

**Pyridyl CO<sub>2</sub> Fixation Enabled by a Secondary Hydrogen Bonding  
Coordination Sphere**

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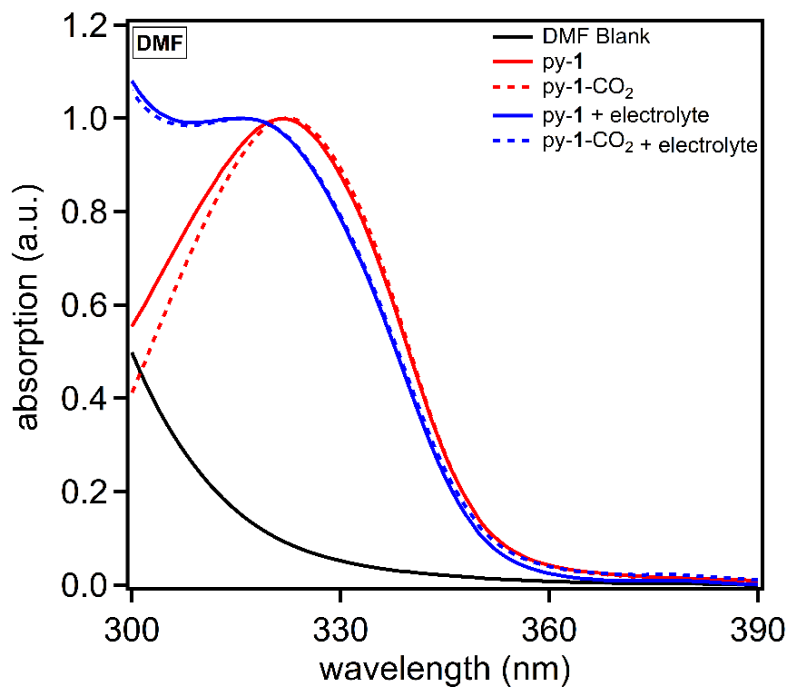
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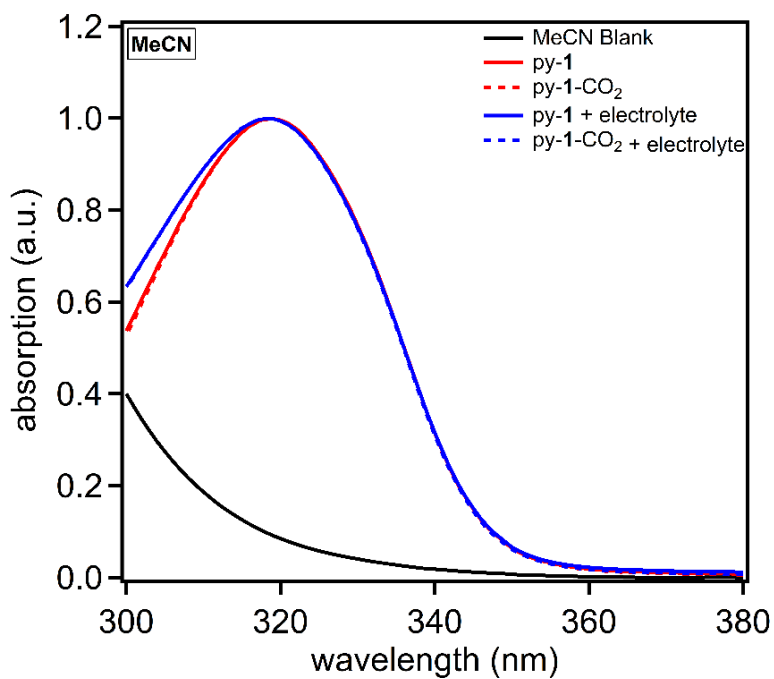
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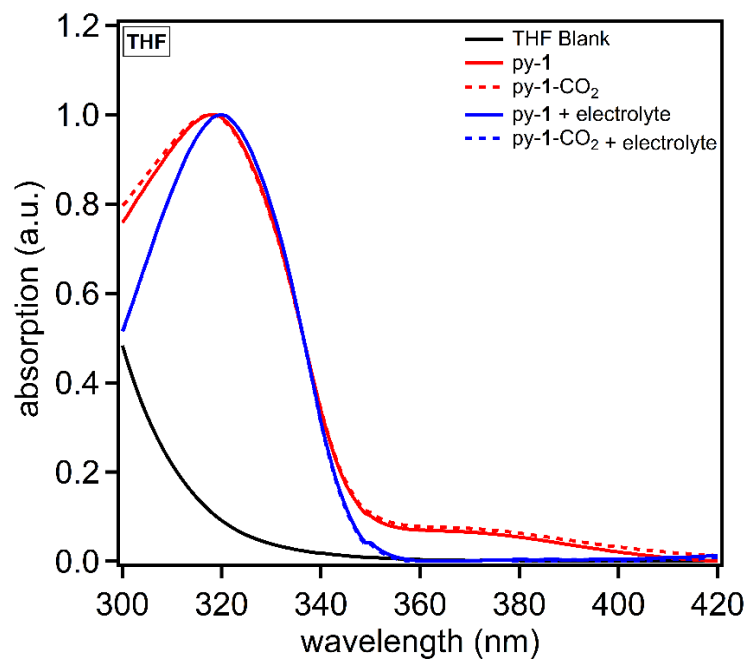
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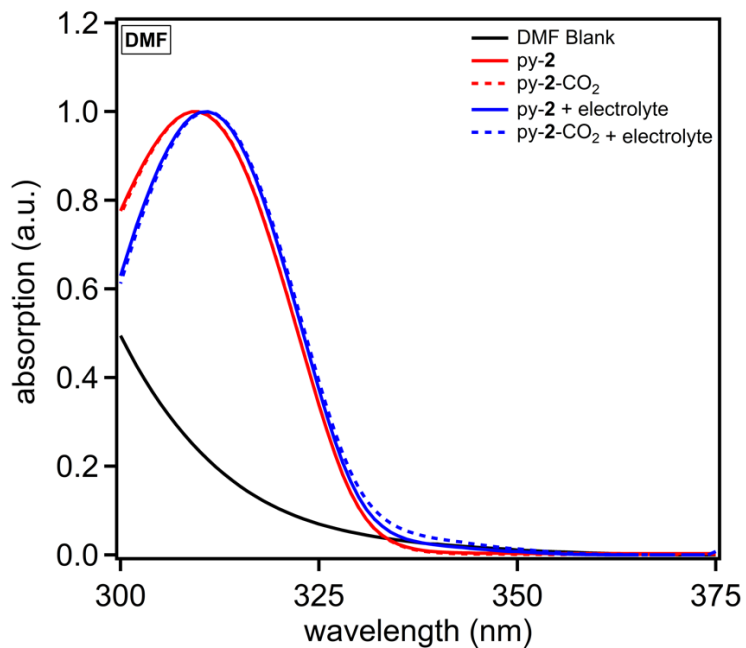
**Figure S1.** Absorption spectrum of py-1 in DMF with and without electrolyte with the absorption curve peaks normalized.



