

# Porous Metal-Organic Frameworks: Emerging Materials for Gas Storage and Separation

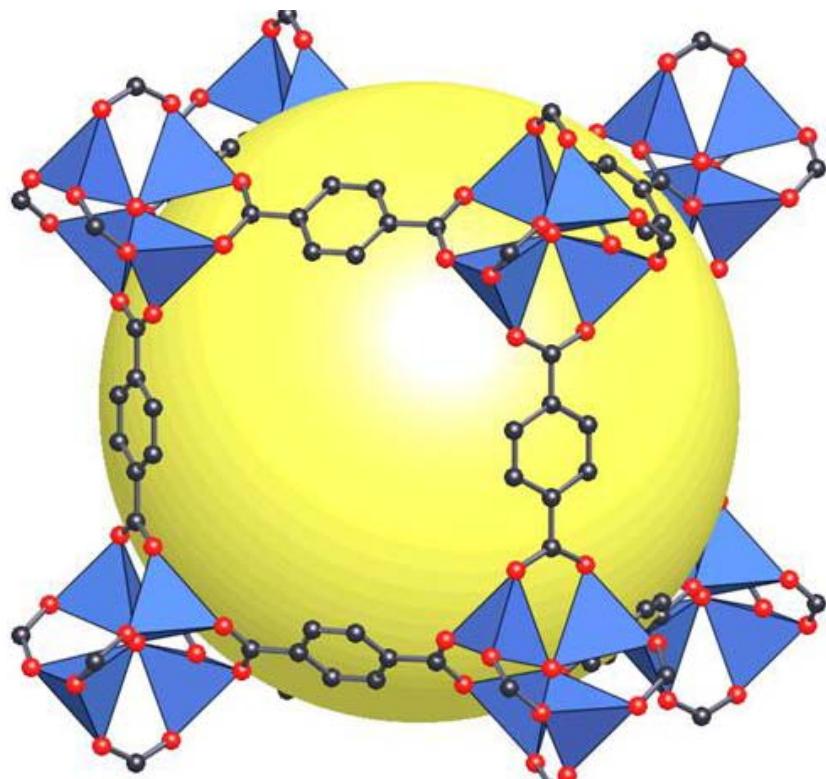
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# Breakthrough on Porous MOFs

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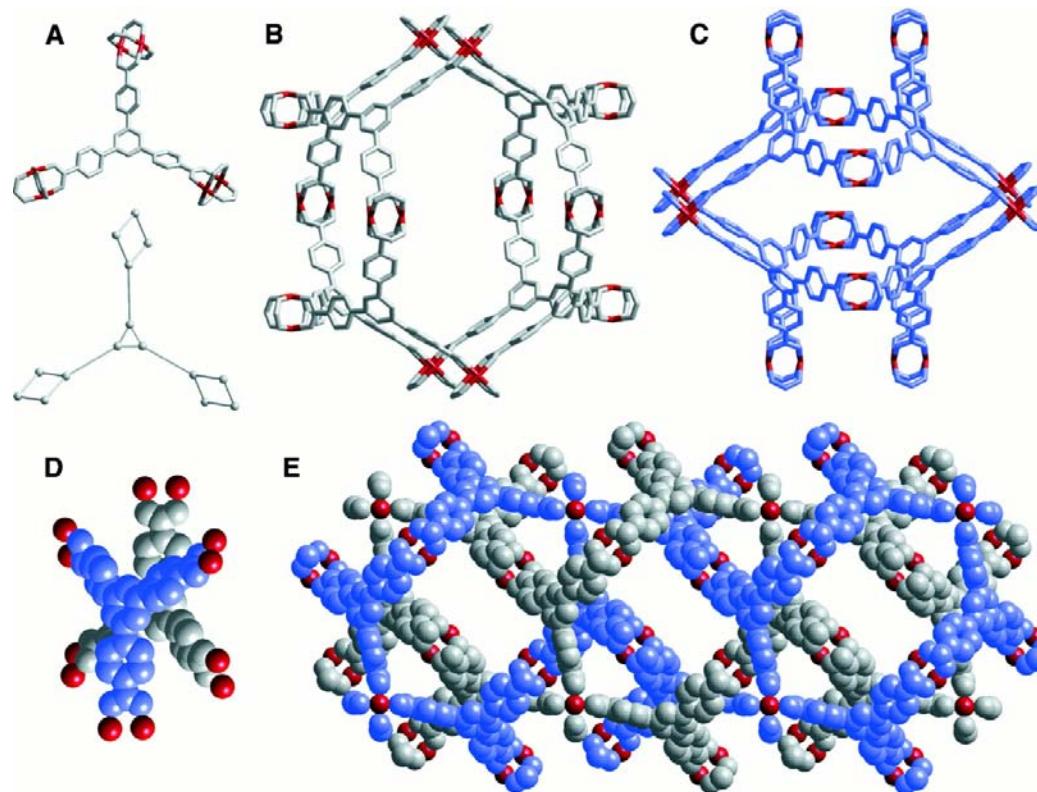
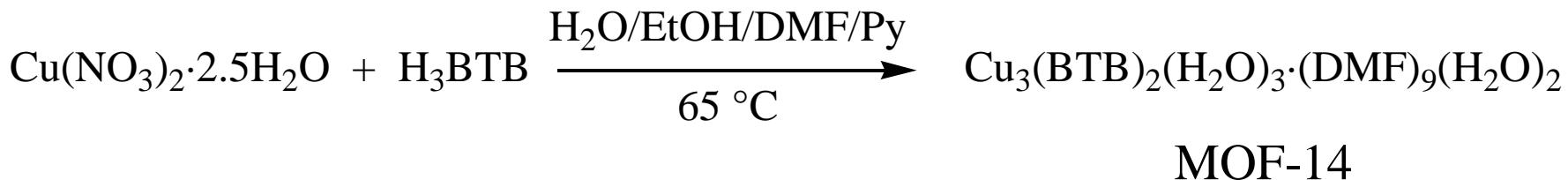


MOF-5 or IRMOF-1

Surface area > 3000 m<sup>2</sup>/g

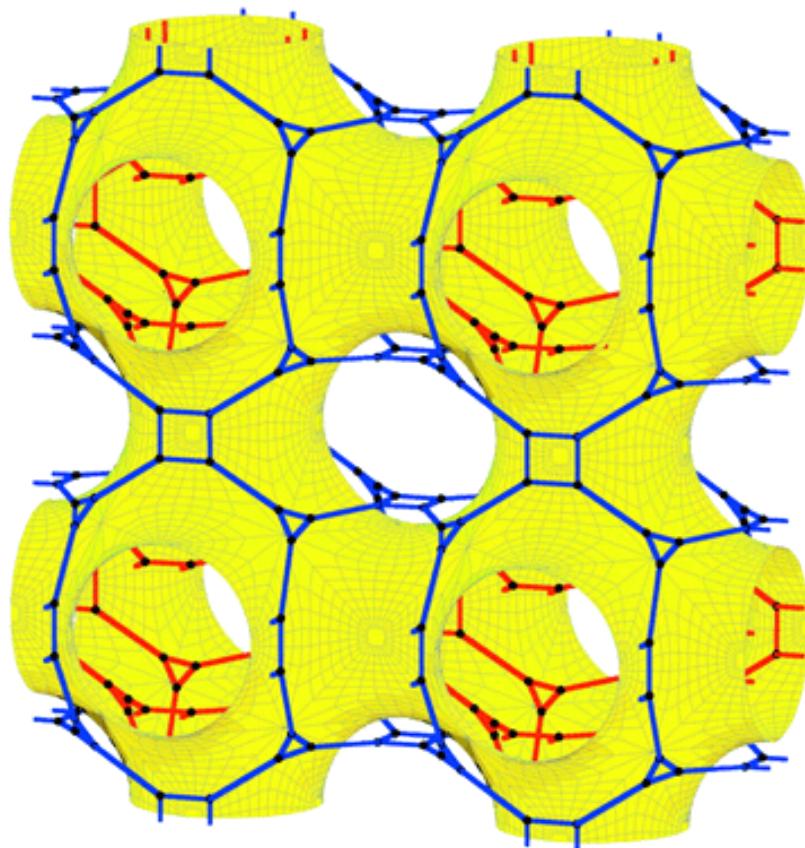
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# Simple Solvothermal Synthesis and Expanded Organic Linkers for MOFs



# $\text{Cu}_3(\text{BTB})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3$ Framework with Extra-Large Pores of 16.4 Å

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# What they are good for ?

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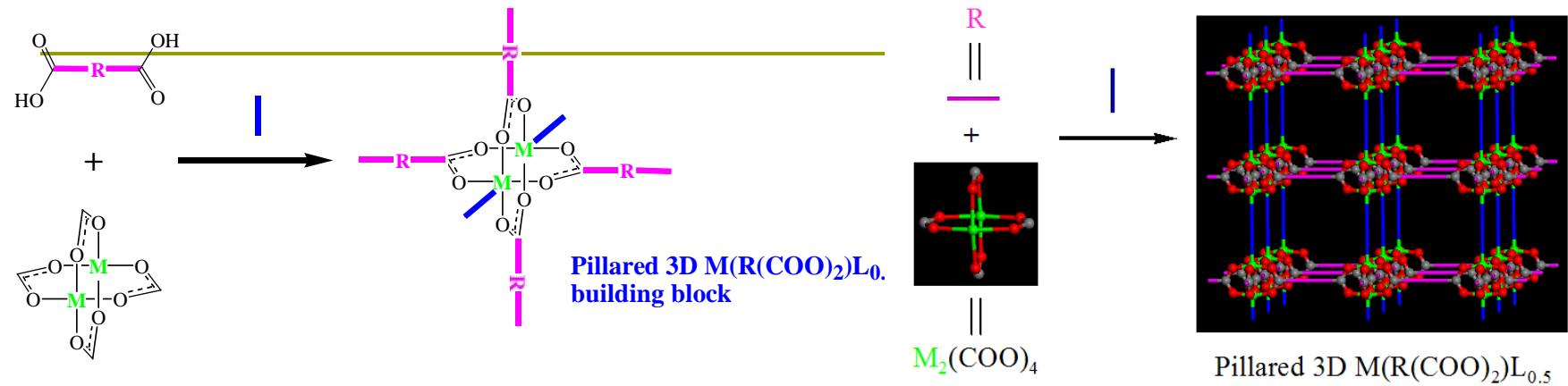
- Functional Pores
- Functional Properties and Practical Applications

## Host (Porous MOF) – Guest (Substrate) Interactions

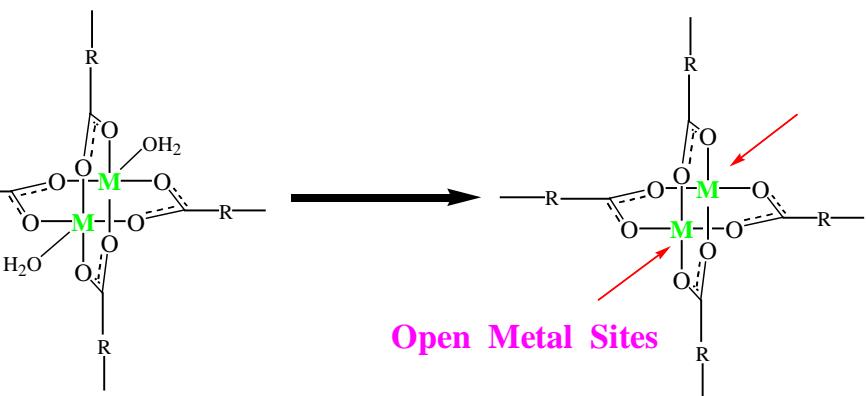
1. Host-Guest subtle matching confined by pore size/curvature.
2. Specific binding sites (organic and/or metal sites).

# Our Approaches

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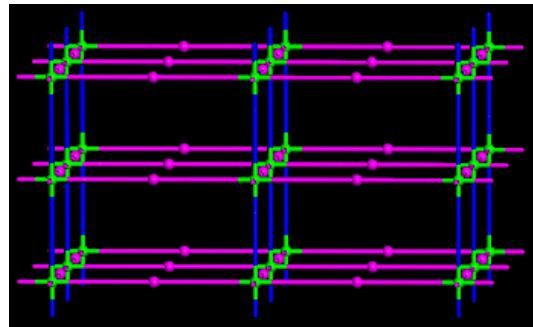


