

# LECTURE 4: Hybrid (inorganic-organic) materials

## Functional Inorganic Materials Fall 2020

Tuesdays: 10.15 - 12.00  
Thursdays: 10.15 - 12.00  
Remote Zoom lectures

#	Date	Who	Topic
1	Tue 27.10.	Maarit	Introduction + Superconductivity: High- $T_c$ superconducting Cu oxides
2	Thu 29.10.	Maarit	Ionic conductivity (Oxygen): SOFC & Oxygen storage
3	Tue 03.11.	Maarit	Ionic conductivity (Lithium & Proton): Li-ion battery
<b>4</b>	<b>Thu 05.11.</b>	<b>Maarit</b>	<b>Hybrid (inorganic-organic) materials</b>
5	Tue 10.11.	Antti	Thermal conductivity
6	Thu 12.11.	Antti	Thermoelectricity
7	Tue 17.11.	Antti	Ferro-, pyro-, and piezoelectricity
8	Thu 19.11.	Antti	Magnetic and multiferroic oxides
9	Tue 24.11.	Mady	Metal-based energy-saving applications
10	Thu 26.11.	Mady	Metal-based energy-efficient windows and solar absorbers
11	Tue 01.12.	Mady	Metal oxides for energy-saving applications: Past and new trends
12	Thu 03.12.	Mady	Materials design and new perspectives

#	DATE	TOPIC & KEYWORDS
1	27.10.	<b>(High-T<sub>c</sub>) Superconductivity</b> New-material design, Multi-layered crystal structure, Mixed-valency, Oxygen nonstoichiometry
2	29.11.	<b>Ionic conductivity: Oxygen</b> Oxygen vacancies, Redox-active cations, Mixed valency, Cation substitutions (isovalent/aliovalent), Crystal symmetry, Oxygen storage, SOFC
3	03.11.	<b>Ionic conductivity: Hydrogen &amp; Lithium</b> Water absorption & Oxide/hydroxide, Li-ion battery, Solid-state electrolytes
4	05.11.	<b>Hybrid materials</b> Inorganic-organic materials, MOF, ALD/MLD, Layer-engineering, superlattice

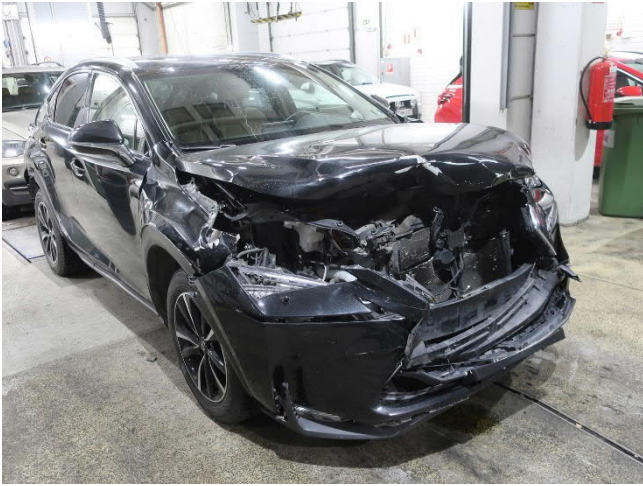
## LECTURE EXERCISE 4

1. Explain why insertion of organic layers into inorganic matrix could be useful to enhance (a) mechanical, and (b) thermoelectric properties.
2. Give an example of the ALD/MLD synthesis of new crystalline metal-organic material which is very difficult if not impossible to synthesize using conventional synthesis techniques. Explain the unique benefits of ALD/MLD with few sentences!
3. See the next page for this question, which is also related to Lecture 3.

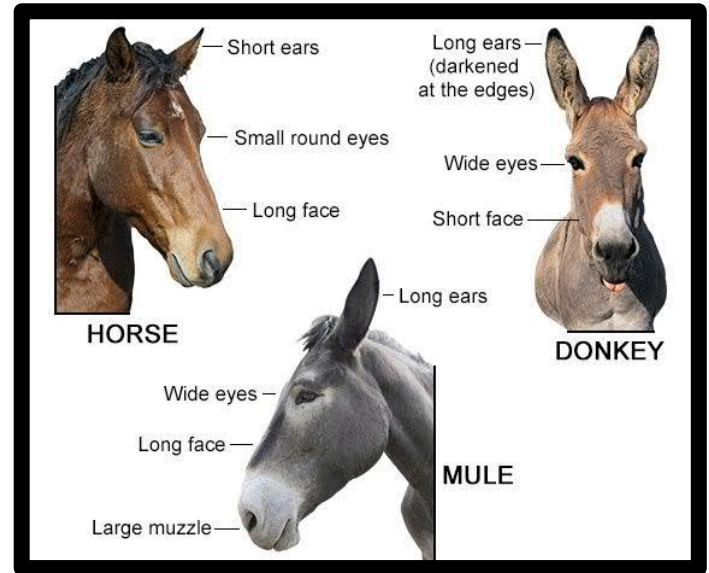
## EXERCISE 4.3

Read the relevant parts of the following articles on Li-ion thin-film micro-battery and answer (possibly with some illustrative figures from the articles) to the questions A-F; in the best case you can write a short overall story.

1. Notten et al., 3D integrated all-solid-state rechargeable batteries, *Appl. Mater.* 19, 4564 (2007).
  2. Talin et al., Fabrication, testing and simulation of all-solid-state 3D Li-ion batteries, *ACS Appl. Mater. Interfaces* (2016).
  3. Nisula et al, Atomic layer deposition of lithium phosphorous oxynitride, *Chem. Mater.* 27, 6987 (2015).
  4. Nisula et al., In-situ lithiated quinone cathode for ALD/MLD-fabricated high-power thin-film battery, *J. Mater. Chem. A* 6, 7027 (2018).
  5. Heiska et al., Organic electrode materials with solid-state battery technology, *J. Mater. Chem. A* 7, 18735 (2019).
- A. Readily integrable microbatteries are urgently needed as power sources for various autonomous devices. What is the main problem with the present planar thin-film microbatteries, and how the issue could be addressed (according to Ref. 1)?**
- B. In Ref. 2, sputtering is used as the thin-film deposition technique to fabricate 3D microbattery (LiCoO<sub>2</sub> cathode and LiPON electrolyte). What is the problem?**
- C. ALD could solve the problem, why?**
- D. In Ref. 3, an ALD process is developed for the state-of-the-art thin-film electrolyte material, LiPON. What was the major challenge successfully addressed in the paper?**
- E. How about the conformality of the ALD-LiPON films?**
- F. In ref. 4, the ALD-LiPON process is combined with an ALD/MLD process for Li-organic anode material for an all-ALD-made microbattery. What are the unique advantages? You can also read Ref. 5 (page 18752) for further explanation.**



**Brought Together**  
**SUM of BOTH PROPERTIES**



**Intimately Fused**  
**AVERAGE PROPERTIES**

**Intimately Fused**  
**Unique/Unpredicted/Non-existing/Ground-breaking**  
**PROPERTIES**

0D



a



Core-Shell Nanoparticle

b

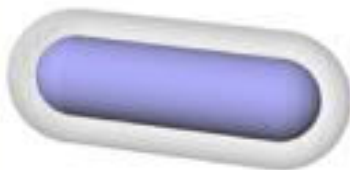


Porous Support-Functional Group

1D

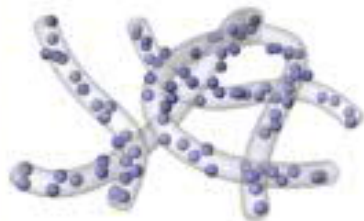


c



Core-Shell Nanorod

d

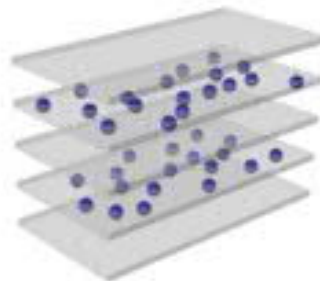


Nanofiber

2D



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Multilayer

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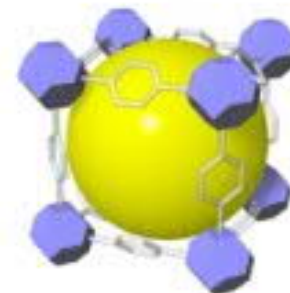


Nanofiber Embedded Nanocomposite

3D

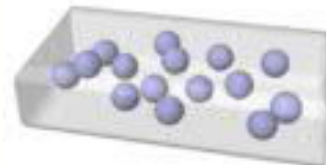


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Crystal

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Inorganic Plum-Organic Pudding

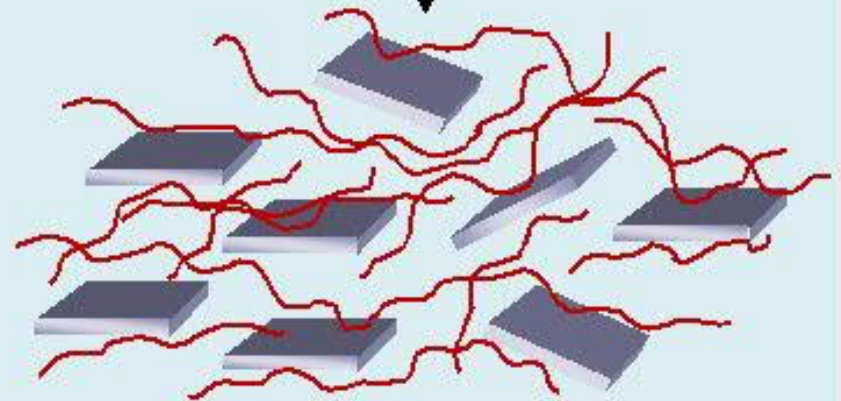
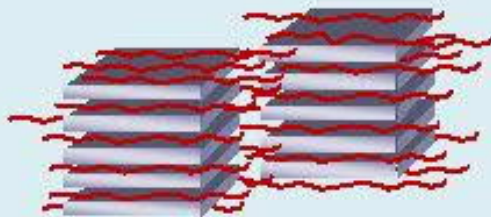
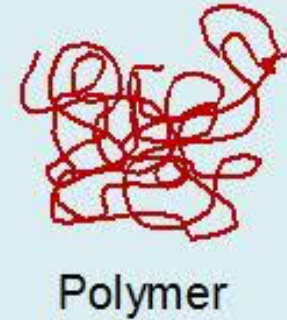


Inorganic



Organic

# Multilayered Inorganic-Organic Hybrids

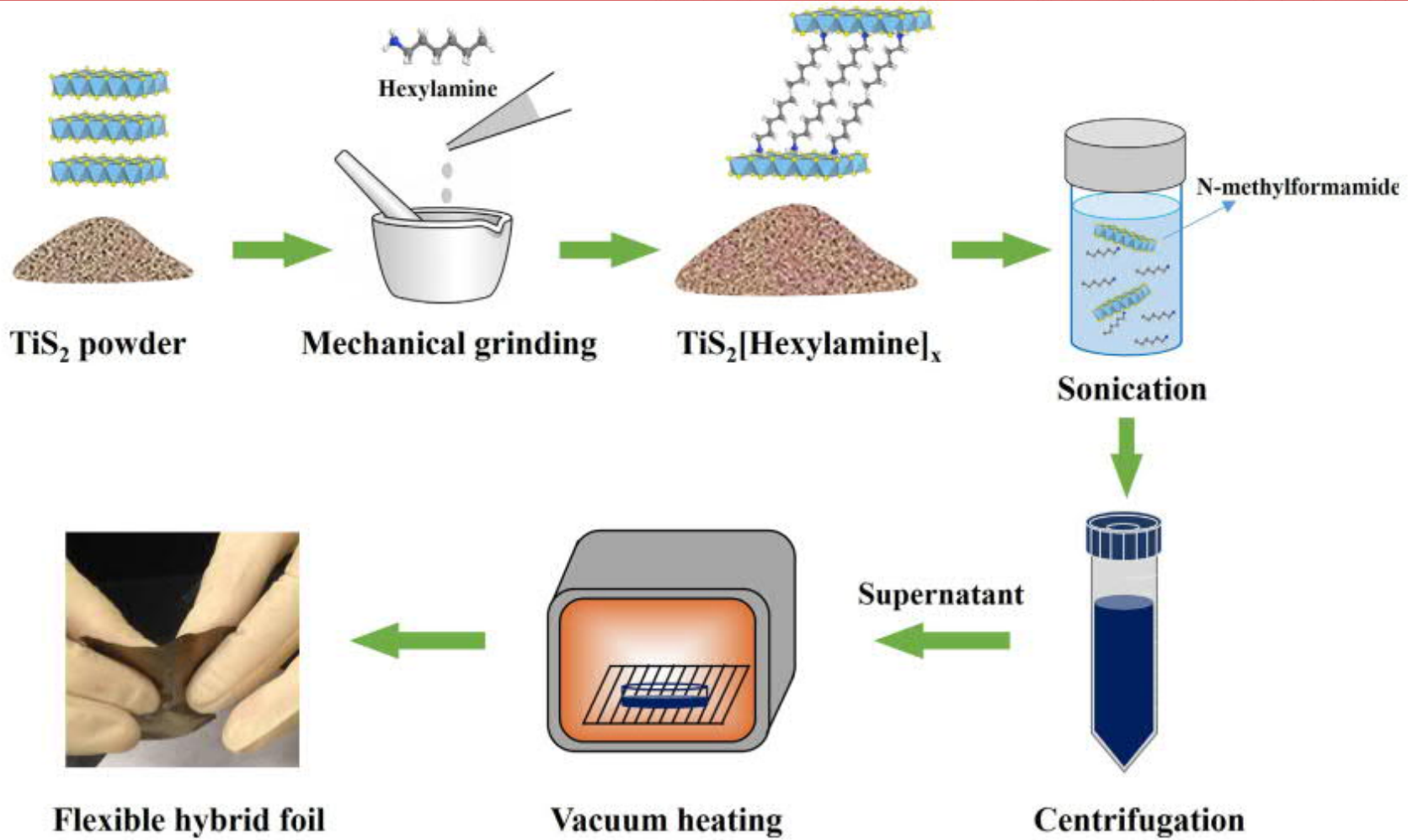


# Multilayered Inorganic-Organic Hybrids

Flexible thermoelectric foil for wearable energy harvesting

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Flexible hybrid foil

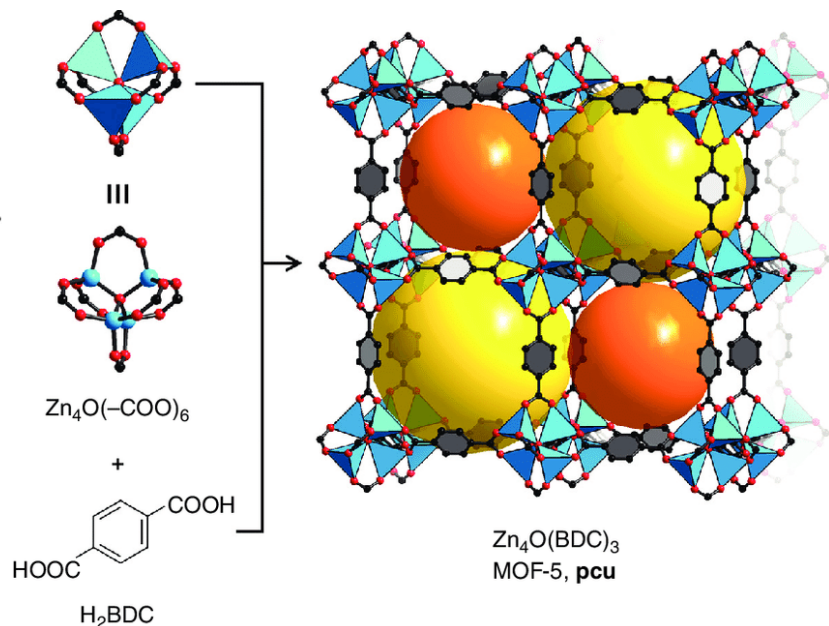
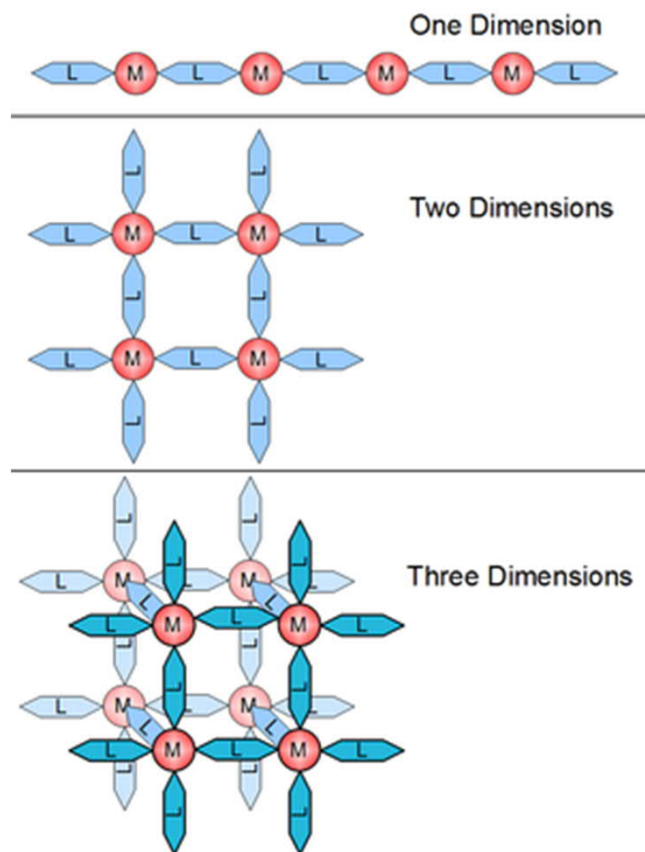
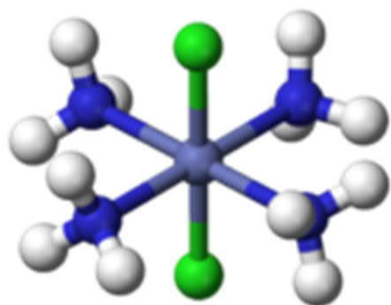
Vacuum heating

