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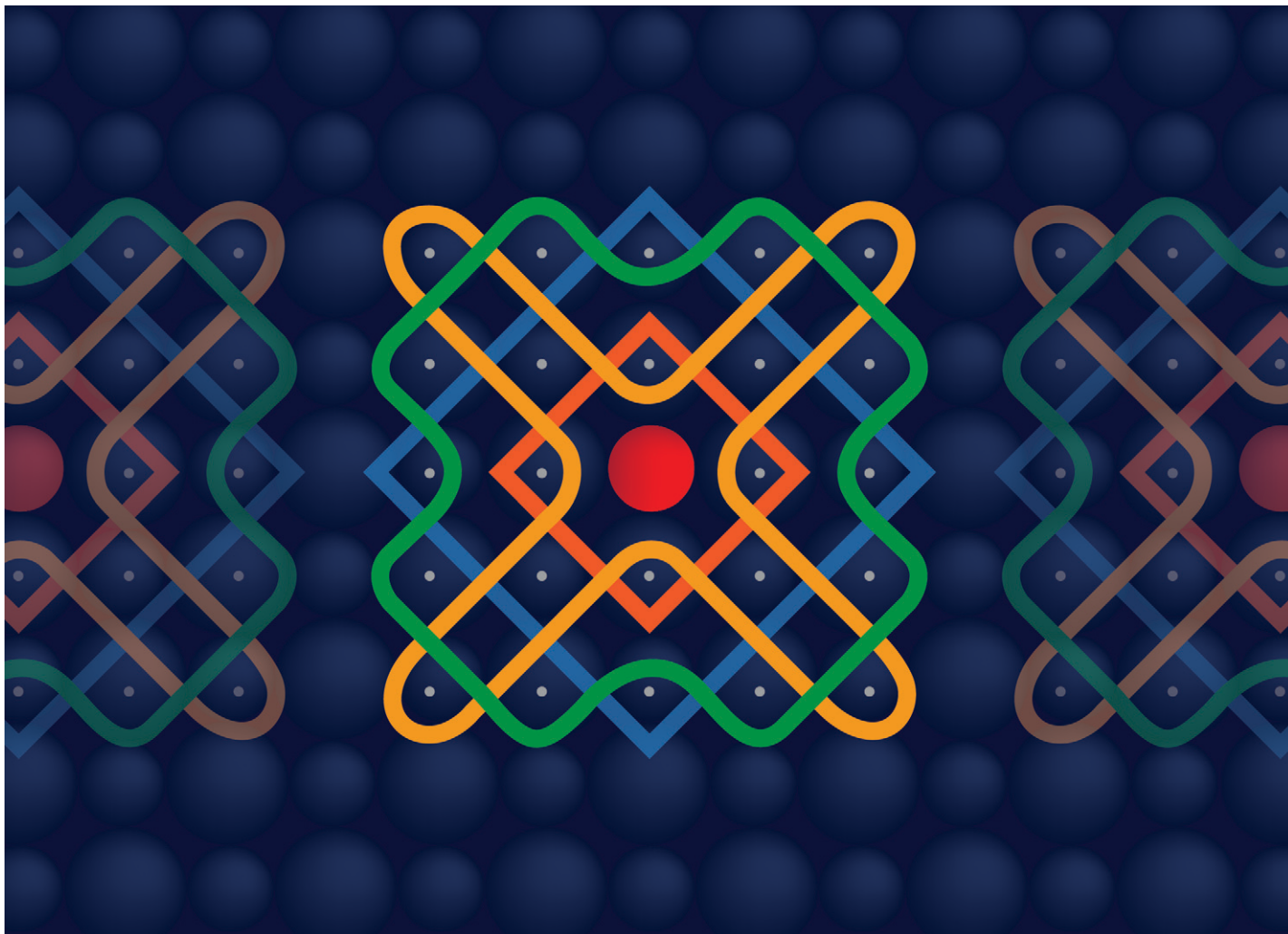
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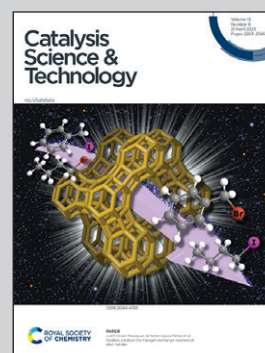
Highlighting the experiments from the Cat-Sense group, Department of Chemistry, Indian Institute of Technology Palakkad, Kerala and National Chemical Laboratory, Pune in India.

Oxidation of ethylene by Cu/TiO₂: reducibility of Cu²⁺ in TiO₂ as a possible descriptor of catalytic efficiency

The background of the image shows the crystal face of TiO₂. The red spheres that stand out represent Cu²⁺ dopant. The colourful geometrical pattern is inspired from the traditional folk-art form in south India called Kolam. It involves dots arranged in a specific manner like a grid around which free flowing strokes are drawn in a calculated manner to form an intricate pattern. The colourful pattern around the red sphere represents the multifunctional role of Cu²⁺ in the catalytic oxidation of ethylene.

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