172.42  | 45.01  | 180 |                                  |
| 1.4  |        | 174.02  | 173.42  | 149 72 | 180 |                                  |
|      |        | -104.20 | 152.54  | 146.75 | 180 | TICT                             |
|      | HDA-3  | 107.89  | 100.78  | -49.04 | 180 | TC+C+T                           |
| 1.5  | HDA-4  | -158.04 | 46.20   | 50.84  | 180 |                                  |
| 1.5  | HDA-1  | 1/8.47  | 165.88  | 58.76  | 180 |                                  |
|      | HDA-2  | -168.02 | -179.88 | 160.84 | 180 | 1111                             |
|      | HDA-3  | 156.14  | 1/8.28  | -58.48 | 180 | T G G T                          |
|      | HDA-4  | -175.59 | 47.27   | 64.09  | 180 | IG'G'I                           |
| 1.65 | HDA-1  | -1//.38 | 1/7.74  | 56.32  | 180 |                                  |
|      | HDA-2  | -1/0.4/ | 174.4   | 153.76 | 180 |                                  |
|      | HDA-3  | 158.67  | -1/3.98 | -57.98 | 180 | IIG'I                            |
|      | HDA-4  | -169.85 | 47.8    | 60.2   | 180 |                                  |
| 1.77 | HDA-1  | 177.3   | 179.13  | 49.58  | 180 | TTG*T                            |
|      | HDA-2  | -161.44 | -179.61 | 157.08 | 180 | TTTT                             |
|      | HDA-3  | 158.02  | -179.48 | -65.05 | 180 | TTGT                             |
|      | HDA-4  | -177.6  | 55.41   | 58.86  | 180 | TG⁺G⁺T                           |
| 1.96 | HDA-1  | -179.15 | 176.03  | 59.42  | 180 | TTG⁺T                            |
|      | HDA-2  | -171.27 | 179.89  | 159.36 | 180 | тттт                             |
|      | HDA-3  | 157.75  | 177.22  | -61.5  | 180 | TTG <sup>-</sup> T               |
|      | HDA-4  | -176.68 | 56.91   | 58.35  | 180 | TG⁺G⁺T                           |
| 2.1  | HDA-1  | 169.64  | 169.32  | 65.36  | 180 | TTG <sup>+</sup> T               |
|      | HDA-2  | -172.35 | -178.84 | 177.37 | 180 | тттт                             |
|      | HDA-3  | 167.63  | -178.12 | -70.72 | 180 | TTGT                             |
|      | HDA-4  | 171.9   | -58.72  | -58.05 | 180 | TG <sup>-</sup> G <sup>-</sup> T |
| 2.3  | HDA-1  | 173.05  | 161.79  | 61.74  | 180 | TTG <sup>+</sup> T               |
|      | HDA-2  | -172.36 | 172.96  | 168.96 | 180 | тттт                             |
|      | HDA-3  | 161.79  | -173.32 | -57.09 | 180 | TTG <sup>-</sup> T               |
|      | HDA-4  | 160.74  | -68.64  | -41.74 | 180 | TG <sup>-</sup> G <sup>-</sup> T |
| 2.55 | HDA-1  | 172.15  | 170.78  | 62.94  | 180 | TTG <sup>+</sup> T               |
|      | HDA-2  | -165.74 | -177.79 | 157.96 | 180 | TTTT                             |
|      | HDA-3  | 165.07  | -175.89 | -57.18 | 180 | TTG <sup>-</sup> T               |
|      | HDA-4  | 173.04  | -55.74  | -46.68 | 180 | TG <sup>-</sup> G <sup>-</sup> T |
| 2.8  | HDA-1  | 176.41  | 178.95  | 63.61  | 180 | TTG⁺T                            |
|      | HDA-2  | -156.99 | -171.79 | 151.05 | 180 | тттт                             |
|      | HDA-3  | 165.29  | -178.13 | -57.43 | 180 | TTG-T                            |
|      | HDA-4  | 178.73  | -64.68  | -29.74 | 180 | TG-G-T                           |
| 3.3  | HDA-1  | 174.8   | 171.13  | 63.14  | 180 | TTG⁺T                            |

|     | HDA-2 | -147.02 | -179.73 | -166.69 | 180 | тттт                             |
|-----|-------|---------|---------|---------|-----|----------------------------------|
|     | HDA-3 | 167.9   | -177.37 | -65.45  | 180 | TTG <sup>-</sup> T               |
|     | HDA-4 | 168.32  | -39.68  | -54.54  | 180 | TG-G-T                           |
| 3.7 | HDA-1 | 179.84  | -178.01 | 60.61   | 180 | TTG⁺T                            |
|     | HDA-2 | -150.83 | -171.8  | -172.57 | 180 | тттт                             |
|     | HDA-3 | 174.44  | -172.09 | -74.73  | 180 | TTGT                             |
|     | HDA-4 | 167.29  | -50.6   | -40.9   | 180 | TG <sup>-</sup> G <sup>-</sup> T |

