

# Functional Inorganic Materials

## Fall 2022

Tuesdays: 12.15 - 14.00 (U8)  
Thursdays: 10.15 - 12.00 (Ke1)

| #         | Date              | Who           | Topic  |
|-----------|-------------------|---------------|--|
| 1         | Mon 5.9.          | Maarit        | Introduction + Materials design concepts                 |
| 2         | Thu 8.9.          | Antti         | Introduction + Computational materials design            |
| 3         | Tue 13.9.         | Maarit        | Superconductivity: High- $T_c$ superconducting Cu oxides |
| 4         | Thu 15.9.         | Maarit        | Magnetic (oxide) materials                               |
| 5         | Tue 20.9.         | Maarit        | Ionic conductivity (Oxygen): SOFC & Oxygen storage       |
| 6         | Thu 22.9.         | Maarit        | Ionic conductivity (Lithium & Proton): Li-ion battery    |
| 7         | Tue 27.9.         | Antti         | Thermal conductivity                                     |
| 8         | Thu 29.9.         | Antti         | Thermoelectricity  |
| 9         | Tue 4.10.         | Antti         | Piezoelectricity   |
| 10        | Thu 6.10.         | Antti         | Pyroelectricity and ferroelectricity                     |
| <b>11</b> | <b>Tue 11.10.</b> | <b>Maarit</b> | <b>Hybrid materials</b>                                  |
| 12        | Thu 13.10.        | Antti         | Luminescent and optically active materials               |

# LECTURE 11: Hybrid Materials

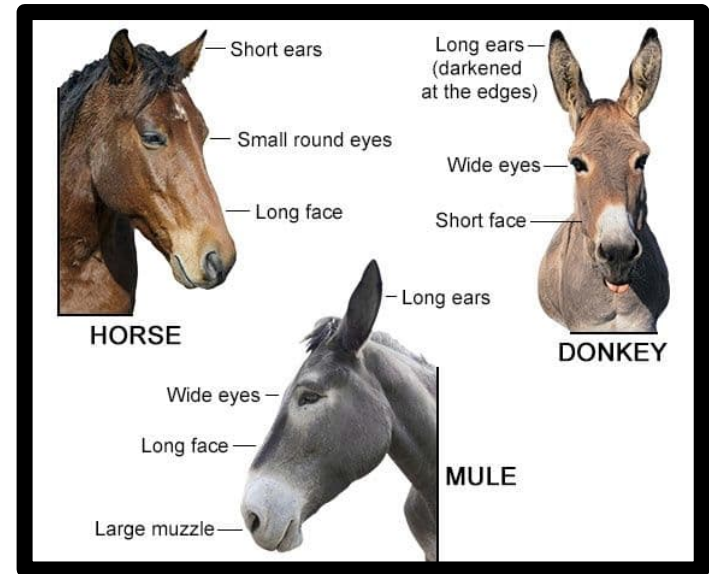
- ❖ Inorganic-organic materials
- ❖ CPs & MOFs
- ❖ ALD/MLD
- ❖ Layer-engineering
- ❖ Superlattice

## LECTURE EXERCISE 11

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.
5. **EXTRA QUESTION: The UV-activated photoisomerization reaction of azobenzene molecules 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. You could think/propose some other application area(s) where a similar switching effect could be useful/interesting.**



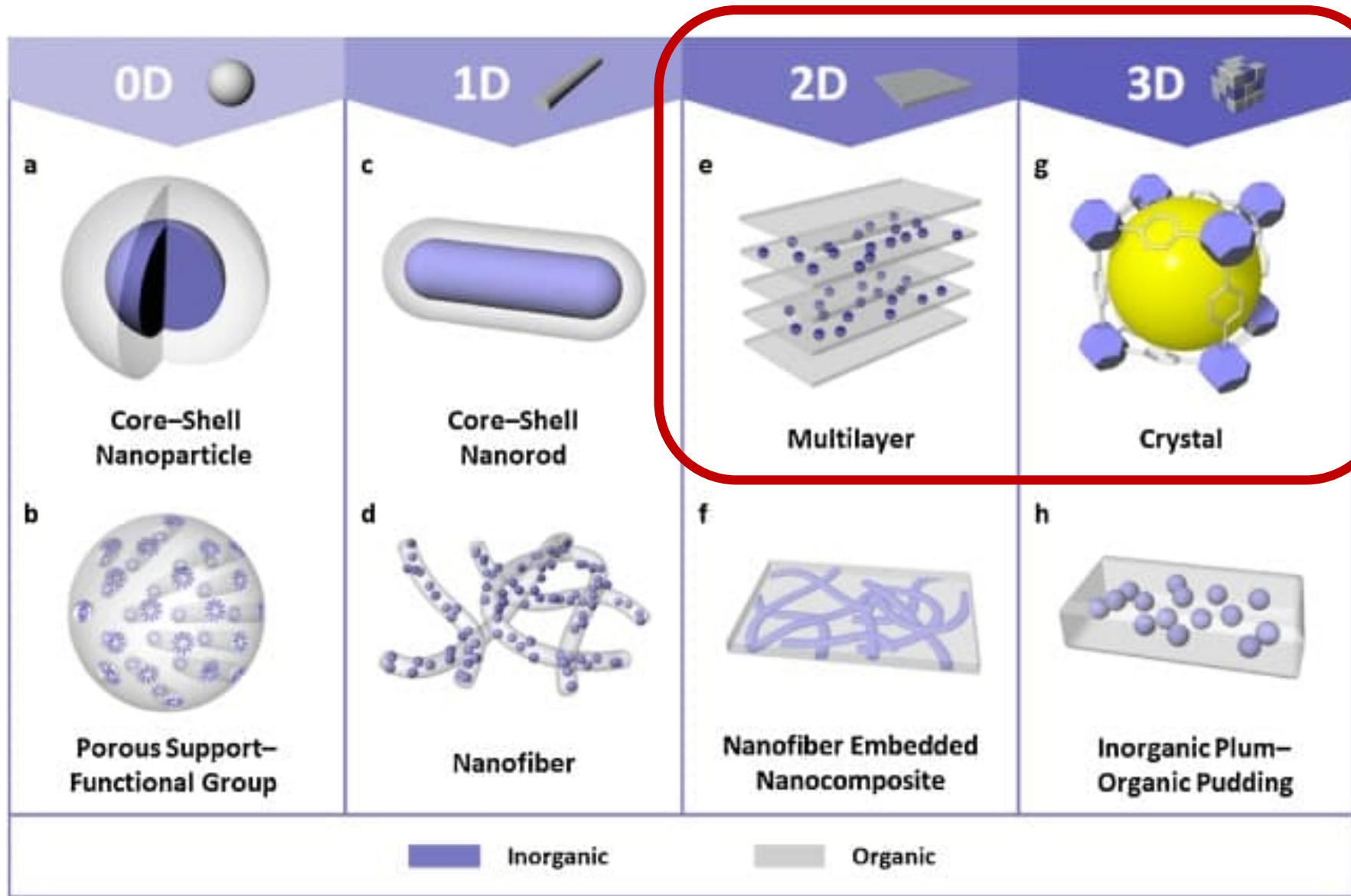
**Brought Together**  
**SUM of BOTH PROPERTIES**



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

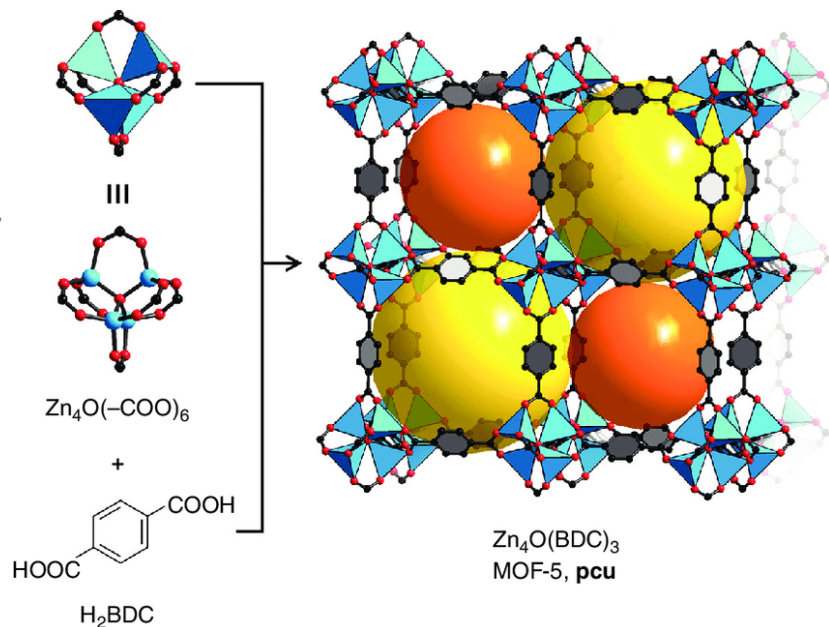
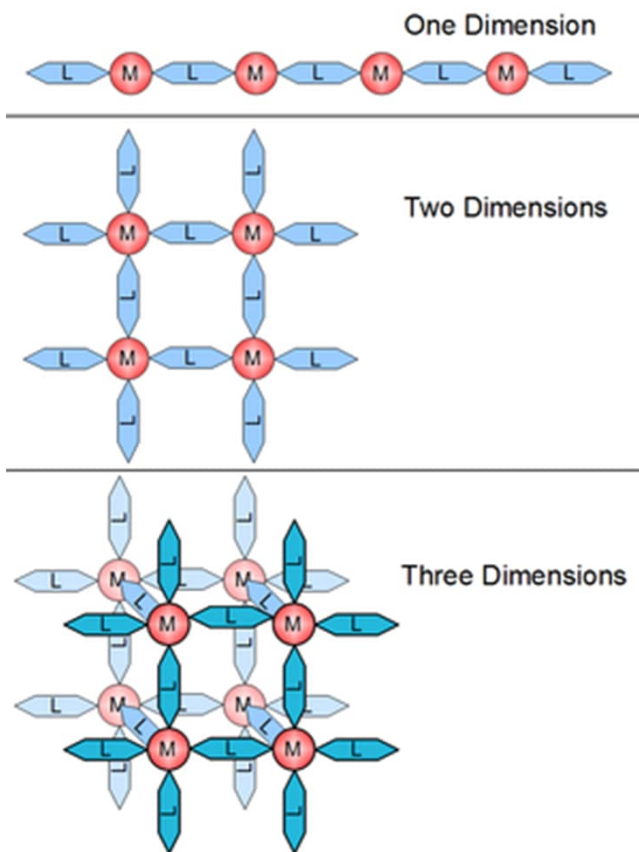
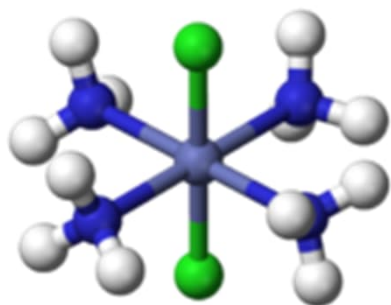
**Intimately / Interactively Fused**  
**EXTRAORDINARY / MUTUALLY CONTRADICTIONARY**  
**PROPERTIES**

# EXAMPLES of Inorganic-Organic Hybrid Materials

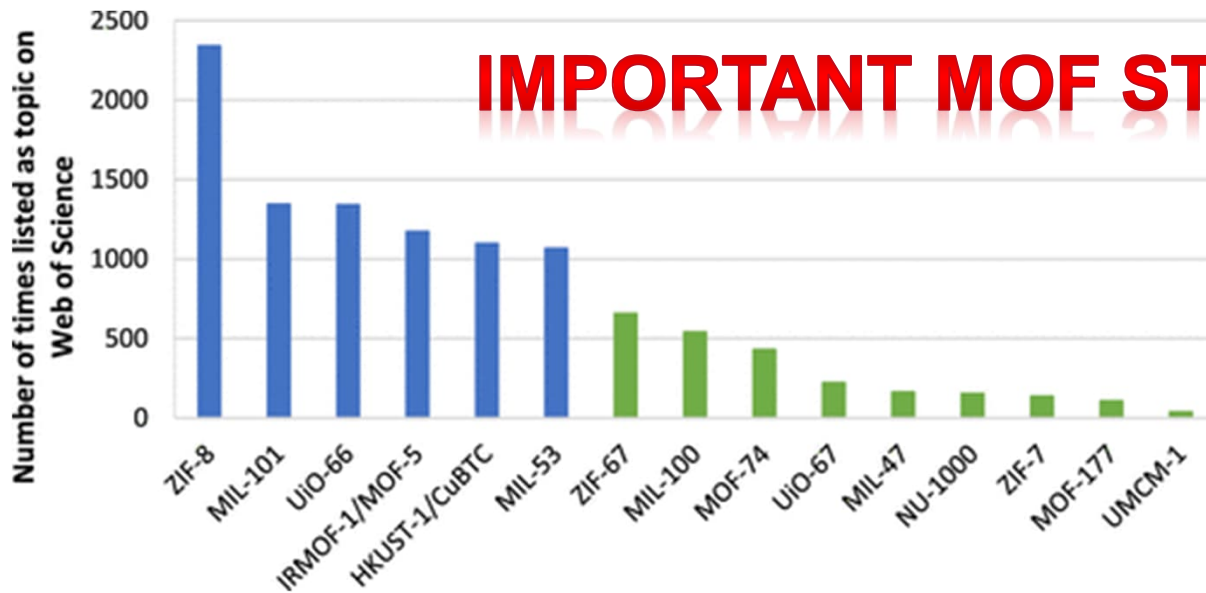


# FOR CHEMISTS: Inorganic-Organic Material

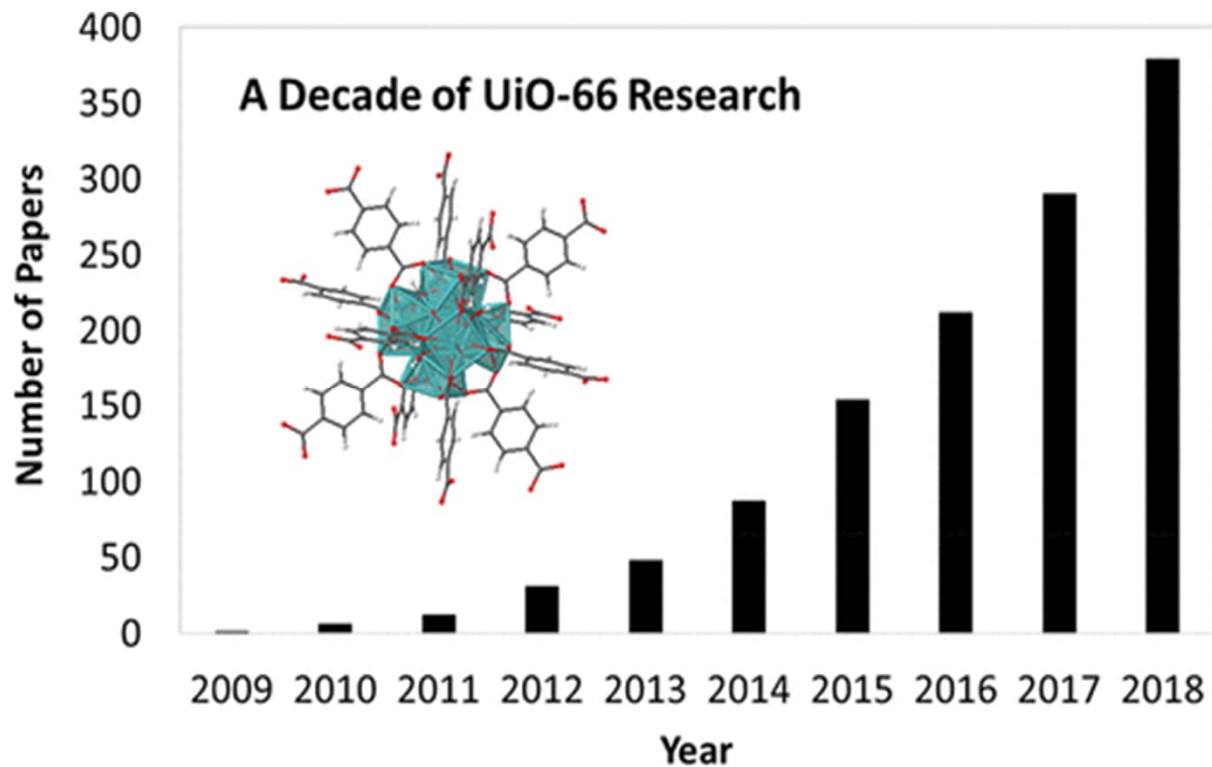
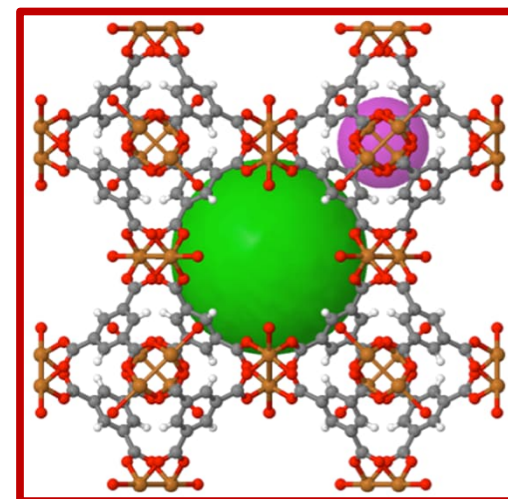
- Single Compound (NOT Composite) with Chemical Bonds
- Coordination/Metal **Complex**: central metal ion + (organic) ligands
- Coordination Polymer (**CP**): ligands act as bridges
- Metal-Organic Framework (**MOF**): highly porous



