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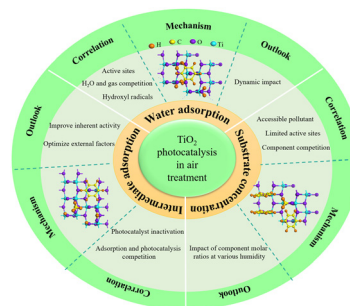
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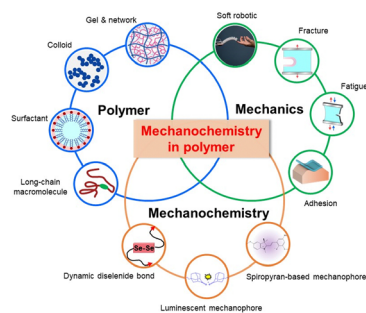
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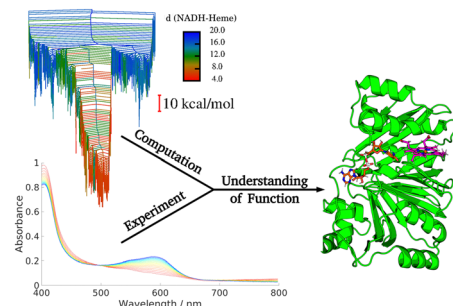
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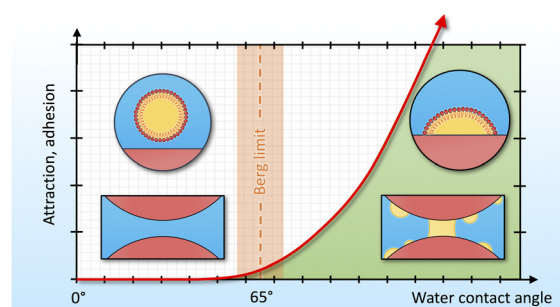
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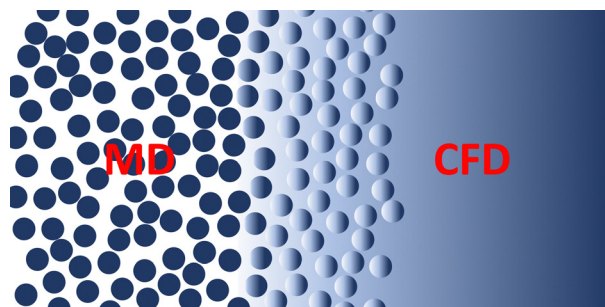
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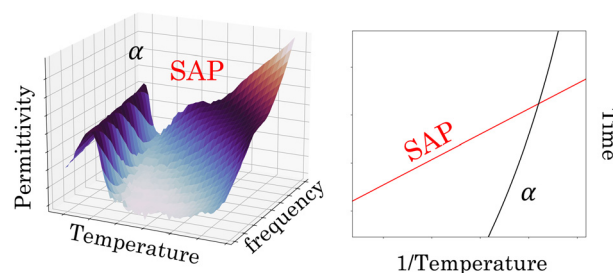


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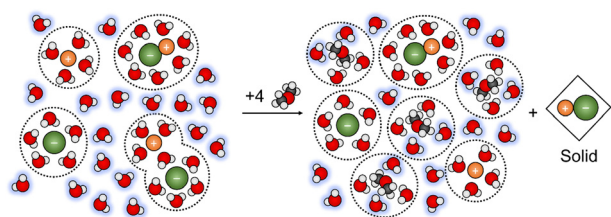
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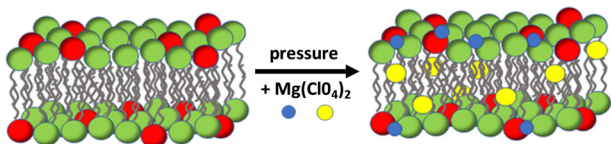
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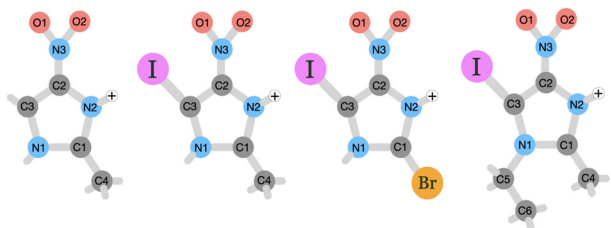
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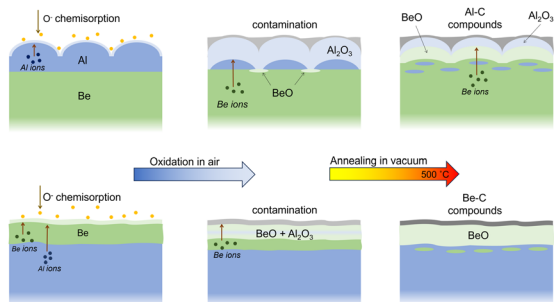
