

# **Global scientific collaboration towards sustainable development goals**

Prospect for collaboration and project application in EU and US

## **Engineering porous materials for sustainable chemical technologies**

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# Introduction



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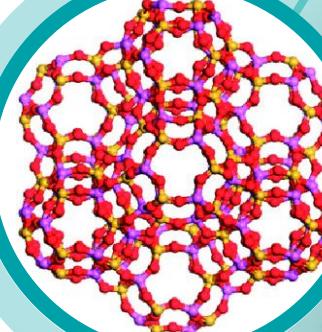


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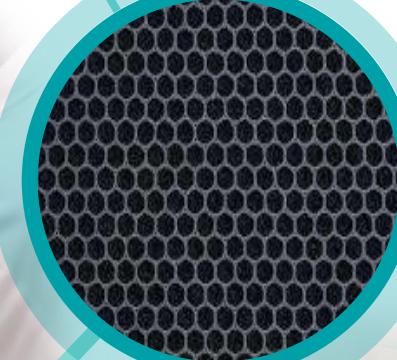
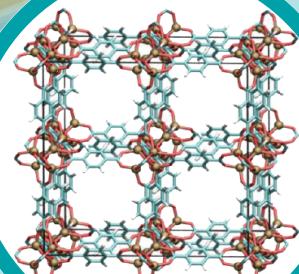
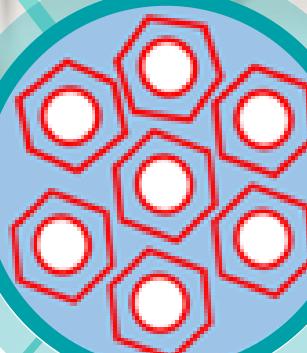
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Research Council

**Zeolites****Gas separation****Hydrogen storage**

# Porous Materials

**Carbon Nitrides****Energy storage****Metal-Organic Frameworks****Catalysis****Drug delivery****Porous Silicas****Water treatment**

# Research interests

Pore engineering

Morphology engineering

Crystal engineering

Modification

Defect engineering

Heterostructure engineering

Synthesis

Porous materials

Applications

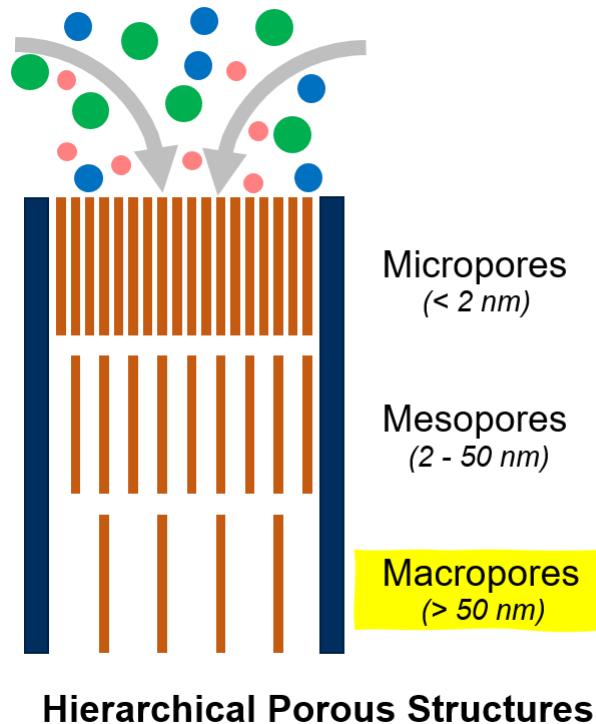
CO oxidation  
CO<sub>2</sub> reduction Dyes photodegradation  
Electrochemical energy storage

