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# **Exploring flexible nanoporous materials for energy-related applications**

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28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

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## > Expertise, experience and scientific interests

### ■ Positions:

- Group leader at CIC energiGUNE research center, Spain
- Adjunct at University of Silesia, Poland

### ■ Interests:

- Interfacial phenomena, wettability, capillarity, corrosion, porous media
- Energy storage, conversion, dissipation

### ■ Expertise:

- Materials degradation
- Wettability of complex topologies
- Interfacial energy

## > Interfacial Phenomena, Colloids and Porous Media Group

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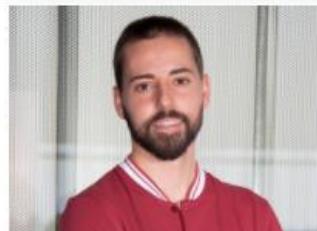
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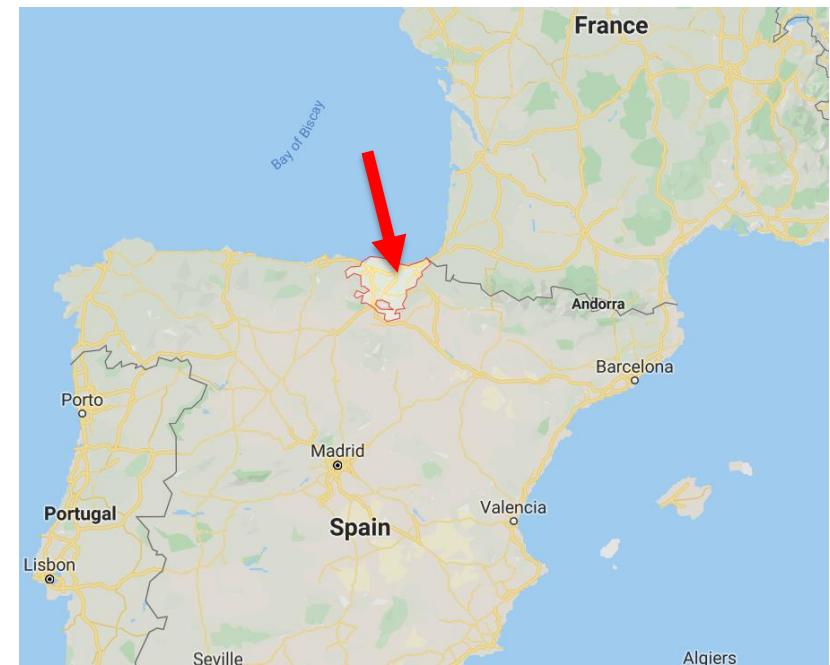
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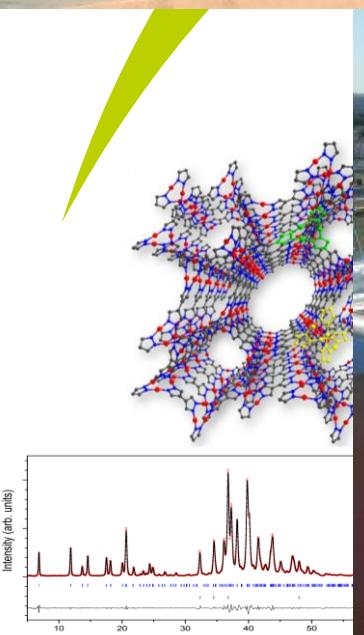
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**Cross-disciplinary  
approach**

**Application driven, but deep**



Commercialized  
1 MWe CSP plant



**H2020 ORC-PLUS Project**

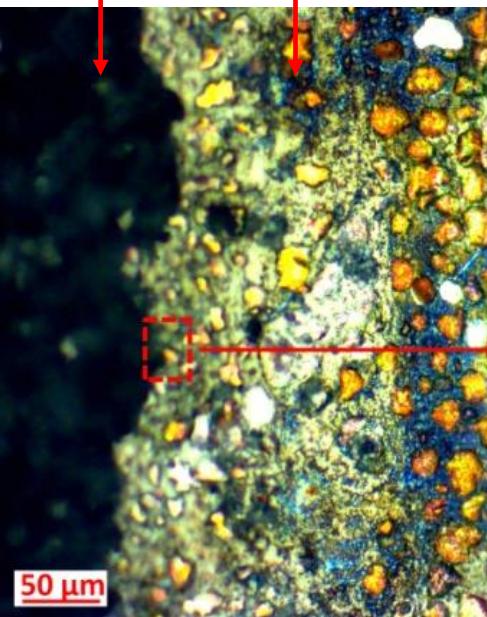
**200 kWh<sub>t</sub> packed bed thermocline**

