

# Proton-Tunable Analog Transistor Using a Coordination Polymer

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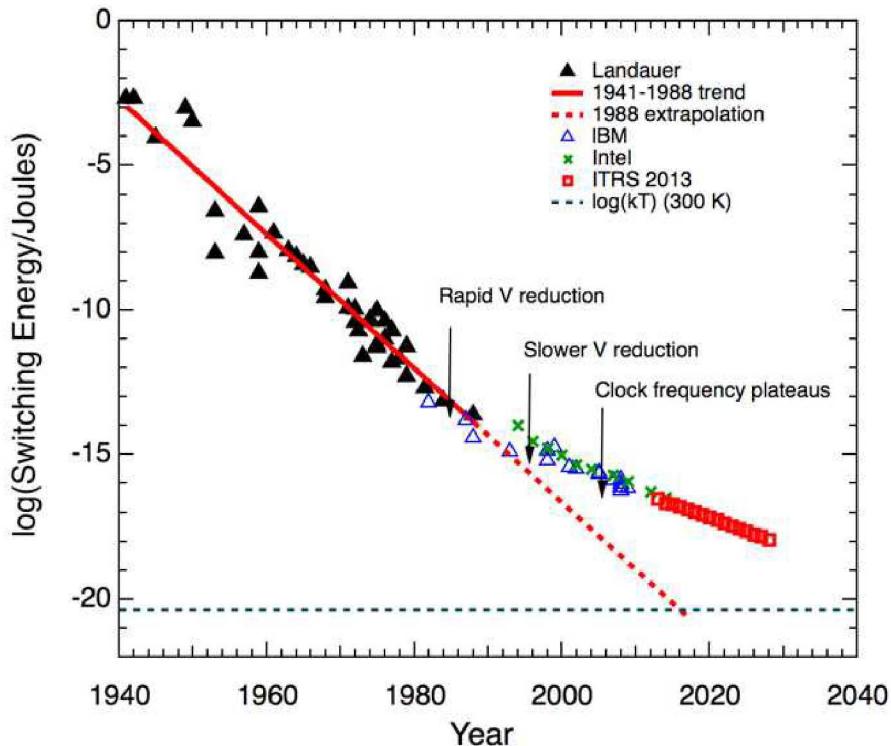
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# Strong indications that certain fundamental and economic limits are being reached

- Smallest usable gate length, 5 nm (~90 silicon atoms), has been achieved
  - Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. (TSMC) and Samsung 5-nm manufacturing
  - *IEEE Spectrum* **2019**, 56, 9
- Switching energy also plateauing
- Heat generation may be dominant factor in the departure from Moore's Law

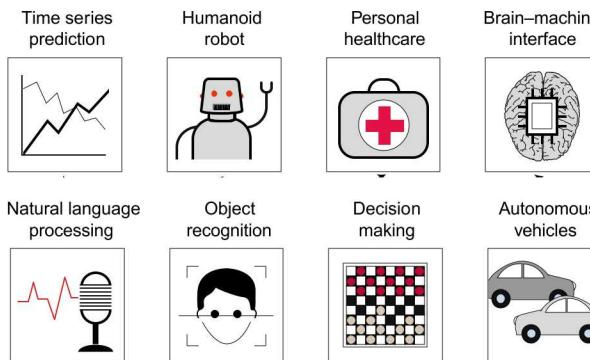
Historical data for switching energy\*



\*Theis and Wong "The End of Moore's Law: A New Beginning for Information Technology"  
*Computing Sci. Eng.* **2017**, 19, 41

## Application-specific computing capacity now exceeds general-purpose computing

- Internet of Things
- Edge computing
- Mobile
- Autonomous vehicles



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Humans excel at data processing  
Machines do not

Which one of these images is a cat?



ML is energy-intensive  
Example: autonomous vehicles:



J. Gawron et al.  
*Environ. Sci. Technol.* 2018, **52**, 3249–3256

Conventional von-Neuman digital architecture is energy inefficient

	Analog	Digital
Vector matrix multiply (read)	13 nJ	2600 nJ
Outer product update (write)	2 nJ	3600 nJ

Energy/operation/array  
1024X1024 synapses  
1 million multiply-and-accumulate

YiYang Li, Sandia National Labs. Personal communication

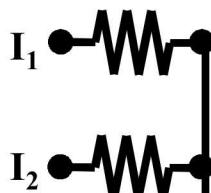
# Use resistive memories for energy-efficient local computation

- A resistive memory or ReRAM is a programmable resistor
  - Applying small voltages allows the conductance to be read:  $I = G \times V$
  - Applying large voltages changes the resistance



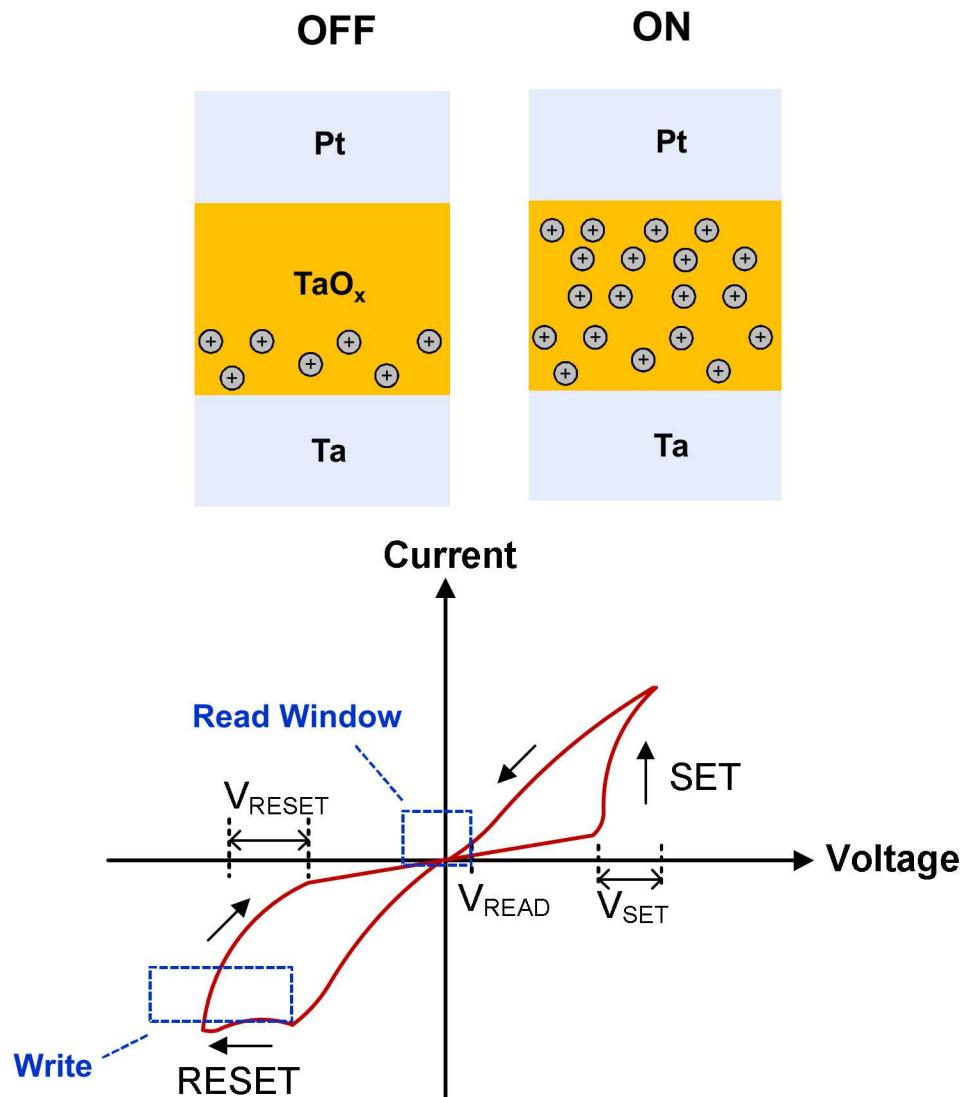
$$V = I \times R$$

$$I = G \times V \leftarrow \text{multiplication}$$



Addition:

$$I = I_1 + I_2$$



# Artificial neural networks (ANN) are compatible with low-power analog hardware that can reduce energy consumption

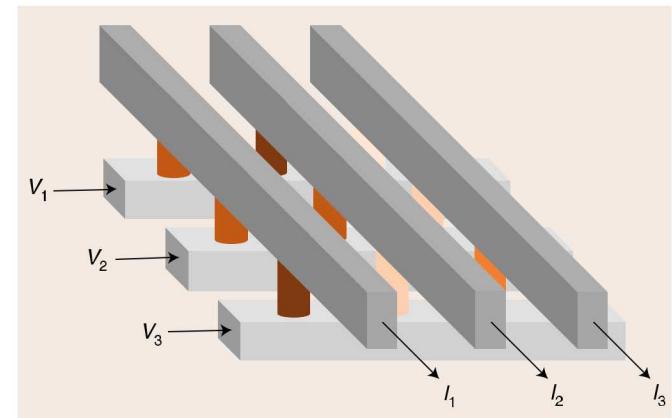
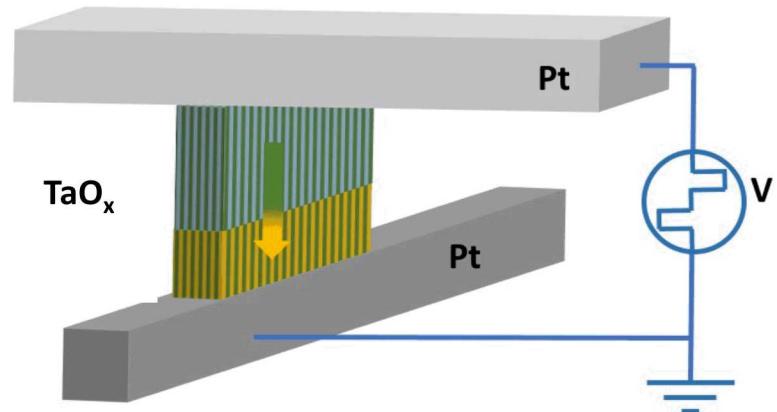
## Key requirements for analog switches

- High number of distinct conductance states
- Low fluctuation and drift in each state
- High endurance for repeated training
- Currents  $\leq 10$  nA to create large arrays ( $>1000 \times 1000$ ) without large voltage drops

## 2-terminal memristors

- Phase-Change Memory (PCM) and Filament-Forming Metal Oxides (FFMO)
- Stochastic switching mechanisms
- WRITE nonlinearities  $\rightarrow$  degrades accuracy
- High WRITE voltages
- Excessive currents due to summation in crossbar arrays with memristors in series

Schematic of a typical 2-terminal memristor crossbar



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***No resistive memory device has been demonstrated with adequate electrical characteristics to fully realize the efficiency and performance gains of ANN***

# Nanoscale ordered structures could accelerate ionic and electronic transport

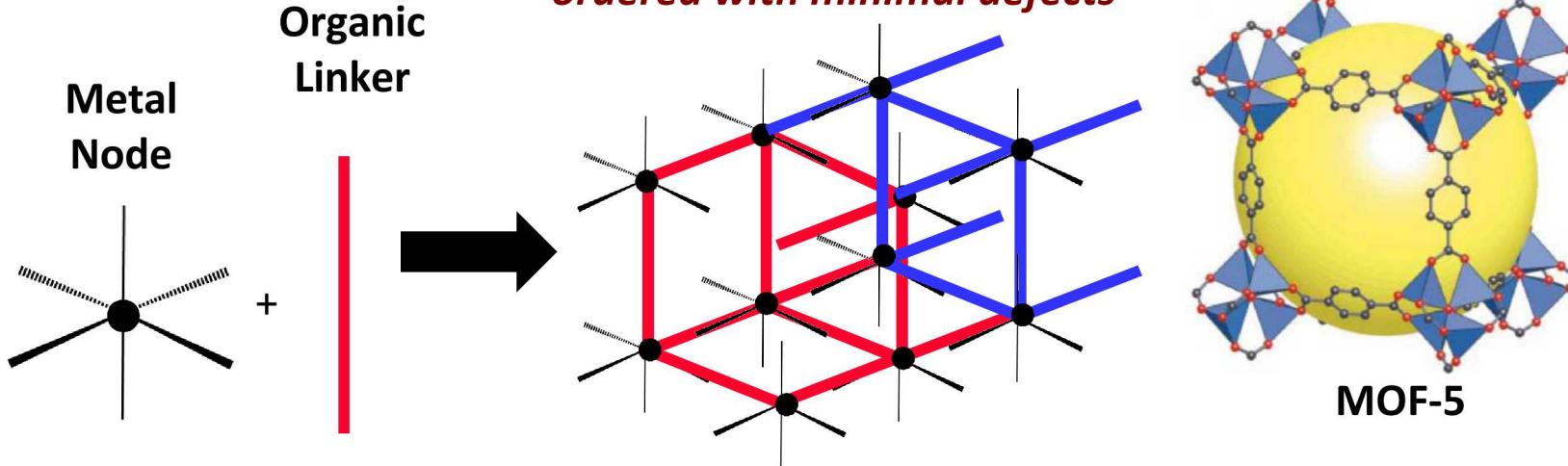
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**Knowledge gaps: Fundamentals governing charge and ion transport in organic mixed conductors are very poorly understood**

- Inadequate knowledge of local potentials
- Disorder within layers and at interfaces
- Lack of spatially resolved composition and microstructure
- No consensus regarding most effective modeling approach
- No structure-property relationships