Green synthesis  
Economical production  
Facile synthesis

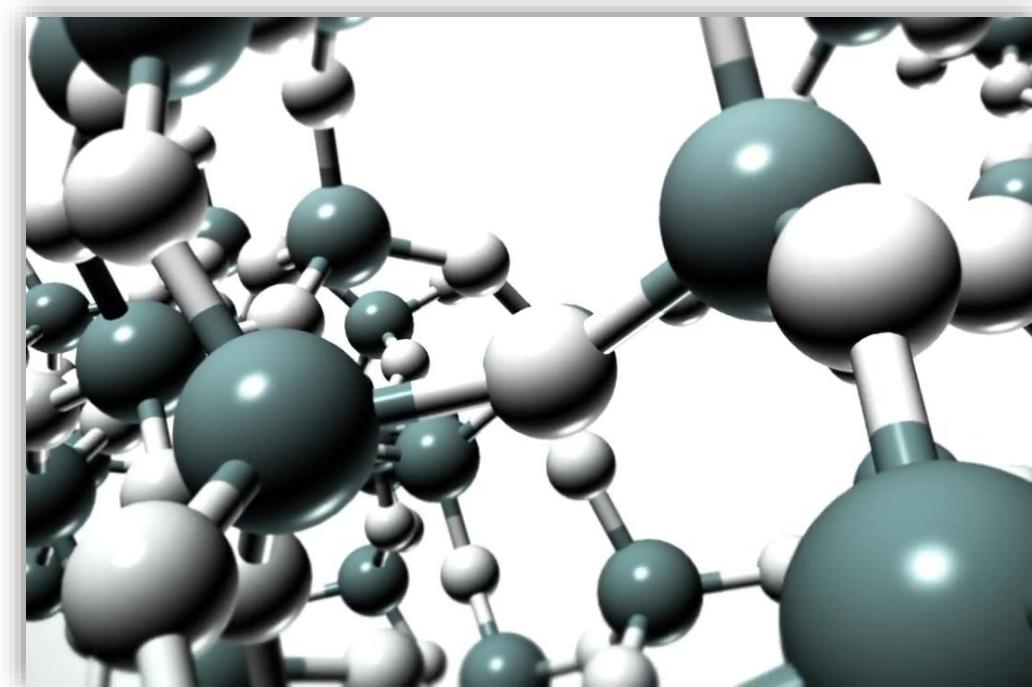
Characterisation

Structural  
Optical Textural  
Photoelectrochemical

# Research interests

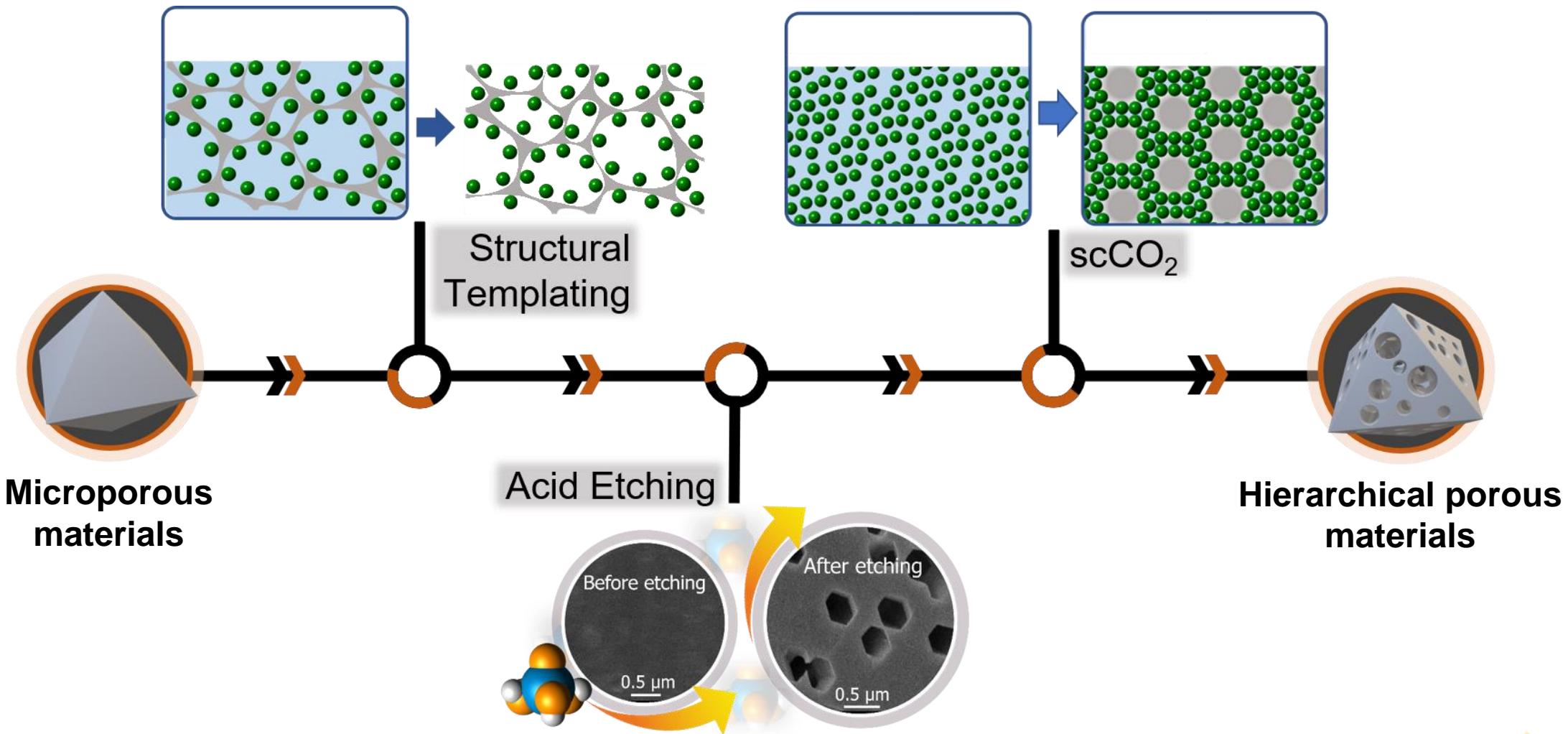


- High surface area
- Faster diffusion and mass transfer
- Increase molecular accessibility
- Large molecule adsorption
- Bulky drug delivery
- **Heterogeneous catalysis**



