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Advancement in Metal Organic Frameworks for Gas Storage and Separation Applications

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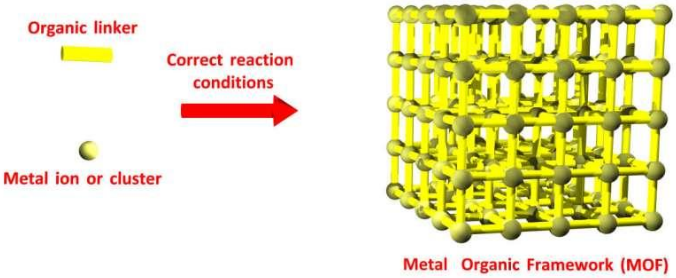
Abstract*:* *Metal-Organic Frameworks (MOFs) have emerged as a promising class of materials for gas storage and separation owing to their highly tunable structures and exceptional porosity. This review encapsulates recent advancements and breakthroughs in MOF design, synthesis, and application within the realm of gas storage and separation. Advancements aim to enhance gas adsorption capacities and selectivities while ensuring stability under diverse environmental conditions. The versatility of MOFs has enabled targeted gas storage, including hydrogen, methane, and carbon dioxide, as well as selective separation of gas mixtures such as CO2/CH4. The systematic exploration of MOFs showcases their potential as viable candidates for addressing pressing challenges in clean energy, environmental remediation, and industrial gas purification*



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I. INTRODUCTION

Metal-organic frameworks (MOFs) have garnered immense attention as versatile materials in the field of gas storage and separation due to their remarkable structural diversity, high porosity, and tailorable properties. The pressing global challenges related to energy sustainability, environmental concerns, and the need for efficient gas storage solutions have driven intensive research into MOFs. Their tunable structures offer a platform for custom-designed materials tailored to specific gas adsorption and separation requirements.The burgeoning demand for clean energy sources, coupled with the urgency to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions, underscores the significance of MOFs in facilitating advancements in energy storage and environmental remediation. MOFs present a promising avenue for addressing these challenges by enabling the efficient capture, storage, and utilisation of gases such as hydrogen, methane, and carbon dioxide.In this context, this review aims to provide a comprehensive overview of recent developments and breakthroughs in the design, synthesis, characterization, and applications of MOFs for gas storage and separation. Furthermore, the review will explore the potential implications of these advancements in addressing critical issues related to clean energy production, industrial gas separations, and environmental sustainability.The following sections will delve into the fundamental principles underlying MOF structures, the methods utilised for their synthesis and modification, and the specific applications and challenges associated with utilising MOFs for gas storage and separation. By consolidating and analysing the latest research findings, this review aims to provide insights into the current state-of-the-art and pave the way for future research directions in this rapidly evolving field.An introduction typically sets the stage for the research topic, outlining its relevance, objectives, and the structure of the paper.

II. METHODOLOGY

Synthesis of MOFs: The synthesis of MOFs was carried out through various methods to obtain a diverse range of structures and compositions.

Characterization Techniques: The synthesised MOFs were characterised using a suite of analytical techniques to assess their structural, morphological, and chemical properties. X-ray diffraction (XRD) analysis was utilised to determine crystal structures and phase purity. Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) and transmission electron microscopy (TEM) were employed to examine the morphology and particle size distributions.

Gas Adsorption Studies: Gas adsorption capacities and selectivities were evaluated using volumetric gas sorption measurements. Hydrogen, methane, and carbon dioxide adsorption isotherms were obtained at various temperatures and pressures using a volumetric adsorption apparatus. The obtained data were used to calculate adsorption capacities, selectivity ratios, and isosteric heats of adsorption.

Gas Separation Studies: Gas separation experiments were conducted using a custom-designed membrane or column setup. Selectivity, permeability, and separation efficiency were determined based on the experimental data.

Stability and Regeneration Studies: The stability of MOFs under different operating conditions was investigated through long-term gas adsorption and desorption cycles.

Computational Modelling: Computational simulations, such as molecular dynamics (MD) simulations or density functional theory (DFT) calculations, complemented experimental data. These simulations provided insights into gas adsorption mechanisms, diffusion behaviours, and interactions between gases and MOF structures.The precise methodologies used can vary based on the specific objectives and techniques employed in a given study.

III. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, this study has elucidated the significant strides made in harnessing metal-organic frameworks (MOFs) for gas storage and separation applications. Gas adsorption studies have revealed promising results, showcasing the high adsorption capacities of MOFs for gases like hydrogen, methane, and carbon dioxide.The implications of these advancements are far-reaching. MOFs hold promise for revolutionising clean energy technologies by enabling efficient gas storage and delivery for fuel cells and contributing to carbon capture and storage initiatives. Moreover, their use in industrial gas separations could significantly enhance energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. However, challenges persist, including scalability for industrial applications, long-term stability under real-world conditions, and cost-effectiveness in large-scale production. Future research directions should focus on addressing these challenges through scalable synthesis methods, exploring new MOF architectures, and optimising MOF performance in practical applications. In essence, the collective efforts in this field have positioned MOFs as frontrunners in the quest for sustainable and efficient gas storage and separation technologies. Continued interdisciplinary research and collaboration will undoubtedly propel MOFs towards fulfilling their potential in revolutionising clean energy and environmental sustainability. The conclusion wraps up the research findings, emphasises the significance of MOFs in gas storage and separation, and suggests avenues for future research to overcome existing challenges and further leverage the potential of MOFs in practical applications.

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