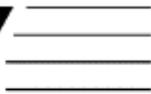


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**Synthesis, X-ray Crystal Structures and Gas Sorption Properties of  
Pillared Square Grid Nets Based on Paddle-wheel Motifs: Implications  
for Hydrogen Storage in Porous Materials**

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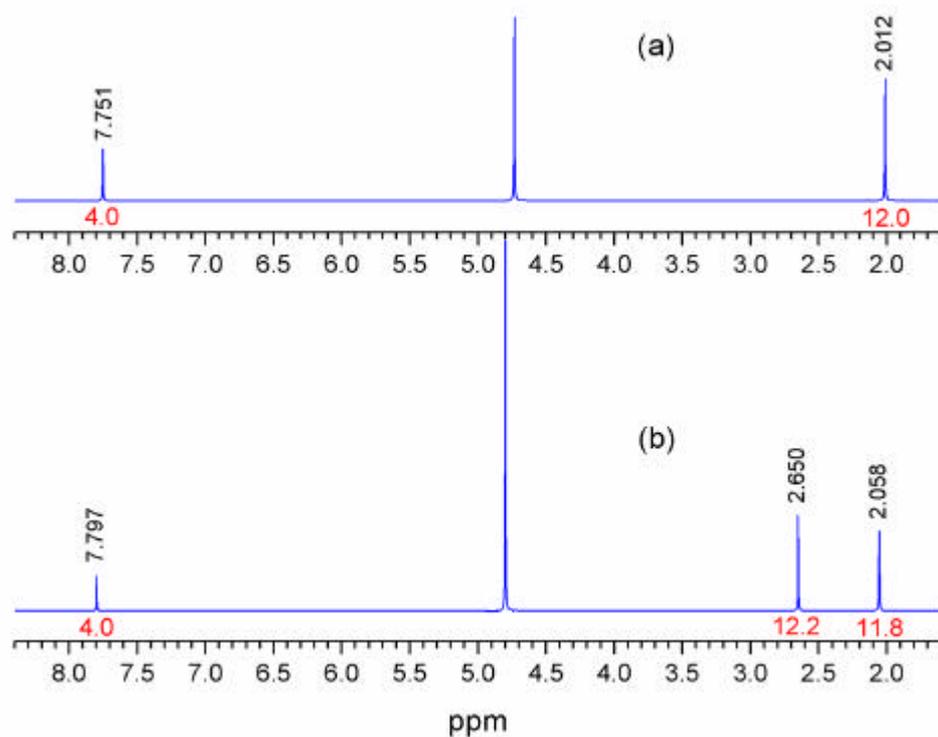


Figure S1.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectra of (a) 1:1 mixture of  $\text{H}_2\text{bdc}$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{tmbdc}$  in  $\text{NaOH}/\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , and (b)  $[\text{Zn}_2(1,4\text{-bdc})(\text{tmbdc})(\text{dabco})]$  (**2**) digested in  $\text{NaOH}/\text{D}_2\text{O}$ . Integral values are shown in red.

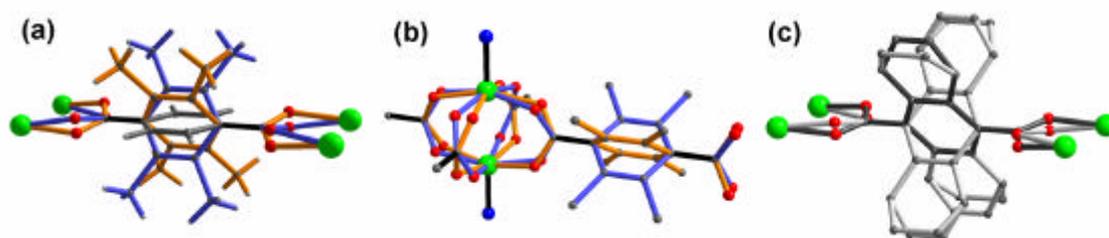


Figure S2. Disordered dicarboxylate linkers in the structure of **2** (a), **3** (b) and **4** (c). Hydrogen atoms are not shown in (b) and (c).

