Supporting Information

Tailoring pore geometry and chemistry in microporous metal–organic frameworks for high methane storage working capacity

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1. Materials and General Methods

All the chemicals were commercially available and used without further purification. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Advance DMX500 spectrometer using tetramethylsilane(TMS) as an internal standard. Elemental analyses for C, H, and N were performed on an EA1112 microelemental analyzer. Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) patterns were collected in the 2θ=3-45^o range on an X'Pert PRO diffractometer with Cu K_α radiation (λ =1.542Å) at room temperature. Thermogravimetric analyses (TGA) were conducted on a Netszch TGA 209 F3 thermogravimeter with a heating rate of 5 $\mathrm{^{\circ}C}$ min⁻¹ in a N₂ atmosphere.

2. Gas sorption Measurements

A Micromeritics ASAP 2020 surface area analyzer was used to measure gas adsorption isotherms. To remove all the guest solvents in the framework, the fresh samples of ZJU-105 and PCN-46 were guest-exchanged with dry acetone at least 10 times, filtered and degassed at room temperature for 1 day and then at 373 K for another 9 h until the minimal pressure before the measurements were made. The activated samples of ZJU-105 and PCN-46 were maintained at 77 K with liquid nitrogen. High-pressure CH₄ sorption isotherms were measured using a Sieverts-type apparatus. A detailed description of the experimental setup, calibration and the isotherm has been published previously.¹

3. X-ray Crystallography

The crystal data were collected on an Agilent Supernova CCD diffractometer equipped with a eraphite-monochromatic enhanced Cu K α radiation ($\lambda = 1.54184$ Å) at 296 K. The datasets were corrected by empirical absorption correction using spherical harmonics, implemented in the SCALE3 ABSPACK scaling algorithm. The structure was solved by direct methods using SIR92 and refined by full matrix least-squares methods with the SHELX-2014 program package. The solvent molecules in the compound are highly disordered. The SQUEEZE subroutine of the PLATON software suite was used to remove the scattering from the highly disordered guest molecules.² The resulting new files were used to further refine the structures. The H atoms on C atoms were generated geometrically. Crystal data are summarized in Table S1.

4. **Derivation** of the **isosteric** heat of **adsorption** (O_{st})

A virial type expression of the following form was used to fit the $CH₄$ total adsorption isotherm data at 273 K and 298 K.

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\ln P = \ln N + 1/T \sum_{i=0}^{m} a_i N^i + \sum_{i=0}^{n} b_i N^i
$$

Figure, P is the pressure expressed in bar, N is the amount adsorbed in $cc(STP)/cc$, T is the temperature in K, a_i and b_i are virial coefficients, and m, n represents the number of coefficients required to adequately describe the isotherms. m and n were gradually increased until the contribution of extra added a and b coefficients was deemed to be statistically insignificant towards the overall fit, as determined using the average value of the squared deviations from the experimental values was minimized. The values of the virial coefficients a_0 through a_m were then used to calculate the isosteric heat of adsorption using the following expression.

$$
Q_{st} = -R \sum_{i=0}^{m} a_i N^i
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Here, Q_{st} is the coverage-dependent isosteric heat of adsorption and *R* is the universal gas constant of 8.3147 J K⁻¹mol⁻¹.

Scheme S1. Synthetic routes to the organic linker H₄L1

4,4'-dibromo-1,1'-binaphthalene: 1,1'-binaphthalene (0.79 g, 3.1 mmol) was dissolved in chloroform (30 mL) and the solution was cooled to 0 °C with an ice-bath. To the solution was added bromine (2.6 g, 16 mmol) over 20 min. After the mixture stirred for 2.5 h, aqueous sodium sulfite was added for quenching. The organic layer was separated and washed with brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. After filtration, the filtrate was evaporated and the residue was recrystallized from chloroform to give white crystals (0.80 g, 61%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.36 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (td, *J*¹ **=** 8.4 Hz, *J*² **=** 4.0 Hz, 2H), 7.36–7.31 (m, 6H).

