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for
An Intrinsic Synthesis Parameter Governing the Crystallization of
Silico(zinco)aluminophosphate Molecular Sieves

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Table S1. Changes in the pH of the representative SAPO and ZnAPO synthesis mixtures before and after molecular sieve crystallization

| run ^a | pH | | product ^b |
|------------------|---------|-------|----------------------|
| | initial | final | |
| 1 | 12.6 | 12.1 | Na-SAPO-LTA |
| 2 | 12.3 | 11.9 | Na-SAPO-LTA |
| 3 | 12.5 | 12.3 | Na-SAPO-LTA |
| 4 | 12.8 | 12.6 | Na-SAPO-LTA |
| 11 | 11.4 | 11.1 | Na-SAPO-LTA |
| 12 | 11.6 | 11.4 | Na-SAPO-LTA |
| 13 | 11.6 | 11.5 | Na-SAPO-LTA |
| 14 | 10.3 | 9.9 | Na-SAPO-FAU/EMT |
| 15 | 10.3 | 10.3 | NaTMA-SAPO-FAU |
| 16 | 10.6 | 10.5 | NaTEA-SAPO-FAU/EMT |
| 17 | 9.3 | 10.0 | Na-SAPO-CHA |
| 18 | 9.5 | 9.8 | Na-SAPO-CHA |
| 19 | 8.4 | 9.0 | Na-SAPO-CHA |
| 23 | 10.4 | 10.9 | Na-ZnAPO-CZP |
| 30 | 10.5 | 10.7 | Na-ZnAPO-CZP |
| 31 | 9.6 | 10.2 | Na-ZnAPO-CZP |
| 32 | 8.3 | 8.4 | Na-ZnAPO-CZP |
| 33 | 7.3 | 7.5 | Na-ZnAPO-CZP |
| 34 | 7.3 | 7.4 | Na-ZnAPO-CZP |
| 35 | 7.4 | 7.3 | Na-ZnAPO-SOD |

^aThe same as the run number in Table 1. ^bTMA, tetramethylammonium; TEA, tetraethylammonium.

Table S2. N₂ sorption data for a series of SAPO or ZnAPO amorphous materials.

| sample | run ^a | BET surface area (m ² g ⁻¹) | Micropore volume (cm ³ g ⁻¹) ^b | Mesopore volume (cm ³ g ⁻¹) ^c |
|-----------------|------------------|---|---|--|
| SAPO amorphous | 20 | 19 | 0 | 0.07 |
| SAPO amorphous | 22 | 55 | 0 | 0.25 |
| ZnAPO amorphous | 36 | 35 | 0 | 0.17 |
| ZnAPO amorphous | 38 | 33 | 0 | 0.15 |

^aThe same as the synthesis run numbers in the main text Table 1. ^bIn the diameter range ≤ 20 Å. ^cIn the diameter range 20- to 500-Å. Calculated using the BJH formalism.

Table S3. pH-adjusted SAPO molecular sieve synthesis conditions and results

| run | NaOH/P ₂ O ₅ | SiO ₂ /P ₂ O ₅ | H ₂ O/Al ₂ O ₃ | T/t (°C/h) | pH | | product ^a |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|---|---|------------|---------|-------|----------------------|
| | | | | | initial | final | |
| 39 | 6.11 | 1.67 | 110 | 150/24 | 13.5 | 13.4 | D + Na-SAPO-LTA |
| 40 ^b | 6.11 | 1.67 | 110 | 150/24 | 12.5 | 12.9 | D + Na-SAPO-LTA |
| 41 | 6.11 | 3.06 | 110 | 150/24 | 13.7 | 13.3 | D + Na-SAPO-LTA |
| 42 ^b | 6.11 | 3.06 | 110 | 150/24 | 12.5 | 12.6 | D + Na-SAPO-LTA |
| 43 | 2.78 | 0.28 | 200 | 150/336 | 7.6 | 8.4 | A |
| 44 ^b | 2.78 | 0.28 | 200 | 150/336 | 8.5 | 8.9 | A |
| 45 | 2.78 | 1.67 | 200 | 150/336 | 7.8 | 8.5 | A |
| 46 ^b | 2.78 | 1.67 | 200 | 150/336 | 8.5 | 9.0 | A |

^aThe product appearing first is the major phase. A and D indicate amorphous and dense (i.e., cristobalite) phases, respectively. ^bThe initial pH of synthesis gels with different compositions, where the P₂O₅/Al₂O₃ ratio was fixed to 0.9, was adjusted to 12.5 (or 8.5) by adding a small amount of HNO₃ (or TMAOH or TEAOH)).

