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Controlling Pore Shape and Size of Interpenetrated Anion-Pillared Ultramicroporous Materials Enables Molecular Sieving of CO₂ Combined with Ultrahigh Uptake Capacity

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ABSTRACT: The separation of carbon dioxide (CO_2) from hydrocarbons is a critical process for the production of clean energy and high-purity chemicals. Adsorption based on molecular sieving is an energy-saving separation process; however, most of molecular sieves with narrow and straight pore channels exhibit low CO_2 uptake capacity. Here, we report that a twofold interpenetrated copper coordination network with a consecutive pocket-like pore structure, namely, SIFSIX-14-Cu-i (SIFSIX = hexafluorosilicate, 14 = 4,4'azopyridine, i = interpenetrated) is a remarkable CO_2/CH_4 molecular sieving adsorbent which completely blocks the larger CH_4 molecule with unprecedented selectivity, whereas it has excellent CO_2 uptake $(172.7 \text{ cm}^3/\text{cm}^3)$ under the ambient



condition. The exceptional separation performance of SIFSIX-14-Cu-i is attributed to its unique pore shape and functional pore surface, which combine a contracted pore window (3.4 Å) and a relatively large pore cavity decorated with high density of inorganic anions. Dispersion-corrected density functional theory calculation and neutron powder diffraction were performed to understand the CO_2 binding sites. The practical feasibility of SIFSIX-14-Cu-i for CO_2/CH_4 mixtures separation was validated by experimental breakthrough tests. This study not only demonstrates the great potential of SIFSIX-14-Cu-i for CO_2 separation but also provides important clues for other gas separations.

KEYWORDS: metal-organic frameworks, molecular sieving, gas adsorption, carbon dioxide, methane, separation

INTRODUCTION

The separation of carbon dioxide (CO_2) from methane and relevant hydrocarbons is a critical process for the production of clean energy and high-purity chemicals.^{1–3} For example, natural gas including shale gas contains methane, ethane, propane, and other impurities like CO_2 , sulfur dioxide, and so on.^{4,5} The existence of CO_2 in natural gas will lower the calorific value and corrode the pipelines, which necessitate a CO_2 removal process.^{6–9} Hydrocarbons like ethane, ethylene, and propylene produced from steam cracking also inevitably mixed with a small amount of CO_2 , which must be removed for purification.^{10–14} Physisorption using porous materials as adsorbents is regarded as a promising method for CO_2 separation and capture owing to its low-energy consumption and mild operation condition.^{15–17} Up to date, a great variety of porous materials such as porous polymers,^{18–21} zeolites,^{22,23} carbon materials,^{24–26} metal–organic frameworks (MOFs) and/or porous coordination polymers (PCPs),^{15,27–36} and covalent-organic frameworks (COFs)^{37–41} have been investigated for CO₂ capture and separation. Among these porous materials, MOFs and/or PCPs are prominent because of their diversiform variety, high porosity, and tailorable pore size and pore functionality.^{42–48} Optimal porous materials for CO₂ separation through physisorption should exhibit both high uptake capacity and high selectivity toward CO₂ over other gases. However, the trade-off between uptake capacity and selectivity of porous materials has been identified as a major obstacle for efficient gas adsorptive separation.⁴⁹

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Figure 1. Gas adsorption isotherms and structure description of SIFSIX-14-Cu-i. (a) Sketch of the metal node, inorganic pillar, organic linker, and the skeleton structure of SIFSIX-14-Cu-i viewed along the c-axis. (b) Diagrammatic sketch presents a pore of the pocket structure. (c) Packing diagram along the c-axis, showing the pore surfaces of 3D channels highlighted as yellow/gray (inner/outer) curved planes with pore size of 3.4 Å. (The different nets are highlighted in royal blue and gray color for clarity in (a–c); guest molecules are omitted in c for clarity. Color code: Si, yellow; F, green; Cu, blue/purple in different nets.) (d,e) Adsorption isotherms of CO₂ (circle), CH₄ (triangle) and N₂ (square) on SIFSIX-14-Cu-i (d), SIFSIX-2-Cu-i and SIFSIX-3-Ni (e) at 273 K. (f) Comparison of CO₂ and CH₄ adsorption capacity in different molecular sieving materials including SIFSIX-14-Cu-i, Qc-5-Cu-sql- β and [Cd₂L(H₂O)]₂·SH₂O at 293 K.

