

# LECTURE SCHEDULE

	Date	Topic
1.	Wed 07.09.	Course Introduction & Short Review of the Elements
2.	Fri 09.09.	Periodic Properties & Periodic Table & Main Group Elements (starts)
3.	Mon 12.09.	Short Survey of the Chemistry of Main Group Elements (continues)
4.	Fri 16.09.	Zn + Ti, Zr, Hf & Atomic Layer Deposition (ALD)
5.	Mon 19.09.	Transition Metals: General Aspects & Pigments
6.	Wed 21.09.	Redox Chemistry
7.	Fri 23.09.	Crystal Field Theory (Linda Sederholm)
8.	Mon 26.09.	V, Nb, Ta & Perovskites & Metal Complexes & MOFs & MLD
9.	Wed 28.09.	Cr, Mo, W & 2D materials & Mxenes & Layer-Engineering
10.	Fri 30.09.	Mn, Cu, Ru
11.	Mon 03.10.	Ag, Au, Pt, Pd & Catalysis (Antti Karttunen)
12.	Fri 07.10.	Lanthanoids + Actinoids & Luminescence
13.	Mon 10.10.	Mn, Fe, Co, Ni, Cu & Magnetism & Superconductivity
14.	Wed 12.10.	Resources of Elements & Rare/Critical Elements & Element Substitutions
15.	Fri 14.10.	Inorganic Materials Chemistry Research

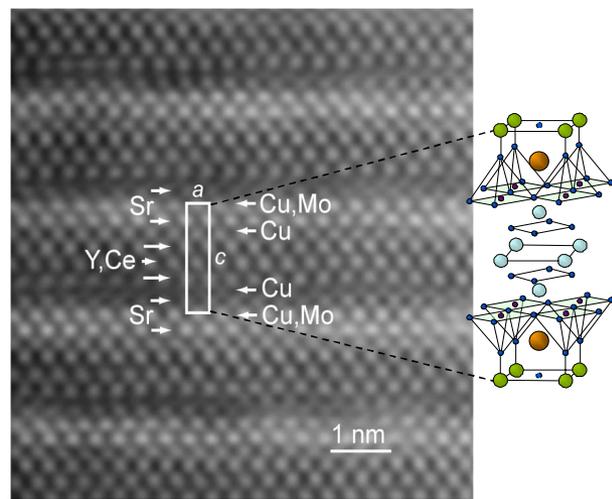
**EXAM: Tuesday Oct. 18, 9:00-12:00 in Ke2**

# PRESENTATION TOPICS/SCHEDULE

<b>Fri 16.09.</b>	<b>Zn:</b>	<b>Rautakorpi, Stenbrink &amp; Hyvärinen</b>
<b>Mon 26.09.</b>	<b>Nb:</b>	<b>Souza, Rahikka &amp; Tong</b>
<b>Wed 28.09.</b>	<b>Mo:</b>	<b>Alimbekova &amp; Tran (Nhi)</b>
	<b>Ti:</b>	<b>Mäki &amp; Israr</b>
<b>Fri 30.09.</b>	<b>Mn:</b>	<b>Tao &amp; Song (Zonghang)</b>
	<b>Cu:</b>	<b>Marechal, Weppe &amp; Ishtiaq</b>
	<b>Ru:</b>	<b>Järvinen &amp; Verkama</b>
<b>Fri 07.10.</b>	<b>Eu:</b>	<b>Bardiau, Wolfsberger &amp; Klingerhöfer</b>
	<b>Nd:</b>	<b>Helminen, Olsio &amp; Keskimaula</b>
<b>Mon 10.10.</b>	<b>U:</b>	<b>Airas &amp; Holopainen</b>
<b>Wed 12.10.</b>	<b>In:</b>	<b>Antila &amp; Wallius</b>
	<b>Te:</b>	<b>Peussa &amp; Heylen</b>
<b>Fri 14.10.</b>	<b>Co:</b>	<b>Song (Yutong) &amp; Lone</b>

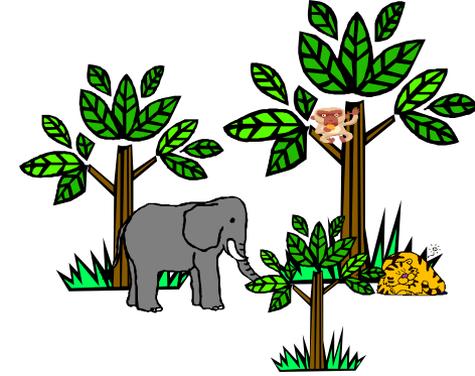
## **QUESTIONS: Lecture 15**

**Explain shortly why ZnO:organic superlattice thin films are better thermoelectric materials than ZnO thin films, especially for future wearable applications., and why the ALD/MLD technique is an highly advantageous technique for the fabrication of these films.**



# INORGANIC CHEMISTRY

**Aalto University**  
**Department of Chemistry & Materials Science**



**Sustainable energy materials**

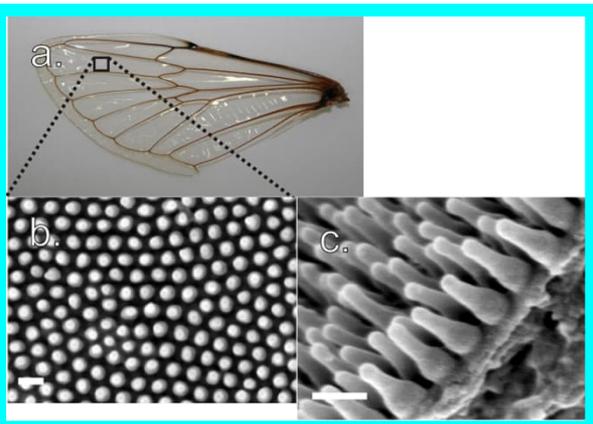


## ■ Novel Functional (bulk) Oxide Materials

- high- $T_c$  superconductors
- thermoelectric materials
- exotic magnetic materials
- ionic conductors (fuel cell, battery, oxygen storage)

## ■ ALD (Atomic Layer Deposition) Thin Films

- complex (ternary & quaternary) oxides
- oxide coatings on exciting surfaces (polymers, biomaterials, textiles, steel, etc.)
- inorganic/organic hybrid materials

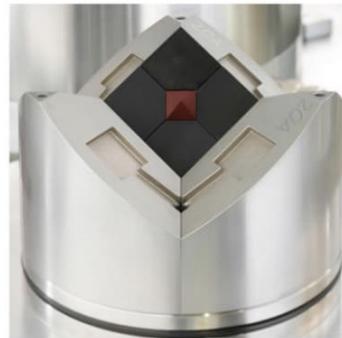
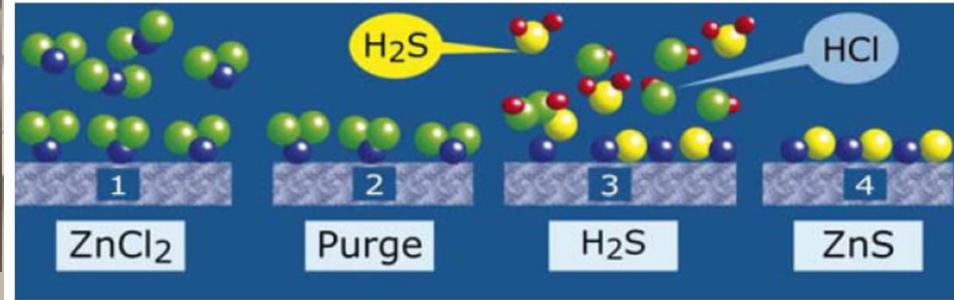
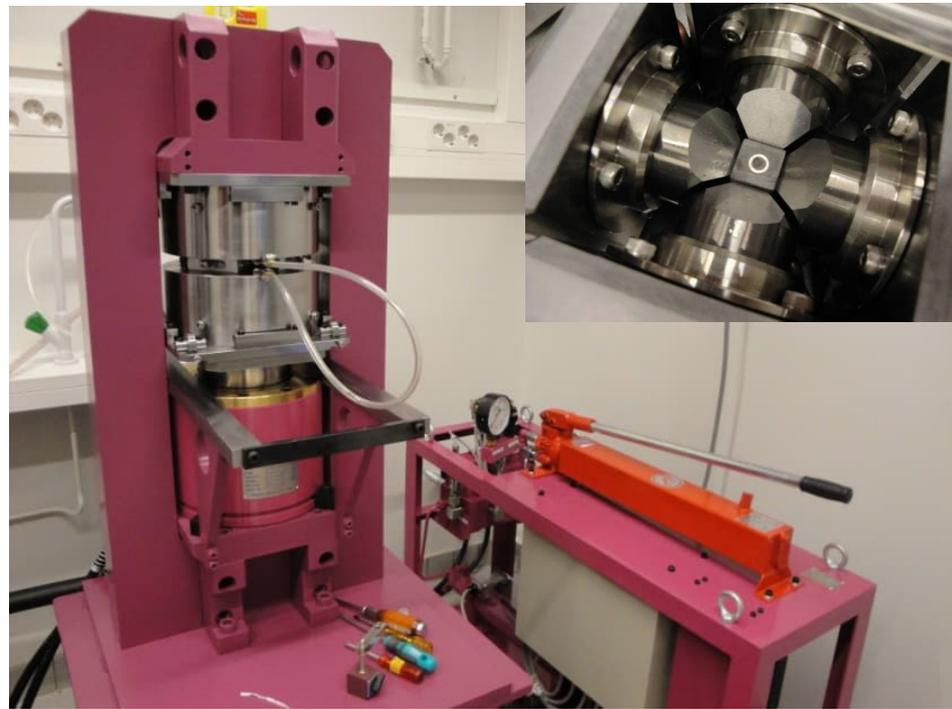


**KEY CONCEPTS:**

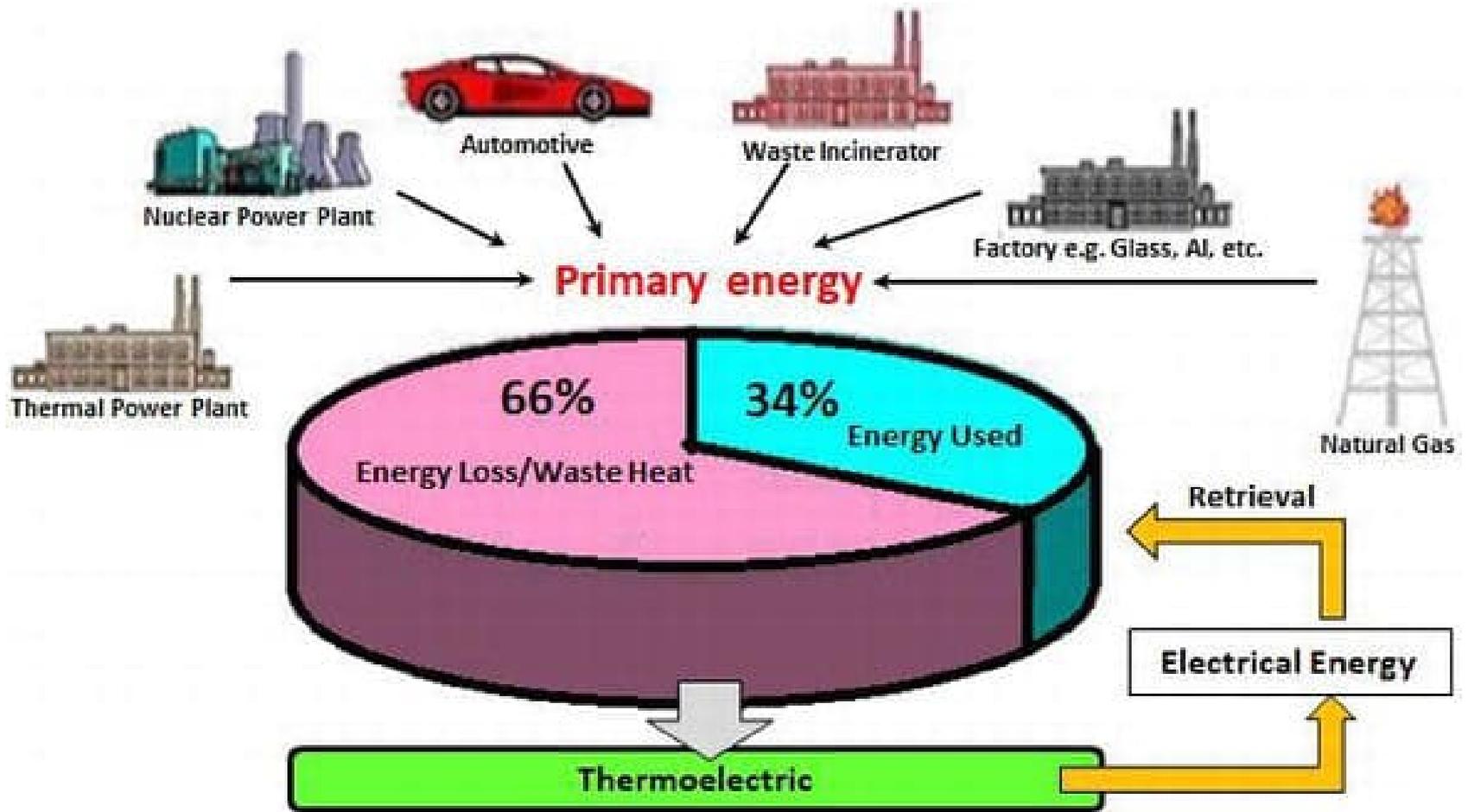
**Layer-engineering & Oxygen-engineering & Nanostructuring**

