

One Ca2+ Site in CaNaY Zeolite Can Attach Three CO2 Molecules

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ABSTRACT: To design efficient $CO₂$ capture materials, it is necessary to ensure a high adsorption capacity. We recently reported that one $Na⁺$ site in NaY zeolite can attach two CO₂ molecules. However, the process is not suitable for practical use because it proceeds at a low temperature. Here, we present results on $CO₂$ adsorption on CaNaY zeolites, demonstrating that one Ca²⁺ site can attach three CO₂ molecules. The $\nu_3(^{13}CO_2)$ mode arising from the natural 13 C abundance allows for easy infrared monitoring of the processes: it appears at 2298, 2294, and 2291 cm⁻¹ for the complexes with one, two, and three $CO₂$ ligands, respectively. The ${}^{12}CO_2$ molecules in the polyligand complexes interact vibrationally, leading to the split of the $\nu_3({}^{12}CO_2)$ modes. At ambient temperature, $Ca^{2+}(CO_2)_2$ complexes predominate at >1 mbar $CO₂$ and triligand species begin to form at 65 mbar. The obtained results show that CaY zeolites can be very effective $CO₂$ capture materials.

G lobal warming is one of the main current challenges
facing modern society and is mainly caused by the
increasing CO, concentration in the atmosphere¹ Therefore increasing $CO₂$ concentration in the atmosphere.^{[1](#page-4-0)} Therefore, $CO₂$ $CO₂$ $CO₂$ capture is a very topical issue.^{2,[3](#page-4-0)} Adsorption processes are considered very promising for this purpose. To design efficient adsorbents, it is necessary to ensure both high adsorption capacity and suitable binding energy. Various approaches are currently being used by the scientific community, $2,3$ and cation-exchanged zeolites have attracted much attention as
potential CO_2 adsorbents.^{[4](#page-4-0)−[27](#page-5-0)} An important feature of these materials is that, in many cases, large exchanged cations can
simultaneously adsorb two^{[28](#page-5-0)−[34](#page-5-0)} or even three small molecules as CO and N^{35-38}_{27} N^{35-38}_{27} N^{35-38}_{27} N^{35-38}_{27} N^{35-38}_{27} thus providing a high adsorption capacity. In a recent study,^{[27](#page-5-0)} we reported that, similar to CO and N_2 , two CO_2 molecules can be simultaneously bound to one Na⁺ cation in NaY. However, this occurs at a low temperature and is therefore of limited practical interest. The process can be optimized, for instance, by changing the nature of the exchanged cation. We concluded that one of the best candidates for this is Ca^{2+} for several reasons: (i) the ionic radius of Ca²⁺ is similar to that of $\mathrm{Na^+_{1}}$ thus allowing for the formation of geminal complexes^{[34](#page-5-0)−[37](#page-5-0)} but preventing the formation of $\text{M}\cdots\text{O}=\text{C}=\text{O}\cdots\text{M}$ species; 14 (ii) the high electrophilicity of Ca^{2+} should ensure relatively strong adsorption of $CO₂$; and (iii) by analogy with CO, we hoped that up to three CO_2 molecules could coordinate to one Ca^{2+} site. Because the ν_3 frequency of adsorbed CO_2 depends upon the polarizing strength of the cation, 39 we also expected to spectrally distinguish adducts formed with Ca^{2+} and residual Na⁺ sites.

Detailed information on experimental details, preparation of the samples, and basic sample characterization can be found in

[Figure](https://pubs.acs.org/doi/suppl/10.1021/acs.jpclett.2c03294/suppl_file/jz2c03294_si_001.pdf) S1 and the corresponding text of the Supporting Information.

Briefly, we studied two CaNaY samples differing in the Na/ Ca ratio. They were prepared by ion-exchange using NaY (Si/ Al = 2.6) as a starting material. Data on the chemical composition of the samples, according to energy-dispersive Xray (EDX) analysis, are presented in Table 1. In the following,

Table 1. Concentrations of Na and Ca in the Samples Studied

analysis results	CaNaY(1)	CaNaY(2)
atomic % Na	1.78	0.45
atomic % Ca	3.28	3.96
Na/Al atomic ratio	0.20	0.05
2Ca/Al atomic ratio	0.73	0.87

the samples with lower and higher Ca contents will be referred to as $CaNaY(1)$ and $CaNaY(2)$, respectively. The results presented here mainly consider the CaNaY(1) sample, because it allows for a better analysis of the very intense ν_3 ⁽¹²CO₂) band. However, the conclusions drawn from the analysis of all spectral regions were essentially the same for both samples.