Molecular sieving can reach extremely high selectivity because molecules with kinetic diameters larger than the pore will be completely excluded, whereas smaller ones can pass through. However, molecular sieving is very hard to achieve.50-52 It requires exquisite control on the structure of materials with intermediate pore apertures, whose size shall be just between the kinetic diameters of the separated molecules. In the system of CO₂ and CH₄ separation, the kinetic diameters of CH₄ and CO₂ are 3.8 and 3.3 Å, respectively, which are extremely close to each other. To our knowledge, only a few of porous materials can sieve CO2 over CH4 at near ambient conditions.^{53–58} For instance, $Qc-5-Cu-sql^{-}\beta^{50}$ that has the square lattice network and narrow pore size (3.3 Å) adsorbs CO_2 (72.2 cm³/cm³), whereas it excludes CH_4 at 293 K and 1 bar. By precisely controlling the pore dimension, [Cd2L- (H_2O)]₂·5H₂O⁵⁹ and [Cu(bcppm)H₂O]⁶⁰ with narrow straight pores also exhibit an obvious size-sieving effect for CO2 and CH₄/N₂ with moderate CO₂ capacity of 101.2 and 47.4 cm³/ cm³, respectively. These materials have extremely high selectivity because they adsorb CO₂, whereas they block CH₄ However, the CO_2 uptake capacity of these materials is moderate owing to their narrow, consecutive, and straight pore channels that don't have enough space to hold plentiful CO2. In other words, these porous materials enable the molecular sieving at the cost of reducing the uptake capacity.

Herein, we report that anion-pillared interpenetrated copper coordination network, SIFSIX-14-Cu-i (SIFSIX = hexafluorosilicate, 14 = 4,4'-azopyridine, i = interpenetrated, also called UTSA-200) is a remarkable CO_2/CH_4 molecular sieving adsorbent which completely blocks the larger CH_4 molecules, whereas it has excellent CO_2 uptake (172.7 cm³/cm³ or 121.9 cm³/g) under the ambient condition. The exceptional molecular sieving effect of the interpenetrated porous material is attributed to its unique consecutive pocket-like channel, which has a small pore window and a relatively large pore cavity. Its pore window size of 3.4 Å is between the kinetic diameters of CO₂ and CH₄, so it can sieve CO₂ from the CH₄ with unprecedented selectivity. At the same time, SIFSIX-14-Cu-i contains high density of electronegative F group in the pore cavity that provides sufficient sites and space for gas storage and enables exceptional CO₂ capacity. The single-component adsorption isotherms of CO₂ and CH₄ on SIFSIX-14-Cu-i were measured at different temperatures. The binding sites of CO₂ within the material were investigated by simulation studies and experimental diffraction measurements. The excellent performance of SIFSIX-14-Cu-i for CO₂/CH₄ separation was validated by column breakthrough experiments.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Structure Descriptions. An anion-pillared copper coordination network with a doubly interpenetrated structure, SIFSIX-14-Cu-i,^{61,62} was synthesized (Figure 1a). SIFSIX-14-Cu-i is a variant of the well-known SIFSIX-2-Cu-i¹⁵ with a smaller aperture size (3.4 Å vs 4.4 Å). We use the shorter linker 4,4'-azopyridine (azpy, 9.0 Å) to replace the 4,4'-dipyridylacetylene (9.6 Å) with the purpose of shrinking the pore. The organic linkers and metal nodes form the two-dimensional interpenetrated nets, which were pillared by SiF_6^{2-} to generate the three-dimensional pcu frameworks. Because of the tiny pore space, the pyridine ring in the organic linker interacts with the fluorine atom in the SiF_6^{2-} pillar through C-H…F hydrogen bonding which induces the tilting of pyridine ring (Figures 1b and S1). The tilting of zigzag linker generates a contracted pore window with a size of 3.4 Å (H-H distance) (Figure 1b,c), which has the potential to sieve the molecules of CO₂ and CH₄. On the other hand, the pore volume of SIFSIX-14-Cu-i is 0.27