Centrifugation

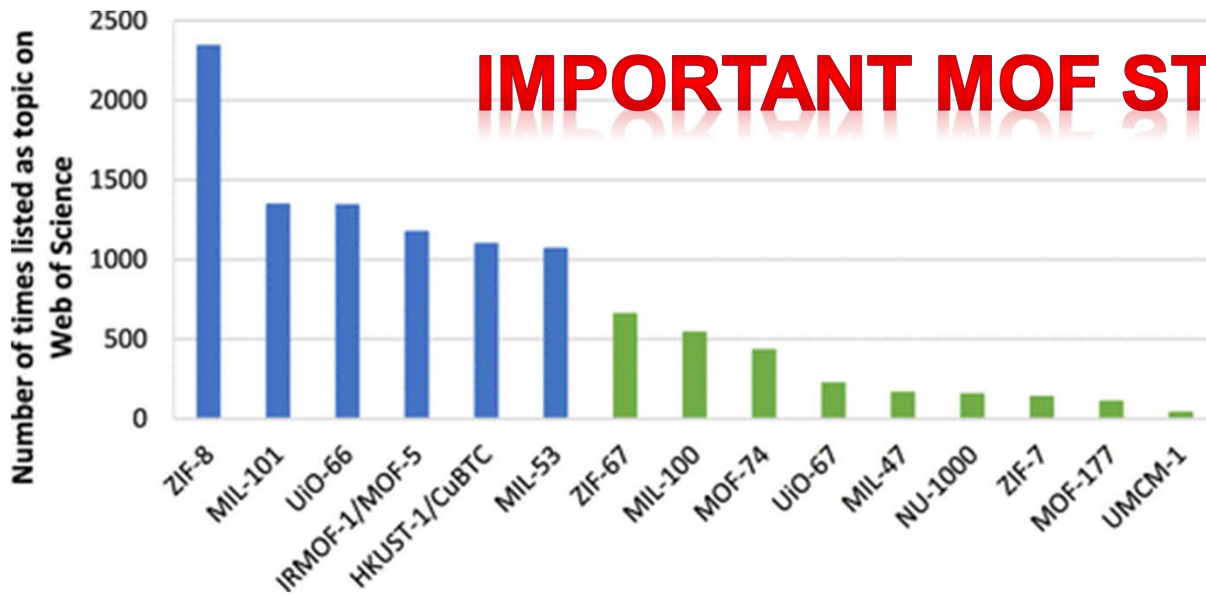


# FOR CHEMISTS: Inorganic-Organic Material

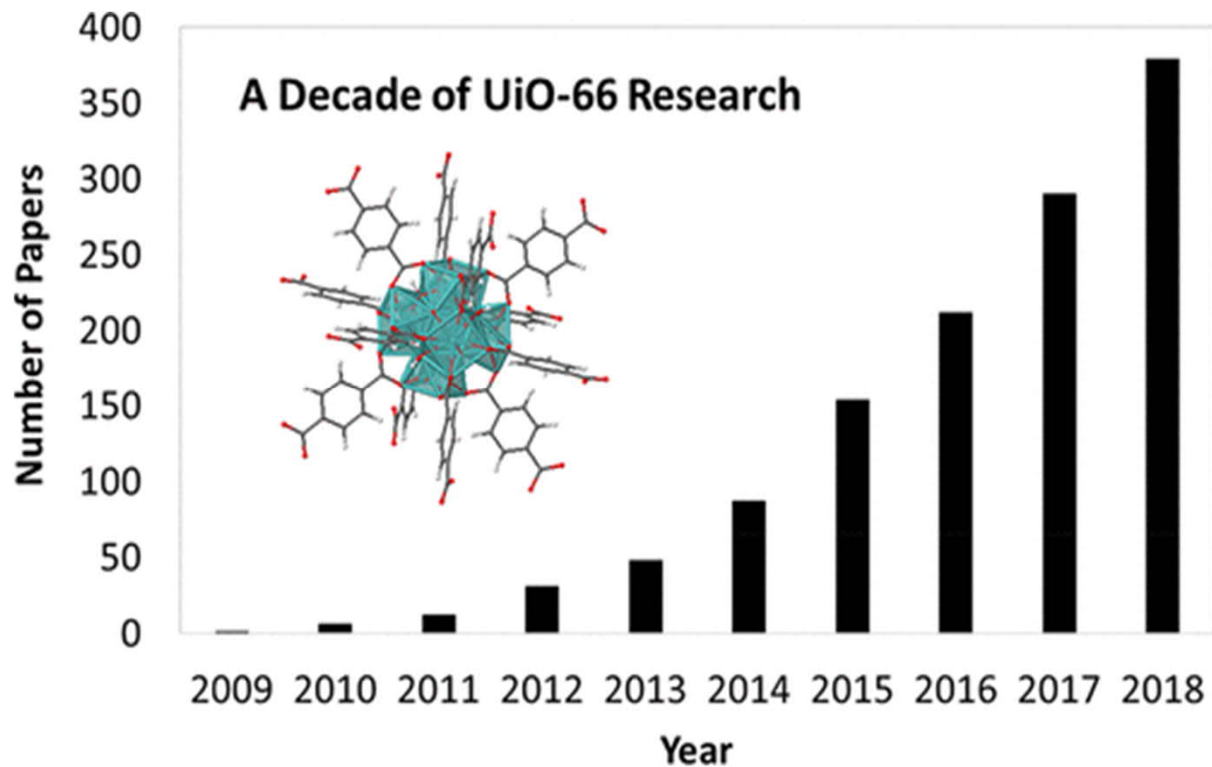
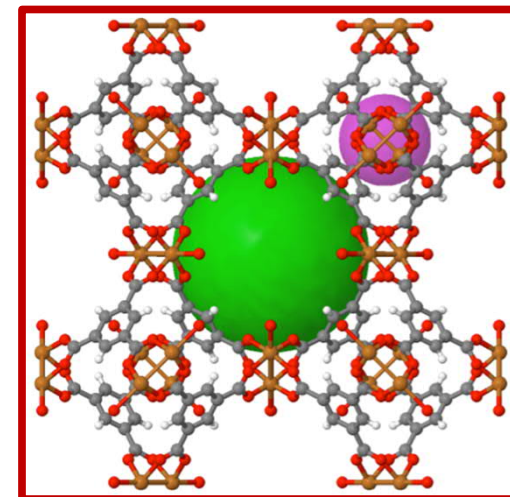
- Compound NOT Composite
- Coordination/Metal Complex: central metal ion + (organic) ligands
- Coordination Polymer/Network: ligands act as bridges
- Metal-Organic Framework (MOF): highly porous



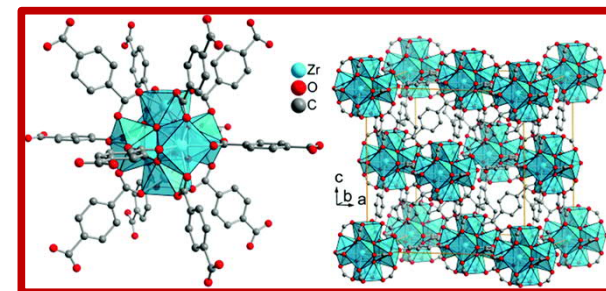
# IMPORTANT MOF STRUCTURES

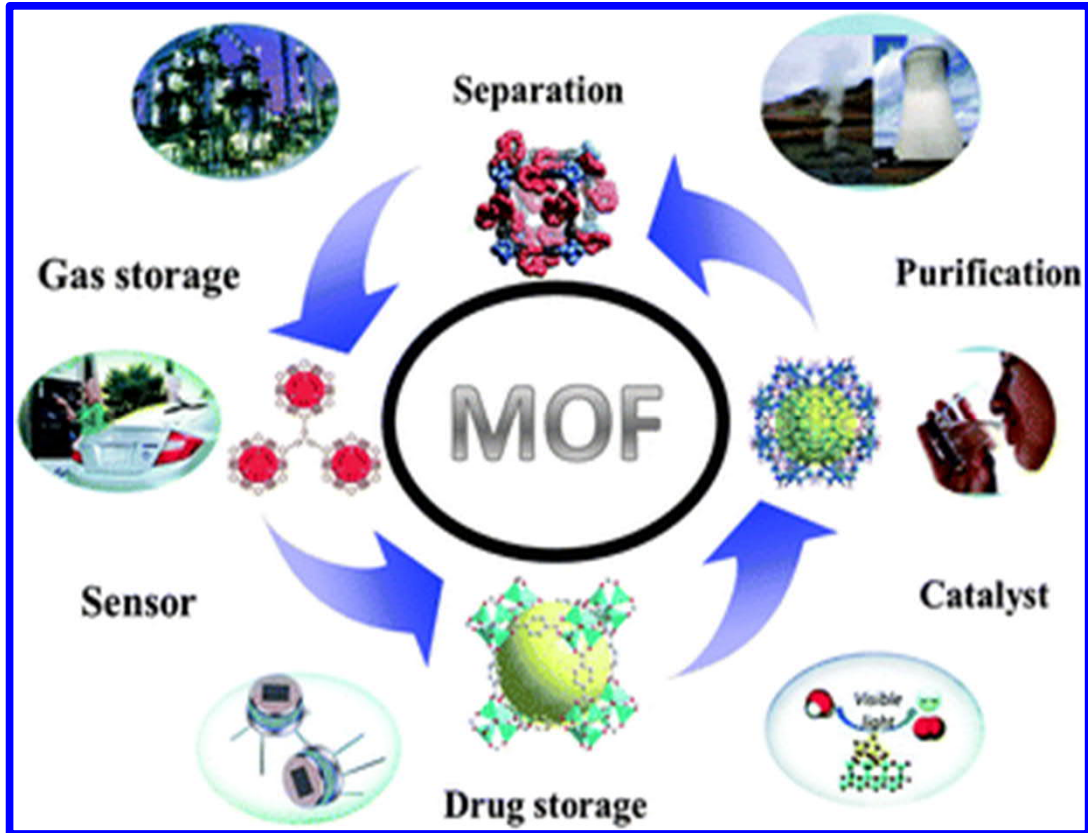
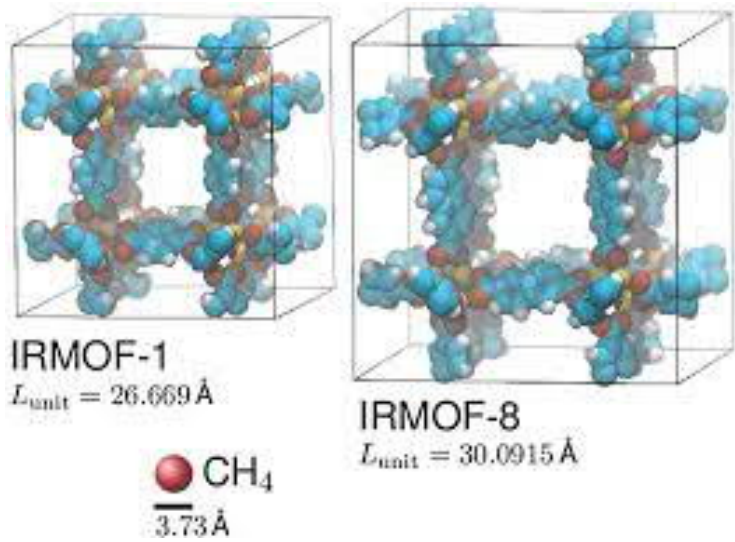


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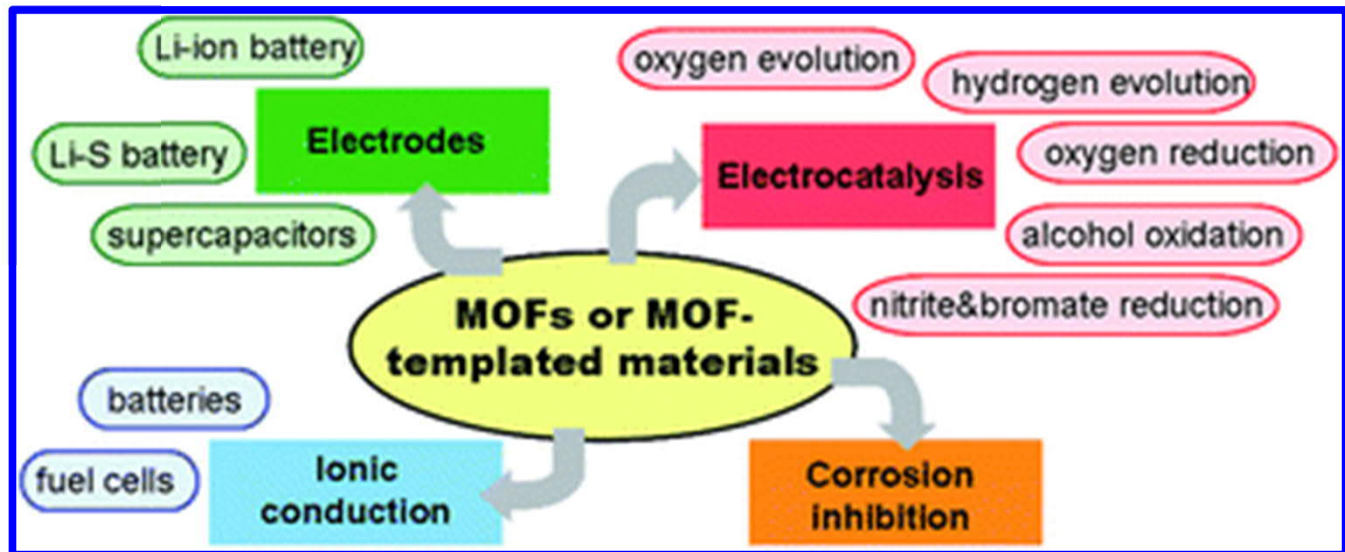


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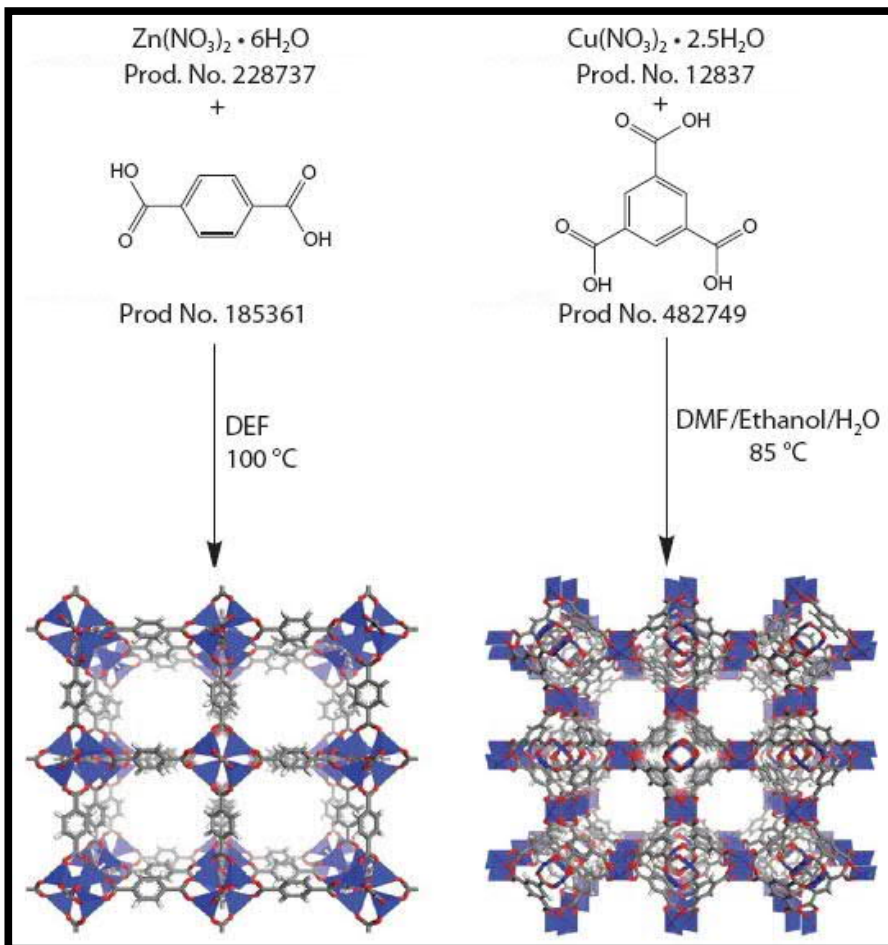


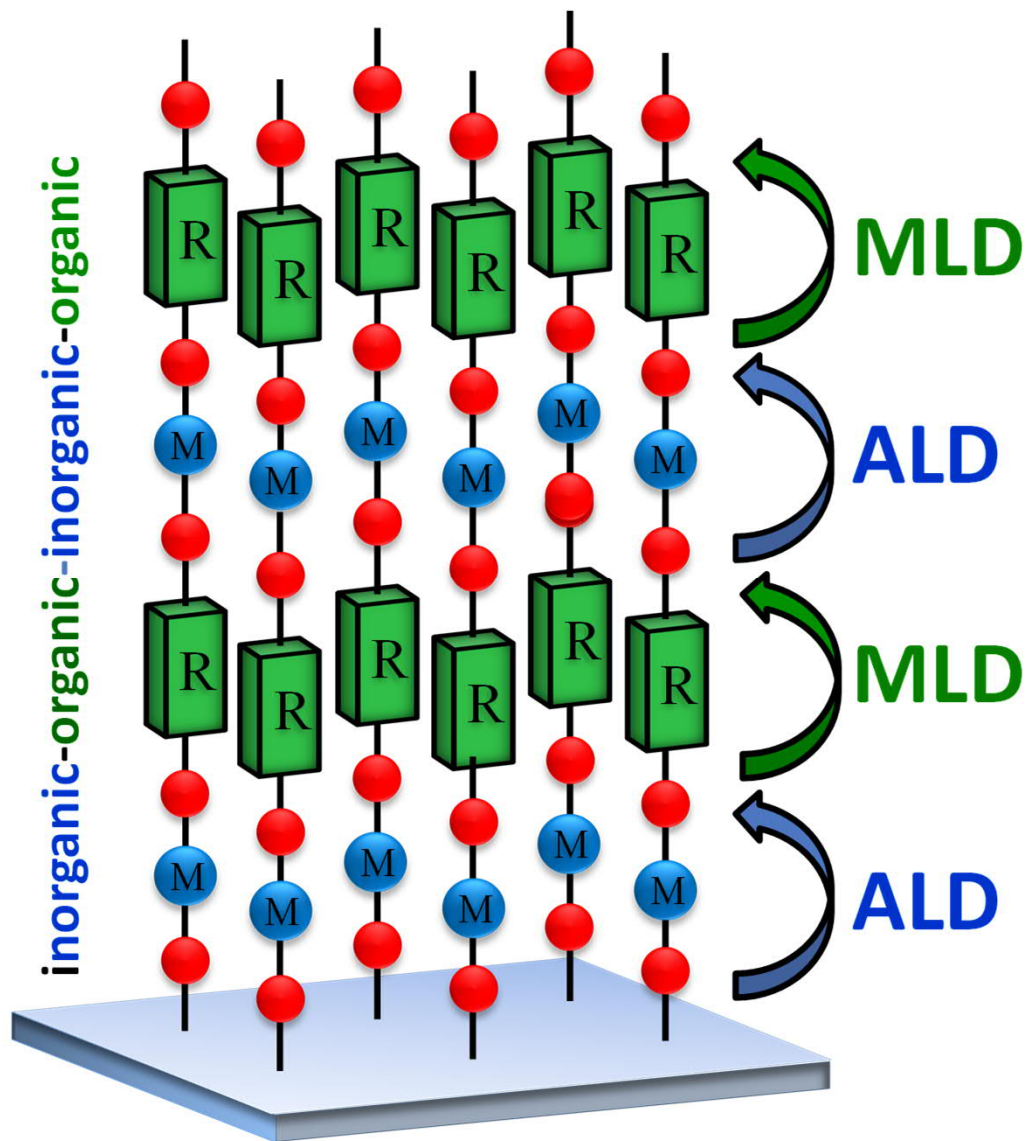
**MOF  
 THIN FILMS!**



# Synthesis of MOFs

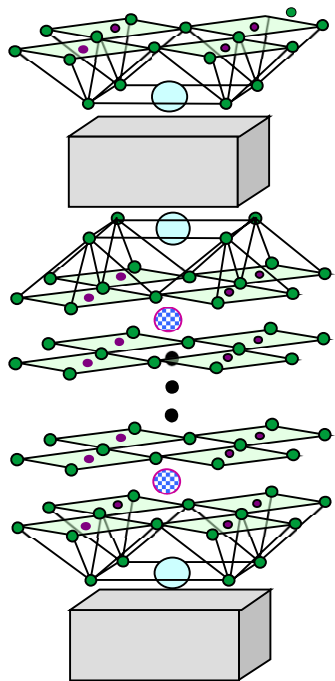
- Synthesized most often in bulk form via solution techniques
- Porous structure → MOFs absorb readily/unintentionally solvent molecules
- Many prospective applications would require high-quality thin films
- **No gas-phase deposition techniques (before ALD/MLD) !**



