

Supporting Information

Disclosing Gate-Opening/Closing Events inside a Flexible Metal-Organic Framework loaded with CO₂ by Reactive and Essential Dynamics

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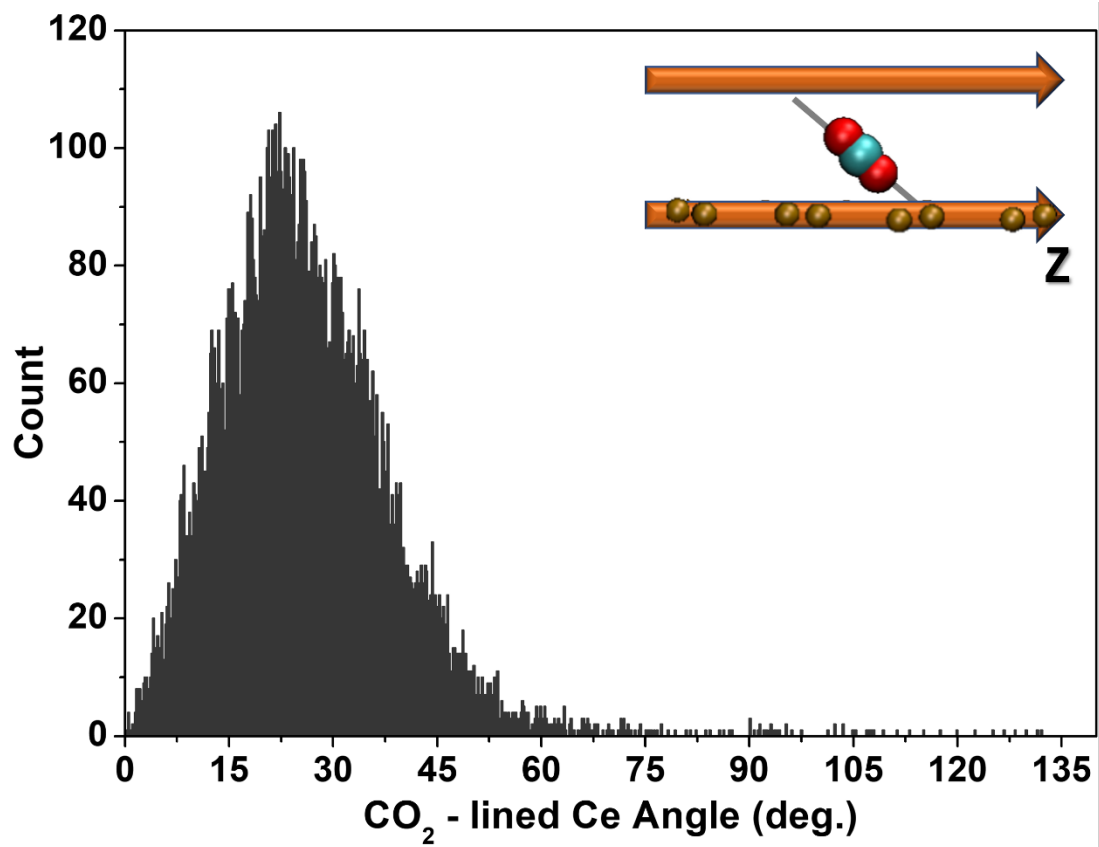


Figure S1. Angle of a CO₂ molecule (traveling in a channel) with the axis of the channel.

