

# Hydrogen Adsorbents with High Volumetric Density: *New Materials and System Projections*

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## Timeline and Budget

**Project Start Date:** August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015

**Project End Date:** July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018

**Total Project Budget:** \$1,040,000

### Federal Share:

**UM:** \$800,000

**Ford:** \$192,000

**Total:** \$992,000

**Cost Share:** \$48,000 (Ford)

**Total Funds Spent:\*** ~\$500,000

\*Estimated as of 3/31/17

## Barriers

### Barriers addressed

- Volumetric Density
- Gravimetric Density

## Partners

### Interactions/collaborations:

Ford Motor Company, Hydrogen Storage Engineering Center of Excellence (HSECoE)

### Project lead:

D. Siegel, University of Michigan

- A high-capacity, low-cost method for storing hydrogen remains one of the primary barriers to the widespread commercialization of fuel cell vehicles
- Storage via adsorption is a promising approach due to its fast kinetics, facile reversibility, and high gravimetric densities
- An unfortunate characteristic of adsorptive storage is that high gravimetric densities typically come at the expense of volumetric density (total basis)
- HSECoE developed a 100 bar MOF-5-based storage system that approached competitiveness with 700 bar compressed. Our work in the HSECoE identified additional MOFs that may out-perform MOF-5, potentially resulting in a low-pressure system that could surpass 700 bar

**Project goal:** Demonstrate best-in-class MOFs that achieve high volumetric and gravimetric H<sub>2</sub> densities *simultaneously*, while maintaining reversibility and fast kinetics

## Objective 1: Demonstrate MOFs with high volumetric and gravimetric hydrogen densities, exceeding those of MOF-5

- Prior studies typically focus on maximizing gravimetric density alone
- Synthetic efforts guided by high-throughput screening
- If successful, these compounds will **set a new high-water mark** for H<sub>2</sub> density in adsorbents at cryogenic conditions
- ✓ **Computationally screened H<sub>2</sub> capacity of ~470,000 MOFs**
- ✓ **Identified 2,000+ compounds that exceed the performance of MOF-5 benchmark by 15%**

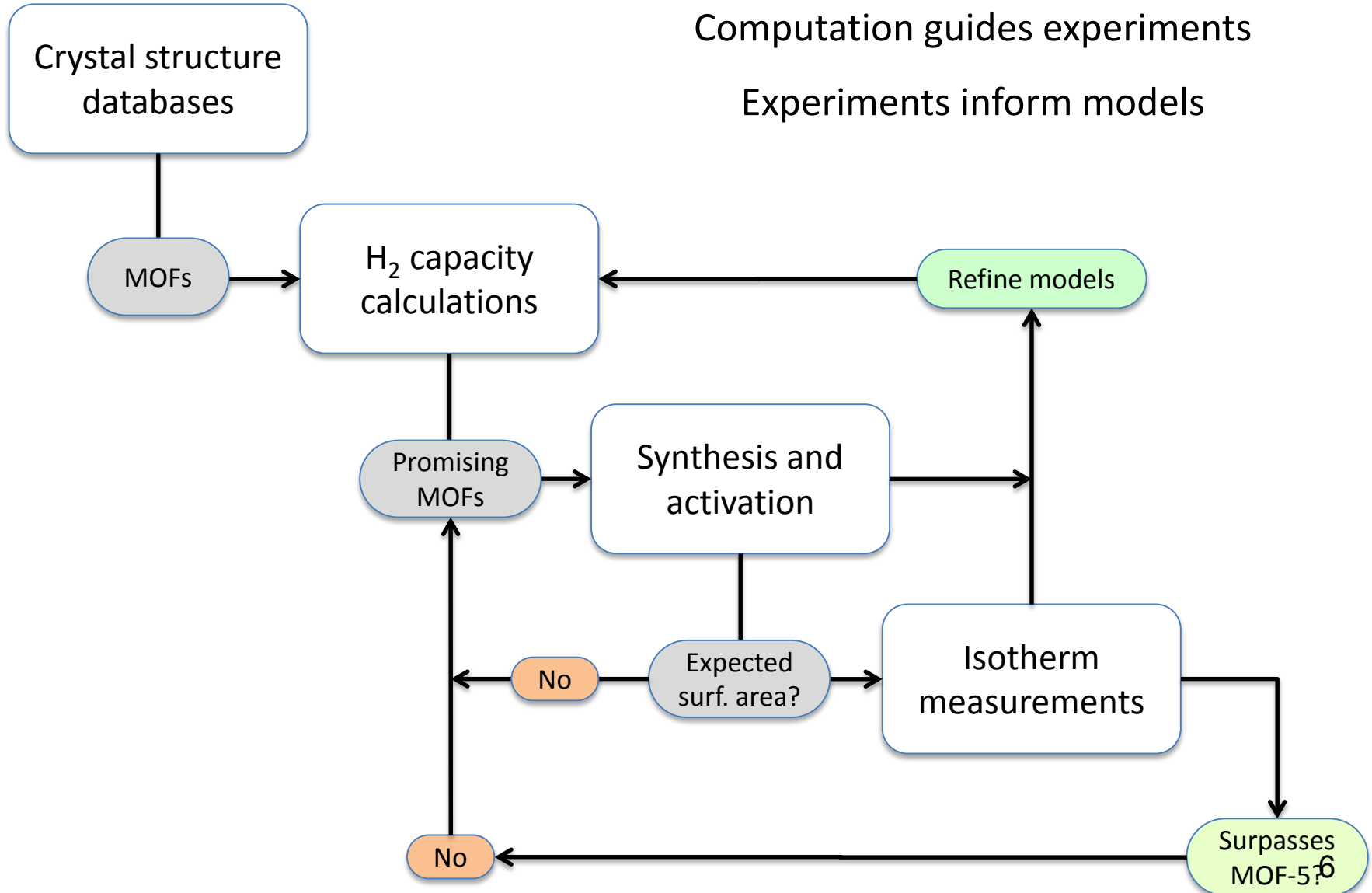
## Objective 2: System-level projections

- Project performance of most promising compounds to the system level by parameterizing models developed by the HSECoE
- Clarify how materials properties impact system performance
- ✓ **Completed first demonstration of HSECoE model to IRMOF-20 and DUT-23(Co)-based systems**

# Approach

## Notes:

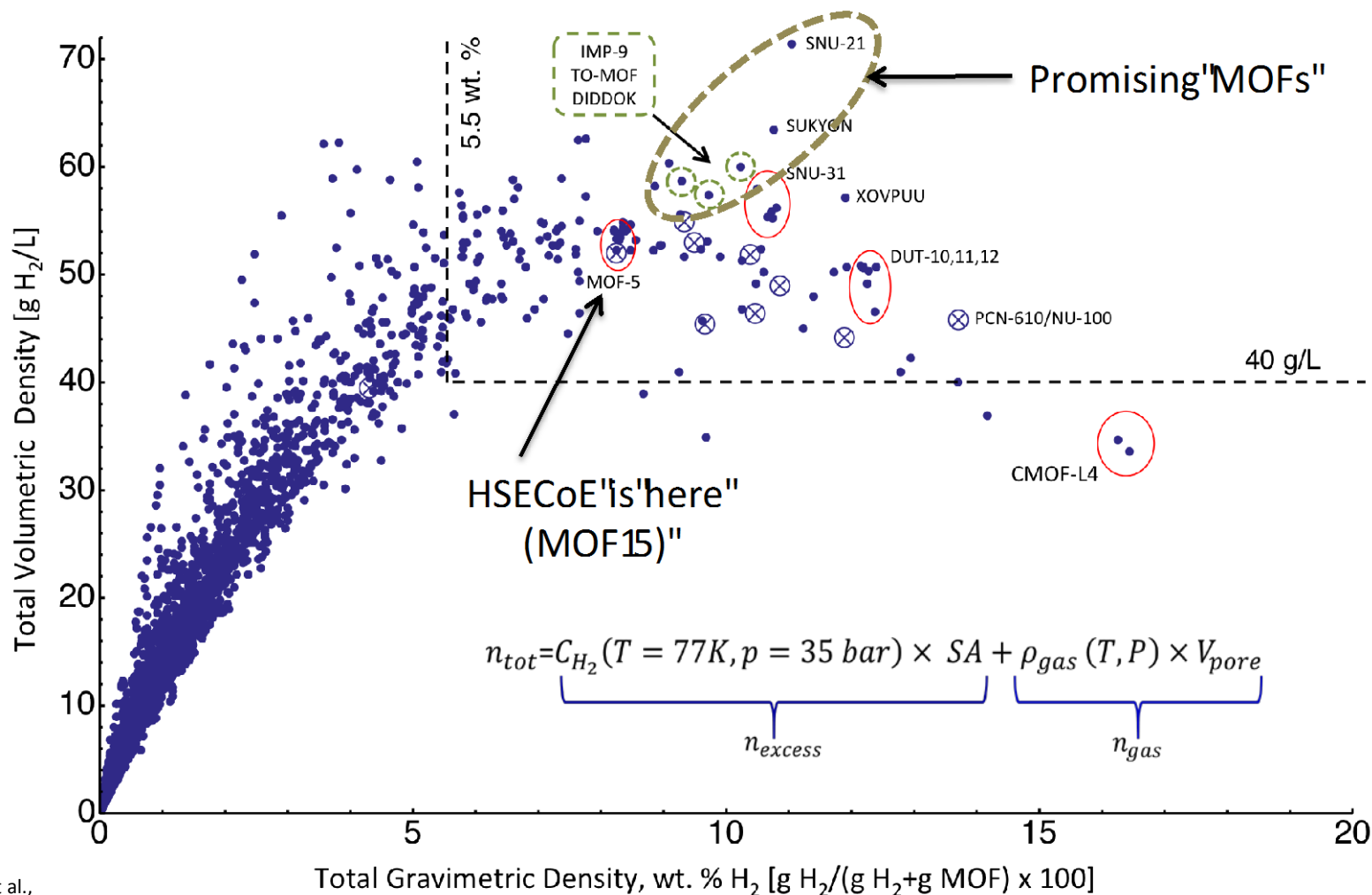
- All volumetric hydrogen densities reported assume single-crystal MOF densities.
- Unless otherwise stated, all measurements and calculations are performed at  $T = 77$  K.



