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Influence of Fluorination on CO₂ Adsorption in Materials Derived from Fluorinated Covalent Triazine Framework Precursors

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1 Experimental Procedures

1.1 Materials

All reagents and solvents were purchased from commercial sources and were used without further purification, unless indicated otherwise.

1.2 Characterization

FTIR spectra of the samples were collected on a TENSOR 27 FTIR at a resolution of 2 cm⁻¹. solid-state ¹³C NMR was performed using a Solid State Varian INOVA 400 MHz. Powder X-ray diffraction (XRD) data were recorded with a PANalytical Empyrean diffractometer, operated at 45 kV and 40 mA (scanning step: 0.02° per step). The diffraction patterns were recorded in the range of 5-60° 20. X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) measurements: XPS experiments were performed with a PHI 3056 spectrometer equipped with an Al anode source operated at 15 KV and an applied power of 350 W and a pass energy of 93.5 eV. Samples were mounted on In foil since the C1s binding energy was used to calibrate the binding energy shifts of the sample (C1s = 284.8 eV). The nitrogen adsorption and desorption isotherms were measured at 77 K under a Gemini 2360 surface area analyzer. The samples were outgassed at 150 °C for 16 h before the measurements. Surface areas were calculated from the adsorption data using Brunauer-Emmett-Teller (BET) methods. The pore-size-distribution curves were obtained from the adsorption branches using non-local density functional theory (NLDFT) method. The CO₂ adsorption and desorption isotherms were measured at 273 K by Autosorb-1-C Quantachrome analyzer. Elemental analyses were performed by Atlantic Microlab Inc., Norcross, GA.

1.3 Heat of CO₂ Adsorption Calculation

The isosteric heat of adsorption values were calculated using the Clausius-Clapeyron equation:

$$\ln\left(\frac{P_1}{P_2}\right) = \Delta H_{ads} \times \frac{T_2 - T_1}{R \times T_1 \times T_2}$$

where P_i is pressure for isotherm i, T_i is temperature for isotherm i, R is 8.315 J K⁻¹ mol⁻¹; which was used to calculate isosteric heat of adsorption

($^{\Delta H}_{ads}$) of a gas as a function of the quantity of gas adsorbed.

Pressure as a function of the amount of CO2 adsorbed was determined by the Toth model for the isotherms.

$$Q = \frac{Q_m \times B^{(1/t)} P_1}{\left(1 + B \times P\right)^{1/t}}$$

where Q = moles adsorbed, Q_m = moles adsorbed at saturation, P = pressure; B and t =constants; which can be used to calculate the pressure P.

1.4 Synthesis of Monomers



Scheme S1 Structures of fluorinated nitriles used in this study.

Commercially available starting materials and solvents were purchased from vendors and were used without further purification unless noted otherwise. The ¹H and ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker 400 spectrometer using the residual solvent peaks, tetramethylsilane or α, α, α -trifluorotoluene ($\delta CF_3 = -62.61 \text{ p.p.m.}$) as the internal standard respectively. ¹³C Spectra were not included since they are not informative, due to extensive coupling between ¹³C and ¹⁹F nuclei, low intensity and number of missing peaks. 1,3,5-tris((trimethylsilyl)oxy)benzene,^[1] 5'-(4-cyanophenyl)-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-4,4''-dicarbonitrile (**CN-3**),^[2] 5'-(4-cyano-2,3,5,6-tetrafluorophenyl)-2,2'',3,3'',5,5'',6,6''-octafluoro-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-4,4''-dicarbonitrile (**F**₁₂**CN-3**),^[3, 4] and 4,4',4''-(Benzene-1,3,5-triyltris(oxy))tribenzonitrile (**O-CN-3**)^[4, 5] were prepared according to published methods.

Synthesis of 4,4',4"-(benzene-1,3,5-triyltris(oxy))tris(3-fluorobenzonitrile) (O-F₃CN-3)

The reaction flask (250 mL) containing magnetic stirring bar was charged with 1,3,5-tris((trimethylsilyl)oxy)benzene (10.28 g, 30 mmol), followed by the addition of 3,4 -difluorobenzonitrile (13.90 g, 100 mmol). The reaction flask was purged with Argon, and anhydrous DMF (100 mL) was added. Anhydrous cesium fluoride (1.52 g, 10 mmol) was carefully added in one portion, the reaction flask was capped with a septum connected to a bubbler and stirred at 120 °C for 24 hours. The reaction mixture was poured in water under vigorous stirring and the resulting precipitate was filtered off and air dried. The title product was obtained after the re-crystallization from ethanol. The product was obtained after filtration as a white powder (9.2 g, 63 %).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 6.48 (s, 3H), 7.15 (t, ³J = 8 Hz, 3H), 7.45~7.51 (m, 6H); ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 376 Hz) δ -126.76 (t, 3J = 9.02 Hz, 3 F).