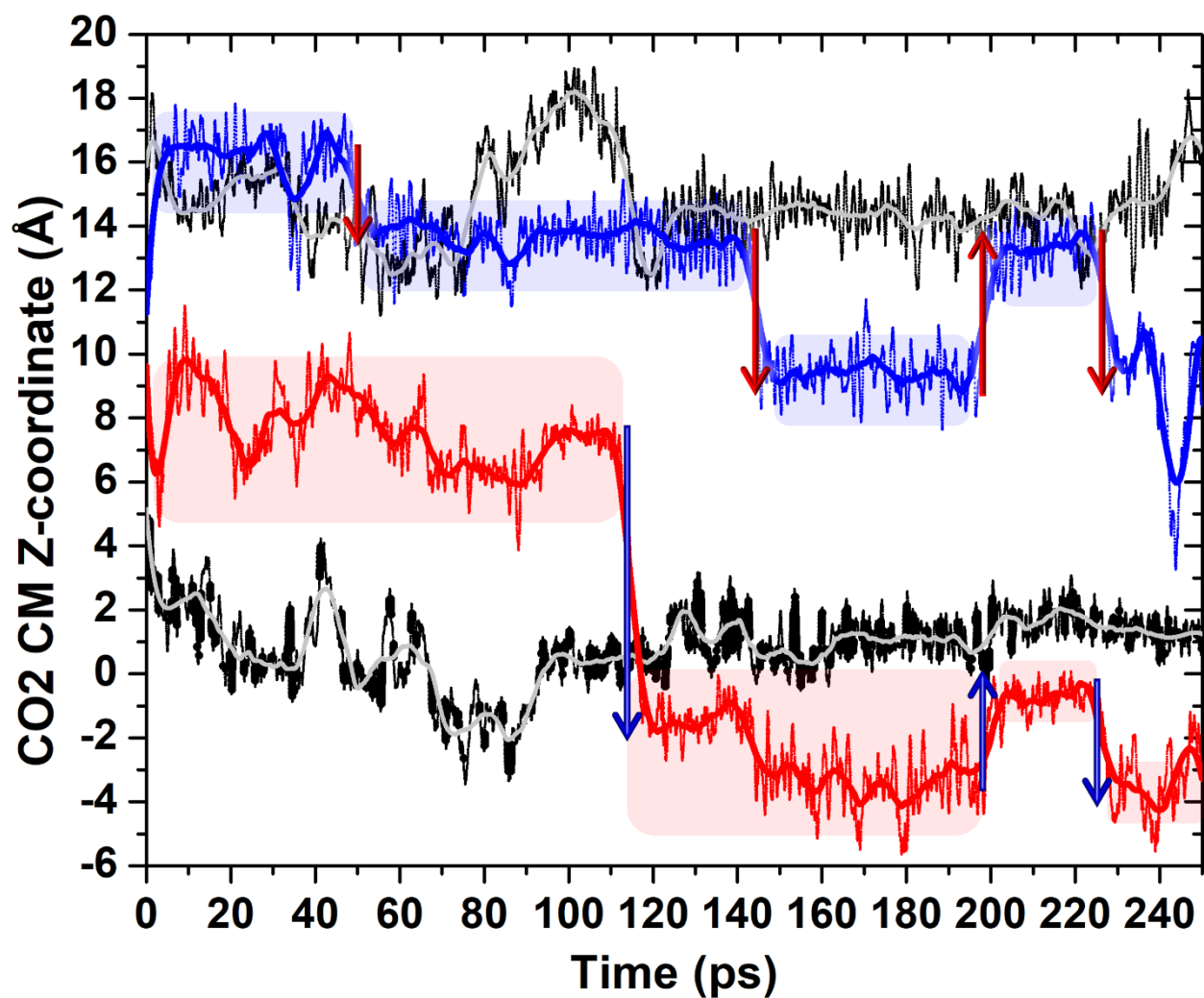


Figure S2. CO₂ (four molecules) motion along the Z direction (inside the channels) as a function of the simulation time. Stationary states are evidenced by the highlighted areas. The arrows indicate diffusion along the channels. The blue plot corresponds to the CO₂ in the Supplementary Video with grey C.