Our approach links atomic scale computation, experimental synthesis & characterization, and system level modeling

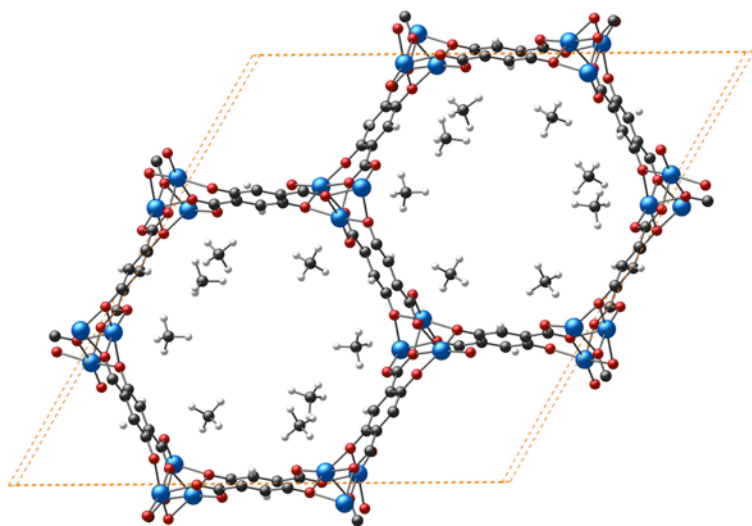
Year	Milestone or Go/No-Go	Due	Description	Status
2	Milestone	10/31/16	Measure degree of residual solvent/salt present in compound from Go/No-go 1; demonstrate less than 5% retention	<b>Complete.</b> Good agreement between measured and calculated surface areas of IRMOF-20 indicate nearly complete solvent removal.
2	Milestone	1/31/17	Identify at least 1 MOF from GCMC and refined high-throughput screening from expanded MOF database that has the potential to exceed the performance of MOF-5 baseline system.	<b>Complete.</b> 2,000+ compounds identified.
2	Milestone	4/30/17	Synthesize 2 additional promising MOFs identified by the revised screening analysis. The goal is for at least 1 MOF to reach 75% of the projected surface area.	<b>Complete.</b> At least 2 MOFs within 90% of calculated SA; a 3 <sup>rd</sup> MOF is within 80%.
1	<b>Go/No-Go</b>	7/31/16	Demonstrate at least 1 MOF with >90% projected SA, >3,000 m <sup>2</sup> /g, and H <sub>2</sub> capacity matching MOF-5 baseline	<b>IRMOF-20 demonstrated</b>
2	<b>Go/No-Go</b>	7/31/17	Demonstrate at least 1 MOF with hydrogen capacities exceeding baseline MOF-5 by 15%	<b>In progress</b>

**Prior work:** developed a database of MOFs by mining the CSD. Chahine rule and crystal structure were used to predict H<sub>2</sub> capacity in thousands of compounds



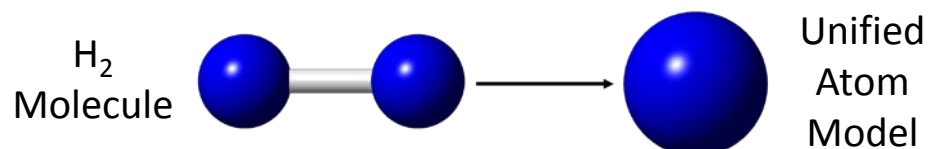


- GCMC = atomistic method that calculates the total amount of H<sub>2</sub> (adsorbed + gas phase) contained within the pore space of a MOF at given T, P
- Does not rely on empirical correlations such as the Chahine-rule



Example GCMC simulation of CH<sub>4</sub> adsorption in Ni-DOBDC at 298 K and 35 bar

- Calculations employ the MGS\* and the **Pseudo-FH\*\*** unified atom models for H<sub>2</sub>-MOF interactions
- MOF atoms are fixed



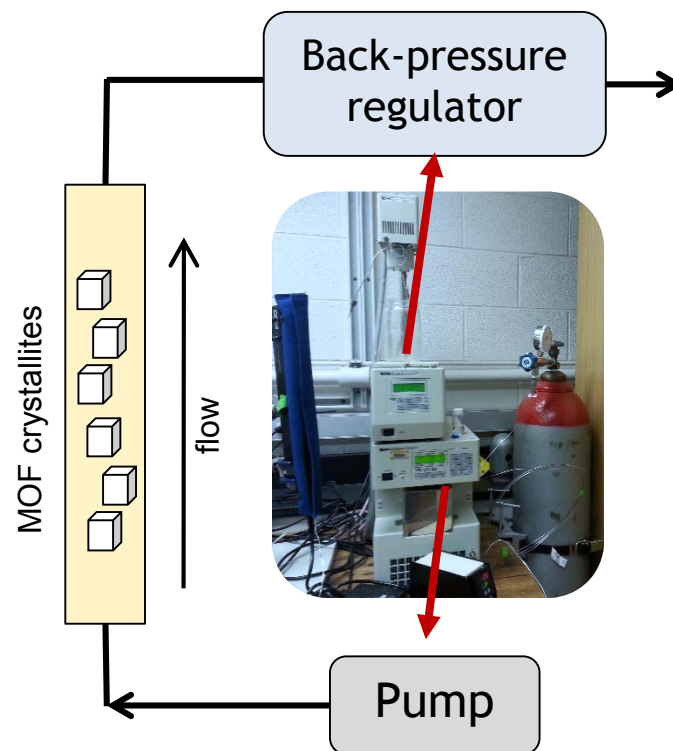
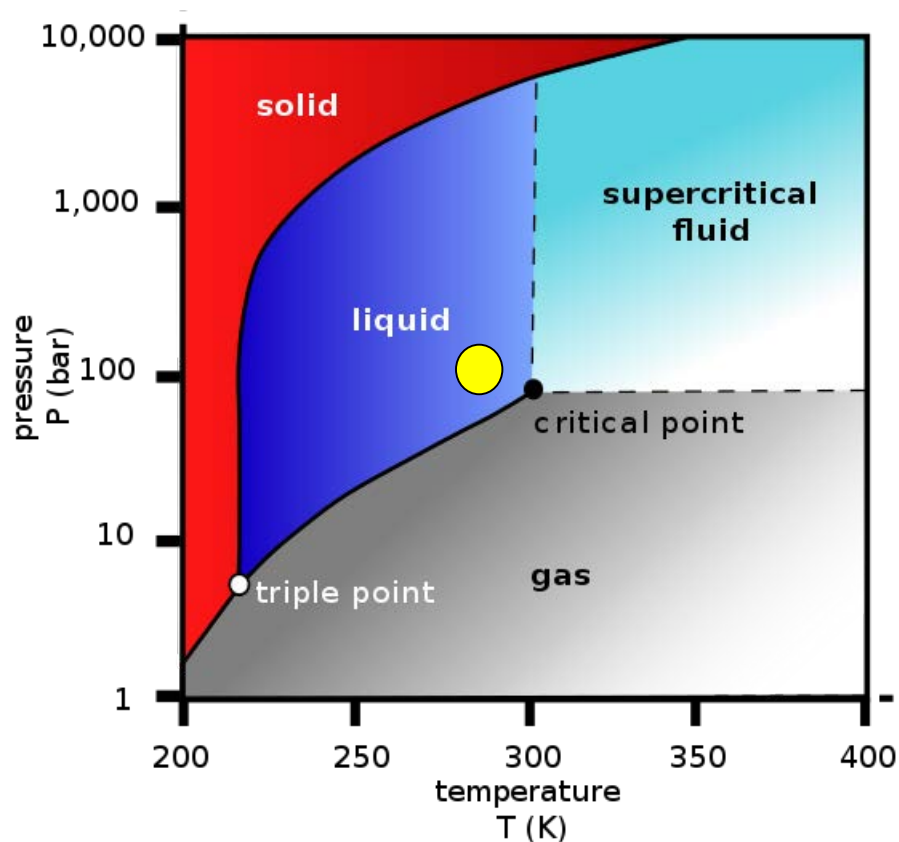
$$U_{ij}(r_{ij}) = 4\epsilon \left[ \left( \frac{\sigma_{ij}}{r_{ij}} \right)^{12} - \left( \frac{\sigma_{ij}}{r_{ij}} \right)^6 \right]$$

Force Field	Sigma (Å)	Epsilon/k <sub>B</sub> (K)
MGS	2.958	36.7
Pseudo-FH	3.064	30.1

\*Michels, de Graaff and Seldam, *Physica*, **1960**, 26, 393; Ryan, Broadbelt, and Snurr, *Chem. Comm.* 2008, 4134

\*\*Fischer, Hoffmann, Fröba, *ChemPhysChem*, **2009**, 10, 2647.

Flowing supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> activation is milder than vacuum activation  
→ minimizes pore collapse and maximizes surface area



Batch activation: Nelson, A. P.; Farha, O. K.; Mulfort, K.; Hupp, J. T. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2009**, *131*, 458.

Flow activation: Liu, B.; Wong-Foy, A. G.; Matzger, A. J. *Chem. Commun.* **2013**, *49*, 1419.

MOFs activated with flowing sc-CO<sub>2</sub> generally exhibit superior properties

Material	Surface area (flow Sc-CO <sub>2</sub> activation)	Surface area (vacuum/batch Sc-CO <sub>2</sub> activation)
UMCM-9	5357 m <sup>2</sup> /g	1330 m <sup>2</sup> /g (vac)
FJI	4813 m <sup>2</sup> /g	4043 m <sup>2</sup> /g (batch)
MOF-74 (Zn/DOBDC)	1108 m <sup>2</sup> /g	750-950 m <sup>2</sup> /g (vac)
UMCM-10	4001 m <sup>2</sup> /g	Structure collapses under vacuum activation
UMCM-12	4849 m <sup>2</sup> /g	Structure collapses under vacuum activation
IRMOF-8 (non-interpenetrated)	4461 m <sup>2</sup> /g	Structure collapses under vacuum activation
A series of functionalized IRMOF-8 (non-interpenetrated)	~4000 m <sup>2</sup> /g	-
HKUST-1	1710-1770 m <sup>2</sup> /g (heating required)	682-1944 m <sup>2</sup> /g (vac)

Liu, B.; Wong-Foy, A. G.; Matzger, A. J. *Chem. Commun.* **2013**, 49, 1419.

Dutta, A.; Wong-Foy, A. G.; Matzger, A. J. *Chem. Sci.* **2014**, 5, 3729.

Feldblyum, J. I.; Wong-Foy, A. G.; Matzger, A. J. *Chem. Commun.* **2012**, 48, 9838.

Tran, L. D.; Feldblyum, J. I.; Wong-Foy, A. G.; Matzger, A. J. *Langmuir* **2015**, 31, 2211.



