Supporting Information

Increased CO₂ Affinity and Adsorption Selectivity In MOF-801 Fluorinated Analogues

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Figure S1. IR spectra (KBr pellet) in the 2000-400 cm⁻¹ region of the four MOFs described in this study.



Figure S2. PXRD patterns of **ZrTFS** obtained through a classical hydrothermal synthesis (red line) or through the "Shake 'n Bake" methodology (black line).

Powder X-ray Diffraction Structure Determination of ZrTFS

Indexing of the diffraction patterns of **ZrTFS** was performed with *TOPAS* (v. 4.2).¹ The analysis of systematic extinctions for space group assignment was performed using the Chekcell program.² Structure solution was performed *ab initio* using the software *FOX 4.*³ Initially, [ZrO₈] cubes were employed to identify the location of the inorganic clusters. Then, the position of one Zr atom and two O atoms (corresponding to μ_3 -O and μ_3 -OH) was fixed and two independent **TFS** fragments were included in the asymmetric unit. Bond lengths and bond angles were restrained to correctly reproduce the geometry of the linkers. The centers of mass of these fragments were placed on special positions with coordinates (0.5, 0.25, 0.25) and (0.25, 0, 0.75), respectively. Two Ne atoms, whose occupancy was left free to refine, were also used to mimic adsorbed water molecules. A set of anti-bump restraints was employed to prevent unrealistically short intermolecular contacts: Zr-F = 4.5 Å; Zr-Ne = 4.0 Å; O-Ne = 2.0 Å; C-Ne = 2.0 Å; F-Ne = 2.0 Å. The initial model was then refined using the Rietveld method in TOPAS (v. 4.2).¹ First, a Pawley refinement was carried out to model background, sample displacement, profile shape parameters (Full Axial Model, CS L, CS G) and lattice parameters (Cubic). Then, Rietveld refinement was performed to model the atomic coordinates and atomic S3 displacement parameters. In order to maintain the mass center of the linker in special position (*i.e.* rotation of the alkyl chain outside of the plane defined by carboxylic groups), the alkyl chains, defined by C11, C12, O11, O12, F11, F12 atoms and C21, C22, O21, O22, F21, F22 were modelled by employing two Z-matrix. In order to describe the geometry of the alkyl chain correctly, a dummy atom (whose occupancy factor was set to zero) was employed in the Z-matrix: X1 was placed in the middle between the C11 and the C12 of alkyl chain in special position (0.5, 0.25, 0.25) whereas X2 was placed in the middle between C21 and C22 in special position (0.25, 0, 0.75). Rotational parameters were left free to refine. All the other atoms were refined individually, using eight distance restraints and two angle restraints. The atomic displacement parameters for Zr were refined independently with the oxygen of the cluster (muO1, muO2), while those of the light atoms were constrained to the same value. The Ne atoms used to mimic water molecules in the pores were converted to O atoms, whose occupancy factors were left free to refine. At the end of the refinement, all the parameters were refined together until convergence.



Figure S3. Rietveld refinement carried out on the PXRD pattern (λ = 1.5401 Å) of **ZrTFS** (synthetized *via* "shake and bake" methodology).

Formula	$C_{24}H_4O_{32}F_{24}Zr_6$ [Zr ₆ O ₄ (OH) ₄ (C ₄ O ₄ F ₄) ₆]			
M [g mol ⁻¹]	1807.57			
Wavelength [Å]	1.54056			
T [°C]	25			
Crystal system	Cubic			
Space group	Pn-3			
Z	24			
a [Å]	18.081			
V [Å ³]	5910			
D _{calc} [g cm ⁻³]	2.212			
R _p	7.055			
R _{wp}	9.699			
R _F 2	5.484			
GoF	5.23			

 Table S1. Main crystallographic data and structure refinement details for ZrTFS.



Figure S4. SEM image of ZrTFS.

¹H-NMR and ¹⁹F-NMR spectra and related linkers quantification in MOF-801 and mixedlinker MOFs



Figure S5. ¹H-NMR spectrum of MOF-801.

