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# Large H<sub>2</sub> Storage Capacity of a New Polyhedron-based Metal– Organic Framework with High Thermal and Hygric Stability

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#### **General Procedures**

All other reagents were purchased from commercial sources and were used without further purification. Elemental analyses were conducted at the Elemental Analysis Laboratory of the Korean Basic Science Institute, Korea. Mass spectral data were obtained on a Jeol JMS 700 (JEOL, Japan) high resolution mass spectrometer at the Korea Basic Science Institute (Daegu). Fourier Transform infrared (FTIR) spectra were recorded as KBr pellets with a Varian 1000 FTIR spectrophotometer (4000–400 cm<sup>-1</sup>). Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) data was recorded using a Rigaku D/M 2200T automated diffractometer at room temperature with a step size of 0.02°. The variable temperature PXRD (VT-PXRD) measurements were carried using a Bruker D8 Advance system in air, and the sample was heated gradually from room temperature with a holding time of at least 30 min at each temperature. Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) was performed using an STA-1000 system (Scinco Co. LTD, Korea) in air with a heating rate of 4 °C min<sup>-1</sup> between ambient temperature and 550 °C.

**Preparation of 1,3,5-tris(3,5-dicarboxylphenylethynyl)benzene methyl ester**: A solution of <sup>15</sup> triethylamine (40 mL) in anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (80 mL) was degassed by bubbling dry N<sub>2</sub> for 30 min. A 4.895 g (15.29 mmol) sample of dimethyl-5-iodoisophthalate was added to the solution, followed by dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) (0.175 g, 0.249 mmol) and copper(I) iodide (0.145 g, 0.761 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min, and then the solution of 1,3,5-triethynylbenzene (0.765 g, 5.09 mmol) in anhydrous THF (20 mL) was added to the solution <sup>20</sup> drop-wise for 20 min while bubbling. The mixture was stirred for 16 h at room temperature. The yellow precipitate was separated by filtration, and the filtrate was dissolved in 50 mL dichloromethane. The organic phase was washed three times using 100 mL water and dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The volatiles were removed by evaporation under reduced pressure, and the brown solid residue was

freeze-dried. Yield = 3.082 g, 83.3%. HRMS (FAB) *m/z* for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>31</sub>O<sub>12</sub> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>), calcd: 727.1816; found: 727.1820. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, $\delta$  ppm): 8.68 (s, 3H), 8.40 (d, 6H), 7.74 (s, 3H), 3.40 (s, 18H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (75.42 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 165.69, 136.79, 134.88, 131.23, 130.67, 123.90, 123.77, 89.43, 89.03, 52.83. IR spectrum (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3442, 2592, 1729, 1598, 1578, s 1439, 1338, 1245, 1140, 1020, 1001, 912, 877, 754, 723.

**Preparation of 1,3,5-tris(3,5-dicarboxylphenylethynyl)benzene (H<sub>6</sub>L)**: A 5.611 g (100 mmol) sample of potassium hydroxide was dissolved in 130 mL methanol. A 3.082 g (4.241 mmol) sample of 1,3,5-tris(3,5-dicarboxylphenylethynyl)benzene methyl ester was slowly added to the solution, and <sup>10</sup> stirred for 5 h at 80 °C. The volatiles were removed by evaporation under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in 100 mL water, acidified to pH 2–3 using 1 N HCl, and stirred for 5 h. The precipitate was separated by filtration, washed with water, and freeze-dried. Yield = 2.423 g, 88.9%. HRMS (FAB) *m/z* for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>12</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>), calcd: 642.0798; found: 642.0798. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sup>6</sup>,  $\delta$  ppm): 13.54 (s, 6H), 8.48 (d, 3H), 8.32 (s, 6H), 8.00 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (57.42 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sup>6</sup>,  $\delta$  ppm): 166.00, 135.64, 134.73, 132.55, 130.21, 123.27, 122.68, 89.21, 88.82, IR spectrum (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3419, 3078, 1708, 1698, 1596, 1445, 1264, 1245, 1149, 1009, 913, 878, 757, 668.

