

Dynameric membranes for gas separation

Rubbery organic frameworks- ROFs

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Tuning the gaz-diffusion through molecular networks in multicomponent functional membranes

In general, the gas transport performances are controlled by the **gas-diffusivity** through **glassy polymers** and by **solubility-selective behaviors** of **rubbery polymers**.

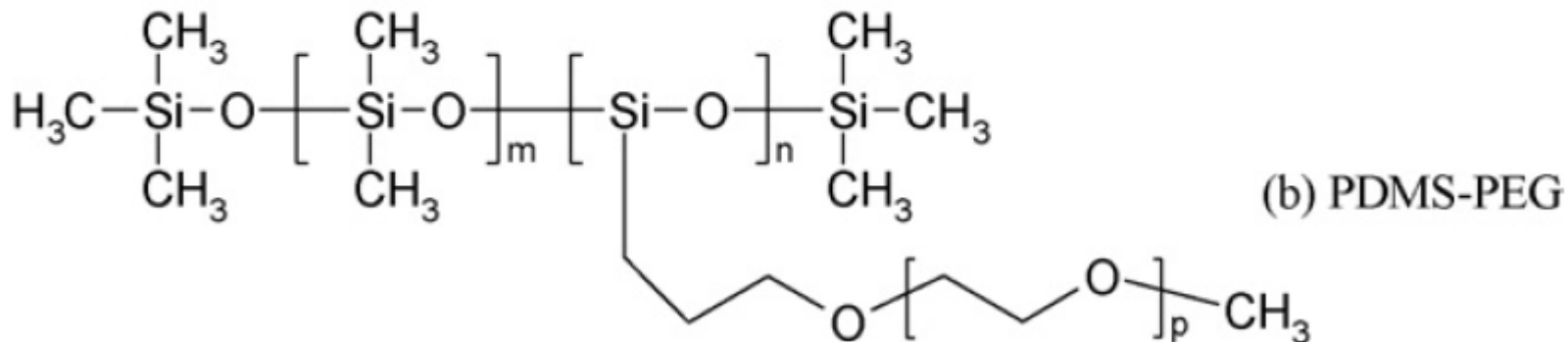
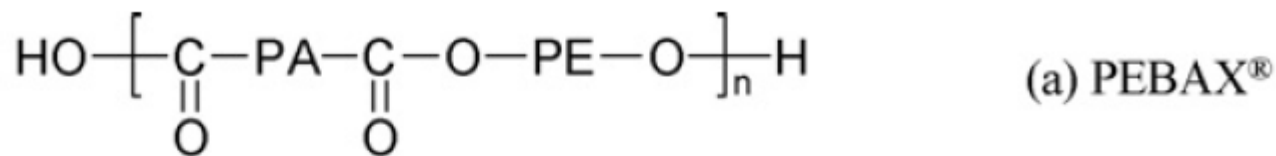
The trade-off behaviour high selectivity/low permeability and vice versa is the most important challenge in developing membrane systems with high permeability whilst keeping a reasonable selectivity

Polymer blending- molecular additives

Polymer blending is a versatile tool to combine the beneficial properties of polymers and molecular additives to increase the free volume of the polymer and the solubility.

A. Car, C. Stropnik, W. Yave, K.V. Peinemann, J. Membr. Sci. 307 (2008) 88–95.

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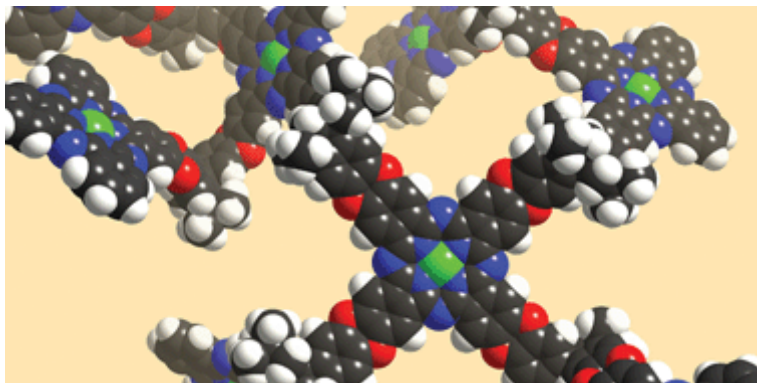


S. R. Reijerkerk, M. H. Knoef, K. Nijmeijer, M. Wessling J. Membr. Sci. 352 (2010) 126.

Polymers of intrinsic microporosity (PIMs): robust, solution-processable, organic nanoporous materials

P. M. Budd , B. S. Ghanem , S. Makhseed , N. B. McKeown , K. J. Msayib, C. E. Tattershall
Chem. Commun., 2004, 230-231

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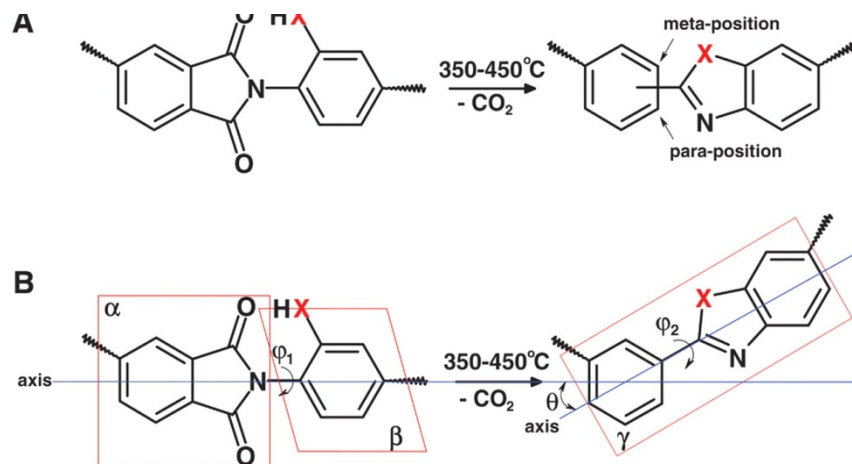
Soluble PIMs may be processed into thin films for use as highly selective gas separation membranes.

PIMs = potential heterogeneous catalysis and hydrogen storage systems.

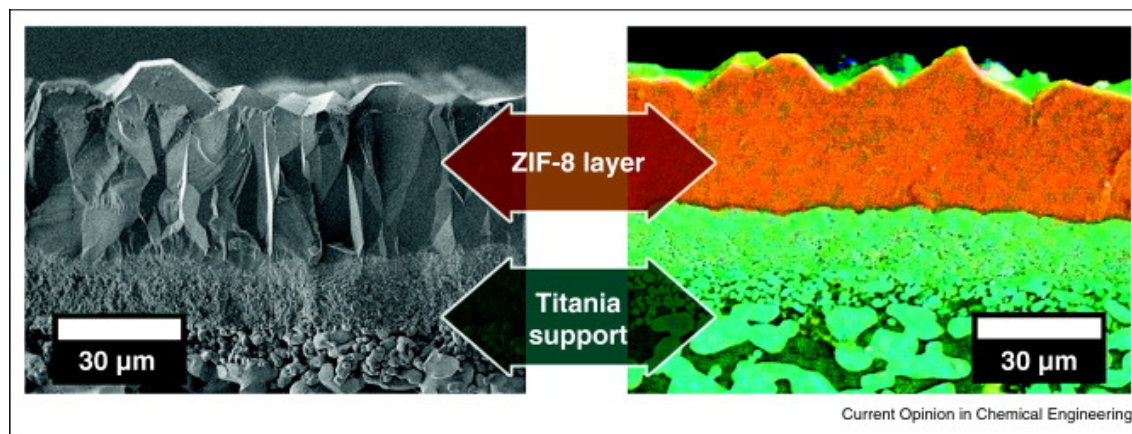
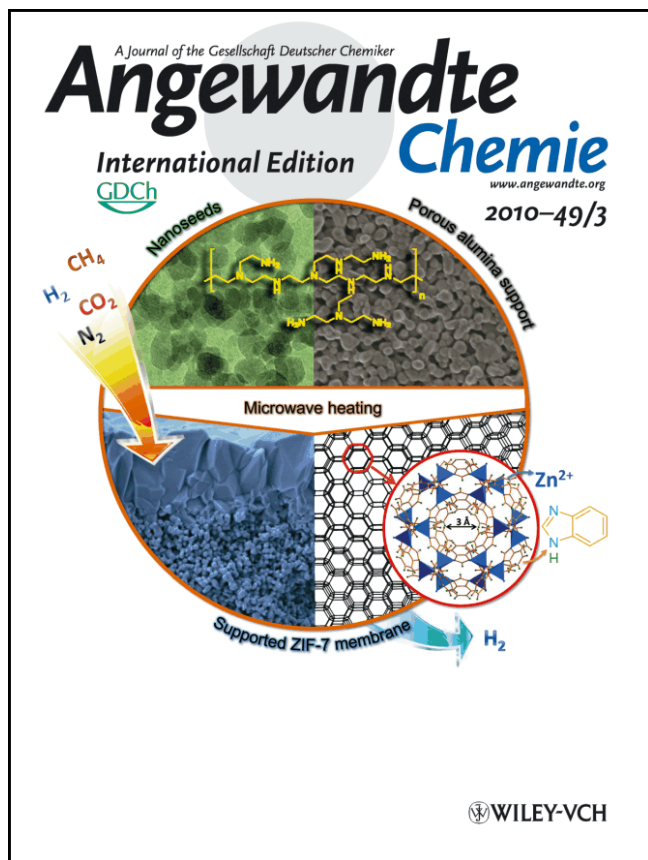
Polymers with Cavities Tuned for Fast Selective Transport of Small Molecules and Ions

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Within a polymer film, free-volume elements such as pores and channels typically have a wide range of sizes and topologies. This broad range of free-volume element sizes compromises a polymer's ability to perform molecular separations. We demonstrated free-volume structures in dense vitreous polymers that enable outstanding molecular and ionic transport and separation performance that surpasses the limits of conventional polymers. The unusual microstructure in these materials can be systematically tailored by thermally driven segment rearrangement. Free-volume topologies can be tailored by controlling the degree of rearrangement, flexibility of the original chain, and judicious inclusion of small templating molecules. This rational tailoring of free-volume element architecture provides a route for preparing high-performance polymers for molecular-scale separations.



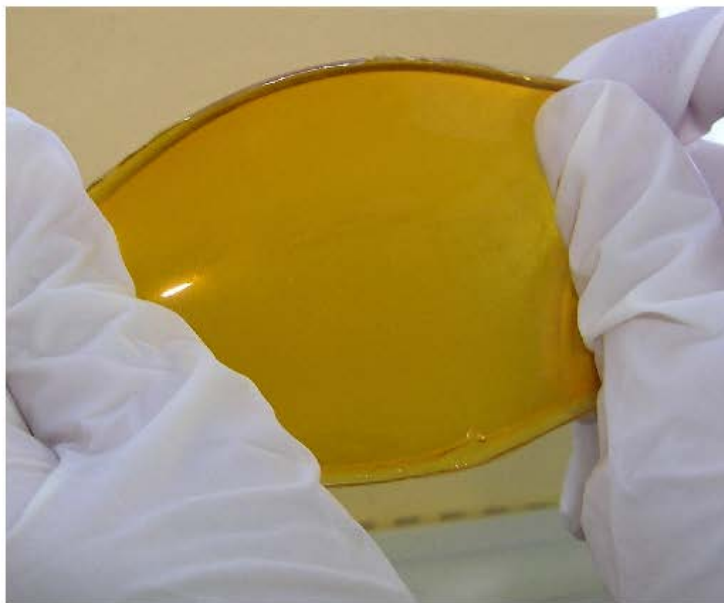
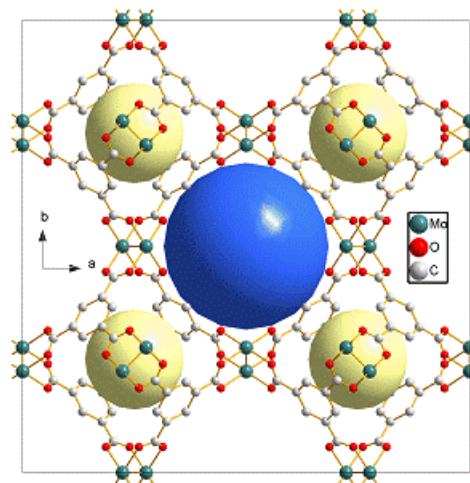
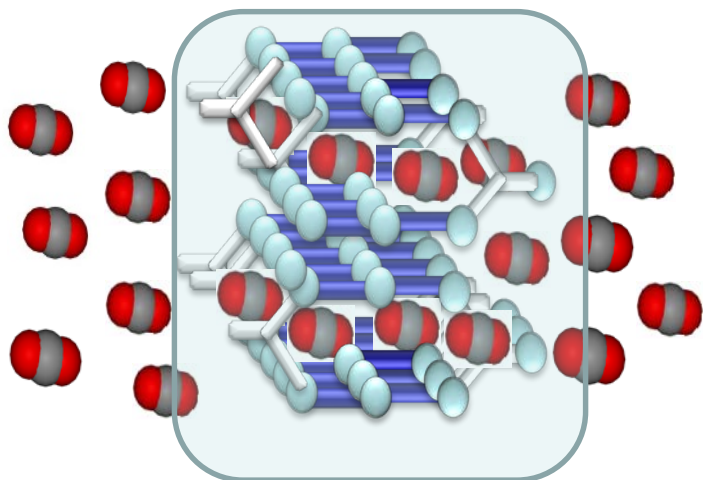
Are MOF (ZIF) membranes better in gas separation than those made of zeolites?



