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# **Guest-Induced Electrical Conductivity in Metal-Organic Frameworks**

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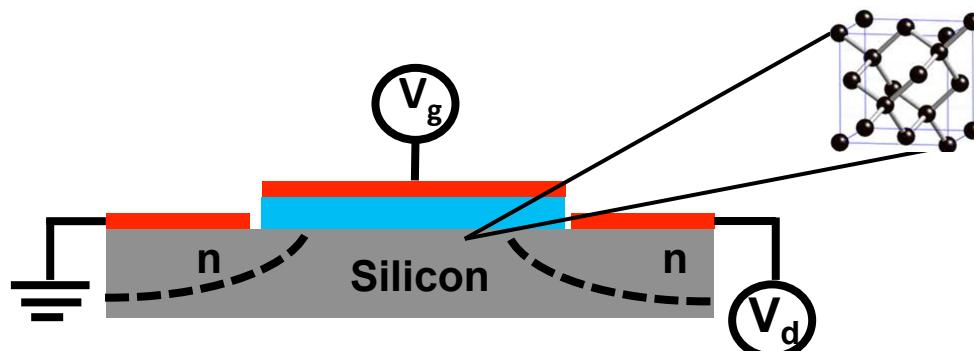
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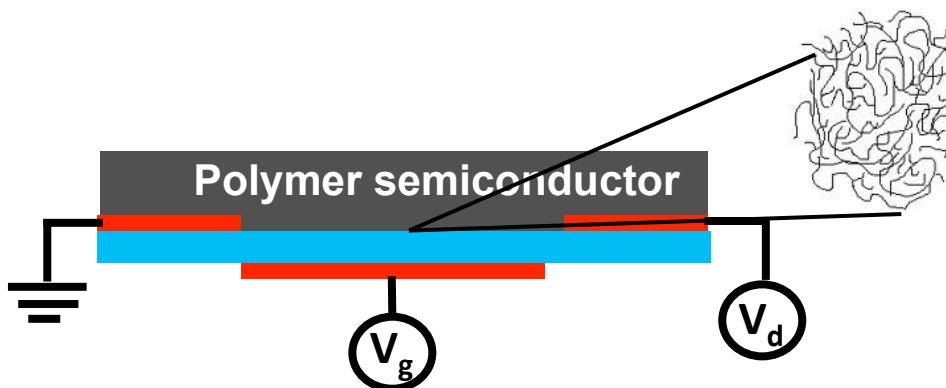
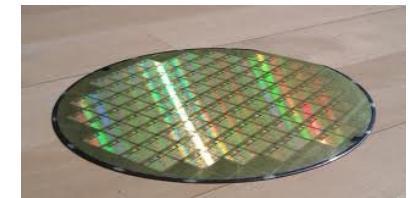


# Inorganic vs. organic conducting materials: the best and the worst of two worlds



## Crystalline inorganic semiconductors

- High mobility
- Stability
- High cost
- Non-flexible
- Limited tailorability
- Radiation damage



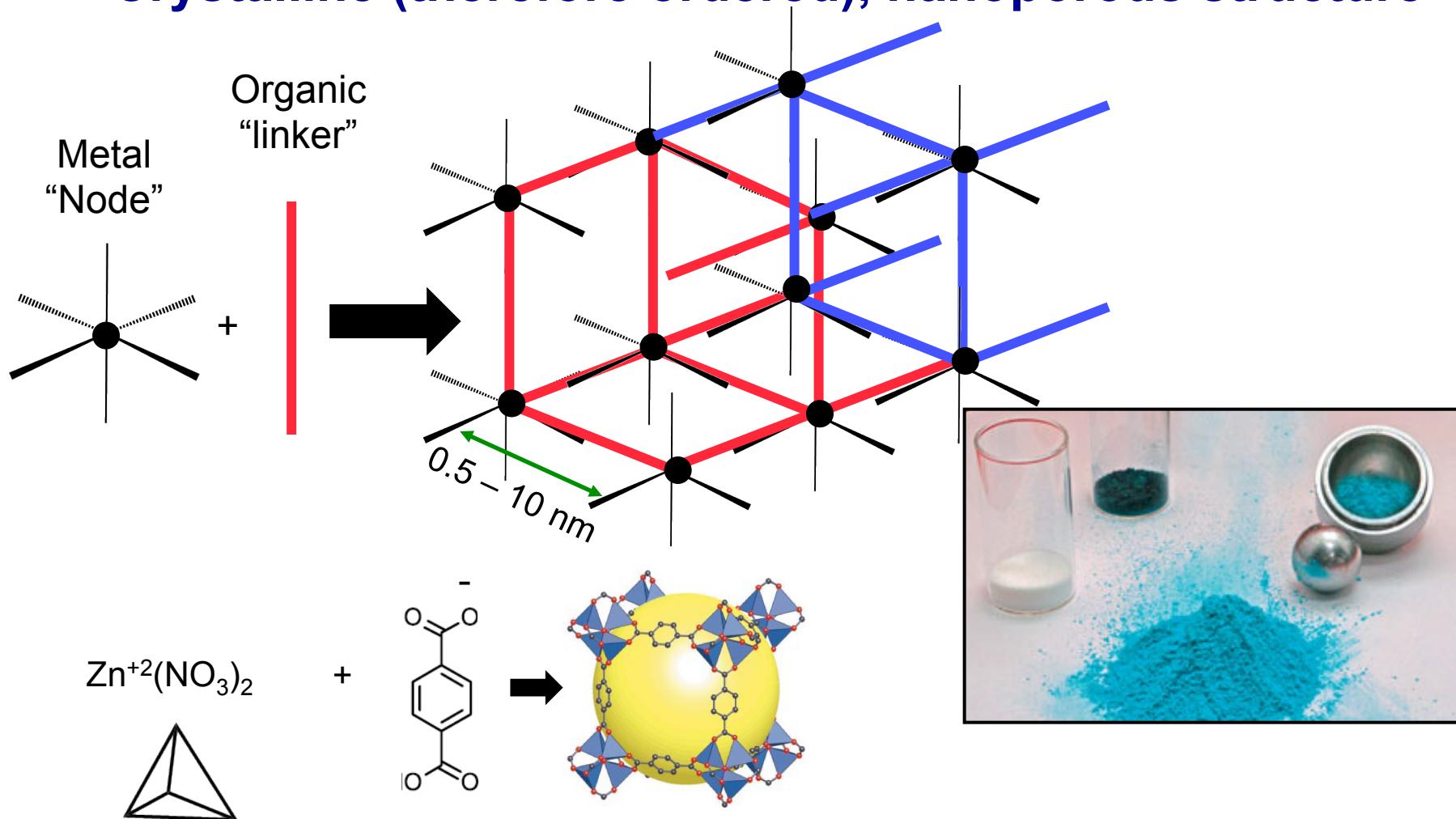
## Disordered organic semiconductors

- Flexible
- Tunable w/ chemistry
- Low cost fabrication
- Poor mobility
- Instability
- Low free carrier densities



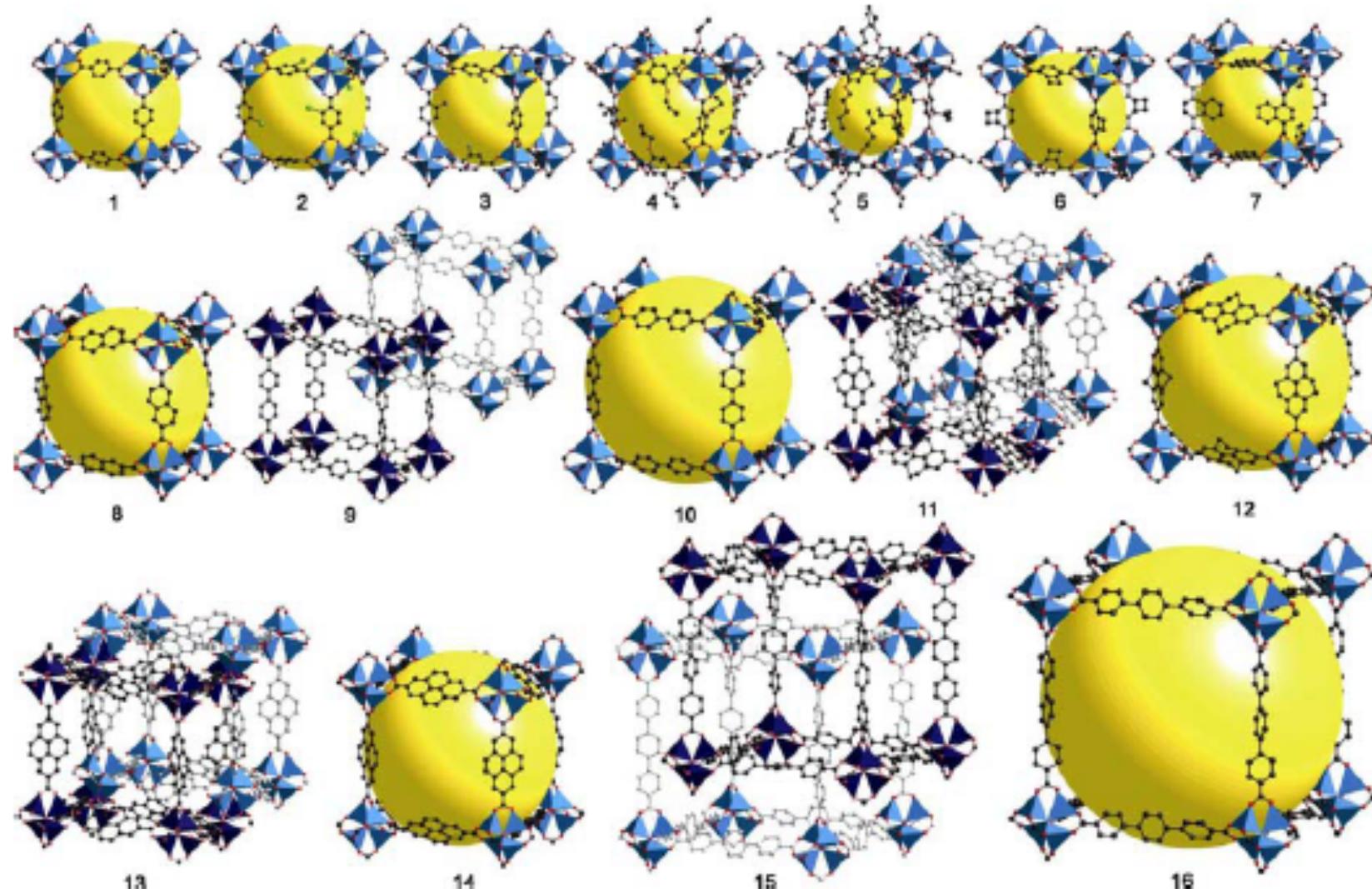
# What is a Metal-Organic Framework?

**Crystalline (therefore ordered), nanoporous structure**



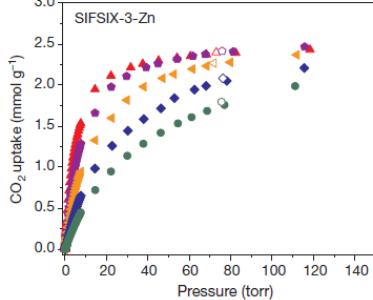
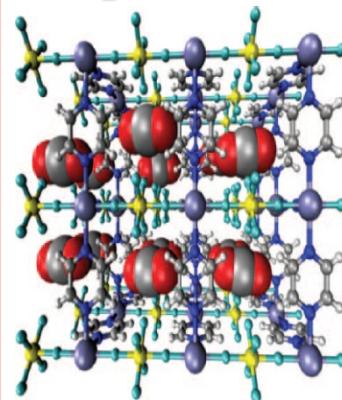
# MOFs are a subset of a growing category of self-assembled, nanoporous materials

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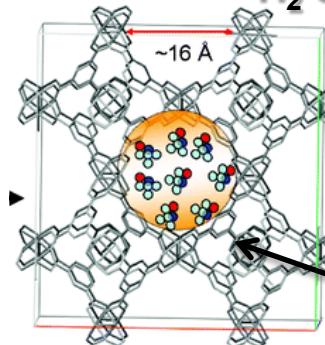
# MOFs are attractive for gas storage, catalysis, separations, ionic conductors

## CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration



Nugent et al., Nature 495, 83 2013

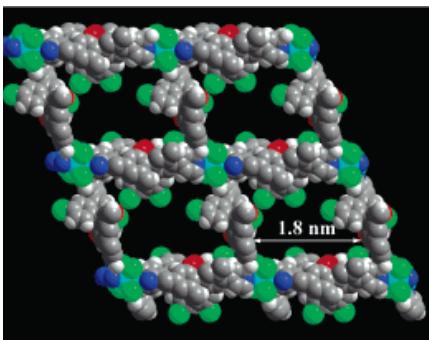
## H<sub>2</sub> storage



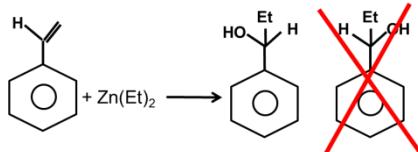
NaAlH<sub>4</sub>

Bhakta, Allendorf et al., JACS 131, 13198, 2009

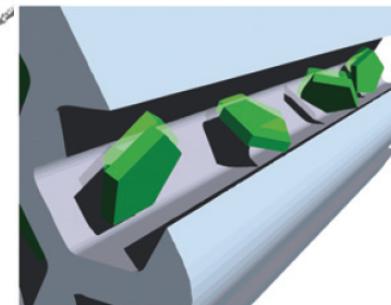
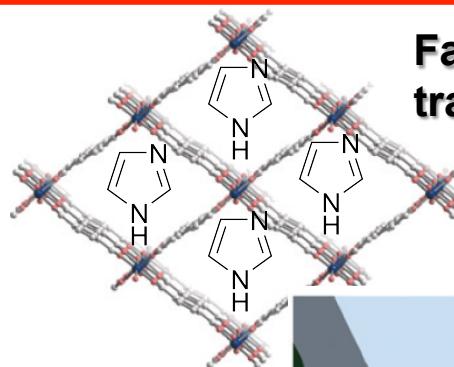
## Catalysis



