



# **Light Gas Separations and Storage with MOFs; Tying the nanoscale science to bulk scale energy and environment applications**

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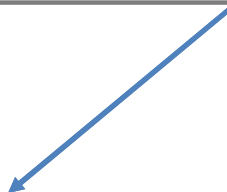
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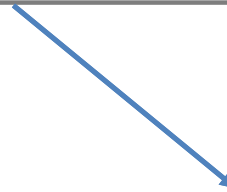


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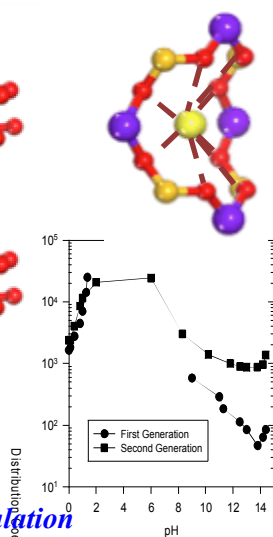
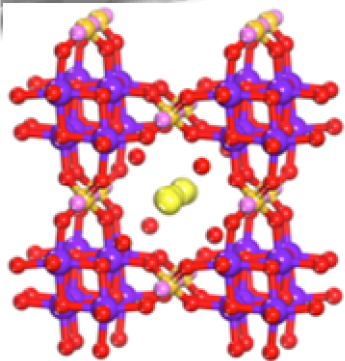
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# Example 1: Nanoporous Materials (Zeolites, Molecular Sieves & MOFs), Radiological Ion and Gas Capture



## CST, Molecular Sieve:

R&D100 1996

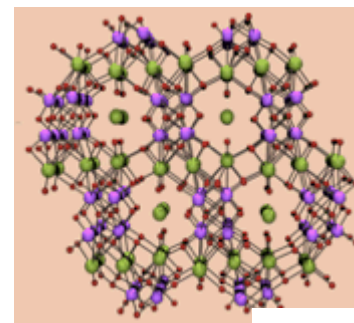
JACerS, 2009, 92(9), 2144

JACerS, 2011, 94(9), 3053

Solvent Extr. & Ion Exch, 2012, 30, 33

## CST, Cs<sup>+</sup> removal from water to Pollucite Waste Form

US Patents 6,479,427; 6,110,378



## SOMS Molecular Sieve,

Sr<sup>2+</sup> getter,

1-step to Perovskite WF

JACS, 2002, 124(3), 1704

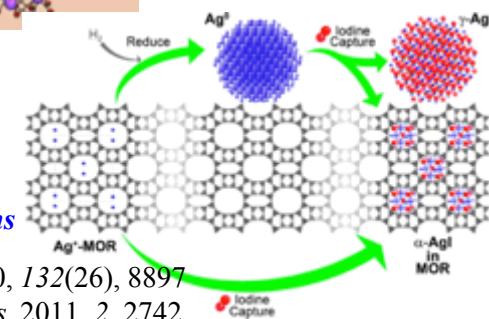
US Patent 7,122,164; 2006

**Fundamental Research to  
Applied to Commercial Products  
Design the Separation Material  
To Develop the Waste Form**

## Ag-MOR Zeolite, I<sub>2</sub>(g) capture & mechanisms

JACS, 2010, 132(26), 8897

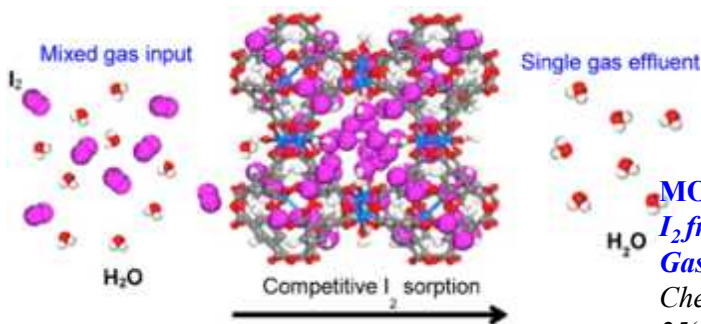
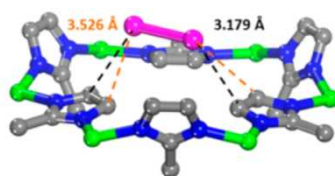
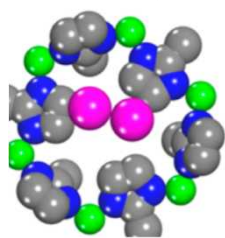
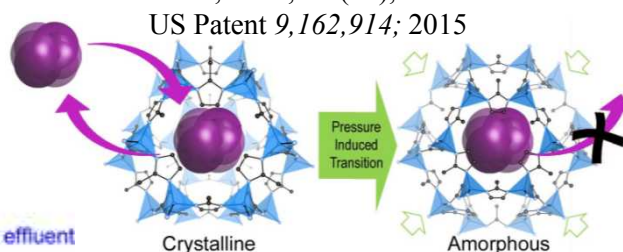
JPC Letters, 2011, 2, 2742



## MOF Amorphization for Gas Storage

JACS, 2011, 133(46), 18583

US Patent 9,162,914; 2015



## MOF Cu-BTC:

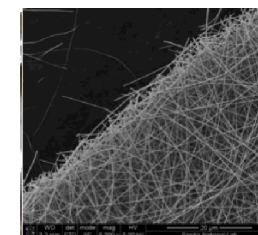
I<sub>2</sub> from Humid Gas Stream

Chem. Mater. 2013, 25(13), 2591



## Binder Free MOF Pelletization

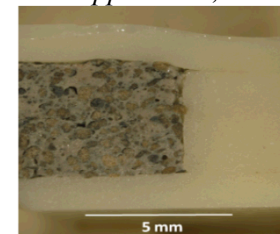
US Patent  
Pending 2014



## TiO<sub>2</sub> Nanoporous Nanofibers

Volatile Gas Removal

US Patent Application, 2011



## Glass Composite Materials: Universal Core-Shell Iodine Glass Waste Form & Getter

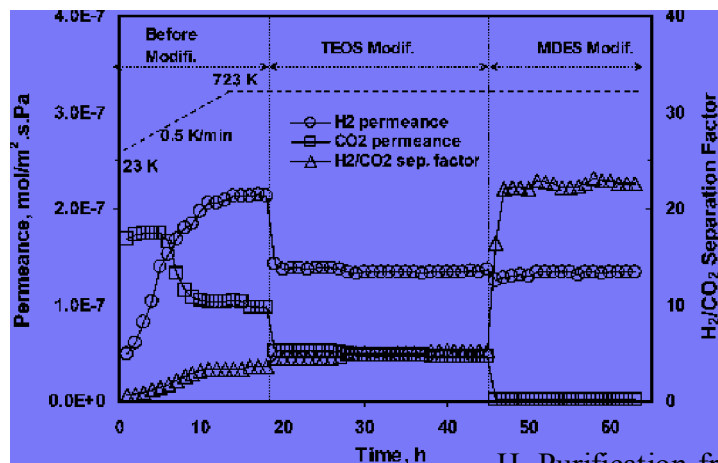
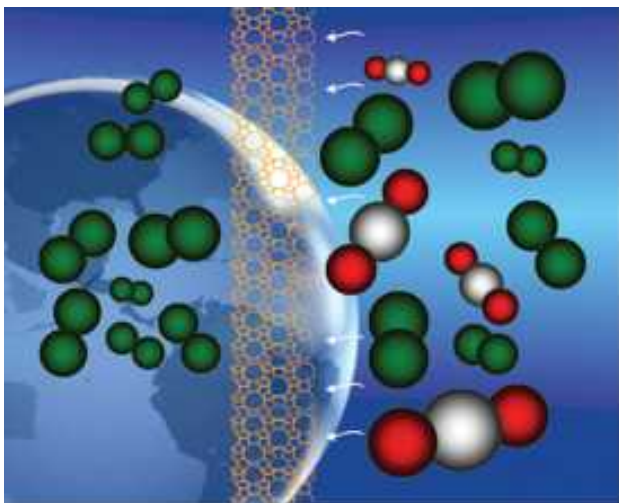
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US Patent 8,262,950; 2012

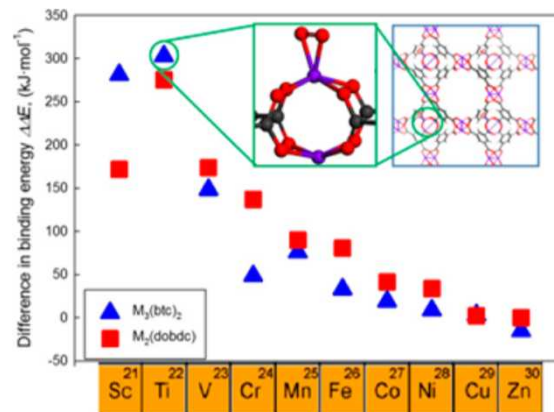
# Example 2: Zeolite/MOF Membranes for Light Gas & Hydrocarbon Separations

## H<sub>2</sub> Purification

*Nature Mater.*, **2015**, 7, 377; *Chem. Rev.* **2007**, 107, 4078  
*MRS Bulletin*, **2006**, 31(10), 735 (cover; Editor Nenoff)



H<sub>2</sub> Purification from Syngas  
*Langmuir*, **2009**, 25(9), 4848

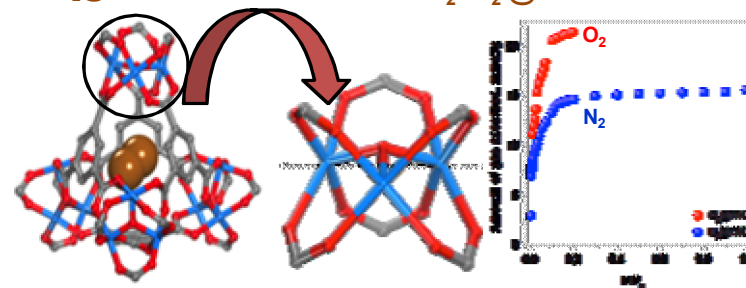


O<sub>2</sub> Separations with MOFs for Energy Efficient Oxyfuel Combustion

*Chem. Mater.* **2016**, 28(10), 3327-3336  
*Chemical Science* **2016**, 18, 11528  
*J. Phys. Chem. C*, **2015**, 119, 6556  
*Chem. Mater.* **2015**, 27(6), 2018

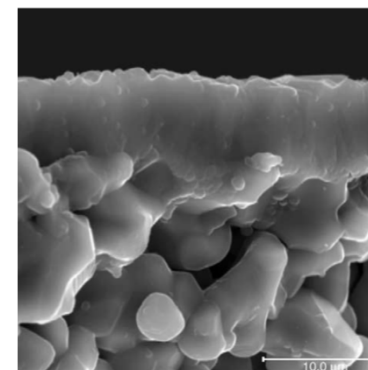
O<sub>2</sub>@Sc-MIL-100

O<sub>2</sub>>N<sub>2</sub> @77 K – 313 K



ZSM-5 Zeolite membrane for H<sub>2</sub> from CO<sub>2</sub> separations

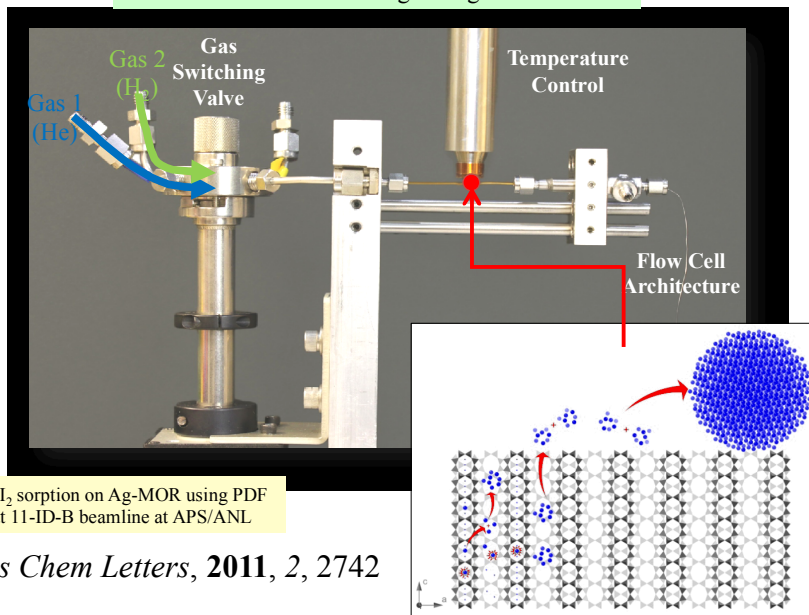
*Micro Meso Mater.*, **2003**, 66, 181



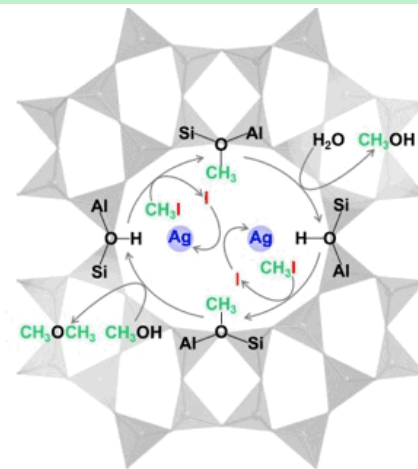


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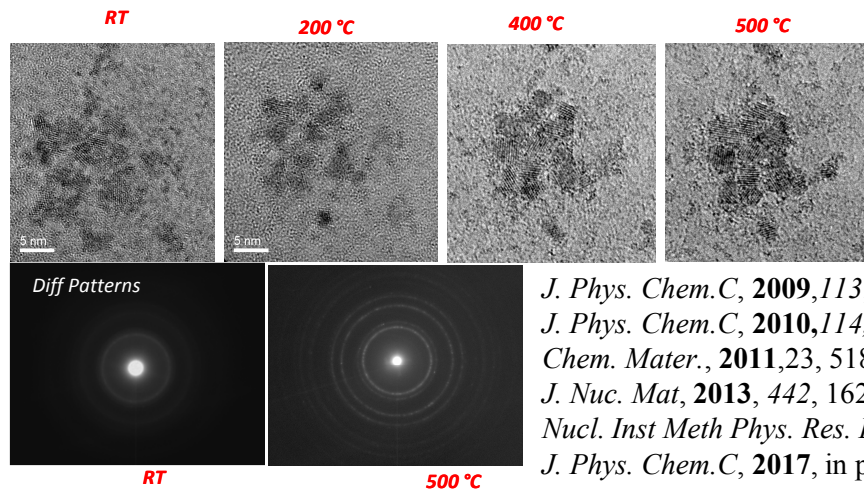
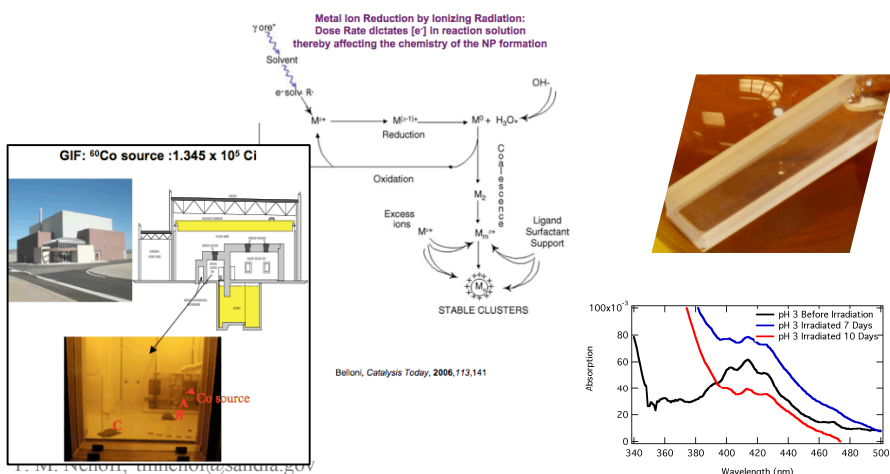
Determine Mechanism of  $\text{Ag}^+$  to  $\text{Ag}^0$  NPs in MOR



Mechanism of Iodine Capture on Ag-MOR from Acidic Humid CH<sub>3</sub>-I Stream: Catalytic Cleaving of CH<sub>3</sub>-I and I Capture  
*Micro. Meso. Mater.*, **2014**, 200, 297 (invited)



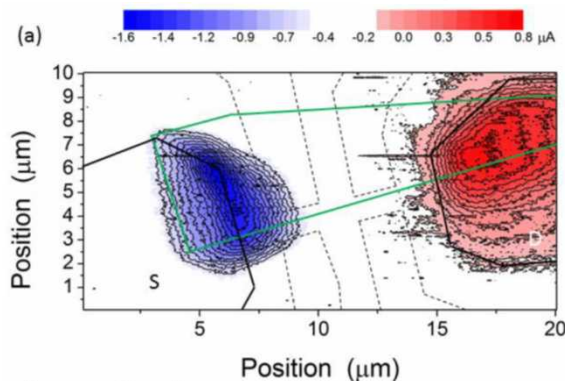
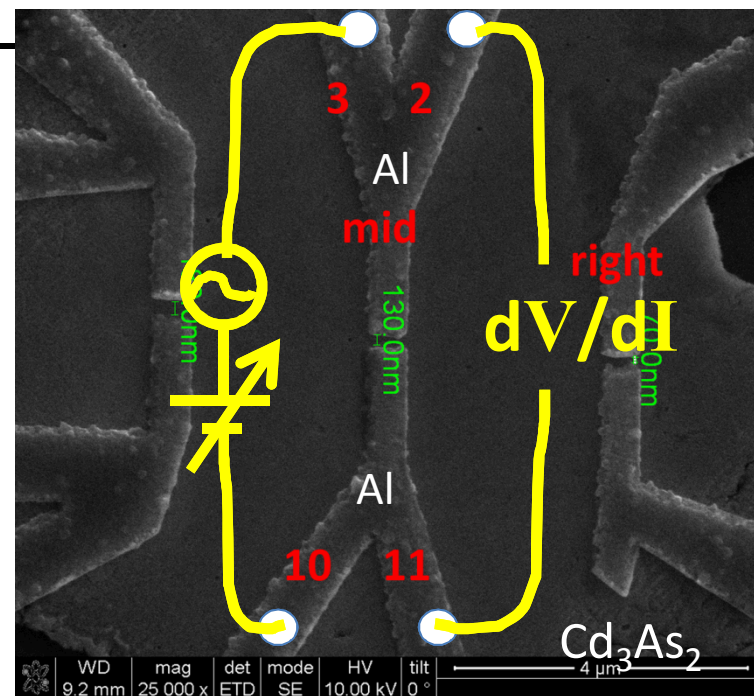
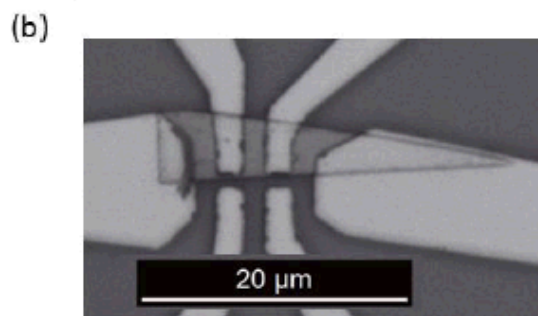
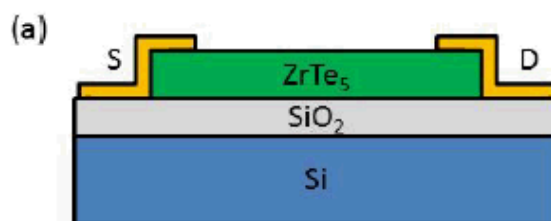
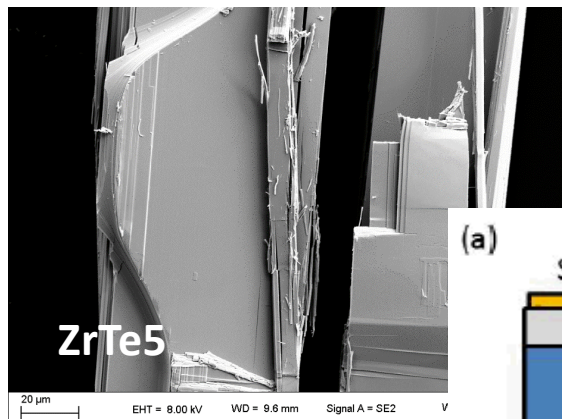
$\gamma$ -irradiation NP formation and growth via sintering