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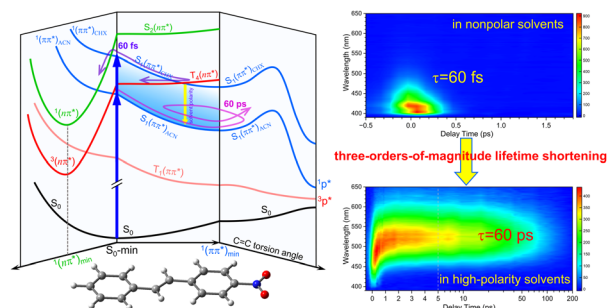


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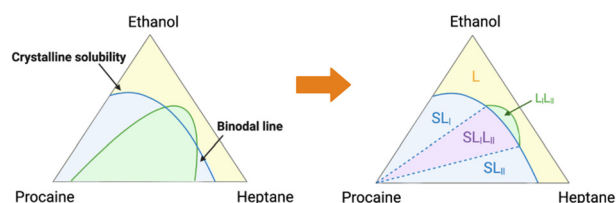


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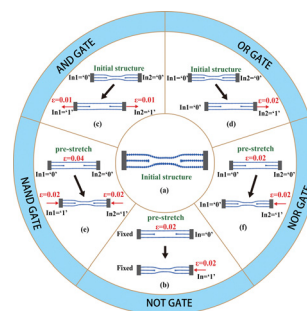
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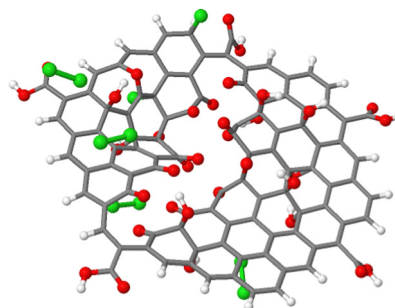
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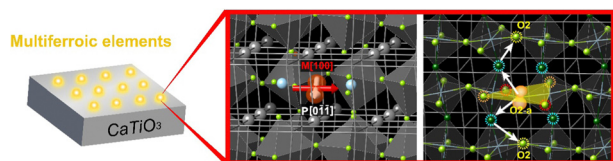
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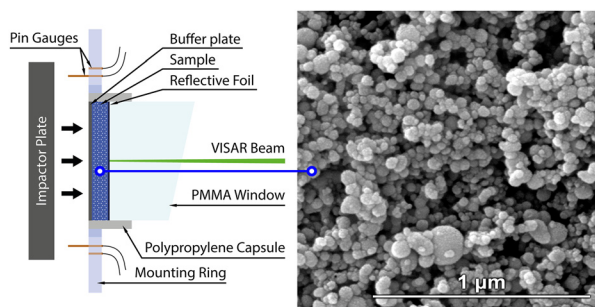
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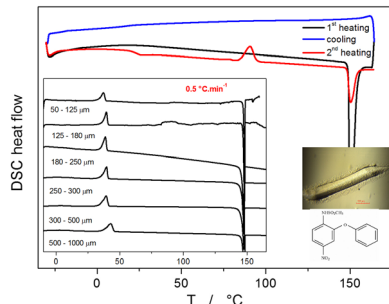
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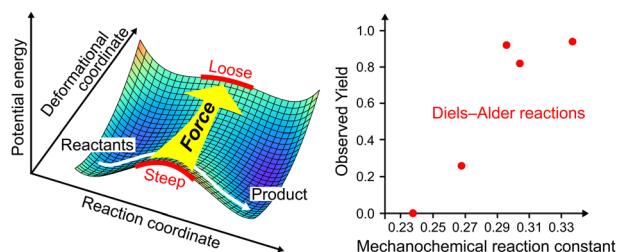
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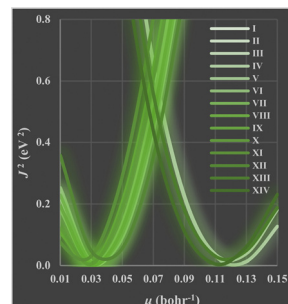