Wu, Hu,  
Zhang, Lin  
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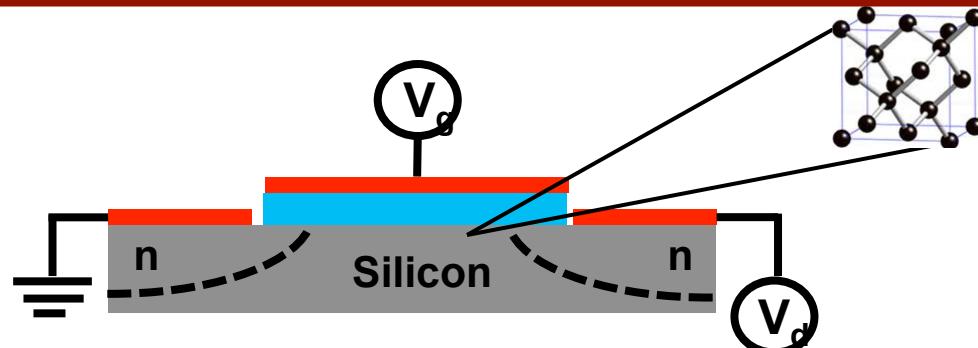


## Fast H<sup>+</sup> transport



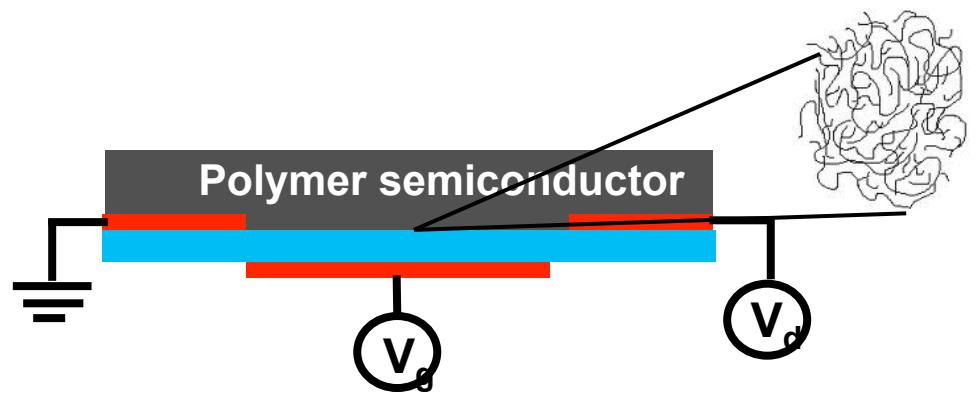
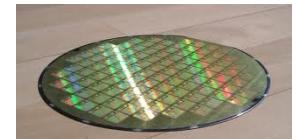
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# Can the high performance of inorganic semiconductors with the tailorability of organic materials be achieved using MOFs?



## Crystalline inorganic semiconductor

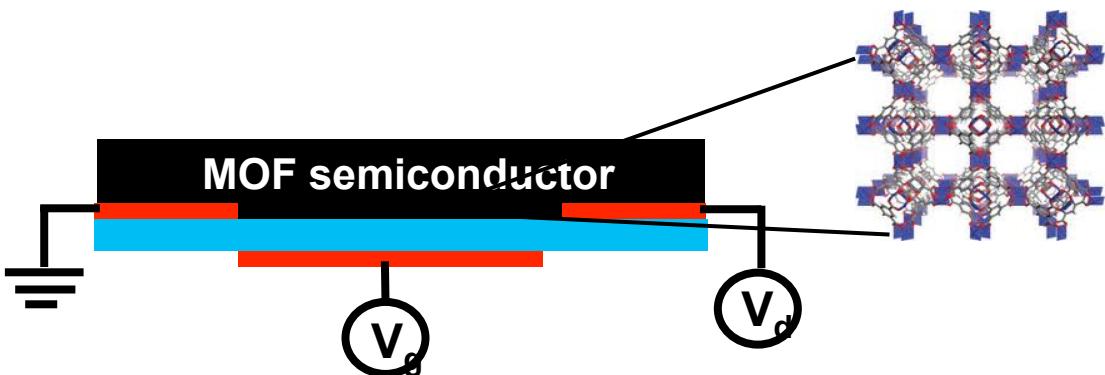
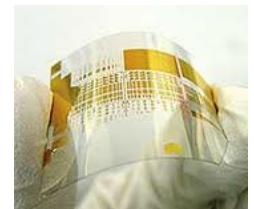
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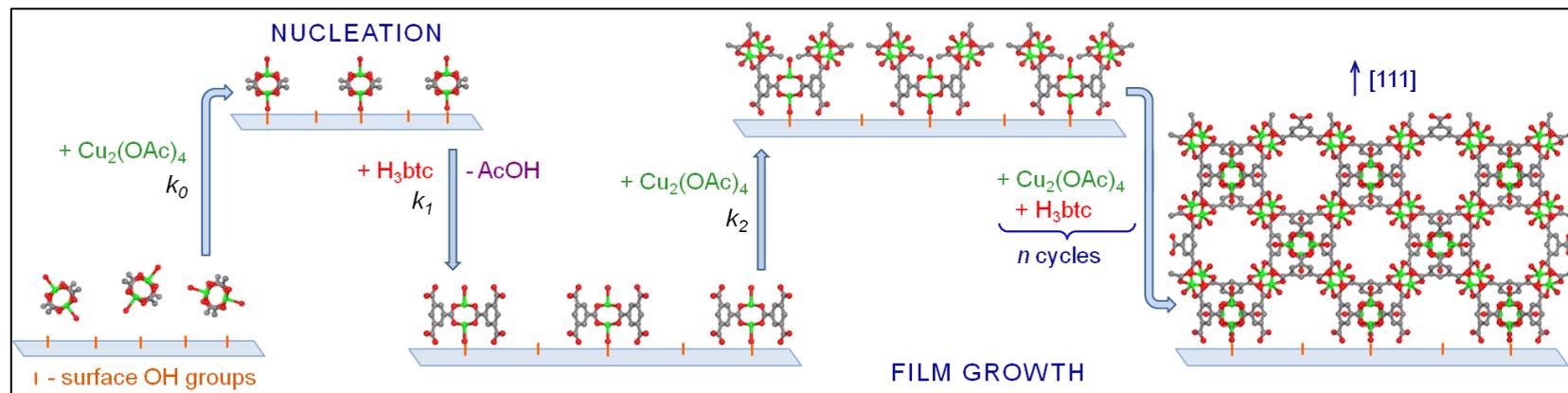
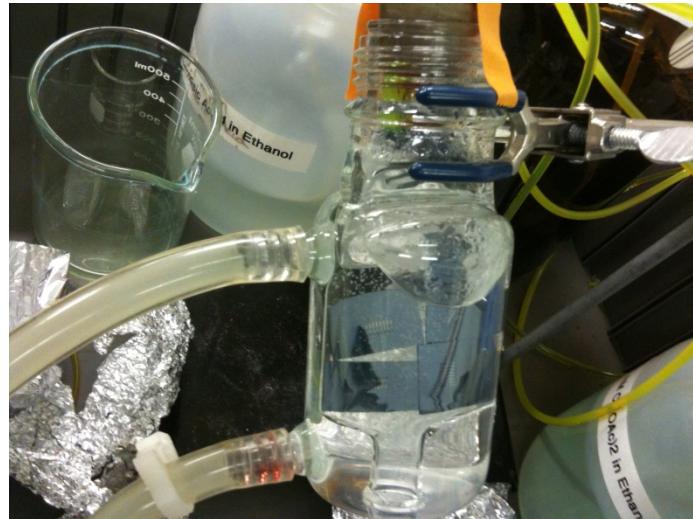
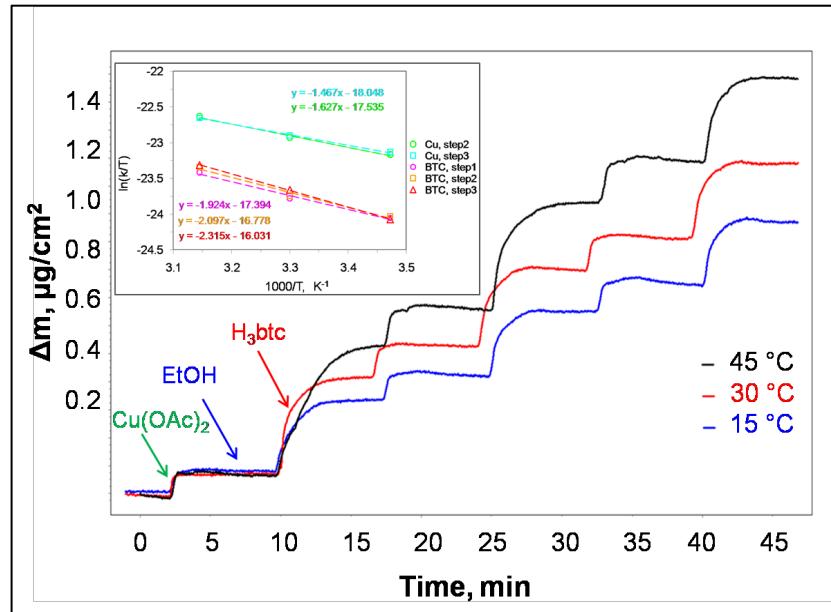


## Crystalline MOF semiconductor

- Structurally flexible
- Tunable w/ chemistry
- Scalable to nanometers
- Low cost fabrication
- Reconfigurable electronics
- Rad-hard
- Novel electronic material

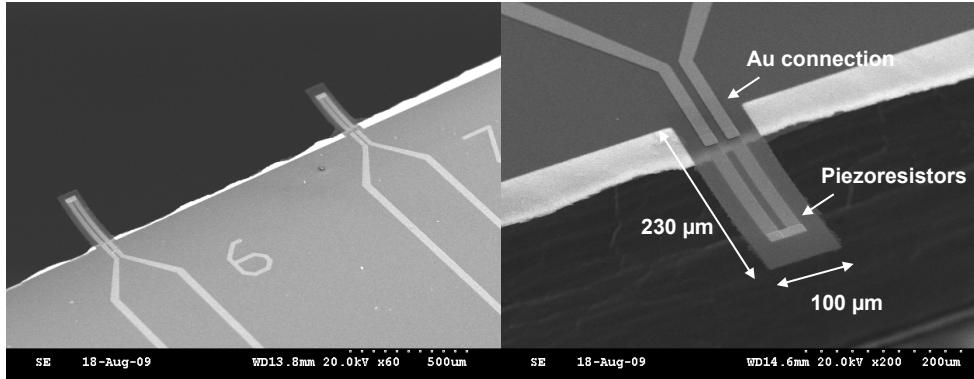
**MOFs combine features of inorganic and organic materials**

# Thin film growth for MOF device applications

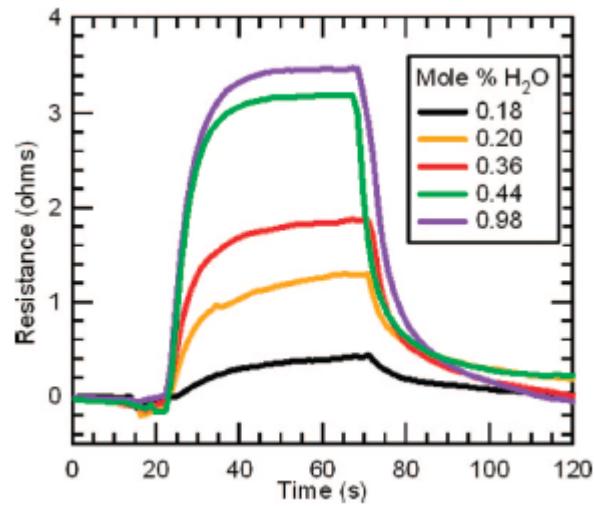
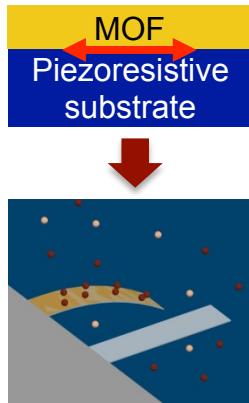