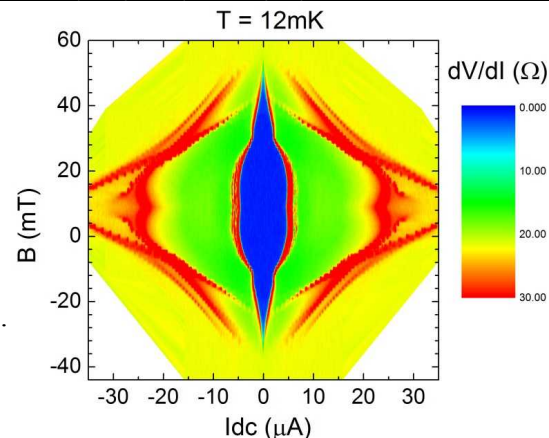
*J. Phys. Chem.C*, **2009**, 113, 1155  
*J. Phys. Chem.C*, **2010**, 114, 14309  
*Chem. Mater.*, **2011**, 23, 5185  
*J. Nuc. Mat*, **2013**, 442, 162  
*Nucl. Inst Meth Phys. Res. B*; **2017**  
*J. Phys. Chem.C*, **2017**, in prep.

# Example 4: Topological Quantum Materials

## The Search for Majorana Fermion



*Chem. Mater.*, **2017**, invited review, in prep.  
*ACS Appl. Mater. Interfaces* 2017, 9, 37041



Superconducting Al (low temp) with the Cs<sub>3</sub>As<sub>2</sub> (TQM) enables the p-wave superconductor, requirement for creating Majorana fermions



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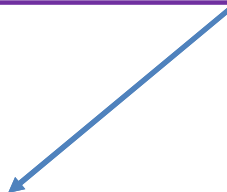
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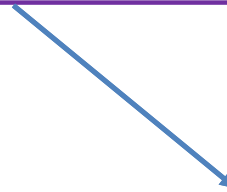


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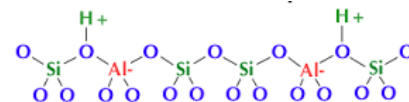
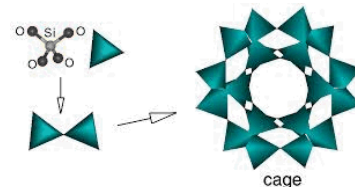


# Nanoporous Adsorption Materials



Higher sorption capacity  
Lower Selectivity  
Iodine background

Activated Carbon/Charcoal > 500 m<sup>2</sup>/g



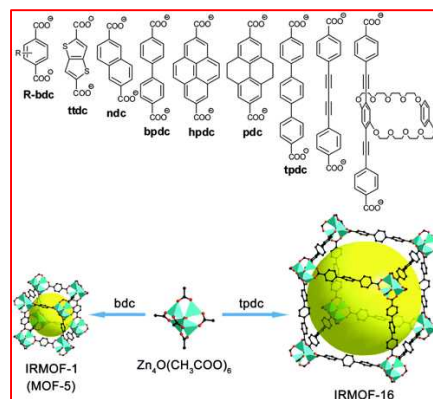
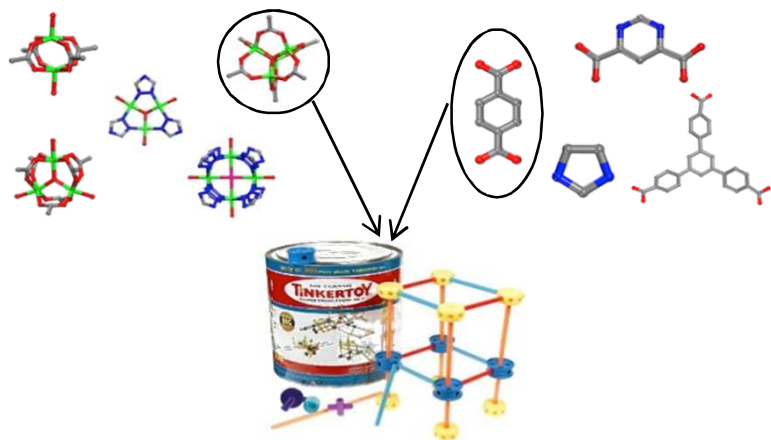
Lower Sorption  
Capacity  
Selectivity (?)

Ag-MOR:  
I<sub>2</sub>, <sup>3</sup>H, Kr/Xe

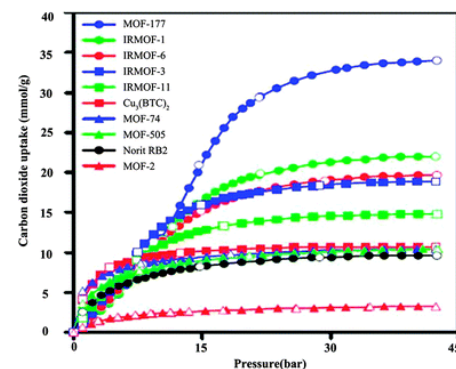


Zeolite~100 m<sup>2</sup>/g

Metal-Organic Frameworks (MOFs) >1000m<sup>2</sup>/g

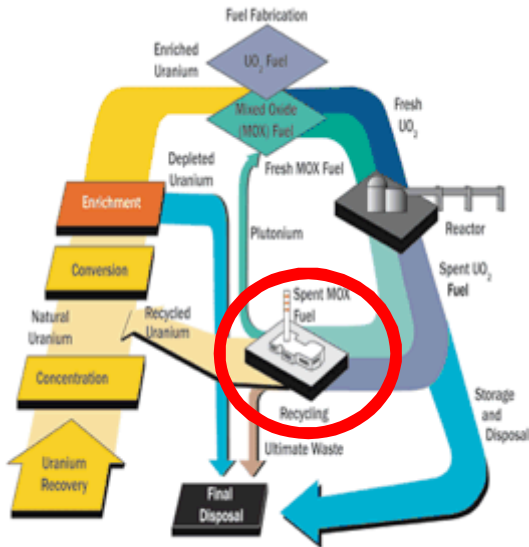


Target: Extremely  
High Selectivity  
High Capacity

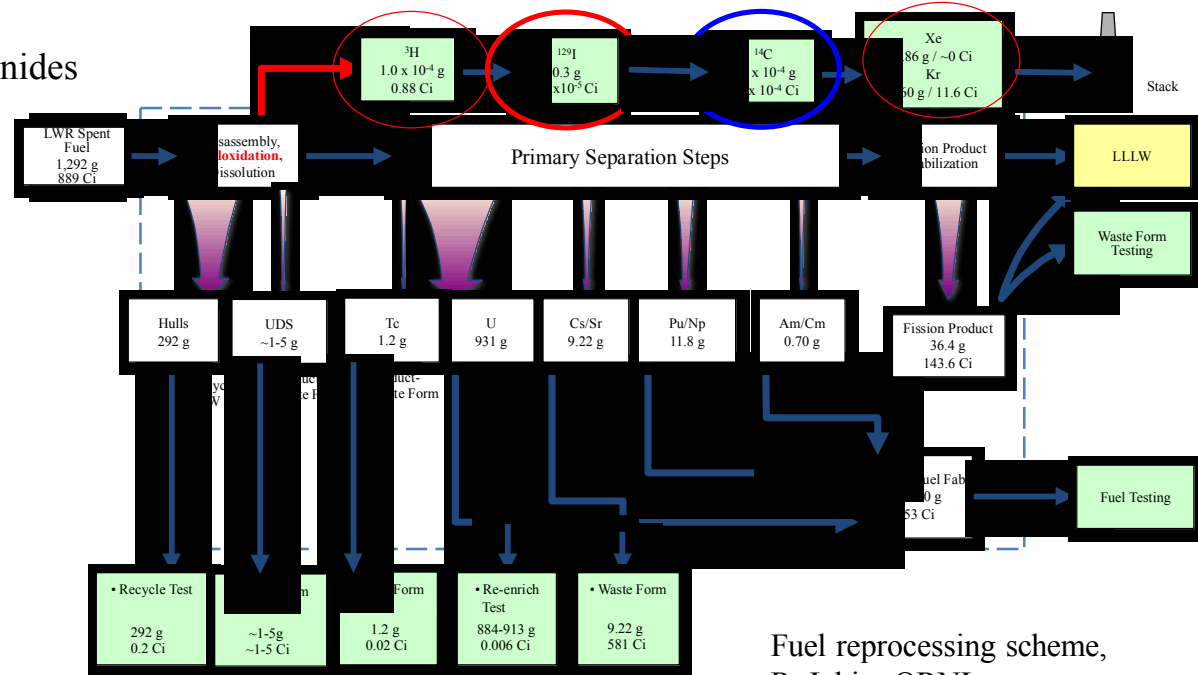


# Application: Environmental Rad Waste Capture

Reprocessing: capture on nonburnable volatile fission products and lesser actinides



Source: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission



Fuel reprocessing scheme,  
R. Jubin, ORNL,  
FCRD-SWF-2011-000306

Legacy, Accident or Produced rad aqueous waste  
requiring highly specific ion capture

*Fukushima Daiichi*  
Nuclear Power  
Plant explosion 2011  
 $\text{I}^{129}$ ,  $\text{I}^{131}$  volatile  
gas released;  
 $\text{Cs}^{135}$ ,  $\text{Cs}^{137}$  &  $\text{Sr}^{90}$   
aqueous released  
([www.IAEA.org](http://www.IAEA.org))





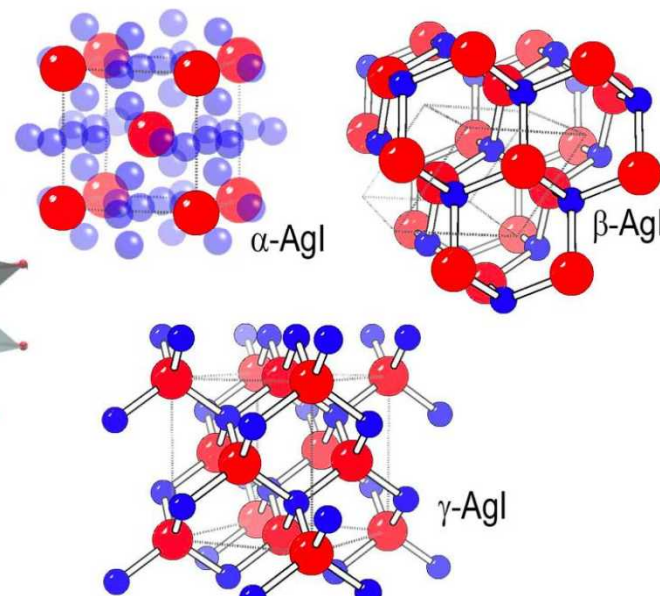
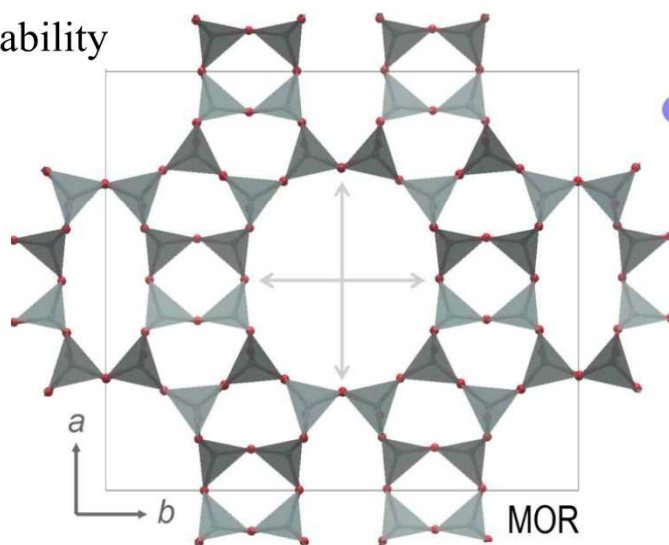
# Ag-MOR zeolite, Traditional Iodine Capture Material

- While  $I^{129}$  is only found in small concentrations in nuclear effluent, the effective capture and storage of iodine is critically important to public safety due to its involvement in human metabolic processes and its long half-life ( $\sim 10^7$  years).
- Silver Mordenite (MOR) is a standard iodine-getter, although the iodine binding mechanism remains poorly defined. Presumably an iodide forms within the zeolite's pores
- Understanding **Structure-Property Relationship between Nanoscale and Bulk effects**
  - To optimize capture
  - Impacts processing for long term storage
  - To predict long term stability

MOR, Mordenite

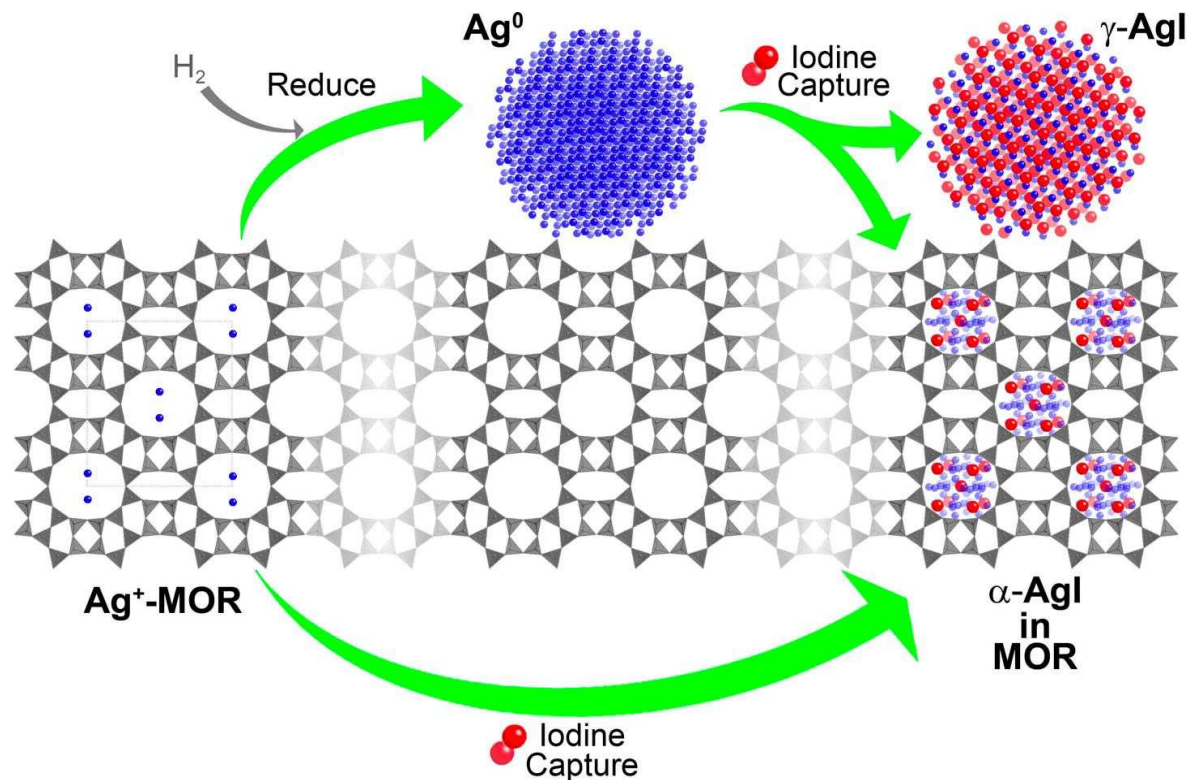
$X_2Al_2Si_{10}O_{24} \cdot 7(H_2O)$

12 MR,  $7.0 \times 6.5 \text{ \AA}$



# Mechanism Determined: State of the Ag determines I capture

$\text{Ag}^\circ\text{-MOR} + \text{I}_2$  yields a mixture of  $\gamma\text{-AgI}$  bulk surface nanoparticles and sub-nanometer  $\alpha\text{-AgI}$ .  
 $\text{Ag}^+\text{-MOR} + \text{I}_2$  produces exclusively sub-nanometer  $\alpha\text{-AgI}$  (“**perfect fit**”, confined in pores)



