



Insights into the binding and degradation of organophosphates on MOFs from a complementary experimental-modeling study



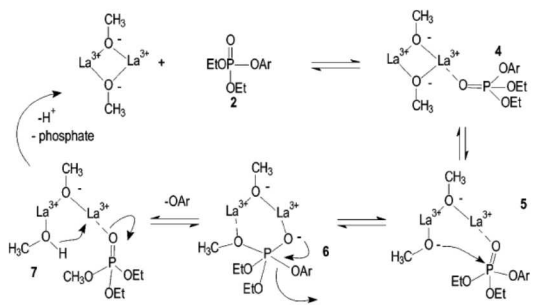
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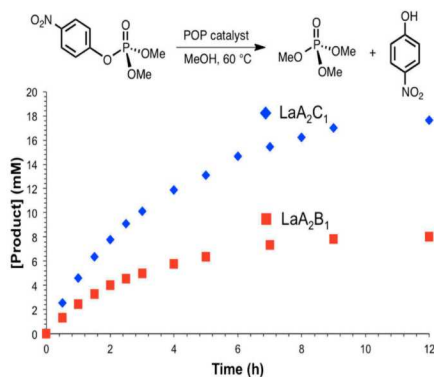
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Goal: Investigate chemistries to degrade organophosphorous compounds in water free environments; identify suitable simulants

Billion-fold Acceleration of the Methanolysis of Paraoxon Promoted by La^{3+} complexes

Scheme 1^a

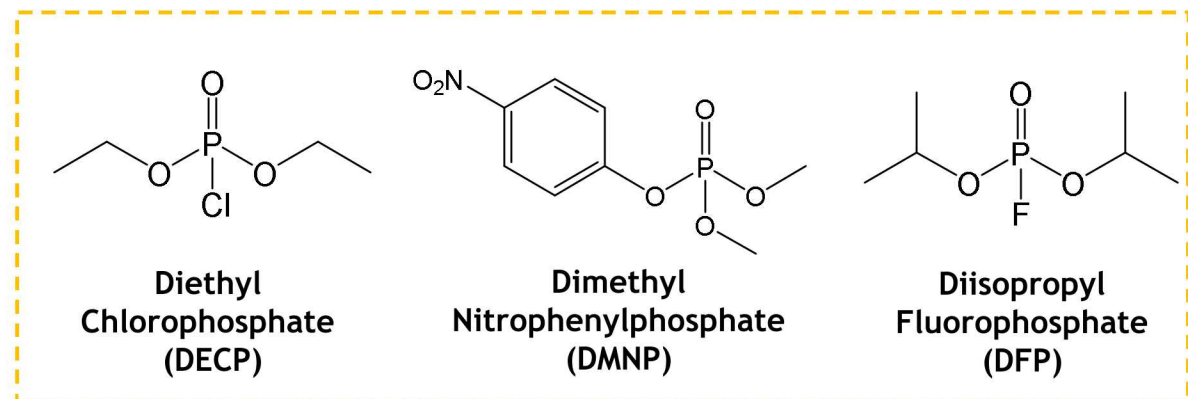
La^{3+} catechol-functionalized POPs show accelerated activity towards methanolysis



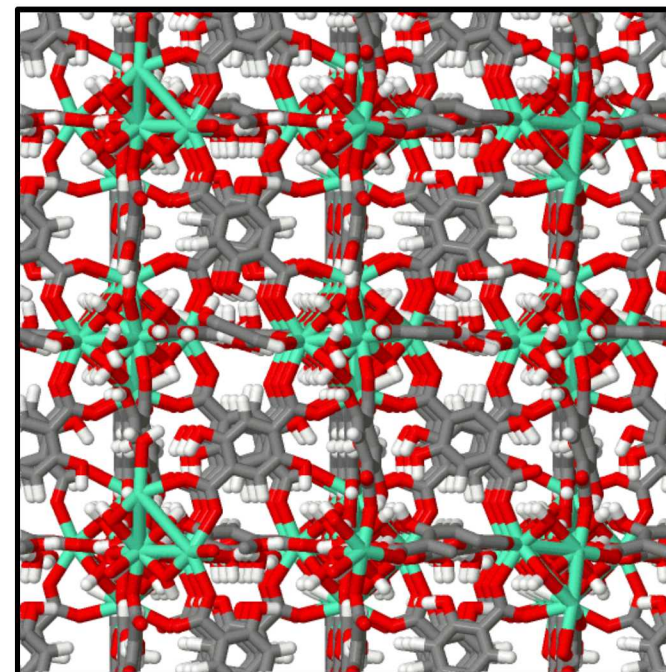
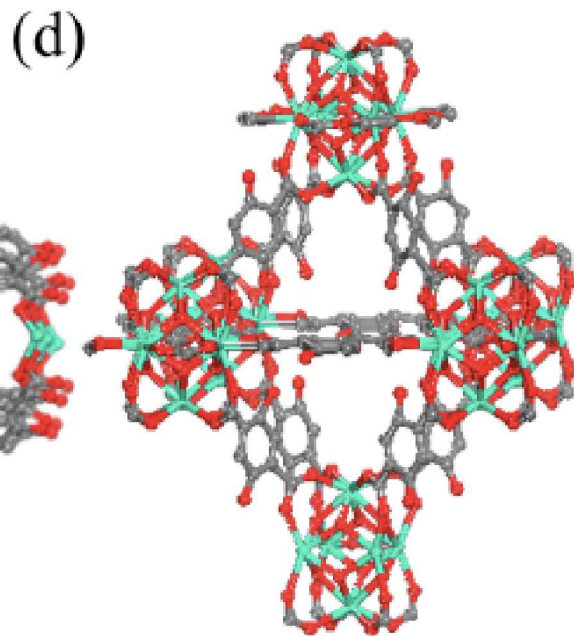
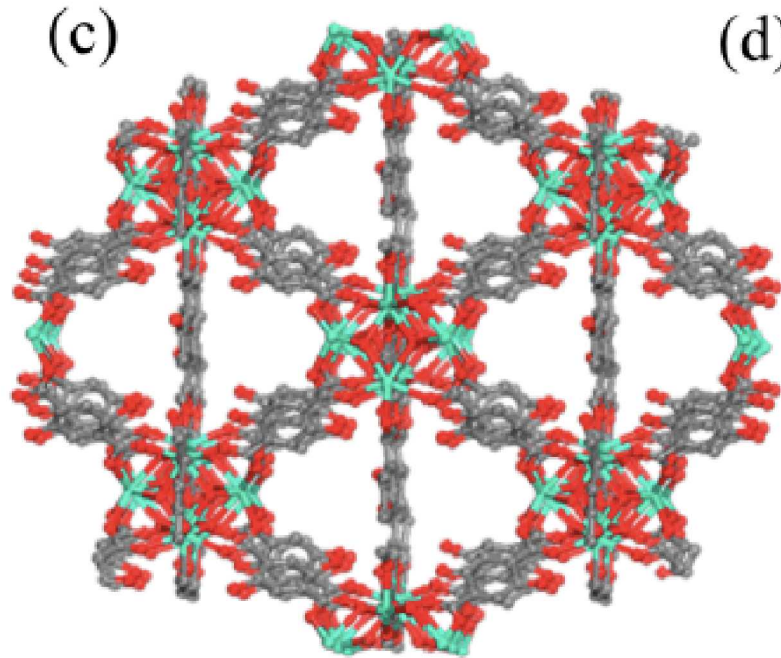
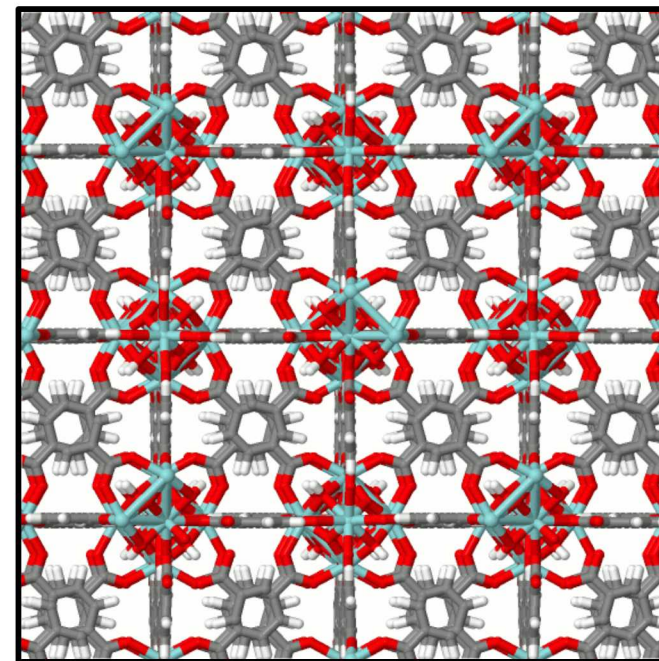
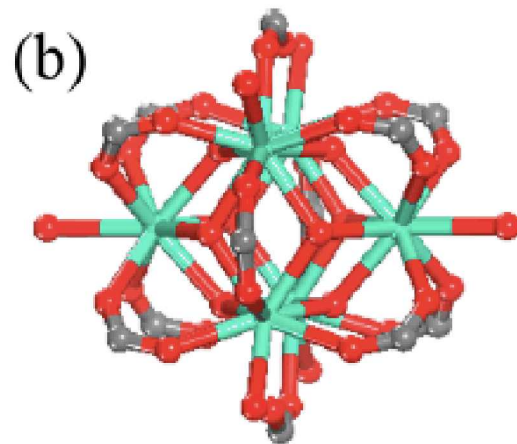
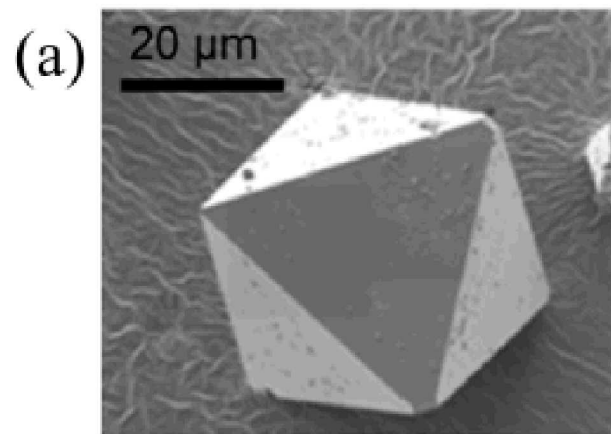
Methanolysis of organophosphates is accelerated by La-based catalysts

