

*Exceptional service in the national interest*



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

M. D. Allendorf, A. A. Talin, M. E. Foster,  
V. Stavila, F. Leonard

Sandia National Laboratories, Livermore, CA

[mdallen@sandia.gov](mailto:mdallen@sandia.gov)

Presented at MOF2014

Sept. 28 – Oct. 1, 2014

Kobe, Japan



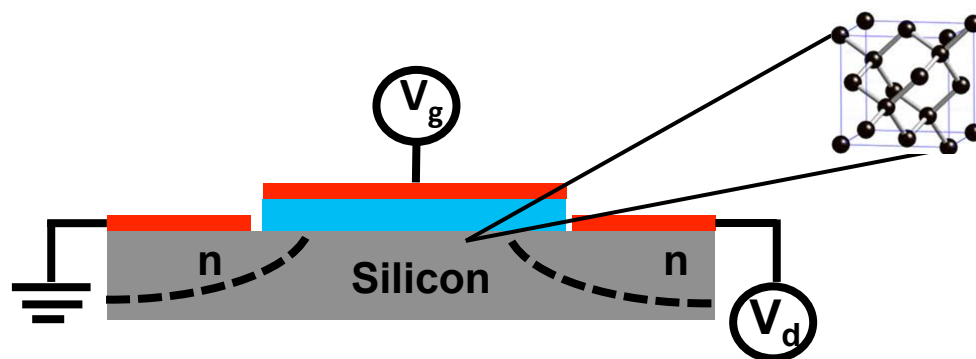
Sandia National Laboratories is a multi-program laboratory managed and operated by Sandia Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of Lockheed Martin Corporation, for the U.S. Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration under contract DE-AC04-94AL85000.

# Acknowledgements

- Kris Erickson
- Alexandra Ford
- Farid El Gabaly
- Kirsty Leong
- Catalin Spataru
- NIST: Andrea Centrone, Paul Haney, R. Adam Kinney, Veronika Szalai, Heayoung P. Yoon

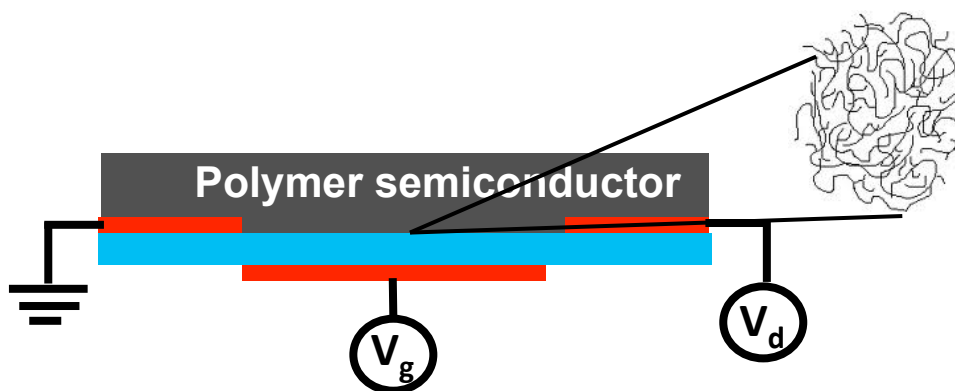
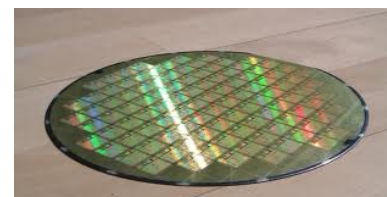


# Inorganic vs. organic conducting materials: the best and the worst of two worlds



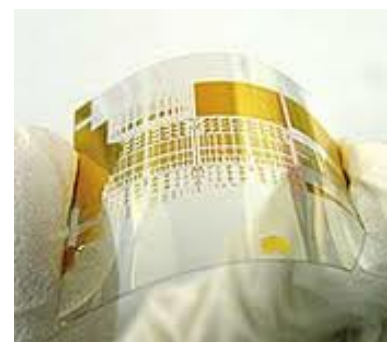
## Crystalline inorganic semiconductors

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



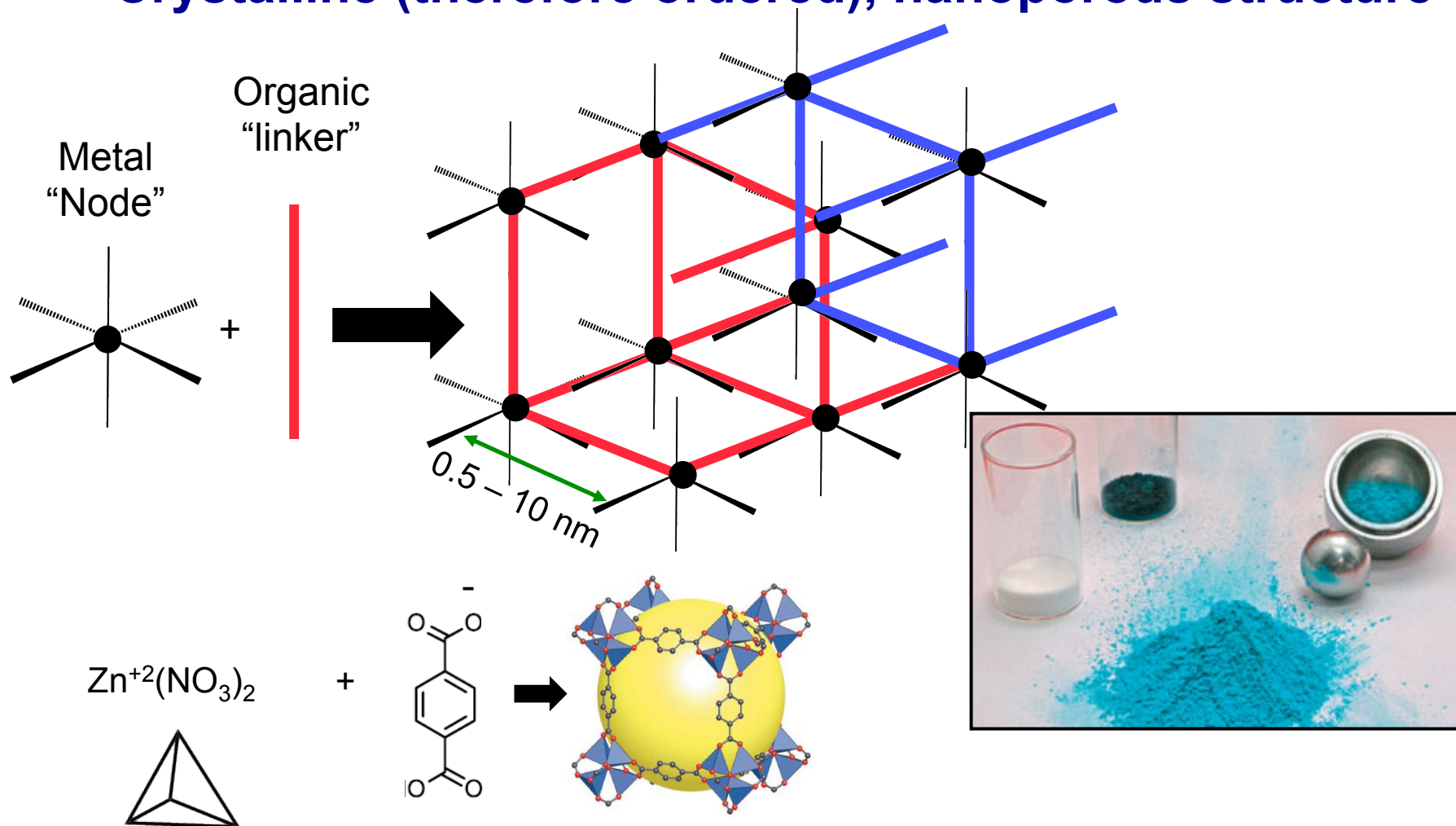
## Disordered organic semiconductors

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



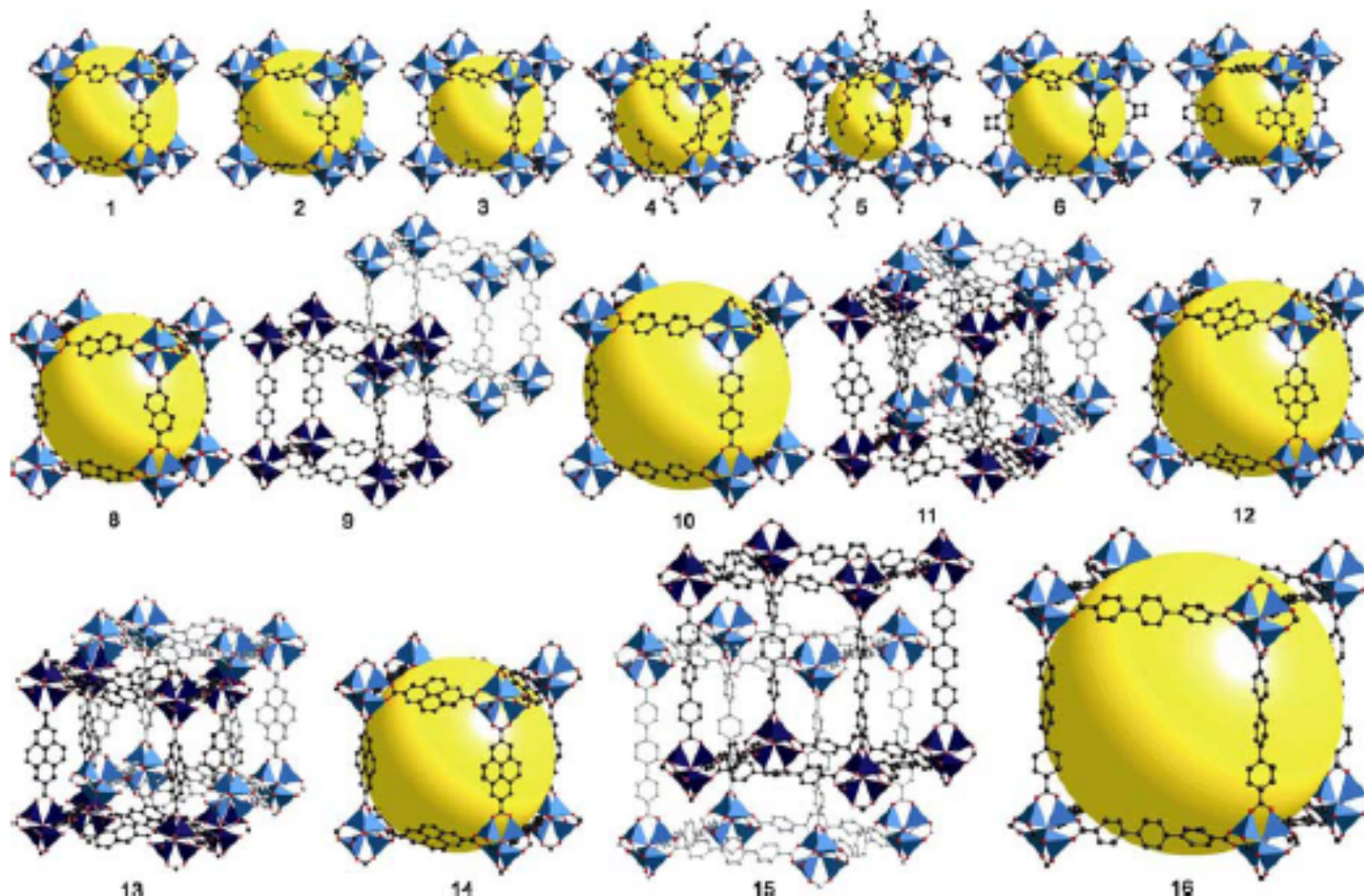
# What is a Metal-Organic Framework?