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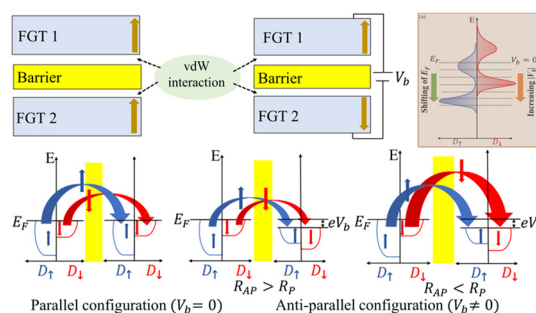
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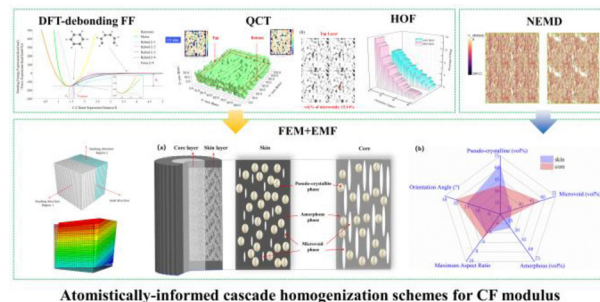
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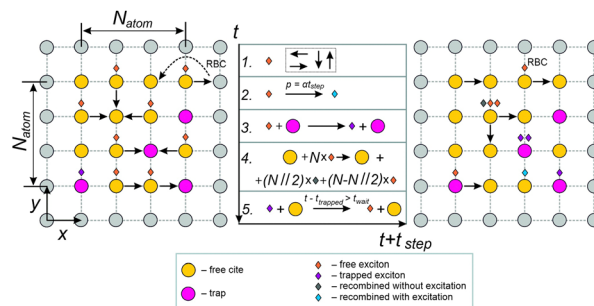
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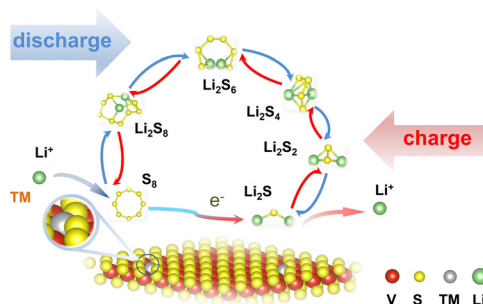
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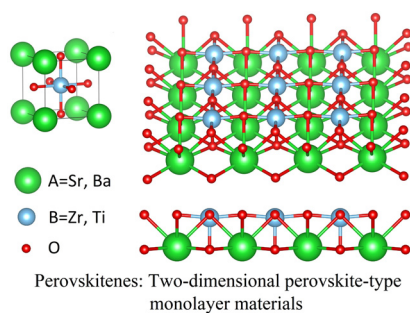
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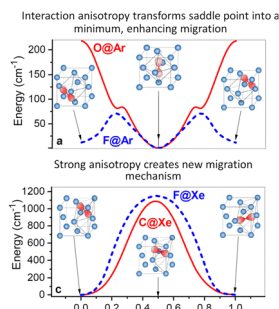
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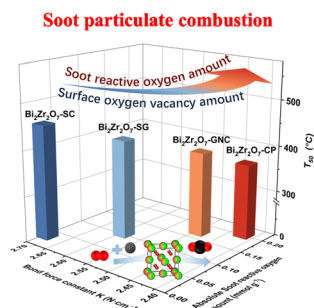
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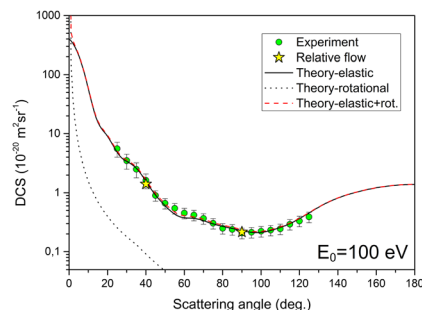


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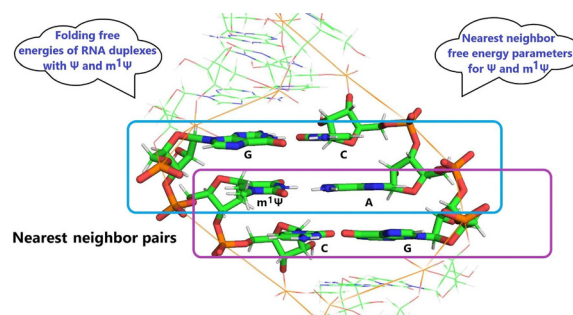
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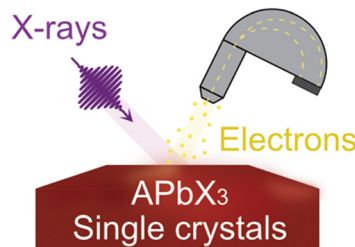


