



## Supplementary Materials for

### **A scalable metal-organic framework as a durable physisorbent for carbon dioxide capture**

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## Materials and Methods

### Synthesis of CALF20 single crystals

0.05 g of 2,5-dihydroxy-1,4-benzoquinone was dissolved in 6.0 mL of 50% ethanol. The solution was then added into a solution of 0.18 g of  $\text{Zn}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 0.05 g of 1,2,4-triazole and 6.0 mL of 50% ethanol. The mixture was filtered after stirring for five minutes at room temperature. 6.0 mL of the filtrate was measured and transferred into a 20 mL Teflon autoclave. The autoclave was heated in a convection oven at 180 °C for 48 hours, and then slowly cooled to room temperature in 12 hours before removed from the oven. In situ decomposition to oxalic acid afforded single crystals of CALF20.

### Synthesis of CALF20 powder

6.60 g of zinc oxalate, 5.00 g of 1,2,4-triazole and 66.0 mL of methanol were added into a 125 mL Teflon autoclave. The autoclave was heated in a convection oven at 180 °C for 48 hours. The product was washed with 40.0 mL of methanol. 7.30 g of air-dried white powder was collected. The yield is about 70%.

### Structuring of CALF20

Powdered CALF20 was structured using a phase inversion method. 0.75 g of polysulfone was added to a beaker containing 6.26 g of N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone and 0.25 g of pluronic F127. The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight to dissolve polysulfone completely. Then, 9 g of powder CALF20 was added and stirred for 3 hours. The resulting mixture was extruded into a water tank to form a structured CALF20 by solvent/water exchange. The particle density of the structured CALF20 sample was estimated at 570 kg/m<sup>3</sup>, and the particle size was from 1.0-3.0 mm using polysulfone as a binder. A comparison of powdered and structured CALF20 isotherms is given in Fig. S5.

### Single-crystal X-ray diffraction experiment details

Single-crystal X-ray diffraction data was collected at 173(2) K on a Bruker APEX-II CCD diffractometer using Mo K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ ). Crystal was mounted on nylon CryoLoops with Paraton-N. A multi-scan absorption correction was applied to the collected reflections. Using Olex [55], the structure was solved with the ShelXS [58] structure solution program using Direct Methods and refined with the ShelXL [59] refinement package using Least Squares minimisation. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. The organic hydrogen atoms were generated geometrically.

### Physical measurements

Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) patterns were measured on Bruker D8 Advanced and Rigaku Miniflex II bench top X-Ray diffractometers at room temperature using Cu-K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 1.5406 \text{ \AA}$ ). Thermogravimetric analysis and differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) were recorded on Netzsch STA 409 PC TGA analyser under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere, using an Al pan at a heating rate of 2°C min<sup>-1</sup>. The FTIR-spectra were recorded on a Nicolet Nexus-470 FT-IR spectrometer using KBr Pellets.

### Adsorption Analyses

The adsorption isotherms for CO<sub>2</sub> (99.998%) and N<sub>2</sub> (99.999%) were conducted using an Accelerated Surface Area & Porosimetry System (ASAP) 2020 supplied by Micromeritics Instruments Inc. In a general procedure, the dry sample (~100 mg) was loaded into the glass analysis tube. The sample was heated under vacuum (~10<sup>-6</sup> mbar) in two stages, initially to 60 °C at 1°C/min for 2 hrs then to 100 °C at 1°C/min for 12 hrs. After this the outgas rate was less than 2 µbar/hr. The sample was then backfilled with N<sub>2</sub> before being transferred to the analysis port where it was evacuated for at least a further 240 min before the analysis was started. Surface areas were calculated using both Langmuir and BET fits. The number of data points in each model were selected to maximize R<sup>2</sup>, with minimum number of points being 35 for Langmuir and 14 for BET.

### Competitive H<sub>2</sub>O, CO<sub>2</sub> adsorption measurements

Several papers in the literature measure the loading of CO<sub>2</sub> in the presence of H<sub>2</sub>O using a two-step approach. The first step, the regenerated sorbent is saturated with a humid stream, for example Air +H<sub>2</sub>O. The mass under these conditions is measured. In step 2 the gas stream is switched to that containing CO<sub>2</sub>+H<sub>2</sub>O, at the same value of RH as in Step 1. It is not uncommon to assume that the H<sub>2</sub>O loadings from step 1 is unaltered in step 2. Hence the difference in mass between steps 1 and 2 is considered as the mass of CO<sub>2</sub> adsorbed. While this can be true in strongly hydrophilic sorbents such as Zeolite 13X, it can lead to inaccurate measurements when dealing with sorbents where CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O show strong competitive behavior. Hence, it is important to develop experimental methods that avoid this assumption. This means two independent experiments are required. Two approaches can be considered: 1. Perform two experiments each of which can provide the competitive loadings of H<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>2</sub>, respectively. 2. Perform one experiment that provides the total loading of CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O and a second experiment that provides the competitive loading of either H<sub>2</sub>O or CO<sub>2</sub>. We adopt the second approach. We use a thermogravimetric analysis to measure the total loading of CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O, and a dynamic column breakthrough (DCB) experiment to measure the competitive H<sub>2</sub>O loading. The difference from the two experiments provides the competitive loadings of CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O.

### Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA)

The total CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O competitive loadings were measured by a Thermogravimetric analyzer TA Q500 (TA Instruments, DE, USA) from 10% RH to 90% RH at ~295K and 97 kPa total pressure. A bubbler humidifier was used to create streams with varying RH values. This bubbler comprises of a tank filled with deionized water to saturate the feed with water vapour (Fig. S1). A specific RH value can be obtained by controlling the ratio between the dry gas and the humid gas, i.e., by suitably controlling the set points of two mass flow controllers (Alicat Scientific, Tuscon, AZ, USA), MFC-1 and MFC-2. By monitoring the relative humidity meter (RH1, SensorPush, Brooklyn, NY, USA) located at the outlet of the humidifier, a stable RH stream can be generated. In the design available in our laboratory, it took approximately 5-6 hours for the RH value to stabilize. The resulting feed is introduced to the TGA chamber holding ~70 mg of structured CALF20. Since the TGA is gravimetric, only the total mass of the sample and the adsorbates can be measured. Hence, when CO<sub>2</sub> is used as the carrier gas, only the total amount of CO<sub>2</sub> and

H<sub>2</sub>O can be measured. The equilibrium is considered to be reached when the change in mass for a period of 120 mins was less than 0.01%. Prior to each experiment, the sample was activated at 423K for 12 hours. This TGA has a weighing precision of ±0.01% and a sensitivity of 0.1µg. The total loading of H<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>2</sub> measured by the TGA is shown as Curve (1) in fig S15.

#### Dynamic column breakthrough (DCB)

Dynamic column breakthrough experiments have been used in the literature to measure competitive H<sub>2</sub>O- CO<sub>2</sub> loadings [37,60,61] The H<sub>2</sub>O loadings from the CO<sub>2</sub>+H<sub>2</sub>O competitive adsorption were measured by performing adsorption dynamic column breakthrough experiments at different RH values. The dynamic column breakthrough (DCB) apparatus, shown schematically in Fig. S2, was used. The bubbler humidifier was added to the DCB apparatus to generate a humid stream. A 40 mL stainless steel column (Swagelok 304L-HDF2-40, length 7.86 cm; inner diameter 2.82 cm) packed with 16.7 g structured CALF20 was used. Two relative humidity meters (SensorPush, Brooklyn, NY, USA) were placed at the inlet and outlet of the column. The pressure at the inlet and the pressure drop of the column were measured by a pressure transducer and a differential pressure gauge (GE Druck, Billerica, MA, USA). A thermocouple (Omega Engineering, Laval, QC, Canada) was placed 1.82 cm from the column outlet to record the column temperature history. A mass spectrometer (Pfeiffer Vacuum OmniStar GSD 320, Asslar, Germany) was placed at the outlet to record the composition of the effluent gas. All data were recorded every second automatically by a Labview data acquisition system. The column was activated at 423K for 12 hours using helium as a purge gas prior to each experiment. It is important that each experiment is performed long enough that outlet concentrations of both components equal their corresponding inlet values. As seen in Figs 5B and c, each competitive DCB experiment was performed anywhere between ≈ 30,000 to 230, 000 s, i.e., 8.3 to 65 hours. At the end of a DCB experiment, the loading of a component *i* can be calculated by performing a mass balance:

$$n_{i, \text{in}} - n_{i, \text{out}} = n_{i, \text{acc}}$$

Where *n<sub>i,in</sub>* and *n<sub>i,out</sub>* correspond to the total number of moles at the inlet and outlet of the column, respectively. *n<sub>i,acc</sub>* is the moles of the component accumulated in the column. The term on the left hand side are measured using detectors and flowmeters. The moles accumulated contains two contributions, one from the moles in the fluid phase present in the interstitial voids and those in the adsorbed phase. The moles in the interstitial voids can be calculated based on the measurements of pressure, temperature and knowledge of the void space. Hence, the only unknown quantity is the moles adsorbed. Hence, this quantity can be calculated. In this study, the competitive H<sub>2</sub>O loading measured from DCB measurements are shown as Curve (2) in Fig. S. Finally, the competitive loading of CO<sub>2</sub> can now be obtained from difference of Curves 1 and 2. This is shown as Curve (3) in Fig. S15.

