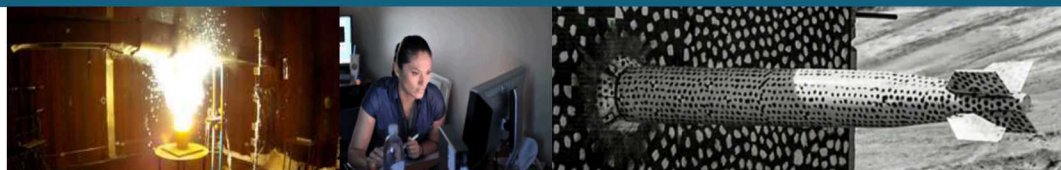


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Rare Earth MOFs for Acid Gas Separation and Sensing



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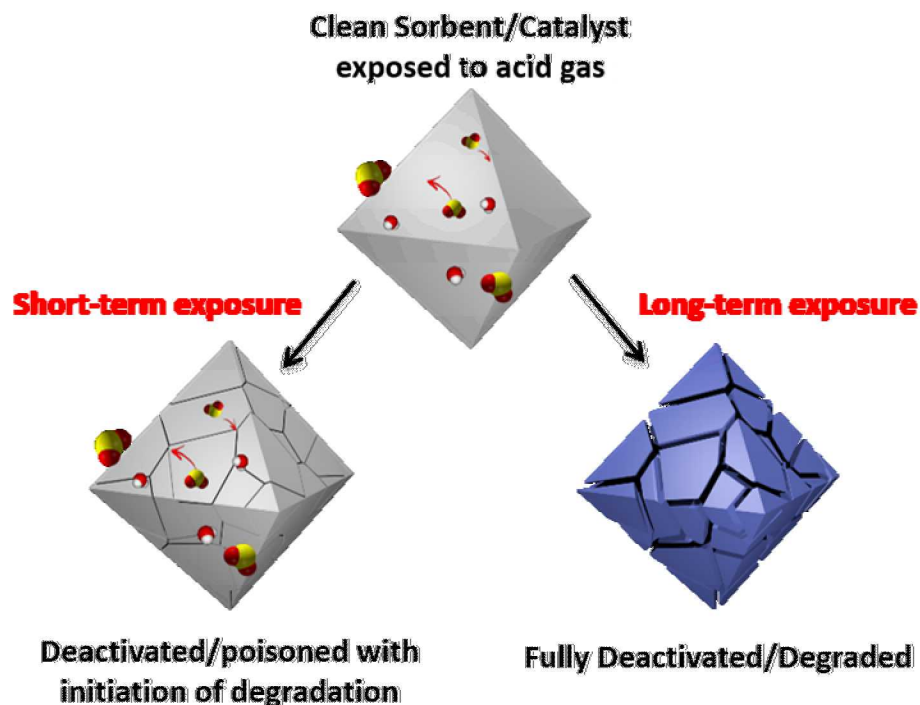
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Motivation

Calculating Accurate Structural Geometries

Eu-DOBDC Electronic Structure Comparisons

Applications and Physical Properties

- Organic flexibility
- Gas Adsorption

Conclusions

Applications and Desire to Design new MOFs

Highly modified materials, unlimited to creativity.

Applications in catalysis, gas separation, gas storage, sensing, gas adsorption.

Similar framework material ZIFs.

Can these materials be applied to acid gas removal and maintain their crystallinity

- Discuss efrc work on zifs – stability but only for homogeneous gas

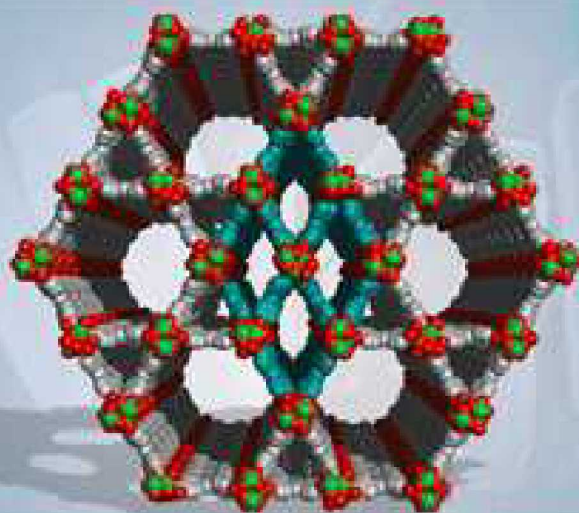
Why do we want to investigate Rare Earth MOFs?

Rare Earth MOFs

- RE-MOFs are attractive due to related coordination geometry that can be controlled, allowing synthesis of isostructural materials to probe metal-guest (NO_x , SO_x) energetics
 - Structural advantages: formation of mesoporous RE-MOFs through ligand extensions, multiple coordination environments in one structure
 - Electronic advantages: luminesce from 4f-4f and 4f-5d transitions or ligand to metal charge transfer (LMCT) or metal-ligand charge transfer (MLCT)

Current Work

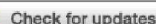
- Structures: RE-DOBDC, RE=Eu, Tb, Yb, Y
- Applications: degradation properties of RE-DOBDC in acid gas streams (SO_2 , NO_2), changing luminescence properties after acid gas adsorption
- Predict properties of un-synthesized RE-DOBDC MOFs



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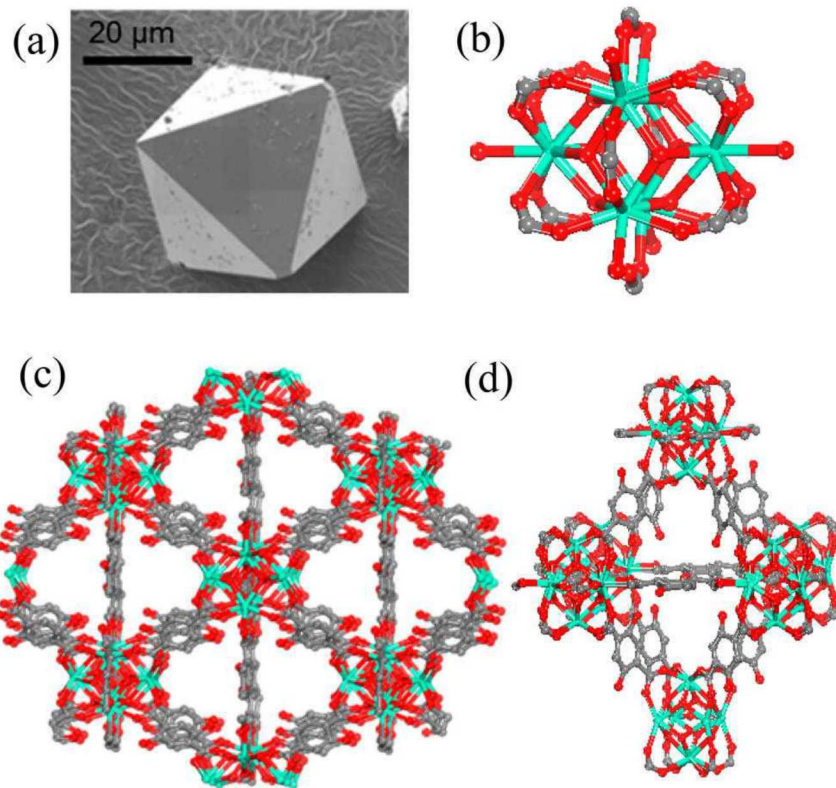
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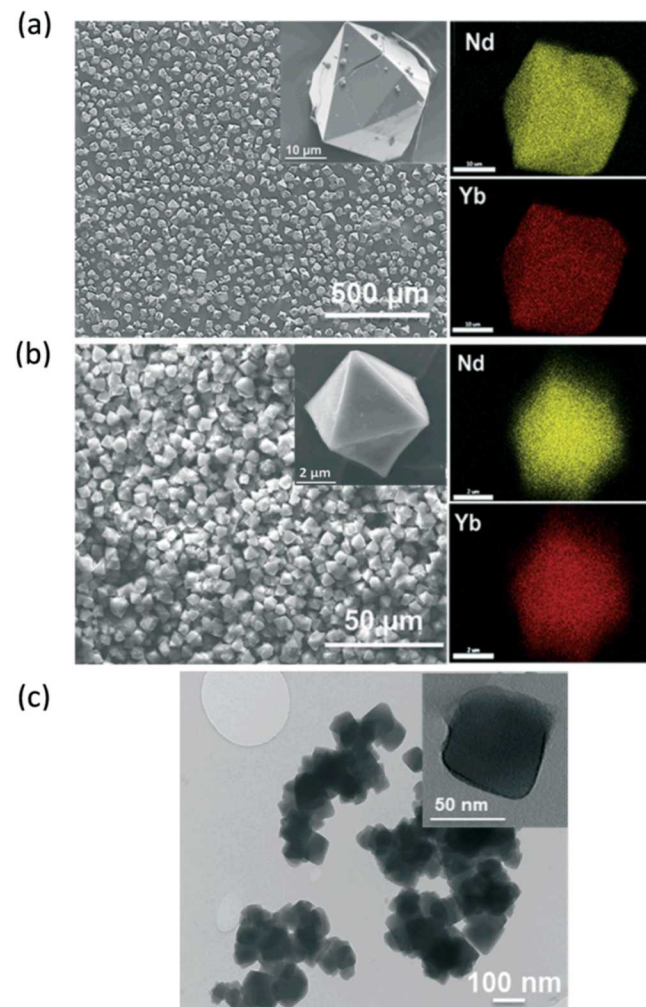
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Material Structure of Currently Synthesized Rare Earth MOFs