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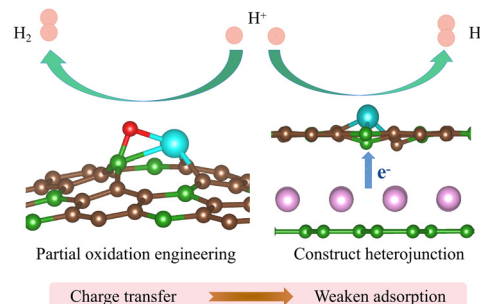


Pb(0) formation  
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Ion migration  
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X=I, Br, Cl

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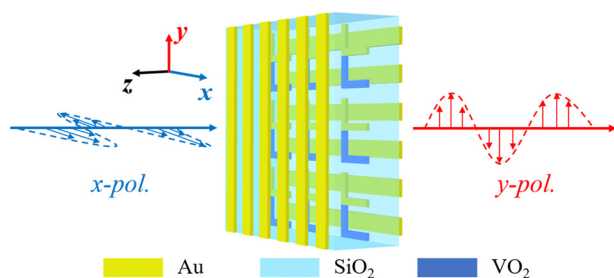
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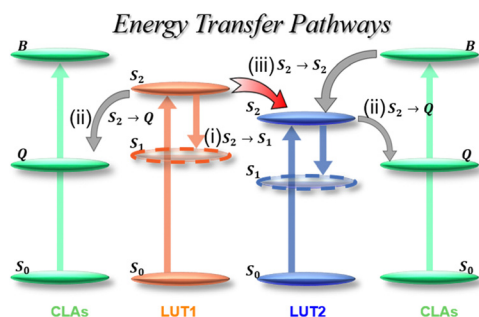
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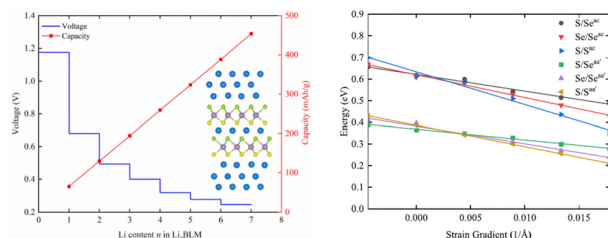
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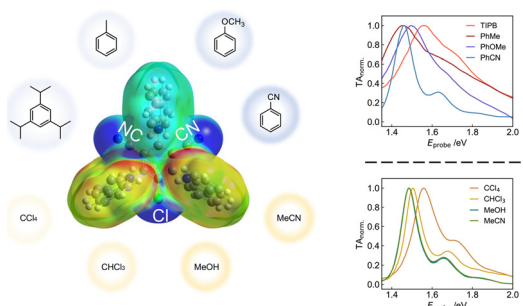
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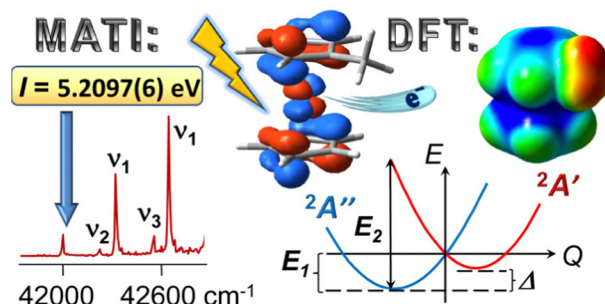


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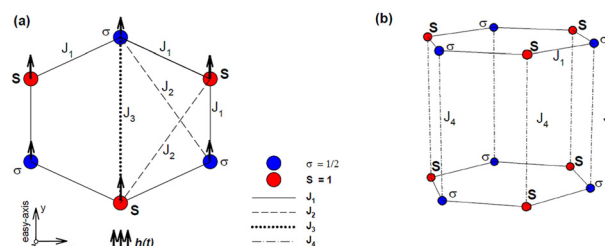