#### Cyclic Oxidation Test on TGA

35 mg sample of CALF20 was loaded in Q500 TA TGA instrument connected to dry air as carrier gas and a certified 15%CO<sub>2</sub>/85% He gas bottle. The gas flowrate was set

as 200 ml/min for both gases. the sample ramped up under dry air at 10C/min up to 150°C, and then kept for 90 min, and then cooled down to 50 °C under dry air, followed by switching the air to 15% CO<sub>2</sub> gas for CO<sub>2</sub> uptake measurement. This cycle was repeated 30 times and results showed that the CO<sub>2</sub> uptake was unchanged confirming CALF20 material is completely air stable at 150 °C during this total testing period (5000 min or 83 hrs).

### Natural gas boiler flue gas exposure of CALF20 Powder

A natural gas boiler generating flue gas and steam is used at the Svante test unit [100 kg CO<sub>2</sub> capture/day demonstration unit]. The flue gas flowrate was controlled by rotameter at 70-100 cc/min. The U-tube chamber was filled with 1g CALF20 powder and wool in order to avoid powder splash, and whole system was heat controlled by mantel at 50°C to avoid any flue gas condensation (Figure S3). The flue gas inlet temperature going through the chamber was 40 °C, and saturated with water vapor. Flue gas composition was measured by GC gas analyzer and presented (Table S4).

## **Computational Details**

### Force Field

Grand canonical Monte Carlo (GCMC) simulations were performed such that the framework of the MOF was fixed to that of the experimental crystal structure. Guest molecule – framework interactions were modeled with Lennard-Jones (LJ) potentials to account for the non-bonded steric and dispersion interactions while the fixed partial atomic charge model was used to model non-bonded electrostatic interactions. LJ parameters from the Universal Force Field (UFF)[62], were used for framework atoms. The intermolecular potential parameters for CO<sub>2</sub> guest molecules were obtained from Garcia-Sánchez et al. adsorption in zeolites[63]. The parameters for N<sub>2</sub> guest molecules were taken from the N<sub>2</sub>-NIMF parameters developed in-house[64] to reproduce experimental N<sub>2</sub> uptake isotherms in MOFs. TIP4P-Ew[65] parameters were used for the LJ parameters for water. In a comparison of several common water force fields, namely SPC/E, TIP3P, TIP4P, TIP4P/Ew, TIP5P, and TIP5P/Ew, the TIP4P-Ew potential gave the best overall agreement to the experimental water adsorption isotherms in a series of 8 MOFs.[66] Specific parameters used for each atom type can be found in Tables S1 and S2. Lorentz-Berthelot mixing rules were used to determine LJ parameters between atoms of different types. Partial atomic charges on the framework atoms were determined from an electrostatic potential fit to periodic Density Functional Theory (DFT) calculation of CALF20 using the REPEAT method.[67] The DFT calculation was performed using the Vienna Ab initio Simulation Package (VASP)[68-70]. The Perdew–Burke–Ernzerhof (PBE) functional[71] and projector augmented-wave (PAW) pseudopotentials[72] were used with a plane wave energy cut-off of 400 eV. The REPEAT partial atomic charges for CALF20 can be found in Table S3.

### Grand Canonical Monte Carlo Simulations

Grand Canonical Monte Carlo (GCMC) simulations were performed using an in-house developed code based on the DL\_POLY classic molecular dynamics package[73]. GCMC simulations excluding simulations that contained water were run for  $12 \times 10^6$  equilibration steps and  $32 \times 10^6$  production steps.  $\text{CO}_2/\text{N}_2$  GCMC separations were carried out isothermally at 293 K with a  $\text{CO}_2:\text{N}_2$  ratio of 20:80. Adsorption isotherms were calculated for total pressures ranging from 0.01 to 1.2 bar. For the pure water isotherms, a separate GCMC simulation was performed for each relative humidity ranging from 10 to 100% where 100% corresponds to 0.02338 bar which is water's saturation pressure at 293 K. For the adsorption simulations, an empty MOF framework was used as a starting point. Desorption simulations were also performed in order to ensure that equilibrium had been reached for each pressure point. For these desorption simulations, a water-saturated MOF generated using GCMC at 0.1 bar was used as a starting point. The number of equilibration steps was determined by examining the plot of uptake as a function of GCMC steps. Production steps began once the number of adsorbed water molecules showed reasonable stabilization. The simulations were performed by going 'forward and backward' along the range of pressures. The initial configuration and water molecules from a next lower/higher pressure were used as a starting point. For each pressure point, 500 million production steps were performed and the average uptake for the production steps was used as a single data point in the isotherm. Similarly, the isotherms for  $\text{CO}_2/\text{N}_2/\text{H}_2\text{O}$  gas mixtures were also generated by calculating uptake for each gas component at relative humidity ranging from 10 to 100% where 100% corresponds to 0.02338 bar (water's saturation pressure at 293 K). The total pressure of  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{N}_2$  was kept at 1 bar with a  $\text{CO}_2:\text{N}_2$  ratio of 20:80.

Isosteric heat of adsorptions (HOA) were calculated from the GCMC simulations via the Green – Kubo fluctuation theory expression,

$$q_{isosteric} = \frac{\langle UN \rangle - \langle U \rangle \langle N \rangle}{\langle N^2 \rangle - \langle N \rangle \langle N \rangle} + RT$$

where N is the number of guest molecules in the GCMC simulation and U is the total configuration energy for the guest molecules.

### Binding Site Analysis

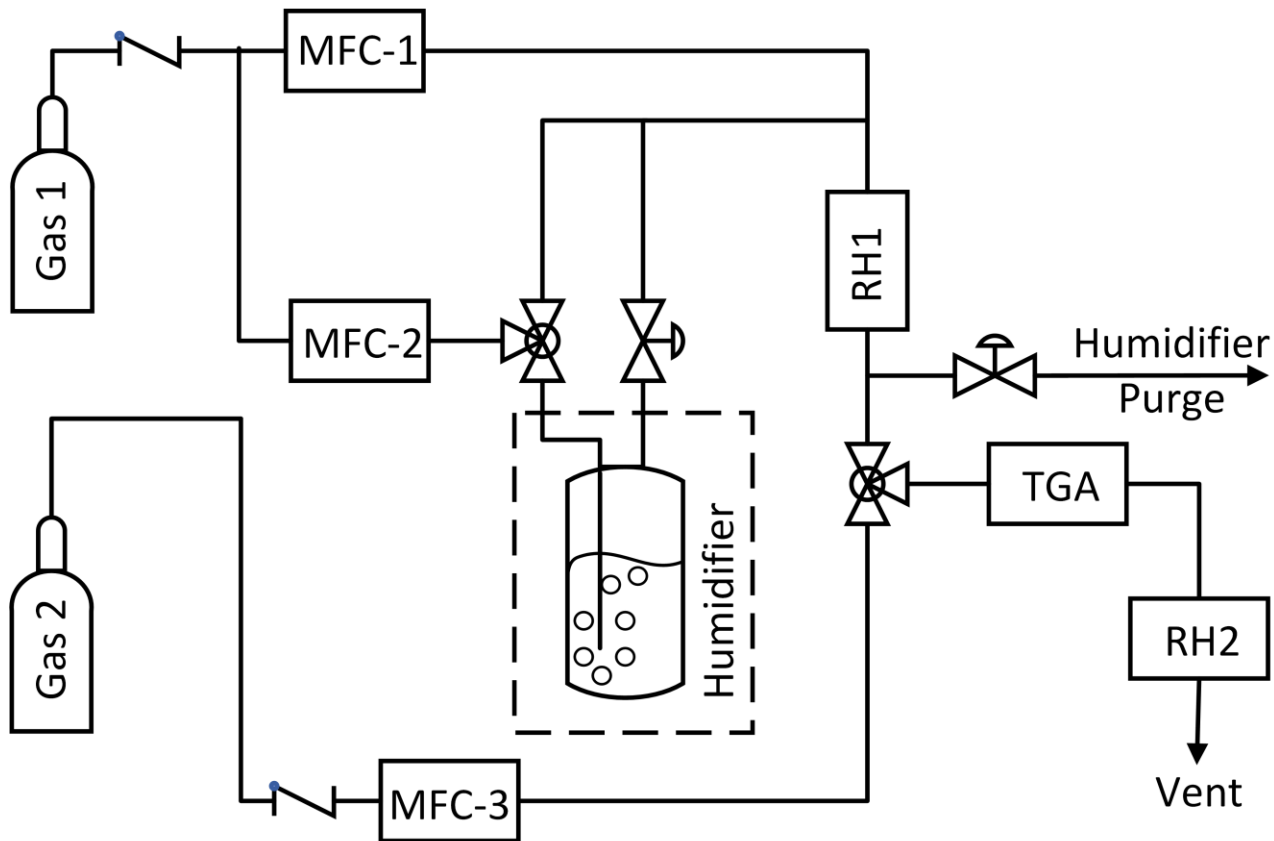
Binding sites were determined from the probability distributions generated from the GCMC simulations using an in-house code as reported in [13]. The probability distributions are computed by storing, or binning, the positions of the adsorbed guest atoms at each post-equilibration GCMC step in a 3-dimensional real-space grid. The simulation cell is discretized in each cell vector direction using a grid size of 0.15 Å. The resulting 3D histogram data contains averaged values of the guest atom distributions over the span of a GCMC simulation which, by its construction, samples the free energy of the system. It can be said that maximum values found in the histogram are the regions of highest residence or occupancy of the guest molecules. These maxima correspond to wells in the free energy surface of the system and are thus considered free energy binding sites in the MOF pores. The task of identifying these maxima and assigning binding sites in an automated fashion is briefly described here.

