

# Functional Inorganic Materials

## Fall 2021

Tuesdays: 14.15 - 16.00  
Thursdays: 12.15 - 14.00  
Remote Zoom lectures

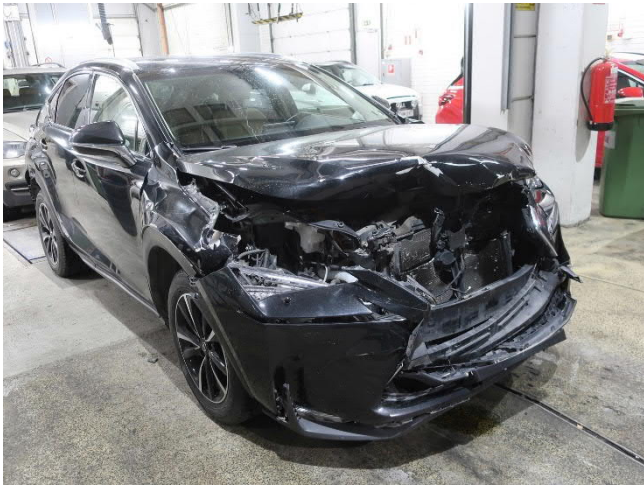
#	Date	Who	Topic
1	Tue 02.11.	Maarit	Introduction + Materials design
2	Thu 04.11.	Antti	Computational materials design
3	Tue 09.11.	Maarit	Superconductivity: High- $T_c$ superconducting Cu oxides
4	Thu 11.11.	Maarit	Ionic conductivity (Oxygen): SOFC and Oxygen storage
5	Tue 16.11.	Maarit	Ionic conductivity (Lithium & Proton): Li-ion battery
6	Thu 18.11.	Antti	Thermal conductivity
7	Tue 23.11.	Antti	Thermoelectricity
<b>8</b>	<b>Thu 25.11.</b>	<b>Maarit</b>	<b>Hybrid materials</b>
9	Tue 30.11.	Maarit	Luminescence and optically active materials
10	Thu 02.12.	Antti	Piezoelectricity
11	Tue 07.12.	Antti	Pyroelectricity and ferroelectricity
12	Thu 09.12.	Antti	Magnetic and multiferroic oxides

# LECTURE 8: Hybrid Materials

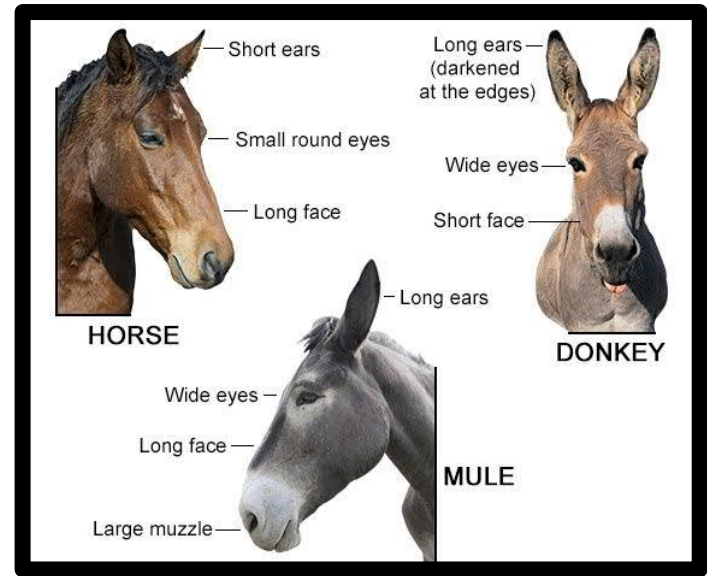
- ❖ Inorganic-organic materials
- ❖ CPs & MOFs
- ❖ ALD/MLD
- ❖ Layer-engineering
- ❖ Superlattice

## LECTURE EXERCISE 8

1. What are the possible dimensionalities (0D, 1D, 2D or 3D) of the followings: (a) Metal complex ion, (b) Coordination polymer, (c) Metal-organic framework.
2. Are all CPs MOFs? Are all MOFs CPs? Please explain!
3. Explain why insertion of organic layers into inorganic matrix could be useful to enhance (a) mechanical, and (b) thermoelectric properties.
4. Give an example of an ALD/MLD synthesized material which is very difficult if not impossible to synthesize using conventional synthesis techniques. Explain the unique benefits of ALD/MLD in this synthesis with few sentences.
5. **EXTRA QUESTION:** The UV-activated photoisomerization reaction of the azobenzene moiety has been utilized to add a photoswitching effect on the magnetic properties of  $\epsilon$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>:azobenzene superlattice thin films. Please propose some other application area where you could imagine that a similar switching effect could be useful/interesting.



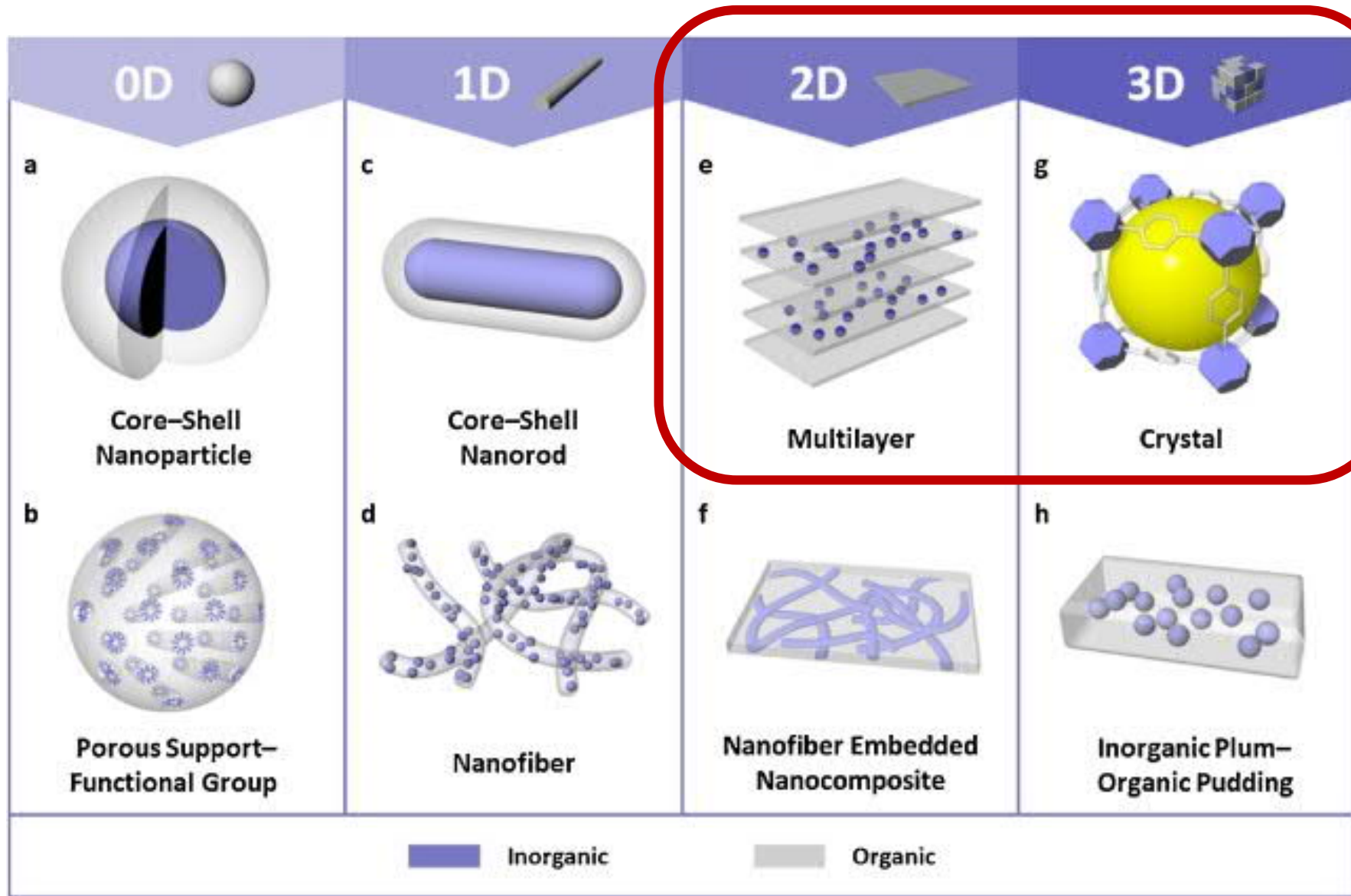
**Brought Together**  
**SUM of BOTH PROPERTIES**



**Fused Together**  
**AVERAGE PROPERTIES**

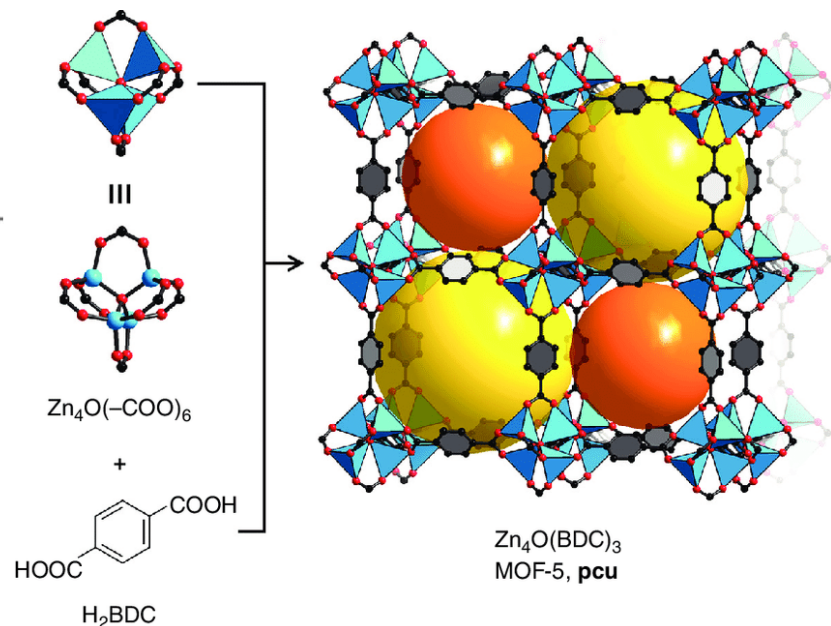
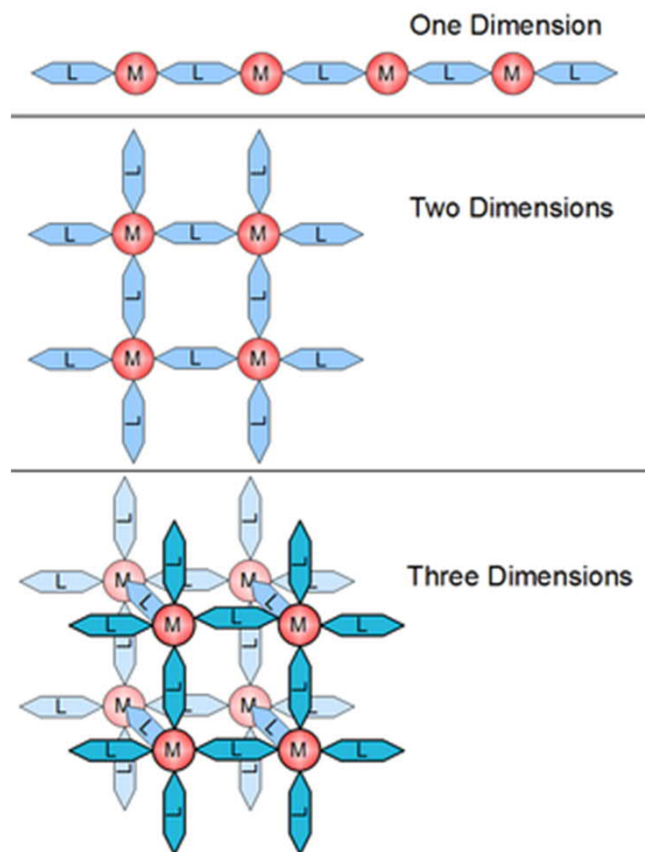
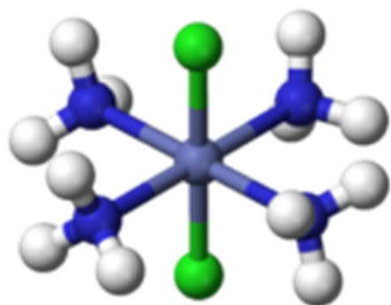
**Intimately / Interactively Fused**  
**EXTRAORDINARY / MUTUALLY CONTRADICTIONARY**  
**PROPERTIES**

# EXAMPLES of Inorganic-Organic Hybrid Materials

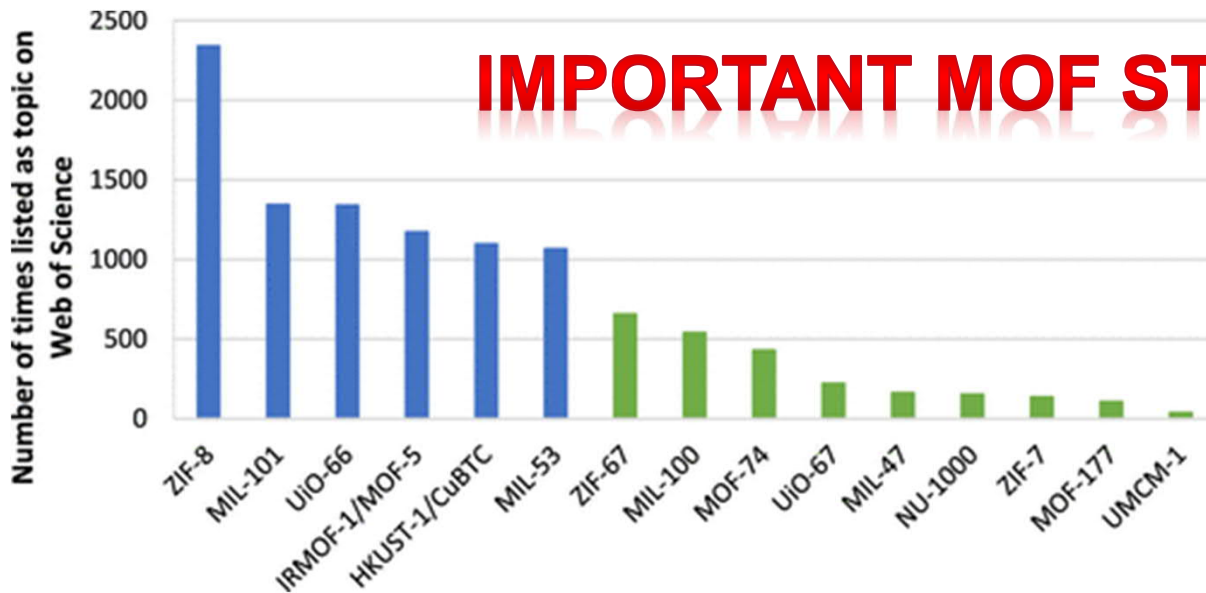


# FOR CHEMISTS: Inorganic-Organic Material

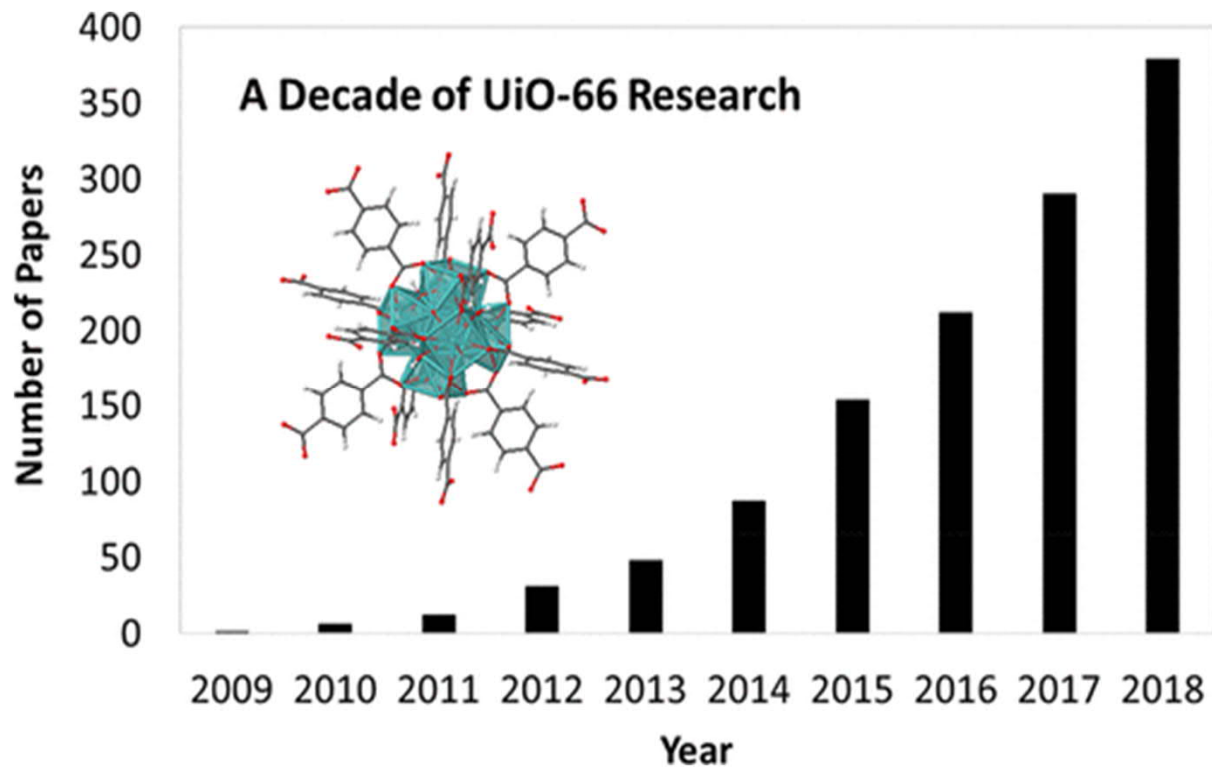
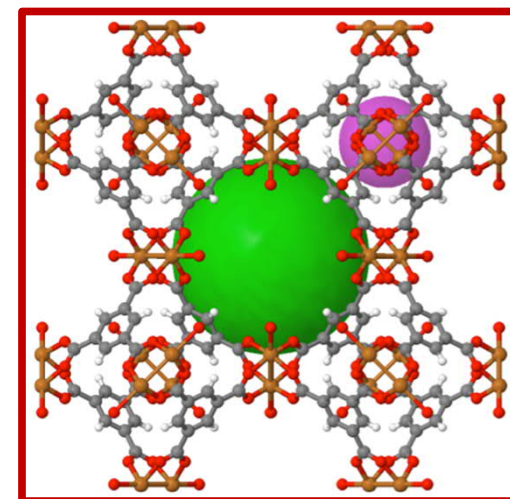
- Single Compound (NOT Composite) with Chemical Bonds
- Coordination/Metal **Complex**: central metal ion + (organic) ligands
- Coordination Polymer (**CP**): ligands act as bridges
- Metal-Organic Framework (**MOF**): highly porous



