

Supporting Information for

Recent Developments in First-principles Force Fields  
for Molecules in Nanoporous Materials

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Table S1: A summary of first-principles derived force fields for molecules in porous materials

Guest molecule	Porous material	Adsorbent model	QM method	configuration	FF potential form	FF validation		Ref.
						theory	experiment	
H <sub>2</sub>	pure, Li-doped IRMOF-1	benzene, metal-based clusters, Li-C <sub>32</sub> cluster	RI-MP2/TZVPP; X3LYP/6-311G(d,p)	along certain orientations	Morse	compare with MP2 PES for H <sub>2</sub> with benzene, and MP2 interaction energies at different binding sites	compare with isotherms in undoped IRMOF-1 (Zn, C <sub>6</sub> )	1, 2
H <sub>2</sub>	pure, Li-doped IRMOF-2	benzene, metal-based clusters, Li-C <sub>32</sub> cluster	RI-MP2/TZVPP; X3LYP/6-311G(d,p)	along certain orientations	Morse	compare with MP2 PES for H <sub>2</sub> with benzene, and MP2 interaction energies at different binding sites	compare with isotherms in undoped IRMOF-2 (Zn, C <sub>34</sub> )	3
H <sub>2</sub>	IRMOFs	Zn-based clusters, BDC-Li <sub>2</sub>	RI-MP2/TZVPP	along certain orientations	LJ + Coulomb	compare with MP2 interaction energies at different binding sites	compare with isotherms and Q <sub>st</sub> in IRMOF-1	4
H <sub>2</sub>	MOF UMCM-1	benzene, Zn-based cluster	MP2/cc-PVTZ	along certain orientations	Morse	compare with MP2 PES for H <sub>2</sub> with benzene	compare with isotherms in UMCM-1	5
H <sub>2</sub>	metal alkoxide functionalized MOFs	metal alkoxide benzene	MP2/6-311+G(d,p); M06/6-311++G(d,p)	along certain orientations	modified-Morse/LJ + Coulomb	compare with MP2 PES and interaction energies for H <sub>2</sub> with metal alkoxide benzene	compare with isotherms in DO-MOF	6
H <sub>2</sub>	CuBTC, other Cu-based MOFs	Cu <sub>2</sub> (bmc) <sub>4</sub> cluster	PBE/DNP	along certain orientations	Morse	compare with PBE PES for H <sub>2</sub> with the Cu <sub>2</sub> (bmc) <sub>4</sub> cluster	compare with isotherms in CuBTC, CuBTT, PCN-12	7
H <sub>2</sub>	COFs	B <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub> H <sub>3</sub> , SiH <sub>4</sub>	RI-MP2/QZVPP	along certain orientations	Morse	compare with MP2 PES for H <sub>2</sub> with boroxine and silane	compare with isotherms in COF-5	8
H <sub>2</sub> , Ar	pure, Li-doped COFs	benzene, H <sub>3</sub> B <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , C(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> , Si(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> , Li-HHTP cluster	MP2/cc-PVTZ; PW91/6-311g(d,p)	along certain orientations	Morse	compare with MP2 PES for H <sub>2</sub> and Ar with benzene and H <sub>3</sub> B <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , and MP2 binding energies with clusters	compare with isotherms of Ar in COF-102, 103	9
H <sub>2</sub>	ZIFs	C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>3</sub> H <sub>3</sub> , C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>3</sub> Cl <sub>3</sub> , C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>3</sub> (NO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> , Zn <sub>4</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	RI-MP2/aug-cc-pVQZ; QZVPP	along certain orientations	Morse	compare with MP2 PES for H <sub>2</sub> with clusters	compare with isotherms in ZIF-8	10
H <sub>2</sub>	PAFs	benzene, C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>12</sub>	MP2/cc-PVTZ	along certain orientations	Morse	compare with MP2 PES for H <sub>2</sub> with benzene	compare with isotherms in PAF-302	11
H <sub>2</sub>	Silicon nanotube (SiNT)	(5,5)SiNT, (7,7)SiNT, (9,9)SiNT, (14,14)SiNT	PW91/6-311++G(d,p)	along certain orientations	Morse	not presented	not presented	12
H <sub>2</sub>	Li-conjugated microporous polymers	Li-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>3</sub> (C <sub>2</sub> H) <sub>3</sub> cluster	UM06-L/6-311G(d,p)	along certain orientations	Morse	compare with UM06-L PES for H <sub>2</sub> with Li-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>3</sub> (C <sub>2</sub> H) <sub>3</sub>	compare with isotherms in pure and Li-doped CMP	13