*JACS*, 2010, 132 (26), 8897

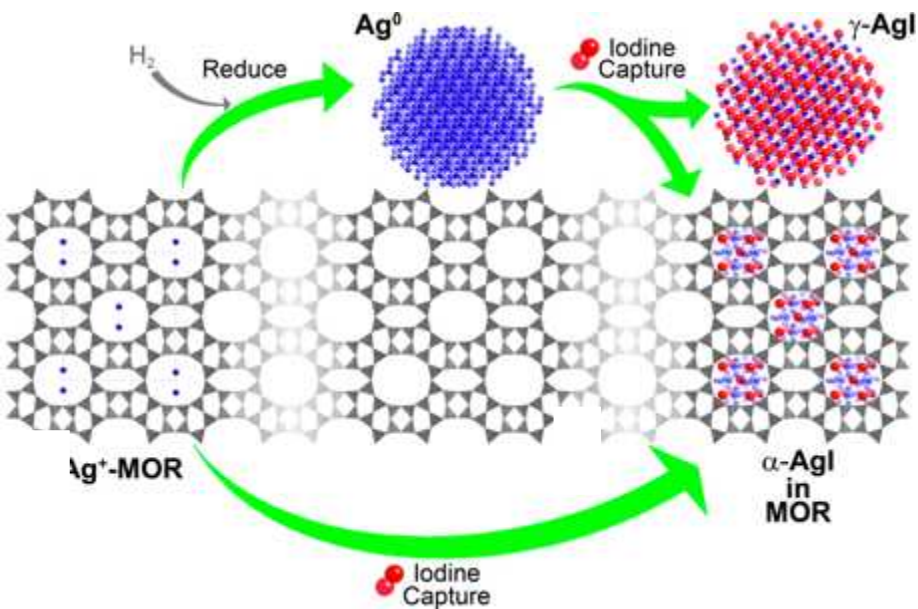
*Issue associated with Zeolites do include the **need for Ag** and the difficulty of working with zeolites that **selectively adsorb I<sub>2</sub> and Org-I**, but **not <sup>3</sup>H<sub>2</sub>O, and Xe***

# AgI nanoparticle formation in MOR (from $\text{Ag}^+$ -MOR + iodine species)

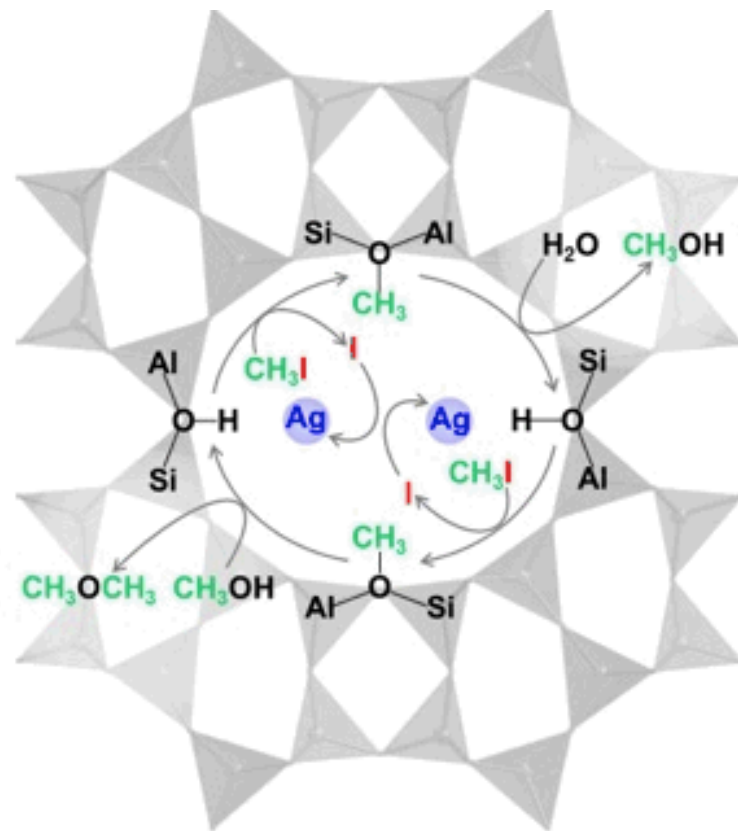
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## Ag-MOR + $\text{I}_2$



## Ag-MOR + $\text{CH}_3\text{-I}$

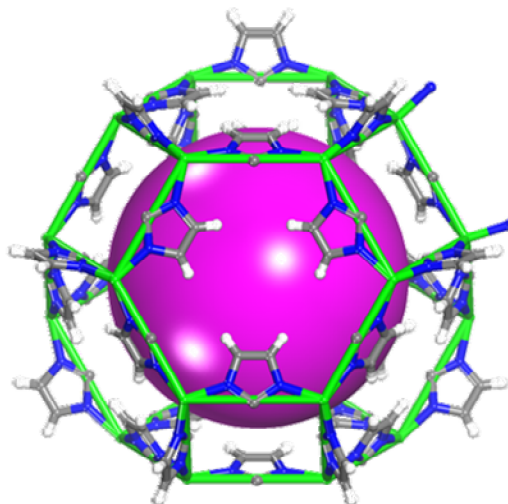


Mechanism of AgI formation & phase determination

# Metal Organic Frameworks (MOFs) for fission gas adsorption: iodine ( $I_2$ )

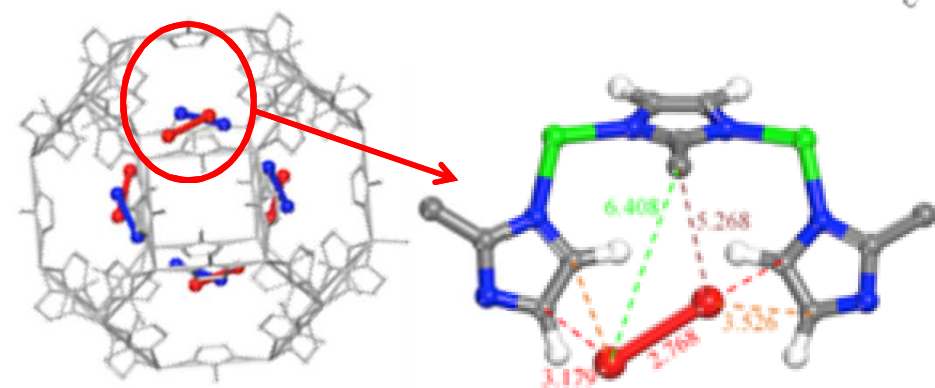
Traditionally zeolites/molecular sieves are used as baseline materials for selectivity and sorption. Cutting edge materials are tuned for high selectivity and high capacity.

Basolite Z1200, ZIF-8  
Constricted Pore Opening ( $\approx 3.4\text{\AA}$ )  
1100 – 1600  $\text{m}^2/\text{g}$   
Pore Volume = 0.636  $\text{cc/g}$   
stable in Air &  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$



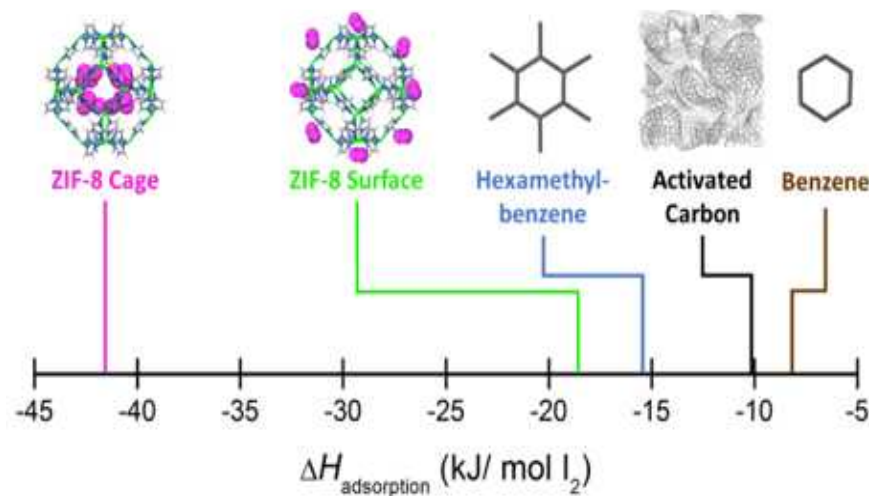
$I_2@ZIF-8 \sim 125 \text{ wt.}\% I_2$

*JACS*, 2011, 133(32), 12398



$I_2$  is selectively captured by ZIF-8 due to:

- *Size selectivity*
- *Iodine bound to organic ligand*

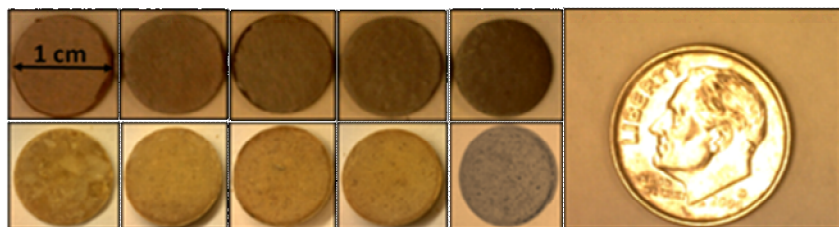
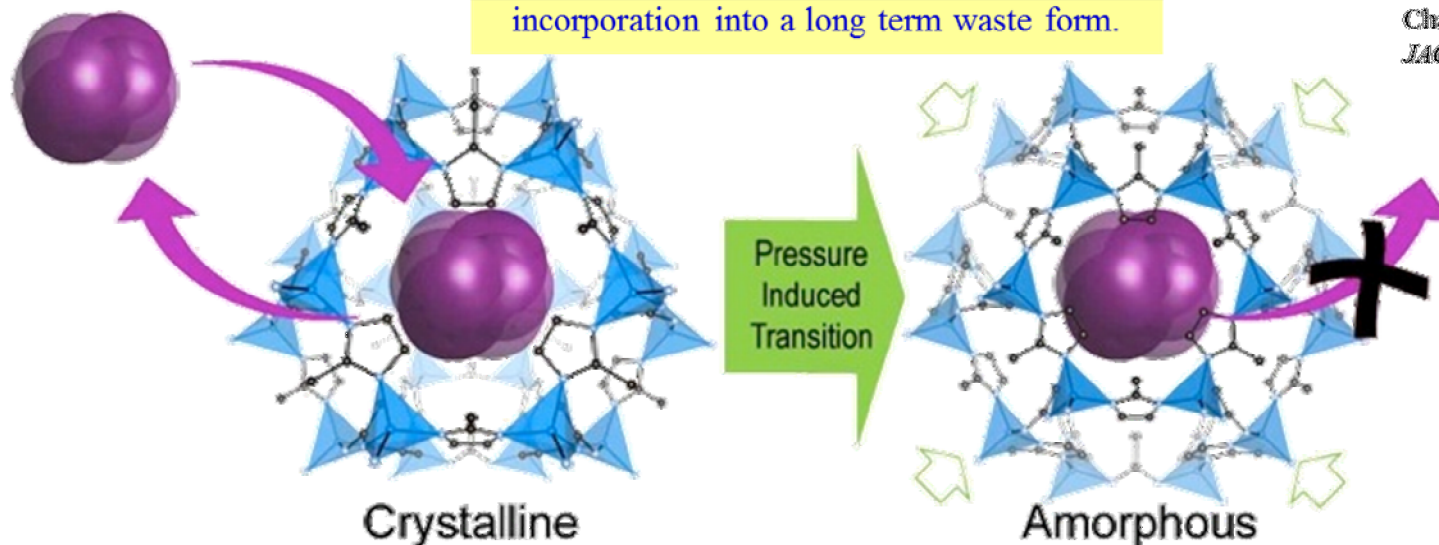




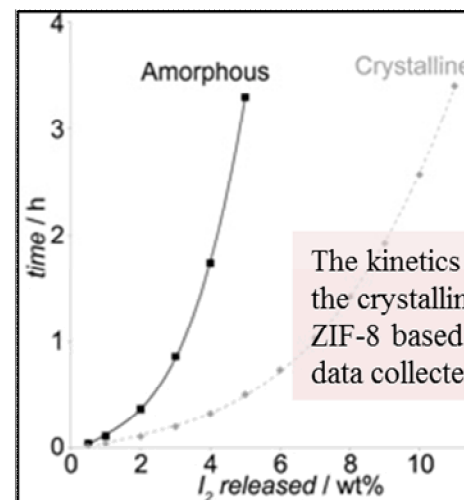
# $I_2$ @ZIF-8 Pressure-Induced Amorphization of Trapped Gases: Enhanced Retention

Secure consolidated interim storage before incorporation into a long term waste form.

Chapman, Nenoff, et.al.,  
*JACS* 2011, 133(46), 18583.



Crack free pellets of iodine loaded ZIF-8 powders were obtained by applying uniaxial mechanical pressure.

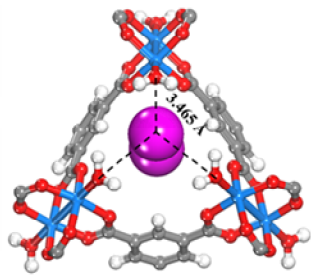
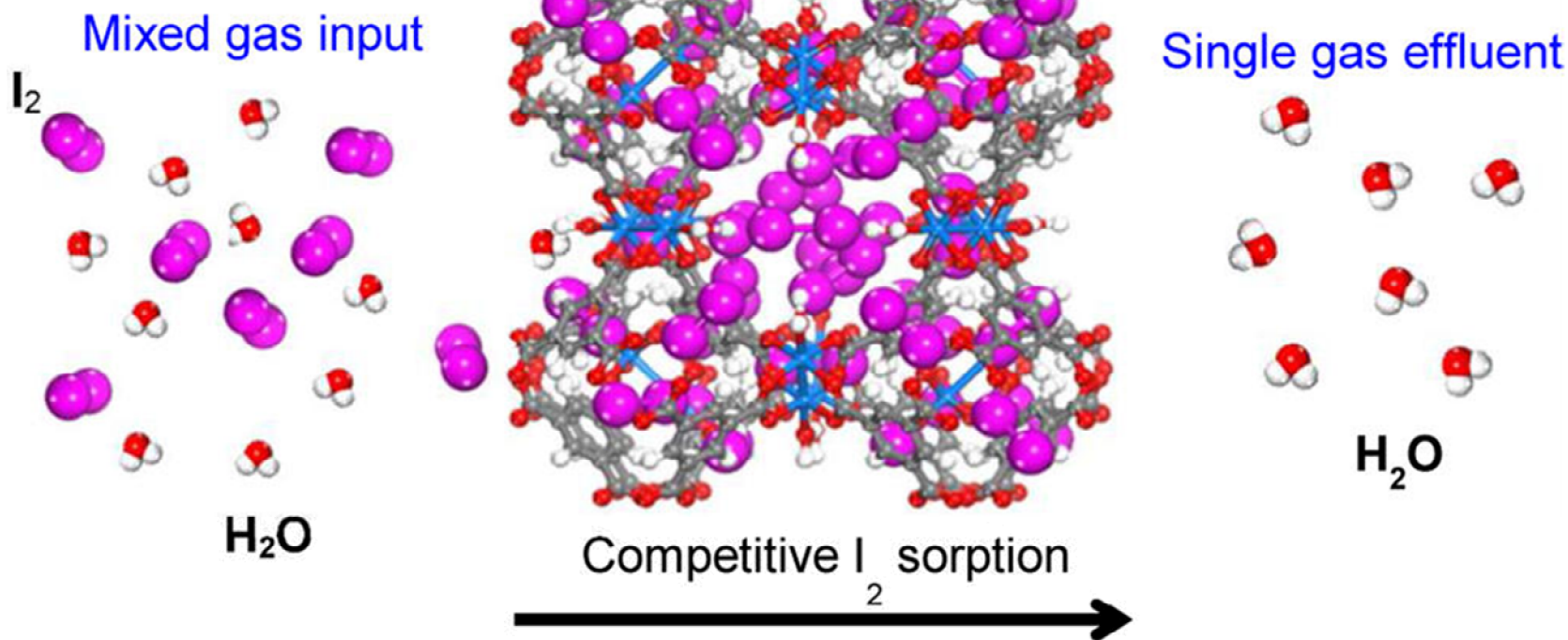


The kinetics of  $I_2$  release from the crystalline and amorphized ZIF-8 based on isothermal TGA data collected at 200°C, 4 hours

# Crystal Structure of I<sub>2</sub>@HKUST-1, selectivity of I<sub>2</sub> over H<sub>2</sub>O

I<sub>2</sub>/HKUST-1 **3.3 I/Cu**

Sava Gallis, Nenoff, et.al.,  
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Iodine – Metal center (Cu) strongly bound  
**High Selectivity!**  
*Trumps* hydrophilicity of MOF



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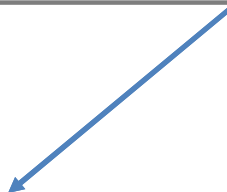
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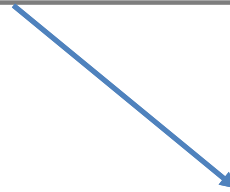


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# Tunable Impedance Spectroscopy Sensors via Selective Nanoporous Materials

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The ability to sense and identify *individual gases* from the complexity of the environment requires highly selective materials.

