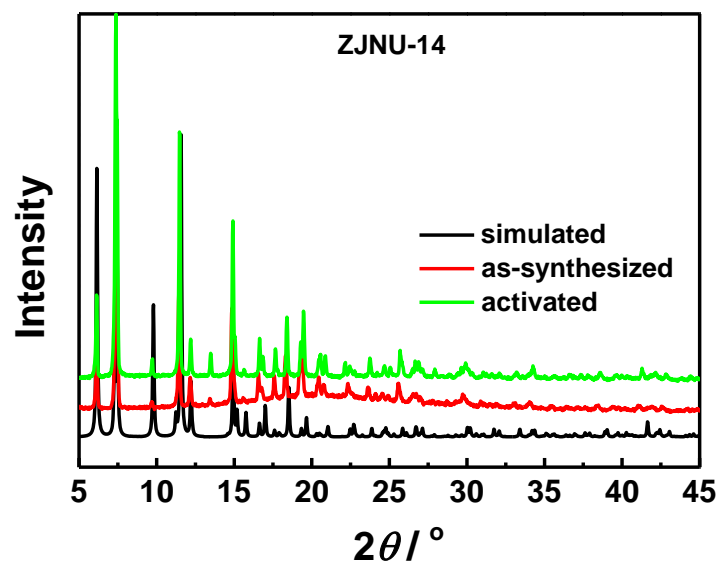


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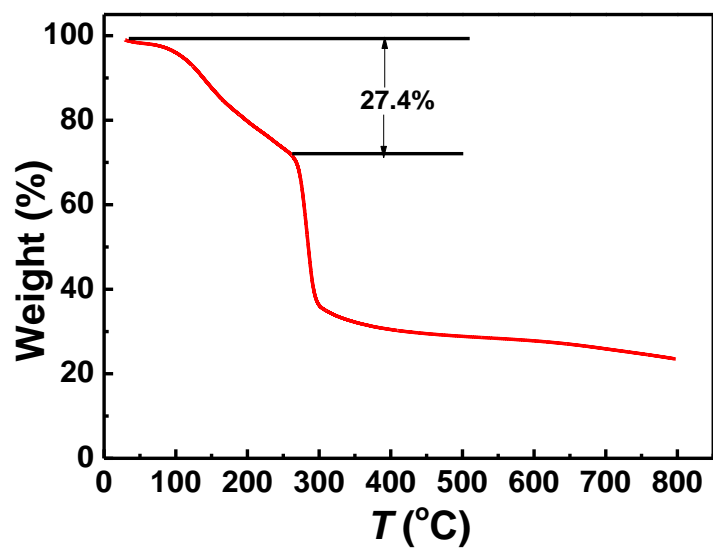
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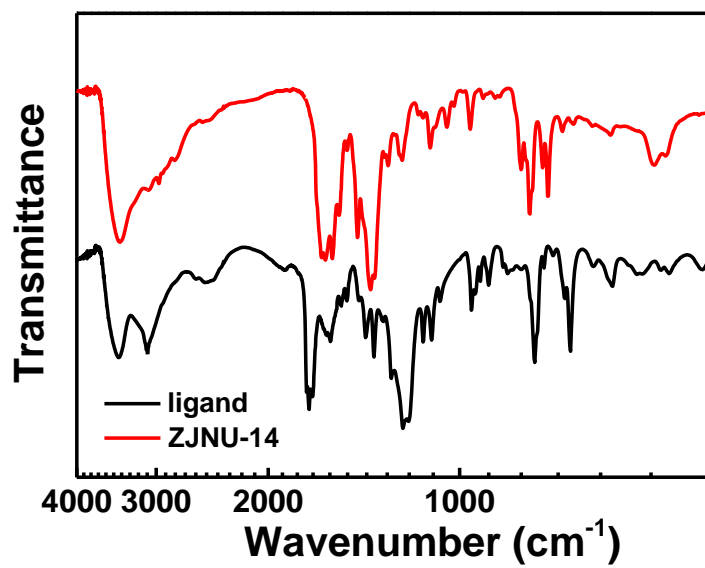
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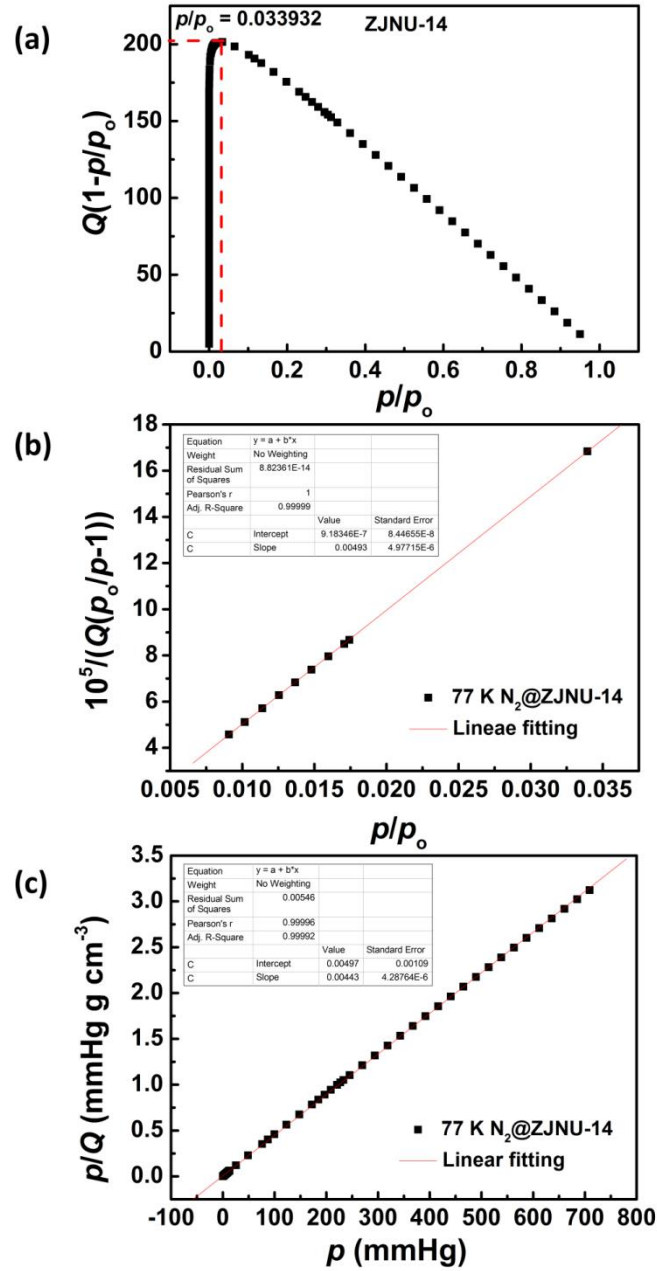
**Fig. S1** PXRD patterns of ZJNU-14