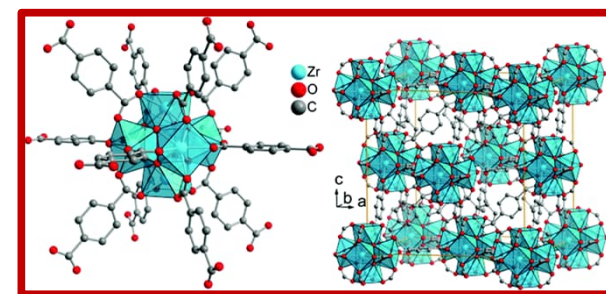
# IMPORTANT MOF STRUCTURES

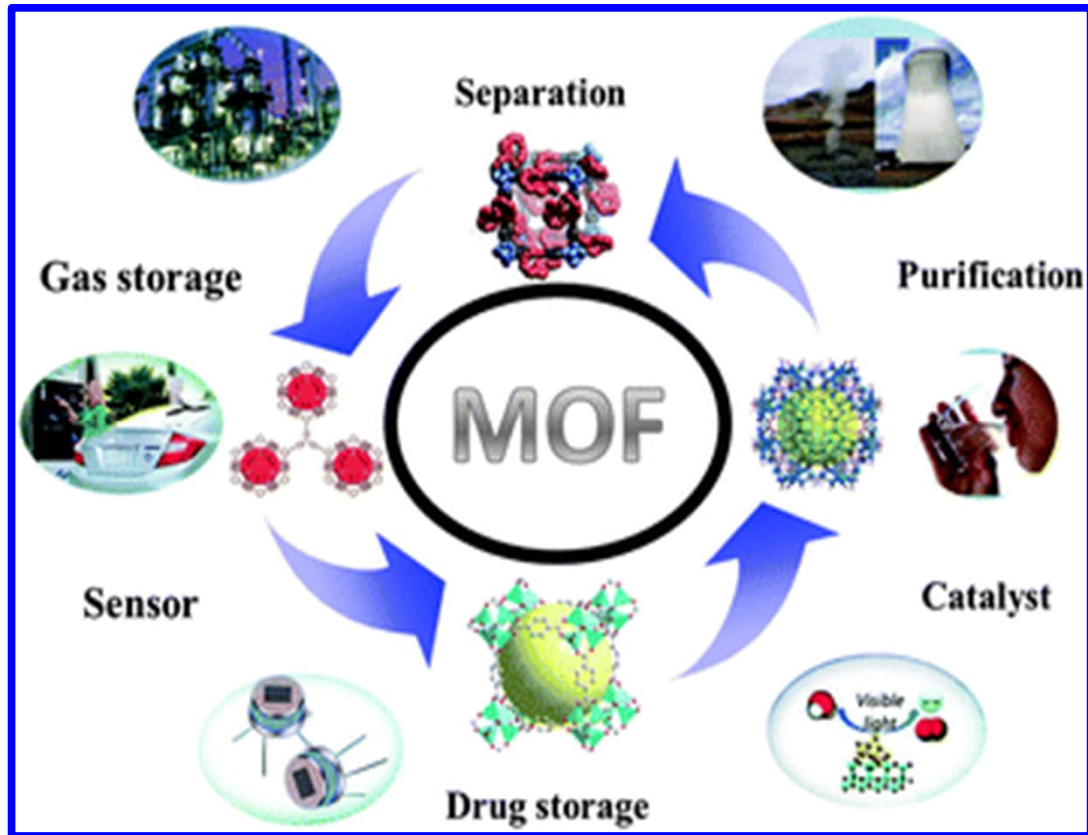
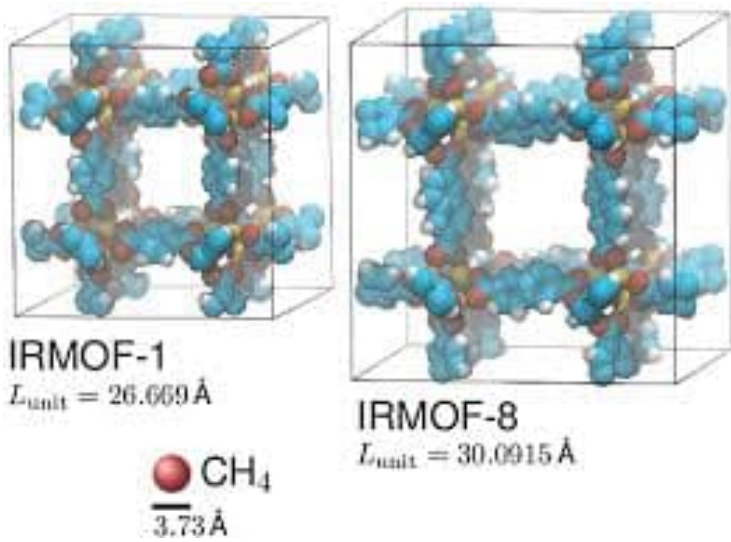


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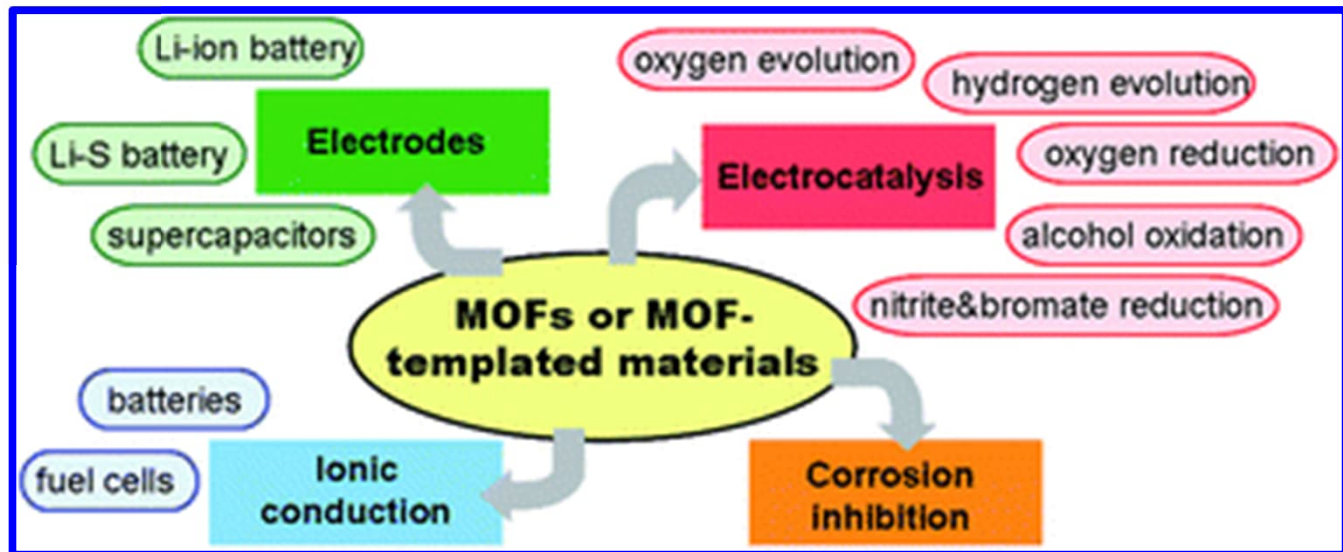


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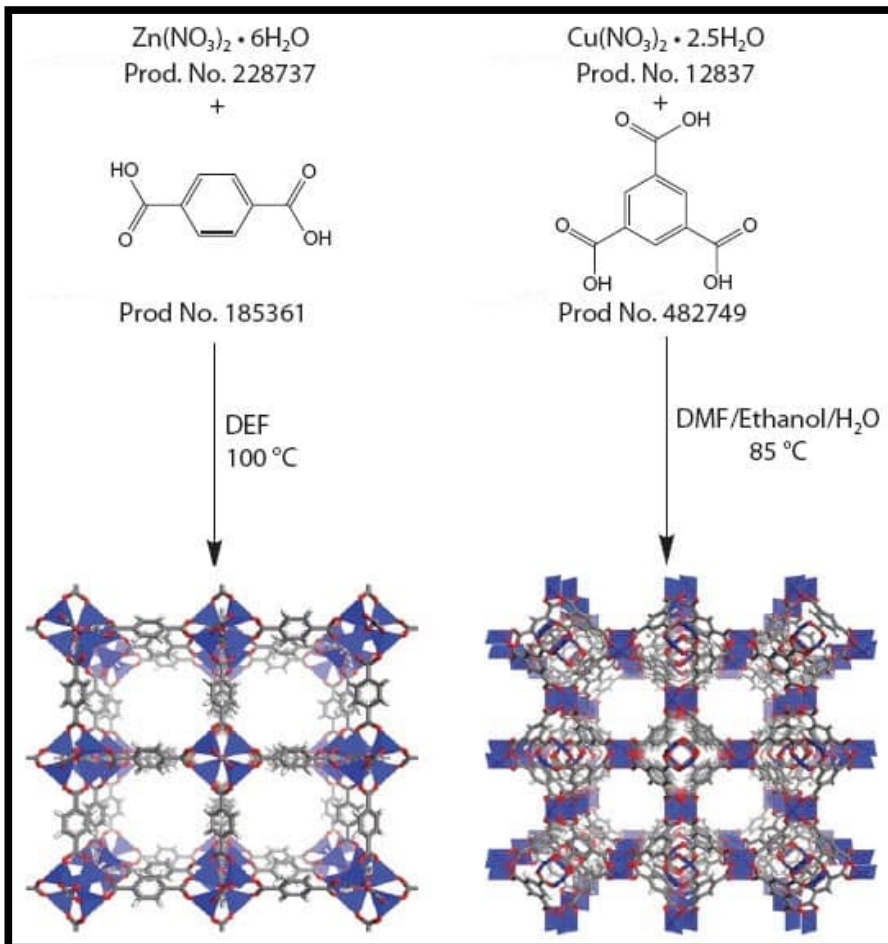
**MOF  
 THIN FILMS!**





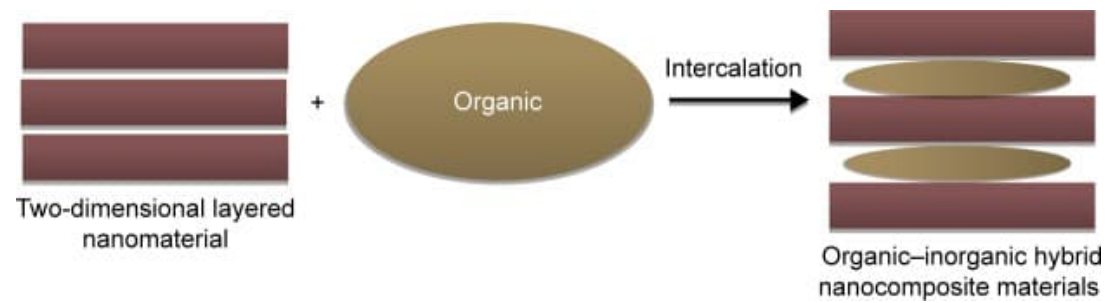
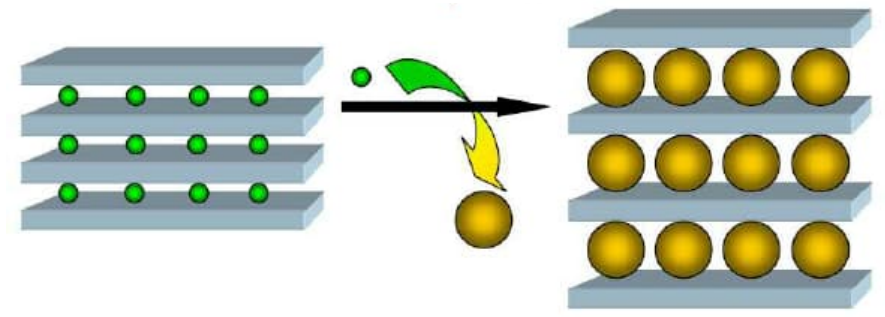
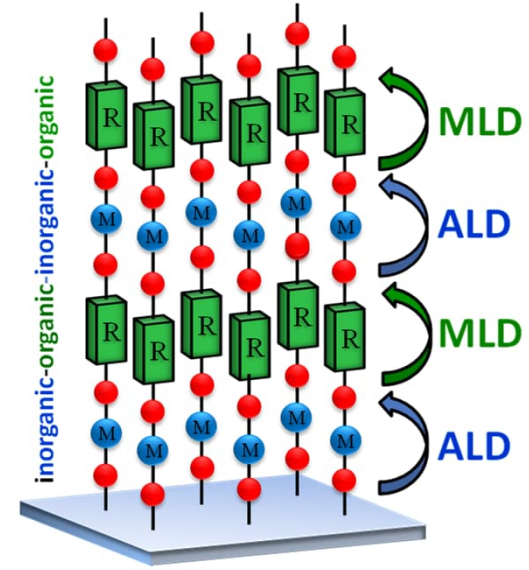
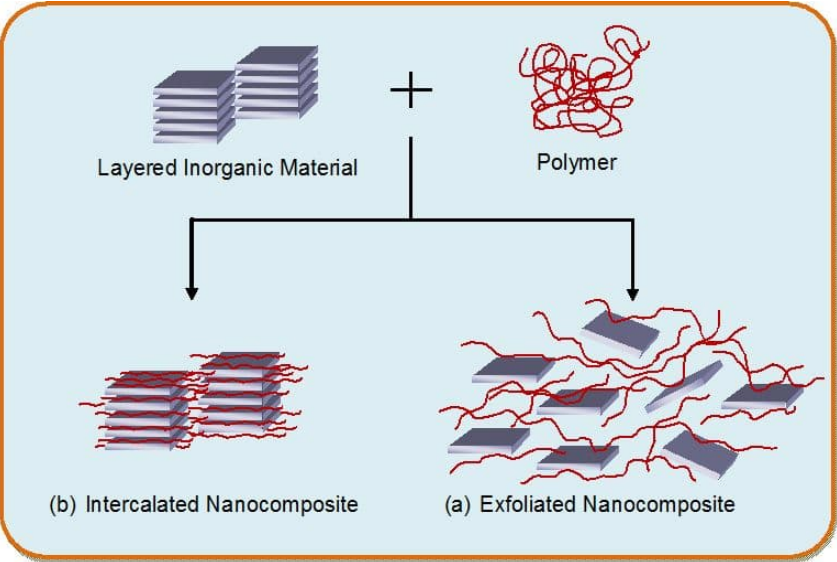
# Synthesis of MOFs

- 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)



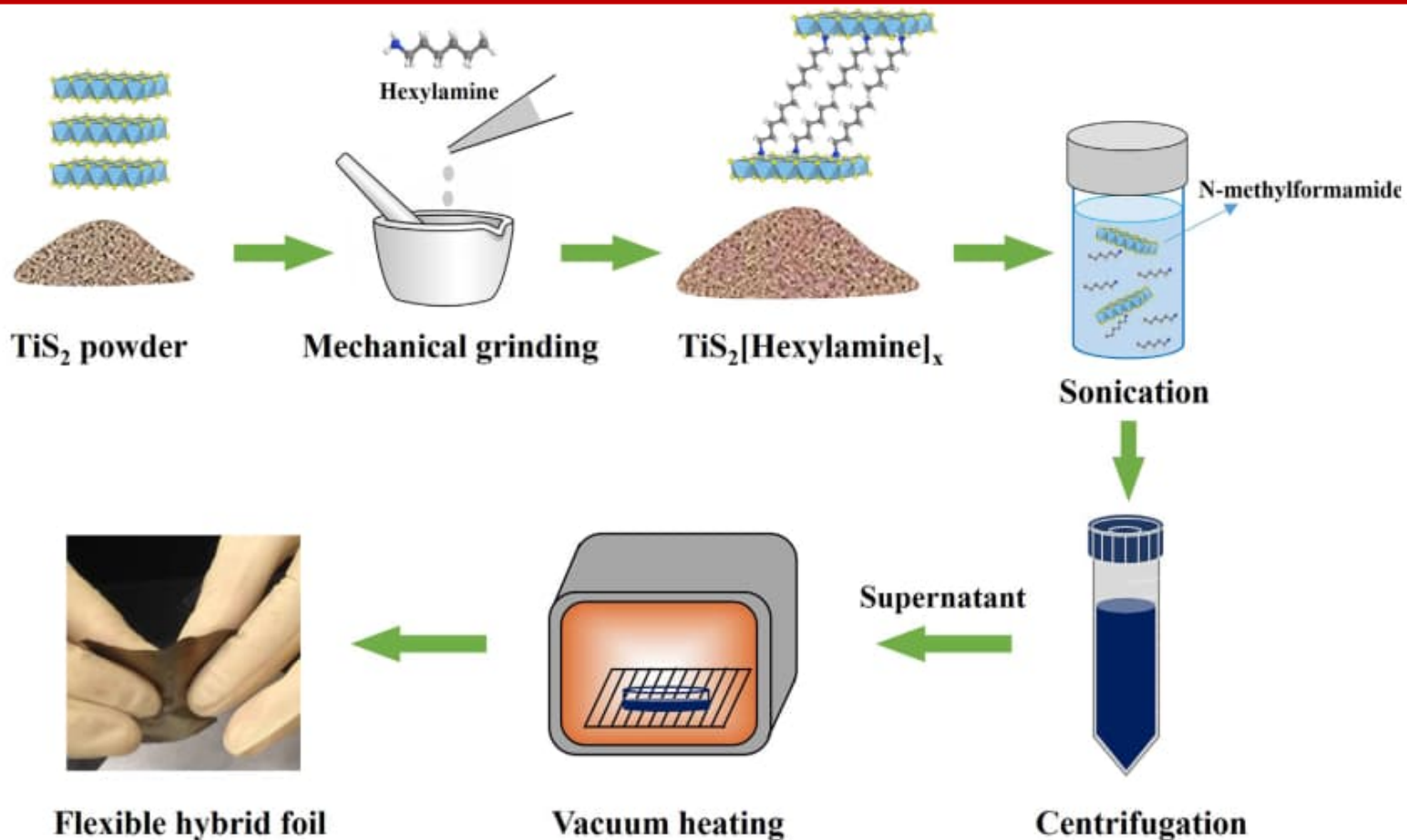
## Flexible thermoelectric foil for wearable energy harvesting

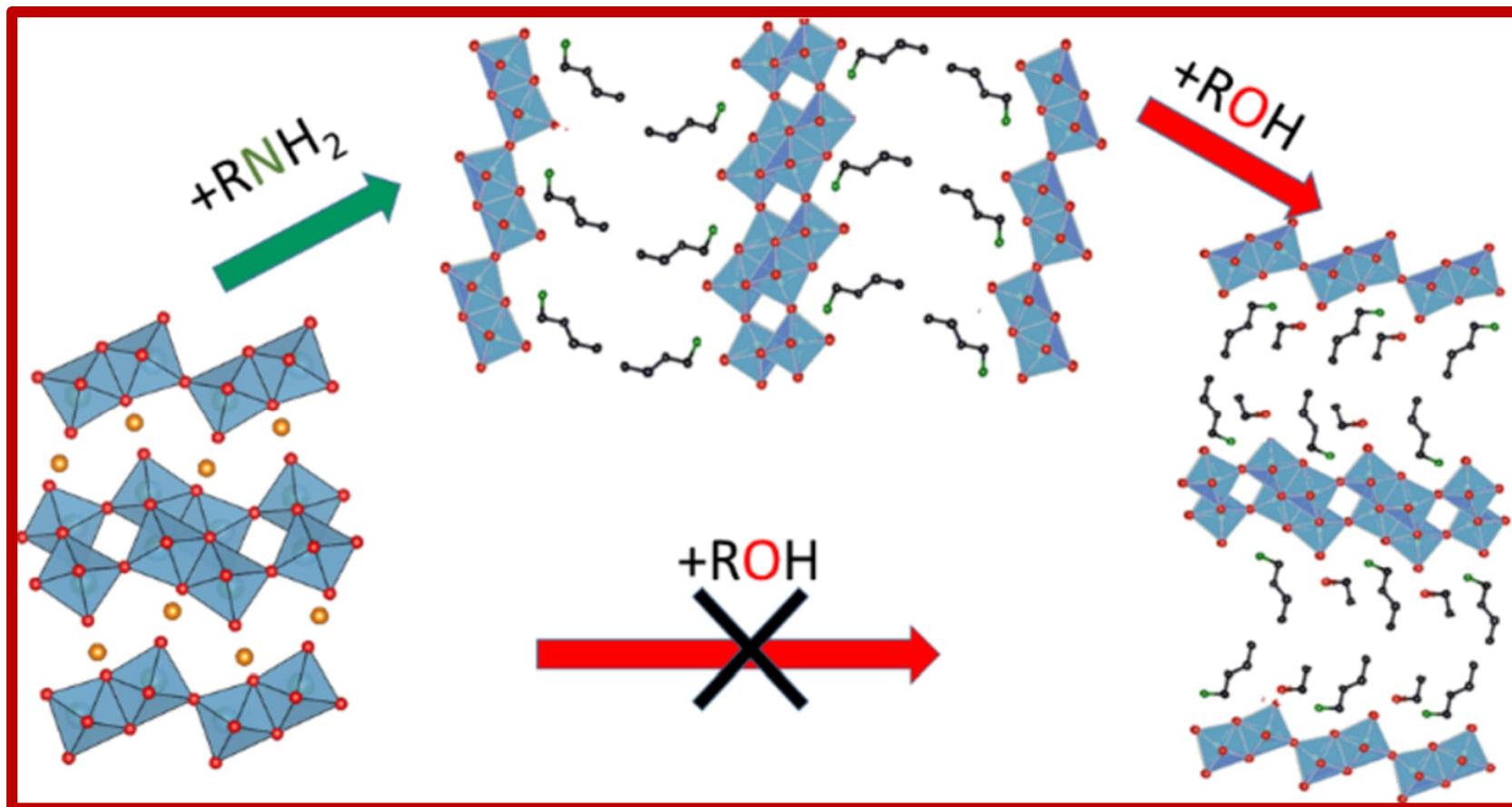
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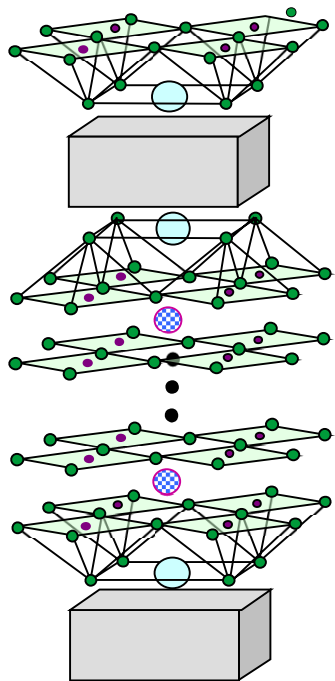
## Intercalation of Primary Alcohols into Layered Titanoniobates