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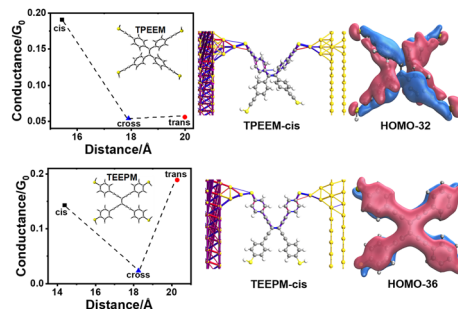
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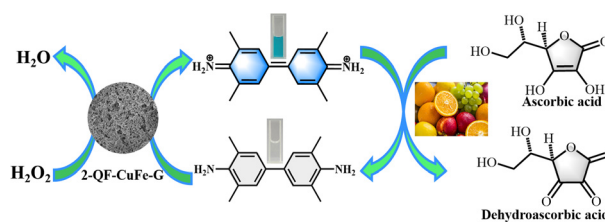
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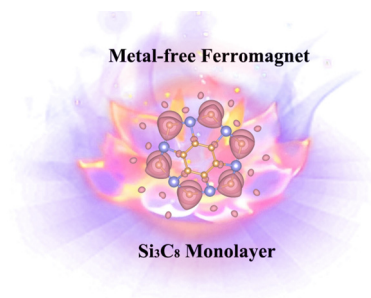
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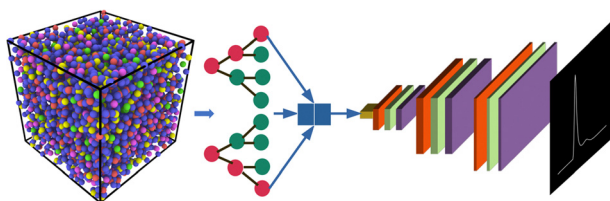
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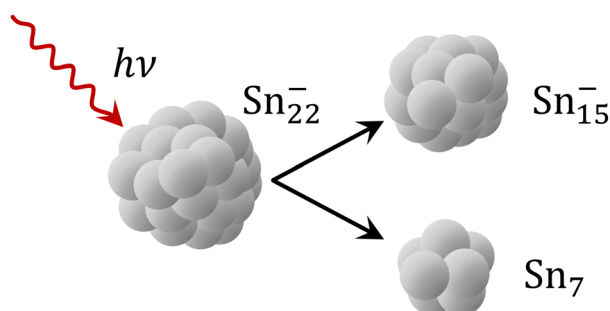
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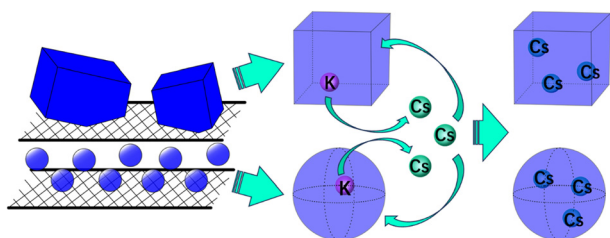
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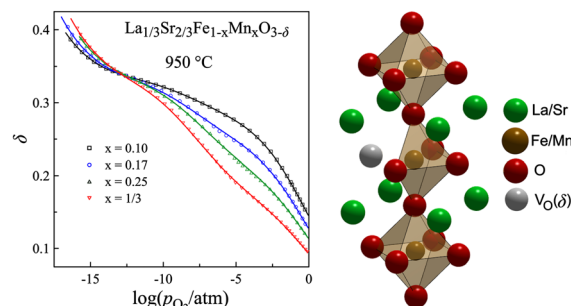


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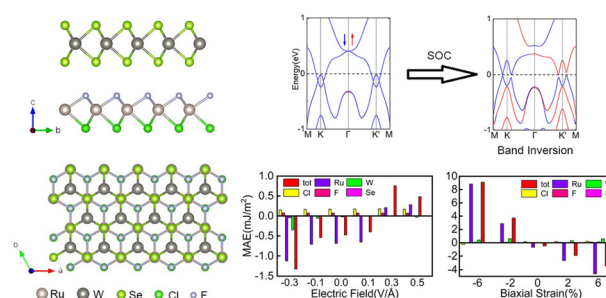
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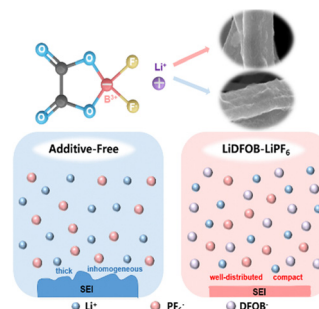
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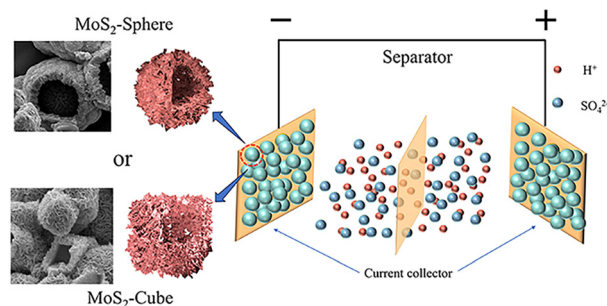