# Accomplishments and Progress

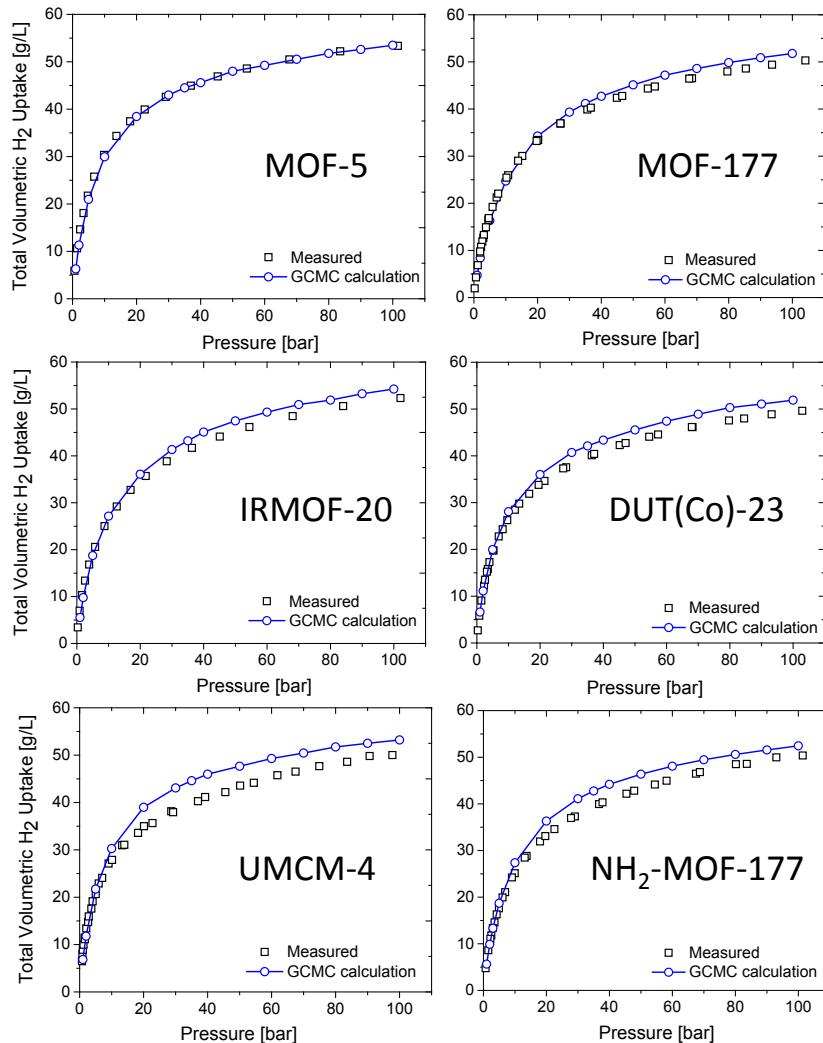


# Examples of Simulated Isotherms

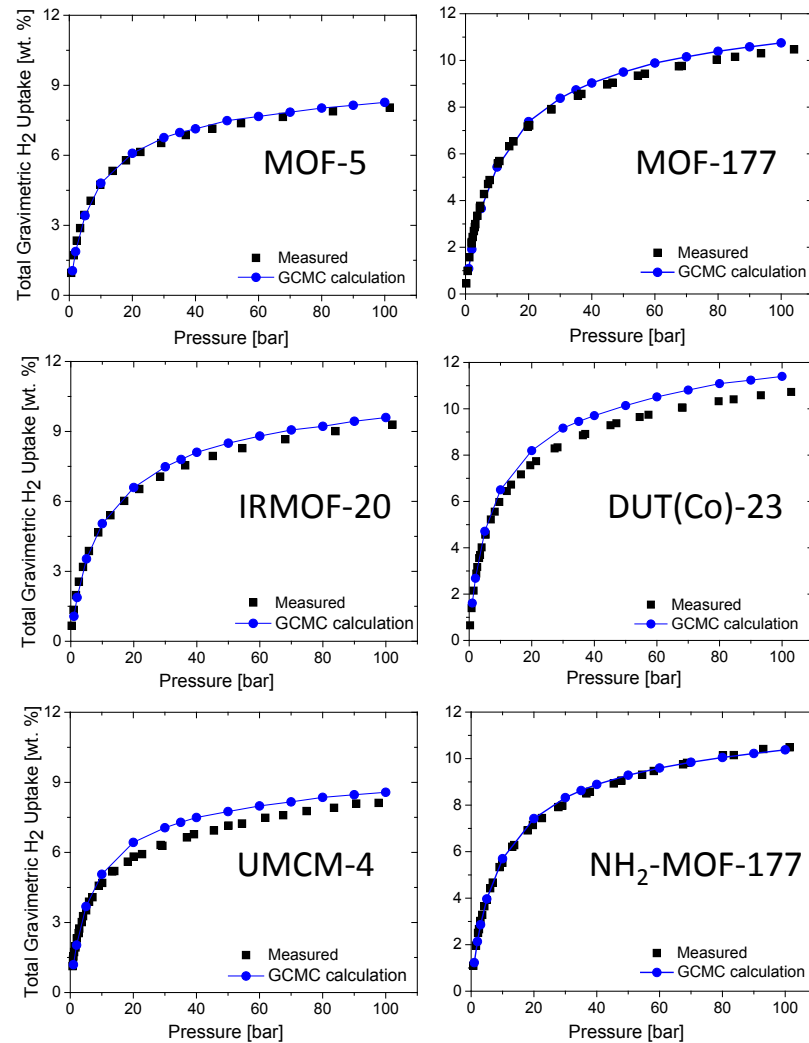


GCMC isotherms calculated with the pseudo-Feynman-Hibbs interatomic potential are in very good agreement with our measured isotherms

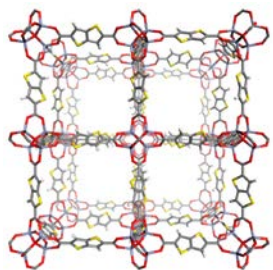
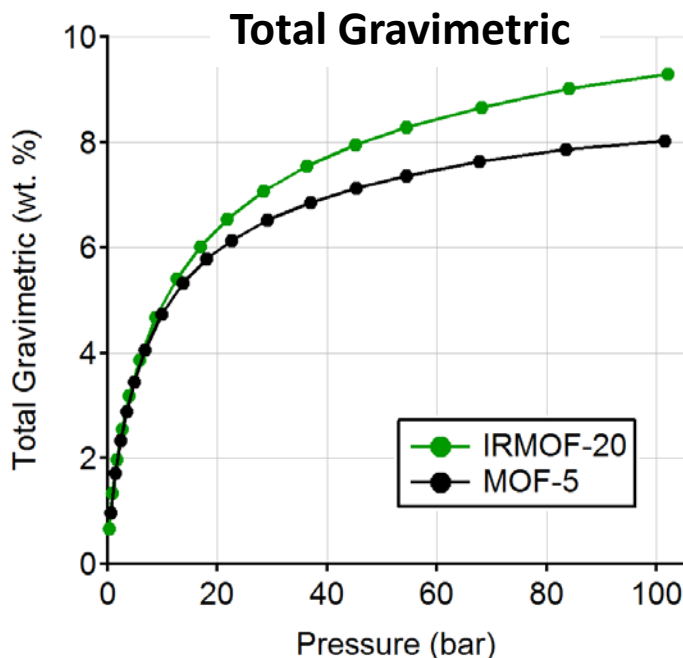
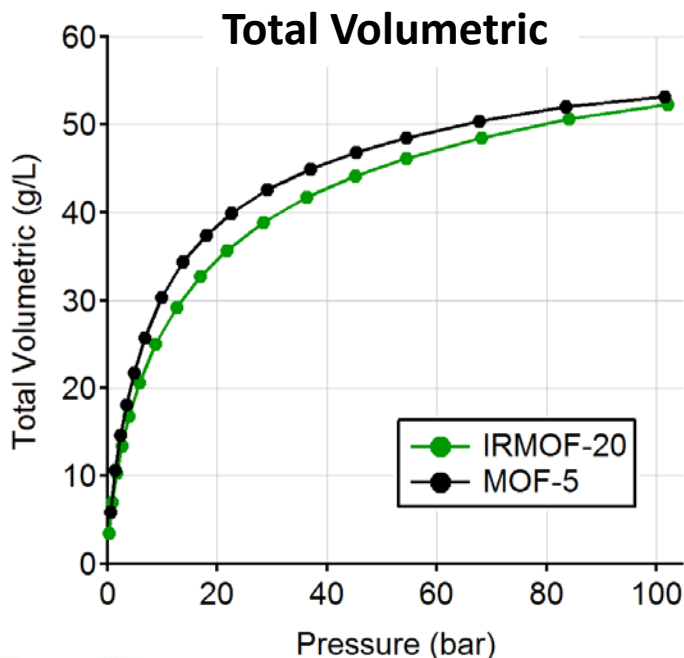
### Total Volumetric H<sub>2</sub> Uptake



### Total Gravimetric H<sub>2</sub> Uptake



**Met 1<sup>st</sup> Go/No-Go Milestone: Usable capacity of IRMOF-20 surpasses that of MOF-5**



\*Pressure swing to  $P_{min} = 5$  bar

BET S.A. = 4073 m<sup>2</sup>/g (94% of calc'd)  
 Calculated = 4324 m<sup>2</sup>/g  
 Literature = 3409 m<sup>2</sup>/g

P (bar)	Usable Volumetric* (g H <sub>2</sub> /L)		Usable Gravimetric* (wt. %)	
	MOF-5	IRMOF-20	MOF-5	IRMOF-20
35	22.2	22.2	3.3	3.9
50	25.6	26.1	3.8	4.5
100	31.1	33.1	4.5	5.7



# Status: Top 20 Real MOFs

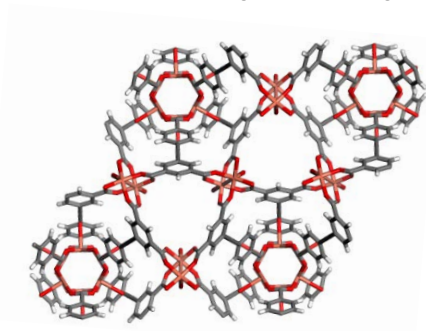


We are synthesizing and testing several MOFs projected to surpass MOF-5 by 15%

CSD REF. CODE	Common Name	Metal Type	Density [g/cm <sup>3</sup> ]	Pore Diameter [Å]	VSA [m <sup>2</sup> /cm <sup>3</sup> ]	GSA [m <sup>2</sup> /g]	Void Fraction	Pore Volume [cm <sup>3</sup> /g]	UG [wt. %]	UV [g/L]	Comment	Status
ECOLEP	–	Co	0.41	11.64	1836	4510	0.89	2.09	8.2	39.0	Stability issue after dehydration	Not attempted
XUKYEI	–	Cu	0.29	13.17	1817	6327	0.88	3.02	10.7	37.4	Rotatable bond; interpenetrated; low accessible surface area	Not attempted
VEBHUG	IRMOF-20	Zn	0.45	17.27	1936	4302	0.87	1.89	7.2	37.4	A version of IRMOF-20	Completed
BAZFUF	MOF-143	Cu	0.34	20.24	1860	5470	0.91	2.54	9.1	37.1	High experimental SA; activated material collapses	Completed
HABQUY	PCN-610	Cu	0.29	25.72	1664	5750	0.91	3.04	10.5	37.1	Lengthy linker synthesis	In progress
GAGZEV	NU-100	Cu	0.28	28.67	1613	5777	0.92	3.17	10.8	37.0	Same as HABQUY	In progress
ZELROZ		Zn	0.36	16.91	1790	4947	0.88	2.4	8.7	36.8	Lengthy linker synthesis	In progress
XAFFIV	DUT-10(Co)	Co	0.36	14.23	1910	5329	0.89	2.36	8.5	36.6	SA too far below calc.	Completed
VAGMAT	SNU-30	Zn	0.36	14.92	1898	5203	0.89	2.33	8.5	36.5	Isostructural to XAFFIV; could not be made	Completed
XAFFAN	DUT-10(Zn)	Zn	0.37	14.91	1892	5181	0.89	2.33	8.3	36.5	Same as VAGMAT	Completed
XAFFOB	DUT-10(Cu)	Cu	0.37	14.84	1907	5195	0.89	2.32	8.3	36.4	Isostructural to XAFFIV; SA too far below calc.	Completed
XAFFER	DUT-11	Zn	0.36	14.22	1861	5171	0.89	2.37	8.5	36.3	Same as VAGMAT	Completed
VAGMEX	SNU-30SC	Zn	0.35	15.28	1815	5152	0.9	2.43	8.7	36.3	Same as VAGMAT	Completed
NIBHOW	PCN-6'	Cu	0.28	27.51	1427	5103	0.92	3.19	10.6	36.2	Interpenetration is an issue; lit. SA is lower than that of interpenetrated MOF	Not attempted
ADATIK	rht-MOF	Cu	0.38	24.55	1724	4566	0.89	2.3	8.1	36.0	Flexible	Not attempted
ADATAC	rht-MOF	Zn	0.34	26.34	1735	5145	0.9	2.57	8.9	35.9	Flexible	Not attempted
VETMIS	–	Cu	0.31	17.24	1782	5713	0.9	2.77	9.5	35.7	Flexible, complex ligand; measured BET surface area < 1000 m <sup>2</sup> /g	Not attempted
XAHPON	CMOF-1a	Cu	0.28	17.3	1498	5268	0.92	3.1	10.4	35.5	Flexible	Not attempted
FEBXIV	CMOF-2	Cu	0.29	17.29	1517	5166	0.91	3	10.1	35.5	Flexible	Not attempted
LEJCIO	–	Zn	0.33	18.52	1722	5275	0.91	2.66	8.9	35.4	Flexible	Not attempted
<b>MOF-5</b>		<b>Zn</b>	<b>0.60</b>			<b>3512</b>		<b>1.14</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>31.1</b>		

Several promising MOFs could not be synthesized with high surface area

### OGEBAF (ZJU-32)



Cai, J. et al., *Chem. Commun.* **2014**, 50, 1552.

