# The Nature of Water

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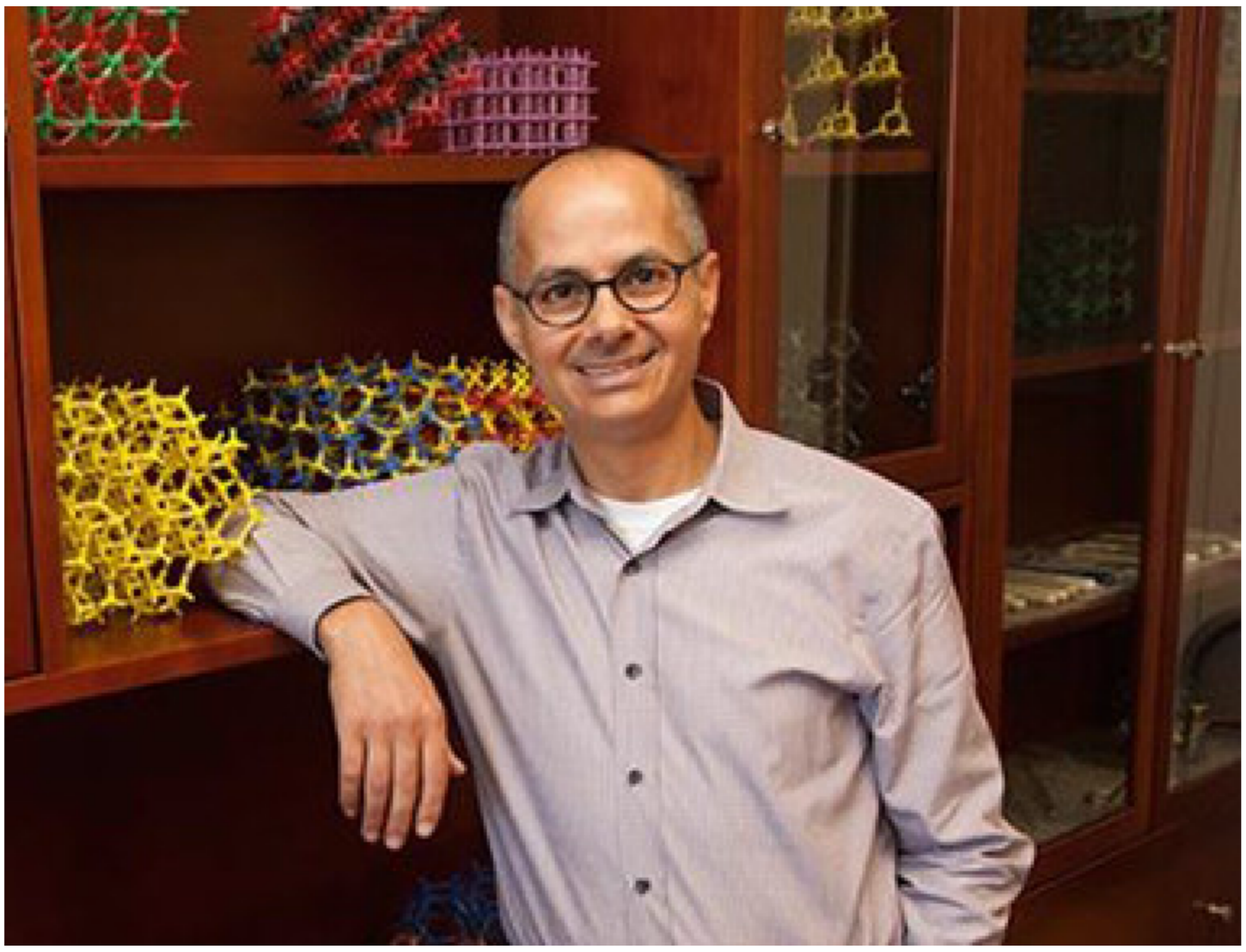

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## BIOGRAPHY

Yaghi pioneered reticular chemistry, a new field of chemistry concerned with stitching molecular building blocks together by strong bonds to make open frameworks. His most recognizable work is in the design and production of new classes of compounds known as metal-organic frameworks (MOFs), zeolitic imidazolate frameworks (ZIFs), and covalent organic frameworks (COFs). MOFs are noted for their extremely high surface areas (5640 m2/g for MOF-177) and very low crystalline densities (0.17 g·cm−3 for COF-108). Yaghi also pioneered molecular weaving, and synthesized the world's first material woven at the atomic and molecular levels (COF-505). He has been leading the effort in applying these materials in clean energy technologies including hydrogen and methane storage, carbon dioxide capture and storage, as well as harvesting water from desert air.

## TALK TITLE

**Shaping water behavior in water harvesting from air**

## QUOTES

*"Humanity has never faced a problem that we could not solve when we committed resources and had the will to solve it."*

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*"We need to care about the things that we do not see-we need to study those things and bring them fruitfully to society."*

Professor Omar M. Yaghi

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