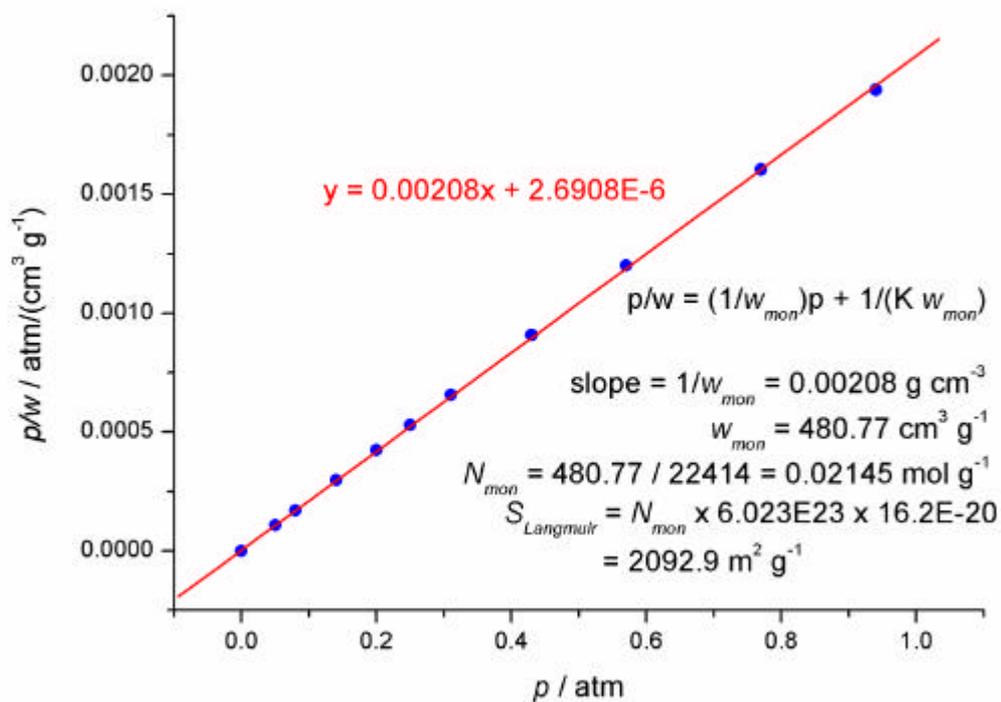


Figure S3. N<sub>2</sub> gas sorption data of [Zn<sub>2</sub>(1,4-bdc)<sub>2</sub>(dabco)] (1) and their fit to a Langmuir equation used to derive Langmuir surface area.

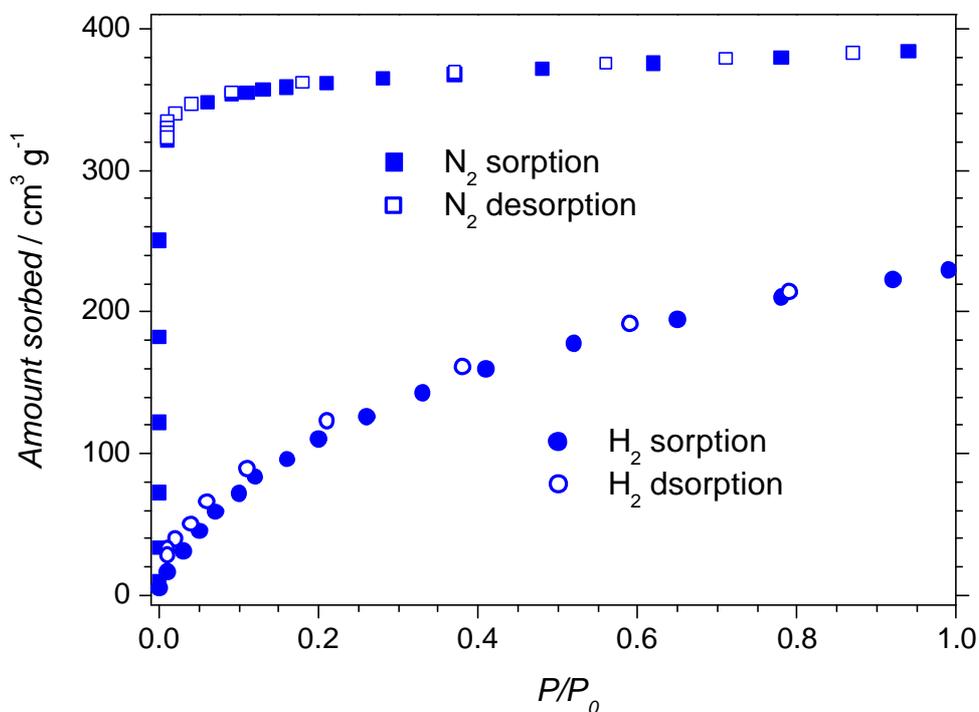


Figure S4. N<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub> gas sorption isotherms for 2.

