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Introduction and proposed goals. The proposed work aimed to establish metal-organic frameworks (MOFs) as new classes of high-surface area microporous electronic and ionic conductors. MOFs are crystalline materials with pore sizes ranging from 0.2 to \sim 2 nm (or larger for the latter) defined by inorganic or organic building blocks connected by rigid organic linkers. Myriad applications have been found or proposed for these materials, yet those that require electron transport or conductivity in combination with permanent porosity still lag behind because the vast majority of known frameworks are electrical insulators. Prior to our proposal and subsequent work, there were virtually no studies exploring the possibility of electronic delocalization in these materials. Therefore, our primary goal was to understand and control, at a fundamental level, the electron and ion transport properties of this class of materials, with no specific application proposed, although myriad applications could be envisioned for high surface area conductors. Our goals directly addressed one of the DOE-identified Grand Challenges for Basic Energy Sciences: *designing perfect atom- and energy-efficient syntheses of revolutionary new forms of matter with tailored properties*. Indeed, the proposed work is entirely synthetic in nature; owing to the molecular nature of the building blocks in MOFs, there is the possibility of unprecedented control over the structure and properties of solid crystalline matter. The goals also tangentially addressed the Grand Challenge of *controlling materials processes at the level of electrons*: the scope of our program is to create new materials where charges (electrons and/or ions) move according to predefined pathways.

Achievements towards electronically conducting MOF.

A) Through-space charge transport formalism. In the previous reports, we reported that incorporation of tetrathiafulvalene in a porous MOF, Zn_2TTFTB (H_4TTFTB = tetrathiafulvalene-tetrabenoate), leads to a material with high charge mobility, $0.2 \text{ cm}^2 \cdot \text{V}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$, as determined by flash-photolysis time-resolved microwave conductivity measurements. We also showed the correlation between the single crystal electrical conductivity and the shortest S··S interaction defined by neighboring TTF cores, which inversely correlates with the ionic radius of the metal ions in the isostuctural MOFs $M_2(TTFTB)$ ($M = Mn, Co, Zn$ and Cd). In these frameworks, TTF moieties form one-dimensional infinite helical π -stacks with 6_5 symmetry, which are responsible for charge transport along the crystallographic c axis (Figure 1a). The larger cations cause a pinching of the S··S contact, which is responsible for better orbital overlap between p_z orbitals on neighboring S and C atoms. Density functional theory calculations show that these orbitals are critically involved in the valence band of these materials, such that modulation of the S··S distance has an important effect on band dispersion and, implicitly, on the electrical conductivity.

Because of the anisotropic structure, the electrical conductivity in $M_2(TTFTB)$ along the c axis ($\sigma_{||c}$, the direction of TTF stacks) is expected to be higher than that perpendicular to the c axis ($\sigma_{\perp c}$). In the last two years, we studied the anisotropy of electrical conduction in $Cd_2(TTFTB)$.

