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**Insight into systematic formation of hexafluorosilicate during crystallization via self-assembly in glass vessel**

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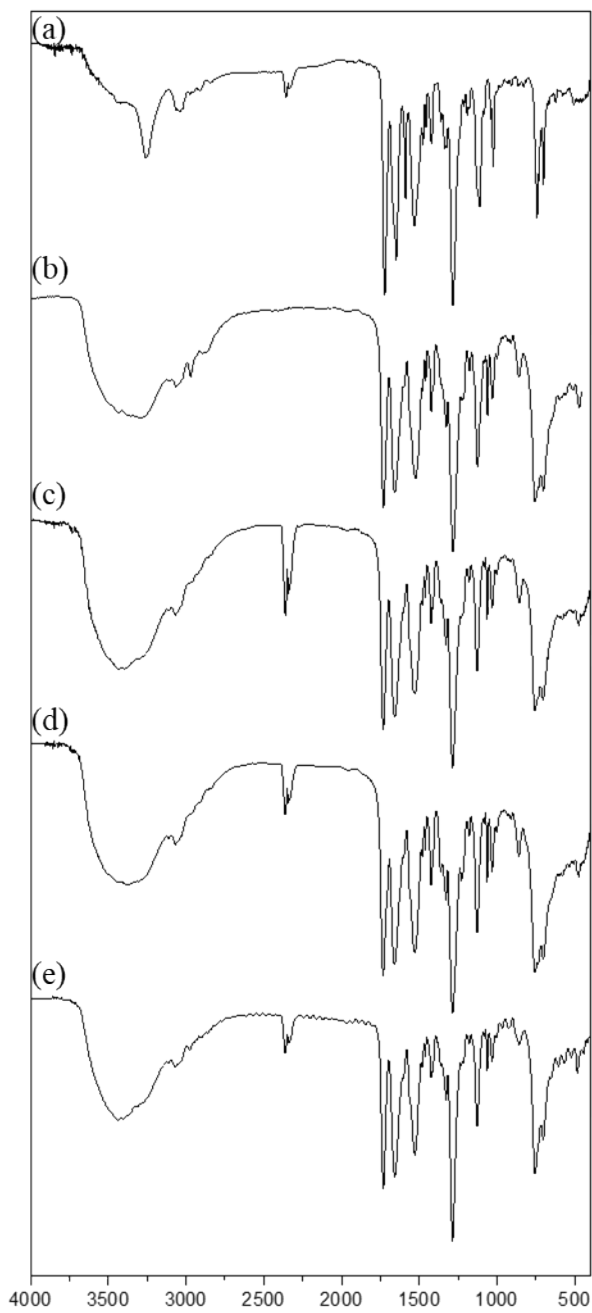
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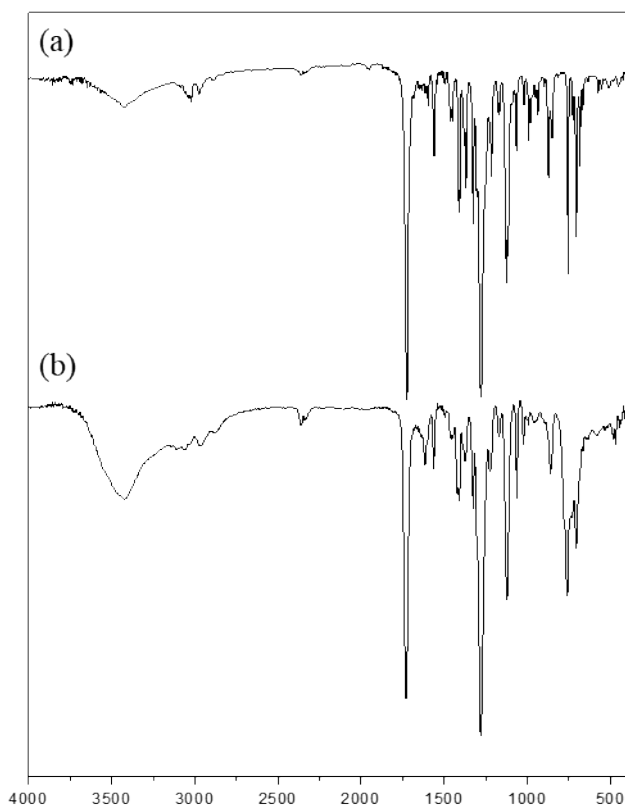
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**Table S1** Crystallographic Data for [(SiF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub>@Cu<sub>3</sub>L<sup>1</sup><sub>4</sub>](SiF<sub>6</sub>)·16CH<sub>3</sub>OH and [(SiF<sub>6</sub>)@Zn<sub>2</sub>L<sup>2</sup><sub>4</sub>](SiF<sub>6</sub>)·2C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O·4CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.