- the structural flexibility of MOFs apparently prevents a sharp molecular sieving with a pore size estimated from the 'rigid' crystallographic structure by size exclusion.
- mixed matrix MOFs membranes which show improved performance in comparison with the pure polymer membranes.

• Different from zeolites as organic–inorganic material, the MOF nanoparticles can be easily embedded into organic polymers, and standard shaping technologies to hollow fibers or spiral wound geometries can be applied

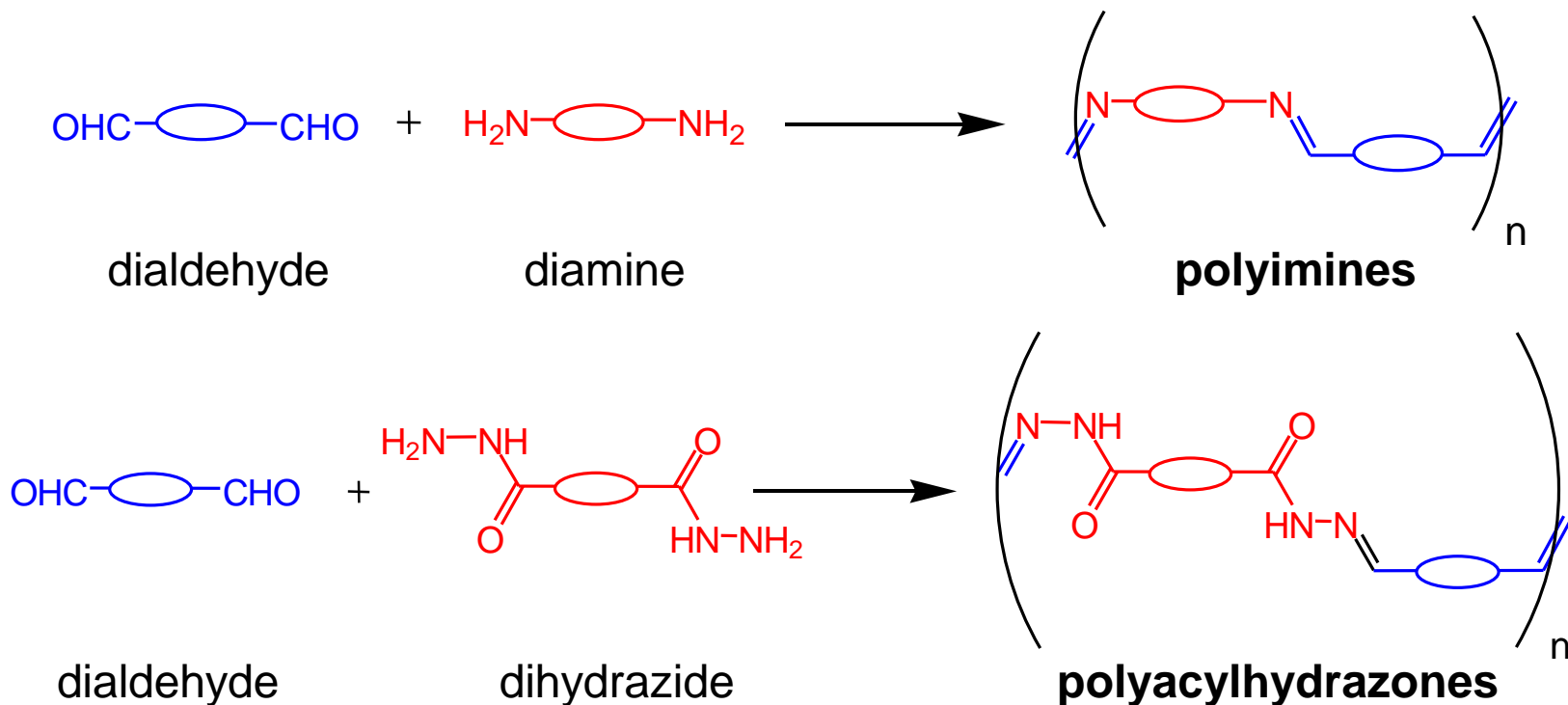
Rubbery Organic Frameworks (ROFs)



DYNAMERS

Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. **2004**, 101, 8270-8275.

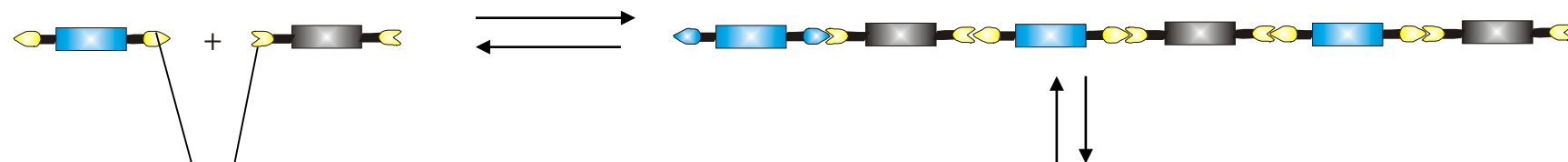
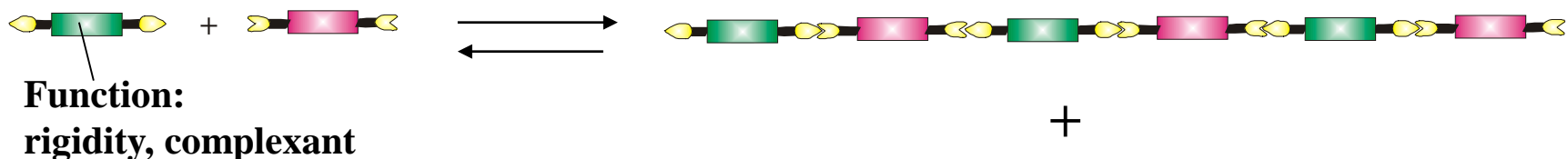
DYNAMIC POLYMERS generated via REVERSIBLE COVALENT CONNECTIONS



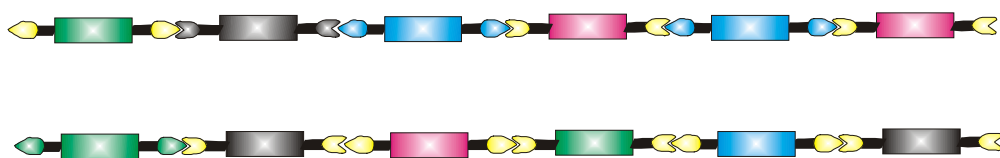
courtesy of Jean-Marie LEHN

COMPONENT RECOMBINATION between DYNAMIC POLYMER CHAINS

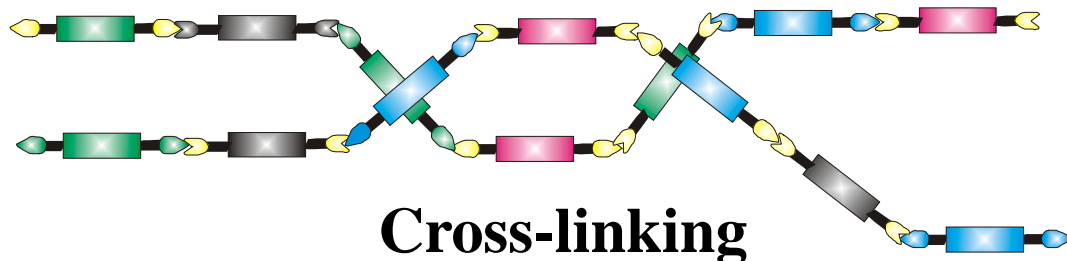
Homopolymers



Heteropolymers



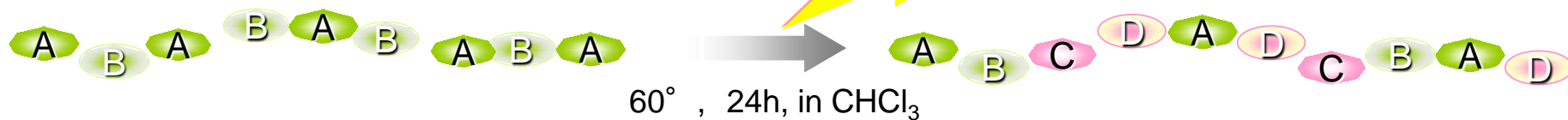
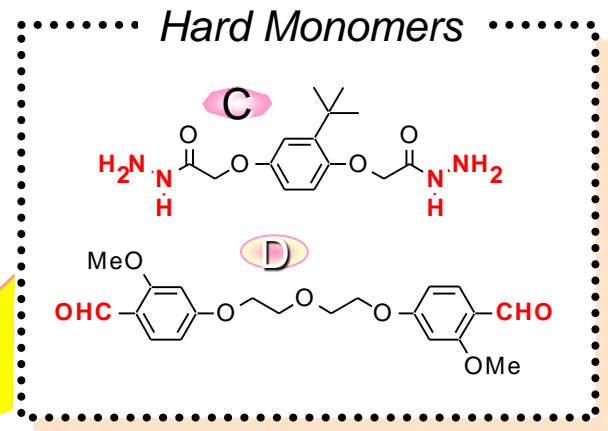
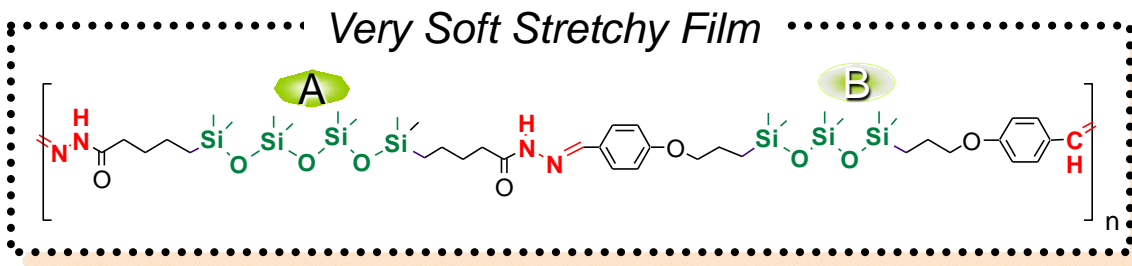
Dynamic exchange



Cross-linking

Lehn, J.-M. Dynamers: dynamic molecular and supramolecular polymers. *Prog. Polym. Sci.* **2005**, *30*, 814-831.

Soft-to-Hard Transformation of Dynamers



Soft Stretchy Film

25mol%

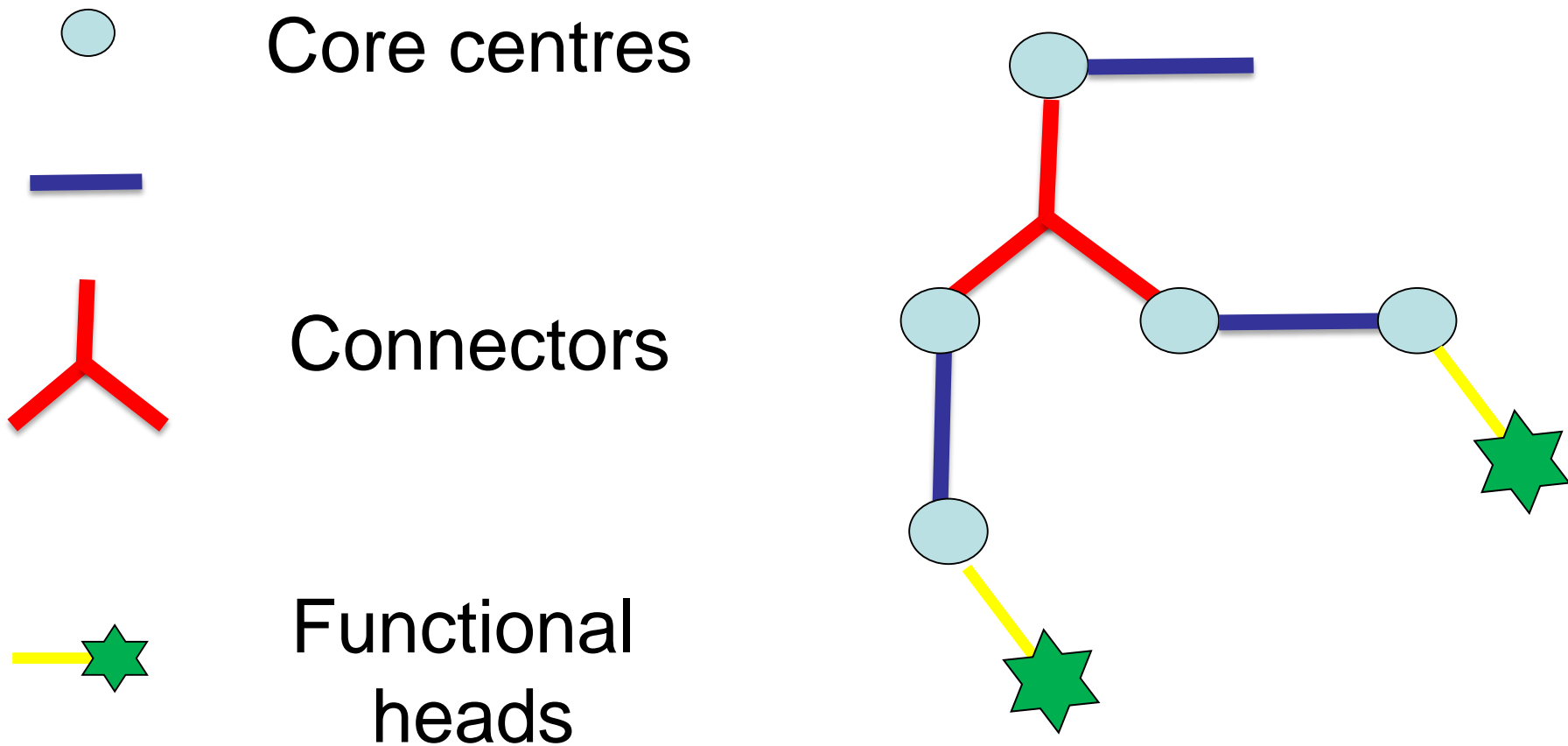
50mol%

75mol%

➔ Conversion of a Soft Stretchy Film into a Hard Tough Film by Dynamic Modification