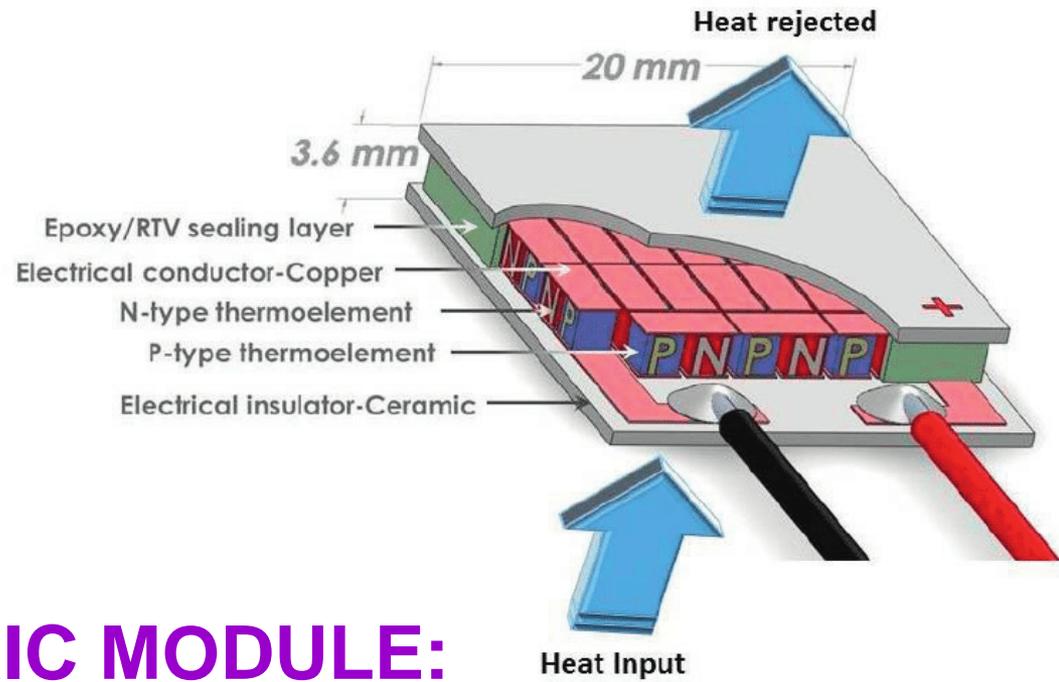
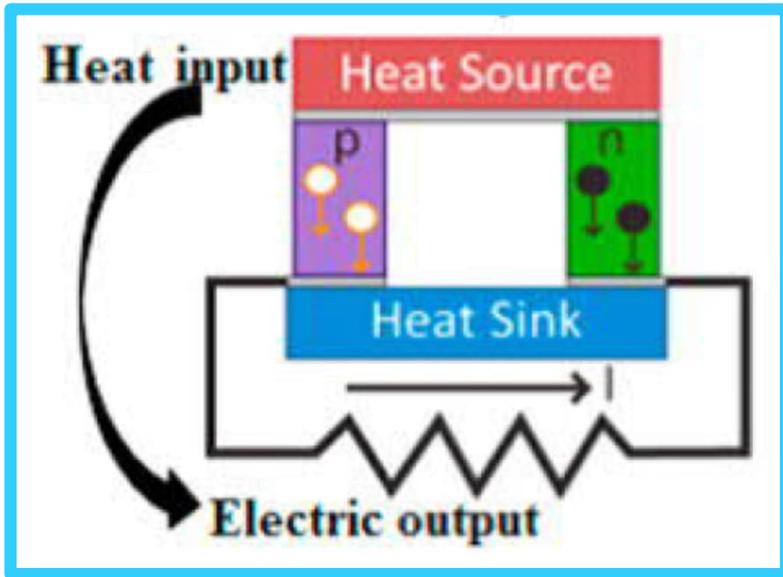
## Ultra High-Pressure (HP) synthesis

## Atomic Layer Deposition (ALD) thin-film technology

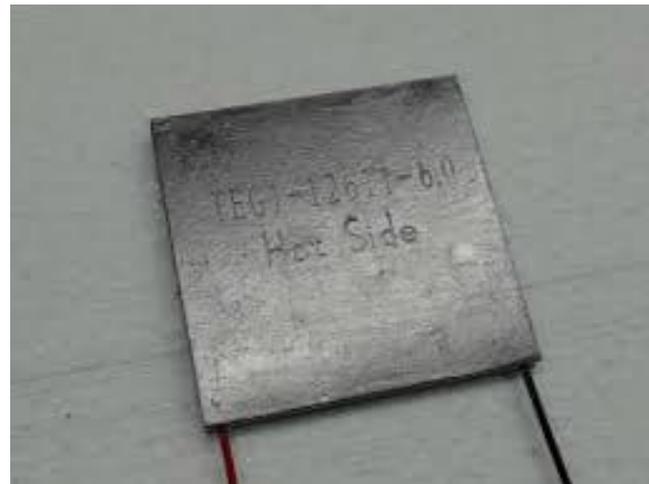


# SYNTHESIS TECHNIQUES





## THERMOELECTRIC MODULE: p- and n-type semiconductor legs



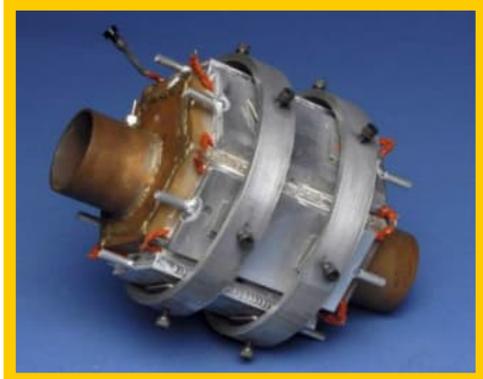
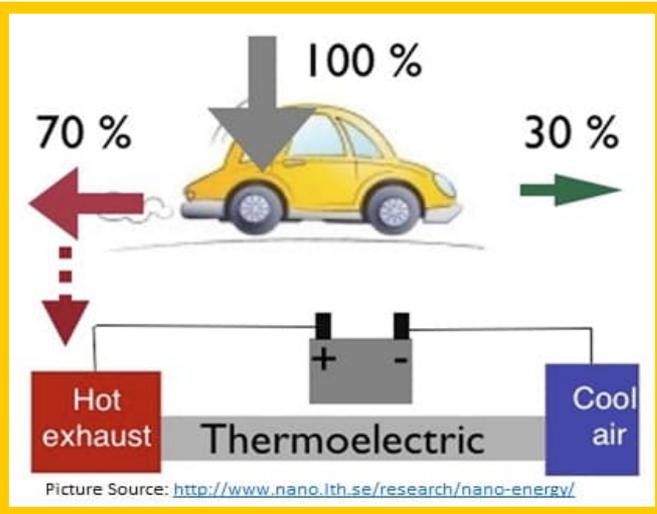
# SPACE MISSIONS

- For space crafts & instruments: safe, reliable, long-lasting power systems
- Radioisotope thermoelectric generator (“nuclear battery”): electricity from heat
- Continuous heat source:  $^{238}\text{Pu}$  Plutonium radioactive decay
- Radioisotope power has been used by NASA over the last four decades for tens of space missions up to Mars

