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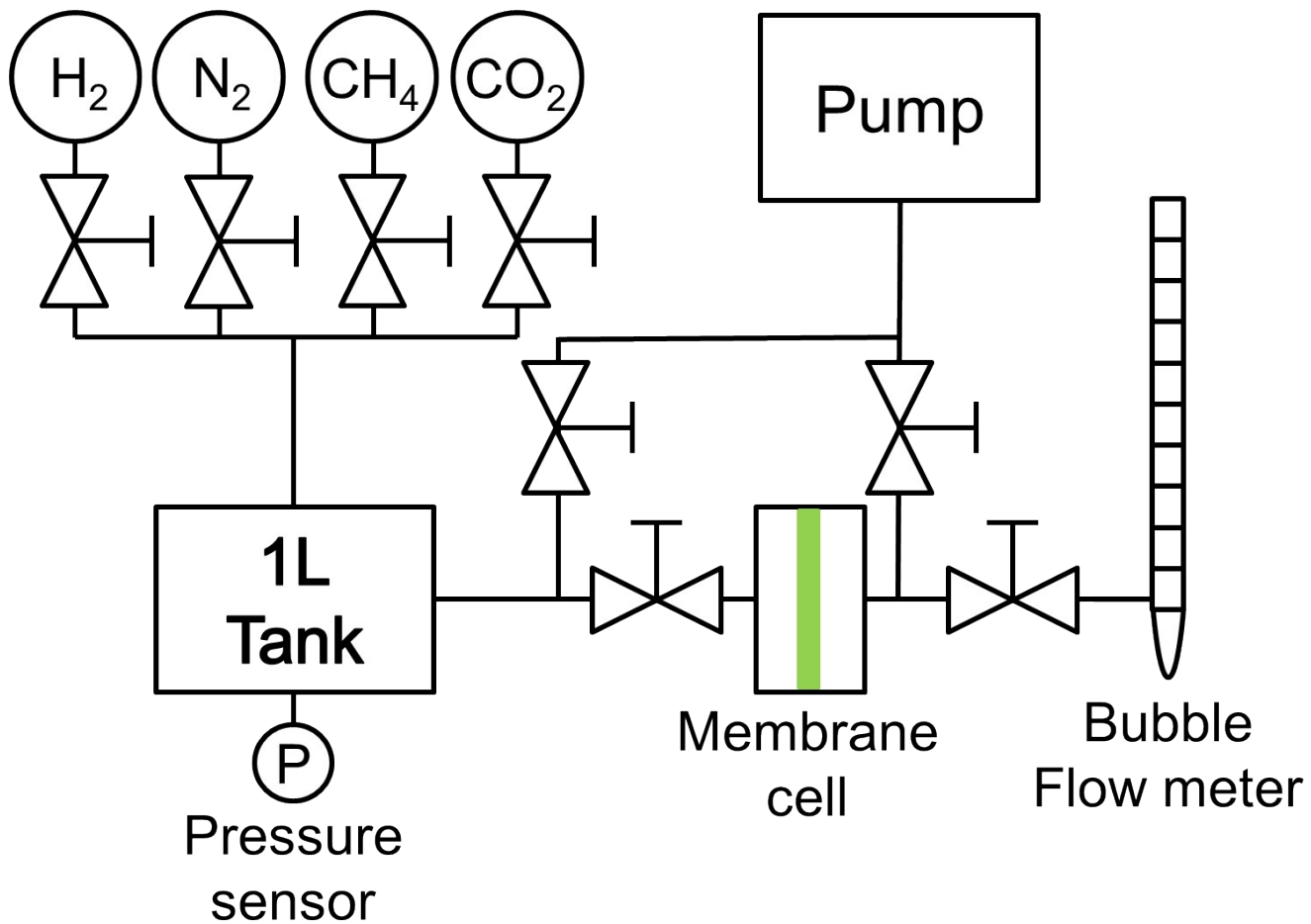
# Pseudopolymorphic seeding for rational synthesis of hybrid membranes with zeolitic imidazolate frameworks for enhanced