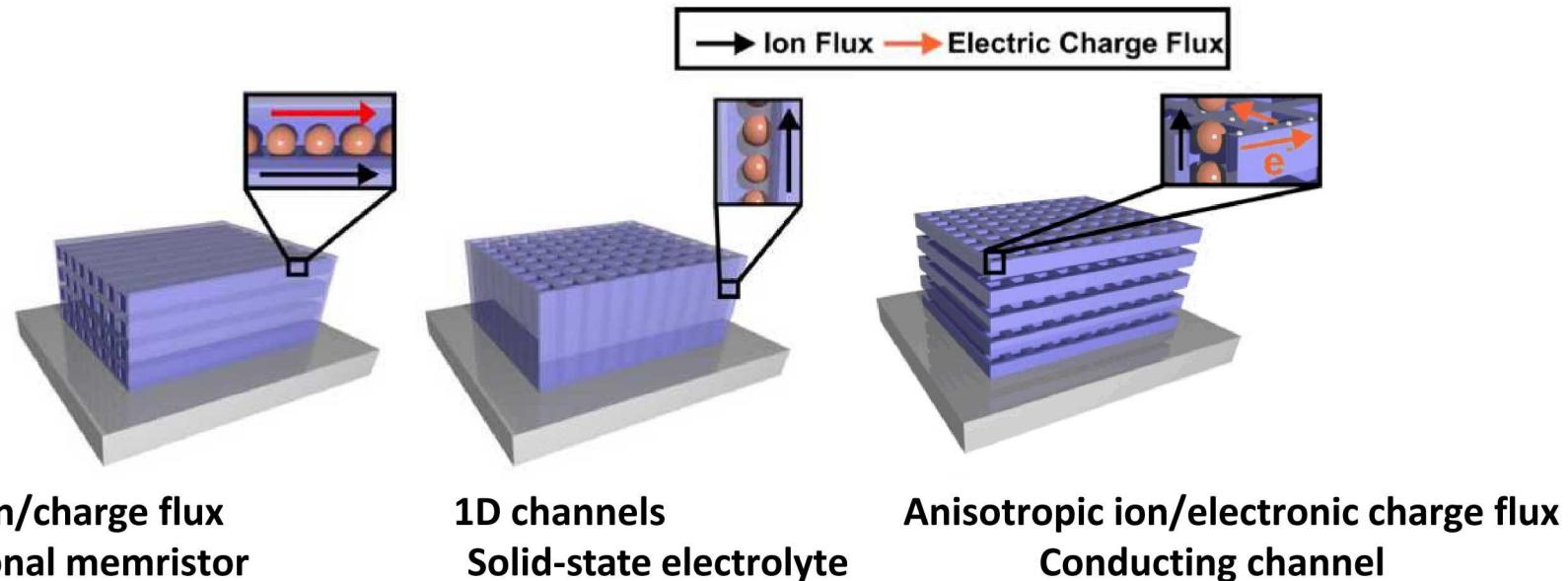
# Nanoporous MOFs are a class of coordination polymers provide atomic-scale clarity within a tunable structure

*Ion and electronic charge transport are enhanced when the transporting medium is ordered with minimal defects*



# Advantages of MOFs for resistive switching

- Tailorable nanopore size, geometry, chemical functionality → fast, selective ion transport
- Guest molecules in nanopores are a new design element for enhancing ion transport
- Crystallinity can enhance electronic charge transport relative to disordered polymers
- 1D, 2D, and 3D porous networks are available, allowing anisotropic ion and electronic charge transport

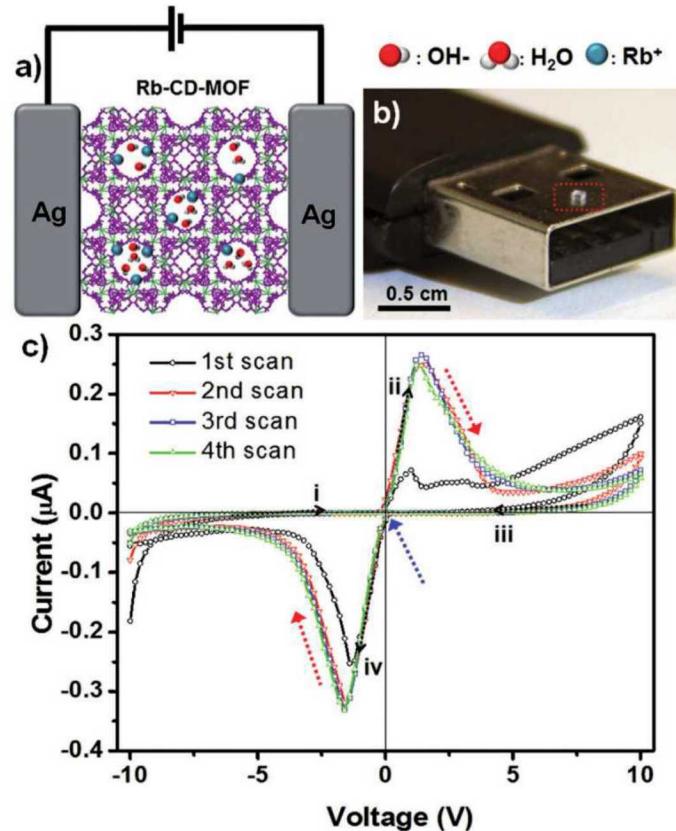


# A few examples of MOF-based resistive switching have been reported

## First demonstration of MOF-based chemical bipolar resistance switching

### Storage of Electrical Information in Metal–Organic-Framework Memristors\*<sup>\*\*</sup>

- Switching occurs by selective ion transport through the nanopores of a rubidium-cyclodextrin MOF
- Device: MOF sandwiched between silver electrodes
- Transport of  $\text{Ag}^+$  facilitated under applied bias
- Mechanism of resistance modulation: hypothesized to be formation of a nanoscale passivating layer ( $\text{AgO?}$ ) at the MOF-electrode interface.

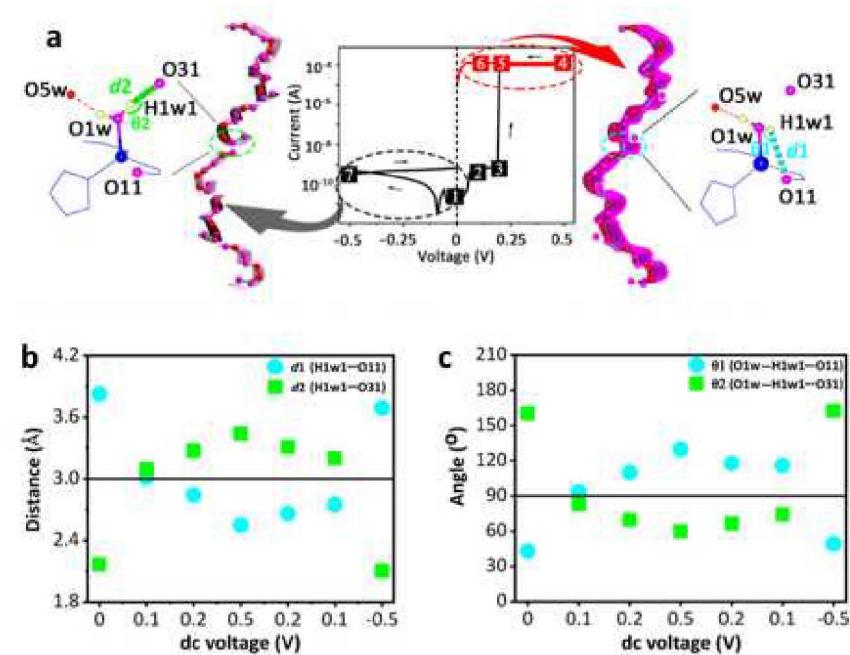


# Proton-based resistive switching examples using MOFs

## Simultaneous implementation of resistive switching and rectifying effects in a metal-organic framework with switched hydrogen bond pathway