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Guest molecule	Porous material	Adsorbent model	QM method	configuration	FF potential form	FF validation		Ref.
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H <sub>2</sub>	Li pillared graphene sheet, Li-doped pillared carbon nanotubes	C <sub>2</sub> molecule; Li-C <sub>32</sub> cluster	CCSD(T)/aug-cc-pVQZ, MP4/aug-cc-pVTZ, X3LYP/6-311G(d,p)	along certain orientations	Morse	not presented	compare with H <sub>2</sub> storage capacity in SWNT and Li-P-SWNT	14
CO <sub>2</sub>	NaX and NaY	Na-zeolite cluster	B3LYP/TZVP	along certain orientations	Buckingham + Coulomb	not presented	compare with isotherms and Q <sub>st</sub> in NaX and NaY	15
CO <sub>2</sub>	LiY	Li-zeolite cluster	B3LYP/TZVP	along certain orientations	Buckingham + Coulomb	not presented	compare with isotherms in LiY	16
CO <sub>2</sub>	siliceous zeolites	primitive unit cell of Si-CHA	periodic PBE-D2	randomly sampled	LJ + Coulomb	compare with PBE-D2 interaction energies for CO <sub>2</sub> with Si-CHA	compare with isotherms, K <sub>st</sub> and Q <sub>st</sub> in Si-CHA, Si-MFI and Si-DDR	17
CO <sub>2</sub>	Na-exchanged zeolites	primitive unit cell of LTA-4A	periodic DFT/CC	randomly sampled and from GCMC	LJ + Coulomb	compare with DFT/CC interaction energies for CO <sub>2</sub> with LTA-4A	compare with isotherms and Q <sub>st</sub> in LTA-4A, NaX, and NaY	18
CO <sub>2</sub>	pure and Li-doped COFs	benzene, H <sub>3</sub> B <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>3</sub> (SiH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> , C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> , Li-based cluster	MP2/cc-pVTZ	along certain orientations	LJ + Coulomb	compare with MP2 PES for CO <sub>2</sub> with the Li-cluster	compare with isotherms in COF-102	19
CO <sub>2</sub>	functionalized MOFs	benzene, C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O <sub>4</sub> , C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> , C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>3</sub> (NH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> , C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>3</sub> (NO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> , C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>3</sub> Cl <sub>3</sub>	RI-MP2/cc-pVQZ	along certain orientations	Morse + Coulomb	compare with MP2 PES for CO <sub>2</sub> with these clusters	compare with isotherms in MOF-5 and MOF-177	20
CO <sub>2</sub> , N <sub>2</sub>	Mg-MOF-74, Zn-MOF-74, MOF-5	metal-based clusters	RI-MP2, NEMO method for energy decomposition	along certain orientations	Buckingham + 5,6-power term + Coulomb	compare with MP2 energy components for CO <sub>2</sub> with clusters	compare with Q <sub>st</sub> , isotherms, and K <sub>st</sub> in Mg-MOF-74 and isotherms in MOF-5	21
CO <sub>2</sub>	ZIF-8, ZIF-71	methyl-Li <sub>2</sub> -imidazolate, dichloro-Li <sub>2</sub> -imidazolate	DFT-SAPT, energy decomposition	from NVT MD at 3000 K	Buckingham + damped 6-power term + damped Coulomb	compare with SAPT energy components for CO <sub>2</sub> with Li-fragments	compare with isotherms in ZIF-8 and ZIF-71	22
CO <sub>2</sub> , N <sub>2</sub>	functionalized ZIFs	Li <sub>2</sub> -imidazolate, methyl-Li <sub>2</sub> -imidazolate, dichloro-Li <sub>2</sub> -imidazolate, benzene, nitromethane, methyl bromide	DFT-SAPT, energy decomposition	from NVT MD at 3000 K	Buckingham + damped 6,8,10-power term + damped Coulomb	compare with SAPT energy components for CO <sub>2</sub> and N <sub>2</sub> with Li-imidazolate rings, and configurations from GCMC	compare with isotherms in the ZIFs	23