**Preparation of**  $[Zn_{24}L_8(H_2O)_{24}]$ **·xDMF·yH**<sub>2</sub>**O**, **1** (where x and y are the unidentified numbers of <sup>20</sup> molecules of the solvent, *N*,*N*'-dimethylformamide (DMF), and water, respectively): A 0.4821 g (0.750 mmol) sample of H<sub>6</sub>L was dissolved in 30 mL DMF, then a 0.7139 g (2.40 mmol) sample of Zn(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>.6H<sub>2</sub>O was added, sealed in a 50 mL vial, and heated at 85 °C for 20 h. The colorless block-shaped crystals were filtered, washed with DMF, and then air-dried. Yield 0.413 g. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>):

3420, 3074, 2932, 1660, 1632, 1590, 1495, 1428, 1384, 1302, 1255, 1158, 1104, 1061, 1013, 910, 866, 775, 721, 674, 527. The desolvated sample, **1a**, was prepared by repeatedly soaking and decanting **1** in DMF and methylene chloride for 3–4 days, then vacuum-drying overnight at an ambient temperature. Yield 0.346 40.2% (based ligand). Elemental analysis data = g, on calcd for  $_{5}$  [Zn<sub>24</sub>L<sub>8</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>24</sub>]·22DMF·35H<sub>2</sub>O, **1a** (C<sub>348</sub>H<sub>352</sub>N<sub>20</sub>O<sub>174</sub>Zn<sub>24</sub>, fw = 9331.98): C 45.56, H 3.97, N 3.48%; found: C 45.59, H 3.47, N 3.48%. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3393, 3078, 2927, 1702, 1656, 1619, 1584, 1562, 1431, 1383, 1370, 1303, 1253, 1107, 1012, 914, 877, 775, 724, 679, 532.

Preparation of [Cu<sub>24</sub>L<sub>8</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>24</sub>]·74DMF·56H<sub>2</sub>O, 2 (where x and y are the unidentified numbers of molecules of the solvent, N,N'-dimethylformamide (DMF), and water, respectively): A 0.0643 g <sup>10</sup> (0.100 mmol) sample of H<sub>6</sub>L was dissolved in 5 mL DMF. A 0.2791 g (1.200 mmol) sample of Cu(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·3H<sub>2</sub>O and 0.30 mL 6M HCl solution was added to the solution and stirred for 1–2 min. The solution was sealed in a 10 mL vial, and heated at 70 °C for 2 days. Pale blue crystals were filtered, washed with DMF, and then exposed in air for several days. Yield = 0.140 g, 83.1% (based on ligand). Elemental analysis data for  $[Cu_{24}(L)_8(H_2O)_{24}]$ ·74DMF·56H<sub>2</sub>O, 2 (C<sub>510</sub>H<sub>774</sub>N<sub>74</sub>O<sub>250</sub>Cu<sub>24</sub>, fw = <sup>15</sup> 13476.21), calcd: C 45.49, H 5.79, N 7.70%; found: C 45.31, H 5.11, N 8.22%. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3420, 2930, 1661, 1587, 1431, 1378, 1301, 1255, 1156, 1100, 1013, 918, 878, 775, 735, 663, 535, 489, 413. The desolvated sample, 2a, was prepared by repeatedly soaking and decanting 2 in DMF and methanol for 2 days for each solvent, vacuum-drying at 150 °C overnight, then exposing in air for several days. Yield = 0.079 g, 85% (based on ligand). Elemental analysis data calcd for  $[Cu_{24}L_8(H_2O)_{24}]\cdot 24H_2O$ , 2a  $_{20}$  (C<sub>288</sub>H<sub>192</sub>O<sub>144</sub>Cu<sub>24</sub>, fw = 7481.71): C 46.23, H 2.59%; found: C 46.02, H 2.42%. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3420, 3082, 2923, 2360, 2341, 1698, 1615, 1583, 1557, 1428, 1372, 1303, 1261, 1117, 1012, 914, 878, 771, 726, 678, 535.

#### Crystallographic data collection and refinement of the structure

A single crystal of **1** was coated with paratone oil. The diffraction data were measured at 100 K with synchrotron radiation ( $\lambda = 0.77489$  Å) on a 4AMXW ADSC Quantum-210 detector with a Pt-coated Si double crystal monochromator at the Pohang Accelerator Laboratory, Korea. The ADSC Quantum-210 <sup>s</sup> ADX program<sup>S1</sup> was used for data collection, and HKL2000 (Ver. 0.98.698a)<sup>S2</sup> was used for cell refinement, reduction and absorption correction. A single crystal of **2** was coated with paratone oil. The diffraction data were measured with Mo K $\alpha$  radiation on a Bruker SMART CCD equipped with a graphite-crystal, incident-beam monochromator. The SMART and SAINT software packages<sup>S3</sup> were used for data collection and integration, respectively. The collected data were corrected for absorbance <sup>10</sup> using SADABS<sup>S4</sup> based upon Laue symmetry using equivalent reflections.