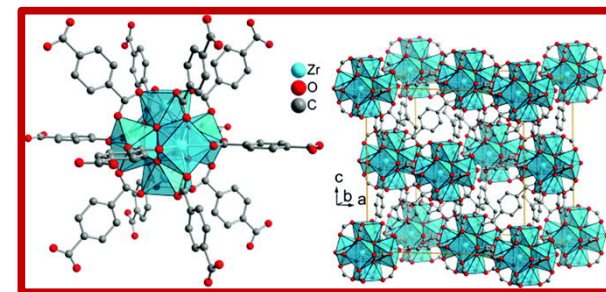
# IMPORTANT MOF STRUCTURES

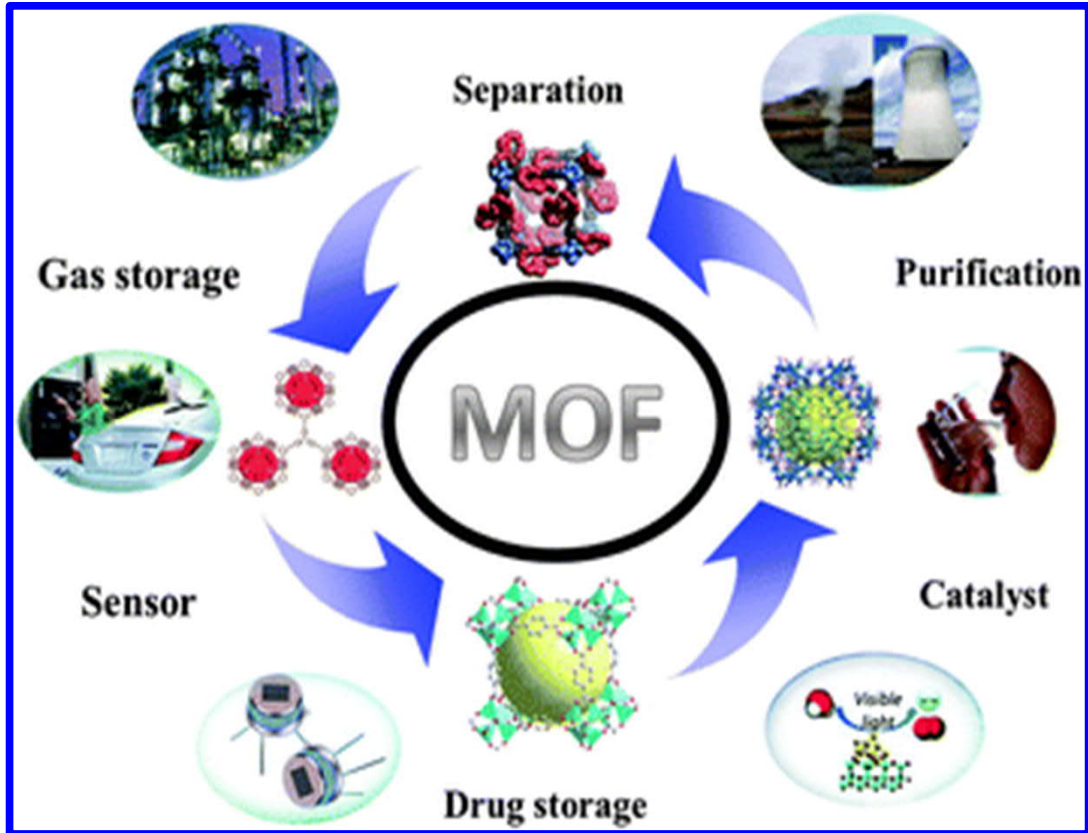
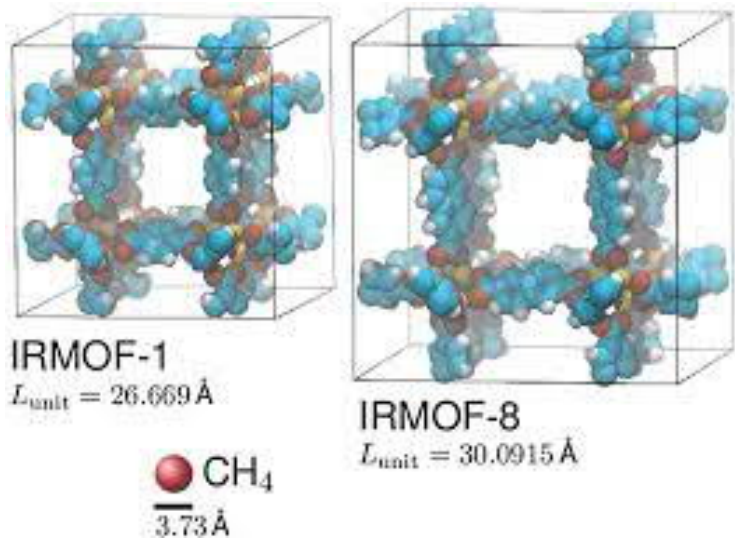


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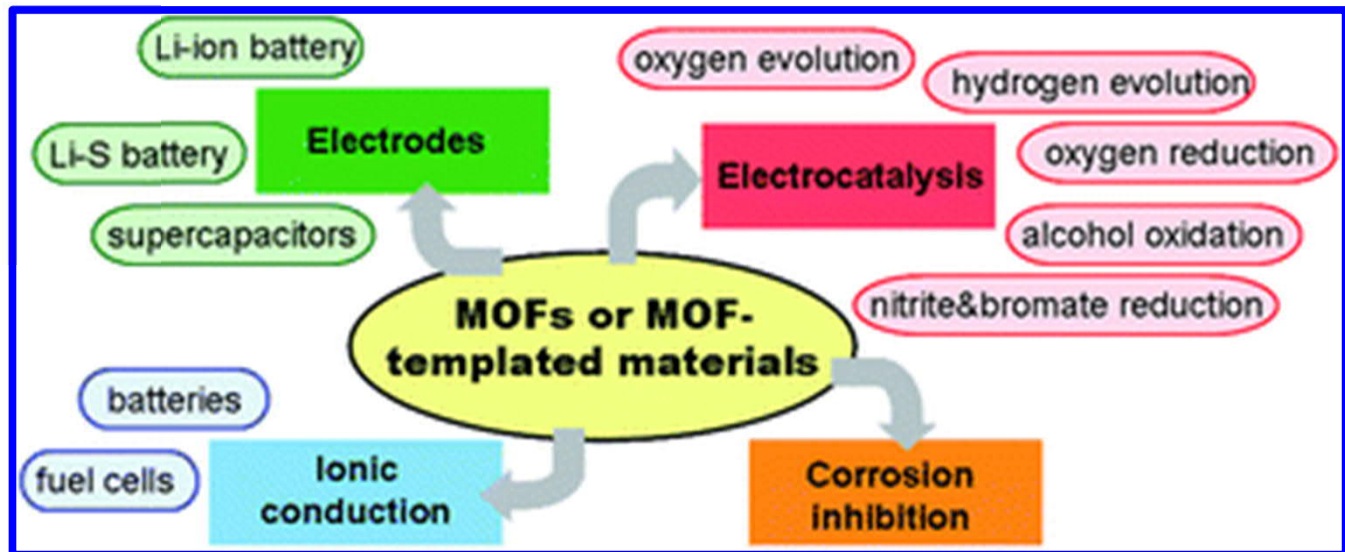


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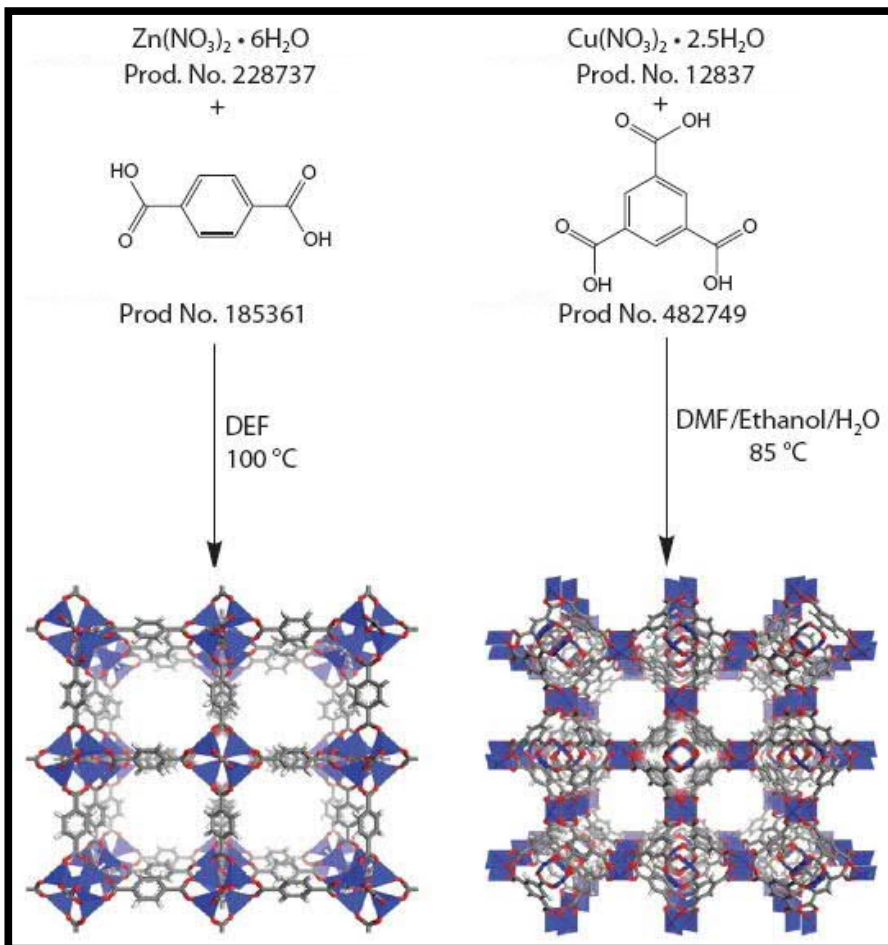
**MOF  
 THIN FILMS!**





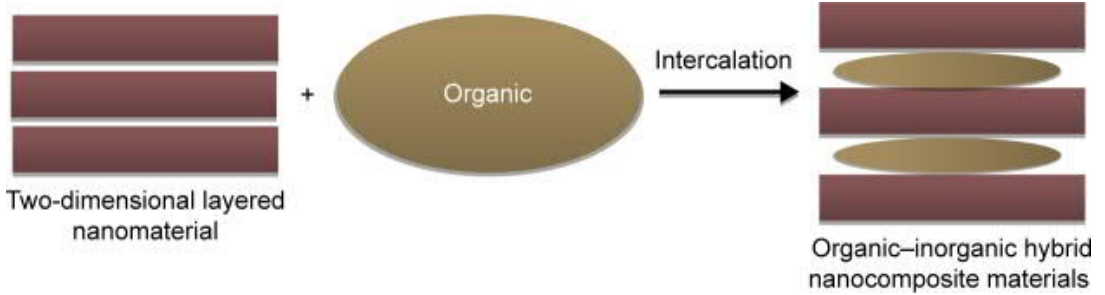
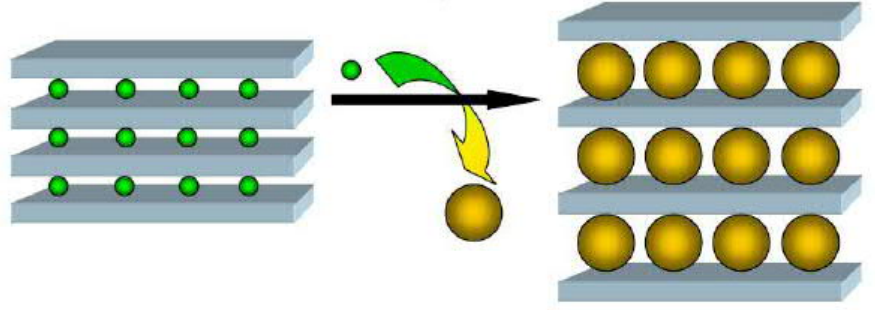
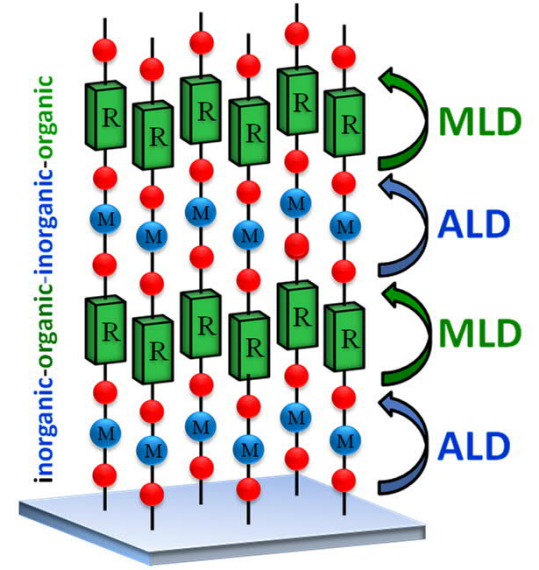
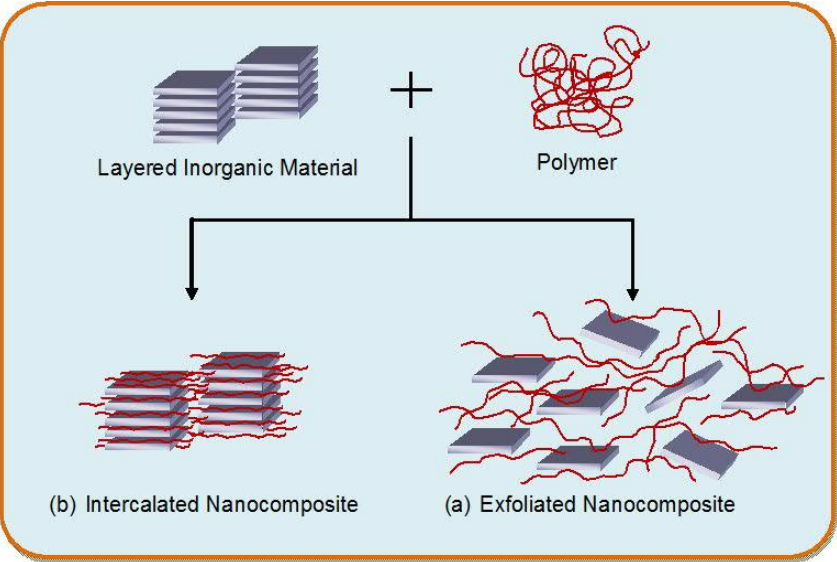
# Synthesis of MOFs

- 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)



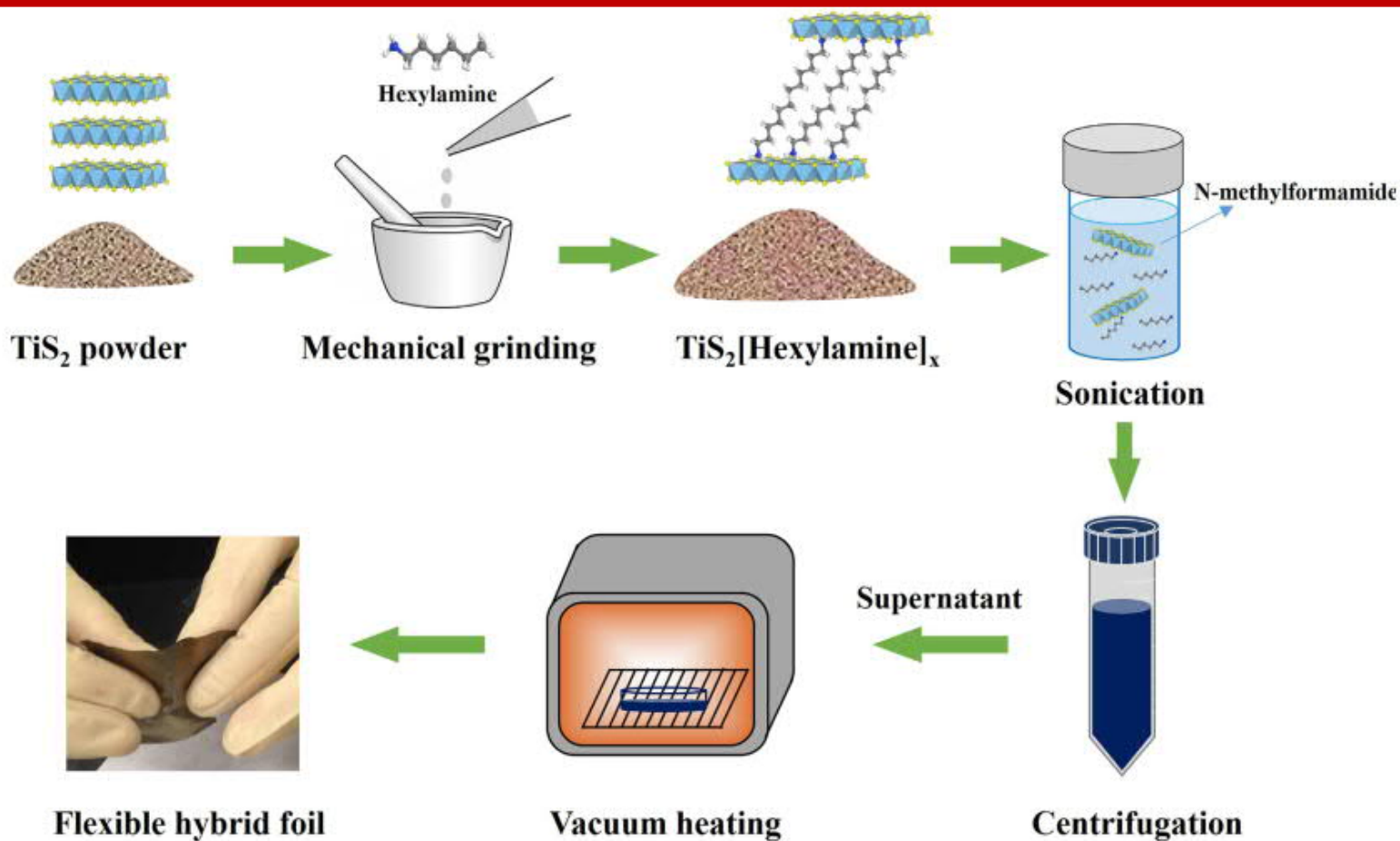
## Flexible thermoelectric foil for wearable energy harvesting

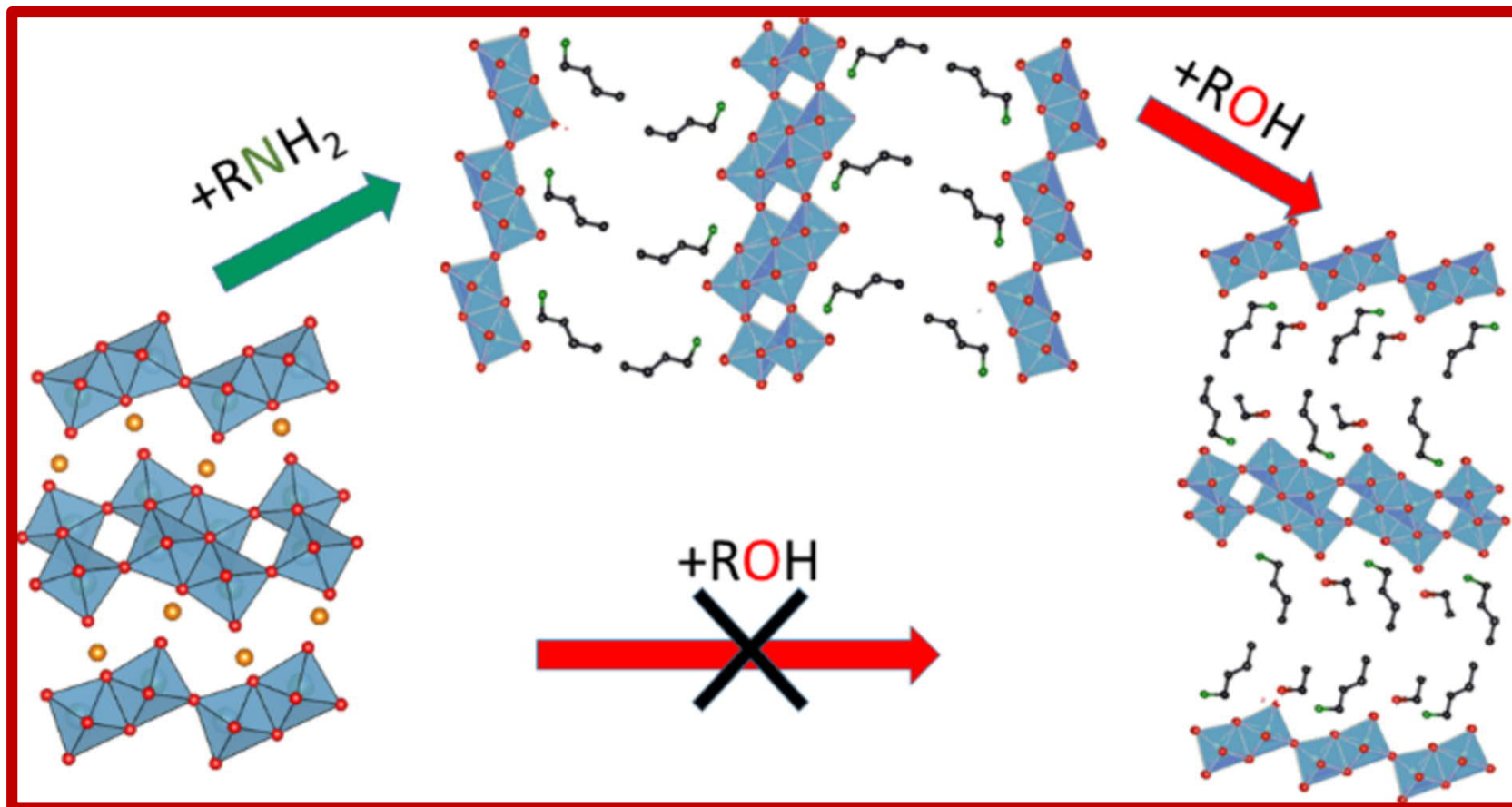
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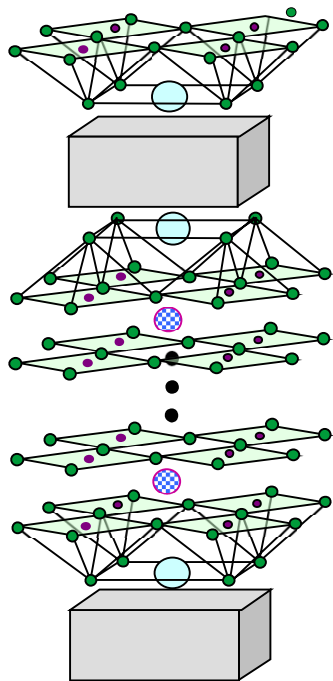
## Intercalation of Primary Alcohols into Layered Titanoniobates

