

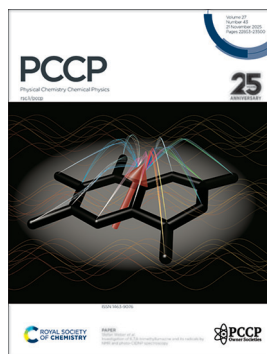
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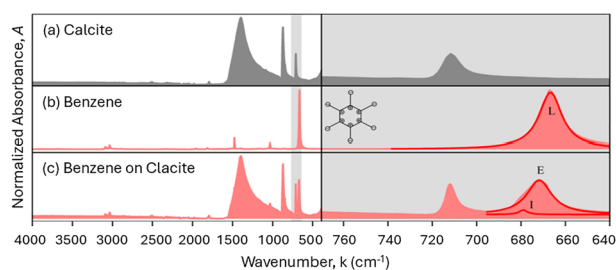
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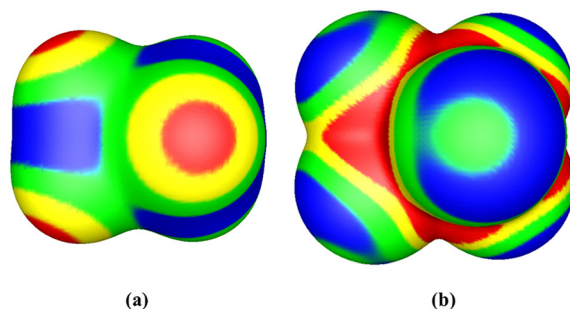


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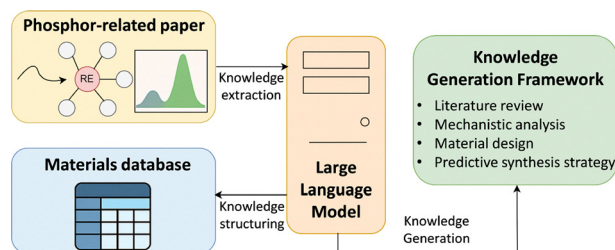


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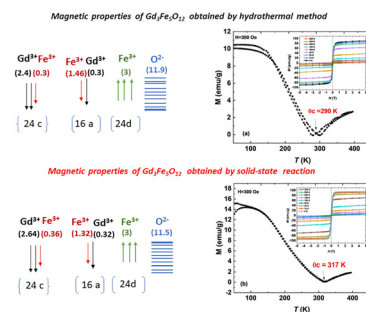


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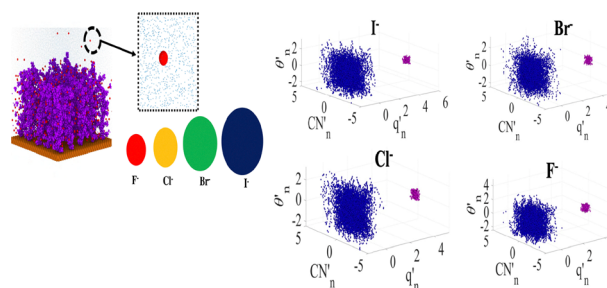
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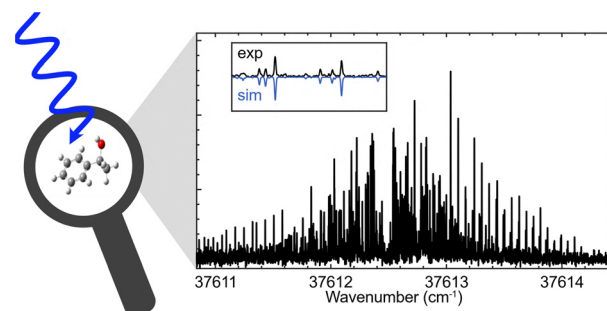


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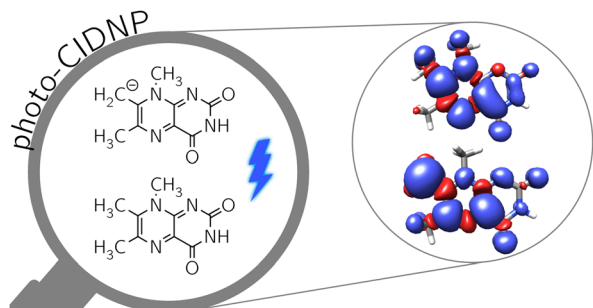
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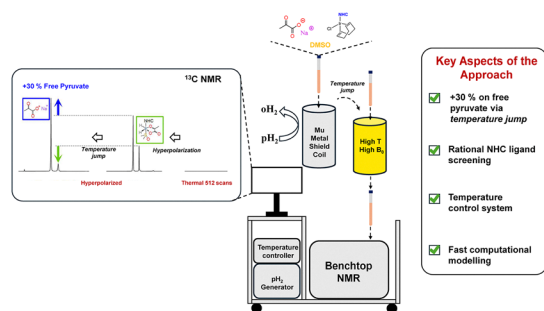
