

Two finite binuclear $[M_2(\mu_2\text{-OH})(\text{COO})_2]$ (M = Co, Ni) based highly porous metal-organic frameworks with high performance of gas sorption and separation

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S1. Calculation procedures of selectivity from IAST

The measured experimental data is excess loadings (q^{ex}) of the pure components CO₂, CH₄, C₂H₆ and C₃H₈ for **ZSA-7**, **ZSA-8** and **ZSA-9**, which should be converted to absolute loadings (q) firstly.

$$q = q^{ex} + \frac{pV_{pore}}{ZRT}$$

Here Z is the compressibility factor. The Peng-Robinson equation was used to estimate the value of compressibility factor to obtain the absolute loading, while the measure pore volume is also necessary.

The dual-site Langmuir-Freundlich equation is used for fitting the isotherm data at 298 K.

$$q = q_{m_1} \times \frac{b_1 \times p^{1/n_1}}{1 + b_1 \times p^{1/n_1}} + q_{m_2} \times \frac{b_2 \times p^{1/n_2}}{1 + b_2 \times p^{1/n_2}}$$

Here p is the pressure of the bulk gas at equilibrium with the adsorbed phase (kPa), q is the adsorbed

amount per mass of adsorbent (mol/kg), q_{m_1} and q_{m_2} are the saturation capacities of sites 1 and 2 (mol/kg), b_1 and b_2 are the affinity coefficients of sites 1 and 2 (1/kPa), n_1 and n_2 are the deviations from an ideal homogeneous surface.

The selectivity of preferential adsorption of component 1 over component 2 in a mixture containing 1 and 2, perhaps in the presence of other components too, can be formally defined as

$$S = \frac{q_1/q_2}{p_1/p_2}$$

q_1 and q_2 are the absolute component loadings of the adsorbed phase in the mixture. These component loadings are also termed the uptake capacities. We calculate the values of q_1 and q_2 using the Ideal Adsorbed Solution Theory (IAST) of Myers and Prausnitz.

S2. Supporting Figures

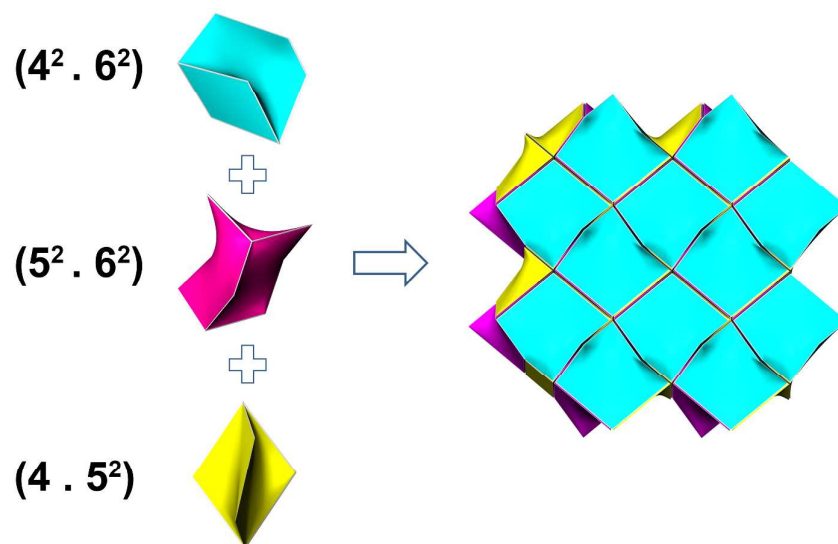


Fig. S1 Topological features of **JLU-Liu37** and **JLU-Liu38** displayed by tiles and face symbols for blue, pink and yellow tiles are $(4^2 \cdot 6^2)$, $(5^2 \cdot 6^2)$ and $(4 \cdot 5^2)$.

