

Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)

Cationic Zr-based metal organic framework with enhanced acidic resistance for selective and efficient removal of CrO_4^{2-}

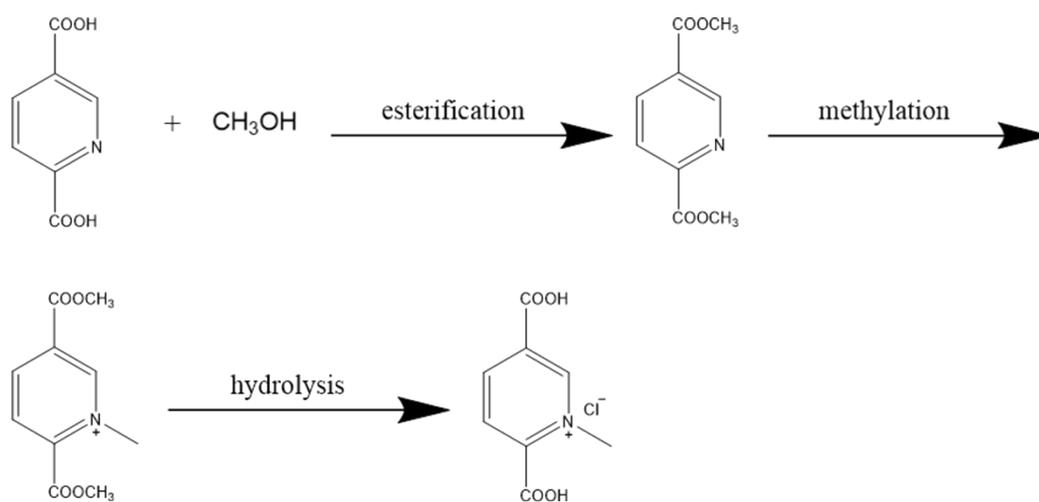
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Scheme.S1. Synthesis of Ligand me-PyDC.

Table.S1. Experimental parameters for synthesis of Zr-C-MOF.

number	ZrCl ₄ (mg)	me-PyDC (mg)	H ₂ O (μ L)	formic acid (μ L)	Product	Yield (mg)
1	26.5	25.0	4960	40	white power	25.1
2	26.5	25.0	4920	80	white power	24.1
3	26.5	25.0	4840	160	white power	27.1
4	26.5	25.0	4500	500	white power	20.8
5	26.5	25.0	4000	1000	white power	20.9
6	26.5	25.0	3000	2000	white power	3.7
7	26.5	25.0	2000	3000	no solid	0

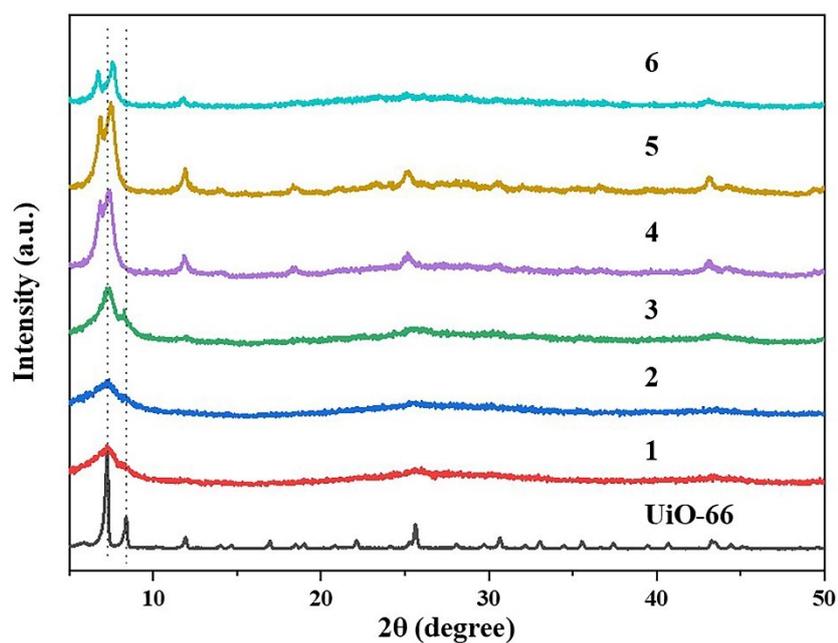


Fig.S1. Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) patterns of UiO-66 and product synthesized at different experimental parameters.

