



Methyl-functionalized flexible ultra-microporous MOF for efficient SF₆/N₂ mixture separation

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ABSTRACT

In the semiconductor industry, SF₆/N₂ mixtures must be properly disposed of to protect the environment. Herein, three metal-organic frameworks with densely methyl-functionalized pores were designed to capture SF₆. Among them, Zn(TMBDC)(DABCO)_{0.5} had the most suitable channels with the absorption capacity of 4.61 mmol/g, and the highest SF₆/N₂ selectivity is 239 at 298 K and 1 bar. Theoretical calculations indicated that introducing methyl groups provided more affinity sites that could bind SF₆. Cyclic breakthrough experiments confirmed the ability to directly separate SF₆ from a SF₆/N₂ mixture. This porous coordination network provides a method to construct other MOFs to separate SF₆/N₂ mixtures and other fluorinated gases.

1. Introduction

Due to its excellent dielectric and arc-quenching properties, sulfur hexafluoride (SF₆) [1] has been widely used in the power and semiconductor industries. SF₆ is an ideal etching agent used during electronics manufacturing, whose insulating performance is much better than that of other air-insulating media. [2] However, SF₆ is the most powerful greenhouse gas identified by the Kyoto Protocol, with a global warming potential 23900 times greater than that of CO₂ and an estimated atmospheric residence time of up to 3200 years. [3–6] Pure SF₆ cannot be directly used in actual production because it is expensive. Therefore, researchers have mixed it with N₂ gas to reduce the price and boiling point of SF₆. [7] However, most SF₆ remains intact after etching and must be decomposed via combustion, during which a small amount of the mixture is released into the atmosphere. Thus, a separation technology is needed to treat residual SF₆ in mixed gases. [5,8,9].

(Fig. 1) Current technical solutions such as low-temperature distillation, [10,11] adsorption, and membrane separation [12,13] provide sub-optimal performance due to the low SF₆ content in mixed waste gas. In recent years, pressure swing adsorption has been used in gas separation due to its simple operation and low energy consumption. Carbonaceous [14,15] or zeolite [16–19] adsorbents have poor separation efficiency and adsorption. For example, Zeolite-13X can only absorb 1.96 mmol/g of SF₆ under 1.0 bar with a maximum selectivity of only 56.5 (SF₆: N₂ = 1: 9).

Metal-organic frameworks (MOFs) [20–23] have a high Brunauer-Emmett-Teller (BET) specific surface area size and large pore volume, but they show a trade-off between their adsorption capacity and gas selectivity. MOFs with large pores tend to exhibit high maximum adsorption capacities for SF₆ but a low selectivity. For example, UiO-67 can adsorb 4.02 mmol/g SF₆ at 298 K and 1 bar, but it has a very low ideal adsorption solution theory (IAST) selectivity towards SF₆/N₂ gas mixtures of 21.6. [24] Microporous MOFs strongly interact with SF₆. For example, UiO-66-Br₂ had a high IAST selectivity of 220, but the adsorbed amount of SF₆ at 298 K and 1 bar was only 0.93 mmol/g. [25] Consequently, designing MOFs with high SF₆ adsorption capacity and high SF₆/N₂ selectivity remains challenging. Past studies have indicated that pore size is particularly important for capturing SF₆, so obtaining richly-functionalized MOFs with a suitable pore size is crucial. [26,27].

In this study, we employed a MOF, Zn(BDC)(DABCO)_{0.5} (BDC = terephthalic acid, DABCO = 1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane) as a prototype host material. Methyl-functionalized pores were constructed by replacing the BDC ligand with DMBDC and TMBDC ligands (DMBDC = 2,5-dimethyl-1,4-benzenedicarboxylic acid, TMBDC = 2,3,5,6-tetramethylterephthalic acid) in the Zn(BDC)(DABCO)_{0.5} framework. Through this strategy, we obtained Zn(DMBDC)(DABCO)_{0.5} and Zn(TMBDC)(DABCO)_{0.5} with similar frameworks to Zn(BDC)(DABCO)_{0.5}. The variation of the IAST selectivity of SF₆/N₂ shows that the introduction of different amounts of methyl groups into the MOF can effectively improve the separation performance of SF₆/N₂. After introducing

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DMBDC and TMBDC, the MOFs exhibited different SF₆/N₂ adsorption performances. Transient breakthrough experiments further confirmed the ability to directly separate SF₆ from a simulated gas mixture.

