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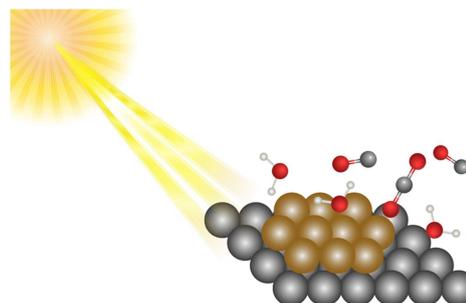


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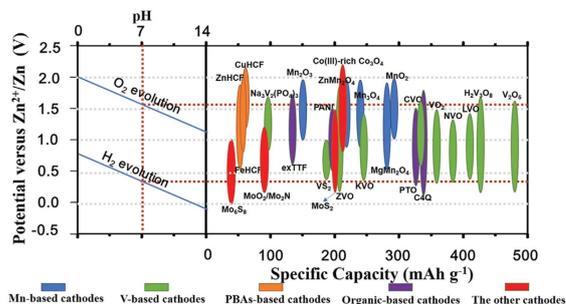


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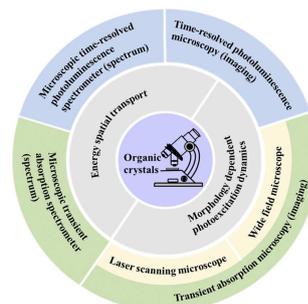


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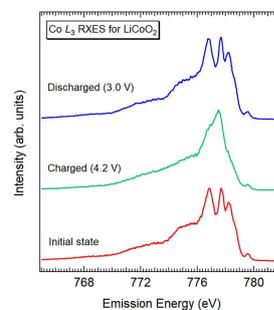


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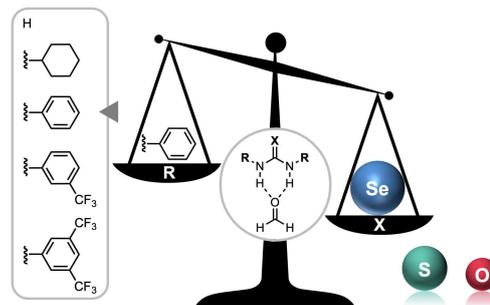
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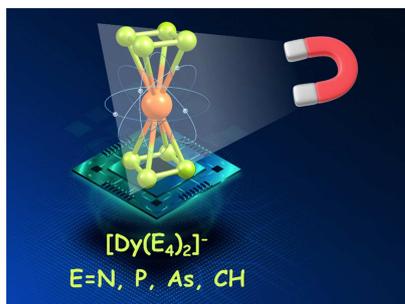
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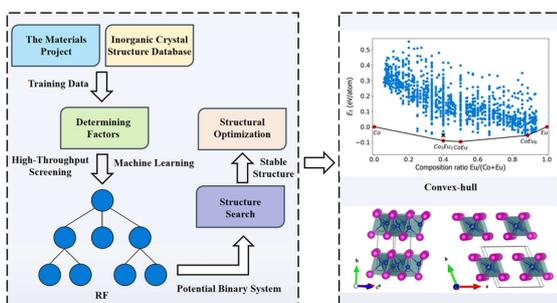
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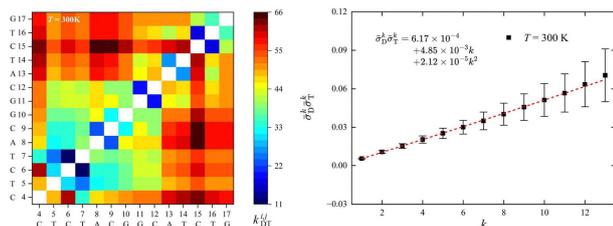
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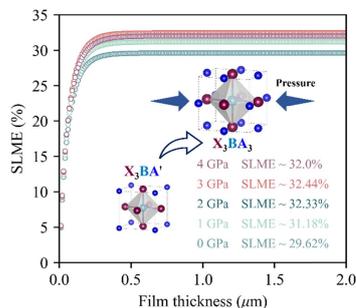
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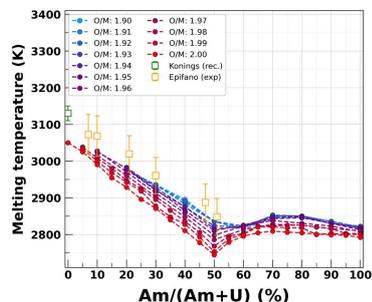
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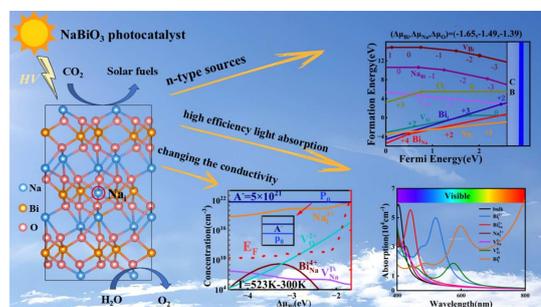
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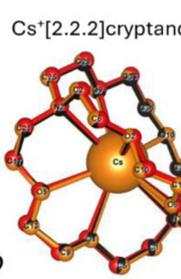