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



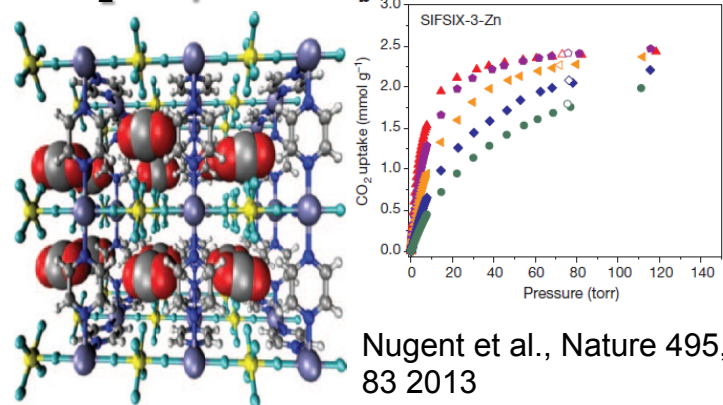


# MOFs are a subset of a growing category of self-assembled, nanoporous materials

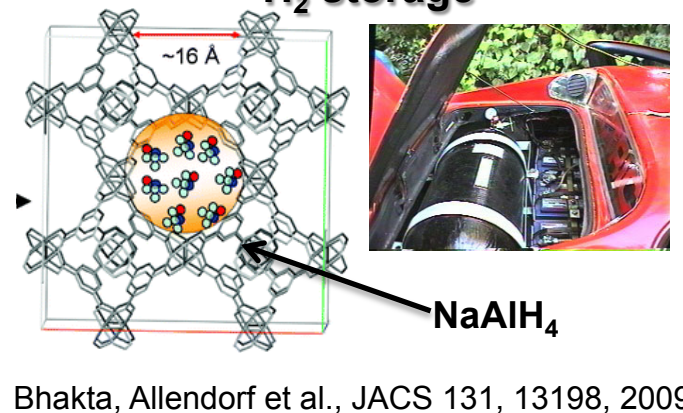


# MOFs are attractive for gas storage, catalysis, separations, ionic conductors

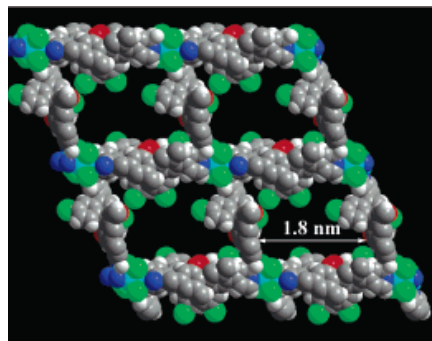
## CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration



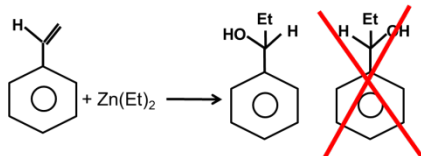
## H<sub>2</sub> storage



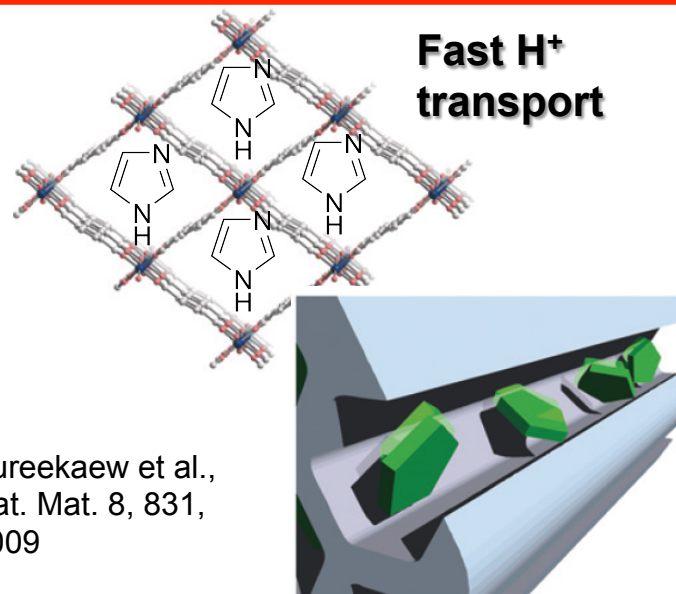
## Catalysis



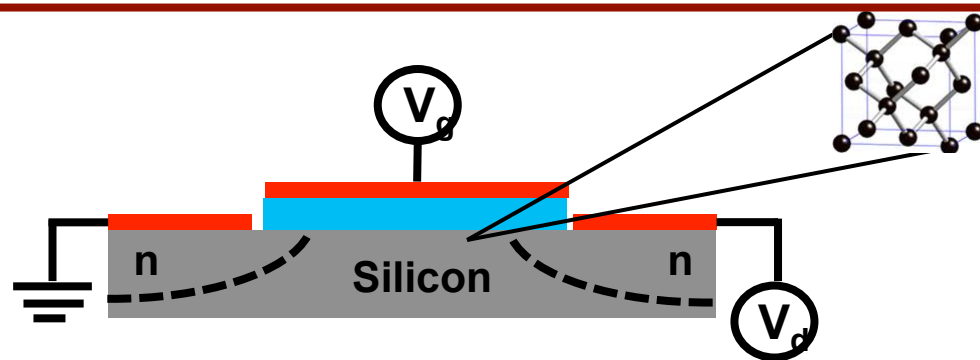
Wu, Hu,  
Zhang, Lin  
JACS 127,  
8940, 2005



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

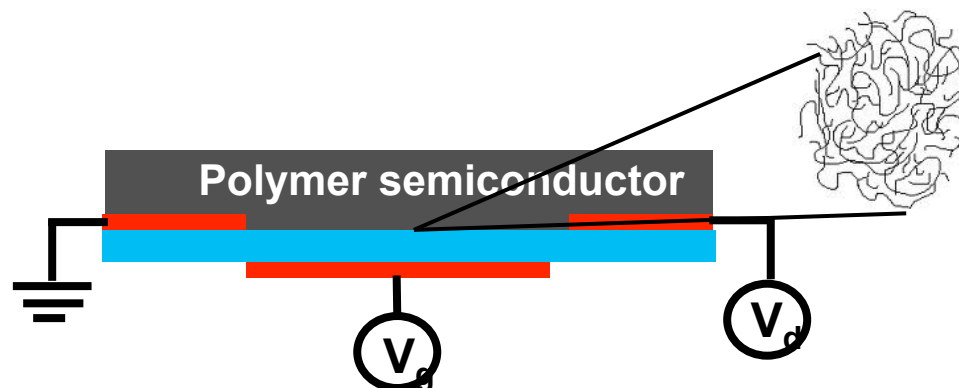
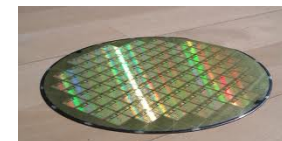


# Can the high performance of inorganic semiconductors with the tailorability of organic materials be achieved using MOFs?



## Crystalline inorganic semiconductor

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

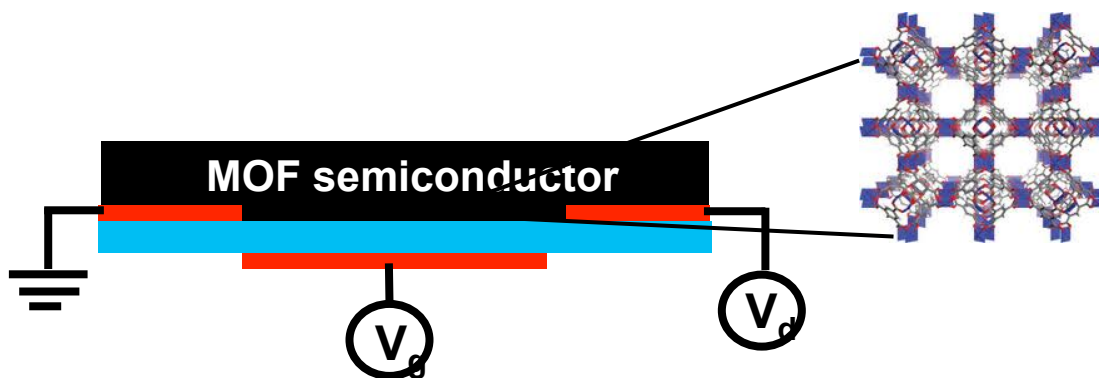


## Disordered organic semiconductor

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



+



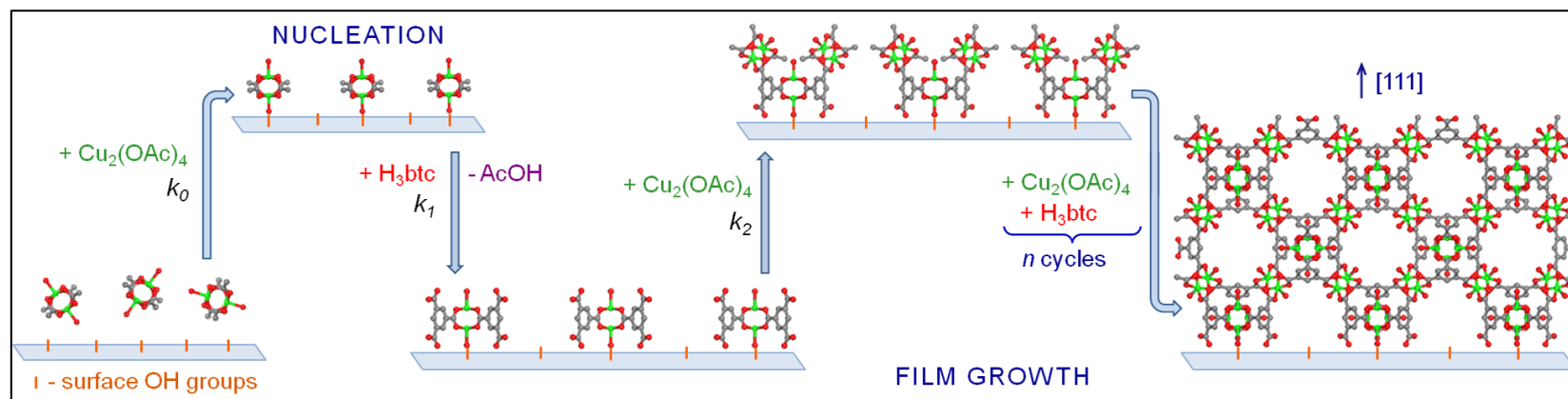
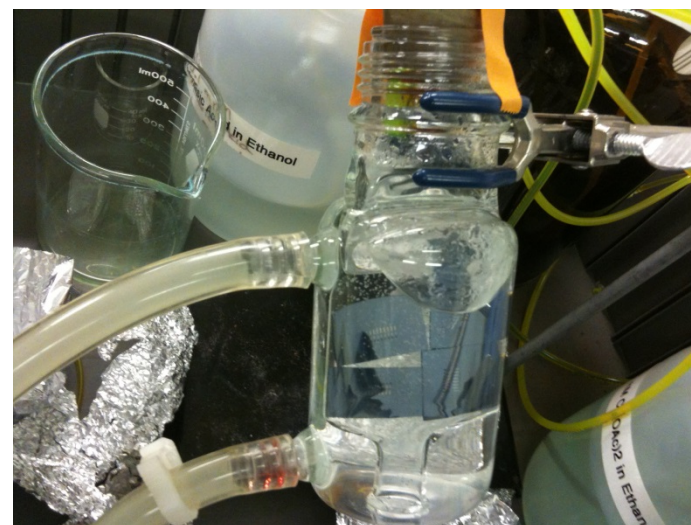
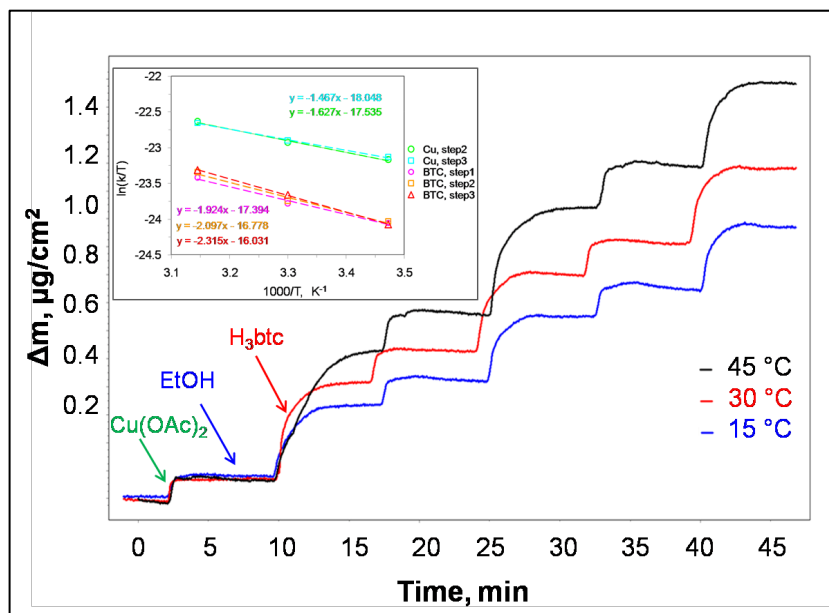
## Crystalline MOF semiconductor