Rubbery Organic Frameworks (ROFs) Systems Membranes

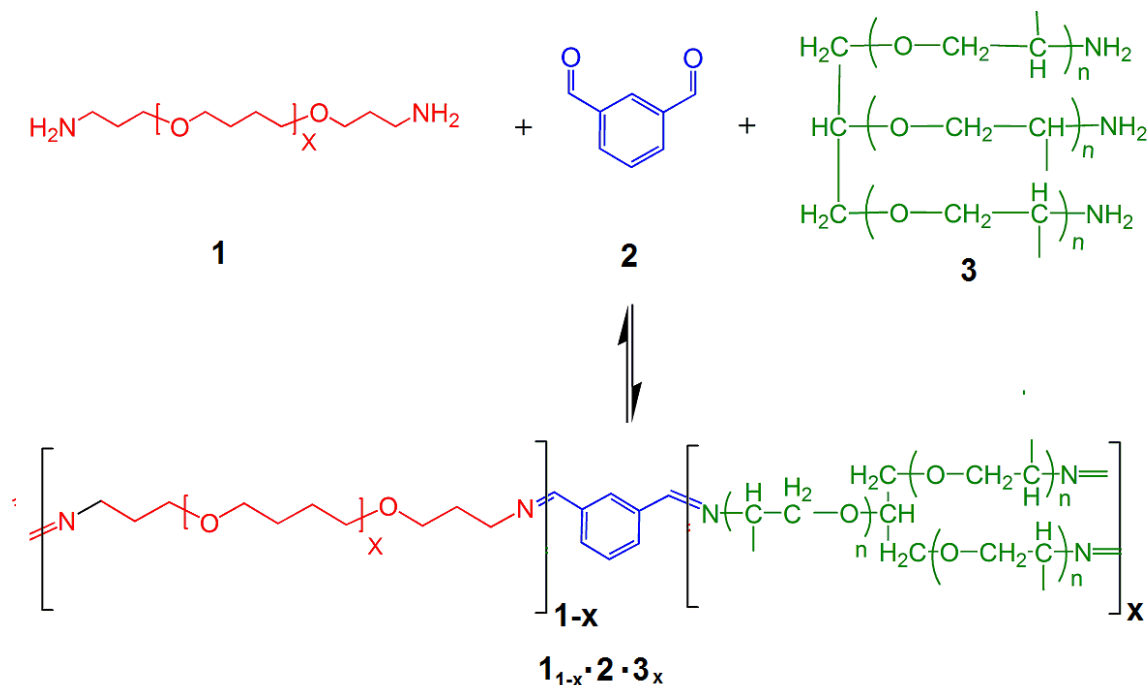
Libraries of components in reversible exchanges



Rubbery Organic Frameworks (ROFs) for gas separation 1st generation

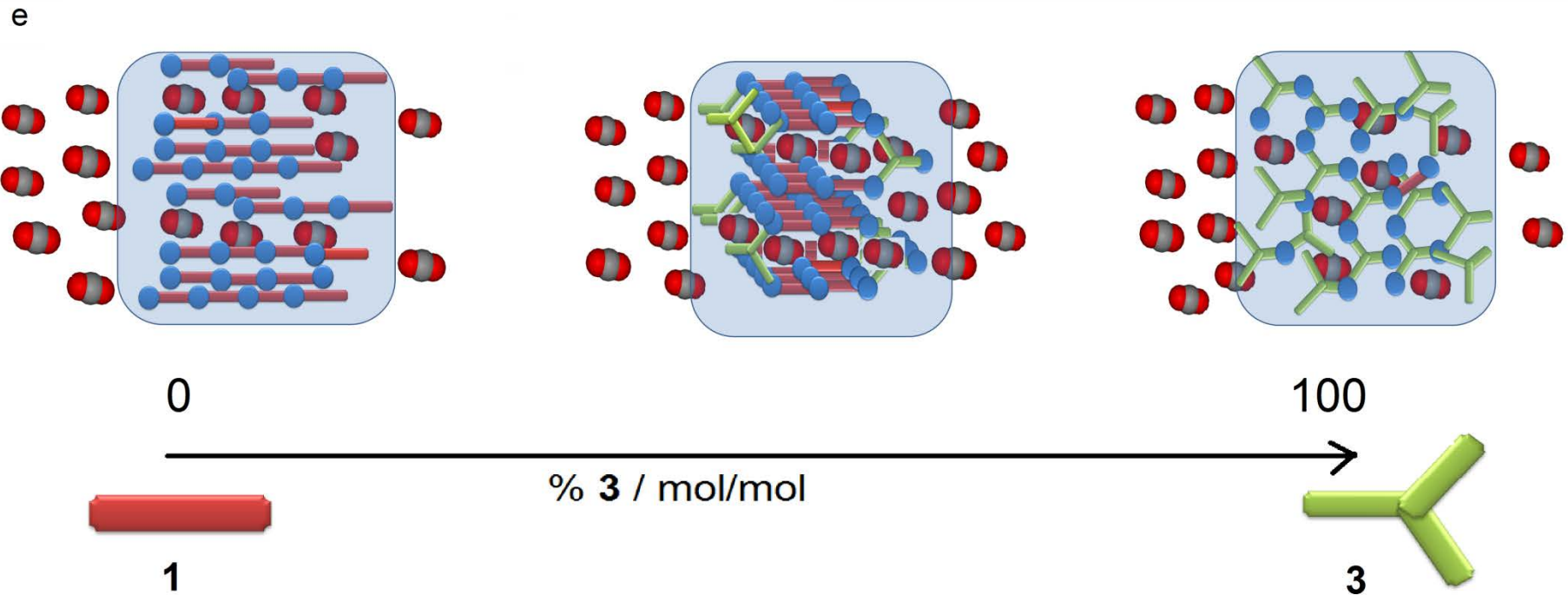
1. the hydrophobic polyTHF **linear macromonomers** have been used to generate the crystalline phases considered as low-permeable for the gas transport;
- 2) the polyMe(PEG) **star-type macromonomers** allowing a high solubility for the CO₂ contribute to the cross-linking behaviour of the dynamic network.
- 3) The connection between the macromonomeric units is based on the reversible covalent isophthaldimine core **connectors**.

a)



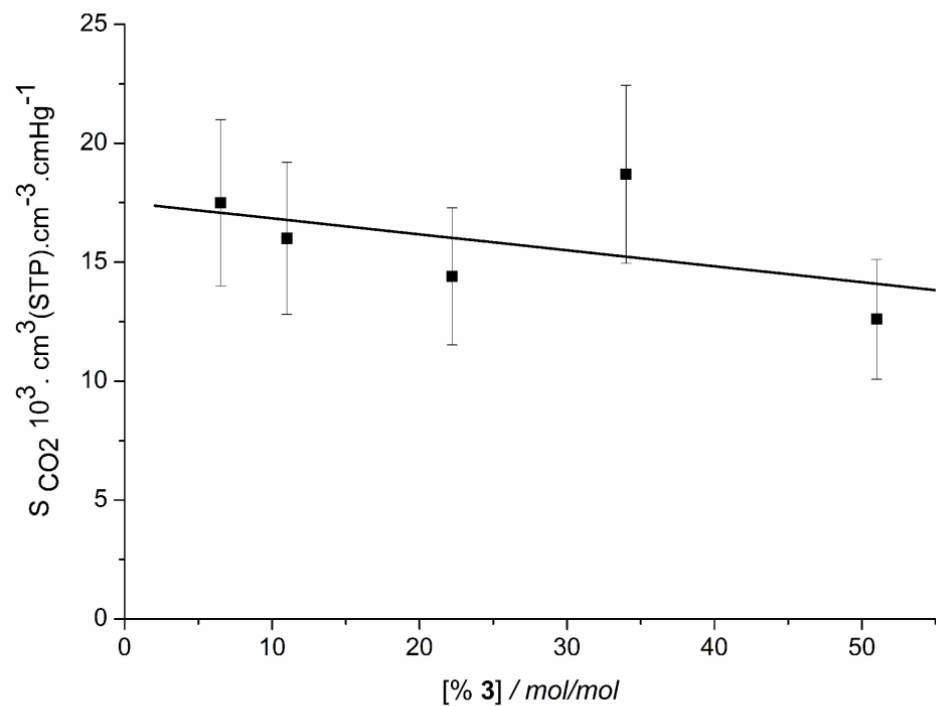
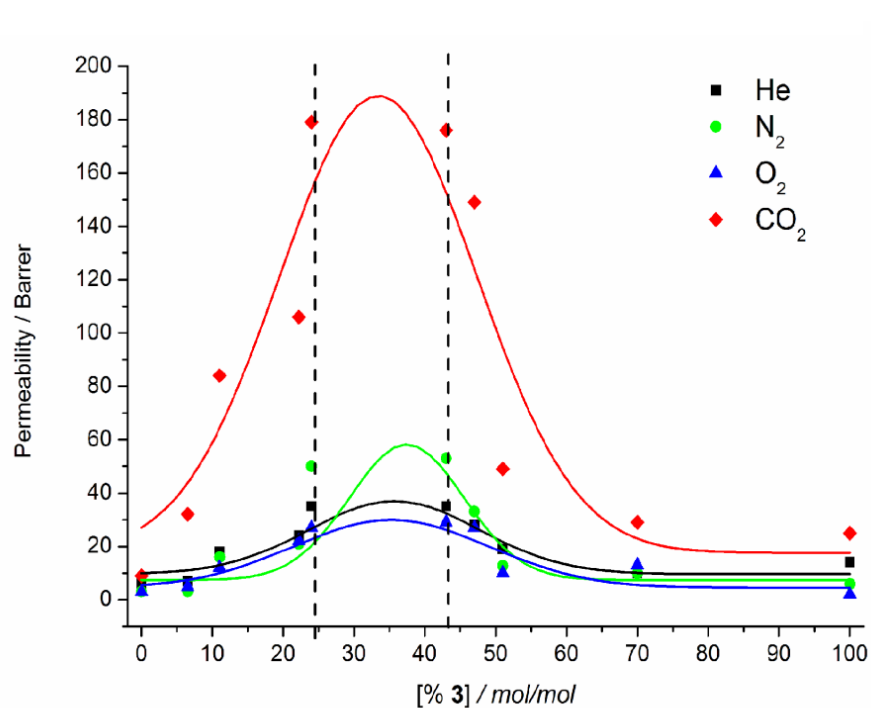
Dynameric Membranes for gas separation

The increase of the free volume is most likely caused by the incorporation of **3**, acting as separator of linear PolyTHF compact matrix

