

**An aromatic-rich cage-based MOF with inorganic chloride ions
decorating the pore surface displaying the preferential adsorption of
C₂H₂ and C₂H₆ over C₂H₄**

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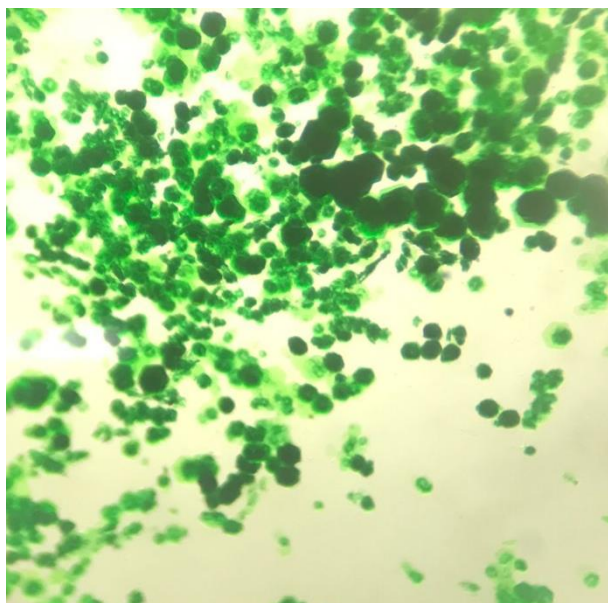


Fig. S1 The electronic photograph of as-synthesized **ZJNU-7**.

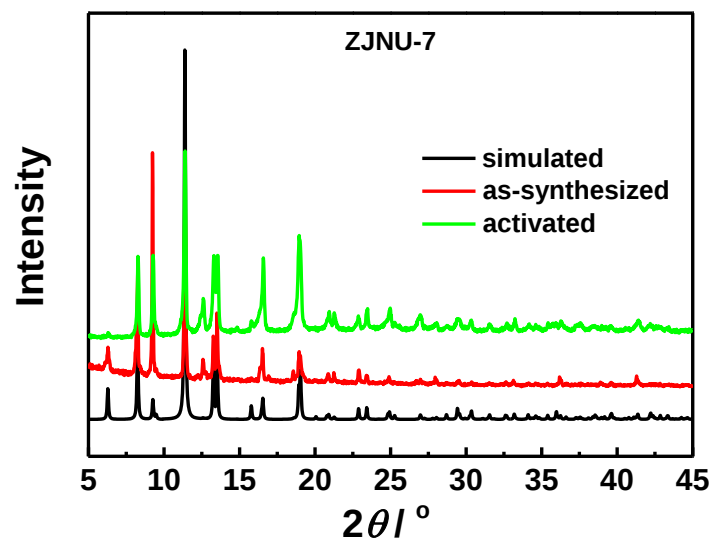


Fig. S2 Comparison of experimental and simulated PXRD patterns of **ZJNU-7**.

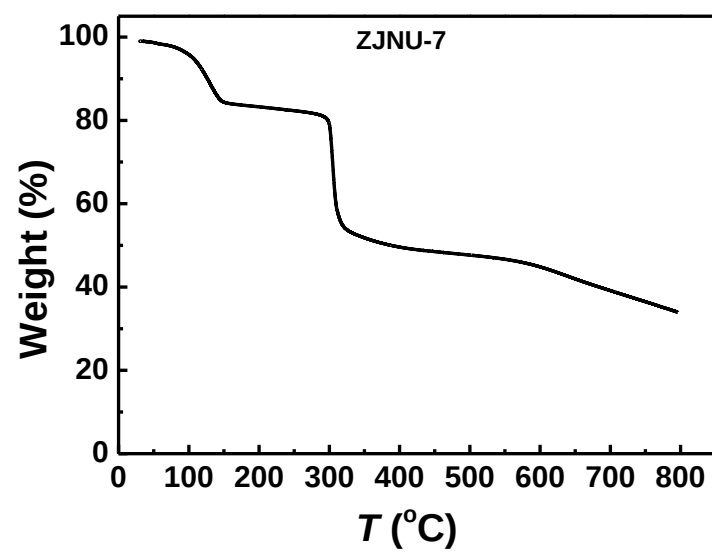


Fig. S3 TGA profile of as-synthesized **ZJNU-7** under N₂ atmosphere.