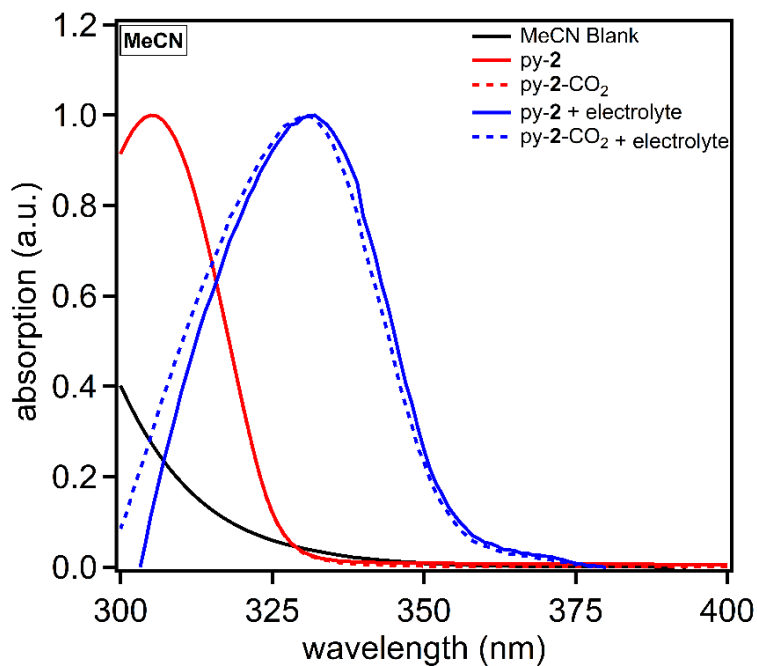
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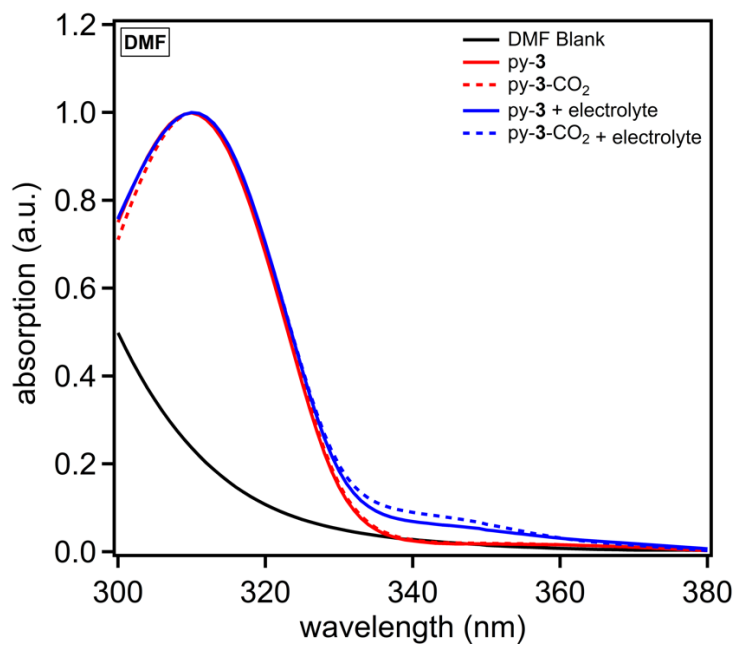
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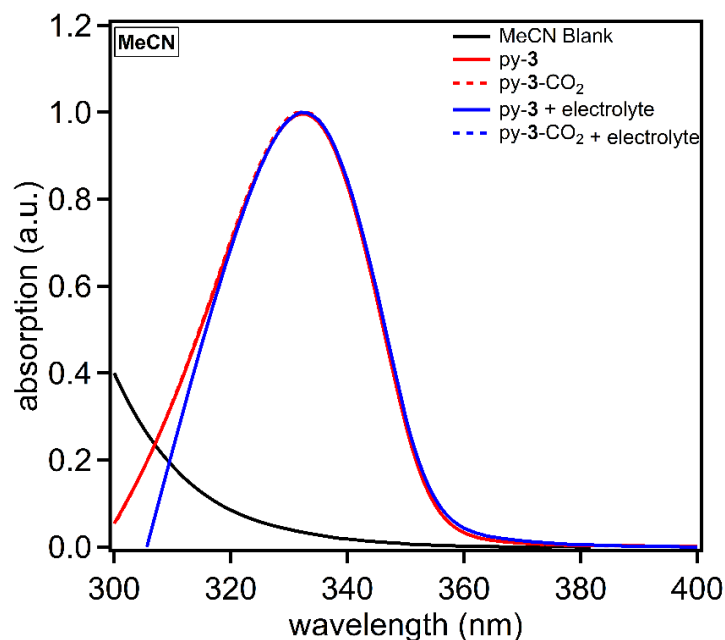
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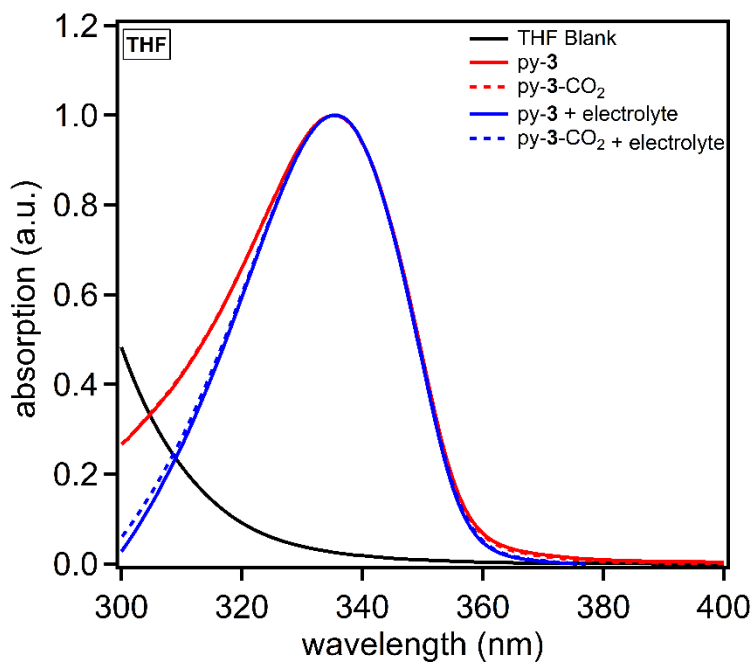
**Figure S5.** Absorption spectrum of py-2 in MeCN with and without electrolyte with the absorption curve peaks normalized.