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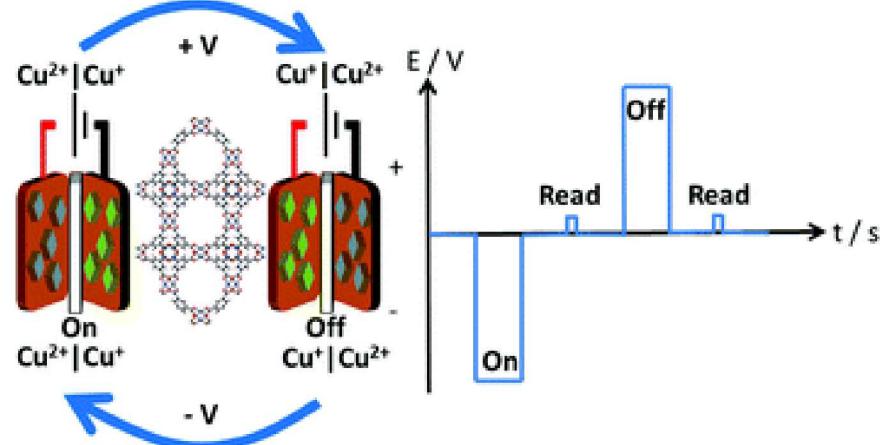
- Proton transport
- MOF single crystal bonded to two Ag electrodes
- Low set voltage ( $\sim 0.2$  V)
- ON/OFF ratio  $> 10$
- Chiral structure  $\rightarrow$  device is also a rectifier



Yao et al. proton-based switch 2019  
Yao *et al.*, *Sci. Adv.* 2019; **5** 4515

# Rewritable data storage device with copper paddlewheel MOF HKUST-1 as active material

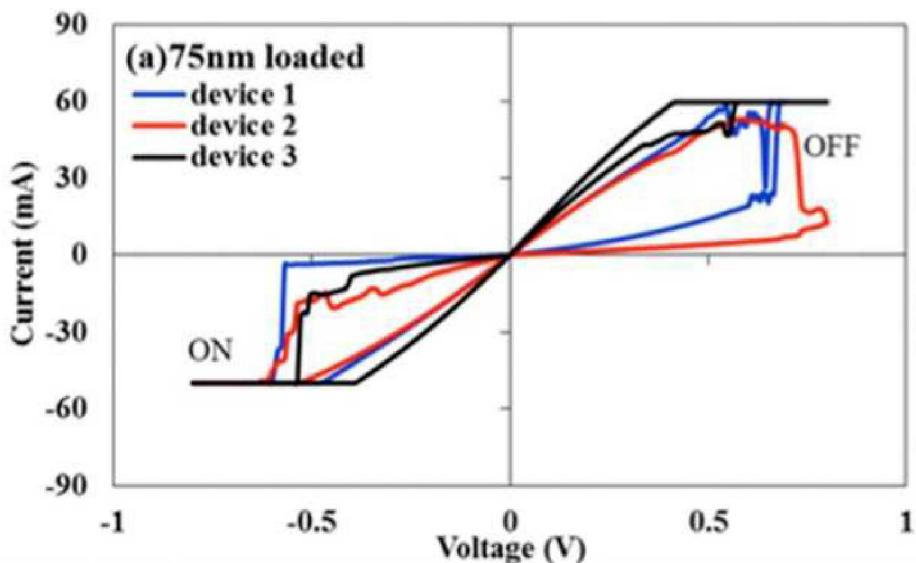
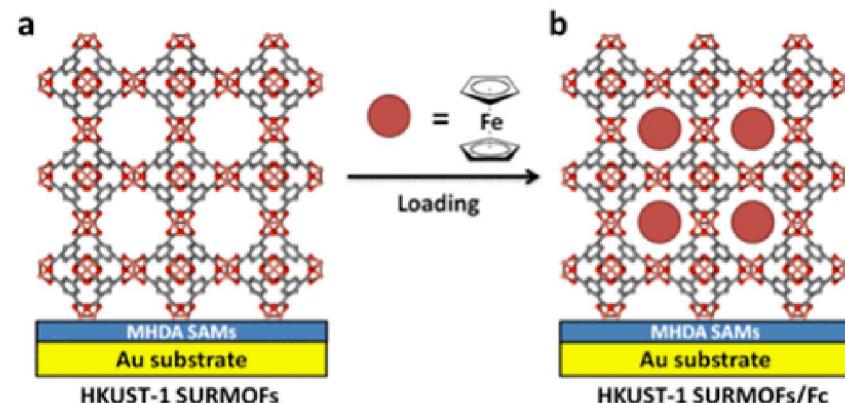
- Memory device involving  $\text{Cu}^{2+}/\text{Cu}^+$  reversible reduction
- Active metal cations are thought to be located near the interface of the MOF with the electrode
- Cycled 6000 times without apparent degradation
- Presence of methanol cause formation of some Cu(i)