2. Experimental section

Synthesis of Zn(BDC)(DABCO)_{0.5}. Zn(BDC)(DABCO)_{0.5} was prepared according to previous reports using a solvothermal method. [28] Zn(NO₃)₂·6H₂O (0.245 g, 0.82 mmol), H₂BDC (0.136 g, 0.97 mmol), and DABCO (0.073 g, 0.65 mmol) were mixed in DMF (15 mL). The solution was then transferred to a Teflon-lined stainless-steel autoclave and heated at 120 °C for 48h. When the autoclave was cooled to room temperature, colorless crystals were collected by centrifugation (10 000 rpm, 5 min) and washed with DMF and ethanol several times. Samples of Zn(BDC)(DABCO)_{0.5} were activated by heating the as-synthesized materials at 100 °C for 12h in a degasser.

Synthesis of Zn(DMBDC)(DABCO)_{0.5}. Zn(DMBDC)(DABCO)_{0.5} was prepared similarly to Zn(BDC)(DABCO)_{0.5}. [28] Zn(NO₃)₂·6H₂O (0.189 g, 0.635 mmol), DMBDC (0.122 g, 0.628 mmol), and DABCO (0.035 g, 0.31 mmol) were mixed in DMF (15 mL, 828.12 mmol). All other steps were the same as above.

Synthesis of Zn(TMBDC)(DABCO)_{0.5}. Zn(TMBDC)(DABCO)_{0.5} was prepared similarly to Zn(BDC)(DABCO)_{0.5} and Zn(DMBDC)(DABCO)_{0.5}. [28] Zn(NO₃)₂·6H₂O (0.189 g, 0.635 mmol), TMBDC (0.140 g, 0.630 mmol), and DABCO (0.035 g, 0.31 mmol) were mixed in DMF (15 mL, 828.12 mmol). All other steps were the same as above.

3. Results and discussion

All three MOFs were prepared according to previous reports using a solvothermal method. The pillar-layered Zn(BDC)(DABCO)_{0.5} is connected by a zinc paddlewheel with four linear connectors of BDC to form a two-dimensional regular square layer, and the DABCO pillar-layer forms a 3D framework. Zn(BDC)(DABCO)_{0.5} shows a 6-coordinate network with PCU topology. Zn(DMBDC)(DABCO)_{0.5} and Zn(TMBDC)(DABCO)_{0.5} are isomorphic to Zn(BDC)(DABCO)_{0.5}. The powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) patterns of the three MOFs matched well with the simulated patterns (Fig. S1–S3), confirming the phase purity of the bulk samples. Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) and variable-temperature PXRD experiments were performed to investigate the thermal stability of the three MOFs (Fig. S4–S7). The results showed that Zn(BDC)(DABCO)_{0.5} and Zn(DMBDC)(DABCO)_{0.5} were stable until 275 °C and 200 °C, while Zn(TMBDC)(DABCO)_{0.5} remained stable until 325 °C. FT-IR spectra were recorded to confirm the synthesis of the MOFs (Fig. S8). The spectra of all three MOFs showed an absorption band at 1055 cm⁻¹, which corresponded to the vibrations of the NC₃ group in the DABCO pillar ligand means that DABCO is synthesized into the structure of the

MOF [29–32]. The result of infrared spectra further proves the success of MOF synthesis.

N₂ adsorption experiments at 77 K were used to evaluate the sample's surface area and porosity (Fig. 2a and Figs. S9 – S11). All three materials exhibited typical type-I sorption isotherms, suggesting the frameworks were microporous. The BET surface areas of Zn(BDC)(DABCO)_{0.5}, Zn(DMBDC)(DABCO)_{0.5}, and Zn(TMBDC)(DABCO)_{0.5} were 1978.1, 1336.1, and 975.9 m²/g, respectively, which correspond to pore volumes of 0.79, 0.56, and 0.42 cm³ g⁻¹. Decreases in both the BET surface area and accessible pore volume were ascribed to the higher ratio of methyl groups in the framework. Based on nonlinear density functional theory (NLDFT), pore-size distributions were calculated to be 7.8 Å for Zn(BDC)(DABCO)_{0.5}, 6.7 Å for Zn(DMBDC)(DABCO)_{0.5}, and 5.4 Å for Zn(TMBDC)(DABCO)_{0.5} (Fig. 2b and Table S1). The kinetic diameter of SF₆ is 5.2 Å which is close to the pore size of Zn(TMBDC)(DABCO)_{0.5}, which suggests that Zn(TMBDC)(DABCO)_{0.5} may strongly interact with SF₆.