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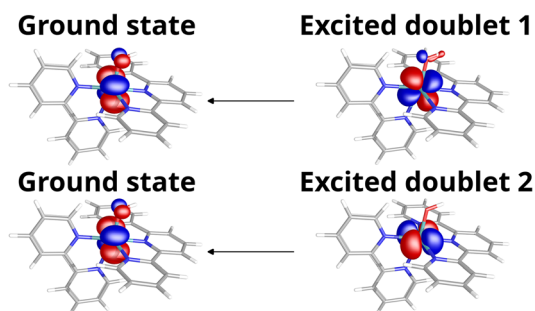
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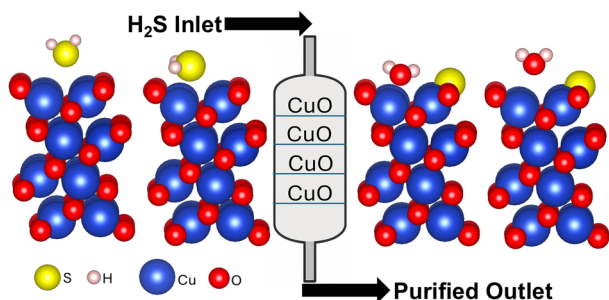
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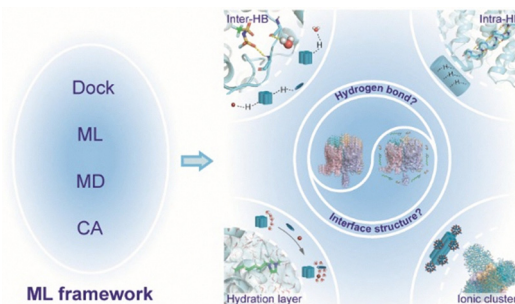


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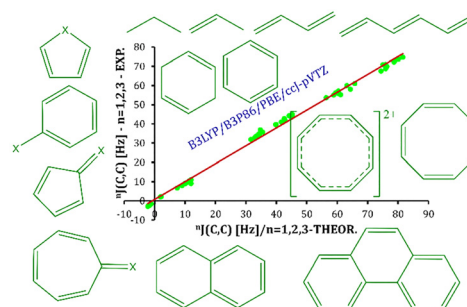
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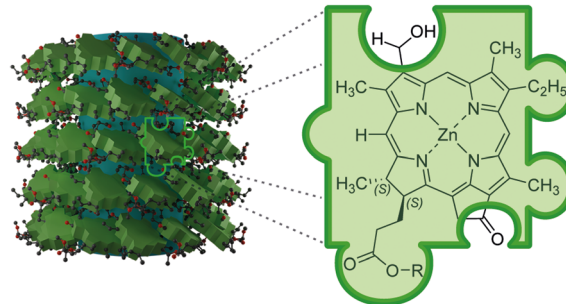
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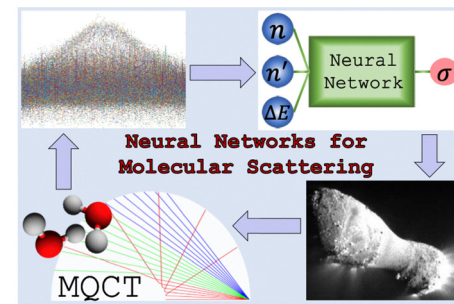
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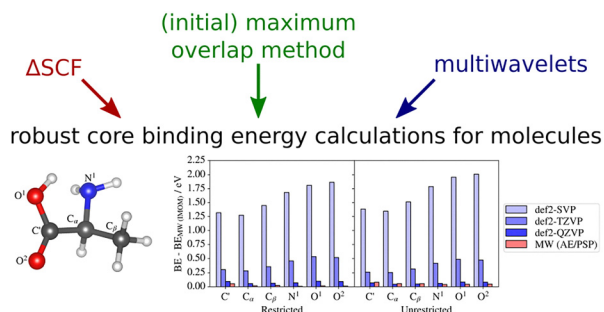
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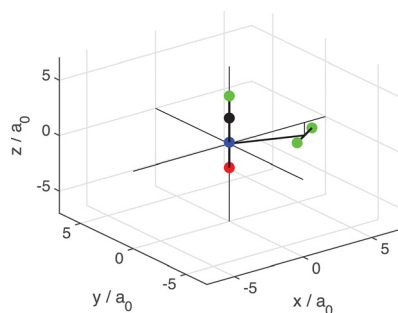