Tetramethyl 5,5'-([1,1'-binaphthalene]-4,4'-diyl)diisophthalate: 4,4'-dibromo-1,1'-binaphthalene (0.82 g, 2 mmol), 5-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl) isophthalate (2.03 g, 6 mmol), K_3PO_4 (2.55g, 12 mmol) and tetrakis(triphenylphosphine) palladium(0) (0.1 g, 0.09 mmol) were dissolved in dry 1,4-dioxane (60 mL) under N_2 atmosphere. The mixture was stirred at 80 °C for three days. After removal of organic solvent under vacuum, the residue was washed with water and extracted with dichloromethane. The organic layer was dried with anhydrous $MgSO₄$ and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, dichloromethane /petroleum ether, $3:1 \text{ v/v}$. Yield: 67% (0.85 g). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroformd) δ 8.82 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 2H), 8.50 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 4H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.57–7.54 (m, 2H), 7.48 (td, *J*¹ = 8.4 Hz, *J*² = 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (td, *J*¹ $= 8.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.00 (s, 12H).

5,5'-([1,1'-binaphthalene]-4,4'-diyl)diisophthalic acid (H4L1): tetramethyl 5,5'-([1,1' binaphthalene]-4,4'-diyl)diisophthalate (0.85 g, 1.3 mmol) was suspended in 50 mL THF, and then a 2M KOH aqueous solution (50 mL) was added. The mixture was stirred under reflux overnight until it became clear. After that THF was removed under reduced pressure and dilute HCl was then added to the remaining aqueous solution to acidify $pH = 2$. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with water for several times, and dried to afford white powder. Yield: 736 mg (95%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d6) δ 13.46 (s, 4H), 8.62 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 2H), 8.35 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 4H), 7.87 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.71 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.57 (td, $J_1 = 8.3$ Hz, $J_1 = 2.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.47–7.42 (m, 4H).

Scheme S2. Synthetic routes to the organic linker H₄L2

Dimethyl 5-(2-(trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)isophthalate: Dimethyl 5-bromoisophthalate (10.00 g, 36.62 mmol), CuI (0.35 g, 1.83 mmol), and Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂ (1.28 g, 1.83 mmol) were placed in a 500 mL round-bottom flask. The flask was evacuated under vacuum and refilled with $N₂$ for three times, and then ethynyltrimethylsilane (7.6 mL, 54.93 mmol), dry THF (200 mL) and triethylamine (7.7 mL, 54.93 mmol) were added via syringe sequentially. The resulting solution was stirred under nitrogen at room temperature for 24 h. After removal of the volatile, CH_2Cl_2 (100 mL) and H_2O (100 mL) was added. The organic phase was separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The organic phase was combined, washed with brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and filtered. The solvent was removed under vacuum, and the residue was purified using silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (30/1, v/v) as eluent, affording dimethyl 5-(2- (trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)isophthalate as a yellow solid in 87 % yield (9.2 g) . ¹H NMR (500) MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.60 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 2H), 3.95 (s, 6H), 0.26 (s, 9H).

Dimethyl 5-ethynylisophthalate: A mixture of dimethyl 5-(2- (trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)isophthalate (9.2 g, 31.68 mmol), K_2CO_3 (0.88 g, 6.30 mmol) in a mixed solvent of THF (70 mL) and MeOH (175 mL) was stirred under a nitrogen atmosphere at room temperature for 24 h. After that, the solvent was removed under vacuum. CH_2Cl_2 (100 mL) and $H₂O$ (100 mL) were added. The organic phase was separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The organic phase was combined, washed with brine, dried over anhydrous $MgSO_4$ and filtered. The removal of volatile gave dimethyl 5ethynylisophthalate in 94 % yield (6.5 g) , which is pure enough for the next reactions. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.63 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.32 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 2H), 3.95 (s, 6H), 3.17 (s, 1H).

Tetramethyl 5,5'-(buta-1,3-diyne-1,4-diyl)diisophthalate: Anhydrous Et₃N (20 ml) and tetrahydrofuran (20 mL) were added to a flask containing a mixture of dimethyl 5 ethynylisophthalate (4.2 g, 19 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂ (0.27 g, 0.38 mmol) and cuprous chloride (0.08 g, 0.77 mmol). The resulting mixture was heated at 50 \degree C for 24 h during which oxygen was bubbled into the solution. The solvent was removed in vacuo and the residue was extracted with dichloromethane and saturated ammonium chloride solution, and dried over anhydrous MgSO4. After filtration and evaporation, flash column chromatography on silica gel using dichloromethane as eluant gave the product. Yield: 3 g (36 %). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.66 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 2H), 8.36 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 4H), 3.96 (s, 12H).