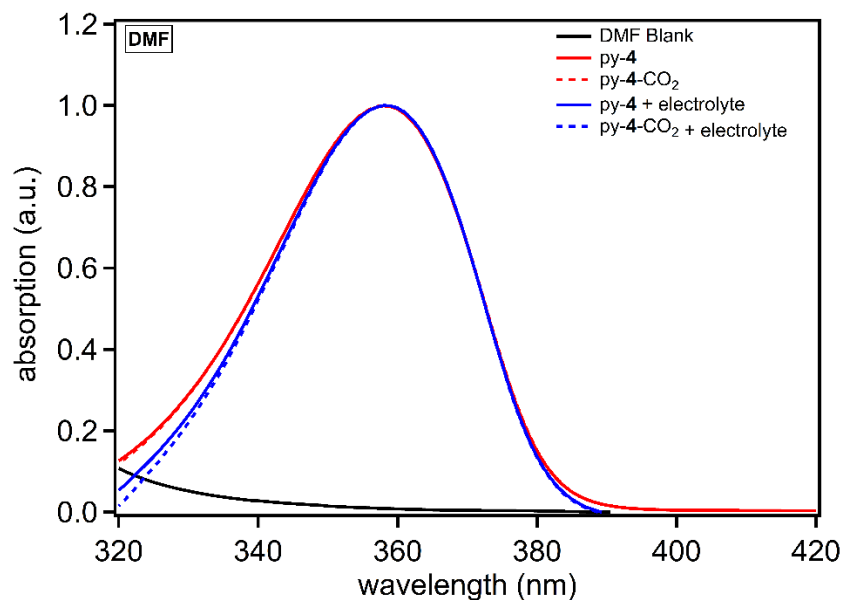
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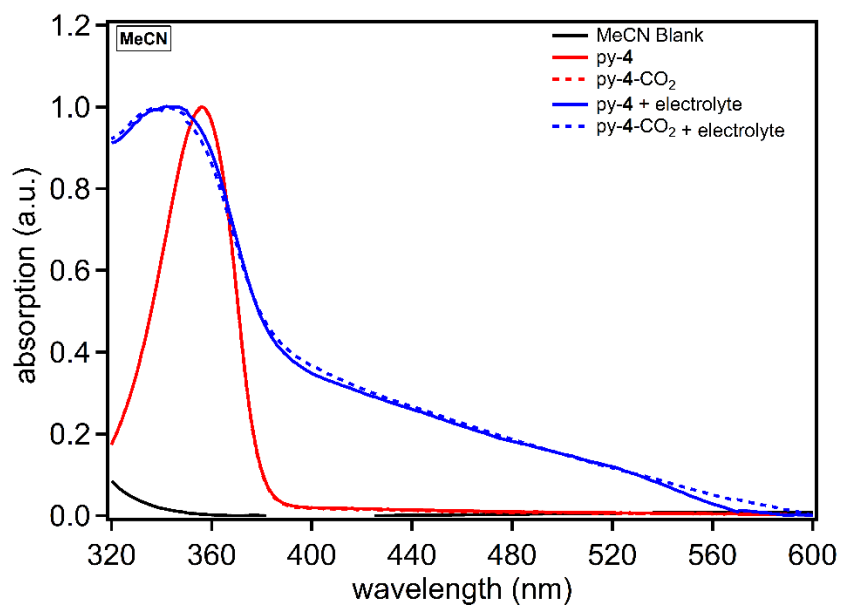
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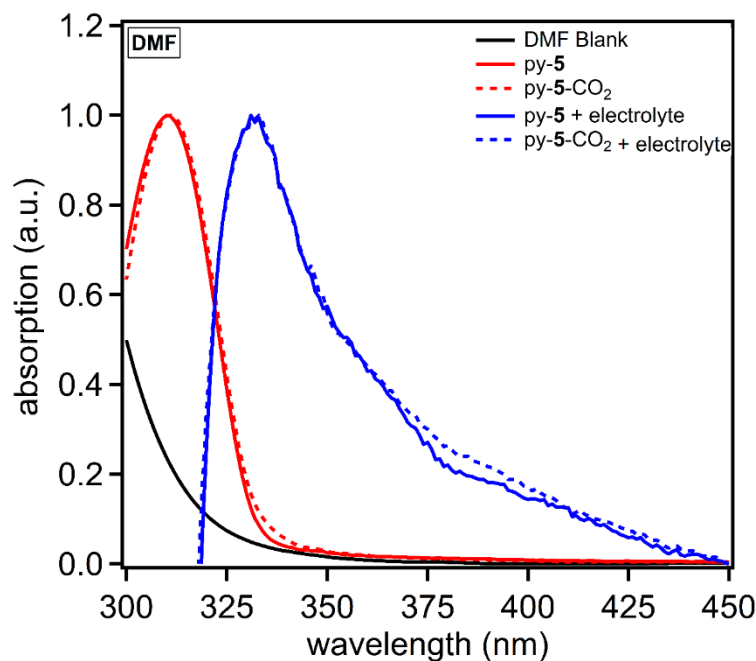
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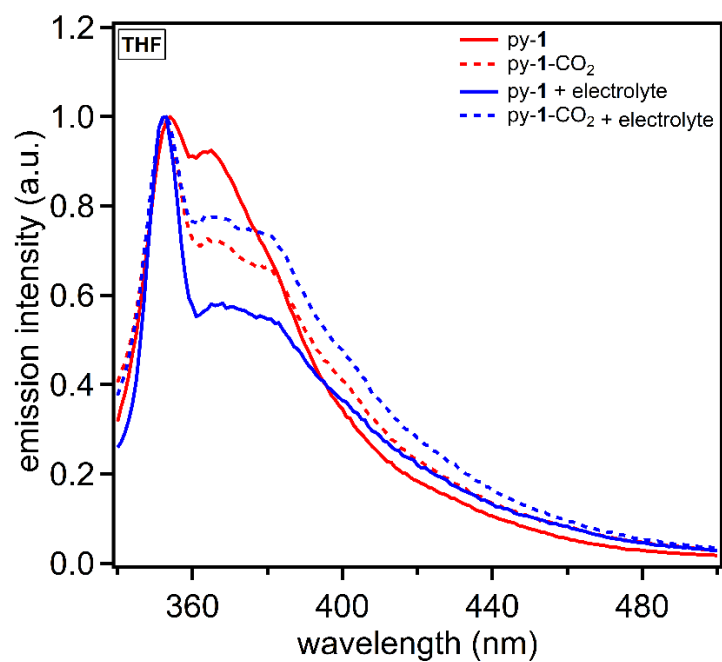
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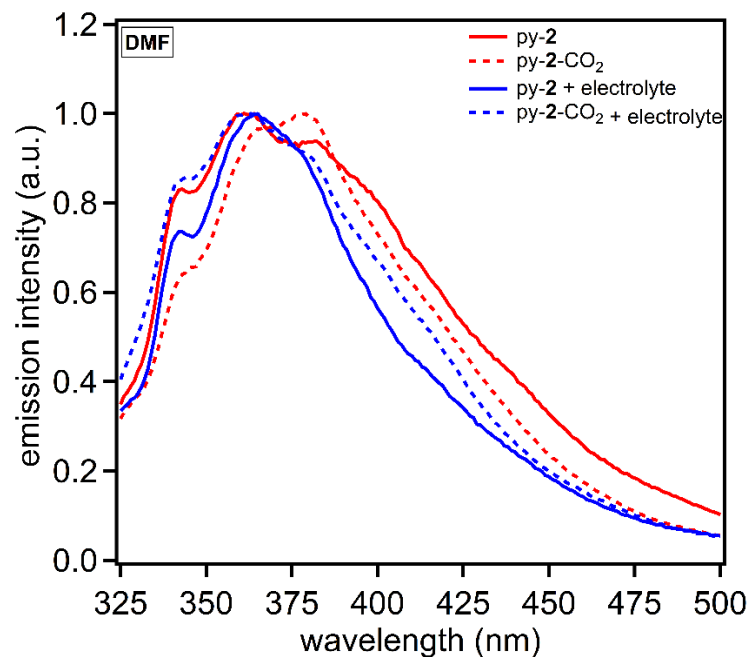