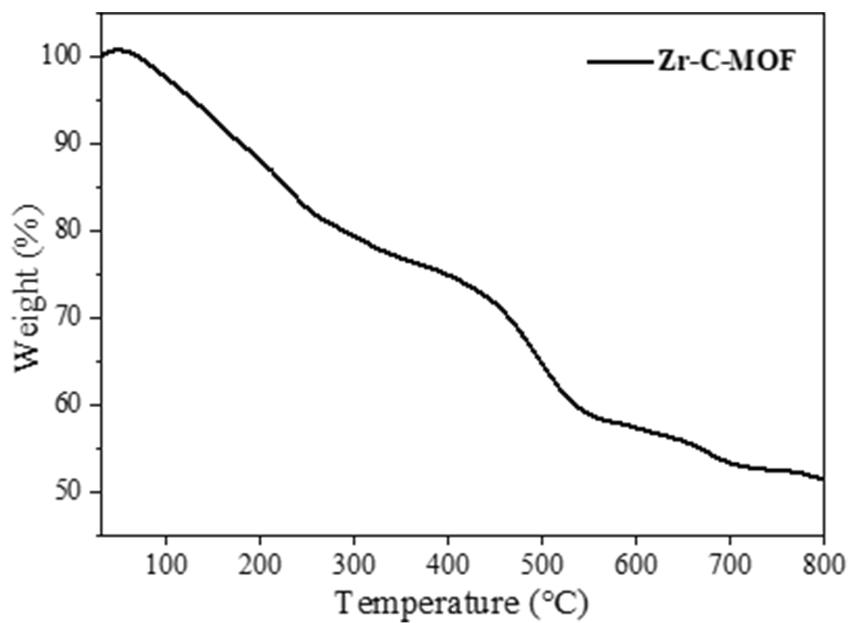
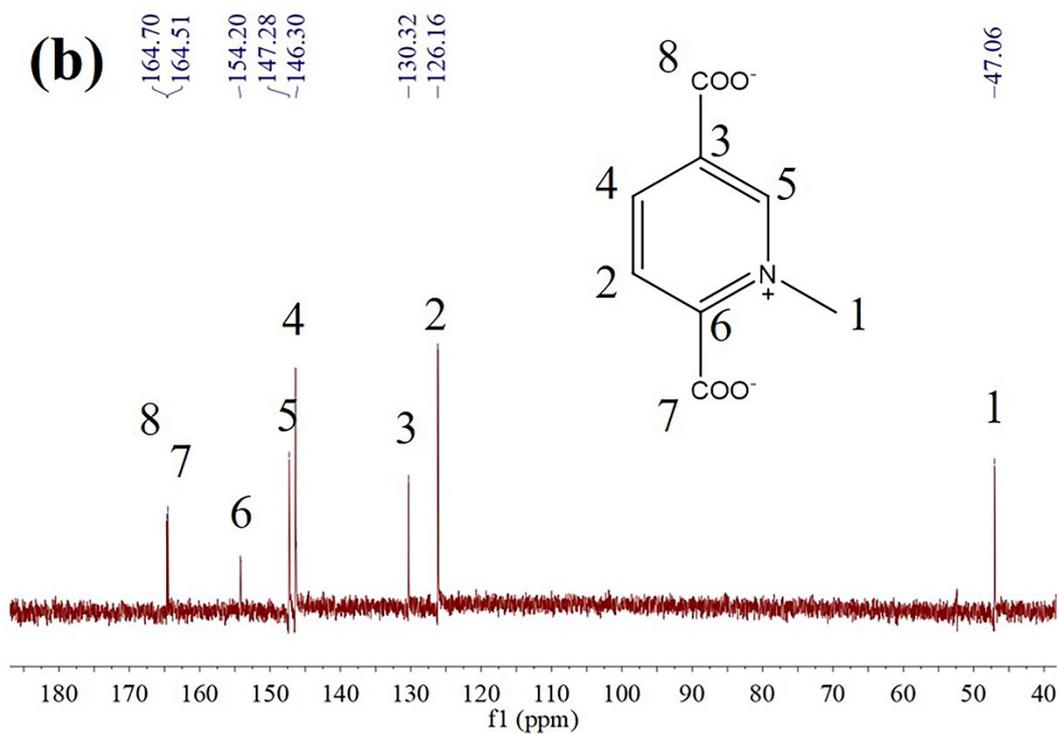