5,5'-(buta-1,3-diyne-1,4-diyl)diisophthalic acid (H4L2): To a stirred solution of tetramethyl 5,5'-(buta-1,3-diyne-1,4-diyl)diisophthalate (2 g) in methanol/water (V : V = 9 : 1, 60 mL), potassium hydroxide (4.2 g) was added and the mixture was heated at 80 \degree C for 24 h, then acidified with 6M hydrochloric acid. The precipitate was removed by filtration, washed with water for several times, and dried in vacuo. Yield 1.45 g (83 %). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d6) δ 13.57 (s, 4H), 8.49 (t, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 2H), 8.29 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 4H).

Synthesis of ZJU-105

A mixture of the organic linker H₄L1 (10 mg, 0.017 mmol) and Cu(NO₃)₂·2.5H₂O (25) mg, 0.107 mmol) was dissolved into a mixed solvent (DMF/H₂O, 3 mL/0.2 mL) in a screwcapped vial (20 mL), to which 20 μ L of 37% HCl was added. The vial was capped and heated in an oven at 80 °C for 72 h. Blue block crystals were obtained by filtrated and washed with DMF several times to afford ZJU-105 in 70% yield. ZJU-105 has a best formula as $[Cu₂L1(H₂O)₂]$ ·5DMF·3H₂O, which was obtained based on single-crystal X-ray structure determination, elemental analysis and TGA. Anal. Calcd for $C_{51}H_{59}N_5O_{18}Cu_2$: C, 51.30; H, 4.95; N, 5.87; found: C, 51.43; H, 4.91; N, 5.81. TGA data for loss of 5 DMF and 5H2O: calcd: 38.18 %, found: 38.46 %.

Synthesis of PCN-46

A mixture of the organic linker H₄L2 (10 mg, 0.026 mmol) and Cu(NO₃)₂·2.5H₂O (20 mg, 0.086 mmol) was dissolved into a mixed solvent (DMF/EtOH/H2O, 2.4 mL/1 mL/1 mL) in a screw-capped vial (20 mL), to which 70 μ L HNO₃ was added. The vial was capped and heated in an oven at 85 °C for 24 h. Green block crystals were obtained by filtrated and washed with DMF several times to afford PCN-46 in 68% yield. PCN-46 has a best formula as $\left[\text{Cu}_{2}\text{L2(H}_{2}\text{O}_{2}\right]$ ·4DMF·5H₂O, which was obtained based on single-crystal X-ray structure determination, elemental analysis and TGA. Anal. Calcd for $C_{32}H_{56}N_4O_{19}Cu_2$: C, 41.75; H, 6.09; N, 6.09; found: C, 41.71; H, 6.12; N, 6.14. TGA data for loss of 4DMF and 7H2O: calcd: 44 %, found: 44.3 %.

Figure S1.¹H (CDCl₃, 500MHz) spectra of 4,4'-dibromo-1,1'-binaphthalene.

Figure S2. ¹H (CDCl₃, 500MHz) spectra of Tetramethyl 5,5'-([1,1'-binaphthalene]-4,4'diyl)diisophthalate.

Figure S3.¹H (DMSO, 500MHz) spectra of 5,5'-([1,1'-binaphthalene]-4,4'-diyl)diisophthalic acid.

Figure S4.¹H (CDCl₃, 500MHz) spectra of Dimethyl 5-(2-(trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)isophthalate.

Figure S5.¹H (CDCl₃, 500MHz) spectra of Dimethyl 5-ethynylisophthalate.

Figure S6.¹H (CDCl₃, 500MHz) spectra of Tetramethyl 5,5'-(buta-1,3-diyne-1,4-diyl)diisophthalate.

Figure S7. ¹H (DMSO, 500MHz) spectra of 5,5'-(buta-1,3-diyne-1,4-diyl)diisophthalic acid

Figure S8. TGA curves of as-synthesized ZJU-105.

Figure S9. TGA curves of as-synthesized PCN-46.

