
Metallation of Metal–Organic Frameworks: En Route to Ambient Temperature Storage of Molecular H₂

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Overview

Timeline

- Project start date: Nov. 2011
- Project end date: Nov. 2013
- Percent completed: 75%

Budget

- Total project funding
 - DOE share: \$150K
- Funding received in FY12: \$75K
- Funding for FY13: \$75K

Barriers

- Barriers addressed:
 - Develop functionalized sorbents for metallation
 - Deposit metal ions by solution & atomic layer deposition
 - Materials characterization and performance
- **Target:** $Q_{st} \sim 15-25$ kJ/mol

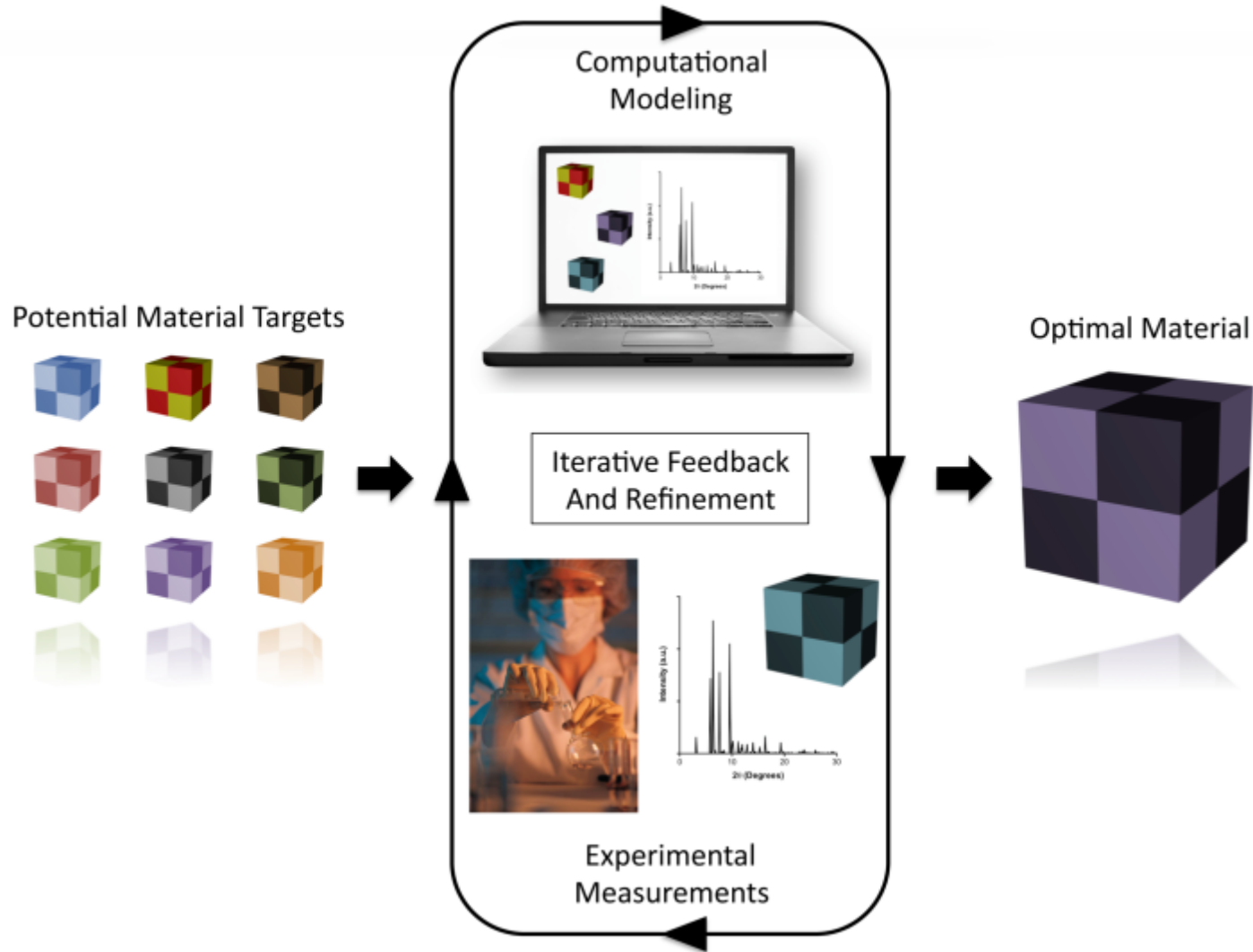
Partners

- Professors Joseph T. Hupp & Omar K. Farha – Mentors
- Northwestern University – Host Site

Relevance

- Address barriers to move towards the *ambient temperature storage of molecular H₂*
 - Couple to DOE's 2017 gravimetric and volumetric targets
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- Barriers addressed:
 - Develop functionalized sorbents for metallation
 - Deposit metal ions by solution and atomic layer deposition
 - Materials characterization and performance (Target: $Q_{st} \sim 15-25$ kJ/mol)

Approach: Iterative Experimental/Computational Materials Development



Approach: Ultra-High Surface Area MOFs

Storage Targets	Total Gravimetric (kg H ₂ /kg System)	Excess Gravimetric (kg H ₂ /kg System)	Total Volumetric (kg H ₂ /L System)	Excess Volumetric (kg H ₂ /L System)	Pressure (Bar)
2010	-	0.045	-	0.028	-
2017	-	0.055	-	0.040	-
Ultimate	-	0.075	-	0.070	-
NU Materials					
NU-100	0.164	0.0995	0.048	0.029	70
NU-111	0.12	0.075	0.052	0.032	65
NU-125	0.075	0.058	0.046	0.035	65
NU-109*	0.219	0.089	0.044	0.018	100

- A handful of promising sorbents are available in the NU lab for storage at *cryogenic temperatures (materials only basis)*. * Computationally predicted.

