

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

### Compaction of a zirconium metal-organic framework (UiO-66) for high density hydrogen storage applications

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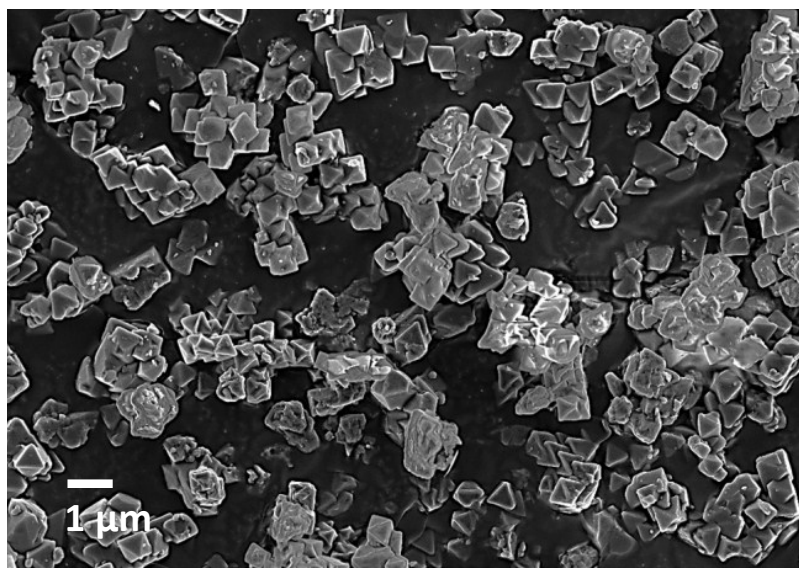
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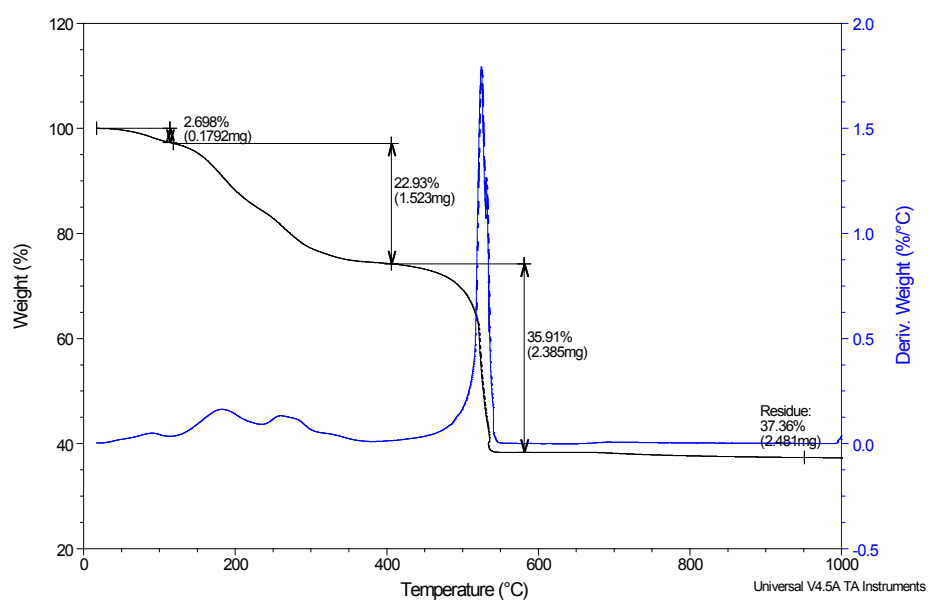
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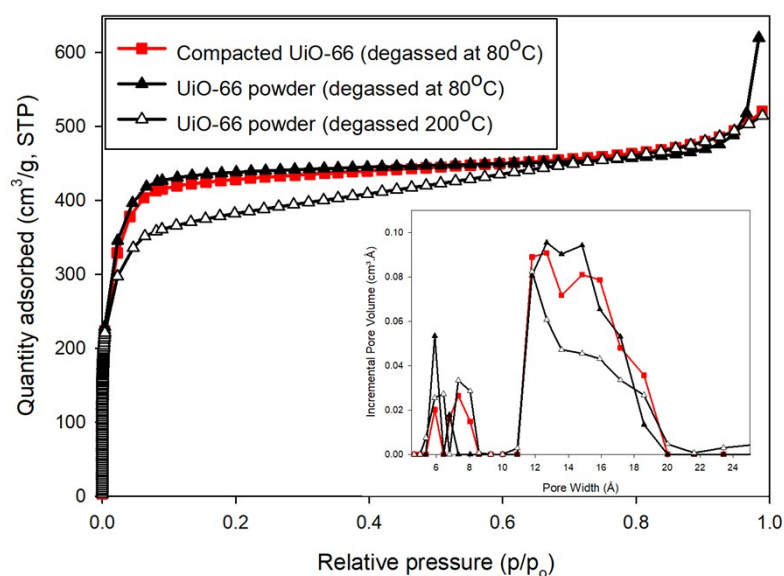
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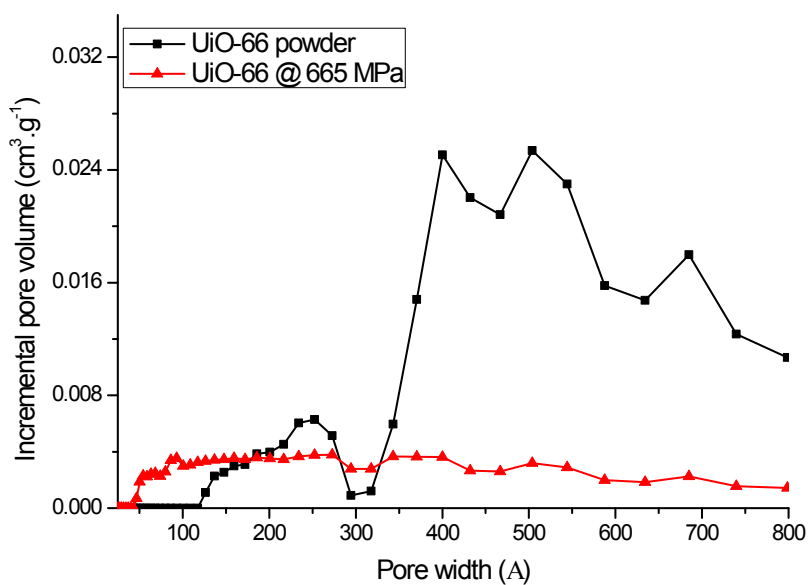
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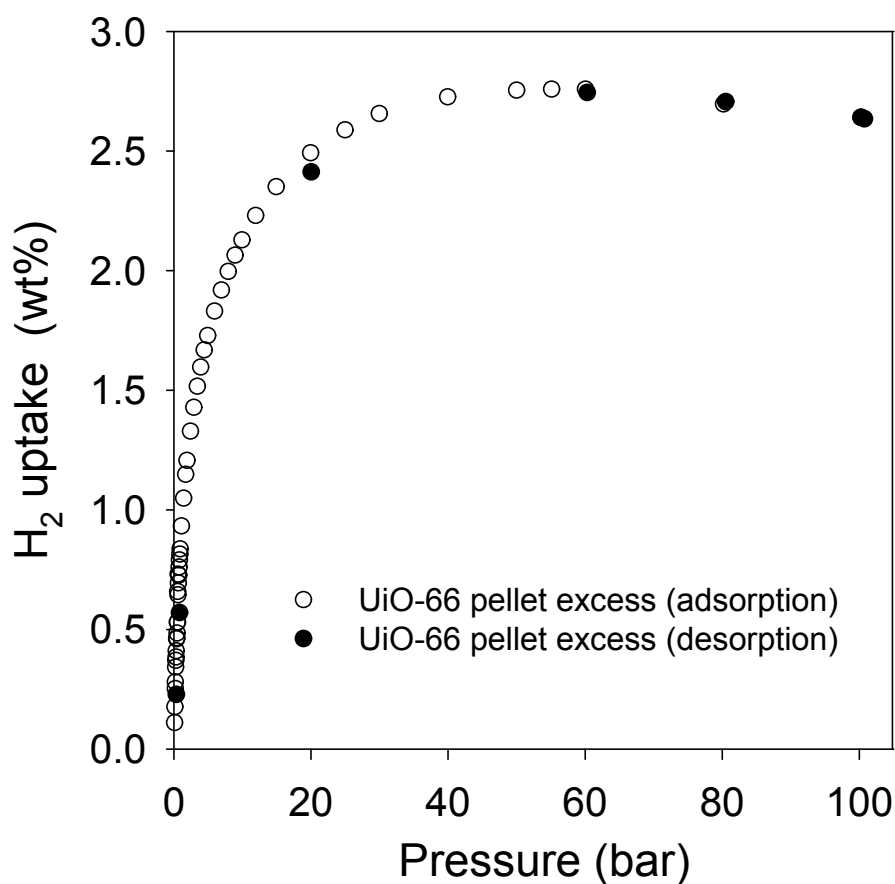