14.7 mg of desolvated sample was digested. The signal of FUM^{2-} falls at $\delta_H = 6.45$ ppm and accounts for two protons. The signal of AA falls at $\delta_H = 1.85$ ppm and accounts for three protons. The four signals of the internal standard 3-fluorobenzoic acid (3FBA) fall between $\delta_H = 7.16$ and 7.64 ppm and each one accounts for one proton. Thus, to have a quantitative comparison of the two species, the integral of FUM^{2-} (2.102) must be divided by two, giving 1.051, whereas the integral of AA (0.624) must be divided by three, giving 0.208. The FUM^{2-}/AA ratio is therefore 5.05. Assuming the general formula [$Zr_6O_4(OH)_4(FUM)_{6-x}(AA)_{2x}$], the following can be written:

$$\frac{FUM^{2-}}{AA} = \frac{6-x}{2x} = 5.05$$

This leads to calculate a value of 0.54 for x, leading to the following proposed formula: [Zr₆O₄(OH)₄(FUM)_{5.46}(AA)_{1.08}]. Such a formula leads to calculate expected wt. % of 45.6% for FUM²⁻ and of 4.7% for AA. The absolute concentration of FUM²⁻ and AA in solution can be derived by dividing each integral by the value of the integral of 3FBA (1.000) and multiplying the result by its concentration (0.029 M), obtaining 0.030 M for FUM²⁻ and 0.006 M for AA. The wt. % of FUM²⁻ and AA can be derived by multiplying these values by the volume of the solution (1.5 mL) and the molecular weight of the respective anions (114 g/mol for FUM²⁻, 59 g/mol for AA) and dividing the obtained values (5.21 mg for FUM²⁻, 0.53 mg for AA) by the mass of the desolvated MOF digested (14.7 mg), resulting in 35.4% for FUM²⁻ and 3.6% for AA. The lower experimental wt. % obtained when compared to those expected from the formula proposed above suggests that the proposed formula overestimates the amount of FUM²⁻ and AA in the MOF. Given that the synthesis was carried out in aqueous medium, we can propose an alternative formula, where part of FUM²⁻ is also replaced by a hydroxide/water couple: $[Zr_6O_4(\mu_3-OH)_4(\mu_1-$ OH)_{2v}(H₂O)_{2v}(FUM)_{6-x-v}(AA)_{2x}]. The values of x and y can be derived by solving the following equations:

$$\frac{FUM^{2-}}{AA} = \frac{6 - x - y}{2x} = 5.05$$
$$\frac{m(FUM^{2-})}{m(MOF)} = \frac{(6 - x - y) \times 114}{(91 \times 6) + (16 \times 4) + (4 + 2y) \times 17 + (2y \times 18) + (6 - x - y) \times 114 + (2x \times 59)} = 0.354$$

The second equation imposes that the weight % of FUM^{2-} be equal to the experimental value obtained above. The values of x and y derived by solving these equations are 0.40 and 1.56, respectively, leading to the following proposed formula: $[Zr_6O_4(\mu_3-OH)_4(\mu_1-OH)_{3.12}(H_2O)_{3.12}(FUM)_{4.04}(AA)_{0.80}]$. To confirm the reliability of this formula, we refer to the TG curve displayed in Figure 3 in the main text, which shows that the MOF loses 30 wt% upon

desolvation (at 300 °C) and a further 30 wt% upon degradation of the organic part of the framework (at 700 °C), when only ZrO₂ is left. Thus, a ratio of 0.57 can be calculated between the mass% of leftover ZrO₂ (40%) and that of the desolvated MOF (70%). Given that the formula [Zr₆O₄(μ_3 -OH)₄(μ_1 -OH)_{3.12}(H₂O)_{3.12}(FUM)_{4.04}(AA)_{0.80}] has a FW of 1295 g/mol, and that 6 moles of ZrO₂ per mole of MOF are expected to remain after full decomposition, a ratio of 0.57 is calculated between the expected mass of leftover ZrO₂ and that of the desolvated MOF with the above formula, confirming that the proposed formula is in line with the experimental outcomes from the thermogravimetric analysis.



Figure S6. ¹H-NMR (top) and ¹⁹F-NMR (bottom) spectra of PF-MOF1.

