

*Title:* **Width Effect on CO<sub>2</sub> Capture by Nitride MXenes**

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## SUMMARY

The greenhouse effect that occurs when gases in the atmosphere keep warm of the solar radiation is the cause of the global warming and the climate change. The main responsible is CO<sub>2</sub> which has raised due to anthropogenic emissions, e.g. by the combustion of fossil fuels. The global warming can have more effects, including the acidification of the Earth's oceans. Nowadays there are many strategies to reduce the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions or to reduce the concentration of CO<sub>2</sub> in the air.

Capturing, storing, and activating CO<sub>2</sub> on transition metal nitrides surfaces has been proposed as feasible route to the latter. This new class of two-dimensional (2D) materials called MXenes with the formula M<sub>n+1</sub>N<sub>n</sub>, and a large surface area of contact, where M = Ti, V, Cr, Zr, Nb, Mo, Hf, Ta, W, and X = C, N, and layers of C or N are intercalated between metallic layers. These has potential use for capturing CO<sub>2</sub>. In this sense it is interesting to investigate whether CO<sub>2</sub> capture is biased by the MXenes stoichiometry, which also means, increasing their width, i.e. whether it is affected by using 3, 5, and 7 atomic layers of the MXene materials.

This study will be carried out using computational calculations based on Density Functional Theory (DFT),<sup>1</sup> including dispersive forces, showing that these systems are capable of capturing and activating CO<sub>2</sub> in their more stable surface, as analyzed from the distances, angles, and the charge transferred to CO<sub>2</sub> getting information about the CO<sub>2</sub> strong interaction.

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