

An Anionic Metal-Organic Framework Based on an Angular Tetracarboxylic Acid and Mononuclear Copper Ion for Selective Gas Adsorption

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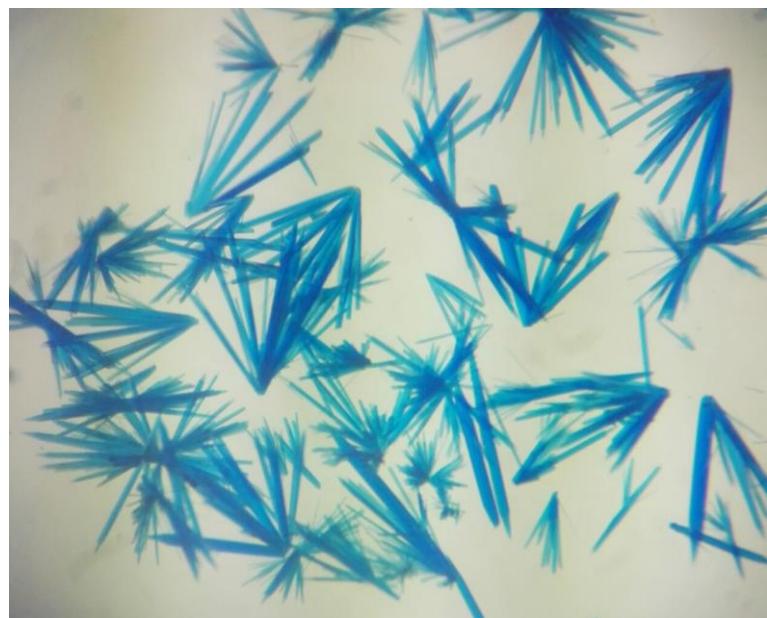


Fig. S1 Photograph of the as-synthesized ZJNU-55.

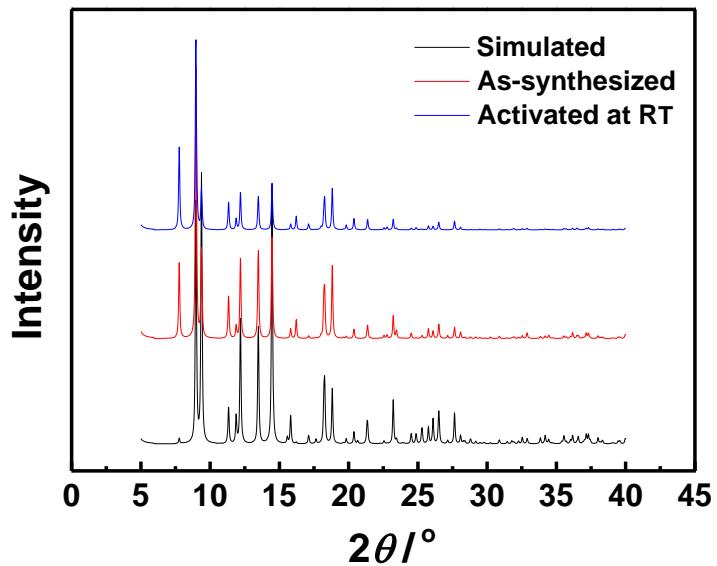


Fig. S2 PXRD patterns.

