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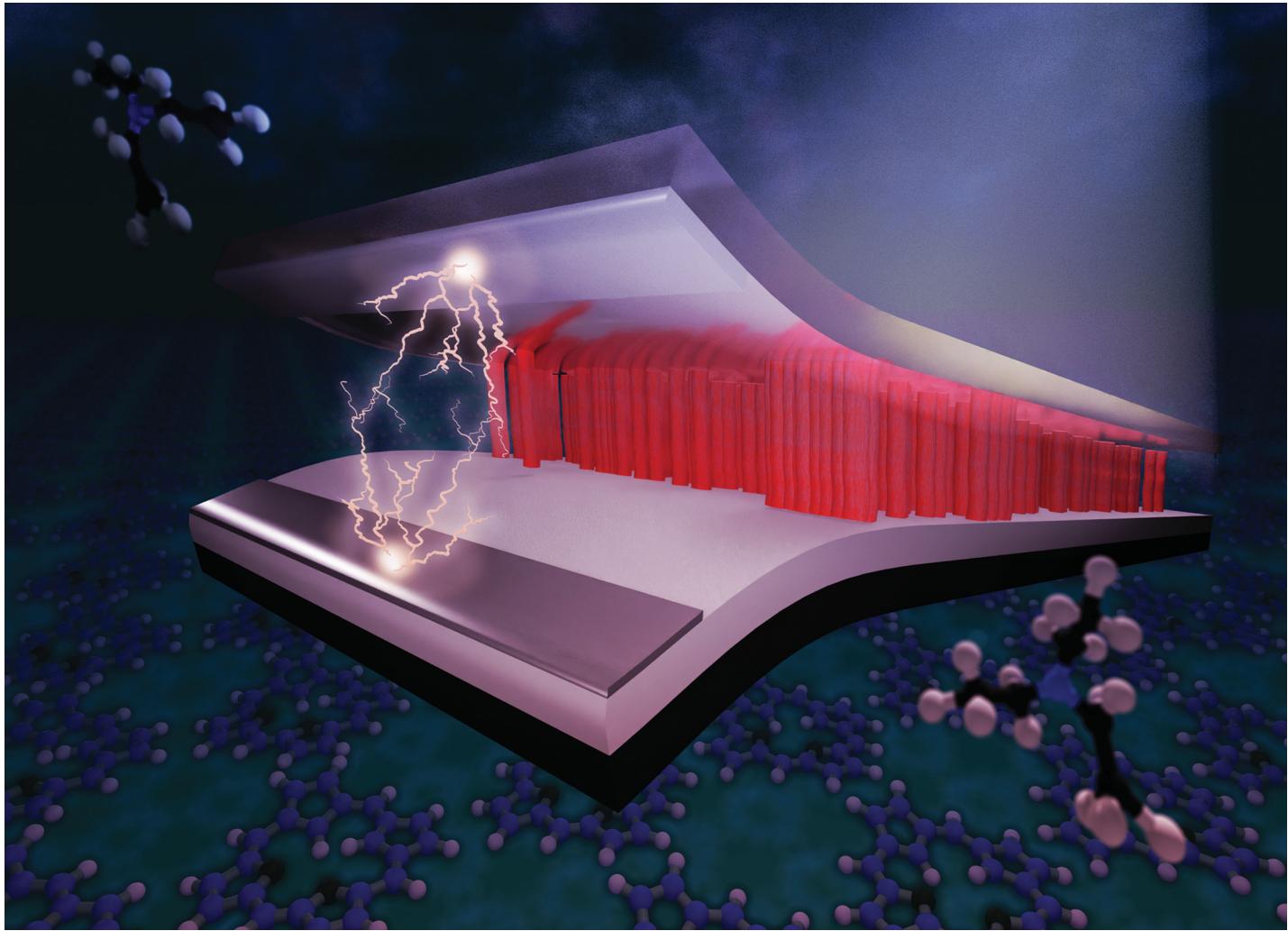
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A self-powered photoactive room temperature gas sensor based on a porphyrin-functionalized ZnO nanorod/p-Si heterostructure

Combining the heterojunction of p-Si with ZnO nanorods and leveraging the high extinction coefficient and gas sensitivity of porphyrins, the authors demonstrate a visible light-powered gas sensor. The device achieved a maximum open-circuit voltage of 0.1 V and a short-circuit current of 12.16  $\mu$ A, exhibiting excellent sensitivity to triethylamine vapors. These findings pave the way for the development of autonomous sensor nodes with potential applications in environmental control.

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