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Functional Sites

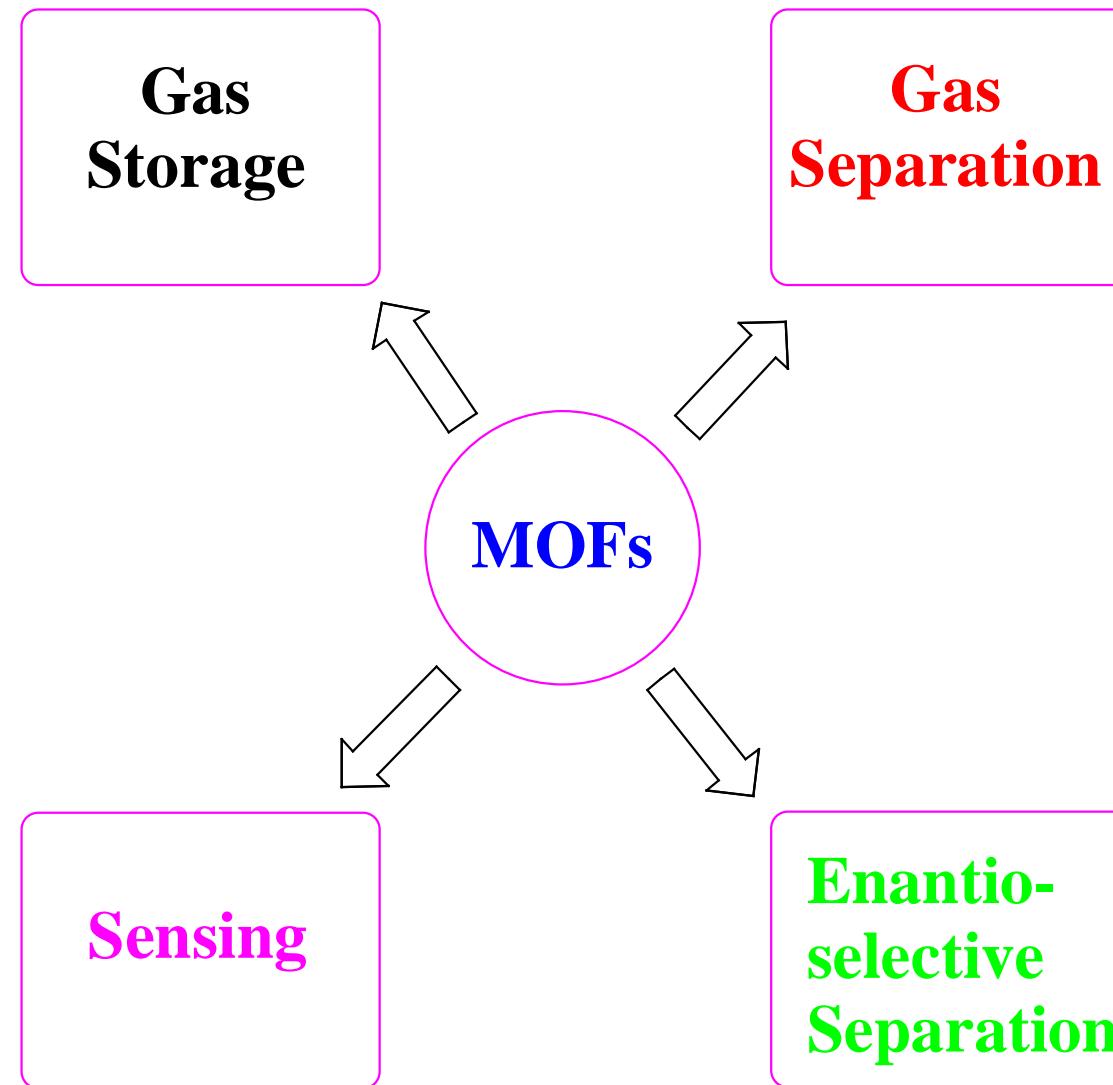
Tunable Micropores  
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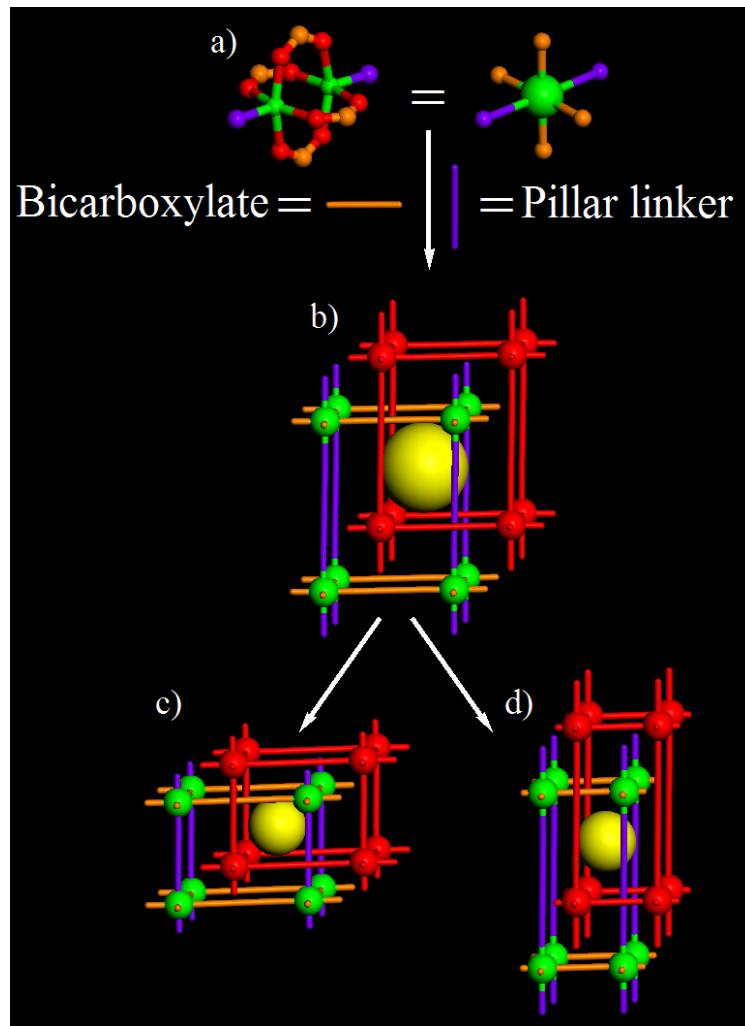
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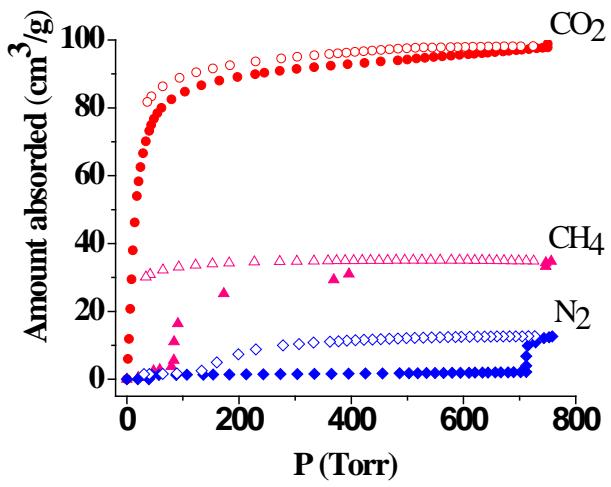
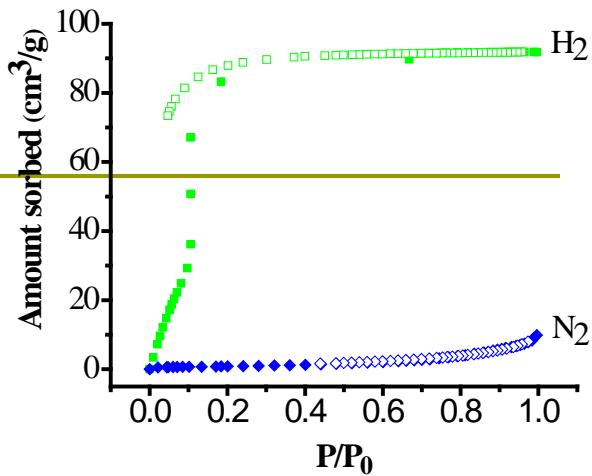
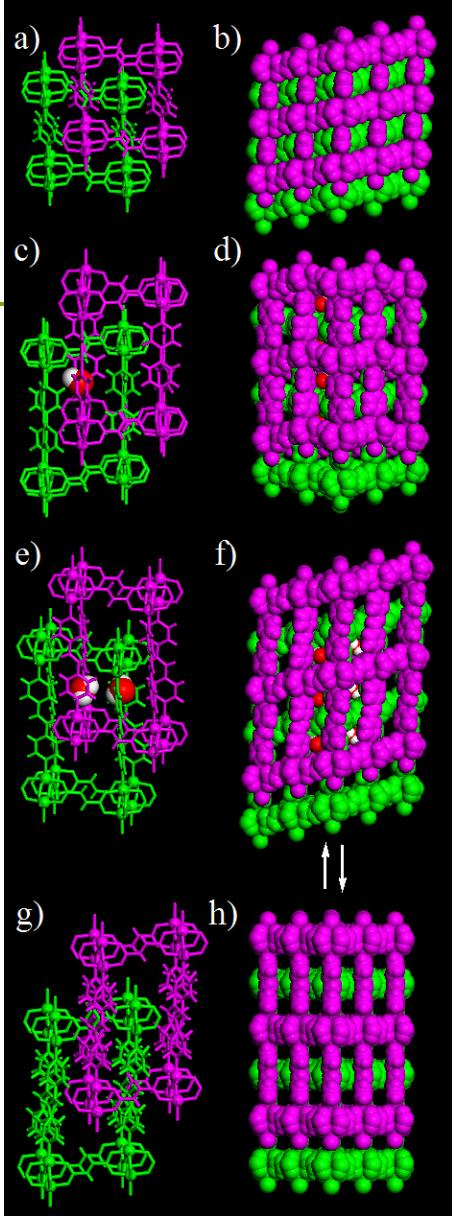
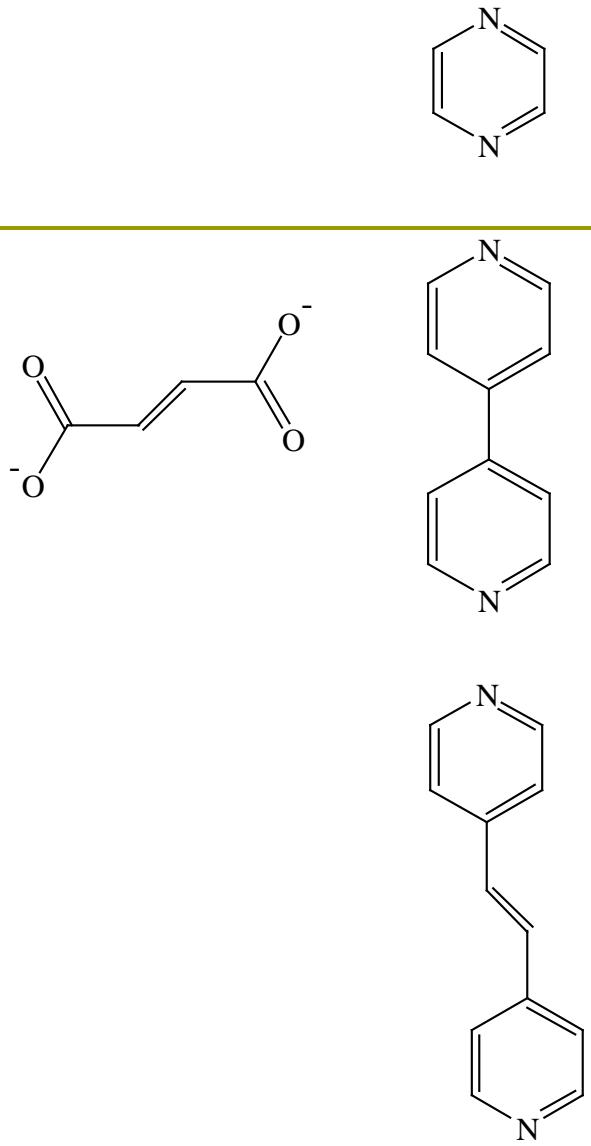
# Diverse Functionalities

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# How to tune the pores?

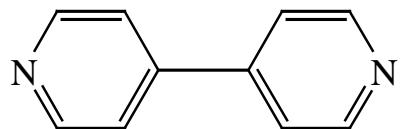
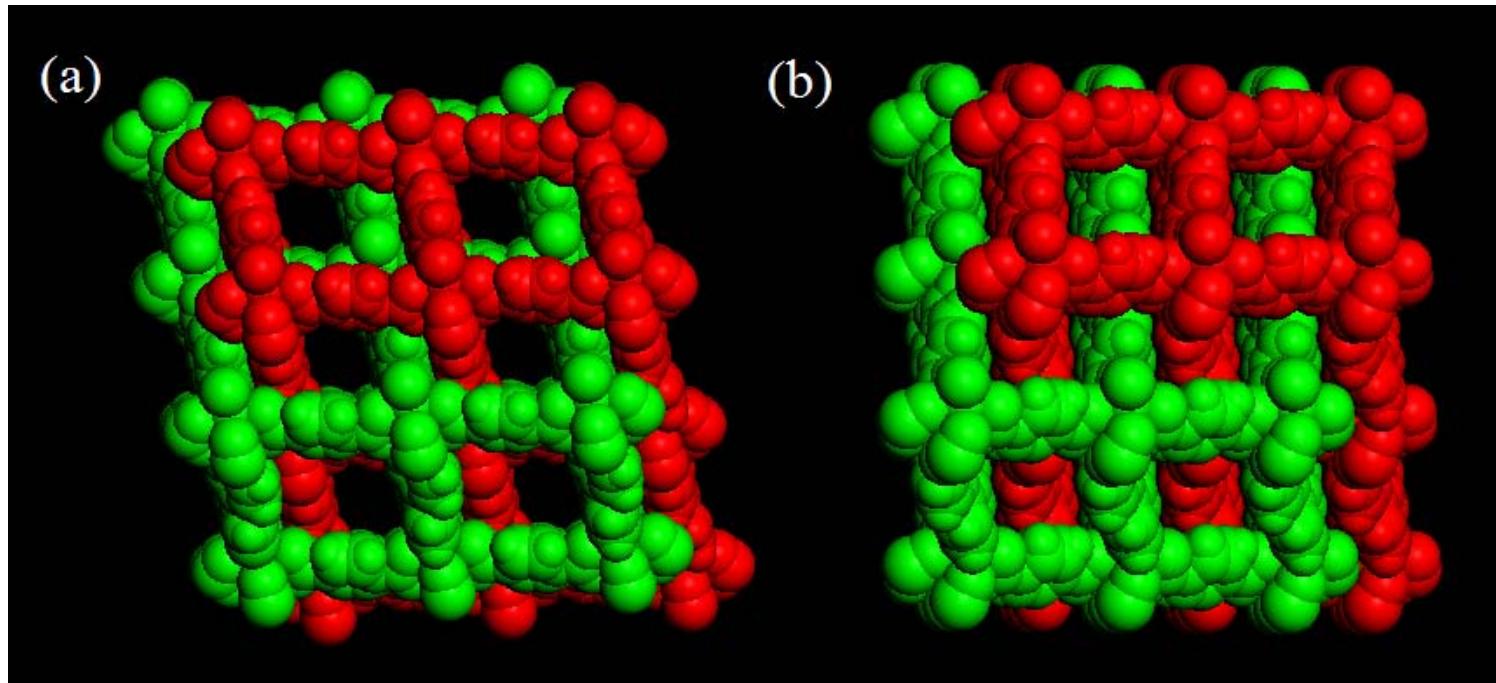
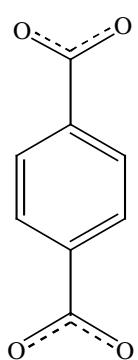




