

Supplementary Materials for

A single-stranded coordination copolymer affords heterostructure observation and photoluminescence intensification

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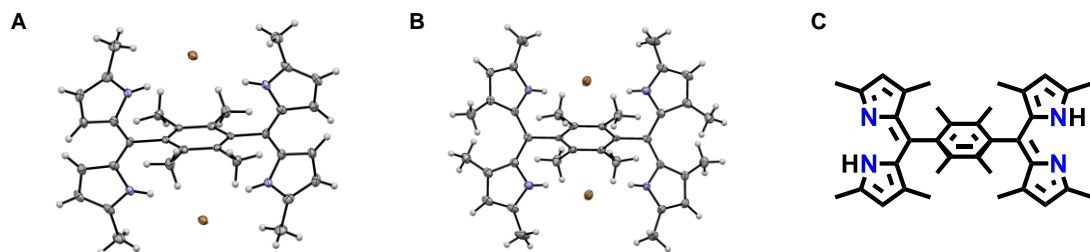


Fig. S1. Oak Ridge thermal ellipsoid plot drawings of $\text{H}_2\text{L3}\cdot 2\text{HBr}$ and $\text{H}_2\text{L3}'\cdot 2\text{HBr}\cdot(\text{solvent})_n$ with a thermal ellipsoid set at the 50% probability level. Gray: carbon; white: hydrogen; blue: nitrogen; orange: bromine. (C) Molecular structure of $\text{H}_2\text{L3}'$.

Table S1. Crystallographic data.(A) H₂L3·2HBr

| | |
|--|--|
| Empirical Formula | C ₃₂ H ₃₆ Br ₂ N ₄ |
| Formula Weight / g mol ⁻¹ | 636.47 |
| Temperature / K | 93 |
| λ / Å | 0.71075 |
| Crystal System | triclinic |
| Space Group | P-1 |
| a / Å | 7.793(3) |
| b / Å | 9.875(4) |
| c / Å | 19.350(8) |
| α / ° | 86.845(11) |
| β / ° | 87.523(13) |
| γ / ° | 78.9714(10) |
| V / Å ³ | 1458.6(10) |
| Z | 2 |
| d_{calcd} / g cm ⁻³ | 1.449 |
| μ (MoK α) / mm ⁻¹ | 2.815 |
| $F(000)$ | 652.00 |
| Crystal size / mm ³ | 0.300×0.300×0.300 |
| Theta range for data collection | 3.10 to 27.50 ° |
| Index ranges | -8≤ h ≤9, -11≤ k ≤11, -22≤ l ≤21 |
| Reflections collected | 9001 |
| Independent reflections | 4619 ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.0368$) |
| Data completeness | 98.2 % |
| Max. and min. transmission | 0.340 and 0.430 |
| Refinement method | Full-matrix least-squares on F^2 |
| Data / restraints / parameters | 4619/ 0 / 343 |
| ^a Goodness-of-Fit on F^2 | 1.096 |
| ^b R_1 [$I > 2.00\sigma(I)$] | 0.0431 |
| ^c wR_2 (all reflections) | 0.1005 |
| Largest diff. peak and hole / eÅ ⁻³ | 0.53 and -0.43 |

(B) H₂L3'·2HBr·(Solvent)_n

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|--|--|
| Empirical Formula | C ₃₆ H ₄₄ Br ₂ N ₄ |
| Formula Weight / g mol ⁻¹ | 692.58 |
| Temperature / K | 93 |
| λ / Å | 0.71073 |
| Crystal System | monoclinic |
| Space Group | P2 ₁ /n |
| a / Å | 9.9254(4) |
| b / Å | 12.8066(5) |
| c / Å | 14.3031(7) |
| α / ° | 90.0000 |
| β / ° | 105.514(5) |
| γ / ° | 90.0000 |
| V / Å ³ | 1751.83(14) |
| Z | 4 |
| d_{calcd} / g cm ⁻³ | 2.626 |
| μ (MoK α) / mm ⁻¹ | 4.699 |
| F (000) | 1432.00 |
| Crystal size / mm ³ | 0.300×0.300×0.300 |
| Theta range for data collection | 2.95 to 31.28 ° |
| Index ranges | -12≤ h ≤12, -14≤ k ≤16, -18≤ l ≤18 |
| Reflections collected | 13928 |
| Independent reflections | 4014 ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.0439$) |
| Data completeness | 99.9 % |
| Max. and min. transmission | 0.782 and 1.000 |
| Refinement method | Full-matrix least-squares on F^2 |
| Data / restraints / parameters | 4014/ 0 / 190 |
| ^a Goodness-of-Fit on F^2 | 1.042 |
| ^b R_1 [$I > 2.00\sigma(I)$] | 0.0394 |
| ^c wR_2 (all reflections) | 0.0908 |
| Largest diff. peak and hole / eÅ ⁻³ | 0.41 and -0.36 |

The contribution of solvent electron density was removed by the SQUEEZE function.

$$^a \text{GOF} = [\sum(w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \sum(N_r - N_p)^2)]. \quad ^b R_1 = \sum||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum|F_o| \quad (I > 2 \sigma(I)).$$

$$^c wR_2 = [\sum(w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \sum w(F_o^2)^2)]^{1/2} \quad (I > 2 \sigma(I)).$$