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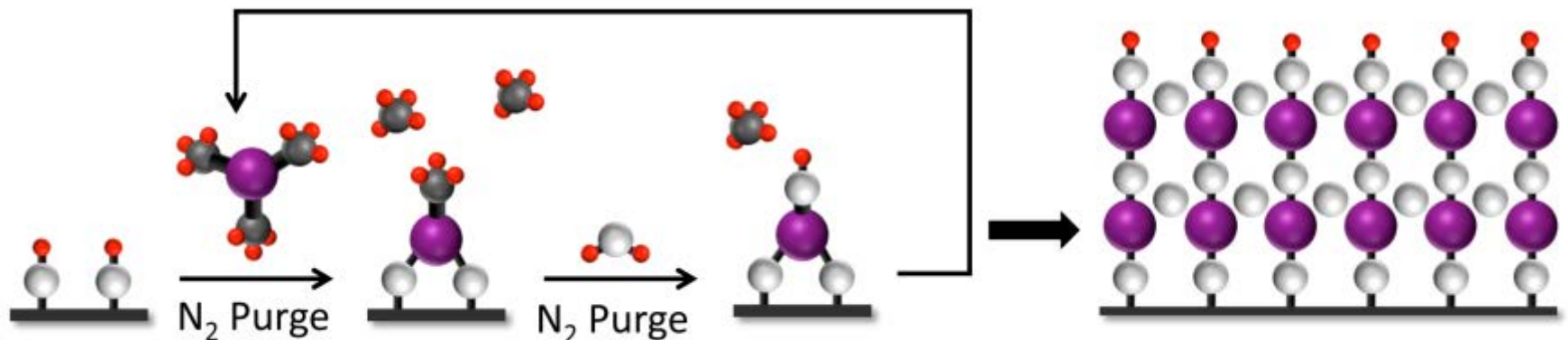
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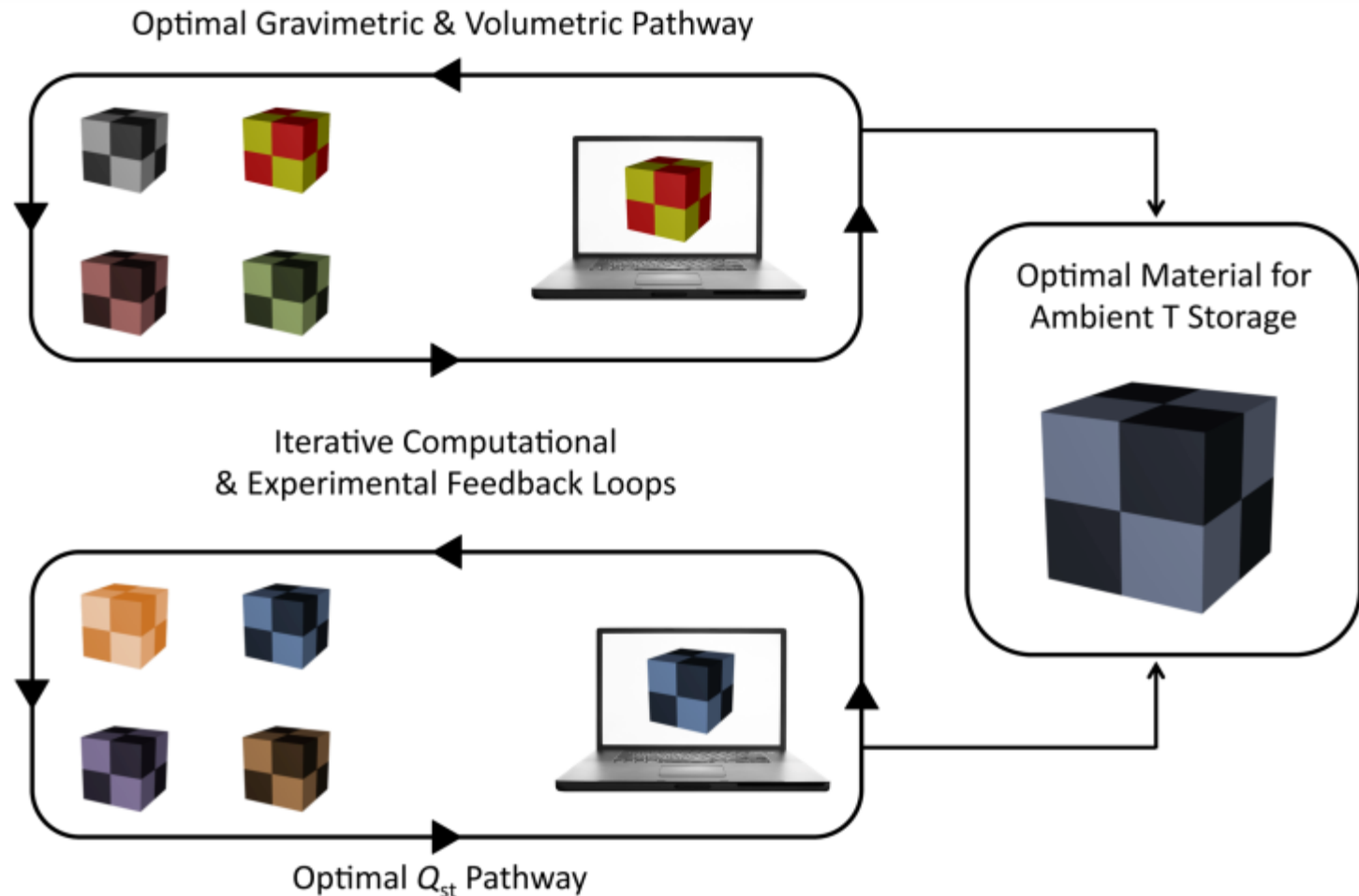
Approach: Milestones

