

## Supporting Information For

### Fuel purification, Lewis acid and aerobic oxidation catalysis performed by a microporous Co-BTT (BTT<sup>3-</sup> = 1,3,5-benzenetristetrazolate) framework having coordinatively unsaturated sites

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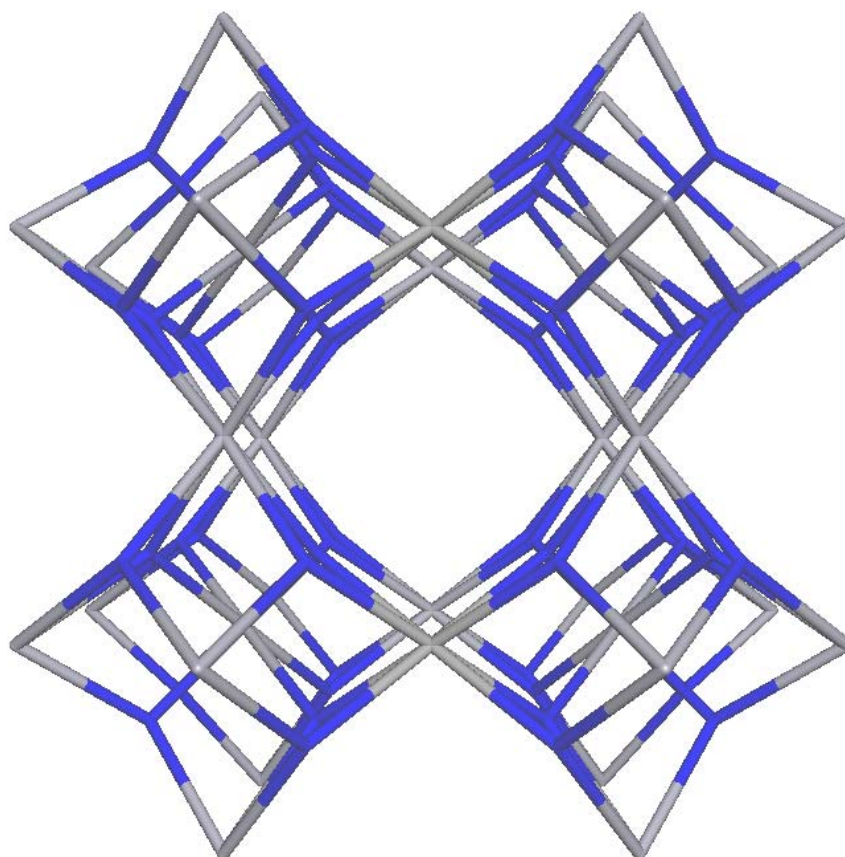
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**Fig. S1.** Wire representation of a portion of the framework of **1** (or **2**) showing its 3D topological connectivity considering BTT ligands and square-planar  $[M_4Cl]^{7+}$  units ( $M = Co$ , **1**;  $Cd$ , **2**) as 3 (blue) and 8 (grey) – connected nodes, respectively, to form the (3,8)-connected “Moravia” net.

