

# Supporting Information

## Functionalized GO membranes for efficient separation of acid gases from natural gas: a computational mechanistic understanding

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## 1. Fitting parameters of unary isotherms with variable adsorption models

Table S1 Fitting parameters of  $\alpha$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $n$  and correlation coefficient ( $R^2$ ) for adsorption isotherms of different gases.

Gases	$\beta$	$\gamma$	$n$	$R^2$
<b>GO without PDASA</b>				
N <sub>2</sub>	0.001282391	0.000223		0.999
CH <sub>4</sub>	0.002666389	0.000329	1	0.999
CO <sub>2</sub>	3.390677	1.56608	0.90293	0.994
H <sub>2</sub> S	3.859465	1.49488	0.91607	0.995
<b>GO-1.5wt% PDASA</b>				
N <sub>2</sub>	0.003777	0.00138		0.999
CH <sub>4</sub>	0.011565	0.00379	1	0.999
CO <sub>2</sub>	4.295758	1.56059	0.90492	0.997
H <sub>2</sub> S	4.731904	1.16065	0.96424	0.992
<b>GO-3.0wt% PDASA</b>				
N <sub>2</sub>	0.003449	0.00126		0.999
CH <sub>4</sub>	0.010963	0.00343	1	0.999
CO <sub>2</sub>	4.518861	2.49722	0.82063	0.992
H <sub>2</sub> S	5.258144	1.72125	0.89405	0.994
<b>GO-4.5wt% PDASA</b>				
N <sub>2</sub>	0.003589	0.00131		0.999
CH <sub>4</sub>	0.012041	0.00394	1	0.999
CO <sub>2</sub>	3.694794	2.27132	0.83429	0.989
H <sub>2</sub> S	4.789341	1.53676	0.91312	0.996
<b>GO-6.0wt% PDASA</b>				
N <sub>2</sub>	0.003887	0.00159		0.999
CH <sub>4</sub>	0.013281	0.00473	1	0.999
CO <sub>2</sub>	3.811163	2.12759	0.85396	0.994
H <sub>2</sub> S	4.2226	1.29829	0.94332	0.998
<b>GO-7.5wt% PDASA</b>				
N <sub>2</sub>	0.003946	0.0016		0.999
CH <sub>4</sub>	0.013637	0.00492	1	0.999
CO <sub>2</sub>	3.187251	1.37293	0.88646	0.993
H <sub>2</sub> S	3.697801	1.07954	0.94362	0.995

## 2. Logarithmic form of MSD-t curves

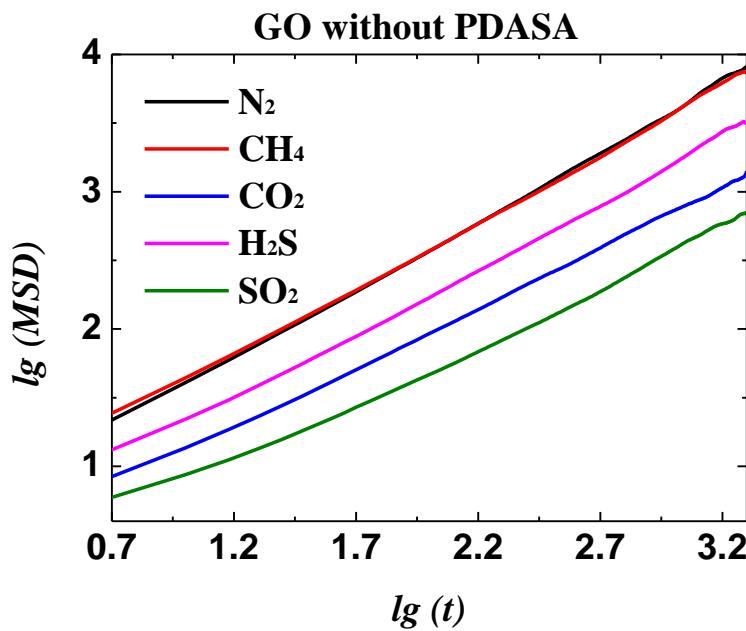


Figure S1. The  $lg (MSD)$ - $lg (t)$  curve for the transport of variable gases through pure GO and GO-7.5wt%PDASA membranes.