- Current conductivity-based devices generally fall into two categories:
  - Solid state - (oxide based) require higher temperatures ( $>200^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) for interaction of the gas with the surface oxides; heating devices are needed.
  - Fuel cell – room temperature liquid electrolyte, easily fouled, short lifetime
- Utilization of *nanoporous metal organic frameworks (MOFs)*; exceptionally high selectivity of gases of interest (eg.,  $\text{I}_2$ ) under ambient conditions) with *impedance spectroscopy* allows for novel sensing technologies

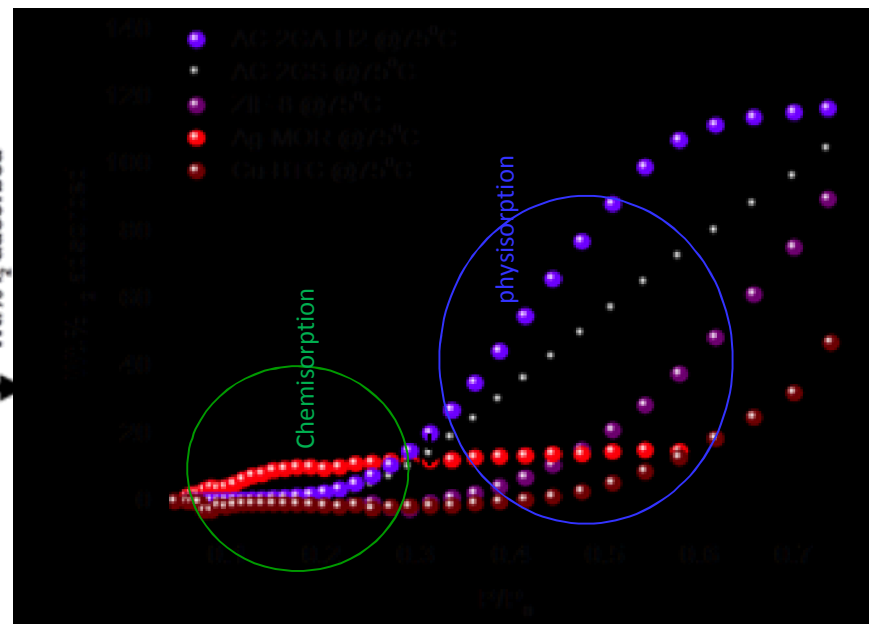
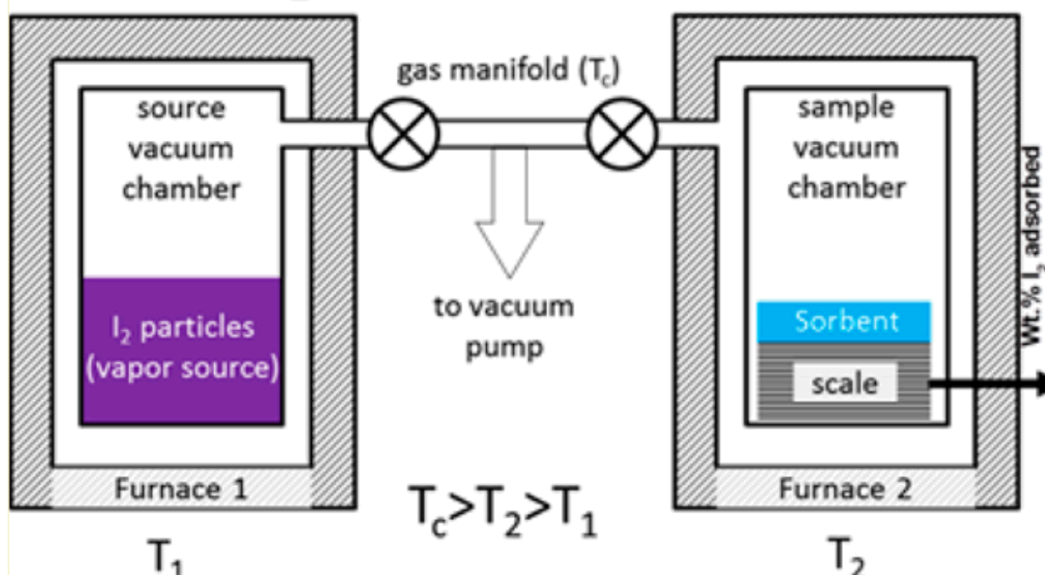


# Comparison studies of I<sub>2</sub> adsorption on Various Nanoporous Materials

Using a combination of Modeling (GCMC) and Iodine (I<sub>2</sub>) Adsorption Studies to compare various nanoporous phases for iodine adsorption

MOFs, Zeolites/Molecular Sieves, Activated Carbons/Charcoals:

## I<sub>2</sub> Adsorption Unit



**$P/P_0 < 0.3$ : I<sub>2</sub> adsorption occurs in small pores & strong chemisorption interactions with framework or extra framework**



# Iodine Sensors with High Selectivity in Environmental Conditions

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## Impedance spectroscopy,

polarizable molecules increase the capacitance and thereby decrease the impedance.

The selectivity of MOFs for  $I_2$  under mild conditions paired with the **polarizability of the  $I_2$  molecules**, enables **real-time electrical sensing (direct electrical readout)** via impedance spectroscopy.

Common air component gas molecules such as Ar,  $O_2$  and  $N_2$  are **not/not-highly polarizable** molecules

## Modular platform:

able to test MOFs of different configurations, metal centers and charge transfer capabilities

## *Real-Time sensing by impedance spectroscopy (IS):*

All measurements to date are simple single sine measurements.

The electrical test equipment **generates a single sine voltage wave** at a given frequency,  
& **measures the returned current** in terms of its:

- **magnitude** (this relates to the impedance,  $|Z|$  on the plots) and
- **phase angle** compared to the original voltage wave

In fast fourier transform (FFT), a voltage pulse is sent out.

The pulse is the FFT of 20+ frequencies.

The measurement time is limited by the lowest frequency.

High Efficient Method: can collect  $\sim 20$  data points in nearly the same time as the 1 lowest frequency data point.

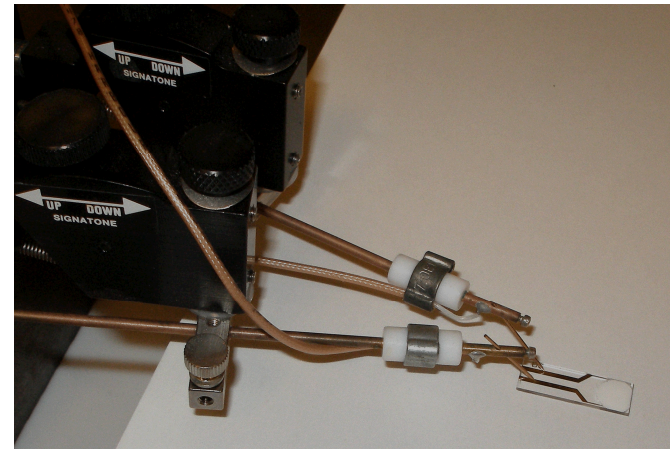
This is all contained in commercial equipment and software.

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Solartron 1296 dielectric interface in series with a Solartron 1260 frequency response analyzer.  
All sensor testing in a faraday cage to minimize electrical noise.

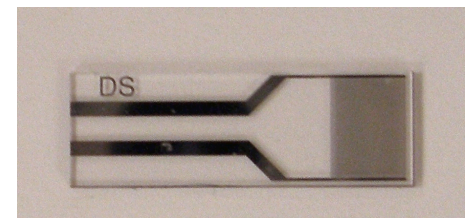


Samples are contacted with tungsten probes.



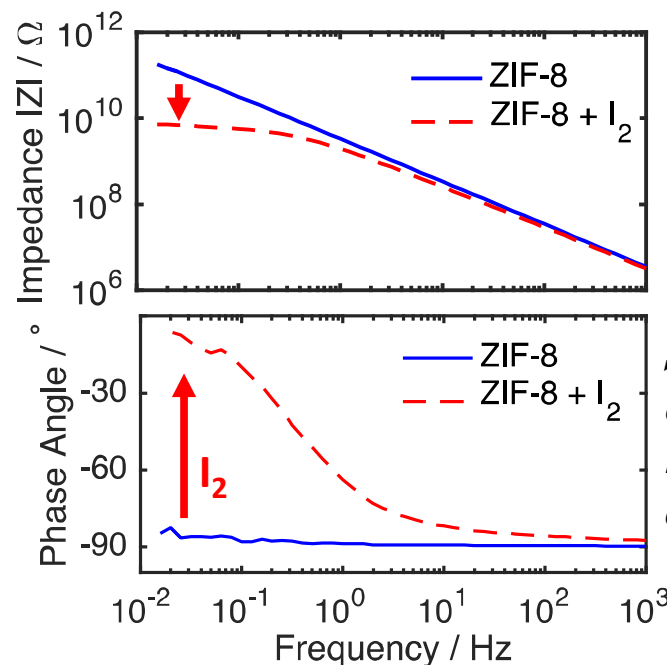
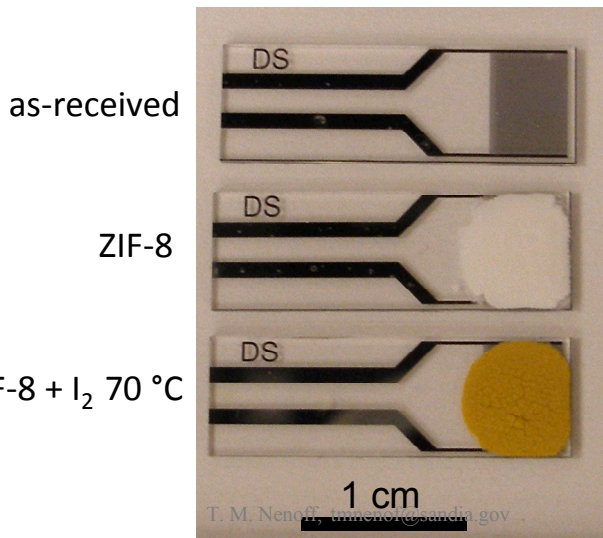
The dielectric interface allows us to **measure impedances as large as  $10^{14}$  Ohms and frequencies 1 mHz – 1 MHz.**  
**Unique SNL specific: specialized high impedance, low frequency test equipment**  
(Common electrical test equipment has a lower input impedance than these coatings)

- Inter Digitated Electrodes (IDE's):  
10  $\mu\text{m}$  wide platinum lines (125 pairs), 10  $\mu\text{m}$  spacing on glass substrate
- MOF film: MOF + binder
- Film: screen printed onto platinum interdigitated electrodes
- Iodine adsorption studies: in air and humidity at 25, 40, 70  $^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Test response over a broad electrical frequency response (1 MHz – 1 mHz)



1 cm

# Iodine ( $I_2$ ) Sensor with ZIF-8



*>1 order magnitude decrease in impedance*  
*70 °C, 30 min  $I_2$  exposure*

*Sensor changes from ideal capacitor to nearly ideal resistor at low frequency after  $I_2$  sorption.*

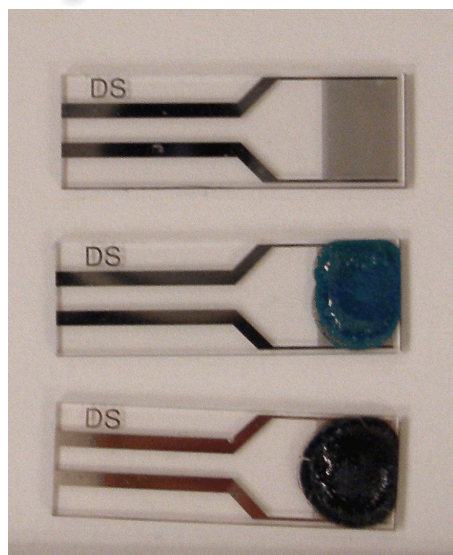
Loading Temperature (°C)	"Empty MOF" Device impedance (GΩ)	" $I_2$ -Loaded MOF" Device impedance (GΩ)	% Change
Room temp.	171	121	-29%
40	182	20.7	-89%
70	182	7.22	-96%

$|Z|$  recorded at 15 mHz. 10 mV AC. 0 V DC.

Small & Nenoff, 2017, submitted.



# Iodine (I<sub>2</sub>) Sensor with HKUST-1

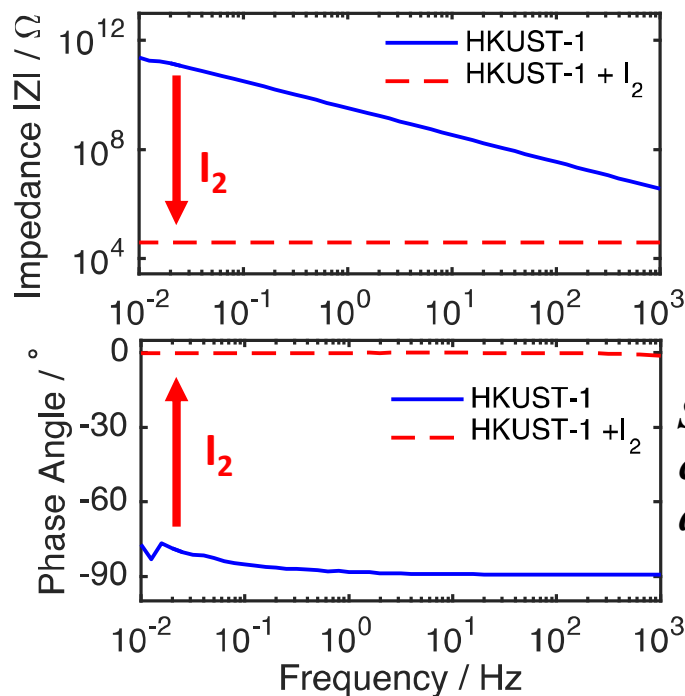


1 cm

as-received

HKUST-1 + I<sub>2</sub> 40 °C

HKUST-1 + I<sub>2</sub> 70 °C



**>6 order magnitude decrease in impedance**  
70 °C, 30 min I<sub>2</sub> exposure

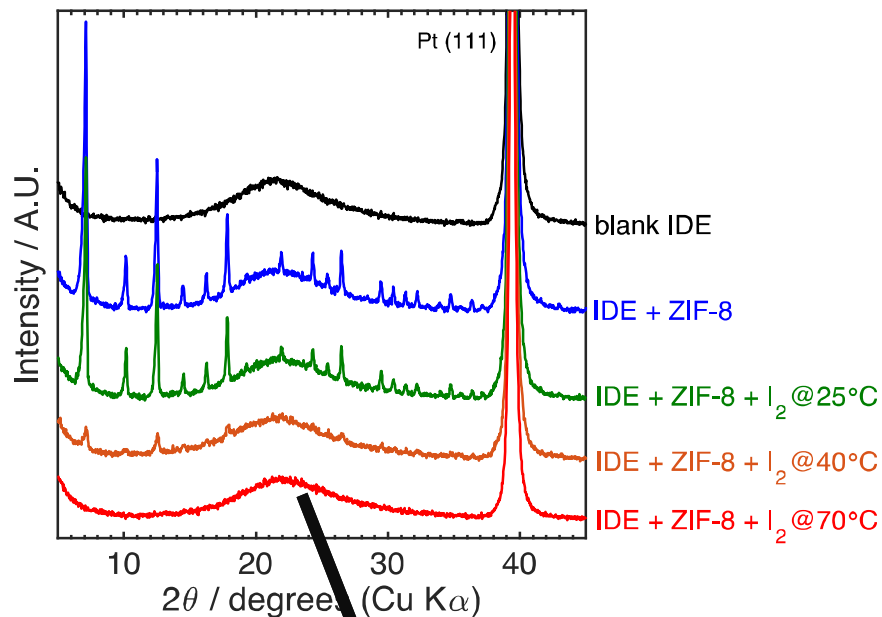
**Sensor changes from ideal capacitor to ideal resistor after I<sub>2</sub> sorption.**

Loading Temperature (°C)	"Empty MOF" Device impedance (GΩ)	"I <sub>2</sub> -Loaded MOF" Device impedance (GΩ)	% Change
Room temp.	105	21	-80%
40	106	4.73	-96%
70	99.0	38.8 kΩ	-100%

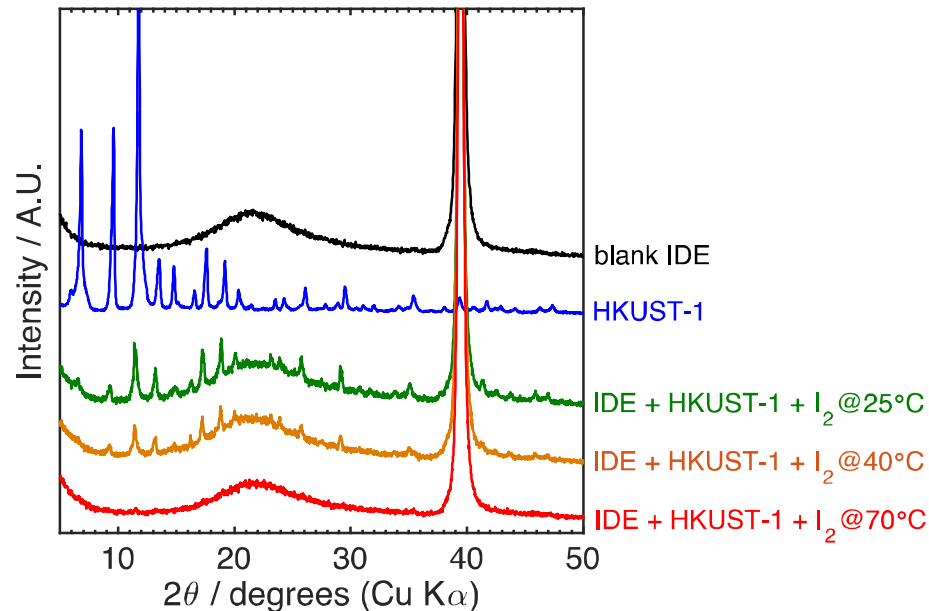
|Z| recorded at 15 mHz. 10 mV AC. 0 V DC.

# MOF/Sensor Temperature Dependence

## ZIF-8



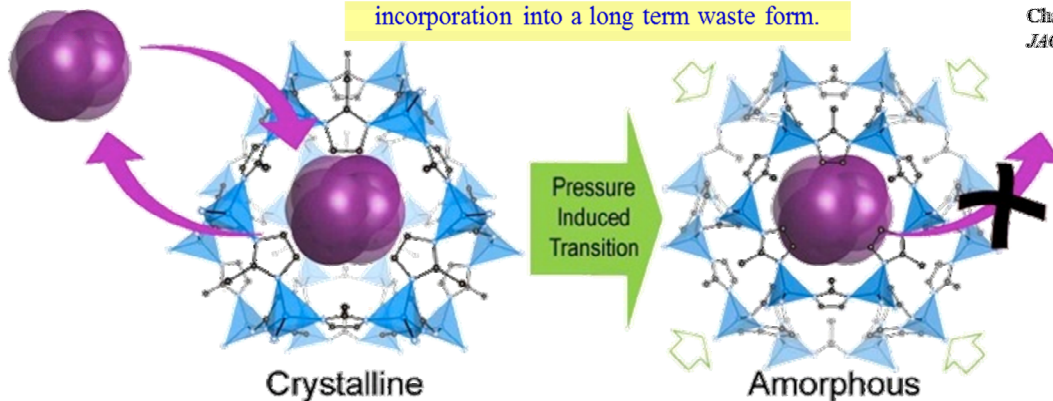
## HKUST-1



Retention of Iodine in MOF due to SHORT range crystallinity

incorporation into a long term waste form.

Chapman, Nenoff, et al.,  
*JACS* 2011, 133(46), 18583.