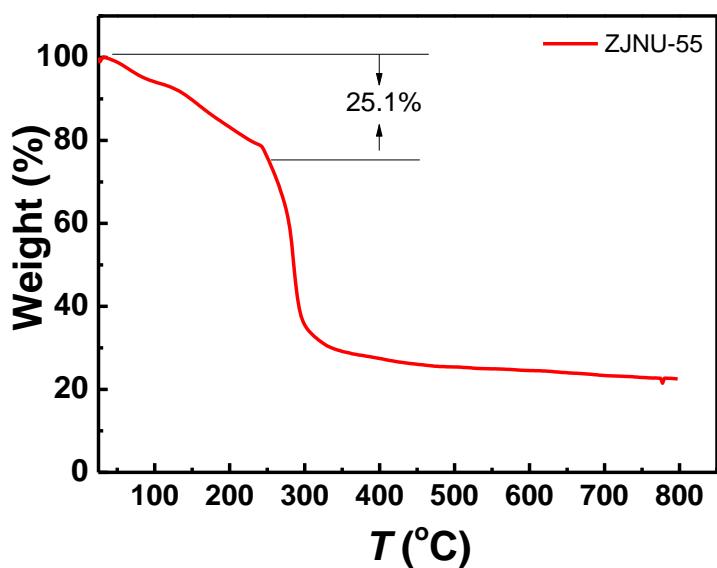


Fig. S3 TGA curve of the as-synthesized **ZJNU-55** under a nitrogen atmosphere.

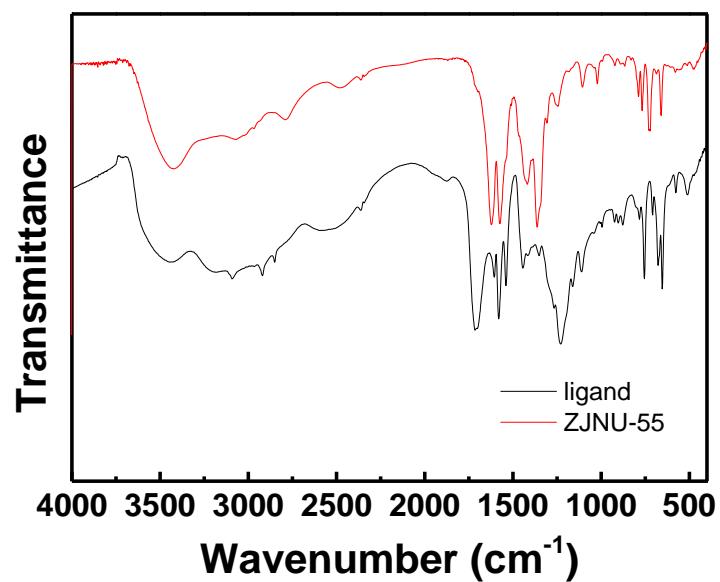
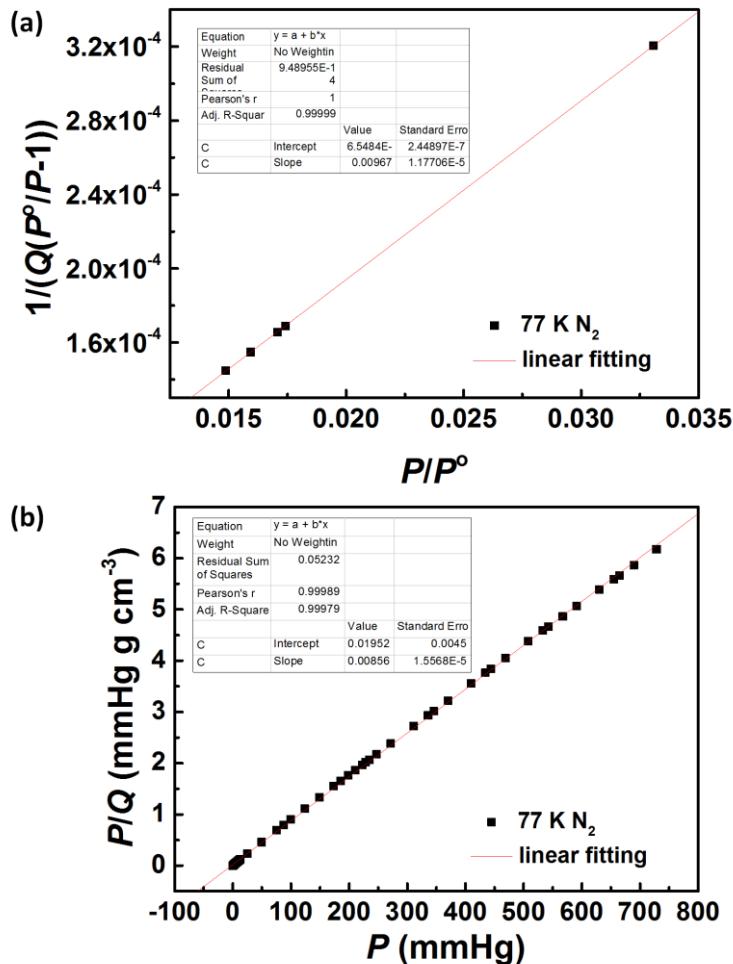


