

# COORDINATION POLYMERS(CPs)

Professor: José Antonio Real

Colaborator: Carlos Bartual Murgui

# **ADVANCED INORGANIC CHEMISTRY**

## **COORDINATION POLYMERS(CPs)**

### **Resultados del Aprendizaje**

- Know the contextual facts, ideas and concepts that have paved the way for the chemistry of CPs metal-organic frameworks (MOFs).
- Identify the most relevant types of CPs/MOFs and their intrinsic properties (rigidity, flexibility, interpenetration, porosity, etc).
- Analyse relevant types of bridging ligands, nature of involved metal ions and introduce the concept of secondary building units (SBUs).
- Describe and analyse the most representative 0-3Dimensional objects in terms of geometry and topology.
- Account of the most relevant MOFs and their physico-chemical properties (inclusion, adsorption, selectivity, reactivity, chirality, luminiscence, magnetism, etc).
- Methods of synthesis.

# INDEX PART ONE

- Definition of coordination polymer.
- Coordination compounds versus inorganic solids (essential differences).
- Terminology: Coordination polymers (PC) versus metal-organic frameworks (MOFs).
- Historical Background:
  - i) Prussian Blues.
  - ii) Hofmann Clathrates.
- Motivations that stimulated the development of CPs.
  - i) Crystal engineering: “mineralomimetic” view of CPs.
  - ii) Molecular magnetism.
  - iii) Relationships between crystal engineering, supramolecular chemistry and metalo-supramolecular chemistry. Examples.
- Concept of Net as a tool to describe and design CPs/MOFs:
  - i) First examples arisen from the structure of diamond.
  - ii) Definition of net.
  - iii) Geometry versus topology. Bridging ligands more investigated.
  - iv) Conectivity and molecular geometry : building blocks and secondary building units (SBUs). Examples.

# INDEX PART TWO

## Description, classification, topology of nets and significant examples

- Concept of network as a set of nodes and links. Schläfli's topological symbols
  - a) Regular uninodal systems:
    - i) Platonic solids.
    - ii) Two-dimensional networks.
  - b) Semi-regular systems
    - i) Archimedian and catalan solids.
    - ii) Two-dimensional networks.
- Topological analysis: Euler and Schläfli's formulas.
- Description and symbols for 2D, 3D networks and polihedra
  - i) Schläfli's symbol.
  - ii) Vertex symbol (M. O'Keeffe).
  - iii) Point symbol (A. F. Wells).
- Examples of most common networks found in CPs/MOFs  
NbO, Sodalite, Diamond, Quartz ( $\text{SiO}_2$ ), Moganite ( $\text{SiO}_2$ ),  $\text{SrAl}_2$ , tri- and tetra-connected nets, etc
- Means available for the topological analysis of networks derived from CPs/MOFs
- Bibliography of interest on coordinación networks and polymers

# INDEX PART THREE

## Review of significant MOFs

- **Introduction:** i) Motivations that have led to the explosive expansion of the research area of MOFs; ii) Importance of the nature of the node (fragility vs robustness). Examples of simple SBUs ( $[\text{Fe}(\text{tvp})_2(\text{NCS})_2]$  y  $[\text{Fe}(\text{piracina})[\text{M}^{\text{II}}(\text{CN})_4]]$ ).
  
- **Selection of networks based on polynuclear SBUs :**
  - i) MOF-2.
  - ii) HKUST-1.
  - iii) MOF-14 (extension of the trivalent node of HKUST-1 and interpenetration).
  - iv) Importance of bridge geometry : OD $\rightarrow$ 2D $\rightarrow$ 3D.
  - v) MOF-5. Properties.
  - vi) Iso-reticular series IRMOFs.
  - vii) MOF-177.
  - viii) Series MIL: MIL-101 y MIL-5 (flexibility).
  - ix) Series UiO y PCN based on  $\text{Zr}^{\text{IV}}$  SBUs
  - x) Serie NU- $n^\circ$
  - xi) MOFs with unsaturated coordination centers :  $\text{H}_2[\text{Co}_4\text{O}(\text{TAT})_{8/3}]_n$ .
  - xii) ZMOFs:  $[\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}(\text{pyrimidine})_2]_n(\text{BF}_4)$ ;  $[\text{Co}_5(\text{imidazole})]_n$ ;  $[\text{Zn}(\text{bim})_2]_n$ .
  - xiii) ZIFs
  - xiv) Covalent organic frameworks (COFs).

# INDEX PART FOUR

## SYNTHESIS OF PCS/MOFS

- 1- Classical synthesis of coordination chemistry.
- 2- Solvothermal method.
- 3- Mecano-chemical method.
- 4- Sono-chemical method.
- 5- Solvo-thermal methods assisted by microwaves
- 6- Processing of MOFs with supercritical CO<sub>2</sub>

# INDEX PART FIVE MOF AND PHOTONICS

- 1- Inclusion of soluble fluorophore. System  $[\text{Cd}_3(\text{bpdc})_3(\text{DMF})_3]/\text{Rhodamine-6-G}$ .
- 2- Inclusion of sublimable molecules in MOF-5, MOF-177, UMCM-1 y MIL-53 (Al).
- 3- Doping an anionic MOF with lanthanides in MOF  $\{[\text{NH}_4]_2[\text{Zn}(\text{btc})] \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}\}_n$ .
- 4- Exciplex emission induced by guest molecules. Charge transfer:
  - 4-a) System  $\{[\text{Zn}(\text{bipy})]_{1.5}(\text{NO}_3)_2\} \cdot \text{CH}_3\text{OH} \cdot 0.5\text{pyrene}$ .
  - 4-b) System  $[\text{Zn}_2(\text{adc})_2(\text{dabco})]_n$  /aniline.
  - 4-c) Molecular decodification in MOF  $[\text{Zn}_2(\text{bdc})_2(\text{dpNDI})]_n$ .
- 5- Photocatalysis in MOF UiO-67. Incorporation of catalytic centres in the pores of the network:
  - 5-a) Oxidation of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .
  - 5-b) Reduction of  $\text{CO}_2$ .
  - 5-c) Reduction of  $\text{H}^+$ .
- 6- Photo-oxidation of alcohols. Other photoinduced reactions.

# Advanced Inorganic Chemistry

## Chapter 4<sup>th</sup>: Coordination Polymers

### Part 1

Instituto de Ciencia Molecular  
Departamento de Química Inorgánica  
Universidad de Valencia



# INDEX CHAPTER ONE

- Introduction. Definition of coordination polymer.
- Coordination compounds versus inorganic solids (essential differences).
- Terminology: Coordination polymers (PC) versus metal-organic frameworks (MOFs).
- Historical Background:
  - i) Prussian Blues.
  - ii) Hofmann Clathrates.
- Motivations that stimulated the development of CPs.
  - i) Crystal engineering: “mineralomimetic” view of CPs.
  - ii) Molecular magnetism.
  - iii) Relationships between crystal engineering, supramolecular chemistry and metalo-supramolecular chemistry. Examples.
- Concept of Net as a tool to describe and design CPs/MOFs:
  - i) First examples arisen from the structure of diamond.
  - ii) Definition of net.
  - iii) Geometry versus topology. Bridging ligands more investigated.
  - iv) Conectivity and molecular geometry : building blocks and secondary building units (SBUs). Examples.

# BIBLIOGRAFÍA

**Libro-** S. R. Batten, S. M. Neville, D. R. Turner; *Coordination Polymers. Design, Analysis and Application*, RSC Publishing, 2009.....

**Libro-** *The Chemistry of Metal-Organic Frameworks: Synthesis, Characterization, and Applications Wiley Online Library*, 16 JUN 2016, Edited by S. Kaskel (libre todos los pdf en internet: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/book/10.1002/9783527693078>).

**Revista-** *Chemical Reviews* 2012, Vol. 112 (2), pag. 673-1268. Contiene unos 18 artículos escritos por los grupos más activos en el campo y discute aspectos: Estructurales; de simulación de adsorción ( $H_2$ ,  $CH_4$ ,  $CO_2$ ,  $C_2H_2$ ); adsorción de  $CO_2$ , de  $H_2$  de hidrocarburos, de alcoholes; diseño de MOFs para procesos de separación química, métodos de síntesis de MOFs; modificación post-sintética de MOFs; MOFs basados en ligandos azolato; crecimiento epitaxial de MOFs en films nanométricos; propiedades ópticas y optoelectrónicas en MOFs; MOFs y sensores químicos, MOFs y luminiscencia, propiedades ferroeléctricas en MOFs, MOFs homquirales, MOFs y biomedicina.

**Revista-** *Chem. Soc. Rev.* 2014, Vol. 43,.....; ZMOFs; nuevas rutas de diseño; POMs; transformaciones estructurales y RX; membranas y separación; MOFs basados en elementos del grupo 3p; MOFs y flexibilidad; adsorción de  $H_2O$ ; catálisis heterogénea; propiedades electrónicas y optoelectrónicas, fotosíntesis y fotocatalisis; etc.

**Revista-** Trabajos originales o de revisión que se irán citando.

# Introducción Polímeros de Coordinación (PC) Redes Metal-orgánicas (MOFs)

## Definition of CP/MOF

- A CP/MOF can be defined as an array of metallic ions held together through bridging ligands which afford one-, two- or three-dimensional infinite networks .
- Metal ions are mostly transition metals (1st, 2nd and 3rd series), lanthanides, Zn, Cd and Hg, Al and alkaline earth metals and to a lesser extent alkaline.
- Ligands are generally constituted by functional groups derived from pyridine, pyrimidine, pyrazine, pyridazine, imidazole, triazole, tetrazole, pyrazole, nitriles, cyanides, carboxylates, etc.
- This definition excludes compounds that have a much more inorganic character such as halides, oxides, hydroxides, alkoxides, sulphides, phosphates, sulphates, poly-oxometalates, etc.

## Coordination compounds vs inorganic solids

In general, no correlation between the structure of the starting reagents and products is required in the synthesis of inorganic solids the structure of the precursor reagents is not conserved during the reaction and therefore there is.

In contrast...

## In contrast...

- The synthetic methods derived from coordination chemistry are essentially based on the intrinsic "rigid" nature of selected molecular building units that keep their structural integrity during the synthesis process.
- This rigidity confers directionality to the coordination bonds, an essential feature of CPs since it conveys predictability to the geometry around the metal centres and allows a certain degree of guarantee in the design.

## In addition...

- Coordination bonds, in general, are sufficiently robust to impart reasonable thermal and mechanical stability providing, in addition, electronic and elastic communication between the metal centres to CPs.

## However...

- Comparatively CPs are thermally less robust than metallic oxides and other similar inorganic solids characterized by predominant ionic interactions. Besides, oxides, among other binary compounds, have much higher thermal stability as well as physicochemical properties of industrial relevance [magnetic, electrical (semiconductor, conductive), optical (thermo-, photo- and piezo-chromism), photonic (luminescence, laser), catalytic, etc.] as well as very different methods of synthesis and characterization from those used in CPs.
- Porous CPs (i.e. MOFs) have been compared with zeolytic compounds (aluminosilicates) that are characterized by much more covalent bonds (see later...).

# Introduction CPs versus MOFs

## Terminology

- Terminological ambiguity: CP vs MOF
- Currently, the IUPAC considers that the general term Coordination Polymer contains a subclass of porous compounds popularized with the name of MOFs of the English "metal-organic frameworks".
- Number of citations obtained for CPs and MOFs in a search using the Sci-Finder database.

Periodo	PC	MOF
Hasta 1950	1	0
1951-1960	12	0
1961-1970	175	0
1971-1980	130	0
1981-1990	154	0
1991-2000	531	8
2001-2008	3348	687
2009-2016	12474	13356

**Historical Precedents :**

**Prussian Blue  
and  
Hofmann Clathrates**

# Prussian Blue

First records of PCs and current MOFs goes back to 1704-1705 when Prussian Blue was discovered. Apparently it was J. L. Frish who reported for the first time on the discovery of Prussian Blue ("*Notitia Caerulei Berolinensis Nuper Inventi*," *Miscellanea Berolinensia ad incrementum Scientiarum*, 1710, 1, 377-378).

First page of the J. L. Frish's report about discovery of Prussian Blue

(*Caerulei* = azul; *Berolinensis* = Berlin; *Nuper* = reciente)

第 377 號

---

*SERIVS EXHIBITA.*  
Notitia Cœrulei Berolinensis  
nuper inventi.

**P**ictores, qui coloribus suis oleum admiscunt, paucos illorum habent, quibus cœrulea exprimant: eosque tales, ut jure commodiores desiderent. Ex vulgaribus enim aliis mixturam cum oleo non respuit quidem, sed non diu in opere durat; subviridis, subpallidus, ferrugineus, aut planè sordidus fit: Alius constans quidem & satis pulcher, sed arenosus est, & hoc vitium, quò ad subtiliorem artificis laborem est incommodus, si vel anni spatium in eo terendo consumeretur, non tolli potest. Optimus omnium, quem vulgo Ultramarinum sive Azurinum vocant, qui ex lapide Lazuli conficitur, non modo pretio suo multos deterret; sed & aliorum colorum mixturam non libenter admittit; & hinc tantum in eminenti pulchritudinem suam monstrare potest: ad umbras in utilis est. Hoc justum artificum desiderium cœruleus color, qui ante aliquot annos hic Berolini inventus est, & nunc, post varis variorum accuratissima examina, audacter in scenam prodit; si non exple, certè lenire potest. Nihil enim harum incommoditatum habet: In oleo splendorem suum potissimum ostendit. Ubi que vero, in aqua, in oleo, & aliis liquoribus, quibus pingi potest, tam durabilis reperitur, quam qui maxime. Aqua illa fortis, ut à Chymicis appellatur, quæ omnia ardit aut dissolvit, eum admodum non mutat, multo minus exstinguit, ut potius lucidorem reddat. Et ut quædam cœrulei coloris genera in ecclesiastica pictura (Echmdt & Verel mail,) adhiberi possunt, & igne, ut ita dicam, sicco non delentur: sic novus hic color igni humido (quod nomen aquæ illi forti & omnia destruenti, merito dari potest) fortius resistit, quem vix alius ex omnibus colorum generibus perferre potest. Hinc multo minus leviores & communiores pictorum explorationes timet, ut: succum ex malis citreis expressum &c. Non mutatur in loci, aut æris sive tempestatu mutatione. Vivit in calce viva, ejusque album,

B b b ut



Additional historical information:

(A. Kraft "*On the discovery and history of Prussian Blue*" *Bull. Hist. Chem.*, VOLUME 33, Number 2008, 2, 61-67).

# Prussian Blue

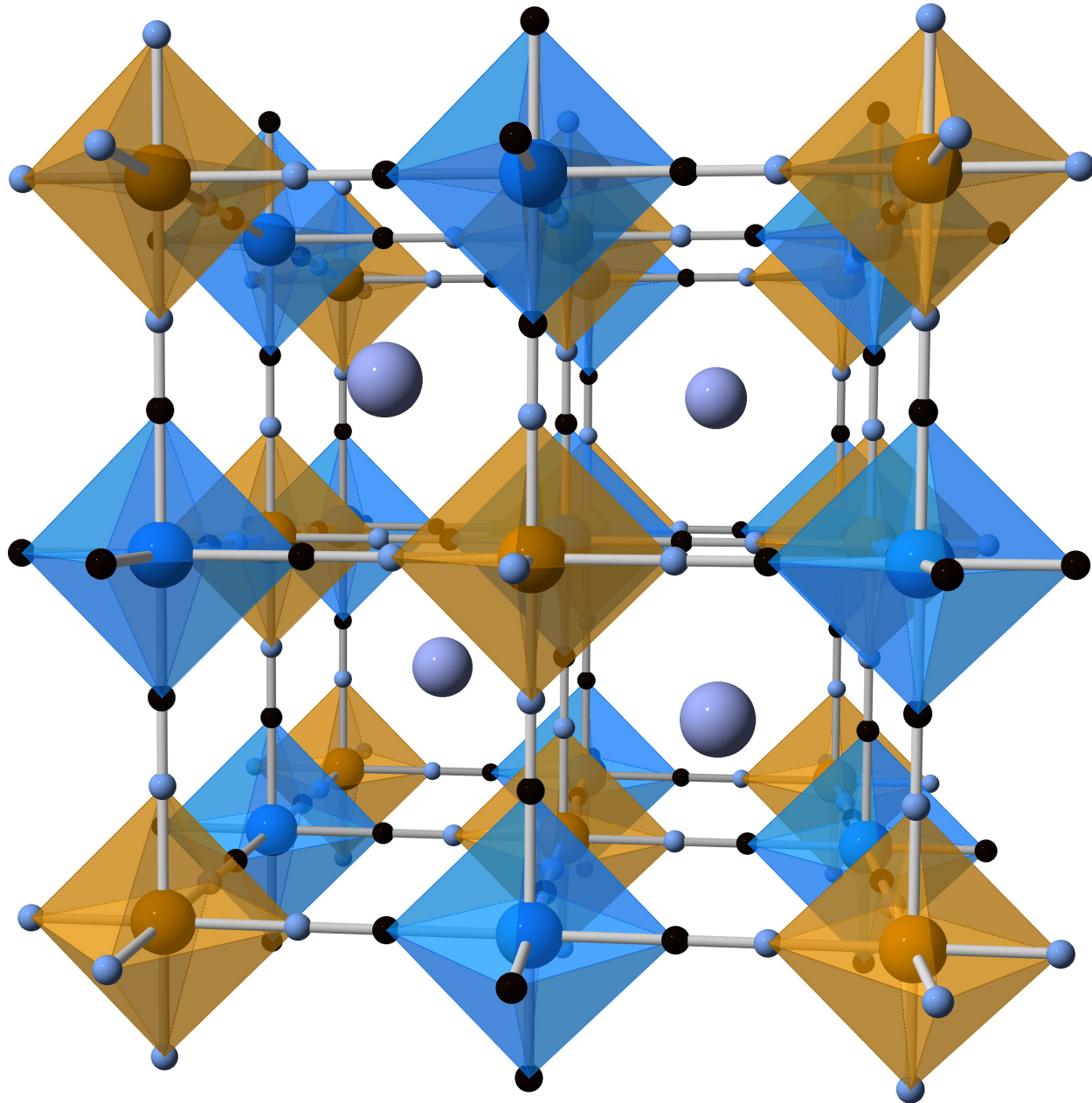
As described by G. E. Stahl in "*Experimenta, Observationes, Animadversiones, CCC Numero Chymicae et Physicae, Ambrosius Haude, Berlin, 1731, 280-283.*"

**Inventors:** Dippel and Diesbach (Berlin) discovered PB when using a  $K_2CO_3$  accidentally contaminated with potassium ferrocyanide.

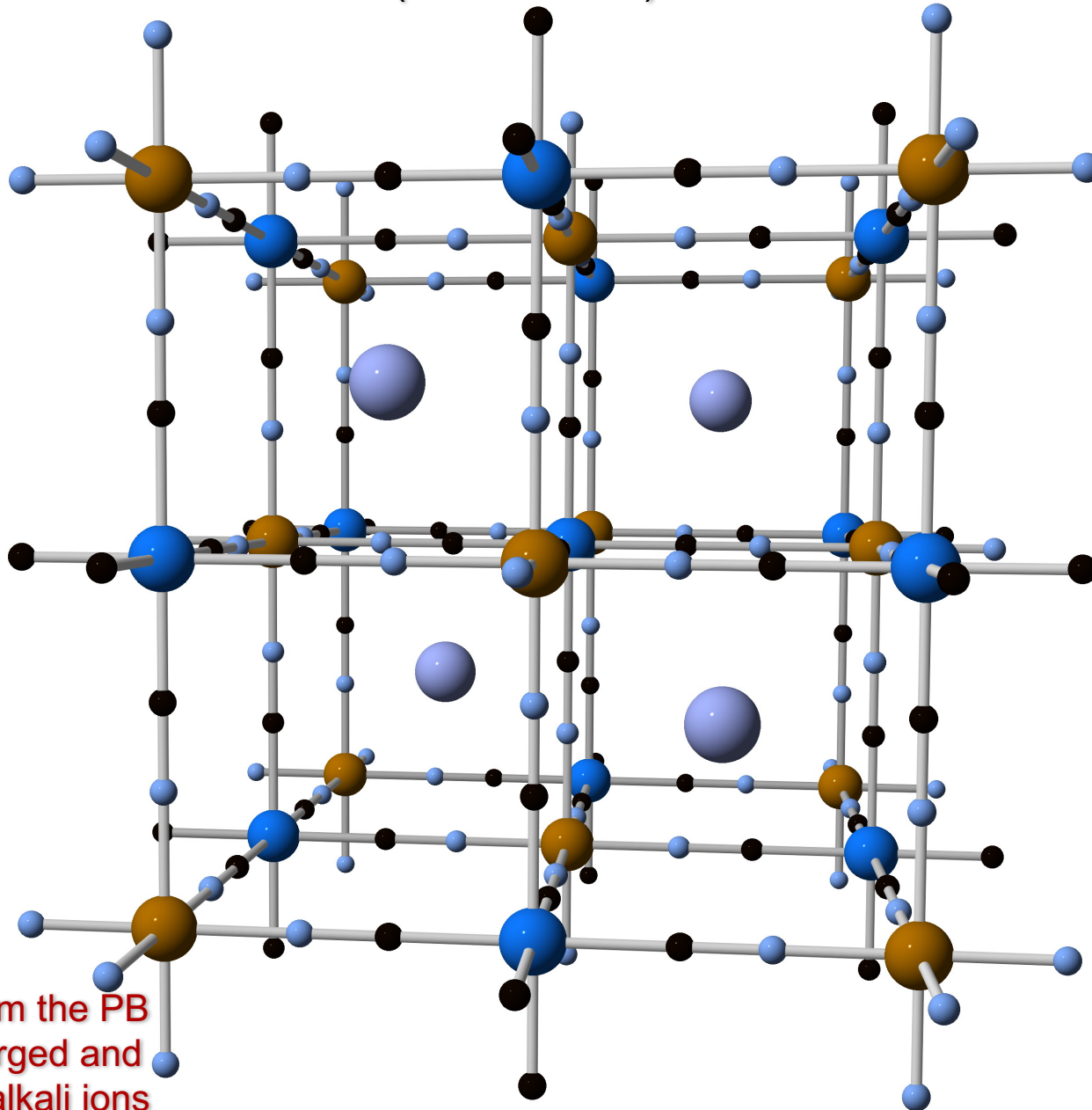
- ⊙ Pigment of great importance due to stability of its colour. It was used in paints and inks. More recently, it has been also employed in cellular dyes, detoxification by radioactive isotopes  $Tl^+$ ,  $Cs^+$ . Prussian blues (PBs) have been investigated for their gas storage (especially  $H_2$ ) properties but also for their magnetic and photomagnetic properties among others.
- ⊙ Its chemical composition has been a source of discussion for a long time. There are at least two generic forms: i) a soluble form that contains alkaline ions and ii) an insoluble form that contains only  $H_2O$  molecules.
- ⊙ Its structure was resolved about 273 years after its discovery:
  - i) J. F. Keggin and F. D. Miles proposed for the first time a cubic structure from an RX analysis of samples containing alkali metals,  $K\{Fe^{III}Fe^{II}(CN)_6\}_x \cdot xH_2O$ ; Nature 1936, 137, 577-578.
  - ii) A. Ludi et al. solved and described, for the first time, the structure of the insoluble form formulated  $\{Fe^{III}_4[Fe^{II}(CN)_6]_3\} \cdot xH_2O$  ( $x = 14-16$ ) from single crystal X-ray diffraction methods, H. J. Buser, D. Schwarzenbach, W. Petter, A. Ludi, Inorg. Chem. 1977, 16, 2704-2710.
- ⊙ **Oxidation state.** It is a mixed valence complex in which the electronic density is widely delocalised through the CN bridge. In fact, the characteristic blue colour is the result of the absorption of the visible (orange) spectrum due to the process:  $Fe^{II}-CN-Fe^{III} + h\nu \longrightarrow Fe^{III}-CN-Fe^{II}$ .



# Prussian Blue: $\text{K}\{\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{CN})_6\} \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (Soluble form)

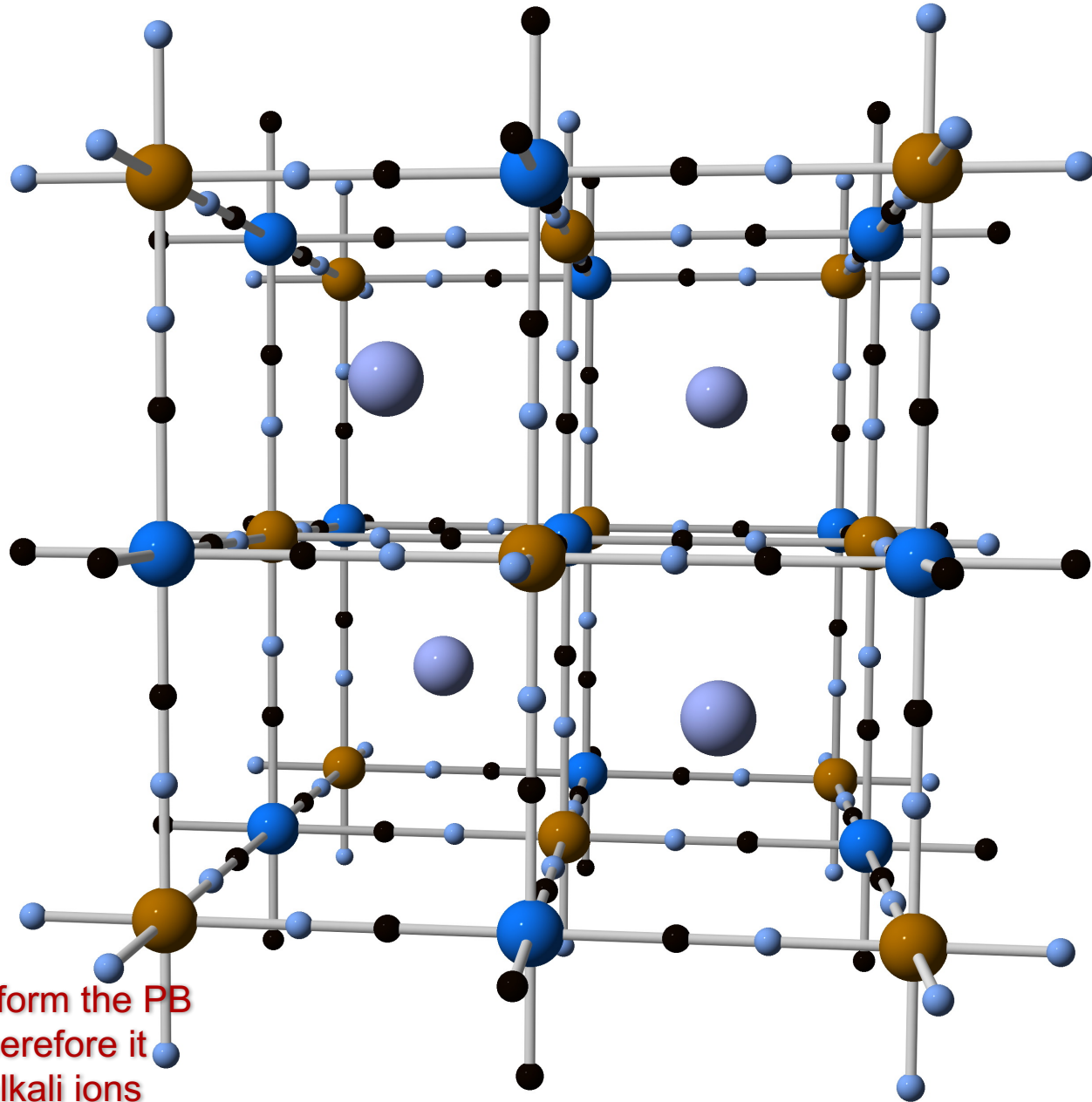


# Prussian Blue: $\text{K}\{\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{CN})_6\} \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (Soluble form)



In the soluble form the PB is negatively charged and neutralizes with alkali ions

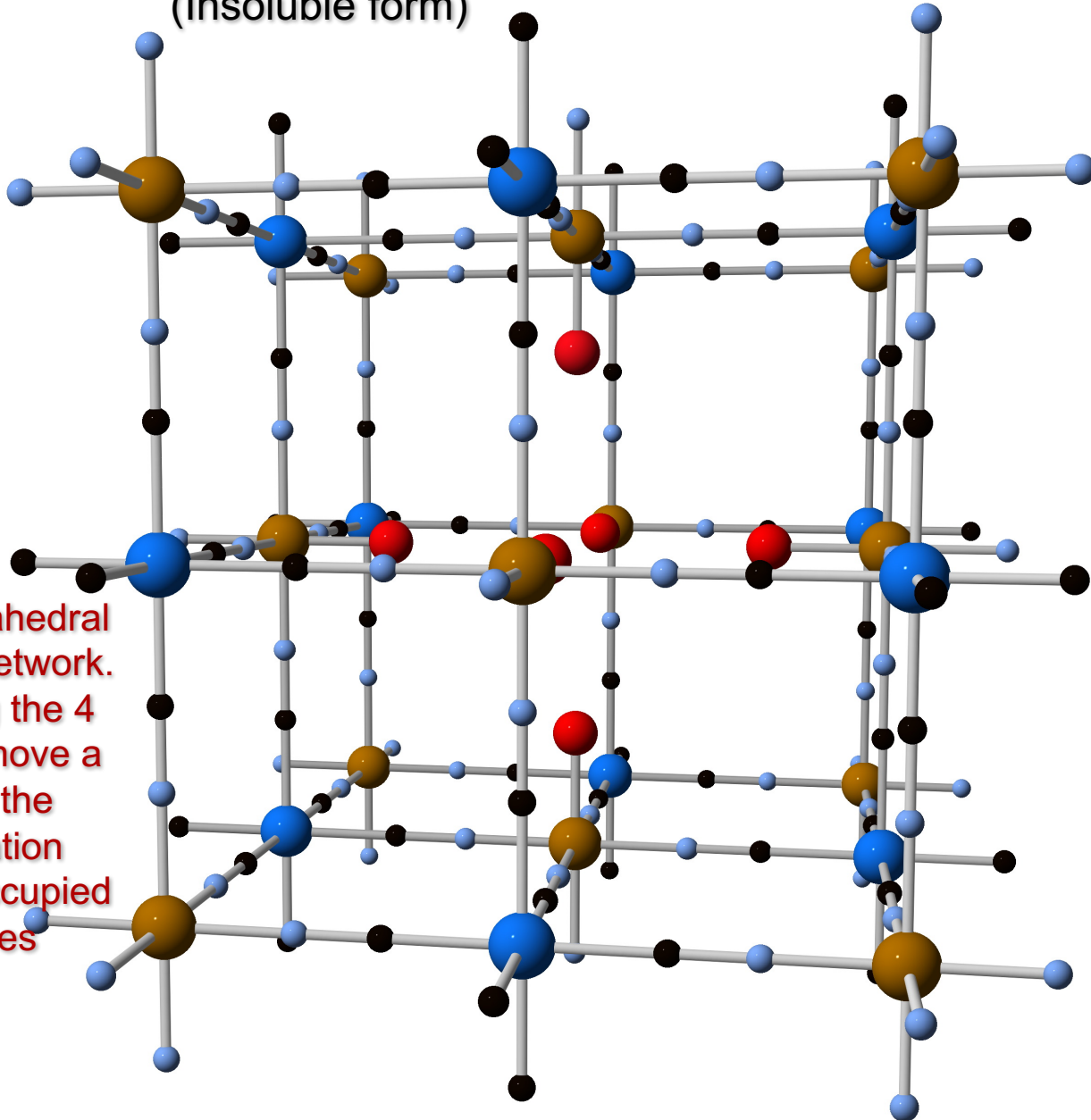
# Prussian blue: Relation between soluble and insoluble forms



In the insoluble form the PB is neutral and therefore it does not have alkali ions

# Prussian Blue: $\{\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}_4[\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{CN})_6]_3\} \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ( $x = 14-16$ )

(Insoluble form)



Generating octahedral defects in the network. When removing the 4  $\text{M}^+$  we must remove a  $[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]^{4-}$  and the vacant coordination positions are occupied by  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  molecules

# Hofmann Clathrates

They also belong generically to the family of metallocyano complexes.

## Synthesis:

The first compound was published by K. A. Hofmann and F. A. Küspert, Z. Anorg. Allg. Chem. 1897, 15, 204. It was formulated  $[\text{Ni}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Ni}(\text{CN})_4] \cdot 2\text{G}$  and the authors observed that this compound had the singular feature of adsorbing aromatic molecules such as G = benzene, pyrrole, thiophene, furan, etc..

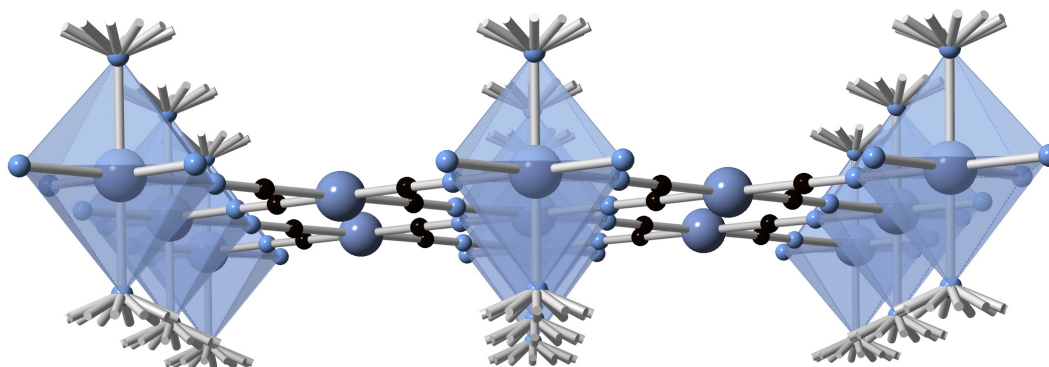
## Structure:

Its structure was published by H. M. Power and J. H. Rainer more than 50 years later (Nature 1949, 163, 566, J. Chem. Soc. 1952, 319).

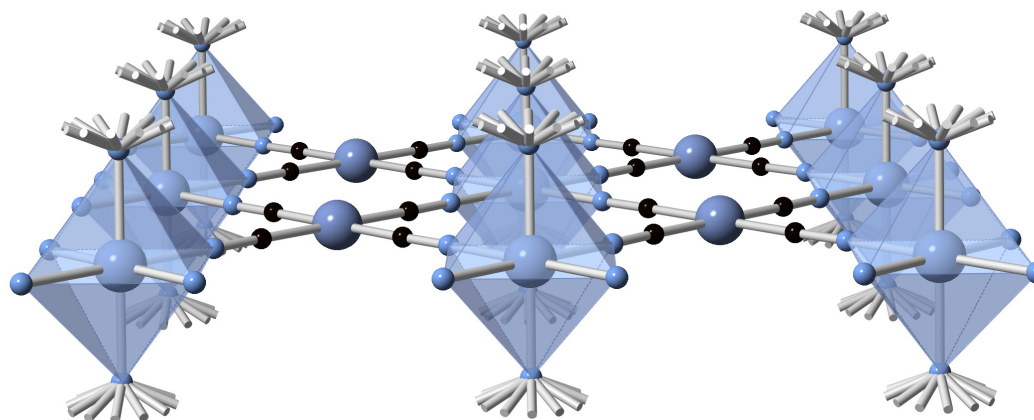
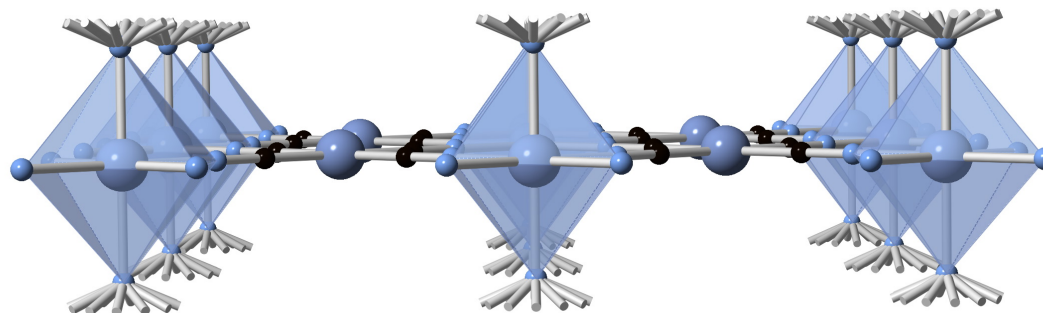
## Systematic investigation of new Hofmann Clathrates:

T. Iwamoto y colaboradores....1970-1995

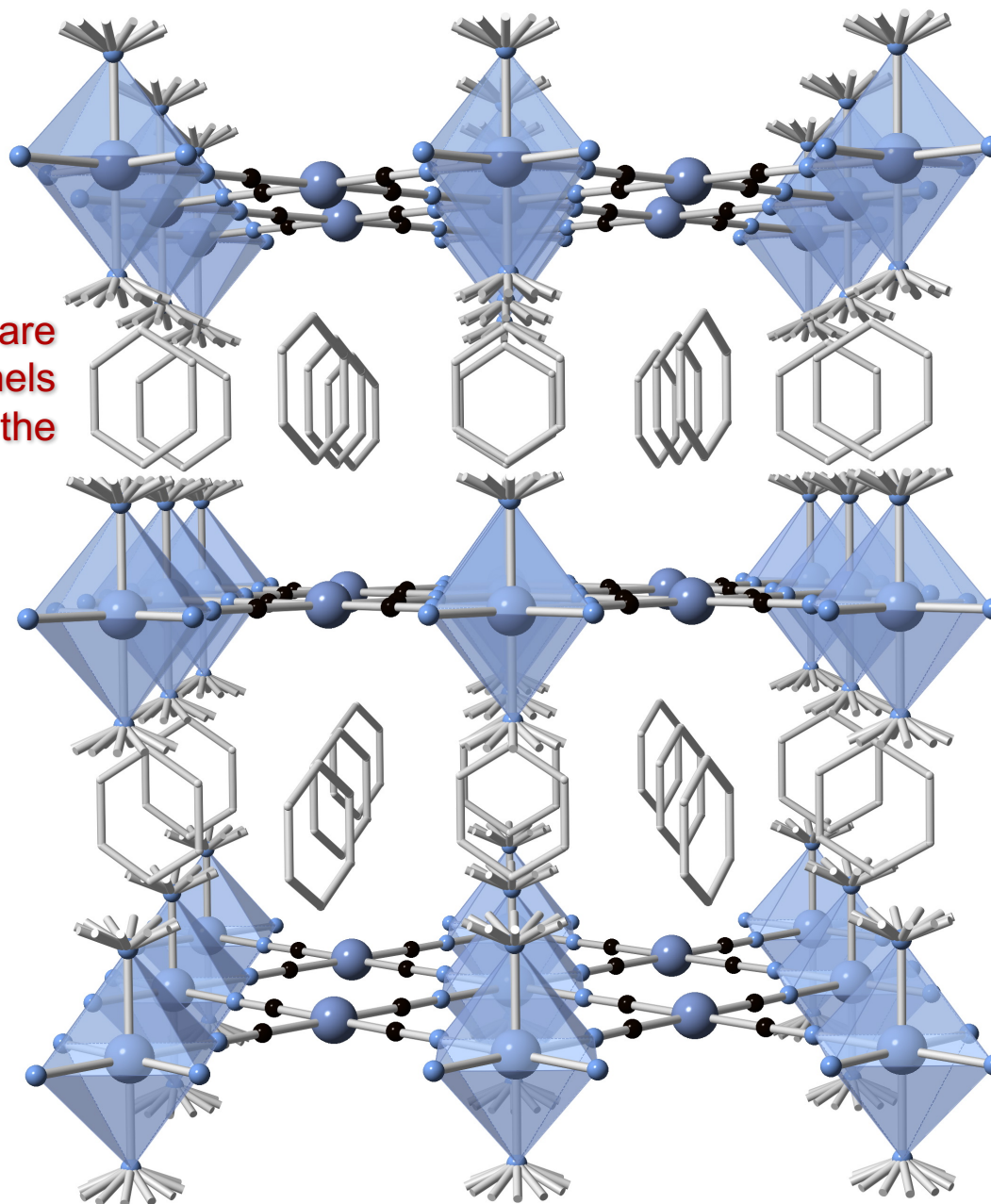
# Hofmann Clathrate $\text{Ni}(\text{NH}_3)_2[\text{Ni}(\text{CN})_4] \cdot \text{Benzene}$



2D networks extending on the xy plane and stacked along z



# Hofmann Clathrate $\text{Ni}(\text{NH}_3)_2[\text{Ni}(\text{CN})_4] \cdot \text{Benzene}$

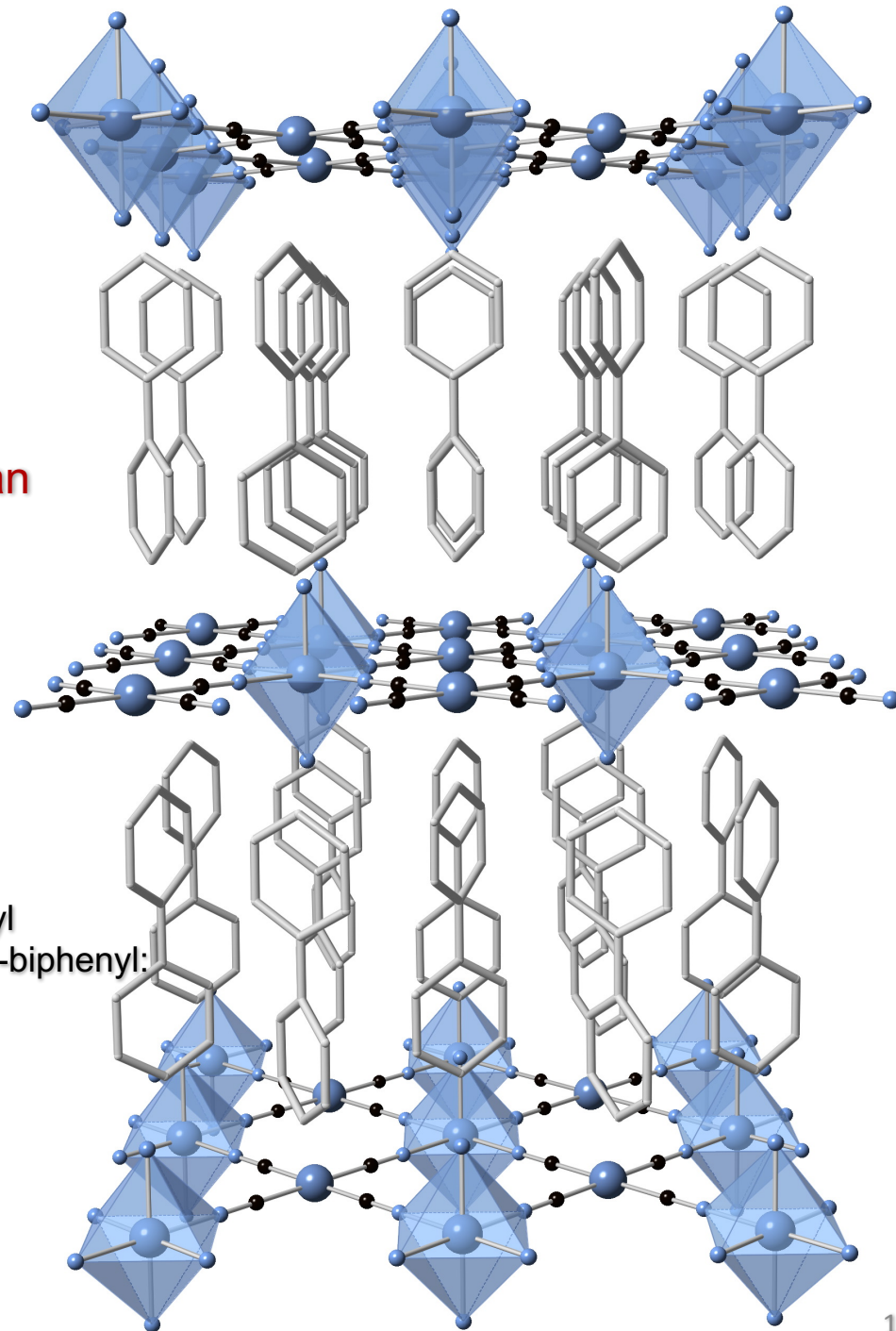


Invited molecules are located in the channels that run along the directions x and y

# Hofmann Clathrate

## $\text{Ni}(\text{NH}_3)_2[\text{Ni}(\text{CN})_4] \cdot \text{Biphenyl}$

Even larger molecules such as biphenyl can be inserted.



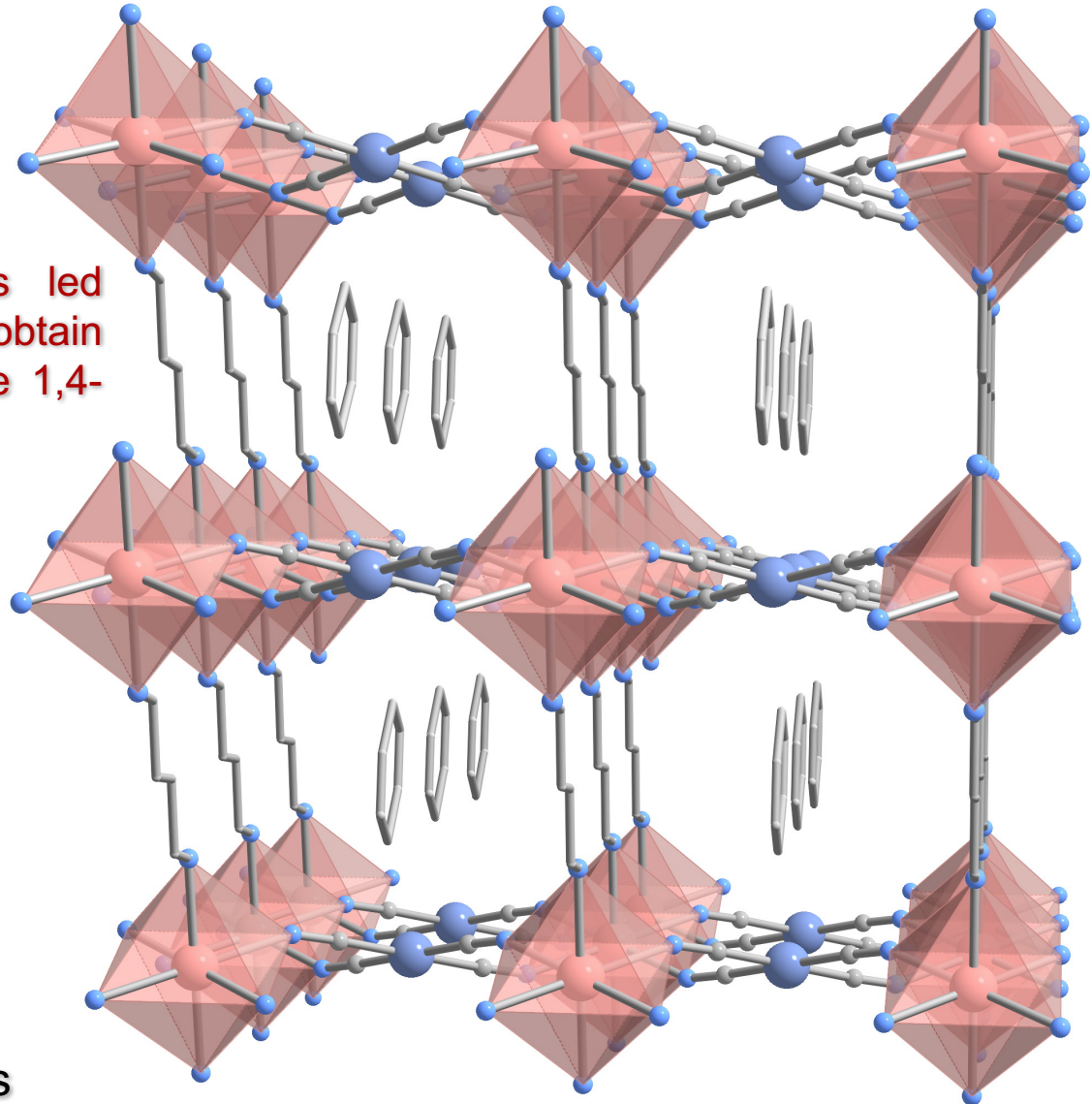
T. Iwamoto, T. Miyoshi, Y. Sasaki  
"The Metal Ammine Cyanide Aromatic Clathrates.  
XIII. The Crystal Structure of the Hofmann-type Biphenyl  
Clathrate, Diamminenickel(II) Tetraeyanonickelate(II) Di-biphenyl:  
 $\text{Ni}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Ni}(\text{CN})_4 \cdot 2\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{10}$ ",  
Acta Cryst. (1974). B30, 292-295



# Hofmann Clathrate

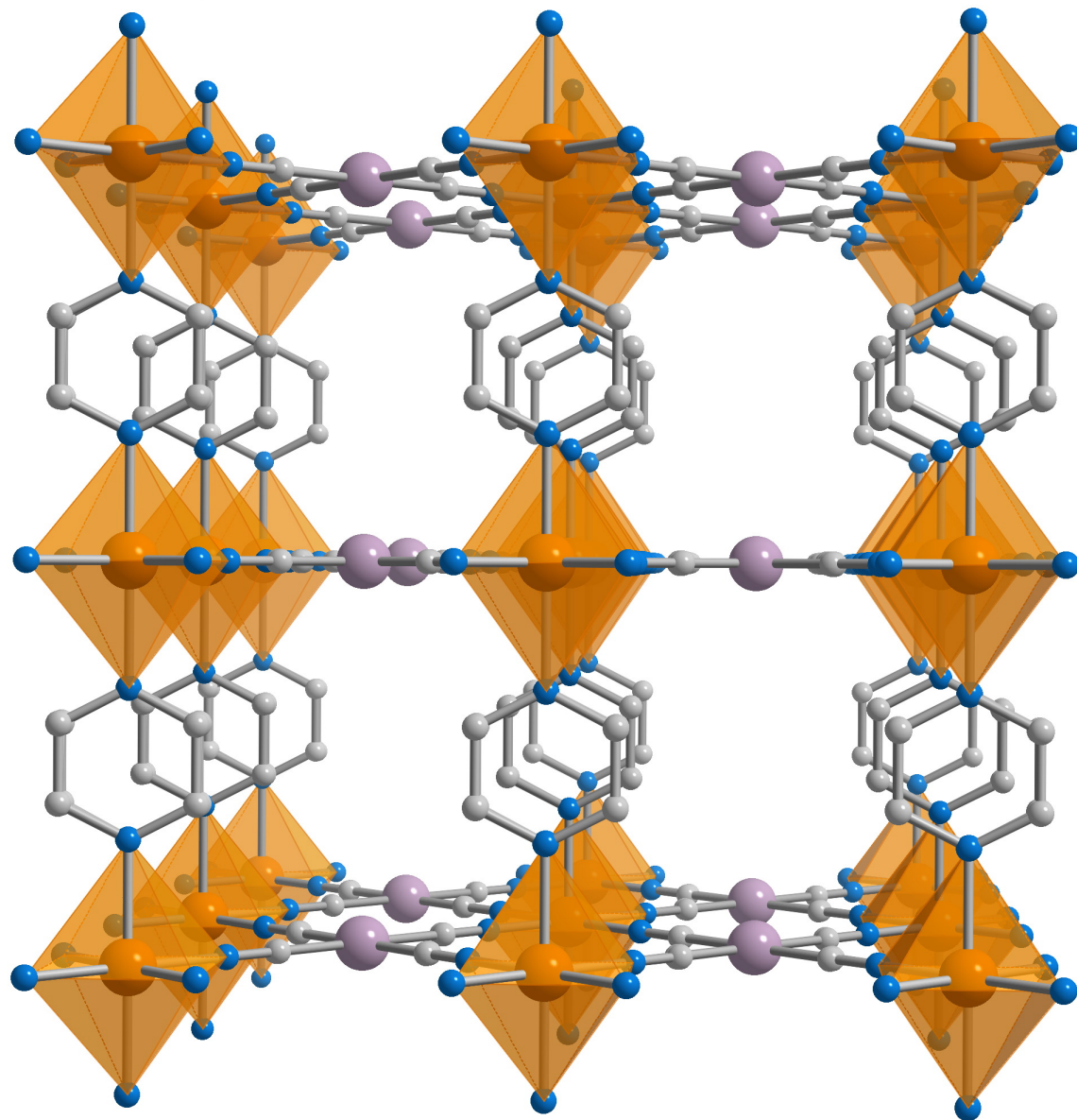
## $\text{Cd}(\text{NH}_2(\text{CH}_2)_4\text{NH}_2)[\text{Ni}(\text{CN})_4] \cdot \text{Benzene}$

The use of bridge ligands led Iwamoto and collaborators to obtain 3D networks. In this example 1,4-diaminobutane was used

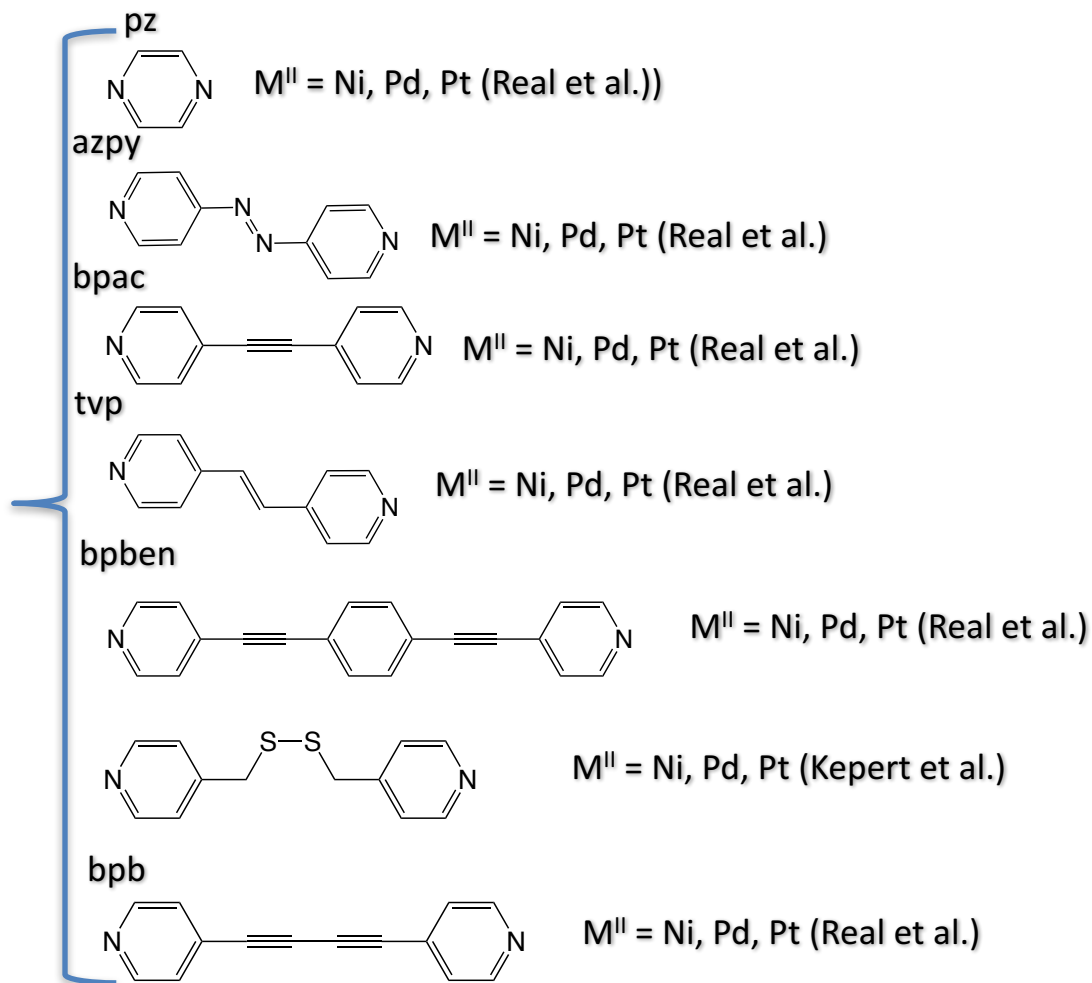
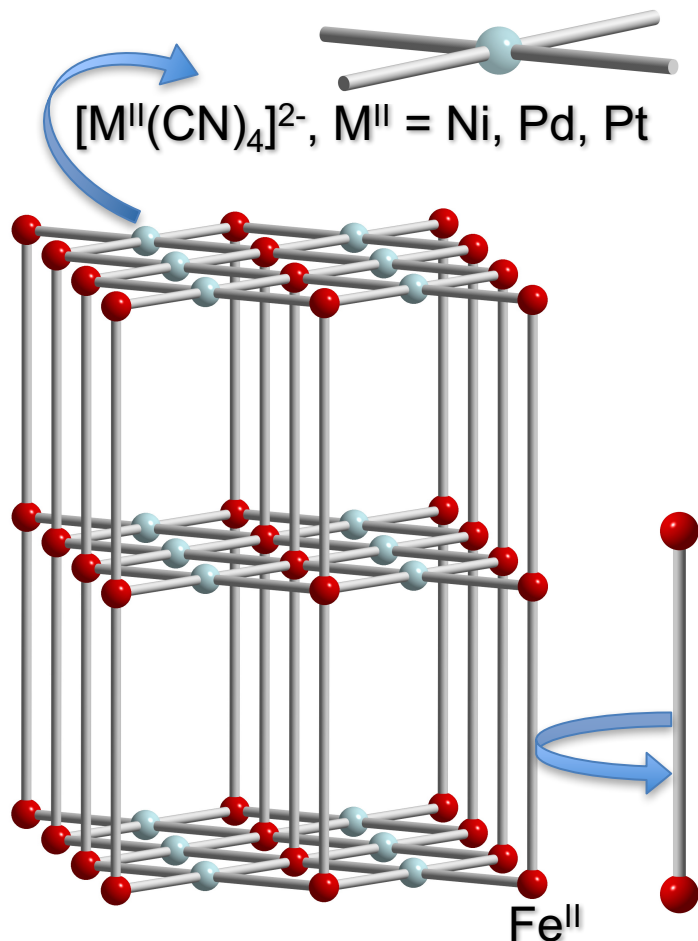


# Hofmann Clathrate

$\{\text{Fe}(\text{pyrazine})[\text{M}^{\text{II}}(\text{CN})_4] \cdot \text{G}; \text{M}^{\text{II}} = \text{Ni}, \text{Pd}, \text{Pt}$



# 3D Hofmann Porous Coordination Polymers with SCO



# Motivations that stimulated the development of CPs

Decade 1990 -1999

## i) Crystal Engineering, Supramolecular Chemistry

**Mineralo-mimética vision of CPs:** Synthesis of the new CPs with recognizable structures in elements and binary archetypal compounds (**C(d)**, **C(g)**, **PtS**, **NbO**, **ReO<sub>3</sub>**, **CdSO<sub>4</sub>**, **SiSr**,.....). Conceptual correlations with Crystal Engineering and Supramolecular Chemistry.

## ii) Molecular Magnetism

**i.a)** Search for connectivity between paramagnetic metal ions (spin coupling, magnetic exchange) and magnetic ordering in (0-3D) systems.

**i.b)** Search for connectivity between metal ions capable of presenting spin transitions (elastic coupling), cooperativity and ordering of spin states in (0-3D) systems.

## iii) Chemistry of Metallosupramolecules

Synthesis of coordination polyhedra as examples of growth control of discrete fragments of 3D networks.

## Decade 1990-2000

### Mineralomimetic perspective, synthesis and systematic study of CPs

- ✓ The mineralomimetic view of the CPs is essentially (although not fully) due to B. F. Hoskins and R. Robson (J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1989, 111, 5962; J Am. Chem. Soc.1990, 112, 1546).
- ✓ These authors opened new perspectives to the Coordination Chemistry based on:
  - i) Mimesis of known type networks in classical binary compounds as strategy to stimulate the synthesis of unknown (not experimentally described) CPs .
  - ii) Provide a systematic classification / study / structural rationalization of the PCs.
  - iii) Design and deliberate synthesis of new types of functional CPs with interesting properties such as porosity, catalysis, etc.
- ✓ Hoskins y Robson were inspired by the theoretical analyses carried out by the structural inorganic chemist A. F. Wells, whose activity was developed in the 1950-1970s (author of some classic books on Inorganic Structural Chemistry).
- ✓ The work by Hoskins and Robson stimulated many other authors among the most active are: Zaworotko, O. Yaghi, M. Fujita, S. Kitagawa, Proserpio, Blatov, etc ... ..)

# Conceptual relationship between Crystal Engineering / Supramolecular Chemistry / Metalsupramolecules

It has been already mentioned that the development of the CPs chemistry was reinforced by the parallel growth of the concepts stemming from: [Supramolecular Chemistry and Crystal Engineering](#).

[Crystal Engineering](#) seeks to understand why molecules are packaged in the crystal the way they do and use that knowledge to control such supramolecular organizations, which indeed requires to control the intermolecular interactions in the solid state.

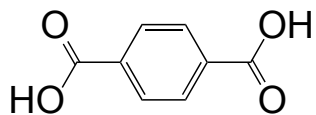
It is well known that the properties of a solid can dramatically depend on the mode in which the molecules organise in the crystal. Therefore, the control of intermolecular interactions can lead to new compounds with applied interest.

In [Crystal Engineering](#), intermolecular interactions are weak [H bridges,  $\pi$  interactions or even inter-metallic interactions  $d^{10}$ - $d^{10}$ ] but they are capable of generating structures that have inspired or have been found in CPs. In many examples, the resulting CPs are magnified versions of known simple networks such as C(g) and C(d) for example ....