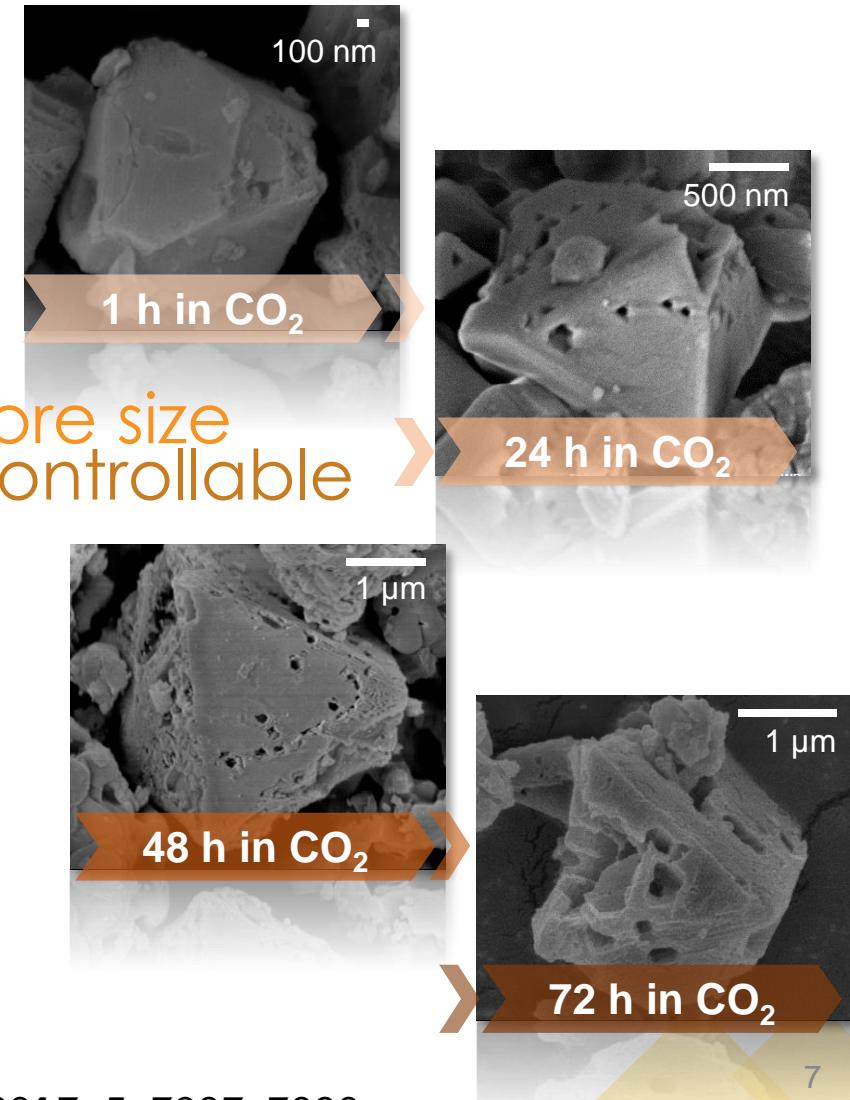
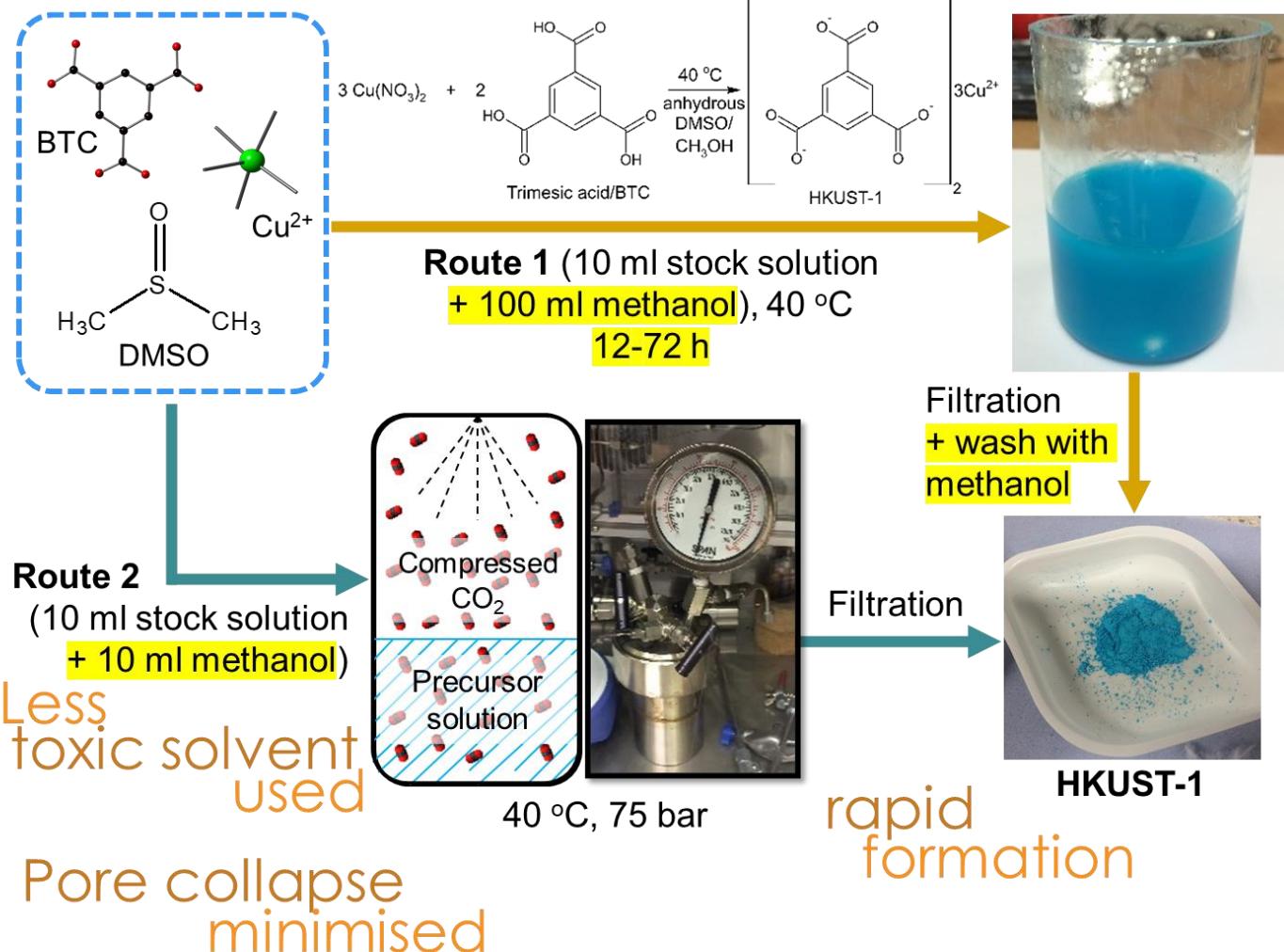
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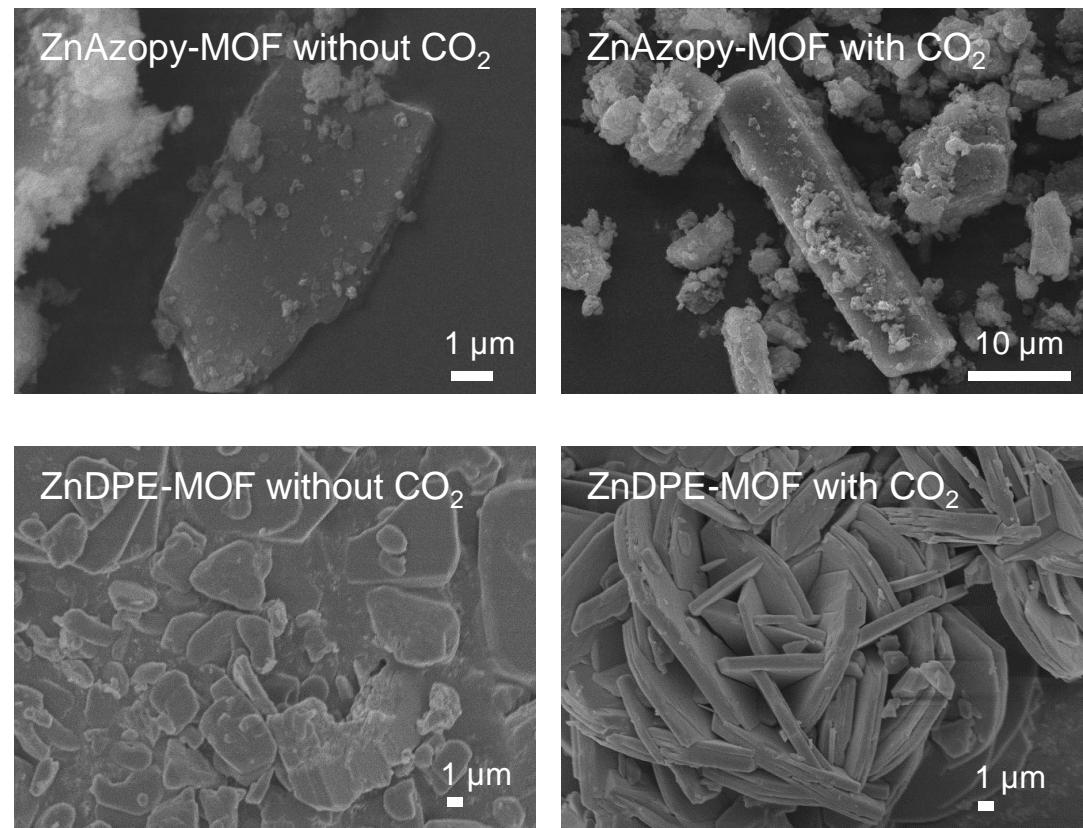
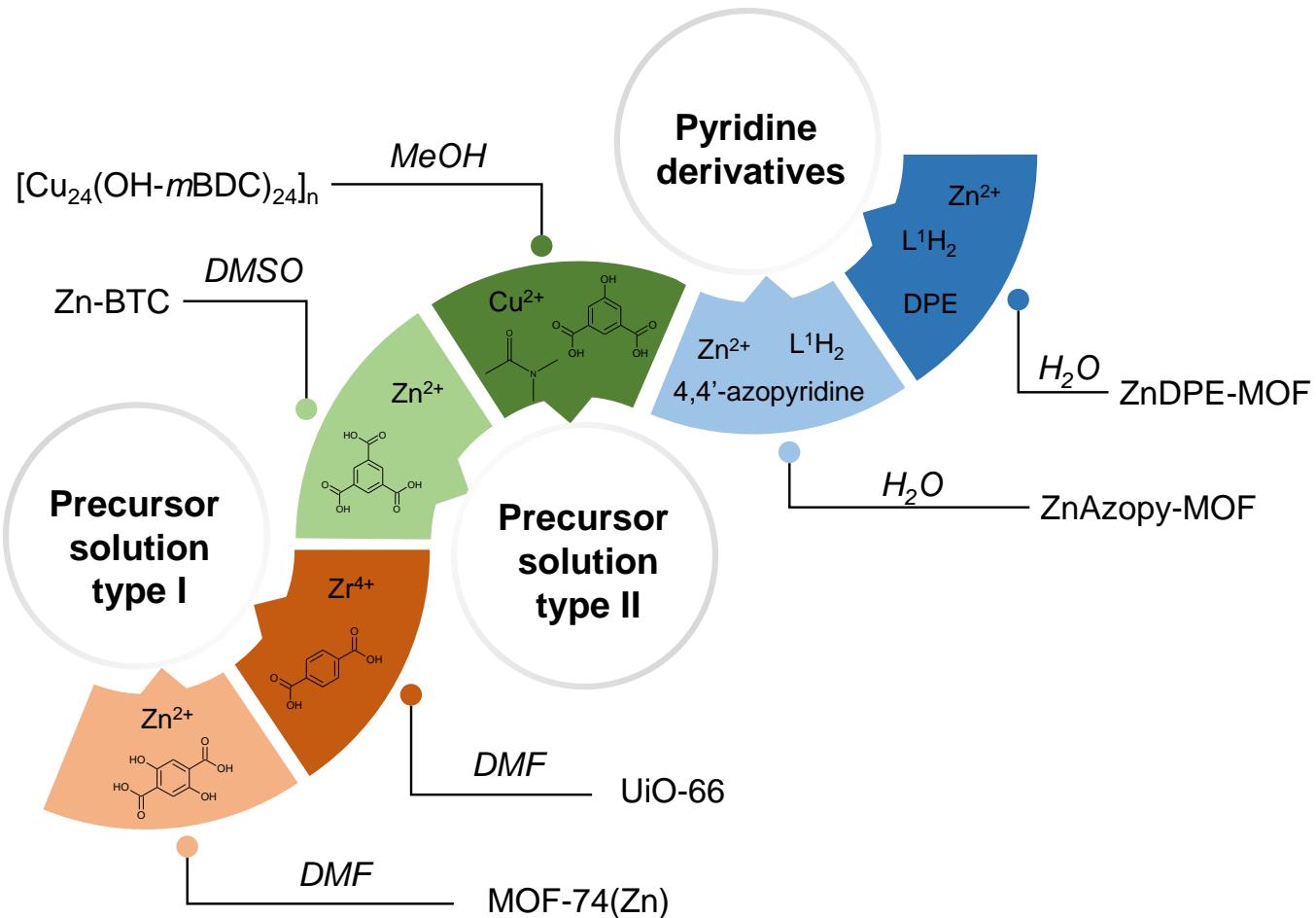