#### Surface Area

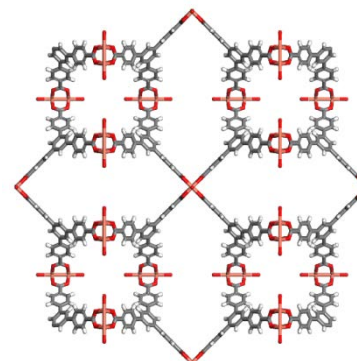
Measured BET	= 3714 m <sup>2</sup> /g
Calculated	= 5163 m <sup>2</sup> /g
Literature	= 3831 m <sup>2</sup> /g

#### Usable capacities:

**P-swing between 5 and 100 bar at 77 K**

GCMC calculated grav.	= 6.9 wt.%
GCMC calculated vol.	= 33.3 g/L

### BAZFUF (MOF-143)



Furukawa, H. et al., *Inorg. Chem.* **2011**, 50, 9147.

#### Surface Area

Measured BET	= 4829 m <sup>2</sup> /g
	(Unstable after activation; collapses over time)
Calculated	= 5470 m <sup>2</sup> /g
Literature	= not reported

#### Usable capacities:

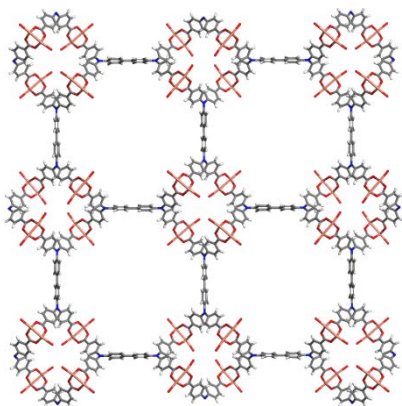
**P-swing between 5 and 100 bar at 77K**

GCMC calculated grav.	= 9.1 wt.%
GCMC calculated vol.	= 37.1 g/L



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### XAFFUH [DUT-12]



Grünker, R. et al., *Eur. J. Inorg. Chem.* **2010**, 3835.

#### Surface Area

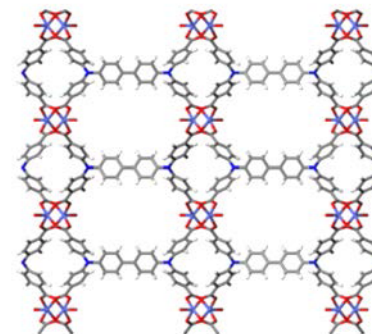
Measured BET	= 958 m <sup>2</sup> /g
Calculated	= 5152 m <sup>2</sup> /g
Literature	= 824 m <sup>2</sup> /g

#### Usable capacities:

**P-swing between 5 and 100 bar at 77K**

GCMC calculated grav.	= 8.8 wt.%
GCMC calculated vol.	= 34.8 g/L

### XAFFIV [DUT-10(Co)]



Grünker, R. et al., *Eur. J. Inorg. Chem.* **2010**, 3835.

#### Surface Area

Measured BET	= 456 m <sup>2</sup> /g
Calculated	= 5329 m <sup>2</sup> /g
Literature	= not reported

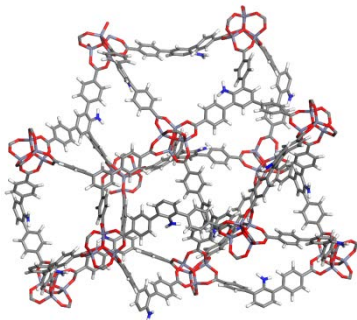
#### Usable capacities:

**P-swing between 5 and 100 bar at 77K**

GCMC calculated grav.	= 8.5 wt.%
GCMC calculated vol.	= 36.6 g/L

## Examples of high surface area MOFs with unsatisfactory volumetric capacity

### MOF-177-NH<sub>2</sub>



Dutta, A. et al., *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2015**, *54*, 3983.

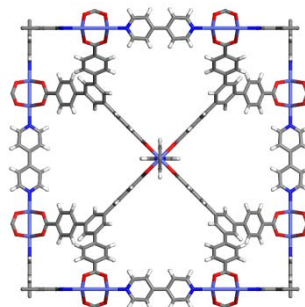
#### Surface Area

Measured BET = 4280 m<sup>2</sup>/g (fresh)  
 Calculated = 4514 m<sup>2</sup>/g  
 Literature = 4631 m<sup>2</sup>/g

#### Usable capacities:

Measured grav. = 6.4 wt.%  
 GCMC calculated grav. = 6.4 wt.%  
 Measured vol. = 32.6 g/L  
 GCMC calculated vol. = 33.7 g/L

### ICAQIO [DUT-23(Co)]



Klein, N. et al., *Chem. Eur. J. Chem.* **2011**, *17*, 13007.

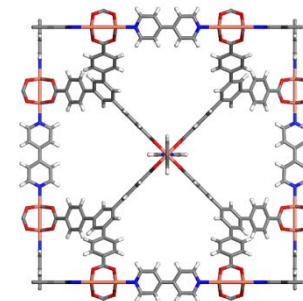
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 Calculated = 4714 m<sup>2</sup>/g  
 Literature = 4850 m<sup>2</sup>/g

#### Usable capacities:

Measured grav. = 6.2 wt.%  
 GCMC calculated grav. = 6.7 wt.%  
 Measured vol. = 30.2 g/L  
 GCMC calculated vol. = 31.9 g/L

### ICAQOU [DUT-23(Cu)]



Klein, N. et al., *Chem. Eur. J. Chem.* **2011**, *17*, 13007.

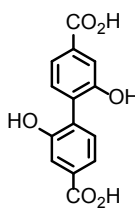
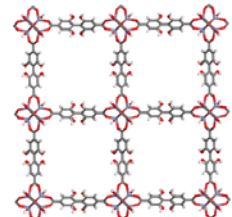
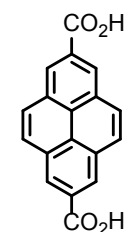
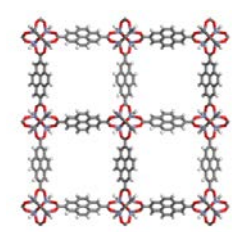
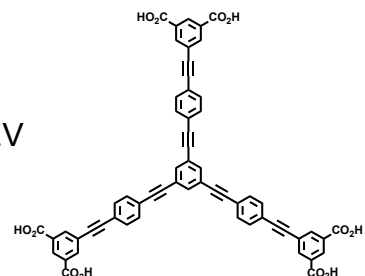
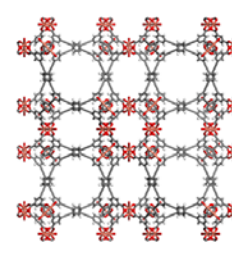
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 Calculated = 4664 m<sup>2</sup>/g  
 Literature = 4730 m<sup>2</sup>/g

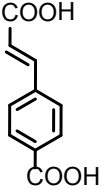
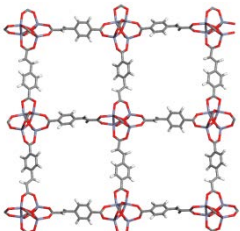
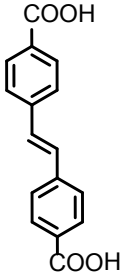
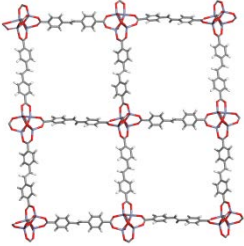
#### Usable capacities:

Measured grav. = 6.7 wt.%  
 GCMC calculated grav. = 6.6 wt.%  
 Measured vol. = 32.4 g/L  
 GCMC calculated vol. = 31.7 g/L

## Examples of real MOFs that are currently being assessed experimentally

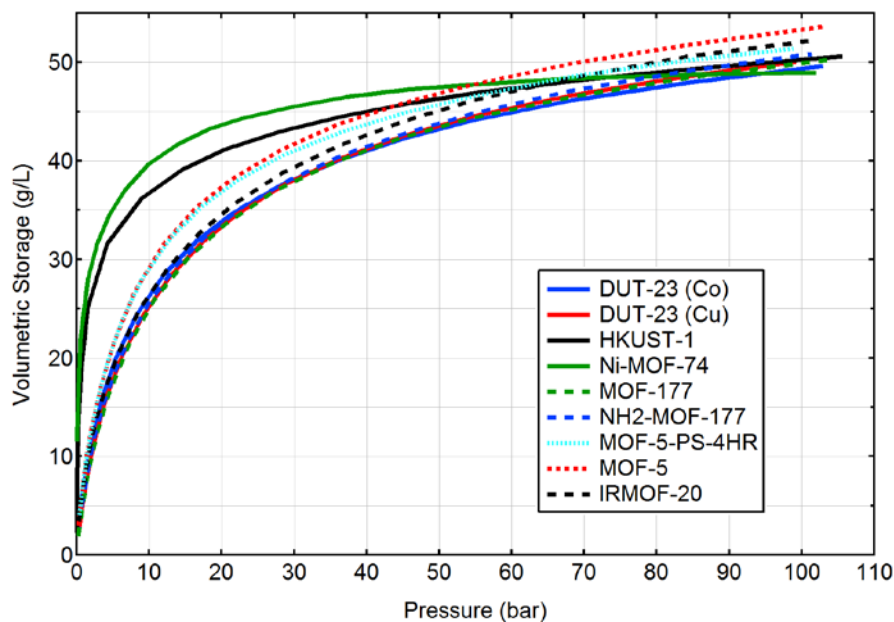
CSD REF. CODE	Organic Linker	Structure	BET Surface Area m <sup>2</sup> /g		Calculated Usable Capacities (P-swing 5-100 bar)		Reference
			Calculated	Literature	Grav. [wt.%]	Vol. [g/L]	
ZELROZ			4947	2631	8.7	36.8	Rankine, D. et al., <i>Chem. Commun.</i> <b>2012</b> , 48, 10328.
EDUVOO			4857	Not reported	8.0	35.0	Eddaoudi, M. et al., <i>Science</i> <b>2002</b> , 295, 469.
GAGZEV			5777	6143	10.8	37.0	Yuan, D. et al., <i>Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.</i> <b>2010</b> , 49, 5357. Farha, O. K. <i>Nat. Chem.</i> <b>2010</b> , 2, 944.