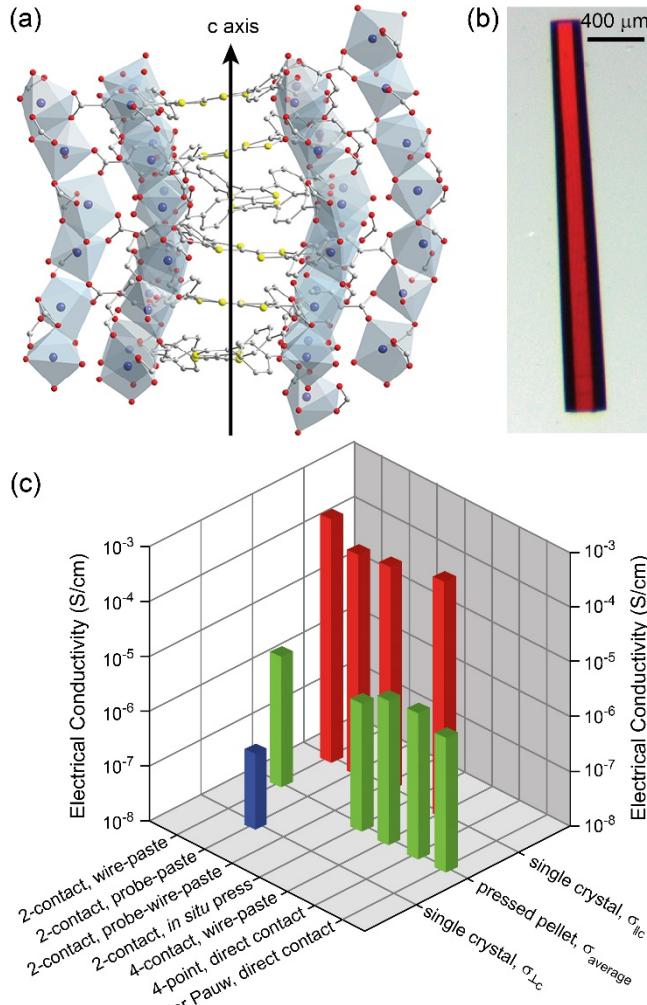


Figure 1. (a) Portions of the crystal structure of $\text{Cd}_2(\text{TTFTB})$ viewed along the c axis. (b) An optical image of a single crystal of $\text{Cd}_2(\text{TTFTB})$ along the ab plane. (c) Electrical conductivity data for $\text{Cd}_2(\text{TTFTB})$. Blue, yellow, red, and grey spheres represent Cd, S, O, and C atoms, respectively. H atoms and solvent molecules have been omitted for clarity.

directions (σ_{average}). Indeed, the pressed pellet conductivity corresponds to both a and b crystallographic directions, and is $2\sim 3$ orders of magnitude smaller than $\sigma_{\parallel c}$. These results also illustrate how measuring pressed pellets eliminates anisotropy information and in fact tends to underestimate the highest possible conductivity even when grain boundary resistance is minimal. Our results also show that when care is taken to eliminate external variables (e.g. light, atmosphere, temperature), the electrical conductivity values obtained for either single crystals or polycrystalline pellets are consistent across the methods employed, as expected for samples whose conductivity is smaller than the conductivity of the contacts and wires/probes.

We measured the electrical conductivity in pressed pellets of $\text{Cd}_2(\text{TTFTB})$ by 2-contact probe, 4-contact probe, 4-point probe, and van der Pauw methods, developed various approaches to fabricate 2-contact-probe single-crystal devices, and measured single-crystal electrical conductivity in the direction either parallel or perpendicular to the crystallographic c axis. All electrical measurements were conducted at 297 K, in air with relative humidity of 30%~50%, and in the absence of light. The results are shown in [Figure 1c](#). From this data, it is clear that the two most important factors affecting the conductivity value, when all external variables are controlled for, are the crystallographic direction and the physical form of the sample. Thus, $\sigma_{\parallel c}$ is higher than $\sigma_{\perp c}$ by $2\sim 3$ orders of magnitude, clearly attesting the anisotropy of electrical conductivity in this material, and confirming the TTF stacks, which run parallel to the crystallographic c axis, as the major charge transport pathway in $\text{Cd}_2(\text{TTFTB})$. The anisotropy also suggests that charge hopping between neighboring TTF stacks, which are approximately 19.6 Å apart, is less efficient than within the stacks. Additionally, we find that the electrical conductivity of pressed pellets of $\text{Cd}_2(\text{TTFTB})$ lies between $\sigma_{\parallel c}$ and $\sigma_{\perp c}$. This is expected and in line with the single crystal studies because crystallites of $\text{Cd}_2(\text{TTFTB})$ in the pressed pellet are randomly oriented, and the electrical conductivity of the pellet is the weighted average of the two

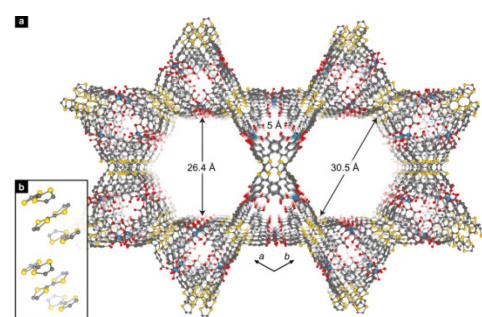


Figure 2. (a) A portion of the X-ray crystal structure of MIT-25 featuring distinct mesopores. (b) The walls are constructed from TTF trimeric stacks aligned along the c axis.

