

# Functional Inorganic Materials

## Fall 2023

Mondays: 10.15 - 12.00  
Thursdays: 10.15 - 12.00

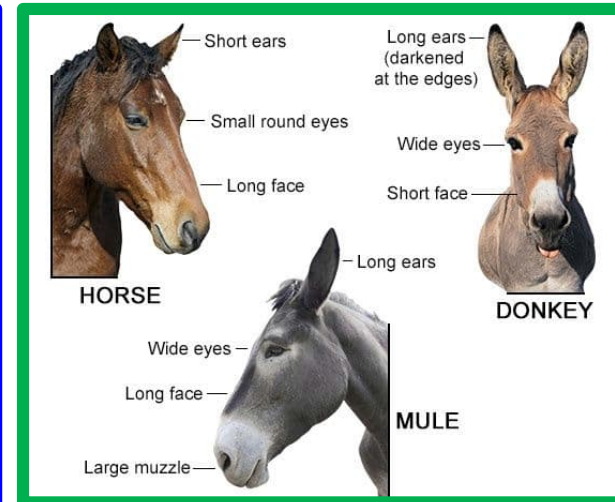
Lecture hall locations: U7 in Otakaari 1 / U-wing  
Ke1 in Kemistintie 1 (CHEM building)

You can use <https://usefulaaltomap.fi/> to see the exact location of U7.

#	Date	Place	Who	Topic
1	Mon 4.9.	U7 (U135a)	Maarit	Introduction + <b>Materials design (doping)</b>
2	Thu 7.9.	Ke1 (A305)	Antti	Introduction + Computational materials design
3	Mon 11.9.	U7 (U135a)	Maarit	Superconductivity: High- $T_c$ superconducting Cu oxides
4	Thu 14.9.	Ke1 (A305)	Maarit	<b>Magnetic oxides</b>
5	Mon 18.9.	U7 (U135a)	Maarit	Ionic conductivity (Oxygen): Oxygen storage and SOFC
6	Thu 21.9.	Ke1 (A305)	Maarit	Ionic conductivity (Lithium): <b>Li-ion battery</b>
7	Mon 25.9.	U7 (U135a)	Antti	Thermal conductivity
8	Thu 28.9.	Ke1 (A305)	Antti	<b>Thermoelectricity</b>
9	Mon 2.10.	U7 (U135a)	Antti	Piezoelectricity
10	Thu 5.10.	Ke1 (A305)	Antti	Pyroelectricity and ferroelectricity
11	Mon 9.10.	U7 (U135a)	Antti	<b>Luminescent</b> and optically active materials
<b>12</b>	<b>Thu 12.10.</b>	<b>Ke1 (A305)</b>	<b>Maarit</b>	<b>Hybrid materials</b>

# LECTURE 12: Hybrid Materials

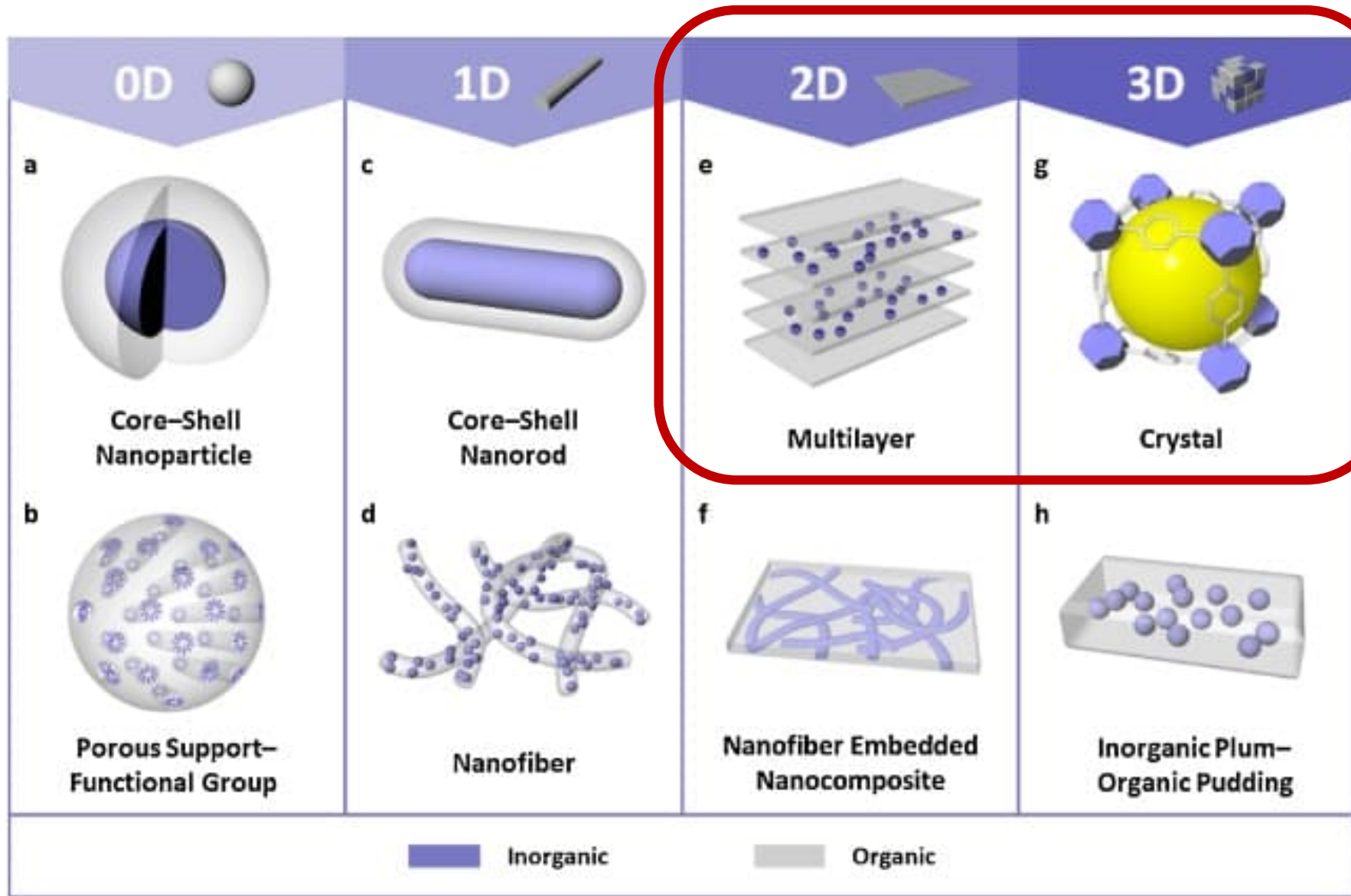
- ❖ Two or more different components
- ❖ Composite versus Single Compound
- ❖ Components: - **brought together: sum of individual properties**
  - **fused together: intermediate properties**
  - **interactively fused: extraordinary properties**
- ❖ Inorganic-organic materials
- ❖ CPs & MOFs
- ❖ ALD/MLD
- ❖ Layer-engineering & Superlattice



## LECTURE EXERCISE 12

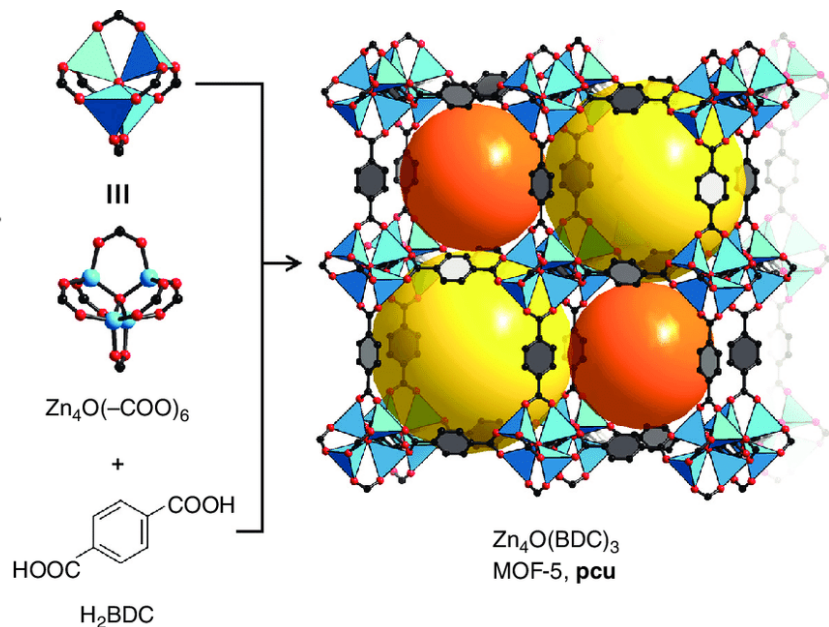
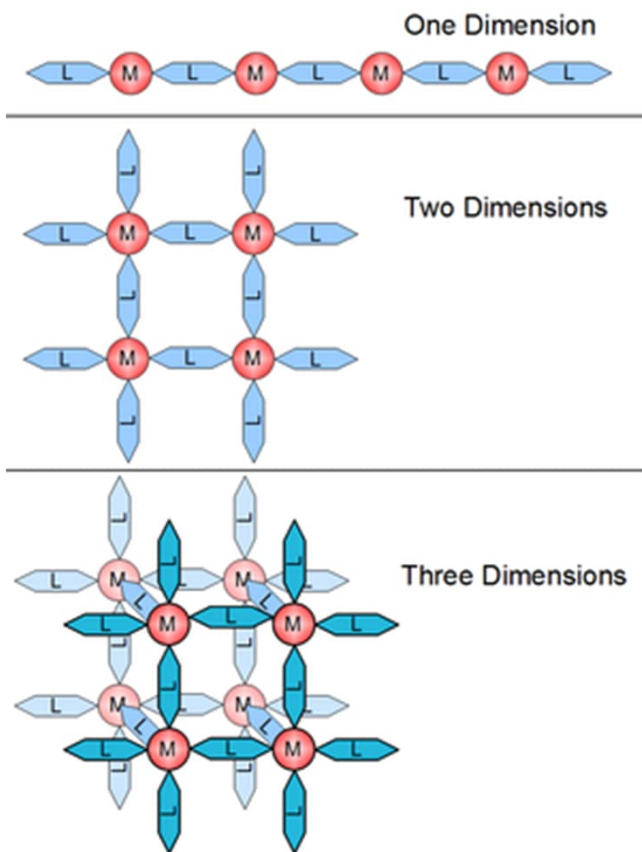
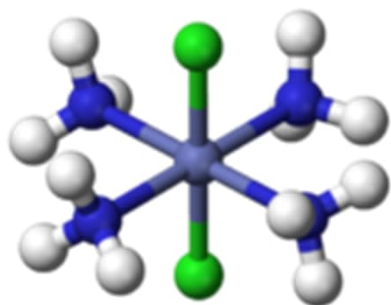
- 1. What are the possible dimensionalities (0D, 1D, 2D or 3D) of the followings:  
(a) Metal-organic complex (coordination compound with organic ligands),  
(b) Coordination polymer, (c) Metal-organic framework.**
- 2. Are all CPs MOFs? Are all MOFs CPs? Please explain!**
- 3. Give examples of properties which can be improved/controlled through insertion of organic layers into inorganic matrix (with short explanations).**
- 4. Give examples of ALD/MLD fabricated materials which are difficult (if not impossible) to synthesize using conventional synthesis techniques. Explain the unique benefits of ALD/MLD in these selected cases with few sentences.**

# EXAMPLES of Inorganic-Organic Hybrid Materials

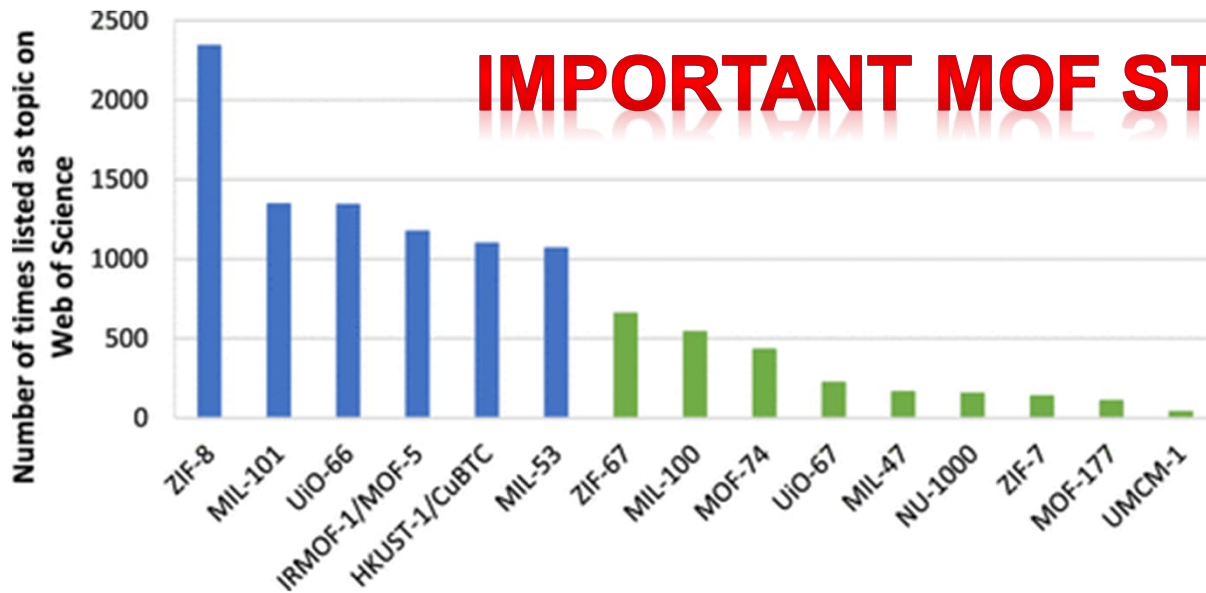


# FOR CHEMISTS: Inorganic-Organic Material

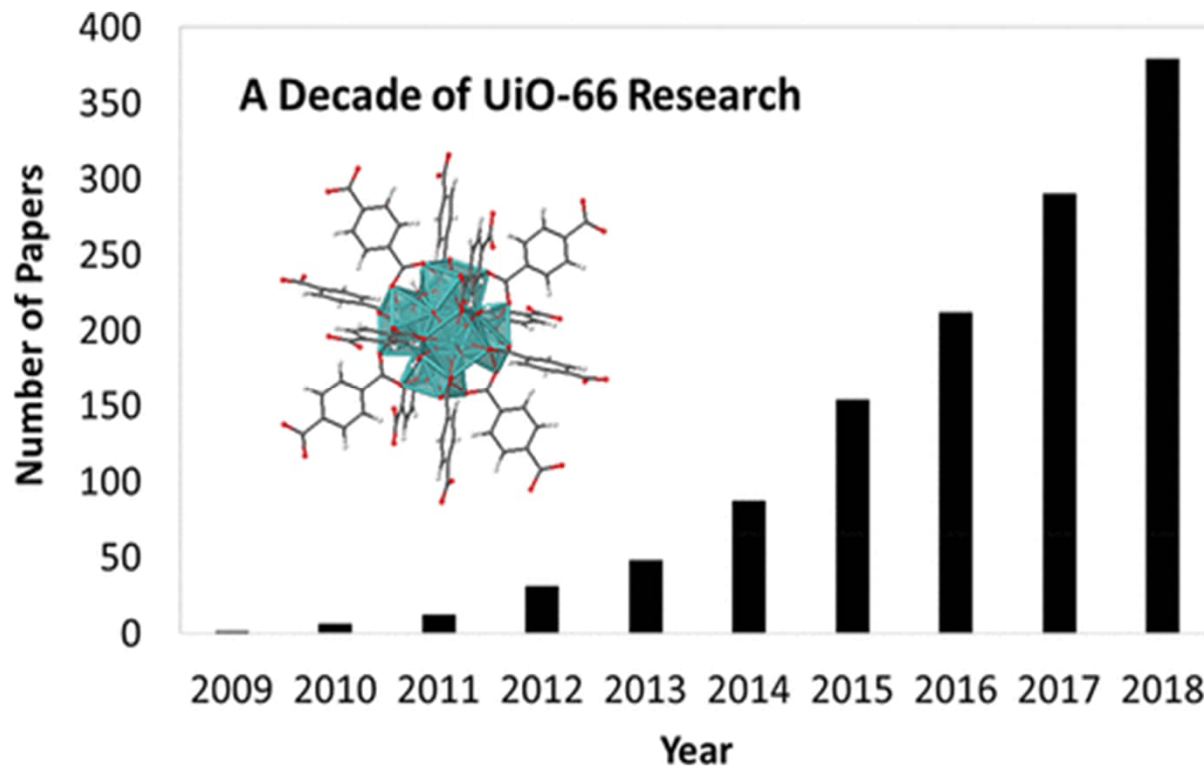
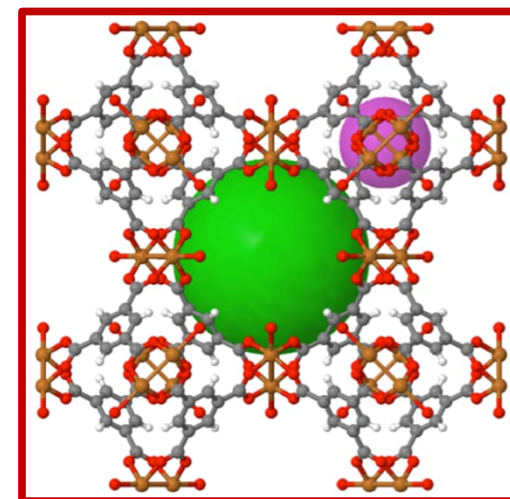
- Single Compound (NOT Composite) with Chemical Bonds
- Coordination/Metal **Complex**: central metal ion + (organic) ligands
- Coordination Polymer (**CP**): ligands act as bridges
- Metal-Organic Framework (**MOF**): highly porous