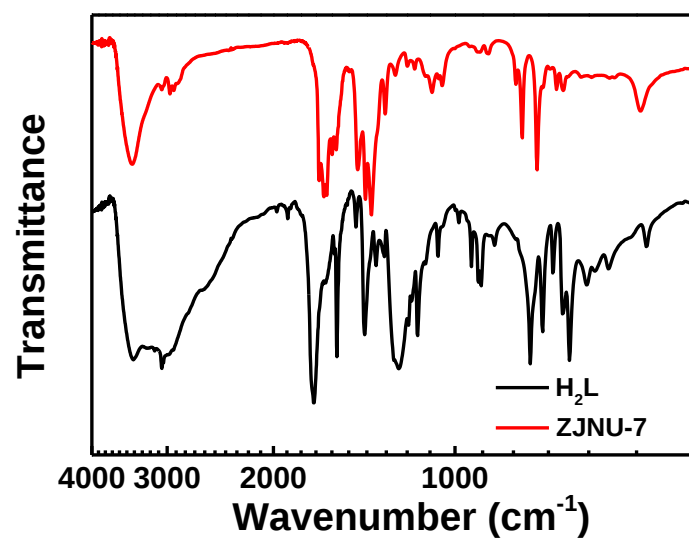
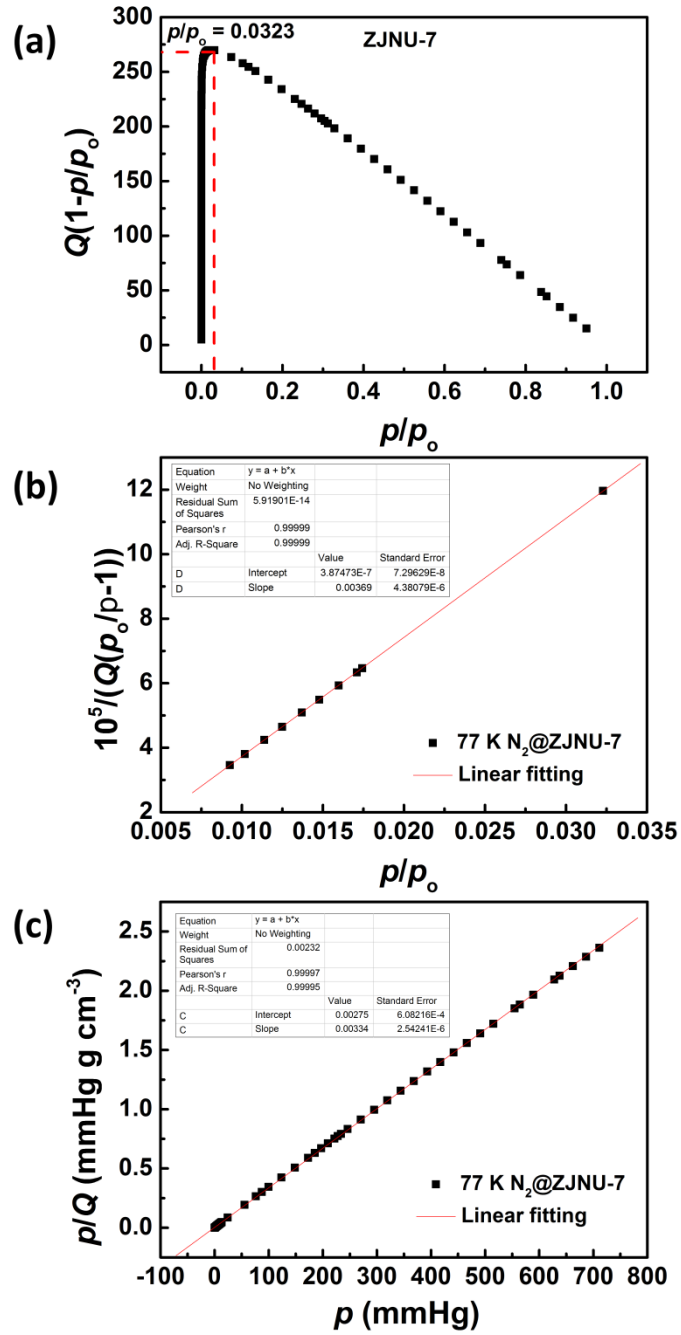


Fig. S4 Comparison of FTIR spectra of as-synthesized **ZJNU-7** and its organic ligand



$$S_{\text{BET}} = 1/(3.87473 \times 10^{-7} + 0.00369)/22414 \times 6.023 \times 10^{23} \times 0.162 \times 10^{-18} = 1180 \text{ m}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$$

$$S_{\text{Langmuir}} = (1/0.00334)/22414 \times 6.023 \times 10^{23} \times 0.162 \times 10^{-18} = 1303 \text{ m}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$$

$$\text{BET constant } C = 1 + 0.00369/3.87473 \times 10^{-7} = 9524$$

$$(p/p_o)_{n_m} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{C} + 1} = 0.010143$$

Fig. S5 The consistency plot (a), BET surface area plot (b), and Langmuir surface area plot (c) for **ZJNU-7**.