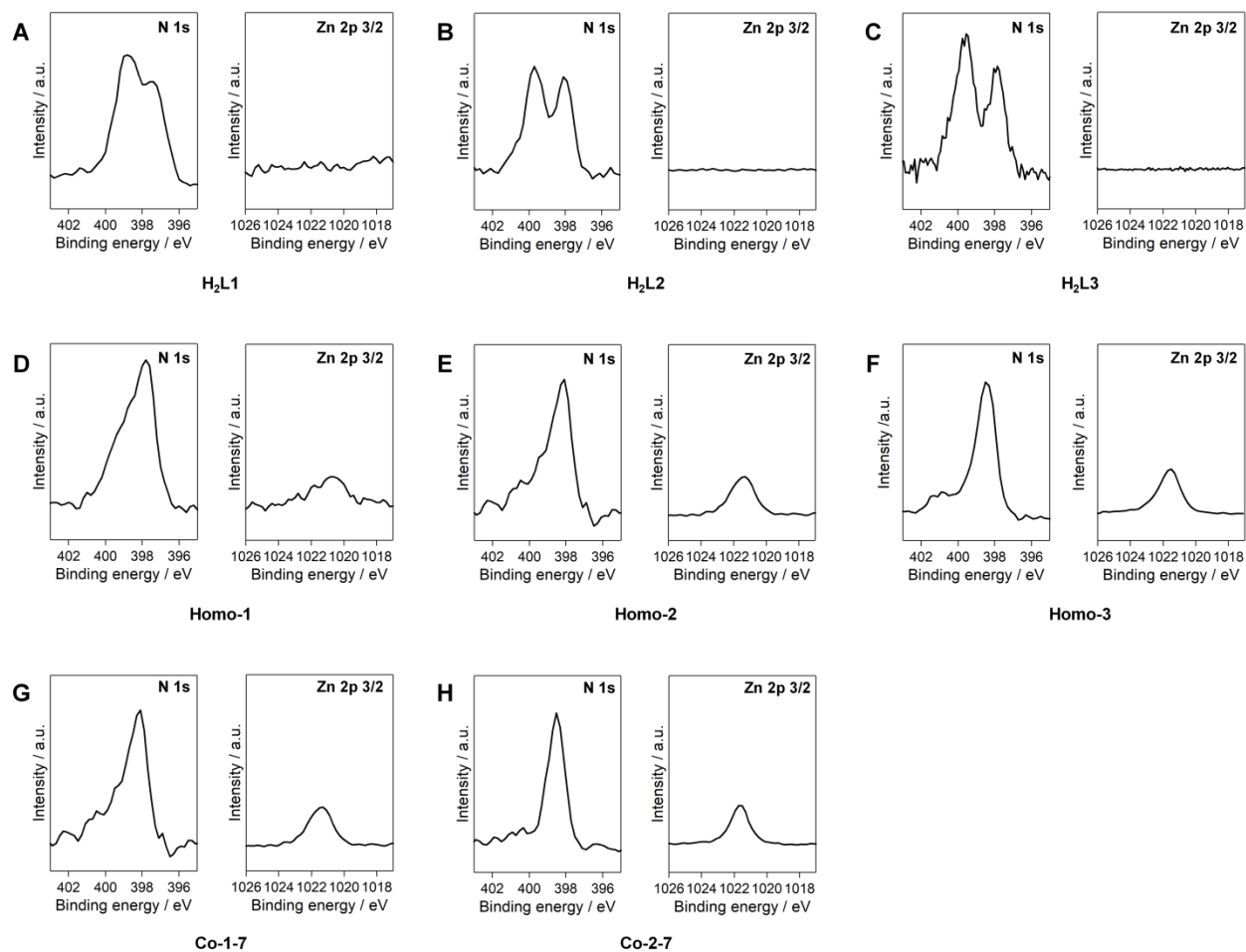


Fig. S2. XPS for proligands and coordination polymers. (A) H₂L1. (B) H₂L2. (C) H₂L3. (D) Homo-1. (E) Homo-2. (F) Homo-3. (G) Co-1-7. (H) Co-2-7. The intensity of the signal is standardized using the photoionization cross-section of each element.