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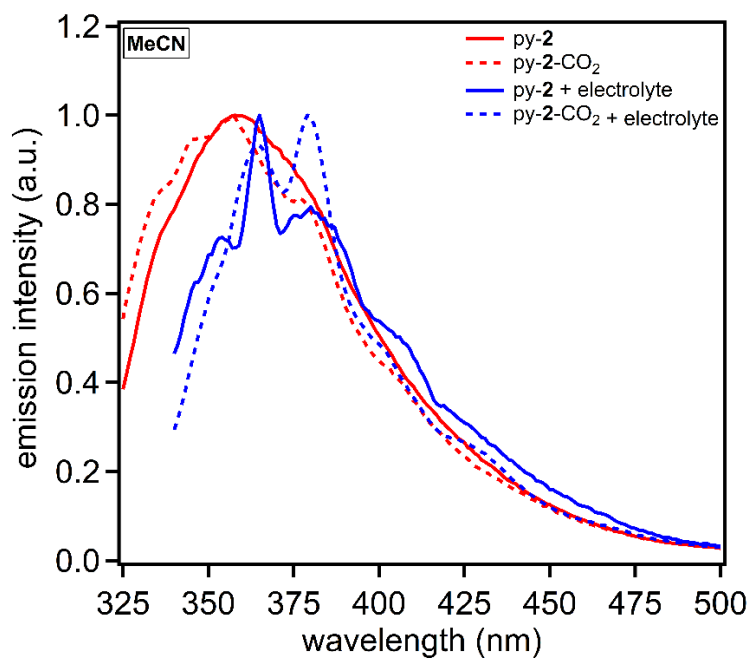


**Figure S12.** Emission spectrum of py-1 in THF with and without electrolyte with the emission peak intensity normalized.