**~ 6.5 tons of storage material**

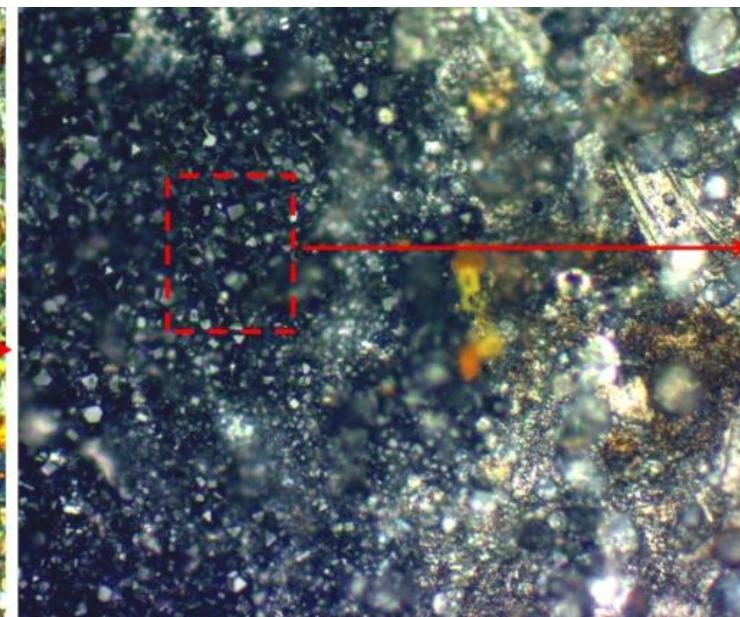
## > Major activities of the group

### CORROSION

**Protected**



**Not protected**

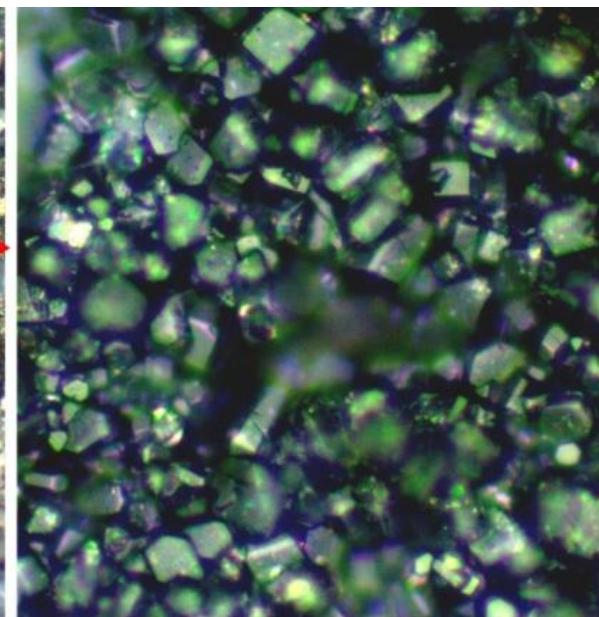


**Degradation and protection at 300 – 800°C for**

- Molten salts
- Oils
- Gases



- Metallic alloys
- Plastic crystals
- Ceramics

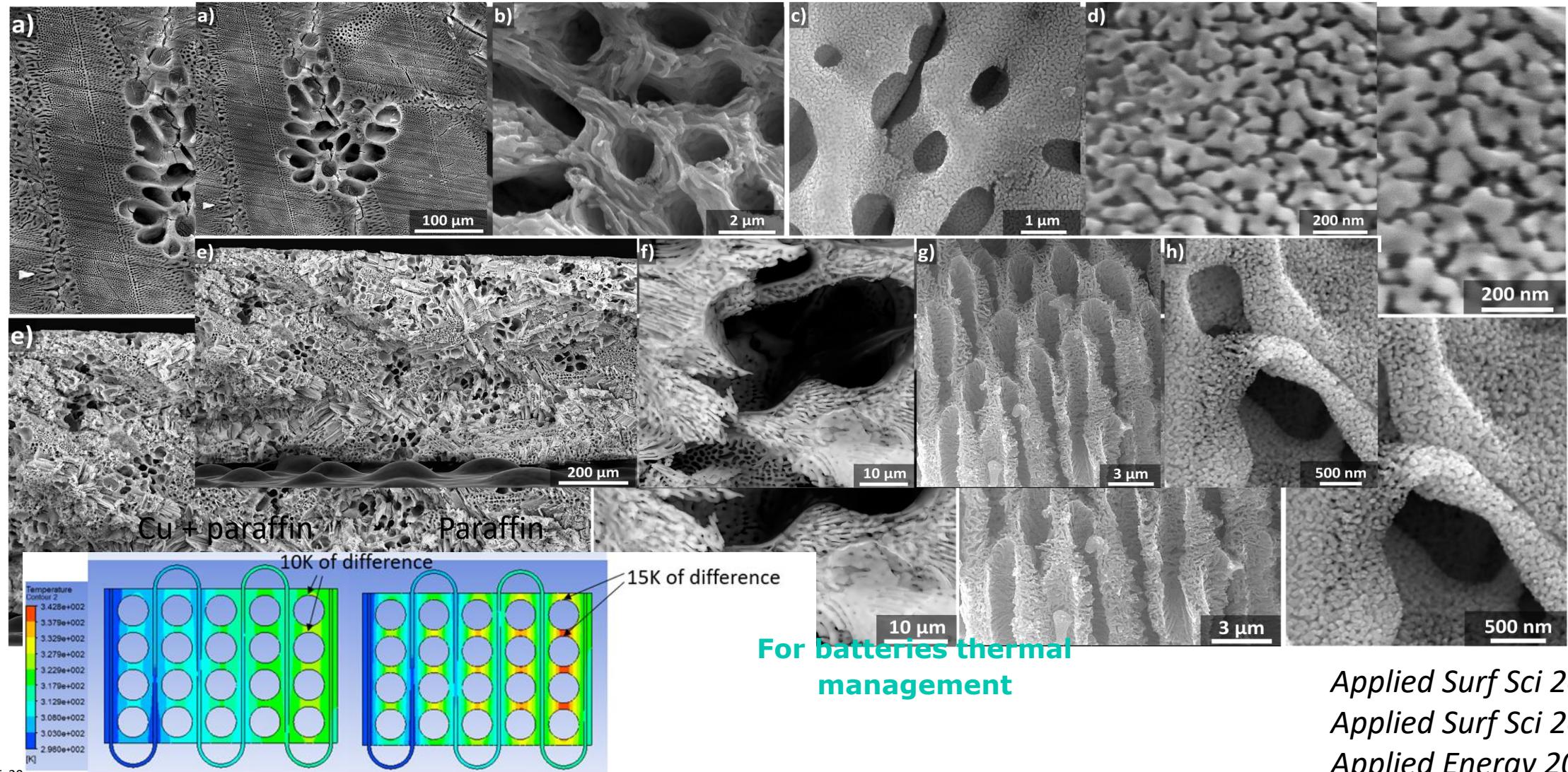


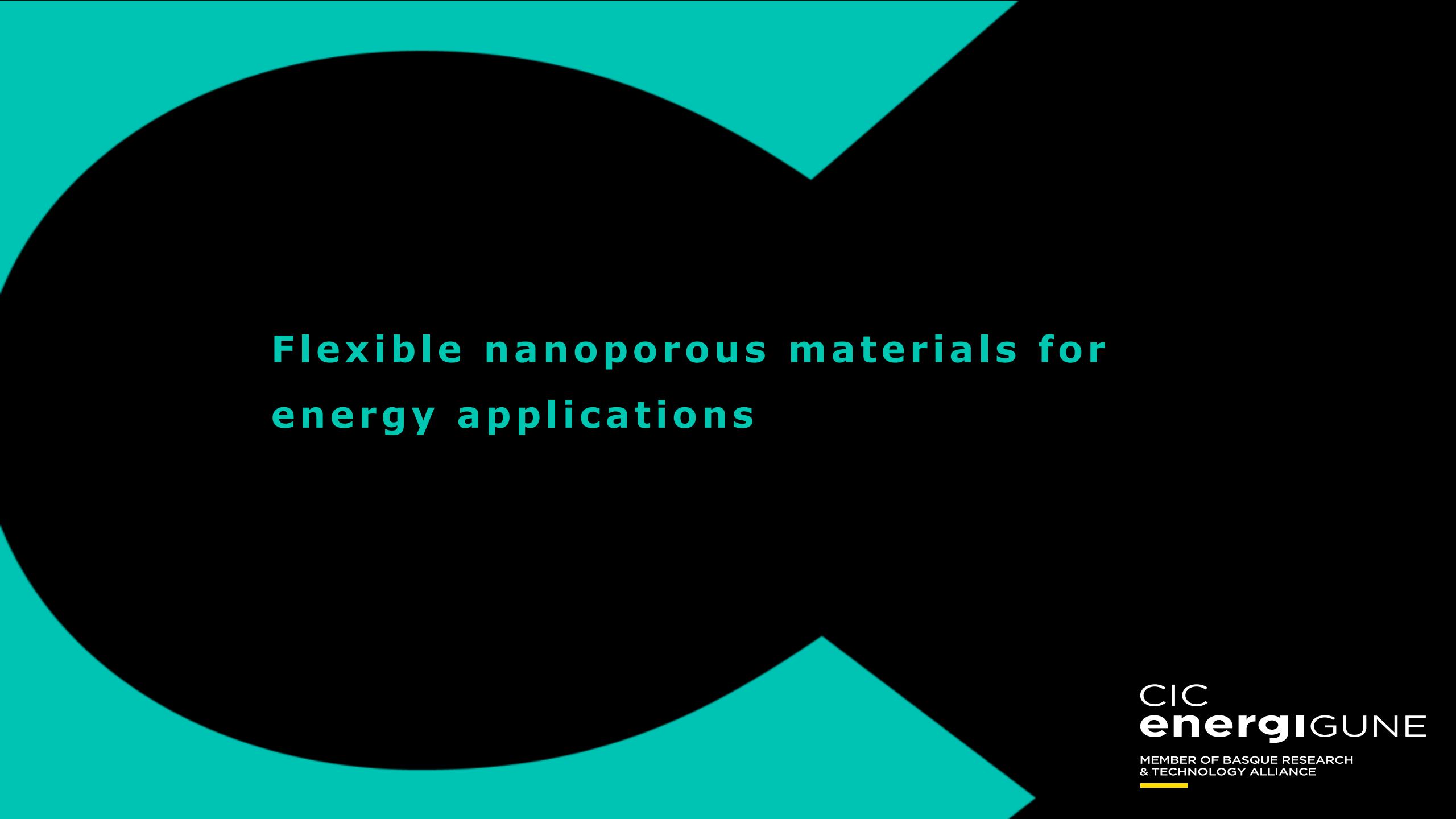
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### HIERARCHICAL POROUS MATERIALS FOR THERMAL ENERGY STORAGE