- 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*

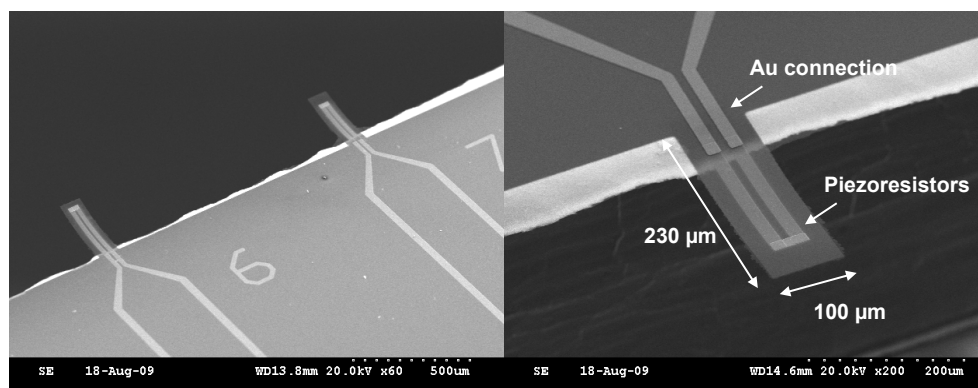


# Thin film growth for MOF device applications

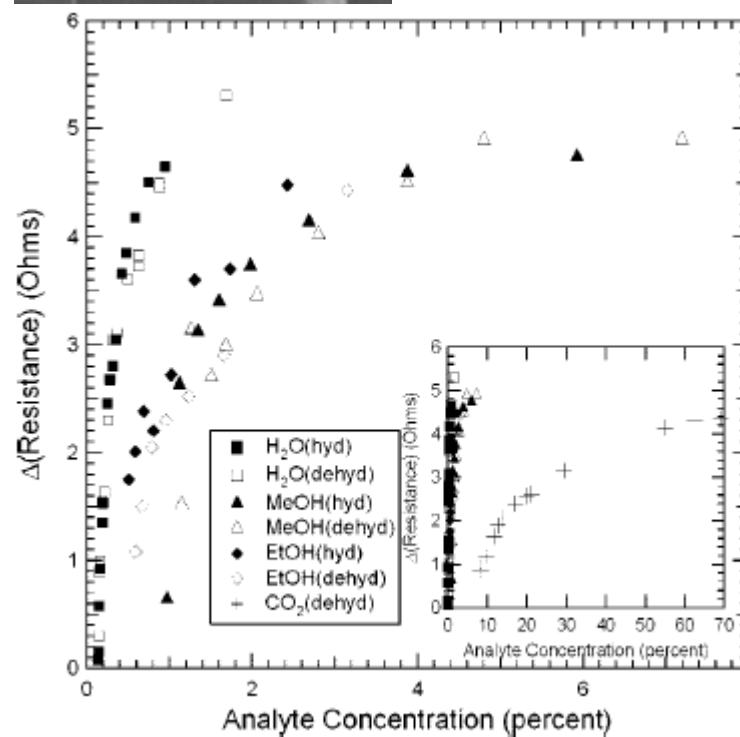
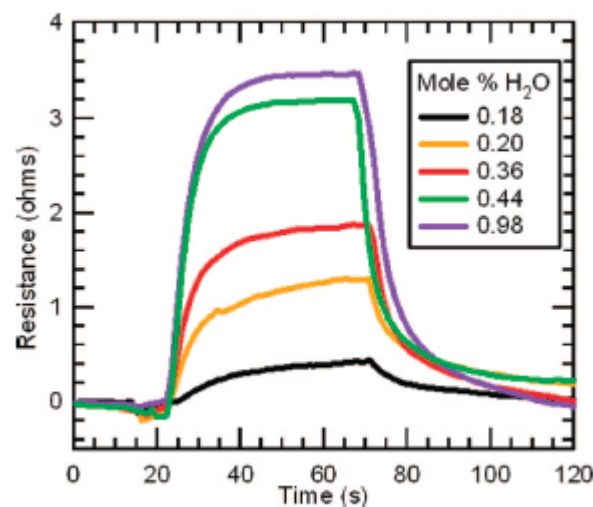
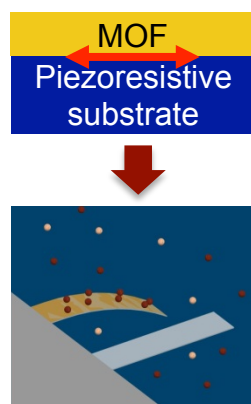
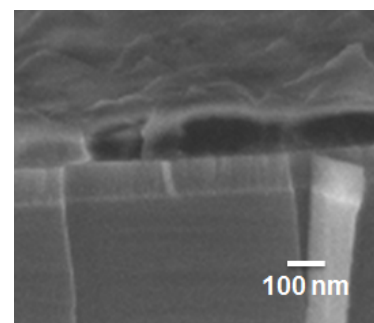


V. Stavlia et al. *Chem. Sci.* **3** (2012), 1531–1540

# MOF films make sensitive, selective gas sensors



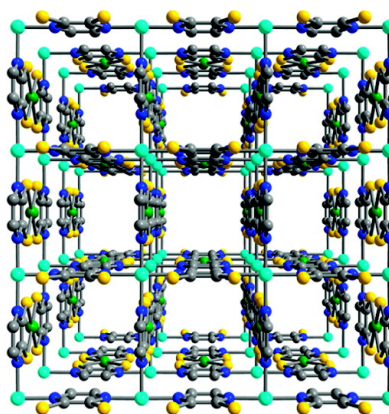
Microcantilevers (fg sensitivity)



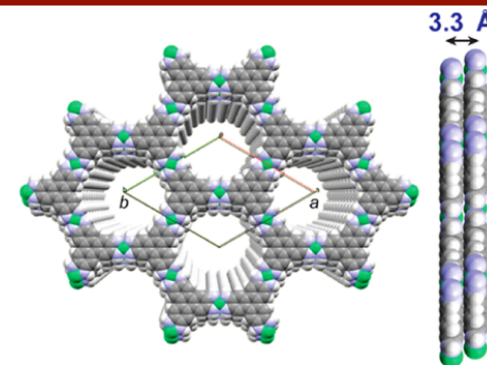
Allendorf, Talin, Hesketh, et al., *J. Amer. Chem. Soc.* 130, 14404 (2008)

# Electrically conducting porous MOFs are rare

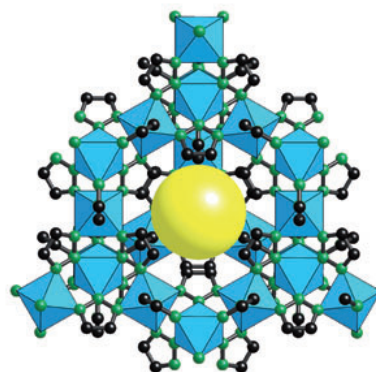
- p-type Cu-Ni Dithiolene MOF
- MET-3 (Fe-triazolate MOF)
- Mn(thiophenol) MOF:  $(-\text{Mn-S}-)_{\infty}$  chains
- Metal-Organic Graphene analogues (MOGs)



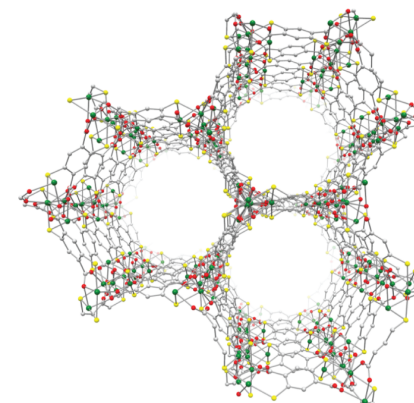
Y. Kobayashi et al.  
*Chem. Mater.* 2010, 22, 4120



$\text{Ni}_3(\text{HITP})_2$  MOG  
D. Sheberla et al.  
*JACS* 2014 ASAP



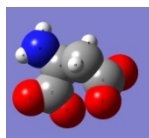
MET-3 (Fe)  
Gándara et al.  
*Chem. Eur. J.* 2012,  
18, 10595



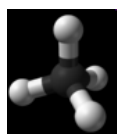
Mn(thiophenol) MOF  
L. Sun et al.  
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.*  
2013, 135, 8185

# Guest molecule + MOF → ordered, tunable platform for controlling interactions at the nanoscale

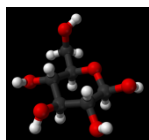
Amino acids



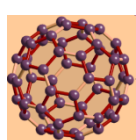
$C_3H_8$   
4.3 Å



Glucose  
(~ 9 Å)



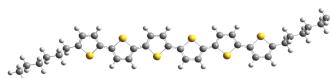
$C_{60}$   
(~ 10 Å)



DNA (~ 20 Å)

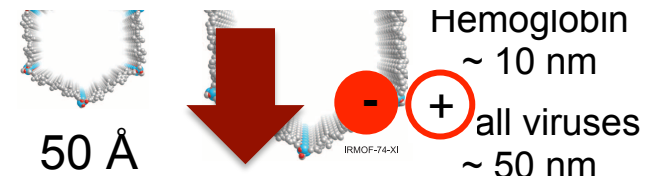


Thiophene oligomers  
(up to 37 Å)



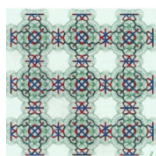
MOF-74-XI

Exciton Diffusion Distance

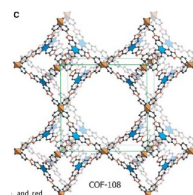


10.0 nm

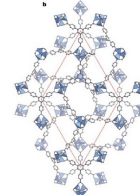
HKUST-1



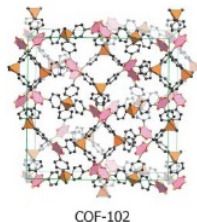
COF-108



MOF-177

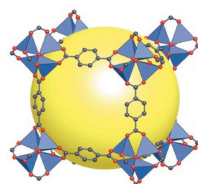


COF-102



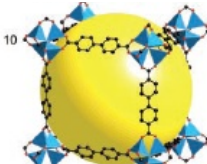
1.0 nm

IRMOF-1

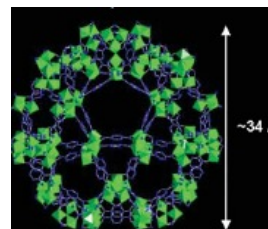


2.0

IRMOF-10

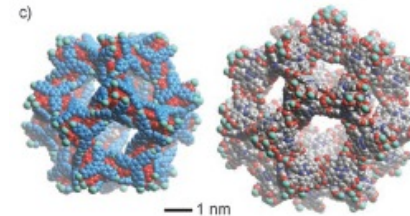


MIL-101



3.0 nm

$\{Tb_{16}(TATB)_{16}\}$



4.0 nm

5.0 nm

Interior pore diameter



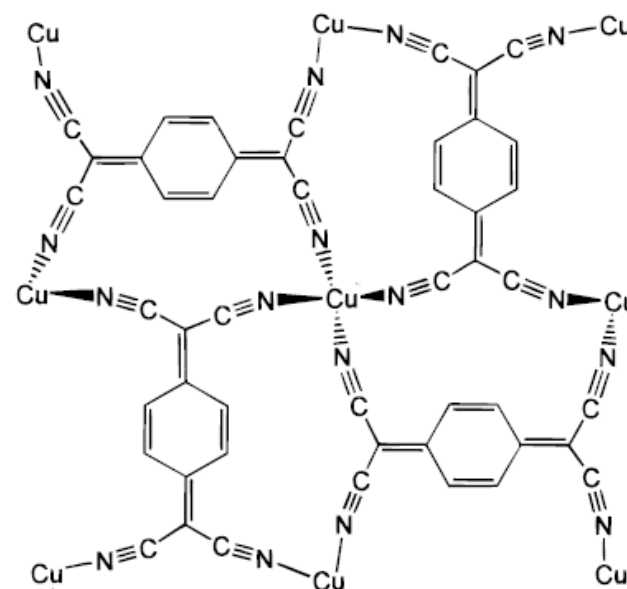
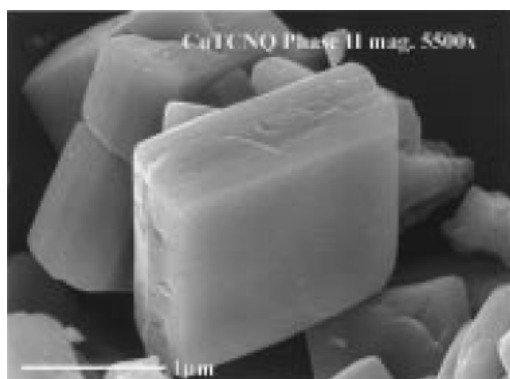
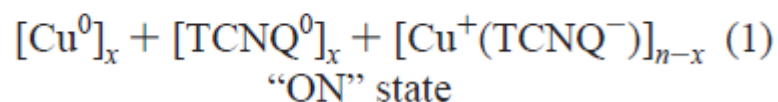
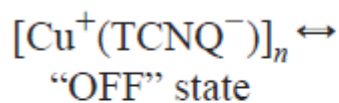
# Cu-TCNQ is a well-known conducting coordination polymer

144

*Inorg. Chem.* 1999, 38, 144–156

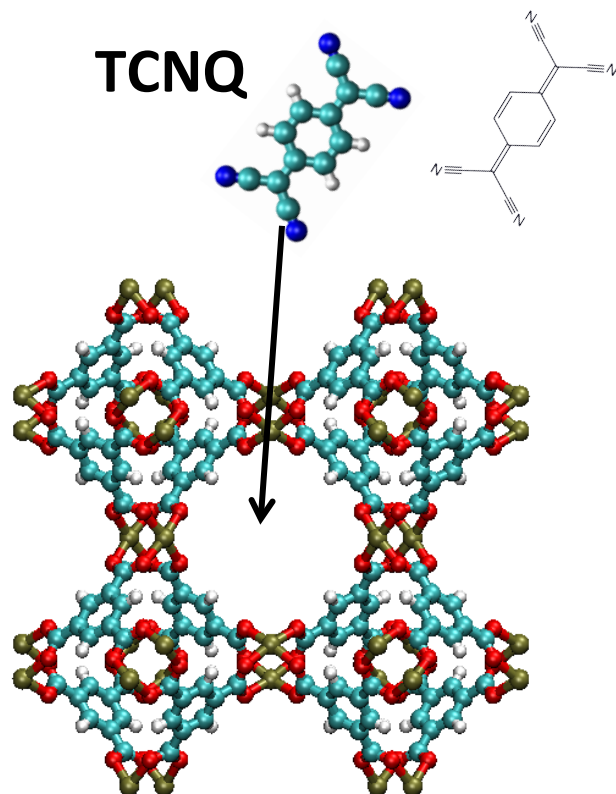
## New Insight into the Nature of Cu(TCNQ): Solution Routes to Two Distinct Polymorphs and Their Relationship to Crystalline Films That Display Bistable Switching Behavior

