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### ***Supporting Information***

## **Solvent controlled self-assembly of $\pi$ -stacked/H-bonded supramolecular organic frameworks from a $C_3$ -symmetric monomer for iodine adsorption**

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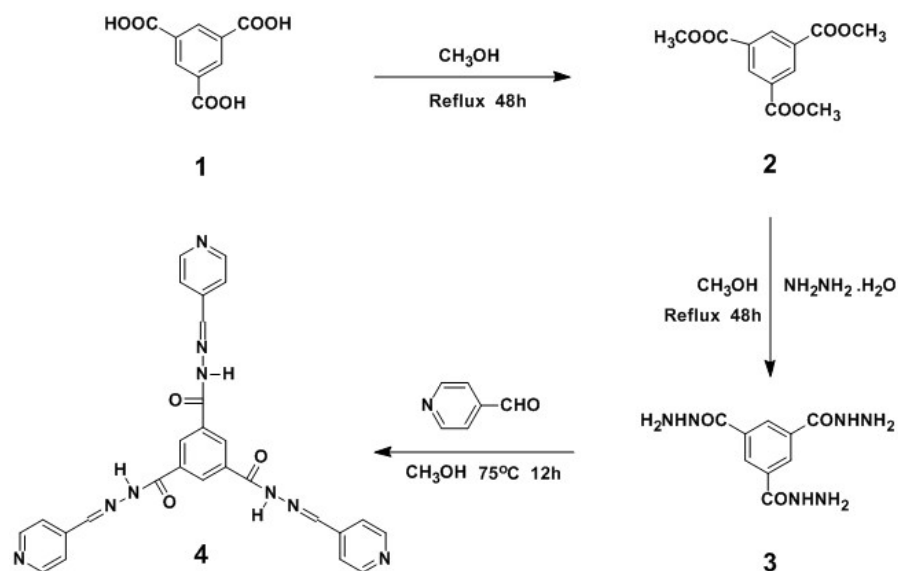
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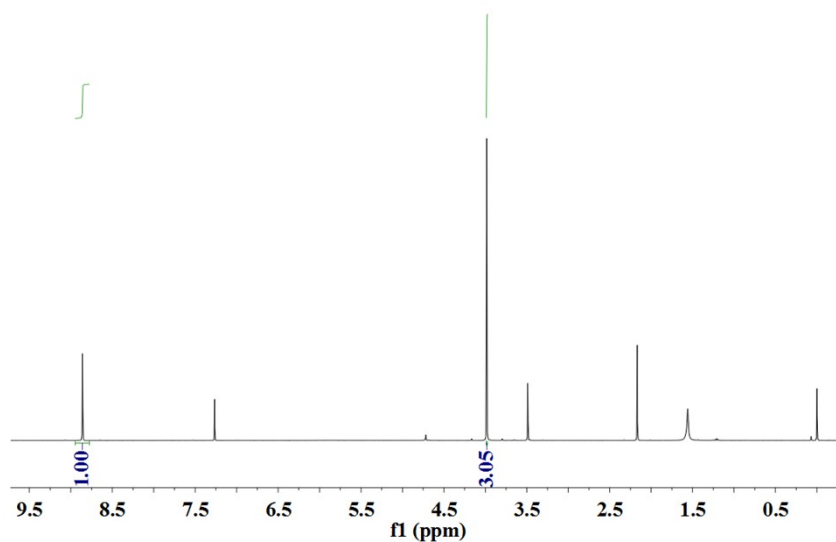
## 1. Synthesis



