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Superacidity in Sulfated Metal-Organic Framework-808 8 h 32	Siêu axit trong vật liệu khung kim loại- hữu cơ sulfate hóa
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Here. state systems. we report superacidity in a sulfated metal-organic framework (MOF) obtained by treating the microcrystal¬line form of M0F-808 [M0F-808-P: Zr6O5(OH)3-(BTC)2(HCOO)5(H2O)2, BTC = 1,3,5benzenetricarbox- ylate] with aqueous sulfuric acid to generate its sulfated M0F-808-2.5S04 analogue, [Zr6O5(OH)3(BTC)2-

(SO4)25(H2O)25]. This material has a Hammett acidity function H0 < -14.5and is thus identified as a superacid, evidence providing the first for superacidity in MOFs. The superacidity attributed to is the presence of zirconiumbound sulfate groups structurally characterized using singlecrystal X-ray diffraction analysis.

Superacids are acids stronger than 100% sulfuric acid,1 that is, acids having Hammett acidity functions H0 < -12.2Liquid superacids such as HF-SbF5.3 HSO3F1b and CF3SO3H4 are extremely reactive and are capable of activating hydrocarbons at ambient temperature.5 Solid superacids such as sulfated zirconia,6 Nafion-H,7 and the zeolite HY8 offer advantages over their liquid analogues due to their ease of handling and diminished environmental threat.9 However, challenges still remain in this chemistry concerning the precise determination of the level of acidity, knowledge of the nature of the acid sites, and the discovery of new designable superacid systems.

Metal-organic frameworks (MOFs) have great potential for the a development of new solid superacids due to their structural diversity, crystalline structure, and tunable porosity.10 Robust, acid-stable MOFs displaying Bronsted acidity have been

thái rắn mới, kiểm soát được. Ở đây, chúng tôi trình bày hoạt tính siêu axit trong vật liệu khung kim loại-hữu cơ (MOF) được chế tạo bằng cách xử lý dạng vi tinh thể của MOF-808 [MOF-808-P: Zr6O5 (OH) 3 (BTC) 2 (HCOO) 5 (H2O) 2, BTC = 1,3,5-benzenetricarbox- ylate] bằng dung dich axit sulfuric để tao dang sunfat hóa của nó, M0F-808-2.5S04 [Zr6O5 (OH) 3 (BTC) 2 (SO4) 25 (H2O) 25 ]. Vật liệu này có hàm axit Hammett axit H0 <-14,5 và do đó được xếp vào loại vật liệu siêu axit, minh chứng thực nghiệm đầu tiên về hoạt tính siêu axit trong các MOF. Tính siêu axit của vật liệu này được quy cho các nhóm sulfate liên kết với zirconium- được xác định qua phép phân tích nhiễu xa tia X đơn tinh thể.



prepared by utilizing sulfonated organic linkers or hydroxyl and water ligands coordinated to metal sites within the framework.11 The acidity of these MOFs is either undetermine- d11a.d.f or has been measured from the shift of the -OH group vibration induced by CO adsorption and found to have H0 = -3 to -8;11b none have displayed superacidity (i.e., H0 < -12). Here, we show that superacidity can be achieved by treating a microcrystalline powder of the Zr(IV) MOF-80812 [mOF-808-P:Zr6O5(OH)3(BTC)2(HCOO)5(H2O) 2, BTC = 1, 3, 5-

benzenetricarboxylate] with aqueous sulfuric acid. The resulting sulfated MOF-808 [MOF-808-2.5SO4: Zr6O5(OH)3(BTC)2-

(SO4)2.5(H2O)2.5 has H0 < -14.5 by the Hammett indicator method, a value corresponding to a higher acidity than 100% sulfuric acid (H0 = -12). providing, for the first time, evidence of superacidity in MOFs. The presence of sulfate units bound to the Zr centers of the MOF was established by single diffraction crystal X-ray and IR spectroscopy. We believe these studies serve as a benchmark for producing and measuring superacidity in MOFs.

In the crystal structure of MOF-808,12 each Zr secondary building unit (SBU), Zr6O4(OH)4(-CO2)6(HCOO)6, is linked to six BTC units to form a 3-D porous framework containing two different types of pores (Figure 1). The smaller, tetrahedral pore is inaccessible to guests because of its small, 1.2-A aperture diameter, while the larger, adamantane-shaped pore has a much larger internal pore and aperture diameters of 18 and 14 A, respectively. Since all the formate ligands are



accessible through the large pore, we believed they could be replaced by sulfate ligands. Furthermore, the formate ligands would be far more reactive than the BTC linkers since they are connected to only one as opposed to three Zr SBUs.