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>

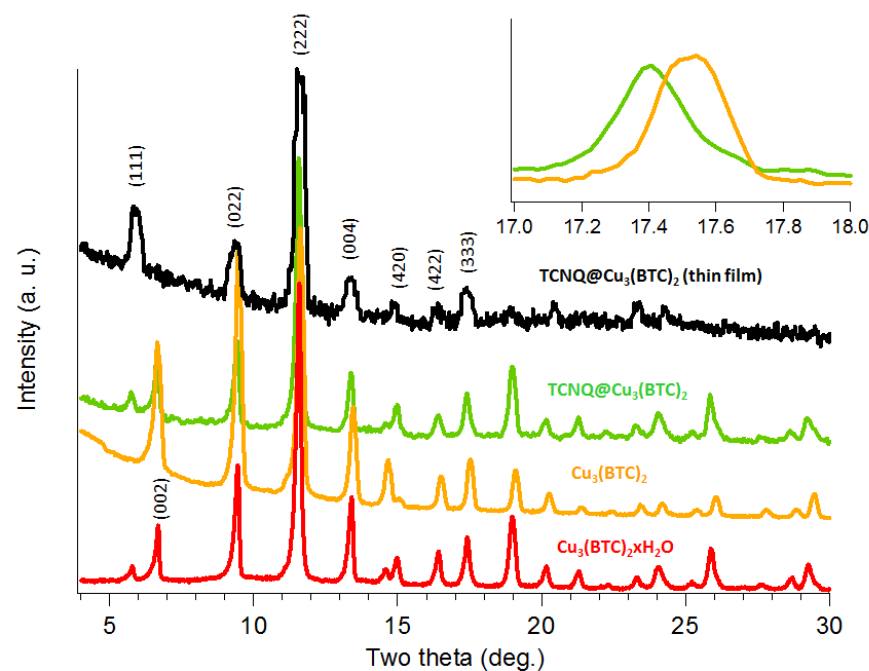




# Guest@MOF: Emergent properties by infiltrating with guest molecules?



$\text{Cu}_2(\text{BTC})_3$   
(HKUST-1)

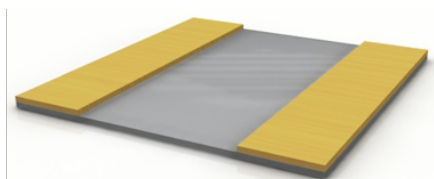


TCNQ loading:  $\sim 1$  molecule/large pore

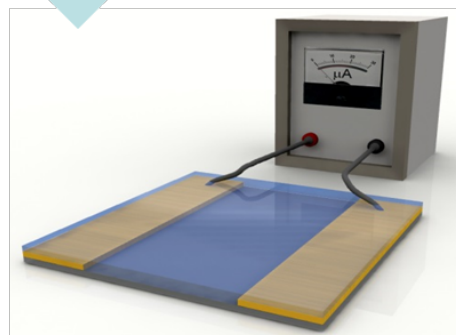
# TCNQ $\rightarrow$ $\text{Cu}_2(\text{BTC})_3$ leads to color change...

MOF film grown by layer-by-layer method

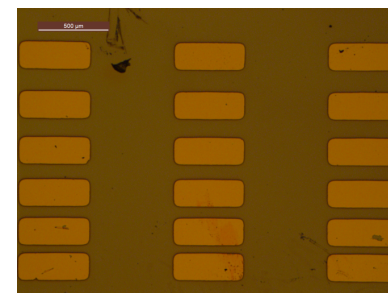
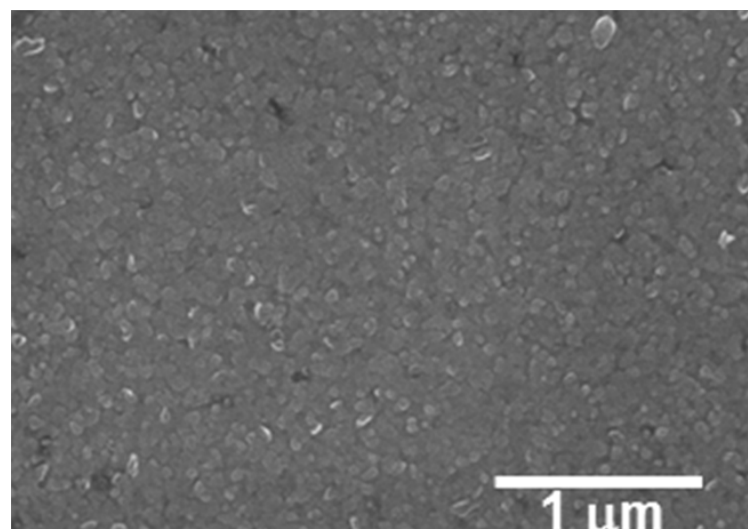
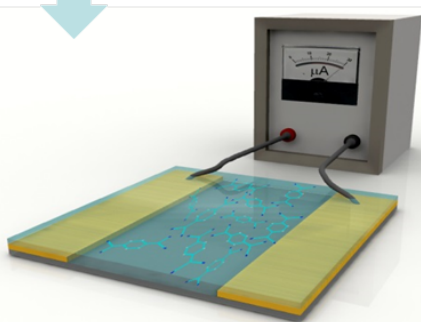
MOF film on  $\text{SiO}_x$  with Pt electrodes



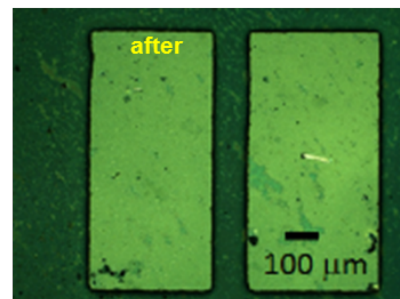
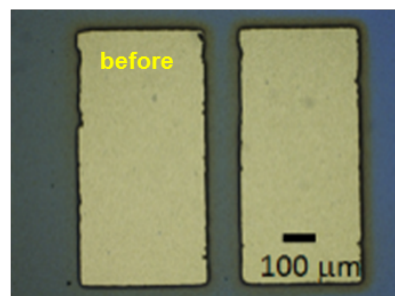
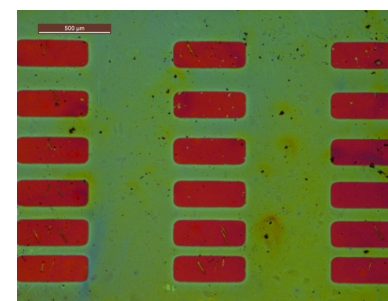
MOF growth



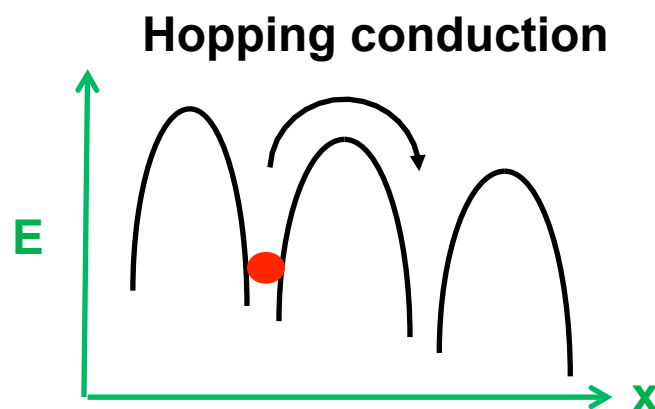
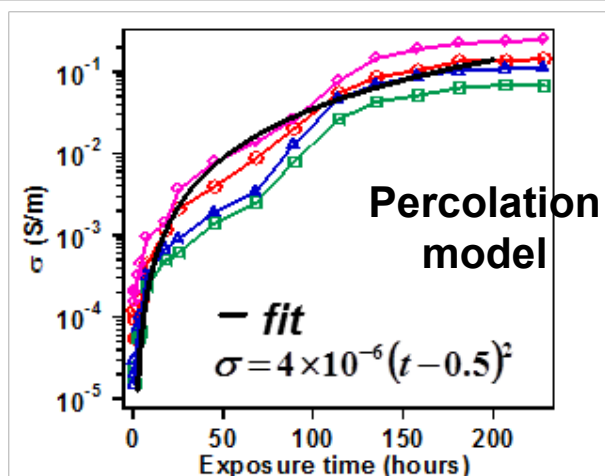
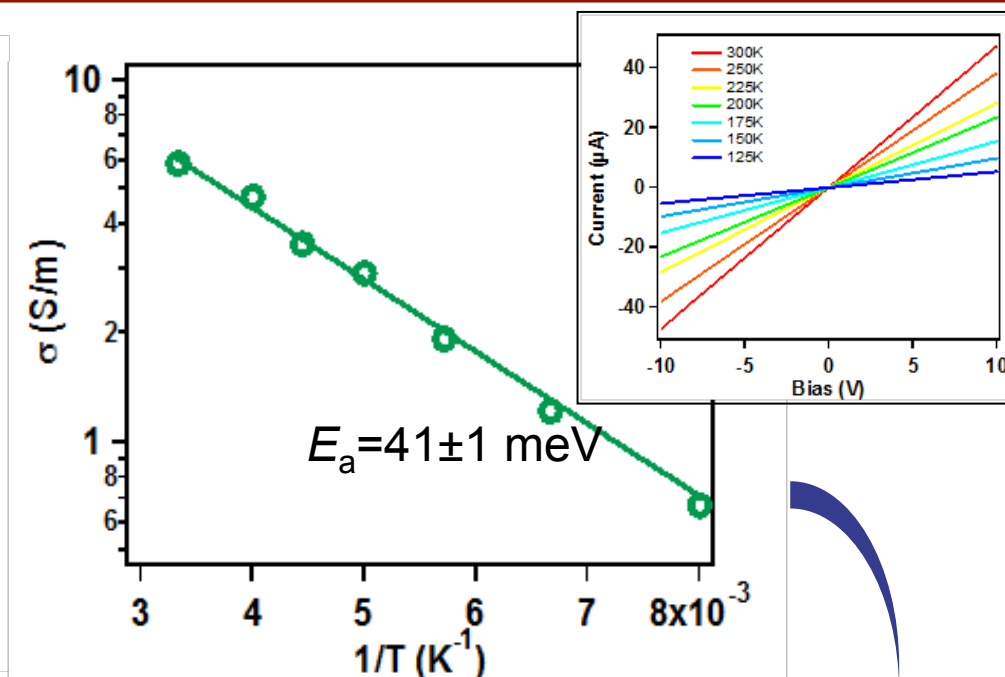
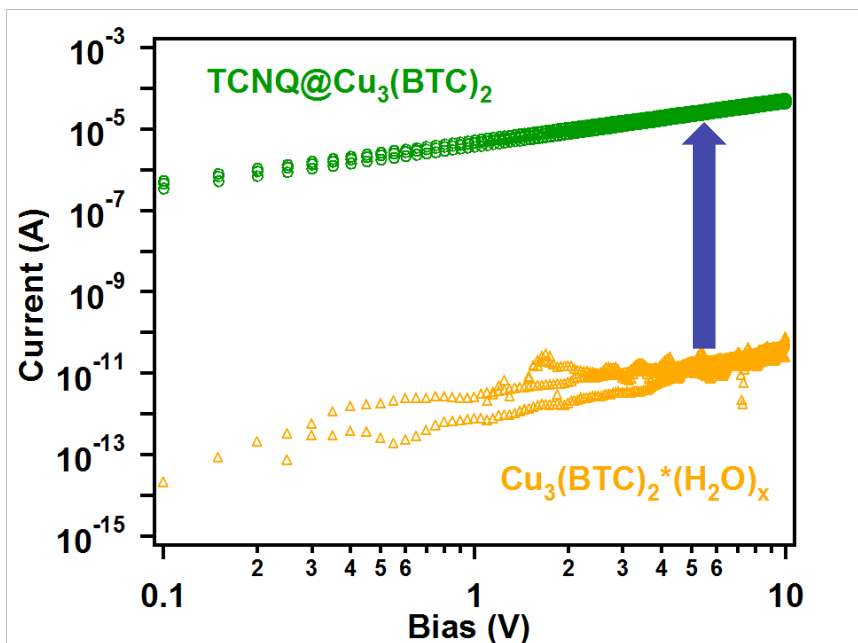
Molecule infiltration