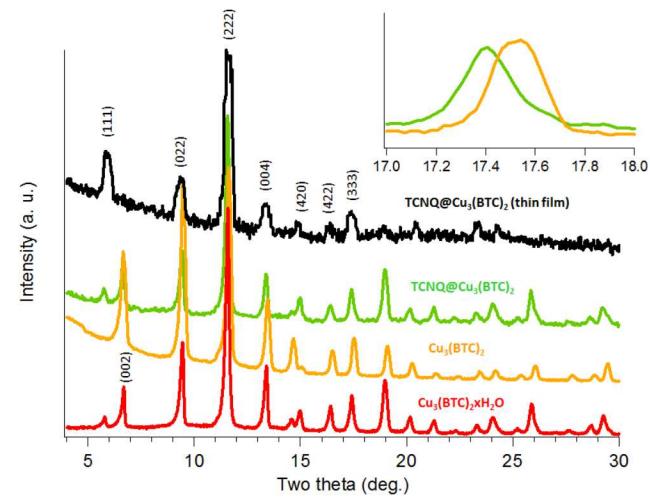
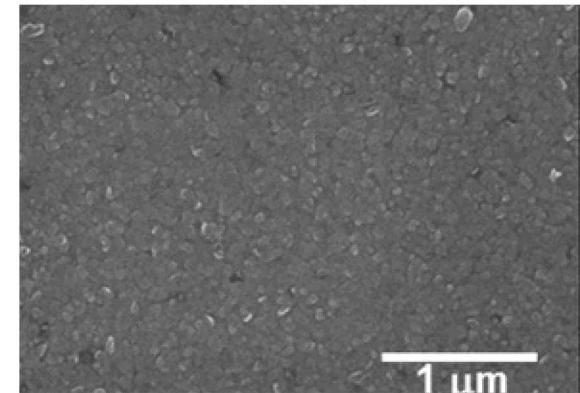
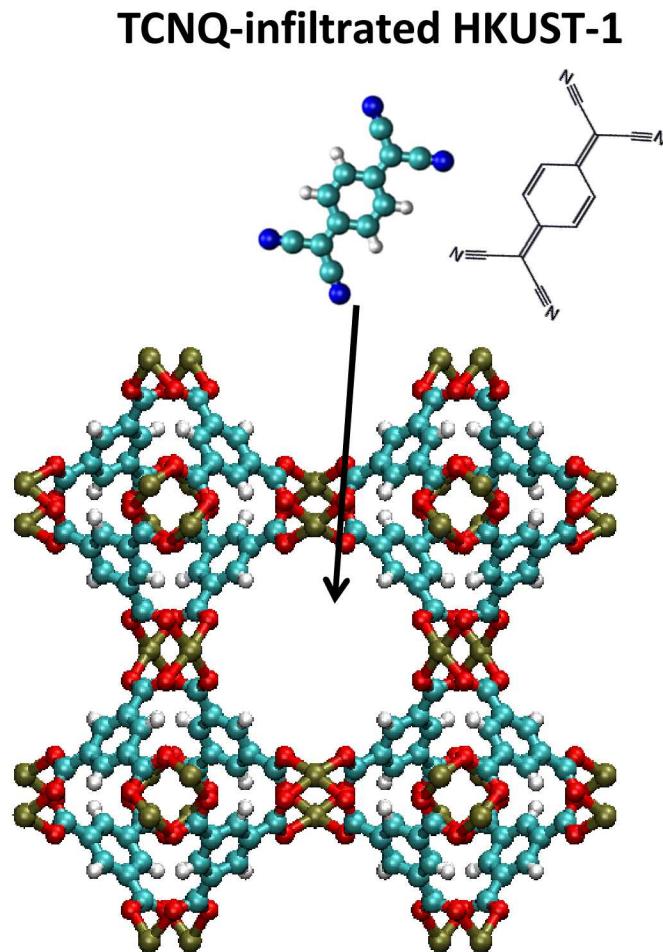
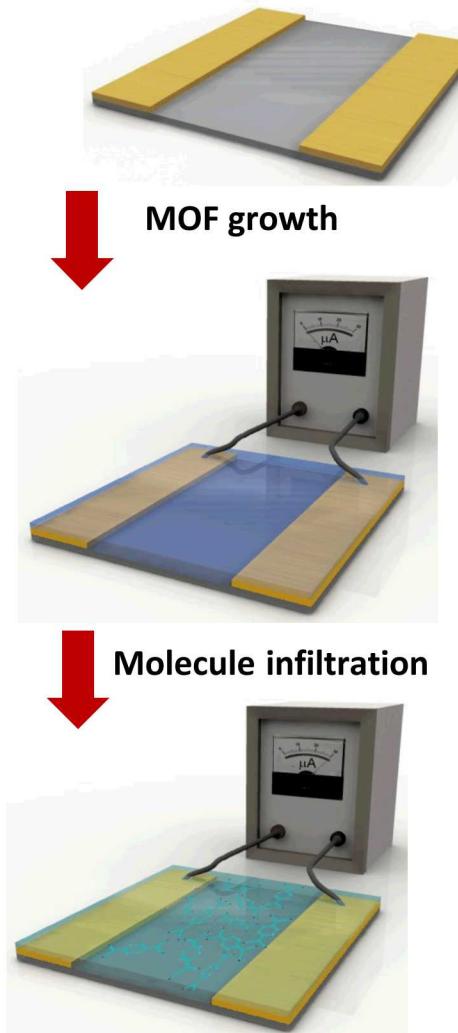
S. D. Worrall et al. *J.Mater.Chem.C*, 2016, 4, 8687

# MOF-based switching facilitated by guest molecules

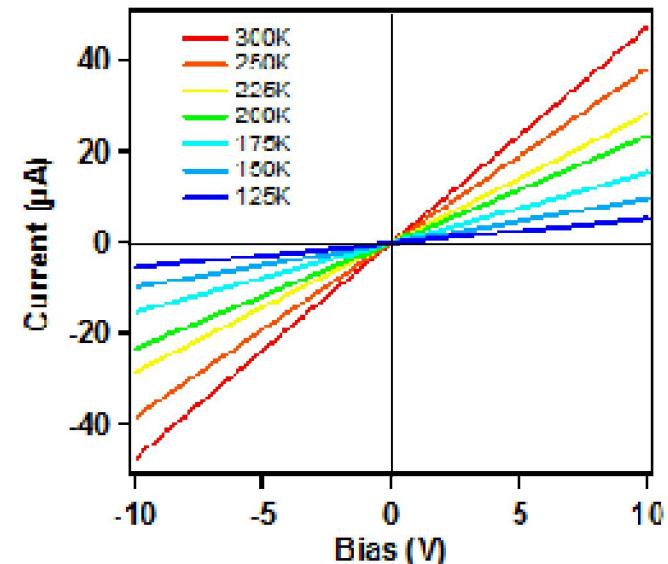
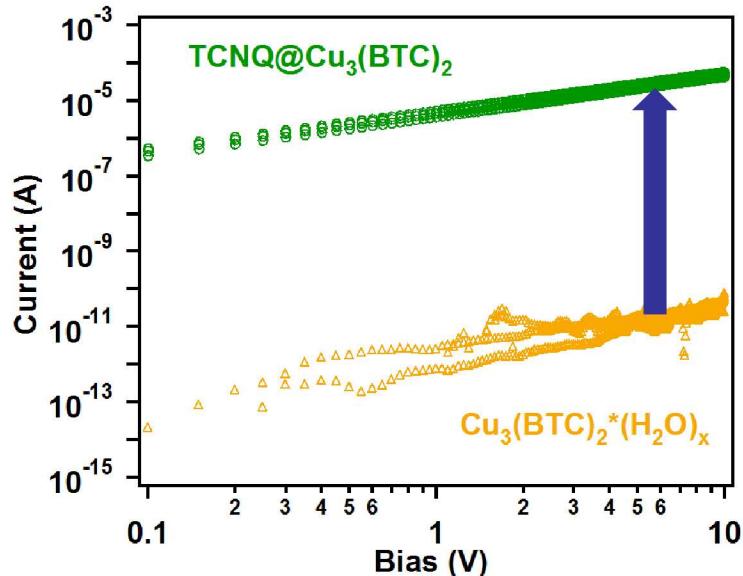
- Ferrocene-loaded HKUST-1
- Reversible and repeatable low- and high-conductivity states
- Electrochemistry not consistent with filament-forming switching mechanism
- Possible switching mechanism: loosely bound ferrocene  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  ions?



# Guest molecules can provide coupling between SBUs to create an electronic conduction path

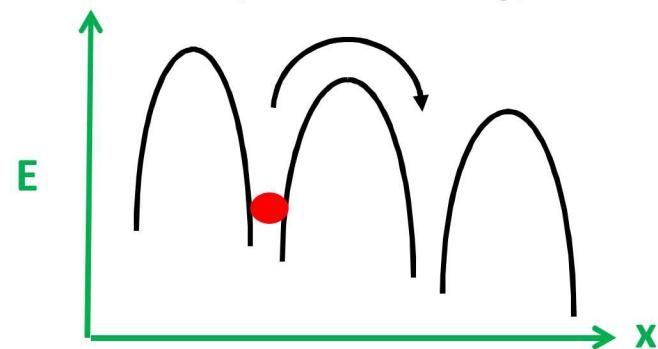
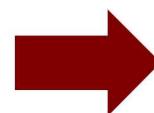
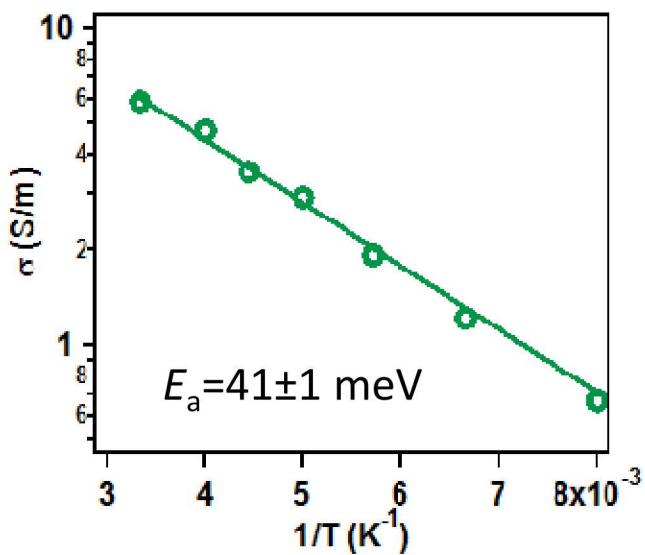