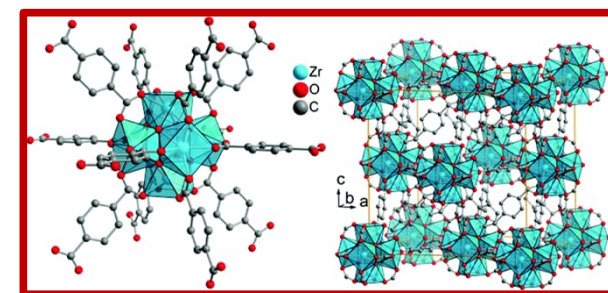
# IMPORTANT MOF STRUCTURES

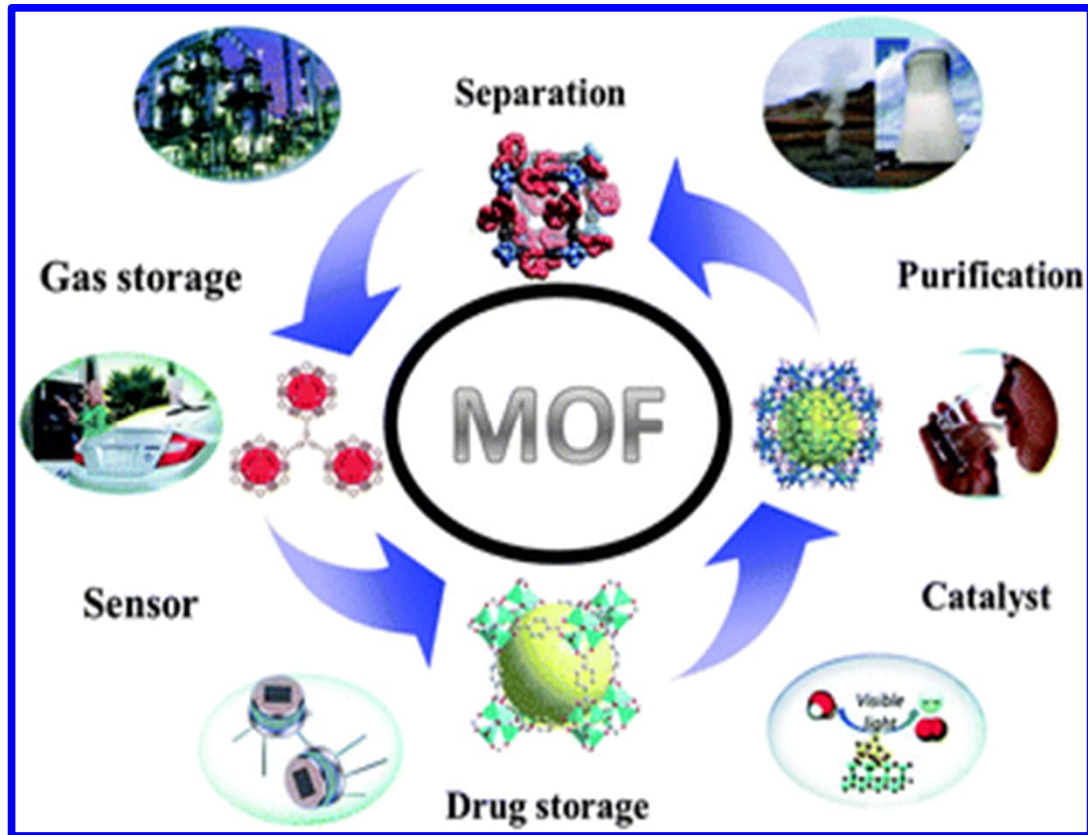
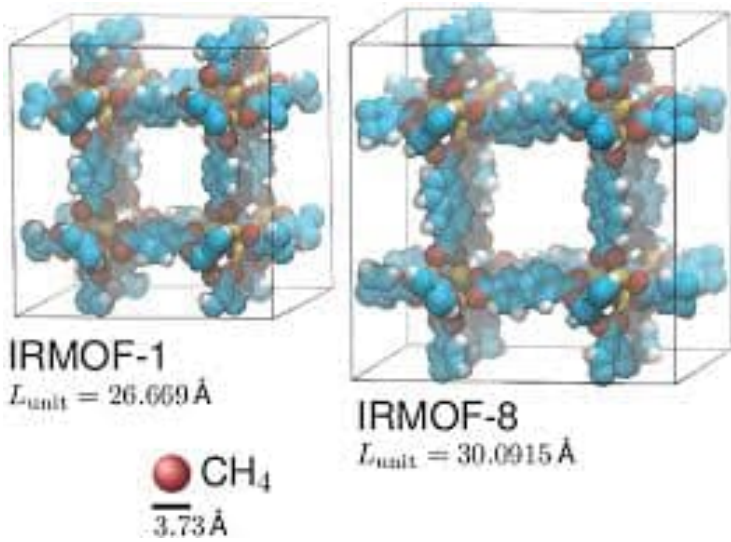


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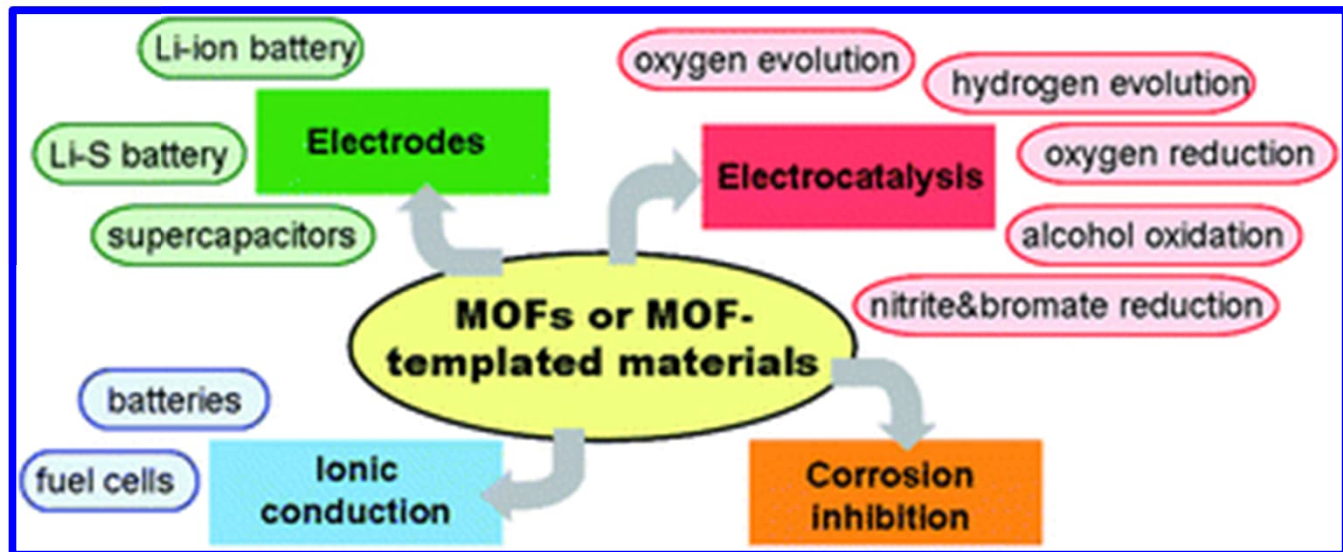


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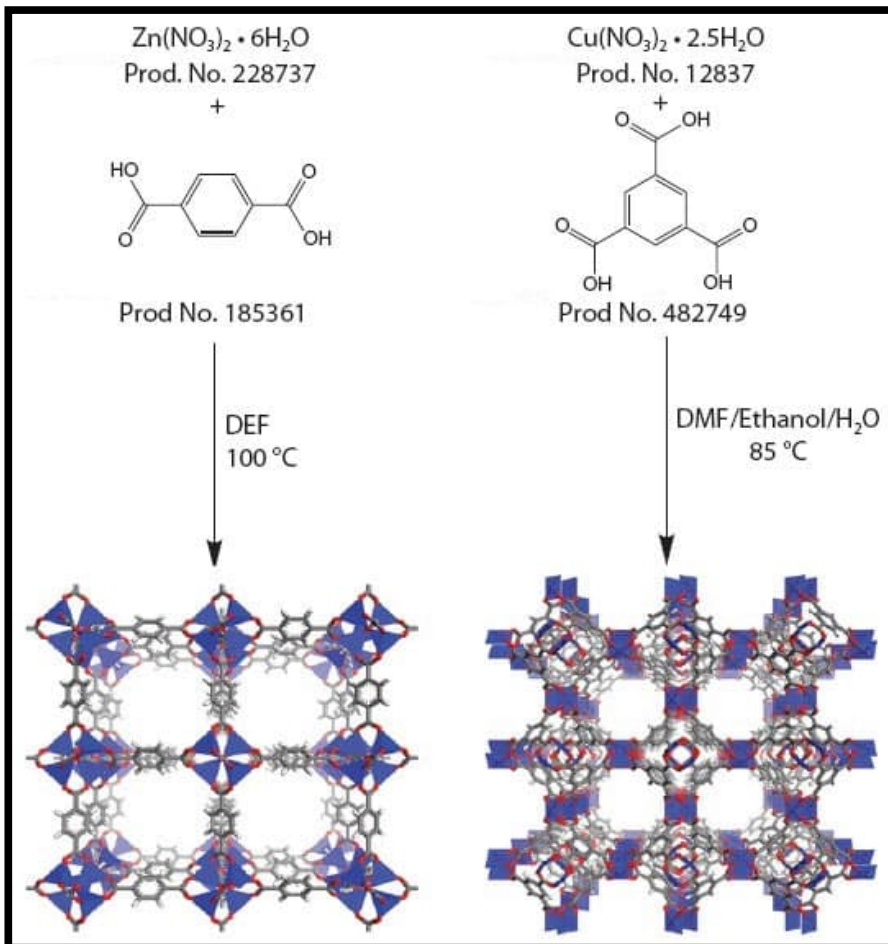


**MOF  
 THIN FILMS!**



# Synthesis of MOFs

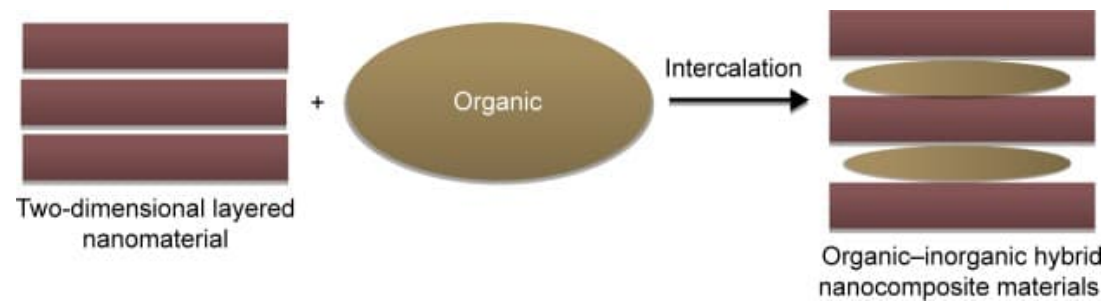
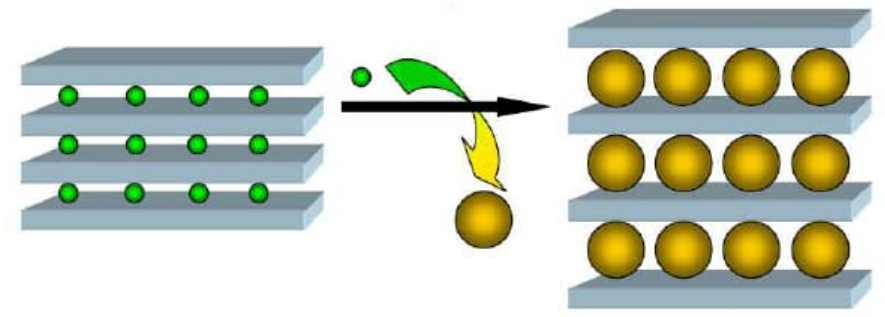
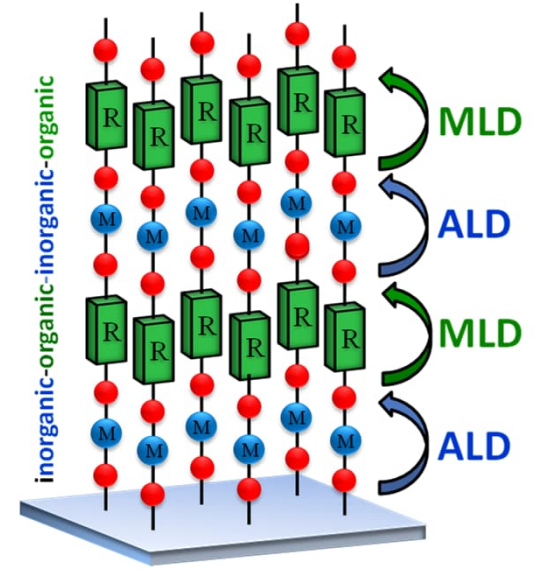
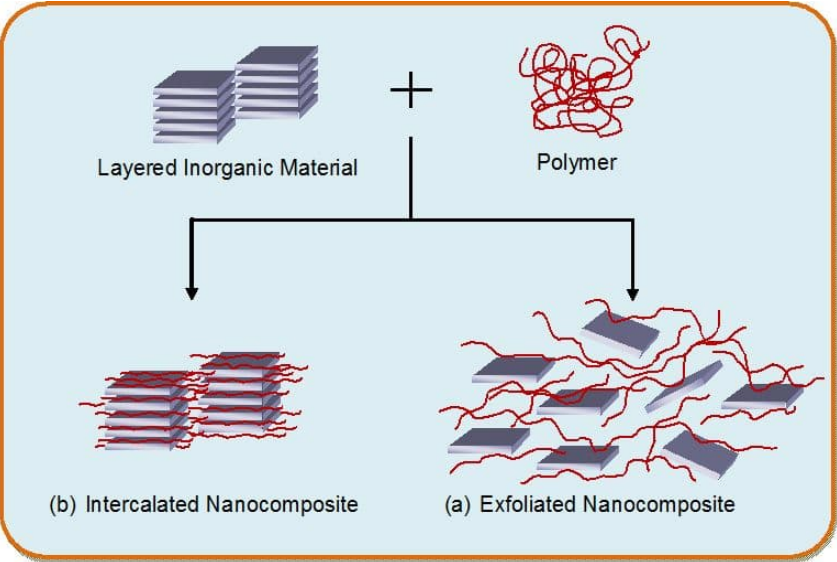
- Synthesized most often in bulk form via solution techniques
- Porous structure → MOFs absorb readily/unintentionally solvent molecules
- Many prospective applications would require high-quality thin films
- **No gas-phase deposition techniques (before ALD/MLD) !**





# Layered Inorganic-Organic Materials

- **Exfoliation & mixing & precipitation** (solution)
- **Intercalation** (solution or solid state or gas/solid)
- **(Ion/molecule) Exchange** (= topotactic substitution)
- **Layer-by-layer piling** (liquid-to-solid or gas-to-solid)



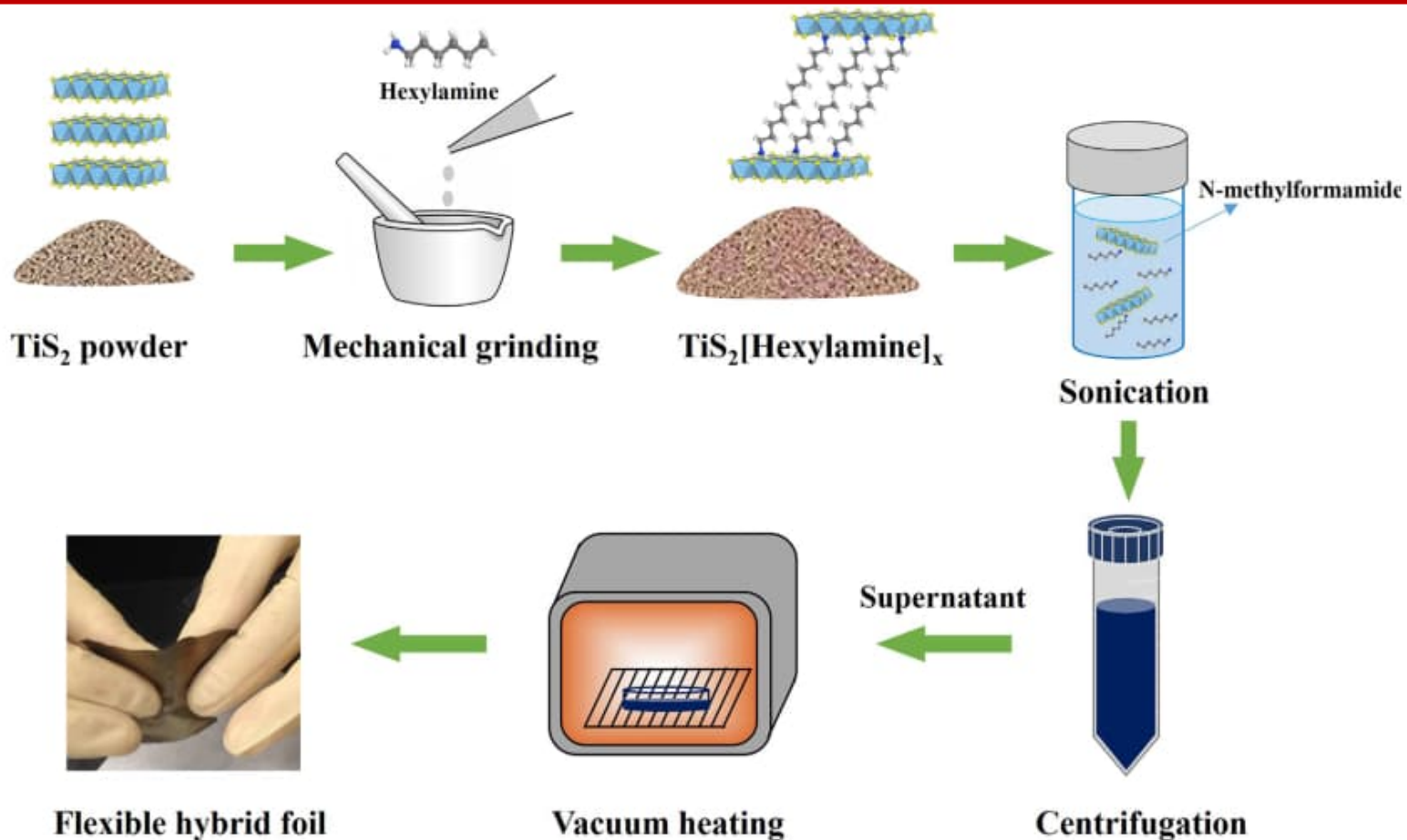
## Flexible thermoelectric foil for wearable energy harvesting

