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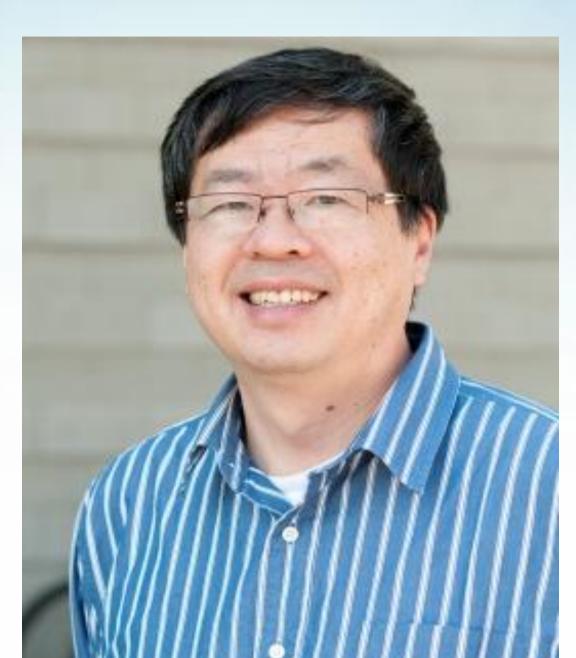
Tuning MOF properties for CO₂ adsorption by high external pressure

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报告简介: Metal-organic frameworks (MOFs) are a novel class of porous materials, owing to their potential applications in a variety of areas, including gas storage, molecular separations, catalysis, and sensors. Most importantly, their exceptional large surface areas, tunable pore properties and potential for industrial scale production have made MOFs a promising material for clean energy applications, such as CO₂ capture and storage. The chemical and mechanical stabilities of MOFs play a crucial role in their CO₂ storage that requires loading at high pressures. Application of high external pressure (e.g., in gigapascal range) on MOFs can significantly alter the framework structure, pore opening and consequently the adsorption properties. This presentation focuses on the investigation of high-pressure effects on the structures of several representative MOFs and their CO₂ adsorptive properties. In-situ vibrational spectroscopy was used as a primary characterization method, which allows the understanding of local structures, chemical bonding, and thus the nature of guesthost interactions between the adsorbed molecules and the framework. Four types of MOFs with different topologies, structures and porosities have been studied under high pressures, including ZIF-8 (a small pore MOF with an unusual chemical stability under extreme compression); MIL-68 (In) (a flexible MOF featuring two types of channels with distinctly different pore sizes and shapes); CaSDB, SDB = 4, 4'-sulfonyldibenzoate, (a highly robust calcium-based MOF) and SIFSIX-3-Zn (a hybrid MOF with ultra-small pores). We will discuss increased affinity towards CO₂ at high pressures, new adsorption sites identified at elevated pressures, CO₂ adsorption-driven phase transitions.

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