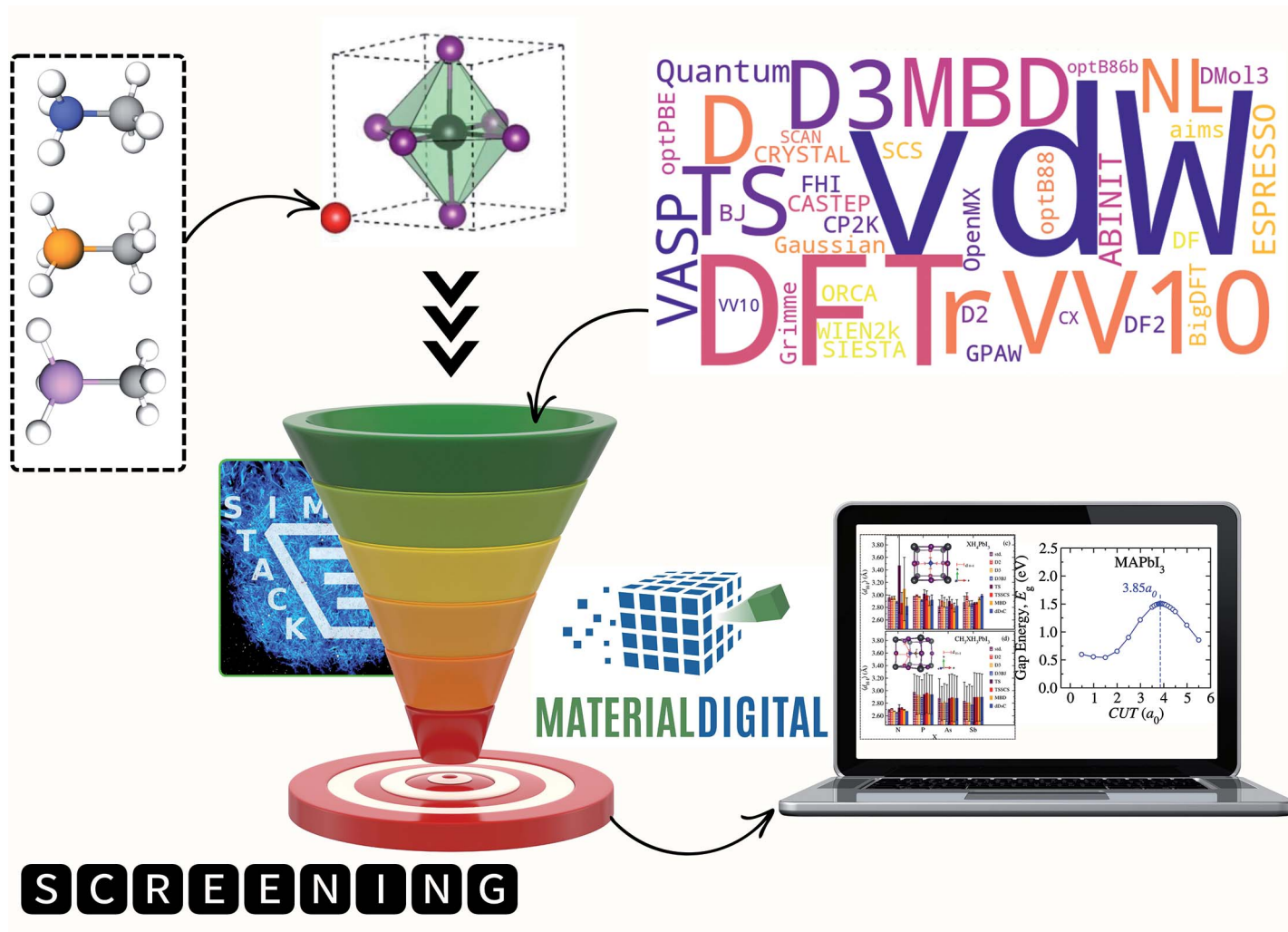


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Digital workflow optimization of van der Waals methods for improved halide perovskite solar materials

Hybrid organic-inorganic perovskites promise high efficiency at low cost but demand deeper insights into organic cation-inorganic interactions. Using a robust workflow powered by SimStack, we examine  $\text{XH}_4\text{PbI}_3$  and  $\text{CH}_3\text{XH}_3\text{PbI}_3$  ( $\text{X} = \text{N}, \text{P}, \text{As}, \text{Sb}$ ) with DFT+vdW+SOC and DFT-1/2, uncovering critical impact of ionic radius and electronegativity on thermodynamic stability. This reveals how organic cation properties shift perovskite stability from  $\text{NH}_4\text{PbI}_3$  toward Sb-based materials, opening pathways beyond  $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_3$ . This underscores workflow-driven efficiency in exploring next-generation perovskites.

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