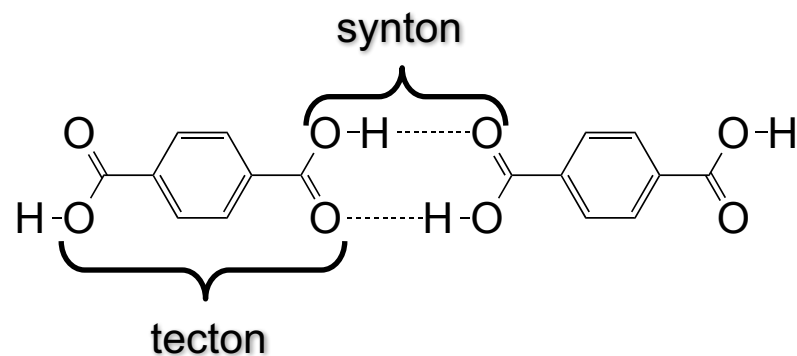
[Examples....](#)

# Some examples of Crystal Engineering based on hydrogen bonds:

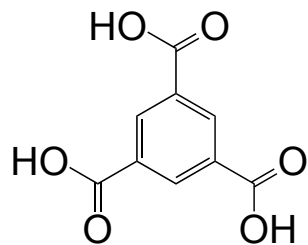
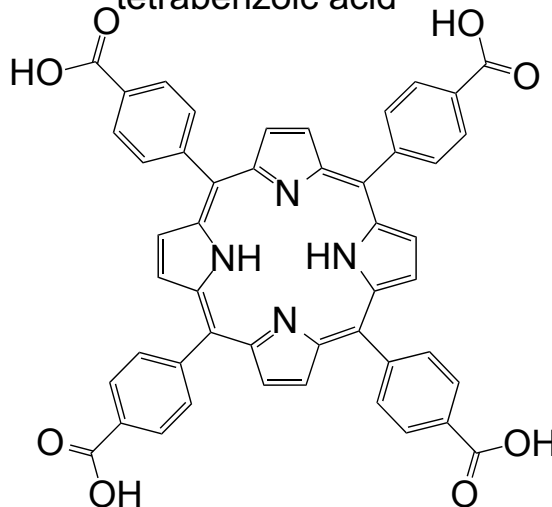
## Tectons and syntons



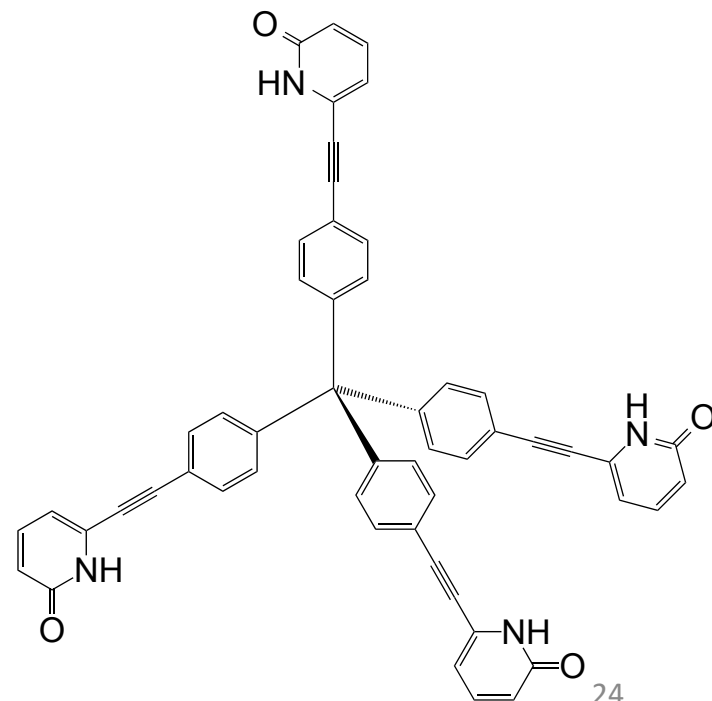
Benzene 1,4-dicarboxylic acid  
(Ácido terephthalic)



4,4',4'',4'''-(porphyrin-5,10,15,20 tetrayl)  
tetrabenzoic acid

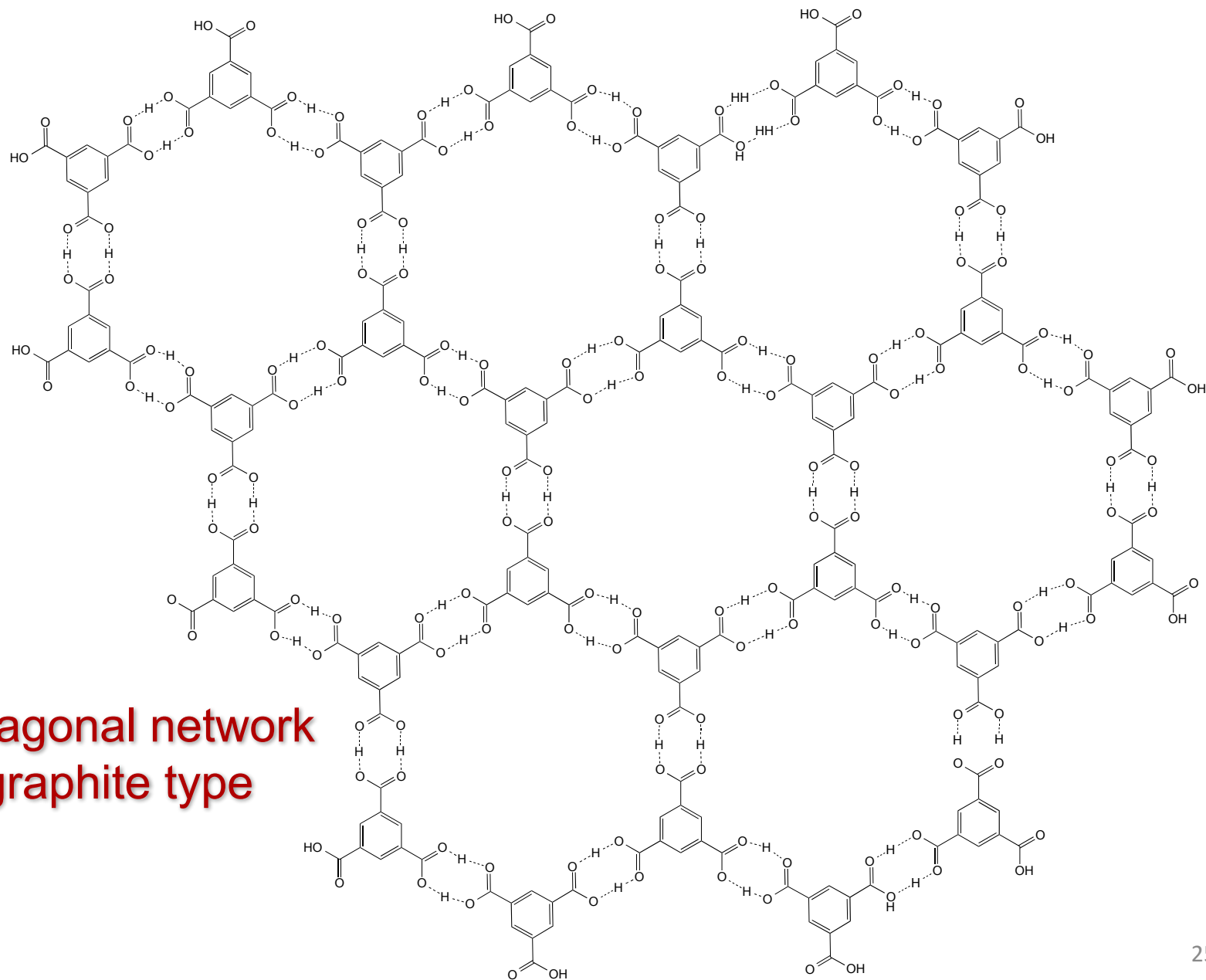


Ácido benceno 1,3,5-tricarboxílico  
(o ácido trisimético)



# Supramolecular / self-assembly organization of trimesic acid

D. J. Duchamp; R. E. Marsh *Acta Cryst.* **1969**, B25, 5

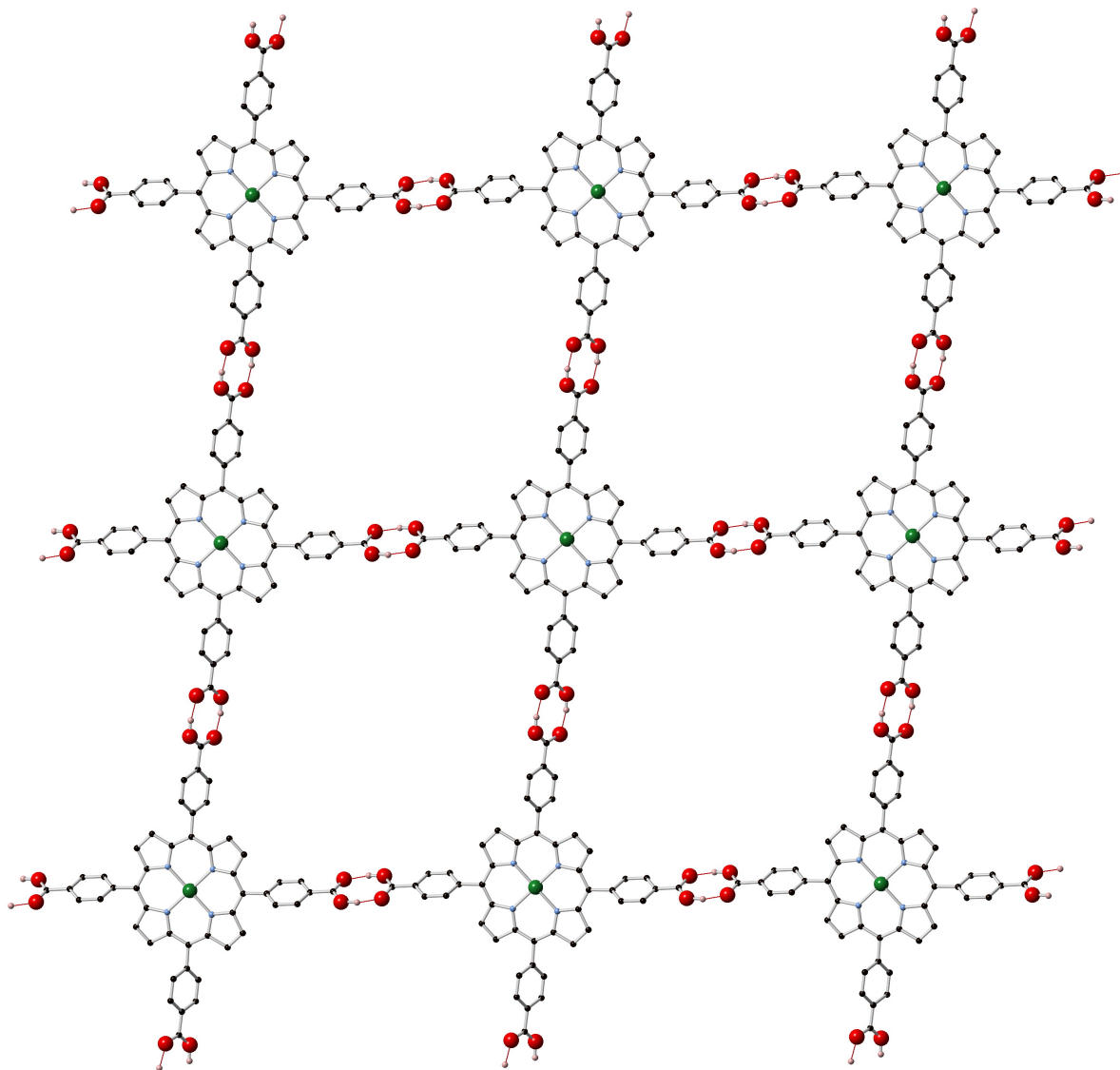
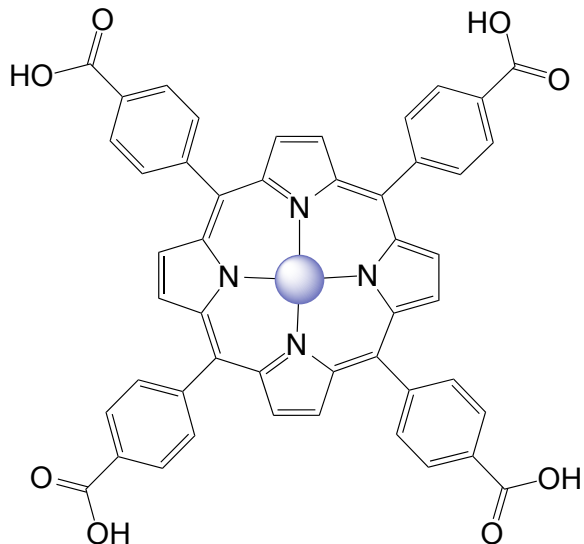


hexagonal network  
graphite type



# Supramolecular / self-assembled organization Porphyrinato de Zn (II)

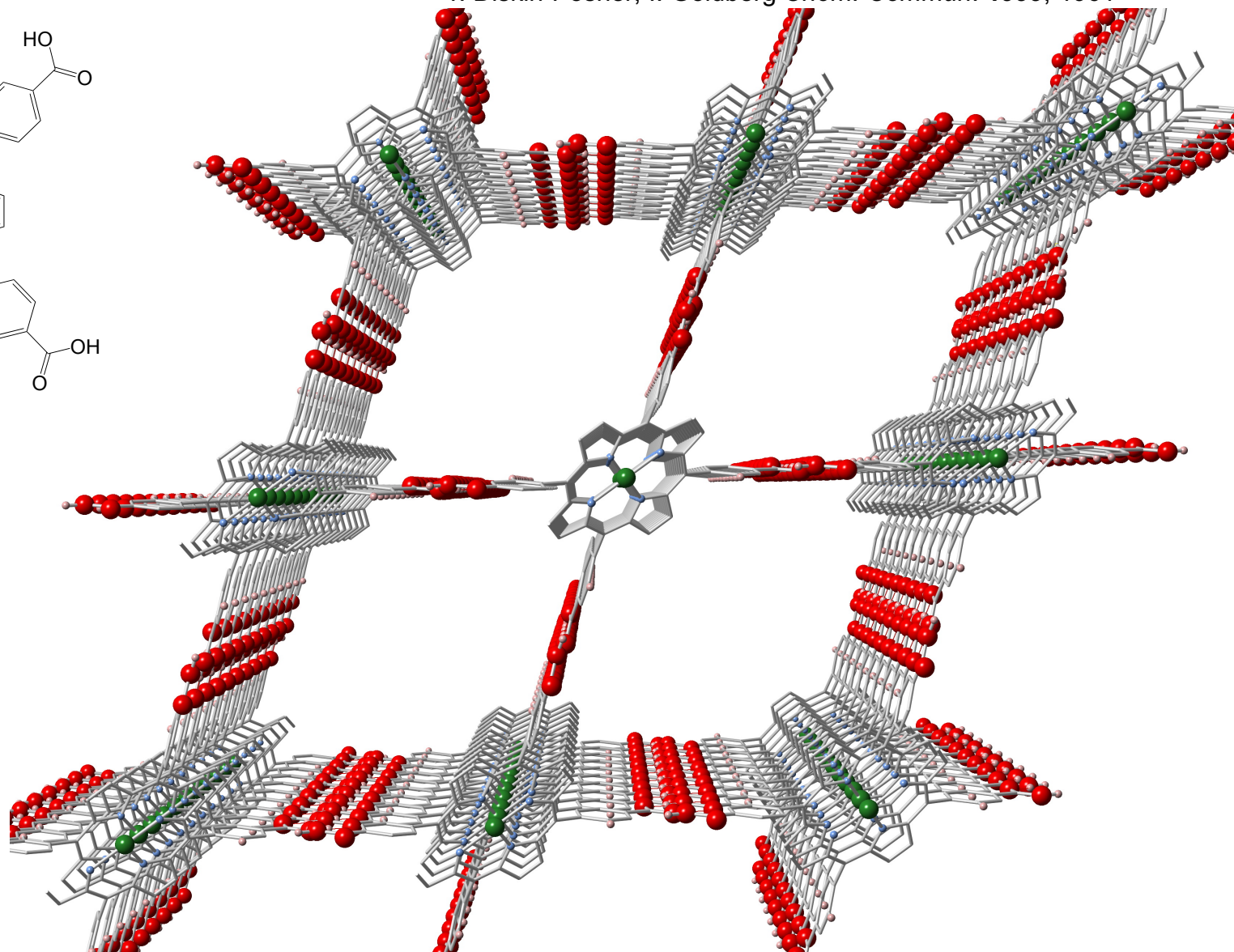
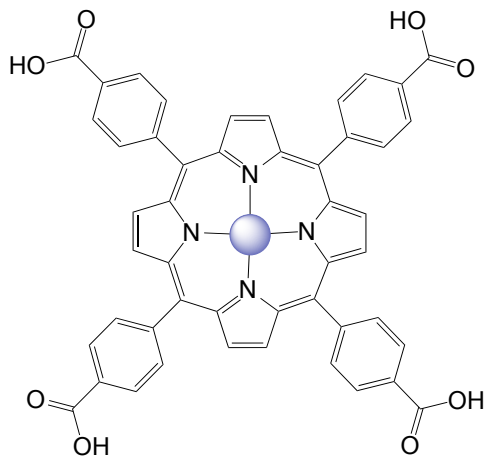
Y. Diskin-Posner; I. Goldberg *Chem. Commun.* **1999**, 1961



Square network

# Supramolecular/self-assembly of Porphyrinato de Zn(II)

Y. Diskin-Posner; I. Goldberg *Chem. Commun.* **1999**, 1961

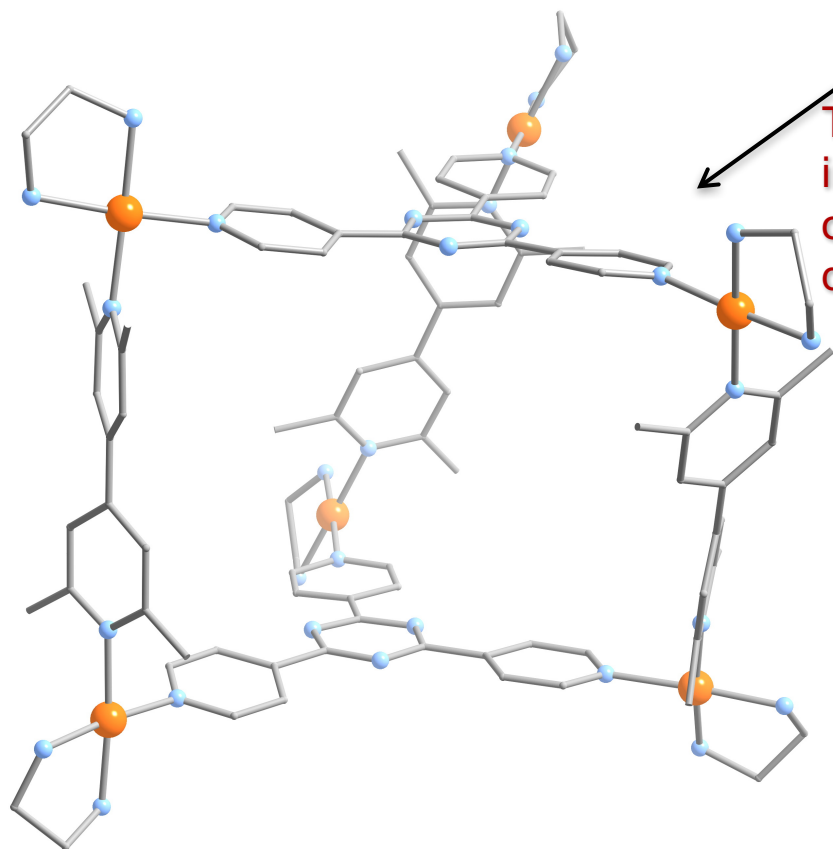
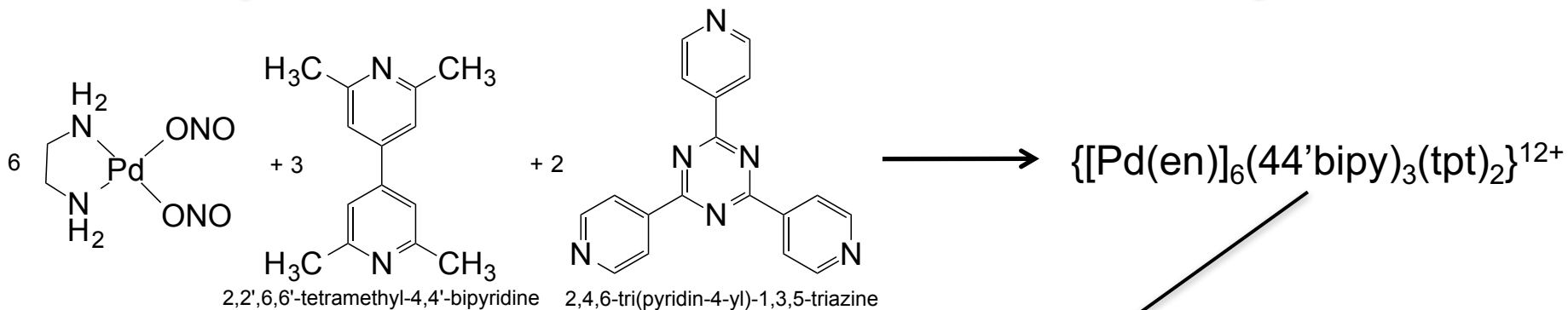


Crystal packing of ZnTPC square networks complexes linked by hydrogen bonds originates a CP with wide pores

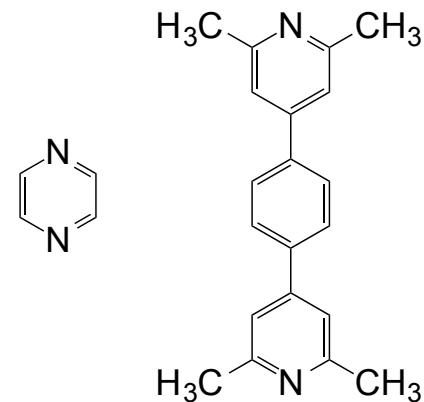
# Supramolecular Chemistry

- In contrast to Crystal Engineering for which the crystalline state is a fundamental feature, that is not an essential factor for Supramolecular Chemistry.
- Despite this, the differences between the two areas can be very subtle in many cases since in Supramolecular Chemistry chemists not only use non-covalent interactions but also coordination bonds.
- The use of metal complexes in supramolecular chemistry has given rise to the chemical term “metallo-supramolecular” to distinguish it from purely “supramolecular chemistry” devoted to molecular recognition between organic species and / or inorganic anions etc. However, the term metallo-supramolecular is used in a wide range of situations including CPs.
- Conceptually metallo-supramolecular chemistry fits the requirements of coordination polymer chemistry, however metallo-supramolecular systems are discrete species that exist both in solution and in a crystalline state. Most active researchers in this field: J. M. Lehn, P. Stang, M. Fujita, J. R. Nitschke ... ..
- Let's see some examples that illustrate this last situation....

# Polyhedra versus Coordination Polymers

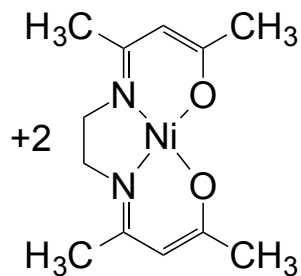


Taking advantage of the chemical inertia and the flat-square geometry of the  $\text{Pd}^{\text{II}}$   $[\text{Kr}]4d^8$  (strong field, diamagnetic)



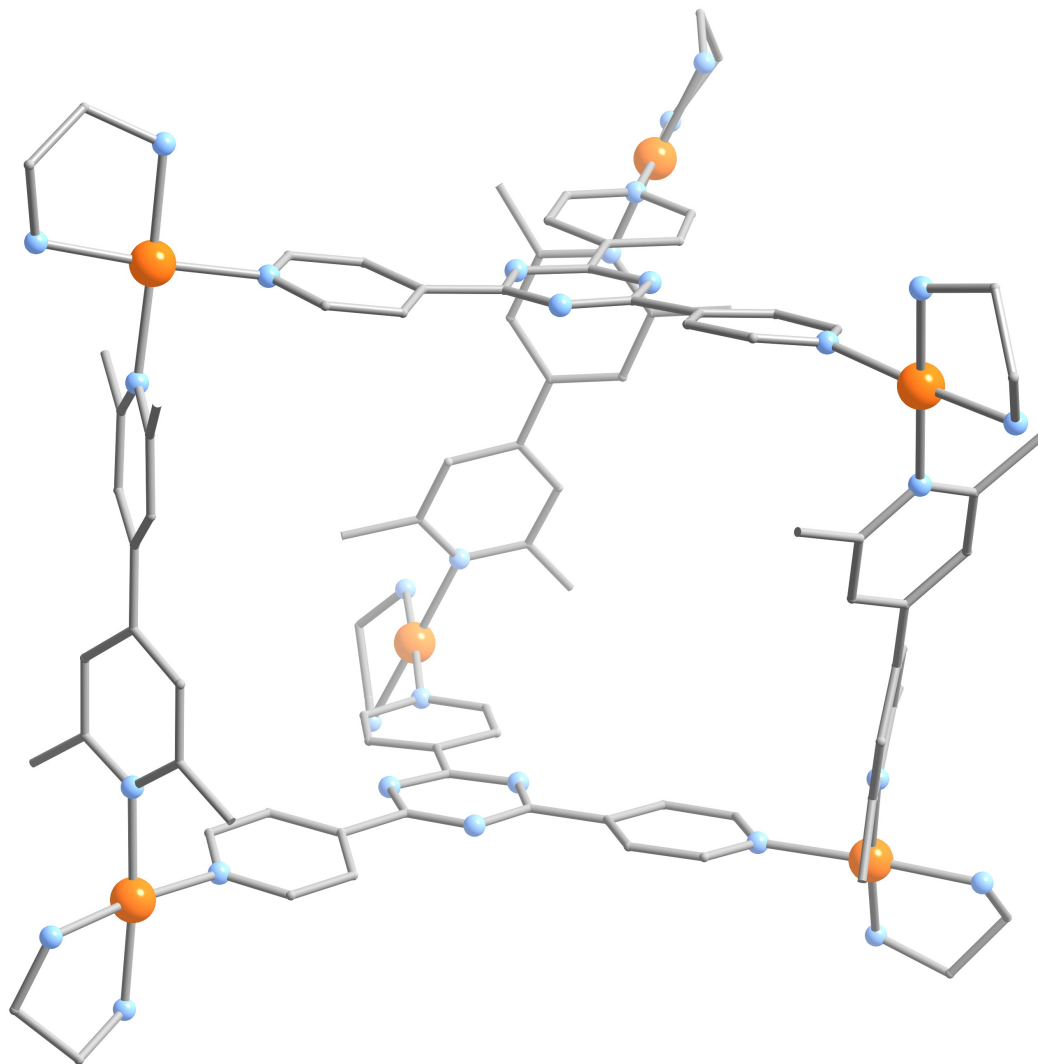
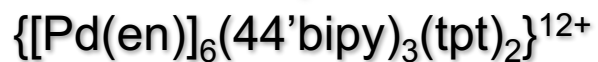
Solutions and colourless crystals (the cage is stable in solution)

# Encapsulation of different molecules by molecular recognition

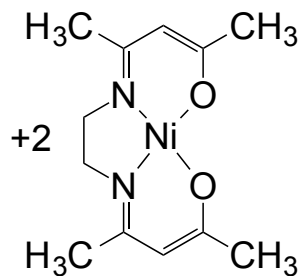


Ni(II)(acen) (deep red / diamagnetic)  
(acen = N,N'-ethylenebis(acetylacetonate))

suspended in a solution of

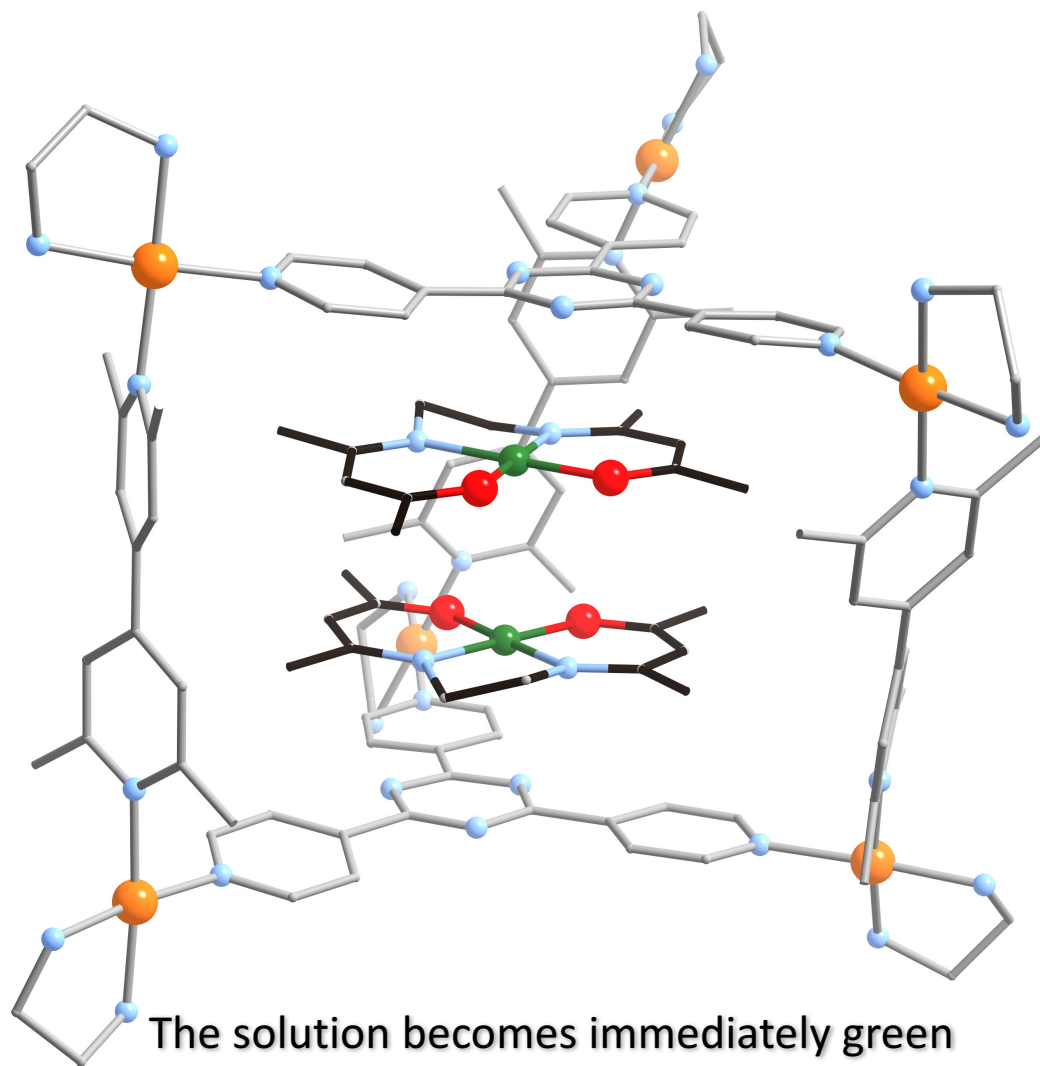


# Encapsulation of different molecules by molecular recognition



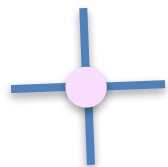
$\text{Ni(II)(acac)}$  (deep red / diamagnetic)  
(acac = N,N'-ethylenebis(acetylacetonate))

suspended in a solution of

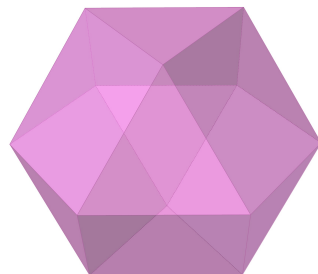


# Polyhedra versus Coordination Polymers

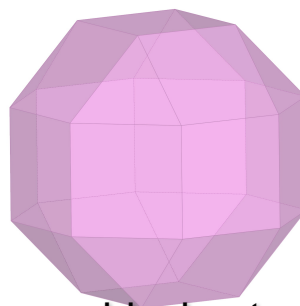
M. Fujita y col., *Angew. Chem. Int Ed.* **2012**, 51, 3161;;; *Science* **2006**, 313, 1273.



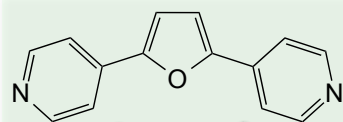
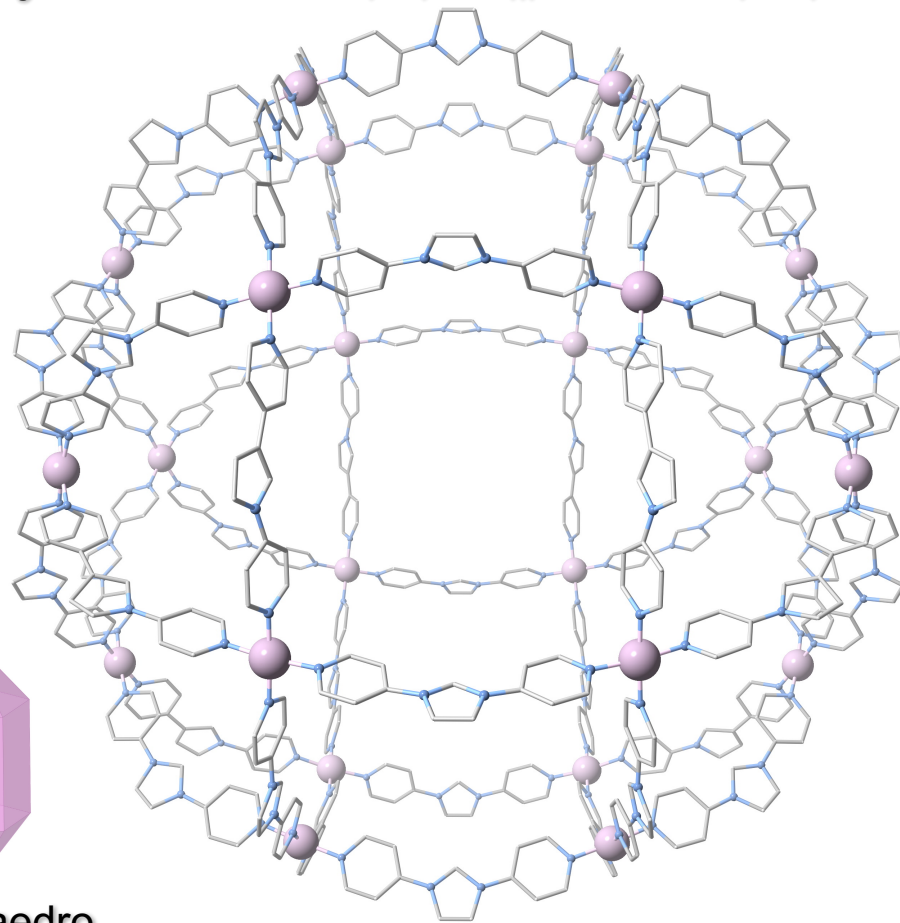
+



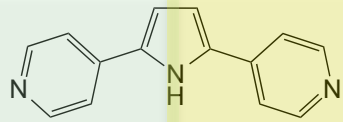
cuboctaedro



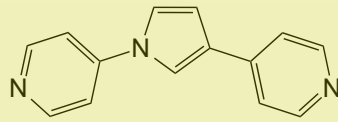
rombicuboctaedro



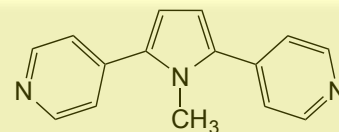
$\theta = 127^\circ$



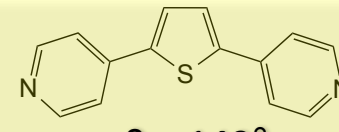
$\theta = 135^\circ$



$\theta = 143^\circ$



$\theta = 147^\circ$



$\theta = 149^\circ$

$127^\circ \leftarrow \text{Pd}_{12}\text{L}_{24}$

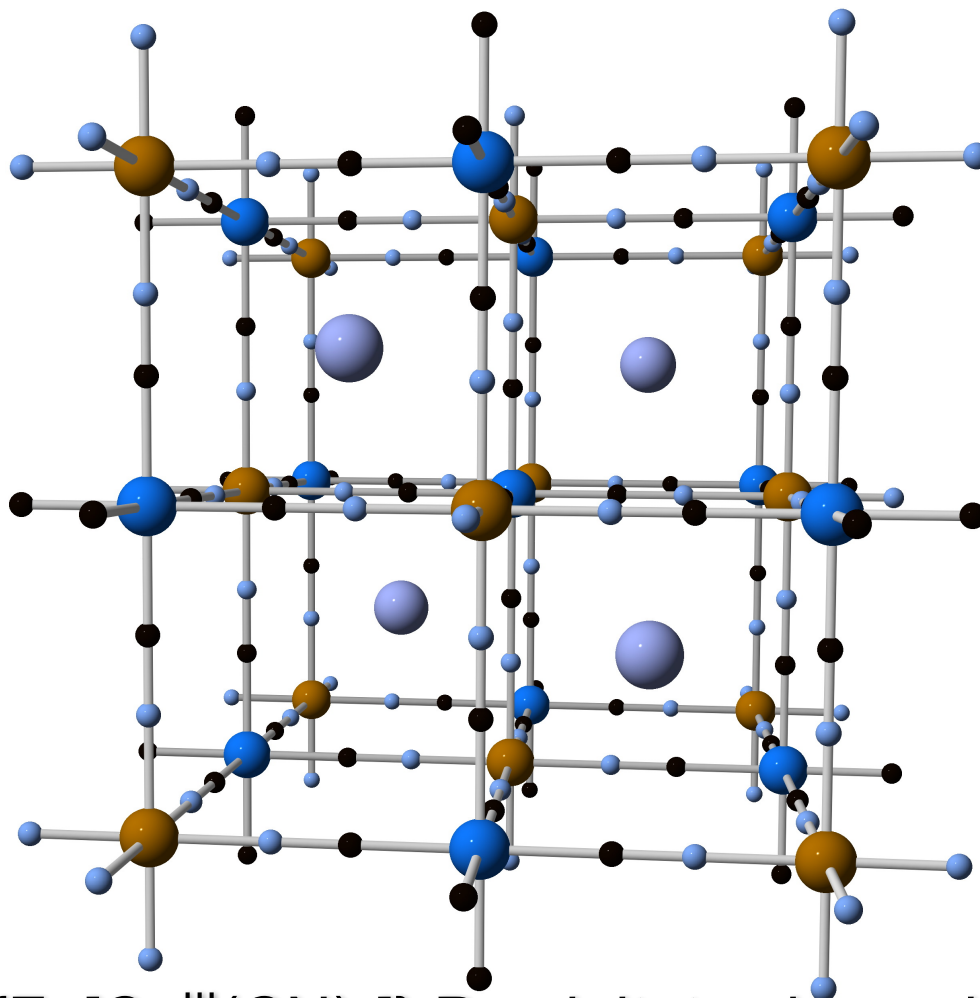
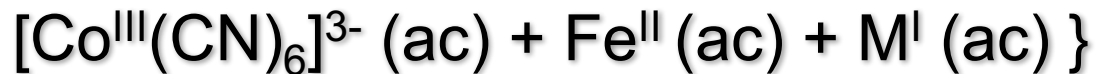
$\rightarrow 131^\circ \quad 134^\circ$

$\text{Pd}_{24}\text{L}_{48}$

$\rightarrow 149^\circ$

# CPs / MOFs and Metalsupramolecular Chemistry

## Polyhedra versus Coordination Polymers



3D

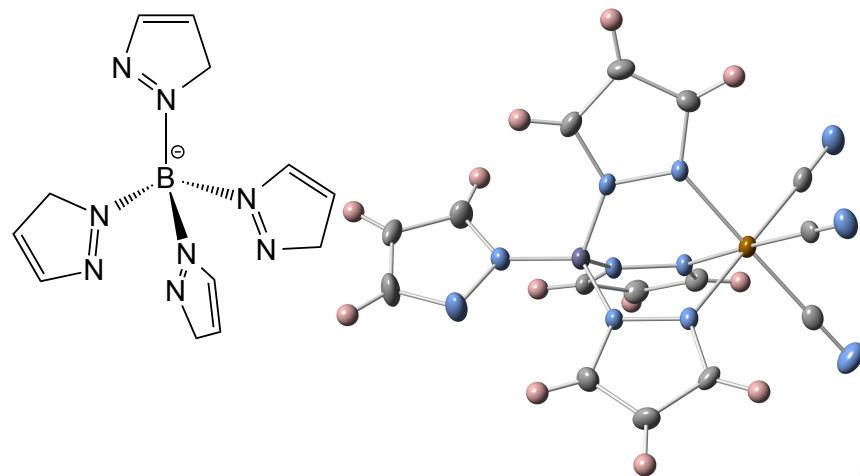
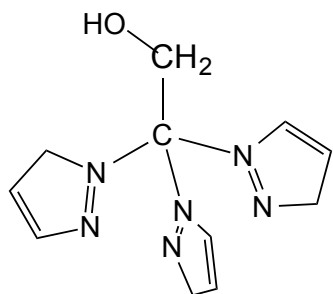
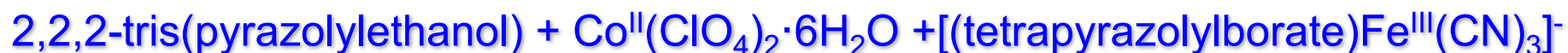
$\text{M}\{\text{Fe}[\text{Co}^{\text{III}}(\text{CN})_6]\}$  Precipitates immediately



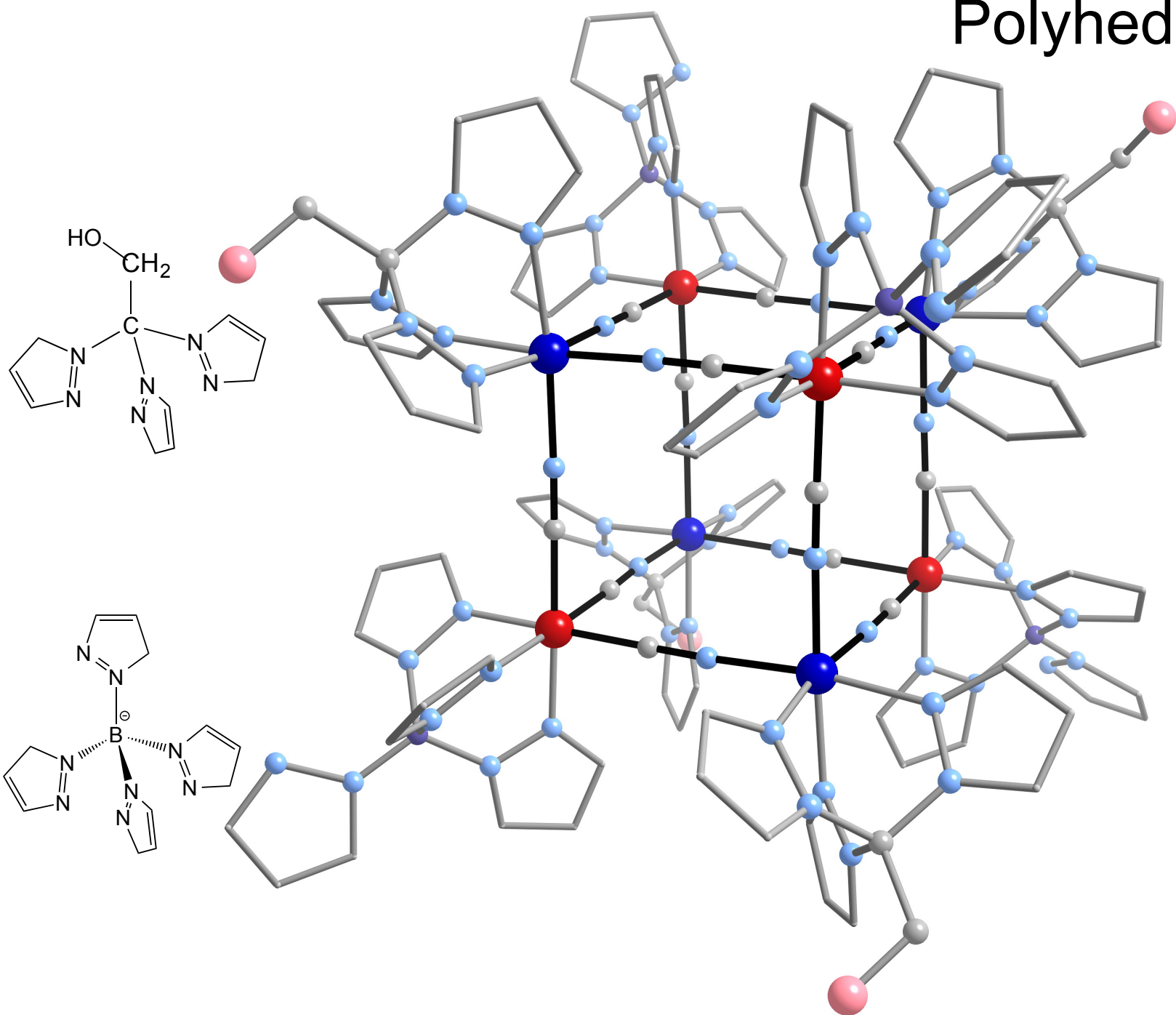
# CPs / MOFs and Metalsupramolecular Chemistry

## Polyhedra versus Coordination Polymers

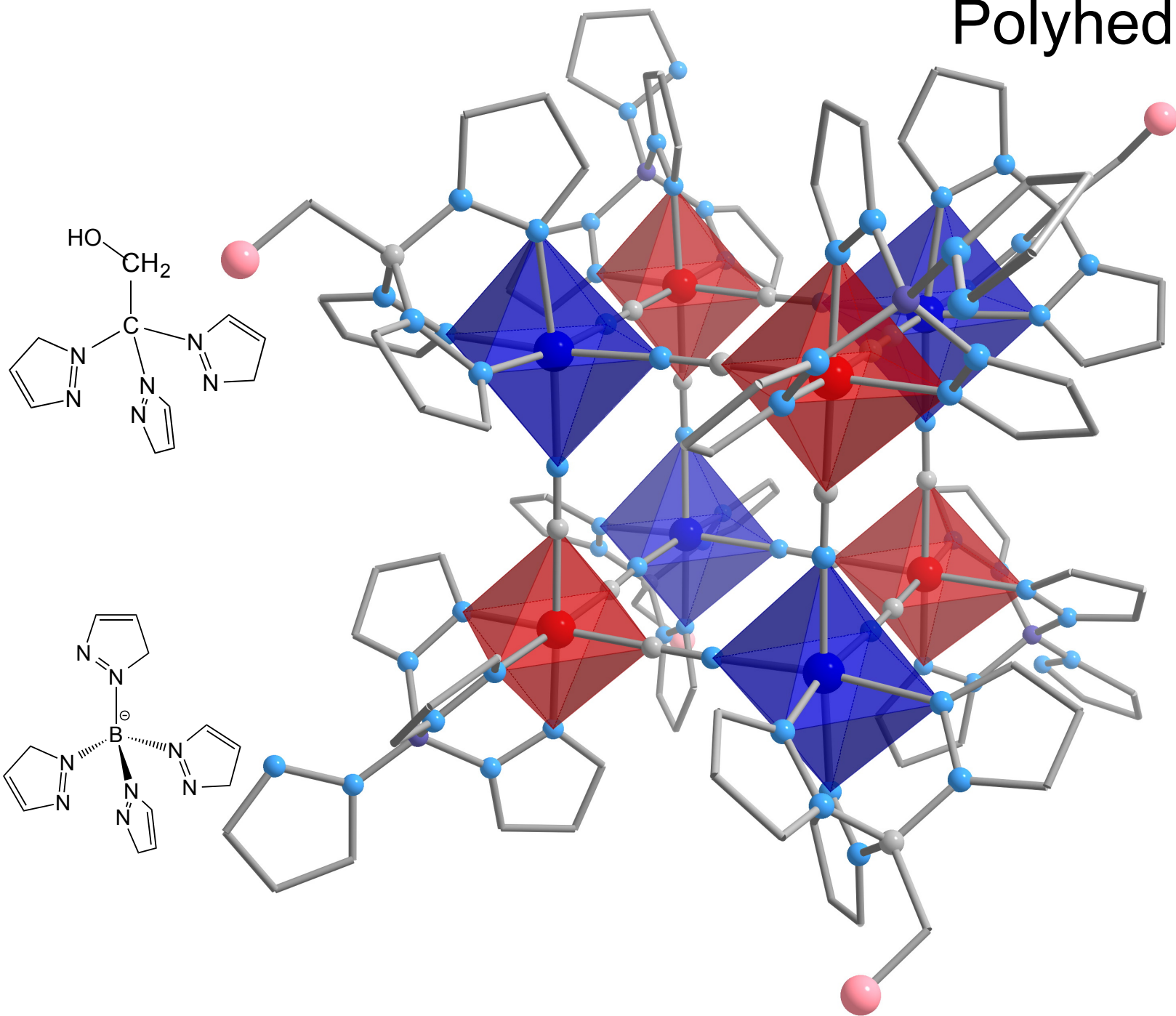
Protection of the coordination centres enable us to access ever smaller fragments of the counterpart structure of Prussian Blue



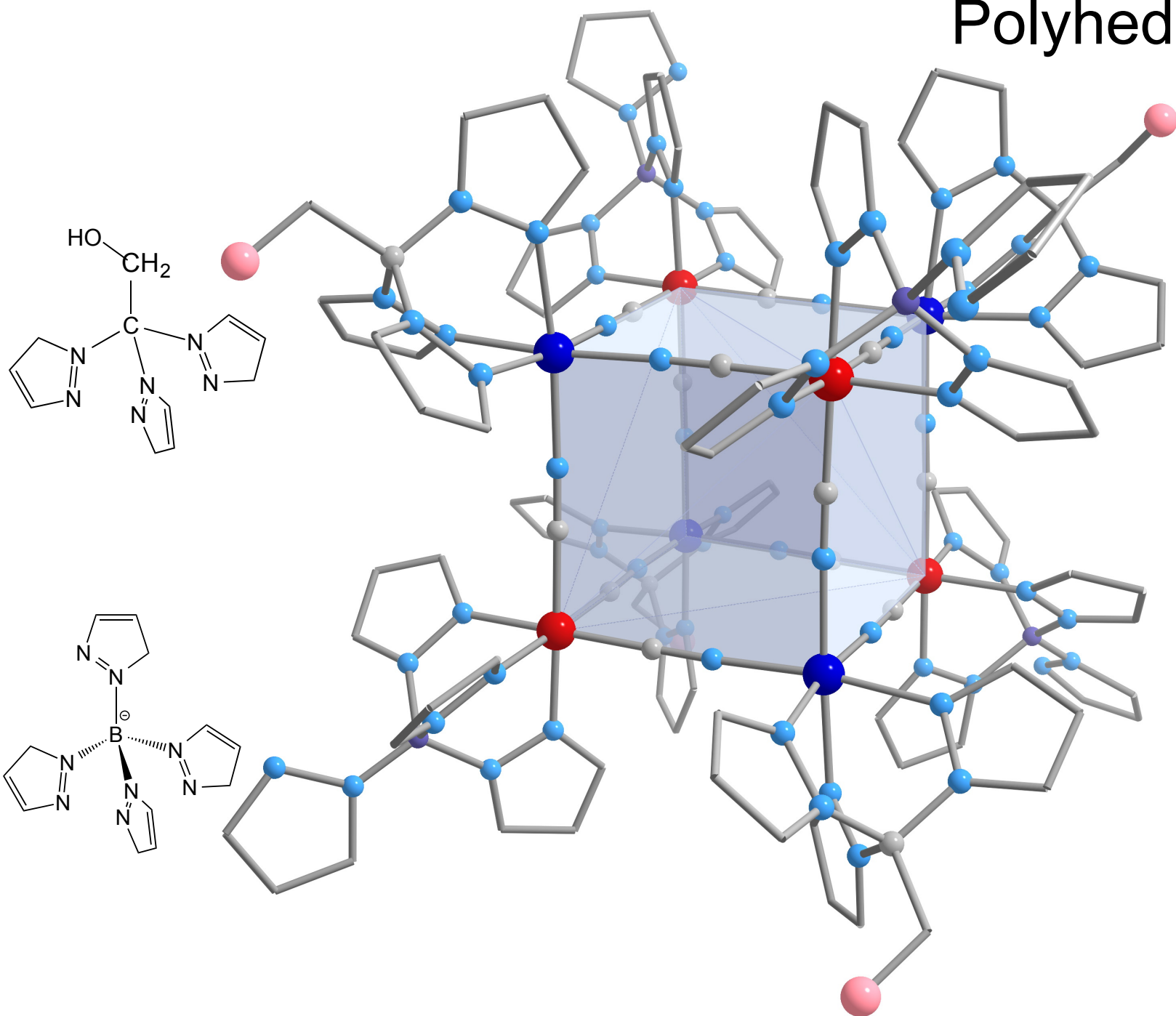
# Polyhedron 0D



# Polyhedron 0D



# Polyhedron 0D



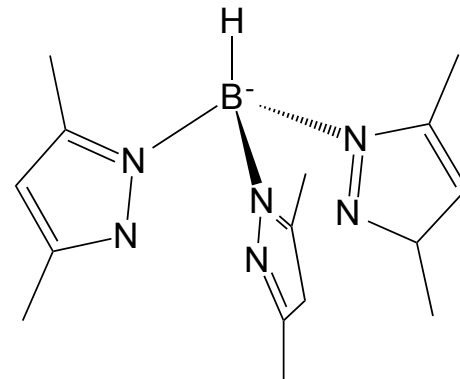
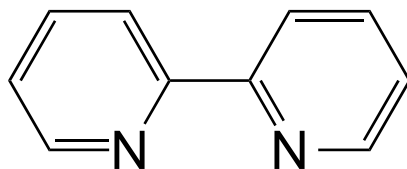
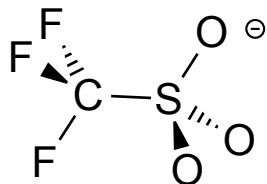
# CPs / MOFs and Metalsupramolecular Chemistry

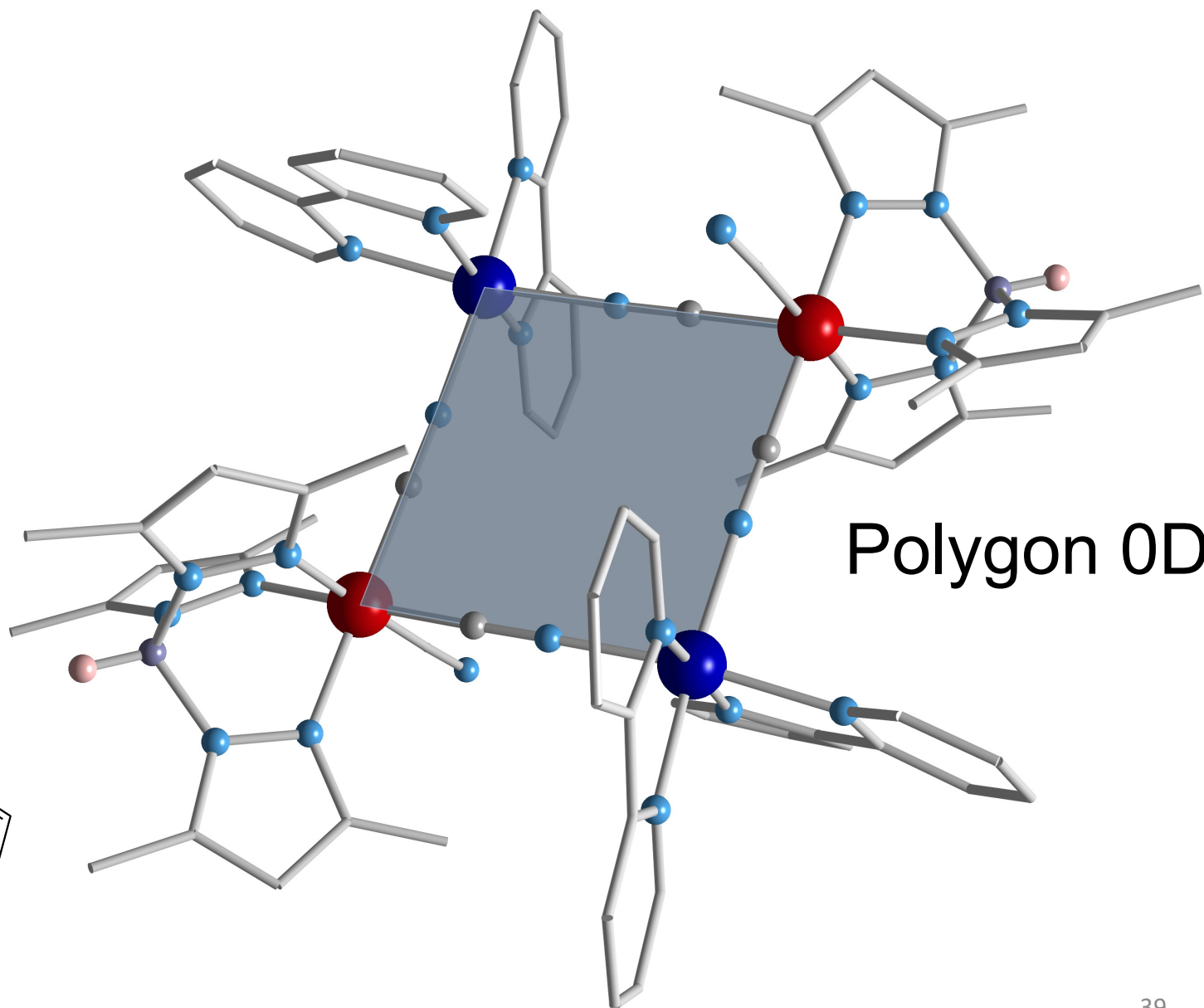
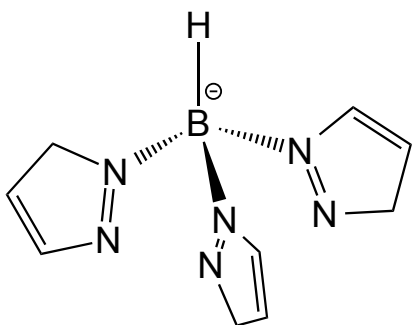
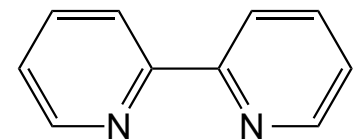
## Polyhedra versus Coordination Polymers

Protection of coordination centres give access to smaller molecular fragments of the CP  
(in this case Prussian Blue)

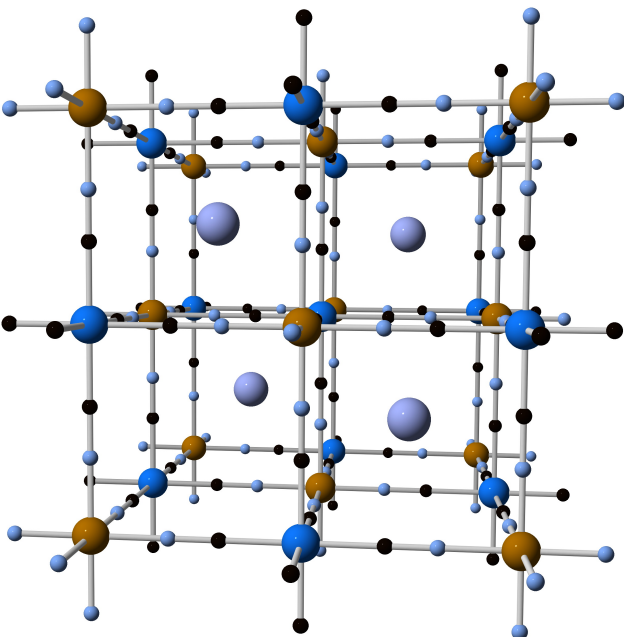


Otf = trifluoromethanesulphonate

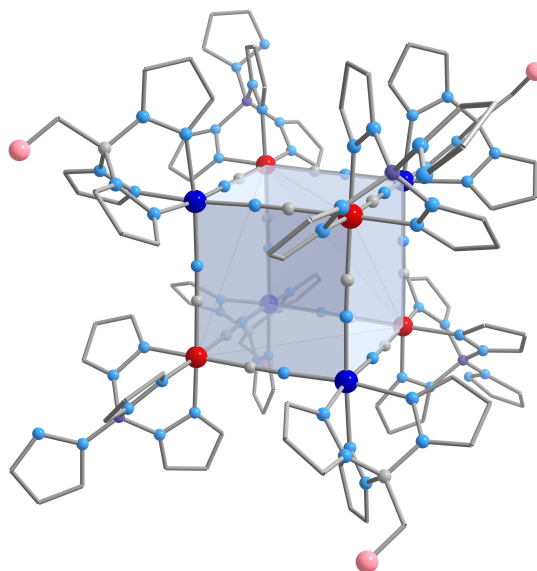




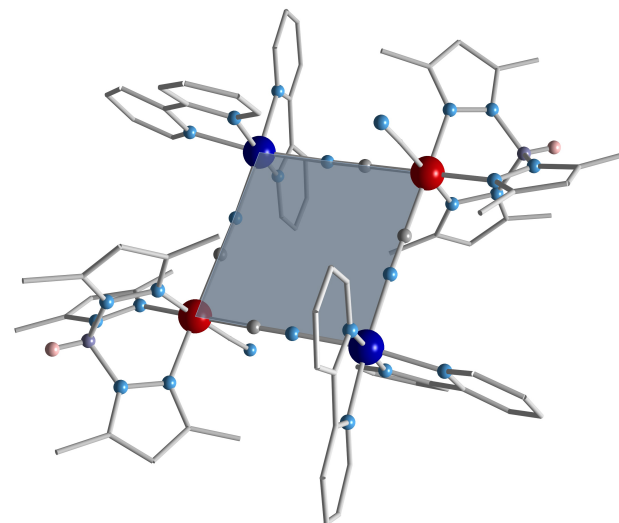
Three-dimensional network



0-D Polyhedron



0-D Polygon



### Relevant references about Coordination Polyhedrons

**M. Fujita**, M. Tominaga, A. Hori, B. Therrien *Acc. Chem. Res.* **2005**, 38, 369.

\*([http://fujitalab.t.u-tokyo.ac.jp/research\\_e/](http://fujitalab.t.u-tokyo.ac.jp/research_e/) )

A. J. McConnell, C. S. Wood, P. P. Neelakandan, **J. R. Nitschke** *Chem. Rev.*, **2015**, 115, 7729.

S. Zarra, D. M. Wood, D. A. Roberts, **J. R. Nitschke** *Chem. Soc. Rev.*, **2015**, 44, 419–432.

\*(<https://www.nitschkegroup-cambridge.com>)

R. Chaktabarty, P. S. Mukherjee, **P. Stang** *Chem. Rev.* **2011**, 111, 6810.

T. R. Cook, Y.-R. Zheng, **P. Stang** *Chem. Rev.* **2013**, 113, 734.

# Concept of Network:

## Tool to describe and design coordination polymers

One of the most powerful techniques in Crystal Engineering with analytical and design potential of crystalline solids is the reduction of its crystalline structures to "simple" networks.

This strategy helps to i) describe and understand complicated structures; ii) certify the discovering of new networks and iii) establish property structure correlations.

**Background:** This approach stems from the seminal work carried out by A. F. Wells during the period 1950-1970 ... However, it was in the years 1989-1990 when Robson and Hoskins and collaborators (and subsequent works) published two articles:

**B. F. Hoskins, R. Robson**, *"Infinite Polymeric Frameworks Consisting of Three Dimensionally Linked Rod-like Segments"*, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1989**, *111*, 5962-5964.

**B. F. Hoskins, R. Robson** "Design and Construction of a New Class of Scaffolding-like Materials Comprising Infinite Polymeric Frameworks of 3D-Linked Molecular Rods. A Reappraisal of the  $\text{Zn}(\text{CN})_2$  and  $\text{Cd}(\text{CN})_2$  Structures and the Synthesis and Structure of the Diamond-Related Frameworks  $[\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_4][\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\text{Zn}^{\text{II}}(\text{CN})_4]$  and  $\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}[4,4''4''',4''''\text{-tetracyanotetraphenylmethane}] (\text{BF}_4) \cdot \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NO}_2$ , *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1990**, *112*, 1546-1554

Where they apply the ideas of Wells to the Crystal Engineering of Polymers of coordination.

These authors emphasize that:

**Structures with precise topologies can be designed and realized through the use of metal ions and ligands with appropriate coordination geometries.**

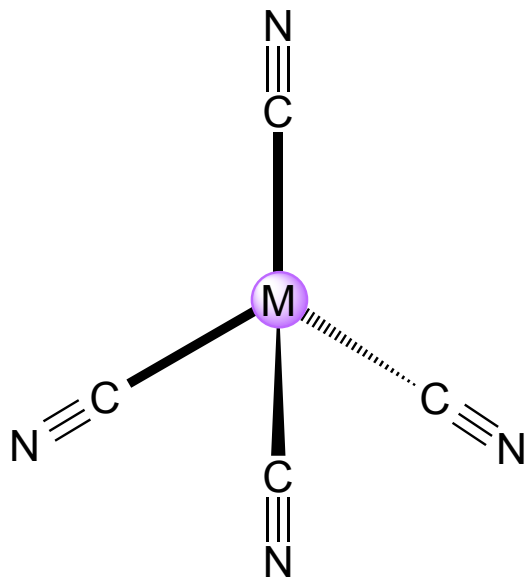
Examples...



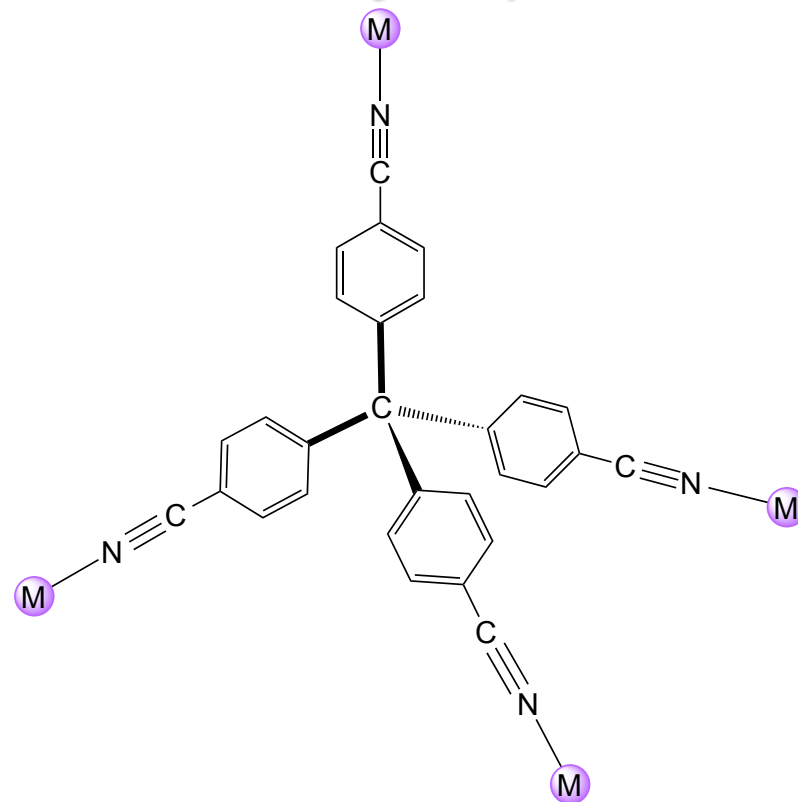
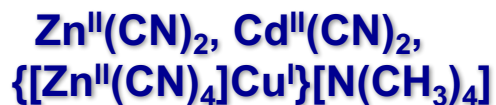
# Network:

## Tool to describe and design coordination polymers. Example: Diamond Network

Example: Diamond type networks can be generated by choosing metal ions that have a preference for coordination number 4 and tetrahedral geometries such as Cu(I), Zn(II) and Cd(II) together with linear ligands such as CN<sup>-</sup> or designing more sophisticated ligands with tetrahedral geometry such as 4,4',4'',4'''-tetracyanotetraphenylmethane:

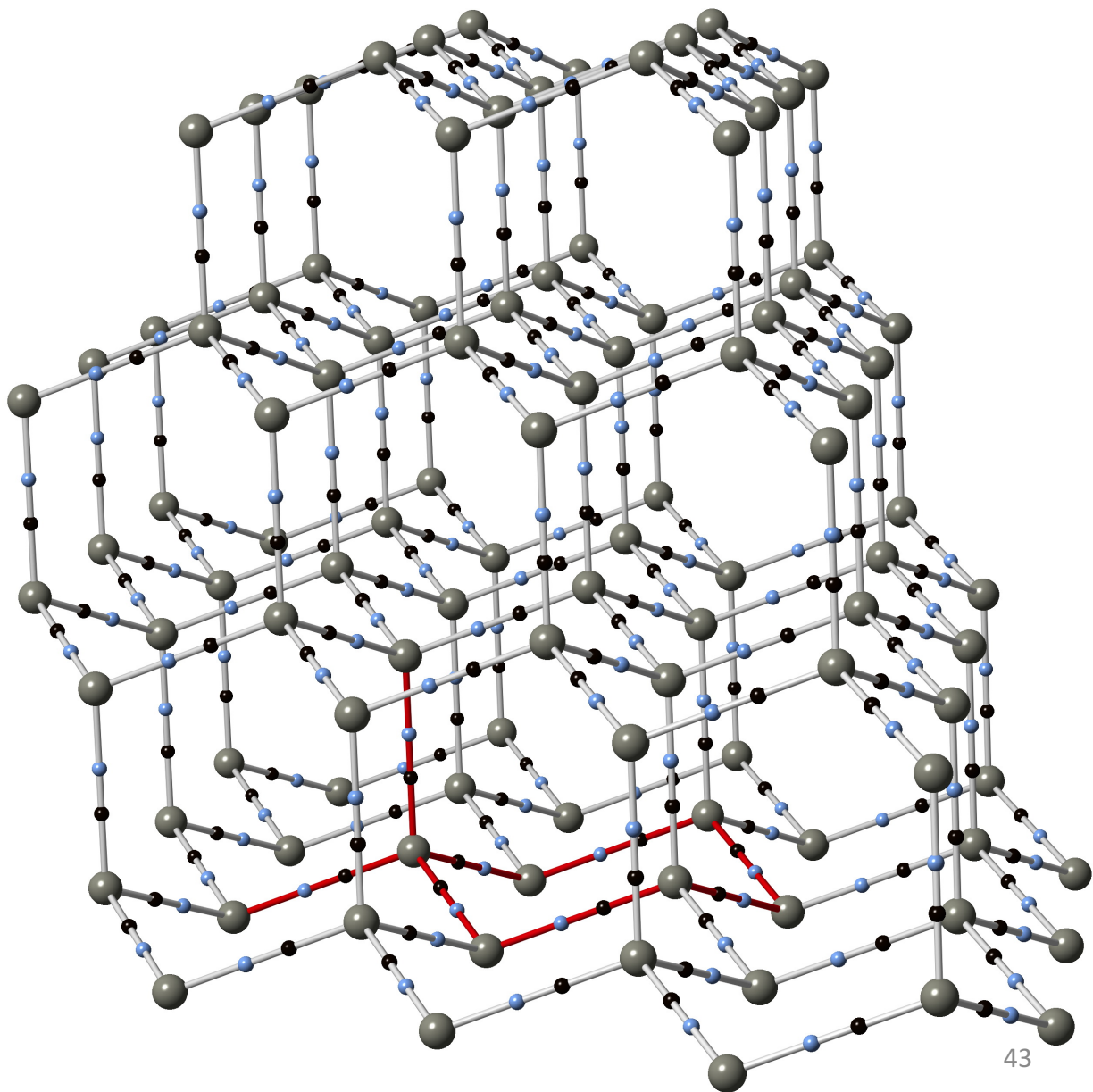
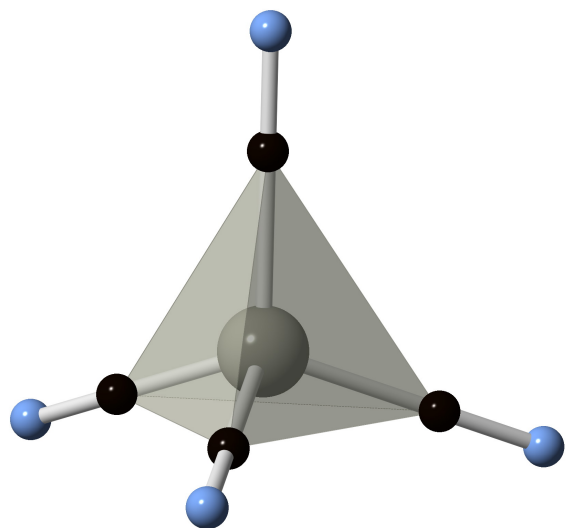


**M** can be assimilated to **C** (diamond)  
The **CN** group adopts the role of **C-C** bond

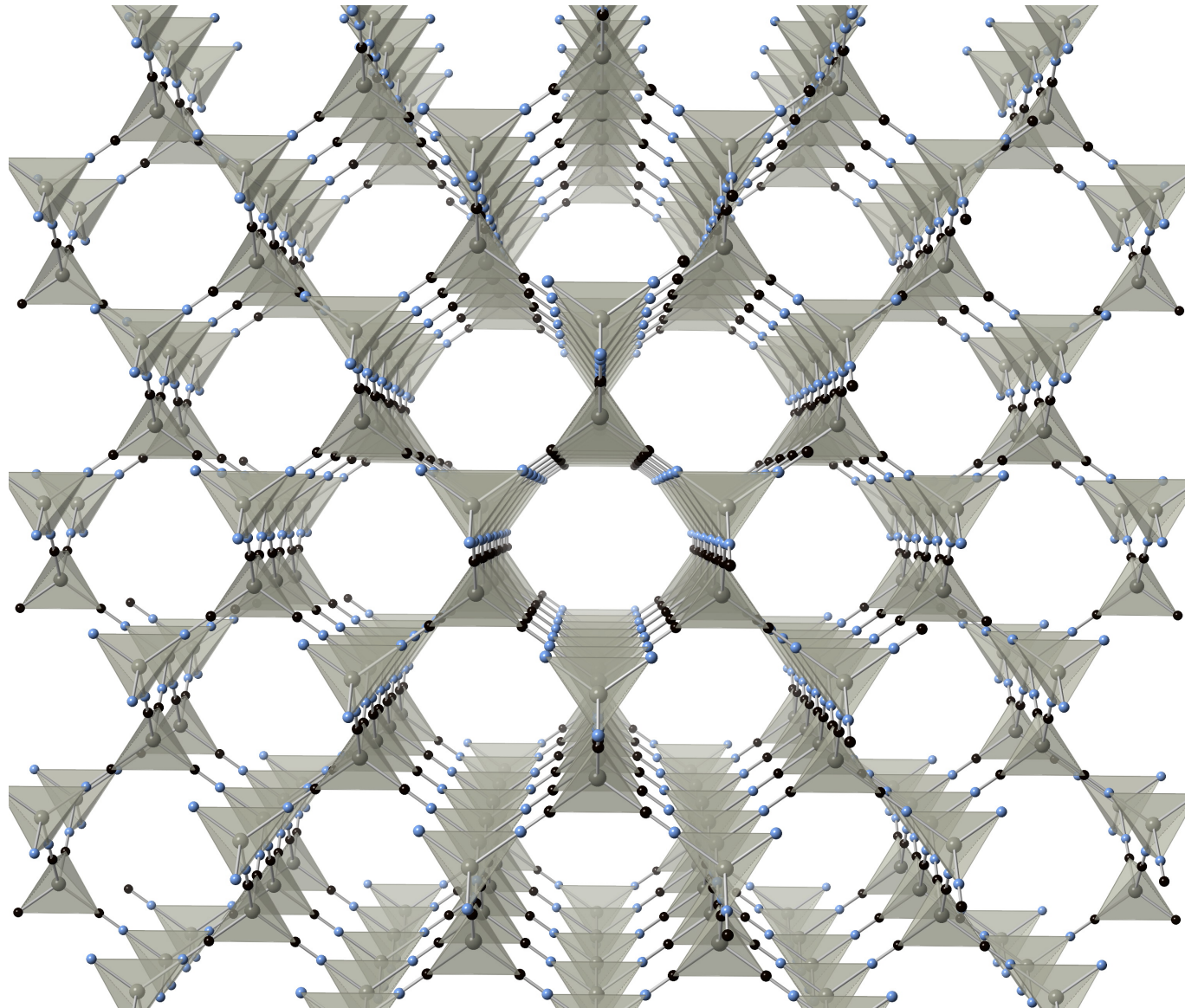


The **C** centres of diamond are replaced with **M** and the ligand **[C(PhCN)<sub>4</sub>]**