- The molecular structure/reactivity of simulants vs. Chemical Warfare Agents (CWAs) is different
- Tests performed on CWAs are not trivial and conducted only at authorized facilities
- Simulants allow screening of materials

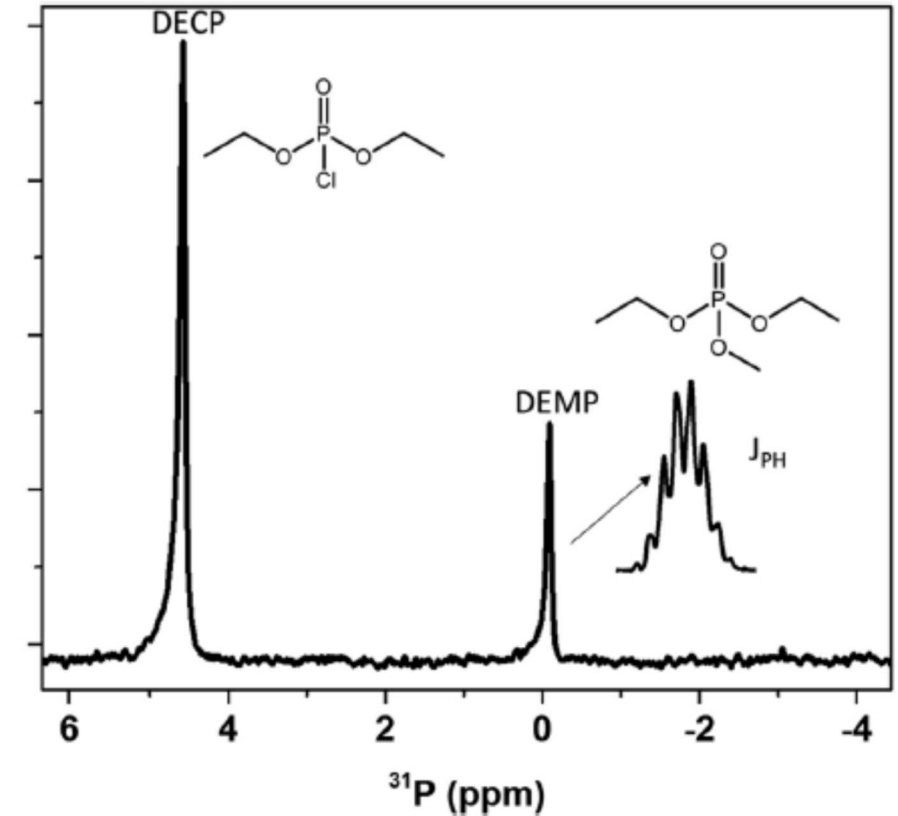
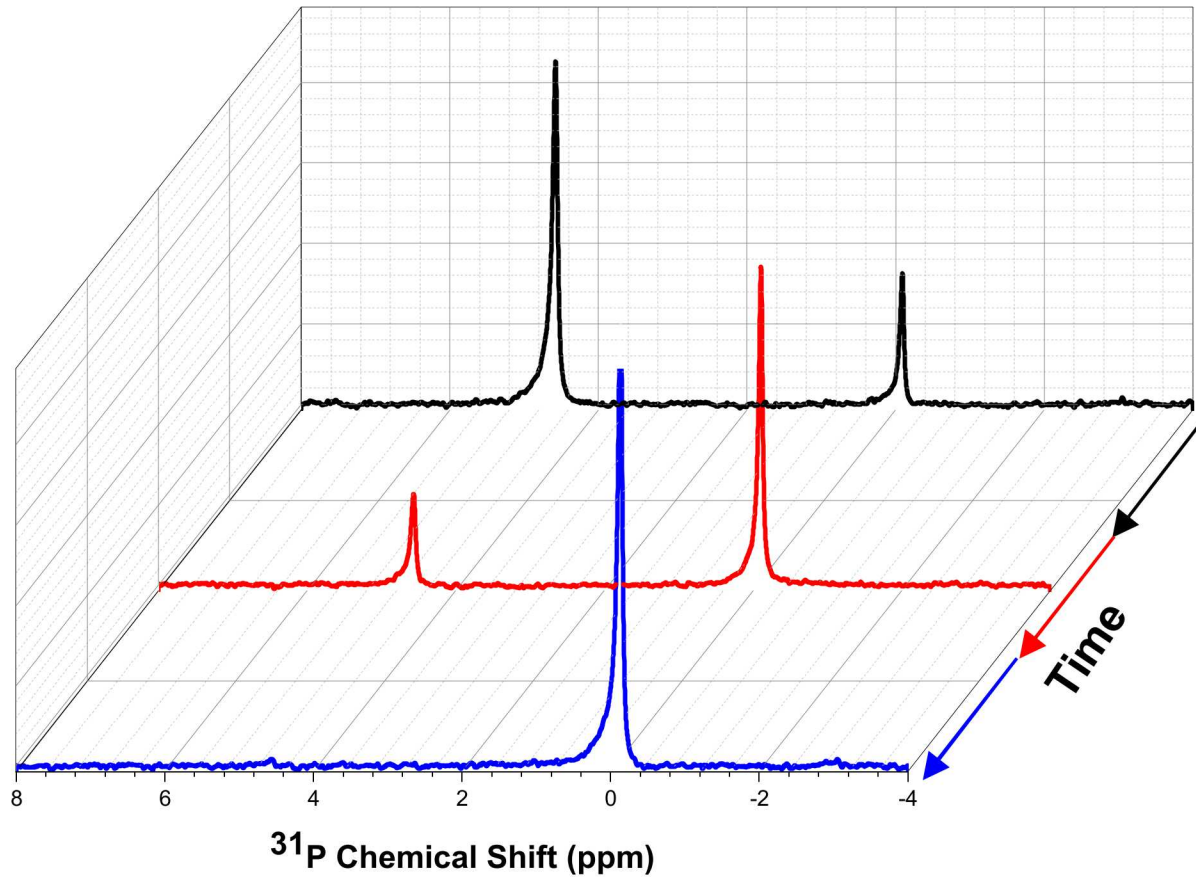
Increase in Correlation to Live Agent?