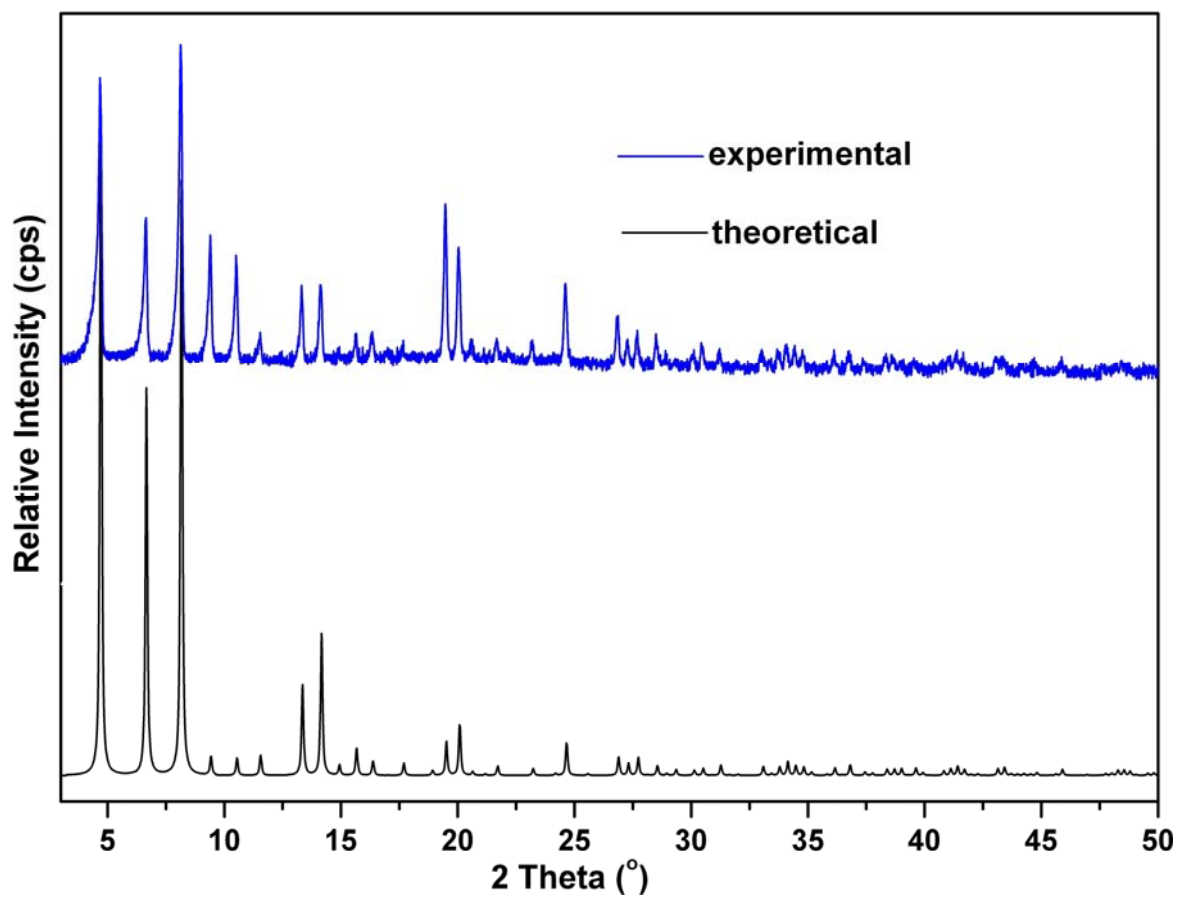
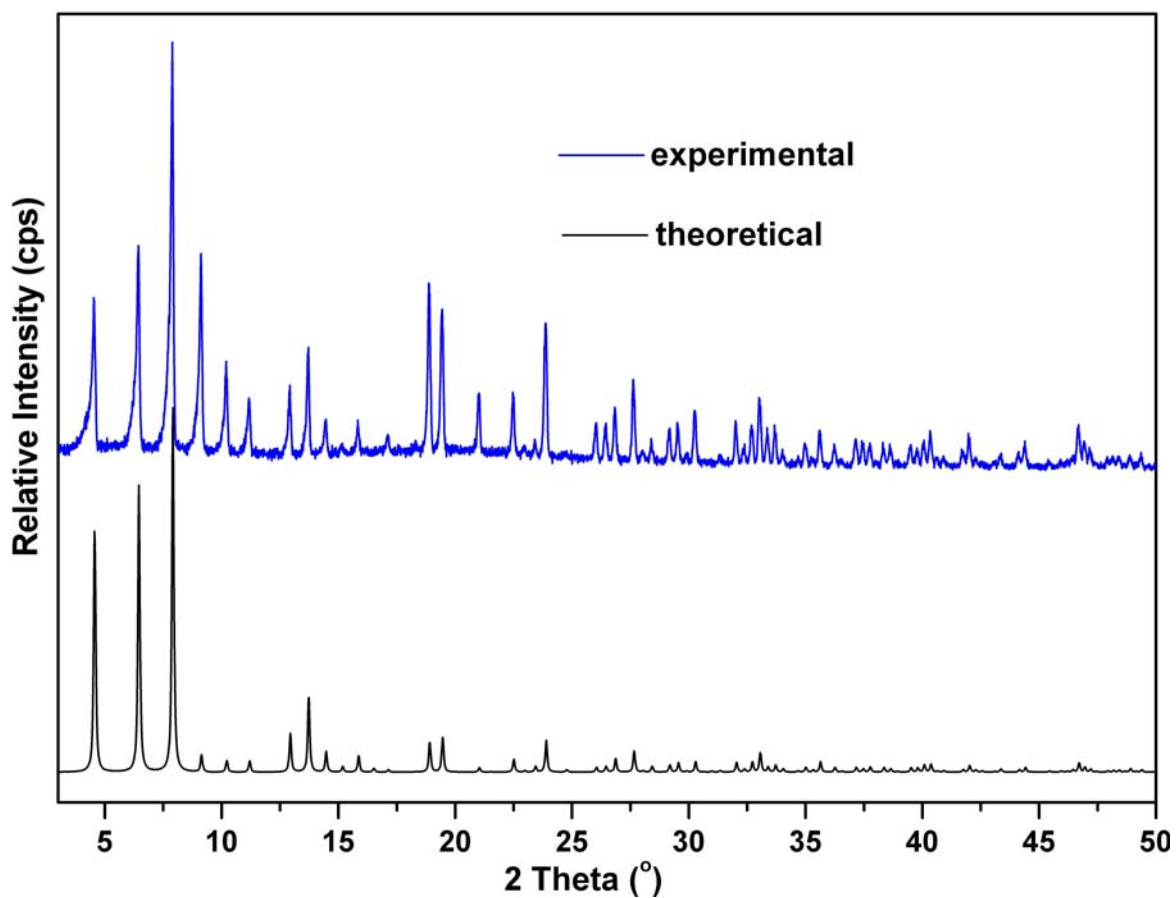
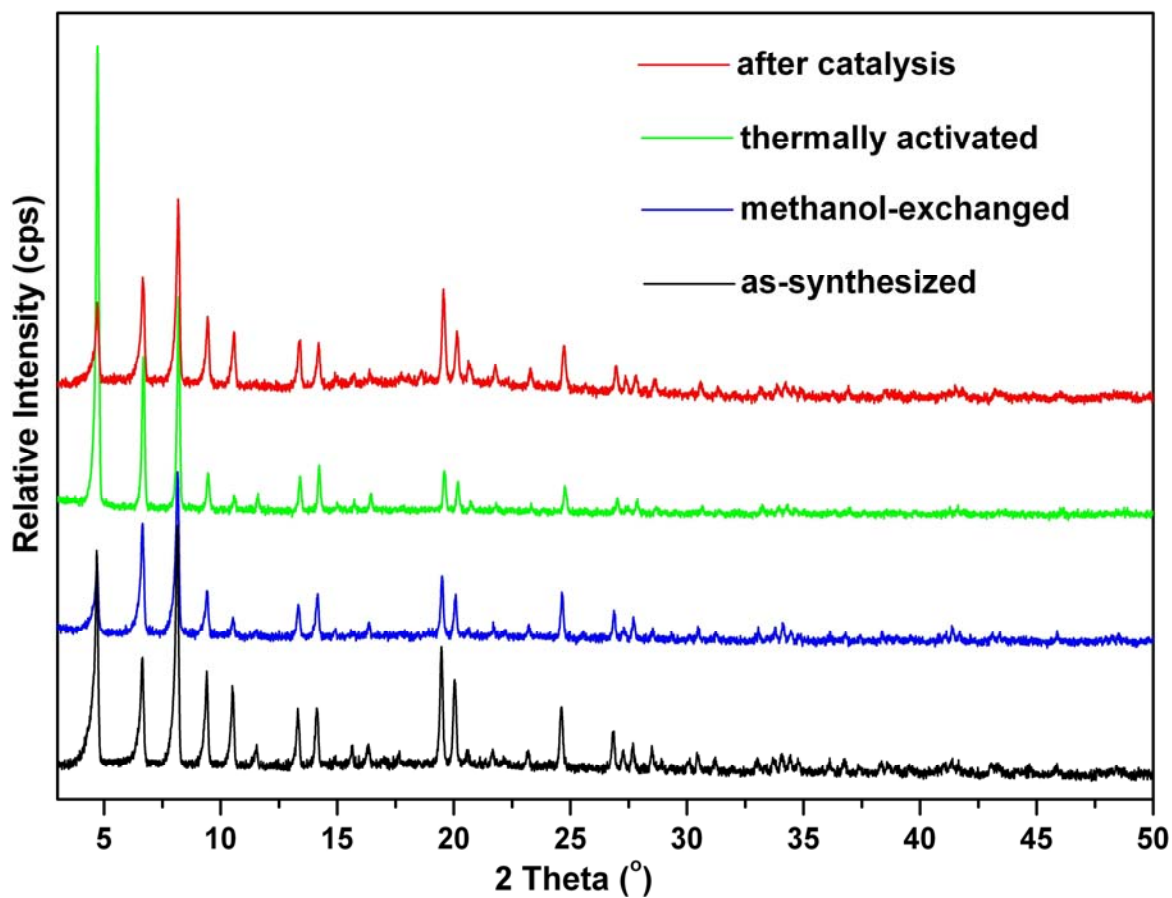