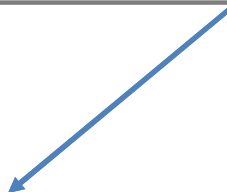
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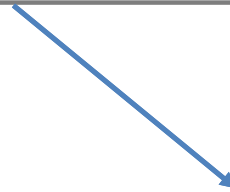
Programmatic / Background



Novel Materials of Interest  
Activated Charcoals/Carbons,  
Zeolites, MOFs, layered/clays



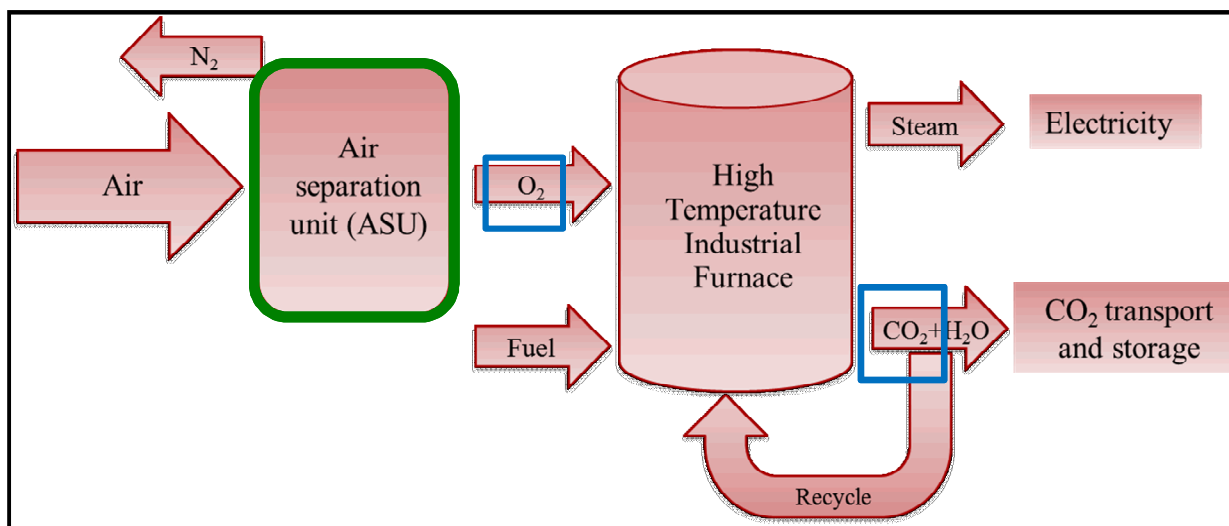
Oxygen Separations Materials,  
Design by High Performance  
Computing to Real-World Testing



Direct Electrical Readout  
Sensors, Development  
and Testing

# Application: Environmental Efficiency of the ASU, O<sub>2</sub>/N<sub>2</sub> air separations with MOFs to Increase

Basic Research directed to an *Energy Efficient Process* for Oxygen purification from air.  
*a.k.a.*: how to increase the efficiency of the air separations unit (ASU)?



- **Oxygen-enriched (oxy-fuel) combustion**: burning the fossil fuel in an O<sub>2</sub> rich atmosphere results in a flue gas composed mainly of CO<sub>2</sub> (for capture) & water (little or no SO<sub>x</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions)
- The limiting factor of this technology is the **efficiency of the cryogenic ASU**, a costly and energy intensive process (primarily compression)
- Our study is focused on new highly selective materials (MOFs) to increase the efficiency of this separation process



# Target O<sub>2</sub> Selective Separations Materials, DFT & Experiments

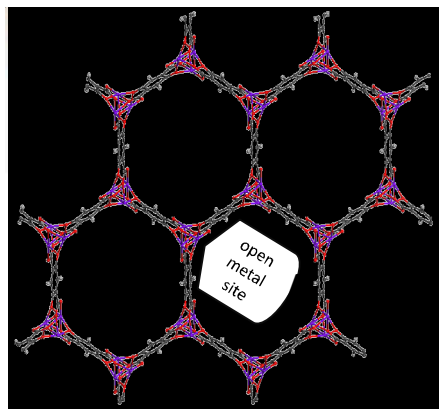
*MOFs with coordinatively unsaturated metal centers are promising materials for O<sub>2</sub>/N<sub>2</sub> separations*

- Two prototypical MOFs from this category, Cr<sub>2</sub>(BTC)<sub>3</sub><sup>1</sup>, Fe<sub>2</sub>(DOBDC)<sub>2</sub><sup>2</sup> both show preferential adsorption O<sub>2</sub> vs N<sub>2</sub>
- Plane wave DFT calculations on periodic structures: [Vienna Ab initio Simulation Package \(VASP\)](#)

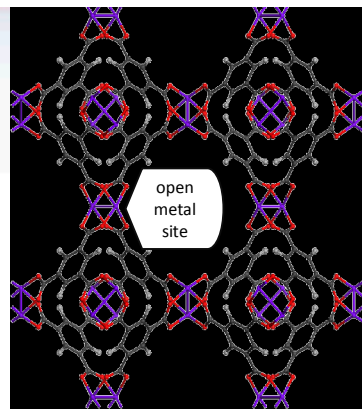
Binding geometries for side-on and bent O<sub>2</sub> and bent and linear geometries for N<sub>2</sub> were evaluated

Static binding energies for O<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub> at 0 K

- Use of [DFT to determine M-O<sub>2</sub> vs M-N<sub>2</sub> binding energies](#)



M<sub>2</sub>(dobdc)



M<sub>3</sub>(btc)<sub>2</sub>

MOF metal sites = separate O<sub>2</sub>/N<sub>2</sub> by differences in  
bonding & electronic properties

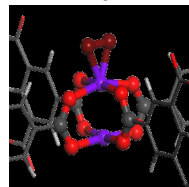
**Plan wave density functional theory (DFT) calculations** were performed on periodic structures of each MOF in the Vienna ab initio simulation package (**VASP**) with the Perdew-Burke-Ernzerhof (**PBE**) functional including dispersion corrections (**DFT-D2**). Geometries were optimized and **static binding energies** ( $\Delta E_{O_2}$ ,  $\Delta E_{N_2}$ ) were calculated by

$$\Delta E_{O_2} = E_{MOF+O_2} - E_{MOF} - E_{O_2}$$

The **differences in binding energies** ( $\Delta\Delta E$ ) for oxygen and nitrogen were calculated by

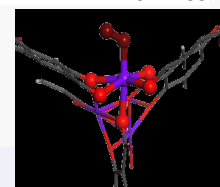
$$\Delta\Delta E = -(\Delta E_{O_2} - \Delta E_{N_2})$$

**Side-on bonding**  
 $\angle M-X-X$  67° - 71°



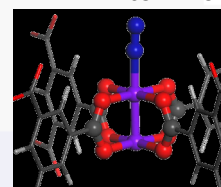
Cr<sub>3</sub>(btc)<sub>2</sub>(O<sub>2</sub>)

**Bent bonding**  
 $\angle M-X-X$  116° - 159°



Mn<sub>2</sub>(dobdc)(O<sub>2</sub>)

**Linear bonding**  
 $\angle M-X-X$  165° - 179°



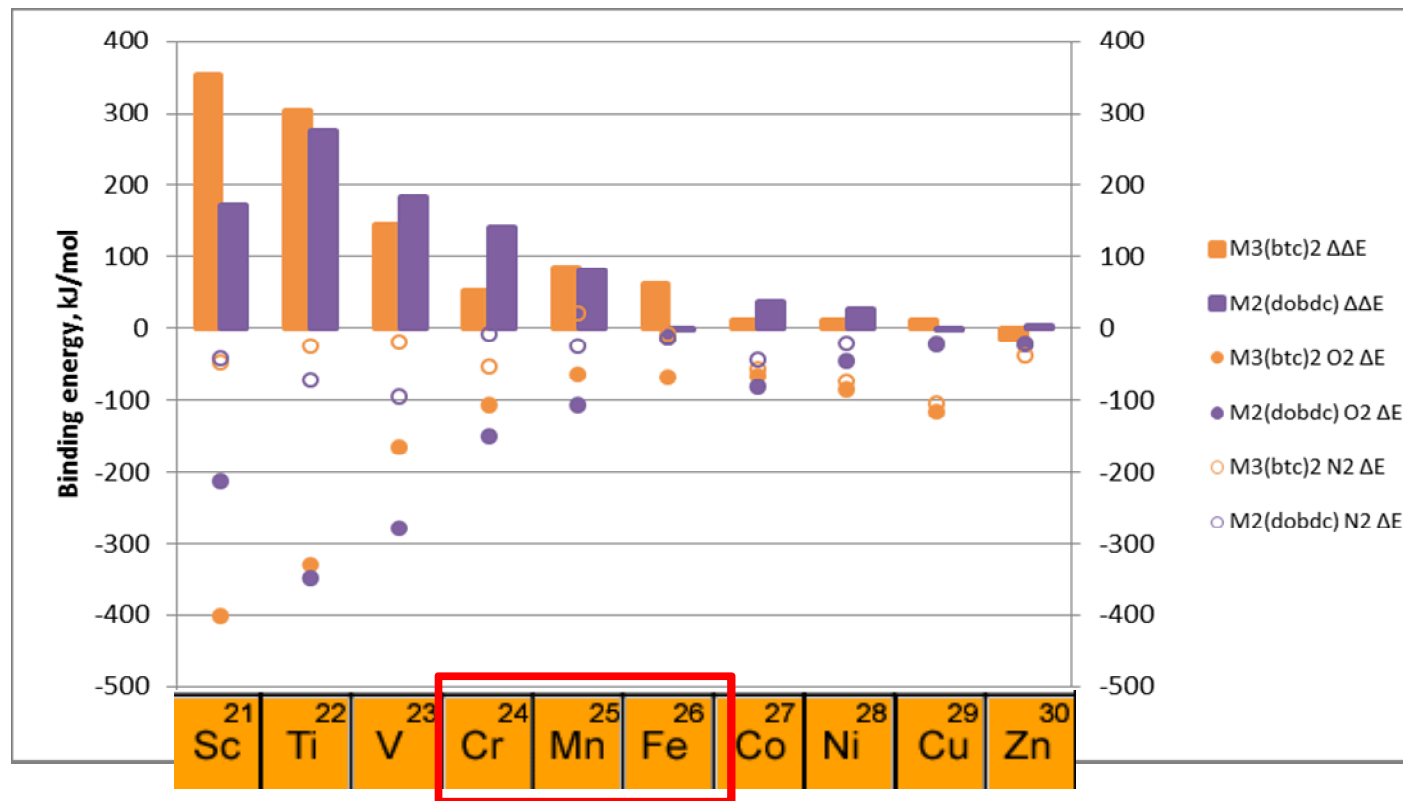
Fe<sub>3</sub>(btc)<sub>2</sub>(N<sub>2</sub>)

Attention Paid to Bonding Geometries

<sup>1</sup>JACS **2010**, 132, 7856–7857;

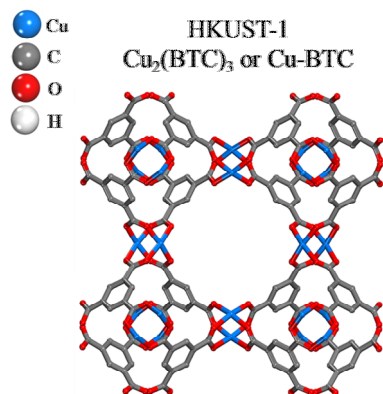
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# O<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub> Binding Energies Trends Across the First Row Transition Metal Series



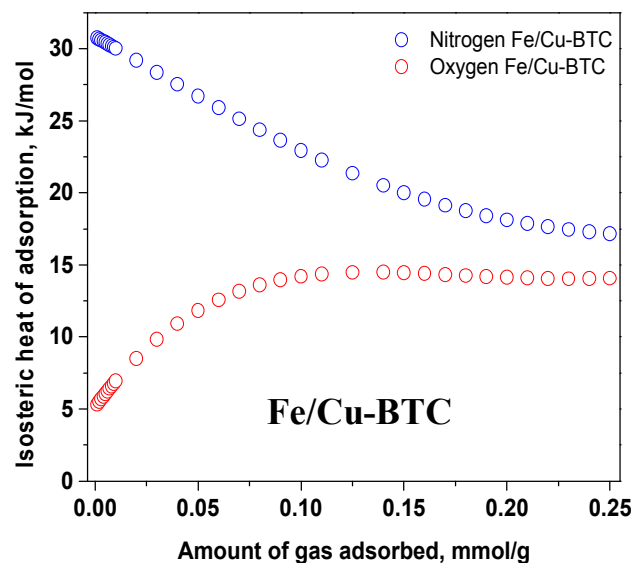
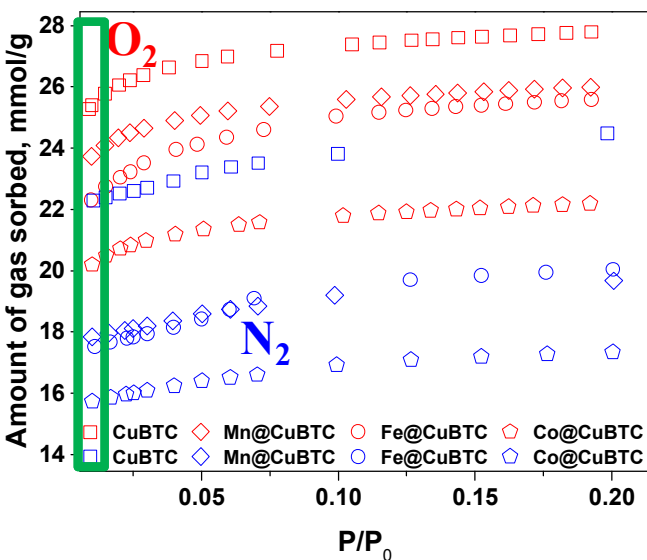
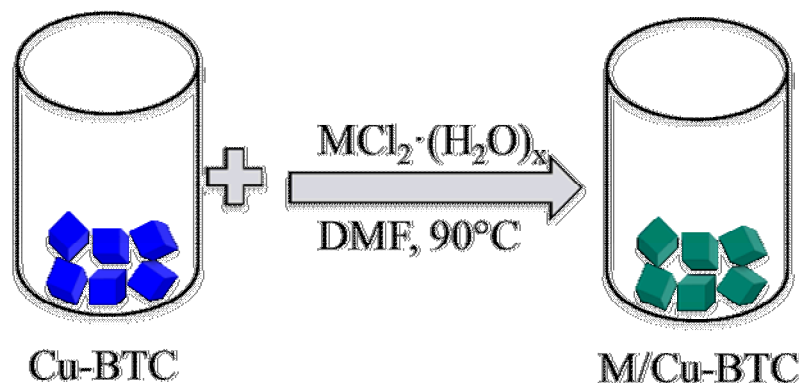
DFT predicts similar O<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub> binding to Mn, Fe, Co but with consistent stronger binding for O<sub>2</sub> to the metals

# Postsynthetic Metal Ion Exchange to form Porous Mn-, Fe- and Co- Analogues of Cu-BTC



Chui, S. S. Y et.al Science **1999**, 283, 1148.

***M = Mn, Fe, Co***



**0 K DFT binding energy:**  
 Excellent prediction for 77K experiments,  
 Do not correlate as well with experimental data 273-298 K  
 - N<sub>2</sub> is preferred over O<sub>2</sub>

# AIMD Simulations with Temperature Considerations

$M_2(\text{dobdc})$  analogs

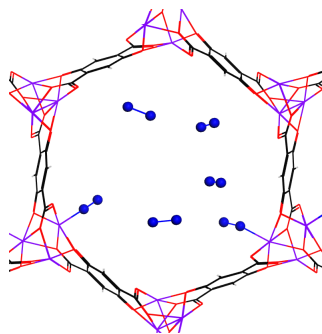
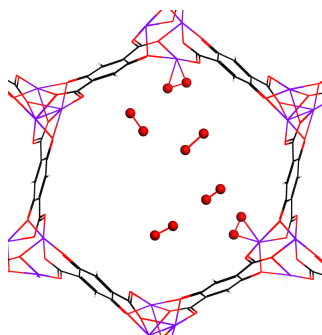
NVT ensemble: 27.5 ps, 0.5 fs timestep  
PBE density functional with dispersion correction (PBE-D2),  
PAW potentials for core electrons, spin polarization

Guests

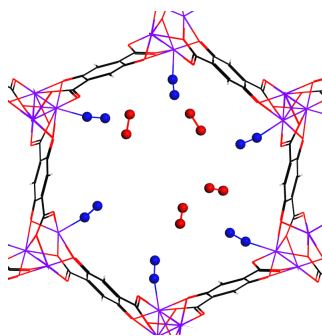
2 O<sub>2</sub> bound  
4 O<sub>2</sub> unbound

2 N<sub>2</sub> bound  
4 N<sub>2</sub> unbound

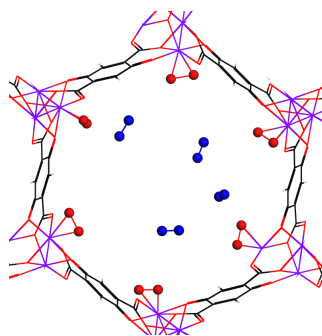
Single  
component



Mixed gas  
Competitive  
binding



6 N<sub>2</sub> bound  
4 O<sub>2</sub> unbound



6 O<sub>2</sub> bound  
4 N<sub>2</sub> unbound

Temperatures

201 K  
258 K  
298 K

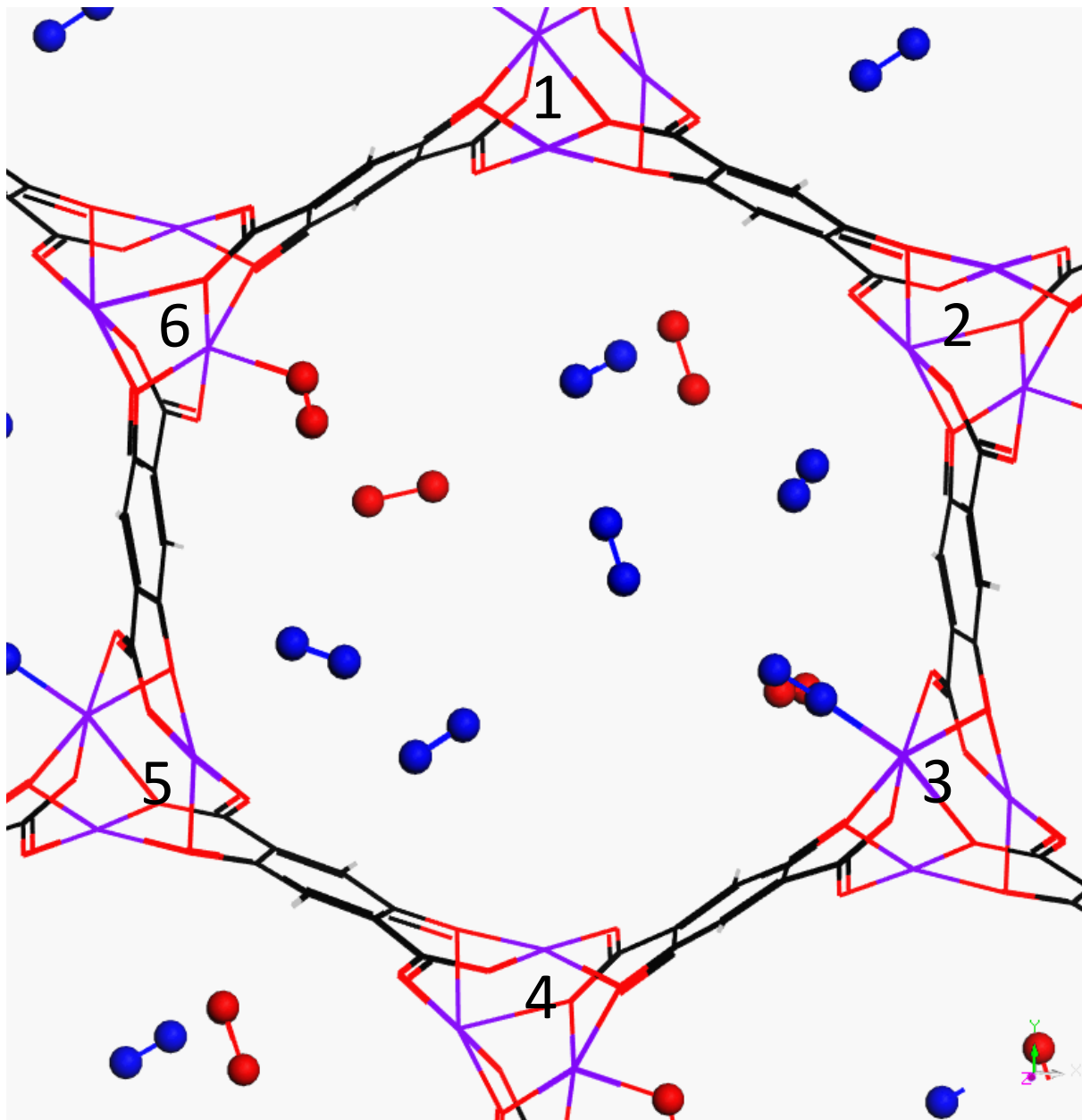
Metals

24	25	26
Cr	Mn	Fe

Red Sky Supercomputer  
36 Simulations

3,800 processor-days each

<http://hpc.sandia.gov/>



Cr<sub>2</sub>(dobdc)