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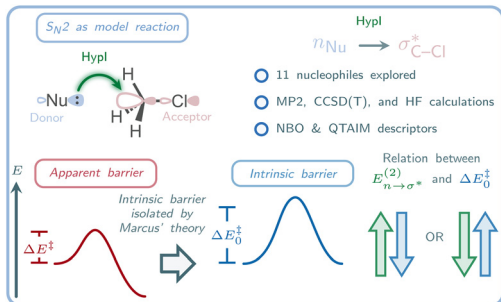
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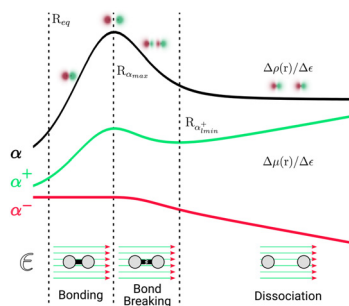
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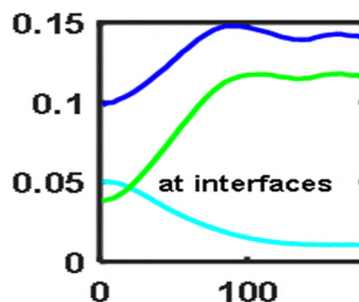


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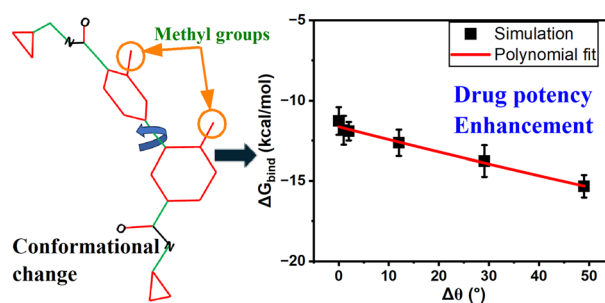
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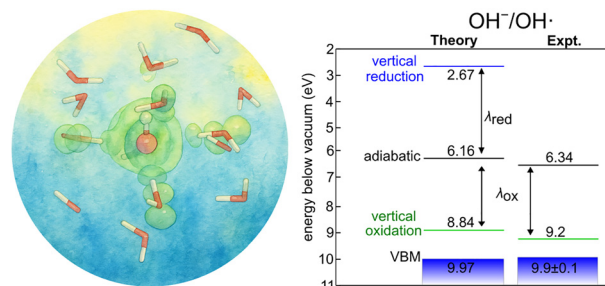
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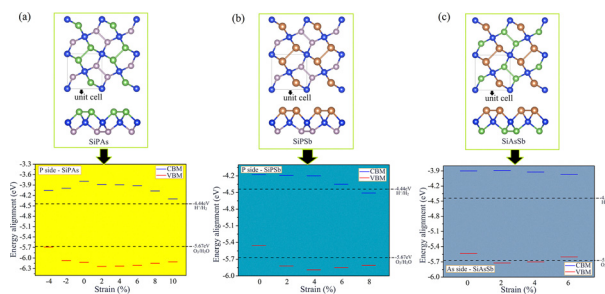
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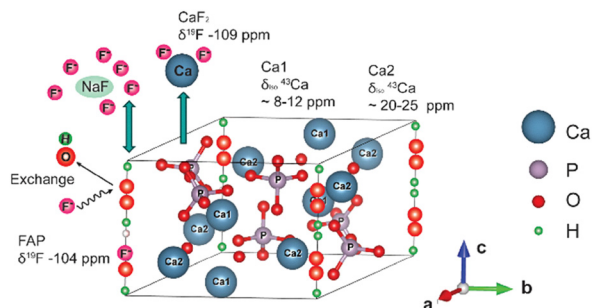
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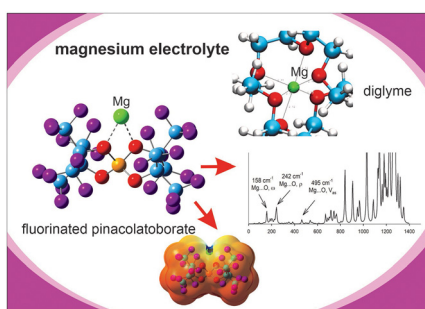