Fig. S4 FTIR spectra of the organic ligand and as-synthesized **ZJNU-55**.



$$S_{\text{BET}} = (1/(6.5484 \times 10^{-7} + 0.00967))/22414 \times 6.023 \times 10^{23} \times 0.162 \times 10^{-18} = 450.1 \text{ m}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$$

$$S_{\text{Langmuir}} = (1/(0.00856))/22414 \times 6.023 \times 10^{23} \times 0.162 \times 10^{-18} = 508.6 \text{ m}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$$

Fig. S5 (a) BET and (b) Langmuir plots for **ZJNU-55a**.

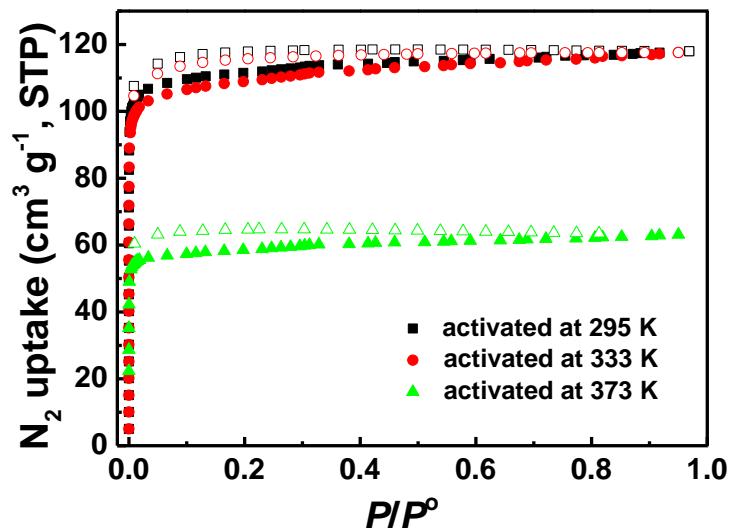


Fig. S6 N₂ adsorption-desorption isotherms of **ZJNU-55** activated at different temperatures. Solid and open symbols represent adsorption and desorption, respectively.

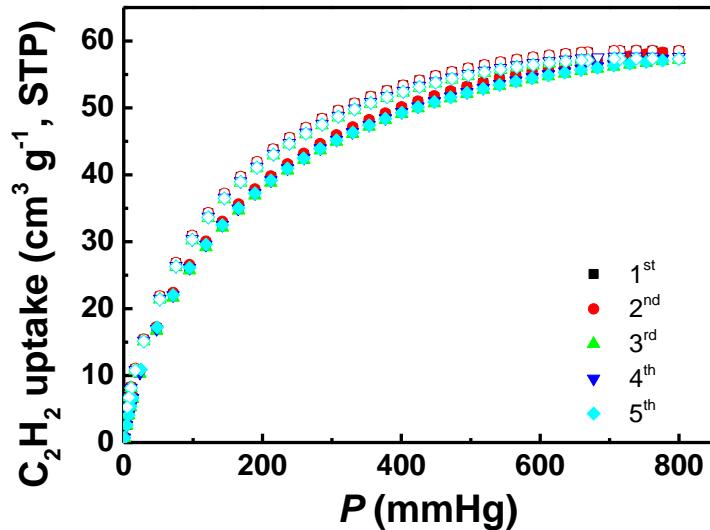


Fig. S7 Five cycles of C_2H_2 adsorption-desorption isotherms at 298 K. Solid and open symbols represent adsorption and desorption, respectively.