Our studies were carried out on a new microcrystalline form of MOF-808 designated MOF-808-P, which was prepared on a 5-g scale using a modified version of the single-crystal MOF-808 synthesis (Supporting Information, SI, Section S1).12 MOF-808- P formed more rapidly than MOF-808 and was obtained as powders of 200-800-nmsized, octahedral microcrystals (Figure 2a). Phase purity and porosity were established using powder Xray diffraction (PXRD) and nitrogen sorption measurements (Figure 2b,c), respectively, and its chemical composition was found to include five instead of six formate ligands per Zr SBU using elemental analysis and integrated 1H NMR spectra of samples digested in a mixture of HF and DMSOd6 (SI, Section S1). It is likely that the missing formate group was replaced by the solvent used in the synthesis (DMF) or water.

Sulfation of MOF-808-P was achieved submersion different bv in concentrations of aqueous sulfuric acid for 1 day (SI, Section S1). In each case, 500 mg of M0F-808-P were added to 50 mL of 0.005-0.1 M aqueous sulfuric acid and the resulting Figure 1. Zr6O4(OH)4(-CO2)6(HCOO)6 secondary building units (SBUs) are combined with BTC linkers to form MOF-808, which has a





porous, three-dimensional framework containing large adamantane- shaped cages (open) and small tetrahedral cages (filled with green spheres). Atom labeling scheme: formate C and O atoms, black and red spheres, respectively; other C and O atoms, gray and pink spheres, respectively; Zr coordination polyhedra, blue. H atoms are omitted for clarity.

suspension was stirred for 1 min about once every 2 h. The crystal shape and color of these crude products were the same as those of MOF-808-P according to scanning electron microscopy (SEM) (Figures 2a, S3) and optical microscopy, respectively. These crude reaction products were treated with acetone and chloroform and then dried at ambient and elevated temperature under vacuum to obtain final products, which were stored in an inert atmosphere to avoid hydration. The final products displayed PXRD patterns coincident with those of unsulfated MOF-808-P the original material and, remarkably, nearly identical porosities (Figures 2b,c, S2, and S4-S8). They were formulated using elemental analysis and integrated solution 1H NMR spectra of digested samples (SI, Section S1). Replacement of formate by sulfate was monitored in this fashion (Table 1), and the different materials were designated MOF-808xSO4, x = 0.65, 1.3, 2.3, and 2.5, where x = number of sulfate groups per SBU. Note that the crystallinity of the sulfated framework, its porosity, and its superacidity (see below) could not be obtained if the aqueous solvent was removed directly from the pores of the initial reaction product by application of heat and vacuum. Instead, they required



removal of the water molecules in the MOF pores by solvent exchange with acetone and chloroform followed by evacuation, first at room temperature and then at elevated temperature.

Initial evidence for metal-bound sulfate groups was obtained from IR spectra of sulfated MOFs. where bands were observed between 800 and 1500 cm-1 that were not observed in spectra of unsulfated MOF-808-P and could be assigned to sulfate ligands (Figure S9).13 An X-ray diffraction study of an MOF-808-2.3SO4 single crystal for provided unequivocal evidence metal-bound sulfate groups incorporated into a crystalline, porous MOF (Figure 2d, SI, Section S2). In the MOF-808 framework, ~2.4 bound sulfates were observed per Zr SBU.14

The acidity of MOF-808-xSO4 was examined using standard catalytic acid/base test reactions. First, cyclization of citronellal to isopulegol was studied (Scheme S1).11c'15 The product distribution of this reaction is known to be sensitive to the nature of the acid sites:

with Lewis acids only, high selectivity (>75%) toward  $(\pm)$ -isopulegol is obtained,

with **Br**0nsted while. acids. the selectivity is significantly lower.15 The MOF-808 materials, despite their nearly identical structural frameworks and porosities, displayed selectivity toward  $(\pm)$ -isopulegol that decreased monotonically with increasing x from 85% in MOF- 808-P to 55% in MOF-808-2.5SO4 (Table 1). This result indicates that Br0nsted acidity was introduced into MOF-808- xSO4 during sulfuric acid treatment, leading to





decreased product selectivity. A similar result was obtained from a study of acid-catalyzed a-pinene isomerization, which typically requires strong acid catalysts (Scheme S2).16 No conversion of a-pinene was observed for M0F-808-P or M0F-808-0.65S04. Yet, a- pinene conversion was quantitative using MOF-808-2.5SO4 (Table 1). where selectivity camphene toward and limonene was similar to that observed for sulfated zirconia.16a.b These findings indicate the presence of strongly acidic sites in MOF- 808-2.5SO4.

