

# An Entirely New Molecular Glue for MOF Using Unusual Structural Transformation of a Coordination Polymer

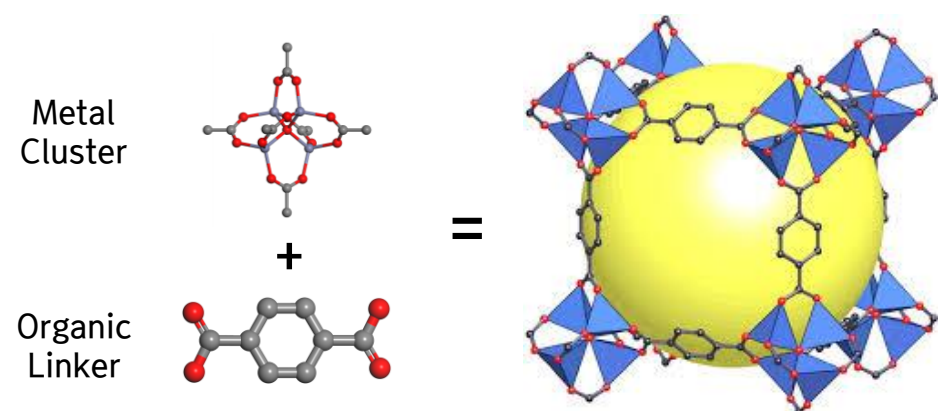
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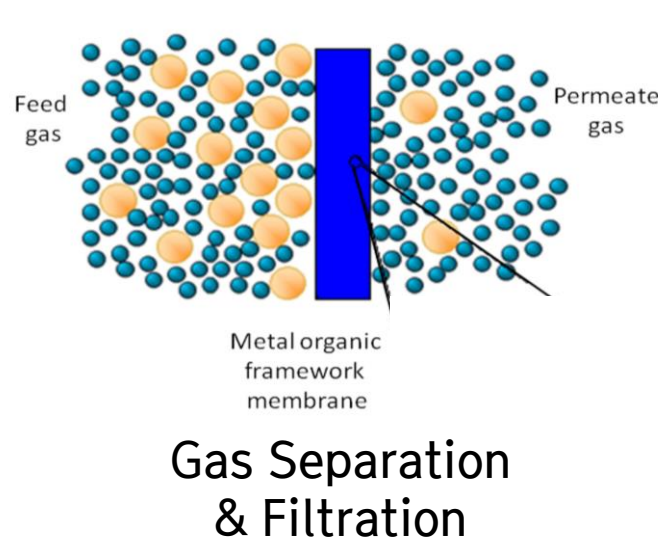
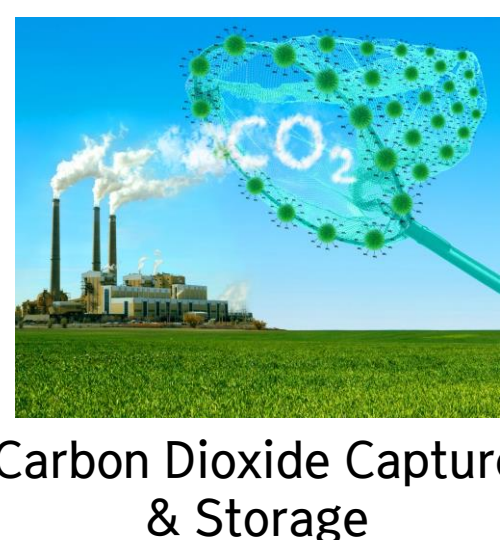
## 1. Introduction

What is MOF?



**Metal Organic Framework** is a new class of porous material formed by regular coordination of metal ions or metal clusters and organic ligands.