The SF₆ and N₂ adsorption isotherms of all three MOFs at 273/298 K and 1 bar were collected to evaluate their uptake capacities. When the temperature increased from 273 K to 298 K, the adsorption amounts of all three gases declined, indicating that physisorption occurred on the MOFs. Despite having the highest specific surface area, Zn(BDC)(DABCO)_{0.5} showed the lowest uptake of SF₆ (3.48 mmol/g) and N₂ (0.17 mmol/g) at 100 kPa and 298 K due to the lack of functional sites and larger pore size. At 298 K and 1 bar, Zn(DMBDC)(DABCO)_{0.5} adsorbed 4.77 mmol/g SF₆, which was significantly higher than that of Zn(BDC)(DABCO)_{0.5} because of the introduction of methyl groups. Even though Zn(TMBDC)(DABCO)_{0.5} adsorbed 4.61 mmol/g SF₆, which was almost the same as that of Zn(DMBDC)(DABCO)_{0.5} at 273/298 K and 1 bar, the SF₆ adsorption capacity of Zn(TMBDC)(DABCO)_{0.5} at 0.1 bar (low pressure) was 2.48 mmol/g, which was higher than that of Zn(BDC)(DABCO)_{0.5} (0.57 mmol/g) and Zn(DMBDC)(DABCO)_{0.5} (1.40 mmol/g). This value was also higher than that of many reported MOFs, including UiO-66-Br₂ (0.75 mmol/g), [25] SBMOF-1 (0.93 mmol/g), [33] Ni(inad)₂ (2.39 mmol/g), [27] Mg-MOF-74 (2.1 mmol/g), [34] Zn-MOF-74 (1.35 mmol/g), [34] Im_{1%}@HKUST-1 (1.25 mmol/g), [35] UiO-66 (0.82 mmol/g), [24] UiO-67 (0.4 mmol/g), [24] HKUST-1c (1.32 mmol/g), [36] Ni(adcdabco)_{0.5} [26], and DUT-9 (0.80 mmol/g). [37] As a result, Zn(TMBDC)(DABCO)_{0.5} showed excellent performance at low pressures, suggesting that its highly methyl-functionalized pores were suitable for capturing SF₆. The SF₆ adsorption by Zn(DMBDC)(DABCO)_{0.5} and Zn(TMBDC)(DABCO)_{0.5} was maintained after five SF₆ adsorption-desorption cycles, as depicted in Fig. 3e and 3f. Notably, the two-step isotherms of SF₆ revealed threshold pressures of 0.64 bar and 0.78 bar for Zn(DMBDC)(DABCO)_{0.5} and Zn(TMBDC)(DABCO)_{0.5}. This is the first time a MOF has exhibited a pore-opening phenomenon during SF₆ adsorption. We have subsequently verified this phenomenon by

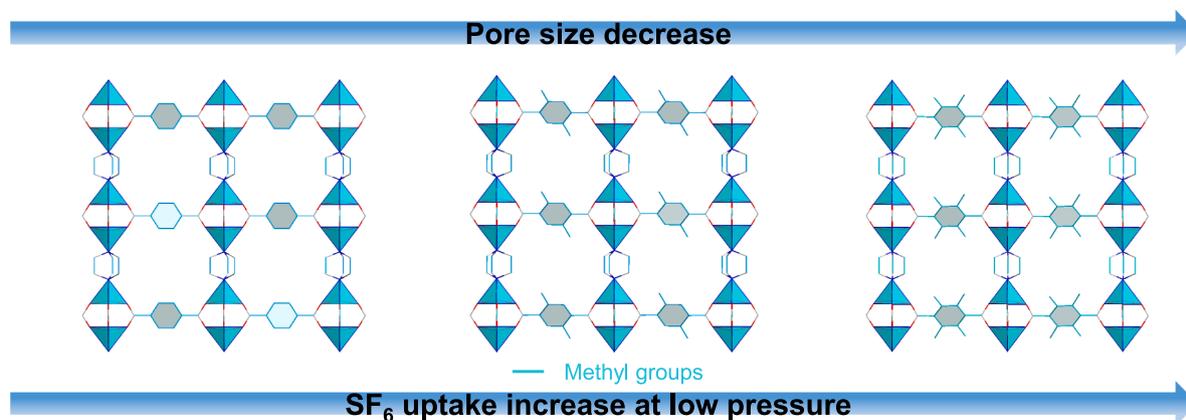


Fig. 1. Structural illustration of synthesized Zn(BDC)(DABCO)_{0.5}, Zn(DMBDC)(DABCO)_{0.5}, and Zn(TMBDC)(DABCO)_{0.5} upon increasing the number of methyl groups.