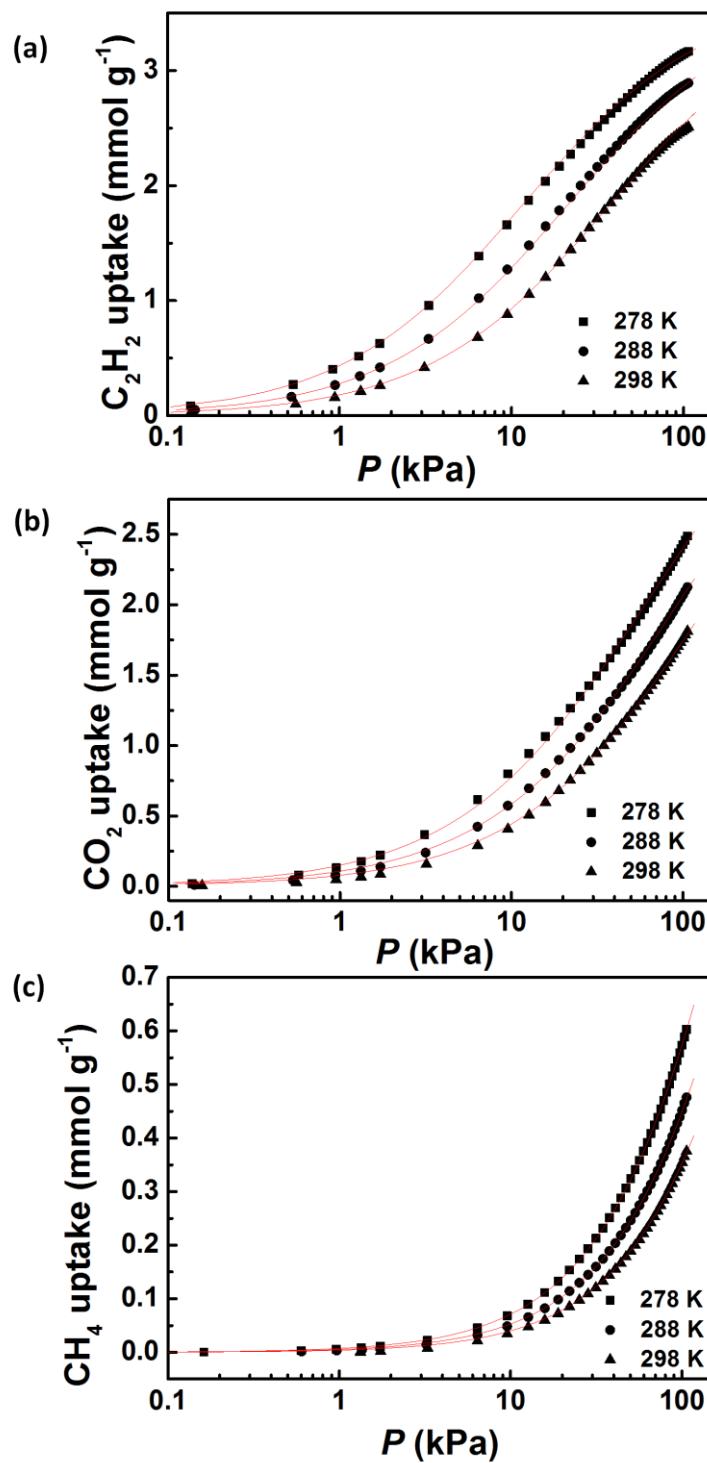


Fig. S8 Comparison of the pure-component (a) C_2H_2 , (b) CO_2 and (c) CH_4 isotherm data with the fitted isotherms.