Table S4. Representative SAPO molecular sieve synthesis conditions and results using gels with an extended P_2O_5/Al_2O_3 ratio of 0.60 or 1.05

| run | gel composition ^a | | | | <i>t</i> (h) | product ^b |
|-----|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| | P_2O_5/Al_2O_3 | NaOH/ P_2O_5 | SiO_2/P_2O_5 | H_2O/Al_2O_3 | | |
| 47 | 0.60 | 6.66 | 1.25 | 110 | 24 | D |
| 48 | 0.60 | 5.83 | 1.25 | 110 | 24 | D + Na-SAPO-SOD |
| 49 | 0.60 | 5.33 | 1.25 | 110 | 216 | Na-SAPO-SOD + Na-SAPO-CHA |
| 50 | 0.60 | 4.33 | 1.25 | 110 | 120 | Na-SAPO-CHA + Na-SAPO-SOD |
| 51 | 0.60 | 3.33 | 1.25 | 110 | 120 | Na-SAPO-CHA |
| 52 | 0.60 | 2.50 | 1.25 | 110 | 336 | A + (Na-SAPO-CHA) |
| 53 | 0.60 | 2.78 | 1.25 | 110 | 336 | A |
| 54 | 1.05 | 6.66 | 1.90 | 110 | 12 | D |
| 55 | 1.05 | 5.71 | 1.90 | 110 | 12 | D + Na-SAPO-SOD |
| 56 | 1.05 | 5.33 | 1.90 | 110 | 48 | Na-SAPO-SOD + Na-SAPO-LTA |
| 57 | 1.05 | 4.76 | 1.90 | 110 | 48 | Na-SAPO-LTA |
| 58 | 1.05 | 3.33 | 1.90 | 110 | 120 | Na-SAPO-CHA + Na-SAPO-GIS |
| 59 | 1.05 | 2.86 | 1.90 | 110 | 336 | A + (Na-SAPO-GIS) |
| 60 | 1.05 | 2.38 | 1.90 | 110 | 336 | A |

^aCrystallization was performed at 150 °C under static conditions. ^bThe product appearing first is the major phase, and that obtained in a trace amount is given in parentheses. A and D indicate amorphous and dense (i.e., cristobalite) phases, respectively.

Table S5. Representative SAPO molecular sieve synthesis conditions and results using Rb⁺ or Cs⁺ ions as an ISDA gel composition^a

| run | M | MOH/P ₂ O ₅ | SiO ₂ /P ₂ O ₅ | H ₂ O/Al ₂ O ₃ | t (h) | product ^b |
|-----|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---|---|-------|----------------------|
| 61 | Rb ⁺ | 6.11 | 1.25 | 110 | 24 | D |
| 62 | Rb ⁺ | 5.56 | 1.25 | 110 | 120 | Rb-SAPO-MER + (D) |
| 63 | Rb ⁺ | 4.45 | 1.25 | 110 | 120 | Rb-SAPO-MER |
| 64 | Rb ⁺ | 3.33 | 1.25 | 110 | 168 | Rb-SAPO-MER |
| 65 | Rb ⁺ | 2.78 | 1.25 | 110 | 120 | A |
| 66 | Cs ⁺ | 6.11 | 1.25 | 110 | 336 | D + (Cs-SAPO-ANA) |
| 67 | Cs ⁺ | 5.56 | 1.25 | 110 | 336 | Cs-SAPO-ANA + (D) |
| 68 | Cs ⁺ | 4.33 | 1.90 | 110 | 120 | Cs-SAPO-ANA |
| 69 | Cs ⁺ | 3.33 | 1.90 | 110 | 168 | Cs-SAPO-ANA |
| 70 | Cs ⁺ | 2.78 | 1.90 | 110 | 336 | A + (Cs-SAPO-ANA) |