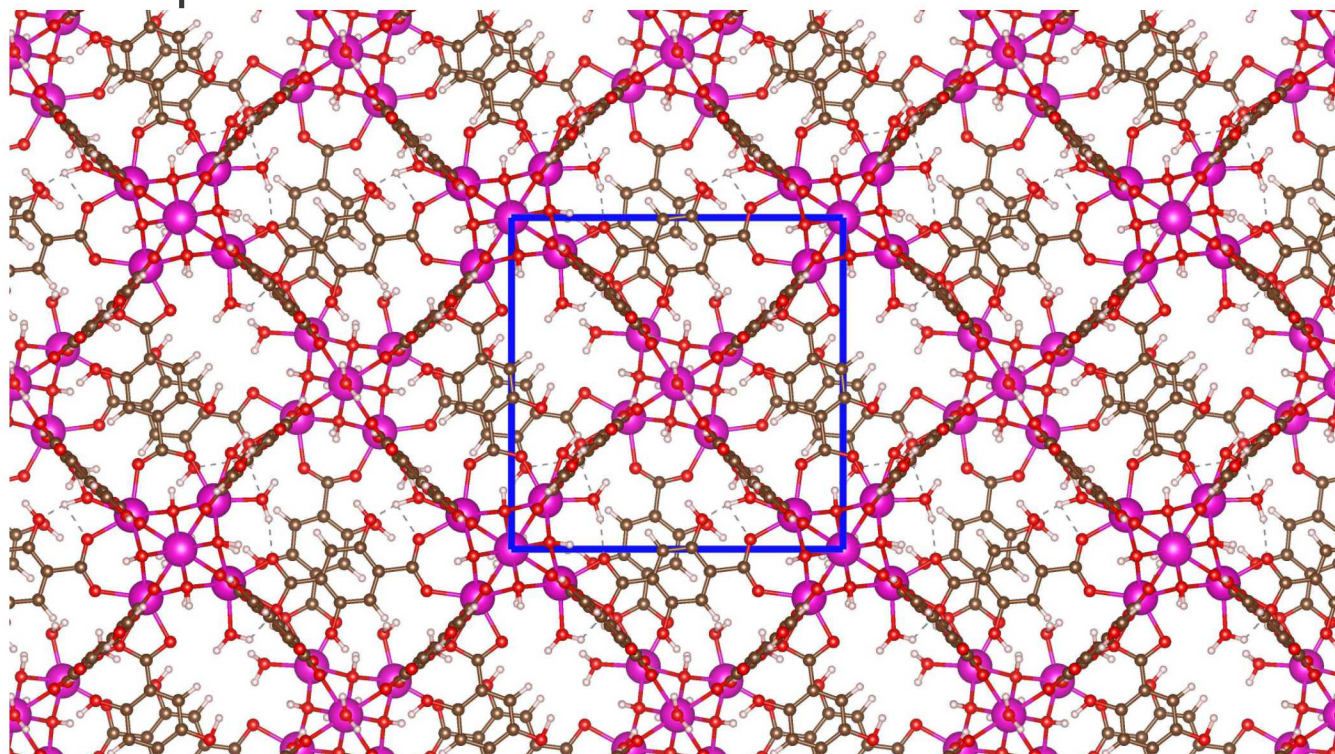


RE-DOBDC (RE=Y, Eu, Tb, Yb, Nd)
DOBDC = 2,5-dihydroxyterephthalic acid



Sava Gallis et al. *ACS Appl. Mater. Interfaces* **2017** (Left)
Sava Gallis et al. *CrystEngComm* **2018** (Right)

Structural Optimization Procedure



Procedure²:

- 1) Optimization of atomic positions
- 2) Optimize atomic positions and unit cell parameters
- 3) Re-optimization of atomic positions

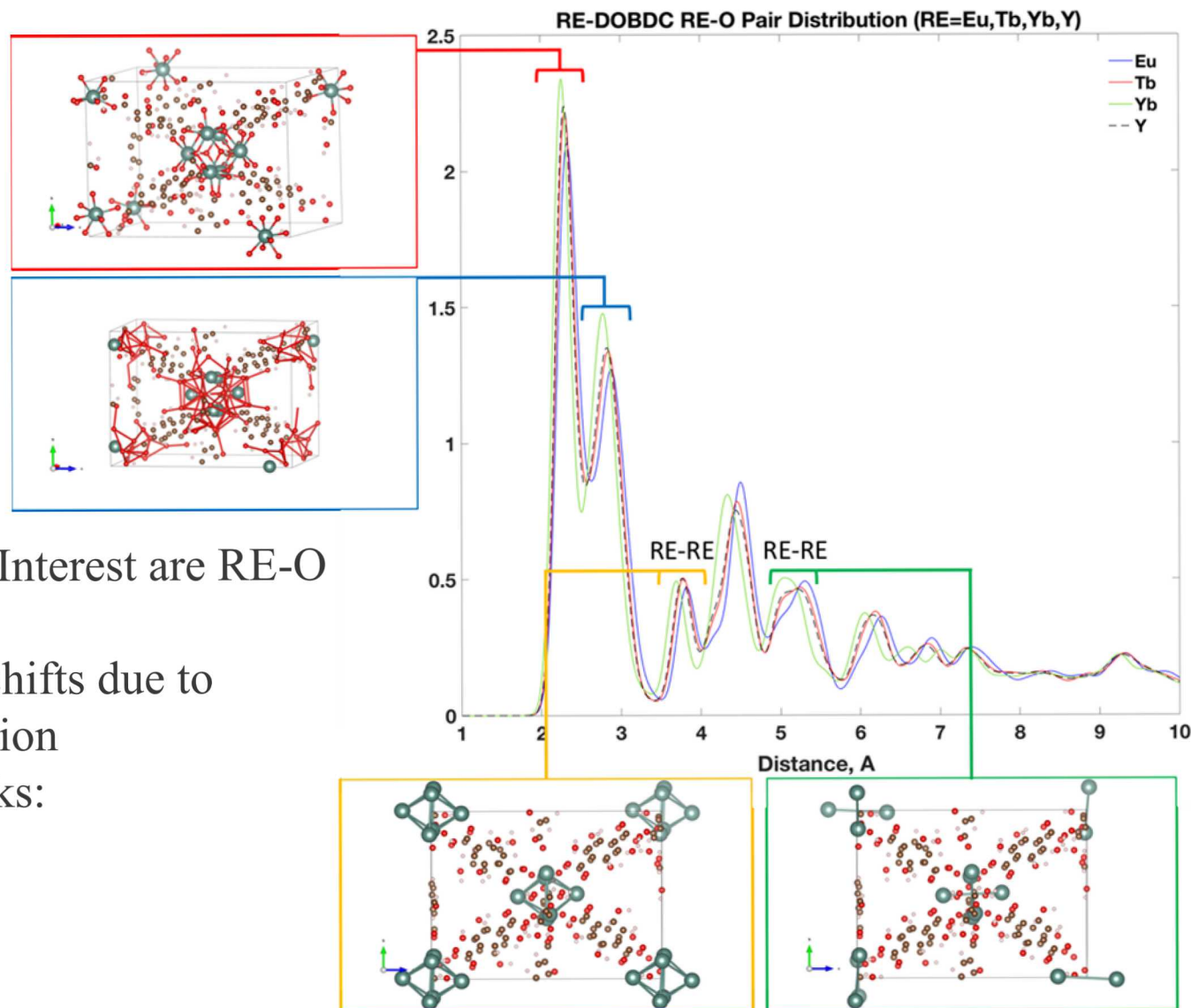
Vienna *ab initio* Simulation Package
PBEsol exchange correlation functional
DFT-D3 used for vdW interactions

Gamma point calculation

Spin-restricted with large core potential (LCPs)

¹Sava Gallis et al. ACS Appl. Mater. Interfaces **2017**; ²Harvey et al. J. Phys. Chem. C **2018**

Optimized Lattice Parameters and Pair Distribution Function



Sava Gallis et al. ACS Appl. Mater. Interfaces 2017

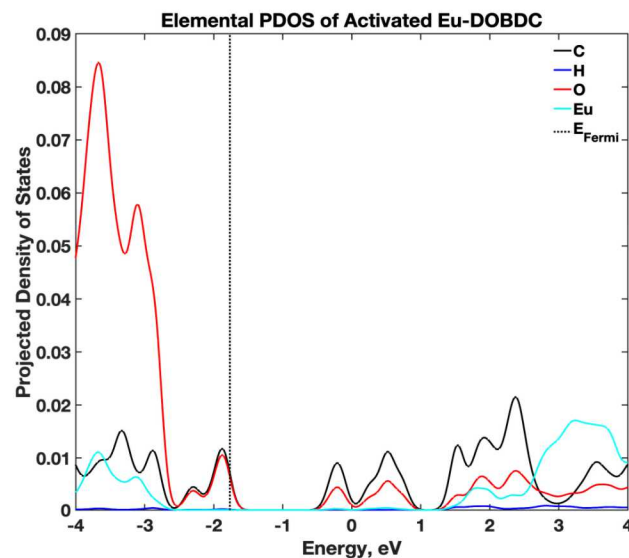
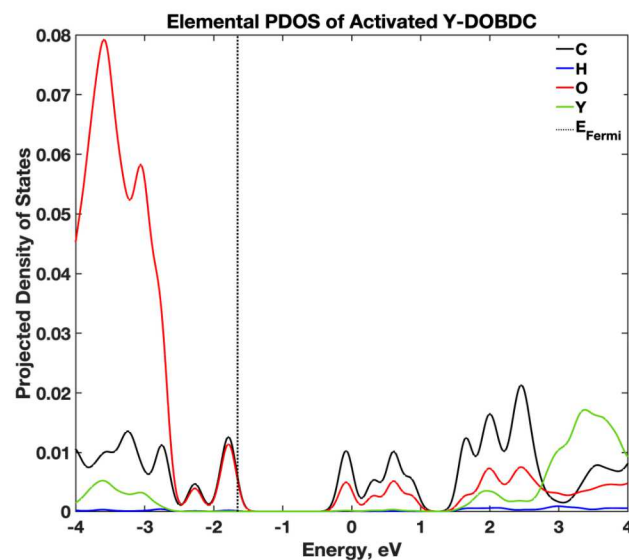
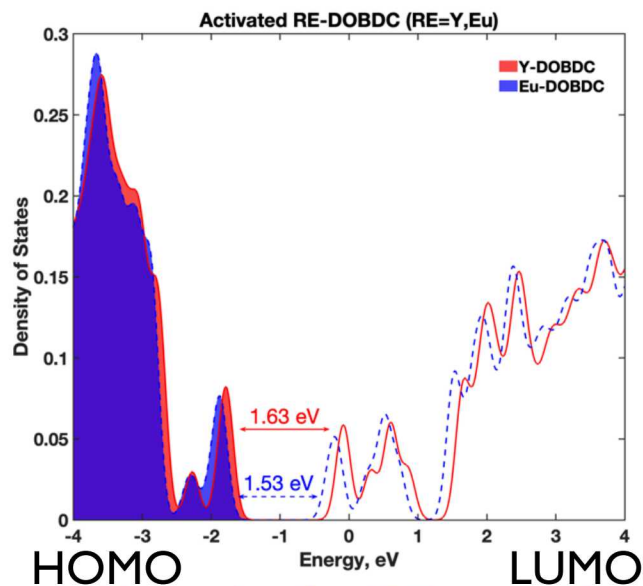
Optimized Lattice Parameters and Pair Distribution Function