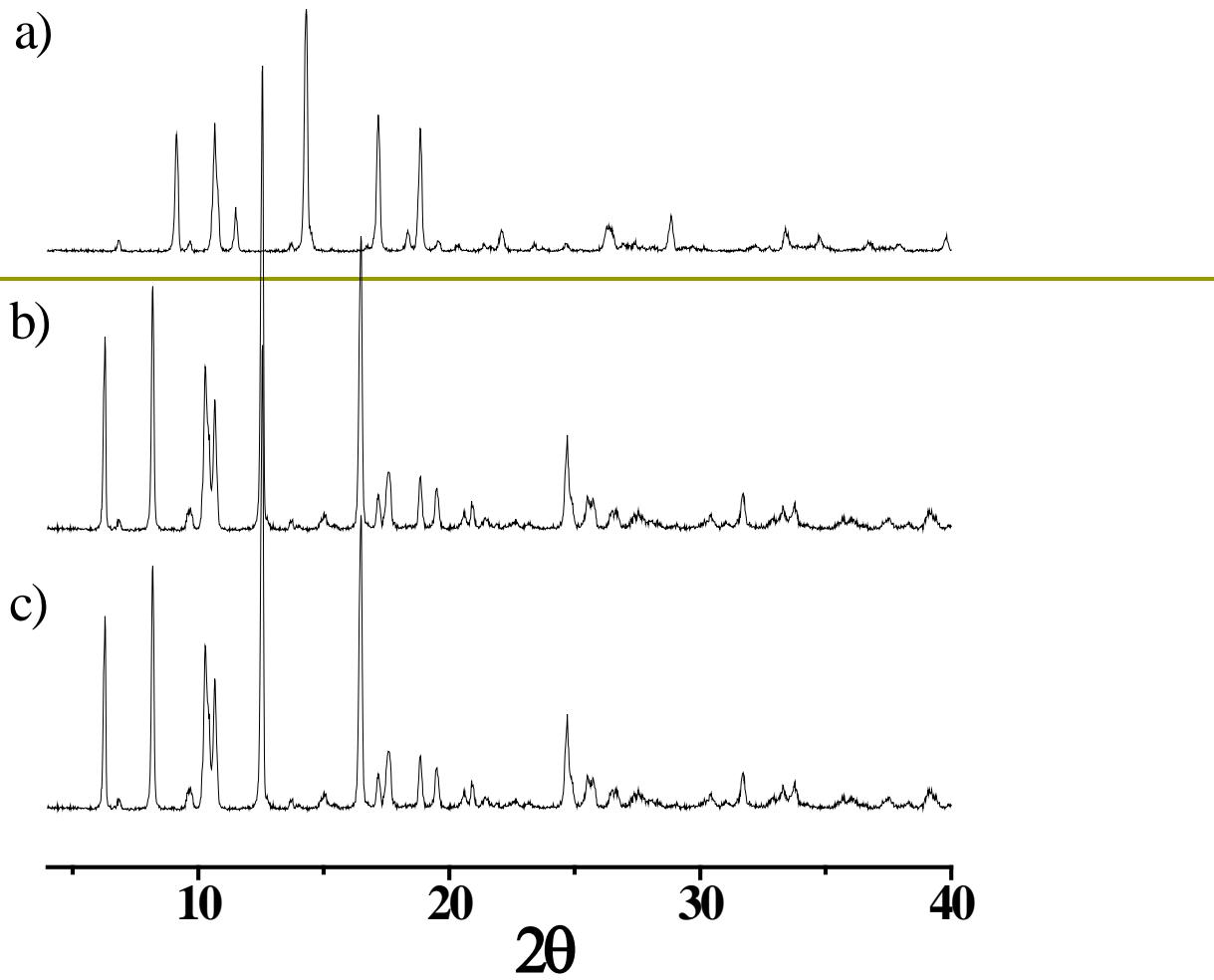
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# Slightly larger pores and reversible structure transformation

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$4.0 \times 4.0 \text{ \AA}$



Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) patterns of (a) guest-free dense phase MOF-508b, (b) as-synthesized open phase MOF-508a and (c) regenerated open phase MOF-508a.

# First Microporous MOF for GC Separation of Alkanes

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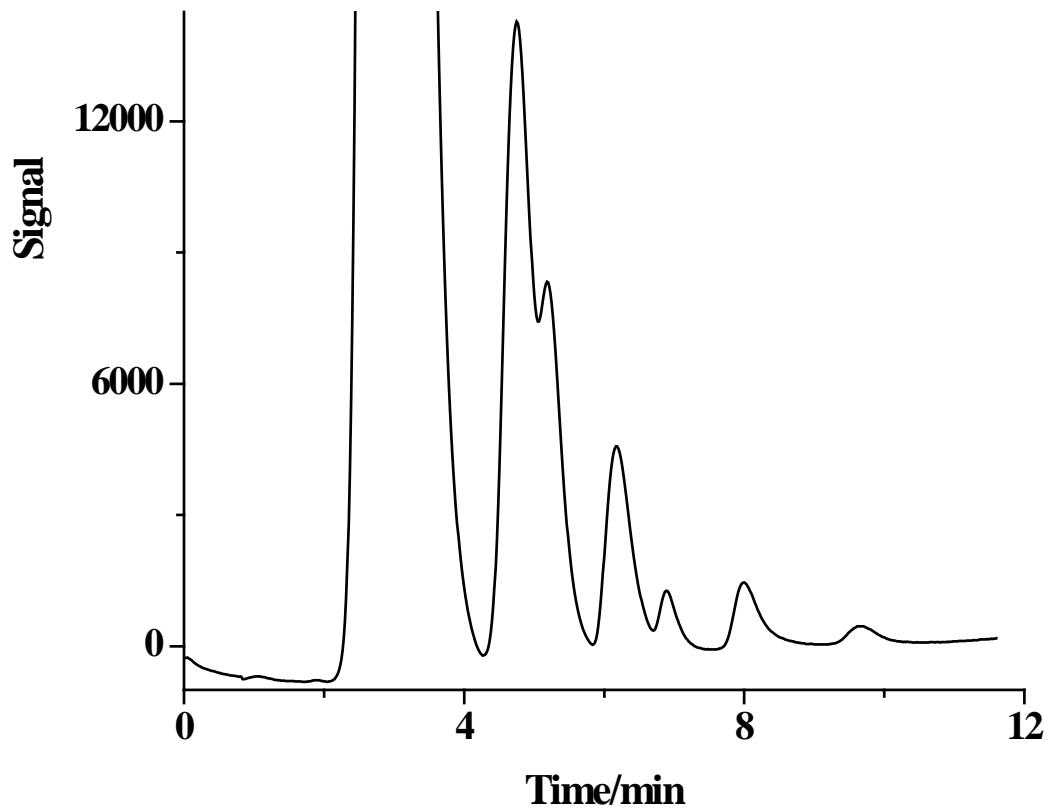
Three Pre-requisites:

1. Substrate discrimination
2. Suitable Host-Substrate interactions
3. High thermal stability

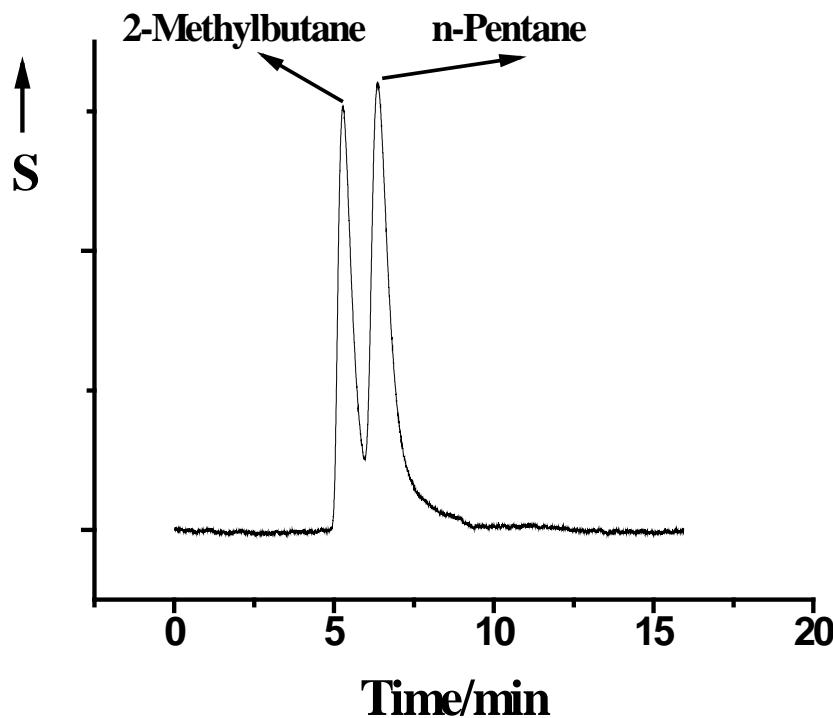
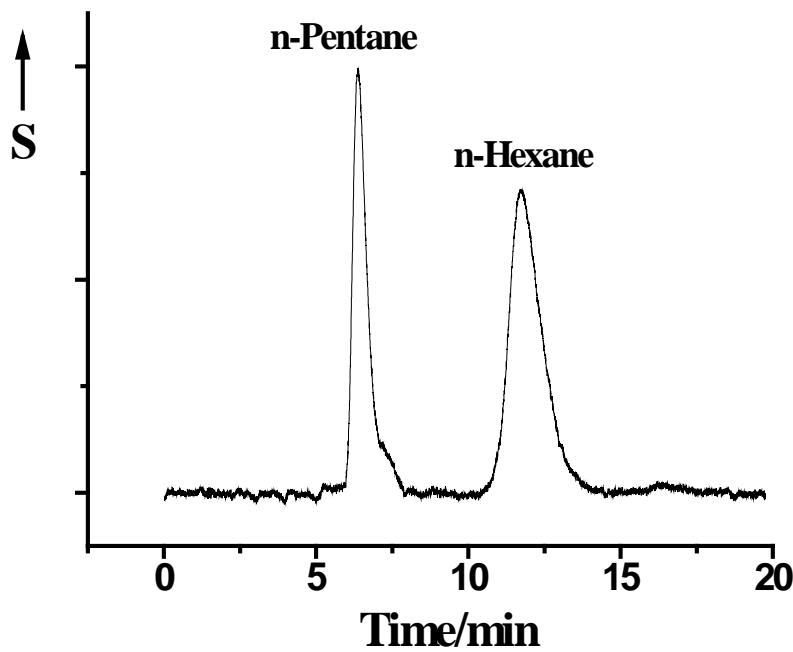


# GC separation of natural gas

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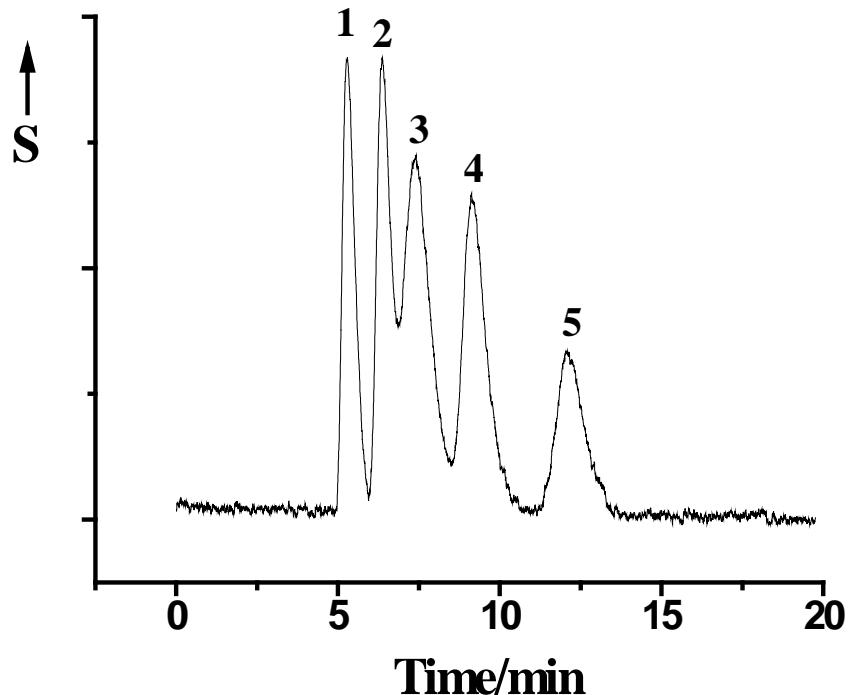
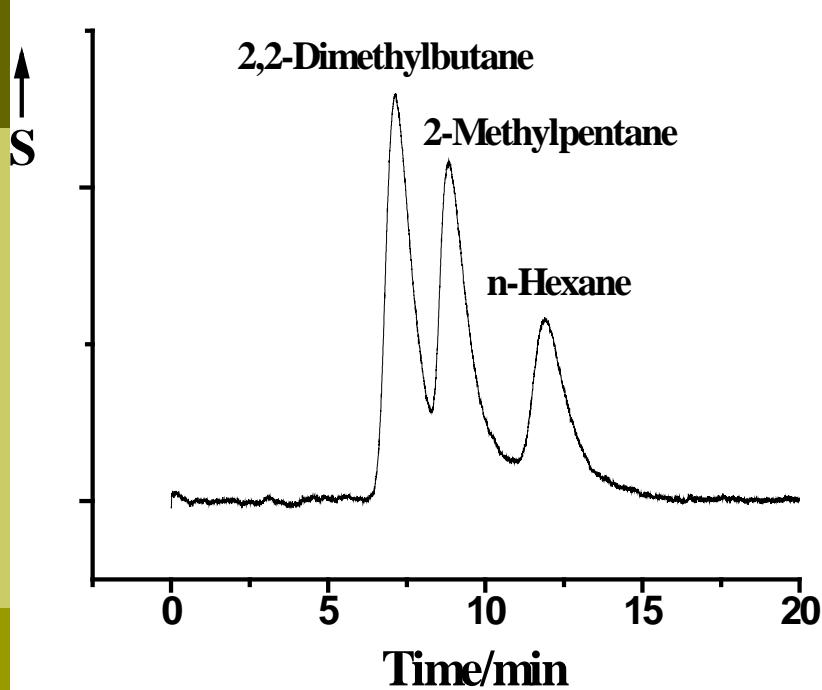