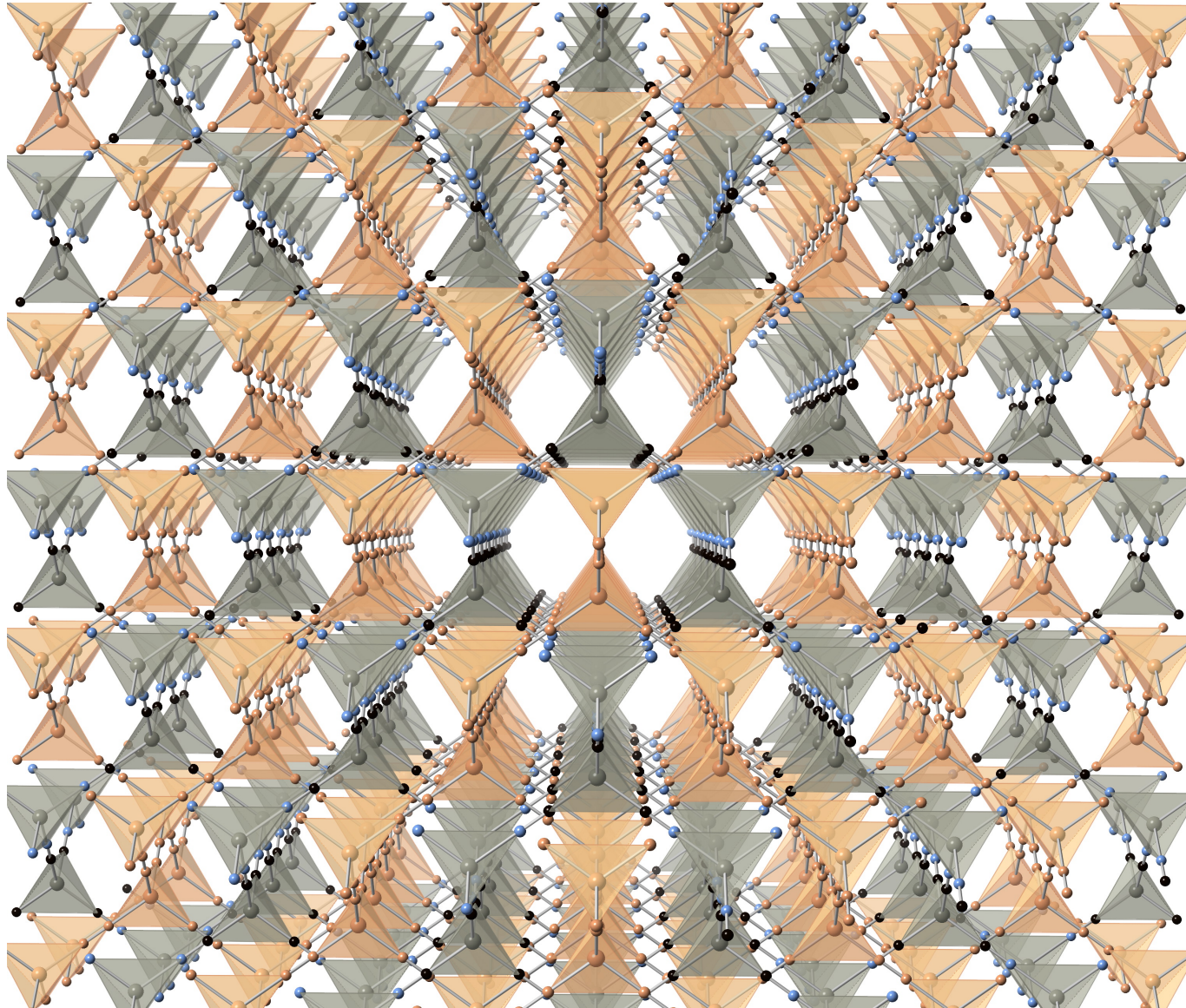




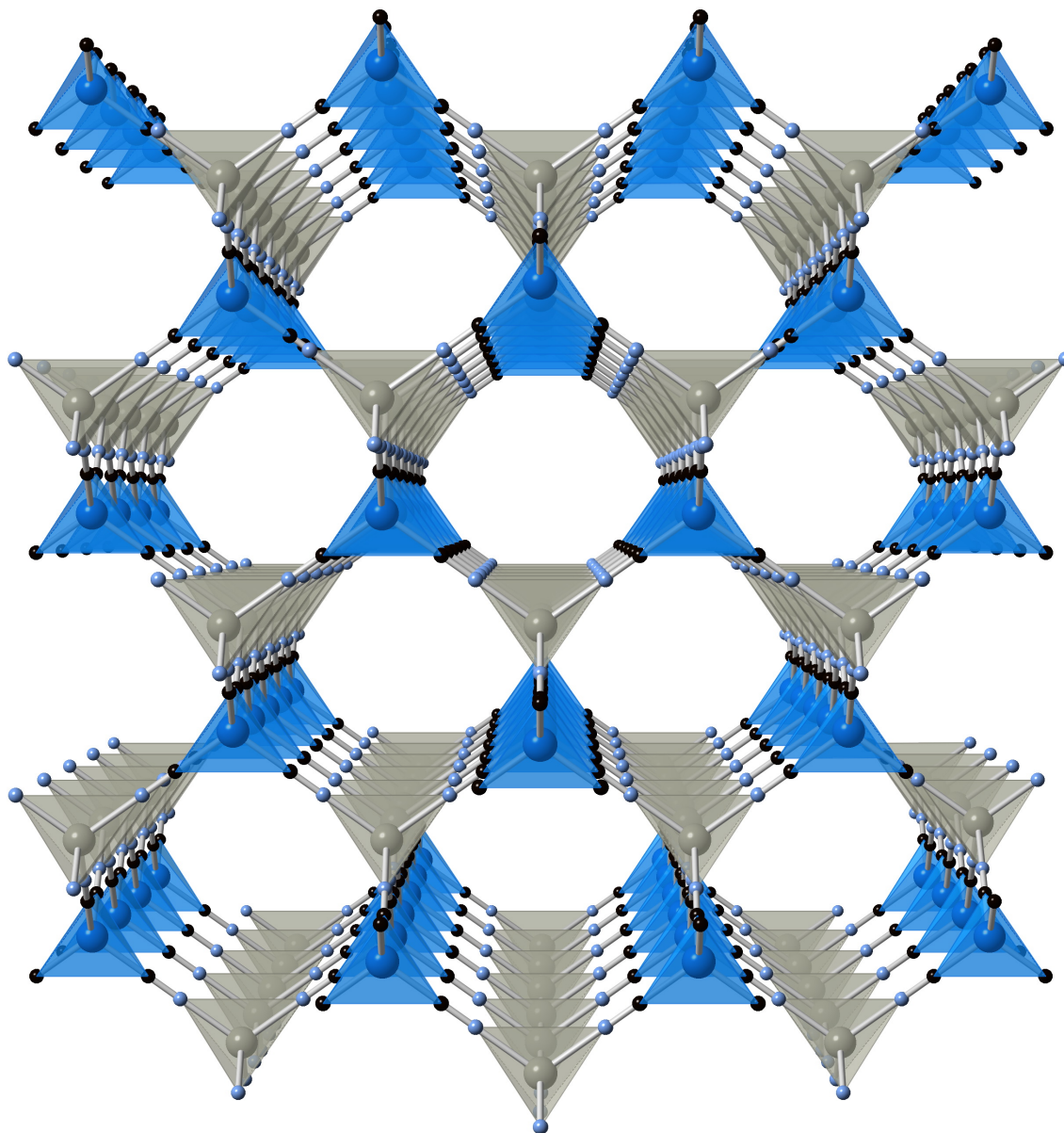
# Network Interpenetration Phenomenon



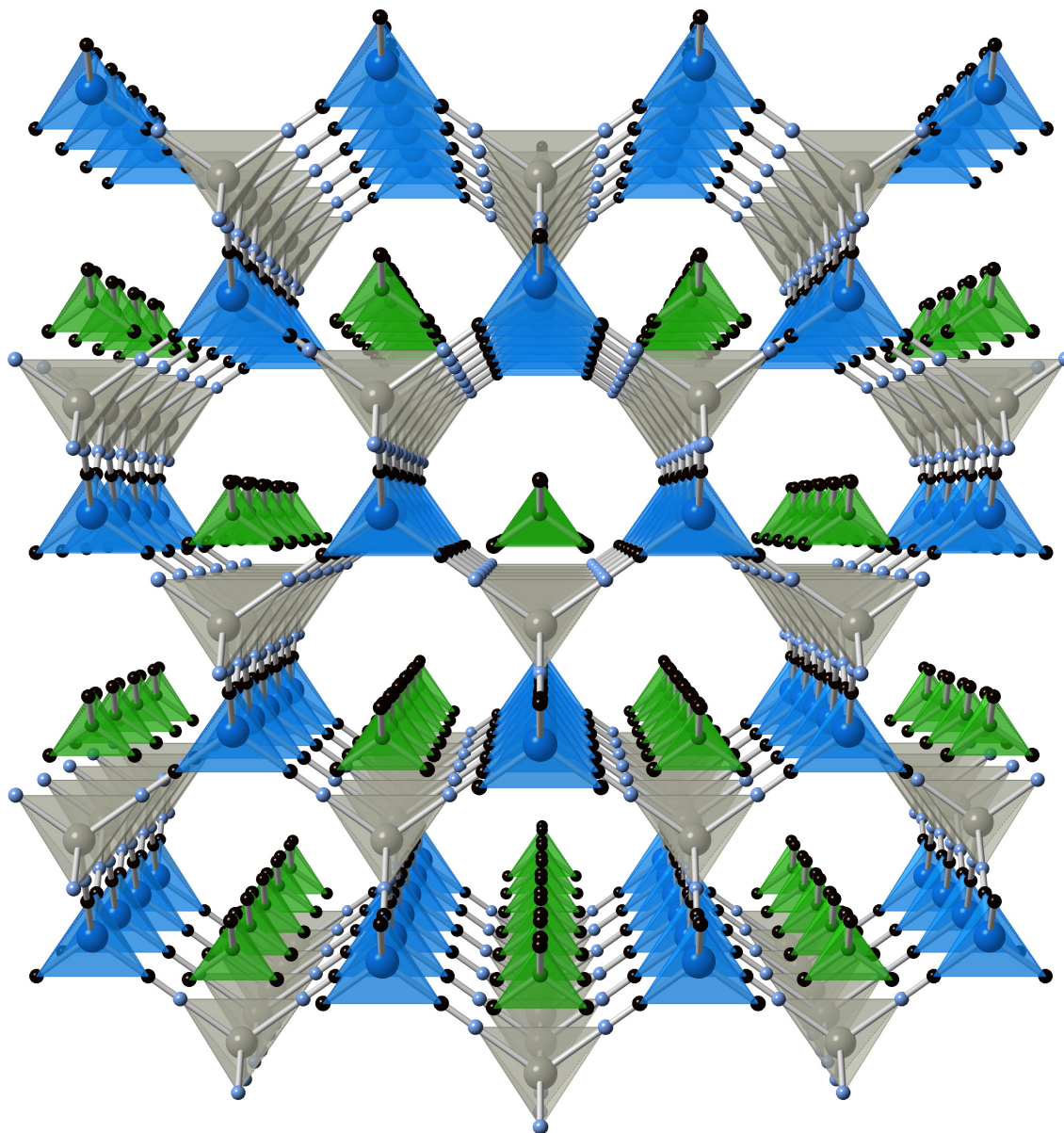
# Network Interpenetration Phenomenon



# $\{[\text{Zn}^{\text{II}}(\text{CN})_4]\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\}[\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_4]$ Avoids Interpenetration

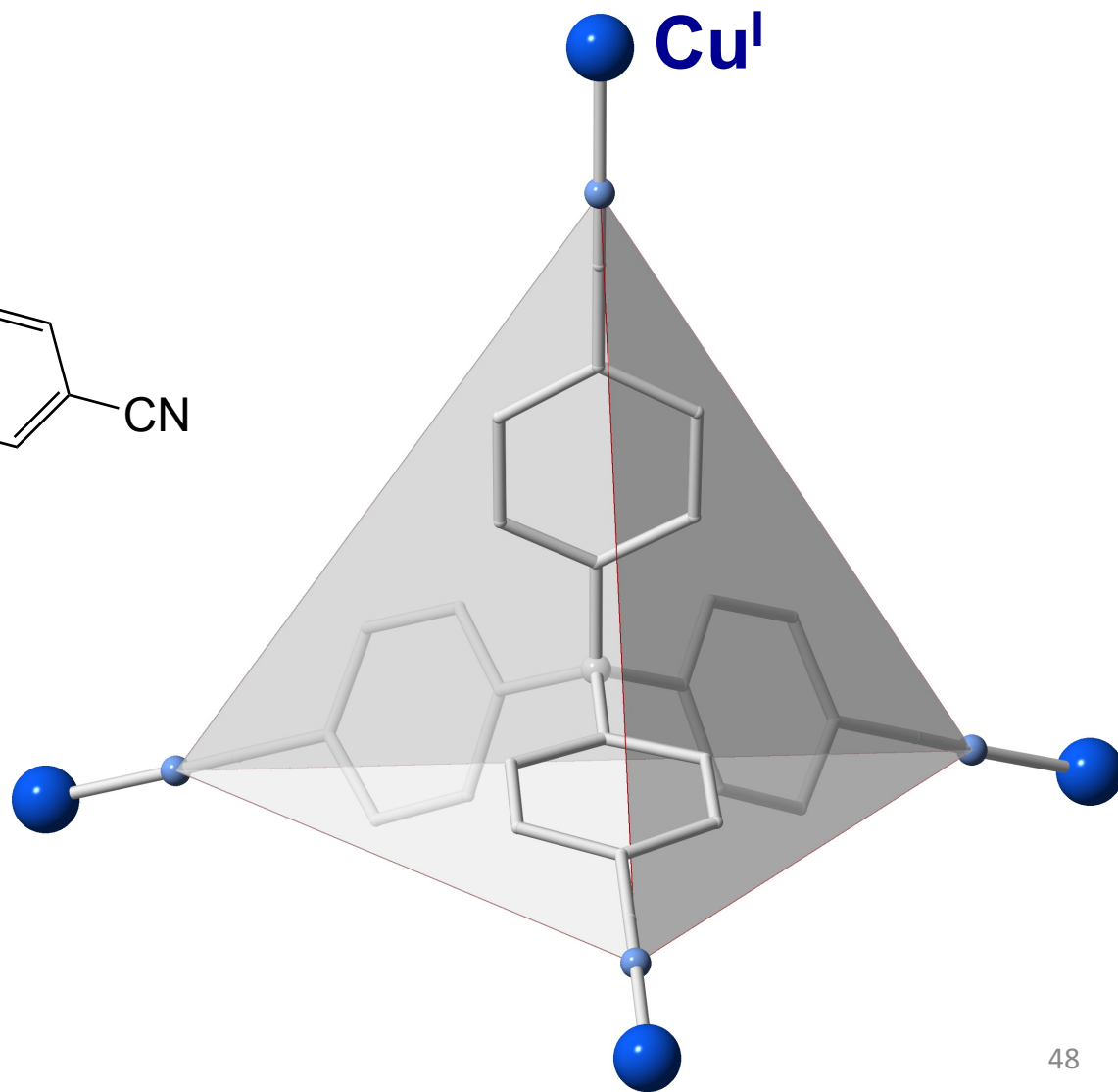
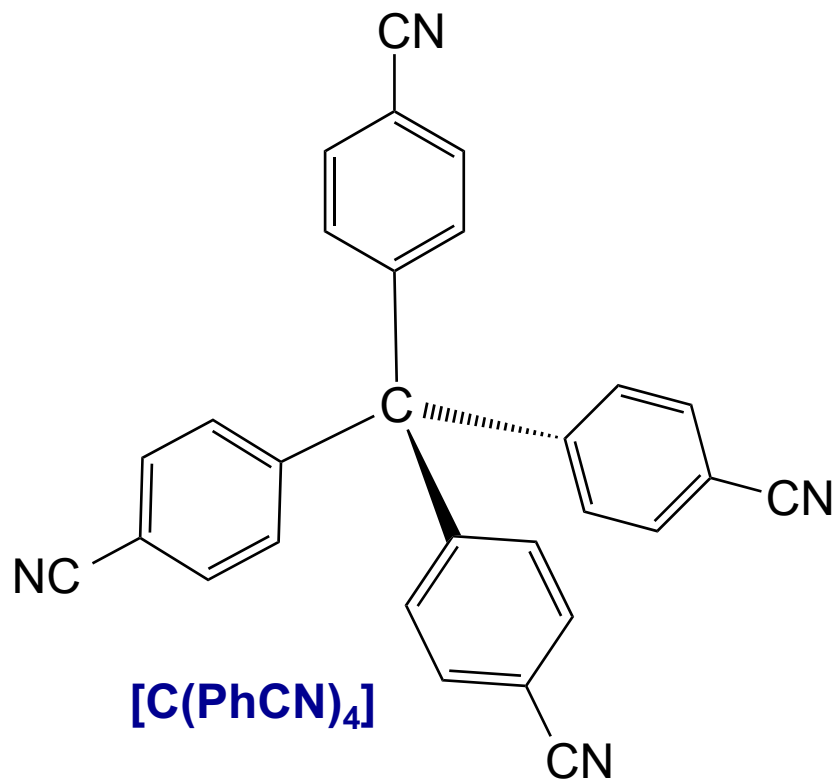


# $\{[\text{Zn}^{\text{II}}(\text{CN})_4]\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}\}[\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_4]$ Avoids Interpenetration

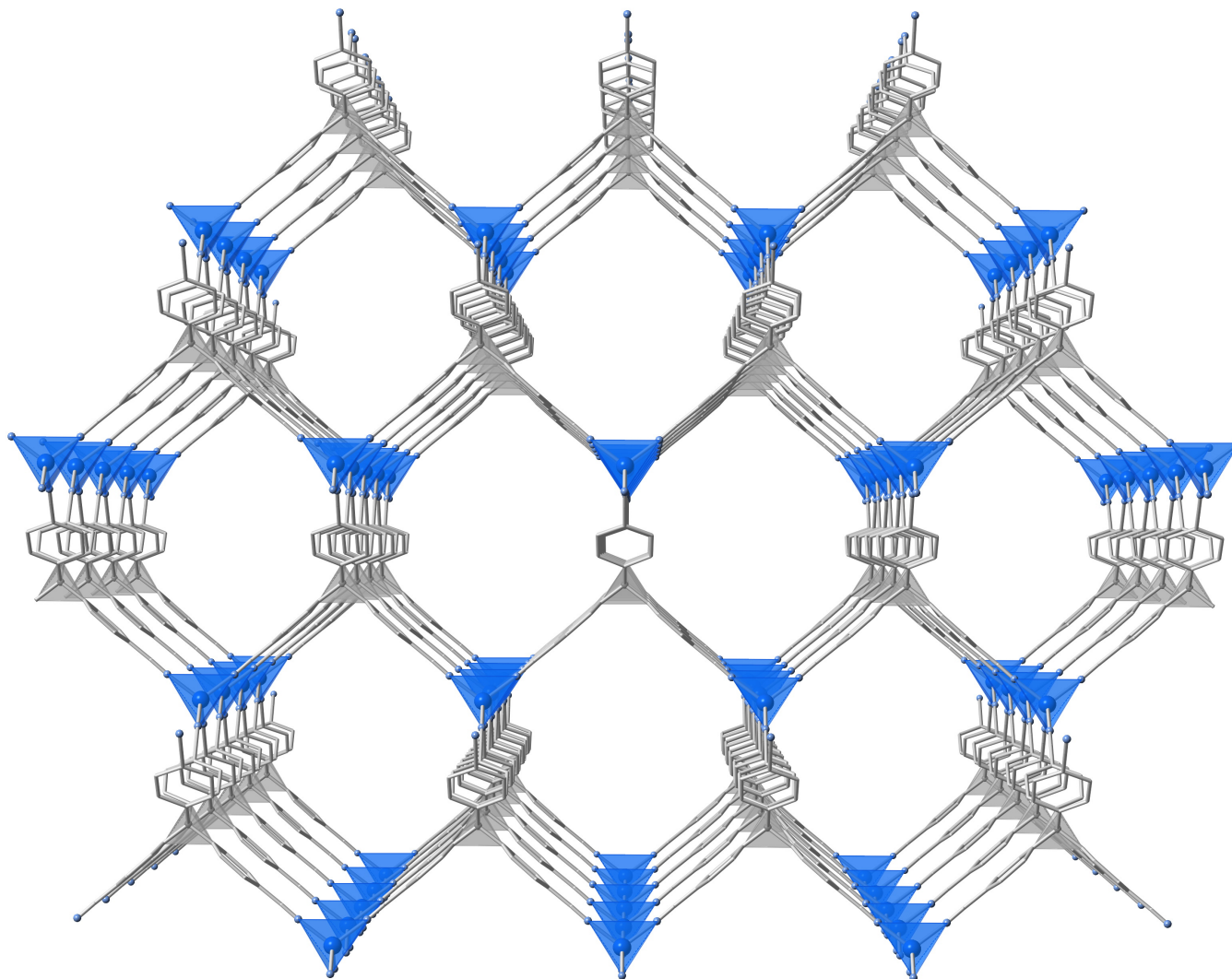


# Expansion of the Diamond type network

## $\text{Cu}^I[\text{C}(\text{PhCN})_4](\text{BF}_4) \cdot n\text{PhNO}_2$ ( $n > 7$ )



# Expansion of the Diamond type network $\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}[\text{C}(\text{PhCN})_4](\text{BF}_4) \cdot n\text{PhNO}_2$ ( $n > 7$ )





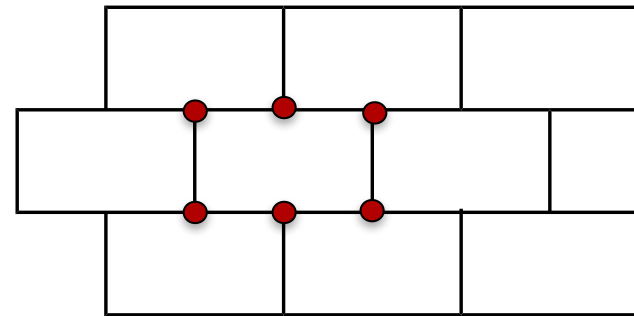
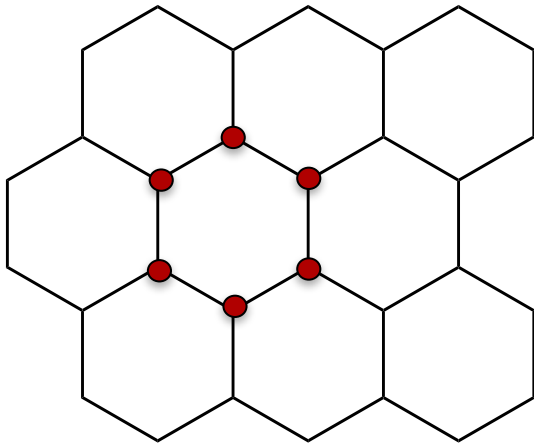
# Definition of Network

- i) A network is a polymeric collection of interlaced nodes.
- ii) Each link connects 2 nodes and each node is linked to 3 or more nodes.
- iii) A node can not be connected to only 2 nodes because it becomes a link.
- iv) A link can only connect to 2 nodes; if it were connected to more nodes (eg 3) it would become a node.
- v) The network must have an order that is repeated by an infinite number of links and nodes.

# Every network has two essential concepts associated

- a) Geometry
- b) Topology

**Example:** both networks are **topologically identical but geometrically different**. They consist of three-connected nodes, in one case the connection is regular trigonal and in the other is T shaped. Both networks can be interconverted if they break links. Note that the shortest circuit joining the nodes contains 6 nodes in both networks.



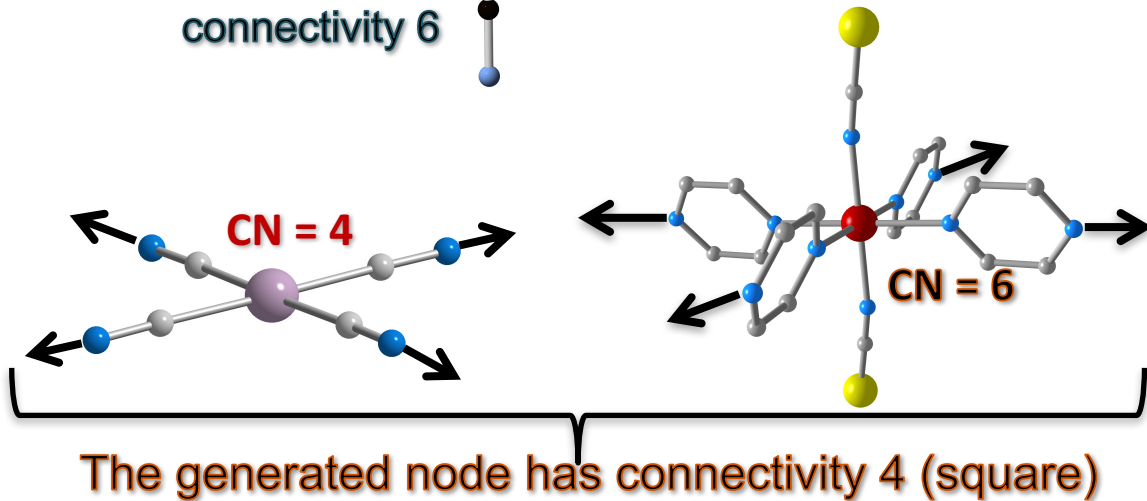
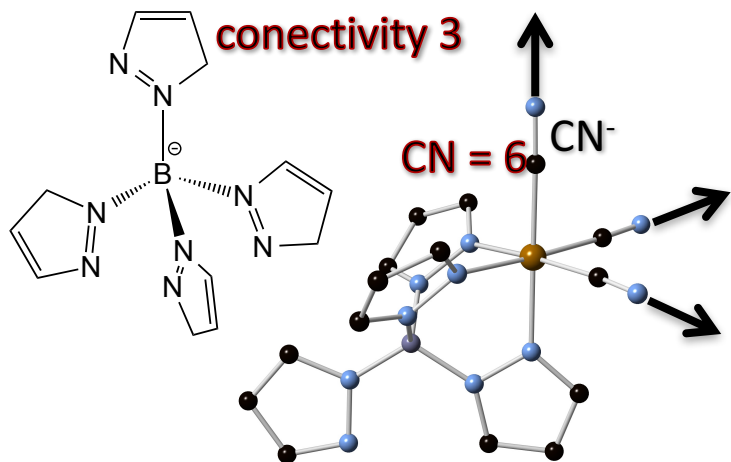
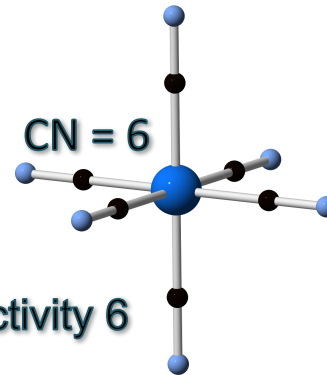
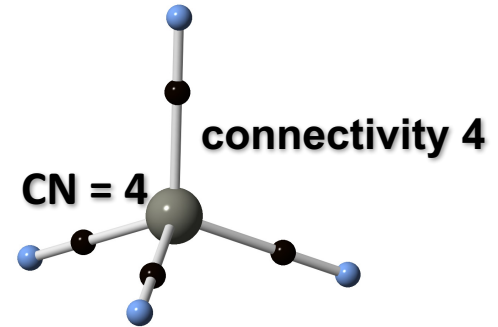
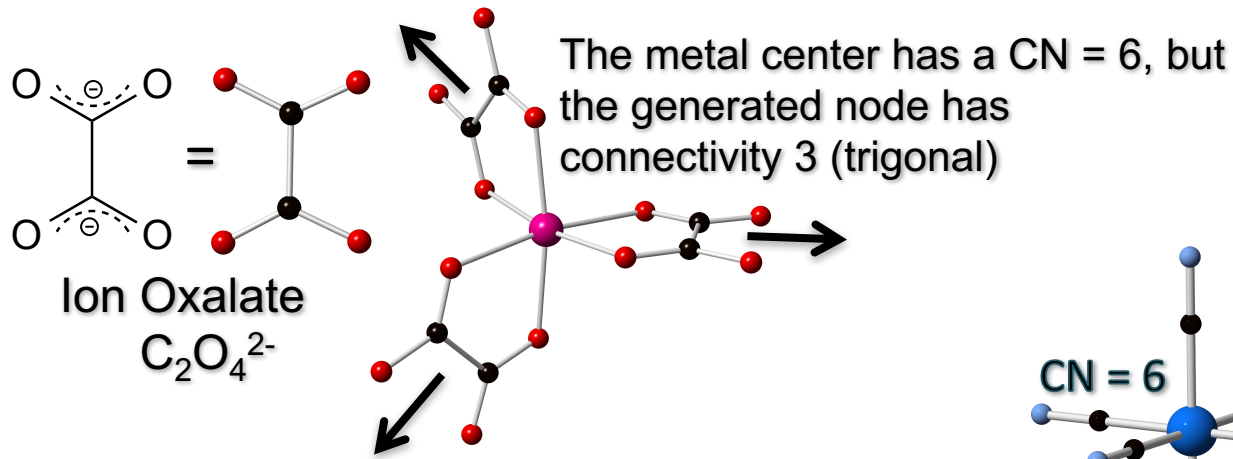
From a topological point of view there is no difference between a tetrahedron and a square. The regular connection of tetrahedral centres gives rise to a 3D network of the diamond type. But square connections give rise to a square 2D network. This is a difficulty in the description of the networks but in spite of that the topological analysis is very useful as demonstrated by A. F. Wells.

# Connectivity versus Geometry

- ✓ In the topological approach is the connectivity and not the geometry the element of description of a network.
- ✓ In a network there are two essential elements: ligands and metal centres and both determine the geometry and topology of the network.
- ✓ For the reduction of a coordination polymer / MOF in a network, it is necessary to identify the nodes and the links that define it on the basis of metal centres and ligands.
- ✓ This reduction can be very simple in certain cases but it is not simple in general. Consequently, it is important to keep in mind that the connectivity of a node can be very different from the local geometry of the centre that originates it (coordination index).

# Connectivity versus Geometry

Examples of coordination and connectivity centres:

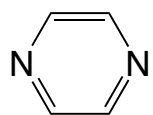


# Selection of Most Studied Ligands (Connectors, Nodes)

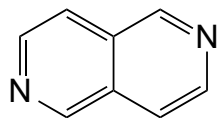
- ✓ N-donor ligands derived from pyridine.
- ✓ N-donor ligands derived from azoles (imidazole, triazole and tetrazole) and their deprotonated forms (azolates groups).
- ✓ O-donor ligands derived from the carboxylate function.

# Examples of Ditopic Connectors of the Pyridine Type

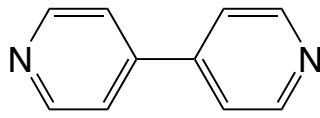
The  $sp^2$  electronic pair of the N-donor atom facilitates a predictable coordination towards the metal atom. Being non-deprotonable ligands, the complexes require coordinating (or non-coordinating) anions to compensate the charge. The saturation of the metal coordination sphere with these ligands is unusual. In absence of another type of bridging ligands generally negatively charged, these ligands derived from pyridine generate 1D or 2D coordination polymers.



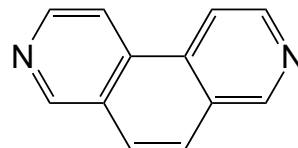
pyrazine



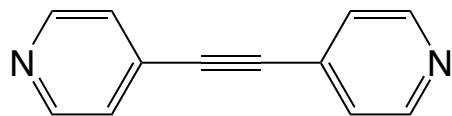
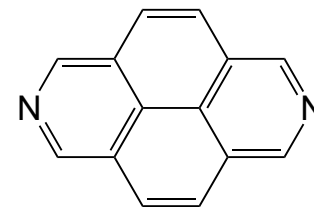
2,6-naphthyridine



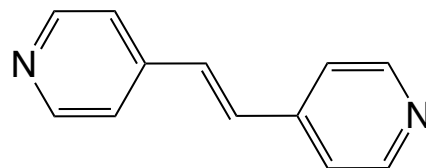
4,4'-bipyridine



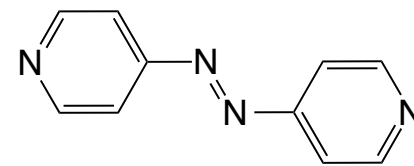
8-phenanthroline



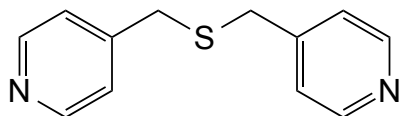
1,2-di(pyridin-4-yl)ethine



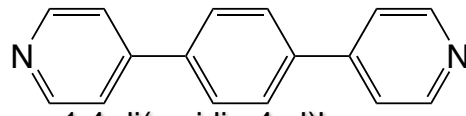
trans-(4,4'-vinylendipyridina))



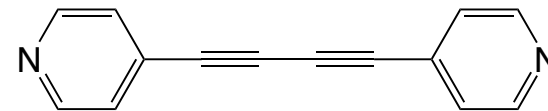
trans-(4,4'-azopyridine))



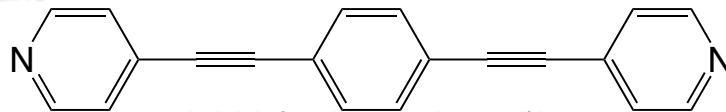
Bis(pyridin-4-ylmethyl)sulphane



1,4-di(pyridin-4-yl)benzene

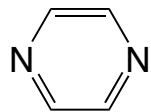
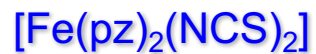


1,4-di(pyridin-4-yl)buta-1,3-diene

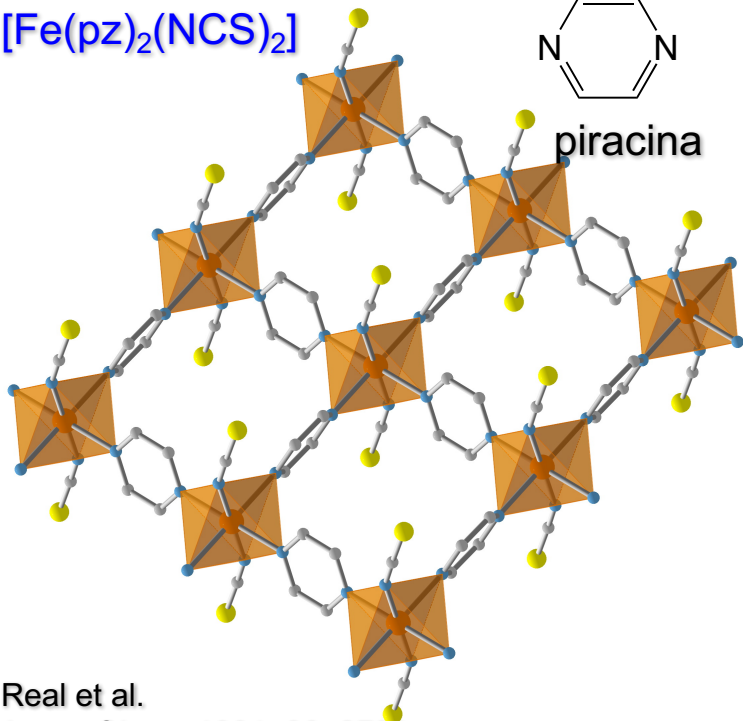


1,4-bis(pyridin-4-yletenyl)benzene

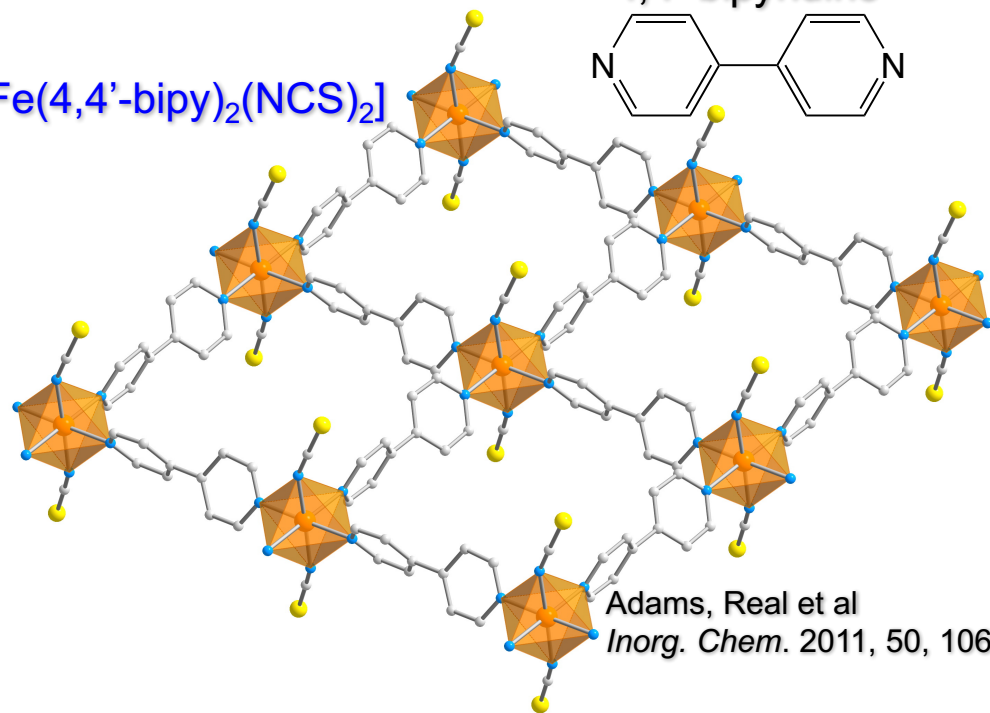
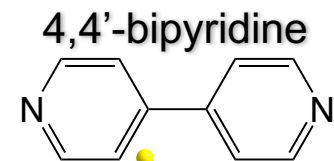
# Examples of 2D complexes



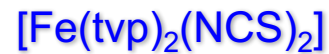
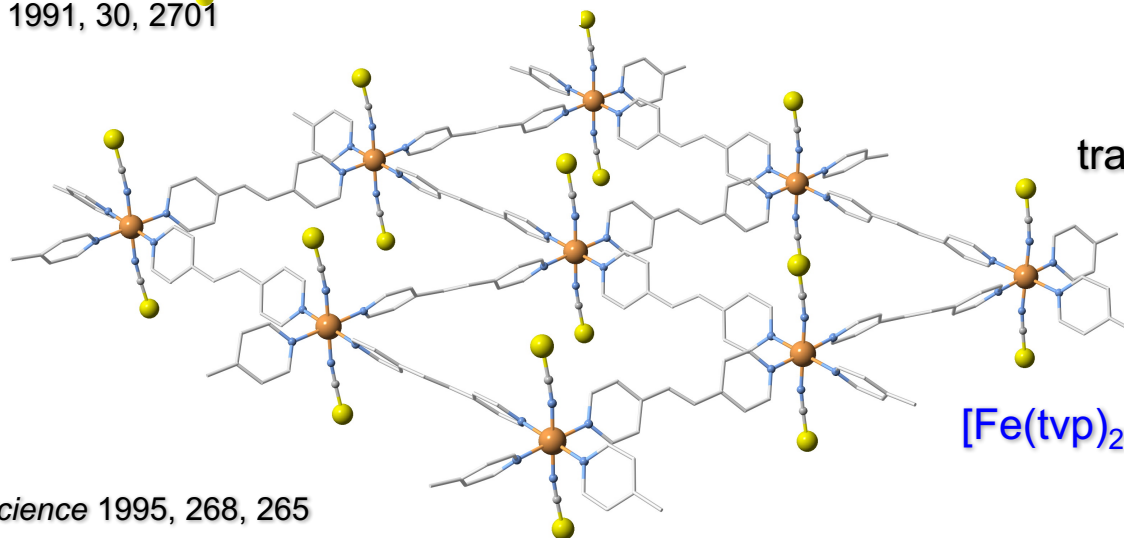
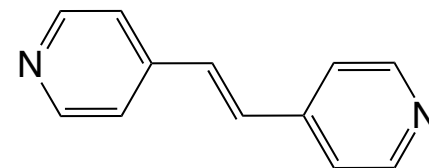
piracina



Real et al.  
*Inorg. Chem.* 1991, 30, 2701



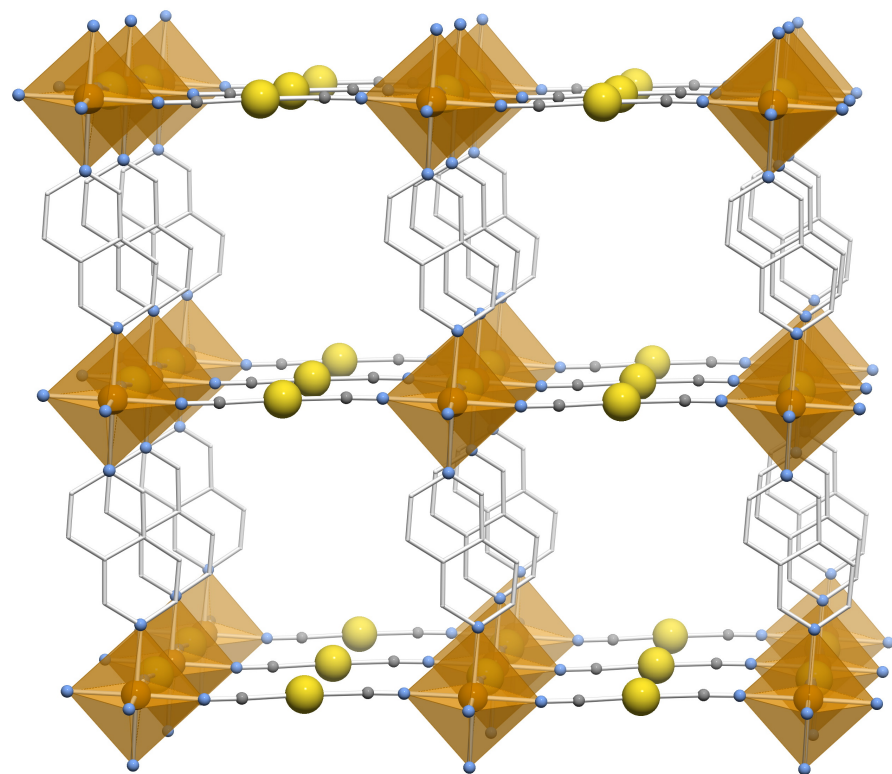
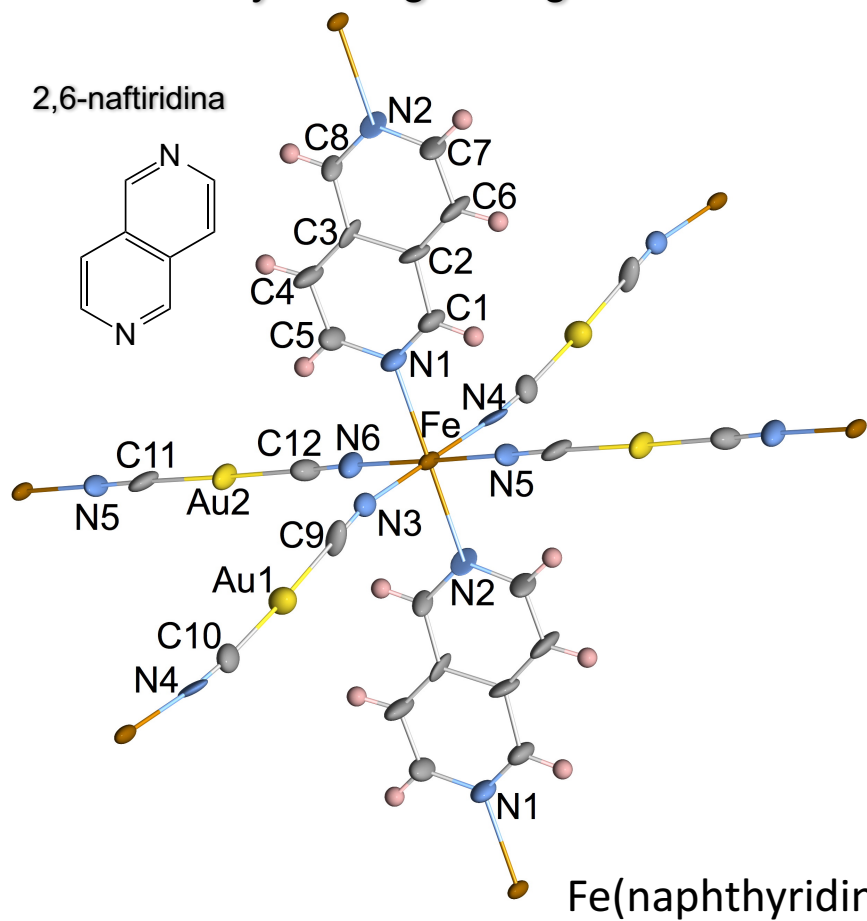
Adams, Real et al  
*Inorg. Chem.* 2011, 50, 10642



Real et al *Science* 1995, 268, 265

# Examples of 3D complexes

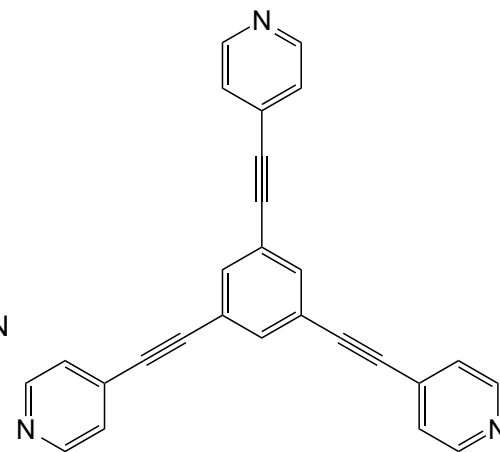
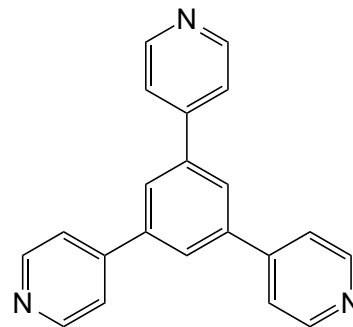
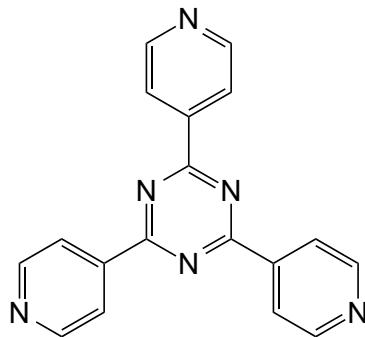
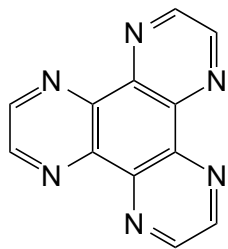
The use of negatively charged ligands or metallo-ligands causes 3D networks. Among these we find ligands of the type  $[\text{SCN}^-]$ ,  $[\text{CN}^-]$ ,  $[\text{M}(\text{CN})_2]^-$  ( $\text{M} = \text{Cu}^{\text{I}}$ ,  $\text{Ag}^{\text{I}}$ ,  $\text{Au}^{\text{I}}$ ),  $[\text{M}(\text{CN})_4]_2^-$  ( $\text{M} = \text{Ni}^{\text{II}}$ ,  $\text{Pd}^{\text{II}}$ ,  $\text{Pt}^{\text{II}}$ ),  $[\text{M}(\text{CN})_6]^{x-}$  ( $\text{M} = \text{Cr}^{\text{III}}$ ,  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}$ , etc),  $[\text{M}(\text{CN})_8]^{(4,3-)}$  ( $\text{M} = \text{Mo}^{\text{IV,V}}$ ,  $\text{W}^{\text{IV,V}}$ ,  $\text{Nb}^{\text{IV}}$ ),  $[\text{N}(\text{CN})_2]^-$ , etc.]. 3D networks are usually formed by stacking 2D subnets generated by the pseudo-halide and the metal linked by the organic ligand:



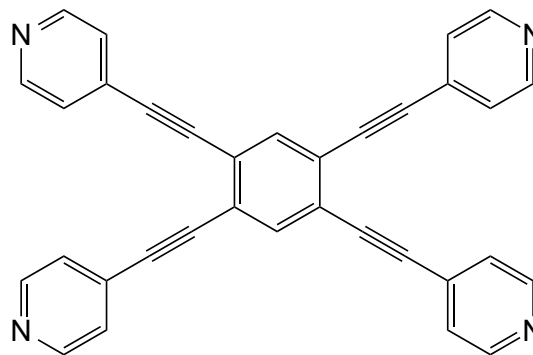
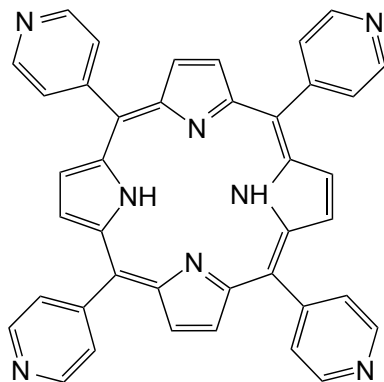


# Tri- and Tetra-Topic Nodes of the Pyridine Type

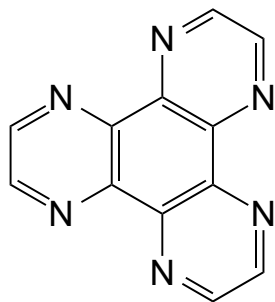
These ligands can no longer be considered as connectors since when connecting more than two nodes they become nodes.



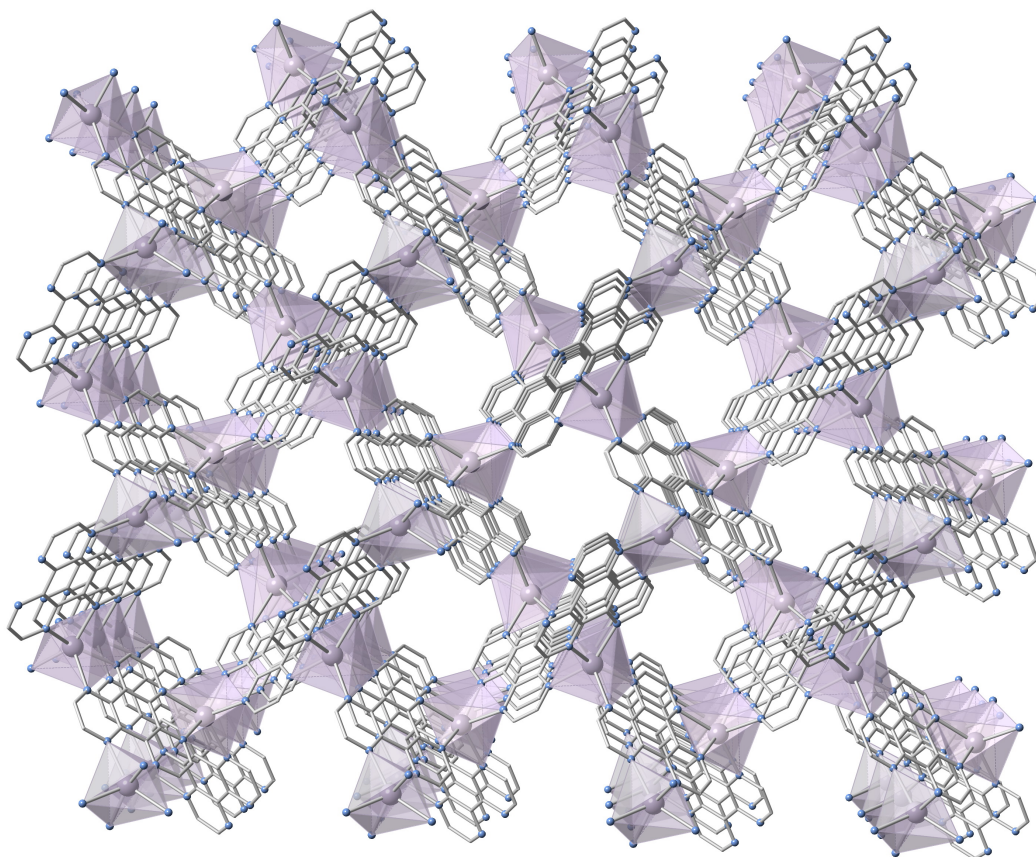
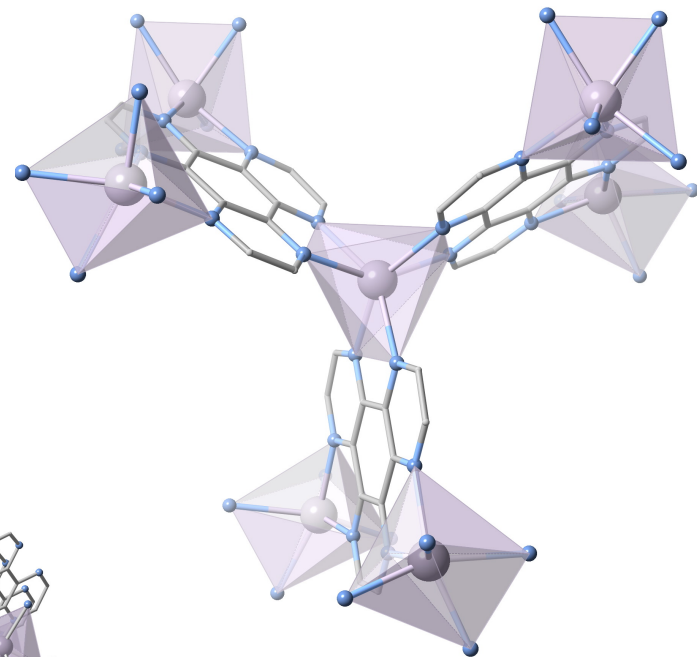
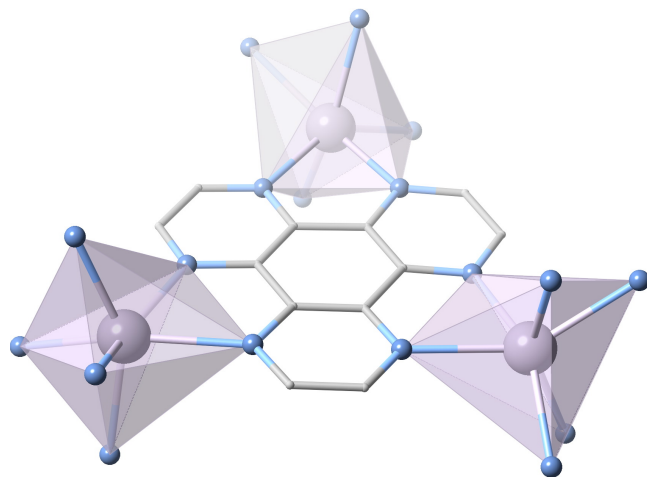
Ver R. Robson et al.,  
J. Chem Soc., Chem. Commun.  
1990, 762-763; [AgHAT](ClO<sub>4</sub>).Sol  
structure type SiSr (10,3)-a



Ver R. Robson et al., Nature 1994, 369, 727  
[Cu<sup>II</sup>(tpp)]Cu<sup>I</sup> structure type PtS (D<sub>4h</sub>-Td)

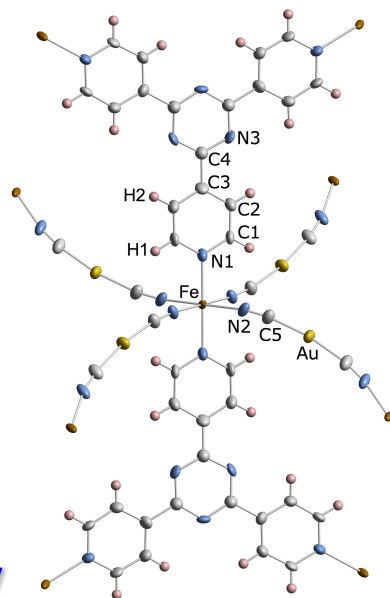
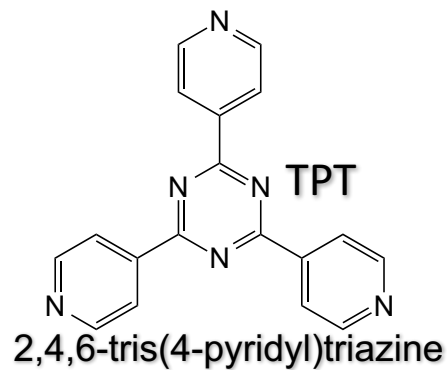


HAT

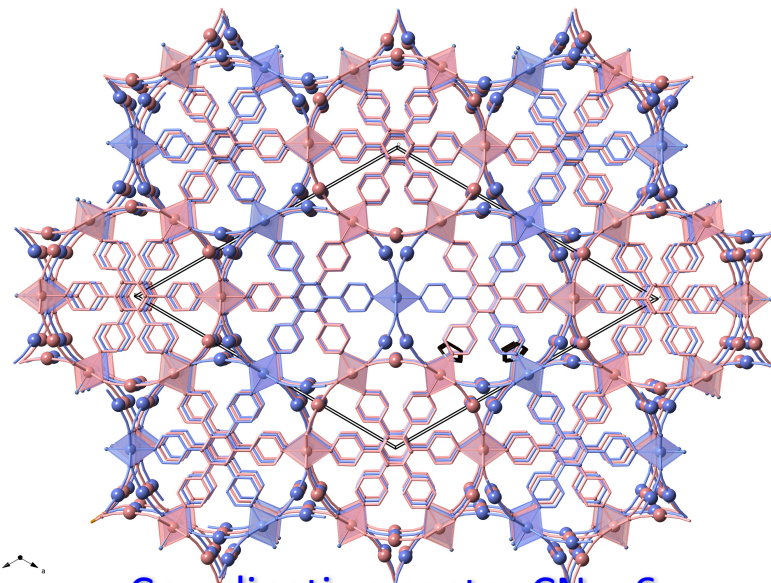


[AgHAT](ClO<sub>4</sub>)·Solv  
structure type  
SiSr (10,3)-a

# Example Node TPT:

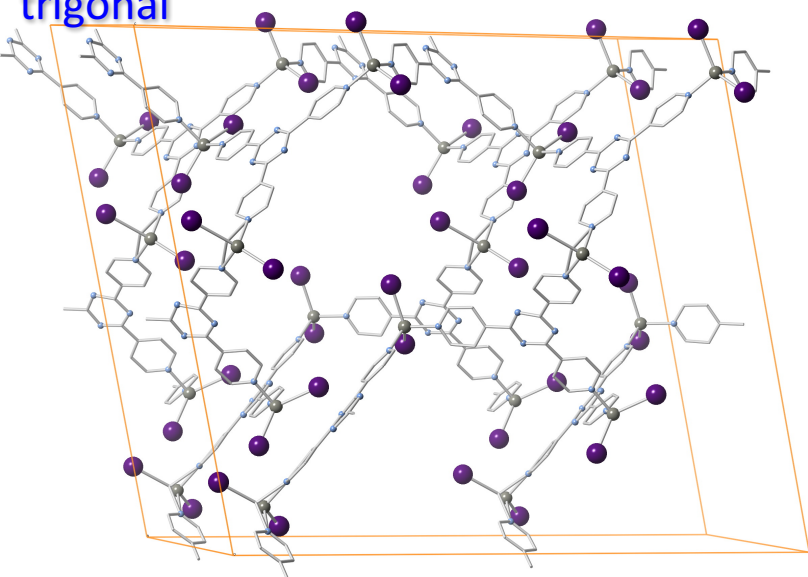


Connectivity 6 y 3



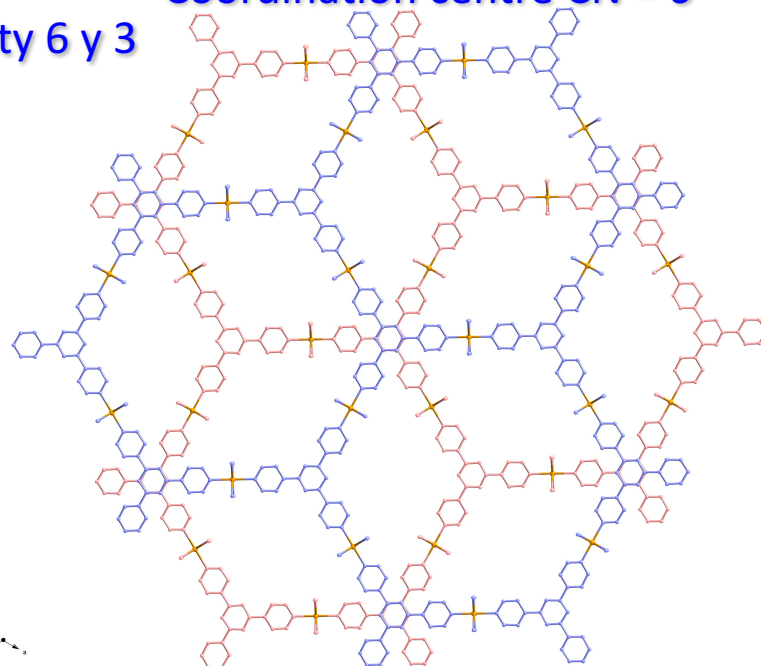
Coordination centre CN = 6

Note that there is a coordination node Zn(II) CN = 4, but there is only one node in the network which is trigonal



$[(ZnI_2)_3(TPT)] \cdot 6PhNO_2$

Fujita et al Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2002, 41, 3392

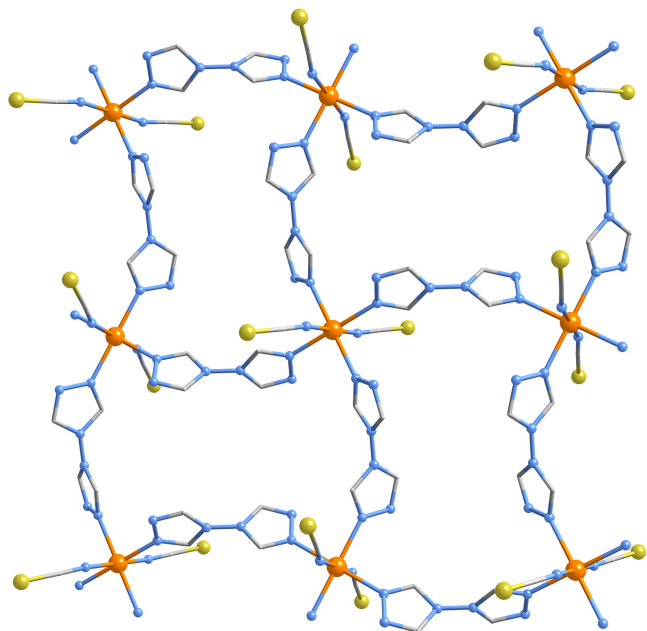
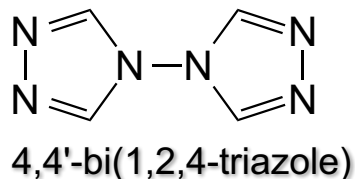


$[Fe(TPT)_{2/3}\{M'(CN)_2\}_2] \cdot nSolv$

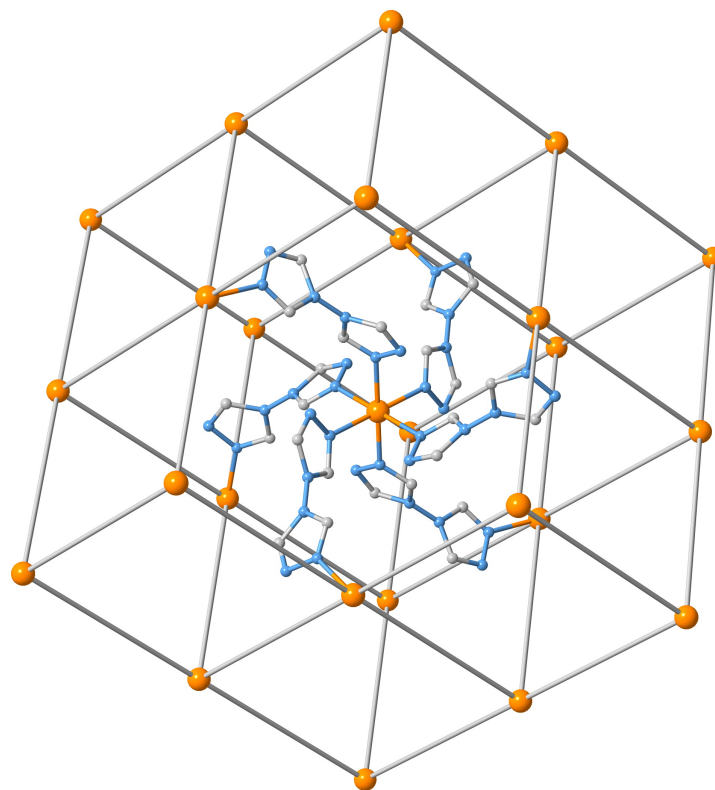
Real et al Chem. Eur. J. 2013, 19, 6851

# Connectors derived from Triazole

These N-substituted ligands act in a similar way to the pyridine derivatives. But, the fact of having a smaller ring seems to facilitate the coordinative saturation of the metal ion (structure on the right)



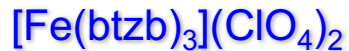
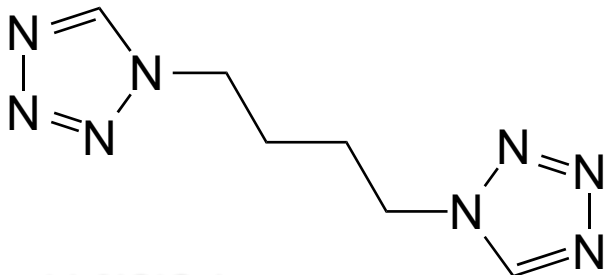
$[\text{Fe}(\text{btr})_2(\text{NCS})_2]$   
2D Coordination Polymer  
Haasnoot et al *Polyhedron* 1999



$[\text{Fe}(\text{btr})_3](\text{ClO}_4)_2$   
3D Coordination Polymer  
Kahn et al *Inorg. Chem.* 1999

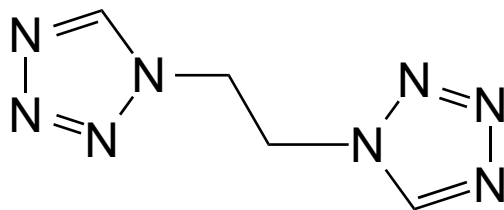
# Examples of bridging ligands derived from Tetrazol

These N-substituted ligands act in a similar manner to the triazole derivatives. Some examples:



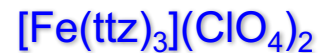
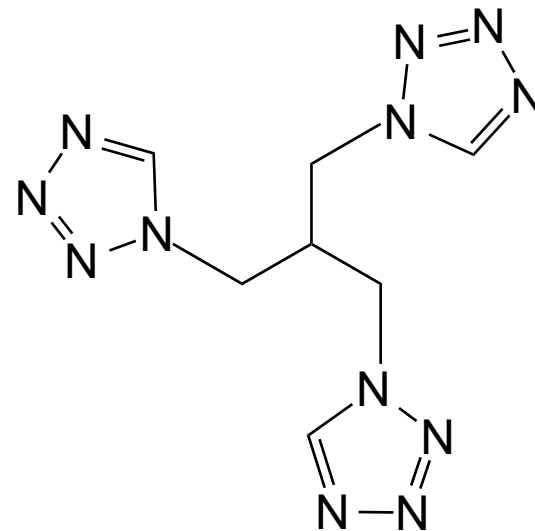
3D Coordination Polymer

Konigsbruggen et al *J. Chem. Dalton Trans.* 2001, 466



1D Coordination Polymer

Bronisz et al *Inorg. Chem.* 2012, 51, 12630

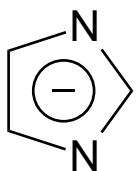


2D Coordination Polymer

Bronisz et al *Inorg. Chem.* 2011, 51, 237

# Azolate function

In general, azolate functions are N-donor ligands formed by 5-membered heterocyclic rings that have 2, 3 or 4 N atoms. In its neutral form one of the N is protonated and behave like very weak acids that can be deprotonated by the action of coordination with metals under appropriate conditions:



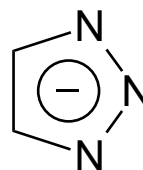
imidazolate



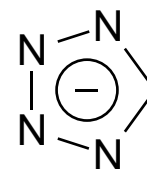
pyrazolate



1,2,4-triazolate

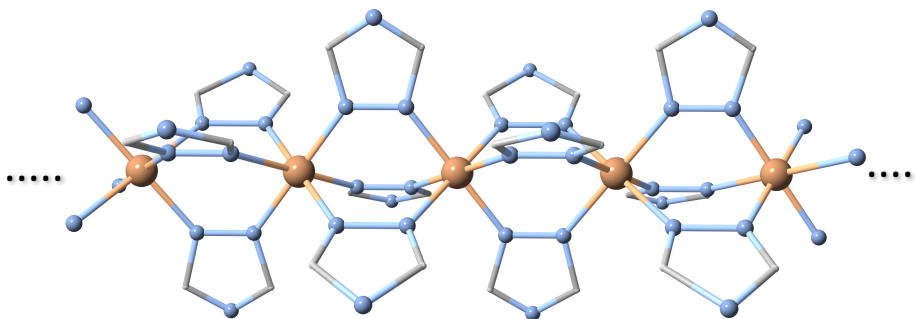


1,2,3-triazolate



tetrazolate

These ligands can act as bridges between metals giving rise to coordination polymers. The following example corresponds to the 1D complex  $[\text{Fe}(\text{Htrz})_2(\text{trz})](\text{BF}_4)$ :

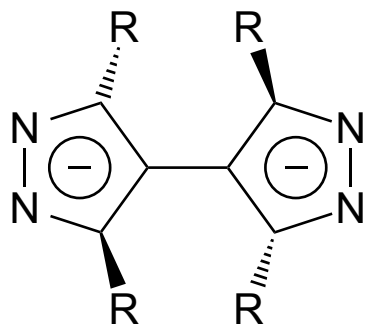
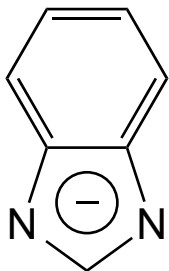


# Azolate function

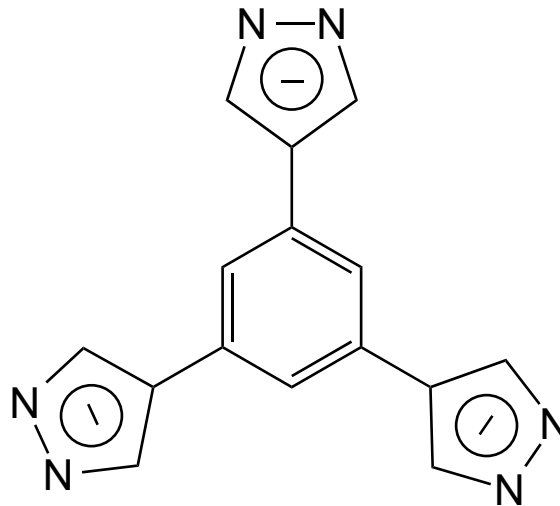
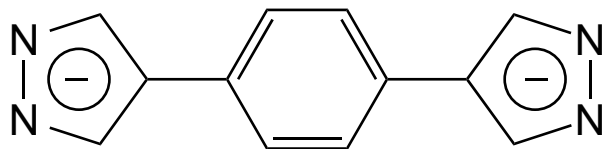
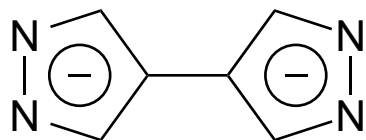
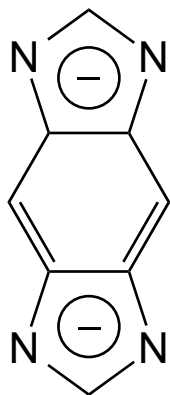
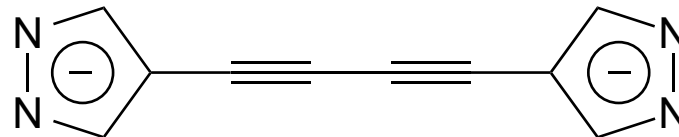
Azolate groups are relevant in the construction of porous coordination polymers (MOFs):

- i) As in pyridine derivatives, the N(sp<sup>2</sup>) atoms of the azole groups coordinate a single metal with the direction defined by the lone pair. This is significantly different from the O atom of the carboxylates that has three available electron pairs. From that point of view, the direction of the coordination bond of the azolato groups is more predictable. This fact is of great importance in the rational design of new MOFs with specific structures. In this sense, **the most predictable are the pyrazolate and imidazolate groups because they only have two N atoms. The triazolates can act with three, two or sometimes an N atom (it depends on the metal ion, and the triazole substituents). Tetrazolate groups often resemble pyrazoles in how to coordinate.**
- ii) Deprotonation of the azoles activates the coordination of an additional N and increases the basic character of the ligand and evidently neutralizes the M charge, giving rise to quite insoluble species. **MOFs** generated by azolates are often referred to as **MAFs** but also have other names such as **ZIFs** ... .. They tend to have high chemical and thermal stability.
- iii) Imidazolate groups invariably exhibit a coordination that is equivalent to the *syn-syn* of the carboxylates.
- iv) Generally, triazolates and tetrazolates do not use all of their N atoms and, consequently, the uncoordinated N atoms can contribute with their lone pairs to enhance the host-guest affinity in the cavities of the MOF.