The landscape of the probability distributions can be quite rough due to the statistical noise of the stochastic sampling process even when a large number of MC steps is used. To reduce the sampling noise, several strategies were employed. First, the probability distributions of the supercell simulation were folded into that of the single unit cell. Additionally, an equitable binning process was utilized. In normal binning, the position of an atom is assigned to the closest grid point and a value of 1 is inserted into grid-point or “bin”. When using equitable binning, the distance to the eight closest grid points are identified and the value of 1.0 is distributed proportionally based on how close the atom is to each grid point and those fractions inserted into the eight individual bins. To further smooth the data, a Gaussian filter was utilized. Other noise reduction filters, such as lowpass filters and median filters were tested, however the Gaussian filter was found to give the best results and is very efficient. Our implementation makes use of the 3D Gaussian filter implemented in SciPy[74] which convolutes three 1-D Gaussian kernels:

$$G(x, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

where  $\sigma$  (sigma) is the standard deviation of the Gaussian kernel. The Gaussian filter is equivalent to a low pass filter with a parabolic attenuation to decrease the high frequency noise but is applied in real space. A  $\sigma$  value of 2.0 Å was used. If more than one maximum is within the 0.675 Å of other maxima, only the maximum with the highest occupancy is retained. Additionally, only maxima greater than 10% of the highest probability found were considered.

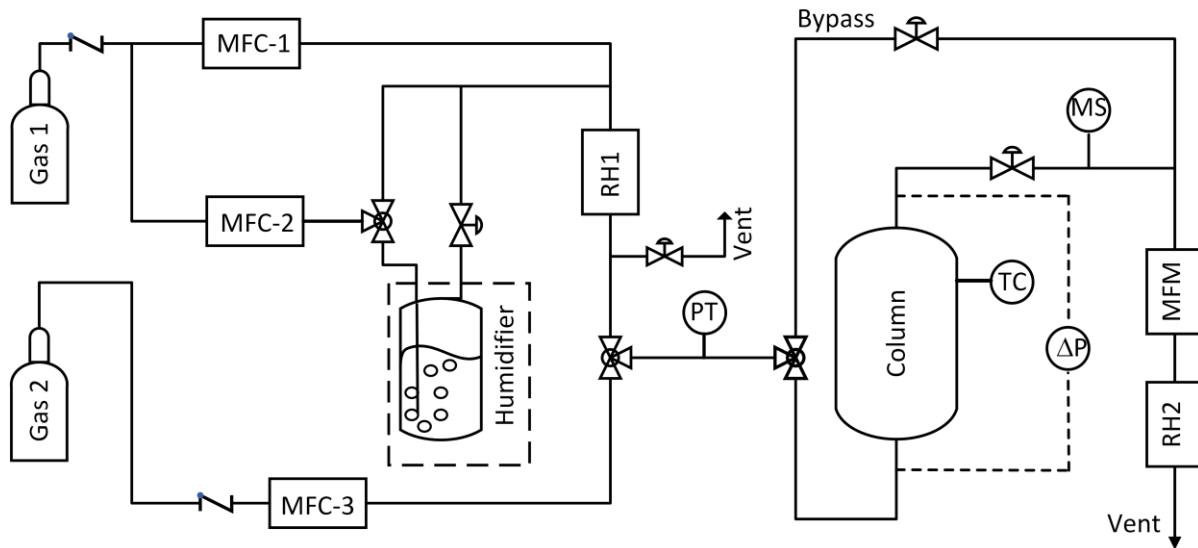
Figure S11 shows the most probable binding sites for CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O in multicomponent simulations. The CO<sub>2</sub> binding site at 20%RH (Figure S11a) is nearly identical to the CO<sub>2</sub> binding site (Figure 3a of main text) from the binary CO<sub>2</sub>/N<sub>2</sub> simulation and has a binding energy of -33.5 kJ/mol. However, at 60%RH, when CO<sub>2</sub> has been outcompeted by water, there is a notable change in the CO<sub>2</sub> binding site, where the internuclear axis is now in the *bc* plane instead of along the *a*-axis (Figure S11c). Furthermore, the CO<sub>2</sub> binding site has oriented toward the triazole linkers. Interestingly, the binding site at 60% RH is 2 kJ/mol stronger than that from the 20% RH simulation (Table S6). For water, the binding sites remain essentially the same, where the sites are located at the four corners of each pore, and the most probable binding site is oriented away from the framework to maximize H-bonding interactions with other water guest molecules (Figures S11b, S11d). As seen with CO<sub>2</sub>, minor changes in the binding site of water in these simulations results in a decrease in binding energy by ~2 kJ/mol from 20% RH to 60% RH, with guest-guest interactions becoming more important for increased loading at higher RH (Table S6). This effect is further supported by the drastic increase in the heat of adsorption (HOA) for water from 1% RH to 100% RH compared to the minute change in the HOA for CO<sub>2</sub> (Table S7).



**Fig. S1**

The schematic of the thermogravimetric analyzer coupled with the bubbler humidifier. MFC: Mass flow controller; RH: Relative humidity meter; TGA: Thermogravimetric analyzer.



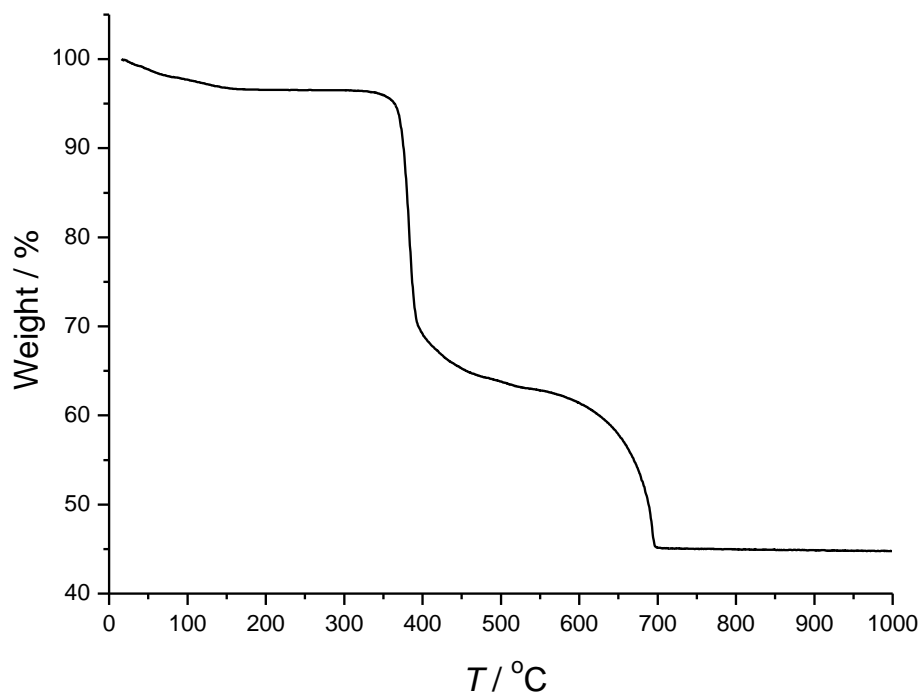


**Fig. S2**

The CO<sub>2</sub>+H<sub>2</sub>O dynamic column breakthrough apparatus. MFC: Mass flow controller; RH: Relative humidity meter; MS: Mass spectrometer; PT: Pressure transducer; TC: Thermocouple; MFM: Mass flow meter.