Rare-Earthed Based MOFs: 3D Structure

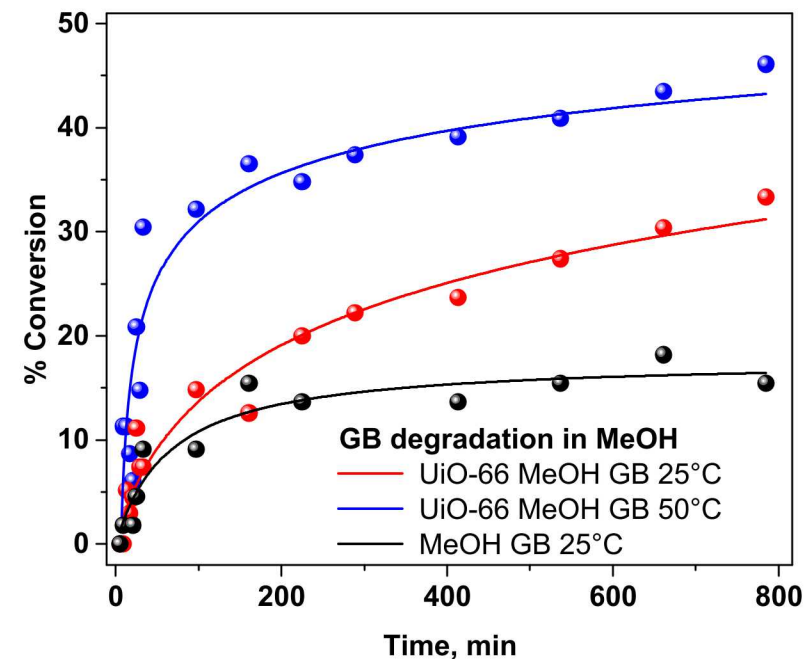
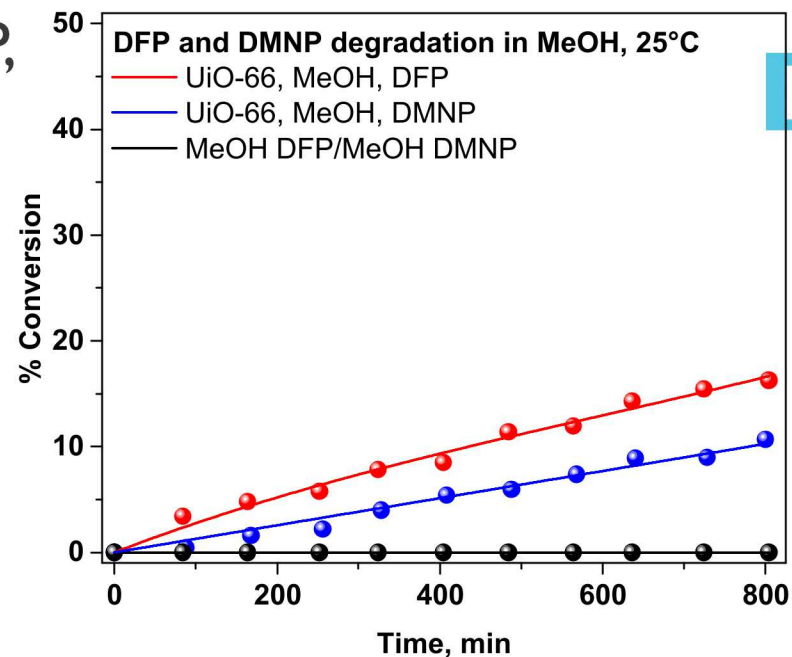
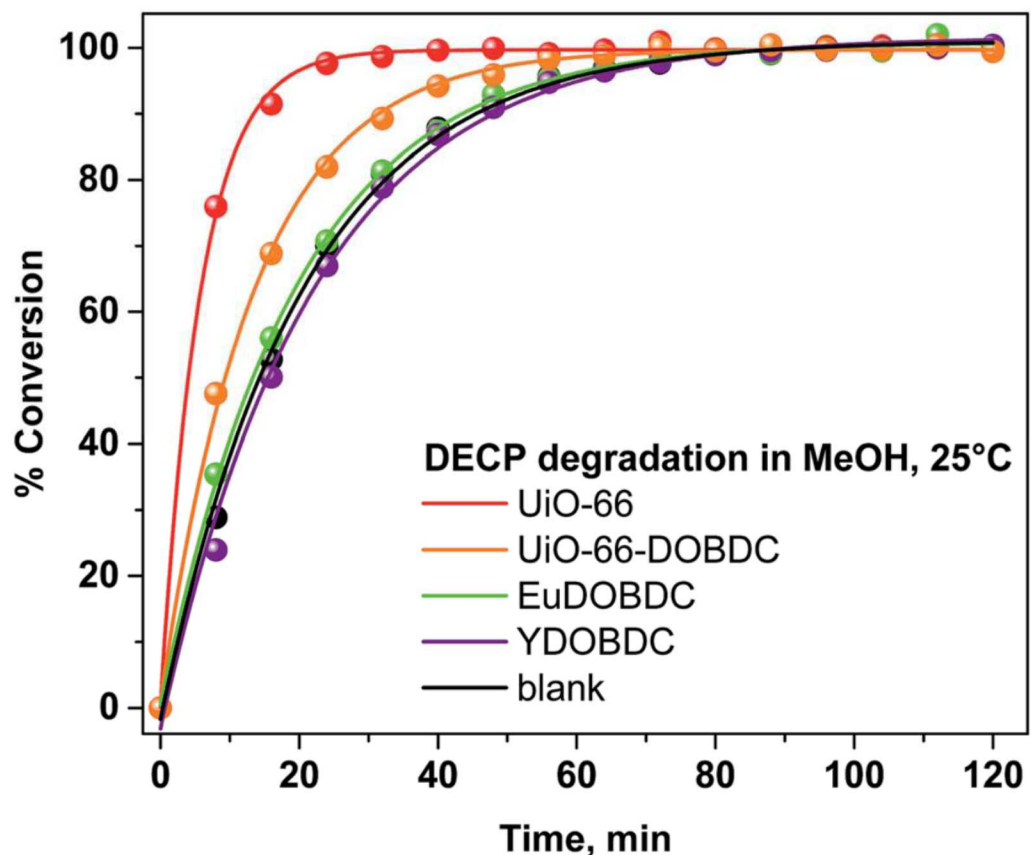