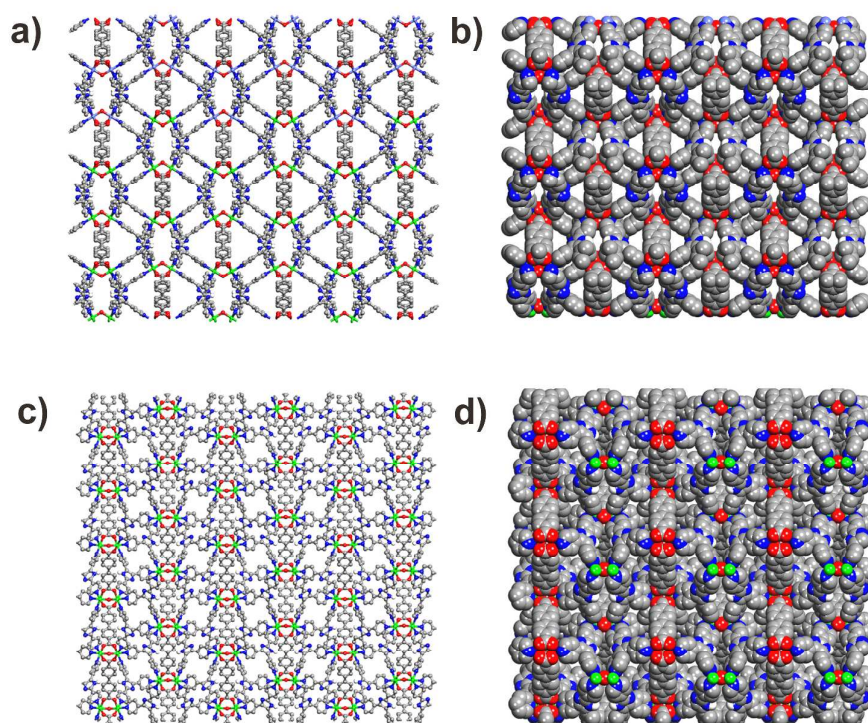


Fig. S2 Ball-and-stick models and CPK models of **JLU-Liu37** and **JLU-Liu38** via X axis (a and b) and Y axis (c and d).

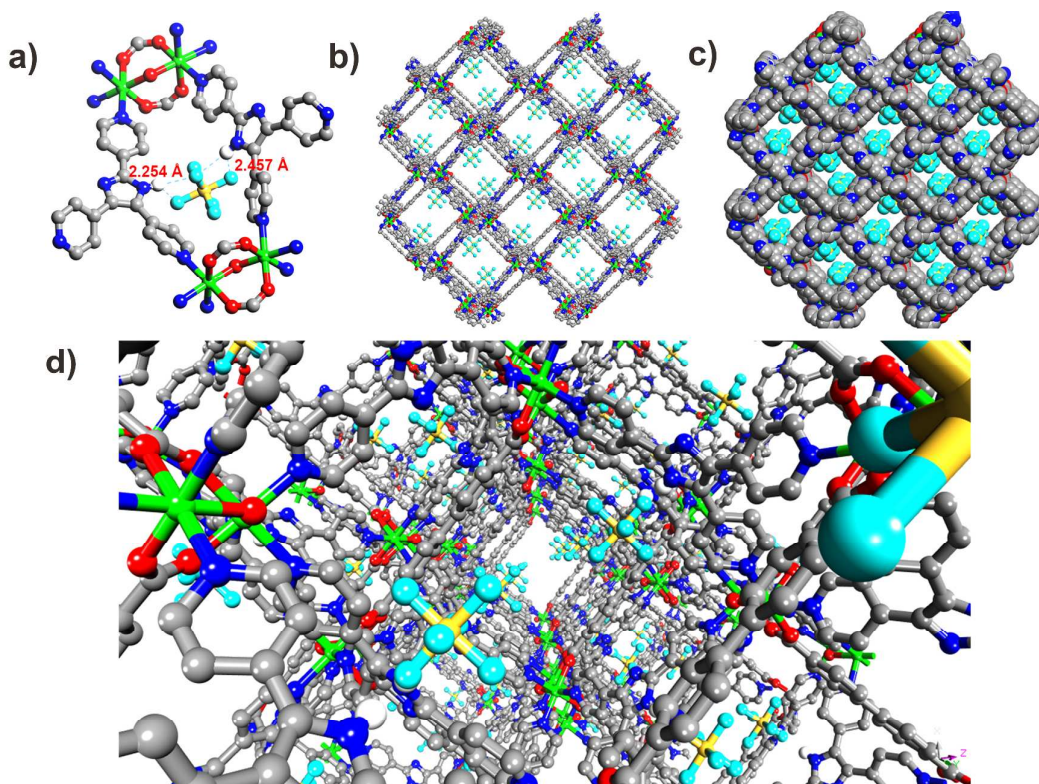


Fig. S3 (a) $[\text{SiF}_6]^-$ ion and hydrogen-bonded Htpim ligands. (b) (c) ball-and-stick models and CPK models of $[\text{SiF}_6]^-$ ion in each channels. (d) the demonstration of the arrangement of the $[\text{SiF}_6]^-$ ions in single channel.