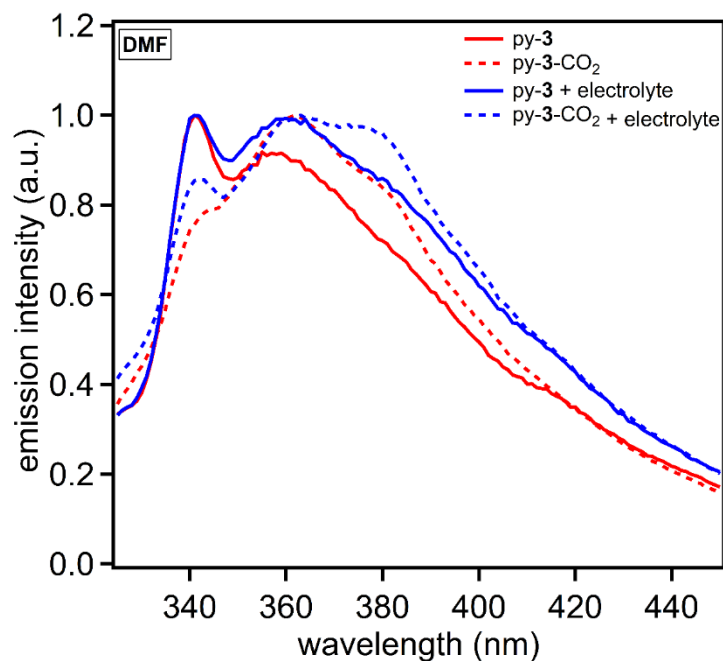




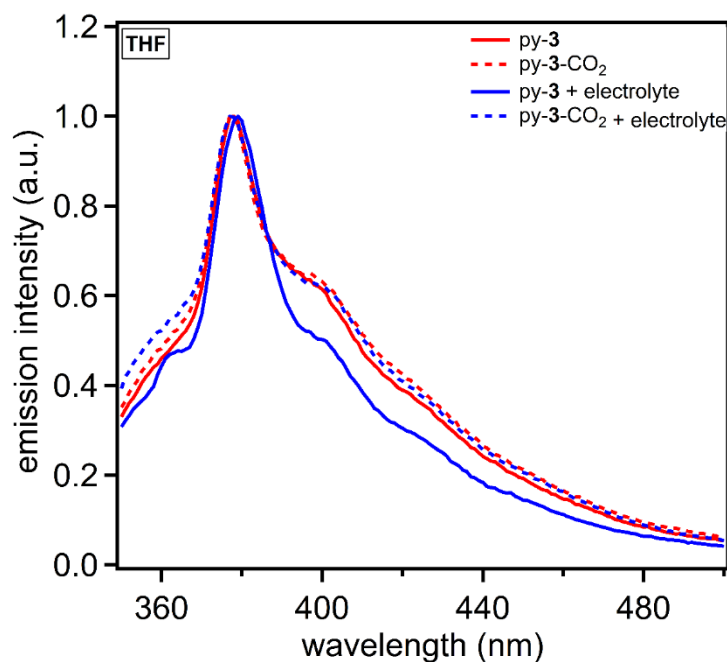
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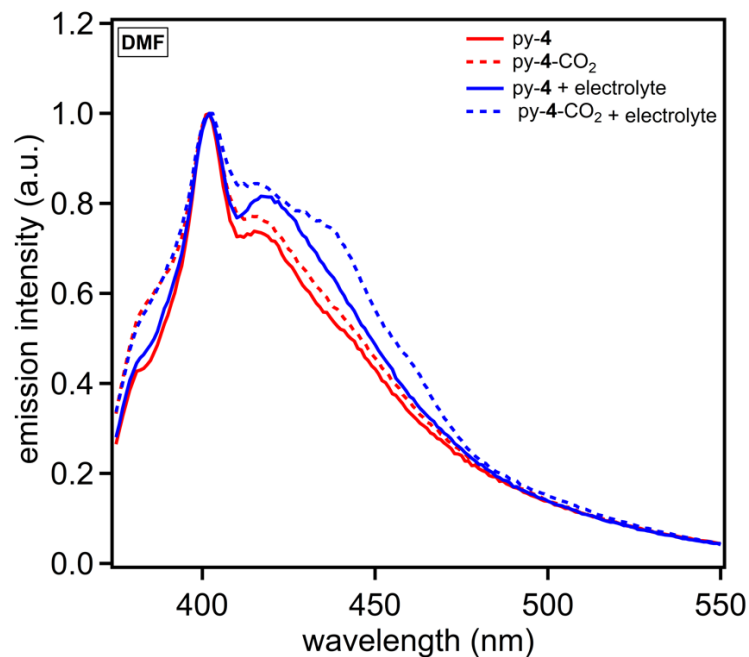
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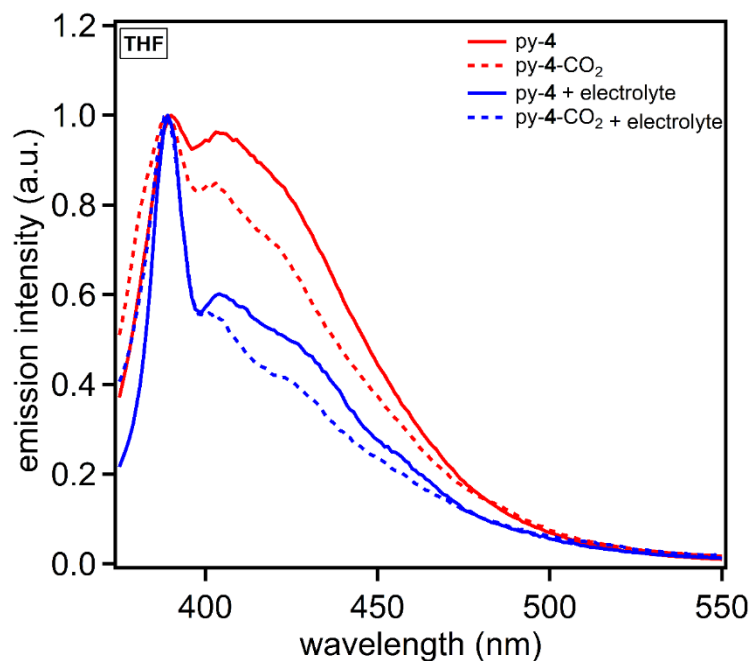