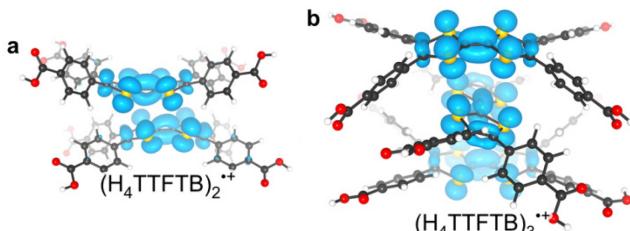


Figure 3. The calculated spin density ($\rho^\uparrow - \rho^\downarrow$) of (a) $(H_4TTFTB)_2^+$ and (b) $(H_4TTFTB)_3^{2+}$ show full hole delocalization across the TTF core.

the ligands. Predicting topology by combining SBUs and ligands with predefined geometry is a feature of reticular chemistry. Because reticular chemistry relies on strong, directional bonding between ligands and metals/metal clusters, its predictions break down when non-covalent interactions compete energetically with coordination bonds.

In this study, we show that organic building units relying on strong π interactions that are energetically competitive with the formation of common inorganic SBUs can also play a role in defining topology. Hints of strong π interactions influencing topology in MOFs came from previous work with H_4TTFTB , which formed unusual helical stacks of TTF within frameworks made with transition metals. We reasoned that reacting this ligand with metals exhibiting even more ionic metal-carboxylate bonds, such as Mg^{2+} , would promote the isolation of topologies where organic SBUs play prominent roles. As a result, a new three-dimensionally 3,3,6-connected MOF, $Mg_2H_6(H_3O)(TTFTB)_3$ (TTFTB = tetrathiafulvalene-tetrabenozoate), denoted as **MIT-25**, whose topology is defined by strong intermolecular π and hydrogen bonding interactions, is formed. **MIT-25** exhibits permanent $26.4 \times 30.5 \text{ \AA}$ mesopores running parallel to smaller pores occluded by hydronium ions (Figure 2). Spontaneous