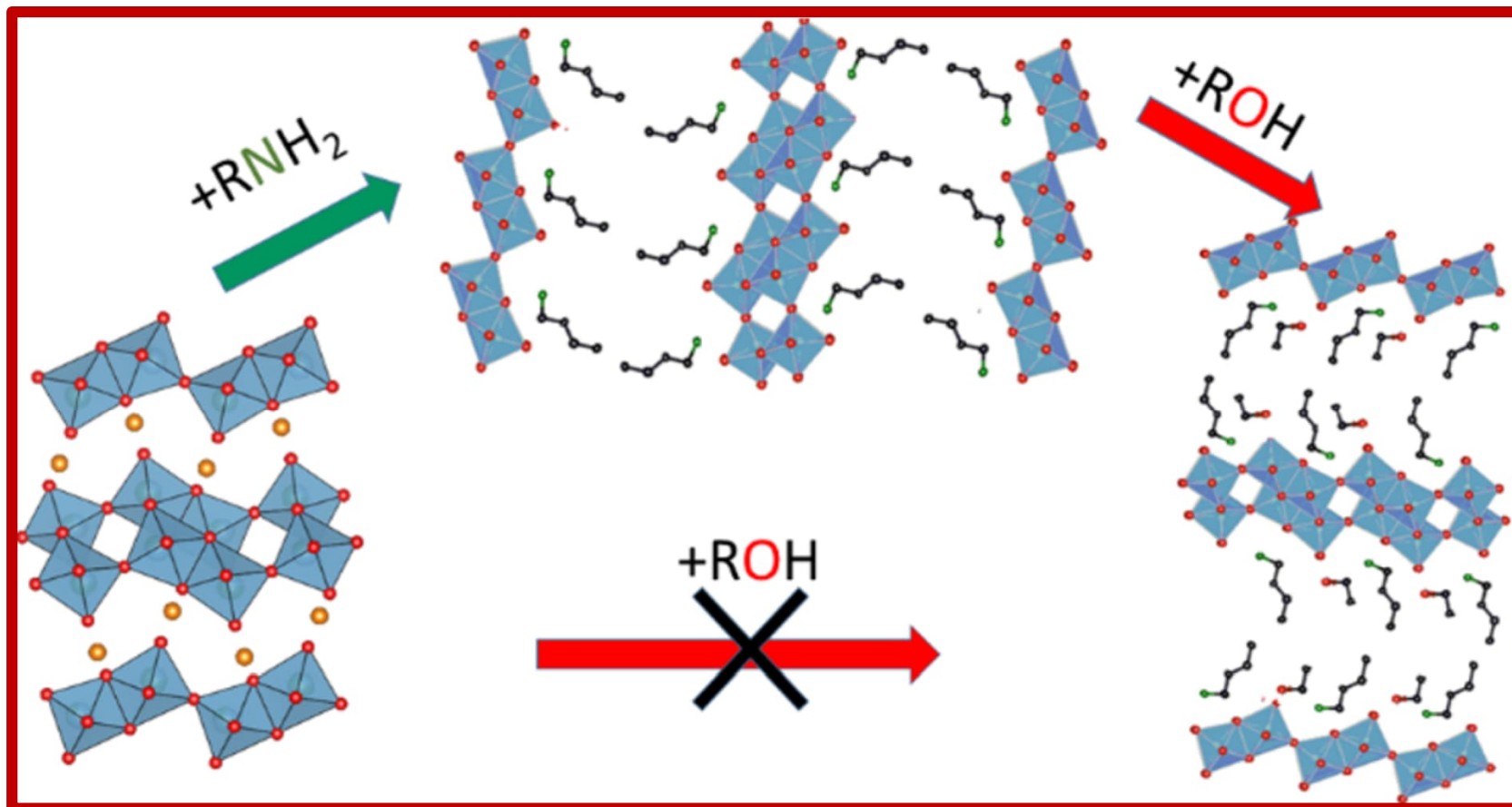
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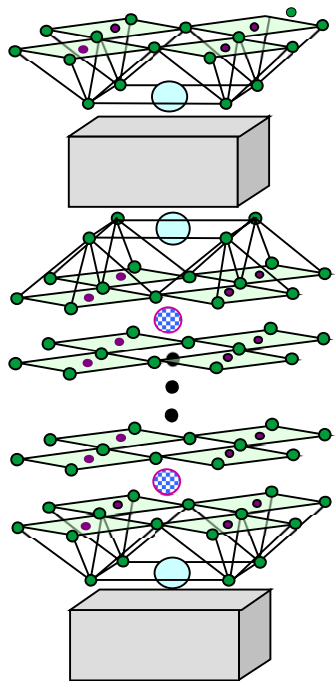
## Intercalation of Primary Alcohols into Layered Titanoniobates

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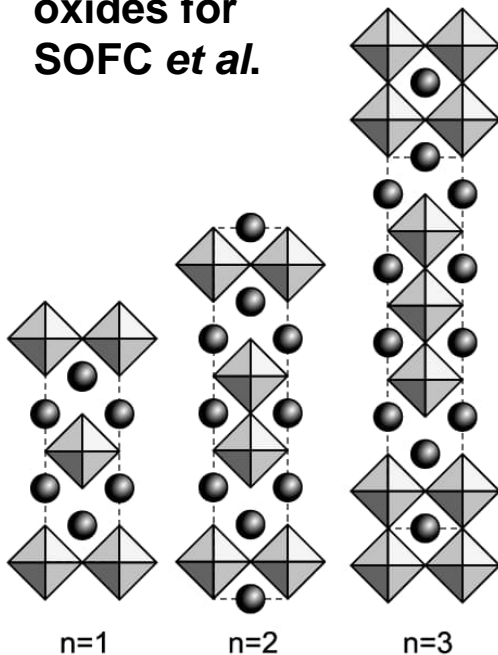
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# MULTI-FUNCTIONAL MULTILAYERED MATERIALS

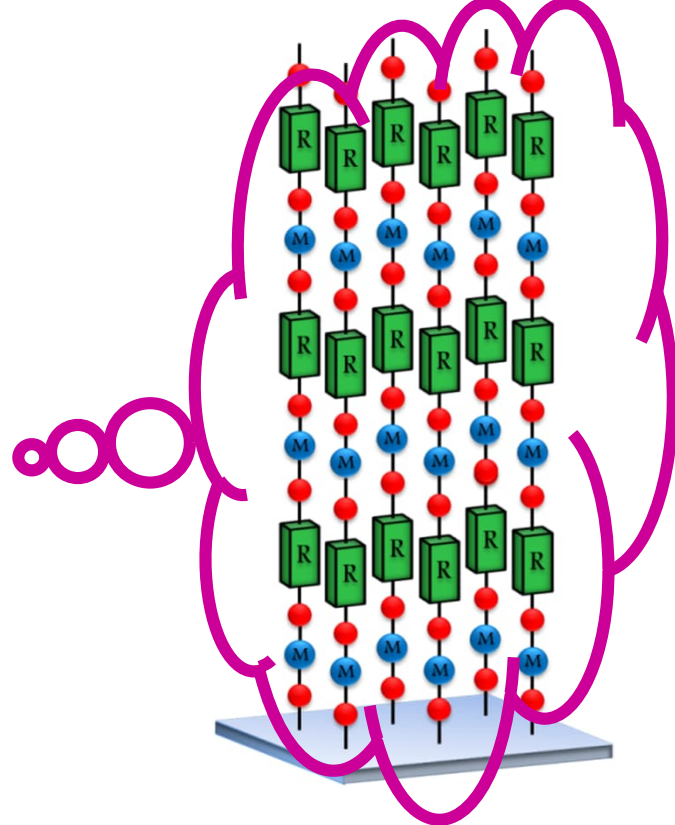
Multilayered Cu oxides for high- $T_c$  superconductors



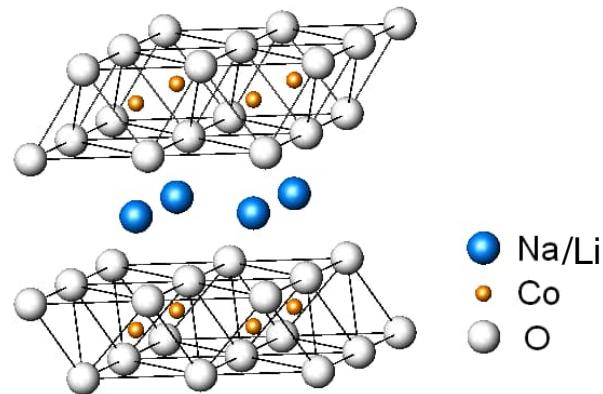
Ruddlesden-Popper oxides for SOFC *et al.*

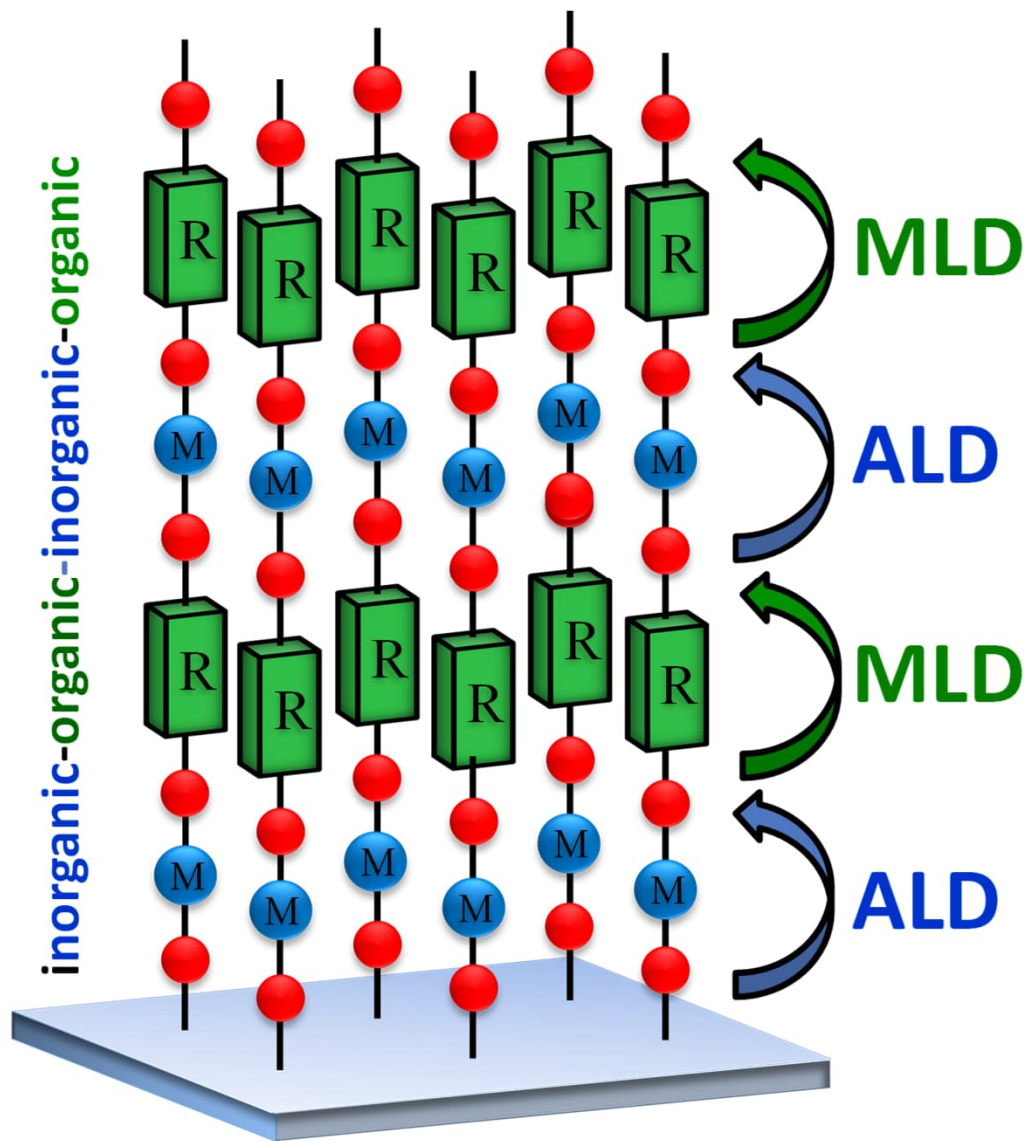


Layered inorganic-organic hybrid thin films



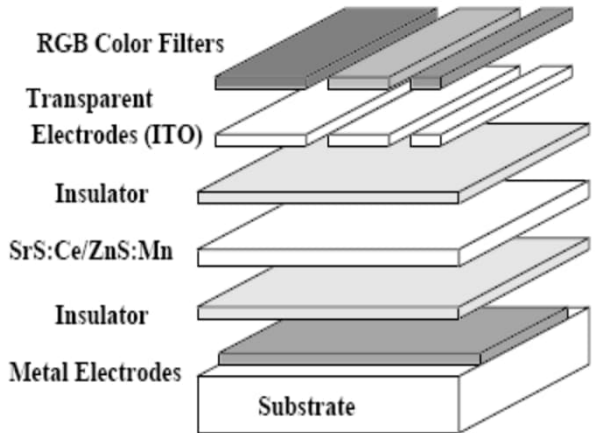
Layered Co oxides for Li-ion battery & thermoelectrics





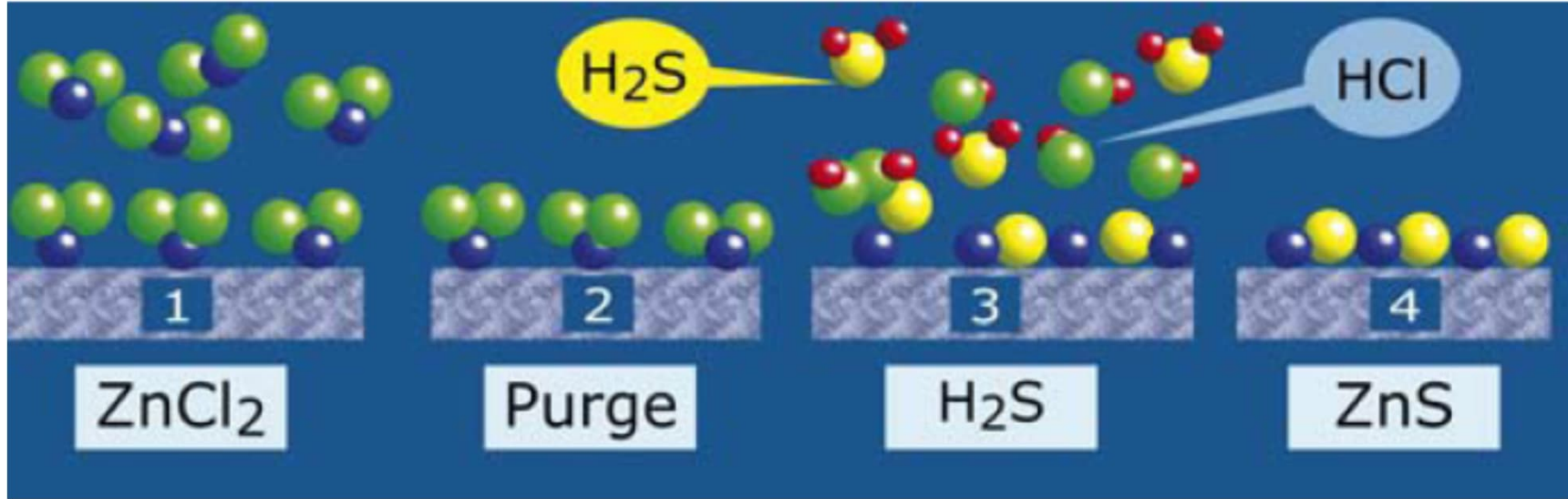
# Atomic Layer Deposition (ALD) Thin-Film Technique

- Gaseous precursors
- Self-limiting surface reactions
- Conformal, homogeneous thin films with atomic-layer accuracy



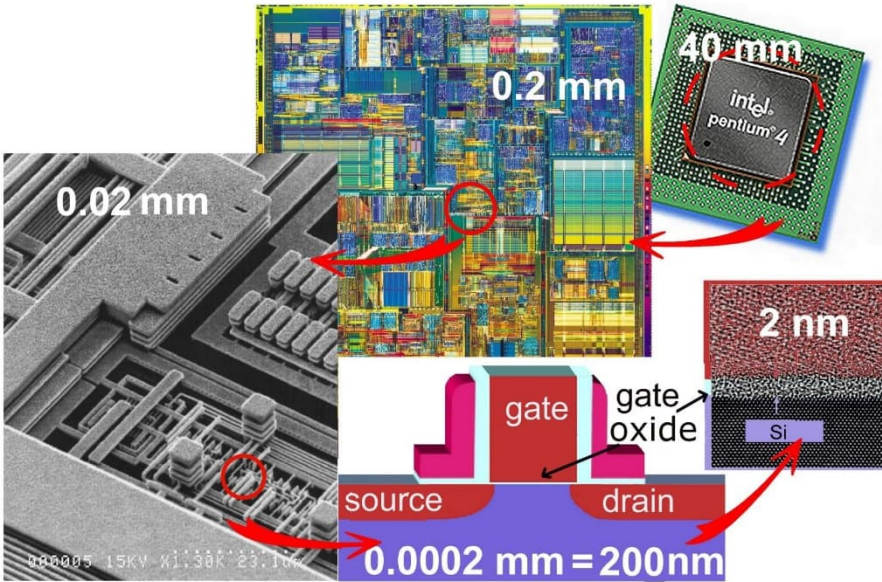
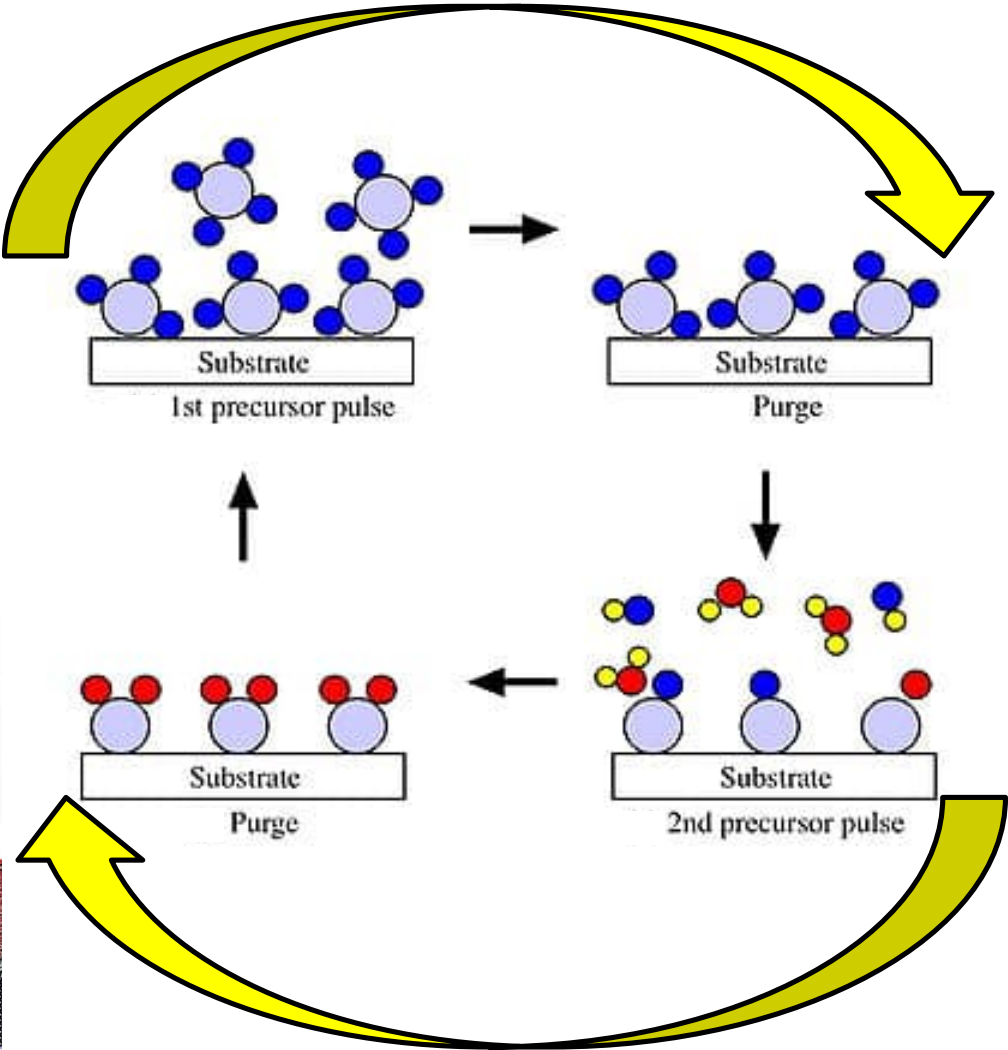
Electroluminescent display