- Deposit coordinatively unsaturated metal ions into MOFs by solution and ALD
 - Develop functionalized sorbents
 - Deposit metal ions
 - Materials characterization and performance

Atomic Layer Deposition (ALD)

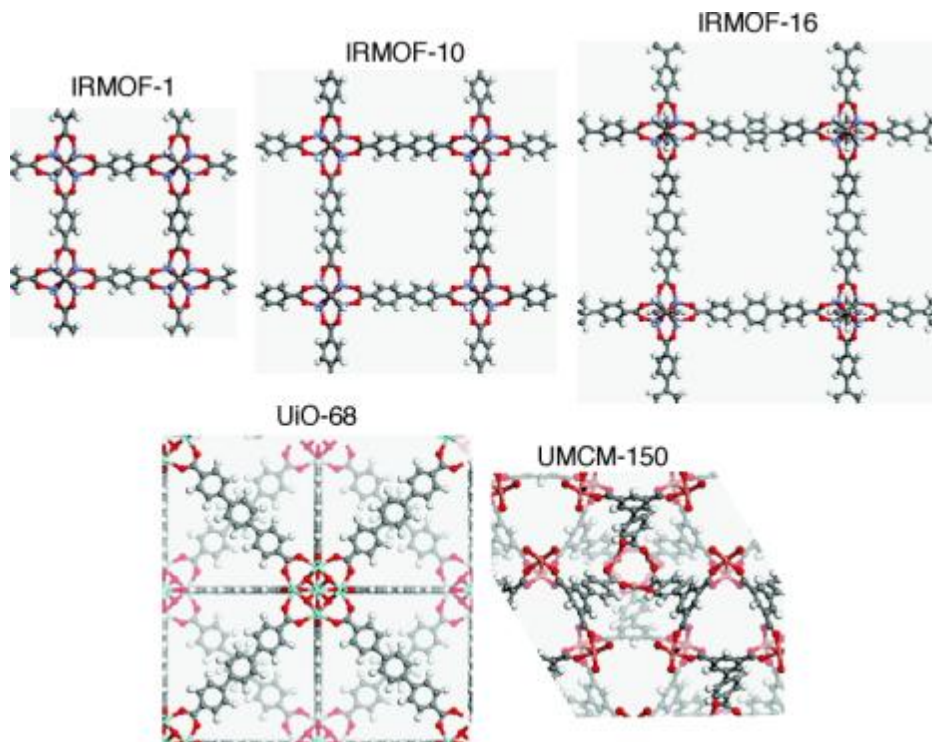


Approach: Iterative Computational & Experimental Approach Towards High Q_{st}



Approach: Functional Porous Materials for Incorporation of Divalent Metal Ions

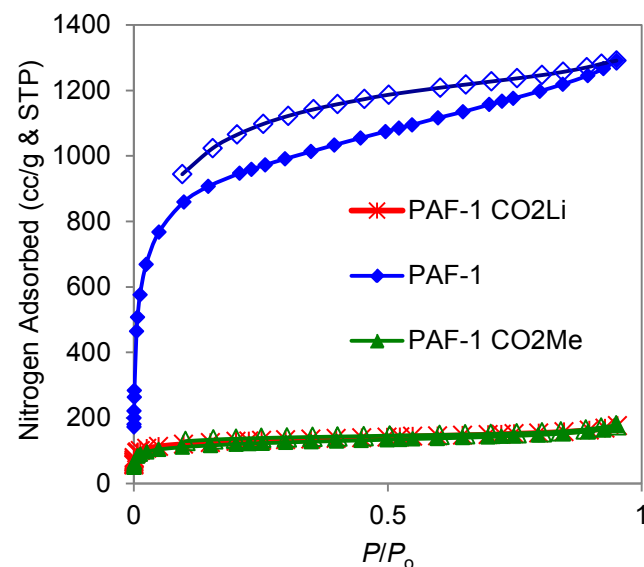
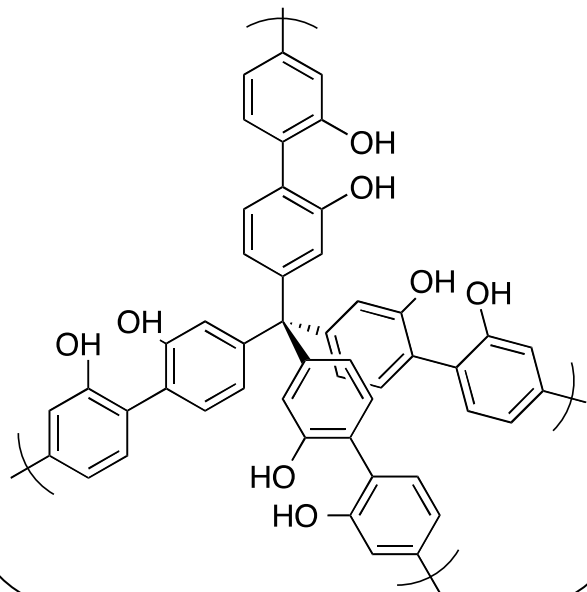
- Functionalized sorbents allow for an easy route to metallation, which have been *computationally* predicted to have high Q_{st} values