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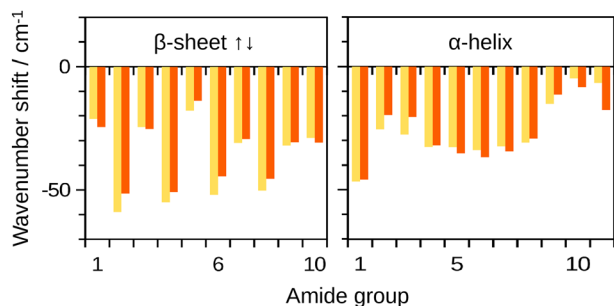
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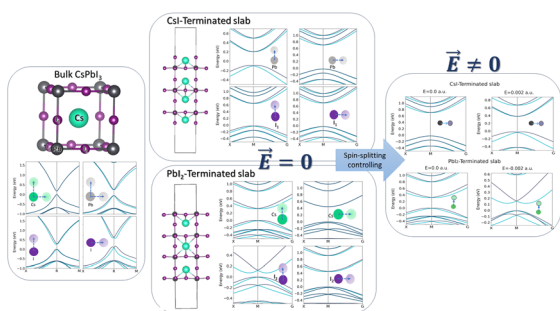
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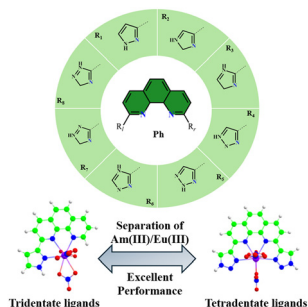
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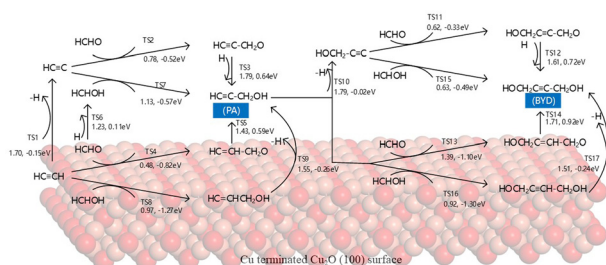
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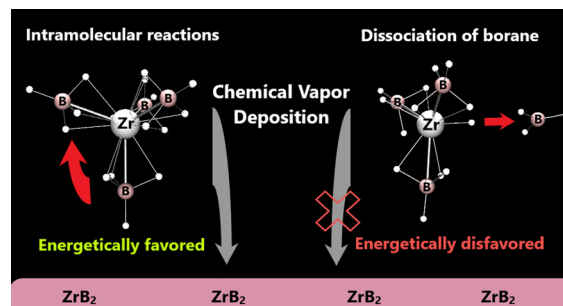


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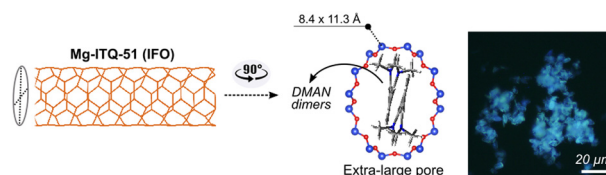
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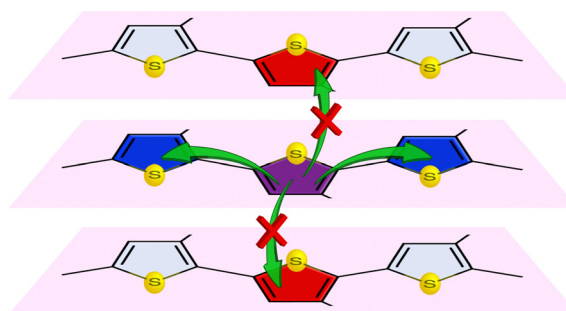
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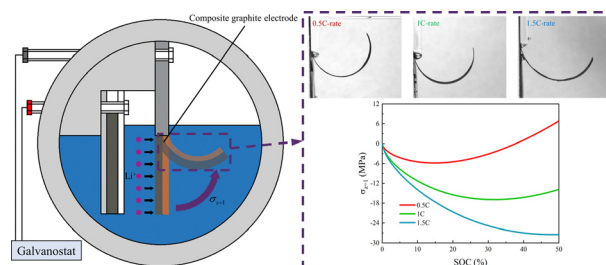
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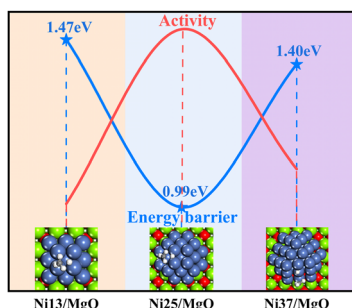
