Supporting Information

Size exclusion propyne/propylene separation in a ultramicroporous yet hydrophobic metal-organic framework

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Fig. S1 The PXRD patterns of BUT-305 and-306 treated with MeOH at 120 °C for 3 days.



Fig. S2 N_2 adsorption isotherms of **BUT-305** and **-306** at 77 K.



Fig. S3 The CO₂ adsorption isotherms of **BUT-305** and **-306** at 195 K.



Fig. S4 Two repeated measurements of H₂O adsorption isotherms of BUT-306 at 298 K.



Fig. S5 Single-component gas adsorption isotherms (CO₂, C₂H₂, C₂H₄, C₂H₆, C₃H₄, C₃H₆, and C₃H₈) of (a, b) **BUT-305** and (c, d) **BUT-306** recorded at 298 K.



Fig. S6 C₃H₄, C₃H₆ adsorption and desorption isotherms of **BUT-306** measured at 298 K.



Fig. S7 IAST selectivities of **BUT-306** for 1:1, 1:9 and 1:99 (ν/ν) C₃H₄/C₃H₆ gas mixtures at 298 K calculated from single-component gas adsorption isotherms.



Fig. S8 The C_3H_4 adsorption isotherms of **BUT-306** recorded at 273, 283, 298, 313, and 323 K, respectively. The measurements were repeated to verify the data.



Fig. S9 Overlapping of the framework structures **BUT-306** recorded at 273 K (blue), 298 K (red), and 313 K (green) and that of C₃H₄-loaded **BUT-306** recorded at 200 K (turquoise).



Fig. S10 C_3H_4 and C_3H_6 adsorption isotherms of **BUT-306** measured at 298 K and its double-site Langmuir-Freundlich fits.



Fig. S11 Schematic diagram of column breakthrough experiment device.

| | BUT-306 | BUT-306 | BUT-306 | C ₃ H ₄ -loaded BUT-306 |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Temp. (K) | 273 | 298 | 313 | 200 |
| Formula | $C_{12.5}H_{10}N_4O_2Zn$ | $C_{12.5}H_{10}N_4O_2Zn$ | $C_{12.5}H_{10}N_4O_2Zn$ | $C_{12.73}H_{10.2}N_4O_2Zn$ |
| Crystal system | tetragonal | tetragonal | tetragonal | tetragonal |
| Space group | <i>I</i> 4/ <i>m</i> | I4/m | I4/m | I4/m |
| <i>a</i> (Å) | 12.3290(2) | 12.3420(2) | 12.3425(2) | 12.3020(10) |
| <i>c</i> (Å) | 40.6790(6) | 40.6826(9) | 40.6799(5) | 40.7025(5) |
| α (°) | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| $V(Å^3)$ | 6183.4(2) | 6197.0(2) | 6197.1(2) | 6159.9(13) |
| Ζ | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 |
| $D_c (\mathrm{g} \mathrm{cm}^{-3})$ | 1.348 | 1.345 | 1.345 | 1.365 |
| F (000) | 2544.0 | 2544.0 | 2544.0 | 2569.0 |
| Reflections collected | 11595 | 11499 | 11532 | 11249 |
| Unique reflections | 2364 | 2343 | 2326 | 3109 |
| GOF | 1.031 | 1.031 | 1.020 | 1.060 |
| $R_1^a [I > 2\sigma(I)]$ | 0.0424 | 0.0588 | 0.0425 | 0.0371 |
| wR_2^b (all data) | 0.1243 | 0.1192 | 0.1263 | 0.1048 |
| CCDC deposition number | 2168051 | 2168052 | 2168053 | 2168054 |

Table S1 Crystal data and structure refinement parameters for **BUT-306** at 273, 298 and 313 K, and C₃H₄-loaded **BUT-306** at 200 K.

 ${}^{a}R_{1} = \Sigma ||F_{o}| - |F_{c}|| / \Sigma |F_{o}|. \ {}^{b}wR_{2} = |\Sigma w(|F_{o}|^{2} - |F_{c}|^{2})| / \Sigma |w(F_{o})^{2}|^{1/2}, \text{ where } w = 1 / [\sigma^{2}(F_{o}^{2}) + (aP)^{2} + bP]. \ P = (F_{o}^{2} + 2F_{c}^{2}) / 3$

| Formula | $Zn_2(ATZ)_2(TPDC)$ |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| crystal system | tetragonal |
| space group | I4/m |
| <i>a</i> / Å | 12.38096(0.00647) |
| <i>c</i> / Å | 40.65355(0.02070) |
| $R_{ m wp}$ / % | 8.62 |
| <i>R</i> _p / % | 6.05 |
| U | 0.34090(0.18549) |
| V | -0.14615(0.07521) |
| W | 0.02189(0.01621) |
| NA | 0.28626(0.01743) |
| NB | 0.01061(0.00102) |
| Zero Point / ° | 0.37865(0.00167) |
| Shift #1 | -0.48957(0.00097) |
| Shift #2 | 0.10628(0.03413) |
| <i>P</i> 1 | -0.20988(0.00230) |
| P2 | -0.11320(0.00109) |
| P3 | 0.21332(0.00475) |
| <i>P</i> 4 | 0.18014(0.00218) |