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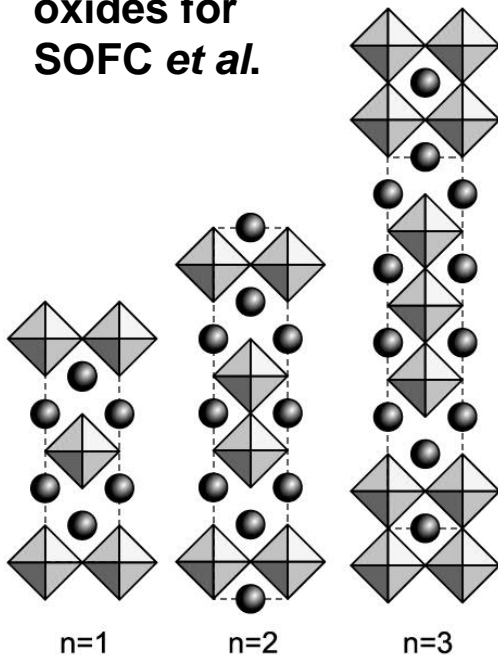
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# MULTI-FUNCTIONAL MULTILAYERED MATERIALS

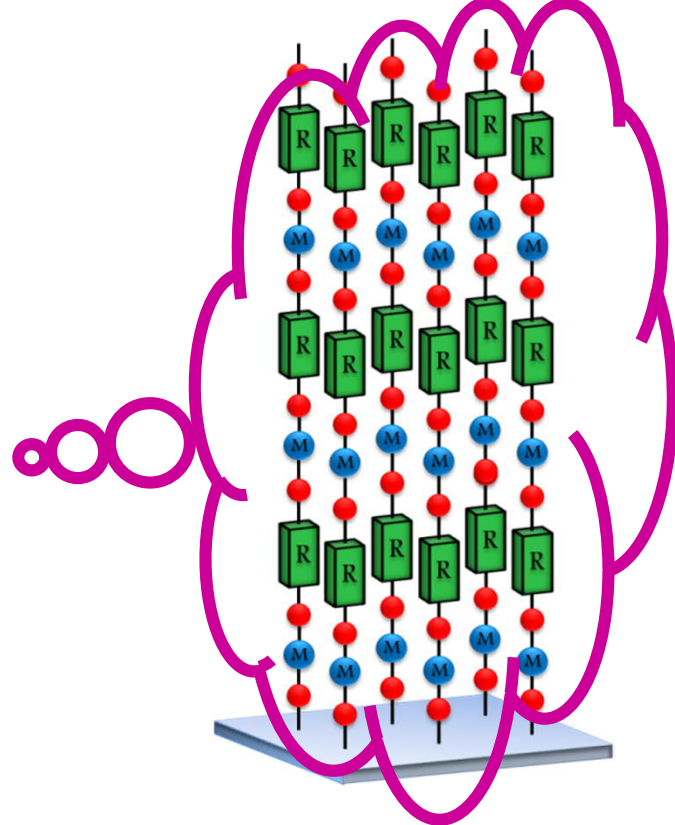
Multilayered Cu oxides for high- $T_c$  superconductors



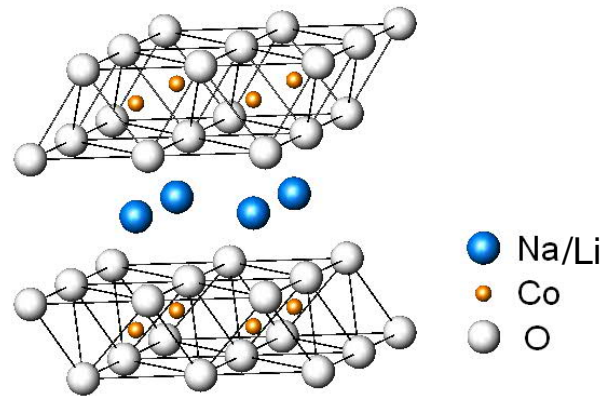
Ruddlesden-Popper oxides for SOFC *et al.*

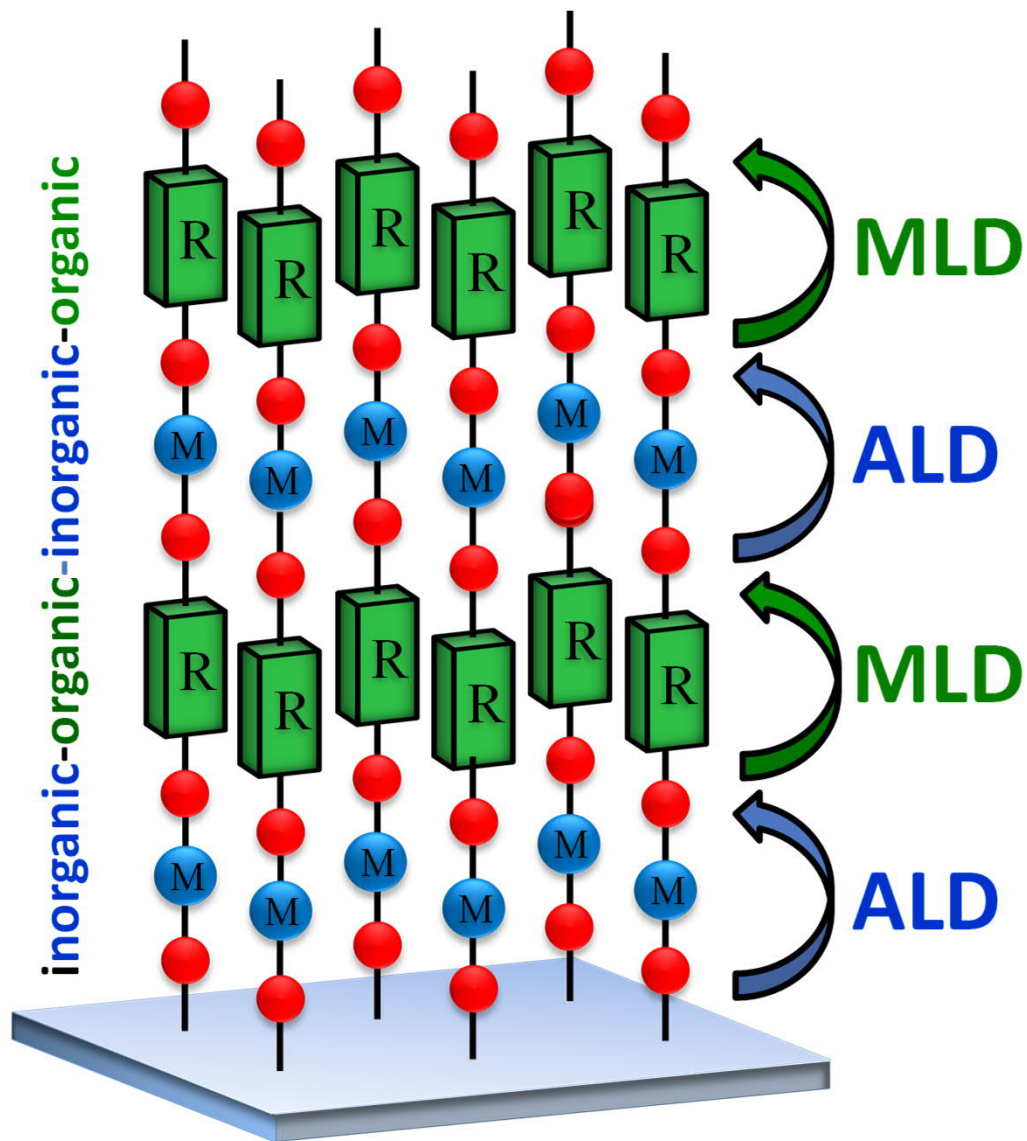


Layered inorganic-organic hybrid thin films



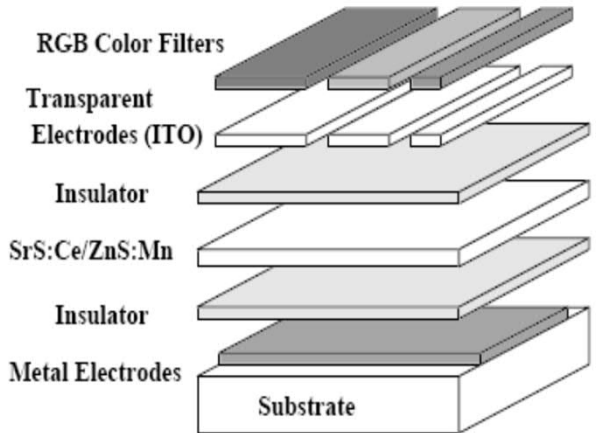
Layered Co oxides for Li-ion battery & thermoelectrics





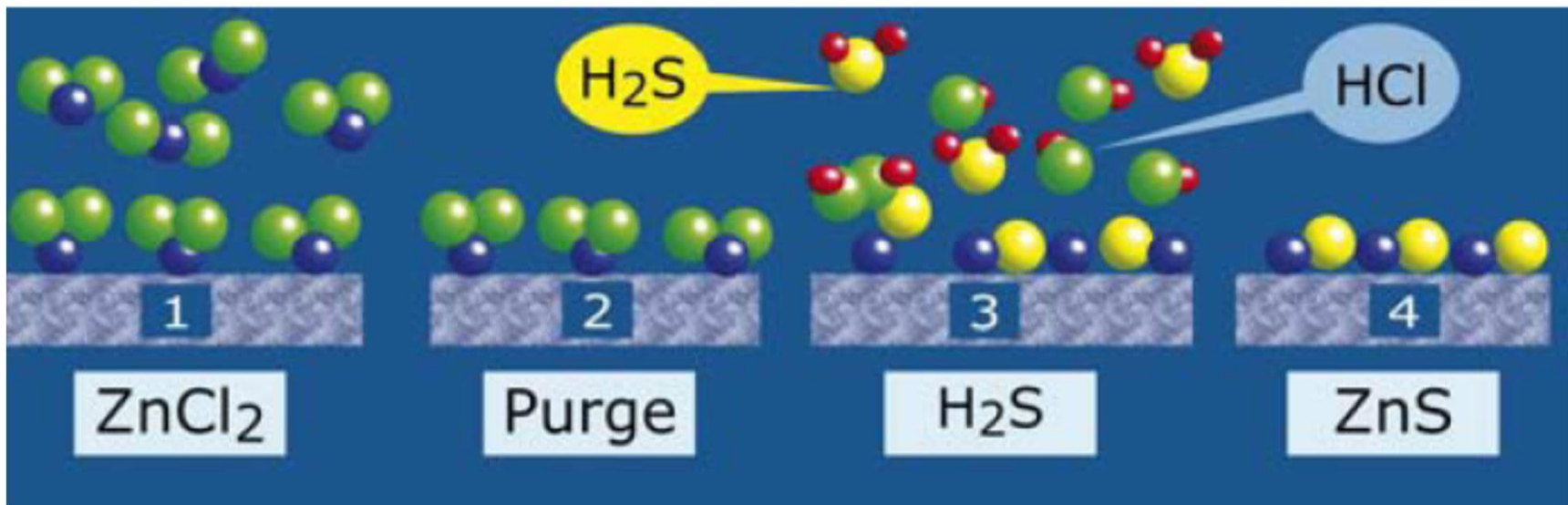
# Atomic Layer Deposition (ALD) Thin-Film Technique

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



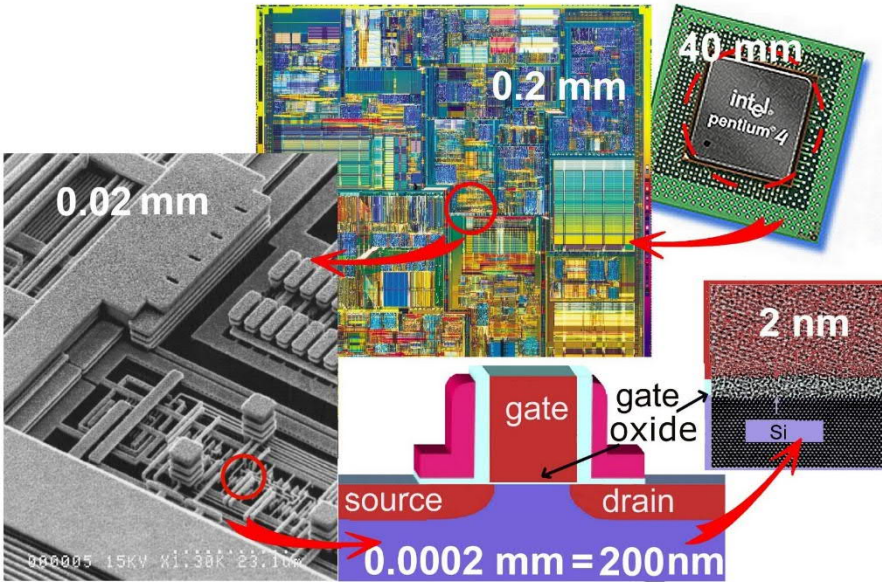
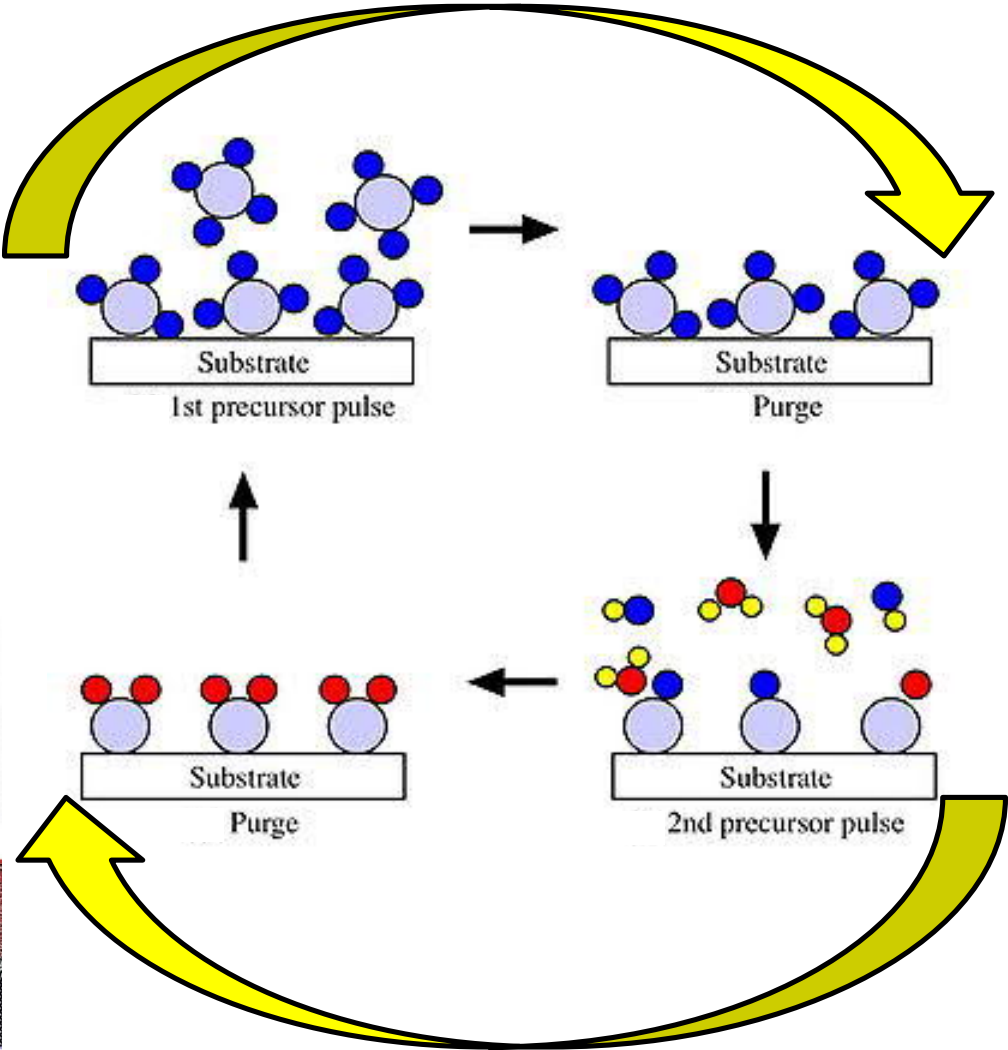
Electroluminescent display