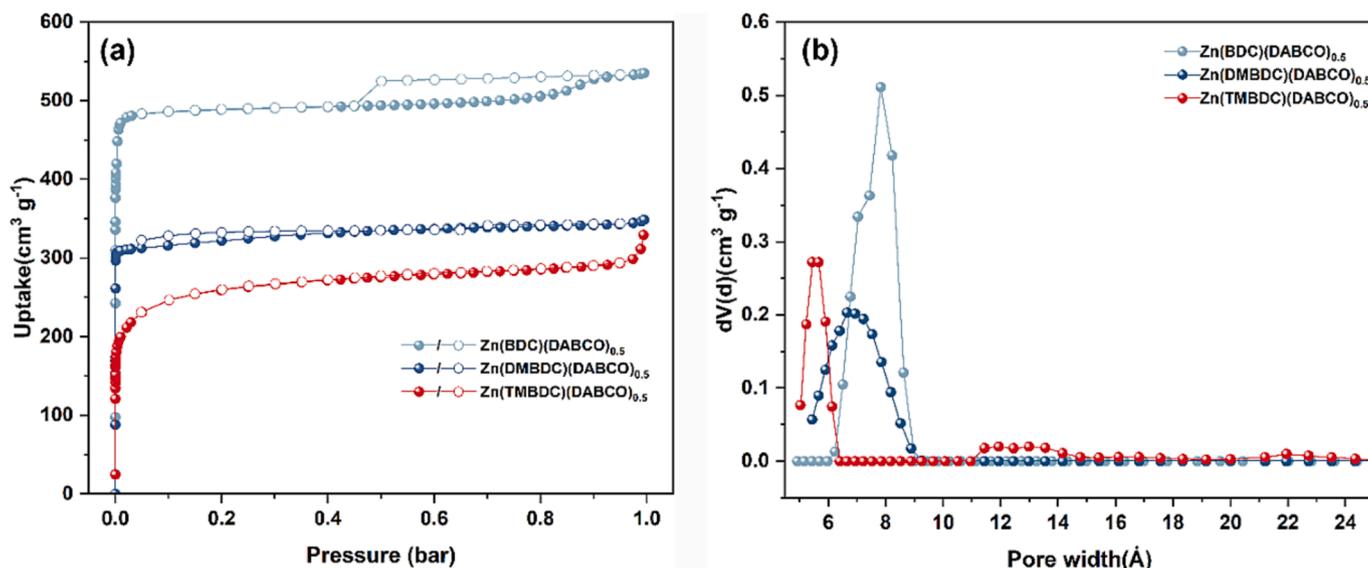


Fig. 2. (a) N₂ adsorption isotherms of Zn(BDC)(DABCO)_{0.5}, Zn(DMBDC)(DABCO)_{0.5}, and Zn(TMBCD)(DABCO)_{0.5} at 77 K. Solid symbols: adsorption; open symbols: desorption. (b) Pore size distribution of Zn(BDC)(DABCO)_{0.5}, Zn(DMBDC)(DABCO)_{0.5}, and Zn(TMBCD)(DABCO)_{0.5} calculated using the QSDFT module.