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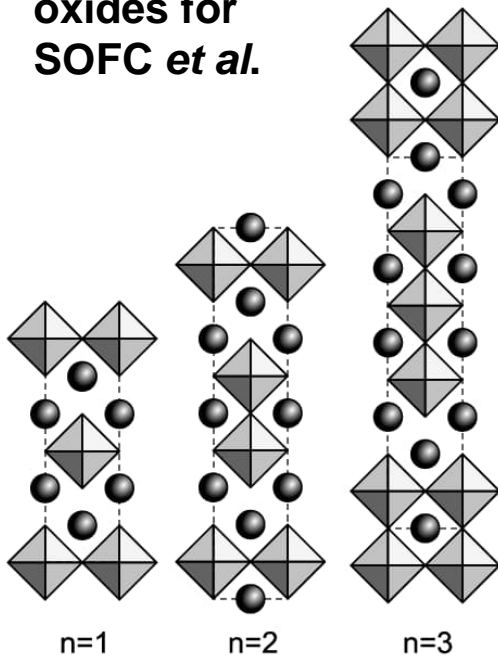
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# MULTI-FUNCTIONAL MULTILAYERED MATERIALS

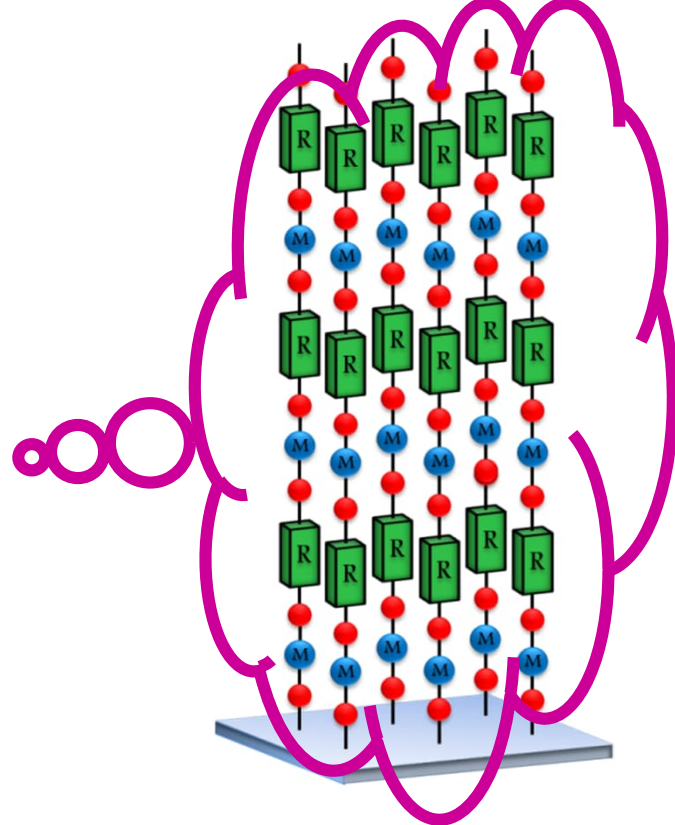
Multilayered Cu oxides for high- $T_c$  superconductors



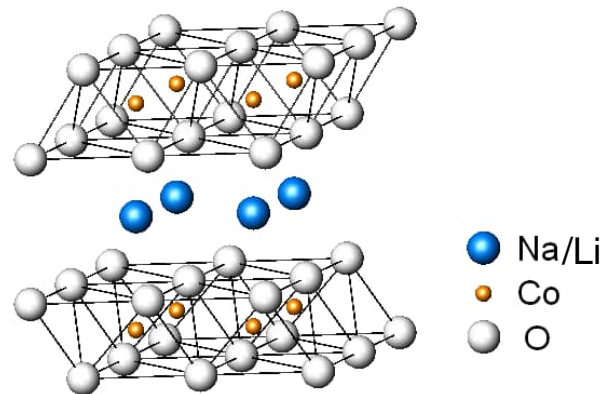
Ruddlesden-Popper oxides for SOFC *et al.*

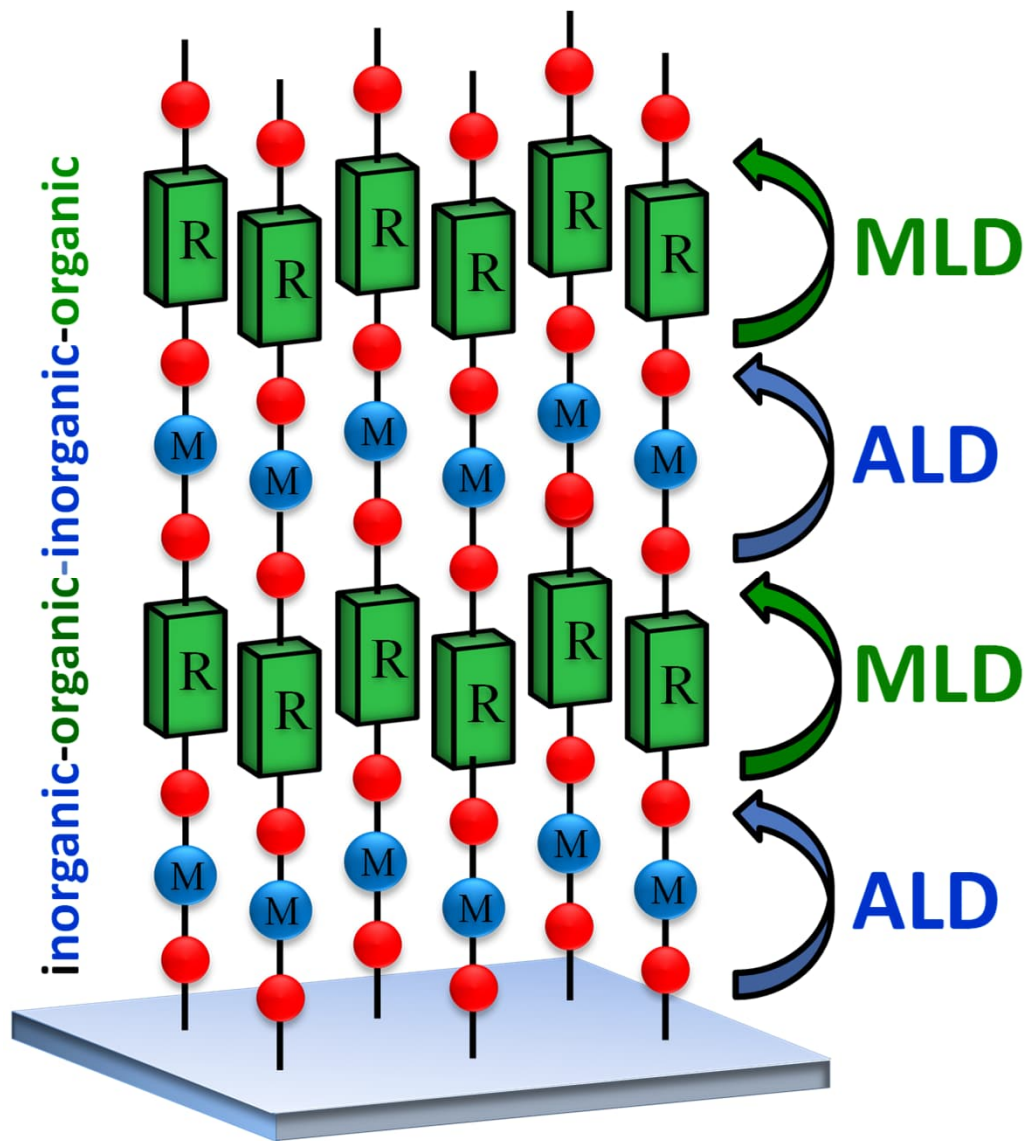


Layered inorganic-organic hybrid thin films



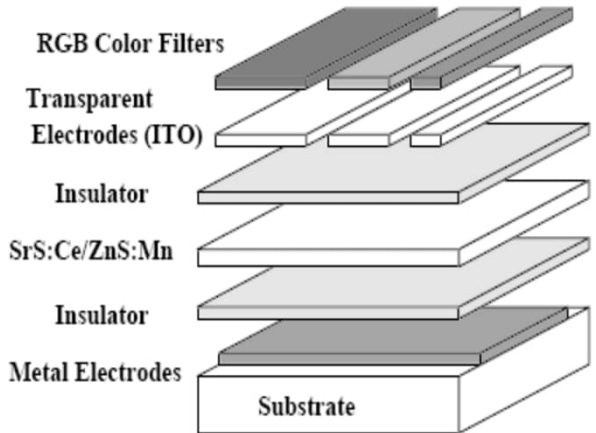
Layered Co oxides for Li-ion battery & thermoelectrics





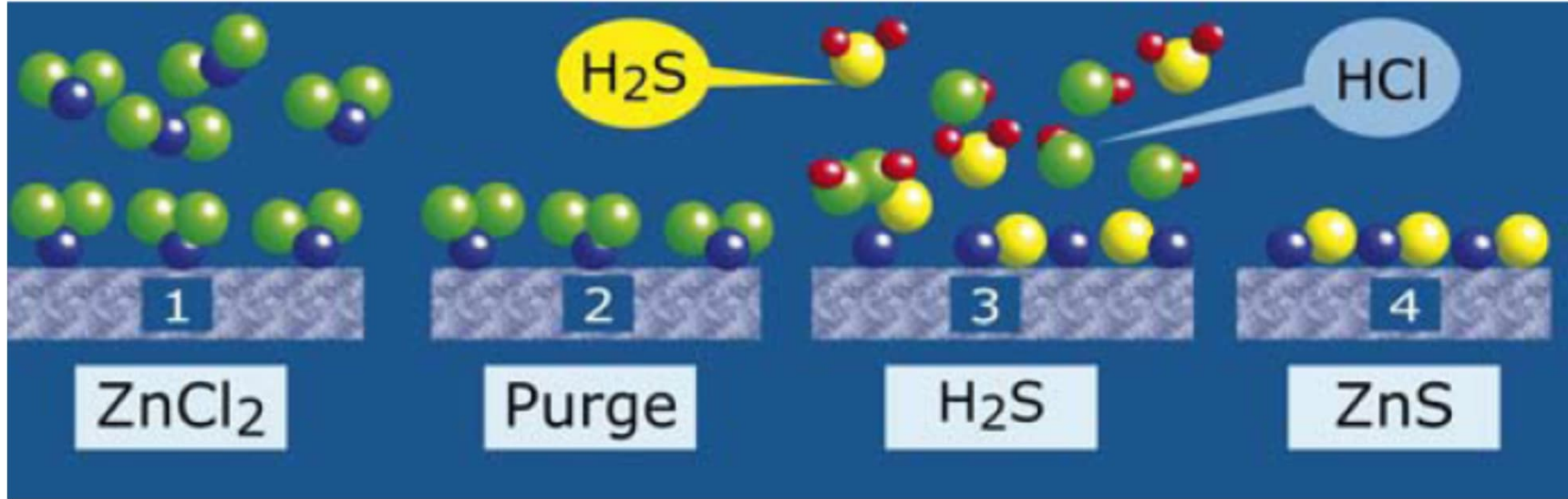
# Atomic Layer Deposition (ALD) Thin-Film Technique

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



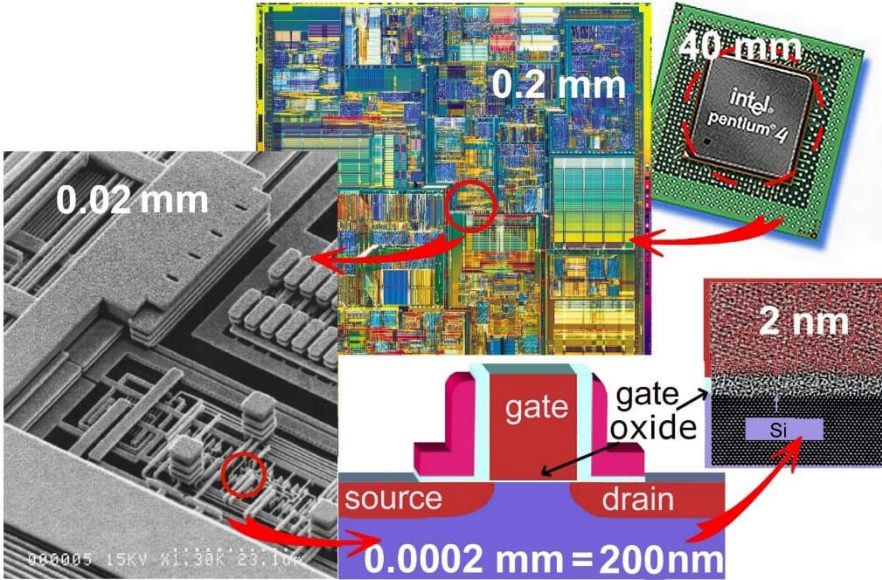
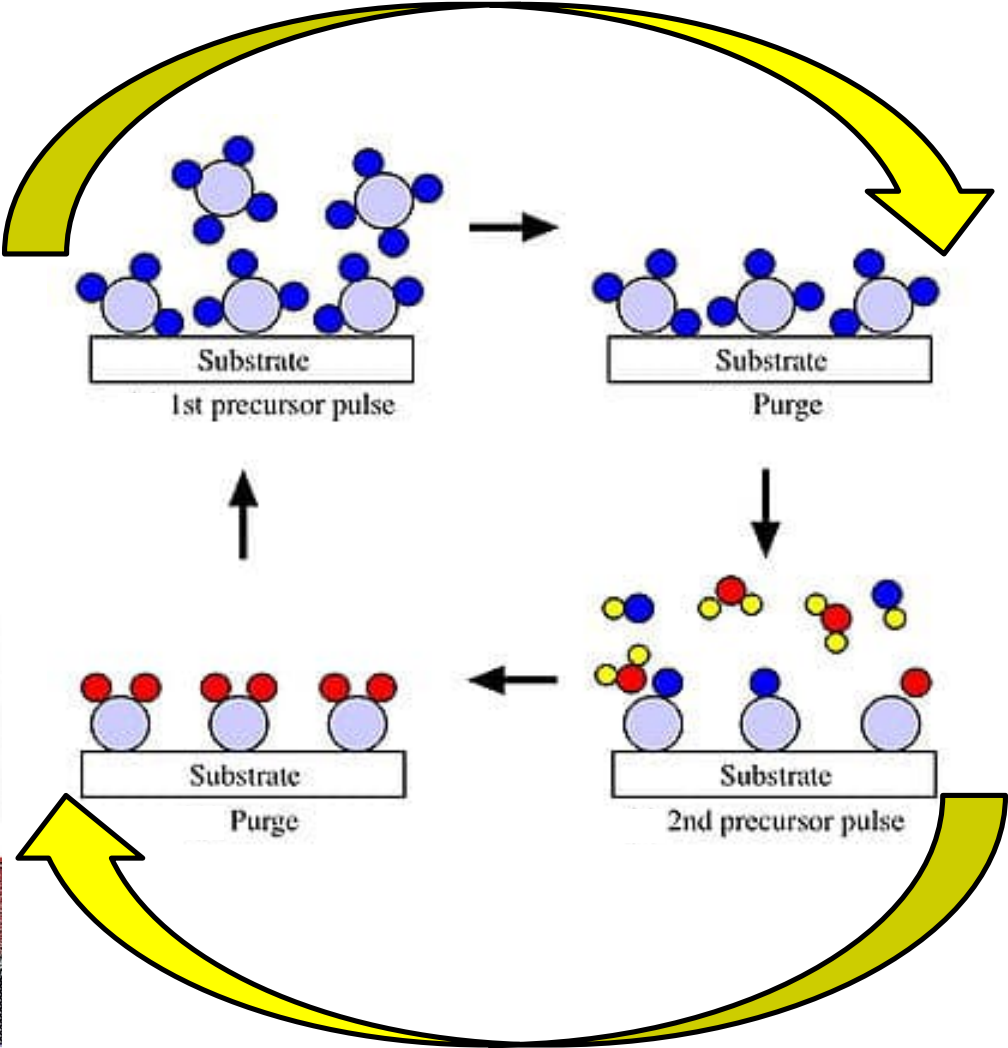
Electroluminescent display

Instrumentarium/Finlux /Planar



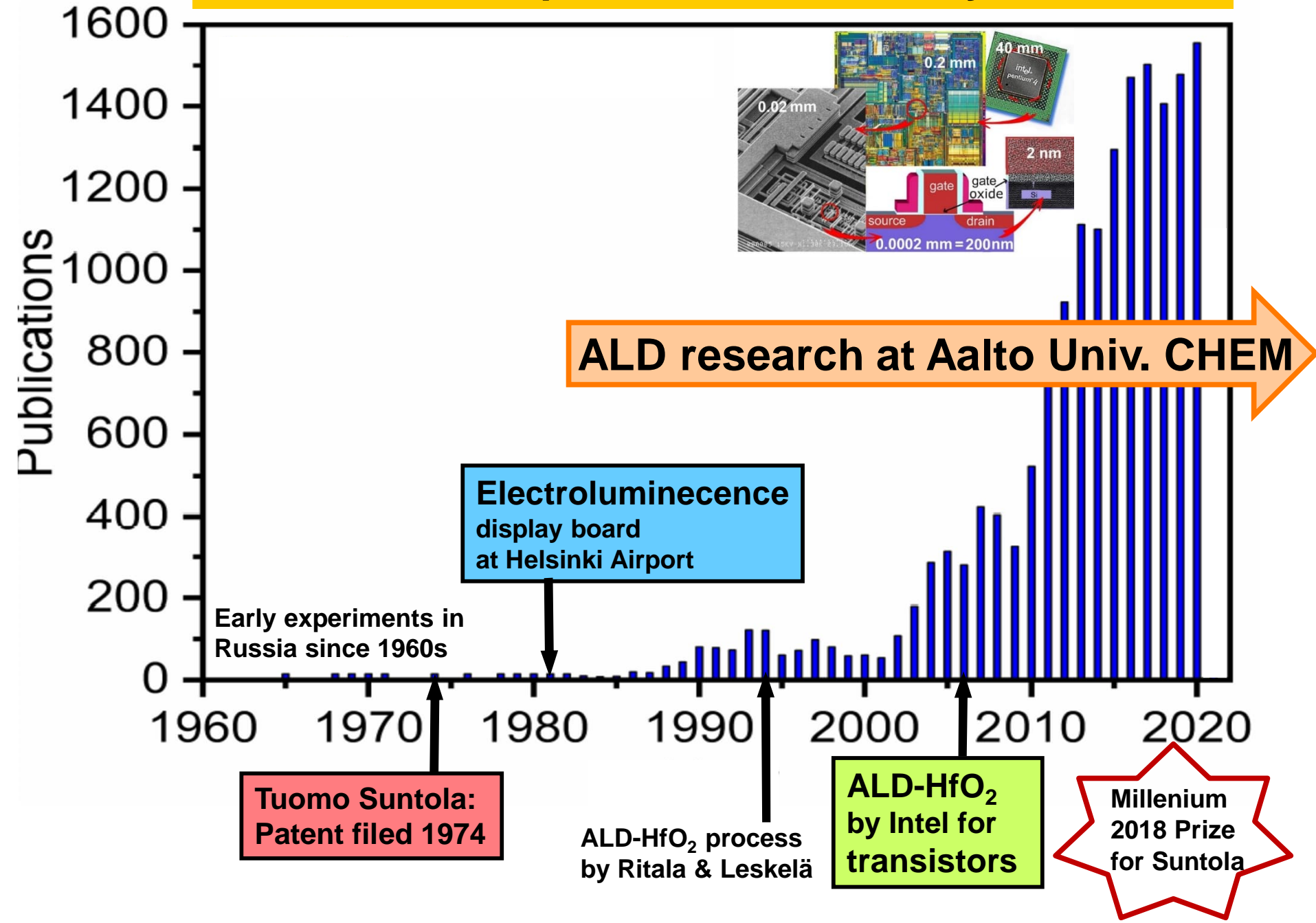
**HfO<sub>2</sub>-ALD**  
**HfCl<sub>4</sub> + H<sub>2</sub>O**