Table	1.	Gas	Adsorption	and	Selectivity	Results	and	Comparisons
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adsorption uptake													
MOFs	$S_{\rm BET}^{a}$ (m ² /g)	pore size (Å)	$CO_2 (cm^3/cm^3)$	CH ₄ (cm ³ /cm ³)	uptake ratio ^b	$CO_2 Q_{st} (kJ/mol)^c$	refs						
"SIFSIX" Series ^g (273 K)													
SIFSIX-14-Cu-i	612 ^d	3.6×3.6^{f}	172.7	3.8	46.7	37.7	this work						
SIFSIX-2-Cu-i	503	4.9×4.9	173.1	28.6	6.2	31.9	15						
SIFSIX-3-Ni	368	4.2×4.2	94.4	26.5	3.6	51.0	63						
			Molecular Sieving	(298 K)									
SIFSIX-14-Cu-i	612 ^d	3.6×3.6^{f}	149.6/156.6 ^e	$1.3/1.8^{e}$	116.1/84.9 ^e	37.7	this work						
Qc-5-Cu-sql-β	222 ^d	3.3	72.2 ^e	1.9 ^e	37.2	36.0	50						
$[Cd_2L(H_2O)]_2 \cdot 5H_2O$	147	5.2	101.2 ^e	2.4 ^e	42.9	36.9	59						
$[Cu(bcppm)H_2O]$	155 ^d	3.6	47.4 ^e			29.0	60						

^{*a*}BET surface area calculated from N₂ isotherms at 77 K. ^{*b*}Selectivity calculated by uptake ratio of CO_2/CH_4 at 1 bar. ^{*c*}Q_{st} values of CO_2 at low surface coverage. ^{*d*}BET surface area calculated from CO_2 isotherms at 196 K. ^{*e*}At a temperature of 293 K. ^{*f*}The average pore size of the pocket-like pore. ^{*g*}Measured in this work.

cm³/g, which is slight lower than SIFSIX-2-Cu-i (0.31 cm³/g).⁶² In brief, SIFSIX-14-Cu-i has a consecutive pocket-like pore structure that is composed of small pore windows and relative large pore cavities (Figure 1b,c). The Brunauer–Emmett–Teller (BET) surface area and framework density of the activated SIFSIX-14-Cu-i structure are 612 m²/g and 1.4175 g/cm³, respectively. The structure and stability of SIFSIX-14-Cu-i were characterized by powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) and thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) (Figures S2 and S3). The PXRD patterns were verified to match those calculated from single-crystal data, and the framework maintains stability to about 200 °C.

Gas Adsorption and Separation Behaviors. The adsorption isotherms of CO2, CH4, and N2 on SIFSIX-14-Cu-i were measured at 273-333 K (Figures 1d, 4d, and S4-S6) and found to be completely reversible without hysteresis. As shown in Figure 1d, although CO₂ and CH₄ have similar kinetic diameters, they exhibit very different adsorption isotherms on SIFSIX-14-Cu-i. At 273 K and 1 bar, only very limited CH_4 (3.8 cm³/cm³) sorption is noticed but significant CO_2 uptake (172.7 cm³/cm³) is observed. At 298 K and 1 bar, SIFSIX-14-Cu-i still holds high CO2 uptake capacity (149.6 cm^3/cm^3) that is a remarkable value for CO₂ adsorption in porous materials (Figure S9). The combination molecular sieving effect and high adsorption capacity is attributed to the unique consecutive pocket-like pore channels of SIFSIX-14-Cui as depicted in Figure 1b,c. The narrow pore window (3.4 Å, H-H distance) of SIFSIX-14-Cu-i is smaller than the kinetic diameter of CH₄ but little larger than that of CO₂, so it allows the CO₂ molecules to get through but blocks the CH₄. On the other hand, SIFSIX-14-Cu-i has relatively large pore cavity and high density of SIF_6^{2-} anions for gas adsorption which enable outstanding CO₂ capacity. Interestingly, the CO₂ adsorption isotherms are stepwise which imply the existence of guestinduced transition in the flexible framework. As shown in Figure S7, the transition is triggered by a certain amount (about 1 mmol/g) of the CO_2 adsorption. After transition, the framework becomes more obedient to absorb CO_{2} , so the CO_{2} uptake increases rapidly than before which leading to a stepwise adsorption isotherm.