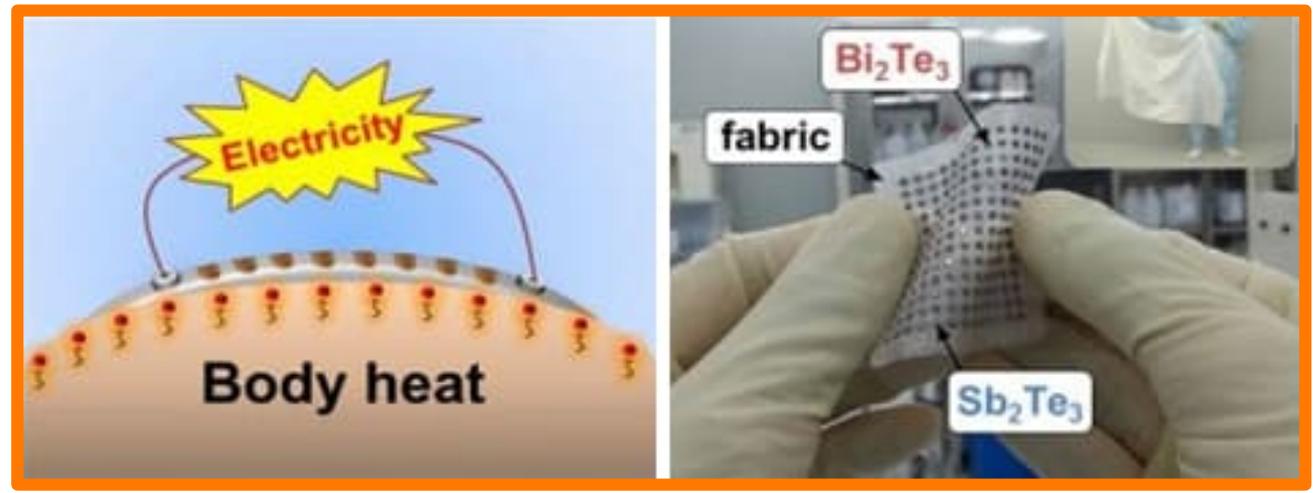


One of the three radioisotope thermoelectric generators on Cassini



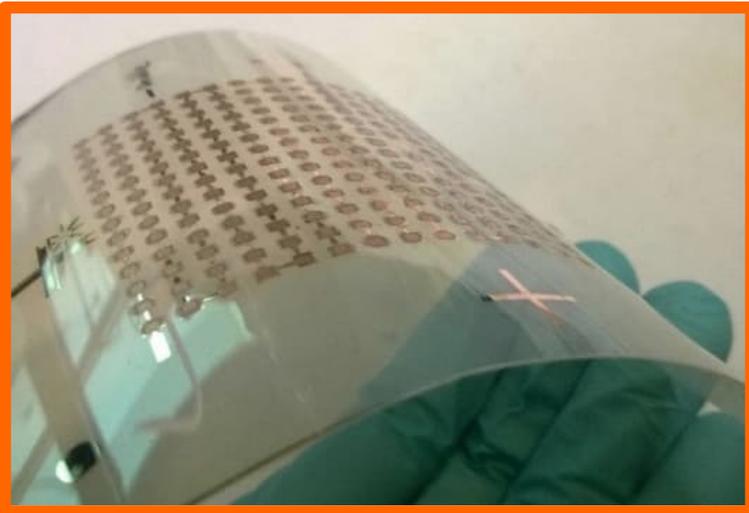
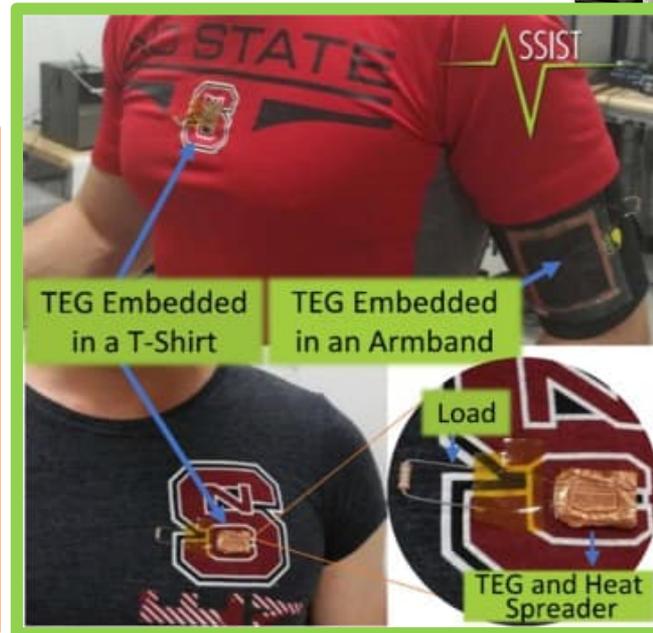
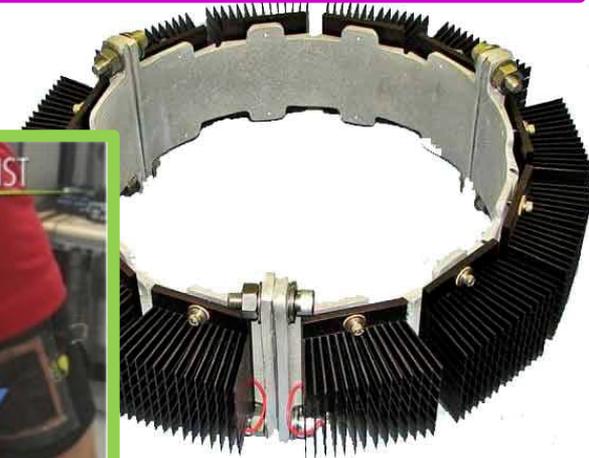
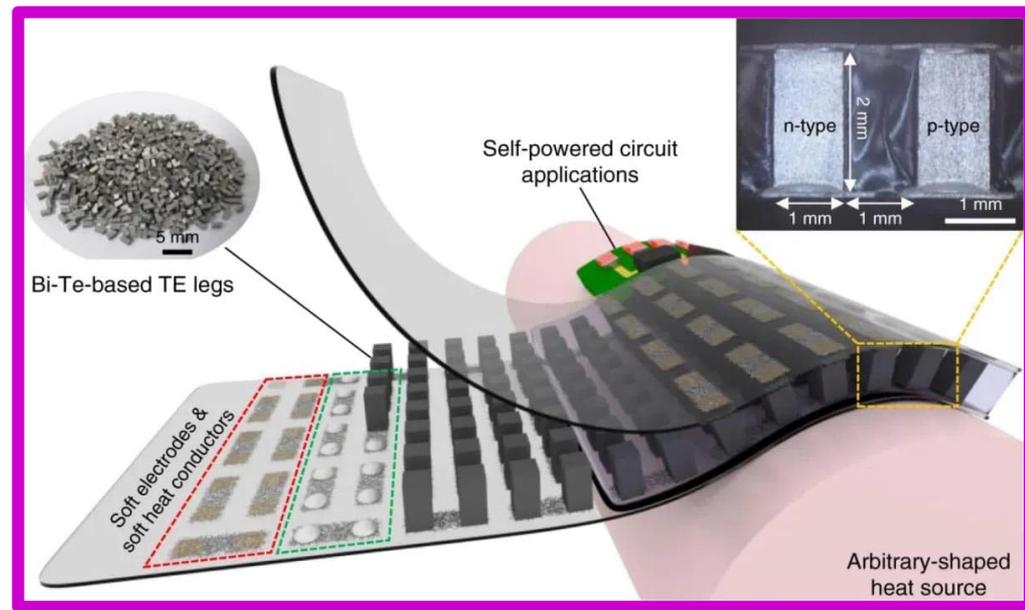


# THERMOELECTRICS: Examples of targeted applications



# FLEXIBLE / WEARABLE THERMOELECTRICS

- Hot topic currently
- Flexibility needed:
  - (i) better fit with round heat sources
  - (ii) wearable devices
- Micro-energy-harvesters in the power range of 10-1000  $\mu\text{W}$  (e.g. body-implanted pacemakers, sensors)

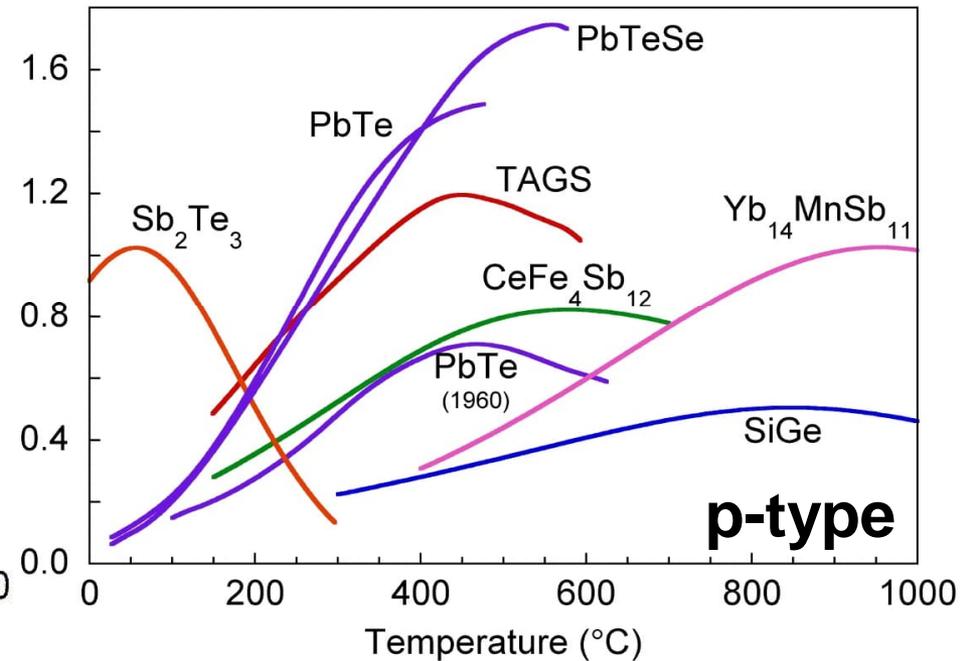
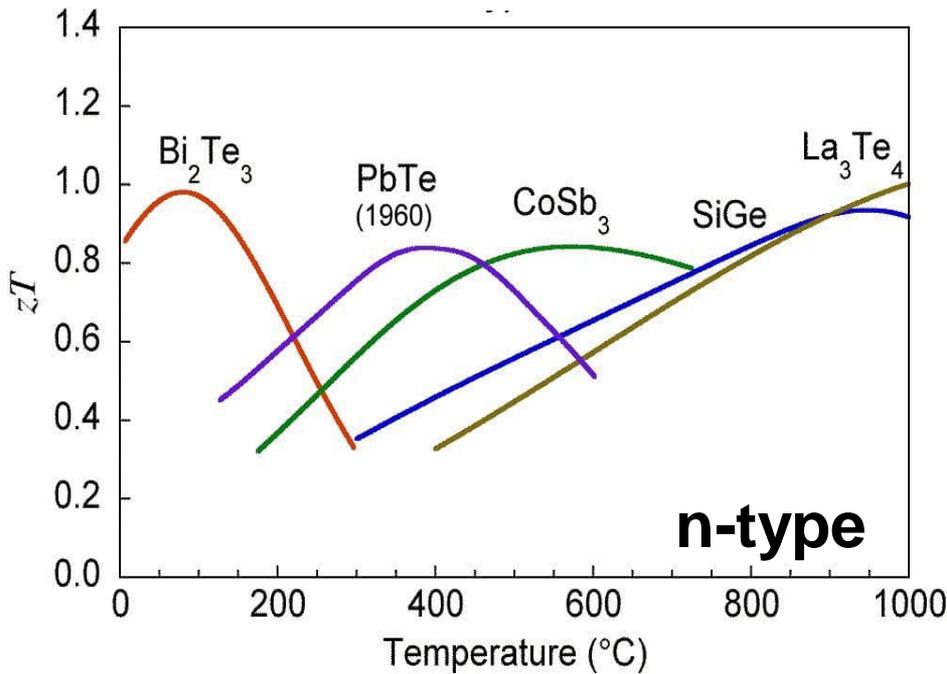


# THERMOELECTRIC MATERIALS

- **Figure-of-Merit (ZT)**
- Heat-to-Electricity Conversion Efficiency ( $\eta$ )
- Conversion efficiency increases by increasing ZT
- ZT increases by increasing electrical conductivity ( $\sigma$ ) & decreasing thermal conductivity ( $\kappa$ ) → **DIFFICULTY**
- Two terms for  $\kappa$ : electronic ( $\kappa_e$ ) and lattice ( $\kappa_L$ )
- More efficient for high-temperature application !

$$ZT = \frac{S^2 \sigma}{\kappa} T, \quad \kappa = \kappa_e + \kappa_L$$

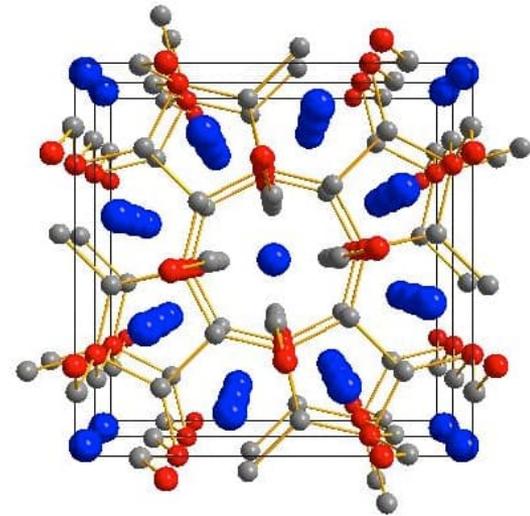
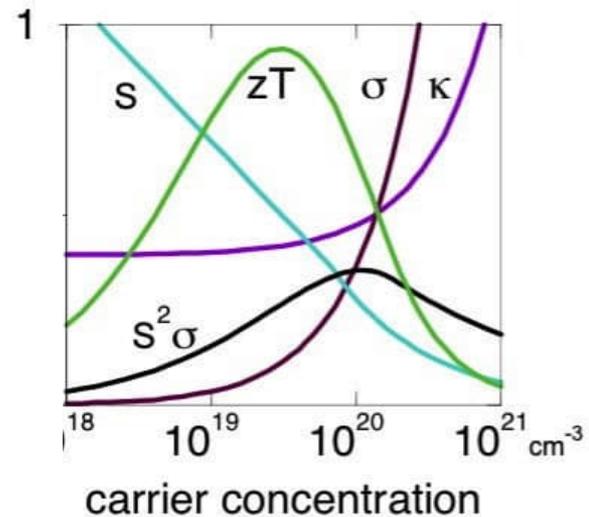
$$\eta = \frac{\Delta T}{T_h} \frac{\sqrt{1 + ZT} - 1}{\sqrt{1 + ZT} + T_c/T_h}$$