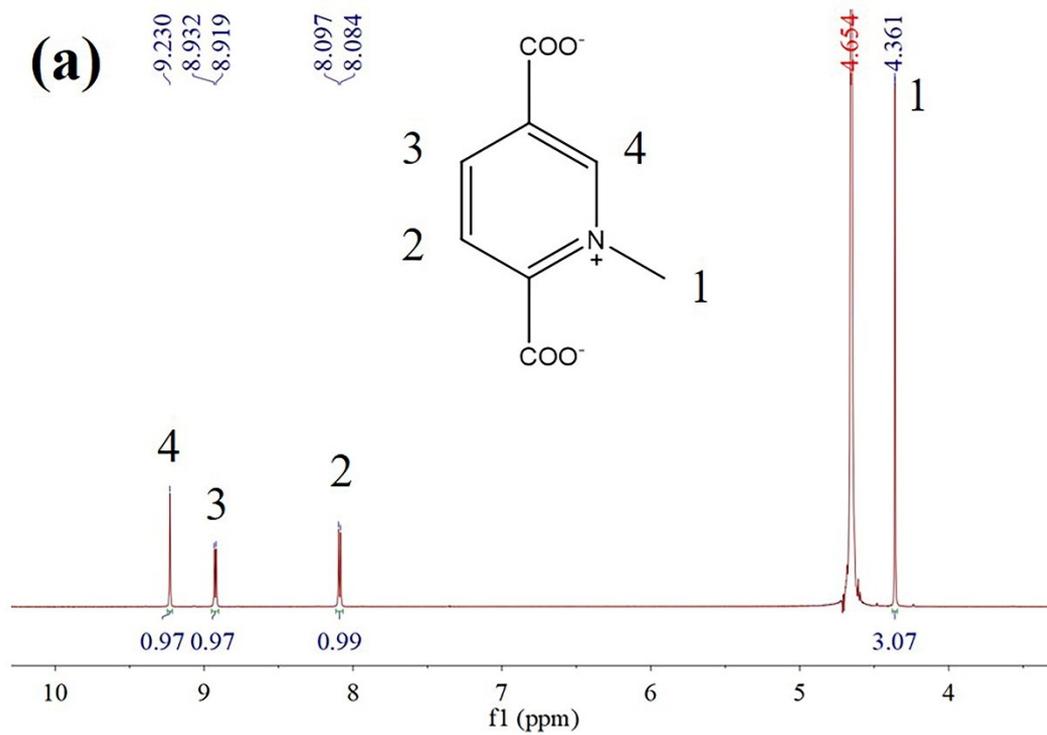


