# **Supporting Information**

# Solvent-Induced Framework-Interpenetration isomer in Cu MOFs for

# **Efficient Light Hydrocarbon Separation**

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# Calculation of isosteric heat of adsorption $(Q_{st})$

The CH<sub>4</sub> adsorption isotherms measured at 273 K and 298 K were first fitted to a virial equation (eqn (1)). The fitting parameters were then used to calculate the isosteric heat of adsorption ( $Q_{st}$ ) using eqn (2),

$$\ln P = \ln N + \frac{1}{T} \sum_{i=0}^{m} a_i N^i + \sum_{i=0}^{n} b_i N^i$$
(1)  
$$Q_{st} = -R \sum_{i=0}^{m} a_i N^i$$
(2)

where P is the pressure (mmHg), N is the adsorbed quantity (mmol g<sup>-1</sup>), T is the temperature (K), R is the gas constant (8.314 J K<sup>-1</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup>),  $a_i$  and  $b_i$  are virial coefficients, and m and n represent the number of coefficients required to adequately describe the isotherms (herein, m=5, and n=2).

# Calculation of selectivity via ideal adsorption solution theory (IAST)

The  $C_2H_2$  and  $CH_4$  adsorption isotherms were first fitted to a dual-site Langmuir– Freundlich (DSLF) model (eqn (3)),

$$q = \frac{q_{sat,A}b_{A}p^{a_{A}}}{1 + b_{A}p^{a_{A}}} + \frac{q_{sat,B}b_{B}p^{a_{B}}}{1 + b_{B}p^{a_{B}}}$$
(3)

where *q* is the amount of adsorbed gas (mmol g<sup>-1</sup>), *P* is the bulk gas phase pressure (atm),  $q_{sat}$  is the saturation amount (mmol g<sup>-1</sup>), *b* is the Langmuir–Freundlich parameter (atm<sup>- $\alpha$ </sup>), and  $\alpha$  is the Langmuir–Freundlich exponent (dimensionless) for two adsorption sites A and B indicating the presence of weak and strong adsorption sites.

IAST starts from the Raoult's Law type of relationship between the fluid and adsorbed phase,

$$P_{i} = Py_{i} = P_{i}^{0}x_{i}$$
(4)  
$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{P_{i}}{P_{i}^{0}} = 1$$
(5)

where  $P_i$  is the partial pressure of component *i* (atm), *P* is the total pressure (atm), and  $y_i$  and  $x_i$  represent mole fractions of component i in gas and the adsorbed phase (dimensionless).  $P_{i}^{0}$  is the equilibrium vapour pressure (atm).

In IAST,  $P_{i}^{0}$  is defined by relating to spreading pressure  $\pi$ ,

$$\frac{\pi S}{RT} = \int_{0}^{P_{i}^{0}} \frac{q_{i}(P_{i})}{P_{i}} dP_{i} = \Pi(constant)$$
(6)

where  $\pi$  is the spreading pressure, S is the specific surface area of the adsorbent (m<sup>2</sup> g<sup>-</sup> <sup>1</sup>), R is the gas constant (8.314 J K<sup>-1</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup>), T is the temperature (K), and  $q_i(P_i)$  is the single component equilibrium obtained from isotherms (mmol g<sup>-1</sup>).

For a DSLF model, we have an analytical expression for the integral,

$$\int_{0}^{P_{i}^{0}} \frac{q_{i}(P_{i})}{P_{i}} dP_{i} = \Pi(constant) = \frac{q_{sat,A}}{\alpha_{A}} \frac{b_{A}(P_{i}^{0})^{a_{A}}}{\ln\left[1+b_{A}(P_{i}^{0})^{a_{A}}\right] + \frac{q_{sat,B}}{\alpha_{B}}}{\ln\left[1+b_{B}(P_{i}^{0})^{a_{B}}\right]} (7)$$

The isotherm parameters are derived from the previous fitting. For a binary component system the unknowns will be  $\Pi$ ,

 $P_{1}^{0}$ , and  $P_{2}^{0}$  which can be obtained by simultaneously solving eqn (5) and (7).

