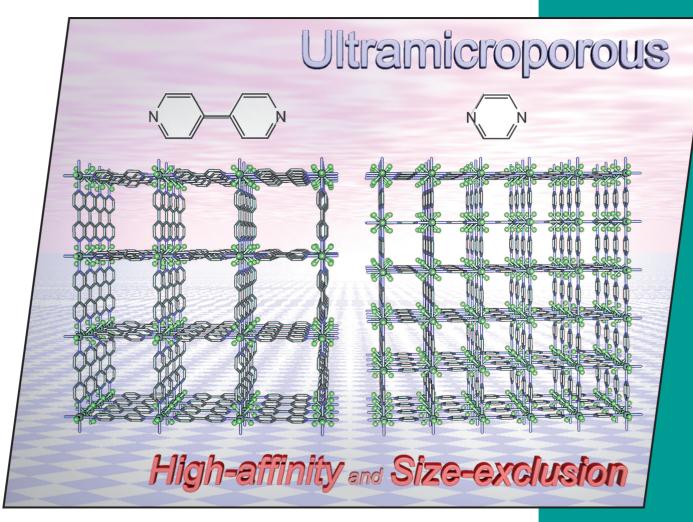


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The cover picture shows two crystal structures of porous coordination polymers, [Cu(SiF₆)(4,4'- $[Zn(SiF_6)(pyz)_2]_n$ (4,4'-bpy = 4,4'-bipyridine, pyz = pyrazine), which have been generated from square-grid coordination polymers that are cross-linked by μ-SiF₆ anions. Although typical bridging ligands such as 4,4'-bpy and 1,4-benzenedicarboxylate produce open octahedral coordination polymers with micropores, such micropores need to be further narrowed to become ultramicropores (< 7 Å) for separation and purification of smaller gas molecules. We have succeeded in obtaining the ultramicroporous coordination polymer $[\text{Zn}(\text{SiF}_6)(\text{pyz})_2]_n$ with $4.5 \pm 4.5 \text{ Å}^2$ pores by simply replacing 4,4'-bpy in $[M(SiF_6)(4,4'-bpy)_2]_n$ (M = Zn^{2+} , Cu^{2+}) with pyz. The ultramicropores of $[Zn(SiF_6)(pyz)_2]_n$ adsorb Me₂CO rather than iPrOH, showing the size-exclusive effect. Additionally, this compound shows a sharp uptake in H₂ adsorption at 77 K, because the interaction potential is expected to be strong as a result of the synergistic effect of the neighbouring pore walls. Details are discussed in the article by K. Uemura et al. on p. 2329ff.