molecular separation performance

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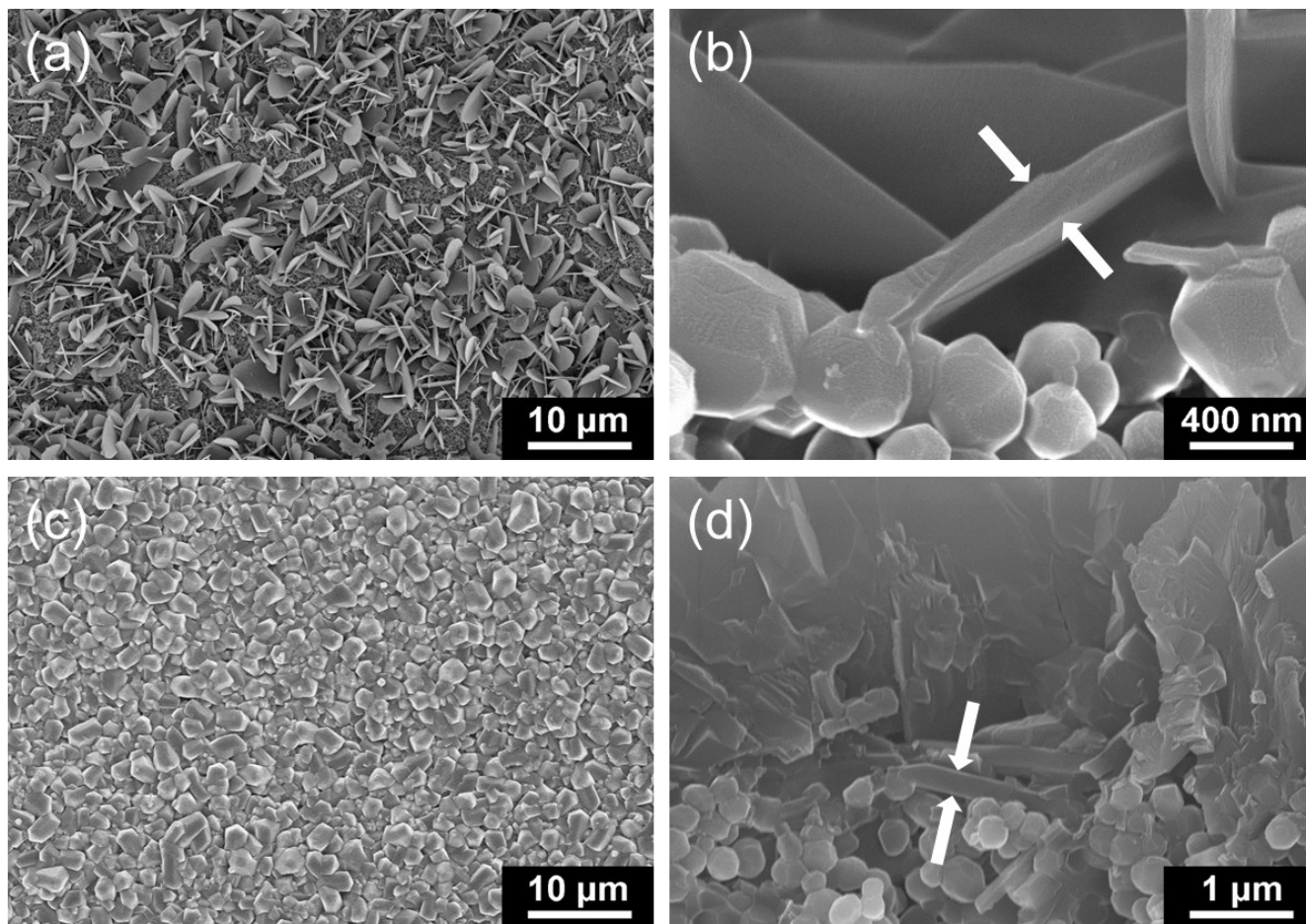
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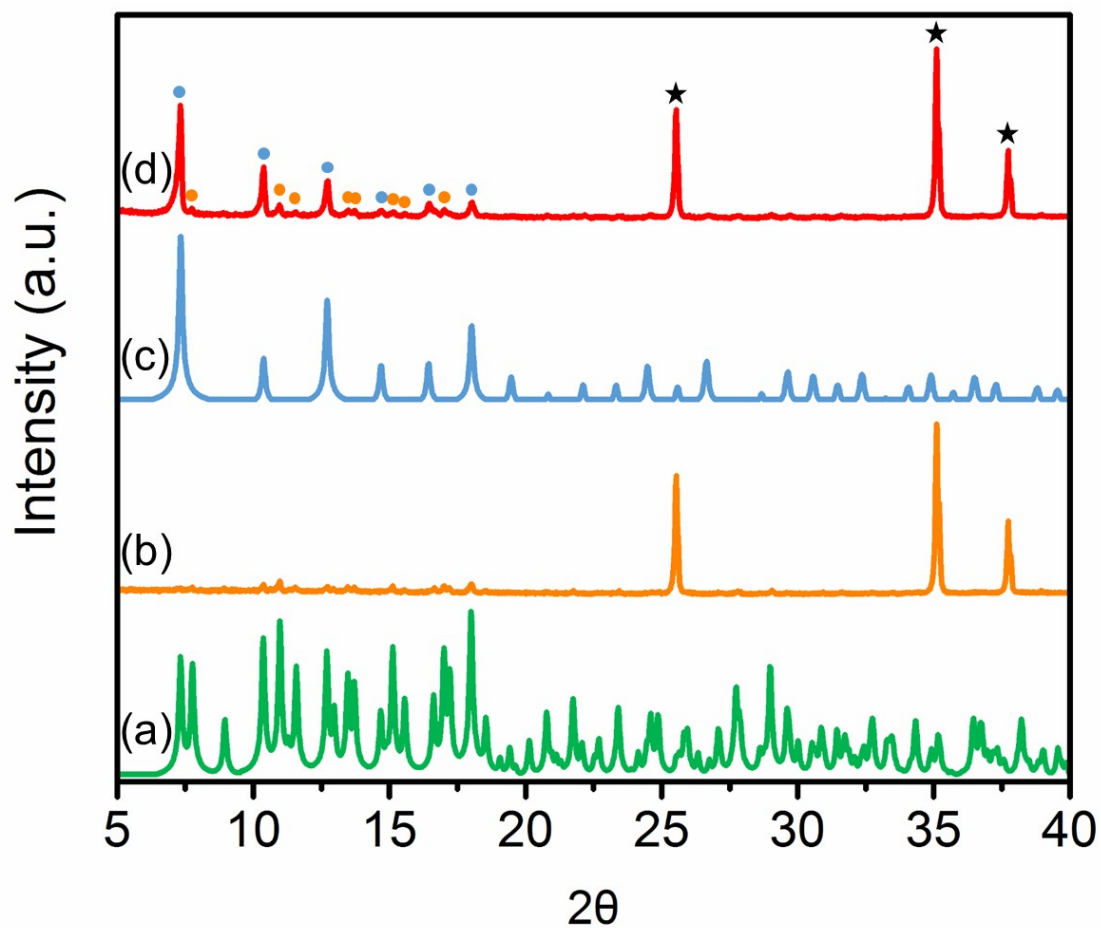
