Metal-assisted Salphen Organic Frameworks (MaSOFs) with High Surface Areas and Narrow Pore-Size Distribution

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General Remarks: Melting points (not corrected) were measured with a Büchi Melting Point B-545. IR-Spectra were recorded as KBr-pellets on a Perkin Elmer Spectrum 2000 FT-IR spectrometer. Thermal gravimetric analyses were measured on a Mettler Toledo, TGA/SDTA 851 with a heating rate of 10 °C/min and a nitrogen (or oxygen) flow of 50 mL/min. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DRX 400 at 278 K at 400 MHz (¹H) and 100 MHz (¹³C) or on a Bruker DRX 500 at 500 MHz (¹H) or 125 MHz (¹³C). ¹³C MAS NMR spectra were measured on a Bruker DS400WB calibrated on adamantane as external standard (38.48 ppm) with the pulse program CP4C.98 (parameters are as follows: rotational frequence: 10 KHz and 12KHz, 7000 scans, D1: 3s, Aq: 50ms, contact puls: 4ms, broadband decoupling: TPPM, BF1: 100.564993 MHz, O1p 100ppm, SW 267.3 ppm, BF2 399.94, O2p: 8ppm, p3: 3us).⁵¹ MALDI-TOF MS experiments were carried out on a Bruker Daltonik Reflex III with DCTB (98.5%, Aldrich) as matrix. Elemental analyses were determined with an Elementar Vario EL. PXRDmeasurements were taken on a PANalytical X'Pert MPD Pro using copper radiation ($K_{\alpha 1}$ =1.5405980 Å). The surface areas and porosities of cage compounds were characterized by nitrogen adsorption and desorption analysis at 77.35 K with an autosorb computer controlled surface analyzer (AUTOSORB-1, Quantachrome). Each sample was degassed at 200 °C for 24 h before analysed. The Brunauer-Emmett-Teller (BET) surface area was calculated assuming a value of 0.162 nm² for the cross-sectional area of the nitrogen molecules in the pressure range $P/P_0 = 0.01-0.1$. The Non linear– differential function theory (NL-DFT model) and isotherm data were used to calculate the pore size distribution. Salicylaldehydes 1 and 4 were synthesized by procedures published before.⁵²

Synthesis of nickel salphen 3a: In a screw-capped vessel salicylaldehyde **1** (116 mg, 0.32 mmol), *o*-phenylenediamine **2** (20 mg, 0.18 mmol) and nickel acetate tetrahydrate (48 mg, 0.17 mmol) were suspended in ethanol (8 mL) and heated to 100 °C for 17 h. After cooling to room temperature, the red colored precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with ethanol (2 x 2 mL) and dried in vacuum (9.7·10⁻² mbar) to give 112 mg (82%) of nickel salphen **3a** as wine red solid. Mp. > 410 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d6, 375 K) δ (ppm) = 8.61 (s, 2H), 8.06 (dd, *J* = 6.3, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 12H), 7.27-7.17 (m, 20H), 7.02 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 165.5, 154.4, 146.6, 142.8, 139.9, 134.3, 133.4, 131.1, 127.6, 127.2, 126.1, 121.3, 118.7, 114.9, 64.0. FT-IR (KBr) \tilde{v} (cm⁻¹) = 3054 (w), 3026 (w), 1616 (vs), 1600 (s), 1574 (s), 1520 (s), 1490 (s), 1459 (s), 1445(m), 1419 (w), 1389 (w), 1360 (w), 1335 (w), 1255 (w), 1189 (m), 1164 (w), 1111 (w), 1083 (w), 1035 (w), 1001 (w), 969 (w), 943 (w), 834 (m), 744 (m), 706 (s), 647 (w), 632 (m), 563 (m), 541 (m), 506 (w). MALDI-TOF MS (DCTB) m/z = 856 (M⁺), Elemental analysis calcd. for C₅₈H₄₂N₂NiO₂: C 81.22 H 4.94 N 3.27, found 80.95 H 4.93 N 3.23

Synthesis of zinc salphen 3b: In a screw-capped vessel salicylaldehyde **1** (110 mg, 0.30 mmol), *o*-phenylenediamine **2** (19 mg, 0.18 mmol) and zinc acetate dihydrate (33 mg, 0.15 mmol) were suspended in ethanol (6 mL) and heated to 80 °C for 3d. After cooling to room temperature, the bright yellow precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with ethanol (3 x 1 mL) and dried in vacuum (9.7 $\cdot 10^{-2}$ mbar) to give 90 mg (69%) of zinc salphen **3b** as bright yellow solid. Mp. 350 °C (dec.). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d6, 375 K): δ = 8.70 (s, 1H), 8.00-7.58 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.12 (m, 18H), 7.04-6.91 (m, 1H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 1.85 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-d6): δ = 170.5, 162.0, 146.5, 139.0, 136.9, 136.1, 130.1, 130.0, 127.0, 126.5, 125.2, 121.9, 117.6, 115.9, 63.3. FT-IR (KBr) \tilde{v} (cm⁻¹) = 3055 (w), 3026 (w), 1615 (vs), 1581 (m), 1519 (m), 1474 (m), 1445(m), 1419 (m), 1383 (m), 1286 (w), 1174 (m), 1035 (w), 834 (m), 747 (m), 703 (s), 646 (w), 624 (m), 546 (m). MALDI-TOF