# Morphology engineering under high CO<sub>2</sub> pressure

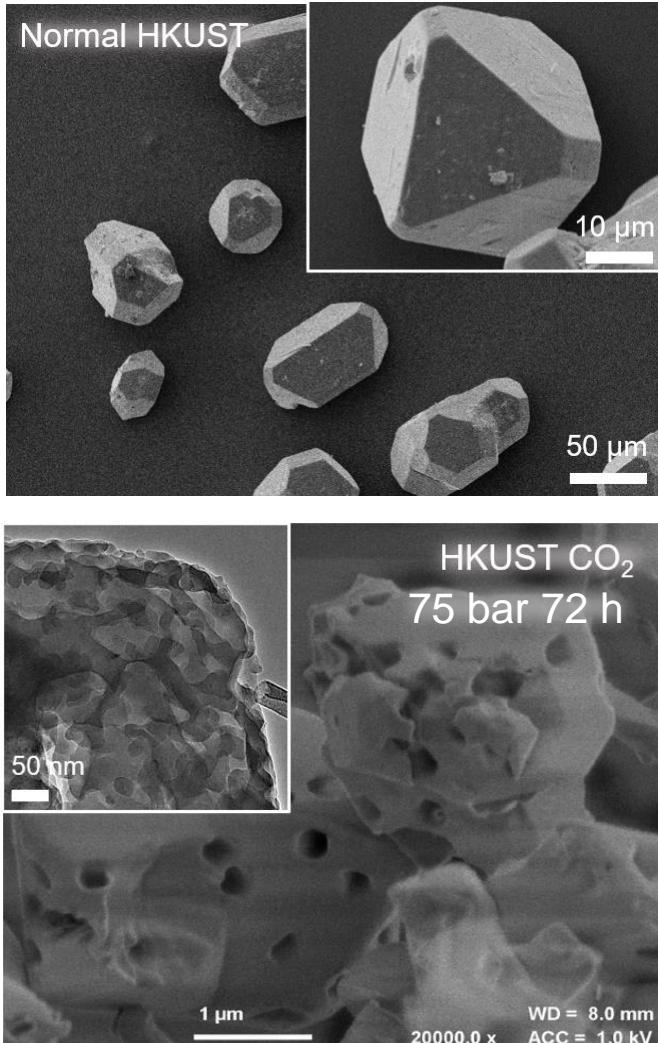
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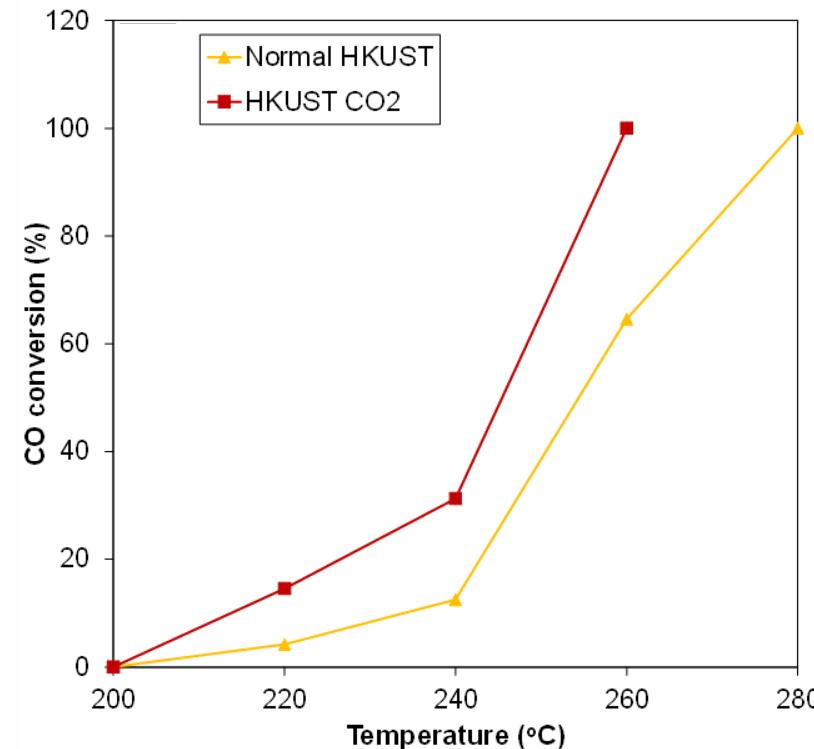
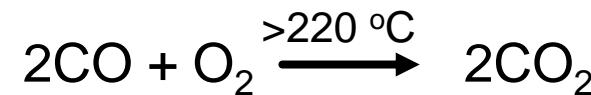
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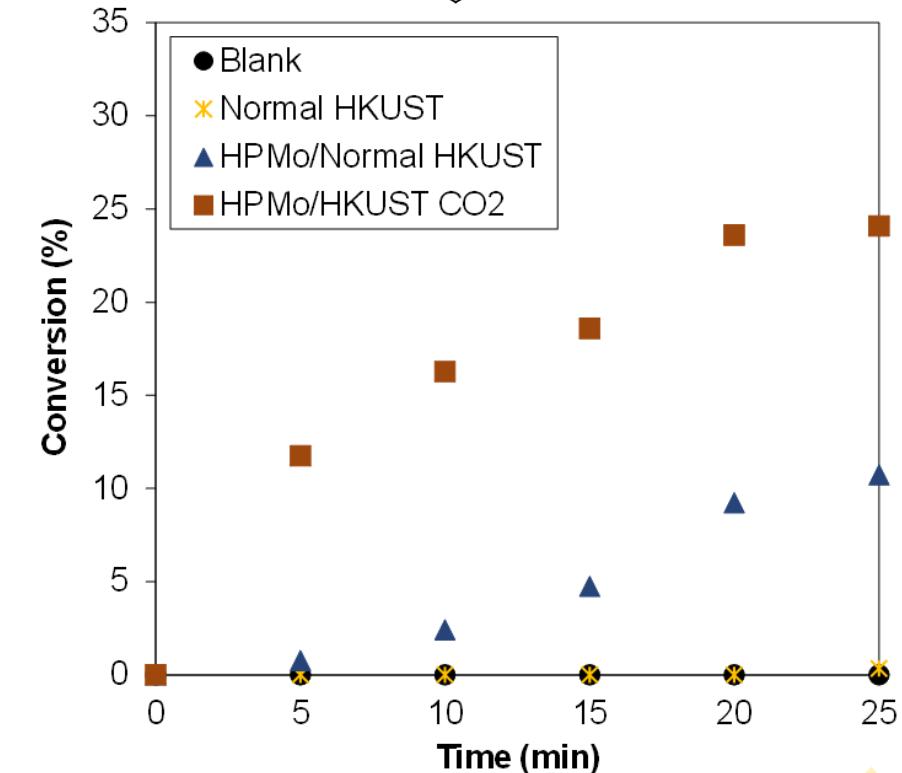
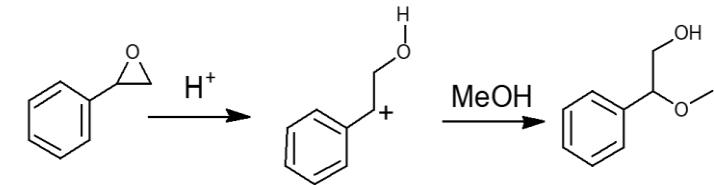
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## CO oxidation