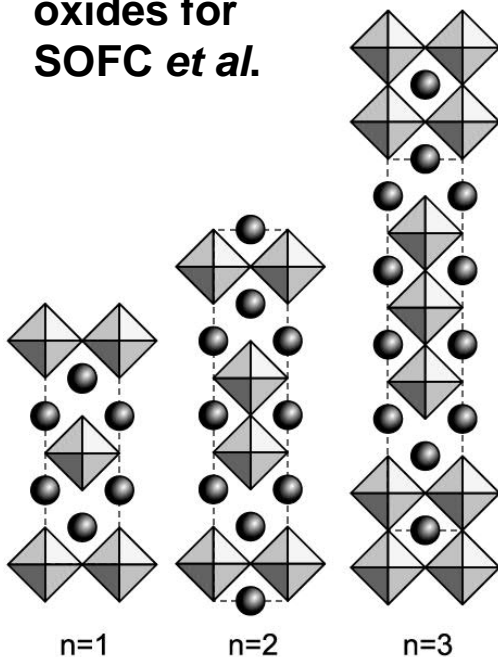


# MULTI-FUNCTIONAL MULTILAYERED MATERIALS

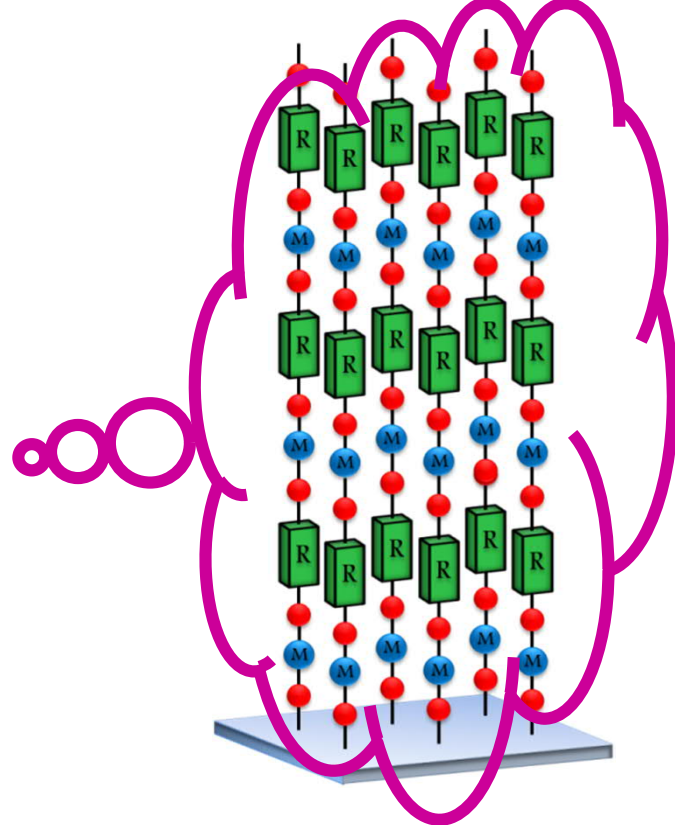
Multilayered Cu oxides for high- $T_c$  superconductors



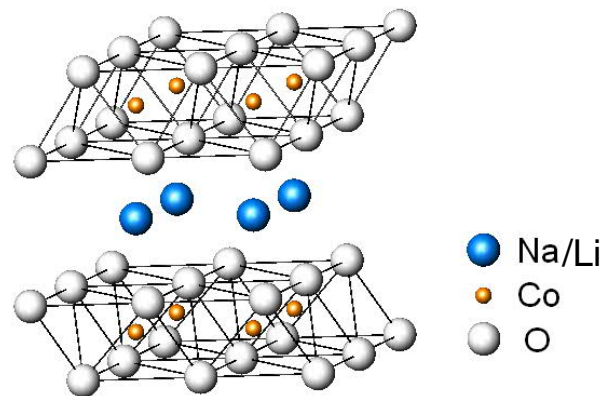
Ruddlesden-Popper oxides for SOFC *et al.*



Layered inorganic-organic hybrid thin films

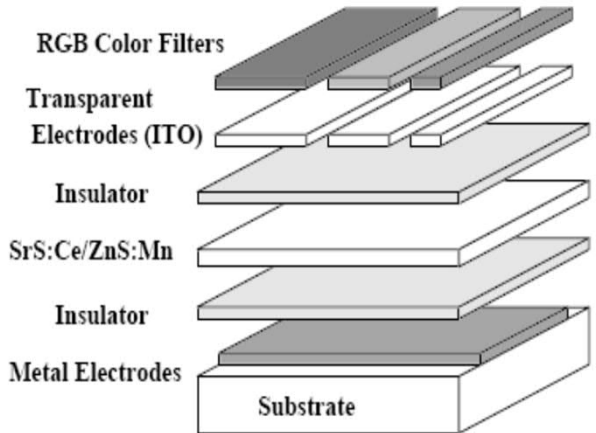


Layered Co oxides for Li-ion battery & thermoelectrics



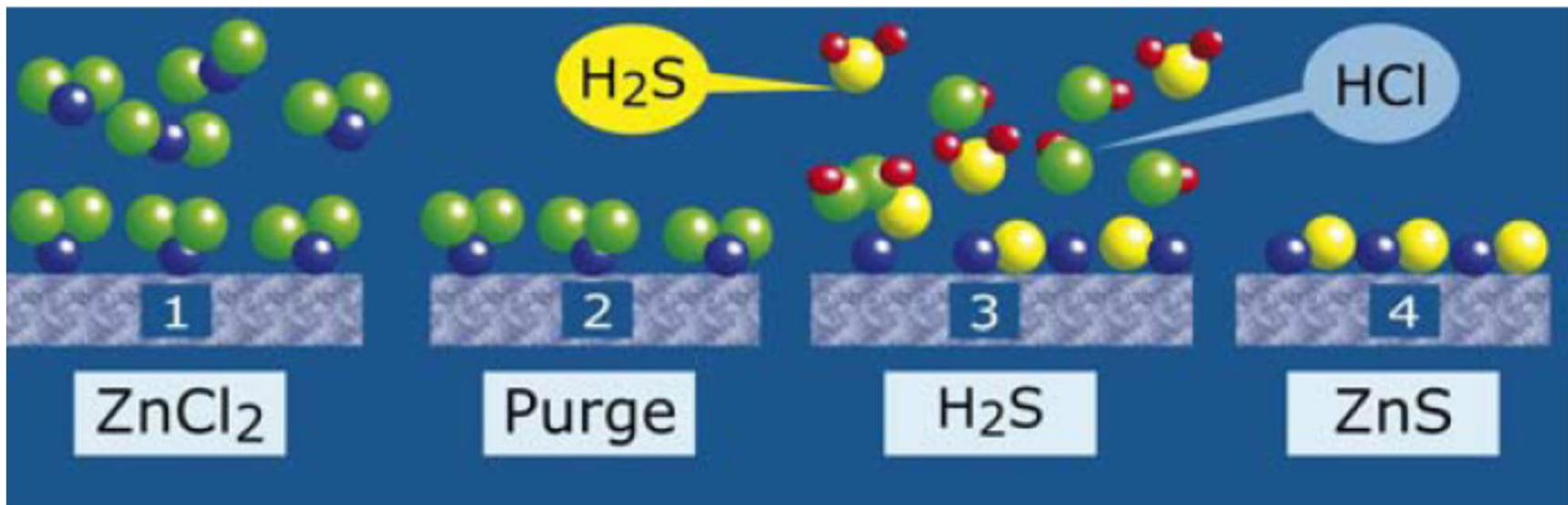
# Atomic Layer Deposition (ALD) Thin-Film Technique

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



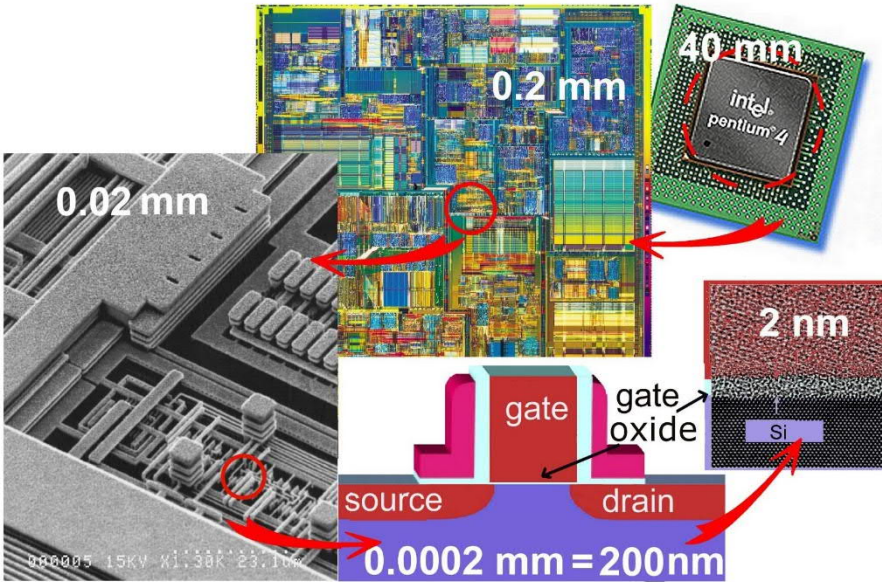
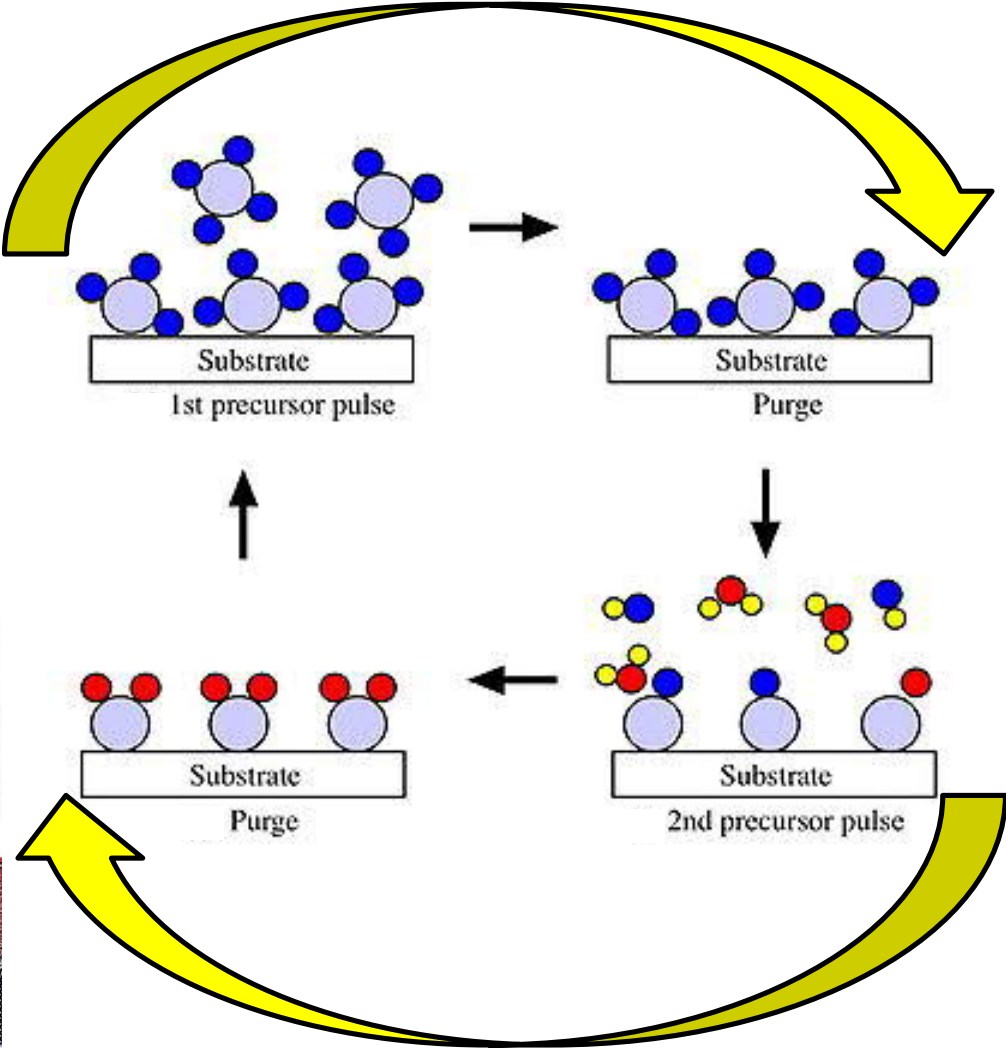
Electroluminescent display

Instrumentarium/Finlux /Planar



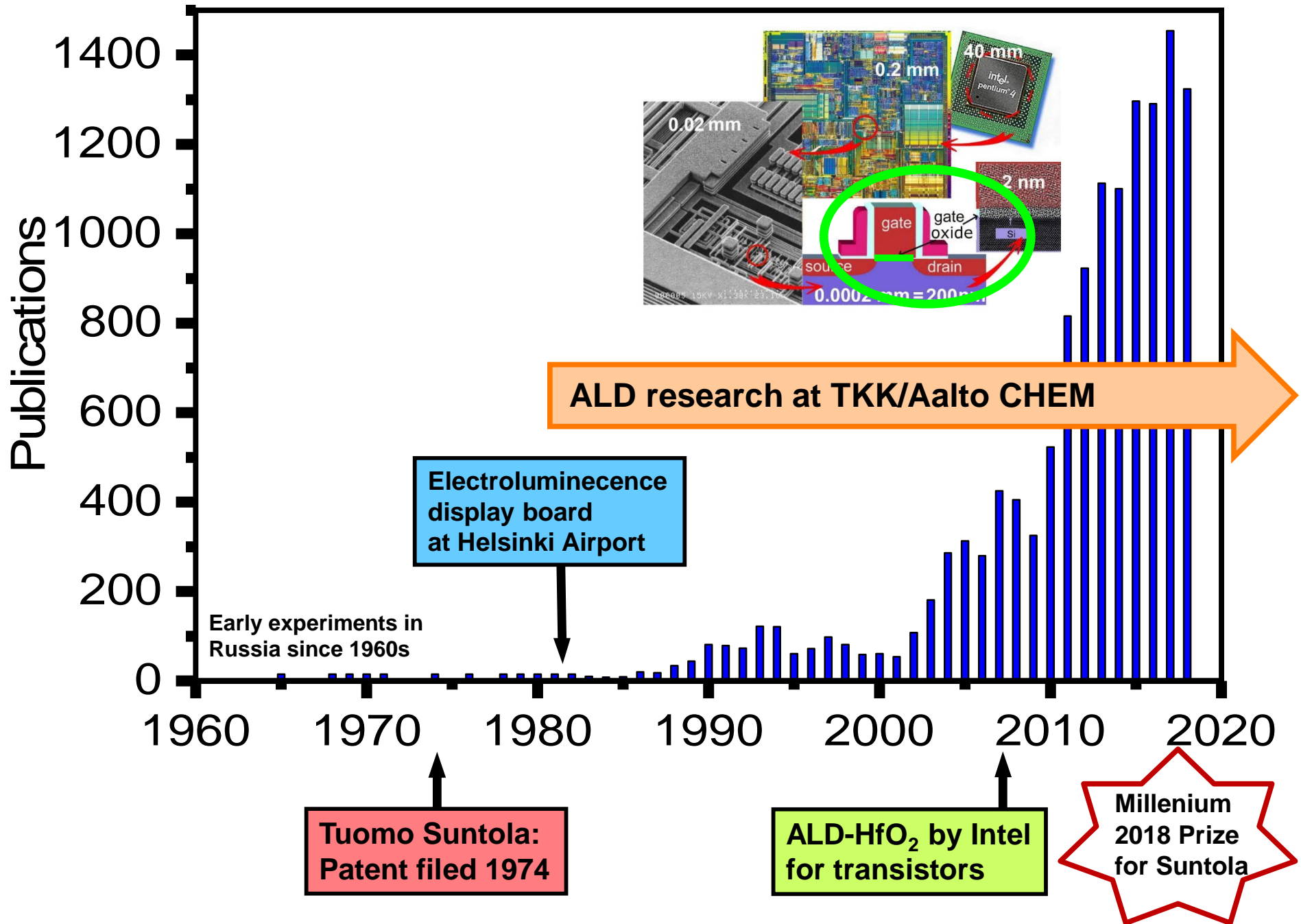
**HfO<sub>2</sub>-ALD**  
**HfCl<sub>4</sub> + H<sub>2</sub>O**

**ALD cycle**



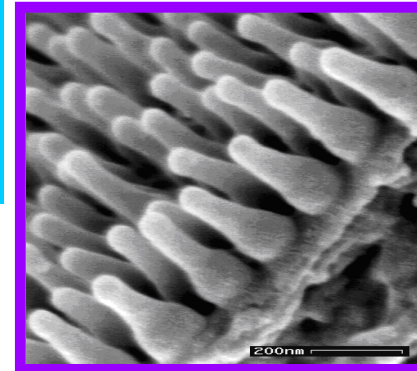
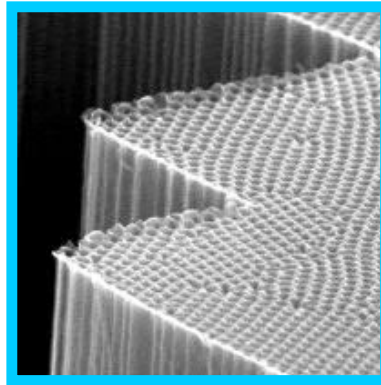