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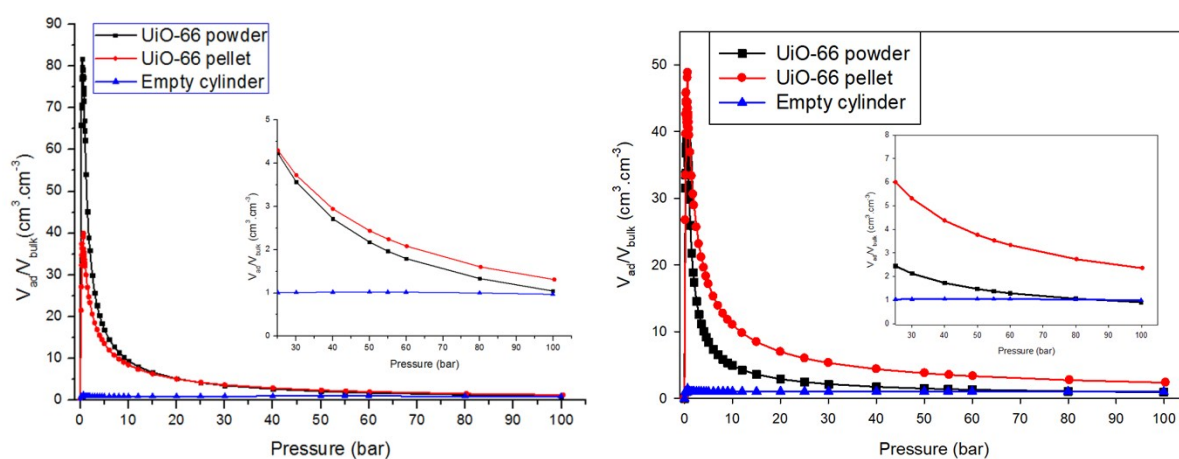
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| Sample                 | BET Surface area (m <sup>2</sup> .g <sup>-1</sup> ) | Pore volume (cm <sup>3</sup> .g <sup>-1</sup> ) | Micropore surface area (m <sup>2</sup> .g <sup>-1</sup> ) <sup>a</sup> | Micropore volume (cm <sup>3</sup> .g <sup>-1</sup> ) <sup>b</sup> |
|------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| UiO-66 powder (80 °C)  | 1737  | 0.96  | 1559 (90%)   | 0.60 (63%)  |
| UiO-66 pellet (80 °C)  | 1707  | 0.81  | 1484 (87%)   | 0.57 (70%)  |
| UiO-66 powder (200 °C) | 859   | 0.56  | 671 (78%)  | 0.27 (48%)  |

