

## Molecular Recognition-Induced Structural Flexibility in ZIF-71

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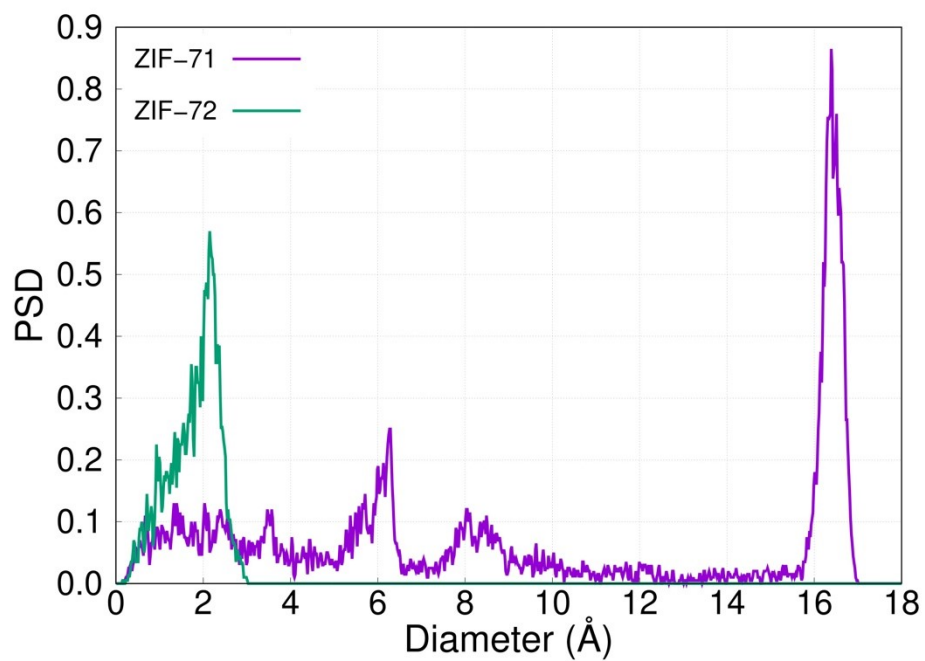
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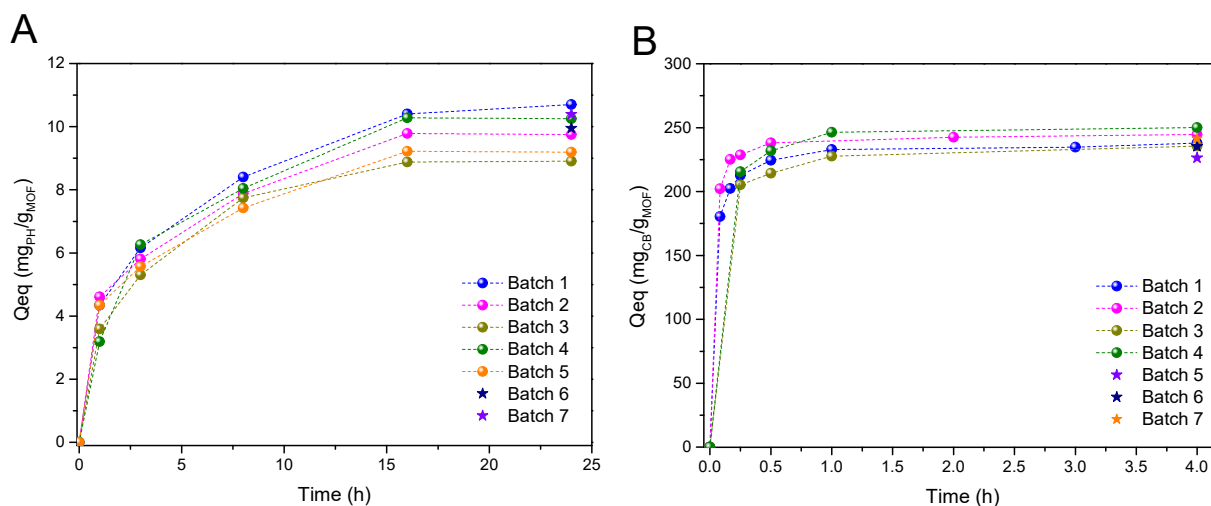
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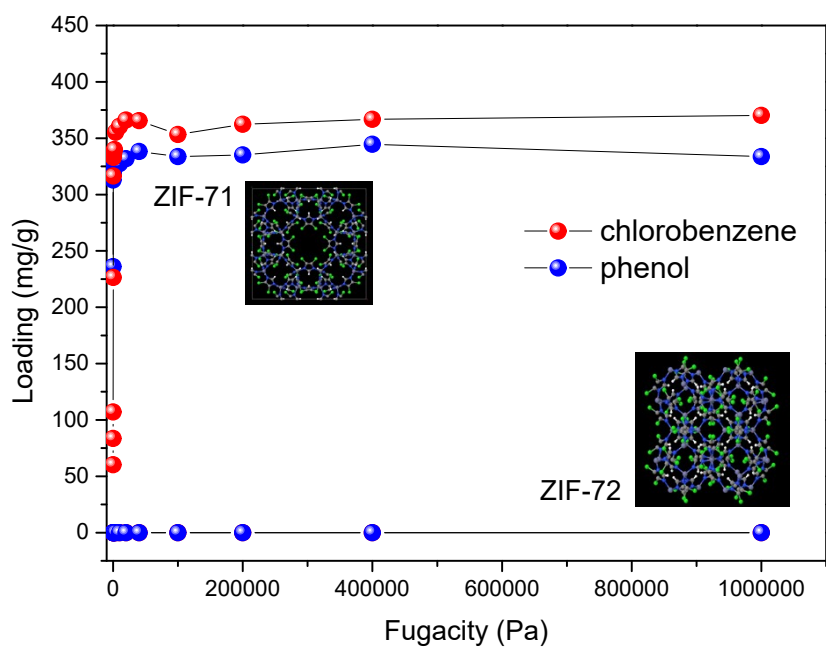