^aCrystallization was performed at 150 °C under rotation (60 rpm), using SAPO gels with P₂O₅/Al₂O₃ = 0.90. ^bThe product appearing first is the major phase, and that obtained in a trace amount is given in parentheses. A and D indicate amorphous and dense (i.e., cristobalite) phases, respectively.

Table S6. Syntheses from gel composition $x\text{NaOH}\cdot 0.750\text{P}_2\text{O}_5\cdot 0.125\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3\cdot y\text{ZnO}\cdot 110\text{H}_2\text{O}^a$

| run | gel composition | | t (h) | product ^b |
|-----|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|
| | NaOH/P ₂ O ₅ | ZnO/P ₂ O ₅ | | |
| 71 | 6.67 | 1.33 | 3 | D |
| 72 | 6.00 | 1.33 | 3 | D + Na-ZnAPO-CZP |
| 73 | 5.33 | 1.33 | 12 | Na-ZnAPO-CZP + Na-ZnAPO-SOD |
| 74 | 4.00 | 0.33 | 12 | Na-ZnAPO-SOD + Na-ZnAPO-CZP |
| 75 | 3.33 | 0.33 | 12 | Na-ZnAPO-SOD |
| 76 | 2.67 | 0.33 | 168 | A |

^a x and y are varied between $2.00 \leq x \leq 5.00$ and $0.25 \leq y \leq 1.00$. Crystallization was performed at 135 °C under rotation (60 rpm). ^bThe product appearing first is the major phase. A and D indicate amorphous and dense (i.e., tridymite) phases, respectively.

Table S7. Room-temperature CO₂ adsorption data of the SAPO molecular sieves synthesized here.

| Material | Framework charge density ^b | CO ₂ uptake at 1 bar (mmol g ⁻¹) | Selectivity ^a | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | | | CO ₂ /CH ₄ | CO ₂ /N ₂ |
| Na-SAPO-LTA(1) | 0.36 | 3.8 | 7 | 12 |
| Na-SAPO-LTA(4) | 0.29 | 3.6 | 6 | 10 |
| Na-SAPO-CHA(17) | 0.28 | 3.6 | 17 | 36 |
| Na-SAPO-CHA(19) | 0.25 | 3.3 | 9 | 13 |
| Na-SAPO-FAU/EMT(14) | 0.37 | 4.6 | 7 | 13 |
| NaTMA-SAPO-FAU(15) | 0.37 | 4.6 | 7 | 12 |
| Na-A (Si/Al = 1.0) | 0.50 | 3.5 | 5 | 8 |
| Na-chabazite (Si/Al = 2.2) | 0.31 | 4.3 | 3 | 5 |
| Na-X (Si/Al = 1.3) | 0.43 | 5.8 | 6 | 9 |

^aDefined as $Q_{\text{CO}_2}/Q_{\text{CH}_4}$ and $Q_{\text{CO}_2}/Q_{\text{N}_2}$, where Q_{CO_2} , Q_{CH_4} , and Q_{N_2} are the equilibrium molar uptakes of CO₂, CH₄, and N₂ at 1 bar. ^b(Al-P)/(Si+Al+P) and Al/(Si+Al) ratios for each SAPO and aluminosilicate materials, respectively.