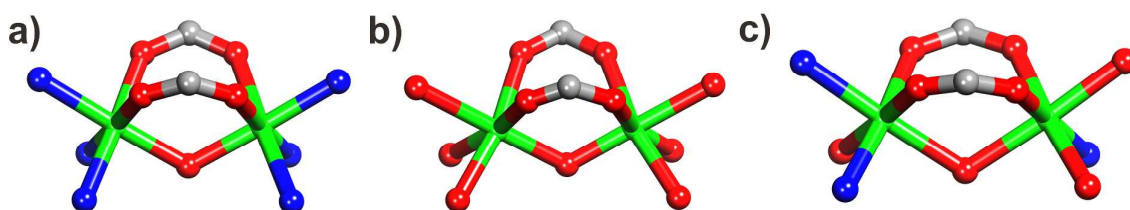


Fig.S4 A brief exhibition of similar reported SBUs. (a) This work and $[\text{Ni}_2(\mu_2\text{-OH})(\text{bdc})(\text{tpt})_2][\text{NO}_3] \cdot 3\text{DMA} \cdot 4\text{CH}_3\text{OH} \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$.¹ Connected to two carboxyl groups and six nitrogen-containing ligands to form an eight-connected SBU. (b) CPM-24.² Connected to two carboxyl groups and six H_2O molecules to form a two-connected SBU. (c) CPM-16.³ Connect to five carboxyl groups and three nitrogen-containing ligands to form an eight-connected SBU.

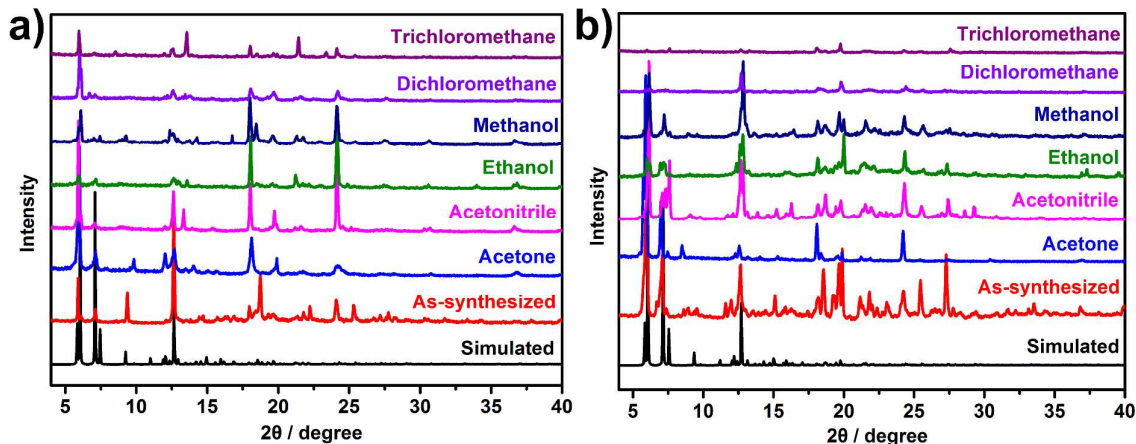


Fig. S5 PXRD patterns of **JLU-Liu37** (a) and **JLU-Liu38** (b) for simulated, as-synthesized, and solvent-exchanged samples. **JLU-Liu37** was stable in common solvents, **JLU-Liu38** was relatively unstable in dichloromethane and trichloromethane.