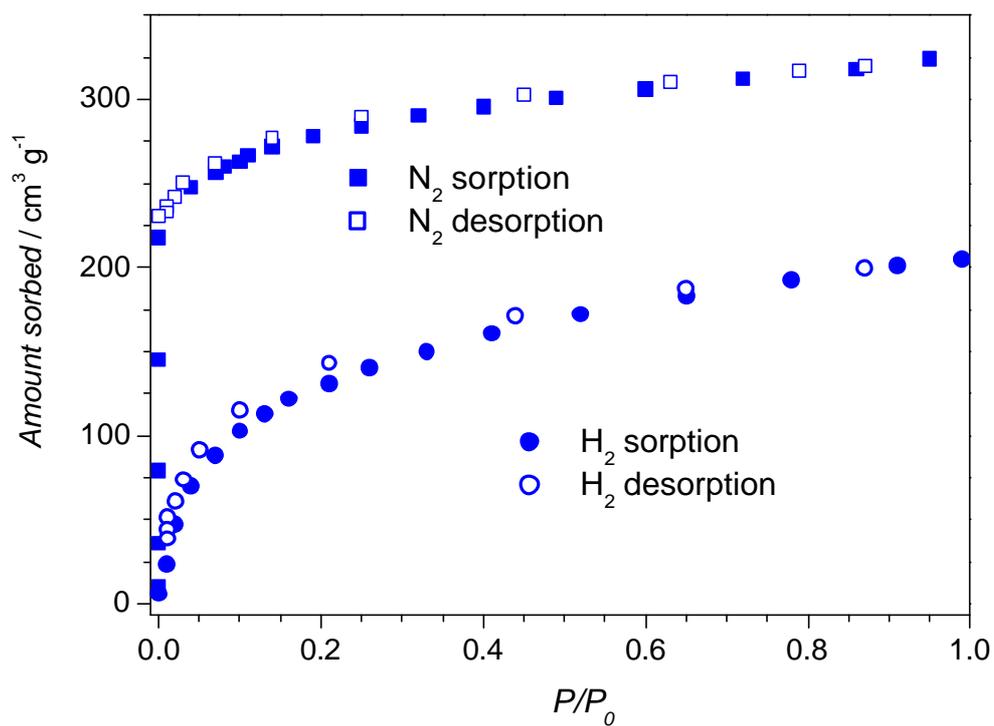


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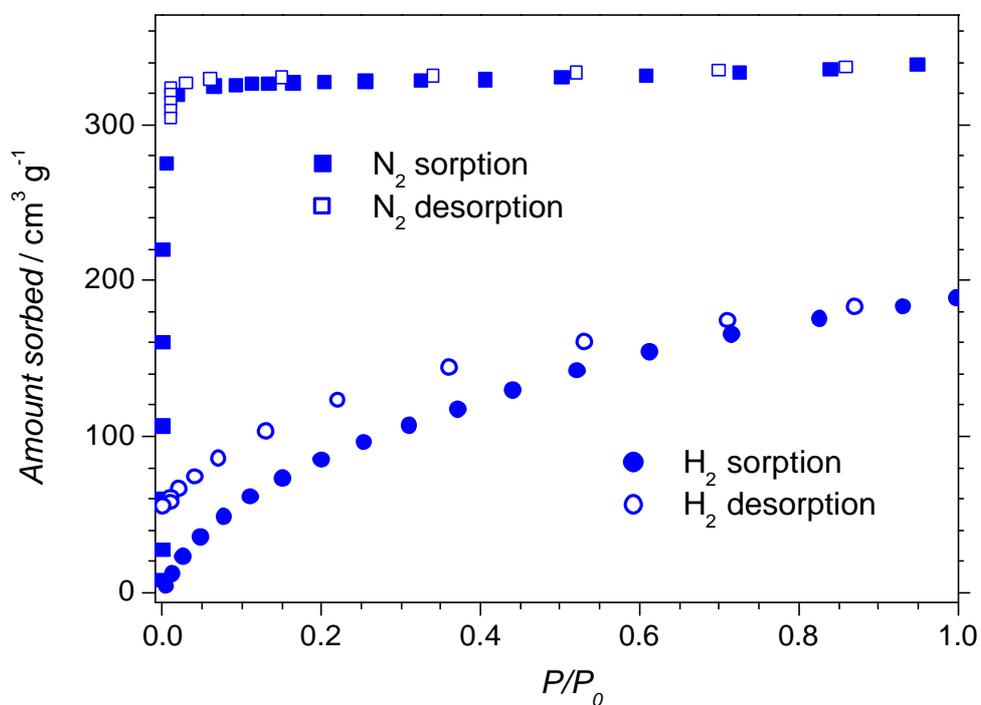


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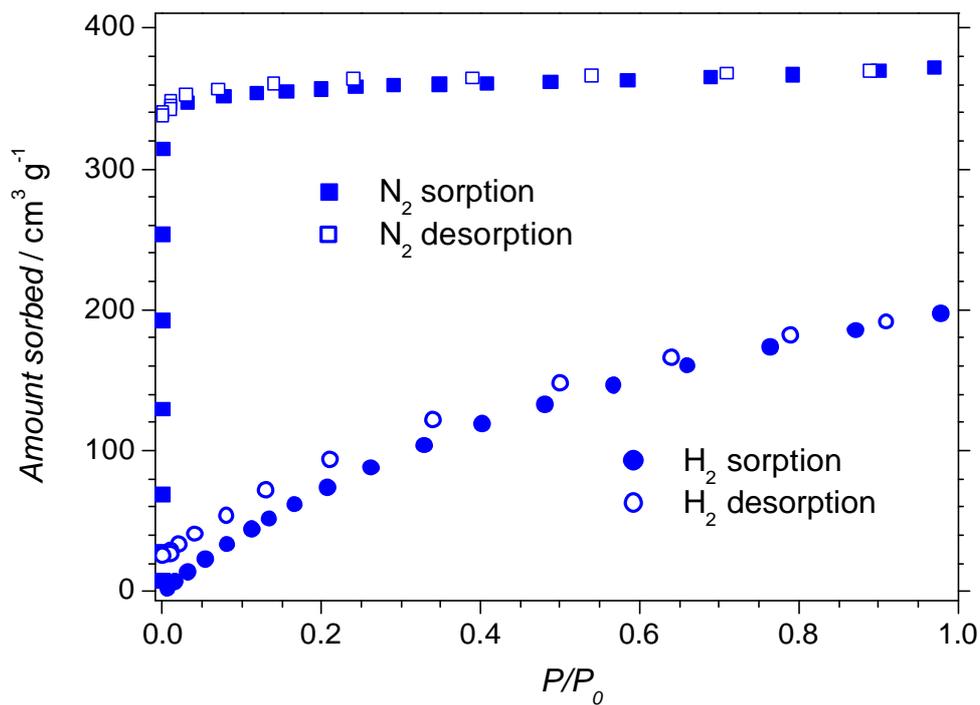