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Figure 1. (A and C) FTIR spectra of CO_2 adsorbed on CaNaY(1) at ambient temperature. Equilibrium CO_2 pressure of (a) 6.8 mbar, (b) 5.8 mbar, (c) 4.0 mbar, (d) 3.0 mbar, (e) 2.2 mbar, (f) 1.7 mbar, (g) 1.0 mbar, and (h) 0.5 mbar and (i−l) development of spectra in dynamic vacuum. (B and D) Second derivatives of the spectra presented in panels A and C, respectively.

The Fourier transform infrared (FTIR) experiments were performed with self-supporting pellets activated in vacuum at 673 K. The FTIR spectra of $CO₂$ adsorbed on CaNaY(1) at ambient temperature and in the pressure range of 0−7 mbar are presented in panels A and C of Figure 1. In the $\nu_3({}^{12}CO_2)$ region (Figure 1A), a band at 2364 cm[−]¹ is formed at low coverage and attributed to $Ca^{2+} \cdots O=C=O$ adducts.^{[10](#page-4-0),[11](#page-4-0)} Note that the highest frequency ν_3 band, observed after CO_2 adsorption on NaY, is at 2354 $\text{cm}^{-1.13-21}$ $\text{cm}^{-1.13-21}$ $\text{cm}^{-1.13-21}$ $\text{cm}^{-1.13-21}$ $\text{cm}^{-1.13-21}$ As the coverage increases, the band initially develops and then a complex feature is formed in the 2380–2330 cm^{-1} region.

As a result of the natural abundance of ${}^{13}C$ (ca. 1.1%), it is also possible to follow the spectra in the $\nu_3({}^{13}CO_2)$ region (Figure 1C). At low coverage, the ν_3 band of $Ca^{2+} \cdots O=13C$ O species is detected at 2298 cm[−]¹ . With increasing coverage, mainly a broad band centered at 2293 cm⁻¹ develops. The isotopic shift factor (1.029) coincides with the reported value.⁴⁰ Even a cursory glance shows that the spectra in the ν_3 ⁽¹²CO₂) and ν_3 ⁽¹³CO₂) regions look differently. This indicates that some vibrational interaction occurs between the adsorbed ${}^{12}CO_2$ molecules. This interaction is not registered with the $^{13}CO₂$ molecules because they are too diluted to interact with each other.

For more precise analysis of the spectra, we used the second derivatives. We start the discussion with the spectra in the ${}^{13}CO_2$ region because they are simpler (Figure 1D). The results allow for the conclusion of the existence of two main stages of the spectra evolution. First, with the coverage increase, the band at 2298 cm[−]¹ appears and rises in intensity (lower set of spectra). At the end of this stage, a weak band at 2293.5 cm^{-1} also appears.

During the second stage, the band at 2298 cm^{-1} declines and the band at 2293.5 cm[−]¹ develops at its expense. A welldefined isosbestic point indicates direct conversion of one species into another. At high coverage, signals associated with the presence of residual Na⁺ cations also appear. A band at 2288 cm^{-1} is assigned to $\text{Na}^+\text{…O=}^{13}\text{C}= \text{O}$ adducts, and a weak band at 2280 cm[−]¹ is assigned to a small amount of $\text{Na}^+(O=^{12}C=O)(O=^{13}C=O)$ geminal species.^{[27](#page-5-0)} Indeed, these bands appear with reduced intensity with the $CaNaY(2)$ sample having a lower sodium content.

The band at 2298 cm[−]¹ , registered at low coverage, was already assigned to the $\nu_3({}^{13}CO_2)$ mode of $Ca^{2+} \cdots O= {}^{13}C=O$ adducts. Consequently, the band at 2293.5 cm^{-1} is attributed to the $\nu_3(^{13}CO_2)$ mode of $Ca^{2+}(O=^{12}C=O)(O=^{13}C=O)$ geminal species. Note that, as a result of the low concentration of ¹³CO₂, Ca²⁺(¹³CO₂)₂ complexes are practically absent.

Consider now the $\nu_3(^{12}CO_2)$ region (Figure 1B). At low coverage, mainly the $Ca^{2+} \cdots O = {}^{12}C = O$ band at 2364 cm⁻¹ develops. With a further coverage increase, this band declines and two bands develop at 2367 and 2354 cm[−]¹ . In addition, weaker bands at 2359 and 2344 cm[−]¹ are formed. The band at 2344 cm⁻¹ corresponds to the ¹³CO₂ band at 2280 cm⁻¹ and is associated with species formed with $Na⁺$ sites.^{[27](#page-5-0)} The same accounts for a part of the band at 2354 cm^{-1} (respective ¹³CO₂ band at 2288 cm[−]¹) However, a comparison to the spectra in the ${}^{13}CO_2$ region shows that the band is much more intense than its ${}^{13}CO_2$ analogue, which indicates that the main part of the band is due to species formed with Ca^{2+} sites. The band at 2359 cm⁻¹ corresponds to the band at 2293.5 cm⁻¹ in the ${}^{13}CO$ ₂ region and can be associated with mixed ligand

complexes, $Ca^{2+}(O=^{12}C=O)(O=^{13}C=O)$. However, the contribution of other species to this band is not excluded.