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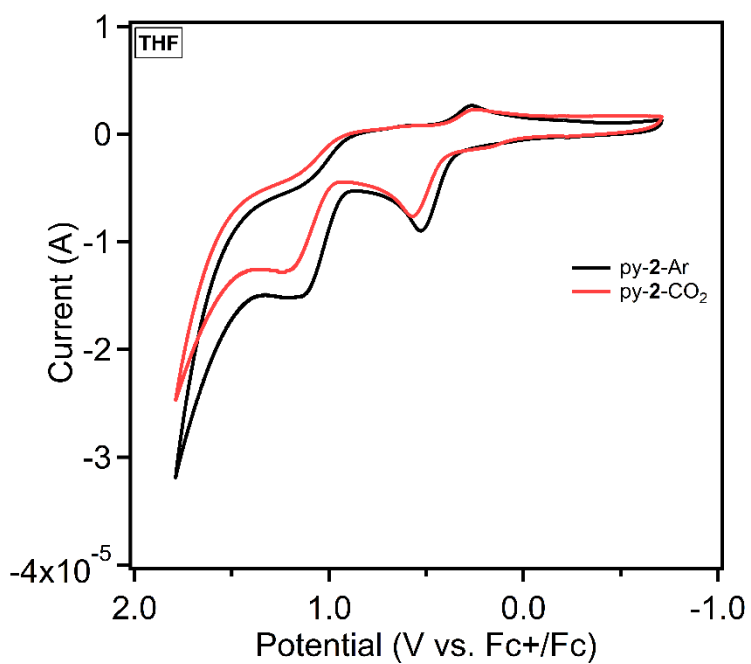
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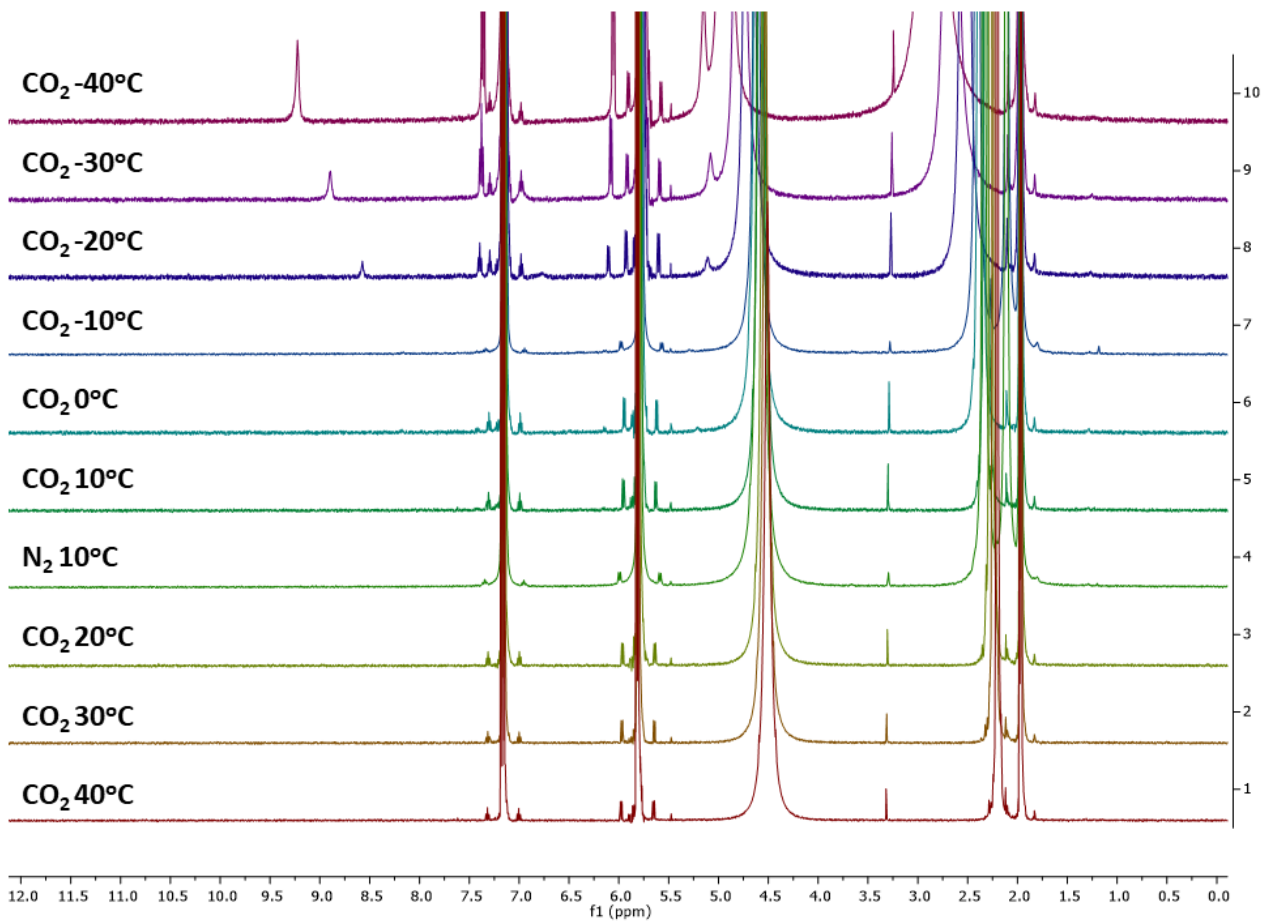
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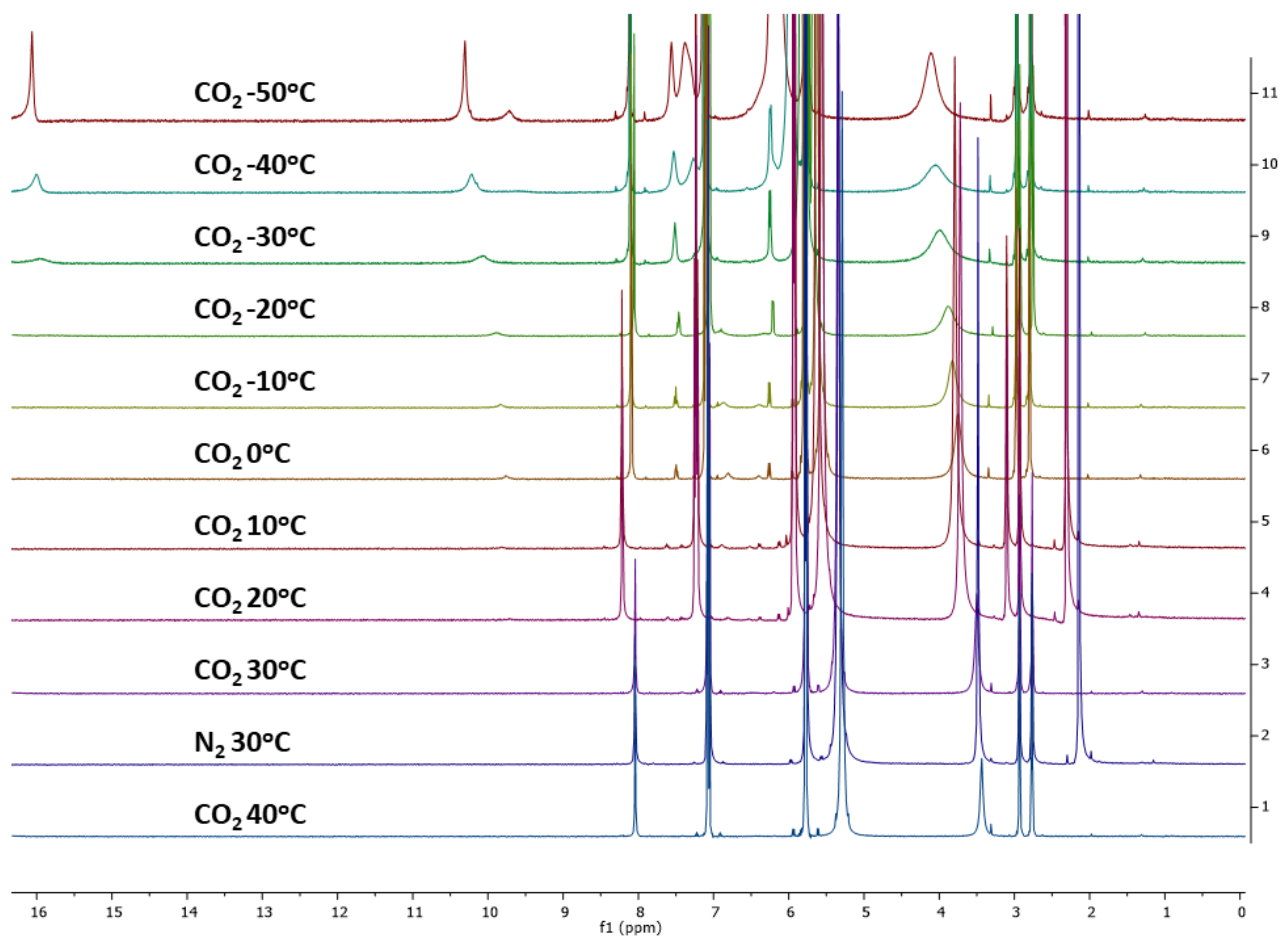
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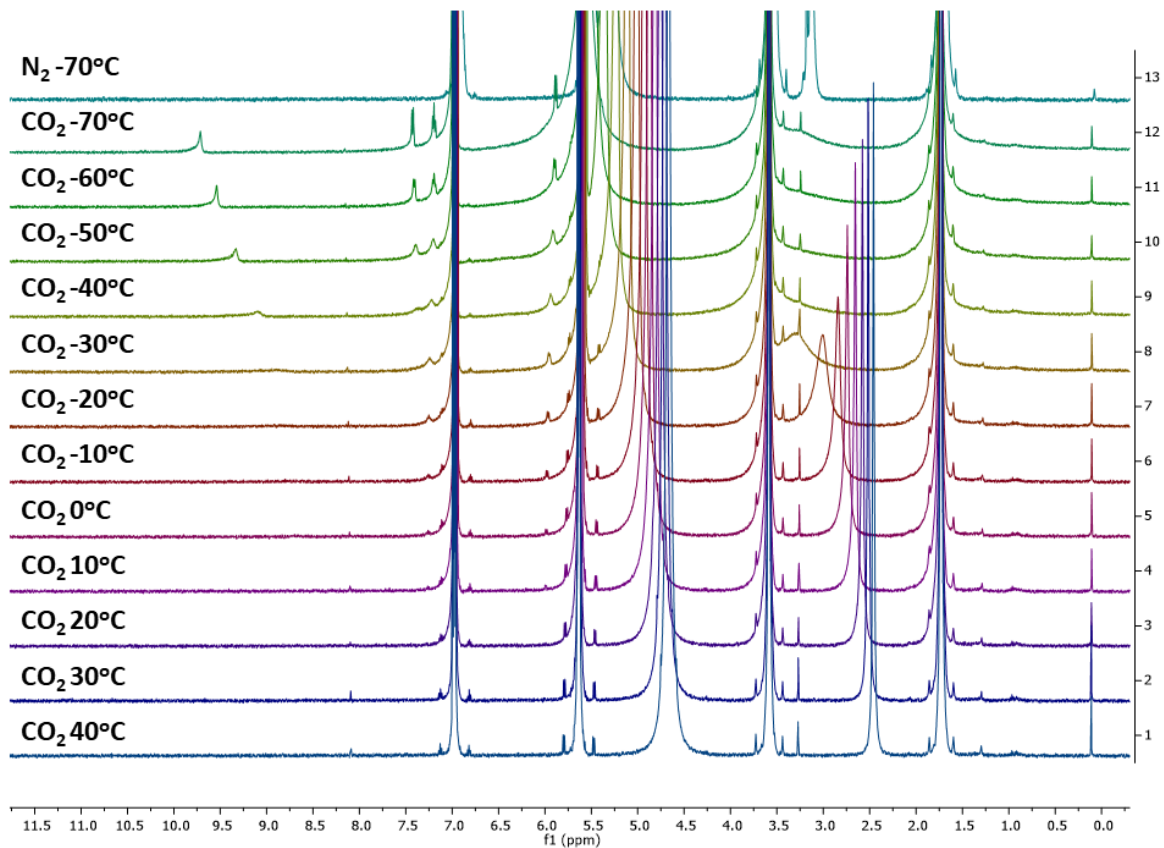
