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ABSTRACT: NH₃ (ammonia) is a promising energy resource owing to its high hydrogen density. However, its widespread application is restricted by the lack of efficient and corrosion-resistant storage materials. Here, we report high NH₃ adsorption in a series of robust metal-organic framework (MOF) materials, MFM-300(M) (M = Fe, V, Cr, In). MFM-300(M) (M = Fe, V^{III}, Cr) show fully reversible capacity for >20 cycles, reaching capacities of 16.1, 15.6 and 14.0 mmol g⁻¹, respectively, at 273 K and 1 bar. Under the same condition, MFM-300(V^{IV}) exhibits the highest uptake among this series of MOFs of 17.3 mmol g⁻¹. *In situ* neutron powder diffraction, single crystal X-ray diffraction and electron paramagnetic resonance spectroscopy confirm that the redox-active V centre enables host-guest charge-transfer, with V^{IV} being reduced to V^{III} and NH₃ oxidised to hydrazine, N₂H₄. A combination of *in situ* inelastic neutron scattering and DFT modelling has revealed the binding dynamics of adsorbed NH₃ within these MOFs to afford a comprehensive insight into the application of MOF materials to the adsorption and conversion of NH₃.

Nearly 200 million tons of NH₃ (ammonia) are produced annually across the world. NH₃ is widely considered as one of the most viable media for hydrogen storage and distribution due to its high volumetric (~0.105 kg/L or 3.6 kWh/L at 25 °C) and gravimetric (17.7 wt.% or 5.8 kWh/kg) hydrogen energy densities¹. It is also recognized as a renewable fuel which can be produced at scale, at low cost and combusted in fuel cells to yield H₂O and N₂ as products². These favourable properties make NH₃ a promising potential hydrogen carrier for on-board storage. However, several prerequisites need to be fulfilled for any practical application, including the development of safe and high-capacity storage media, efficient cracking processes, and an effective system for capture and removal of NH₃ that may leak. Even 0.1 ppm NH₃ can poison the proton exchange membranes within fuel cells³.

A variety of conventional sorbent materials have been investigated for NH₃ capture and storage, but these tend to show limited

capacities. Examples include resins (11.4 mmol g⁻¹ in Amberlyst 15⁴), zeolites (9.3 mmol g⁻¹ in 13X zeolite⁵) and mesoporous silica (8.8 mmol g⁻¹ in MCM-41⁶). The presence of surface acidic functionalities⁷, especially hydroxyl, carboxyl groups, and open metal sites⁸ can significantly enhance NH₃ uptake. Therefore, hybrid MOF materials with high porosity and accessible functional groups have attracted increasing attention for NH₃ adsorption⁹. For example, [Cu₂Cl₂(BBTA)] [H₂BBTA = 1*H*,5*H*-benzo(1,2-*d*:4,5-*d'*)bistriazole] incorporating open metal sites shows an exceptional NH₃ uptake of 19.8 mmol g⁻¹ at 298 K and 1 bar¹⁰. [M₂Cl₂(BTDD)] (H₂BTDD = bis(1*H*-1,2,3-triazolo[4,5-*b*],[4',5'-*i*])dibenzo[1,4]dioxin; M = Mn, Co, Ni) with extended linkers also exhibited high and reversible NH₃ uptakes of 15.47, 12.00, and 12.02 mmol/g, respectively, for up to 3 cycles¹¹. DUT-6 functionalised with aromatic hydroxyl groups also exhibits a high NH₃ uptake of 16.4 mmol/g at 298 K and 1 bar¹². However, as with DUT-6 and many

other systems, structural degradation occurs over time due to the highly corrosive nature of NH_3 , especially at high concentrations, and this often leads to irreversible adsorption¹³. To date, stable MOFs showing reversible and high NH_3 adsorption remain rare. Additionally, the binding dynamics of adsorbed NH_3 molecules within MOFs have not been reported to date owing in part to the complexity of the molecular modes of NH_3 , even at cryogenic temperatures.