# Ejemplos de funciones imidazolato y pirazolato



R = Me, Et, Ph

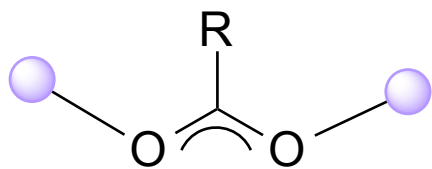


(more information see chapter 11 of the book edited by S. Kaskel)

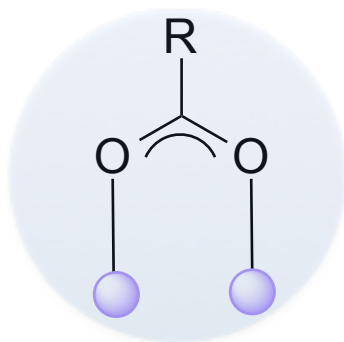


# Carboxylate function

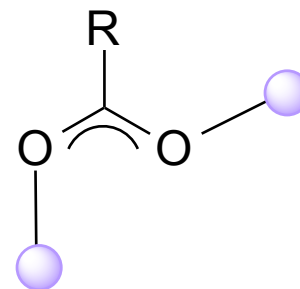
The coordination of the carboxylate group is less predictable than that of the azolates due to the greater number of lone pairs. The most common coordination modes of the bridge carboxylate group are:



anti-anti

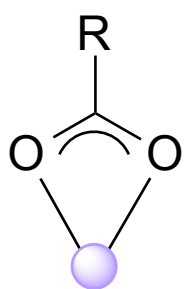


syn-syn

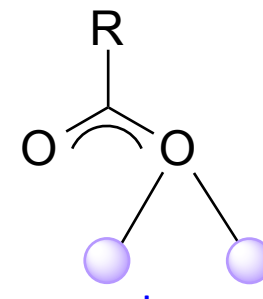
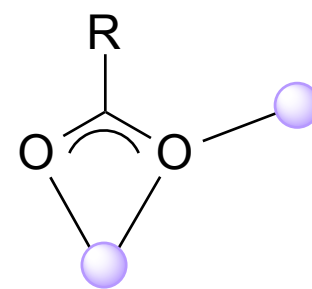
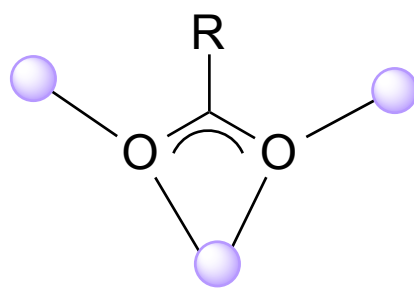
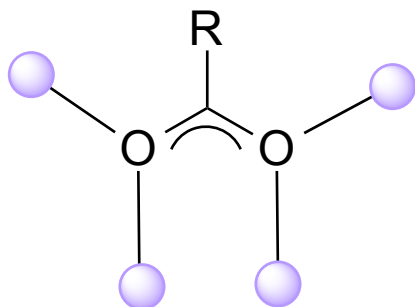


anti-syn

But it can also be found other modes such as:



chelate

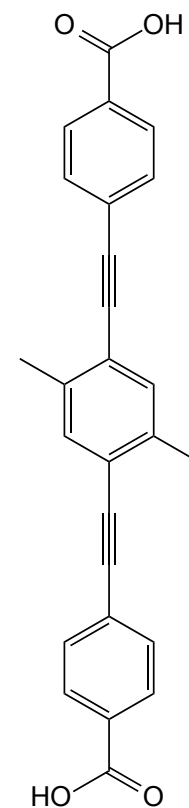
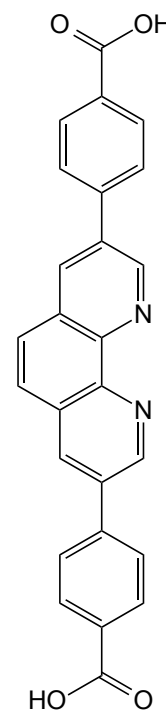
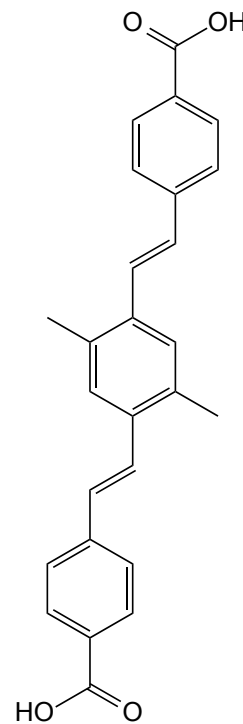
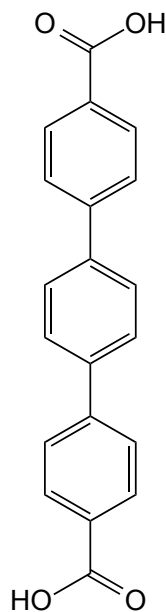
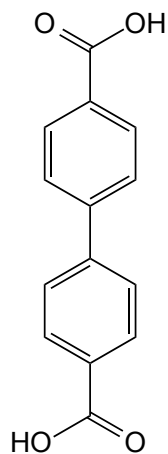
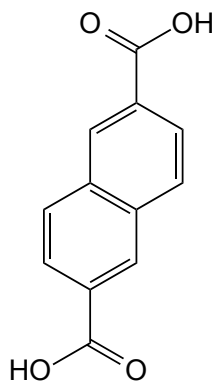
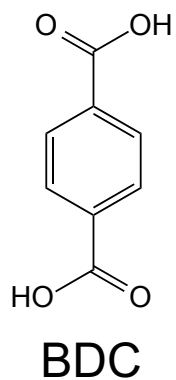


monodentate

# Carboxylate function

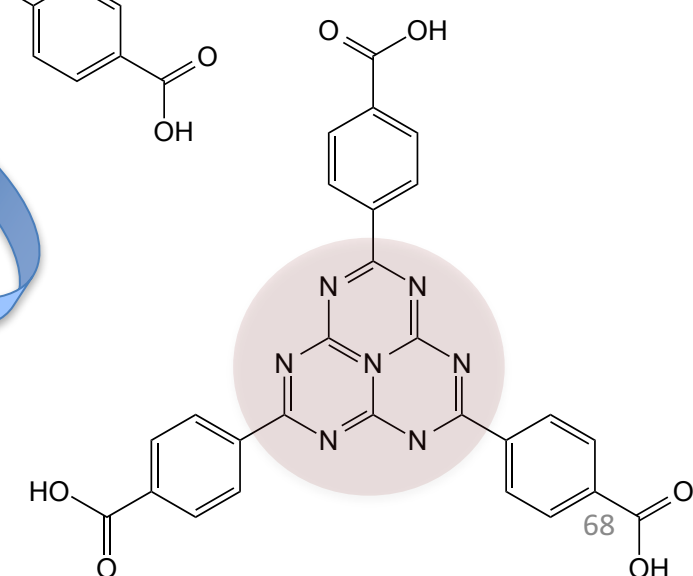
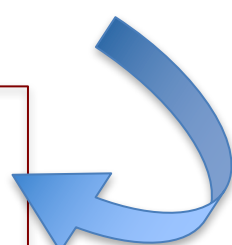
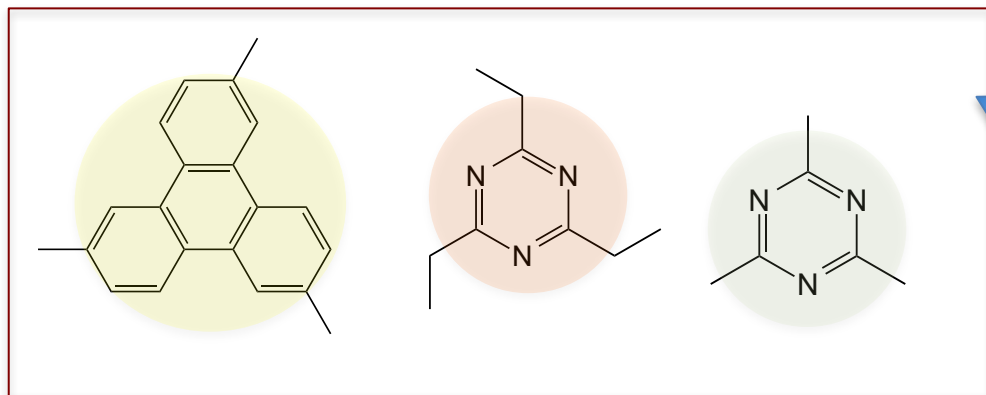
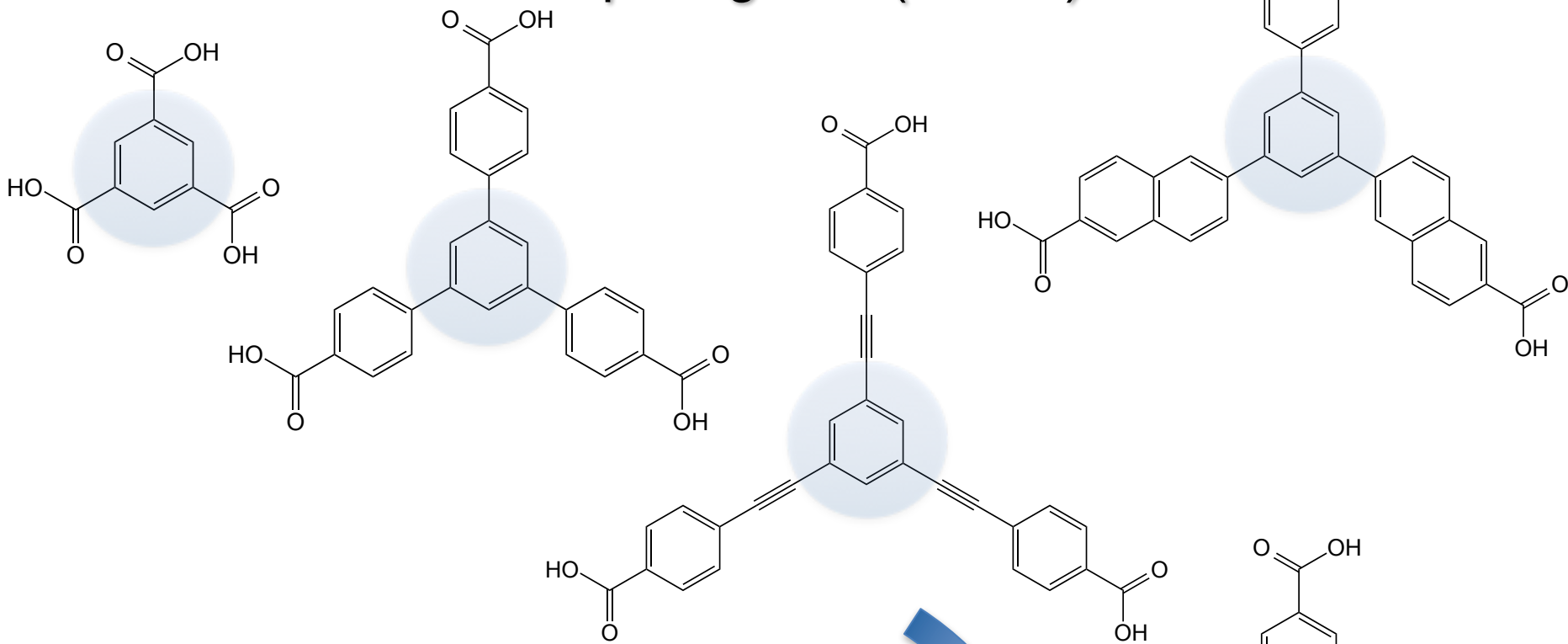
Systematic design of ligands with carboxylate functions: control of the size, shape and functionalization of the pores of the MOF

## Ditopic connectors



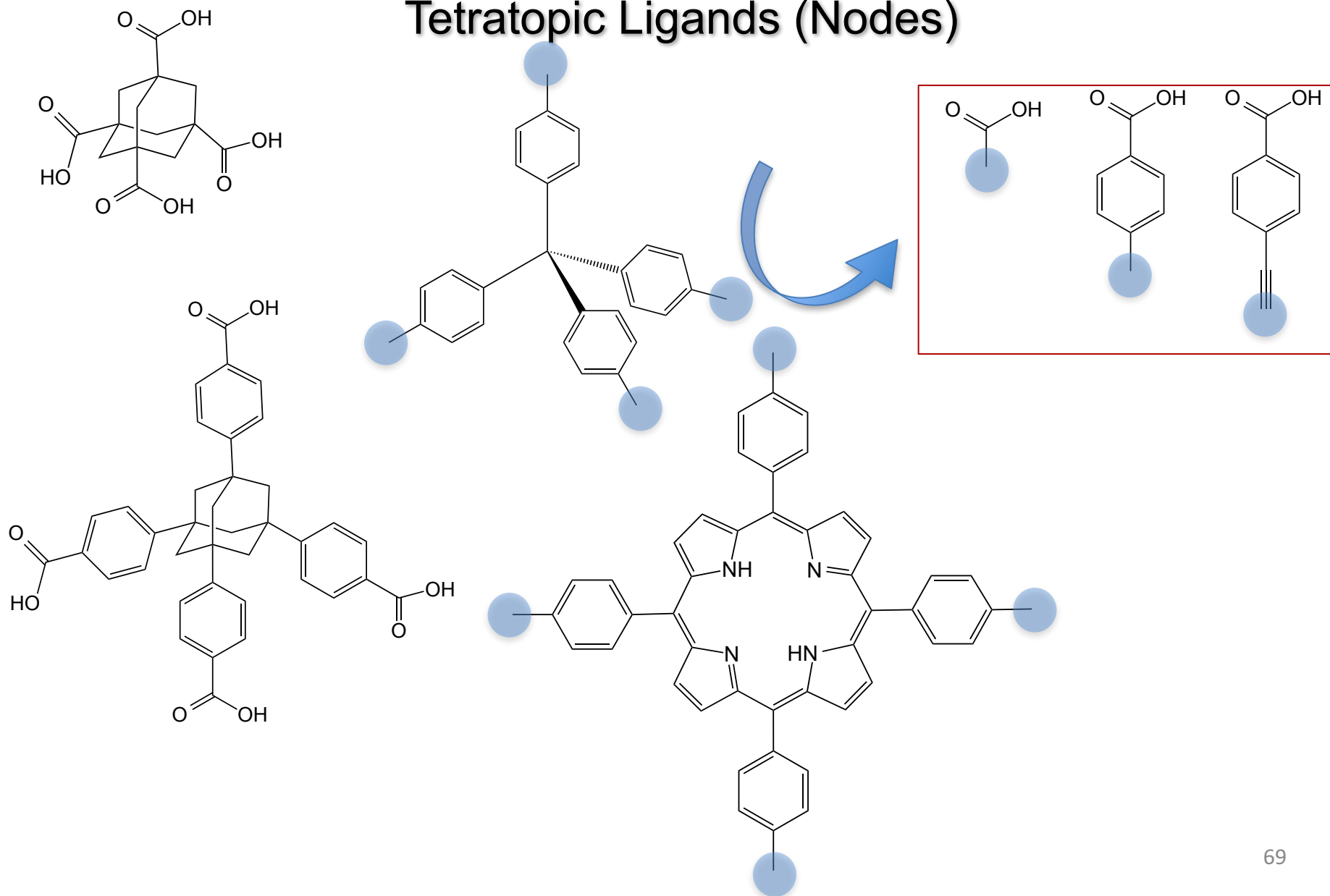
# Carboxylate function

## Tritopic Ligands (Nodes)



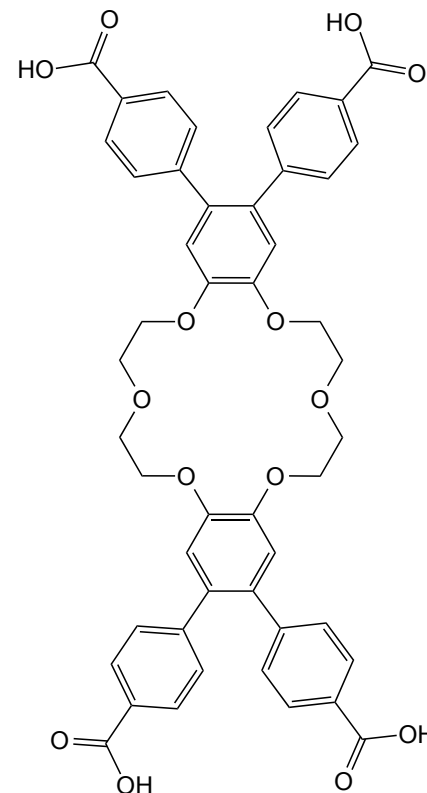
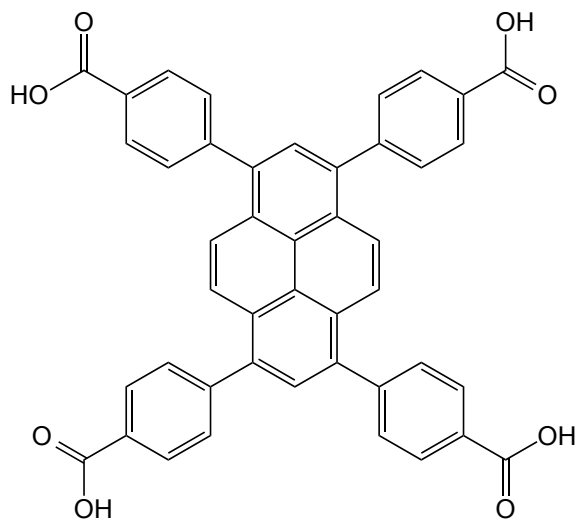
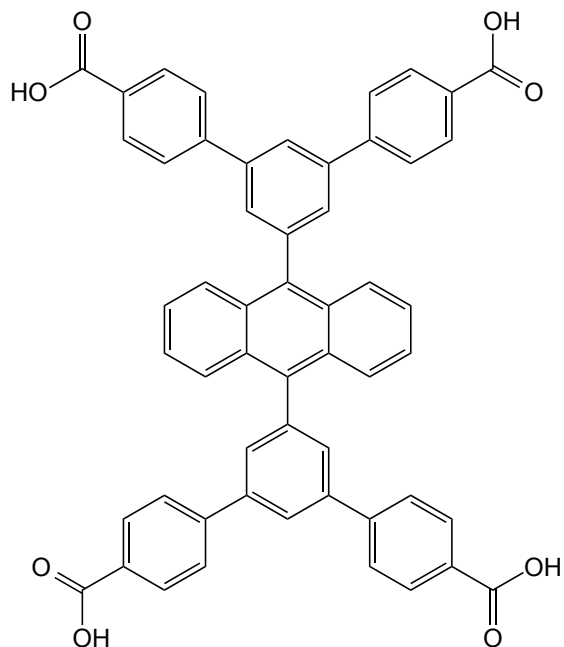
# Carboxylate function

## Tetratopic Ligands (Nodes)



# Carboxylate function

## Tetratopic Ligands (Nodes)



.... Connectors Penta-, Hexa, Hepta, Octa-, Dodeca-topic

(see chapter 10 of the book edited by S. Kaskel)

# **Secondary Construction Units**

## **(Secondary Building Units; SBUs)**

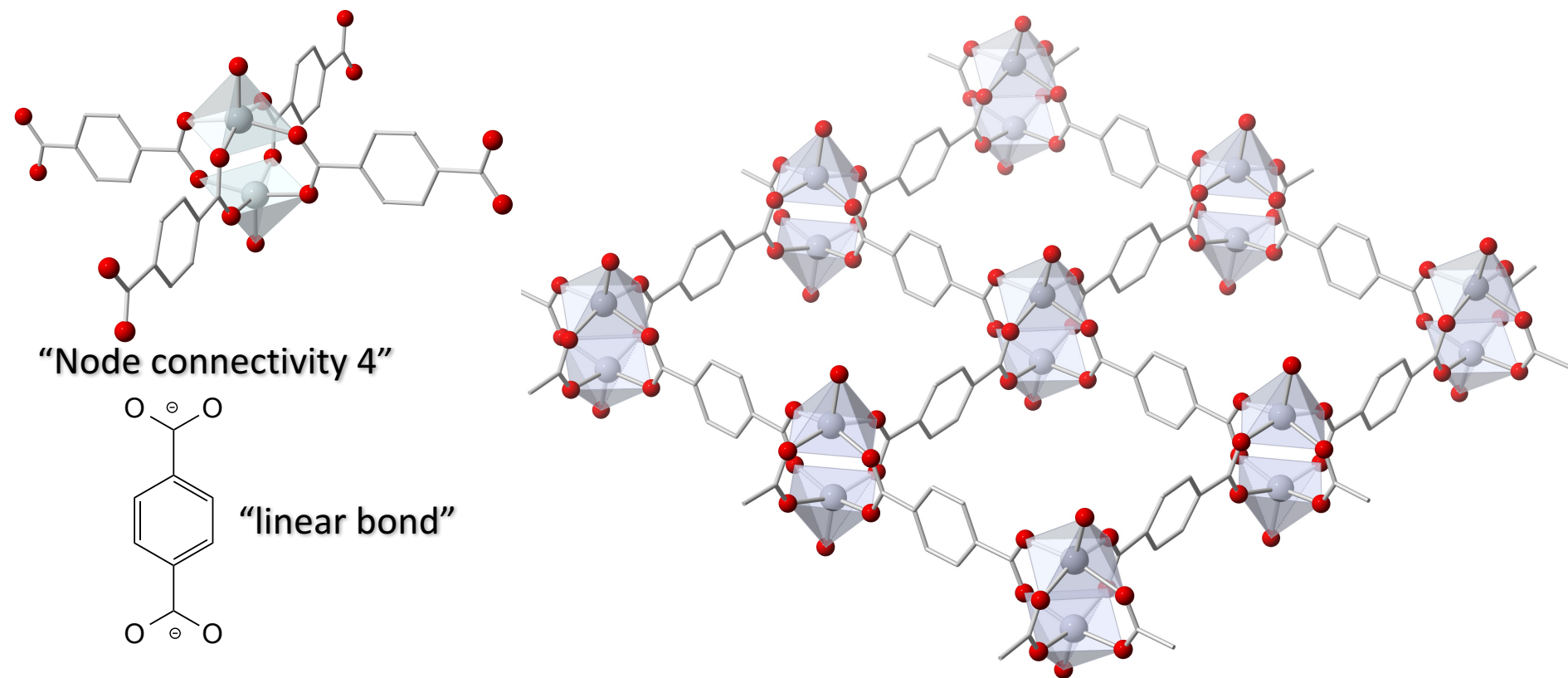
### **for the construction of MOFs**

One of the results that has contributed most to the development of MOFs in the last 2 decades has been the observation of permanent porosity in [Zn (BDC)] called MOF-2 (Yaghi et al J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1998, 120, 8571). Although this compound has a discrete Langmuir surface ( $270 \text{ m}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$ ), it paved the way to the synthesis of stable MOFs with surfaces greater than  $4500 \text{ m}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$ .

The idea underlying in this work by Yaghi and collaborators is the concept of SBU.

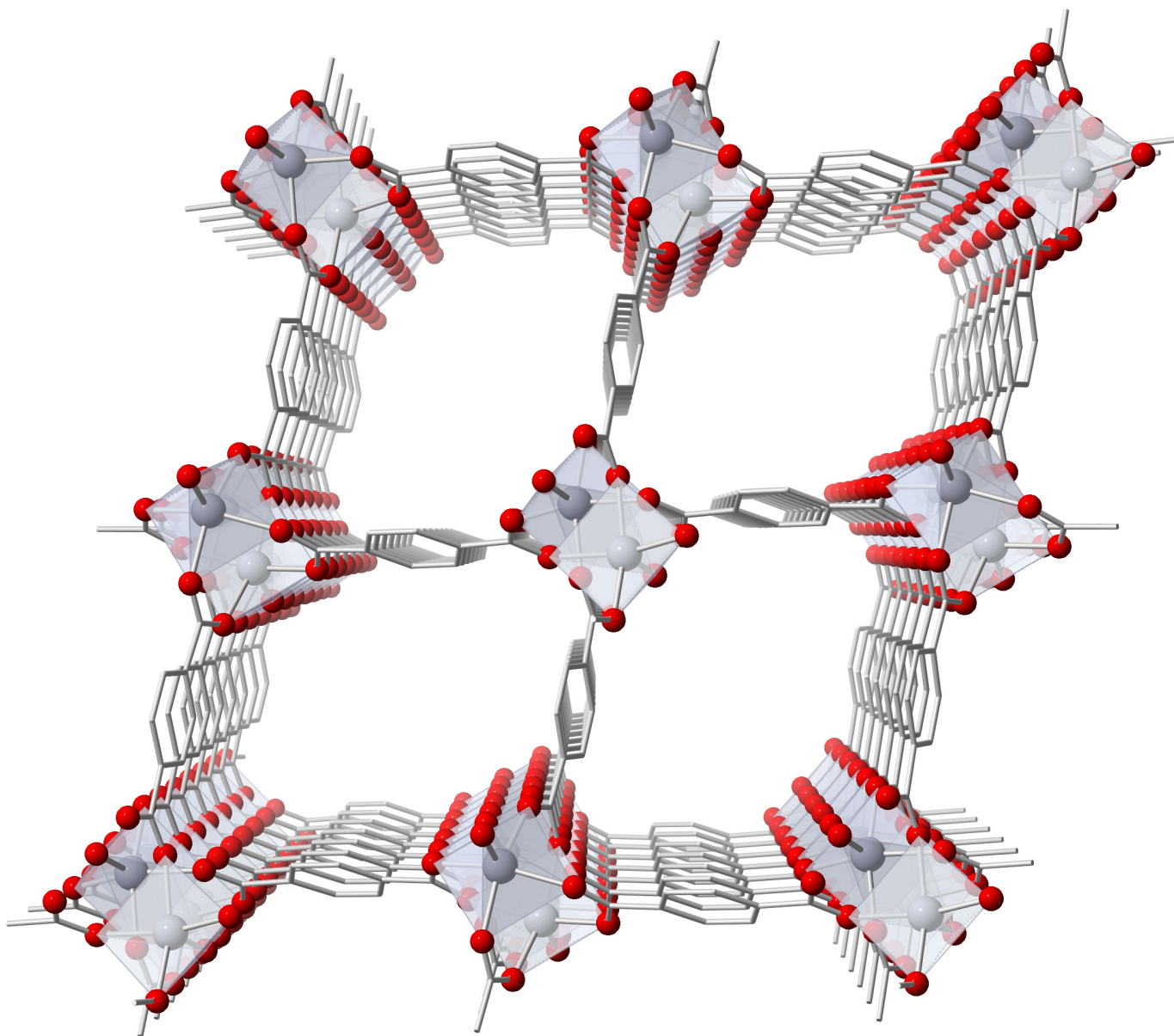
(more information see chapter 3 of S. Kaskel's book)

# MOF-2: [Zn(BDC)]



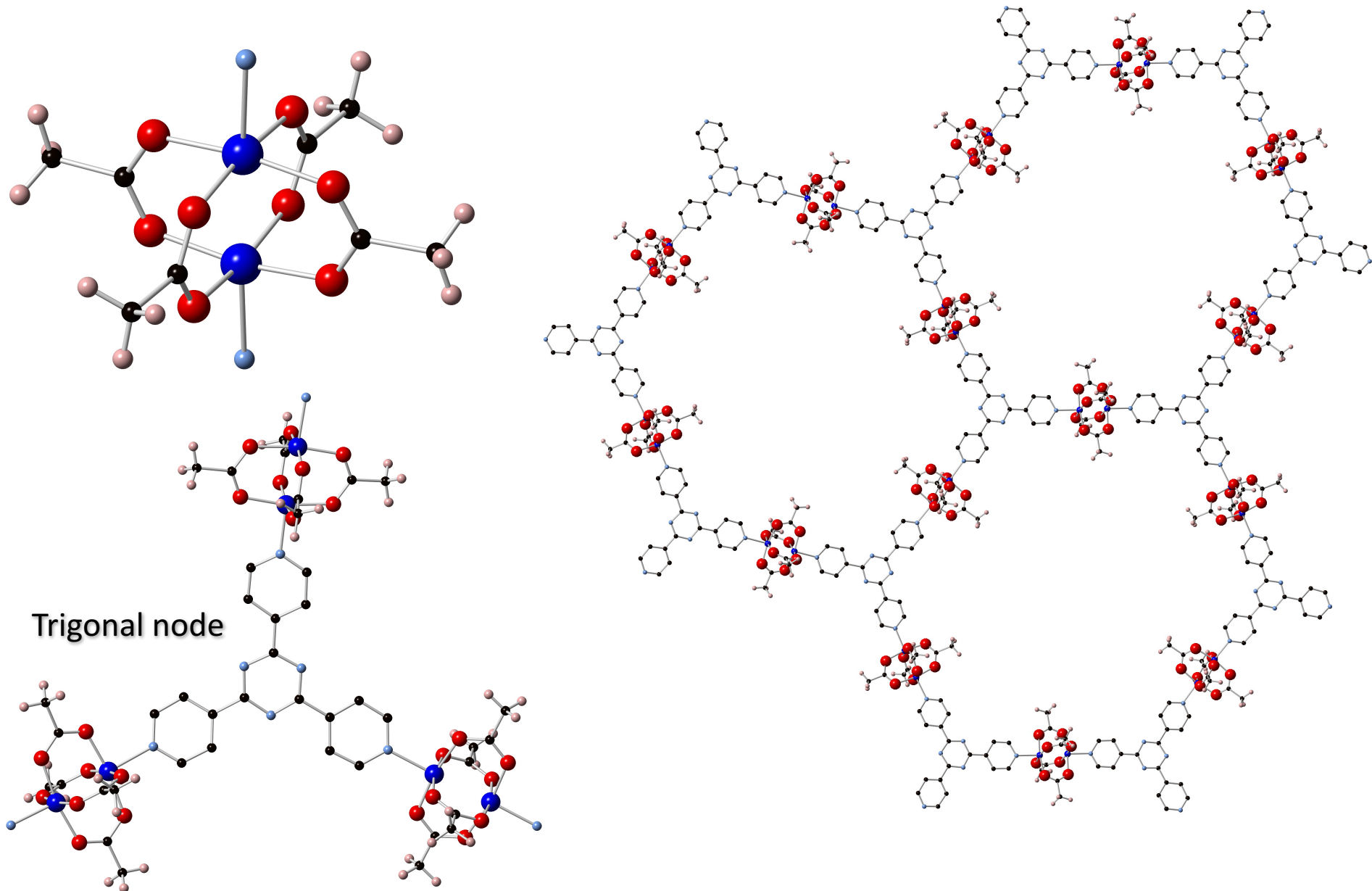
Metal centers with IC = 5 form dimers that generate a connectivity node 4 (SBU) and define a 2D coordination polymer with square windows.

The stacking of the 2D layers in the perpendicular direction occurs in such a way that the layers eclipse each other defining channels.

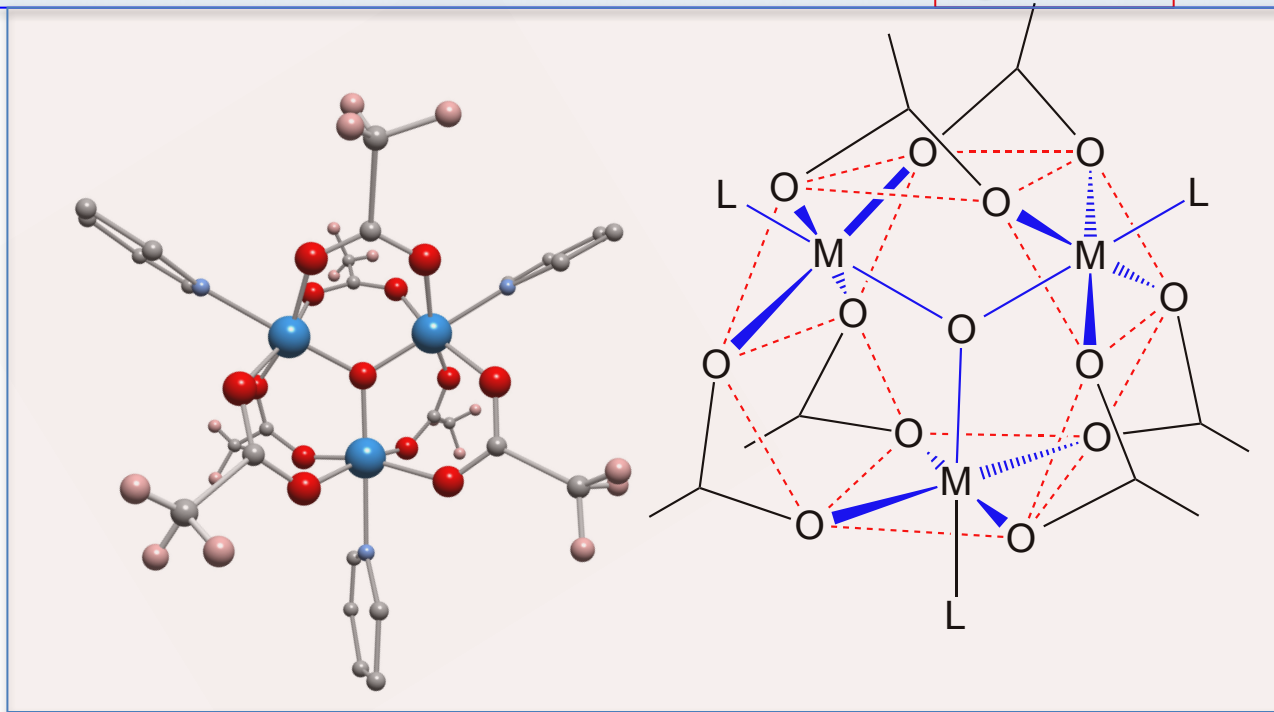
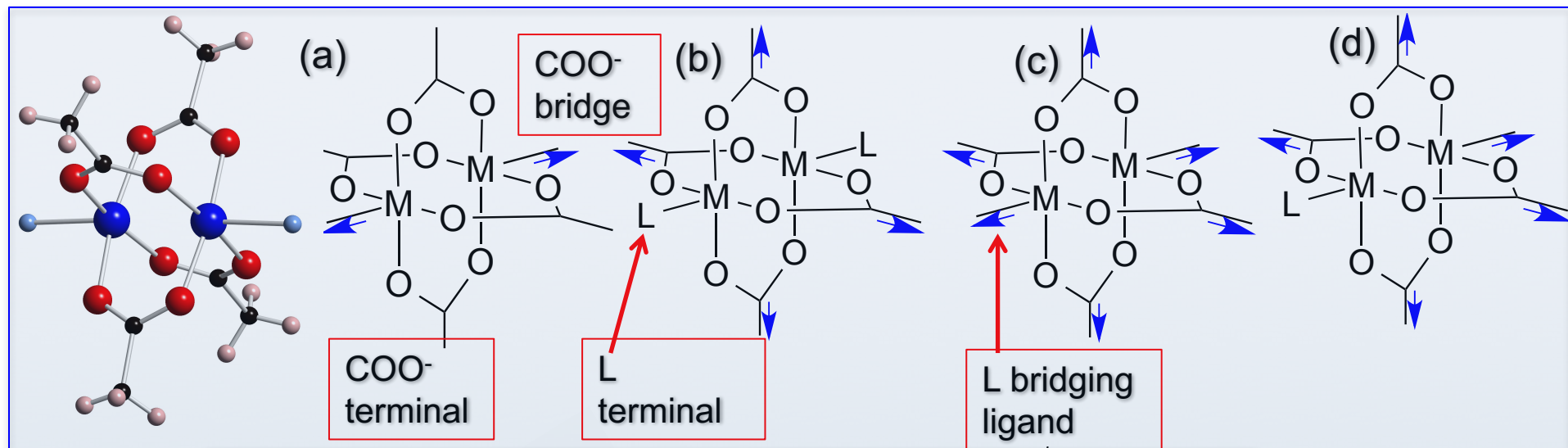




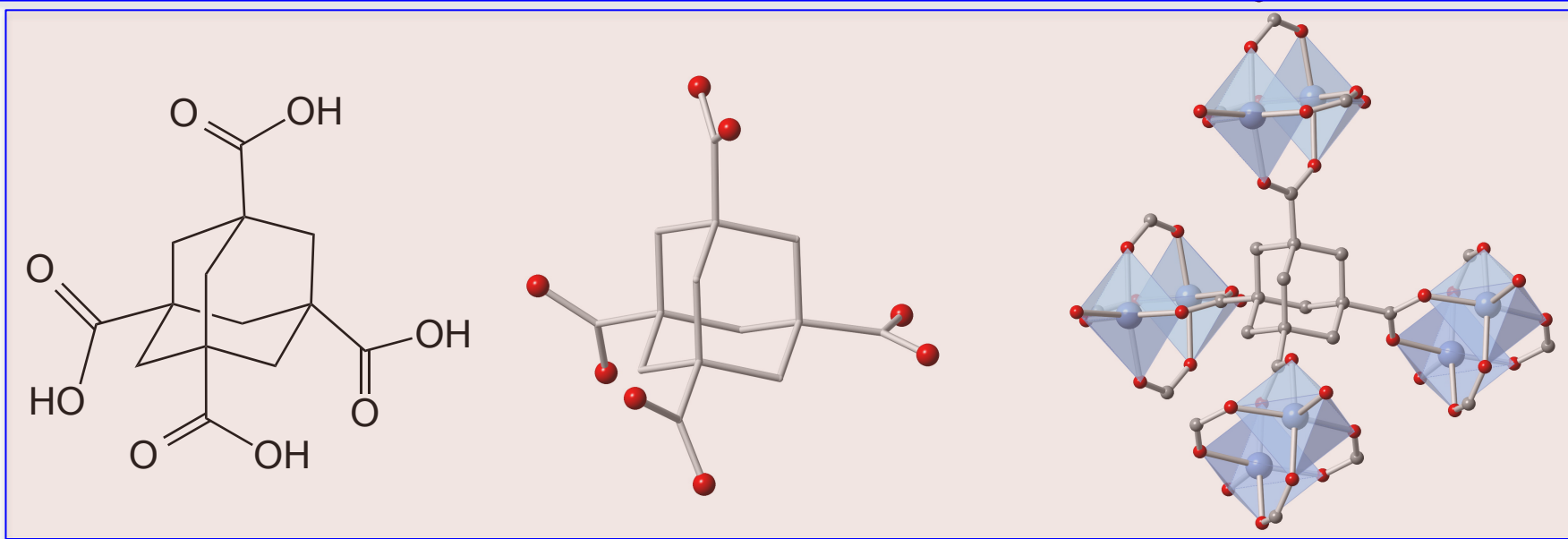
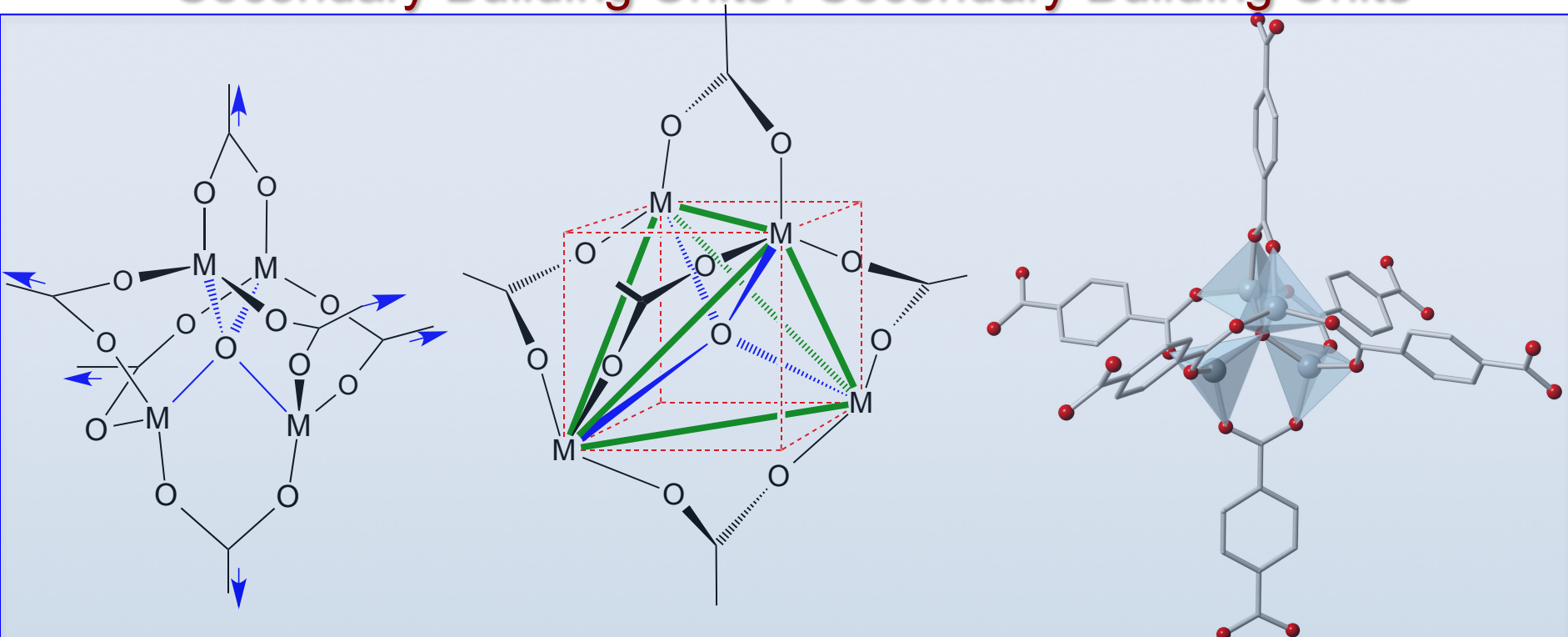
in this case the SBU is blocked by CH<sub>3</sub> groups but can polymerise using a suitable axial ligand such as the TPT that acts as a node with connectivity 3

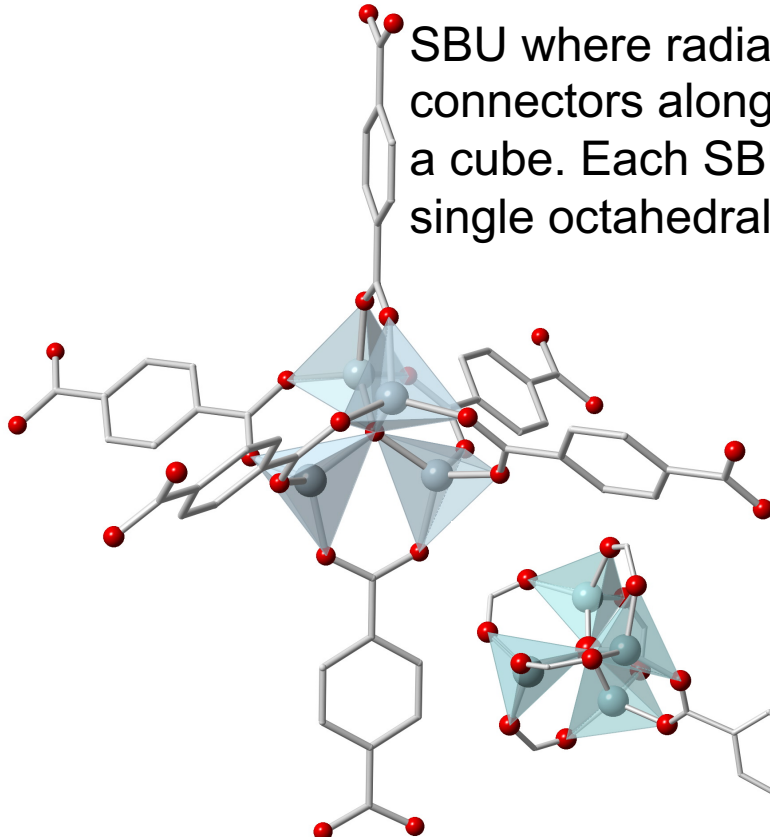


# SBUs Based on Carboxylates

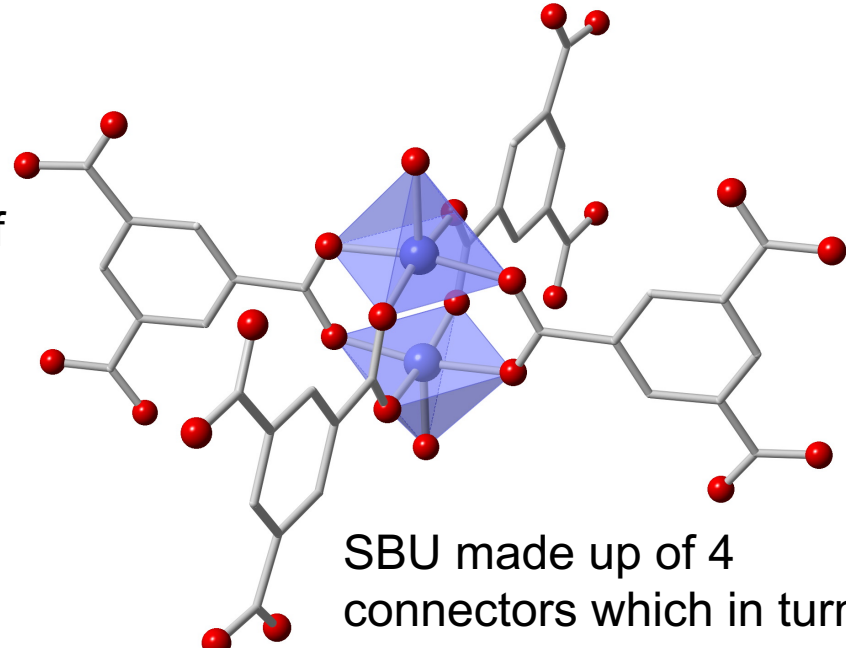


# Secondary Building Units / Secondary Building Units

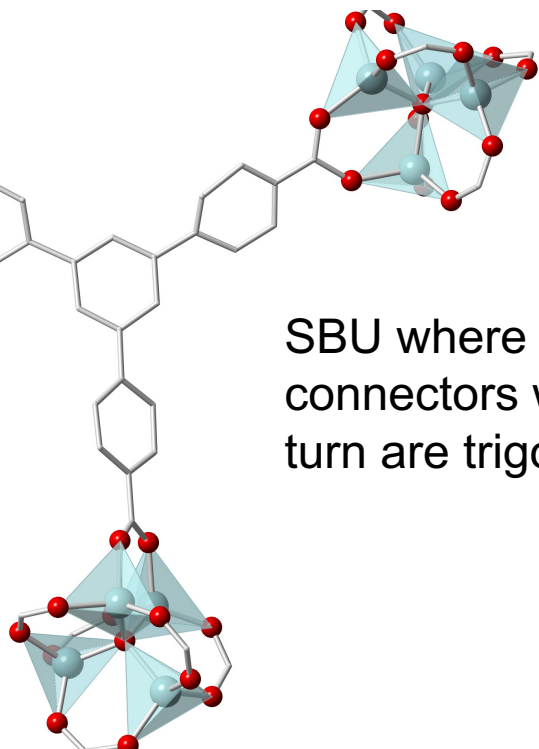




SBU where radiate 6 linear connectors along the axes of a cube. Each SBU acts as a single octahedral centre.



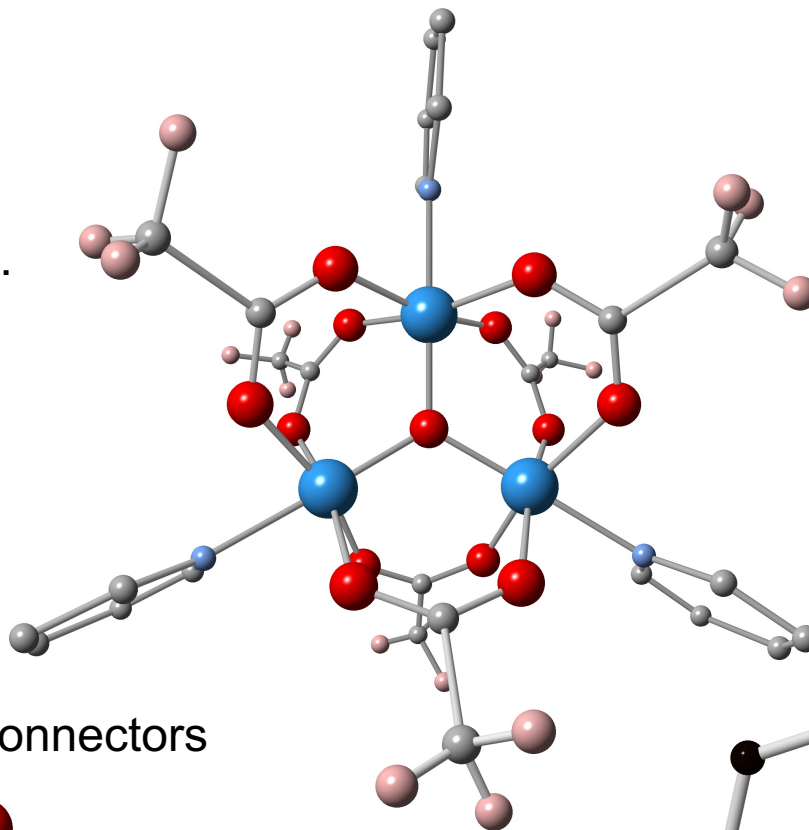
SBU made up of 4 connectors which in turn are trigonal nodes.



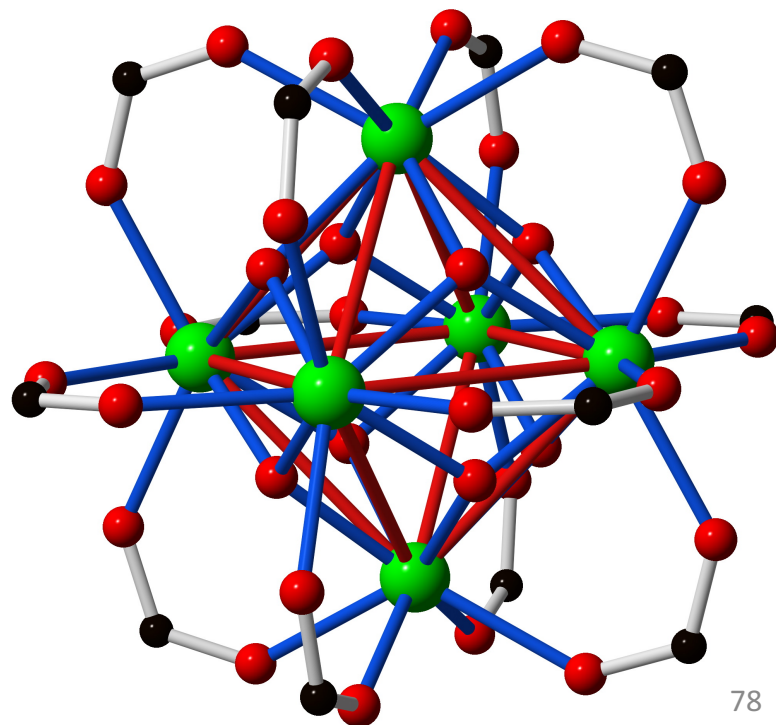
SBU where radiate 6 connectors which in turn are trigonal nodes.

The structural diversity is based on the multiple possibilities offered by the coordination chemistry to combine different units with equal or different connectivities

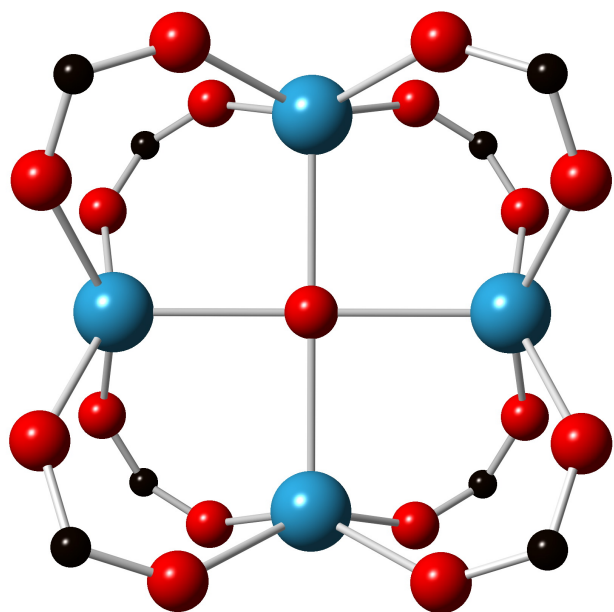
Potential trigonal  
SBU with  
6+3 connectors....



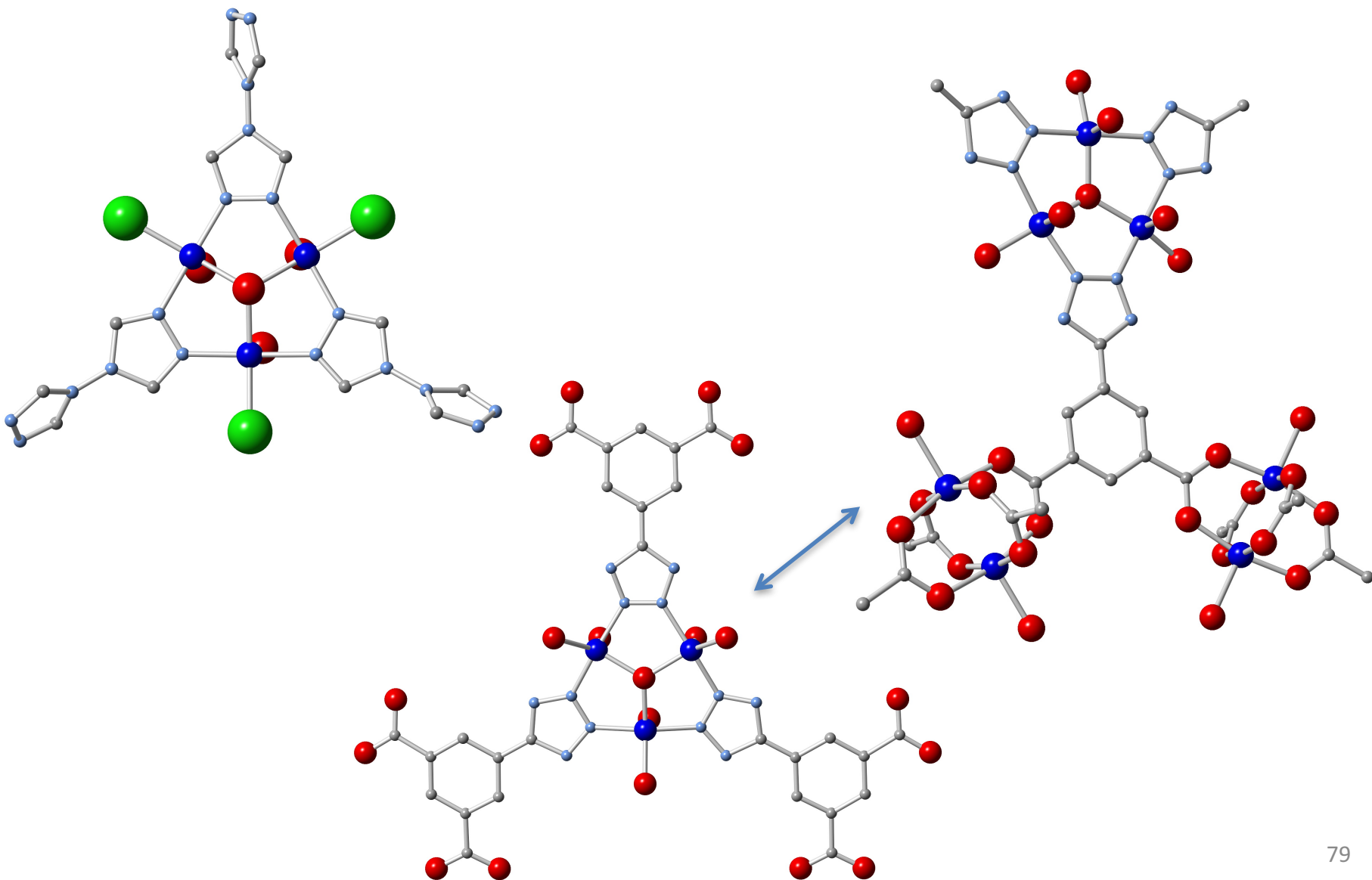
Octahedral SBU with  
12 connectors



Square SBU with 8 connectors



# SBUs Based on Azolates and Carboxylates



# Advanced Inorganic Chemistry

## Chapter 4<sup>th</sup>: Coordination Polymers

### Part 2

Instituto de Ciencia Molecular  
Departamento de Química Inorgánica  
Universidad de Valencia

# INDEX PART TWO

## Description, classification, topology of nets and significant examples

- Concept of network as a set of nodes and links. Schläfli's topological symbols
  - a) Regular uninodal systems:
    - i) Platonic solids.
    - ii) Two-dimensional networks.
  - b) Semi-regular systems
    - i) Archimedian and catalan solids.
    - ii) Two-dimensional networks.
- Topological analysis: Euler and Schläfli's formulas.
- Description and symbols for 2D, 3D networks and polihedra
  - i) Schläfli's symbol.
  - ii) Vertex symbol (M. O'Keeffe).
  - iii) Point symbol (A. F. Wells).
- Examples of most common networks found in CPs/MOFs  
NbO, Sodalite, Diamond, Quartz ( $\text{SiO}_2$ ), Moganite ( $\text{SiO}_2$ ),  $\text{SrAl}_2$ , tri- and tetra-connected nets, etc
- Means available for the topological analysis of networks derived from CPs/MOFs
- Bibliography of interest on coordinación networks and polymers



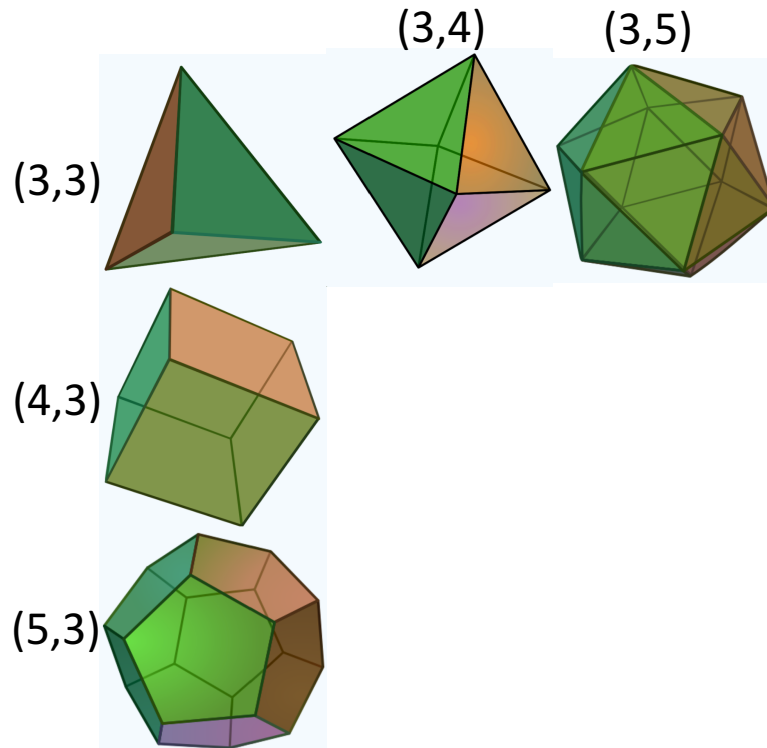
# DESCRIPTION, CLASSIFICATION, NETWORK TOPOLOGY

Since the first articles of AF Wells in the 1950s polyhedral complexes and coordination polymers have been described in terms of node connectivity and number of nodes in the shortest circuit containing a given "spacer-node-spacer" unit.

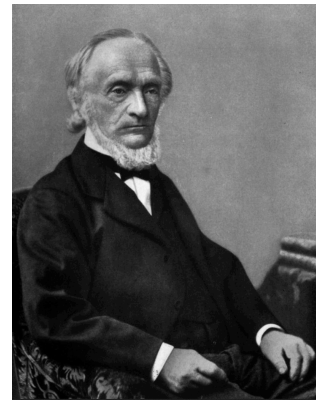
Wells based its description on the nomenclature  $(n,p)$  previously introduced by Schläfli in the field of topology to describe these objects, being  $n$  the poligonality (the number of connections/sides in the smallest circuit) and  $p$  the connectivity of the nodes.

Only 5 simple convex polyhedrons  $(n,p)$  have all their faces of the same type (same type of polygons,  $n$ -gonos) and the same number ( $p$ ) of them coming together in the same vertex (node). They are known as Platonic solids:

$p$	→		
$n$	(3,3)	(3,4)	(3,5)
	(4,3)	?	?
	(5,3)	?	?



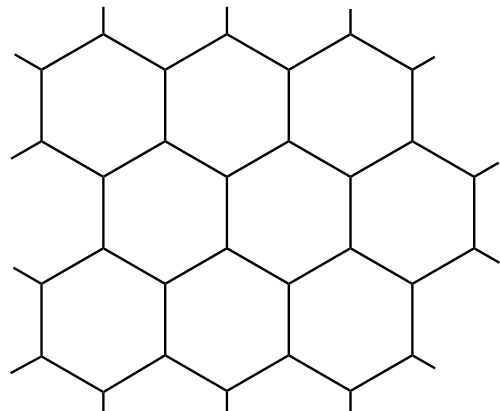
Ludwig Schläfli  
1814-1895



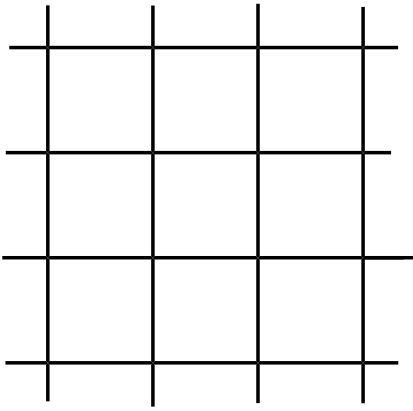
As we progress through the table that defines the Schläfli's space  $(n,p)$ , we move from the Platonic polyhedrons to three regular flat networks  $(3,6)$ ,  $(4,4)$  and  $(6,3)$ . These represent the only examples of flat networks that have all polygons converging on the same vertex identical. These surfaces, like Platonic solids, are called regular for obvious reasons.

		<b>p</b>			
		3	4	5	6.....
<b>n</b>	3	t	o	i	$(3,6)$ .....
	4	c	$(4,4)$		
	5	d			
	6	$(6,3)$			
	.....				

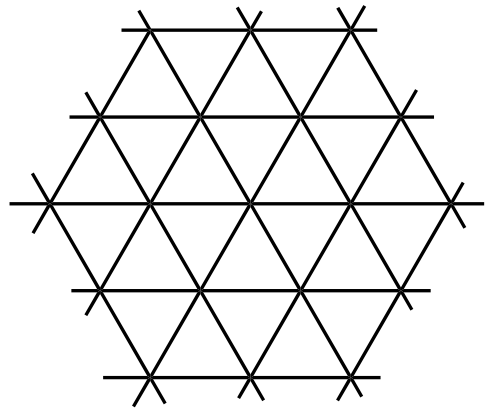
$(6,3)$



$(4,4)$



$(3,6)$



-Wells investigated the nature of 3-connected networks ( $p = 3$ ) in which the value of  $n > 6$ . That is, the pairs  $(n,3)$ . These regular networks are called **Uniform Three-connected Networks**.