# >10<sup>7</sup> increase in conductivity; hopping mechanism



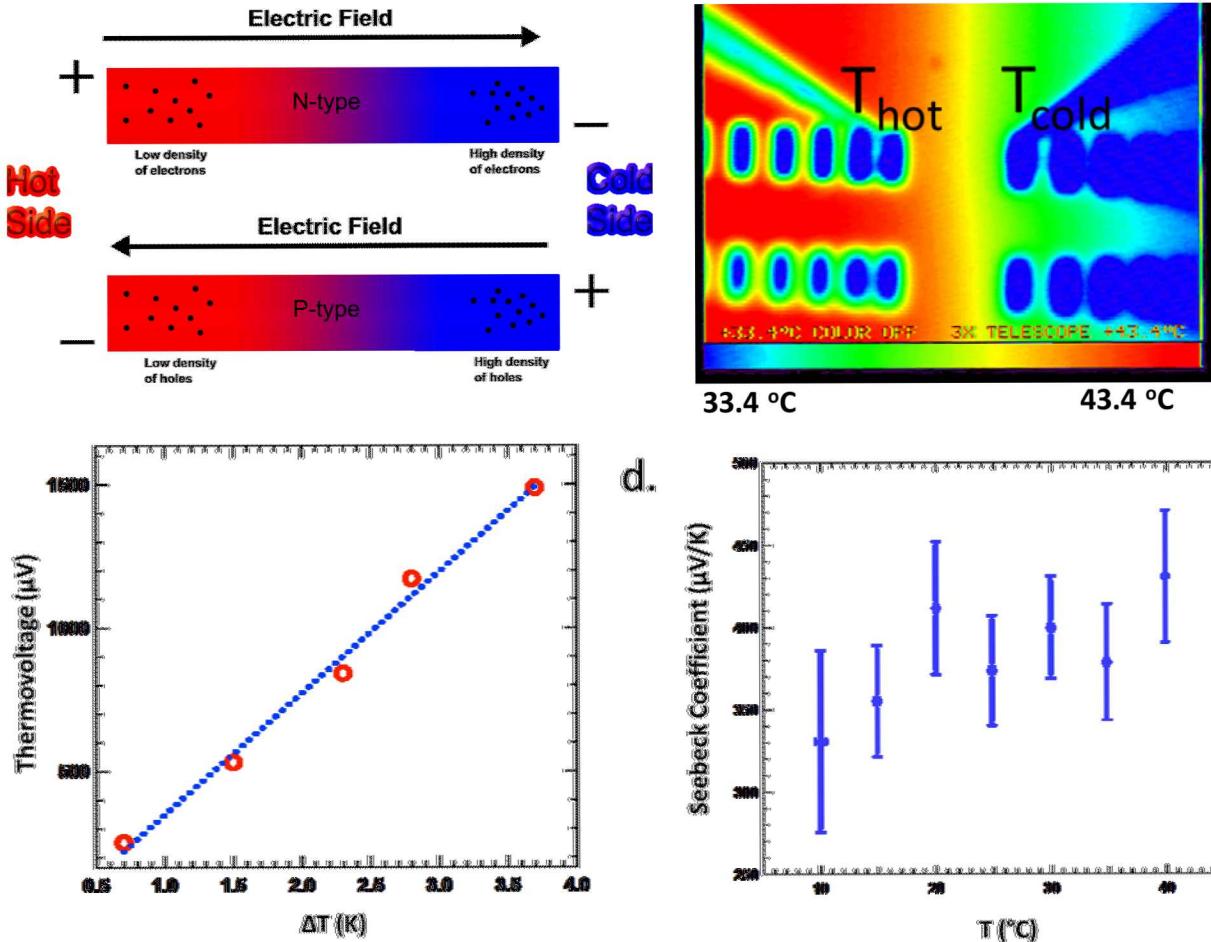
Ohmic conduction

**Hopping conduction  
(not tunneling)**

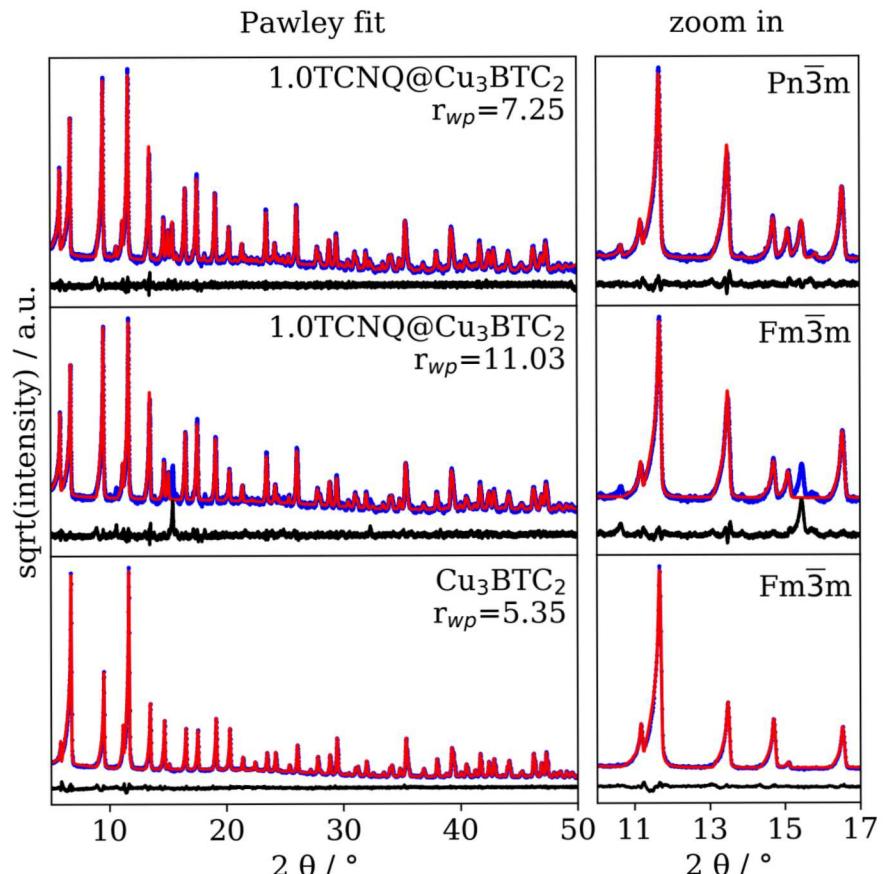
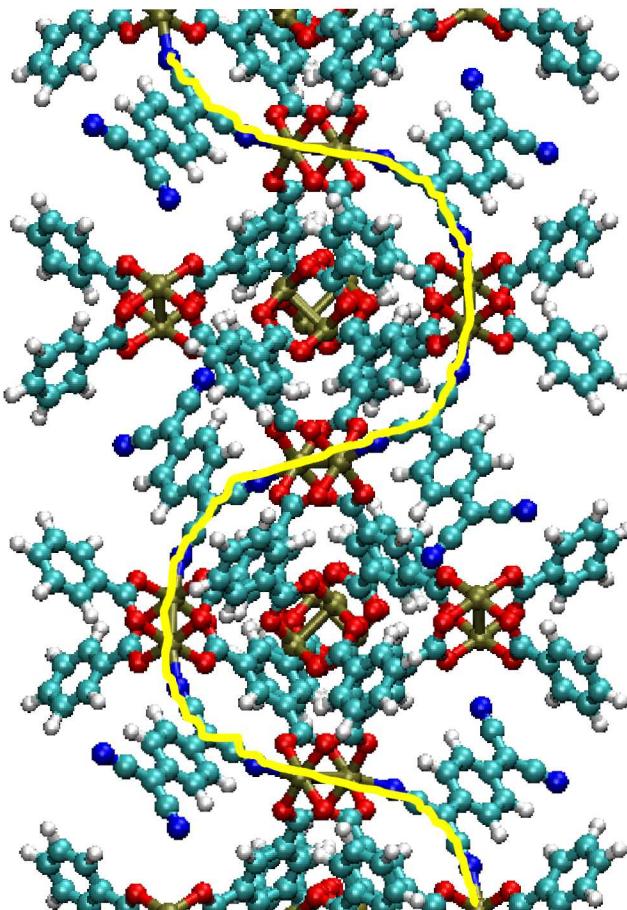