The highly stable MOF, MFM-300(Al), exhibits fully reversible adsorption of NH_3 (15.7 mmol g^{-1} at 273 K and 1 bar), and more intriguingly, the packing density of NH_3 within the pores approaches that of liquid NH_3 ¹⁴. The stable isostructural analogues MFM-300(M) (M = Fe, Cr, In) can be prepared, in addition to the redox-active MFM-300(M) (M = V^{III} , V^{IV})¹⁵. The rigid scaffold of these MFM-300 materials provides an excellent platform to interrogate the dynamics of adsorbed NH_3 molecules. We report the systematic study of NH_3 adsorption in these MOFs by both isotherm and dynamic breakthrough experiments. The preferred binding domains of NH_3 guest molecules have been determined by *in situ* synchrotron X-ray single crystal diffraction and neutron powder diffraction (NPD). We also report the first investigation of the dynamics of adsorbed NH_3 molecules within MOFs by *in situ* inelastic neutron scattering (INS) to understand the host-guest binding interactions. MFM-300(V^{IV}) was of particular interest since it not only shows the highest NH_3 uptake, but also it undergoes a host-guest charge-transfer leading to the oxidation of adsorbed NH_3 to hydrazine (N_2H_4) within the pore.

Results and Discussion

Analysis of NH_3 adsorption isotherms and breakthrough curves

The NH_3 adsorption isotherms from 0-1.0 bar between 273 and 323 K were measured for the MFM-300 series under investigation (Figure 1 a-d). The NH_3 uptakes at 273 K and 1.0 bar were measured as 14.0, 16.1, 15.6 and 17.3 mmol g^{-1} for MFM-300(M) (M = Cr, Fe, V^{III} , V^{IV}), respectively. These uptake values compare favourably with the leading sorbent materials for NH_3 in literature (Table S13), and all of the MFM materials show high framework stability and an increase of isothermal uptakes with decreasing temperature (Figure 1). The isosteric heats of adsorption (Q_{st}) calculated from these isotherms at different temperatures are in the range of 30-65 kJ mol^{-1} (Table 1). Notably though, MFM-300(In) shows significant loss of NH_3 capacity over repeated cycles (Figure S1), and is unstable under these conditions.

MFM-300(M) (M = Cr, Fe, V^{III}) all display reversible uptake of NH_3 with consistent adsorption capacities over 20 cycles of adsorption/desorption of NH_3 under pressure-

swing conditions. The residual amount of NH_3 left in MFM-300(M) (M = Cr, Fe, V^{III}) on degassing is ~9% , but this can be readily desorbed by heating at 333 K for 2 h (Figure 1e-h). In contrast, MFM-300 (V^{IV}) shows a hysteresis loop, characteristic of capillary condensation in mesopores and/or due to a broad distribution of pore size and shape¹⁶ (Figure 1a-d). Considering the pore size (~6.7 x 6.7 \AA^2) of MFM-300(V^{IV}), this result suggests a specific and potentially strong host-guest binding upon the adsorption of NH_3 in this material. MFM-300(V^{IV}) also exhibits an intriguing *increase* of both capacity and residue within the first 18 cycles. The residual amount of NH_3 left within MFM-300(V^{IV}) upon regeneration by pressure-swing steadily increases from 8 to 20% along these cycles indicating an accumulation of strongly-bound NH_3 -derived species in MFM-300(V^{IV}), which cannot be desorbed by reducing pressure alone. This residue can be removed by heating under dynamic vacuum, but some structural degradation of the MOF also occurs. Interestingly, the regenerable component of the NH_3 sorption capacity of MFM-300(V^{IV}) remains unchanged over cycles, indicating that the accumulated residue derived from NH_3 does not adversely affect the sorbent capacity; the structural integrity of MFM-300(V^{IV}) after these cycles is confirmed by powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) (Figure 1i).

The ability of these MOFs to capture NH_3 at low concentration (1000 ppm) was confirmed by dynamic breakthrough experiments (Figure 1j) at 298 K. The dynamic NH_3 uptake calculated from these breakthrough curves are 1.1, 0.6, 1.9 and 1.0 mmol g^{-1} for MFM-300(M) (M = Cr, Fe, V^{III} , and V^{IV}), respectively. While MFM-300(V^{IV}) exhibits the highest isothermal uptake, MFM-300(V^{III}) demonstrates the maximum retention of NH_3 under dynamic conditions. The discrepancy between isothermal and dynamic uptake is widely acknowledged,¹⁷ as the nature of these two types of experiments is fundamentally different. Breakthrough experiments are undertaken at the ppm level of NH_3 under flow conditions, whereas isotherms were measured statically with pure NH_3 . Kinetic and thermodynamic factors therefore need to be taken into account in such experiments.