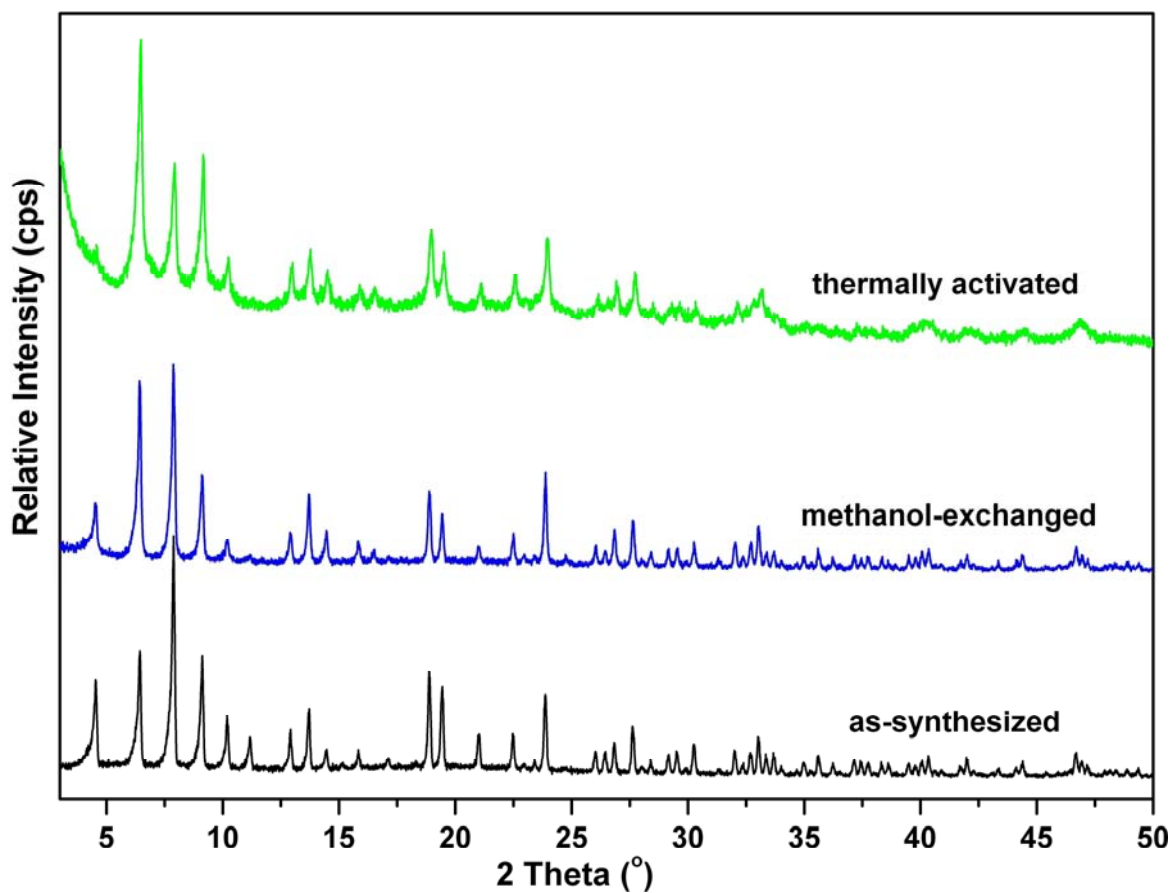
Fig. S2. Theoretical (black) and experimental (blue) XRPD patterns of 1.



