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# Exploring flexible nanoporous materials for energy-related applications

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## > Expertise, experience and scientific interests

- **Positions:**

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

- **Interests:**

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

- **Expertise:**

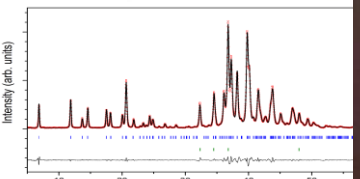
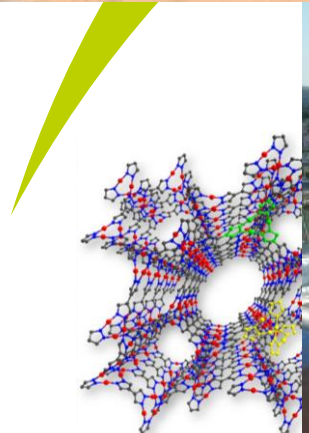
- Materials degradation
- Wettability of complex topologies
- Interfacial energy



Commercialized  
1 MWe CSP plant



**H2020 ORC-PLUS Project**  
**200 kWh<sub>t</sub> packed bed thermocline**  
**~ 6.5 tons of storage material**



## > Interfacial Phenomena, Colloids and Porous Media Group

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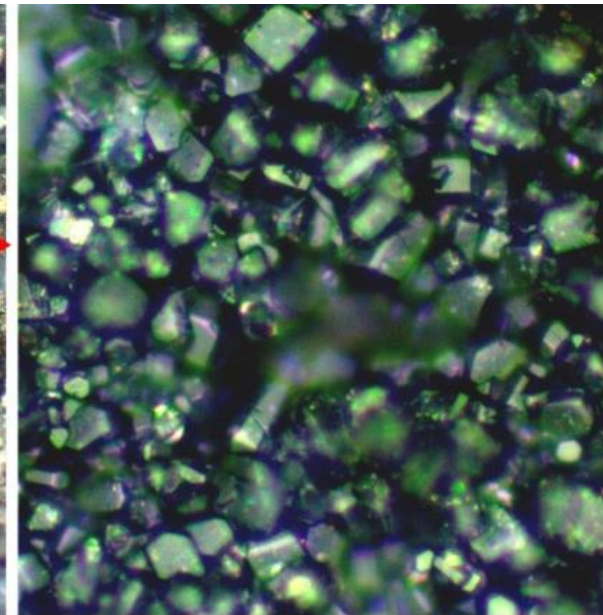
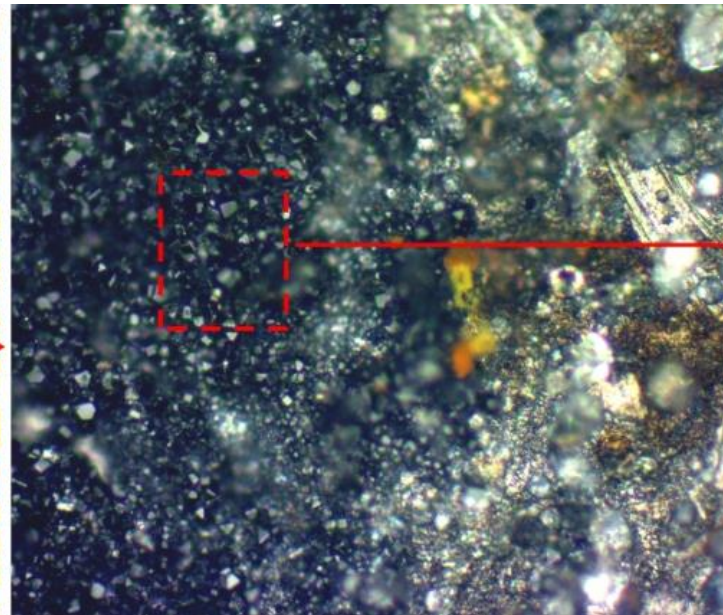
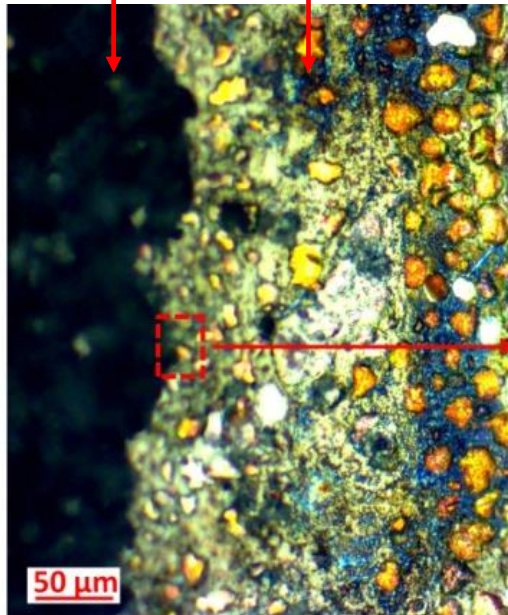
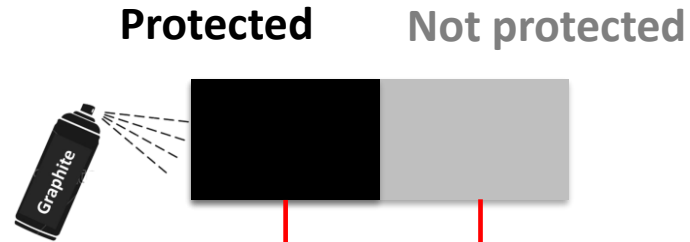
Cross-disciplinary approach

Application driven, but deep



## > Major activities of the group

### CORROSION



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

- Molten salts
- Oils
- Gases

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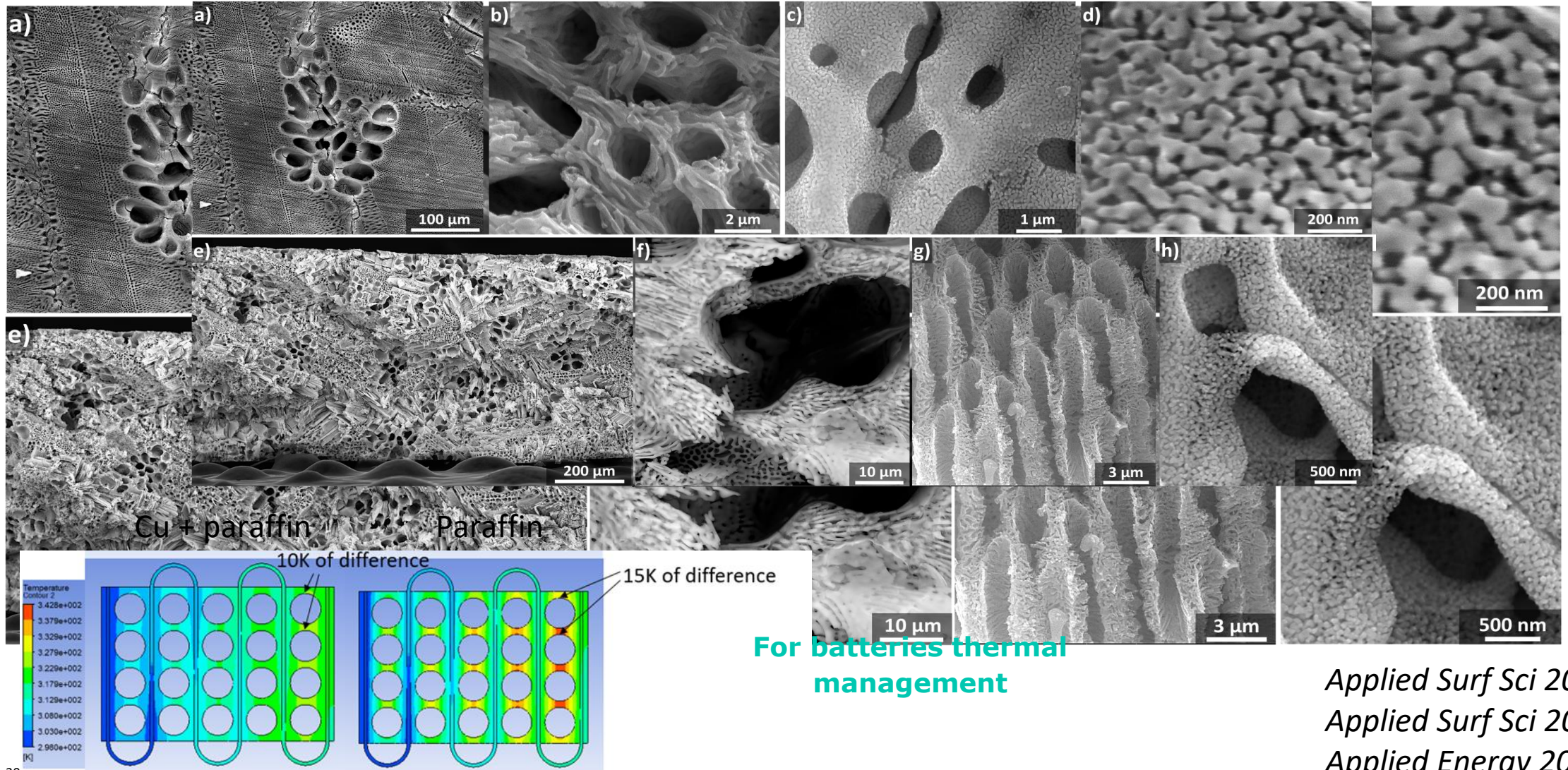
- Metallic alloys
- Plastic crystals
- Ceramics