Instrumentarium/Finlux/Planar

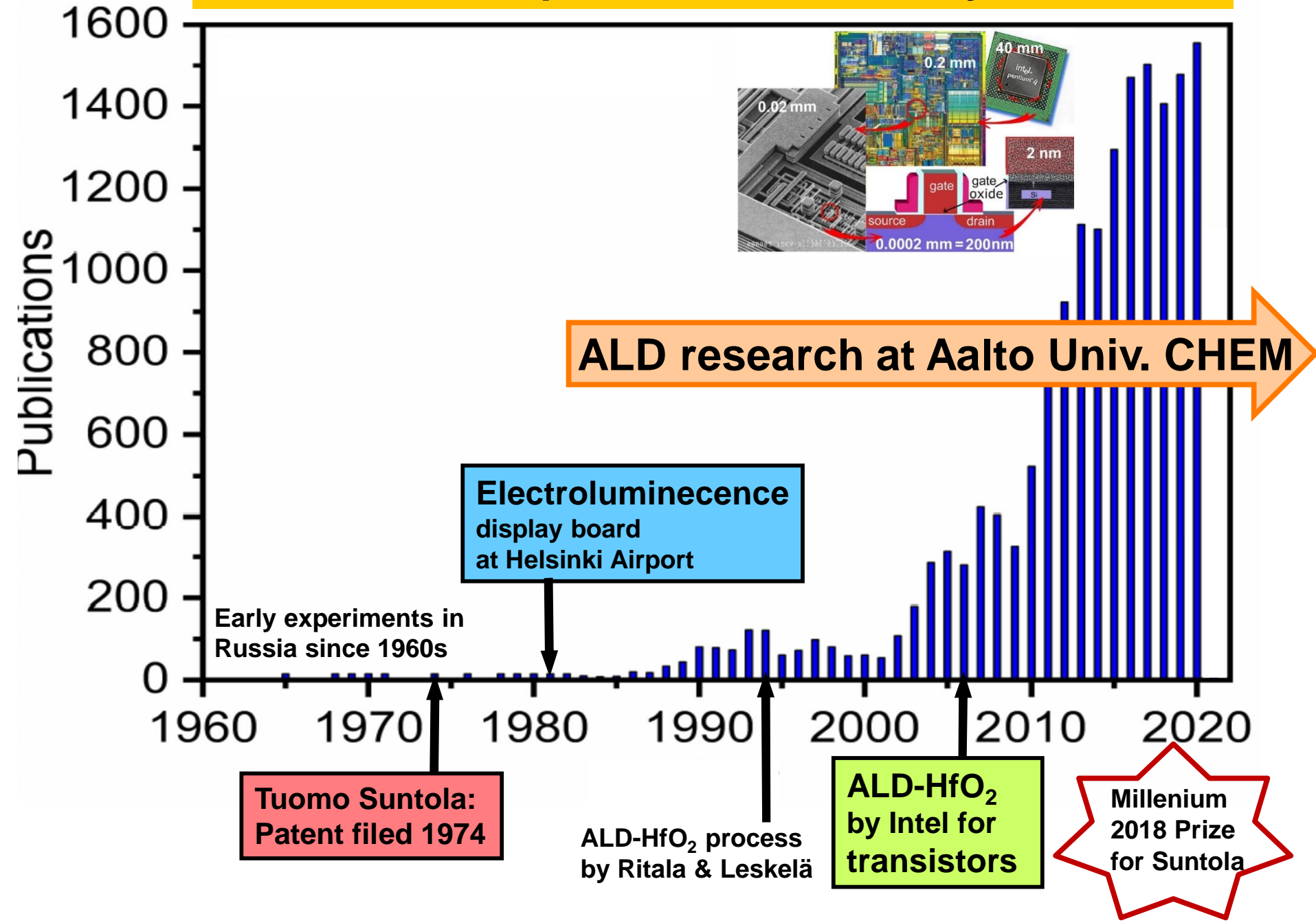


**HfO<sub>2</sub>-ALD**  
**HfCl<sub>4</sub> + H<sub>2</sub>O**

**ALD cycle**



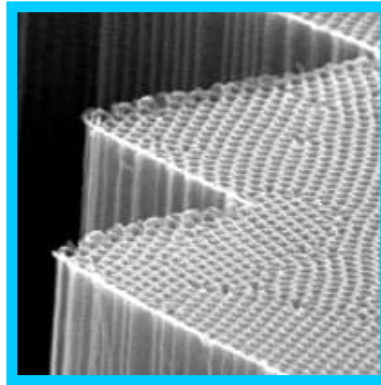
# ALD publications annually





# Advantages of ALD

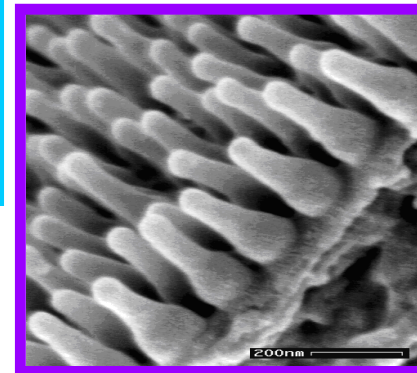
- Relatively inexpensive method
- Excellent repeatability
- Dense and pinhole-free films
- Accurate and simple thickness control
- Large area uniformity
- Easy doping
- Excellent conformality



ELECTRONICS

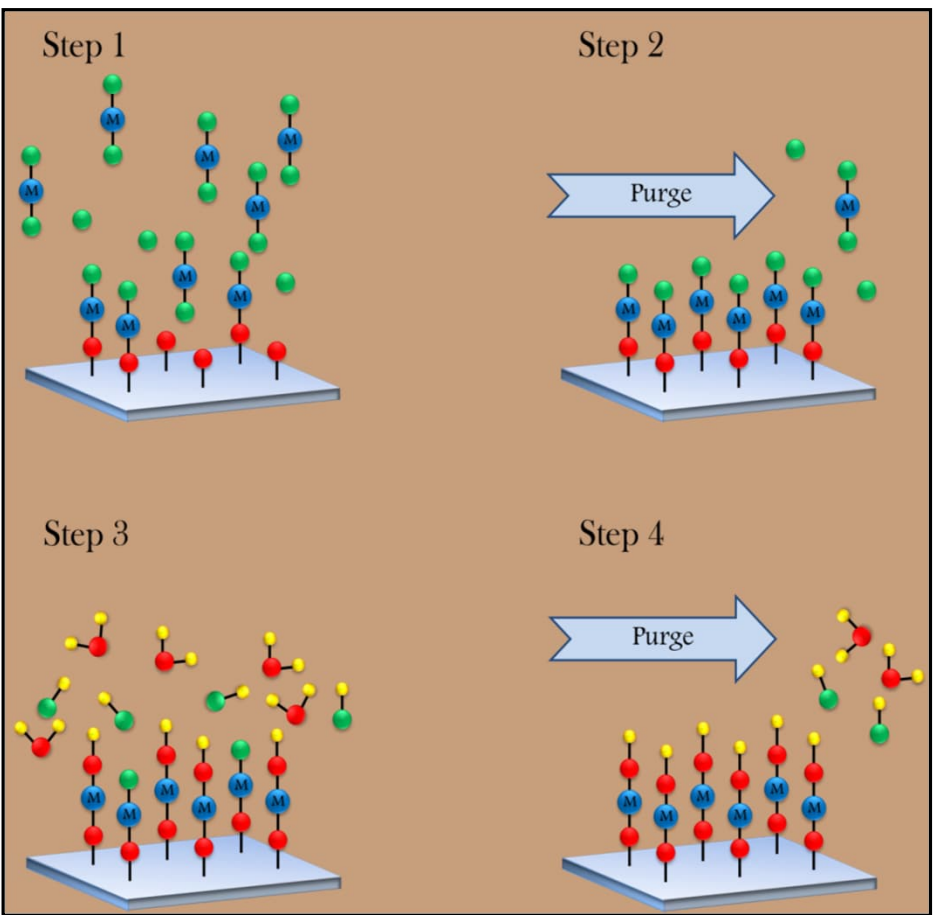
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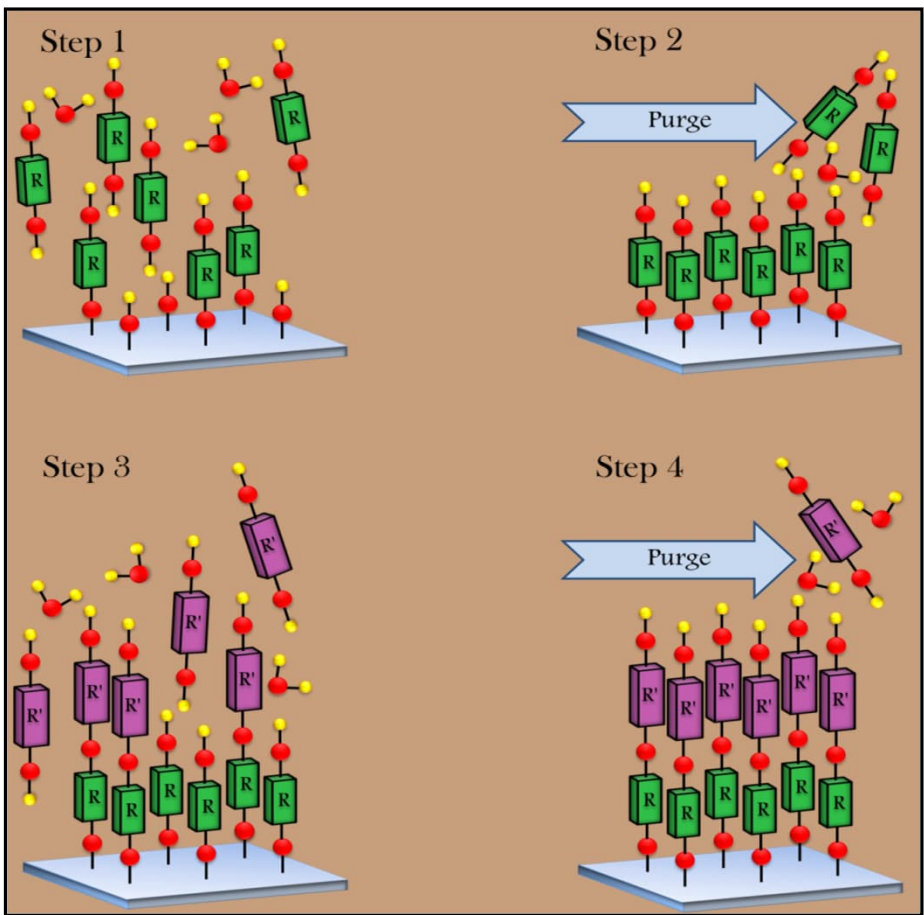


- Low deposition temperature
- Gentle deposition process
- Organic/polymer films
- Inorganic/organic hybrid materials

NEW



**ALD** (Atomic Layer Deposition)

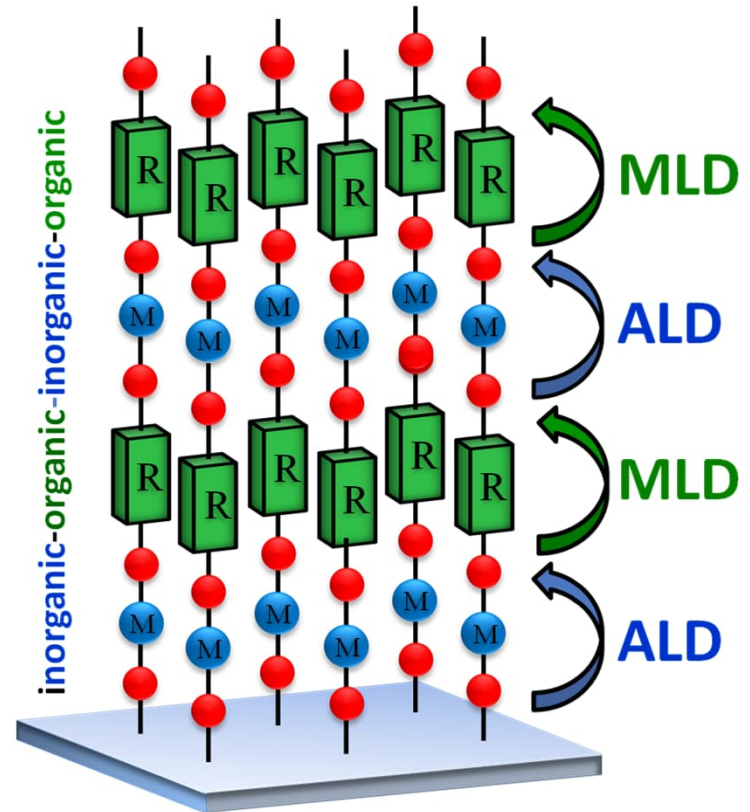
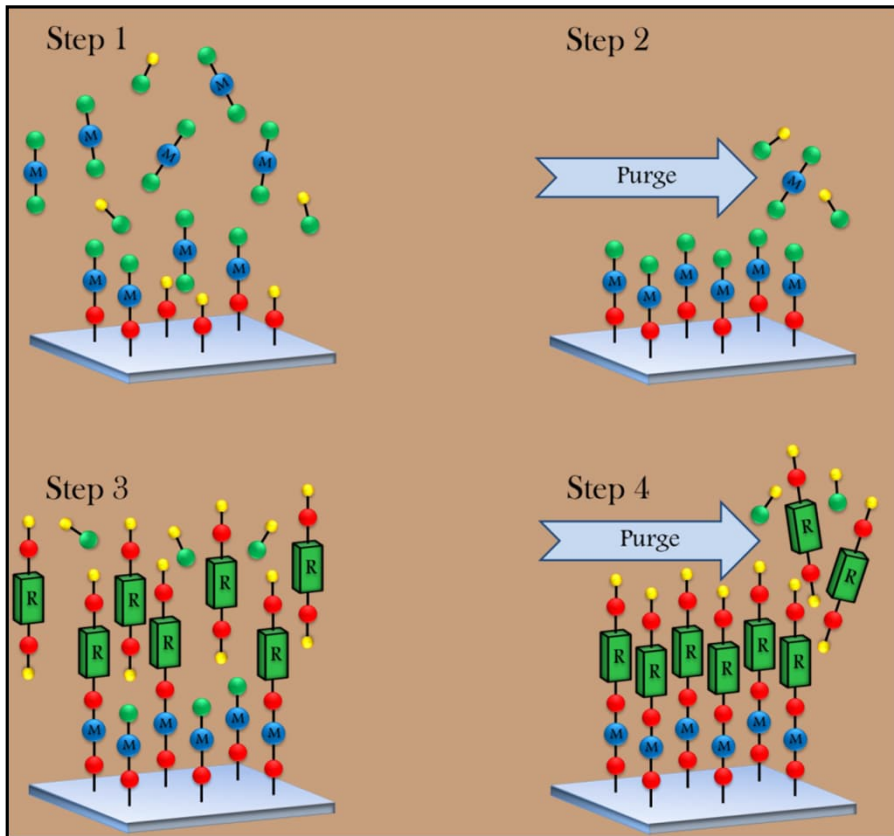


**MLD** (Molecular Layer Deposition)

High-quality  
**INORGANIC** thin films  
 with atomic level control

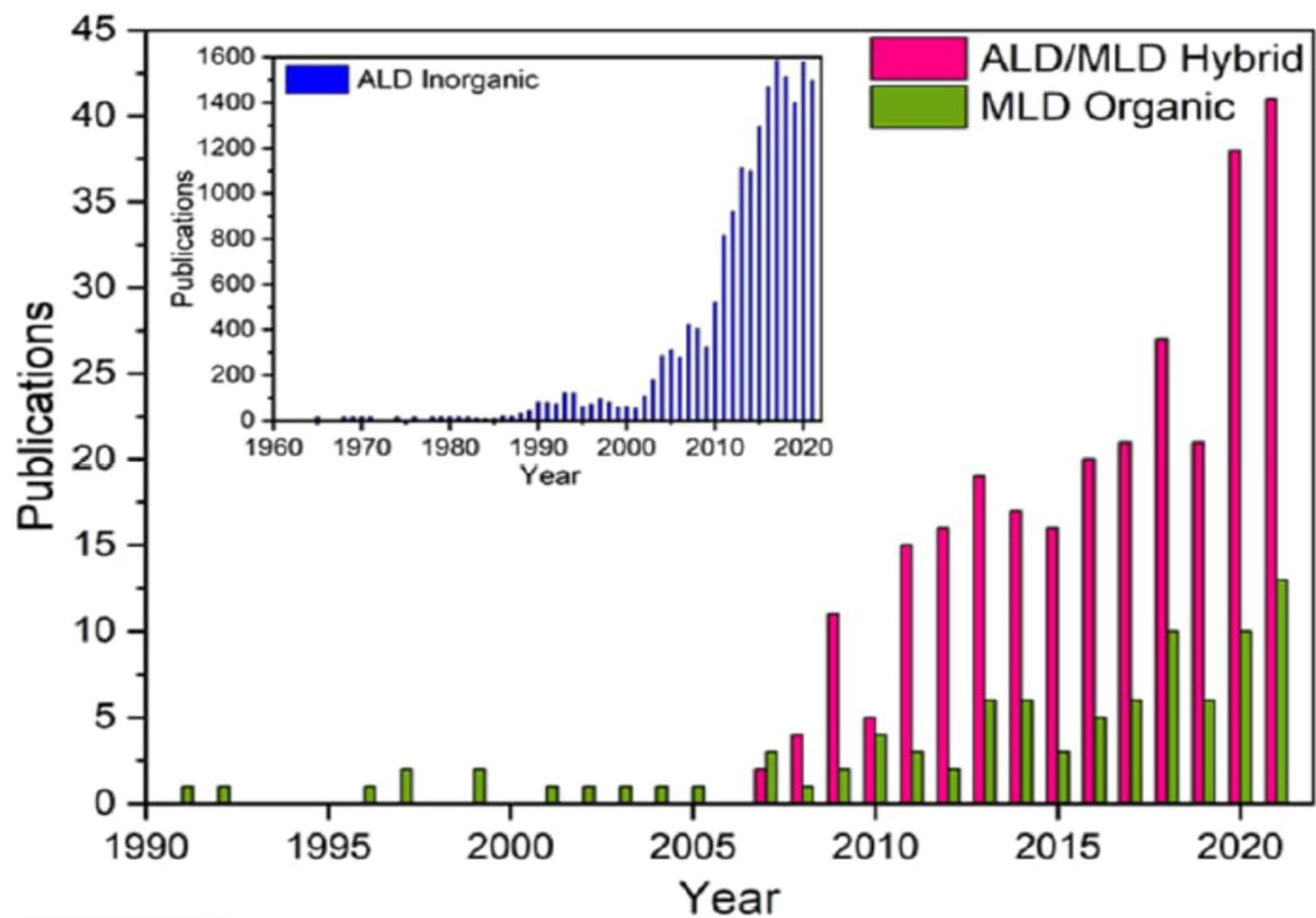
**ORGANICS!**  
 (in 1990s)

