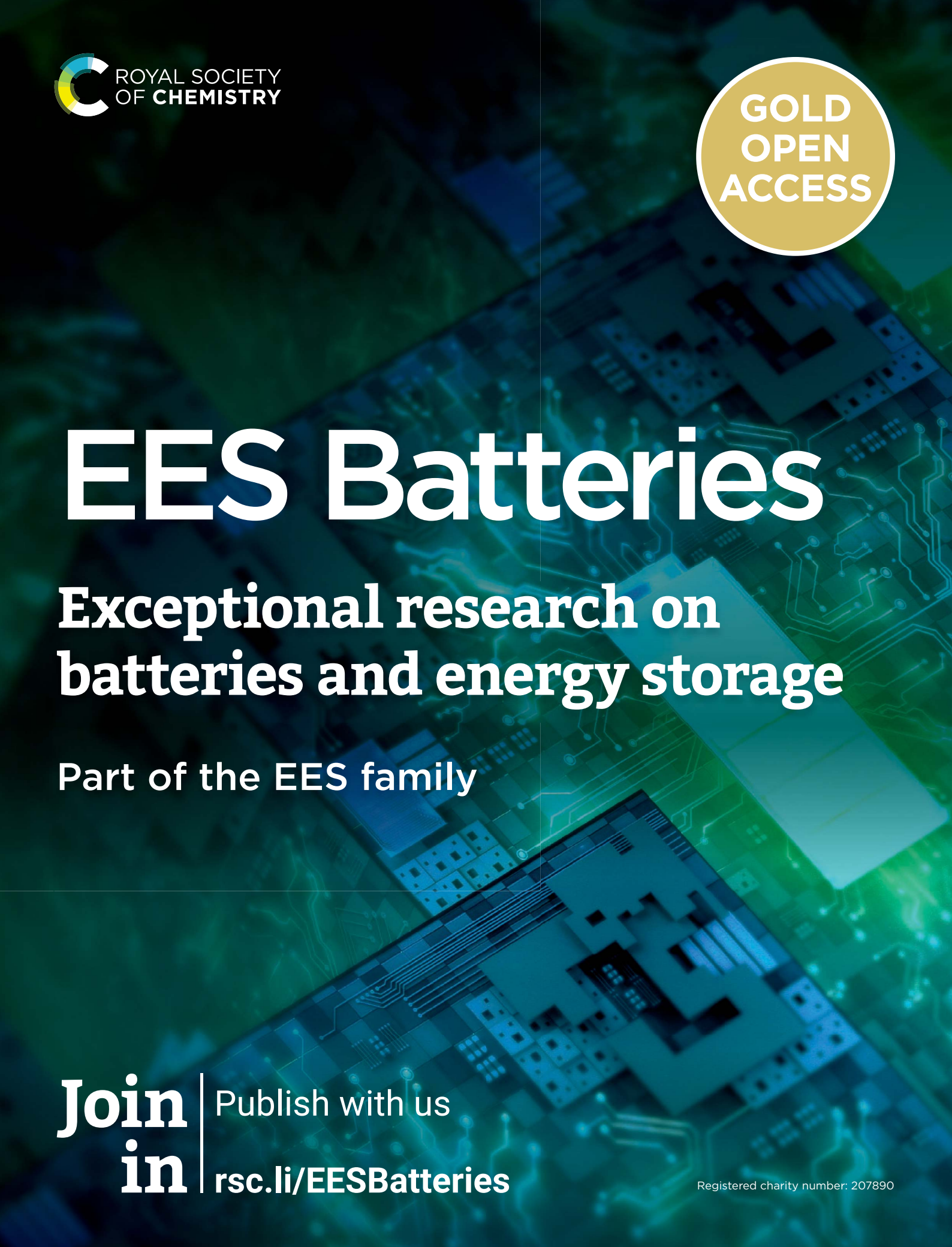
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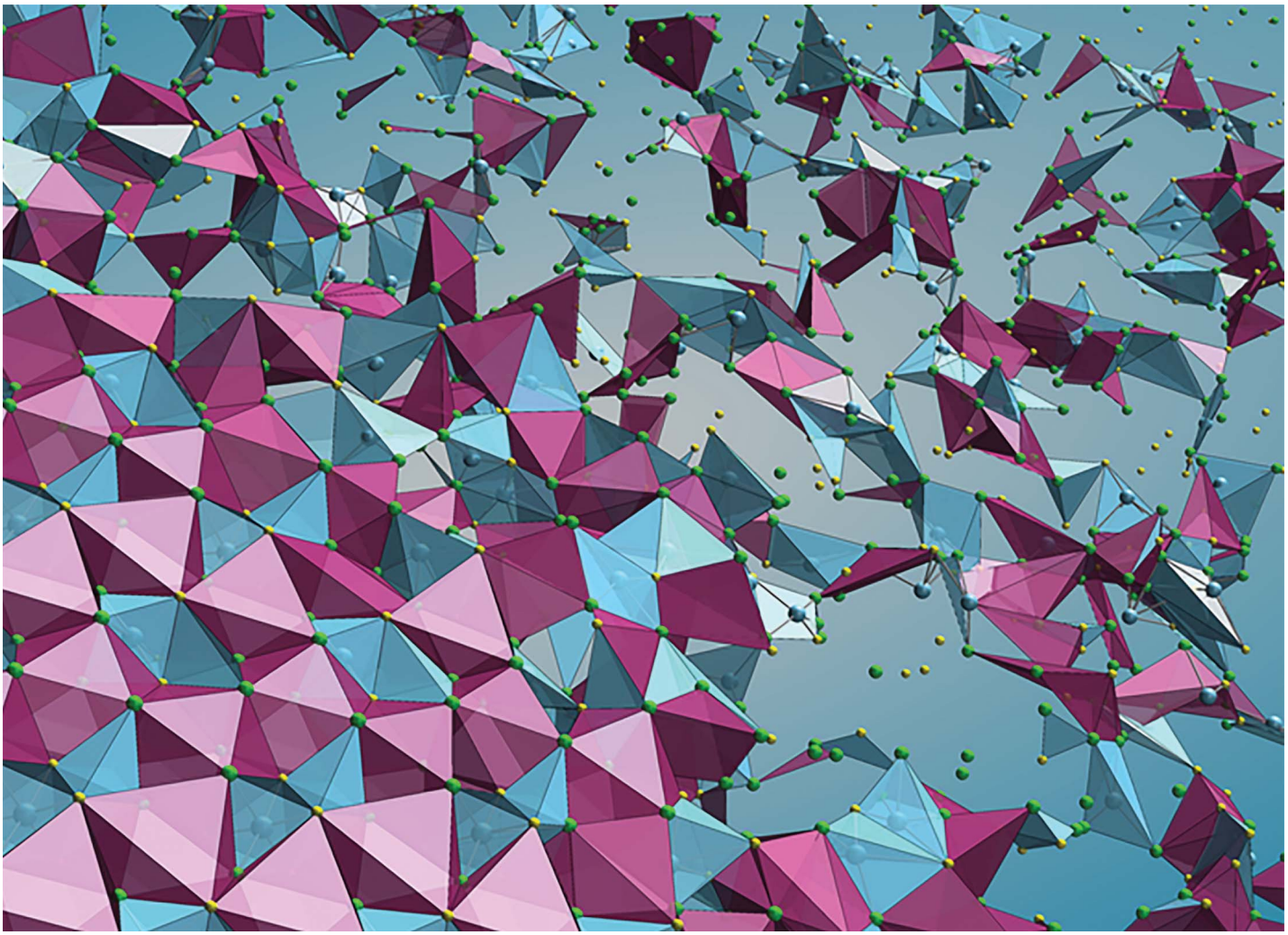

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Evaluating the potential of $CsBiSCl_2$ as a solar absorber

$CsBiSCl_2$ has recently emerged as a promising material for photovoltaics, with PCEs up to 10.38%. Still, the crystal structure is unknown, and it is unclear whether the reported thin film synthesis method could realize thin films with the desired phase and stoichiometry. In this manuscript, computational and experimental research shows that the lowest-energy $CsBiSCl_2$ phase is metastable and the previously-proposed cubic perovskite structure is implausible. Taking these experimental and computational results together, it is unlikely that >10%-efficient $CsBiSCl_2$ solar cells have been achieved.

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