	Element	Lattice Parameters (Å)			Volume (Å ³)	Average Distance (Å) (std. dev.)		
		a	b	c		RE-RE	RE-O DOBD C	RE-O μ_3 -OH
PBEsol	Yb	15.16	15.20	20.87	4804	3.74 (0.043)	2.32 (0.064)	2.28 (0.072)
	Y	15.40	15.51	21.10	5040	3.83 (0.044)	2.36 (0.061)	2.33 (0.058)
	Tb	15.47	15.57	21.17	5100	3.86 (0.039)	2.39 (0.063)	2.35 (0.056)
	Eu	15.53	15.61	21.31	5167	3.91 (0.036)	2.41 (0.067)	2.38 (0.053)
Experiment ¹	Eu	15.56	15.56	21.33	5163	3.98 (0.040)	2.40 (0.019)	2.38 (0.025)

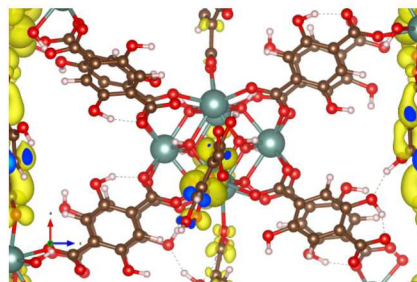
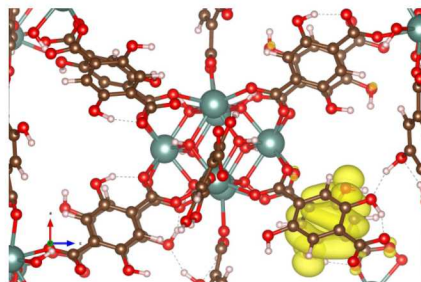
Calculated geometry of Eu-DOBD C with large core potential match with single crystal structure.

Lattice parameters shift from tetragonal symmetry is due to flexible organic structures.

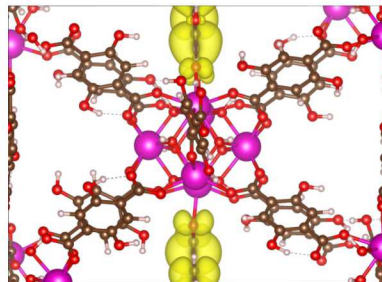
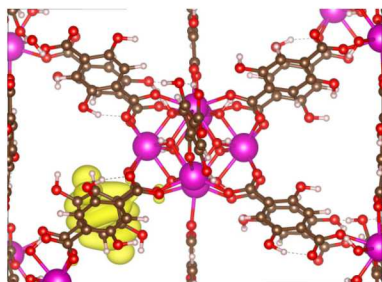
Electronic Structure of Y-DOBDC vs LCP Eu –DOBDC Baseline



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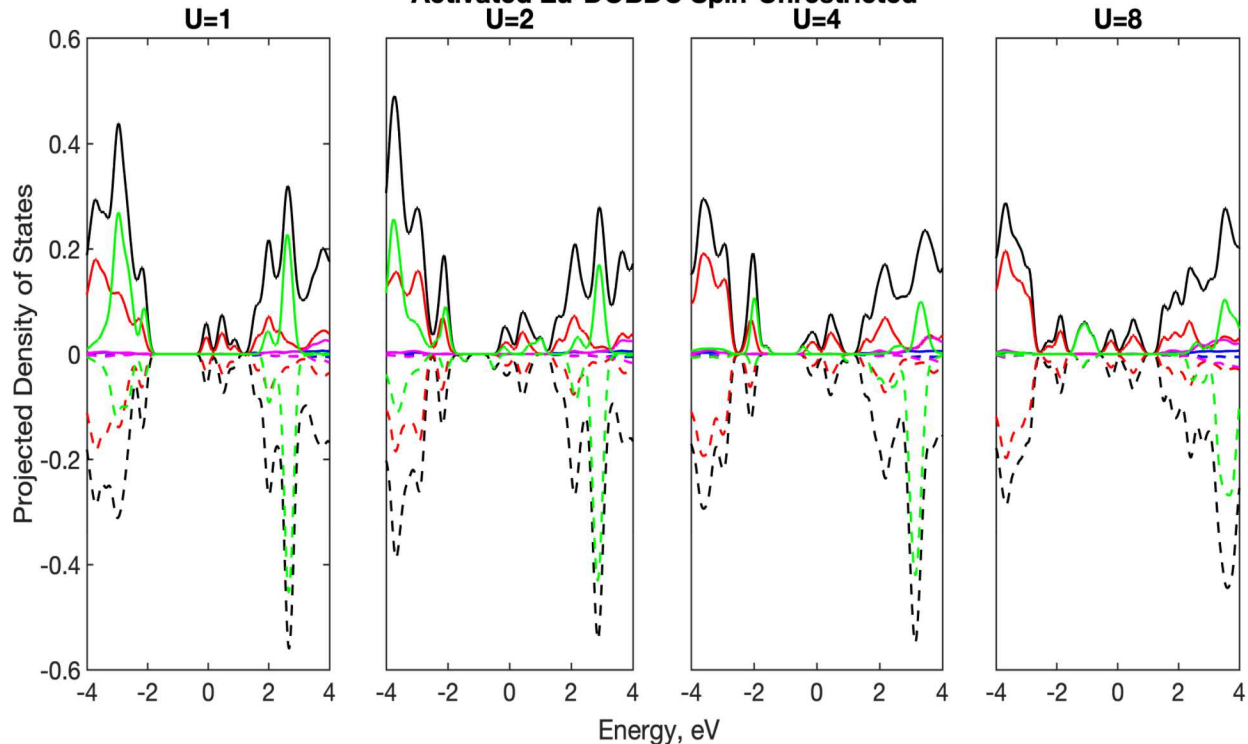
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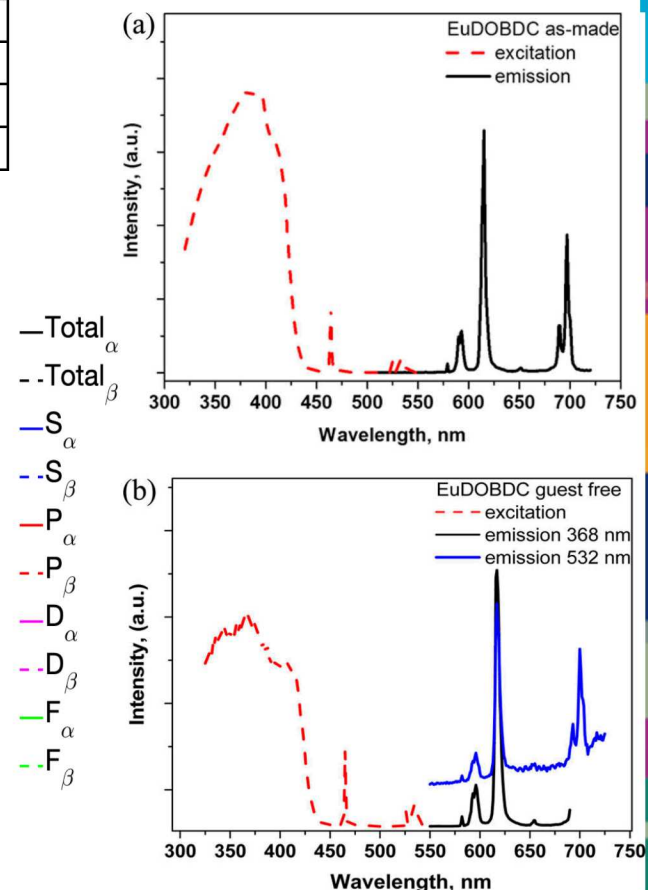
Spin-unrestricted DFT with Full 4f Valence Potential + U in Eu-DOBDC

Hubbard U	1	2	4	8
Total Energy (eV)	-1914.78	-1967.26	-1965.76	-1965.15
$E_g \alpha$ (eV)	2.0988	1.755	1.1797	0.4347
$E_g \beta$ (eV)	1.9533	0.9206	1.7829	0.5683
Fermi Energy (eV)	-2.1582	-2.1234	-2.0421	-1.7099
Eu 4f Occupation	6.37-6.44	6.28-6.39	6.18 – 6.31	6.15-6.18
Total Magnetization	25.5196	28.2635	46.1043	35.9996

Activated Eu-DOBDC Spin-Unrestricted



Experimental PL¹



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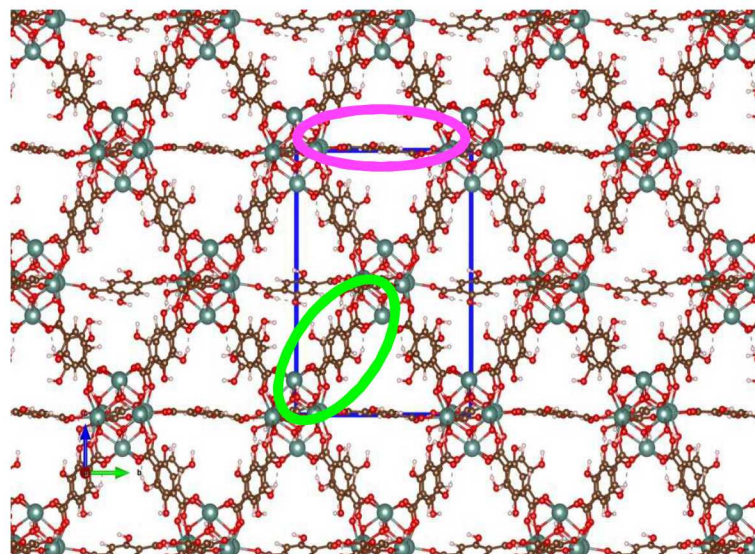
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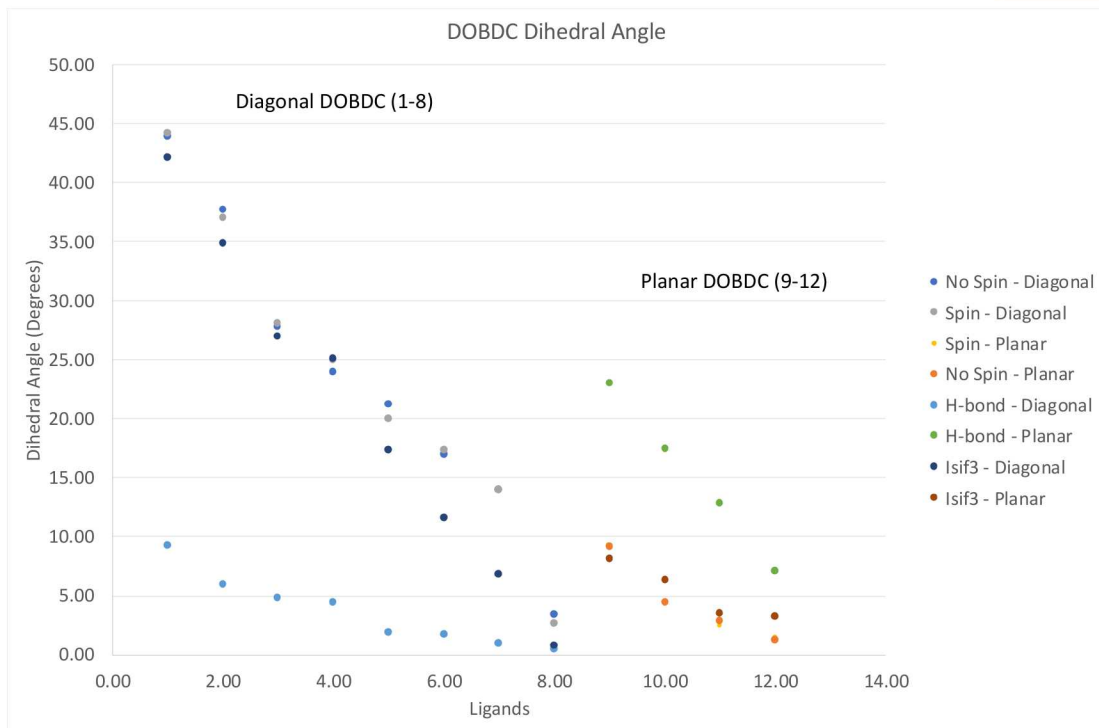