Examples of hypothetical MOFs that are currently being assessed experimentally

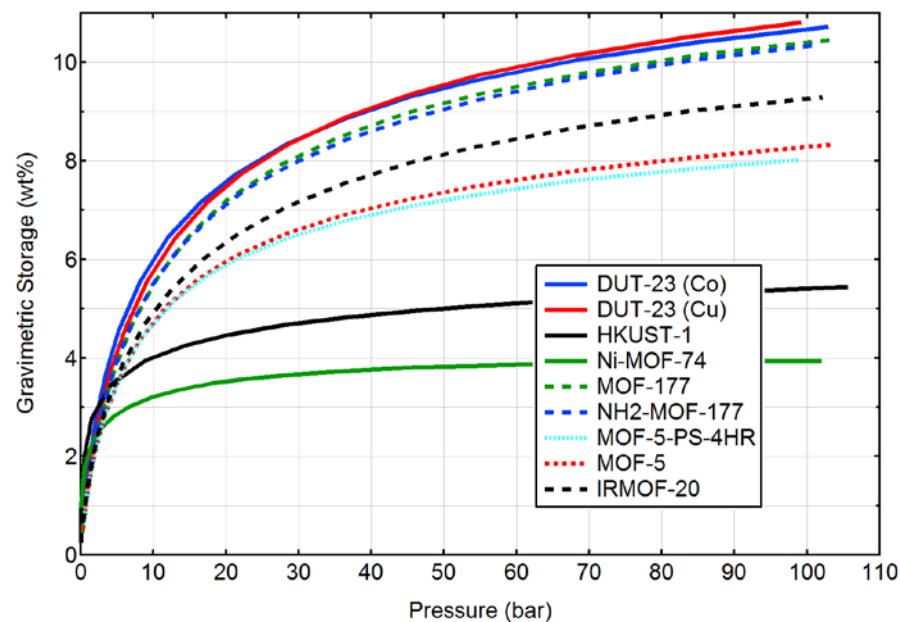
Mail-Order MOF #	Organic Linker	Structure	Calc. Surface Area m <sup>2</sup> /g	Calculated Usable Capacities (P-swing 5 to 100 bar)	
MOF-5_cooH_2_567			5938	13.1 wt. %	36.7 g/L
MOF-5_cooH_2_646			5781	12.5 wt. %	36.7 g/L

## H<sub>2</sub> isotherms of several promising MOFs at T = 77 K

### Total Volumetric Uptake



### Total Gravimetric Uptake



- Several MOFs out-perform MOF-5 on a gravimetric basis
- The volumetric performance of MOF-5 is difficult to surpass

Based on PCT measurements at T = 77 K

MOF	Crystal Density	Volumetric (77 K, 100 bar)	Gravimetric (77 K, 100 bar)	Usable Volumetric (5-100 bar)	Usable Gravimetric (5- 100 bar)
	<i>g/cc</i>	<i>g/L</i>	<i>wt%</i>	<i>g/L</i>	<i>wt%</i>
NH2-MOF-177	0.44	50.7	10.3	32.6	6.4
MOF-177	0.43	49.9	10.4	32.6	6.5
DUT-23 (Co)	0.413	49.4	10.7	30.2	6.2
DUT-23 (Cu)	0.413	50.1	10.8	32.4	6.7
HKUST-1	0.879	50.3	5.4	17.9	1.9
Ni-MOF-74	1.195	48.9	3.9	13.8	1.1
MOF-5-PS-4HR	0.59	51.5	8.0	30.4	4.6
IRMOF-20	0.51	52.1	9.3	33.1	5.7
MOF-5	0.60	53.3	8.3	31.1	4.5

We have expanded our computational screening from ~2,000 MOFs to nearly 500,000

Database	Number of MOFs				Calculated Usable Capacity	
	Available in database	Zero surface area	H <sub>2</sub> capacity evaluated empirically	H <sub>2</sub> capacity evaluated w/ GCMC	At least equals MOF-5	Exceeds MOF-5 by 15%
<b>Real MOFs (RM) [1,2]</b>	<b>5,109</b>	<b>1,978</b>	<b>3,131</b>	<b>3,131</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>20</b>
Mail-Order MOFs (MO) [3]	112	4	108	112	32	15
<i>In Silico</i> MOFs (IS) [4]	2,816	154	2,662	466	21	1
NW Hypothetical MOFs (NW) [5]	137,000	30,160	106,840	12,374	4,437	768
Zr-MOFs (ZR) [6]	204	0	204	204	126	35
UO Hypothetical MOFs (UO) [7]	324,500	32,993	291,507	16,372	7,768	1,209
<b>Total</b>	<b>469,741</b>	<b>65,289</b>	<b>404,452</b>	<b>32,659</b>	<b>12,474</b>	<b>2,048</b>

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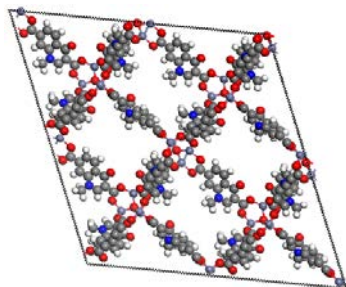
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Computation has identified ~2,000 MOFs that are projected to meet the MOF-5+15% target (Go/No-Go #2)

MOF #	$\rho_{\text{crystal}}$ [g/cm <sup>3</sup> ]	$SA_{\text{Accessible}}$ [m <sup>2</sup> /g]	Void Frac.	$PV_{\text{Accessible}}$ [cm <sup>3</sup> /g]	Tot. Grav. 100 bar [wt. %]	Tot. Vol. 100 bar [g/L]	Usable Grav. 100 → 5 bar [wt. %]	Usable Vol. 100 → 5 bar [g/L]	Source DB
1	0.47	4548	0.78	1.34	11.2	59.6	7.1	39.3	MO
2	0.41	4510	0.89	2.09	10.9	50.0	8.2	39.0	RM
3	0.42	5147	0.86	2.04	10.6	50.2	7.9	38.2	UO
4	0.42	5119	0.86	2.05	10.6	49.4	7.9	38.2	UO
5	0.48	4686	0.84	1.75	9.6	50.9	7.0	38.2	IS
6	0.40	5428	0.85	2.16	11.2	49.7	8.3	38.2	UO
7	0.40	5285	0.86	2.12	10.9	49.4	8.2	38.1	NW
8	0.36	5957	0.86	2.36	11.9	49.1	8.9	38.1	UO
9	0.43	5031	0.86	1.98	10.3	50.0	7.7	38.1	UO
10	0.41	5164	0.85	2.06	10.9	50.7	8.0	38.1	UO
11	0.35	6165	0.86	2.47	12.3	49.0	9.3	38.1	NW
12	0.41	5255	0.86	2.09	10.6	48.8	8.1	38.0	UO
13	0.43	5081	0.85	1.99	10.3	49.4	7.8	38.0	UO
14	0.37	5817	0.86	2.34	11.8	49.4	8.8	38.0	UO
15	0.43	5030	0.85	1.99	10.3	49.3	7.8	38.0	UO
16	0.42	5147	0.86	2.03	10.4	49.3	7.8	38.0	UO
17	0.41	5319	0.86	2.09	10.7	49.0	8.1	38.0	UO
18	0.43	5049	0.86	1.98	10.4	50.3	7.6	38.0	UO
19	0.36	6037	0.86	2.40	12.1	49.1	9.1	38.0	UO
20	0.42	5127	0.86	2.03	10.4	49.0	7.8	37.9	UO
<b>IRMOF-20</b>							<b>5.7</b>	<b>33.1</b>	
<b>MOF-5 + 15%</b>							<b>5.2</b>	<b>35.8</b>	

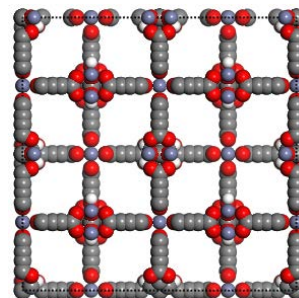


Examples drawn from screening of hypothetical MOF databases



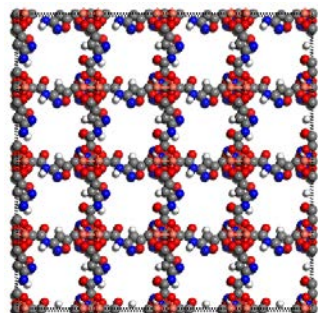
**MO:** MOF-5\_cooH\_2\_2738\_1\_basic\_opt

UG: 7.1 wt.%; UV: 39.3 g/L  
GSA: 4548 m<sup>2</sup>/g; D: 0.47 g/cm<sup>3</sup>  
PV: 1.34 cm<sup>3</sup>/g; VF: 0.78



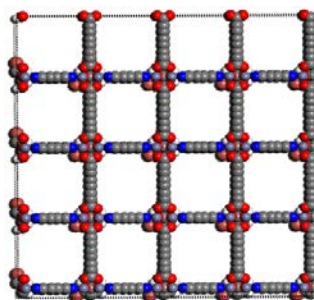
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UG: 7.9 wt.%; UV: 38.2 g/L  
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PV: 2.0 cm<sup>3</sup>/g; VF: 0.86



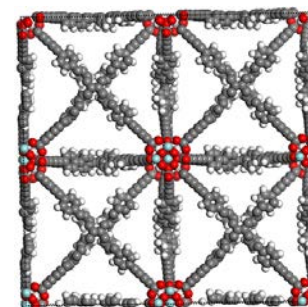
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UG: 7.0 wt.%; UV: 38.2 g/L  
GSA: 4686 m<sup>2</sup>/g; D: 0.48 g/cm<sup>3</sup>  
PV: 1.8 cm<sup>3</sup>/g; VF: 0.84