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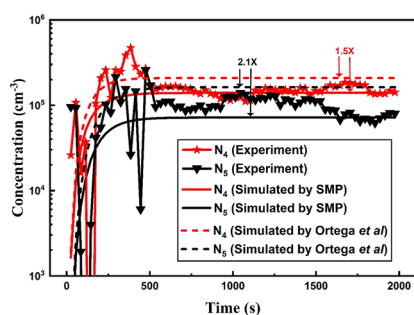
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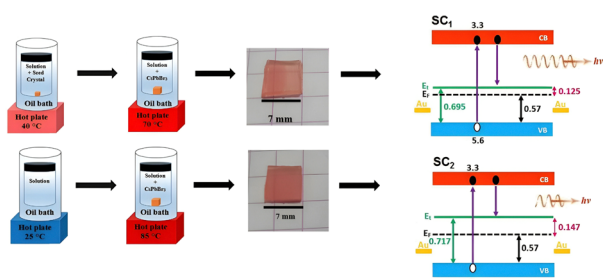
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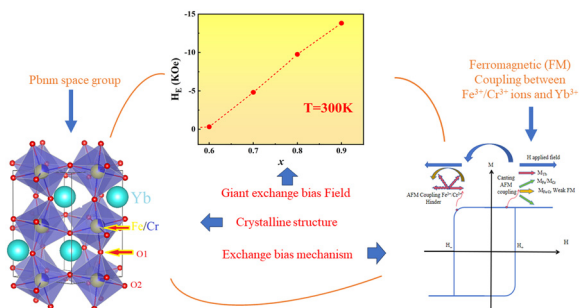
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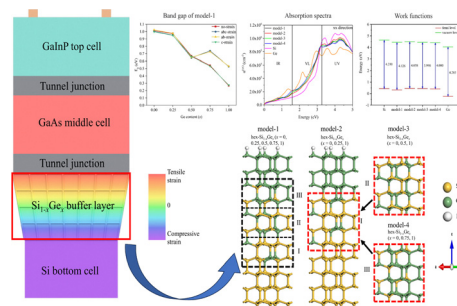


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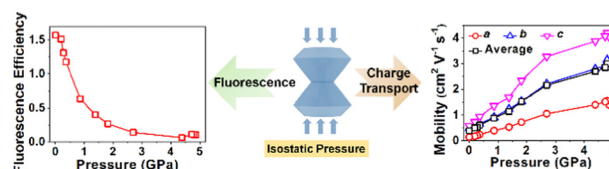
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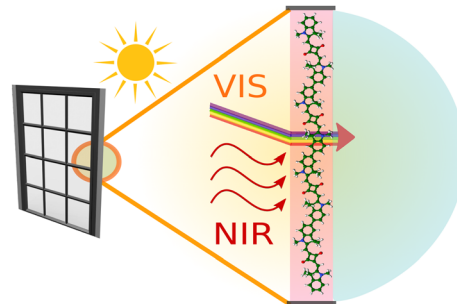
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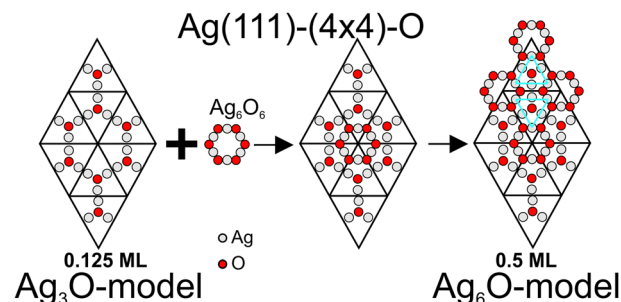
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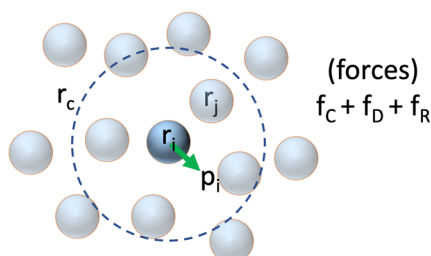
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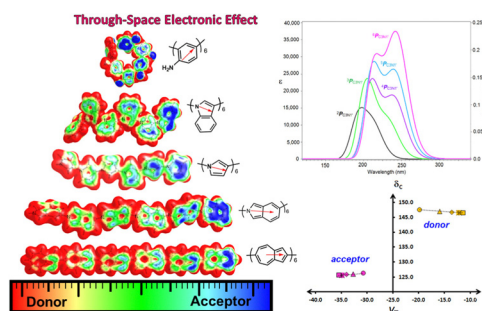
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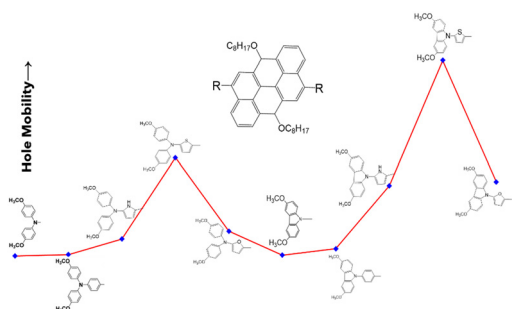