**Scheme S1** General synthetic routes.

### 1.1 Synthesis of trimethyl benzene-1,3,5-tricarboxylate (**2**)

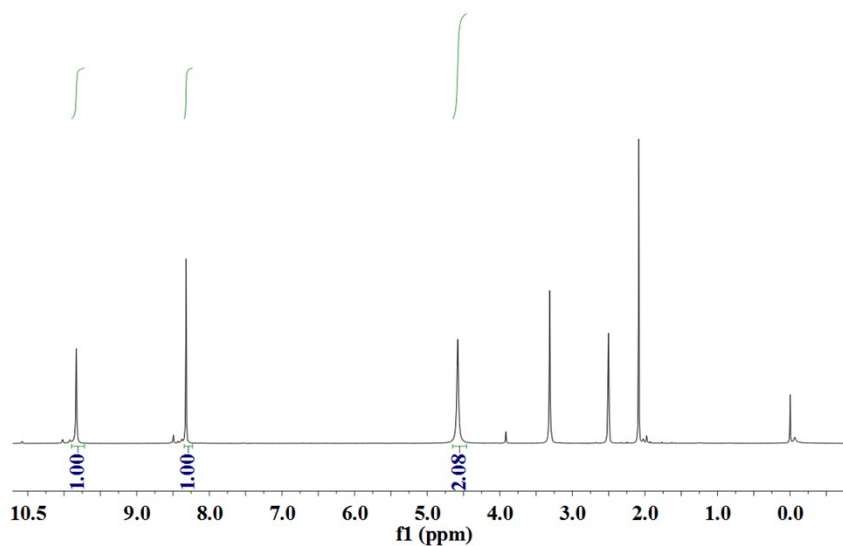
**1** (2 g) and TsOH (100 mg) were added into 200 ml  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ , then heated to reflux for 48 h under  $\text{N}_2$  atmosphere. Last, the reaction was quenched with a saturated aqueous  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  solution and the resulting mixture was extracted with diethylether.<sup>[1]</sup> The organic layer was washed with water and brine, then dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . After that, the solvent were evaporated in vacuo, yielding **2** (2 g) as a white powder.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.86 (d,  $J = 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.98 (s, 3H).



**Fig. S1**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of trimethyl benzene-1,3,5-tricarboxylate (**2**).

## 1.2 Synthesis of benzene-1,3,5-tricarbohydrazide (**3**)

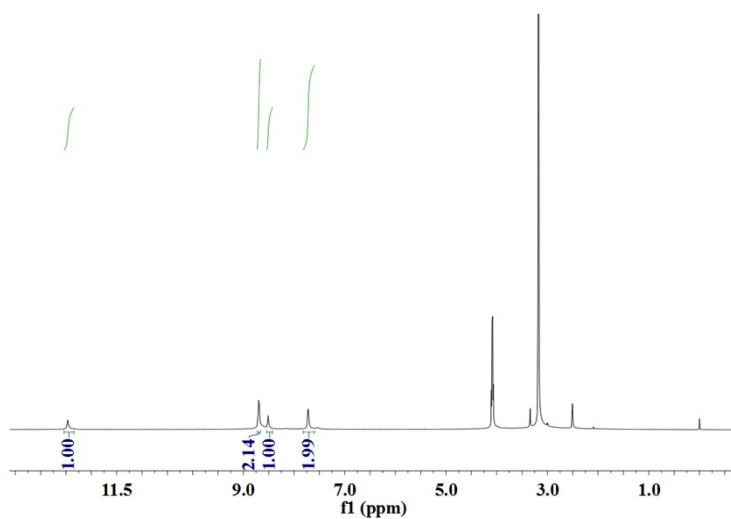
Hydrazine monohydrate (5 ml) was added in portions to a solution of **2** (1 g) in methanol. The mixture was stirred for 48 h under reflux, then filtered and washed with methanol, yielding **3** as a white powder.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ )  $\delta$  9.83 (s, 1H), 8.32 (s, 1H), 4.58 (s, 2H).