**Fig. S3.** Theoretical (black) and experimental (blue) XRPD patterns of **2**.



**Fig. S4.** XRPD patterns of **1** in different forms: as-synthesized (black), methanol-exchanged (blue), thermally activated (green), and after use in ring-opening of styrene oxide with methanol for thrice (red).



**Fig. S5.** XRPD patterns of **2** in different forms: as-synthesized (black), methanol-exchanged (blue), and thermally activated (green).

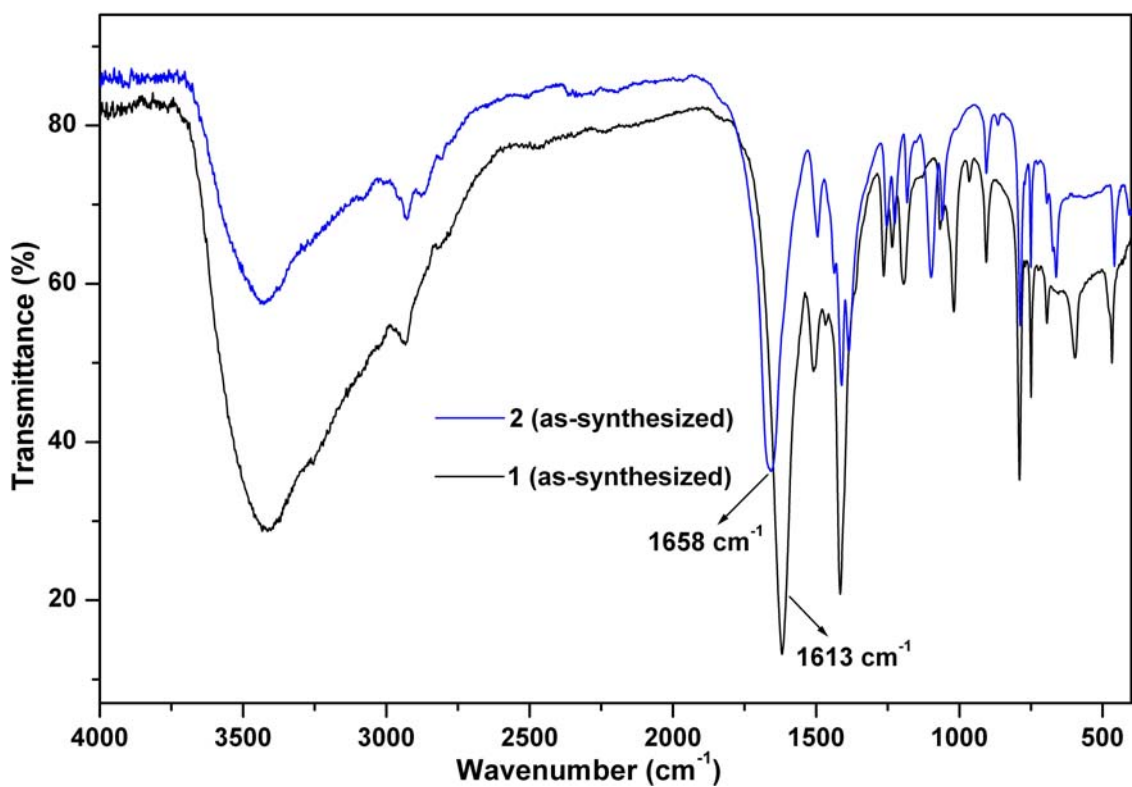


Fig. S6. Comparison between the FT-IR spectra of as-synthesized **1** (black) and **2** (blue).