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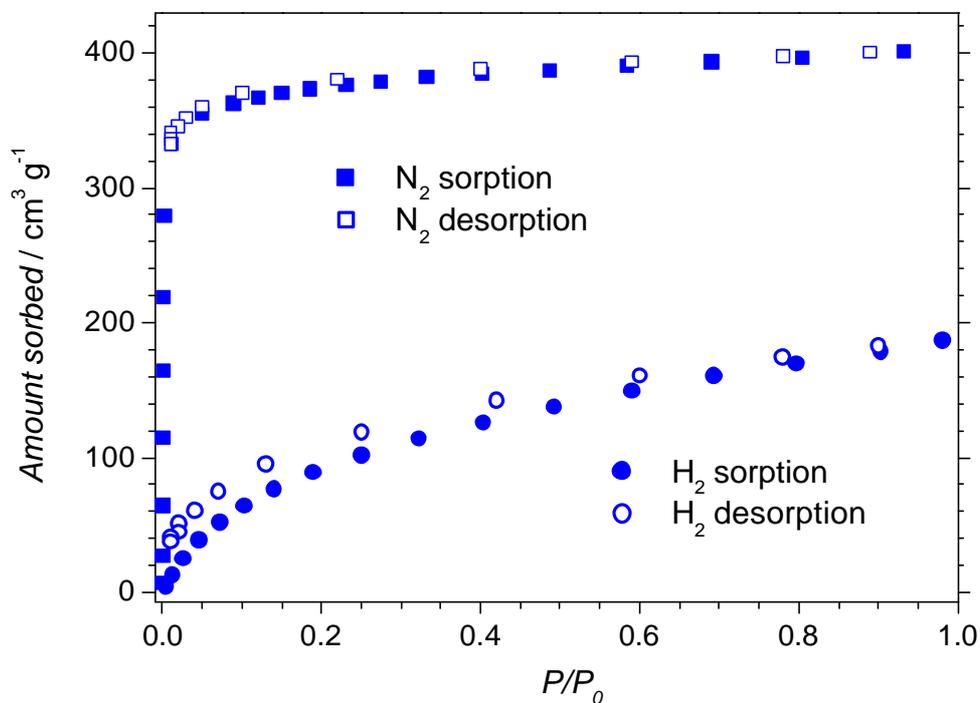


Figure S8.  $\text{N}_2$  and  $\text{H}_2$  gas sorption isotherms for **8**.