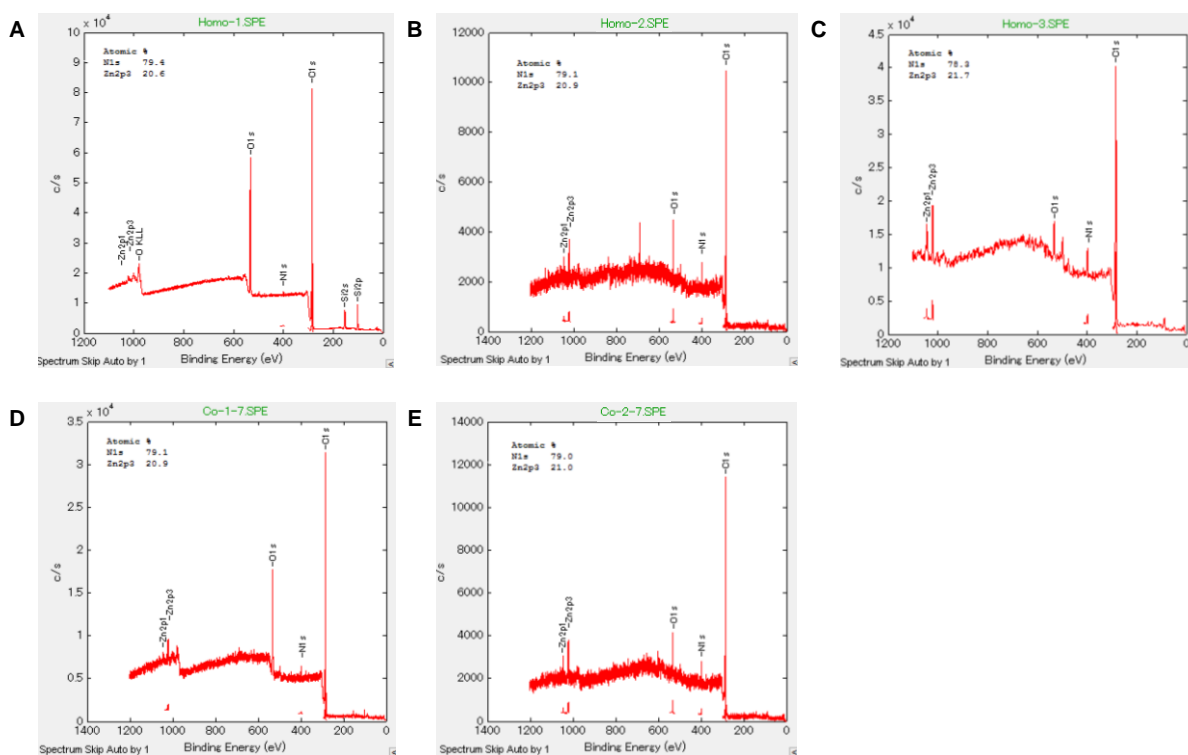


Fig. S3. Quantification of the elemental ratio from XPS. (A) Homo-1. (B) Homo-2. (C) Homo-3. (D) Co-1-7. (E) Co-2-7.

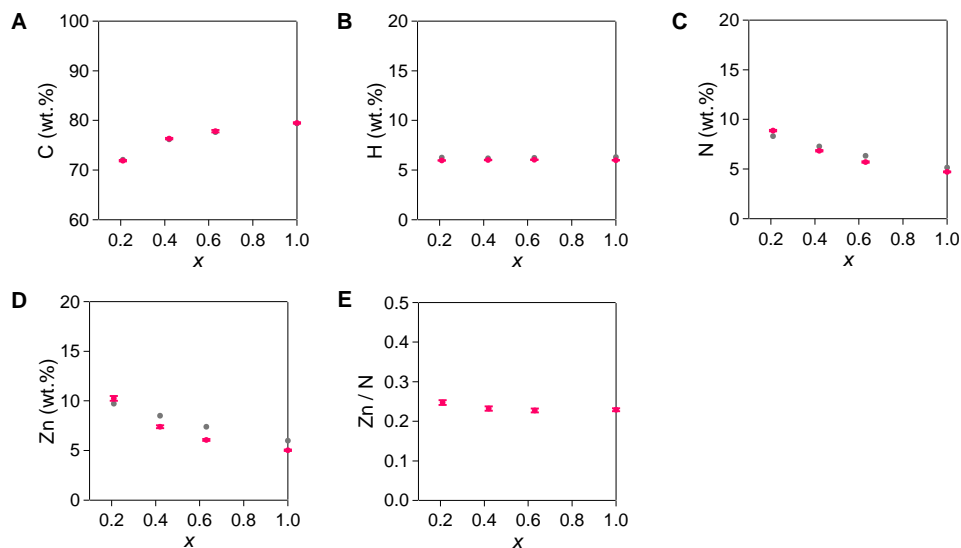


Fig. S4. Elemental abundances in Co-1- k and Homo-1 determined by elemental and ICP-AES analysis. (A) carbon; (B) hydrogen; (C) nitrogen; (D) zinc. (E) Zn/N- x plot. As an admixture, water molecules were added; 2.12, 1.53, 0.87 and 1.31 molecules per zinc center were added to **Homo-1, **Co-1- k** with $x = 0.21, 0.42,$ and $0.63,$ respectively. Gray: calculated; magenta: experimental.**