An Example NMR Spectrum for Degradation Monitoring



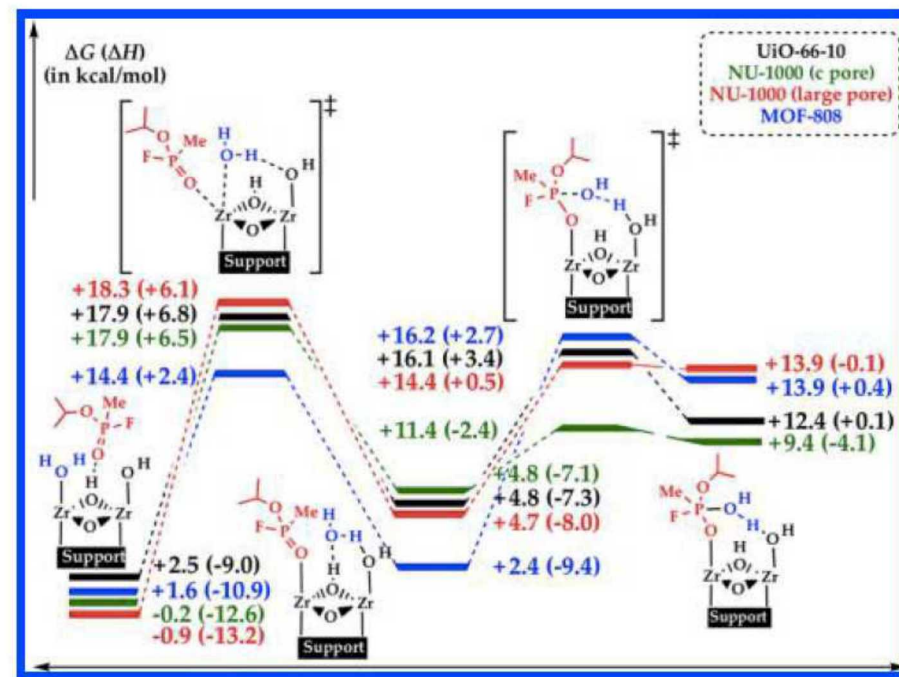
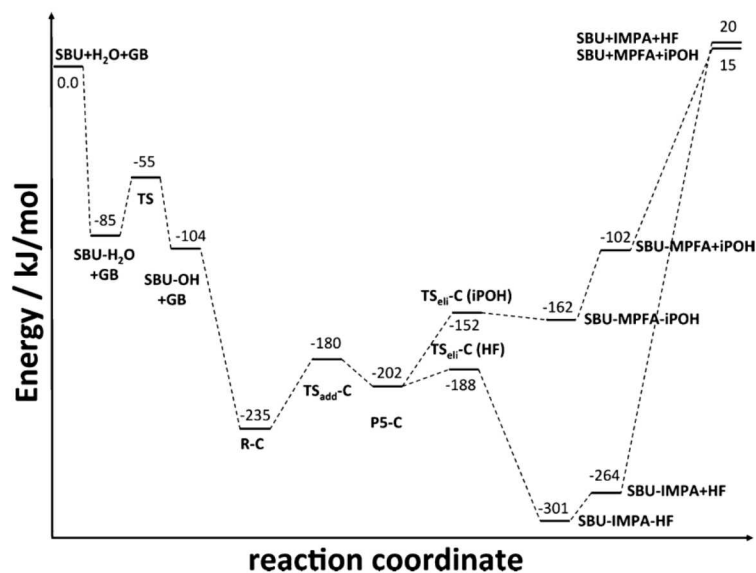
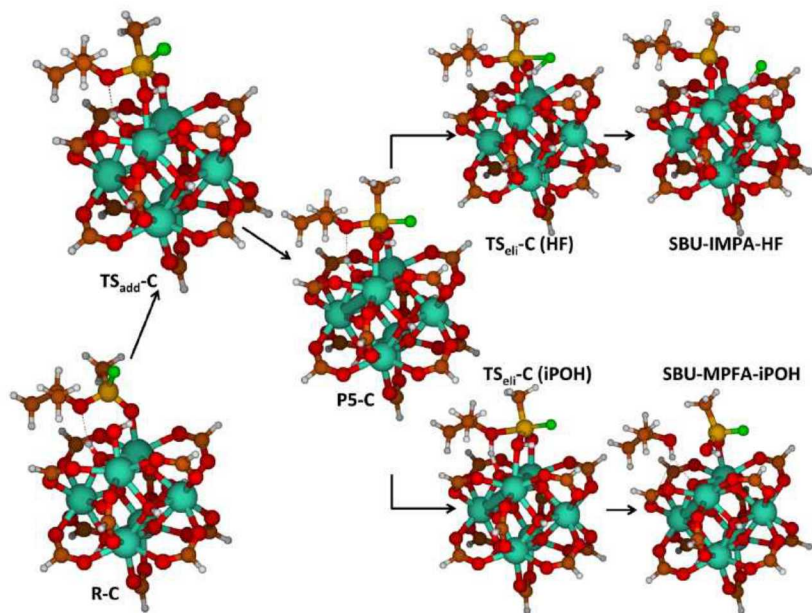
- NMR allows for quantitative and sensitive monitoring of degradation process; and unambiguous determination of the product species

Rare Earth and UiO-66 degradation of DECP, DMNP, DFP, and GB



- DECP degradation significantly faster than GB; DMNP/DFP much more reliable simulants
- DMNP and DFP degradation run in parallel with GB, suggesting similar mechanisms
- What do computational results suggesting regarding the degradation mechanism?

6 Importance of Adsorption of Organophosphorous Compounds in MOFs

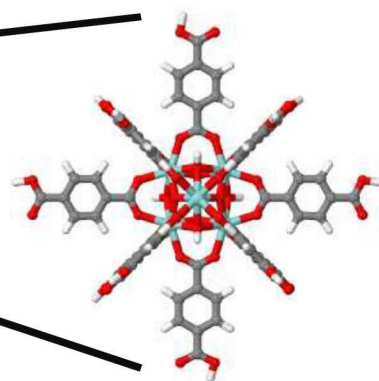


- Adsorption of GB in MOFs is a critical first step towards the degradation, however this process is poorly understood
- Assumption that degradation happens via adsorption onto a defect site has never been confirmed experimentally.

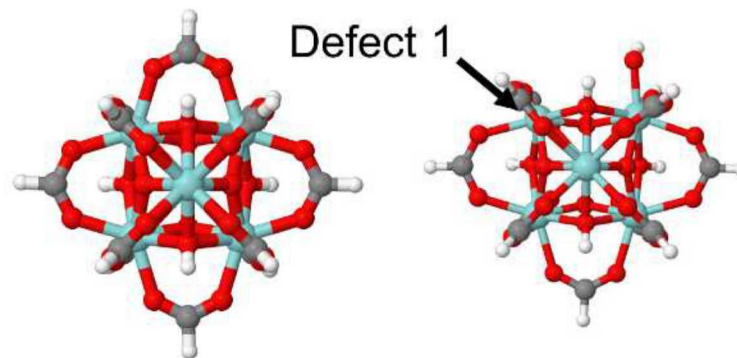
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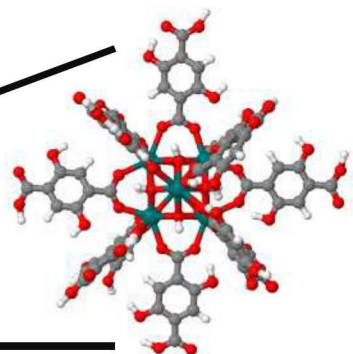
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UiO-66 DOBDC



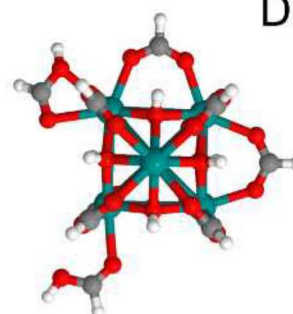
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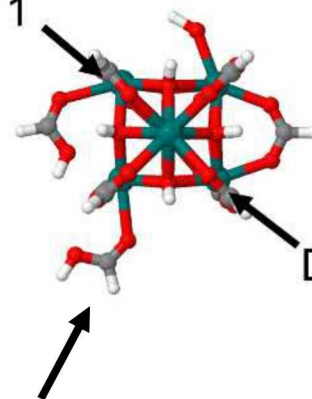
Y-DOBDC



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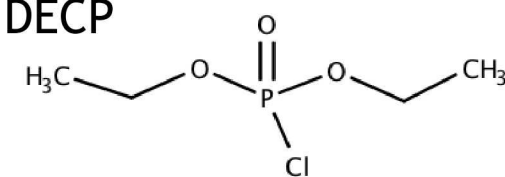
Defect 2



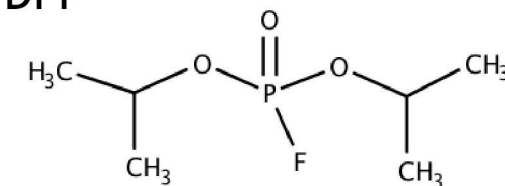
2 unique defects possible in Y-DOBDC:

- Missing linker defect identical to UiO-66 (defect 1)
- Twisted linker defect (defect 2)

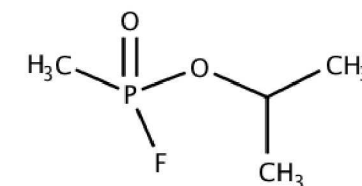
DECP



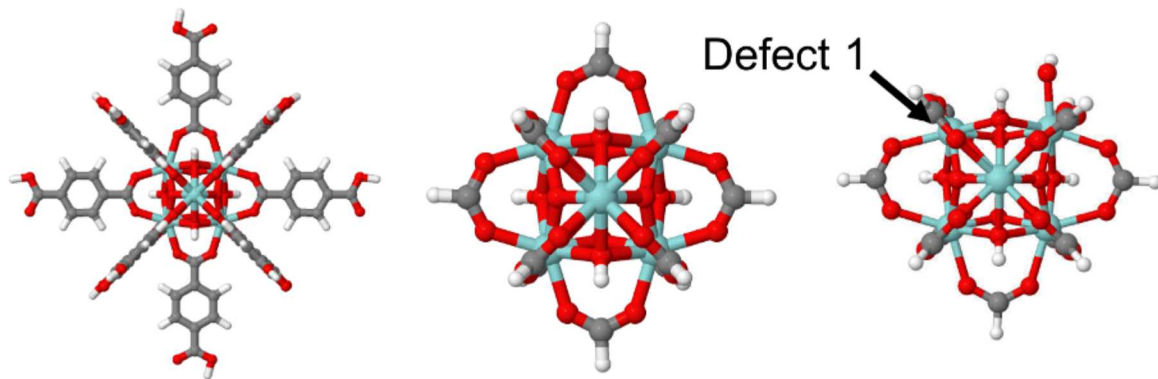
DFP



GB

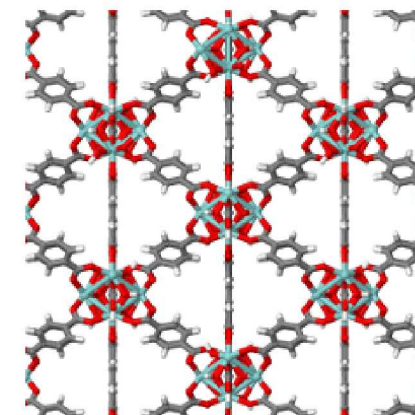


Cluster Models:



- Representative clusters cut from periodic structures
- Each cluster consists of full hexanuclear metal cluster and 12 linkers
- Linkers shortened to formate groups
- M06-L density functional with def2-SVP basis set for all non-metal atoms; ECP28MWB basis and associated pseudopotentials for metal atoms

Periodic Models:

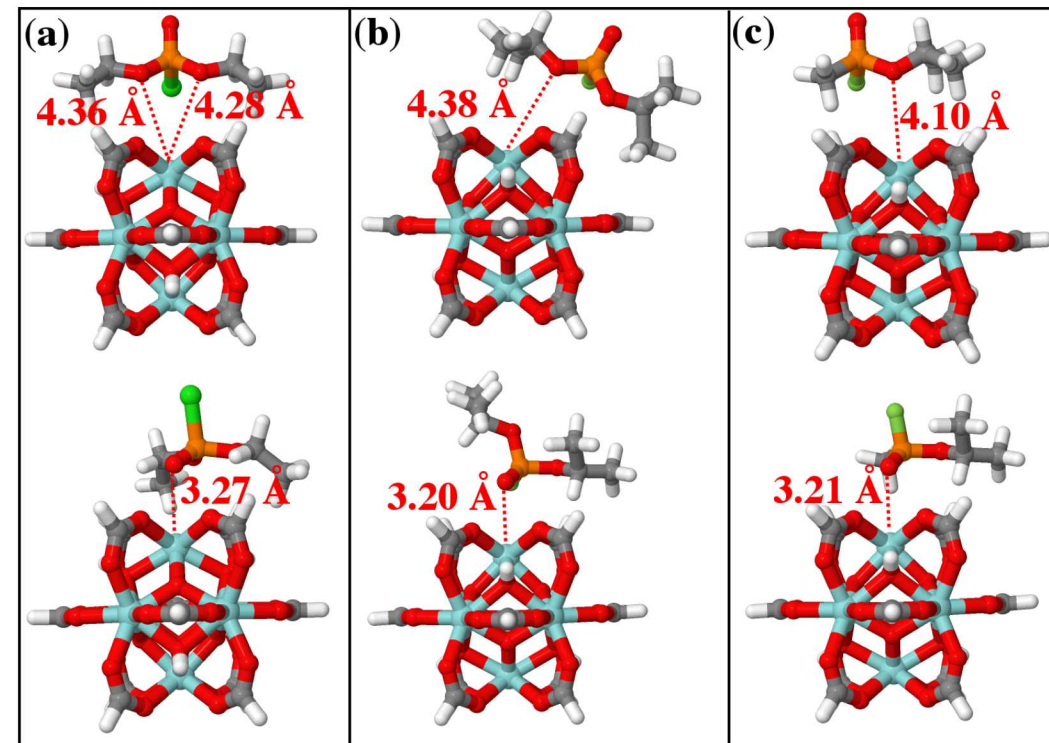
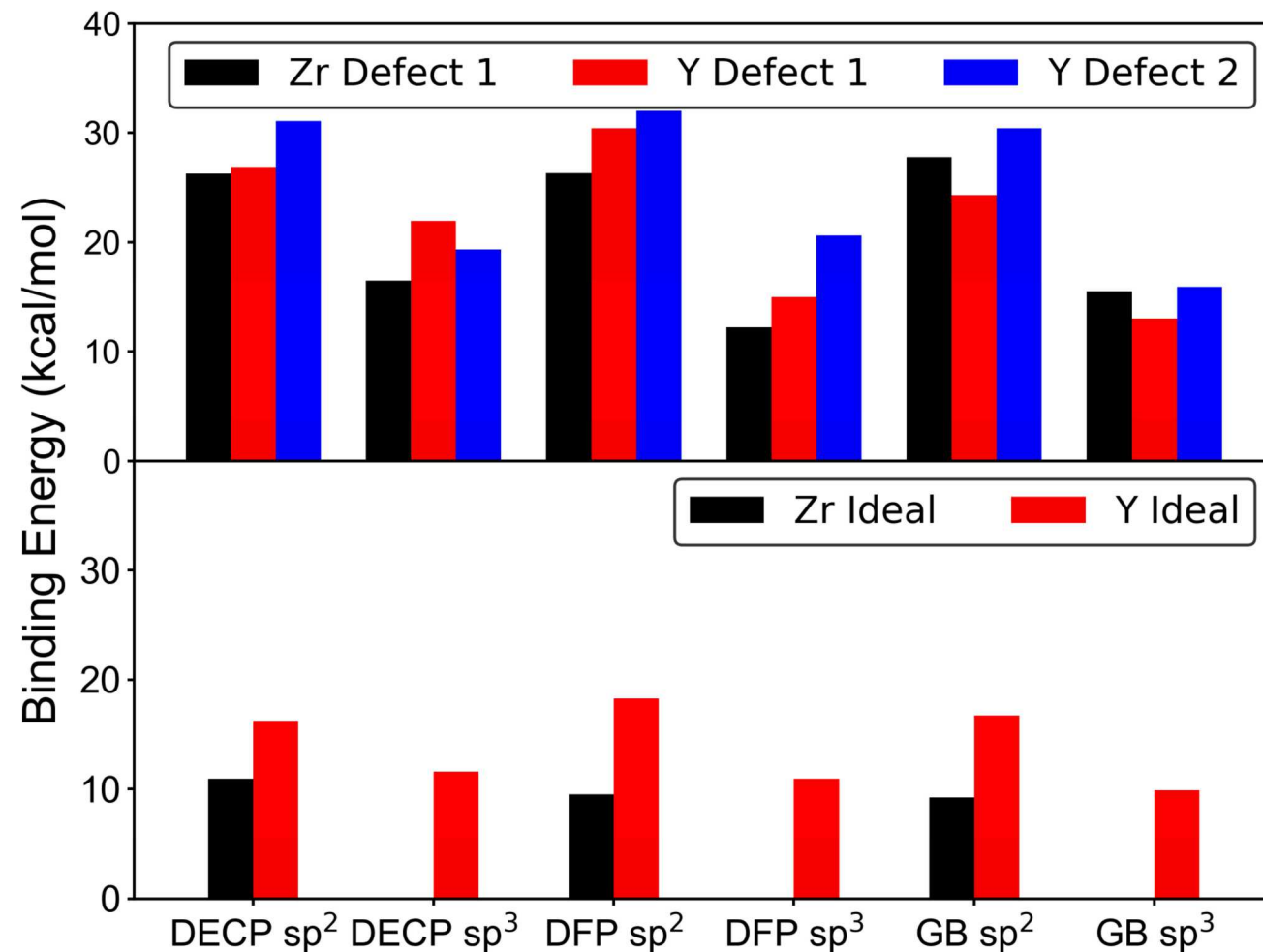


- Projector augmented wave approach implemented in VASP
- Perdew-Burke-Ernzerhof revised for solids (PBEsol) exchange correlation functional
- DFT-D3 with Becke-Jonson damping for empirical vdw interactions