Metal	Q_{st} (kJ/mol)
Li^+	-10
Mn^{2+}	-20
Mg^{2+}	-22
Ni^{2+}	-78
Cu^{2+}	-84

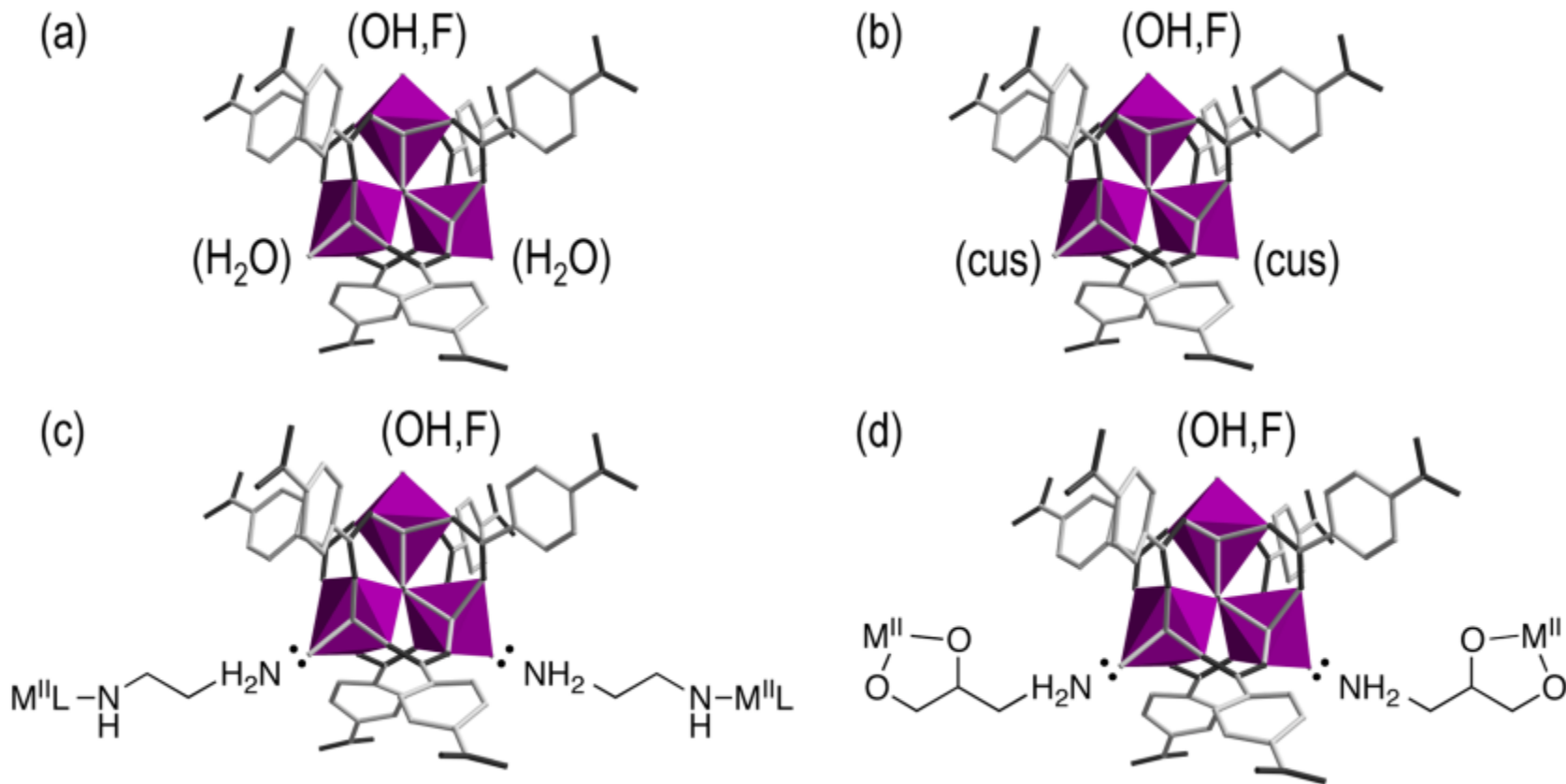
Accomplishments and Progress: Attempts to Functionalize PAF-1

Initial Materials Target

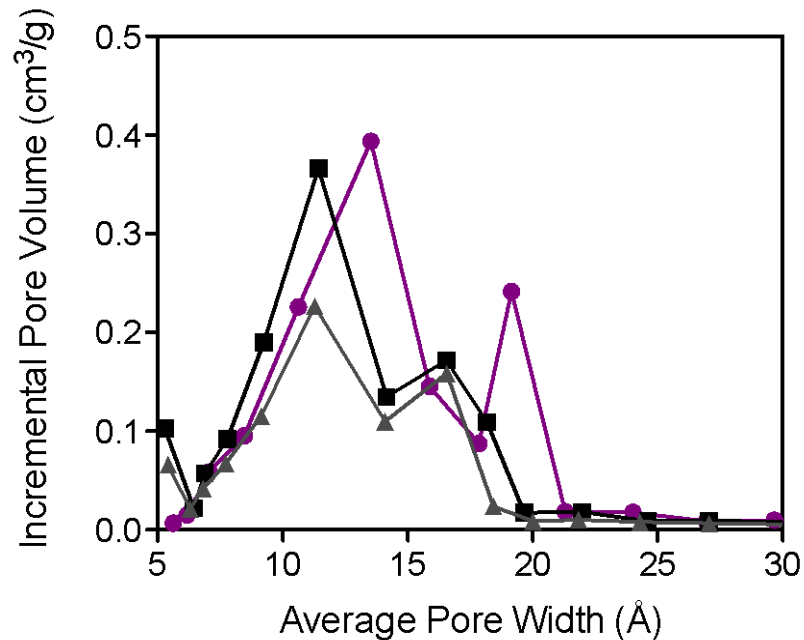
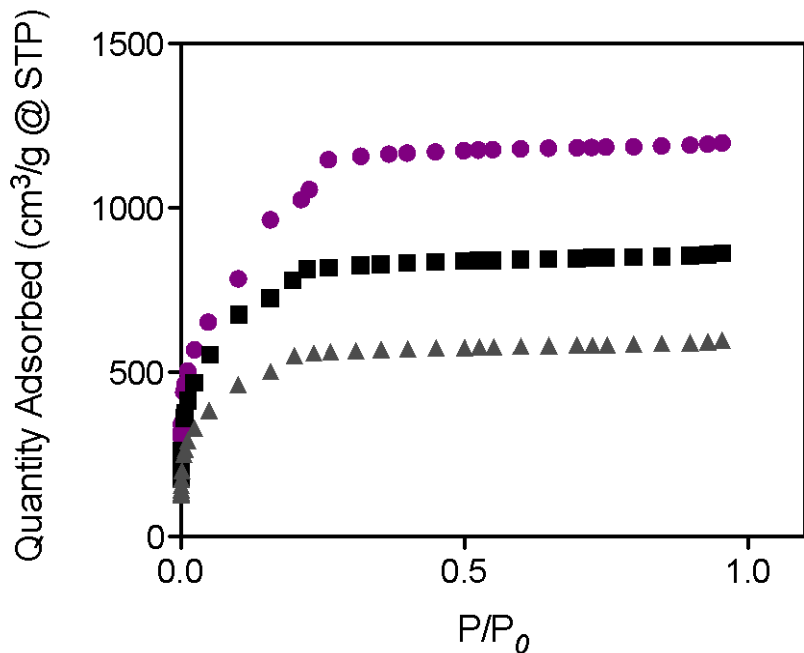