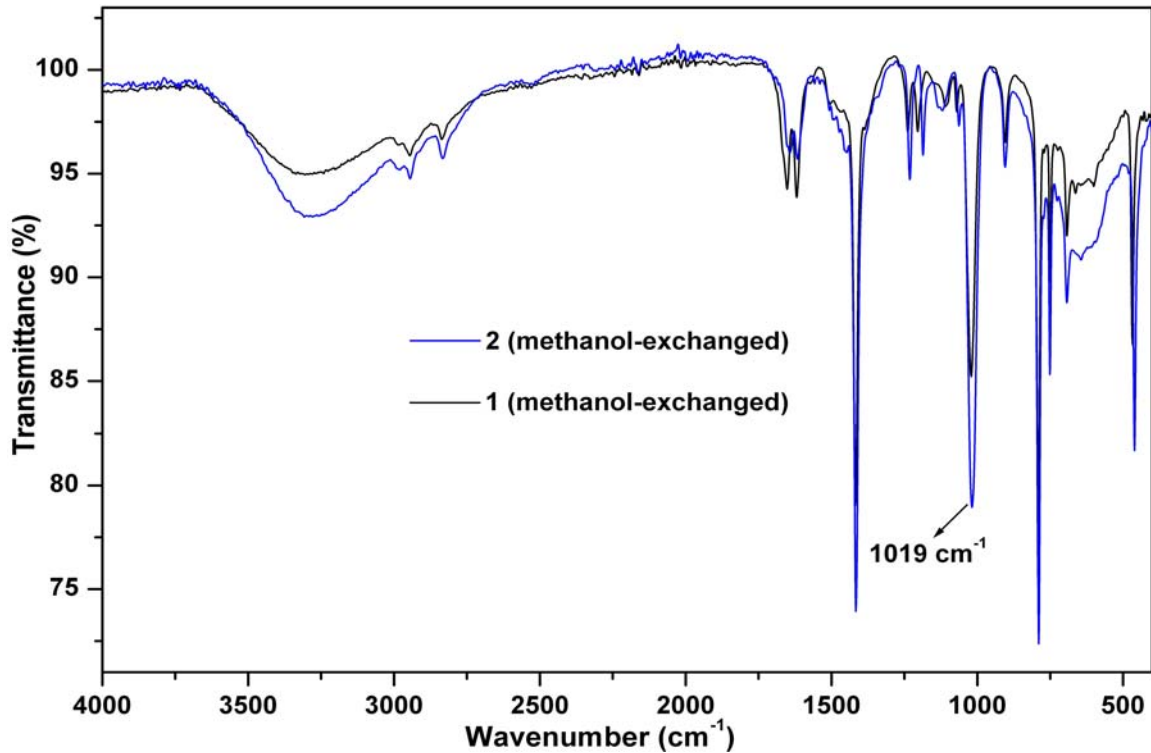


Fig. S7. Comparison between the FT-IR spectra of methanol-exchanged **1** (black) and **2** (blue).

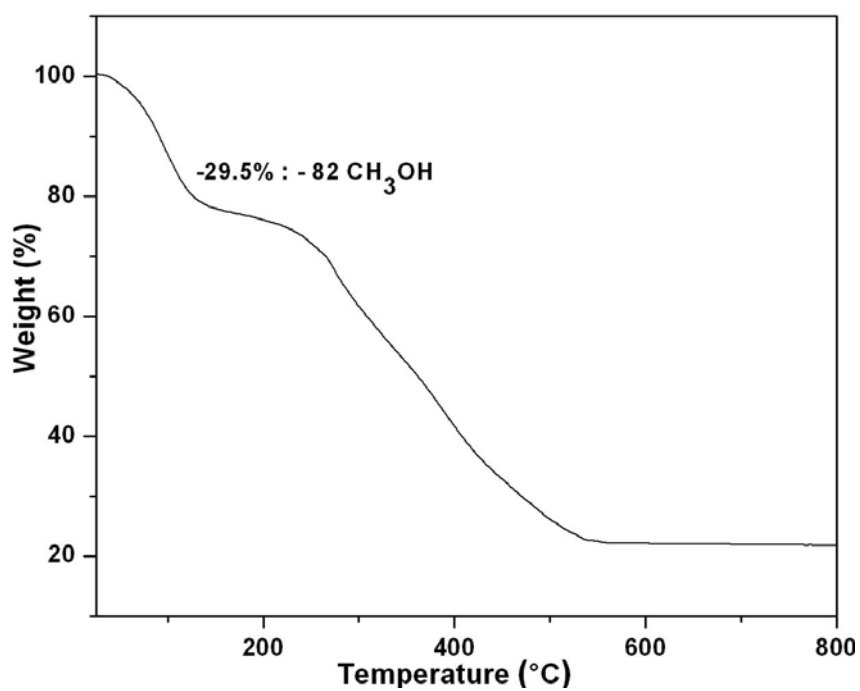


Fig. S8. TG analysis of methanol-exchanged **1**.

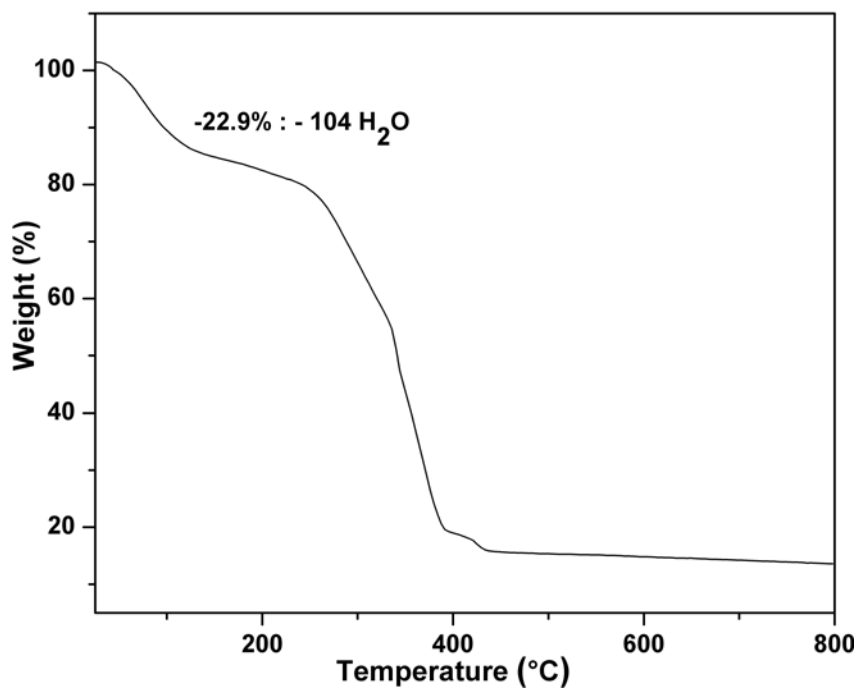


Fig. S9. TG analysis of hydrated **1**.