Crystal structure analysis of  $[Zn_{24}L_8(H_2O)_{24}]$ , **1**: A colorless block crystal,  $0.60 \times 0.40 \times 0.40 \text{ mm}^3$ ,  $Zn_{24}C_{288}H_{144}O_{120}$ ,  $M = 7092.91 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$ , cubic, space group Fm-3m (space group # 225), a = 42.854(5)Å,  $V = 78\ 699(16)$  Å<sup>3</sup>, T = 100(2) K, Z = 4,  $\mu$  (synchrotron,  $\lambda = 0.77489$  Å) = 0.752 mm<sup>-1</sup>, 147 398 reflections were collected, 4347 were unique [R<sub>int</sub> = 0.0576]. The crystal structure was solved by direct <sup>15</sup> methods and refined by full-matrix least-squares calculations with the SHELXTL-PLUS software package.<sup>S5</sup> Two zinc and two ligated water sites with a quarter site occupancy, and 1/6 ligand unit, and one lattice water molecule in a crystallographic m-3m symmetry site were identified as an asymmetric unit. (The ligated water molecules could be partially identified solvent DMF molecules.) All nonhydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically; all hydrogen atoms except those attached to the <sup>28</sup> ligated water molecules were assigned isotropic displacement coefficients U(H) = 1.2U, and their coordinates were allowed to ride on their respective atoms. The hydrogen atoms of the ligated water molecules were not included in the least-squares refinement. The refinement converged to a final R1 = 0.1123, and wR2 = 0.3703 for 3655 reflections of I > 2 $\sigma$ (I). The structure refinement was further performed after modification of the data for electron density for the solvent cavity including a lattice solvent molecule (58 750 Å<sup>3</sup>, 74.7% (without ligated water: 59 607 Å<sup>3</sup>, 75.7%)) with the *SQUEEZE* routine of PLATON,<sup>S6</sup> which led to better refinement and data convergence. Refinement of the structure converged at a final R1 = 0.0653, wR2 = 0.2344 for 3890 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ , R1 = 0.0699, wR2 = 0.2434 for all 4347 reflections. The largest difference peak and hole were 0.380 and  $-0.528 \text{ e}\cdot\text{Å}^{-3}$ , respectively.

Crystal structure analysis of  $[Cu_{24}L_8(H_2O)_{24}]$ , **2**: A pale blue block crystal,  $0.35 \times 0.33 \times 0.13 \text{ mm}^3$ ,  $Cu_{24}C_{288}H_{144}O_{120}$ ,  $M = 7048.99 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$ , cubic, space group Fm-3m (space group # 225), a = 42.833(3) Å, V = 78 583(10) Å<sup>3</sup>, T = 173(2) K, Z = 4,  $\mu$  (Mo K $\alpha$ ,  $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ Å}$ ) = 0.670 mm<sup>-1</sup>, 95 044

<sup>10</sup> reflections were collected, 3375 were unique [ $R_{int} = 0.1675$ ]. The crystal structure was solved by direct methods and refined by full-matrix least-squares calculations with the SHELXTL-PLUS software package.<sup>85</sup> Two copper and two ligated water sites with a quarter site occupancy, and 1/6 ligand unit were identified as an asymmetric unit (The ligated water molecules could be partially identified solvent DMF molecules.). All nonhydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically; all hydrogen atoms except those attached to the ligated water molecules were assigned isotropic displacement coefficients U(H) = 1.2U, and their coordinates were allowed to ride on their respective atoms. The hydrogen atoms of the ligated water molecules were not included in the least-squares refinement. The refinement converged to a final R1 = 0.1737, and wR2 = 0.4664 for 2826 reflections of I > 2 $\sigma$ (I). The structure refinement was further performed after modification of the data for electron density for the solvent  $z_0$  cavity (58 583 Å<sup>3</sup>, 74.6% (without ligated water: 58 583 Å<sup>3</sup>, 77.2%)) with the *SQUEEZE* routine of PLATON,<sup>56</sup> which led to better refinement and data convergence. Refinement of the structure converged at a final R1 = 0.0944, *wR*2 = 0.1721 for 2860 reflections with I > 2 $\sigma$ (I), *R*1 = 0.1228, *wR*2 = 0.1846 for all 3375 reflections. The largest difference peak and hole were 0.488 and  $-1.679 \text{ e}\cdot\text{Å}^{-3}$ , respectively.

