Structural, Sorption and Thermal Analyses of Porous Isostructural MIL-47-X (X = -F, -CI, -Br, -CH₃, -OH) Metal-Organic Frameworks

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Metal-organic frameworks (MOFs) have attracted a great deal of interest due to their applications in gas storage/separation and catalysis.[1] The functionalization of such solids achieved either by employing pre-functionalized linkers or by postsynthetic modification, affects their sorption, selectivity or breathing property as well as thermal and chemical stability.[2] Herein, we report on the structural, sorption and thermal analyses of functionalized MIL-47-X (X = -F, -CI, -Br, -CH₃, -OH) solids, prepared by using modified terephthalate linkers.

The compounds were synthesized in a rapid microwave-assisted hydrothermal route (170 °C, 30 min, 100 W). Thermogravimetric analyses show high thermal stability (330-385 °C). The cell parameter determination from X-ray powder diffraction (XRPD) data (Fig. 1a) confirms their structural similarity with parent MIL-47. The thermally activated solids exhibit significant microporosity (Fig. 1b, $S_{BET} = 305-872 \text{ m}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$).

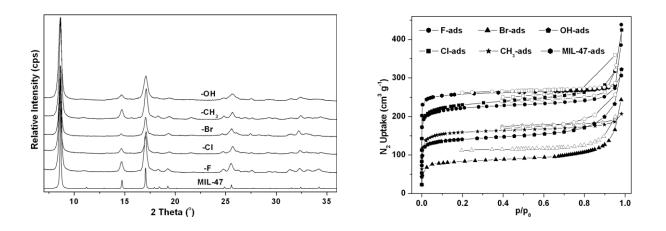


Fig. 1. (left) XRPD patterns, and (right) N₂ sorption isotherms for MIL-47-X solids.

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