<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41529-018-0055-0>

> Major activities of the group

HIERARCHICAL POROUS MATERIALS FOR THERMAL ENERGY STORAGE

Trimodal hierarchical macro-nanoporous copper + paraffin composite



For batteries thermal management

Applied Surf Sci 2019  
Applied Surf Sci 2020  
Applied Energy 2020

# Flexible nanoporous materials for energy applications

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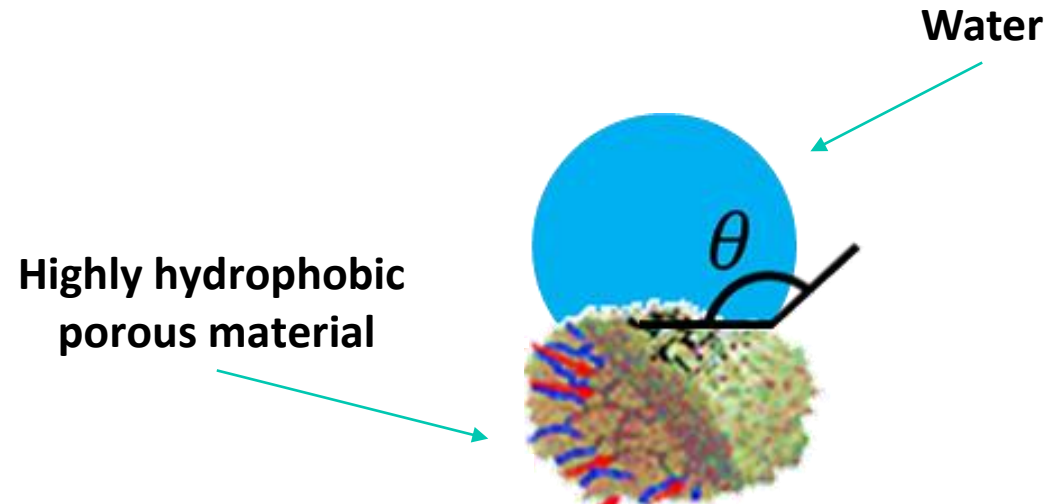
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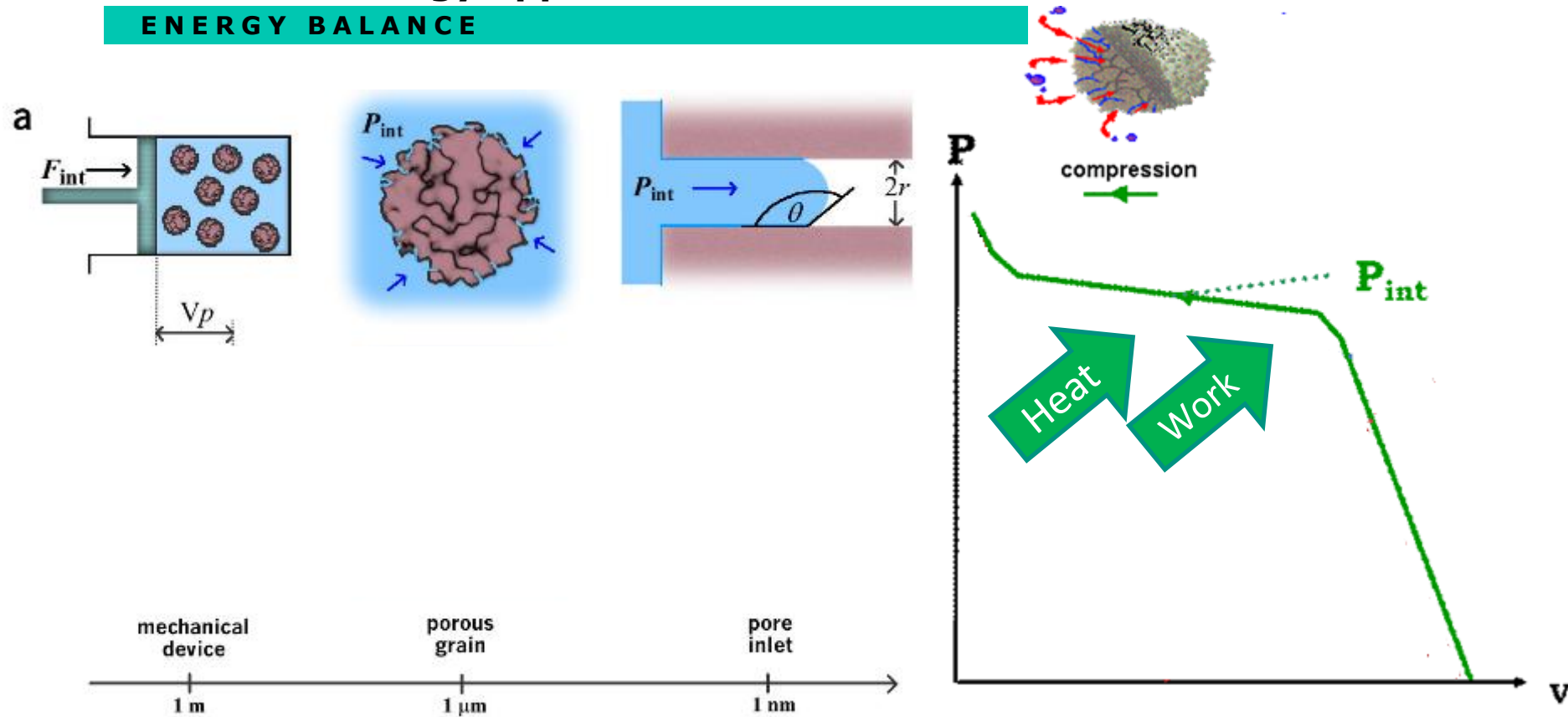
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**Non – wetting:  $\theta > 90^\circ$**