**Fig. S2** TGA curve of as-synthesized **ZJNU-14** under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere



**Fig. S3** Comparison of FTIR spectra of the ligand (black) and as-synthesized ZJNU-14 (red).



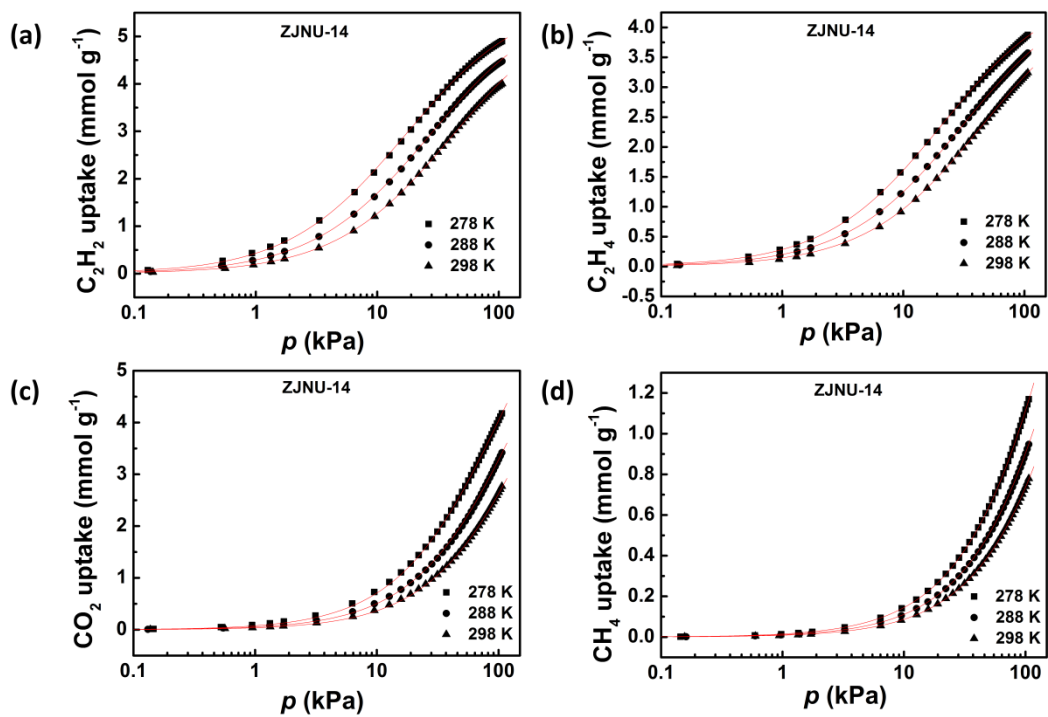
$$S_{\text{BET}} = 1/(9.18346 \times 10^{-7} + 0.00493)/22414 \times 6.023 \times 10^{23} \times 0.162 \times 10^{-18} = 883 \text{ m}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$$

