

Supplementary Materials

Fabrication of polycrystalline zeolitic imidazolate framework membranes by a vapor-phase seeding method

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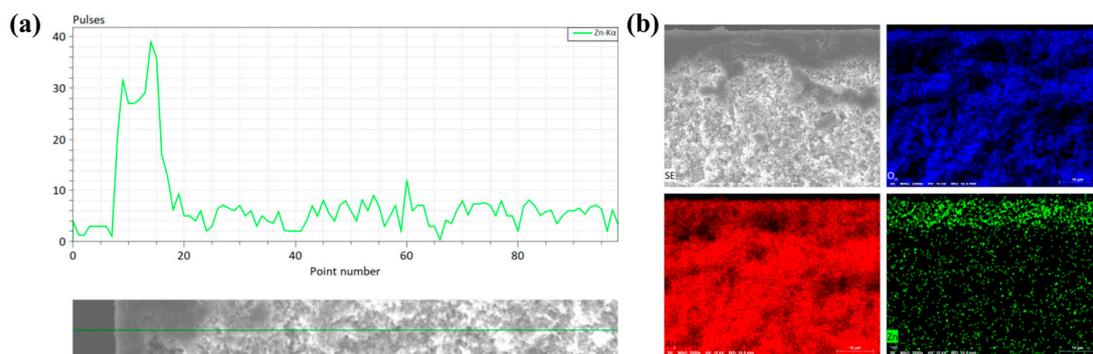


Figure S1. EDS analysis of support modified with 40 cycles ZnO ALD: (a) line scan and (b) mapping.

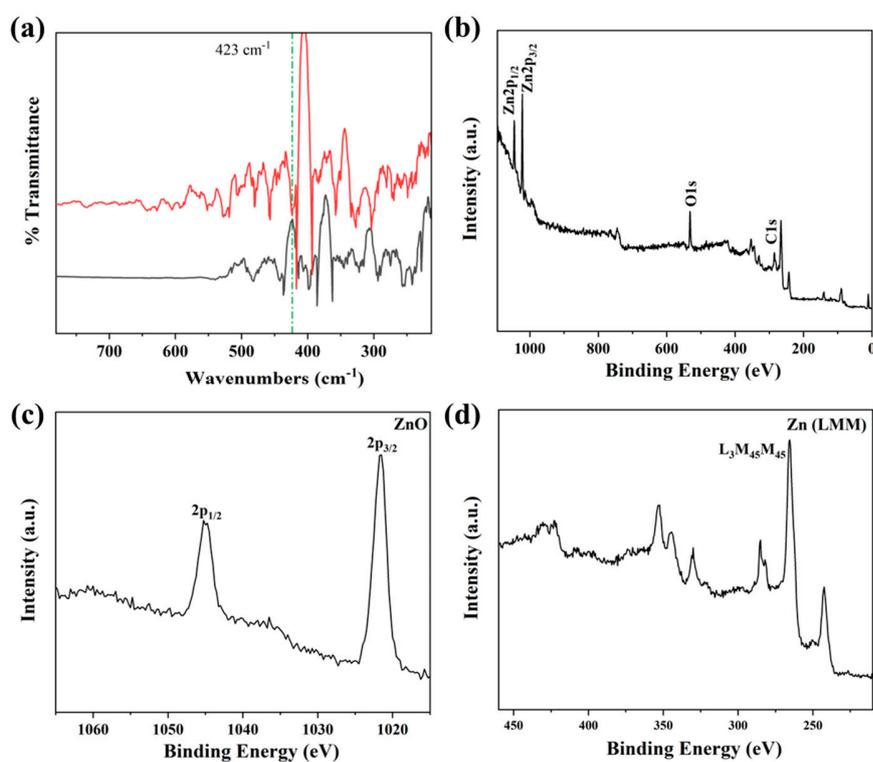


Figure S2. (a) FTIR analysis of support modified with ZnO ALD, (b) XPS survey spectra for ZnO ALD modified support ranging from 1100 to 0 eV, and highlighted XPS spectra for (c) Zn 2p and (d) Zn (LMMM).

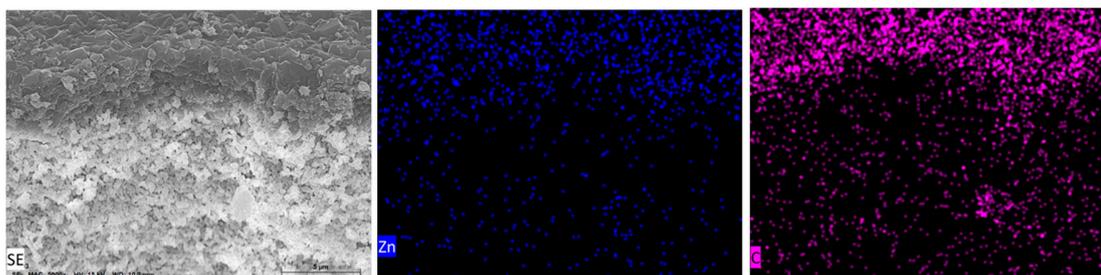


Figure S3. EDS analysis of the cross-section of ZIF-8 membrane.