Instrumentarium/Finlux/Planar



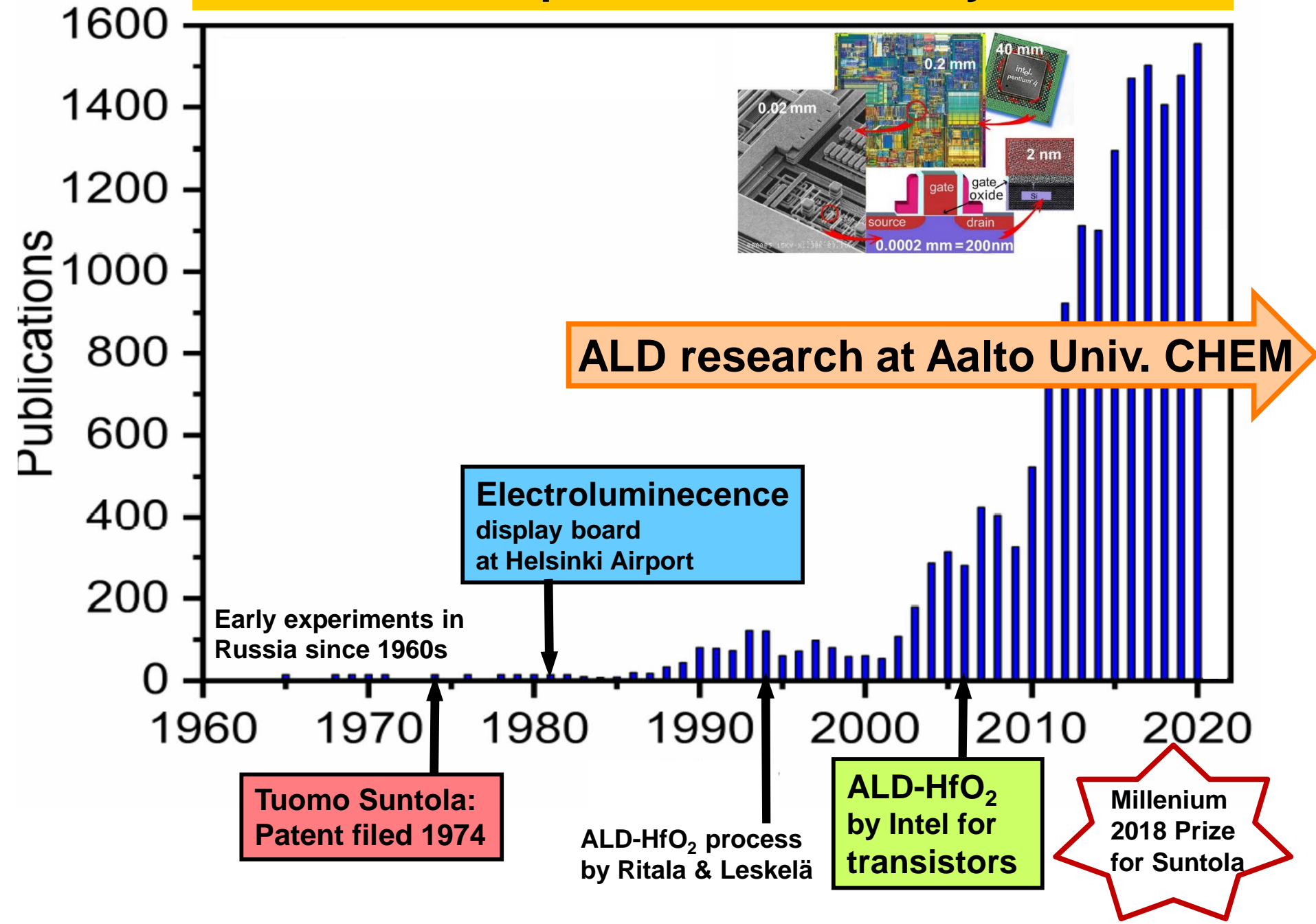
**HfO<sub>2</sub>-ALD**  
**HfCl<sub>4</sub> + H<sub>2</sub>O**

**ALD cycle**



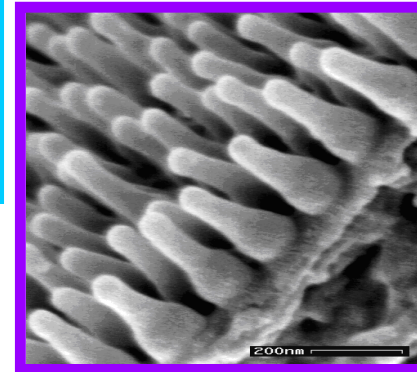
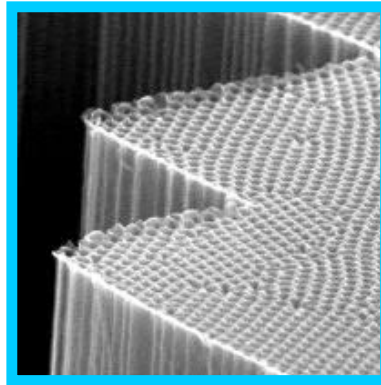


# ALD publications annually



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

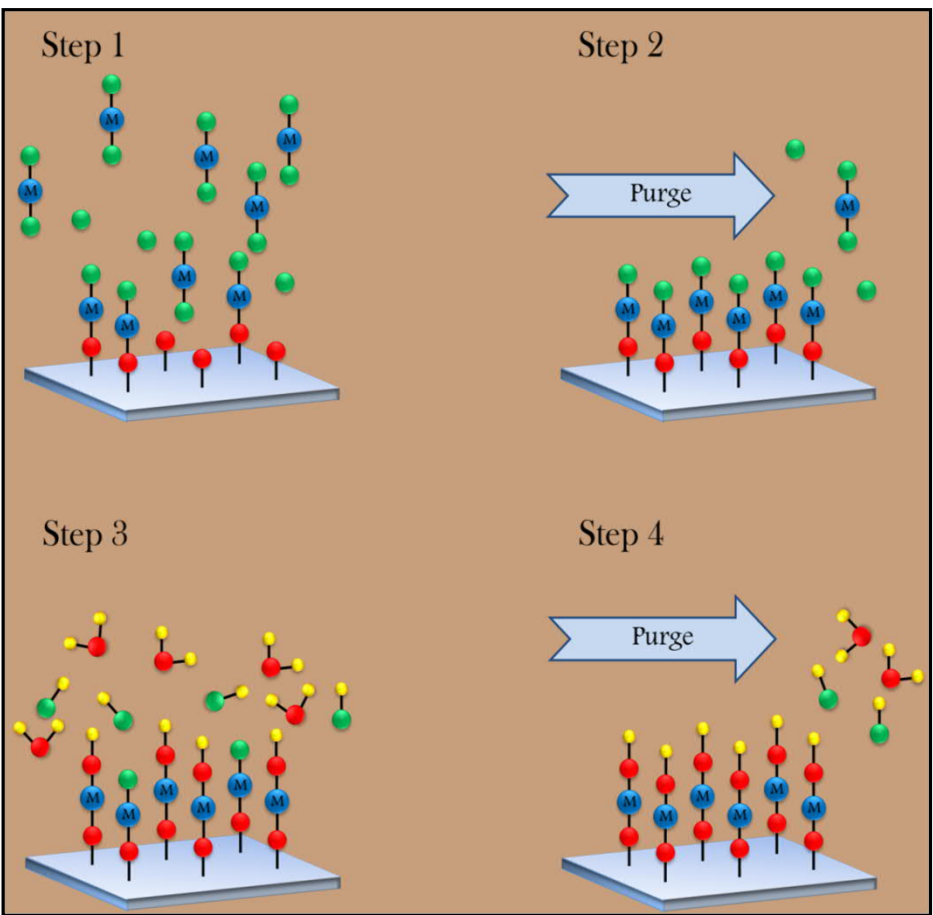


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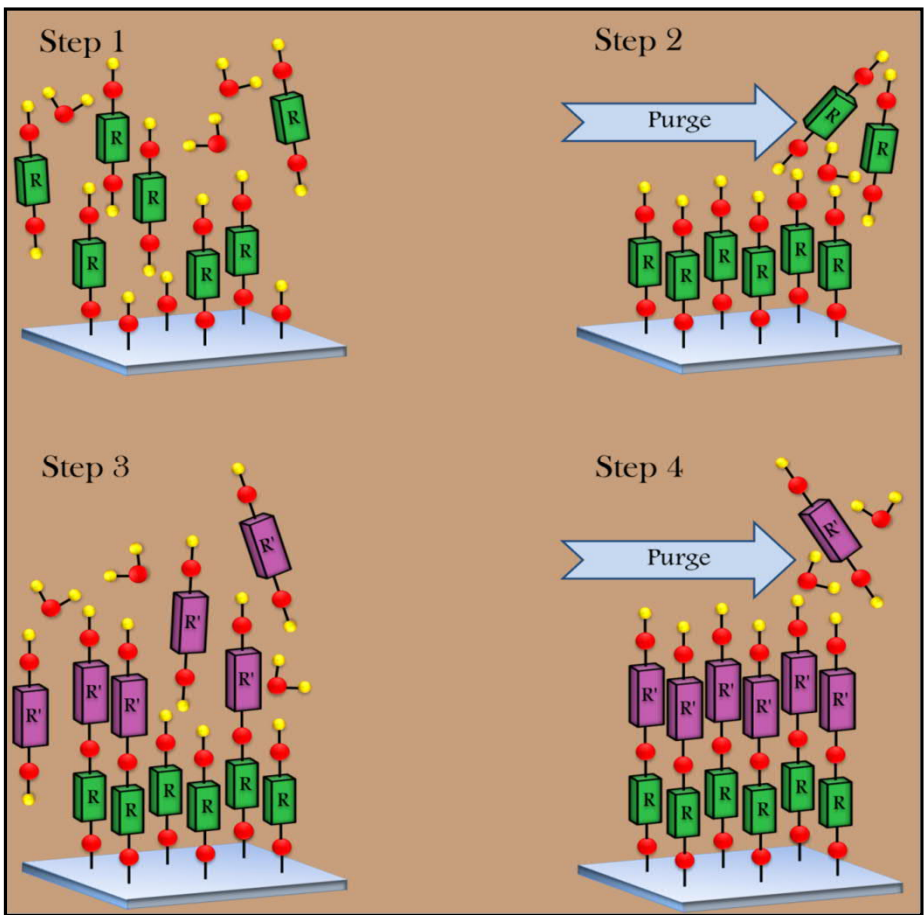
NANO

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NEW



**ALD** (Atomic Layer Deposition)

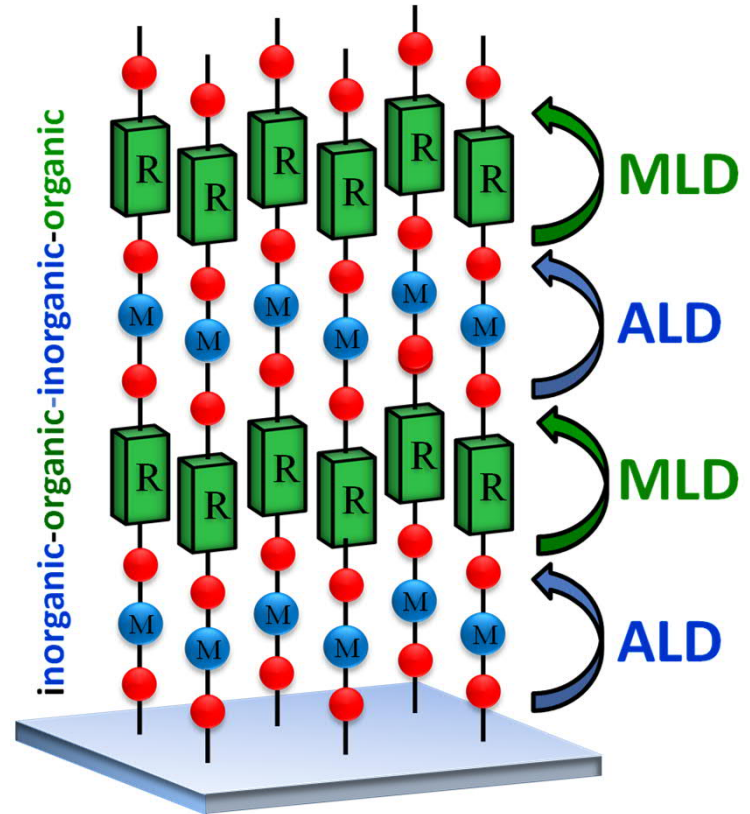
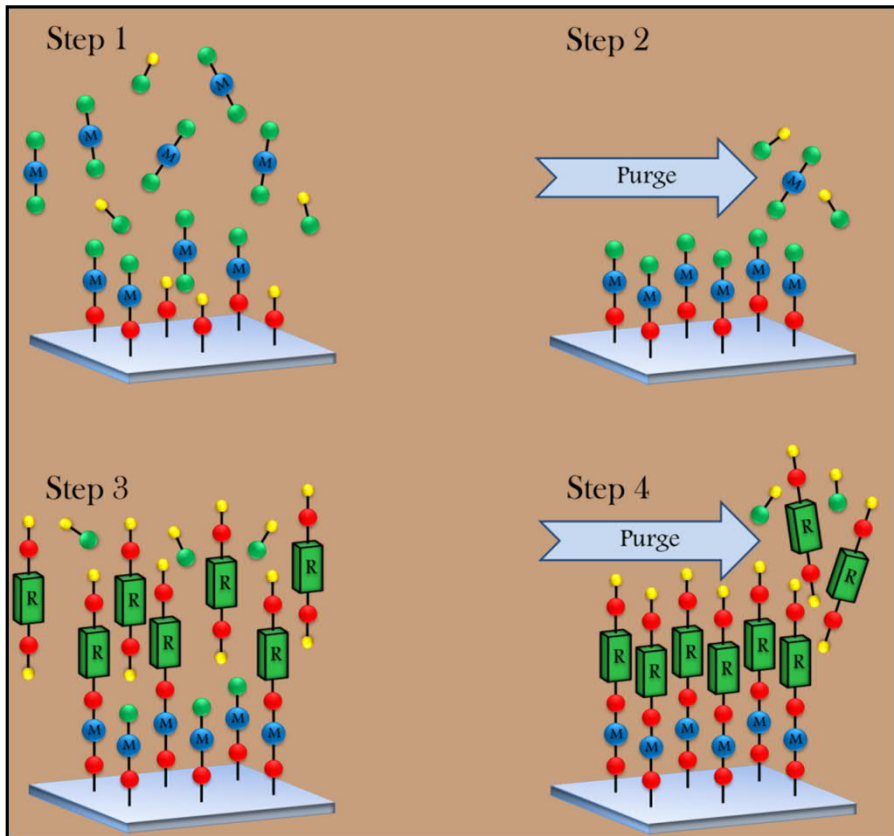


**MLD** (Molecular Layer Deposition)

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

**ORGANICS!**  
 (in 1990s)

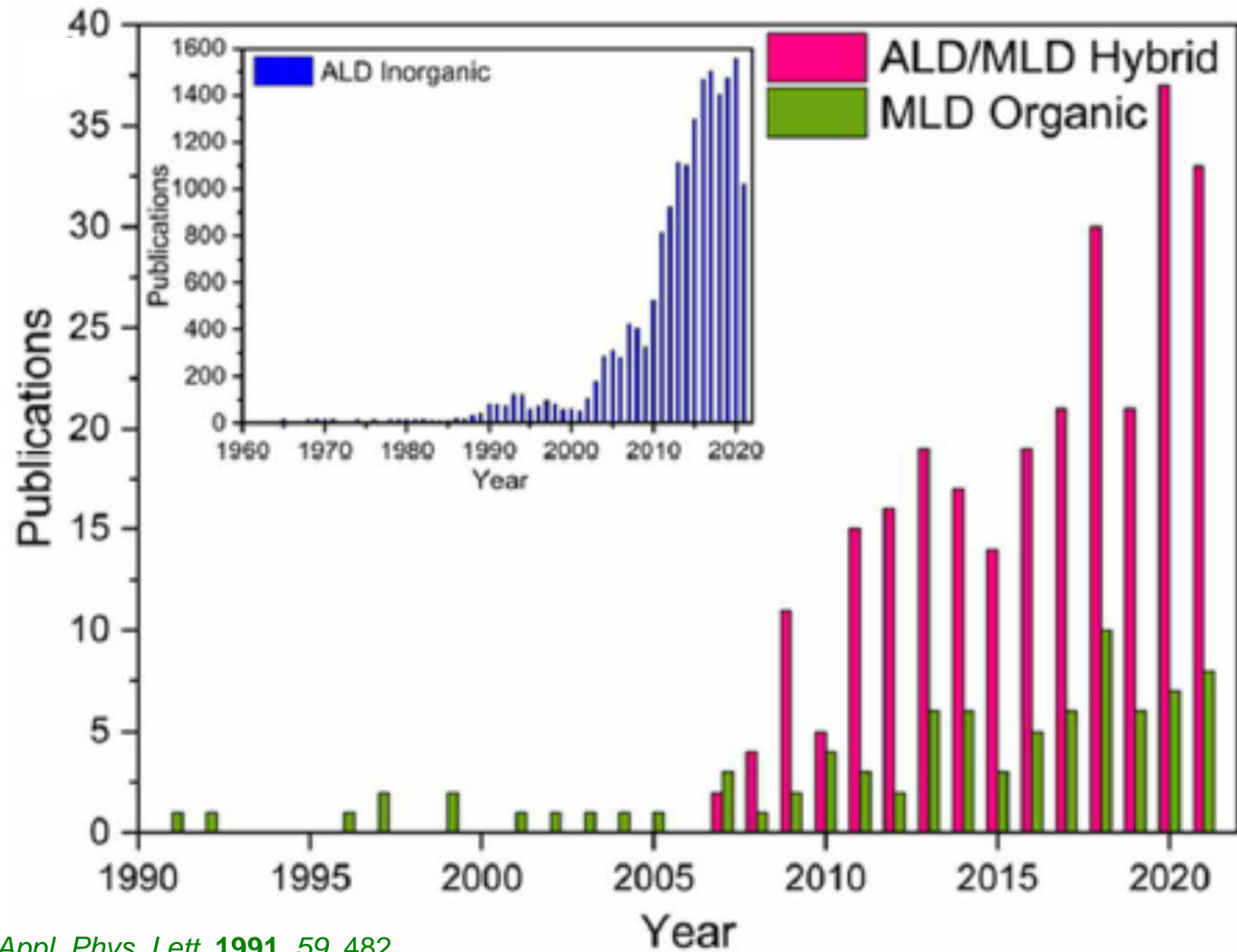
# Inorganic-Organic Hybrid Thin Films by Combined ALD/MLD