$$\Delta E_{binding} = -[E_{substrate+MOF} - (E_{substrate} + E_{MOF})]$$

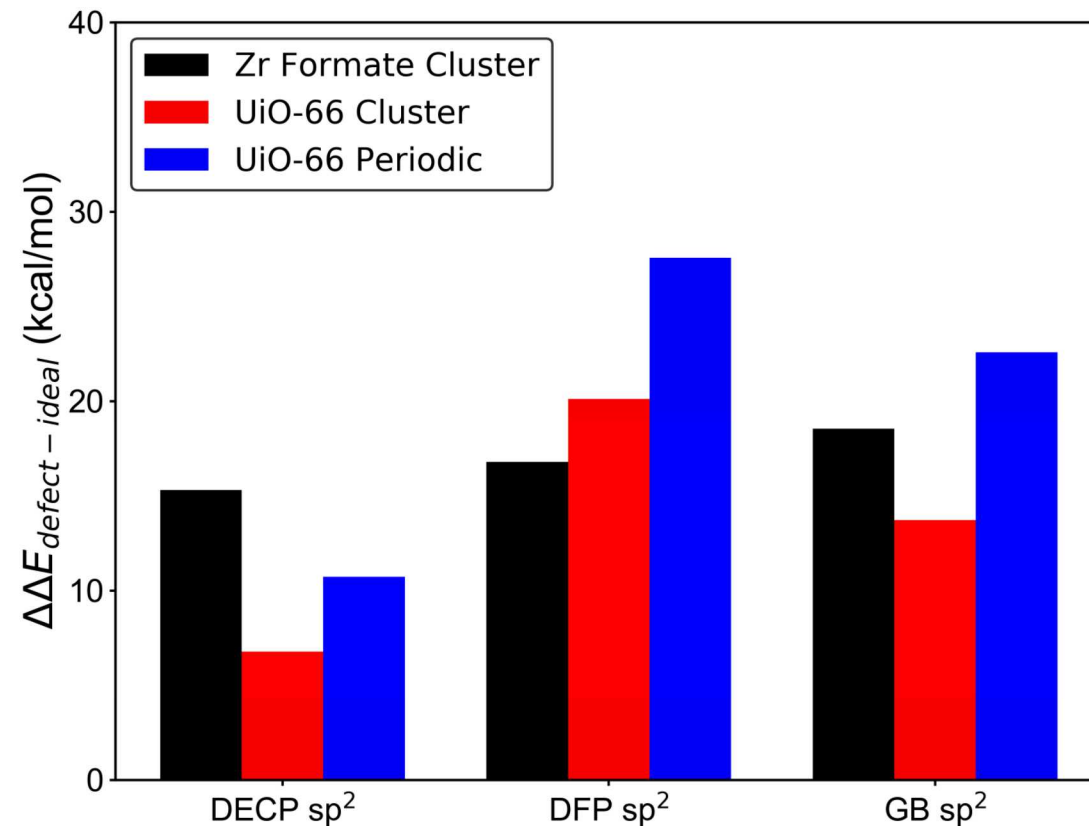
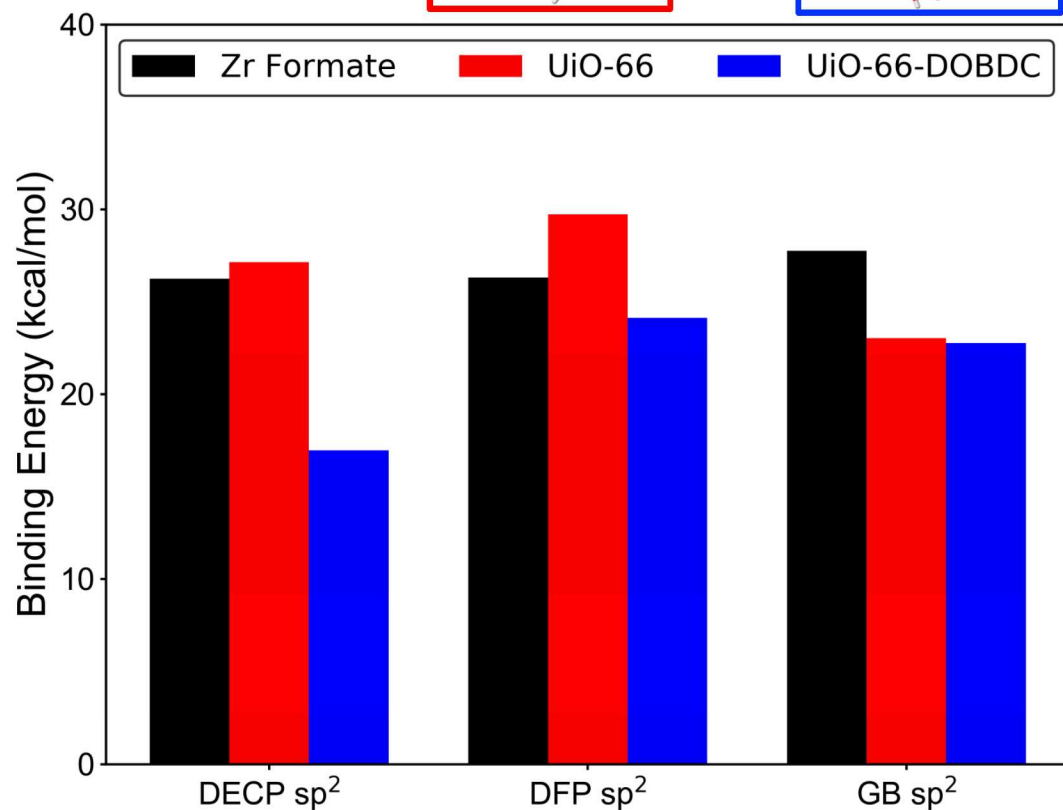
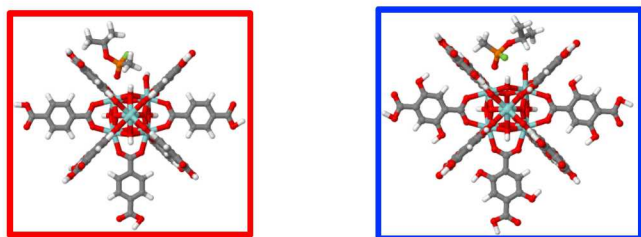
Positive binding energy = favorable

9 Binding Energy in Clusters: Effect of Metal and Structural Defects



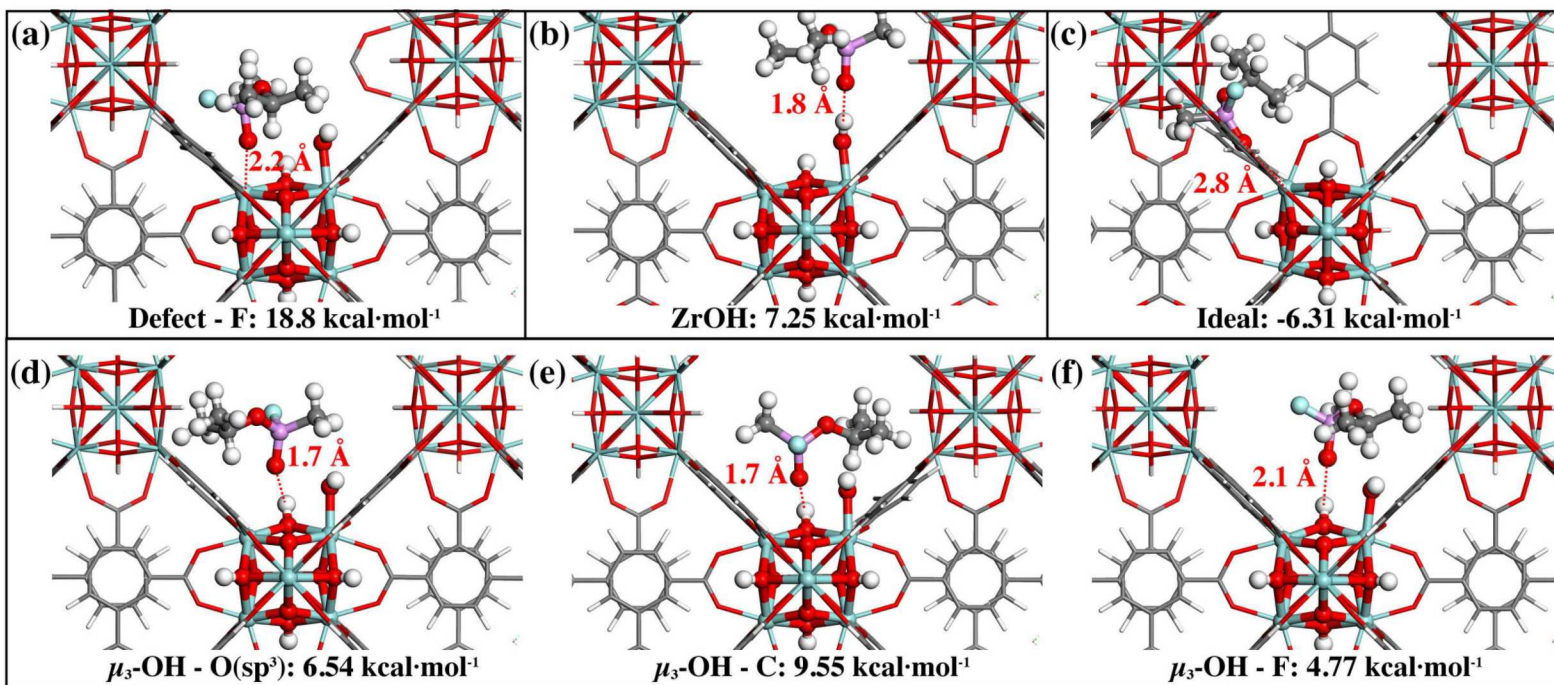
- O(sp^2) binding significantly more favorable than O(sp^3)
- Y binds fully coordinated sites more favorably than Zr, but with defects the metals are similar
- Twisted linker defects are competitive with missing linker defects → Synthetic advantage