A summary of the crystal and intensity data is given in Tables S1 and S2. CCDC 707996 and 722583 contain the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. The data can be obtained free <sup>5</sup> of charge at www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/conts/retrieving.html or from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre, 12, Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK.

#### Gas sorption measurements

**1a** for gas sorption measurement was prepared by presoaking in DMA for 2 days, in methylene <sup>10</sup> chloride for a day, and then vacuum-drying overnight at ambient temperature. **2a** was prepared by presoaking in DMF for 2 weeks, in methanol for 2 days, and then vacuum-drying for 15 hours at 150 °C. The low-pressure gas sorption isotherms for **1a** and **2a** were measured with a BELSORP-mini II (BEL Japan, Inc.) in a standard volumetric technique up to 1 atm at 77 K and 87 K. A part of the N<sub>2</sub> sorption isotherm in the P/P<sub>0</sub> range 0.0002–0.1111 was fitted to the BET equation to estimate the BET <sup>15</sup> surface area and the Langmuir surface area calculation was performed using all data points. The highpressure H<sub>2</sub> adsorption experiments were conducted using a volumetric sorption analyzer HPVA-100 (VTI Corporation) equipped with a rotary vane pump (DUO 5 M, PFEIFFER) and a turbomolecular drag pump (TMH 064/TMU 064, Pfeiffer). The sample holder consisted of a sample cell and tube equipped with a diaphragm valve (6LV-DSBW4, Swagelok). The two assemblies were connected via <sup>28</sup> filter gasket (SS-4-VCR-2-.5M, Swagelok) and the materials of construction are all 316 stainless steel. Around 0.6 g of sample was transferred to the sample cell and outgassing was performed overnight at 180 °C for 6 h under a high vacuum (~0.001 Pa). Upon completion of outgassing, the sample cell was

recharged with helium (99.999%) to measure the loading amount of the dehydrated sample, which was calculated from the weight difference between the blank and sample-loaded cell. The activation described above was then repeated, and gas sorption was performed. High purity hydrogen (99.999) obtained from Korea Gas Co. During the sorption measurements, the sample cell was immersed in a <sup>5</sup> cryogenic dewar at 77 K. The total H<sub>2</sub> uptake was calculated using the following equation,<sup>S7</sup>

$$N_{\text{total}} = N_{\text{excess}} + (V_{\text{pore}} \times d_{\text{H2,gas}} \times 100)$$

where  $N_{\text{total}}$  (wt%) is the total uptake amount of H<sub>2</sub>,  $N_{\text{excess}}$  (wt%) is the surface excess uptake amount of H<sub>2</sub>,  $V_{\text{pore}}$  (cm<sup>3</sup>/g) is the crystallographic pore volume, and  $d_{\text{H2,gas}}$  (g/cm<sup>3</sup>) is the density of H<sub>2</sub> gas as a function of pressure at 77 K.<sup>S8</sup>

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Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement for  $[Zn_{24}L_8(H_2O)_{24}]$ , 1.