Synthesis of 4,4',4"-(benzene-1,3,5-triyltris(oxy))tris(3,5-difluorobenzonitrile) (O-F₆CN-3)

The reaction flask (250 mL) containing magnetic stirring bar was charged with 1,3,5-tris((trimethylsilyl)oxy)benzene (10.28 g, 30 mmol), followed by the addition of 3,4,5-trifluorobenzonitrile (15.71 g, 100 mmol). The reaction flask was purged with Argon, and anhydrous DMF (100 mL) was added. Anhydrous cesium fluoride (1.52 g, 10 mmol) was carefully added in one portion, the reaction flask was capped with a

septum connected to a bubbler and stirred at room temperature for 24 hours. The reaction mixture was poured in water under vigorous stirring and the resulting precipitate was filtered off and air dried. The title product was obtained after the re-crystallization from methanol. The product was obtained after filtration as a white powder (15.0 g, 93 %).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 6.30 (s, 3H), 7.34⁻⁷.40 (m, 6H); ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 376 Hz) δ -121.14 (d, ³J = 6.8 Hz, 6F).



Synthesis of 4,4',4"-(benzene-1,3,5-triyltris(oxy))tris(2,3,5,6-tetrafluorobenzonitrile) (O-F₁₂CN-3)

The reaction flask (250 mL) containing magnetic stirring bar was charged with 1,3,5-tris((trimethylsilyl)oxy)benzene (10.28 g, 30 mmol), followed by the addition of pentafluorobenzonitrile (19.3 g, 100 mmol). The reaction flask was purged with Argon, and anhydrous DMF (100 mL) was added. Anhydrous cesium fluoride (1.52 g, 10 mmol) was carefully added in one portion, the reaction flask was capped with a septum connected to a bubbler and stirred at room temperature for 24 hours. The reaction mixture was poured in water under vigorous stirring and the resulting precipitate was filtered off and air dried. The title product was obtained after the re-crystallization from methanol. The product was obtained after filtration as a white powder (12.58 g, 67 %).

 $^{1}\text{H NMR (CDCl}_{3},\,400\text{ MHz})\,\delta\,6.49~(s,\,3\text{H});\,^{19}\text{F NMR (CDCl}_{3},\,376\text{ Hz})\,\delta\,-149.65^{\sim}-149.55~(m,\,6\text{F}),\,-130.49^{\sim}-130.38~(m,\,6\text{F}).$





Synthesis of 4,4'-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4,4'-diylbis(oxy))dibenzonitrile (O-CN-2)

The reaction flask (300 mL) containing magnetic stirring bar was charged with [1,1'-biphenyl]-4,4'-diol (5.59 g, 30 mmol), followed by the addition of 4-fluorobenzonitrile (9.69 g, 80 mmol). The reaction flask was purged with Argon, and anhydrous DMSO (200 mL) was added. Anhydrous potassium carbonate (10.37 g, 75 mmol) was added in one portion, the reaction flask was capped with a septum and stirred at 150 °C for 8 hours. Additional amount of 4-fluorobenzonitrile (9.69 g, 80 mmol) was introduced and the reaction mixture was stirred at 150 °C for another 8 hours. The reaction mixture was poured in water under vigorous stirring and the resulting precipitate was filtered off and air dried. The title product was obtained after the re-crystallization from DMSO. The product was obtained after filtration as a white powder (7.35 g, 63 %).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.07 (d, ³J = 8.8 Hz, 4H), 7.15 (d, ³J = 8.8 Hz, 4H), 7.62 (t, ³J = 8.8 Hz, 8H);





The reaction flask (300 mL) containing magnetic stirring bar was charged with [1,1'-biphenyl]-4,4'-diol (5.59 g, 30 mmol), followed by the addition of pentafluorobenzonitrile (15.44 g, 80 mmol). The reaction flask was purged with Argon, and anhydrous DMSO (200 mL) was added. Anhydrous potassium carbonate (10.37 g, 75 mmol) was added in one portion, the reaction flask was capped with a septum and stirred at room temperature for 24 hours. The reaction mixture was poured in water under vigorous stirring and the resulting precipitate was filtered off and air dried. The title product was obtained after the re-crystallization from isopropanol. The product was obtained after filtration as a white powder (10.0 g, 63 %).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.08 (d, ³*J* = 8.8 Hz, 4H), 7.54 (d, ³*J* = 8.8 Hz, 4H); ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 376 Hz) δ -150.26~-150.16 (m, 4F), -131.74~-131.63 (m, 4F).