Applications and Physical Properties

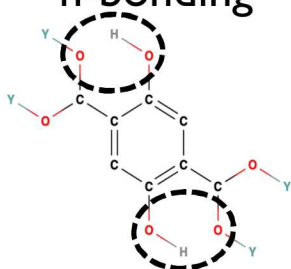




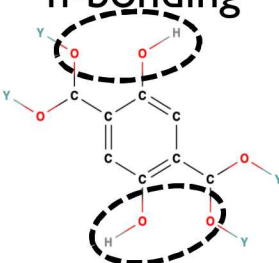
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DOBDC max.
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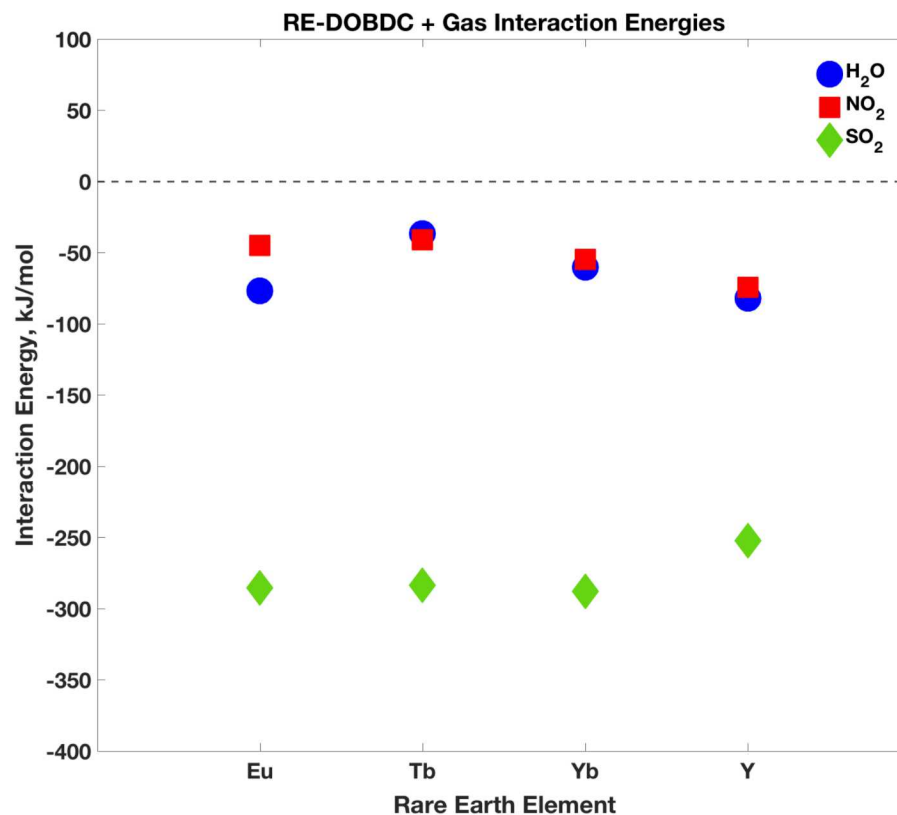
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	Lattice Parameters (Å)			Volume (Å ³)	H-Bonds (No.)	Total Energy (eV)	Band Gap (eV)
	a	b	c				
Eu-DOBDC	15.57	15.49	21.10	5090	28	-1938.89	1.08
	15.02	15.06	21.61	4889	5	-1931.49	1.99
	15.56	15.32	21.25	5064	10	-1932.46	1.41
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Experiment	15.56	15.56	21.33	5163			

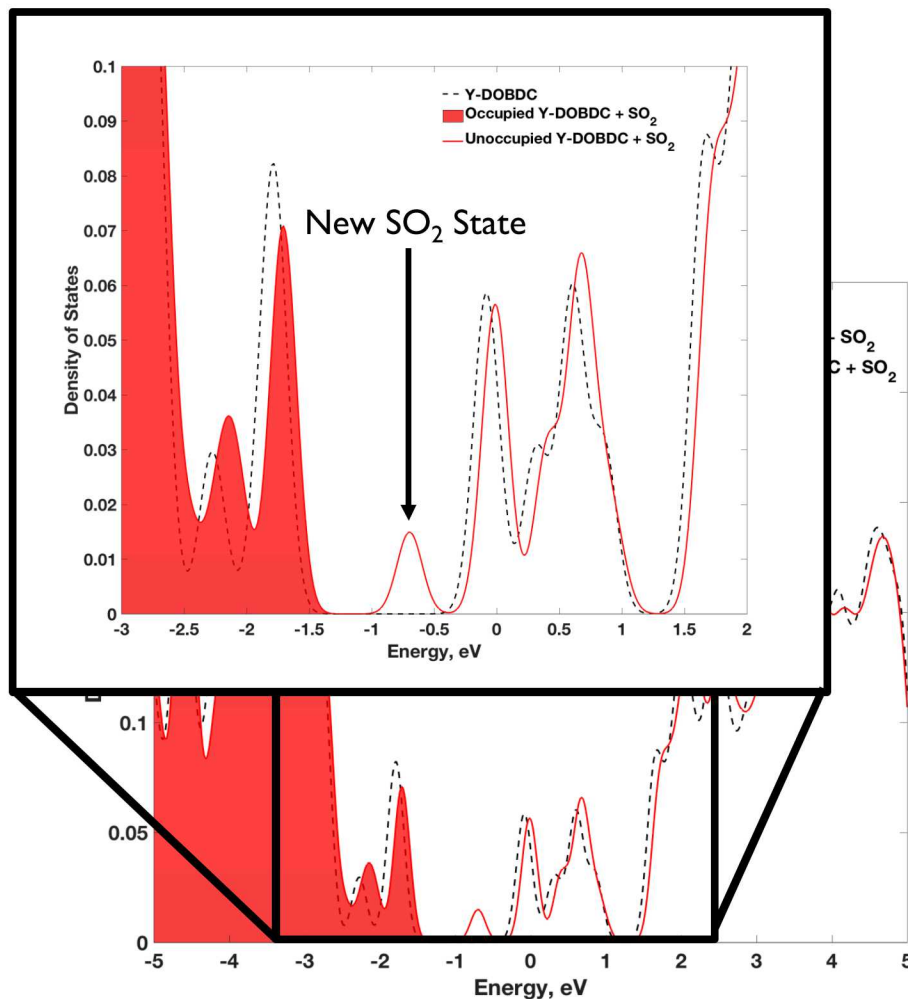
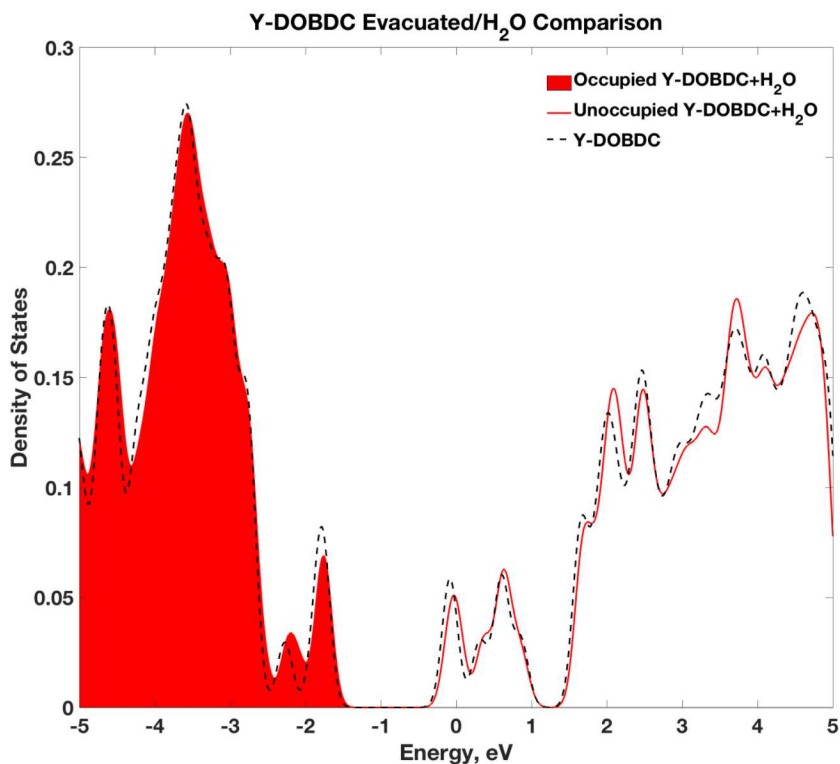
Gas Adsorption: Binding Energies