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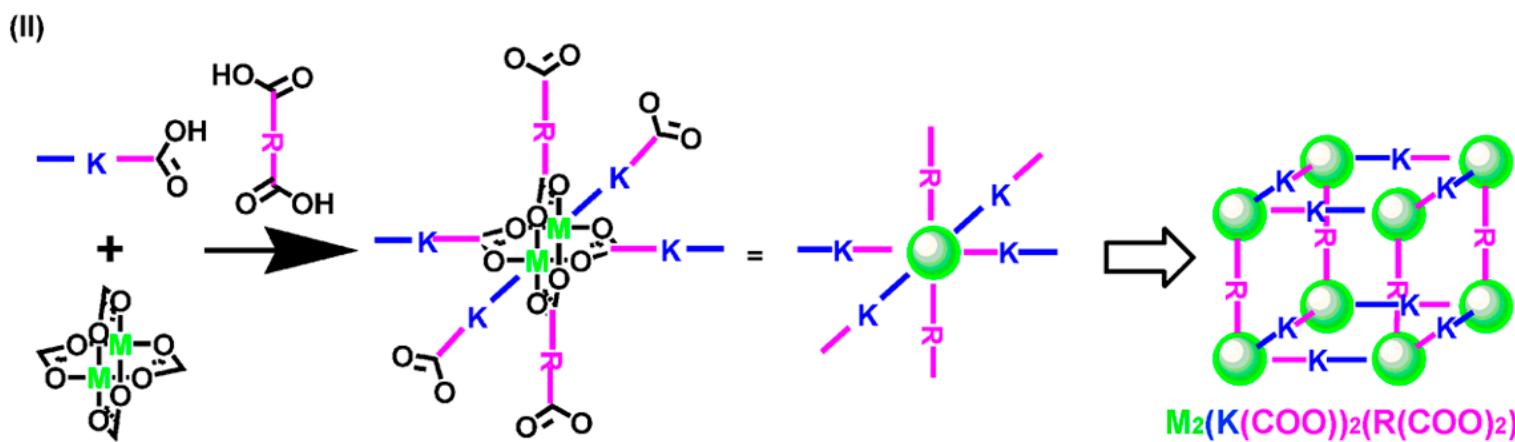
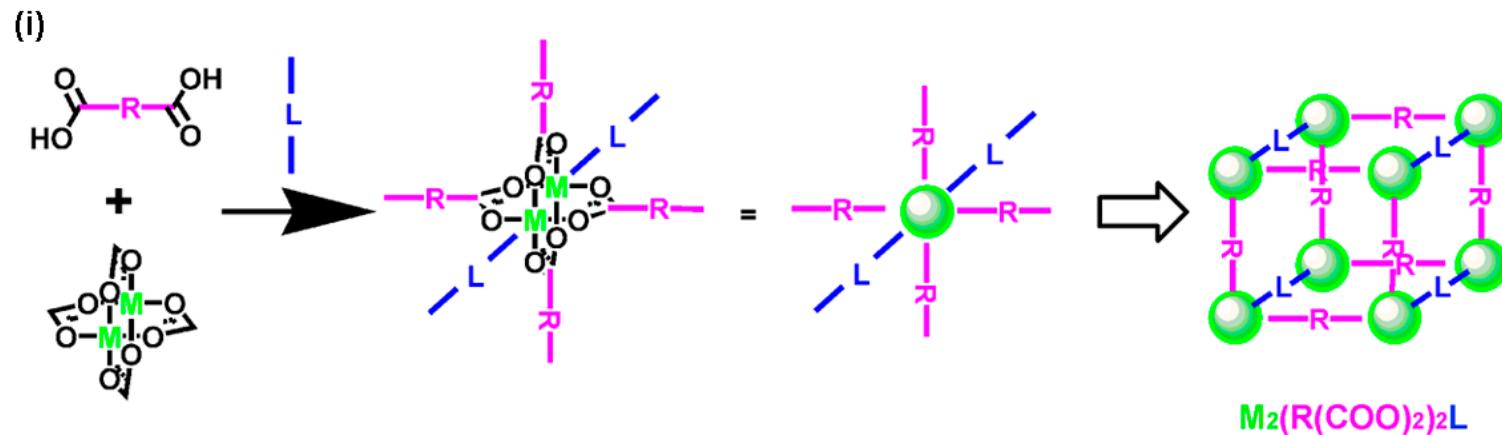
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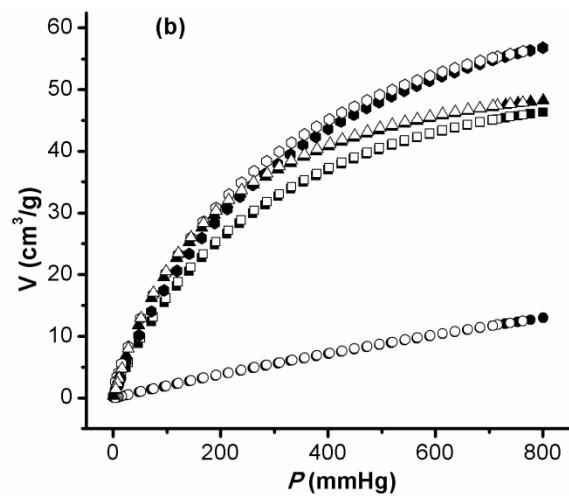
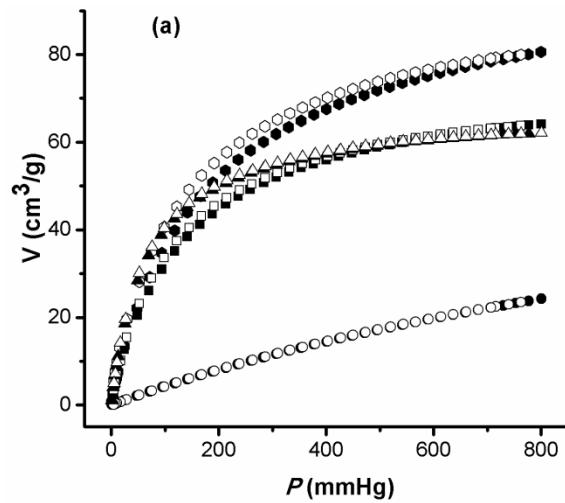
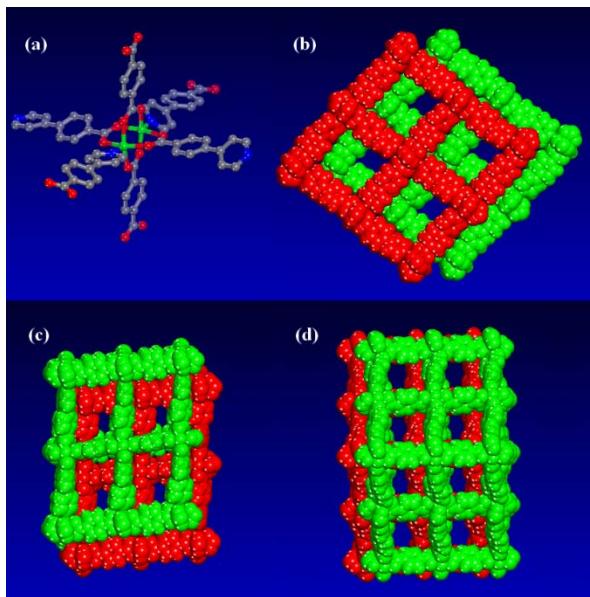


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# Another Approach to Tune the Micropores

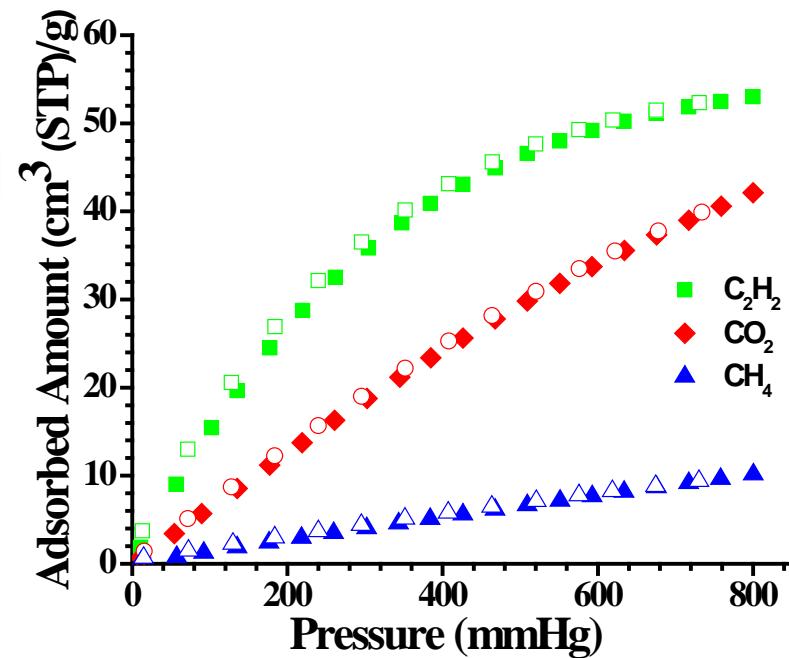
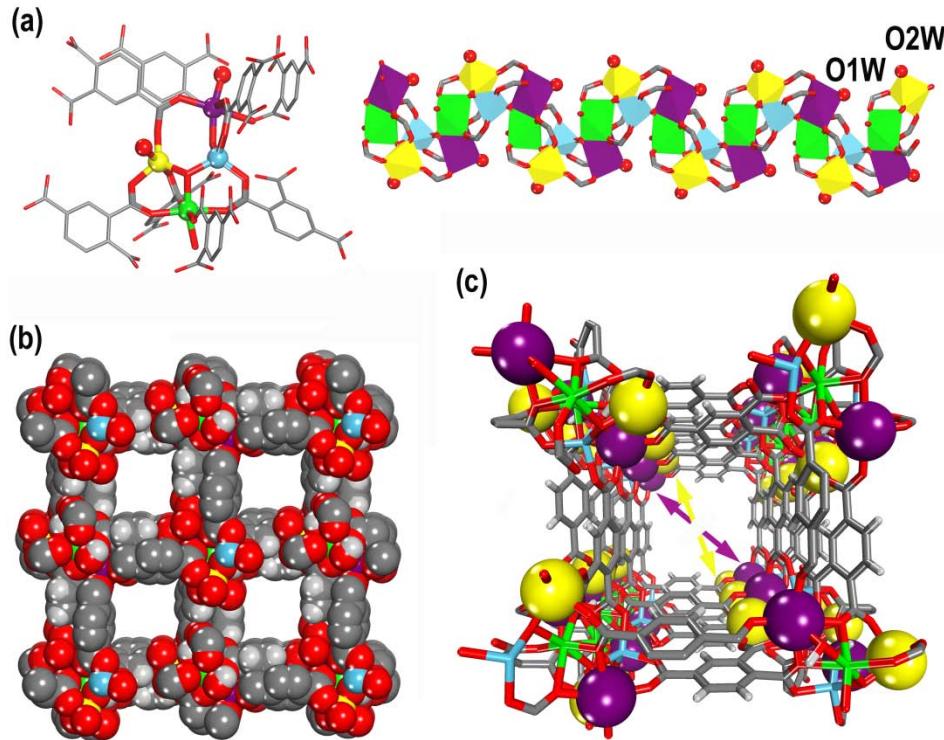


# $C_1/C_2$ Separation



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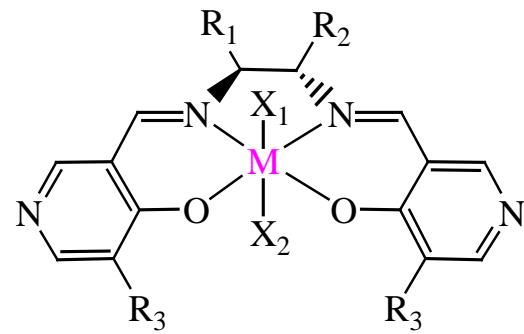
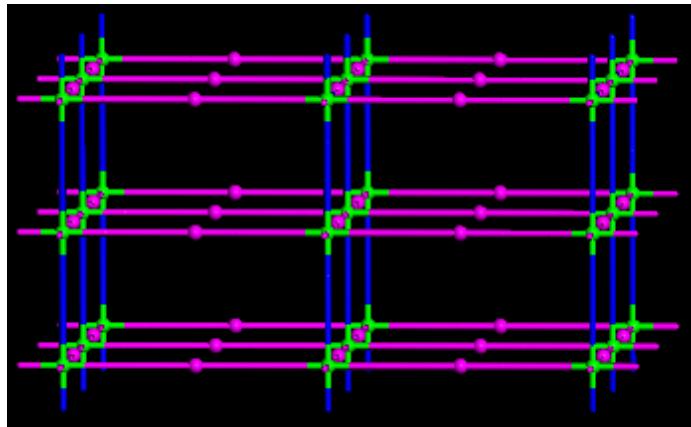
# Open Metal Sites for Gas Separation