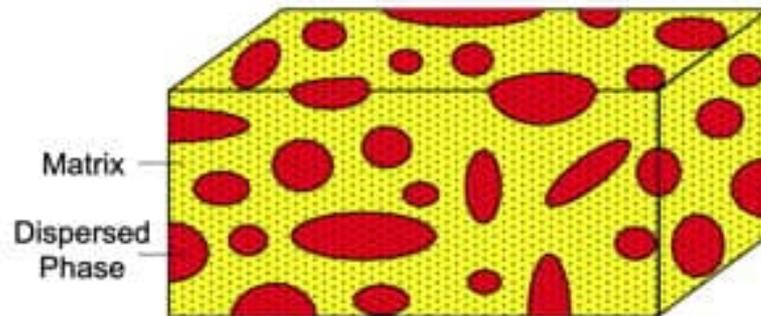
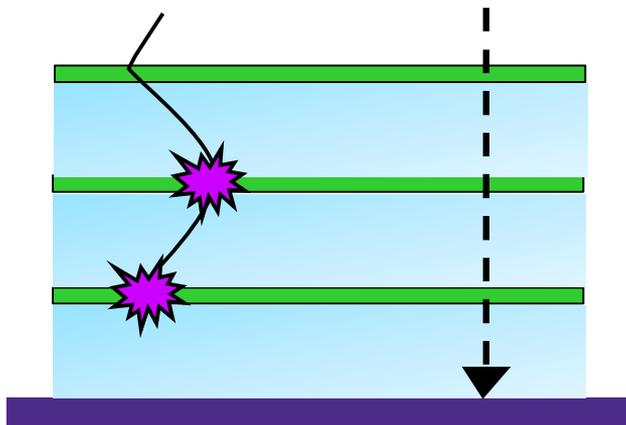
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## WELL-KNOWN WAYS TO ENHANCE ZT

- Carrier concentration tuning:
  - In particular for optimized combination of  $\sigma$  and  $S$  (Seebeck coefficient)
- For reducing thermal conductivity (lattice  $\kappa_L$ ):
  - Heavy elements (often the rarest !)
  - Complex crystal structures
  - Defects / Nanostructures / Superlattices



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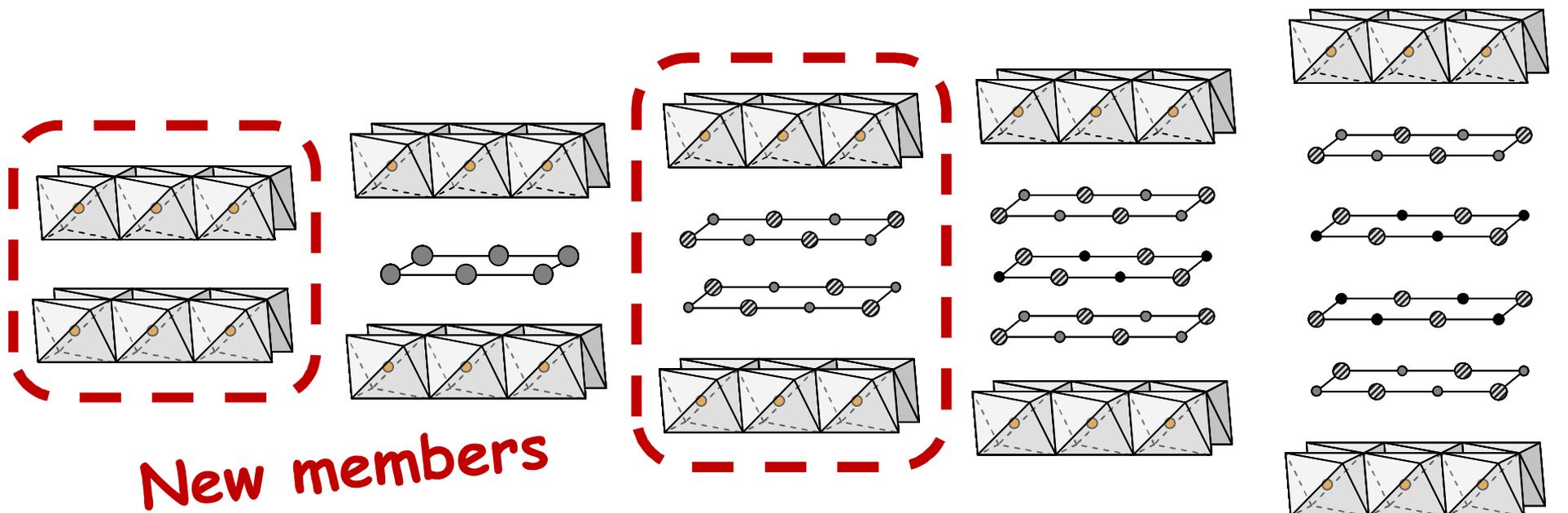


# THERMOELECTRICS SUMMARY

- **Over 65% of all energy produced is lost as waste heat**
- Thermoelectric power generators, which are semiconductor-based electronic devices, can turn this heat into electricity via the **Seebeck effect**
- These devices are **simple** to construct (just two different solid materials), easy to **scale-up** & long-term **reliable**
- However, we need **MATERIALS** that are **good electrical conductors** but have **extremely low thermal conductivity** → This is a very **tricky combination** to achieve (but a materials chemists dream research topic)
- Moreover, the devices should stand heat sources **as hot as 500 °C**
- Also, **mechanical flexibility** desired
- True commercialization of thermoelectric technology has been seriously limited by the low ZT values and the presence of toxic elements (e.g. Pb) or **rare elements** (e.g. Te)
- **Minimum criterion:**      **$ZT > 1$**   
  **So far reached:**          **$ZT \approx 2$**   
  **Dream-of-the-Dream:**  **$ZT > 4$**

# Thermoelectric Misfit Oxides: $[(MO)_m(AO)_k]_qCoO_2$

- First oxide thermoelectric material:  $Na_xCoO_2$  (similar to  $Li_xCoO_2$  battery cathode)
- Thermoelectric  $[CoCa_2O_3]_qCoO_2$  and  $[Bi_2Sr_2O_4]_qCoO_2$  were discovered later
- $CoO_2$  layers with mixed-valent cobalt → electrical conductivity
- "Misfitting" intermediate (metal or metal oxide) layers → low thermal conductivity



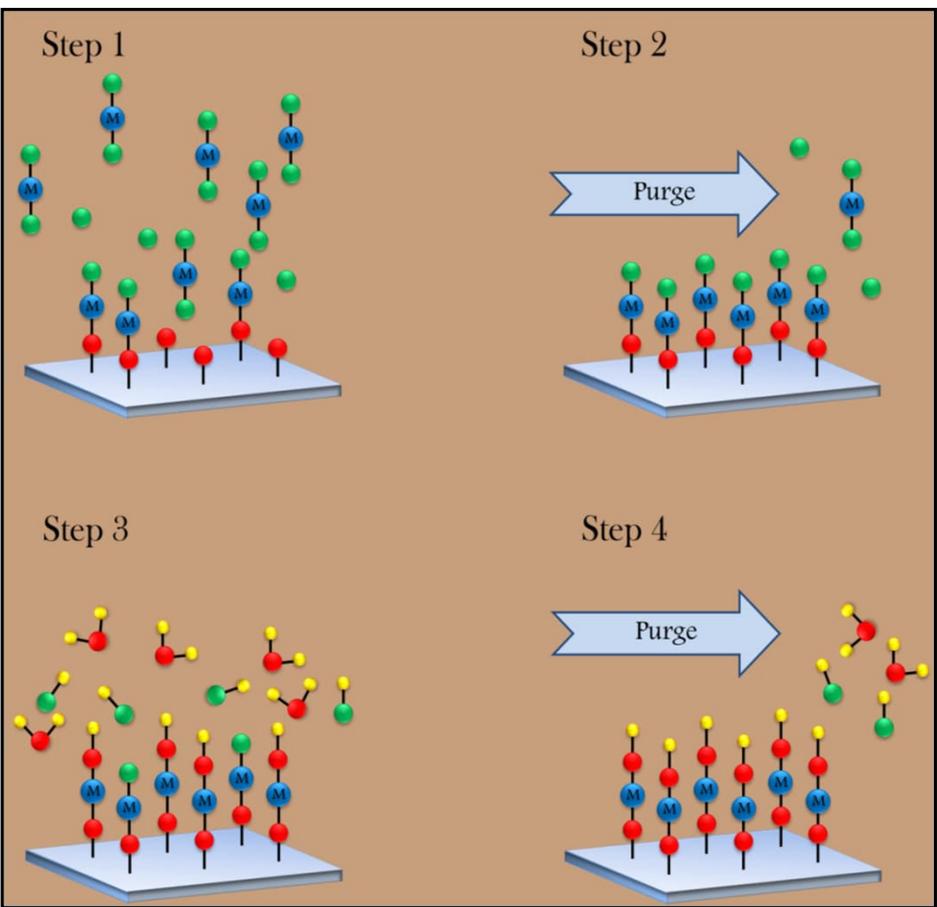
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$k=2, m=0$

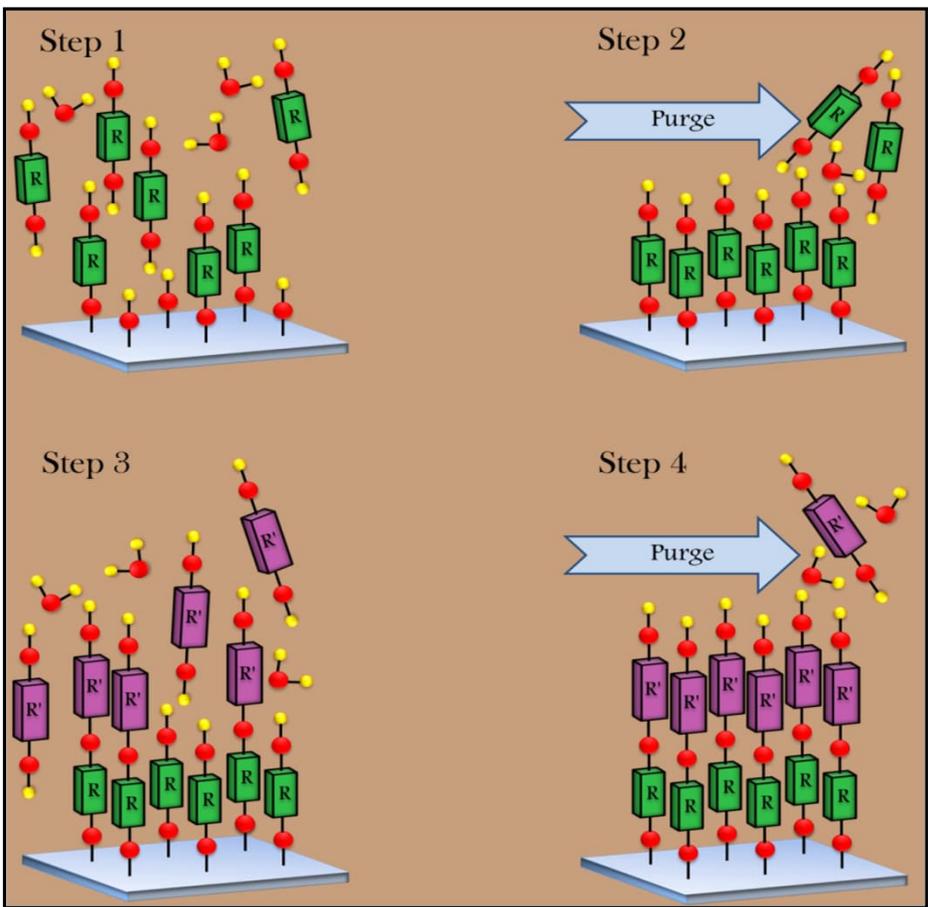
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## ALD (Atomic Layer Deposition)

High-quality INORGANIC thin films  
with atomic level control  
for microelectronics and beyond