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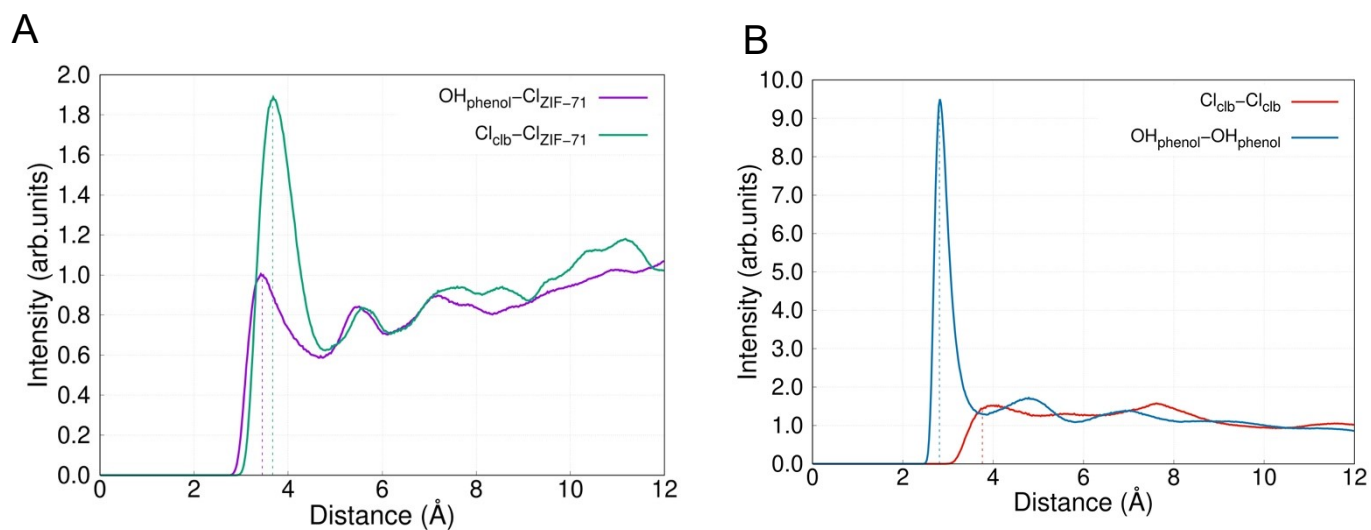
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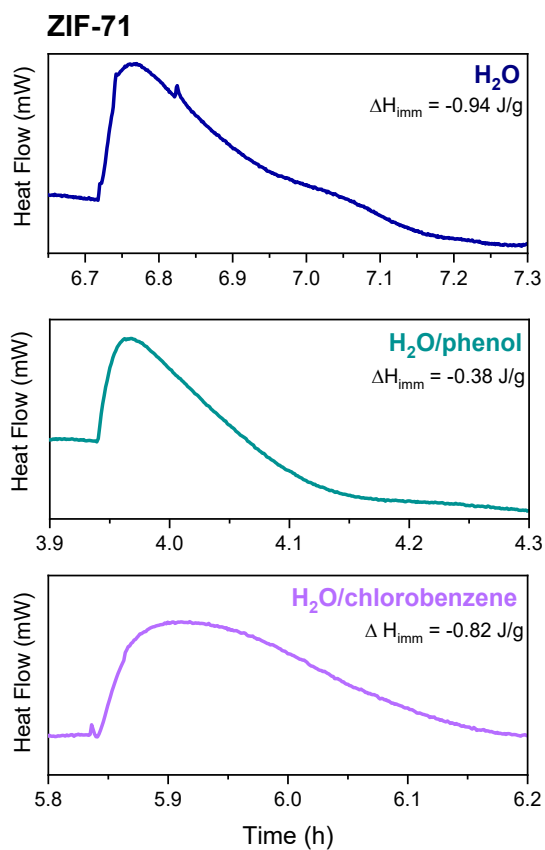
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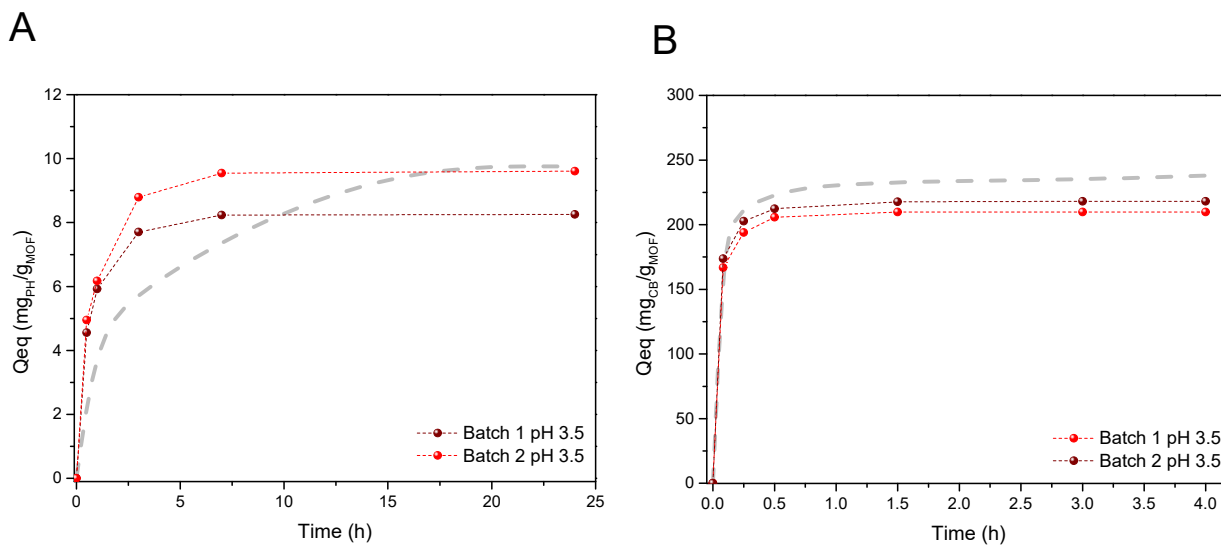
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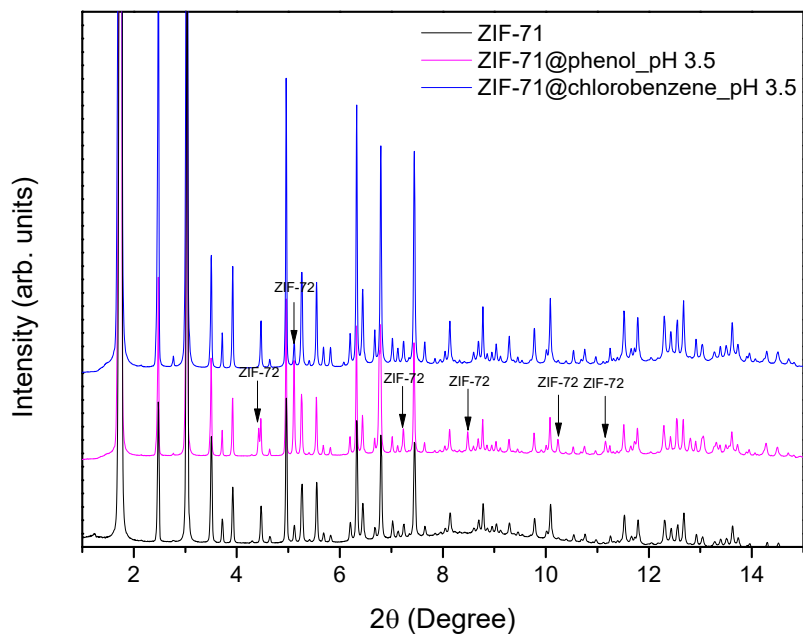