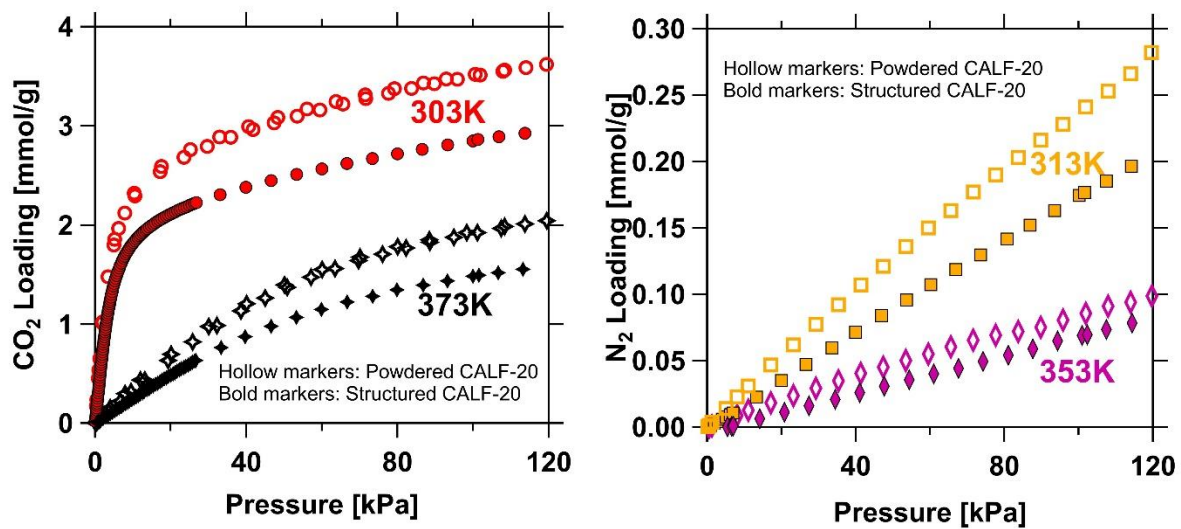


**Fig. S3**  
Test rig for flue gas exposure of CALF20 from a natural gas burner.



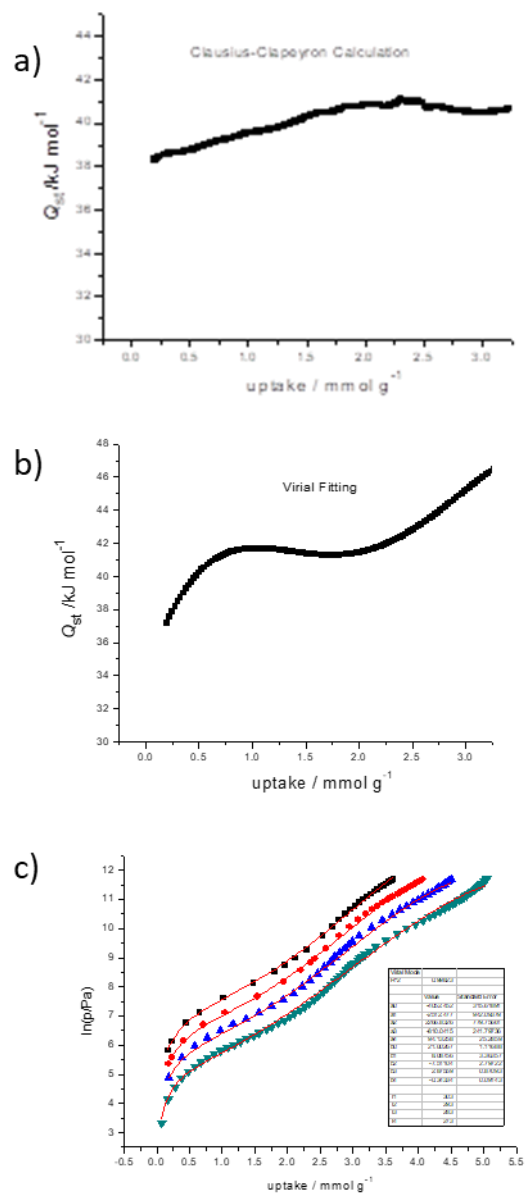
**Fig. S4**

TGA of CALF20 under air atmosphere.



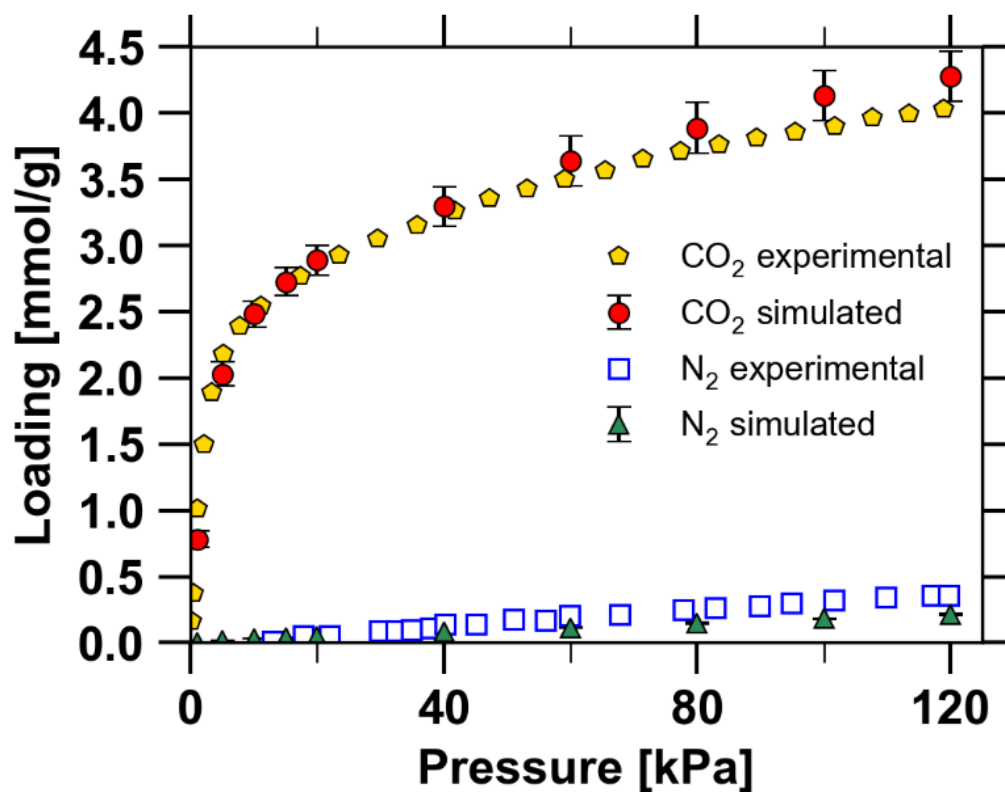
**Fig. S5**

Comparison of CO<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub> isotherms of pure and structured CALF20 at different temperatures. Hollow markers are the isotherms of powdered CALF20; Bold (filled) markers are the isotherms of structured CALF20.



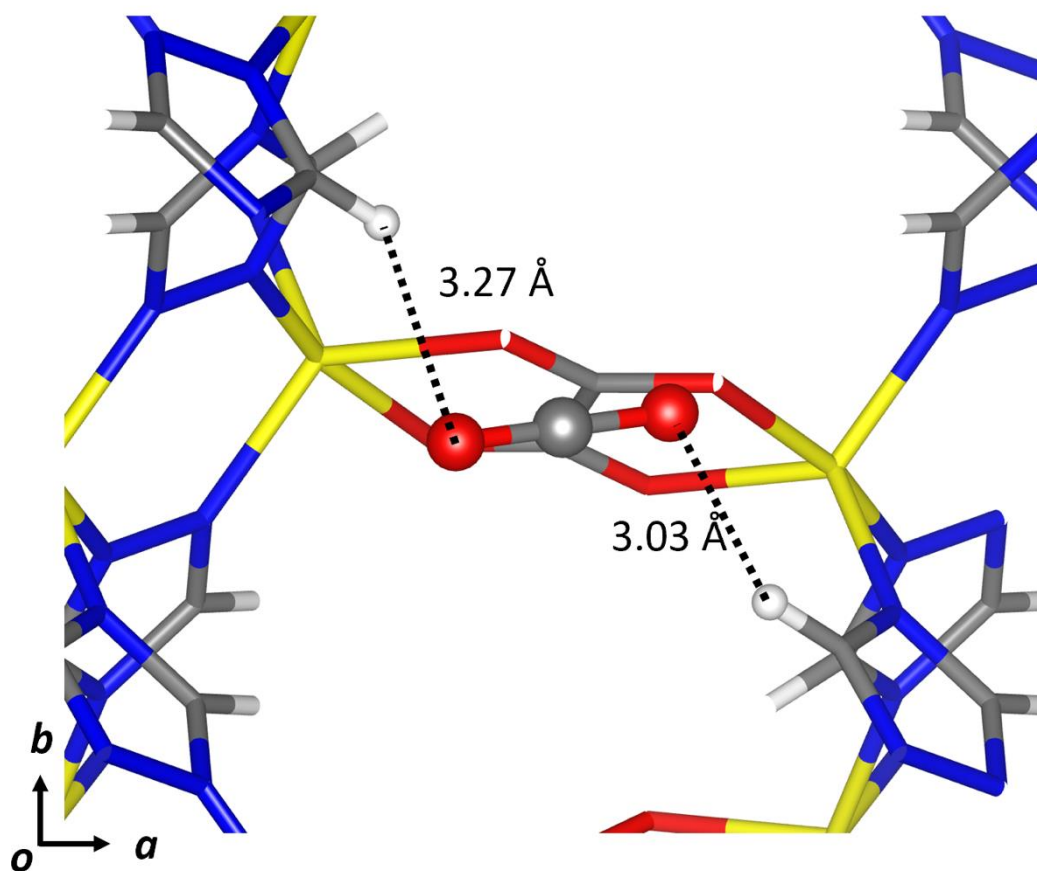
**Fig. S6**

$Q_{st}$  values calculated using (a) the Clausius-Clapeyron equation and (b) virial model with the isotherms at 273, 283, 293, and 303 K. (c) The fitting parameters of the virial model with the isotherms at 273, 283, 293, and 303 K.