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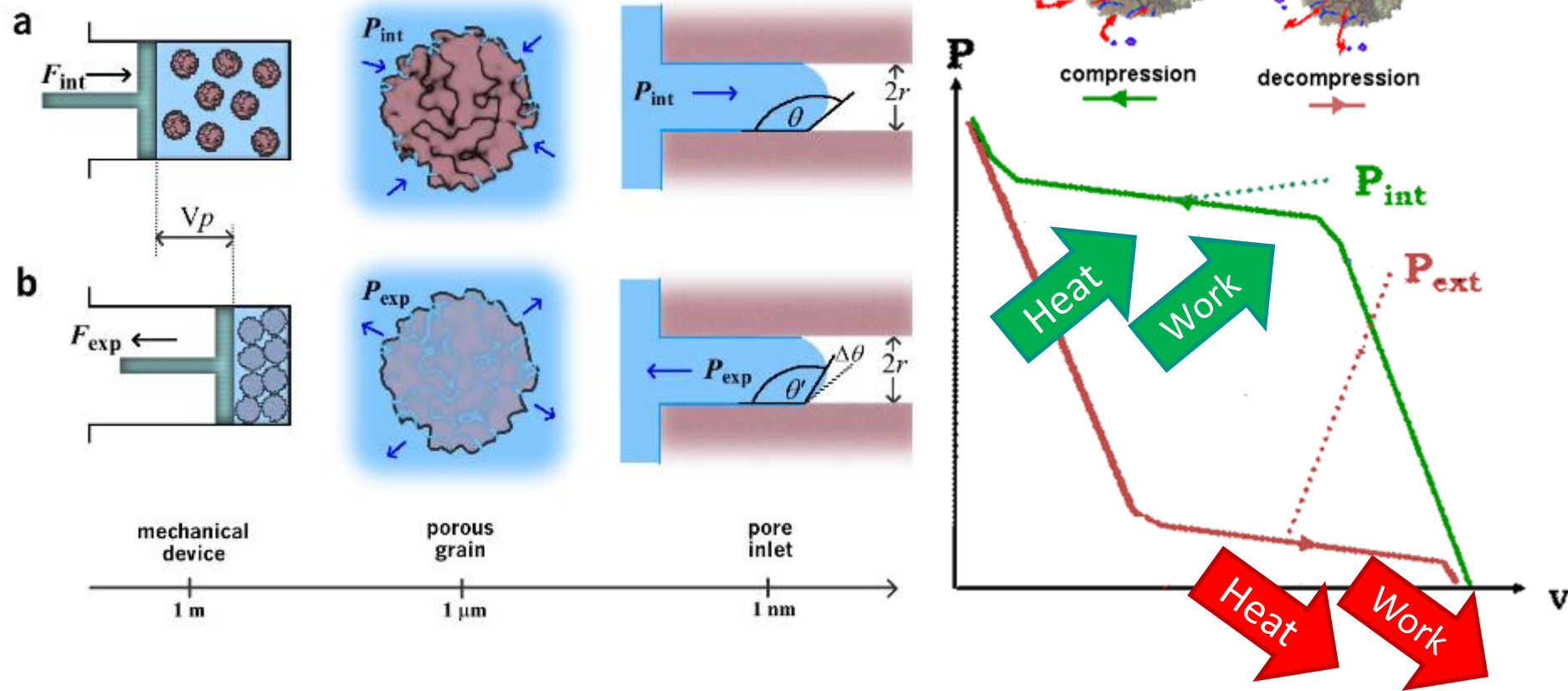
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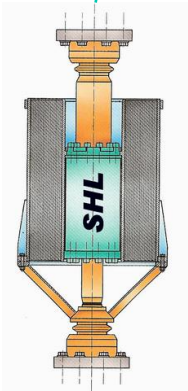
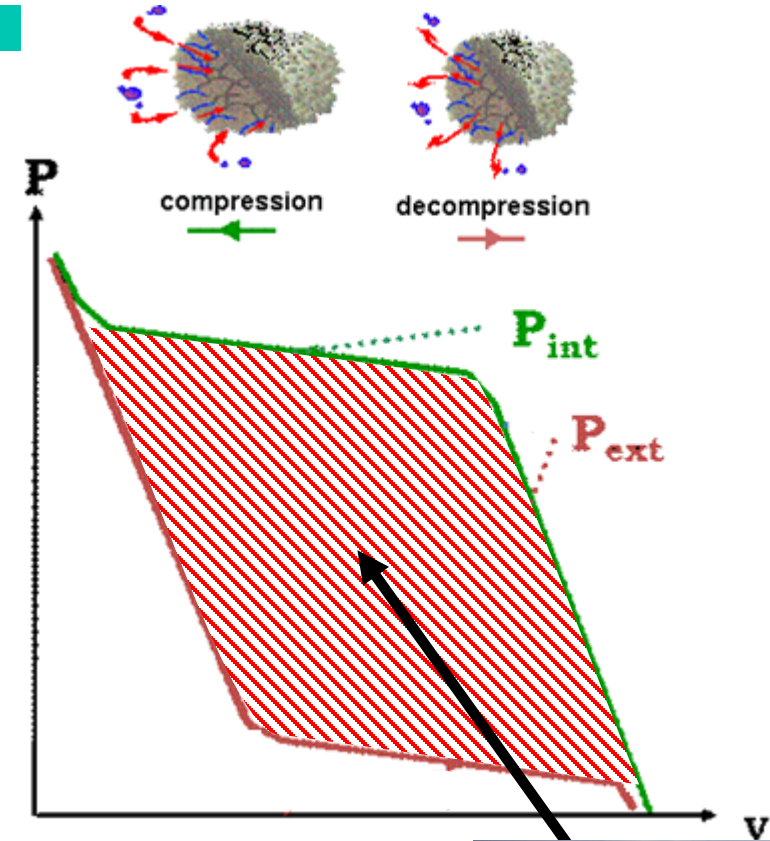
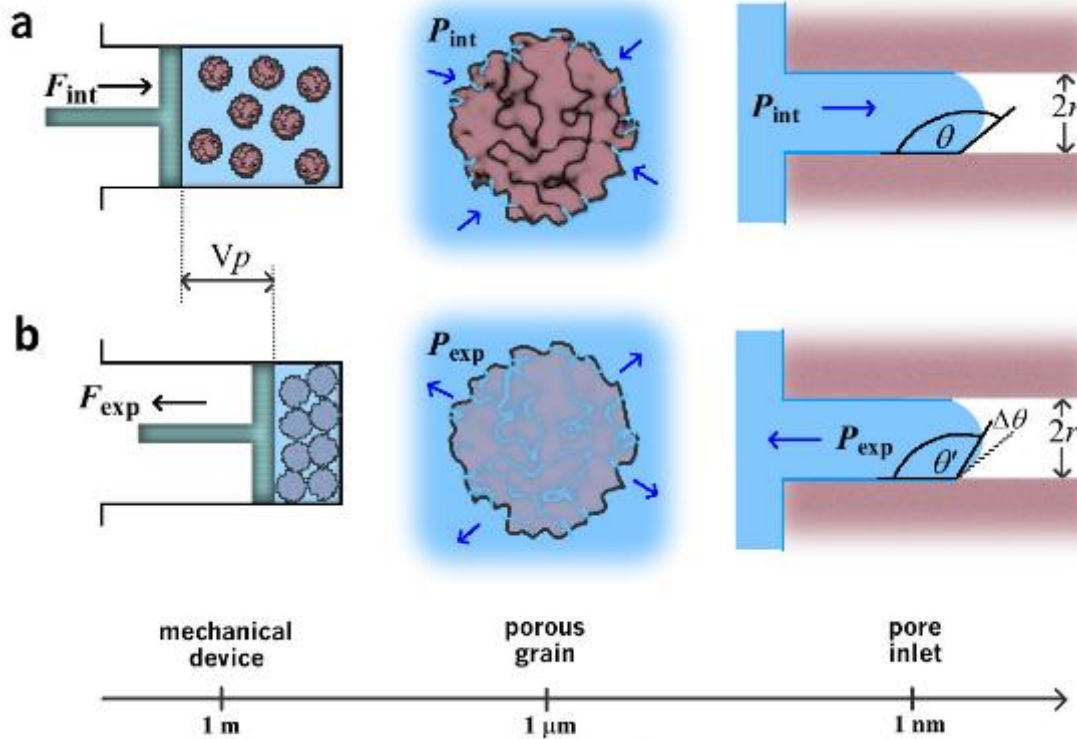