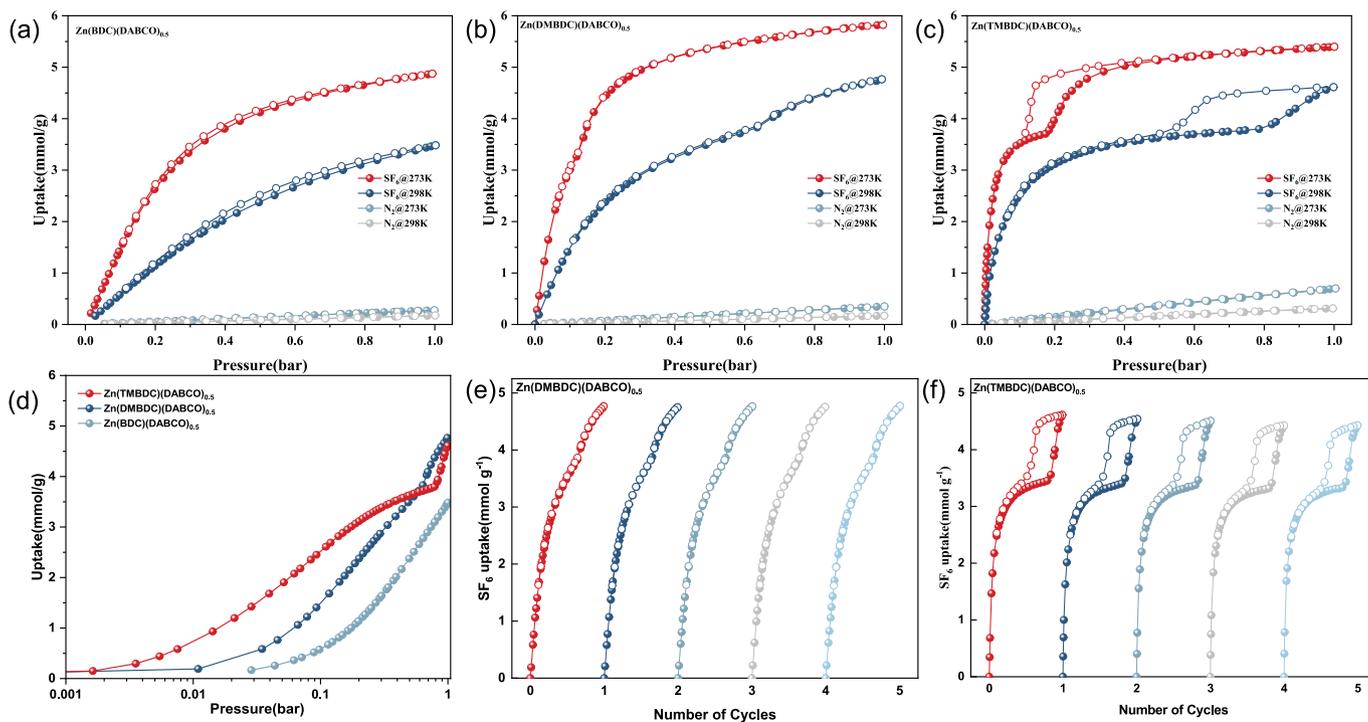


Fig. 3. SF₆ and N₂ sorption isotherms for (a) Zn(BDC)(DABCO)_{0.5}, (b) Zn(DMBDC)(DABCO)_{0.5}, and (c) Zn(TMBCD)(DABCO)_{0.5} at 273 K and 298 K. (d) The enlarged SF₆ adsorption at low pressure of 0.001–1 bar for better clarity of the different adsorption performance of the three MOFs. (e) Cyclic regeneration tests on Zn(DMBDC)(DABCO)_{0.5} and (f) Zn(TMBCD)(DABCO)_{0.5} toward SF₆.

powder diffraction, but unfortunately, no clear evidence has been obtained. As shown in Fig. S12, there is little difference between the PXRD patterns of MOFs loading SF₆ and the patterns of as-synthesized MOFs. We speculated that the change of structure which caused by the rotation of linker ligand is too small to observe in in-situ XRD. Some similar results also have been reported before. [38–39] Besides, single-crystal of Zn(DMBDC)(DABCO)_{0.5} was obtained successfully. Unfortunately, the crystal loading SF₆ were damaged so that the single crystal structure could not be obtained (Fig. S13). We speculate that the gate-opening phenomenon was associated with extra tilting of the flexible benzene ring under SF₆ gas stimuli. [40–44].

Additionally, the isosteric heat of adsorption (Q_{st}) was applied to evaluate the energetic heterogeneity of the adsorbent surface and the interactions between adsorbents and adsorbates. Herein, we calculated the Q_{st} of N₂ and SF₆ for the three MOFs based on adsorption isotherms at 273 K and 298 K using the Clausius-Clapeyron equation. At zero coverage, the Q_{st} value of SF₆ for Zn(TMBCD)(DABCO)_{0.5} was 45.2 kJ/mol, which was higher than that for N₂ (24.6 kJ/mol). Besides, the Q_{st} value of SF₆ for Zn(TMBCD)(DABCO)_{0.5} was much higher than that of Ni(ina)₂ (33.4), [27] CAU-17(33.0) [45], and SBMOF-1(32.5). [33] For all three MOFs, the Q_{st} of SF₆ was greater than that of N₂ adsorption, indicating that interactions of SF₆ with the three MOFs were stronger

than those of N_2 . The obtained Q_{st} value of SF_6 for $Zn(BDC)(DABCO)_{0.5}$ was 23.2 kJ/mol, which was lower than those of $Zn(DMBDC)(DABCO)_{0.5}$ (29.7 kJ/mol) and $Zn(TMBCD)(DABCO)_{0.5}$ (Fig. 4a and Figs. S14-S19) This was consistent with its lower gas uptake.

The adsorption selectivity of $Zn(BDC)(DABCO)_{0.5}$, $Zn(DMBDC)(DABCO)_{0.5}$, and $Zn(TMBCD)(DABCO)_{0.5}$ at 298 K and 1 bar was calculated using the ideal adsorption solution theory (IAST). Fig. 4b shows the IAST-predicted selectivity of SF_6/N_2 ($SF_6/N_2 = 1/9$) mixtures by the three MOFs. The predicted selectivity of SF_6/N_2 for $Zn(TMBCD)(DABCO)_{0.5}$ reached 239, which was higher than that of most reported MOFs, including HKUST-1 (70.4), [36] UiO-66 (127.8), [24] UiO-66-Br₂ (220.0), [25] CAU-17 (31.0), [45] MOF-74(Zn) (46.0), [34] MOF-74(Co) (40), [34] MOF-74(Mg) (32.0), [34] MIL-100(Fe) granule (25), [46] UiO-67 (21.6) [24], and MIL-100(Fe) (24.4). The IAST-predicted SF_6/N_2 ($SF_6/N_2 = 1/9$) selectivities of $Zn(BDC)(DABCO)_{0.5}$ and $Zn(DMBDC)(DABCO)_{0.5}$ reached 31.8 and 118.9 at 298 K and 1 bar, respectively. $Zn(DMBDC)(DABCO)_{0.5}$ had the highest adsorption capacity at 298 K and 1 bar, and its selectivity was moderate compared with previously-reported MOFs. $Zn(DMBDC)(DABCO)_{0.5}$ and $Zn(TMBCD)(DABCO)_{0.5}$ both showed SF_6/N_2 selectivity and remarkable SF_6 uptake capacities due to the introduction of methyl groups. (Fig. 4b and Table S2)