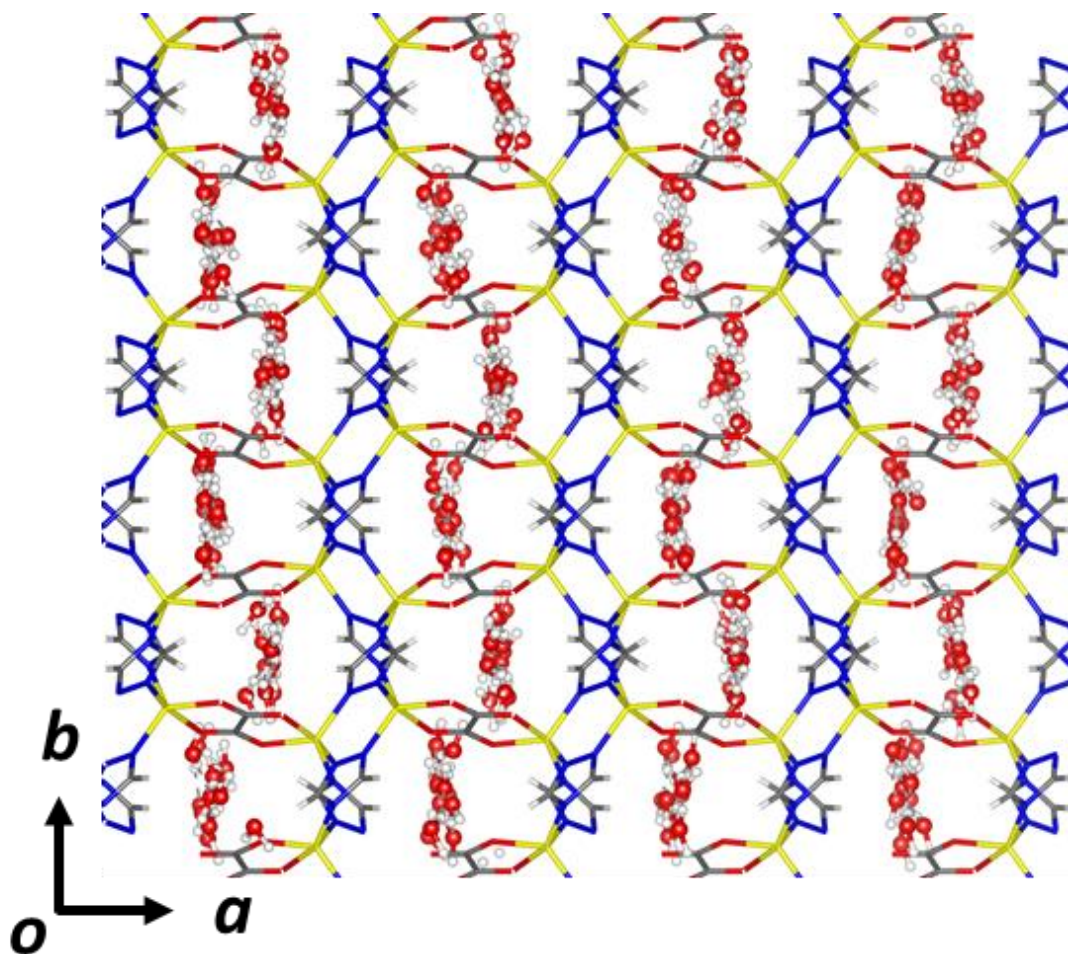
**Fig. S7**

Computed and experimental CO<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub> single component isotherms at 293 K.



**Fig. S8**

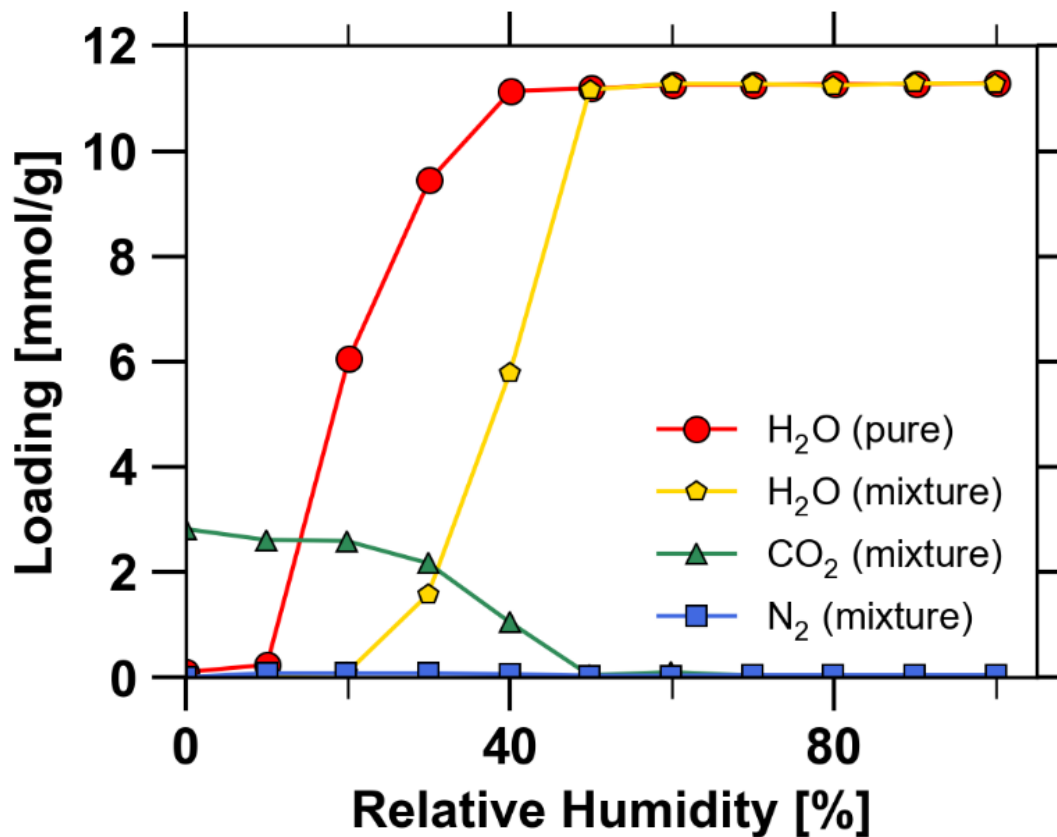
The two shortest interatomic distances between CO<sub>2</sub> and the CALF20 framework in the most probable CO<sub>2</sub> binding site extracted from a water-free binary GCMC simulation of 0.2 bar CO<sub>2</sub>, 0.8 bar N<sub>2</sub> and 293 K.