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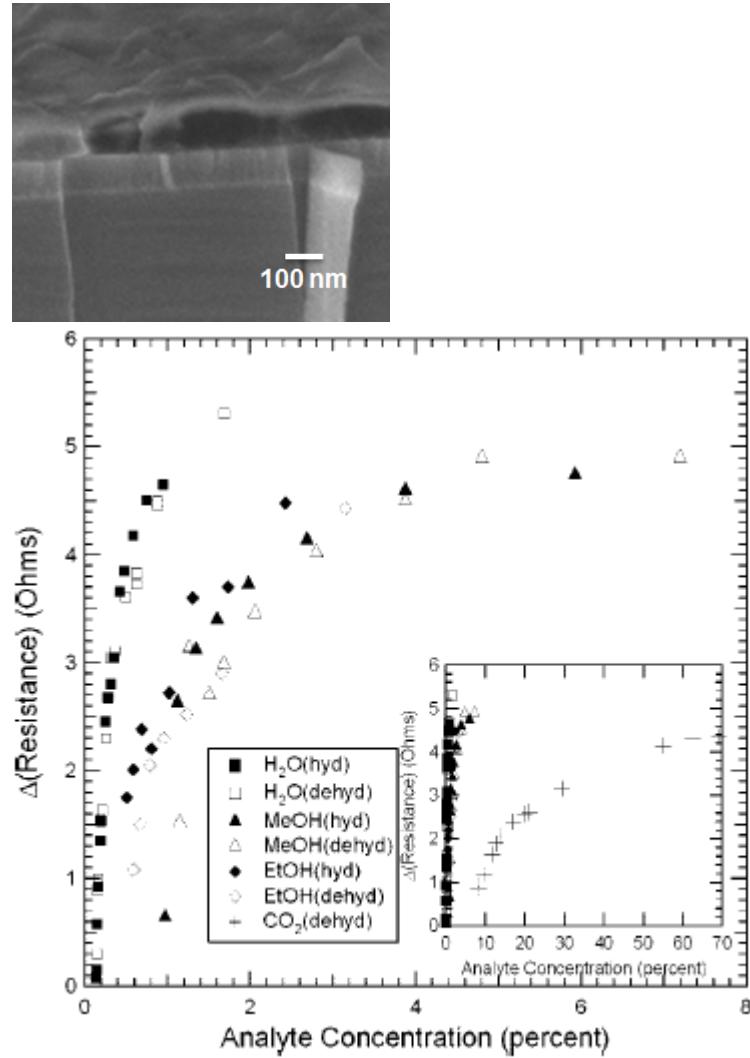
# MOF films make sensitive, selective gas sensors



Microcantilevers (fg sensitivity)



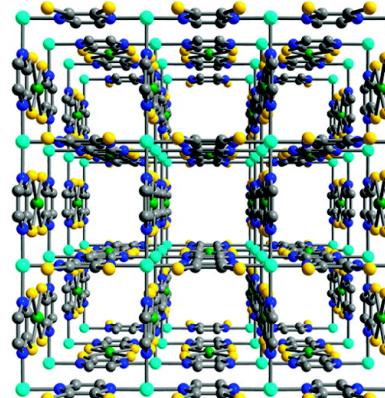
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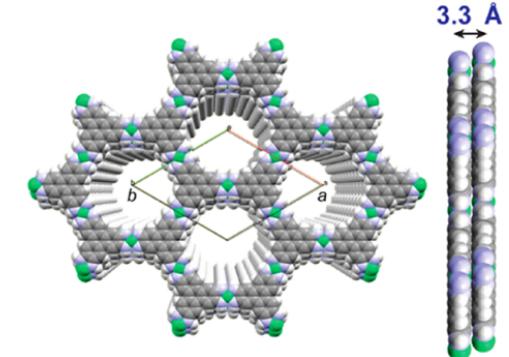
# Electrically conducting porous MOFs are rare



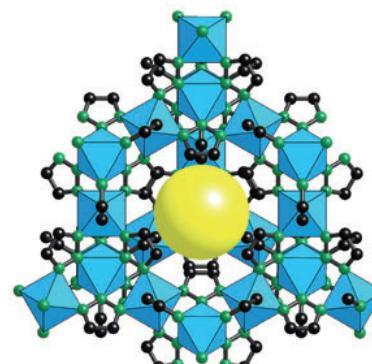
- **p-type Cu-Ni Dithiolene MOF**
- **MET-3 (Fe-triazolate MOF)**
- **Mn(thiophenol) MOF:  $(-\text{Mn}-\text{S}-)^\infty$  chains**
- **Metal-Organic Graphene analogues (MOGs)**



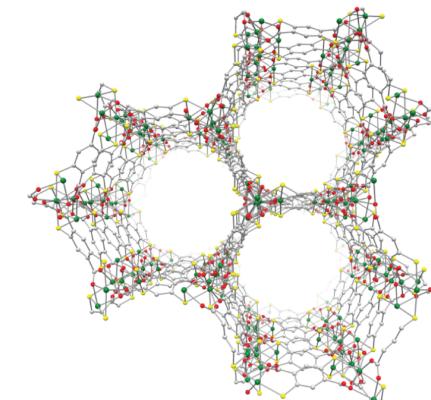
Y. Kobayashi et al.  
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$\text{Ni}_3(\text{HITP})_2$  MOF  
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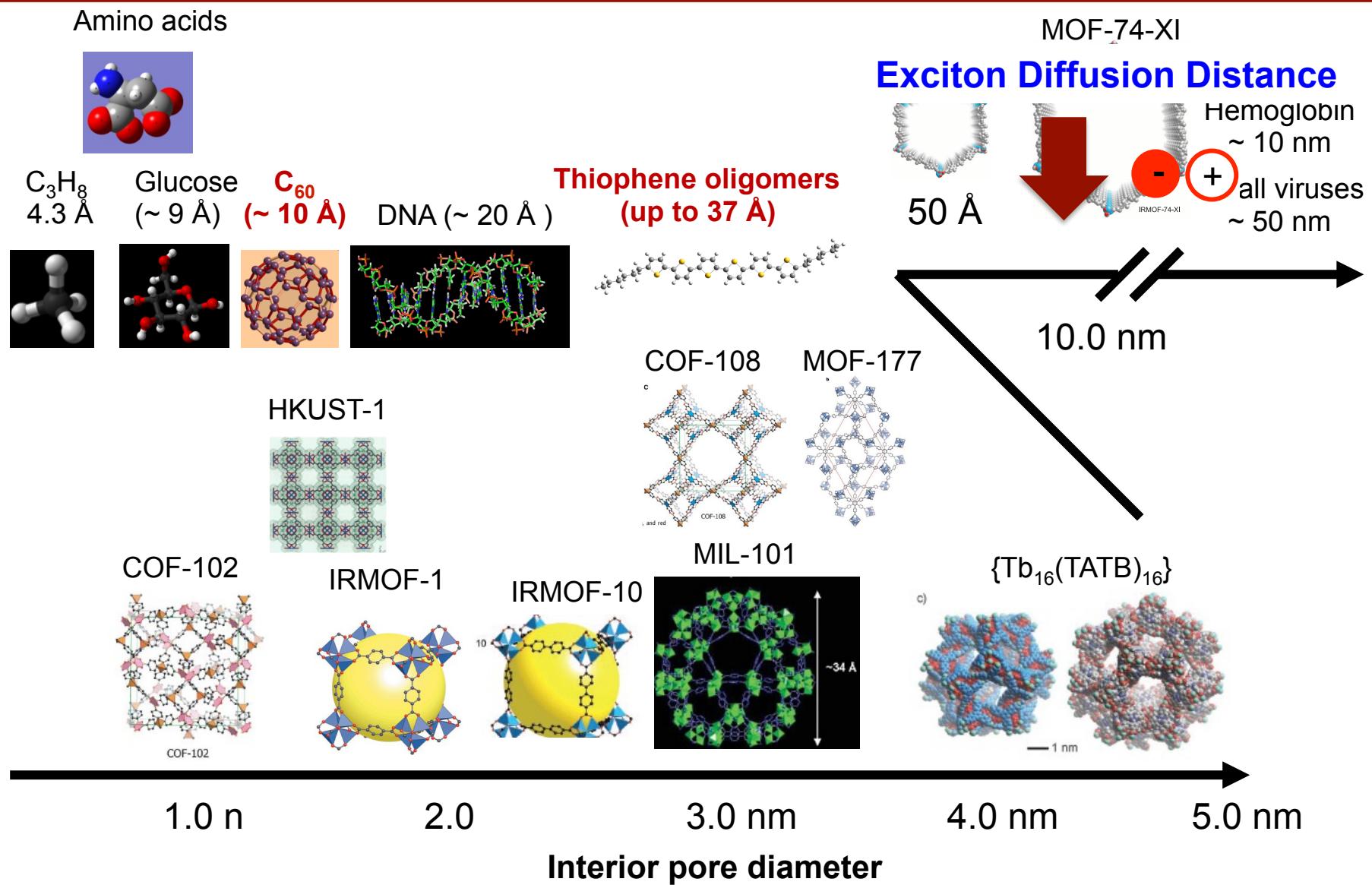


MET-3 (Fe)  
G  ndara et al.  
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18, 10595



Mn(thiophenol) MOF  
L. Sun et al.  
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Guest molecule + MOF → ordered, tunable  
platform for controlling interactions at the nanoscale



# Cu-TCNQ is a well-known conducting coordination polymer

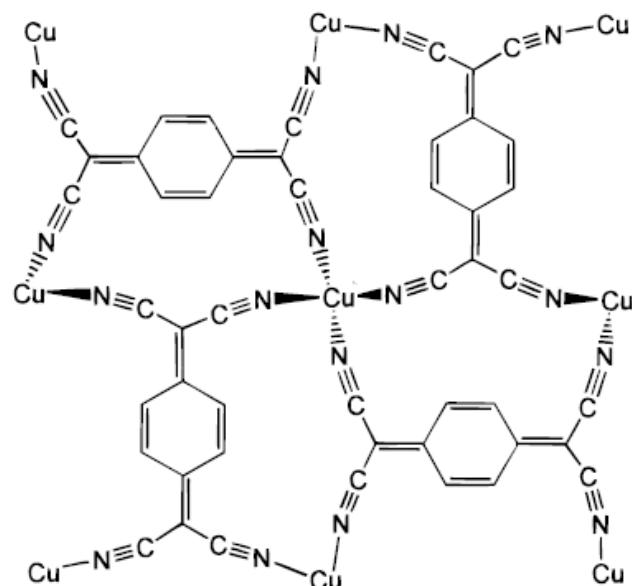
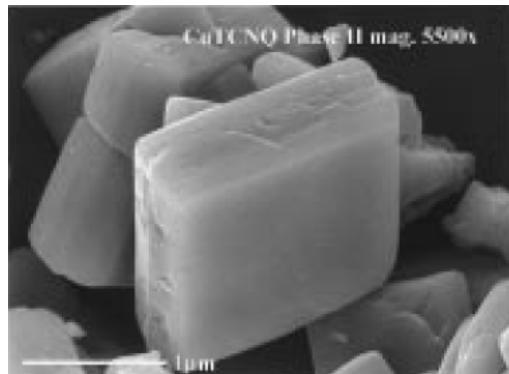
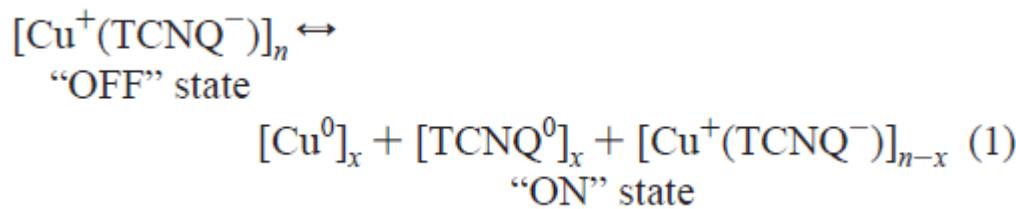


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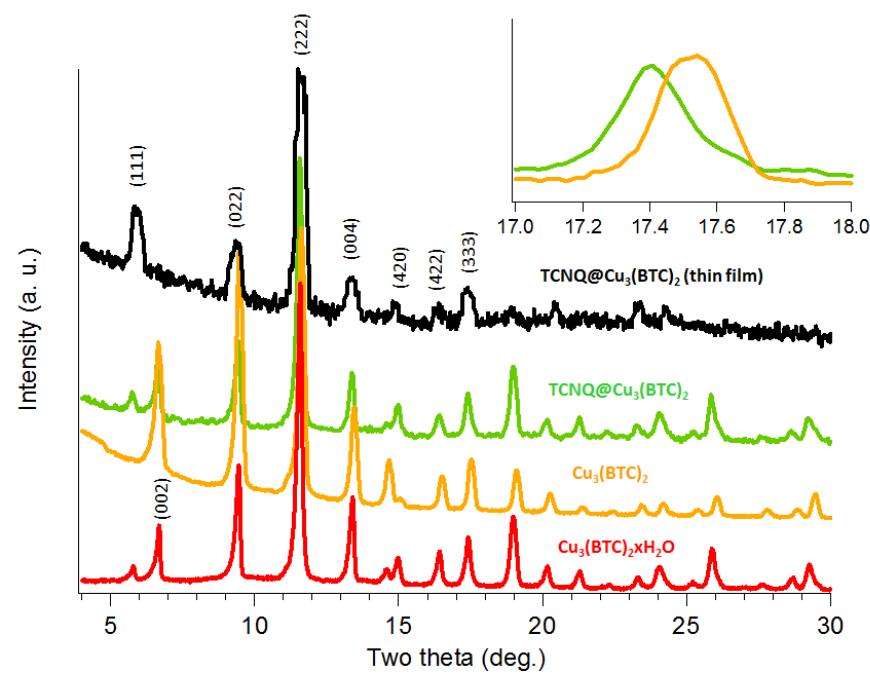
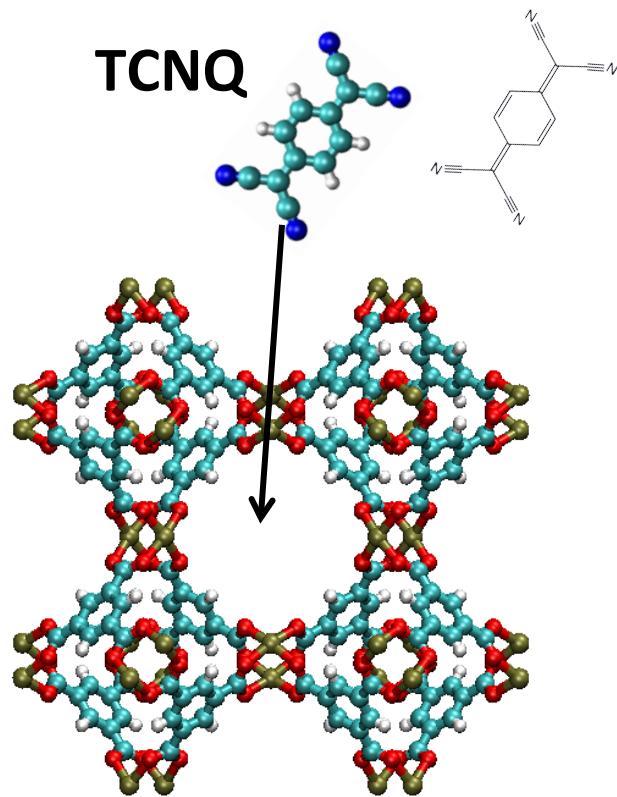
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## New Insight into the Nature of Cu(TCNQ): Solution Routes to Two Distinct Polymorphs and Their Relationship to Crystalline Films That Display Bistable Switching Behavior