- All attempts to functionalize PAF-1 have led to drastic decreases in observed surface areas
- Metallation has proven to be difficult

Accomplishments and Progress: $-NH_2$ and $-OH$ MIL-101 Functionalized MOF Platform

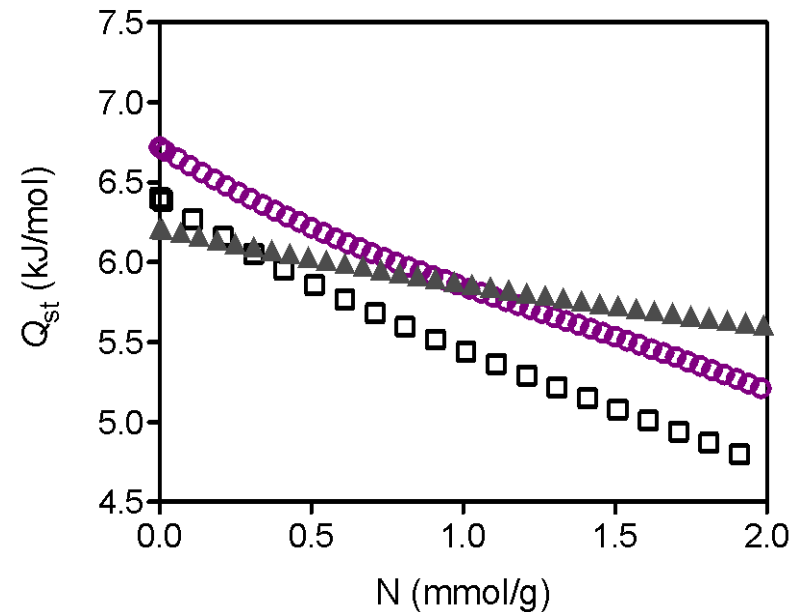
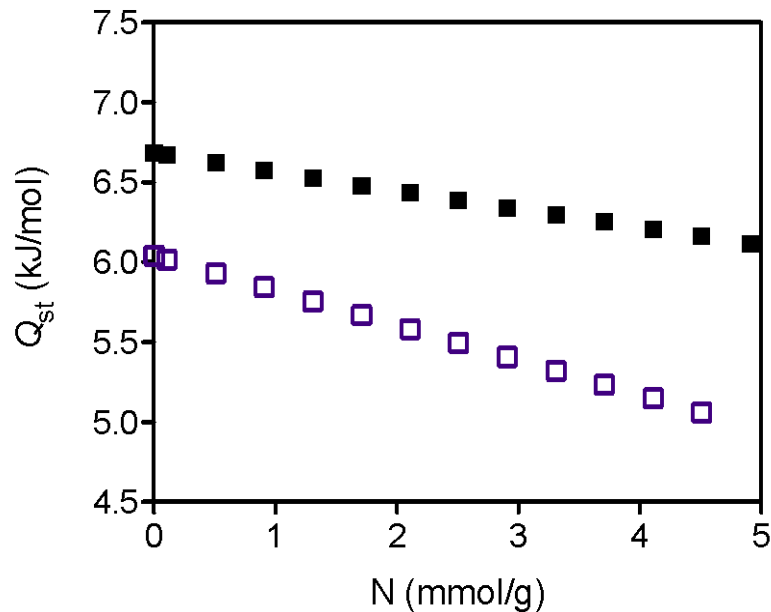


Accomplishments and Progress: Characterization of Functionalized MIL-101 MOF Derivatives