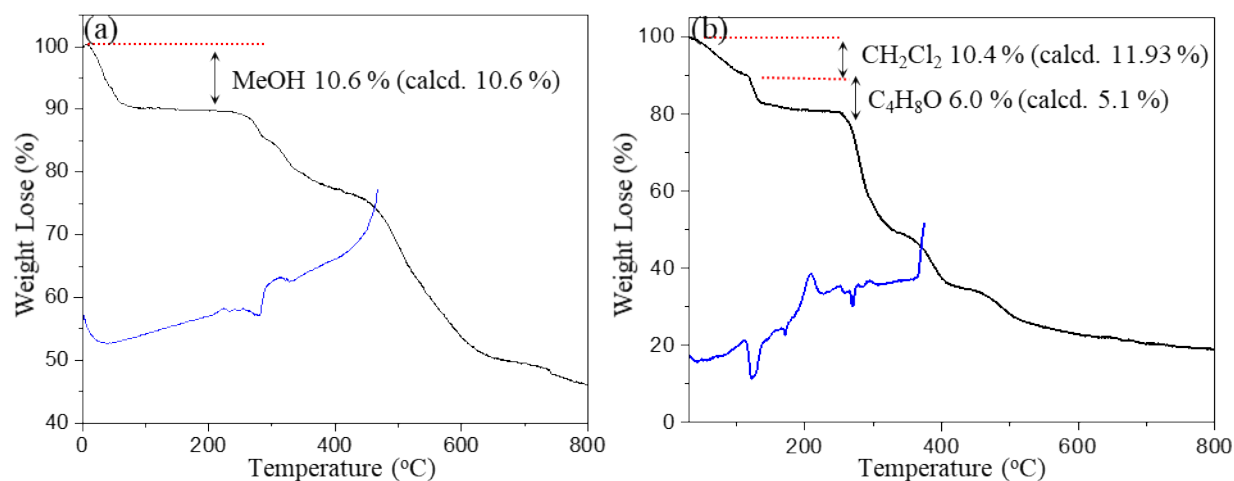
	[(SiF <sub>6</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> @Cu <sub>3</sub> L <sup>1</sup> <sub>4</sub> ](SiF <sub>6</sub> )·16CH <sub>3</sub> OH	[(SiF <sub>6</sub> )@Zn <sub>2</sub> L <sup>2</sup> <sub>4</sub> ](SiF <sub>6</sub> )·2C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O·4CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>
Formula	C <sub>216</sub> H <sub>168</sub> Cu <sub>3</sub> F <sub>18</sub> N <sub>24</sub> O <sub>36</sub> Si <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>60</sub> H <sub>54</sub> Cl <sub>4</sub> F <sub>6</sub> N <sub>6</sub> O <sub>13</sub> SiZn
<i>M<sub>w</sub></i>	4292.62	1416.35
Cryst. sys.	Monoclinic	Tetragonal
Space group	<i>C</i> 2	<i>P</i> 4/n
<i>a</i> (Å)	38.961(8)	20.713(2)
<i>b</i> (Å)	21.921(4)	20.713(2)
<i>c</i> (Å)	23.987(5)	15.855(1)
<i>α</i> (°)	90	90
<i>β</i> (°)	116.69(3)	90
<i>γ</i> (°)	90	90
<i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )	18304(8)	6803(1)
<i>Z</i>	2	4
<i>ρ</i> (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )	0.779	1.383
<i>μ</i> (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.281	0.615
F(000)	4422	2904
Independent reflections ( <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> )	32740 (0.0749)	6691 (0.0807)
GooF	0.786	1.037
Absolute structure parameter	0.020(5)	-
Final R indices [ <i>I</i> >2σ( <i>I</i> )]	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0412, w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0906	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0633, w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1956
R indices (all data)	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.1158, w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1100	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0963, w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.2327
Largest diff. peak and hole (e/Å <sup>3</sup> )	0.224 and -0.244	1.500 and -0.620



**Fig. S1** IR spectra for L<sup>1</sup> (a), [(SiF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub>@Cu<sub>3</sub>L<sup>1</sup><sub>4</sub>](SiF<sub>6</sub>)·16CH<sub>3</sub>OH using *Method 1* (b), [(SiF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub>@Cu<sub>3</sub>L<sup>1</sup><sub>4</sub>](SiF<sub>6</sub>)·16CH<sub>3</sub>OH using *Method 2* (c), [(SiF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub>@Cu<sub>3</sub>L<sup>1</sup><sub>4</sub>](SiF<sub>6</sub>)·16CH<sub>3</sub>OH using *Method 3* (d), and [(SiF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub>@Cu<sub>3</sub>L<sup>1</sup><sub>4</sub>](SiF<sub>6</sub>)·16CH<sub>3</sub>OH using *Method 4* (e).