#### Trimodal hierarchical macro-nanoporous copper + paraffin composite

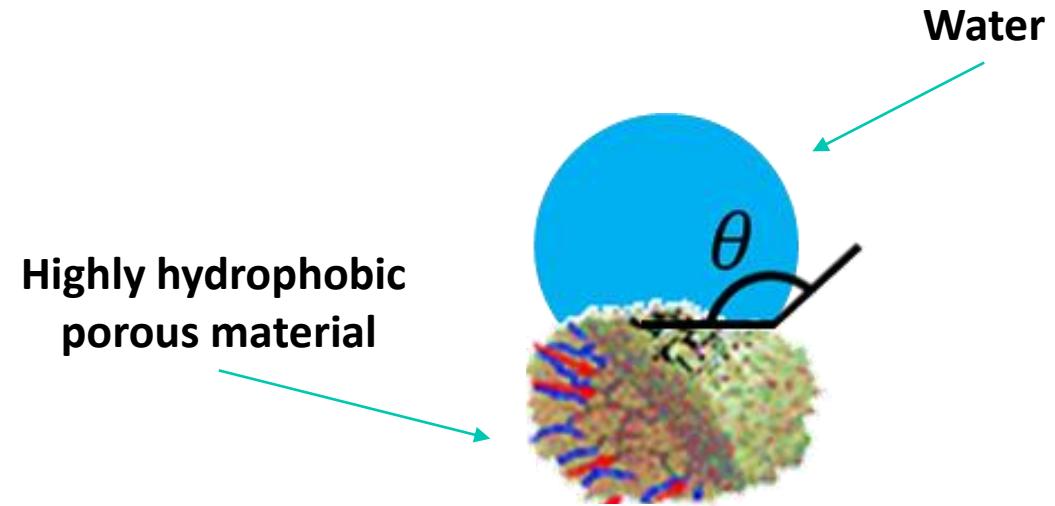




# **Flexible nanoporous materials for energy applications**

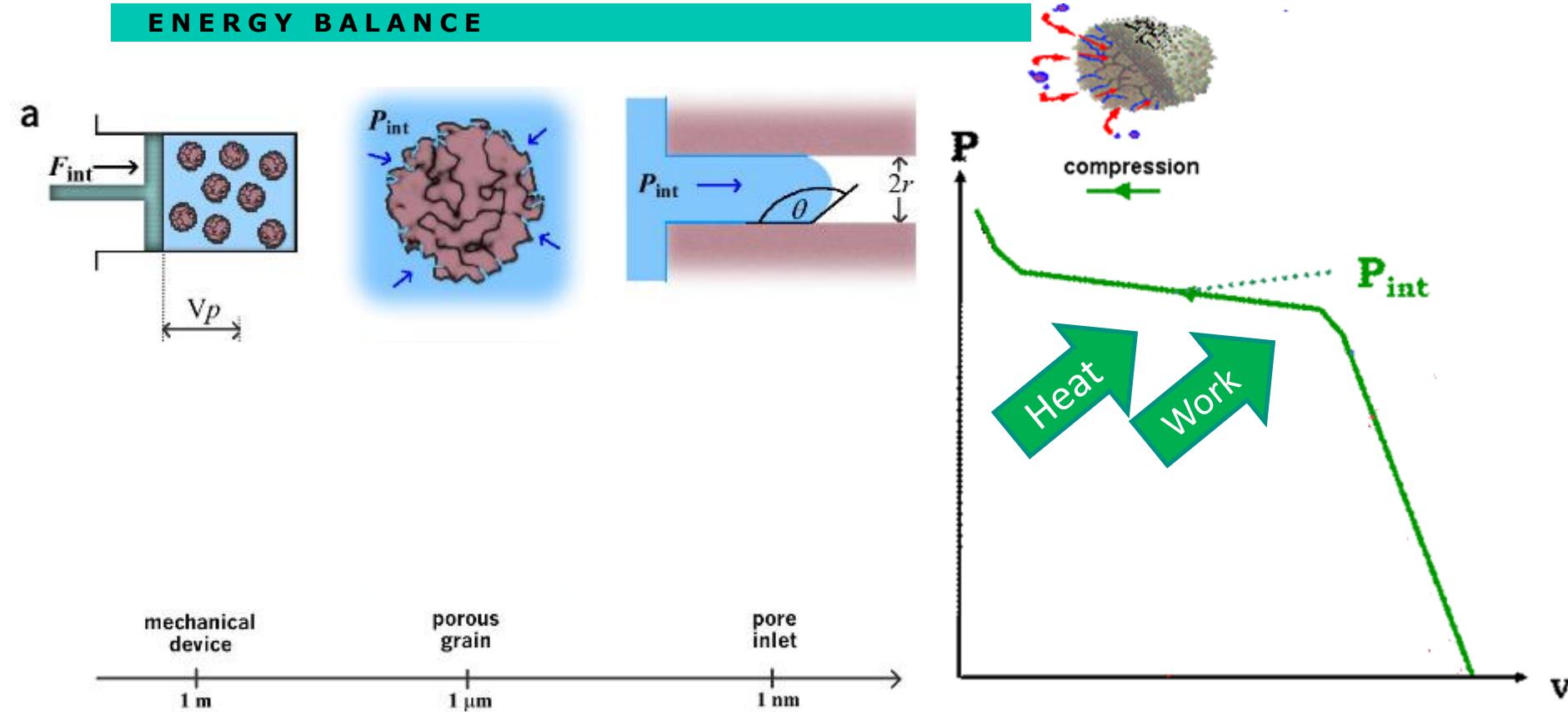
## > Intrusion-extrusion for energy applications

### ENERGY BALANCE



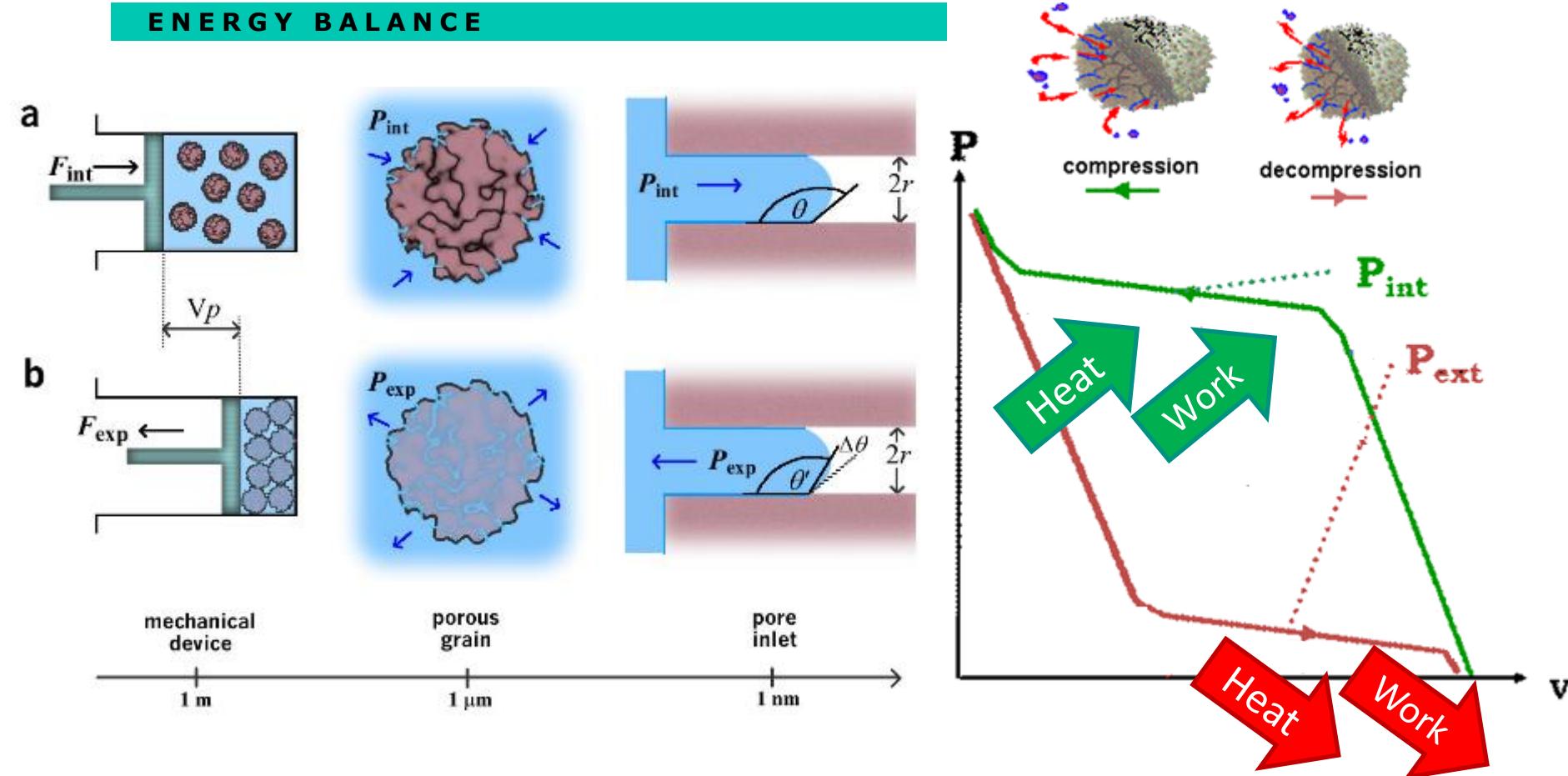
**Non – wetting:**  $\theta > 90^\circ$

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$$W_{intrusion} = P_{intrusion} \cdot \Delta V = P_{intrusion} \cdot V_{pores}$$