**Table S6.** Torsion angles of HDA linkers in Cd(HDA)<sub>2</sub>(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> structures under temperature. Inv indicate  $C_i$  symmetric HDA linkers.

| Temperature (K)   | HDA    | τ0 (°)  | τ1 (°)  | τ2 (°)  | τ3 (°)  | τ4 (°) | τ5 (°)  | τ6 (°) | Conformation code      |
|-------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|--------|------------------------|
| 298               | Site A | 171.43  | 152.67  | 62.63   | 180     | inv    | inv     | inv    | TTG⁺T                  |
|                   | Site B | 171.43  | -169.05 | -68.01  | 180     | inv    | inv     | inv    | TTG <sup>-</sup> T     |
| 250               | Site A | 170.42  | 151.56  | 62.69   | 180     | inv    | inv     | inv    | TTG⁺T                  |
|                   | Site B | 170.42  | -169.84 | -66.99  | 180     | inv    | inv     | inv    | TTG <sup>-</sup> T     |
| 200               | Site A | 171.43  | 152.67  | 62.63   | 180     | inv    | inv     | inv    | TTG⁺T                  |
|                   | Site B | 171.43  | -169.05 | -68.01  | 180     | inv    | inv     | inv    | TTG <sup>-</sup> T     |
| 150               | HDA-1  | -173.07 | 172.07  | 60.03   | -178.07 | -63.08 | -173.46 | 173.73 | TTG⁺TG <sup>-</sup> TT |
|                   | HDA-2  | -176.74 | -177.38 | -64.87  | 180     | inv    | inv     | inv    | TTG-T                  |
|                   | HDA-3  | 166.08  | -178.07 | -65.46  | 180     | inv    | inv     | inv    | TTG-T                  |
|                   | HDA-4  | 171.65  | 175.42  | 53.79   | 180     | inv    | inv     | inv    | TTG⁺T                  |
|                   | HDA-5  | -176.54 | 177.2   | -169.21 | 180     | inv    | inv     | inv    | TTTT                   |
|                   | HDA-6  | -178.43 | -71.04  | -176.36 | 180     | inv    | inv     | inv    | TG <sup>-</sup> TT     |
|                   | HDA-7  | 162.17  | -66.75  | 178.75  | 180     | inv    | inv     | inv    | TG-TT                  |
| 100               | HDA-1  | -173.82 | 171.69  | 61.42   | -177.8  | -64.03 | -173.25 | 173.5  | TTG⁺TG⁻TT              |
|                   | HDA-2  | -176.88 | -178.77 | -63.19  | 180     | inv    | inv     | inv    | TTG-T                  |
|                   | HDA-3  | 165.62  | -177.88 | -65.69  | 180     | inv    | inv     | inv    | TTG <sup>-</sup> T     |
|                   | HDA-4  | 170.81  | 175.26  | 55.88   | 180     | inv    | inv     | inv    | TTG⁺T                  |
|                   | HDA-5  | -177.61 | 177.03  | -168.96 | 180     | inv    | inv     | inv    | TTTT                   |
|                   | HDA-6  | -177.87 | -71.00  | -176.73 | 180     | inv    | inv     | inv    | TG <sup>-</sup> TT     |
|                   | HDA-7  | 161.91  | -67.74  | 178.95  | 180     | inv    | inv     | inv    | TG-TT                  |
| 100 -fast cooling | Site A | 172.4   | 151.63  | 62.4    | 180     | inv    | inv     | inv    | TTG⁺T                  |
|                   | Site B | 172.4   | -168.94 | -71.22  | 180     | inv    | inv     | inv    | TTG-T                  |

**Table S7.** Torsion angles of HDA linkers in  $Cd_2(HDA)_3(NO_3)_4$  structures under pressure. Inv indicate  $C_i$  symmetric HDA linkers.