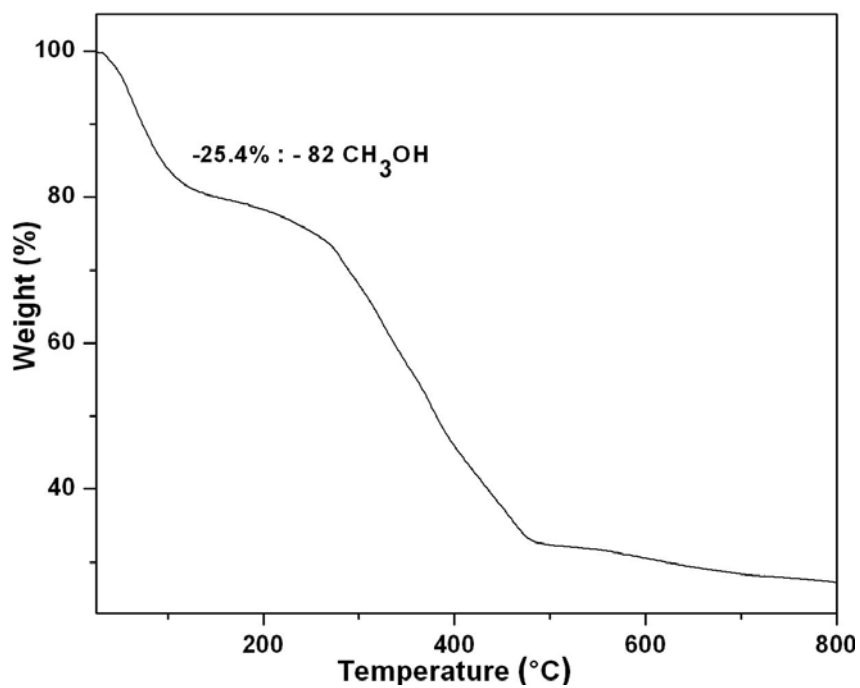


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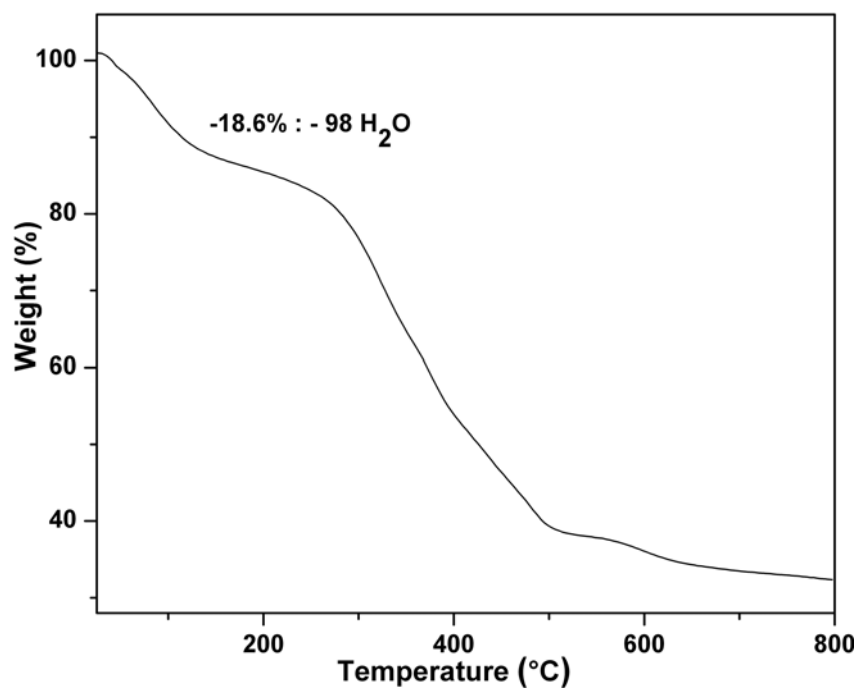
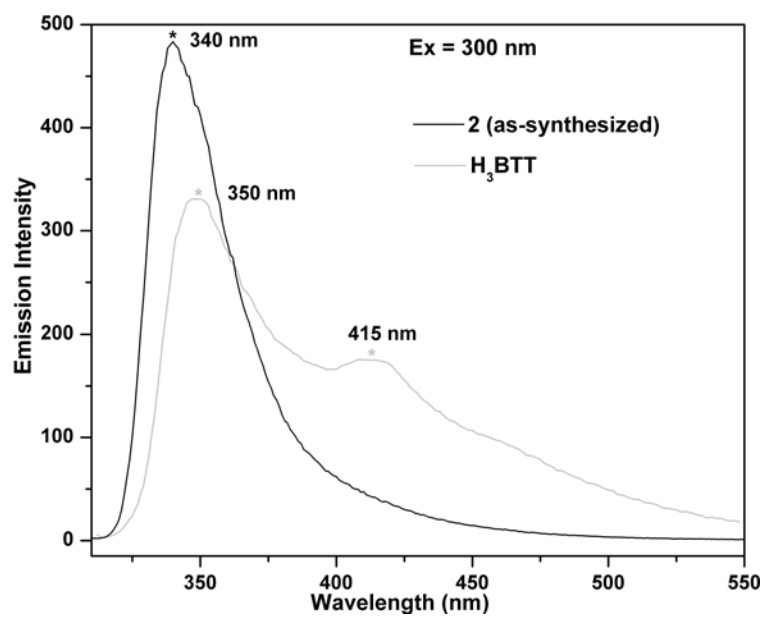
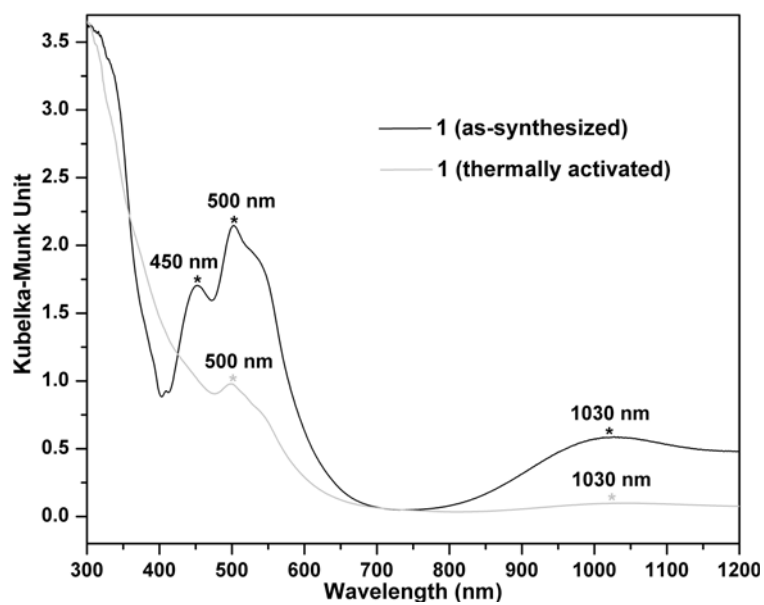