Synthesis of 4,4'-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4,4'-diylbis(oxy))bis(2,3,5,6-tetrafluorobenzonitrile) (O-F₈CN-2')

The reaction flask (250 mL) containing magnetic stirring bar was charged with perfluoro-1,1'-biphenyl (6.68 g, 20 mmol), followed by the addition of 4-hydroxybenzonitrile (5.35 g, 45 mmol). The reaction flask was purged with Argon, and anhydrous DMSO (70 mL) was added. Anhydrous potassium carbonate (8.30 g, 60 mmol) was added in one portion, the reaction flask was capped with a septum and stirred at 100

°C for 2 hours. The reaction mixture was poured in water under vigorous stirring and the resulting precipitate was filtered off and air dried. The title product was obtained after the re-crystallization from isopropanol. The product was obtained after filtration as a white powder (9.7 g, 91%).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.14 (d, ³*J* = 8.8 Hz, 4H), 7.71 (d, ³*J* = 8.8 Hz, 4H); ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 376 Hz) δ -151.90~-151.84 (m, 4F), -136.64~-136.57 (m, 4F).



Synthesis of 4,4'-((2,2',3,3',5,5',6-heptafluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4,4'-diyl)bis(oxy))bis(2,3,5,6-tetrafluorobenzonitrile) (O-F₁₆CN-2)

The reaction flask (250 mL) containing magnetic stirring bar was charged with 2,2',3,3',5,5',6,6'-octafluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4,4'-diol (6.60 g, 20 mmol), followed by the addition of pentafluorobenzonitrile (11.68 g, 60 mmol). The reaction flask was purged with Argon, and anhydrous DMSO (100 mL) was added. Anhydrous potassium carbonate (6.91 g, 50 mmol) was added in one portion, the reaction flask was capped with a septum and stirred at 120 °C for 2 hours. The reaction mixture was poured in water under vigorous stirring and the resulting precipitate was filtered off and air dried. The title product was obtained after the re-crystallization from ethanol. The product was obtained after filtration as a white powder (4.9 g, 36 %).

¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 376 Hz) δ -154.35 (d, ³J = 15.0 Hz, 4F), -152.64~-152.54 (m, 4F), -136.13~-136.06 (m, 4F), -130.74~-130.64 (m, 4F).



1.5 Preparation of CTF Materials

Notes: Volatile products, maybe CF_4 , C_2F_4 and F_2 , are produced during the reaction. After cooling down to room temperature, the quartz tube must be immersed in liquid nitrogen for ~10 min, and then opened carefully in the hood.

CTF materials were synthesized by $ZnCl_2$ -catalyzed ionothermal method.^[6] Typically, the synthesis of **F**₁₂**CTF-3** was shown as the following: A mixture of 5'-(4-cyano-2,3,5,6-tetrafluorophenyl)-2,2'',3,3'',5,5'',6,6''-octafluoro-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-4,4''-dicarbonitrile (**F**₁₂**CN-3**) (0.6 mmol, 304 mg) and $ZnCl_2$ (6.0 mmol, 819 mg, 10:1) was vacuum-sealed in a quartz tube, and then heated at 450 °C for 20 h in a muffle furnace (5 °C/min). After that, the temperature was increased to 600 °C and maintained for another 20 h. The obtained black powder was subsequently ground and washed thoroughly with dilute HCl, water, THF and acetone. The material was then dried in an oven at 120 °C for 24 h.

CTF-3, O-CTF-3, O-F₃CTF-3, O-F₆CTF-3, O-F₁₂CTF-3, O-CTF-2, O-F₈CTF-2, O-F₈CTF-2', O-F₁₆CTF-2 were prepared using the corresponding monomers, the molar ratio of nitrile monomer: ZnCl₂ is 1:10.

 F_{12} CTF-3-350, F_{12} CTF-3-450, and F_{12} CTF-3-600 was prepared at the target temperature (400 °C, 450 °C and 600 °C) for 40 h, respectively. F_{12} CTF-3-450/800 was prepared by heating at 450 °C for 20 h and then 800 °C for 20 h.

2 Results and Discussion



Figure S1 Fourier-transform infrared (FT-IR) spectroscopy of F12CTF-3 and CTF-3.