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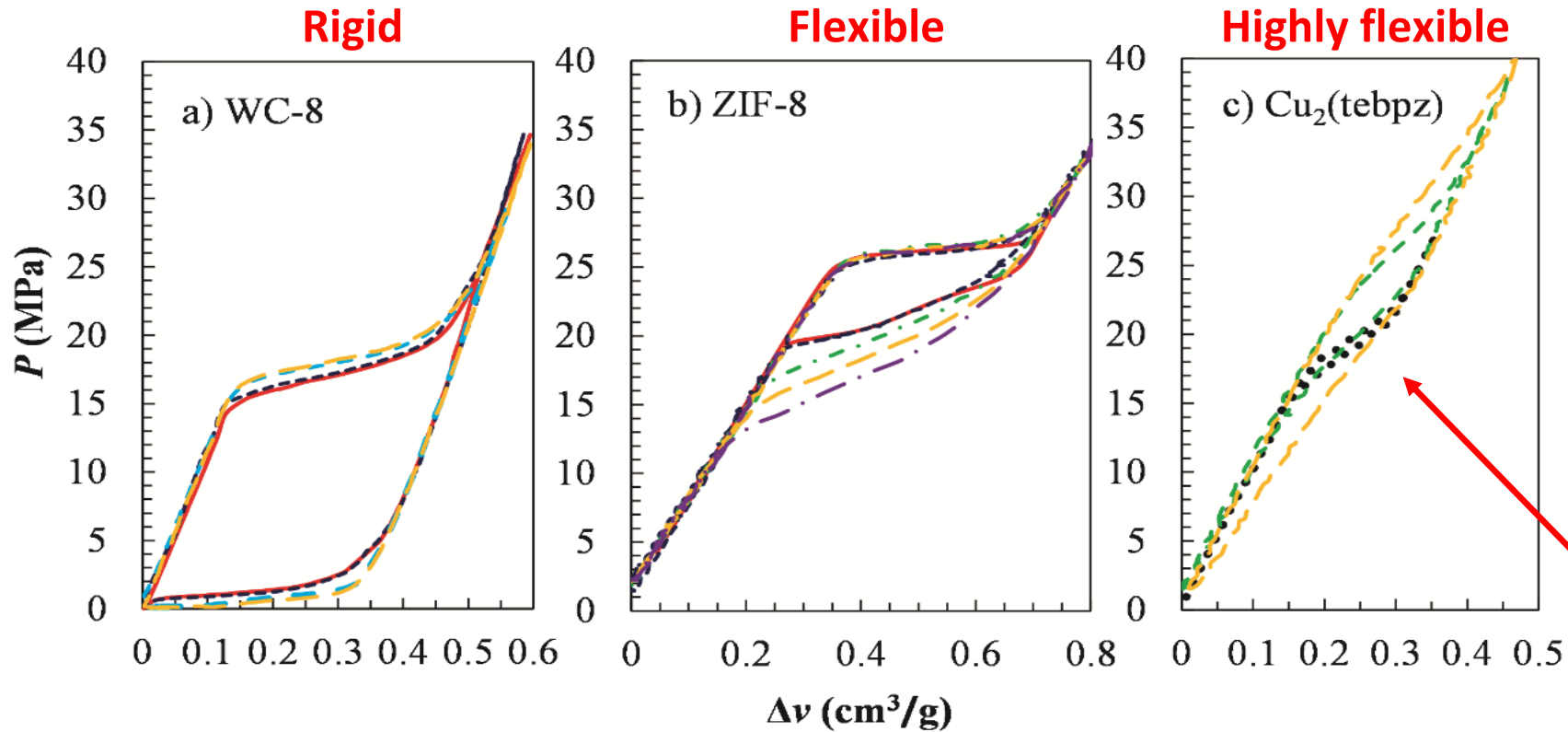
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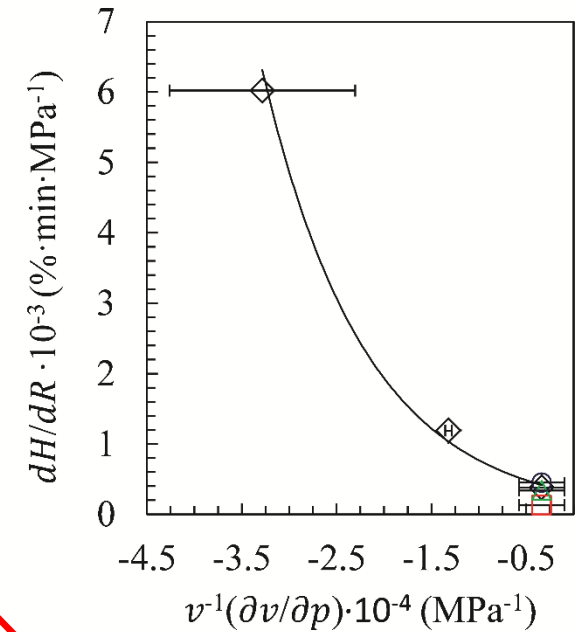
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## > Flexibility of porous material on the hysteresis of int-ext process

### SMART PRESSURE TRANSMITTING FLUIDS



— 0.1 MPa/min      ..... 1 MPa/min      - - - - 10 MPa/min      - · - · 100 MPa/min  
 - · · - 375 MPa/min      - - - - 1 GPa/min      - · - · 9 GPa/min



**Transforming molecular spring into shock-absorber**

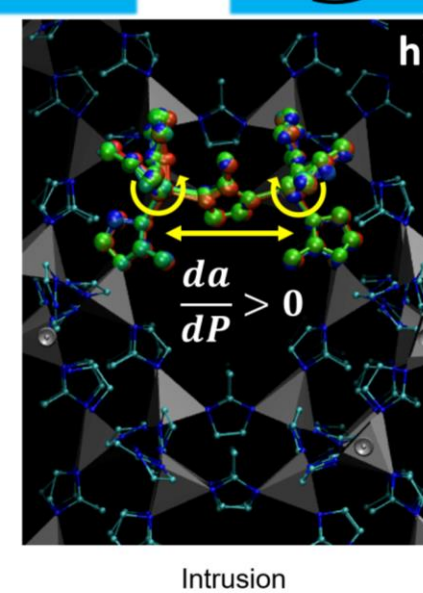
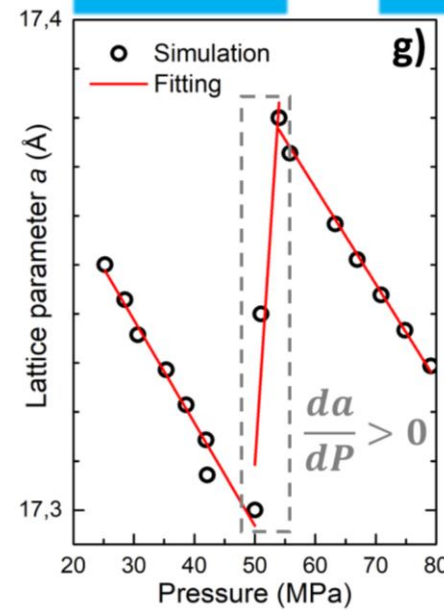
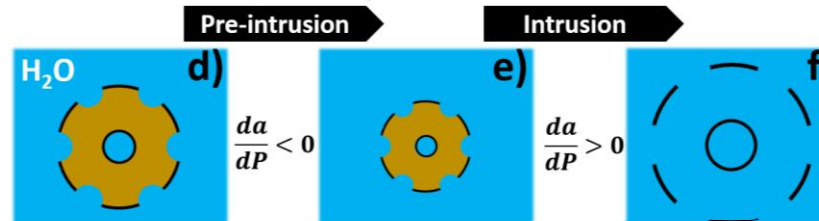
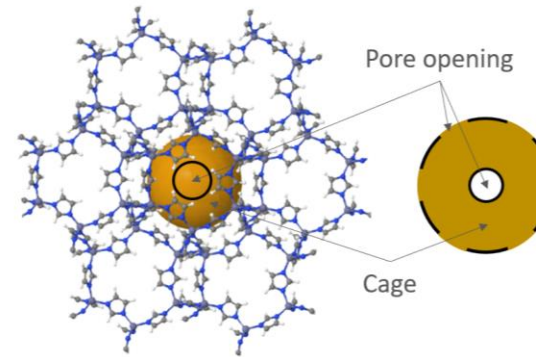
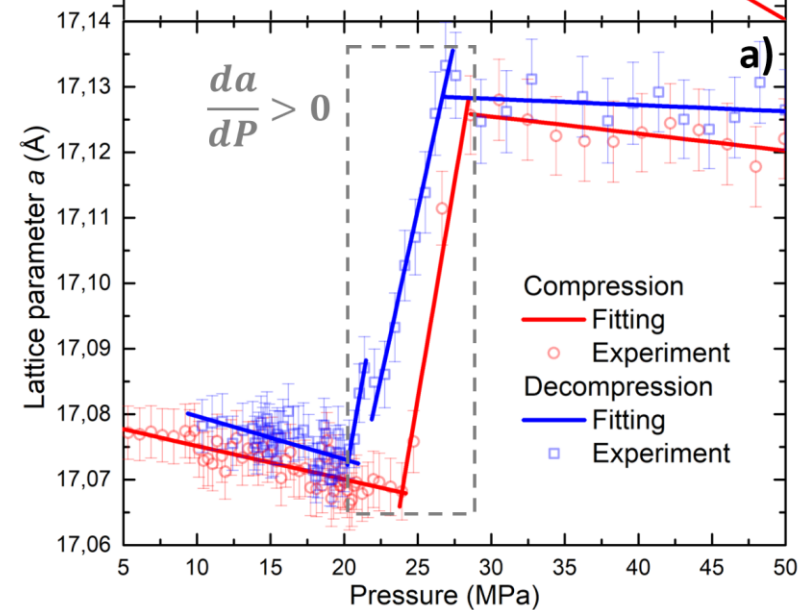
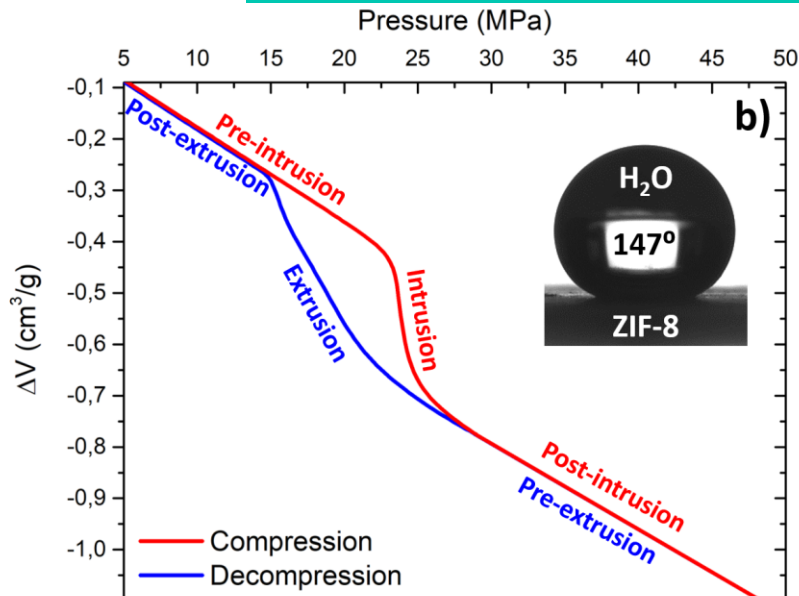
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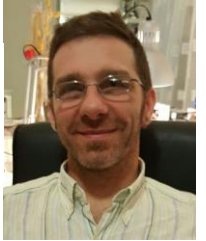
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# Negative compressibility