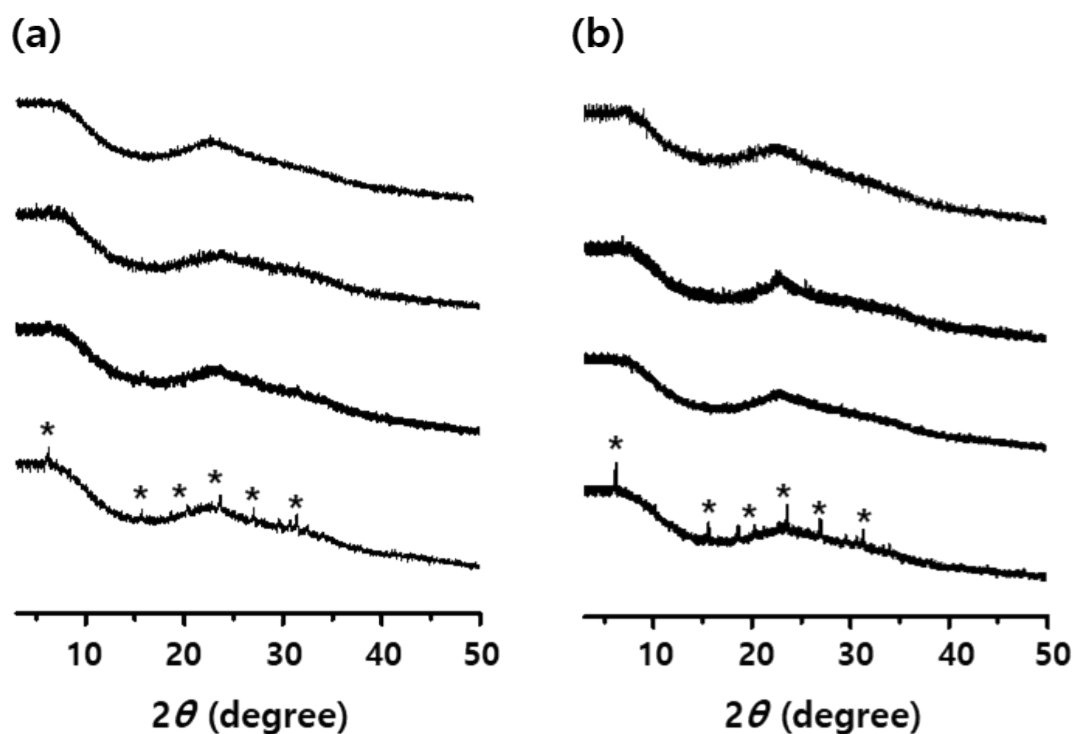


Fig. S1. Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) patterns of the solids isolated after aging a synthesis mixture with the chemical composition $4.0\text{NaOH}\cdot 1.0\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3\cdot 0.9\text{P}_2\text{O}_5\cdot 1.0\text{SiO}_2\cdot 150\text{H}_2\text{O}$ for Na-*SAPO-FAU/EMT* formation (run no. 14 in Table 1), where a small amount (4 wt% of the alumina in the gel) of (a) NaY (Si/Al = 2.6) or (b) SAPO-37 (Si/(Si+Al+P) = 0.13) was added as seed crystals, respectively, at room temperature for different times (from bottom to top; 0, 12, and 24 h). The top traces of each panel are the PXRD patterns of the solid products obtained after 24 h of heating under static conditions at 110 °C. The representative X-ray peaks due to the FAU structure are marked by asterisks. It can be seen that no X-ray peaks from seed crystals with the FAU structure are detectable by PXRD when aged at room temperature for 12 h. This indicates the digestion of added seed crystals occurs prior to the formation of Na-*SAPO-FAU/EMT* crystals.