6 N<sub>2</sub> + 4 O<sub>2</sub>

298 K

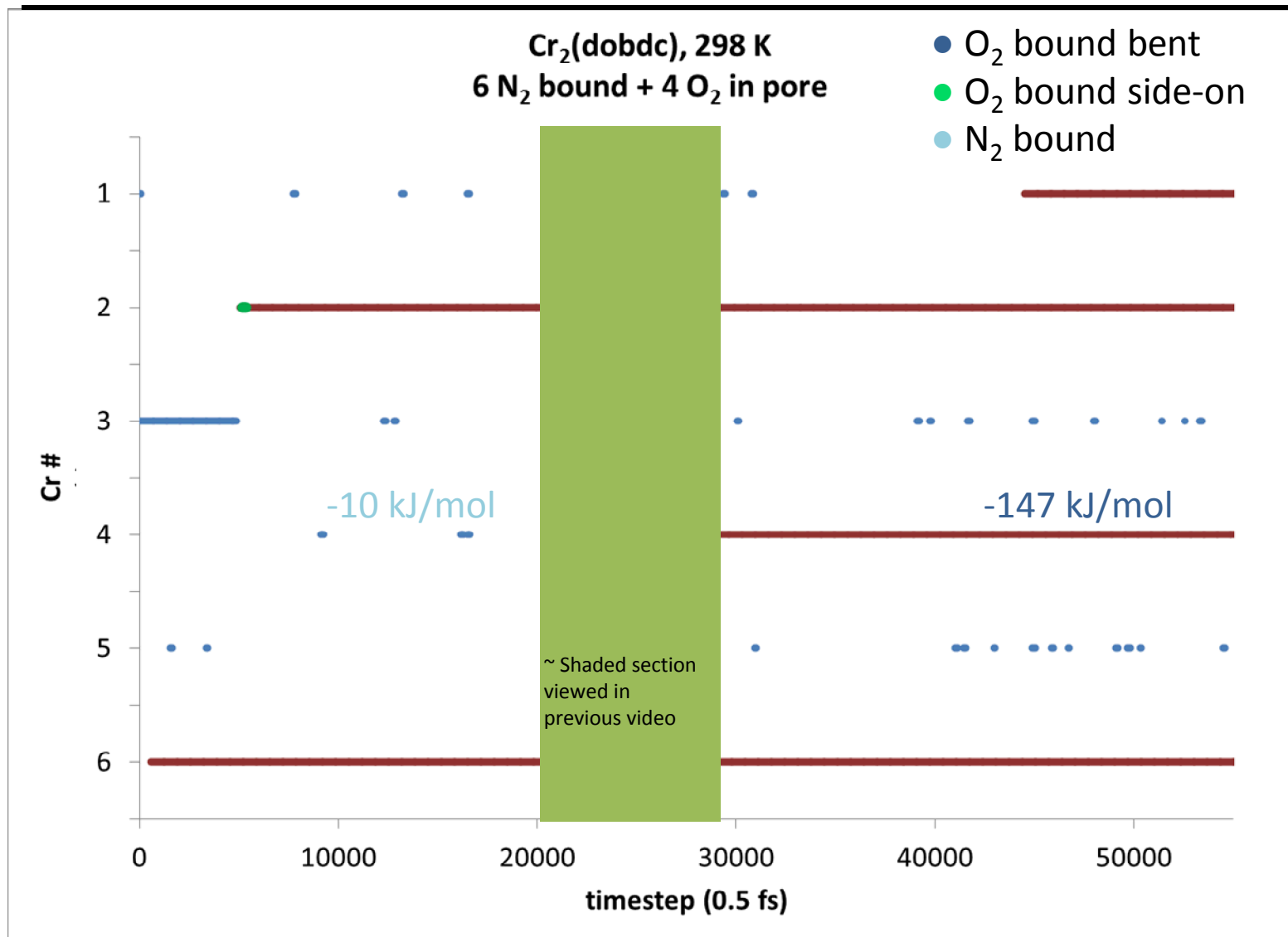
NVT

Time 2 ps – 15 ps

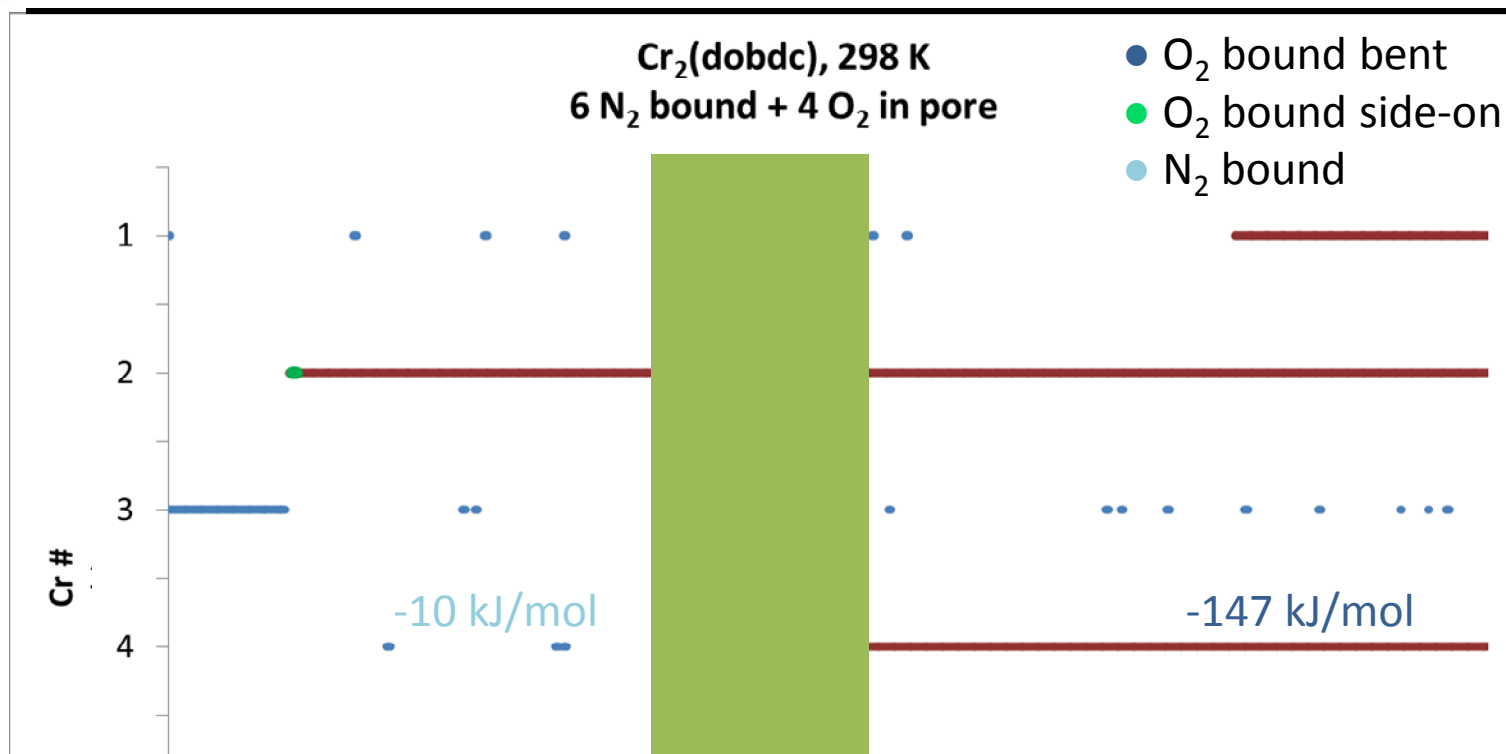
1 frame = 25 fs

- O<sub>2</sub> slow to bind, but once on metal center, binding holds
- N<sub>2</sub> rapid bind and release from metal centers
- O<sub>2</sub> long term binding is consistently 'bent'
- Selective for O<sub>2</sub>

# Gas Occupancy at Each Metal Site



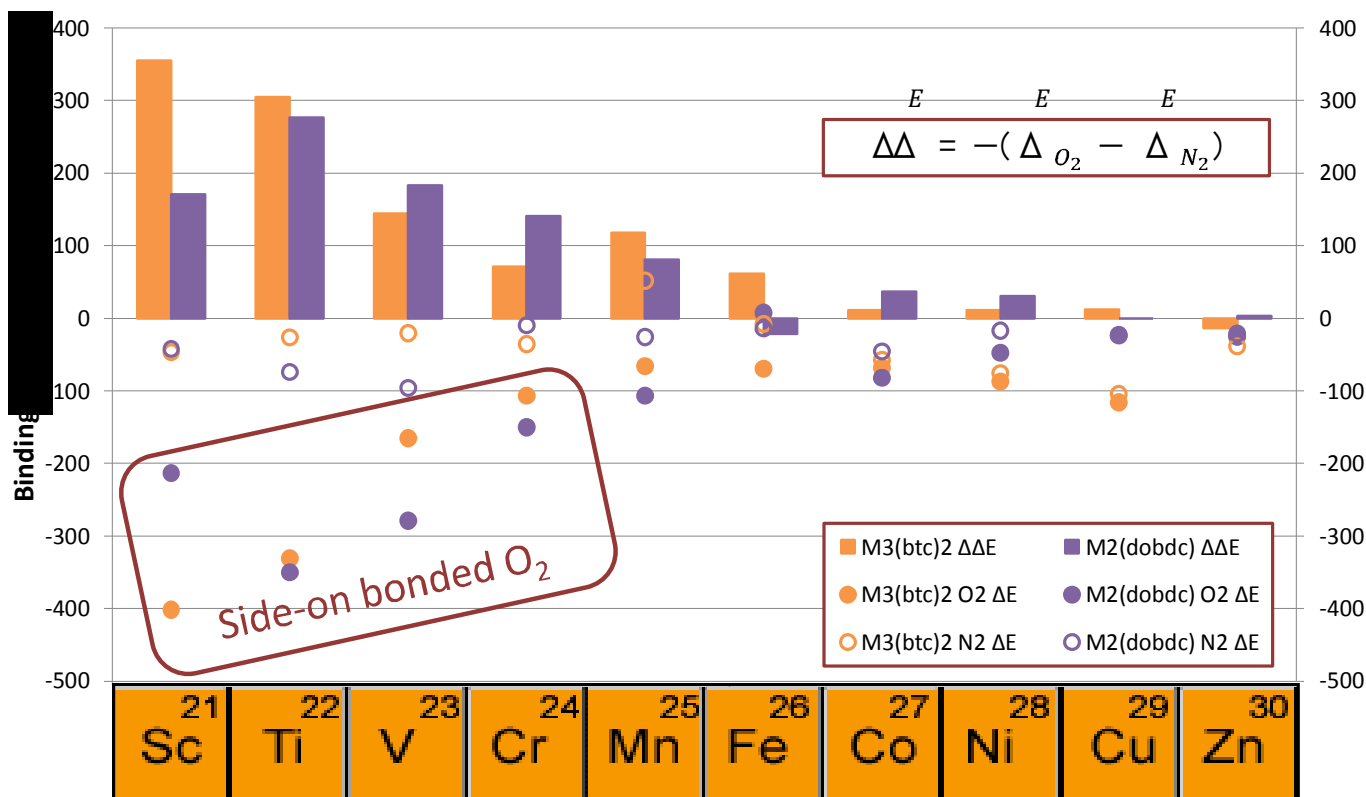
# Gas Occupancy at Each Metal Site



DFT for screening: predicted *O<sub>2</sub> preferentially bound*  
 AIMD predicted *N<sub>2</sub> first bound but displaced by side-on O<sub>2</sub>*  
**Next Step:**  
*follow predictions of strongly side-on bound O<sub>2</sub>*

# Use of Strongest *Side-On Binding* Predictions

Binding Energy Calculated as a Function of Metal Site



*J. Phys Chem C*, **2015**, 119, 6556.



# MD Simulation Inspired MOF Synthesis: Sc/BTC/DMF/HCl

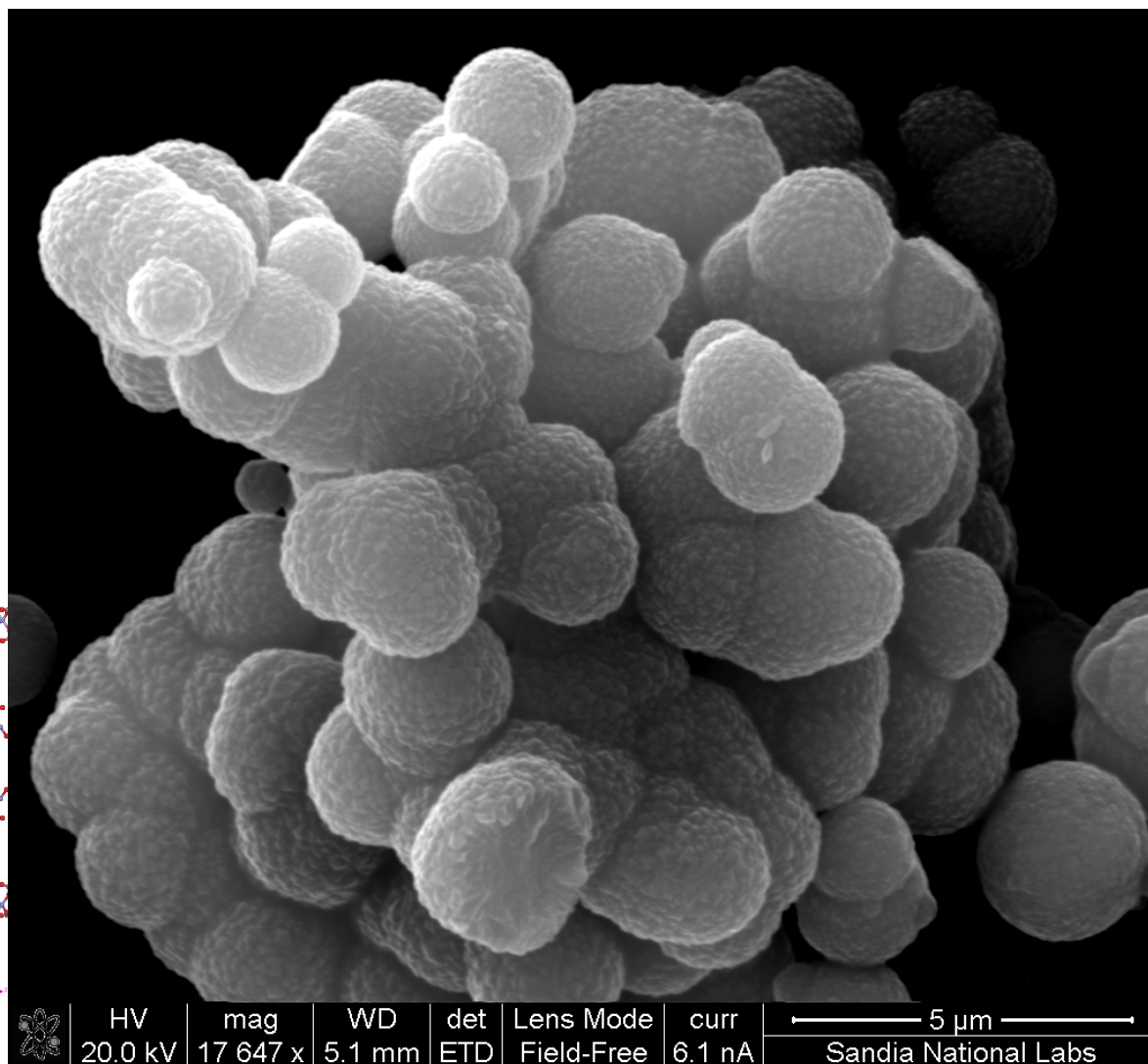
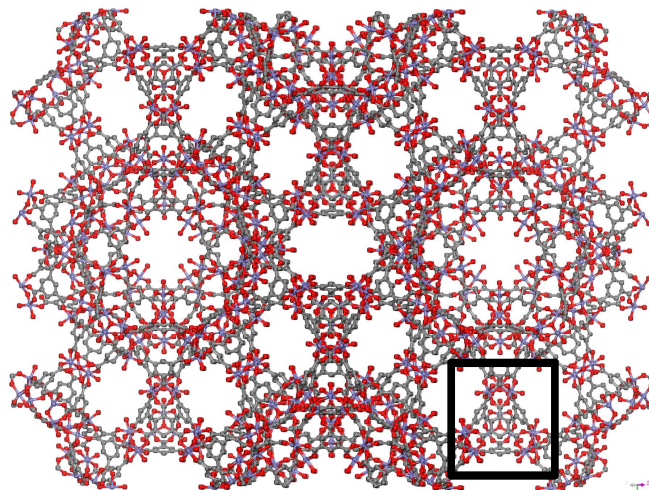
*US provisional Patent filed 2016*