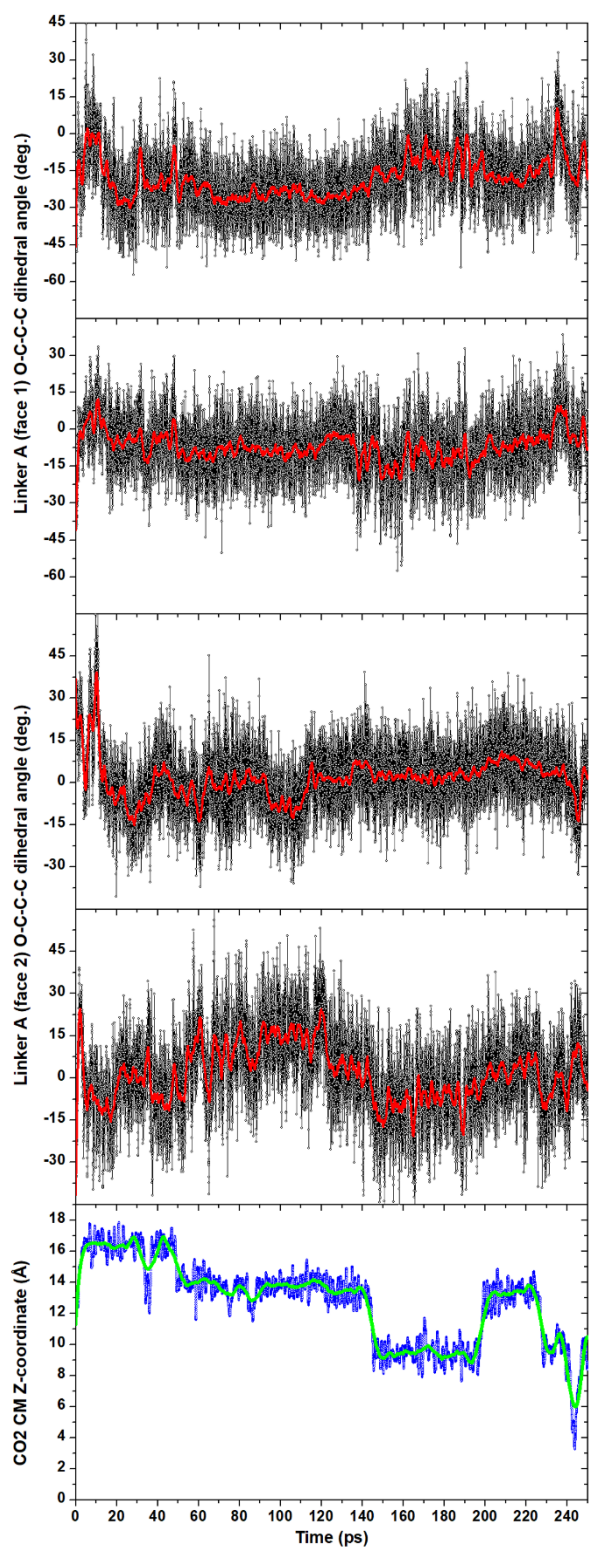


Figure S3. CO₂ motion along the Z direction (inside the channels) as a function of the simulation time compared with the rotations of the rings close by to identify the kicks responsible for diffusion.

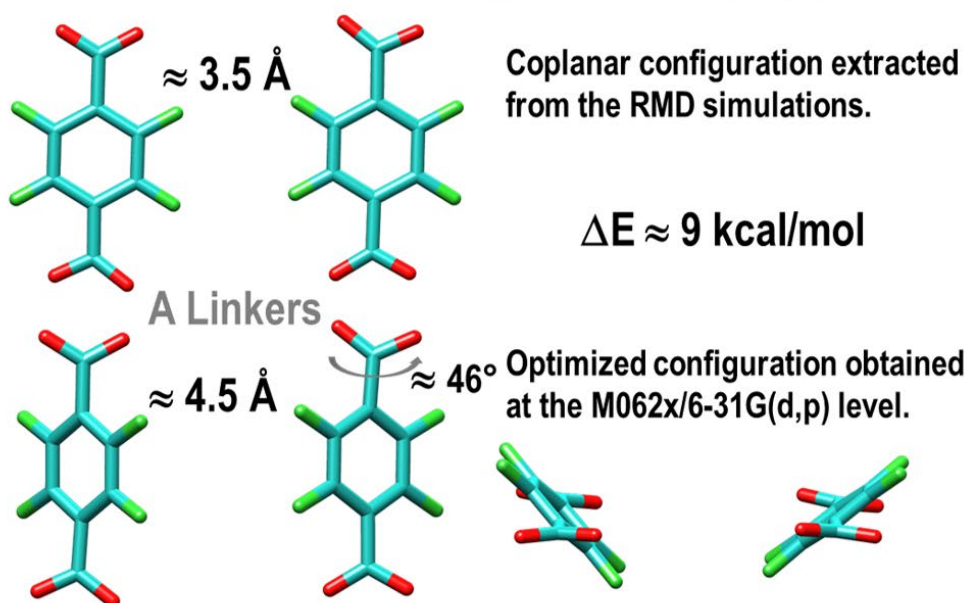
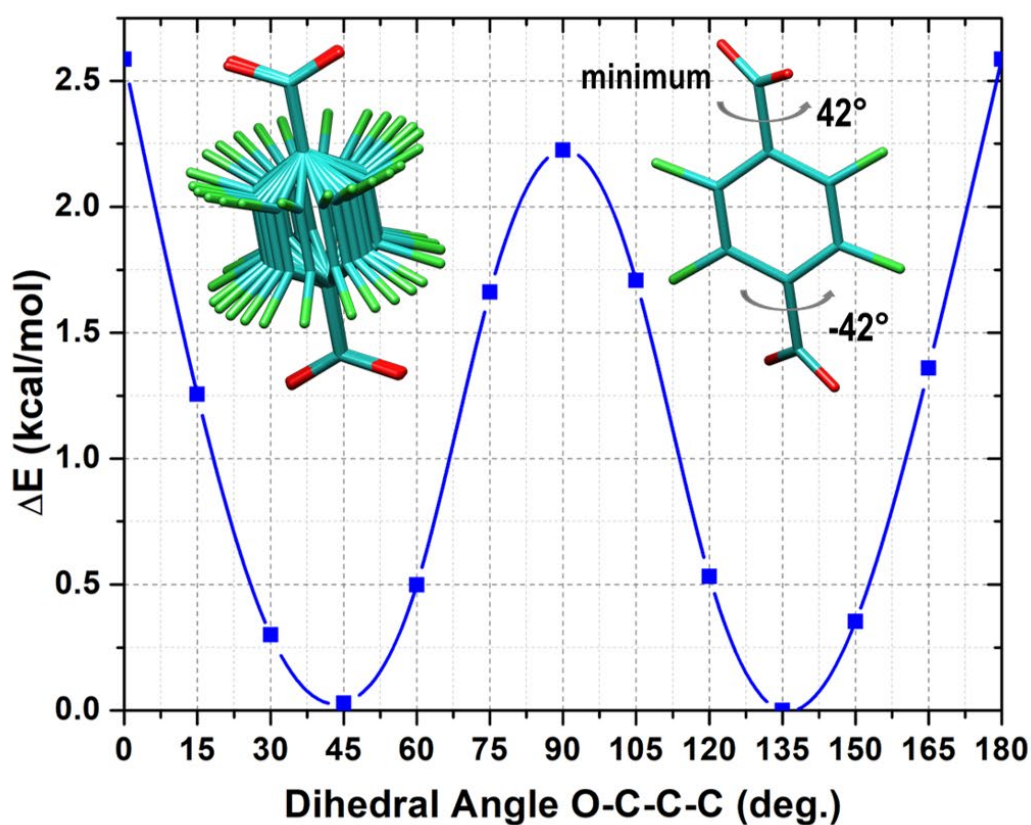