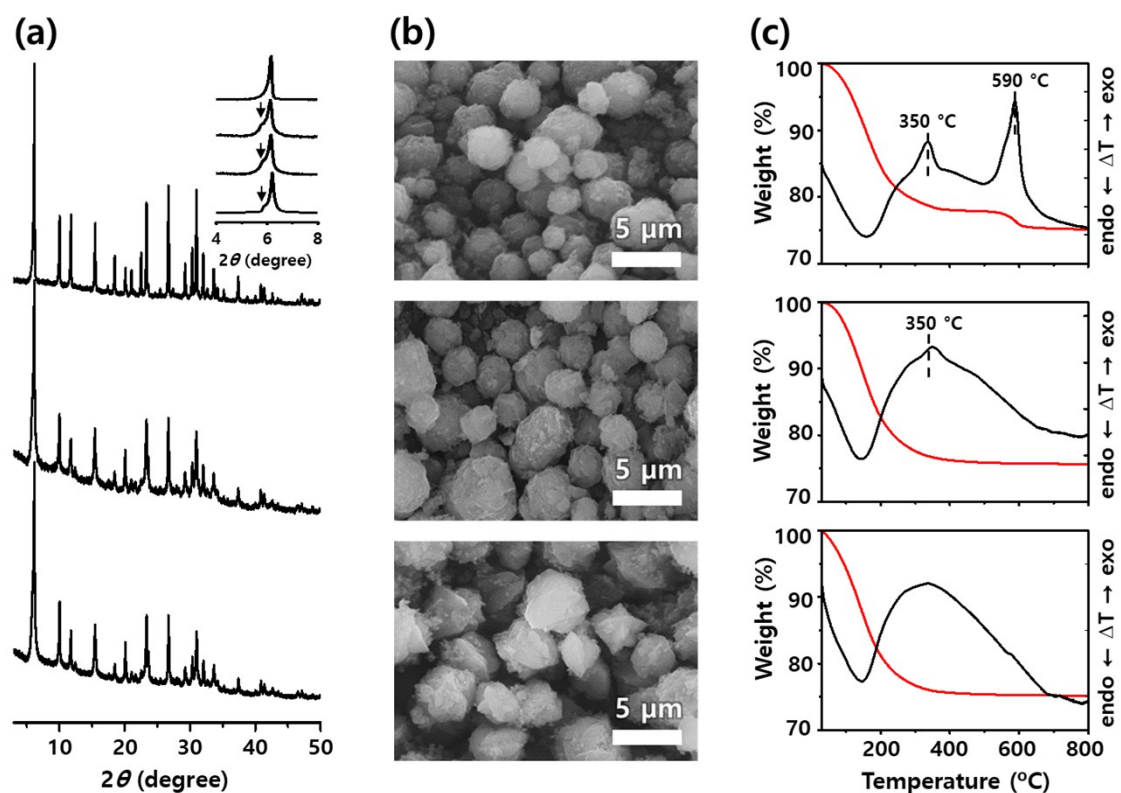


Fig. S2. (a) PXRD patterns, (b) SEM images, and (c) TGA/DTA curves of as-synthesized (from bottom to top) Na-FAU/EMT, NaTEA-FAU/EMT, and NaTMA-FAU. The inset in Fig. S2(a) compares the experimental PXRD patterns (from bottom to top among the top three traces) in the 2θ region $4\text{--}8^\circ$ of Na-FAU/EMT, NaTEA-FAU/EMT, and NaTMA-FAU with the simulated one (bottom) of a FAU/EMT intergrowth structure at a ratio of 80:20^{S1,S2}. The arrow indicates the (100) reflection of the EMT structure. We also note that the intergrowth rate of NaTEA-FAU/EMT is similar to that of NaTMA-FAU/EMT. The TMA cations employed in the synthesis of NaTMA-FAU were found to be within both the *fau* and *sod* cages of the FAU structure. The TEA cations, on the other hand, were too large to be present in the *sod* cages of NaTEA-FAU/EMT, like the case of SAPO-37.^{S3}