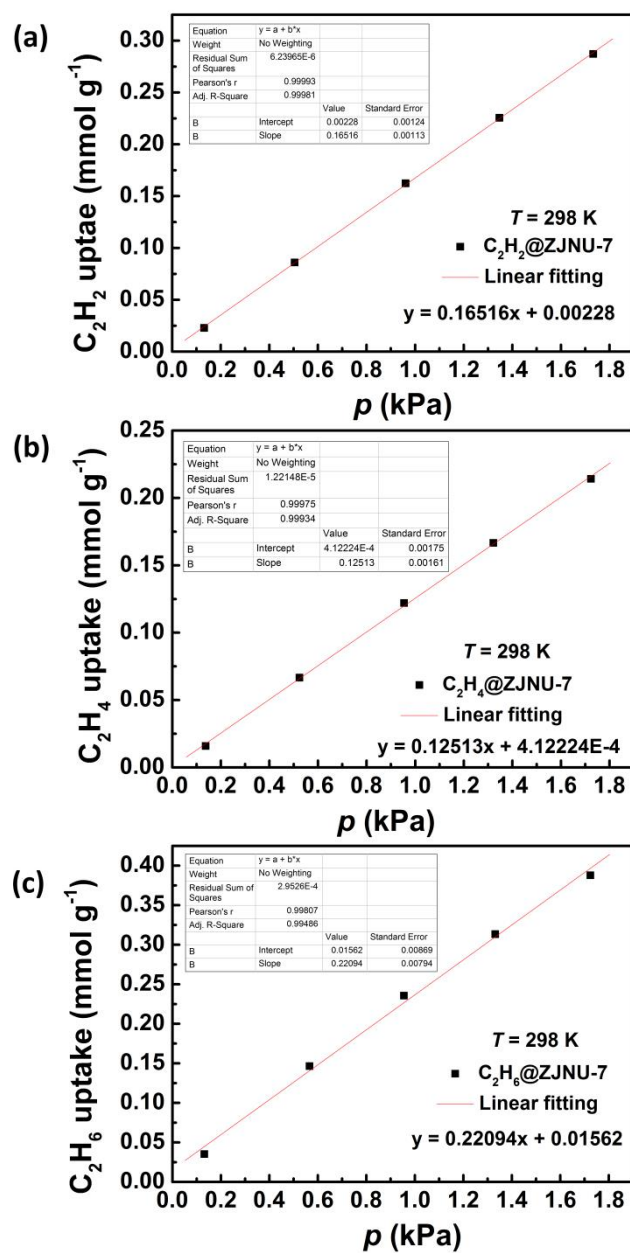


Fig. S6 Calculations of Henry constants for (a) C_2H_2 , (b) C_2H_4 and (c) C_2H_6 adsorption in ZJNU-7. Note that Henry constant equals to the slope of gas isotherm at low pressure region.

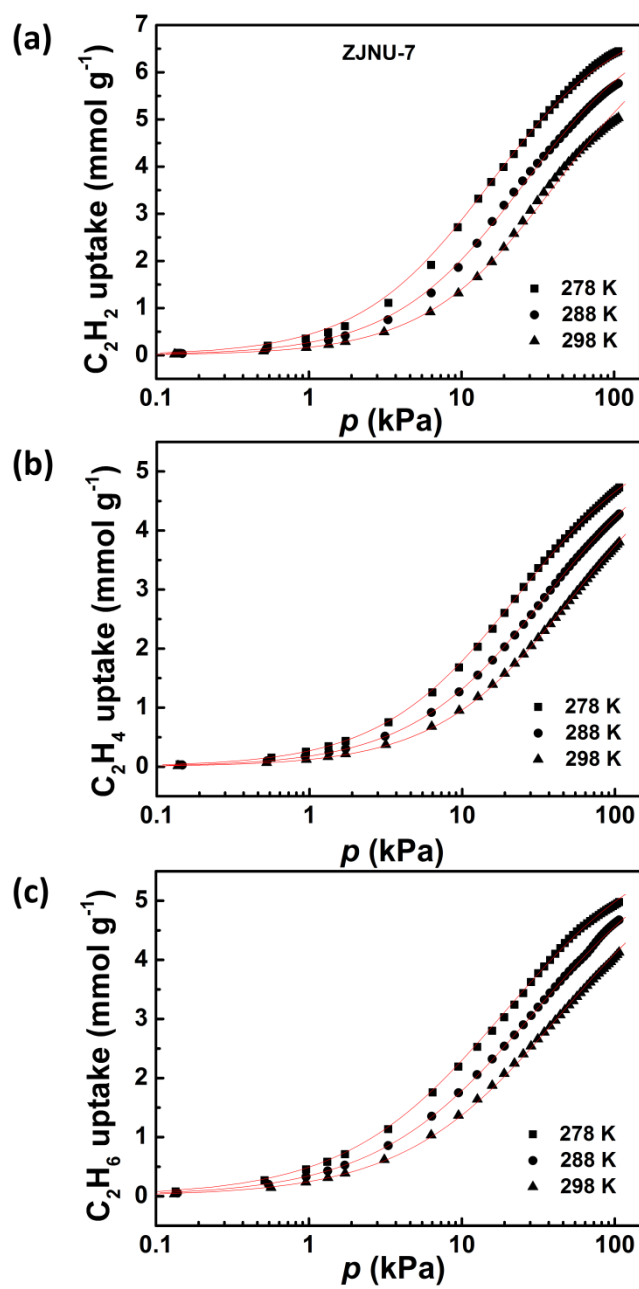


Fig. S7 Comparison of the pure-component isotherm data for (a) C_2H_2 , (b) C_2H_4 , and (c) C_2H_6 in ZJNU-7 with the fitted isotherms at 278 K, 288 K, and 298 K.

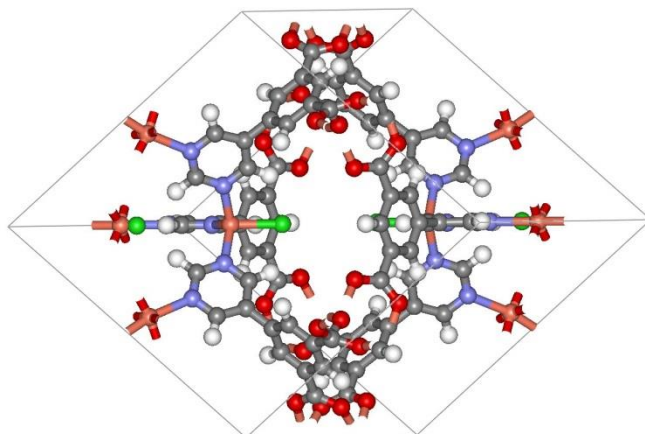


Fig. S8 The calculated stable structure of ZJNU-7.