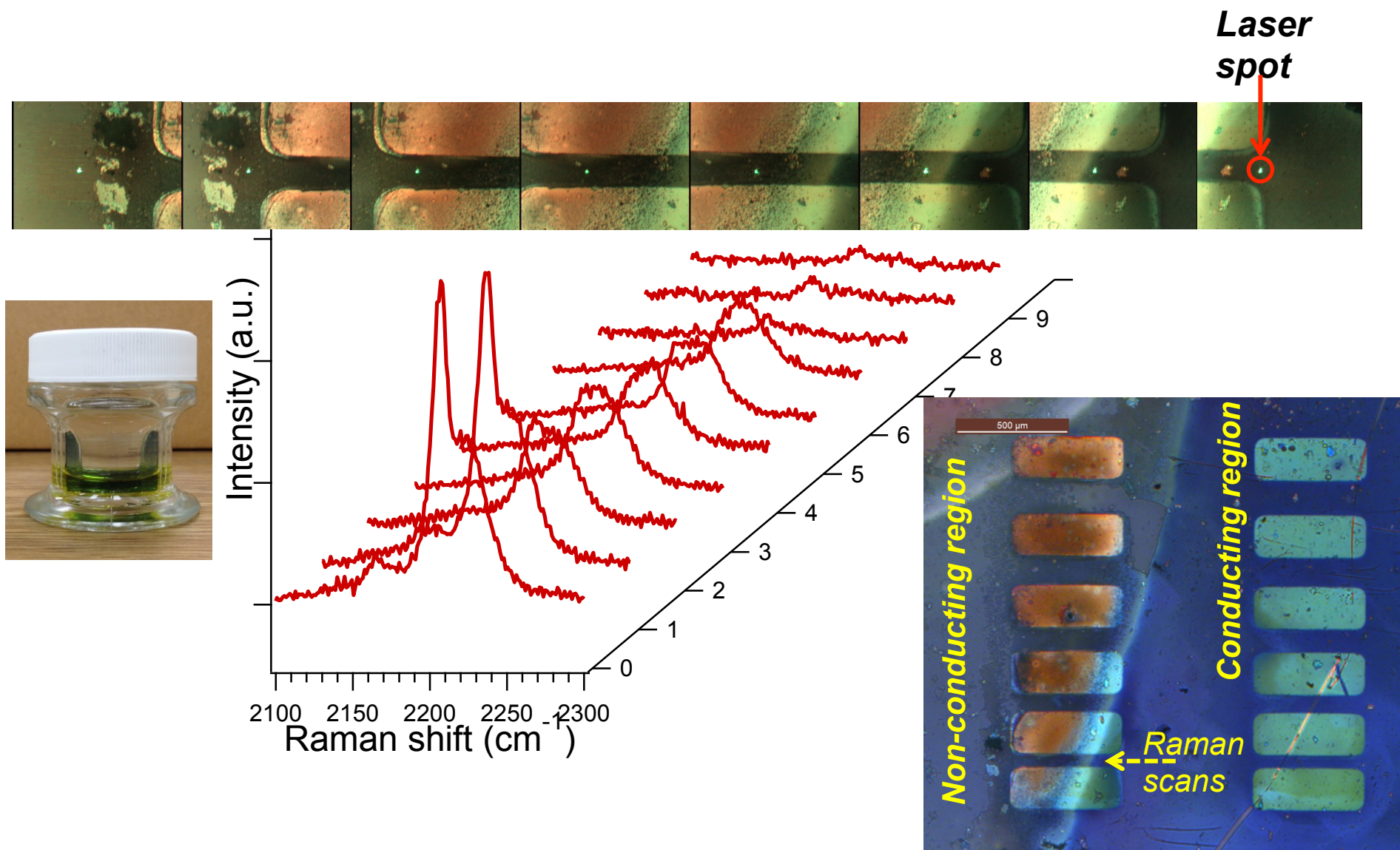
MOF film + TCNQ



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

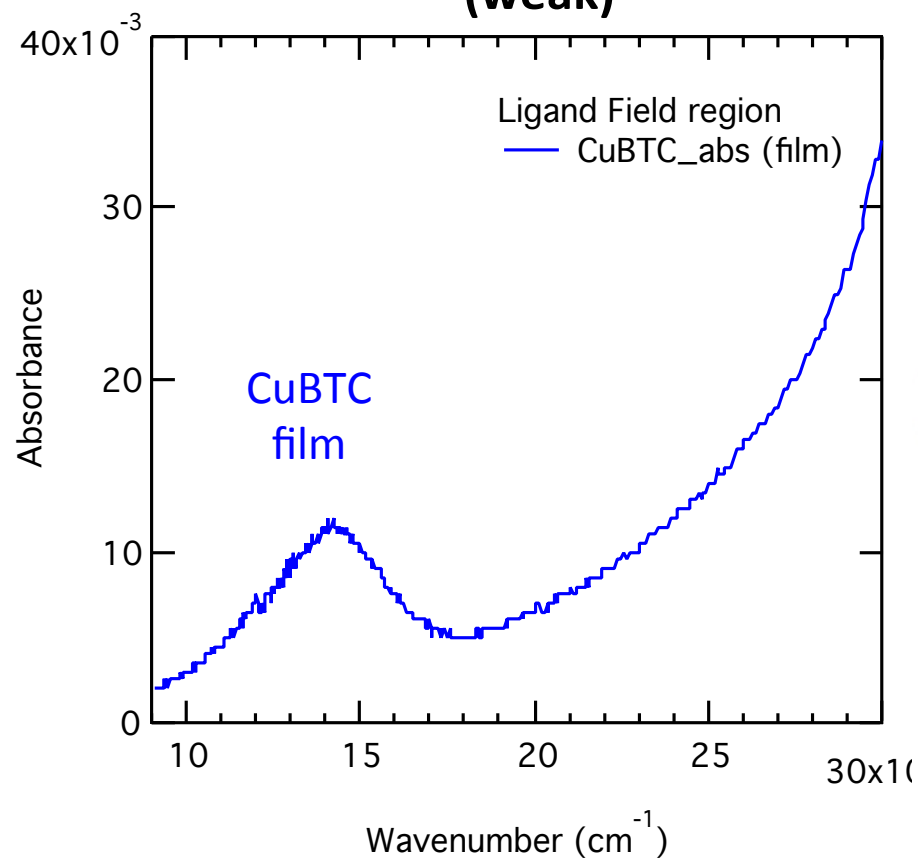


# $\text{C}\equiv\text{N}$ stretch splitting in Raman spectrum observed only inside dark colored, conducting region

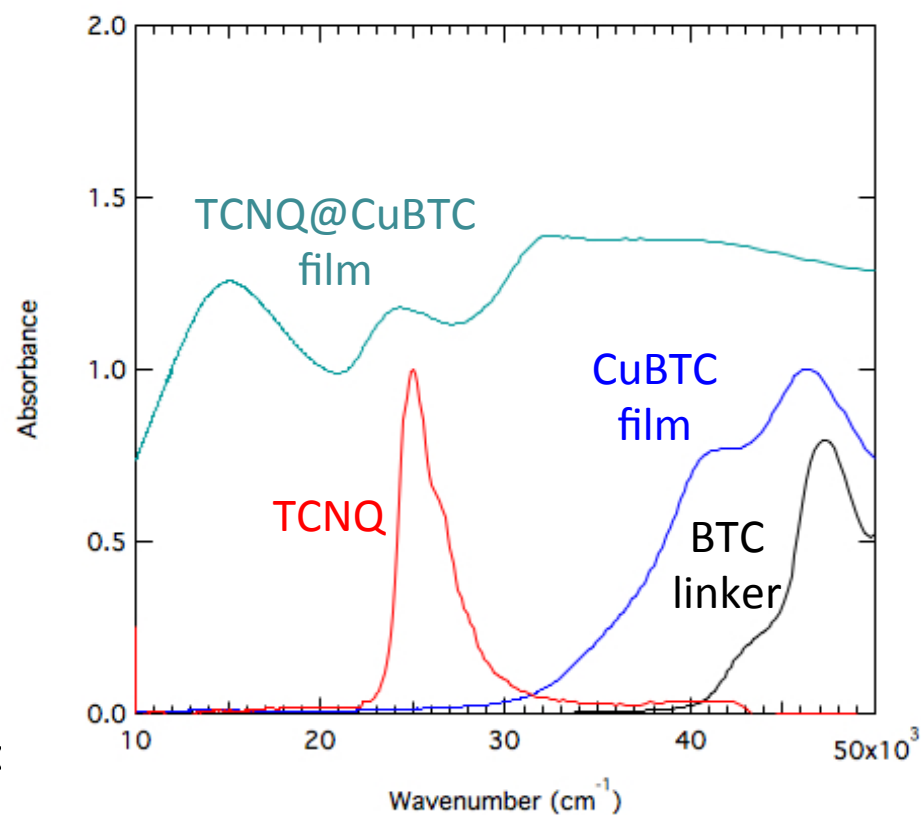


# TCNQ@Cu<sub>2</sub>(BTC)<sub>3</sub> exhibits strong new absorption bands

**H<sub>2</sub>O@Cu<sub>2</sub>(BTC)<sub>3</sub>**  
**Cu(II) d-d transitions**  
**(weak)**

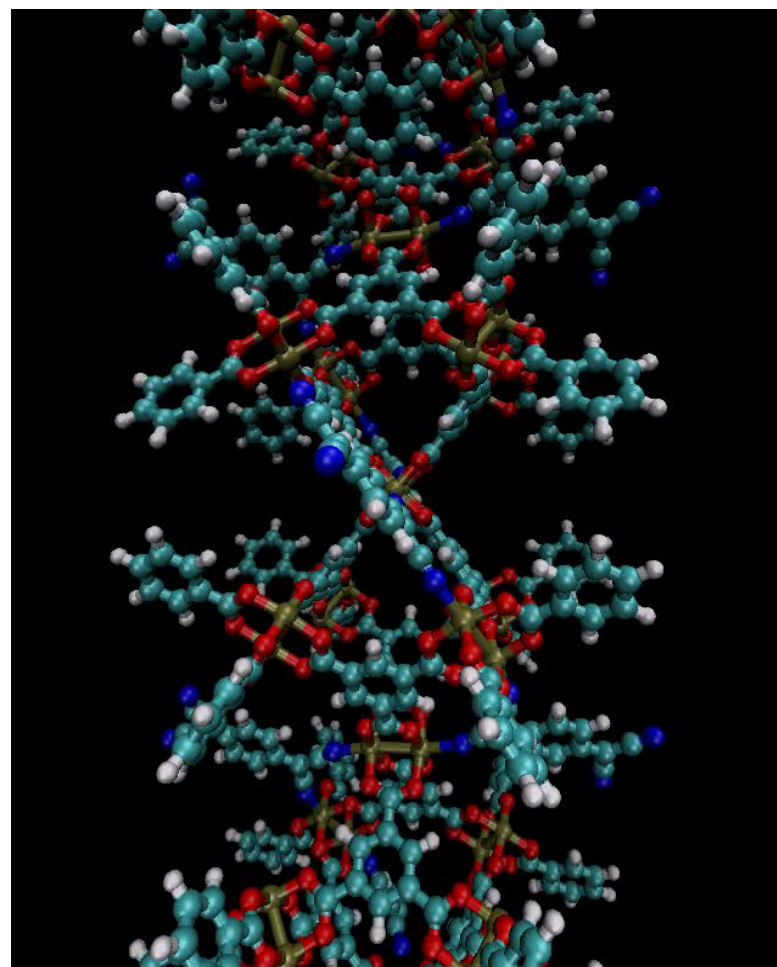
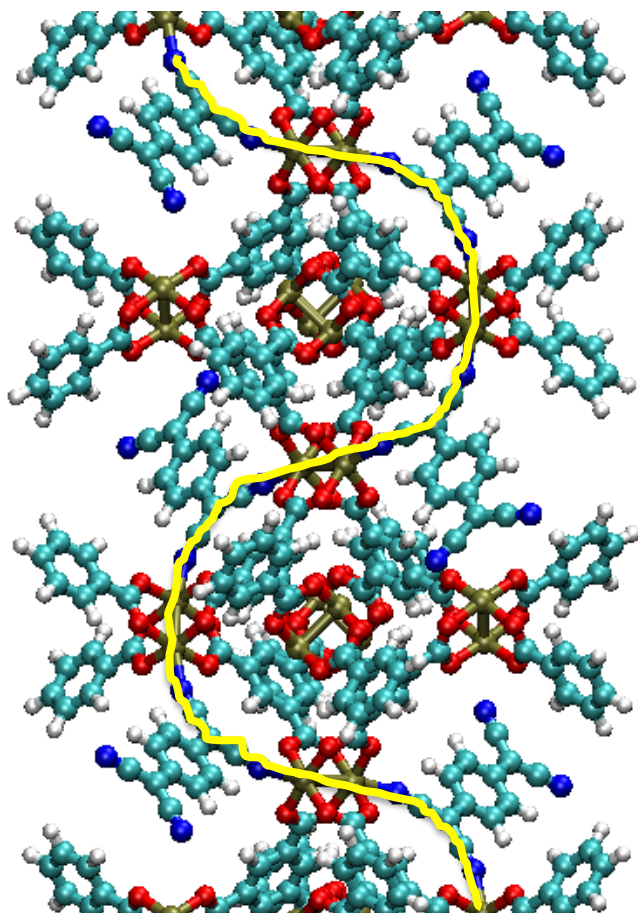