Determination of preferred binding domains of ND_3

Neutron powder diffraction (NPD) data for ND_3 -loaded MFM-300 were collected at 10 K (ratio of ND_3 : M = 0.3, 0.5, 2.2, 2.2 for M = In, V^{III} , Fe, V^{IV} , respectively). Notwithstanding its low stability to NH_3 , NPD confirmed that MFM-300(In) retains its structure at low loadings of ND_3 , and Rietveld refinement of these data illustrated distinct binding sites for ND_3 (Figure 2). Two binding sites for ND_3 are found in MFM-300(M) (M = In, V^{III}) and an additional site for ND_3 was located in MFM-

300(Fe) due to the higher ND₃ loading in this latter experiment. Site I has the highest occupancy with hydrogen bonding between the O_{bridge}-H \cdots ND₃ (1.411-1.978 Å) involving the bridging hydroxyl groups of the MOF. This is supplemented by further hydrogen bonding (H_{aromatic} \cdots ND₃ = 2.738-3.174 Å; ND₃ \cdots O_{ligand} = 3.078-3.179 Å) and electrostatic interactions (ND₃ \cdots aromatic rings = 2.946-3.132 Å).

Hydrogen/deuterium site exchange is also observed between the adsorbed ND₃ and the H-O_{bridge} group on the framework MFM-300(M) (M = In, Fe, V^{III}), which is similar to that observed in ND₃-loaded MFM-300(Al)^[14]. Site II is located further towards the centre of the pore and is anchored in place through hydrogen bonding interactions (ND₃ \cdots O_{ligand} = 2.284-3.065 Å). Site III in MFM-300(Fe) is primarily stabilised by electrostatic interactions (ND₃ \cdots aromatic rings = 3.146 Å). In MFM-300(Fe), intermolecular hydrogen bonds between ND₃ molecules (2.327-3.193 Å) were also observed, and these propagate along the 1D channel to form a cooperative {ND₃} ∞ network. These multiple interactions between molecules of ND₃ are similar to those observed in solid ND₃ at 2 K (N \cdots D = 2.357 Å)¹⁸.

MFM-300(V^{IV}) does not incorporate bridging hydroxyl groups but rather has bridging oxo centres to balance the charge of the oxidised V centre.¹⁵ Thus, hydrogen bonding to hydroxyl groups as above is not possible and the guest molecules are located towards the centre of the pore. Interestingly, unlike MFM-300(M) (M = In, Fe, V^{III}), where adsorbed ND₃ molecules remain chemically intact in the pore, in MFM-300(V^{IV}) a molecule of N₂D₄ molecule is identified at site II with an ND₃ molecule at site I being partially protonated to ND₄⁺. The bridging oxo centres remain unprotonated. Both sites are stabilised through hydrogen bonding (ND₃ \cdots O_{ligand} = 2.529-3.092 Å) and the amount of N₂D₄ at site II is calculated to be 0.5 N₂H₄ per V centre, consistent with the redox equilibrium based upon a complete reduction of V^{IV} to V^{III} centres.

Studies of host-guest charge transfer

The oxidation state of the V centers in MFM-300(V^{IV}) before and after NH₃ adsorption was investigated by X-band (9.86 GHz) electron paramagnetic resonance (EPR) at room temperature (Figure 3a). In six-coordinate O_h symmetry, the d² V^{III} centre has a triplet ground state (³T_{1g}). Lower symmetry removes orbital degeneracy resulting in a singlet ground state with S = 1, where spin-orbit coupling leads to a large zero-field splitting (up to tens of cm⁻¹). Therefore, most V^{III} species are EPR-silent at X-band frequencies, which is also the case for MFM-300(V^{III}). Bare MFM-300(V^{IV}) however shows a single resonance centred at g = 1.955, consistent with a d¹ V^{IV} centre, and a broad

peak-to-peak linewidth is measured at ca. 130 G due to the exchange interactions in the V^{IV} centre. Upon loading of NH₃, this signal decreases significantly, suggesting the reduction of V^{IV} to V^{III} centres in MFM-300(V^{IV}). Thus, the redox activity of MFM-300(V^{IV}) promotes a host-guest charge-transfer between the MOF and the adsorbed ND₃ molecules, resulting in the reduction of V^{IV} centers and concomitant oxidation of NH₃ to N₂H₄. Interestingly, the N₂H₄ molecules can be removed from the pores by soaking the NH₃-saturated MFM-300(V) in water as confirmed by the Watt and Chrisp method¹⁹, where a characteristic UV-vis absorption band at 460 nm was observed for the filtrate (see SI).