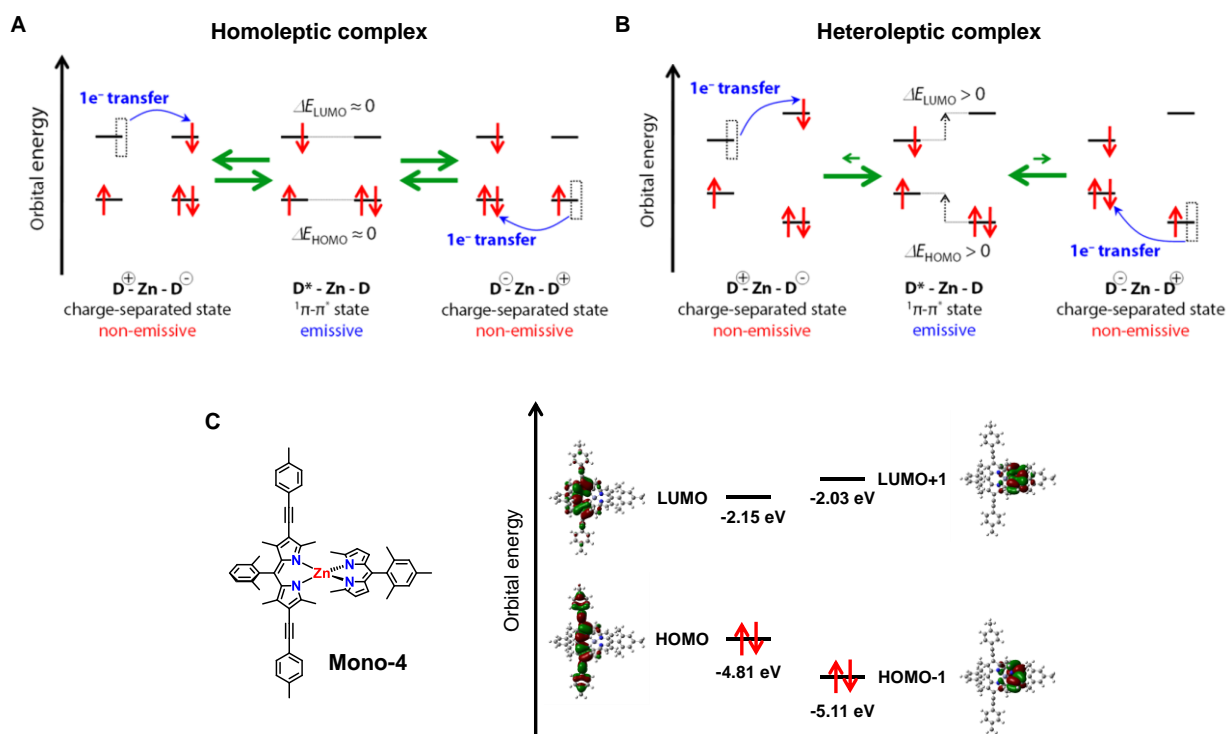


Fig. S5. PL enhancement mechanism for a heteroleptic complex. (A,B) Schematic illustrations of plausible thermal equilibria among the two non-emissive symmetry-breaking charge-separated states and the emissive $^1\pi-\pi^*$ excited state localized on the left-hand dipyrinato ligand in the case of (A) homoleptic complex; (B) heteroleptic complex. (C) Chemical structure and molecular orbitals of **Mono-4** with DFT/B3LYP/6-31G(d).

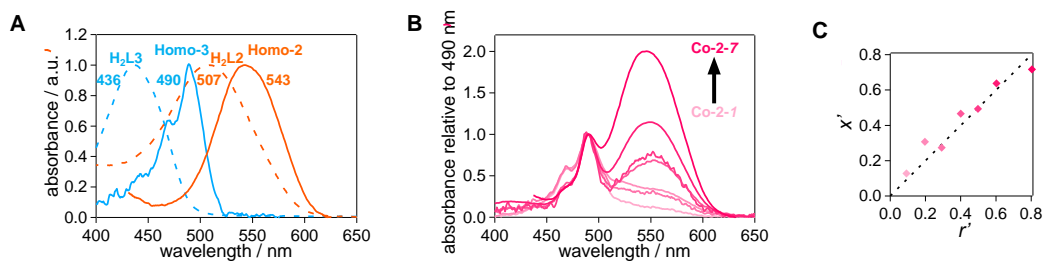


Fig. S6. UV/vis spectroscopy for Co-2-*k* in toluene. (A) Normalized UV/vis spectra of bridging dipyrin proligands **H₂L₂** and **H₂L₃**, and homopolymers **Homo-2** and **Homo-3**. (B) UV/vis spectra of **Co-2-*k*** ($k = 1-7$) normalized at 490 nm. (C) Relationship between the mole fraction of **L₂** in **Co-2-*k*** (x') and mixing ratio of **H₂L₂** to (**H₂L₂** + **H₂L₃**) (r').