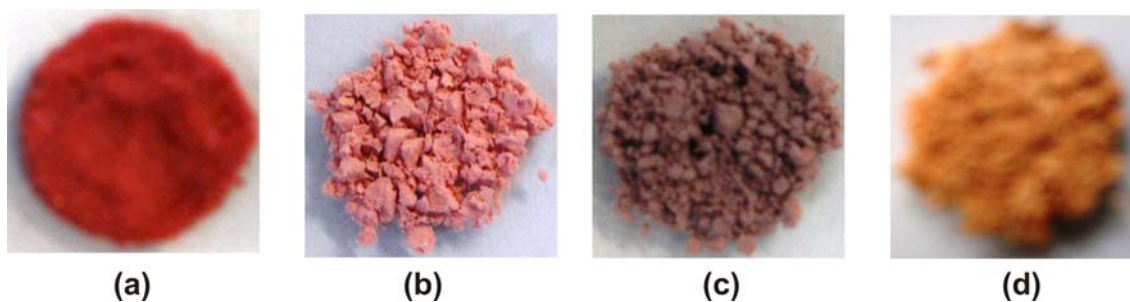
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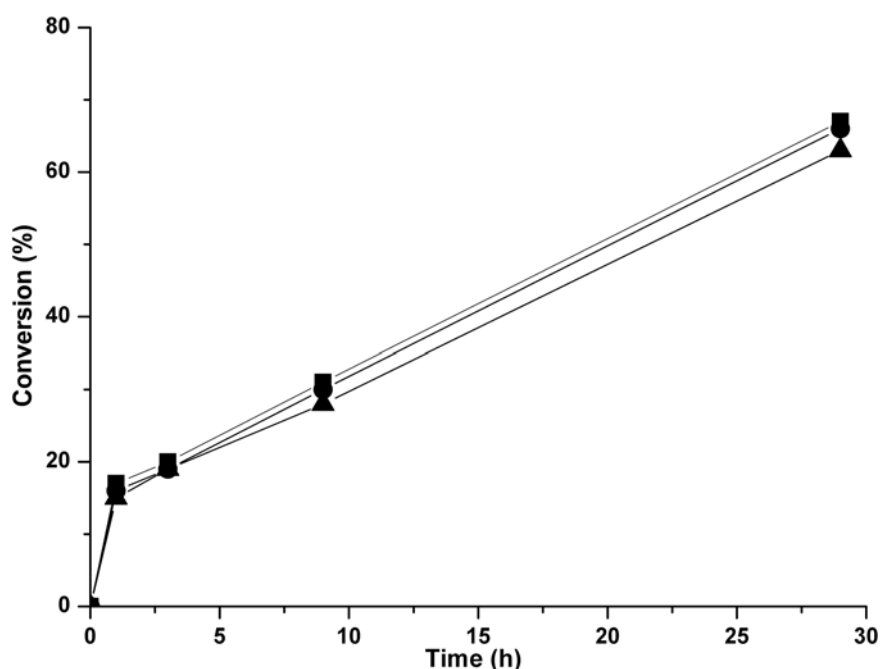
**Fig. S12.** Solid-state photoluminescence spectra of as-synthesized **2** and free H<sub>3</sub>BTT ligand.



**Fig. S13.** Solid-state UV-Vis spectra of as-synthesized and thermally activated **1**.



**Fig. S14.** Photos of **1** showing colour changes in different forms: (a) as-synthesized, (b) methanol-exchanged, (c) thermally activated and (d) after catalysis.