Effect of Linker and Cluster Model on Binding Energies

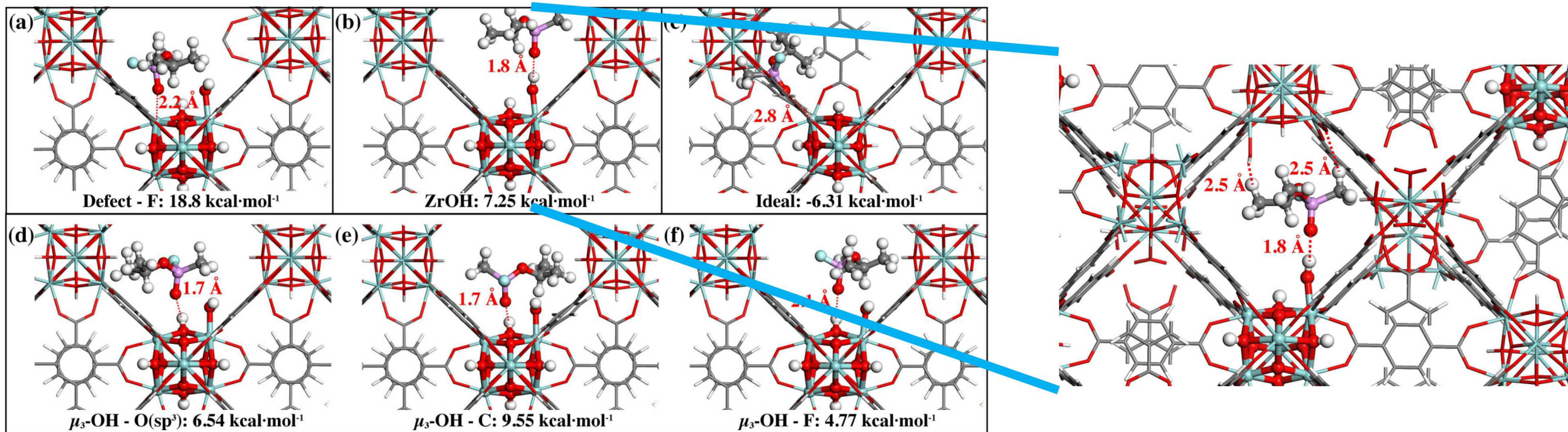


- Linkers play a distinct role in the binding process, however the trend is not general
- OH groups largely decrease the binding energy → Mirrors reactivity results
- Formate clusters tend to over estimate binding at ideal sites and erase steric effects

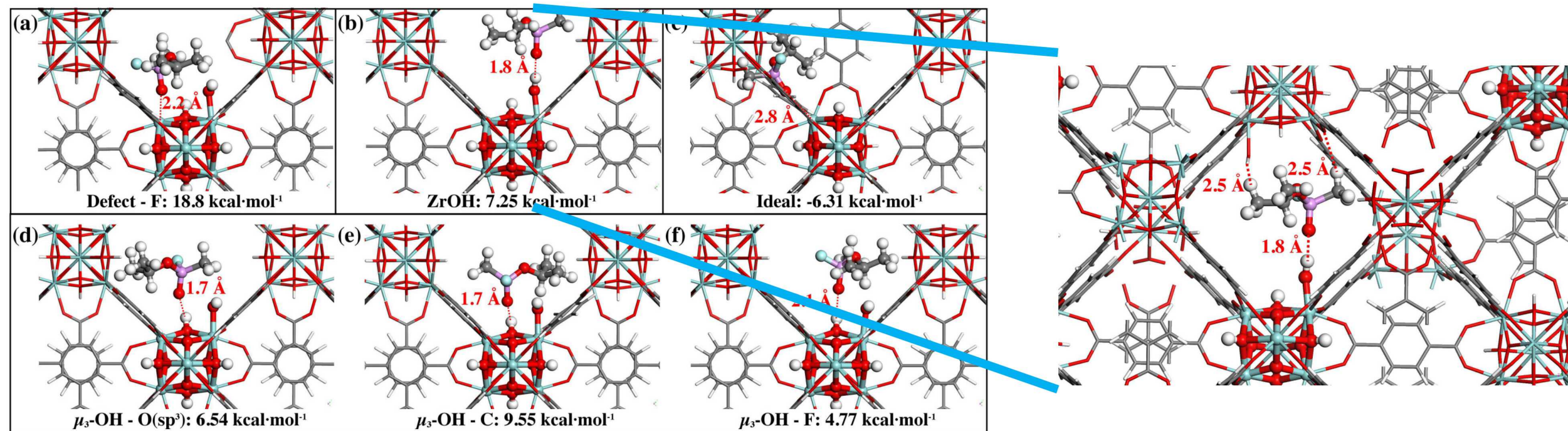
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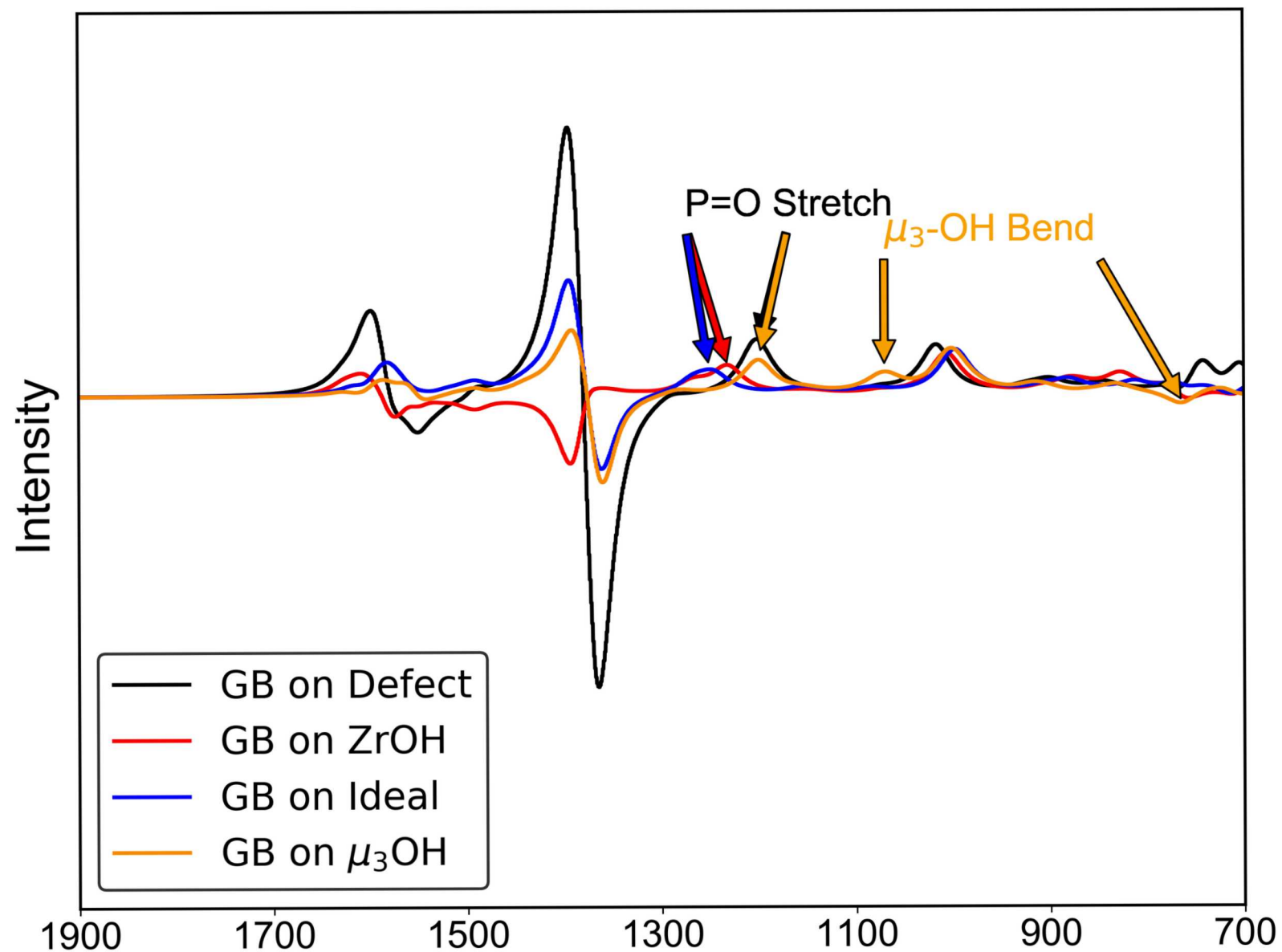