**ALD cycle**



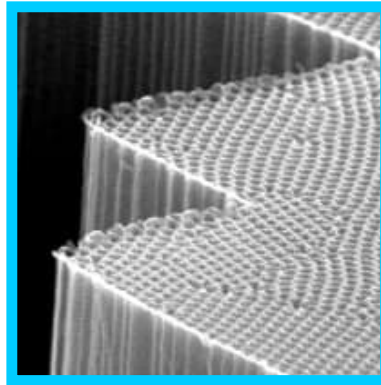


# ALD publications annually



# Advantages of ALD

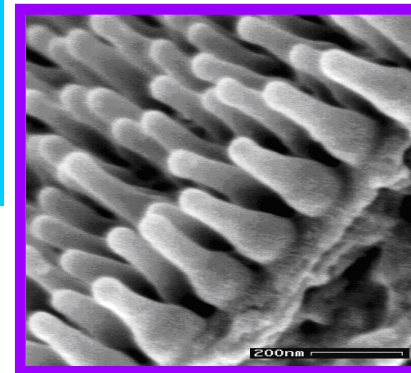
- Relatively inexpensive method
- Excellent repeatability
- Dense and pinhole-free films
- Accurate and simple thickness control
- Large area uniformity
- Easy doping
- Excellent conformality



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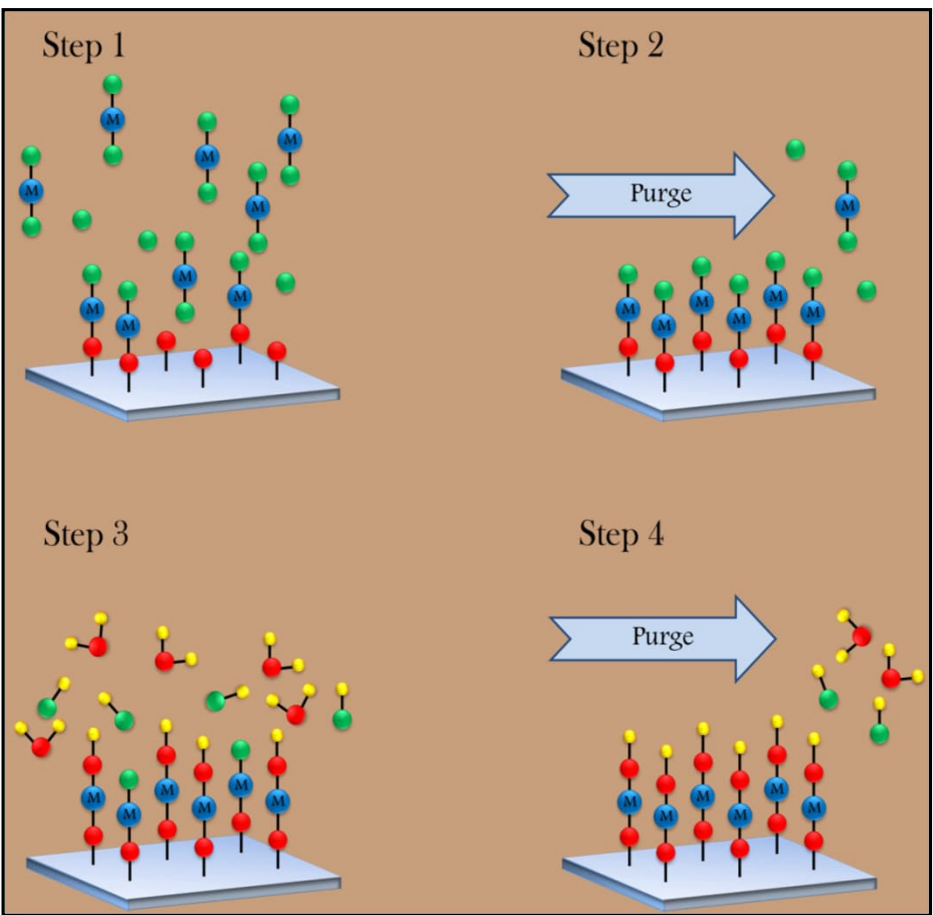
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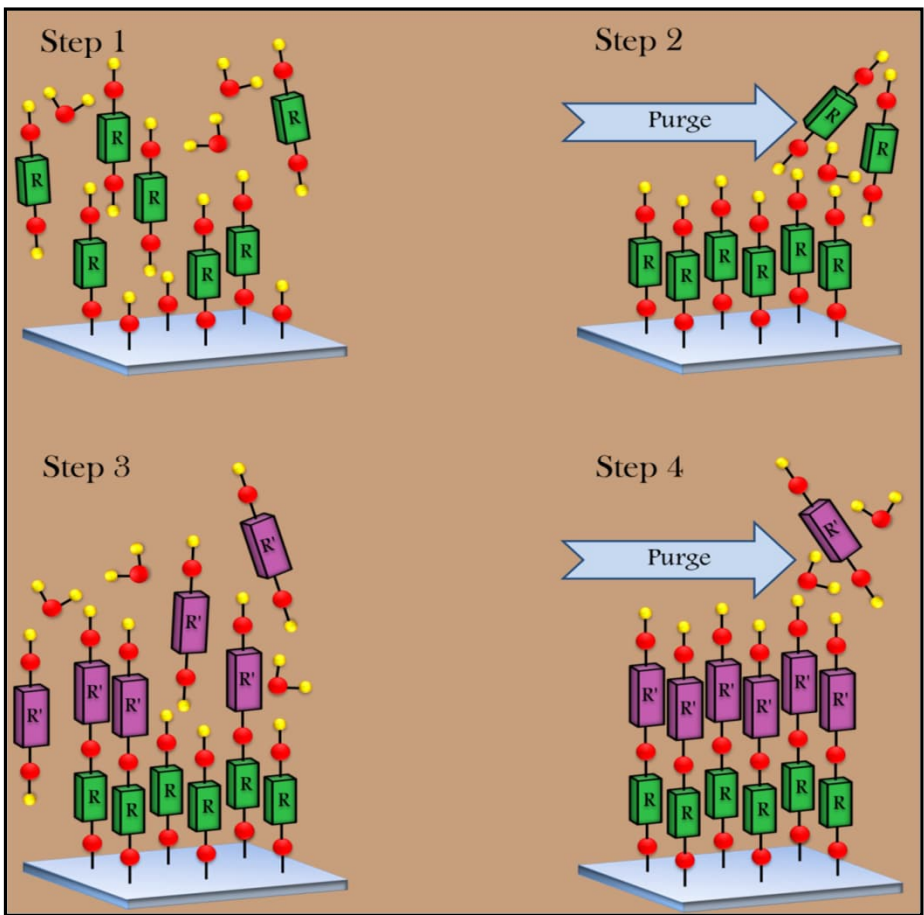


- Low deposition temperature
- Gentle deposition process
- Organic/polymer films
- Inorganic/organic hybrid materials

NEW



**ALD** (Atomic Layer Deposition)

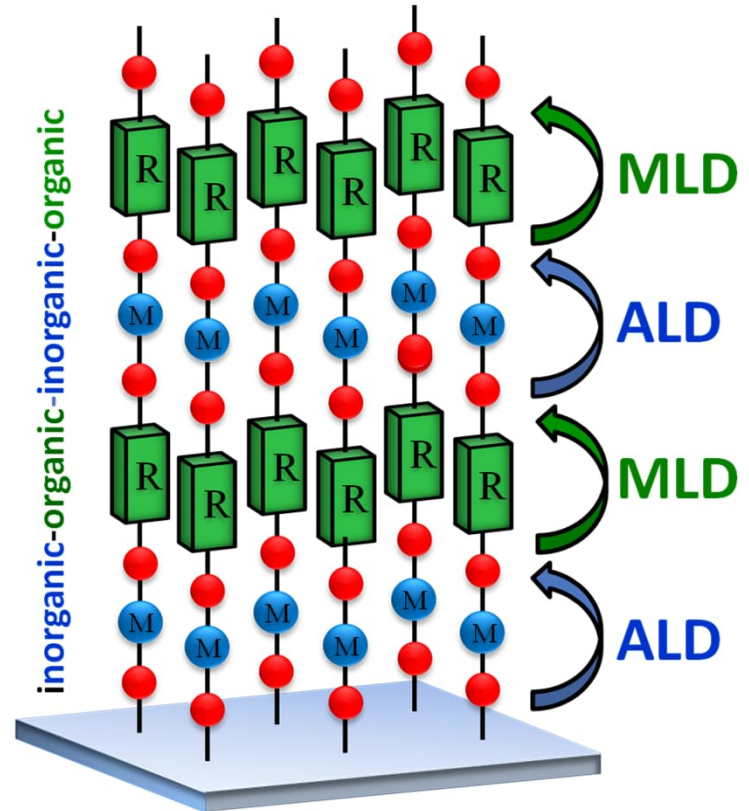
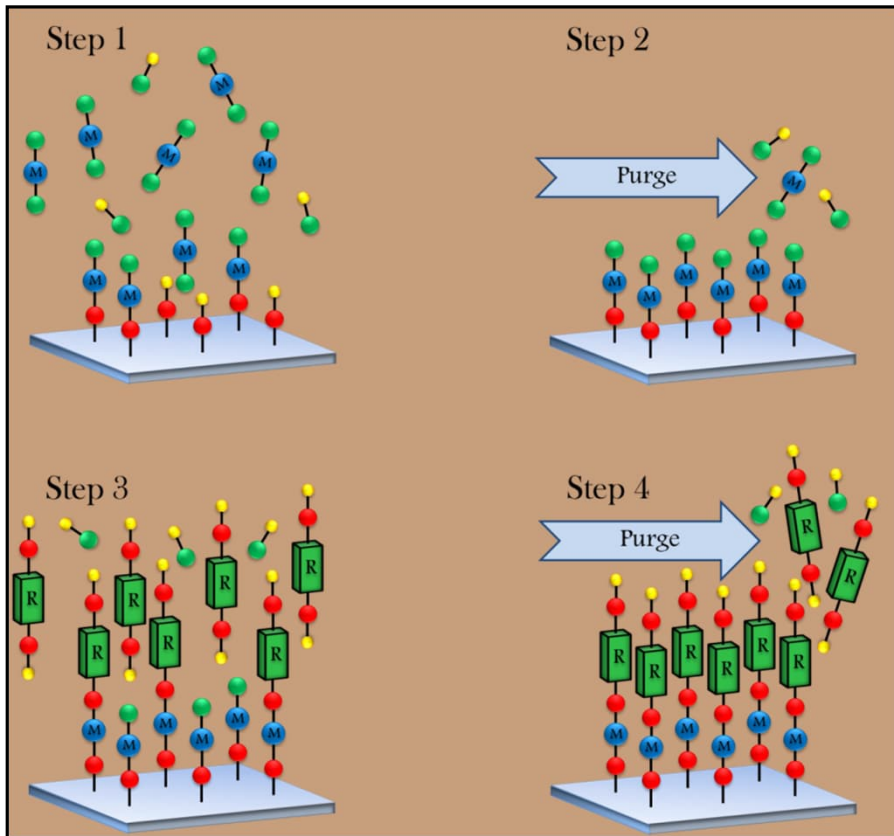


**MLD** (Molecular Layer Deposition)

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

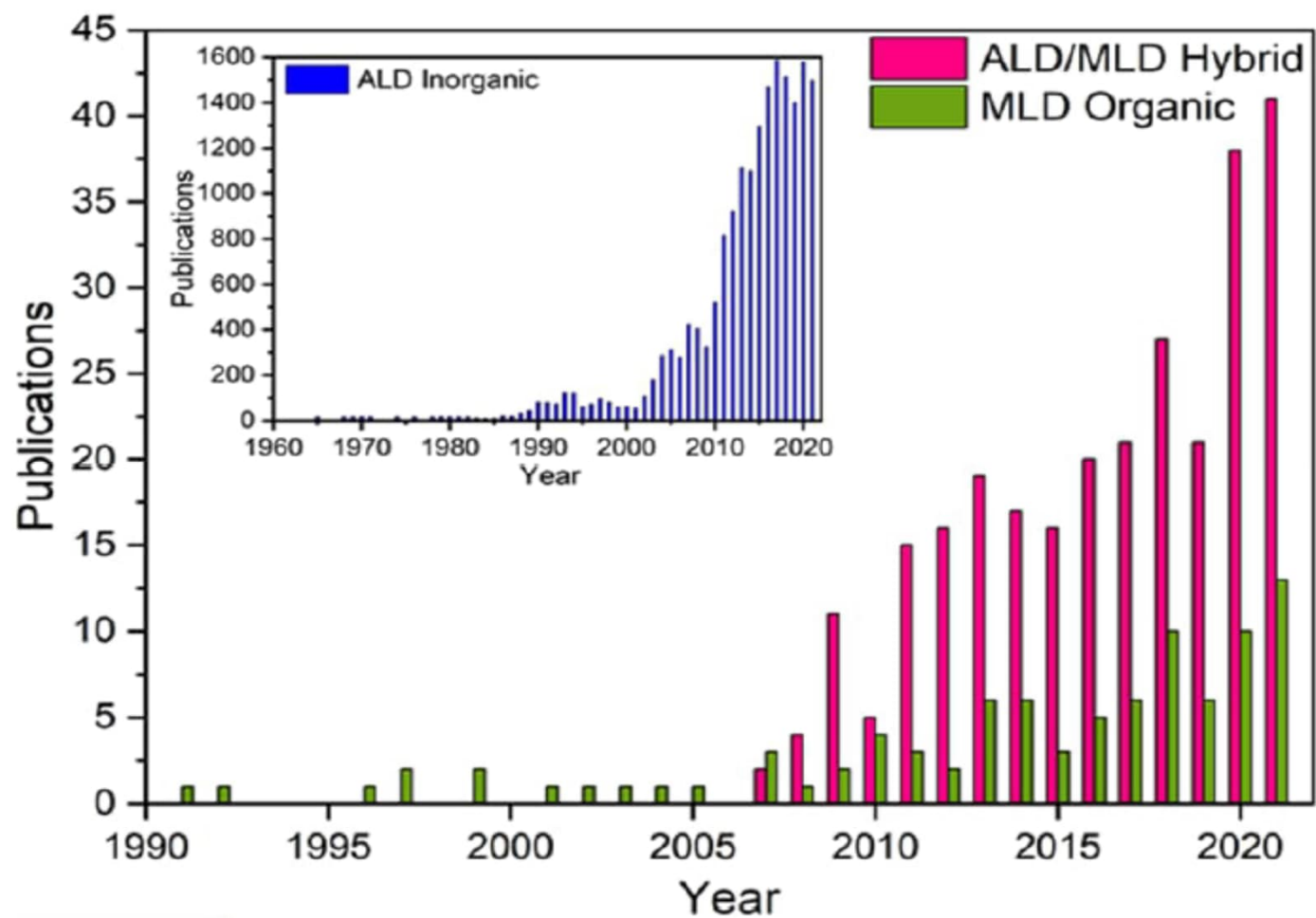
**ORGANICS!**  
 (in 1990s)

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



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

Annually  
published  
papers:  
MLD &  
ALD/MLD



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

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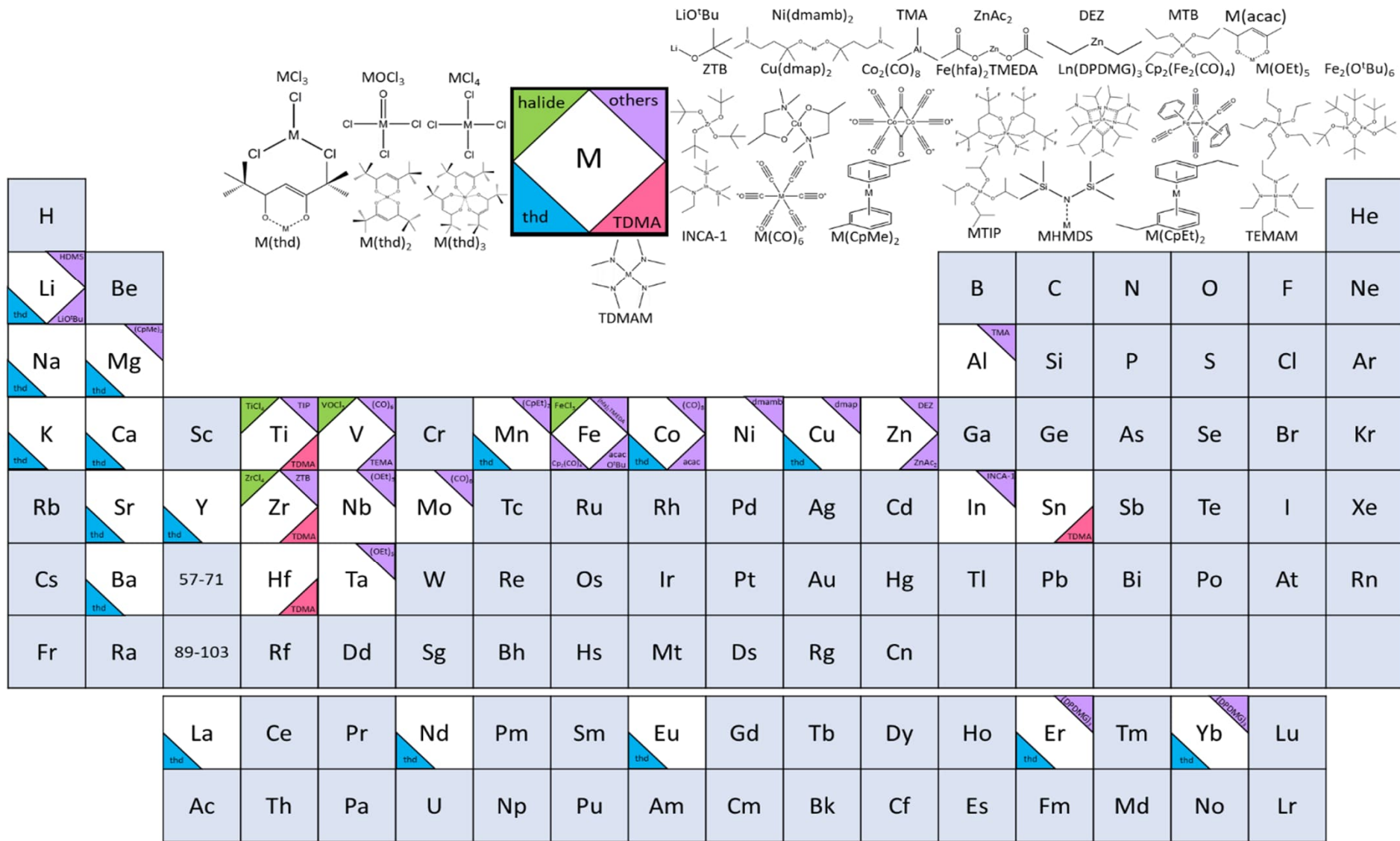
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Nilsen, Klepper, Nielsen & Fjellvåg, *ECS Trans.* **2008**, 16, 3.

