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Interpenetrated Metal Organic Frameworks and Their Uptake of CO₂ at Relatively Low Pressures

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Thermogravimetric Analysis (TGA)

TGA was performed on a Perkin Elmer TGA 7 analyzer to study the thermal stability and the quantity of solvent guest molecules present in the SUMOFs. The SUMOFs were heated from 30 °C to 700 °C at a heating rate of 10 °C/min in a platinum holder under a continuous flow of dry air. TGA curves for the interpenetrated MOFs are given in Fig. S1.

SUMOF-2: it lost all solvents (DMF and water) with a mass loss of 25.8% before 250 °C. During this process, the entrapped zinc species, Zn(OH)₂, in the pores would be dehydrated to ZnO. There is no mass loss between 250 and 450 °C. Upon heating to 480 °C in air, it starts to decompose to give 31.8% ZnO. The observed mass loss for the activated SUMOF-2 upon decomposition to ZnO is 57.1%, which matches very well with the calculated theoretical mass loss, 57.0%, suggesting that the sample is pure.

SUMOF-3: it lost all solvents (DMF and water) with a mass loss of 34.0% before 200 °C. There is no mass loss between 200 and 400 °C. Upon heating to 420 °C in air, it starts to decompose to give 23.2% ZnO. The observed mass loss for the activated SUMOF-3 upon decomposition to ZnO is 64.9%, which matches very well with the calculated theoretical mass loss 64.6%, suggesting that the sample is pure.

SUMOF-4: it lost all solvents (DMF and water) with a mass loss of 31.8% before 220 °C. There is no mass loss between 220 and 420 °C. Upon heating to 420 °C in air, it starts to decompose to give 26.4% ZnO. The observed mass loss for the activated SUMOF-4 upon decomposition to ZnO is 61.3%, which matches very well with the calculated theoretical mass loss 61.5%, suggesting that the sample is pure.

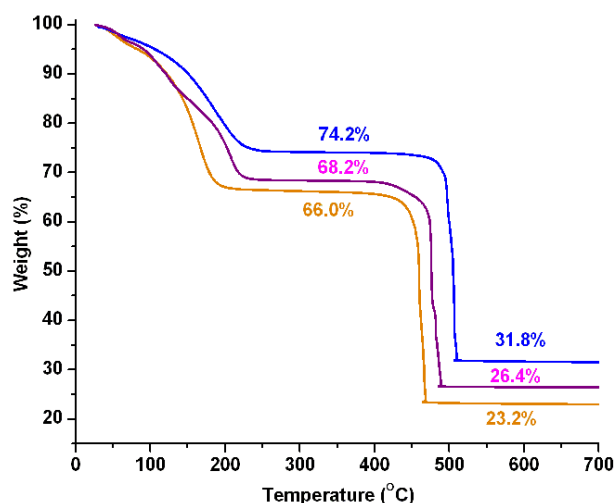


Figure S1. TGA curves for SUMOF-2 (blue line), SUMOF-3 (orange line) and SUMOF-4 (purple line). The mass of the activated SUMOFs and the remaining mass after decomposition of the SUMOFs are indicated.

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Nitrogen adsorption isotherms at 77 K

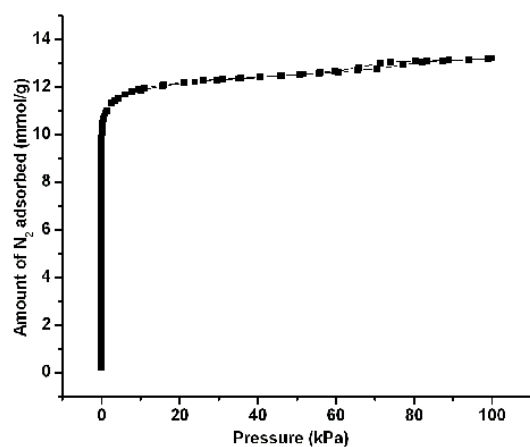


Figure S2 Nitrogen adsorption isotherm of SUMOF-2 at 77 K.

