

Design of Porous MOFs for gas storage applications

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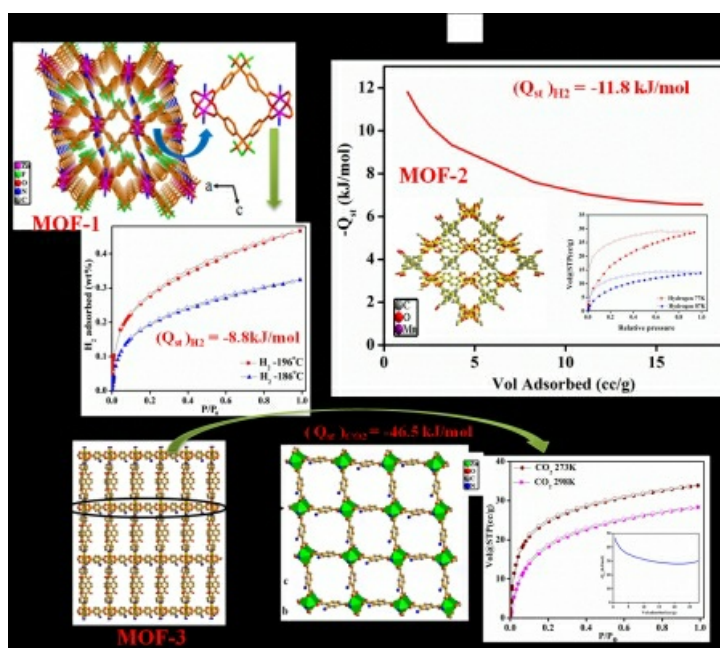
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Metal-organic frameworks (MOFs) are a new class of crystalline solids which are attracting growing interest not only due to their fascinating capability to form diverse structural architectures but also for their potential applications.[1] Owing to their high surface areas and tailored pore size and functionality, MOFs are gaining considerable attention as prospective candidates for hydrogen storage and selective carbon dioxide capture applications.[2] Since, H₂ has been considered as an eco-friendly alternative to fossil fuels and several MOFs exhibiting very high H₂ uptake properties at low temperatures (77 K) have been reported. However, the maximum uptake achieved at ambient conditions is still close to 2-3% due to weak interaction of H₂ (Q_{st} < 10kJ/mol) with the framework. To enhance the enthalpy of H₂ adsorption (Q_{st}) with MOFs several strategies have been investigated. In this context, we developed few MOFs with pores functionalized with polar groups such as, F-, -NH₂ to induce selective adsorption properties to the framework.[3] Further, MOFs composed of unsaturated metal ions exhibiting high enthalpy of H₂ adsorption (Q_{st} = 11.8kJ/mol) have also been developed using green synthetic techniques such as, mechanochemical and sonochemical routes, these results will be presented.

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