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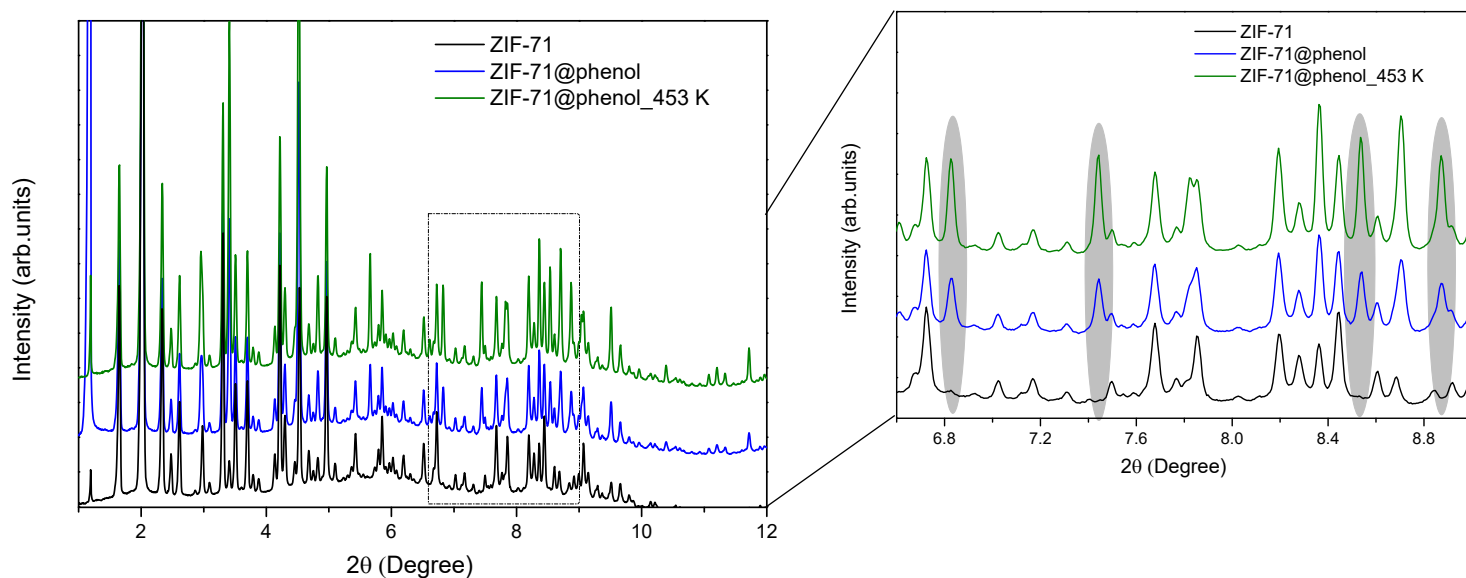
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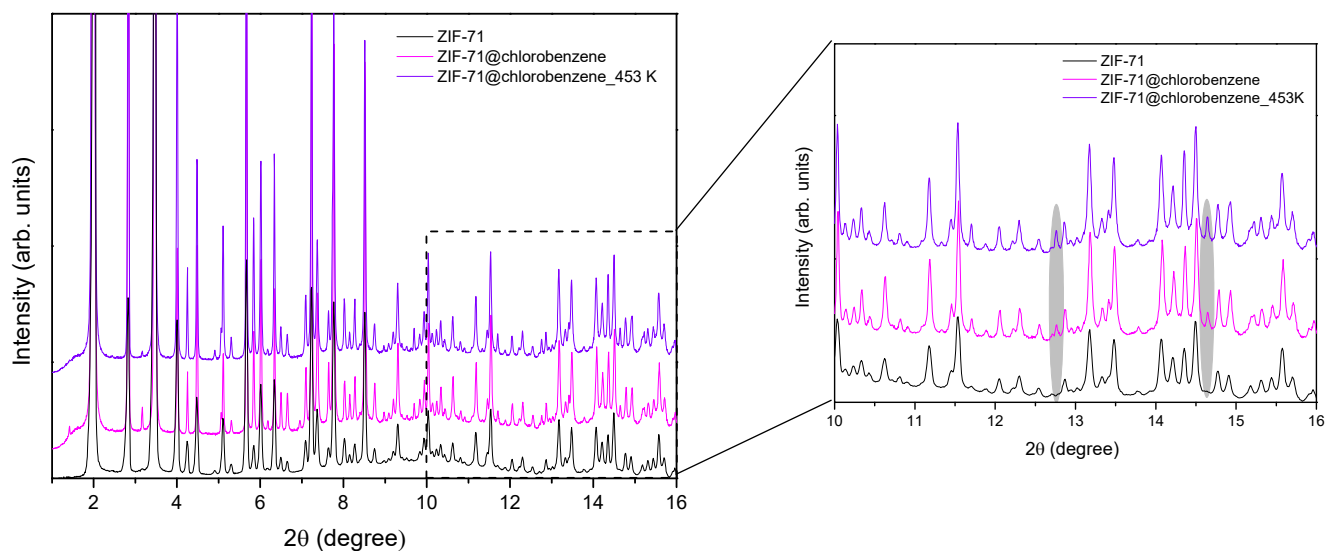


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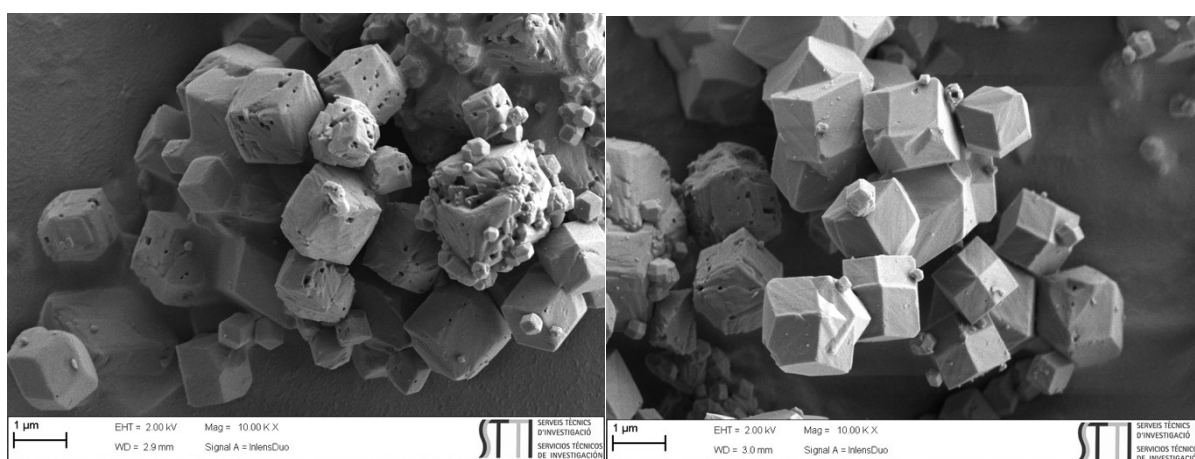


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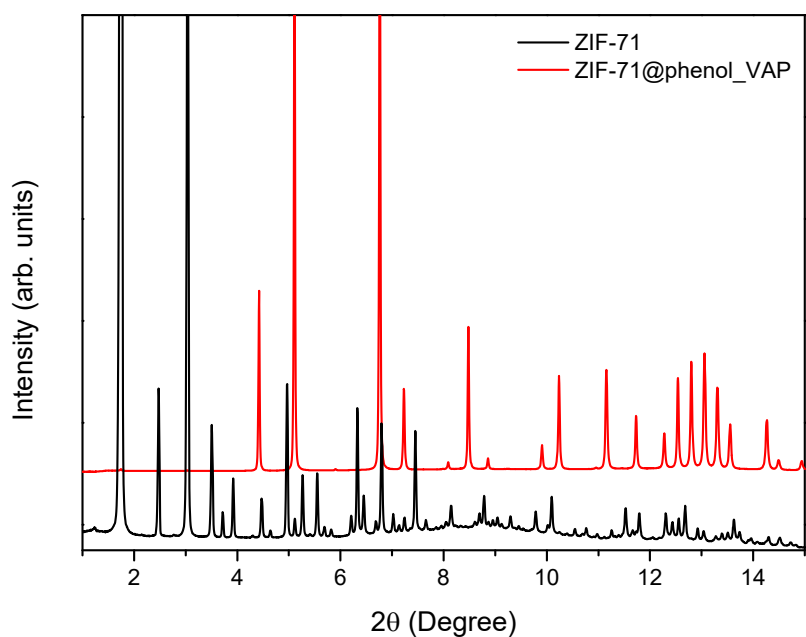




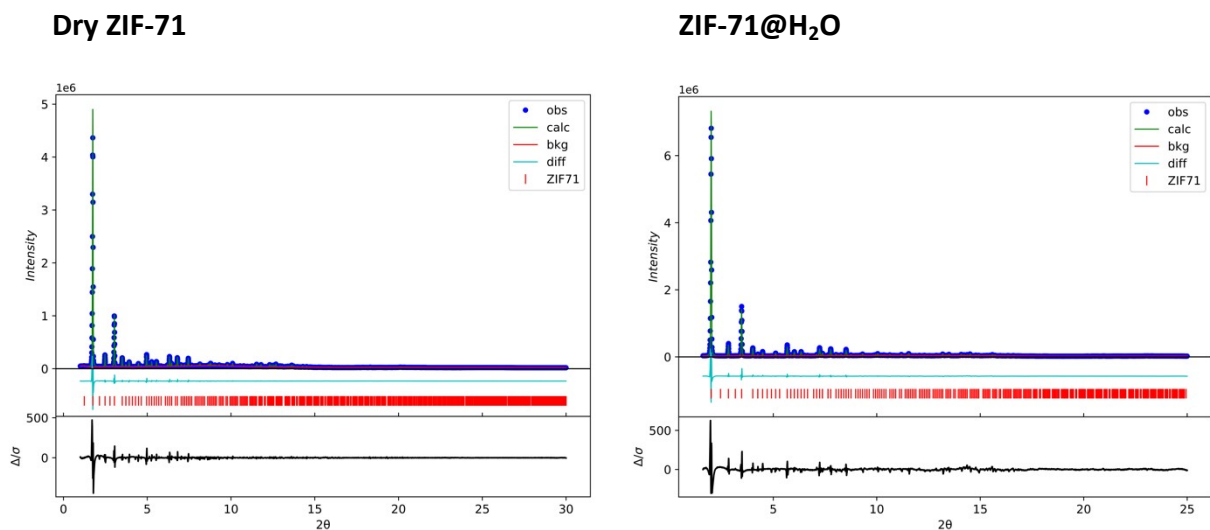