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Table S1. Weights of the calculated PCA modes for selected A and B linkers

Mode		2A linkers	2A linkers	2 B linkers	4A + 2B linkers
		%	%	%	%
1		60	65	38	55
2		15	9	16	14
3		6	7	11	7
4		6	6	10	5
5		5	4	7	4
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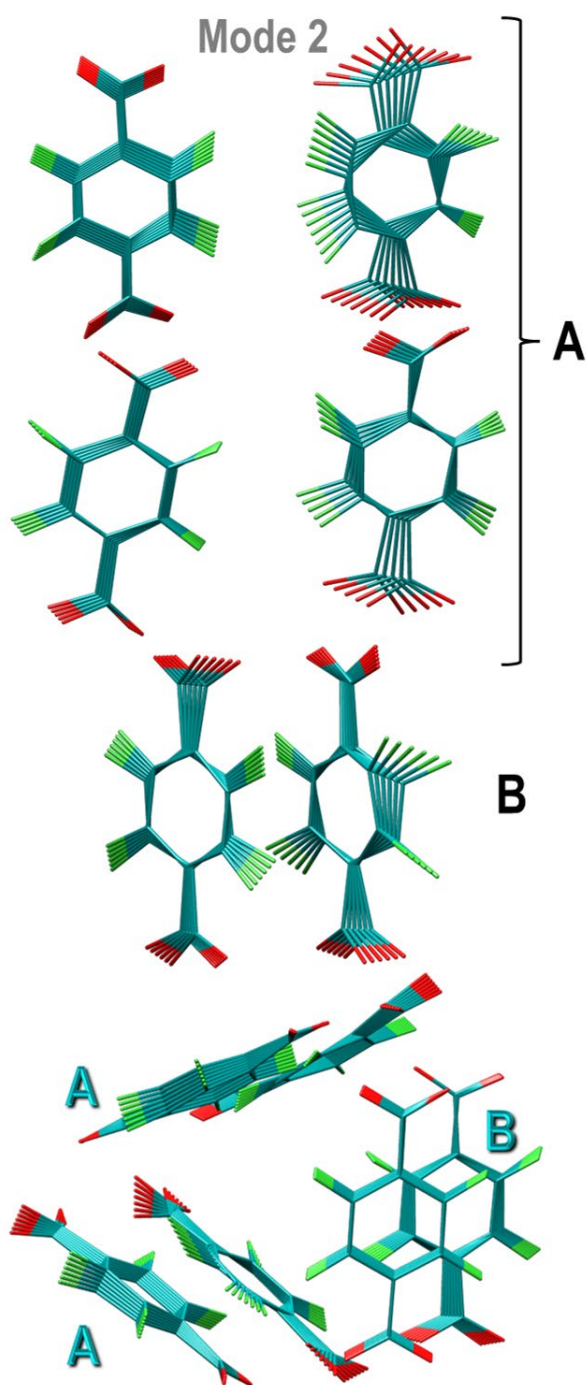


Figure S5. Linkers pairs forming a section of the channel. From top to bottom: type A, type A, type B. **Mode 2** (green slice of the pie plot) identified by PCA (superimposing all the snapshots on the coordinated Ce atoms and carboxyl oxygens – rmsd values are reported in **Figure S3**). Structure color code: O red, C dark cyan, F green.