$$S_{\text{Langmuir}} = (1/0.00443)/22414 \times 6.023 \times 10^{23} \times 0.162 \times 10^{-18} = 983 \text{ m}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$$

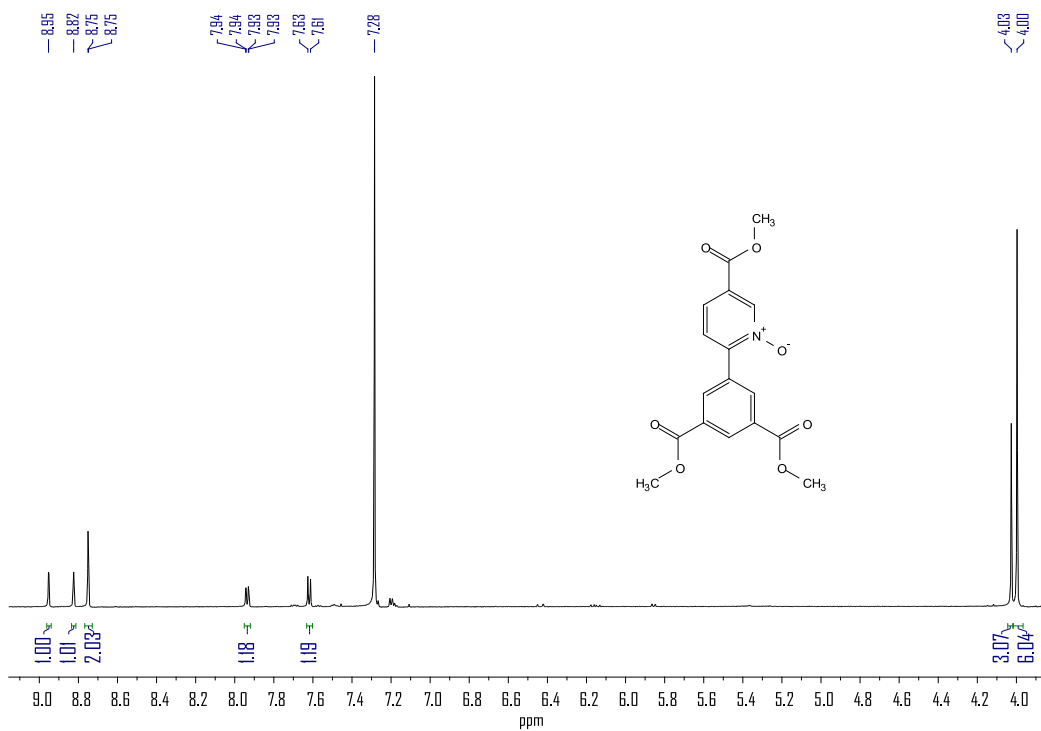
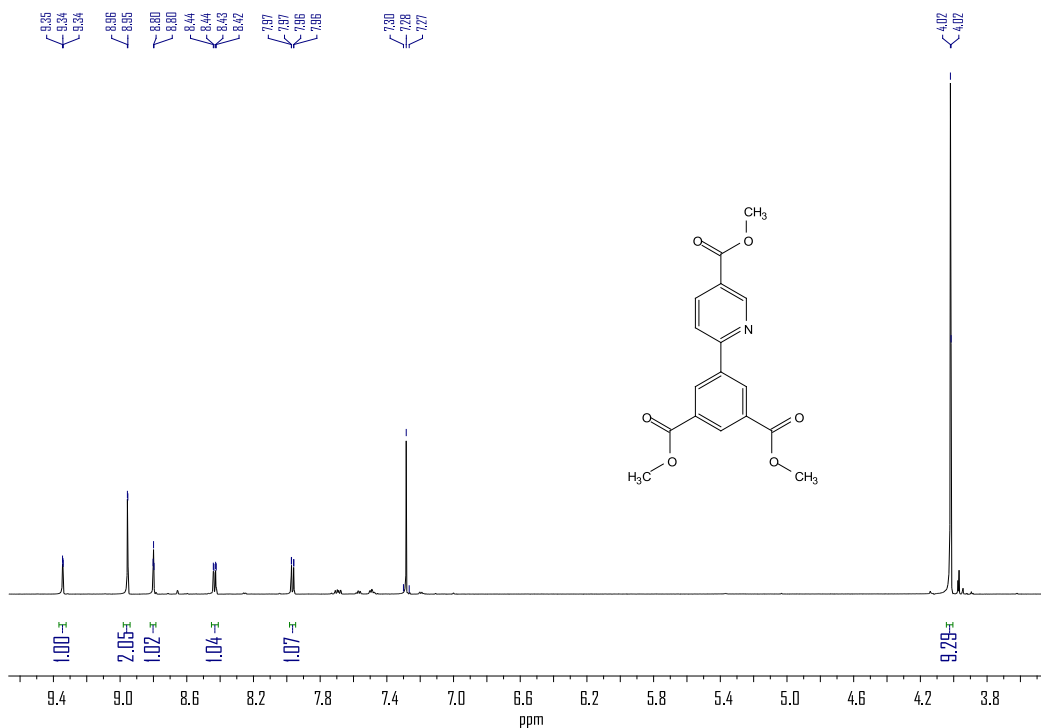
$$\text{BET constant } C = 1 + 0.00493/9.18346 \times 10^{-7} = 5369$$