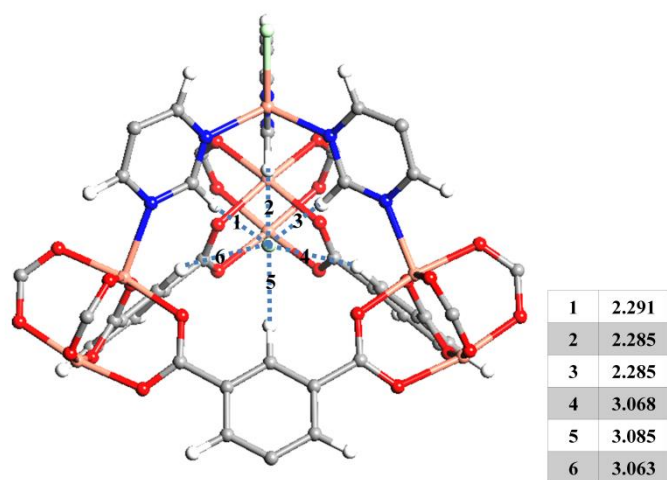


Fig. S9 DFT optimization results about the counteranion (Cl^-) position. The unit of interatomic distances shown in the inset Table is $\text{\AA}$.

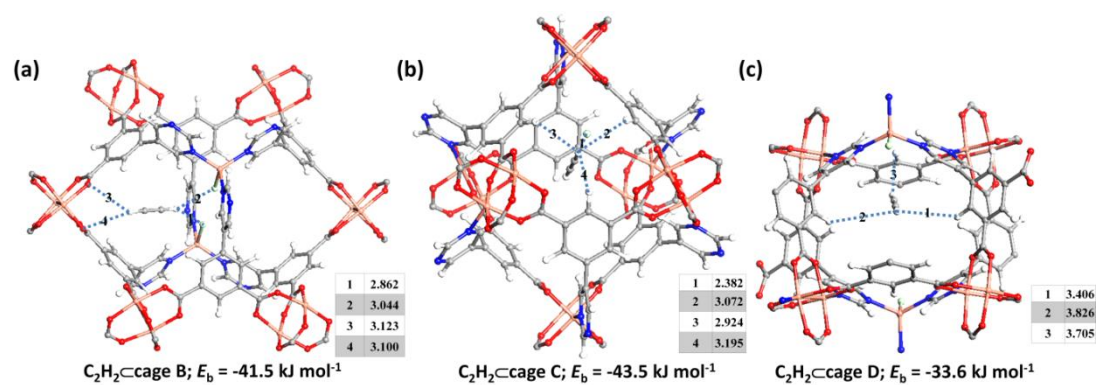


Fig. S10 The adsorption sites of C_2H_2 in (a) cage B, (b) cage C, and (c) cage D, and the corresponding binding energies. The unit of interatomic distances shown in the inset Table is Å.

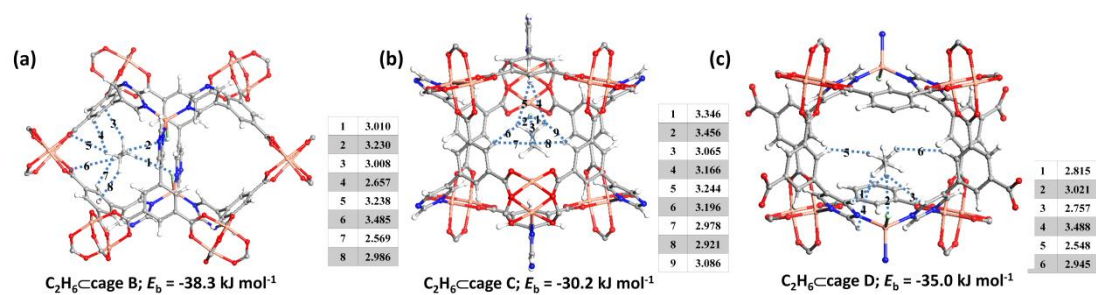


Fig. S11 The adsorption sites of C_2H_6 in (a) cage B, (b) cage C, and (c) cage D, and the corresponding binding energies. The unit of interatomic distances shown in the inset Table is Å.

