Cooperative Effect of "Flexible" Interaction and "Flexible" Framework in Reversible Intake and Removal of Aromatic Guest Molecules

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Supporting Information

(Synthesis details, ORTEP, IR Spectra, Powder XRD, Solid State UV-Vis)

General: Infra-red spectrum was recorded in FTIR ABB Bomen MB-3000. UV-Vis absorption spectra were recorded in Shimadzu Spectrophotometer with model UV-2450. Elemental analyses were obtained with a Thermo finnigan, Italy, Model FLASH EA 1112 series. Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) data were recorded under a N₂ atmosphere at a heating rate of 2°Cmin⁻¹ with a Perkin-Elmer instrument. Powder X-ray diffraction (XRD) data were recorded with a Rigaku miniflex 1l, $\lambda = 1.54$, Cu K α . DSC was performed by DSC-60 Shimadzu, Pan-Copper, N₂ atmosphere, Heating rate: 10°C/minute. The single crystal data was collected on a Xcalibur, Sapphire3 X-ray diffractometer that uses graphite monochromated Mo K α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å) by the ω -scan method.¹ The structures were solved by direct methods and refined by least square methods on F² using SHELX-97.² Non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically and hydrogen atoms were fixed at calculated positions and refined using a riding model.

Synthesis of Ligand: The ligand was synthesized according to a literature procedure². 3-Amino pyridine (2 mmol) was added to 40 mL of a pyridine solution of succinic acid (1 mmol), and the solution was stirred for 15 min. To this solution was added triphenyl phosphite (2 mmol), and the mixture was refluxed for 5 h. The volume of the solution was reduced to 5 mL by distilling out the pyridine, and a white precipitate was obtained. The solid was filtered, washed with water, and dried under vacuum. Yield: 70 %. Mp: 195–198°C; IR (cm⁻¹): 3301(w), 3232(m), 3178(m), 3116(m), 3039(s), 2954(vs), 2908(vs), 1689(vs), 1612 (s), 1589(vs), 1550(vs), 1473(s), 1419(vs), 1326(vs), 1272(s), 1157(vs), 1126(m), 1033(m), 948 (w), 856 (s), 802(s), 694(s), 617 (m).

Synthesis of crystals of 3: A solution of NH_4PF_6 (65.2 mg, 0.4 mmol) in 2mL water was added to a stirred solution of the ligand (54 mg, 0.2 mmol) in 5 mL of (1:1) water-ethanol solution. An ethanolic solution (2 mL) of Cu(NO3)2 (25 mg, 0.1 mmol) was layered over the ligand solution. This resulted in the formation of a blue precipitate. Blue colored crystals were formed after 1 week in 70 % yield. Elemental Analysis: $C_{28}H_{32}CuF_{12}N_8O_6P_2$ (930.08) Calculated: C 36.16 % , H 3.47 % ; Found: C 35.3854 %, H 3.4610 %; IR (cm⁻¹): 3386(s), 3280(m), 3185(w), 3109(w), 3073(w), 3054(w), 1688(vs), 1612(m), 1535(vs), 1488(s), 1419(m), 1334(m), 1288(m), 1195(m), 1149(w), 1110(w), 1064(w), 972(w), 826(vs), 702(m), 617(m), 547(s)

The above reaction was also performed by taking aromatic solvents. A solution of NH_4PF_6 (65.2 mg, 0.4 mmol) in 2mL water was added to a stirred solution of the ligand (54 mg, 0.2 mmol) in 5 mL of (1:1) water-ethanol solution. To this solution, 5mL of

nitrobenzene/benzonitrile/toluene/xylenes were added and the solution was stirred for 30 min. An ethanolic solution (2 mL) of Cu(NO₃)₂ (25 mg, 0.1 mmol) was layered over the ligand solution. Blue colored crystals were formed after 10 days.

Synthesis of Complex 4a-c by anion exchange reaction: The anion exchange reactions were performed by immersing the crystals of complex 3 (0.05 mmol) in ethanol solution (5mL) of NaClO₄ (0.2mmol). To this, 5mL of nitrobenzene/benzonitrile/*p*-xylenes was added. After three days, the crystals were characterized by IR and powder XRD.

IR (cm⁻¹) **4a:** 3325(s), 3101(w), 3070(w), 1681(s), 1612(m), 1527(vs), 1488(s), 1411(m), 1334(vs), 1288(m), 1195(w), 1065(s), 972(w), 810(w), 702(w), 617(s), 555(m)

4b: 3409(w), 3325(m), 3070 (m), 2229 (s), 1689 (s), 1604(w), 1542(s), 1488(s), 1450(m), 1411(w), 1334(w), 1288(m), 1249(w), 1064(s), 756(vs), 686(vs)

4c: 3325(s), 3101 (w), 1689 (s), 1612(w), 1544(vs), 1488(s), 1411(m), 1334(m), 1288(m), 1248(w), 1195(w), 1064(vs), 972(w), 925(w), 810(m), 702(s), 617(s)

Preparation of Apohost 4: 4a/4b/4c/4d was washed thoroughly with CHCl₃ and then keeping under vacuum for 4-5h.