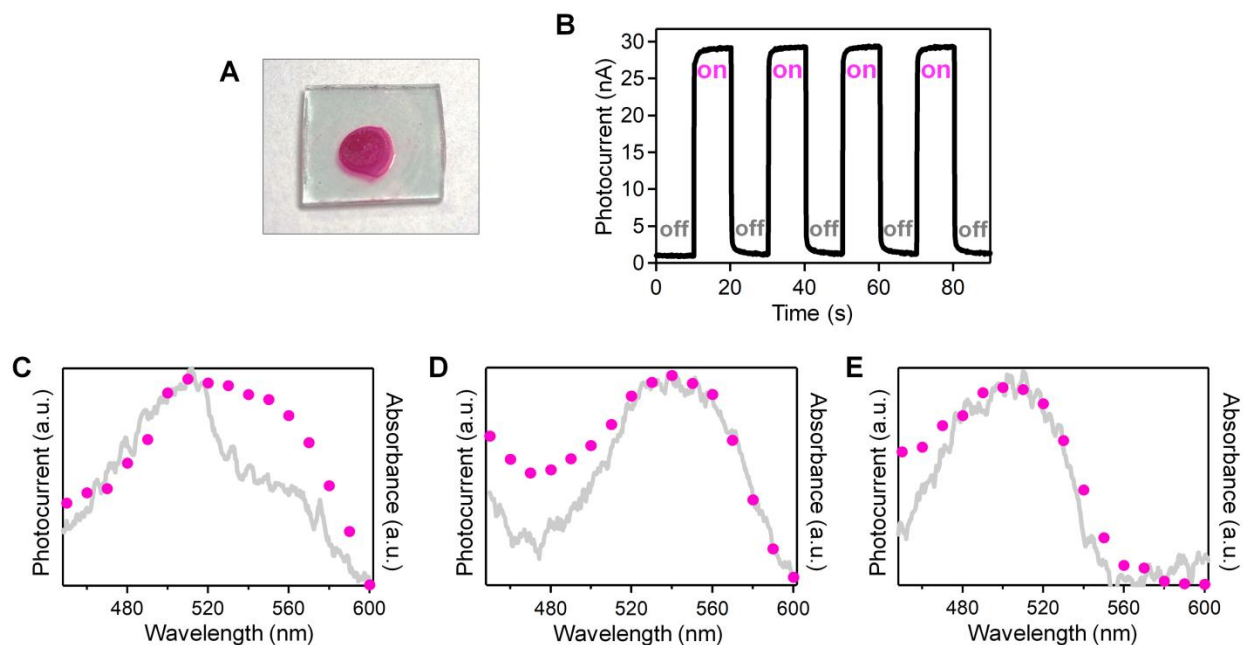


Fig. S7. Photovoltaic conversion of Co-1-6, Homo-3, and Homo-1. (A) Photograph of a thin film of **Co-1-6** on a SnO₂ substrate. (B) Anodic photocurrent response of **Co-1-6** on irradiation of an electrode with intermittent 500 nm light (Light intensity: 3.56 mW). (C) Action spectrum for the photocurrent generation and absorption spectrum of **Co-1-6** on a SnO₂ substrate. (D) Action spectrum for the photocurrent generation and absorption spectrum of **Homo-3** on a SnO₂ substrate. (E) Action spectrum for the photocurrent generation and absorption spectrum of **Homo-1** on a SnO₂ substrate.

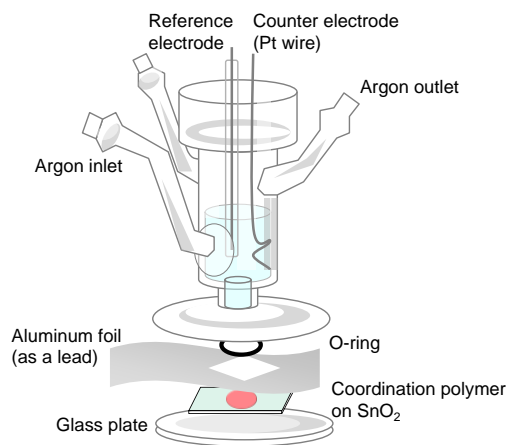


Fig. S8. Three-electrode electrochemical cell used for the photoelectric conversion. The incident light was illuminated from the bottom of the cell.

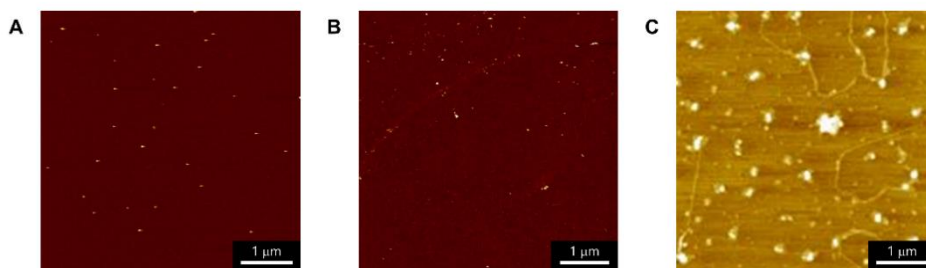


Fig. S9. AFM images of Co-1-3 on other substrates. (A) On mica. **(B)** On SiO₂/Si(100). **(C)** On MoS₂. Among those, only MoS₂ visualized the exfoliated **Co-1-3**.

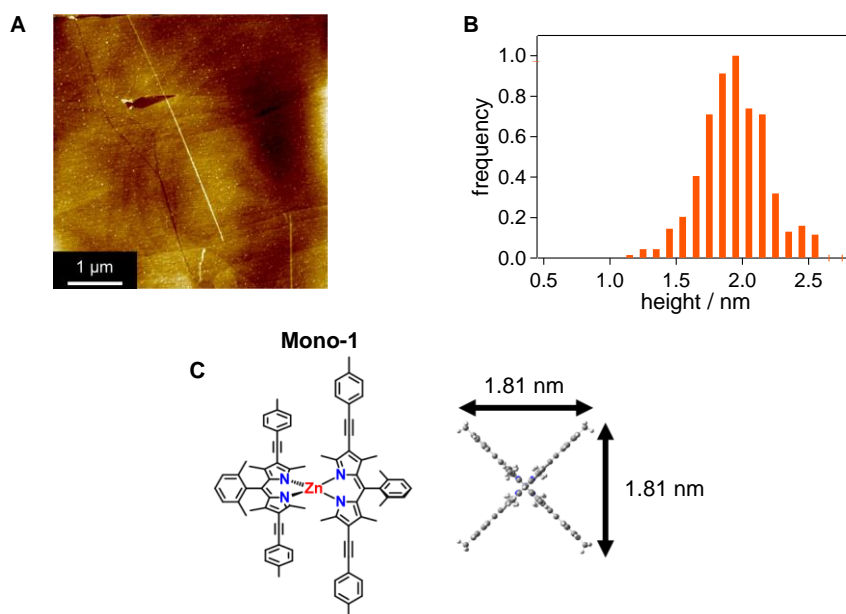


Fig. S10. AFM for Homo-1. (A) Representative AFM height image for **Homo-1**. **(B)** Height histogram. **(C)** Chemical structure of corresponding mononuclear complex **Mono-1**, with a size estimated by DFT calculation.