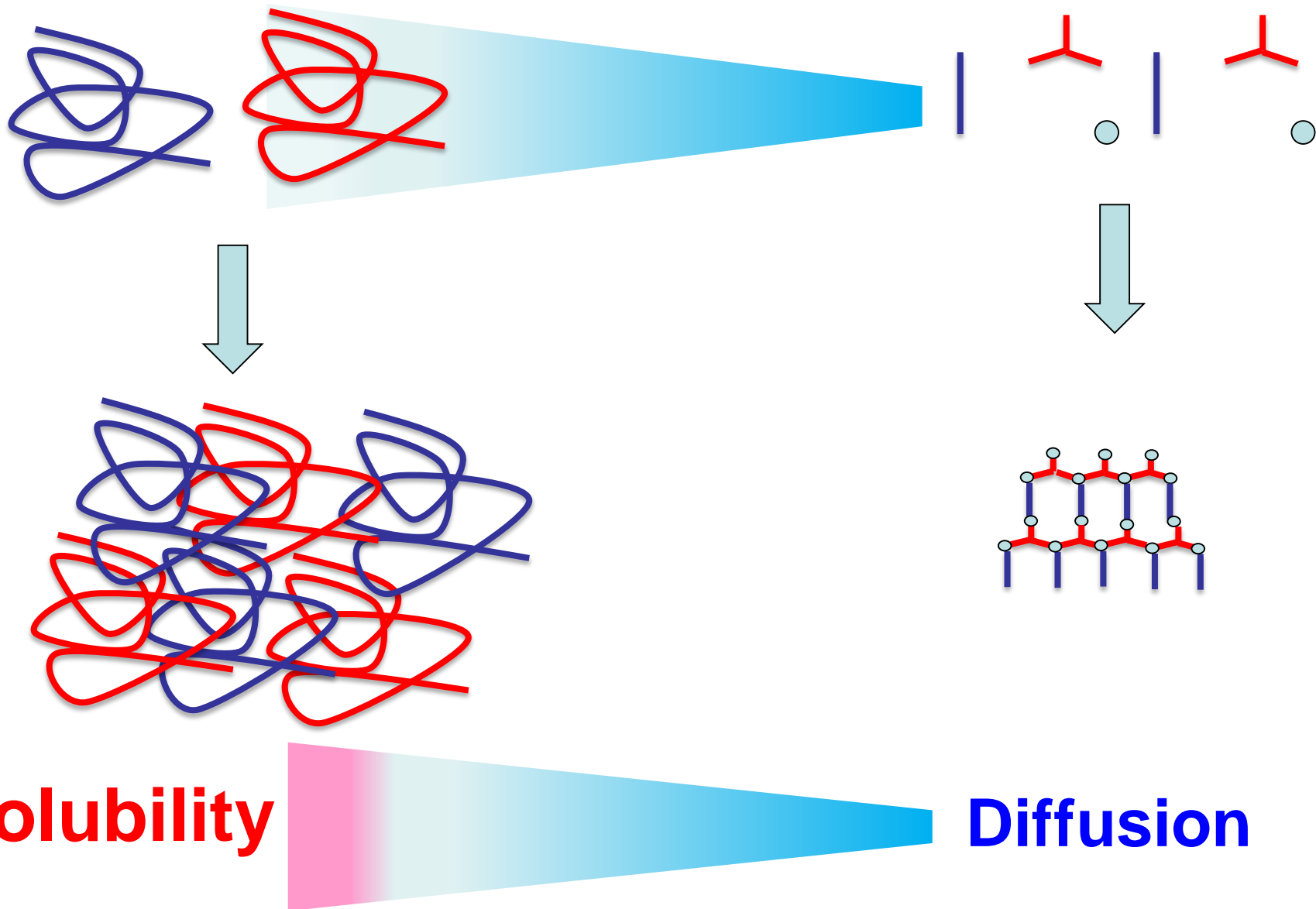


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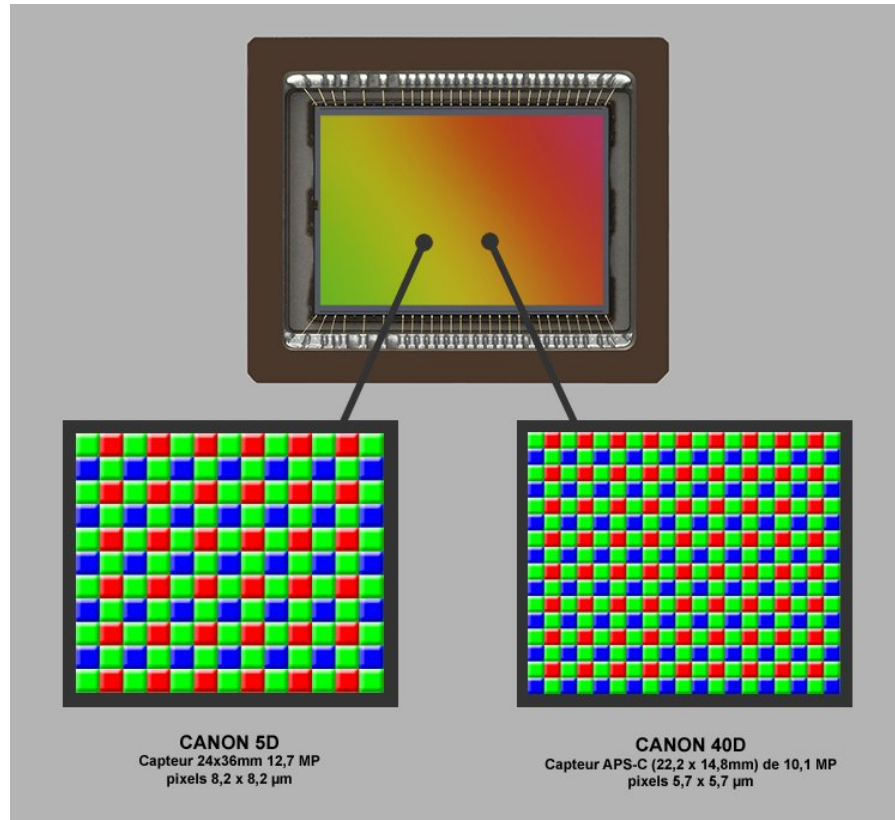
ROFs allow high permeabilities for the CO₂ and interesting CO₂/light gas selectivities



Minimizing the size of elastomeric segments would allow to achieve the molecular limit for highly organized domains



Dynameric Membranes- controlling “the metrics” of membrane material

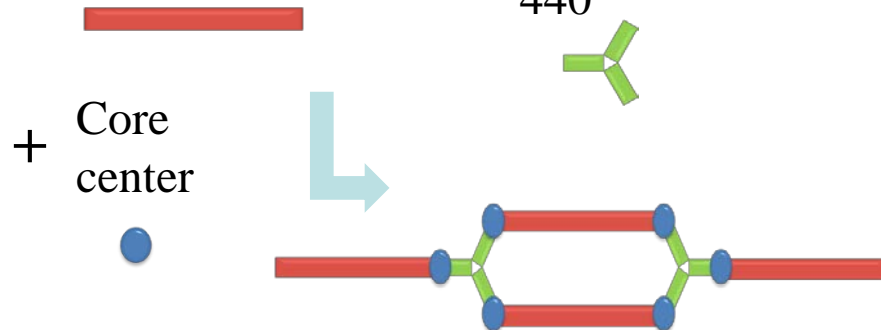


PolyTHF 1100

+

Triamine T-440

+ Core center

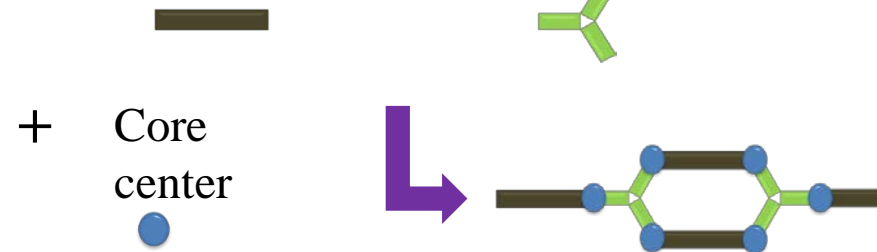


PolyTHF 350

+

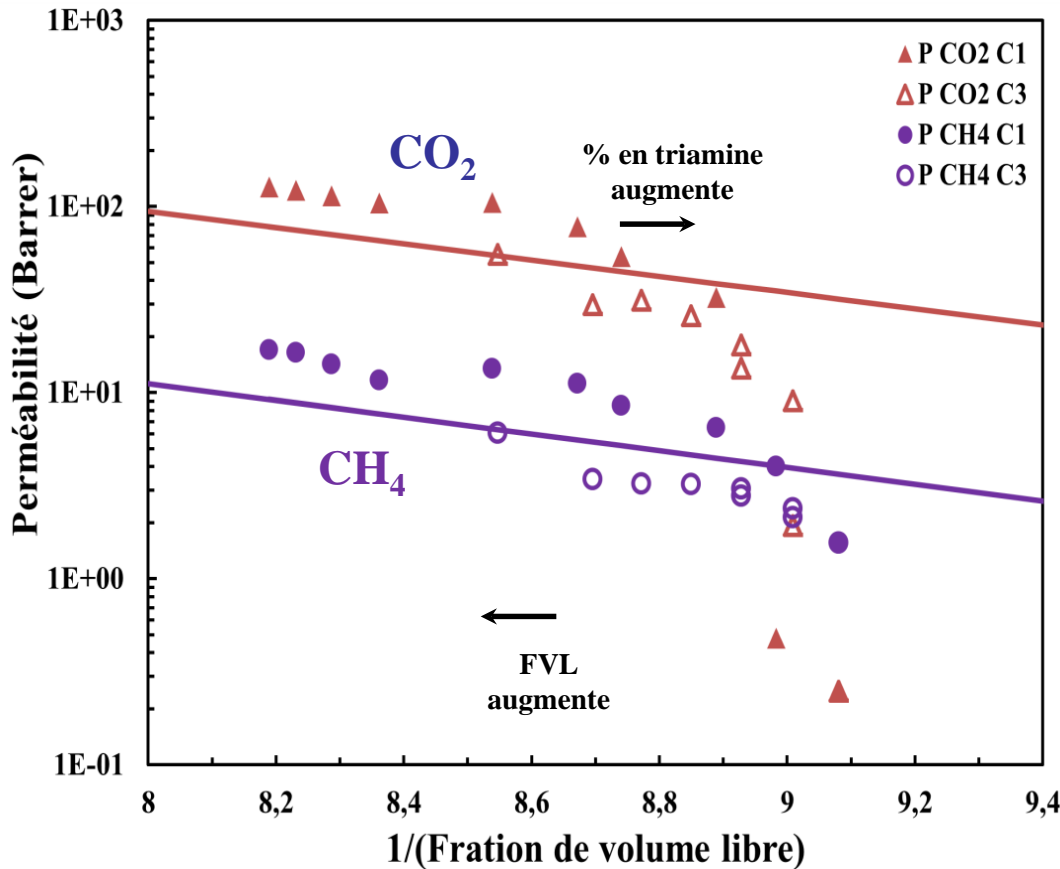
Triamine T-440

+ Core center



Free volume model: Permeability

Fick diffusion



Fugita Model:

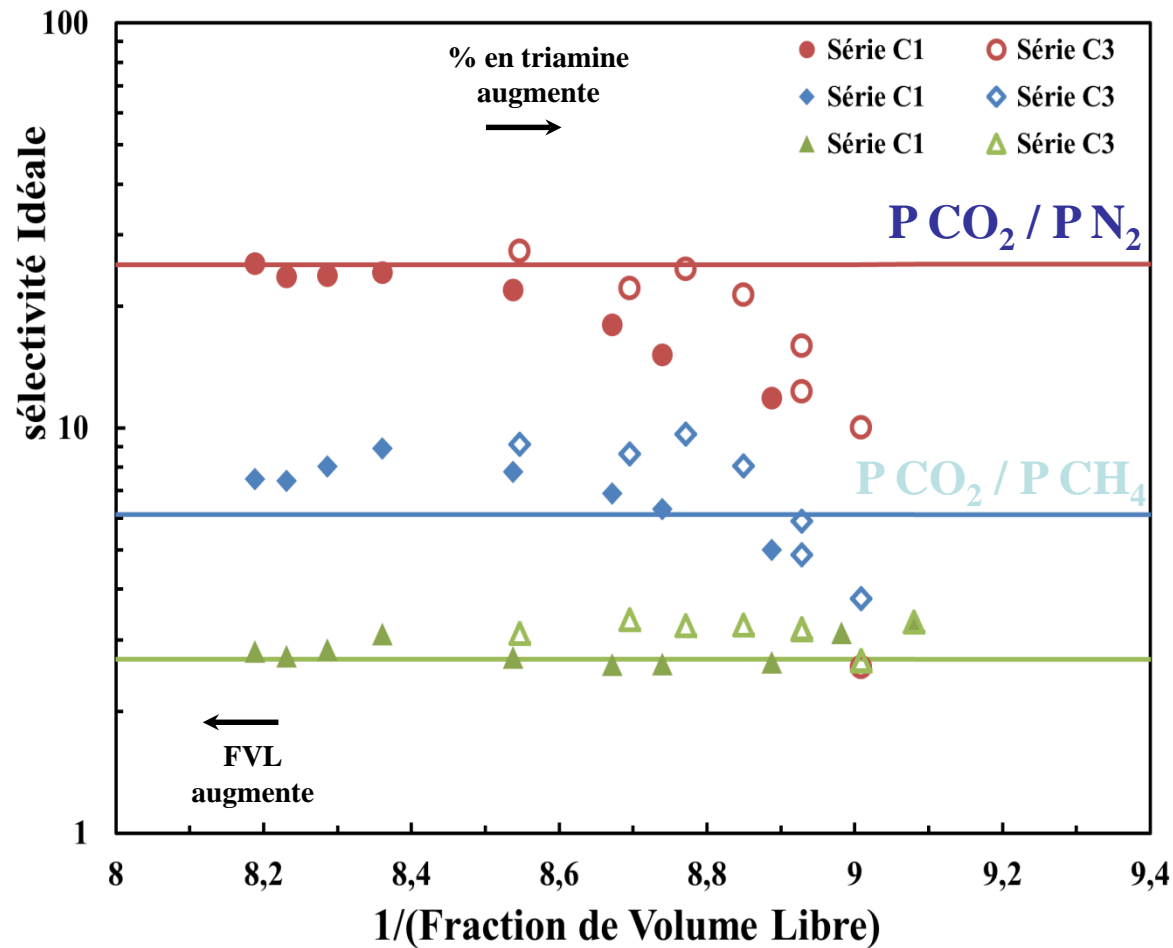
$$P = A_P \exp(-B/FFV)$$

	A_D	B
CH ₄	4,60E+04	1,04
CO ₂	2,80E+05	1
N ₂	1,10E+04	0,96
O ₂	2,95E+04	0,94

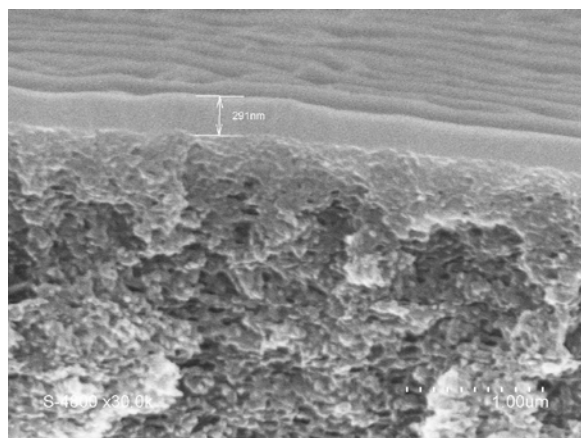
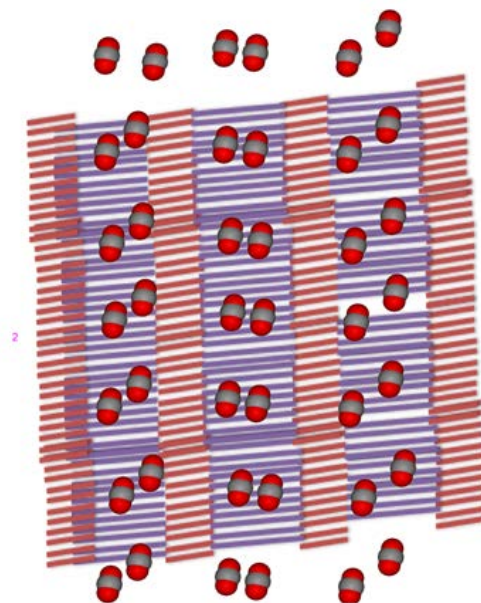
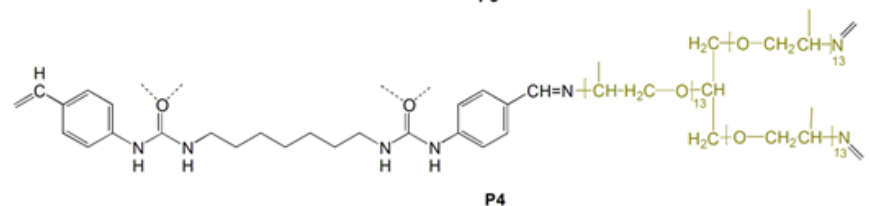
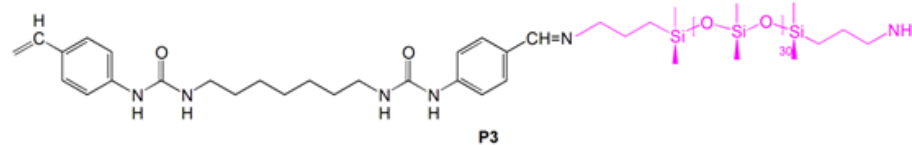
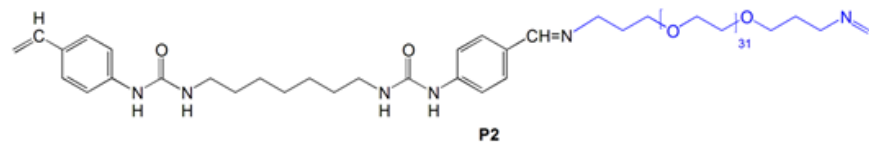
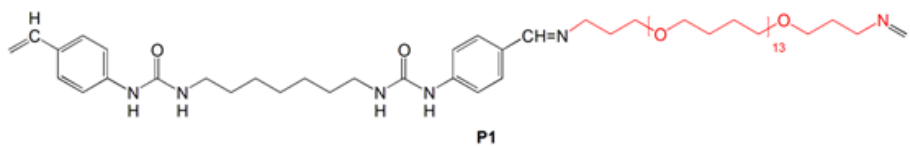
$$B_{CH_4} > B_{CO_2} > B_{N_2} > B_{O_2}$$

$$Vc_{CH_4} > Vc_{CO_2} > Vc_{N_2} > Vc_{O_2}$$

Ideal selectivity –free volume model

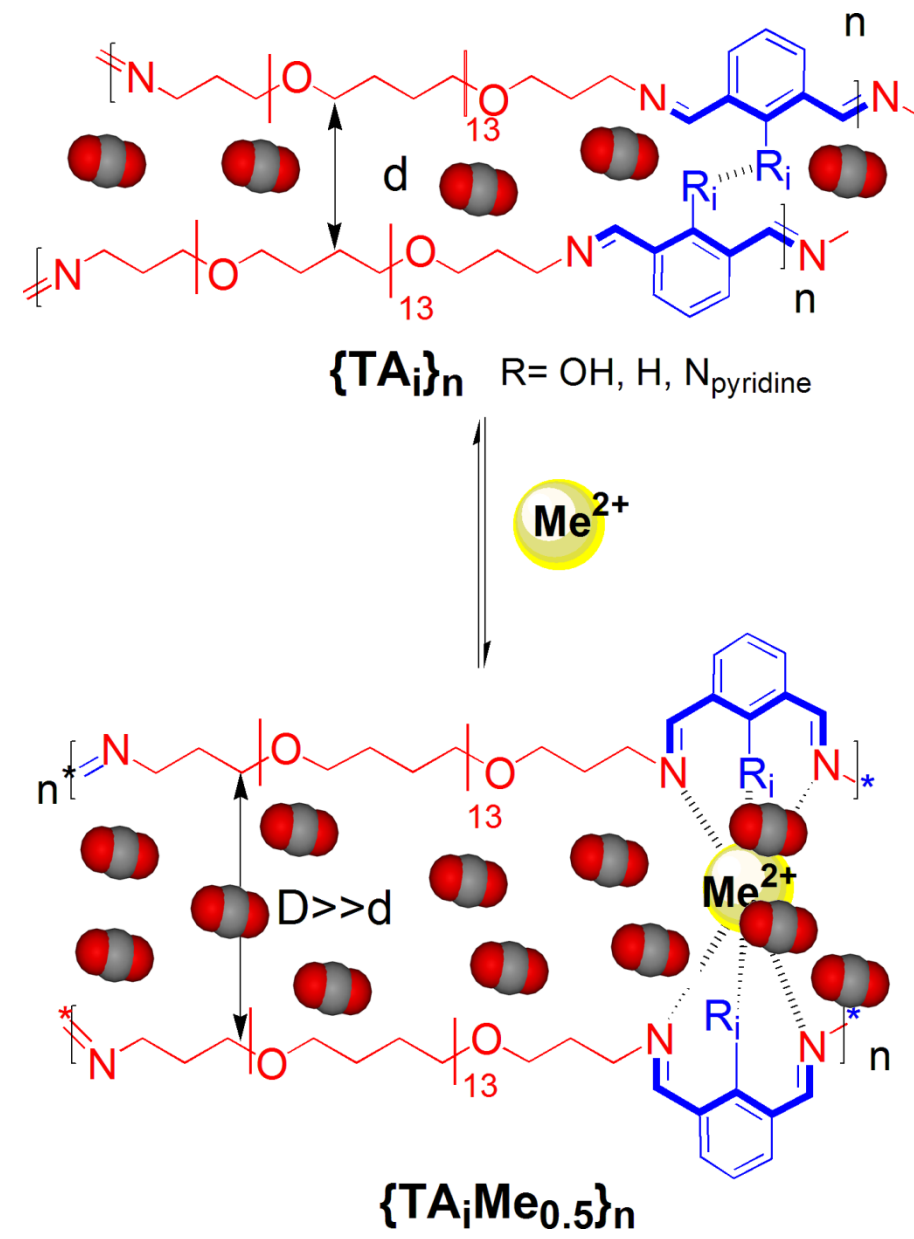
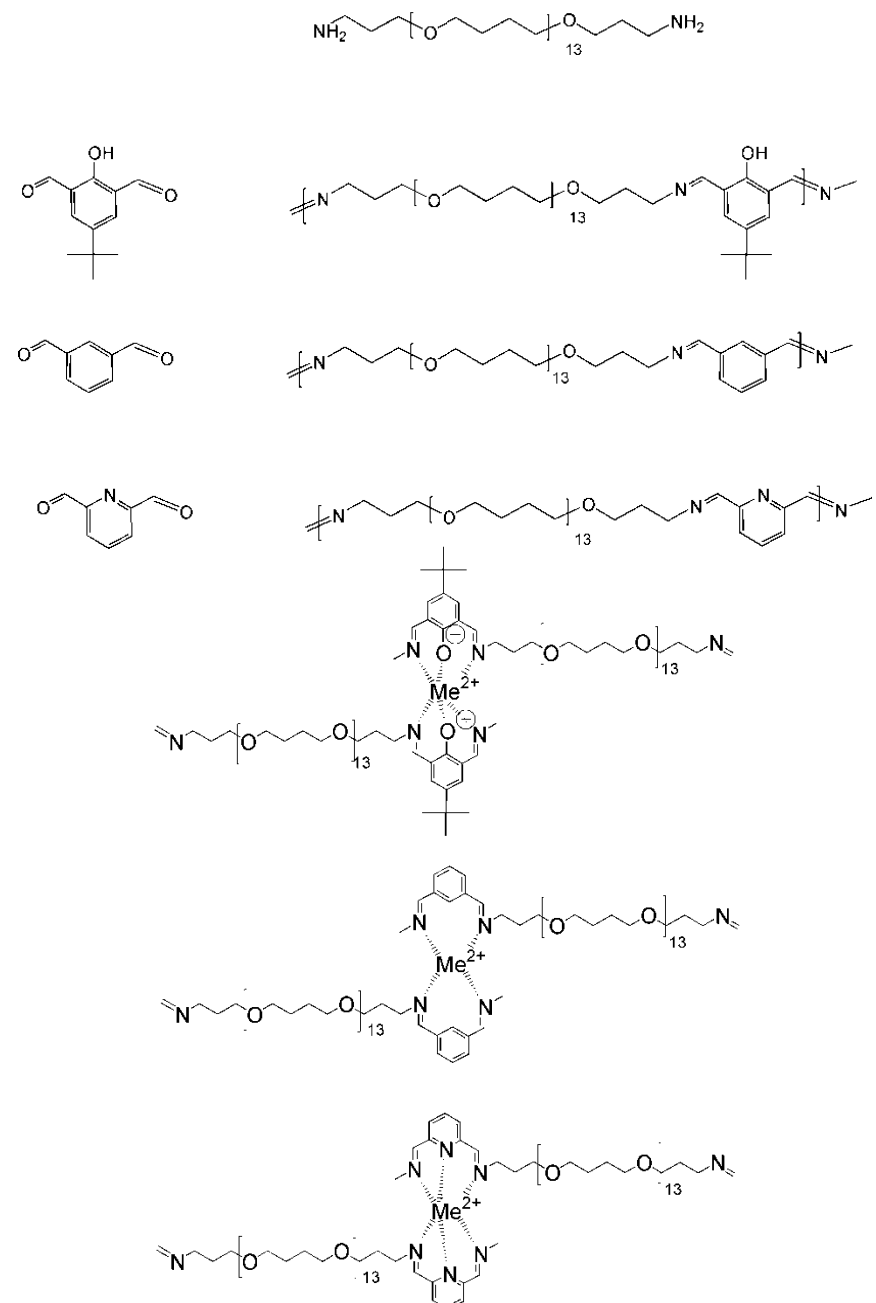


Double dynameric membranes: supramolecular hard and macromolecular permeable soft domains

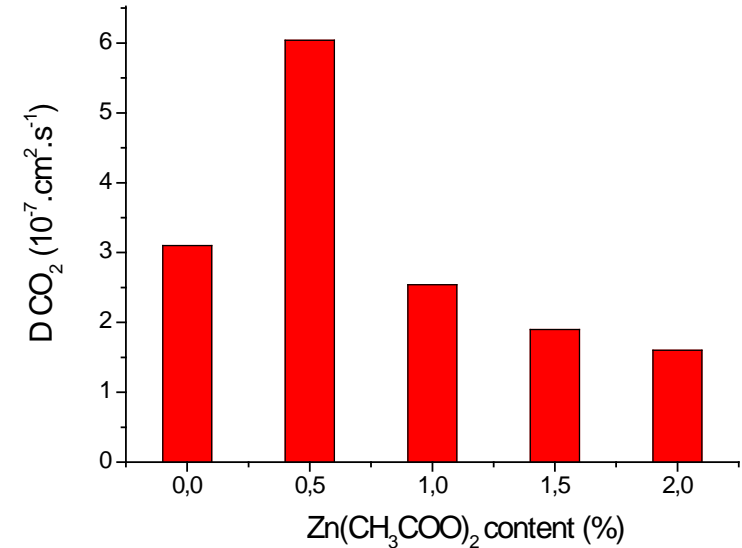
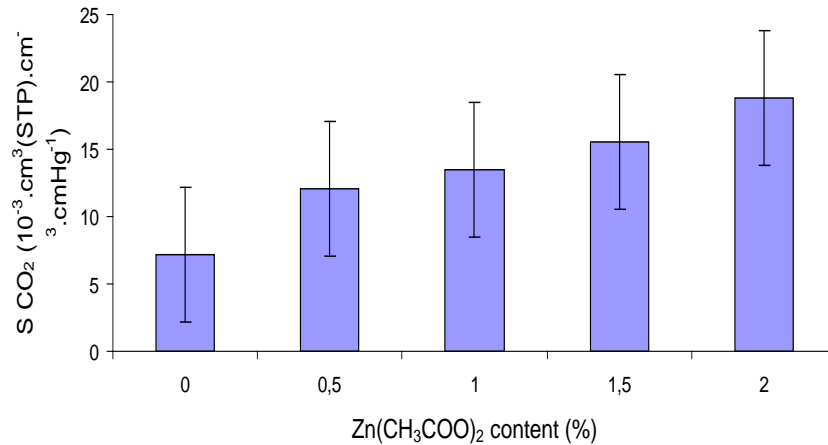


Membrane	P _{O₂} Barrer	P _{N₂} Barrer	P _{CO₂} Barrer	S _{CO₂/N₂}	S _{O₂/N₂}
P1	6.2	2.2	80.2	36.7	2.8
P2	0.33	0.2	3.00	1.7	14.9
P3	474.7	204.8	2685.3	13.1	2.2
P4	3.5	1.6	43.0	28	2.3
P5	3.0	3.0	9.0	3	1
P6	6.0	2.0	25.0	14	3