Fig.S2. TGA curves of Zr-C-MOF.

Table.S2. Elemental analysis of Zr-C-MOF.

Sample	C %	H %	N %
Zr-C-MOF	20.6	2.460	2.59



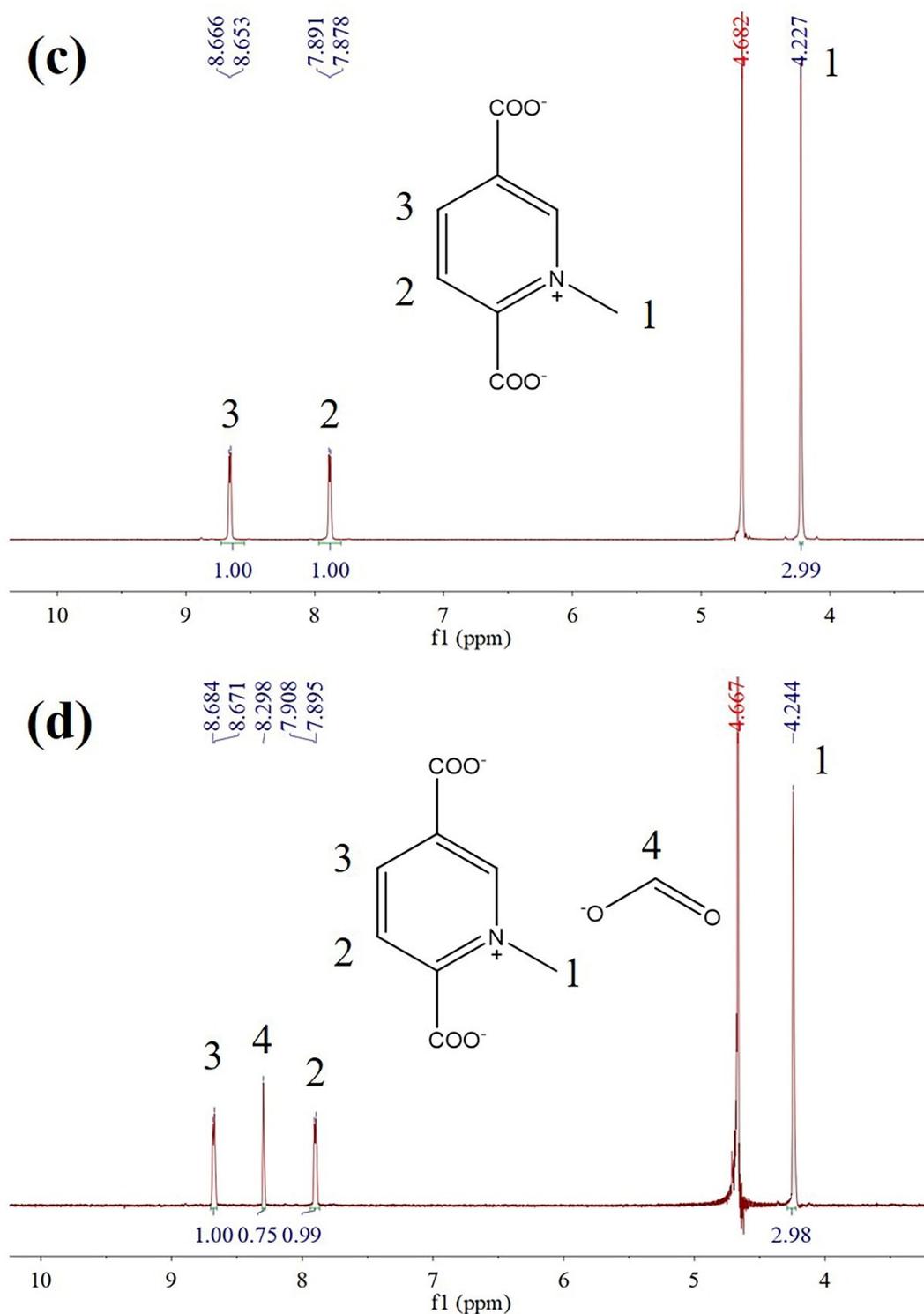


Fig.S3. 600 MHz ^1H -NMR, and 150 MHz ^{13}C -NMR spectra. **(a)** ^1H -NMR of me-PyDC (D_2O), $\delta=9.23$ (s, 1H), 8.92 (d, $J=7.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d, $J=7.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.36 ppm (s, 3H). **(b)** ^{13}C -NMR of me-PyDC (D_2O), $\delta=164.7$, 164.5, 154.2, 147.3, 146.3, 130.3, 126.2, 47.1 ppm. **(c)** ^1H -NMR of me-PyDC in 0.5 M KOH/ D_2O , $\delta=8.66$ (d, $J=7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, $J=7.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.23 ppm (s, 3H). **(d)** ^1H -NMR of Zr-C-MOF digested in

0.5 M KOH/D₂O, δ =8.67 (d, J=7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (s, 0.75H, H atom from formate), 7.90 (d, J=7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.24 ppm (s, 3H).

Note: Absence of H peak at 9.2 ppm in (c) and (d) compared with (a) was due to deuterium exchange induced by proximity to N-methyl group in alkaline solution