Figure S2 Solid state ¹³C cross-polarization magic-angle-spinning (CP/MAS) NMR spectra of F₁₂CTF-3 and CTF-3.



Figure S3 X-ray power diffraction (XRD) patterns for F12CTF-3 and CTF-3.



Figure S4 Raman spectra of F₁₂CTF-3.



Figure S5 X-rayphotoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) spectra (C1s, N1s, F1s) of $F_{12}CTF-3$.



Figure S6 BET plots of $F_{12}CTF-3$ and CTF-3.

Table S1 Summarization of various soli	physisorbents with CO ₂ capacities	> 5.0 mmol g ^{.1} at 273 K and 1 bar.
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Sample	$S_{BET}(m^2 g^{-1})$	CO_2 uptake (mmol g ⁻¹)		Reference
-		273 K	298 K	
F ₁₂ CTF-3	1759	6.58	4.33	This work
PPF-1	1740	6.07	3.35 (295 K)	[7]
Bipy-CTF600	2479	5.58	2.95	[8]
HÂT-CTF-450/600	1090	6.3	4.8 (297 K)	[6]
SU-MAC-500	941	6.03	4.50	[9]
F-DCBP-CTF-1	2437	5.98	3.82	[10]
FCTF-1-600	1535	5.53	3.41	[11]
F-MOP-2	1031	5.07	1.55	[12]
BILP-3	1306	5.11	3.30	[13]
BILP-4	1135	5.34	3.59	[14]
BILP-12	1497	5.07	3.18	[15]
TBILP-2	1080	5.18	3.32	[16]
TB-COP-1	1340	5.19	3.16	[17]
ALP-1	1235	5.36	3.25	[18]
NPOF-1-NH ₂	1535	5.84	3.77	[19]
Fe-POP-2	855	5.10	-	[20]
CQN-1g	1870	7.16	4.57	[21]



Figure S7 (A) N₂ and CH₄ uptake by F₁₂CTF-3 and CTF-3 at 273 K. (B) CO₂/N₂ and CO₂/CH₄ selectivities at 273 K by F₁₂CTF-3 and (C) CTF-3 calculated by the ratio of the initial slopes of the CO₂, N₂ and CH₄ adsorption isotherms.



Figure S8 Isosteric heats of adsorption (Q_{ct}) for CO₂ adsorption by F₁₂CTF-3 and CTF-3. The isosteric heats of adsorption (Q_{ct}) are calculated by fitting the CO₂ adsorption isotherms at 273 K and 298 K and applying of the Clausius-Clapeyron equation.

Table S2 CO_2 uptake capacities of F₁₂CTF-3 prepared at different reaction temperatures

			CO_2 uptake (mmol g ⁻¹)						
Sampla	S _{BET}	Vtotal	273 K		298 K		Q _{st}	F Content	N Content
Sample	$(m^2 g^{-1})$	$(cm^3 g^{-1})$	0.15	1	0.15	1	(kJ mol ⁻¹) ^a	(wt%) ^b	(wt%) ^b
			bar	bar	bar	bar			
F ₁₂ CTF-3-350	842	0.72	0.62	1.79	0.34	1.16	26.4	16.06	7.91
F ₁₂ CTF-3-450	1881	1.35	1.91	6.43	1.04	3.99	24.2	7.00	6.37
F ₁₂ CTF-3-	1558	1.32	2.45	6.58	1.38	4.33	24.5	3.70	5.5
450/000 F ₁₂ CTF-3-600	1656	-	2.40	6.47	1.30	4.07	26.8	-	
F ₁₂ CTF-3- 450/800	2085	1.77	1.26	4.70	0.78	3.18	18	2.74	3.22
^a Data corresponding to CO ₂ capacity of 0.5 mmol g ⁻¹ . ^b Obtained by XPS measurement. The content of F and N in the monomer									

 F_{12} CN-3 was 38.2 wt% and 7.0 wt%, respectively.



Figure S9 Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) result of F12CTF-3-350 under air up to 900 °C at a ramping rate of 10 °C min⁻¹.



Figure S10 Isosteric heats of adsorption (Qst) for CO₂ adsorption by F₁₂CTF-3 obtained at different reaction temperatures.



Figure S11 (A) N₂ isotherms at 77 K and (B) pore size distributions of F₁₂CTF-3 obtained at different ionothermal reaction temperatures.

Table S3 CO_2 uptake capacities of O-CTF-3 and O-CTF-2 with different F content within the backbone.