The bands at 2367 and 2354 cm[−]¹ develop almost in parallel and are associated with geminal $Ca^{2+}(12CO_2)_2$ adducts. Therefore, the $\nu_3({}^{12}CO_2)$ mode splits into two components. We attribute them to the in-phase and out-of-phase ν_3 modes of geminal $Ca^{2+}(^{12}CO_2)_2$ complexes, respectively.

To verify the possibility of the simultaneous coordination of three CO_2 molecules to one Ca^{2+} cation, we performed variable temperature infrared (VTIR) experiments. Initially, $CO₂$ was adsorbed at 2.6 mbar equilibrium pressure, and then the temperature was gradually lowered to shift the equilibrium toward adsorbed species. The $\nu_3(^{12}\text{CO}_2)$ band was too intense to be followed accurately. Selected spectra in the ν_3 ⁽¹³CO₂) region are presented in Figure 2. Here again, we detected different stages of the process.

Figure 2. (A) VTIR spectra in the $\nu_3(^{13}CO_2)$ region of CO₂ (2.6) mbar initial equilibrium pressure) adsorbed on CaNaY(1). Sample temperature of (a) 293 K, (b) 257 K, (c) 240 K, (d) 224 K, (e) 215 K, (f) 211 K, (g) 205 K, (h) 199 K, (i) 190 K, (j) 184 K, (k) 177 K, and (l) 171 K. The spectra are background- and gas-phase-corrected. (B) Second derivative of the spectra presented in panel A.

The first stage (Figure 2B, lowest set) is identical to the already described conversion of $Ca^{2+}(^{13}CO_{2})$ to $Ca^{2+}(^{12}CO_{2})$ - $($ ¹³CO₂) adducts. During the second stage (Figure 2B, middle set), the band characterizing diligand species (2293.5 cm⁻¹) decreases in intensity to ultimately disappear and a new, more intense band at 2289 cm[−]¹ develops at its expense. These results clearly demonstrate conversion of the $Ca^{2+}(^{12}CO_{2})$ - $(^{13}CO₂)$ adducts into other species absorbing around 2289 cm[−]¹ . In this case again, an isosbestic point indicates conversion of one species into another. Therefore, we assign

the band at 2289 cm⁻¹ to triligand $Ca^{2+}(^{12}CO_2)_2(^{13}CO_2)$ species.

It should be noted that the band at 2289 cm[−]¹ is a composite, because under the conditions applied, Na^{+...} O¹³C=O adducts absorbing at 2288 cm⁻¹ are also formed. 27 This is confirmed by the spectra registered at a further coverage increase (Figure 2B, top set), where part of the 2289 cm⁻¹ band arising from Na⁺…O=¹³C=O adducts is converted into other species (band at 2286 cm⁻¹ as a result of the change of the molecule orientation and band at 2280 cm^{-1} as a result of geminal CO_2 species on Na⁺ sites).^{[27](#page-5-0)} Simultaneously, the triligand $Ca^{2+}(^{12}CO_{2})_{2}(^{13}CO_{2})$ species are clearly visible by a separate band at 2291 cm⁻¹.

Here, we want to highlight the remarkable similarity between the spectra presented in Figure 2B and the spectra of CO adsorbed at a low temperature on CaNaY(1) [\(Figure](https://pubs.acs.org/doi/suppl/10.1021/acs.jpclett.2c03294/suppl_file/jz2c03294_si_001.pdf) S2 of the Supporting Information), which confirms our conclusions.

