

## Supporting information

**Table A1.** Overview of all existing and seven energetically feasible hypothetical clathrasil structures with six-rings as largest accessible opening.

Structure	Code	Packing <sup>a</sup>	Status	Tiling type <sup>c</sup>	$\Delta H_f$ [kJ/mol SiO <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>d</sup>	Density [kg/m <sup>3</sup> ]
Afghanite	AFG	$(4^6 6^5)^3 (4^6 6^{17})^1$	Existing	ST	12.9	1791
AlPO <sub>4</sub> -16	AST	$(4^6 6^{12})^1 (4^6)^1$	Existing	ST	15.8	1750
Dodecasil 1H	DOH	$(5^{12} 6^8)^1 (4^3 5^6 6^3)^2 (5^{12})^3$	Existing	ST	13.4	1780
Franzinite	FRA	$(4^6 6^{11})^1 (4^6 6^5)^1 (4^6 6^8)^3$	Existing	ST	13.2	1747
Giuseppettite	GIU	$(4^6 6^{23})^1 (4^6 6^8)^2 (4^6 6^5)^5$	Existing	ST	12.9	1789
Liottite	LIO	$(4^6 6^{11})^1 (4^6 6^{17})^1 (4^6 6^5)^4$	Existing	ST	13.7	1743
Losod	LOS	$(4^6 6^5)^1 (4^6 6^{11})^1$	Existing	ST	13.1	1785
Linde Type N	LTN <sup>b</sup>	$(4^6 6^8)^3 (4^6 6^5)^4 (4^{12} 6^8 8^6)^1 (4^7 6^8 8^1)^6 (4^6 6^2)^2$	Existing	ST	14.7	1707
Marinellite	MAR	$(4^6 6^{17})^1 (4^6 6^8)^2 (4^6 6^5)^3$	Existing	ST	13.0	1786
Melanophlogite	MEP	$(5^{12})^1 (5^{12} 6^2)^3$	Existing	ST	12.0	1974
MCM-61	MSO	$(6^8)^1 (4^6 6^{20})^1 (4^6 6^2)^2 (4^2 6^4)^3$	Existing	NST	11.8	1858
ZSM-39	MTN	$(5^{12})^2 (5^{12} 6^4)^1$	Existing	ST	14.9	1795
Nonasil	NON	$(5^4 6^4)^2 (4^5 8^5)^2 (5^8 6^{12})^1$	Existing	NST	9.9	1932
RUB-10	RUT <sup>b</sup>	$(4^4 5^4 6^2)^1 (4^4 5^6 6^3 8^1)^2$	Existing	ST	12.2	1824
Sigma-2	SGT	$(5^{12} 6^8)^1 (4^3 5^6)^2$	Existing	ST	12.8	1793
Sodalite	SOD	$(4^6 6^8)^1$	Existing	ST	12.9	1777
IM-10	UOZ	$(4^6)^2 (4^2 6^4)^1 (4^{10} 6^{20})^1$	Existing	ST	20.4	1951
-	Dt2_106	$(4^6 6^5)^1 (4^6 6^8)^1 (4^6 6^{11})^1$	Hypothetical	ST	13.0	1782
-	Dt2_113	$(4^4 5^4 6^6)^1$	Hypothetical	ST	15.4	2106
-	Dt2_117	$(4^2 5^8 6^4)^1$	Hypothetical	ST	10.5	1976
-	Dt3_779	$(4^6 6^2)^6 (4^6 6^8)^3 (4^6 6^{20})^2$	Hypothetical	ST	26.6	1889
-	Dt3_819	$(4^6 6^2)^6 (4^6 6^5)^8 (4^6 6^8)^3 (4^6 6^{44})^1$	Hypothetical	ST	17.8	1568
-	Dt3_898	$(4^6 6^5)^2 (4^6 6^8)^1 (4^6 6^{11})^2$	Hypothetical	ST	13.6	1743
-	Dt3_899	$(4^6 6^5)^2 (4^6 6^8)^2 (4^6 6^{14})^1$	Hypothetical	ST	13.3	1766

<sup>a</sup> Each cage type has its own description in between the brackets and the ratio between the different cage types is given by the superscripts outside the brackets. In between brackets the ring types (normal text) and their occurrence (superscript) in a cage type are given.

<sup>b</sup> The eight-ring in these structures are so-called internal eight-rings, i.e., it is not possible to access the crystals via these rings.

<sup>c</sup> An explanation of tiling type can be found in results and discussion.

<sup>d</sup> The heat of formation is given relative to that of quartz, being -12417.6 kJ/mol SiO<sub>2</sub>. See Computational methodology section for calculation details.

**Table A2.** Overview of the tile volumes of the cages of all existing and hypothetical ST clathrasils.

Existing clathrasils			Hypothetical clathrasils		
Clathrasil	Cage	Volume [ $\text{\AA}^3$ ]	Clathrasil	Cage	Volume [ $\text{\AA}^3$ ]
AFG	$(4^66^5)$	182	Dt2_106	$(4^66^5)$	183
AFG	$(4^66^{17})$	793		$(4^66^8)$	335
AST	$(4^66^{12})$	541		$(4^66^{11})$	490
AST	$(4^6)$	29	Dt2_113	$(4^45^46^6)$	284
DOH	$(5^{12}6^8)$	674	Dt2_117	$(4^25^86^4)$	308
DOH	$(4^35^66^3)$	226	Dt3_779	$(4^66^2)$	73
DOH	$(5^{12})$	227		$(4^66^8)$	300, 328
FRA	$(4^66^{11})$	488, 493		$(4^66^{20})$	902
FRA	$(4^66^5)$	182, 185	Dt3_819	$(4^66^2)$	73
FRA	$(4^66^8)$	334, 335, 336, 339		$(4^66^5)$	180
GIU	$(4^66^5)$	181, 182		$(4^66^8)$	343, 345
GIU	$(4^66^8)$	334, 335	Dt3_898	$(4^66^{44})$	3202
GIU	$(4^66^{23})$	1100		$(4^66^5)$	188
LIO	$(4^66^{11})$	500		$(4^66^8)$	343
LIO	$(4^66^{17})$	814	Dt3_899	$(4^66^{11})$	500
LIO	$(4^66^5)$	187		$(4^66^5)$	182
LOS	$(4^66^5)$	183		$(4^66^8)$	339
LOS	$(4^66^{11})$	488		$(4^66^{14})$	648
LTN	$(4^66^8)$	332			
LTN	$(4^66^8)$	340			
LTN	$(4^66^5)$	182			
LTN	$(4^{12}6^88^6)$	1206			
LTN	$(4^76^88^1)$	420			
LTN	$(4^66^2)$	75			
MAR	$(4^66^5)$	181, 182			
MAR	$(4^66^8)$	335, 336			
MAR	$(4^66^{17})$	795			
MEP	$(5^{12})$	224			
MEP	$(5^{12}6^2)$	315			
MTN	$(5^{12})$	242			
MTN	$(5^{12}6^4)$	461			
RUT	$(4^45^46^2)$	134			
RUT	$(4^45^66^58^1)$	425			
SGT	$(5^{12}6^8)$	674			
SGT	$(4^35^6)$	108			
SOD	$(4^66^8)$	337			