## ZIF-8 + WATER



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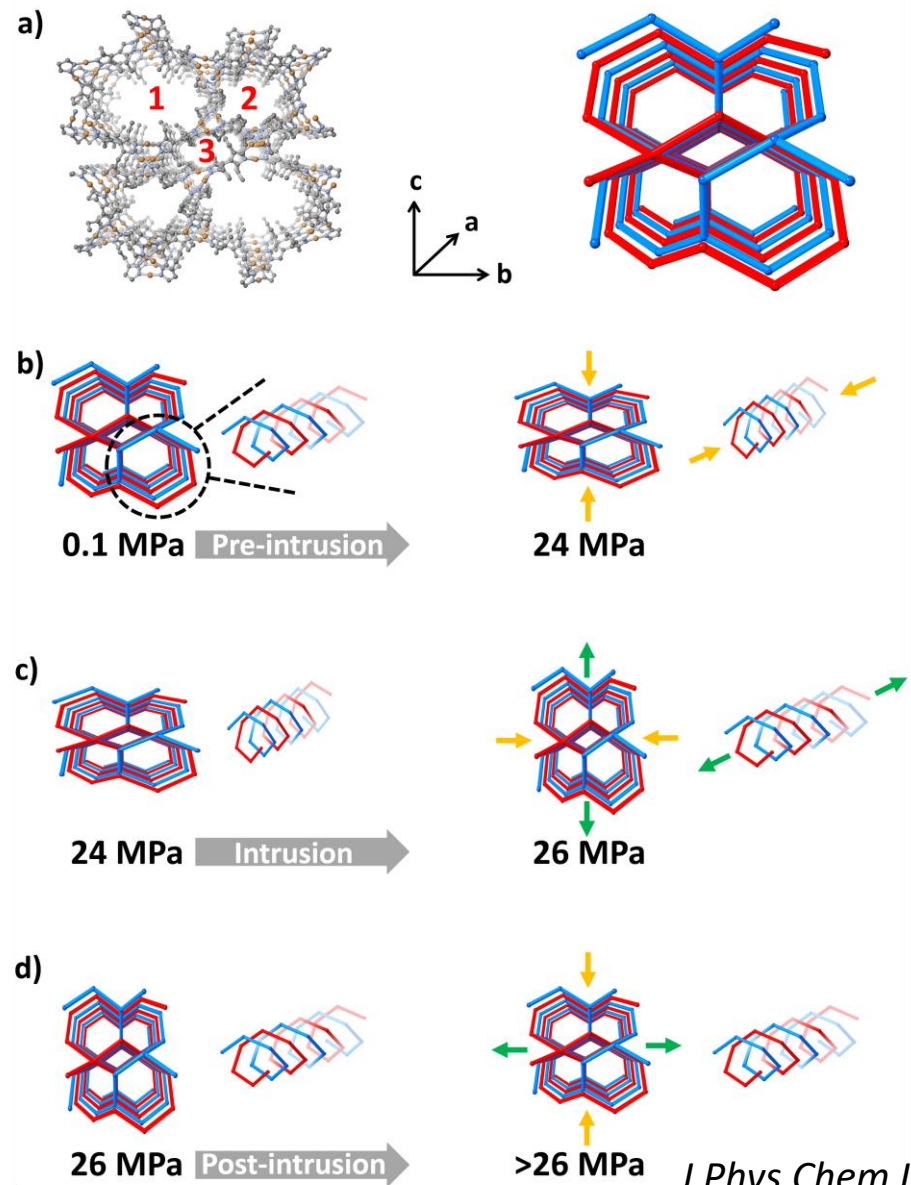
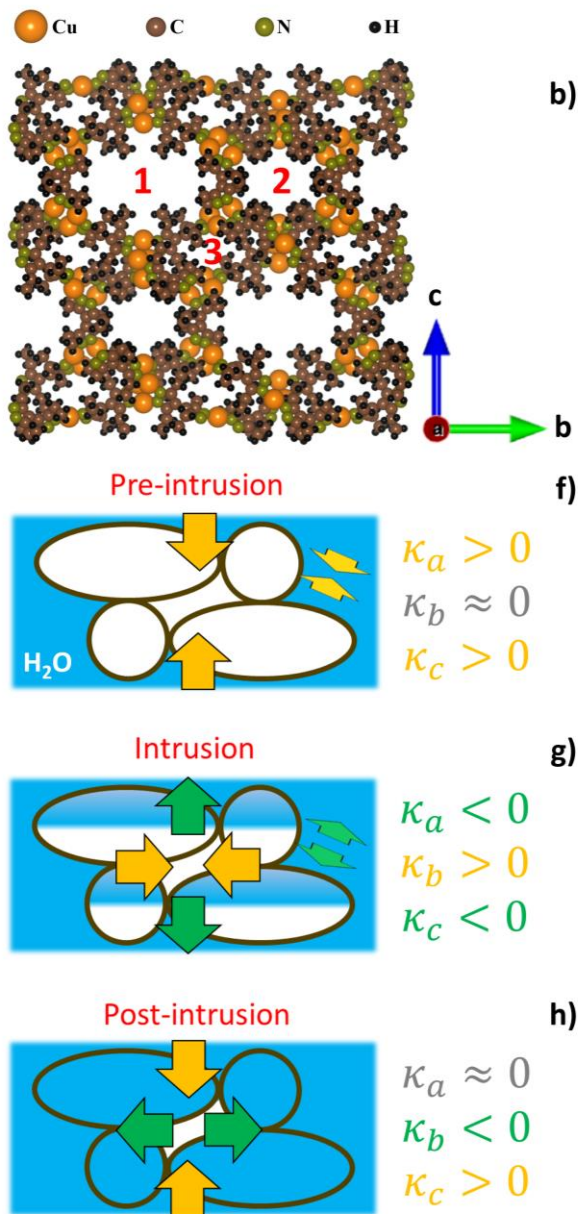
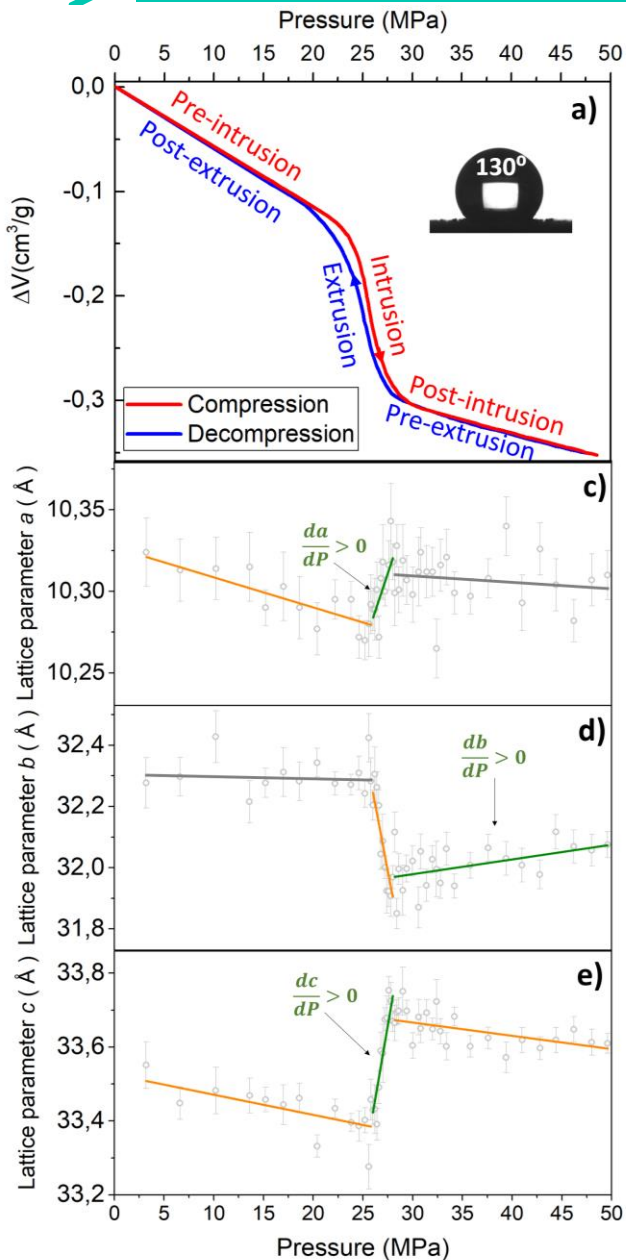
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# Negative compressibility