Robert A. Heintz,<sup>†</sup> Hanhua Zhao,<sup>†</sup> Xiang Ouyang,<sup>†</sup> Giulio Grandinetti,<sup>†</sup> Jerry Cowen,<sup>‡</sup> and Kim R. Dunbar<sup>\*,†</sup>

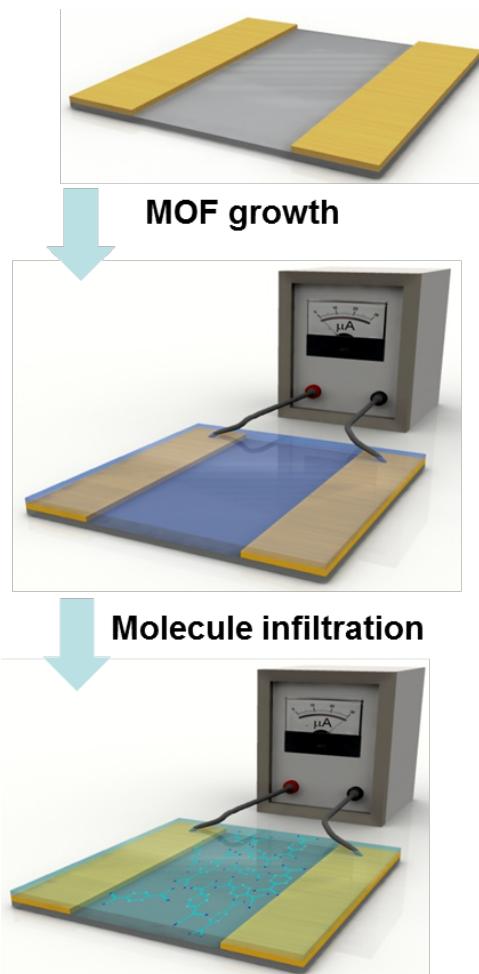


# Guest@MOF: Emergent properties by infiltrating with guest molecules?

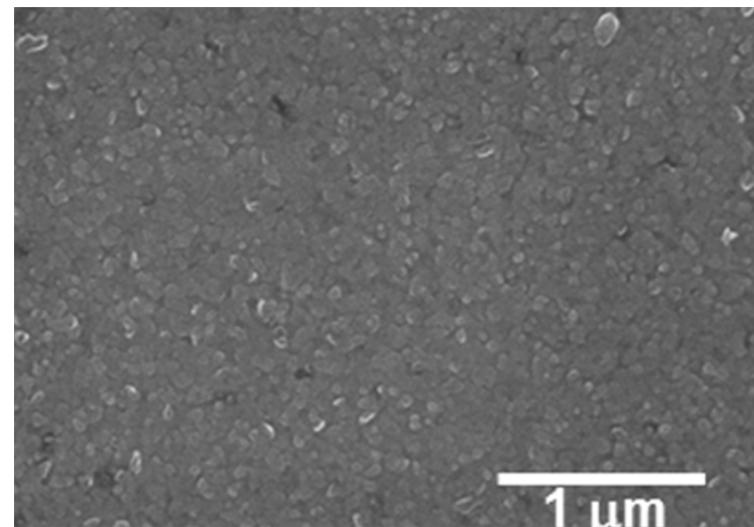


TCNQ loading:  $\sim 1$  molecule/large pore

# TCNQ $\rightarrow$ Cu<sub>2</sub>(BTC)<sub>3</sub> leads to color change...



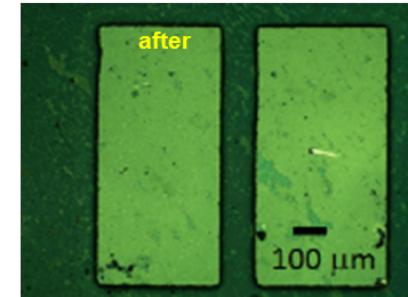
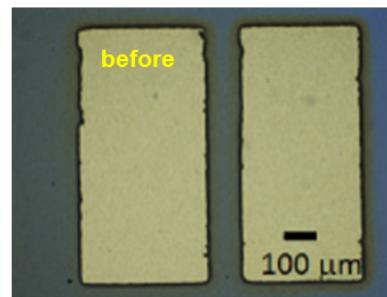
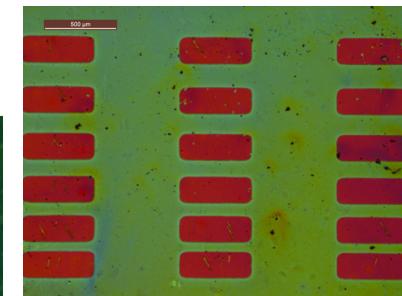
MOF film grown by layer-by-layer method



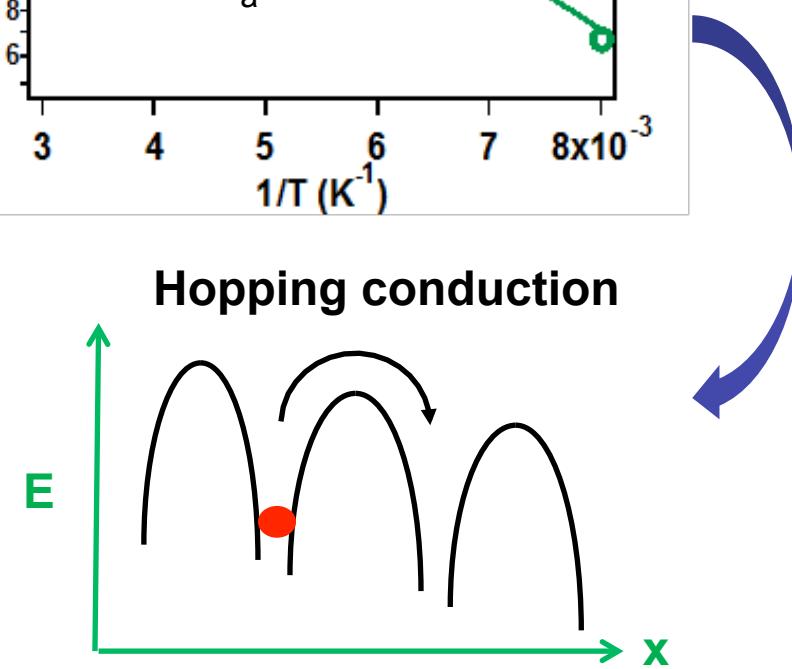
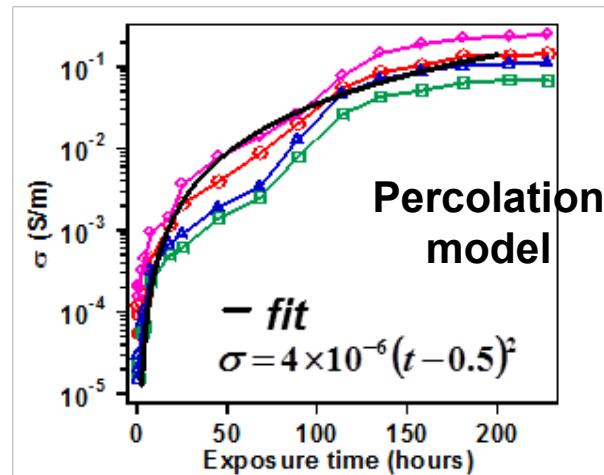
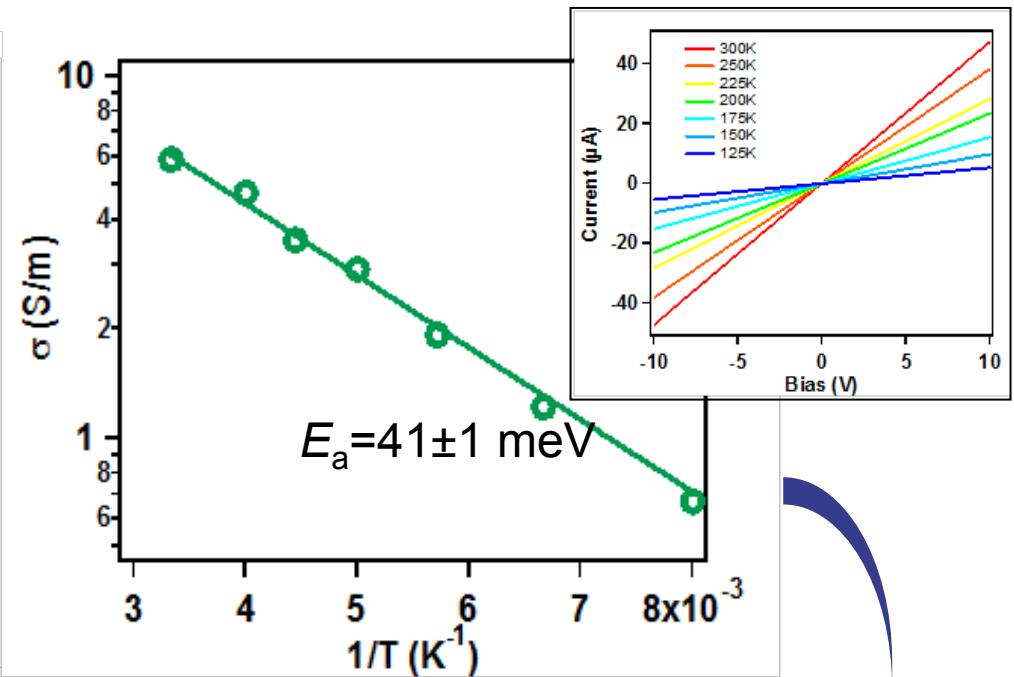
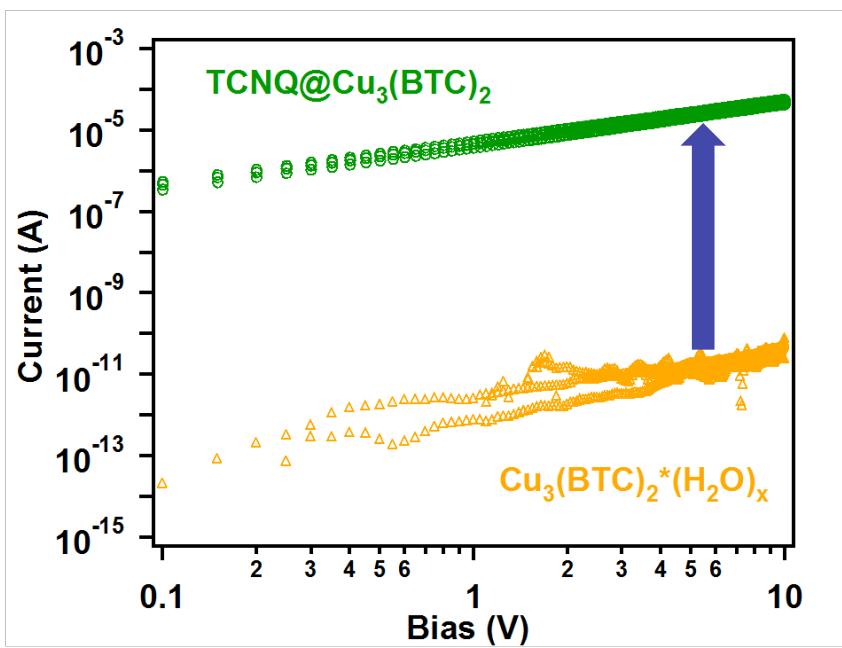
MOF film on SiO<sub>x</sub> with Pt electrodes