The adsorbed amount of each compound in a mixture is

$$q_{i}^{mix} = x_{i}q_{i}_{(8)}$$
$$\frac{1}{q_{T}} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{x_{i}}{q_{i}(P_{i}^{0})}_{(9)}$$

where  $\begin{array}{c} q & mix \\ i & i \end{array}$  is the adsorbed amount of component i (mmol g<sup>-1</sup>), and  $q_T$  is the total adsorbed amount (mmol g<sup>-1</sup>).

The adsorption selectivities  $S_{ads}$  were calculated using eqn (10).

$$S_{ads} = \frac{q_1/q_2}{p_1/p_2} (10)$$

In this study, IAST calculations were carried out assuming a  $C_2H_2/CH_4$  binary mixed gas with a molar ratio of 50:50 at 273 K and 298 K and pressures up to 1 atm.

# Synthesis of H<sub>3</sub>L



Scheme. S1 Synthetic procedures of H<sub>3</sub>L ligand.

#### (1) Methyl 3,5-dibromobenzoate (B)

3,5-dibromobenzoic acid (20.0 g, 0.072 mol), anhydrous methanol (250 ml), and concentrated sulfuric acid (10 ml) were added into a three-neck round-bottom flask. After the mixture was refluxed for 5 h by stirring, the excessive methanol was removed by air distillation. Then, the mixture was precipitated into a large amount of water and some saturated sodium carbonate solution was added. Then, the mixture was filtered and the resulting solid was collected and dried at 40  $^{\circ}$ C under vacuum for 48 h to constant weight. White sheet-shape crystal was obtained.

#### (2) Methyl 4-ethynylbenzoate (E)

The mixture of 4-iodobenzaldehyde (3.93 g, 15 mmol),  $Pd(PPh_3)_2Cl_2$  (0.75 mmol, 572 mg),  $PPh_3$  (1.5 mmol, 393 mg) and CuI (0.9 mmol, 173 mg) in freshly distilled Et<sub>3</sub>N (30 mL) was added dropwise a solution of (trimethylsilyl)acetylene (30mmol, 4.2ml) in Et<sub>3</sub>N (5 mL) at 90 °C under nitrogen atmosphere for 24 h. After the mixture was

cooled to room temperature, the mixture was filtered and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Then methanol (30ml) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (3.0 g) were added at RT for 3h. Upon completion, methanol was removed under reduced pressure, and water was added to the residue, which was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The organic phase was washed with saturated salt water and finally dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was removed under reduced pressure and a purification by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate=10/1). 4-ethynylbenzoate (1.68 g, 70%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl3):  $\delta$  = 7.54 (d, 2H), 7.98 (d, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.22 (s, 1H).

# (3) Dimethyl 4,4'-((5-(methoxycarbonyl)-1,3-phenylene) bis (ethyne-2,1diyl)) dibenzoate (F)

B (1.17 g, 4.0 mmol), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.38 g, 0.54 mmol), CuI (0.20 g, 1.12 mmol) and PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.29 g, 1.12 mmol) were placed in a 250 mL two-necked round bottom flask. The flask was degassed and refilled with nitrogen, which was repeated for three times, and degassed Et<sub>3</sub>N (100 ml) was added. Then 30 ml THF containing E (1.54 g, 9.60 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred under reflux for 48 h. After the mixture was cooled to room temperature, the solvent was removed and the residual powder was suspended in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O. The water phase was washed with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> three times. The mixed organic phases were dried with MgSO<sub>4</sub>. After the solvent was removed, the crude product was purified by column chromatography with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> as the eluent (yield: 79%).<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 3.94(s, 6H), 3.96(d, 3H), 7.59(d, 4H), 7.88(s, 1H), 8.05(d, 4H), 8.15(s, 2H). Anal. Calcd. For C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>6</sub> (MW 452): C, 74.34; H, 4.42. Found: C, 74.52; H, 4.26.

#### (4) 4,4'-((5-carboxy-1,3-phenylene)bis(ethyne-2,1-diyl))dibenzoic acid (G)

F (0.75 g, 1.67 mmol) was dissolved in 30 ml MeOH, 30 ml 2 mol L<sup>-1</sup> NaOH aqueous solution was added. The mixture was stirred at toom temperature overnight. The organic phase was removed, the aqueous phase was acidified with diluted hydrochloric acid (2 mol L<sup>-1</sup>, 20ml) to give white precipitate, which was filtered and wased with water several times (yield: 95%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d6) 7.75(d, 4H), 8.01(d, 4H), 8.05(s, 1H),8.12(s, 2H), 13.27(s, 3H). Anal. Calcd. For  $C_{25}H_{14}O_6$  (MW 410): C, 73.17; H, 3.41. Found: C, 73.38; H, 3.35.