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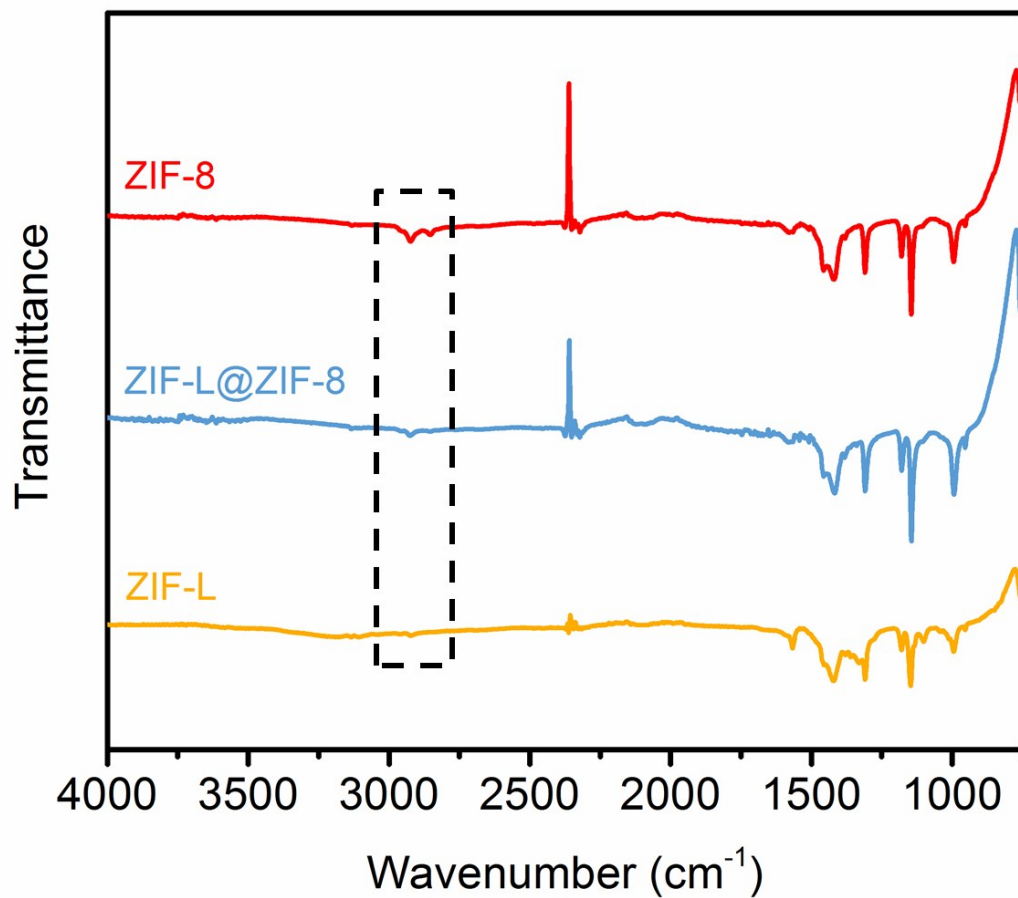
*Figure S1.* Illustration of proprietary single gas permeation setup used in this study



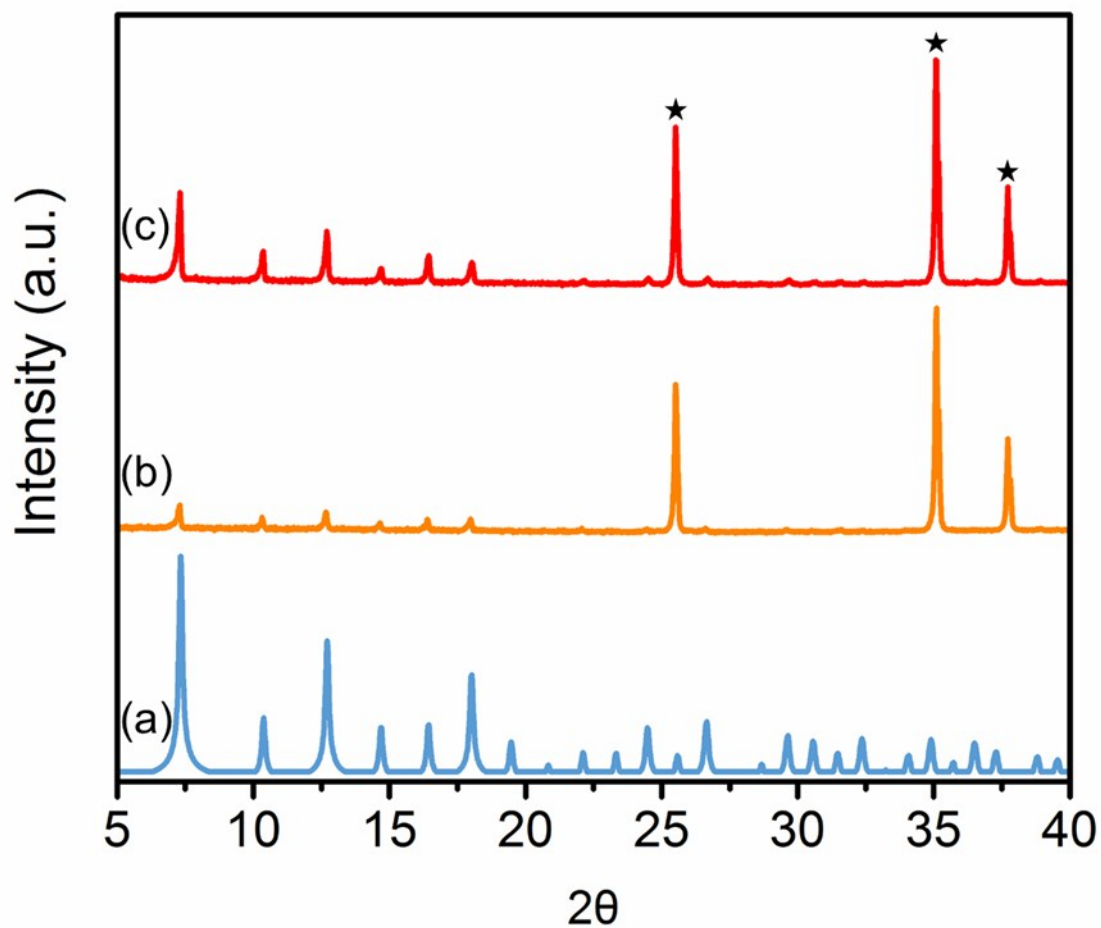
**Figure S2.** (a) Top-view and (b) side-view SEM images of ZIF-L seed layer; (c) top-view and (d) side-view of ZIF-L@ZIF-8 hybrid membrane. The white arrows indicate the location of ZIF-L crystals.