**Fig. S9**

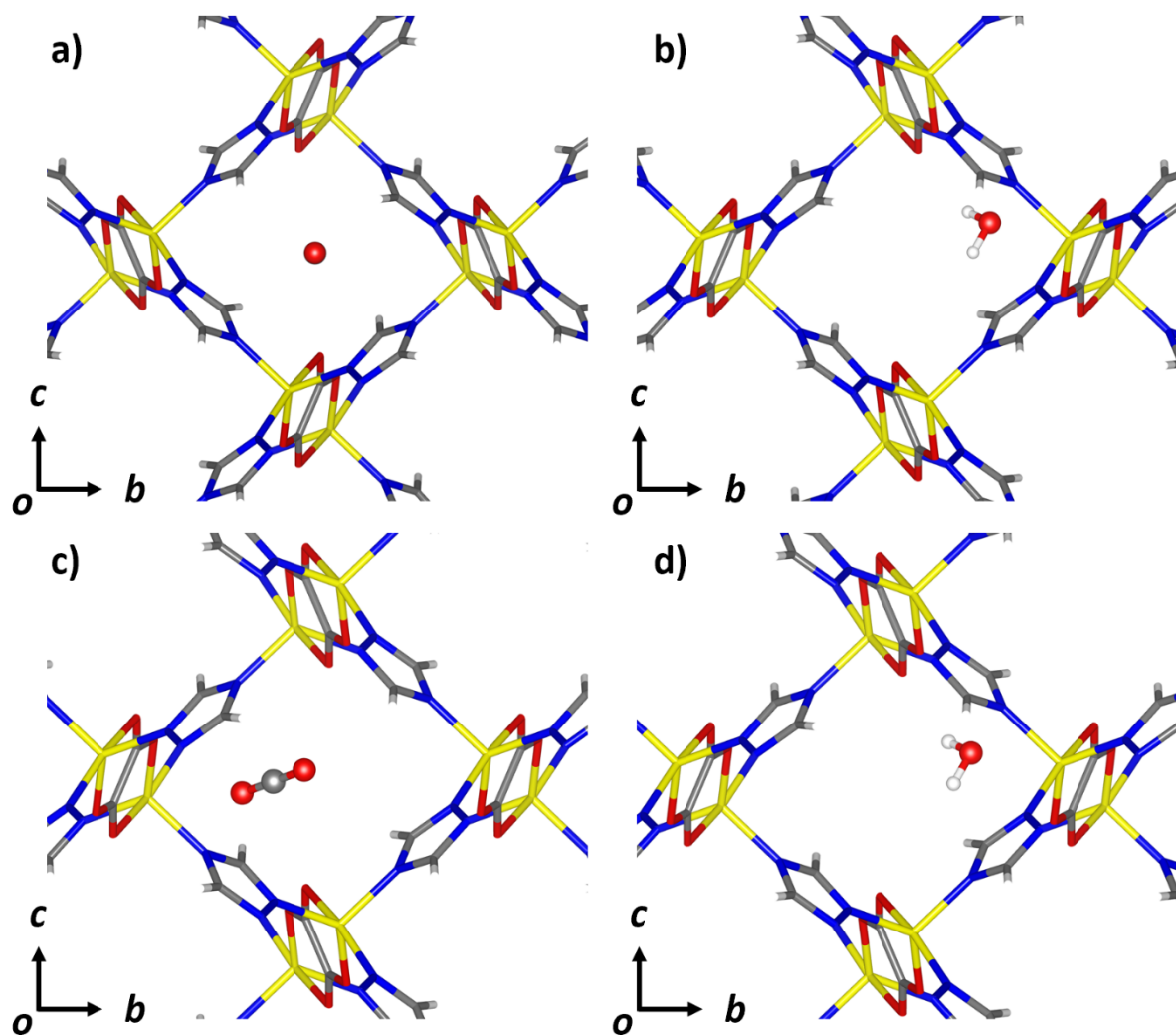
A single configuration from a GCMC simulation (following equilibration) of water at 60% RH at 293 K.





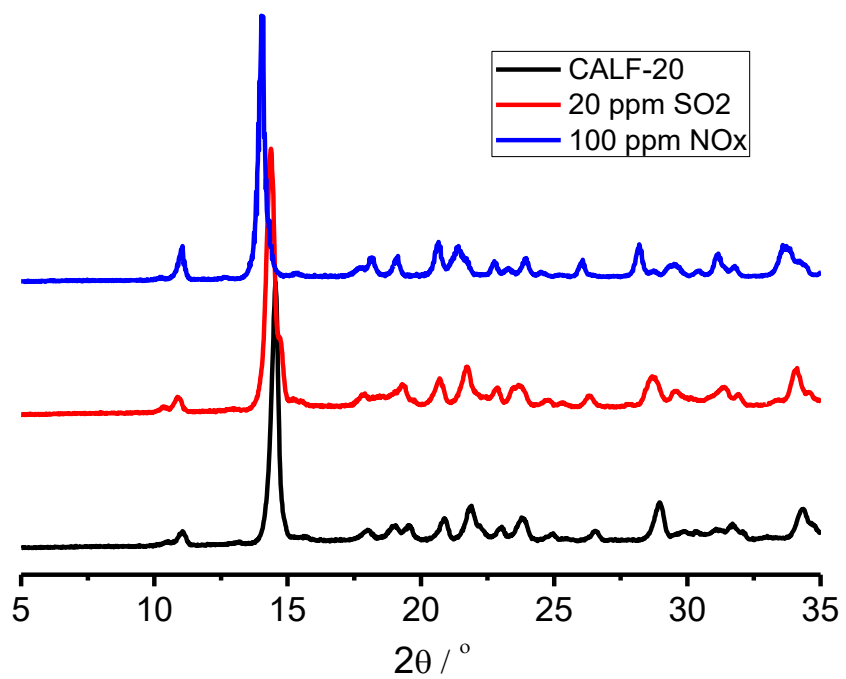
**Fig. S10**

Guest loadings from GCMC simulations at different relative humidities from single component water simulations and multicomponent CO<sub>2</sub>/N<sub>2</sub>/water simulations at 293 K. CO<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub> were at 0.2 and 0.8 atm, respectively in the multi-component simulations.



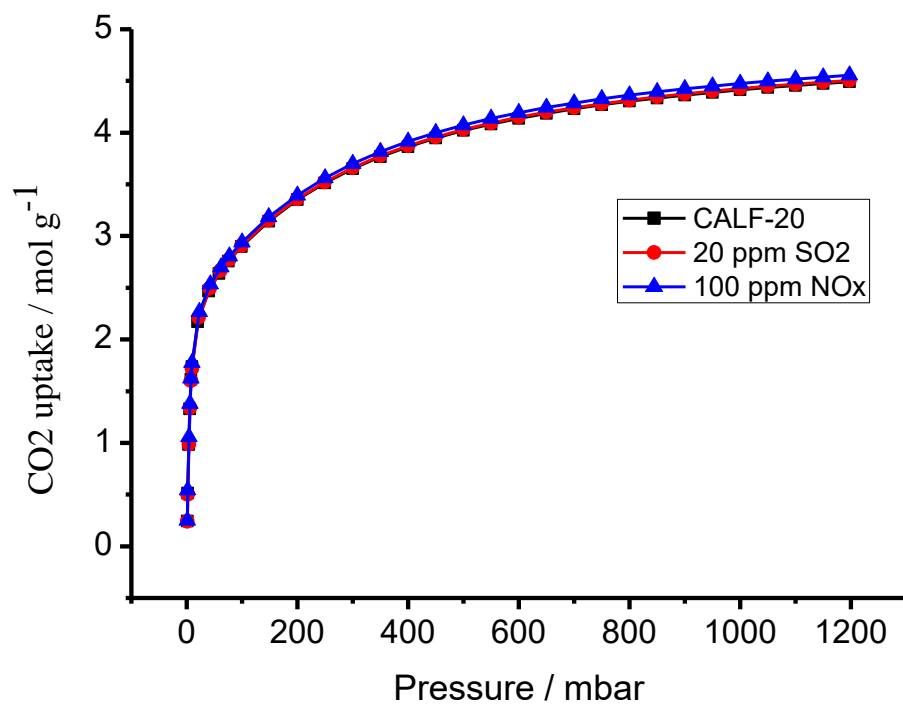
**Fig. S11**

Most probable a), d) CO<sub>2</sub> and b), d) H<sub>2</sub>O binding sites from multicomponent CO<sub>2</sub>/N<sub>2</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O simulations (293 K; 1 bar total pressure; CO<sub>2</sub>:N<sub>2</sub> 20:80; RH: a), b) 20%, c), d) 60%.



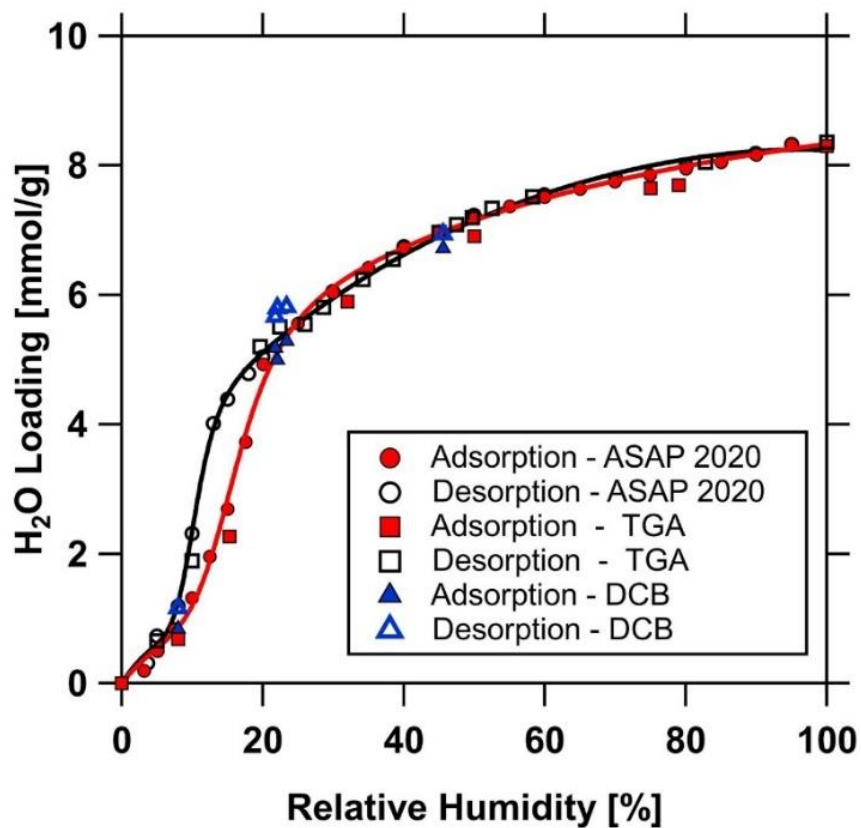
**Fig. S12**

PXRD of pristine CALF20 and after three hours exposure to acid gases as listed.