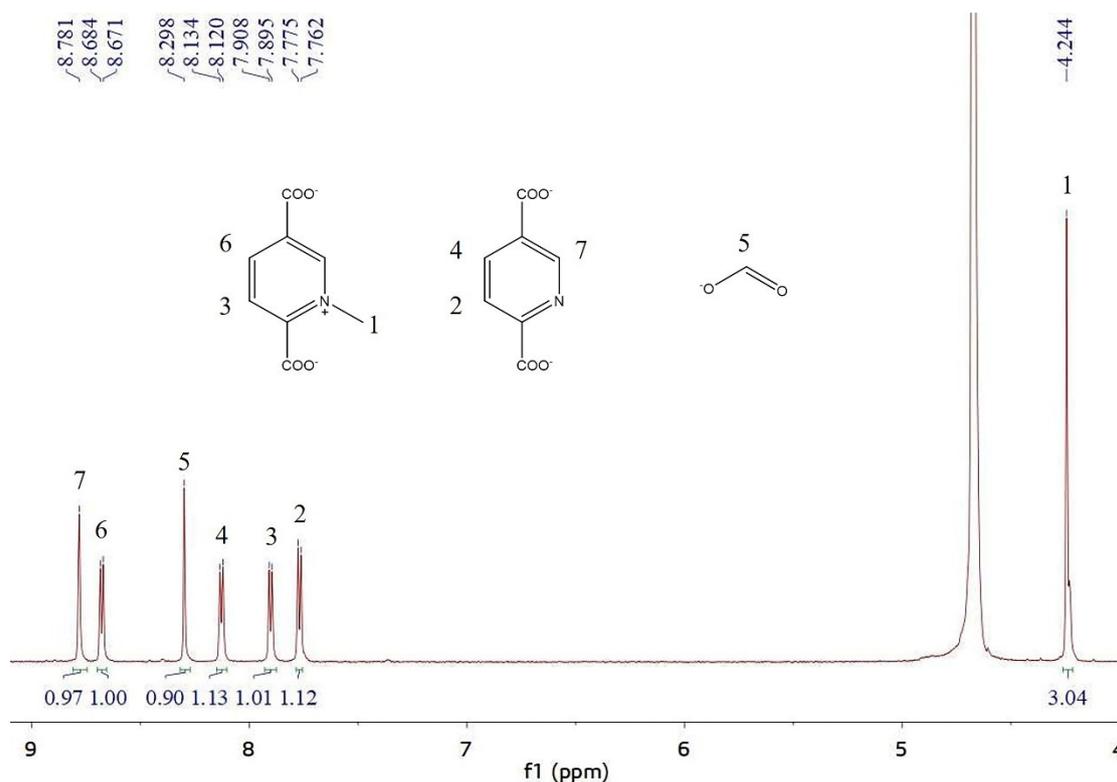


Fig.S4. 600 MHz ¹H-NMR spectra. ¹H-NMR of UiO-66-me-PyDC digested in 0.5 M KOH/D₂O, δ =8.78 (s, 1H), 8.68 (d, J=7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (s, 0.9H), 8.13 (d, J=7.8 Hz, 1.13 H), 7.90 (d, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, 7.8 Hz, 1.12H), 4.24 (s, 3H).

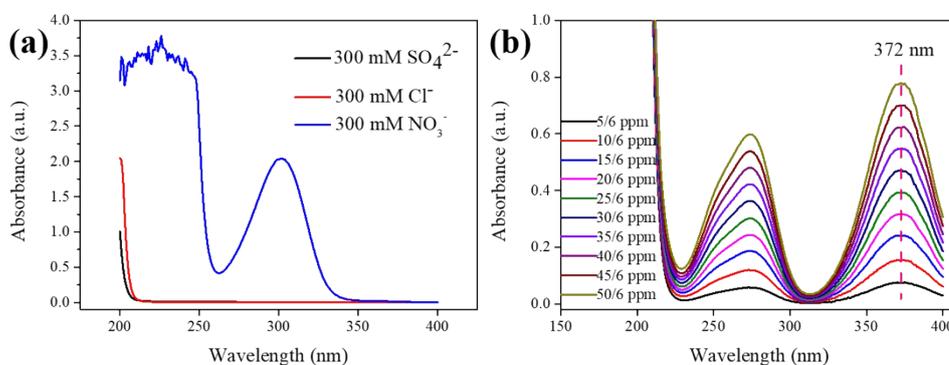


Fig.S5. UV-visible spectrum of (a) 300mol·L⁻¹ Cl⁻, NO₃⁻, SO₄²⁻ (b) CrO₄²⁻.

