# UiO-66 Zirconium Building Bricks for Stable Metal Organic Frameworks

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### Catalog No. 40-1105 Zirconium 1,4-dicarboxybenzene MOF (UiO-66)

### **The Special Nature of UiO-66**

The stability of MOFs is largely determined by the structure of the inorganic brick and the nature of the chemical bonds it forms with the linker. To date, most MOFs have exhibited weak thermal, chemical, and mechanical stability, which has limited their use in large-scale industrial applications.

UiO-66 (and isoreticular UiO-67 and UiO-68), however, is a zirconium-based MOF with very high surface area ( $1180-1240m^2/g$ ) and unprecedented stability.

Developed by Prof. Karl Petter Lillerud of the Department of Chemistry at the University of Oslo, UiO-66 is comprised of  $Zr_6O_4(OH)_4$  octahedra that are 12-fold connected to adjacent octahedra through a 1,4-benzene-dicarboxylate (BDC) linker, resulting in a highly packed fcc structure.



The Zr-O bonds formed between the cluster and carboxylate ligands is believed to be the source of increased stability of Zr-based MOFs. Specifically, the combination of strong Zr–O bonds and the ability of the inner  $Zr_6$ -cluster to rearrange reversibly upon removal or addition of  $\mu_3$ -OH groups without any changes in the connecting carboxylates are thought to contribute to the greater stability of UiO-66.

### **Key Properties of UiO-66**

The particle size of UiO-66 is  $0.2-0.5\mu$ , and the particles have clearly visible facets.





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### **Key Properties of UiO-66**

The **specific surface area** of UiO-66 after heating to 300°C is 1180-1240 m<sup>2</sup>/g.

The **pore size** of the UiO-66 is 6 Å. That means that a molecule the size of fully methylated benzene can enter the UiO-66 structure.

The **toughness** of UiO-66 is demonstrated in its physical properties:

- Stable upon washing in boiling water and after heating in air to 300°C for 6 h,
- Decomposition above 500°C,
- Resistance to most chemicals, and
- Retention of crystallinity even after exposure to 10 tons/cm<sup>2</sup> of external pressure.





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