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

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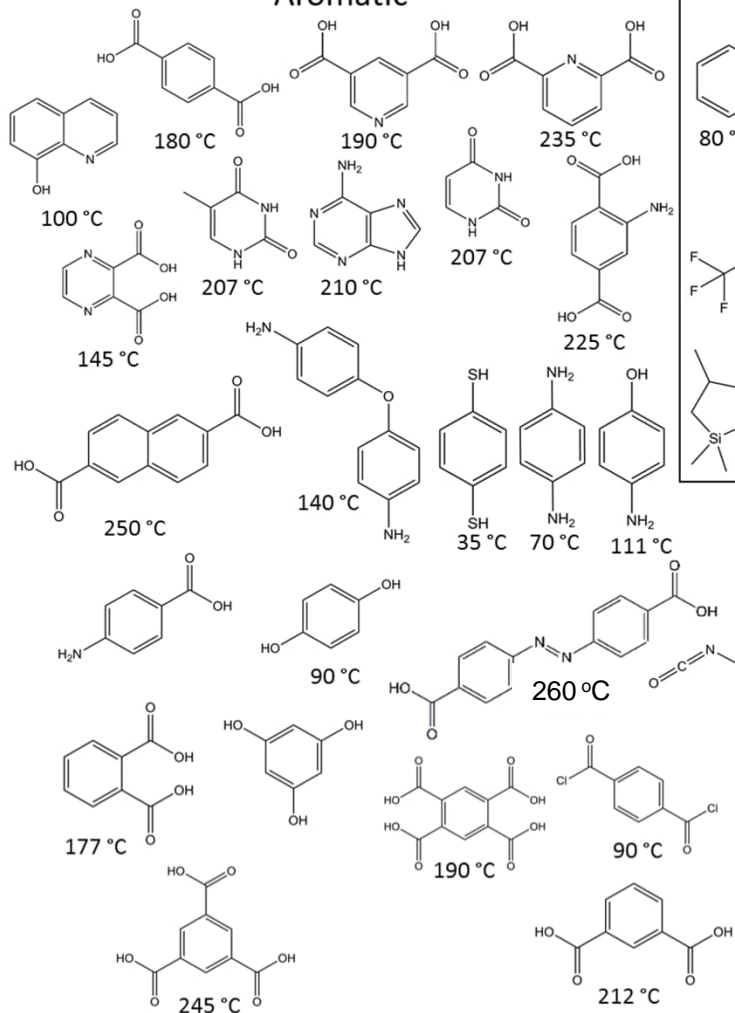


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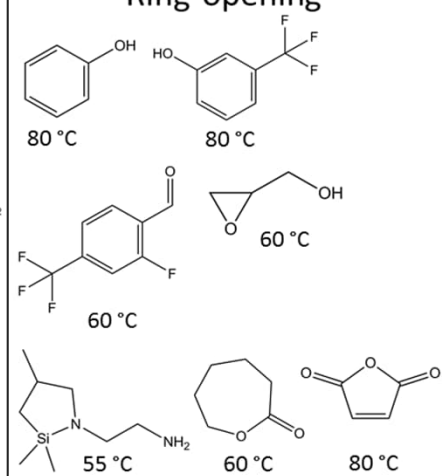
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# ALD/MLD Processes: Metal Precursors

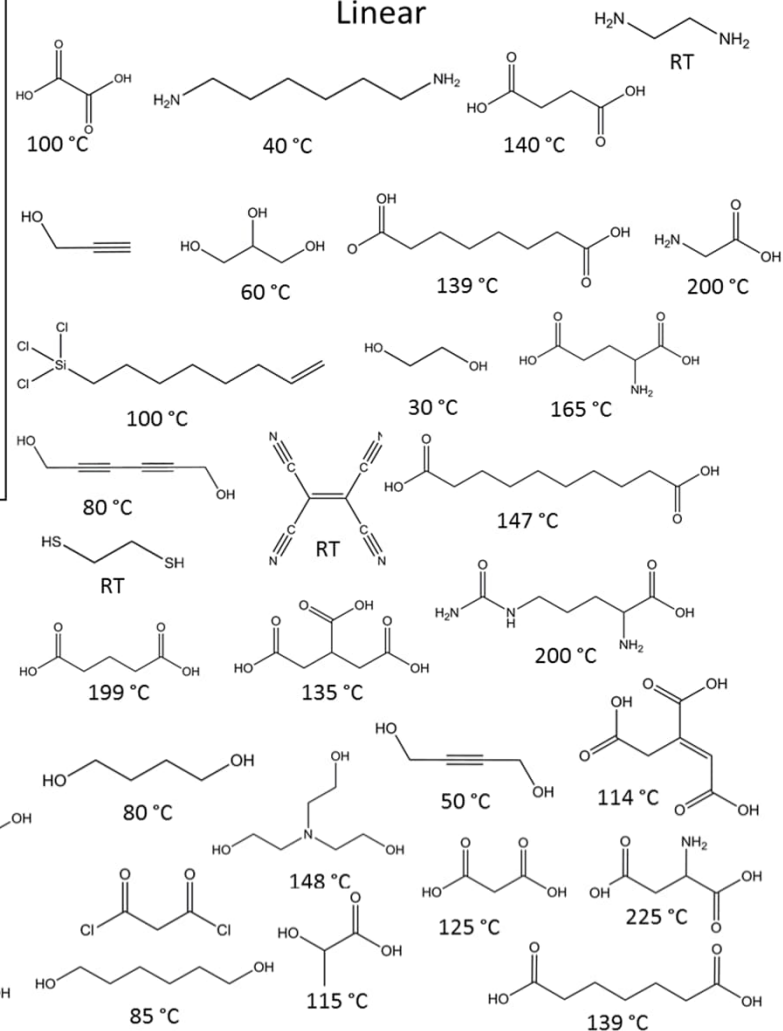
## Aromatic



## Ring-opening



## Linear



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**ALD/MLD Processes: Organic Precursors**  
(with temperatures used for evaporation)



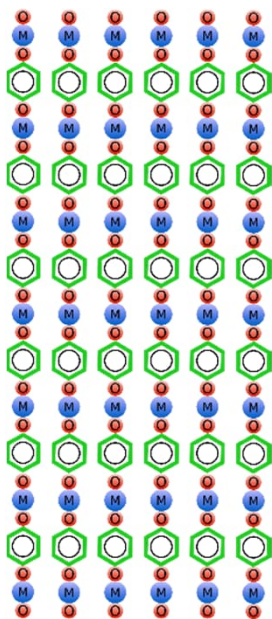
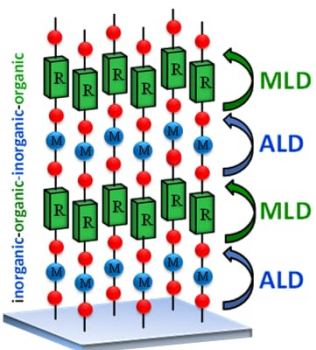
Organic (e.g. benzene)



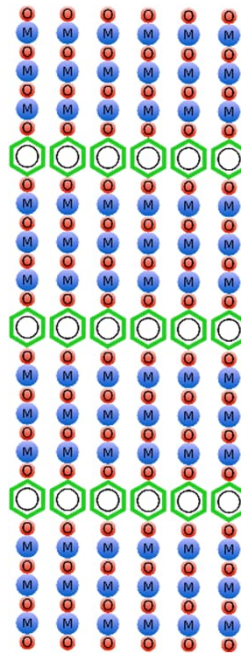
Metal



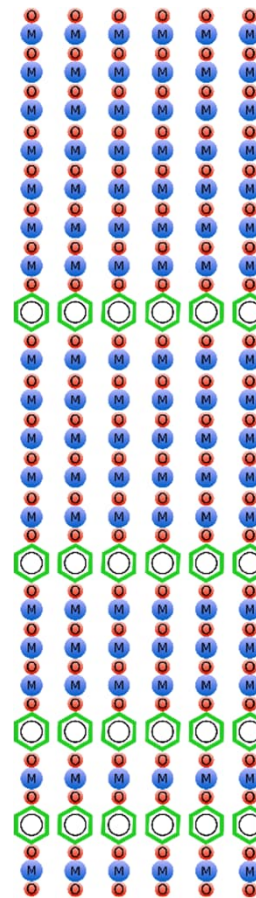
Oxygen (or N, S, ...)



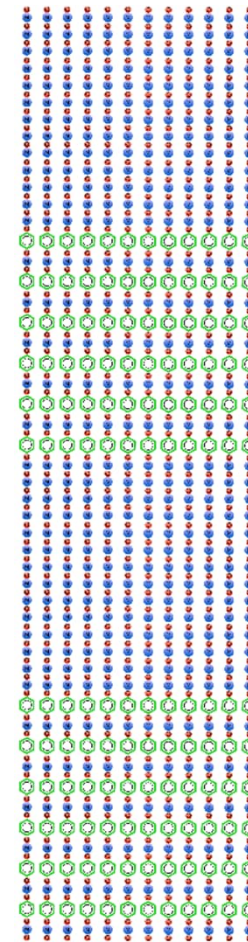
**Simple**  
**Metal-Organic Network**  
(amorphous or **crystalline**)



**Superlattice**



**Gradient hybrid**



**Nanolaminate**

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**DIFFERENT LAYER SEQUENCES BY DESIGN**



# LAYER-ENGINEERED

INORGANIC-ORGANIC  
SUPERLATTICES

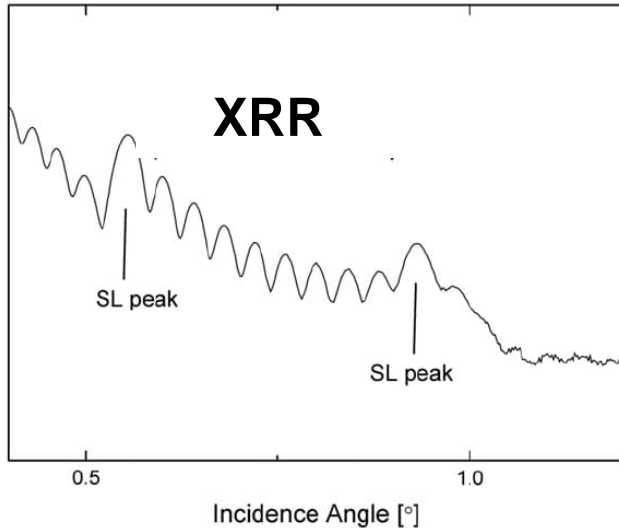
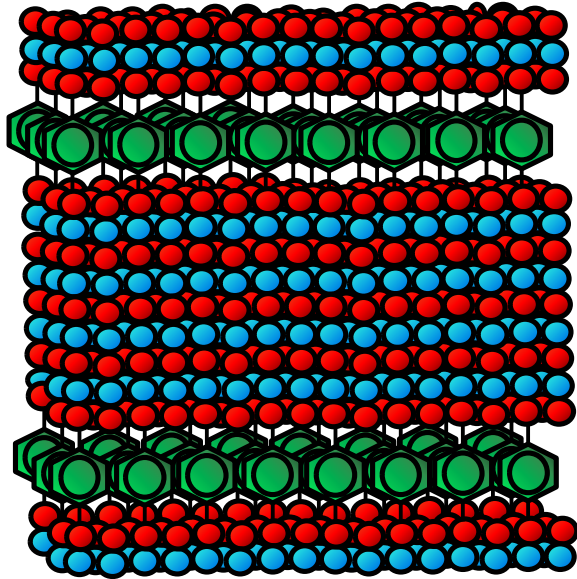
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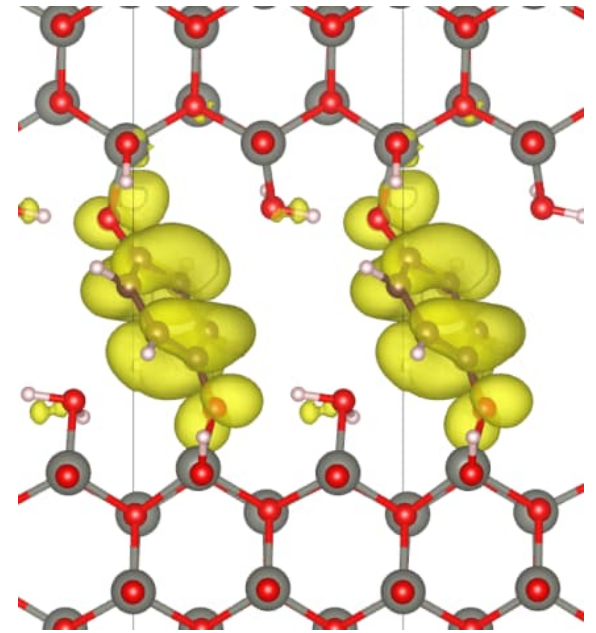
# ZnO:benzene

## SUPERLATTICE

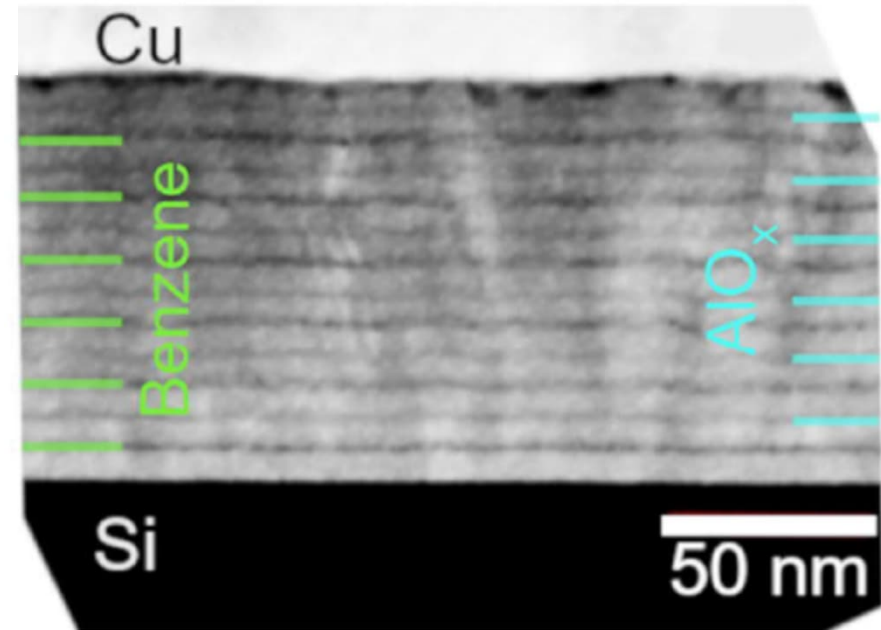


## DFT Modelling

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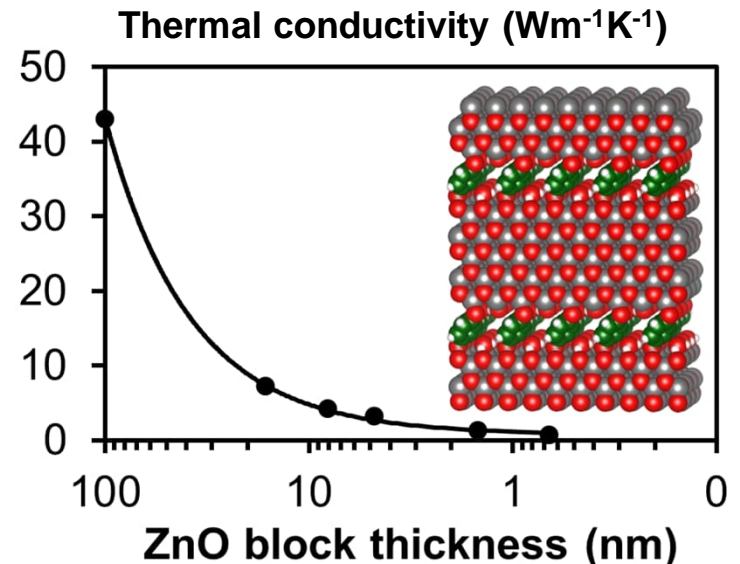
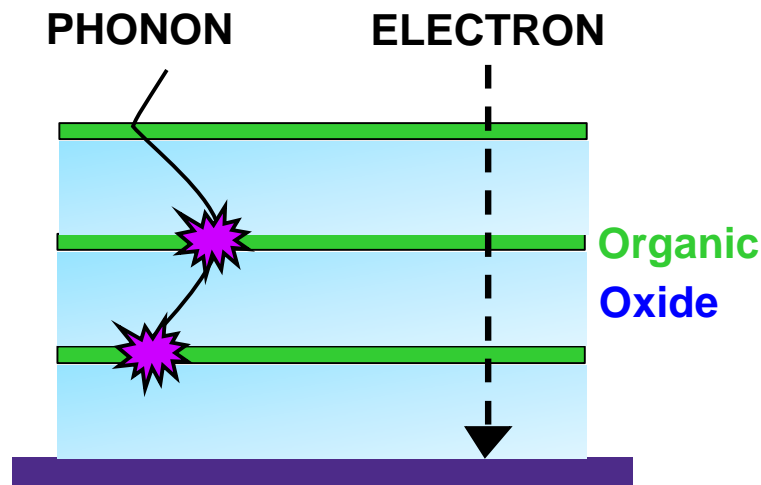


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# Mutually Contradictory Properties:

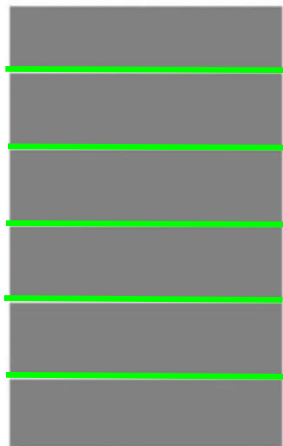
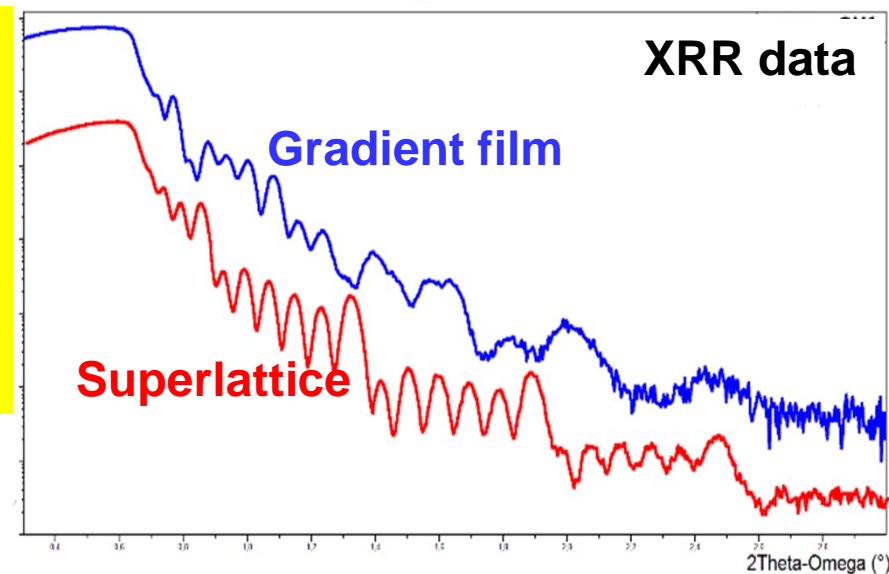
## High electrical conductivity & Low thermal conductivity

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



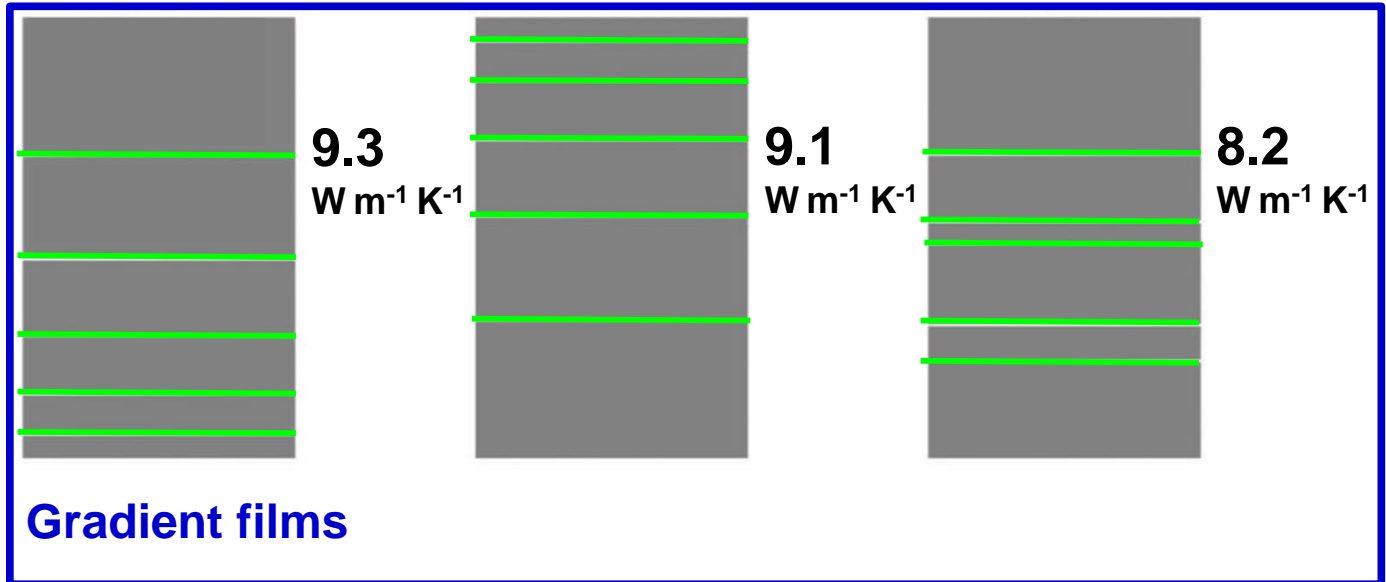
**Total film thickness: ~105 nm**  
**Number of organic layers: 5**  
**Average ZnO layer thickness: ~17 nm**

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



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

**Superlattice**



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

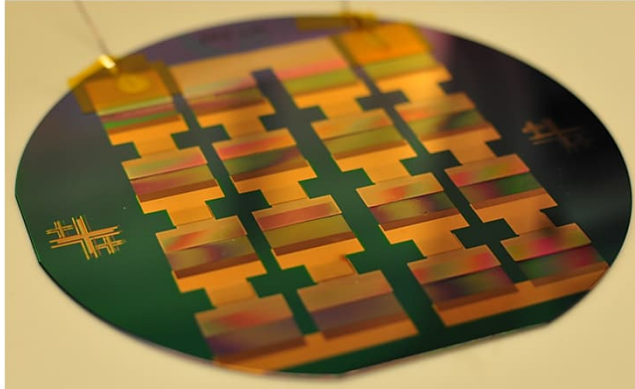
**9.1**  
 $\text{W m}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$

**8.2**  
 $\text{W m}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$

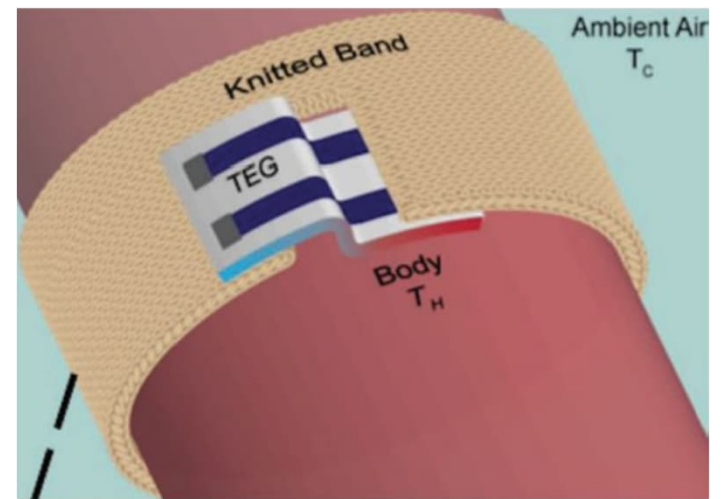
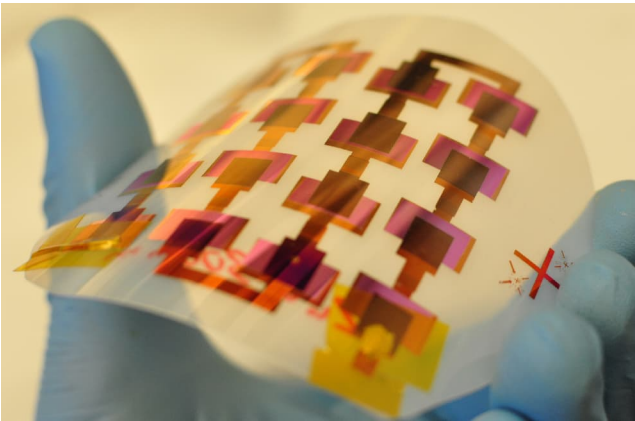
**Gradient films**

# THERMOELECTRIC MODULE

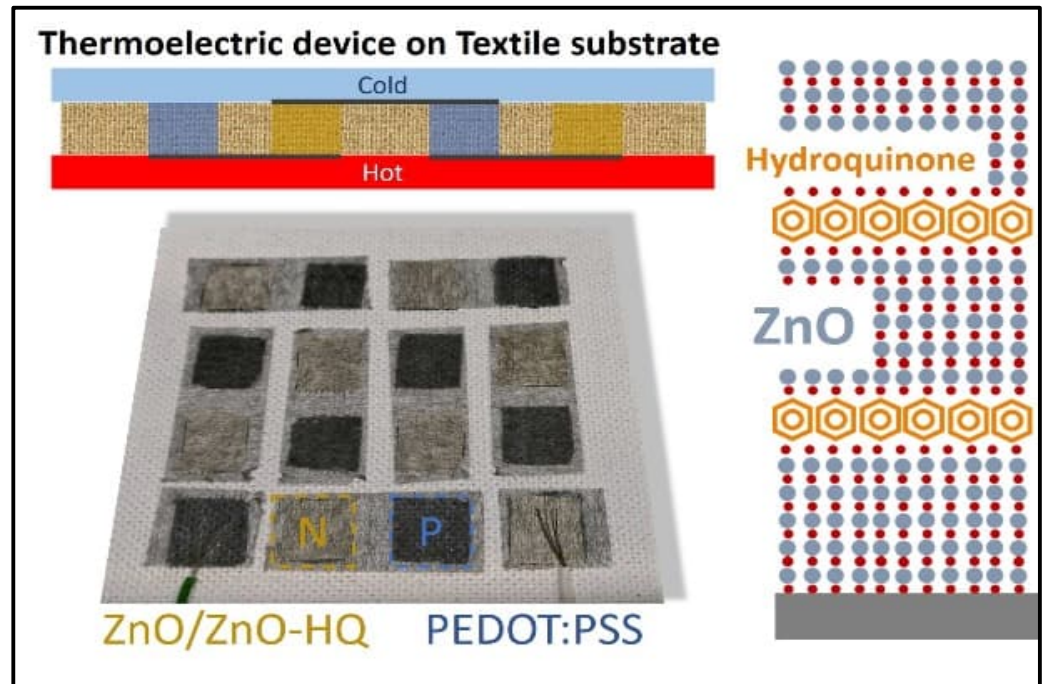
Silicon



Plastics



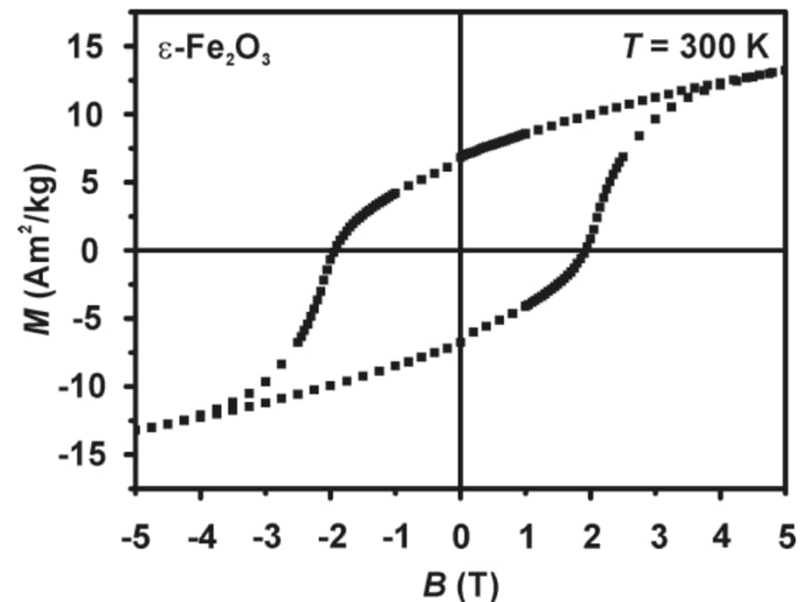
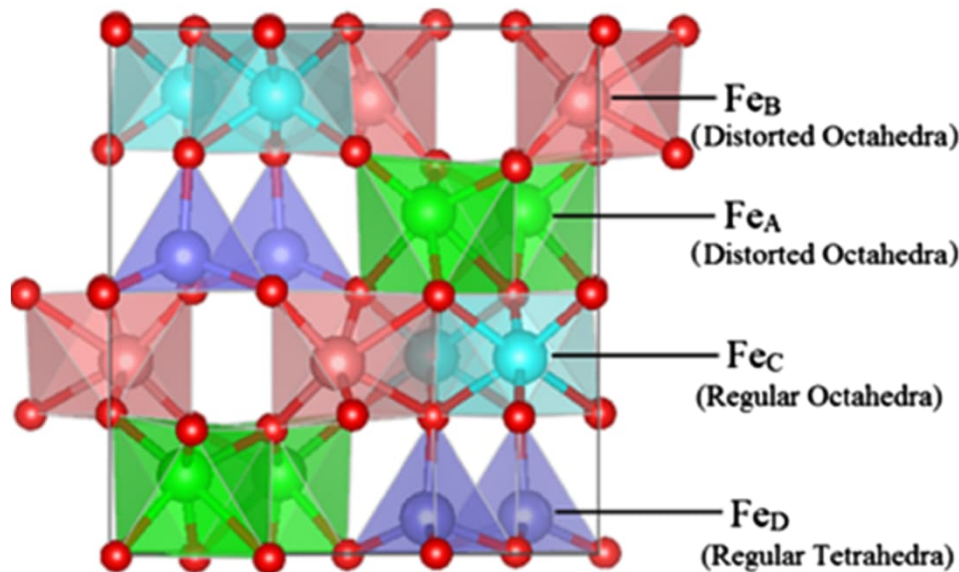
Textile



# Extraordinary Property Combination:

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

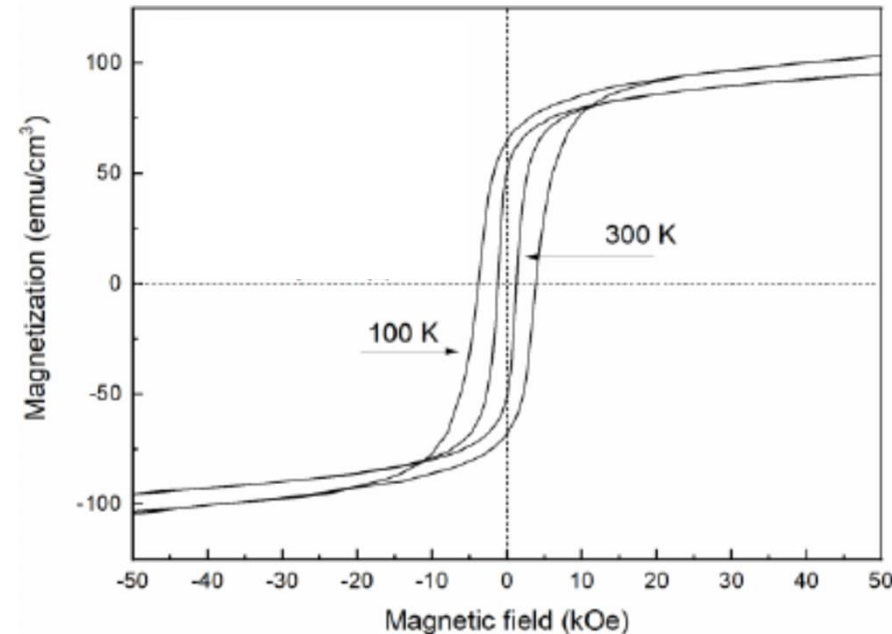
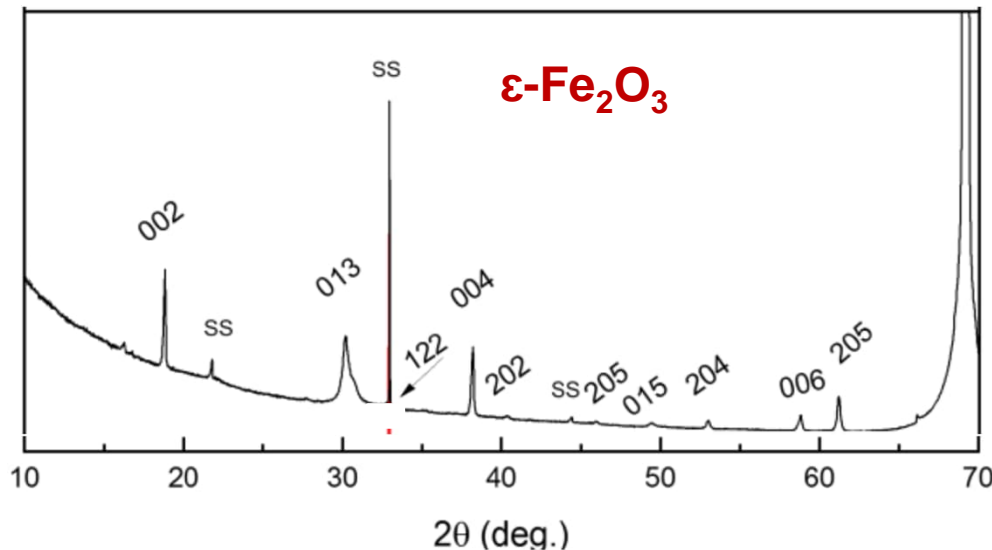
- $\epsilon$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> is the rarest of the iron(III) oxide polymorphs
- Critical-raw-material-free
- RT ferrimagnet ( $T_C \approx 490$  K)
- Colossal coercive field
- Magnetoelectric
- PROBLEM: stabilized/synthesized in nano-scale amounts only



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

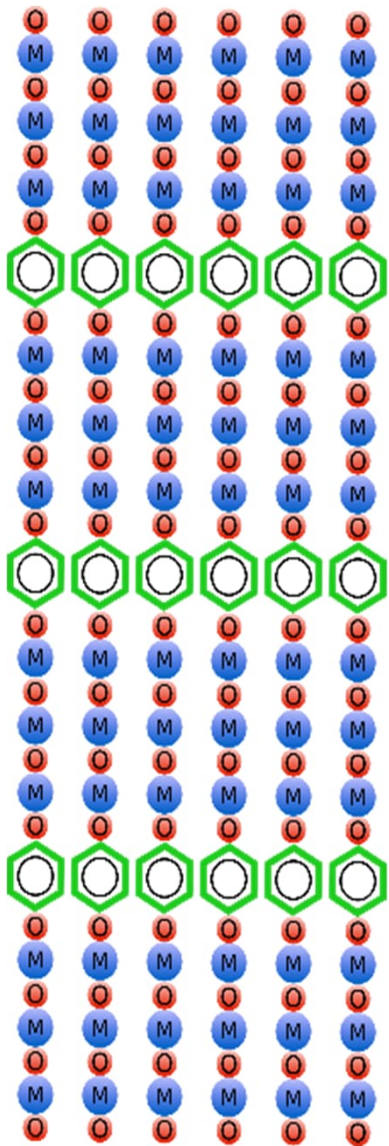
- Just “most common” precursors: FeCl<sub>3</sub> & H<sub>2</sub>O
- Deposition temperature: 280 °C
- Substrate: silicon, flexible glass, Kapton, polyimide, etc.

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

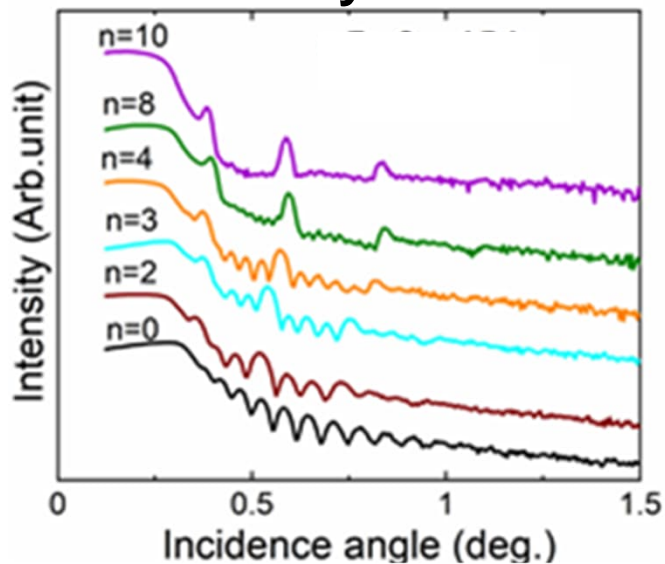


A. Tanskanen, O. Mustonen & M. Karppinen, Simple ALD process for  $\epsilon$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> thin films, *APL Materials* **5**, 056104 (2017).