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# Metalloligands for M' MOFs

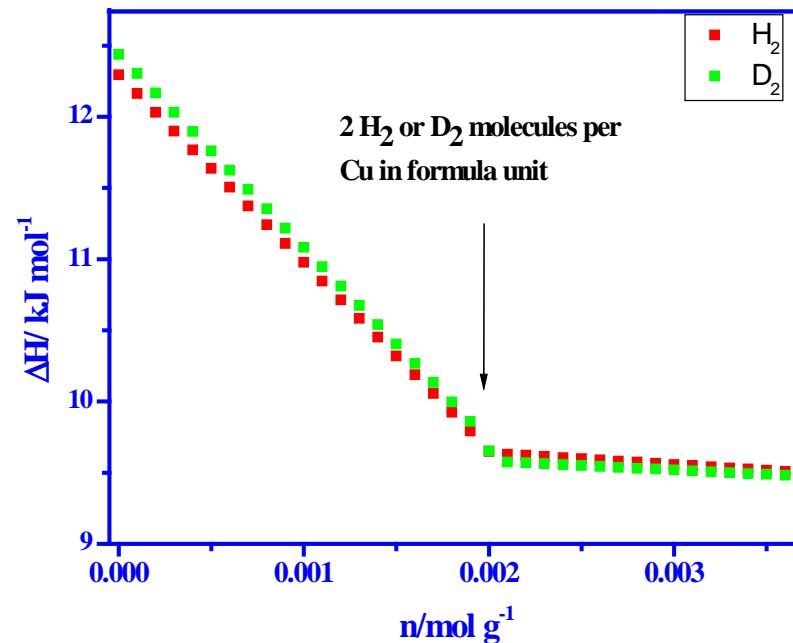
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M(Salen-Py)X<sub>1</sub>X<sub>2</sub>

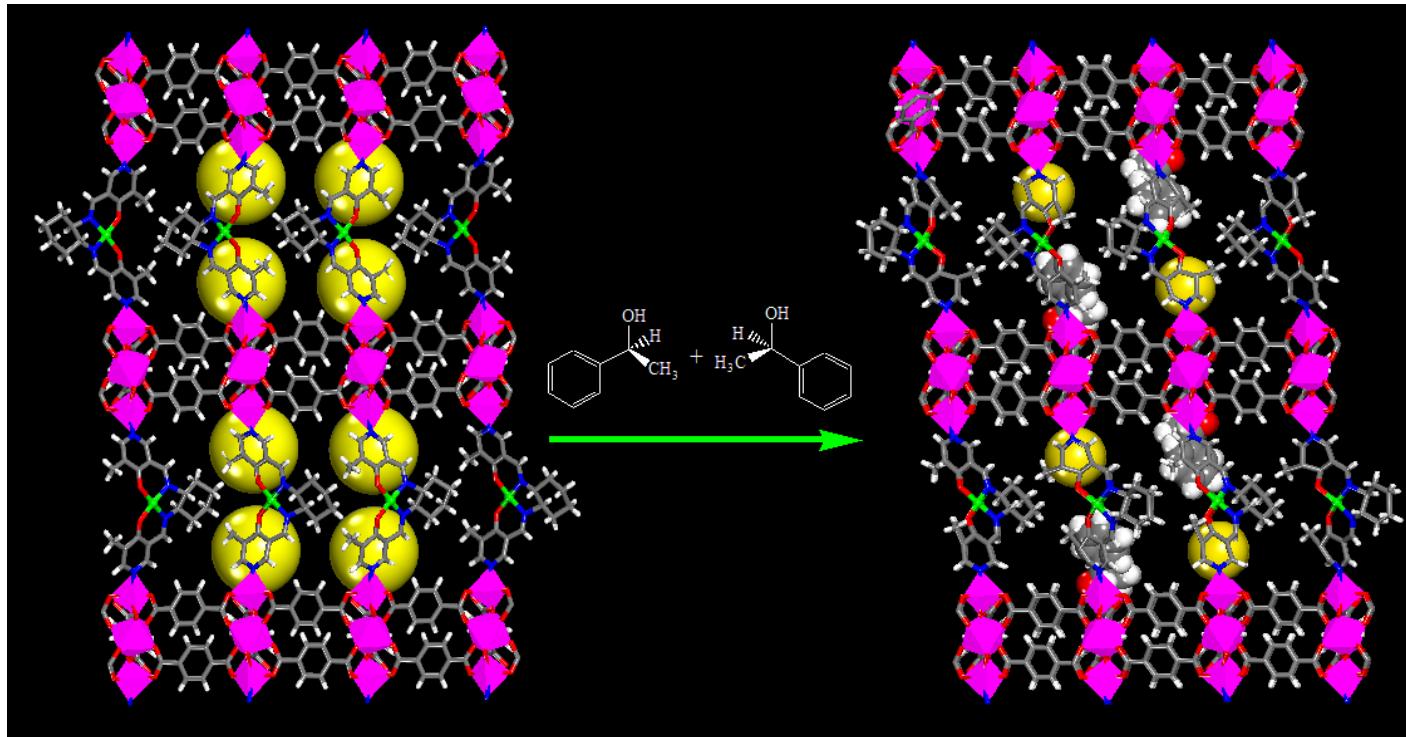
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# M' MOF for Enantioselective Separation

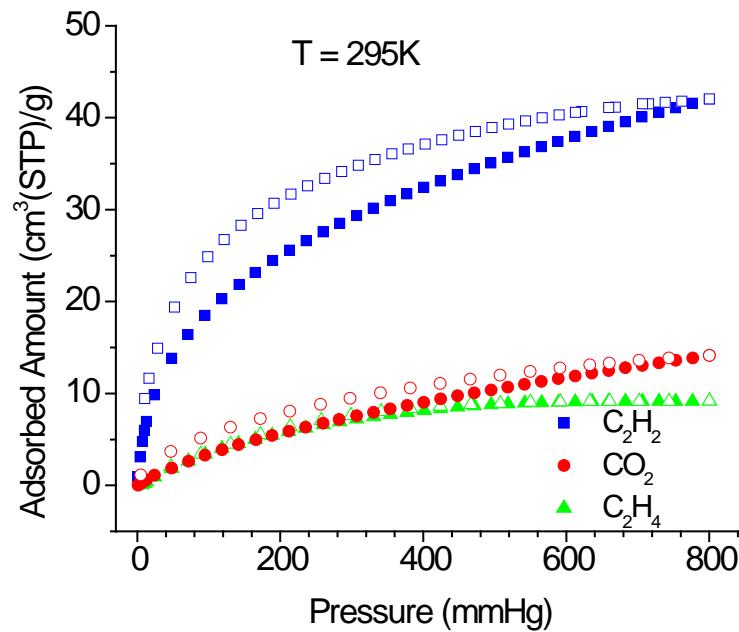
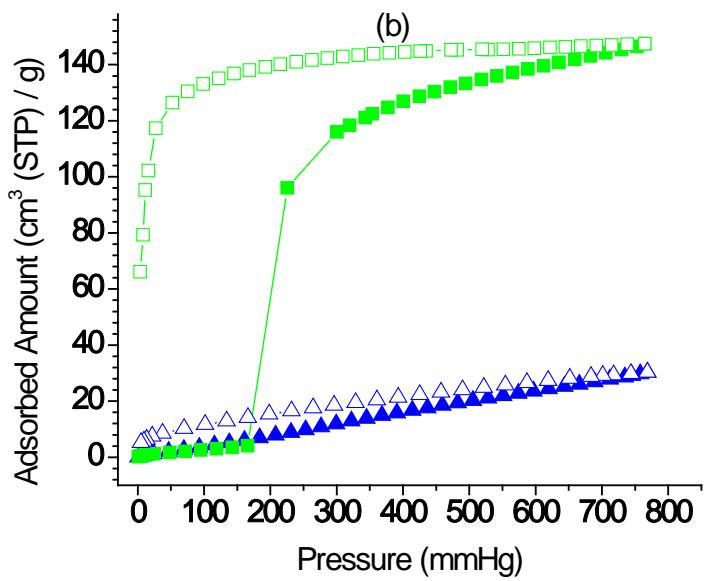


M' MOF $\supset$ G

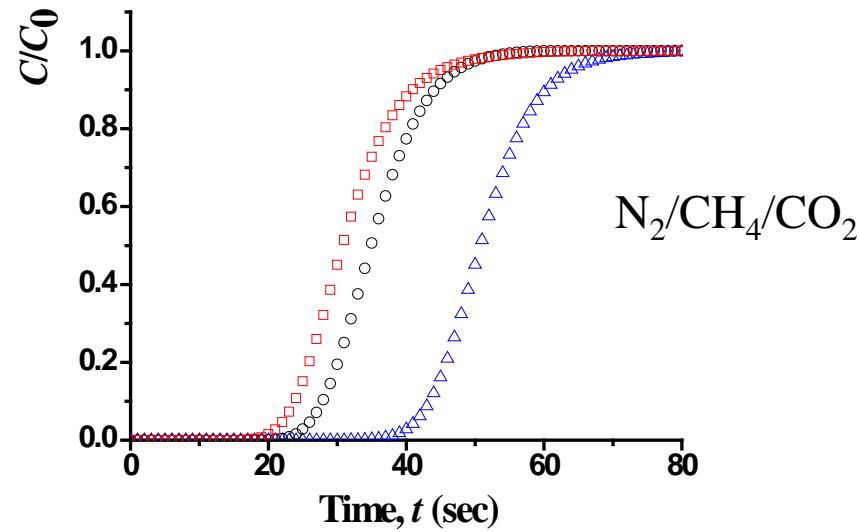
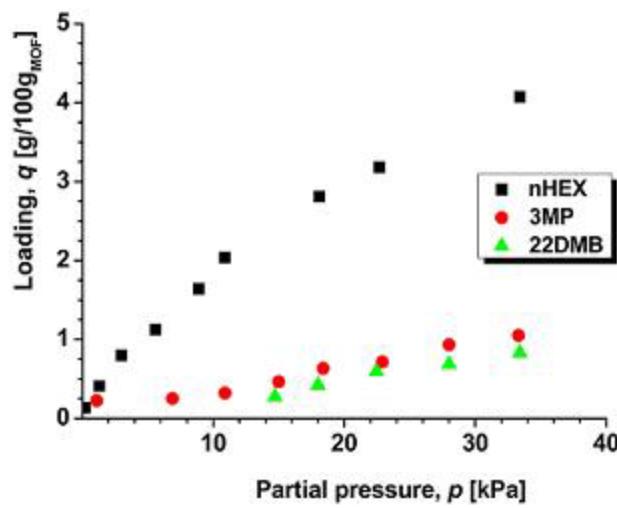
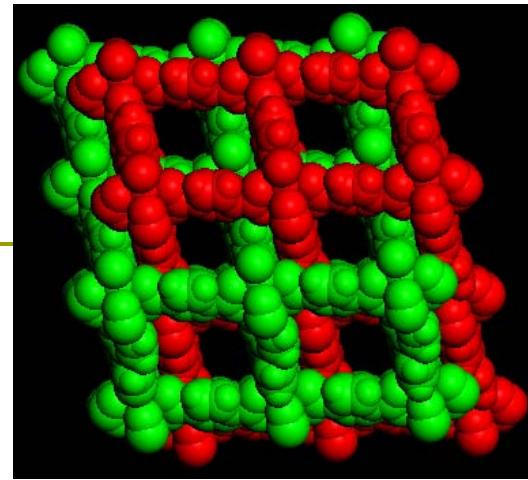
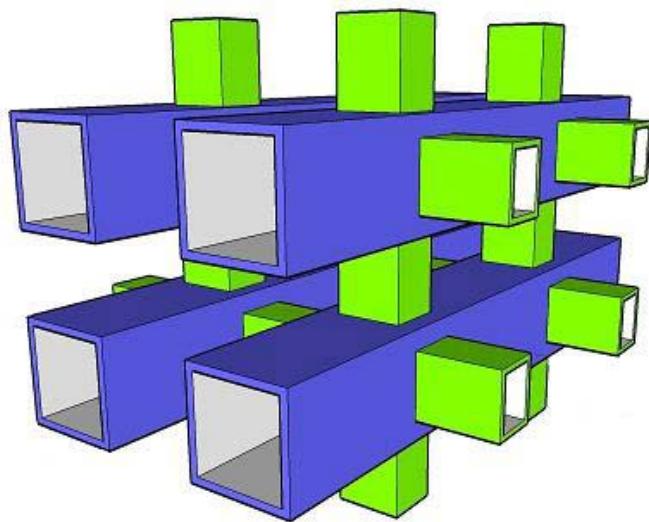
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# M' MOF for C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>/C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> Separation



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# MOFs on Gas Separation

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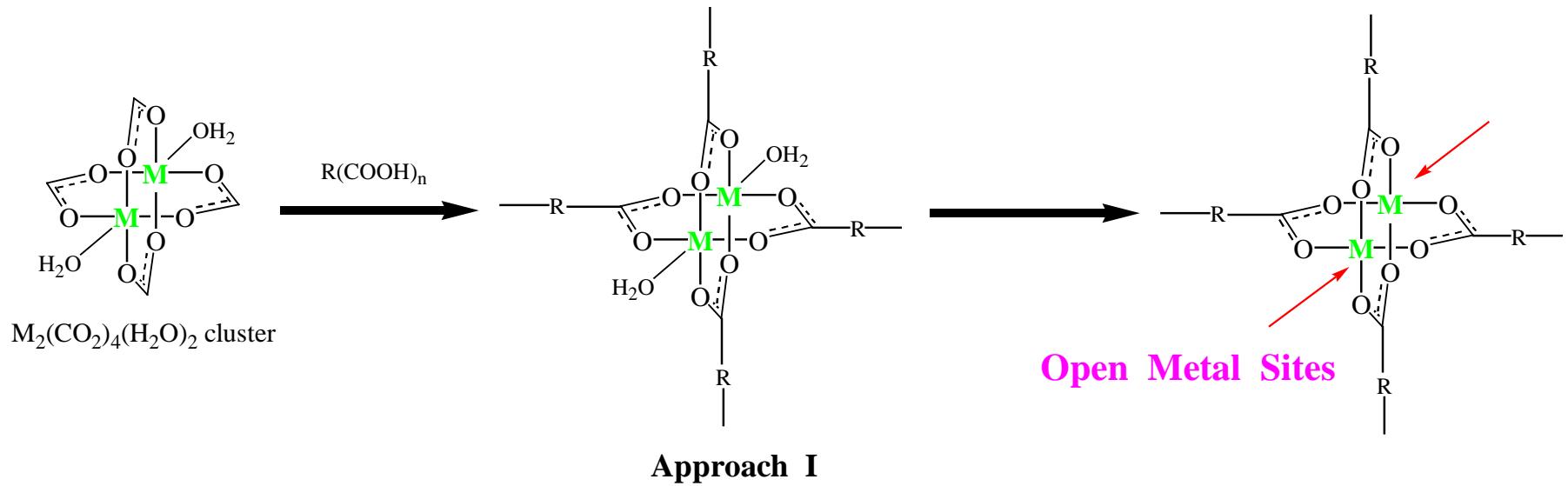
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# Hydrogen Storage ?