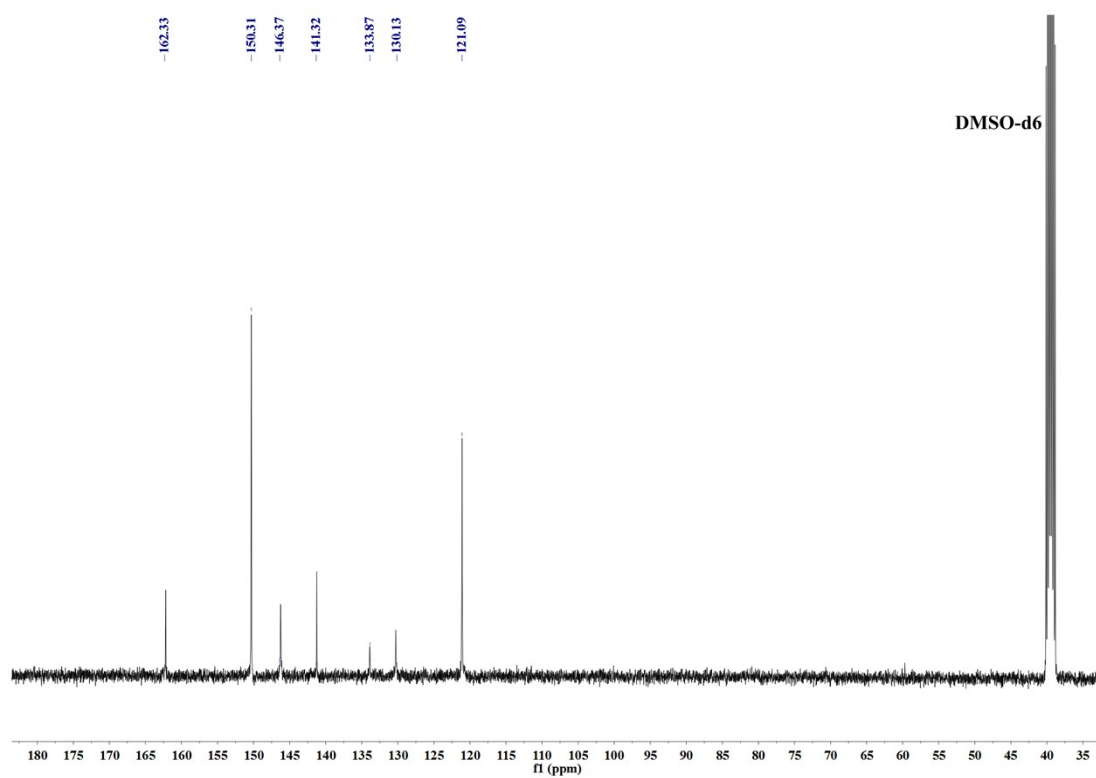
**Fig. S2**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of benzene-1,3,5-tricarbohydrazide (**3**).

### 1.3 Synthesis of N1',N3',N5'-tris((pyridin-4-yl)methylene)benzene-1,3,5-tricarbohydrazide (**4**)

**3** (502 mg) and 4-pyridine aldehyde (800 mg) were dispersed in 100 ml methanol, then the mixture was stirred at boiling temperature for 12 h. Afterwards, filtered and washed with methanol, yielding **4** as a flavescent powder.<sup>[2]</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 12.47 (s, 1H), 8.70 (s, 2H), 8.51 (s, 1H), 7.72 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, ppm): 121.09, 133.87, 141.32, 146.37, 150.31, 162.33 ppm.

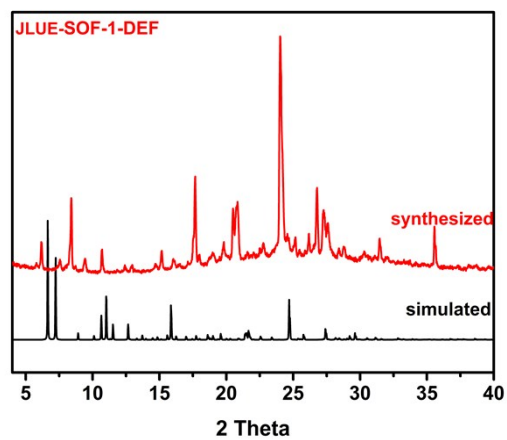


**Fig. S3** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of N1',N3',N5'-tris((pyridin-4-yl)methylene)benzene-1,3,5-tricarbohydrazide (**4**).

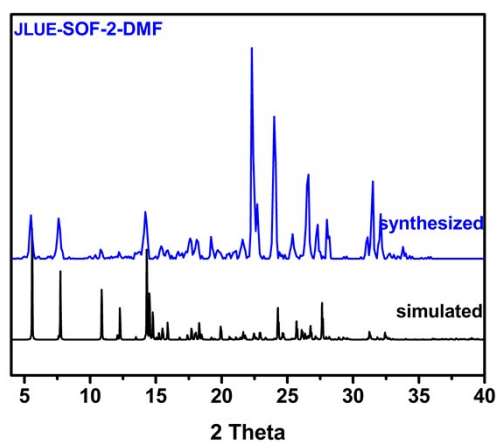


**Fig. S4** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of N1',N3',N5'-tris((pyridin-4-yl)methylene)benzene-1,3,5-tricarbohydrazide (**4**).