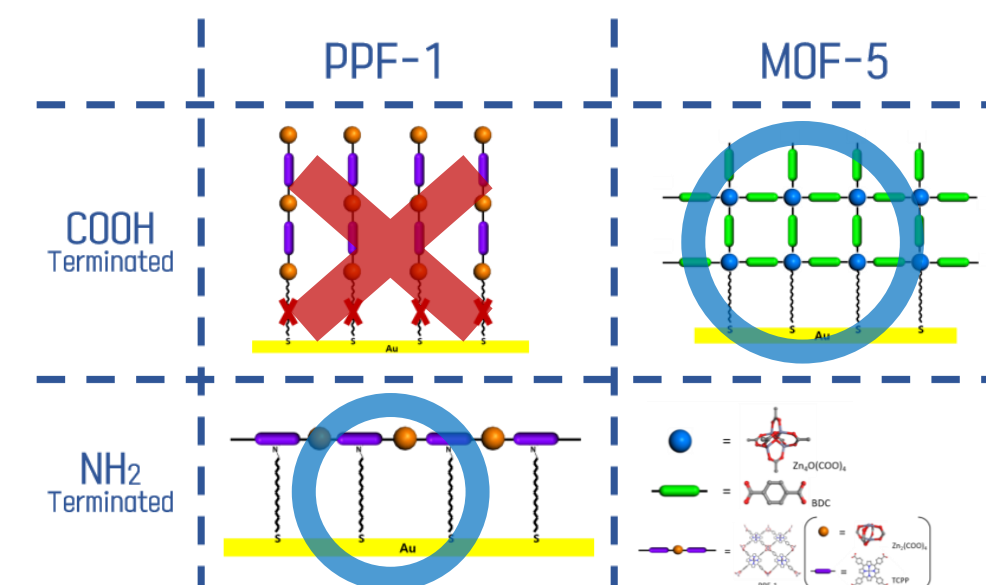
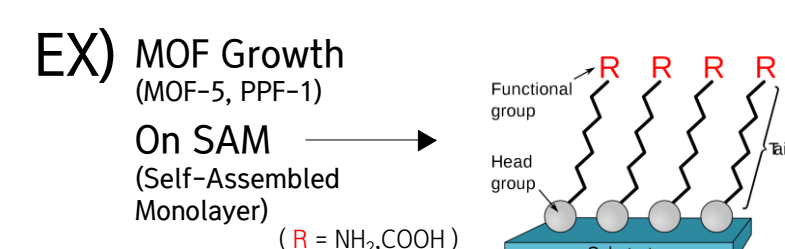
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⇒ Question. To widen application & usage?

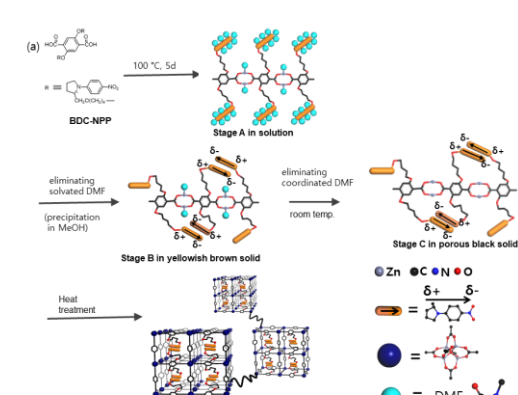
Processable MOF Film Is the Answer!

**But**, limitations of method  
 - Unique/Processed substrate  
 - Low thermal stability  
 - No preformed MOF

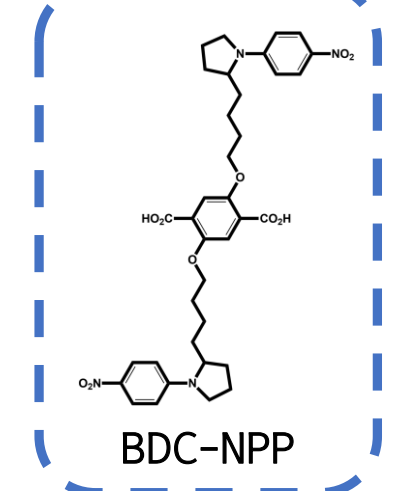


#Idea : Inventing a Glue!

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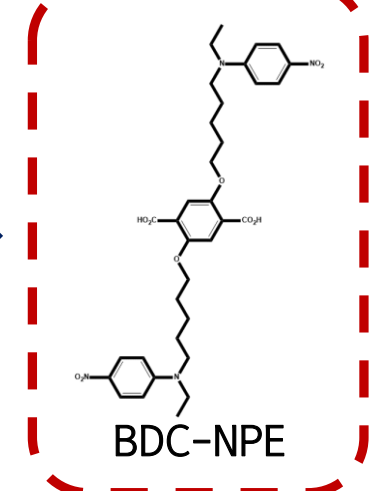


Preceding Research



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 Transformation time decrease