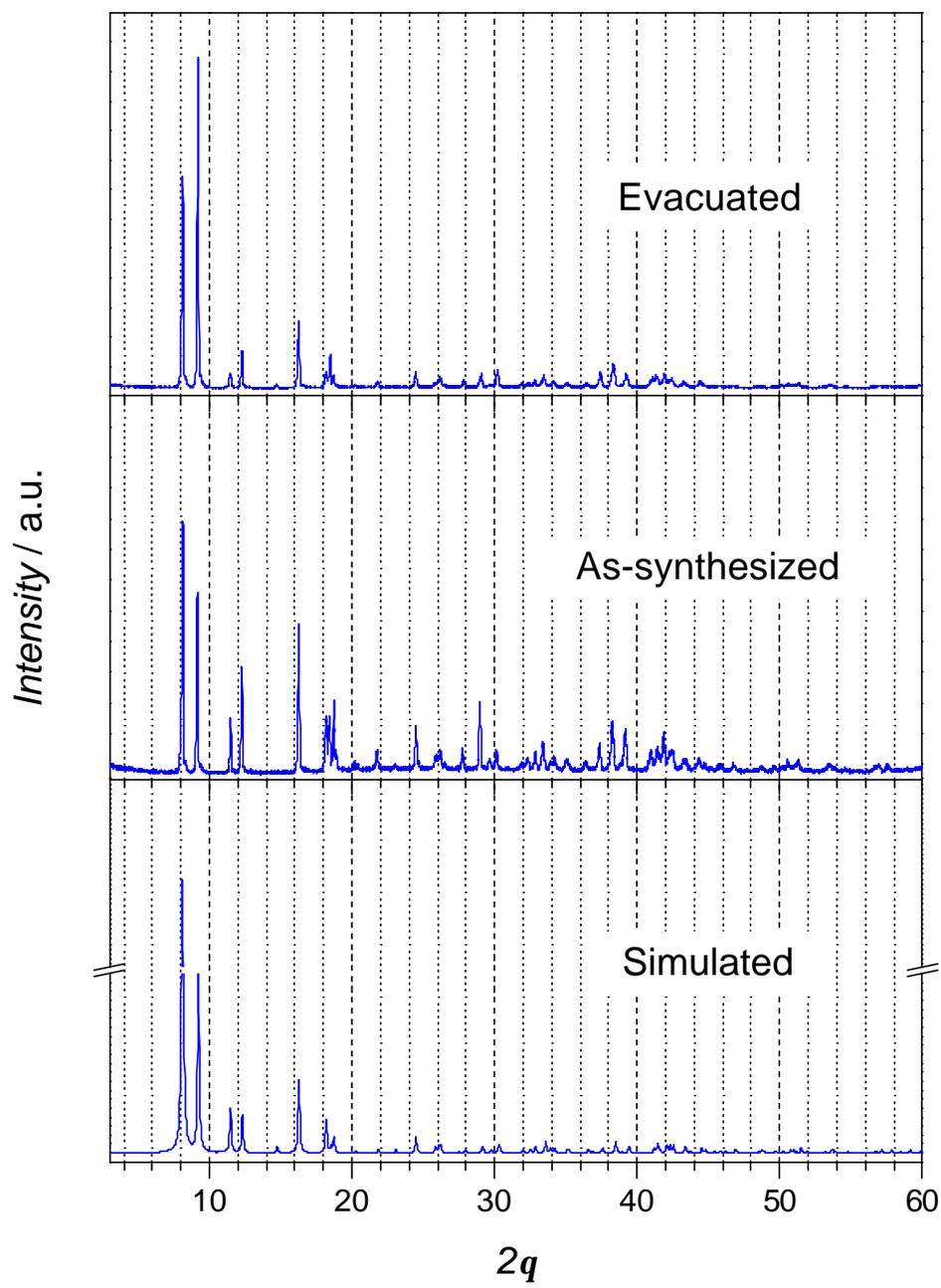


Figure S9. Experimental X-ray powder diffraction patterns of **2** and its simulation based on the single-crystal structure.