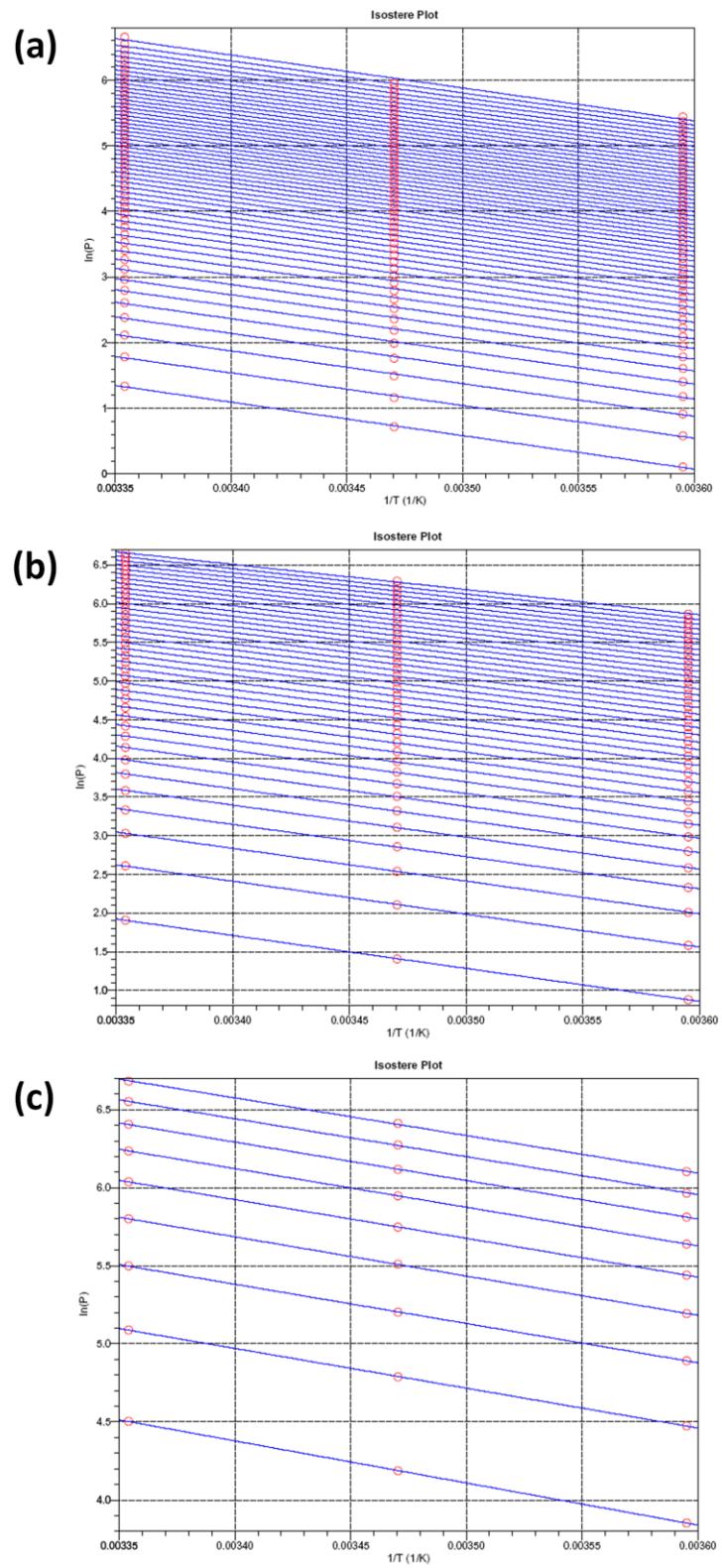