As a result of the high intensity of the $\nu_3(^{12}CO_2)$ bands, we cannot draw firm conclusions on the spectral performance of the $Ca^{2+}(^{12}CO_2)_3$ species in the region. However, we detected, by the second derivatives, a band at 2372 cm^{-1} that is distant from the main maximum. The results are presented in [Figure](https://pubs.acs.org/doi/suppl/10.1021/acs.jpclett.2c03294/suppl_file/jz2c03294_si_001.pdf) [S3](https://pubs.acs.org/doi/suppl/10.1021/acs.jpclett.2c03294/suppl_file/jz2c03294_si_001.pdf) of the Supporting Information. On the basis of this finding, we analyzed the second derivatives of a set of spectra recorded at ambient temperature and high $CO₂$ equilibrium pressures (up to 200 mbar). The band at 2372 cm[−]¹ was found to appear at about 65 mbar (see [Figure](https://pubs.acs.org/doi/suppl/10.1021/acs.jpclett.2c03294/suppl_file/jz2c03294_si_001.pdf) S3 of the Supporting Information); i.e., at this pressure, $Ca^{2+}(^{12}CO_{2})$ ₃ species are already formed.

We also detected, albeit with very low intensity, the ν_1 and $2\nu_2$ modes of adsorbed CO_2 , which are normally infrared (IR) silent. Their intensity is higher with the $CaNaY(2)$ sample. Briefly, the maximum of the ν_1 band appears at 1378 cm⁻¹ and is hardly sensitive to the formation of di- and triligand species ([Figure](https://pubs.acs.org/doi/suppl/10.1021/acs.jpclett.2c03294/suppl_file/jz2c03294_si_001.pdf) S4 of the Supporting Information). In contrast, the 2ν band appears at 1269 cm[−]¹ and splits into two components, at 1274 and 1268 cm[−]¹ , for the diligand species. The spectra of the Ca²⁺(CO₂)₃ species are similar; i.e., the 2 ν ₂ mode is not active for the third adsorbed molecule. For both bands $(\nu_1$ and $2\nu_2$), the extinction coefficient decreases with an increasing number of $CO₂$ molecules attached to one site.

To estimate the amount of $CO₂$ adsorbed on cationic sites, we performed experiments on successive adsorption of small doses of $CO₂$ on the CaNaY(2) sample at 223 K. The spectra in the ν_3 ⁽¹³CO₂) region are presented in [Figure](#page-3-0) 3A and are consistent with the conclusions already drawn. In this case, the band at 2280 cm^{-1} , associated with the presence of Na⁺, appears with reduced intensity, and the band indicative of triligand species is detected at 2291.5 cm⁻¹.

As a result of the higher calcium content, we also clearly detected the $(\nu_1 + \nu_3)^{(12}CO_2)$ combination bands [\(Figure](#page-3-0) 3B). The mono-, di-, and triligand species are observed at 3721, 3715.5, and 3713 cm⁻¹, respectively. This mode is convenient for quantification because the baseline is flat. The dependence of the integral absorbance upon the amount of $CO₂$ added is a straight line for the first doses (see the inset in [Figure](#page-3-0) 3B). Assuming the same extinction coefficient for the bands in the $3725-3710$ cm⁻¹ region, we estimated that the maximal amount of $CO₂$ adsorbed on cationic sites is 7.23 wt %. The intensity of the $\nu_3({}^{13}CO_2)$ band also depends linearly upon the amount of $CO₂$ added to the system for the first doses. However, at higher coverage, the complex baseline affects

Figure 3. FTIR spectra registered after successive dosing of $CO₂$ on the CaNaY(2) sample (a−q) at 223 K and (r) under 7 mbar equilibrium CO₂ pressure. (A) ν_3 ⁽¹³CO₂) region. (B) $\nu_1 + \nu_3$ ⁽¹²CO₂) region. The insets show the dependence of the integral absorbance of the respective bands on the amount of $CO₂$ added to the system. The pellet weight was 20 mg.

accurate integration. Nevertheless, the spectra in the v_3 ⁽¹³CO₂) region allowed us to estimate the contribution of the Na^+ sites (band at 2280 cm^{-1}) to the CO_2 adsorption uptake to be 10.2%. Thus, the amount of $CO₂$ adsorbed on $Ca²⁺$ sites appears to be 6.49 wt %.

It is known that in dehydrated Y zeolite Na^+ and Ca^{2+} cations occupy different positions $(S_D, S_I',$ and $S_{II})$.⁴¹ Among these, only cations in S_{II} positions are accessible to adsorption.³⁹ Thus, the results are consistent with the idea that more than one CO_2 molecule binds to a single Ca^{2+} site in S_{II} position. These results are also in agreement with the adsorption isotherms, showing that $CO₂$ uptake at 277 K and 350 mbar pressure is 7.6 wt % (see [Figure](https://pubs.acs.org/doi/suppl/10.1021/acs.jpclett.2c03294/suppl_file/jz2c03294_si_001.pdf) S5 of the Supporting Information).