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Prediction of NMR parameters and geometry in ^{133}Cs -containing compounds using density functional theory

N. Manukovsky, N. Vaisleib, M. Arbel-Haddad and A. Goldbourt*

Experimental
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 $\delta_{iso}=225 \text{ ppm}$
 $Cq=1047 \text{ kHz}$



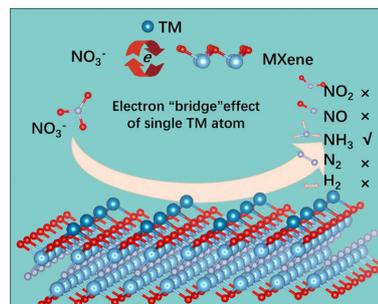
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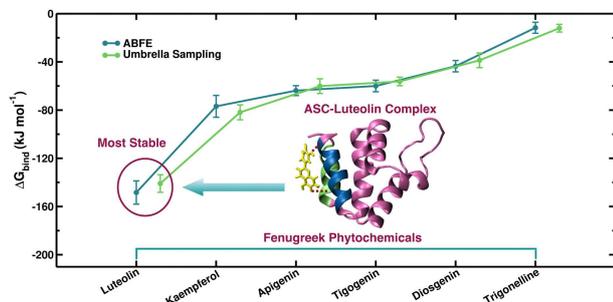
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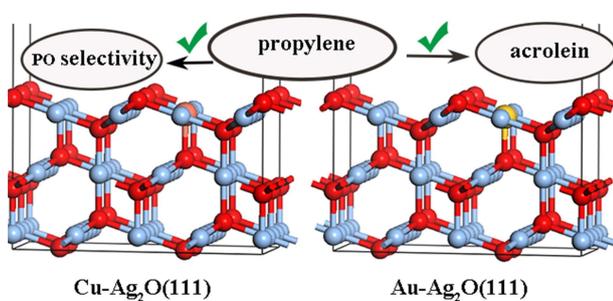
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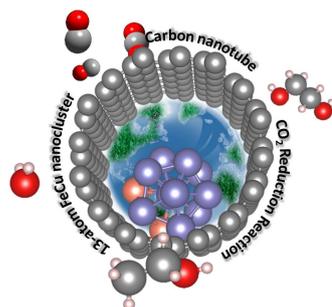
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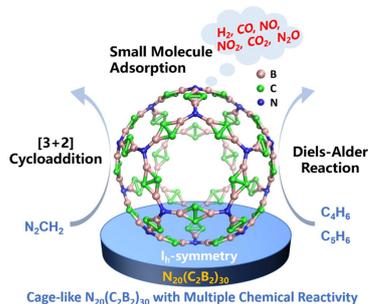
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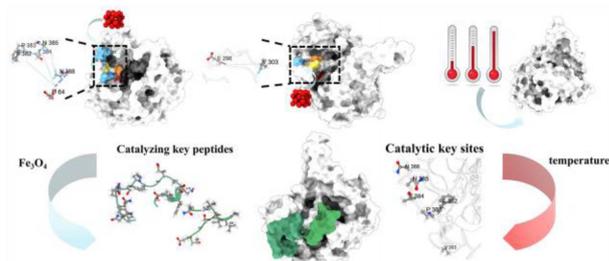