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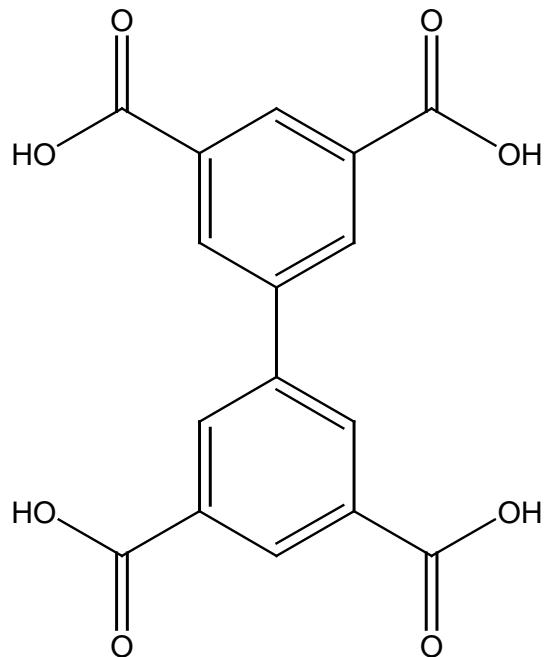
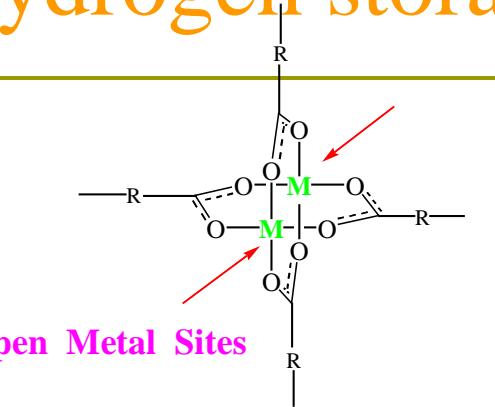
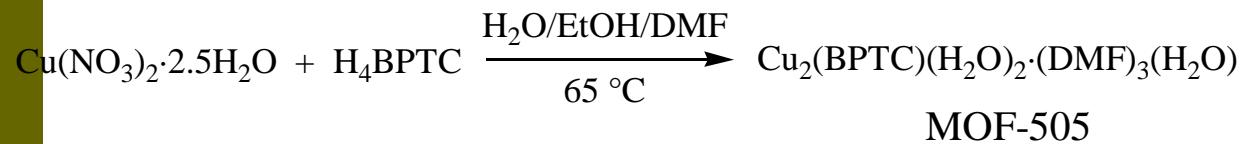
- High Porosity ( $A_{\text{surf}} > 1500 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$ )
- Suitable Pore Size/Curvature
- Functional Pores: Physical + Chemical  
Hydrogen Adsorption

# Microporous MOFs with Open Metal Sites

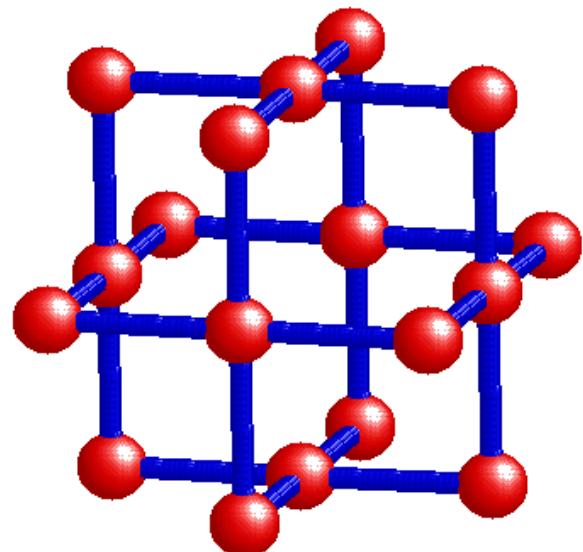


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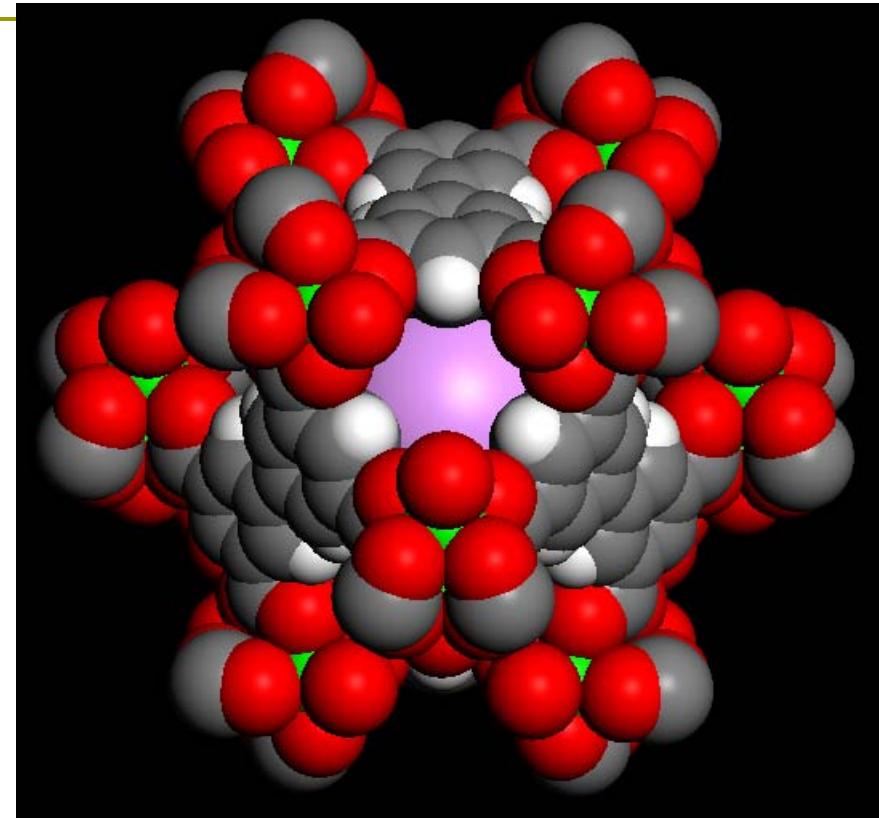
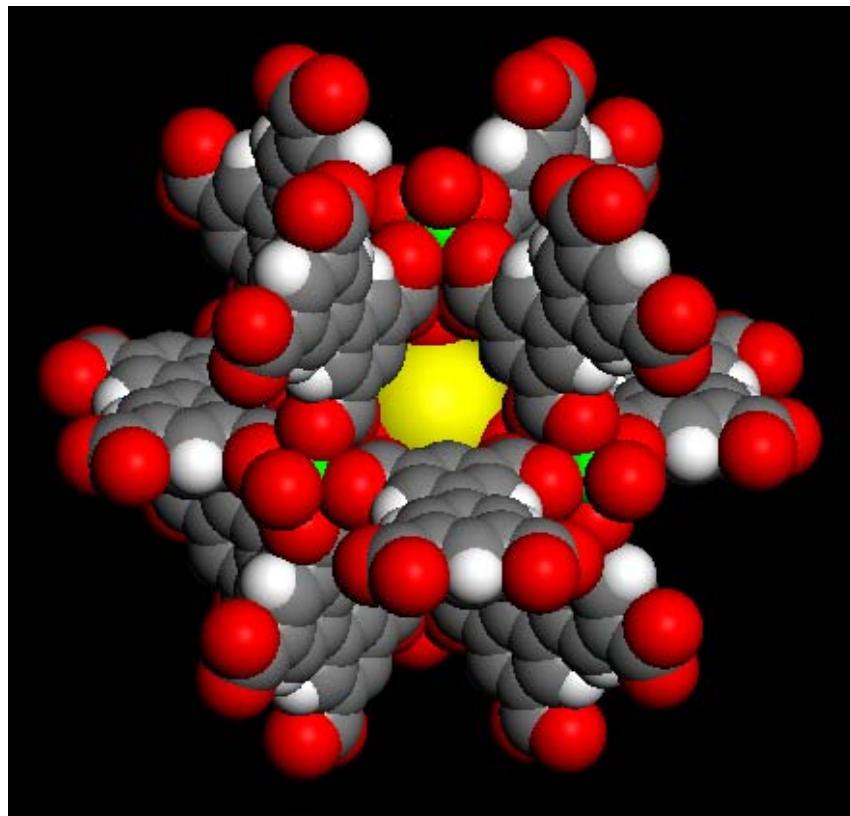
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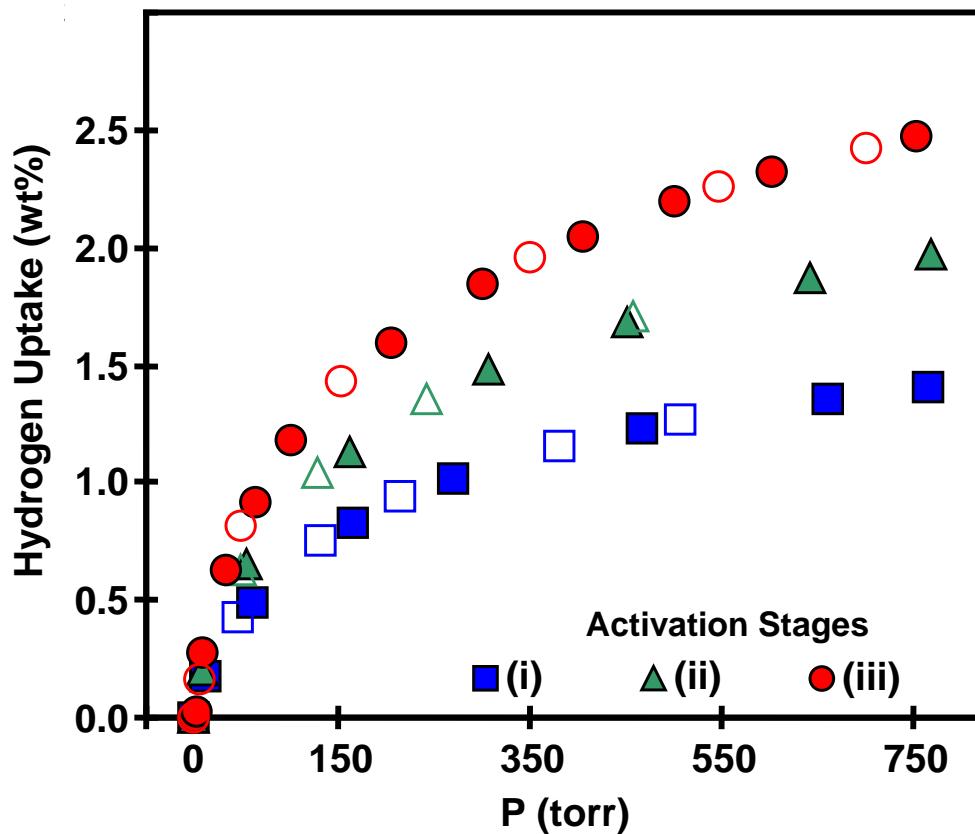
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# Structure of MOF-505