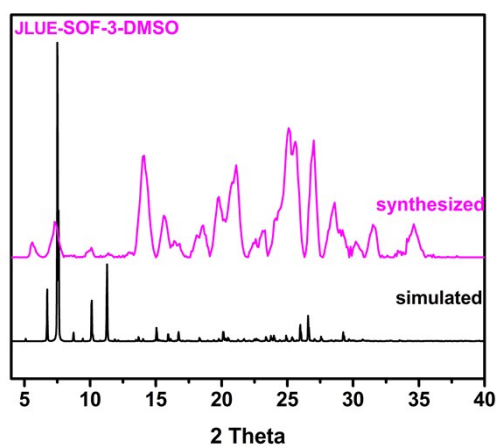
## 2. PXRD patterns



**Fig. S5** Simulated and synthesized PXRD patterns of JLUE-SOF-1-DEF.

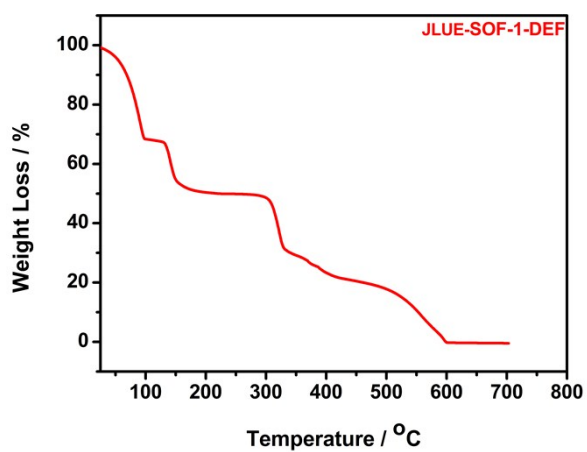


**Fig. S6** Simulated and synthesized PXRD patterns of JLUE-SOF-2-DMF.

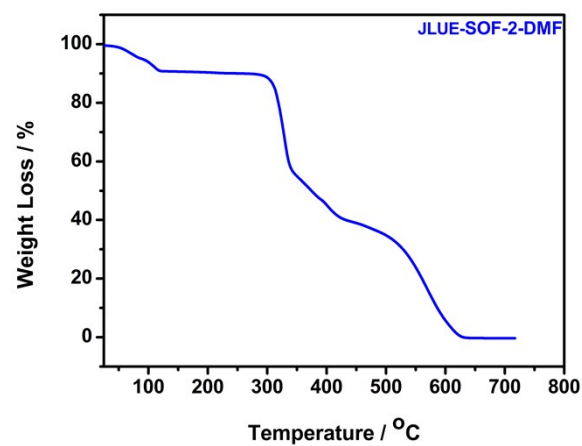


**Fig. S7** Simulated and synthesized PXRD patterns of JLUE-SOF-3-DMSO.

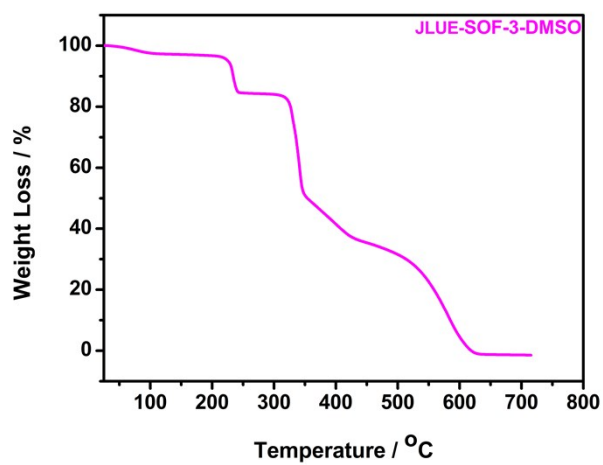
### 3. TGA curves



**Fig. S8** TGA curve of JLUE-SOF-1-DEF.

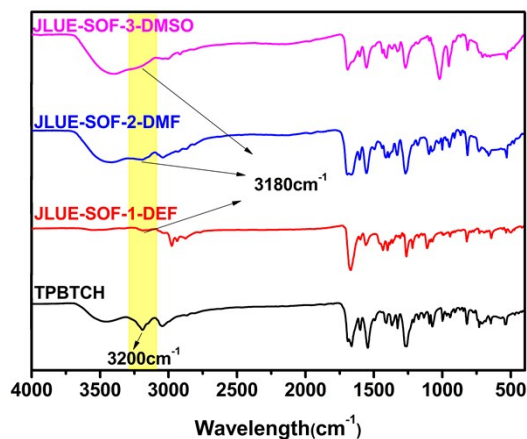


**Fig. S9** TGA curve of JLUE-SOF-2-DMF.



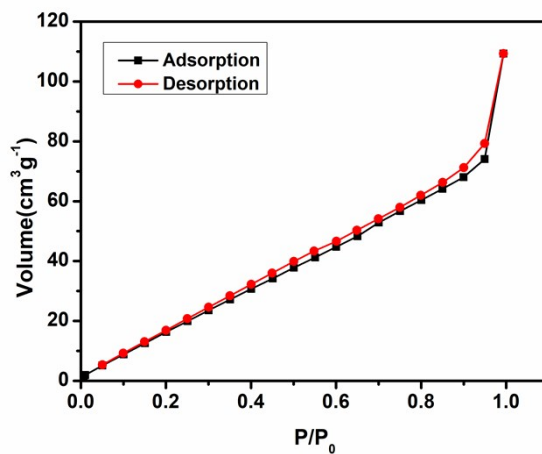
**Fig. S10** TGA curve of JLUE-SOF-3-DMSO.

#### 4. FT-IR spectra

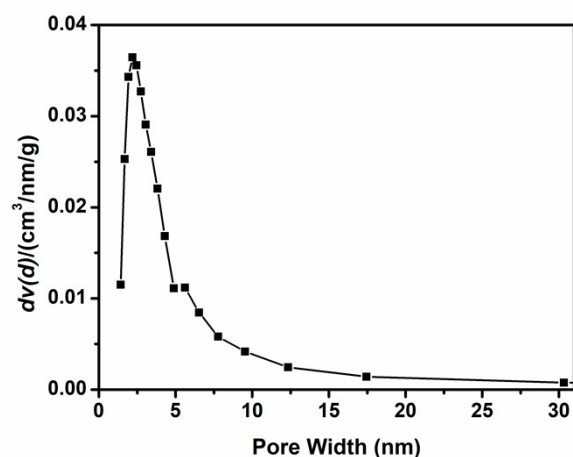


**Fig. S11** FT-IR spectra of the TPBTCH monomer, JLUE-SOF-1-DEF, JLUE-SOF-2-DMF and JLUE-SOF-3-DMSO.

#### 5. N<sub>2</sub> adsorption isotherms and pore size distribution



**Fig. S12** Nitrogen adsorption and desorption isotherms of JLUE-SOF-3-DMSO measured at 77 K.



**Fig. S13** Pore size distribution of JLUE-SOF-3-DMSO.

## 6. Crystallographic Data and Hydrogen Bond Data.

**Table S1** Crystal data and structure refinement for JLUE-SOFs.

| Compound                                         | JLUE-SOF-1-DEF                | JLUE-SOF-2-DMF            | JLUE-SOF-3-DMSO               |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Formula                                          | $C_{27}H_{21}N_9O_3(C_5NO_4)$ | $C_{27}H_{21}N_9O_3(O_4)$ | $C_{27}H_{21}N_9O_3(C_6O_5S)$ |
| F.w.                                             | 657.59                        | 583.53                    | 703.65                        |
| T (K)                                            | 293(2)                        | 293(2)                    | 293(2)                        |
| Crystal system                                   | Triclinic                     | Triclinic                 | Triclinic                     |
| Space group                                      | <i>P</i> -1                   | <i>P</i> -1               | <i>P</i> -1                   |