For comparing the separation performance of "SIFSIX" series materials, we selected two benchmark SIFSIX materials including SIFSIX-2-Cu-i¹⁵ and SIFSIX-3-Ni.^{30,63} The CO₂ and CH₄ adsorption and selectivity data are collected in Table 1 and Figures 1e and S10. As shown in Figure 1e, at 273 K and 1 bar, the CO₂ loadings on SIFSIX-14-Cu-i and SIFSIX-

2-Cu-i are comparable (172.7 and 173.1 cm³/cm³, respectively), but the CH₄ uptake on SIFSIX-14-Cu-i (3.8 cm³/cm³) is significantly lower than that on SIFSIX-2-Cu-i (28.6 cm³/ cm³). We also can see that the CH₄ uptake on SIFSIX-14-Cu-i is much lower than that on SIFSIX-3-Ni (26.5 cm³/cm³), whereas the CO₂ capacity of SIFSIX-14-Cu-i is nearly twice than that of SIFSIX-3-Ni (94.4 cm³/cm³). This can be explained by the pore structures of SIFSIX materials. SIFSIX-14-Cu-i and SIFSIX-2-Cu-i have similar pore volumes, which lead to comparable CO₂ uptakes. The pore window size of SIFSIX-14-Cu-i is much smaller than that of SIFSIX-2-Cu-i (3.4 vs 5.2 Å) and even smaller than SIFSIX-3-Ni (4.2 Å). It is small enough to block CH4 molecules, so the CH4 loading on SIFSIX-14-Cu-i reduces obviously. Because of the limited of pore volume (0.157 cm³/g), SIFSIX-3-Ni has only about half CO2 capacity of SIFSIX-14-Cu-i. In general, among three "SIFSIX" materials, SIFSIX-14-Cu-i exhibits the best performance with both high $\rm CO_2$ uptake and high $\rm CO_2/\rm CH_4$ selectivity. Actually, CO₂ uptake of SIFSIX-14-Cu-i is among the top level of reported MOFs, including Mg-MOF-74⁶⁴ and UTSA-16⁶⁵ (details in Figure S6).

More importantly, comparing with other benchmark materials with the molecular sieving effect, SIFSIX-14-Cu-i is optimal both on the selectivity and capacity (detail data see Table 1). These materials all have very low CH_4 loading, whereas CO₂ loading is different. SIFSIX-14-Cu-i has a capacity of 156.6 cm³/cm³ at 293 K and 1 bar (Figure S11), which is much higher than that of Qc-5-Cu-sql- β (72.2 cm³/cm³, 293 K), $[Cd_2L(H_2O)]_2 \cdot 5H_2O$ (101.2 cm³/cm³, 293 K), and $[Cu(bcppm)H_2O]$ (47.4 cm³/cm³, 293 K). Furthermore, comparing the amount of CO₂ adsorption per gram, the advantage of SIFSIX-14-Cu-i (110.5 cm³/g) is more obvious among the molecular sieving materials (such as Qc-5-Cu-sql- β $(48.8 \text{ cm}^3/\text{g})$ and $[Cd_2L(H_2O)]_2 \cdot 5H_2O (47.9 \text{ cm}^3/\text{g}))$ depicted as in Figure 1f. It is really remarkable that SIFSIX-14-Cu-i does not lose the CO2 adsorbing capacity while achieving the molecular sieving. It attributes to its consecutive pocket-like pore structure and plenty of anions in the pore surface.

On the basis of previous single-component adsorption data, the CO_2/CH_4 selectivity was evaluated by calculating the gas uptake ratio at 1 bar. As shown in Figure 2a and Table 1, the uptake ratio of CO_2/CH_4 on SIFSIX-14-Cu-i at 273 and 298 K is up to 46.7 and 116.1, respectively. To the best of our knowledge, it is the highest value ever reported in porous materials and much higher than SIFSIX-3-Ni (4.3), Zeolite 13X



Figure 2. Uptake Ratio and Q_{st} calculations of SIFSIX-14-Cu-i. (a)Comparison of the uptake ratio of "SIFSIX" materials and other reported materials. (b) Isosteric heat of CO₂ adsorption, Q_{sv} in SIFSIX-14-Cu-i.

(8.7), Qc-5-Cu-sql- β (37.2), and $[Cd_2L(H_2O)]_2$ ·SH₂O (42.9) under similar conditions. The isosteric heat of adsorption (Q_{st}) of SIFSIX-14-Cu-i was derived from the isotherm data at 273 and 298 K based on the virial model (Figures 2b and S12).⁶⁶ The Q_{st} is 37.7 kJ/mol at zero loading and remains relatively constant with the increasing uptake, which indicates the homogeneous adsorption sites for CO₂ molecules. Comparing with SIFSIX-2-Cu-i (31.9 kJ/mol), the Q_{st} value of SIFSIX-14-Cu-i has enhanced, possibly attributable to its relatively narrower pores.