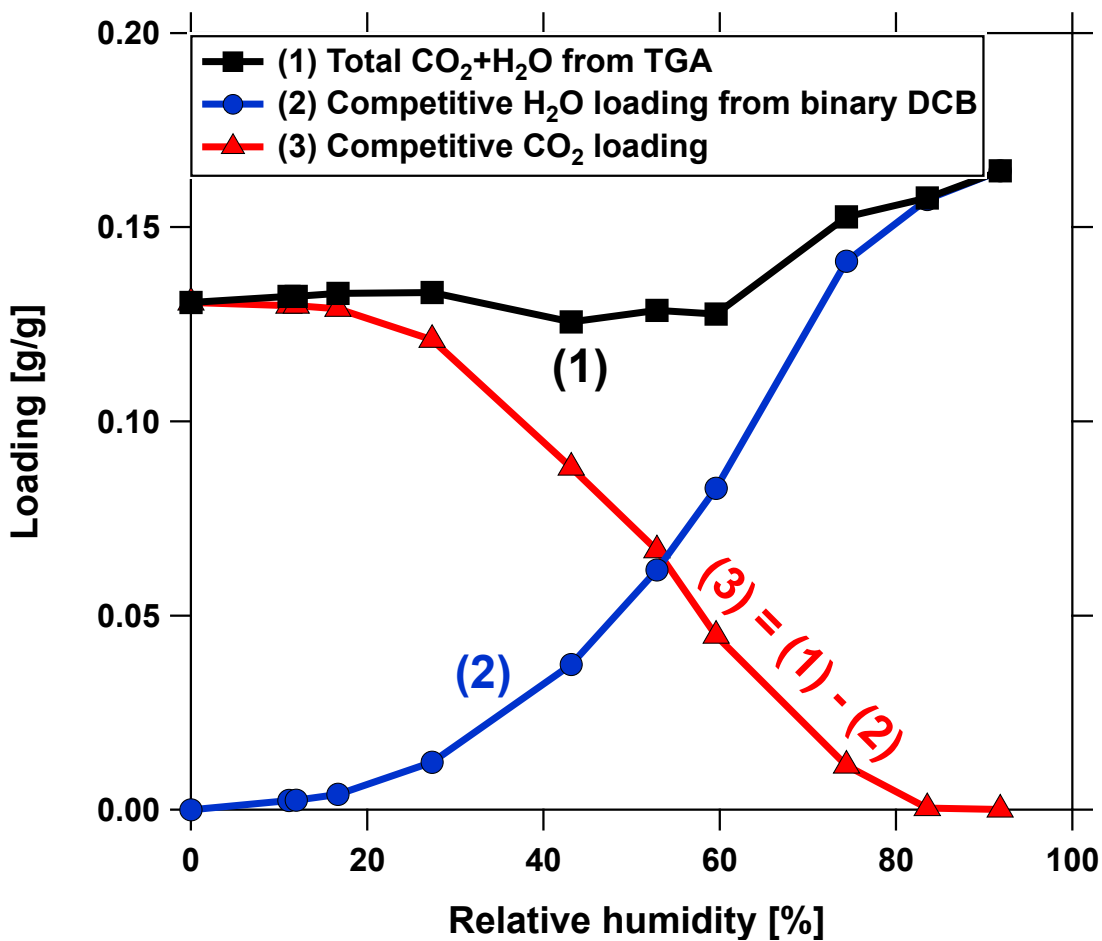
**Fig. S13**

CO<sub>2</sub> isotherm (273 K) of CALF20 pristine and after three hours exposure to acid gases as listed.



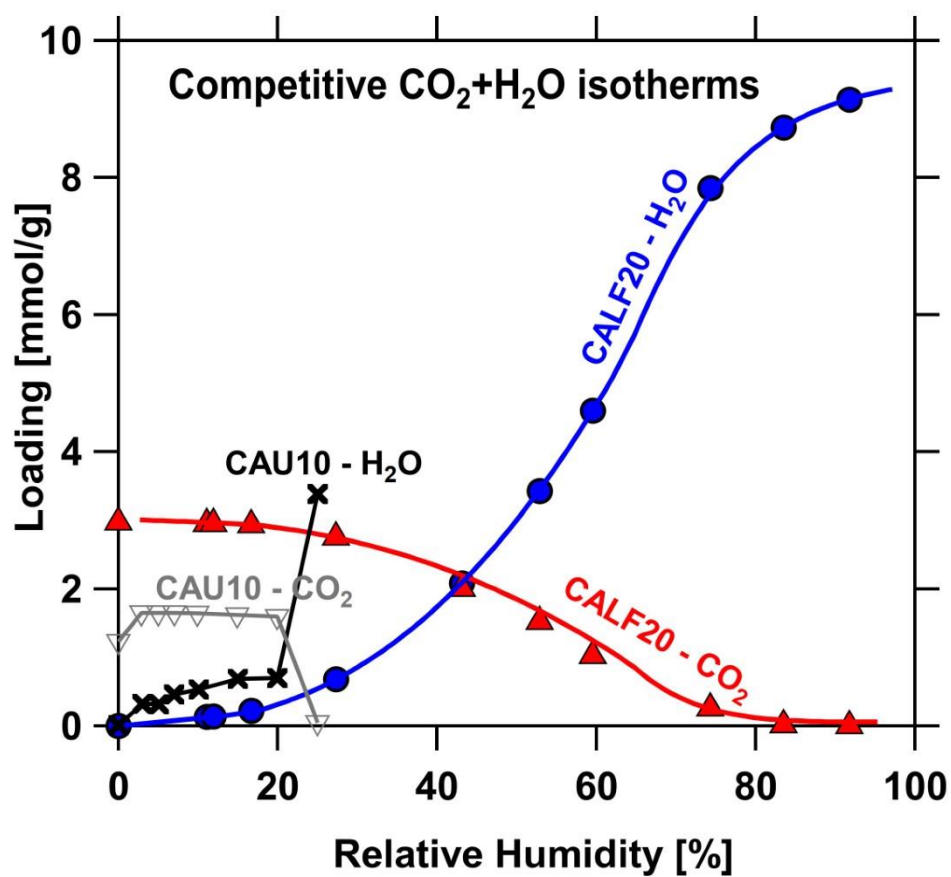
**Fig. S14**

Comparison of H<sub>2</sub>O loading at 22 °C measured by a volumetric apparatus (ASAP 2020), thermogravimetric analyzer (TGA) and dynamic column breakthrough (DCB) experiments. The plot shows excellent match between three independent experimental techniques confirming the suitability of DCB experiments for measurement of adsorption equilibria.



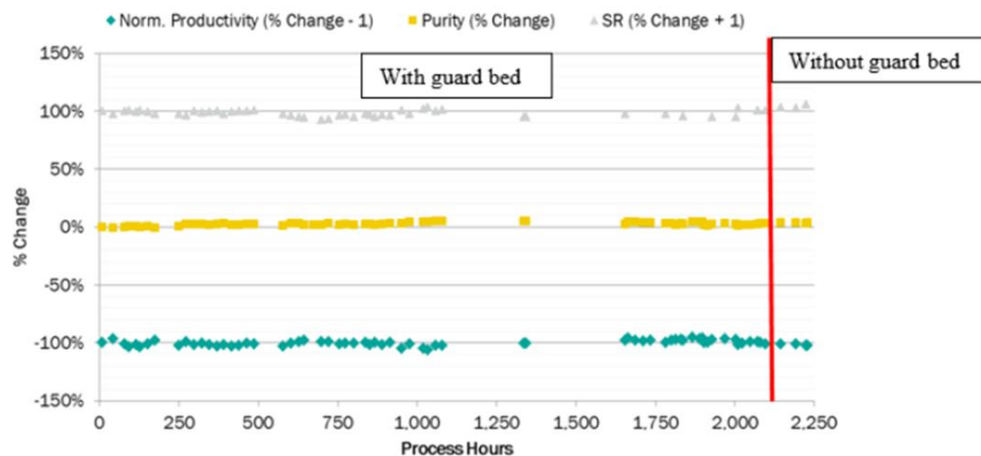
**Fig. S15**

Measurement of competitive H<sub>2</sub>O+CO<sub>2</sub> loadings at 97 kPa bar and 295 K. Curve (1) is the total CO<sub>2</sub>+H<sub>2</sub>O loading measured using a thermogravimetric analyzer in a dynamic mode by passing CO<sub>2</sub> saturated with various values of RH. Curve (2) is the competitive loading of H<sub>2</sub>O measured by performing a mass balance for H<sub>2</sub>O in binary dynamic column breakthrough experiment involving mixtures of CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O. Curve (3) is the difference between curves (1) and (2) providing the competitive CO<sub>2</sub> loading.