We also complemented the experimental observations with computational modeling using periodic density functional calculations for models of the FAU structure with Si/Al = 95 and 2.49, respectively. The optimized structures of the complexes are shown in Figure 4. The binding energy of the complex with one CO_2 molecule in the low-silica model, Si/Al = 2.49, is −50 kJ mol⁻¹, while the value per adsorbed CO_2 in the complexes with two and three ligands is lower, −48 and −40 kJ mol[−]¹ , respectively. The calculated Gibbs free energies at 173 K are -1 , 1, and 9 kJ mol⁻¹ for the complexes with one, two, and three ligands, respectively (see [Table](https://pubs.acs.org/doi/suppl/10.1021/acs.jpclett.2c03294/suppl_file/jz2c03294_si_001.pdf) S1 of the Supporting Information) as a result of entropy loss upon adsorption of the gas molecules. Although the binding energy

Figure 4. Optimized structures of the complexes of Ca^{2+} in the S_{II} position in FAU zeolite (model with Si/Al = 95) with one, two, and three $CO₂$ ligands: location of the complex in the zeolite cavity and close views of the three complexes. Colors: red, oxygen; yellow, silicon; pink, aluminum; blue, carbon; and green, calcium.

per ligand in the complexes is similar, the two- and three-ligand complexes are observed at higher pressure likely as a result of the presence of many cations in zeolite cavity and repulsion between ligands adsorbed at those cations. The stability of the complexes with one, two, and three ligands in the high-silica model, Si/A l= 95, are similar, at −61, −47, and −46 kJ mol[−]¹ , respectively [\(Table](https://pubs.acs.org/doi/suppl/10.1021/acs.jpclett.2c03294/suppl_file/jz2c03294_si_001.pdf) S1 of the Supporting Information). The non-specific interaction of $CO₂$ with the zeolite wall in the region far from the metal cation is -18 kJ mol⁻¹, which coincides with the contribution of the dispersion interaction in the binding energy per ligand in the modeled complexes, from −19 to −16 kJ mol[−]¹ . Thus, the contribution of the electrostatic interactions between the ligand and the calcium cation is 60−70% of the binding energy.

We also calculated the vibrational frequencies of adsorbed CO_2 . The calculated values are corrected by -16 cm⁻¹, which is the difference between experimental and calculated values for CO₂ in the gas phase, 2365 and 2349 cm⁻¹, respectively^{[42](#page-5-0)} ([Table](https://pubs.acs.org/doi/suppl/10.1021/acs.jpclett.2c03294/suppl_file/jz2c03294_si_001.pdf) S1 of the Supporting Information). The calculated frequencies of the complexes with one and two ligands in the low-silica model, 2371 and 2375/2365 cm^{-1} , respectively, fit very well to the corresponding experimental values, 2364 and 2367/2354 cm[−]¹ . Changes in the vibrational frequencies in the mixed complexes with ${}^{12}CO_2$ and ${}^{13}CO_2$, observed experimentally are also well-reproduced. As expected, for the $Ca^{2+1/2}CO_2$)₃ complex, the calculations result in three vibrational frequencies, at 2377, 2365, and 2353 cm^{-1} . However, only the highest frequency band was experimentally observed because the other bands were masked by the other strong bands in the region. Despite different aluminum contents in the high-silica model, the calculated vibrational frequencies of $CO₂$ in the complexes with one, two, or three

ligands differ by only 7 cm^{-1} from those in the high-silica model [\(Table](https://pubs.acs.org/doi/suppl/10.1021/acs.jpclett.2c03294/suppl_file/jz2c03294_si_001.pdf) S1 of the Supporting Information). Thus, they also fit well to the experimental values.

Finally, we emphasize that CaY zeolites possess a high $CO₂$ adsorption capacity at ambient temperature. Each Ca^{2+} site can attach two $CO₂$ molecules at relatively low partial pressure and has the reserve potential to bind an additional molecule when the equilibrium pressure increases. In contrast, at ambient temperature, each Na⁺ site in NaY can attach only one $CO₂$ molecule and the adsorption enthalpy is low, which results in poor adsorption capacity at a relatively low $CO₂$ partial pressure. We believe that the results reported in this study will contribute to the development of CaY-based adsorbents for CO2 having high adsorption capacity.

■ **ASSOCIATED CONTENT**

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> Experimental details, background spectra, spectra in the regions of the ν_1 and $2\nu_2$ modes, spectra of lowtemperature CO adsorption, second derivatives of spectra at low and ambient temperatures, and experimental and calculated frequencies of adsorbed $CO₂$ [\(PDF](https://pubs.acs.org/doi/suppl/10.1021/acs.jpclett.2c03294/suppl_file/jz2c03294_si_001.pdf))

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