

## Supporting Information

### Computational structure prediction of 4,4-connected copper paddle-wheel-based MOFs:

#### Influence of ligand functionalization on the topological preference

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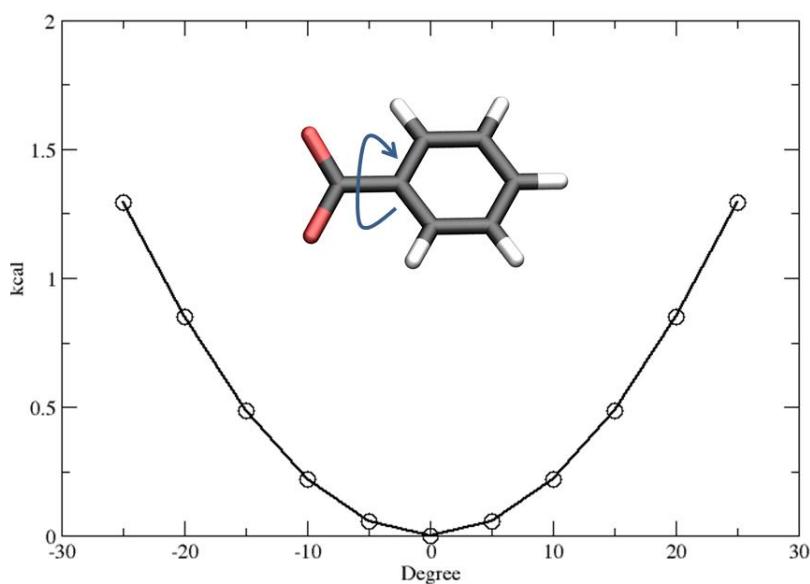
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#### DFT Calculations

In this work, single-point energy calculations were performed at B3LYP/def-SV(P) level of theory. The resolution-of-identity (RI) approximation was used and the quadrature grid size was set at *m5*. In addition, D3 dispersion correction by Grimme was employed. The calculations were done by using the TURBOMOLE suite program (V7.1).



**Figure S1.** Energy profile for rotation of carboxylate plane (dihedral angle) in benzoate.

**Table S1.** Energy of the most stable structure of each topology in kcal/mol per f.u.

	nbo-b-L1	ssa-L1	ssb-L1	lvt-b-L1	pts-L1
vdW	12.77	10.76	11.11	10.48	8.49
Coulomb	-514.05	-512.81	-513.78	-512.60	-511.67
<b>Non-bonding</b>	<b>-501.29</b>	<b>-502.05</b>	<b>-502.68</b>	<b>-502.11</b>	<b>-503.18</b>
Stretching	2.24	2.22	2.13	2.25	2.68
Bending	27.66	28.46	27.98	28.43	29.69
Out-of-plane bending	0.31	2.87	0.22	2.75	4.29
Torsion	37.76	45.90	41.06	46.43	56.59
<b>Bonding</b>	<b>67.97</b>	<b>79.45</b>	<b>71.38</b>	<b>79.86</b>	<b>93.24</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-433.32</b>	<b>-422.60</b>	<b>-431.29</b>	<b>-422.25</b>	<b>-409.95</b>
	nbo-b-L2	ssa-L2	ssb-L2	lvt-b-L2	pts-L2
vdW	9.48	10.27	7.98	8.35	8.54
Coulomb	-518.69	-517.20	-518.70	-517.26	-516.77
<b>Non-bonding</b>	<b>-509.21</b>	<b>-506.94</b>	<b>-510.72</b>	<b>-508.91</b>	<b>-508.22</b>
Stretching	2.73	2.82	2.90	2.75	3.45
Bending	27.13	27.80	27.28	27.73	29.19
Out-of-plane bending	0.34	2.68	0.56	2.83	5.07
Torsion	28.01	35.49	29.95	36.95	44.28
<b>Bonding</b>	<b>58.20</b>	<b>68.80</b>	<b>60.69</b>	<b>70.26</b>	<b>81.98</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-451.01</b>	<b>-438.14</b>	<b>-450.03</b>	<b>-438.65</b>	<b>-426.25</b>
	nbo-b-L3	ssa-L3	ssb-L3	lvt-b-L3	pts-L3
vdW	10.22	21.31	7.41	9.59	9.23
Coulomb	-523.08	-520.06	-522.70	-521.68	-521.38
<b>Non-bonding</b>	<b>-512.86</b>	<b>-498.75</b>	<b>-515.29</b>	<b>-512.09</b>	<b>-512.15</b>
Stretching	2.81	5.06	2.98	2.87	4.04
Bending	27.62	32.95	28.18	28.33	30.95
Out-of-plane bending	0.32	2.45	0.39	2.86	5.32
Torsion	12.77	43.28	15.82	21.56	30.26
<b>Bonding</b>	<b>43.51</b>	<b>83.73</b>	<b>47.37</b>	<b>55.62</b>	<b>70.57</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-469.35</b>	<b>-415.02</b>	<b>-467.92</b>	<b>-456.47</b>	<b>-441.58</b>