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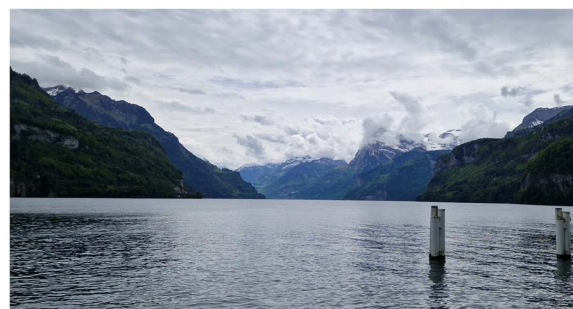
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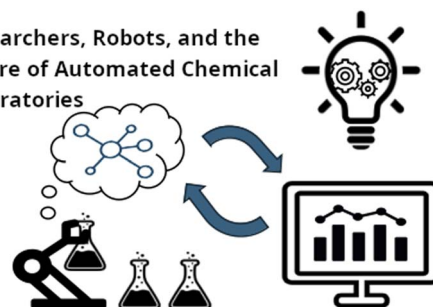
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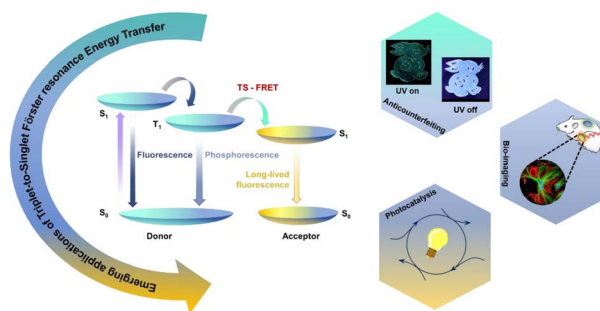
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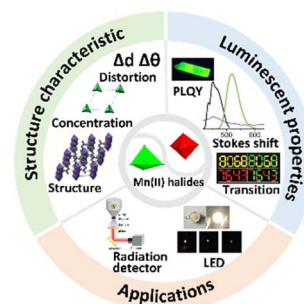
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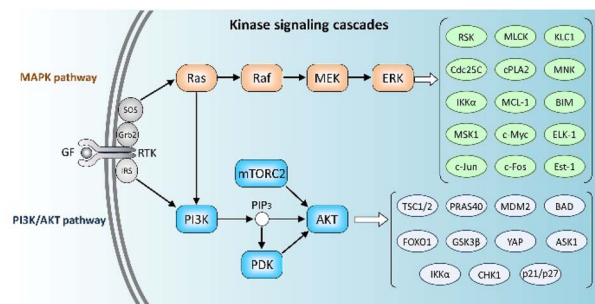


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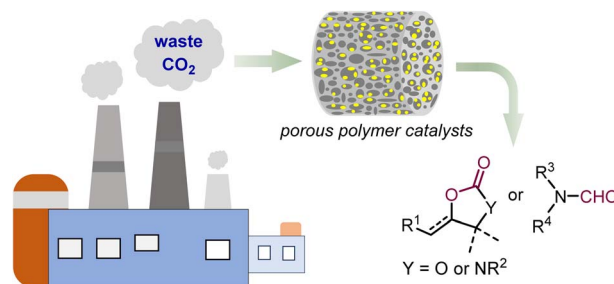
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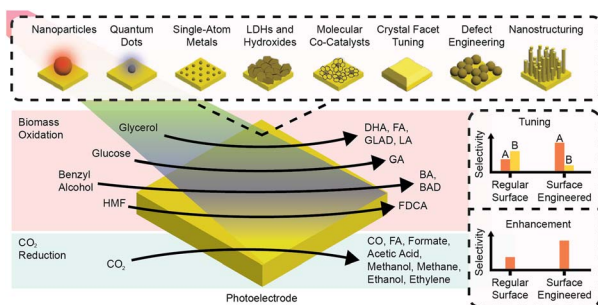
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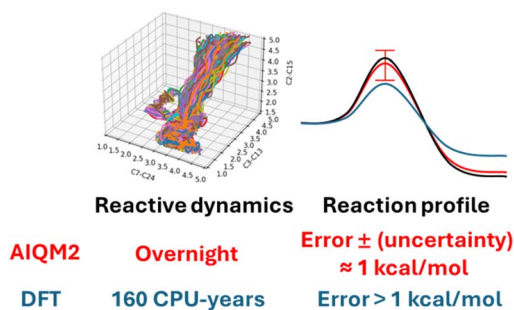