MS (DCTB) m/z = 863 (M)⁺, 886 (M+Na)⁺, 1726 (2M)⁺, 1749 (2M+Na)⁺.Elemental analysis calcd. for $C_{58}H_{42}N_2ZnO_2 \cdot H_2O$: C 78.95 H 5.05 N 3.17, found 78.82 H 4.94 N 3.15

Synthesis of MaSOF-1: In a screw-capped vessel tetrakis salicylaldehyde **4** (25 mg, 0.05 mmol), ophenylenediamine **2** (11 mg) and nickel acetate tetrahydrate (29 mg) were suspended in DMF (4 mL) and heated without stirring at 100 °C for 3d. The mixture was cooled to room temperature and the dark red solid collected on a Büchner funnel. The solid was extensively washed with several portions of ethanol until the extraction solution shows no further coloration. Drying in air gives 56 mg of **MaSOF-1as**. The brown-red solid was further dried at 200 °C in high vacuum, resulting in 38 mg (98%) of **MaSOF-1as**. The brown solid. ¹³C MAS NMR: δ (ppm) = 166, 159-153, 147-110, 62. FT-IR (KBr) \tilde{v} (cm⁻¹) = 3429 (br, s), 1612 (vs), 1576 (s), 1523 (s), 1489 (s), 1464 (s), 1416 (w), 1377 (w), 1321 (w), 1255 (w), 1195 (m), 814 (m), 751 (m), 642 (w), 550 (m). Elemental analysis calcd. for C₄₁H₂₄N₄Ni₂O₄·2/3DMF·7H₂O (**MaSOF-1as**): C 55.60 H 4.63 N 7.04, found 55.53 H 3.86 N 7.03.

Synthesis of MaSOF-2: In a screw-capped vessel tetrakis salicylaldehyde **4** (26 mg, 0.05 mmol), ophenylenediamine **2** (11 mg) and zinc acetate dihydrate (24 mg) were suspended in DMF (4 mL) and heated without stirring at 100 °C for 3d. The mixture was cooled to room temperature and the bright yellow solid collected on a Büchner funnel. The solid was extensively washed with several portions of ethanol until the extraction solution shows no further coloration. yellow solid was further dried at 200 °C in high vacuum, resulting in 35 mg (91%) of **MaSOF-2** as yellow powder. ¹³C MAS NMR: δ (ppm) = 166, 159-153, 146-109, 61. FT-IR (KBr) \tilde{v} (cm⁻¹) = 3434 (br, s), 2924 (w), 1615 (vs), 1582 (m), 1523 (m), 1473 (m), 1381 (m), 1308 (w), 1177 (m), 747 (m), 634 (m), Elemental analysis calcd. for C₄₁H₂₄N₄Zn₂O₄·1/3DMF·3H₂O (**MaSOF-1as**): C 59.64 H 3.85 N 7.18, found 59.63 H 3.90 N 7.58.



Figure S2. ¹³C NMR spectrum (125 MHz, DMSO-d6)of 3a.



Figure S3. MALDI TOF mass spectrum of 3a.



Figure S4. TGA of 3a in nitrogen atmosphere.



Figure S5. ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, DMSO-d6) of **3b**.



Figure S6. ¹³C NMR spectrum (125 MHz, DMSO-d6)of 3b.



Figure S7. MALDI TOF mass spectrum of 3b.



Figure S8. FT-IR spectrum of 3b.



Figure S9. ¹³C MAS NMR spectrum of MaSOF-1.



Figure S10. TGA of as synthesized MaSOF-1 measured in N₂-atmosphere.



Figure S11. TGA of " activated" MaSOF-1 measured in N₂-atmosphere.



Figure S12. TGA of MaSOF-1 measured in O₂-atmosphere.







Figure S14. Langmuir plot of nitrogen sorption of MaSOF-1 at 77K.



Figure S15. Horvath-Kawazoe model derived pore size distribution of MaSOF-1.



Figure S16. ¹³C MAS NMR spectrum of MaSOF-2.



Figure S17. FT-IR spectrum of as-synthesized MaSOF-2.



Figure S18. FT-IR spectrum of "activated" MaSOF-2.



Figure S19. TGA of as synthesized MaSOF-2 measured N₂-atmosphere.



Figure S20. Nitrogen sorption of MaSOF-2 at 77K.







Figure S22. Langmuir plot of nitrogen sorption of MaSOF-2 at 77K.



Figure S23. NL-DFT derived pore size distribution of MaSOF-2.



Figure S24. HK derived pore size distribution of MaSOF-2.



Figure S25. Comparison of hydrogen adsorption of MaSOF-1 and MaSOF-2 at 77 K and 87 K.



Figure S26. Heat of hydrogen adsorption of MaSOF-1 and MaSOF-2 at 77 K and 87 K.

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