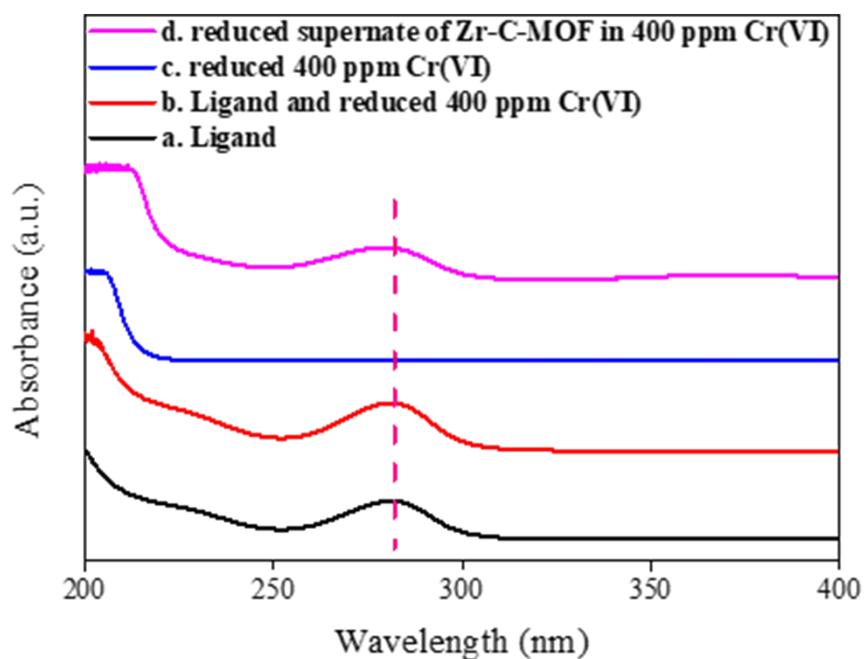


Fig.S6. UV-visible spectrum of **(a)** me-PyDC in water **(b)** me-PyDC and 400 ppm CrO_4^{2-} reduced by FeCl_2 **(c)** 400 ppm CrO_4^{2-} reduced by FeCl_2 **(d)** supernatant after adsorption by Zr-C-MOF in 400 ppm CrO_4^{2-} and further reduced by FeCl_2 . To avoid the peak of CrO_4^{2-} at 275 nm covering the peak of ligand, CrO_4^{2-} was reduced by FeCl_2 . All samples above were adjusted to pH=12, and centrifuged to afford clear solutions.

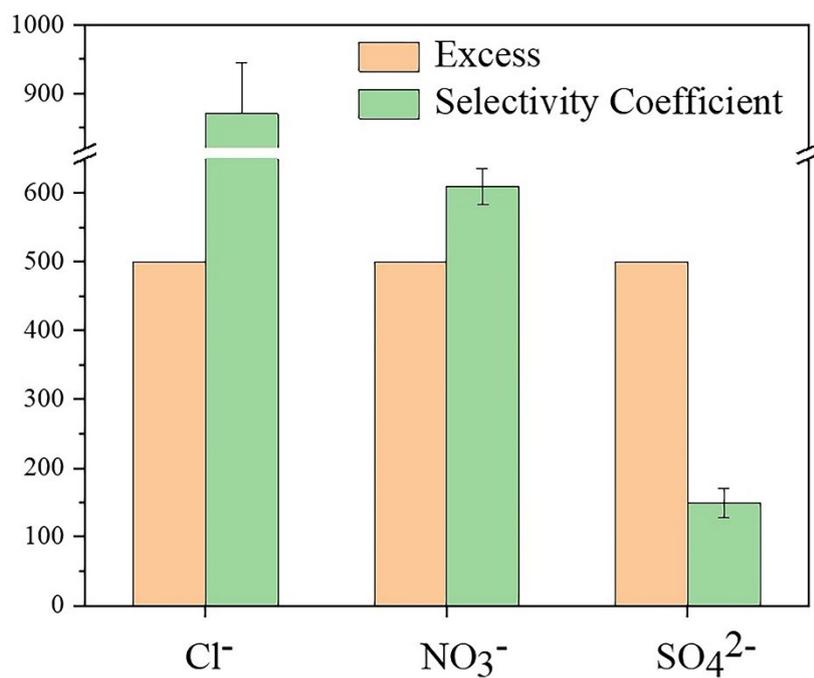


Fig.S7. Selectivity coefficient of Zr-C-MOF for Cr (VI) over other anion at 500-times excess.

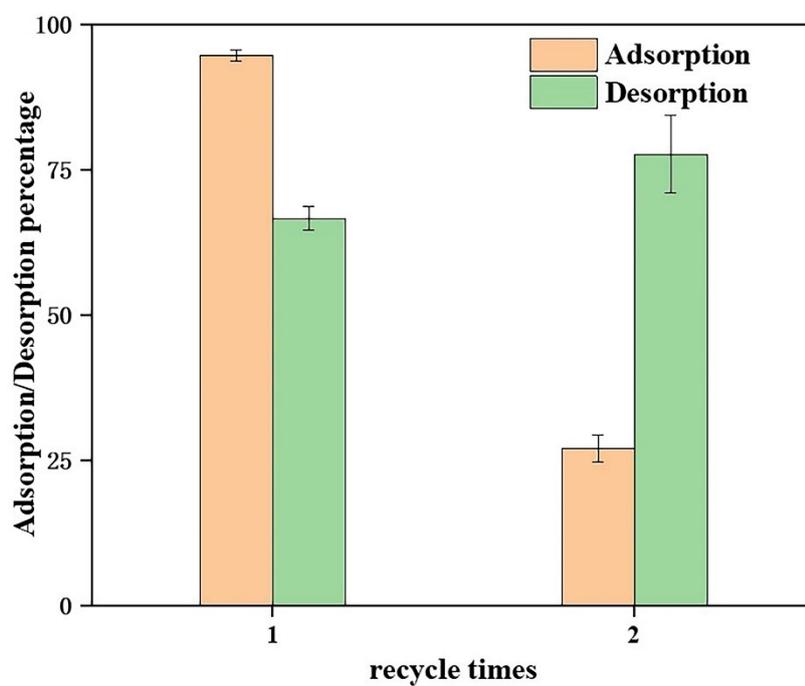


Fig.S8. Adsorption-Desorption experiment of cycling experiment

Table.S3. Fitting results based on the Pseudo-first-order kinetic and Pseudo-second-order kinetic models.