- Three different gases considered: H₂O, NO₂, SO₂ (one molecule at a time)
- Strong preference for SO₂
- Slightly different selectivity for H₂O v. NO₂ (Tb-DOBDC binds more strongly with NO₂)



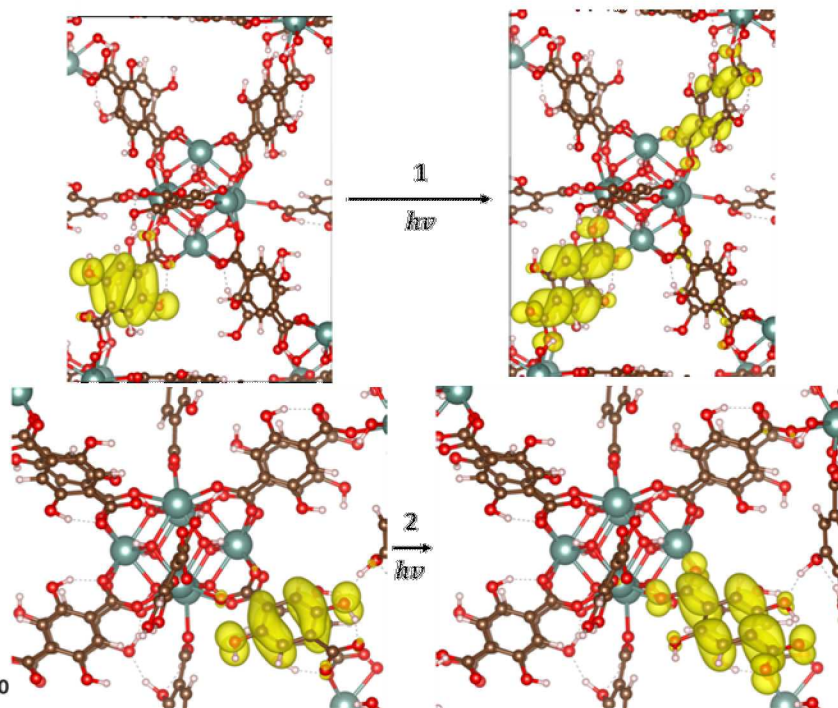
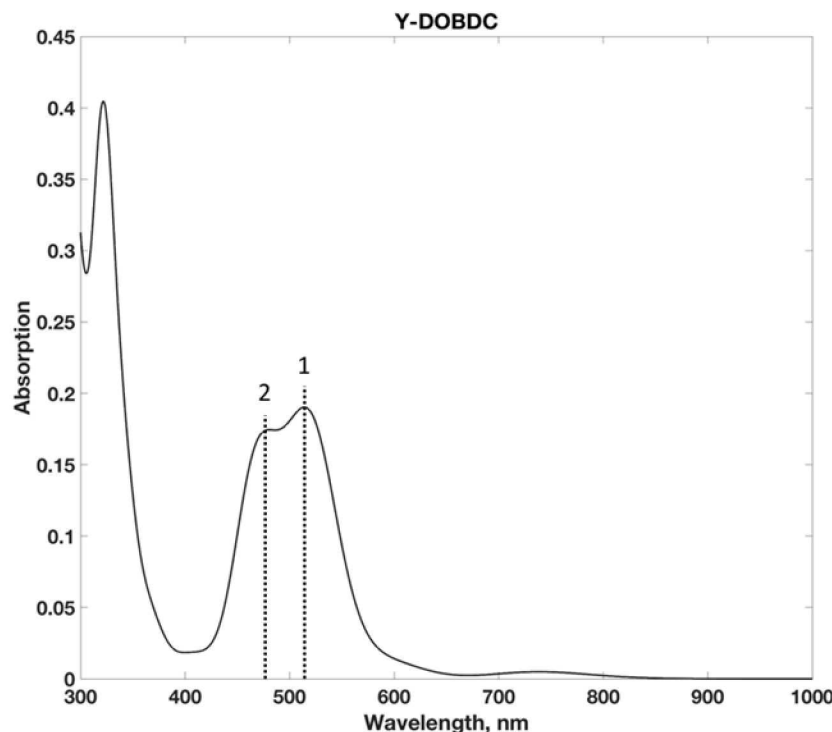
Gas Interaction Energy (kJ/mol)				
Gas	Rare Earth Element			
	Eu	Tb	Yb	Y
H ₂ O	-76.712	-36.536	-60.167	-81.936
NO ₂	-45.048	-40.812	-54.872	-74.330
SO ₂	-285.461	-283.524	-287.759	-252.296

Y-DOBDC + SO₂ Density of States



Activated Y-DOBDC Absorption

Spin-restricted DFT Absorption Spectra



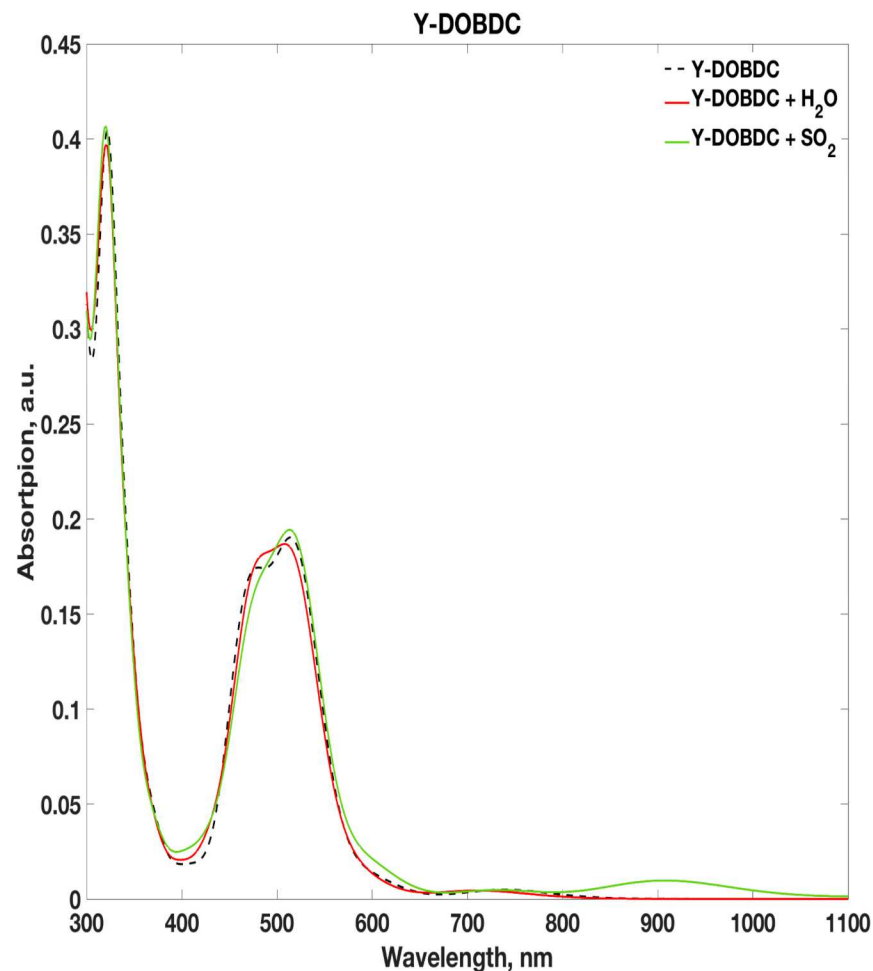
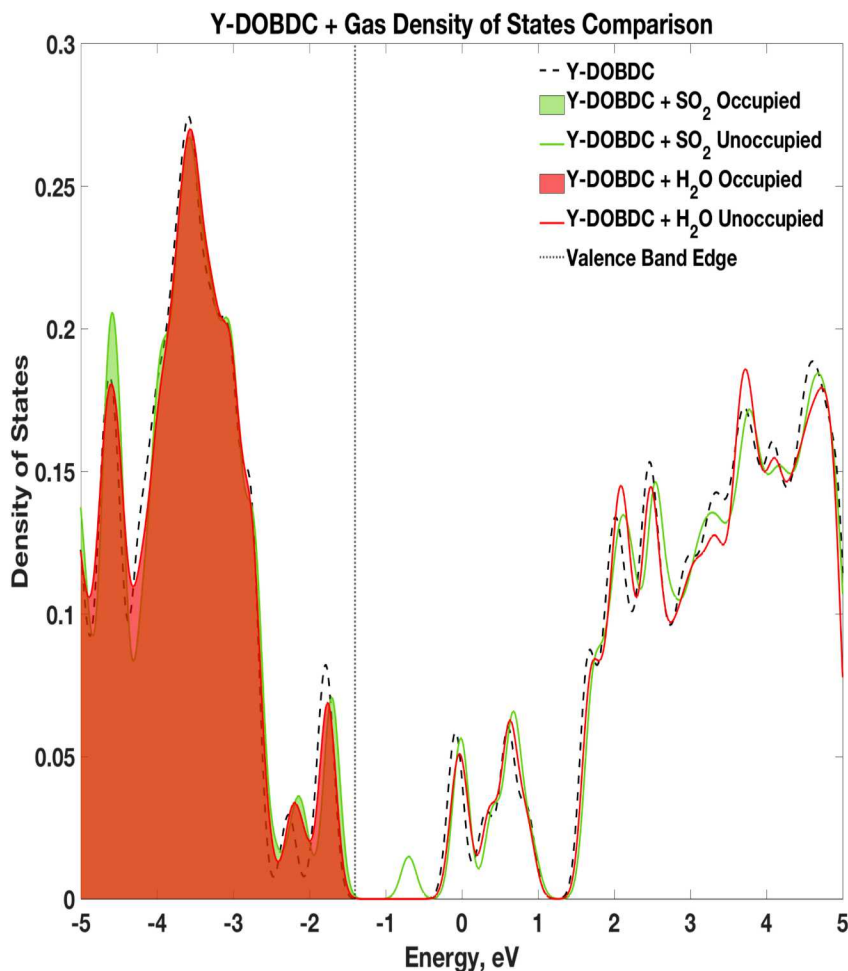
$$\text{Transition Dipole: } \vec{D}_{\sigma,ij} = e \int \varphi_{\sigma,i}^{KS*} \vec{r} \varphi_{\sigma,j}^{KS} d\vec{r}$$

$$\text{Oscillator Strength: } f_{\sigma,ij} = |\vec{D}_{\sigma,ij}|^2 \frac{4\pi m_e \nu_{\sigma,ij}}{3\hbar e^2}$$

$$\text{Absorption: } a_{\sigma} = \sum_{\sigma,ij} f_{\sigma,ij} \delta(\varepsilon - \Delta\varepsilon_{\sigma,ij})$$