# Atomic Layer Deposition (ALD)



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

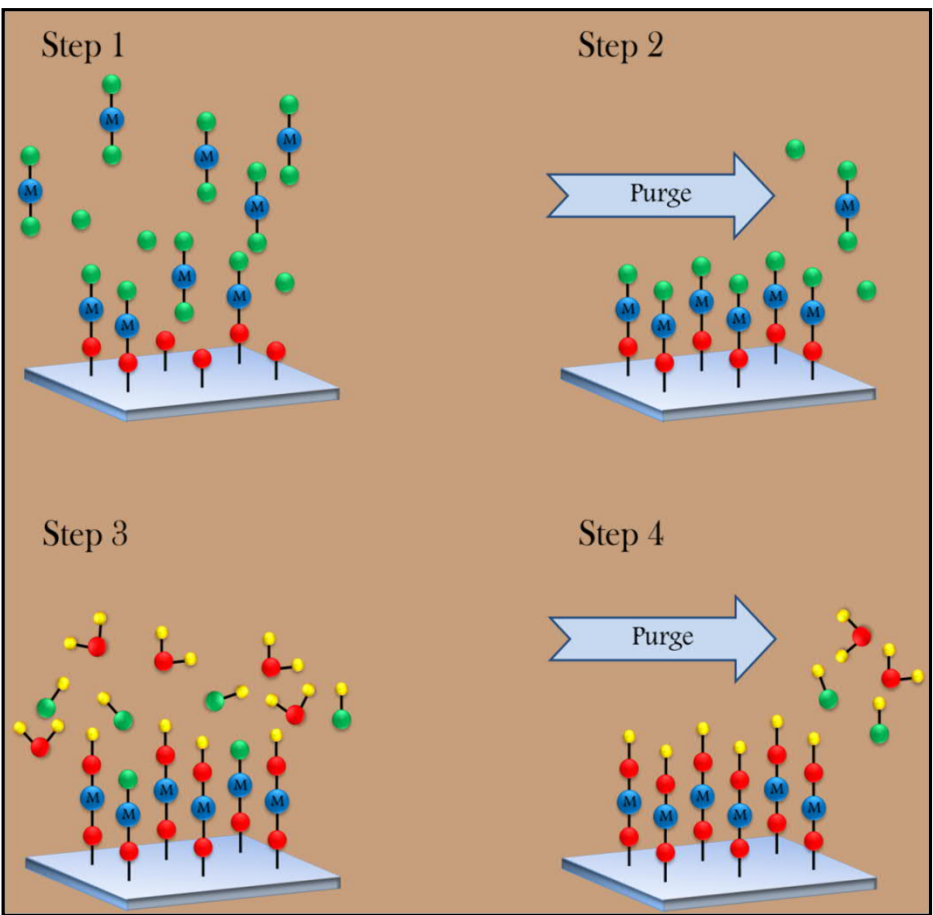


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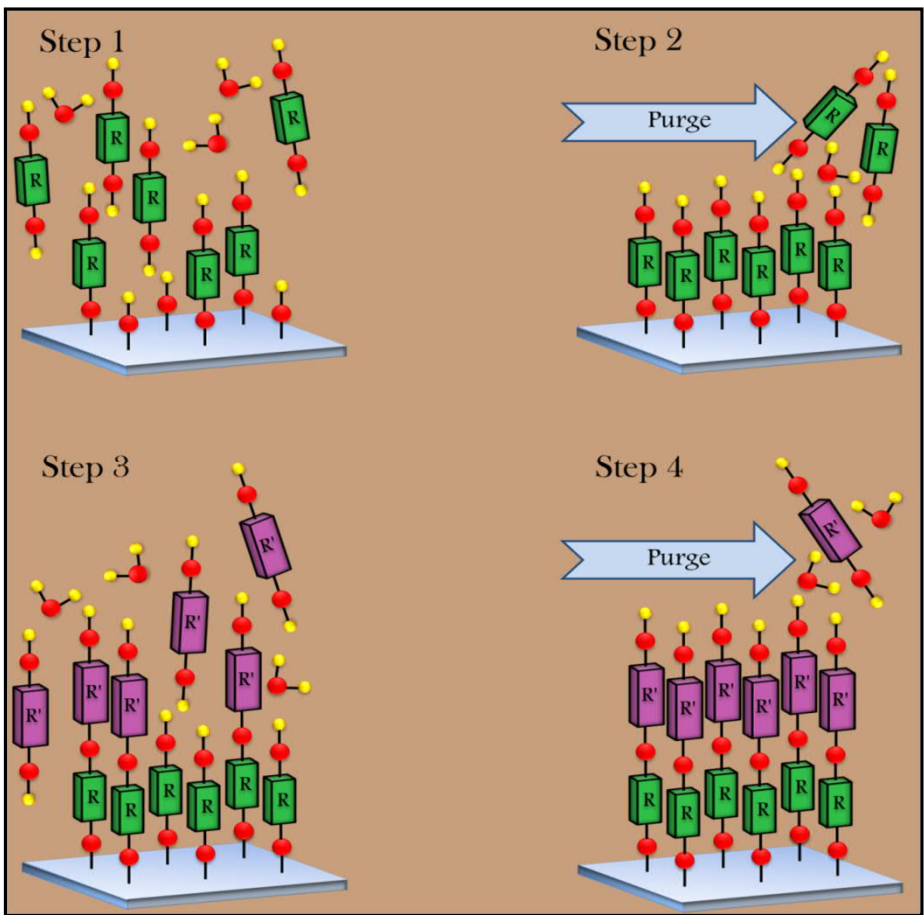
NANO

BIO

NEW



**ALD** (Atomic Layer Deposition)

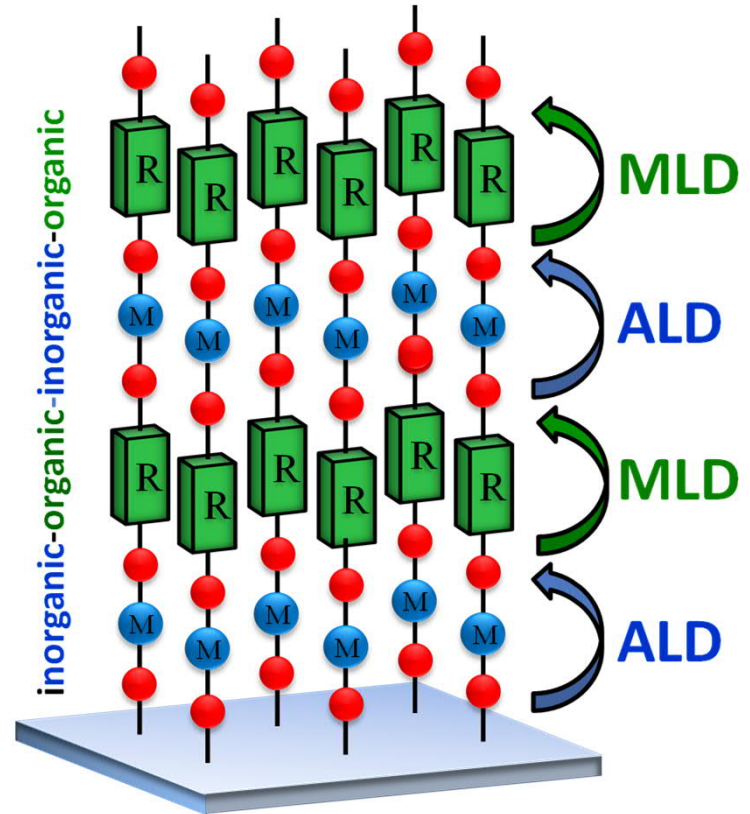
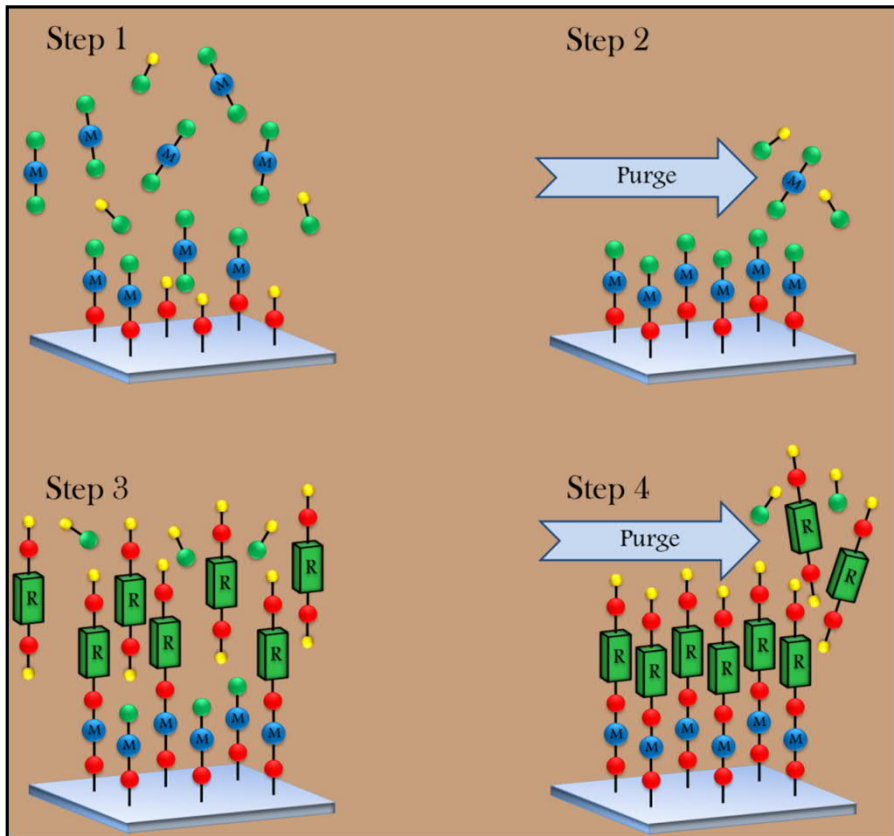


**MLD** (Molecular Layer Deposition)

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

**ORGANICS!  
(in 1990s)**

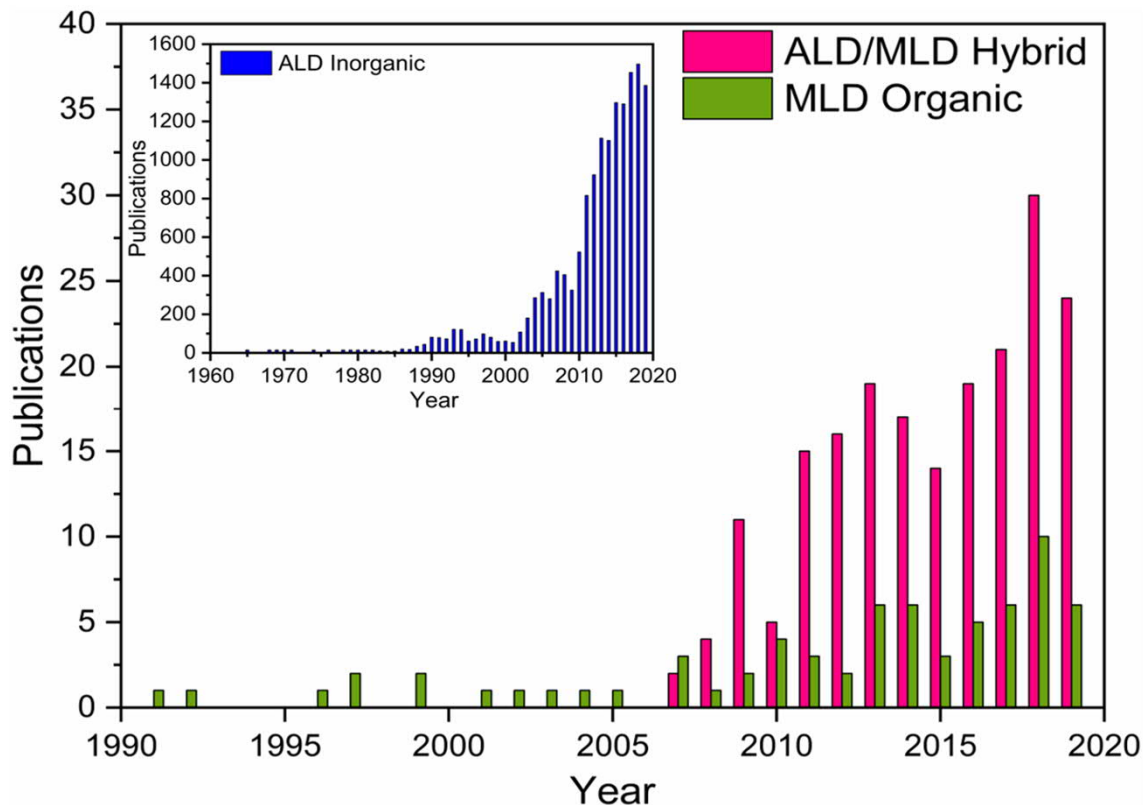
# Inorganic-Organic Hybrid Thin Films by Combined ALD/MLD



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

# ANNUALLY PUBLISHED PAPERS:

## MLD & ALD/MLD



Yoshimura, Tatsuura & Sotoyama, *Appl. Phys. Lett.* **1991**, 59, 482.

Yoshimura, Tatsuura, Sotoyama, Matsuura & Hayano, *Appl. Phys. Lett.* **1992**, 60, 268.

Kubono, Yuasa, Shao, Umemoto & Okui, *Thin Solid Films* **1996**, 289, 107.

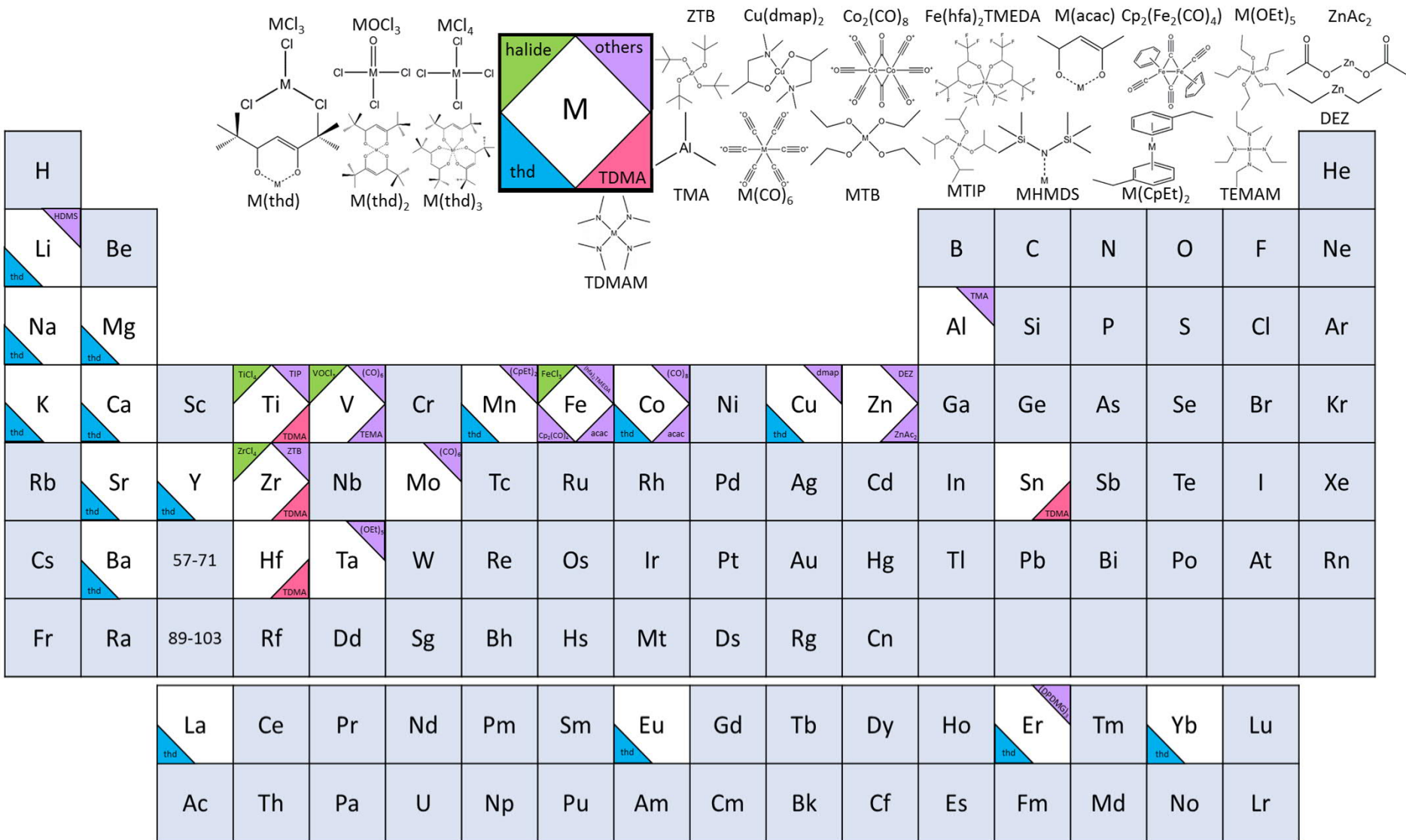
Shao, Umemoto, Kikutani & Okui, *Polymer* **1997**, 38, 459.

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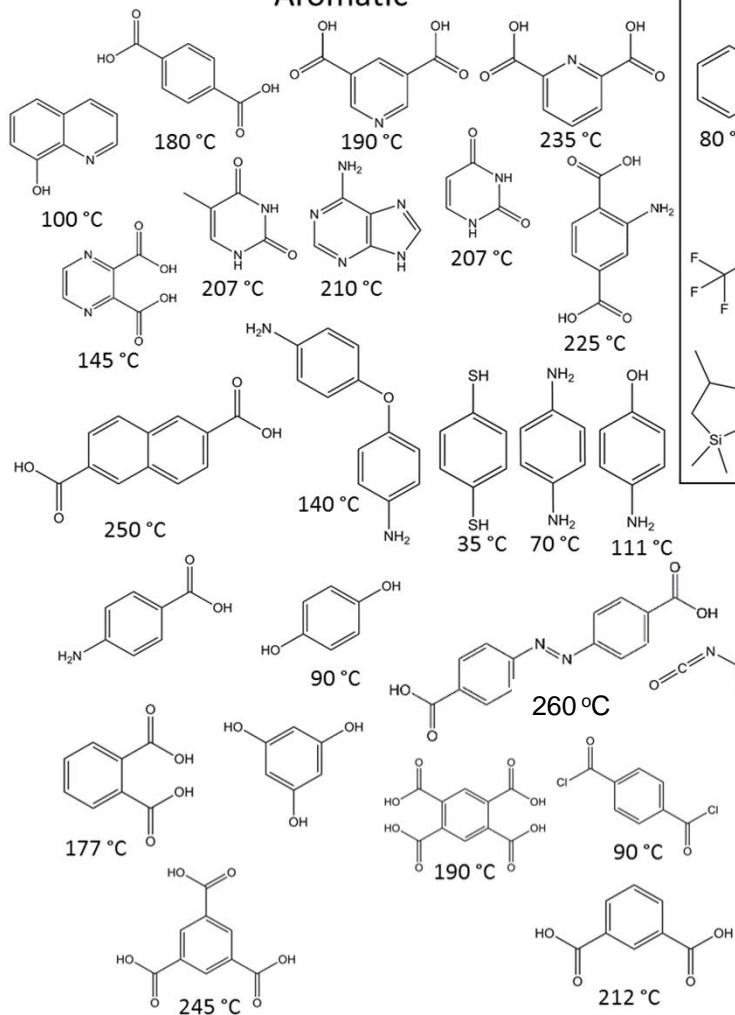
Smirnov, Zemtsova, Belikov, Zheldakov, Morozov, Polyachonok & Aleskovskii, *Dokl. Phys. Chem.* **2007**, 413, 95.