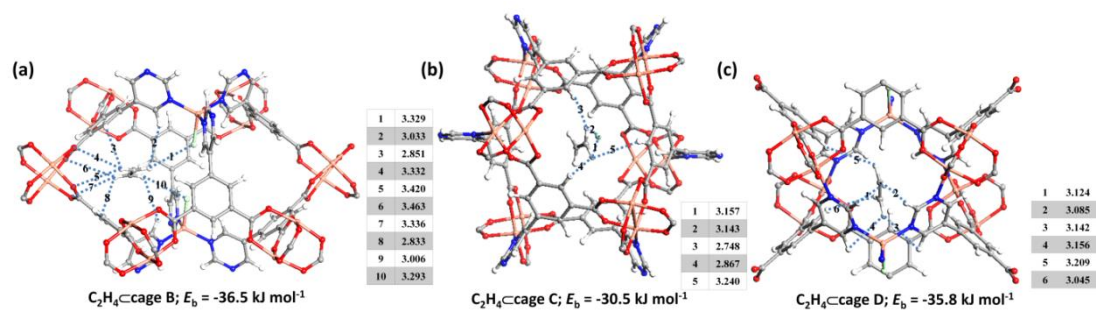
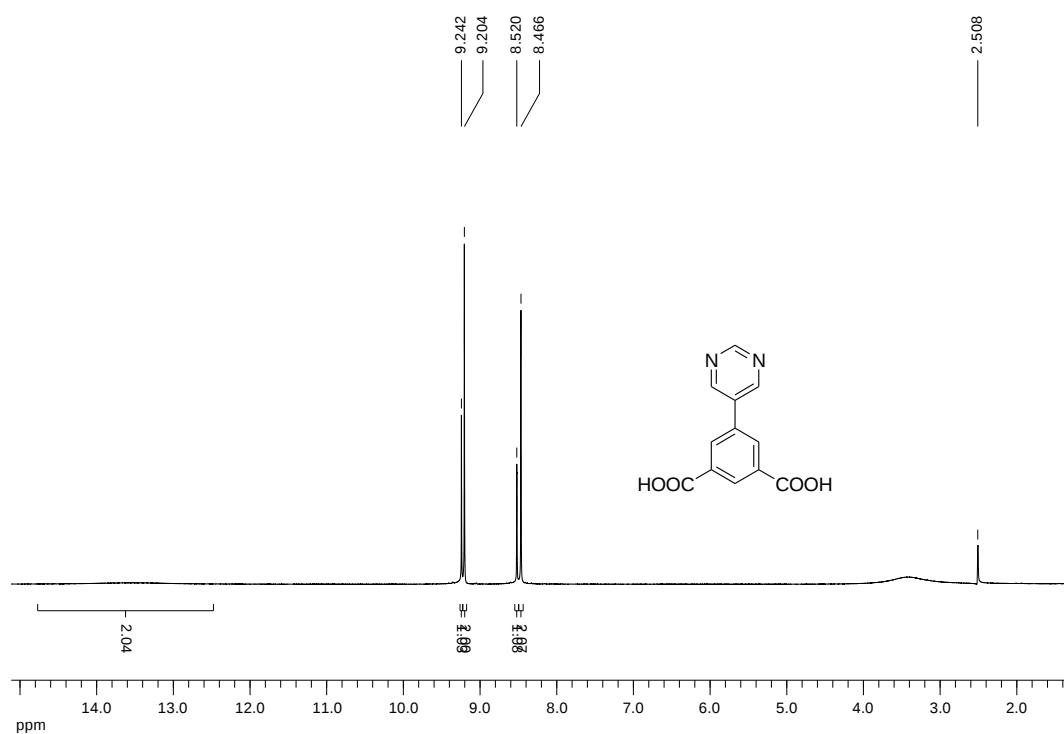
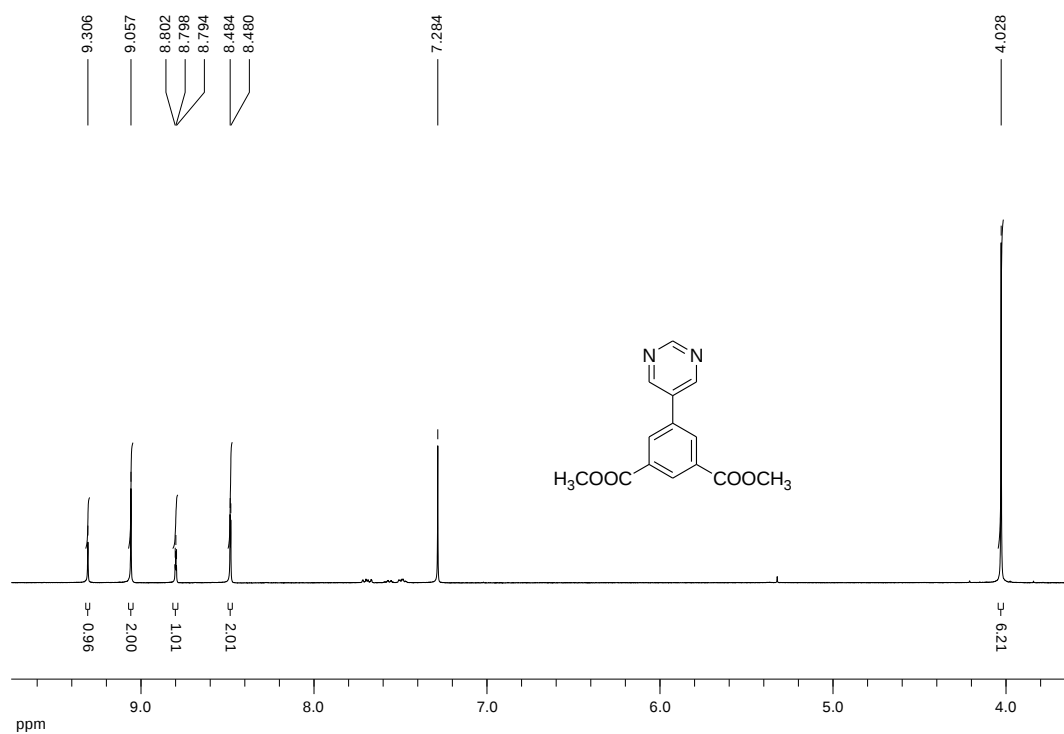


Fig. S12 The adsorption sites of C_2H_4 in (a) cage B, (b) cage C, and (c) cage D, and the corresponding binding energies. The unit of interatomic distances shown in the inset Table is Å.