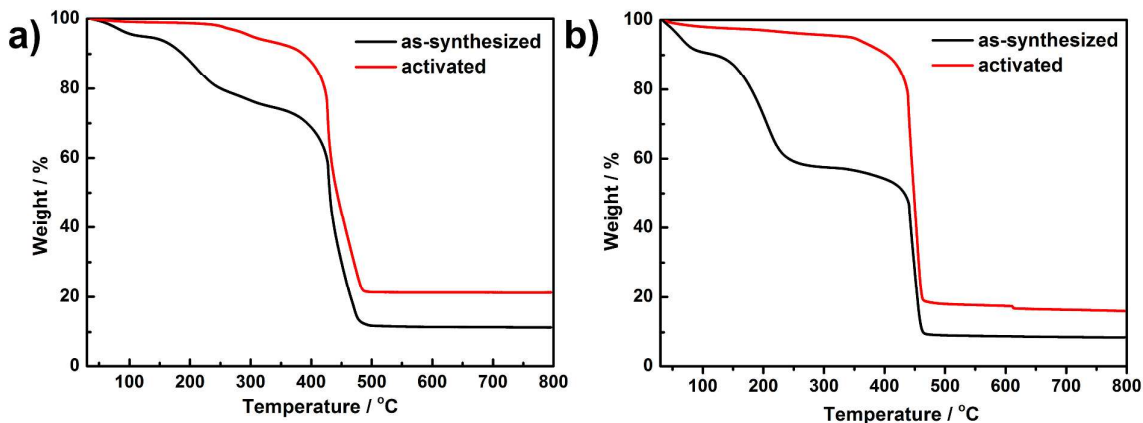


Fig. S6 TGA curves of **JLU-Liu37** (a) and **JLU-Liu38** (b) for the as-synthesized and activated samples.

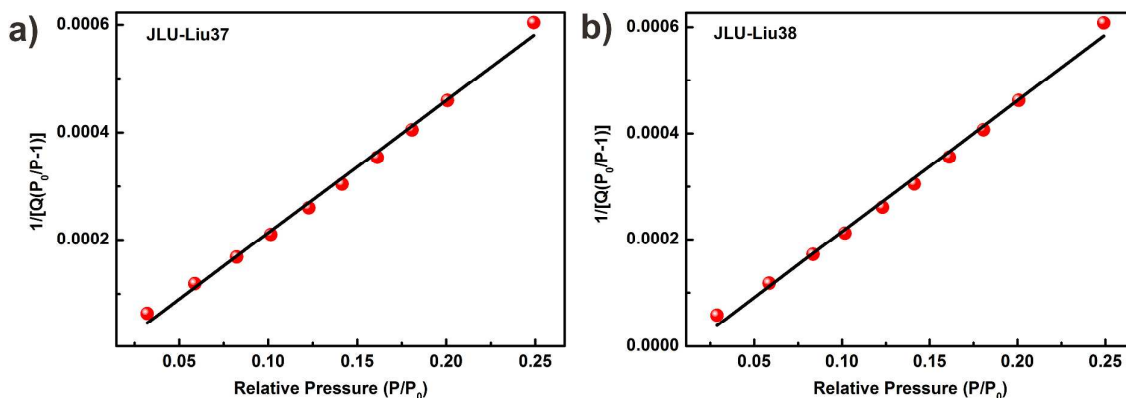


Fig. S7 The linear fitting curve for calculating BET surface areas of (a) **JLU-Liu37** and (b) **JLU-Liu38**.

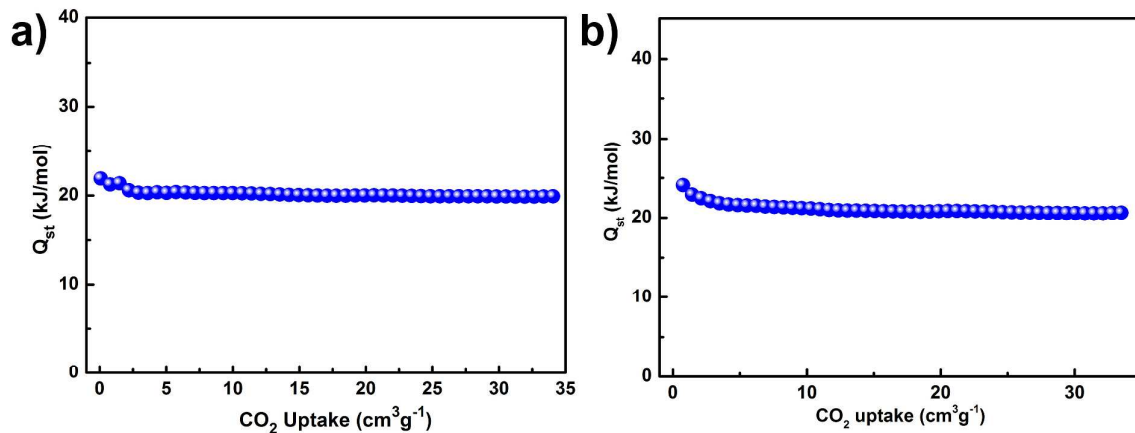


Fig. S8. Q_{st} of CO_2 for JLU-Liu37 (a) and JLU-Liu38 (b).