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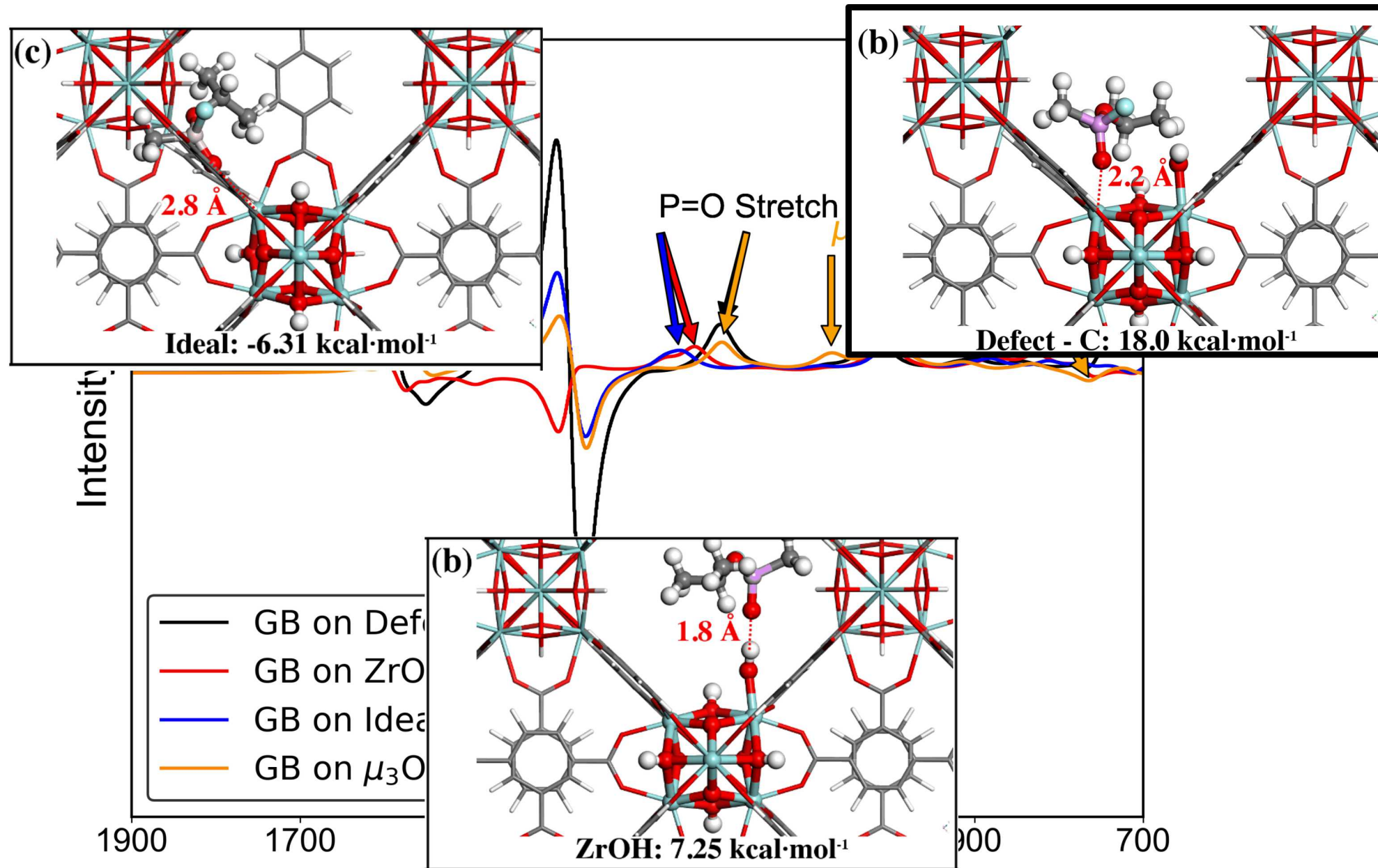


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- Wide variety of binding sites and binding energies within UiO-66; is this observable with IR spectroscopy?

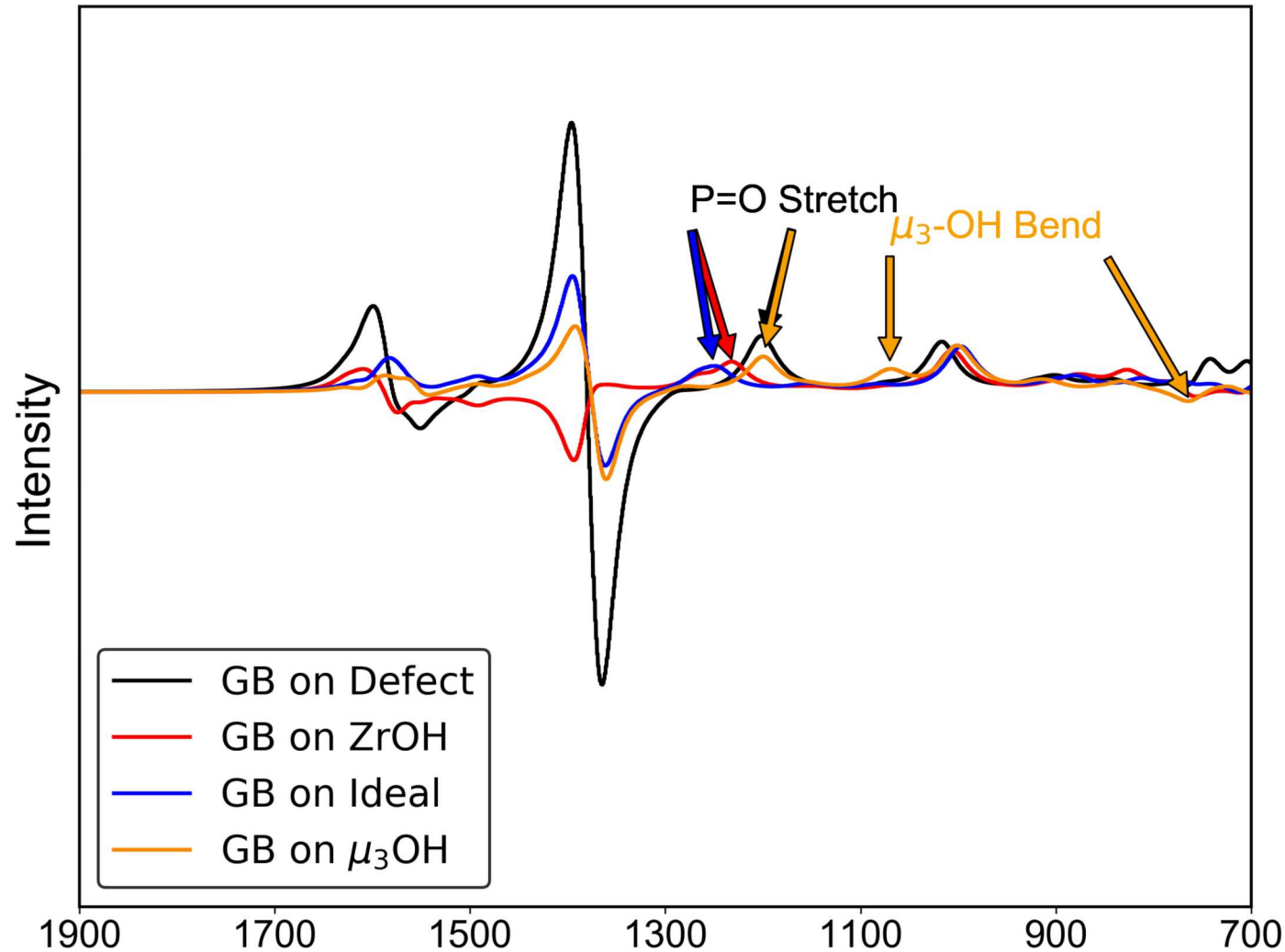
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- Ideal vs defect site binding show a 50 cm⁻¹ difference in the P=O stretch
- A 3rd site, possibly the defect created ZrOH, is observed in between the defect and ideal site binding

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