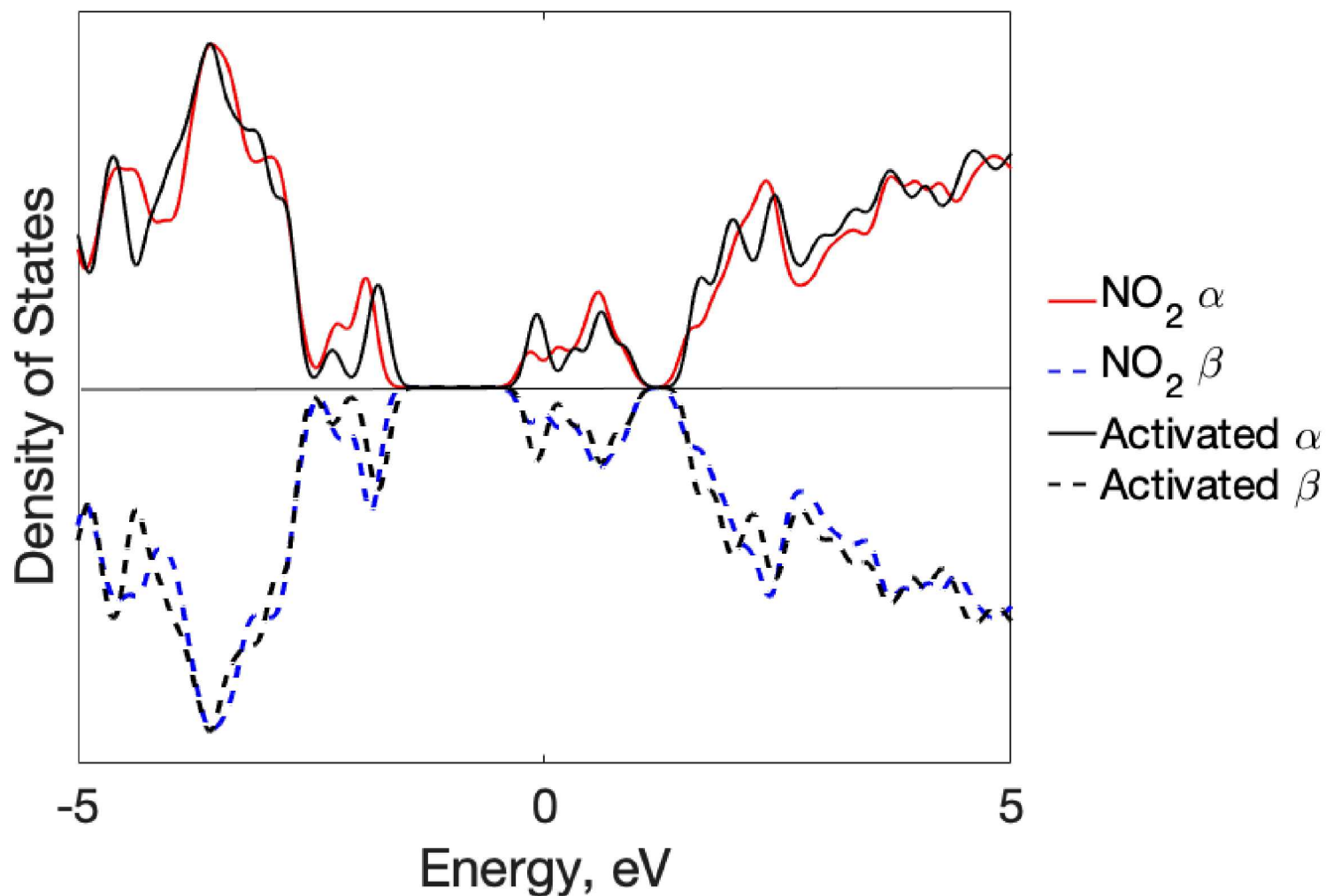
Gas Adsorption: Electronic Response in Y-DOBDC

Spin-restricted DFT DOS and Absorption Spectra

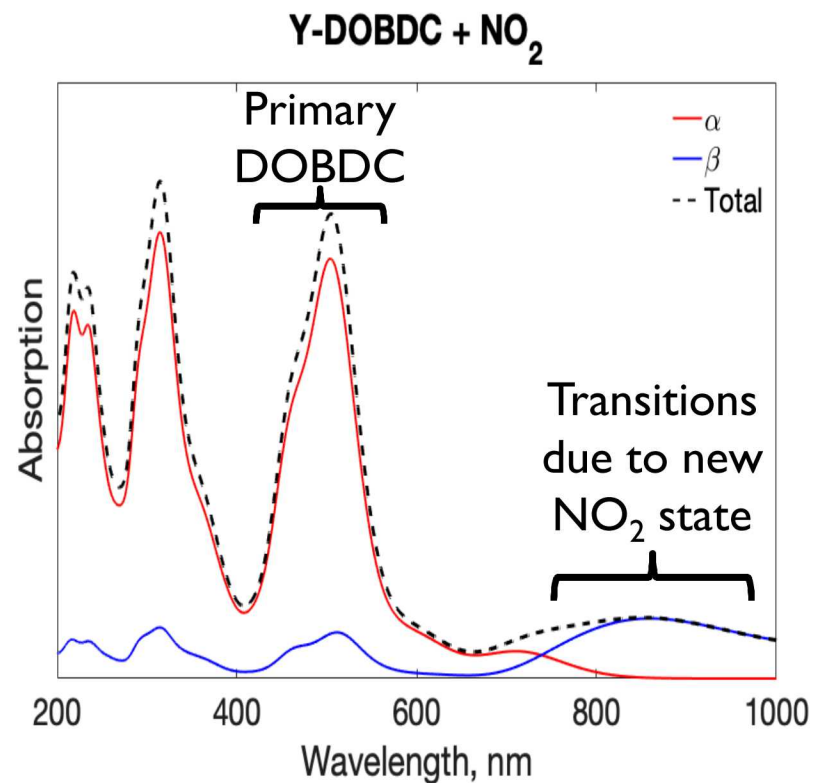
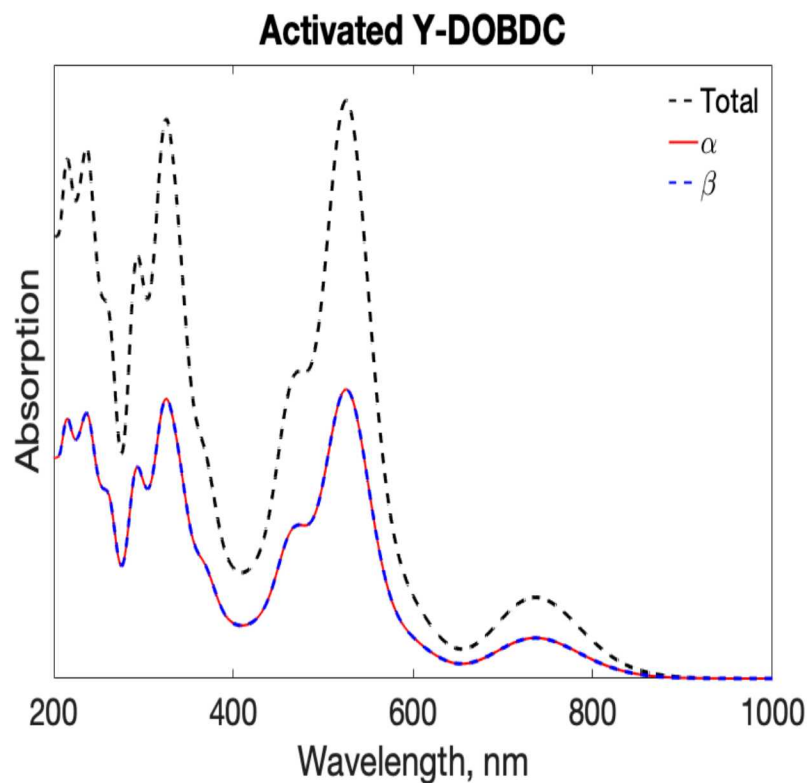


