

Supplementary Information:

Computational study of oxygen adsorption in metal-organic frameworks with exposed cation sites: Effect of framework metal ions

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1. Dispersion Parameters

In the DFT-D method,¹ a dispersion contribution (E_{disp}) is added to the conventional Kohn-Sham DFT energy ($E_{\text{KS-DFT}}$), leading to a dispersion-corrected total energy as given by

$$E_{\text{DFT-D}} = E_{\text{KS-DFT}} + E_{\text{disp}} \quad (1)$$

where E_{disp} is given by

$$E_{\text{disp}} = -S_6 \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{at}}-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^{N_{\text{at}}} \frac{C_6^{ij}}{R_{ij}^6} f_{\text{dmp}}(R_{ij}) \quad (2)$$

Here, N_{at} is the number of atoms in the system, C_6^{ij} is the dispersion coefficient for atom pair ij , S_6 is a global scaling factor that only depends on the density functional (DF) used, and R_{ij} is an interatomic distance. The damping function f_{dmp} is given by:

$$f_{\text{dmp}}(R_{ij}) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-d(R_{ij}/R_r - 1)}} \quad (3)$$

where R_r is the sum of atomic vdW radii. The atomic C_6 coefficients and vdW radii (R_0) used in this work were taken from the literature,¹ as given in Table S1. Because PBE functional was used in our calculations, S_6 and the damping parameter d were taken 0.75 and 20, respectively.

Table S1. Parameters of C_6 ($\text{J nm}^6 \text{mol}^{-1}$) and R_0 (\AA) used in this work

Element	C_6 (in $\text{J nm}^6 \text{mol}^{-1}$)	R_0 (in \AA)
H	0.14	1.001
C	1.75	1.452
O	0.70	1.342
N	1.23	1.397
Cr	10.80	1.562
Mn	10.80	1.562
Fe	10.80	1.562
Co	10.80	1.562
Ni	10.80	1.562
Cu	10.80	1.562

2. Interaction energies of O₂ and N₂ with M₃(BTC)₂

Table S2. Comparison of the interaction energies of O₂ and N₂ molecules with M₃(BTC)₂ (units: kJ mol⁻¹).

	Cr ₃ (BTC) ₂	Mn ₃ (BTC) ₂	Fe ₃ (BTC) ₂	Ni ₃ (BTC) ₂	Co ₃ (BTC) ₂	Cu ₃ (BTC) ₂
O ₂	-63.5	-85.3	-56.0	-45.2	-40.5	-8.1
N ₂	-22.2	-50.1	-66.2	-34.0	-44.6	-18.9

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