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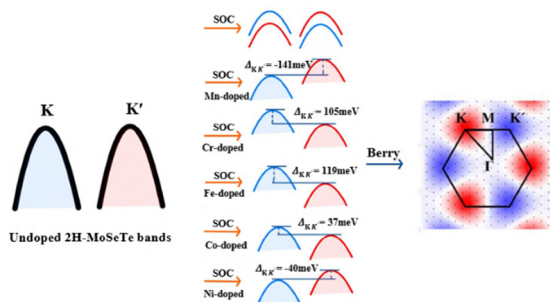
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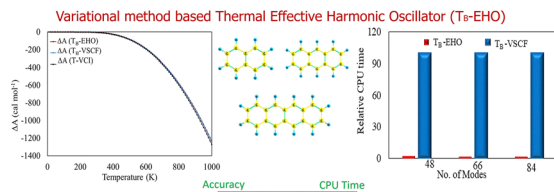
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Variational parameters: Q_i^0, ω_i^2

$$Q_i^0 = \frac{1}{2f_{ii}} \left[\sum_{jj} f_{ij} Q_j^0 Q_j^0 + \sum_{jj} f_{ij} Q_j^0 Q_j^0 + 3 \left(f_{ii} \left(\frac{\coth \theta_i}{2\omega_i} \right) + \sum_{jj} f_{ij} \left(\frac{\coth \theta_j}{2\omega_j} \right) Q_j^0 \right) + \left(\sum_{jj} f_{ij} \left(\frac{\coth \theta_j}{2\omega_j} \right) + \sum_{jj} f_{ij} \left(\frac{\coth \theta_j}{2\omega_j} \right) \right) Q_j^0 \right]$$

$$\omega_i^2 = 2f_{ii} + 2 \sum_{jj} f_{ij} Q_j^0 Q_j^0 + 6f_{ii} \left(\frac{\coth \theta_i}{\omega_i} \right) + \sum_{jj} f_{ij} \left(\frac{\coth \theta_j}{\omega_j} \right)$$