# Inorganic-Organic Hybrid Thin Films by Combined ALD/MLD



**MULTIFUNCTIONAL SINGLE-PHASE HYBRID (compound) MATERIALS !!!**

Annually  
published  
papers:  
MLD &  
ALD/MLD



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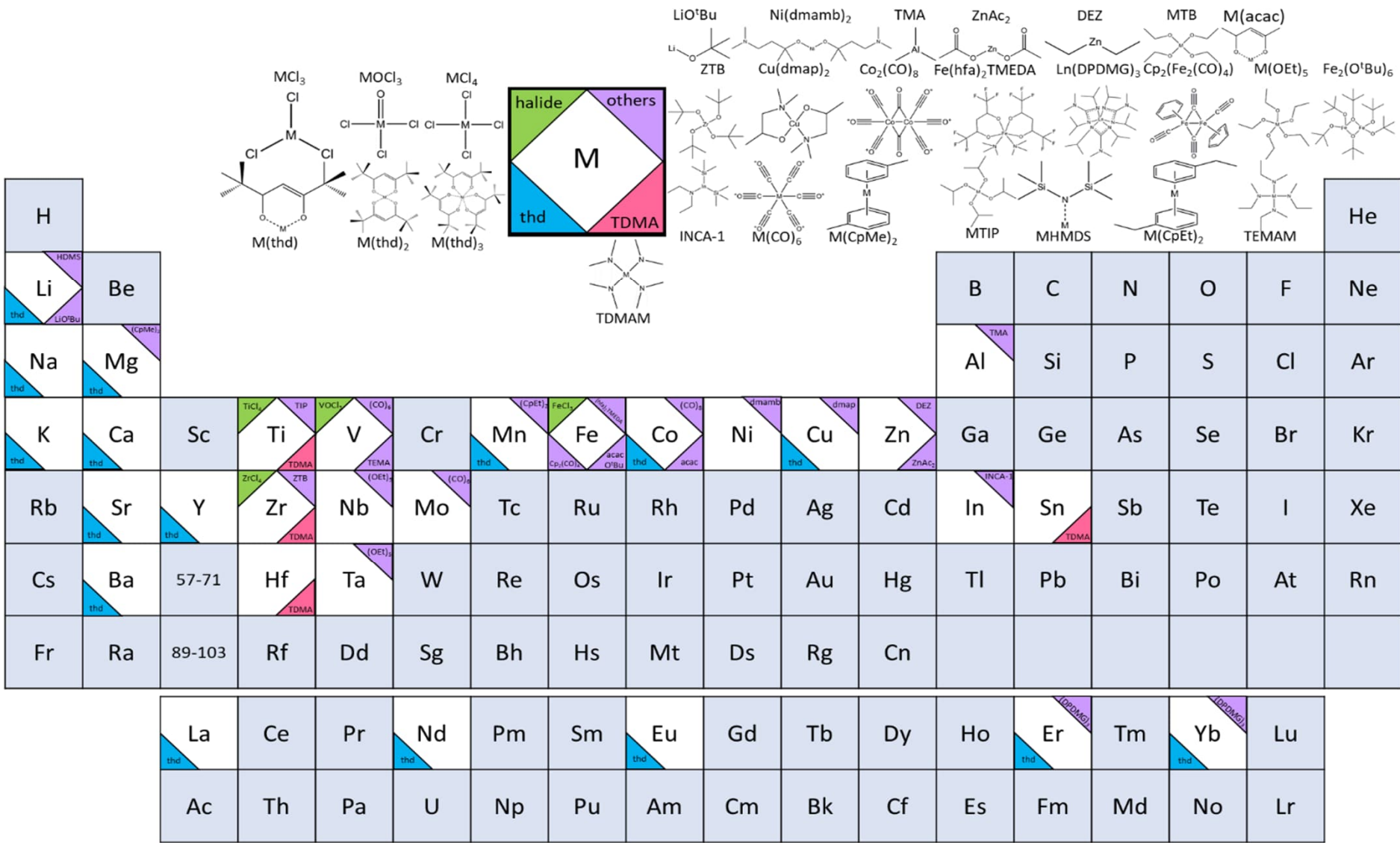
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Nilsen, Klepper, Nielsen & Fjellvåg, *ECS Trans.* **2008**, 16, 3.

Dameron, Seghete, Burton, Davidson, Cavanagh, Bertrand & George, *Chem. Mater.* **2008**, 20, 3315.

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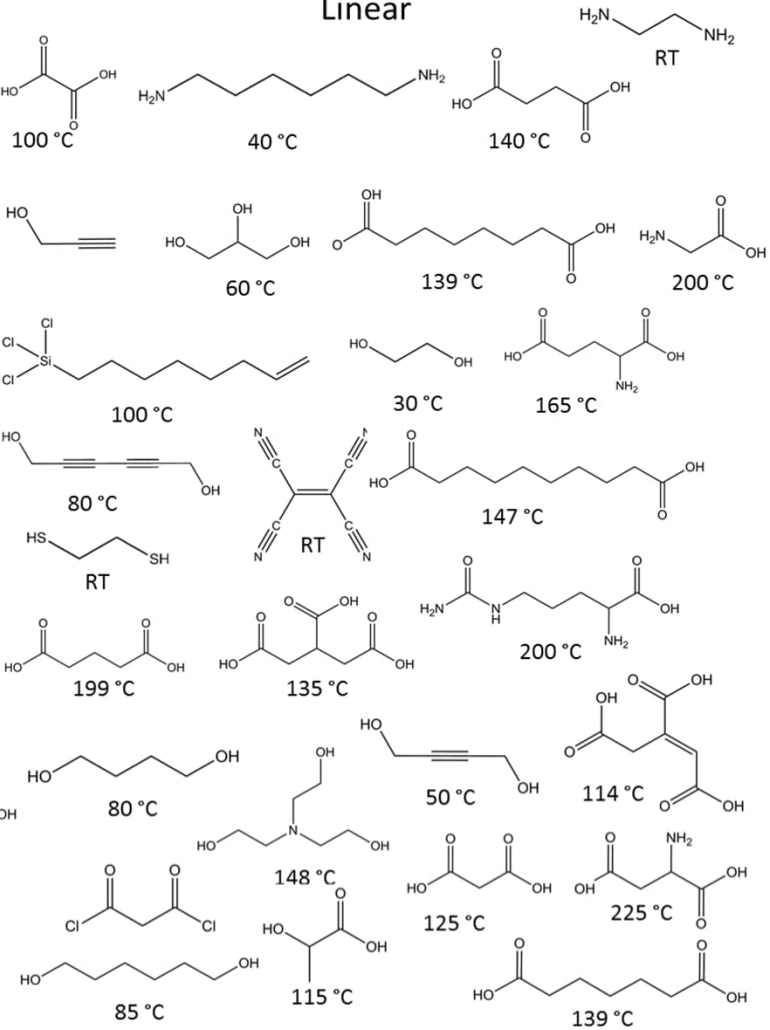
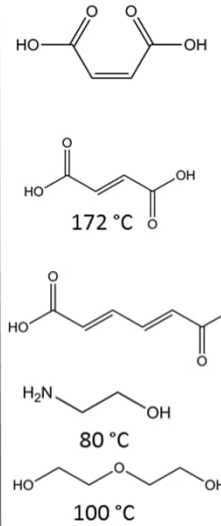
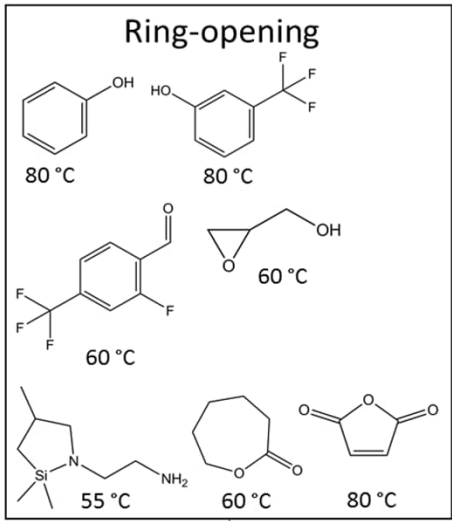
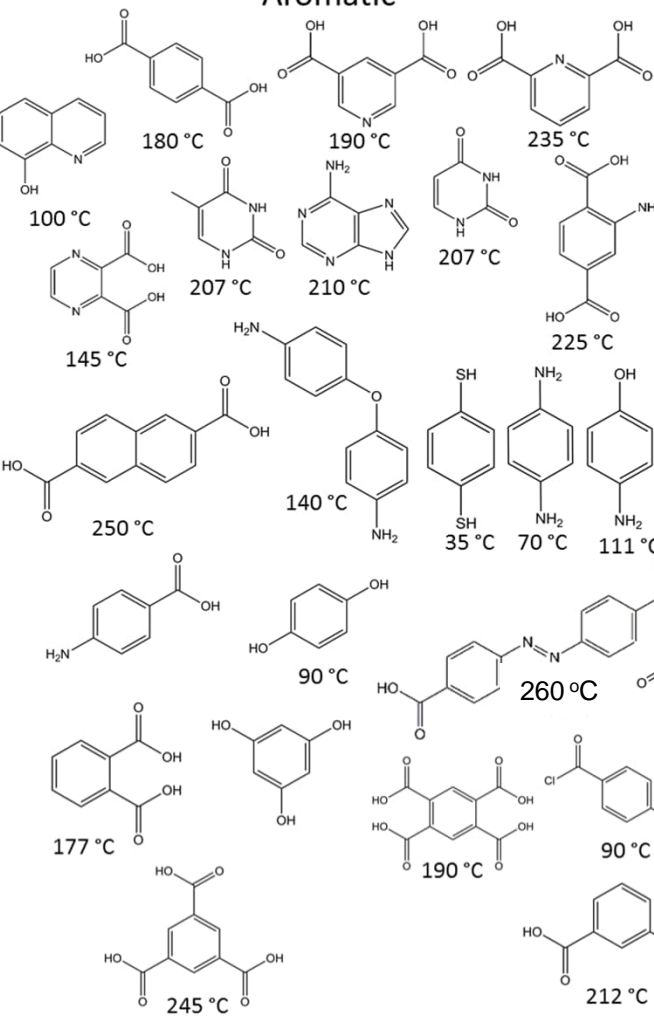
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# ALD/MLD Processes: Metal Precursors

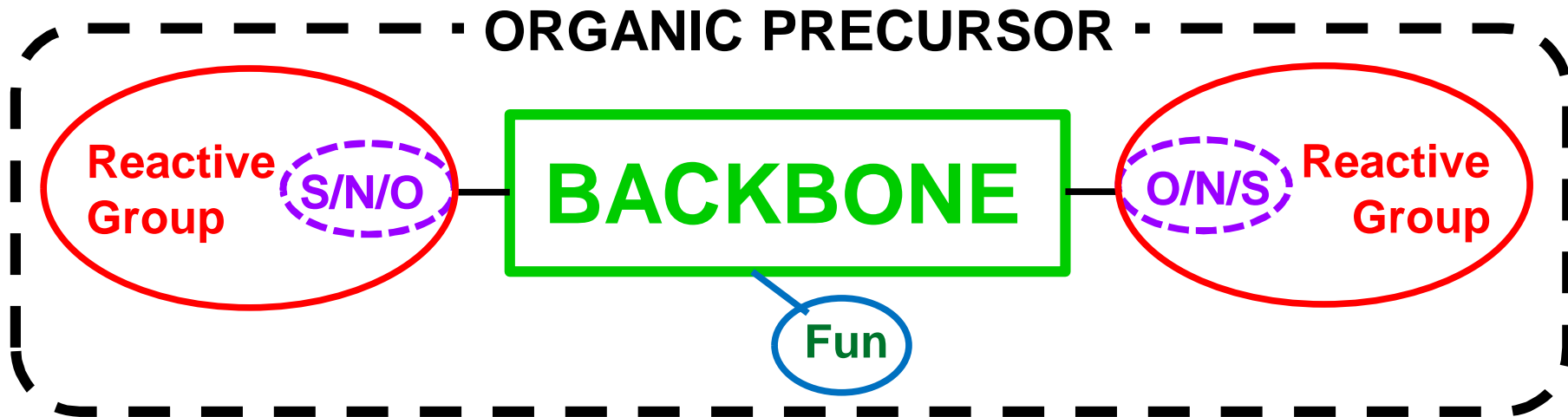
### Aromatic

### Ring-opening

### Linear



# Smart Tailoring of Innovative Organic Precursors



**Reactive groups:** e.g.  $-\text{COOH}$ ,  $-\text{OH}$

- Selected so far mostly based on the reactivity towards the metal precursor
- Control over bonding mode: monodentate ( $-\text{OH}$ ) *versus* bidentate ( $-\text{COOH}$ )

**Linker atom** within the **reactive group**

- Covalency of the bond towards the metal species (e.g.  $\text{M}-\text{O}$ ,  $\text{M}-\text{N}$  or  $\text{M}-\text{S}$ )

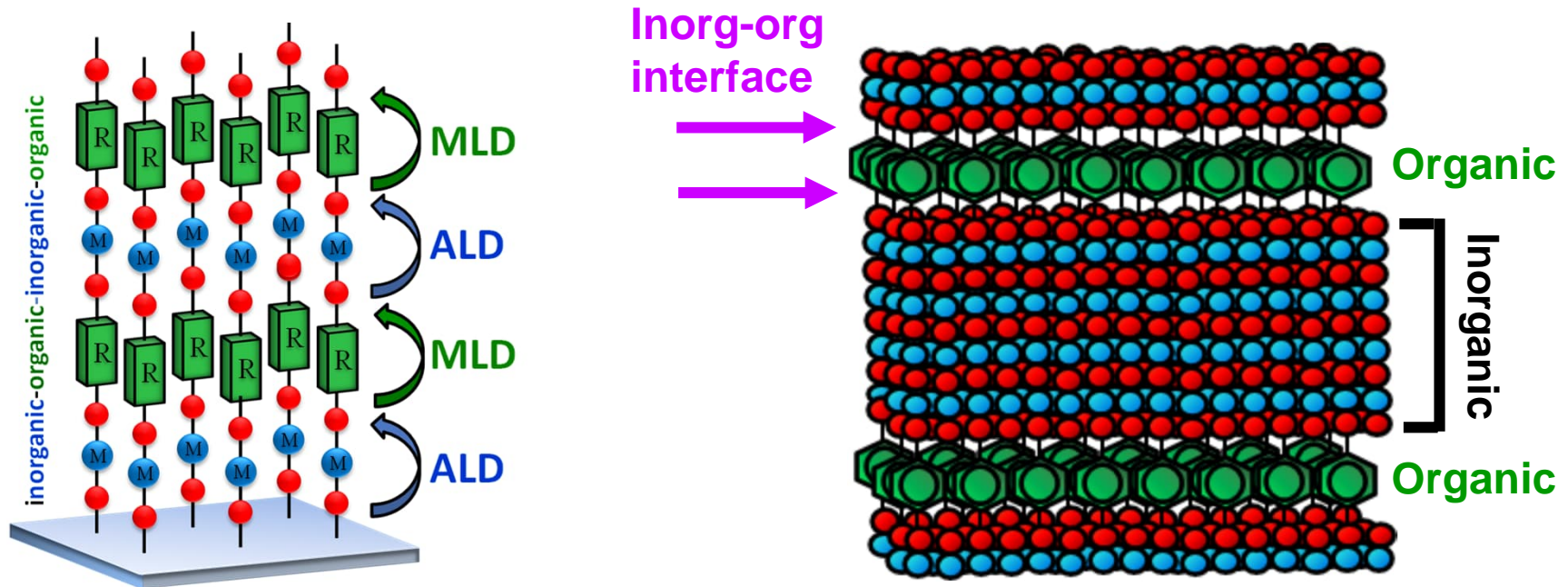
**BACKBONE:** very little challenged so far !!!

- Main component in the resultant metal-organic thin film !!!
- **Size & mass** (→ porosity), chemistry, functionality, etc.

**Functional groups** attached to the **backbone**: fine-tuning of the backbone

- Steric hindrance, number of bonding sites, conjugation, etc.
- Electron-donating ( $-\text{NH}_2$ ) or electron-withdrawing ( $-\text{OR}$ ) groups

# Exciting ALD/MLD Approaches



## SIMPLE Metal-Organic HYBRIDS

- Amorphous
- Crystalline (2016) & **Porous (2023)**

→ **Unforeseen MOF thin films**

## Superstructures

- Regular Superlattice (2013)
- Irregular Piling (2018)

→ **Layer-Engineering**

→ **Interface-Engineering**





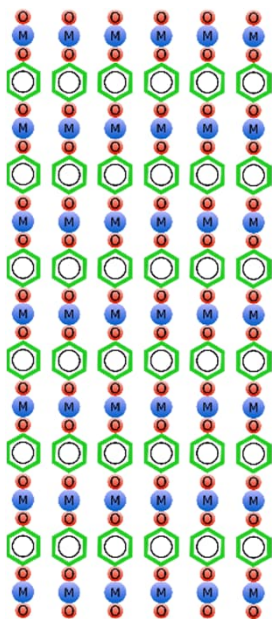
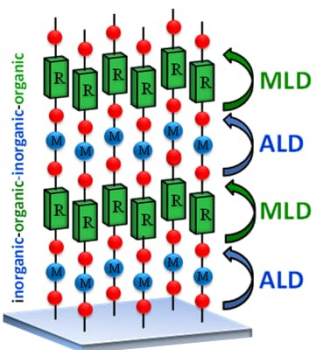
Organic (e.g. benzene)



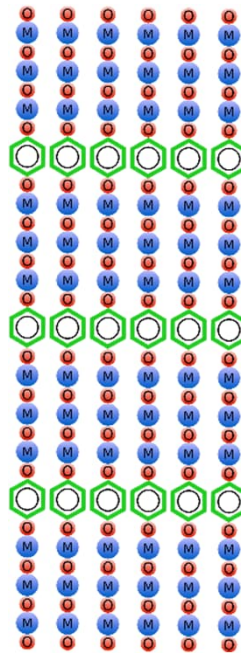
Metal



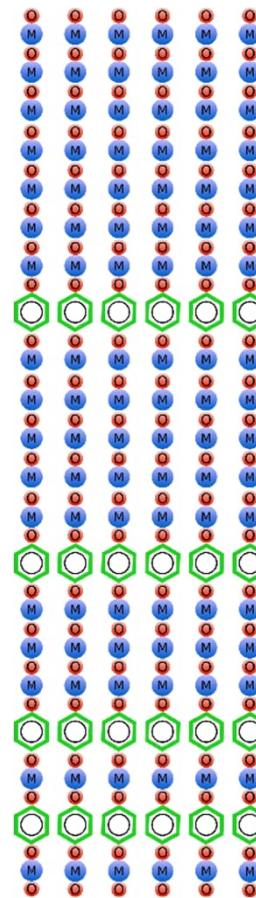
Oxygen (or N, S, ...)