To gain further insights into the host-guest charge-transfer in MFM-300(V), we sought to monitor directly the change of oxidation state of V centres by bond valence sum (BVS) calculations. Because V is almost transparent in neutron diffraction, a series of *in situ* synchrotron X-ray single-crystal diffraction experiments of MFM-300(M) (M = V^{III}, V^{IV}) were collected at different NH₃ loadings (Figure 4). As expected, little change in the oxidation state of the V centre (3.05-3.10) was observed for MFM-300(V^{III}) upon loading with NH₃ (Table S6, Figure S10-S14). Bare MFM-300(V^{IV}) exhibits an oxidation state of 3.70 for the V centre, and no substantial change was observed at low NH₃ loadings (3.70, 3.67 and 3.62 for VC₈O₅H₃·0.2NH₃, VC₈O₅H₃·1.1NH₃ and VC₈O₅H₃·2.5NH₃, respectively, Table S7), consistent with the absence of N₂H₄ molecules in the pore. However, when the loading is increased to VC₈O₅H₃·3.9NH₃, the oxidation state of the V centre exhibits an apparent drop to 3.52, and simultaneously a molecule of N₂H₄ is observed as the occupancy of N at site III (H is invisible) exceeded 0.5 [N \cdots N = 1.61(9) Å, 1.56(14) Å]. These results suggest that the charge-transfer between adsorbed NH₃ molecules and the V^{IV} centre can only occur when the loading of NH₃ is sufficiently high so that a predominant occupancy of the N site, which is located close to the metal chain, is reached to initiate the redox reaction. Interestingly, this N site {site I in dataset VC₈O₅H₃·0.3NH₃-regenerate (Figure S21)} is preserved after the sample was degassed under dynamic vacuum at 298 K for 2 h, corresponding to a residual of approximately 7.5% of the adsorption capacity. This is in excellent agreement with that (~8%) observed in the pressure-swing experiment.

Analysis of host-guest binding dynamics

Combined INS and DFT have been employed to interpret the dynamics of adsorbed NH₃ molecules within MFM-300(M) (M = Al, Fe, V^{III}, V^{IV}). Vibrational features of both the NH₃ guests and the framework host were successfully captured and assigned based upon DFT calculations using the structural models derived from NPD analyses.

Excellent agreement between experimental and simulated INS spectra were observed for MFM-300(M) (M = Al, Fe, V^{III}) (Figure 5). MFM-300(V^{IV}) exhibits broad INS features that show discrepancies compared with the simulated INS spectra because of the complex and disordered arrangement of NH₃, NH₄⁺ and N₂H₄ within the pore, and these had to be simplified within the DFT calculations, which cannot consider the presence of hopping of H centers between sites. This, however, is consistent with the reactive adsorption of NH₃ and the host-guest charge-transfer process that takes place in MFM-300(V^{IV}) with NH₃. Distinct peaks are observed in the INS difference spectra obtained by subtracting the features of the bare MOF and sample cell from the spectra of NH₃-loaded MOF. Peaks in the low energy region (below 60 meV) are primarily due to the vibrational modes of adsorbed NH₃ molecules, with a small contribution due to changes in the lattice modes of the framework. The features in the higher energy region (80-200 meV) mainly reflect the modes of the framework.

At a loading of 1NH₃ per Al centre in NH₃@MFM-300(Al), peak I at 6.2 meV represents the translational motion of NH₃ along directions perpendicular to the N...H-O_{bridging} bond, whereas peak II at 13.8 meV is due to the translational motion along the direction of the N...H-O_{bridging} bond (Figure 5a, b). Peaks III-V (16.1, 19.8, 22.3 meV, respectively) are due to the librational (torsional) motion of NH₃ around its C₃ axis, as well as translational-torsional hybrid motions. Peaks VI-VII at higher energy (34.0, 40.1 meV, respectively) originate from the rocking motions of NH₃ around the N center. When comparing this spectrum to that of the solid NH₃ (translational modes: 8.7-21.0 meV; librational modes: 29.4-32.3 meV; rocking modes: 39.3-54.4 meV), a red-shift of all peaks in the three regions was observed for the adsorbed NH₃ molecules. This reflects the local environment of the adsorbed NH₃ which interacts to the hydroxyl group in the framework via hydrogen bonding, in contrast to the extensive 3D hydrogen bonding network formed between 6 adjacent NH₃ molecules in its solid-state structure. The former affords greater flexibility to the adsorbed NH₃ molecules, whereas the latter imposes more restrictions to intermolecular motions. Another observation is that the INS peaks for the adsorbed NH₃ molecules are broader than those in the pure solid phase, most notably for the translational and librational region. This can be attributed to the isolated environment for the adsorbed molecules causing uncorrelated vibrations of individual NH₃. In contrast, in crystalline NH₃ the molecules are strongly restrained and vibrate in phase, giving sharp and distinct peaks on the INS spectrum.