Simulation Studies. To gain a deep understanding of the adsorption properties of gas within SIFSIX-14-Cu-i, molecular simulations of CO₂ adsorption were performed using the dispersion-corrected density functional theory (DFT-D) method. Figure 3a,b shows the optimized structure of CO₂ adsorption in SIFSIX-14-Cu-i as viewed along the b-axis and caxis of the framework. The simulations reveal that the small window size of 3.4 Å would allow two CO₂ molecules to access and get adsorbed in each pore cavity. The electropositive carbon atoms in CO_2 molecules are attracted to the SiF₆²⁻ pillaring anions, the calculated distance of $O = C \cdots F$ interaction is 2.57 Å. The DFT-D calculated binding energy (ΔE) of CO₂ molecules on SIFSIX-14-Cu-i is 37.28 kJ/mol. Additionally, the adsorbed CO_2 are oriented with the torsion angle of 29.52°, which can be partially attributed to the interaction between the electronegative oxygen atom of CO2 and electropositive hydrogen atom of the linkers. The shortest $C = O \cdots H$ hydrogen bond distance is 2.61 Å (Figure S1). In contrast, the CH₄ molecule (3.8 Å) is larger than the pore window (3.4 Å), so it cannot enter the modeled cavities and thereby be excluded. In view of our simulation results, the molecular sieving effect of CO₂ over CH₄ in SIFSIX-14-Cu-i is strongly supported. Furthermore, we performed experimental neutron



Figure 3. Simulation study of SIFSIX-14-Cu-i. (a,b) DFT-D calculated CO_2 adsorption binding sites in SIFSIX-14-Cu-i, as viewed along the *c*and *b*-axes, respectively. Different nets are highlighted in gray and royal blue for clarity. Color code: O, white; C (in CO_2), orange; Si, yellow; F, green; Cu, blue/purple in different nets.

powder diffraction measurements to confirm the DFT-D findings. The data of a CO_2 -loaded sample were collected at 200 K. The CO_2 adsorption sites obtained from Rietveld refinement of the neutron powder diffraction data (Figures S13 and S14) are fully consistent with the results of DFT-D calculation. Each CO_2 binds at one SiF₆²⁻ anion site and the experimental distance of the O==C···F bond is ~2.50 Å.

Breakthrough Curve Measurements. To evaluate the feasibility of SIFSIX-14-Cu-i for the CO₂/CH₄ separation, realtime dynamic breakthrough tests were conducted using CO₂/ CH₄ (50/50, v/v) mixtures as feed. The breakthrough curves for CO₂/CH₄ (50/50) separation at 273 K is depicted in Figure 4a (for details, see Tables S3 and S4). The curve of SIFSIX-14-Cu-i shows that CH₄ breaks through the column immediately, indicating the block-off effect of this material. Nevertheless, CO₂ breakthrough on SIFSIX-14-Cu-i occurs at 34.6 min later with the calculated adsorption capacity of 154.6 cm³/cm³ (equivalent to 6901 mmol/L) during $0-\tau_{\text{break}}$, correlating well with the CO₂ uptake capacity (158.4 cm³/cm³, 273 K, and 0.5 bar) from the single-component adsorption isotherm. These experimental data indicate that SIFSIX-14-Cu-i is a promising material for CO₂/CH₄ separation.

Excellent cycle performance and easy regeneration of adsorbents are essential to reduce the cost of a practical process. Considering this aspect, we performed multiple column breakthrough tests with CO_2/CH_4 (50/50) mixtures as feed to verify the stable separation ability of SIFSIX-14-Cu-i. As shown in Figures 4b and S15, almost no significant decline is observed on both CO_2 capture capacity and breakthrough time

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Figure 4. Experimental column breakthrough and regeneration results. (a) Experimental column breakthrough curves for equimolar CO_2/CH_4 mixtures with SIFSIX-14-Cu-i at 273 K and 1 bar. (b) Recyclability of CO_2 captured amount on SIFSIX-14-Cu-i after multiple mixed-gas column breakthrough tests. (c) Experimental desorption curves for CO_2 and CH_4 on SIFSIX-14-Cu-i at 273 K and 10 mL/min He flow. (d) Adsorption and desorption isotherms of CO_2 at different temperatures from 273 to 333 K.