12.9 mg of desolvated sample was digested. In the ¹H-NMR spectrum, the signal of FUM²⁻ falls at $\delta_{\rm H} = 6.40$ ppm and accounts for two protons. The signal of AA falls at $\delta_{\rm H} = 1.79$ ppm and accounts for three protons. Thus, to have a quantitative comparison of the two species, the integral of FUM²⁻ (0.734) must be divided by two, giving 0.367, whereas the integral of AA (0.004) must be divided for three, giving 0.001. The FUM²⁻/AA ratio is therefore 367, suggesting that practically no AA is present in the MIXMOF after PSE. The two signals of 2,6-difluorobenzoic acid (DFBA) fall at $\delta_{\rm H}$ = 6.90 ppm (accounts for two protons) and $\delta_{\rm H}$ = 7.26 ppm (accounts for one proton). Taking the value of the DFBA signal falling at 7.26 ppm (1.00), a FUM²/DFBA ratio of 0.367 is calculated. In the ¹⁹F-NMR spectrum, the signal of **TFS²⁻** falls at $\delta_F = -117.8$ ppm and accounts for four fluorine atoms. The signal of DFBA falls at $\delta_{\rm H} = -116.0$ ppm and accounts for two fluorine atoms. Thus, to have a quantitative comparison of the two species, the integral of TFS^{2-} (0.335) must be divided by four, giving 0.084, whereas the integral of DFBA (1.000) must be divided by two, giving 0.500. A TFS²⁻/DFBA ratio of 0.168 is thus obtained. Using the values of FUM²⁻/DFBA and TFS²⁻ /DFBA ratios, a FUM²-/TFS²⁻ ratio of 2.19 is obtained. Given the possibility that TFS could be present both in fully deprotonated TFS²⁻ form (installed in the framework in place of FUM²⁻) and in monoprotonated HTFS⁻ form (installed at defective sites in place of AA or OH/H₂O), and assuming that the number of defects stays constant upon PSE, several scenarios can be envisioned, each leading to a different hypothetical formula for PF-MOF1. For the sake of simplicity, we report here only the result that best fits with the experimental data, *i.e.* exchange of TFS²⁻ only at the defective sites, with no incorporation in the framework replacing FUM²⁻. Consequently, a general formula $[Zr_6O_4(\mu_3-OH)_4(\mu_1-OH)_x(H_2O)_x(FUM)_{4.04}(HTFS)_{3.92-x}]$ is proposed. The following equation can be written:

$$\frac{4.04}{3.92 - x} = 2.19$$

This leads 2.08, and the formula: $[Zr_6O_4(\mu_3-OH)_4(\mu_1$ to х to $OH_{2.08}(H_2O)_{2.08}(FUM)_{4.04}(HTFS)_{1.84}]$. Such a formula leads to calculate expected wt. % of 29.5% for FUM²⁻ and of 22.3% for HTFS⁻. The absolute concentration of FUM²⁻ and TFS²⁻ (note that the solution is strongly alkaline, so that H₂TFS is fully deprotonated) in solution can be derived by multiplying the FUM²⁻/DFBA and TFS²⁻/DFBA ratios by 0.1, obtaining 0.0367 M for FUM²⁻ and 0.0168 M for TFS²⁻. The wt. % of FUM²⁻ and HTFS⁻ in the MOF can be derived by multiplying these values by 1.0 (volume of the solution) and the molecular weight of the respective anions (114 for FUM²⁻, 189 for HTFS⁻) and dividing the obtained values (4.18 mg for FUM²⁻, 3.18 mg for HTFS⁻) by the mass of the desolvated MOF digested (12.9 mg), resulting in 32.4% for FUM²⁻ and 24.7% for HTFS⁻. These values are slightly higher than those expected from the formula proposed above. However, other scenarios where TFS²⁻ substitutes for FUM²⁻ in the framework lead to much larger discrepancies, suggesting that the proposed formula is the most reliable. To further confirm the reliability of this formula, we refer to the TG curve displayed in Figure 3 in the main text, which shows that PFMOF-1 loses 18 wt% upon desolvation (at 280 °C) and a further 42 wt% upon degradation of the organic part of the framework (at 700 °C), when only ZrO₂ is left. Thus, a ratio of 0.49 can be calculated between the mass% of leftover ZrO₂ (40%) and that of the desolvated MOF (82%). Given that the formula $[Zr_6O_4(\mu_3-OH)_4(\mu_1-OH)_{2.08}$ (H₂O)_{2.08}(FUM)_{4.04}(HTFS)_{1.84}] has a FW of 1559 g/mol, and that 6 moles of ZrO₂ per mole of MOF are expected to remain after full decomposition, a ratio of 0.47 is calculated between the expected mass of leftover ZrO₂ and that of the desolvated MOF with the above formula, confirming that the proposed formula is in line with the experimental outcomes from the thermogravimetric analysis.