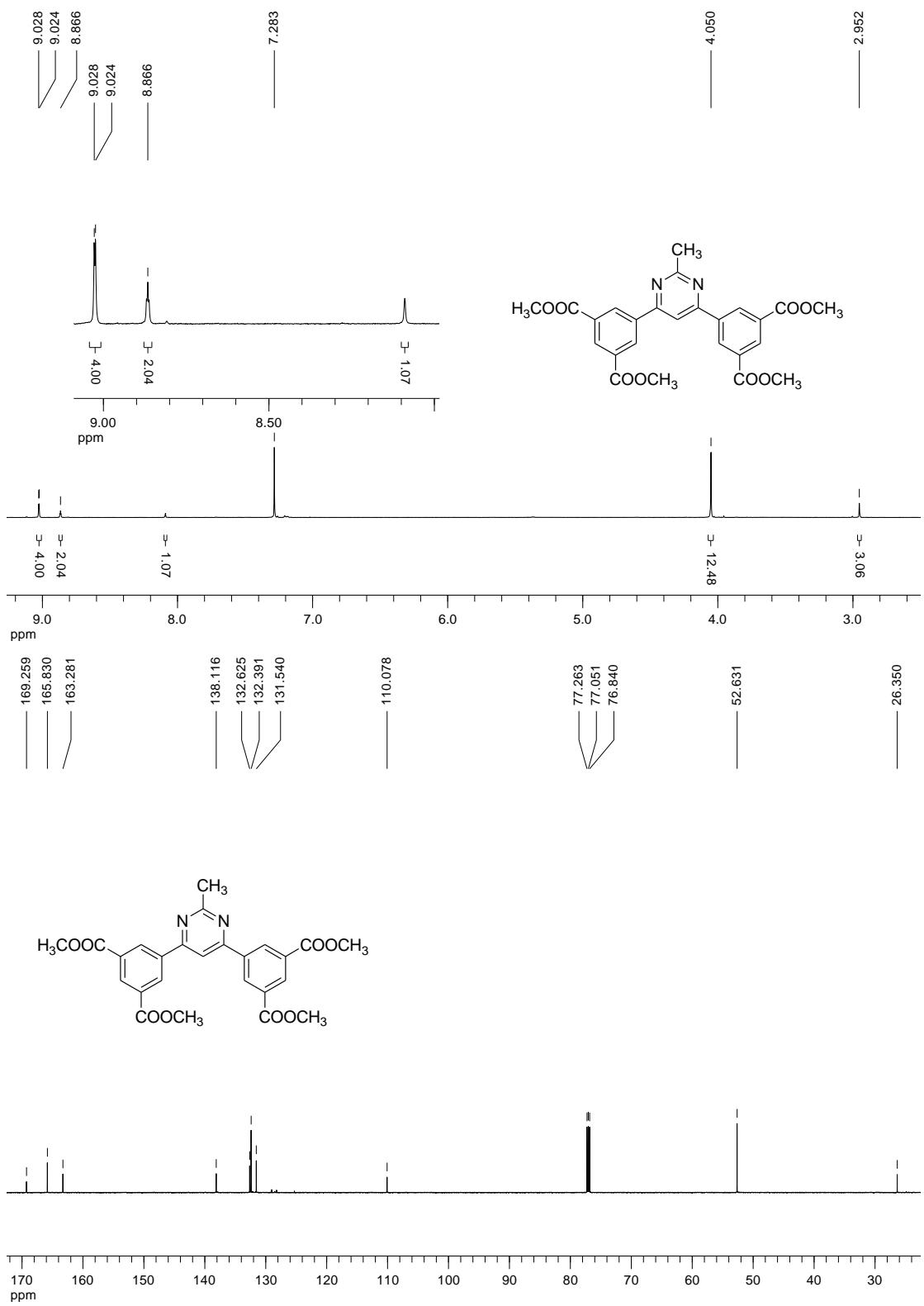