during 5 cycles, indicating excellent cycle performance of SIFSIX-14-Cu-i. The PXRD also verifies that SIFSIX-14-Cu-i retains its stability after breakthrough experiments (Figure S2). The adsorbent was regenerated by purging the He flow at 10 mL/min through the column after the breakthrough test with the CO_2/CH_4 (50/50) mixed gas at 273 K and 1 bar. The regeneration curves depicted on Figure 4c indicate that almost all of the CH_4 and CO_2 are removed after 40 min. CH_4 is immediately eluted by helium because it's excluded by SIFSIX-14-Cu-i. CO2 takes a little longer to elute because of the interaction with adsorbent, but 40 min is still a short time for MOF material regeneration at 273 K. Furthermore, from Figure 4d, we can see that the CO₂ adsorption isotherms of SIFSIX-14-Cu-i have strong response to the temperature increase. This is because the interactions between the framework and guests at low temperature are more stable than at high temperature, so the CO₂ uptake increases more rapidly and reaches the triggering amount more easily. As shown in Figure S8, we can see that under the same CO₂ triggering amount, the higher the temperature, the greater the transition pressure is. Therefore, under the same pressure, the CO₂ capacity at low temperature is higher than that of at high temperature. As a result, when the temperature increases from 273 to 313 K, it resulted in 54% decrease in CO₂ uptake at 0.5 bar. The decreased value even reaches to 87% when the temperature changes from 273 to 333 K. It indicates that CO₂ desorption can occur under mild temperature conditions and SIFSIX-14-Cu-i is very easy to be regenerated.

CONCLUSIONS

In summary, this work reports that an anion-pillared interpenetrated ultramicroporous material, SIFSIX-14-Cu-i, is a remarkable molecular sieve for CO_2/CH_4 separation with unprecedented selectivity (uptake ratio: 111.6) and excellent CO_2 uptake capacity (172.7 cm³/cm³, at 273 K and 1 bar). This work also shows that precisely controlling the pore shape and size of the MOF structure to form consecutive pocket-like pore channels is an effective strategy to simultaneously achieve the size-sieving effect and high gas uptake capacity. In SIFSIX-14-Cu-i, the narrow pore window of 3.4 Å blocks off the CH₄, whereas it allows CO₂ to pass through the pore channels. Simultaneously, the abundant inorganic anions in relatively large pore cavity enable exceptional CO₂ uptake capacity. Therefore, SIFSIX-14-Cu-i exhibits unprecedented selectivity and capacity for CO_2/CH_4 separation. The isosteric heat of CO₂ (37.7 kJ/mol) on SIFSIX-14-Cu-i is relatively low, which enables facile regeneration conditions. The excellent separation performance of SIFSIX-14-Cu-i establishes it as a benchmark for CO₂/CH₄ separation and indicates that SIFSIX-14-Cu-i is a promising candidate for CO₂ separation. Additionally, this study provides useful clues to simultaneously achieve molecular sieving and high uptake capacity in porous materials for other important gas separations.

ASSOCIATED CONTENT

Supporting Information

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Experimental sections including the descriptions of materials needed and experimental methods such as the synthesis of SIFSIX-14-Cu-i, characterization techniques, gas adsorption measurements, calculations of isosteric heat of adsorption, density functional theory calculations, neutron diffraction experiments, and column break-through experiments for CO_2/CH_4 gas mixture (PDF)

Langmuir–Freundlich parameters fit for CO_2 and CH_4 in SIFSIX-14-Cu-i at 273 and 298 K; breakthrough calculations for the separation of CO_2/CH_4 mixture containing 50% CO_2 at 273 K; schematic picture showing the DFT-D optimized CO_2 adsorption configuration in SIFSIX-14-Cu-i; comparations of PXRD patterns; TGA curves of SIFSIX-14-Cu-i; adsorption isotherms of CO_2 and CH_4 on "SIFSIX" materials; comparison of CO_2 uptake for various MOF materials at 298 K and 1 bar; virial fit of CO_2 isotherms of SIFSIX-14-Cu-i; cycling column breakthrough curves of SIFSIX-14-Cu-i for CO_2/CH_4 separations (50/50, v/v) at 273 K and 1 bar; and schematic illustration of the apparatus for the breakthrough experiments; neutron diffraction structure of $CO_2/SIFSIX-14-Cu-i$ (CIF)

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