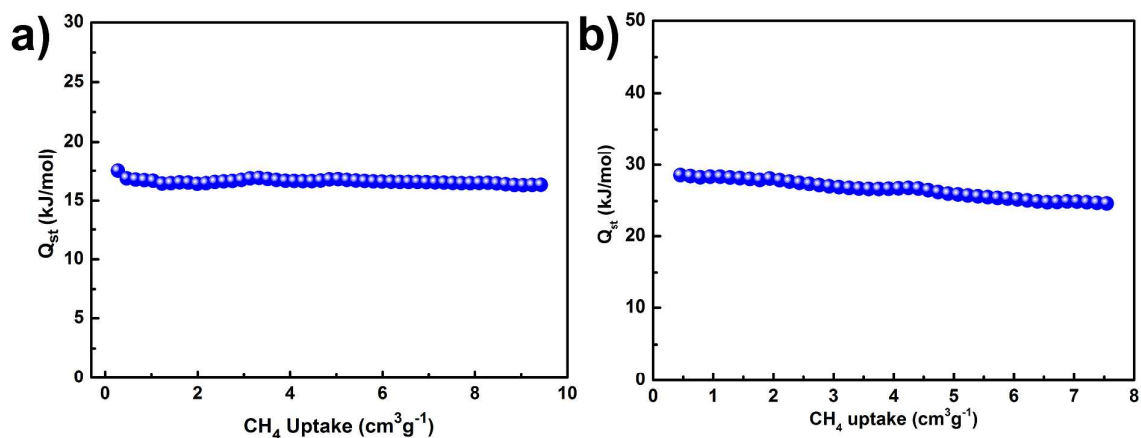


Fig. S9. Q_{st} of CH_4 for JLU-Liu37 (a) and JLU-Liu38 (b).

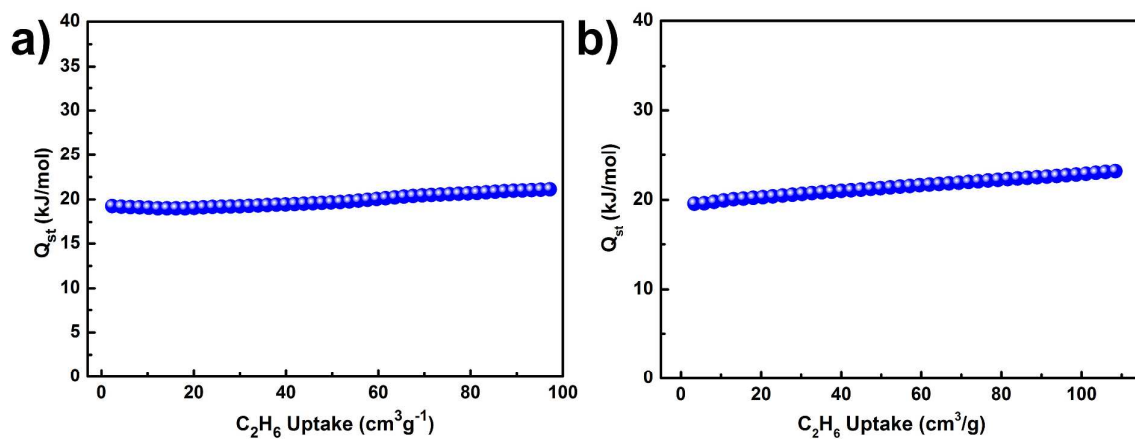


Fig. S10. Q_{st} of C_2H_6 for JLU-Liu37 (a) and JLU-Liu38 (b).