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



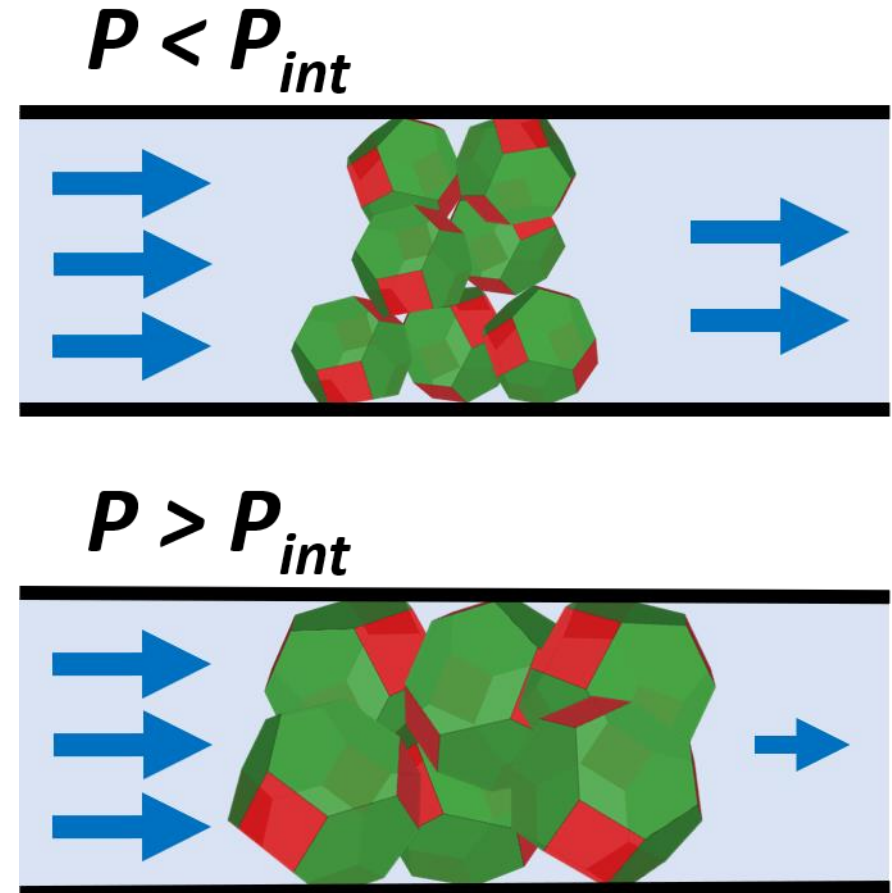
## > Negative compressibility

### ZIF-8 + WATER

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

Material	$\kappa_l$ , 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



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

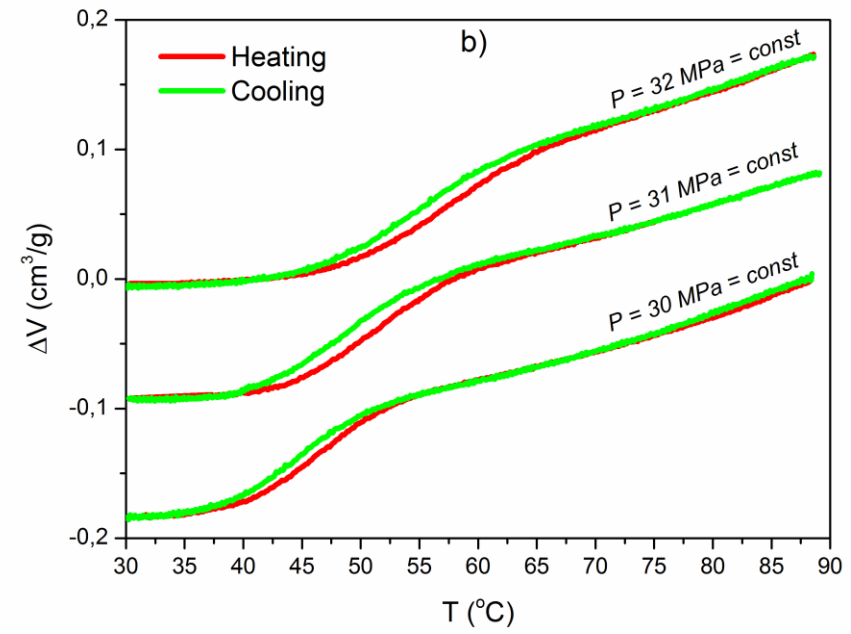
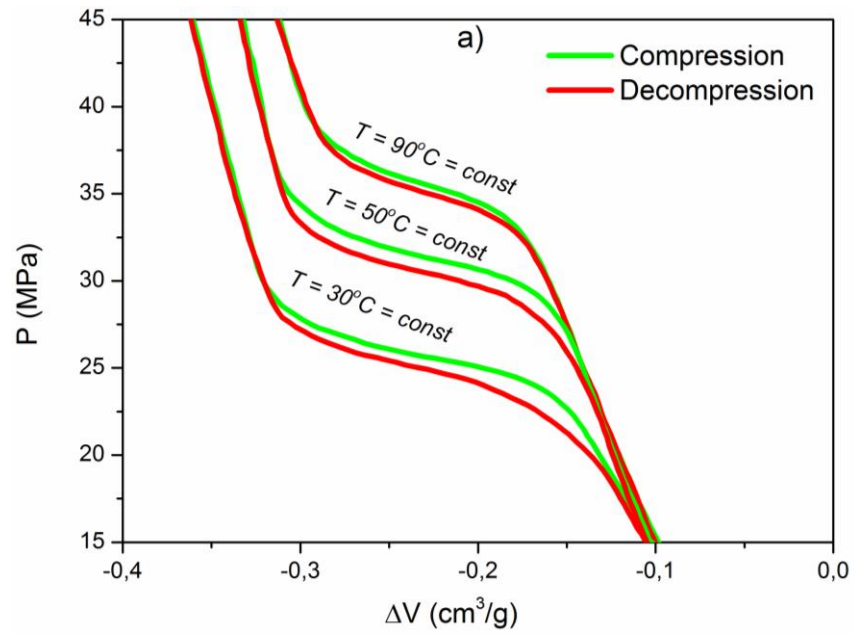
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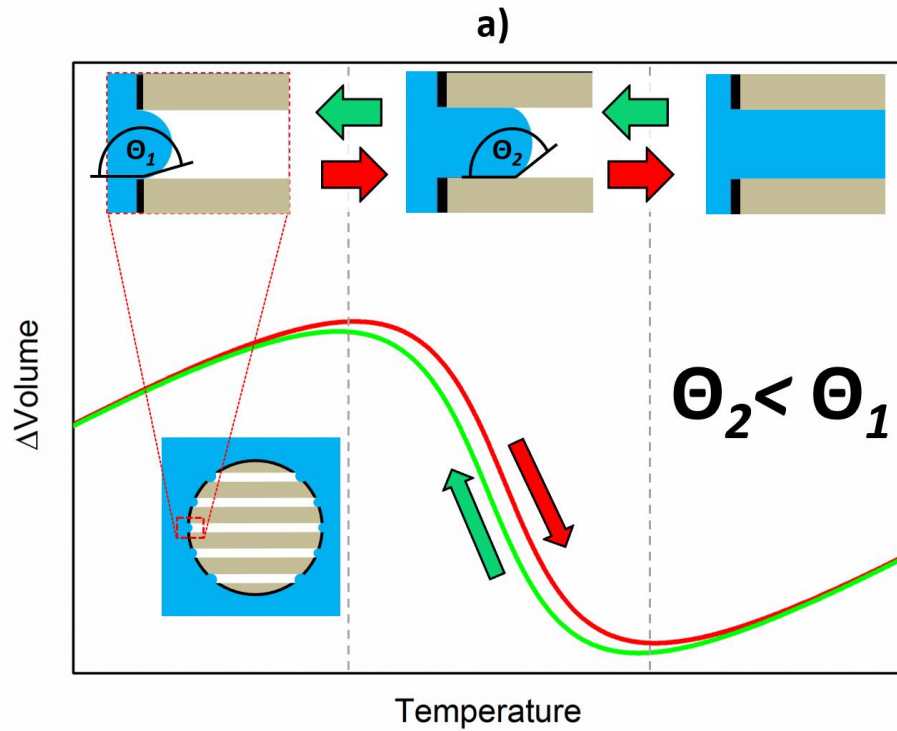
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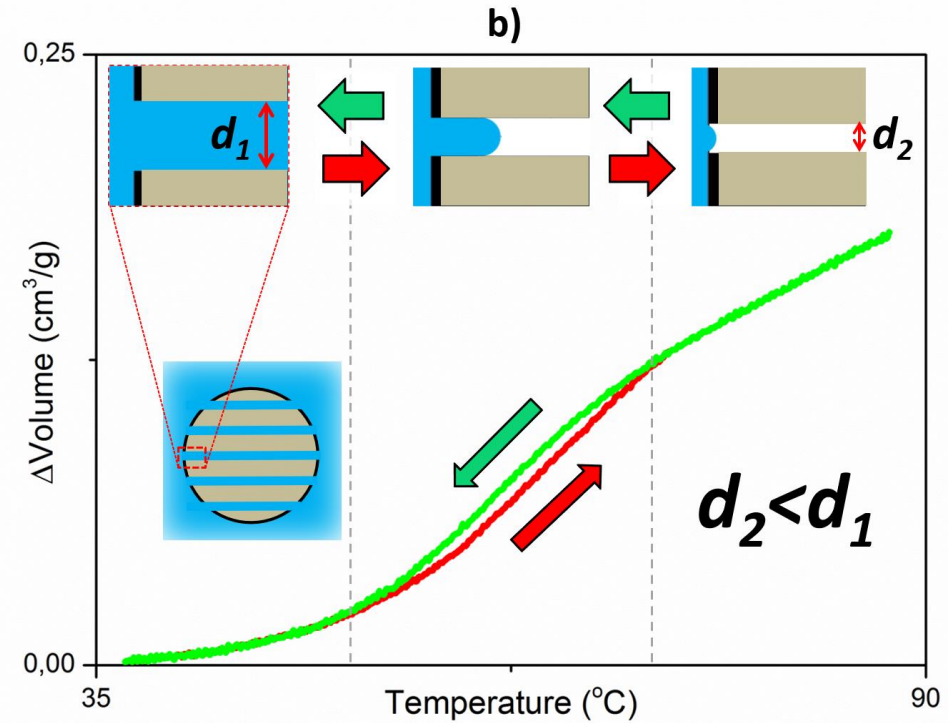