### Synthesis of UPC-34 and UPC-35

#### [Cu<sub>3</sub>(L)<sub>2</sub> (H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>2</sub>(DMF)<sub>3</sub>(EtOH)<sub>3</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O) (UPC-34)

**UPC-34** was prepared by the solvothermal reaction. A mixture of  $H_3L$  (0.015 mmol, 6.0 mg) and Cu(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·2.5H<sub>2</sub>O (0.15 mmol, 35.0 mg) was ultrasonically dissolved in a solution of DMF/EtOH/H<sub>2</sub>O (3.0 mL, V:V:V=5:2:1) in 10 mL vial. The mixture was heated to 75 °C within 100 min and kept at 75 °C for 1440 min followed by cooled to 30°C within 200 min. The blue crystals were acquired and washed with DMF and then dried in the air with a yield of 47% based on Cu. FT-IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3416m, 3071w, 2935w, 1606s, 1402s, 1261w, 1171m, 1012m, 862w, 776m, 740m, 699w, 590w, 482m. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>62</sub>H<sub>64</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>O<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>: C, 53.34; H, 4.62; N, 2.01. Found: C, 52.56; H, 4.54; N, 1.85.

[Cu<sub>3</sub>(L)<sub>2</sub> (H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>2</sub>(DMF)<sub>2</sub>(Diox)<sub>3</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O) (**UPC-35**)

**UPC-35** was prepared by the solvothermal reaction. A mixture of  $H_3L$  (0.015 mmol, 6.0 mg) and Cu(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·2.5H<sub>2</sub>O (0.15 mmol, 35.0 mg) was ultrasonically dissolved in a solution of DMF/ Diox /H<sub>2</sub>O (3.0 mL, V:V:V=5:2:1) in 10 mL vial. The mixture was heated to 75 °C within 100 min and kept at 75 °C for 1440 min followed by cooled to 30 °C within 200 min. The blue crystals were acquired and washed with DMF and then dried in the air with a yield of 58% based on Cu. FT-IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3416m, 3071w, 2935w, 1606s, 1402s, 1261w, 1171m, 1012m, 862w, 776m, 740m, 699w, 590w, 482m. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>64</sub>H<sub>60</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>O<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>: C, 53.09; H, 4.17; N, 1.93. Found: C, 52.78; H, 4.24; N, 1.13.

# Activation of UPC-34 and UPC-35

The as-synthesized crystals of **UPC-34** and **UPC-35** were solvent exchanged three times with dry acetone, then the samples were degassed at 298 K for one night and at 353 K for 12 hours with the outgas rate of 5 mm Hg·min<sup>-1</sup> to produce the activated samples for the gas adsorption measurements.