To better understand host-guest binding interactions, Grand Canonical Monte Carlo (GCMC) calculations were used to calculate the adsorption density distributions, adsorption binding sites, and simulated Q_{st} values for SF_6 within the three MOFs. (See the Supporting Information for details). The density distribution map of $Zn(BDC)(DABCO)_{0.5}$ shows that SF_6 weakly interacted with the framework and was highly distributed throughout the pores (Fig. S23). Nevertheless, DABCO contained more H atoms and was more attractive to the gas than the phenyl ring. For $Zn(DMBDC)(DABCO)_{0.5}$, SF_6 was primarily located close to both DABCO and methyl groups. The high methyl group density of $Zn(TMBCD)(DABCO)_{0.5}$ produced very small pores, so SF_6 could only stay in the remaining spaces. As expected, SF_6 also preferred to interact with the methyl group and DABCO. Adsorption location calculations also provided the same results for the primary adsorption sites. For $Zn(BDC)(DABCO)_{0.5}$, F atoms in the direction of the benzene ring exhibited multiple $F\cdots H$ bond lengths (2.989–3.039 Å) with the hydrogen atoms of the MOF pyridine ring. The F atom close to the DABCO was more likely to form a $F\cdots H$ bond (2.782–3.605 Å) with the H atom of DABCO (Fig. 5a). Compared with $Zn(BDC)(DABCO)_{0.5}$, the F atom simultaneously interacted with the H atom in different positions ($F\cdots H$ -(benzene ring) (3.145–3.188 Å), $F\cdots H$ -(DABCO) (2.457–3.360 Å), and $F\cdots H$ -(methyl group) (2.749–3.369 Å)) in $Zn(DMBDC)(DABCO)_{0.5}$ (Fig. 5b). Interestingly, the benzene ring rotated after introducing the methyl group, moving the F atom closer to the center of the benzene ring. The F atom near the benzene ring cooperated with the host framework via $F\cdots\pi$ interactions (3.343–3.945 Å). For SF_6 in $Zn(TMBCD)(DABCO)_{0.5}$, the preferential adsorption sites were roughly the same as those of $Zn(DMBDC)(DABCO)_{0.5}$. The methyl group loaded in the pores

provided H sites and also constricted the pores. SF_6 was fixed through 12 $F\cdots H$ -(DABCO) bonds (2.763–3.295 Å) in the framework (Fig. 5c). These results confirm that the introduction of methyl groups changed the host-guest interactions. Correspondingly, the calculated Q_{st} at this site followed the order $Zn(TMBCD)(DABCO)_{0.5}$ (45.1 kJ/mol) > $Zn(DMBDC)(DABCO)_{0.5}$ (26.5 kJ/mol) > $Zn(BDC)(DABCO)_{0.5}$ (23.2 kJ/mol) (Table S3). The trend of theoretical binding energies closely matched that of the experimental Q_{st} values at zero coverage.

We conducted multi-cycle dynamic penetration experiments on three MOFs using a laboratory-scale penetration apparatus to evaluate the practical separation performance of SF_6/N_2 mixtures. The SF_6/N_2 gas mixture (1/9) was flowed through a packed column of activated MOF samples. For $Zn(TMBCD)(DABCO)_{0.5}$, N_2 rapidly breaks through the column. In comparison, the penetration time of SF_6 is 3900 s g^{-1} , which is longer than that of $Zn(DMBDC)(DABCO)_{0.5}$ (1200 s g^{-1}). Among these materials, $Zn(BDC)(DABCO)_{0.5}$ has the shortest SF_6 breakthrough time (600 s g^{-1}), further demonstrating the feasibility of using methyl modification to improve the separation of SF_6/N_2 mixtures. Mass spectrometer is greatly affected by environmental noise, which will cause the fluctuation of N_2 signal. In addition, more attention is paid to the penetration time of N_2 and SF_6 in the experiment, and the fluctuation of N_2 signal has little effect on the experimental results. $Zn(TMBCD)(DABCO)_{0.5}$ can capture 1.53 mol/kg of SF_6 , while the calculated SF_6 values of $Zn(DMBDC)(DABCO)_{0.5}$ and $Zn(BDC)(DABCO)_{0.5}$ are 0.65 mol/kg and 0.29 mol/kg, respectively. [47] (Fig. 6(a-c)). To evaluate the regeneration potential of the two methyl-functional MOFs, a packed column was flowed at a rate of 5 mL min^{-1} at 80 °C. As shown in Fig. S20, $Zn(TMBCD)(DABCO)_{0.5}$ can be fully activated after 202 min/g, which is longer than $Zn(DMBDC)(DABCO)_{0.5}$ (59 min/g), indicating that our material has good regeneration ability. In the desorption experiment after breakthrough, for $Zn(TMBCD)(DABCO)_{0.5}$ (99.6%) and $Zn(TMBCD)(DABCO)_{0.5}$ (99.6%), high grade SF_6 can be obtained after N_2 is completely eluted. We also performed cyclic penetration experiments to assess potential practical applications. As shown in Fig. 6(d-f), the breakthrough time of all three MOFs remained almost unchanged, confirming that MOFs are promising adsorbents with good regeneration and cycling performance. After the cycling breakthrough experiment, the PXRD patterns of all three materials remained almost unchanged (Fig. S21), indicating their cycling stability.