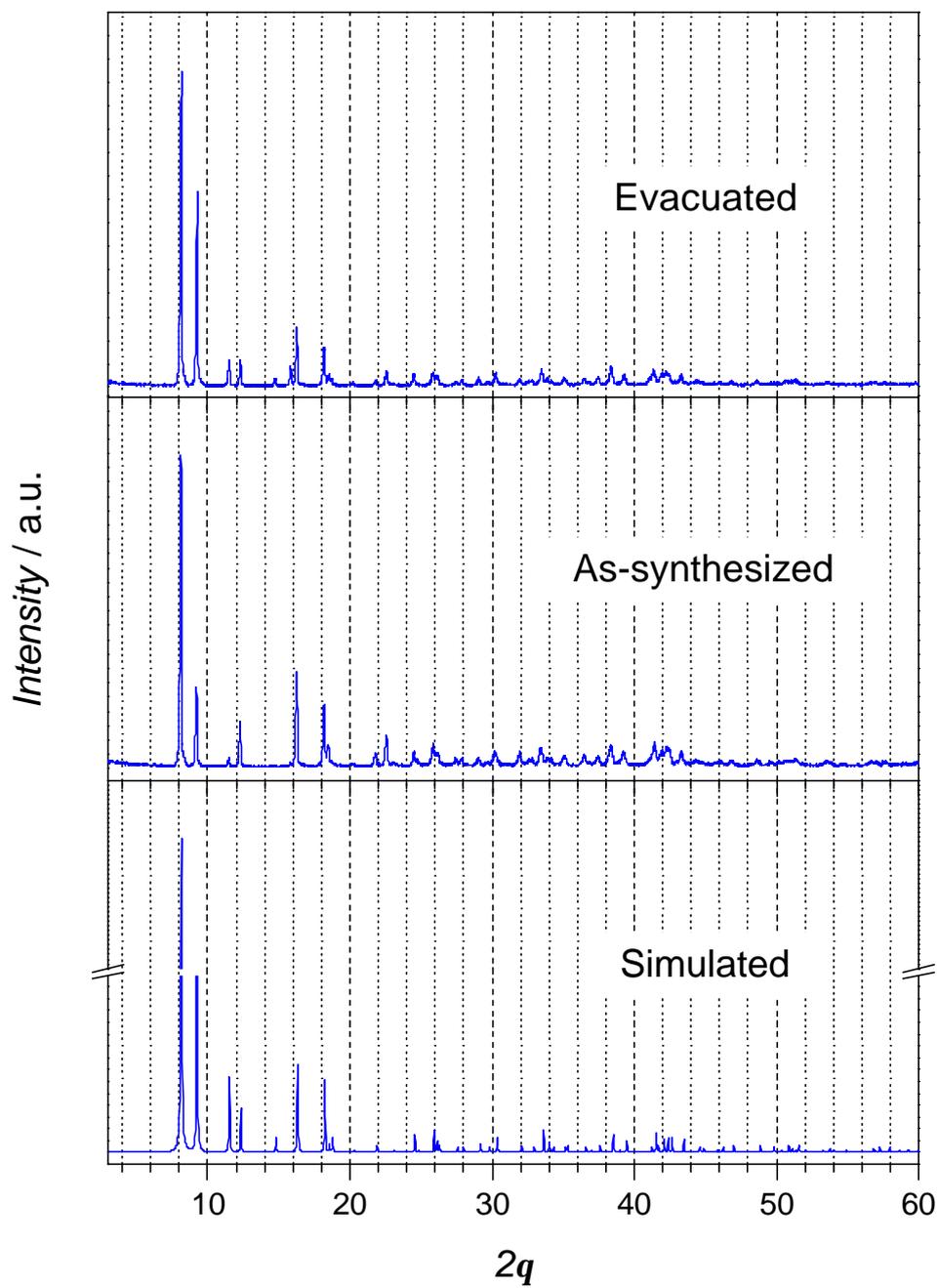


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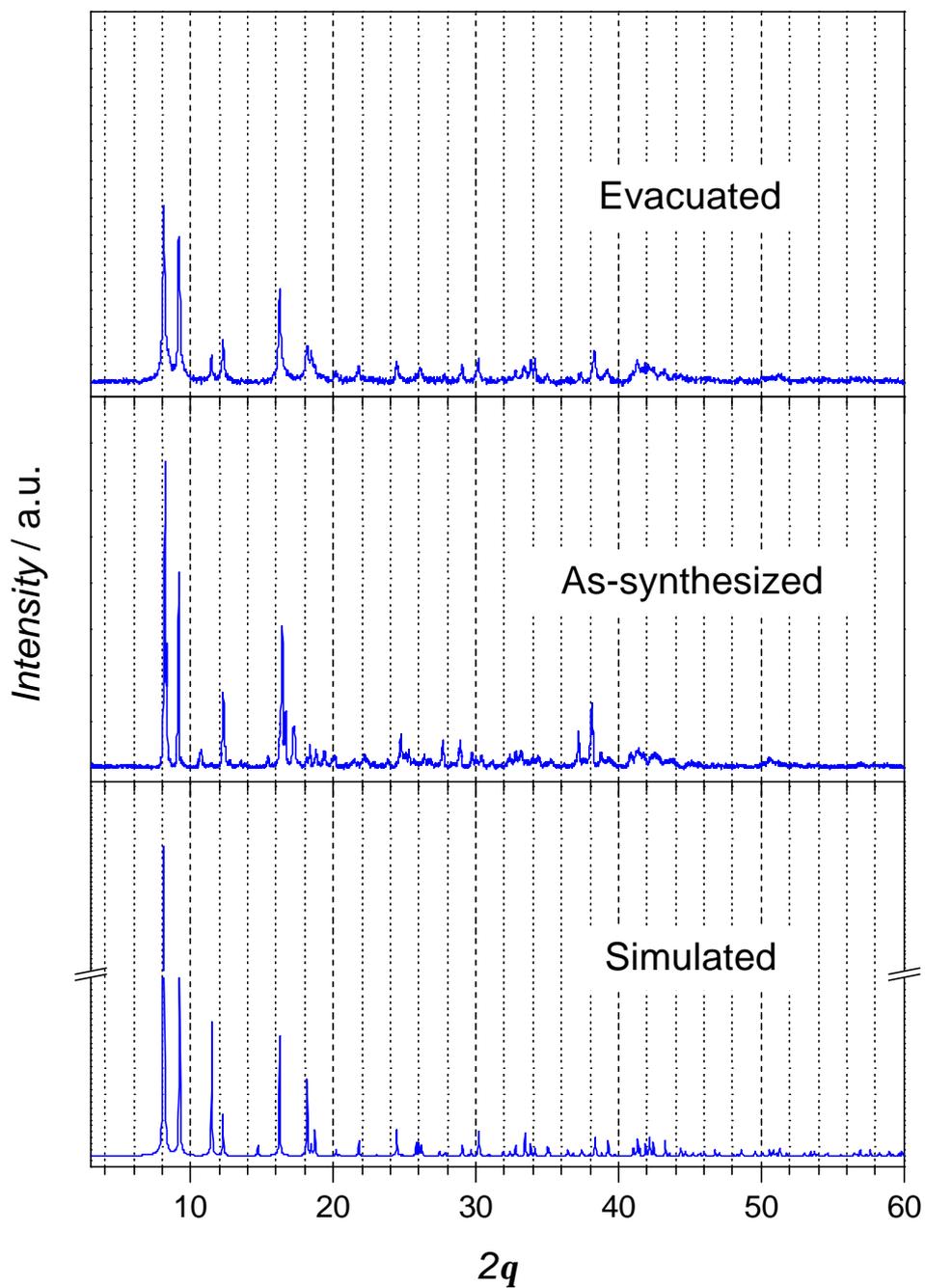


Figure S11. Experimental X-ray powder diffraction patterns of **4** and its simulation based on the single-crystal structure.