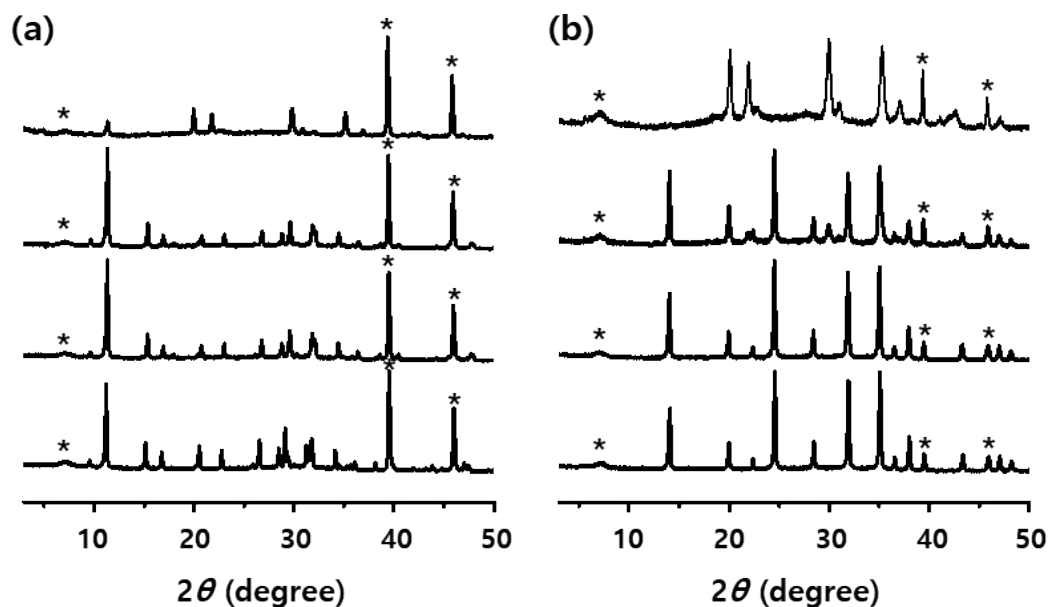


Fig. S3. Variable-temperature (VT) PXRD patterns of as-synthesized (a) Na-ZnAPO-CZP(34) and (b) Na-ZnAPO-SOD(35). Each PXRD pattern was recorded at (from bottom to top) 25, 100, 200, and 300 °C under a residual pressure of 10^{-2} Torr. We note that once the temperature is raised above 300 °C, the structural integrity of both ZnAPO molecular sieves was not maintained. This holds true even after cooling down to 25 °C, unlike the case of SAPO materials prepared in this work (See Fig. S4). The X-ray peaks from the (Pt) sample holder are marked by asterisks.

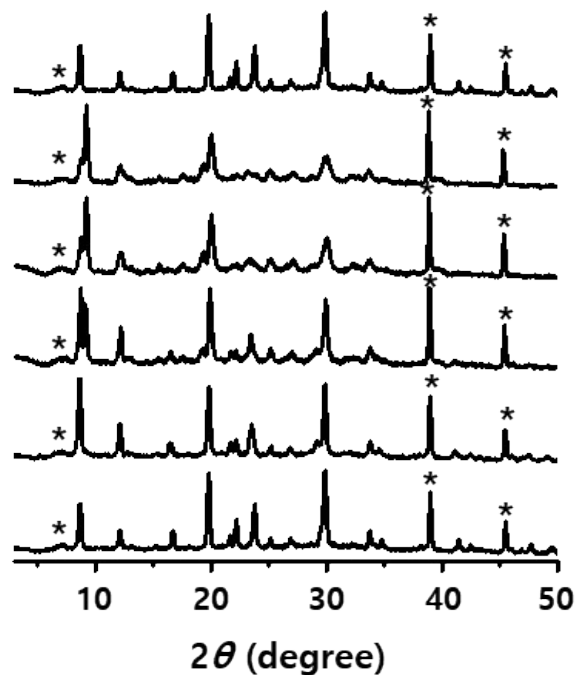


Fig. S4. VT PXRD patterns of as-synthesized Na-SAPO-CHA(17). Each PXRD pattern was obtained at (from bottom to top) 25, 100, 200, 300, and 400 °C under a residual pressure of 10^{-2} Torr. The top pattern, collected at 25 °C under ambient pressure after the thermal process, demonstrates that this thermal treatment is not detrimental to the structural integrity of Na-SAPO-CHA(17). However, notable changes in the position and relative intensity of some X-ray peaks are observed during heating from 25 to 400 °C. This suggests that a phase transition is caused by dehydration at 300 °C, which is under investigation in our laboratory. However, the other SAPO molecular sieves (i.e., Na-SAPO-LTA(11), Na-SAPO-FAU/EMT(14), and NaTMA-FAU(15)) showed no detectable changes in their PXRD pattern when subjected to the same thermal treatment conditions. The X-ray peaks from the (Pt) sample holder are marked by asterisks.