# Seebeck coefficient measurements indicate that holes are the majority charge

High positive Seebeck coefficient:  
 ~400  $\mu\text{V/K}$  vs.  
 170  $\mu\text{V/K}$  for  $\text{Bi}_2\text{Te}_3$

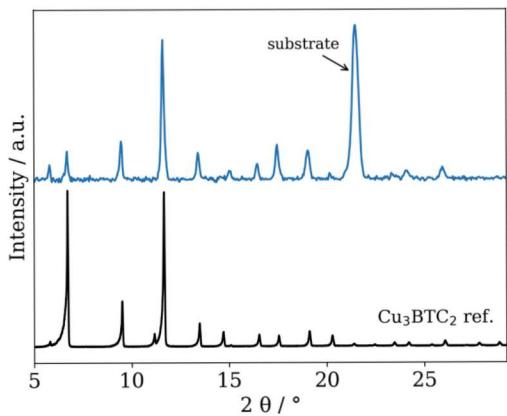
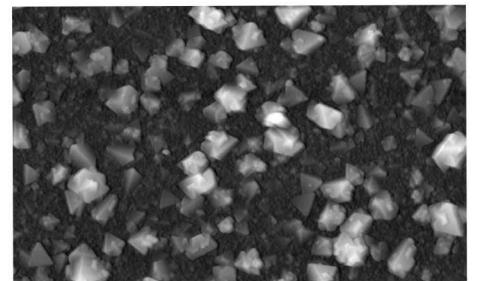


# Conductivity mechanism: Cu<sub>2</sub>(btc)<sub>4</sub> paddlewheels bridged by TCNQ molecules



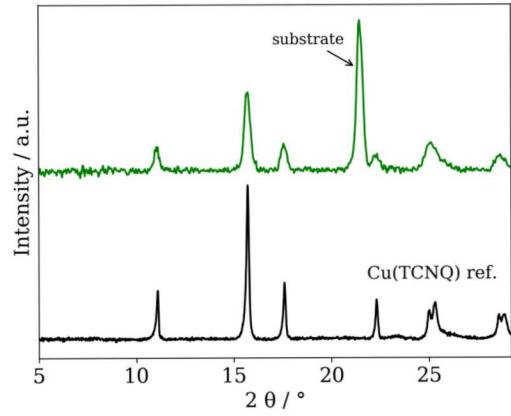
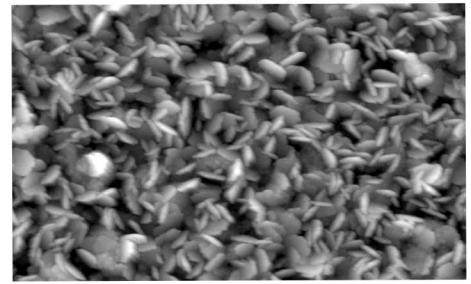
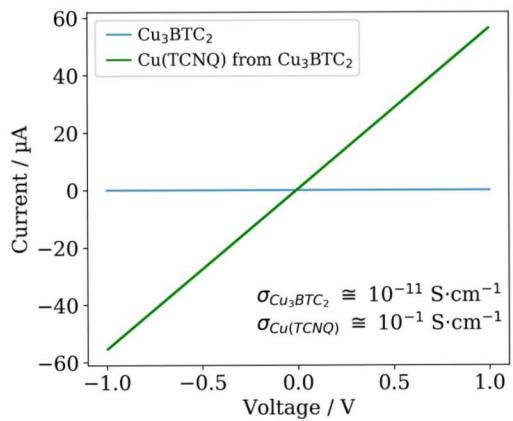
- 2 TCNQ will fit in each large pore (16 TCNQ/unit cell  
→ Continuous TCNQ-Cu<sub>2</sub>-TCNQ pathway with 1 TCNQ/large pore = 8 TCNQs/unit cell

# Transformation of $\text{Cu}_3\text{BTC}_2$ films in the presence of TCNQ

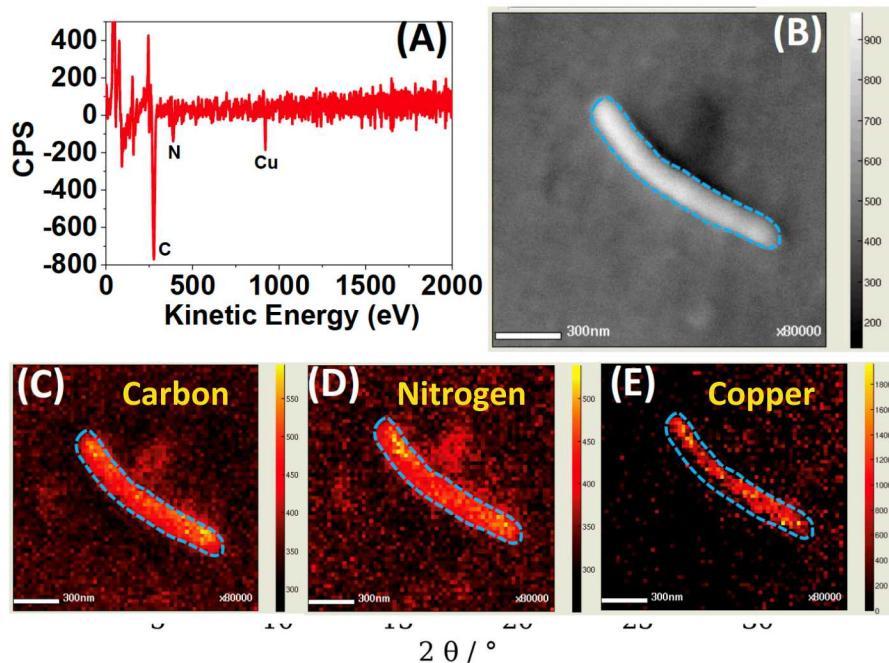
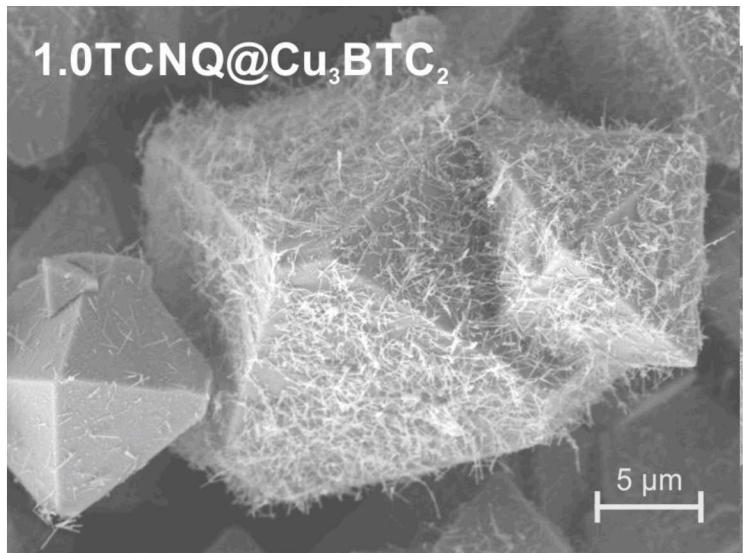