**NW:** 5048108\_i\_1\_j\_25\_k\_20\_m\_3

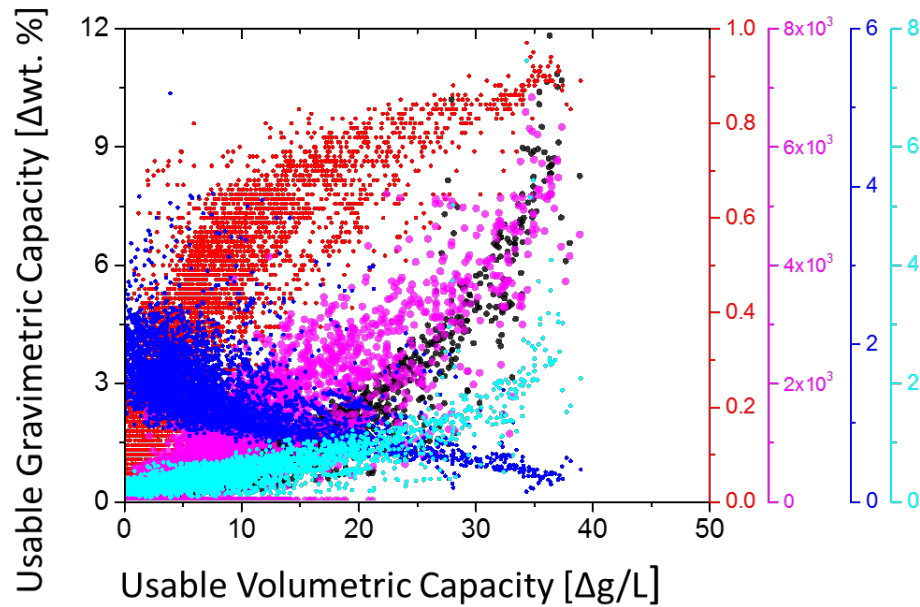
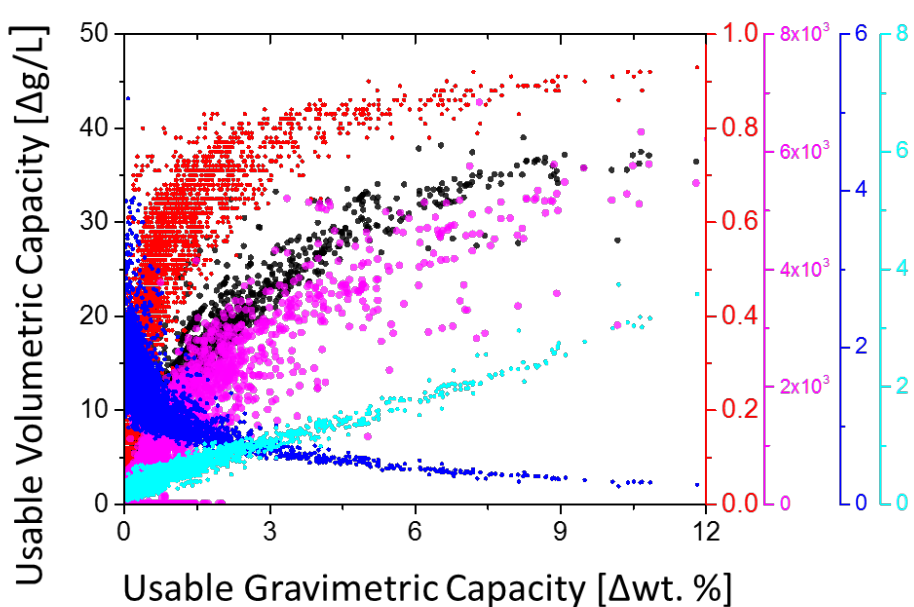
UG: 8.2 wt.%; UV: 38.1 g/L  
GSA: 5285 m<sup>2</sup>/g; D: 0.40 g/cm<sup>3</sup>  
PV: 2.1 cm<sup>3</sup>/g; VF: 0.86



**ZR:** NU-TPE-4PTT-ftw

UG: 11.5 wt.%; UV: 37.5 g/L  
GSA: 6323 m<sup>2</sup>/g; D: 0.27 g/cm<sup>3</sup>  
PV: 3.3 cm<sup>3</sup>/g; VF: 0.88

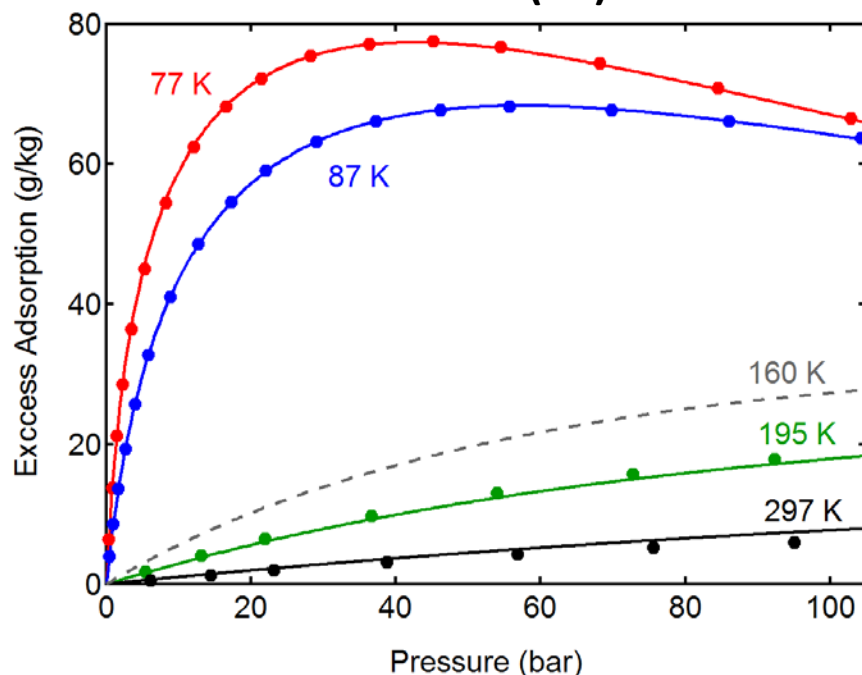
Our database presents an opportunity to explore correlations between usable capacity and basic materials properties



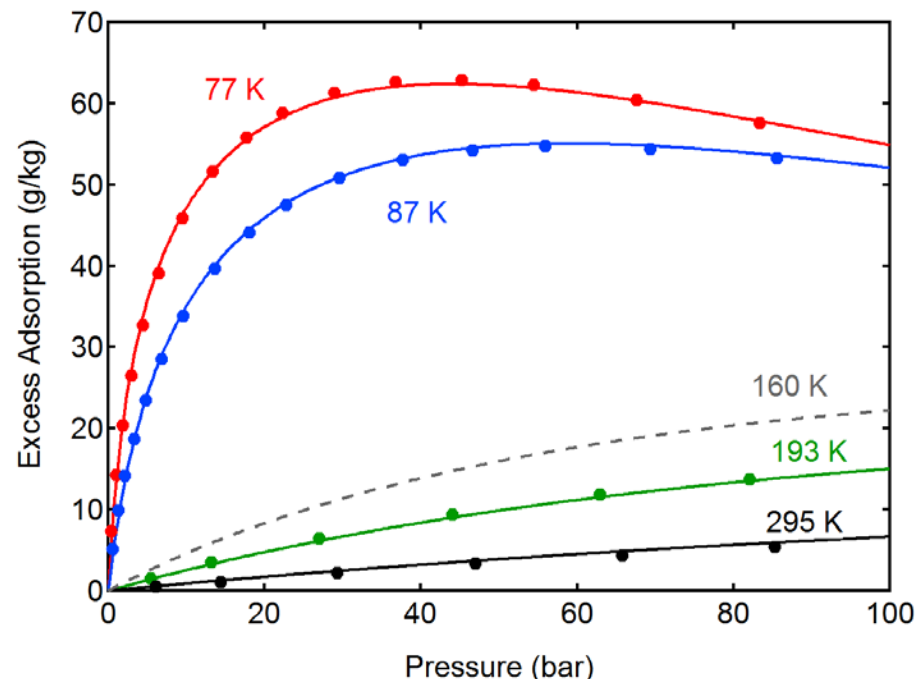
- Single Crystal Density [ $g/cm^3$ ]
- Porosity
- Surface Area [ $m^2/g$ ]
- Pore Volume [ $cm^3/g$ ]

H<sub>2</sub> uptake in two of the most promising MOFs were measured at several temperatures to allow for system-level projections

Gravimetric excess uptake:  
DUT-23 (Co)

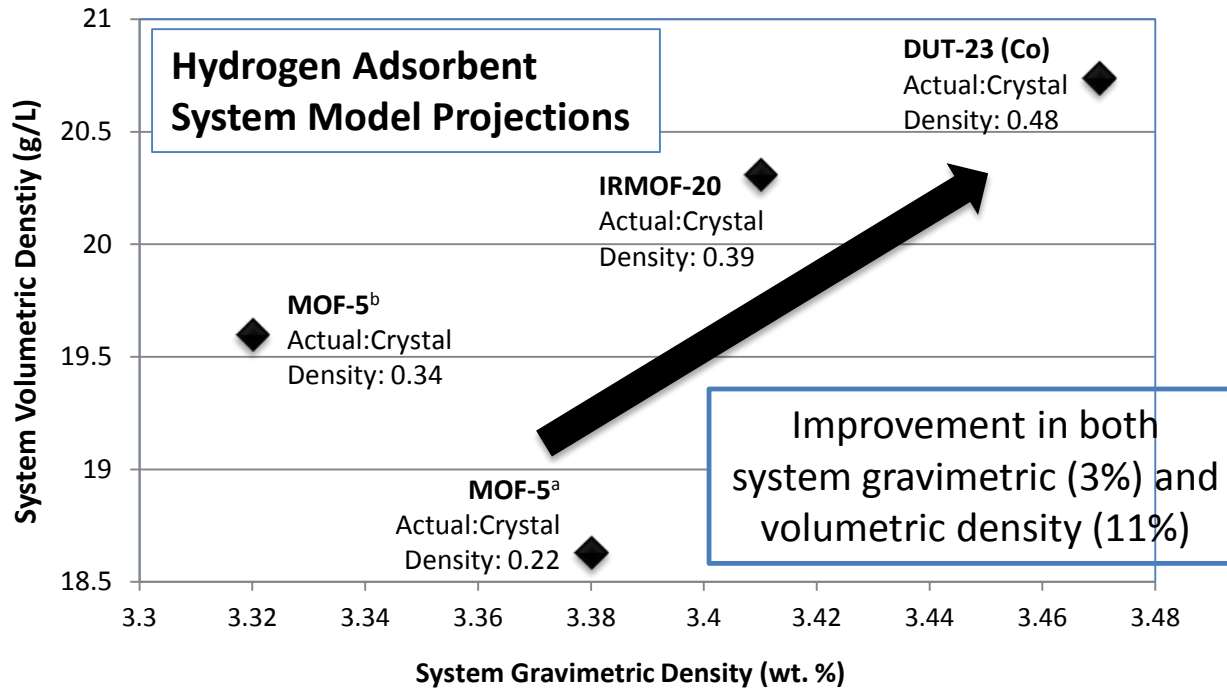


Gravimetric excess uptake:  
IRMOF-20



- Measurements at 4 temperatures, from cryogenic to ambient conditions
- Data fit to Unilan and D-A isotherm models
- Performance at T = 160 K interpolated based on model projections

The HSECoE System Model was used to project the performance of IRMOF-20 and DUT-23(Co)-based systems



### System Assumptions

- Initial/Full Pressure: 100 bar
- Initial/Full Temp: 80 K
- Final/Empty Pressure: 5.5 bar
- Final/Empty Temp: 160 K
- Useable Hydrogen: 5.6 kg
- Heat Exchanger: HexCell
- MOF Density: Powder (see table)
- Pressure Vessel: Type 1 Al
- Insulation Thickness: 23 mm
- Outer Shell Thickness: 2 mm

Parameter	MOF-5 <sup>a</sup>	MOF-5 <sup>b</sup>	IRMOF-20	DUT-23(Co)	Units	Comments
alpha	2895.13	2239	2512.09	2675.29	J/mol H <sub>2</sub>	D.A. Parameter -- Enthalpic contribution to the characteristic free energy of adsorption
beta	15.29	19.5	14.61	15.53	J/mol H <sub>2</sub> /K	D.A. Parameter -- Entropic contribution to the characteristic free energy of adsorption
m	2	2	2	2		D.A. Parameter -- Exponential constant for adsolute adsorption
n <sub>max</sub>	96.43	125.40	99.22	112.70	mol H <sub>2</sub> /kg Ad	D.A. Parameter -- Maximum H <sub>2</sub> loading of the entire adsorption volume
P <sub>0</sub>	1.39E+09	1.69E+09	7.64E+08	1.03E+09	Pa	D.A. Parameter -- Pseudo-saturation pressure (pressure of the gas phase)
rho <sub>Ads</sub>	130	200	200	200	kg <sub>Ads</sub> /m <sup>3</sup>	D.A. Parameter -- Bulk Density of the MOF-5
V <sub>a</sub>	0.00170	0.00201	0.00173	0.00171	m <sup>3</sup> /kg <sub>Ads</sub>	D.A. Parameter -- Adsorbed volume per mass of adsorbent
V <sub>v</sub>	0.00725	0.00450	0.00459	0.00429	m <sup>3</sup> /kg <sub>Ads</sub>	D.A. Parameter -- Void volume per mass of adsorbent