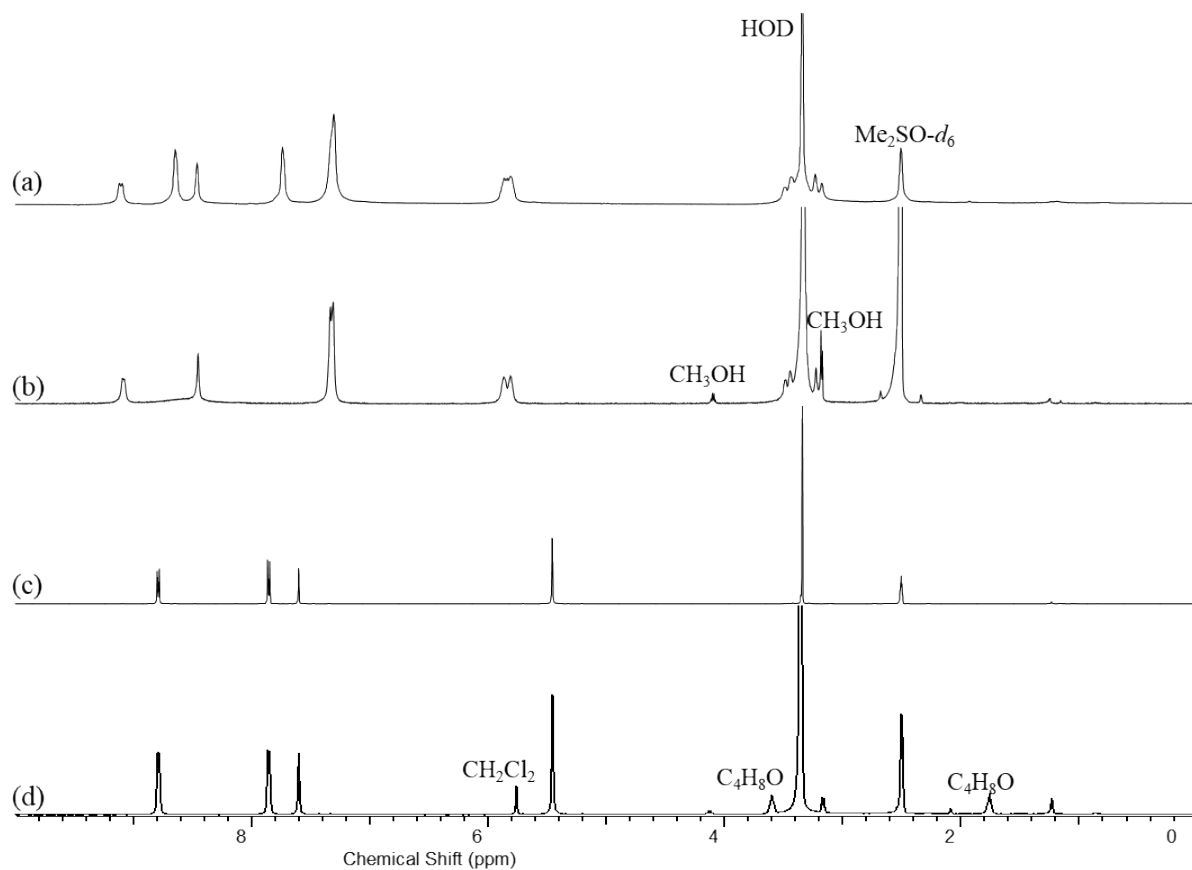


**Fig. S2** IR spectra for L<sup>2</sup> (a), and [(SiF<sub>6</sub>)@Zn<sub>2</sub>L<sup>2</sup><sub>4</sub>](SiF<sub>6</sub>)·2C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O·4CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (b).