## Sc-MIL-100

### *Unique synthesis:*

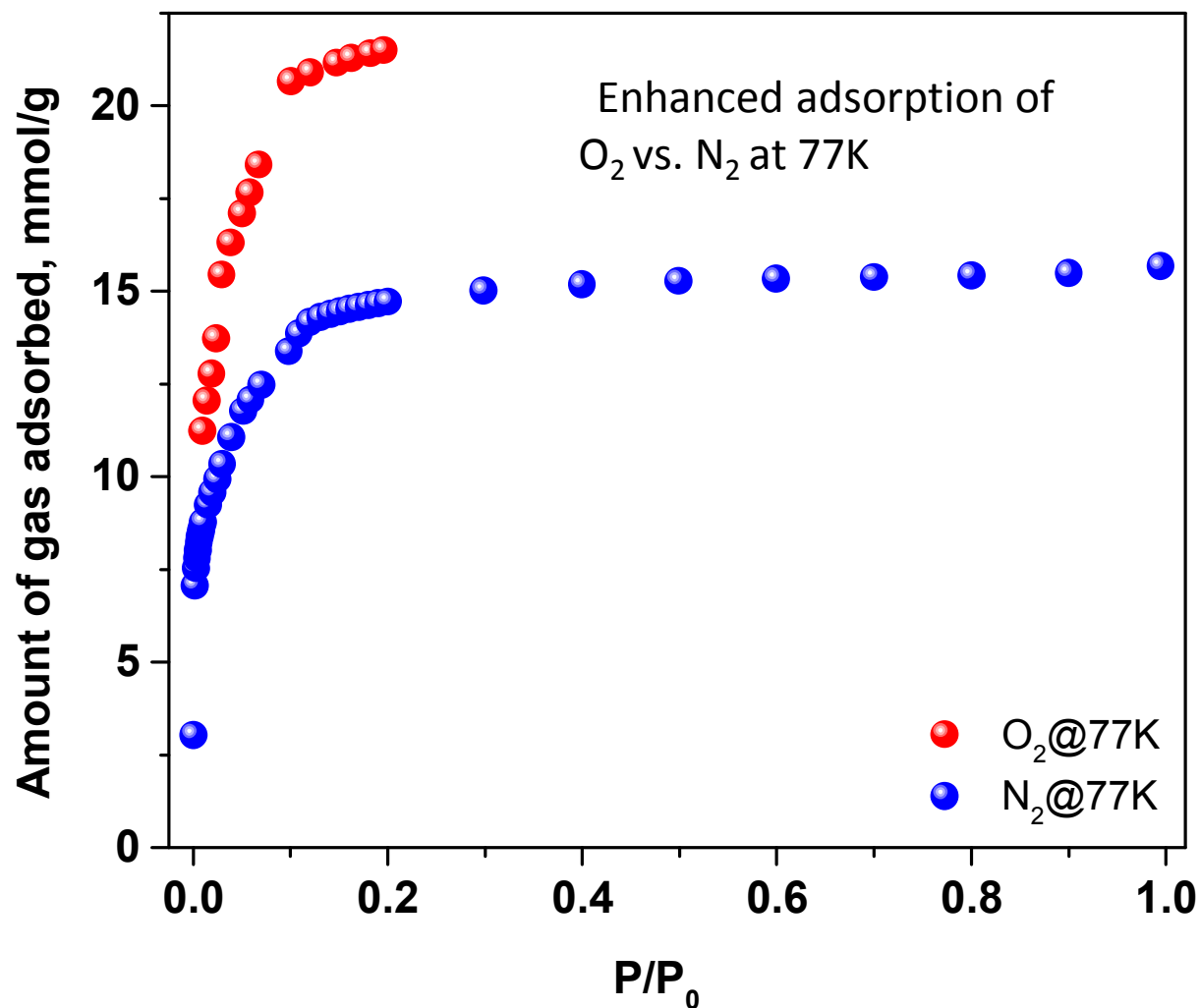
Mixed  $\text{Sc}(\text{NO}_3)_3 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  
1,3,5-benzetricarboxylic acid  
in N,N'-dimethylformamide and  
HCl.

Heated to 373K overnight



*Chem. Mater.* **2016**, 28(10), 3327-3336

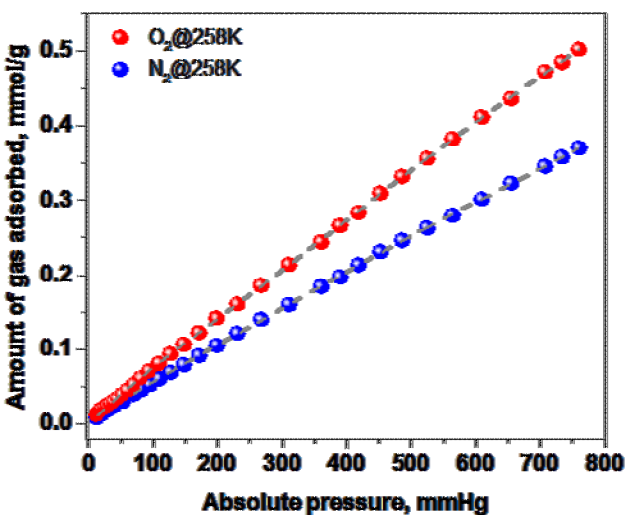
## Sc-MIL-100: Metal-Center has a role at 77K



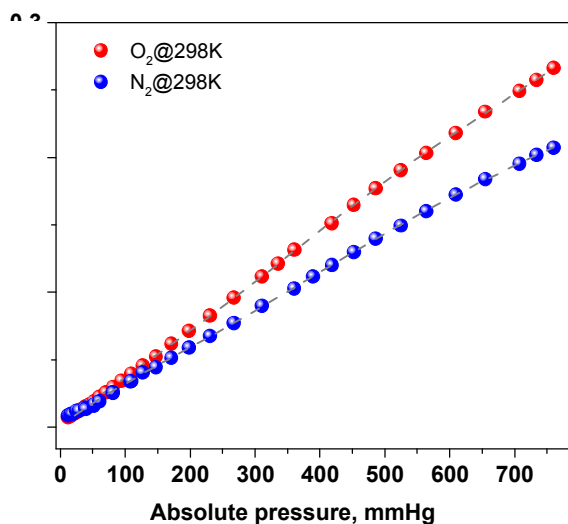
*How does Sc-MIL-100 behave at more realistic operational temperatures?*

# Sc-MIL-100: Enhanced Quantity of O<sub>2</sub> vs N<sub>2</sub> Adsorbed over Wide Temperature Range (at least to 313K)

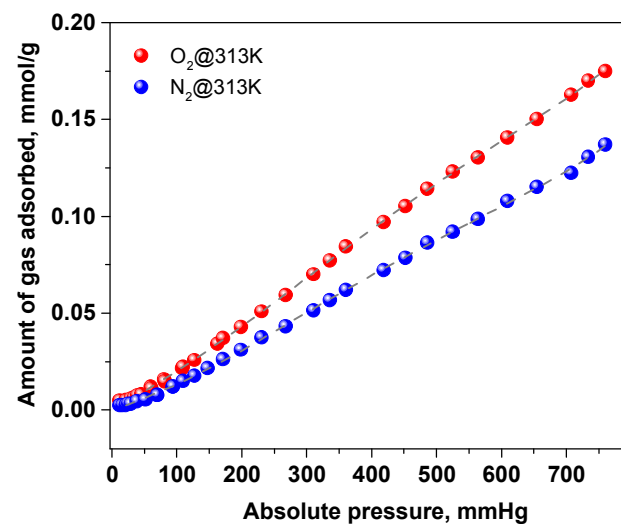
O<sub>2</sub> vs. N<sub>2</sub> @258K



O<sub>2</sub> vs. N<sub>2</sub> @298K



O<sub>2</sub> vs. N<sub>2</sub> @313K



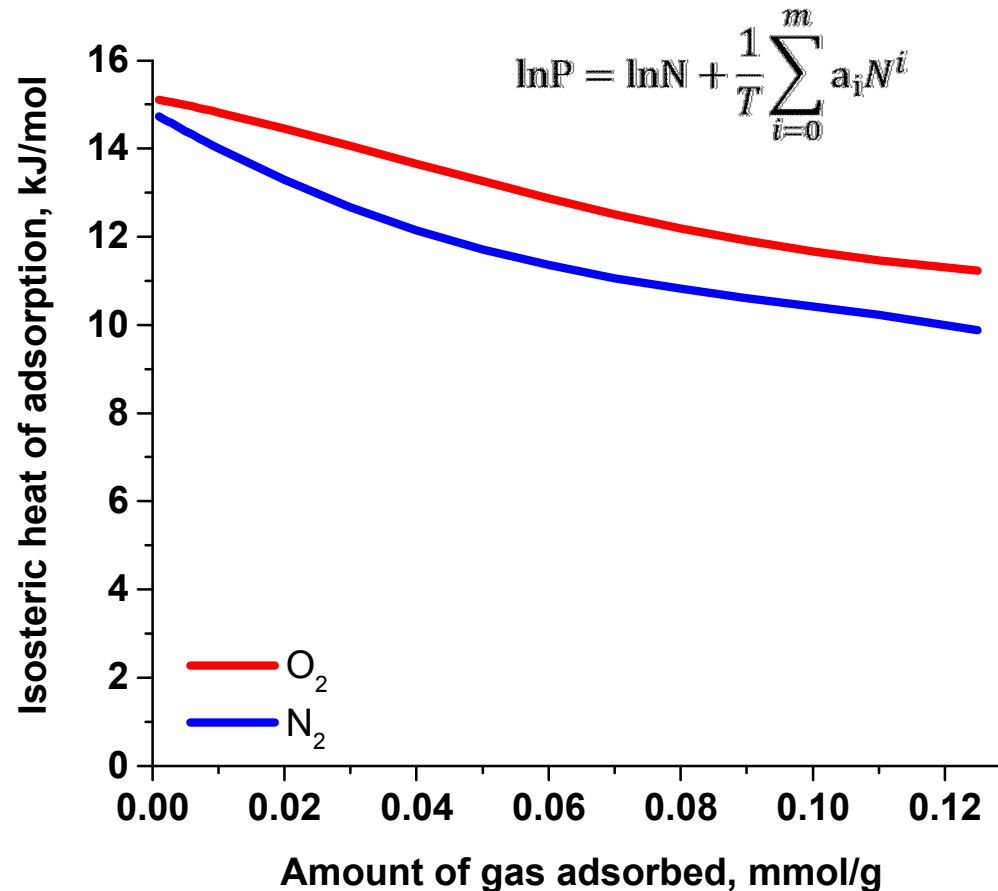
— Fit using the virial eq.

Isotherm trends mimic those predicted by GCMC

# Sc-MIL-100: Isosteric Heat of Adsorption (kJ/mol)

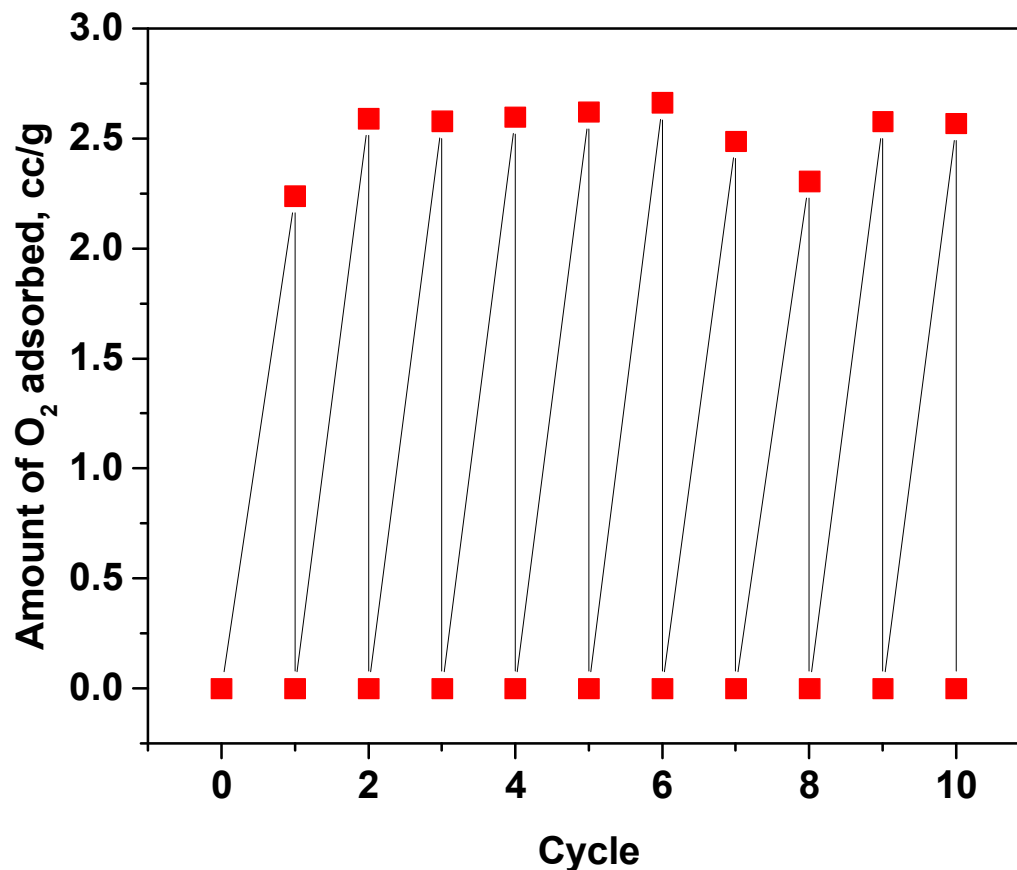
## Higher Binding Energy for O<sub>2</sub> vs N<sub>2</sub>

Q<sub>st</sub> derived from 258K, 298K and 313 K  
Independent Virial Fit HOA



# Sc-MIL-100 Performance: O<sub>2</sub> adsorption & Desorption over 10 cycles, 298 K, 1 atm

*US provisional Patent 2016*

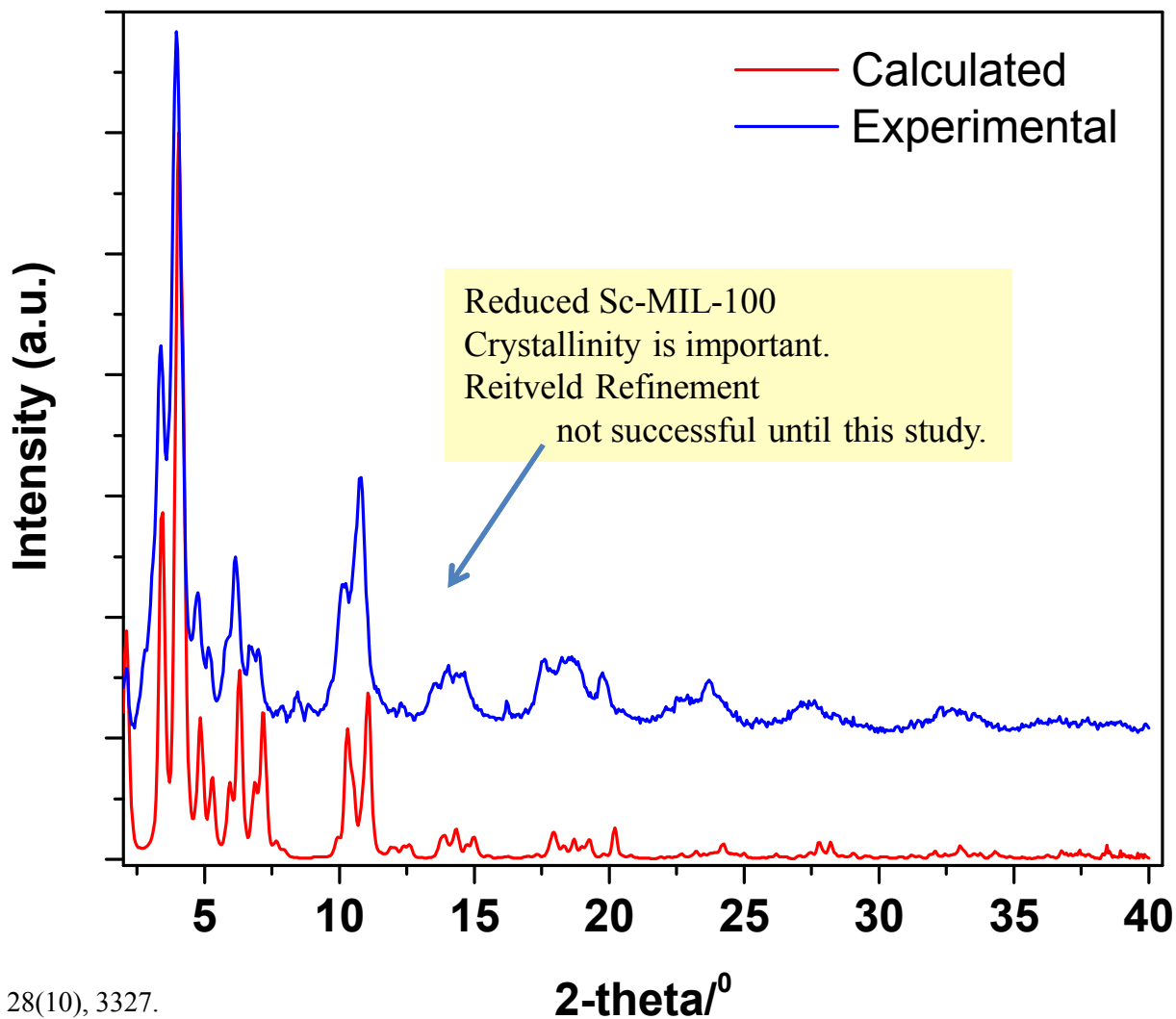


What about the structure is making Sc-MIL-100 O<sub>2</sub> strongly adsorbing?