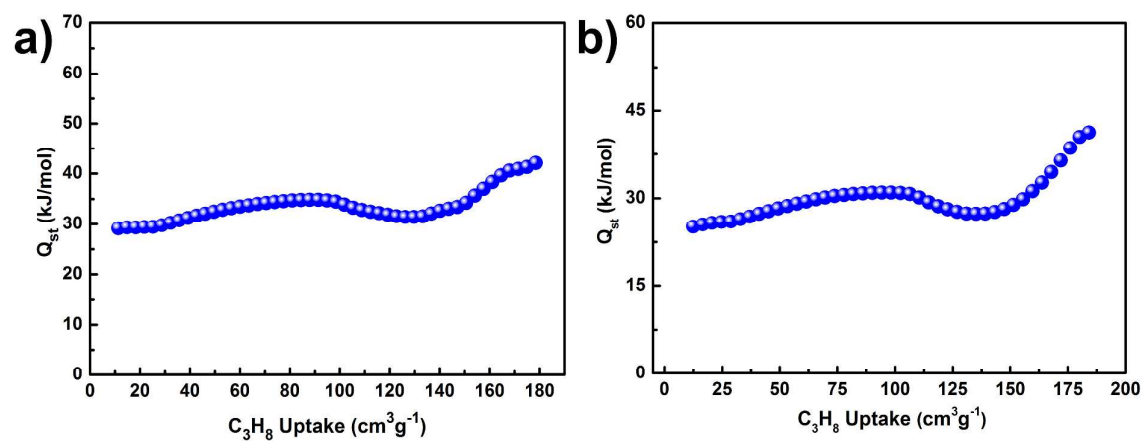


Fig. S11. Q_{st} of C_3H_8 for JLU-Liu37 (a) and JLU-Liu38 (b).

S3. Supporting Tables

Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinements for **JLU-Liu37** and **JLU-Liu38**.

Compound	JLU-Liu37	JLU-Liu38
Formula	C _{66.5} H _{75.5} Co ₂ F ₆ N _{13.5} O ₁₁ Si	C ₈₆ H _{125.5} F ₆ N _{17.5} Ni ₄ O _{18.5} Si
<i>M_w</i>	1499.85	1960.04
Temp (K)	296(2)	296(2)
Wavelength (Å)	0.71073	0.71073
Crystal system	Orthorhombic	Orthorhombic
Space group	Pnma	Pnma
<i>a</i> (Å)	21.879(2)	21.4817(9)
<i>b</i> (Å)	23.701(3)	23.3867(10)
<i>c</i> (Å)	19.687(2)	19.8758(8)
α (°)	90	90
β (°)	90	90
γ (°)	90	90
<i>V</i> (Å ³)	10208.7(19)	9985.3(7)
<i>Z</i> , <i>D_C</i> (Mg/m ³)	4, 0.976	4, 1.304
<i>F</i> (000)	3116	4144
θ range (deg)	1.345 - 25.073	1.345 - 25.095
reflns collected/unique	63176 / 9269	63784 / 9106
<i>R_{int}</i>	0.1149	0.0479
data/restraints/params	9269 / 161 / 481	9106 / 185 / 481
GOF on <i>F</i> ²	1.203	1.297
<i>R</i> ¹ , <i>wR</i> ² (<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>))	0.0919, 0.2995	0.0788, 0.2835
<i>R</i> ¹ , <i>wR</i> ² (all data)	0.1302, 0.3293	0.0879, 0.2937

Since the highly disordered guest molecules were trapped in the channels of **JLU-Liu37** and **JLU-Liu38** and could not be modeled properly, there is “Alert level A” about “Check Reported Molecular Weight” in the “checkCIF/PLATON report” files for **JLU-Liu37** and **JLU-Liu38**. The final formulas of **JLU-Liu37** and **JLU-Liu38** were derived from crystallographic data combined with elemental and thermogravimetric analysis data.

Table S2. Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for **JLU-Liu37**.