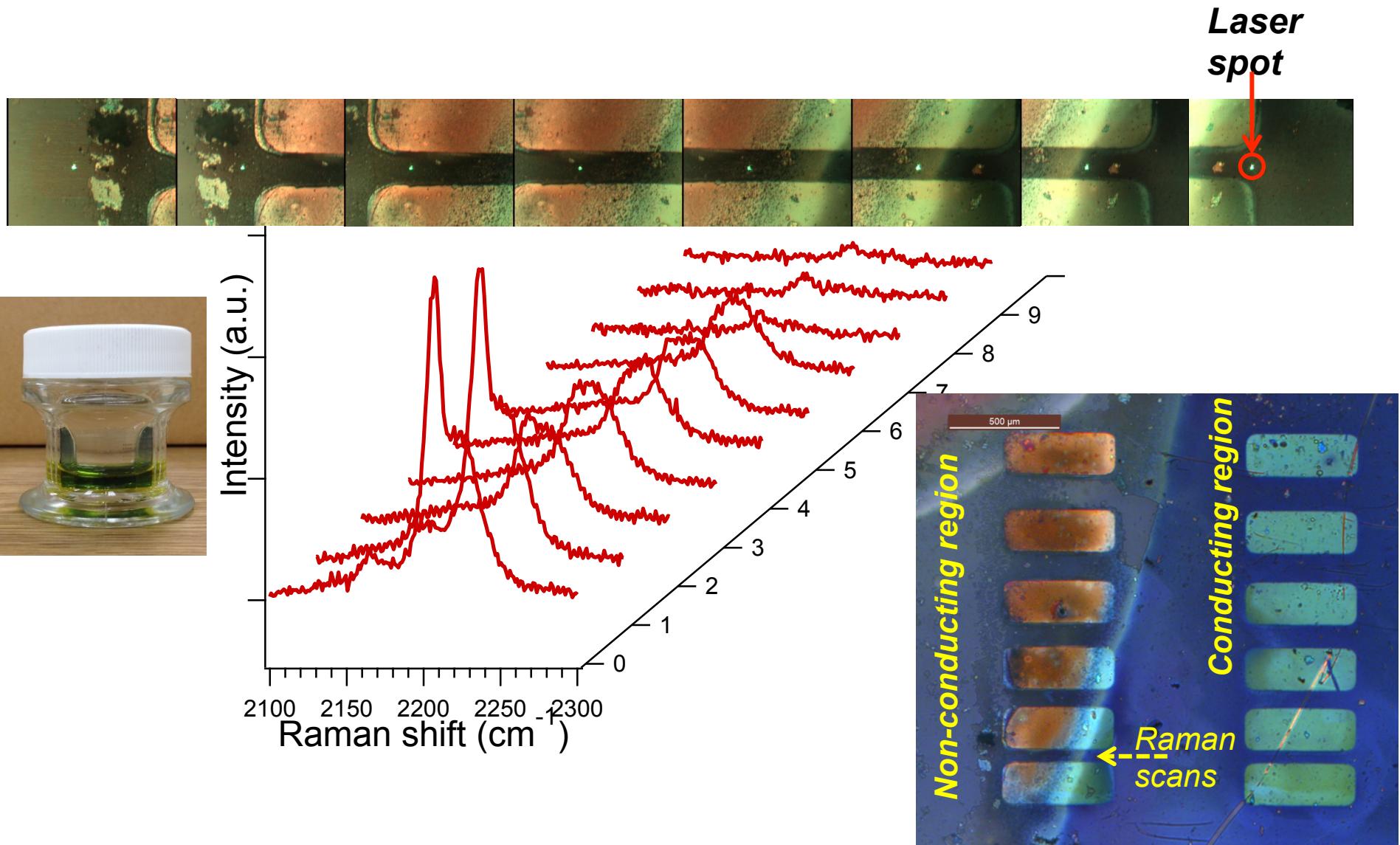
MOF film + TCNQ



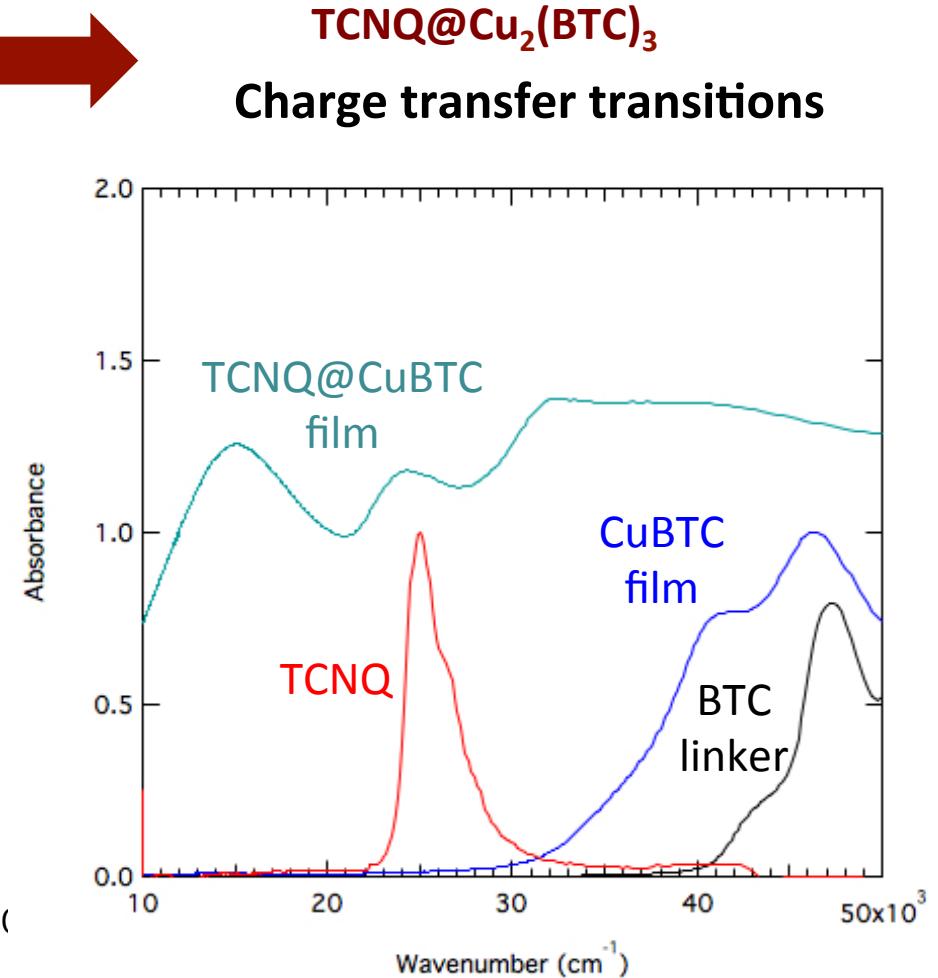
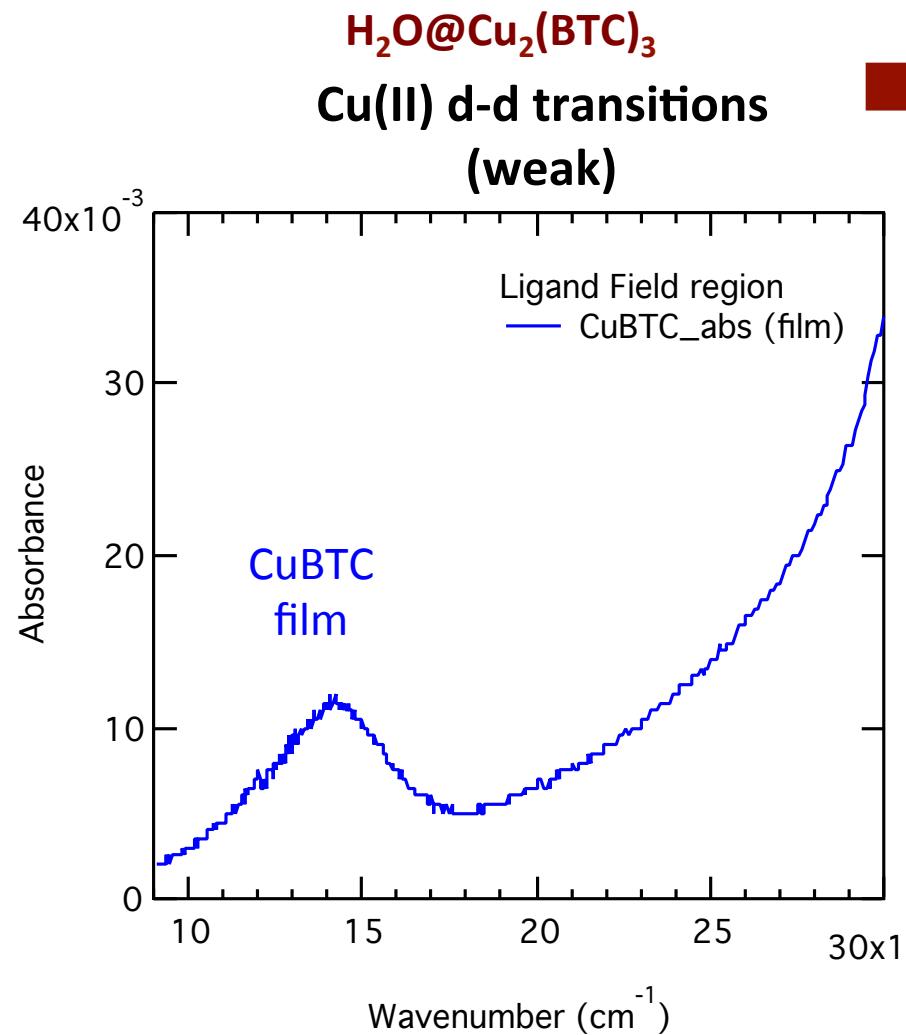
... and  $>10^7$  increase in conductivity, air stable > 1 year



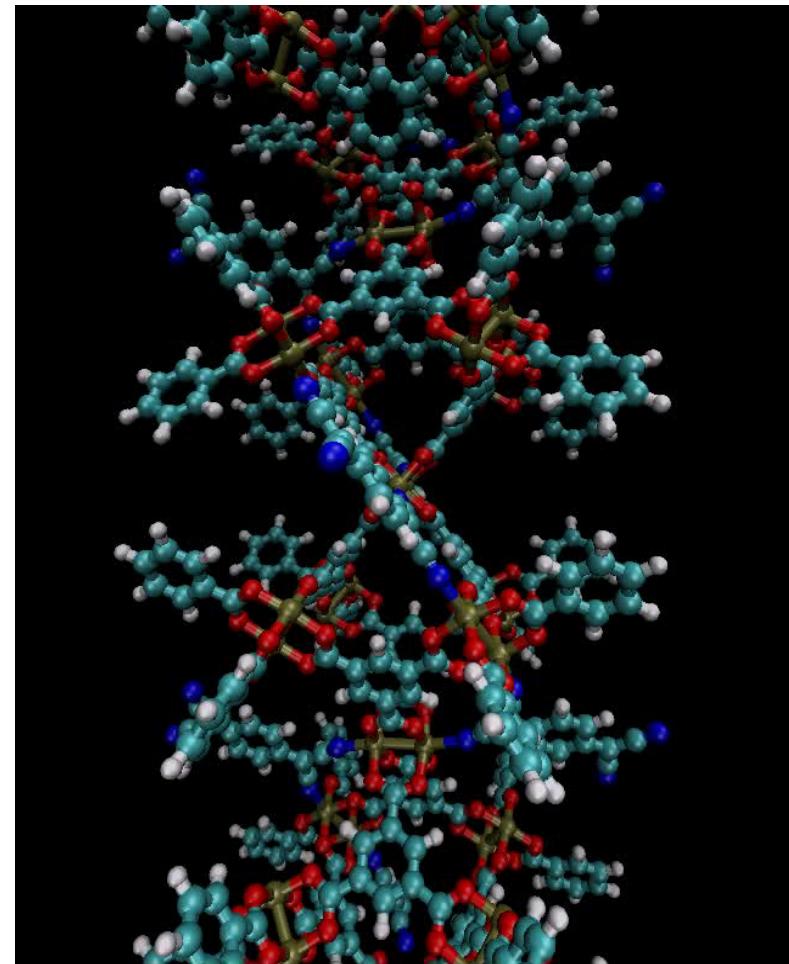
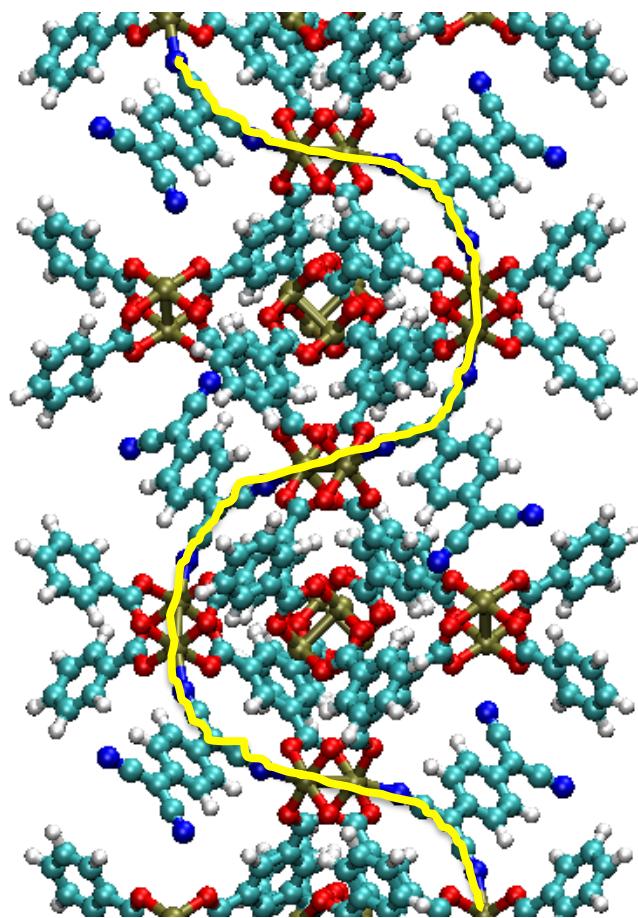
# C≡N stretch splitting in Raman spectrum observed only inside dark colored, conducting region



