

New insulating and superconducting states in metal-organic frameworks and covalent organic frameworks

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Many metal-organic frameworks (MOFs) and covalent organic frameworks (COFs) have decorated lattices, with intricate structural motifs within the unit cell. We consider a simple example of a decorated lattice, the decorated honeycomb (or star) lattice. We show that the interplay of decoration with strong electronic correlations leads to a menagerie of new insulating states [1-3]. Some of these can be understood by generalizing the idea of the dimer-Mott-insulator familiar from BEDT-TTF and Pd(dmit)₂ salts [1]. Other insulating states lead to new extensions of the Mott insulator concept [2,3].

We show that highly unconventional superconductivity occurs on doping away from these insulating states [4]. Most surprisingly, we find f-wave singlet superconductivity. On undecorated lattices the antisymmetrisation of fermionic wavefunctions requires that f-wave superconductors are triplets. We explain how decorated lattice structures allow us to evade this requirement while retaining an antisymmetric wavefunction [4].

Finally, the generalization to other decorated lattices and the connection to specific MOFs and COFs will be discussed [5]. We will ask why most MOFs and COFs are insulators and what can be done to find more metals and superconductors.

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