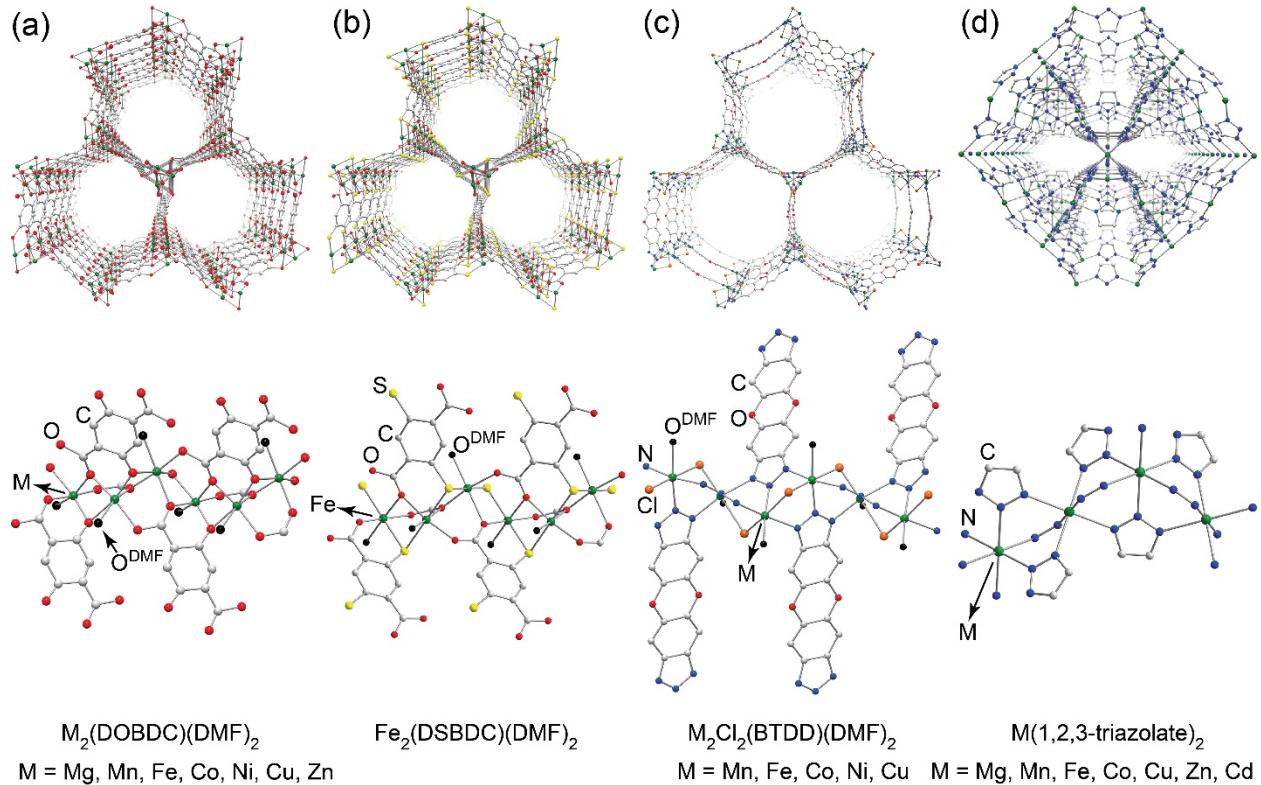


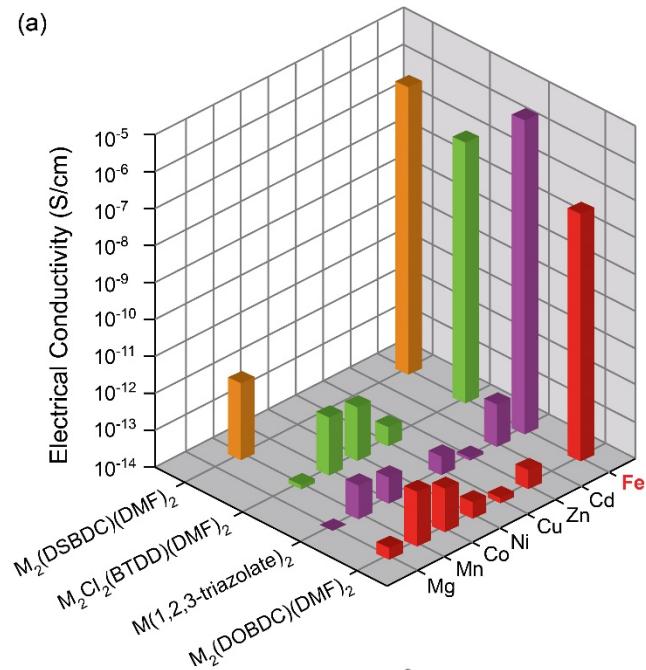
Figure 4. Portions of crystal structures of four families of MOFs emphasizing pores (top) and coordination environment of metal ions (bottom). H atoms and part of DMF molecules have been omitted for clarity.

Because understanding intermolecular π -stacking interactions is important for designing through-space charge transport materials, we studied the significance of how the organic secondary building unit (SBU), which is energetically competitive with the formation of common inorganic SBUs, can also define MOF topology. Typically, the topology of a MOF is dictated by the geometries of both the inorganic secondary building units (SBUs) and

oxidation of the TTFTB ligand and subsequent formation of the highly stable trimeric TTFTB π -stacked organic SBUs simultaneously gives rise to a novel mononuclear octahedral Mg^{2+} inorganic SBU. This is supported by three additional protons that bridge pairs of dangling carboxylates. A delocalized electronic hole is critical in the stabilization of the TTF triad organic SBUs and is supported by density functional theory calculations (Figure 3). This study exemplifies a design principle for future through-space charge transport MOF synthesis.

B) Through-bond charge transport formalism. Another strategy to realize porous and electrically conductive MOFs is to enable charge transport through the skeleton of MOFs. In the previous reports,

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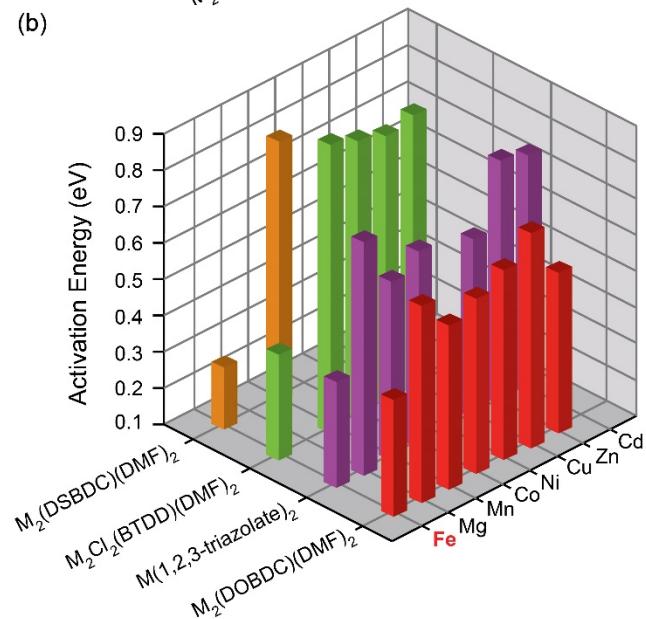