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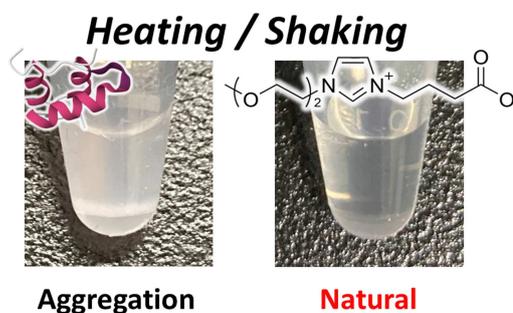
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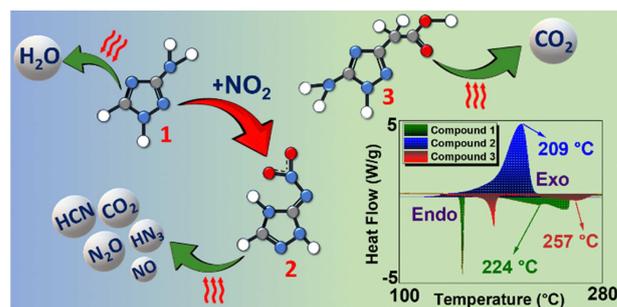
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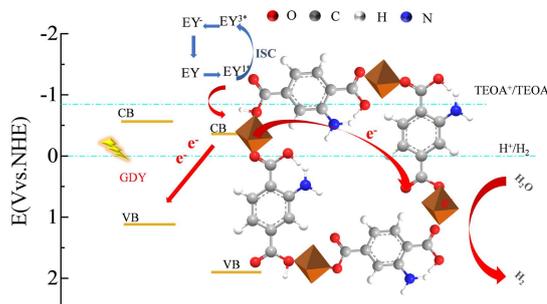
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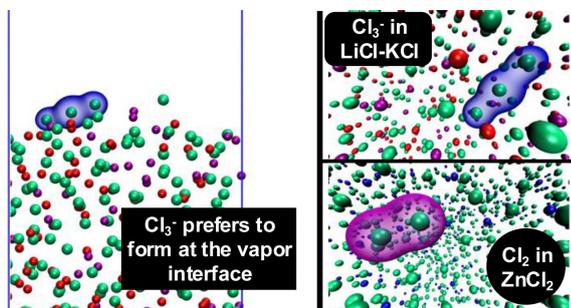
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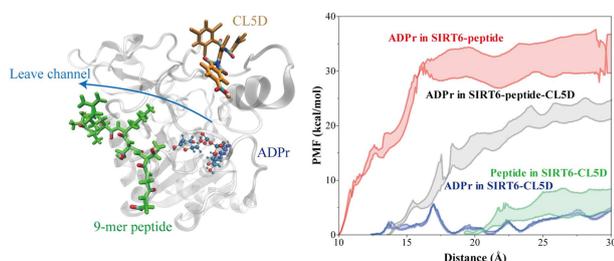
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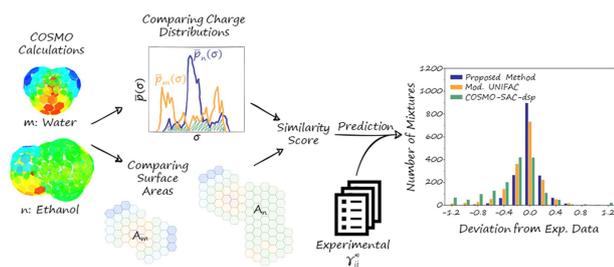
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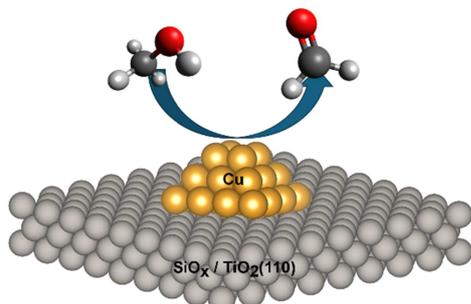
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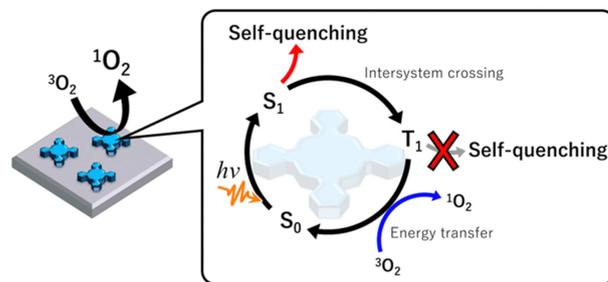