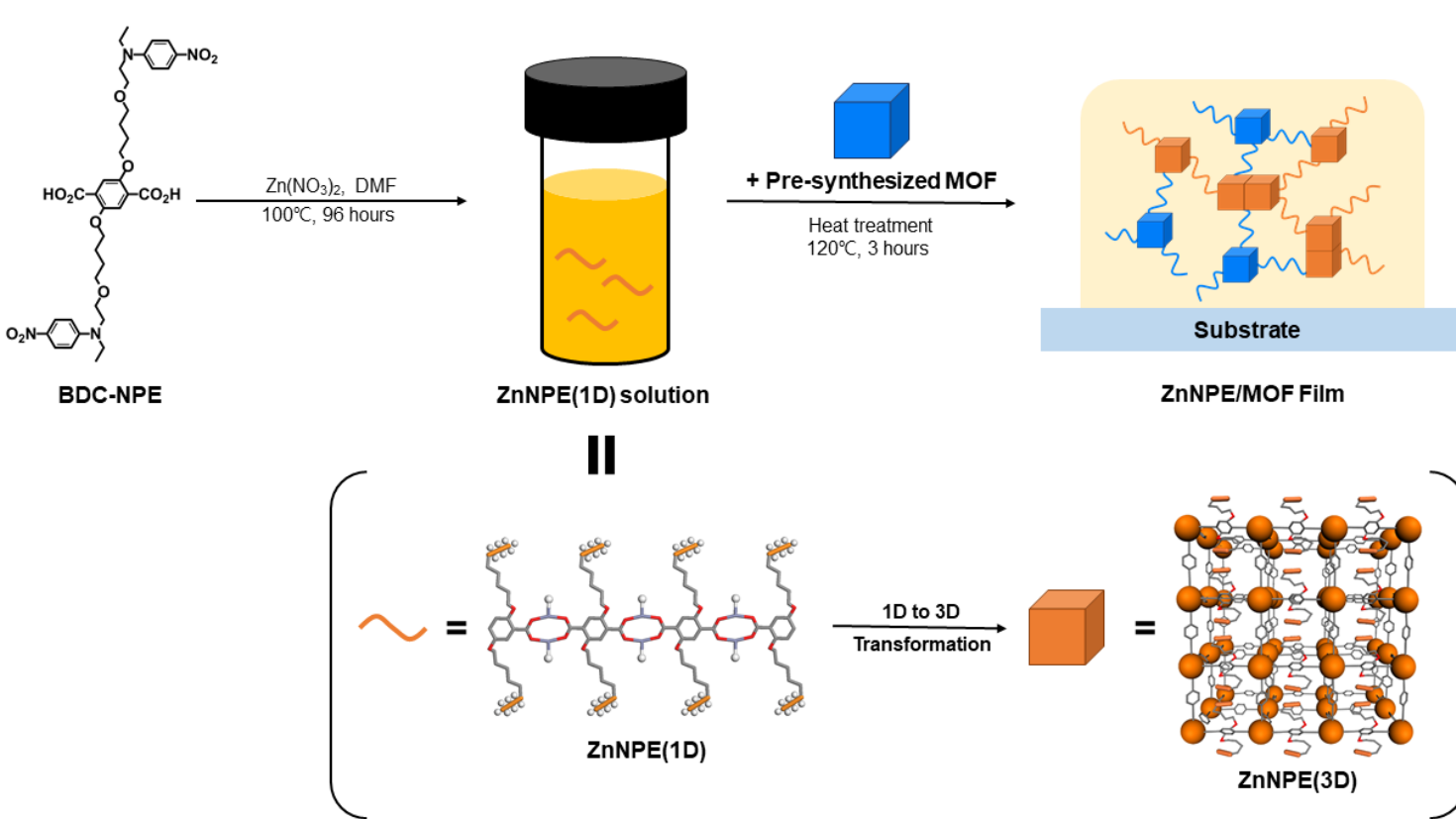
This Research



BDC-NPP: Structural transformation from 1D coordination polymer to 3D cross-linked framework takes place<sup>2</sup>

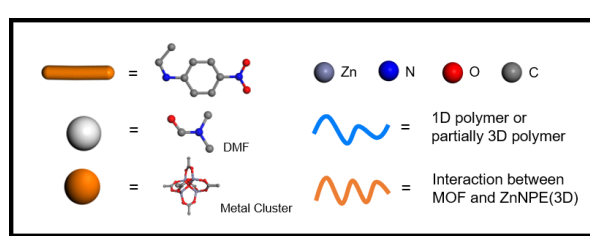
## 2. Result & Discussion

# Synthesis & 1D-3D Transformation



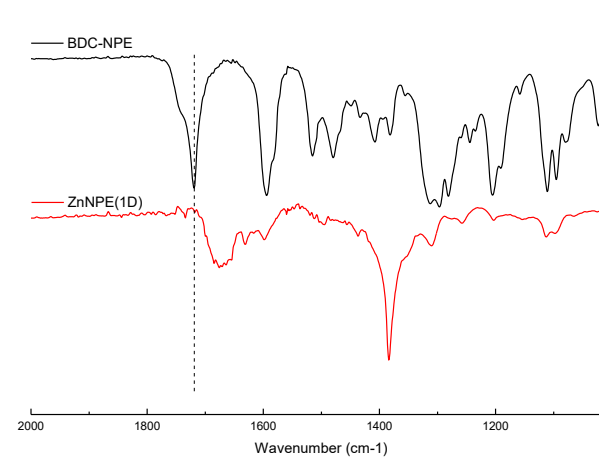
**ZnNPE(1D)**  
 Coordination polymer composed of BDC-NPE and zinc metal