Figure 5. (a) Electrical conductivity and (b) activation energies of $M_2(DOBDC)(DMF)_2$, $M_2(DSBDC)(DMF)_2$, $M_2Cl_2(BTDD)(DMF)_2$, and $M(1,2,3\text{-triazolate})_2$.

we showed high charge mobility in $Mn_2(DSBDC)$ ($DSBDC^{4-} = 2,5\text{-disulphydrylbenzene-1,4-dicarboxylate}$) in which charges possibly transport through $(-\text{Mn}-\text{S}-)_\infty$ chains, compared electrical conductivity in $M_2(\text{DEBDC})$ ($M = \text{Mn, Fe}$; $E = \text{O, S}$; $DOBDC^{4-} = 2,5\text{-dihydroxybenzene-1,4-dicarboxylate}$), and hypothesized that Fe^{2+} improves electrical conductivity in MOFs. In the last two years, to ascertain the influence of the metal cation on electrical conductivity systematically, we targeted MOFs that feature a broad array of chemical connectivity and composition, and studied $M_2(\text{DOBDC})(\text{DMF})_2$ ($M = \text{Mg}^{2+}, \text{Mn}^{2+}, \text{Fe}^{2+}, \text{Co}^{2+}, \text{Ni}^{2+}, \text{Cu}^{2+}, \text{Zn}^{2+}$; $\text{DMF} = N,N\text{-dimethylformamide}$), $M_2(\text{DSBDC})(\text{DMF})_2$ ($M = \text{Mn}^{2+}, \text{Fe}^{2+}$), $M_2\text{Cl}_2(\text{BTDD})(\text{DMF})_2$ ($M = \text{Mn}^{2+}, \text{Fe}^{2+}, \text{Co}^{2+}, \text{Ni}^{2+}, \text{Cu}^{2+}$; $\text{H}_2\text{BTDD} = \text{bis}(1H-1,2,3\text{-triazolo}[4,5-b],[4',5'-i]\text{dibenz}[1,4]\text{dioxin})$), and $M(1,2,3\text{-triazolate})_2$ ($M = \text{Mg}^{2+}, \text{Mn}^{2+}, \text{Fe}^{2+}, \text{Co}^{2+}, \text{Cu}^{2+}, \text{Zn}^{2+}, \text{Cd}^{2+}$). The first three families of MOFs display honeycomb structures with 1D tubular pores, whereas the $M(1,2,3\text{-triazolate})_2$ materials exhibit cubic structures with three-dimensional pore networks. The metal ions in all these MOFs are formally divalent and octahedrally coordinated (Figure 4).

We measured electrical conductivity (at 300 K) and activation energies (at 300–350 K) of these four families of MOFs. The Fe-based MOFs exhibit electrical conductivity on the order of $10^{-8} - 10^{-6}$ S/cm, whereas the observed electrical conductivity in all other MOFs is six orders of magnitude lower, on the order of $10^{-14} - 10^{-12}$ S/cm (Figure 5a). Similarly, the Fe analogs exhibit significantly smaller activation energies than the MOFs based on the other metal ions (Figure 5b). To probe the possible existence of Fe^{3+} in the Fe-based frameworks, we characterized them with ^{57}Fe Mössbauer spectroscopy and electron

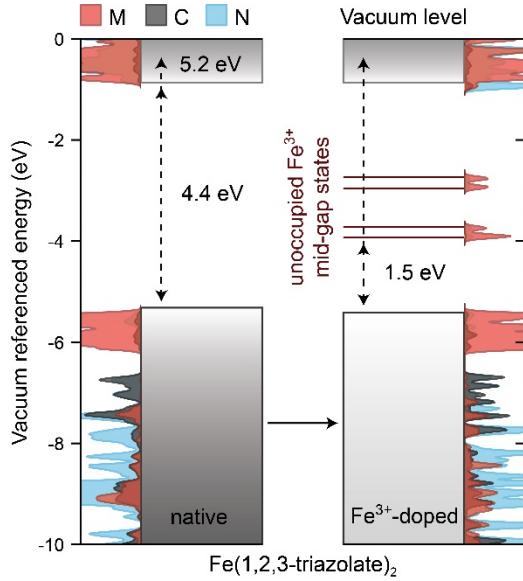


Figure 6. Calculated energy bands and projected density of states of native $\text{Fe}(1,2,3\text{-triazolate})_2$ and the hypothetical materials. Valence band minimum energies are shown on the top and the band gaps are shown in the middle of each sub-figure.