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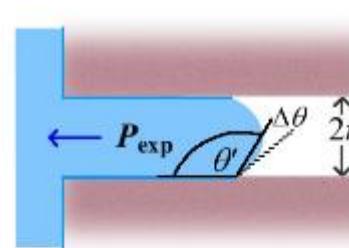
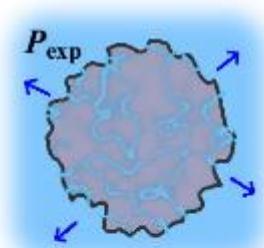
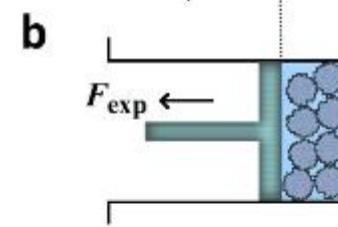
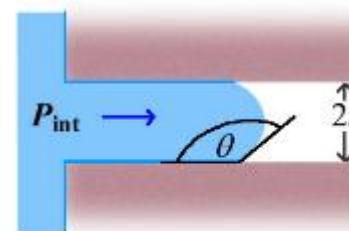
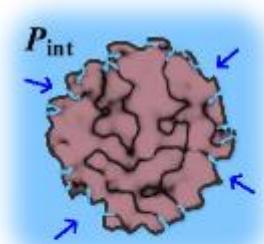
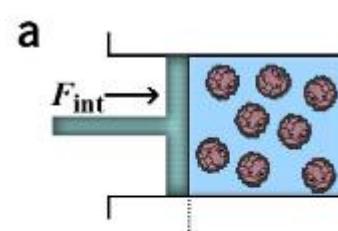


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### ENERGY BALANCE



mechanical  
device

1 m

porous  
grain

1  $\mu$ m

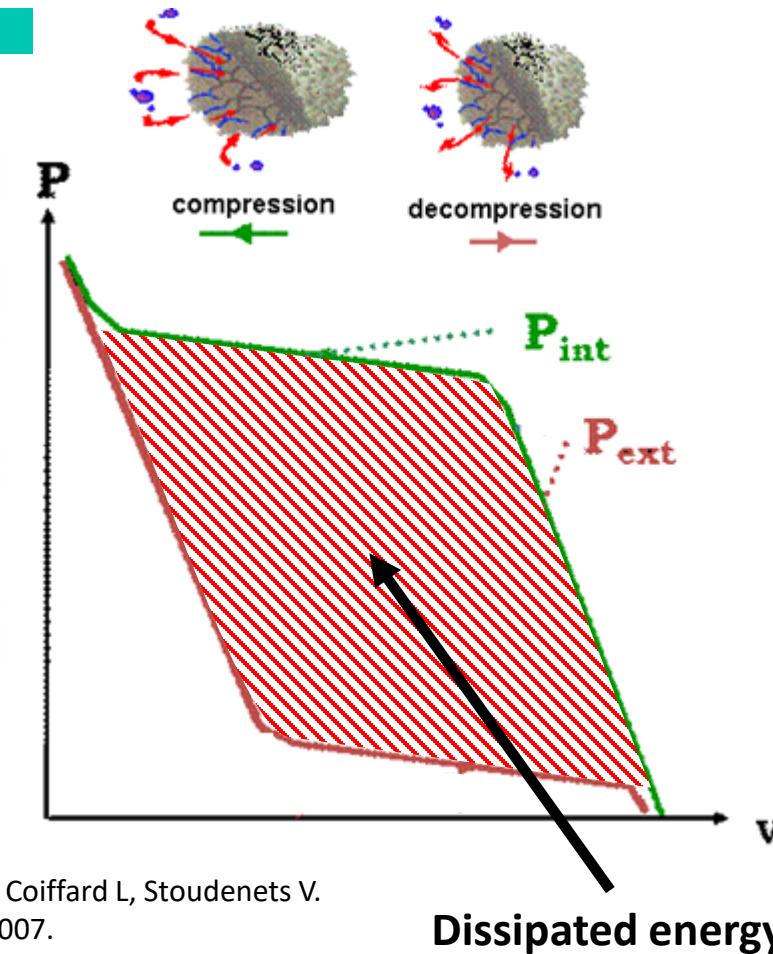
pore  
inlet

1 nm



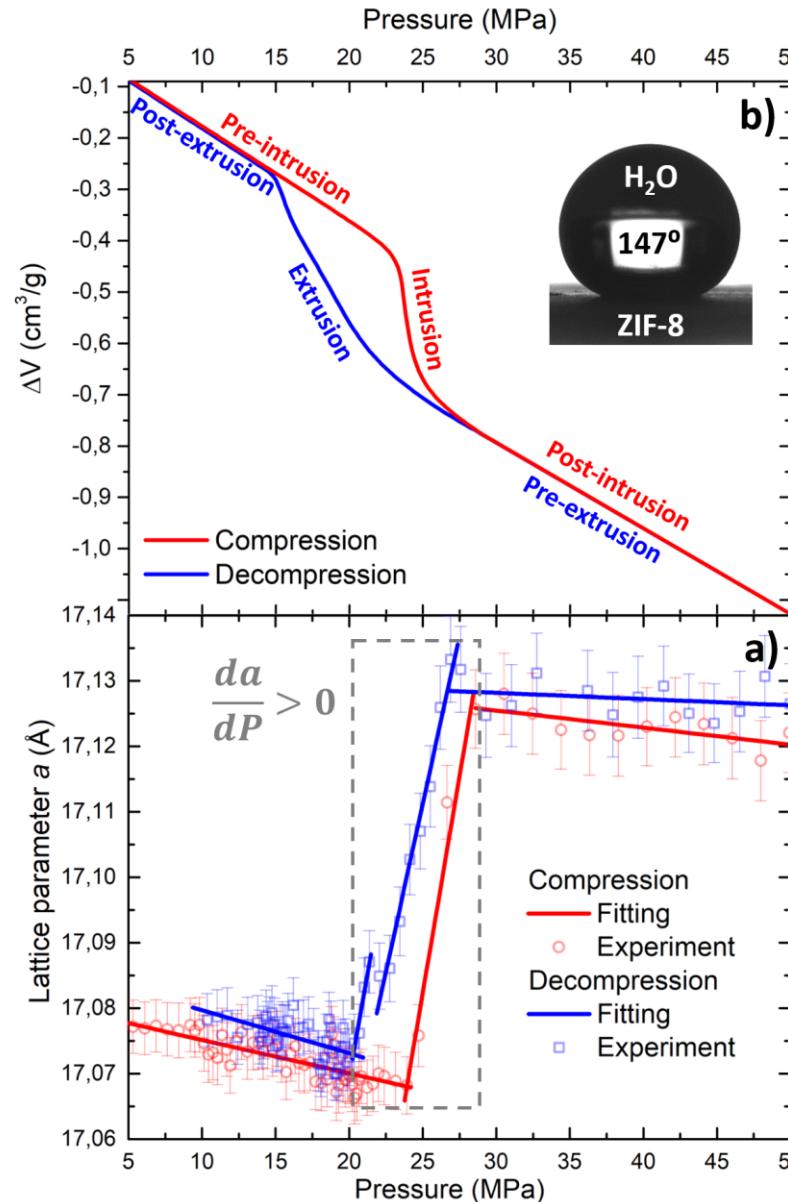
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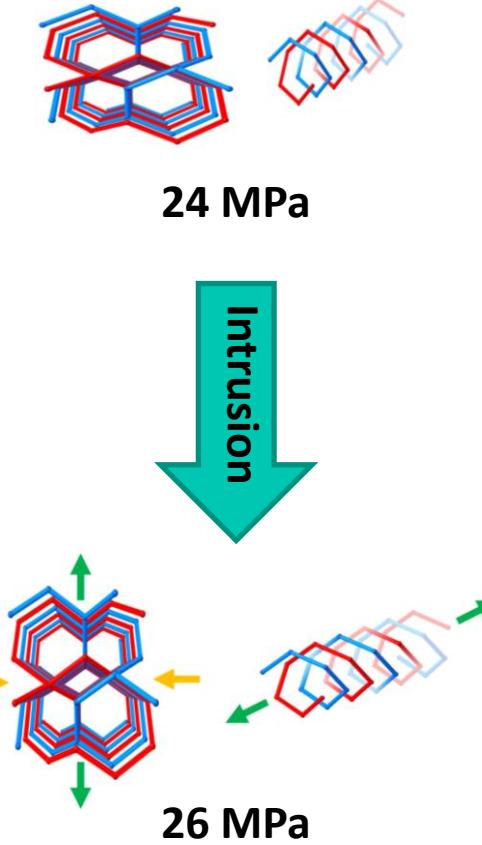
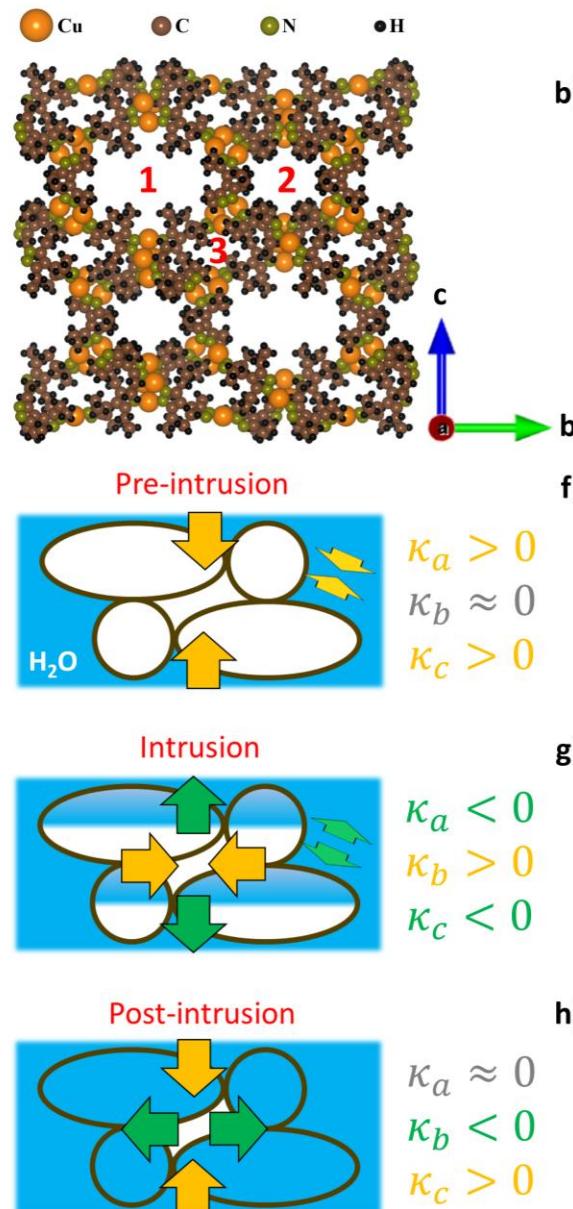
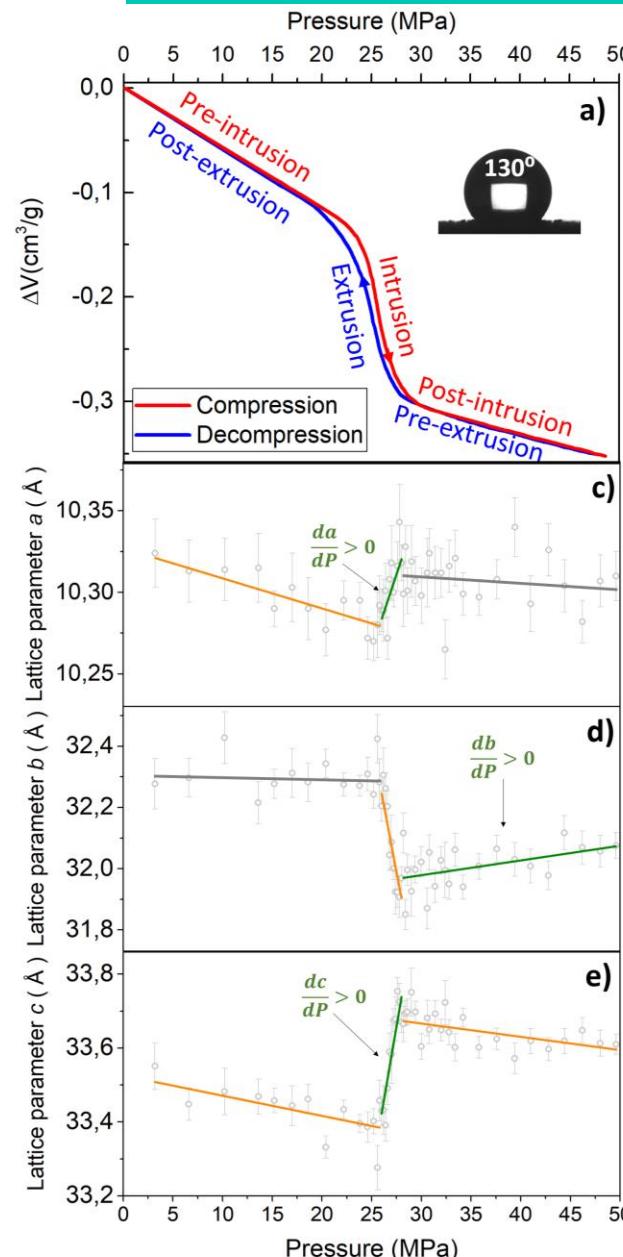
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ZIF-8 + WATER