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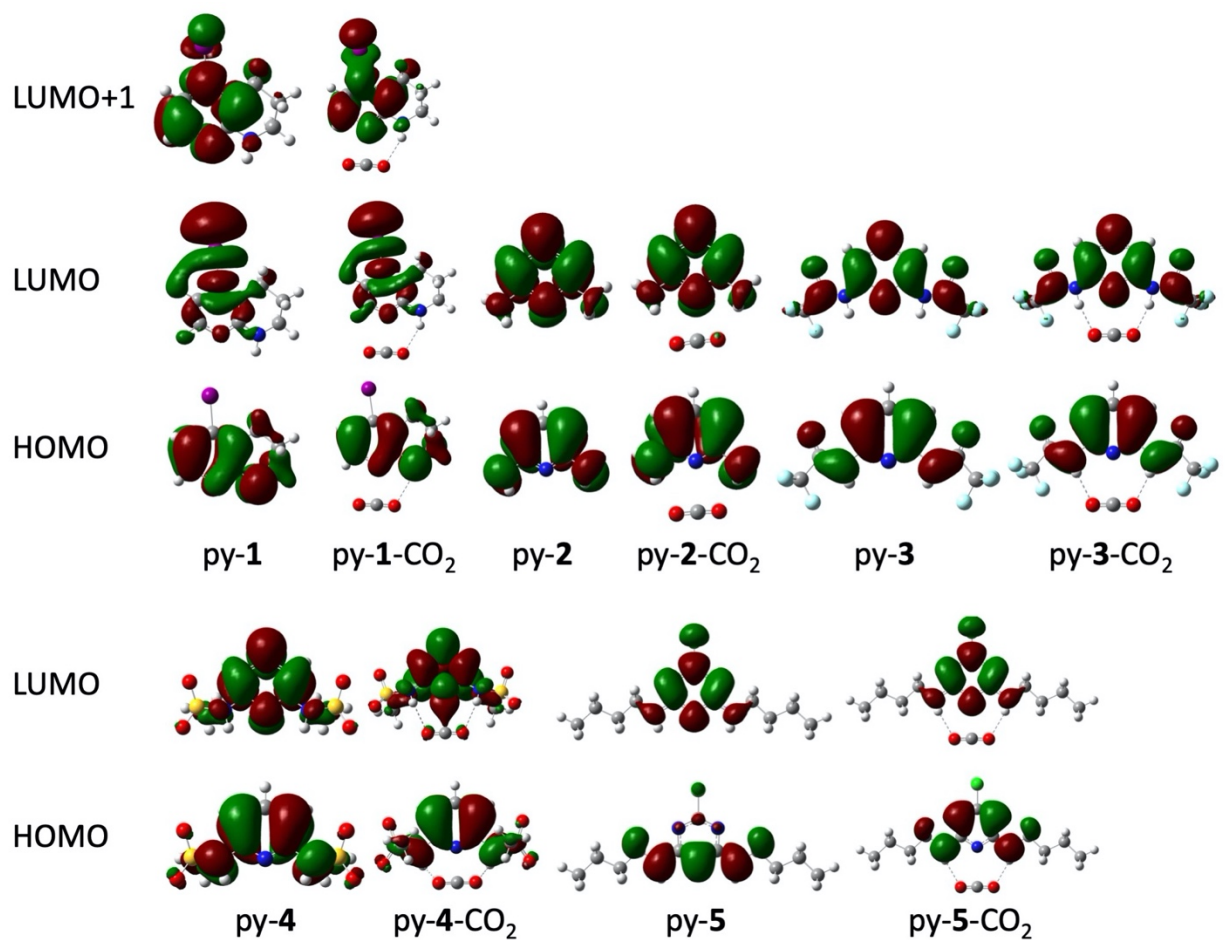
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**Figure S21.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR data showing  $\text{CO}_2$  binding with py-2 in  $\text{DMF-d}_7$ .