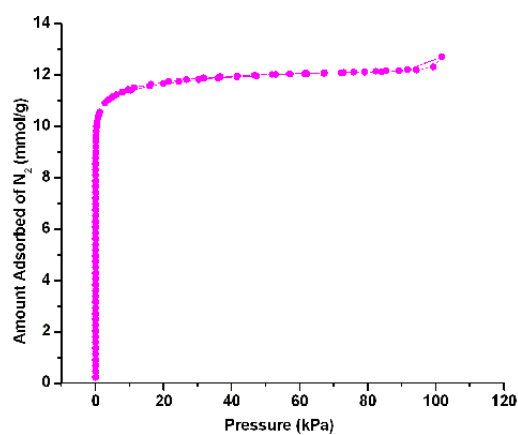


Figure S3 Nitrogen adsorption isotherm of SUMOF-3 at 77 K.

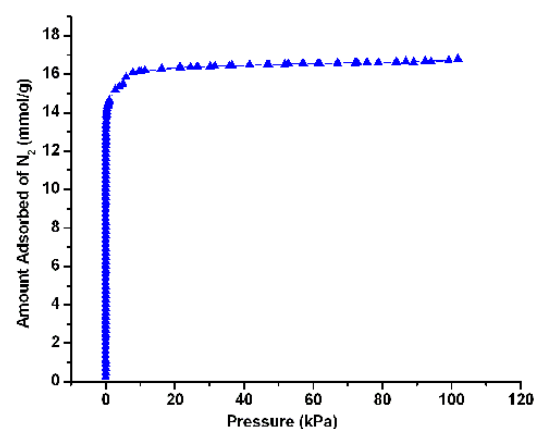


Figure S4 Nitrogen adsorption isotherm of SUMOF-4 at 77 K.

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Stability of activated sample in open air

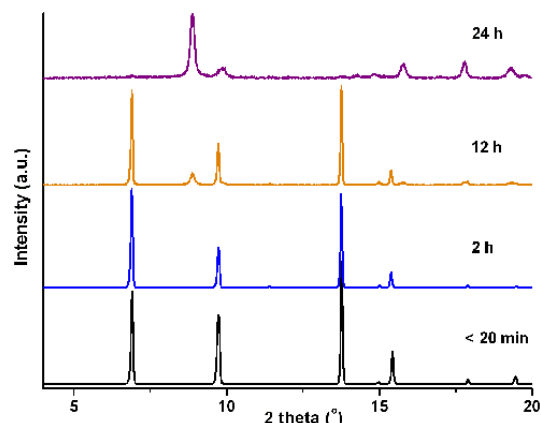


Figure S5. PXRD patterns for activated SUMOF-2 subjected to open air for various time periods. The activated sample was stable in air for at least 2 hours. After being exposed to open air for 12 hours, a new line appears at $2\theta = 8.9^\circ$, indicating partial conversion to a second phase. After further being exposed in air for 24 hours, two additional lines appear at $2\theta = 15.8$ and 17.8° , suggesting formation of a second phase isostructural to MOF-69C.¹ Similar results were observed for MOF-5 in humid air.²

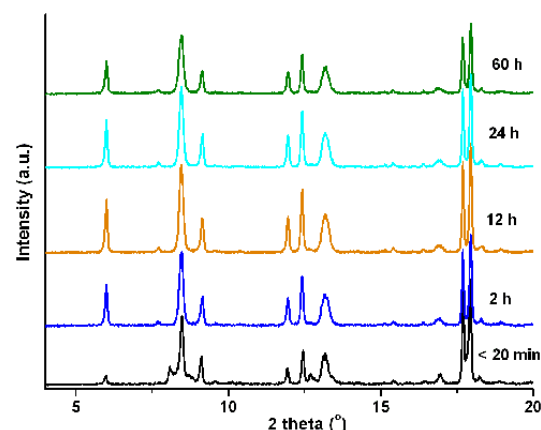
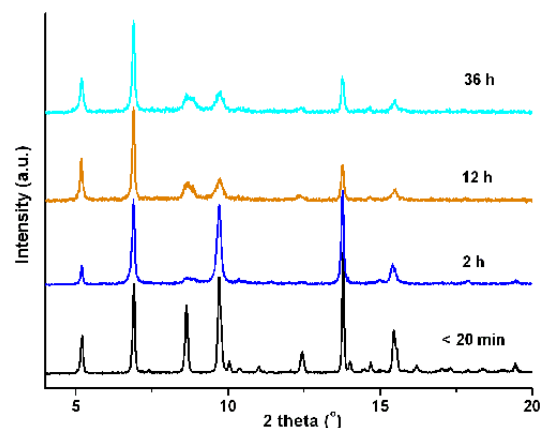


Figure S6. Powder X-ray diffraction patterns for activated SUMOF-3 subjected to open air for various amount of time. The activated sample can be stable in air at least for two and half days.