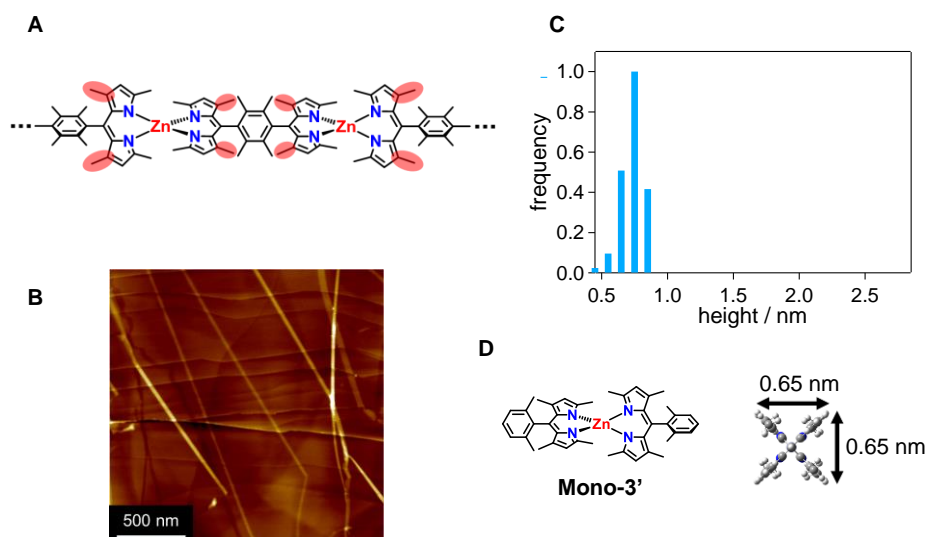


Fig. S11. AFM for *Homo-3'*. (A) Molecular structure of *Homo-3'*. The difference between *Homo-3* lies in additional methyl groups shown in red. The lower dispersibility of *Homo-3* hampered the AFM analysis, which prompted us to use *Homo-3'* as an alternative. The additional methyl group is unlikely to alter the height of the single strand observed in AFM. (B) Representative AFM height image for *Homo-3'*. (C) Height histogram. (D) Chemical structure of corresponding mononuclear complex *Mono-3''*, with a size estimated by DFT calculation.

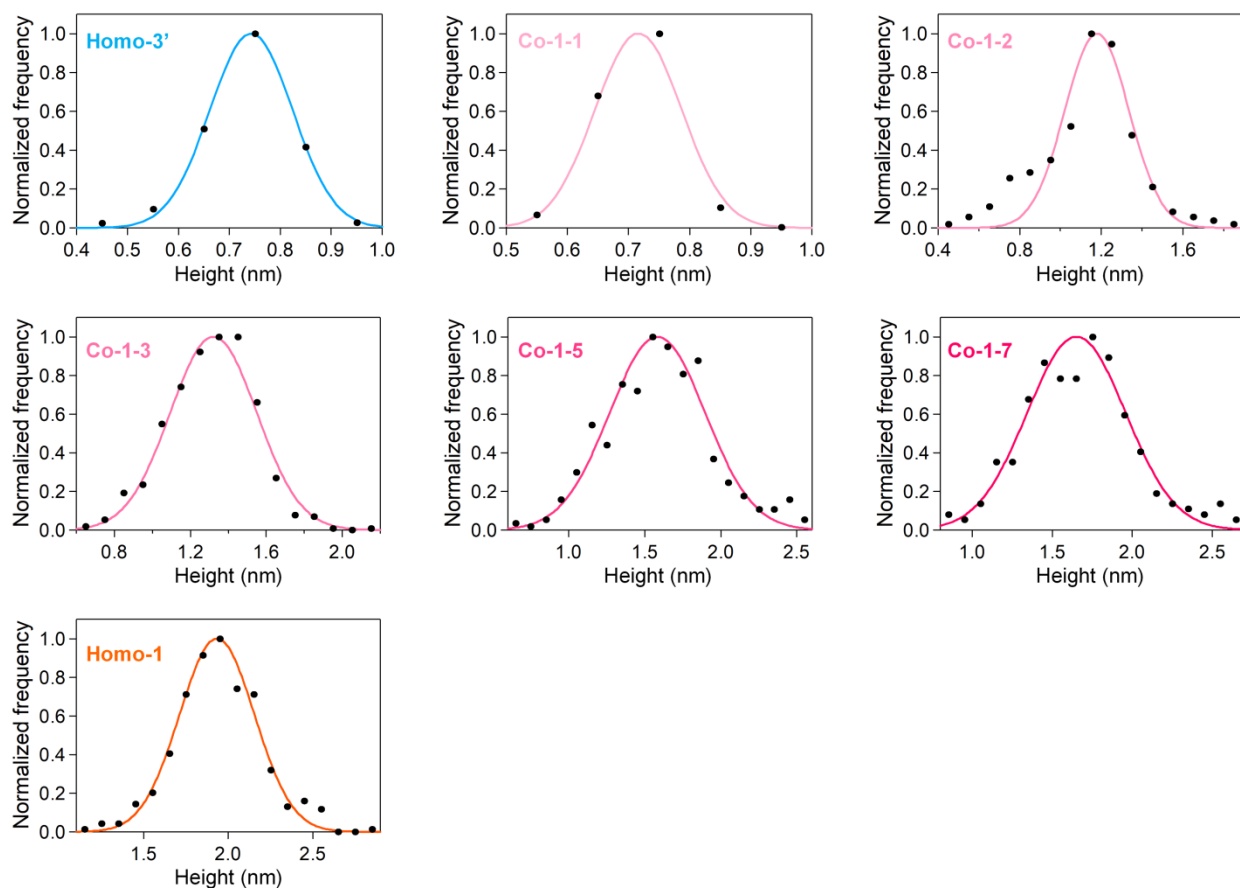


Fig. S12. Gaussian fitting of AFM height histograms of *Co-1-k*, *Homo-1*, and *Homo-3'*.