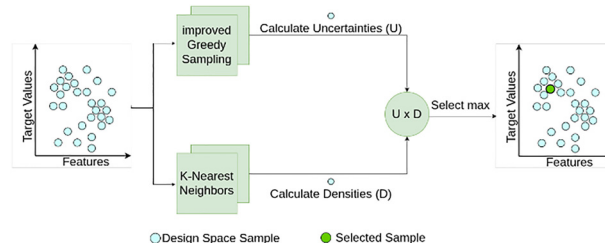


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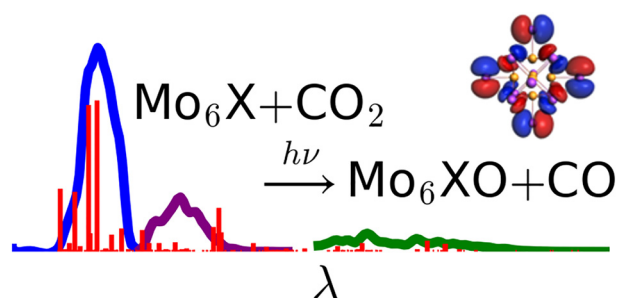
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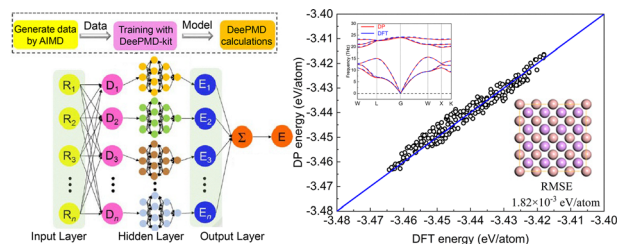
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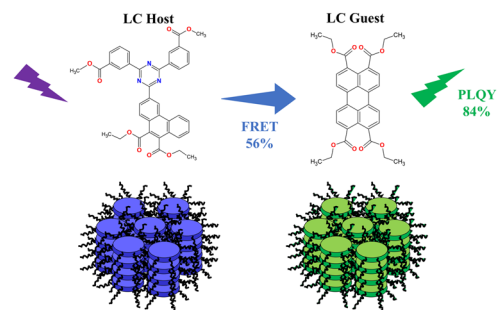
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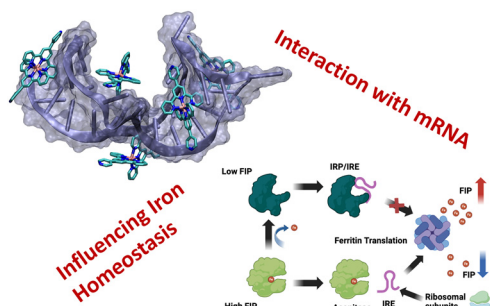
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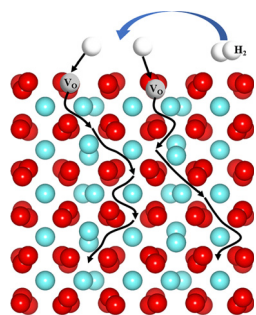
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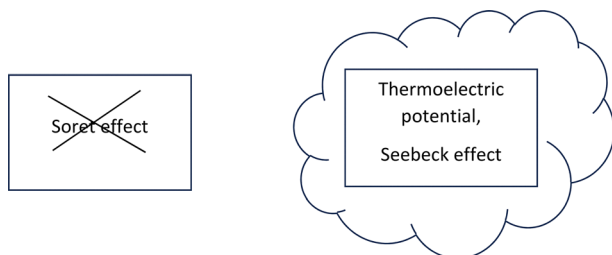
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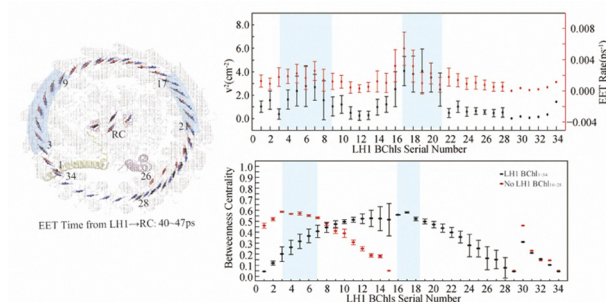