Figure S10. PXRD patterns of as-synthesized ZJU-105 (red) along with the simulated XRD pattern from the single-crystal X-ray structure (black).

Figure S11. PXRD patterns of as-synthesized PCN-46 (red) along with the simulated XRD pattern from the single-crystal X-ray structure (black).

Experimental values:

*S*_{BET} = (1/(0.00167- 1.59967×10-6))/22414 ×6.02×10²³×0.162×10⁻¹⁸= 2608 m² g⁻¹

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V_{\scriptscriptstyle P} = 1.037\; \text{cm}^3\text{/g}
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Theoretical values calculated from the crystal structure:

 $S_{\text{BET}} = 2452 \text{ m}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$; $V_P = 0.96$ cm³/g

Figure S12. N₂ sorption isotherms of ZJU-105a at 77 K. Solid symbols: adsorption, open symbols: desorption.

Experimental values:

*S*_{BET} = (1/(0.00135- 5.37814×10-7))/22414 ×6.02×10²³×0.162×10⁻¹⁸= 3224 m² g⁻¹

 $V_P = 1.243$ cm³/g

Theoretical values calculated from the crystal structure:

 S_{BET} = 3634 m² g⁻¹; $-V_{P} = 1.266$ cm³/g

Figure S13. N₂ sorption isotherms of PCN-46a at 77 K. Solid symbols: adsorption, open symbols: desorption.

Figure S14. Optical images of the as-synthesized crystals of ZJU-105.

Figure S15. Optical images of the as-synthesized crystals of PCN-46.

Figure S16. Excess volumetric high-pressure methane sorption isotherms of ZJU-105a at different temperatures. Filled and open symbols represent adsorption and desorption data, respectively.

Figure S17. Excess volumetric high-pressure methane sorption isotherms of PCN-46a at different temperatures. Filled and open symbols represent adsorption and desorption data, respectively.

Figure S18. Excess (a) and total (b) high-pressure H₂ sorption isotherms of ZJU-105a at different temperatures. Filled and open symbols represent adsorption and desorption data, respectively.

Figure S19. Excess (a) and total (b) high-pressure H_2 sorption isotherms of PCN-46a at different temperatures. Filled and open symbols represent adsorption and desorption data, respectively.

Figure S20. Excess (a) and total (b) high-pressure CO_2 sorption isotherms of ZJU-105a at different temperatures. Filled and open symbols represent adsorption and desorption data, respectively.

Figure S21. Excess (a) and total (b) high-pressure CO_2 sorption isotherms of PCN-46a at different temperatures. Filled and open symbols represent adsorption and desorption data, respectively.

Figure S22. Comparison of *Q*st for CH⁴ adsorption for ZJU-105a, NOTT-102a, and PCN-46a.

Figure S23. Derivation of Q_{st} for CH₄ adsorption in ZJU-105a from virial fitting of the total adsorption isotherm data. The virial coefficients are shown on the right.

Figure S24. Derivation of *Q*st for CH⁴ adsorption in PCN-46a from virial fitting of the total adsorption isotherm data. The virial coefficients are shown on the right.

Figure S25. Comparison of Q_{st} for H_2 adsorption for ZJU-105a and PCN-46a.

Figure S26. Derivation of *Q*st for H² adsorption in ZJU-105a from virial fitting of the total adsorption isotherm data. The virial coefficients are shown on the right.

Figure S27. Derivation of Q_{st} for H_2 adsorption in PCN-46a from virial fitting of the total adsorption isotherm data. The virial coefficients are shown on the right.

Figure S28. Comparison of Q_{st} for CO_2 adsorption for ZJU-105a and PCN-46a.

Figure S29. Derivation of Q_{st} for CO_2 adsorption in ZJU-105a from virial fitting of the total adsorption isotherm data. The virial coefficients are shown on the right.

Figure S30. Derivation of Q_{st} for CO₂ adsorption in PCN-46a from virial fitting of the total adsorption isotherm data. The virial coefficients are shown on the right.

Figure S31. PXRD patterns of the as-synthesized ZJU-105 sample (a) andPCN-46 sample (b) after exposure to air for one or two days, respectively.