4. Conclusion

In summary, we reported a series of Zn-based MOFs for separating SF_6/N_2 mixtures. Compared with $Zn(BDC)(DABCO)_{0.5}$ and $Zn(DMBDC)(DABCO)_{0.5}$, $Zn(TMBCD)(DABCO)_{0.5}$ presented the highest SF_6 adsorption and SF_6/N_2 selectivity at a low pressure. It showed a trade-off between adsorption capacity and gas selectivity because its micropores were densely functionalized with methyl groups. Its performance exceeded that of most previously-reported materials. $Zn(DMBDC)$

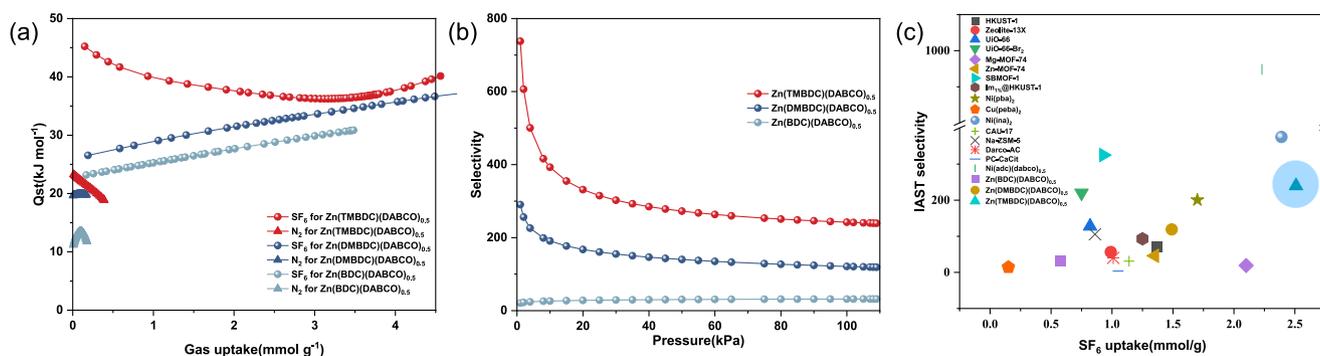


Fig. 4. (a) Q_{st} of SF_6 and N_2 adsorption by the MOFs as a function of the surface coverage. (b) IAST selectivity of the MOFs. (c) Comparison of ideal selectivity and SF_6 uptakes at 298 K and 0.1 bar in $Zn(BDC)(DABCO)_{0.5}$, $Zn(DMBDC)(DABCO)_{0.5}$, $Zn(TMBCD)(DABCO)_{0.5}$, and other previously-reported adsorbents.