INS peaks observed MFM-300(Al) at (i) 87.6, (ii) 114, (iii) 118 and (iv) 143 meV can be assigned to H-C out-of-C₆ plane deformation (in phase along ring, meaning H atoms move in the same

direction), H-C out-of-C₆ plane deformation (anti-phase along ring, meaning neighbouring H atoms move in opposite directions), H-O in V-O-V-plane bending and H-C in-C₆-plane bending modes, respectively (Figure 5c, e). Upon adsorption of NH₃ into the framework, peak (i) shifts slightly to higher energy, indicating a stiffening effect of the phenyl rings due to the interaction with NH₃, whereas peak (iv) retains its position and exhibits an intensity change only, suggesting these modes are weakly affected by the NH₃ molecules. The effect of NH₃ upon peak (ii) is phase-dependent, where the mode that involves more displacement of β-H is affected more strongly due to the shorter distance between the NH₃ to β-H than that of the α-H. Overall, the INS analysis is in excellent agreement with the crystal structures determined from NPD experiments and demonstrates that the adsorbed NH₃ molecules interact primarily with the H centers of hydroxyl groups and the C₆ ring at the β position. Detailed spectral interpretations of MFM-300(M) (M = Fe, V^{III}, V^{IV}) on loading with NH₃ loading are discussed in the SI (Figure S22-S24, Table S10-S12).

Single crystals of MFM-300(M) (M = Fe, V^{III}, V^{IV}) have been examined further by *in situ* synchrotron FTIR micro-spectroscopy at various NH₃ partial pressures in a flow cell. MFM-300(V^{III}) shows that the characteristic O-H stretching mode of the bridging hydroxyl group at 3642 cm⁻¹, and the N-H stretching mode (3300-3400 cm⁻¹) of adsorbed NH₃ molecules increase steadily with increasing NH₃ loading (Figure 3b). In contrast, bare MFM-300(V^{IV}) displays no adsorption bands above 3600 cm⁻¹ due to the absence of the bridging hydroxyl moiety (Figure 3c). The N-H stretching mode of NH₃ at 3374 cm⁻¹ grows with the increase of NH₃ partial pressure. Simultaneously, FTIR bands at 970 cm⁻¹, 3160 cm⁻¹ and 3210 cm⁻¹, assigned to -NH₂ rocking, -NH₂ symmetrical stretching, and -NH₂ anti-symmetrical stretching of N₂H₄, respectively,^[20] are observed with increasing absorbance as the loading of NH₃ increases. Moreover, these bands assigned to N₂H₄ remain on treating the material under dynamic vacuum at room temperature, consistent with the residual uptake that was observed in the adsorption and crystallographic experiments.

Conclusions

Powerful drivers exist for the development of functional materials for NH₃ storage. This work presents a comprehensive study of NH₃ adsorption in porous MFM-300 sorbents. MFM-300(M) (M = Al, Cr, Fe, V^{III}, V^{IV}) show excellent reversible uptake capacity for NH₃ coupled with high framework stability with great potential for NH₃ capture and storage. Interestingly, the redox-active MFM-300(V^{IV}) drives the oxidation of adsorbed NH₃ to N₂H₄, which is accompanied by reduction of V^{IV} to V^{III}, and promotes the NH₃

adsorption uptake up to 17.3 mmol g⁻¹. Combined INS and DFT studies have afforded an in-depth analysis of the binding dynamics of NH₃ in these materials. This study will inspire the future development of porous materials with an integrated function for the storage, capture and conversion for NH₃.

ASSOCIATED CONTENT

Supporting Information. Supporting Information includes additional experimental details, adsorption isotherm and uptake data, powder X-ray and neutron diffraction data, views of crystal structures, CIF files, EPR and FTIR spectroscopy, INS data, and details for detection of N₂H₄. This material is available free of charge via the Internet at <http://pubs.acs.org>.