Table S2. PL properties of Co-1-*k*, Homo-1, and Homo-3 in toluene.

| Sample | ϕ_{PL} (excited at 550 nm) | ϕ_{PL} (excited at 490 nm) | τ_{PL} /ns |
|---------------|--|--|------------------------|
| Co-1-1 | 0.32 | 0.21 | 2.89 ^{a)} |
| Co-1-2 | 0.24 | 0.23 | 2.72 ^{a)} |
| Co-1-3 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 2.66 ^{a)} |
| Co-1-4 | 0.15 | 0.15 | 2.46 ^{a)} |
| Co-1-5 | 0.12 | 0.12 | 2.16 ^{a)} |
| Co-1-6 | 0.11 | 0.11 | 2.08 ^{a)} |
| Co-1-7 | 0.06 | 0.06 | 1.61 ^{a)} |
| Homo-1 | 0.03 | N/A | N/A ^{b)} |
| Homo-3 | N/A | 0.10 | 3.79 ^{a)} |

^{a)} measured at excitation with 470 nm. ^{b)} not measured due to low absorption at 470 nm.

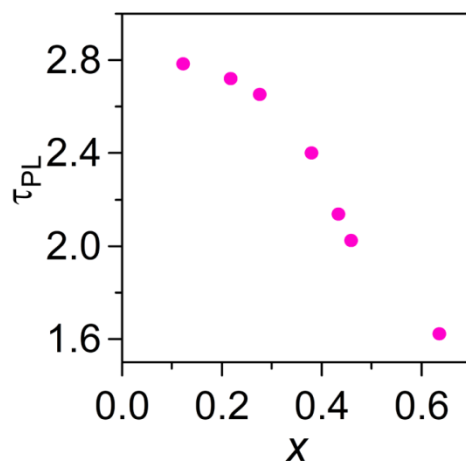


Fig. S13. PL lifetimes (τ_{PL}) in toluene. τ_{PL} – mole ratio of ligand L1 (*x*) plots. PL lifetime of Co-1-*k* was measured in toluene with an incident light of 470 nm. The PL decay was fitted with a single-exponential decay.

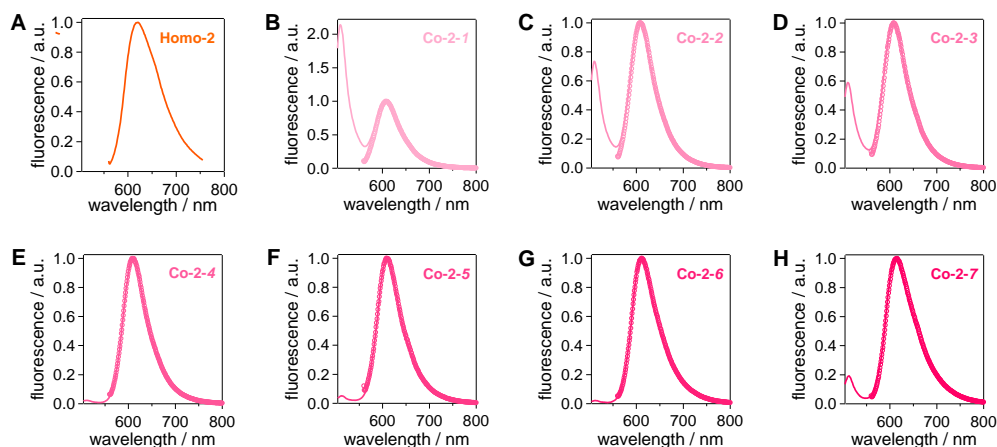


Fig. S14. PL of Co-2-*k* in toluene. PL spectra of (A) Homo-2 excited at 550 nm. (B–H) Co-2-*k* (*k* = 1–7) excited at 490 (solid line) and 550 nm (circle).

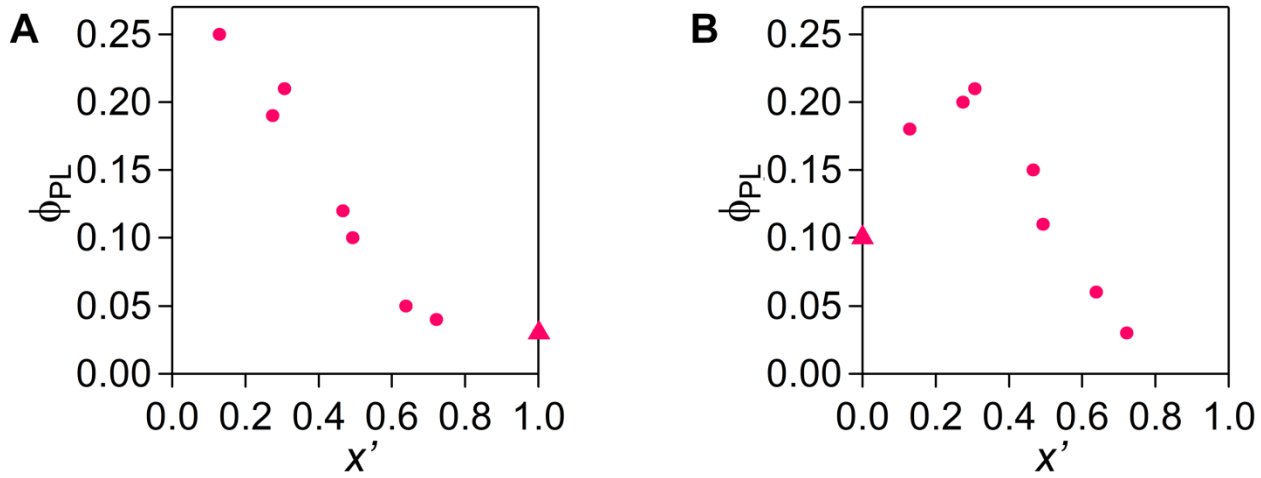


Fig. S15. PL quantum yield dependence on x' in toluene. (A,B) $\phi_{\text{PL}} - x'$ plots for coordination copolymers **Co-2- k** ($k = 1-7$; circles) and homopolymers **Homo-2** and **Homo-3** (triangles) excited at (A) 550 nm; (B) 490 nm.