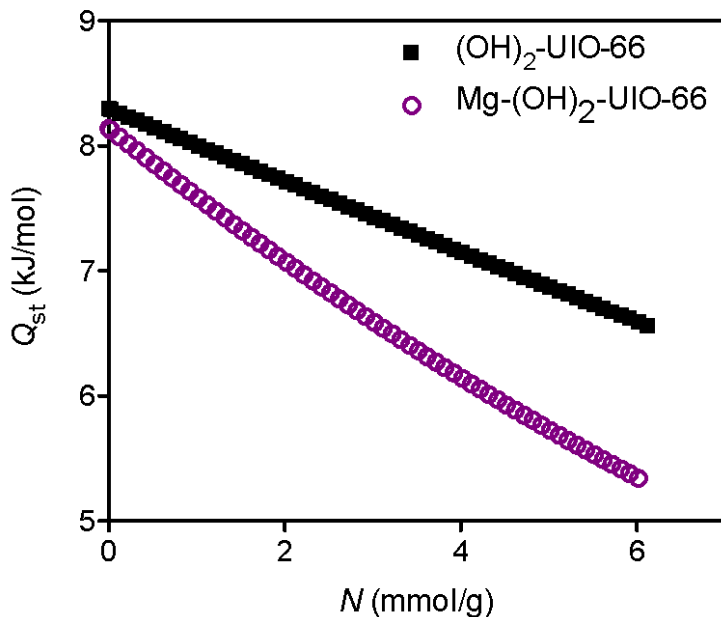
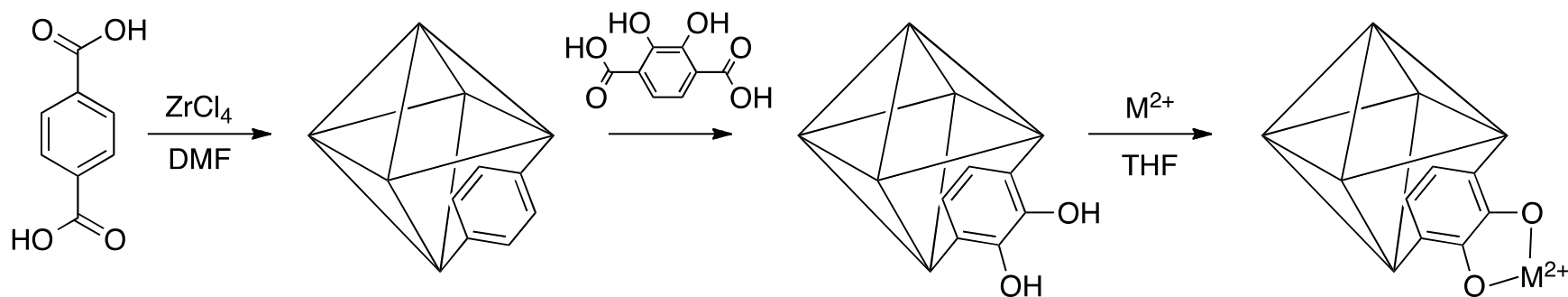
- The -NH₂ and -OH functionalized MIL-101 derivatives remain porous, however crystallinity can be compromised

Accomplishments and Progress: Materials Performance for Functionalized MIL-101 Derivatives



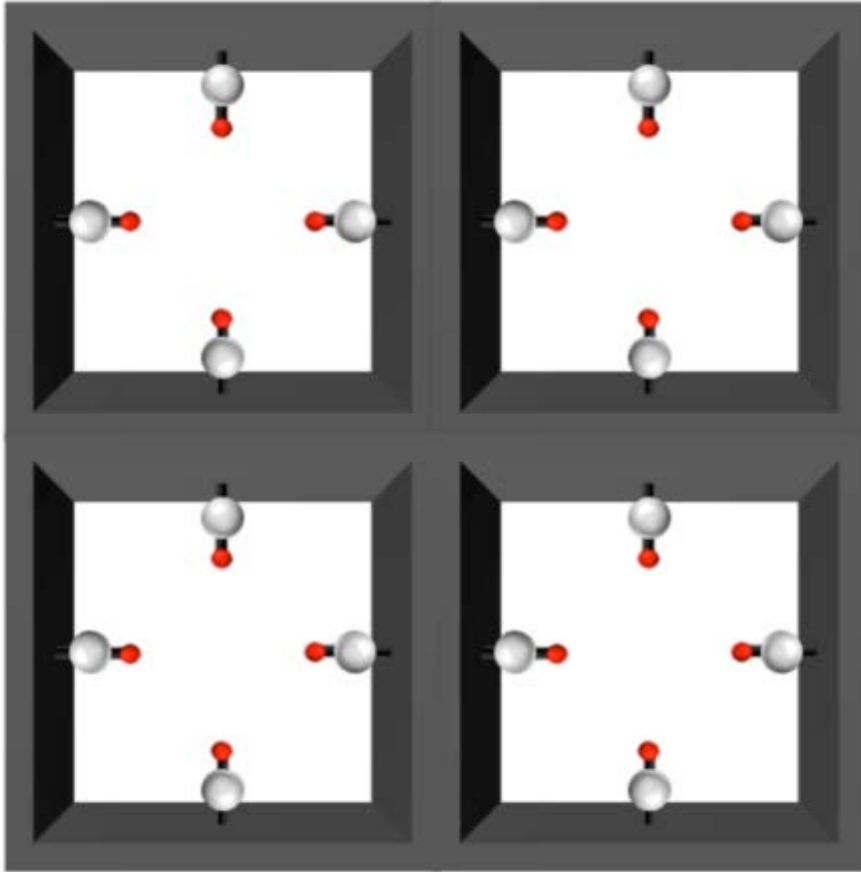
- No significant increase in the Q_{st} values were observed for Zn^{2+} and Mg^{2+} metallated materials