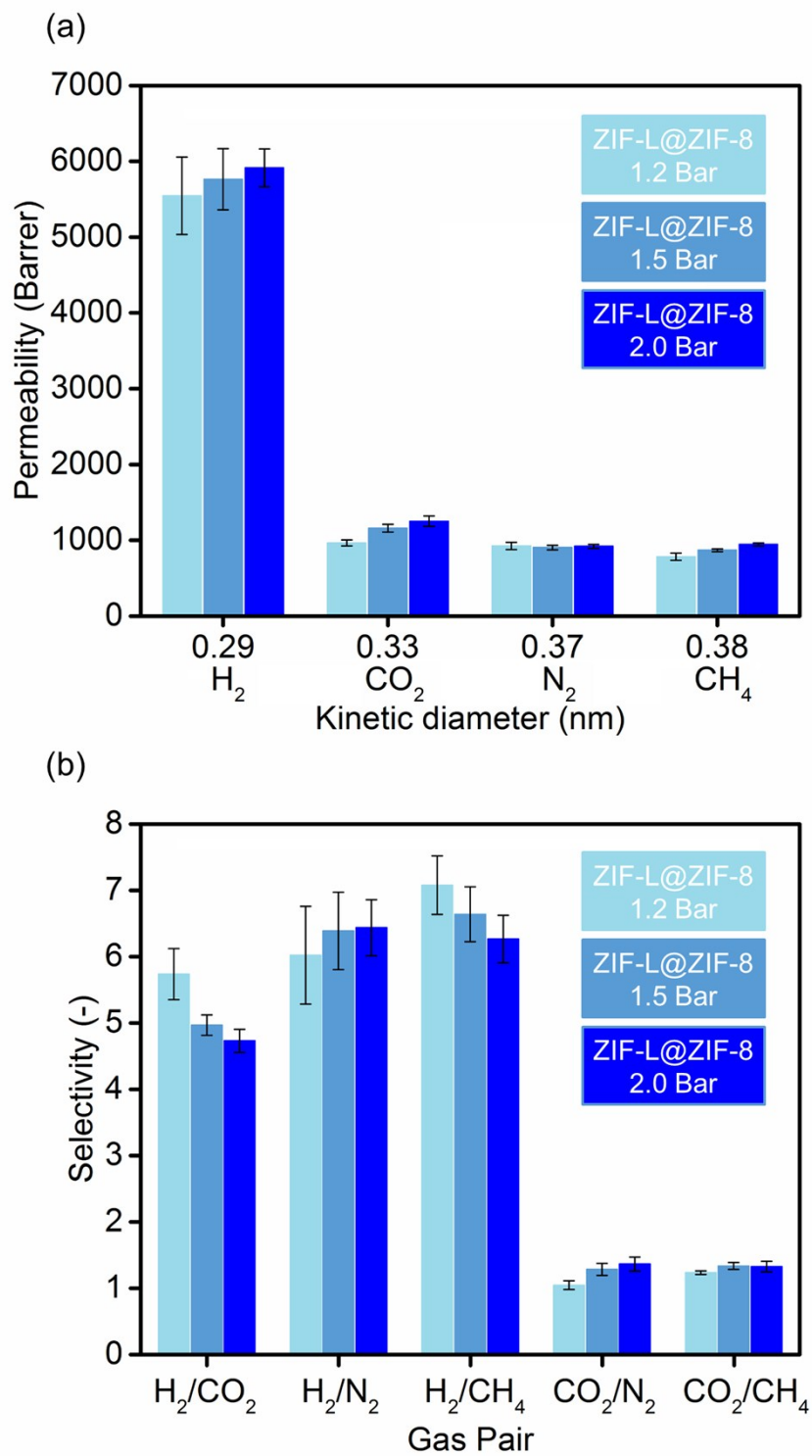
**Figure S3.** Simulated powder XRD patterns of (a) ZIF-L and (c) ZIF-8; experimentally-derived GIXRD patterns of (b) ZIF-L seed layer and (d) ZIF-L@ZIF-8 membrane. Asterisks denote signals from the  $\alpha$ -alumina substrate.



**Figure S4.** FT-IR spectra of ZIF-L seed layer, ZIF-L@ZIF-8 hybrid membrane, and pure ZIF-8 membrane. The dashed box highlights the difference between ZIF-8 and ZIF-L.



**Figure S5.** Simulated powder XRD patterns of (a) ZIF-8; experimentally-derived GIXRD patterns of (b) ZIF-8 seed layer and (c) ZIF-8 membrane. Asterisks denote signals from the  $\alpha$ -alumina substrate.



**Figure S6.** (a) Single gas permeability of ZIF-L@ZIF-8 membranes under feed pressure of 1.2, 1.5 and 2 bar; (b) ideal selectivity of ZIF-L@ZIF-8 membranes under feed pressure of 1.2, 1.5 and 2 bar.