Figure S7. ¹H-NMR (top) and ¹⁹F-NMR (bottom) spectra of PF-MOF2.

15.0 mg of desolvated sample was digested. In the ¹H-NMR spectrum, the signal of FUM²⁻ falls at $\delta_{\rm H} = 6.40$ ppm and accounts for two protons. The signal of AA falls at $\delta_{\rm H} = 1.79$ ppm and accounts for three protons. Thus, to have a quantitative comparison of the two species, the integral of FUM²⁻ (0.847) must be divided by two, giving 0.424, whereas the integral of AA (0.002) must be divided for three, giving 0.001. The FUM²⁻/AA ratio is therefore 424, suggesting that practically no AA is present in the MIXMOF after PSE. The two signals of DFBA fall at $\delta_{\rm H}$ = 6.90 ppm (accounts for two protons) and $\delta_{\rm H} = 7.26$ ppm (accounts for one proton). Taking the value of the DFBA signal falling at $\delta_{\rm H}$ = 7.26 ppm (1.000), a FUM²⁻/DFBA ratio of 0.424 is obtained. In the ¹⁹F-NMR spectrum, the signal of TFS²⁻ falls at $\delta_F = -117.8$ ppm and accounts for four fluorine atoms. The signal of DFBA falls at $\delta_F = -116.0$ ppm and accounts for two fluorine atoms. Thus, to have a quantitative comparison of the two species, the integral of TFS²⁻ (0.440) must be divided by four, giving 0.110, whereas the integral of DFBA (1.000) must be divided by two, giving 0.500. A TFS²⁻ /DFBA ratio of 0.220 is obtained. Using the values of FUM²⁻/DFBA and TFS²⁻/DFBA ratios, a FUM²⁻/TFS²⁻ ratio of 1.93 is obtained. As already explained for PF-MOF1, for the sake of simplicity, we report here the result that best fits with the experimental data for PF-MOF2 as well, i.e. the one that involves ligand exchange only at defective sites, with no incorporation in the framework. The general formula $[Zr_6O_4(\mu_3-OH)_4(\mu_1-OH)_x(H_2O)_x(FUM)_{4.04}(HTFS)_{3.92-x}]$ is proposed. The following equation can be written:

$$\frac{4.04}{3.92 - x} = 1.93$$

This leads to calculate values of 1.83 for *x*, leading to the following proposed formula for **PF-MOF2**: $[Zr_6O_4(\mu_3-OH)_4(\mu_1-OH)_{1.83}(H_2O)_{1.83}(FUM)_{4.04}(HTFS)_{2.09}]$. Such a formula leads to calculate expected wt.% of 28.8% for FUM²⁻ and of 24.7% for HTFS⁻. The absolute concentration

of FUM²⁻ and TFS²⁻ (note that the solution is strongly alkaline, so that H₂TFS is fully deprotonated) in solution can be derived by multiplying the FUM²⁻/DFBA and TFS²⁻/DFBA ratios by 0.1, obtaining 0.0424 M for FUM²⁻ and 0.0220 M for TFS²⁻. The weight % of FUM²⁻ and HTFS⁻ in the MOF can be derived by multiplying these values by 1.0 (volume of the solution) and the molecular weight of the respective anions (114 for FUM²⁻, 189 for HTFS⁻) and dividing the obtained values (4.83 mg for FUM²⁻, 4.16 mg for HTFS⁻) by the mass of the desolvated MOF digested (15.0 mg), resulting in 32.2% for FUM²⁻ and 27.6% for HTFS⁻. These values are slightly higher than those expected from the formula proposed above. However, other scenarios where TFS²⁻ substitutes for FUM²⁻ in the framework lead to much larger discrepancies, suggesting that the proposed formula is the most reliable. To further confirm the reliability of this formula, we refer to the TG curve displayed in Figure 3 in the main text, which shows that **PF-MOF2** loses 25 wt% upon desolvation (at 280 °C) and a further 38 wt% upon degradation of the organic part of the framework (at 700 °C), when only ZrO₂ is left. Thus, a ratio of 0.49 can be calculated between the mass% of leftover ZrO₂ (37%) and that of the desolvated MOF (75%). Given that the formula $[Zr_6O_4(\mu_3-OH)_4(\mu_1-OH)_{1.83}(H_2O)_{1.83}(FUM)_{4.04}(HTFS)_{2.09}]$ has a FW of 1598 g/mol, and that 6 moles of ZrO₂ per mole of MOF are expected to remain after full decomposition, a ratio of 0.46 is calculated between the expected mass of leftover ZrO₂ and that of the desolvated MOF with the above formula, confirming that the proposed formula is in line with the experimental outcomes from the thermogravimetric analysis.