Accomplishments and Progress: Catechol Functionalized MOF



- Metallation remains a challenge, presumably due to small aperture sizes

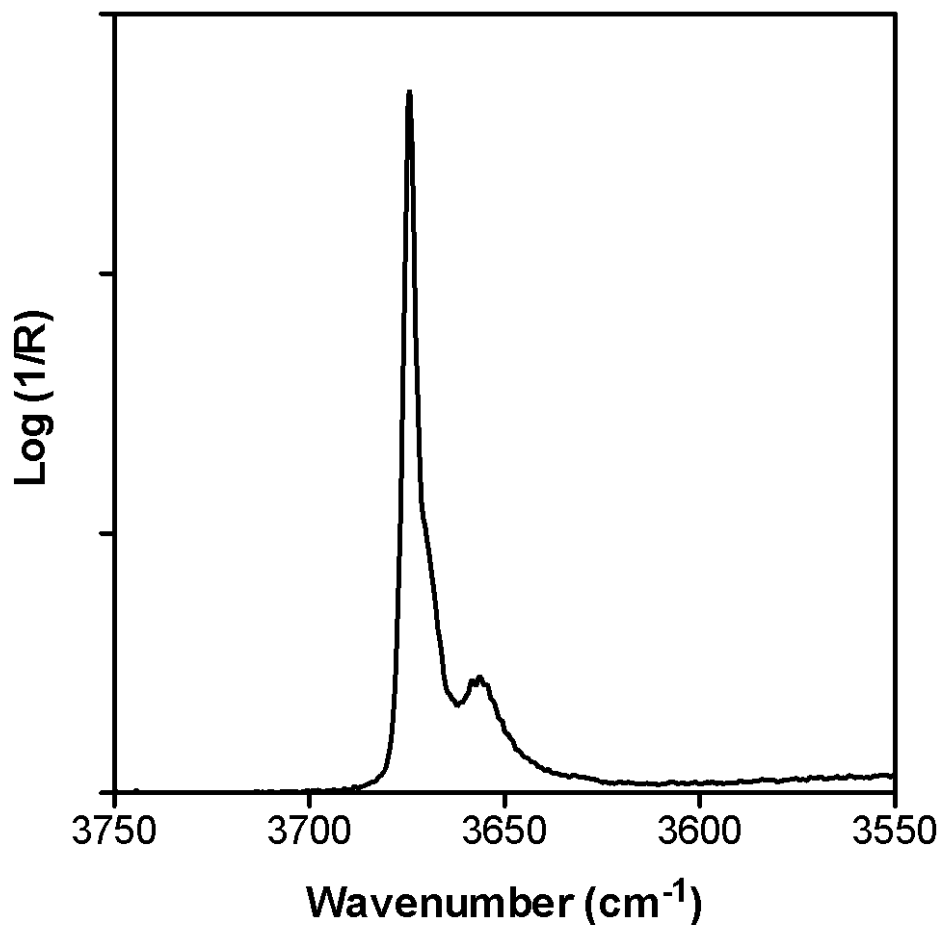
Accomplishments and Progress: Functionalized MOF Platform



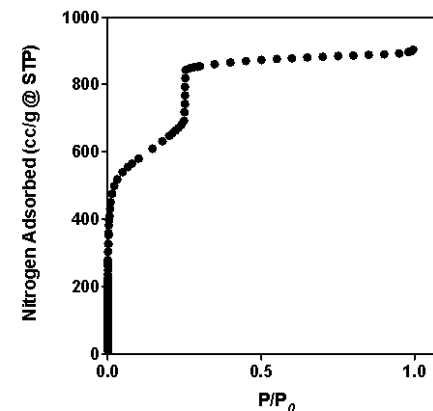
- Our MOF has several attractive features, including:
 - High thermal, hydrothermal and chemical stability
 - Large pores and apertures
 - Functionalized pores
 - Adequate surface area and pore volume

Accomplishments and Progress: Characterization of Parent MOF

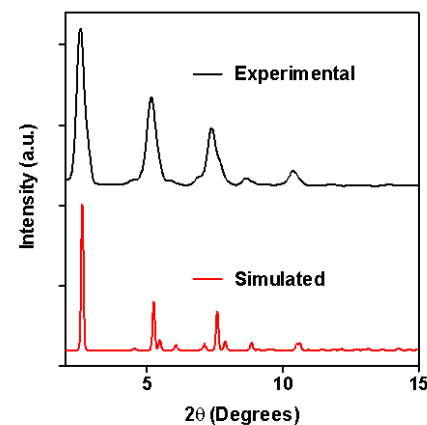
IR Spectroscopy: Functional groups for metallation