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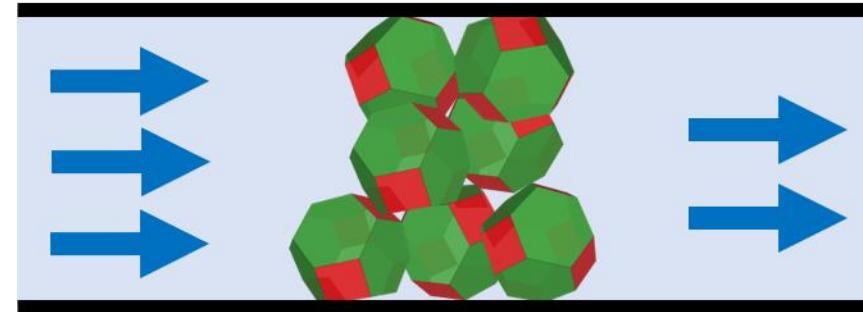
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**Table 1.** Experimental Linear Compressibility Coefficients for Materials with a Pronounced NLC Effect

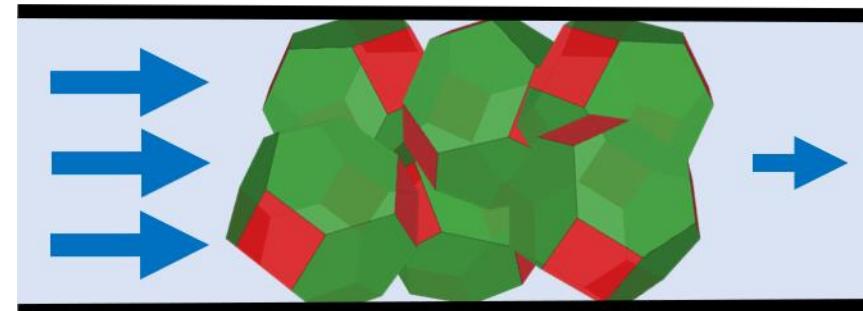
Material	$\kappa_b$ TPa <sup>-1</sup>	ref
BiB <sub>3</sub> O <sub>6</sub> (0–5 GPa)	−6.7(3)	1
BiB <sub>3</sub> O <sub>6</sub> ( $P \rightarrow 0$ )	−12.5	1
MIL-53 MOF	−28	20
[Ag(en)]NO <sub>3</sub>	−28.4(18)	25
Zn[Au(CN) <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	−42(5)	26
MCF-34 MOF	−47.3	22
InH(BDC) <sub>2</sub>	−62.4	27
[Zn(L) <sub>2</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>n</sub>	−72 <sup>a</sup>	23
Ag <sub>3</sub> [Co(CN) <sub>6</sub> ]	−76.9	28
ZIF-8 MOF	−37.2 <sup>b</sup>	19
ZIF-8 MOF (intrusion)	−1020(130) <sup>b</sup>	this work
ZIF-8 MOF (extrusion 1)	−770(120) <sup>b</sup>	this work
ZIF-8 MOF (extrusion 2)	−610(40) <sup>b</sup>	this work