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

# Annually published papers:

## MLD & ALD/MLD



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

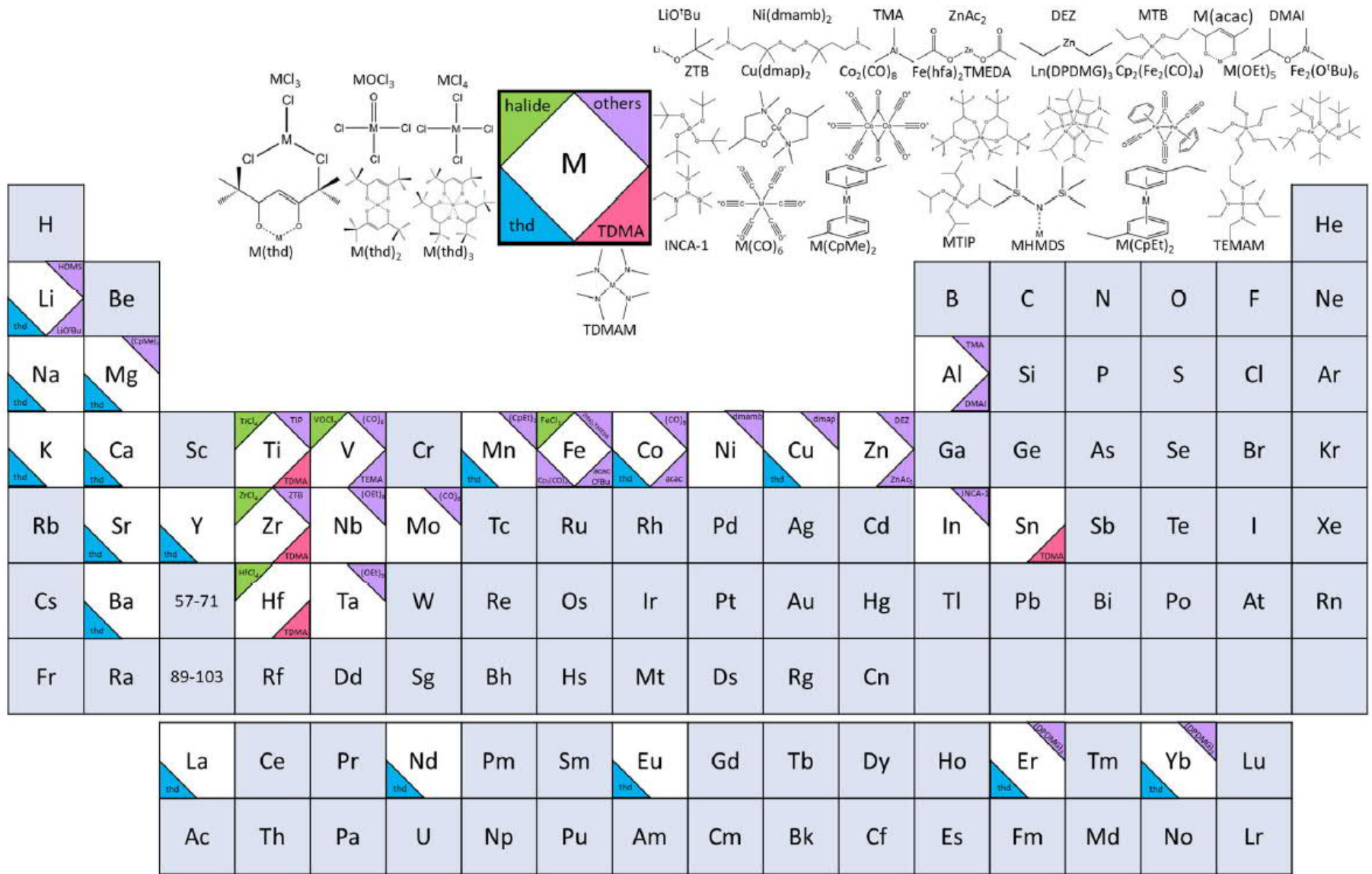
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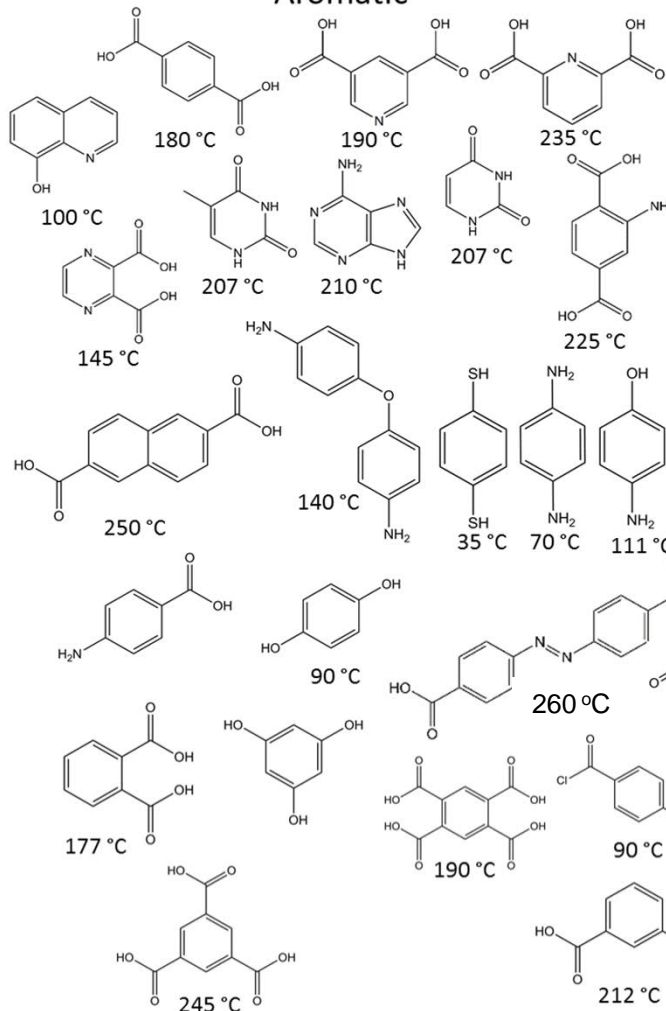
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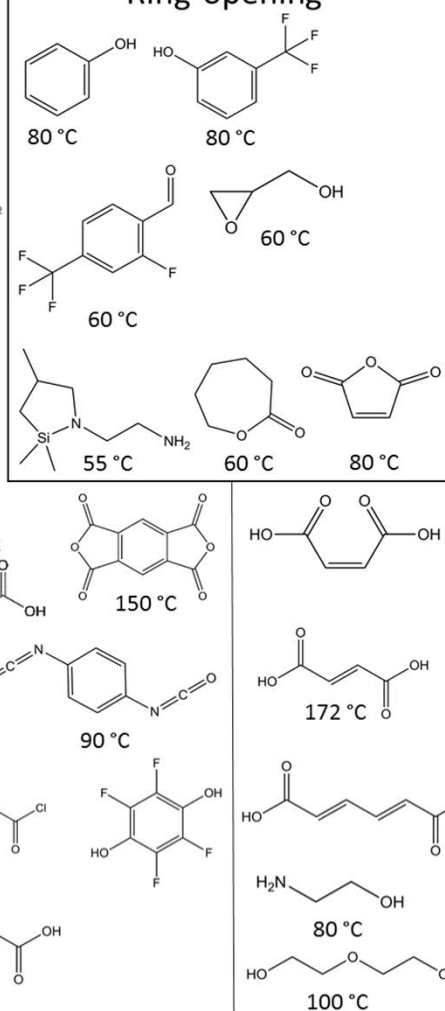
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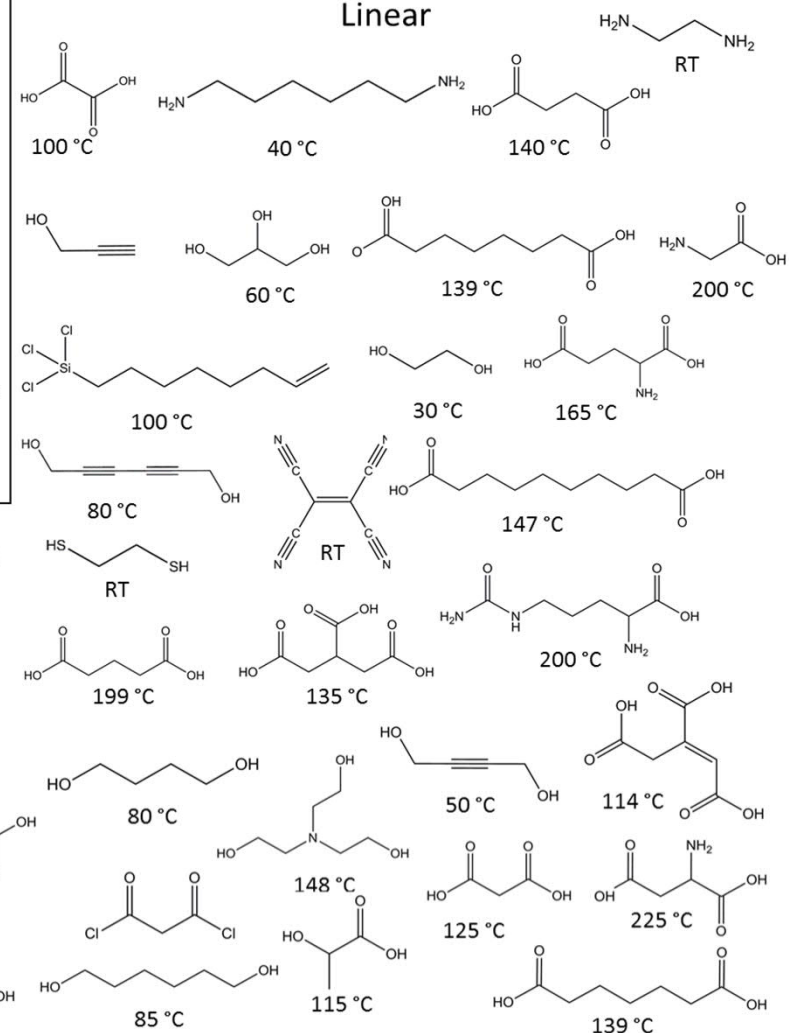
### Aromatic



### Ring-opening



### Linear



**A!**

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School of Chemical  
Engineering

**ALD/MLD Processes: Organic Precursors**  
(sublimation temperatures !)



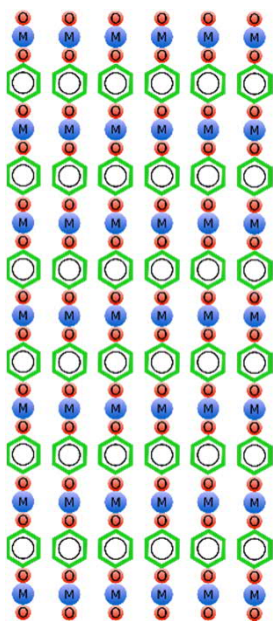
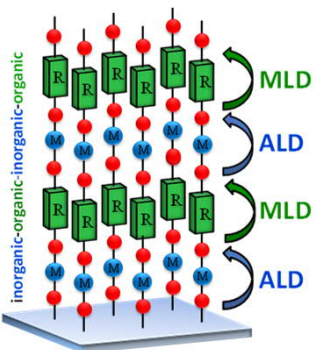
Organic (e.g. benzene)



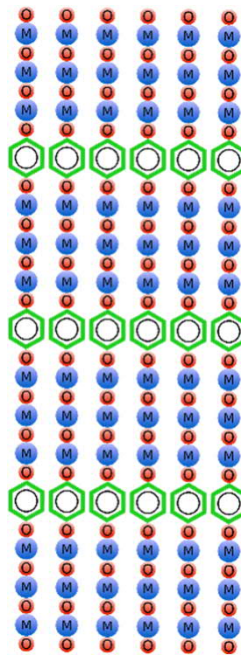
Metal



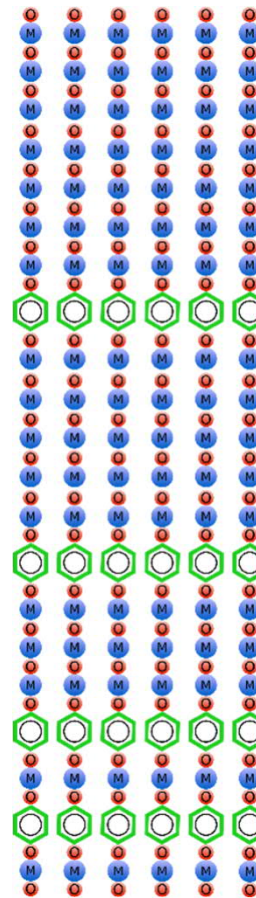
Oxygen (or N, S, ...)



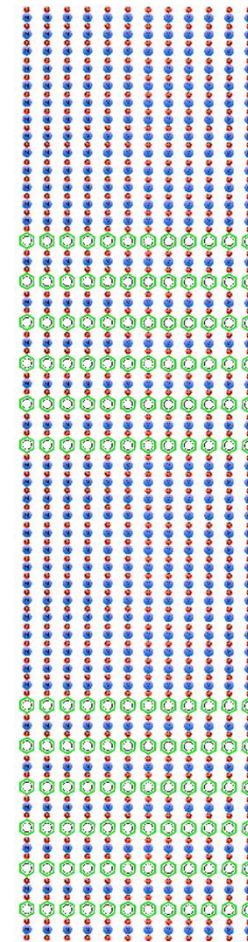
**Simple**  
**Metal-Organic Network**  
 (amorphous or **crystalline**)



**Superlattice**



**Gradient hybrid**



**Nanolaminate**





# LAYER-ENGINEERED

INORGANIC-ORGANIC  
SUPERLATTICES

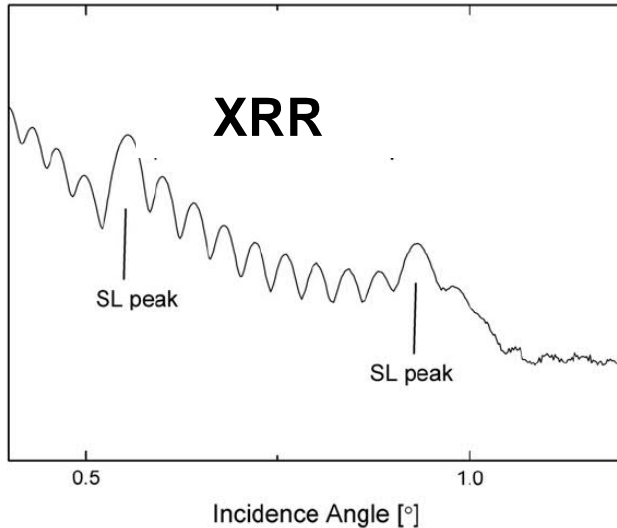
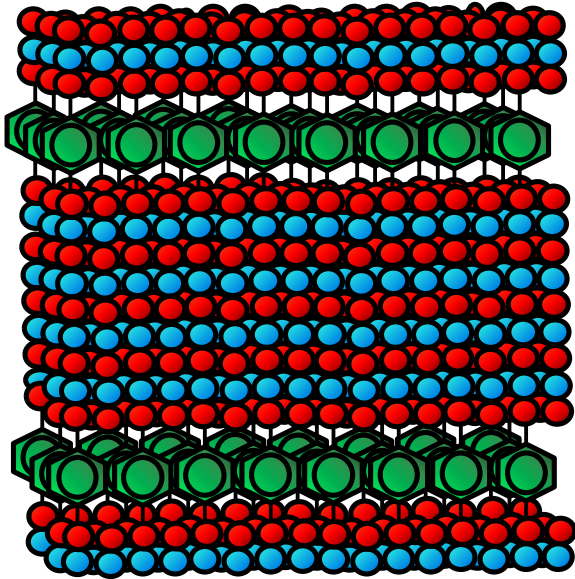
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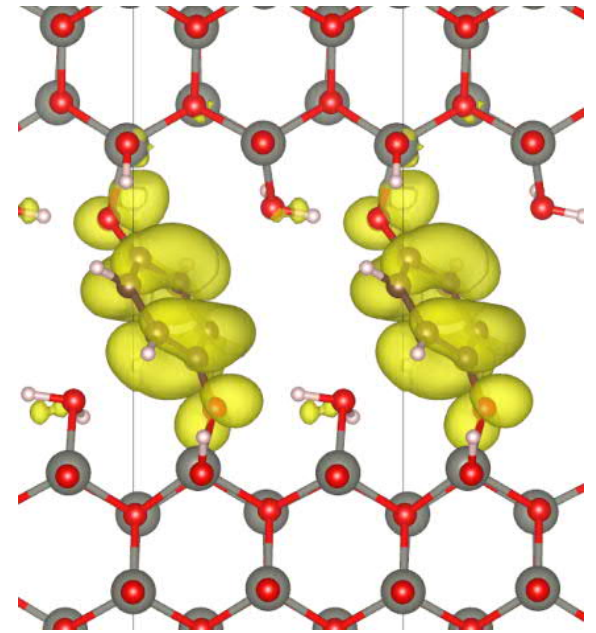
# ZnO:benzene

## SUPERLATTICE

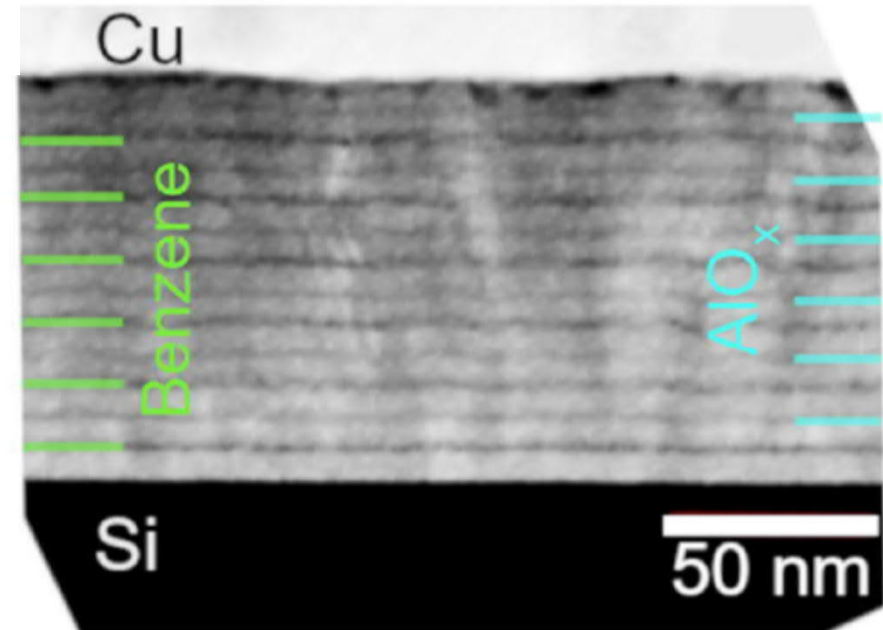


## DFT Modelling

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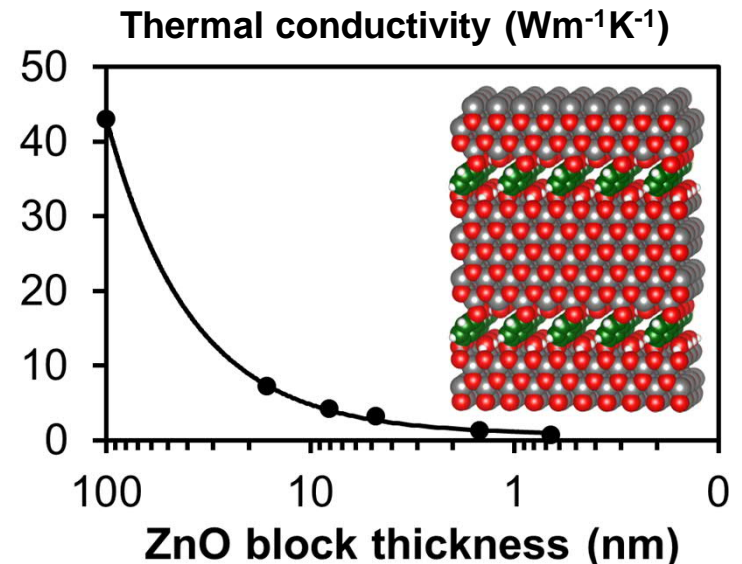
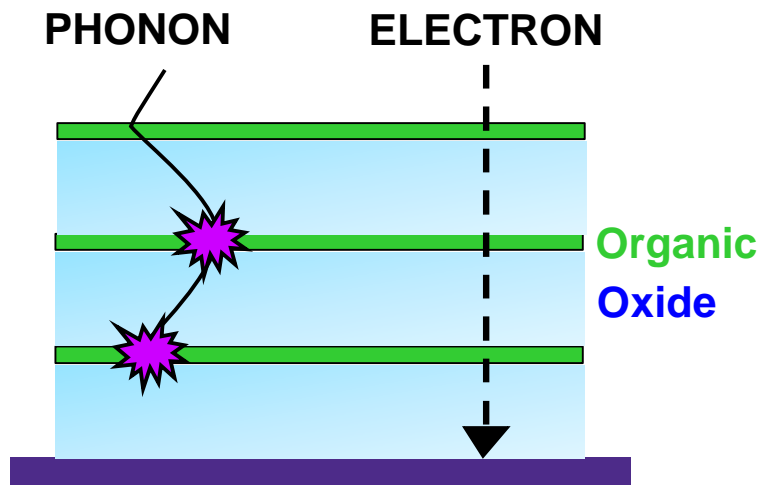


F. Krahl, Y. Ge & M. Karppinen,  
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# Mutually Contradictory Properties:

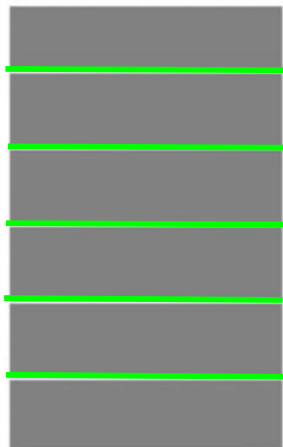
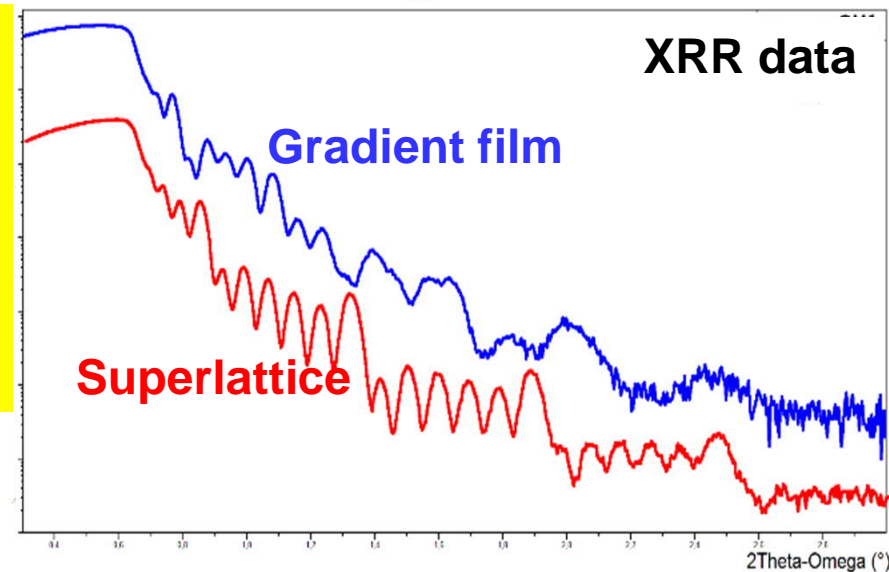
## High electrical conductivity & Low thermal conductivity

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



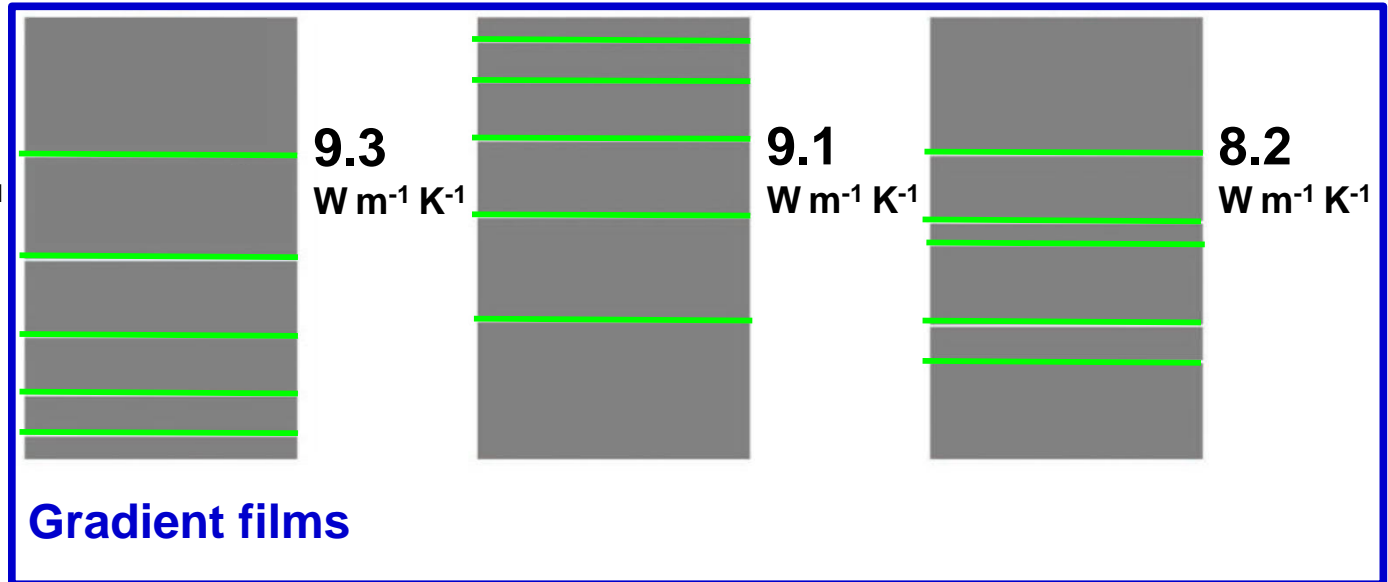
**Total film thickness: ~105 nm**  
**Number of organic layers: 5**  
**Average ZnO layer thickness: ~17 nm**

**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**



**9.3**  
**W m<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-1</sup>**

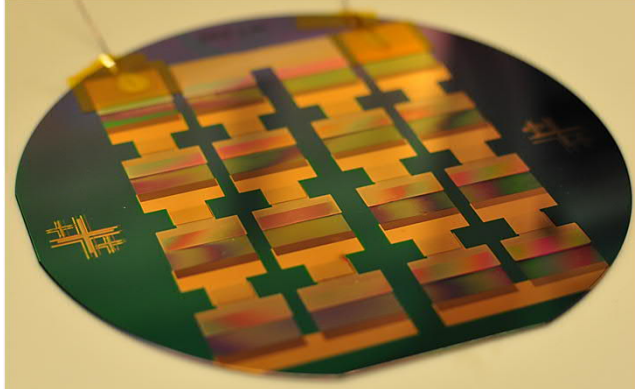
**9.1**  
**W m<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-1</sup>**

**8.2**  
**W m<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-1</sup>**

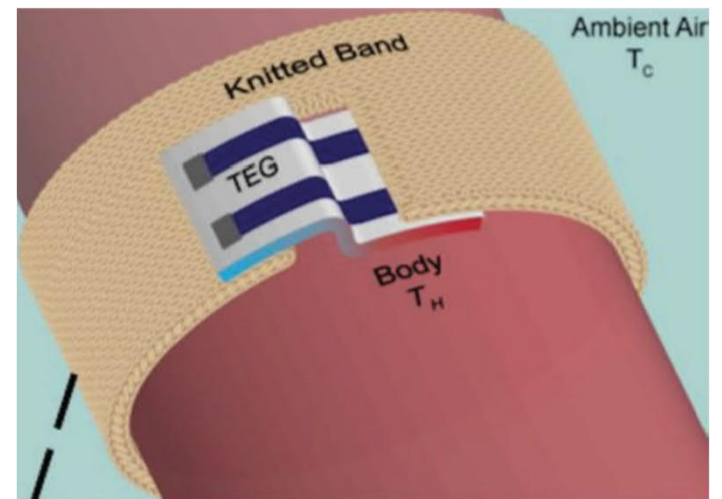
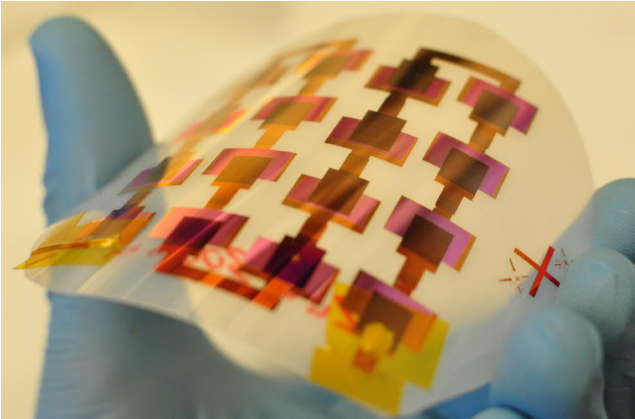
**Gradient films**

# THERMOELECTRIC MODULE

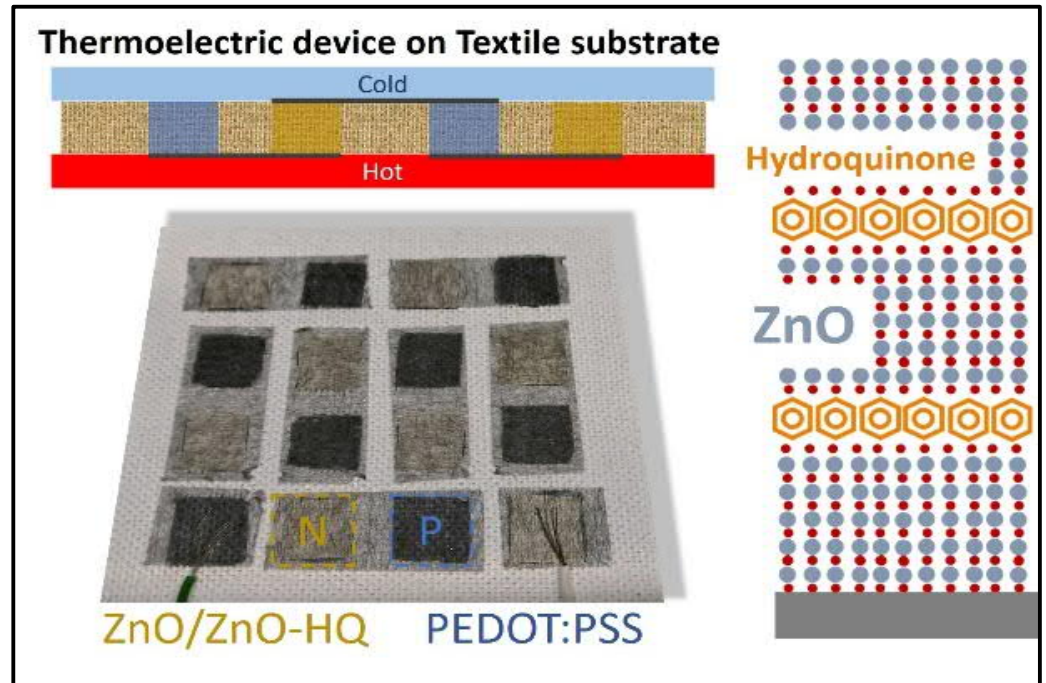
Silicon



Plastics



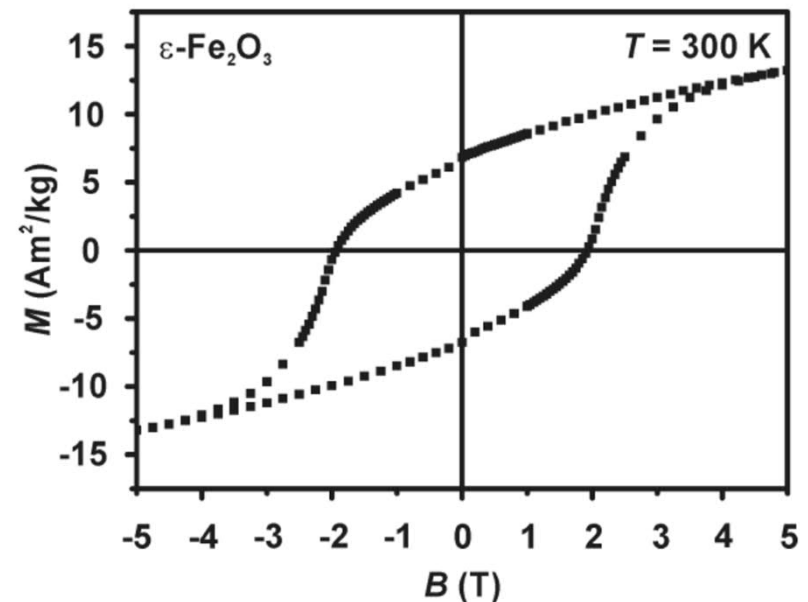
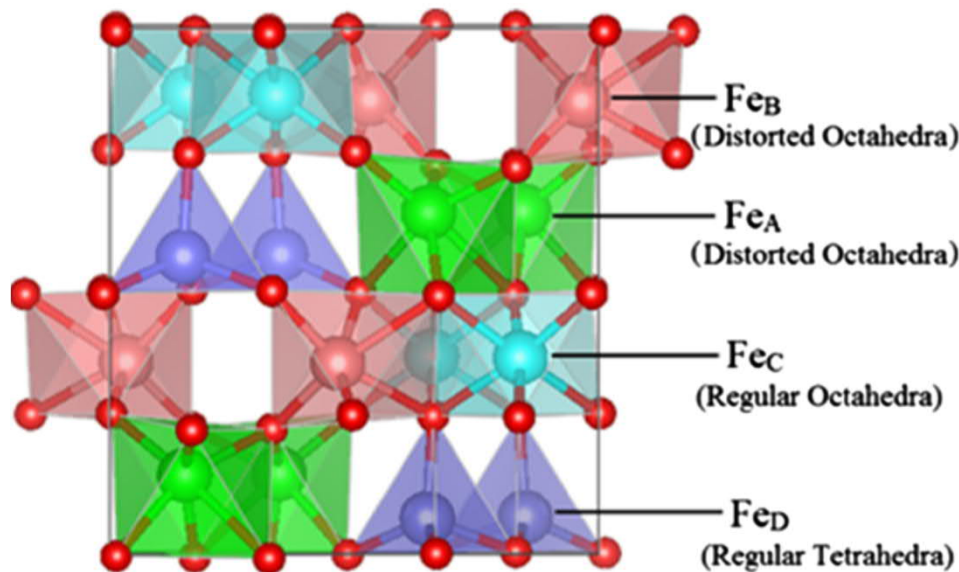
Textile



# Extraordinary Property Combination:

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

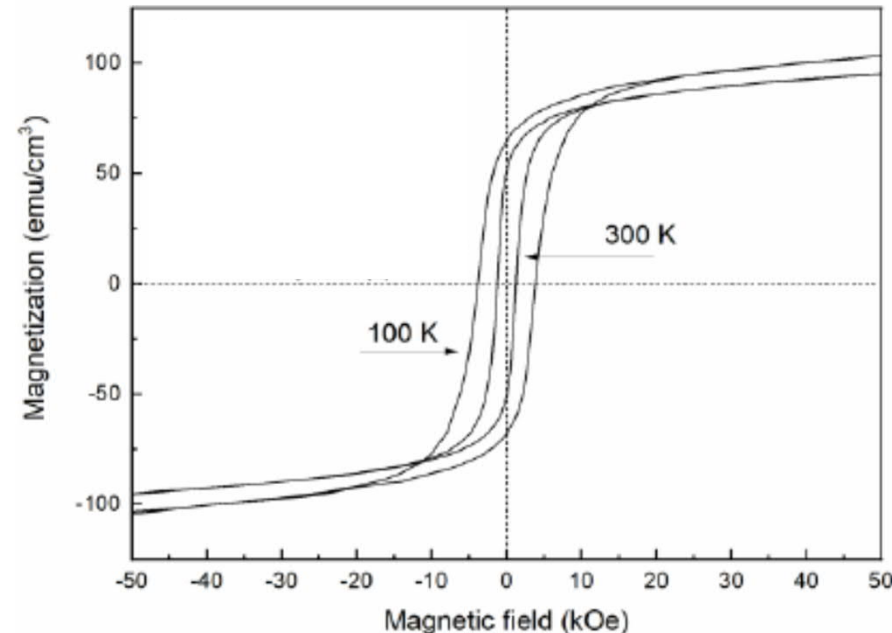
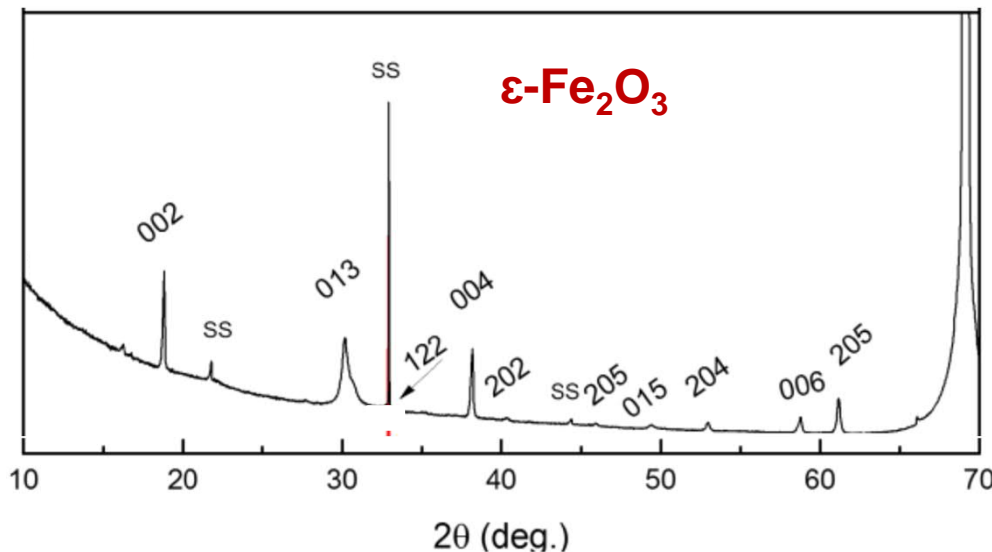
- $\epsilon$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> is the rarest of the iron(III) oxide polymorphs
- Critical-raw-material-free
- RT ferrimagnet ( $T_C \approx 490$  K)
- Colossal coercive field
- Magnetoelectric
- PROBLEM: stabilized/synthesized in nano-scale amounts only



# Facile ALD process for stable $\epsilon$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> thin films

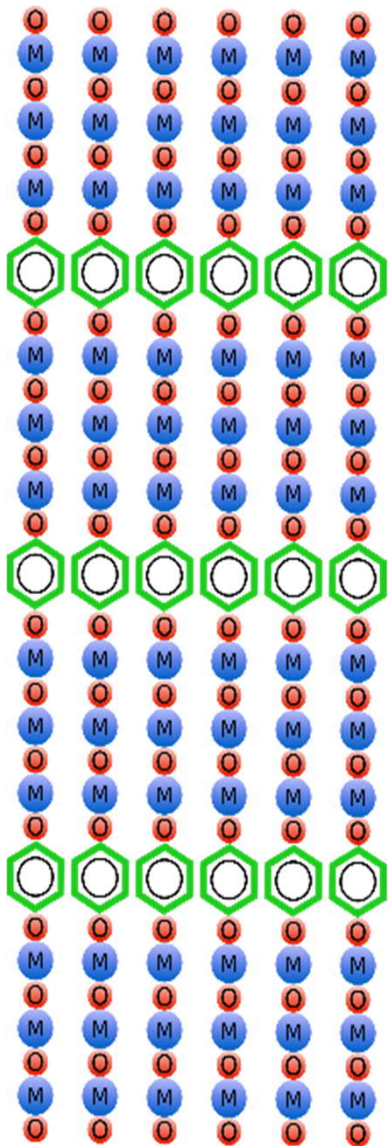
- Just “most common” precursors: FeCl<sub>3</sub> & H<sub>2</sub>O
- Deposition temperature: 280 °C
- Substrate: silicon, flexible glass, Kapton, polyimide, etc.

ALD: large-area homogeneity & conformality over porous templates → “MASS production”

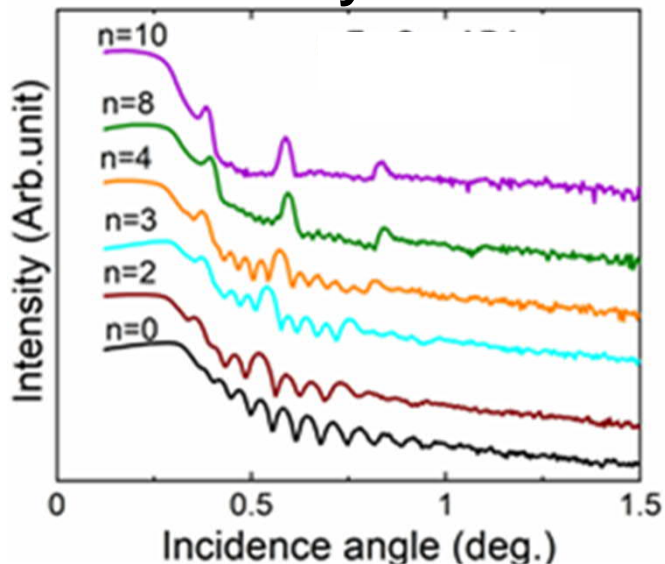


A. Tanskanen, O. Mustonen & M. Karppinen, Simple ALD process for  $\epsilon$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> thin films, *APL Materials* **5**, 056104 (2017).