## University of Michigan, Mechanical Engineering

- Atomistic simulation and project management



## University of Michigan, Dept. of Chemistry

- Synthesis and characterization of targeted MOFs



## Ford Motor Company (sub-contractor)

- PCT measurements
- Materials augmentation, characterization, scale-up, and system modeling



## HSECoE/SRNL (unfunded collaborator)

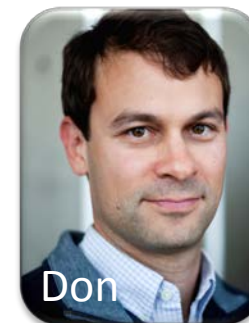
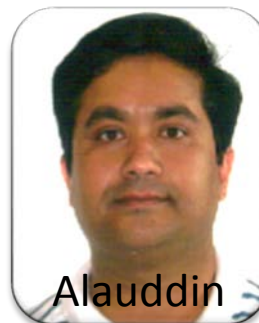
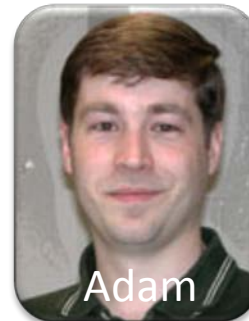
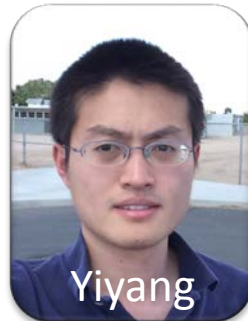
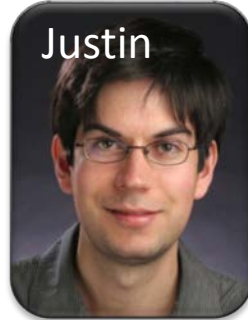
- Assistance with system models (David Tamburello)

- Many more compounds identified by computation than can be synthesized
  - Assessment by a human is needed before synthesis can proceed
  - This is a bottleneck
- Structure collapse or incomplete solvent removal during activation
  - “Can it be made?”
  - Failure to achieve expected surface area and porosity
  - Properties that control “synthesizability” are not well-understood
- Incorrect, incomplete, or disordered crystal structure data
  - Garbage in, garbage out
  - False positives in screening

- Expand screening to additional real MOFs recently reported in Cambridge Structure Database
- Densification of selected MOFs
- Focus on 2<sup>nd</sup> go/no-go milestone
  - Identify MOFs with 15% improvement in H<sub>2</sub> capacity over MOF-5

- **Goal:** demonstrate MOFs that achieve high volumetric *and* gravimetric H<sub>2</sub> densities simultaneously (at cryogenic conditions)
  - Establish new high-water mark for H<sub>2</sub> storage in adsorbents
- **Approach:** (*Atoms to systems*) High-throughput screening in combination with experimental synthesis, activation, characterization, and system-level projections
- **Accomplishments:**
  - Demonstrated IRMOF-20: surpasses usable capacity of MOF-5 (1<sup>st</sup> Go/No-Go)
  - Nearly 500,000 MOFs assessed computationally; more than 2,000 compounds identified that can surpass MOF-5+15%
  - Several promising MOFs synthesized and evaluated with respect to their H<sub>2</sub> uptake; thus far, none exhibit usable volumetric capacities exceeding IRMOF-20
  - Estimated system level performance of IRMOF-20 and DUT-23(Co) using HSECoE system models parameterized from isotherm measurements







# Technical Backup Slides

$$C_{tot} = C_{exc} + \frac{100 \times d_g V_{pore}}{1 + d_g V_{pore}}$$

$$V_{pore} = \frac{d_{sk} - d_{bulk}}{d_{sk} d_{bulk}}$$

*Recommended Best Practices  
for the Characterization of  
Storage Properties of  
Hydrogen Storage Materials,  
V3.34, p.223*

$C_{tot}$  = total adsorption capacity in wt.%  
 $C_{exc}$  = excess adsorption in wt.%  
 $V_{pore}$  = specific pore volume

$d_g$  = density of H<sub>2</sub> gas at T,P  
 $d_{sk}$  = skeletal density  
 $d_{bulk}$  = bulk density

## “Material” Hydrogen Capacity Definitions



Porous  
Material



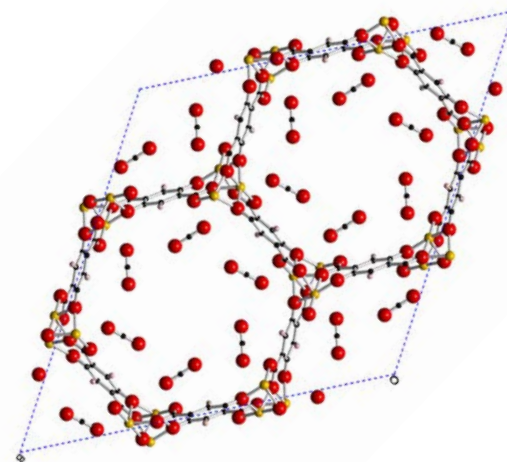
Excess H<sub>2</sub>  
Capacity



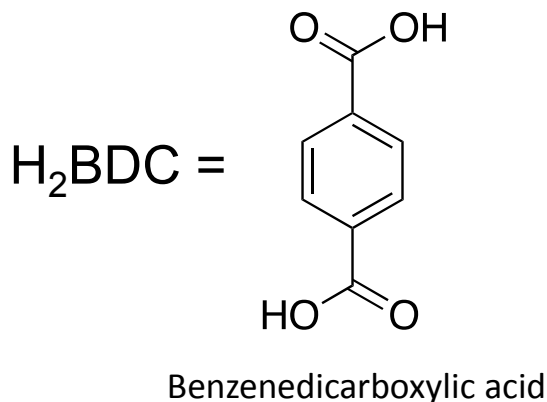
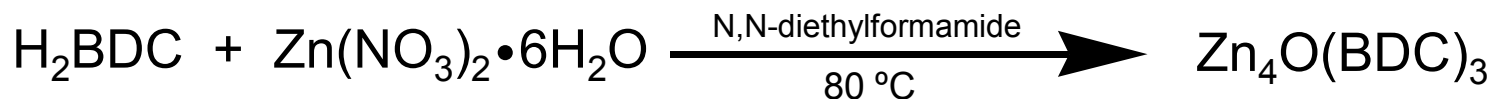
Absolute H<sub>2</sub>  
Capacity



Total H<sub>2</sub>  
Capacity



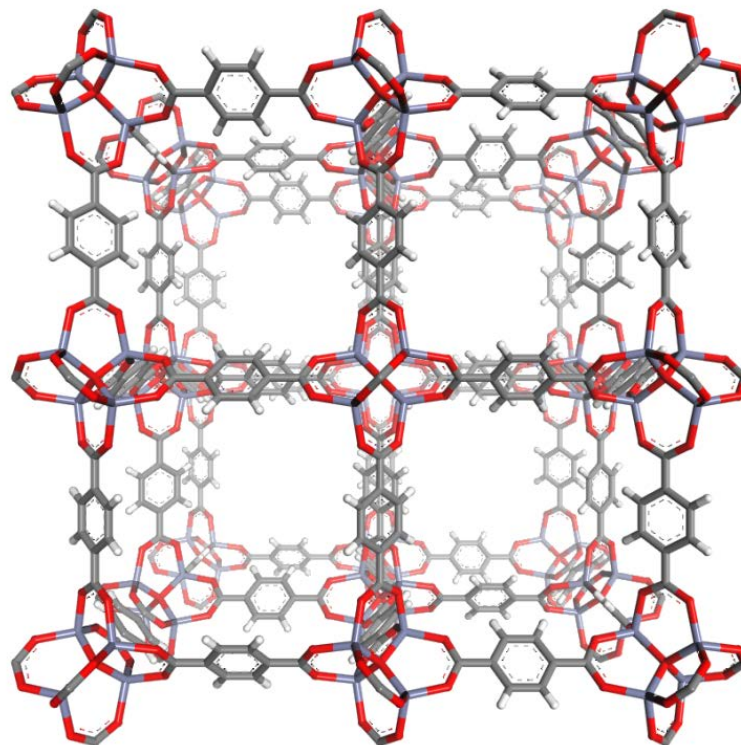
Performed air-free synthesis<sup>1</sup> of the benchmark compound MOF-5



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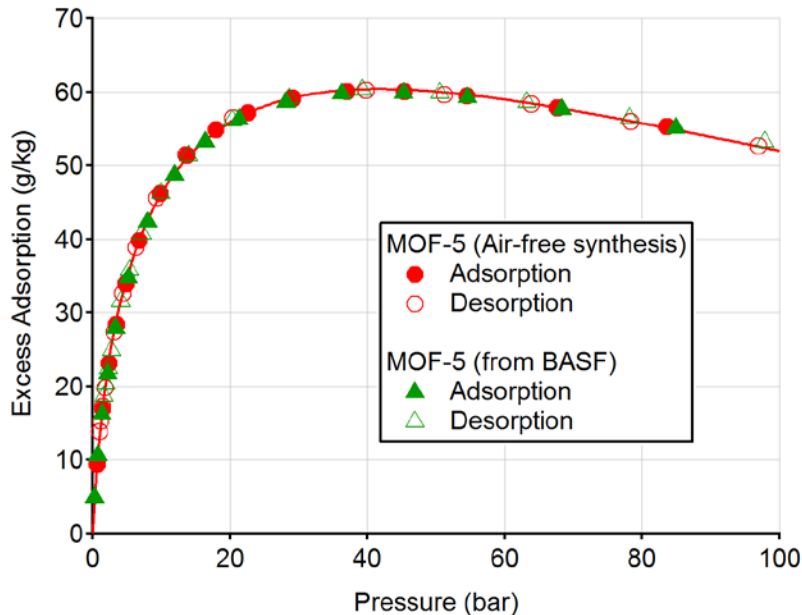
- 1) Multiple solvent exchanges
- 2) RT vacuum drying

BET S.A. = 3512 m<sup>2</sup>/g  
Calculated = 3563 m<sup>2</sup>/g  
Literature = 3800 m<sup>2</sup>/g [1]



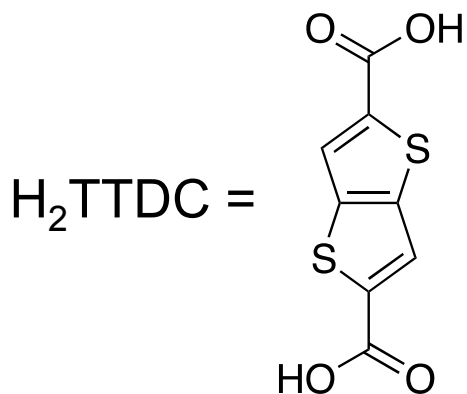
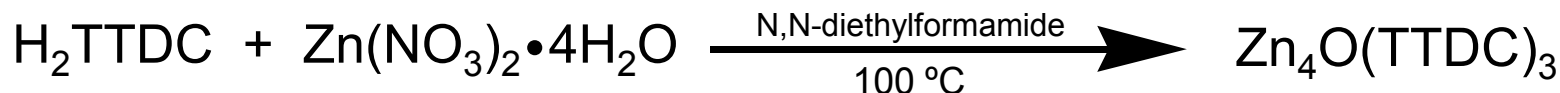
- Measured performance of in-house MOF-5
  - H<sub>2</sub> uptake & BET surface area essentially identical to BASF-supplied MOF-5 (HSECoE)
- Usable capacity (pressure swing to 5 bar) adopted as benchmark