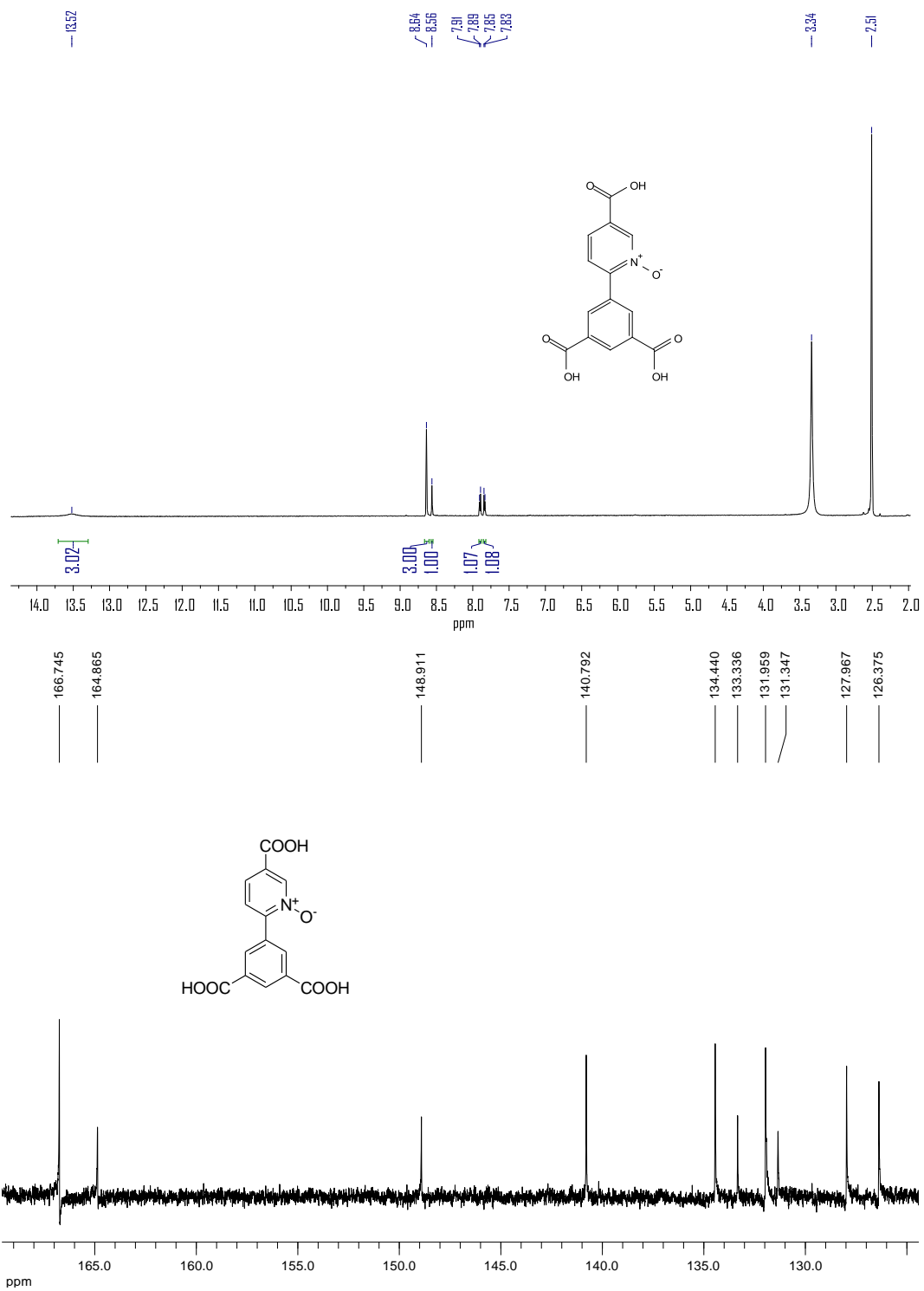
$$(p/p_o)_{n_m} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{C+1}} = 0.013463$$