$C_{288}H_{144}O_{120}Zn_{24}$	
7092.91	
100(2) K	
0.77489 Å	
Cubic	
Fm-3m	
a = 42.854(5) Å	<i>α</i> = 90°.
b = 42.854(5)  Å	β= 90°.
c = 42.854(5)  Å	γ= 90°.
78699(16) Å <sup>3</sup>	
4	
0.599 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
$0.752 \text{ mm}^{-1}$	
14368	
$0.60\times0.40\times0.40~mm^3$	
2.26 to 30.25°.	
-55 <= h <= 55, -55 <= 1	$k \le 55, -55 \le 1 \le 55$
147398	
4347 [R(int) = 0.0566]	
99.1%	
Empirical	
0.7530 and 0.6611	
Full-matrix least-squares	on F <sup>2</sup>
4347 / 0 / 99	
1.136	
R1 = 0.0653, wR2 = 0.23	44
R1 = 0.0699, wR2 = 0.24	34
0.00045(7)	
$0.380 \text{ and } -0.528 \text{ e.}\text{\AA}^{-3}$	
	C <sub>288</sub> H <sub>144</sub> O <sub>120</sub> ZH <sub>24</sub> 7092.91 100(2) K 0.77489 Å Cubic <i>Fm-3m</i> a = 42.854(5) Å b = 42.854(5) Å c = 42.854(5) Å 78699(16) Å <sup>3</sup> 4 0.599 Mg/m <sup>3</sup> 0.752 mm <sup>-1</sup> 14368 0.60 × 0.40 × 0.40 mm <sup>3</sup> 2.26 to 30.25°. $-55 \le h \le 55, -55 \le 147398$ 4347 [R(int) = 0.0566] 99.1% Empirical 0.7530 and 0.6611 Full-matrix least-squares 4347 / 0 / 99 1.136 R1 = 0.0653, wR2 = 0.23 R1 = 0.0699, wR2 = 0.24 0.00045(7) 0.380 and -0.528 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>

### Table S2. Crystal data and structure refinement for $[Cu_{24}L_8(H_2O)_{24}]$ , 2.

$C_{288}H_{144}O_{120}Cu_{24}$
7048.99
173(2) K
0.71073 Å
Cubic
Fm-3m
$a = 42.833(3) \text{ Å}$ $\alpha = 90^{\circ}.$
$b = 42.833(3) \text{ Å} \qquad \beta = 90^{\circ}.$
$c = 42.833(3) \text{ Å} \qquad \gamma = 90^{\circ}.$
78583(10) Å <sup>3</sup>
4
0.596 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>
$0.670 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
14112
$0.35 \times 0.33 \times 0.13 \text{ mm}^3$
1.58 to 24.99°.
$-50 \le h \le 34, -50 \le k \le 44, -50 \le l \le 50$
95044
3375 [R(int) = 0.1675]
99.7%
Semi-empirical from equivalents
0.9180 and 0.7993
Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
3375 / 2 / 103
1.273
R1 = 0.0944, $wR2 = 0.1721$
R1 = 0.1228, wR2 = 0.1846
$0.488 \text{ and } -1.679 \text{ e.}\text{Å}^{-3}$



Scheme S1. A  $C_3$  symmetric ligand (L<sup>6–</sup>) with three bdc units interlinked via the 1,3,5triethynylbenzene group and three schematic cuboctahedra, [(M<sub>2</sub>)<sub>12</sub>(bdc)<sub>24</sub>], where small gray balls <sup>5</sup> represent either Zn(II) or Cu(II) ions.



<sup>5</sup> **Fig. S1** Ball-and-stick diagrams of three different kinds of metal–organic polyhedra observed in **1**. (a) Metal–organic cuboctahedron. (b) Superoctahedron. (c) Supertetrahedron. The yellow balls inside the cavities represent the dummy balls showing the approximate cavity sizes.



<sup>5</sup> **Fig. S2** (a) Ball-and-stick diagram of two MOCs interconnected via quadruple covalent linkage, where the cyan ball depicts the Cu(II) ions in the paddle-wheel unit, the MOC is schematized using green balls and blue rods, and the quadruple covalent linkage is simplified using a red rod. (b) The diagram in (a) viewed in a slightly tilted direction. (c) The cubic close packing arrangement of the MOCs in **1** represented in a face-centered cubic lattice type arrangement.

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<sup>5</sup> **Fig. S3** Three different windows in the MOF 1: (a) and (b) the MOC has two different types of windows,  $C_3$ -symmetric triangular and  $C_4$ -symmetric square windows; (c) and (d) the superoctahedron has  $C_2$ -symmetric rectangular and  $C_4$ -symmetric square windows; and (e) and (f) the supertetrahedron has  $C_2$ -symmetric rectangular and  $C_3$ -symmetric square windows.



Fig. S4 VT PXRD of the framework 2.

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Fig. S5 Isotherms on 1a at 77 K for (a) N<sub>2</sub>, and for (b) H<sub>2</sub>.



Fig. S6 (a) H<sub>2</sub> sorption isotherms on 2a at 77 K and 87 K; (b) H<sub>2</sub> adsorption enthalpy on 2a.



Fig. S7 Comparison of the IR spectra of the frameworks, 2 and 2a.