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Figure 1. (a)-(d) Adsorption isotherms for NH₃ in MFM-300(M) (M = Cr, Fe, V^{III}, V^{IV}) at 273-328 K (adsorption: solid; desorption: open symbols). (e)-(h) Cyclic adsorption-desorption of NH₃ in MFM-300(M) (M = (Cr, Fe, V^{III}, V^{IV}) at 298 K between 0-0.15 bar, dark-coloured bars show the residual NH₃ left within the MOF after desorption under dynamic vacuum at 298 K. (i) PXRD patterns of as-synthesised MFM-300 and the samples after a cycle of adsorption and desorption of NH₃. (j) Breakthrough curves for NH₃ (1000 ppm diluted in He) through fixed beds packed with samples of MFM-300 samples at 298 K at 1.0 bar.

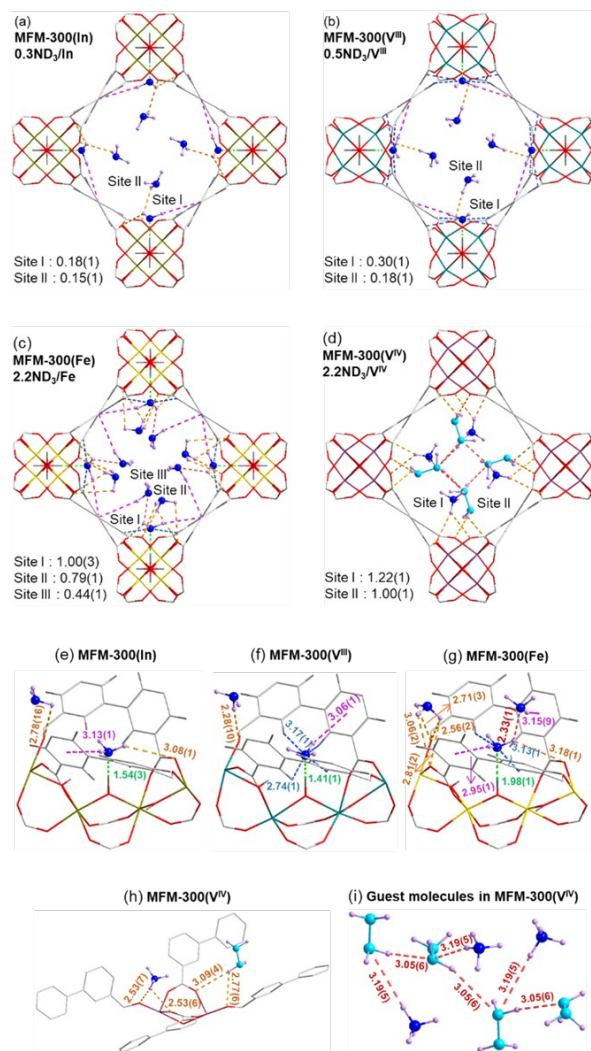
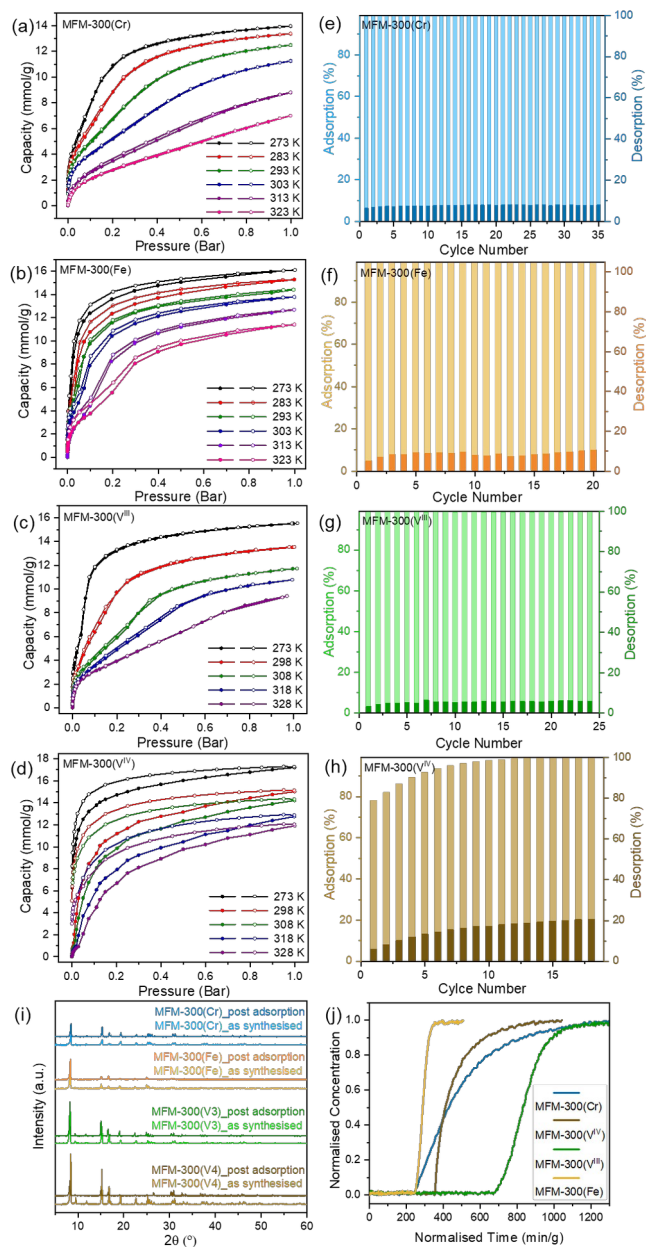