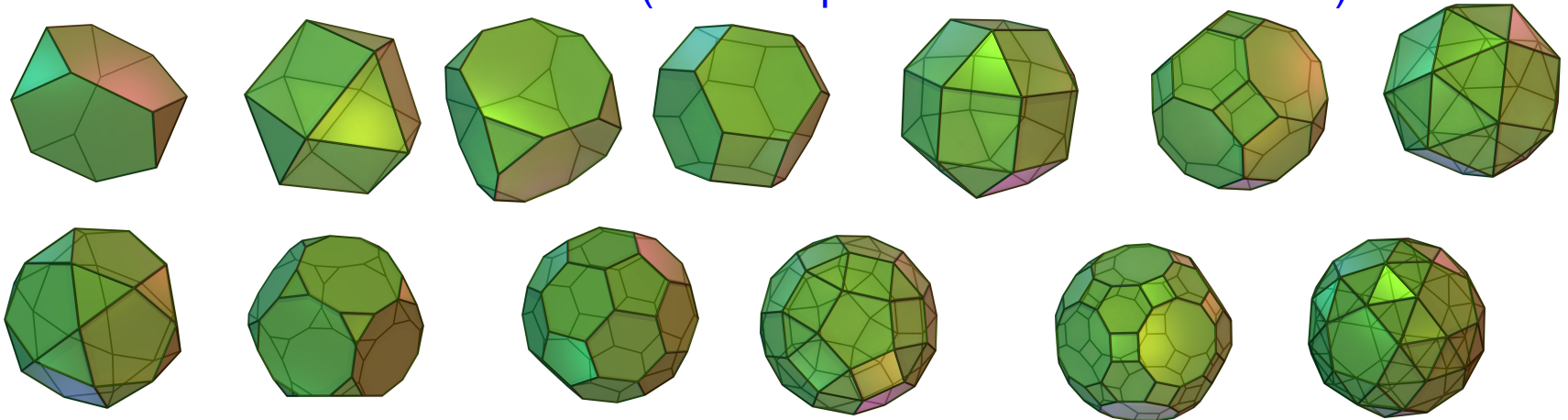
-Wells also investigated the opposite situation paying special attention on the polygons (shorter circuits) that form the surface of the object. Namely, when one gathers in a node ( $p = 3, 4$  or  $5$ ) equilateral triangles ( $n = 3$ ), one defines a tetrahedron, octahedron or an icosahedron, respectively. But what happens if we join  $6$  ( $p = 6$ )?. In this case is easy to see that it is not possible to form a convex polyhedron but an infinite plane (since the triangles are equilateral, the plane is regular/uniform  $(3,6)$ ). When we increase  $p$  at values  $p > 6$  in the space  $(3,p)$  the surface cannot be anymore flat and can be closed giving complex geometries.

n \ p	3	4	5	6.....		
3	t	o	i	(3,6)	(3,7)	(3,8)
4	c	(4,4)	(4,5)	(4,6)	(4,7)	(4,8)
5	d	(5,4)	(5,5)	(5,6)	(5,7)	(5,8)
6	(6,3)	(6,4)	(6,5)	(6,6)	(6,7)	(6,8)
.....	(7,3)	(7,4)	(7,5)	(7,6)	(7,7)	(7,8)

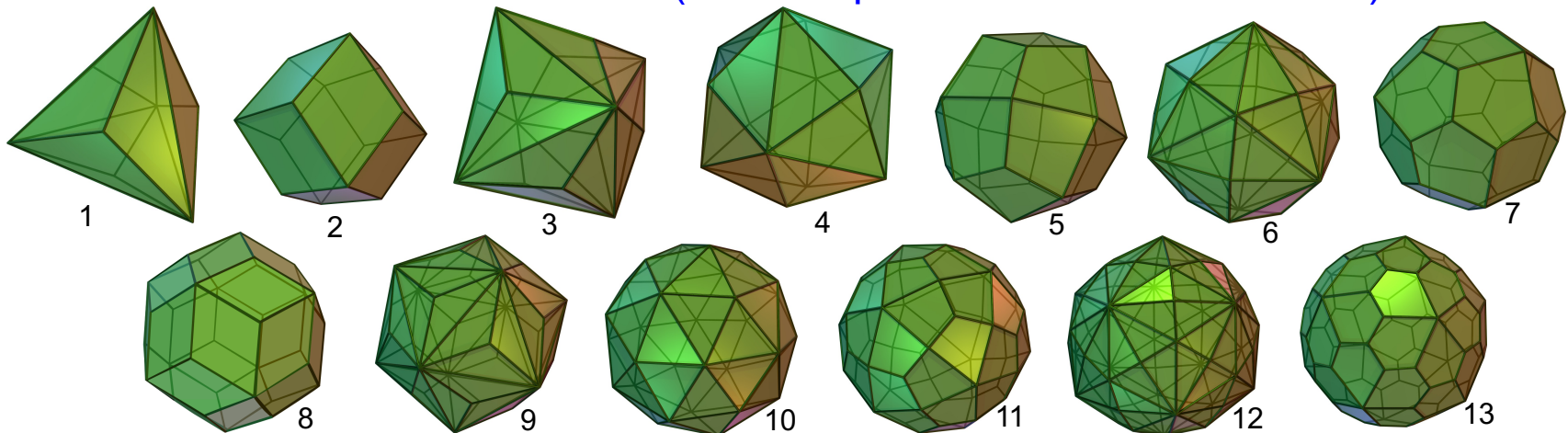
# POLYHEDRONS

In addition to the **platonic solids/polyhedrons** there is a series of solids known as **semiregular**. **Archimedean** solids are characterized by non-integer values of  $n$ , these combine in a congruent way polygons of different number of edges/links but with a fixed value of  $p$ . **Catalan** solids (Eugène Catalan) are characterized by fractional values of  $p$  but integer values of  $n$  (different types of nodes and a single type of polygon). (This also applies to two-dimensional and three-dimensional networks).

## Archimedean Solids (see Wikipedia for more information)

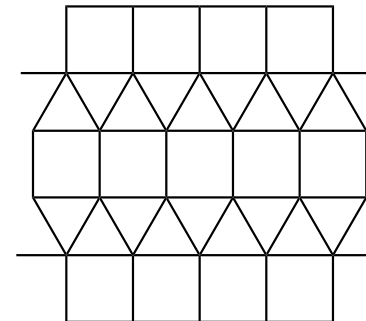
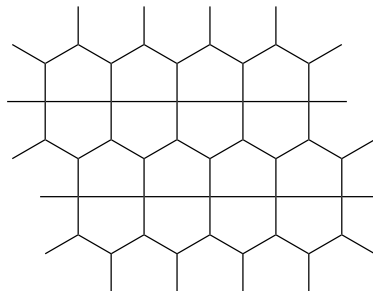
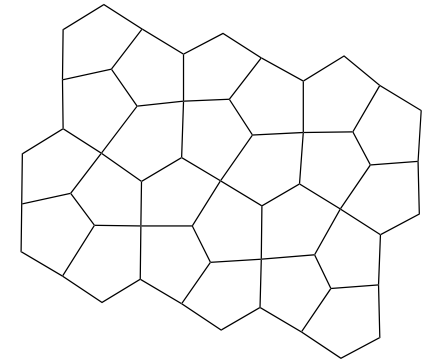
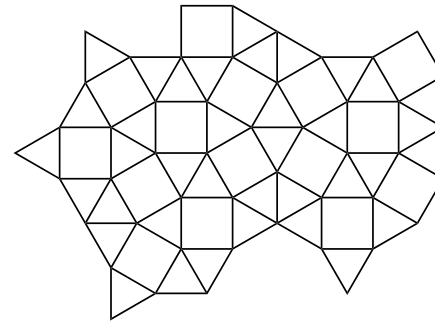
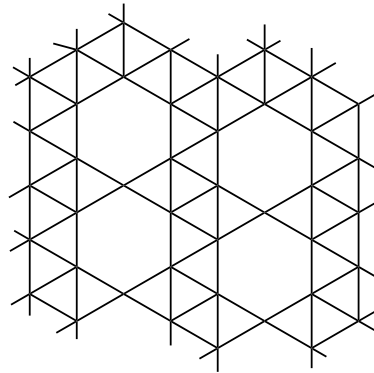
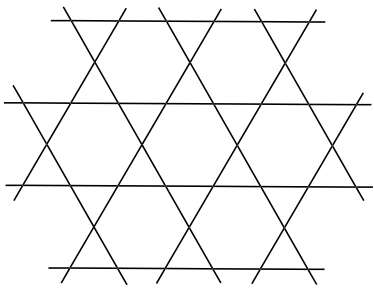
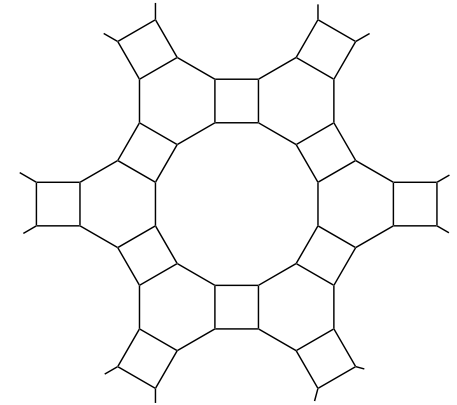
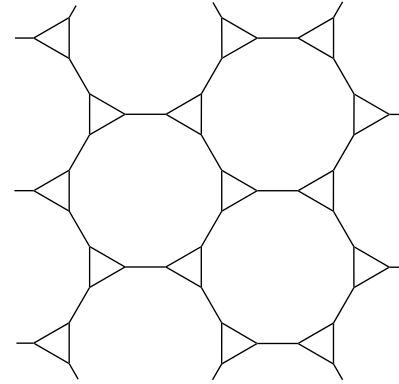
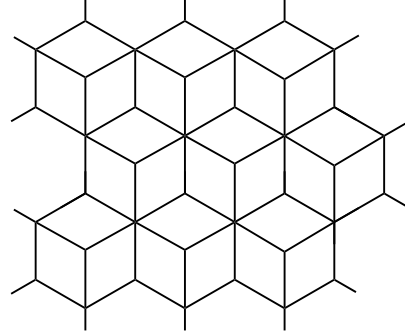
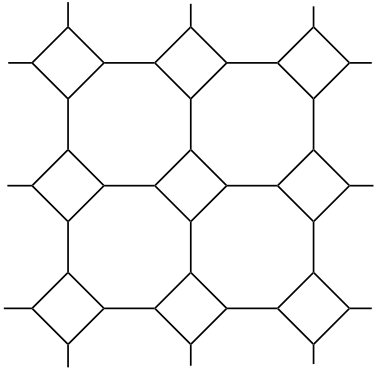


## Catalan Solids (see Wikipedia for more information)



# TESSELLATION OF THE 2D SPACE: 2D PERIODIC NETWORKS

Geometric motifs related to those found in Platonic, Archimedean and Catalan solids can be generated in the 2D space by creating non-regular polygonal tessellations of the space. Here are some examples of 2D tessellations:



PCs are known to adopt many of these forms in versions more or less distorted

# TOPOLOGICAL ANALYSIS OF POLYHEDRA AND NETWORKS

The analysis of all these geometric objects (polyhedrons, 2D and 3D networks) can be rationalized by the principles of topology, mathematical branch that rests on Euler's formula (1707-1783):

$$V - E + F = 2 \quad (1)$$

(V = vertices, E = edges/links, F = faces/polygons)

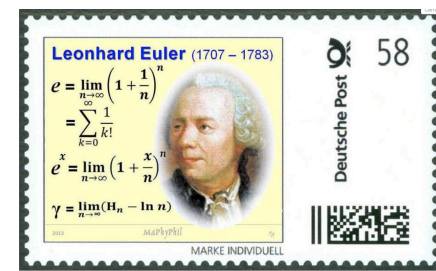
In addition it is complemented with the conclusions of Schläfli (1814-1895):

$$n \cdot F = 2E \quad (2)$$

$$p \cdot V = 2E \quad (3)$$

$$V = \frac{4n}{4 - (n - 2)(p - 2)} ; E = \frac{2np}{4 - (n - 2)(p - 2)} ; F = \frac{4p}{4 - (n - 2)(p - 2)} \quad (4)$$

(Exercise: check these formulas with platonic solids)



Schläfli substituted his two expressions (Eqs 2 and 3) in the Euler relation (Eq 1) to obtain the expression:

$$(1/n) + (1/p) = (1/2) + (1/E)$$

and since E is necessarily positive, this expression is simplified as follows:

$$(1/n) + (1/p) > (1/2)$$

From this expression one quickly realise that there can only be 5 regular polyhedrons. To do so, one should take into account that the simplest object has poligonality 3 and connectivity 3. Thus one can realise that only the pairs **(3.3)**, **(4.3)**, **(3.4)**, **(5.3)**, **(3.5)** (Schläfli symbols), which are tetrahedron, cube, octahedron, dodecahedron and icosahedron, respectively, meet this condition.

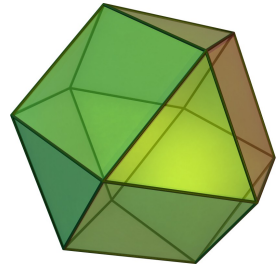
It is also interesting to observe with expressions (4), where V, E and F are defined according to the topological parameters **n** and **p**, that for **(n-2) (p-2) < 4**, finite values of V are obtained (it is possible to check for any of the presented polyhedrons). When **(n-2) (p-2) = 4**, the values V = E = F equal to infinite and corresponds to the 2D networks: **(6,3)**, **(4,4)** and **(3,6)**. Expressions (4) are also applicable to semi-regular Archimedean and Catalan systems if the mean values of **n** and **p** are taken into account. Example:

[\(see Wikipedia for more information\)](#)

The 13 archimedean solids have values of  $p = 3, 4, \text{ or } 5$  (like the Platonic ones) but with values of  $n$  in the interval **3-10** and therefore non-integer values of  $n_{\text{med}}$ . Conversely, the catalan solids are the duals of the archimedean solids, that is,  $n = 3, 4, \text{ or } 5$ , but with values of  $p$  in the interval **3-10** and therefore with values of  $p_{\text{med}}$ . For example:

V	n	p		
12	24/7	4	cuboctahedron	$(n-2)(p-2) = 20/7$
14	4	24/7	Rhombic Dodecahedron	

cuboctahedron

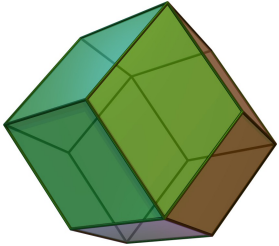


$n = 3, 4; p = 4$

There are 6 squares and 8 triangles with  $6 \cdot 4$  or  $8 \cdot 3 = 24$  edges that are divided into triangles (3) and squares (4). Therefore  $n_{\text{med}} = 24/7$

$(24/7, 4)$

Rhombic dodecahedron



$n = 4; p = 3, 4$

There are 6 vertices  $p = 4$  and 8  $p = 3$ ;  $6 \cdot 4$  or  $8 \cdot 3 = 24$  vertices that are distributed in connectivity centres 3 and 4. Therefore  $p_{\text{med}} = 24/7$

$(4, 24/7)$



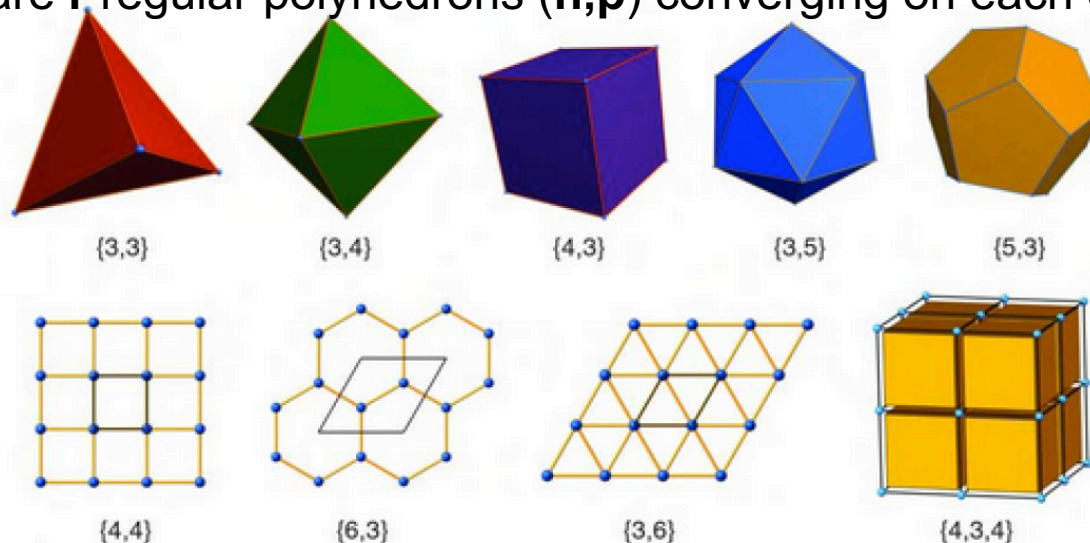
# DESCRIPTION AND SYMBOLS FOR NETWORKS AND POLYHEDRONS

**Schläfli's symbols:** they have in general three or two entries  $(n,p,r)$  or  $(n,p)$  that refer to the tessellation of the 3D/2D space or discrete polyhedrons with regular geometry. The idea of the Schläfli's space  $(n,p,r)/(n,p)$  is to find the **circuits** that define the sides of the polygons and the faces of the polyhedrons that determine the tessellation of the 3D/2D space in regular objects (polygons/polyhedra).

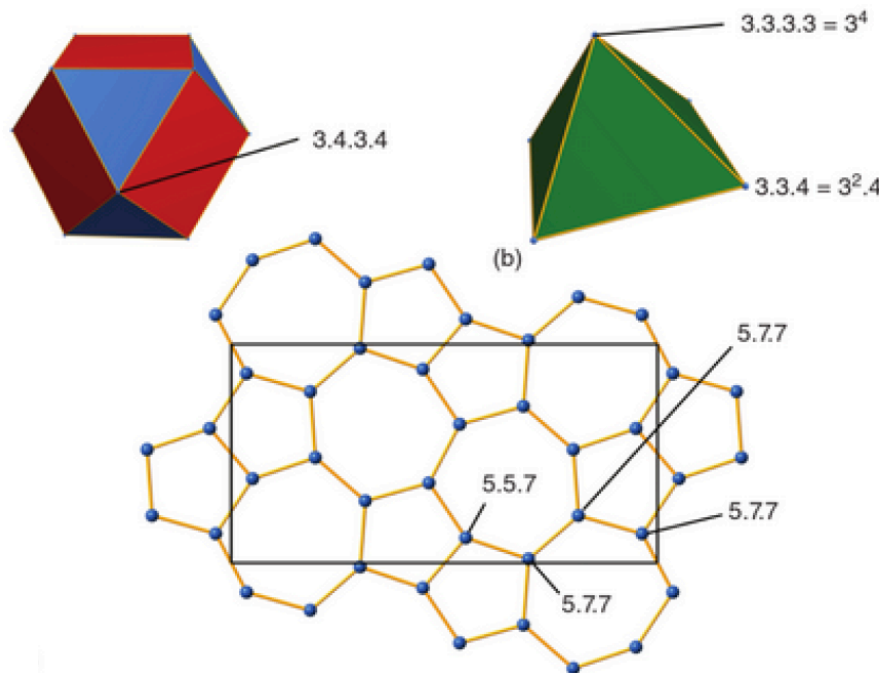
In this way a tessellation 1D of the space corresponds to a regular polygon of  $n$ -sides: **(3)**, **(4)**, **(5)**, **(6)**, etc (triangle, square, pentagon, hexagon, etc).

The symbol  $(n,p)$  describes regular polygons or a regular tessellations of the 2D space. Recall that the value of  $n$  refers to the poligonality and symbol  $p$  indicates how many  $n$ -gons converge in each vertex.

In 3D networks  $(n,p,r)$  represents the tessellation of the 3D space in polyhedrons and indicates that there are  $r$  regular polyhedrons  $(n,p)$  converging on each edge.



**Vertex Symbol (VS):** it can be applied to the vertices of polyhedrons and 2D-3D periodic networks **whether or not they are regular**. The notation for polyhedrons and periodic 2D networks on the one hand and 3D notation on the other have slightly different indexes and in the case of 3D the notation is also dependent on the coordination number of the centres that generate the vertices. This ambiguities have led to confusion in the literature. The methodology to obtain the symbol of a determined **node/vertex** is to consider all the possible **angles of pairs of edges or sides that converge** in a given **node/vertex**. The number of such angles for a **p-coordinated node** is  $p(p-1) / 2$  and the shorter rings (polygons) are examined. The **VS** symbols have the form  $a^n.b^m.c^o.d^p \dots$ . Where **a, b, c, d ...** represent the type of polygons that converge in each singular vertex and the superscript reflects the number of those polygons that coincide in the considered vertex. The symbol is organized from lower to higher polygonality:



Tetrahedron:  $3.3.3 = 3^3$

Cube:  $4.4.4 = 4^3$

Octahedron:  $3.3.3.3 = 3^4$

Cuboctahedron:  $3.4.3.4$

Square-based Pyramid:

$(3.3.3.3)(3.3.4)_4 = (3^4)(3^2.4)_4$

2D Network  $n = 5, 7$ :

$(5.5.7)(5.7.7)$

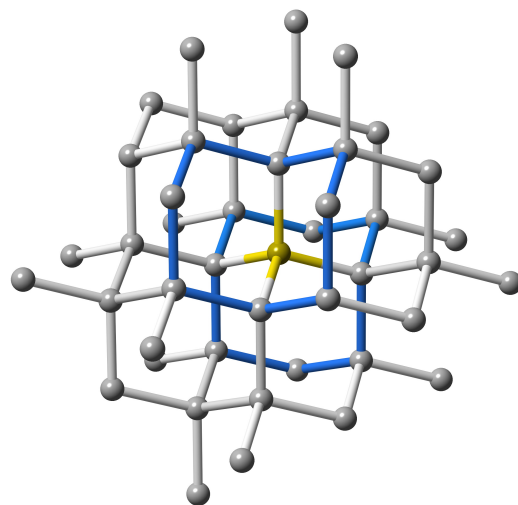
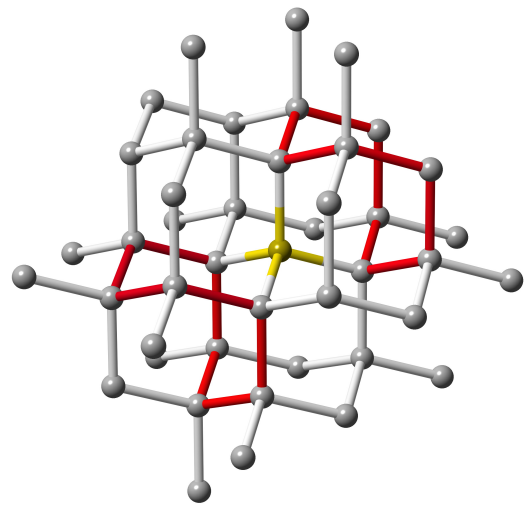
etc.

**Examples:**

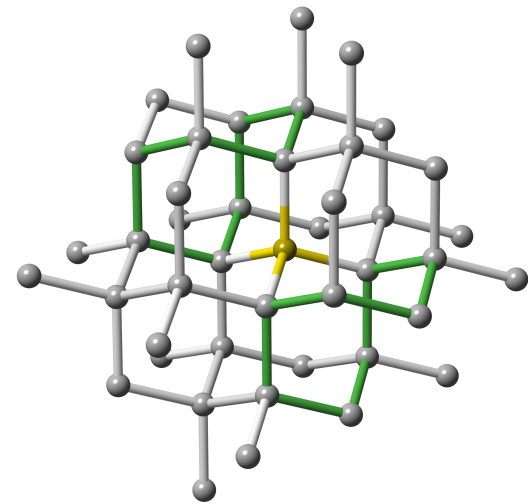
## More about the Vertex Symbol (VS)

The VS is easy for polyhedrons and flat networks, however it is more complex for 3D networks because the selected angle can be involved in more than one ring. For 3D networks it is also necessary to consider that:

- i) The symbols are never grouped (in 3D networks).
- ii) When a node connectivity is greater than 3 the cyclic order is not possible and for 4-coordinate centres O'Keeffe has proposed to group the 6 angles into pairs of opposite angles (those that do not have any common axis).

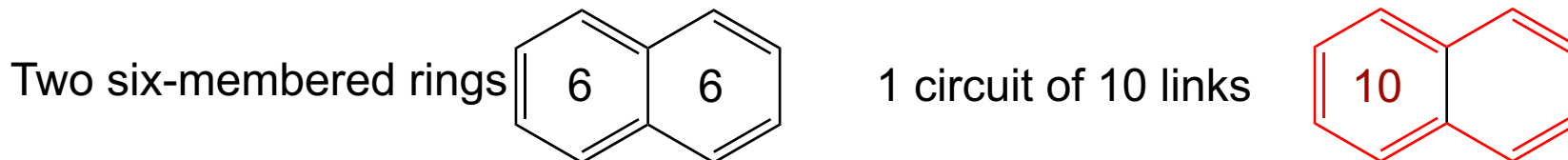


$6_2 \cdot 6_2 \cdot 6_2 \cdot 6_2 \cdot 6_2 \cdot 6_2$

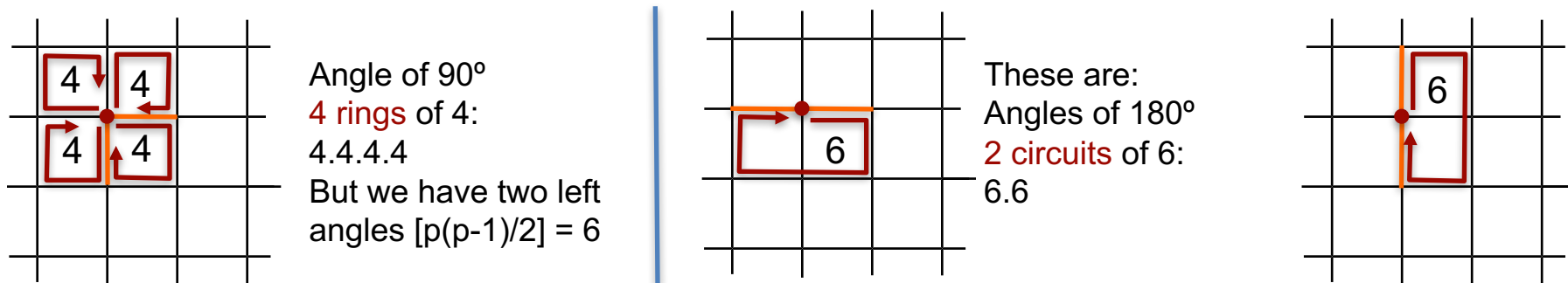


- iii) When an angle does not give rise to a ring, an asterisk is placed indicating that a cycle with "shortcuts" originates .....

.....The **vertex symbol** (O'Keeffe) differentiates between **rings** and **circuits**. A **ring** has the meaning that we all understand but a **circuit** can have shortcuts.... **Example**: naphthalene defines a circuit of 10 centers but is made up of two rings of 6:



Therefore, the **Vertex method** inspects only the **smallest rings for each angle** in which the chosen node is located (there are  $p(p-1)/2$  angles for a node  $p$ ), and specifies the size of the ring/or the number of vertices. **Example**:



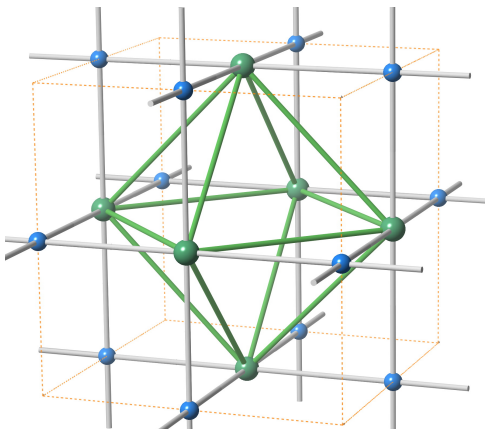
The Vertex Symbol for this 2D layer is: 4.4.4.4. \* . \* since VS does not consider circuits. The two asterisks are added to be consistent with  $p(p-1)/2$ . It is important to note that the VS does not explicitly contain the connectivity of the nodes, it only specifies the polygonality. However, the value  $p(p-1)/2$  is the sum of the "exponents" of the corresponding symbols (including asterisks).

# EXERCISES

## Application of the VS to unimodal ( $p = 4$ ) 3D Networks

NbO

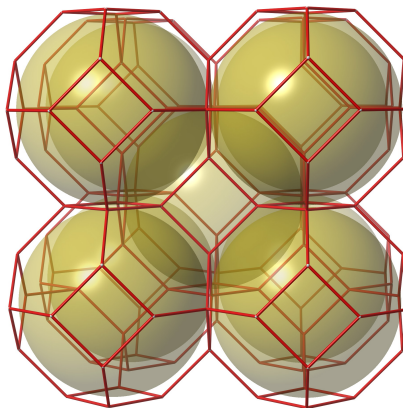
$6_2 \cdot 6_2 \cdot 6_2 \cdot 6_2 \cdot 8_2 \cdot 8_2$



Sodalite

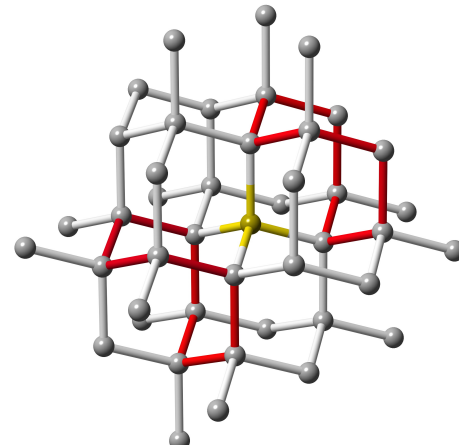
( $\text{Na}_8\text{Al}_6\text{Si}_6\text{O}$ )

$4 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot 6 \cdot 6 \cdot 6$



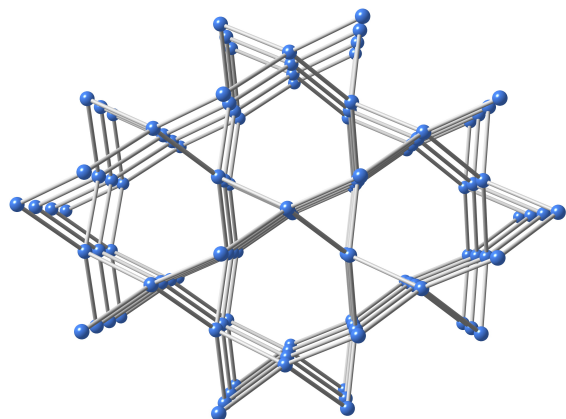
Diamond (C)

$6_2 \cdot 6_2 \cdot 6_2 \cdot 6_2 \cdot 6_2 \cdot 6_2$



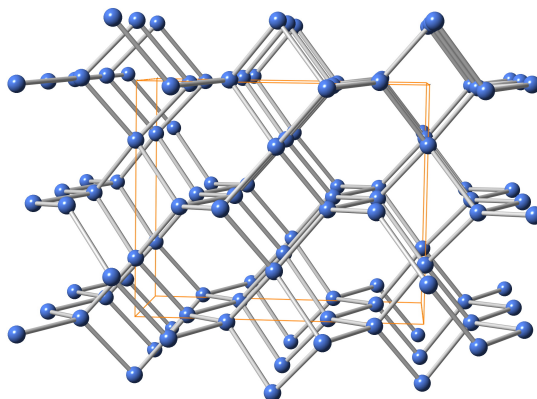
Quartz ( $\text{SiO}_2$ )

$6 \cdot 6 \cdot 6_2 \cdot 6_2 \cdot 8_7 \cdot 8_7$



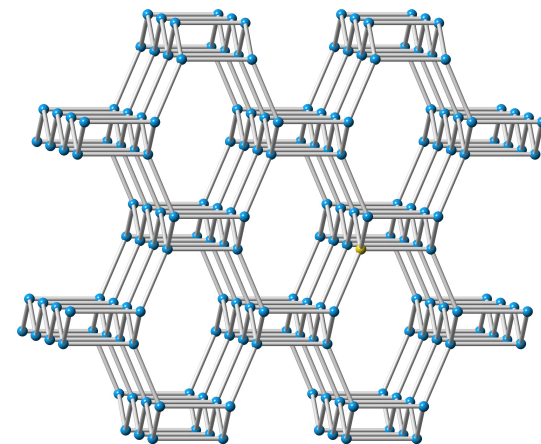
Moganite ( $\text{SiO}_2$ )

$4 \cdot 4 \cdot 6_2 \cdot 6_2 \cdot 8_4 \cdot 8_4$



$\text{SrAl}_2$

$4 \cdot 6 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot 6 \cdot 8_2$



**Point Symbol (PS):** It was introduced by A. F. Wells especially to describe **non-uniform networks** where rings of different polygonality converge at their vertices/nodes. The basic procedure of **PS** is very similar to that of **VS**: analysing all possible pairs of edges meeting around each singular vertex and accounting for the generated polyhedrons. However, the essential difference between **VS** and **PS** is that the shortest rings defined by the angles of a given vertex have to be polygons (fundamental circuits). In contrast, **PS** refers to shortest circuits whether or not they are natural polygons. This means that we search for each single node the link angles the shortest possible circuit to return to the starting point. The **PS** applies equally to polyhedrons and 2D and 3D networks. It does not take into account the considerations discussed above for the **VS** and usually simplifies the simbology, for example, in the square network analysed previously we would have 4.4.4.4.6.6 (we consider rings and circuits) and write (4<sup>4</sup>.6<sup>2</sup>). **PS** notation seems to be more reasonable than **VS** and that is why **PS** is mostly used.

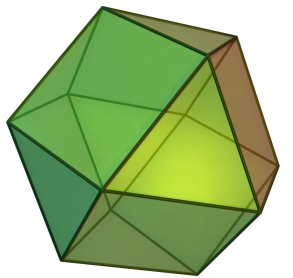
As already mentioned, the number of ways to select two links/edges that are in a node of **p**-connectivity is expressed:  $p(p-1)/2$ . For example, in the case of the tetrahedron with Schläfli symbol (3,3), **p** = 3, therefore the number of ways to select the two links is  $3(3-1)/2 = 3$ . The **PS** for the tetrahedron will be 3<sup>3</sup>. In general a node **p** = 3 generates three elementary circuits that can coincide with regular polygons or not.

It is important to observe how the number of circuits of a node grows rapidly with its connectivity :

$$p = 3, 4, 5, 6, \dots$$

$$p(p-1)/2 = 3, 6, 10, 15, \dots$$

# Comparison of the three systems of topological description: Schläfli, Vertex and Point in some regular and semiregular polyhedrons

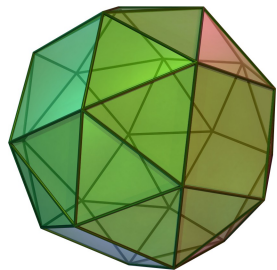


cuboctahedron

Schläfli:  $(24/7, 4)$

Vertex Symbol: 3.4.3.4

Point Symbol:  $3^2.4^2$



Snub Cube

Schläfli:  $(60/38, 5)$

Vertex Symbol : 3.3.3.3.4

Point Symbol :  $3^4.4$

	Tetrahedron,	Octahedron,	Icosahedron
	$(3,3)$	$(3,4)$	$(3,5)$
	3.3.3	3.3.3.3	3.3.3.3.3
	$3^3$	$3^4$	$3^5$

# Some analysed networks: comparison between VS and PS

NbO: (VS)  $6_2 \cdot 6_2 \cdot 6_2 \cdot 6_2 \cdot 8_2 \cdot 8$  (PS)  $(6^4 \cdot 8^2)$

Sodalite: (VS)  $4 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot 6 \cdot 6 \cdot 6$  /// (PS)  $(4^2 \cdot 6^4)$

Diamond: (VS)  $6_2 \cdot 6_2 \cdot 6_2 \cdot 6_2 \cdot 6_2 \cdot 6_2$  /// (PS)  $(6^6)$

SiO<sub>2</sub>-Quartz: (VS)  $6 \cdot 6 \cdot 6_2 \cdot 6_2 \cdot 8_7 \cdot 8_7$  /// (PS)  $(6^4 \cdot 8^2)$

SiO<sub>2</sub>-Moganite: (VS)  $4 \cdot 4 \cdot 6_2 \cdot 6_2 \cdot 8_4 \cdot 8_4$  (the same pair of links are involved in two distinct circuits)  
(PS)  $(4^2 \cdot 6^2 \cdot 8^2)$

SrAl<sub>2</sub>: (VS)  $4 \cdot 6 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot 6 \cdot 8_2$  /// (PS)  $(4^2 \cdot 6^3 \cdot 8)$

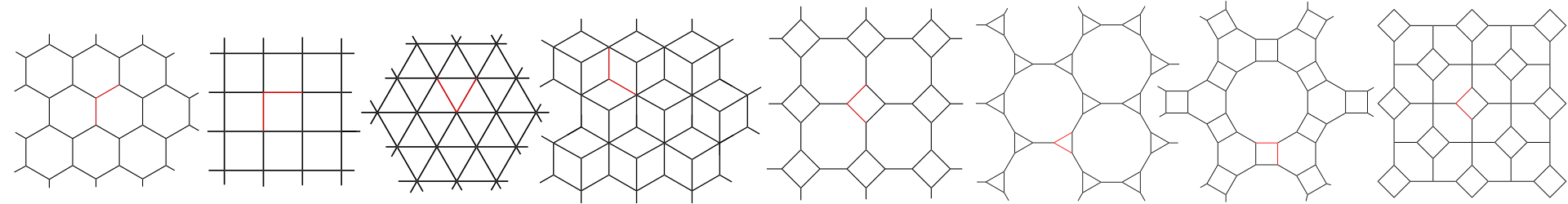
CdSO<sub>4</sub>: (VS)  $6 \cdot 6 \cdot 6 \cdot 6 \cdot 6 \cdot *$  /// (PS)  $(6^5 \cdot 8)$

PtS: (VS)  $4 \cdot 4 \cdot 8_2 \cdot 8_2 \cdot 8_2 \cdot 8_2$  /// (PS)  $(4^2 \cdot 8^4)(4^2 \cdot 8^4)$  nodes T<sub>d</sub> y D<sub>4h</sub>

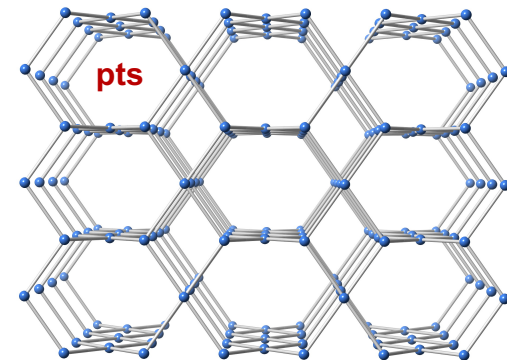
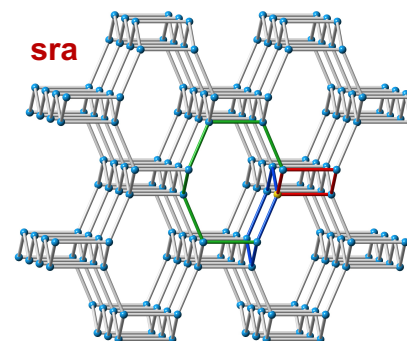
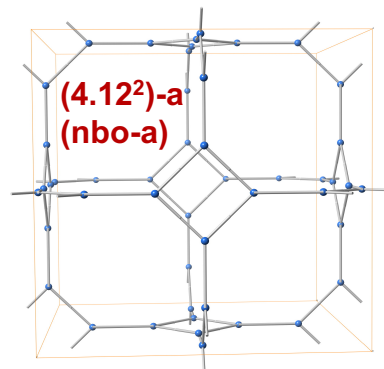
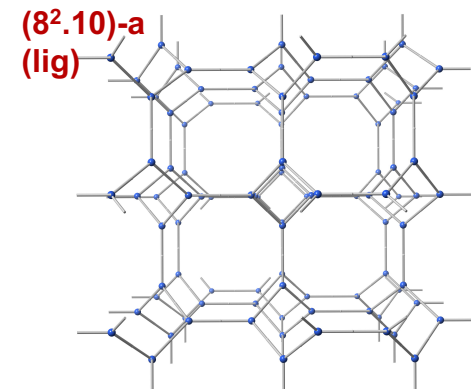
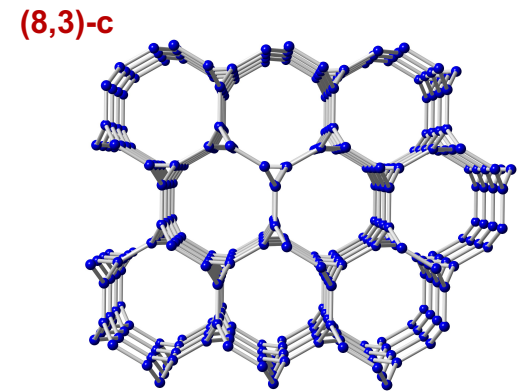
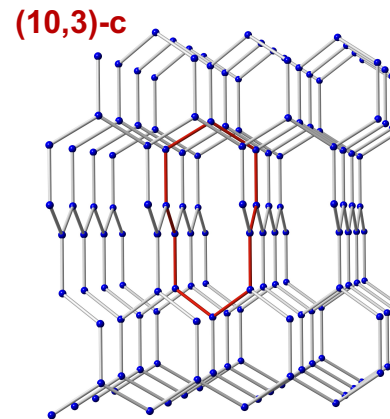
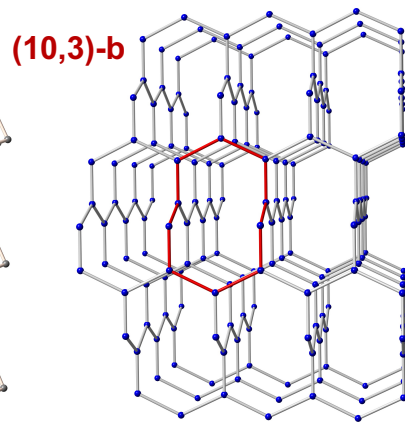
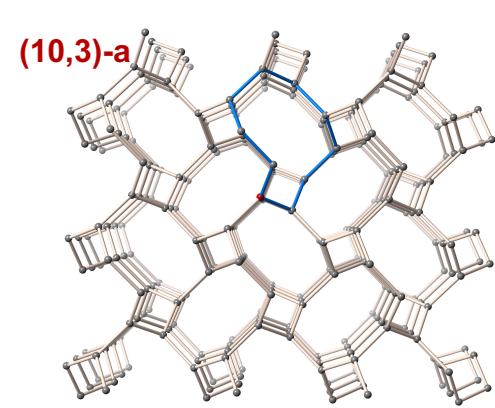


# EXERCICES

## TESSELLATION OF THE 2D SPACE



## TESSELLATION OF THE 3D SPACE (COMMON 3D NETWORKS)



# Available means for the topological analysis of networks in coordination polymers

The graphical and the topological analysis are necessary tools for the classification and discovering of new networks.

The first steps in this direction were given by A. F. Wells in a series of articles and books published in the period 1950-1980 (eg. *Three-dimensional Nets and Polyhedra*, Wiley-Interscience, New York, 1977).

More recently have been published important monographies by M. O'Keeffe y B. G. Hyde (*Crystal Structures.I. Patterns and Symmetry*, Mineralogical Society of America Monograph, Washington, DC, 1996) and L. Öhrström y K. Larsson (*Molecule-based Materials, the Structural Network Approach*, Elsevier, Amsterdam, 2005).

Of great importance are the data base “*Reticular Chemistry Structure Resource (RCSR)*” <http://rcsr.anu.edu.au> (O'Keeffe, M.; Peskov, M. A.; Ramsden, S. J.; Yaghi, O. M. *Accts. Chem. Res.* **2008**, *41*, 1782-1789) and the TOPOS software <http://topospro.com> (V. A. Blatov et al. *J. Appl. Crystallogr.* 2000, *33*, 1193).

# Relevant References

F. Hoffmann, M. Fröba

*Network Topology in The Chemistry of Metal-Organic Frameworks: Synthesis, Characterization, and Applications*  
Wiley Online Library, 16 JUN 2016, Edited by S. Kaskel (libre todos los pdf en internet:  
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/book/10.1002/9783527693078>)

M. O'Keeffe, M. Eddaoudi, H. Li, T. Reineke, O. M. Yaghi,

*Frameworks for Extended Solids: Geometrical Design Principles*  
Journal of Solid State Chemistry 152, 3-20 (2000).

Omar M. Yaghi, Michael O'Keeffe, Nathan W. Ockwig, Hee K. Chae, Mohamed Eddaoudi, Jaheon Kim.

*Reticular synthesis and the design of new materials*  
Nature 2003, 423, 705-714.

Michael O'Keeffe, Omar M. Yaghi

*Deconstructing the Crystal Structures of MetalOrganic Frameworks and Related Materials into Their Underlying Nets*

Chem. Rev. 2012, 112, 675-702

Timothy R. Cook, Yao-Rong Zheng, and Peter J. Stang

*Metal–Organic Frameworks and Self-Assembled Supramolecular Coordination Complexes: Comparing and Contrasting the Design, Synthesis, and Functionality of Metal–Organic Materials*

Chemical Reviews 2013, 113, 734-777.

# INDEX PART THREE

## Review of significant MOFs

- **Introduction:** i) Motivations that have led to the explosive expansion of the research area of MOFs; ii) Importance of the nature of the node (fragility vs robustness). Examples of simple SBUs ( $[\text{Fe}(\text{tvp})_2(\text{NCS})_2]$  y  $[\text{Fe}(\text{piracina})[\text{M}^{\text{II}}(\text{CN})_4]]$ ).
  
- **Selection of networks based on polynuclear SBUs :**
  - i) MOF-2.
  - ii) HKUST-1.
  - iii) MOF-14 (extension of the trivalent node of HKUST-1 and interpenetration).
  - iv) Importance of bridge geometry : OD $\rightarrow$ 2D $\rightarrow$ 3D.
  - v) MOF-5. Properties.
  - vi) Iso-reticular series IRMOFs.
  - vii) MOF-177.
  - viii) Series MIL: MIL-101 y MIL-5 (flexibility).
  - ix) Series UiO y PCN based on  $\text{Zr}^{\text{IV}}$  SBUs
  - x) Serie NU- $n^\circ$
  - xi) MOFs with unsaturated coordination centers :  $\text{H}_2[\text{Co}_4\text{O}(\text{TAT})_{8/3}]_n$ .
  - xii) ZMOFs:  $[\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}(\text{pyrimidine})_2]_n(\text{BF}_4)$ ;  $[\text{Co}_5(\text{imidazole})]_n$ ;  $[\text{Zn}(\text{bim})_2]_n$ .
  - xiii) ZIFs
  - xiv) Covalent organic frameworks (COFs).

# INTRODUCTION

Storage of molecular hydrogen is one most relevant driving forces that have propelled the field of MOFs during the last 10 years. Besides the difficulties of finding efficient methods of H<sub>2</sub> generation it is the problem of storing H<sub>2</sub> under conditions competitive with current storage methods (energy storage). In the case of H<sub>2</sub>:

\*\* 1 kg of H<sub>2</sub> generates 120 MJ (gravimetric density of excellent energy)

but the problem is that

\*\* 1 kg of H<sub>2</sub> occupies 11 m<sup>3</sup> (STP) (very low volumetric energy density compared to other fuels).

Then, there is the need for finding methods to group H<sub>2</sub> molecules more efficiently than with the methods used today: 1) compression, 2) liquefaction, 3) solid state. [An efficient solution could be Fisorción in solid state.](#)

In the solid state, C (active), metal hydrides, clathrates, microporous polymers, zeolites, etc. have been tested. The problem of C (active) is the lack of a long-range porous structure and zeolites, metal hydrides and clathrates are based on **chemisorption** processes that make the recovery of stored H<sub>2</sub> difficult.

Given the limitations of these traditional materials, MOFs seem to have certain advantages:

- 1) Crystallinity and structural diversity.
- 2) Permanent long-range porosity.
- 3) Almost infinite compositional diversity derived from the combination of different metal centers and ligands.
- 4) Ability to design and decorate the pores by unsaturation strategies of the coordination centers, functional groups, post-synthetic modifications.
- 5) These characteristics are also advantageous for:

These characteristics are also advantageous for:

- i) Storage of  $\text{CH}_4$  (energy).
- ii)  $\text{CO}_2$  sequestration; of volatile organic compounds (VOC) (safety, health ...).
- iii) Selective separation of substances of industrial interest.
- iv) Catalysts in heterogeneous catalysis processes through the specific design of pores (eg metallic nano-crystals).
- v) Drug dispensers (biocompatible MOFs).
- vi) Implementation of interesting physical properties (luminescent, magnetic, ionic transport, electronic, etc.) that depend on the nature of the molecules included in the pores (sensors, devices).

# MOFs BASED ON POLYNUCLEAR SECONDARY BUILDING UNITS (SBUs)

All these attributes have contributed to intense activity carried out in the design of coordination polymers leading to spectacular advances in the synthesis of new porous MOF materials, as well as to the development of new rational synthetic strategies in which stability, control of pore size, organic functionality etc are fundamental aspects.

These strategies include methods to avoid interpenetration of networks or collapse of the framework when the solvent molecules located in the channels are evacuated (many of them have to be "emptied" by soft methods such as liophilization or using critical CO<sub>2</sub>).

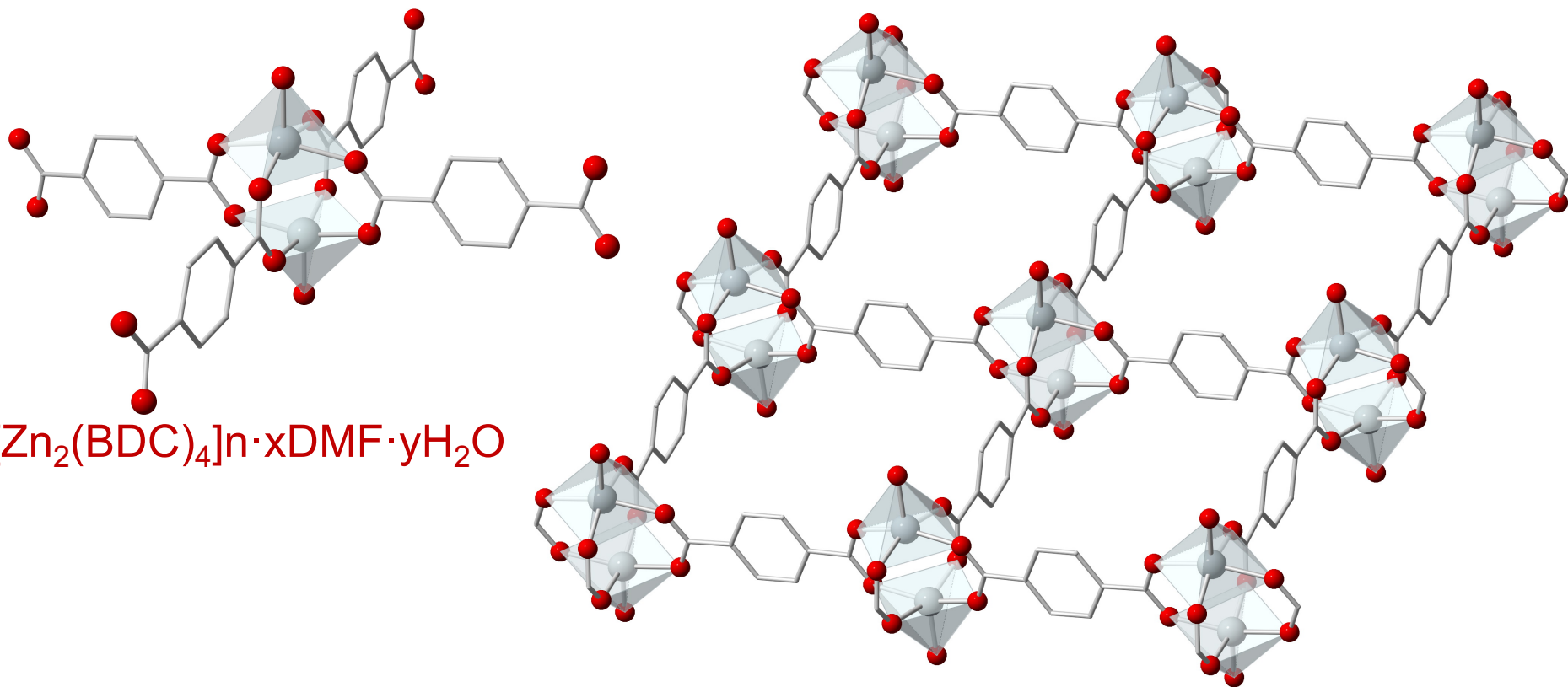
It has been concluded that simple Metal-Ligand coordination links as generators of the network nodes are in many cases not robust enough due in part to the lability of the metal coordination sphere, which possibly confers fragility to empty MOFs structures.

The discovery of metallic polynuclear units as robust nodes in porous networks (SBUs), is possibly one of the ideas that have most influenced the evolution of research in the last 10-15 years and, together with the aspects mentioned above, continues being one of the main axes of research into MOFs.

# **SELECTION OF SOME SIGNIFICANT MOFs**



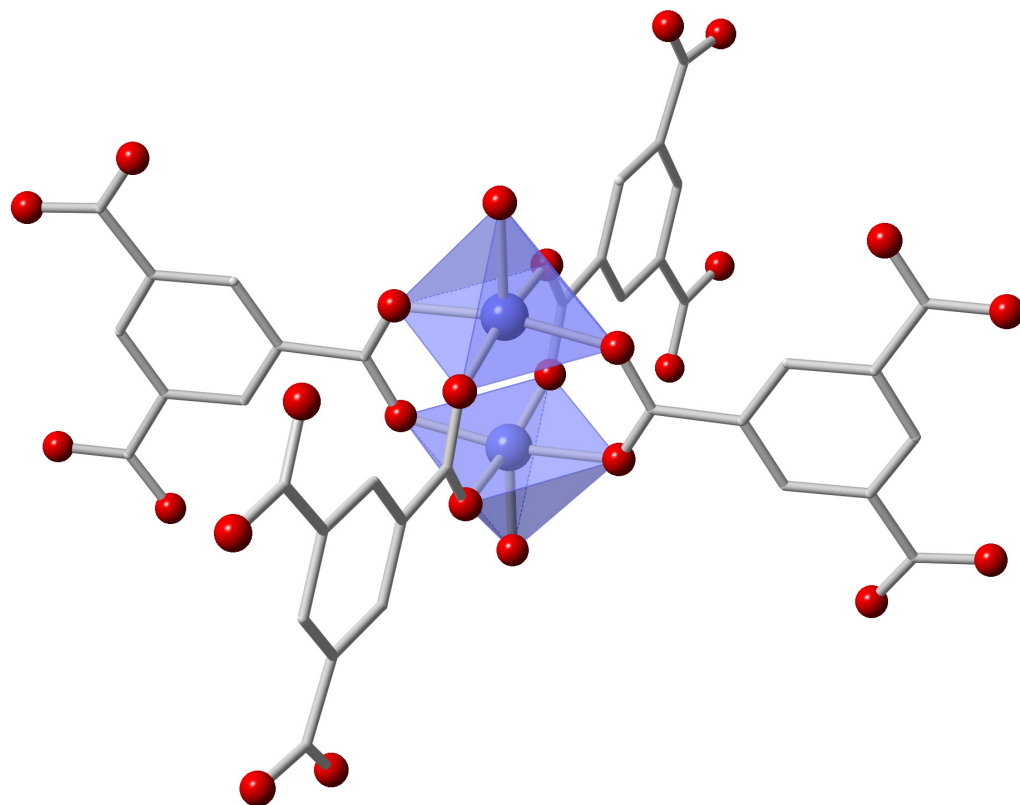
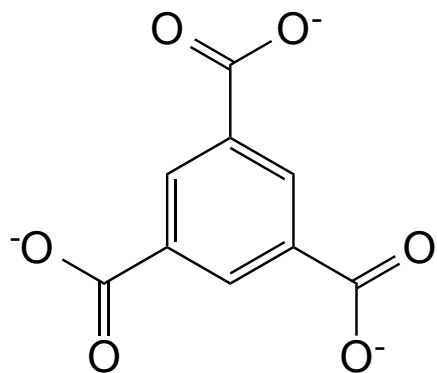
The concept of SBU was presented for the first time by O. Yaghi and collaborators (Li, H., Eddaoudi, M., Groy, TL & Yaghi, OM "Establishing microporosity in open metal-organic frameworks: gas sorption isotherms for Zn(BDC) (BDC = 1,4-benzenedicarboxylate)" *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 1998, 120, 8571-8572 ... It gives origin to the so-called MOF-2, which is a typical square network (4.4). The most significant feature are the nodes of the network made up of SBUs formulated  $[Zn_2(CO_2)_4]$  instead of a single metal ion.



After removing the DMF and  $H_2O$  molecules included between the 2D layers the resulting formulated compound  $[Zn(BDC)_2]_n$  is thermally stable in the temperature range 190-315 °C

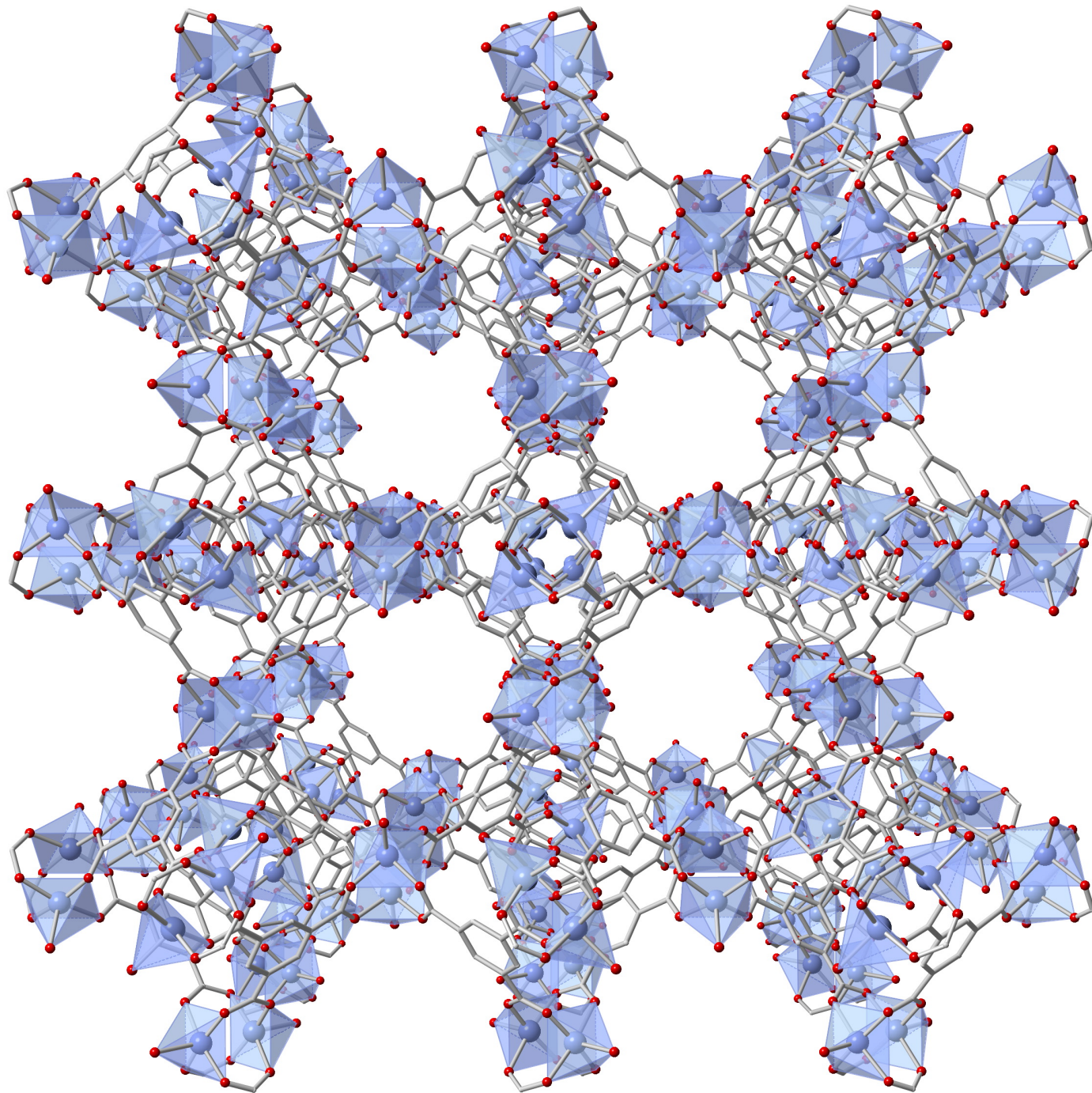
# HKUST-1 (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology)

Almost at the same time a group composed of the universities of Hong Kong and Bristol reported one of the most studied MOFs called HKUST-1 of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. The formula of this compound is  $[\text{Cu}_3(\text{TMA})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]_n$  where TMA is benzene-1,3,5-tricarboxylate. In this case the organic molecule acts as an IC3 node that alternates with IC4 nodes provided by the SBU  $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{CO}_2)_4]$  giving rise to a porous 3D network.

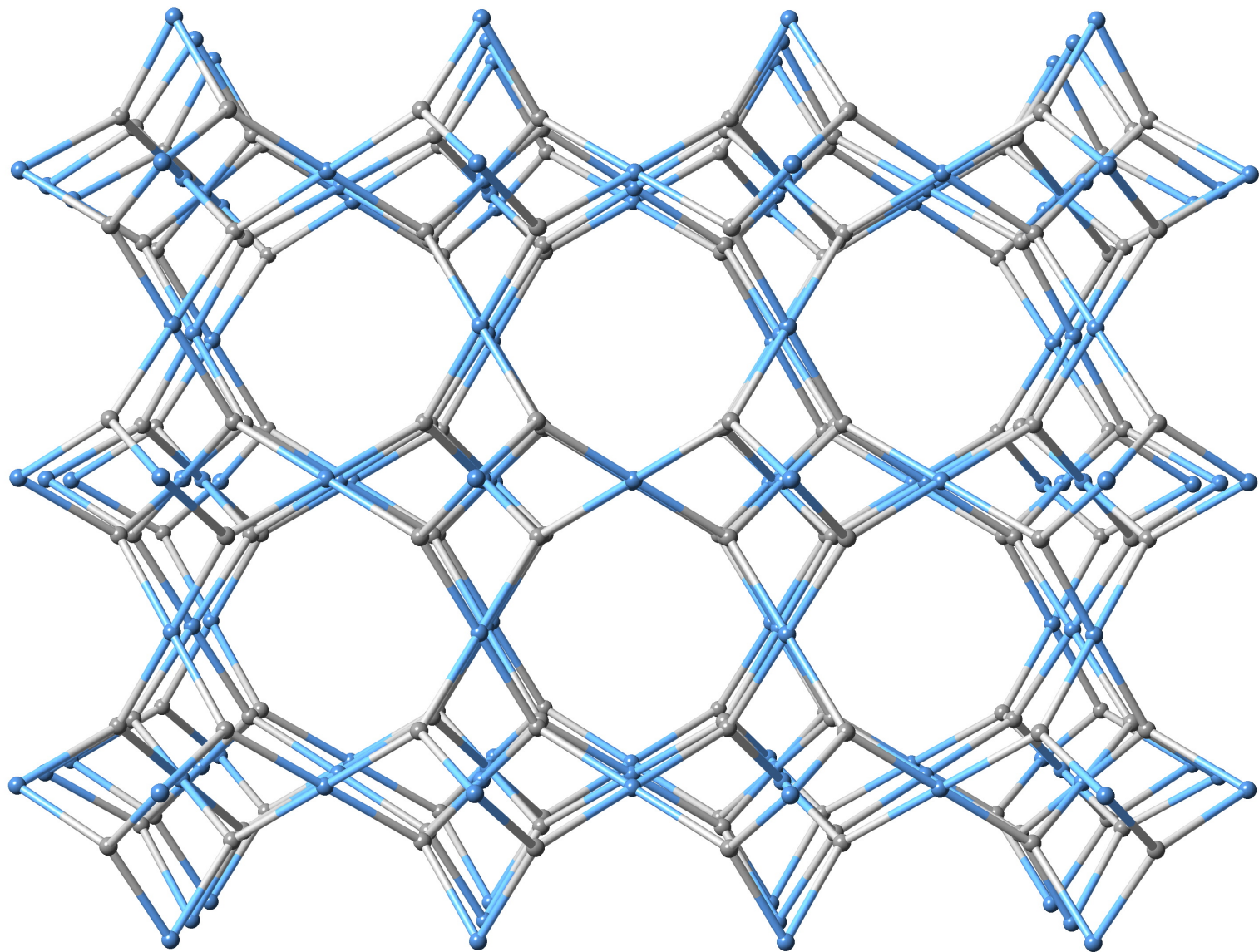


S.S.Y. Chui, S.M.F. Lo, J. P. H. Charmant, A.G. Orpen, I. D. Williams "A Chemically Functionalizable Nanoporous Material  $[\text{Cu}_3(\text{TMA})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]_n$ " *Science* 1999, 283, 1148-1150.

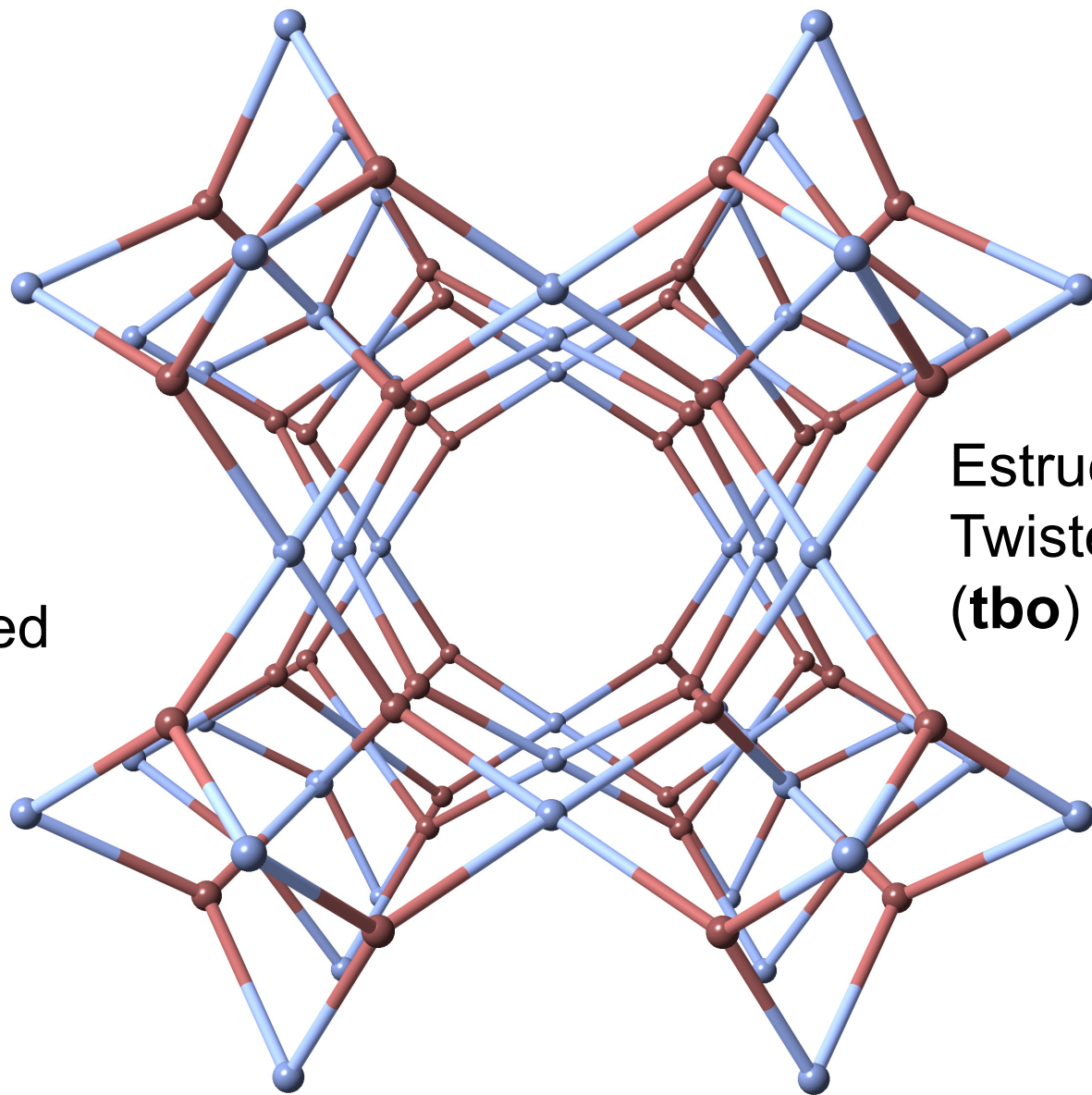
# HKUST-1



# HKUST-1



# HKUST-1

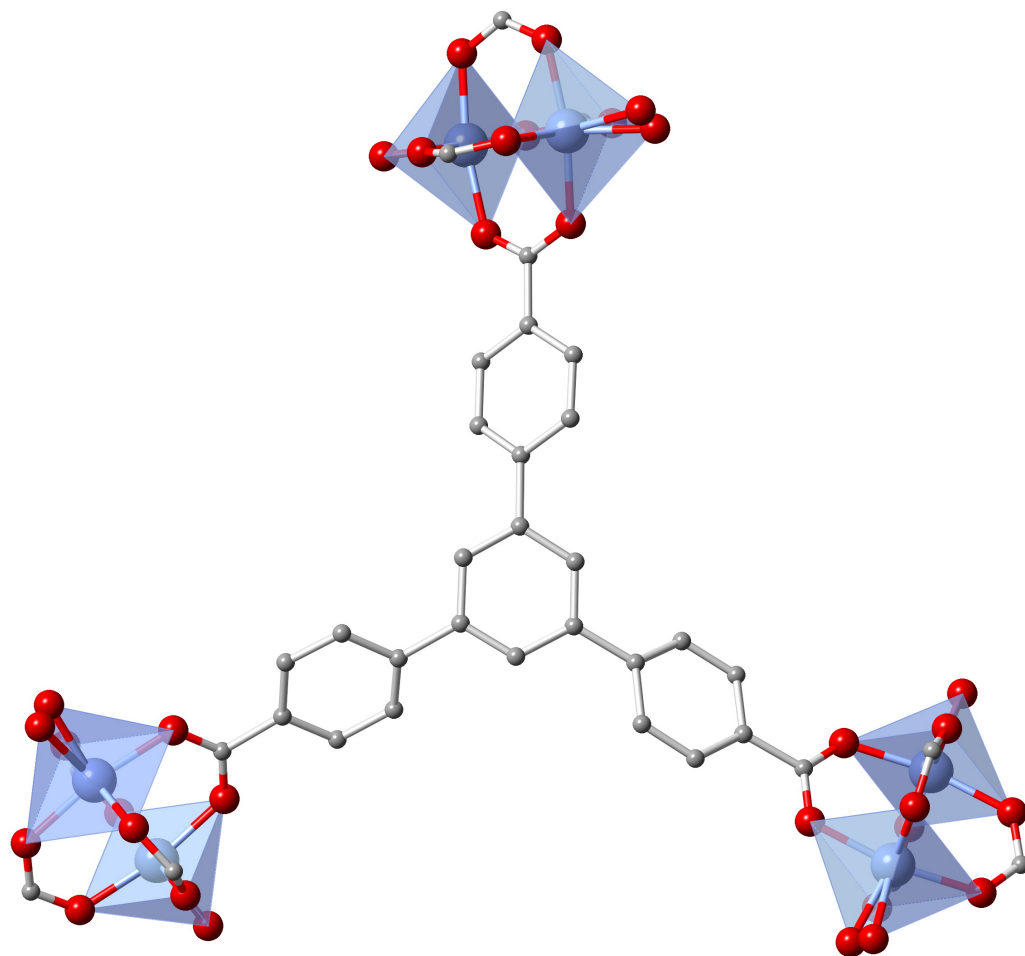
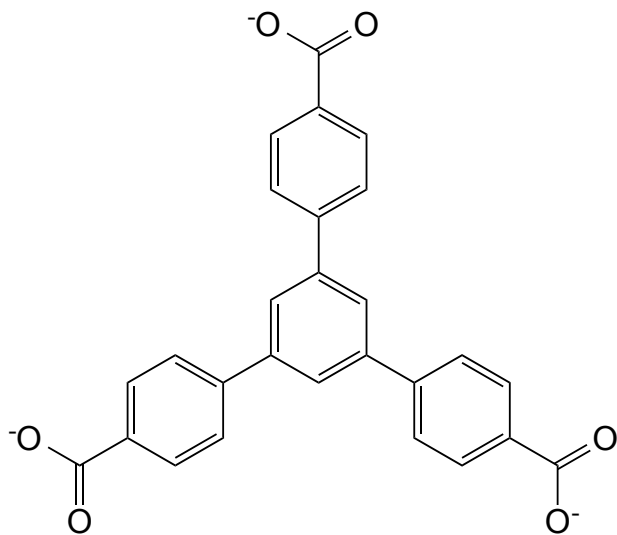


Network  
3,4 connected

Estructure type :  
Twisted boracite  
(**tbo**)

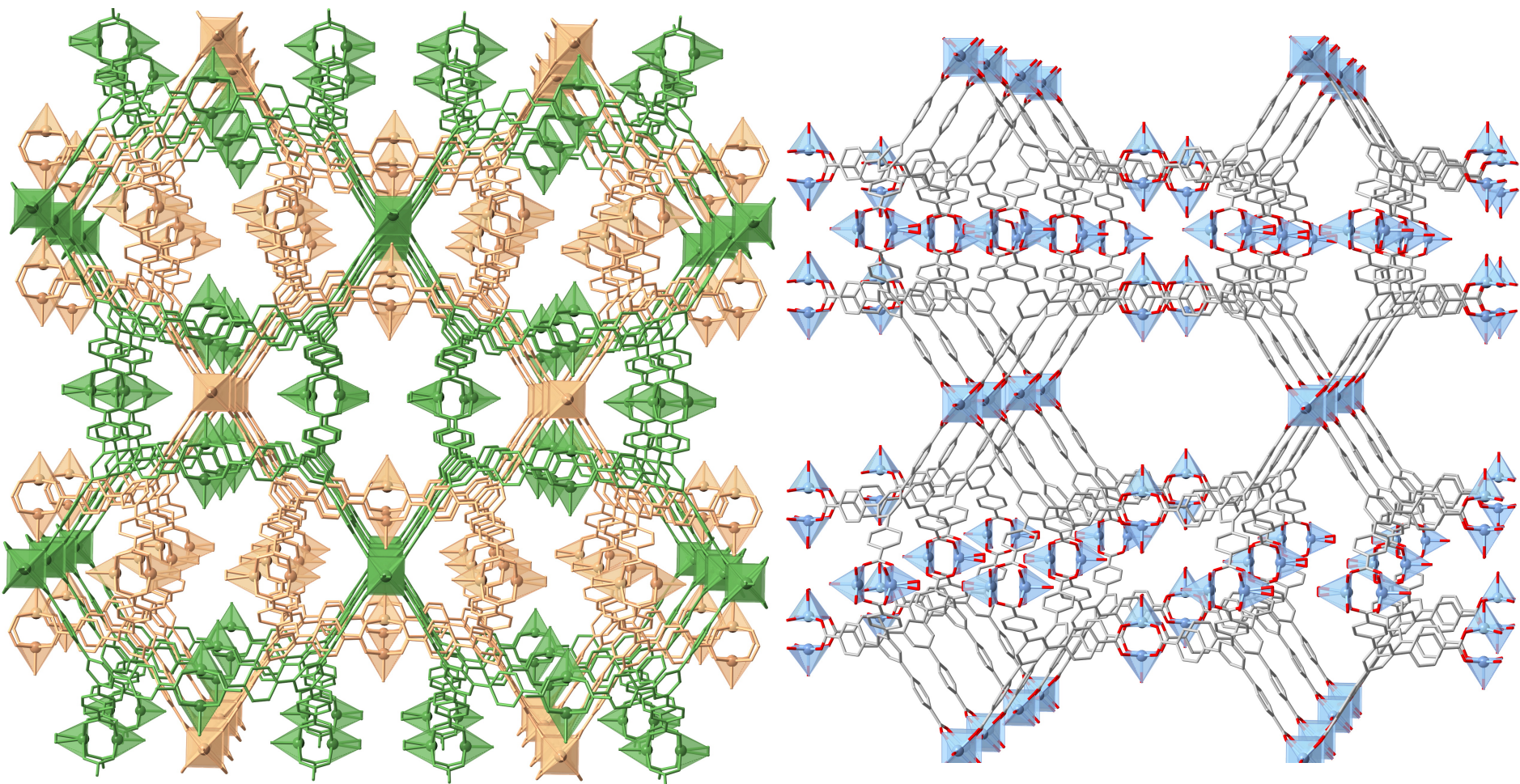
# MOF-14

A variant of the HKUST-1 system was published by B. Chen, M. Eddaoudi, S.T. Hyde, M. O'Keeffe, O.M. Yaghi, "Interwoven Metal-Organic Framework on a Periodic Minimal Surface with Extra-Large Pores" *Science* 2001, 291, 1021-1023. These authors combine 1,3,5-benzenetri-4,4',4''-tribenzoic acid (BTB) with  $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and DMF to get the compound  $\text{Cu}_3(\text{BTB})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3 \cdot (\text{DMF})_9(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$  (MOF-14).