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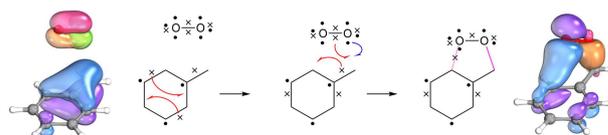
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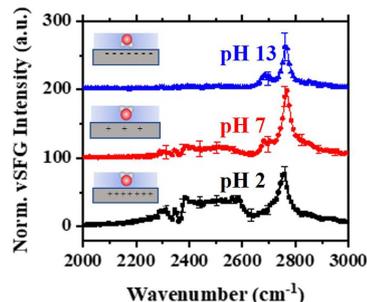
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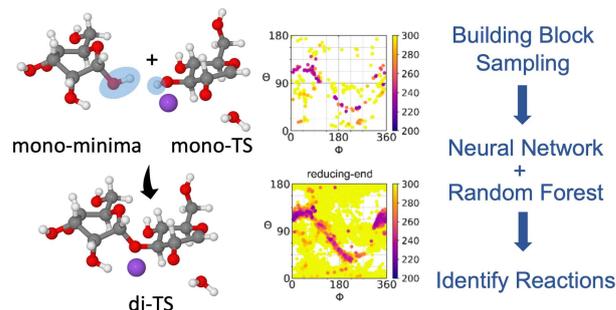
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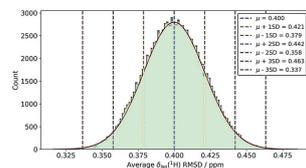
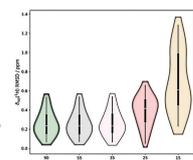
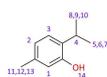
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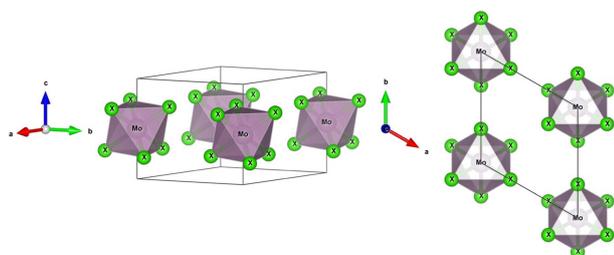


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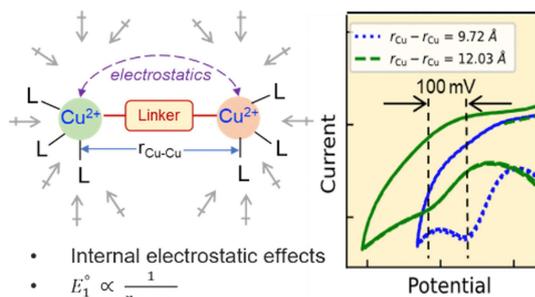
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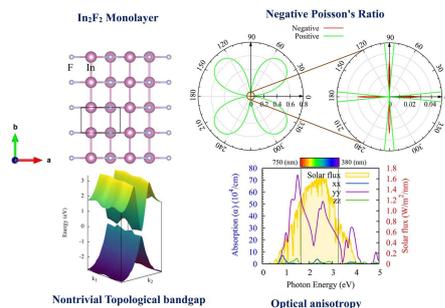