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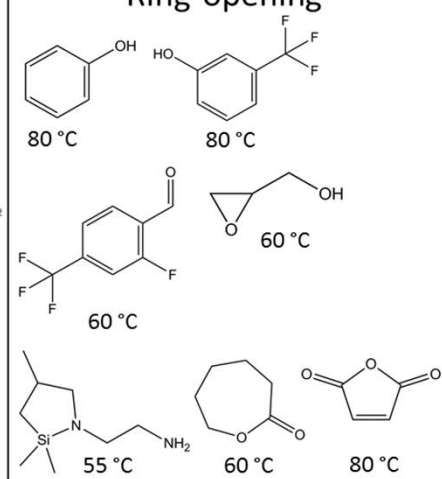
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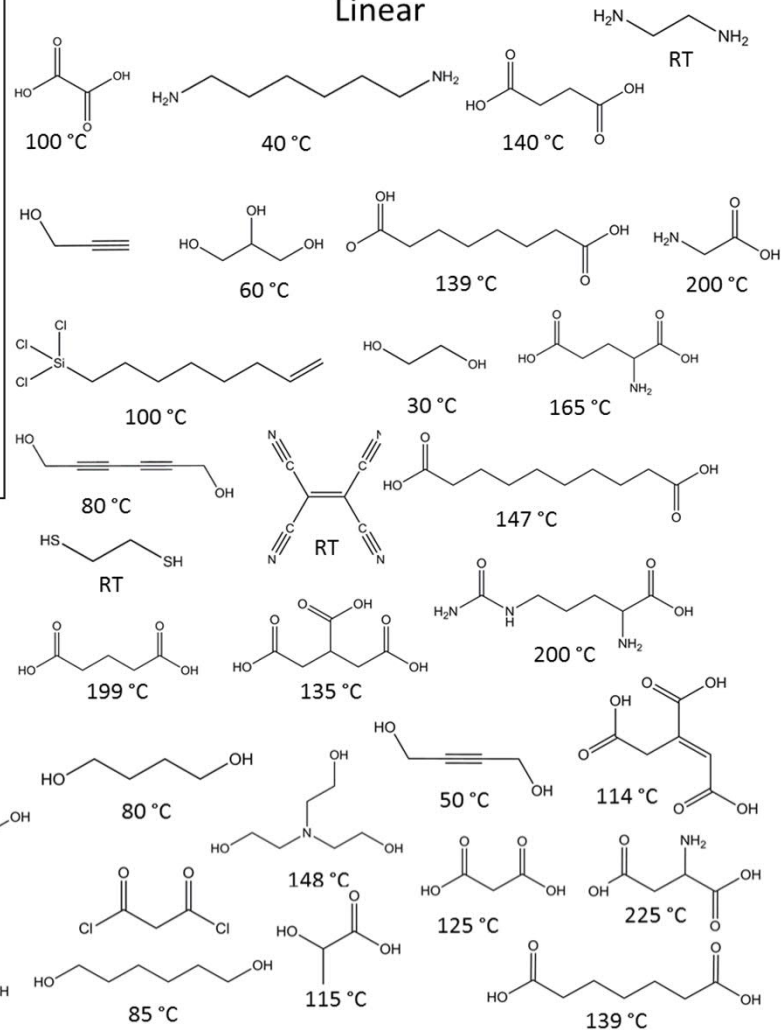
### Aromatic



### Ring-opening



### Linear





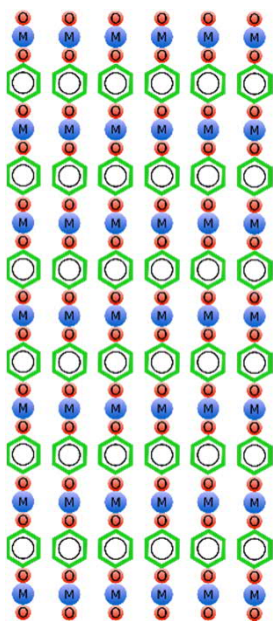
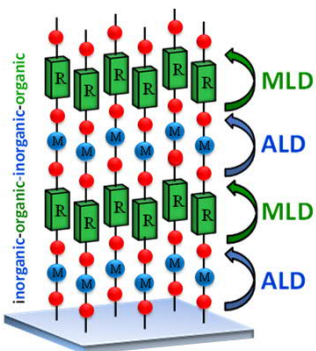
Organic (e.g. benzene)



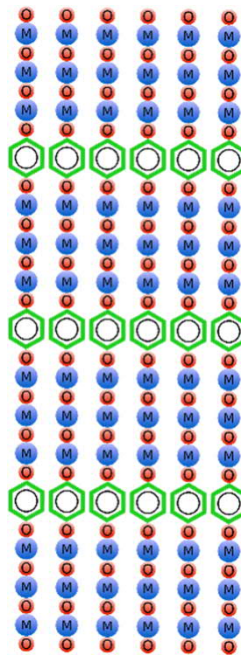
Metal



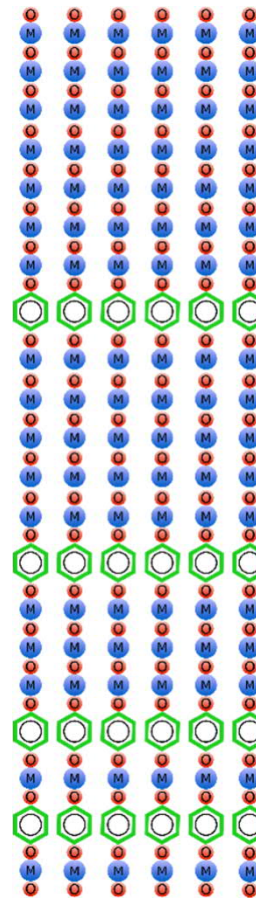
Oxygen (or N, S, ...)



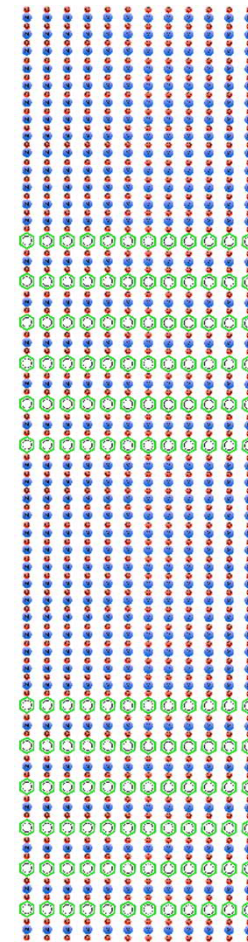
Simple  
Metal-Organic Network  
(amorphous or **crystalline**)



**Superlattice**



Gradient hybrid



Nanolaminate

**A!**

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School of Chemical  
Engineering

DIFFERENT LAYER SEQUENCES BY DESIGN



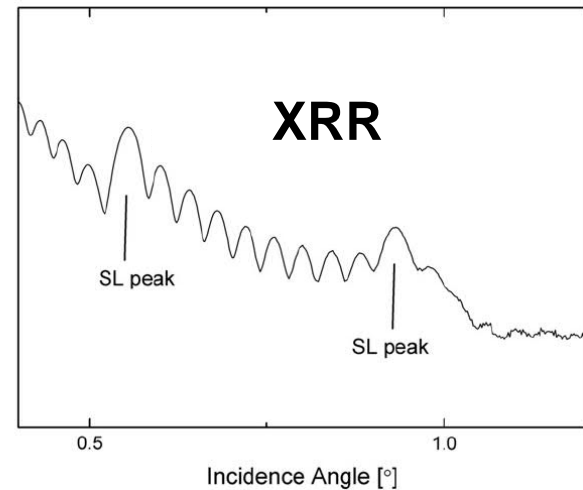
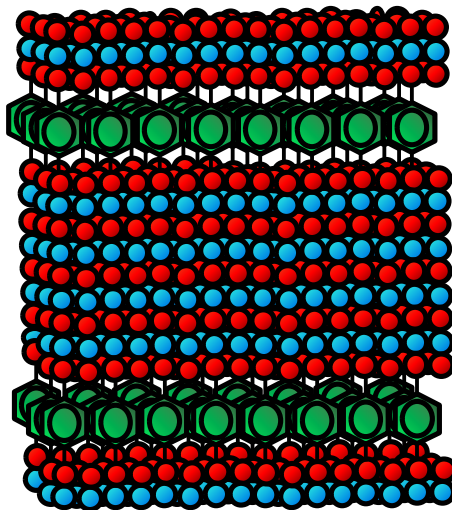
# LAYER-ENGINEERED

INORGANIC-ORGANIC  
SUPERLATTICES

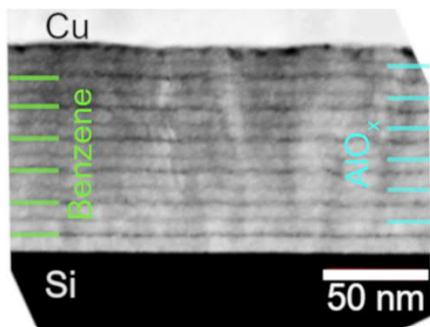
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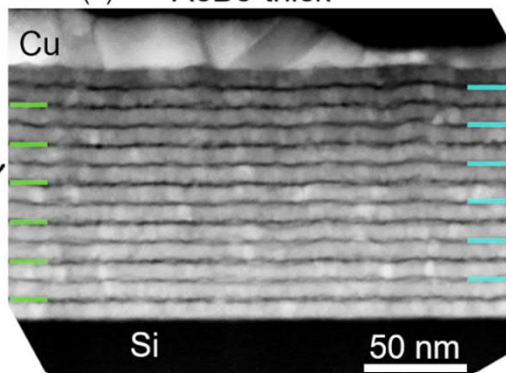
# ZnO:benzene SUPERLATTICE



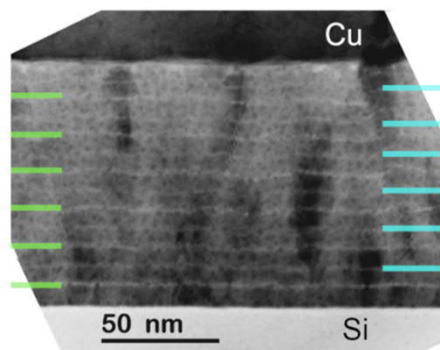
(a) A6B6



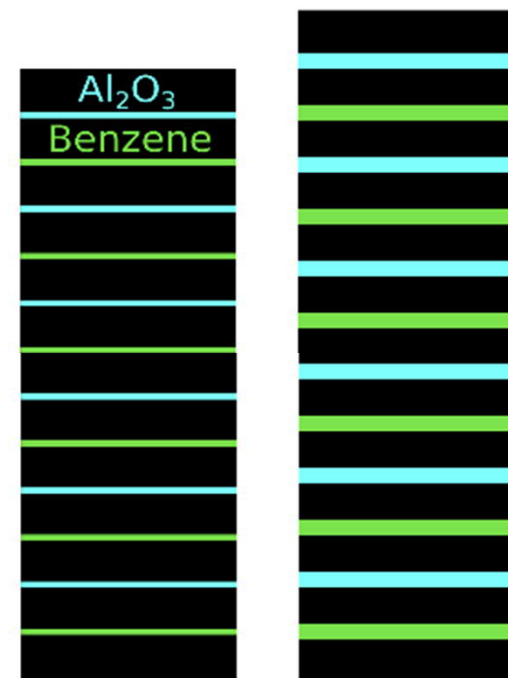
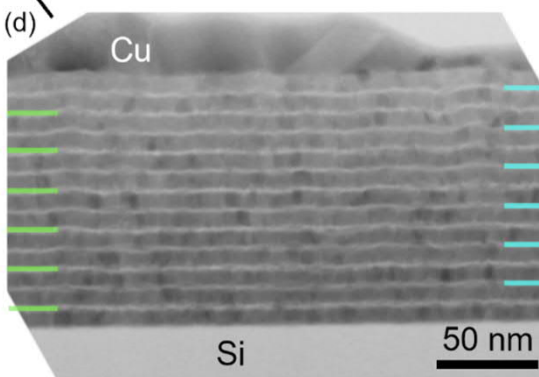
(b) A6B6-thick



(c)

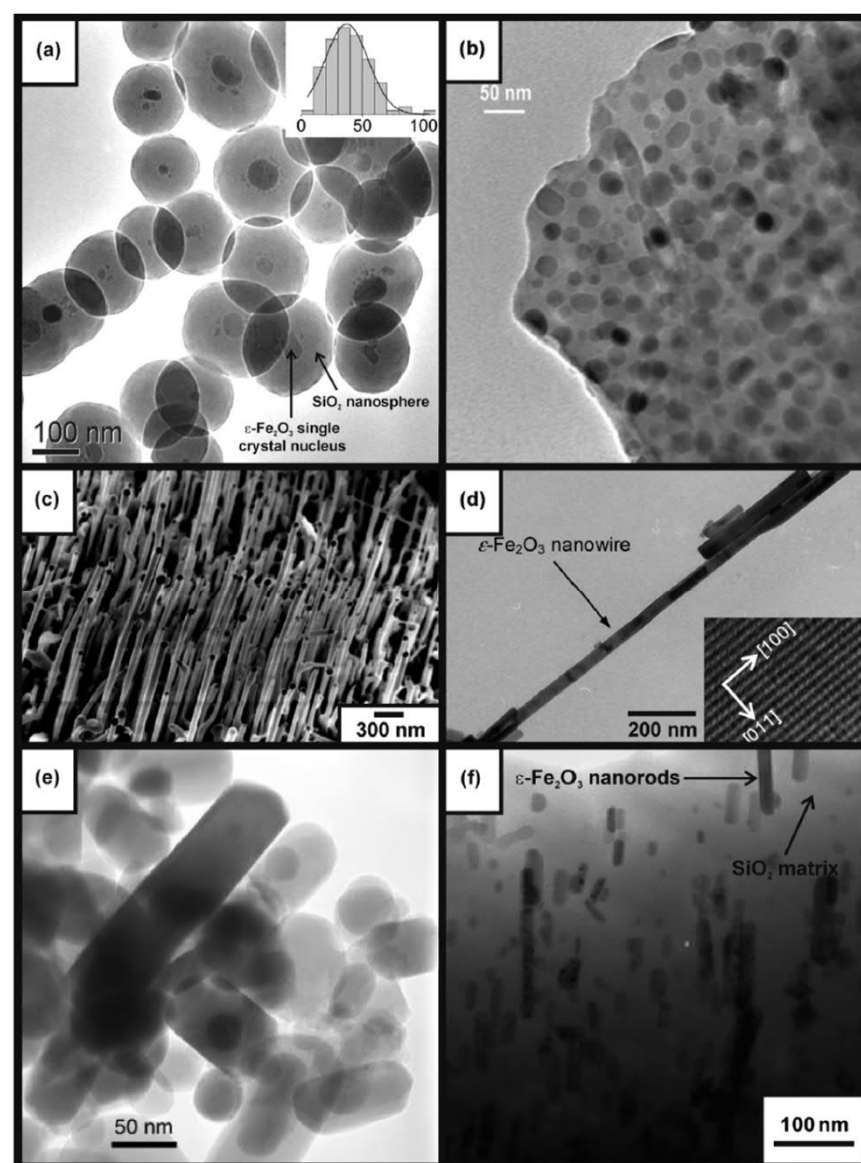
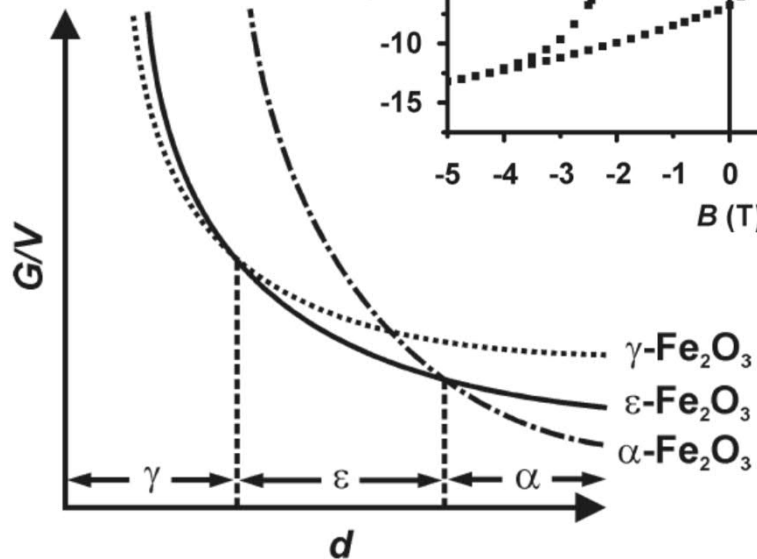
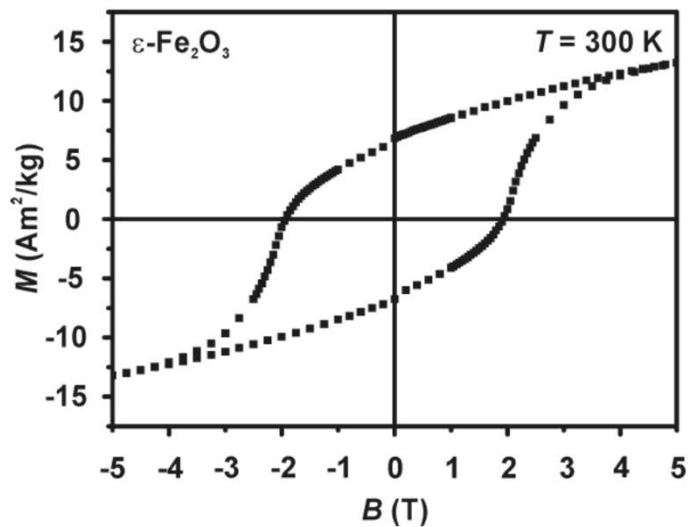
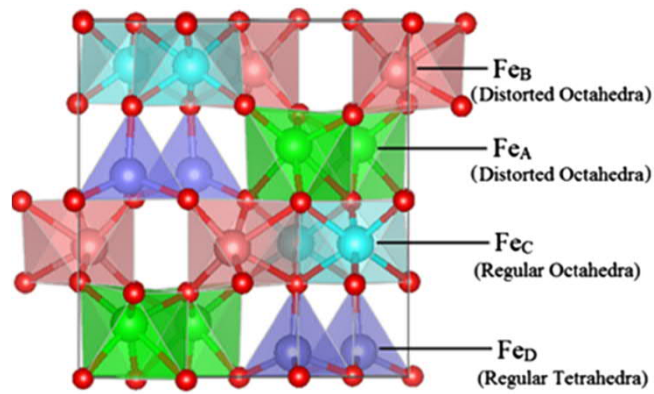


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A6B6 A6B6-thick

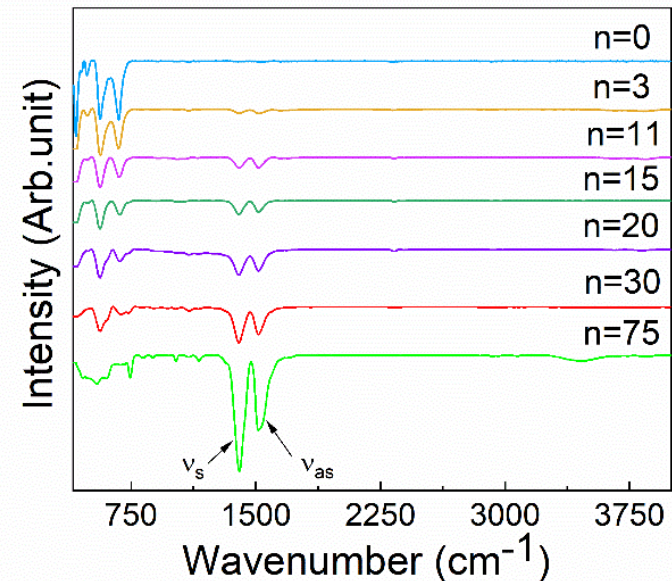
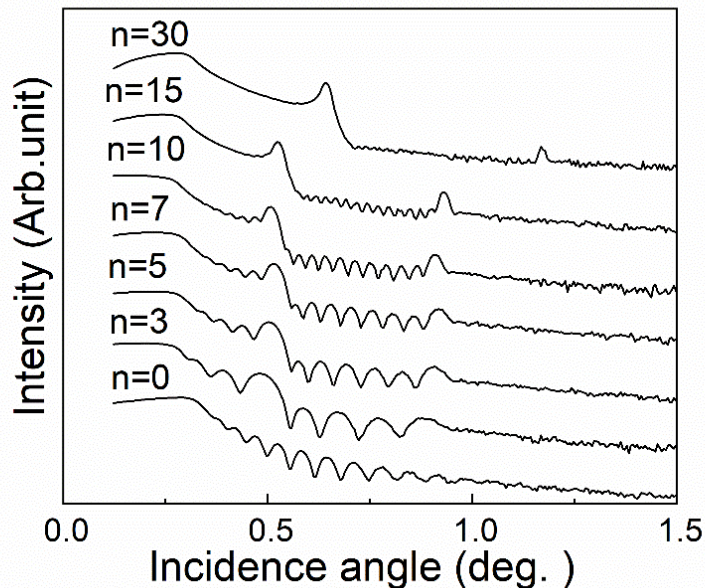
# Maghemite ( $\gamma$ ) – $\epsilon$ - $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ – Hematite ( $\alpha$ )