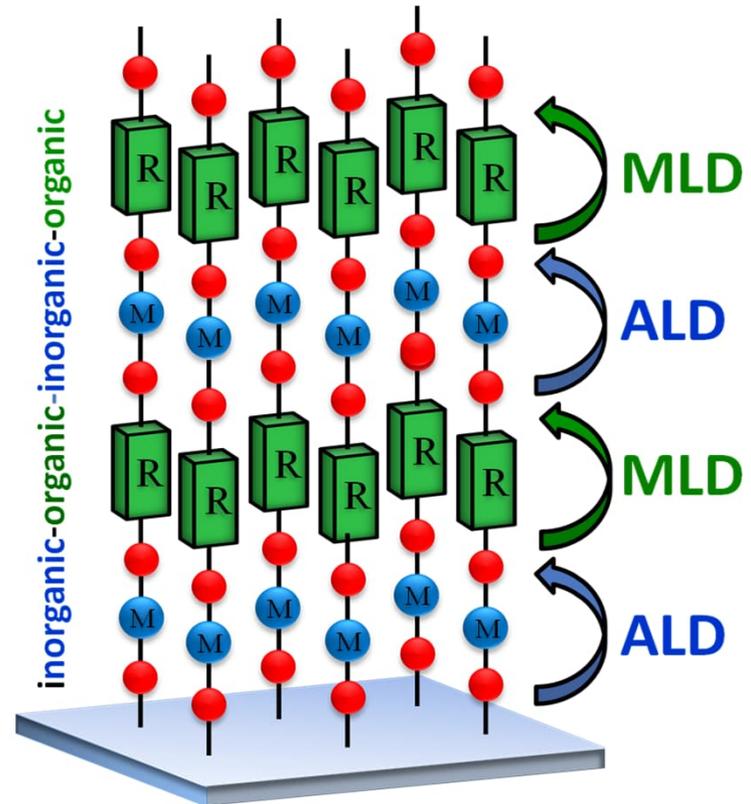
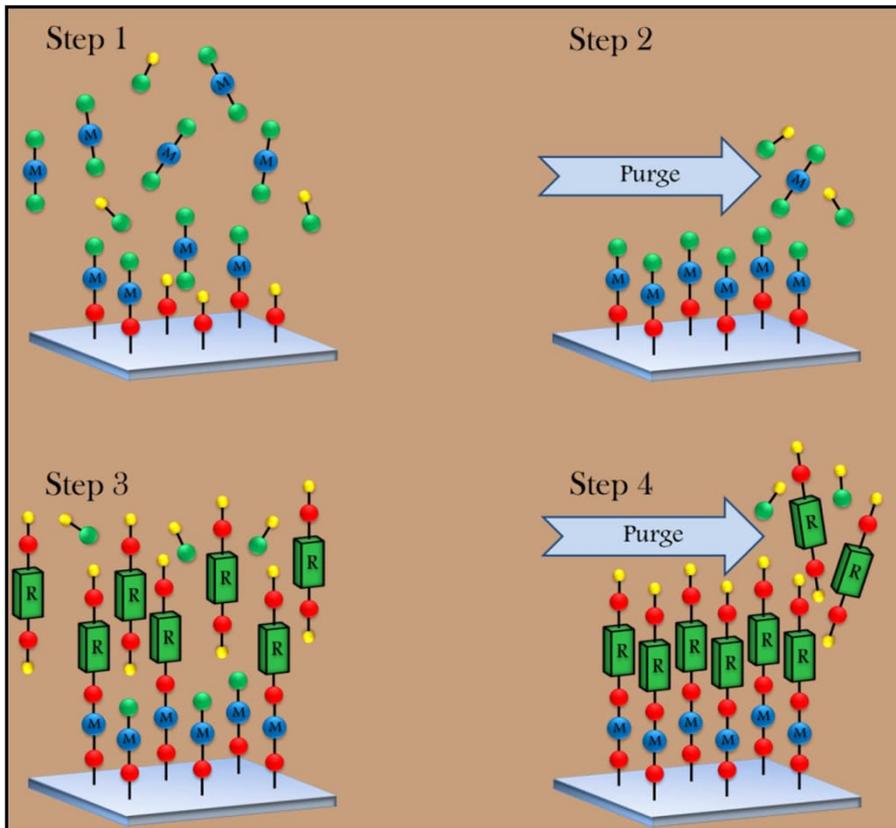


## MLD (Molecular Layer Deposition)

# ORGANICS!

T. Yoshimura, S. Tatsuura & W. Sotoyama,  
Polymer films formed with monolayer growth steps by molecular layer deposition,  
Appl. Phys. Lett. 59, 482 (1991).

# Inorganic-Organic (Metal-Organic) Thin Films by Combined ALD/MLD



NOVEL FLEXIBLE MULTIFUNCTIONAL HYBRID MATERIALS



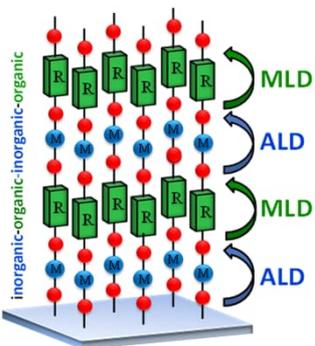
Organic (e.g. benzene)



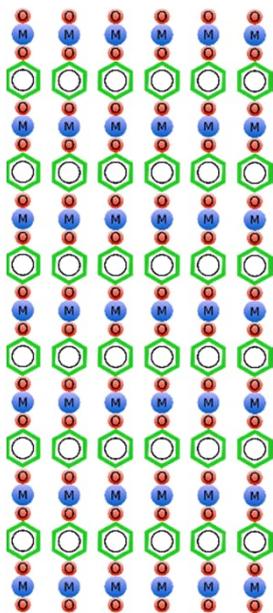
Metal



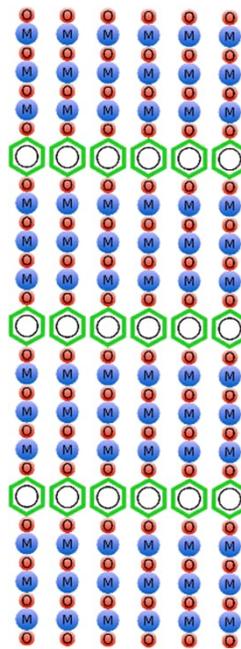
Oxygen (or N, S, ...)



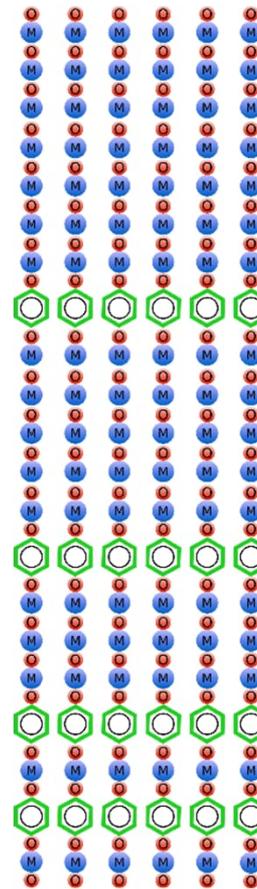
**Simple**  
**Metal-Organic Network**  
(amorphous or crystalline)



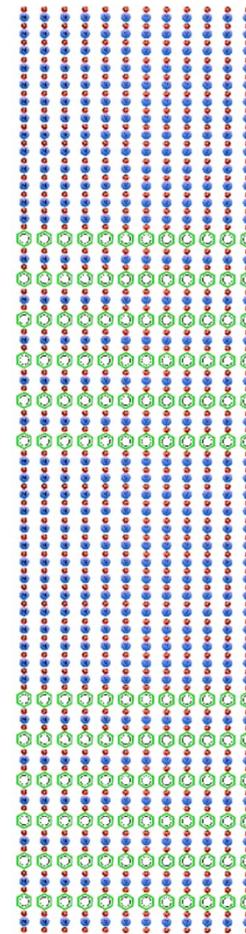
**Superlattice**



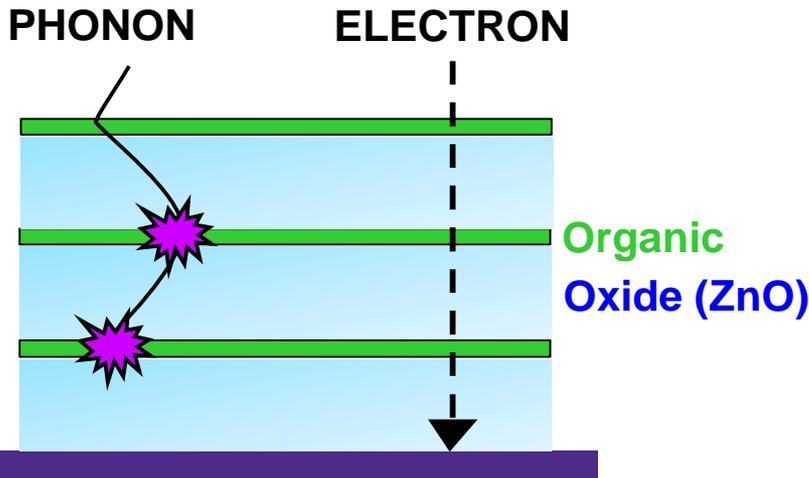
**Gradient**



**Nanolaminate**



# TEXTILE THERMOELECTRICS: ALD/MLD ZnO:organic

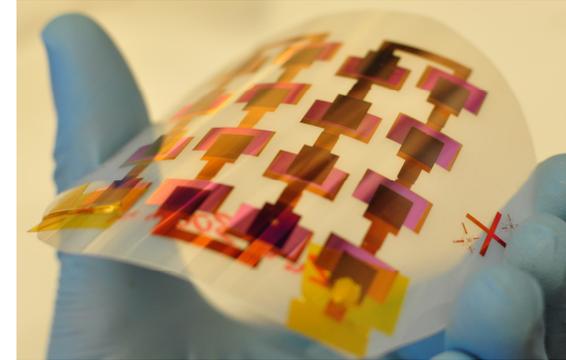


**Organic layers in ZnO:org superlattices reduce thermal conductivity (into 1 / 50) without lowering electrical conductivity**

T. Tynell, A. Giri, J. Gaskins, P.E. Hopkins, P. Mele, K. Miyazaki & M. Karppinen, *J. Mater. Chem. A* 2, 12150 (2014).

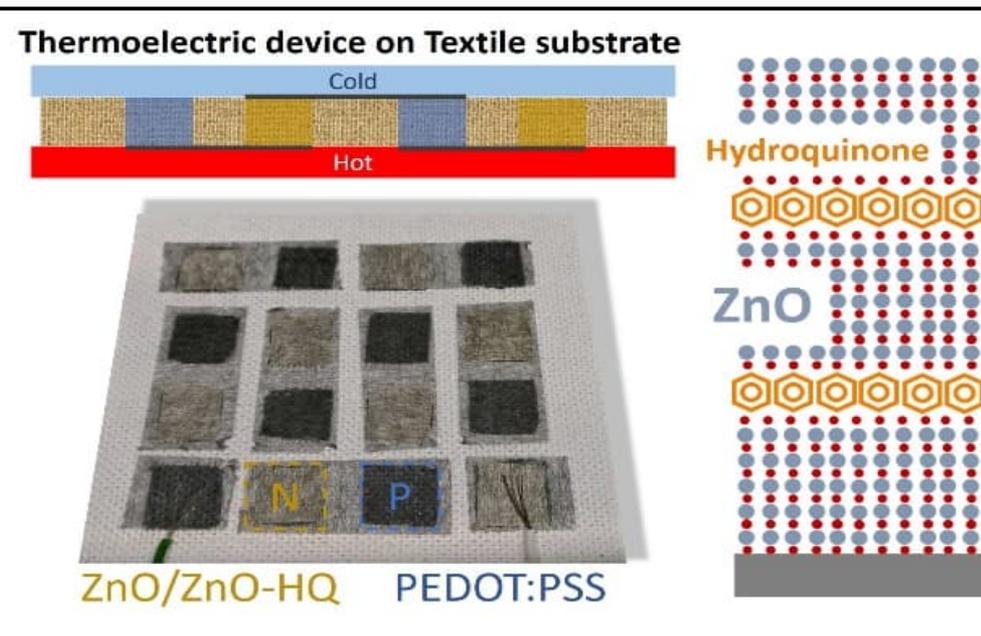
G. Marin, R. Funahashi & M. Karppinen, *Adv. Eng. Mater.* **22**, 2000535 (2020).