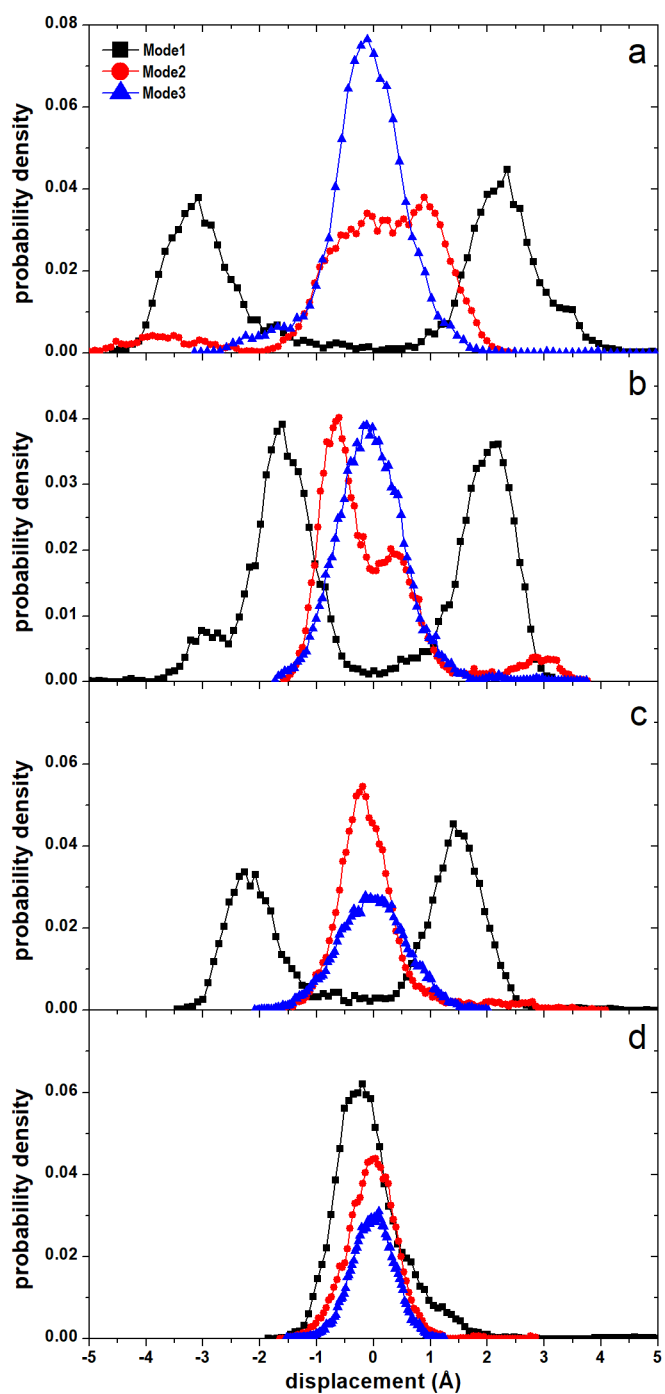


Figure S6. Histograms of the fluctuations of the first three principal components (or modes) of a) all six linkers; b) linker A, c) linker A, d) linker B.