Pores viewed along  $c$  axis



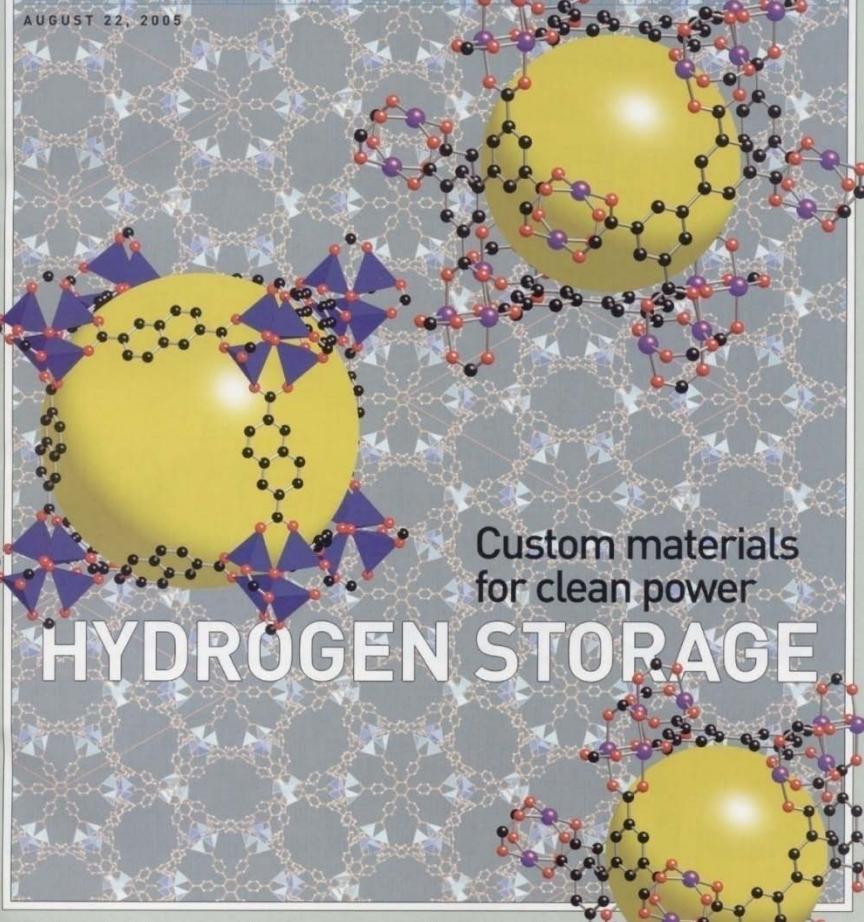
**Fig 4.** H<sub>2</sub> isotherms for MOF-505 (77 K) after three different activation stages: stage i (25 °C, blue squares), stage ii (70 °C, green triangles) and stage iii (120 °C, red circles), with hydrogen uptake of 14.1, 19.7 and 24.7 mg/g respectively.

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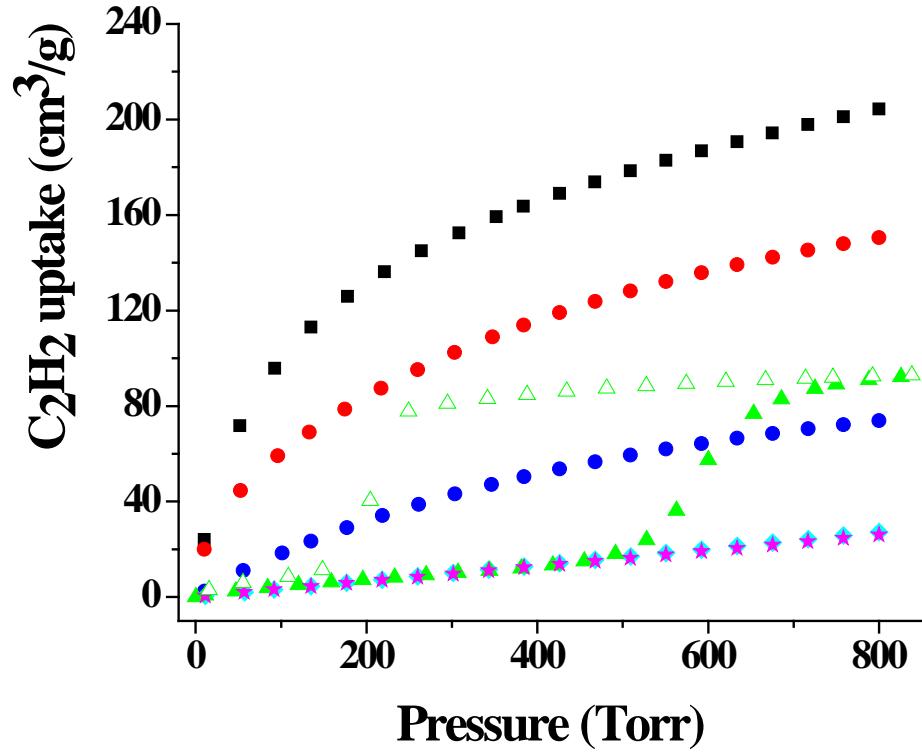
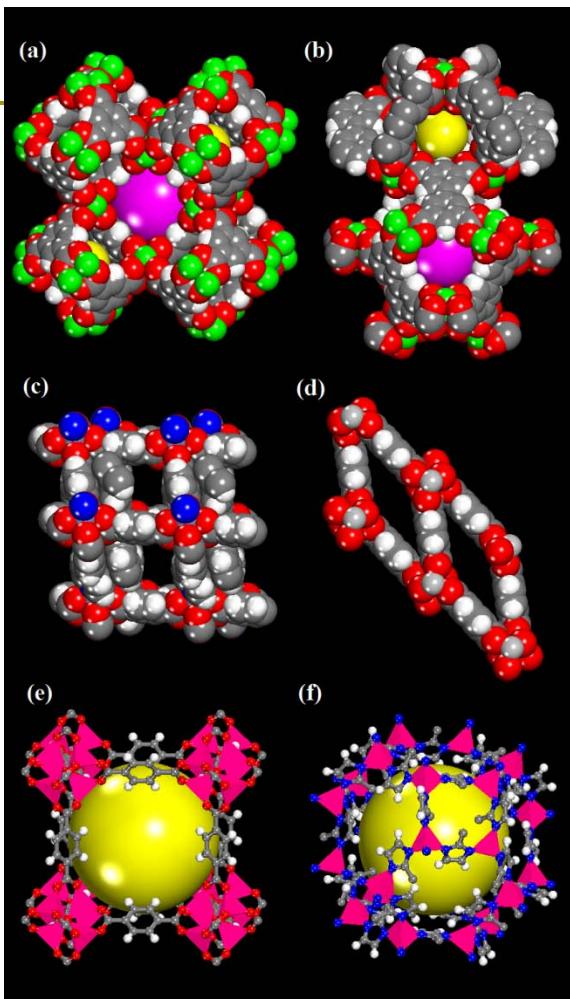
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## HYDROGEN STORAGE

# Acetylene Storage



(a) HKUST-1; (b) MOF-505; (c) MOF-508; (d) MIL-53; (e) MOF-5; (f) ZIF-8

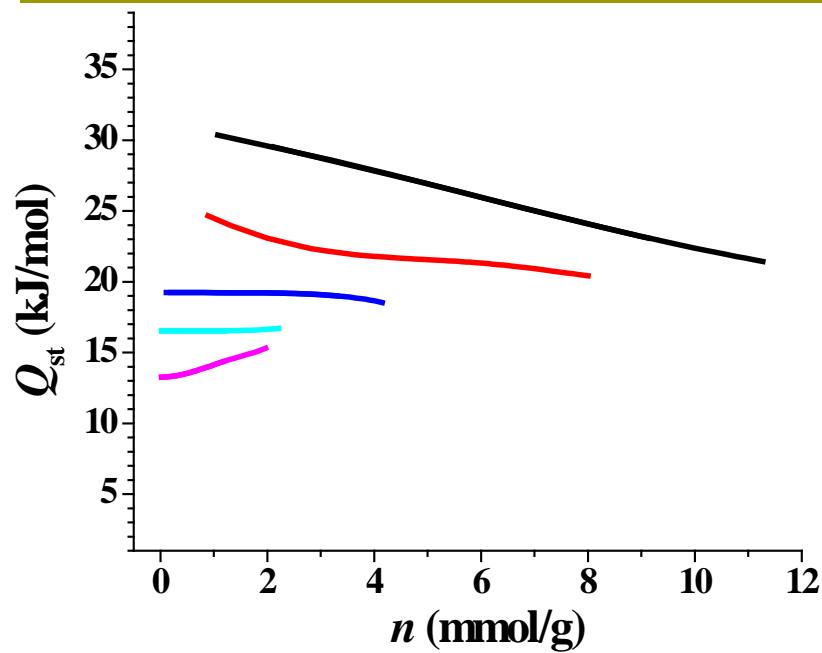
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**Table 1.** Acetylene uptake in the six metal-organic frameworks at 295 K and 1 atm (MOF-508 at 290 K).

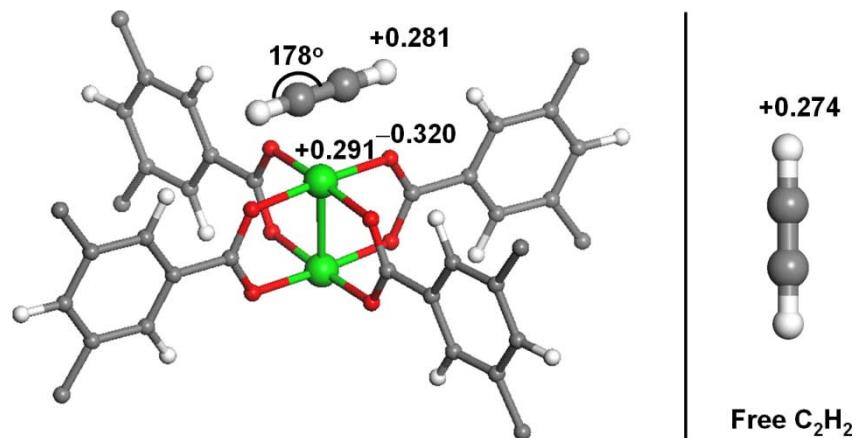
MOFs (Langmuir surface area, m <sup>2</sup> /g)	cm <sup>3</sup> /g	cm <sup>3</sup> /cm <sup>3</sup> <sup>[a]</sup>	wt%	Density <sup>[b]</sup> (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	P <sup>[c]</sup> [MPa]
HKUST-1 (2095)	201	177	23.4	0.21	19.3
MOF-505 (1694)	148	137	17.2	0.16	15.0
MOF-508 (946)	90	112	10.5	0.13	12.2
MIL-53 (1233)	72	67	8.4	0.08	7.3
MOF-5 (3610)	26	15	3.0	0.02	1.6
ZIF-8 (1758)	25	23	2.9	0.03	2.5

# Why?



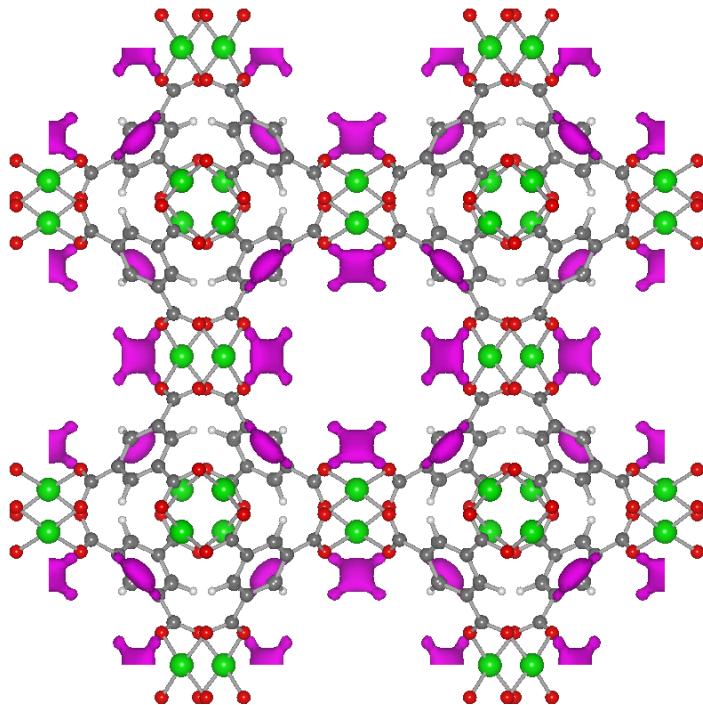
**Figure 1** Coverage dependencies of the adsorption enthalpies for  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2$  in MOFs calculated from fits of their 273 and 295 K isotherms. HKUST-1 (black); MOF-505 (red); MIL-53 (blue); MOF-5 (cyan) and ZIF-8 (magenta).

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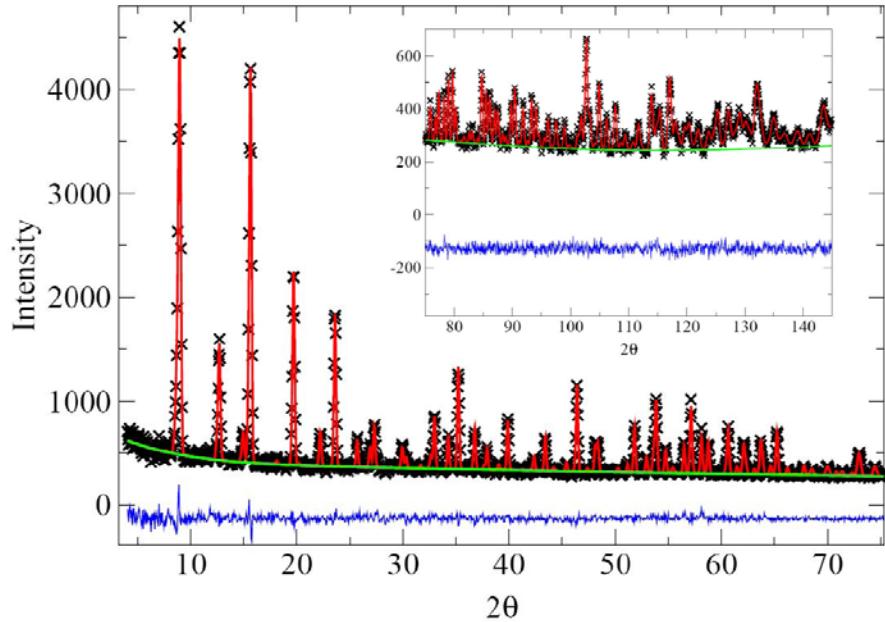


**Figure 2** The projected Löwdin charges of the  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2$  molecule adsorbed on the open  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  site in HKUST-1.