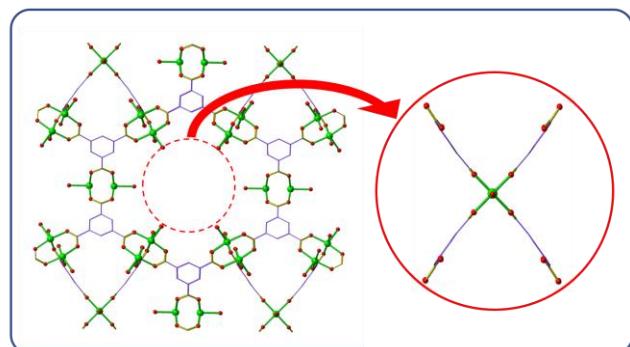
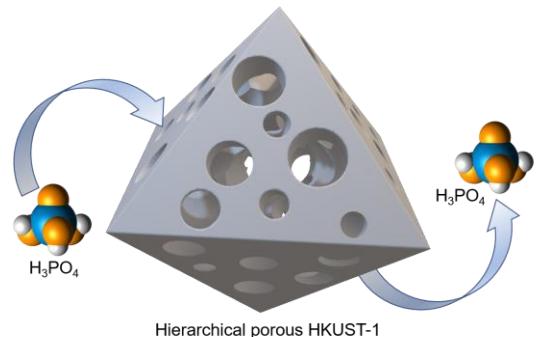
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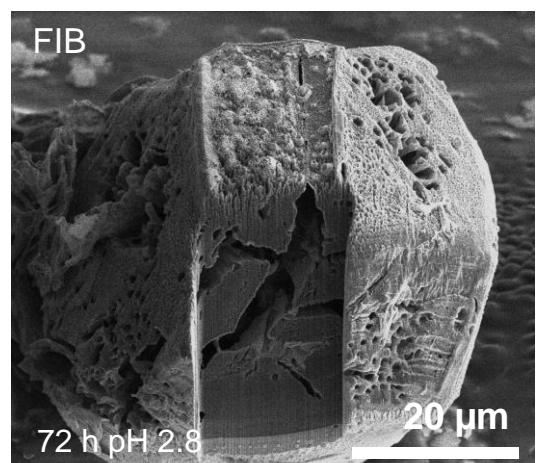
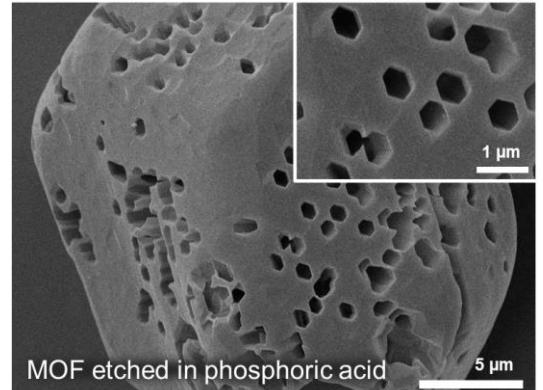
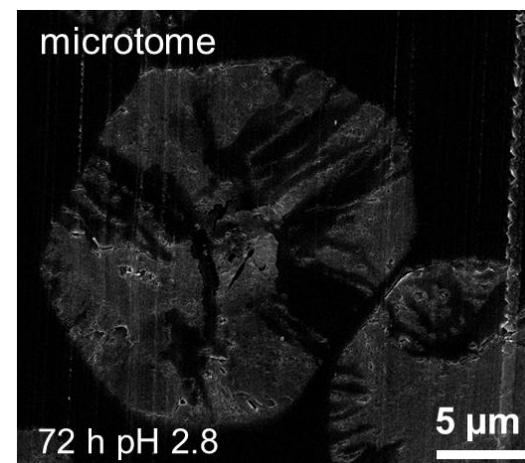
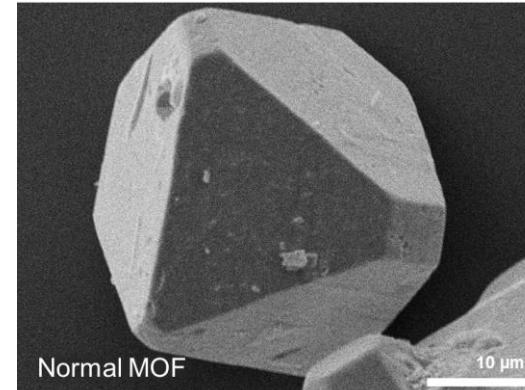
Overcoming  
diffusional limitations

# Morphology engineering in severe chemical environment

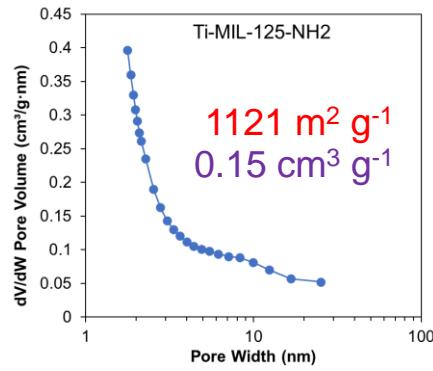
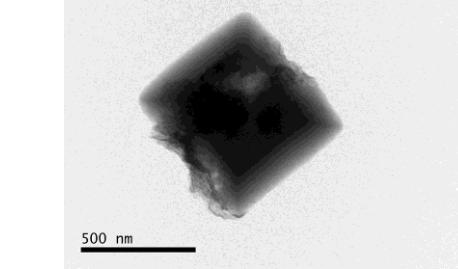
MOFs Etching in acid  
pH = 2 - 6  
Time = 1 - 72h  
Etching agents:  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$