Gas Adsorption: Electronic Response in Y-DOBDC + NO₂

Activated vs NO₂ Y-DOBDC



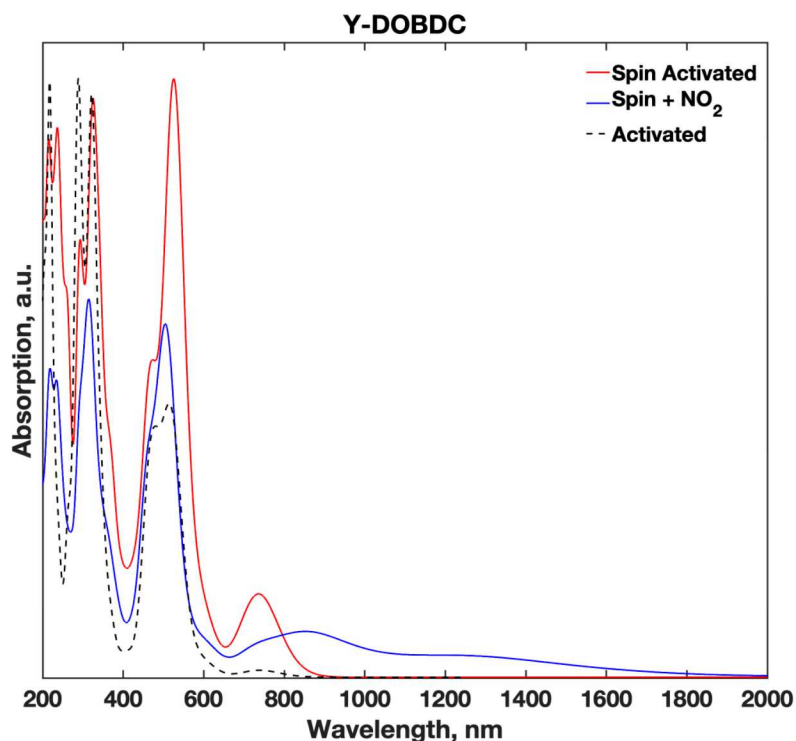
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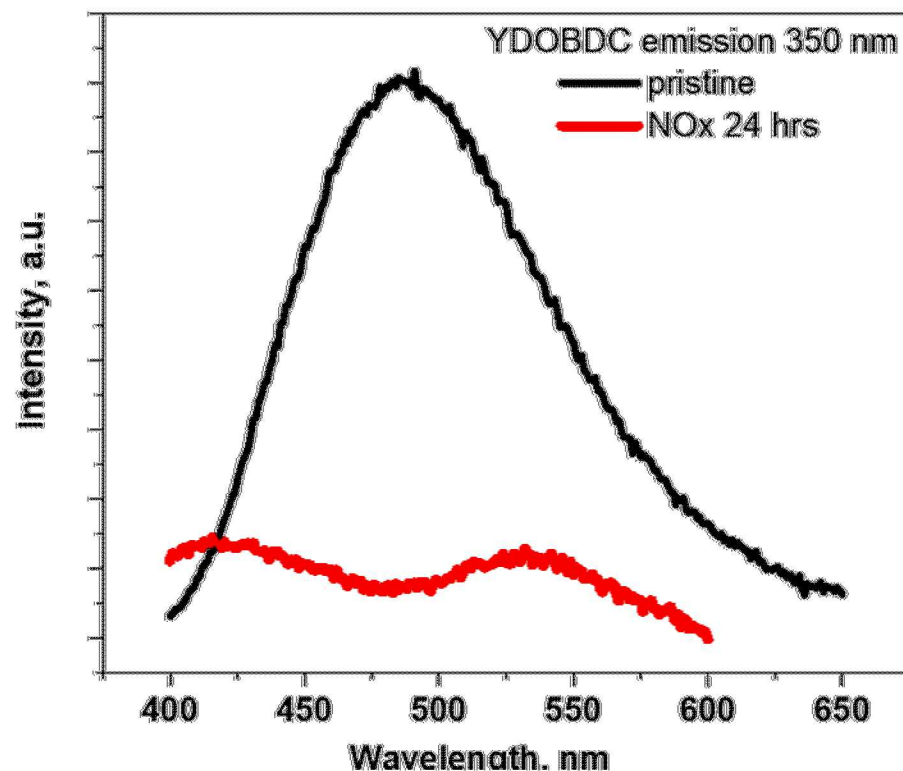
Even electron count results in identical spin up and down electronic signatures.

Gas Adsorption: Electronic Response in Y-DOBDC. NO₂ vs NO_x

Computed Absorption

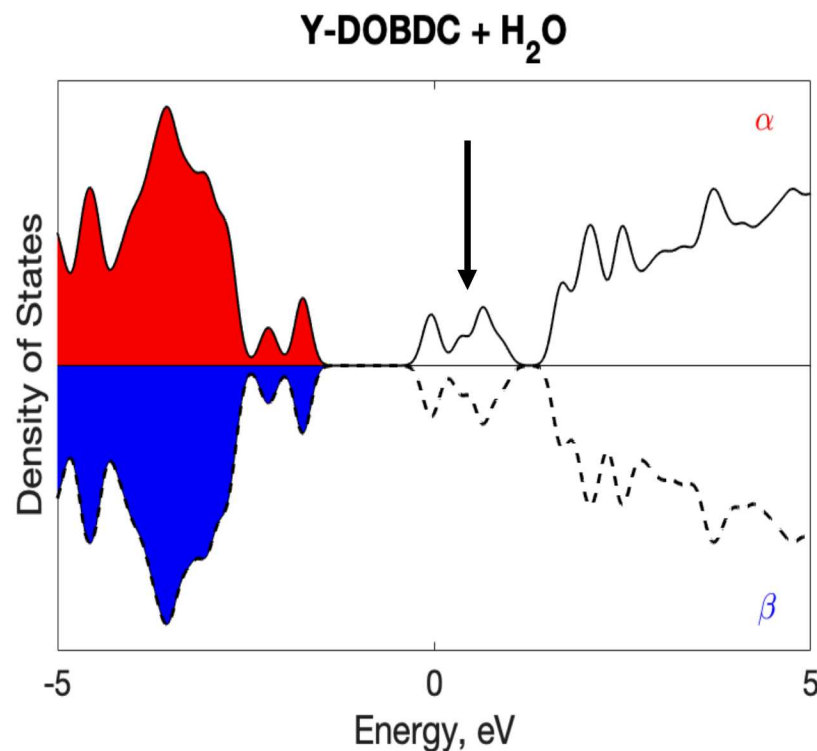
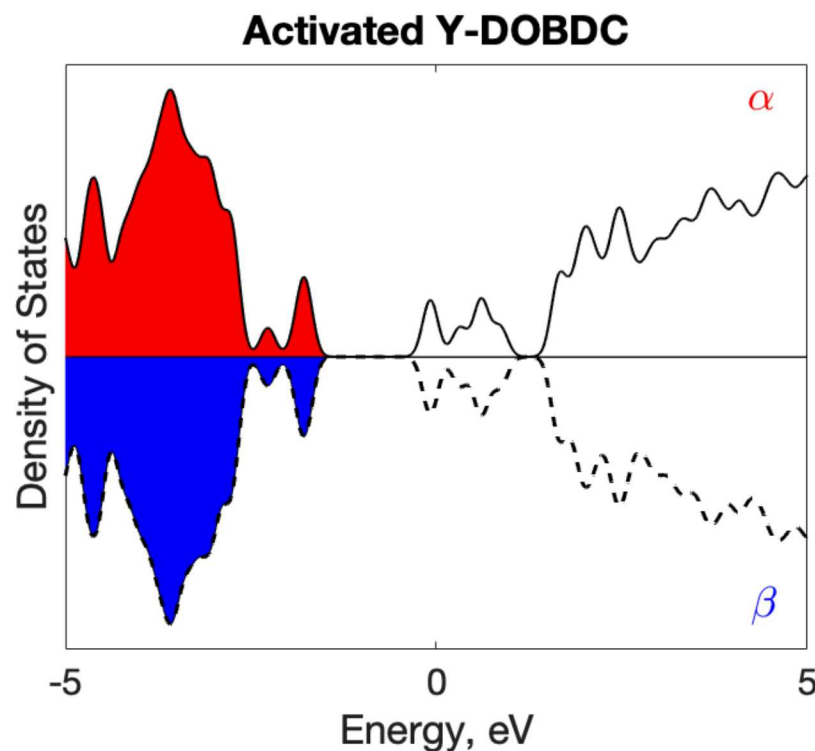


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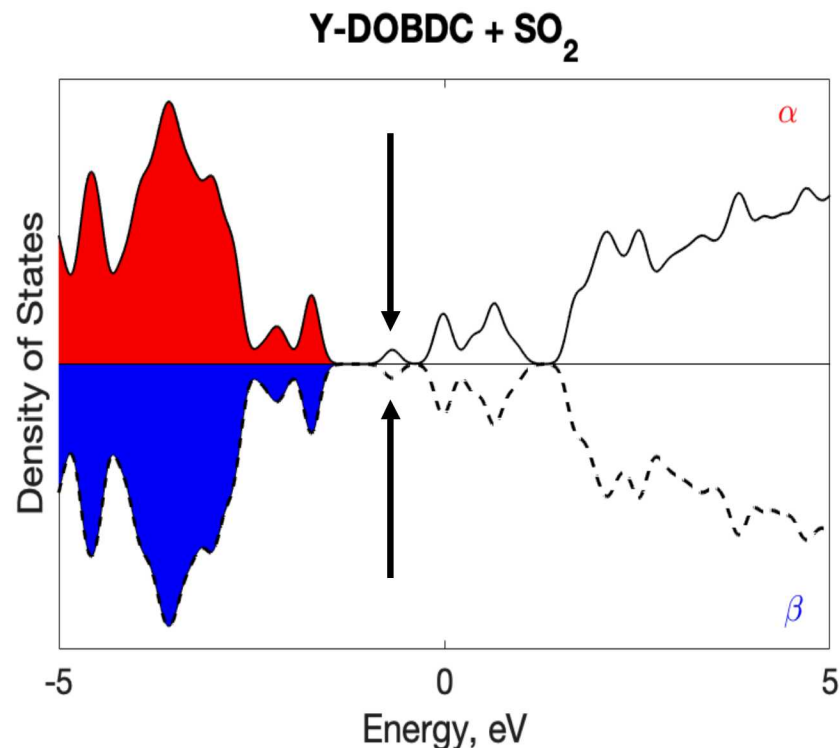
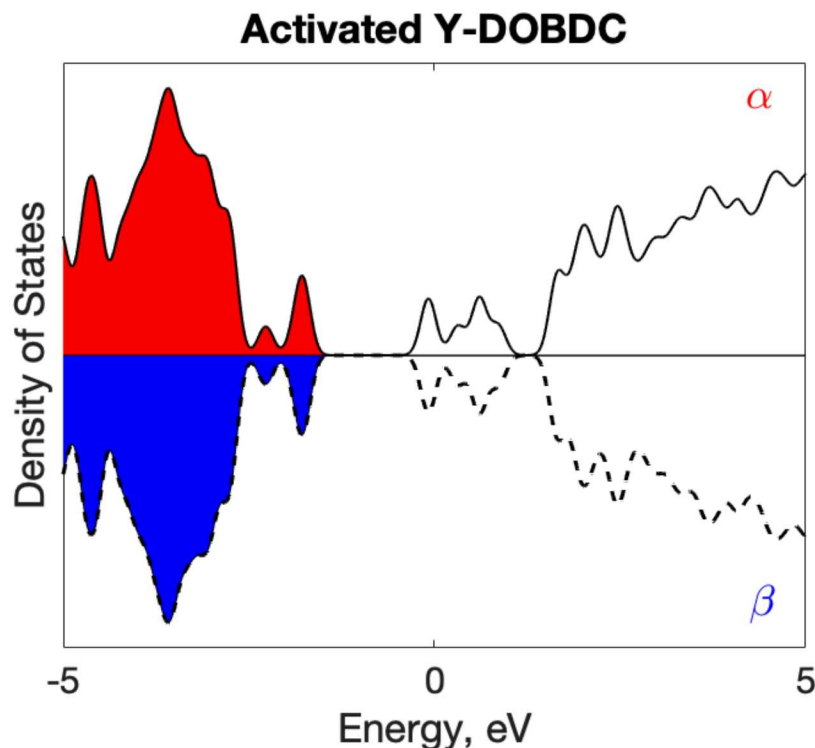


Gas Adsorption: Electronic Response in Y-DOBDC + H₂O

Minimal change in electronic structure with adsorption of H₂O.