| <i>a</i> (Å)                                     | 10.1382(11)                   | 7.4872(6)                 | 11.9851(17)                   |
| <i>b</i> (Å)                                     | 12.7716(14)                   | 12.4001(10)               | 12.2632(17)                   |
| <i>c</i> (Å)                                     | 13.5128(4)                    | 17.0797(13)               | 13.7369(19)                   |
| $\alpha$ (°)                                     | 79.967(2)                     | 109.166(2)                | 94.016(2)                     |
| $\beta$ (°)                                      | 89.142(2)                     | 99.619(2)                 | 112.728(2)                    |
| $\gamma$ (°)                                     | 76.356(2)                     | 93.273(2)                 | 103.896(2)                    |
| <i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )                       | 1673.7(3)                     | 1466.1(2)                 | 1777.6(4)                     |
| <i>Z</i>                                         | 2                             | 2                         | 2                             |
| Dc (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )                          | 1.305                         | 1.322                     | 1.315                         |
| $\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )                        | 0.096                         | 0.099                     | 0.153                         |
| Data collected/uniq. ( <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> ) | 8458 / 4783 (0.0239)          | 8084 / 5692 (0.0626)      | 8773 / 6144 (0.0310)          |

|                               |                |                |                |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| $R^a, R_w^b [I > 2\sigma(I)]$ | 0.0719, 0.2265 | 0.0654, 0.2061 | 0.0889, 0.2729 |
| GOF                           | 1.086          | 1.033          | 1.057          |

$$^a R = \sum |F_o| - |F_c| / \sum |F_o|; ^b R_w = [\sum_w (F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \sum_w (F_o^2)^2]^{1/2}.$$

