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Integrating the Carbon Capture Materials Database with the process simulation tools of the Carbon Capture Simulation Initiative

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CCSI: Computational Tools to Accelerate Technology Development











Identify promising concepts Reduce the time for design & 2 troubleshooting Quantify the technical risk, to enable reaching larger scales, earlier Stabilize the cost during commercial deployment



Components of the CCSI Toolset













CCSI Process Synthesis & Design

Facilitate the rapid screening of new concepts and technologies

Enable identification & development of optimized process designs

- Multiple potential technologies for carbon capture
 - Different reactors types
 - Different sorbent materials
 - Different regimes (high T, low T, PSA, TSA)
- Need systematic way to evaluate candidate processes, materials
 - Need to consider <u>best process</u> for <u>different materials</u>
- Identify configurations for more detailed simulation (i.e., CFD)
- Integrate and optimize the entire process system
 - PC plant, carbon capture process, and compression system





Energy Frontier Research Center (EFRC)



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 - to develop new strategies and materials that allow for *energy efficient* selective *capture* or *separation* of *CO*₂ from gas mixtures based on molecule-specific chemical interactions.
- Plan and Direction
 - Capture of CO₂ from gas mixtures requires the molecular control offered by nanoscience to tailormake those materials exhibiting exactly the right adsorption and diffusion selectivity to enable an economic separation process. Characterization methods and computational tools will be developed to guide and support this quest.













Millions of Potential Materials

• Metals: Fe, Mg, Ca, Zn, Cu, etc

Pore topologies:
crb crb crb sod mer rho

Any combination of the above !!



Carbon Capture Materials Database (CCMDB)

- EFRC's database is a large collection of basic physicochemical data on solid sorbents (Currently it contains data on ca. 200,000 crystalline porous materials such as zeolites, MOFs and ZIFs)
- The database incorporates LBNL and EFRC-developed algorithms and software tools for characterization of porous materials: HPVOID (GPU Molecular simulation code) and Zeo++ (high-throughput geometry-based analysis of porous structures)

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Users can access the data via a Web interface



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Material Screening using Fixed Bed Model



Flue gas N₂

Calculation of energy penalty

$$Q = \frac{(C_p \rho_{sorbent} \Delta T + \Delta h_{CO2} \Delta q_{CO2} + \Delta h_{N2} \Delta q_{N2})}{CO_{2p_1}}$$

$$W_{eq} = \left(0.75Q \cdot \eta_{carnot} + W_{comp}\right)$$

- Fixed reactor configuration
- Equilibrium model

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No heat or mass transfer

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Estimating Potential Water Adsorption

simulated water adsorption in zeolite 13X (NaFAU, Si/AI ~ 1.24)



- Highly nonideal adsorption isotherm, with a convex isotherm – at low temperatures showing a discontinuity with an infinite slope.
- Once the water model is validated, it can be applied to various materials to predict adsorption selectivity for CO₂ over water.

- Zeolitic Imidizolite Frameworks (ZIFs)
- Water selective (bottom-right)
- CO₂ selective (top-left).



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Linkage Scheme: EFRC's DB – CCSI Toolset



 CCSI designed and developed an Application Programming Interface (API) and corresponding data formats to provide CCSI access to the data in the EFRC's database.



Solid Sorbent Moving-Bed Reactor

Modeling Scheme



Shell (Gas, Solid) & Tube (Steam) Type Uniform Flow for Solid Phase (Const. vel.) Eff. Thermal Conductivity

Plug-Flow for Gas Convection w/Axial Dispersion Pressure Drop using Ergun Eqn

Mass Transfer

- External Film Resistance
- Intra-particle Diffusion
- Heat Transfer
- Convective

Adsorption & Desorption Kinetics

Heat Transfer

- Wall Gas
- Wall Solid

Heat Transfer Bet'n Wall & Steam

Simulation of Adsorber/Regenerator



Estimating Material Performance using CCSI Moving Bed System



Example: Comparison of Material Performance using CCSI Moving bed System



Potential Future Application – Automated System Optimization for Further Screening of Promising Database Sorbents



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Conclusions: Identifying promising concepts

- How? Computationally screen sorbent materials, devices, and processes
- **CCSI Example**: Toolset was linked to database developed by UC Berkeley Energy Frontier Research Center (EFRC)
 - EFRC database contains over 100,000 zeolite and zeolitic imidazolate framework (ZIF) sorbent structures¹
 - CCSI moving bed system used for comparing sorbent materials
- Benefits
 - By identifying promising concepts early, time and money are saved because the development efforts are only directed toward potentially successful systems



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