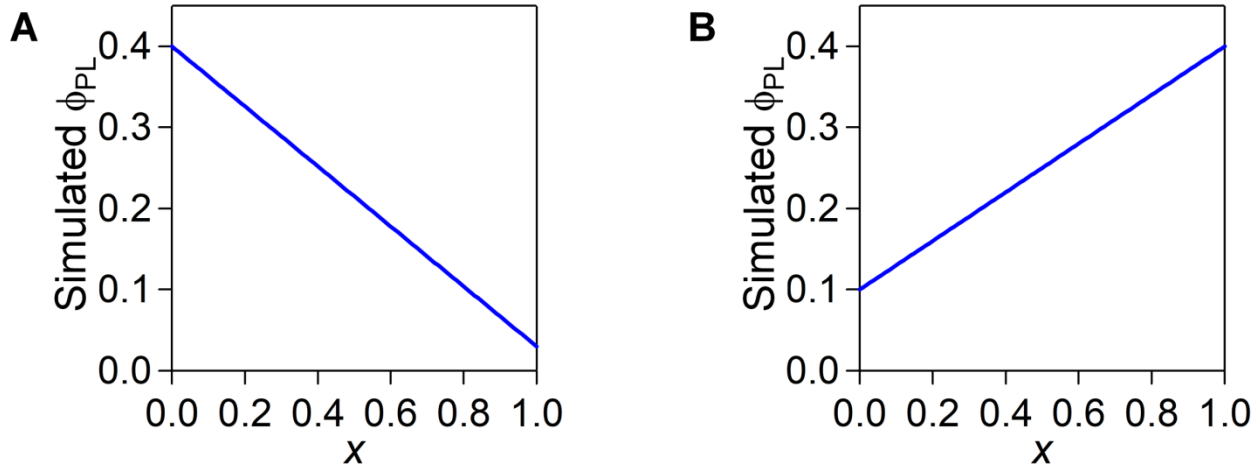


Fig. S16. Calculated ϕ_{PL} dependence on x . (A) When excited at 550 nm; (B) When excited at 490 nm. Herein, intrawire exciton hopping is not considered. For 550 nm illumination, $\mathbf{D}_{\text{Homo-L1}}$ or $\mathbf{D}_{\text{Hetero-L1}}$ is photoexcited, the distribution ratio of which is $x : (1 - x)$. Therefore, the simulated $\phi_{\text{PL}} = \phi(\mathbf{D}_{\text{Homo-L1}}) x + \phi(\mathbf{D}_{\text{Hetero-L1}}) (1 - x)$, where $\phi(\mathbf{D}_{\text{Homo-L1}})$ and $\phi(\mathbf{D}_{\text{Hetero-L1}})$ denote the probabilities of PL emission from $\mathbf{D}_{\text{Homo-L1}}$ and $\mathbf{D}_{\text{Hetero-L1}}$. For 490 nm illumination, $\mathbf{D}_{\text{Homo-L3}}$ or $\mathbf{D}_{\text{Hetero-L3}}$ is photoexcited, the distribution ratio of which is $(1 - x) : x$. Therefore, the simulated $\phi_{\text{PL}} = \phi(\mathbf{D}_{\text{Homo-L3}}) (1 - x) + \phi(\mathbf{D}_{\text{Hetero-L3}}) x$, where $\phi(\mathbf{D}_{\text{Homo-L3}})$ and $\phi(\mathbf{D}_{\text{Hetero-L3}})$ denote the probabilities of PL emission from $\mathbf{D}_{\text{Homo-L3}}$ and $\mathbf{D}_{\text{Hetero-L3}}$. $\phi(\mathbf{D}_{\text{Homo-L3}}) = 0.10$; $\phi(\mathbf{D}_{\text{Homo-L1}}) = 0.03$; $\phi(\mathbf{D}_{\text{Hetero-L3}}) = \phi(\mathbf{D}_{\text{Hetero-L1}}) = 0.40$, the same value used in the numerical simulation shown in Fig. 6C.

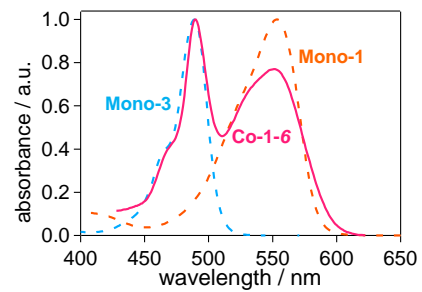


Fig. S17. UV/vis absorption spectroscopy for copolymers and corresponding mononuclear complexes in toluene. UV/vis spectra of **Co-1-6** (solid line), **Mono-1** (dotted line, orange) and **Mono-3** (dotted, blue).