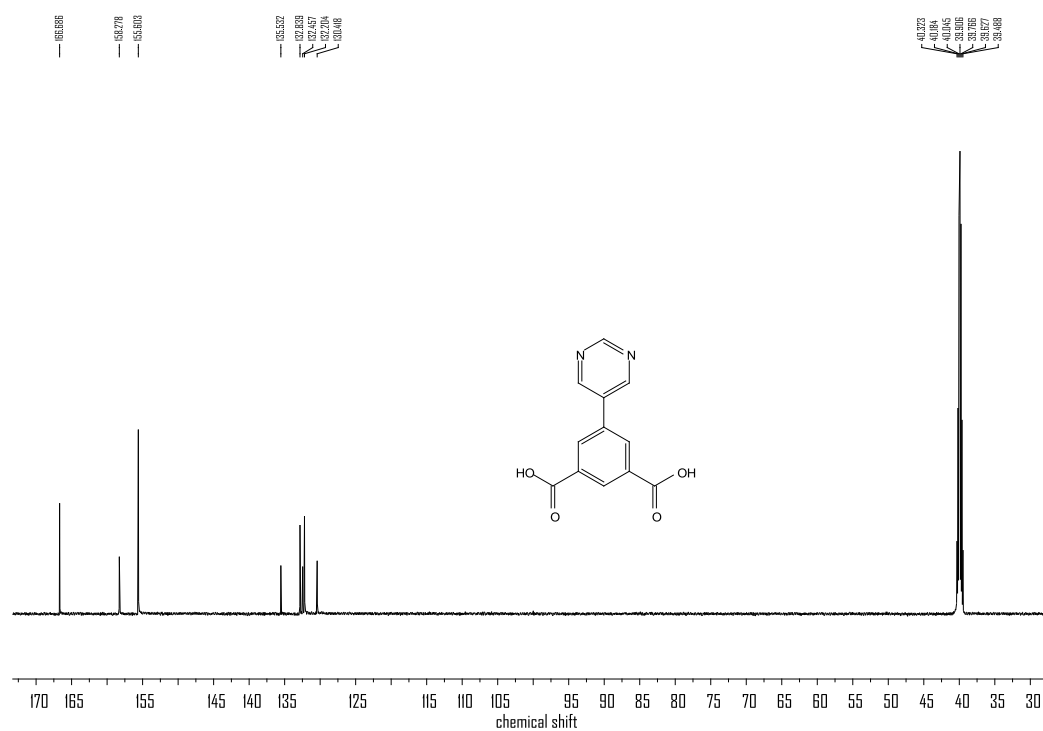


Table S1 Summarizes of physical parameters of C₂H₂, C₂H₄, C₂H₆, CO₂, and CH₄

Adsorbates	BP (K)	T_c (K)	p_c (bar)	Kinetic diameter (Å)	Molecular dimension (Å)	Polarizability ($\times 10^{25}$ cm ³)	Dipole moment ($\times 10^{18}$ esu cm)	Quadruple moment ($\times 10^{26}$ esu cm ²)
C ₂ H ₂	188.40	308.30	61.14	3.3	3.32×3.34×5.70	33.3-39.3	0	+7.5
C ₂ H ₄	169.42	282.34	50.41	4.163	3.28×4.18×4.84	42.52	0	+1.50
C ₂ H ₆	184.55	305.32	48.72	4.443	3.81×4.08× 4.82	44.4-44.7	0	+0.65

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

Table S2 Crystal data and structure refinement for **ZJNU-7**.

MOF	ZJNU-7
Empirical formula	C ₃₆ H ₁₈ ClCu ₄ N ₆ O ₁₂
Formula weight	1016.17
Temperature (K)	150(2)
λ (Å)	0.71073
Crystal system	Trigonal
Space group	<i>R</i> -3 <i>m</i> : <i>H</i>
Unit cell dimensions	<i>a</i> = 18.6356(4) Å <i>b</i> = 18.6356(4) Å <i>c</i> = 28.6177(7) Å α = 90° β = 90° γ = 120°
<i>V</i> (Å ³)	8607.0(4)
<i>Z</i>	6
<i>D</i> _c (g cm ⁻³)	1.176
μ (mm ⁻¹)	1.557
<i>F</i> (000)	3030
θ range for data collection (°)	3.056 to 27.490
Limiting indices	-23 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 24 -24 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 24 -37 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 36
Reflections collected / unique	17821 / 2396
<i>R</i> _{int}	0.0289
Max. and min. transmission	0.898 and 0.879
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on <i>F</i> ²
Data/restraints/parameters	2396 / 0 / 106
Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> ²	1.549
Final <i>R</i> indices [<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>)]	<i>R</i> ₁ = 0.0387 <i>wR</i> ₂ = 0.1735
<i>R</i> indices (all data)	<i>R</i> ₁ = 0.0420 <i>wR</i> ₂ = 0.1766
Largest diff. peak and hole (e ⁻ Å ⁻³)	0.649 and -1.779
CCDC	2032687

Table S3 Langmuir-Freundlich fitting parameters for adsorption of C₂H₂, C₂H₄, and C₂H₆ in **ZJNU-7**.

Adsorbates	q_{sat} (mmol g ⁻¹)	b_0 (kPa) ^{-v}	E (kJ mol ⁻¹)	v	R^2
C ₂ H ₂	7.29633	1.99792×10 ⁻⁸	34.635	1.00346	0.99824
C ₂ H ₄	5.78088	2.70808×10 ⁻⁷	27.982	0.96256	0.99988
C ₂ H ₆	6.22563	1.66603×10 ⁻⁶	25.073	0.83471	0.99938

Table S4 Summaries of gas adsorption properties of **ZJNU-7**.