ICP-OES analysis of the reaction supernatant after PSE on MOF-801

To gain deeper insight on the PSE mechanism and to quantify any zirconium leaching from the MOF during the linkers exchange, an ICP-OES analysis was performed on the reaction supernatant. The latter was collected and further worked up by adding 2% wt. of nitric acid and by bringing the total volume to 15 mL. According to the data shown in Table S2, there is no appreciable metal leaching during PSE, since the metal percentage in solution in both samples is less than 0.1%.

	Zr (ppm)	V (mL)	%Zrdis/Zrtot
PF-MOF1	0.598	15	0.011
PF-MOF2	3.667	15	0.067

Table S2. ICP-OES results from the analysis carried out on the reaction supernatant in the synthesisof **PF-MOF1** and **PF-MOF2**.



Figure S8. Pore size distribution of the four MOFs discussed in this work as derived from their CO_2 adsorption isotherms measured at T = 0 °C (2D-NLDFT method for slit pores for carbonaceous materials with heterogeneous surfaces).



Figure S9. SEM image of MOF-801.



Figure S10. SEM image of PF-MOF1



Figure S11. SEM image of PF-MOF2



Figure S12. CO₂ adsorption isotherms measured at 25 °C on the four MOFs, with CO₂ adsorbed amounts expressed in [mmol/g] units.



Figure S13. CO₂ adsorption isotherms of PF-MOF1 (a) and ZrTFS (b) at T = -20, 0 and 25 °C.



Figure S14. Virial fitting (red lines) of the CO₂ adsorption isotherms collected at 0 °C (black circles) and 25 °C (green circles) for **MOF-801.**

Parameter	Value	Standard Error		
a ₀	-3098.62022	6.92273		
a1	596.4599	13.76678		
a ₂	-172.15887	36.97885		
a ₃	17.56675	45.87883		
a 4	31.08048	29.65816		
a5	-17.4914	10.33677		
a ₆	3.79362	1.83915		
a7	-0.30442	0.13091		
b_0	8.33107	0.02393		
b 1	-0.77304	0.01378		
\mathbb{R}^2	0.99999			

Table S3. Virial fitting parameters for MOF-801.



Figure S15. Virial fitting (red lines) of the CO₂ adsorption isotherms collected at 0 °C (black circles) and 25 °C (green circles) for **PF-MOF1.**

Parameter	Value	Standard Error	
a ₀	-3440.35788	14.01911	
a1	1052.15736	50.50751	
a ₂	-537.54222	180.85076	
a ₃	394.52711	304.63038	
a 4	-165.68149	271.45107	
a5	35.87607	131.55613	
a ₆	-3.27316	32.73176	
a7	0.05118	3.27093	
b_0	9.74876	0.04701	
b ₁	-1.71421	0.0358	
\mathbb{R}^2	0.99995		

Table S4. Virial fitting parameters for PF-MOF1.



Figure S16. Virial fitting (red lines) of the CO₂ adsorption isotherms collected at 0 °C (black circles) and 25 °C (green circles) for **PF-MOF2**.

Parameter	Value	Standard Error		
a ₀	-3657.19376	7.80209		
a 1	1241.87187	18.12231		
a ₂	-527.87117	60.19769		
a ₃	476.32321	96.49476		
a 4	-307.92544	80.20506		
a5	123.86506	35.82496		
a ₆	-26.9839	8.15385		
a7	2.40171	0.74178		
b ₀	10.41059	0.02584		
b ₁	-2.46239	0.01689		
\mathbb{R}^2	0.99999			

Table S5. Virial fitting parameters for PF-MOF2



Figure S17. Virial fitting (red lines) of the CO₂ adsorption isotherms collected at 0 °C (black circles) and 25 °C (green circles) for **Zr-TFS**.