# $\epsilon$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>:TPA Superlattices (TPA: terephthalic acid)

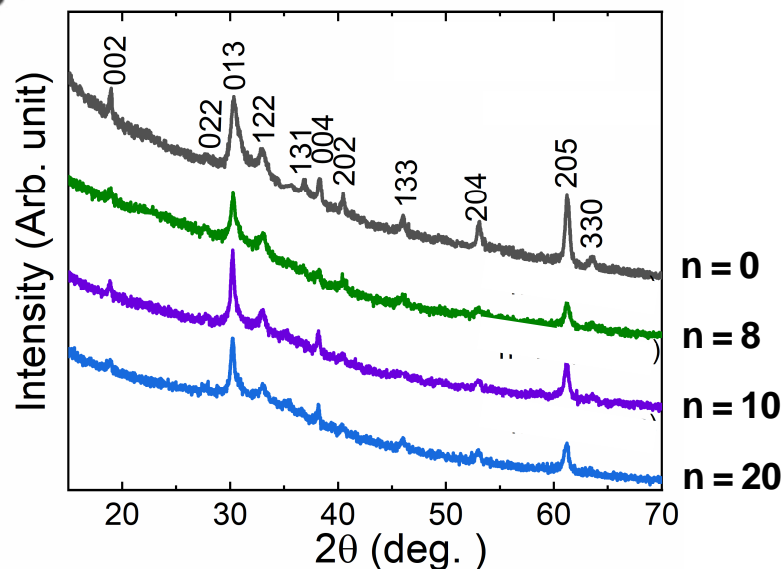


## XRR: X-ray reflection



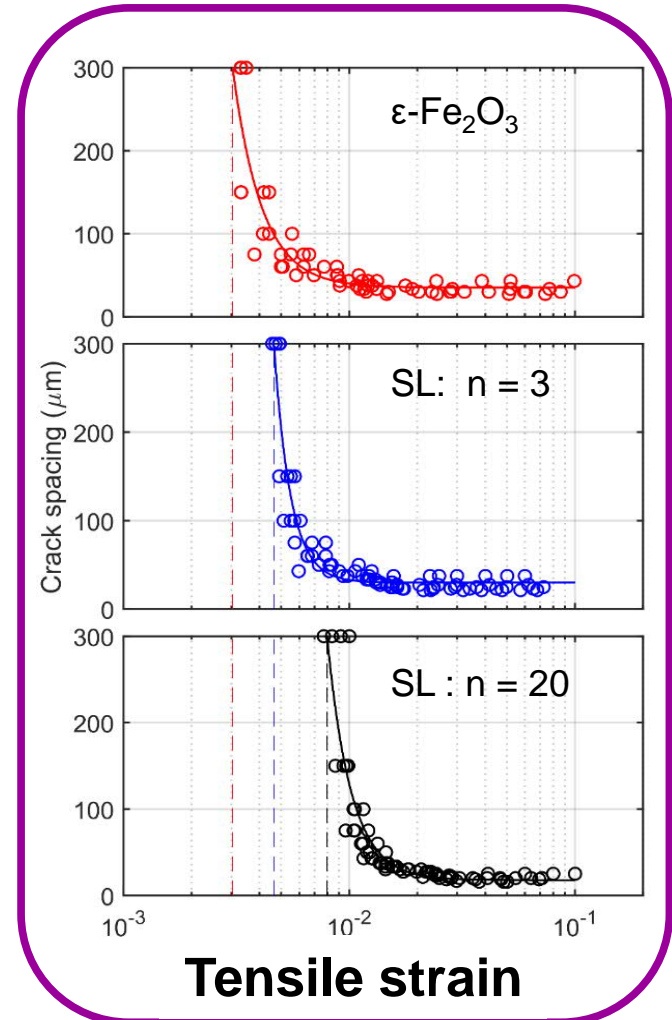
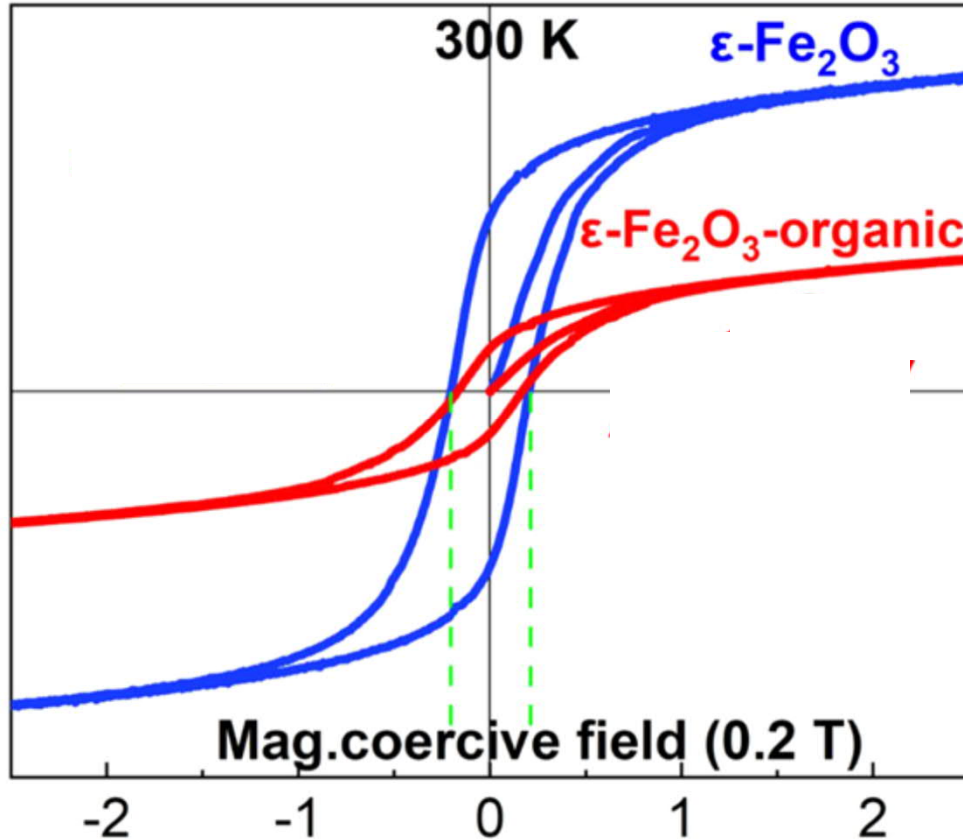
**n: number of organic layers**

## GI-XRD



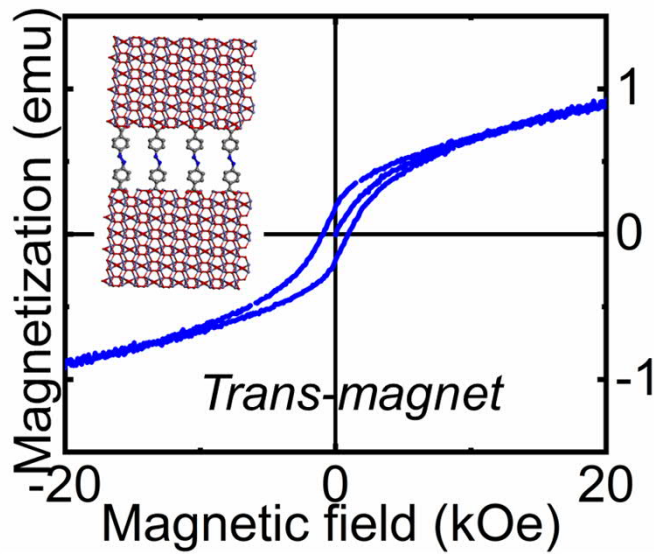
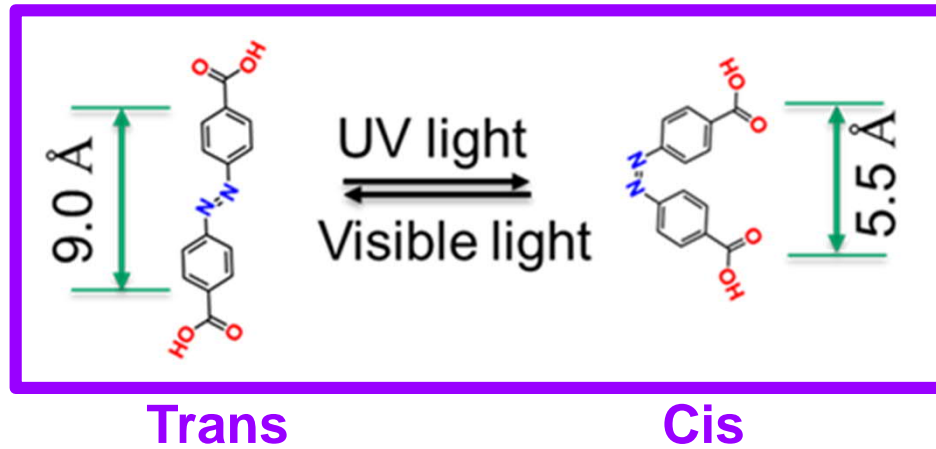


# Mechanical property testing: $\epsilon$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>:TPA

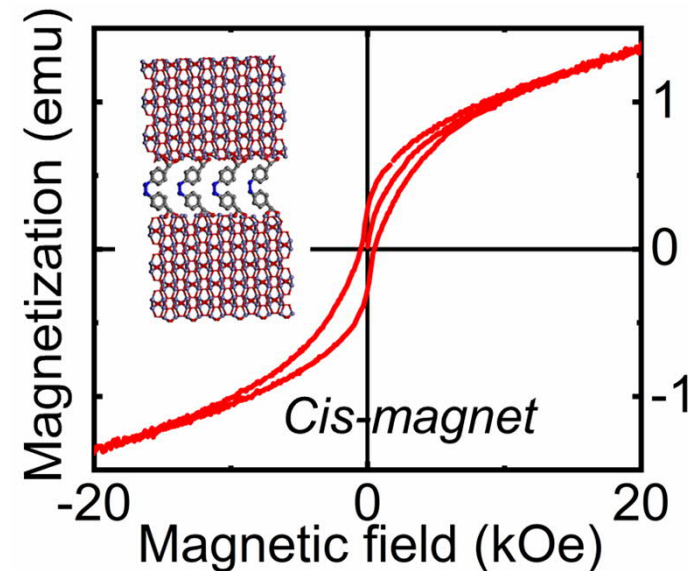


# Extraordinary Functionality:

Photoswitched magnetism  $\epsilon\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3\text{:AZO}$  (AZO = azobenzene)



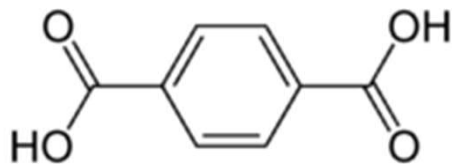
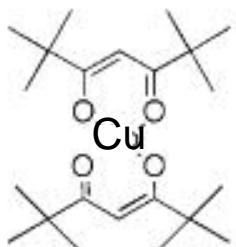
UV (365 nm)



- Magnetization (remanent and saturation) increased (doubled)
- Coercivity decreased (into half)

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



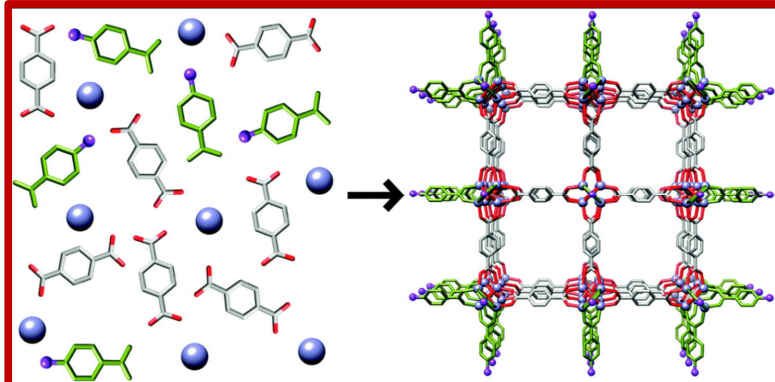


**Cu(thd)<sub>2</sub>**

**Terephthalic acid (TPA)**

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

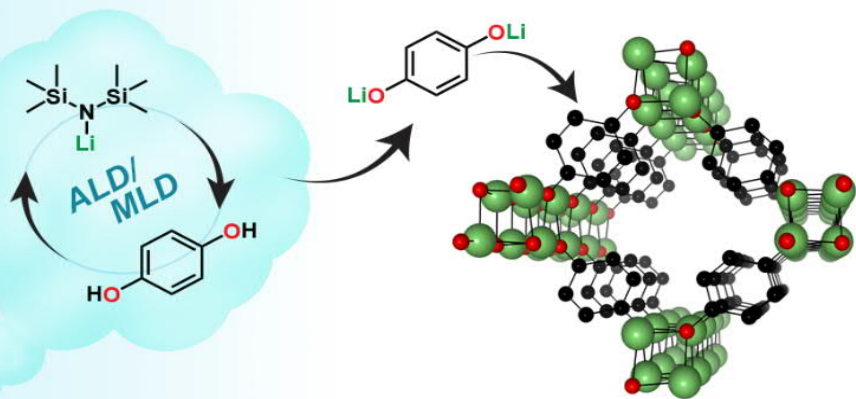
**Known  
MOF-2  
structure**



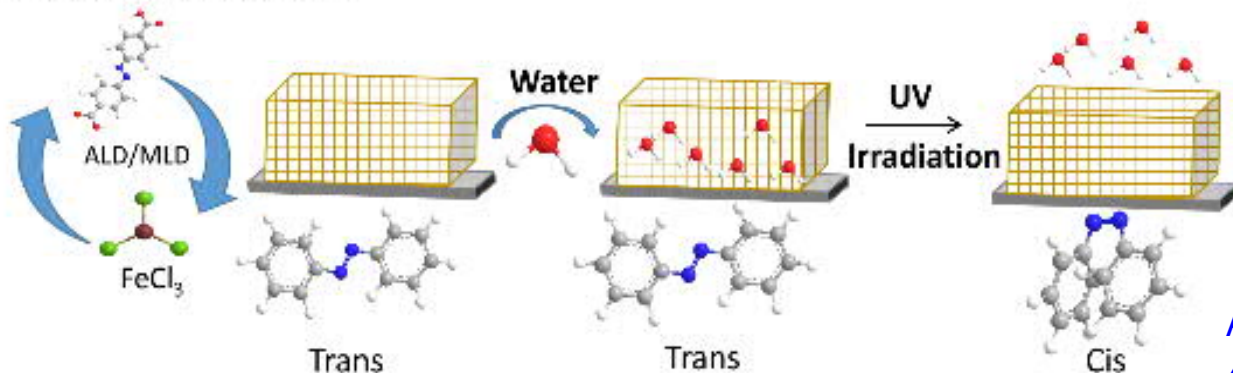
**Lithium-benzoquinone**

- 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

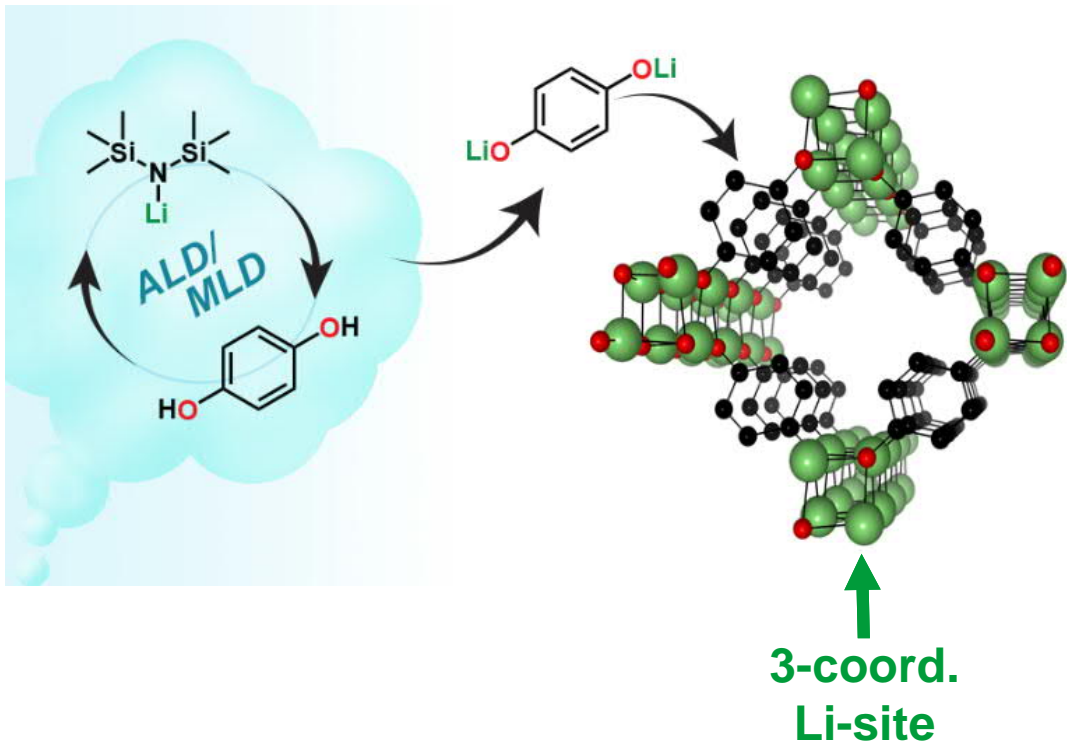


**Iron-azobenzoate**

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

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

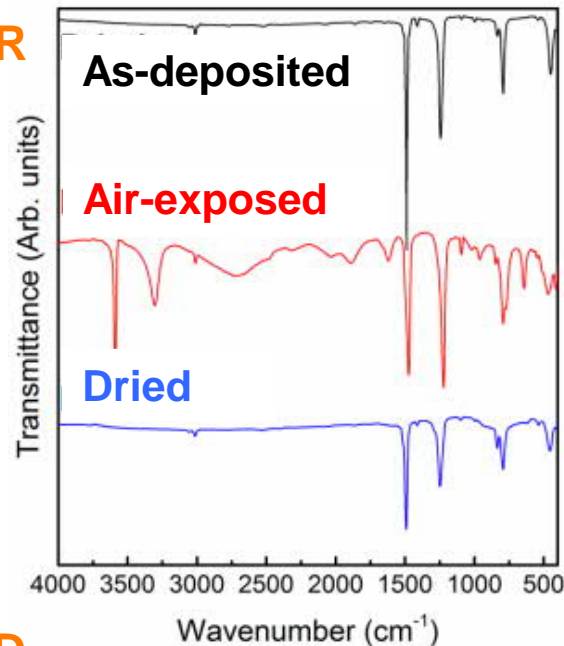
**EXAMPLES: In-Situ CRYSTALLINE Metal-Organic films via ALD/MLD**