Figure S32. Comparison of N₂ adsorption isotherms of (a) ZJU-105a and (b) PCN-46a with the reactivated samples after exposure to air for two days, showing their relatively good air stability.

Figure S33. Cycles of CH₄ and CO₂ adsorption for ZJU-105a (a and b) and PCN-46a (c and d) at 298 K, indicating their good recyclability for gas storage.

	ZJU-105		
Formula	$C_{36}H_{18}Cu_2O_{10}$		
Formula weight	737.58		
Temperature/K	296(2)		
Crystal system	Trigonal		
Space group	$R-3m$		
$a, b(\AA)$	18.6721(4)		
$c(\AA)$	52.020(2)		
α (°)	90		
β (°)	90		
γ (°)	120		
$V(\AA^3)$	15706.8(10)		
Z	9		
D_{caled} (g cm ⁻³)	0.702		
μ (mm ⁻¹)	0.637		
F(000)	3348		
Crystal size/mm ³	$0.32 \times 0.28 \times 0.24$		
GOF	1.059		
R_{int}	0.0250		
R_1 , w R_2 [[>=2 σ (I)]	0.0578, 0.1881		
R_1 , w R_2 [all data]	0.0725, 0.2080		
Largest diff. peak and hole (e \AA^{-3})	0.847 and -0.464		
CCDC number	1943325		

Table S1. Crystallographic data and structure refinement results for ZJU-105 (from single-crystal Xray diffraction analysis on the as-synthesized sample).

Table S2. Comparison of some promising MOFs for high-pressure CH₄ storage at 65/80 bar and 298

K.

^a BET surface areas calculated from N² isotherms at 77 K. *^b* Pore volumes calculated from the maximum amounts of N² adsorbed. *^c* Crystal densities without guest molecules and terminal water molecules. *^d* Calculated from the crystal density of the activated PCN-46a originated from the literature 35.

Table S3. Comparison of some promising MOFs for high-pressure CH₄ storage at 100 bar and 298

K.

^{*a*} BET surface areas calculated from N₂ isotherms at 77 K. *b* Pore volumes calculated from the maximum amounts of N₂ adsorbed. ^{*c*} Crystal densities without guest molecules and terminal water molecules.

Table S4. Comparison of H₂ Adsorption Data for a Variety of MOFs.

a BET surface areas calculated from N₂ isotherms at 77 K. *b* Pore volumes calculated from the maximum amounts of N₂ adsorbed. *c* Crystal densities without guest molecules and terminal water molecules.

MOFs	S_{BET}^a (m^2/g)	V_p^b (cm ³ /g)	D_c^c (g/cm^3)	Total uptake at 30 bar		Ref.
				g/g	cm^3/cm^3	
PCN-46a	3224	1.243	0.619	1.04	328	This work
ZJU-105a	2608	1.037	0.660	0.91	309	This work
NU-111	4930	2.09	0.409	1.68	350	18
PCN-11	1931	0.91	0.749	0.87	333	25
NiMOF-74	1218	0.47	1.206	0.54	332	26
NU-140	4300	1.97	0.426	1.52	330	27
NOTT-101	2805	1.08	0.684	0.95	328	16
ZJU-35a	2899	1.16	0.657	0.97	326	28
NU-125	3120	1.29	0.578	1.10	324	29
PCN-61	3000	1.36	0.560	1.11	318	24
MOF-177	4500	1.89	0.427	1.45	315	30
ZJU-5a	2823	1.07	0.679	0.91	313	31
MIL-101c	4230	2.15	0.440	1.39	313	32
ZJU-36a	4014	1.60	0.496	1.24	312	28
MOF-205	4460	2.16	0.380	1.61	312	23
UTSA-20	1655	0.63	0.910	0.67	312	33
Cu-TDPAT	1938	0.93	0.782	0.77	306	34
NU-100	6143	2.82	0.273	1.76	245	20
MOF-210	6240	3.6	0.250	1.70	216	23

Table S5. Comparison of CO₂ Adsorption Data for a Variety of MOFs at RT.

^{*a*} BET surface areas calculated from N₂ isotherms at 77 K. *b* Pore volumes calculated from the maximum amounts of N₂ adsorbed. ^{*c*} Crystal densities without guest molecules and terminal water molecules.

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