**Table S2** Hydrogen Bond Data for JLUE-SOF-2-DMF.

| D-H...A            | d(D-H) | d(H...A) | d(D...A)   | <(DHA) |
|--------------------|--------|----------|------------|--------|
| N(7)-H(7)...O(2)#1 | 0.86   | 2.02     | 2.8320(16) | 157.0  |

Symmetry codes: #1 -x+1,-y+1,-z+2.

**Table S3** Hydrogen Bond Data for JLUE-SOF-3-DMSO.

| D-H...A             | d(D-H) | d(H...A) | d(D...A)   | <(DHA) |
|---------------------|--------|----------|------------|--------|
| N(4)-H(4A)...N(9)#1 | 0.86   | 2.21     | 3.022(2)   | 157.0  |
| N(7)-H(7)...O(2)#2  | 0.86   | 2.06     | 2.8990(17) | 164.8  |

Symmetry codes: #1 -x+1,-y+2,-z+1; #2 -x+1,-y+1,-z+1.

## 7. Iodine adsorption experiments

The adsorption related fundamental functions 1 and 2 were as shown below [3]:

$$q_e = \frac{(C_0 - C_e)V}{m} \quad (1)$$

$$E(\%) = \frac{C_0 - C_e}{C_0} \times 100\% \quad (2)$$

where  $q_e$  (mg/g) represents the adsorbed amount of iodine,  $C_0$  (mg/L) represents the initial iodine concentration,  $C_e$  (mg/L) represents the final equilibrium iodine concentration,  $m$  (g) represents the quantity of JLUE-SOF-3-DMSO used,  $V$  (L) represents the volume of hexane treated,  $E$  (%) represents the removal efficiency for iodine by JLUE-SOF-3-DMSO.

### 7.1 Adsorption dynamics analysis

The experimental data for JLUE-SOF-3-DMSO towards iodine adsorption were processed by pseudo-first-order kinetic model, pseudo-second-order kinetic model and intraparticle diffusion model according to the following functions [4]:

$$\ln(q_e - q_t) = \ln q_e - k_1 t \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{t}{q_t} = \frac{1}{k_2 q_e^2} + \frac{t}{q_e} \quad (4)$$

$$q_t = k_i t^{1/2} + C \quad (5)$$

where  $q_t$  (mg/g) and  $q_e$  (mg/g) represent the adsorbed iodine amounts at regular intervals and equilibrium time, respectively;  $k_1$  (1/h) and  $k_2$  ((g/mg)/h) represent the pseudo-first-order kinetic rate constant and the pseudo-second-order kinetic rate constant, respectively;  $k_i$  (mg/g/h<sup>1/2</sup>) represents the intraparticle diffusion rate constant, and  $C$  (mg/g) represents the intercept.

## 7.2 Adsorption isotherms analysis

In order to understand the adsorption mechanism of iodine by the JLUE-SOF-3-DMSO, the two most familiar adsorption isothermal models, i.e., Langmuir isotherm and Freundlich isotherm, corresponding with monolayer adsorption process and multilayer adsorption process, respectively, were adopted to analyze the isothermal curves<sup>[1]</sup>:

$$\frac{C_e}{q_e} = \frac{1}{K_L} + \frac{a_L C_e}{K_L} \quad (6)$$

$$\ln q_e = \ln K_F + \frac{1}{n} \ln C_e \quad (7)$$

Where  $q_e$  (mg/g) and  $C_e$  (mg/L) represent the same meaning as above,  $K_L$  (L/g) and  $a_L$  (L/mg) represent the Langmuir adsorption isotherm constants,  $K_F$  and  $n$  represent the Freundlich adsorption isotherm constants.