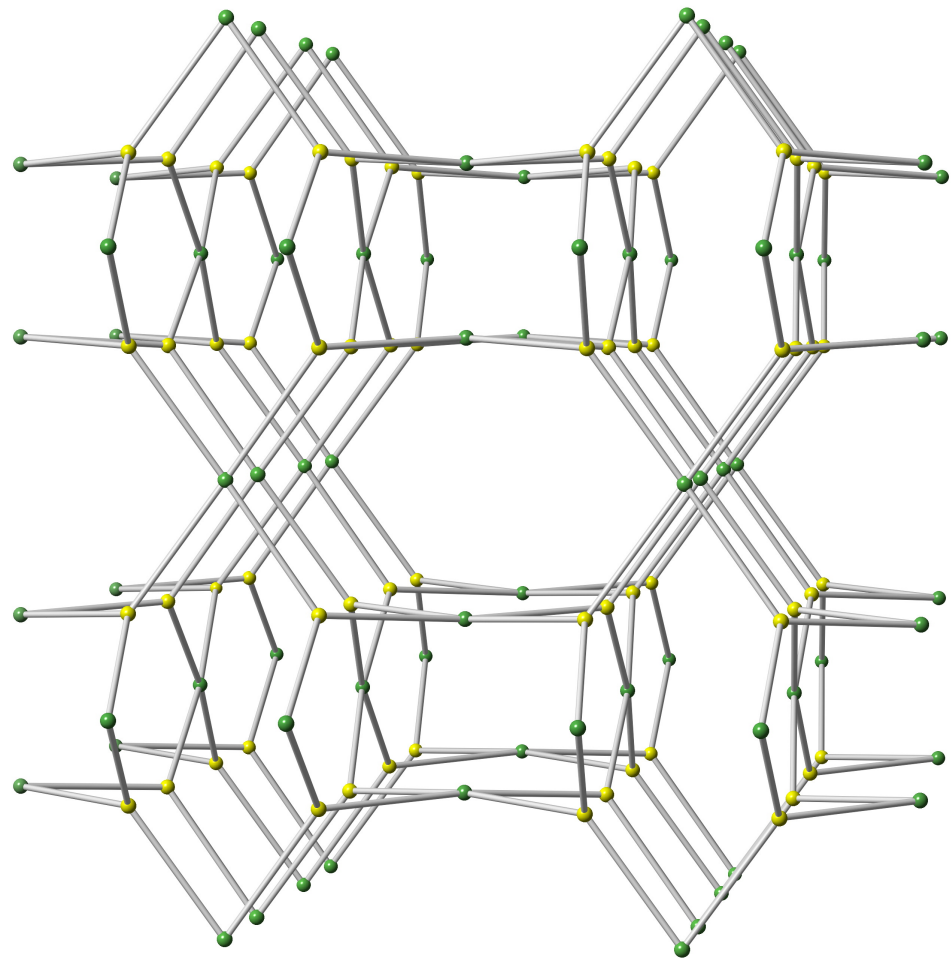


# MOF-14

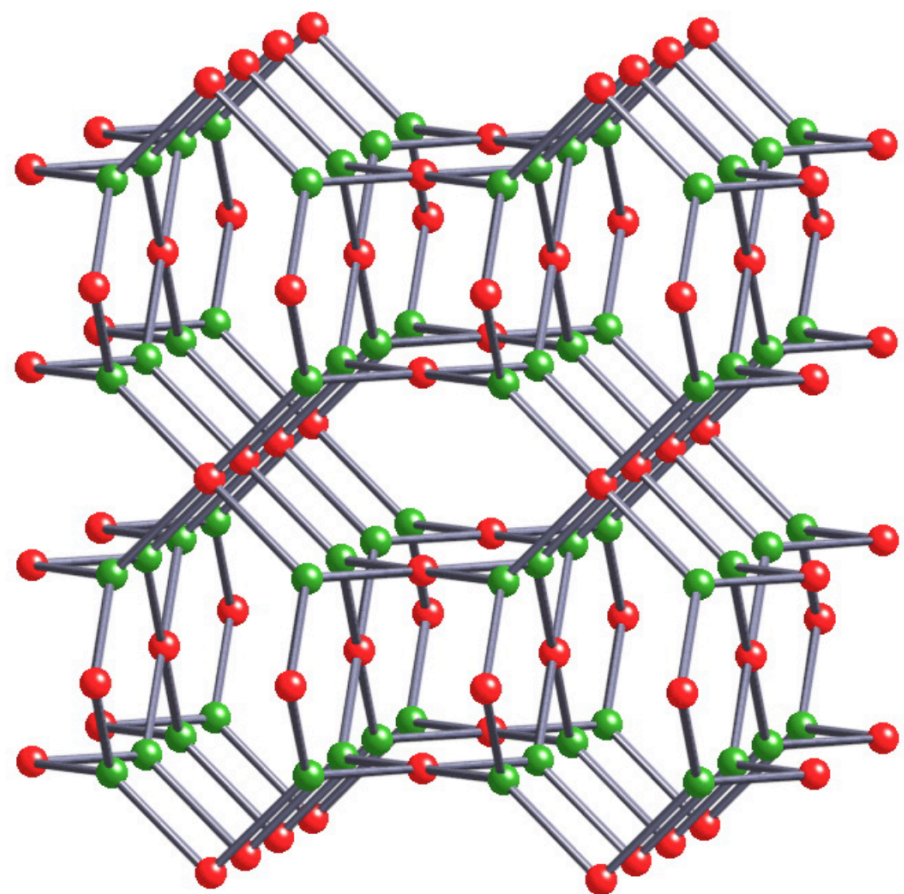
This is a case of two identical interpenetrated networks



# Network 3.4 connected with the type structure of $\text{Pt}_3\text{O}_4$



$\text{Pt}_3\text{O}_4$  structure from MOF-14



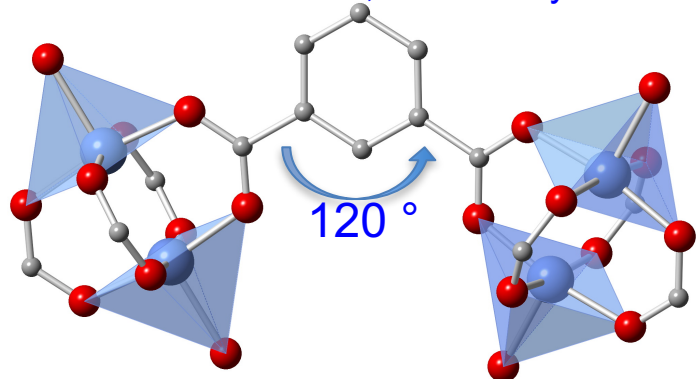
Structure of  $\text{Pt}_3\text{O}_4$



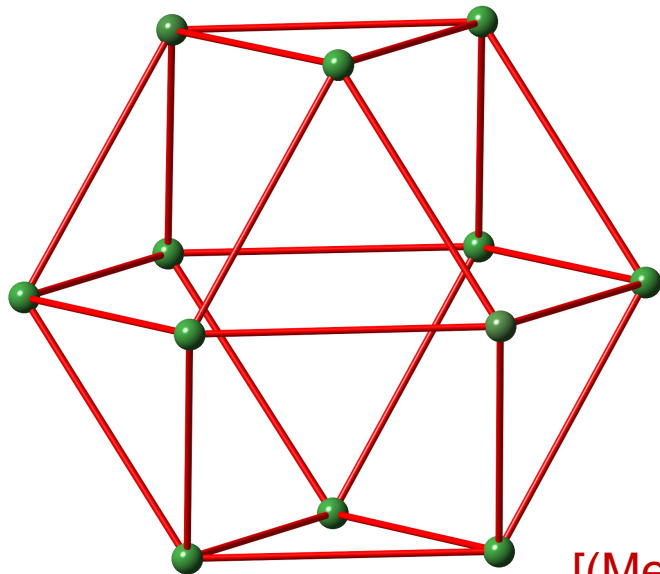
# IMPORTANCE OF BRIDGE LIGAND GEOMETRY

For a given SBU cationic unit, the geometry of the organic unit is essential in the final result

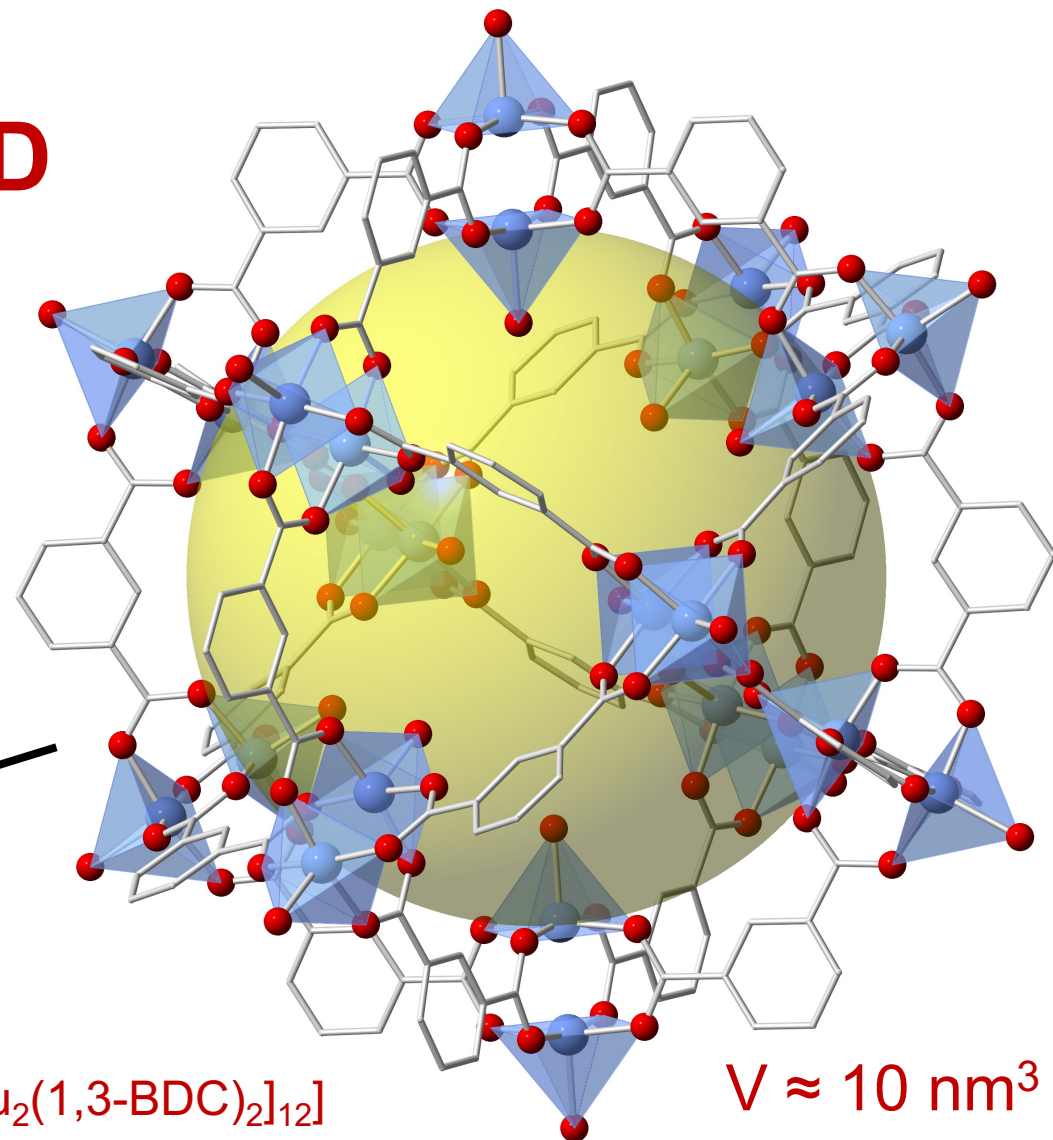
Benzene 1,3-dicarboxylate



Cuboctahedron

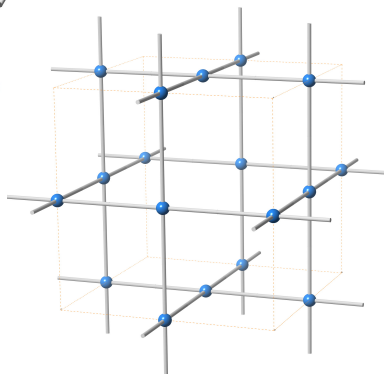
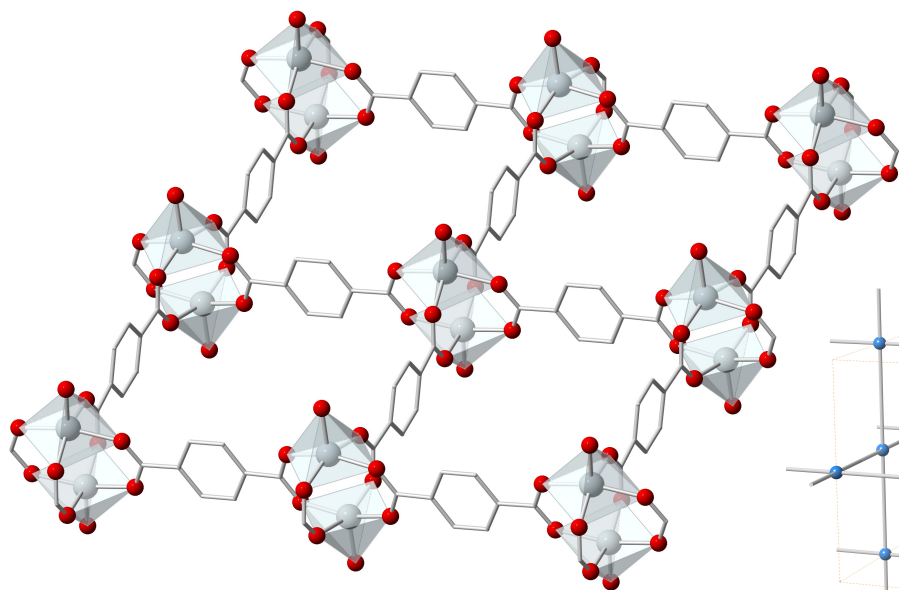
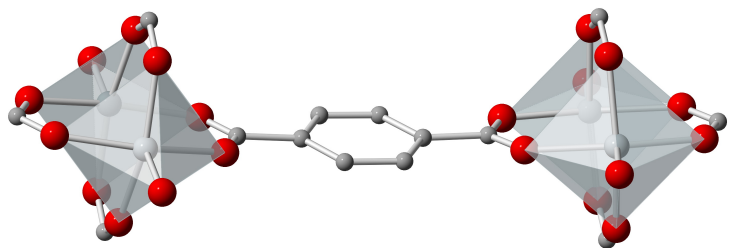
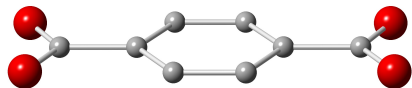
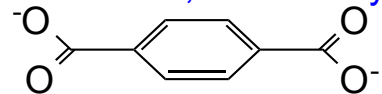


0D

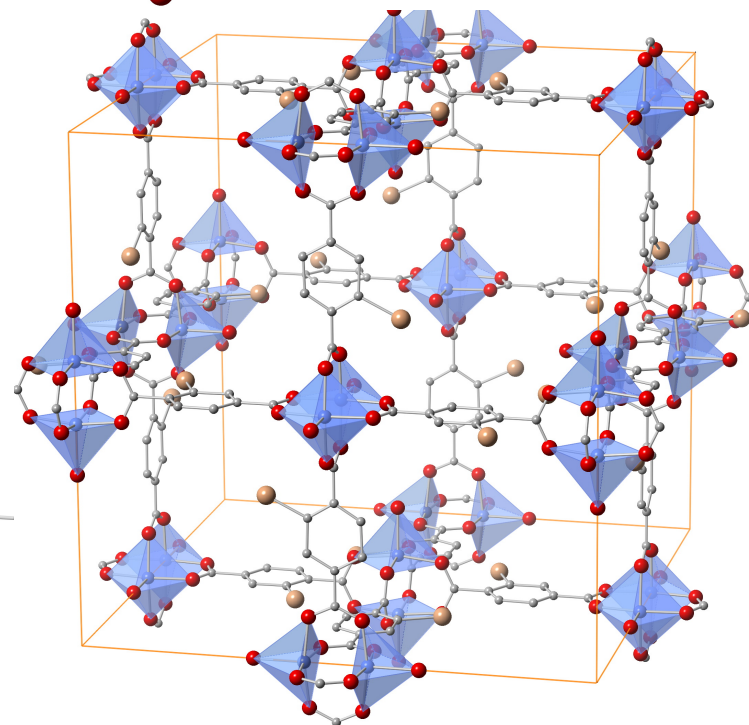
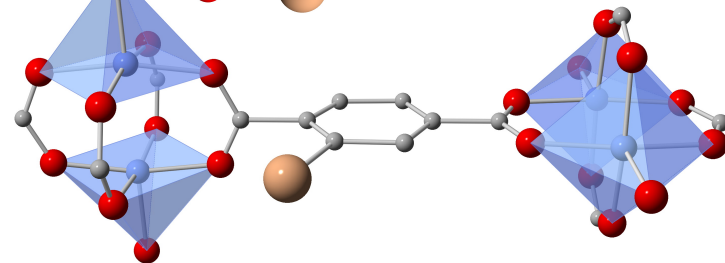
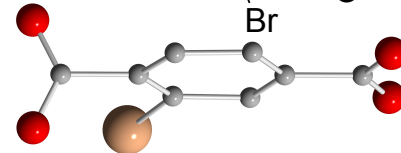
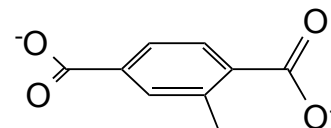


# Red 2D (4,4)

Benzene 1,4-dicarboxylate

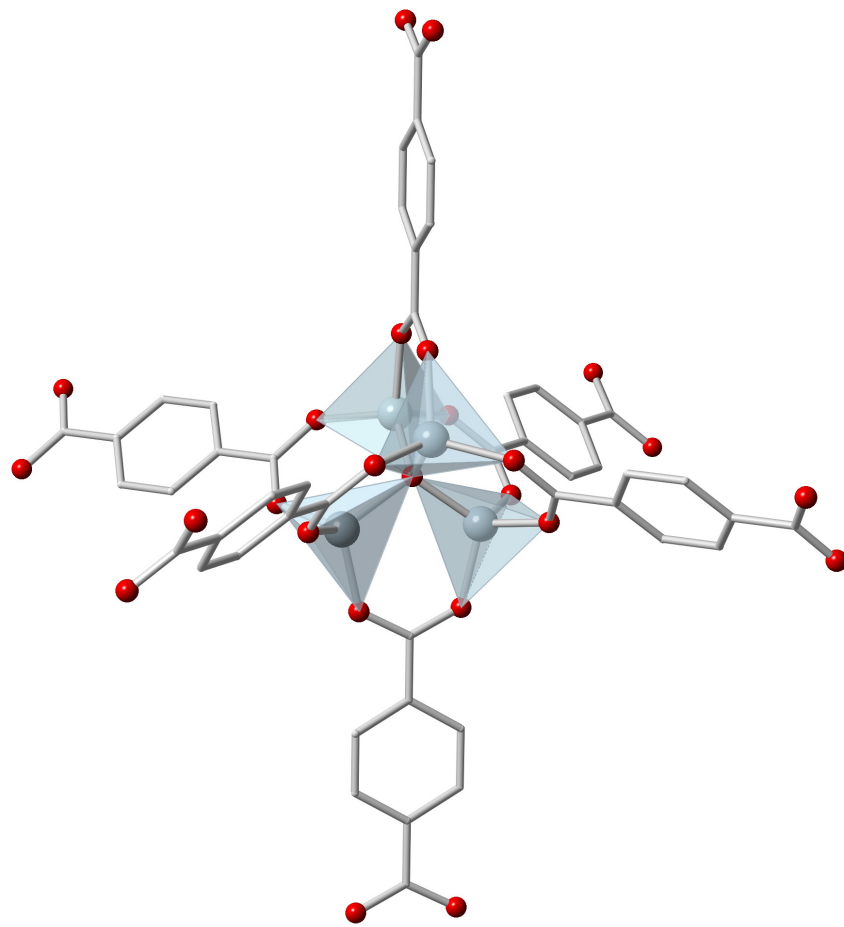
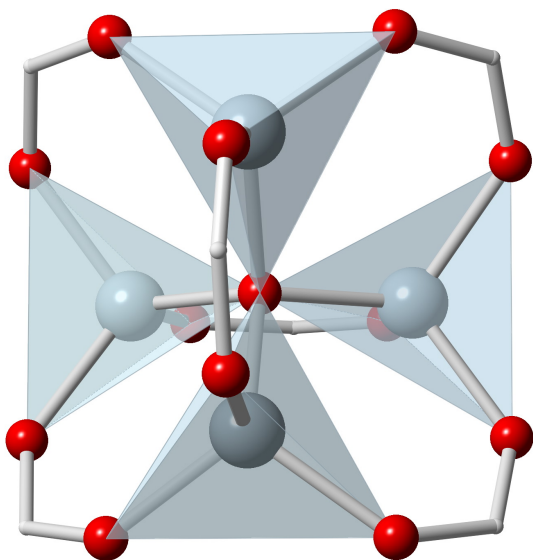


# Red 3D NbO

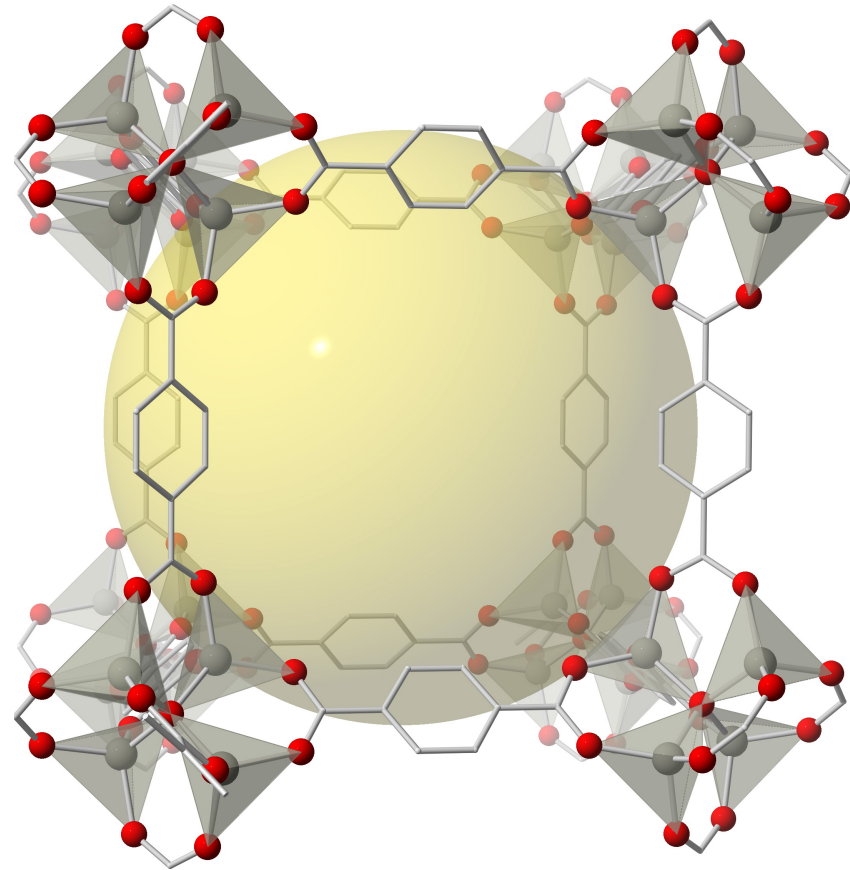
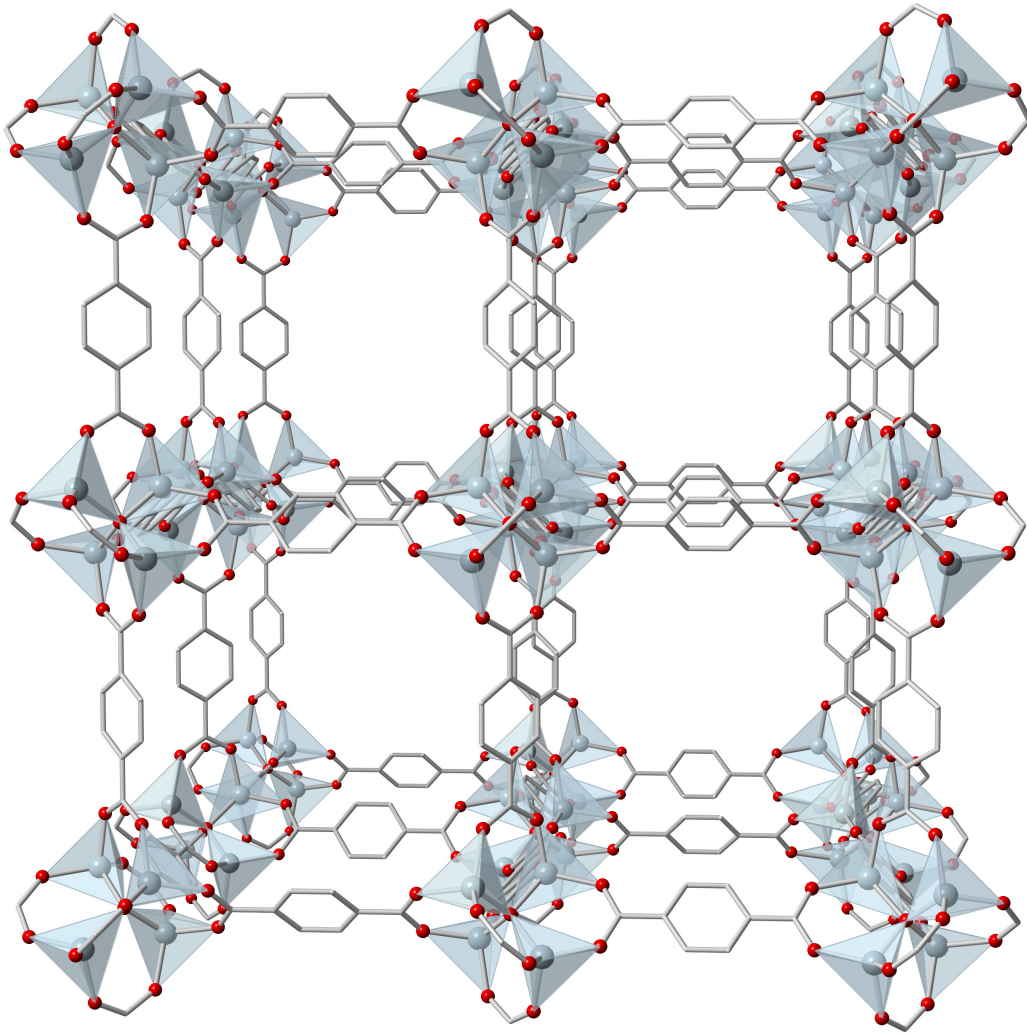


# MOF-5

The Yaghi's team studied the synthesis conditions to generate in situ tetranuclear SBU nodes formulated  $[Zn_4O(CO_2)_6]$  which consist in  $ZnO_4$  tetrahedrons linked by a common vertex and six carboxylate groups that define the axes of an octahedron. Therefore, the SBU extends the structure, resulting in a much more regular cubic 3D network than MOF-14. The compound is formulated  $Zn_4O(BDC)_3 \cdot (DMF)_8(C_6H_5Cl)$  (H. Li, M. Eddaoudi, M. O'Keeffe & O. M. Yaghi "Design and synthesis of an exceptionally stable and highly porous metal-organic framework" Nature **1999**, 402, 276-279).



# MOF-5



This network has high porosity and stability

# PROPERTIES OF MOF-5

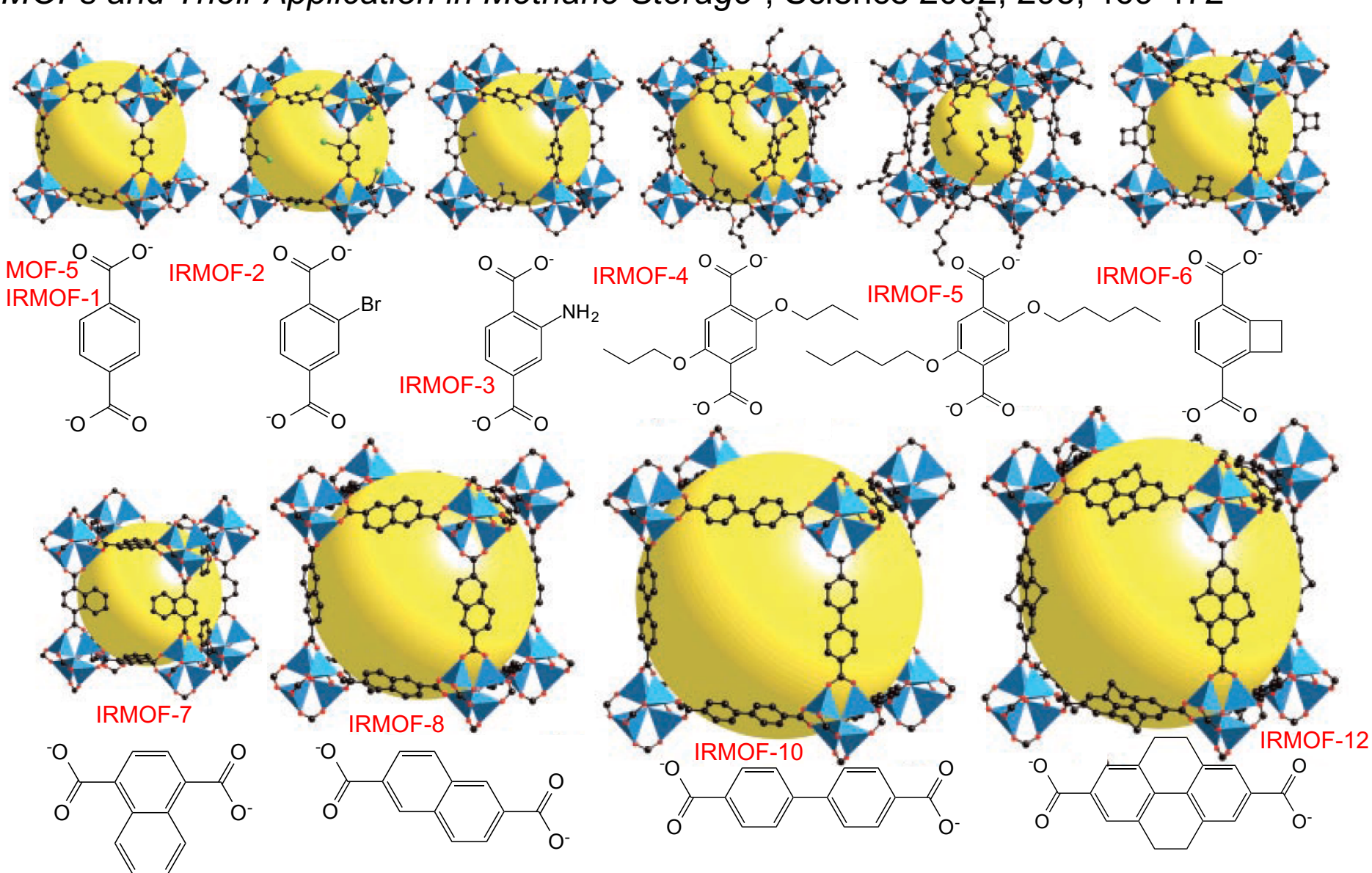
Once removed the solvent molecules from MOF-5 at around 350°C, the activated compound is able to adsorb enormous amounts of Ar, N<sub>2</sub> or solvents such as CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>, CCl<sub>4</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>12</sub> (see table). Assuming that the ideal conditions of the Langmuir isotherm are met (it is not very correct for very large pores) a specific pore area of 2900 m<sup>2</sup>/g is estimated.

Adsorbate	T/°C	Amount Ad. (mg/g)	Molec. unit cell
Ar	-194	1492	230
N <sub>2</sub>	-194	831	183
CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	22	1211	88
CHCl <sub>3</sub>	22	1367	71
C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	22	802	63
CCl <sub>4</sub>	22	1472	59
C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>12</sub>	22	703	51

(In 2003 adsorption of H<sub>2</sub> record 7.1% weight at 77 K y 40 bar)

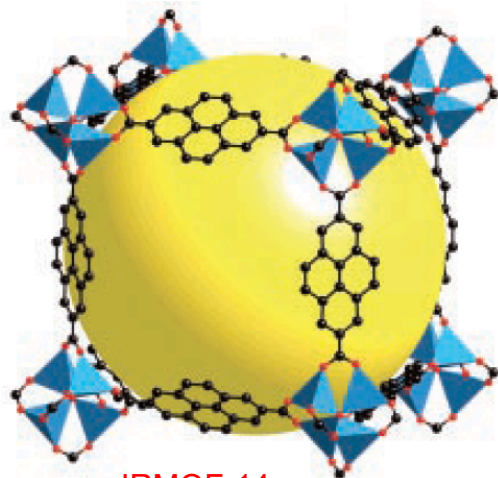
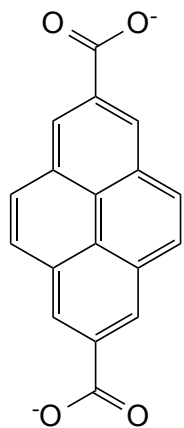
# SERIE ISORETICULAR

O. M. Yaghi et al. "Systematic Design of Pore Size and Functionality in Isoreticular MOFs and Their Application in Methane Storage", Science 2002, 295, 469-472

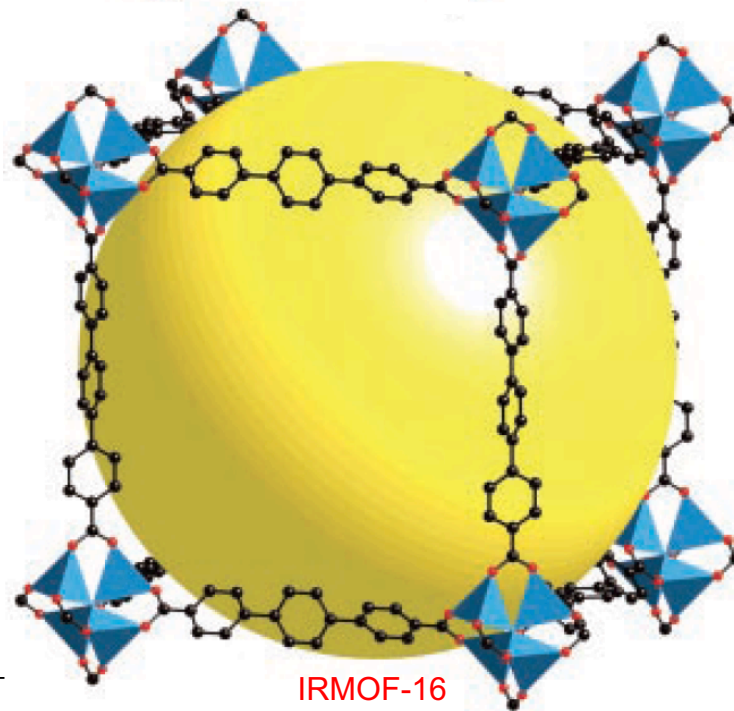
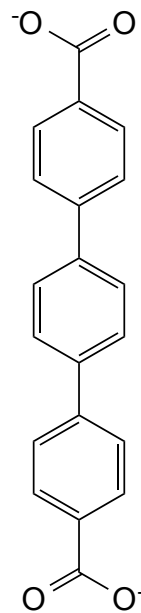


# SERIE ISORETICULAR

O. M. Yaghi et al. "Systematic Design of Pore Size and Functionality in Isoreticular MOFs and Their Application in Methane Storage", Science 2002, 295, 469-472



IRMOF-14

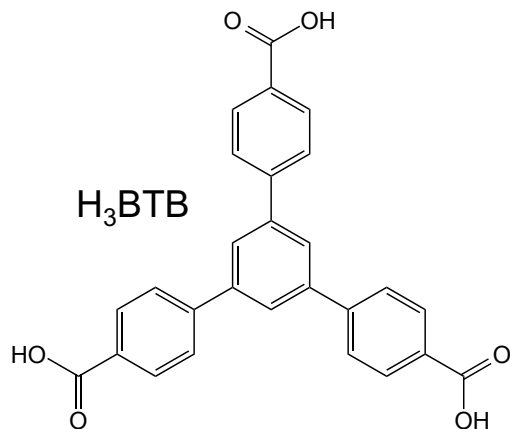


IRMOF-16

The members of this series with longer bridge ligands have pore sizes in the range of mesoporous materials ( $> 20 \text{ \AA}$ ) and the lowest density observed for a crystalline material (so far, 2002). In particular IRMOF-6 presents the ability to adsorb  $\text{CH}_4$  to the greatest extent. During the preparation of this series the synthesis of MOF-5 was improved:  $\text{Zn}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O} + 1,4\text{-benzenedicarboxylic acid (BDC)}$  in DEF, heated ( $85^\circ\text{-}105^\circ \text{C}$ ) in autoclave.

# MOF-177

Once demonstrated that the SBU  $[\text{Zn}_4\text{O}(\text{CO}_2)_6]$  units are stable and afford robust MOFs with linear ligands of benzene-1,4-dicarboxylate type, a further step was to prove that this SBU could give stable networks with expanded ligands of different symmetry. To do this, 1,3,5-benzenetricarboxylic acid ( $\text{H}_3\text{BTB}$ ) was chosen, which reacts in DEF at  $100^\circ\text{C}$  with  $\text{Zn}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  to get  $\text{Zn}_4\text{O}(\text{BTB})_2 \cdot (\text{DEF})_{15}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3$  (H. K. Chae, D. Y. Siberio-Pérez, J. Kim, Y. Go, M. Eddaoudi, A. J. Matzger, M. O’Keeffe, O. M. Yaghi, “A route to high surface area, porosity and inclusion of large molecules in crystals”, *Nature*, 2004, 427, 523-527).



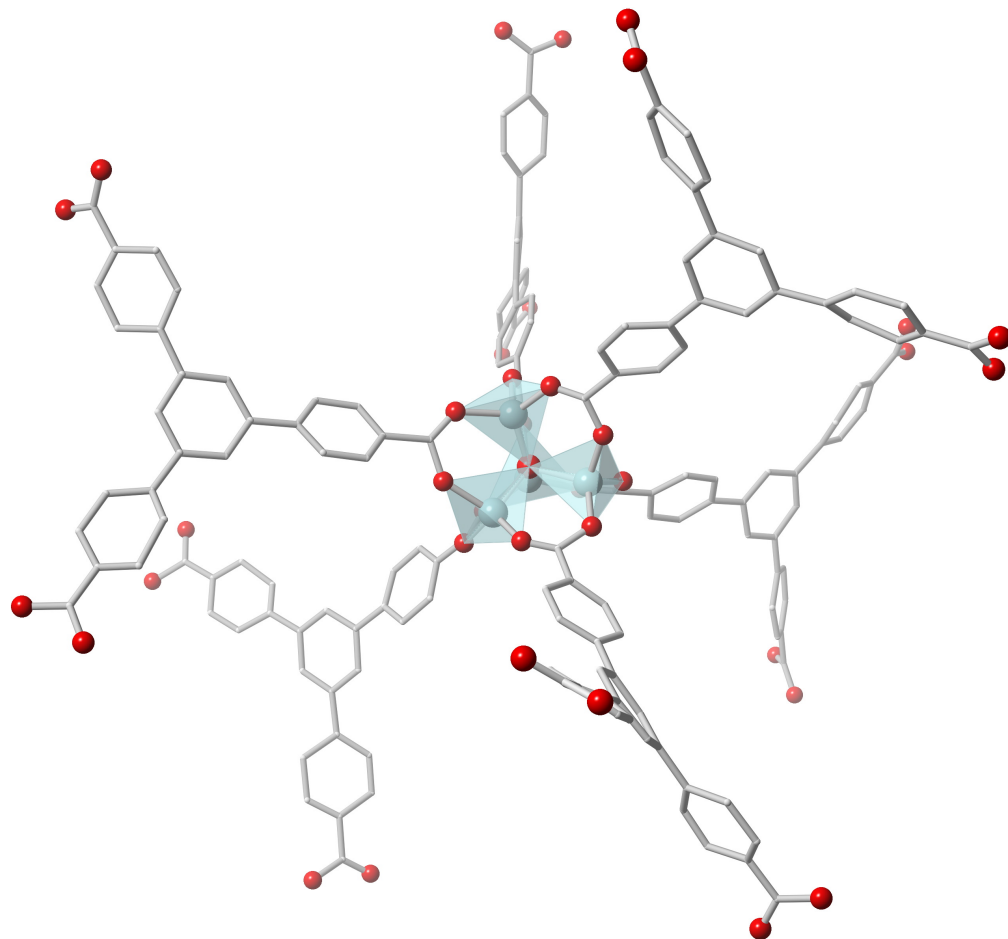
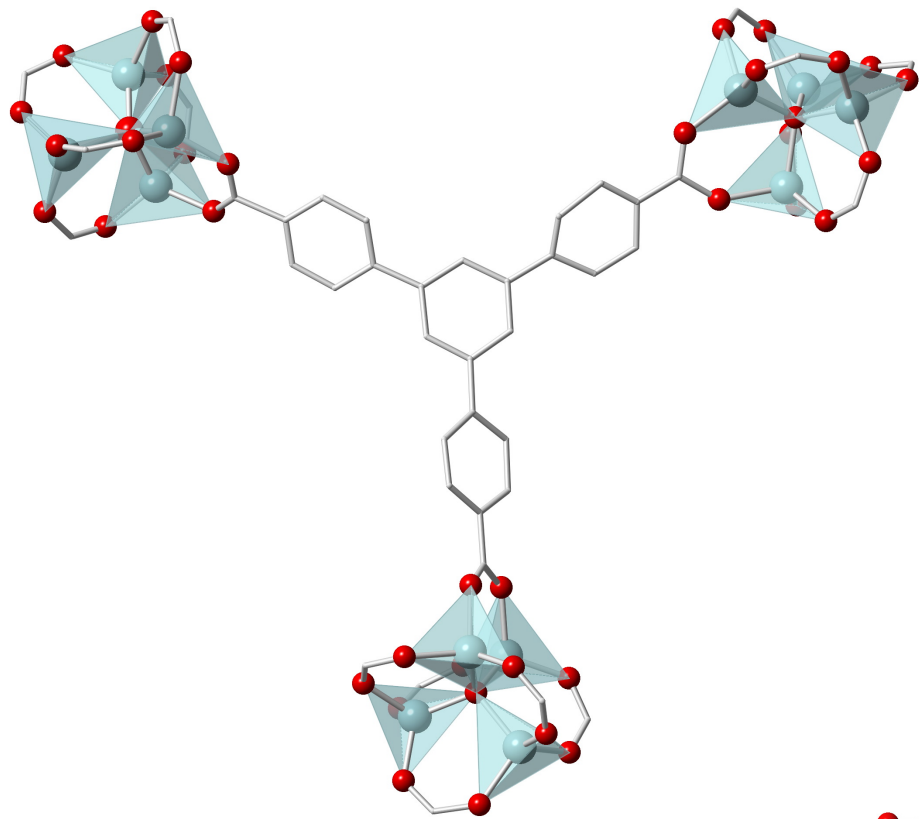
The thermal analysis shows that 48% of the mass is lost between  $50^\circ$  and  $100^\circ\text{C}$ , which corresponds to the solvent molecules located in the pores. The compound is thermally stable up to  $350^\circ\text{C}$  and once evacuated has a specific area (Langmuir) record of  $4500 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$  deduced from the adsorption of  $\text{N}_2$  (l) at 78 K.

This compound also has the ability to adsorb large organic molecules. The experiments were carried out with single crystals directly observing the colour change of the crystals. Submerging the crystals in a solution of  $\text{C}_{60}$  in toluene, the  $\text{C}_{60}$  is installed in the pores in a few days, the same happens with other large polycyclic dyes.

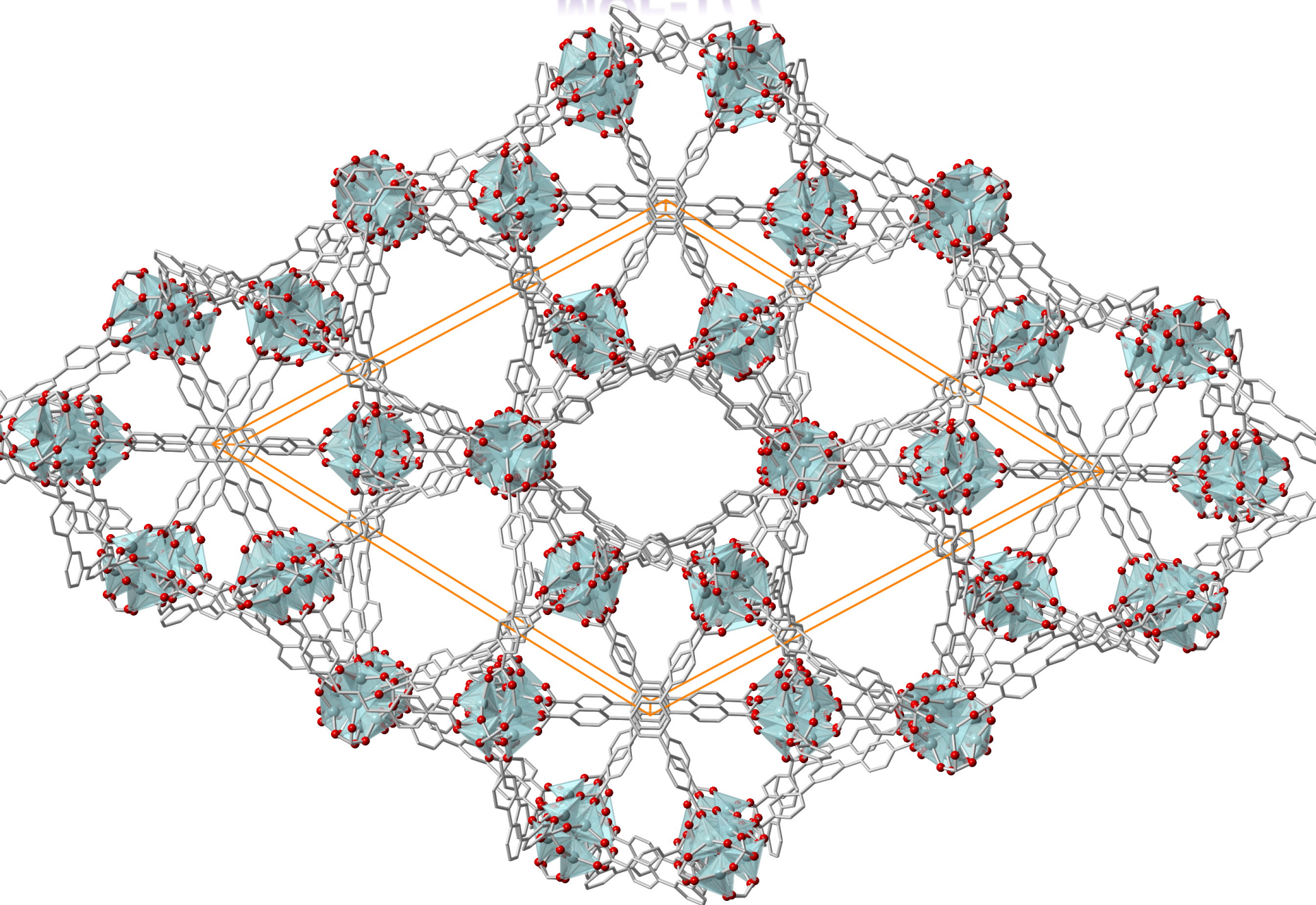


# MOF-177

It is a 3,6-connected network (left), each BTB act as an IC = 3 node, while each SBU  $[\text{Zn}_4\text{O}(\text{CO}_2)_6]$  acts with IC = 6 (right).



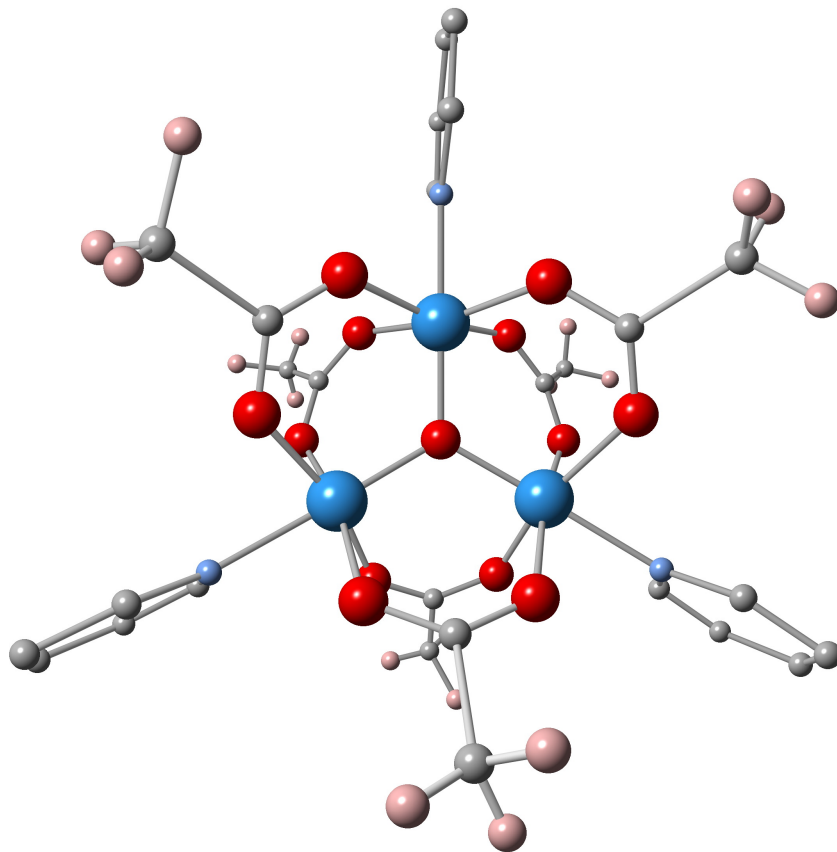
# MOF-177



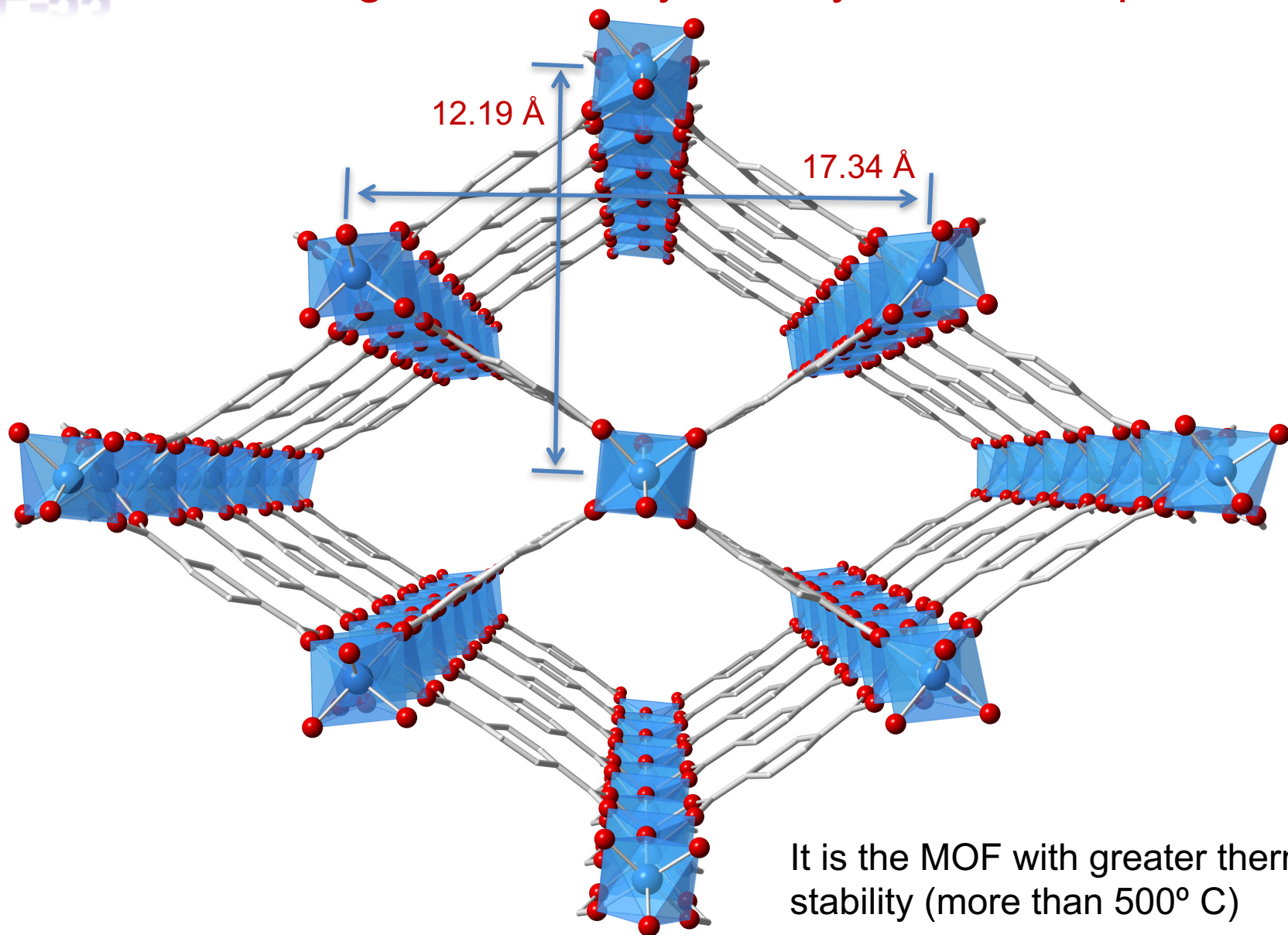
# SERIES MIL-N

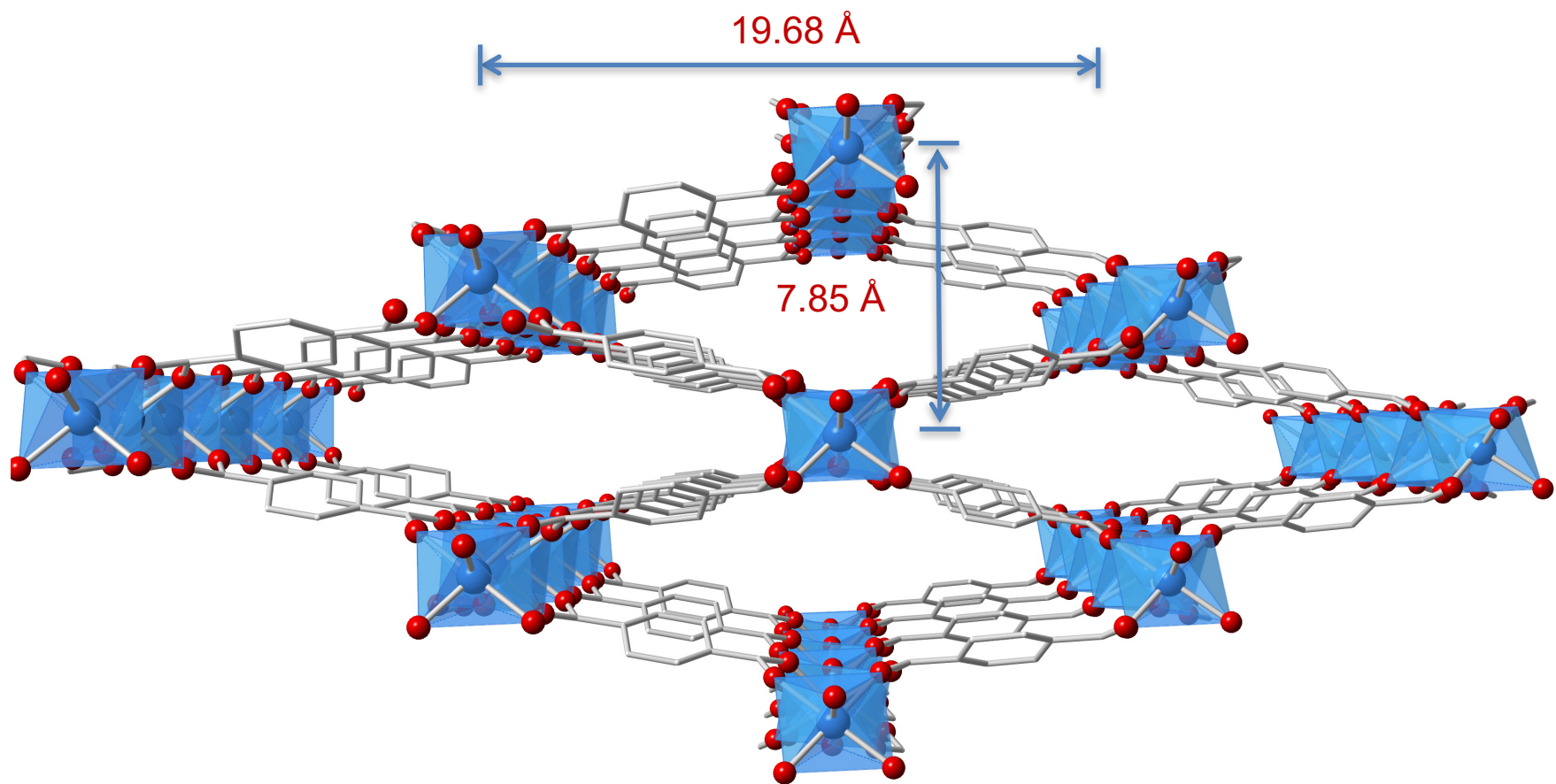
(Matériaux de l'Institut Lavoisier- U. Versailles Saint Quentin)

It is well known that trivalent ions V(III), Cr(III), Mn(III), Fe(III), Al(III), Ga(III) or In(III) easily form polioxo-species. Particularly interesting are those formed in presence of acetate groups because they generate trinuclear complexes  $M_3(\mu-O)(RCO_2)_6L_3$  typically L is pyridine.



Substitution of the acetate groups by polycarboxylic ligands such as benzene-1,4-dicarboxylate (BDC) gives rise to porous networks.