<sup>a</sup>Negative area compressibility was reported. <sup>b</sup>Negative volumetric compressibility was reported

$$P < P_{int}$$



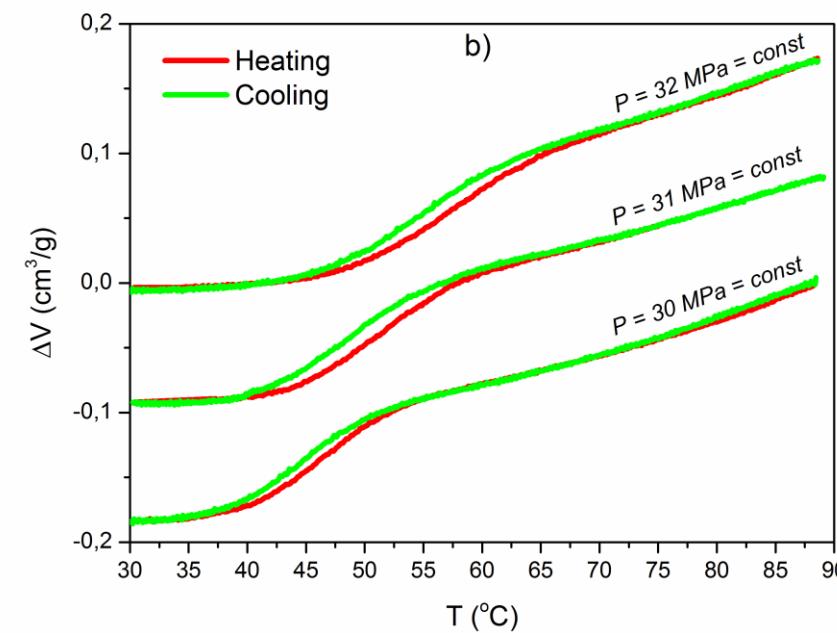
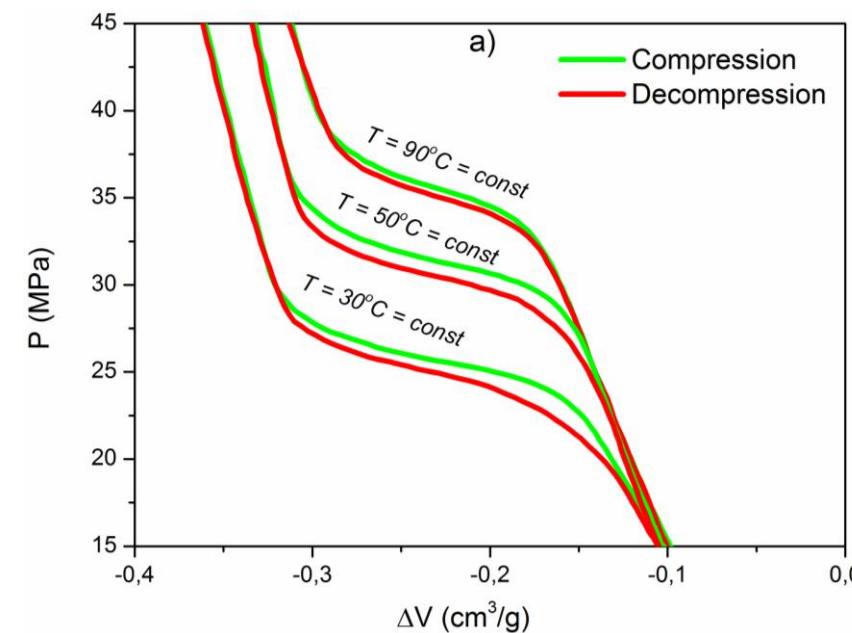
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**Negative compressibility of more than 1 order of magnitude higher compared to the state – of – the – art**

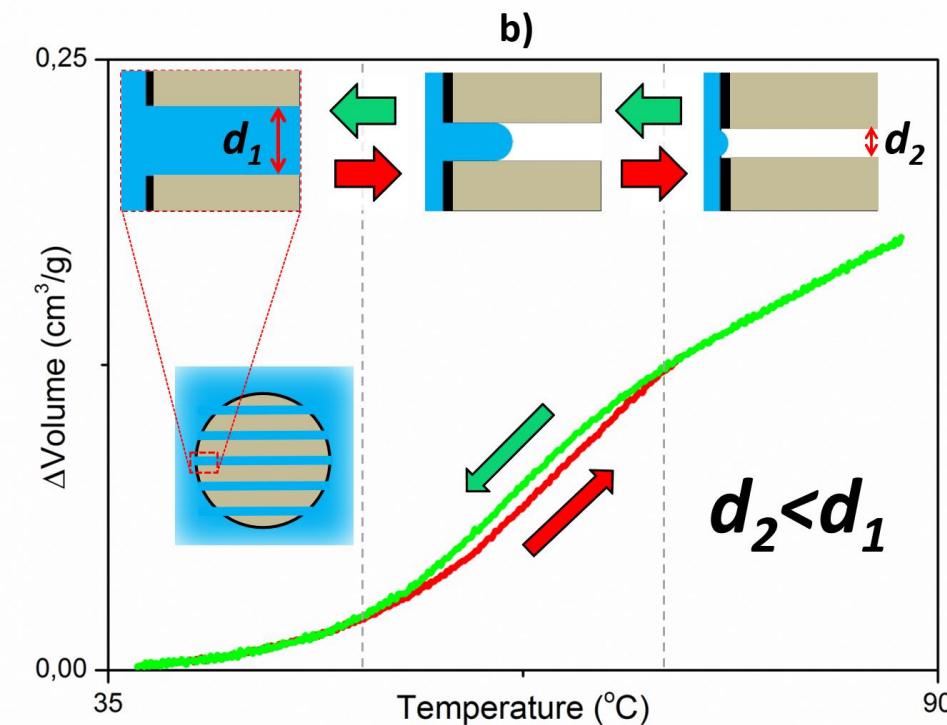
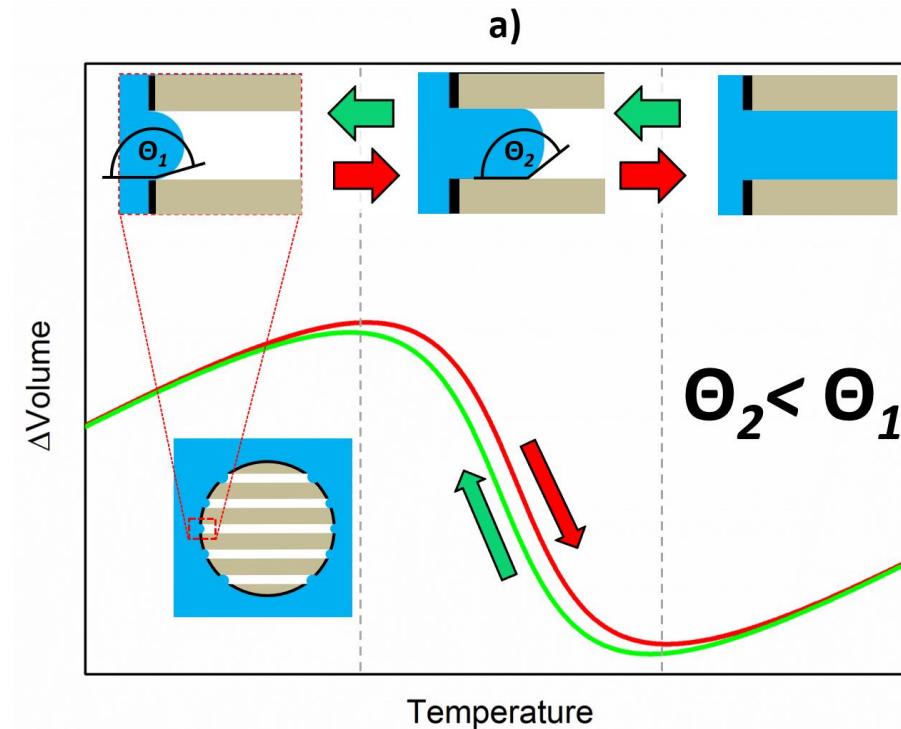
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CU<sub>2</sub>(TEBPZ) + WATER