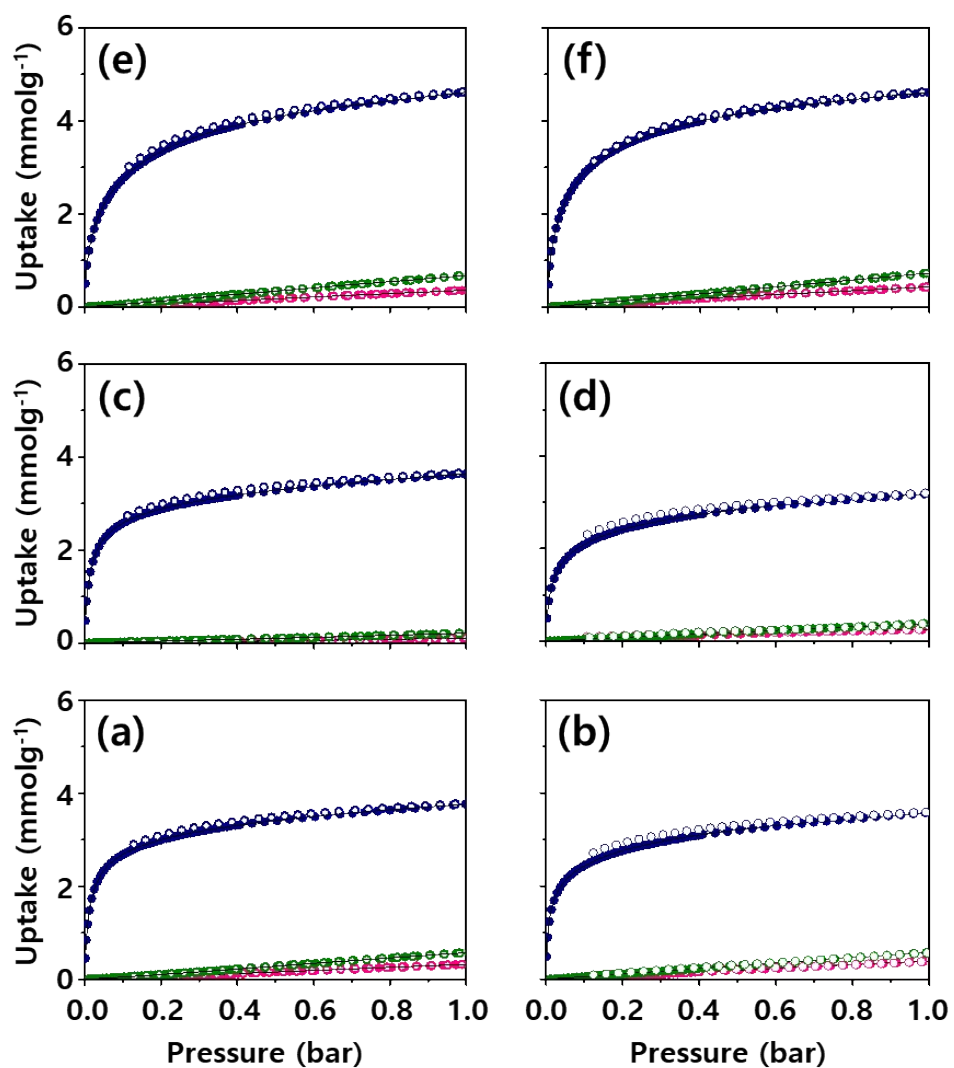


Fig. S5. Small gas adsorption isotherms of the SAPO molecular sieves. CO₂ (blue), N₂ (pink), and CH₄ (green) isotherms at 25 °C were recorded on the Na⁺-forms of (a) Na-SAPO-LTA(1), (b) Na-SAPO-LTA(4), (c) Na-SAPO-CHA(17), (d) Na-SAPO-CHA(18), (e) Na-SAPO-FAU/EMT(14), and (f) NaTMA-SAPO-FAU(15).

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