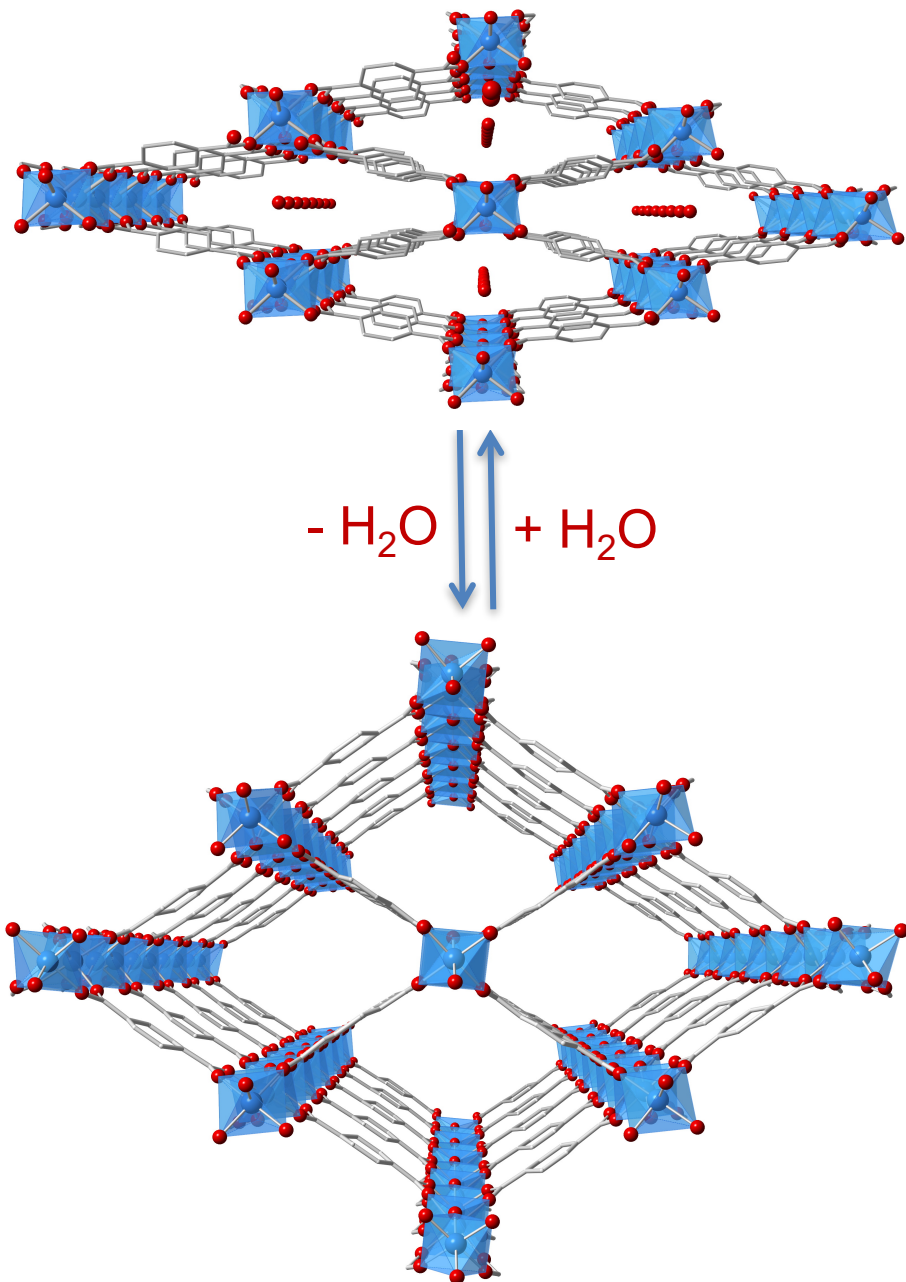




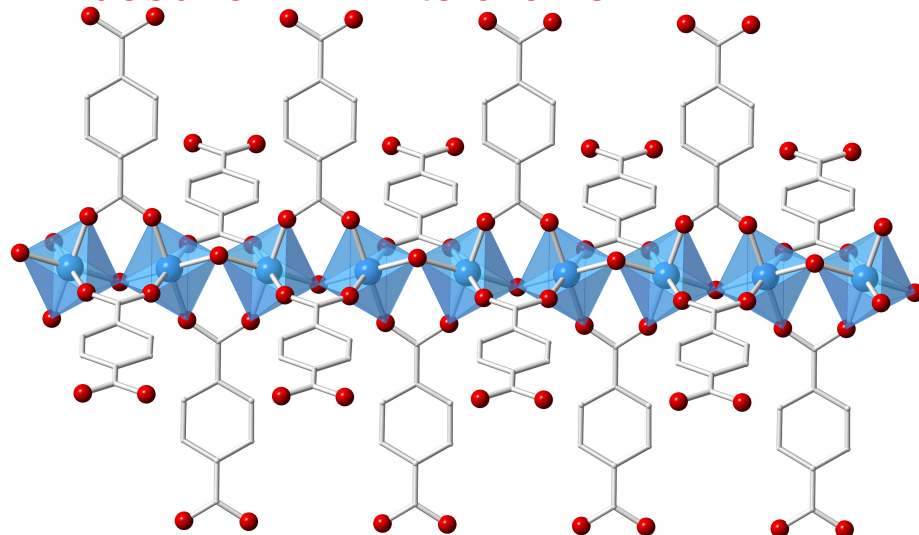
It is the MOF with greater thermal stability (more than 500° C)



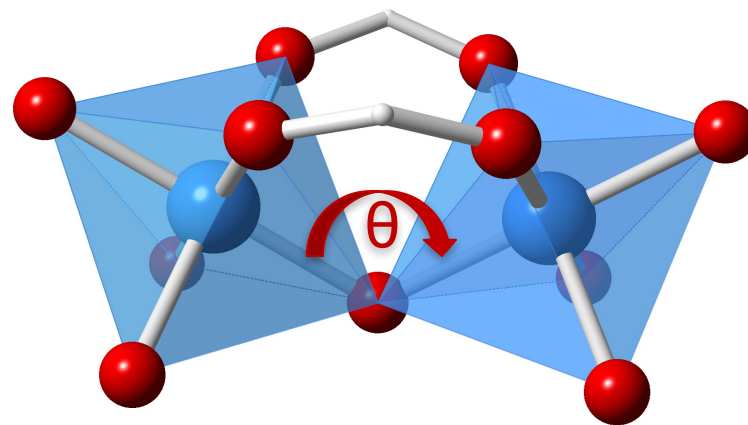
# MIL-53



The trinuclear SBU are not formed,  
Indeed form infinite chains



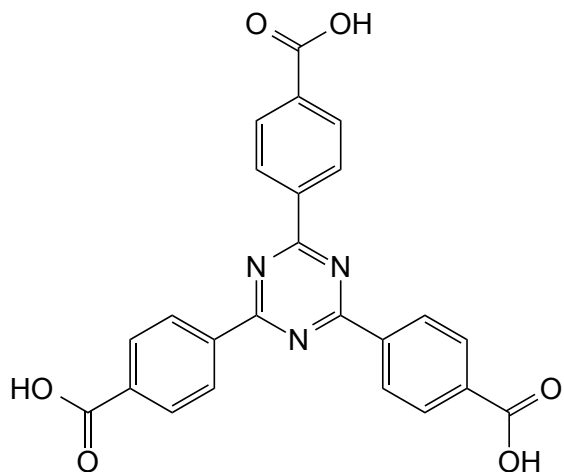
Mechanism associated with flexibility



$\theta = 121.7^\circ$  dehydrated  
 $\theta = 126.4^\circ$  hydrated

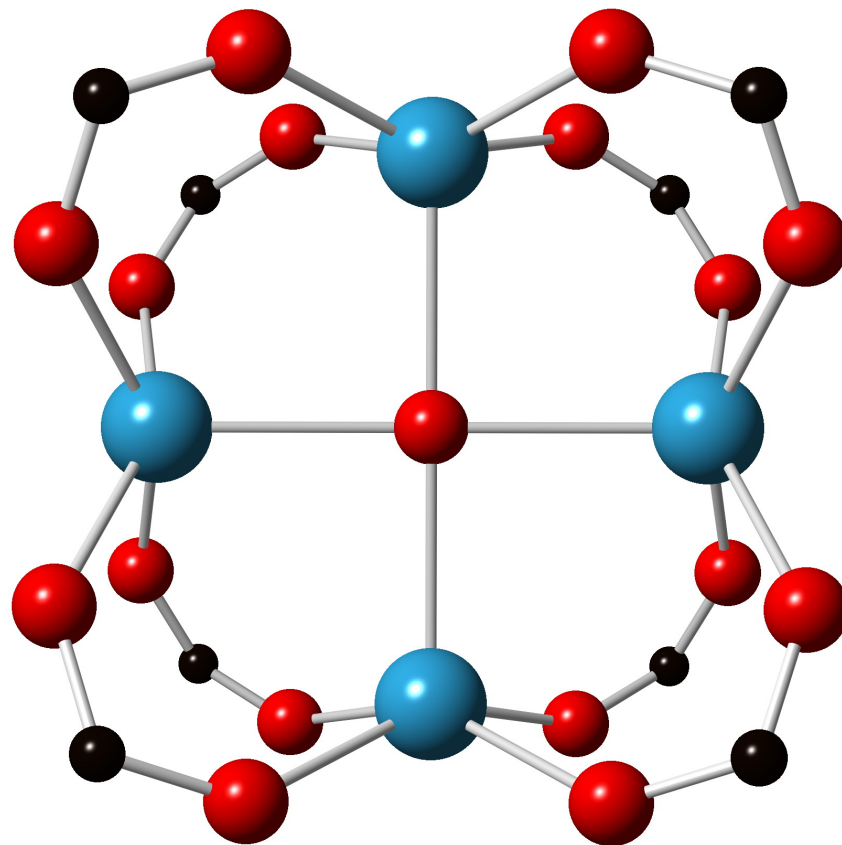
$\text{H}_2[\text{Co}_4\text{O}(\text{TATB})_{8/3}]$ :  
MOF with unsaturated metallic centers (UMCs)  
SBU  $\text{Co}_4(\mu_4\text{-O})(\text{CO}_2)_8$

Triconnected node



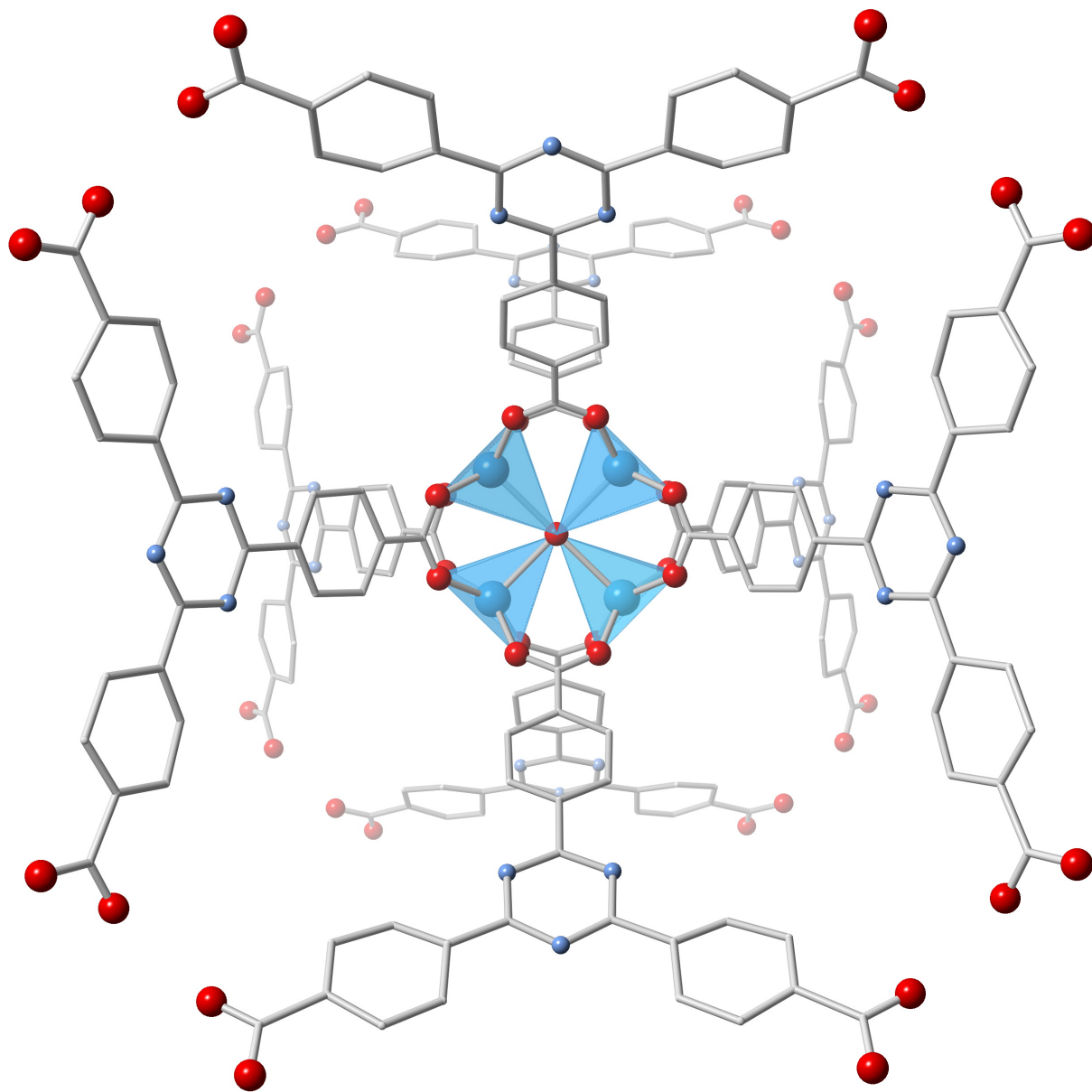
TATB = 4,4',4''-s-triazine-2,4,6-triyltribenzoate

Octaconnected node

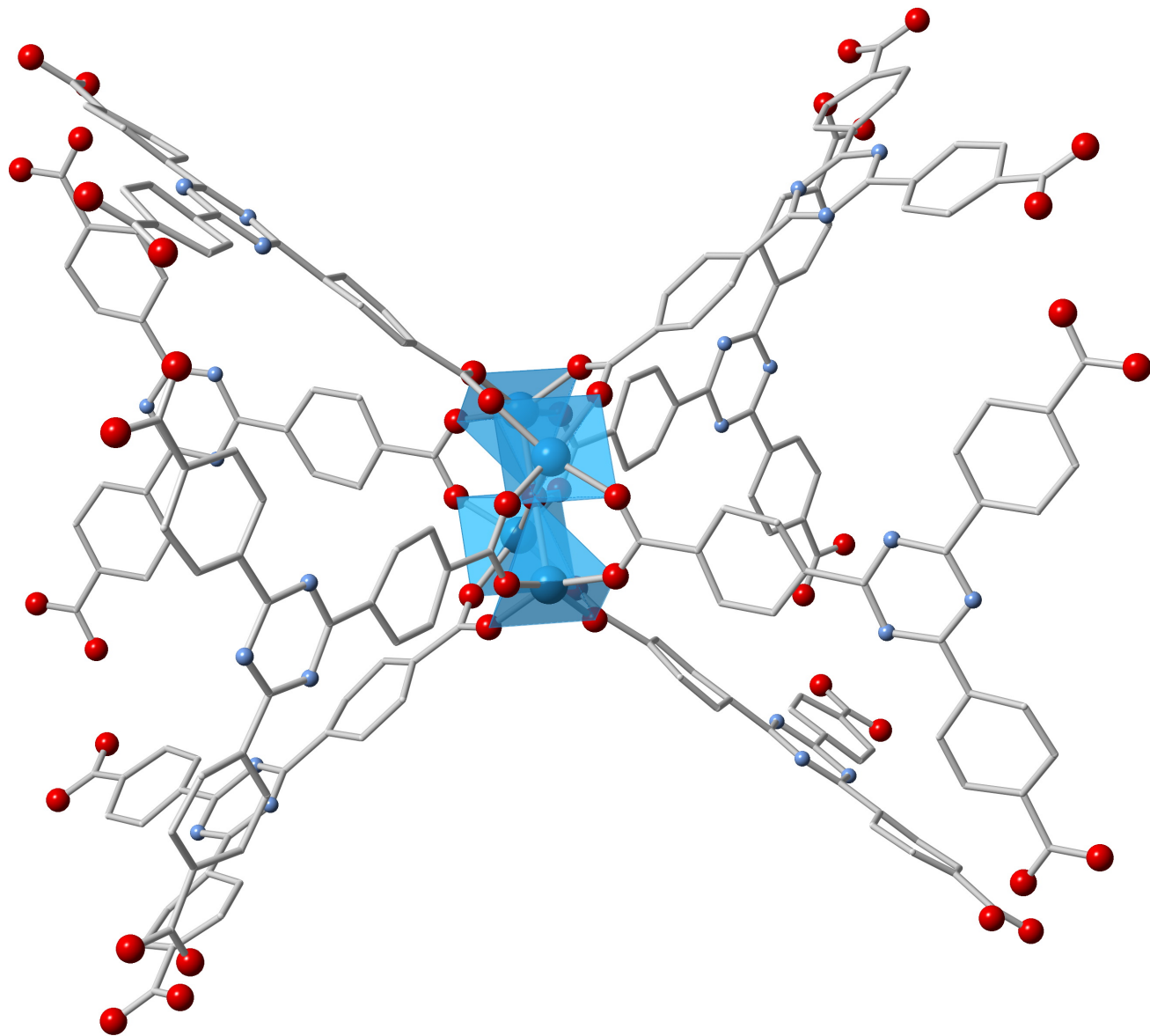


S. Ma and H-C. Zhou  
"A Metal-Organic Framework with Entatic Metal Centers  
Exhibiting High Gas Adsorption Affinity"  
J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2006, 128, 11734-11735

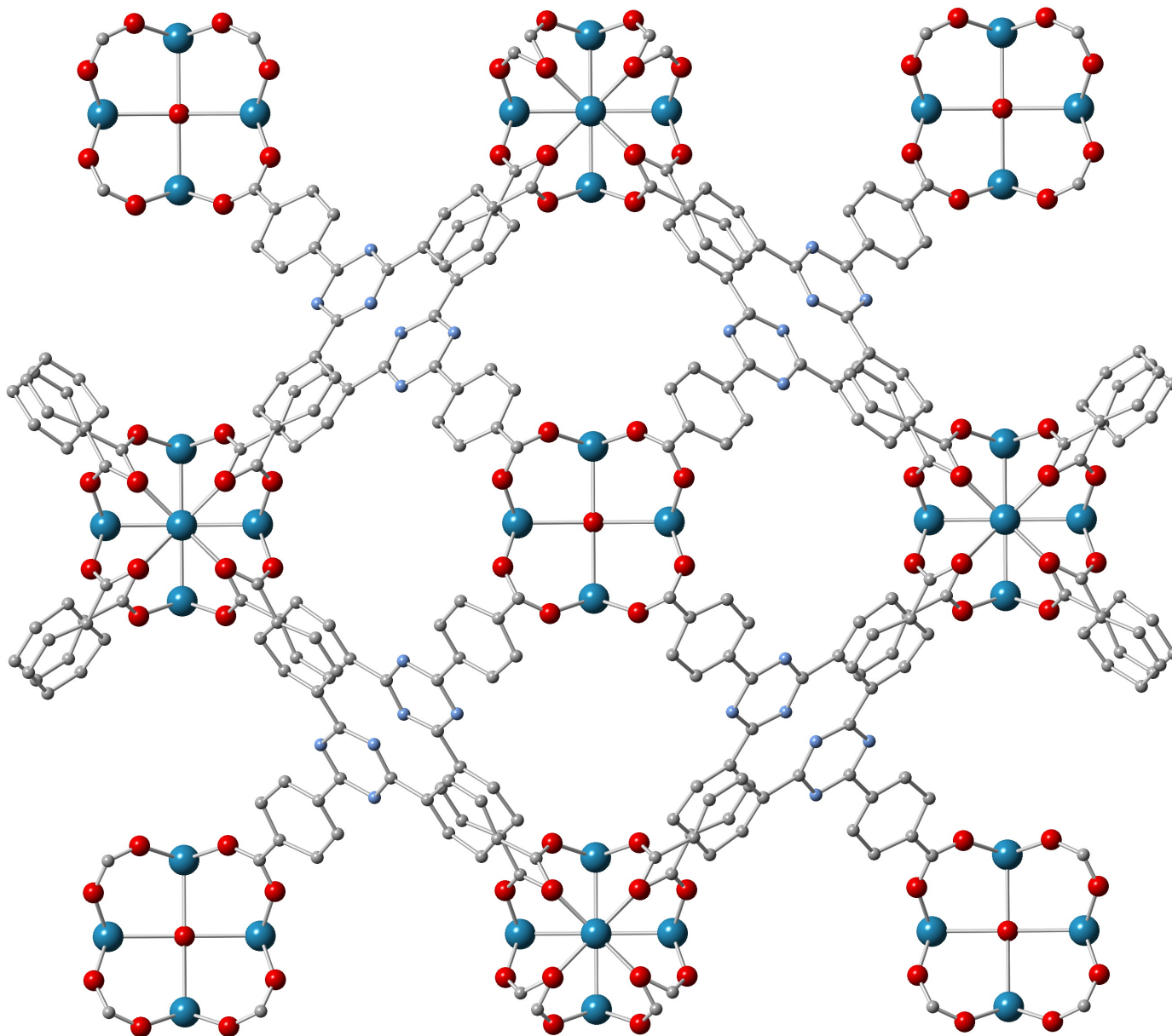
The atoms of Co(II) are pentacoordinated and define square-base pyramids, thereby leaving a sixth position free for the coordination of invited molecules.



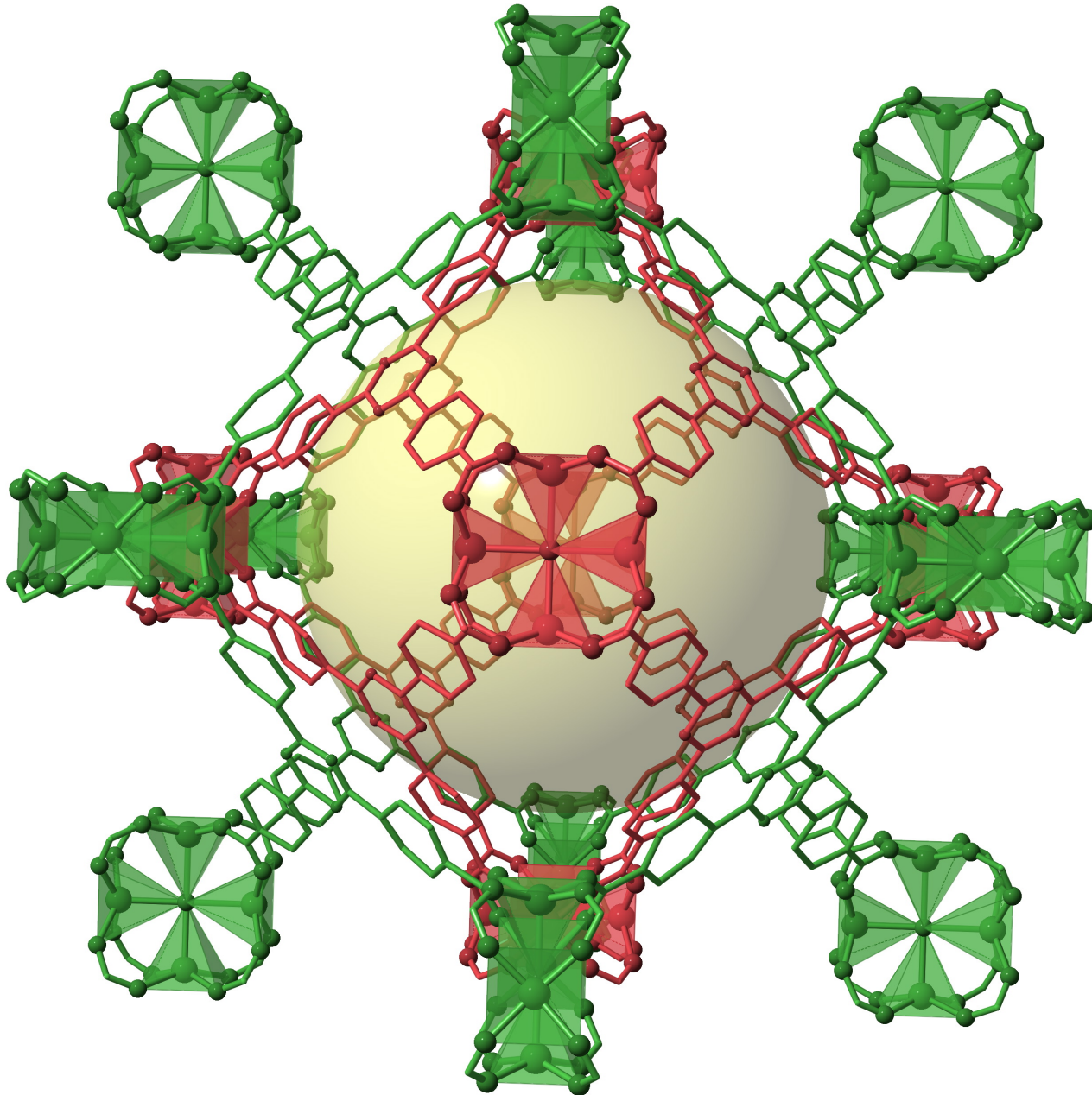




$\text{H}_2[\text{Co}_4\text{O}(\text{TATB})_{8/3}]$  is a network with (8,3) topology



There are two identical networks interpenetrated

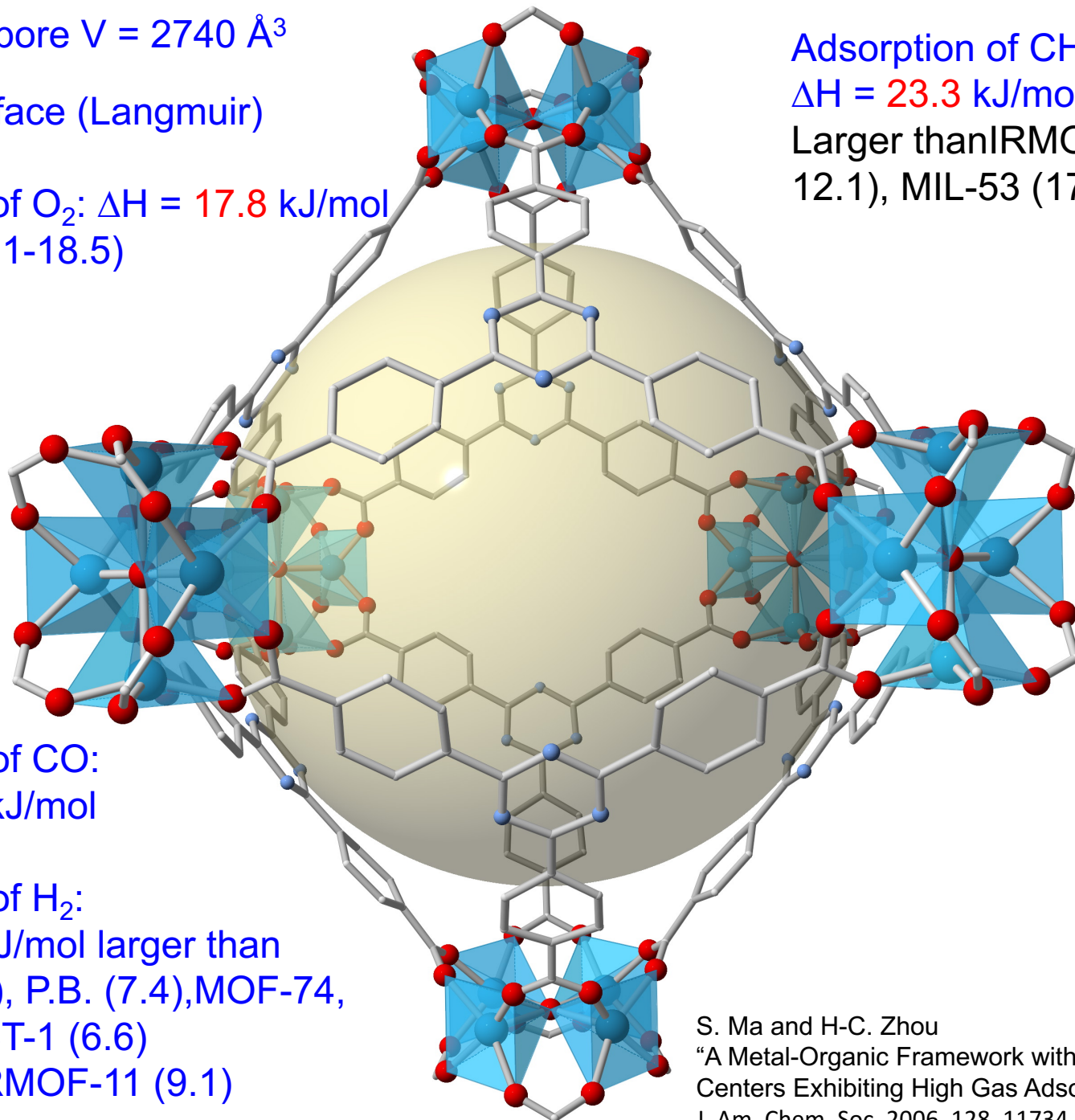


Octahedral pore  $V = 2740 \text{ \AA}^3$

Specific surface (Langmuir)  
**1355**  $\text{m}^2/\text{g}$ .

Adsorption of  $\text{O}_2$ :  $\Delta H = 17.8 \text{ kJ/mol}$   
(zeolites 15.1-18.5)

Adsorption of  $\text{CH}_4$ :  
 $\Delta H = 23.3 \text{ kJ/mol}$   
Larger than IRMOF-6  
12.1), MIL-53 (17)



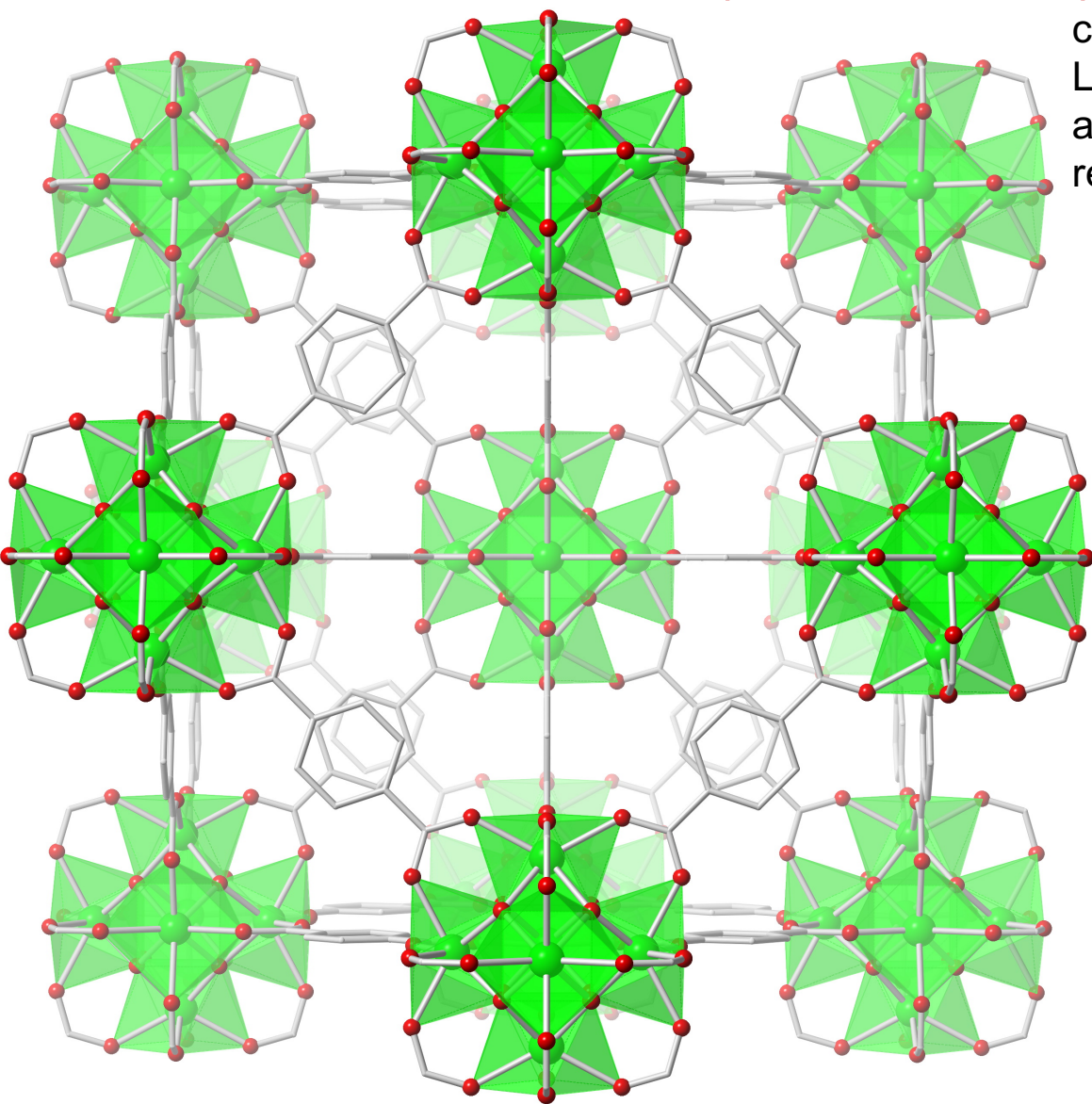
Adsorption of  $\text{CO}$ :  
 $\Delta H = 21.0 \text{ kJ/mol}$

Adsorption of  $\text{H}_2$ :  
 $\Delta H = 10.1 \text{ kJ/mol}$  larger than  
MOF-5 (5.2), P.B. (7.4), MOF-74,  
(8.3), HKUST-1 (6.6)  
Similar to IRMOF-11 (9.1)

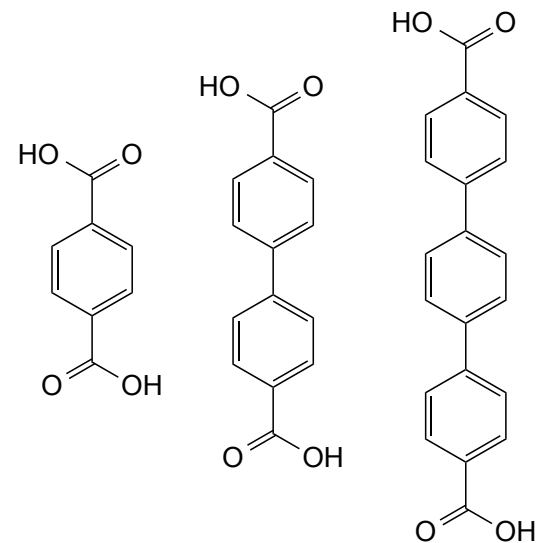
S. Ma and H-C. Zhou  
"A Metal-Organic Framework with Entatic Metal  
Centers Exhibiting High Gas Adsorption Affinity"  
J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2006, 128, 11734-11735

# SBUs based on $Zr^{IV}$ with nodes $Zr_6O_4(OH)_4(CO_2)_{12}$ (IC=12) (Series UiO-n)

characterized by a  $T_{descp} = 540^\circ C$  and  
Langmuir surface  $1187 m^2/g$ ,  $3000 m^2/g$   
and  $4170 m^2/g$  for UiO-66, -67 and -68,  
respectively



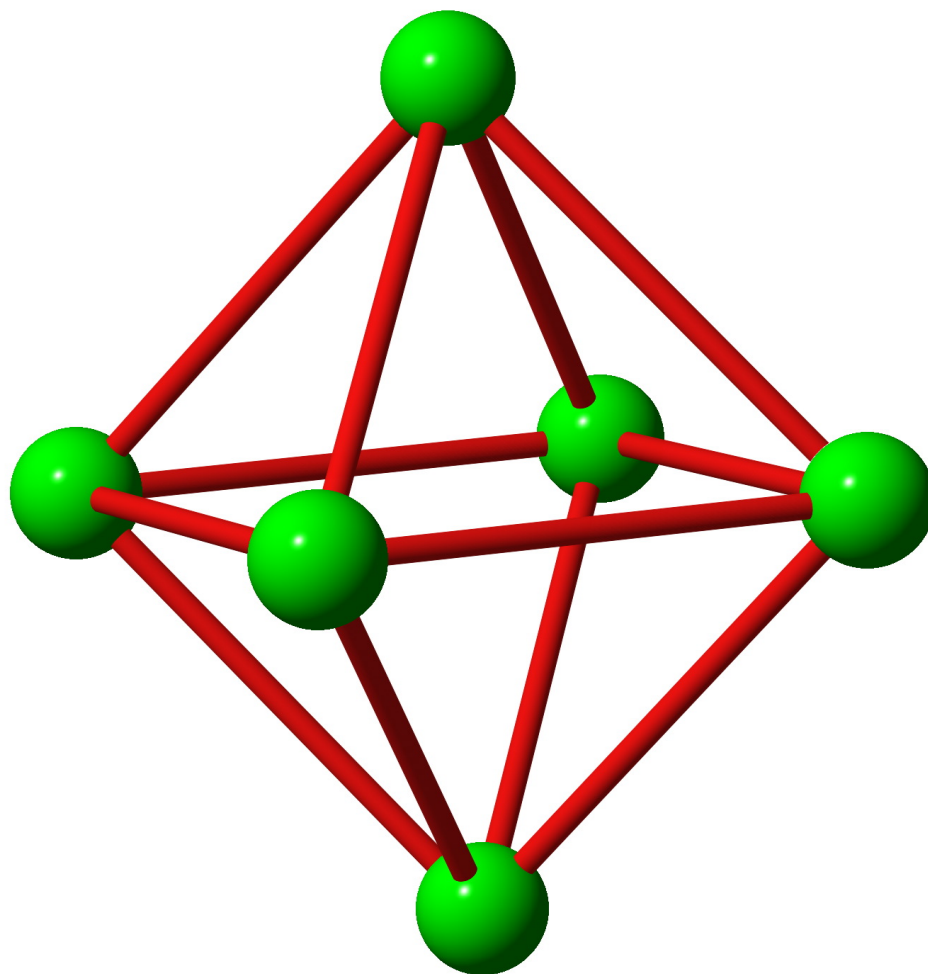
UiO-66    UiO-67    UiO-68



→  
Isoreticular Series

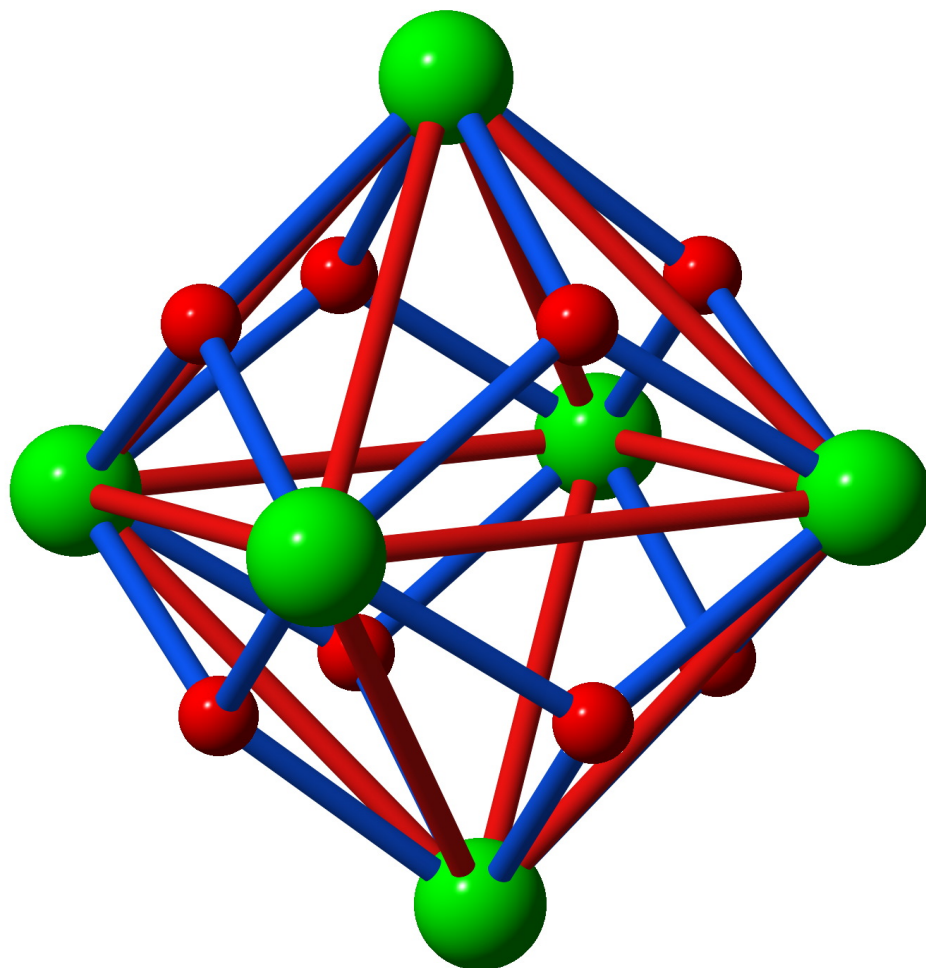
Series UiO-n

SBU:  $\text{Zr}_6\text{O}_4(\text{OH})_4(\text{CO}_2)_{12}$



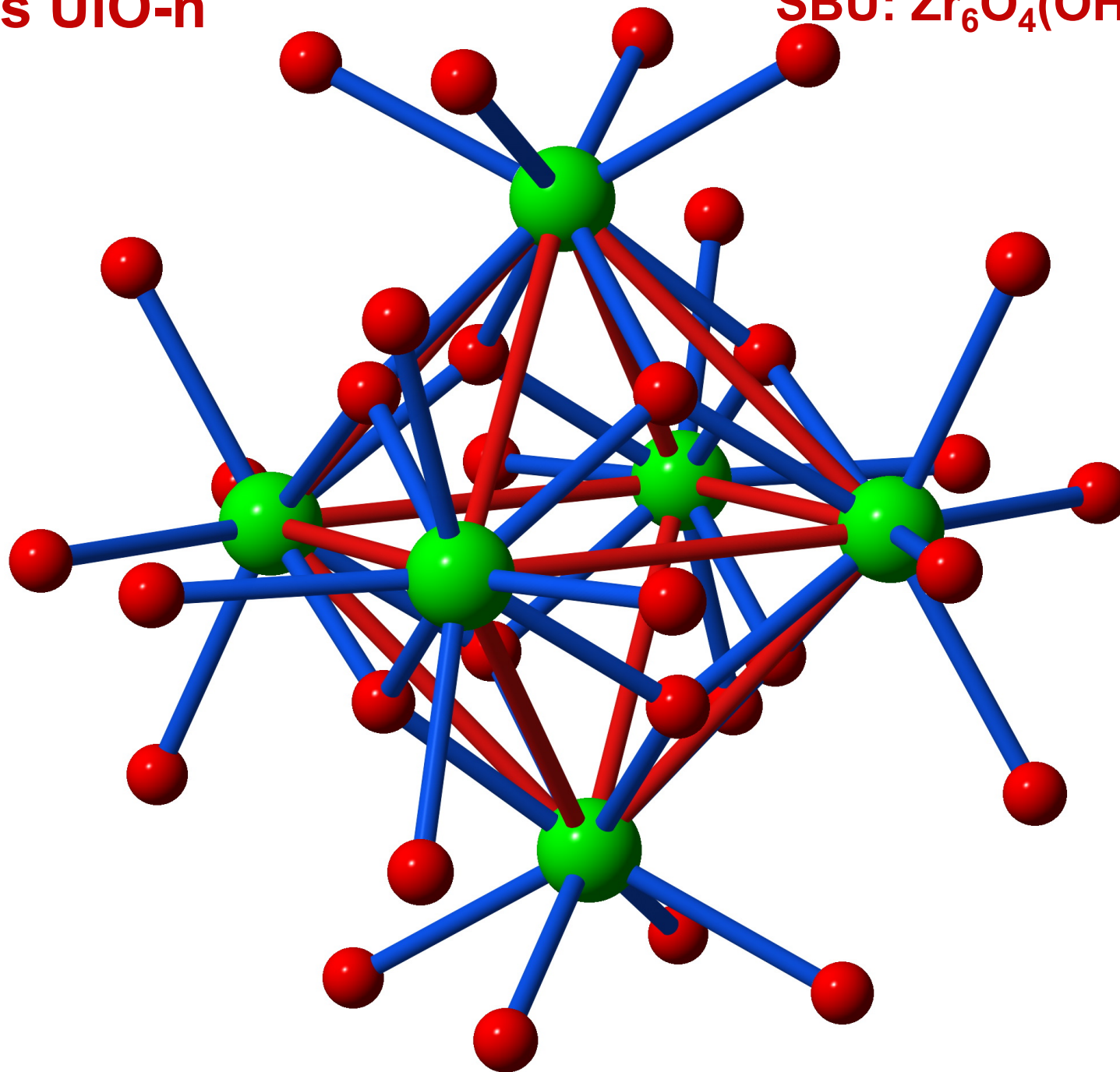
Series UiO-n

SBU:  $\text{Zr}_6\text{O}_4(\text{OH})_4(\text{CO}_2)_{12}$



Series UiO-n

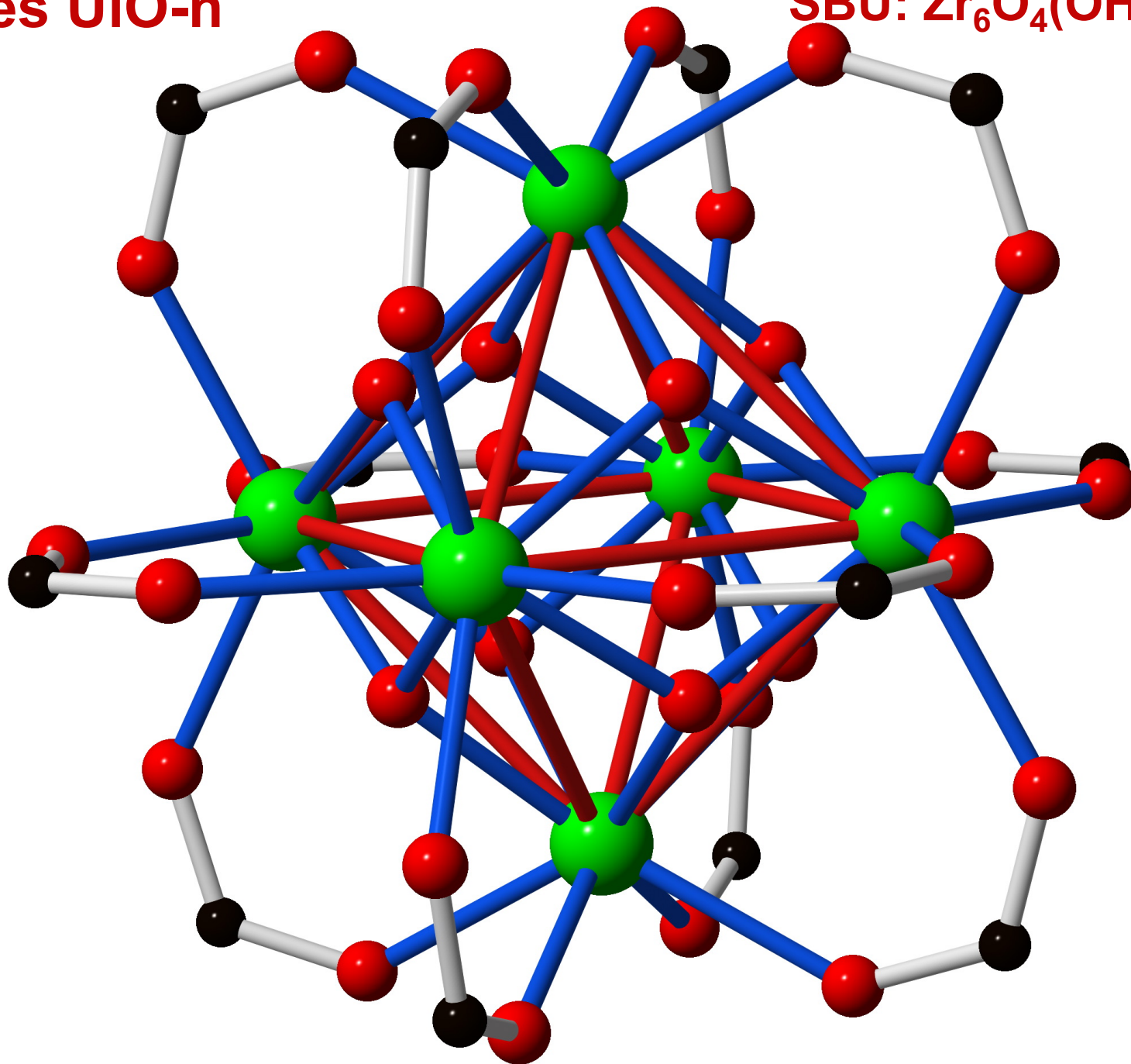
SBU:  $\text{Zr}_6\text{O}_4(\text{OH})_4(\text{CO}_2)_{12}$



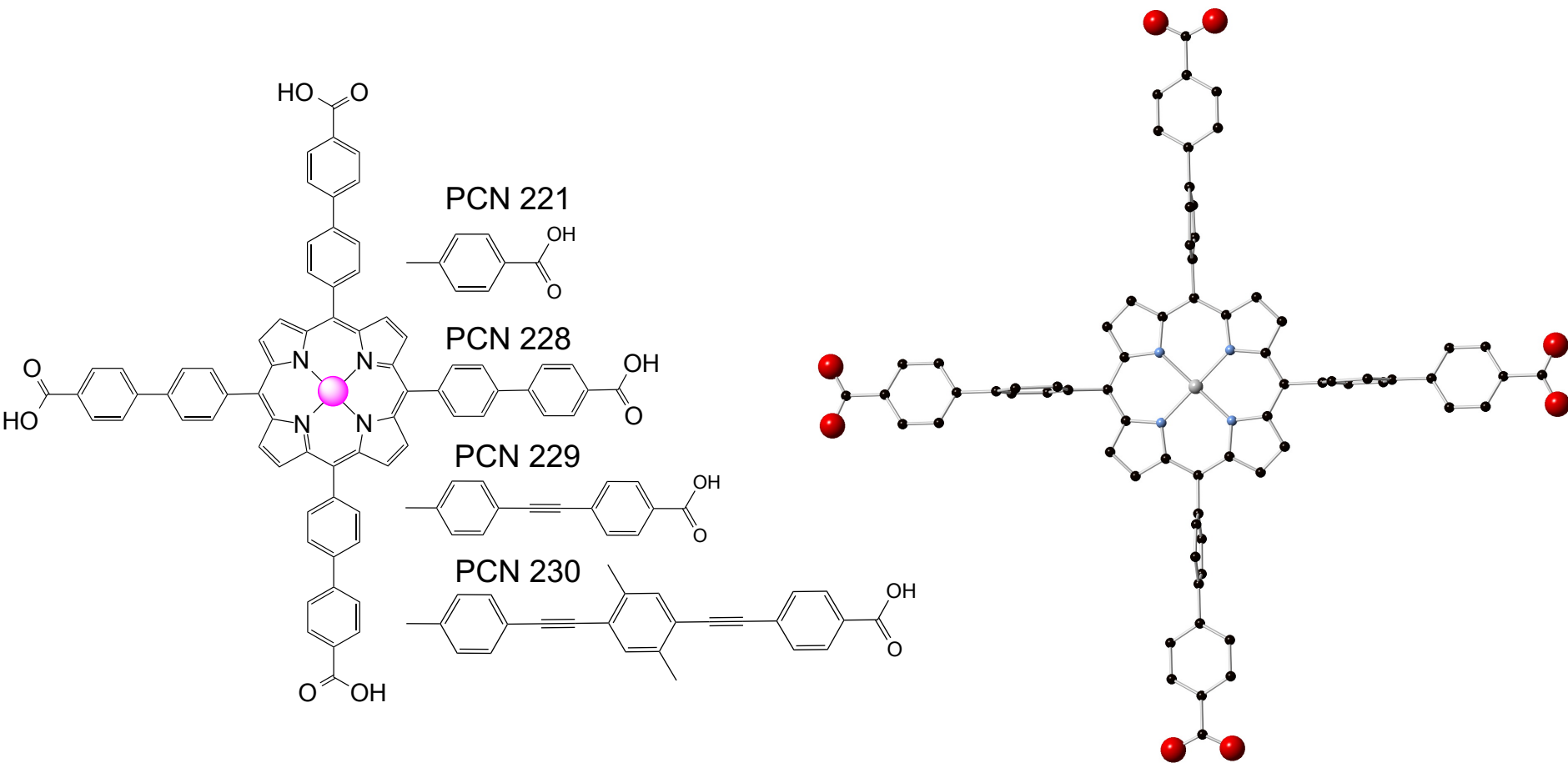


Series UiO-n

SBU:  $\text{Zr}_6\text{O}_4(\text{OH})_4(\text{CO}_2)_{12}$

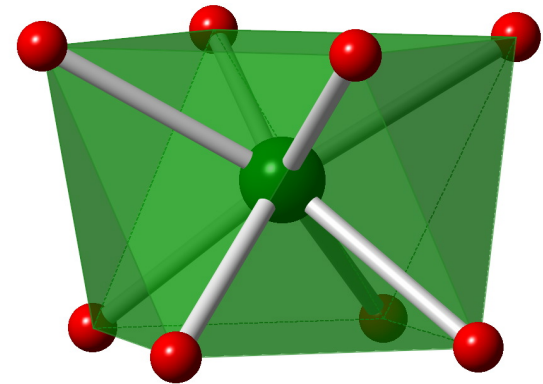
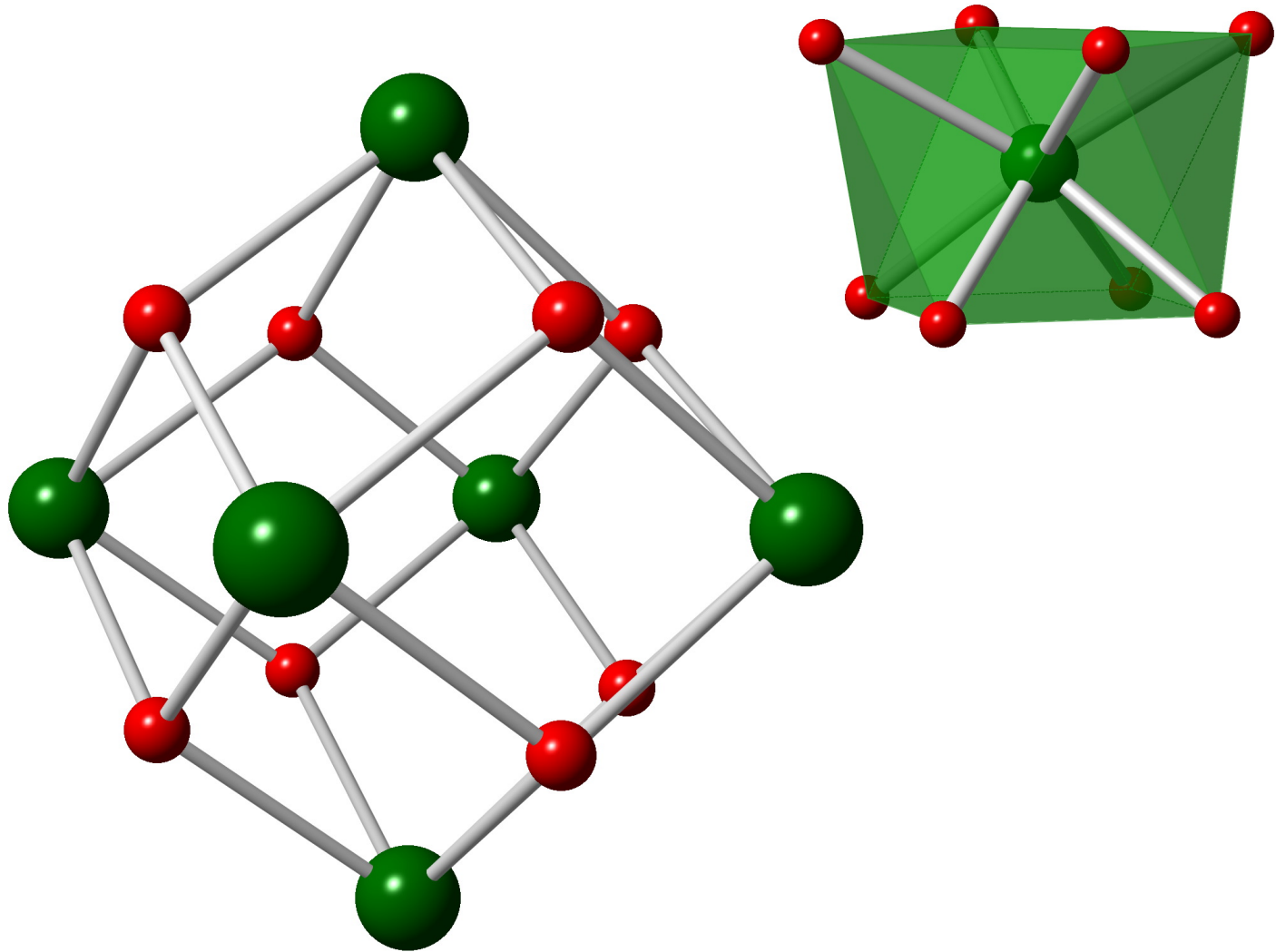


# Networks PCN 221, 222, 228, 229, 230

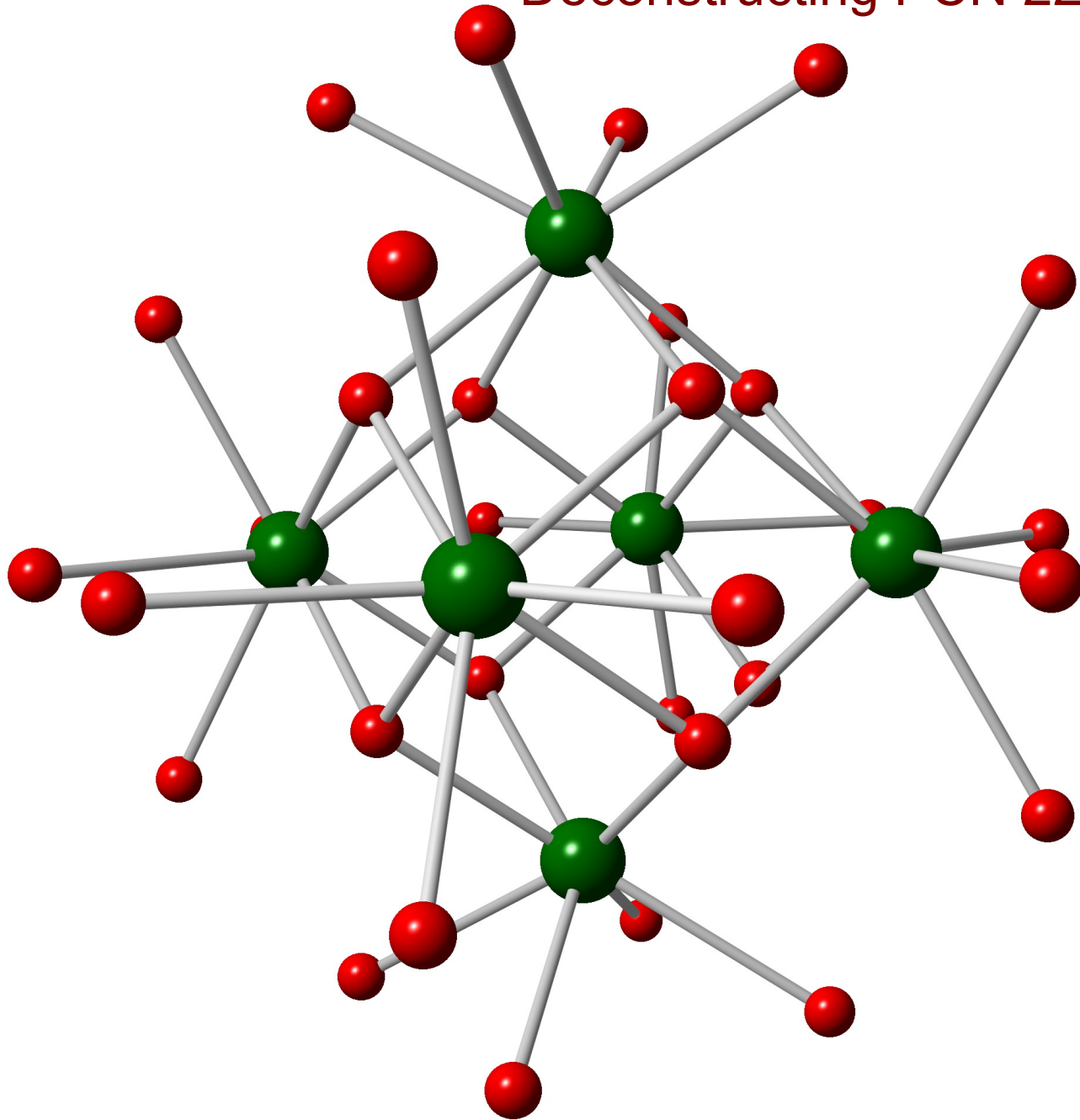


Topology-Guided Design and Syntheses of Highly Stable Mesoporous Porphyrinic Zirconium Metal-Organic Frameworks with High Surface Area H.-C. Zhou et al *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2015**, *137*, 413-419; Metal-Organic Frameworks Based on Previously Unknown Zr<sub>8</sub>/Hf<sub>8</sub> Cubic Clusters, H.-C. Zhou et al *Inorg. Chem.* **2013**, *52*, 12661-12667.

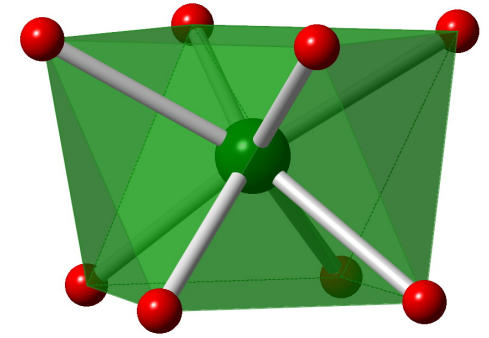
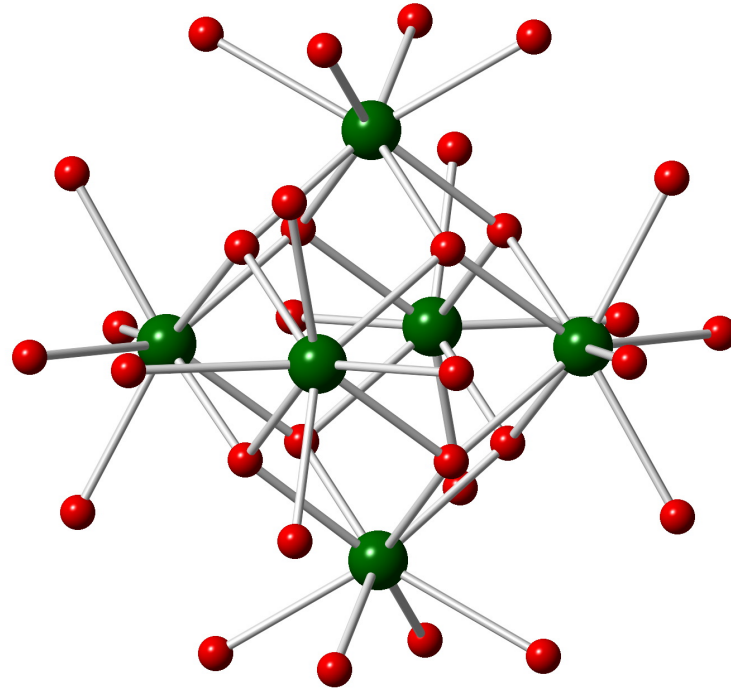
# Deconstructing PCN 228, 229, 230



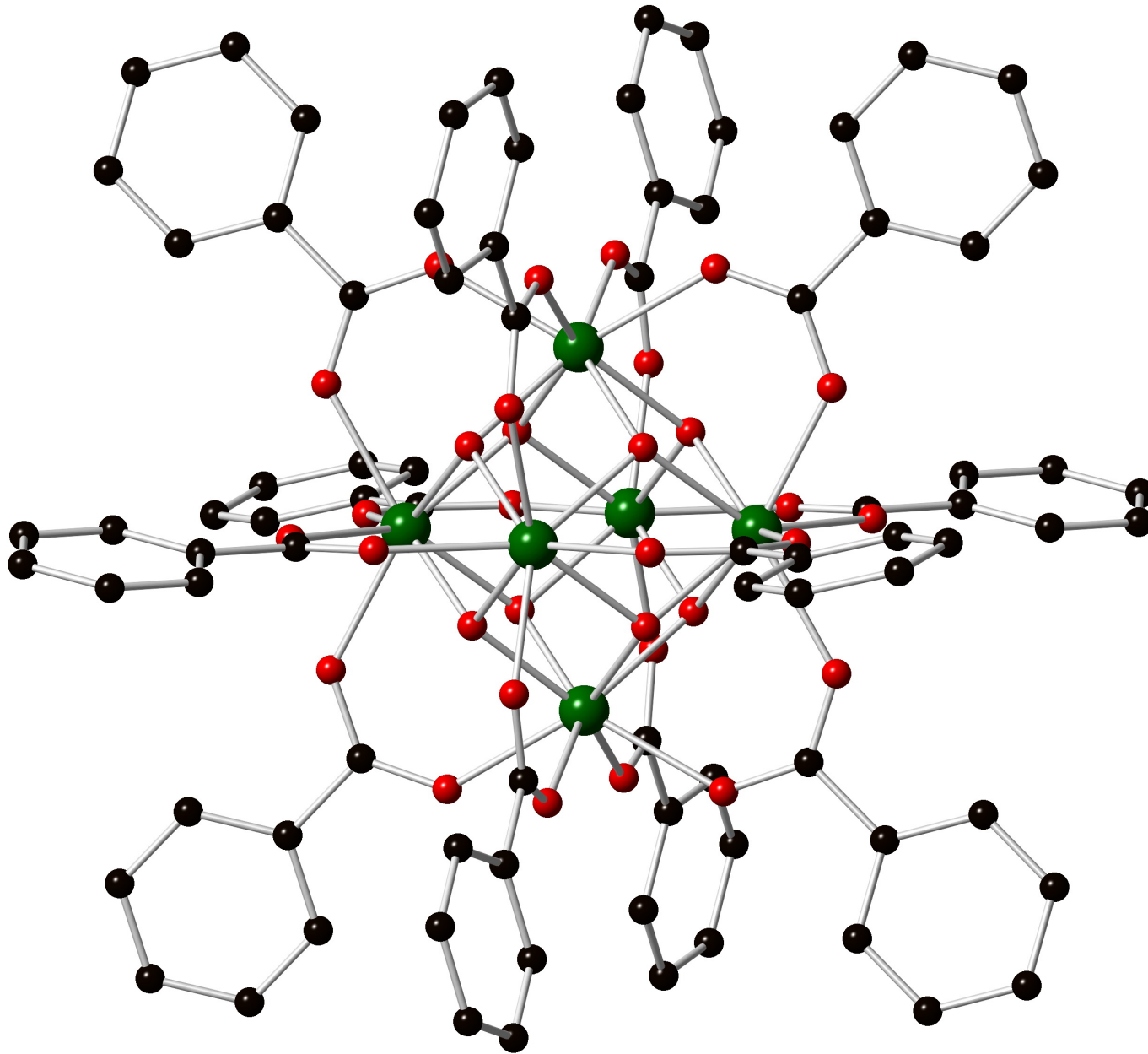
# Deconstructing PCN 228, 229, 230



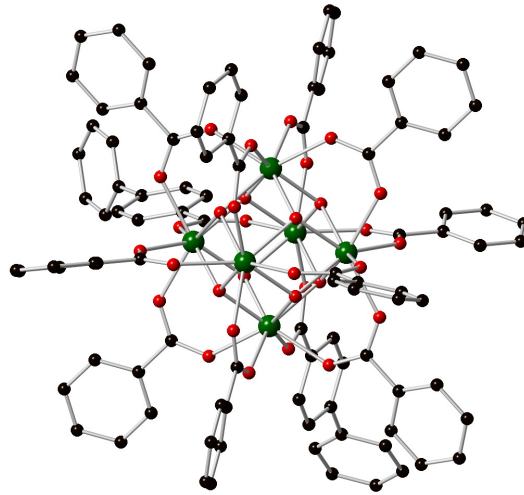
# Deconstructing PCN 228, 229, 230



# Deconstructing PCN 228, 229, 230



# Deconstructing PCN 228, 229, 230

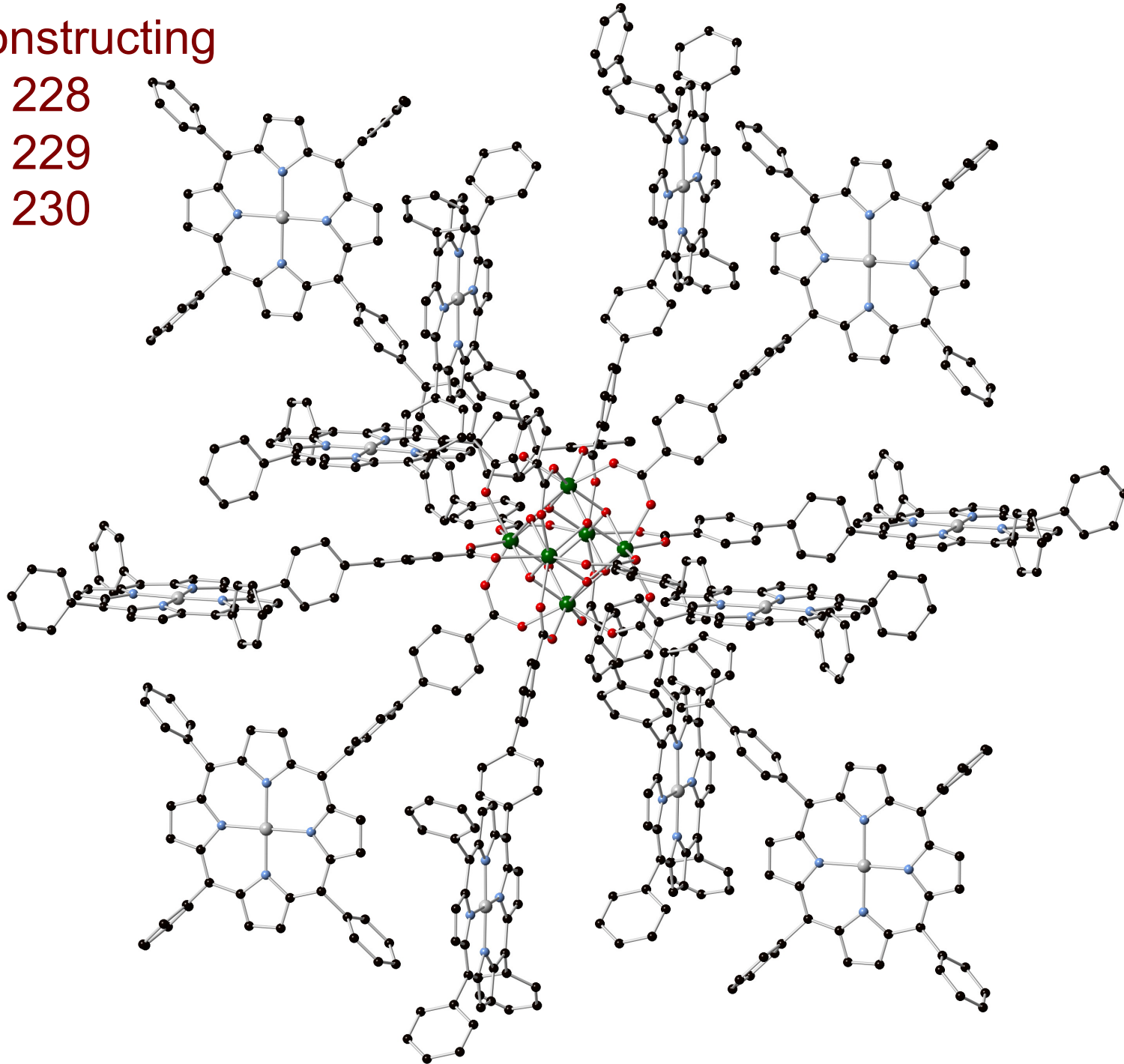


# Deconstructing

PCN 228

PCN 229

PCN 230

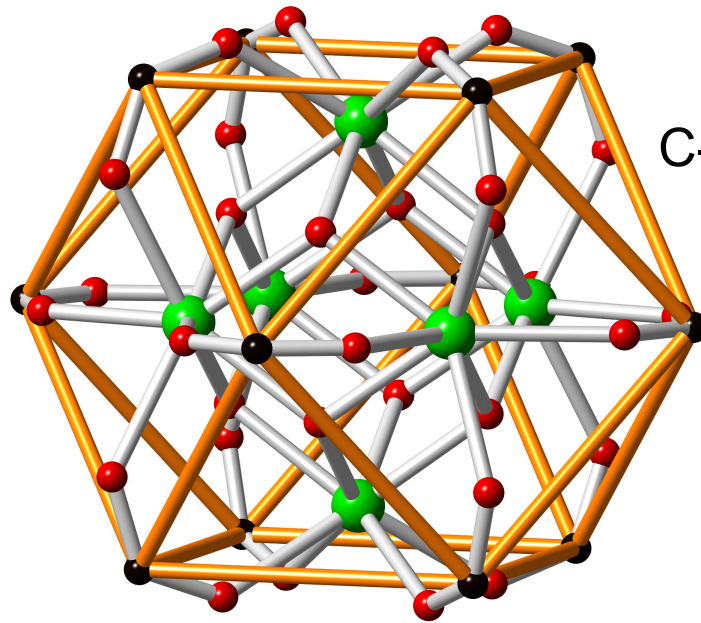
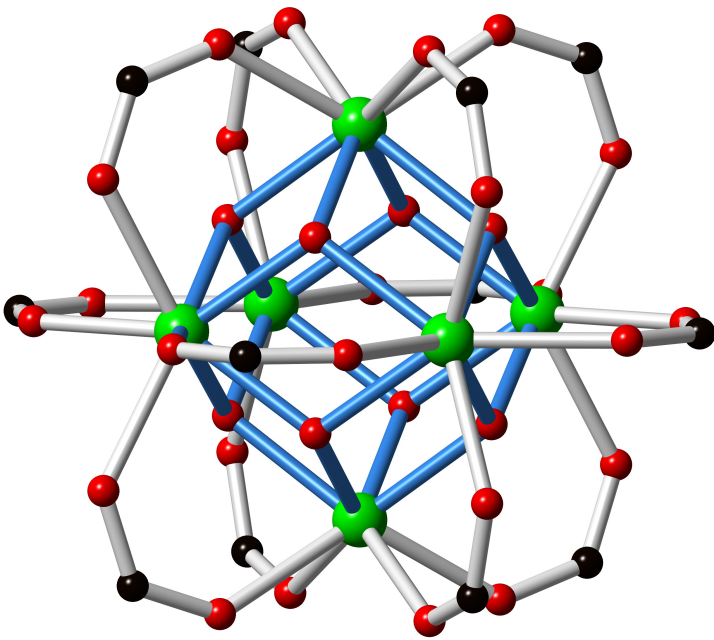