IR (cm⁻¹): 3325(m), 3101 (w), 3070(w), 1681 (vs), 1612(m), 1542(vs), 1488(s), 1411(m), 1334(m), 1288(m), 1195(m), 1064(vs), 972(w), 925(w), 810(m), 702(s), 617(s)

Anion exchange reaction of 4a-c with NH_4PF_6 : The anion exchange reactions were performed by immersing the crystals of complex 4a/b/c (0.05 mmol) in ethanol solution (5mL) of NH_4PF_6 (0.2mmol). To this, 5mL of nitrobenzene/benzonitrile/*p*-xylene was added. After three days, the crystals were characterized by IR and powder XRD.





IR (cm⁻¹): 3301(w), 3232(m), 3178(m), 3116(m), 3039(s), 2954(vs), 2908(vs), 1689(vs), 1612 (s), 1589(vs), 1550(vs), 1473(s), 1419(vs), 1326(vs), 1272(s), 1157(vs), 1126(m), 1033(m), 948 (w), 856 (s), 802(s), 694(s), 617 (m)





IR (**cm**⁻¹): 3386(s), 3280(m), 3185(w), 3109(w), 3073(w), 3054(w), 1688(vs), 1612(m), 1535(vs), 1488(s), 1419(m), 1334(m), 1288(m), 1195(m), 1149(w), 1110(w), 1064(w), 972(w), 826(vs), 702(m), 617(m), 547(s)





IR (cm⁻¹): 3325(s), 3101(w), 3070(w), 1681(s), 1612(m), 1527(vs), 1488(s), 1411(m), 1334(vs), 1288(m), 1195(w), 1065(s), 972(w), 810(w), 702(w), 617(s), 555(m)

100-98-% Transmittance 96-94 92-90-1/cm 3750 3500 3250 3000 2750 2500 2250 2000 1750 1500 1250 1000 4000 Wavenumber $(v \text{ cm}^{-1})$

Figure S 4. IR spectra of complex 4b:

IR (**cm**⁻¹): 3409(w), 3325(m), 3070 (m), 2229 (s), 1689 (s), 1604(w), 1542(s), 1488(s), 1450(m), 1411(w), 1334(w), 1288(m), 1249(w), 1064(s), 756(vs), 686(vs)





IR (**cm**⁻¹): 3325(s), 3101 (w), 1689 (s), 1612(w), 1544(vs), 1488(s), 1411(m), 1334(m), 1288(m), 1248(w), 1195(w), 1064(vs), 972(w), 925(w), 810(m), 702(s), 617(s)





IR (**cm**⁻¹): 3325(m), 3101 (w), 3070(w), 1681 (vs), 1612(m), 1542(vs), 1488(s), 1411(m), 1334(m), 1288(m), 1195(m), 1064(vs), 972(w), 925(w), 810(m), 702(s), 617(s)

Figure S 7. Powder XRD of 3 (Experimental)



Figure S 8. Powder XRD of 3 (Calculated):







Figure S 10. Powder XRD of 4b:







Figure S 12. Powder XRD of Apohost 4:





Figure S 13. Solid State UV-Vis Spectra of Ligand 1a







Figure S 15. Solid State UV-Vis Spectra of Apohost 4:

Figure S 16. Solid State UV-Vis Spectra of 4a:







Figure S 18. UV-Vis Spectra of known concentrations of nitrobenzene (λ max at 262 nm):



Figure S 19. Calibration plot of nitrobenzene (Absorbance vs. Conc)



Figure S 20. Extracting nitrobenzene in chloroform from known amount of 4a



| Table | S 1. | |
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| Plot no. | Wt. of MOF | Nitrobenzene conc. (molar) | No. of Molecules |
|----------|------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| | | C=A /ɛ.l | of |
| | | | Nitrobenzene** |
| 1 | 0.00237 gm | 0.761×10^{-5} M | 2.694004 |
| 2 | 0.00475 gm | $0.154 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{M}$ | 2.720126 |
| 3 | 0.00712 gm | $0.207 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{M}$ | 2.439228 |
| 4 | 0.00952 gm | $0.290 	imes 10^{-4} \mathrm{M}$ | 2.555777 |
| 5 | 0.01190 gm | 0.393 ×10 ⁻⁴ M | 2.770815 |

** Assuming the molecular weight of Apohost $4 = \text{Cu} + 2 \text{ Ligand} + 2 \text{ Coordinated H}_2\text{O} + 2\text{ClO}_4^- = 63.5 + (2 \times 270) + (2 \times 18) + (2 \times 99.5) = 838.5 \text{ gm}$

Five sets of above given weight **4a** was taken in 10ml of chloroform and stirred overnight at RT. Then UV-Vis spectra were recorded for these five sets of extracted nitrobenzene in Chloroform. Using Lambert-Beer's Law, concentration of nitrobenzene was calculated.

Figure S 21. ORTEP of 3:



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