**Fig. S4** The consistency plot (a), BET surface area plot (b), and Langmuir surface area plot (c) for ZJNU-14.



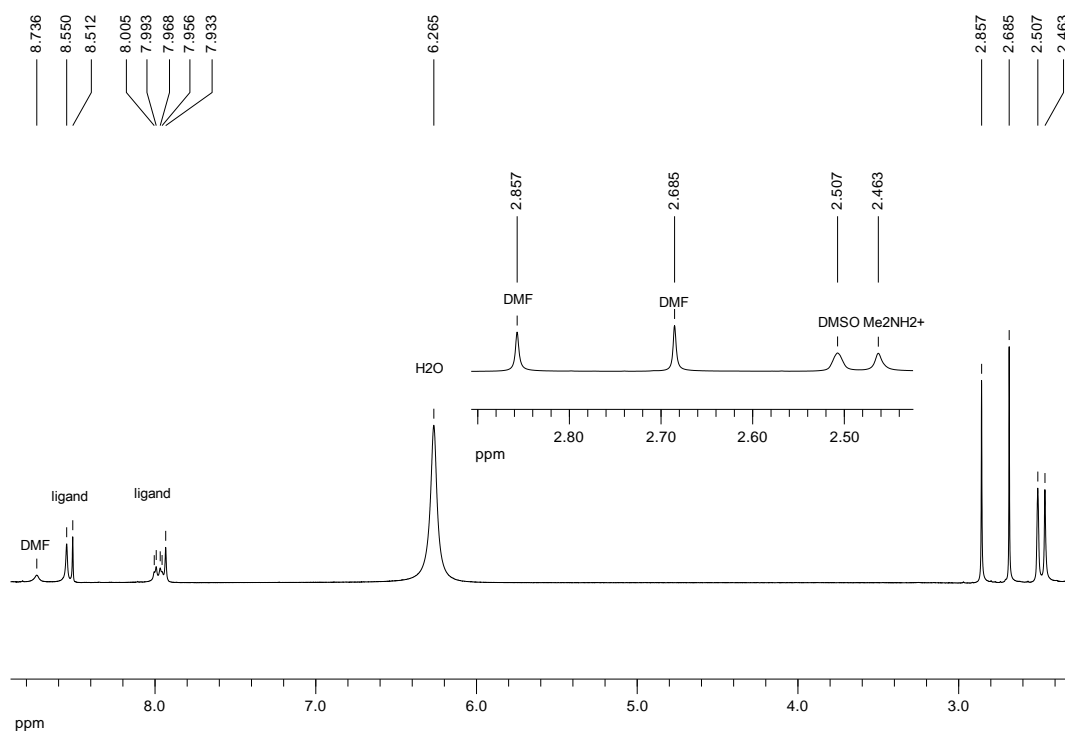
**Fig. S5** Comparison of the pure-component isotherm data for (a) C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>, (b) C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, (c) CO<sub>2</sub>, and (d) CH<sub>4</sub> in **ZJNU-14** with the fitted isotherms at 278 K, 288 K, and 298 K.