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Guest molecule	Porous material	Adsorbent model	QM method	configuration	FF potential form	FF validation		Ref.
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CO <sub>2</sub> , CH <sub>4</sub>	Mg-MOF-74, CuBTC, PCN-14	CO <sub>2</sub> : a Mg-based MOF cluster; CH <sub>4</sub> : a unit cell of CuBTC	CO <sub>2</sub> : B2PLYP-D2/Def2-TZVPP; CH <sub>4</sub> : periodic DFT/CC	CO <sub>2</sub> : along certain orientations; CH <sub>4</sub> : 2000 grid points within the unit cell	MMSV + Buck-CK	compare with B2PLYP interaction energies in the training set and from NVT MD, and periodic PBE-D2 interaction energies	compare with isotherms for CO <sub>2</sub> in Mg-MOF-74, and CH <sub>4</sub> in CuBTC and PCN-14	24
CO <sub>2</sub> , CH <sub>4</sub> , N <sub>2</sub> , Xe	MOMC	TPP cluster	B2PLYP-D3/def2-TZVPP	along certain orientations	vdW3	compare with B2PLYP PES for gas-TPP	compare with isotherms and Q <sub>st</sub> in the MOMC	25
CO <sub>2</sub> , C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub>	CuBTC	Cu <sub>2</sub> (formate) <sub>4</sub>	PBE/DNP	along certain orientations	LJ + Coul	compare with PBE PES for CO <sub>2</sub> , and C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> with the Cu <sub>2</sub> (formate) <sub>4</sub> cluster	compare with isotherms and Q <sub>st</sub> in CuBTC	26
CH <sub>4</sub>	COFs	benzene, B <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub> H <sub>3</sub> , Si(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	RI-MP2/QZVPP	along certain orientations	Morse	compare with MP2 PES for CH <sub>4</sub> with clusters	compare with isotherms in COF-5 and COF-8	27
CH <sub>4</sub>	Pure, Li-doped COFs	benzene, B <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub> H <sub>3</sub> , C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> , C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>2</sub> (SiH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> , Li-HHTP	RI-MP2/cc-PVTZ, PW91/6-311g(d,p)	along certain orientations	Morse	compare with MP2 and PW91 PES for CH <sub>4</sub> with clusters	compare with isotherms and Q <sub>st</sub> in COF-102	28
CH <sub>4</sub>	PAFs	benzene, toluene	MP2/6-311+G(d,p)	along certain orientations	LJ	compare with MP2 PES for CH <sub>4</sub> with benzene and toluene	not presented	29
N <sub>2</sub>	PAFs	benzene, C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>12</sub>	MP2/cc-PVTZ	along certain orientations	Morse	compare with MP2 PES for CH <sub>4</sub> with benzene	compare with isotherms in PAF-1	30
NH <sub>3</sub>	MIL-47, IRMOFs	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>7</sub> -COOH, C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>7</sub> -Cl, C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>7</sub> -C=O	MP2/6-31+G(d,p)	along certain orientations	Morse/LJ + Coul	compare with MP2 PES for NH <sub>3</sub> with functional groups	not presented	31
NH <sub>3</sub>	H-ZSM5,	5T cluster based	RI-MP2/TZVPP	randomly sampled	LJ + Coulomb	compare with PBE-D2 interaction	compare with adsorption	32
H <sub>2</sub> O	CuBTC, other Cu-based MOFs	CuBTC unit cell	periodic PBE-D2	randomly sampled	LJ + Coulomb + energy correction	compare with PBE-D2 interaction energies for H <sub>2</sub> O with CuBTC	compare with isotherms in CuBTC, CuMBTC, and CuEBTC	33
propene	CuBTC	Cu <sub>2</sub> (btc) <sub>4</sub> cluster	PBE/DNP	along certain orientations	Morse + power term	compare with PBE PES for C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>4</sub> with the Cu <sub>2</sub> (btc) <sub>4</sub> cluster	compare with isotherms in CuBTC	34