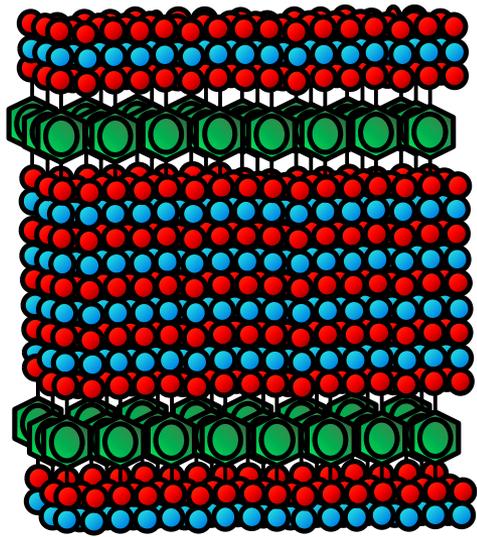
Flexible TE “device”  
on plastics



**Textile-integrated thermoelectrics**

ZnO:org film grows in a conformal manner on textile fibers so that the entire textile piece becomes an active part of the device





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PERIOD

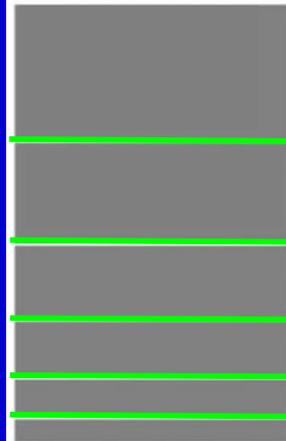
## Thermal conductivity [ $\text{W m}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$ ]

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



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

**Superlattice**



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

**Gradient films (disordered)**



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

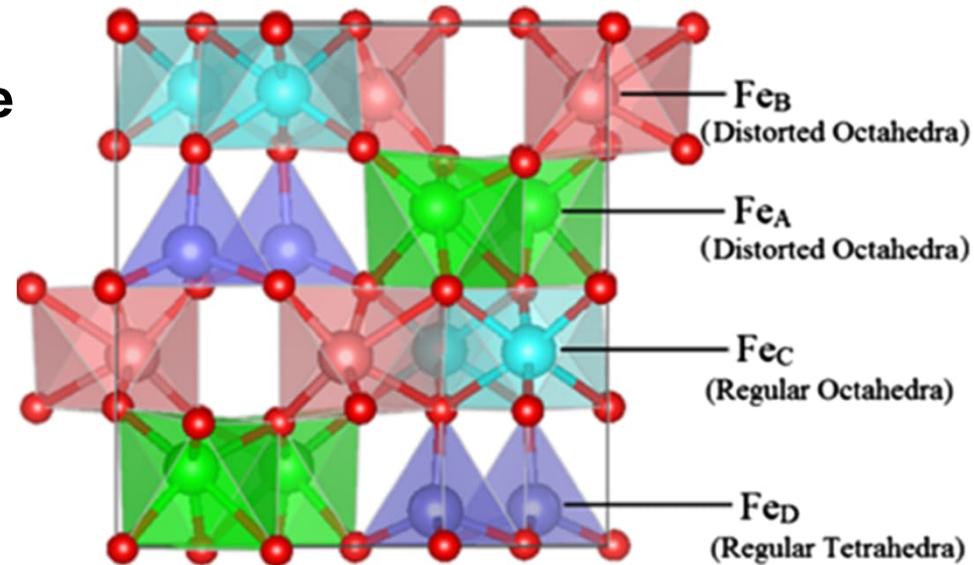


**8.2**  
 $\text{W m}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$

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

# $\epsilon$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

- Simple & critical-raw-material-free
- Rarest of the Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> polymorphs
- RT ferrimagnet ( $T_C \approx 490$  K)
- Colossal coercivity
- Magnetoelectric



**1934:** First observed by Forestier and Guiot-Guillain

**1963:** Named by Schrader and Buttner

**2004:** Synthesis of pure  $\epsilon$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> with giant coercive field values (up to 2 T)  
- J. Jin, S.I. Ohkoshi & K. Hashimoto, Adv. Mater. 16, 48 (2004)

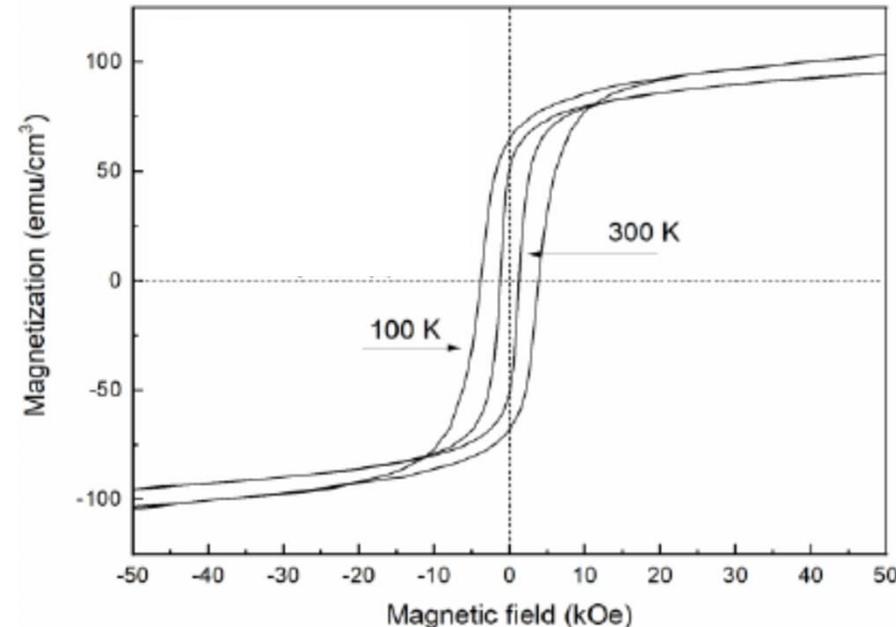
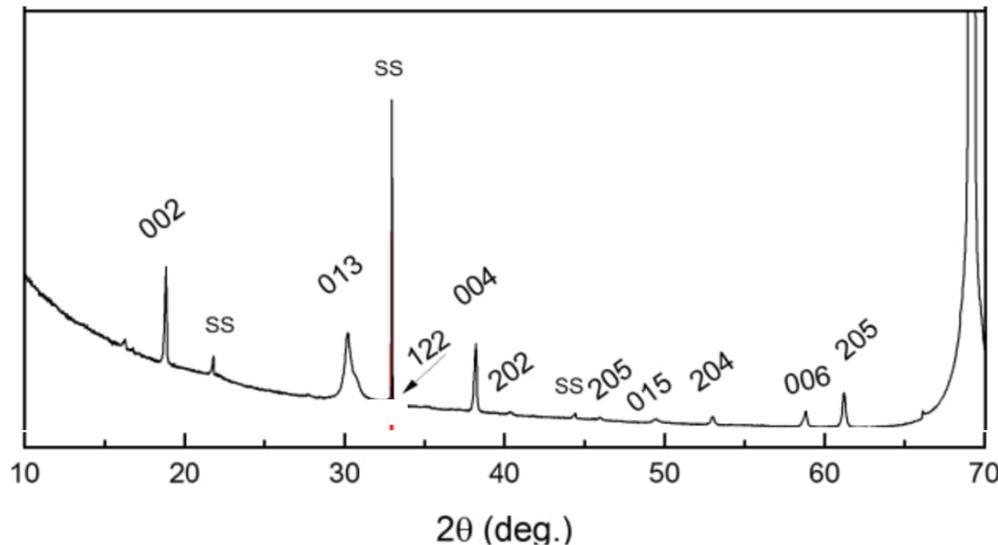
**State-of-the-art: Synthesized in nano-scale/trace amounts only**  
- J. Tuček, R. Zbořil, A. Namai & S.I. Ohkoshi, Chem. Mater. 22, 6483 (2010)

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

# 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.

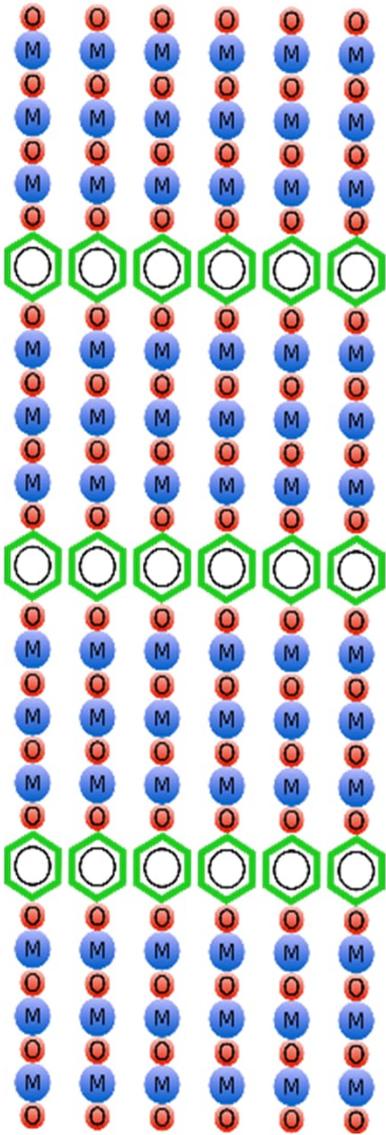
ALD: large-area homogeneity & conformality over porous templates → “MASS production”



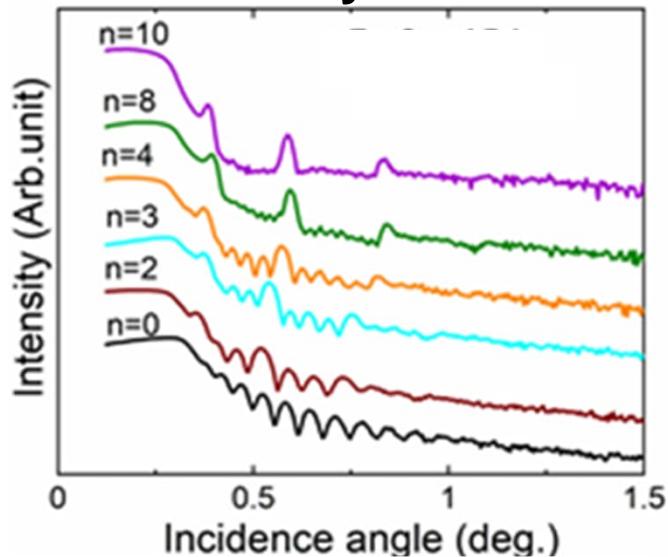
A. Tanskanen, O. Mustonen & M. Karppinen,  
Simple ALD process for  $\epsilon$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> thin films,  
*APL Materials* **5**, 056104 (2017).

# $\epsilon$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>:Organic Superlattices (SL) by ALD/MLD

ORGANICS: terephthalic acid (TPA) or azobenzene (AZO)