**Fig. S16**

Comparison of competitive CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O isotherms (295 K) of CALF20 and CAU-10 (38) as a representative hydrophobic MOF.



**Fig. S17**

Changes in KPIs (productivity, purity of recovered CO<sub>2</sub> and steam ratio (SR) needed) over >2000 hours of operation in a CALF20 demonstration unit that included a preliminary particulate and SO<sub>x</sub> scrubbing . The guard bed refers to an activated carbon to reduce NO<sub>x</sub>. Notably, performance is retained for over 200 hours testing when the NO<sub>x</sub> guard is removed. Details in ref. 48.



**Table S1.**

Universal force field (UFF) parameters for framework atoms used in GCMC simulations.

<b>CALF20 Framework</b>		
<b>Atom</b>	<b><math>\epsilon</math> (kcal/mol)</b>	<b><math>\sigma</math> (Å)</b>
Zn	0.124	2.4616
N	0.069	3.2607
O	0.06	3.1181
C	0.105	3.4309
H	0.044	2.5711

**Table S2.**

Force field parameters and charges for guest molecules used in GCMC simulations.

<b>H<sub>2</sub>O</b>			
<b>Atom</b>	<b><math>\epsilon</math> (kcal/mol)</b>	<b><math>\sigma</math> (Å)</b>	<b>Charge</b>
O <sub>w</sub>	0.16275	3.16435	0
H <sub>w</sub>	0	0	0.52422
H <sub>w</sub>	0	0	0.52422
H <sub>x</sub>	0	0	-1.04844
<b>CO<sub>2</sub></b>			
<b>Atom</b>	<b><math>\epsilon</math> (kcal/mol)</b>	<b><math>\sigma</math> (Å)</b>	<b>Charge</b>
C	0.05948	2.745	0.6512
O	0.17023	3.017	-0.3256
O	0.17023	3.017	-0.3256
<b>N<sub>2</sub></b>			
<b>Atom</b>	<b><math>\epsilon</math> (kcal/mol)</b>	<b><math>\sigma</math> (Å)</b>	<b>Charge</b>
N	0.07942	2.45491	-0.482
N	0.07942	2.45491	-0.482
COM	0	0	0.964

**Table S3.**

CALF20 REPEAT atomic charges and fractional atomic coordinates.

Atom	x	y	Z	Charge	Atom	x	y	z	Charge
Zn	0.1759	0.0577	0.4368	0.68714	O	0.3247	0.9693	0.3268	-0.51882
Zn	0.8241	0.5577	0.0632	0.68715	O	0.6753	0.4693	0.1732	-0.51882
Zn	0.8241	0.9423	0.5632	0.68715	C	0.0215	0.8017	0.2588	0.19037
Zn	0.1759	0.4423	0.9368	0.68714	C	0.9785	0.3017	0.2412	0.19040
N	0.0308	0.8892	0.368	-0.27848	C	0.9785	0.1983	0.7412	0.19040
N	0.9692	0.3892	0.1317	-0.27851	C	0.0215	0.6983	0.7588	0.19037
N	0.9692	0.1108	0.6317	-0.27851	H	0.0932	0.8045	0.2086	0.09334
N	0.0308	0.6108	0.8683	-0.27847	H	0.9068	0.3045	0.2914	0.09333
N	0.9078	0.8525	0.4100	-0.10487	H	0.9068	0.1955	0.7914	0.09333
N	0.0922	0.3525	0.0900	-0.10483	H	0.0932	0.6955	0.7086	0.09334
N	0.0922	0.1475	0.5900	-0.10483	C	0.8345	0.7446	0.3232	0.16283
N	0.9078	0.6475	0.9100	-0.10487	C	0.1655	0.2446	0.1768	0.16281
N	0.9008	0.7086	0.2259	-0.33557	C	0.1655	0.2554	0.6768	0.16282
N	0.0992	0.2086	0.2741	-0.33557	C	0.8345	0.7554	0.8232	0.16283
N	0.0992	0.2914	0.7741	-0.33558	H	0.7441	0.6971	0.3289	0.11265
N	0.9008	0.7914	0.7259	-0.33556	H	0.2559	0.1971	0.1711	0.11266
O	0.4098	0.0761	0.6102	-0.55677	H	0.2559	0.3029	0.6711	0.11266
O	0.5902	0.5761	0.8898	-0.55675	H	0.7441	0.8029	0.8289	0.11265
O	0.5902	0.9239	0.3898	-0.55675	C	0.5248	0.0308	0.5815	0.54816
O	0.4098	0.4239	0.1102	-0.55677	C	0.4752	0.5308	0.9185	0.54813
O	0.6753	0.0307	0.6732	-0.51882	C	0.4752	0.9692	0.4185	0.54814
O	0.3247	0.5307	0.8268	-0.51881	C	0.5248	0.4692	0.0815	0.54817

**Table S4.**

Natural gas boiler flue gas composition for durability testing of CALF20.

<b>Flue gas composition</b>	<b>v/v %</b>
<b>CO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>8.6%</b>
<b>O<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>7.1%</b>
<b>H<sub>2</sub>O</b>	<b>7.3%</b>
<b>NO</b>	<b>78 ppm</b>
<b>NO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>13.4 ppm</b>
<b>CO</b>	<b>147 ppm</b>
<b>N<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>Balance</b>

**Table S5.**

Crystal data and structure refinement for CALF20.

Identification code	CALF20
Empirical formula	$\text{C}_3\text{H}_2\text{N}_3\text{O}_2\text{Zn}\cdot 0.396(\text{C}_2\text{H}_6\text{O})$
Formula weight	195.68
Temperature/K	173(2)
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	$P2_1/c$
$a/\text{\AA}$	8.9138(12)
$b/\text{\AA}$	9.6935(12)
$c/\text{\AA}$	9.4836(13)
$\beta/^\circ$	115.895(4)
Volume/ $\text{\AA}^3$	737.17(17)
$Z$	4
$\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{g/cm}^3$	1.763
$\mu/\text{mm}^{-1}$	3.279
$F(000)$	389.0
Crystal size/ $\text{mm}^3$	$0.15 \times 0.10 \times 0.06$
Radiation	Mo $K\alpha$ ( $\lambda = 0.71073$ )
$2\theta$ range for data collection/ $^\circ$	6.362 to 72.82
Index ranges	$-14 \leq h \leq 14, -16 \leq k \leq 16, -15 \leq l \leq 14$
Reflections collected	19529
Independent reflections	3577 [ $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0614, R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0460$ ]
Data/restraints/parameters	3577/6/105
Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$	0.993
Final $R$ indexes [ $I \geq 2\sigma(I)$ ]	$R_1 = 0.0313, wR_2 = 0.0693$
Final $R$ indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0550, wR_2 = 0.0769$
Largest diff. peak/hole / $e \text{\AA}^{-3}$	0.65/-0.49

**Table S6.**

Calculated binding energies of most probable CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O binding sites taken from the multicomponent CO<sub>2</sub>/N<sub>2</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O simulations (CO<sub>2</sub>:N<sub>2</sub> = 20:80) at 293 K, 1 bar total pressure, and 20% and 60% RH. The gas uptake at each condition is shown to demonstrate the competitive adsorption effect.

<b>Species (conditions)</b>	<b>Binding Energy (kJ/mol)</b>	<b>vdW component (kJ/mol)</b>	<b>Electrostatic component (kJ/mol)</b>	<b>Percent electrostatic (%)</b>	<b>Gas Uptake (mmol/g)</b>
CO <sub>2</sub> (20% RH)	-33.5	-28.9	-4.6	13.9	2.59
H <sub>2</sub> O (20% RH)	-17.7	-9.0	-8.7	49.1	0.08
CO <sub>2</sub> (60% RH)	-35.8	-26.6	-9.1	25.6	0.10
H <sub>2</sub> O (60% RH)	-15.3	-7.8	-7.5	48.9	11.28

**Table S7.**

Heats of adsorption of CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O at 0.1 bar CO<sub>2</sub>/1% RH and 1.0 bar CO<sub>2</sub>/100% RH, determined from GCMC simulations.  $\Delta(\Delta H_{\text{ads}})$  represents the change in the heat of adsorption from low pressure conditions to high pressure conditions.

Species	$\Delta H_{\text{ads}}$ (kJ/mol)	$\Delta H_{\text{ads}}$ (kJ/mol)	$\Delta(\Delta H_{\text{ads}})$ (kJ/mol)
	0.1 bar CO <sub>2</sub> , 1% RH	1.0 bar CO <sub>2</sub> , 100% RH	
CO <sub>2</sub>	-40 <sup>a</sup>	-42	-2
H <sub>2</sub> O	-36	-64	-28

<sup>a</sup>the experimental zero-loading HOA of CO<sub>2</sub> was determined to be 39 kJ/mol.

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