**TCNQ@Cu<sub>2</sub>(BTC)<sub>3</sub>**  
**Charge transfer transitions**



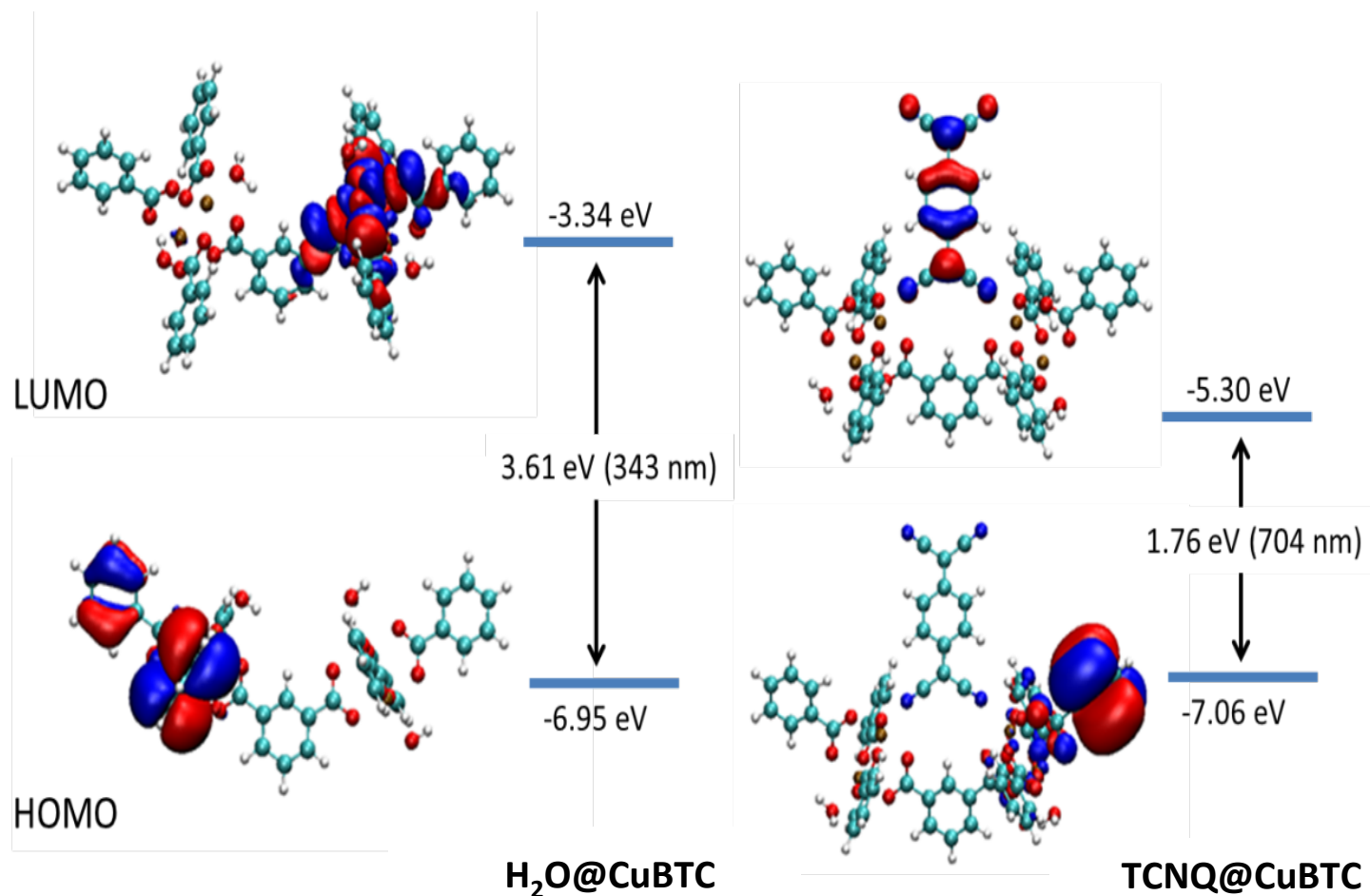


## DFT: Cu(II) dimers linked by TCNQ



Continuous TCNQ@CuBTC pathway is achievable with 4 TCNQs  
Experimental loading = 8 TCNQs/unit cell → two continuous pathways are possible

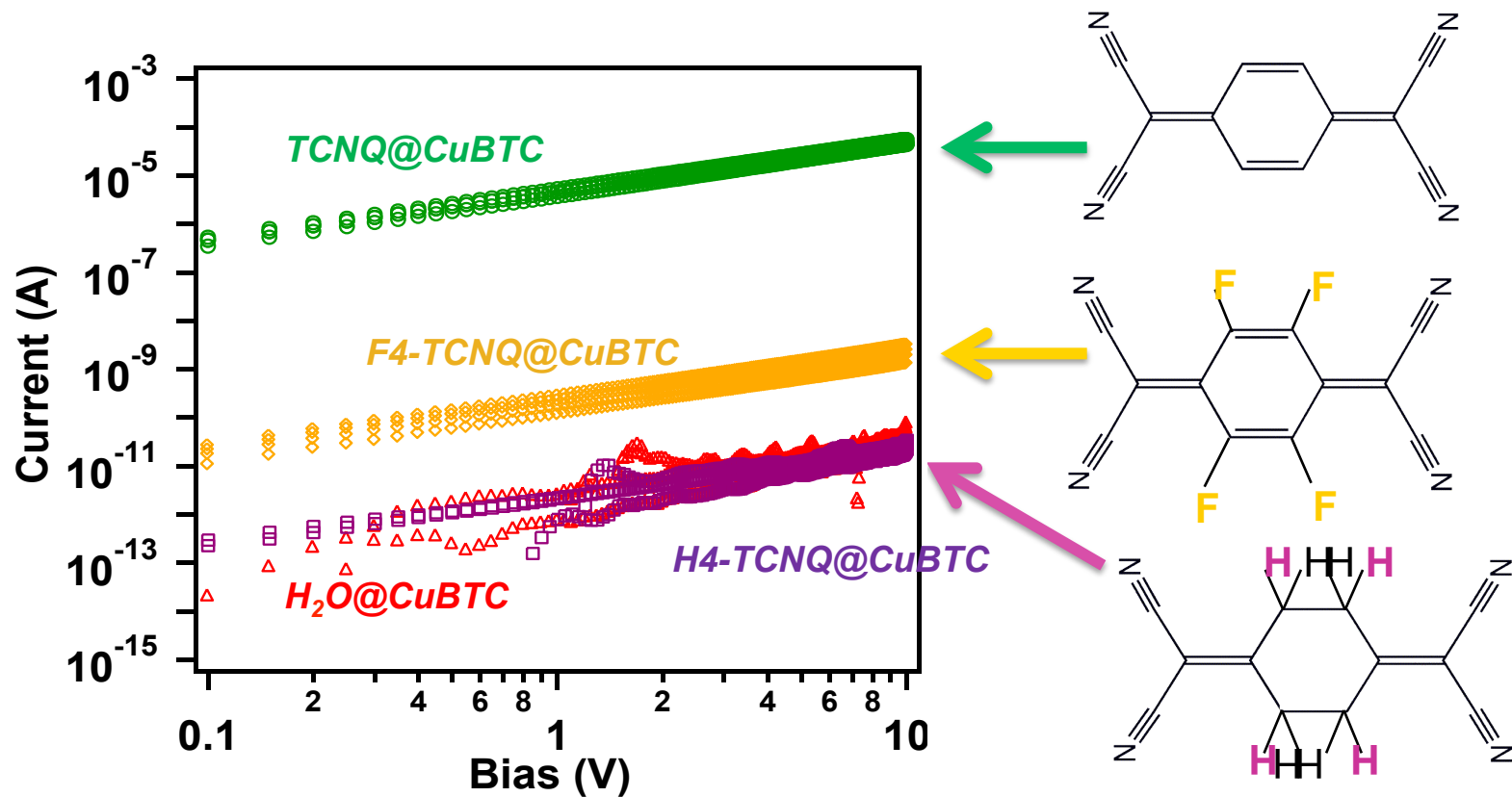
# Bridging TCNQ molecules create new charge transfer states



DFT/PBESol calculations

# Guest aromaticity, electronegativity affect conductivity

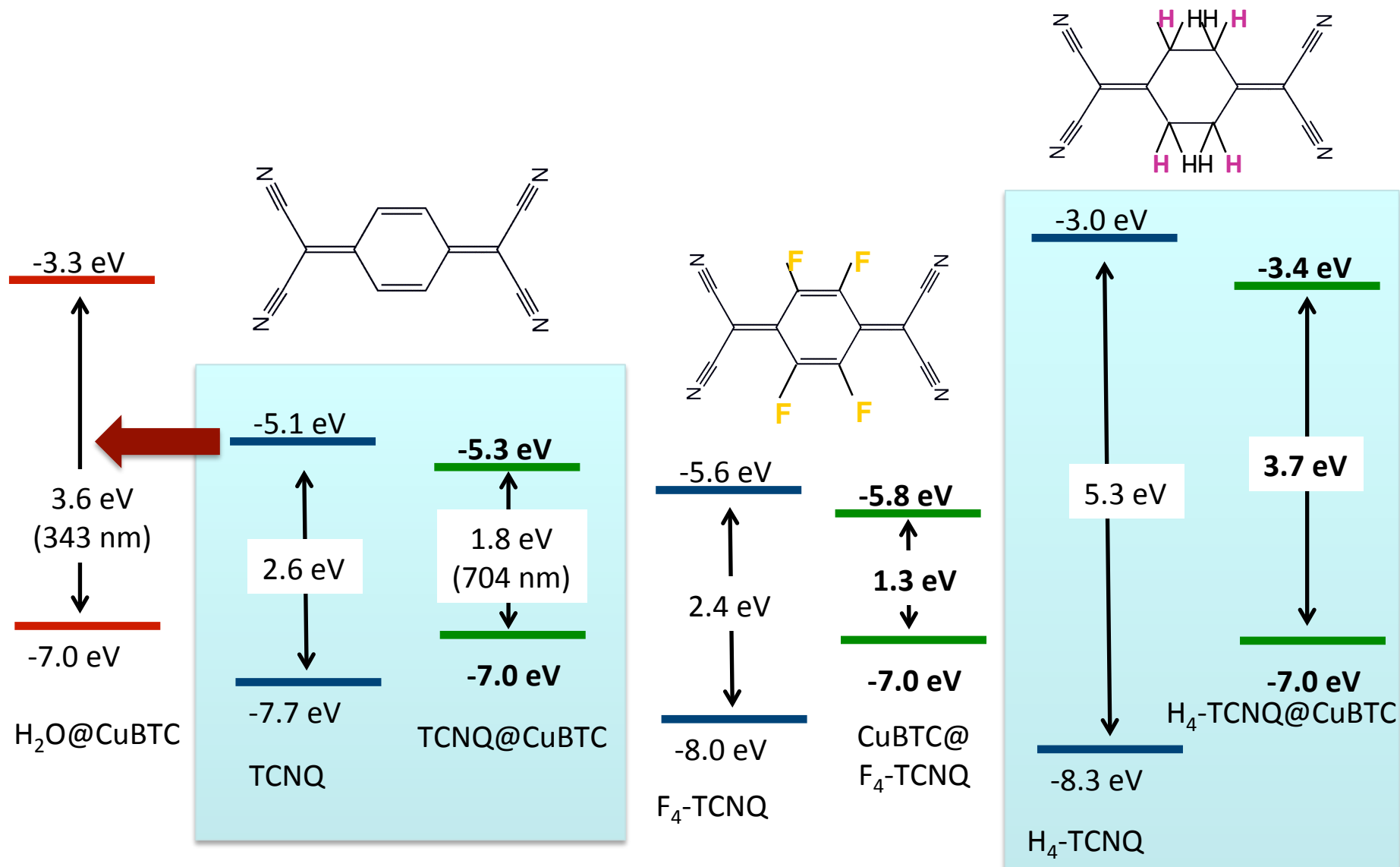
## Extended $\pi$ network essential for conductivity