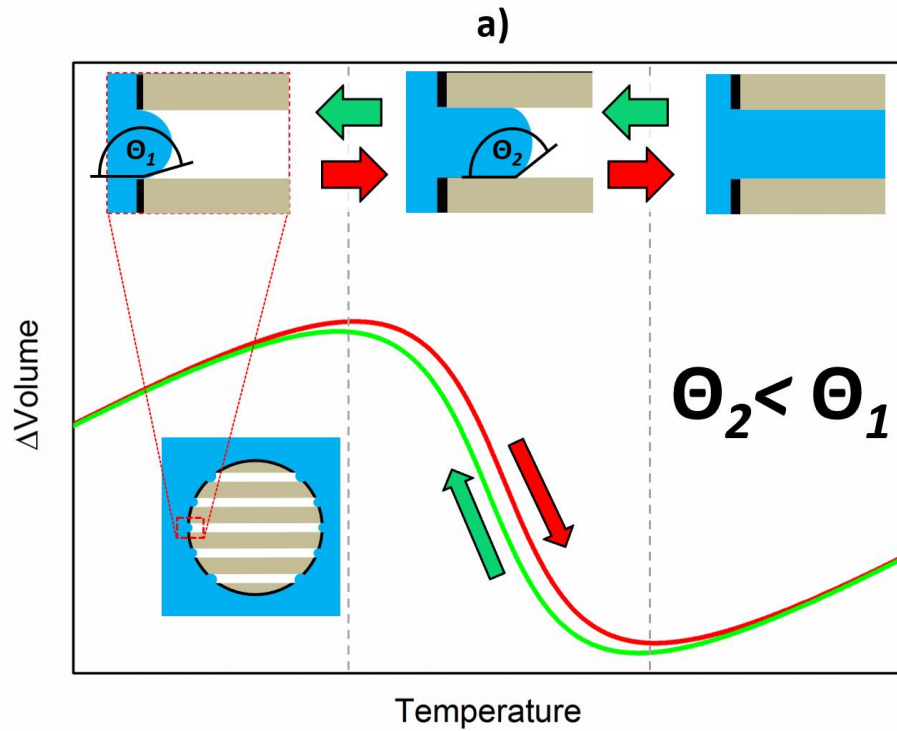


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$$E_{\text{cooling}} = \frac{W_{\text{int}} - W_{\text{con}}}{C_P \cdot \Delta T + Q_{\text{int}}} \cdot 100\%$$

## > Thermal actuation

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$$E_{heating} = \frac{W_{ext} - W_{exp}}{C_P \cdot \Delta T + Q_{ext}} \cdot 100\%$$

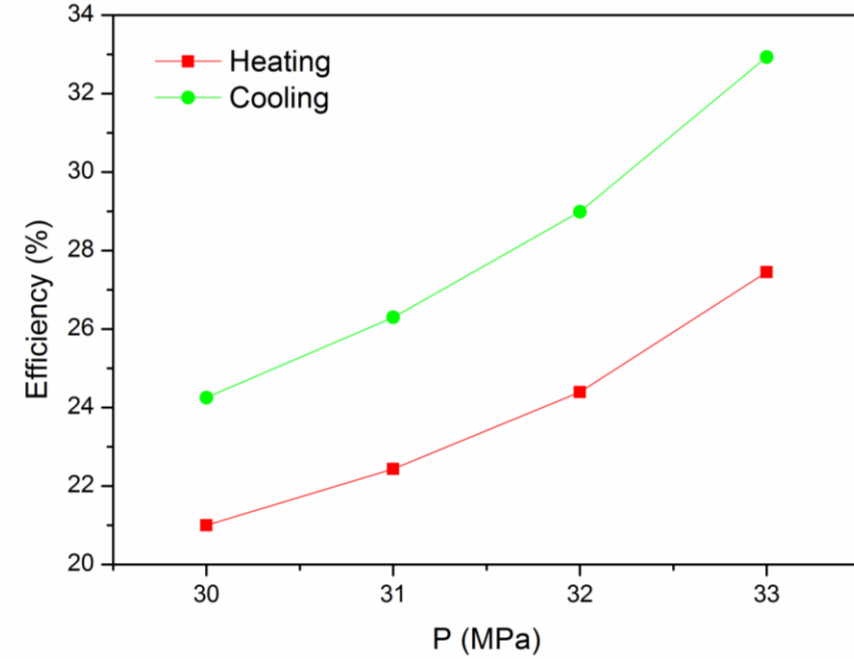
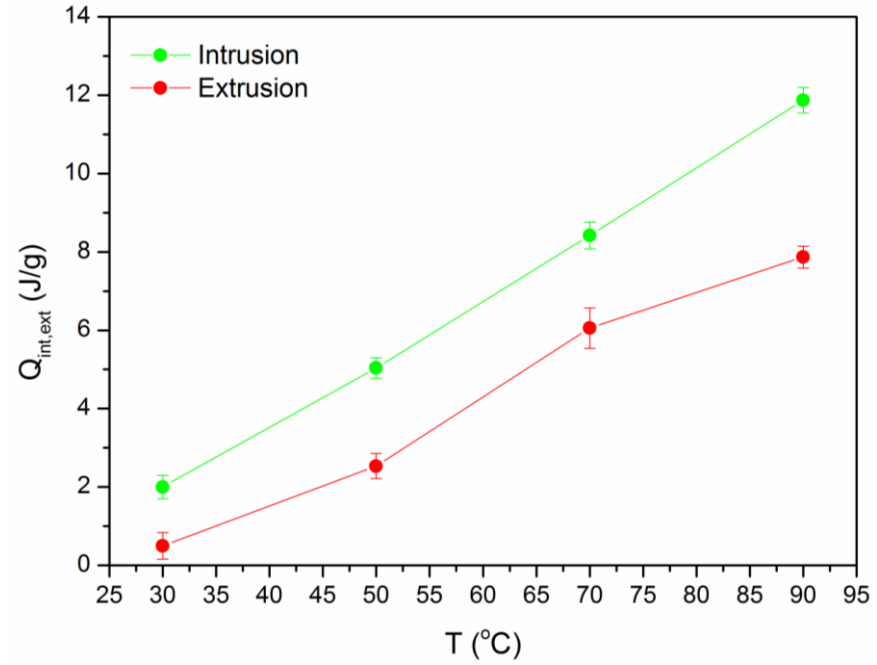
$$E_{cooling} = \frac{W_{int} - W_{con}}{C_P \cdot \Delta T + Q_{int}} \cdot 100\%$$