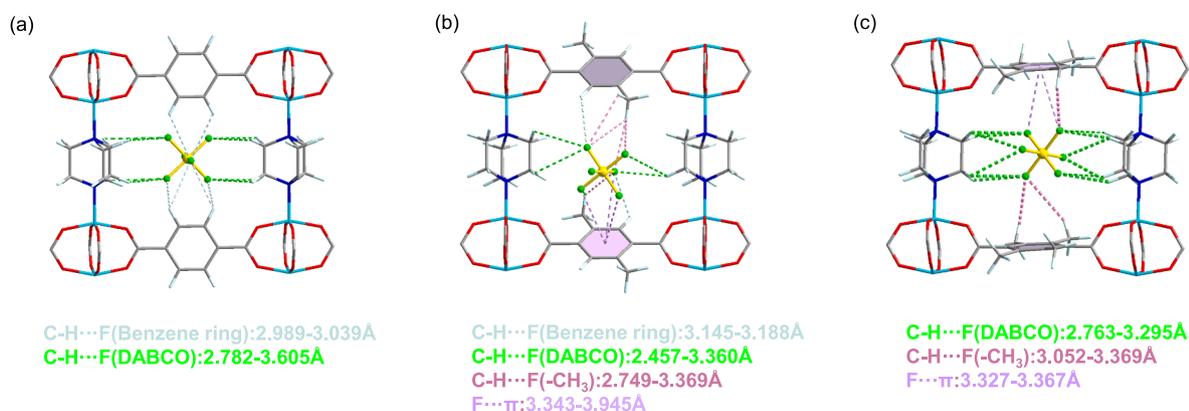


Fig. 5. Primary adsorption sites of SF_6 within (a) $\text{Zn}(\text{BDC})(\text{DABCO})_{0.5}$, (b) $\text{Zn}(\text{DMBDC})(\text{DABCO})_{0.5}$, and (c) $\text{Zn}(\text{TMBDC})(\text{DABCO})_{0.5}$.

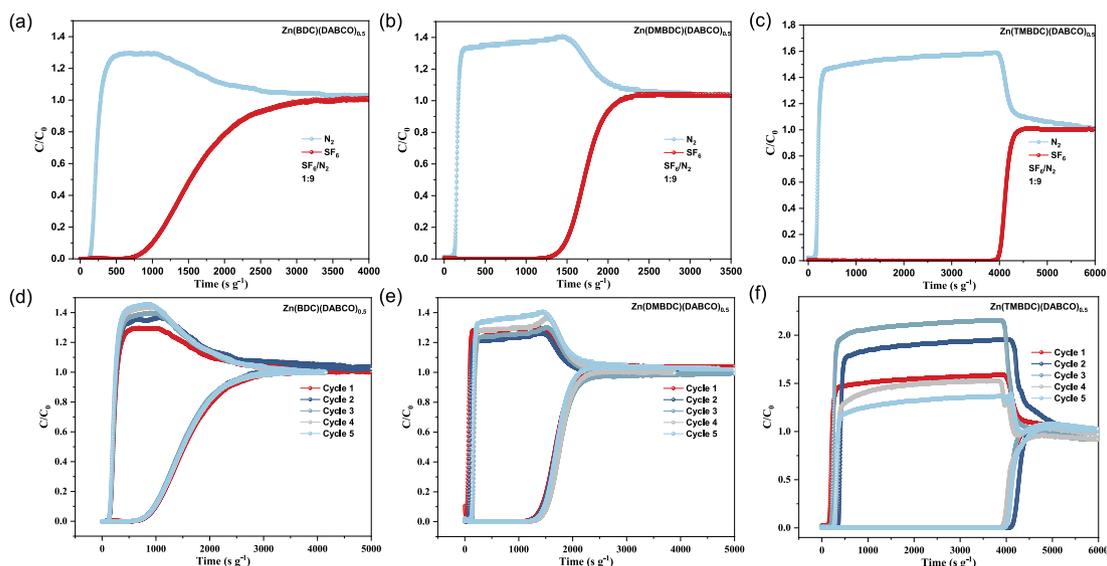


Fig. 6. Breakthrough curves of (a) $\text{Zn}(\text{BDC})(\text{DABCO})_{0.5}$, (b) $\text{Zn}(\text{DMBDC})(\text{DABCO})_{0.5}$, and (c) $\text{Zn}(\text{TMBDC})(\text{DABCO})_{0.5}$ for separating a SF_6/N_2 (1:9, v:v) mixture. Cyclic column breakthrough curves of (d) $\text{Zn}(\text{BDC})(\text{DABCO})_{0.5}$, (e) $\text{Zn}(\text{DMBDC})(\text{DABCO})_{0.5}$ and (f) $\text{Zn}(\text{TMBDC})(\text{DABCO})_{0.5}$ for SF_6/N_2 (1/9, v/v) mixture.

$(\text{DABCO})_{0.5}$ and $\text{Zn}(\text{TMBDC})(\text{DABCO})_{0.5}$ exhibited stepped adsorption isotherms due to their flexible structures. Theoretical calculations showed that SF_6 more strongly interacted with the framework via methyl groups in its channels. Cyclic breakthrough experiments confirmed that real SF_6/N_2 mixtures could be separated using $\text{Zn}(\text{TMBDC})(\text{DABCO})_{0.5}$ due to strong binding forces between its methyl groups and the F atoms of SF_6 . This suggests it can be applied to capture other plasma etching gas such as CF_4 and NF_3 . This work may help design ultra-microporous MOFs modified with various functional groups to adsorb and separate other greenhouse gases.

Declaration of Competing Interest

The authors declare that they have no known competing financial interests or personal relationships that could have appeared to influence the work reported in this paper.

Data availability

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