T = 77 K



p (bar)	Total		Usable (P-swing)	
	Volumetric (g/L)	Gravimetric (wt.%)	Volumetric (g/L)	Gravimetric (wt.%)
5	22.2	3.5		
35	44.4	6.8	<b>22.2</b>	<b>3.3</b>
50	47.8	7.3	<b>25.6</b>	<b>3.8</b>
100	53.3	8.0	<b>31.1</b>	<b>4.5</b>

Synthesis of IRMOF-20 was attempted after computation identified it as a promising compound

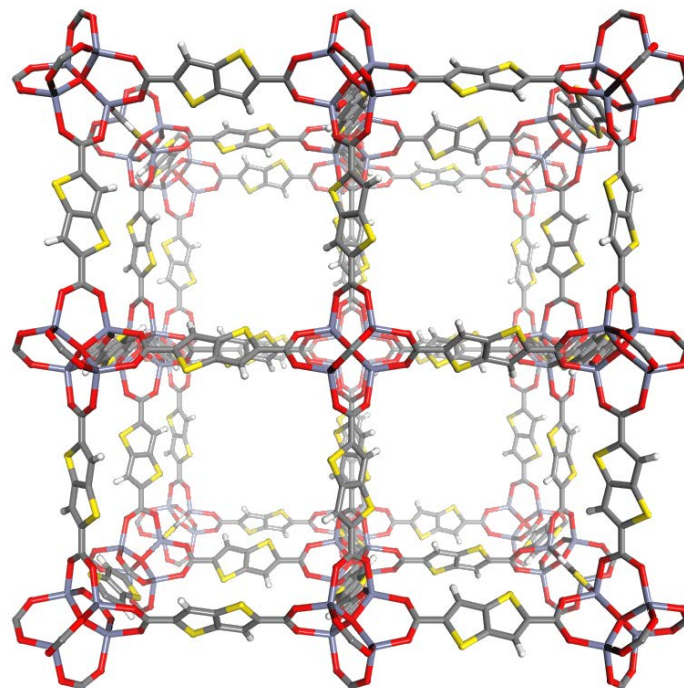


Thieno[3,2-*b*]thiophene-2,5-dicarboxylic acid

Activated by:

- 1) Multiple solvent exchanges
- 2) RT vacuum drying

BET S.A. = 4073 m<sup>2</sup>/g (94% of calc'd)  
 Calculated = 4324 m<sup>2</sup>/g  
 Literature = 3409 m<sup>2</sup>/g

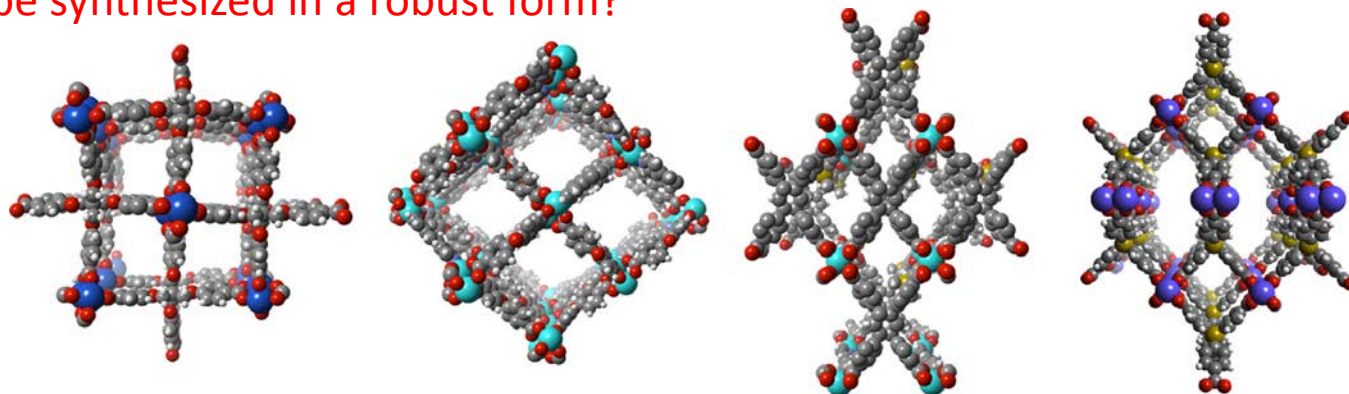


Rowsell, J. L. C.; Yaghi, O.M. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2006**, 128, 1304.



Several MOF “Targets of Opportunity” were identified

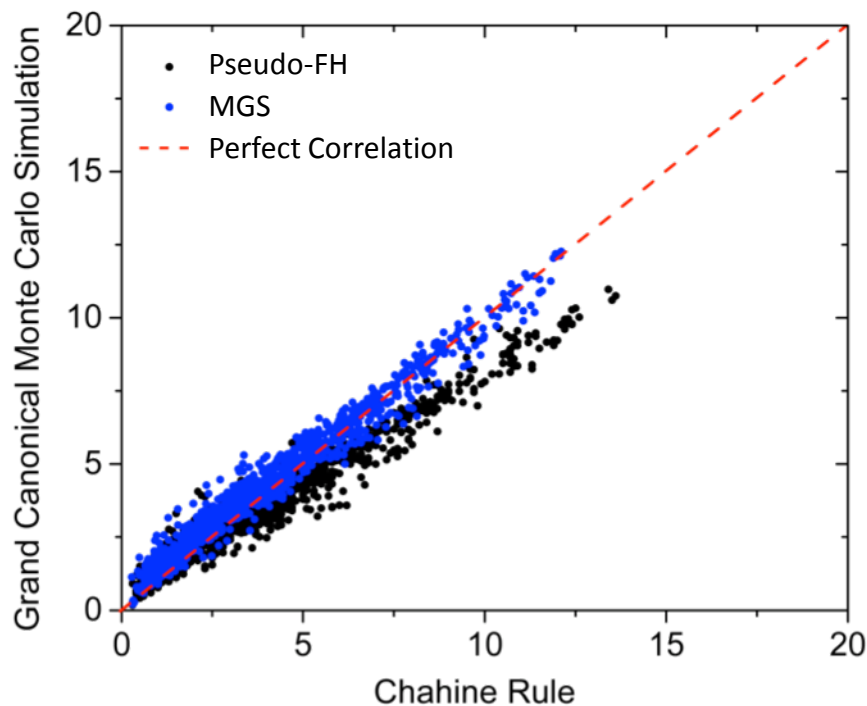
- Combine high gravimetric and volumetric densities
- Overlooked: no/limited experimental evaluation
- Can these be synthesized in a robust form?



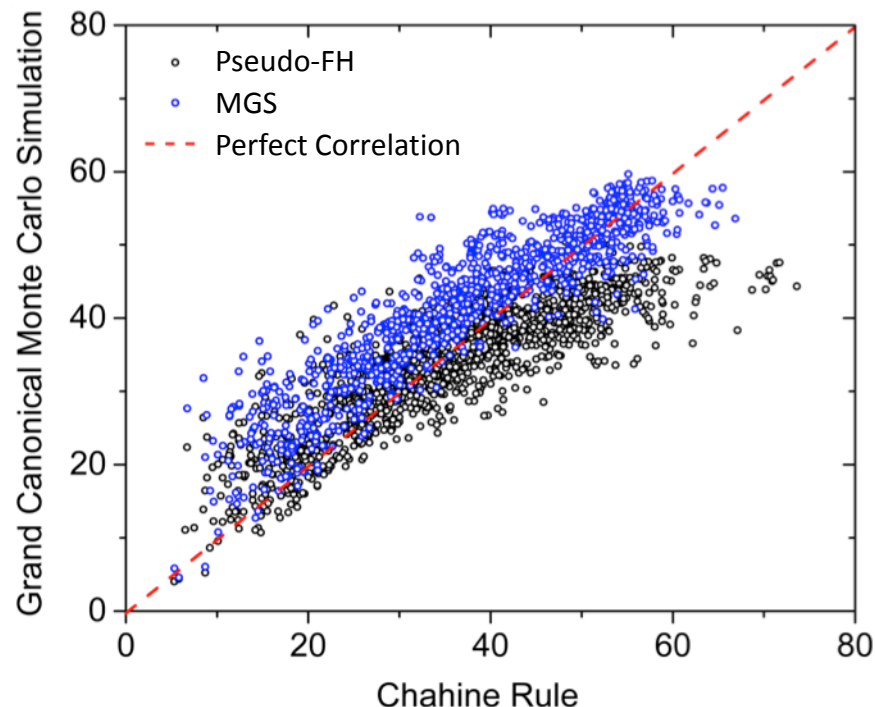
	EPOTAF (SNU-21)	DIDDOK	LURGEL (TO-MOF)	ENITAX (IMP-9)
<b>Total Grav. (wt. %)</b>	11	10.2	9.7	9.3
<b>Total Volumetric (g/L)</b>	71	60	57	59
<b>Crystal Density (g/cm<sup>3</sup>)</b>	0.58	0.53	0.53	0.57
<b>Calc'd/Meas. SA (m<sup>2</sup>/g)</b>	5208/700-900	4651	4386/680	4162
<b>Notes</b>	Best combination of grav. & vol. density. H <sub>2</sub> uptake measured previously: 5 wt %	No measurements	CO <sub>2</sub> uptake measured.	No measurements

“Quick and dirty” Chahine-rule predictions of H<sub>2</sub> uptake in MOFs correlate strongly with GCMC calculations

Total gravimetric H<sub>2</sub> (wt.%)



Total volumetric H<sub>2</sub> (g H<sub>2</sub>/L MOF)



Although GCMC is more expensive, it provides access to full isotherm and allows estimation of usable capacities



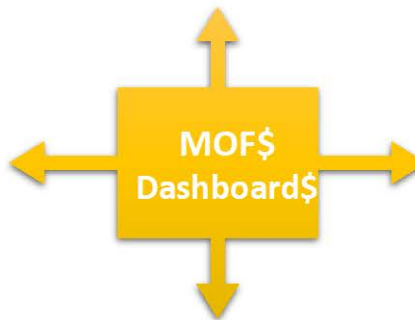
We have developed a database to track promising compounds and share data

CIF File    Measured Isotherm    Microscopic Image    BET data    Protocol    Powder Pattern

Chahine Rule Predictions    Accessible Surface Area    Pore Geometry

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Experimental, Data,



Summary, Database,

Simulation, Data,

<p>Correlations</p>	R-value	Data Validation
	R-Square	Modelling
	RMSE	Documentation
	Statistics	Data Analyses

Helium Void Fraction    Simulation Protocol    Designer MOFs    Isotherm    Thermodynamics    Visualization

Heat of Adsorption  
Henry's Law Constant  
BET Surface Area from Nitrogen Isotherm