electrical conductivity and small activation energies of these two frameworks. However, in the $\text{M}(1,2,3\text{-triazolate})_2$ family where Fe^{2+} is in low-spin state ($S = 0$), $\text{Fe}_2(1,2,3\text{-triazolate})_2$ exhibits larger band gap compared with the Mn, Co, and Cu analogs. Taking Fe^{3+} into account, we further calculated a hypothetical material $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}_{1/6}\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}_{5/6}(1,2,3\text{-triazolate})_2^{1/2+}$, wherein one sixth of all Fe^{2+} centers are replaced by Fe^{3+} . In this hypothetical material, Fe^{3+} contributes mid-gap states that lower the activation energy and promote the formation of hole carriers (Figure 6). In addition, spin density distribution reveals shows that unpaired electrons are partially delocalized among Fe centers, facilitating inter-iron charge hopping and improving charge mobility. Therefore, we attributed the high electrical conductivity of $\text{Fe}(1,2,3\text{-triazolate})_2$ to the presence of mixed-valent $\text{Fe}^{3+/2+}$.

The unique role of Fe^{2+} in promoting high electrical conductivity across four different families of MOFs roots in its intrinsic properties. Among Mg^{2+} , Mn^{2+} , Fe^{2+} , Co^{2+} , Ni^{2+} , Cu^{2+} , Zn^{2+} , and Cd^{2+} , Fe^{2+} exhibits the smallest ionization energy and the smallest Coulombic attraction between its nucleus and its valence electrons, and the standard reduction potential (298 K) of the aqueous $\text{Fe}^{3+/2+}$ couple, 0.771 V, is smaller than those of the aqueous $\text{Mn}^{3+/2+}$, $\text{Co}^{3+/2+}$, and $\text{Cu}^{3+/2+}$ couples. Together, these suggest that among the metal ions studied here, the valence electrons of high-spin Fe^{2+} have the highest energy, easing the formation of mixed-valent $\text{Fe}^{3+/2+}$ in Fe-based frameworks. Based on this

paramagnetic resonance. ^{57}Fe Mössbauer spectroscopy indicated a majority of Fe^{2+} , while the more sensitive technique, electron paramagnetic resonance, revealed existence of Fe^{3+} in $\text{Fe}(1,2,3\text{-triazolate})_2$. Although EPR spectra of $\text{Fe}_2(\text{DOBDC})(\text{DMF})_2$, $\text{Fe}_2(\text{DSBDC})(\text{DMF})_2$, and $\text{Fe}_2\text{Cl}_2(\text{BTDD})(\text{DMF})_2$ revealed only very broad signals, likely due to significant spin-spin relaxation stemming from closely connected high-spin Fe^{2+} ions, these materials are even more air-sensitive than $\text{Fe}(1,2,3\text{-triazolate})_2$. It is therefore reasonable to operate under the assumption that all of our Fe MOFs contain Fe^{3+} .

To further probe the influence of Fe on the electrical properties of MOFs, we evaluated the electronic structures of the $\text{M}_2(\text{DOBDC})$, $\text{M}_2(\text{DSBDC})$, and $\text{M}(1,2,3\text{-triazolate})_2$ families using density functional theory (DFT) calculations. In the $\text{M}_2(\text{DOBDC})$ and $\text{M}_2(\text{DSBDC})$ families where Fe^{2+} is in high-spin state ($S = 2$), $\text{Fe}_2(\text{DOBDC})$ and $\text{Fe}_2(\text{DSBDC})$ display higher valence band maximum energy and smaller band gap compared with their analogs, respectively, which are consistent with the high