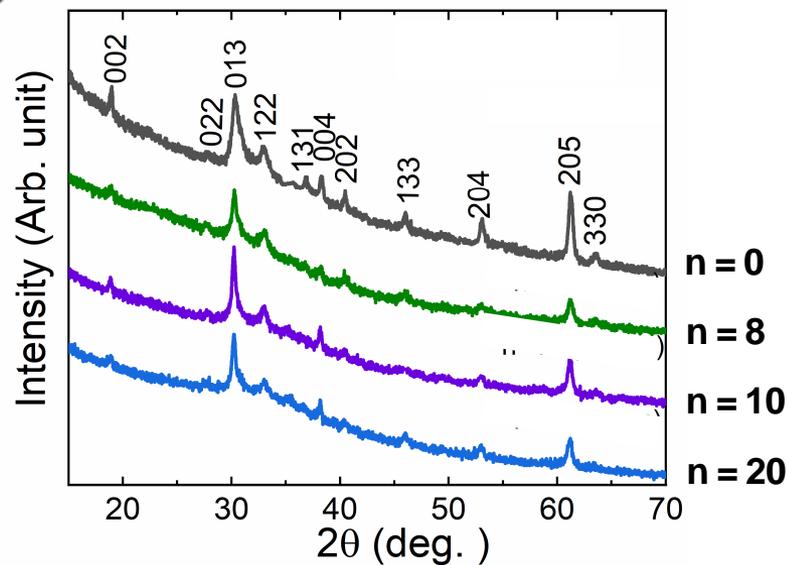


## XRR: X-ray reflection

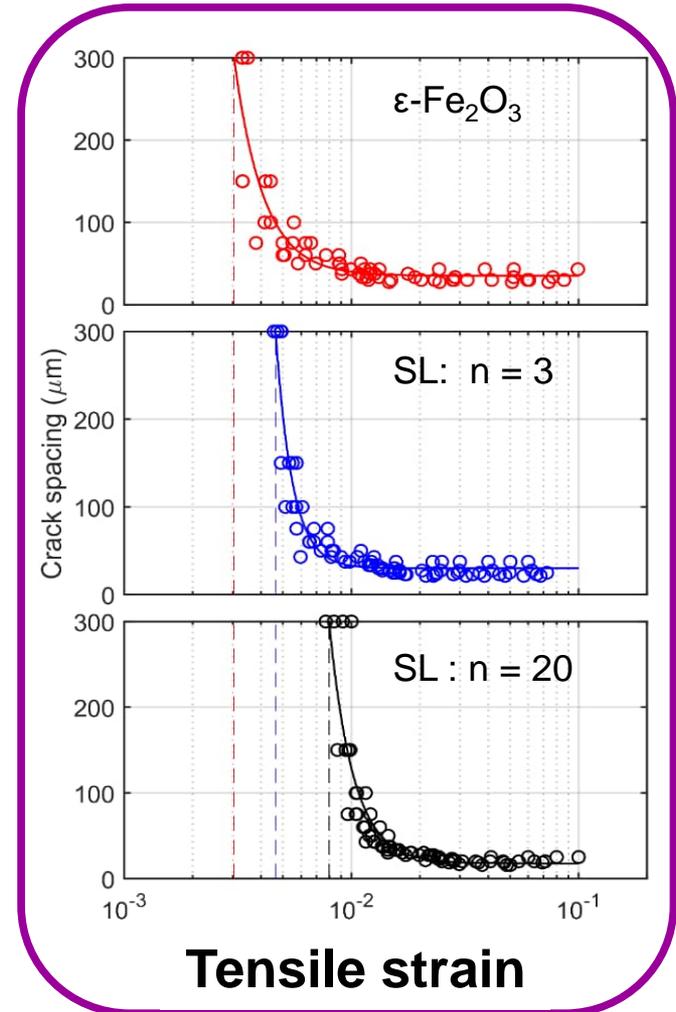
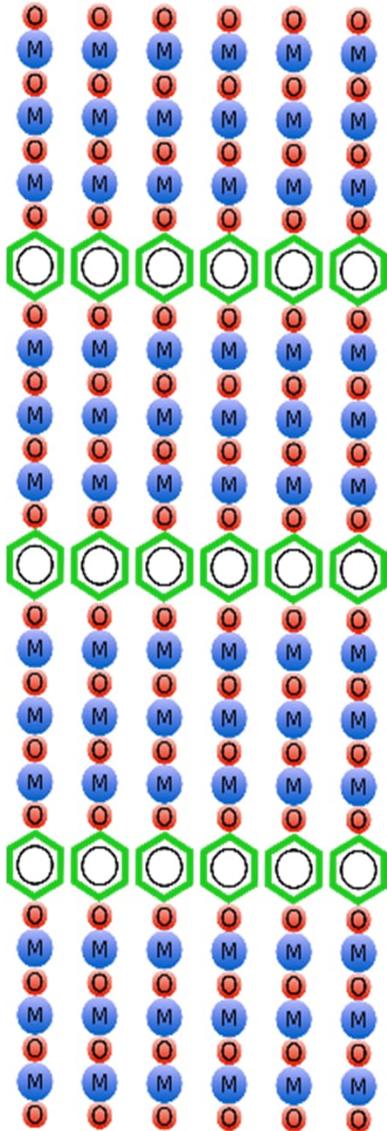


n: number of organic layers

## GI-XRD



# MECHANICALLY FLEXIBLE: $\epsilon$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>:org

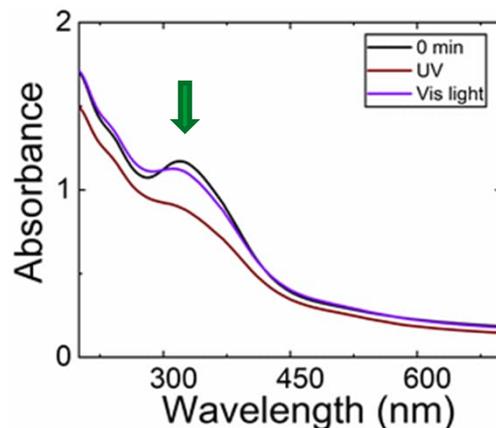
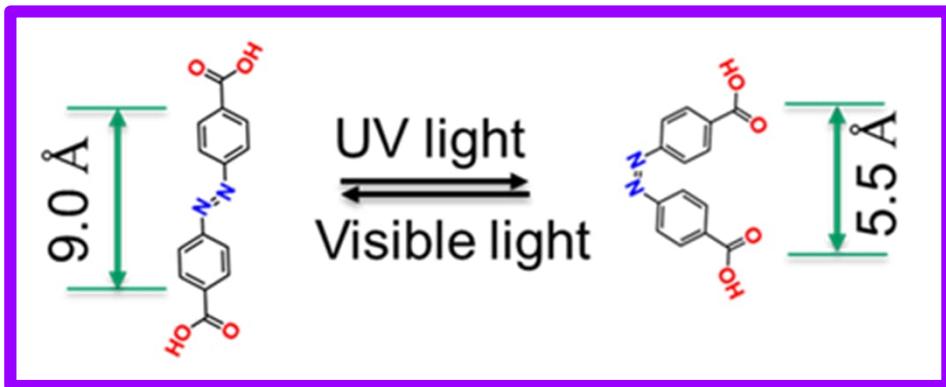


A. Philip, J.-P. Niemelä, G.C. Tewari, B. Putz, T.E.J. Edwards, M. Itoh, I. Utke & M. Karppinen, Flexible  $\epsilon$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-terephthalate thin-film magnets through ALD/MLD, *ACS Appl. Mater. Interfaces* 12, 21912 (2020).

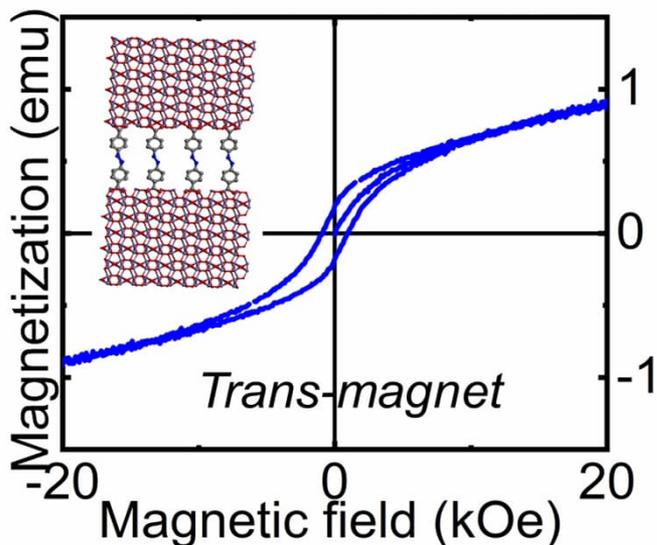
# PHOTOSWITCHABLE: $\epsilon$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>:azobenzene

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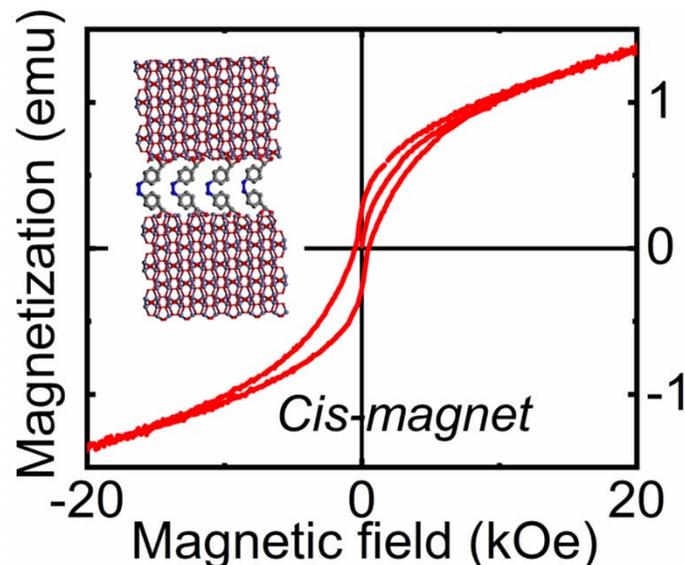
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UV absorption:  
trans-cis transition  
is reversible



UV (365 nm)

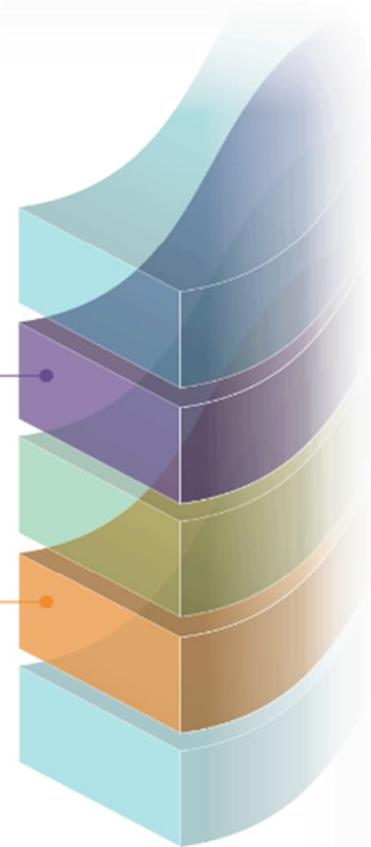
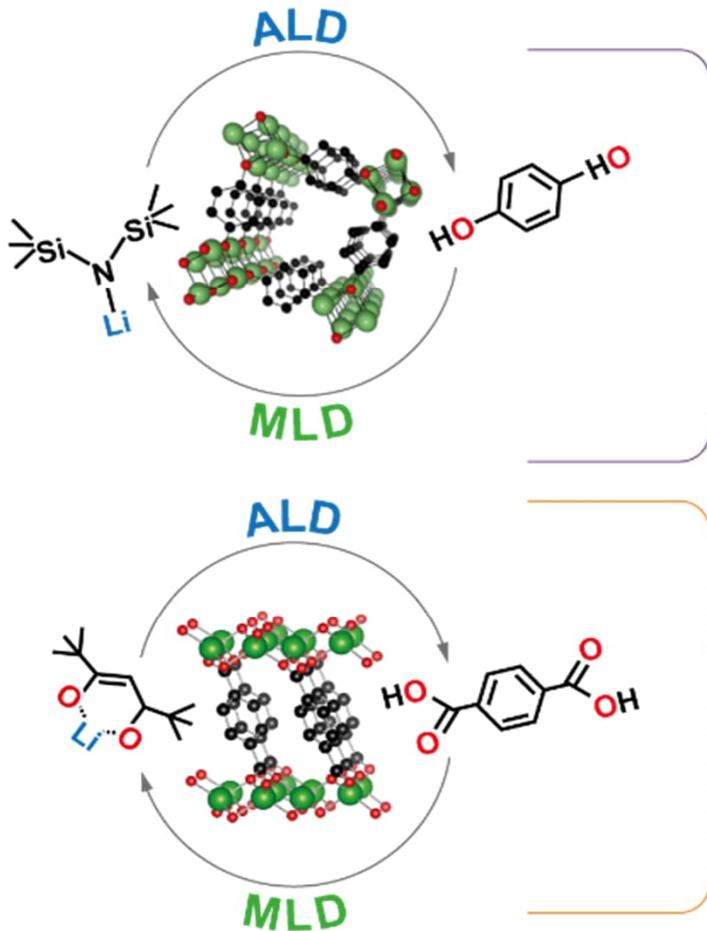


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# MATERIAL FUNCTION HIGHLIGHTS: Li-ion microbattery

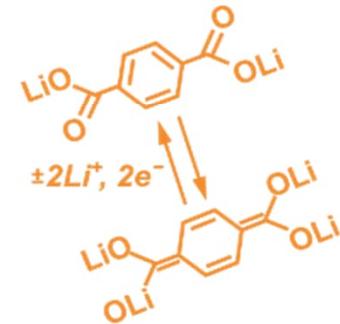
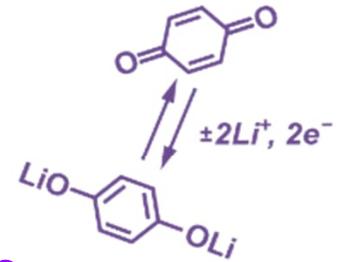
## Flexible Microbattery