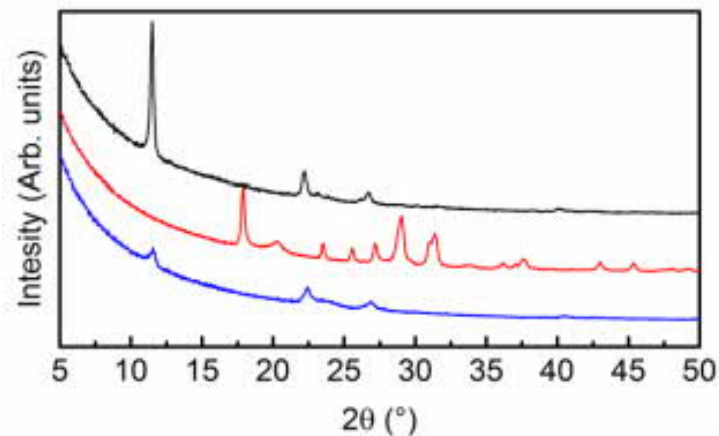
## Li + Hydroquinone

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

FTIR



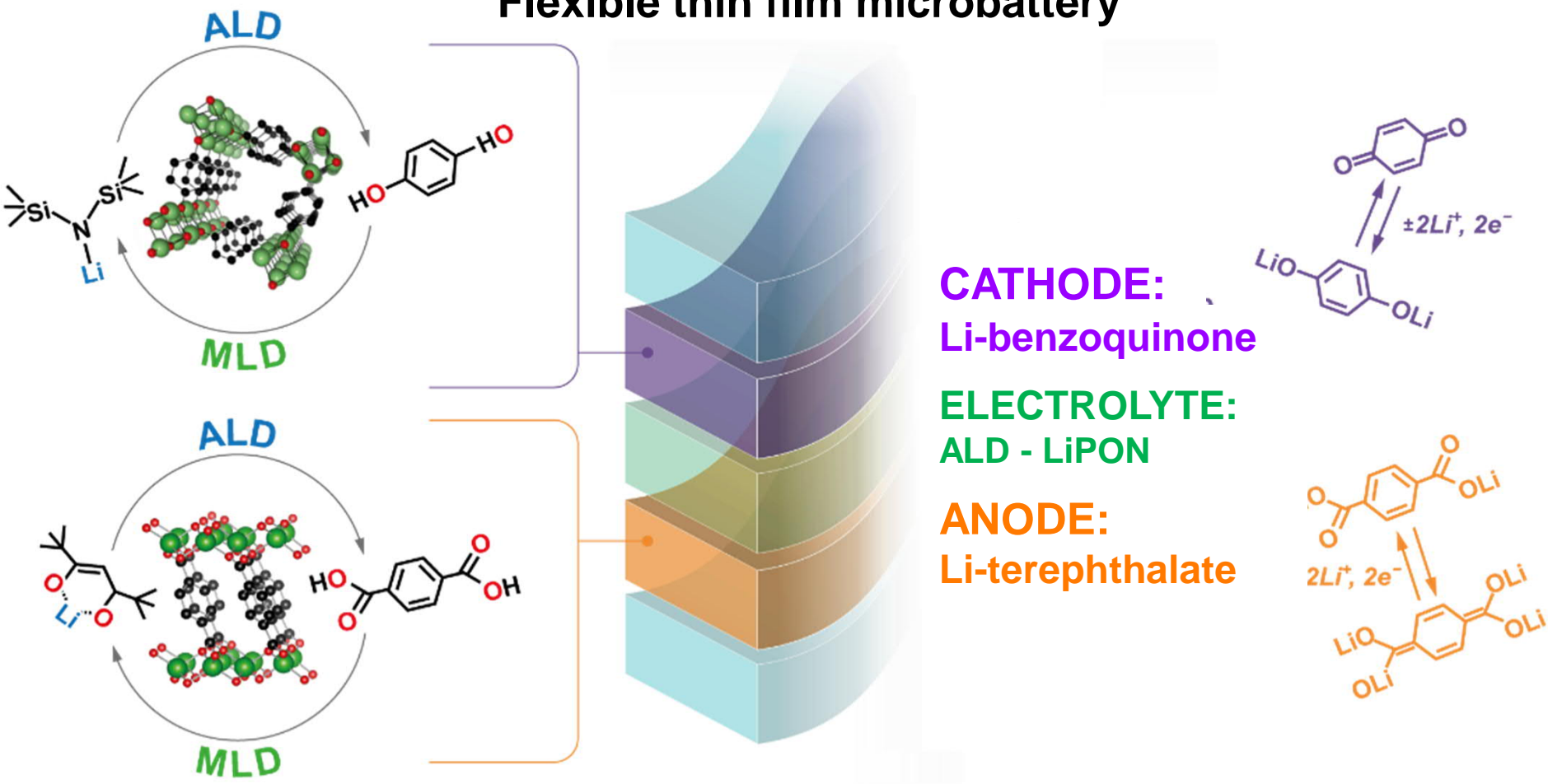
XRD



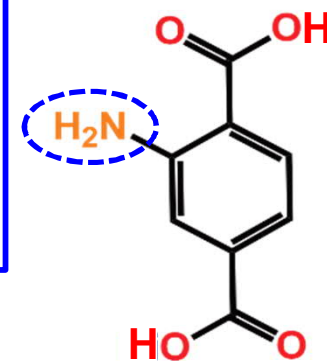
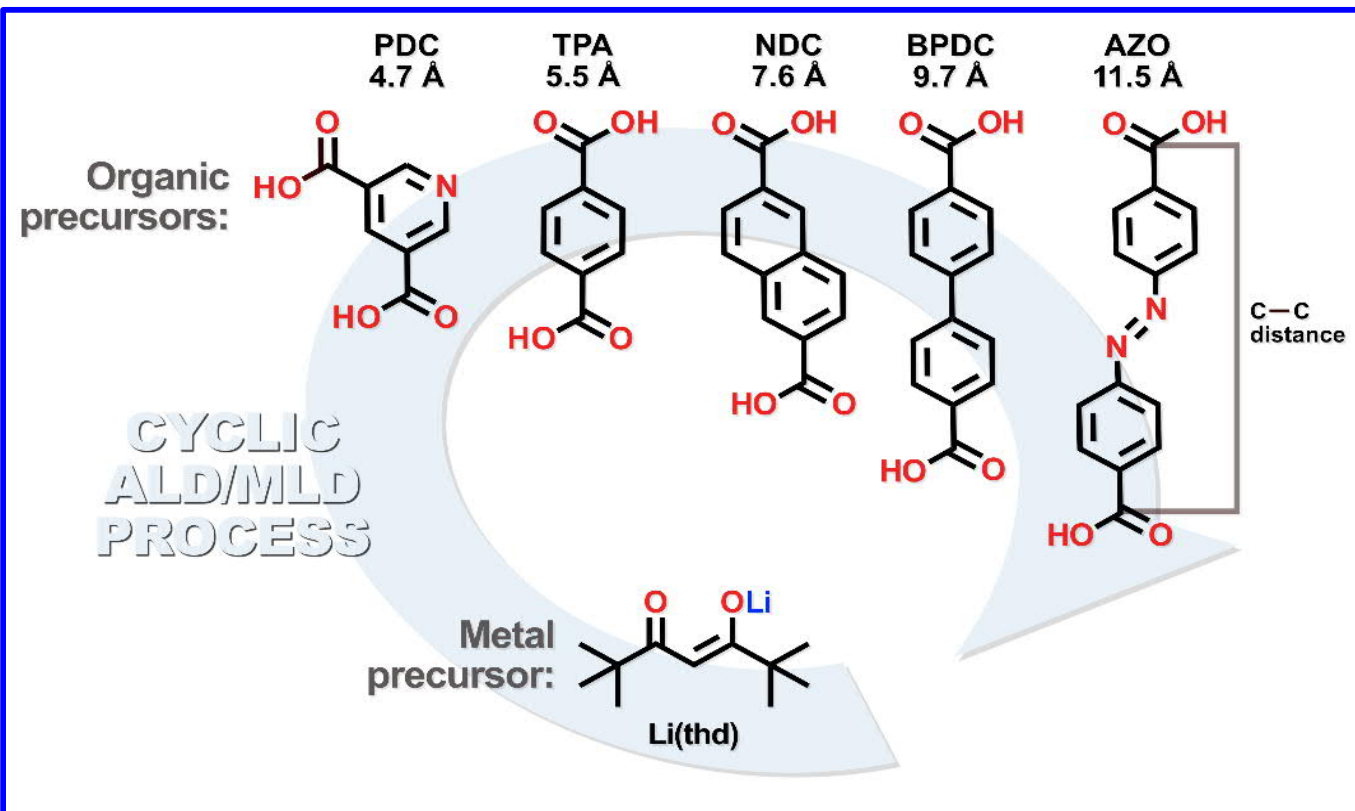
Structure predicted by DFT

# ALD + MLD: Metal-saving Li-organic microbattery

## Flexible thin film microbattery



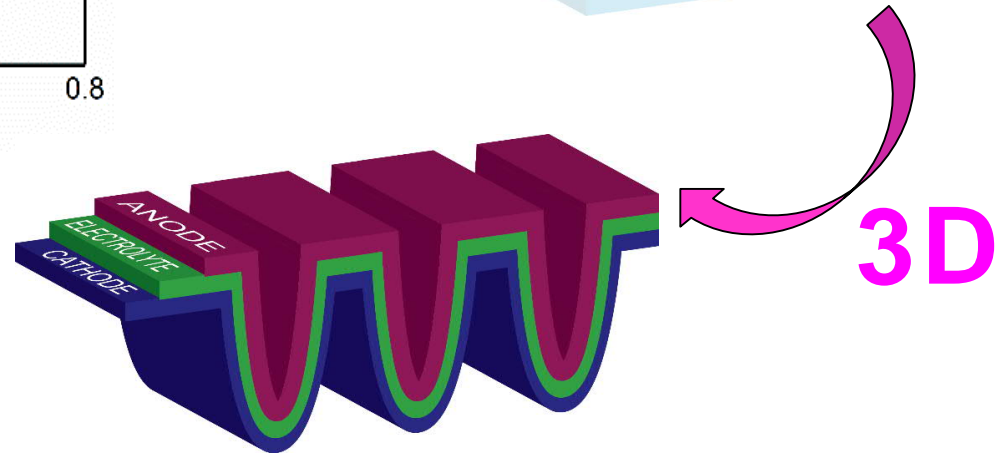
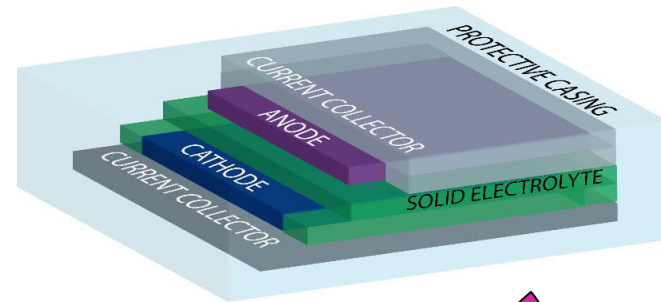
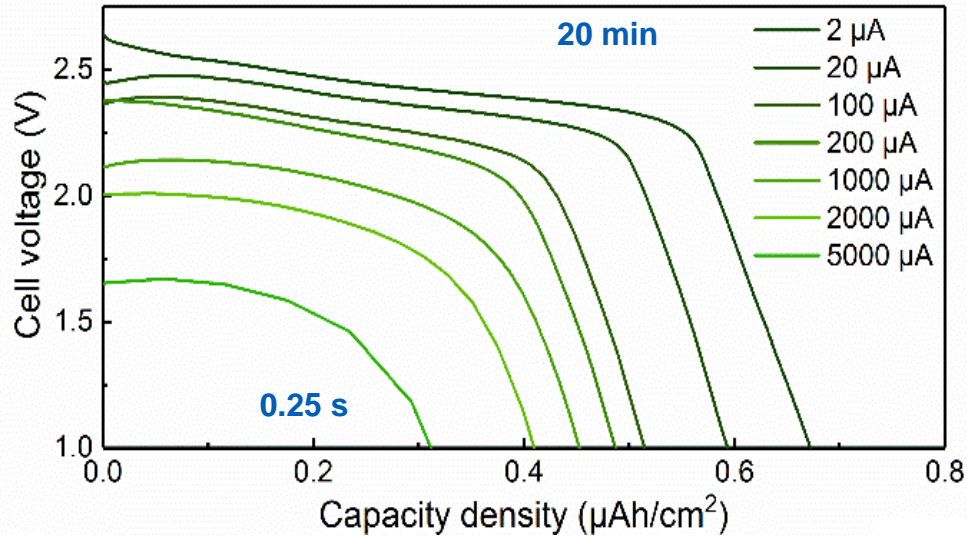
ALD/MLD-made Li-organic microbattery is flexible and cobalt-free. It is ultrafast to charge, but the problem is the low energy capacity. Whole battery structure can be deposited active-layer by active-layer in a same reactor, without additives.



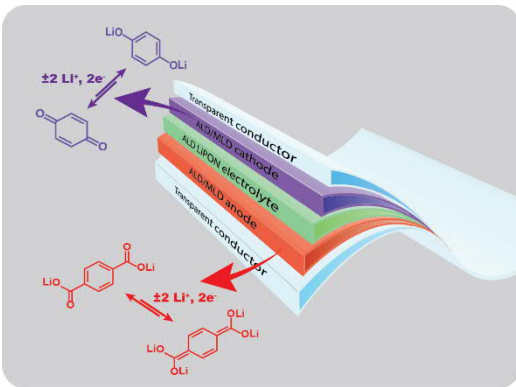
**Electron-withdrawing amino group → Redox potential increases**

- J. Heiska, M. Nisula, E.-L. Rautama, A.J. Karttunen & M. Karppinen, Atomic/molecular layer deposition and electrochemical performance of dilithium 2-aminoterephthalate, *Dalton Transactions* 49, 1591 (2020).
- J. Multia, J. Heiska, A. Khayyami & M. Karppinen, Electrochemically active in-situ crystalline lithium-organic thin films by ALD/MLD, *ACS Applied Materials & Interfaces* 12, 41557 (2020).

- **Charging/discharging: extremely fast**
- **Power density:  $\sim 500 \text{ W/cm}^3$**
- **Energy density:  $\sim 100 \text{ mWh/cm}^3$**

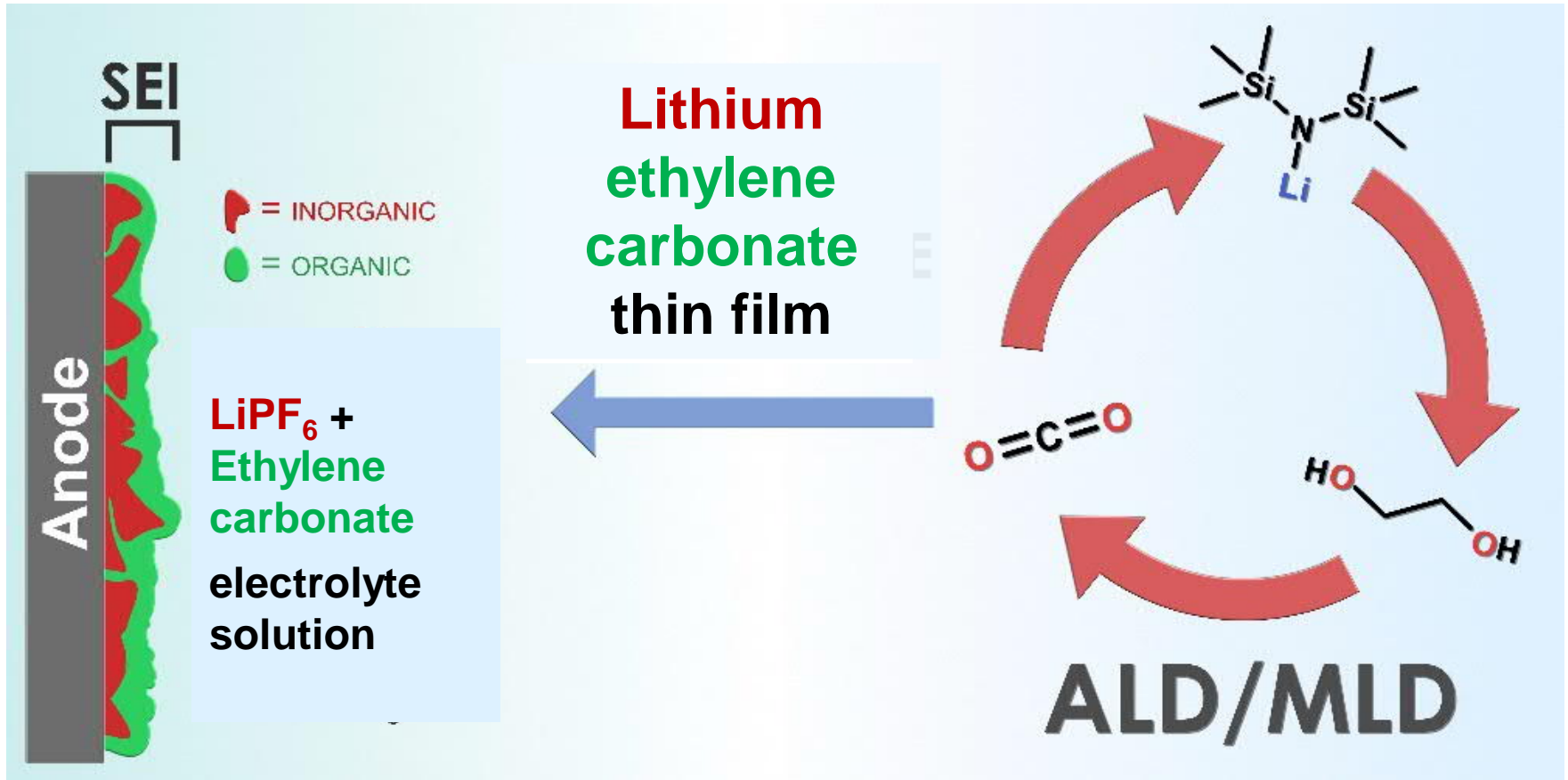


**HIGH POWER & ENERGY DENSITY**



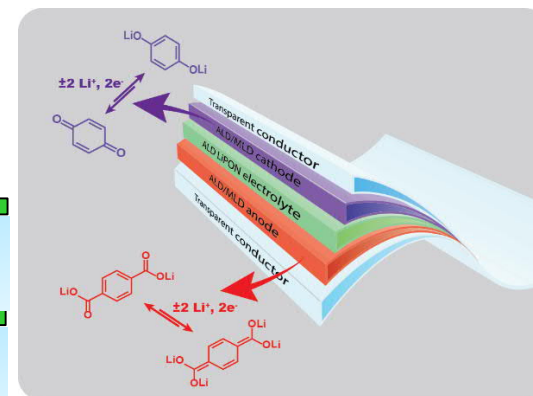
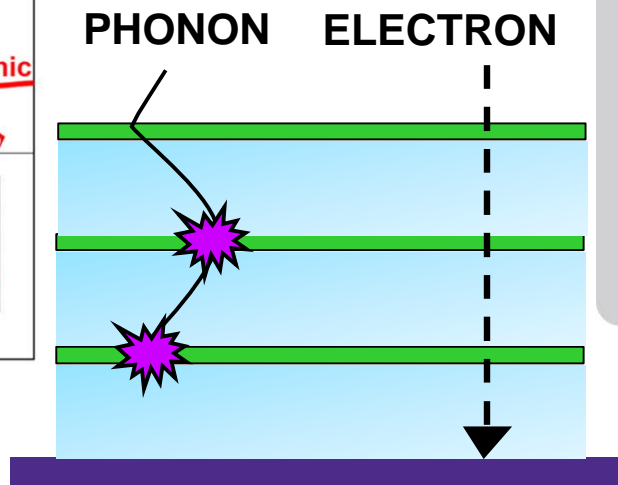
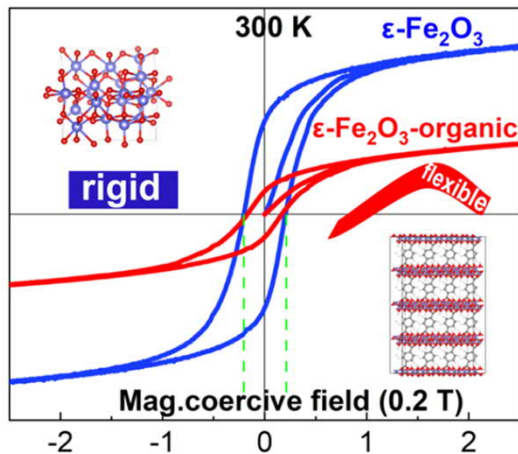
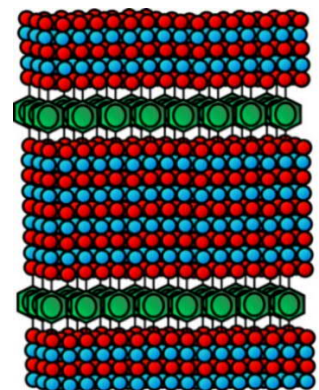


# ALD + MLD: Artificial SEI-layer for Li-ion battery



## SEI (Solid Electrolyte Interphase)

- SEI-layer forms naturally/unavoidably upon charging/discharging on top of the anode surface due to the unwanted reactions between anode and liquid electrolyte
- SEI protects the anode from further reactions (requirement: homogeneous and pinhole-free), but it consumes Li-ions when it forms
- ALD/MLD: high-quality artificial barrier coating which resembles the natural SEI layer



- 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 !!!