J. Tucek, R. Zboril, A. Namai & S. Ohkoshi,  
 $\epsilon\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ : an advanced nanomaterial exhibiting  
**giant coercive field**, millimeter-wave ferromagnetic  
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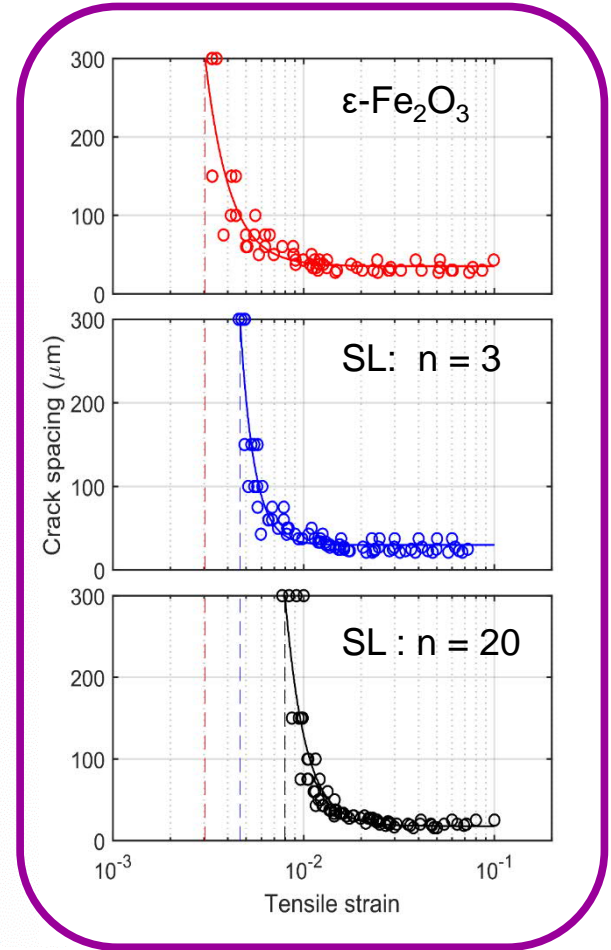
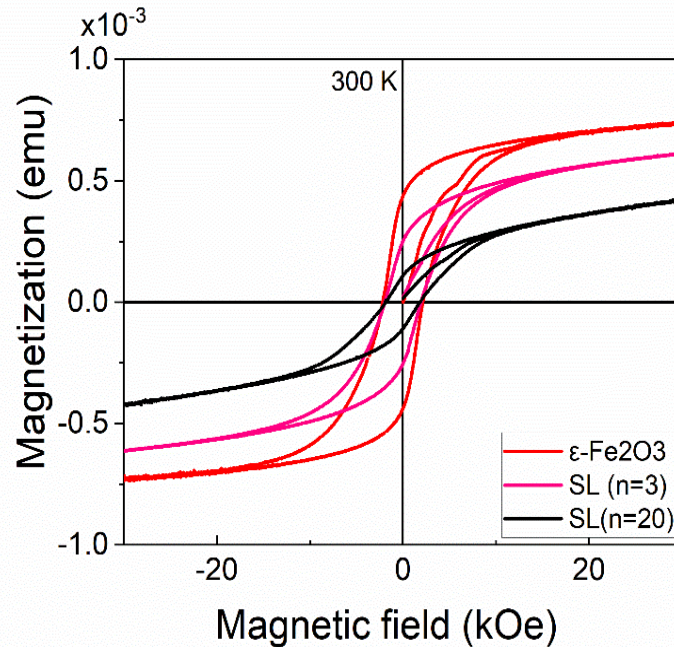
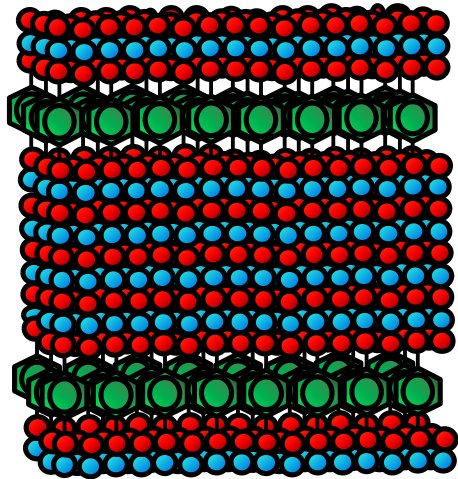
# $\epsilon$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-benzene SUPERLATTICES

- Benzene-ring layers embedded in  $\epsilon$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> matrix
- Terephthalic acid (TPA) as organic precursor
- [(FeCl<sub>3</sub>+H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>m</sub>+(FeCl<sub>3</sub>+TPA)<sub>n</sub> + (FeCl<sub>3</sub>+H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>m</sub>
- Number of benzene-ring layers: **n**
- Deposited on: silicon, **flexible glass, polymer film, etc.**



# Flexible Hard-Magnet Superlattice Thin Films:

- $\epsilon\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  +  $n$  benzene layers (deposited on flexible substrate):
- Critical strain magnitudes larger for the  $\epsilon\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ :benzene SLs

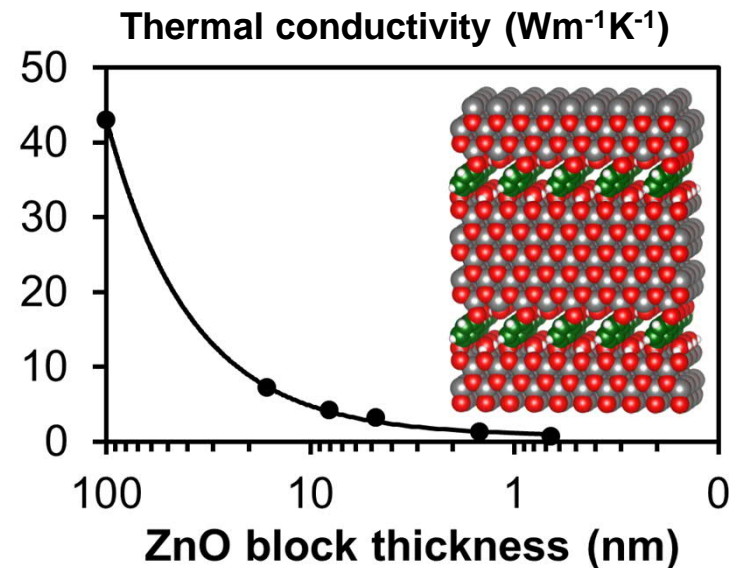
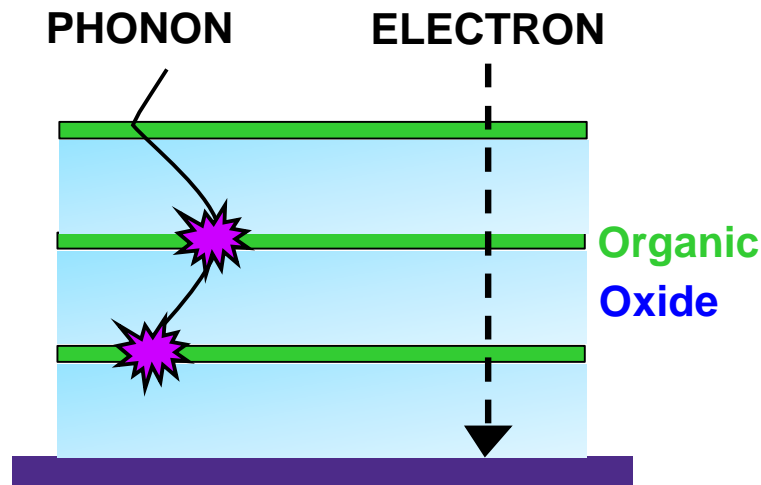


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# Inorganic-Organic INTERFACES:

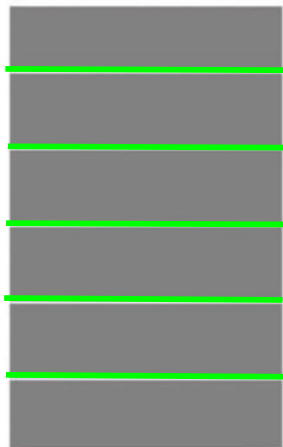
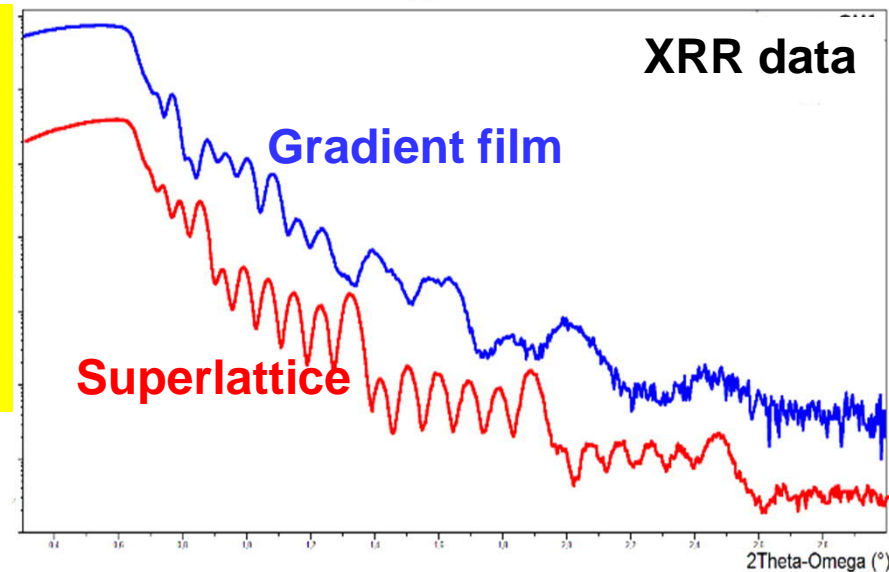
## Reduction of Thermal Conductivity

- Thermal conductivity ( $\kappa$ ) is important: thermal barriers, thermoelectrics, etc.
- Interfaces in the form of superlattice: **metal oxide layers** & **organic layers**
- Proof-of-concept data: **ZnO:benzene** in a scale of 1 ~ 20 nm for Zn
- Massive reduction in thermal conductivity:  $43 \rightarrow 0.7 \text{ W m}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$



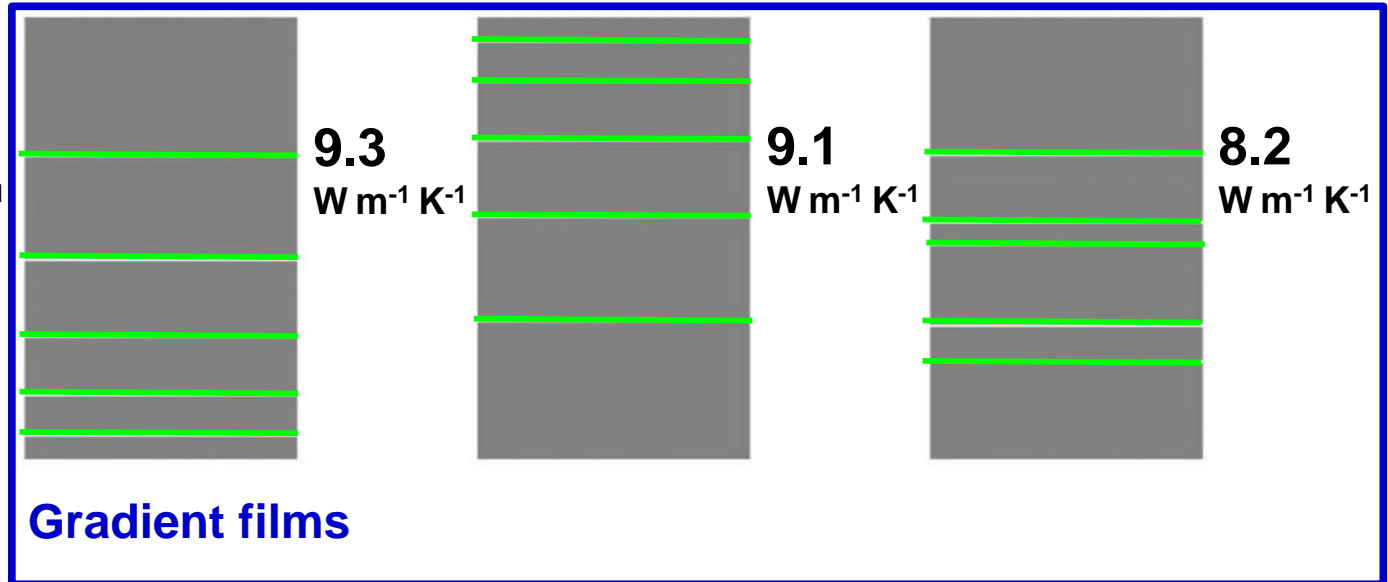
**Total film thickness: ~105 nm**  
**Number of organic layers: 5**  
**Average ZnO layer thickness: ~17 nm**

**Superlattice: all ZnO layers ~17 nm**  
**Gradient film: ZnO layers 9 ~ 28 nm**



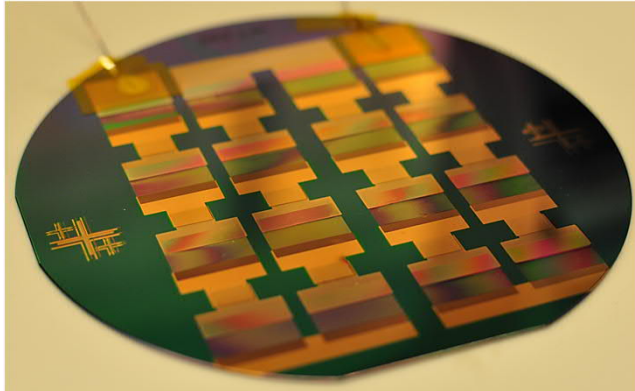
**11.8**  
**W m<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-1</sup>**

**Superlattice**

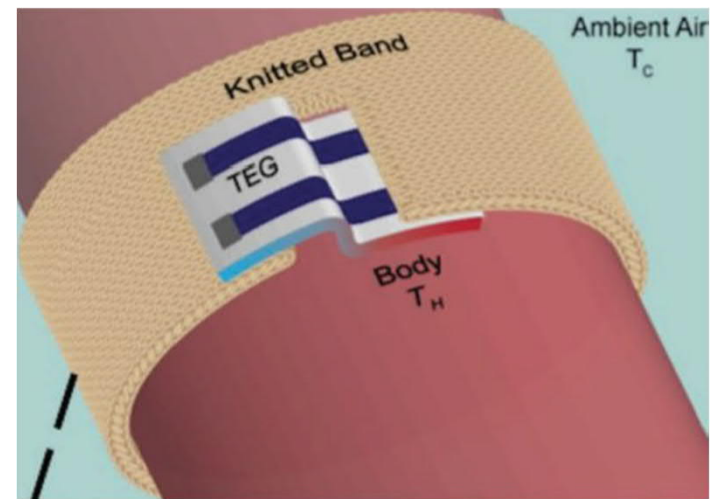
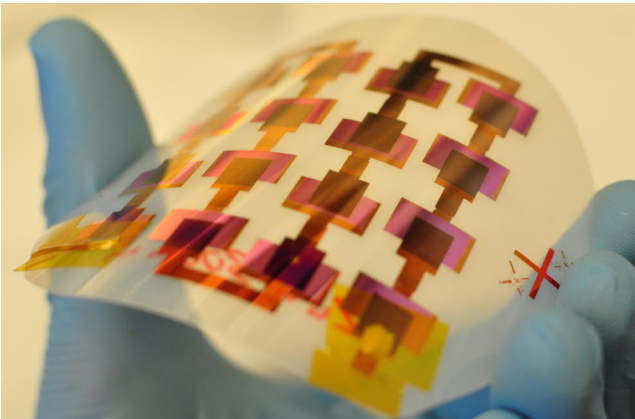


# THERMOELECTRIC MODULE

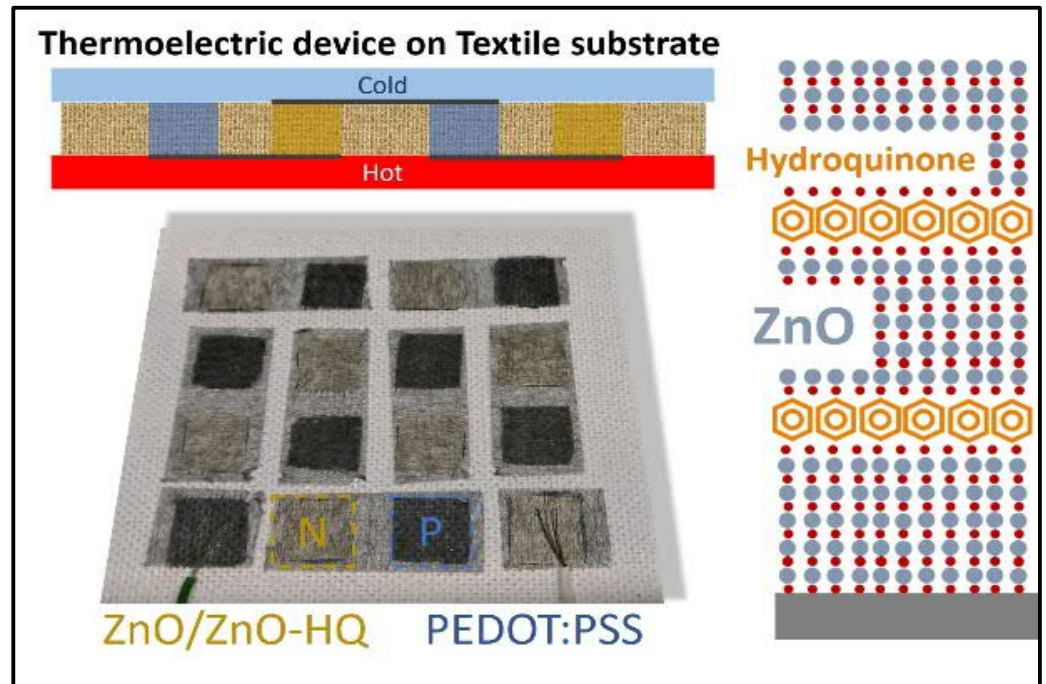
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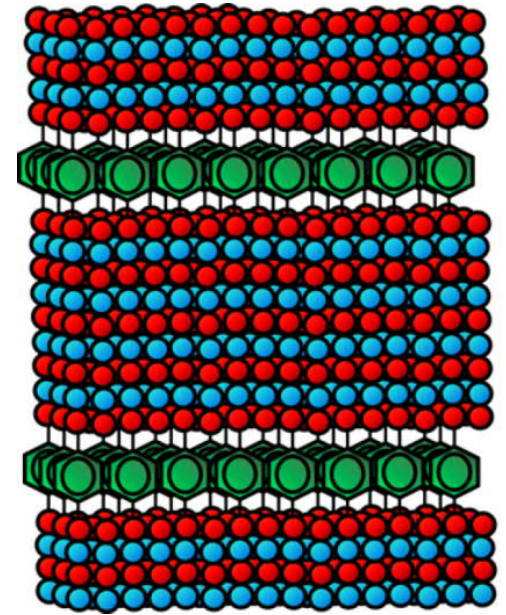
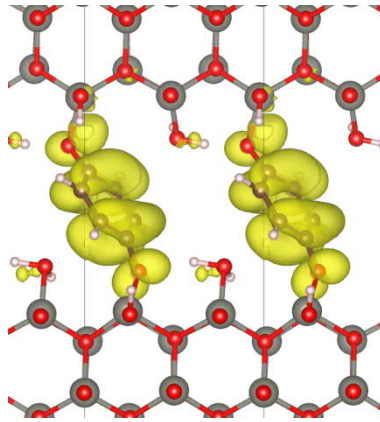
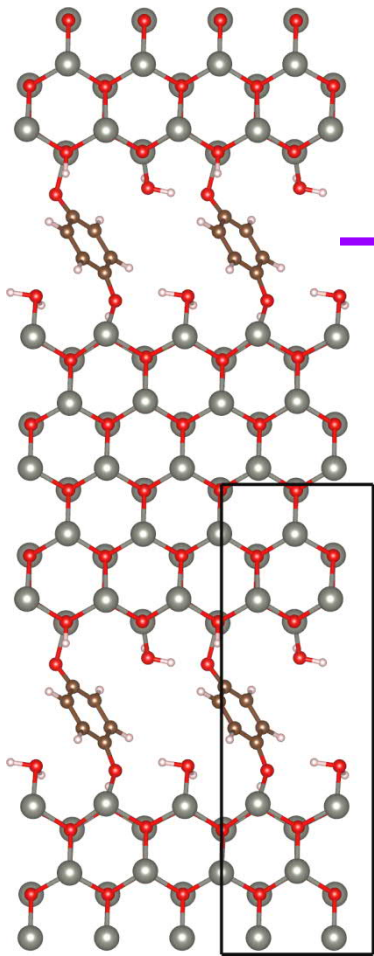
Plastics