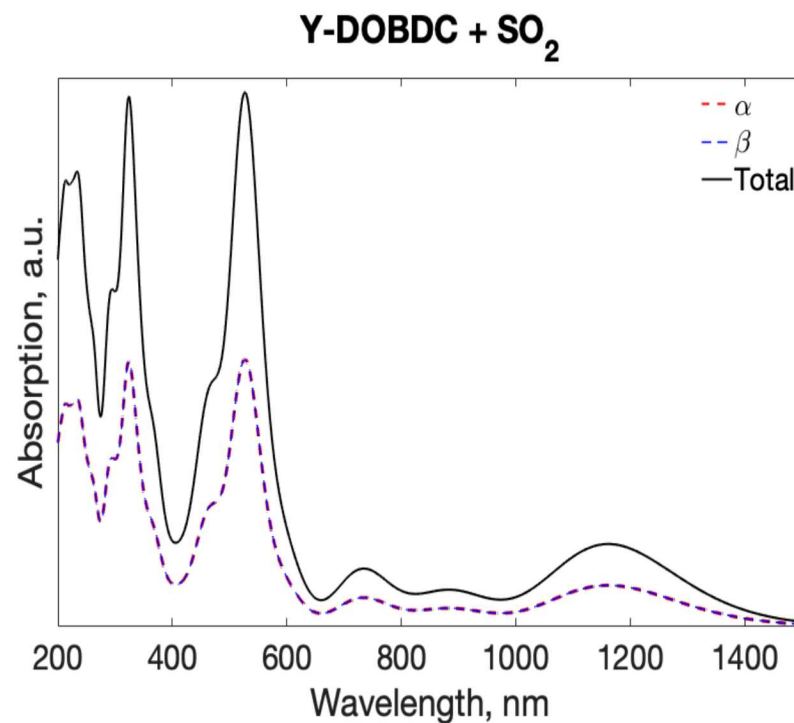
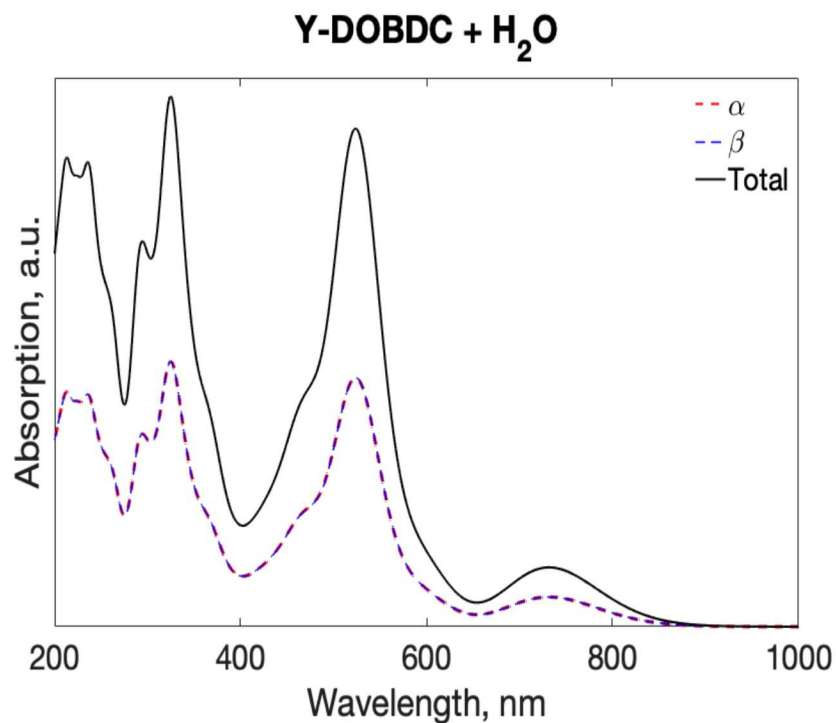


Gas Adsorption: Electronic Response in Y-DOBDC + SO₂



Spin-unrestricted confirms prediction made in spin-restricted calculation. The adsorption of an SO₂ molecule at an undercoordinated metal site introduces a new state within the original band gap.

Gas Adsorption: Predicted Trends in Absorption Spectra H_2O and SO_2



Conclusions on Gas Adsorption Properties

- SO_2 has shown the strongest interaction with all current rare earth elements.
- For RE-DOBDC (RE=Y, Eu, Tb, Yb) gas adsorption is preferential for $\text{SO}_2 > \text{H}_2\text{O} > \text{NO}_2$, where H_2O and NO_2 are very competitive.
- Adsorption of gas molecules, NO_2 and SO_2 , provide unique electronic structure allowing new electronic relaxation pathways to exist.
- Adsorption of NO_2 in Y-DOBDC induces a reduced PL intensity.
- Calculated DOS show new unoccupied states in the valence band and a redistribution of state energies at the band edges.

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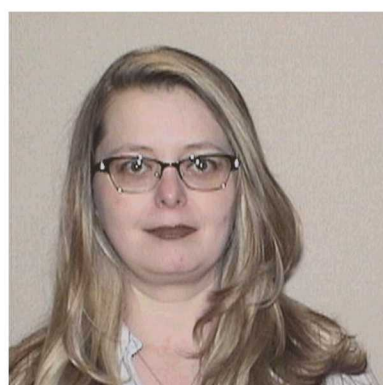
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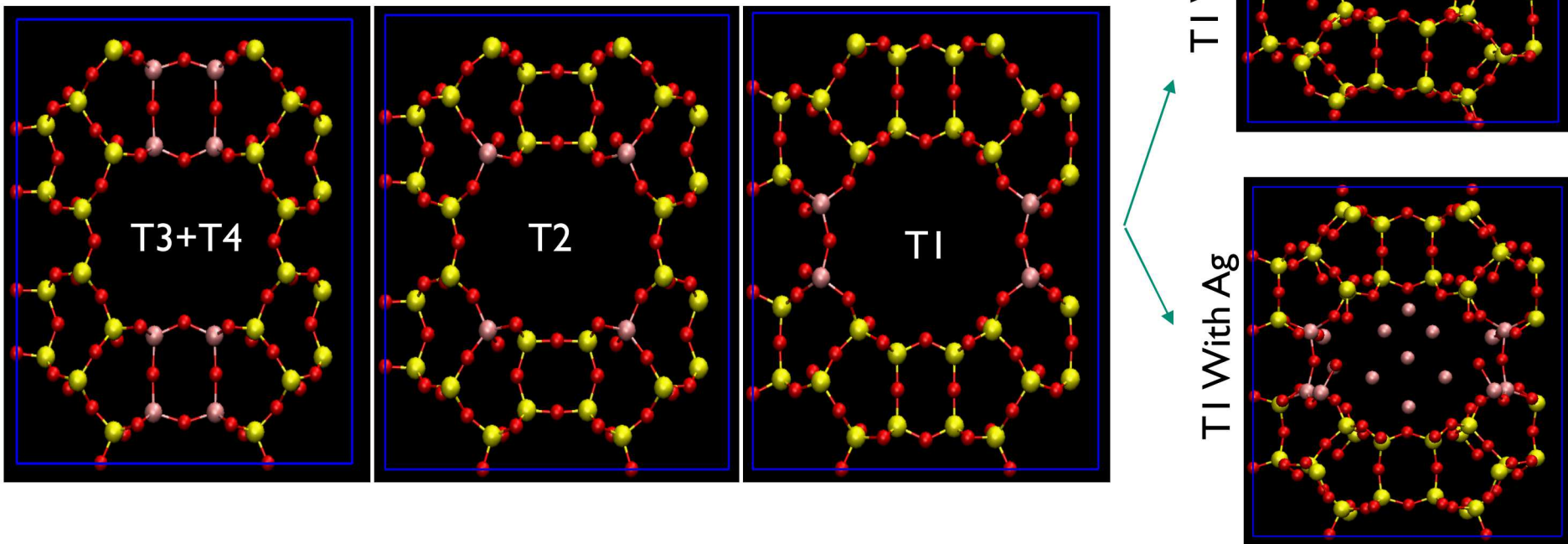
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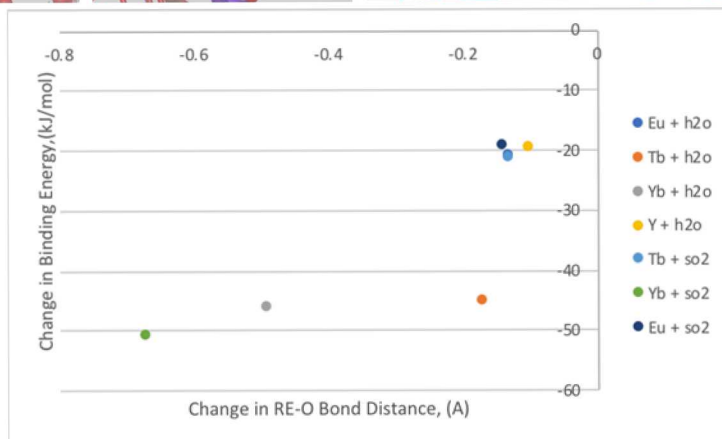
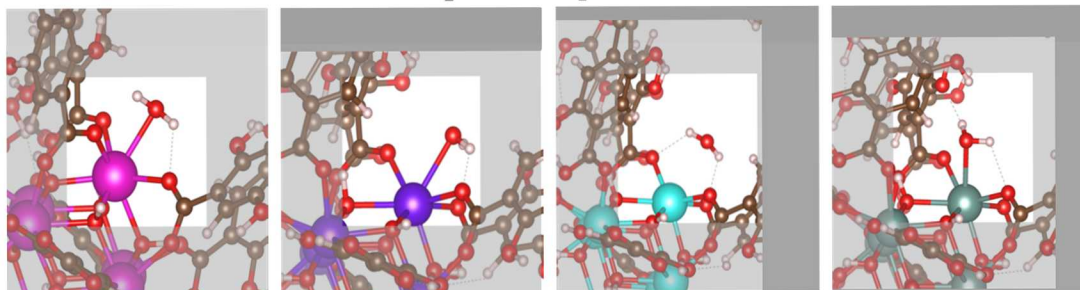
Structure:

- Mordenite (MOR) framework
- Si/Al ratio = 5
- Energetics of Ag⁺ formation in main channel and side pocket



Snapshots of MOR framework structures with Al in four different tetrahedral locations (T1, T2, and T3+T4). Colors: silicon (yellow), oxygen (red), and aluminum (pink)

Gas Adsorption: Material Reorganization Gas Only Optimization



All Atom Optimization