| Compound                                    | UPC-34  | UPC-35                     |
|---|---|----------------------------|
| CCDC  | 1835837   | 1835836                    |
| Formula                                     | C <sub>50</sub> H <sub>26</sub> Cu <sub>3</sub> O <sub>15</sub> | $C_{50}H_{22}Cu_{3}O_{15}$ |
| Formula weight                              | 1057.33   | 1053.29                    |
| Temperature/K                               | 150   | 150                        |
| Crystal system                              | tetragonal  | tetragonal                 |
| Space group                                 | I4/mcm  | I4/m                       |
| a/Å   | 31.3382(11)   | 31.038(2)                  |
| b/Å   | 31.3382(11)   | 31.038(2)                  |
| c/Å   | 31.3382(11)   | 20.6449(18)                |
| a/°   | 90  | 90                         |
| β/°   | 90  | 90                         |
| $\gamma/^{\circ}$                           | 90  | 90                         |
| Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>                       | 38378(3)  | 19888(3)                   |
| Z   | 8   | 8                          |
| ρ g/cm <sup>3</sup>                         | 0.366   | 0.704                      |
| µ/mm⁻¹                                      | 0.531   | 1.025                      |
| F(000)                                      | 4264.0  | 4232.0                     |
| $2\Theta$ range for data collection         | 7.232 to 134.118  | 7.674 to 134.152           |
|   | $-28 \le h \le 37$ ,  | $-37 \le h \le 13$ ,       |
| Index ranges                                | $-33 \le k \le 21$ ,  | $-27 \le k \le 31$ ,       |
|   | $-46 \le l \le 18$  | $-24 \le l \le 20$         |
| Reflections collected                       | 34407   | 18347                      |
| Independent reflections                     | 8965 [Rint = 0.0848,  | 9114 [ $R_{int}$ = 0.0863, |
|   | Rsigma = 0.1119]  | $R_{sigma} = 0.2720$ ]     |
| Data/restraints/parameters                  | 8965/0/166  | 9114/0/314                 |
| Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>           | 0.731   | 0.865                      |
| Final R indexes $[I \ge 2\sigma(I)]$        | $R_1 = 0.0640,$   | $R_1 = 0.1103$ ,           |
|   | $wR_2 = 0.1436$   | $wR_2 = 0.3025$            |
| Final R indexes [all data]                  | $R_1 = 0.1478,$   | $R_1 = 0.2211$ ,           |
|   | $wR_2 = 0.1698$   | $wR_2 = 0.3261$            |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup> | 0.37/-0.32  | 1.84/-0.32                 |

 Table S1 Crystal data and structure refinement for UPC-34 and UPC-35

|      |                 | e ()      |      |                 |           |
|------|-----------------|-----------|------|-----------------|-----------|
| Atom | Atom            | Length/Å  | Atom | Atom            | Length/Å  |
| Cu1  | O3 <sup>1</sup> | 1.975(7)  | Cu2  | O2 <sup>6</sup> | 1.967(7)  |
| Cu1  | O3 <sup>2</sup> | 1.975(7)  | Cu2  | O2 <sup>7</sup> | 1.967(7)  |
| Cu1  | 03              | 1.975(7)  | Cu3  | O4              | 1.946(7)  |
| Cu1  | O3 <sup>3</sup> | 1.975(7)  | Cu3  | O41             | 1.946(7)  |
| Cu1  | 05              | 2.174(17) | Cu3  | O4 <sup>2</sup> | 1.946(7)  |
| Cu2  | 01              | 2.137(13) | Cu3  | O4 <sup>3</sup> | 1.946(7)  |
| Cu2  | O2 <sup>5</sup> | 1.967(7)  | Cu3  | 06              | 2.132(19) |
| Cu2  | 02              | 1.966(7)  |      |                 |           |

Table S2. Selected bond lengths (Å) for UPC-34.

Table S3. Selected bond angles (°) for UPC-34.

| Atom            | Atom | Atom            | Angle/°  | Atom | Atom | Atom            | Angle/°  |
|-----------------|------|-----------------|----------|------|------|-----------------|----------|
| O3 <sup>3</sup> | Cu1  | 03              | 90.3(4)  | O2   | Cu2  | 01              | 96.8(2)  |
| O3 <sup>2</sup> | Cu1  | 03              | 169.1(6) | 02   | Cu2  | O2 <sup>5</sup> | 89.19(5) |
| O31             | Cu1  | 03              | 88.7(4)  | 02   | Cu2  | O2 <sup>6</sup> | 166.3(4) |
| O31             | Cu1  | O3 <sup>2</sup> | 90.3(4)  | O4   | Cu3  | O41             | 88.1(5)  |
| O31             | Cu1  | O3 <sup>3</sup> | 169.1(6) | O41  | Cu3  | O4 <sup>3</sup> | 169.2(6) |
| O3 <sup>3</sup> | Cu1  | O3 <sup>2</sup> | 88.7(4)  | O41  | Cu3  | O4 <sup>2</sup> | 90.9(5)  |
| 03              | Cu1  | 05              | 95.5(3)  | O4   | Cu3  | 06              | 95.4(3)  |
|                 |      |                 |          |      |      |                 |          |