Textile







# MODELLING

- **Computational** first-principles calculations
- **Atomic-level bonding models**
- **Band structures**
- **Prediction of physical properties**

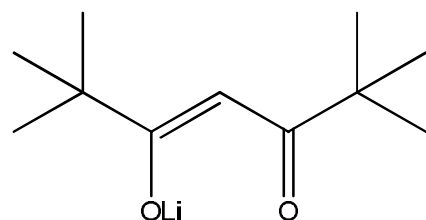
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**MOFs**  
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**FRAMEWORKS**  
**BY**  
**ALD/MLD**

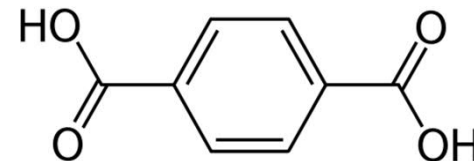
# ANODE

## Li-terephthalate

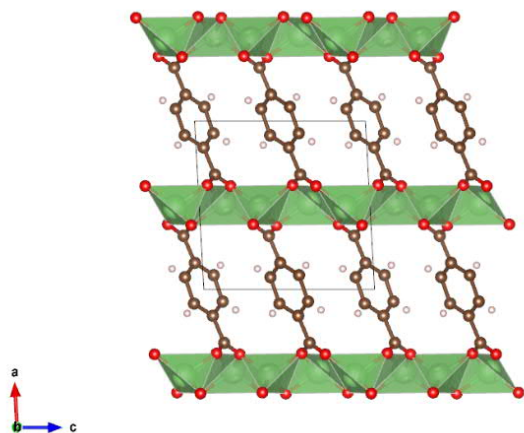
ALD/MLD:  
Li-thd + TPA



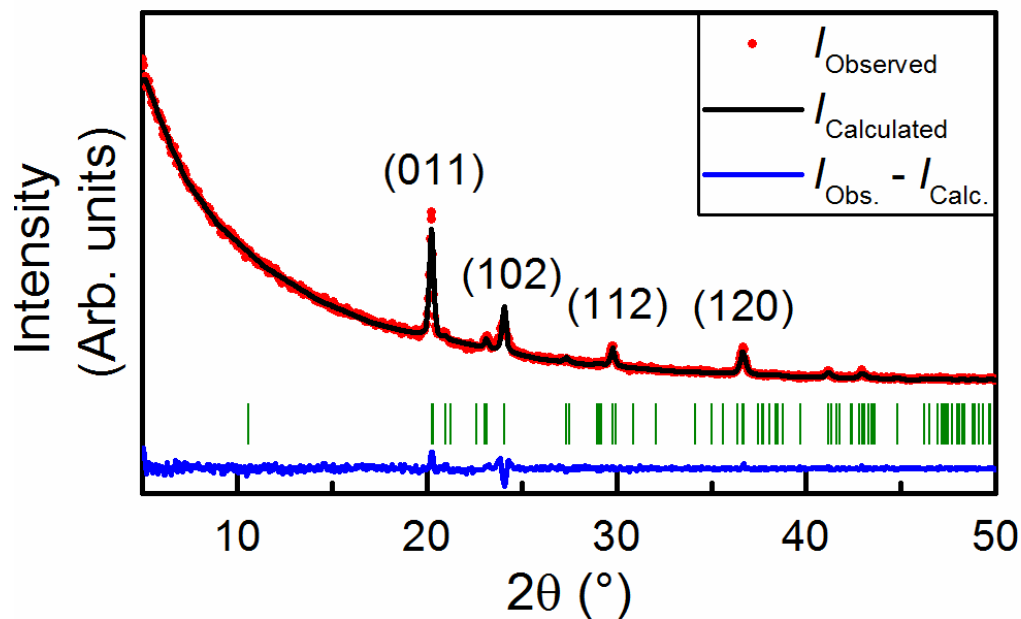
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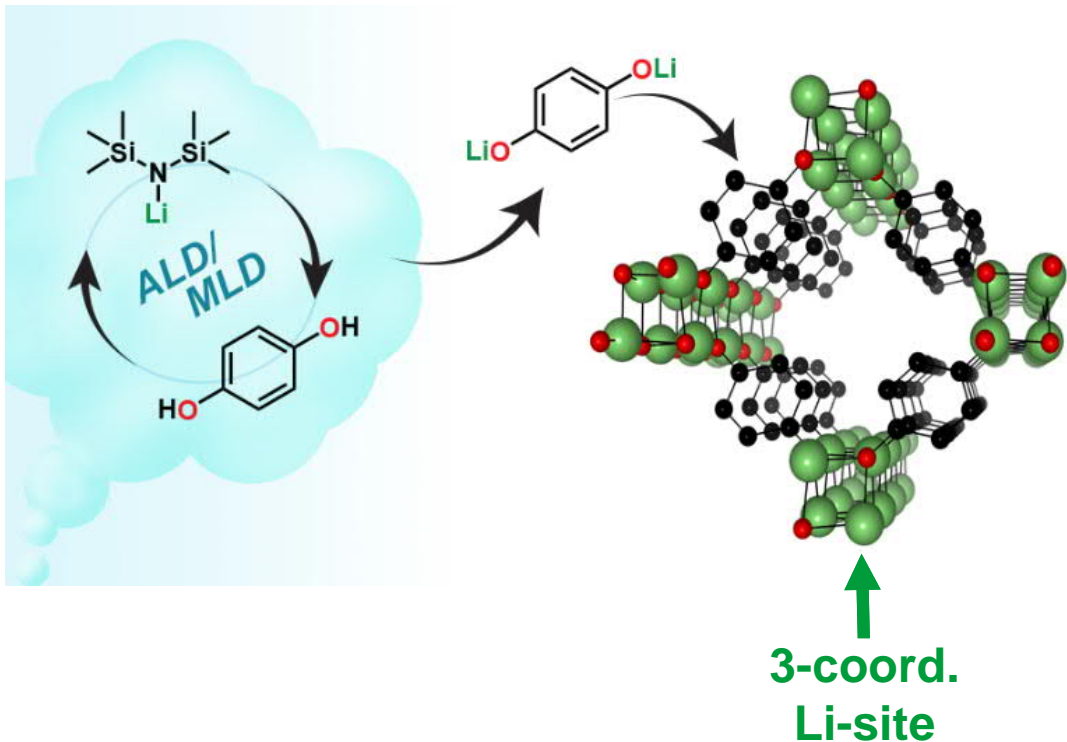


Terephthalic acid



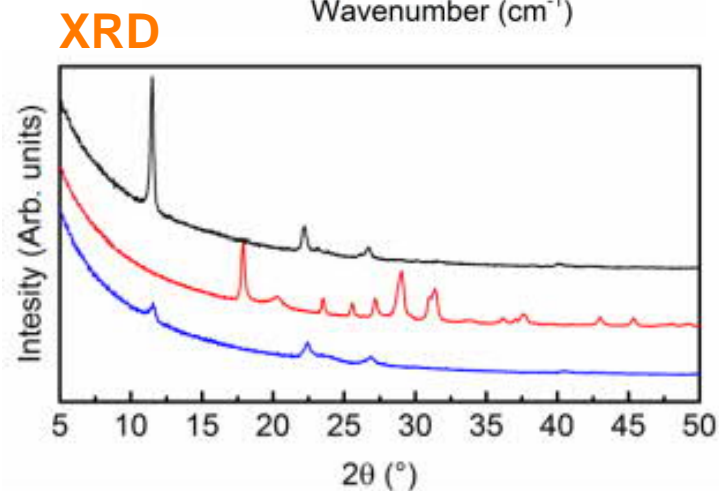
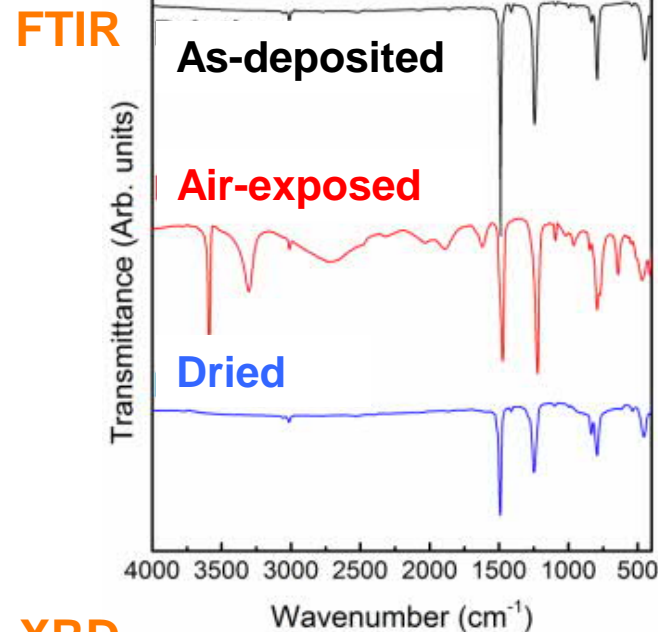
Layered structure with alternating layers of LiO<sub>4</sub> tetrahedra & benzene-rings





## 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**



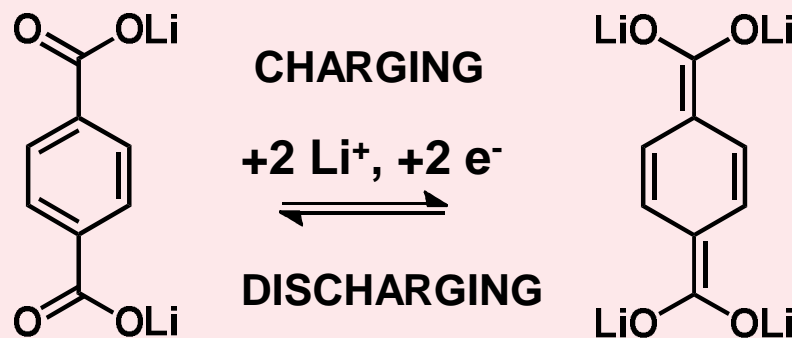
Structure predicted by DFT

# ORGANIC ELECTRODE MATERIALS

- Sustainable in terms of elemental composition → Long-term dream
- Light elements only & Multiple electron transfer reactions  
→ High specific capacities
- For example: Tarascon *et al.*, *Nature Mater.* 8, 120 (2009)

## Lithium terephthalate Li-TP

- Redox potential: 0.8 V vs. Li
- Specific capacity: 300 mAh/g
- Volume change: small (6%)

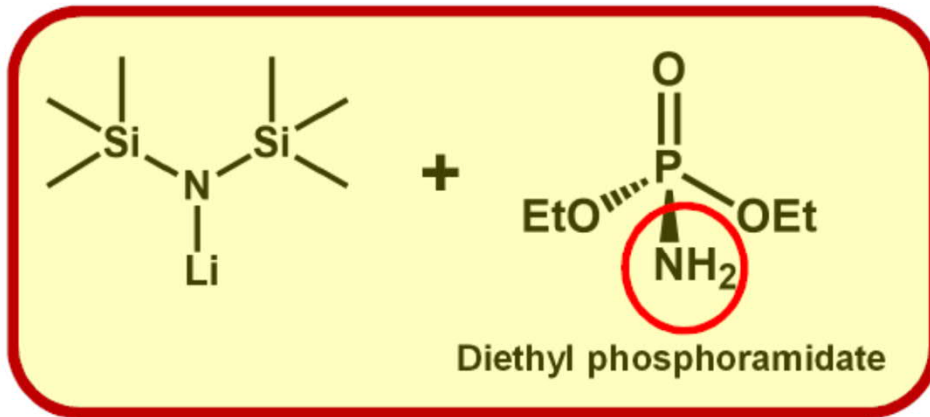


- **MAJOR PROBLEMS** (in a conventional bulk wet-cell)
    - Dissolution in conventional liquid electrolytes → Solid electrolyte
    - Intrinsically extremely low electronic conductivity → Ultrathin film
- THIN-FILM MICROBATTERY

# LIPON BY ALD WITH



- Lithium phosphorous oxynitride  $\text{Li}_x\text{PO}_y\text{N}_z$
- A promising solid-state electrolyte for thin-film Li-ion microbattery

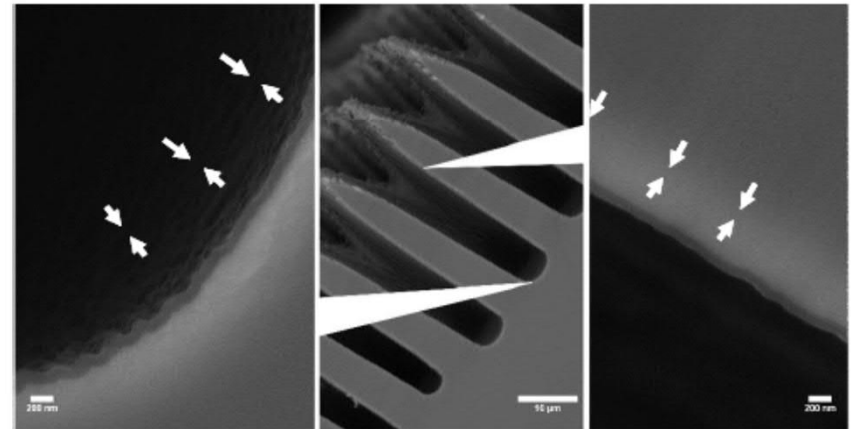


RBS-NRA

$\text{Li}_{0.94}\text{PO}_{3.00}\text{N}_{0.60}$

Ionic cond.

$7 \times 10^{-7} \text{ S cm}^{-1}$

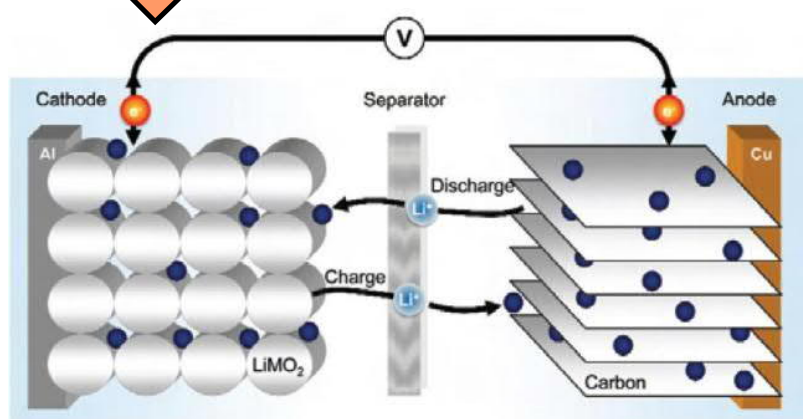


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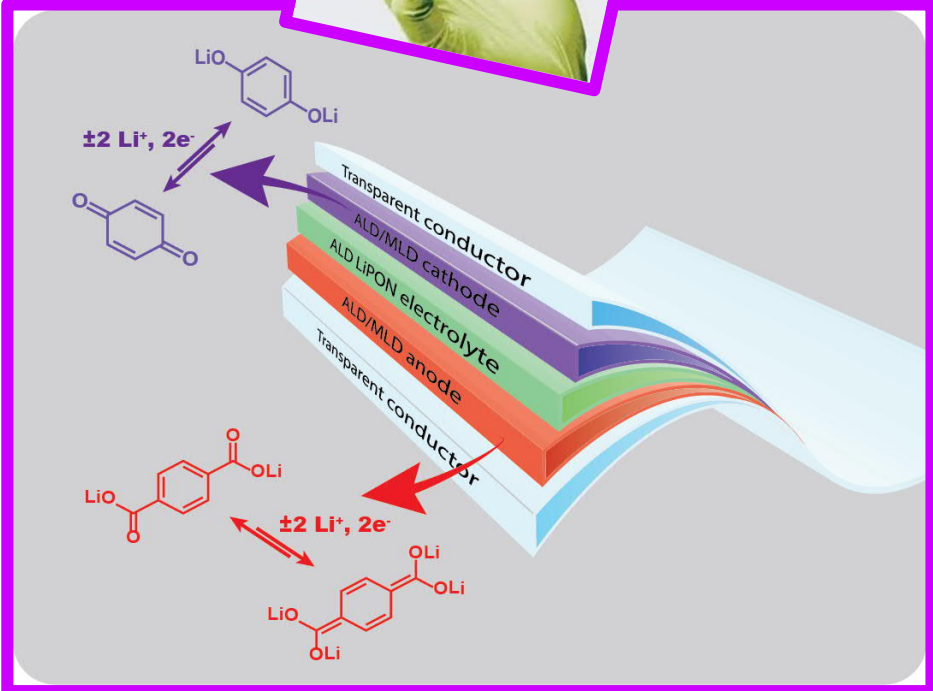
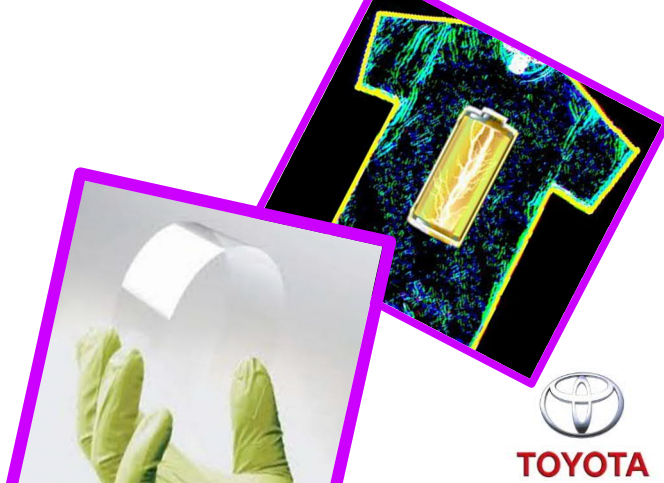


1980  
 $\text{Li}_x\text{CoO}_2$  cathode  
 (Goodenough)