The qualitative catalytic tests of M0F-808-xS04 acidity just mentioned were supplemented with more quantitative probes. First, the Hammett indicator method This base was employed. method17 has been used to assess the acidity of solids such as zeolites18 and sulfated zirconia.19 Here, if immersion of a solid in a specific indicator solution changes the color of the solid to that of the acid form of the indicator, the H0 value of that solid is the same or lower than the pKa of the conjugate acid of the indicator. While MOF-808-P and M0F-808-0.65S04 displayed relatively low acidity (H0 > 2.8) and moderate acidity (-4.4 > H0 > -5.9), respectively, M0F-808-1.3S04 and M0F-808-2.5S04 displayed a color change even in a benzene solution of 2,4-dinitrofluorobenzene, indicating H0 < -14.5 and placing these MOFs in the superacid region (H0 < -12) (Table 1). This result is consistent with the results of catalytic a-pinene isomerization, where only M0F-808-1.3S04 and M0F-808-2.5S04 of displayed appreciable vields camphene and limonene. Both M0F-808-1.3S04 M0F-808-2.5S04 and



showed lower acidity (H0 2.8) > exposure to following atmospheric moisture. The development of acidity in sulfated M0F-808 was confirmed in a 31P MAS NMR spectroscopic study of adsorbed trimethylphosphine oxide probe molecules.20 Trimethylphosphine oxide (TMPO) was chosen as а trialkylphosphine oxide probe because of its suitable size for diffusion in MOF pores. The 31P NMR chemical shift of TMPO molecules adsorbed on Bronsted acid sites is known to shift downfield increasing acid with strength.20c Spectra of TMPO adsorbed on M0F-808-P and MOF-808-xS04 samples are shown in Figure S10. For MOF- 808-P, two resonances assigned to adsorbed TMPO appeared at 62 and 56 ppm and a third resonance assigned to free TMPO trapped in the MOF pores appeared at 43 ppm.20c The same three resonances were observed in spectra of M0F-808-0.65S04, albeit with different relative intensities. However, a new resonance appeared at 69 ppm in spectra of M0F-808-1.3S04 and M0F-808-2.5S04. Since appearance of this new peak the correlates with the observation of apinene conversion, the 69 ppm assigned to TMPO resonance was adsorbed on a strongly acidic site. In support of this assignment, exposure of M0F-808-2.5SO4 to atmospheric moisture caused the 69 ppm resonance to lose almost all of its intensity in the M0F-808-2.5SO4 that same way loses its ability both to isomerize a-pinene and to display Hammett superacidity after exposure to atmospheric moisture.



In a preliminary survey of reactions, M0F-808-2.5S04 was found to be catalytically active in various acidcatalyzed reactions including Friedel-Crafts acylation, esterification, and isomerization (Table 2), as well as in the conversion of methyl-

Table 2. Various Reactions Catalyzed by MOF-808-2.5S04

"250 mg of M0F-808-2.5S04, 5 mL of anisole, 50 mg of benzoic acid, 110 °C, 12 h. b50 mg of M0F-808-2.5S04, 5 mL of anisole, 100 mg of benzoic anhydride, 110 °C, 12 h. c50 mg of M0F-808-2.5S04, 5 mL of anisole, 350 mg of 2-chlorobenzoyl chloride, 110 °C, 12 h. d200 mg of M0F-808-2.5S04, 10 mL of methanol, 1 g of oleic acid, 65 °C, 6 h. e150 mg of M0F-808-2.5S04, 2.5 mL of limonene, 60 °C, 1 h.

cyclopentane (MCP) into various hydrocarbons at 150-200 °C, the latter being a test reaction for catalytic reforming (Scheme S6).21 Efforts are underway to optimize such reactions and fully exploit the potential of these new materials.

ASSOCIATED CONTENT
Supporting Information

Details of synthesis and characterization, crystal structure analysis tables, PXRD patterns, SEM images, gas adsorption isotherms, IR spectra, Hammett indicator tests, 31P MAS solid- state NMR spectra, and catalytic tests. This material is available free of charge via the Internet at http://pubs.acs.org.