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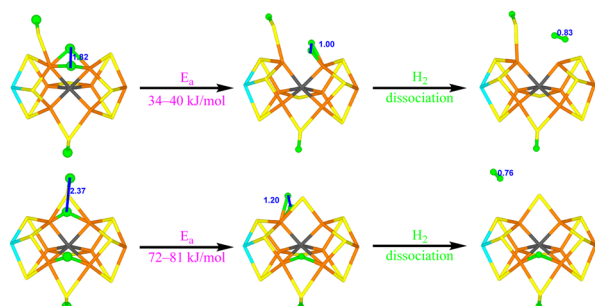
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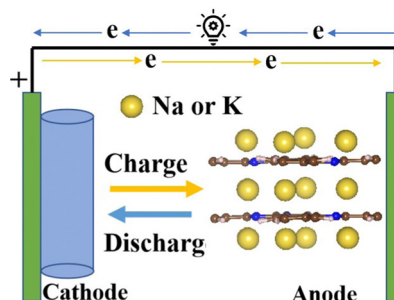


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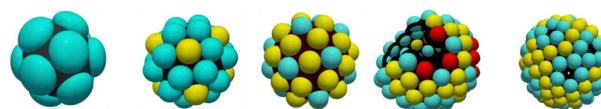
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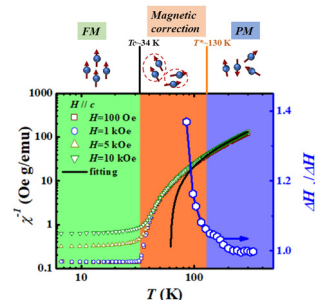
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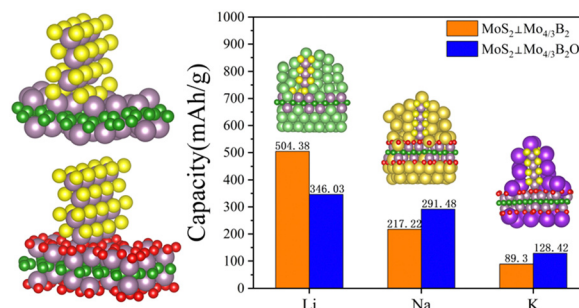
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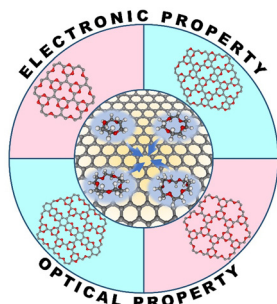
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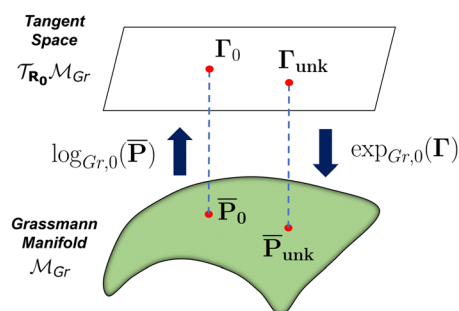
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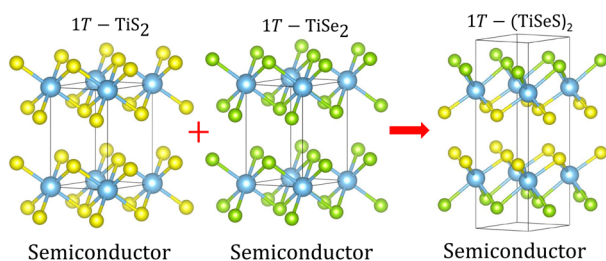
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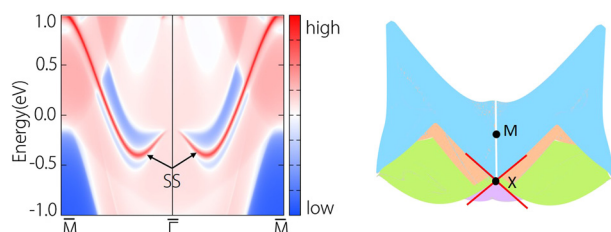
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