Table S2 Pawley refinement parameters for the PXRD pattern of **BUT-305**.

| | | C ₃ H₄ adsorption mmol g ⁻¹ | | | C ₃ H ₆ adsorption mmol g ⁻¹ | | | C_3H_4/C_3H_6 adsorption ratio | | Ref. |
|------|---------------|--|----------|----------|--|----------|-----------|-------------------------------------|------|-----------------------|
| MOFs | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 0.01 bar | 0.1 bar | 0.99 bar | 0.01 bar | 0.1 bar | 0.99 bar | 0.99/0.99 | 0.01/0.99 | | |
| | UTSA-200 | 2.99 | 3.3 | 3.58 | 0.02 | 0.33 | 1.2 | 2.98 | 2.49 | |
| | SIFSIX-3-Ni | 2.56 | 2.73 | 2.85 | 0.15 | 2.42 | 2.72 | 1.05 | 0.98 | |
| | ZU-62 | 2.19 | 3.01 | 3.64 | 0.17 | 2.26 | 2.67 | 1.36 | 0.82 | |
| ç | SIFSIX-2-Cu-i | 1.96 | 3.22 | 3.77 | 0.15 | 2.19 | 2.63 | 1.43 | 0.74 | |
| | SIFSIX-1-Cu | 2.57 | 6.79 | 8.63 | 0.3 | 4.92 | 5.88 | 1.47 | 0.44 | |
| | ELM-12 | 1.82 | 2.54 | 2.77 | 0.19 | 1.11 | 1.43 | 1.94 | 1.27 | |
| | ZJUT-1 | 0.4 | 1.07 | 2.24 | 0.06 | 0.54 | 0.84 | 2.67 | 0.47 | Ref. [32] in maintext |
| | Mg-MOF-74 | 2.71 | 7.32 | 9.4 | 2.03 | 6.07 | 6.49 | 1.33 | 0.42 | mantext |
| | Co-MOF-74 | 2.85 | 5.8 | 7.47 | 1.27 | 5.64 | 5.95 | 1.26 | 0.48 | |
| | Ni-MOF-74 | 1.8 | 4.68 | 5.51 | 1.53 | 4.5 | 4.78 | 1.15 | 0.38 | |
| | Fe-MOF-74 | 2.18 | 6.67 | 7.94 | 1.67 | 6.25 | 6.63 | 1.20 | 0.33 | |
| | Cu-BTC | 1.47 | 8.17 | 10.47 | 1.36 | 7.9 | 8.33 | 1.26 | 0.18 | |
| | Fe-BTT | 1.74 | 6.87 | 12.41 | 1.52 | 8.03 | 8.74 | 1.42 | 0.2 | |

Table S3 Comparison of C_3H_4 and C_3H_6 uptake (mmol/g, mmol/cm³ and cm³/cm³) from gas adsorption isotherms at various pressures, and the C_3H_4/C_3H_6 uptake ratio at 0.01/0.01 bar and 0.01/0.99 bar for various reported MOFs at 298 K.

| BUT-306 | 0.44 | 0.89 | 1.29 | 0.02 | 0.04 | 0.12 | 10.75 | 3.67 | this work |
|-------------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|-------|------|--------------------------|
| NKMOF-1 | 1.78 | 2.10 | 2.90 | 0.65 | 0.75 | 1.50 | 1.93 | 1.19 | Ref. [52] in maintext |
| Ni-gallate | 1.1 | 1.9 | 2.65 | 0.18 | 0.4 | 0.9 | 2.94 | 1.22 | |
| Mg-gallate | 1.65 | 2.7 | 3.75 | 0.08 | 1.0 | 1.50 | 2.50 | 1.10 | Ref. [51] in maintext |
| Co-gallate | 1.61 | 2.4 | 3.21 | 0.09 | 0.5 | 1.49 | 2.15 | 1.08 | |
| UTSA-100 | 1.87 | 4 | 5.35 | 1.34 | 2.68 | 3.04 | 1.76 | 0.62 | |
| UTSA-74-Zn | 0.33 | 2.13 | 7.43 | 0.09 | 2.47 | 5.07 | 1.45 | 0.06 | |
| ZIF-8 | 0.13 | 1.44 | 6.27 | 0.08 | 3.15 | 4.07 | 1.54 | 0.03 | |
| UIO-66 | 1.58 | 5.29 | 10.23 | 0.36 | 2.7 | 3.33 | 3.07 | 0.47 | |
| MIL-100(Fe) | 1.34 | 4.74 | 17.14 | 0.52 | 4.52 | 6.96 | 2.46 | 0.19 | |
| MIL-100(Cr) | 1.52 | 4.98 | 14.51 | 0.63 | 4.53 | 6.25 | 2.32 | 0.24 | |
| Cr-BTT | 1.08 | 4.42 | 7.28 | 0.76 | 5.04 | 5.85 | 1.24 | 0.18 | |