| Atom | Atom            | Length/Å  | Atom | Atom             | Length/Å  |
|------|-----------------|-----------|------|------------------|-----------|
| Cu1  | 01              | 2.115(10) | Cu2  | O5 <sup>4</sup>  | 2.037(9)  |
| Cu1  | $O2^1$          | 1.988(8)  | Cu2  | 08               | 2.116(14) |
| Cu1  | 02              | 1.988(8)  | Cu3  | 06               | 1.912(9)  |
| Cu1  | O4              | 1.970(9)  | Cu3  | O6 <sup>1</sup>  | 1.912(9)  |
| Cu1  | O4 <sup>1</sup> | 1.970(9)  | Cu3  | O7 <sup>1</sup>  | 2.027(11) |
| Cu2  | O3 <sup>3</sup> | 1.919(8)  | Cu3  | 07               | 2.027(11) |
| Cu2  | 03              | 1.919(8)  | Cu3  | O12 <sup>1</sup> | 2.117(15) |
| Cu2  | O5 <sup>2</sup> | 2.037(9)  | Cu3  | O12              | 2.117(15) |

Table S4. Selected bond lengths (Å) for UPC-35.

 Table S5. Selected bond angles (°) for UPC-35.

| Atom            | Atom | Atom            | Angle/°  | Atom                   | Atom | Atom            | Angle/°   |
|-----------------|------|-----------------|----------|------------------------|------|-----------------|-----------|
| O21             | Cu1  | 01              | 97.2(3)  | O5 <sup>4</sup>        | Cu2  | O5 <sup>3</sup> | 160.9(6)  |
| $O2^1$          | Cu1  | 02              | 87.2(4)  | O5 <sup>4</sup>        | Cu2  | 08              | 99.5(3)   |
| O4 <sup>1</sup> | Cu1  | 01              | 97.5(4)  | O6 <sup>1</sup>        | Cu3  | O6              | 90.0(5)   |
| O41             | Cu1  | 02              | 165.3(4) | O61                    | Cu3  | 07              | 168.1(5)  |
| O4 <sup>1</sup> | Cu1  | O2 <sup>1</sup> | 91.2(3)  | O6 <sup>1</sup>        | Cu3  | O7 <sup>1</sup> | 89.1(4)   |
| O41             | Cu1  | O4              | 86.6(5)  | O6                     | Cu3  | O71             | 168.1(5)  |
| O3              | Cu2  | O3 <sup>2</sup> | 174.2(6) | O6                     | Cu3  | 012             | 84.6(9)   |
| O3              | Cu2  | O5 <sup>3</sup> | 88.9(4)  | O61                    | Cu3  | 012             | 100.5(10) |
| O3              | Cu2  | O5 <sup>4</sup> | 90.2(4)  | O7 <sup>1</sup>        | Cu3  | 07              | 89.3(6)   |
| O3              | Cu2  | 08              | 92.9(3)  | 07                     | Cu3  | 012             | 91.2(10)  |
| O3 <sup>2</sup> | Cu2  | 08              | 92.9(3)  | <b>O7</b> <sup>1</sup> | Cu3  | 012             | 107.2(9)  |

|          | 0 1    | 0 1                                     |                         |          |            |
|----------|--------|---|-------------------------|----------|------------|
| Gas      | T [K]  | Vads                                    | Amount                  | [w/t%]   | Qst        |
| Gus      | 1 [11] | $[\mathrm{cm}^3 \cdot \mathrm{g}^{-1}]$ | [mmol·g <sup>-1</sup> ] | [[[[[]]] | [KJ·mol⁻¹] |
| CU       | 273    | 11.0                                    | 0.49                    | 0.79     | 10.5       |
| $CH_4$   | 298    | 4.8                                     | 0.21                    | 0.34     | 18.3       |
| СЦ       | 273    | 72.5                                    | 3.24                    | 8.42     | 22.7       |
| $C_2H_2$ | 298    | 44.4                                    | 1.98                    | 5.15     | 22.1       |
| $C_2H_4$ | 273    | 56.4                                    | 2.52                    | 7.05     | 10 /       |
|          | 298    | 35.9                                    | 1.60                    | 4.49     | 18.4       |
| $C_2H_6$ | 273    | 70.1                                    | 3.13                    | 9.39     | 22.7       |
|          | 298    | 40.9                                    | 1.83                    | 5.48     | 22.1       |
| $C_3H_6$ | 273    | 138.1                                   | 6.17                    | 25.89    | 24.5       |
|          | 298    | 118.3                                   | 5.28                    | 22.18    | 24.5       |
| $C_3H_8$ | 273    | 128.6                                   | 5.74                    | 25.26    | 20.0       |
|          | 298    | 111.3                                   | 4.97                    | 21.86    | 29.9       |