| - ( )          |       | - (4)   | . (11)  | - (*)   | - (1)  | - (4)  | - (4)   | - (4)  |  |
|----------------|-------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--|
| Pressure (GPa) | HDA   | τ0 (°)  | τ1 (°)  | τ2 (°)  | τ3 (°) | τ4 (°) | τ5 (°)  | τ6 (°) | Conformation code                                |
| 0.0001         | HDA-1 | -174.43 | 58.12   | 175.63  | -74.64 | 176.29 | -172.84 | 68.71  | TG⁺TG⁻TTG⁺                                       |
|                | HDA-2 | 178.98  | -176.24 | -177.35 | 180    | inv    | inv     | inv    | TTTT   |
| 0.4            | HDA-1 | -172.33 | 56.4    | 176.67  | -76.67 | 175.32 | -170.61 | 70.42  | TG⁺TG⁻TTG⁺                                       |
|                | HDA-2 | 178.53  | -174.96 | -177.41 | 180    | inv    | inv     | inv    | TTTT   |
| 1.2            | HDA-1 | -169.6  | 55.12   | 175.78  | -76.5  | 176.48 | -169.82 | 70.33  | TG <sup>+</sup> TG <sup>-</sup> TTG <sup>+</sup> |

|     | HDA-2 | 177.55  | -172.05 | -177.63 | 180     | inv     | inv     | inv     | TTTT   |
|-----|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--|
| 2.1 | HDA-1 | -168.57 | 54.3    | 174.86  | -75.86  | 176.14  | -171.51 | 74.69   | TG⁺TG <sup>-</sup> TTG <sup>+</sup>              |
|     | HDA-2 | 172.97  | -162.28 | -175.6  | -176.88 | 179.4   | 177.71  | -178.13 | TTTTTT   |
|     | HDA-3 | 164.79  | -51.39  | -176.5  | 75.39   | -176.65 | 169.96  | -69.88  | TG <sup>-</sup> TG <sup>+</sup> TTG <sup>-</sup> |
| 3.1 | HDA-1 | -164.75 | 42.21   | 179.64  | -65.83  | 175.77  | -176.64 | 75.29   | TG⁺TG⁻TTG⁺                                       |
|     | HDA-2 | 174.31  | -150.95 | -173.45 | -175.71 | -178.91 | -179.57 | 178.85  | TTTTTT   |
|     | HDA-3 | 159.1   | -56.09  | -179.09 | 79.66   | -176.15 | 173.53  | -74.13  | TG <sup>-</sup> TG <sup>+</sup> TTG <sup>-</sup> |
| 4.3 | HDA-1 | -171.21 | 49.14   | 174.69  | -75.15  | 171.21  | -177.09 | 76.55   | TG+TG-TTG+                                       |
|     | HDA-2 | 177.25  | -124.48 | -169.88 | 169.36  | -175.72 | 171.13  | 172.2   | TTTTTT   |
|     | HDA-3 | 176.05  | -44.28  | -160.91 | 80.71   | 169.59  | 148.25  | -52.85  | TG <sup>-</sup> TG <sup>+</sup> TTG <sup>-</sup> |

**Table S8.** Torsion angles of HDA linkers in Cu(HDA)<sub>2</sub>(MeCN)<sub>2</sub>·2BF<sub>4</sub> structures under pressure.

|                                | 1     |        |         |         |        |                   |
|--------------------------------|-------|--------|---------|---------|--------|-------------------|
| Pressure (GPa)/Temperature (K) | HDA   | τ0 (°) | τ1 (°)  | τ2 (°)  | τ3 (°) | Conformation code |
| 0.0001 / 298                   | HDA-1 | 165.22 | 177.25  | 176.91  | 180    | TTTT              |
| 0.15 / 298                     | HDA-1 | 162.84 | 178.88  | 178.19  | 180    | TTTT              |
| 0.4 / 298                      | HDA-1 | 161.25 | 177.58  | -178.18 | 180    | TTTT              |
| 0.7 / 298                      | HDA-1 | 165.14 | 174.17  | 166.76  | 180    | TTTT              |
| 1.0 / 298                      | HDA-1 | 167.46 | -179.08 | 173.6   | 180    | TTTT              |
| 0.0001 / 100                   | HDA-1 | 163.98 | -177.45 | -176.02 | 180    | TTTT              |