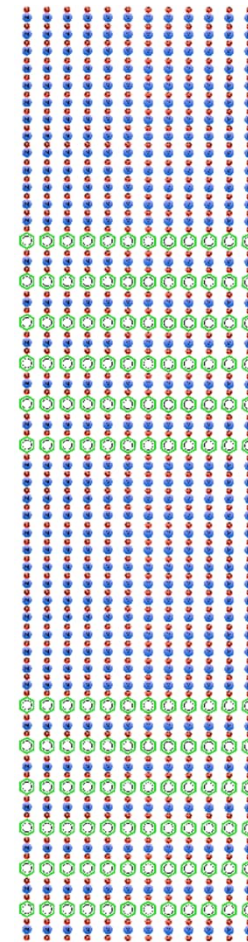
**Simple**  
**Metal-Organic Network**  
(amorphous or **crystalline**)



**Superlattice**



**Gradient hybrid**



**Nanolaminate**



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**DIFFERENT LAYER SEQUENCES BY DESIGN**

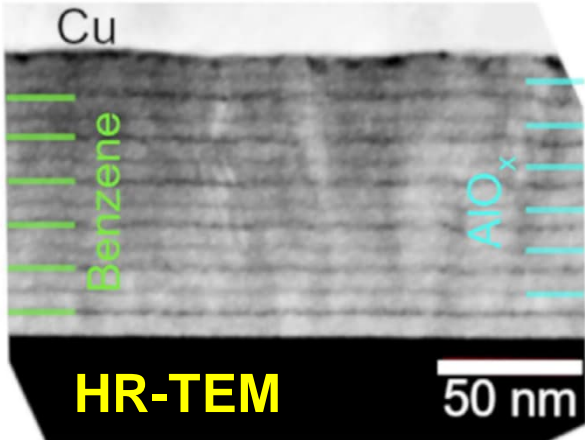
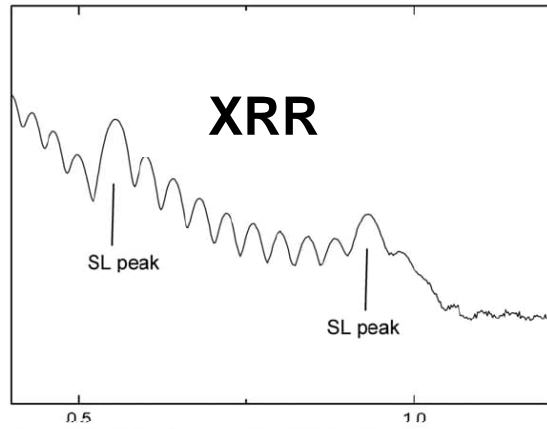
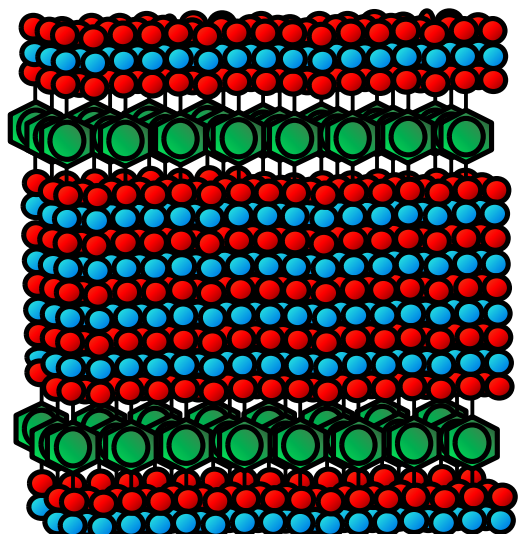
# LAYER-ENGINEERED

INORGANIC-ORGANIC  
SUPERLATTICES

BY

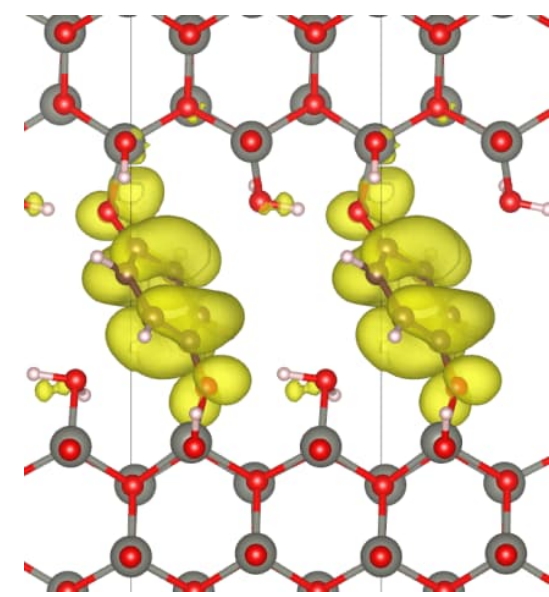
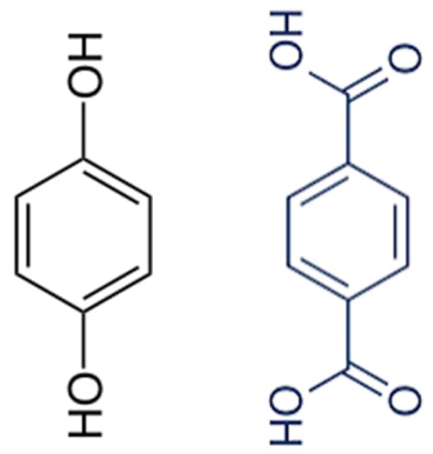
ALD/MLD





# DFT Modelling

Karttunen, Tynell & Karppinen, *J. Phys. Chem. C* **119**, 13105 (2015).



**ZnO:organic**

Seebeck Coefficient ↓

Resistivity ↓

C-axis orientation ↓

**HQ**

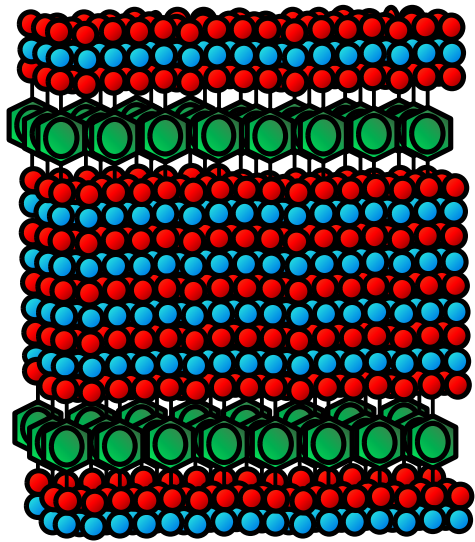
**TPA**

Seebeck Coefficient ↑

Resistivity ↑

C-axis orientation ↑

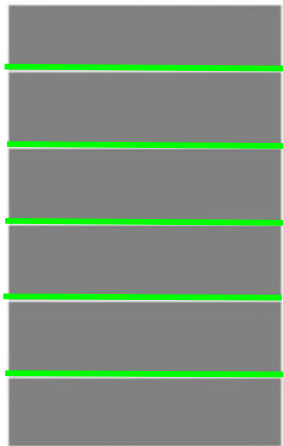
Ghiyasi, Tewari & Karppinen, Organic-component dependent crystal orientation and electrical transport properties in ALD/MLD grown ZnO-organic superlattices, *J. Phys. Chem. C* **124**, 13765 (2020).



SUPER-LATTICE PERIOD

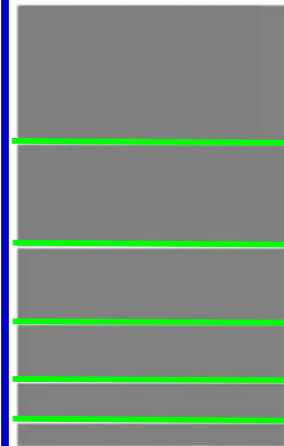
## Thermal conductivity [ $\text{W m}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$ ]

ZnO (~100 nm)	~43
5 org. layers	11.8
6 org. layers	7.1
12 org. layers	4.1
20 org. layers	3.1
40 org. layers	1.3
80 org. layers	0.7



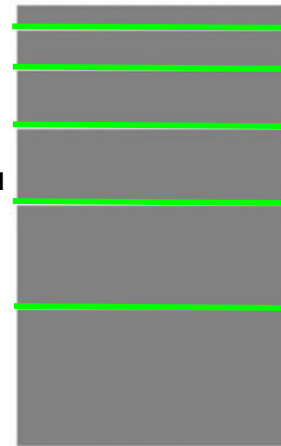
11.8  
 $\text{W m}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$

**Superlattice**

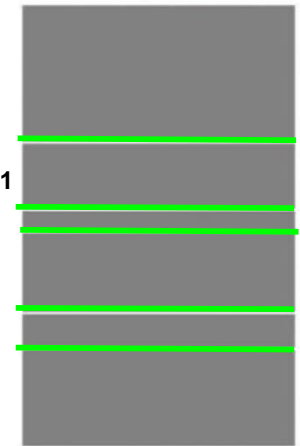


9.3  
 $\text{W m}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$

**Gradient films (disordered)**



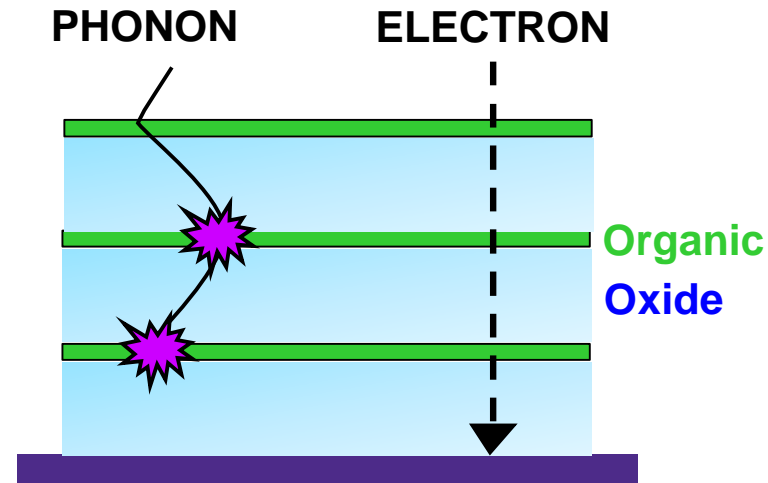
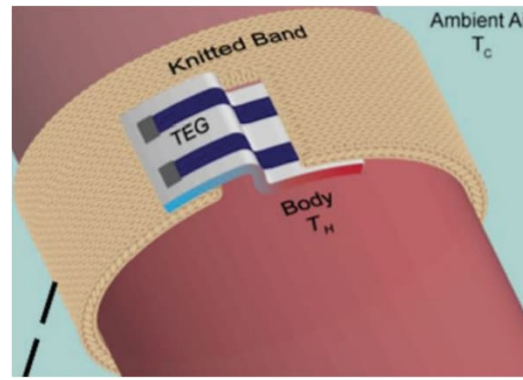
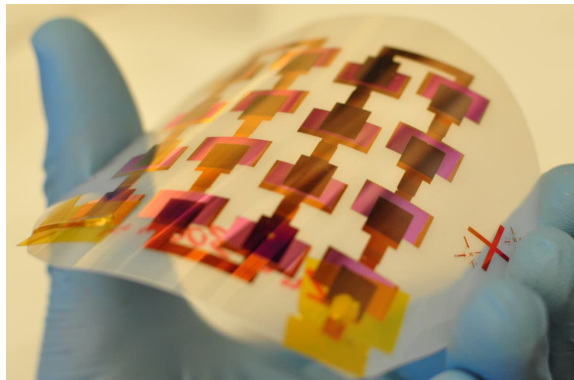
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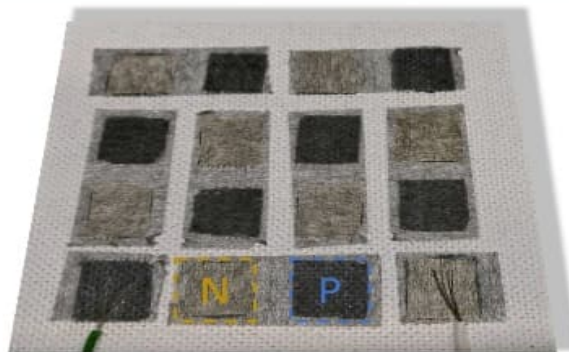
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F. Krahl, A. Giri, J.A. Tomko, T. Tynell, P.E. Hopkins & M. Karppinen, Thermal conductivity reduction at inorganic-organic interfaces: from regular superlattices to irregular gradient layer sequences *Advanced Materials Interfaces* 5, 1701692 (2018).

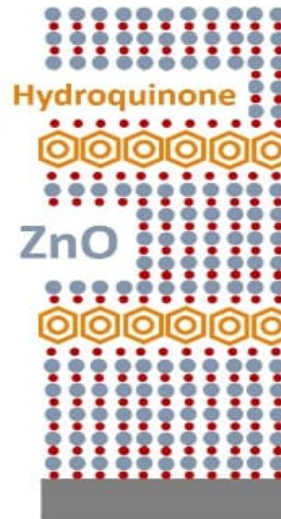
# Textile-integrated thermoelectrics



Thermoelectric device on Textile substrate



ZnO/ZnO-HQ PEDOT:PSS



Organic layers in ZnO:org superlattices reduce thermal conductivity (into 1 / 50) without lowering electrical conductivity. Another unique feature is that the film grows in a conformal manner on textile fibers so that the entire textile piece becomes an active part of the device.

G. Marin, R. Funahashi & M. Karppinen, *Adv. Eng. Mater.* 22, 2000535 (2020).

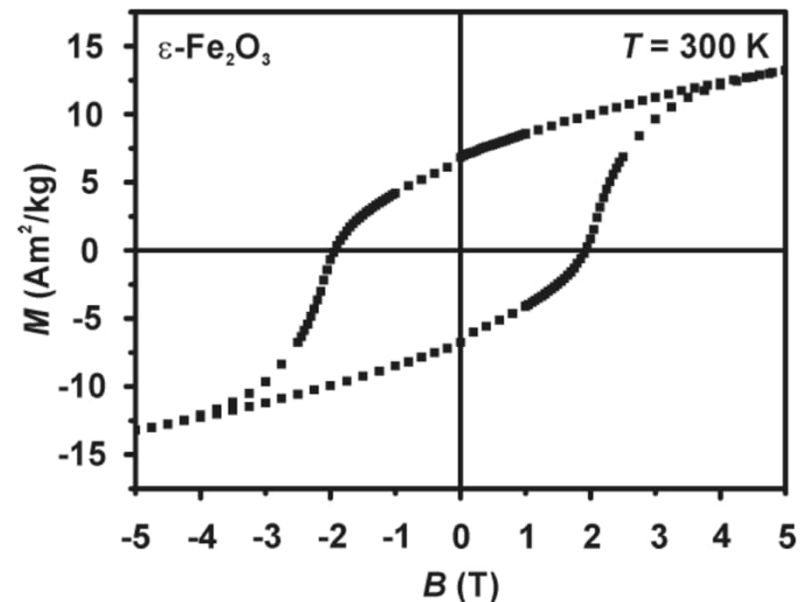
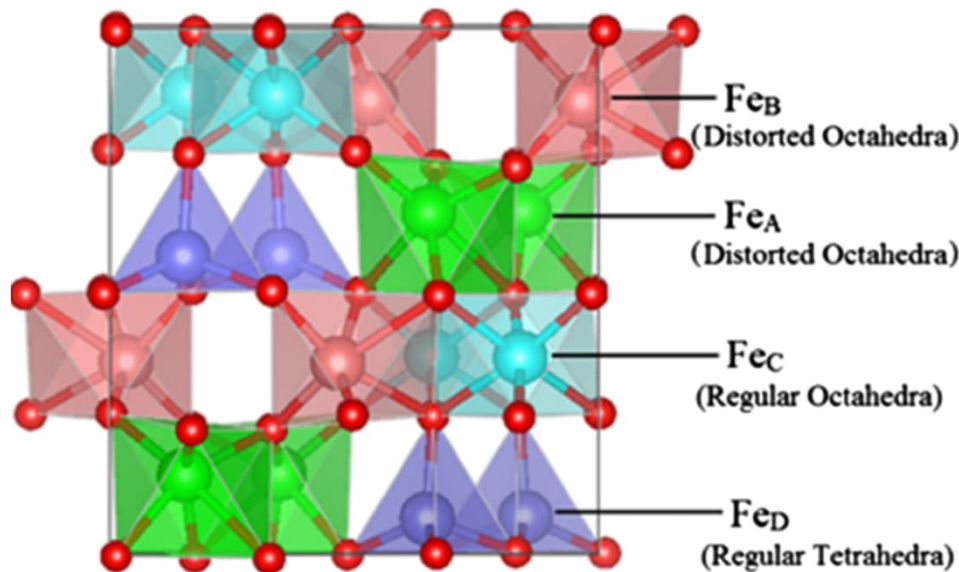
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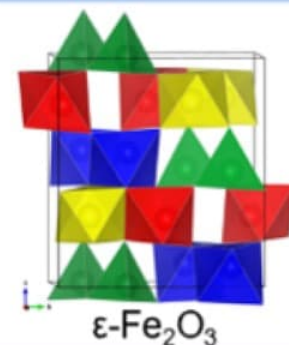
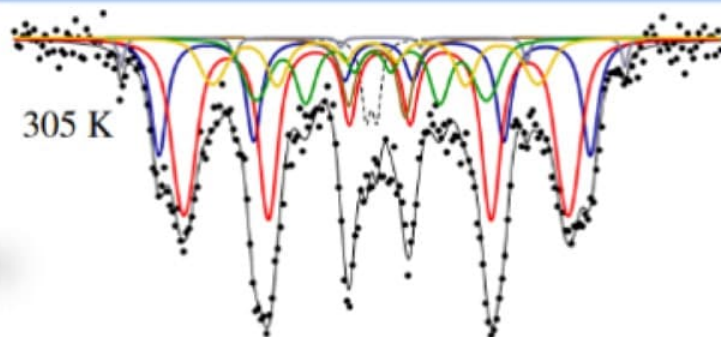
**ZnO is n-type semiconductor. For a full thermoelectric device, we will next need a p-type counterpart: e.g. SnO, CuO**

# Extraordinary Property Combination:

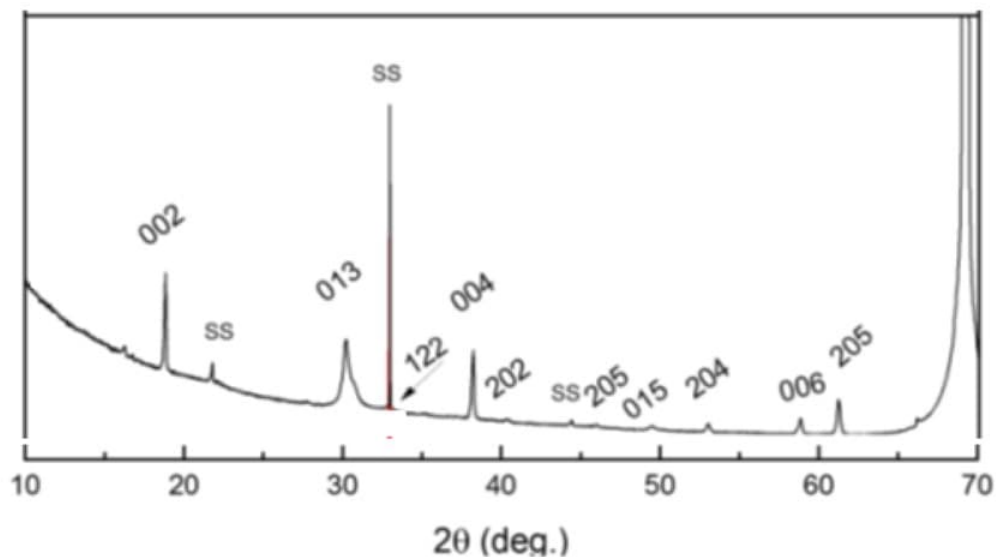
## Mechanically flexible hard magnet $\epsilon$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>:organics

- $\epsilon$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> is the rarest of the iron(III) oxide polymorphs
- Critical-raw-material-free
- RT ferrimagnet ( $T_C \approx 490$  K)
- Colossal coercive field
- Magnetoelectric
- PROBLEM: stabilized/synthesized in nano-scale amounts only