Figure 2. Views of sites for ND_3 in MFM-300(M) (M = In, V^{III} , Fe, V^{IV}) determined by neutron powder diffraction at 10 K. The occupancy of each site has been converted into ND_3/M for clarity. (a)-(d): Views along c -axis showing packing of the guest molecules within the pore. (e)-(h): Views of detailed host-guest interactions. (i): Cooperative network composed of N_2D_4 (N atoms: light blue) and ND_4^+ (N atoms: dark blue) in MFM-300(V). In: dark yellow; V^{III} : green; Fe: yellow; V^{IV} : magenta; O: red; C: white; H: grey; N: blue; D: purple.

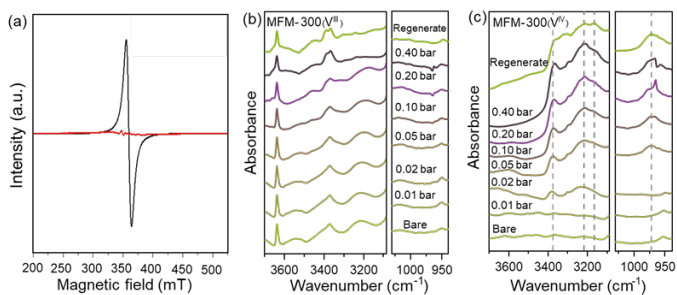


Figure 3. (a) X-band (9.87 GHz) EPR spectra of bare and NH_3 -loaded MFM-300(V^{IV}). *In situ* synchrotron FTIR spectra for single-crystals of (b) MFM-300(V^{III}) and (c) MFM-300(V^{IV}) at various partial pressures of NH_3 (diluted in dry N_2) and after regeneration under a dry N_2 flow at 100 mL min^{-1} at 298 K for 2 hour.

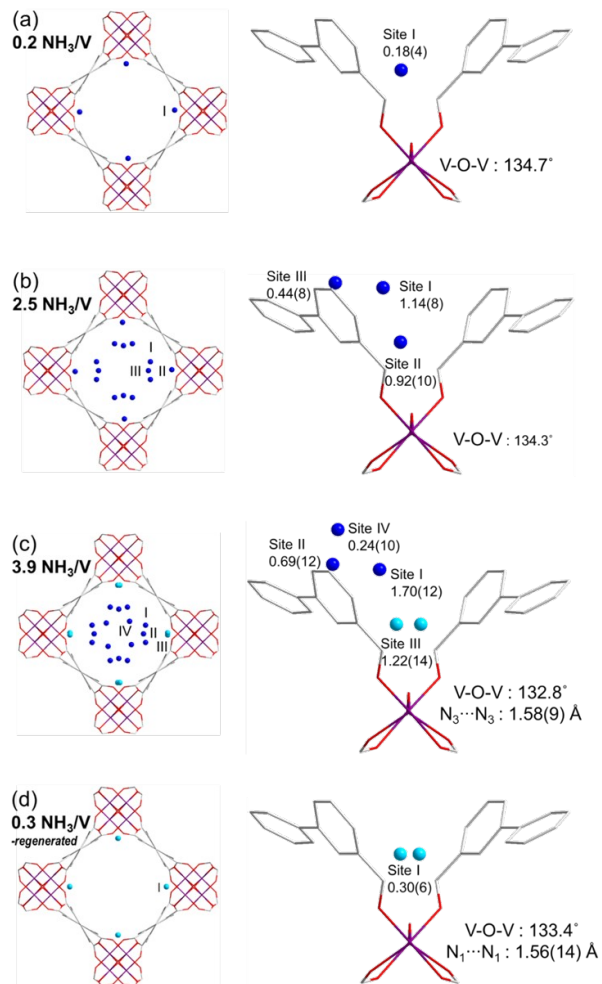


Figure 4. Views of single crystal X-ray structures of NH_3 -loaded MFM-300(V^{IV}) along the c -axis (V: magenta; O: red; C: white; H: grey; N: light blue for N_2H_4 , dark blue for NH_3 and NH_4^+). The structures were obtained from *in situ* synchrotron X-ray single crystal diffraction at 273 K, and the occupancy of