$$E_{heating} = \frac{W_{ext} + W_{exp}}{C_P \cdot \Delta T - Q_{ext}} \cdot 100\%$$

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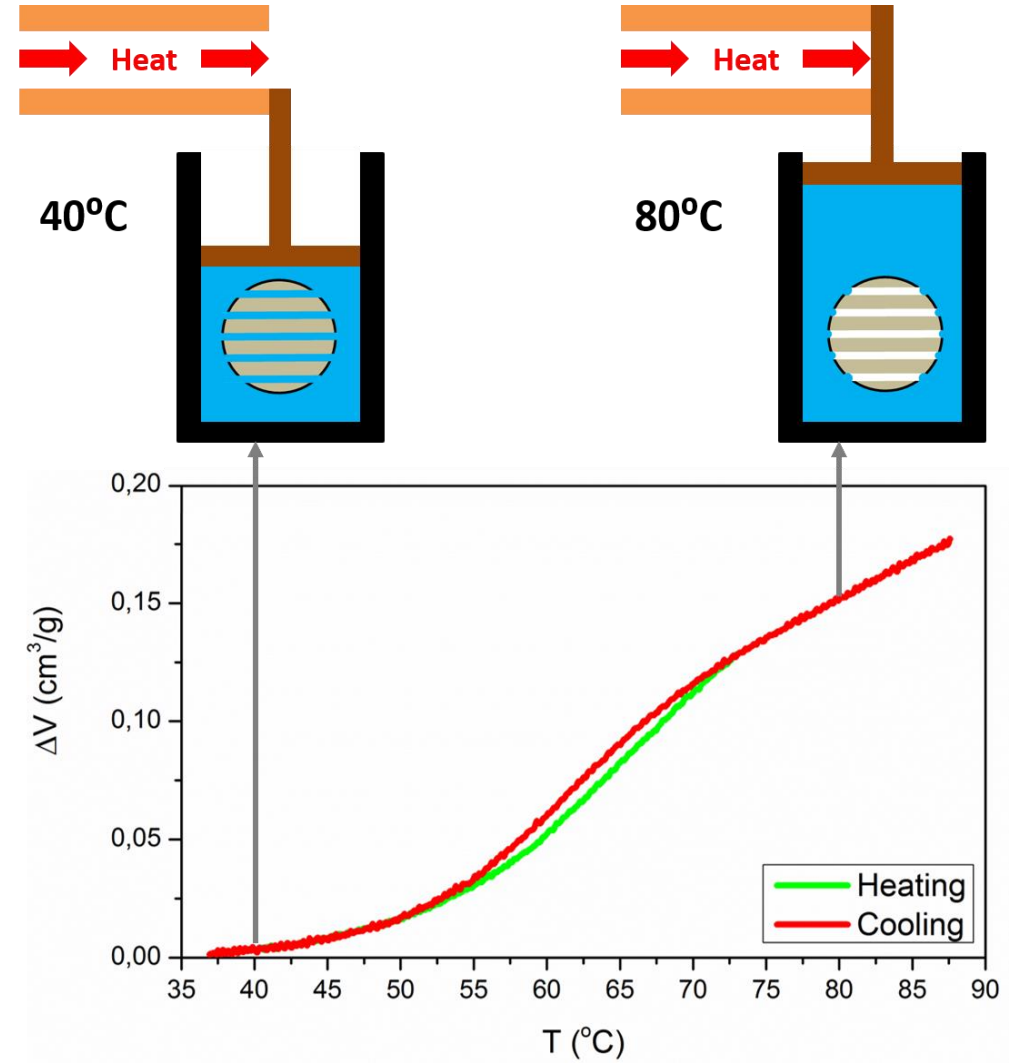
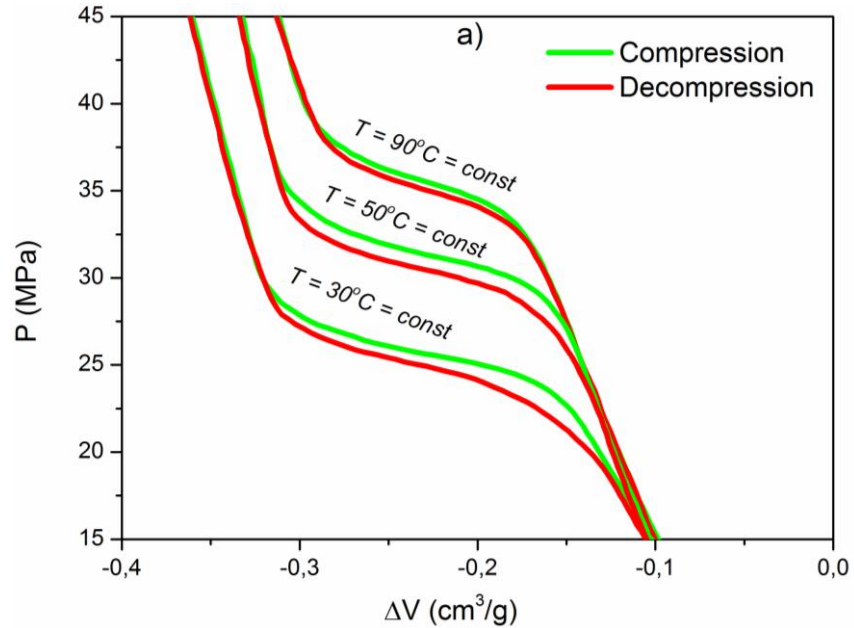
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## > Thermal actuation

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### Temperature regulating valve-actuator





**More information**

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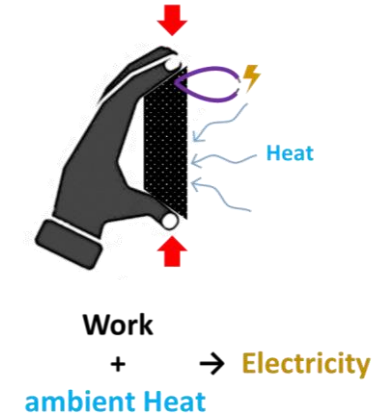
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## > Additional information

**1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 at 10:30 Seminar at Sapienza:  
Converting vibrations and environmental heat into electricity  
via reversible water intrusion into hydrophobic nanopores**



**Electro-intrusion FET-proactive project**  
<https://www.electro-intrusion.eu/en>



### Recent papers

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**Collaboration opportunities**

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# Cutting edge Laboratories and Infrastructures

Complete infrastructure and material characterization facilities

Materials Development



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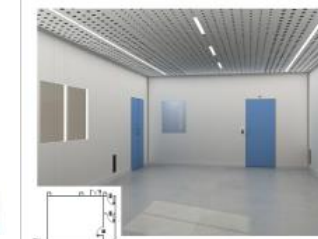
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Rheometer



LFA



Dry room



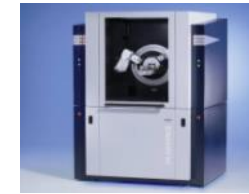
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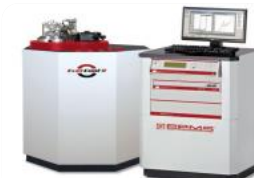
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FT IR



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 m<sup>3</sup>/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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