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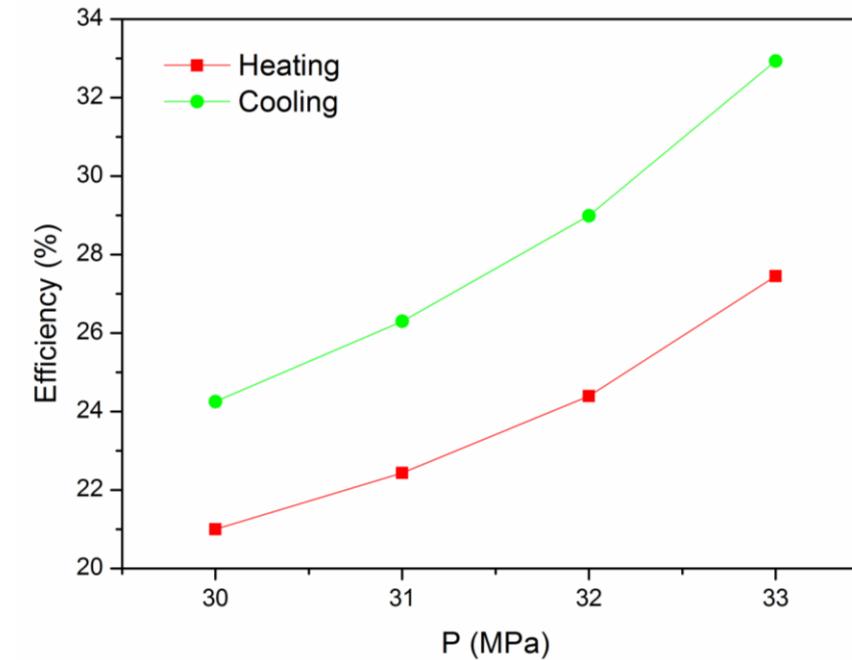
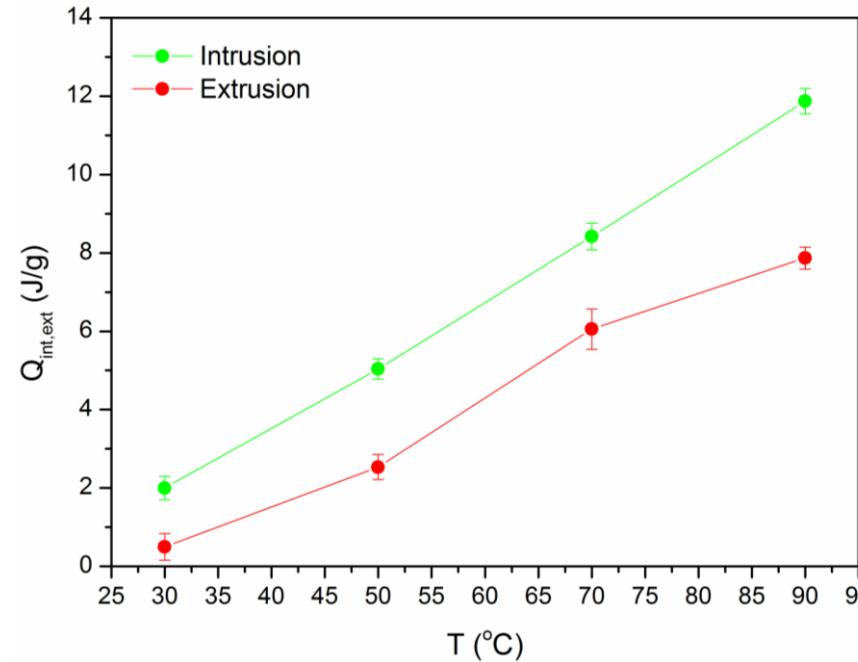
$$E_{cooling} = \frac{W_{int} - W_{con}}{C_P \cdot \Delta T + Q_{int}} \cdot 100\%$$