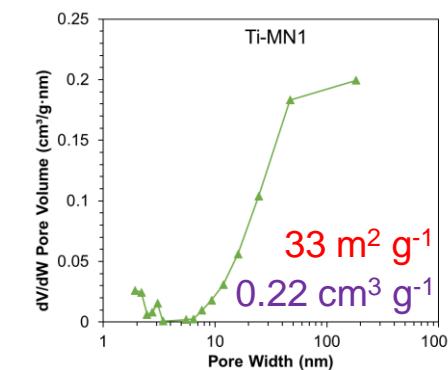
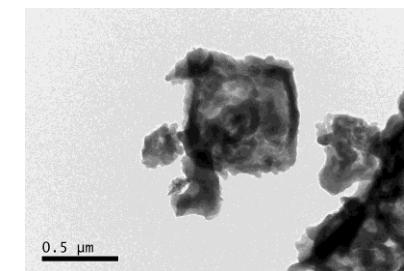
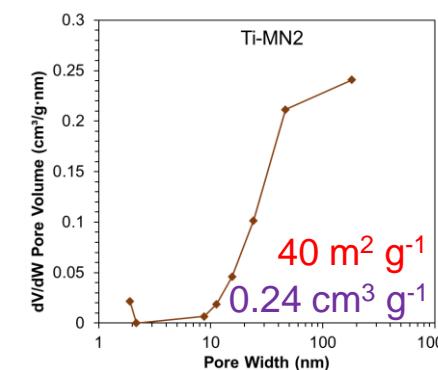
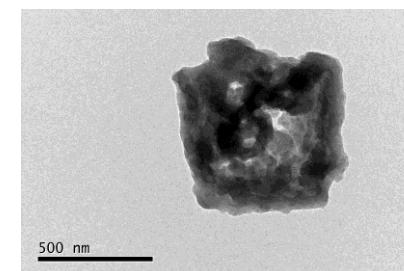
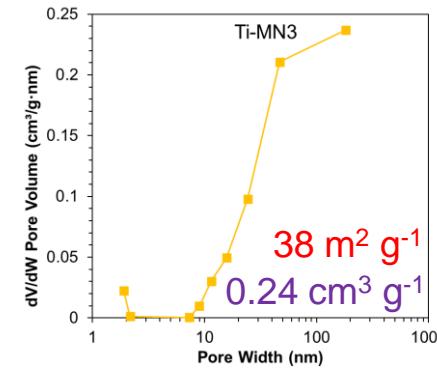
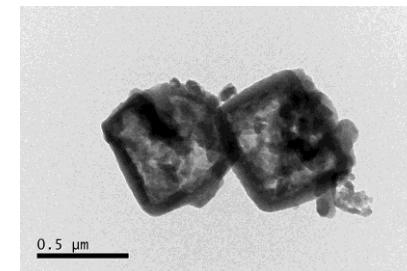
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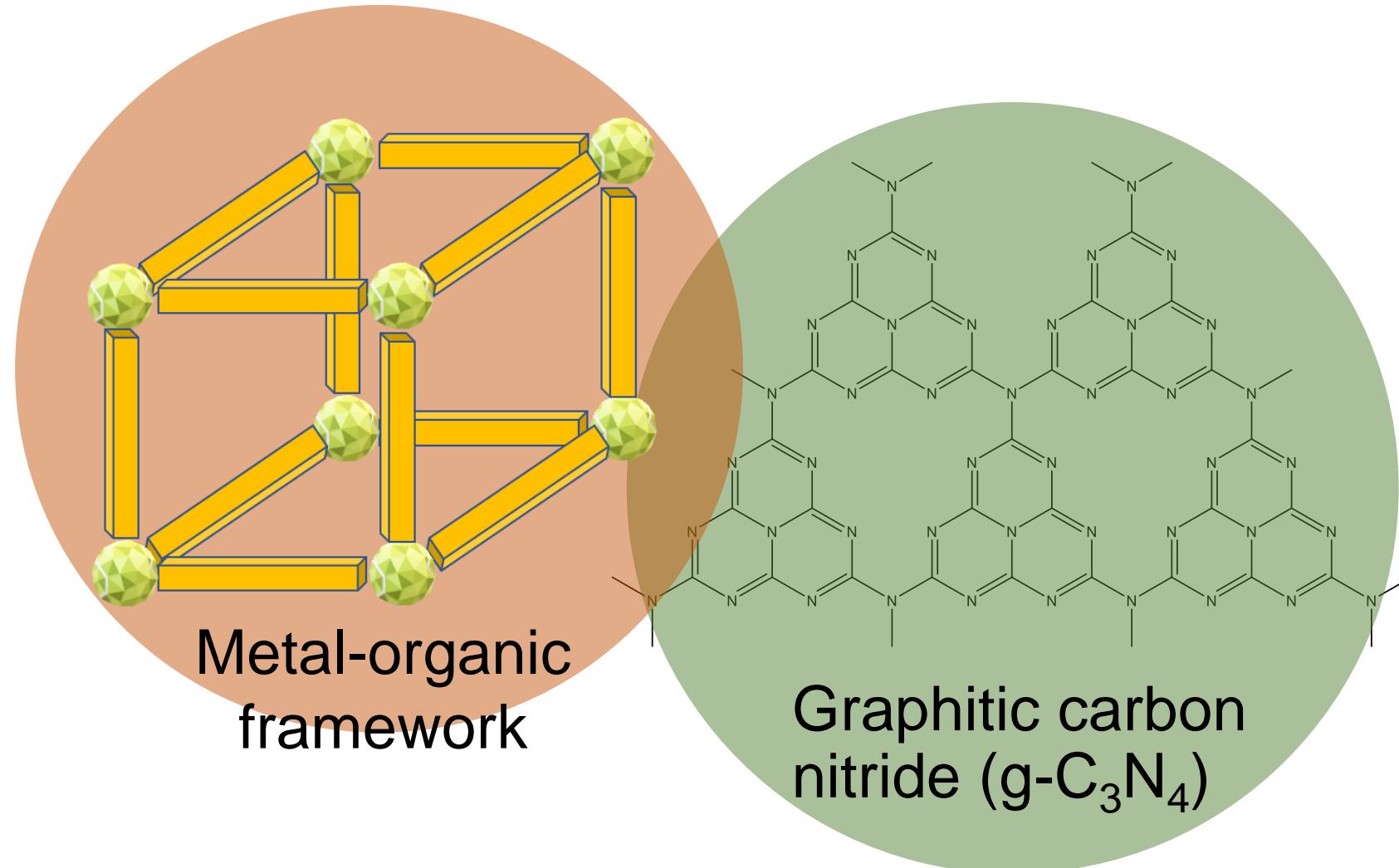
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BET surface area  
BJH pore volume