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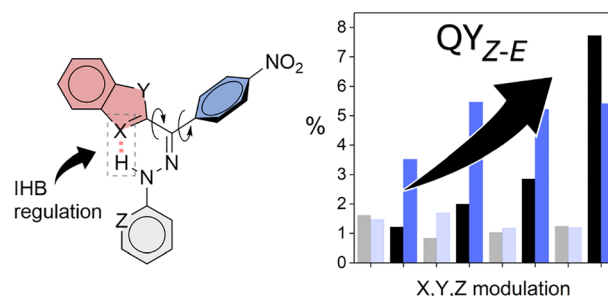


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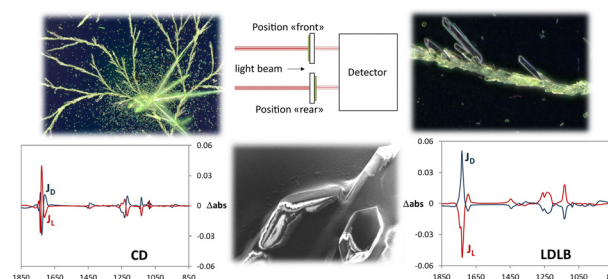
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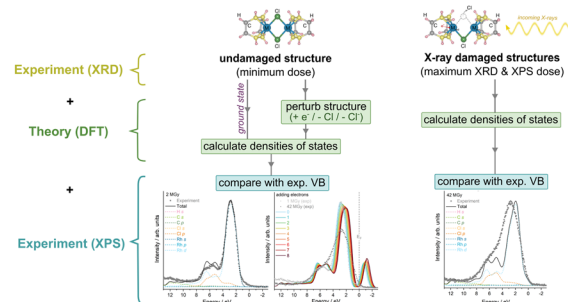
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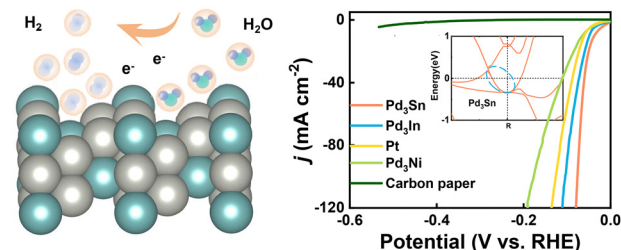
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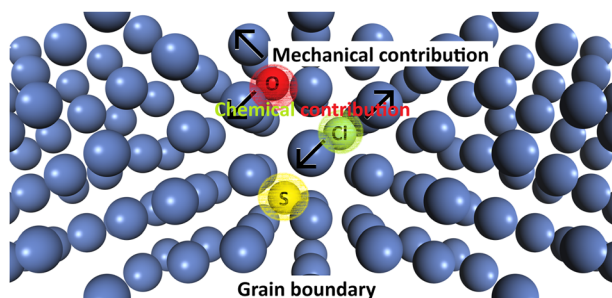
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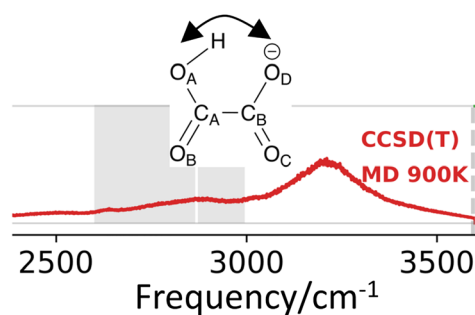
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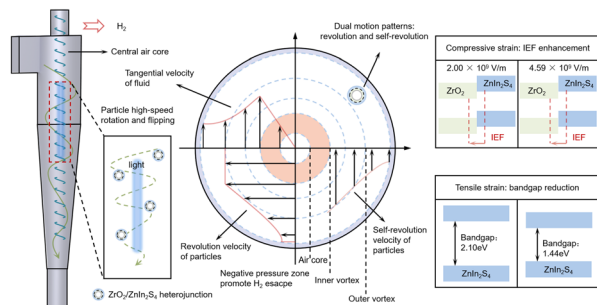
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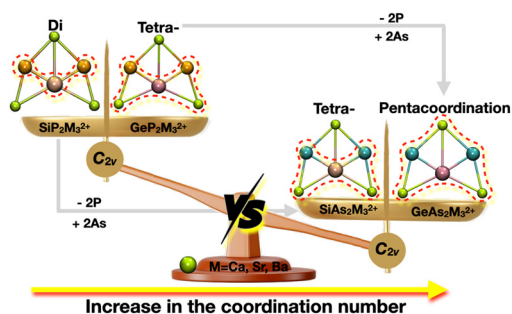