<sup>a</sup>values in parentheses represent the percentage micropore surface area of the total BET surface area. <sup>b</sup>values in parentheses represent the percentage micropore volume of the total NLDFT pore volume.

**Table S2:** Textural properties, packing density, and H<sub>2</sub> uptake (at 77.3 K and 25 bar or 298 K for values in parenthesis) measured for powder and compacted UiO-66

| Sample        | Surface area <sup>a</sup> (m <sup>2</sup> .g <sup>-1</sup> ) | Pore volume <sup>b</sup> (cm <sup>3</sup> .g <sup>-1</sup> ) | Packing density (g.cm <sup>-3</sup> ) | Volumetric surface area (m <sup>2</sup> .mL <sup>-1</sup> ) <sup>c</sup> | Skeletal density (g.cm <sup>-3</sup> ) | Gravimetric H <sub>2</sub> uptake (wt%) |              | Volumetric H <sub>2</sub> capacity (g.L <sup>-1</sup> ) |                    |                    |
|---------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|---|--------------|---|--------------------|--------------------|
|               |  |  |                                       |  |  | Excess                                  | Total        | Excess <sup>d</sup>                                     | Total <sup>e</sup> | Total <sup>f</sup> |
| UiO-66 Powder | 1737<br>(1559, 90%)  | 0.96<br>(0.60, 63%)  | 0.57                                  | 990  | 1.65                                   | 2.6<br>(0.1)                            | 3.4<br>(0.3) | 15<br>(1)   | 19<br>(2)          | 34<br>(2)          |
| UiO-66 Pellet | 1707<br>(1484, 87%)  | 0.81<br>(0.57, 70%)  | 1.45                                  | 2475   | 1.78                                   | 2.6<br>(0.1)                            | 3.3<br>(0.3) | 38<br>(2)   | 48<br>(4)          | 35<br>(2)          |

<sup>a</sup>Values in parenthesis are micropore surface area and percentage micropore surface area of the total surface area. <sup>b</sup>Values in parenthesis are micropore volume and percentage micropore of the total pore volume. <sup>c</sup>Surface area obtained by multiplying the packing density with the BET surface area. <sup>d</sup>Excess volumetric capacity calculated from the packing density as per equation (2). <sup>e</sup>Total volumetric capacity calculated from the packing density as per equation (3). <sup>f</sup>Total volumetric H<sub>2</sub> capacity calculated using the single crystal (1.24 g.cm<sup>-3</sup>) and skeletal densities of UiO-66 as reported by <sup>37</sup>