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#### On the Exceptional Negative Compressibility of Zeolitic Imidazolate Frameworks (ZIFs) and Potential Application

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- Negative Volumetric Compressibility of ZIFs (herein ZIF-8)
- Hysteresis-based application of ZIFs (molecular spring, shock absorber)
- Exogenic modification of ZIF-8 hysteresis
- ZIFs as triboelectric nanogenerators







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# Intrusion-Extrusion ZIF-8 negative Compressibility



- Study of ZIF-8 NVC via liquid porosimetry and restrained molecular dynamics
- Revealed lattice expansion as a result of rotation of ZnIm<sub>4</sub> tetrahedra and Zn-N bond length increase (fig 1h)



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Level of filling (%)





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### Conclusions So Far and Future Research Direction



- ZIFs possess the highly rare property of NVC upon water intrusion.
- Via exploitation of ZIF intrusion-extrusion hysteresis, one can potentially utilise ZIF-8 for energy storage, dissipation or transfer into electrical energy
- Recently, H2020 funding was granted for the Electro-intrusion collaboration to study the viability of using ZIFs and other hydrophobic materials as nanotribolelectric generators





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