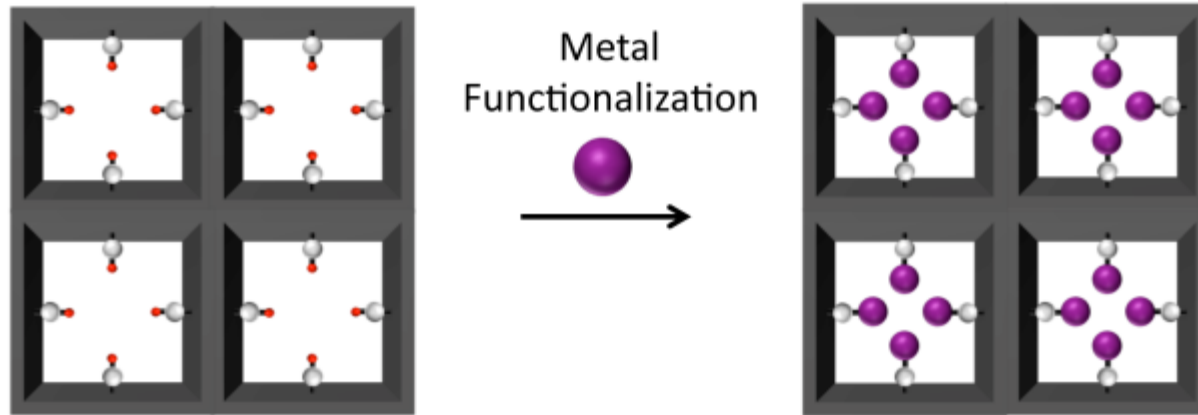
Porous



Crystalline

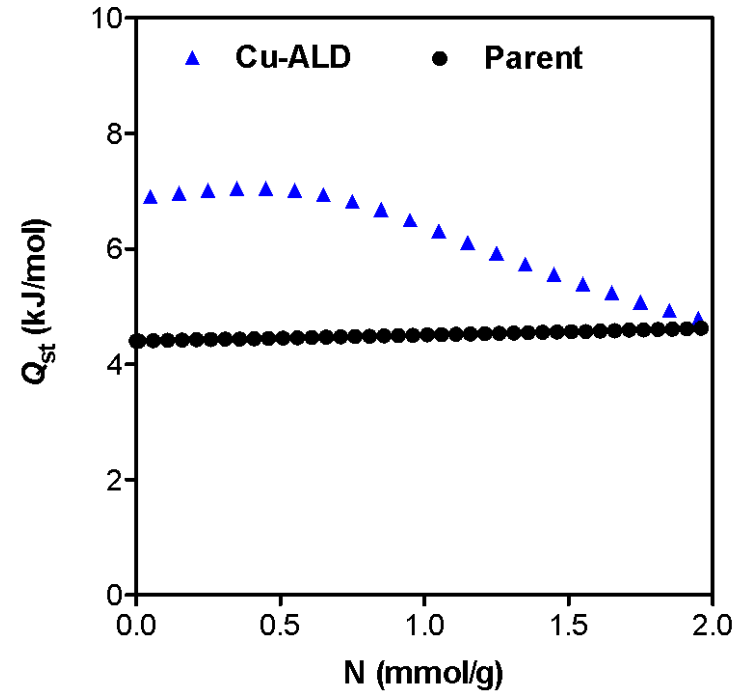
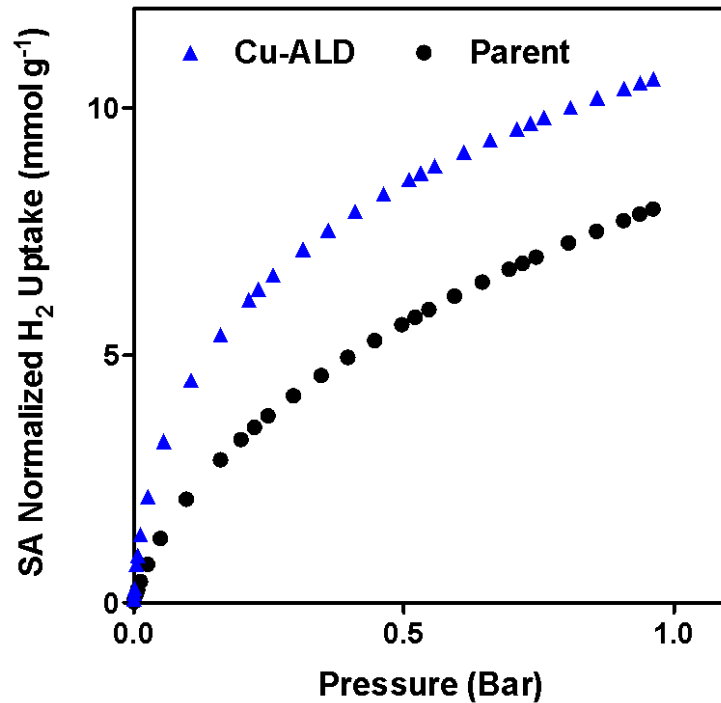


Accomplishments and Progress: Deposit Metal Ions by Solution & ALD



MOF	Metal:Zr	Metal:Zr ₆	BET Surface Area (m ² g ⁻¹)	Pore Volume (cm ³ g ⁻¹)
Parent MOF	-	-	2230	1.30
Zn-ALD	0.6(1)	4	1460	0.85
Al-ALD	1.3(2)	8	1620	0.91
Cu-ALD	1	6	-	-
Zn-Solution	0.6	4	1670	0.98
Al-Solution	1.6	10	1200	0.75

Accomplishments and Progress: Materials Performance for Metallated Materials



- Q_{st} ~60% improvement over parent—but still only ~ 7 kJ/mol

Collaborations

- Professor Randall Q. Snurr – Computational (Northwestern University)
- David Fairen-Jimenez – Computational (Northwestern University/Cambridge University)
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Proposed Future Work

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Li	Be	Element included in at least one ALD material										B	C	N	O	F	Ne	
Na	Mg	Element not included in any ALD material										Al	Si	P	S	Cl	Ar	
K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr	
Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Xe	
Cs	Ba	La	Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg	Tl	Pb	Bi	Po	At	Rn	
Fr	Ra	Ac																
			Ce	Pr	Nd	Pm	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy	Ho	Er	Tm	Yb	Lu		
			Th	Pa	U	Np	Pu	Am	Cm	Bk	Cf	Es	Fm	Md	No	Lr		

- Iterative materials feedback for ALD metallated MOFs
- Study H₂ adsorption dynamics *in situ* (Jeffrey T. Miller, ANL)

Summary Slide

- **Relevance:**

- Address barriers to move towards the *ambient temperature storage of molecular H₂*

- **Approach:**

- Iterative computational and experimental approach to depositing coordinatively unsaturated metal ions on functionalized sorbents

- **Technical Accomplishments & Progress:**

- Functionalized sorbents have been synthesized and metallated
- 60% improvement in Q_{st} vs parent material

- **Collaborations:**

- Active computational and experimental collaborations

- **Proposed Future Research**

- Use computational guidance to further metallate our functional MOF (*in situ* studies of most promising system)

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