### Force field potential function forms:

The MMSV stands for a piecewise combination of Morse-Morse-spline-van der Waals,<sup>35</sup>

$$E(r_{ij}) = \begin{cases} D \left\{ \exp \left[ \alpha_1 \left( 1 - \frac{r_{ij}}{r_0} \right) \right] - 2 \exp \left[ \frac{\alpha_1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{r_{ij}}{r_0} \right) \right] \right\} & \text{for } 0 \leq r_{ij} \leq r_0 \\ D \left\{ \exp \left[ \alpha_2 \left( 1 - \frac{r_{ij}}{r_0} \right) \right] - 2 \exp \left[ \frac{\alpha_2}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{r_{ij}}{r_0} \right) \right] \right\} & \text{for } r_0 \leq r_{ij} \leq r_1 \\ b_1 + (r_{ij} - r_1) \{ b_2 + (r_{ij} - r_2) [ b_3 + (r_{ij} - r_1) b_4 ] \} & \text{for } r_1 \leq r_{ij} \leq r_2 \\ -Cr_{ij}^{-6} & \text{for } r_2 \leq r_{ij} < \infty \end{cases} \quad (\text{S1})$$

where  $D$  is the well depth parameter,  $r_0$  is the equilibrium energy distance, while  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  determines the shape of the potential; the joining points  $r_1$  and  $r_2$ , and the spline-function parameters  $b_1$ – $b_4$  are obtained algebraically by the continuity requirements;  $C$  is the dispersion coefficient.

Each term in the DFT-SAPT energy decomposition is described by a corresponding force field potential function,<sup>22, 23</sup>

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} E_{exch}^{(1)}(r_{ij}) = \sum_{ij} A_{ij}^{exch} \exp(-B_{ij}r_{ij}) \\ E_{pol}^{(1)}(r_{ij}) \cong \sum_{ij} f_1(B_{ij}, r_{ij}) \frac{q_i q_j}{r_{ij}} + \sum_{ij} A_{ij}^{elec} \exp(-B_{ij}r_{ij}) \\ E_{ind}^{(2)} + E_{ind-exch}^{(2)} \cong U_{shell} + \sum_{ij} A_{ij}^{ind} \exp(-B_{ij}r_{ij}) \\ E_{disp}^{(2)} + E_{disp-exch}^{(2)} \cong \sum_{i,j} A_{ij}^{disp} \exp(-B_{ij}r_{ij}) - \sum_{n=6,8,10} \sum_{i,j} f_n(\beta_{ij}, r_{ij}) \frac{C_n^{ij}}{r_{ij}^n} \\ E_{\delta hf}^{(2)}(r_{ij}) = \sum_{ij} A_{ij}^{\delta hf} \exp(-B_{ij}r_{ij}) \end{array} \right. \quad (\text{S2})$$

where  $A_{ij}^{exch}$ ,  $A_{ij}^{elec}$ ,  $A_{ij}^{ind}$ ,  $A_{ij}^{disp}$ , and  $A_{ij}^{\delta hf}$  are the prefactors for each term, and  $B_{ij}$  are the exponents and utilized in all the Buckingham-type terms. These Buckingham-type terms were used to account for short-range charge penetration effect, which is proportional to the overlap of electron densities.  $f_n(\beta_{ij}, r_{ij})$  is the Tang-Toennies damping function and used to damp both Coulomb and dispersion interactions;  $U_{shell}$  is the total Drude oscillator polarization energy and considered only for adsorbate-adsorbate interactions;  $C_6^{ij}$ ,  $C_8^{ij}$ ,  $C_{10}^{ij}$  are dispersion coefficients.

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