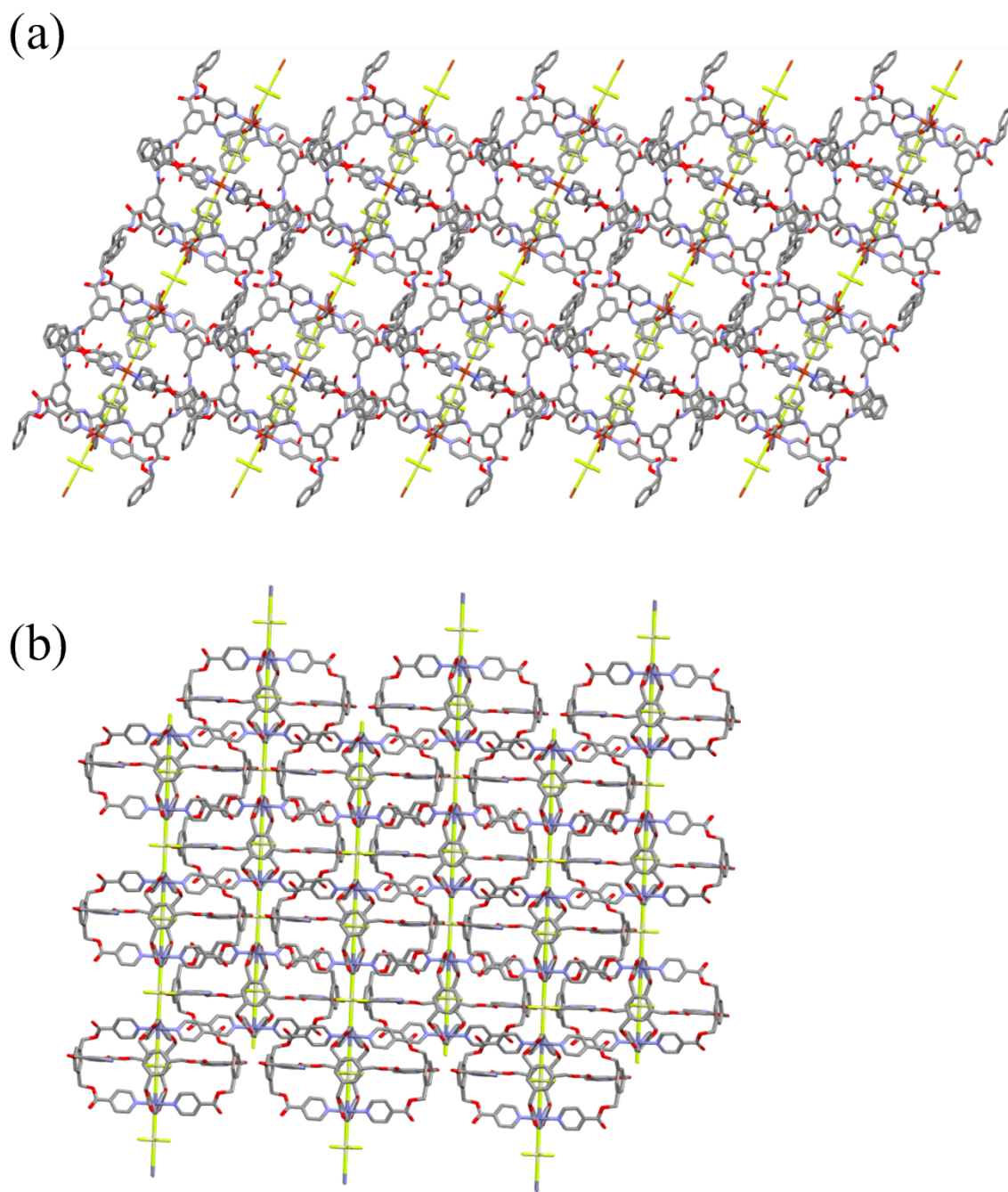


**Fig. S3** TG and DSC curves for  $[(\text{SiF}_6)@Zn_2L^2_4](\text{SiF}_6) \cdot 2C_4H_8O \cdot 4CH_2Cl_2$  (b).

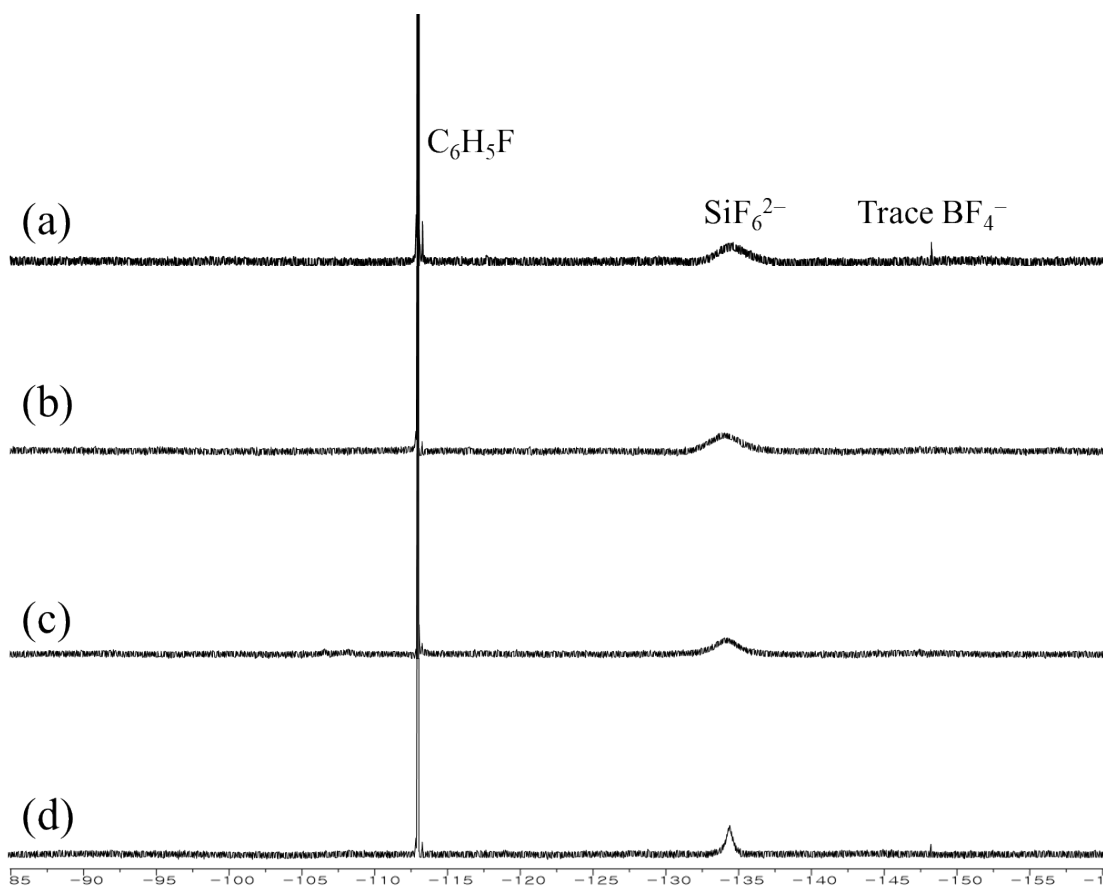
$[(\text{SiF}_6)_2@Cu_3L^1_4](\text{SiF}_6) \cdot 16CH_3OH$  (a), and



**Fig. S4**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra for  $\text{L}^1$  (a),  $[(\text{SiF}_6)_2@(\text{Cu}_3\text{L}^1_4)](\text{SiF}_6) \cdot 16\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  (b), for  $\text{L}^2$  (c), and  $[(\text{SiF}_6)_2@(\text{Zn}_2\text{L}^2_4)](\text{SiF}_6) \cdot 2\text{C}_4\text{H}_8\text{O} \cdot 4\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (d).



**Fig. S5** The packing diagram represent the structure of  $[(\text{SiF}_6)_2@(\text{Cu}_3\text{L}^1_4)](\text{SiF}_6)\cdot 16\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  (a), and  $[(\text{SiF}_6)@(\text{Zn}_2\text{L}^2_4)](\text{SiF}_6)\cdot 2\text{C}_4\text{H}_8\text{O}\cdot 4\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (b).



**Fig. S6**  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectra for  $[(\text{SiF}_6)_2@(\text{Cu}_3\text{L}^1)_4](\text{SiF}_6) \cdot 16\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  using *Method 1* (a),  $[(\text{SiF}_6)_2@(\text{Cu}_3\text{L}^1)_4](\text{SiF}_6) \cdot 16\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  using *Method 2* (b),  $[(\text{SiF}_6)_2@(\text{Cu}_3\text{L}^1)_4](\text{SiF}_6) \cdot 16\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  using *Method 3* (c), and  $[(\text{SiF}_6)@(\text{Zn}_2\text{L}^2)_4](\text{SiF}_6) \cdot 2\text{C}_4\text{H}_8\text{O} \cdot 4\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (d). The chemical shifts were measured relative to a  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{F}$  internal standard.