JLU-Liu37			
Co(1)-O(2)	2.016(2)	O(3)-Co(1)-N(1)	177.97(17)
Co(1)-O(3)	2.058(4)	O(1)-Co(1)-N(1)	88.38(17)
Co(1)-O(1)	2.079(4)	N(5)#1-Co(1)-N(1)	92.00(17)
Co(1)-N(5)#1	2.169(5)	N(4)#2-Co(1)-N(1)	92.56(18)
Co(1)-N(4)#2	2.173(4)	C(1A)-N(1)-Co(1)	119.6(9)
Co(1)-N(1)	2.191(4)	C(1B)-N(1)-Co(1)	117.3(8)
N(4)-Co(1)#6	2.173(4)	C(2B)-N(1)-Co(1)	128.4(11)
N(5)-Co(1)#7	2.169(5)	C(2A)-N(1)-Co(1)	123.6(8)
O(2)-Co(1)#3	2.016(2)	C(12B)-N(4)-Co(1)#6	120.6(7)
O(2)-Co(1)-O(3)	94.57(16)	C(12A)-N(4)-Co(1)#6	122.6(6)
O(2)-Co(1)-O(1)	92.92(15)	C(13B)-N(4)-Co(1)#6	122.4(6)
O(3)-Co(1)-O(1)	91.98(17)	C(13A)-N(4)-Co(1)#6	119.9(5)
O(2)-Co(1)-N(5)#1	178.96(16)	C(17A)-N(5)-Co(1)#7	128.7(6)
O(3)-Co(1)-N(5)#1	86.04(17)	C(17B)-N(5)-Co(1)#7	121.8(6)
O(1)-Co(1)-N(5)#1	86.21(16)	C(18B)-N(5)-Co(1)#7	119.0(6)
O(2)-Co(1)-N(4)#2	88.79(16)	C(18A)-N(5)-Co(1)#7	117.0(6)
O(3)-Co(1)-N(4)#2	87.03(18)	C(19)-O(1)-Co(1)	132.8(4)
O(1)-Co(1)-N(4)#2	178.08(17)	Co(1)#3-O(2)-Co(1)	118.0(2)
N(5)#1-Co(1)-N(4)#2	92.08(17)	C(28)#8-O(3)-Co(1)	134.9(4)
O(2)-Co(1)-N(1)	87.40(16)		

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

#1 $-x+1/2, -y+1, z-1/2$ #2 $x-1/2, y, -z+3/2$ #3 $x, -y+3/2, z$ #4 $x+1/2, y, -z+1/2$
 #5 $x+1/2, -y+3/2, -z+1/2$ #6 $x+1/2, y, -z+3/2$ #7 $-x+1/2, -y+1, z+1/2$
 #8 $x-1/2, y, -z+1/2$

Table S3. Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for **JLU-Liu38**.

JLU-Liu38			
Ni(1)-O(1)	1.9943(14)	O(3)-Ni(1)-N(1)	177.87(11)
Ni(1)-O(3)	2.039(2)	O(2)-Ni(1)-N(1)	88.99(11)
Ni(1)-O(2)	2.052(2)	N(4)#1-Ni(1)-N(1)	91.95(12)
Ni(1)-N(4)#1	2.105(3)	N(5)#2-Ni(1)-N(1)	92.69(11)
Ni(1)-N(5)#2	2.132(3)	C(11B)-N(1)-Ni(1)	127.4(4)
Ni(1)-N(1)	2.147(3)	C(13A)-N(1)-Ni(1)	121.3(9)
N(5)-Ni(1)#6	2.132(3)	C(13B)-N(1)-Ni(1)	116.7(4)
N(4)-Ni(1)#7	2.105(3)	C(11A)-N(1)-Ni(1)	123.6(6)
O(1)-Ni(1)#3	1.9942(14)	C(22A)-N(5)-Ni(1)#6	120.5(4)
O(1)-Ni(1)-O(3)	93.80(10)	C(22B)-N(5)-Ni(1)#6	127.1(4)
O(1)-Ni(1)-O(2)	92.52(11)	C(20A)-N(5)-Ni(1)#6	118.9(4)
O(3)-Ni(1)-O(2)	91.71(11)	C(20B)-N(5)-Ni(1)#6	117.8(4)
O(1)-Ni(1)-N(4)#1	88.61(11)	C(24B)-N(4)-Ni(1)#7	121.7(4)
O(3)-Ni(1)-N(4)#1	87.32(12)	C(26A)-N(4)-Ni(1)#7	124.3(4)
O(2)-Ni(1)-N(4)#1	178.55(12)	C(24A)-N(4)-Ni(1)#7	118.4(4)
O(1)-Ni(1)-N(5)#2	178.29(11)	C(26B)-N(4)-Ni(1)#7	120.7(3)
O(3)-Ni(1)-N(5)#2	85.35(11)	Ni(1)#3-O(1)-Ni(1)	119.71(14)
O(2)-Ni(1)-N(5)#2	86.03(11)	C(10)-O(2)-Ni(1)	133.4(3)
N(4)#1-Ni(1)-N(5)#2	92.83(11)	C(5)-O(3)-Ni(1)	134.9(3)
O(1)-Ni(1)-N(1)	88.18(11)		

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

#1 $x-1/2, y, -z+1/2$ #2 $-x+1/2, -y+1, z-1/2$ #3 $x, -y+1/2, z$ #4 $x+1/2, y, -z-1/2$
#5 $x-1/2, y, -z-1/2$ #6 $-x+1/2, -y+1, z+1/2$ #7 $x+1/2, y, -z+1/2$

Table S4. BVS calculation for **JLU-Liu37**.