**Fig. S15.** Reusability test for ring opening of epoxide with methanol using thermally activated **1** as catalyst. Squares, circles and triangles correspond to the first, second and third cycle, respectively. Reaction conditions: (a) styrene oxide (0.1 mL), thermally activated **1** (20 mg), methanol (5 mL), 50 °C.

**Table S1.** Elemental analyses of the compounds in different forms.

Compound	Molecular Formula	C <sub>obs.</sub> / C <sub>cal.</sub> (%)	H <sub>obs.</sub> / H <sub>cal.</sub> (%)	N <sub>obs.</sub> / N <sub>cal.</sub> (%)
<b>1</b> -as-synthesized	[Co(C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub> NO) <sub>6</sub> ] <sub>3</sub> [(Co <sub>4</sub> Cl) <sub>3</sub> (C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N <sub>12</sub> ) <sub>8</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>12</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> ·12H <sub>2</sub> O	30.34 / 30.56	3.21 / 3.34	34.27 / 34.65
<b>1</b> -methanol-exchanged	[Co(CH <sub>3</sub> OH) <sub>6</sub> ] <sub>3</sub> [(Co <sub>4</sub> Cl) <sub>3</sub> (C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N <sub>12</sub> ) <sub>8</sub> (CH <sub>3</sub> OH) <sub>12</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> ·40(CH <sub>3</sub> OH)	30.63 / 30.50	3.97 / 4.25	30.29 / 30.22
<b>1</b> -hydrated	[Co(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ] <sub>3</sub> [(Co <sub>4</sub> Cl) <sub>3</sub> (C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N <sub>12</sub> ) <sub>8</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>12</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> ·62(H <sub>2</sub> O)	21.53 / 21.23	3.51 / 3.16	32.97 / 33.01
<b>2</b> -as-synthesized	[Cd(C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub> NO) <sub>6</sub> ] <sub>3</sub> [(Cd <sub>4</sub> Cl) <sub>3</sub> (C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N <sub>12</sub> ) <sub>8</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>12</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> ·14(H <sub>2</sub> O)·4(C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub> NO)	25.17 / 25.20	2.63 / 2.79	29.64 / 29.95
<b>2</b> -methanol-exchanged	[Cd(CH <sub>3</sub> OH) <sub>6</sub> ] <sub>3</sub> [(Cd <sub>4</sub> Cl) <sub>3</sub> (C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N <sub>12</sub> ) <sub>8</sub> (CH <sub>3</sub> OH) <sub>12</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> ·40(CH <sub>3</sub> OH)	25.96 / 26.24	3.43 / 3.66	26.12 / 26.00
<b>2</b> -hydrated	[Cd(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ] <sub>3</sub> [(Cd <sub>4</sub> Cl) <sub>3</sub> (C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N <sub>12</sub> ) <sub>8</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>12</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> ·56(H <sub>2</sub> O)	18.05 / 18.24	2.73 / 2.59	28.15 / 28.36

**Table S2.** Bond lengths (Å) for **1**.

Co(1)-O(1)	2.082(7)	N(2)-N(2)#6	1.317(7)
Co(1)-N(2)#1	2.098(3)	N(2)-N(1)	1.337(4)
Co(1)-N(2)	2.098(3)	N(1)-C(1)	1.348(4)
Co(1)-N(2)#2	2.098(3)	C(2)-C(3)#7	1.390(4)
Co(1)-N(2)#3	2.098(3)	C(2)-C(3)	1.390(4)
Co(1)-Cl(1)	2.6007(12)	C(2)-C(1)	1.448(7)
Cl(1)-Co(1)#1	2.6007(12)	C(1)-N(1)#6	1.348(4)
Cl(1)-Co(1)#4	2.6007(12)	C(3)-C(2)#8	1.390(4)
Cl(1)-Co(1)#5	2.6007(12)		

Symmetry operators used to generate equivalent atoms are #1: -x, y, -z+1; #2: -x, y, z; #3: x, y, -z+1; #4: x, z, -y+1; #5: -x, -y+1, -z+1; #6: x, -z+1, -y+1; #7: y, -z+1, -x+1; #8: -z+1, x, -y+1.

**Table S3.** Bond lengths (Å) for **2**.

Cd(1)-O(1)	2.301(8)	C(1)-N(1)#6	1.335(4)
Cd(1)-N(2)#1	2.329(3)	C(1)-N(1)	1.335(4)
Cd(1)-N(2)#2	2.329(3)	C(1)-C(2)	1.476(7)
Cd(1)-N(2)	2.329(3)	N(1)-N(2)	1.326(4)
Cd(1)-N(2)#3	2.329(3)	N(2)-N(2)#6	1.295(6)
Cd(1)-Cl(1)	2.8032(6)	C(3)-C(2)#7	1.385(4)
Cl(1)-Cd(1)#4	2.8032(6)	C(3)-C(2)	1.385(4)
Cl(1)-Cd(1)#5	2.8032(6)	C(2)-C(3)#8	1.385(4)
Cl(1)-Cd(1)#2	2.8032(6)		

Symmetry operators used to generate equivalent atoms are #1:  $x, -y, z$ ; #2:  $-x+1, y, z$ ; #3:  $-x+1, -y, z$ ; #4:  $-z+1, -y, x$ ; #5:  $-x+1, -y, -z+1$ ; #6:  $-z+1, y, -x+1$ ; #7:  $y+1, -z, -x+1$ ; #8:  $-z+1, x-1, -y$ .