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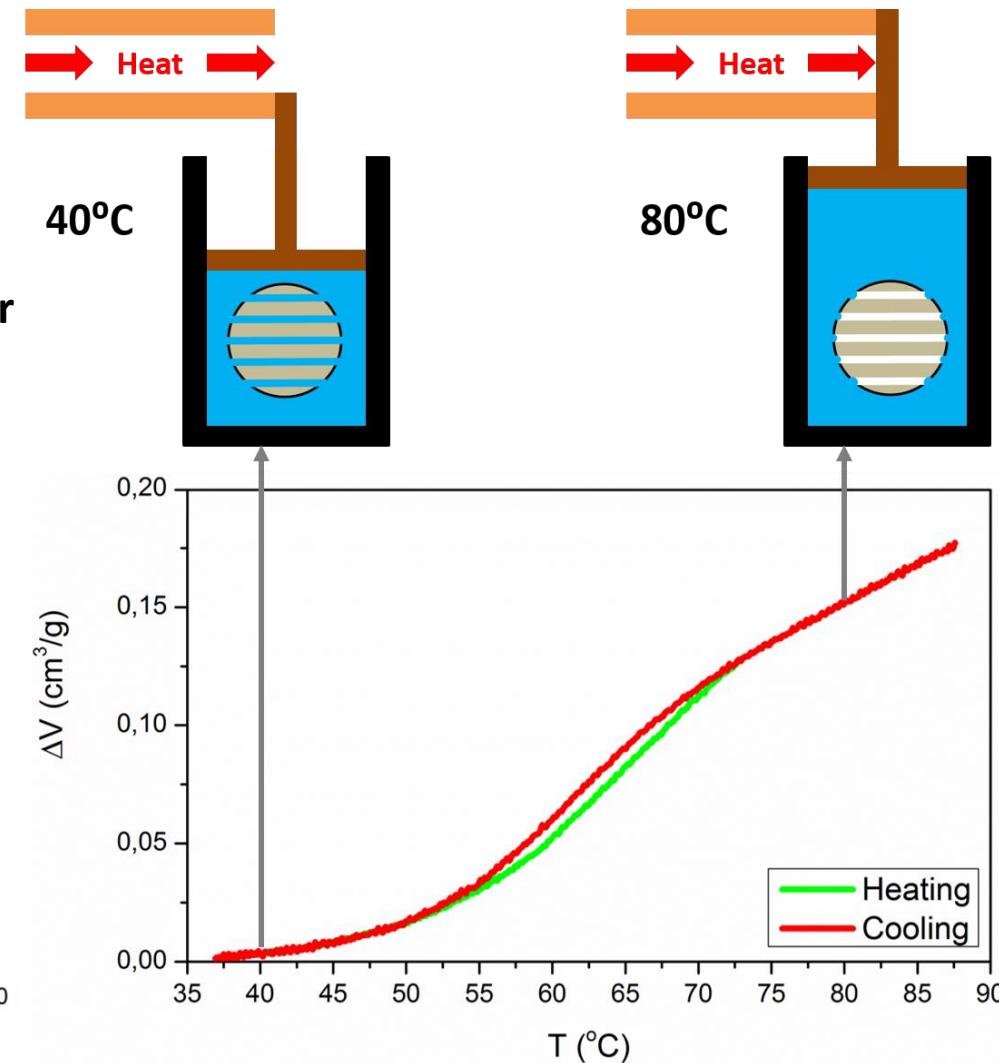
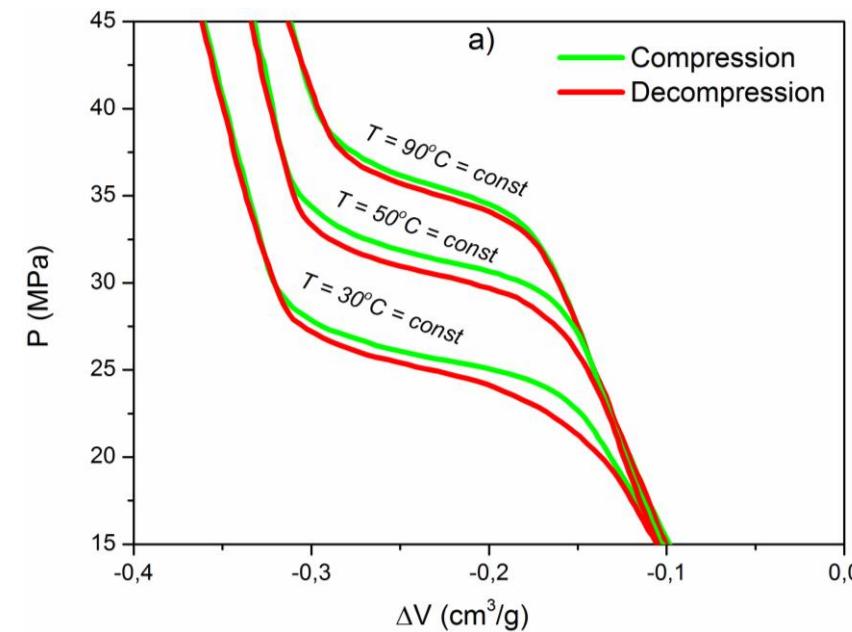
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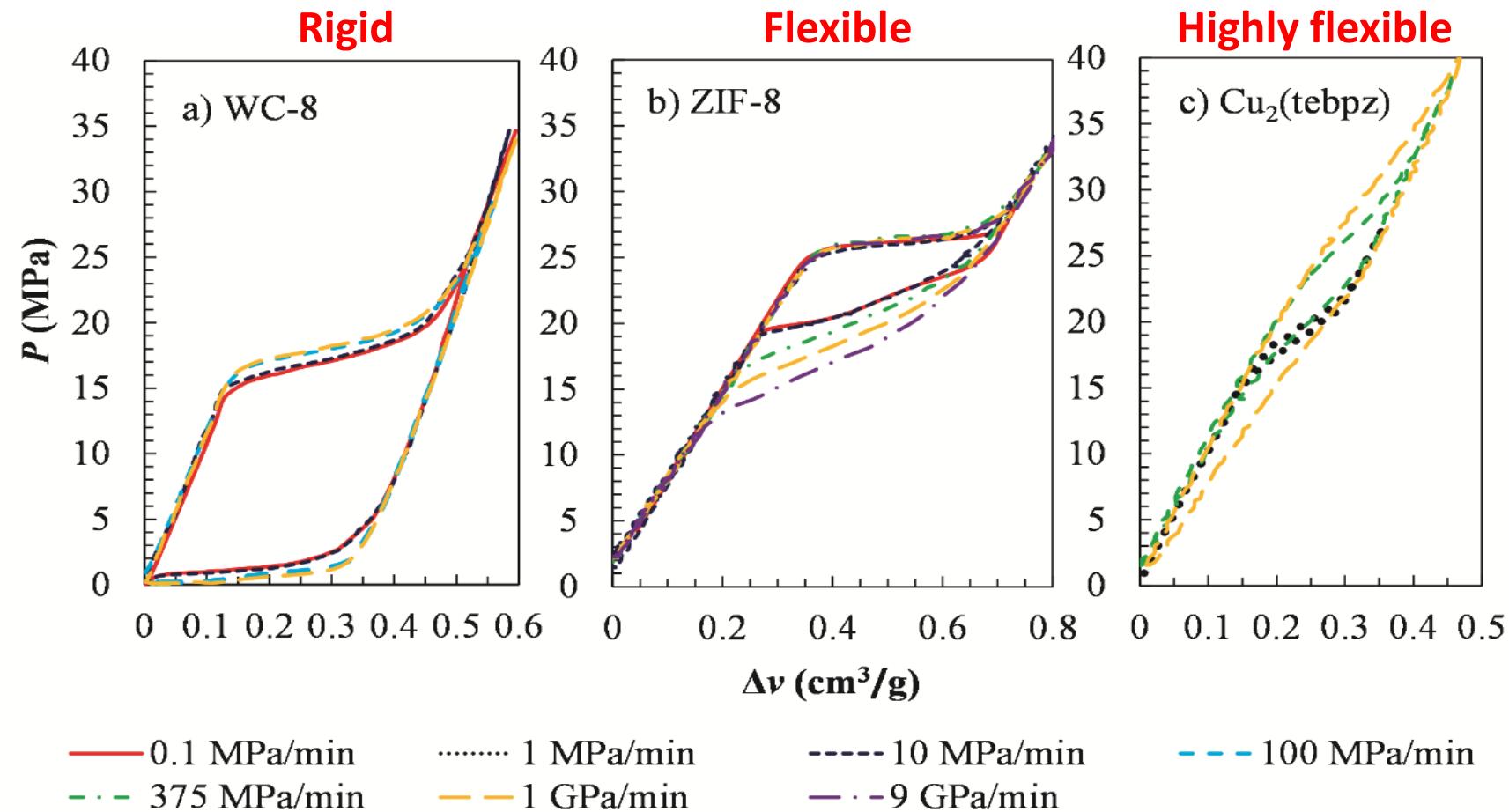
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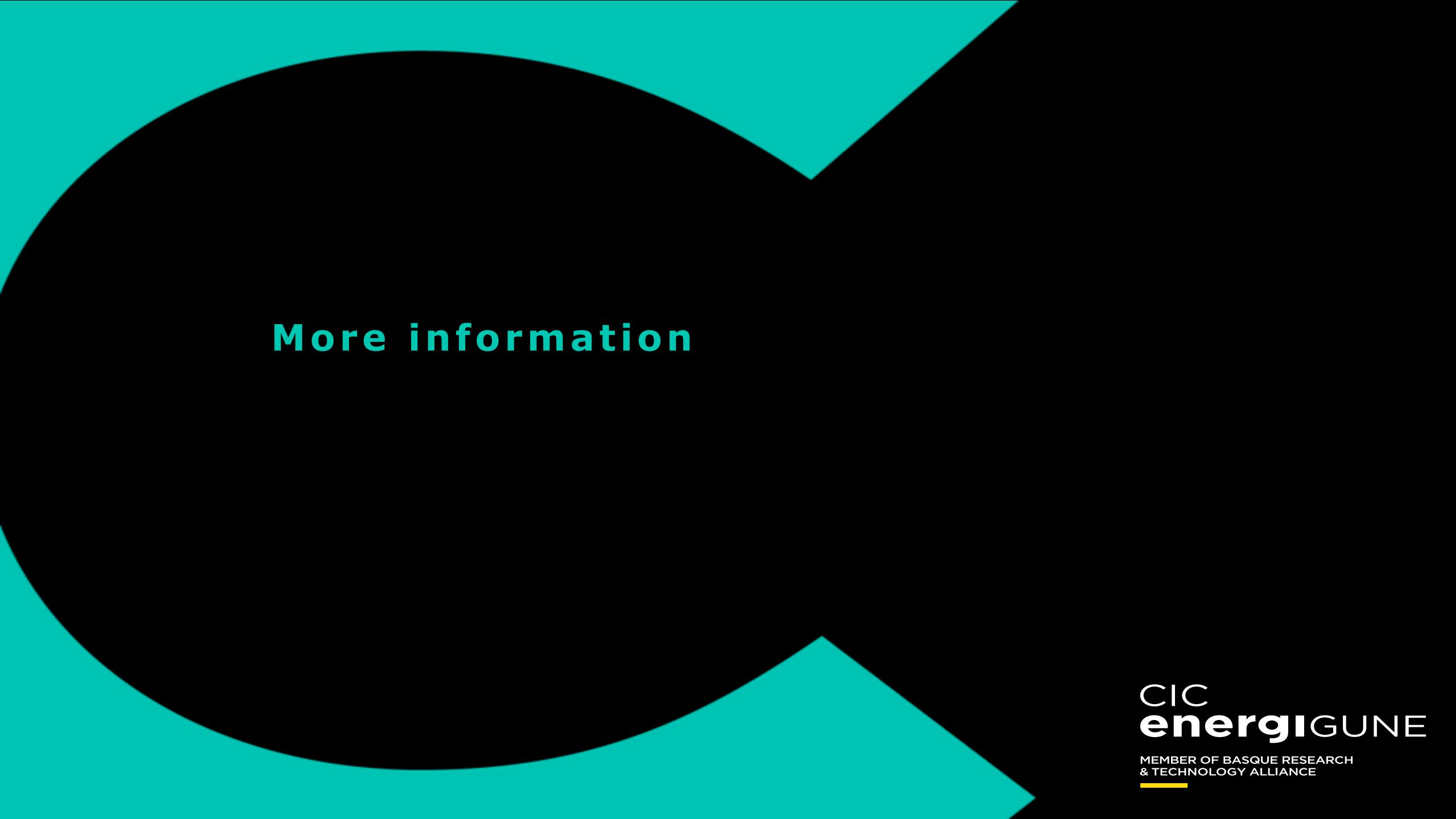
### Temperature regulating valve-actuator



## > Flexibility of porous material on the hysteresis of int-ext process

SMART PRESSURE TRANSMITTING FLUIDS





**More information**

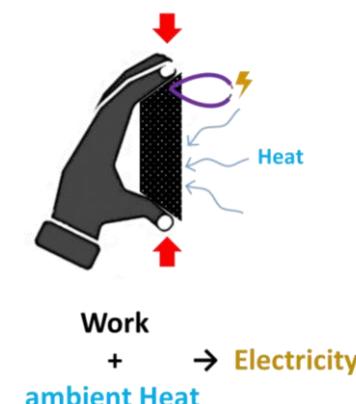
## > Additional information

### Recent papers

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<https://www.electro-intrusion.eu/en>



# **Collaboration opportunities**

## *Cutting edge Laboratories and Infrastructures*

### **Materials Development**



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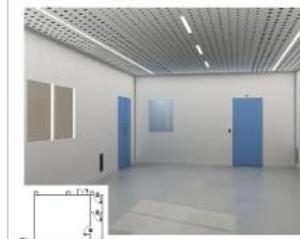
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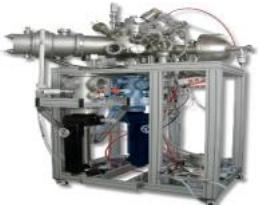
Rheometer



LFA



Dry room



XPS



TEM



SEM



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SAXS



BET



RAMAN



FT IR



PPMS



NMR



## Available testing infrastructure



- ✓ **AIR-Loop Testing Platform:** closed hydraulic loop using air as heat transfer fluid, able to deliver **hot air up to 800°C** and variable mass flow up to 360 kg/h.



- ✓ **OIL-Loop Testing Platform:** closed hydraulic loop using thermal oil as heat transfer fluid, able to deliver **hot oil up to 400°C** and variable mass flow up to 25 m³/h.



- ✓ **Steam-Loop Testing Platform:** closed hydraulic loop using water as heat transfer fluid, able to deliver **hot steam up to 300°C** and variable mass flow up to 50 kg/h.



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