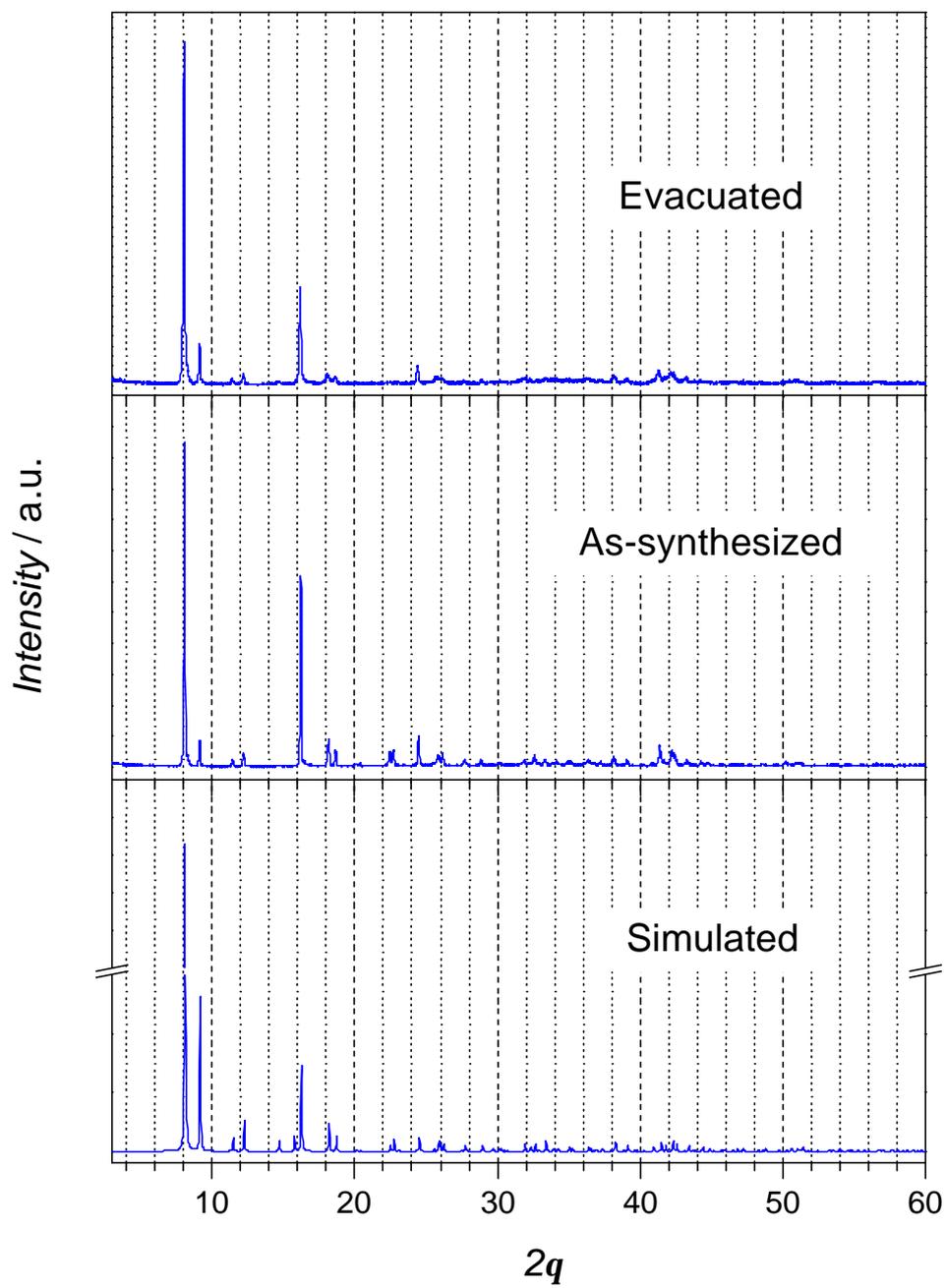


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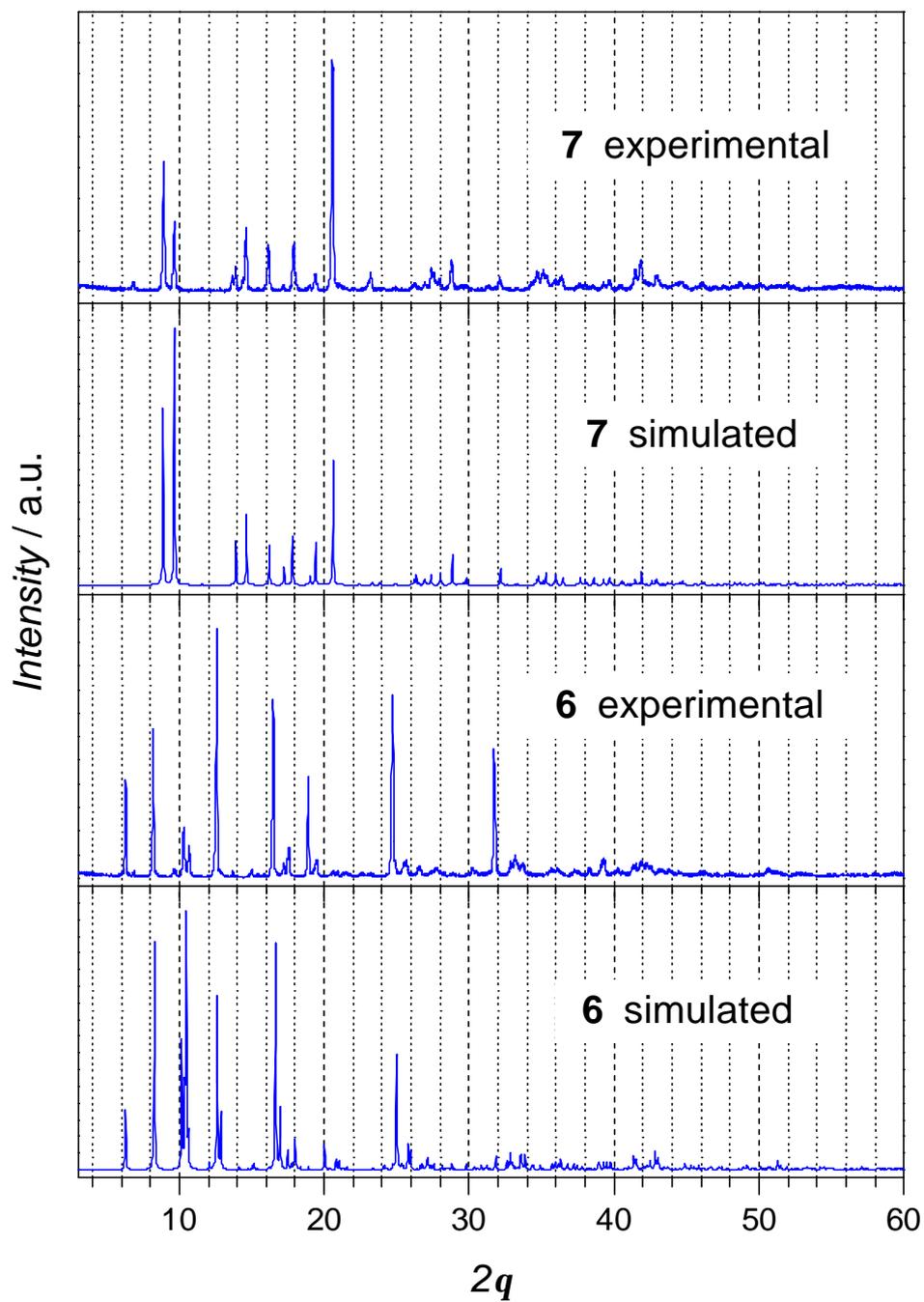