Co^{2+}	r_0	r_{ij}	B	V_{ij}
Co(1) - O(2)	1.6920	2.0156	0.37	0.417
Co(1) - O(3)	1.6920	2.0589	0.37	0.371
Co(1) - O(1)	1.6920	2.0793	0.37	0.351
Co(1) - N(5)a	1.6500	2.1682	0.37	0.246
Co(1) - N(4)f	1.6500	2.1725	0.37	0.244
Co(1) - N(1)	1.6500	2.1903	0.37	0.232
$V_{\text{Co}} = \sum V_{ij} = 1.861 \quad V_{\text{O1}} = 2 \times V_{\text{Co1-O2}} = 0.834$				
Co^{3+}	r_0	r_{ij}	B	V_{ij}
Co(1) - O(2)	1.6370	2.0156	0.37	0.359
Co(1) - O(3)	1.6370	2.0589	0.37	0.320
Co(1) - O(1)	1.6370	2.0793	0.37	0.303
Co(1) - N(5)a	1.7500	2.1682	0.37	0.323
Co(1) - N(4)f	1.7500	2.1725	0.37	0.319
Co(1) - N(1)	1.7500	2.1903	0.37	0.304
$V_{\text{Co}} = \sum V_{ij} = 1.928 \quad V_{\text{O1}} = 2 \times V_{\text{Co1-O2}} = 0.718$				

Table S5. BVS calculation for **JLU-Liu38**.

Ni^{2+}	r_0	r_{ij}	B	V_{ij}
Ni(1) - O(1)	1.6540	1.9924	0.37	0.401
Ni(1) - O(3)	1.6540	2.0435	0.37	0.349
Ni(1) - O(2)	1.6540	2.0453	0.37	0.347
Ni(1) - N(4)c	1.7000	2.1092	0.37	0.331
Ni(1) - N(5)a	1.7000	2.1312	0.37	0.312
Ni(1) - N(1)	1.7000	2.1382	0.37	0.306
$V_{\text{Ni}} = \sum V_{ij} = 2.046 \quad V_{\text{O1}} = 2 \times V_{\text{Ni1-O1}} = 0.802$				
Ni^{3+}	r_0	r_{ij}	B	V_{ij}
Ni(1) - O(1)	1.7500	1.9924	0.37	0.519
Ni(1) - O(3)	1.7500	2.0435	0.37	0.452
Ni(1) - O(2)	1.7500	2.0453	0.37	0.450
Ni(1) - N(4)c	1.7310	2.1092	0.37	0.360
Ni(1) - N(5)a	1.7310	2.1312	0.37	0.339
Ni(1) - N(1)	1.7310	2.1382	0.37	0.333
$V_{\text{Ni}} = \sum V_{ij} = 2.453 \quad V_{\text{O1}} = 2 \times V_{\text{Ni1-O1}} = 1.038$				

Table S6. The refined parameters for the Dual-site Langmuir-Freundlich equations fit for the pure isotherms of CO₂, CH₄, C₂H₆ and C₃H₈ for **JLU-Liu37** and **JLU-Liu38** at 298 K.

		q _{m1}	b ₁	1/n ₁	q _{m2}	b ₂	1/n ₂	R ²
JLU-Liu37	CO ₂	21.00624	1.47407E-4	1.29768	0.59278	0.0205	0.93062	0.99999
	CH ₄	4.30715	2.92609E-4	1.23828	0.05502	0.03168	1.17375	0.99997
	C ₂ H ₆	10.55407	1.53143E-4	1.73697	1.49671	0.02343	1.03101	0.99999
	C ₃ H ₈	3.46729	2.05201E-4	3.51135	5.10466	0.04579	1.08797	0.99996
JLU-Liu38	CO ₂	0.19515	0.02279	1.29841	18.06472	3.47078E-4	1.2315	0.99998
	CH ₄	25.26696	8.23853E-5	1.07915	0.00602	0.09287	1.19406	0.99991
	C ₂ H ₆	31.2193	8.85383E-4	1.16141	0.05258	1.00724	0.94613	0.99993
	C ₃ H ₈	3.86751	3.33009E-4	3.59573	5.15451	0.05477	1.04323	0.99998

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