Influence of internal electrostatics on reduction potentials in amine-ligated bimetallic copper complexes

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- Internal electrostatic effects
- $E_1^0 \propto \frac{1}{r_{Cu-Cu}}$

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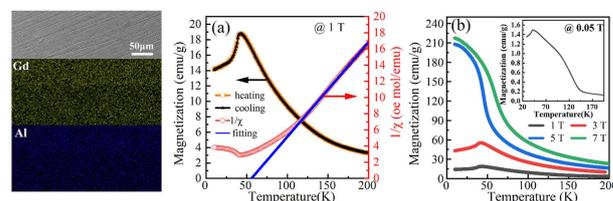


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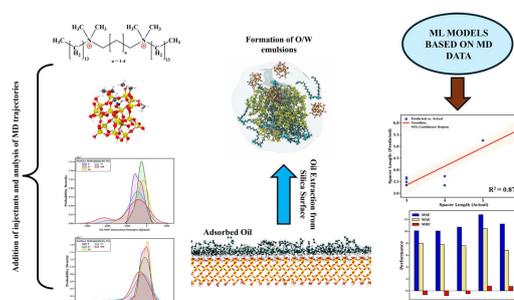
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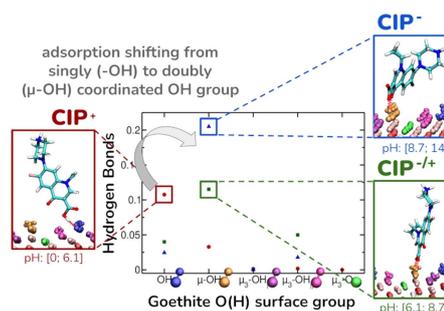
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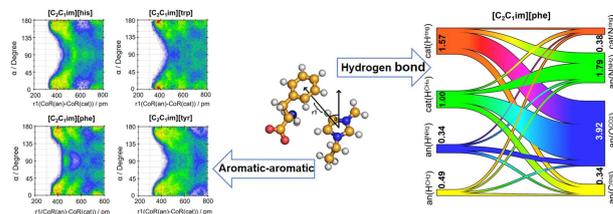
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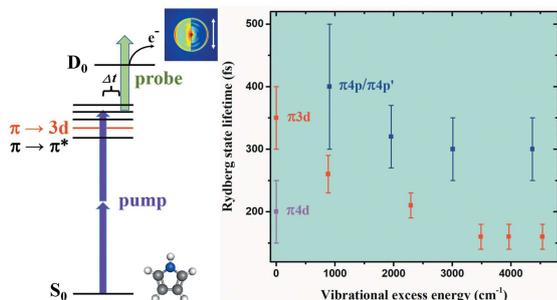
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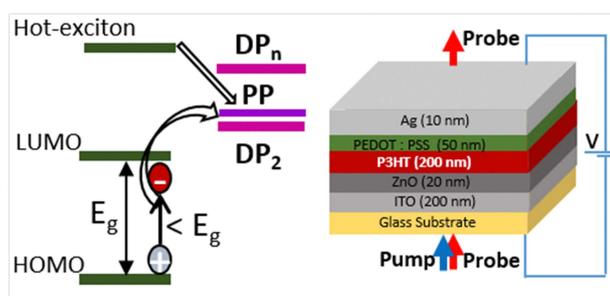
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Time-resolved measurements of subpicosecond excited-state lifetimes of high-lying Rydberg states in pyrrole

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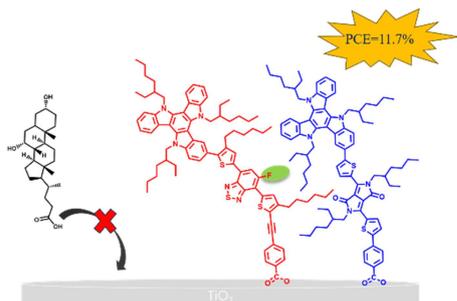
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Impact of fluorine-induced effects on co-sensitization systems in dye-sensitized solar cells

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