each site has been converted to $\text{NH}_3/\text{V}^{\text{IV}}$ for clarity. (a)-(c) show the structure with increasing loading of NH_3 from 0.2 NH_3/V to 3.9 NH_3/V , and (d) shows the structure after the sample being degassed under dynamic vacuum at 298 K for 2h. N_2H_4 (N atoms: light blue) and NH_3 (N atoms: dark blue).

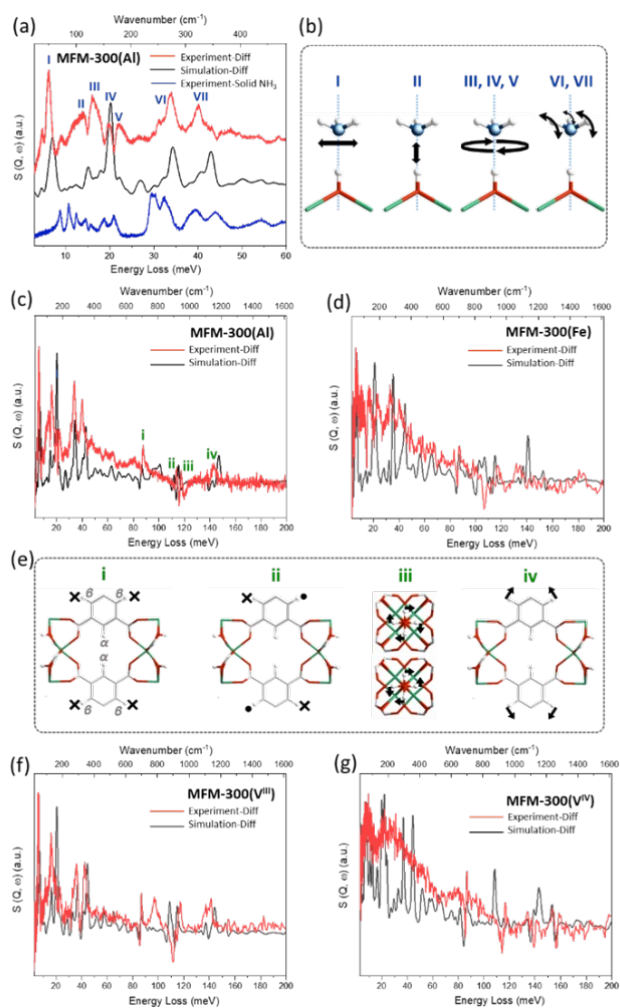


Figure 5. Comparisons of the experimental (red) and DFT-simulated (black) difference INS spectra of bare and NH_3 -loaded MFM-300; (a) direct comparison with condensed NH_3 in the solid; (b), (e) vibrational modes, of adsorbed NH_3 and of MFM-300(Al) host; (c), (d), (f), (g): difference INS spectra for NH_3 in MFM-300(M) (M = Al, Fe, V^{III}, V^{IV}), respectively.

Table 1. Summary of NH₃ adsorption in MFM-300 materials

MFM-300(M)	M = Al	M = V ^{III}	M = V ^{IV}	M = Cr	M = Fe
Uptake capacity ^a (mmol/g)	15.7	15.6	17.3	14.0	16.1
NH ₃ Storage density in MOFs ^a (g/cm ³)	0.28	0.29	0.34	0.27	0.30
NH ₃ Packing density in MOF pores ^a (g/cm ³)	0.72	0.54	0.61	0.51	0.60
NH ₃ Packing density in MOF pores ^b (g/cm ³)	0.60	0.47	0.53	0.44	0.52
Pore Volume of MOF (cm ³ /g)	0.37	0.49	0.48	0.47	0.46
Surface area (m ² /g)	1325	1755	1719	1683	1647
Enthalpy of adsorption (kJ/mol)	30 to 50	35 to 45	30 to 60	35 to 65	35 to 40
Entropy of adsorption [J/(mol·K)]	-240 to -135	-215 to -150	-240 to -180	-290 to -210	-215 to -175

^a: at 273K 1 bar;

^b: at 298K 1 bar.