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

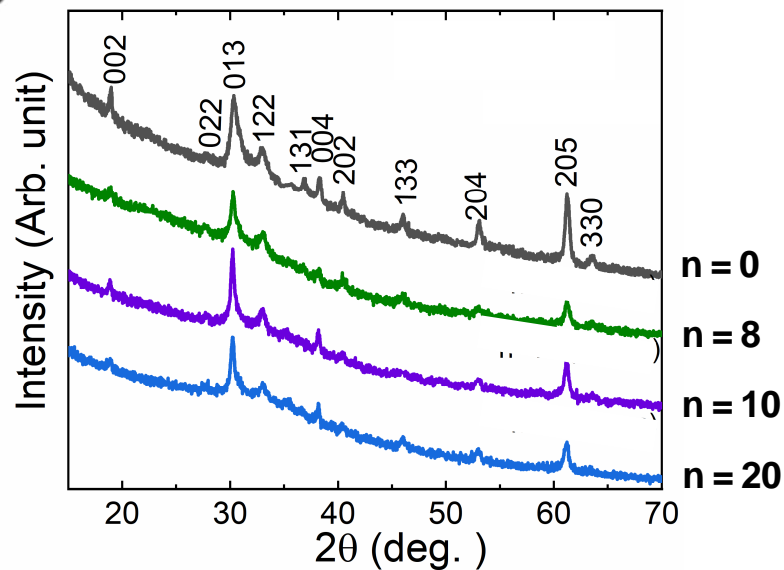


## XRR: X-ray reflection



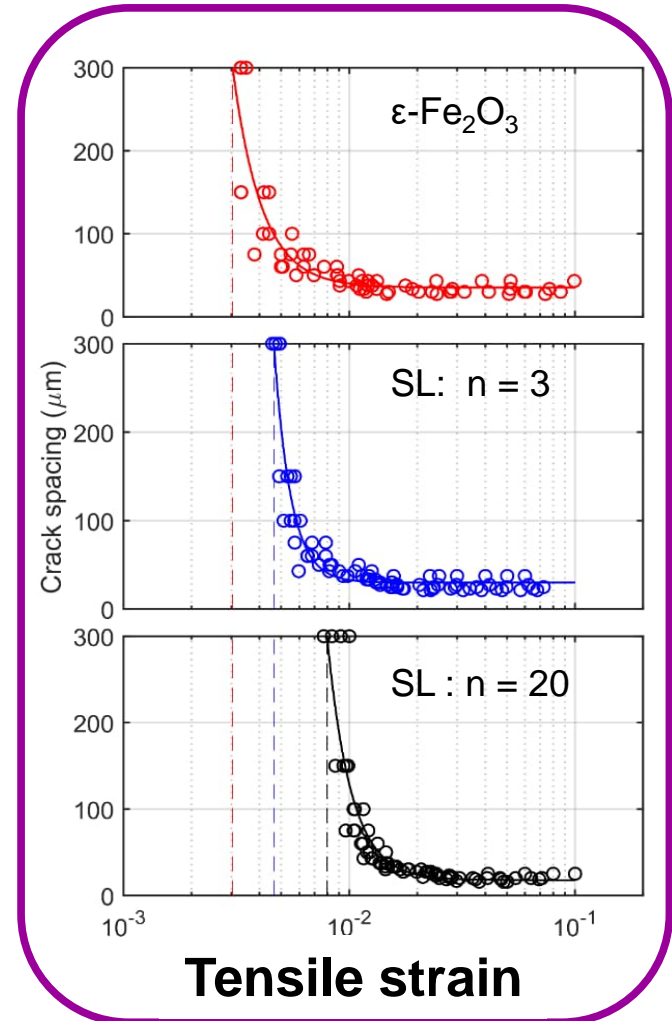
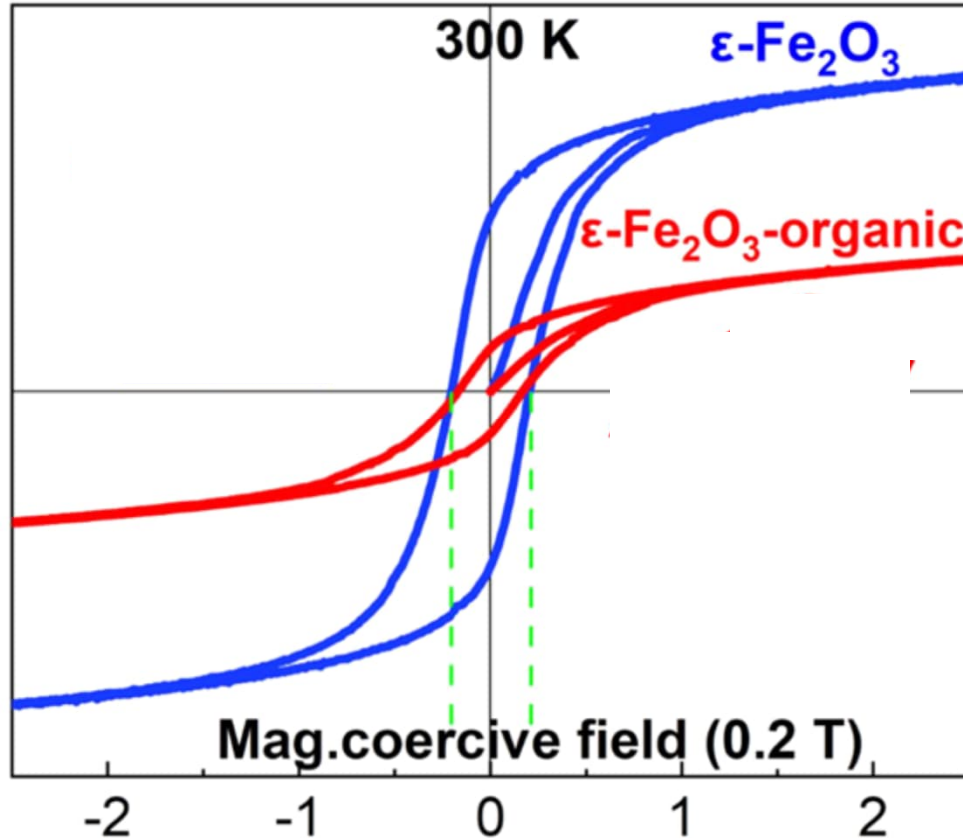
n: number of organic layers

## GI-XRD



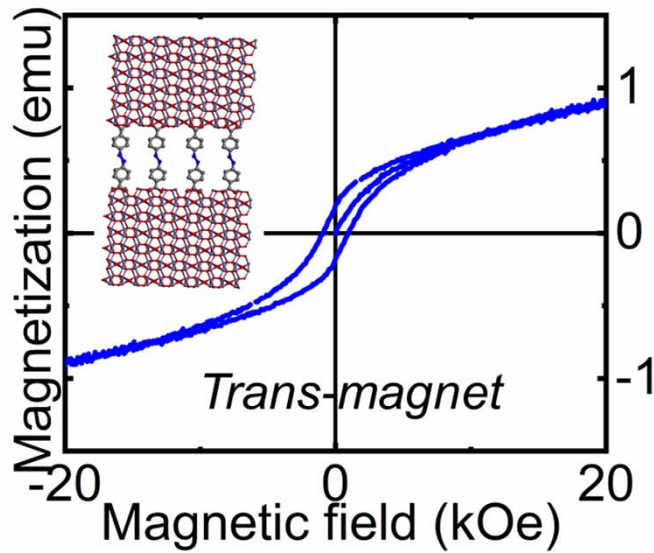
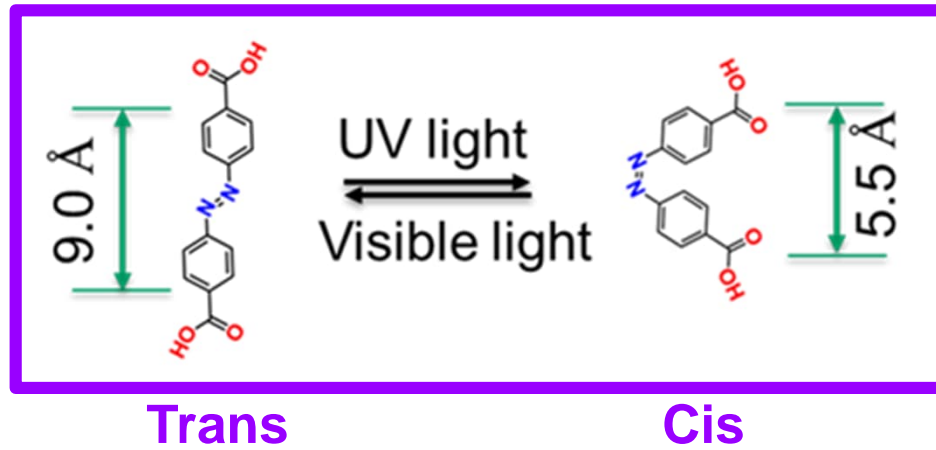


# Mechanical property testing: $\epsilon$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>:TPA

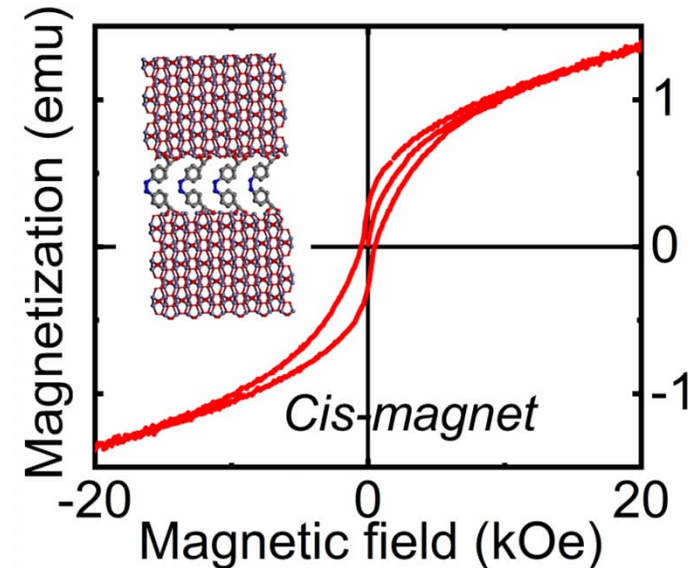


# Extraordinary Functionality:

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



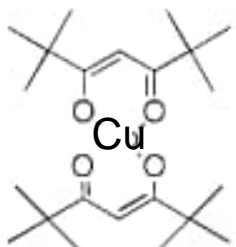
UV (365 nm)



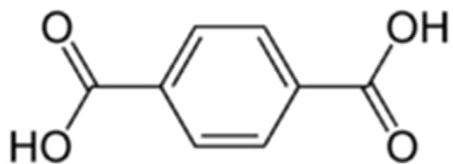
- Magnetization (remanent and saturation) increased (doubled)
- Coercivity decreased (into half)

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



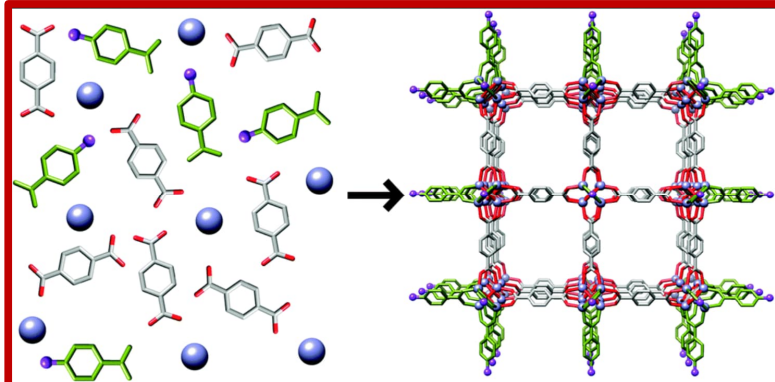


**Cu(thd)<sub>2</sub>**

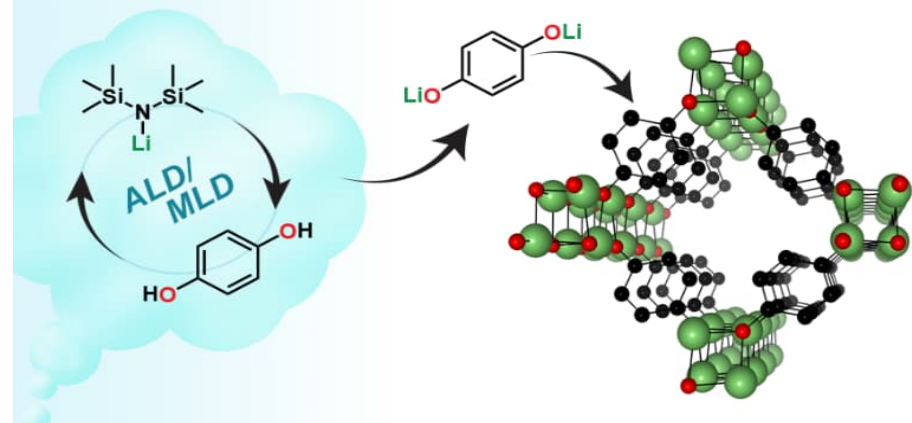


**Terephthalic acid (TPA)**

**Known  
MOF-2  
structure**



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

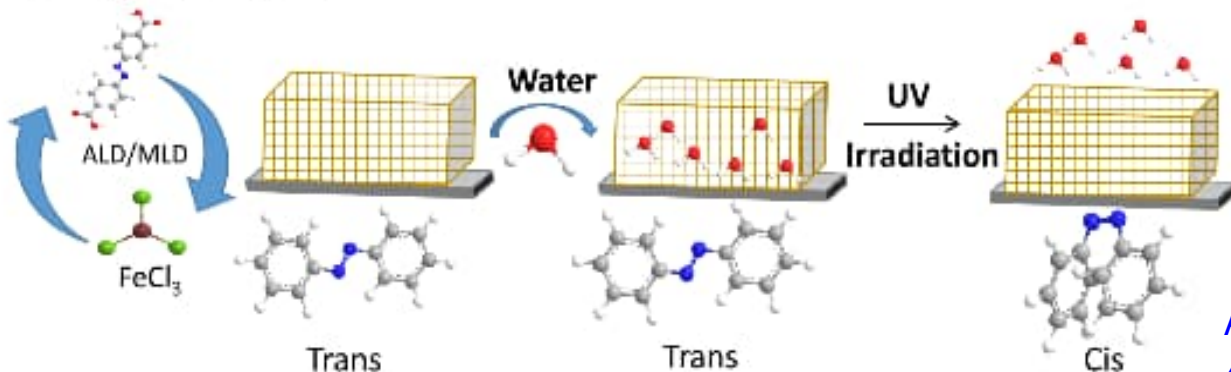


### Lithium-benzoquinone

- 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

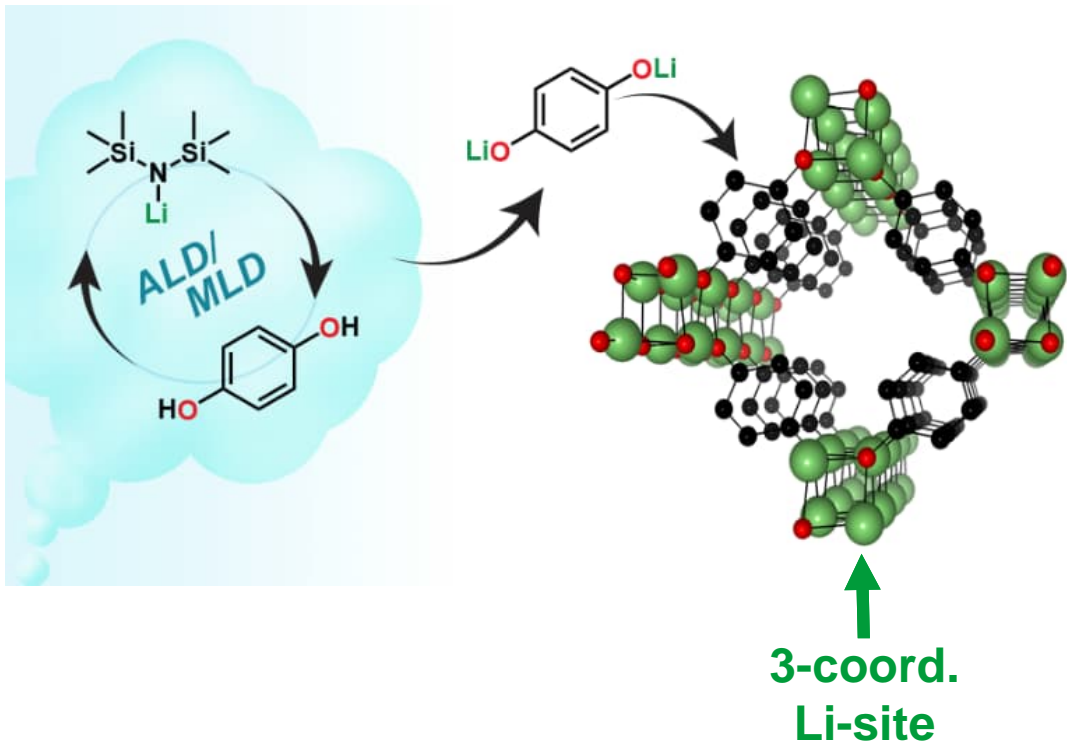


### Iron-azobenzoate

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

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

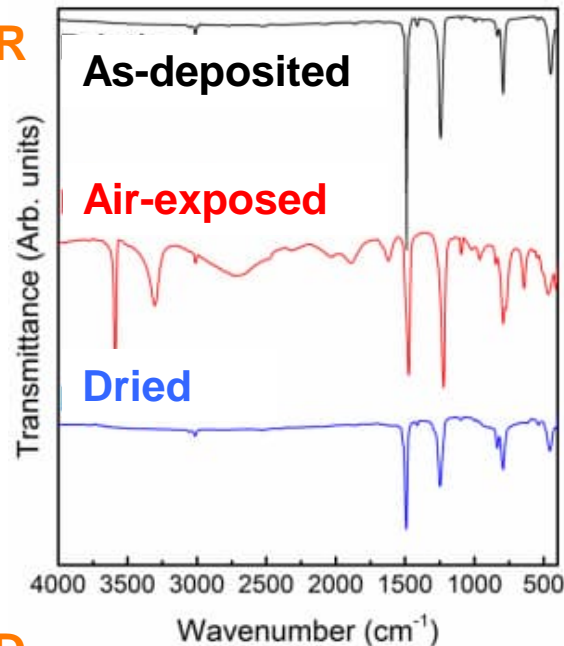
**EXAMPLES: In-Situ CRYSTALLINE Metal-Organic films via ALD/MLD**