TCNQ (1mM) in MeOH

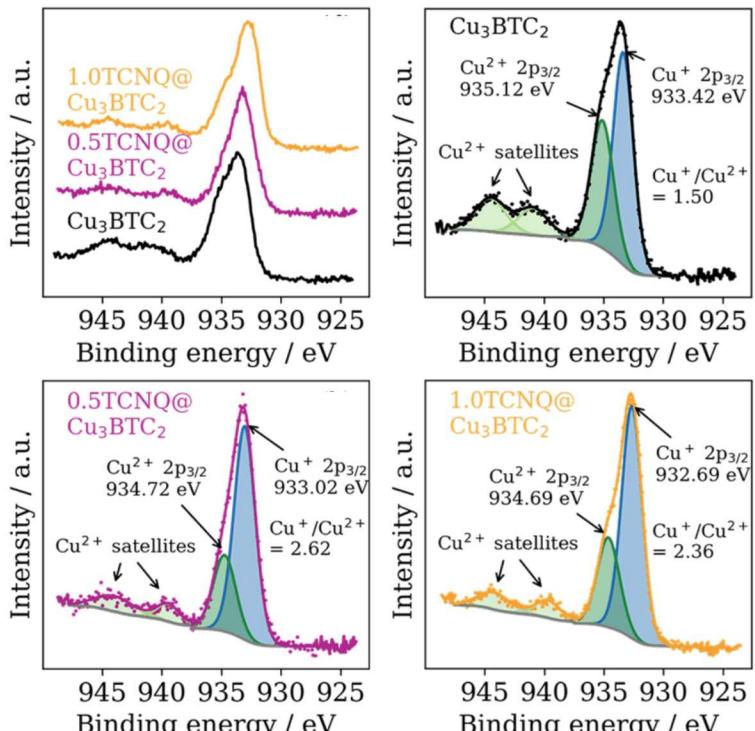
25 °C, overnight



# CuTCNQ nanowires form on crystallite surface during vapor-phase infiltration



# XPS reveals a high concentration of Cu(I) species at the surface of HKUST-1 crystals both before and after TCNQ infiltration



the TCNQ°/CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution and gently washed with additional CH<sub>3</sub>CN to remove any excess TCNQ°. The nanoporous structure was then dried under a vacuum to remove any trace of solvents. Finally, an aluminum electrode was evaporated on the semiconducting layer (substrate held at room temperature) which completed the device. The surface area of the metal/semiconductor/metal sandwich structure was 0.25 cm<sup>2</sup>; however, the switching characteristics appeared independent of the cross-sectional area of the system. Electrical connection was made to the conductive electrode by solder or pressure probe while connecting the aluminum electrode was made through a liquid metal contact such as gallium, gallium-indium eutectic, or mercury. The electrical behavior of these devices appeared to be insensitive to air or moisture and was not photo sensitive.

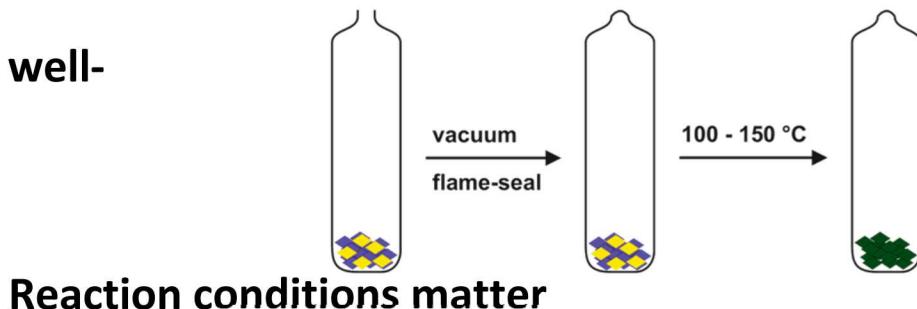
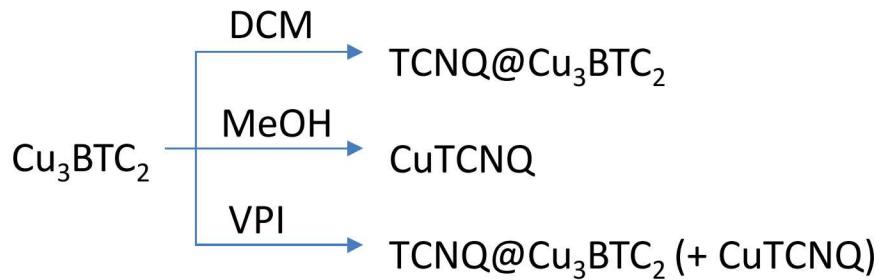
All *I-V* measurements reported here were made on the device in series with a 10<sup>2</sup>-Ω load resistor. Figure

*Cu(TCNQ) displays electric-field-induced bistable switching behavior*

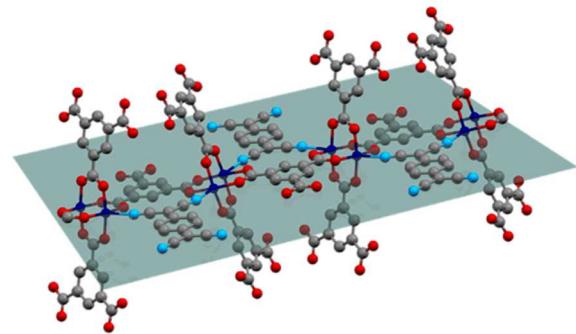
→ *Suggests potential mechanism for conductivity modulation and resistive switching*  
(e.g. see Potember et al. Appl.Phys.Lett. 1979, 34, 405)

# Conclusions

Vapor phase infiltration of MOFs provides well-defined materials



TCNQ arranges preferentially in 111 lattice plane



TCNQ oxidizes Cu(I) species

- Extent of reduction controllable by reaction stoichiometry
- Reversibility unknown at this stage
- Write-Once Read-Many (WORM) memory is possible device application



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