**CATHODE:**  
Li-benzoquinone

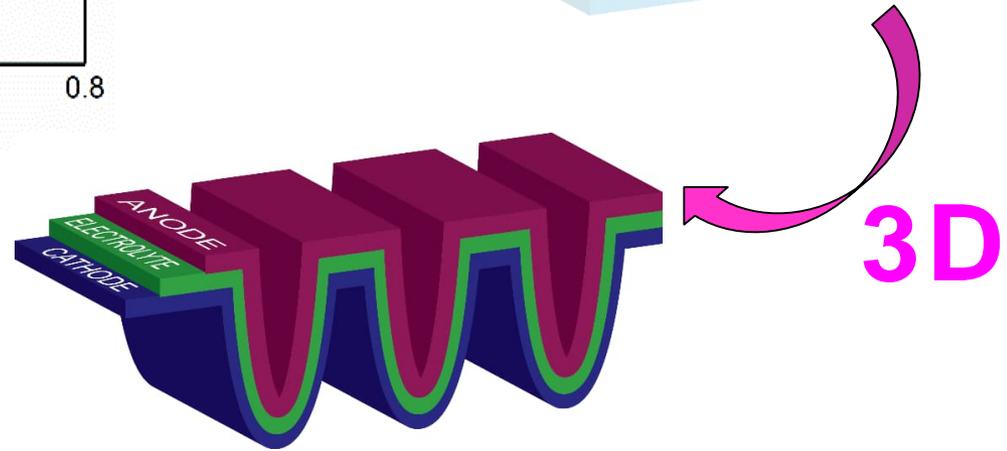
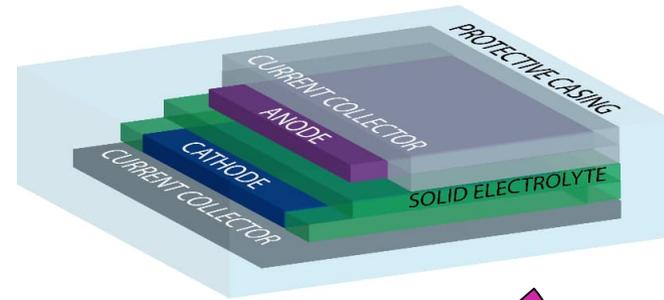
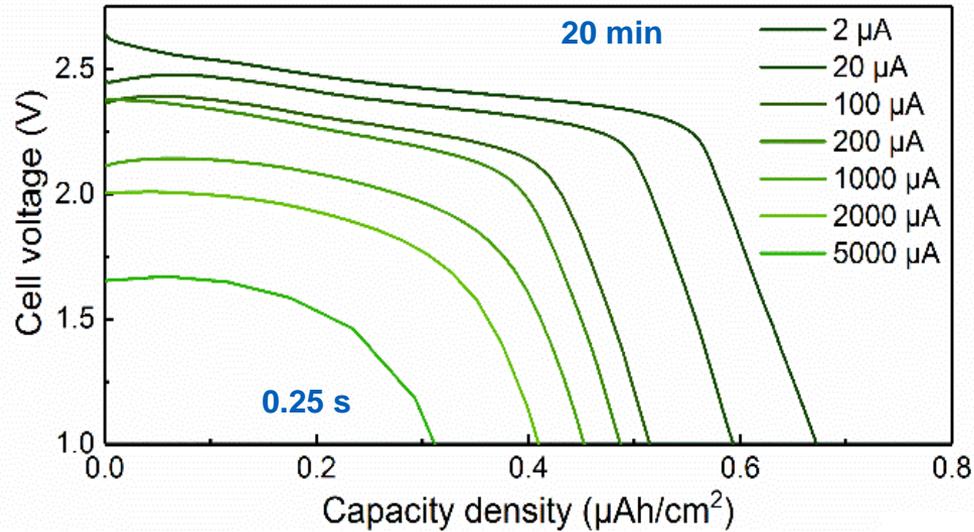
**ELECTROLYTE:**  
LiPON by ALD

**ANODE:**  
Li-terephthalate

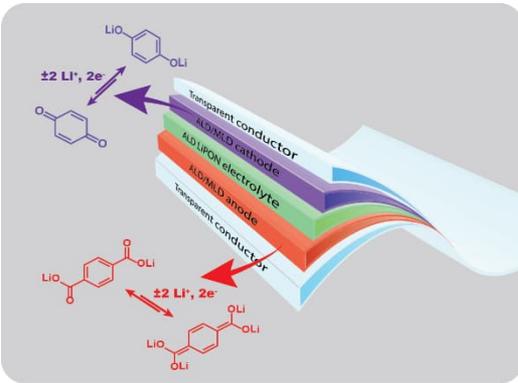


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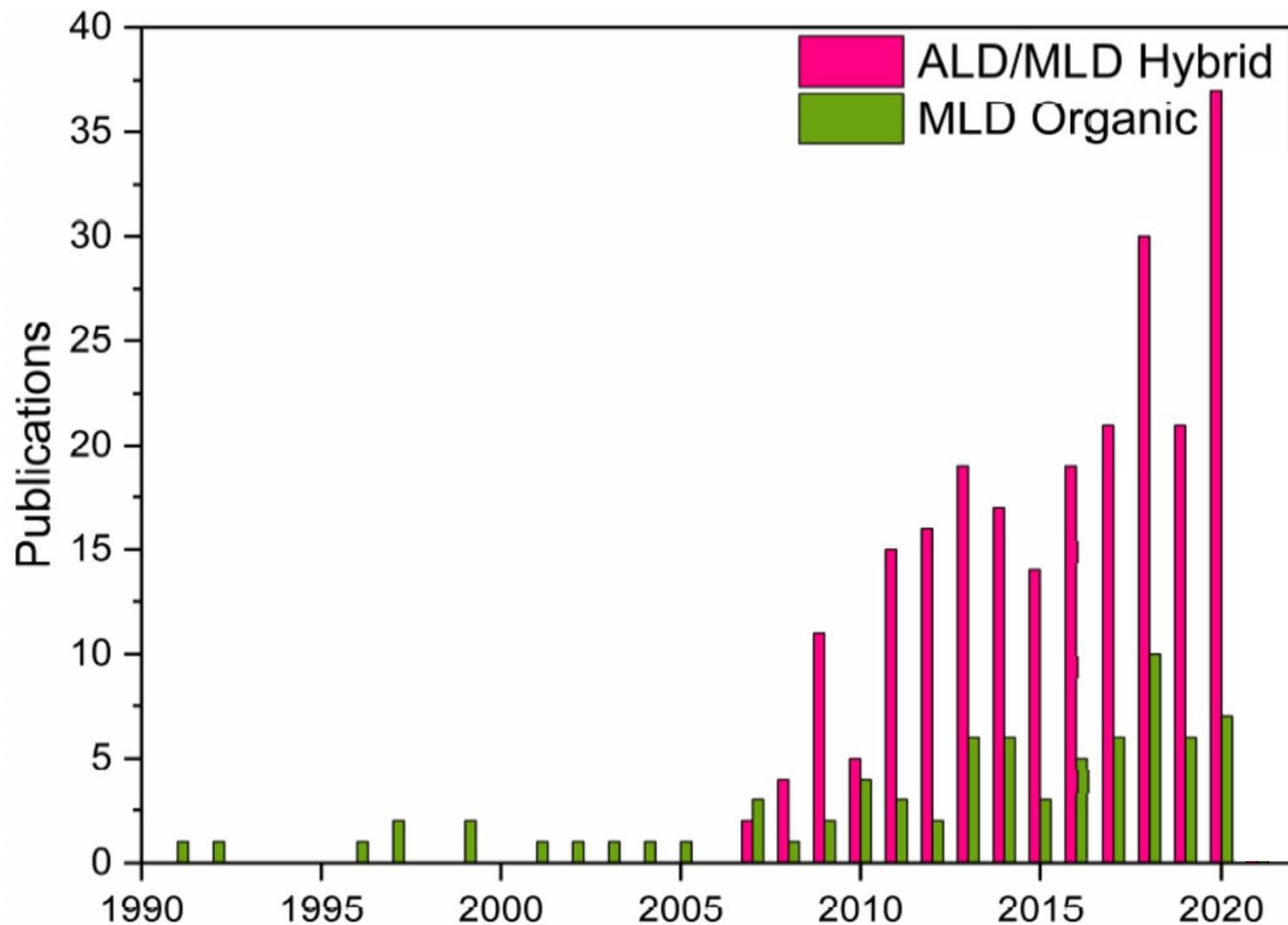
- **Charging/discharging: extremely fast**
- **Power density:  $\sim 500 \text{ W/cm}^3$**
- **Energy density:  $\sim 100 \text{ mWh/cm}^3$**



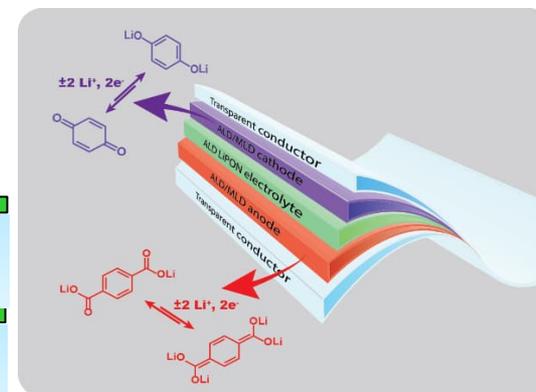
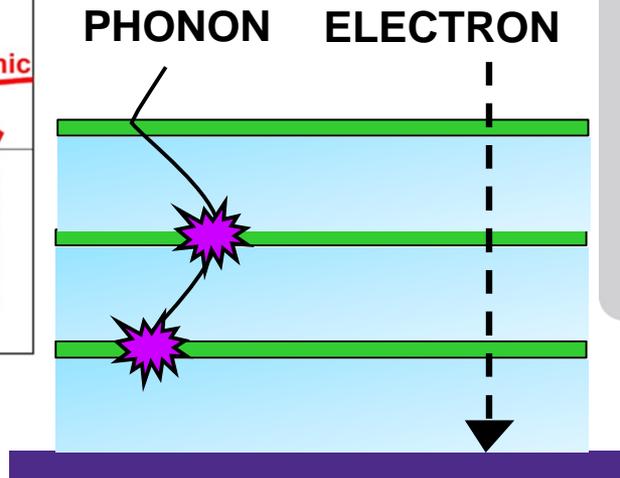
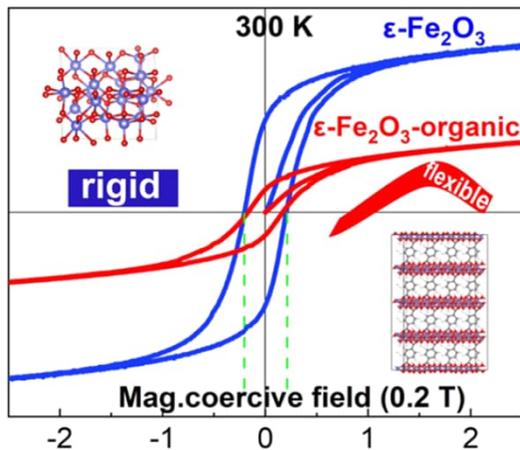
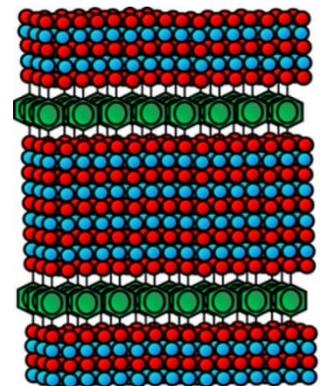
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- ALD/MLD can yield various new types of hybrid materials: new MOFs & layer-engineered superlattice and gradient materials
- Many of these new materials can NOT be made by any other technique
- Novel material properties have been discovered and much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