# Heterostructure engineering for photocatalysis



Defective frameworks

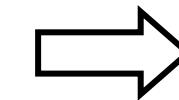
Electron-hole recombination

# Heterostructure engineering for photocatalysis

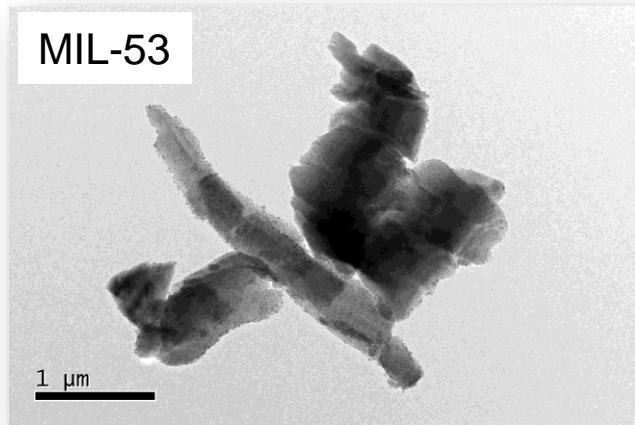


Plastic waste

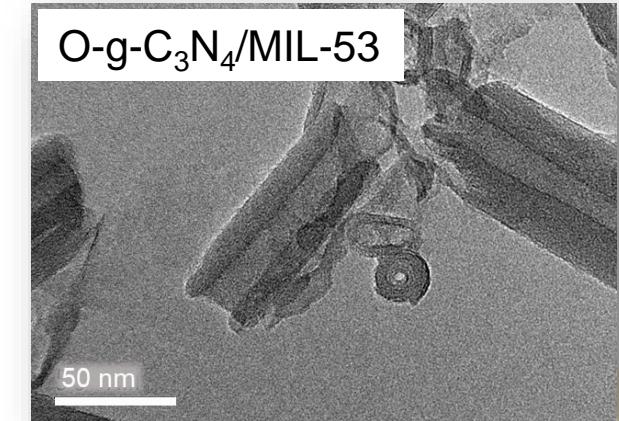
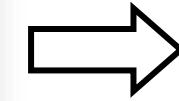
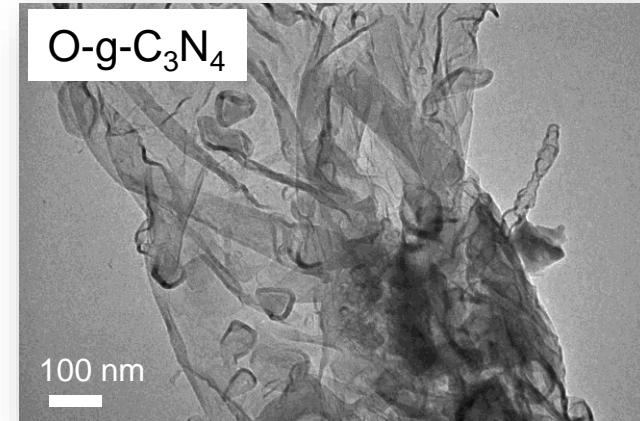
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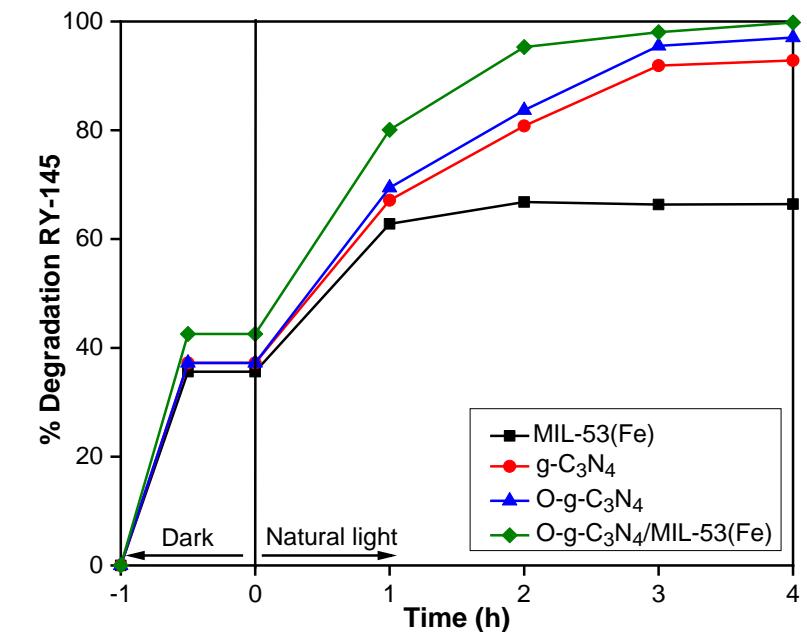
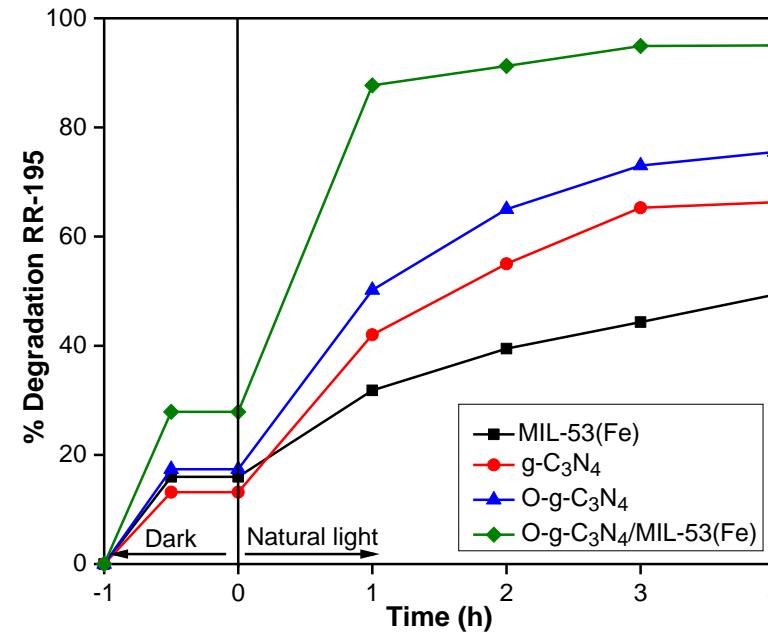
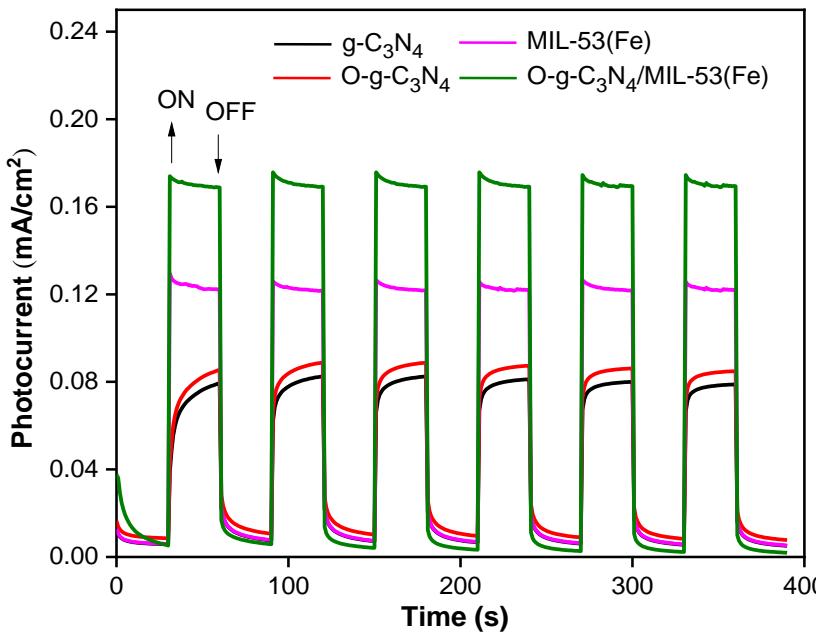
O-g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>/MIL-53(Fe)



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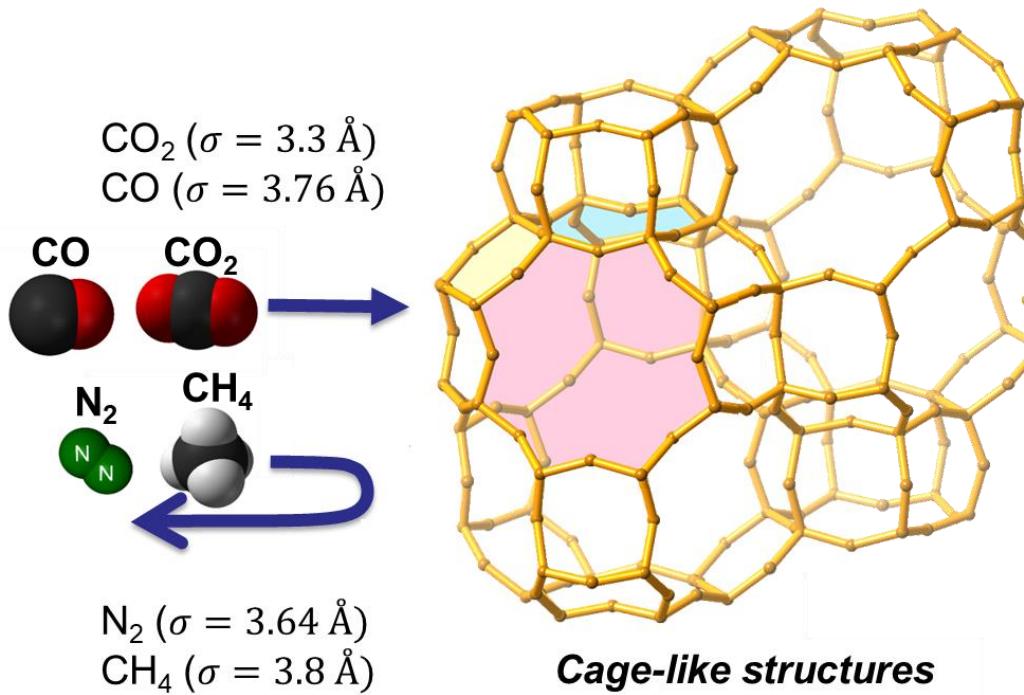
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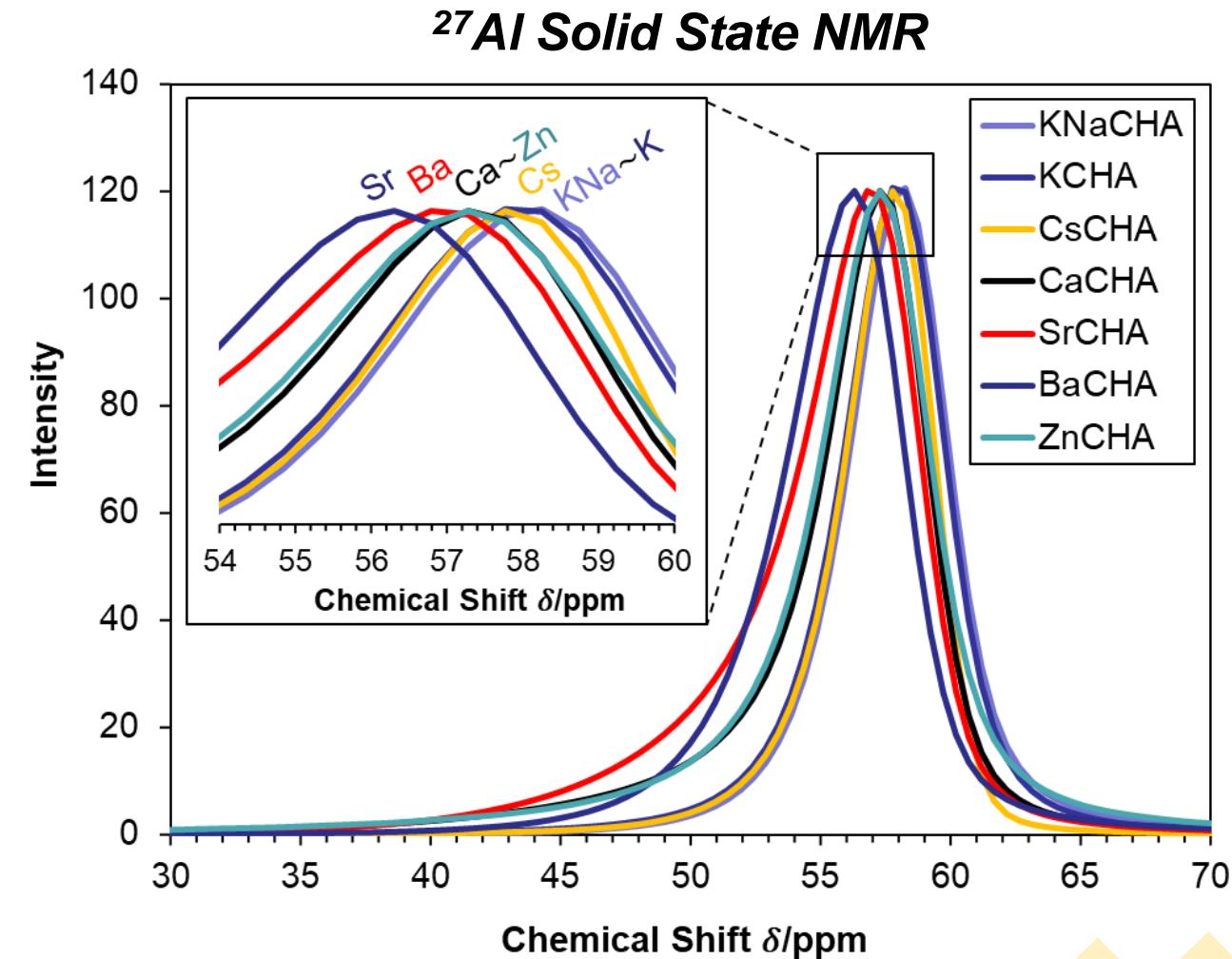
Heterojunction  
Multi-walled nanotube