Metallo-dynameric membranes



Gas transport solubility and diffusion



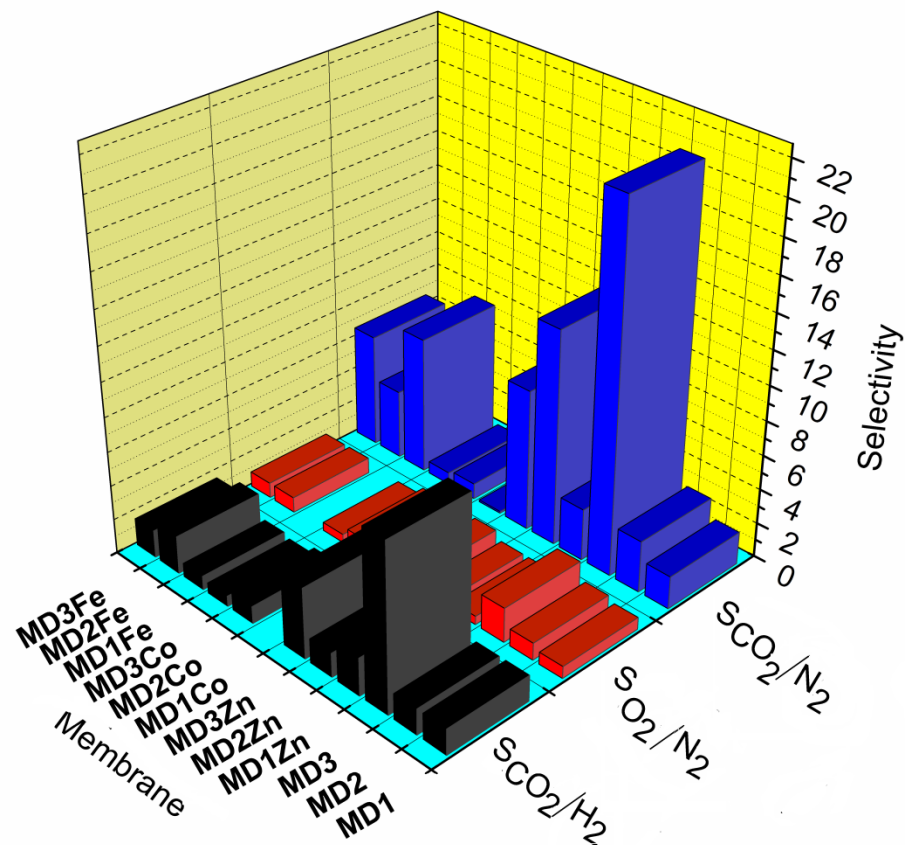
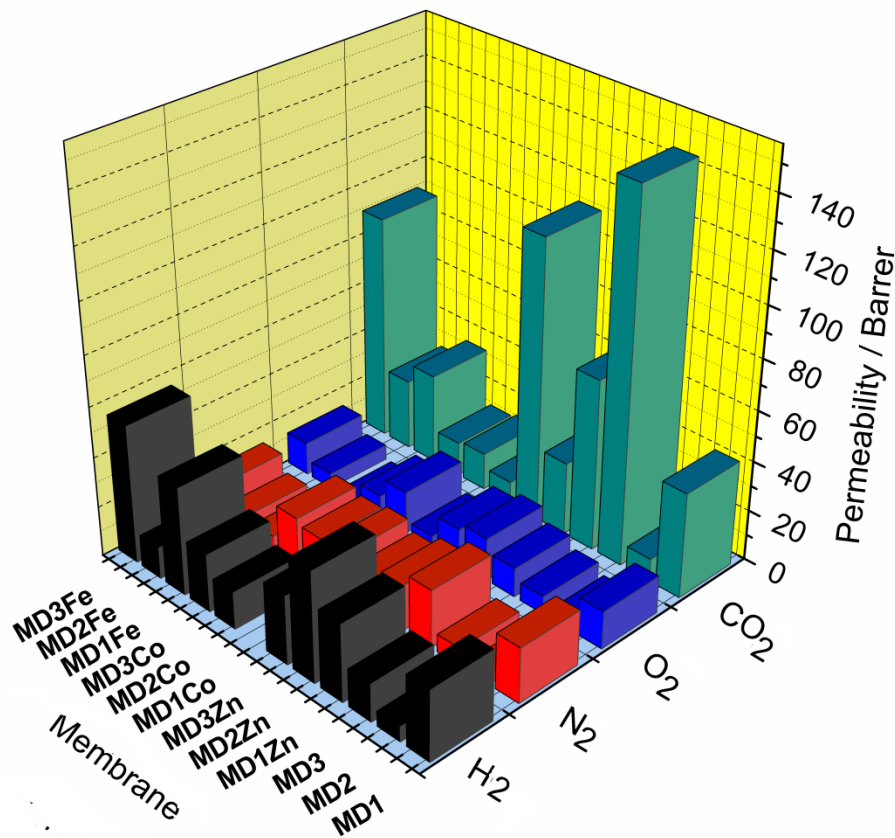
Increasing S with Zn²⁺ content \Rightarrow Interaction Zn²⁺--H₂O - CO₂

Zn ²⁺	S _{time-lag} 10 ⁻³ (cm ³ (STP)cm ⁻³ cm ⁻¹ _{Hg})	S' 10 ⁻³ (cm ³ (STP)cm ⁻³ cm ⁻¹ _{Hg})
g ₁ d	13.5	7.2
g ₁ d 0.5	13.1	12.1
g ₁ d 1	13.9	-
g ₁ d 2	20.0	18.8

Even if the process seems to be controlled by CO₂ sorption, the diffusion becomes more influent under decomplexation reaction effect which restricts the diffusion process

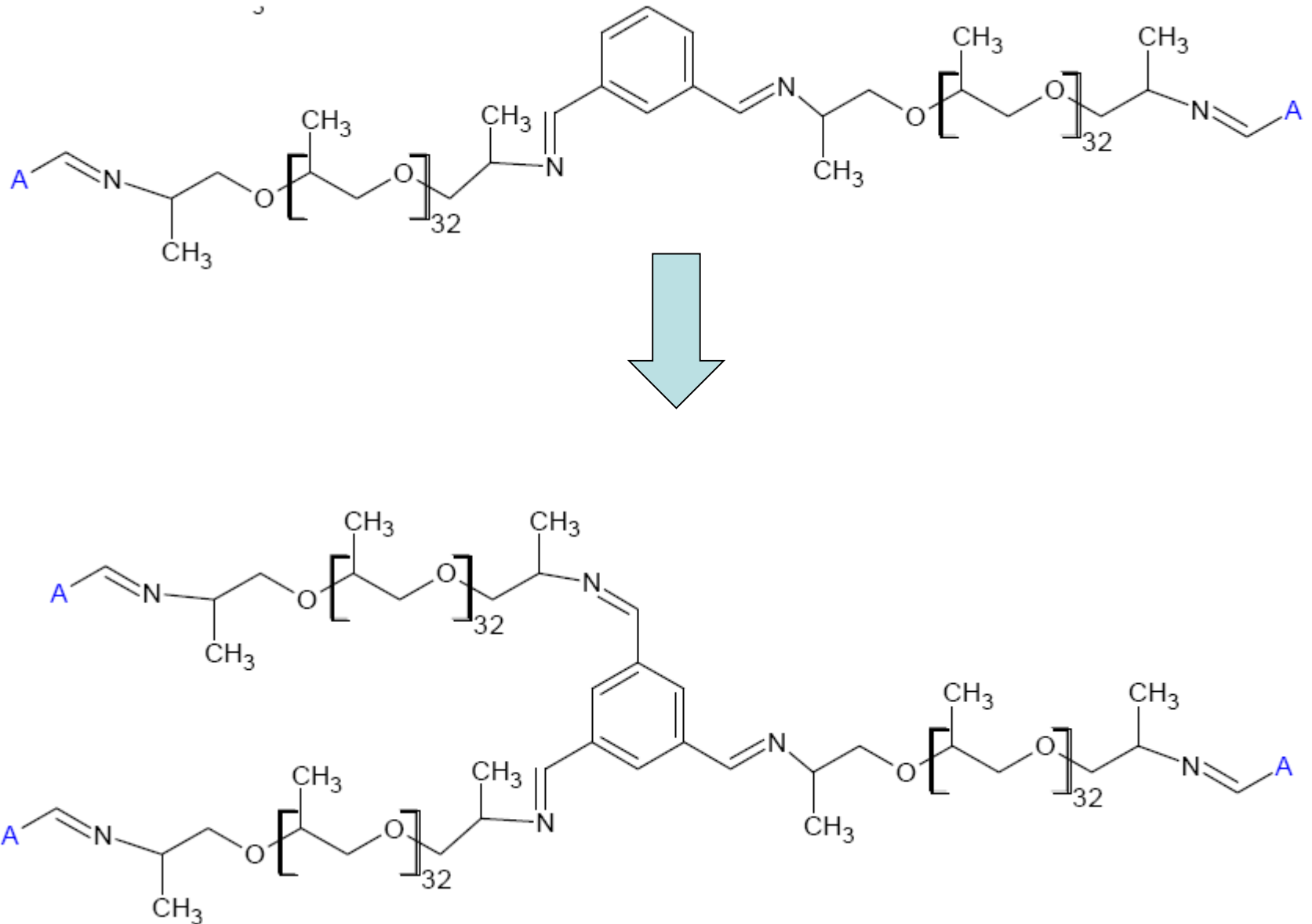
Good agreement between calculated and experimental solubility coefficient

Efficient screening for optimal performances



Pure gas permeabilities and b) pure CO₂/N₂, O₂/N₂ CO₂/H₂ selectivities at 298 K and 1.0×10⁻⁵ Pa,

Rubbery Organic Frameworks (ROFs) IInd generation



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Table 1 Permeation results for single gas at 5 bars

Membrane	Permeability (Barrer)			Selectivity (CO ₂ /N ₂)	Selectivity (CO ₂ /CH ₄)
	N ₂	CO ₂	CH ₄		
T3	8	250	27	31	9
T2	43	711	126	17	6
T5	0,81	34	2,24	42	15
T6	27	895	104	33	9

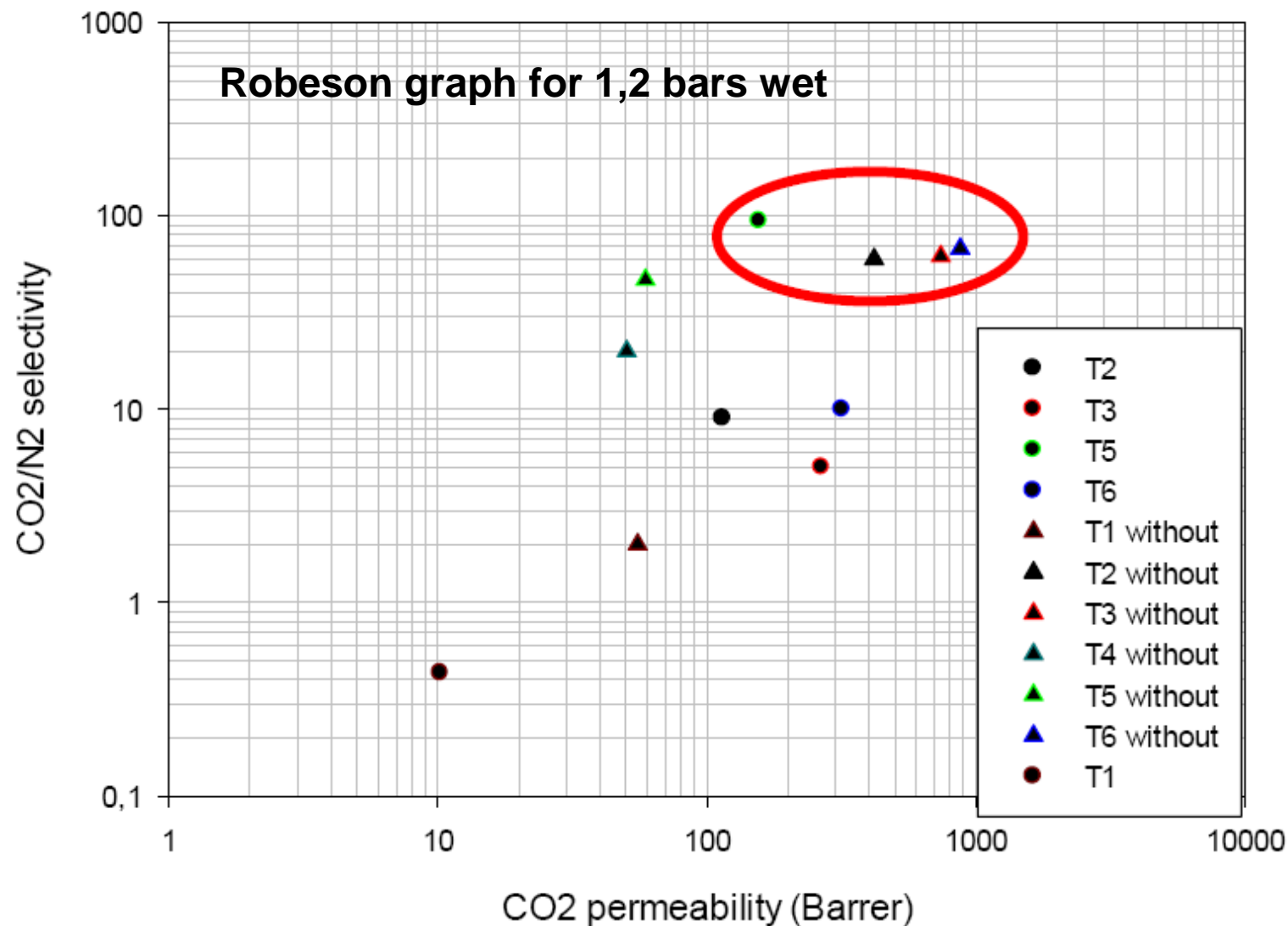
Table 2 CO₂ and N₂ permeability results mix gas experiments

Membrane	CO2 Permeability (Barrer)			
	1,2 bar dry	5 bar dry	1,2 bar wet	5 bar wet
T3	372	272	418	408
T2	786	1128	741	726
T5	59	32	59	40
T6	1086	898	876	658