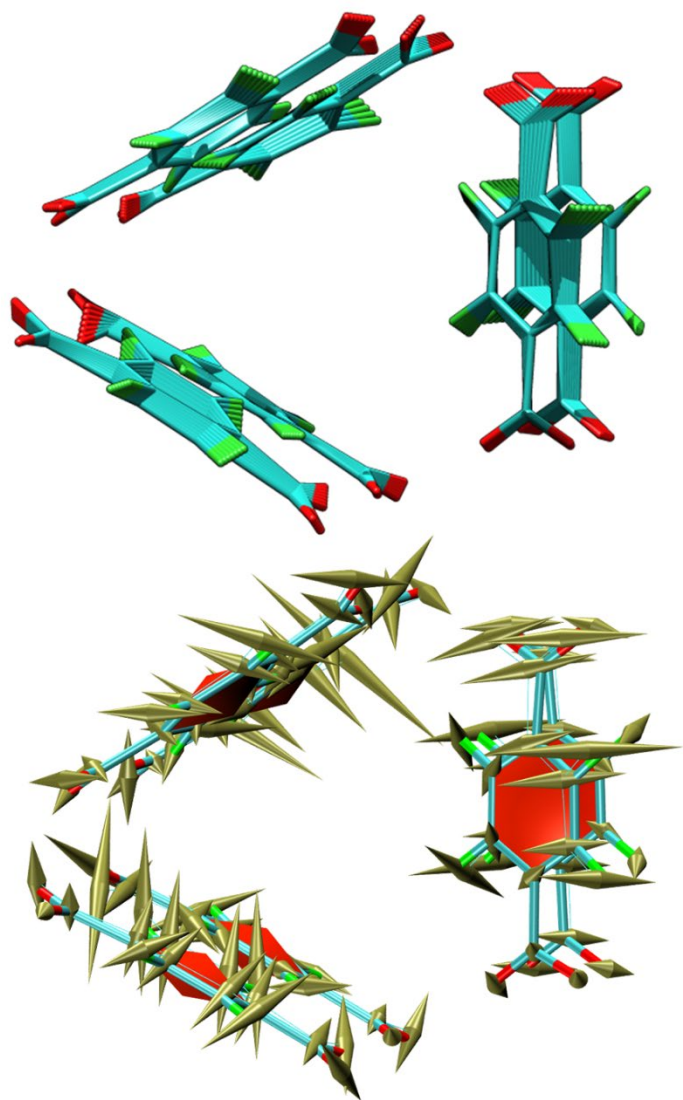


Figure S7. Linkers pairs forming a section of the channel. **Mode 3** identified by PCA (superimposing all the snapshots on the coordinated Ce atoms and carboxyl oxygens – rmsd values are reported in **Figure S5**). Porcupine rendering of the main linker movements. Structure color code: O red, C dark cyan, F green.