**ZnNPE(3D)**  
 3D cross-linked framework which transformed from ZnNPE(1D)  
 ⇒ Bind to preformed MOF via interaction between carboxylate functional group



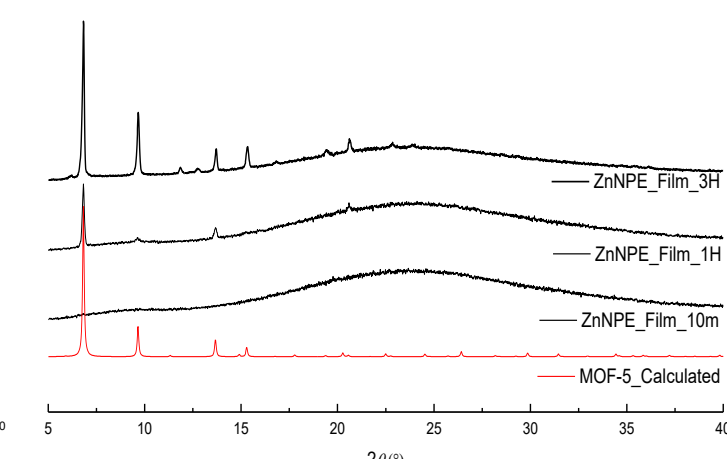
# Identification

Infrared Spectroscopy



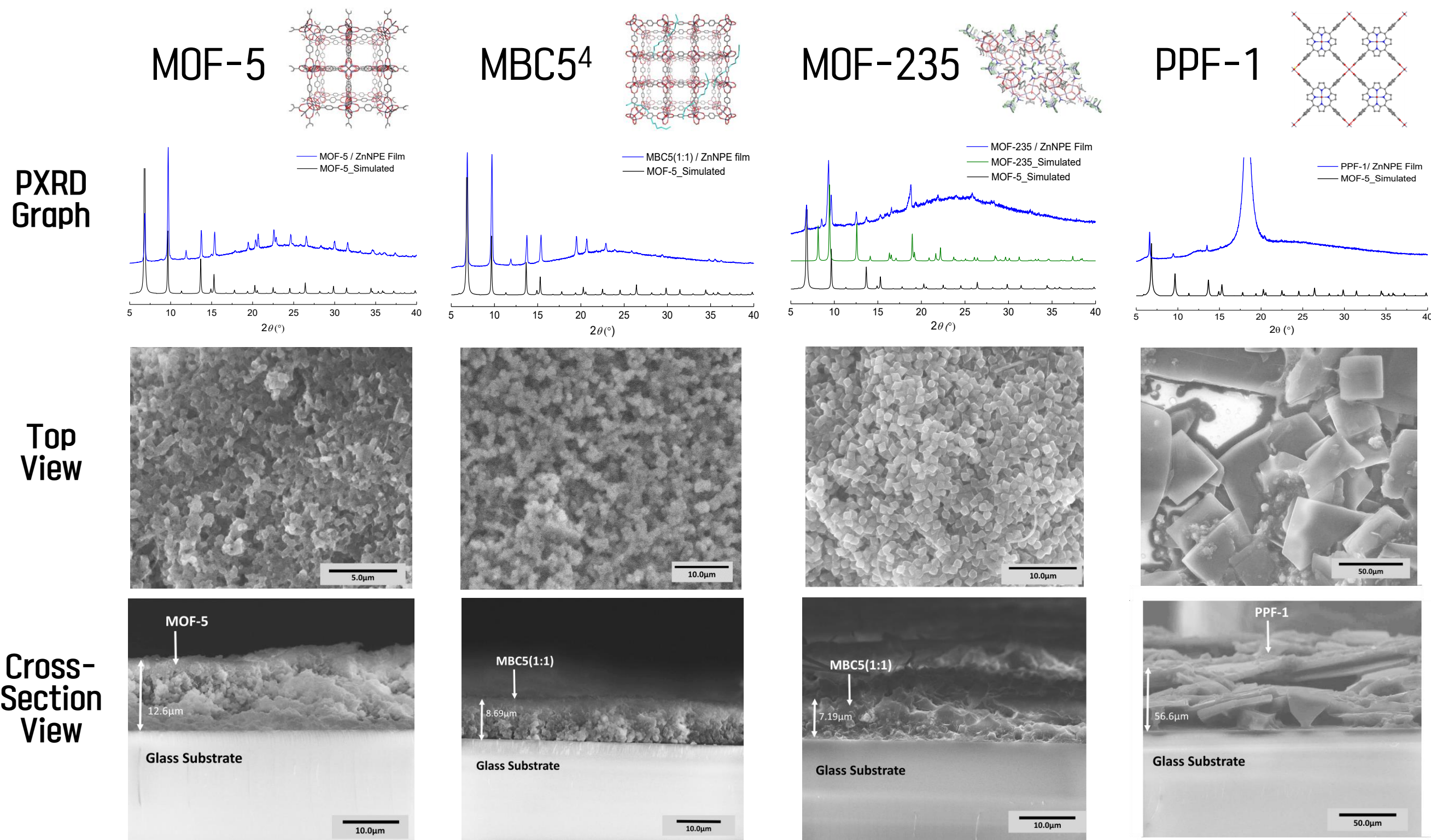
Vibration of COOH molecule ( $\nu=1739\text{cm}^{-1}$ , dotted line) disappears on ZnNPE(1D). This confirms synthesis of ZnNPE(1D) polymer<sup>3</sup>

