## **Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI) for**

## Construction of Soft Nanoporous Crystal with Silole Derivative: Strategy of Framework Design, Multiple Structural Transformability and Mechanofluorochromism

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**Fig. S1** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 2-(4-bromophenyl)-1,3-dioxolane (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Fig. S2 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 2-(4-bromophenyl)-1,3-dioxolane (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



**Fig. S3** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 1,1-dimethyl-2,5-bis(4-benzaldehyde)-3,4-diphenylsilole (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>). The solvent peaks are marked with asterisks.



**Fig. S4** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 1,1-dimethyl-2,5-bis(4-benzaldehyde)-3,4-diphenylsilole (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Fig. S5 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 8 (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>). The solvent peaks are marked with asterisks.



Fig. S6<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 8 (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>). The solvent peaks are marked with asterisks.



Fig. S7 MALDI–TOF mass spectrum of 8.



**Fig. S8** Structures of crystal O and R. Panels a), b), c), and d) show the packing mood of molecule **8** and hexane in crystal O. a) a perspective view in the direction of *c* axis. b) A perspective view of the lattice to display the two groups of hexane molecules in a herringbone-like arrangement tilted to *a* axis. c) and d) are perspective views of crystal O excluding and including guest hexane molecules from an azimuth angle of  $-45^{\circ}$  to *a* axis. Panels e), f), g), and h) show the packing mood of molecule **8** and acetone in crystal R. e) and f) are perspective views of crystal R excluding and including guest acetone molecules from an azimuth angle of *c* axis. (g) A perspective view of crystal R containing acetone molecules along axis *a*, and (h) is perspective view of crystal R including acetone molecules along axis *b*. The crystal structures are displayed in space-filling presentation. Hydrogen atoms were omitted in all of the graphs. For the host frameworks, C, N, and Si atoms are shown in grey, light purple and light yellow, respectively. For guest molecules, the skeletons of hexane and acetone molecules are shown in orange and red, respectively.



**Fig. S9** Representative frontier orbitals of molecule **8** in crystal O and R.<sup>S1</sup> a) and b) display the LUMO and HOMO orbitals for molecule **8** in crystal O including hexane molecule; while c) and d) for those excluding hexane molecule. e) and f) display the LUMO and HOMO orbitals for molecule **8** in crystal R including acetone molecule; while g) and h) for those excluding acetone. The orbital configurations indicate that the guest molecules have no electronic interactions with the host molecule **8**.



**Fig. S10** Fluorescence spectra of molecule **8** in crystal O and R ( $\lambda_{ex} = 429$  nm).



Fig. S11 DSC curves of different solids of molecule 8 (scanning rate: 10 K/min, atmosphere:  $N_2$ ), (a) O-form (before grinding), (b) R-form (after grinding) and (c) YO-form (after heating).

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Empirical formula	C <sub>44</sub> H <sub>40</sub> N <sub>4</sub> Si	C <sub>41</sub> H <sub>32</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O Si		
Formula weight	652.89	624.80		
Temperature	133(2) K	173(2) K		
Wavelength	1.54178 Å	1.54178 Å		
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic		
Space group	C2/c	P2/c		
	$a=30.7917(4)$ Å $\alpha=90^{\circ}$	$a=13.268(3)$ Å $\alpha=90^{\circ}$		
Unit cell dimensions	b=10.2374(1) Å β=90.4810(10)°	b=10.287(2) Å $\beta$ =113.39(3)°		
	$c=11.7082(2) \text{ Å} \gamma=90^{\circ}$	$c=13.771(4)$ Å $\gamma=90^{\circ}$		
Volume	3690.61(9) Å <sup>3</sup>	1725.2(7) Å <sup>3</sup>		
Z	4	2		
Density (calculated)	1.175 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	1.203 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>		
Absorption coefficient	$0.828 \text{ mm}^{-1}$	$0.889 \text{ mm}^{-1}$		
F(000)	1384	656		
Crystal size	0.38 x 0.25 x 0.10 mm <sup>3</sup>	$0.35 \ge 0.28 \ge 0.05 \text{ mm}^3$		
Theta range for data	2 87 to 67 49°	10.08 to 67.50°.		
collection	2.07 10 07.19			
Index ranges	-22<=h<=36,-10<=k<=12,	-12<=h<=15,-12<=k<=12,		
index ranges	-13<=l<=10	-16<=1<=12		
Reflections collected	6043	5512		
Independent reflections	3269 [R(int) = 0.0139]	3033 [R(int) = 0.0507]		
Completeness to theta=66.50°	98.4 %	97.3 %		
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents	Semi-empirical from equivalents		
Max. and min. transmission	1.00 and 0.81	1.00 and 0.90		
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F2	Full-matrix least-squares on F2		
Data / restraints / parameters	3269 / 0 / 224	3033 / 3 / 208		
Goodness-of-fit on F2	1.036	1.003		
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0366, wR2 = 0.1015	56, wR2 = $0.1015$ R1 = $0.0562$ , wR2 = $0.1091$		
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0396, wR2 = 0.1043	R1 = 0.0950, wR2 = 0.1175		
Largest diff. peak and hole	$0.371 \text{ and } -0.194 \text{ e.}\text{\AA}^{-3}$	0.472 and $-0.439 \text{ e.Å}^{-3}$		

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