Membrane	N2 Permeability (Barrer)			
	1,2 bar dry	5 bar dry	1,2 bar wet	5 bar wet
T3	25	5	5	6
T2	5	24	12	13
T5	5	2	1	1
T6	36	23	13	14

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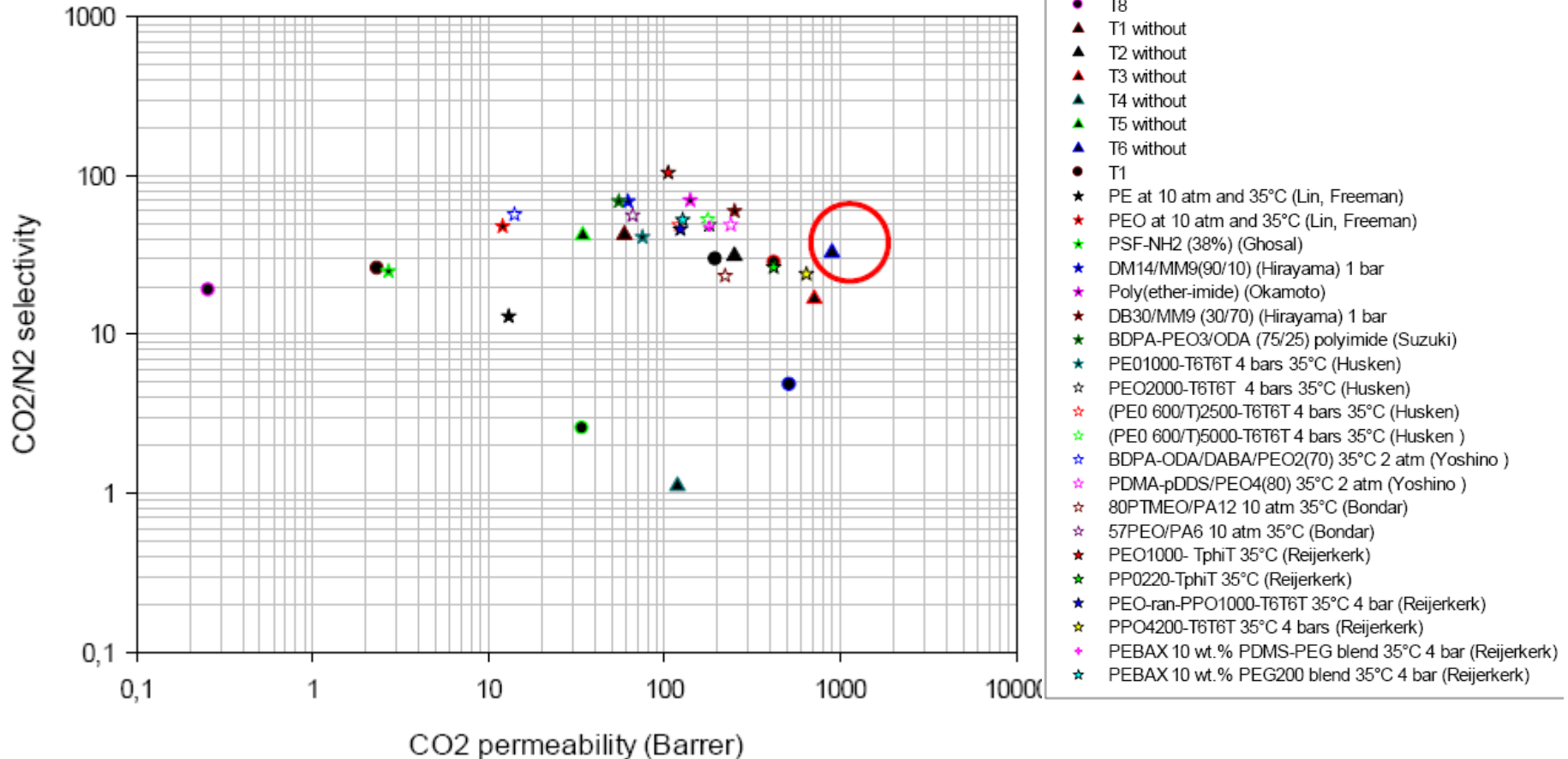
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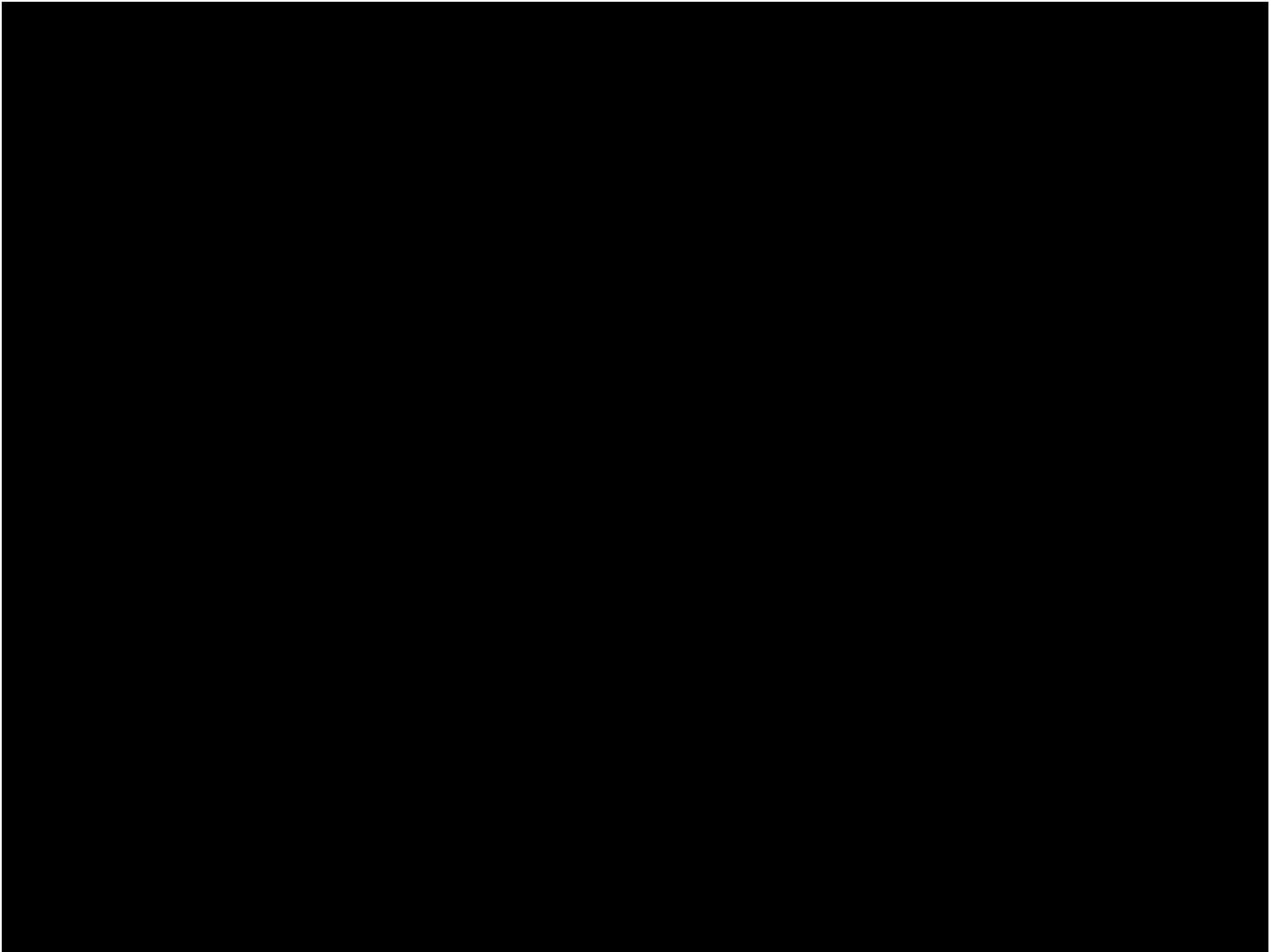


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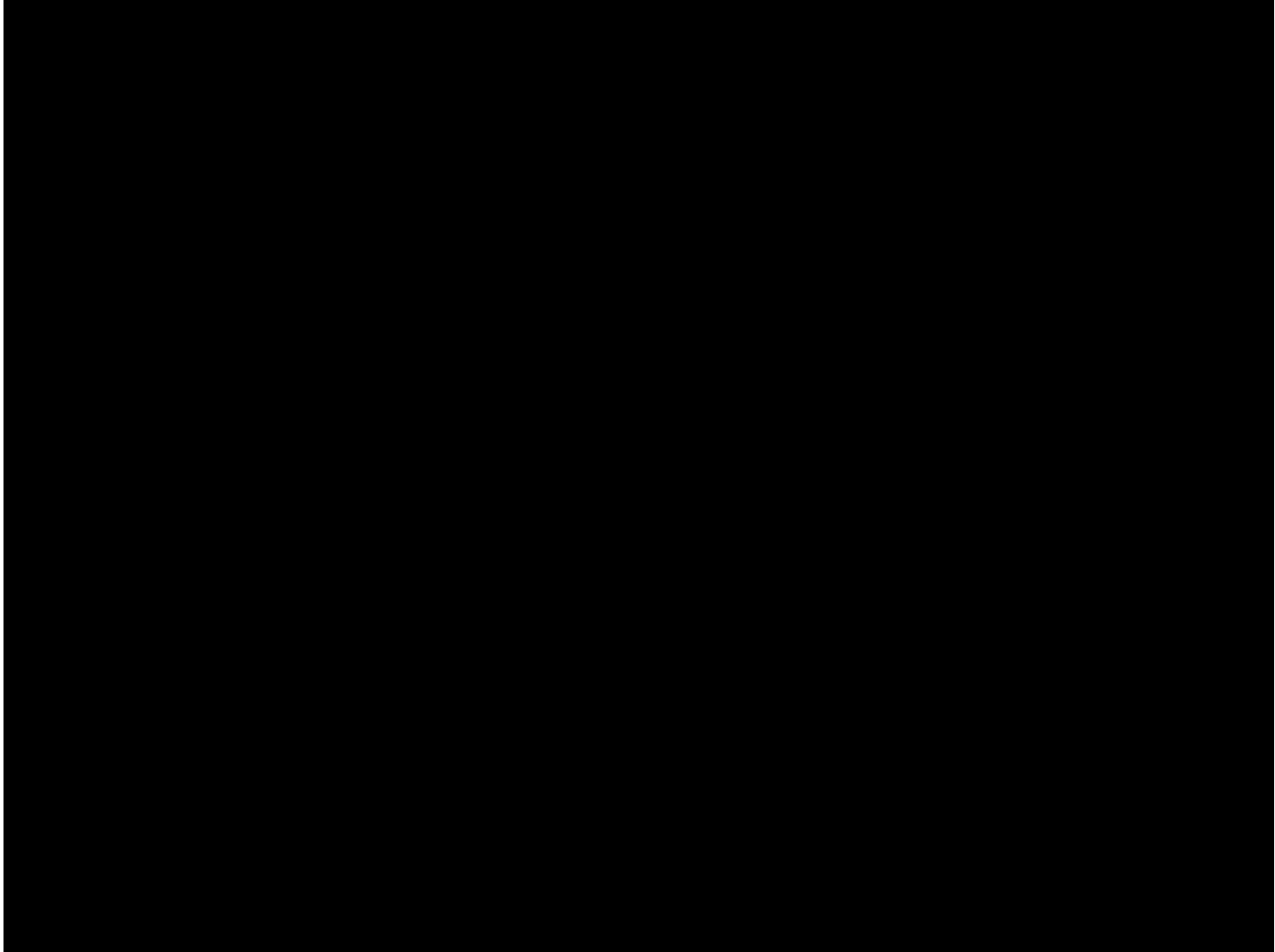
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Ideal CO₂/N₂ Selectivity vs CO₂ permeability at 5 bars