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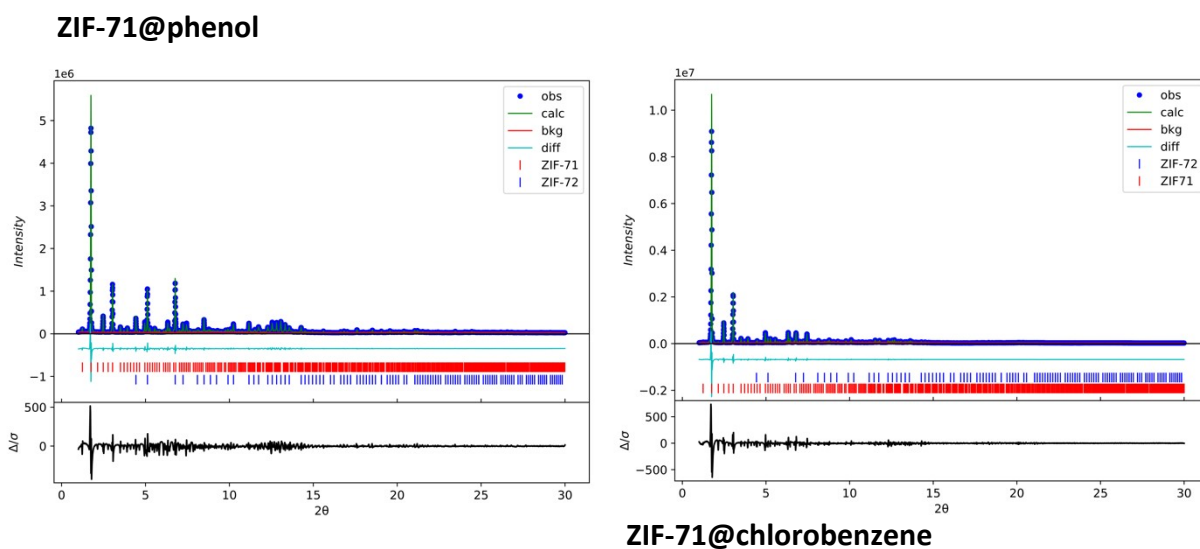


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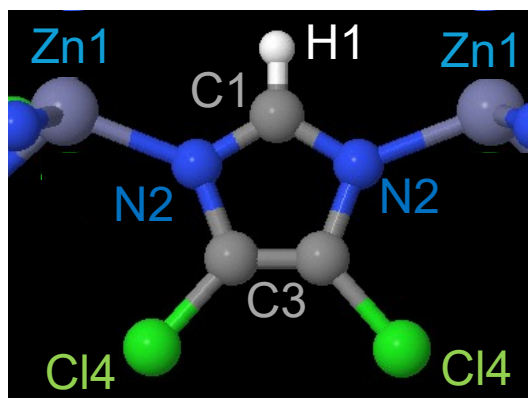
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Atom Type	$\epsilon/k_B$ (K)	$\sigma$ (Å)	charge ( $e^-$ )
Zn1	62.40	2.462	0.7

C1	52.84	3.431	0.0371
H1	22.14	2.571	0.049