**Fig. S6** <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra.





**Fig. S7**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of HCl-digested **ZJNU-14** in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$

**Table S1** Crystal data and structure refinement for **ZJNU-14**.

MOF	ZJNU-14
Empirical formula	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>23</sub> CuN <sub>3</sub> O <sub>9</sub>
Formula weight	500.94
Temperature (K)	150(2)
$\lambda$ (Å)	0.71073
Crystal system	Trigonal
Space group	<i>R</i> 32: <i>H</i>
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 18.0487(5)$ Å $b = 18.0487(5)$ Å $c = 36.3959(11)$ Å $\alpha = 90^\circ$ $\beta = 90^\circ$ $\gamma = 120^\circ$
$V$ (Å <sup>3</sup> )	10267.7(6)
$Z$	18
$D_c$ (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )	1.458
$\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	1.010
$F(000)$	4662
$\theta$ range for data collection (°)	2.257 to 27.484
Limiting indices	$-20 \leq h \leq 23$ $-22 \leq k \leq 22$ $-38 \leq l \leq 47$
Reflections collected / unique	21204 / 5231
$R_{\text{int}}$	0.0287
Max. and min. transmission	0.898 and 0.879
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on $F^2$
Data/restraints/parameters	5231 / 0 / 209
Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$	1.004
Final $R$ indices [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ]	$R_1 = 0.0241$ $wR_2 = 0.0669$
$R$ indices (all data)	$R_1 = 0.026$ $wR_2 = 0.0682$
Largest diff. peak and hole (e <sup>-</sup> Å <sup>-3</sup> )	0.635 and -0.201
CCDC	2017484

**Table S2** Summarizes of physical parameters of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>, and CH<sub>4</sub>

Adsorbates	BP (K)	$T_c$ (K)	$p_c$ (bar)	Kinetic diameter (Å)	Molecular dimension (Å)	Polarizability ( $\times 10^{25}$ cm <sup>3</sup> )	Dipole moment ( $\times 10^{18}$ esu cm)	Quadruple moment ( $\times 10^{26}$ esu cm <sup>2</sup> )
C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub>	188.40	308.30	61.14	3.3	3.3×3.3×5.7	33.3-39.3	0	+7.5
C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	169.42	282.34	50.41	4.163	3.3×4.2×4.8	42.52	0	+1.50
CO <sub>2</sub>	194.65	304.12	73.74	3.3	3.2×3.3×5.4	29.11	0	-4.3
CH <sub>4</sub>	111.66	190.56	45.99	3.758	3.7×3.7×3.7	25.93	0	0

BP: normal boiling point;  $T_c$ : critical temperature;  $p_c$ : critical pressure

**Table S3** Langmuir-Freundlich parameters for adsorption of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>, and CH<sub>4</sub> in ZJNU-14.

Adsorbates	$q_{\text{sat}}$ (mmol g <sup>-1</sup> )	$b_0$ (kPa) <sup>-<math>\nu</math></sup>	$E$ (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> )	$\nu$	$R^2$
C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub>	5.85747	4.51642×10 <sup>-7</sup>	27.904	0.89438	0.99979
C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	4.7228	1.78752×10 <sup>-6</sup>	24.253	0.9055	0.99993
CO <sub>2</sub>	8.45182	2.41297×10 <sup>-7</sup>	24.365	1	0.99973
CH <sub>4</sub>	4.30221	1.37872×10 <sup>-6</sup>	18.112	1	0.99995

**Table S4** Summaries of gas adsorption properties of **ZJNU-14**

<b>ZJNU-14</b>		298 K	288 K	278 K
Uptake capacity <sup>a</sup> (cm <sup>3</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> , STP)	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub>	89.7	100.3	109.8
	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	72.7	80.1	86.9
	CO <sub>2</sub>	62.1	76.6	93.6
	CH <sub>4</sub>	17.5	21.2	26.2
IAST adsorption selectivity <sup>a</sup>	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> /C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (v/v, 1/1)	1.63	1.81	2.05
	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> /C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (v/v, 1/99)	1.59	1.75	1.95
	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> /CO <sub>2</sub> (v/v, 1/1)	3.42	3.46	3.48
	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> /CH <sub>4</sub> (v/v, 1/1)	21.9	27.3	35.4
$Q_{st}^b$ (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> )	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub>	35.0±0.3		
	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	31.5±0.1		
	CO <sub>2</sub>	28.1±0.7		
	CH <sub>4</sub>	19.2±0.7		

<sup>a</sup> at 1 atm; <sup>b</sup> at near zero surface coverage; STP = standard temperature and pressure