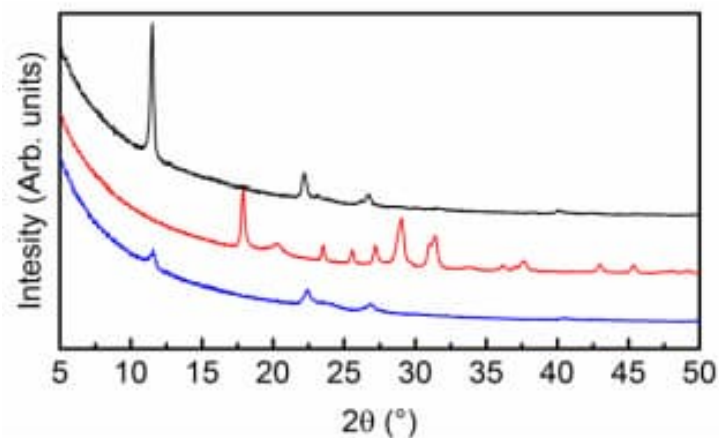
## Li + Hydroquinone

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

FTIR



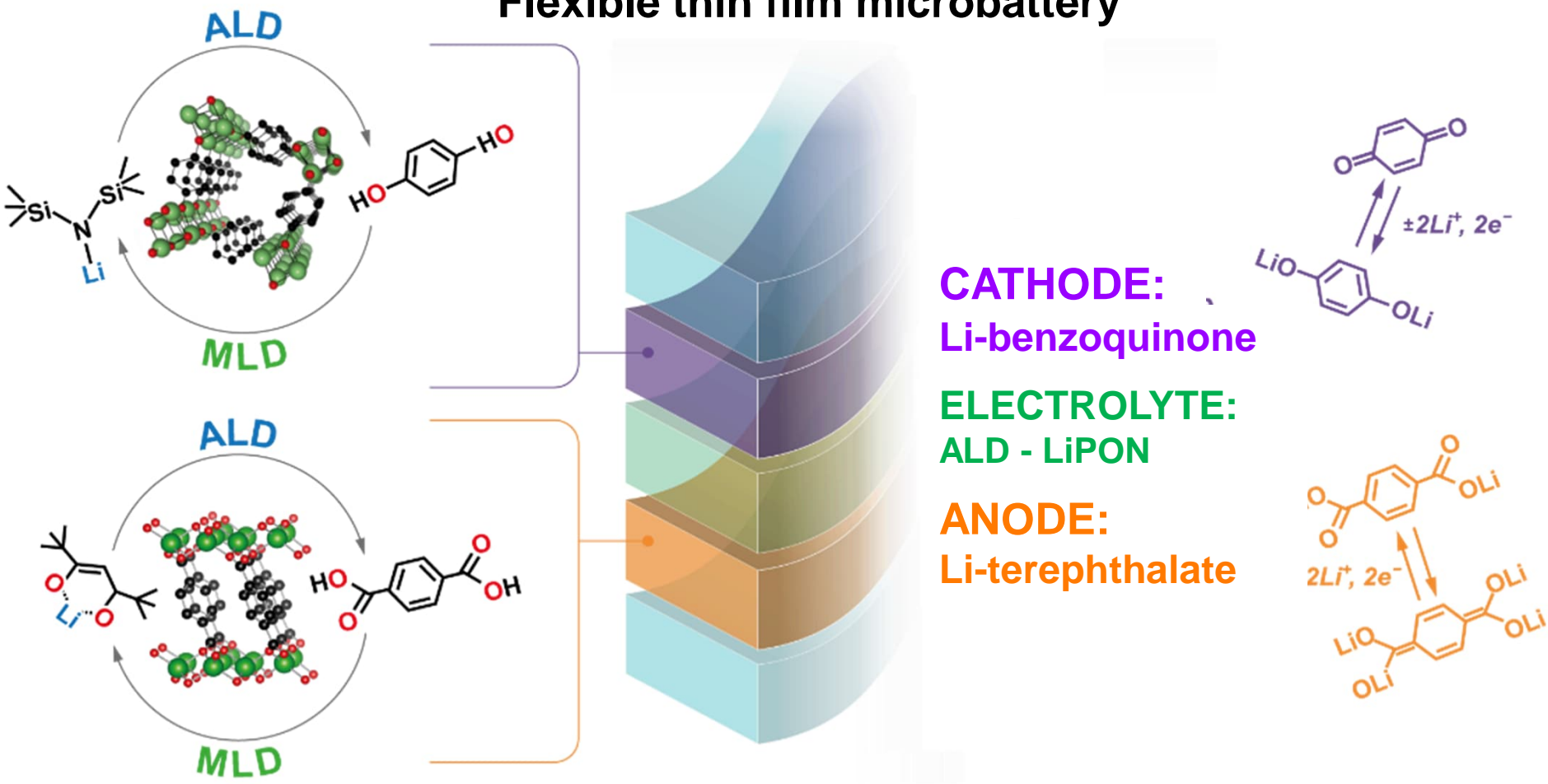
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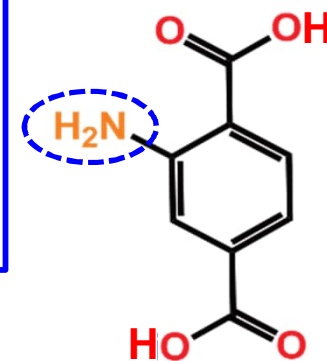
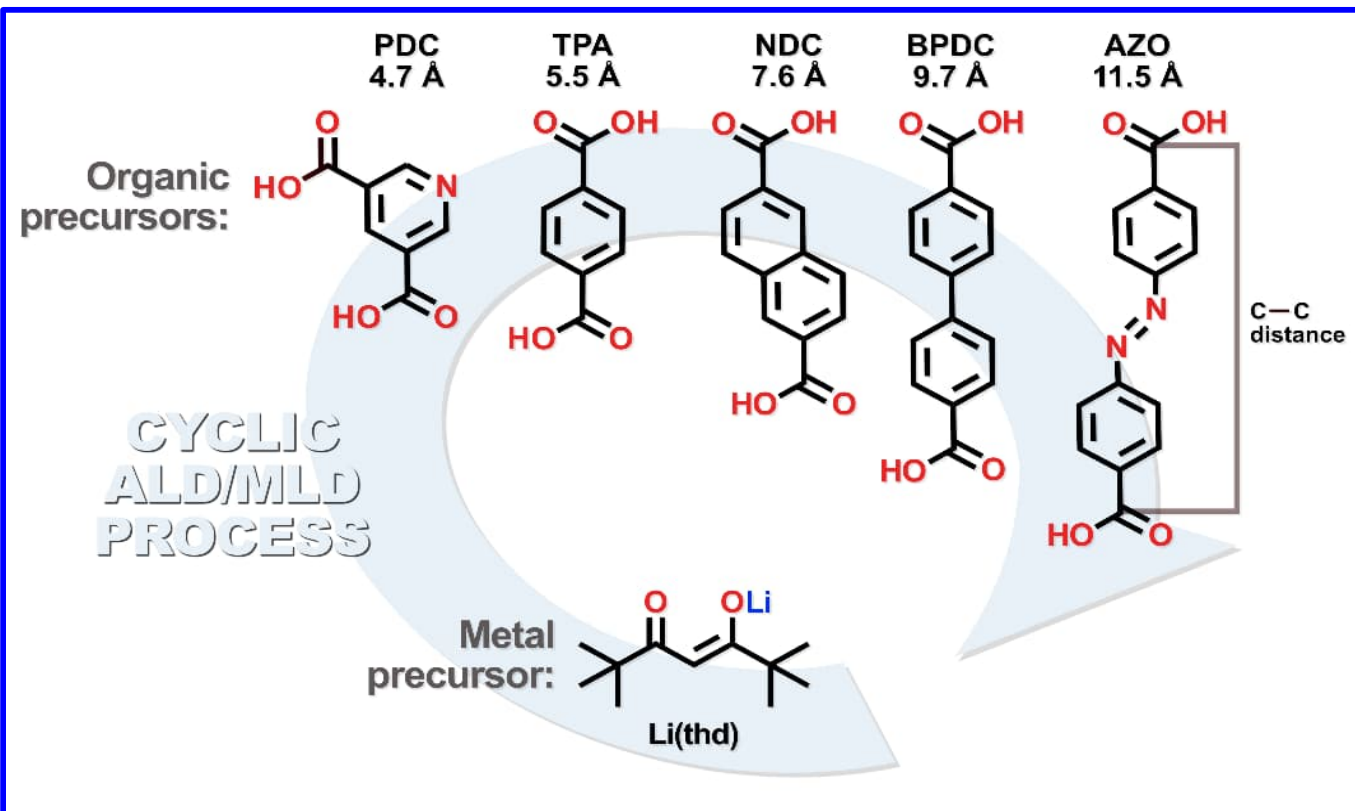
Structure predicted by DFT

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

## Flexible thin film microbattery



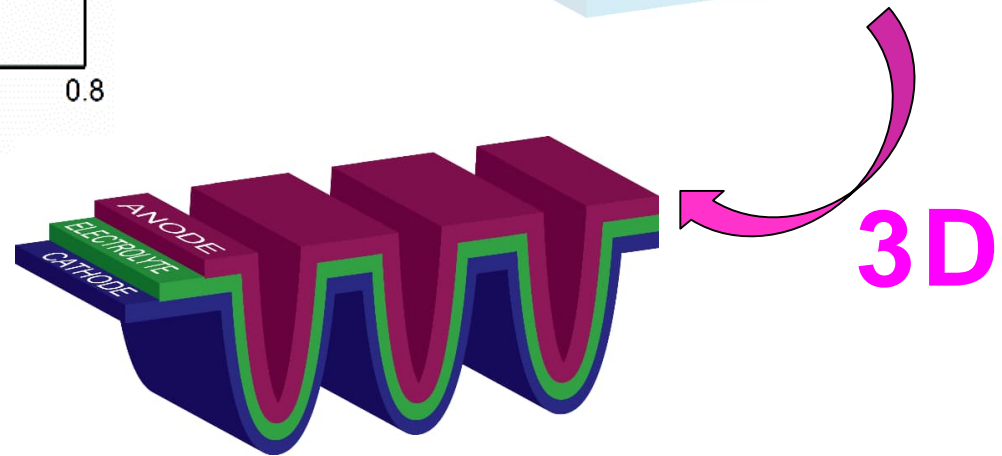
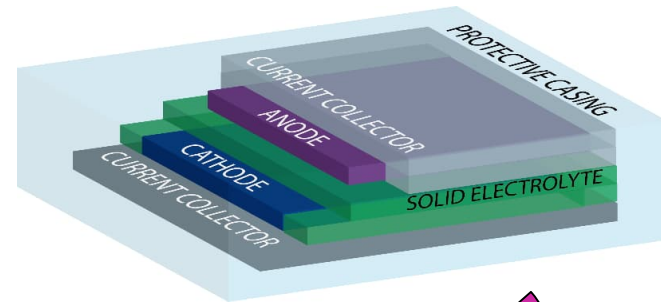
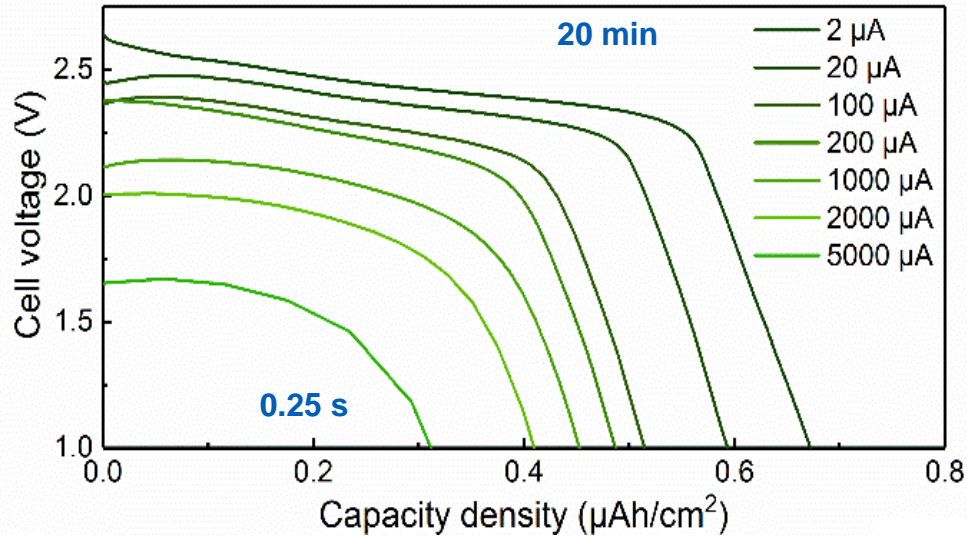
ALD/MLD-made Li-organic microbattery is flexible and cobalt-free. It is ultrafast to charge, but the problem is the low energy capacity. Whole battery structure can be deposited active-layer by active-layer in a same reactor, without additives.



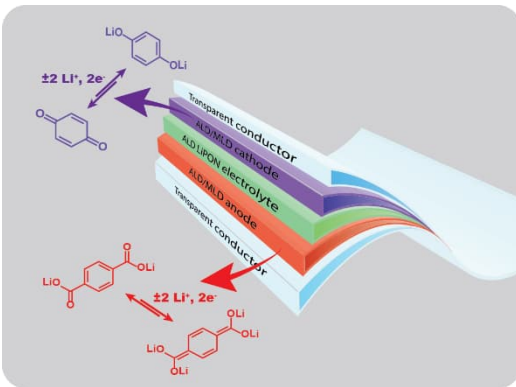
**Electron-withdrawing amino group → Redox potential increases**

- 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:  $\sim 100 \text{ mWh/cm}^3$**

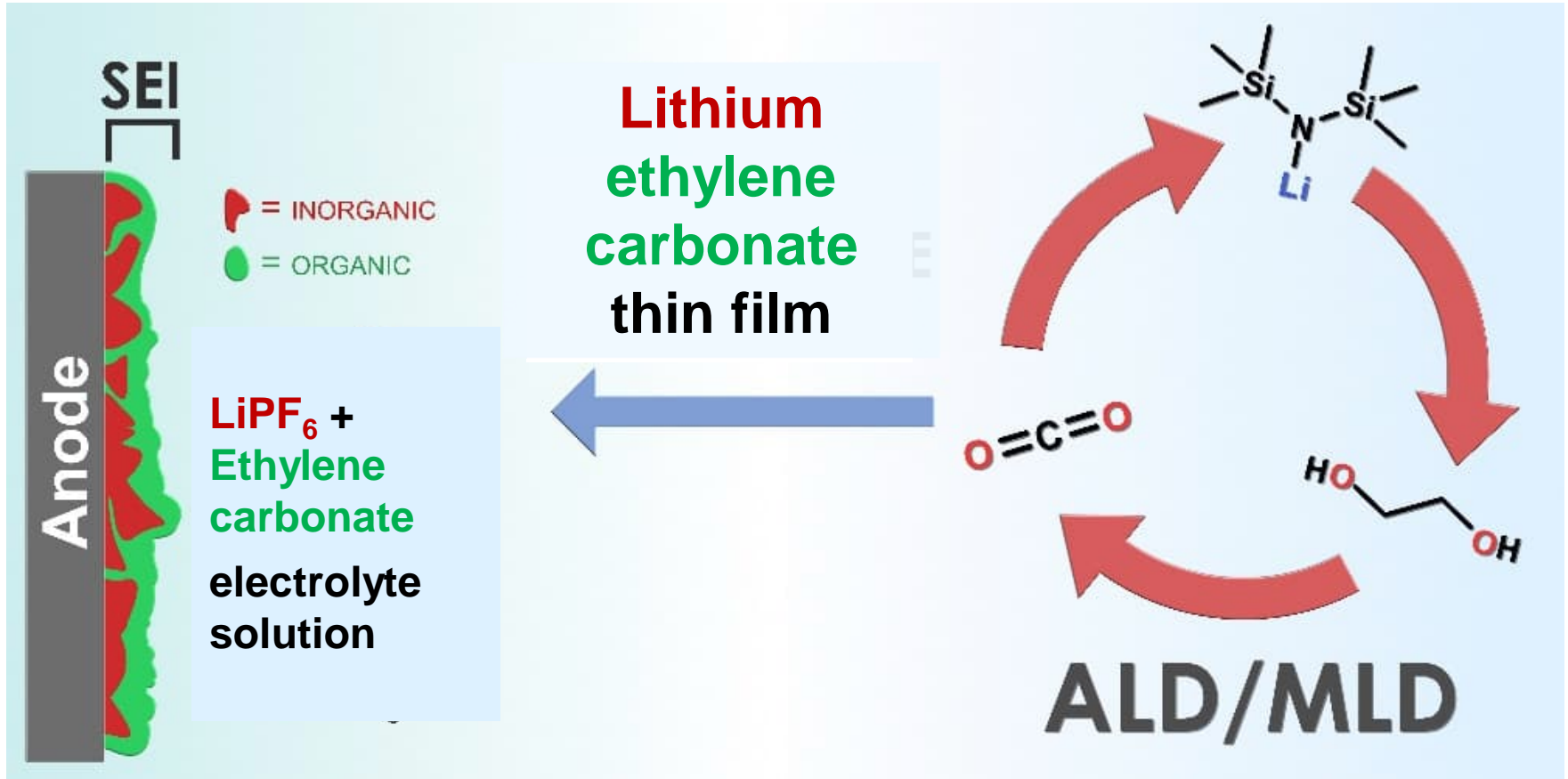


**HIGH POWER & ENERGY DENSITY**



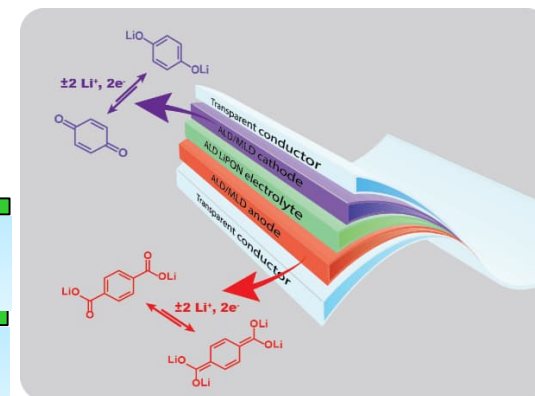
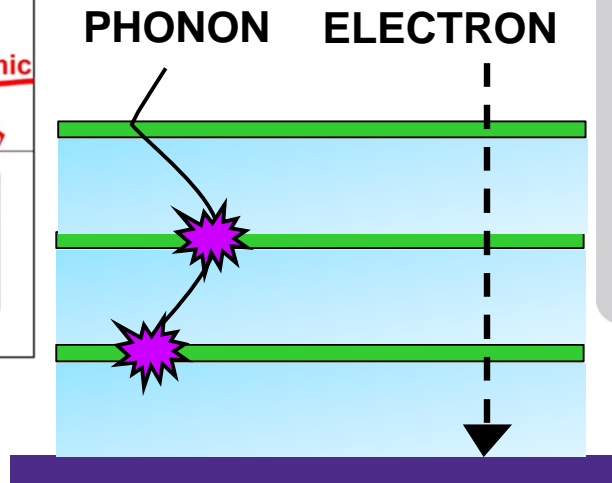
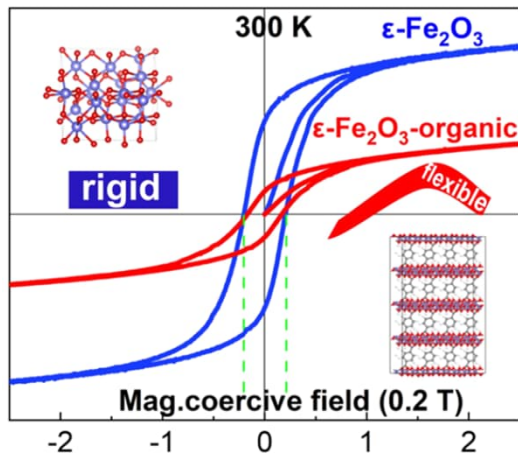
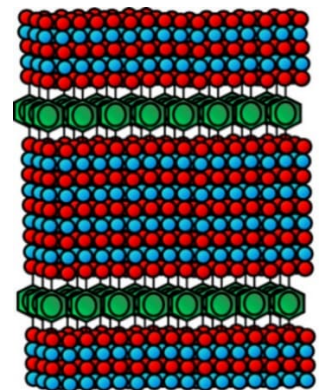


# ALD + MLD: Artificial SEI-layer for Li-ion battery



## 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 !!!