# TCNQ@Cu<sub>2</sub>(BTC)<sub>3</sub> exhibits strong new absorption bands



# DFT: Cu(II) dimers linked by TCNQ

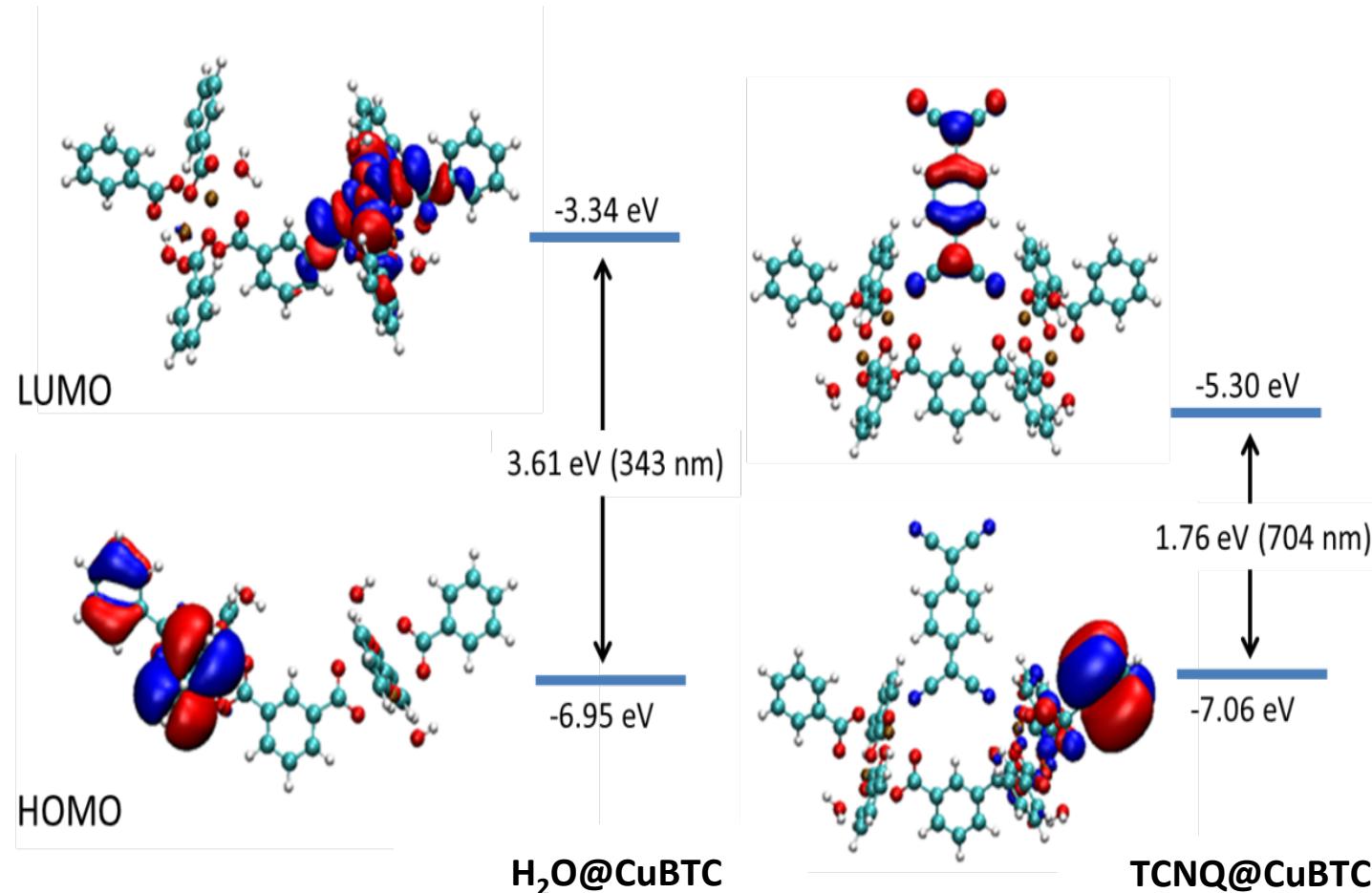


Continuous TCNQ@CuBTC pathway is achievable with 4 TCNQs

Experimental loading = 8 TCNQs/unit cell → two continuous pathways are possible

# Bridging TCNQ molecules create new charge transfer states

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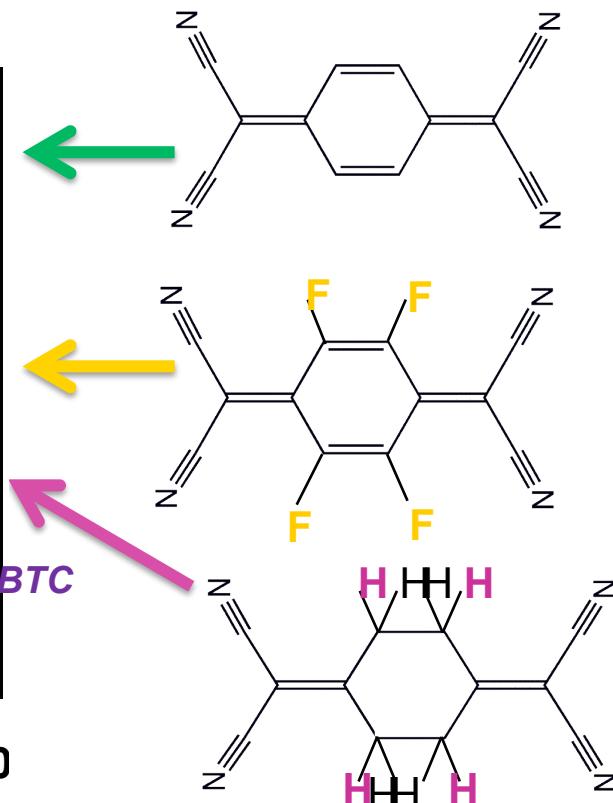
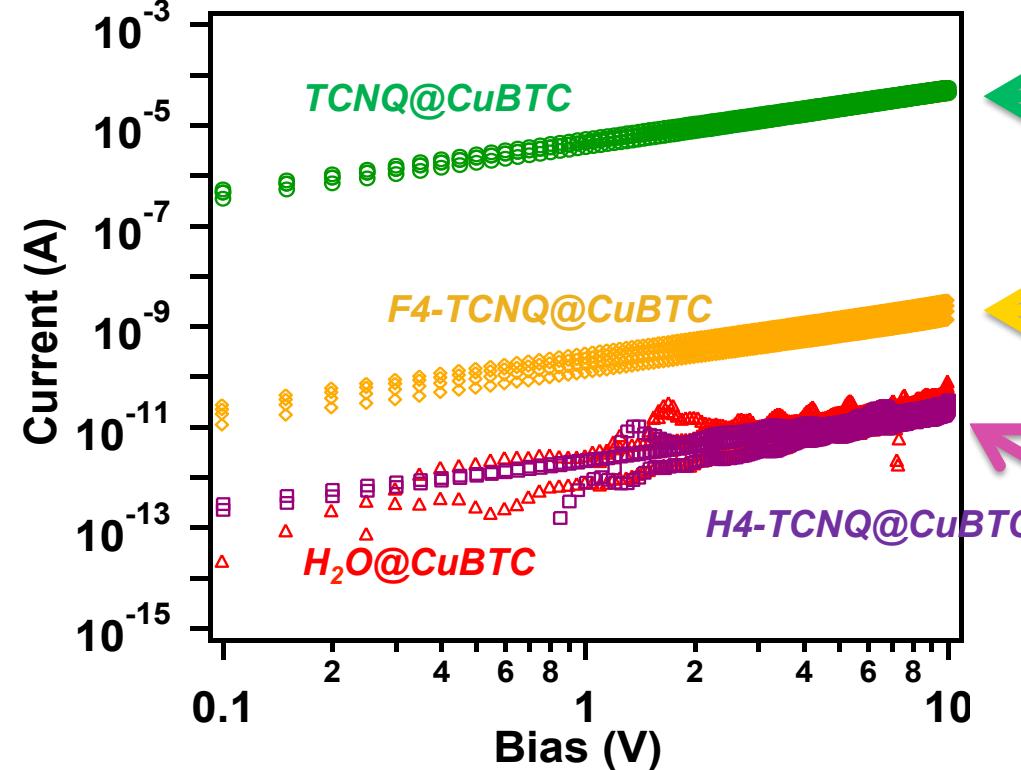
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DFT/PBEsol calculations

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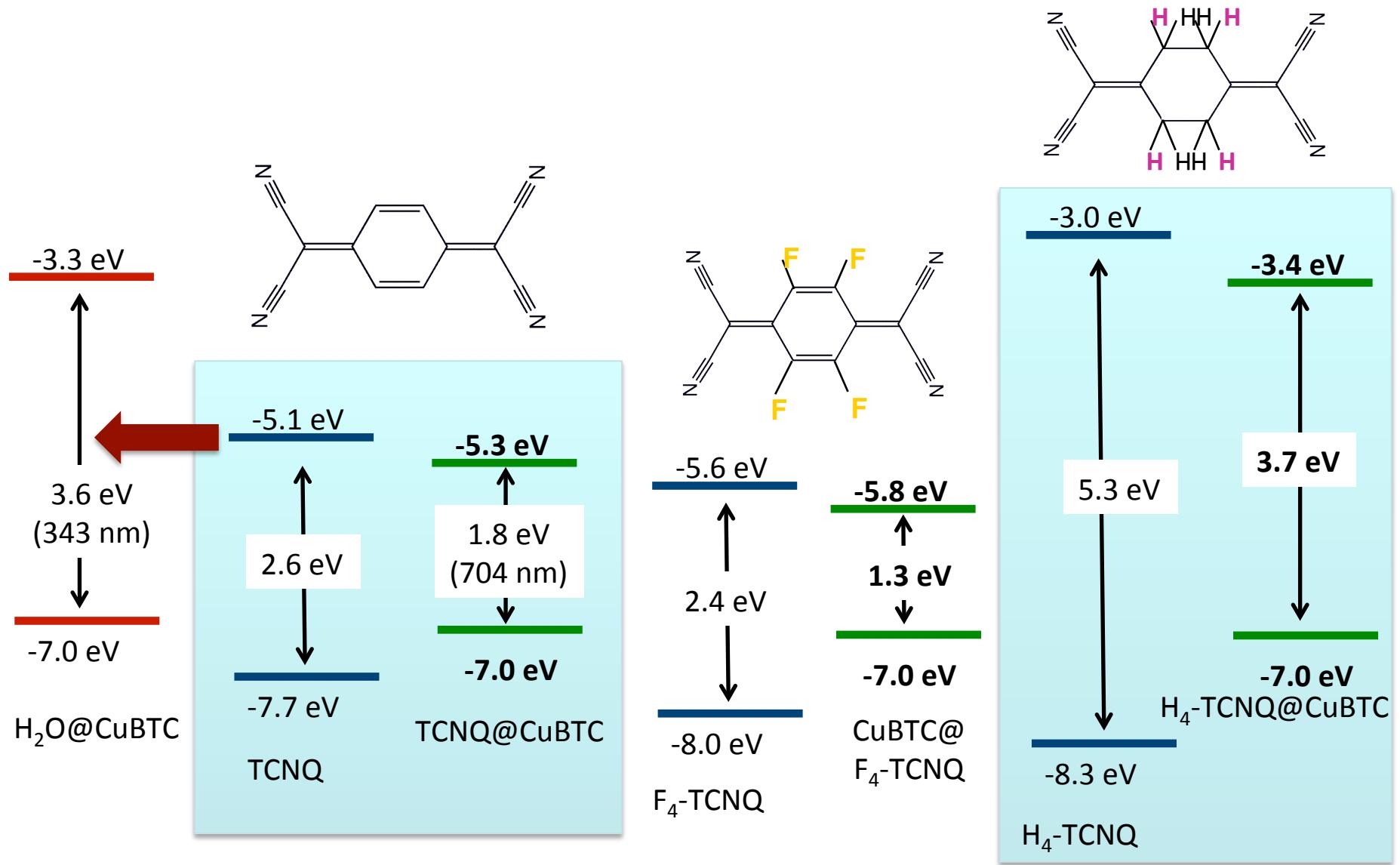
# Guest aromaticity, electronegativity affect conductivity