1991  
 Li-ion battery  
 (Sony)



**Current Li-ion Battery Technology**



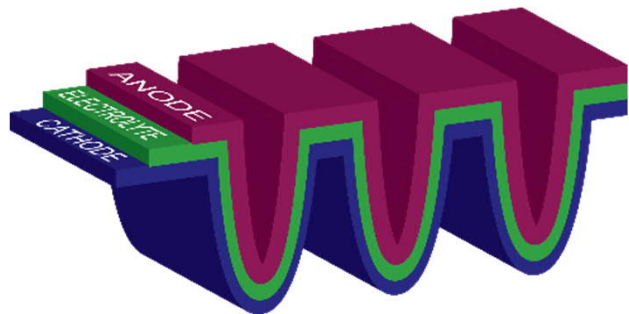
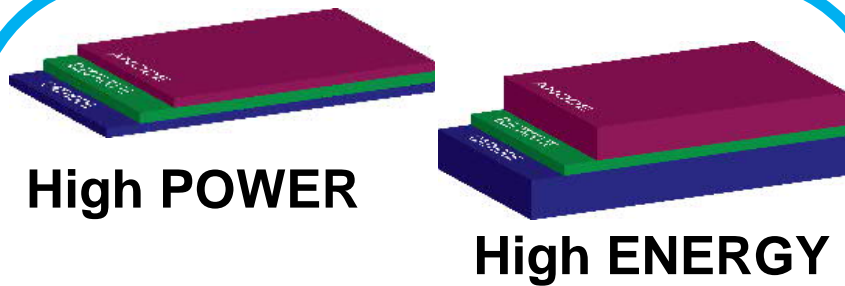
**ALD/MLD made metal-sparing flexible Li-organic thin-film battery**

M. Nisula & M. Karppinen,  
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# THIN-FILM MICROBATTERY

- Trade-off: Energy density – *versus* – Power density
- **SOLUTION:** Planar → 3D structure

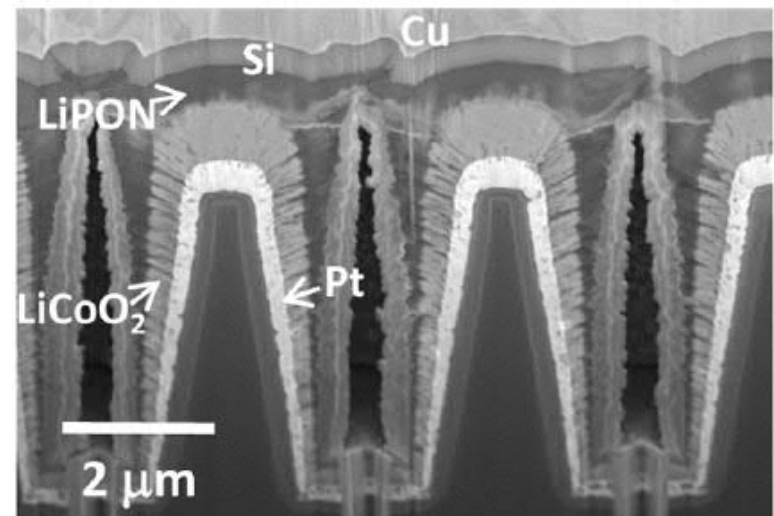
## Concept of 3D Thin-Film Battery



Notten *et al.*,  
3D integrated all-solid-state  
rechargeable batteries,  
*Appl. Mater.* (2007)

## Sputtering → Low Performance

Talin *et al.*,  
Fabrication, testing and simulation of  
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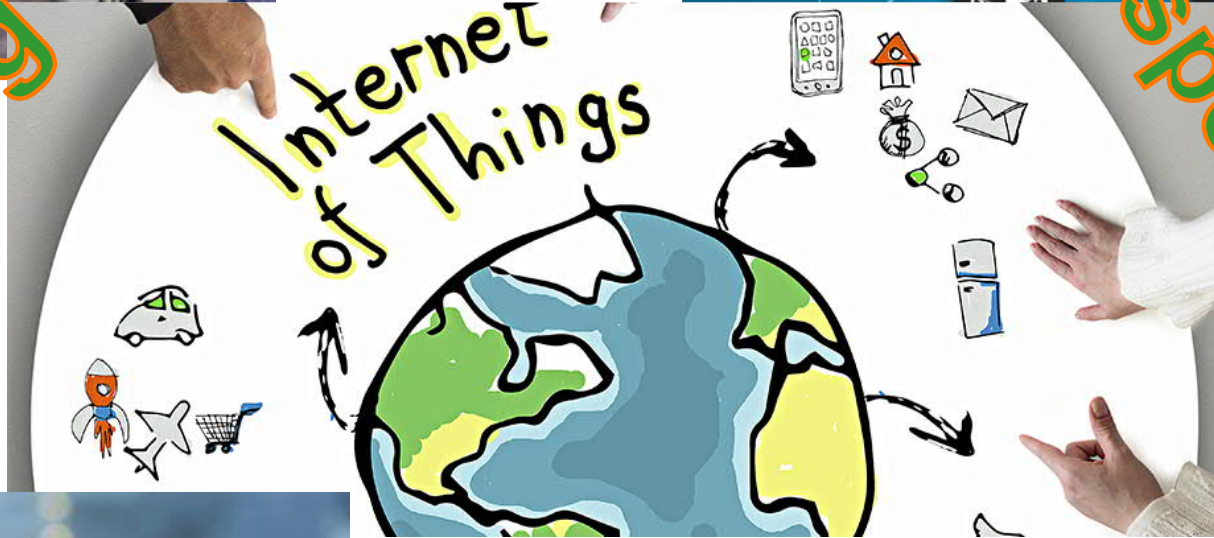




Acting



Responding



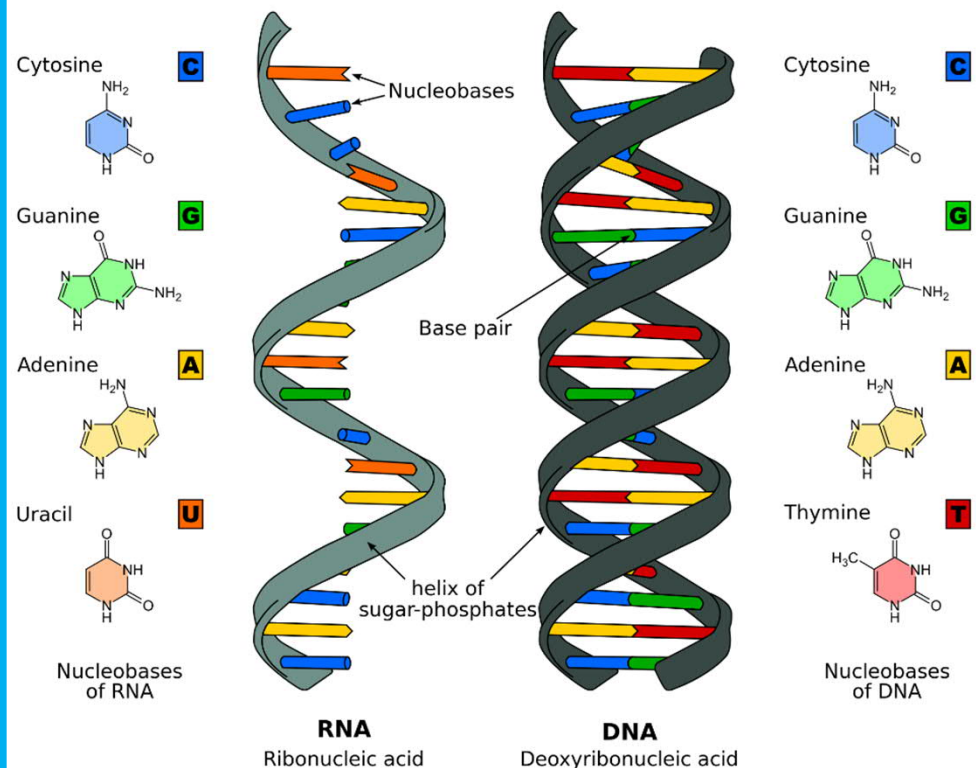
Sensing



Connecting

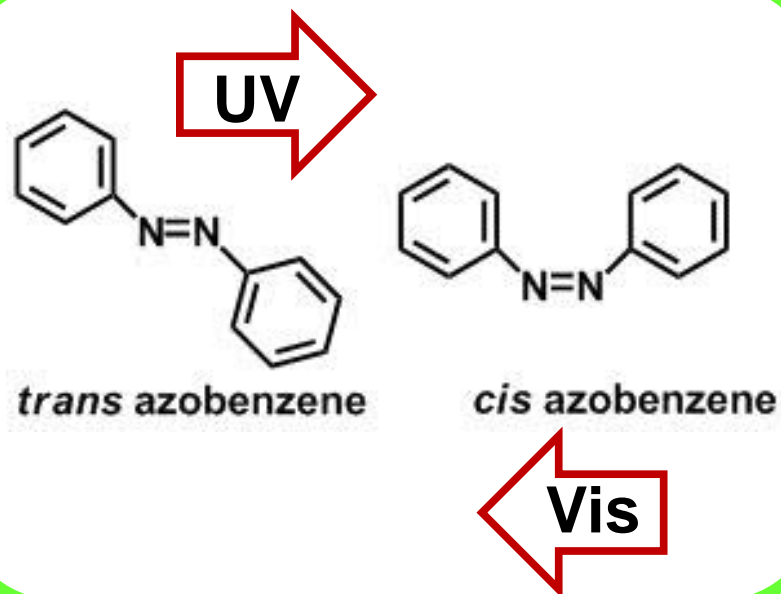
**THERMOELECTRICS:** electricity locally from waste heat  
**MICROBATTERY:** local electric energy storage

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## PHOTORESPONSIVE AZOBENZENE



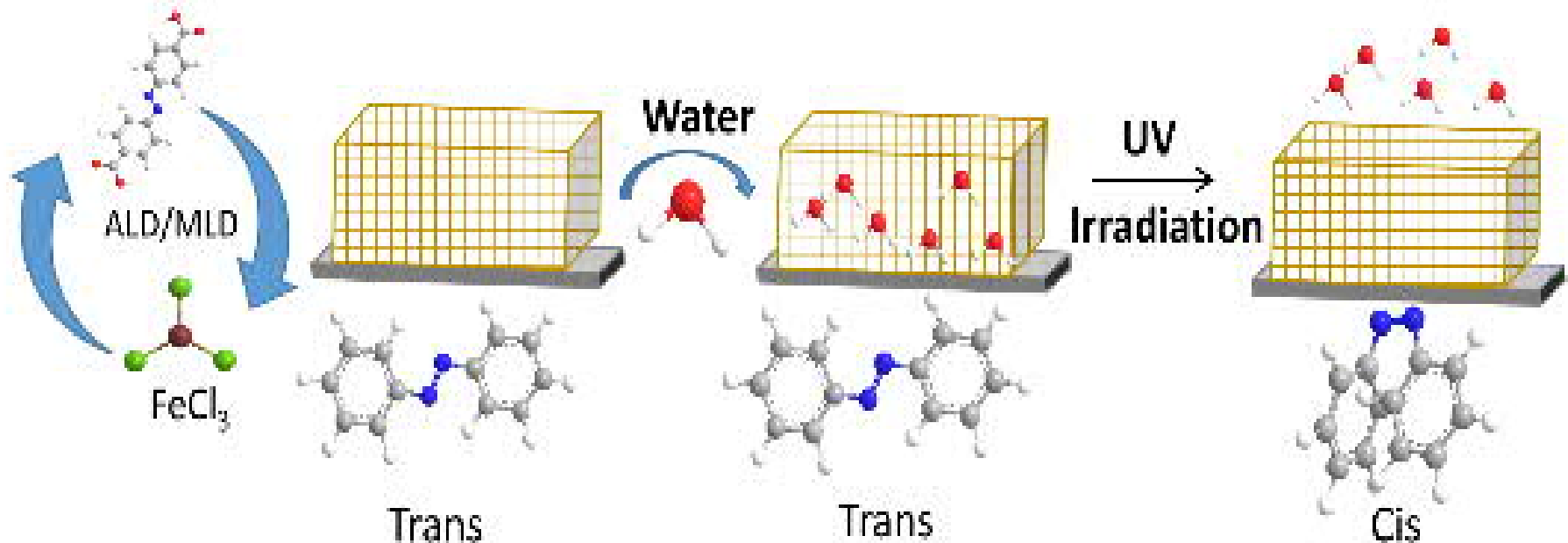
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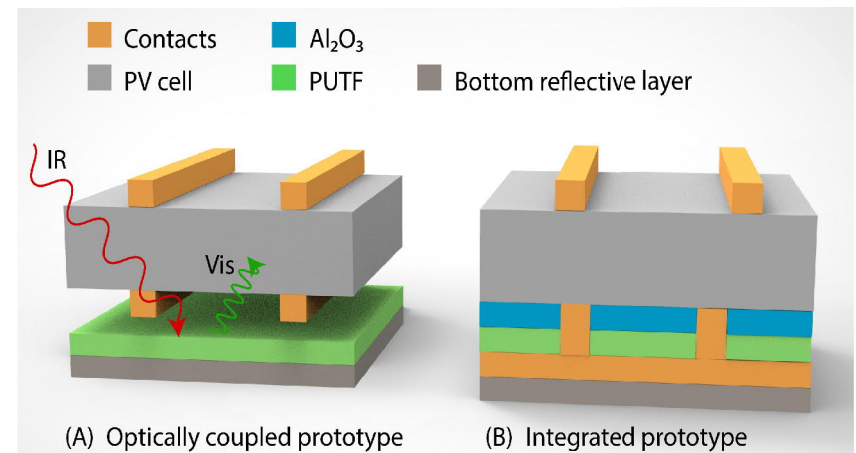
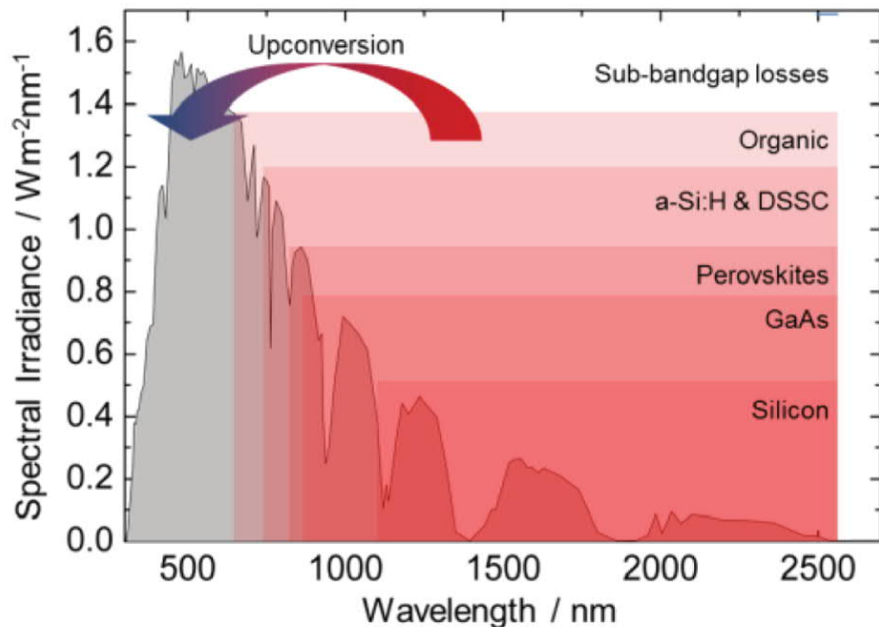
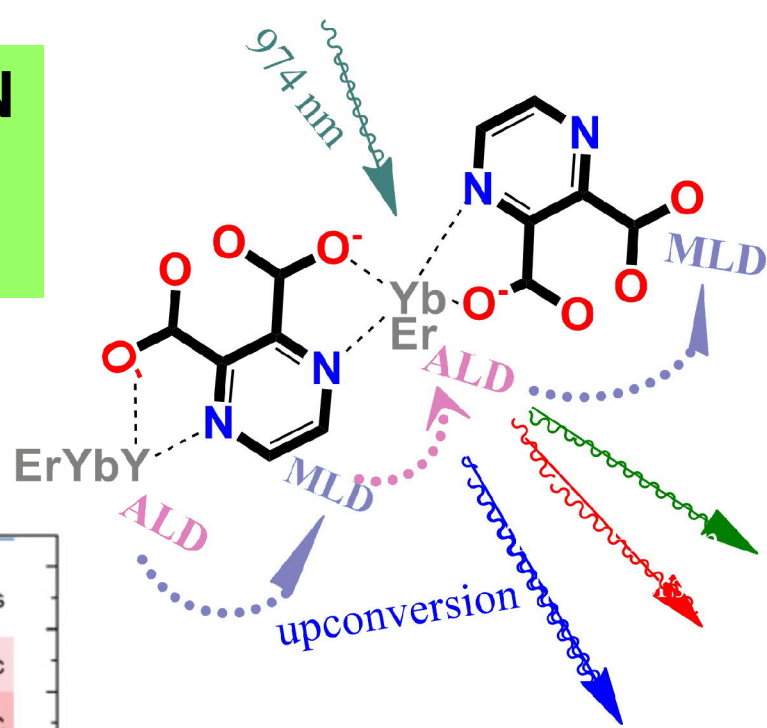
# Iron-Azobenzene MOFs

- $\text{FeCl}_3$  + azobenzene dicarboxylic acid
- Crystalline (unknown structure) films
- Trans-to-cis transition upon UV irradiation
- Reversible water absorption (trans, 75% RH) / release (UV, cis)

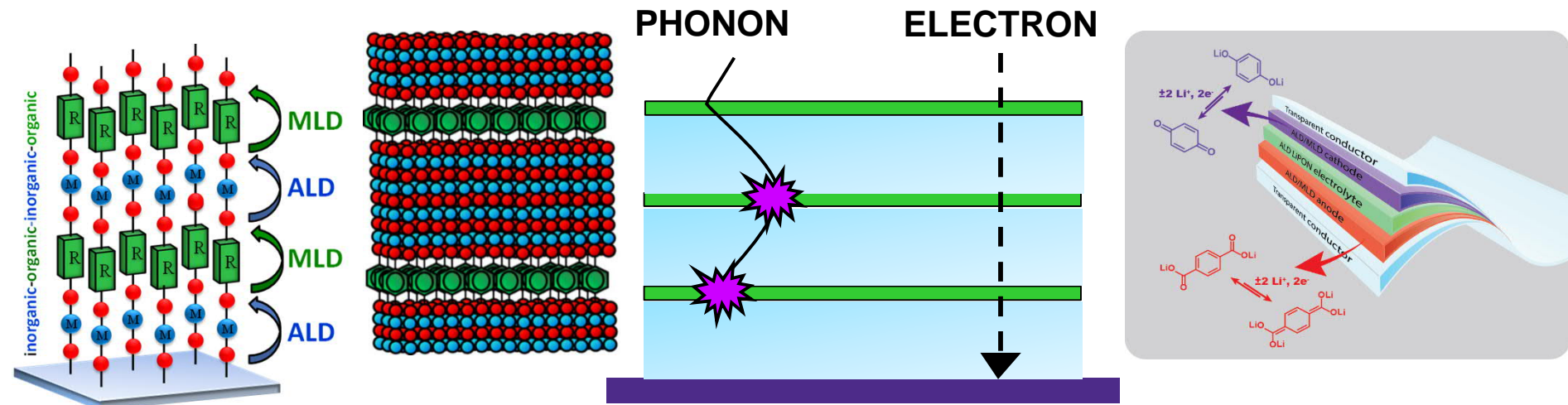
Azobenzene dicarboxylic acid



# PHOTON-UPCONVERSION THIN FILM (PUTF): IR-absorbing organics



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- A. Ghazy, M. Safdar, M. Lastusaari, A. Aho, A. Tukiainen, H. Savin, M. Guina & M. Karppinen, Luminescent  $(\text{Er,Ho})_2\text{O}_3$  thin films by ALD to enhance the performance of silicon solar cells, **Solar Energy Materials & Solar Cells** **219**, 110787 (2021).



- ALD/MLD can yield various new types of hybrid materials, such as MOF-structured materials and layer-engineered superlattice and gradient materials
- Many of these new materials can NOT be made by any other technique
- Novel material properties discovered and much more expected !!!
- Fabricated with industry-feasible state-of-the-art **"Finnish"** technology
- Flexible coatings which could be integrated with e.g. textiles