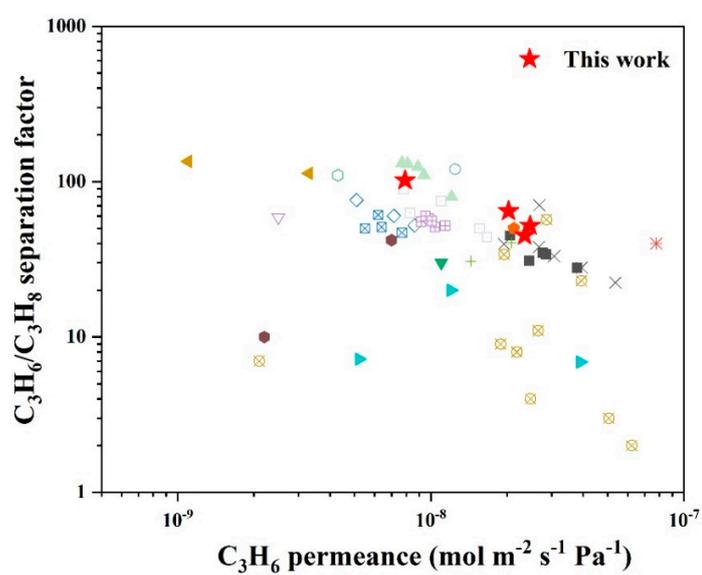


Figure S4. Comparison of the C_3H_6/C_3H_8 separation performance of the ZIF-8 membranes made in this work with other ZIF-8 membranes fabricated on macroporous α -alumina supports reported in the literature [1-19].

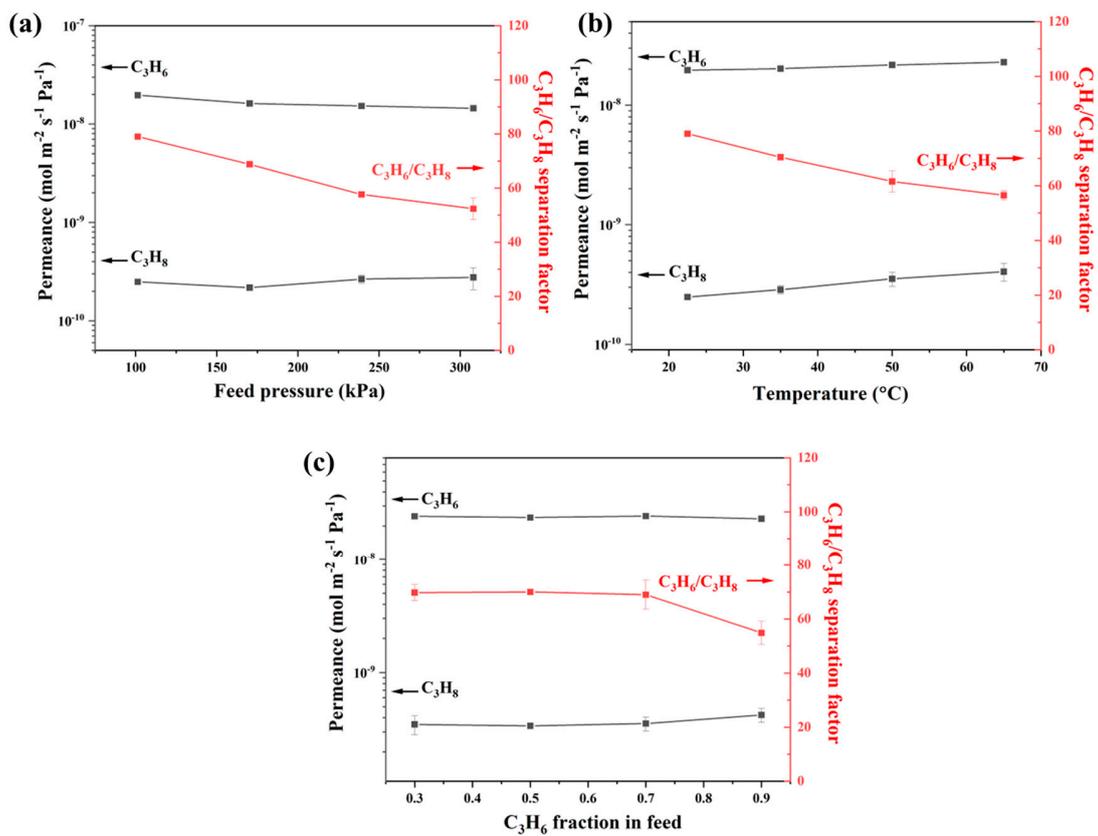


Figure S5. The binary C_3H_6/C_3H_8 separation performance of ZIF-8 membrane as a function of (a) feed pressure, (b) temperature, and (c) C_3H_6 fraction in the feed.

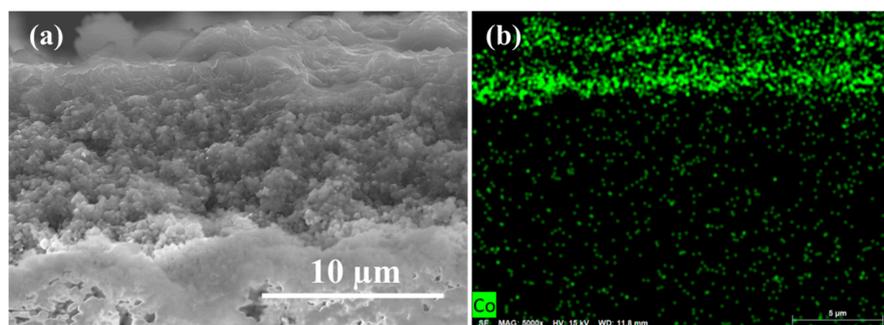


Figure S6. (a) SEM image and (b) EDS analysis of ZIF-67 membrane.

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