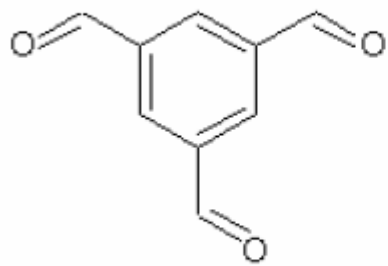




Self-healing membranes

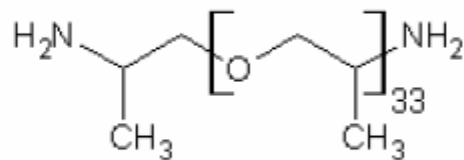


ROFs and light



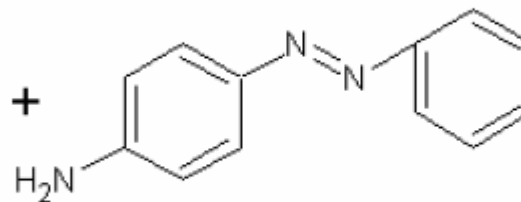
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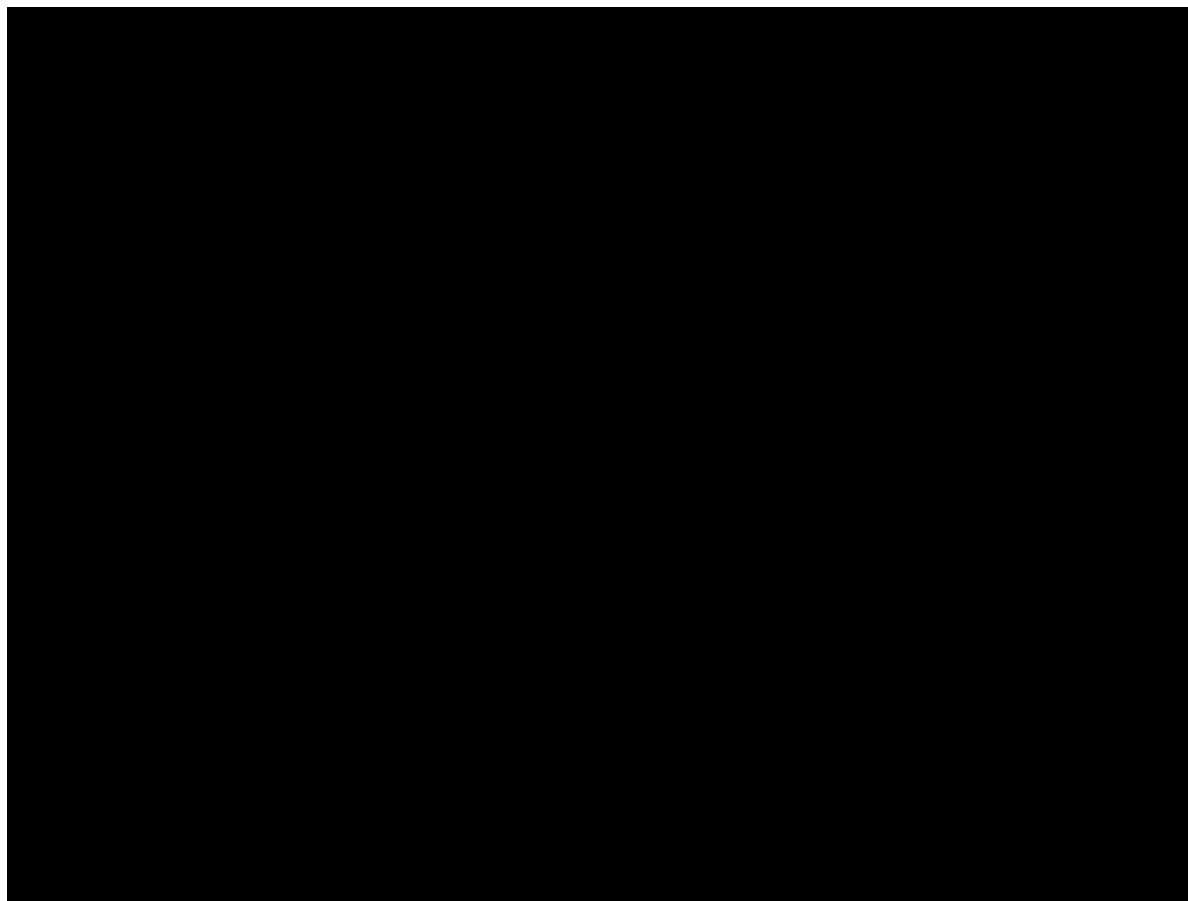


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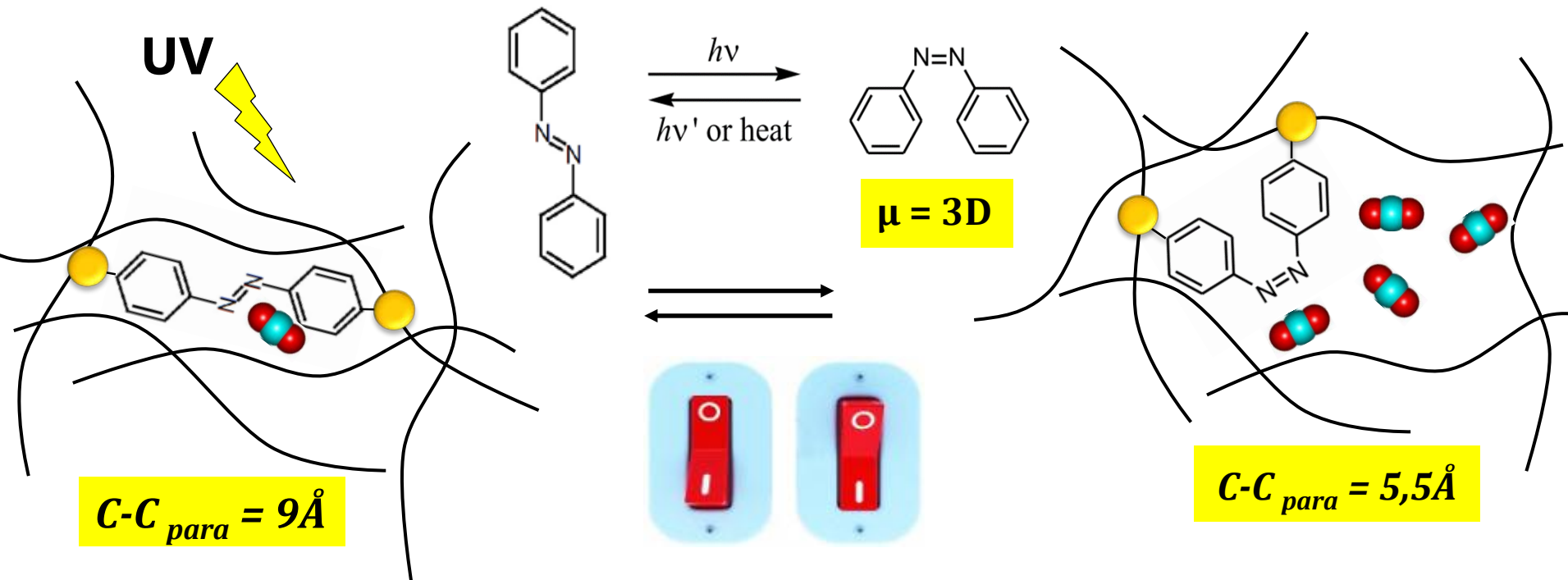
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4-Aminobenzene



ROFs and light

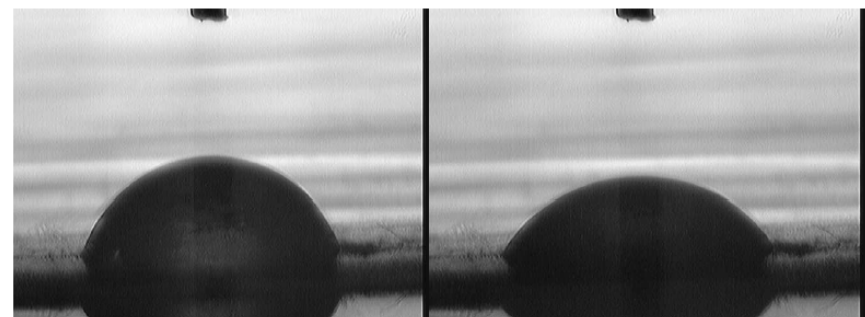


Molecular switches- molecular stirrers

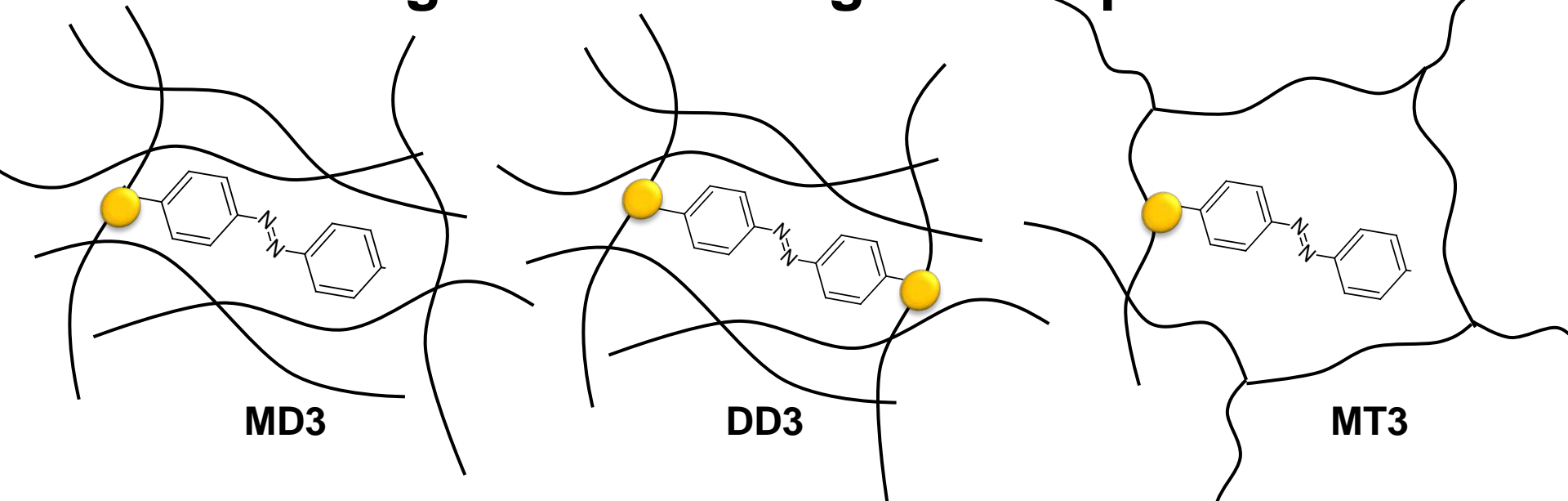
- Solubility +
- Free volume +

Before

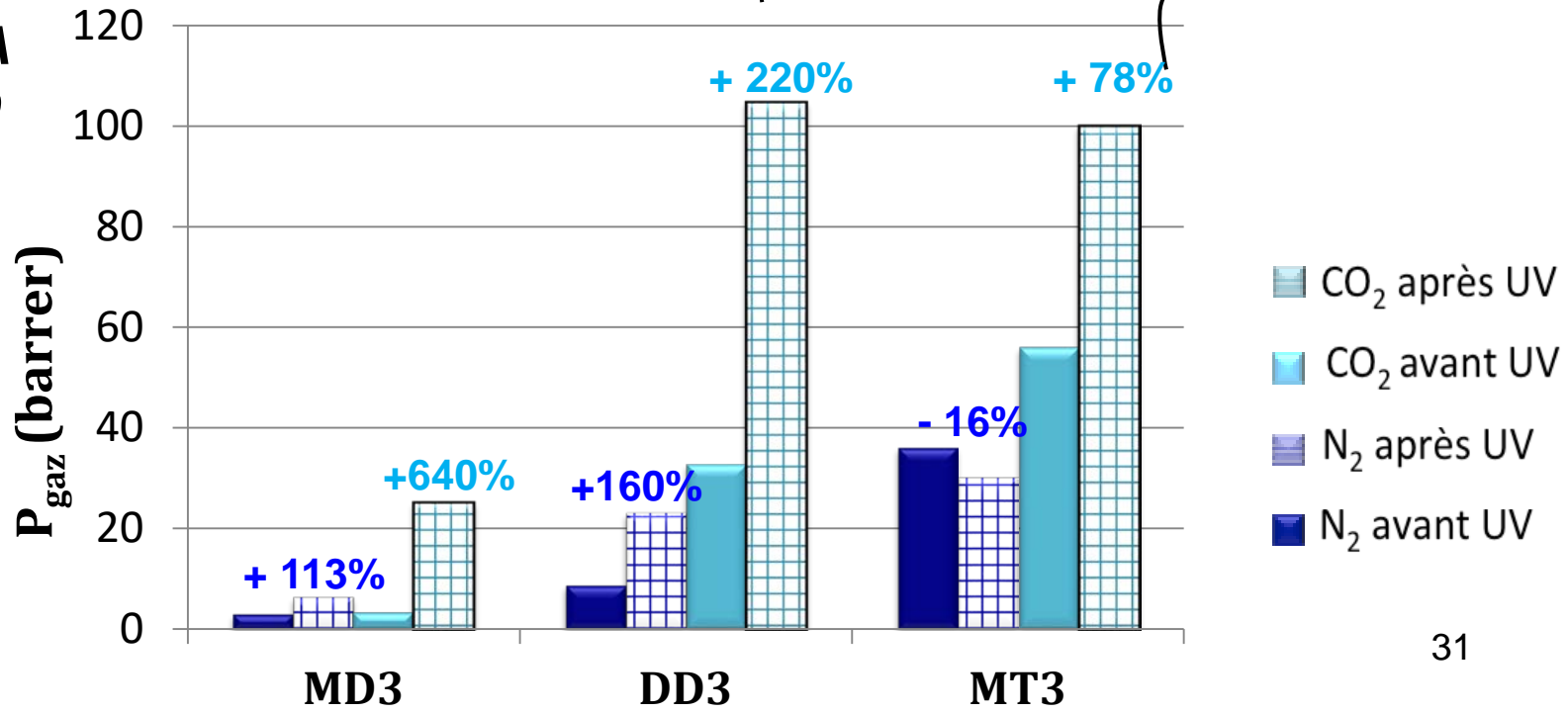
after irradiation



Light controlled gas transport

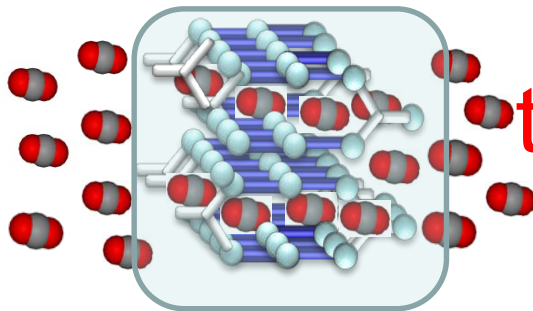


P = 3 bar, *T*_A
 UV (280-560 nm)
 Time 600s



Rubbery Organic Frameworks

- Variability, versatility, easy screening for best performances.
- Diffusion-controlled transport
 - Self healing, stability
- Adaptability-commutable



the rubbery version
of MOFs, ZIFs or
PIMs