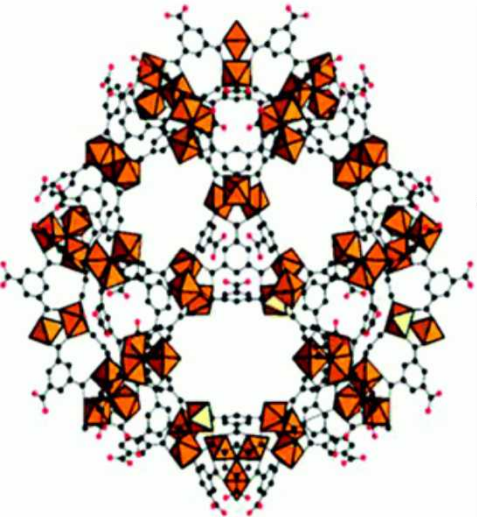


# Structure-Property Relationship Understanding of Sc-MIL-100 Oxygen Selectivity

High Energy Synchrotron X-ray, APS/ANL



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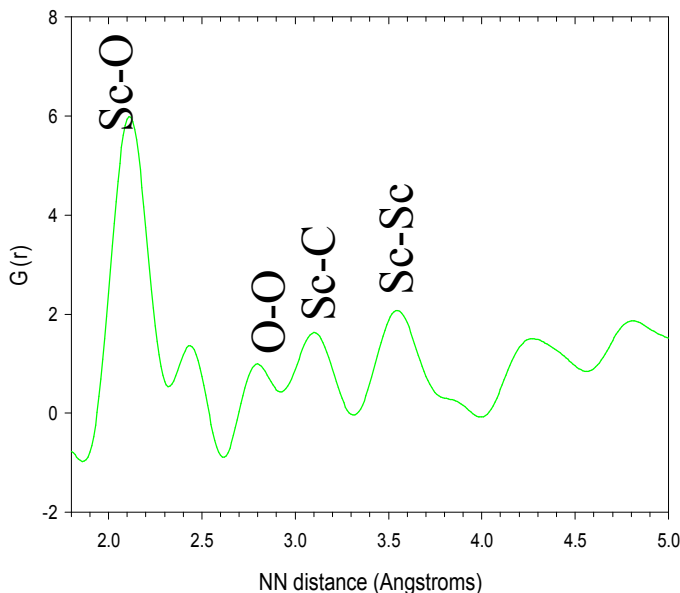


# Using d-PDF, Subtract out the ligands and study only the Metal Clusters

## d-PDF peak analysis

Bond	NN distance (Å)	Area	FWHM (Å)
<b>Sc-O</b>	<b>2.11</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.19</b>
O-O	2.81	0.3	0.22
Sc-C	3.08	0.8	0.26
Sc-Sc	3.53	0.5	0.24

d-Pair Distribution Function (d-PDF)



Peaks shifted to longer distances  
Consistent with larger Sc incorporation  
(vs. Cr-MIL-100)

- Oxo-centered trimers at nodes of MIL-100 framework inferred from M-O and M...M distances
- Narrow Sc-O peak = narrow Distribution of bond lengths
- Single M-O bond length (M-O( $\mu_3$ ) or M-O (carboxylate)), suggests **M-O-M angle of 113°**  
<< 120° of a planer trimer

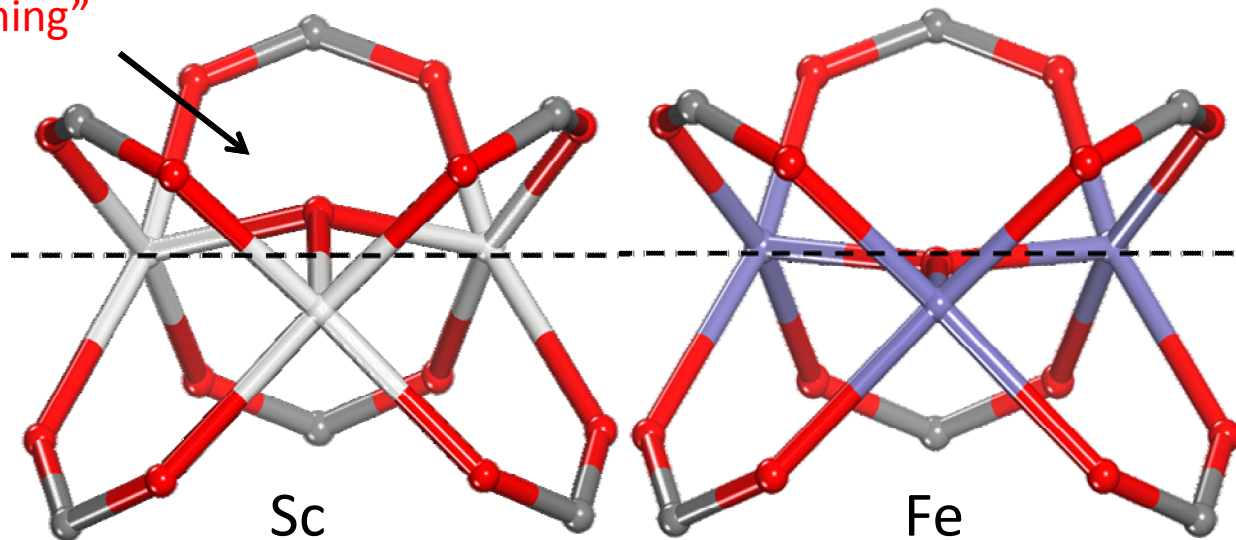
# Sc-MIL-100: Structure-Property relationship evaluated.

## Preferred O<sub>2</sub> sorption – Large Sc Distorts Cluster

Large size of Sc atom requires **out of plane distortion** in the ozo trimer of the O( $\mu_3$ ) atom.

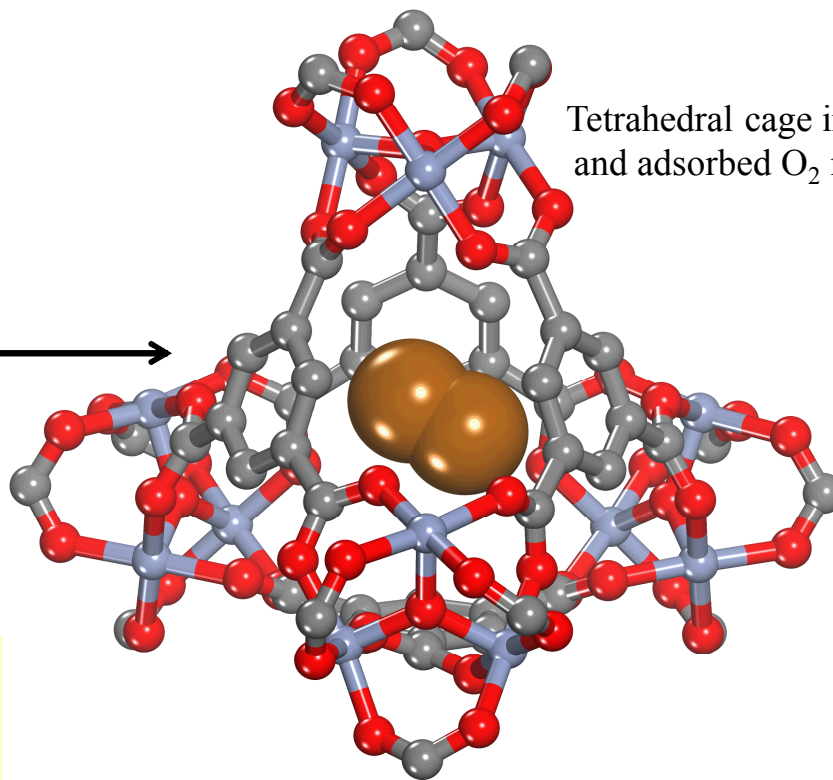
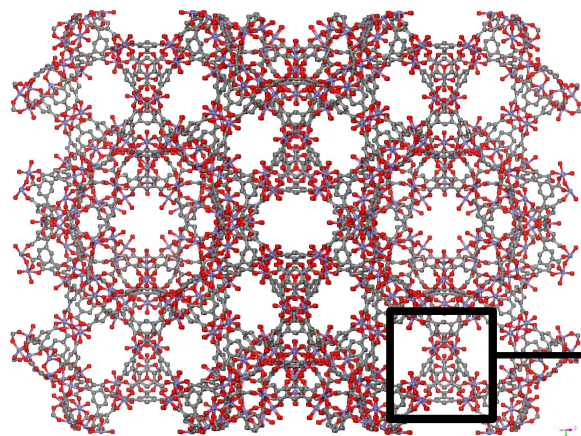
Resultant “**puckering**” of trimer and “bending” of ligand is  
probable route for enhanced O<sub>2</sub> sorption / insertion in Sc-MIL-100

“tulip opening”



Rietveld refinement unit cell for Sc-MIL-100:  $a = 74.518(31) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $R = 10.7\%$

# Sc-MIL-100: Probable Sc-O binding sites



GCMC-equilibrated configurations:  
Cage and pore occupancy  
as determined at 298K and 1 bar

P (bar)	Gas	# in Cage	# in Pore	Total
1	N <sub>2</sub>	21	27	48
1	O <sub>2</sub>	47	20	67



# Conclusions

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- Multidisciplinary teaming allows for in-depth understanding of materials structure-properties
- The collaborative use of DFT and AIMD enabled the prediction and understanding of metals needed in MOFs for selective gas binding
- **Sc-MIL-100**: Early transition metal MOFs show **preference for O<sub>2</sub> vs N<sub>2</sub>** over wide temperature range (up to at least 313K), as confirmed by isosteric heats of adsorption.
- Modeling pointed us toward Sc based MOFs for O<sub>2</sub> preferential adsorption, chemistry, crystallography, & gas testing explained why the material worked well.
- **On-going Research:**
  - Techno-economic Analysis Model* for ion exchange resins in silica removal from Industrial Water Recycle and
  - Burner Design* to Oxyfuel combustion applications
  - Novel MOFs* designed for Fission Gas Separations



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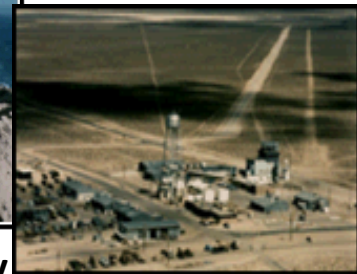
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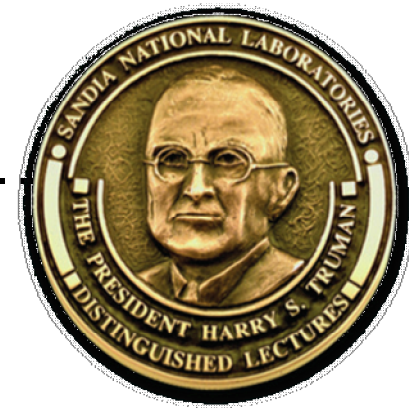


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## Requirements:

Candidates must meet the following requirements:

- Ph.D. awarded within the past three years at the time of application or completed Ph.D. requirements; with strong academic achievement and evidence of exceptional technical accomplishment, leadership, and ability to team effectively
- Candidates must be seeking their first national laboratory appointment (no previous postdoc at a national laboratory)
- **Ability to obtain a DOE security clearance, which requires US citizenship**

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# Questions? / Thank you

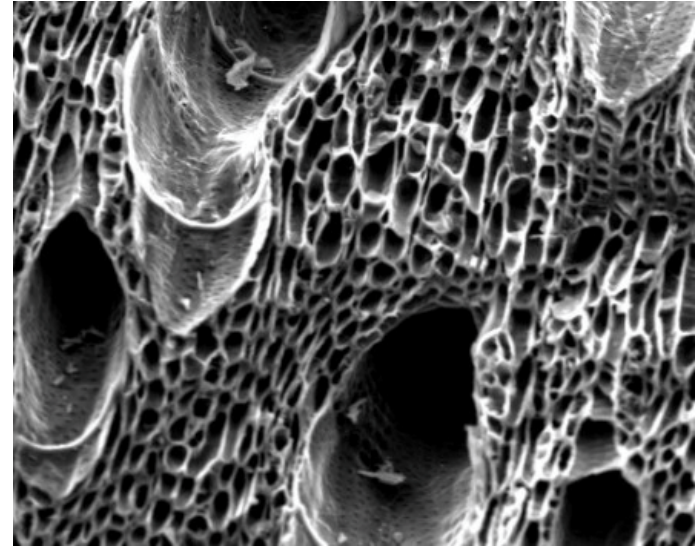
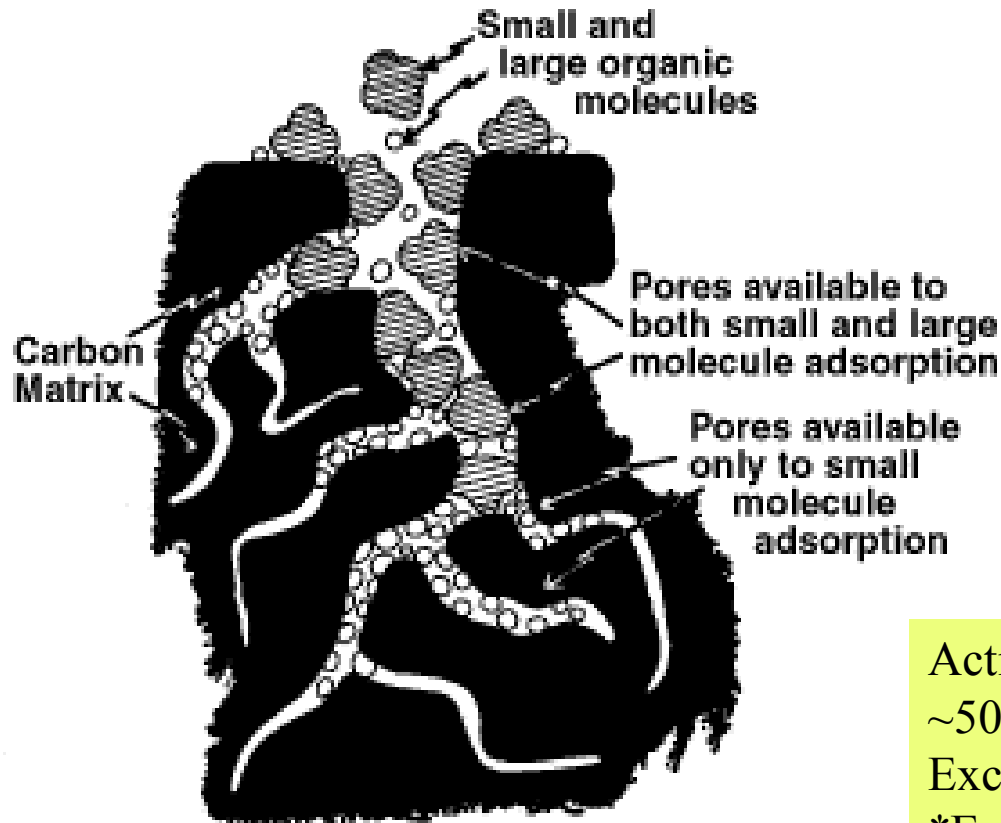
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# Extra Slides



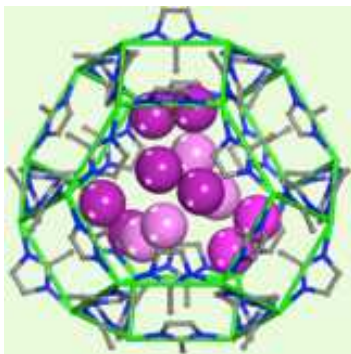
# Amorphous Carbon/Activated Charcoal: Active Capture of Iodine, and *Everything* else



Activated Charcoals have mesoscale porosity,  
~500 m<sup>2</sup>/g surface area  
Exceptional adsorption, but no selectivity  
\*Easily “clogged”\*

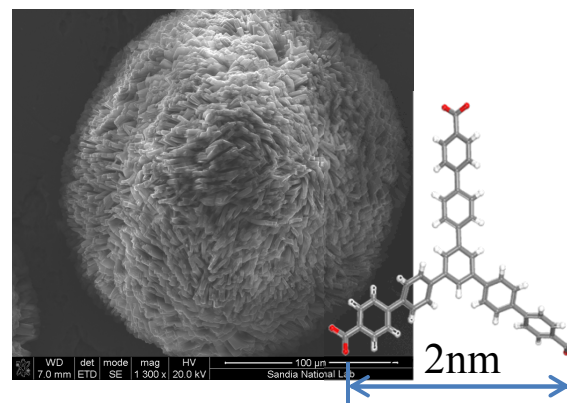
Most Charcoals are organic based,  
Contain substantial quantities of natural iodine

# $I_2$ @MOFs Sensors, to date...



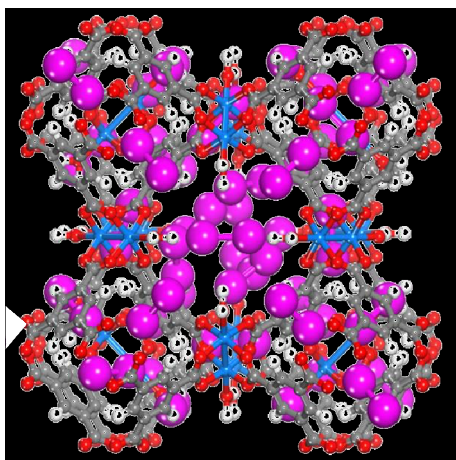
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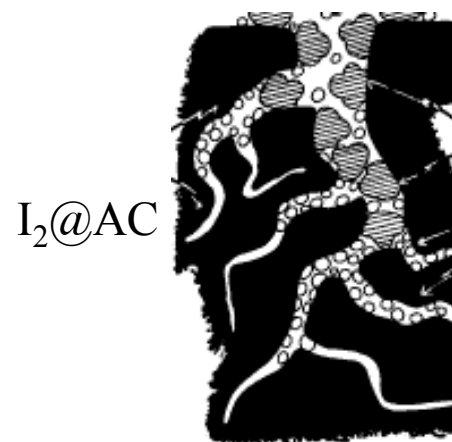
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$I_2$ @AC

- $I_2$  has a low vapor pressure and is highly polarizable, once adsorbed into MOF
- Screen printed onto patterned array of IDE
- Impedance spectra measured *in real time* as the MOF is exposed to gas vapor at varying temperatures to **tune responses**.



# Conclusion

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*Fission Gas selectivity for Capture and Storage is highly dependent upon local nanoscale interactions*

Use of **impedance spectroscopy** enables direct electrical readout of iodine gas presence,  
in ambient conditions of temperature and humidity  
this is due to the *highly polarizable nature of  $I_2$*

Success with IS is ensured due to the ability to test 100 kHz – 1 Hz in 10 s using FFT methods

**Oxygen Separations Materials:**