Fig. S9 Isosteric plots for (a) C₂H₂, (b) CO₂ and (c) CH₄ adsorption.



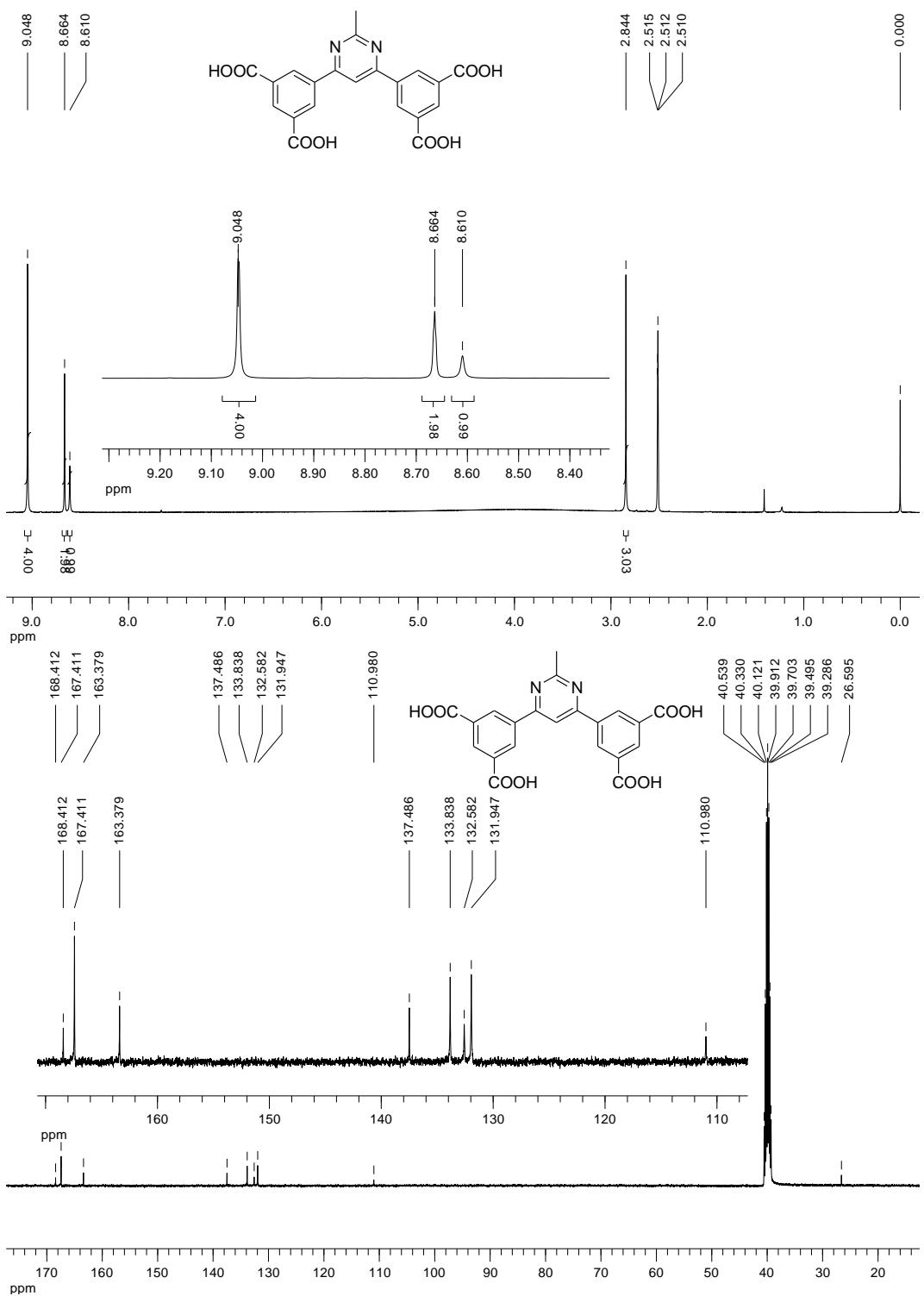


Fig. S10 ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra.

Table S1 Crystal data and structure refinement for **ZJNU-55**.

Empirical formula	C ₂₁ H ₁₀ CuN ₂ O ₈
Formula weight	481.86
Temperature (K)	296(2)
Wavelength (Å)	0.71073
Crystal system	Hexagonal
Space group	P6 ₂
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 22.7393(15)$ Å $b = 22.7393(15)$ Å $c = 10.7316(10)$ Å $\alpha = 90^\circ$ $\beta = 90^\circ$ $\gamma = 120^\circ$
Volume (Å ³)	4805.6(8)
Z	6
Calculated density (g cm ⁻³)	0.999
Absorption coefficient (mm ⁻¹)	0.715
$F(000)$	1458
Crystal size (mm)	0.270 × 0.160 × 0.110
θ range for data collection (°)	2.610 to 27.540
Limiting indices	-24 ≤ h ≤ 29 -29 ≤ k ≤ 29 -13 ≤ l ≤ 13
Reflections collected / unique	51818 / 7386
R_{int}	0.0684
Completeness to $\theta = 25.242$	99.9%
Absorption correction	Empirical
Max. and min. transmission	0.925 and 0.830
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F^2
Data / restraints / parameters	7386 / 23 / 278
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.038
Final R indices [$I > 2\sigma(I)$]	$R_1 = 0.0992$, $wR_2 = 0.2992$
R indices (all data)	$R_1 = 0.1148$, $wR_2 = 0.3149$
Absolute structure parameter	0.5
Extinction coefficient	0
Largest diff. peak and hole (e·Å ⁻³)	1.447 and -0.547
CCDC	1492066