# Where are the Acetylene Molecules?



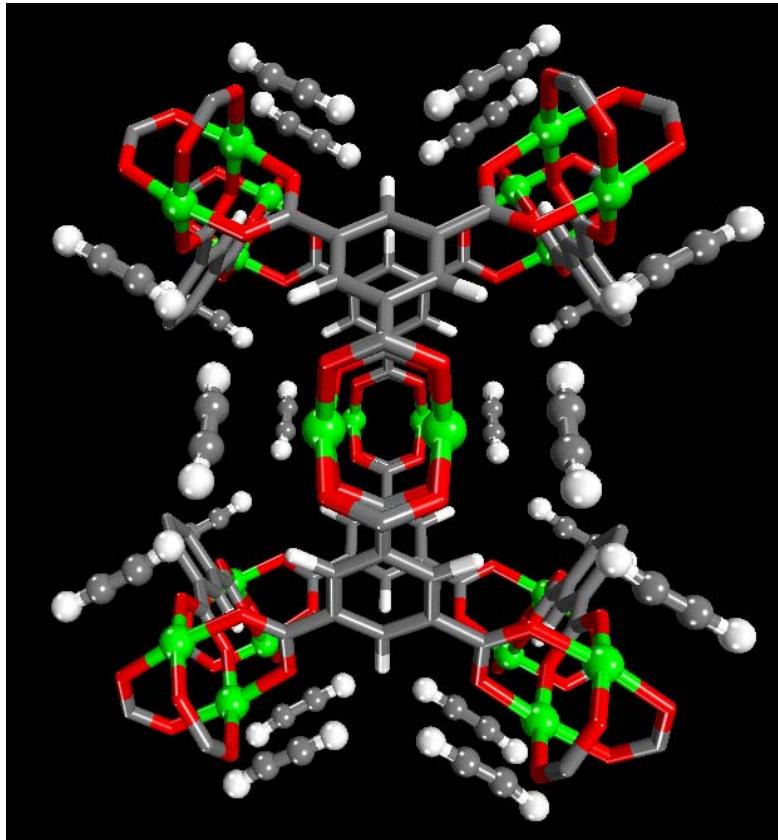
**Figure 3** The positive difference Fourier map of 0.62 C<sub>2</sub>D<sub>2</sub> per Cu loaded HKUST-1 calculated from powder neutron diffraction data. The pink regions indicate the extra positive density of the adsorbed C<sub>2</sub>D<sub>2</sub> molecules bound to the first strongest adsorption sites of open Cu<sup>2+</sup>



**Figure 4** Rietveld refinement of neutron powder diffraction data of 0.62 C<sub>2</sub>D<sub>2</sub> per Cu loaded HKUST-1. Crosses, red line, green line, and blue line represent the experimental, calculated, background, difference data points, respectively.

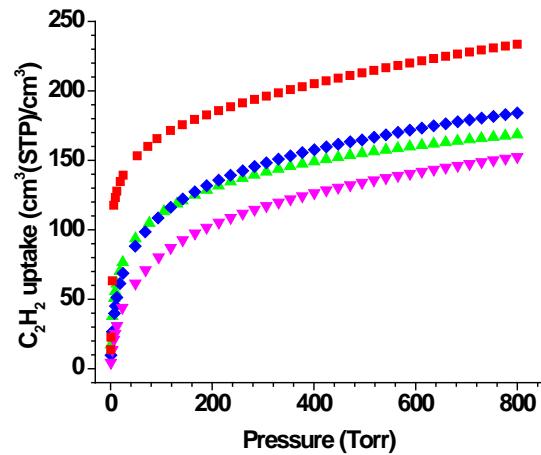
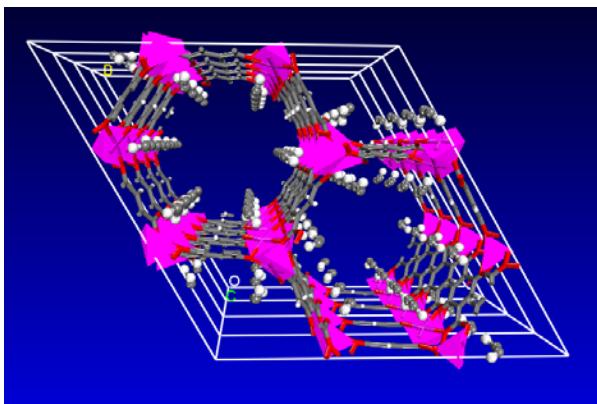
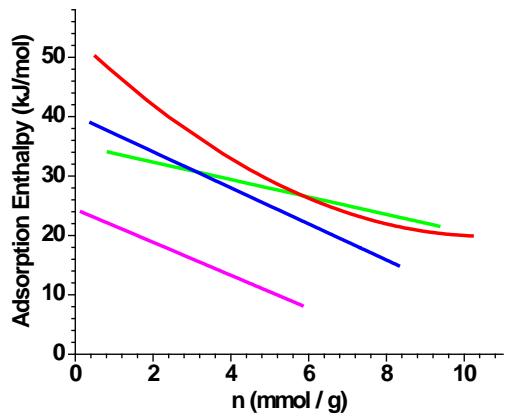
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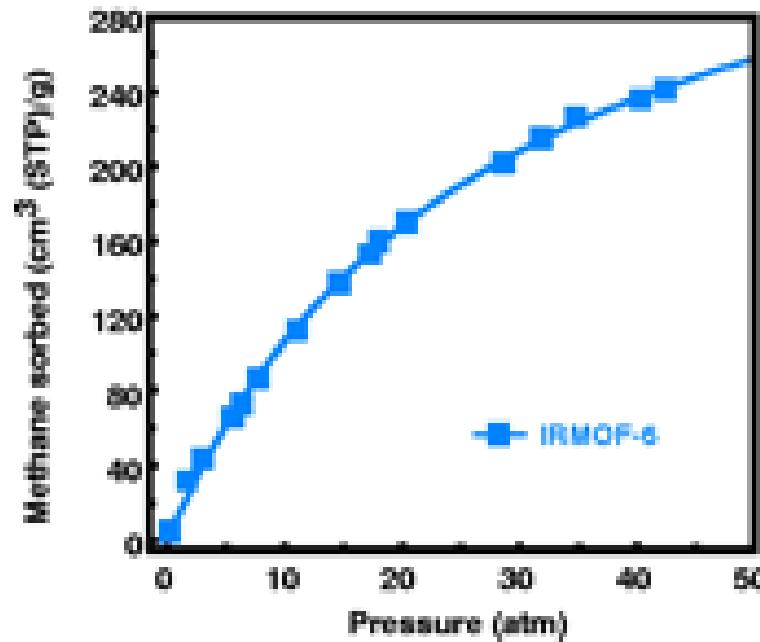
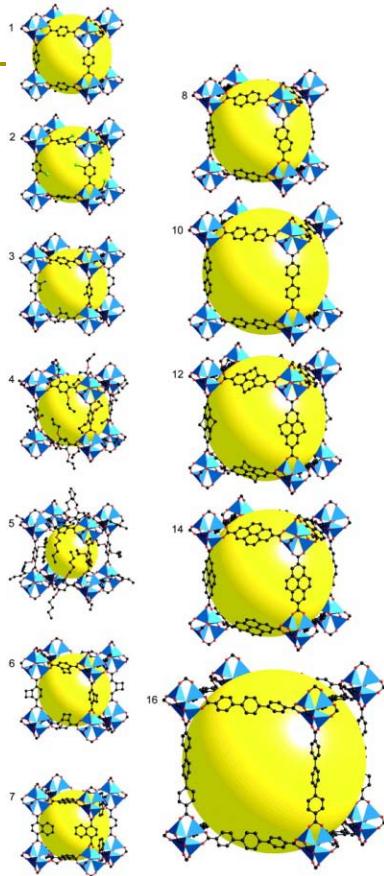
# Acetylene Storage



Acetylene adsorption isotherms of microporous MOFs at 295 K  
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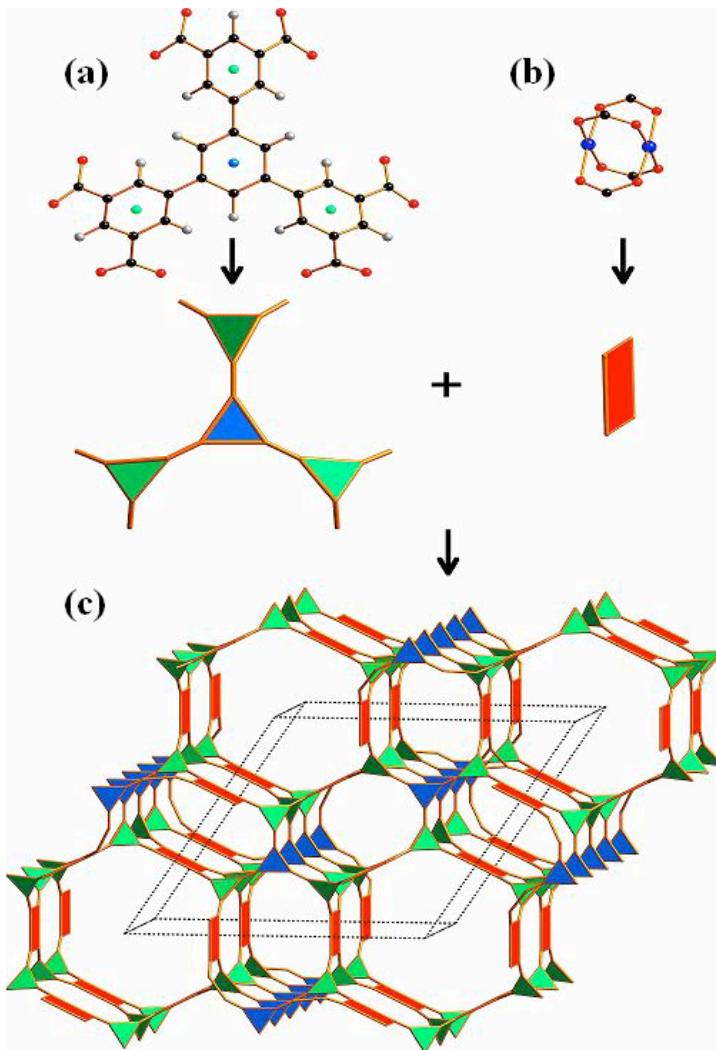
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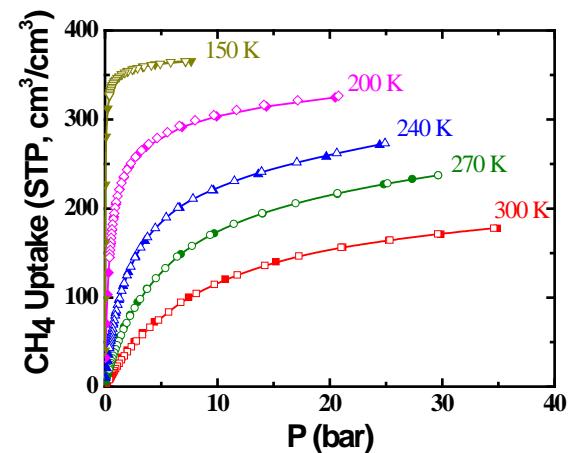
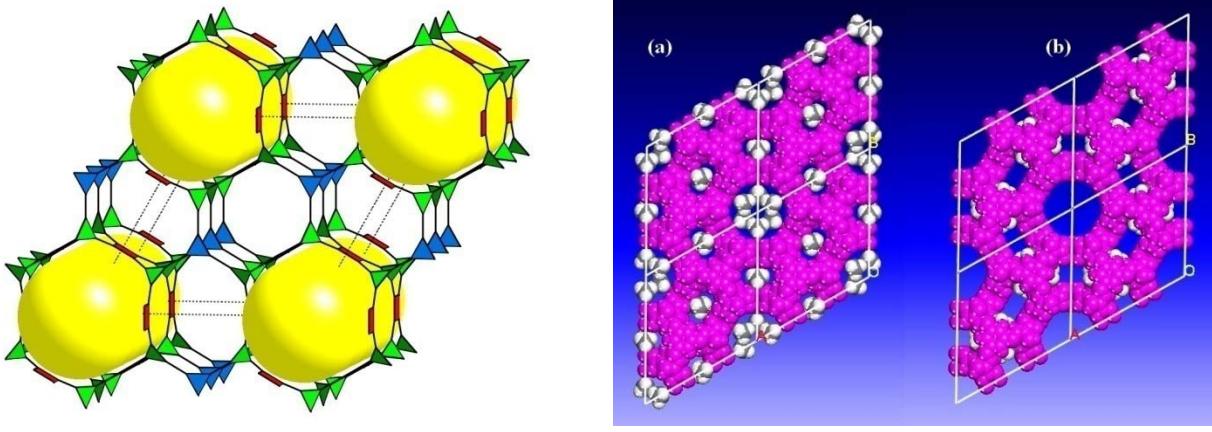
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CH<sub>4</sub> overall uptake of 195 cm<sup>3</sup>/cm<sup>3</sup> > DOE standard: 180 cm<sup>3</sup>/cm<sup>3</sup>

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# Conclusions

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- Systematic design and synthesis of microporous MOFs for selective sorption of gas molecules.
- The first microporous MOF for GC separation of alkanes.
- Microporous MOF have been developed for large scale separation of gas mixtures by fixed-bed adsorption.
- MOFs with open metal sites for high storage of hydrogen, acetylene and methane.
- M' MOF with the highest hydrogen adsorption enthalpy and their application on  $C_2H_2/C_2H_4$ .
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