Powder X-Ray Diffraction



Main peak of ZnNPE(3D) ( $2\theta=6.8, 9.8^\circ$ ) is same as that of MOF-5 ( $2\theta=6.8, 9.8^\circ$ ). This confirms ZnNPE(3D)'s topology as a cubic structure, which is same to that of MOF-5

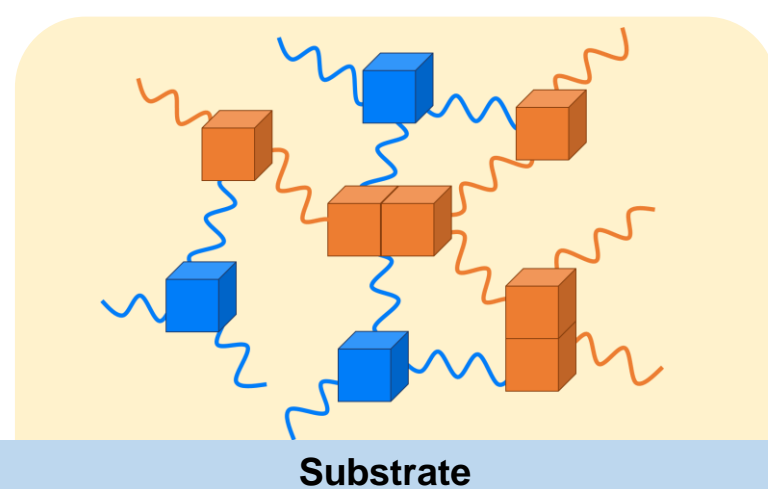
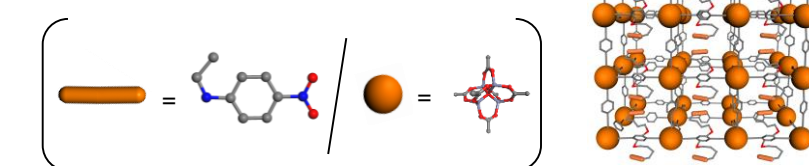
# Film Forming Ability



Wide range of Preformed MOF can be incorporated

■ = Any Preformed MOF

■ = Molecular Glue



## 3. Conclusion

The conventional fabrication of a MOF typically cannot attach pre-synthesized MOFs and need functionalized substrates. However, using coordination polymer glue to form MOF film, it enables attachment of any preformed MOF to any substrate, which reduces the price of the process and gives high thermal stability. It is the first time to research on a molecular glue which can form MOF films with such an economical and boundless ways, and we expect this molecular glue to greatly expand the application of MOF films. For further research, we must check the capabilities of this MOF film – adsorption, thermal stability – and look for ways to commercialize it.

**What We Learned :** Through this study, we learned the basics of researching – selecting topic, rearranging our goals through reading various papers, conducting experiments, and summarizing our results. And above all, we realized that collaboration is primarily important in researching and essential to lead good research results.

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