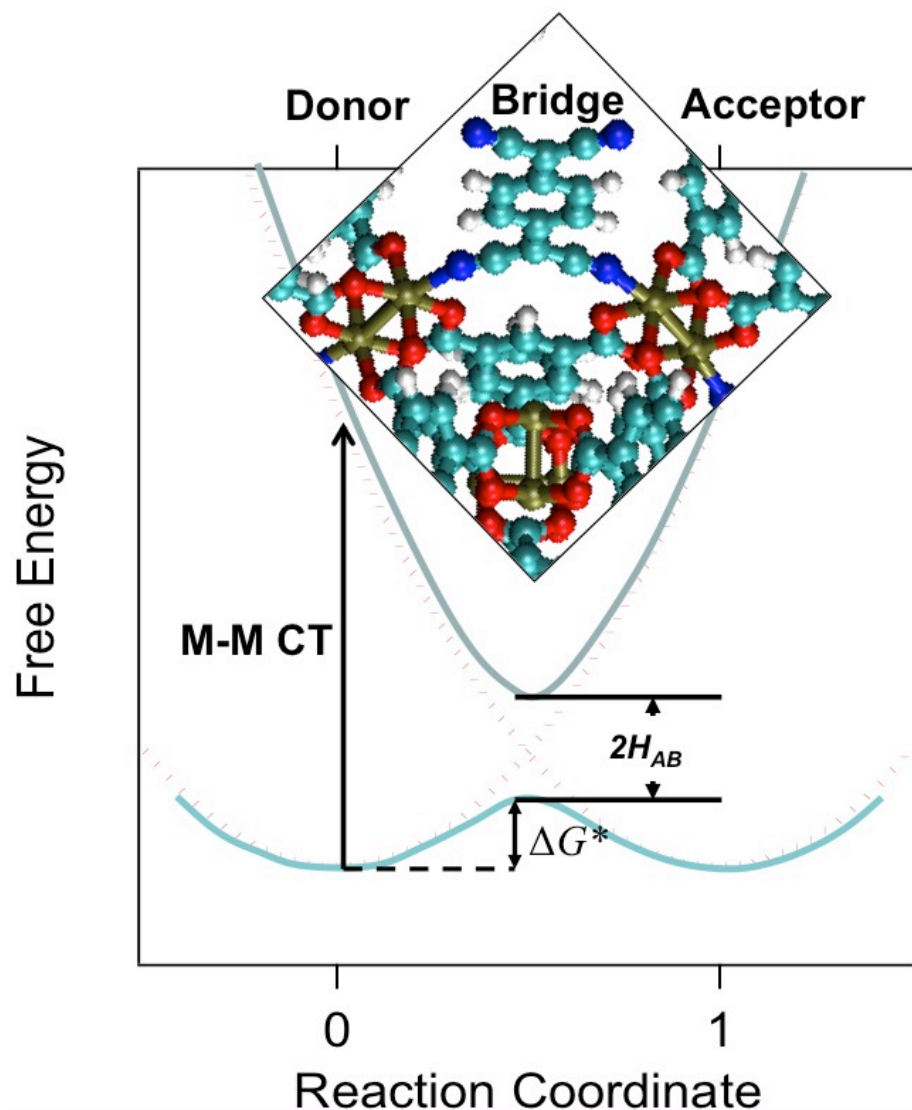


# Cu-BTC band alignments: DFT/PBEsol calculations

## 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

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

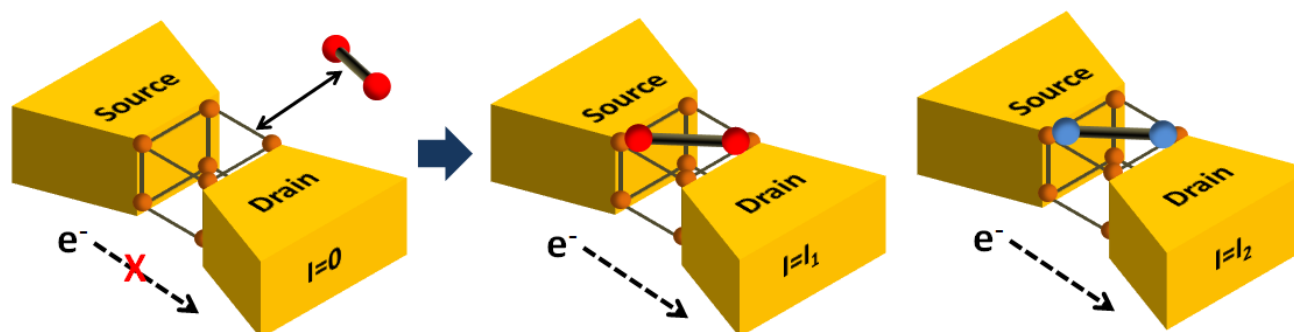
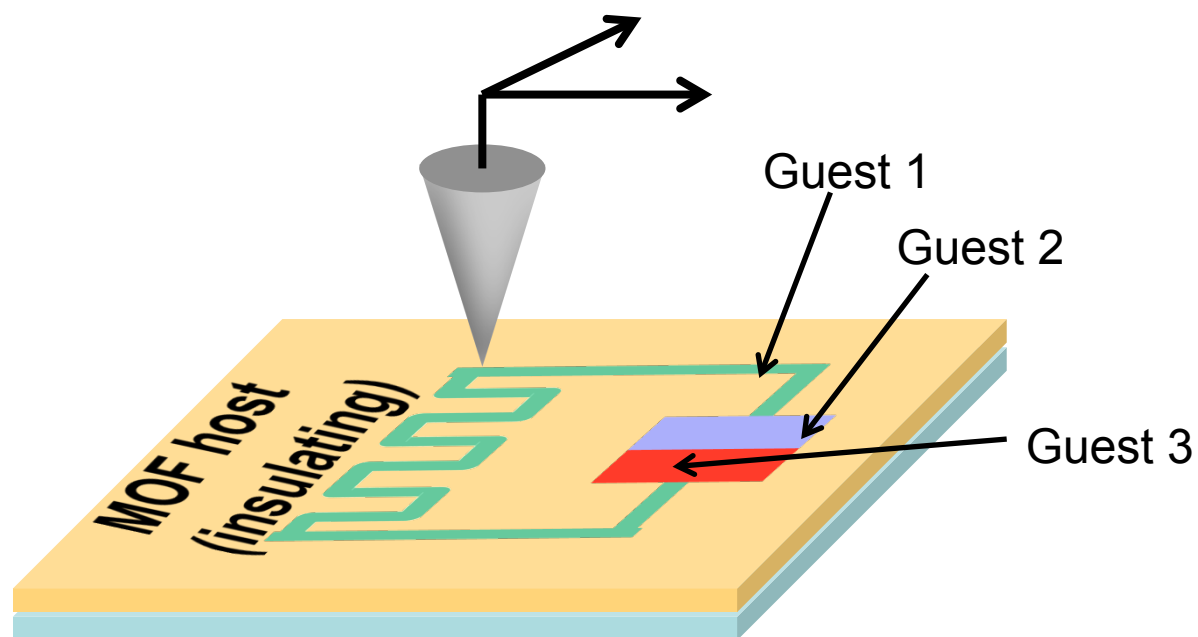
$\lambda$ -Reorganization energy

Computed by Constrained DFT:

$H_4$ -TCNQ <  $F_4$ -TCNQ < TCNQ

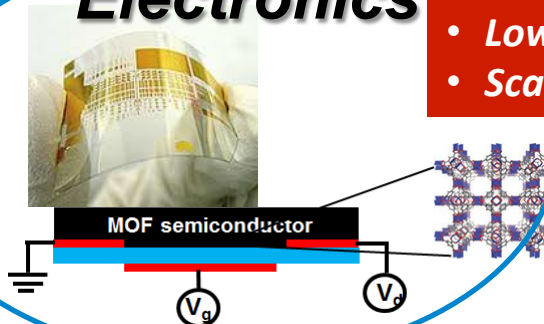
$H_{AB} = 0.19 \text{ eV} < 1.03 \text{ eV} < 2.32 \text{ eV}$

# Vision for Molecule@MOF ICs, nanodevices

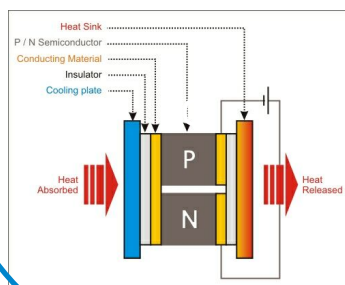


## Electronics

- Chemically tunable
- Low cost, low-T deposition
- Scalable down to ~1nm (?)

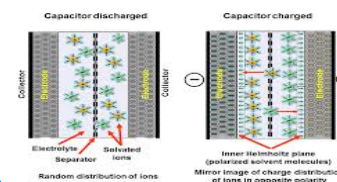


## Thermoelectrics



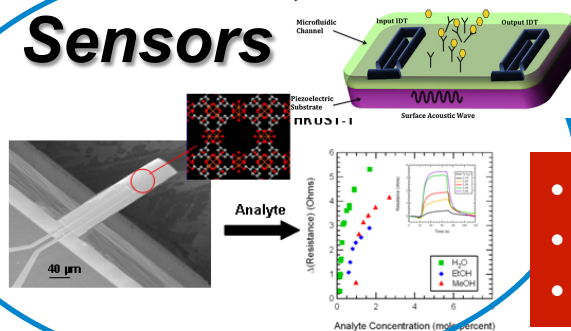
- Ultrahigh surface area
- Redox active centers

## Supercaps



- Ultrahigh surface area
- Redox active centers


## Sensors



- Multi-axis response
- Chemical specificity
- High surface area

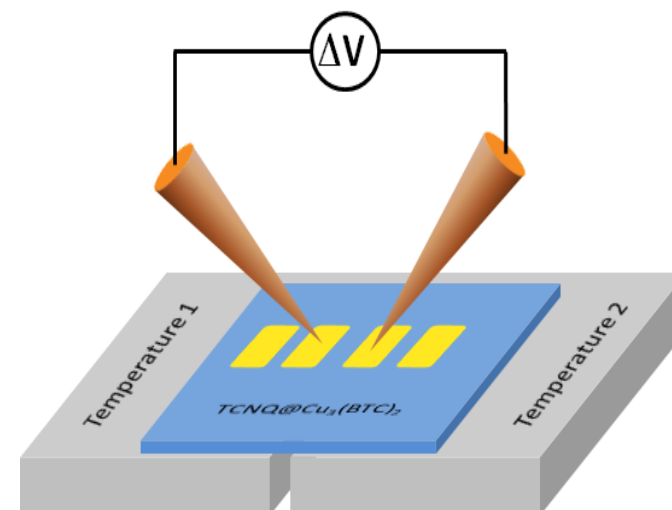
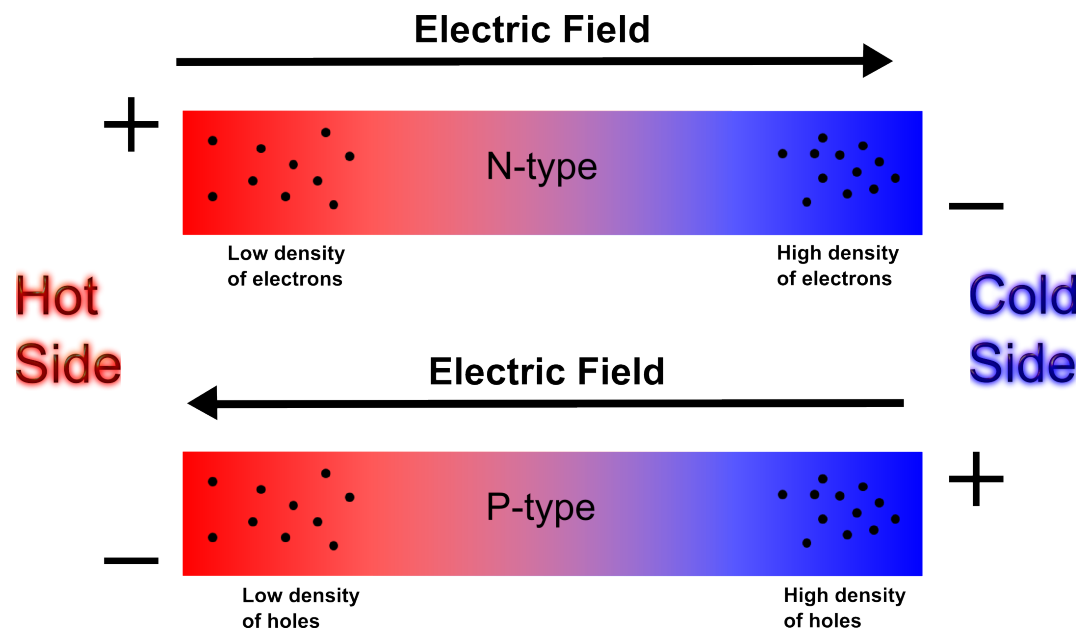
# Conclusions