Figure S13. Experimental and X-ray powder diffraction patterns of **6** and **7** and their simulations based on the single-crystal structure.

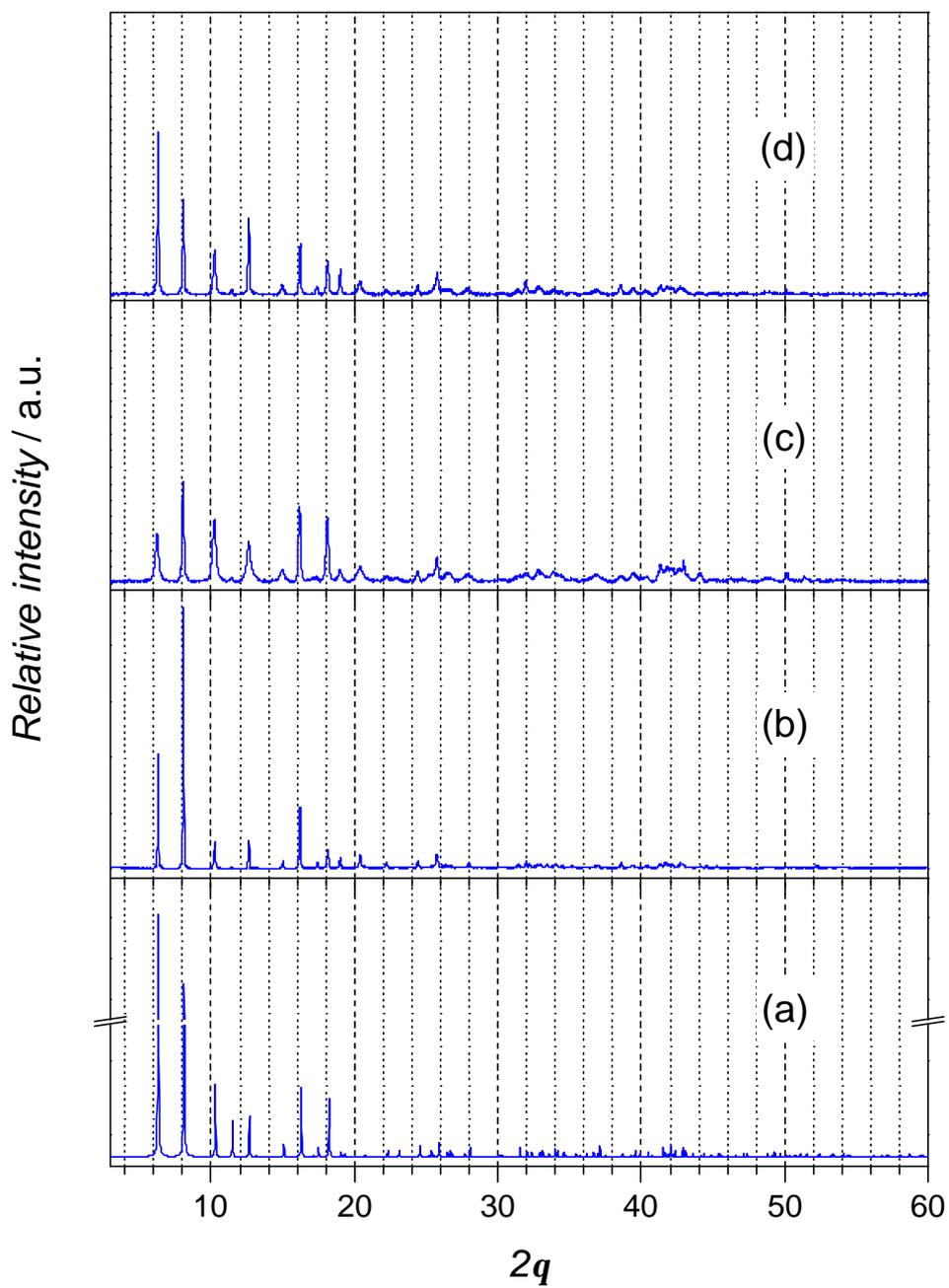


Figure S14. X-ray powder diffraction patterns of **8**. (a) Simulation based on the single-crystal structure, (b) as-synthesized, (c) evacuated under vacuum at 120 °C overnight, (d) dried after soaking the evacuated sample in DMF.