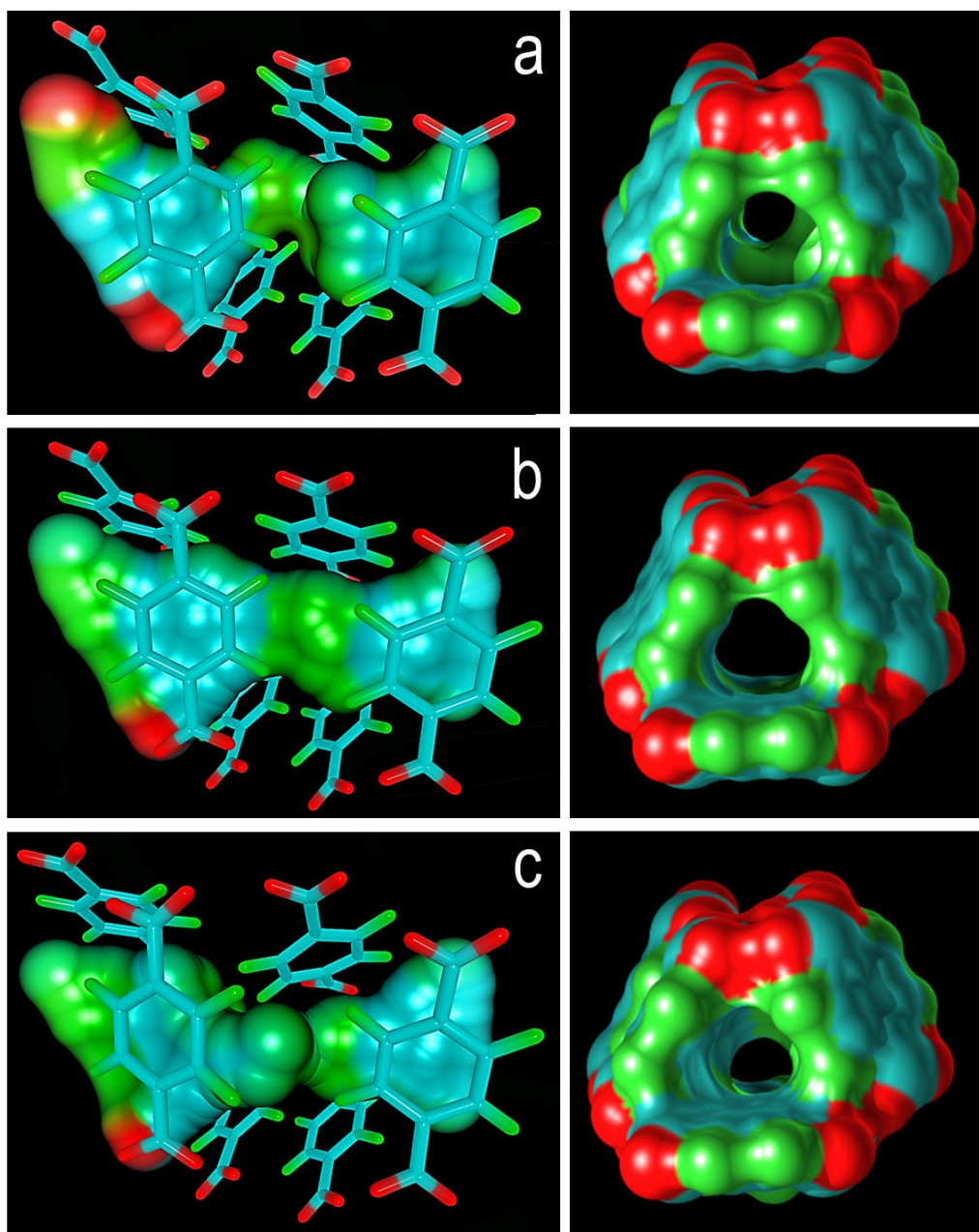


Figure S8. Variability of the channel due to the libration of linkers A (six-linker portion). On the left, the channel has been filled with spheres using CAVER, whereas on the right, the surface accessible to the solvent (SAS) has been visualized to give an idea of the section variations. In a and c are displayed the librations with the maximum amplitude, while in b average structure (considering only the dominant mode – Mode 1). Structure color code: O red, C dark cyan, F green.

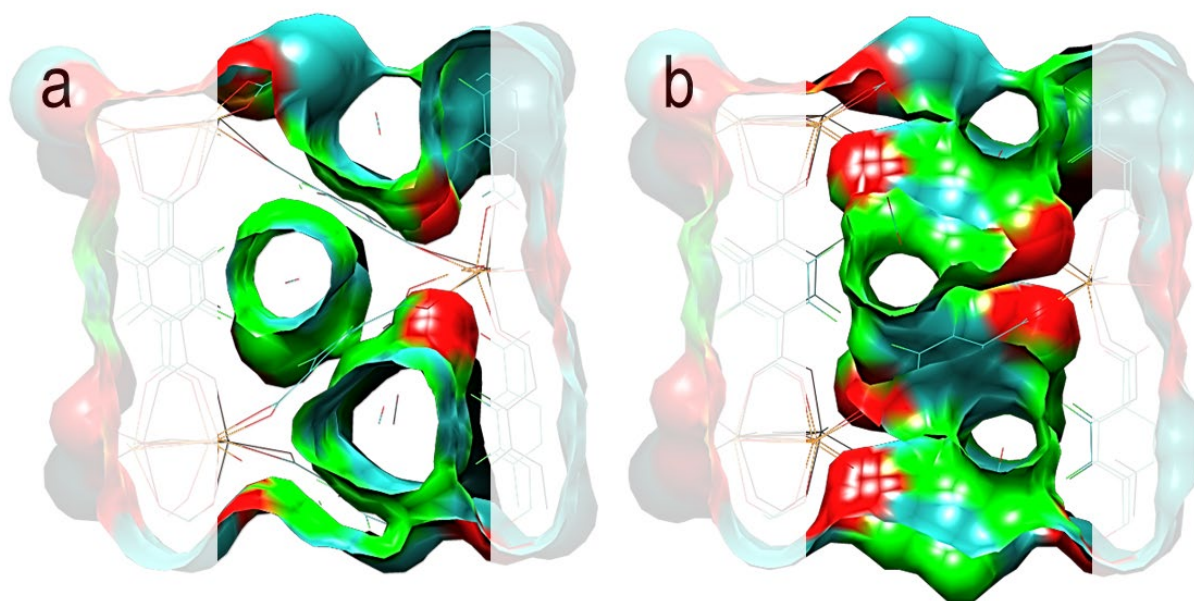


Figure S9. Possible breathing effect in three parallel channels of the MOF structure: **a)** opening stage, **b)** closing stage. Some of the CO₂ molecules are visible inside the open channels. Structure color code: O red, C dark cyan, F green.