ZJNU-7		298 K	288 K	278 K
Uptake capacity ^a (cm ³ g ⁻¹ , STP)	C ₂ H ₂	112.8	129.2	144.5
	C ₂ H ₄	85.2	95.9	105.9
	C ₂ H ₆	92.5	104.8	111.6
IAST adsorption selectivity ^a	C ₂ H ₂ /C ₂ H ₄ (1:99)	2.31	2.01	1.77
	C ₂ H ₂ /C ₂ H ₄ (1:1)	2.51	2.13	1.85
	C ₂ H ₆ /C ₂ H ₄ (1:1)	1.56	1.56	1.57
	C ₂ H ₆ /C ₂ H ₄ (1:9)	1.58	1.57	1.58
	C ₂ H ₆ /C ₂ H ₄ (1:15)	1.58	1.57	1.58
Q_{st}^b (kJ mol ⁻¹)	C ₂ H ₂	34.1		
	C ₂ H ₄	29.3		
	C ₂ H ₆	29.7		

^a at 1 atm; ^b at near zero surface coverage

Table S5 Summary of the adsorption properties of MOFs reported for C₂H₂/C₂H₄ separation

MOFs	C ₂ H ₂ uptake (cm ³ g ⁻¹ , STP)	C ₂ H ₄ uptake (cm ³ g ⁻¹ , STP)	C ₂ H ₂ /C ₂ H ₄ IAST selectivity	Q _{st} (kJ mol ⁻¹)	ref
UTSA-300 Zn(dps) ₂ (SiF ₆)	76.4	0.92	>10 ⁴	57.6	¹
ELM-11 Cu(4,4'-bipy) ₂ (BF ₄) ₂	78.96	NA	>10 ⁴	23.8	²
ELM-13 Cu(4,4'-bipy) ₂ (CF ₃ BF ₃) ₂	60.17	NA	>10 ⁴	31	²
NCU-100/UTSA-300-Cu Cu(dps) ₂ (SiF ₆)	102.4	7.2	7291	60.5	³
UTSA-200 SIFSIX-14-Cu-i	81.8	14.1	6320	40	⁴
ZU-33 GeFSIX-14-Cu-i	119 cc/cc	22 cc/cc	>1100	43.6	⁵
Ni ₃ (pzdc) ₂ (7Hade) ₂	52.9	33.1	168	44.5	⁶
[Ni ₂ (BTEC)(bipy) ₃]	76.8	8.0	104	26.5	⁷
ZU-32 GeFSIX-2-Cu-i	116 cc/cc	64 cc/cc	67	42.6	⁵
TIFSIX-2-Cu-i	91.8	56	55	46.3	⁸
NKMOF-1-Ni	61.0	47.3	49	60.3	⁹
SIFSIX-2-Cu-i	90.0	49.1	44.54	41.9	¹⁰
Ni-gallate	80.4	44.2	43.7	46	¹¹
NbOFFIVE-2-Ni-i ZU-62-Ni	67.2	17.9	37.2	43	¹²
CPL-1	46.4	6.9	26.8	40.2	¹³
FJU-22	114.8 ^a	85.8 ^a	25.8 ^b	23	¹⁴
ZJU-74	85.7 ^d	NA	24.2	45	¹⁵
M' MOFs-3a	42.0 ^c	9.2 ^c	24.03	27.1	¹⁶
ZU-12-Ni TIFSIX-2-Ni-i	94.3	54.2	22.7	40	¹⁷
Mg-gallate	98.4	67.9	20.9	33	¹¹
{[Mn ₃ (bipy) ₃ (H ₂ O) ₄][Mn(CN) ₆] ₂ }	59 ^a	0	16	32.4	¹⁸
Co-gallate	87.1	75.5	15.0	47	¹¹
ELM-12	57.3	22.5	14.8	25.4	¹⁹
M' MOF-4	30.1 ^d	9.4 ^d	14.31	35	²⁰
MECS-5	86.2	25.5	12.6	26	²¹
CPL-2	70.1	41.7	12.0	30.8	¹³
TIFSIX-4-Cu-i	96.3	33.6	11	40.8	⁸
UTSA-100	95.6	37.2	10.72	22	¹⁶
SIFSIX-1-Cu	190.4	92.1	10.63	30	¹⁰

UTSA-220	76.2	56.7	10	29.0	²²
SIFSIX-3-Zn	81.5	50.2	8.82	21	¹⁰
M'MOF-7	14.4	5.1	7.43	47	²⁰
M'MOF-6	37.9	14.3	7.42	29	²⁰
BSF-4	53.3	34.9	7.3	35	²³
SIFSIX-2-Cu	120.5	45.2	6.0	26.3	¹⁰
CPL-5	67.4	41.2	6.0	31.3	¹³
NbU-1	81.5	46.4	5.9	38.3	²⁴
UTSA-60	70	46	5.5	36	²⁵
Ni-DCPTP	146.4	100.4	5.5	38.9	²⁶
SIFXIX-3-Ni	73.9	39.2	5.03	30.5	¹⁰
M'MOF-5	30.5	11.8	4.94	49	²⁰
Mg-CUK-1	61.6	39.2	3.13 ^c	21	²⁷
M'MOFs-2a	43.4	28.7	3.12	37.7	¹⁶
UPC-98	30.2	17.6	3.1	22.8	²⁸
BSF-1	52.6	36.6	2.3	31	²⁹
NOTT-300	142 ^f	95.9 ^f	2.17	32	³⁰
FeMOF-74	152.3 ^g	136.6 ^g	2.08	47	³¹
TJT-100	127.7 ^e	98.1 ^e	1.8	31	³²