### 3. Separation performance of different gas through GO membranes

Table S2 The solubility coefficient, diffusion coefficient and permeability with the typically reported unit.

Gases	S ( $\text{cm}^3(\text{STP}) \cdot \text{cm}^{-3} \cdot \text{mmHg}$ )	D ( $10^{-7} \text{ cm}^2 \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ )	P (Barrer)
<b>GO without PDASA</b>			
N <sub>2</sub>	0.099598	699.9205	69.710
CH <sub>4</sub>	0.299538	662.4247	198.42
CO <sub>2</sub>	91.00181	150.2325	13671.42
H <sub>2</sub> S	103.5835	210.2658	21780.07
<b>GO-1.5wt% PDASA</b>			
N <sub>2</sub>	0.102874	553.2705	56.92
CH <sub>4</sub>	0.315006	547.9411	172.60
CO <sub>2</sub>	117.0023	141.2156	16522.55
H <sub>2</sub> S	128.8815	198.2641	25552.57
<b>GO-3.0wt% PDASA</b>			
N <sub>2</sub>	0.092981	458.2813	42.61
CH <sub>4</sub>	0.300666	443.8846	133.46
CO <sub>2</sub>	124.8961	93.3594	11660.22
H <sub>2</sub> S	145.329	146.3784	21273.03
<b>GO-4.5wt% PDASA</b>			
N <sub>2</sub>	0.10064	280.9014	28.27
CH <sub>4</sub>	0.337283	253.8995	85.64
CO <sub>2</sub>	103.5978	70.132	7265.52
H <sub>2</sub> S	134.2876	128.0338	17193.36
<b>GO-6.0wt% PDASA</b>			
N <sub>2</sub>	0.110555	288.3706	31.88
CH <sub>4</sub>	0.37771	252.1763	95.25
CO <sub>2</sub>	108.3851	37.7374	4090.17
H <sub>2</sub> S	120.0859	78.1211	9381.25
<b>GO-7.5wt% PDASA</b>			
N <sub>2</sub>	0.113789	230.3564	26.21
CH <sub>4</sub>	0.393263	219.3084	86.25
CO <sub>2</sub>	91.91672	20.6643	1899.40
H <sub>2</sub> S	106.6404	16.8647	1798.46

#### 4. Performance comparison

Table S3 Performance comparison for separations of CO<sub>2</sub>/CH<sub>4</sub> and (CO<sub>2</sub>+H<sub>2</sub>S)/CH<sub>4</sub>.

P <sub>CO<sub>2</sub></sub> (Barrer)	$\alpha_{CO_2/CH_4}$	P <sub>(CO<sub>2</sub>+H<sub>2</sub>S)</sub> (Barrer)	$\alpha_{(CO_2+H_2S)/CH_4}$	Reference
864	30.7	1180	42	[1]
547	28.2	948	48.9	[2]
599	23.8	1047	42.4	
385	15.2	737	29	[3]
193	18.2	365	34.4	
84.3	24.4	152.3	44	[4]
92	14.9	228	40.9	[5]
76.1	14.2	188.1	35.2	[6]
26	22.3	52.5	45	[7]
142.2	10.35	418	30.43	[8]
100.2	15.24	262.7	39.96	
332	25.7	914.9	40.5	
246.5	26.5	682.4	41.4	[9]
206.9	30	582.2	46.6	
495.1	19	796.1	50.2	
473.5	24.4	671.8	39.7	
496.3	25	823.2	41.5	
543.2	27.1	936.2	46.7	
587.9	29.3	1057.7	52.8	
432.8	26.3	702.3	42.5	[10]
460.4	30.3	747.8	49.2	
460.4	30.3	137.9	52.1	
95.6	36.1	196.1	56.2	
135	38.7	225.9	66.1	
11660.2	87.4	32933.3	246.8	GO-3.0wt% PDASA (This work)
7265.5	84.8	24458.9	285.7	GO-4.5wt% PDASA (This work)

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