Parameter	Value	Standard Error	
a ₀	-3098.62022	6.92273	
a1	596.4599	13.76678	
a ₂	-172.15887	36.97885	
a ₃	17.56675	45.87883	
a 4	31.08048	29.65816	
a5	-17.4914	10.33677	
a ₆	3.79362	1.83915	
a7	-0.30442	0.13091	
b_0	8.33107	0.02393	
b ₁	-0.77304	0.01378	
\mathbb{R}^2	0.99999		

Table S6. Virial fitting parameters for Zr-TFS.



Figure S18. Plot of the isosteric heat of adsorption (Q_{st}) calculated using the parameters obtained from virial fitting of the adsorption isotherms *vs*. the CO₂ loading for **MOF-801** (blue), **PF-MOF1** (red), **PF-MOF2** (orange) and **Zr-TFS** (green).



Figure S19. Isotherms linear fitting for the calculation of the CO_2/N_2 Henry selectivity at 25 °C for **MOF-801** (a), **PF-MOF1** (b) and **PF-MOF2** (c).

MOF	Q _{st} [kJ mol ⁻¹]	CO ₂ /N ₂	CO ₂ quantity adsorbed		
		(15:85)	$(p = 1 bar) [mmol g^{-1}]$		Reference
		selectivity	T = 25 °C	$\mathbf{T} = 0 \ ^{\circ}\mathbf{C}$	
DE MOE1	20.4	30 (Henry)	1.6	2.2	This work
1 F-MOF1	29.4	34 (IAST)	1.0	2.2	THIS WOLK
DE MOEA	20.8	95 (Henry)	2.1	2.8	This work
11-mor2	27.0	41 (IAST)			
F4_UiO-66(Zr)	22	6 (IAST)	-	1.9	[4]
F4-UiO-66(Ce)	25	20 (IAST)	1.5	2.5	[5]
F4-MIL-140A(Ce)	40	1962 (IAST)	-	2.4	[6]
NbOFFIVE-1-Ni	54	6528 (IAST)	2.2	-	[7]
SIFSIX-18-Ni	52	-	2.2	-	[8]
SIFSIX-3-Cu	54	> 10000 (from breakthrough analysis)	2.3	-	[9]
SIFSIX-3-Zn	45	1818 (IAST)	2.5	-	[10]

Table S7. CO₂ adsorption data for some representative fluorinated MOFs from the literature at comparison with our samples.

Evaluation of the CO₂ heat of adsorption on PF-MOF1 and ZrTFS using three temperature points. In order to validate the calculation of Q_{st} made using the simplified version of the Clausius-Clapeyron equation (Equation 1 in the Experimental Section), an alternative estimation of the heat of adsorption of CO₂ for **PF-MOF1** and **ZrTFS** (chosen as representative examples) has been made using three temperatures, collecting an additional isotherm at T = -20 °C and using the differential form of the Clausius-Clapeyron equation:

$$\left[\frac{\partial(lnp)}{\partial(\frac{1}{T})}\right]_{\theta} = -\frac{Q_{st}}{R}$$

where R is the gas constant (8.314 J K⁻¹ mol⁻¹). The collective isotherms are plotted in Figure S13, while the related Q_{st} fitting and calculations (at the lowest comparable coverage of ~ 1.0 wt.% and 0.3 wt.% for **PF-MOF1** and **ZrTFS**, respectively) are reported in Figure S20 below. Expectedly, the values calculated on three temperatures are identical to those reported in the main text calculated on two temperatures.



Figure S20. Linear fitting of the differential form of the Clausius-Clapeyron equation for PF-MOF1 (top) and ZrTFS (bottom) at T = -20, 0 and 25 °C.



Figure S21. (a) Schematic representation of the surface of the window as the area of the triangle defined by the three hydrogen (or fluorine if TFS^{2-} is present) atoms; (b) evaluation of the dimension of the pores simply referring to the distance (dashed line) between to opposite hydrogen or fluorine atoms. The structure of **MOF-801** is shown as representative example.

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