Table S2 Langmuir-Freundlich parameters for adsorption of C₂H₂, CO₂, and CH₄ in ZJNU-55a.

guest	q_{sat} (mmol g ⁻¹)	b_0 (kPa) ^{-ν}	E (kJ mol ⁻¹)	ν
C ₂ H ₂	3.67137	8.66196×10 ⁻⁸	32.95	0.81845
CO ₂	4.05461	2.18764×10 ⁻⁶	22.60	0.78765
CH ₄	2.64787	4.46682×10 ⁻⁷	20.18	1

Table S3 C₂H₂ uptakes and the Henry's Law adsorption selectivities of C₂H₂/CH₄ in the reported MOFs.

MOFs	C ₂ H ₂ uptakes [cm ³ (STP) g ⁻¹]	C ₂ H ₂ /CH ₄ selectivities	Q _{st} (kJ mol ⁻¹)	Ref
Cu-TDPAT	177.7	127.1	42.5	¹
Cu-TDPAH	155.7	80.9	23.5	²
ZJU-61	139.23	74.4	23.98	³
UTSA-50	90.6	68.0	39.4	⁴
Cu ₂ TPTC-Me	203	60.01	19.1	⁵
ZJNU-47a	213.8	58.5	35.0	⁶
UTSA-15	34	55.6	39.5	⁷
ZJNU-54a	210.5	50.5	35.4	⁸
Cu ₂ TPTC-OMe	204	46.14	20.1	⁵
ZJU-26	84	45.9	32.7	⁹
Cd-Tipa	64.13	39.1	41.05	¹⁰
ZJNU-55a	56.3	35.5	42.4	This work
M'MOF-20	21	34.9	33.7	¹¹
Zn ₅ (BTA) ₆ (TDA) ₂	44	22.3	37.3	¹²
UTSA-72a	27.8	21.1	20.2	¹³
Ni-TATB	64.1	16.3	NA	¹⁴
UTSA-36a	56.8	16.1	29.0	¹⁵
[Zn ₄ (OH) ₂ (1,2,4-BTC)]	53	14.7	28.1	¹⁶
ZJNU-61a(Ho)	48.0	9.9	23.9	¹⁷
ZJU-30a	52.6	9.58	31.3	¹⁸
Cu(BDC-OH)	43	9.3	25.7	¹⁹
UTSA-10a	43.0	8.1	19	²⁰
Yb-BPT	23.9	7.8	30.4	²¹
UTSA-28a-Cu	75.5	6.9	25.4	²²
Cu-BBTC	84	5.74	37.64	²³
UTSA-38a	63	5.6	24.7	²⁴
FIR-51	141.9	NA	24.48	²⁵
InAg(na) ₄	98.14 ^a	NA	24.79	²⁶
ZJU-48a	57.07	NA	15.6	²⁷

TDPAT = 2,4,6-tris(3,5-dicarboxylphenylamino)-1,3,5-triazine;

TDPAH = 2,5,8-tris(3,5-dicarboxylphenylamino)-*s*-heptazine;

na = nicotinic acid;

B BTC = 1, 1'-butadiynebenzene-3,3',5,5'-tetracarboxylate;

Tipa = tris(4-(1H-imidazol-1-yl)phenyl)amine;

TATB = 4,4',4''-*s*-triazine-2,4,6-triyltribenzoate;

1,2,4-BTC = benzene-1,2,4-tricarboxylate;

HBTA = 1,2,3-benzenetriazole;

H₂TDA = thiophene-2,5-dicarboxylic acid;

H₂BDC-OH = 2-hydroxy-benzenedicarboxylic acid.

NA = not available

^a cm³ (STP) cm⁻³.

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