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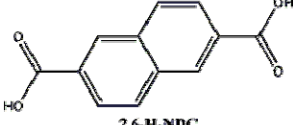
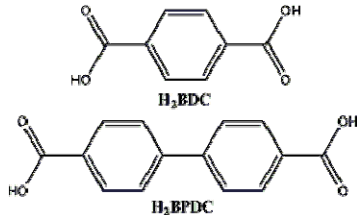
Figure S7. Powder X-ray diffraction patterns for activated SUMOF-4 subjected to open air for various amount of time. The activated sample can stand to be subjected to open air for a long time, although some of the diffraction lines got broadened rather rapidly.

Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinements^{3,4} for SUMOF-2, SUMOF-3 and SUMOF-4.

Identification code	SUMOF-2	SUMOF-3	SUMOF-4
Empirical formula	C ₂₄ H _{12.25} O ₁₄ Zn _{4.125}	C ₇₅ H ₅₀ NO _{31.7} Zn ₈	C ₃₃ H ₂₄ NO ₁₅ Zn ₄
Formula weight	794.24	1995.32	936.01
Temperature (K)	293(2)	293(2)	293(2)
Wavelength (Å)	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
Crystal system	Trigonal	Triclinic	Orthorhombic
Space group	<i>R</i> -3 <i>m</i>	<i>P</i> -1	<i>Pnnm</i>
Unit cell	<i>a</i> = 18.4010(10) Å <i>c</i> = 44.057(3) Å	<i>a</i> = 18.6086(8) Å <i>b</i> = 20.2422(7) Å <i>c</i> = 20.8135(7) Å <i>α</i> = 70.421(3) ° <i>β</i> = 68.955(3) ° <i>γ</i> = 68.031(4) °	<i>a</i> = 18.3770(6) Å <i>b</i> = 17.3043(4) Å <i>c</i> = 17.9565(5) Å
Volume (Å ³)	12918.9(14)	6600.7(4)	5710.2(3)
<i>Z</i>	12	2	4
Density (calculated)	1.225 g/cm ³	1.004 g/cm ³	1.089 g/cm ³
Absorption coefficient	2.314	1.479	1.705
<i>F</i> (000)	4704	2001	1876
Crystal size (mm ³)	0.30 × 0.30 × 0.25	0.20 × 0.15 × 0.15	0.25 × 0.20 × 0.20
Crystal color	colorless	colorless	colorless
Theta range for data collection	4.13° < <i>θ</i> < 26.37°	4.14° < <i>θ</i> < 26.37°	4.20° < <i>θ</i> < 26.37°
Index ranges	-22 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 18, -21 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 22, -55 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 44	-23 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 23, -25 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 22, -19 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 26	-22 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 13, -21 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 12, -22 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 22
Reflections collected	29350	45520	19462
Unique reflections	3211 (<i>R</i> _(int) = 0.1114)	26227 (<i>R</i> _(int) = 0.0490)	5966 (<i>R</i> _(int) = 0.0419)
Completeness to theta	0.992	0.973	0.986
Absorption correction	Multi-scan	Multi-scan	Multi-scan
Min. and max. transmission	0.96827 and 1.00000	0.92284 and 1.00000	0.85492 and 1.00000
Observed reflections	2326	15115	4341
Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> ²	1.098	1.002	1.086
Final <i>R</i> indices [<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>)]	<i>R</i> 1 = 0.0890, <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.2153	<i>R</i> 1 = 0.0590, <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.1616	<i>R</i> 1 = 0.0545, <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.1828
<i>R</i> indices (all data)	<i>R</i> 1 = 0.1143, <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.2308	<i>R</i> 1 = 0.0916, <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.1745	<i>R</i> 1 = 0.0738, <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.1937

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Table S2. Comparison of the unit cells and voids of the non-interpenetrated analogues of SUMOF-2 to SUMOF-4.

	SUMOF-2	SUMOF-3	SUMOF-4
Ligand	 H ₃ BDC	 2,6-H ₂ NDC	 H ₂ BDC H ₂ BPDC
Unit cell	a= b=12.9Å, c=12.9Å, α=90.8°, β=90.8°, γ=90.8°	a=b=15.1Å, c=15.0Å, α=92.7°, β=76.5°, γ=84.3°	a=b=12.9Å, c=17.3Å, α=88.8°, β=88.8°, γ=88.6°
Cell volume (Å ³)	2417	3300	2876
Void (%)	44.2	58.3	54.4

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