Extended  $\pi$  network essential for conductivity

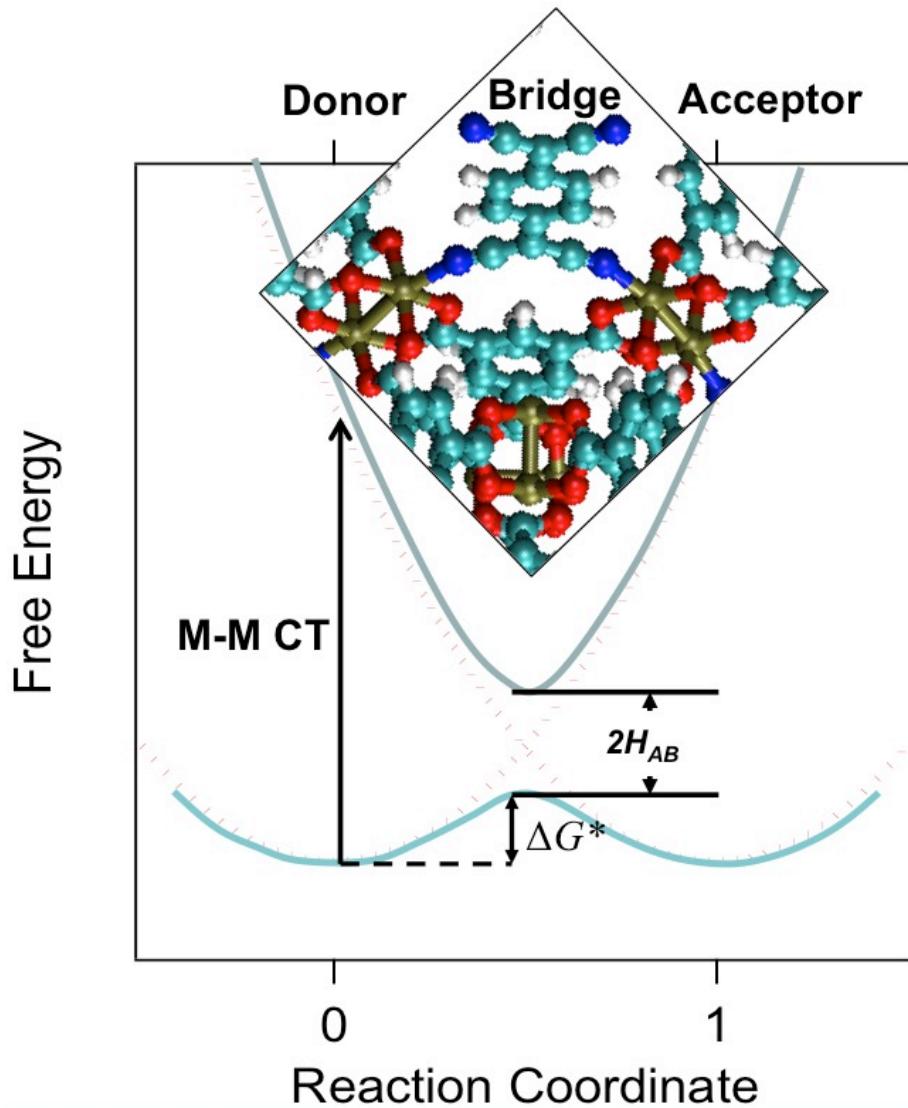


# Cu-BTC band alignments: DFT/PBEsol calculations

## Effect of fluorination and hydrogenation of TCNQ



TBCNQ increases coupling between neighboring Cu dimers  
→ lowers barrier to charge transfer



**Two-site model:  
Donor-Bridge Acceptor**

$$\Delta G^* = \frac{(\lambda - 2H_{AB})^2}{4\lambda}$$

$H_{AB}$ -Electronic coupling matrix element

$$H_{AB} = \langle \Psi_A | H | \Psi_B \rangle$$

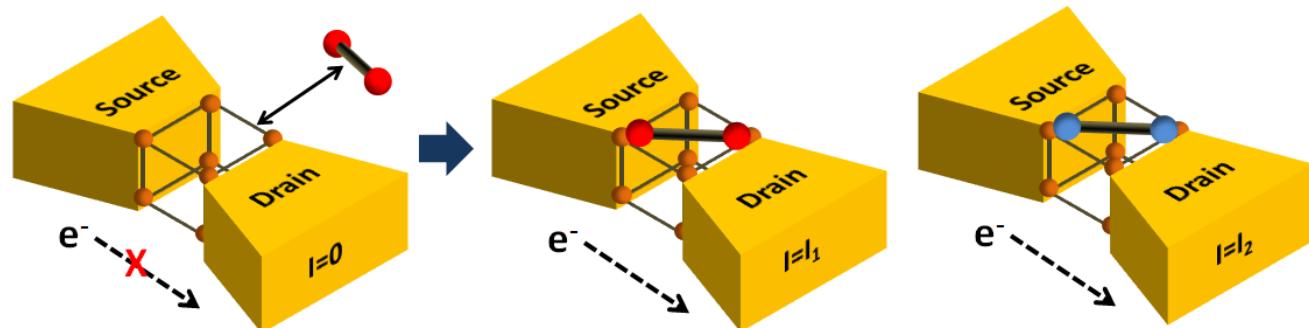
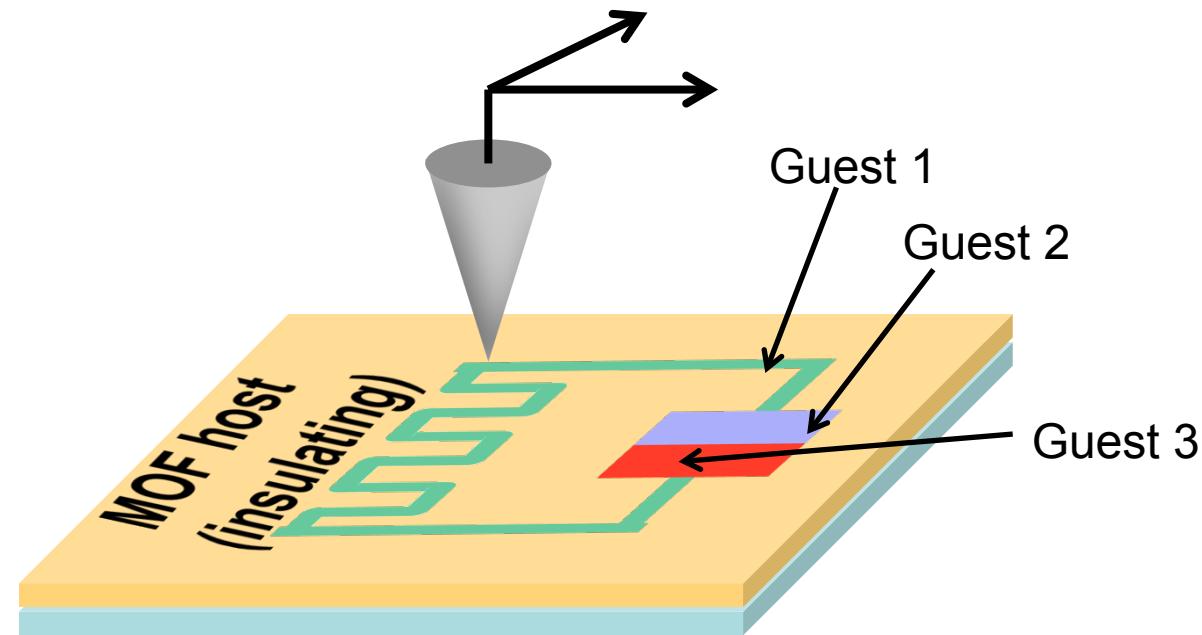
$\lambda$ -Reorganization energy

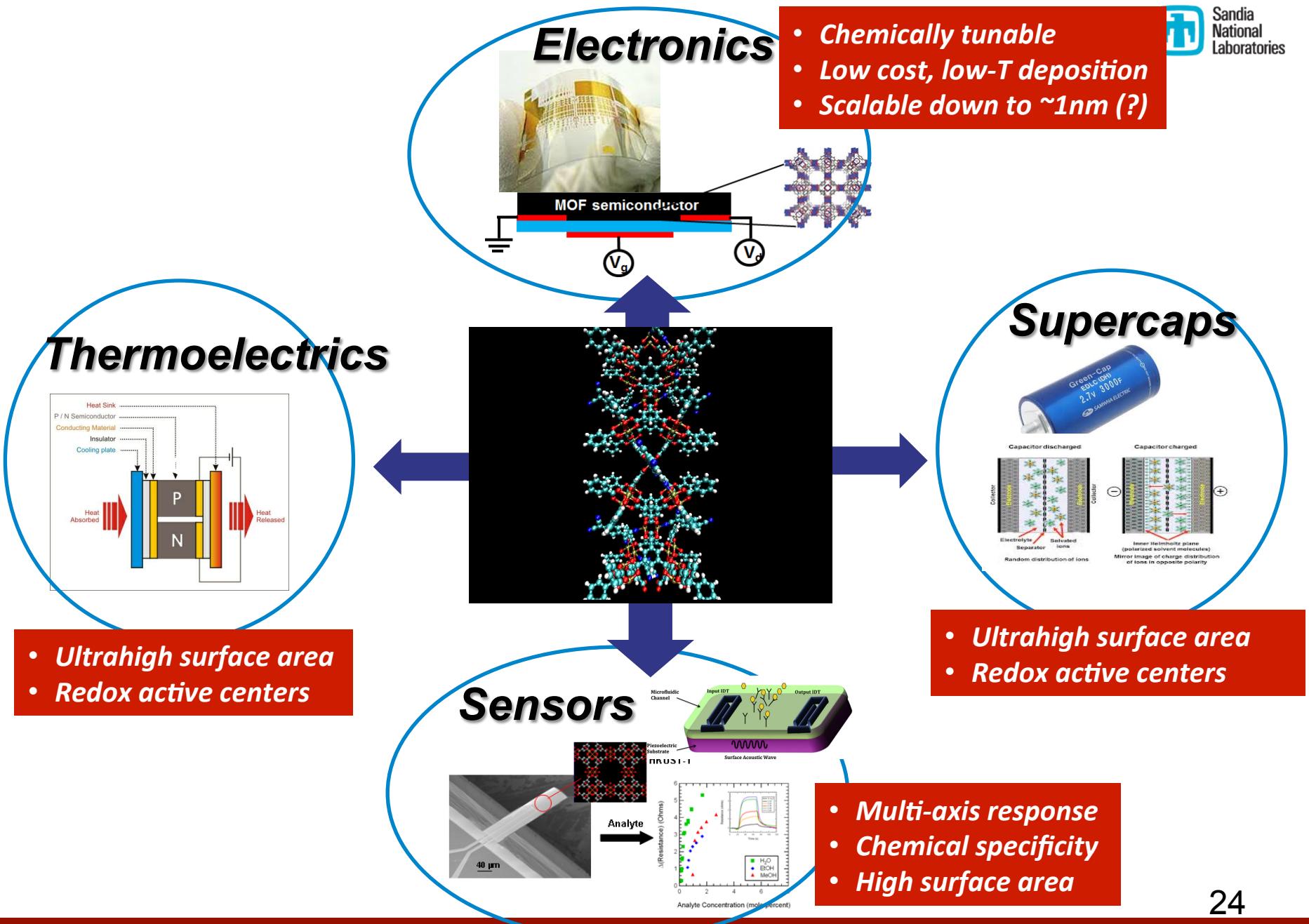
**Computed by Constrained DFT:**

$$\text{H}_4\text{-TCNQ} < \text{F}_4\text{-TCNQ} < \text{TCNQ}$$

$$H_{AB} = 0.19 \text{ eV} < 1.03 \text{ eV} < 2.32 \text{ eV}$$

# Vision for Molecule@MOF ICs, nanodevices





# Conclusions

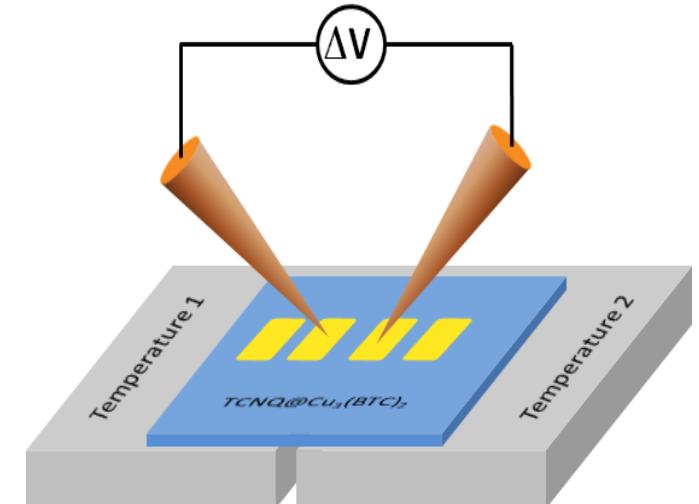
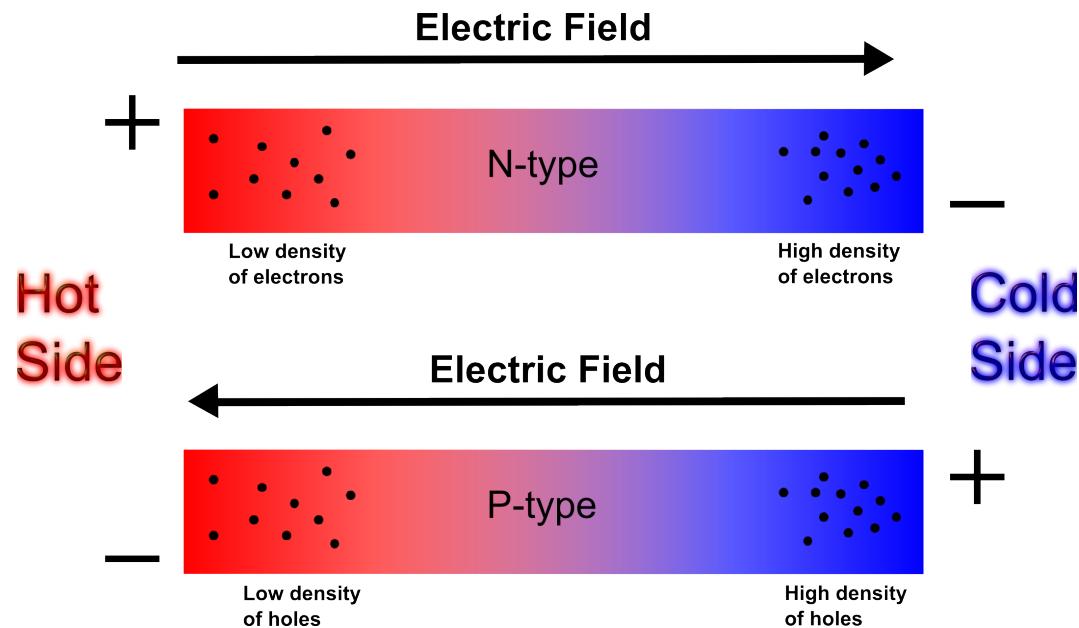
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- MOFs are hybrid materials with ordered, chemically tunable porosity
- MOF thin films can be grown layer-by-layer from solution
- Conductivity of  $\text{Cu}_3(\text{BTC})_2$  tunable  $10^{-8} \rightarrow 10^{-1}$  S/cm with TCNQ
- UV-Vis, IR indicate partial charge transfer
- Opportunities for tuning properties w/ molecule@MOF expanding