N2	34.72	3.261	-0.19355
C3	52.84	3.431	0.0189
Cl4	114.23	3.517	-0.0434



**Table S2.** Henry coefficients and Heat of adsorption for the three probes evaluated obtained from the GCMC simulations.

Henry Coefficient (ml/kg/Pa)					
ZIF-71			ZIF-72		
phenol	chlorobenzene	water	phenol	chlorobenzene	water
$1.10 \pm 0.01$	$0.135 \pm 0.001$	$1.1 \cdot 10^{-6} \pm 9.6 \cdot 10^{-9}$	$1.0 \cdot 10^{-95} \pm 4 \cdot 10^{-95}$	$1.1 \cdot 10^{-142} \pm 4.6 \cdot 10^{-142}$	$1.2 \cdot 10^{-9} \pm 2 \cdot 10^{-11}$

Heat of Adsorption (kJ/mol)					
ZIF-71			ZIF-72		
phenol	chlorobenzene	water	phenol	chlorobenzene	water
$-66.63 \pm 0.11$	$-61.49 \pm 0.70$	$-13.89 \pm 0.10$	$491 \pm 30$	$780 \pm 57$	$-6.72 \pm 0.06$

**Table S3:** Structural parameters calculated for ZIF-71 before (pristine) and after being applied in the phenol and chlorobenzene adsorption process. The amount of ZIF-72 determined from the Rietveld refinement is included for each specific case.

Sample	ZIF-71		ZIF-72	
	a, Å	wt.%%	a, Å	wt.%%
ZIF-71 dry	28.6387	100%	Not observed	
ZIF-71@phenol	28.6428	46.5	19.6513	53.5
ZIF-71@chlorobenzene	28.6304	100%	Not observed	