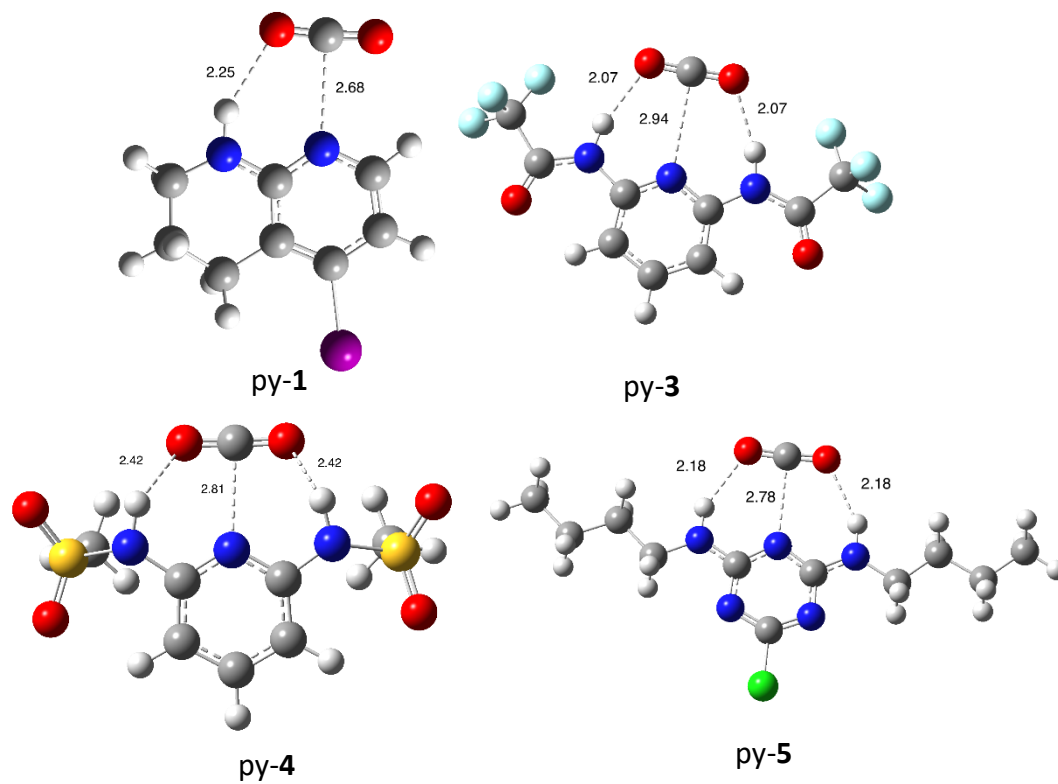


**Figure S22.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR data showing CO<sub>2</sub> binding with py-2 in THF-d<sub>8</sub>.



**Figure S23.** HOMO, LUMO, and select LUMO+1 orbitals (based on significant contributions to the  $S_0 \rightarrow S_1$  vertical transition) for py-1 through py-5 with and without CO<sub>2</sub> bound.





**Figure S24.** Optimized geometries at the M06-2X/6-311G(*d*) level for computational models of py-1, py-3, py-4, and py-5 with CO<sub>2</sub> bound. Bond lengths are given in angstroms.

py-1 XYZ Coordinates (the first column is atomic number)

6	-0.939230	2.691730	0.054911
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6	0.296815	2.065988	0.049012
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py-1 with CO<sub>2</sub> XYZ Coordinates (the first column is atomic number)

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C	3.58828300	-0.19609900	-0.01118600
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C	-3.58836300	-0.19677800	-0.03490900
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C	-0.00036300	2.21925200	-0.01397800
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