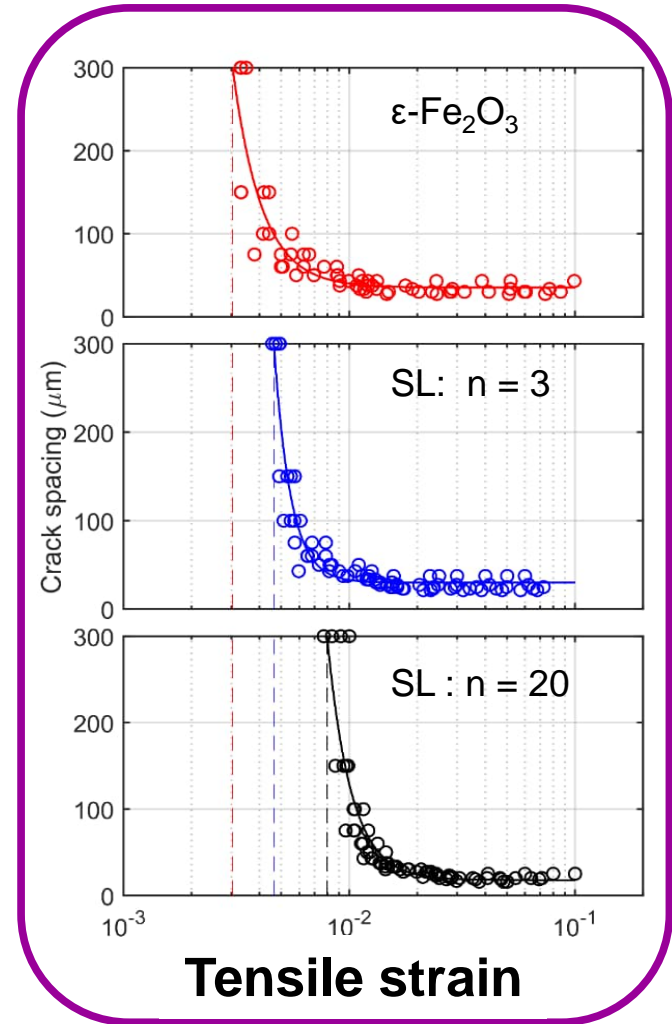
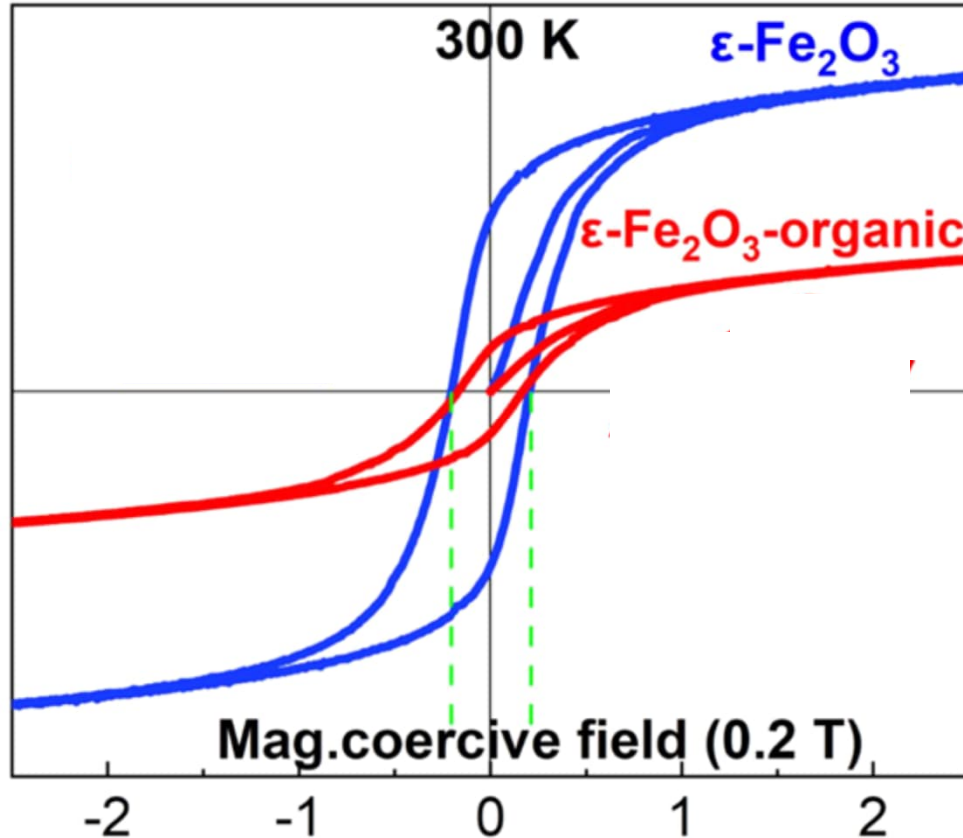


- **Substrate: silicon, flexible glass, Kapton, polyimide, etc.**
- **Large-area homogeneity & Conformality over large-surface-area templates → “MASS production”**



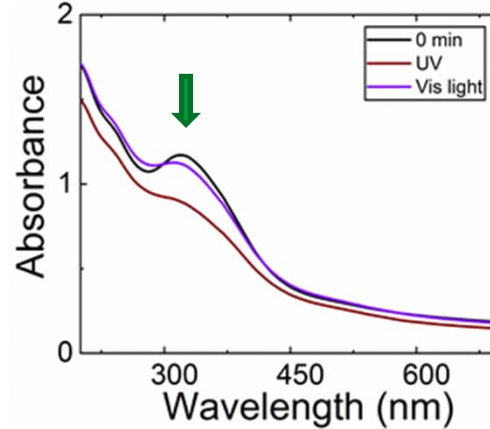
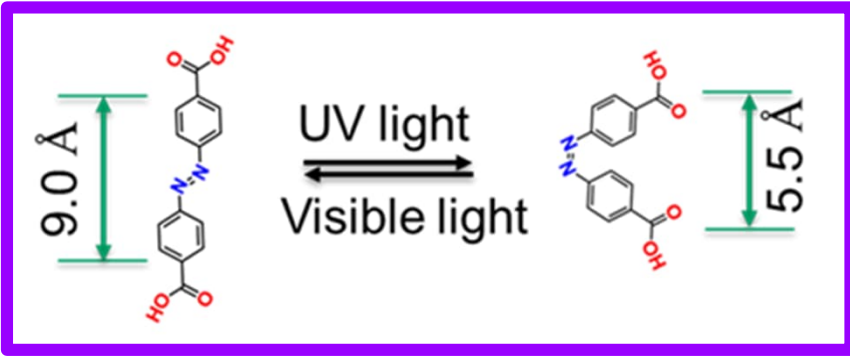
- Tanskanen, Mustonen & Karppinen, Simple ALD process for  $\varepsilon\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  thin films, *APL Mater.* 5, 056104 (2017).
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- T. Jussila, A. Philip, J. Linden & M. Karppinen, High-quality magnetically hard  $\varepsilon\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  thin films through ALD for room-temperature applications, *Adv. Eng. Mater.* 25, 2201262 (2023).

# Mechanical property testing: $\epsilon$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>:TPA



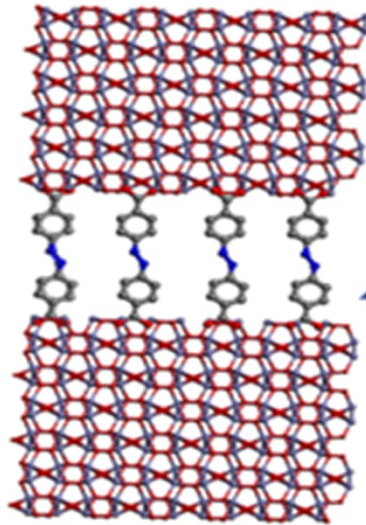


# PHOTO-SWITCHABILITY: $\epsilon$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>:AZO



UV absorption  
trans-cis-trans  
transition  
is **REVERSIBLE**

**970** (1.88)



**1060** (1.94)

**990** (1.86)

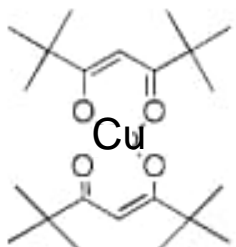


**Coer. [Oe]**  
(Remn. Magn.)

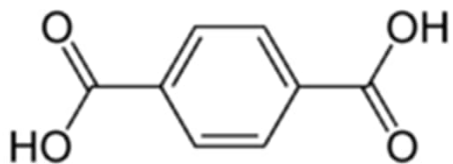
A. Philip, Y. Zhou, G.C. Tewari, S. van Dijken & M. Karppinen, Optically controlled large-coercivity room-temperature thin-film magnets, *J. Mater. Chem. C* 10, 294 (2022).

**MOFs**  
**METAL-ORGANIC**  
**FRAMEWORKS**  
**BY**  
**ALD/MLD**



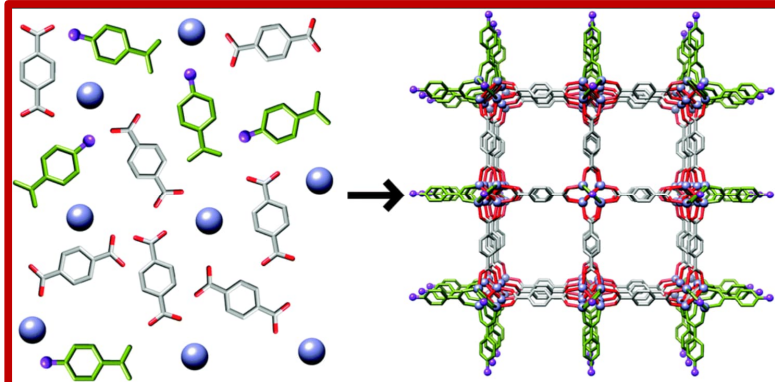


**Cu(thd)<sub>2</sub>**

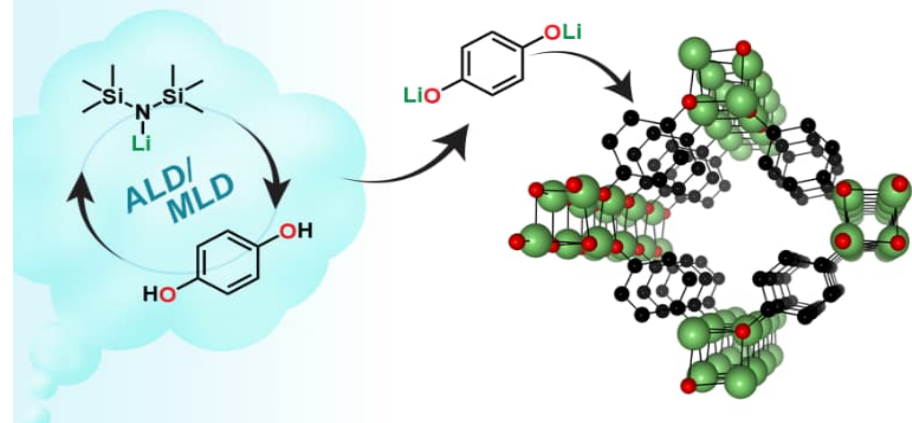


**Terephthalic acid (TPA)**

**Known  
MOF-2  
structure**



E. Ahvenniemi & M. Karppinen, *Chem. Commun.* **52**, 1139 (2016).

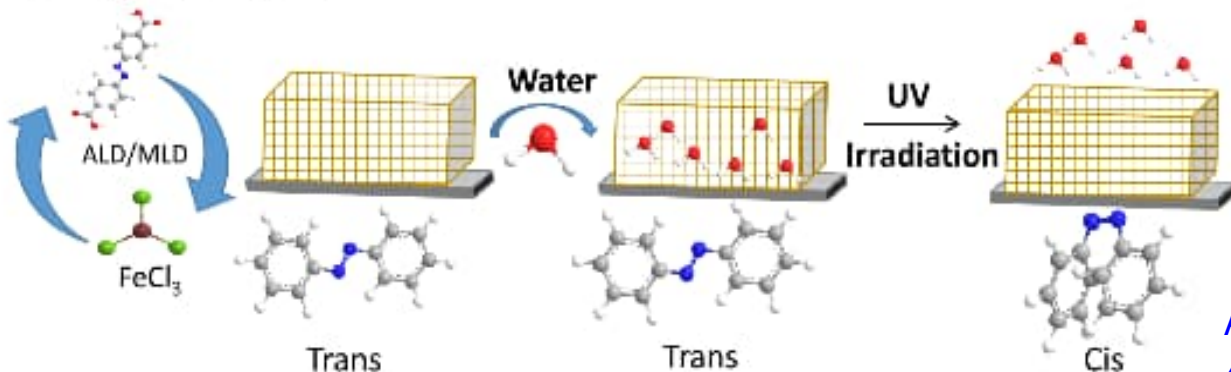


### Lithium-benzoquinone

- Previously non-existing material
- Structure predicted by DFT
- Under-coordinated lithium (3-coord.)

M. Nisula, J. Linnera, A.J. Karttunen & M. Karppinen, *Chem. – Eur. Journal* **23**, 2988 (2017).

Azobenzene dicarboxylic acid

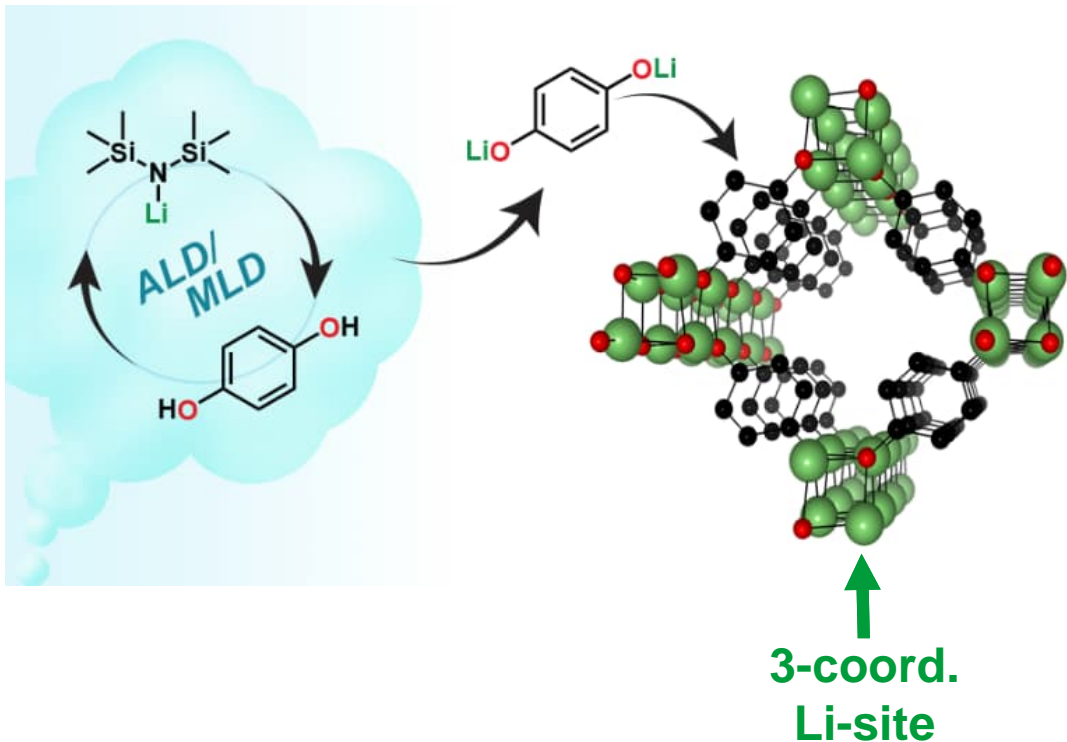


### Iron-azobenzene

- New material
- Structure not yet known
- UV-switchable (cis-trans)

A. Khayami, A. Philip & M. Karppinen, *Angew. Chem.* **58**, 13400 (2019).

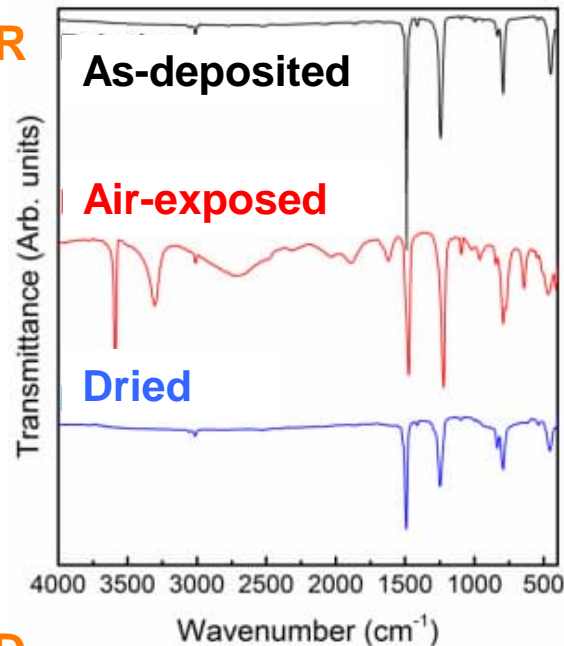
**EXAMPLES: In-Situ CRYSTALLINE Metal-Organic films via ALD/MLD**



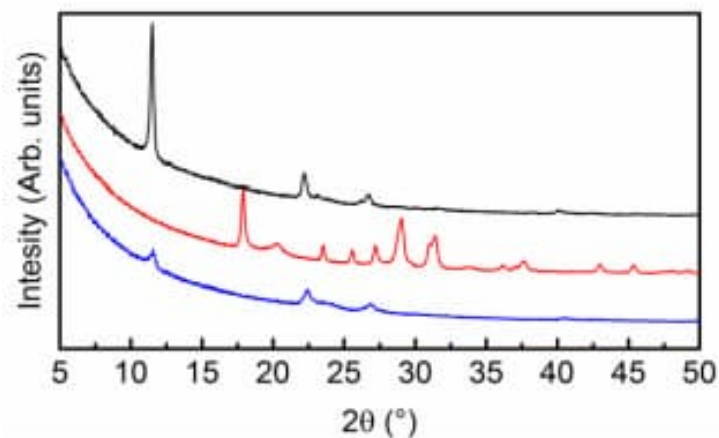
## Li + Hydroquinone

- Crystalline films
- NOT synthesized by any other technique
- Under-coordinated Li-site
- Reversible water absorption (gas absorption)
- **Potential application: Li-ion battery cathode**

FTIR



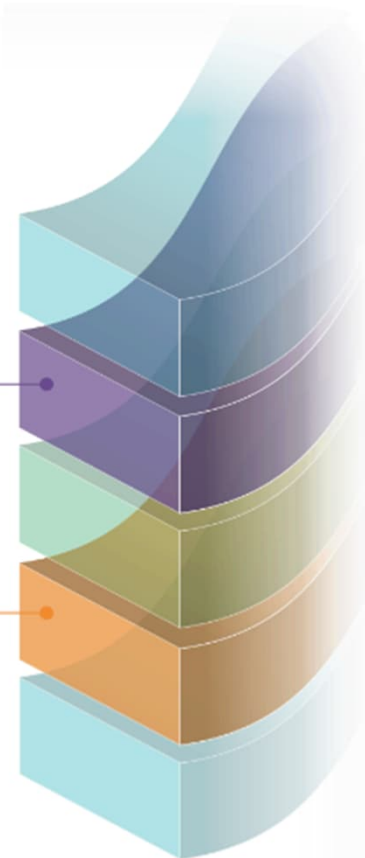
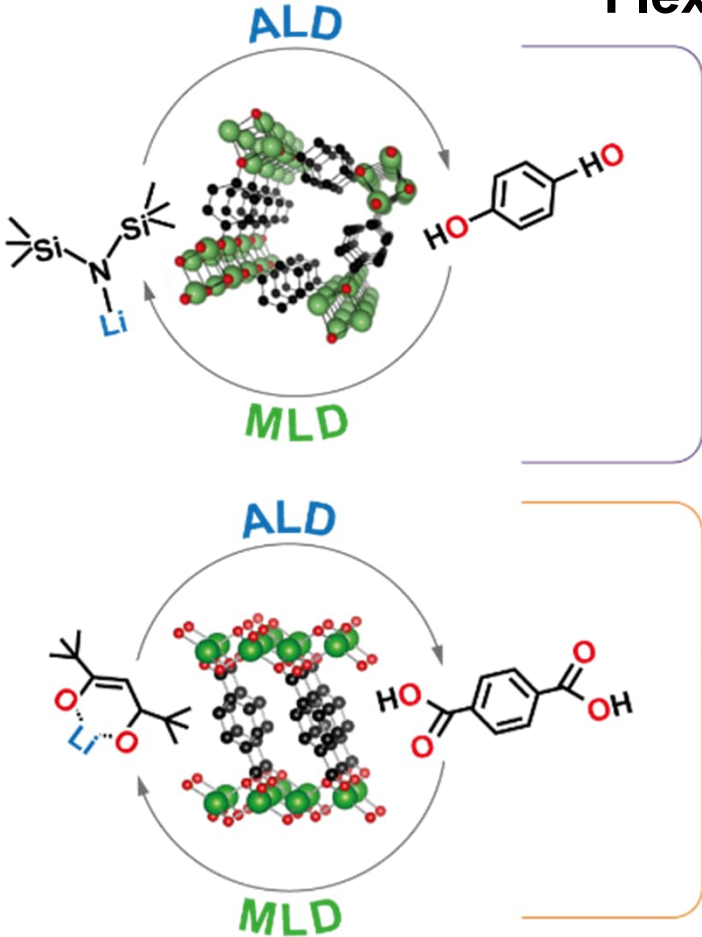
XRD