Sample	Pseudo-first-order kinetic model			Pseudo-second-order kinetic model		
	q_e (mg g^{-1})	k_1 (min^{-1})	R^2	q_e (mg g^{-1})	k_2 ($\text{g mg}^{-1} \text{min}^{-1}$)	R^2
Zr-C-MOF	49.49	13.46	0.78	49.65	9.20	>0.99

Table.S4. Fitting results based on the Langmuir and Freundlich models.

Sample	Langmuir			Freundlich		
	q_m ($\text{mg} \cdot \text{g}^{-1}$)	K_L ($\text{L} \cdot \text{mg}^{-1}$)	R^2	k_F ($\text{mg} \cdot \text{g}^{-1}$)	n	R^2
Zr-C-MOF	83.3	0.923	>0.99	23.7	2.41	0.69

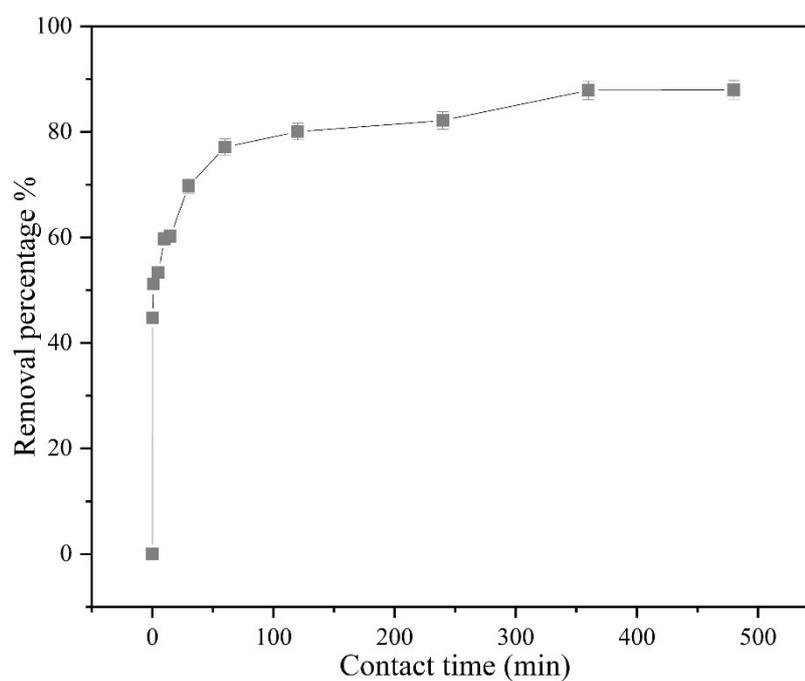


Fig.S9. Sorption kinetics of CrO_4^{2-} by UiO-66-me-PyDC

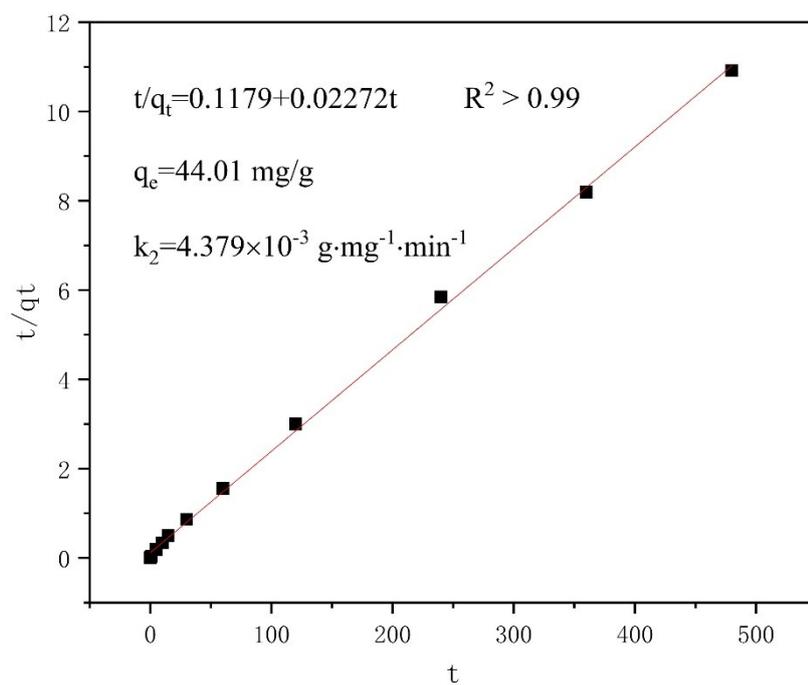


Fig.S10. Fitting results of UiO-66-me-PyDC based on the Pseudo-second-order kinetic models.