		CO_2 uptake (mmol g ⁻¹)					
Sample	$S_{BET}(m^2 g^{-1})$	273 K		298 K			
		0.15 bar	1 bar	0.15 bar	1 bar		
O-CTF-3	1450	1.06	3.17	0.53	1.70		
O-F ₃ CTF-3	1886	1.08	3.61	0.60	2.21		
O-F ₆ CTF-3	1874	1.36	4.45	0.75	2.86		
$O-F_{12}CTF-3$	1822	1.77	5.59	0.81	3.04		
O-CTF-2	1130	0.83	2.65	0.63	2.06		
O-F ₈ CTF-2	1878	0.96	3.47	0.62	2.31		
O-F ₈ CTF-2'	1403	1.04	3.61	0.61	2.30		
O-F ₁₆ CTF-2	948	1.86	5.10	1.03	3.30		

Table S4 Elemental analysis (C, H, N and F) of O-CTF-2 with different F content within the backbone.

Sampla	$S_{BET} (m^2 g^{-1})$	Element	Elemental content in materials				Elemental content in monomers			
Sample		С	Н	Ν	F	С	Н	Ν	F	
O-CTF-2	1130	81.34	1.92	2.69	-	80.4	4.1	7.2	-	
O-F ₈ CTF-2	1878	69.26	2.97	4.08	0.78	58.7	1.5	5.3	28.6	
O-F ₈ CTF-2'	1403	71.40	2.51	4.24	4.46	58.7	1.5	5.3	28.6	
O-F ₁₆ CTF-2	948	53.02	-	5.40	16.84	46.2	-	4.1	44.9	



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F₁₂CTF-3, 0.71 nm

ОН

О С



CTF-3, 1.0 nm



CTF-3, 3.0 nm





Figure S12 The snapshots of CO_2 distribution at 1 bar using F₁₂CTF-3 and CTF-3.

Sample -		Element conte	nt (wt%)		CO ₂ capacity (mmol g ⁻¹)	
	С	Ν	н	F	273 K	298 K
CTF-3	85.0	11.0	3.9	0	10.60	6.47
F ₁ CTF-3	81.2	10.5	3.5	4.76	10.88	6.86
F₃CTF-3	74.5	9.7	2.8	13.1	9.22	5.75
F ₆ CTF-3	66.3	8.6	1.8	23.3	7.57	4.71
F ₁₂ CTF-3	54.3	7.0	0.5	38.2	6.70	4.13



Figure S13 Structural models of CTF materials used for CO₂ uptake prediction and the obtained CO₂ adsorption curves.

Sample	c			Predicted C	CO ₂ uptake ^[a]	Experimer	ital results
	SBET	V _{total}	V _{micro}	273 K	298 K	273 K	298 K
CTF-3	1454	1.32	0	0.55	0.77	2.13	1.34
F ₁₂ CTF-3	1558	0.98	0.43	5.07	3.14	6.58	4.33
F ₁₂ CTF-3-350	842	0.72	0.20	3.41	2.15	1.79	1.16
F ₁₂ CTF-3-450	1881	1.35	0.47	5.02	2.98	6.43	3.99
F12CTF-3-450/800	2085	1.77	0.17	2.28	2.06	4.70	3.18

Table S6 Comparison of the experimental results and CO₂ uptake capacities predicted using a deep learning method.

[a] The predicted CO_2 uptake is determined via deep neural network trained from over 1000 data set.

The deep learning neural network (DNN) with two hidden layers was created in MATLAB R2018a environment using backpropagation algorithm according to our previous study.^[22] The weights and biases were the key two paremeters to determine neural network sturcture. The neural network was allowed to adjust the weight and biases value during training process to improve their performance. Neurons arranged in layers were needed to be connected each other into a neural network. Each neuron is usually a simple processing unit with many inputs to produce an output. The selection of neurons was significantly important. In our study, a part of S_{BET} , V_{micro} and V_{meso} as well as the adsorption conditions (temperature and pressure) were selected as the input neurons. And CO_2 adsorption capacity was chosen as the output neuron. Before the creation, the inputs and outputs are normalized in the range of 0 to 1. For simplicity, we assume that two hidden layers for DNN was chosen in our work, and the hidden neuron numbers were optimized by comparing the results derived from different hidden neurons numbers. Backpropagation training method was used to train the neural networks. Training numbers was chosen less than 100000, and goal errors was chosen as 0.001 according to the reported study. And then, the predicted data was achieved using linear or nonlinear combination of the input vector, weights, biases and transfer functions. Among these analysisthe selected neuron number of hidden layers was 8 and 8 respectively according to the optimized results.

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