Accelerate charge transfer  
Shorten charge transport distance  
Enhance separation efficiency

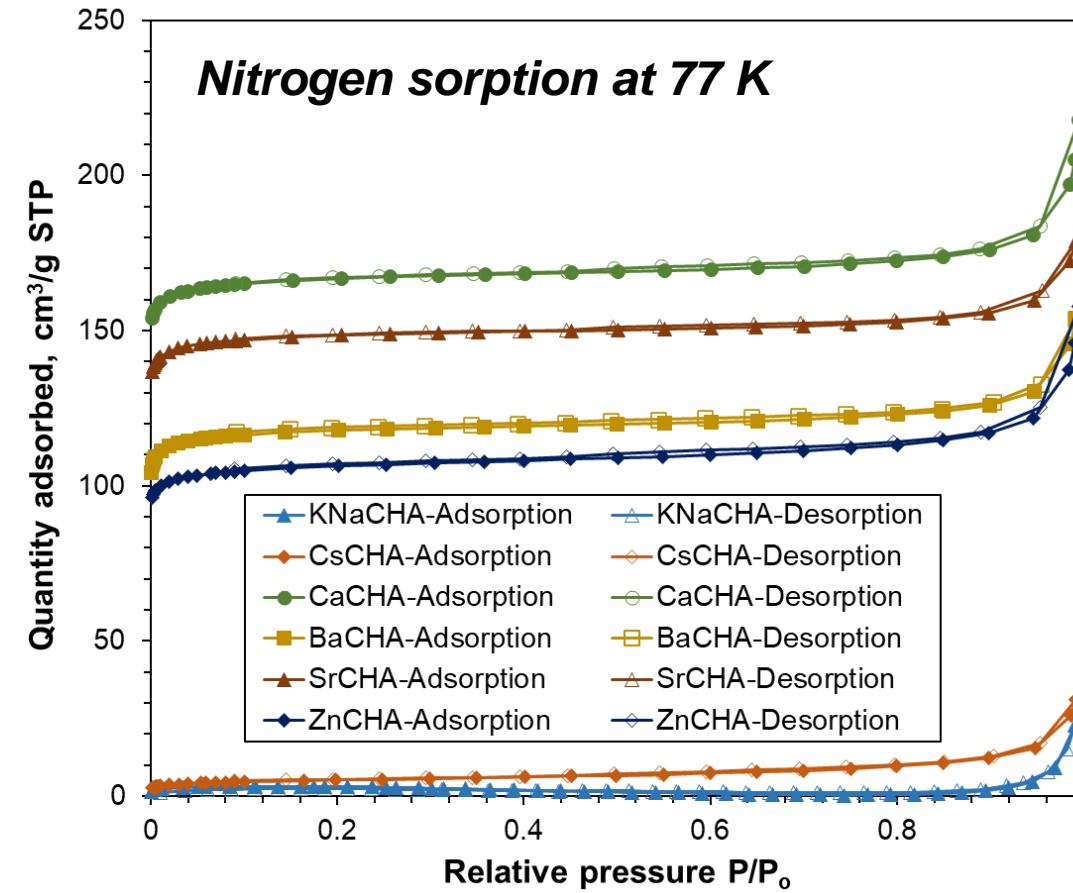
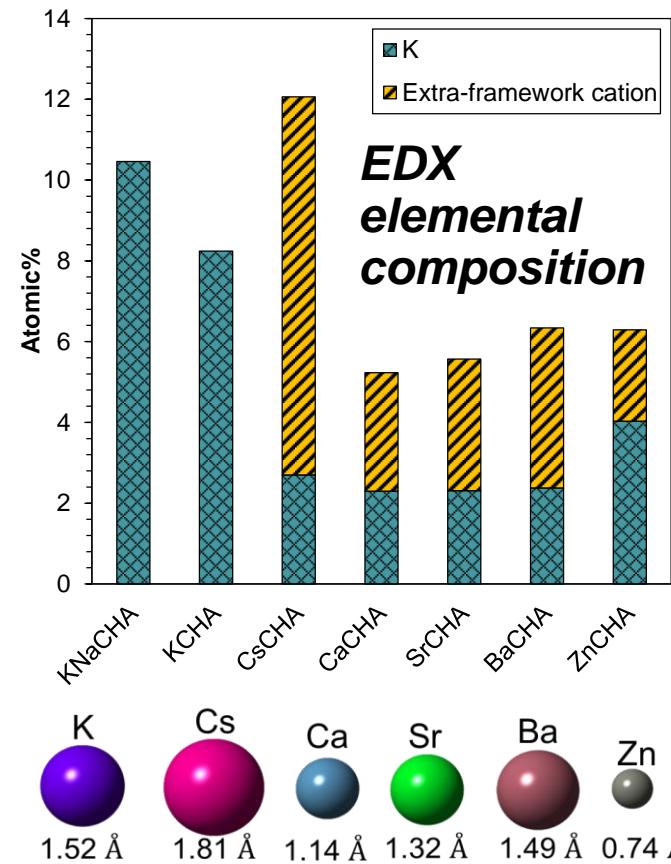
# Structure engineering for gas separation



**Chabazite and molecular trapdoor mechanism**



# Structure engineering for gas separation



Samples	KNa-CHA	K-CHA	Cs-CHA	Ca-CHA	Ba-CHA	Sr-CHA	Zn-CHA
BET surface area ( $\text{m}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$ )	7.6 $\pm 0.9$	7.4 $\pm 0.6$	17.4 $\pm 0.2$	529.5 $\pm 12.0$	376.0 $\pm 8.0$	471.4 $\pm 11.0$	337.1 $\pm 8.0$

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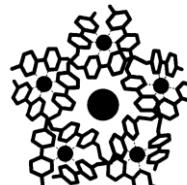


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# Idea for collaboration

## **Sharing facilities and expertise in**

- X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS)
- High-resolution transmission electron microscopy (HR-TEM)
- Solid-state NMR (ssNMR) spectroscopy
- Temperature Programmed Analyses: TPD and TPR (with CO, H<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub>)