# Defined Polyhedrons

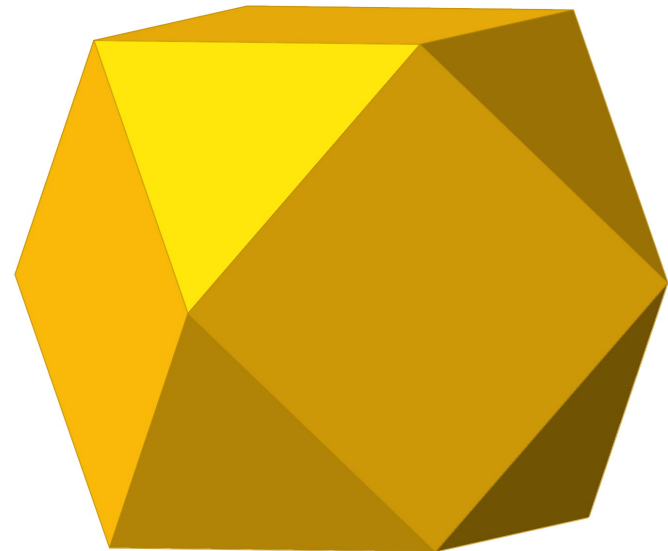
Zr-Zr: Octahedron

Zr-O: Rhombic dodecahedron

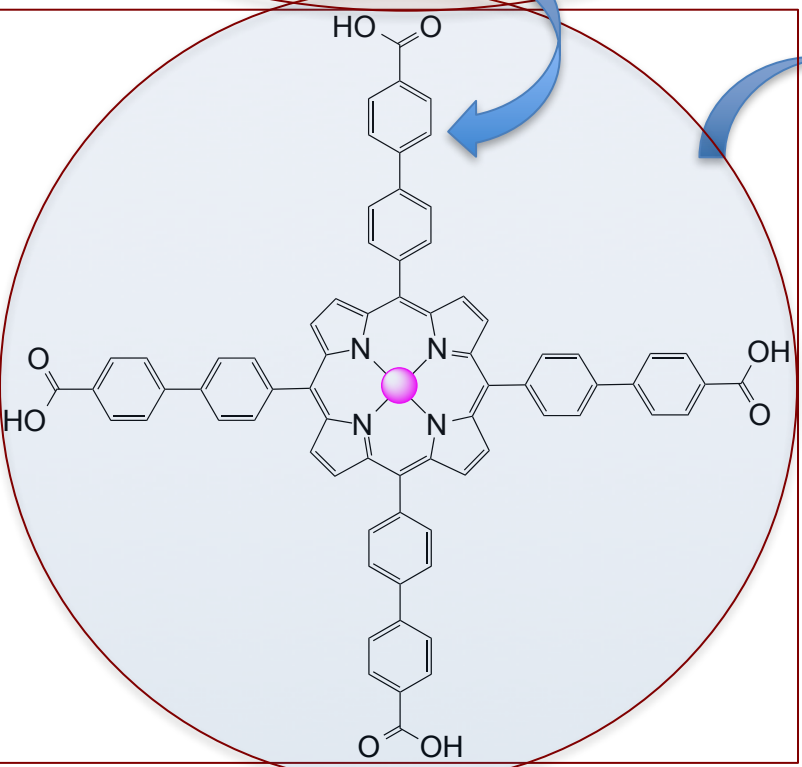
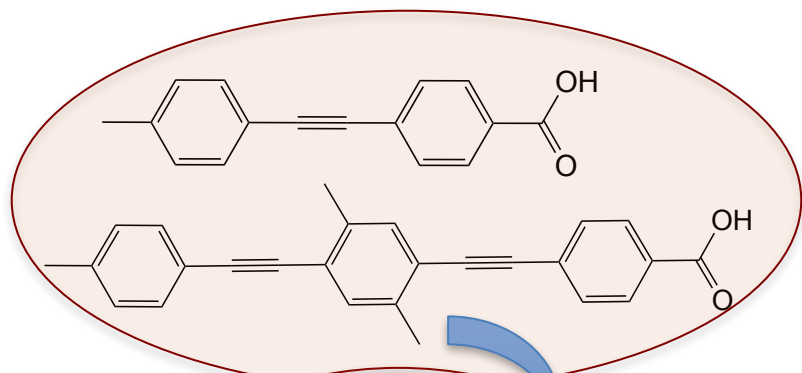


C-C: Cuboctahedron

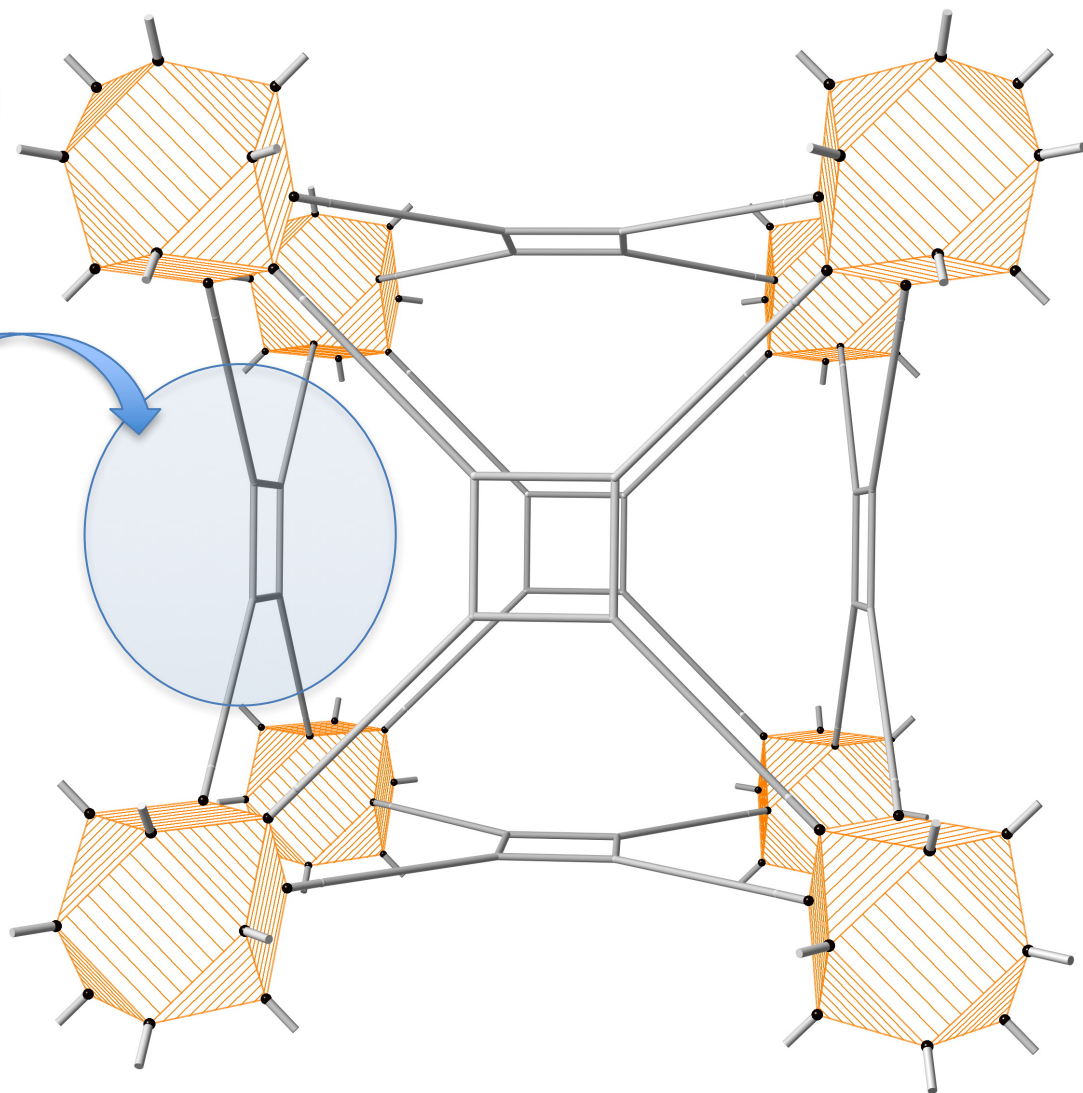
Symmetry  $O_h$



# Reduction of MOF in a Network: Nodes + Links

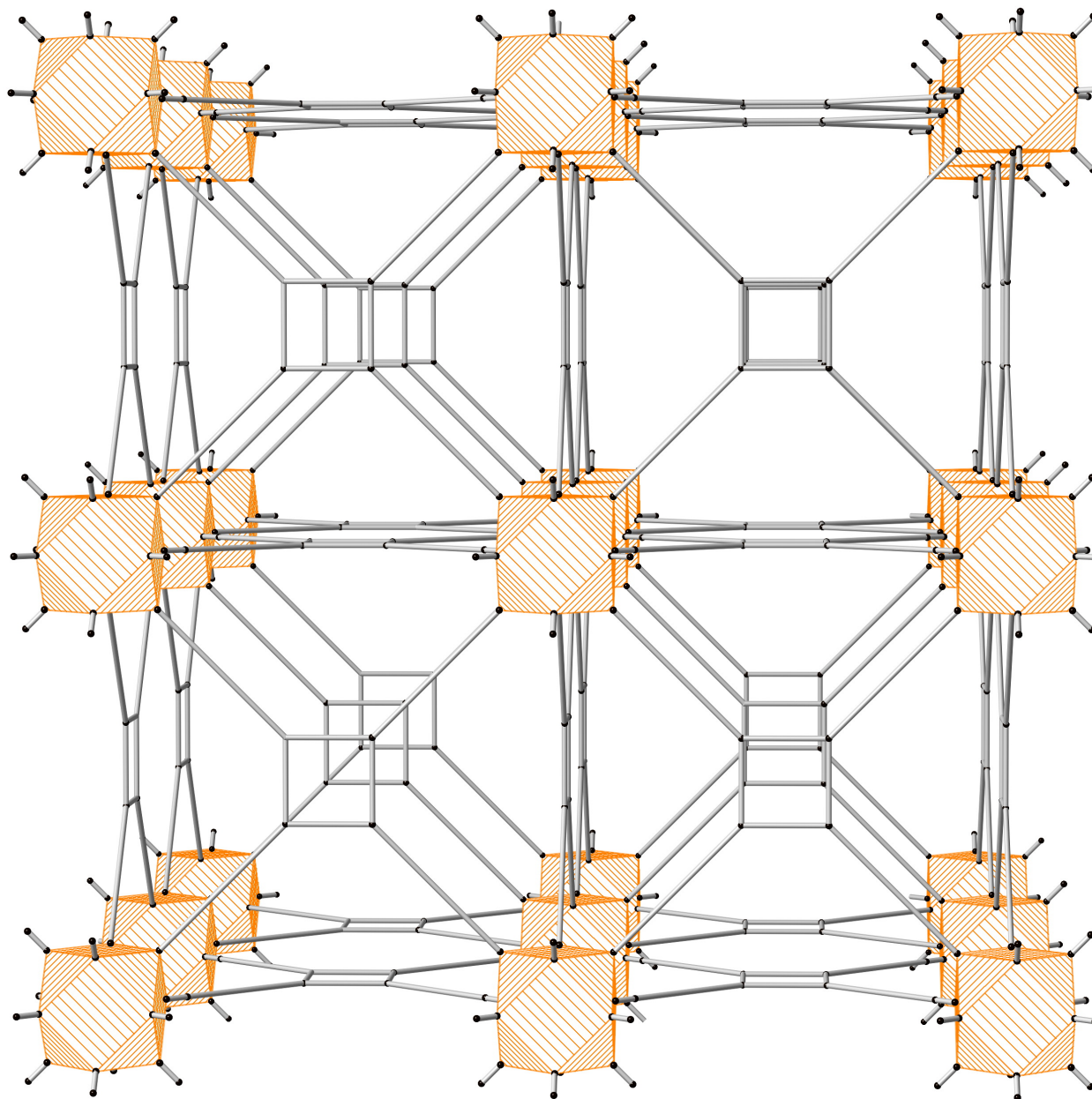


Symmetry  $D_{4h}$

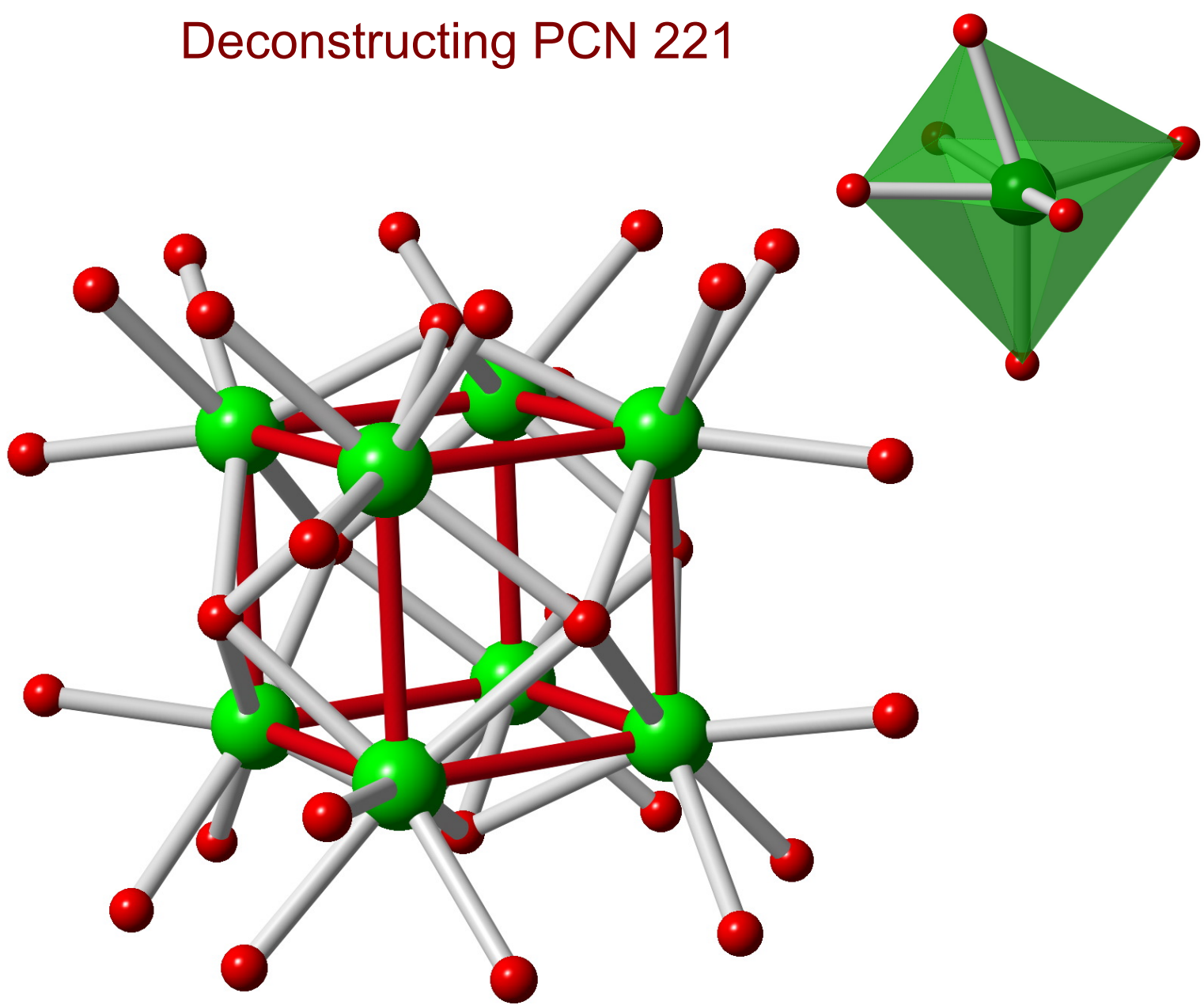


Symmetry  $O_h$

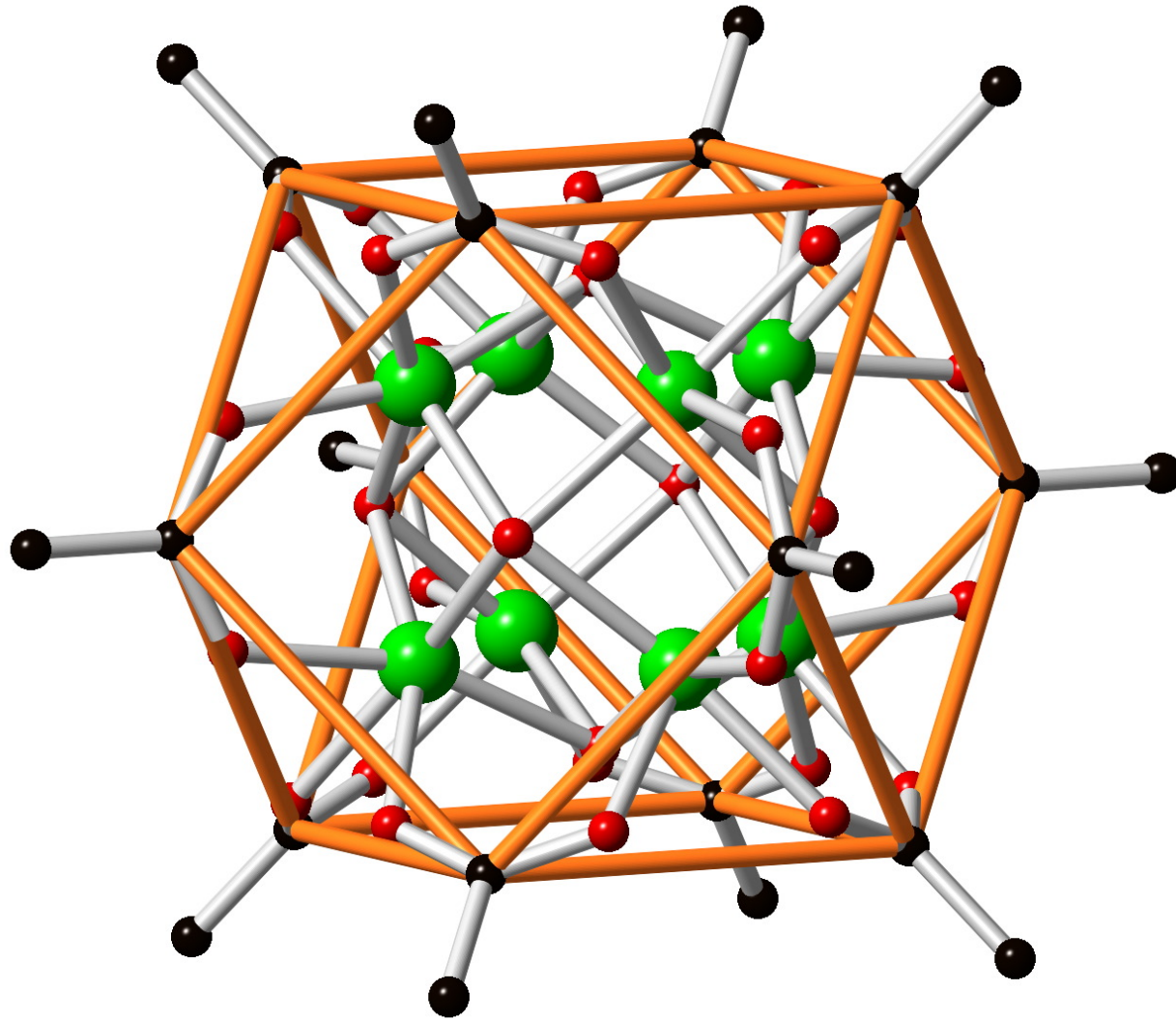
# Reduction of MOF in a Network: Nodes + Links



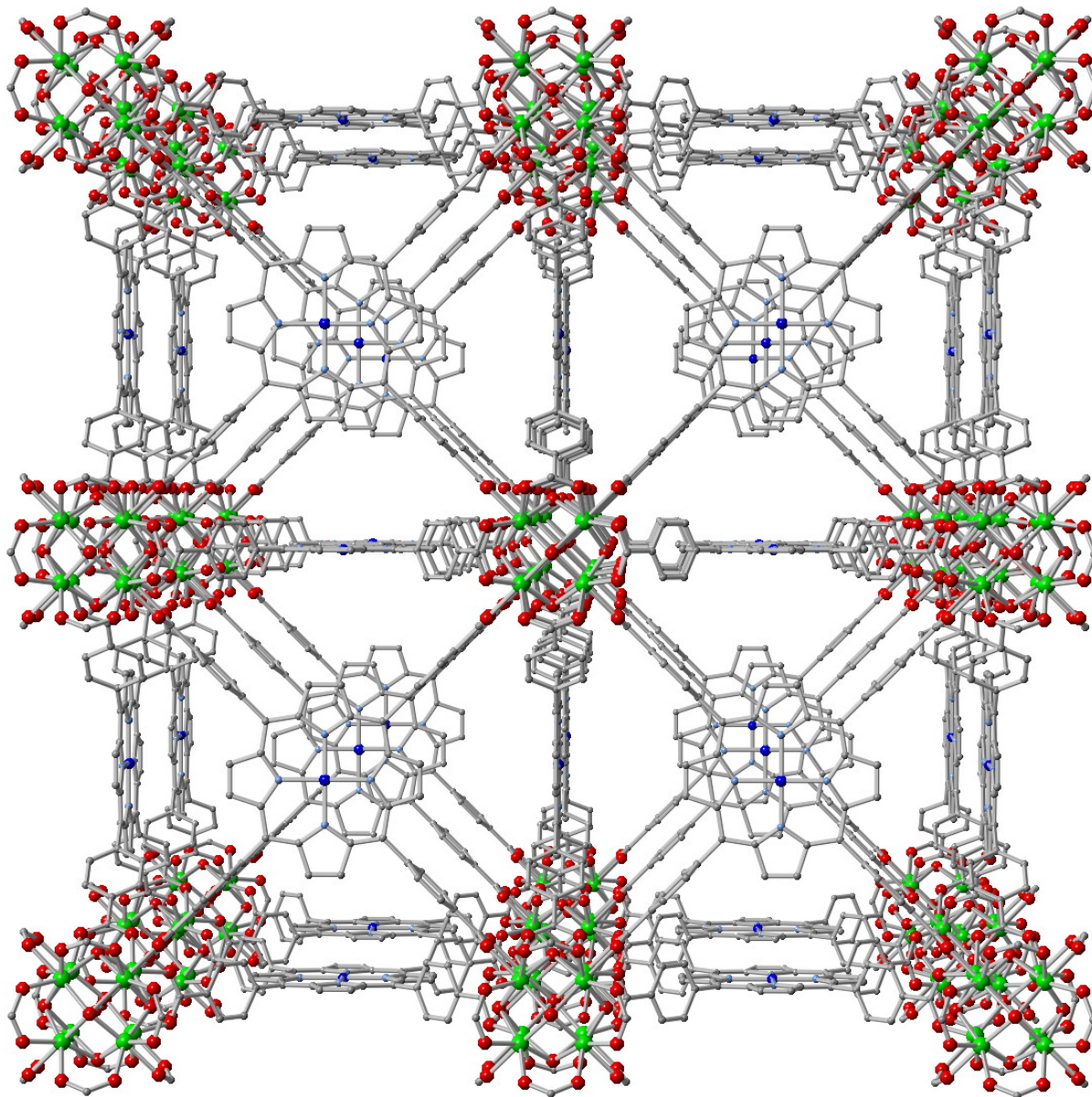
# Deconstructing PCN 221



# Deconstructing PCN 221



# Deconstructing PCN 221

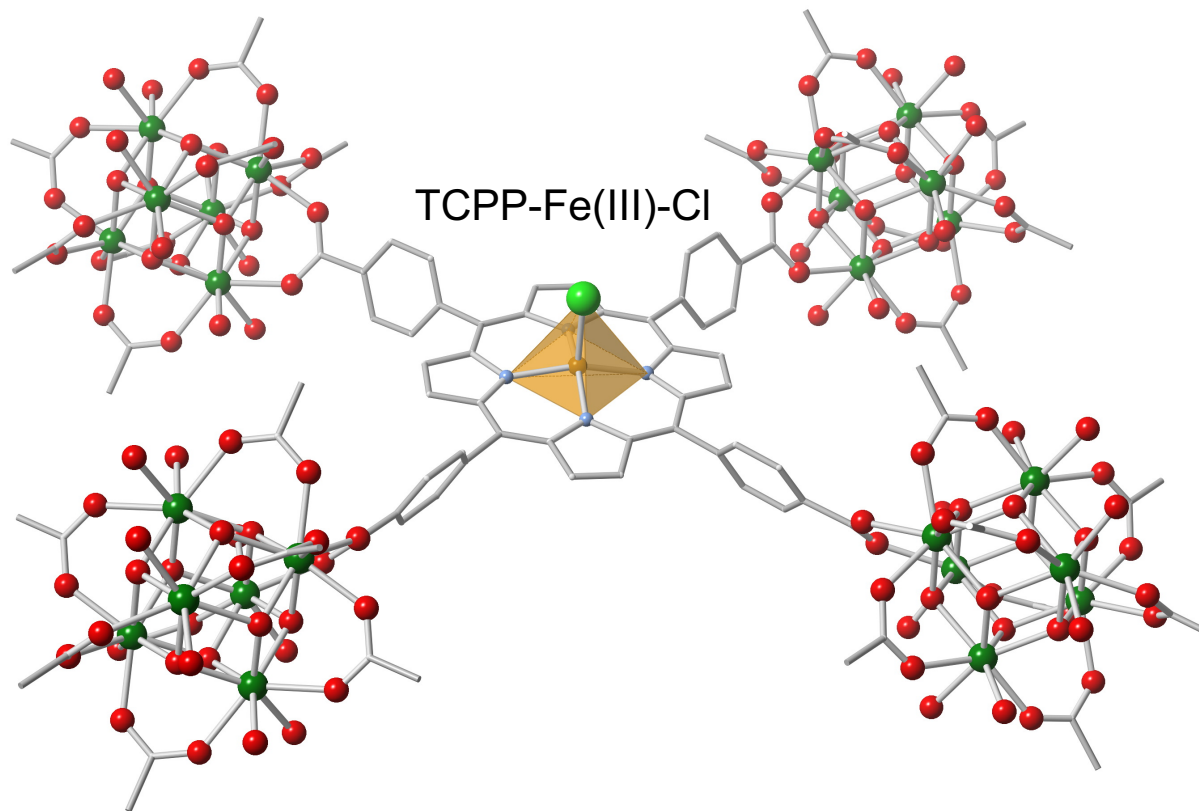
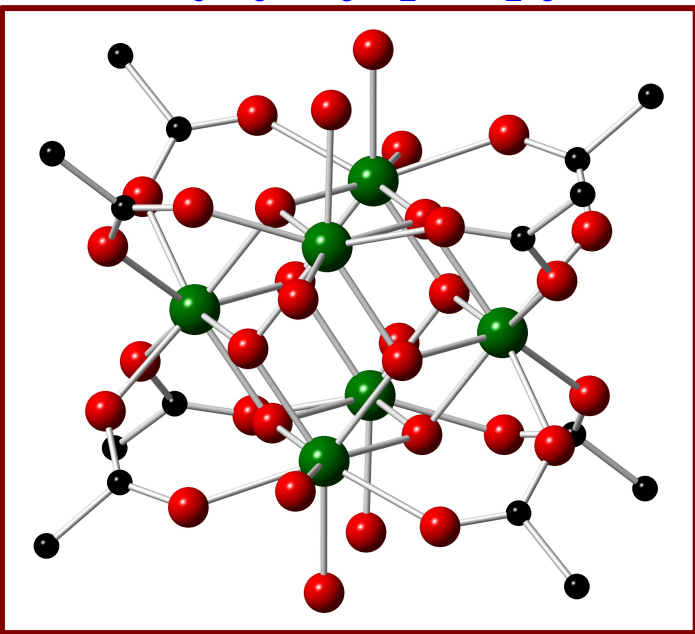


# PCN-222: MOF with catalytic properties

PCN-222 is constituted of SBUs type  $Zr_6(\mu_3-O)_8(\mu_2-CO_2)_8$  and of [5,10,15,20-Tetrakis(4-methoxycarbonylphenyl)porphyrinate]-Fe(III) Chloride].

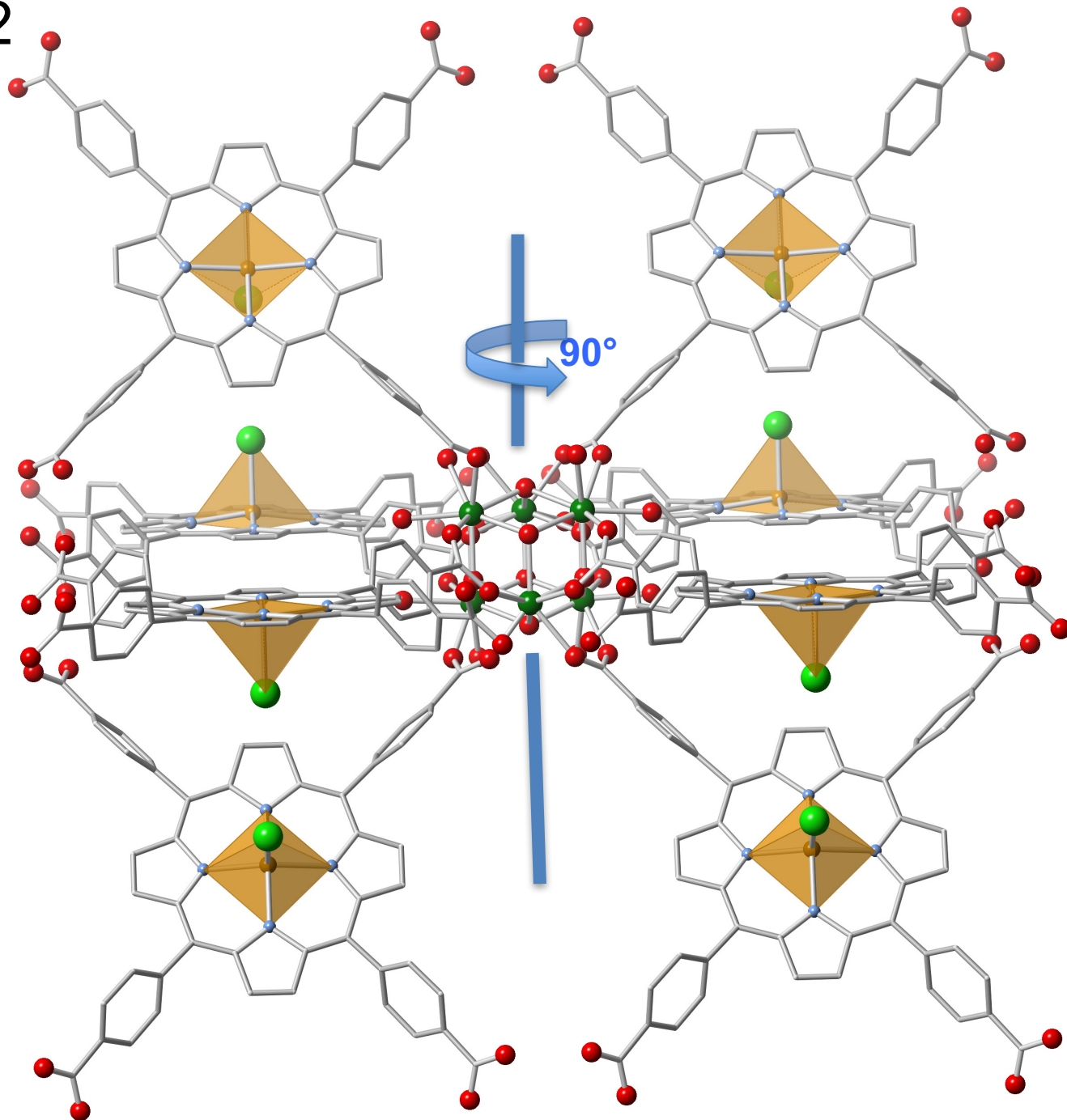
Synthesis: solvothermal of M-TCPP (M=Fe, Mn, Co, Ni,Cu, Zn, H<sub>2</sub>) (50 mg), ZrCl<sub>4</sub> (70 mg) and benzoic acid (2.7 g) in N,N-dimethylformamide (48 h a 120° C).

SBU  $Zr_6(\mu_3-O)_8(\mu_2-CO_2)_8$



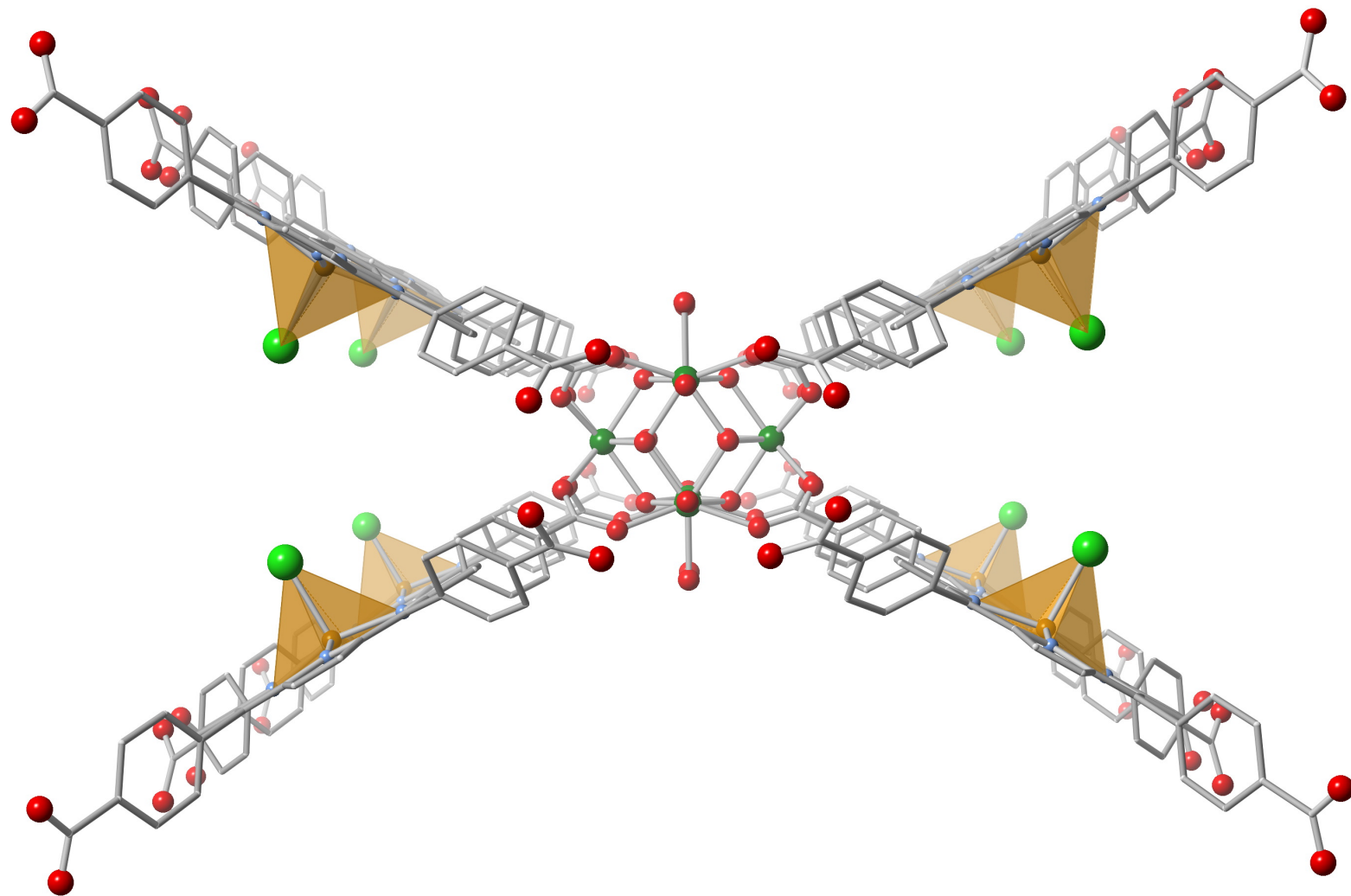
Zirconium-Metalloporphyrin PCN-222: Mesoporous Metal–Organic Frameworks with Ultrahigh Stability as Biomimetic Catalysts;  
H.-C. Zhou et al. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2012**, 51, 10307-10310

PCN-222



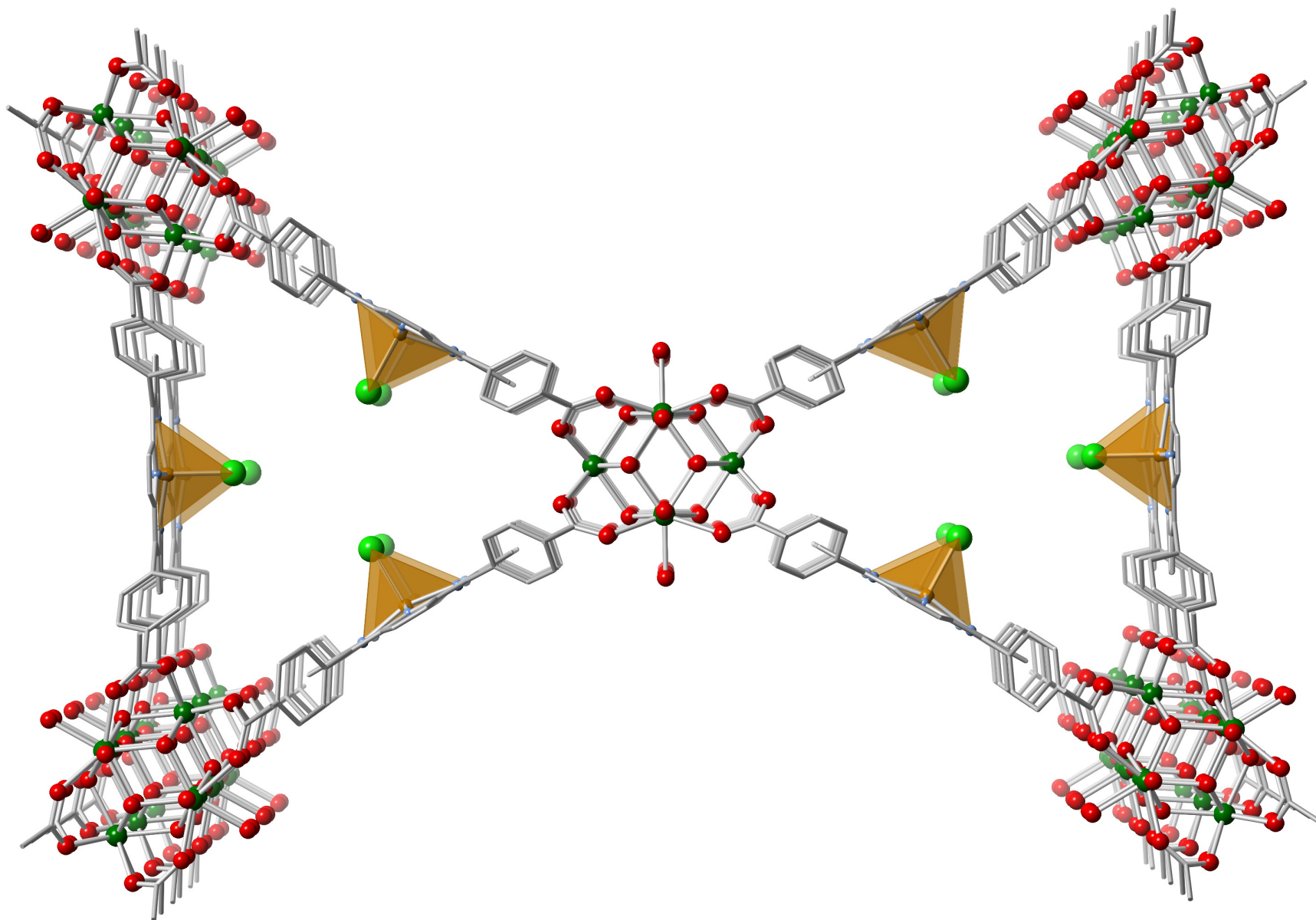


# PCN-222 SBU $\text{Zr}_6\text{O}_8(\text{CO}_2)_8$ MOF



Zirconium-Metalloporphyrin PCN-222: Mesoporous Metal–Organic Frameworks with Ultrahigh Stability as Biomimetic Catalysts;  
H.-C. Zhou et al. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2012**, 51, 10307-10310

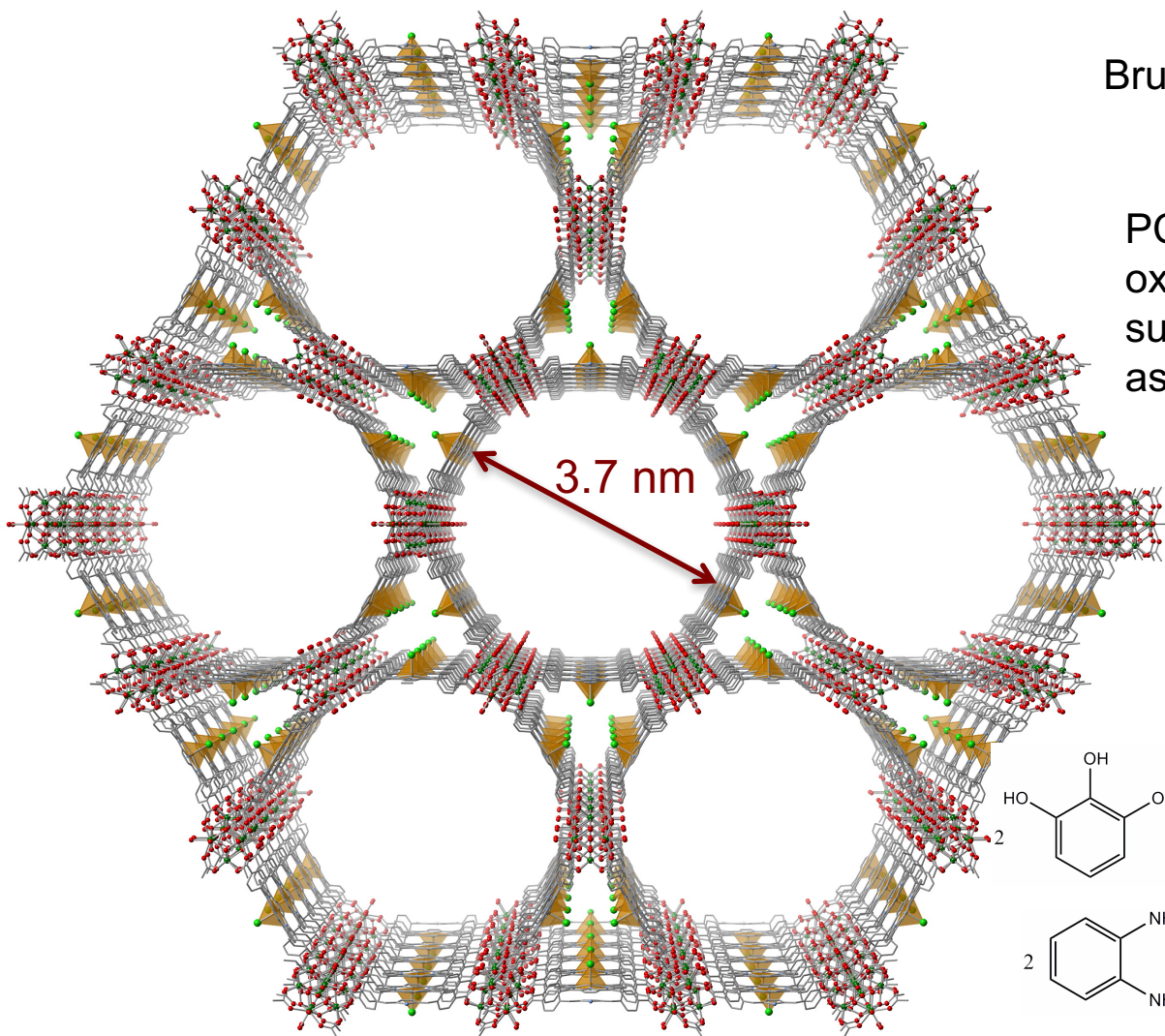
PCN-222 SBU  $Zr_6O_8(CO_2)_8$  MOF



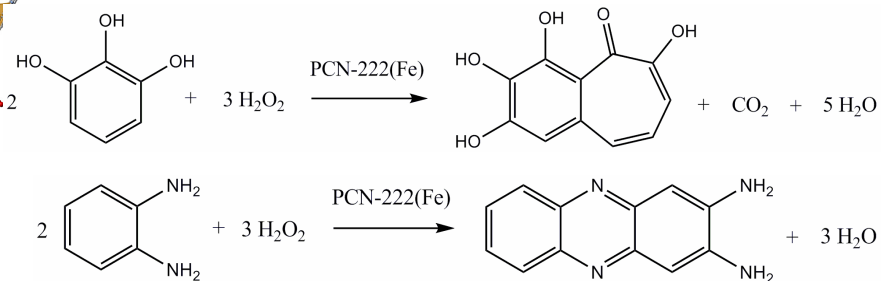
# PCN-222:

Specific surface  
Brunauer-Emmett-Teller (BET)  
2200-2300 m<sup>2</sup>/g

PCN-222(Fe) catalyzes the  
oxidation of a variety of  
substrates acting in a similar way  
as peroxidase

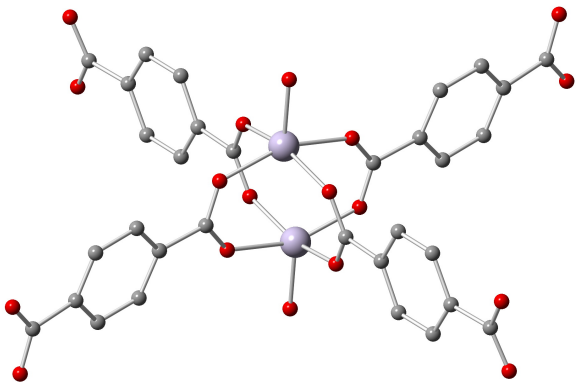


Structure type Kagome (kgm)

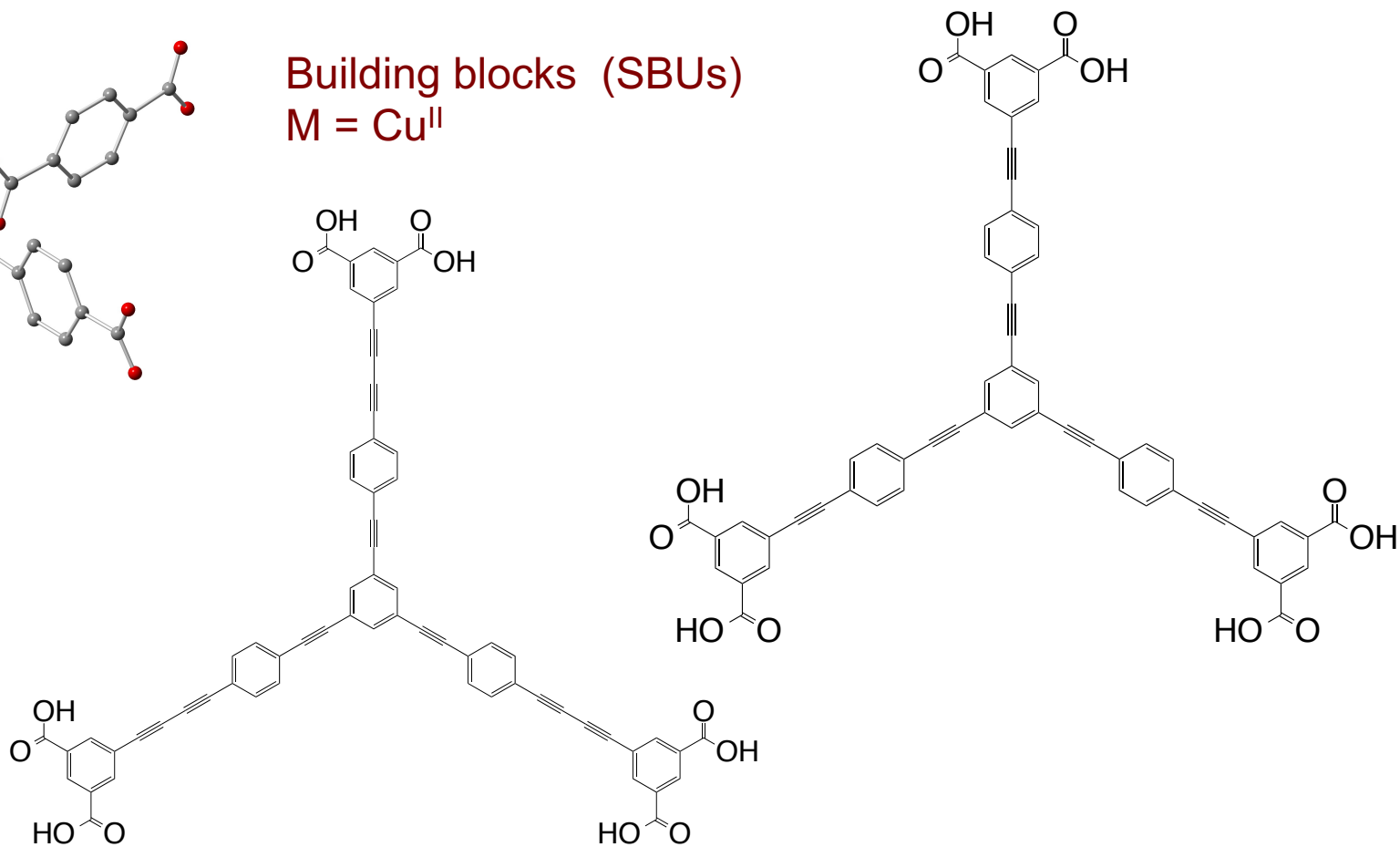


# Series NU: NU-109 y 110

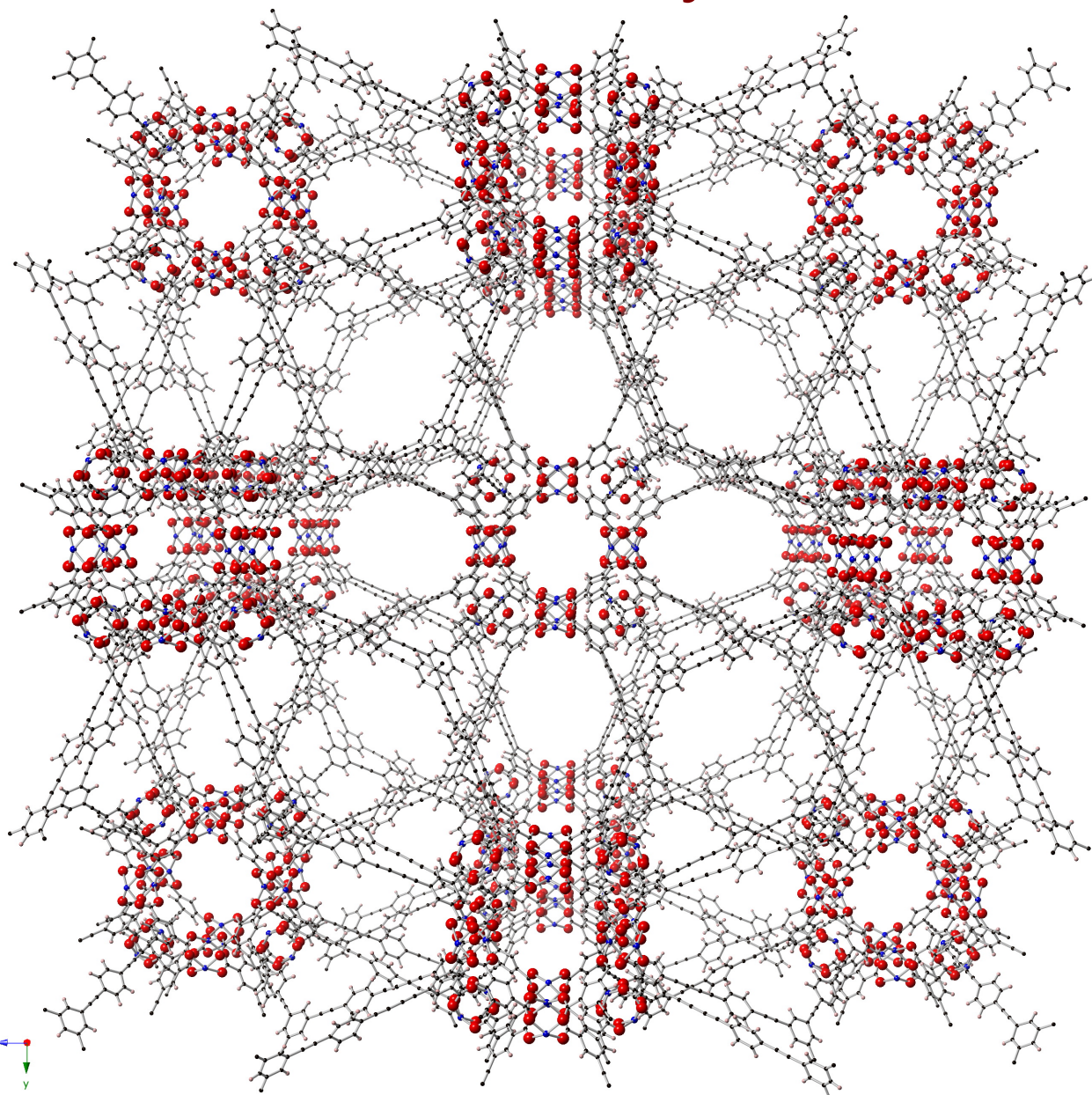
3,2,4-connected networks with **rht** topology



Building blocks (SBUs)  
 $M = \text{Cu}^{\text{II}}$

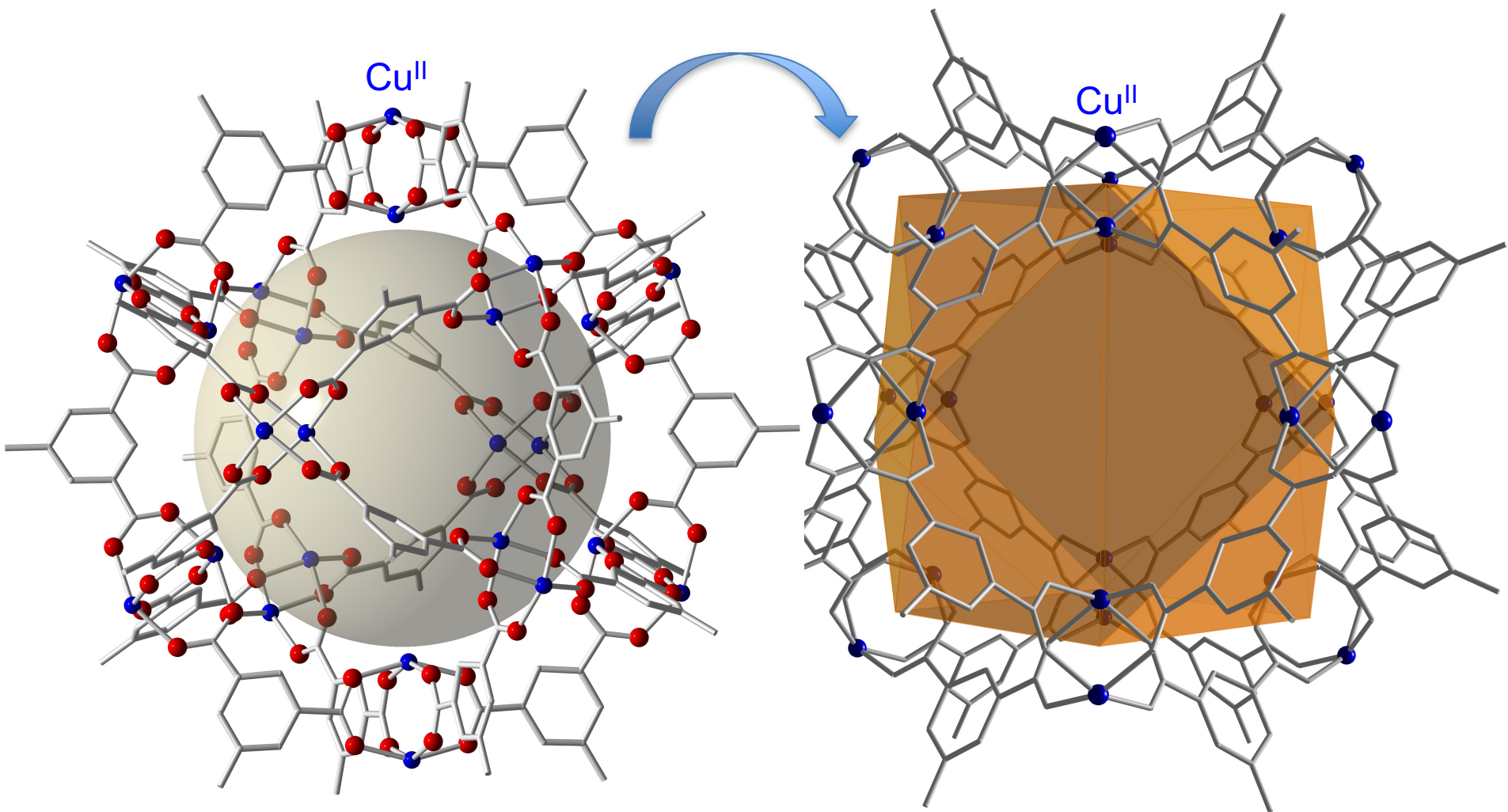


# Deconstruction of NU-109 y 110

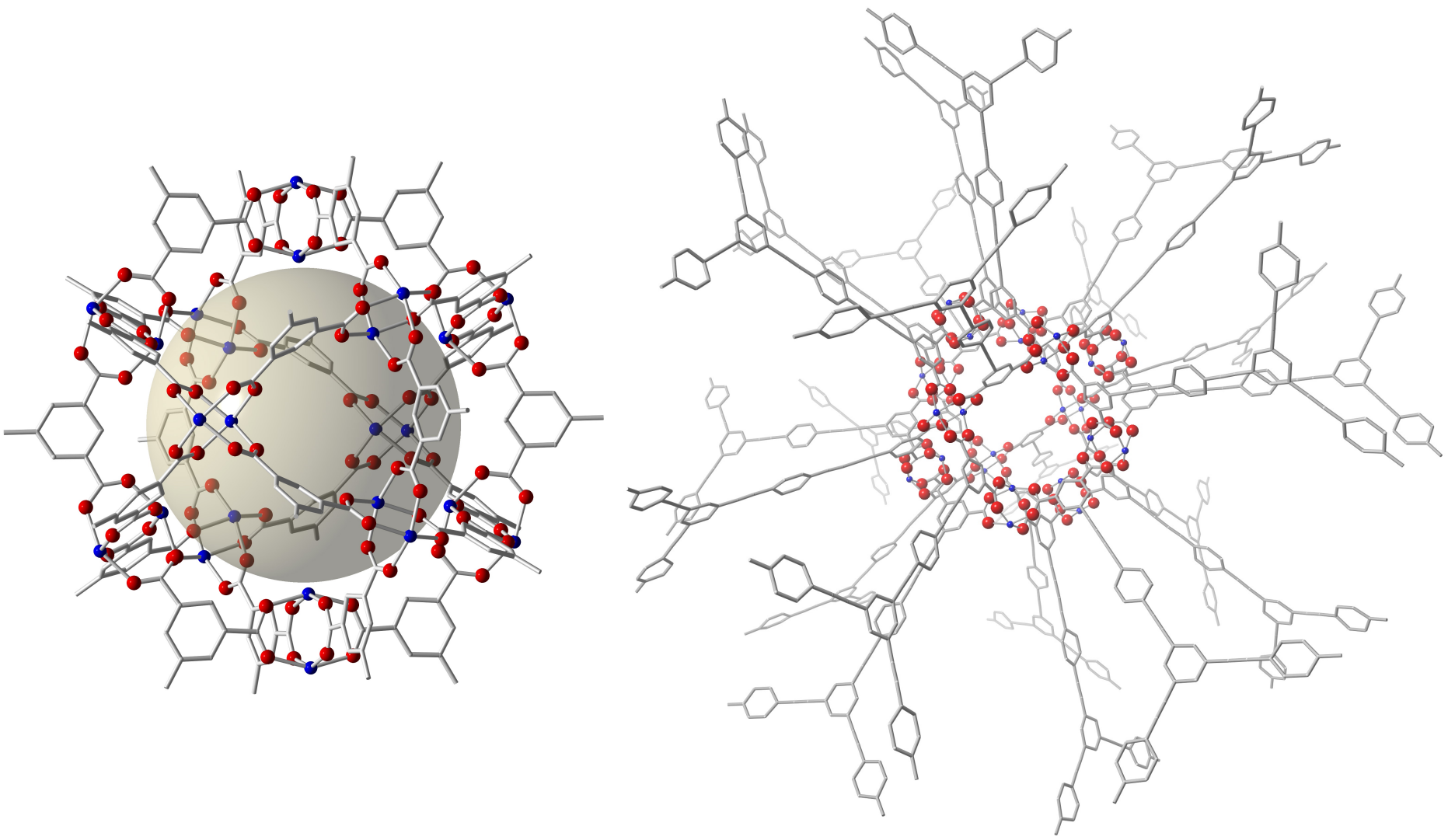


Networks (3,24)  
with **rht** topology

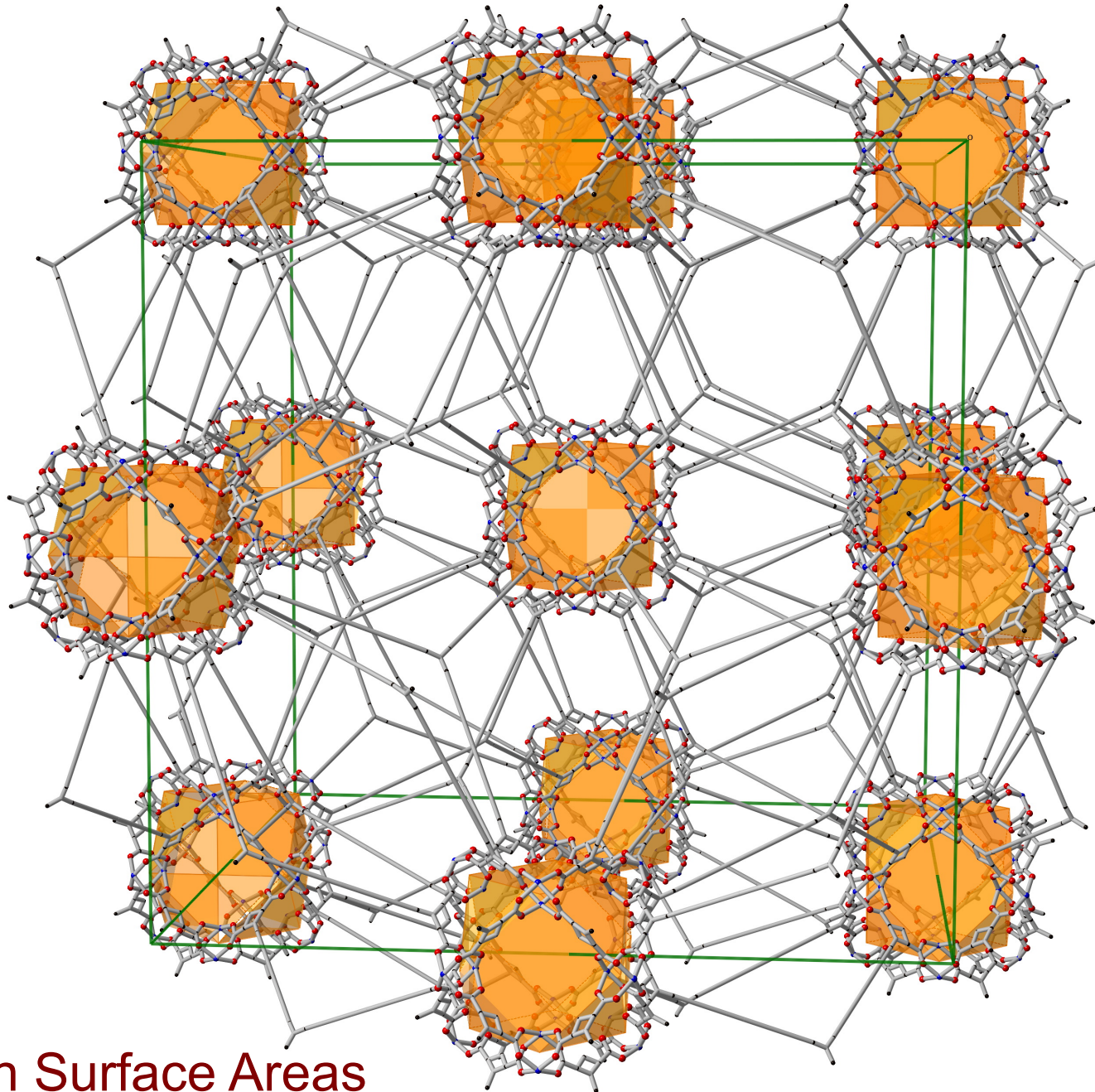
Generates expanded cuboctahedrons acting as  
nodes of connectivity 24



From the cuboctahedrons radiate 24 ligands acting each as nodes of connectivity 3



# Simplification of the network in cuboctahedrons and trigonal connectors



**Ultrahigh Surface Areas**



# Specific surface (BET) and pore volume for highly porous MOFs

MOF	Superficie específica (m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> )	Volumen de poro (cm <sup>3</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> )	
MFU-4 L	2750	1.26	Chem. Eur. J. 2011, 17, 1837
NOTT-102	2940	1.14	J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2009, 131, 2159
PCN-61	3000	1.36	J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2009, 131, 9186
Cu <sub>24</sub> (TPBTM) <sub>8</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> 4	3160	1.27	J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2011, 133, 748
SNU-77	3670	1.52	Chem. Eur. J. 2011, 17, 7251
NOTT-112	3800	1.62	Chem. Commun. 2009, 1025
MOF-5	3800	1.55	J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2007, 129, 14176
UMCM-1-NH <sub>2</sub>	3920		Chem. Eur. J. 2010, 16, 212
PCN-66	4000	1.36	J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2009, 131, 9186
Be <sub>12</sub> (OH) <sub>12</sub> (BTB) <sub>24</sub>	4030		J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2009, 131, 15120
UMCM-1	4160		Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. 2008, 47, 677
MIL-101c	4230	2.15	Science 2005, 309, 2040
Bio-MOF-100	4300	4.3	Nat. Commun. 2012, 3, 604
MOF-205	4460	2.16	Science 2010, 329, 424
MOF-177	4750	1.59	J. Mater. Chem. 2007, 17, 3197
DUT-23-Co	4850	2.03	Chem. Eur. J. 2011, 17, 13007
NOTT-116	4660	2.17	Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. 2010, 49, 5357
PCN-68	5110	2.17	J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2010, 132, 4092
UMCM-2	5200	2.32	J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2009, 131, 4184
NU-100	6140	2.82	Nat. Chem. 2010, 2, 944
MOF-210	6240	3.6	Science 2010, 329, 424
NU-109E	7010	3.75	J. Am. Chem. Soc. <b>2012</b> , 134, 15016
NU-110E	7140	4.4	J. Am. Chem. Soc. <b>2012</b> , 134, 15016

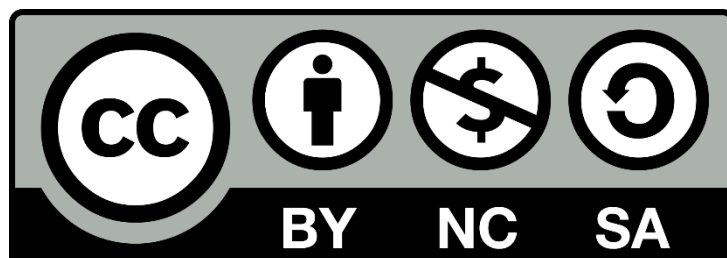
## Materiales porosos convencionales

Zeolitas	≈ 900	0.30
Sílicas	≈ 1000	1.15
Carbonos	≈ 1500	0.60

Table partially adapted from:  
J. Am. Chem. Soc. **2012**, 134, 15016

Este material docente ha sido elaborado en el marco de una convocatoria de ayudas para el desarrollo de proyectos de innovación educativa y mejora de la calidad docente (convocado por el Vicerectorat de Polítiques de Formació i Qualitat Educativa de la Universitat de València, en el curso 2017-2018). Código: UV-SFPIE\_RMD17-725369

Estas diapositivas forman una parte del contenido docente de la asignatura "Química Inorgánica Avanzada" del Máster Universitario en Química.



<https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-sa/3.0/es/>