Additionally, known as the unit-less equilibrium parameter, the values of separation factor " $R_L$ " can be used to predict the shape of the adsorption isotherm using the following equation<sup>[5]</sup>:

$$R_L = \frac{1}{1 + a_L C_0} \quad (8)$$

Where  $C_0$  (mg/L) and  $a_L$  (L/mg) represent the initial iodine concentration and the Langmuir binding constant. Accordingly,  $R_L > 1$  (unfavourable),  $R_L = 1$  (linear),  $0 < R_L < 1$  (favourable) or  $R_L = 0$  (irreversible).

**Table S4** Kinetic parameters of iodine adsorption by JLUE-SOF-3-DMSO.

| $C_0$<br>(mg/L) | $q_{e,exp}$<br>(mg/g) | Removal<br>Efficiency<br>(%) | Pseudo-first order kinetics |                        |       | Pseudo-second order kinetics |                        |       |
|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-------|------------------------------|------------------------|-------|
|                 |                       |                              | $k_1$<br>(1/h)              | $q_{e1,cal}$<br>(mg/g) | $R^2$ | $k_2$<br>(g/mg/h)            | $q_{e2,cal}$<br>(mg/g) | $R^2$ |
| 75              | 74.9                  | 99.8                         | 0.359                       | 48.4                   | 0.95  | 0.006                        | 89.3                   | 0.99  |
| 100             | 89.4                  | 89.4                         | 0.296                       | 76.7                   | 0.98  | 0.005                        | 103.0                  | 0.99  |
| 125             | 111.1                 | 88.8                         | 0.199                       | 99.5                   | 0.98  | 0.003                        | 124.8                  | 0.99  |
| 150             | 131.4                 | 87.6                         | 0.157                       | 116.7                  | 0.98  | 0.002                        | 138.1                  | 0.99  |

**Table S5** Intraparticle diffusion model parameters for the adsorption of iodine by JLUE-SOF-3-DMSO.

| $C_0$<br>(mg/L) | Intraparticle diffusion model         |                 |       |                                       |                 |       |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-------|
|                 | $k_{i,1}$<br>(mg/g/h <sup>1/2</sup> ) | $C_1$<br>(mg/g) | $R^2$ | $k_{i,2}$<br>(mg/g/h <sup>1/2</sup> ) | $C_2$<br>(mg/g) | $R^2$ |
| 75              | 24.3                                  | 9.6             | 0.96  | 0.5                                   | 72.1            | 0.93  |
| 100             | 27.9                                  | 8.8             | 0.98  | 2.30                                  | 78.3            | 0.90  |
| 125             | 33.9                                  | 3.7             | 0.99  | 5.6                                   | 81.5            | 0.83  |
| 150             | 36.3                                  | 3.6             | 0.99  | 8.8                                   | 82.3            | 0.98  |

**Table S6** Langmuir and Freundlich isotherm parameters for iodine adsorption by JLUE-SOF-3-DMSO.

|                        | Temperature<br>(K) | $Q_m$ | $K_F$ | $K_L$ | $1/n$ | $R_L$       | $R^2$ |
|------------------------|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|-------|
| Langmuir<br>isotherm   | 298                | 207   | —     | 28.6  | —     | 0.028–0.134 | 0.99  |
| Freundlich<br>isotherm | 298                | —     | 50.2  | —     | 0.31  | —           | 0.95  |

**Table S7** Iodine adsorption properties of porous materials.

| No. | Adsorbent       | Temperature<br>[°C] | $S_{BET}$<br>[m <sup>2</sup> /g] | Equilibrium Time<br>[h] | Adsorption Capacity<br>[mg/g] | References |
|-----|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| 1.  | JLUE-SOF-3-DMSO | 25                  | 81                               | 8                       | 207                           | This work  |
| 2.  | UiO-66          | 25                  | 1015                             | 24                      | 401                           | [6]        |
| 3.  | pha-COP-1       | 25                  | 217                              | 120                     | 833                           | [7]        |
| 4.  | UiO-66-PYDC     | 25                  | 1030                             | 24                      | 1250                          | [6]        |

## 8. Solubility Table

**Table S8** Solubility of TPBTCH monomer in different solvents.

| No. | Solvent | Temperature<br>[°C] | Solubility<br>[mg/mL] |
|-----|---------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1.  | DEF     | 25                  | 10                    |
| 2.  | DMF     | 25                  | 20                    |
| 3.  | DMSO    | 25                  | 50                    |

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