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# Backup Slides

# What about the carrier type (electron or hole?) Seebeck effect is one way to find out...



[http://www.mn.uio.no/fysikk/english/research/  
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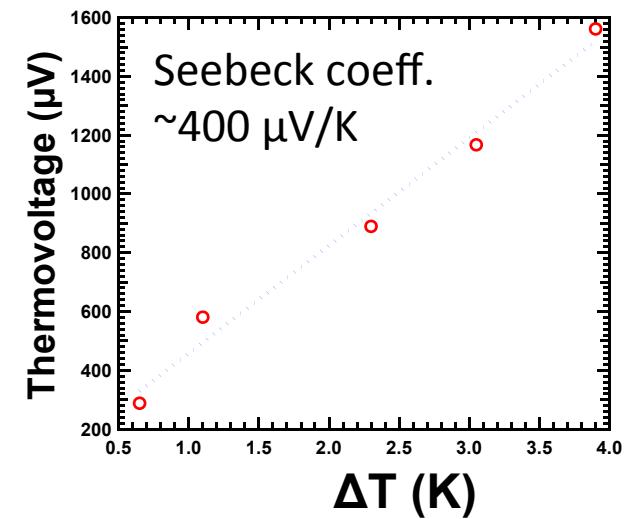
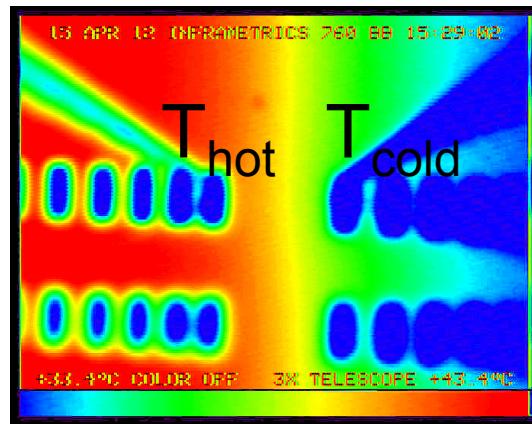
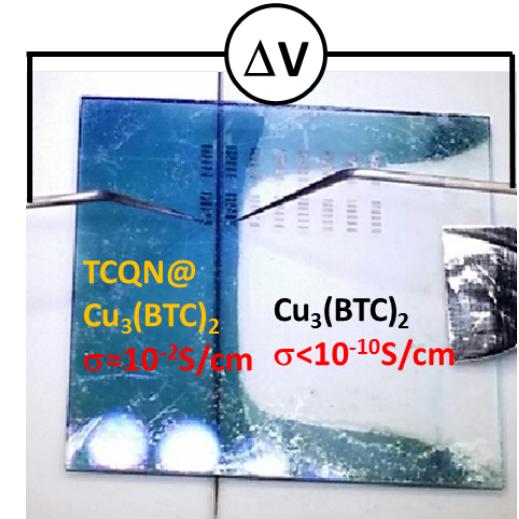
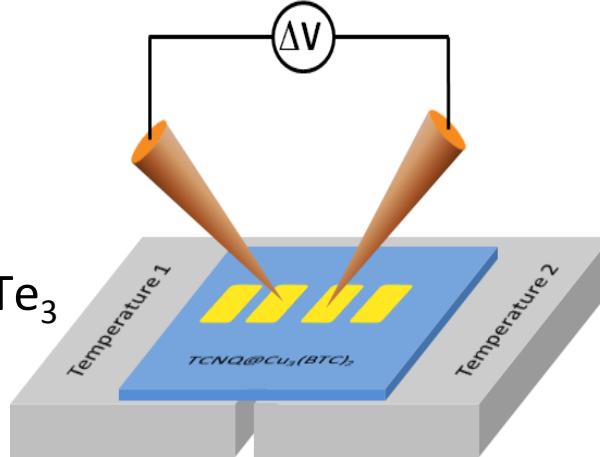
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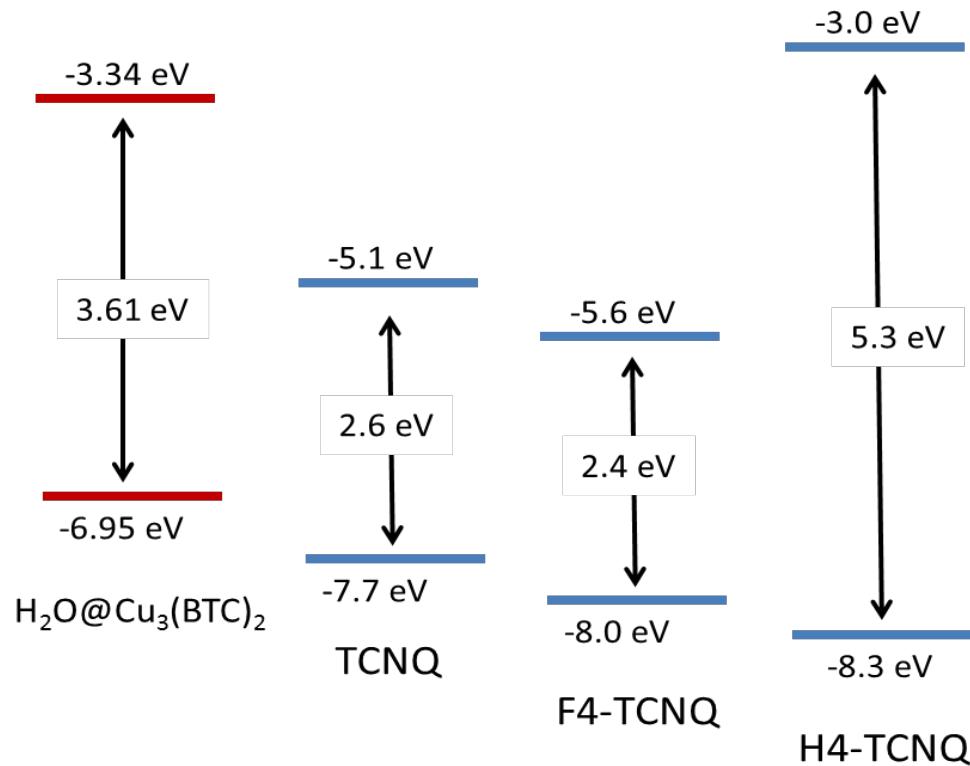
- Majority carriers are holes

- High Seebeck coefficient

~400  $\mu\text{V/K}$  vs 170  $\mu\text{V/K}$  for Bi<sub>2</sub>Te<sub>3</sub>

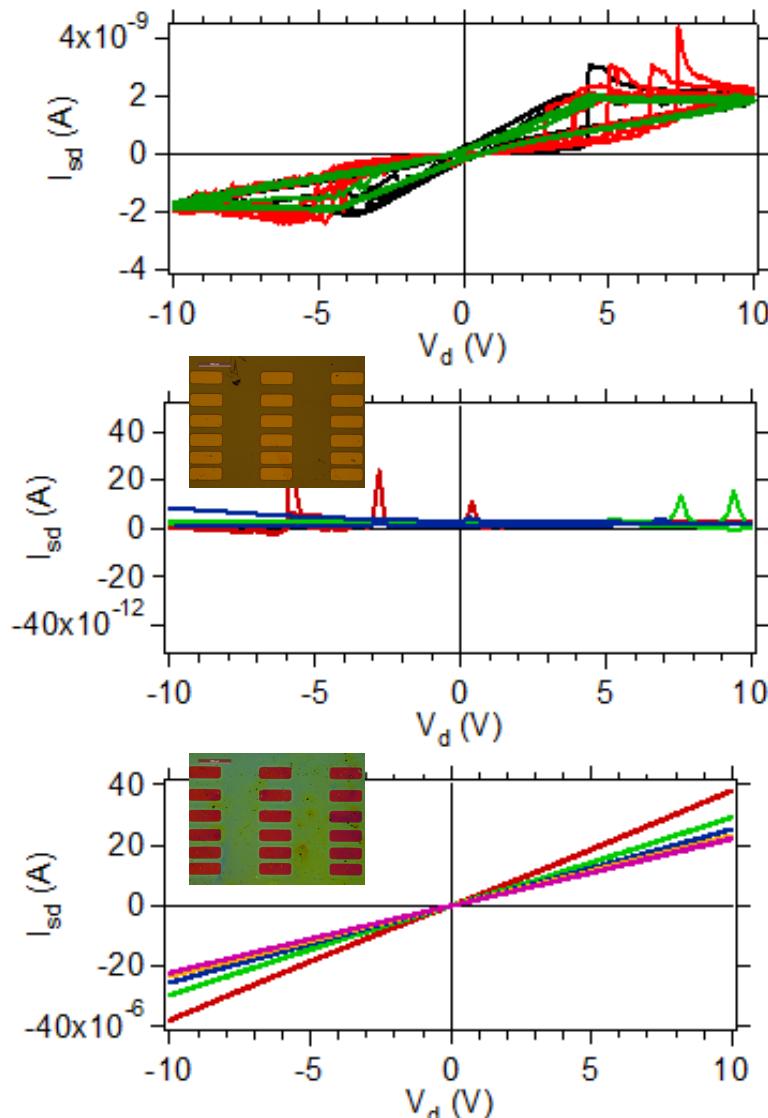
→ promising material for  
thermoelectrics





A schematic representation of the alignment of the HOMO/LUMO orbitals and bandgaps of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}@\text{CuBTC}$ , TCNQ, F4-TCNQ, and H4-TCNQ determined at the UB3LYP/VTZP level of theory.

# Solvent, precursor likely responsible for conductivity in as deposited $\text{Cu}_3(\text{BTC})_2$



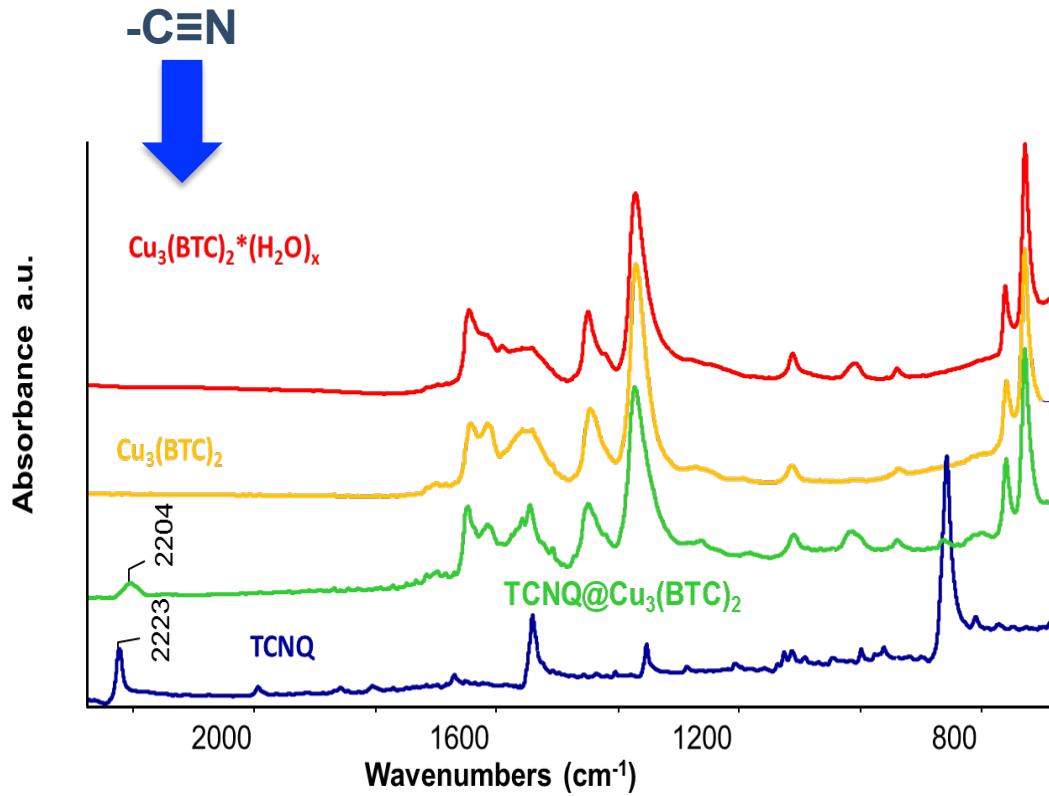
As deposited: Low but measurable conductivity, ionic/electronic?

Activated, exposed to ambient: No measurable conductivity at 10 V ( $< 10^{-12}$  A)

Infiltrated MOF (trace water):  $s \sim 0.1$  S/cm,  $\sim 10^8$  increase

# Vibrational spectra show shift of $-\text{C}\equiv\text{N}$ indicates charge transfer

$$z = (\nu_o - \nu) / 44 \text{ cm}^{-1} \approx 0.43e$$



*Raman peak splitting indicates 2 inequivalent CN groups*