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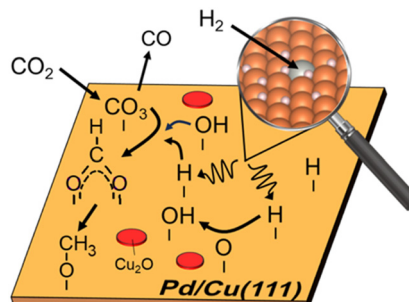


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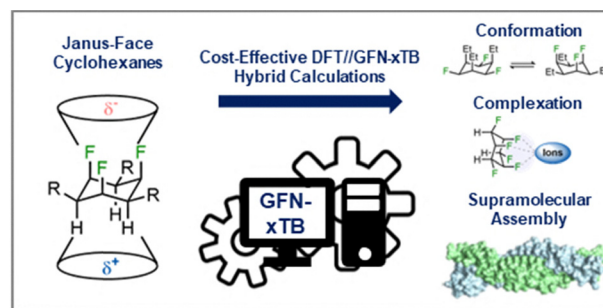
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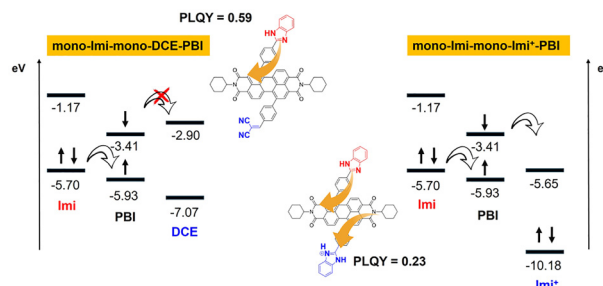
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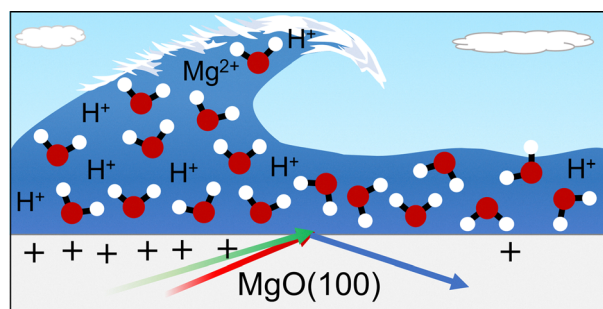
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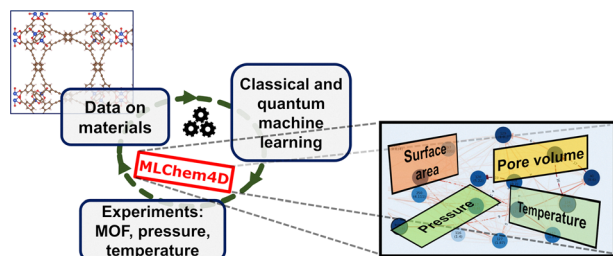
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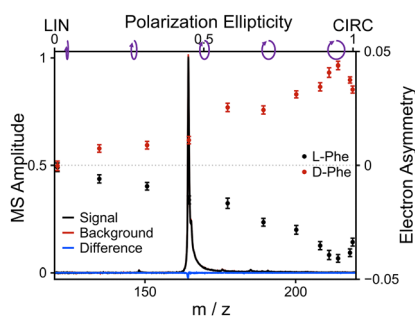
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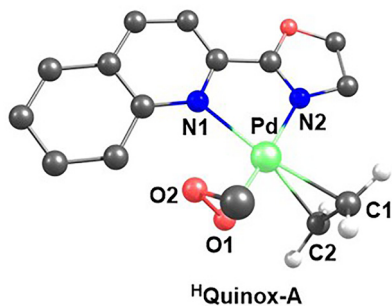
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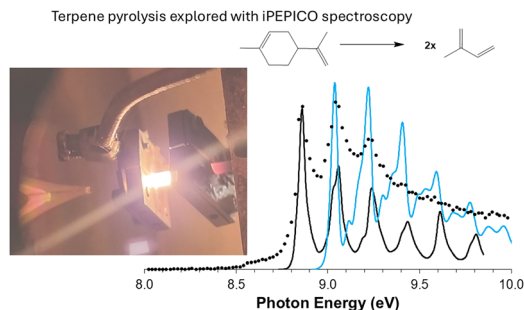