---

- 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
- 
- 

# Backup Slides

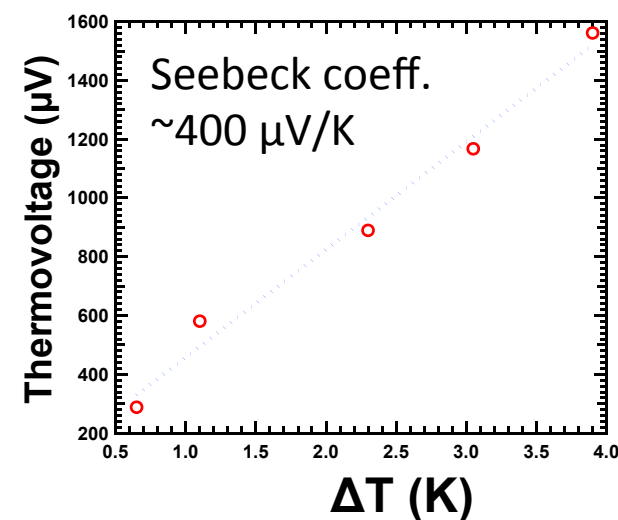
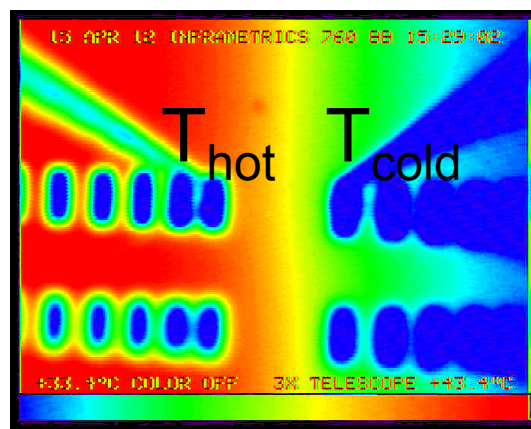
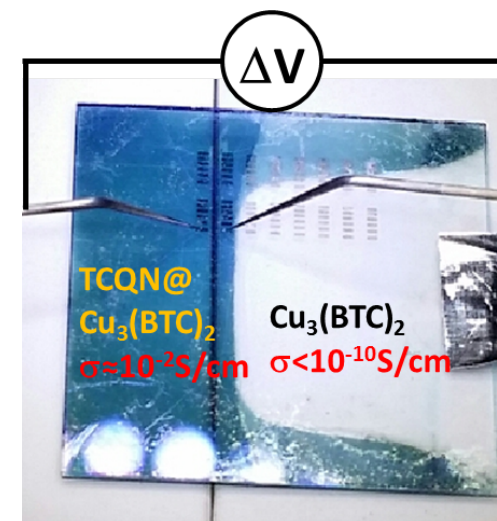
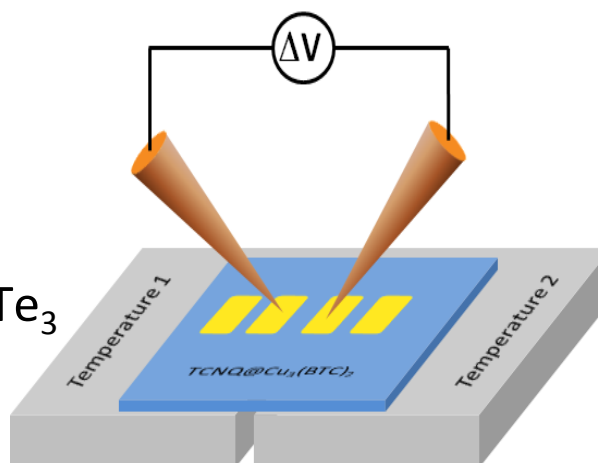
# What about the carrier type (electron or hole?) Seebeck effect is one way to find out...



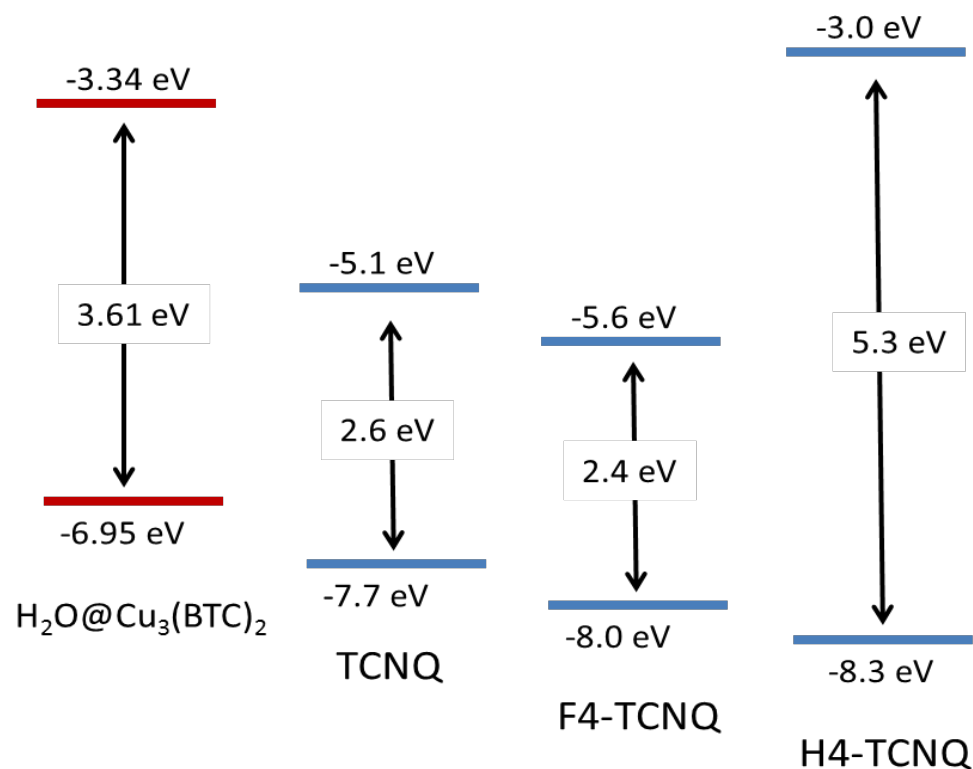
<http://www.mn.uio.no/fysikk/english/research/projects/bate/thermoelectricity/>

# Thermoelectric measurements of TCNQ@Cu<sub>3</sub>(BTC)<sub>2</sub>

- 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

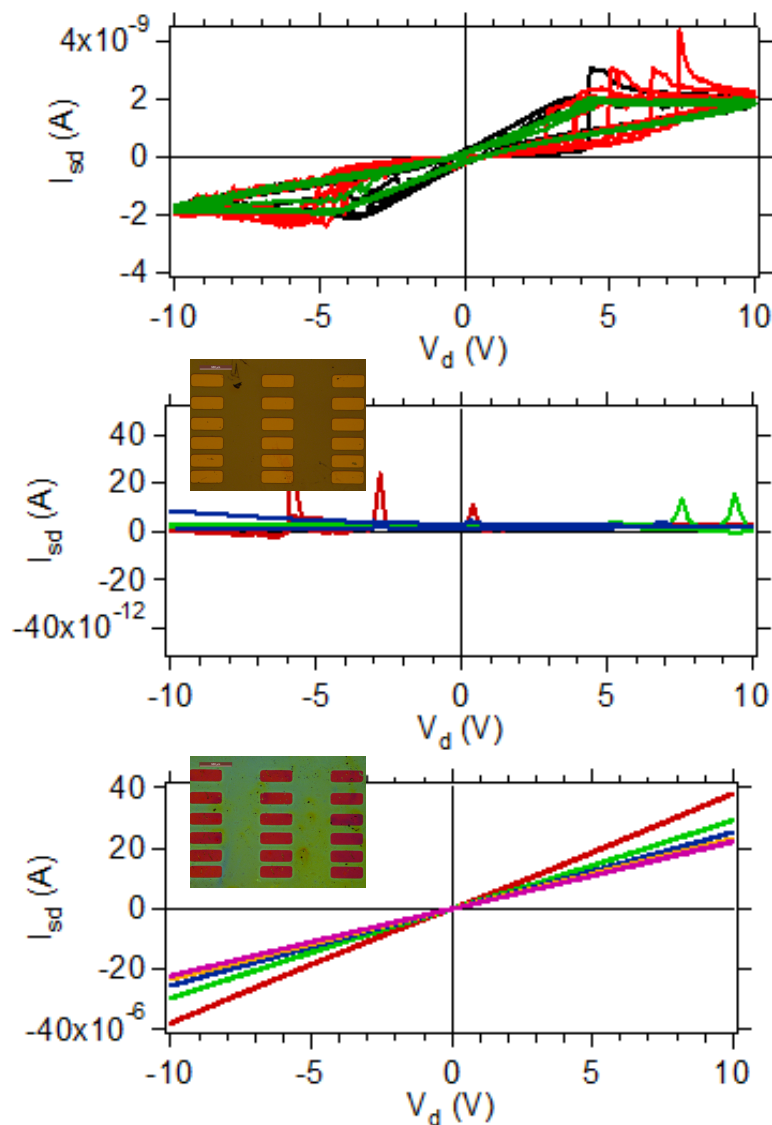






A schematic representation of the alignment of the HOMO/LUMO orbitals and bandgaps of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}@\text{CuBTC}$ , TCNQ, F4-TCNQ, and H4-TCNQ determined at the UB3LYP/VTZP level of theory.

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



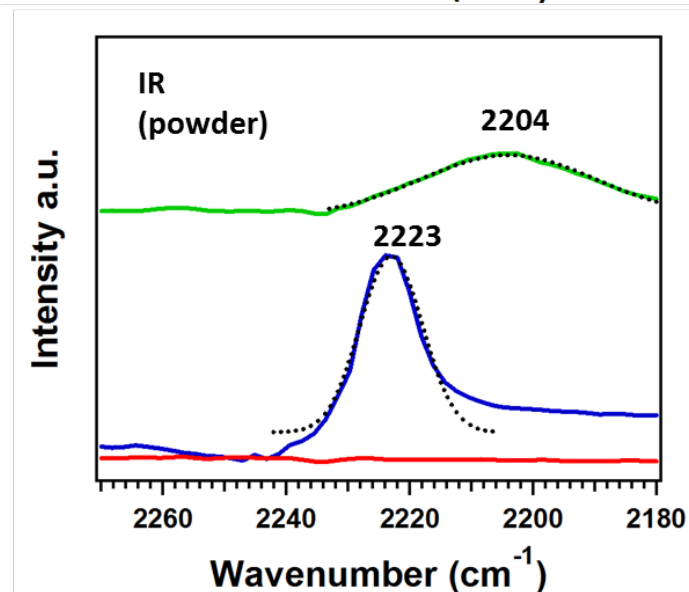
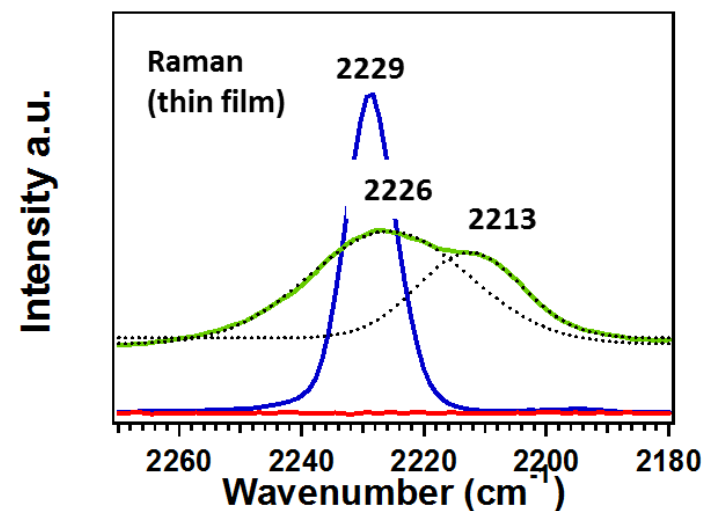
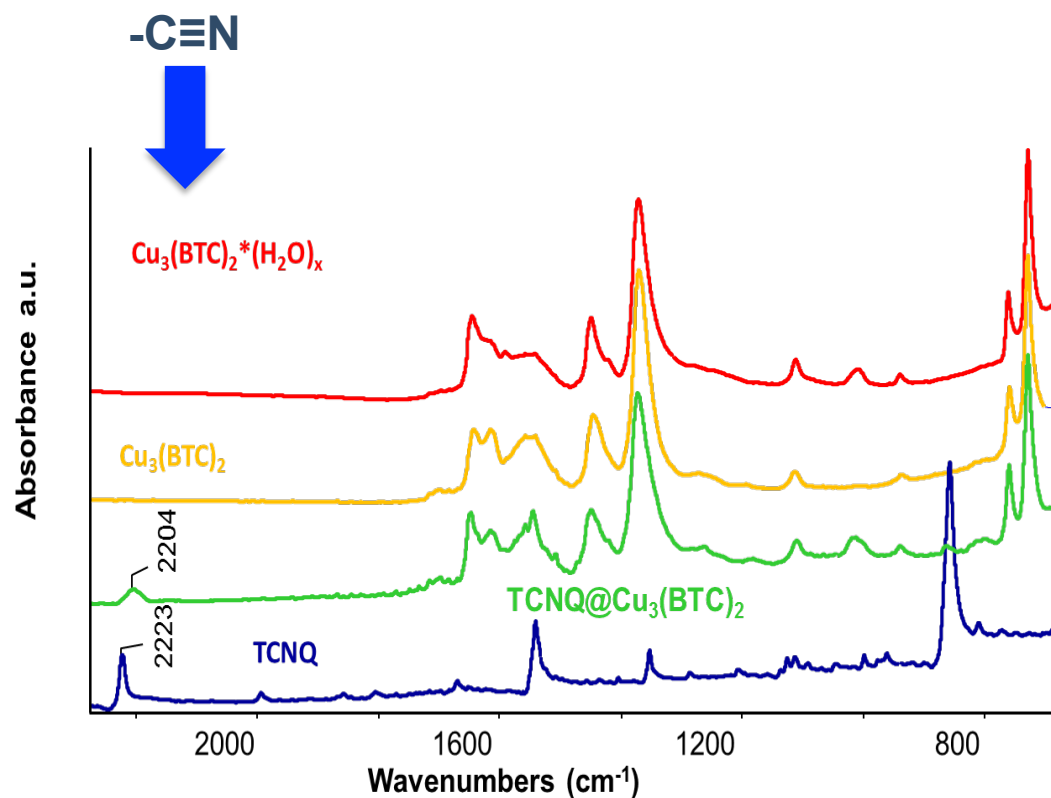
As deposited: Low but measurable conductivity, ionic/electronic?

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*