Structure predicted by DFT

# Metal-saving Li-organic microbattery

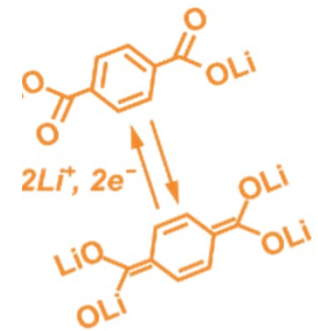
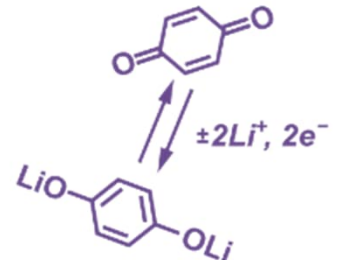
## Flexible thin film microbattery



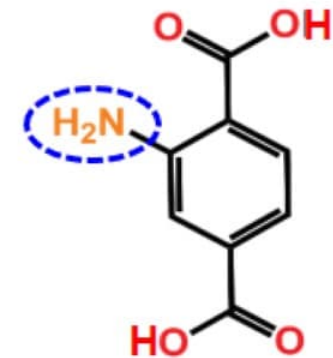
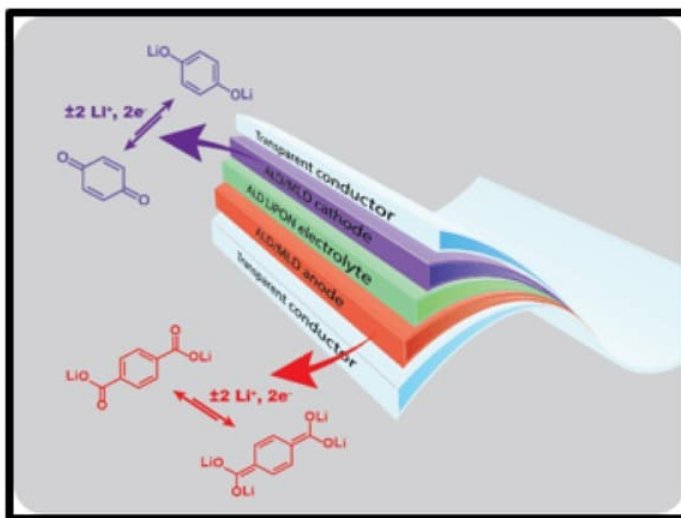
**CATHODE:**  
Li-benzoquinone

**ELECTROLYTE:**  
ALD - LiPON

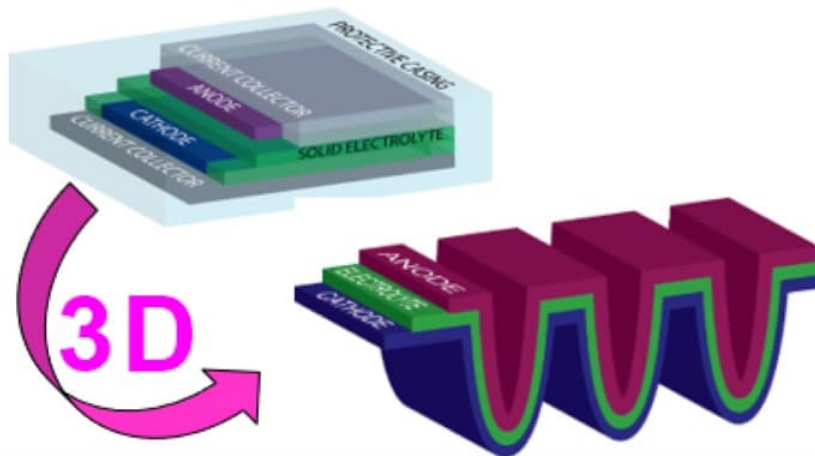
**ANODE:**  
Li-terephthalate



ALD/MLD-made Li-organic microbattery is cobalt-free. Whole battery structure can be deposited active-layer by active-layer in a same reactor, without additives. It is ultrafast to charge, but the problem is the low energy capacity.

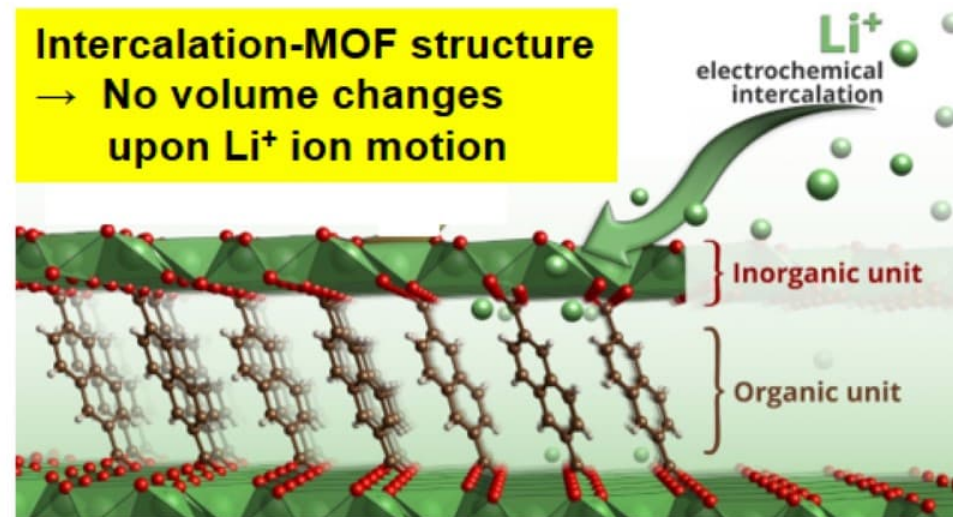


**Electron-donating/electron-withdrawing groups**  
 → Redox potential control



**From planar to 3D substrate**  
 → Energy density increases without compromising power density

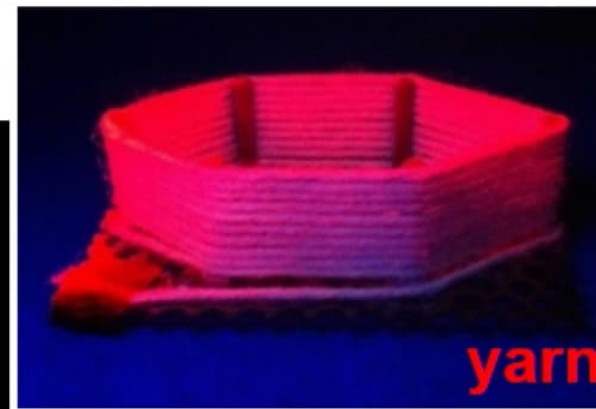
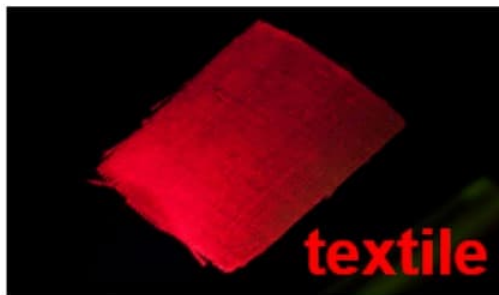
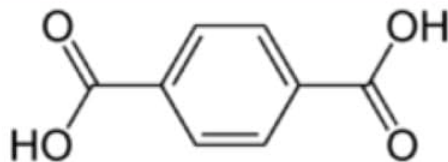
**Intercalation-MOF structure**  
 → No volume changes upon Li<sup>+</sup> ion motion



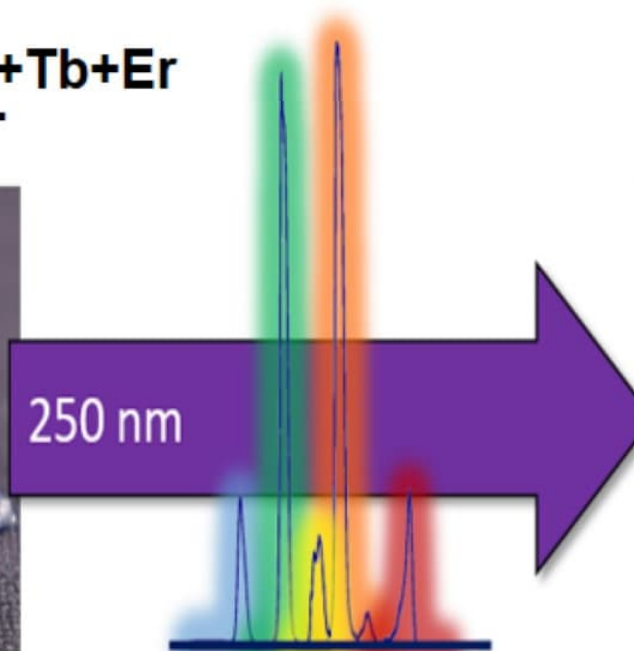
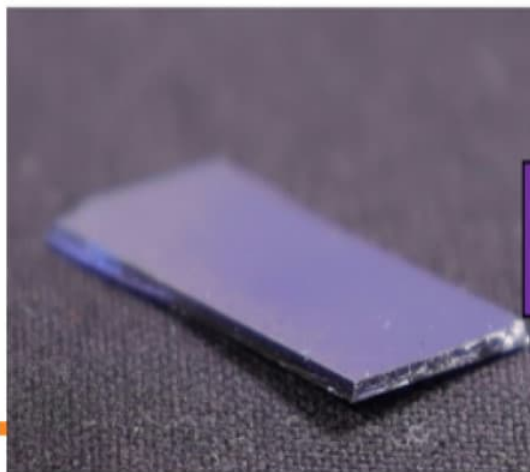
# Flexible Lanthanide-Organic Phosphors

**PRECURSORS:**

**$\text{Eu}(\text{thd})_3$  + terephthalic acid**



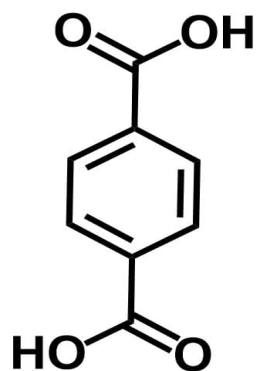
**Lanthanide mixture: Eu+Tb+Er**  
→ (warm) **WHITE LIGHT**



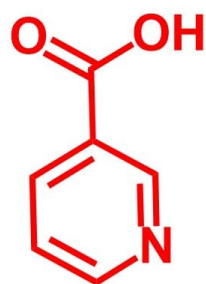
A. Ghazy, M. Lastusaari & M. Karppinen, White-light emitting multi-lanthanide terephthalate thin films by atomic/molecular layer deposition, *Journal of Materials Chemistry C* **11**, 5331 (2023).

# Excitation-Wavelength Engineering: - Choice of the organic component

TPA



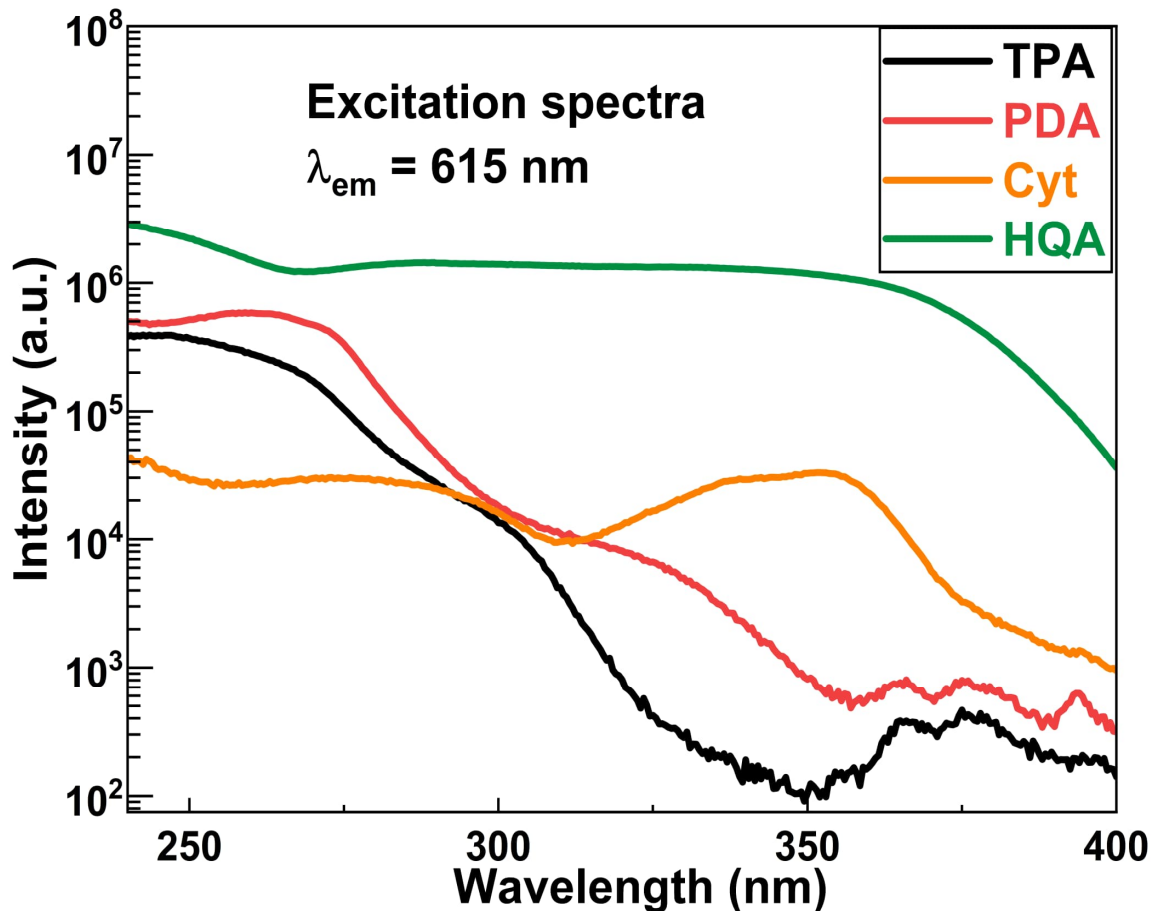
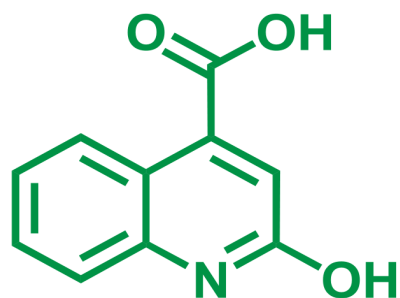
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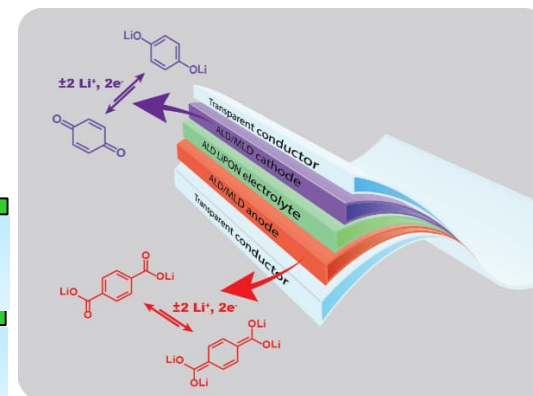
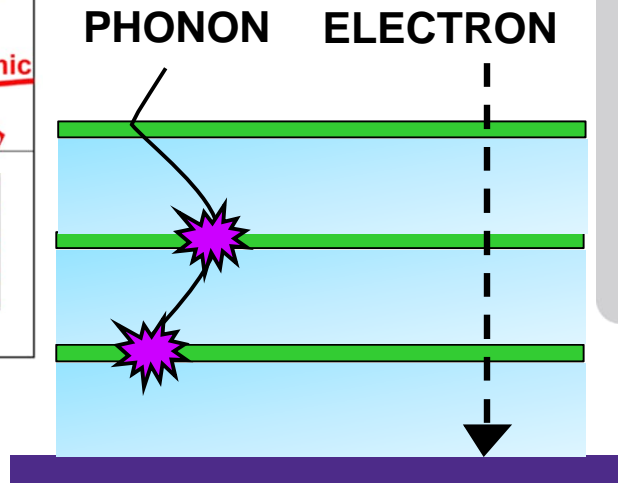
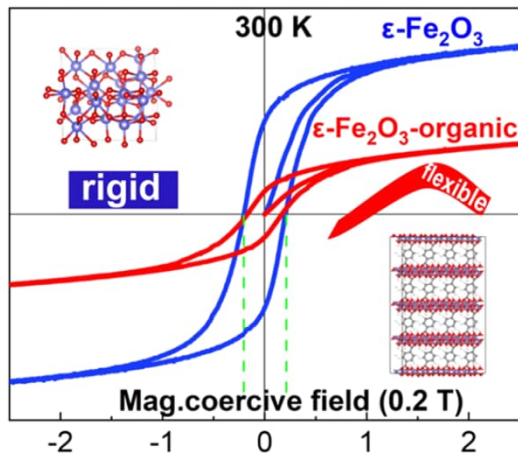
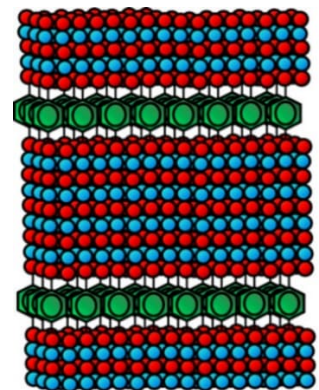


HQA



Ghazy, Lastusaari & Karppinen, Excitation wavelength engineering through organic linker choice in luminescent atomic/molecular layer deposited lanthanide-organic thin films, *Chemistry of Materials* **35**, 5988 (2023).





- ALD/MLD can yield various new types of hybrid materials: new MOFs & layer-engineered superlattice and gradient materials
- Many of these new materials can NOT be made by any other technique
- Novel material properties have been discovered and much more expected !!!