^a 296 K; ^b based on breakthrough experiments; ^c 295 K; ^d 296 K; ^e 273 K; ^f 293 K; ^g

318 K

Table S6 Summary of MOFs reported for C₂H₆/C₂H₄ separation

MOFs	C ₂ H ₆ uptake (cm ³ g ⁻¹ , STP)	C ₂ H ₄ uptake (cm ³ g ⁻¹ , STP)	C ₂ H ₆ /C ₂ H ₄ IAST selectivity	Q _{st} (kJ mol ⁻¹)	Ref.
NIIC-20-Bu	55	31.7	24	24.1/22.9	³³
Fe ₂ (O ₂)dobdc	74.3	NA	4.4	66.8	³⁴
Cu(Qc) ₂	41.5	17.5	3.4	29	³⁵
ZJU-120	110	88	2.74	27.6	³⁶
MAF-49	38.7	38.0	2.7	60	³⁷
Ni(TMBDC) (DABCO) _{0.5}	122.1	112.4	1.985	39	³⁸
ZIF-4	52.0	49.5	2.15	NA	³⁹
MUF-15	105 (293K)	93 (293K)	1.96	29.2/28.2	⁴⁰
ZIF-71	31.7	24.5	1.91	NA	⁴¹
PCN-250	116.7	94.5	1.9	23.6	⁴²
MIL-53(Al)-FA	82.9 (308K)	NA	1.9	34	⁴³
Ni(bdc)(ted) _{0.5}	107.5	73.7	1.85	29	⁴⁴
Co(bdc)(ted) _{0.5}	92.5	62.0	1.83	29	⁴⁴
Cu(bdc)(ted) _{0.5}	82.4	56.7	1.82	29	⁴⁴
Ni(bdc)(ted) _{0.5}	112	76.2	1.8	21.5	⁴⁵
Ni(bdc)(ted) _{0.5}	115	76	1.80	21	³⁶
PCN-245	3.27	2.39	1.8	23.0	⁴⁶
IRMOF-8	112.5	107.5	1.8	NA	⁴⁷
CPM-81-Co	123.5	113.5	1.8	24.2/24.1	⁶⁴
MIL-53(Al)-BDC	NA	NA	1.8	22.5	⁴⁸
ZIF-8	53.8	30.2	1.8	NA	⁴⁹
NUM-7	63.9	58.6	1.757	35.8/30.0	⁵⁰
Co ₂ V-bdc-tpt (CPM-733)	159.6	142.7	1.75	23.4	⁵¹
Zn(bdc)(ted) _{0.5}	99.7	70.8	1.73	31	⁴⁴
ZIF-8	45.4	34.2	1.7		
Ca(H ₂ tcpb)	62.3	59.8	1.7	35.1/26.8	⁵²
DUT-8(Ni)	77.3	43.0	1.65	25.5	⁵³
Mg ₂ V-bdc-tpt (CPM-233)	166.8	146.1	1.64	27.3	⁵¹
Ni(BDC) (DABCO) _{0.5}	97.7	68.1	1.619	NA	³⁸
JNU-2	92	81	1.6	29.4/26.7	⁶³
Mg ₂ Ti-bdc-tpt (CPM-223)	154.8	142.1	1.57	25.4	⁵¹
Mg ₂ Ti-bdc-tpbz (CPM-223-tpbz)	154.2	140.0	1.51	21.9	⁵¹
ZJU-121	69	71	1.51	47.1	³⁶
MIL-142A	85.1	65.0	1.5	27.3	⁵⁴
Ni(HBTC)(bipy)	147.8	6.0	1.5	33.6	⁵⁵
ZIF-7	41.1	40.4	1.5	NA	⁵⁶

Co ₂ Ti-bdc-tpz (CPM-723)	154.7	149.4	1.50	21.7	⁵¹
Co ₂ V-ndc-tpz (CPM-736)	90.2	86.9	1.48	30.4	⁵¹
Azole-Th-1	100.2	80.7	1.44	28.6	⁵⁷
Mg ₂ V-dmbdc-tpz (CPM-238)	124.6	117.6	1.43	24.7	⁵¹
DUT-8(Cu)	3.96	2.27 (303K)	1.43	25.8	⁵³
Zn-PNMI	36.5	32.7	1.42	24.5	⁵⁸
Co ₂ V-dmbdc-tpz (CPM-738)	104.6	102.1	1.42	27.9	⁵¹
In-soc-MOF-1	4.04	3.72	1.4	28.4	⁵⁹
UTSA-33	62.0	61.0	1.4	33	⁶⁰
UTSA-35	54.5	48.5	1.4	NA	⁶¹
Ni ₂ (HBTc) ₂ (bipy) _{0.6} (dabco) _{1.4}	4.8mmol/g	4.6	1.4	33.5	⁵⁵
ZIF-9	54.9	54.0	1.39	NA	⁴¹
Mn-PNMI	61.8	45.3	1.38	23.5	⁵⁸
Cd-PNMI	41.9	31.6	1.27	19.4	⁵⁸
Cu(in) ₂	44.7	42.7	1.3	26.5	³⁵
HCP-1.5	56	50.4	1.3	NA	⁶²
Mg ₂ Ti-bdc-tpy (CPM-223-tpy)	160.6	164.5	1.28	25.0	⁵¹
TJT-100	NA	NA	1.2	29	³²

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