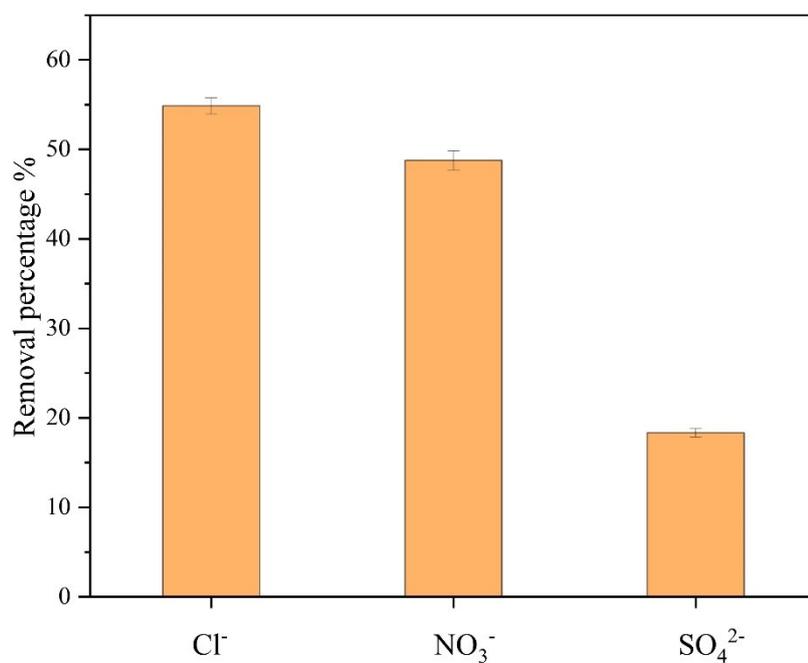


Fig.S11. Effect of 500-fold competing anions on the adsorption of CrO_4^{2-} by UiO-66-me-PyDC.

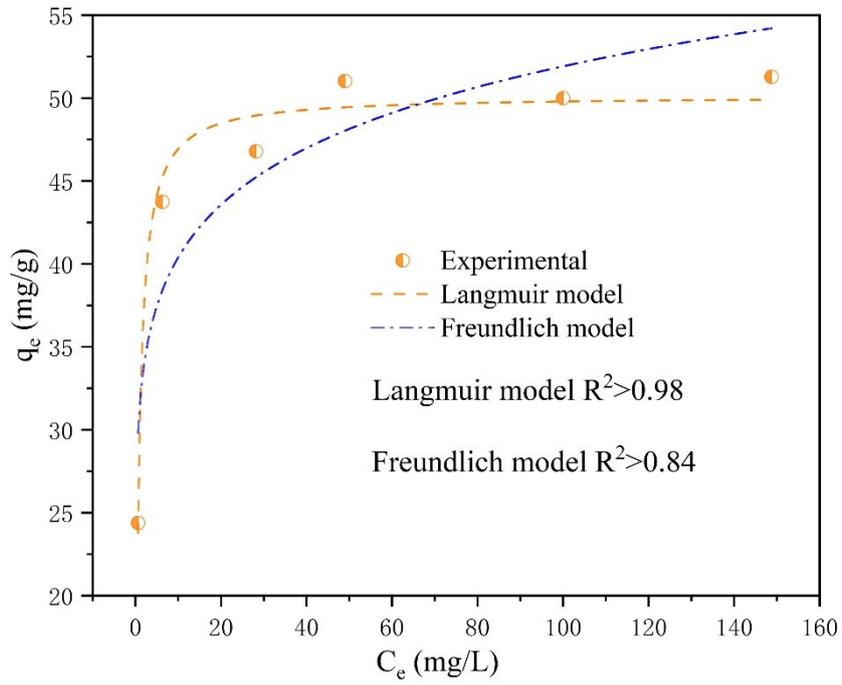


Fig.S12. Adsorption isotherm of CrO_4^{2-} on UiO-66-me-PyDC.