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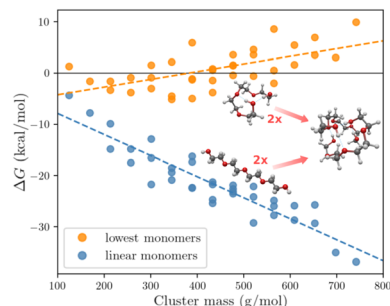


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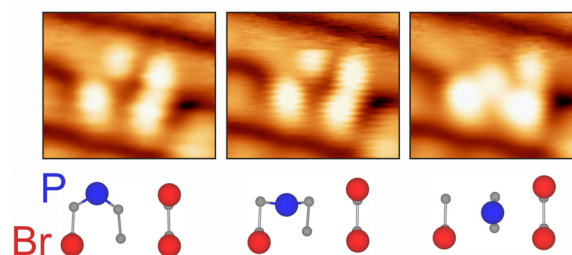
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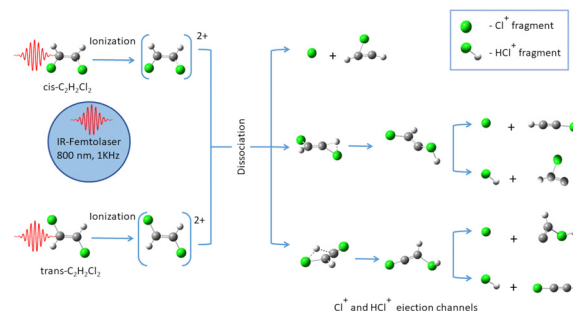
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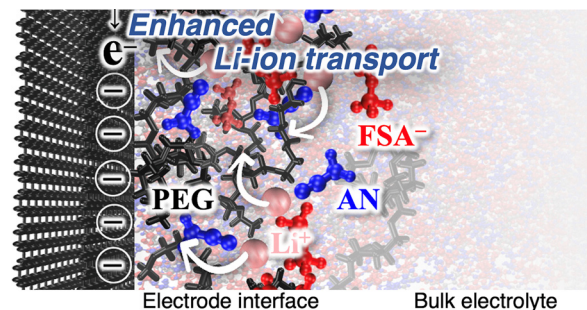
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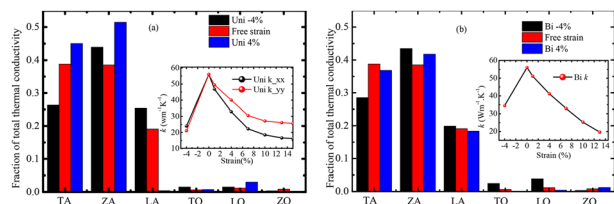
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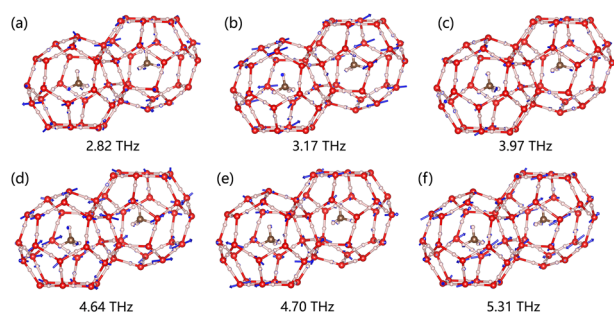
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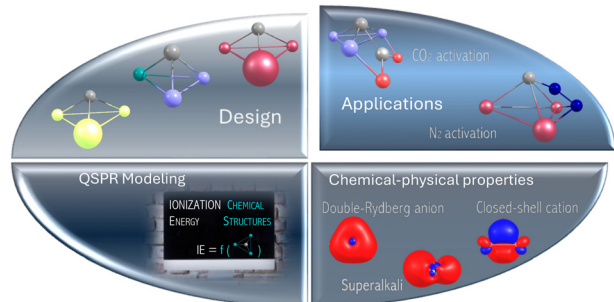
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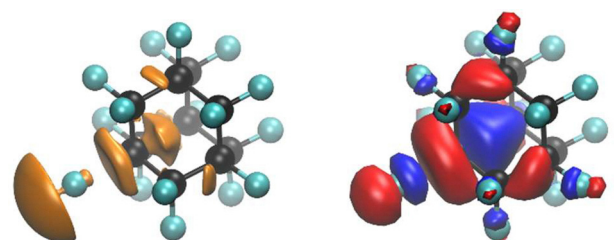
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