 Table S6. Single component gas adsorption Data for UPC-35.

| Binary gas mixtures | Molar fraction | Selectivity(273K) | Selectivity(298K) |
|---------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                     | 50:50          | 12.12             | 13.16             |
| $C_2H_2/CH_4$       | 10:90          | 12.33             | 12.99             |
|                     | 50:50          | 8.56              | 10.39             |
| $C_2H_4/CH_4$       | 10:90          | 8.68              | 10.07             |
|                     | 50:50          | 11.22             | 11.56             |
| $C_2H_6/CH_4$       | 10:90          | 10.98             | 11.18             |
| с ц /сц             | 50:50          | 121.61            | 86.96             |
| $U_3H_6/UH_4$       | 10:90          | 56.68             | 61.76             |
|                     | 50:50          | 159.51            | 87.67             |
| U3H8/UH4            | 10:90          | 74.04             | 53.79             |
|                     | 50:50          | 4.79              | 4.93              |
| $C_3H_6/C_2H_2$     | 10:90          | 5.23              | 5.13              |
|                     | 50:50          | 7.53              | 6.95              |
| $C_3H_6/C_2H_4$     | 10:90          | 7.29              | 6.44              |
|                     | 50:50          | 5.29              | 5.56              |
| $U_3H_6/U_2H_6$     | 10:90          | 5.56              | 5.71              |
|                     | 50:50          | 5.40              | 4.96              |
| $C_3H_8/C_2H_2$     | 10:90          | 6.36              | 5.04              |
|                     | 50:50          | 8.72              | 6.99              |
| $C_3H_8/C_2H_4$     | 10:90          | 9.01              | 6.25              |
|                     | 50:50          | 6.03              | 5.59              |
| $C_3H_8/C_2H_6$     | 10:90          | 6.78              | 5.59              |

**Table S7.** Adsorption selectivity of hydrocarbon at 1 bar for different molar fraction of binary mixtures.



Fig. S1 (a) The Secondary Building Unit  $(Cu_2(COO)_4 \text{ SBU})$  of UPC-34; (b) The coordination modes of  $L^{3-}$ ; (c) and (c) Simplified  $Cu_2(COO)_4$  SBU and  $L^{3-}$ ; (e) Topological structures of UPC-34; (f) Schematic representation of a simplified 3D network of UPC-34.



Fig. S2 (a) The dihedral angles of  $H_3L$  in UPC-34; (b) The dihedral angles of  $H_3L$  in UPC-35.



**Fig. S3** Schematic representation of a simplified 3D network of **UPC-35**; (a), (c) and (d) Single interpenetrated network; (b) and (e) 2-fold interpenetrating framework of **UPC-35**; (f) and (g) Simplified single interpenetrated network; (h) Topological structures of **UPC-35**.



Fig. S4 The XRD pattern of complex UPC-34.



Fig. S5 The XRD pattern of complex UPC-35.



Fig. S6 The TGA curves of UPC-34 and UPC-35.



Fig. S7 The IR of UPC-34 and UPC-35.



Figure S14. The parameters and optimized adsorption isotherms for calculated  $Q_{st}$  of  $CH_4$  using a variant of the Clausius-Clapeyron equation.



Figure S15. The parameters and optimized adsorption isotherms for calculated  $Q_{st}$  of  $C_2H_2$  using a variant of the Clausius-Clapeyron equation.



Figure S16. The parameters and optimized adsorption isotherms for calculated  $Q_{st}$  of

C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> using a variant of the Clausius-Clapeyron equation.



Figure S17. The parameters and optimized adsorption isotherms for calculated  $Q_{st}$  of  $C_2H_6$  using a variant of the Clausius-Clapeyron equation.



Figure S18. The parameters and optimized adsorption isotherms for calculated Qst of

C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub> using a variant of the Clausius-Clapeyron equation.



Figure S19. The parameters and optimized adsorption isotherms for calculated  $Q_{st}$  of  $C_3H_8$  using a variant of the Clausius-Clapeyron equation.