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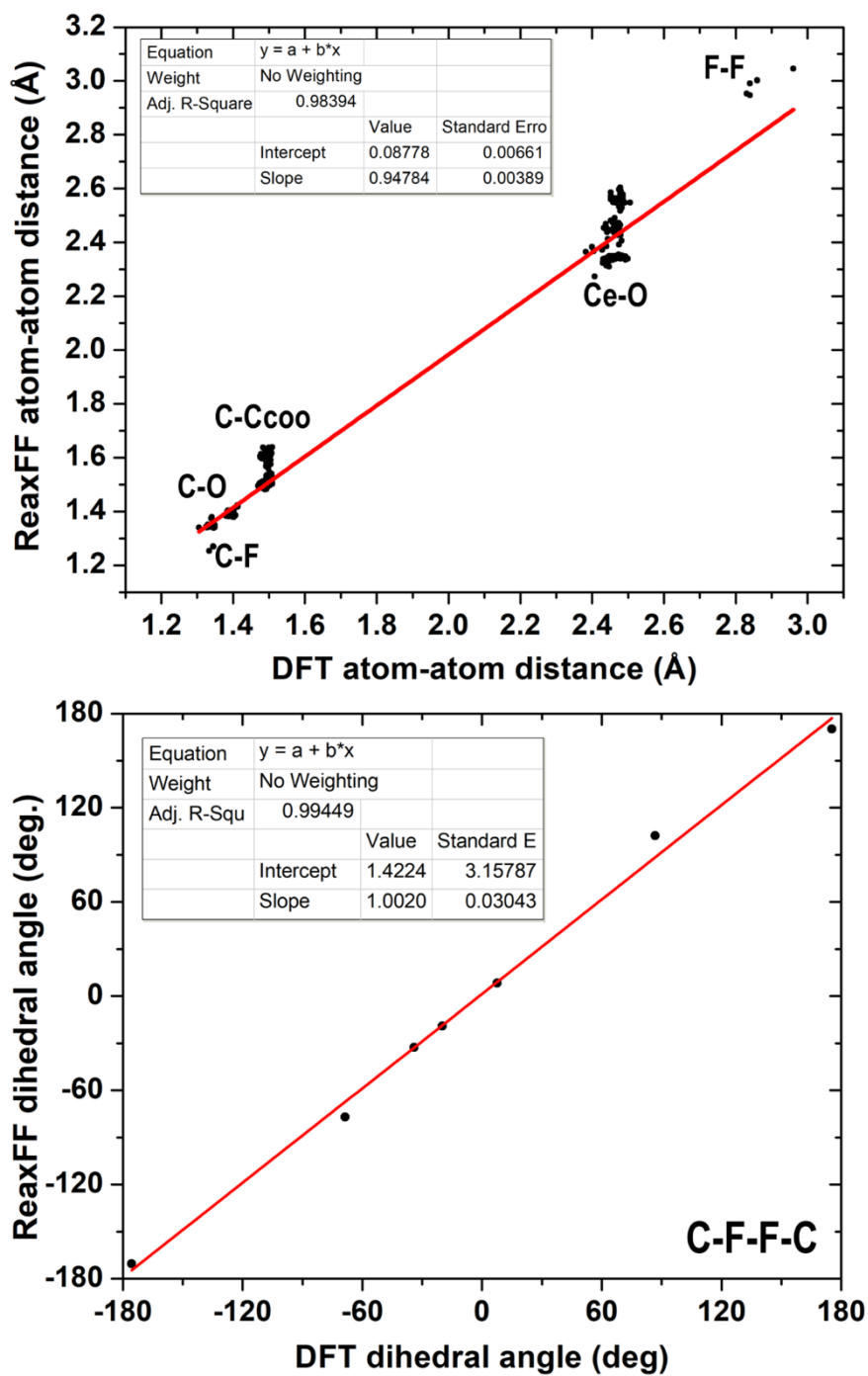
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5	1	3	3	0.1933	80.0000	1.0000	-4.0590	-3.0000	0.0000	0.0000
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3	1	3	1	-1.9889	76.4820	-0.1796	-3.8301	-3.0000	0.0000	0.0000
3	1	3	5	0.2160	72.7707	-0.7087	-4.2100	-3.0000	0.0000	0.0000
3	1	3	2	0.2160	72.7707	-0.7087	-4.2100	-3.0000	0.0000	0.0000
3	1	3	3	-2.5000	71.0772	0.2542	-3.1631	-3.0000	0.0000	0.0000
1	3	3	1	2.5000	-0.6002	1.0000	-3.4297	-2.8858	0.0000	0.0000
1	3	3	5	-2.5000	-3.3822	0.7004	-5.4467	-2.9586	0.0000	0.0000
1	3	3	2	-2.5000	-3.3822	0.7004	-5.4467	-2.9586	0.0000	0.0000
5	3	3	5	2.5000	-4.0000	0.9000	-2.5000	-1.0000	0.0000	0.0000
2	3	3	2	2.5000	-4.0000	0.9000	-2.5000	-1.0000	0.0000	0.0000
1	3	3	3	1.2329	-4.0000	1.0000	-2.5000	-1.7479	0.0000	0.0000
5	3	3	3	0.8302	-4.0000	-0.7763	-2.5000	-1.0000	0.0000	0.0000
2	3	3	3	0.8302	-4.0000	-0.7763	-2.5000	-1.0000	0.0000	0.0000
3	3	3	3	-2.5000	-4.0000	1.0000	-2.5000	-1.0000	0.0000	0.0000
1	! Nr of hydrogen bonds;at1;at2;at3;Rhb;Dehb;vhb1									
3	2	3	2.1200	-3.5800	1.4500	19.5000				

Refinement of a few bond distances and the C-F-F-C dihedral angle



Comparison of the positions of the ligand oxygens sampled through quantum and classical MD simulations at ambient temperature. In both simulations, we sampled 12000 configurations.