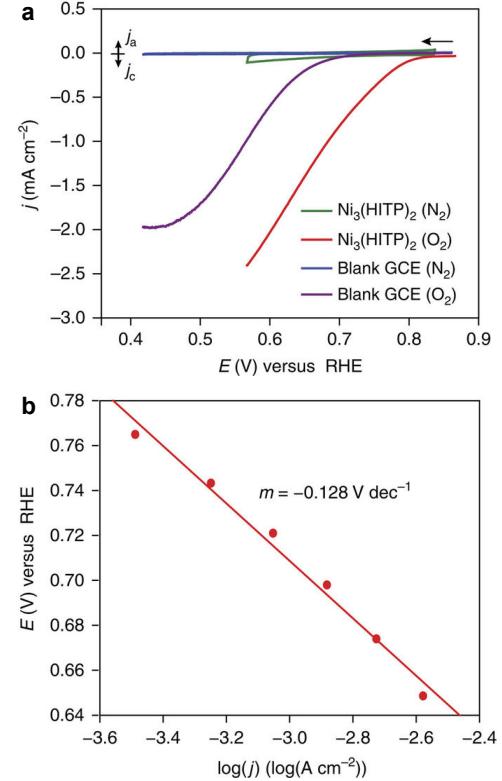


Figure 7. (a) Polarization curves of $\text{Ni}_3(\text{HITP})_2$. Scan rate=5 mV s^{-1} , rotation rate = 2,000 r.p.m., counter electrode = Pt mesh, reference electrode = Hg/HgO (1.00 M KOH), working electrode = glassy carbon electrode (GCE). (b) Activation-controlled Tafel plot for $\text{Ni}_3(\text{HITP})_2$ -electrocatalyzed ORR, derived from the Koutecky-Levich plots.

argument, we hypothesized that Cr^{2+} is also a good candidate for constructing electrically conductive MOFs.

In conclusion, our studies in the past five years on through-bond charge transport in MOFs revealed general design strategies of electrical conductive MOFs. First, redox-active metal ions, such as Fe^{2+} , contribute charge carriers and tend to form mixed valency thus promote electrical conductivity. Second, redox-matching between metal ions and organic ligands is critical because it facilitates charge transport. We anticipate that these two design strategies will promote future development of MOFs with high charge mobility and/or electrical conductivity.

C) Applications of electrically conductive MOFs. Developing the heterogeneous oxygen reduction reaction (ORR) electrocatalysts for full cell remains difficult since achieving desired architectural and electronic properties. Several variables must be optimized simultaneously, requiring synthetic tunability which is rare for the solid state materials. The ORR electrocatalysts required high active site density, reproducible synthesis and catalytic activity, stability in the electrolyte and in oxygen and peroxide, and low overpotential relative to the thermodynamic 4e^- oxygen-to-water reduction potential of 1.23 V (versus the reversible hydrogen electrode, RHE). One class of materials that could answer these challenges is MOFs. These materials are compelling choices for electrocatalytic applications because their high surface area maximizes active site density, and their tunable chemical structure affords tailor-made microenvironments for controllable reaction conditions within the pores.

We studied electocatalytic activity ([Figure 7](#)) with $\text{Ni}_3(\text{HITP})_2$ ($\text{HITP} = 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 11$ -hexaiminotriphenylene), which is conductive two-dimensionally layered ($\sigma = 40 \text{ S/cm}$) and structurally reminiscent of the long-studied M-N_x ORR electrocatalysts. Under O_2 atmosphere, the material reduces oxygen with an onset potential ($j = -50 \mu\text{A cm}^{-2}$) of 0.82 V in a 0.10 M aqueous solution of KOH ($\text{pH} = 13.0$). The measured ORR onset potential is competitive with the most active nPGM ORR electrocatalysts reported thus far and sits at an overpotential of 0.18 V relative to Pt ($E_{\text{onset}} = 1.00 \text{ V}$). To the best of our knowledge, the foregoing results demonstrate for the first time electrocatalytic ORR activity in a well-defined, intrinsically conductive MOF. This study highlights conductive MOFs as a powerful platform for the development of tunable, designable electrocatalysts.

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3. The Organic Secondary Building Unit: Strong Intermolecular π Interactions Define Topology in MIT-25, a Mesoporous MOF with Proton-Replete Channels

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7. Photon energy storage materials with high energy densities based on diacetylene–azobenzene derivatives

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9. Solid-State Redox Switching of Magnetic Exchange and Electronic Conductivity in a Benzoquinoid-Bridged Mn^{II} Chain Compound

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