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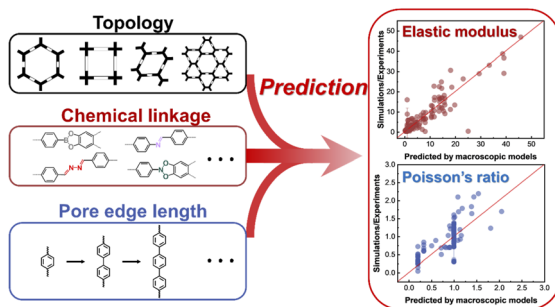
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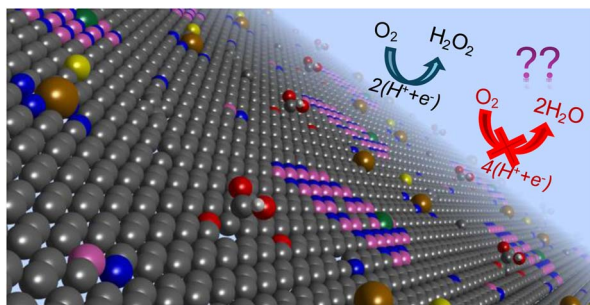
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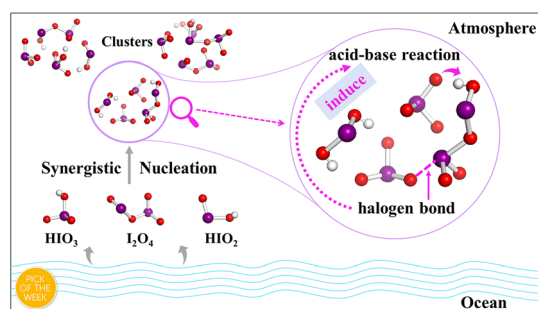
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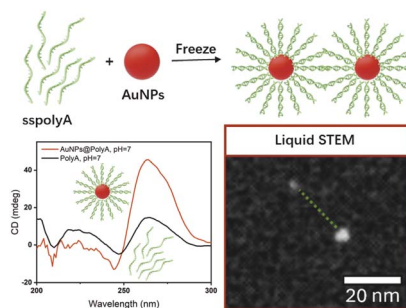
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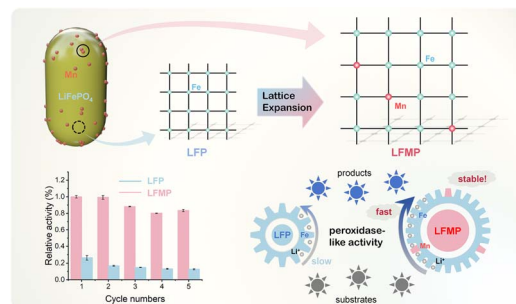
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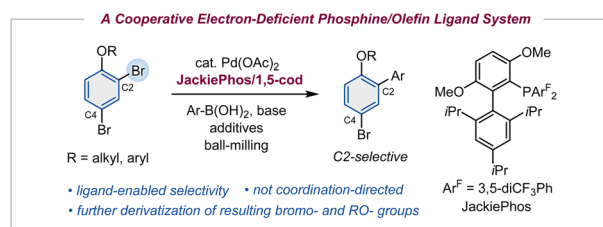
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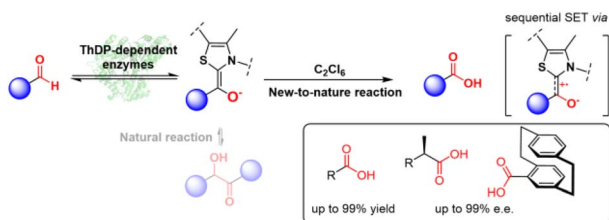
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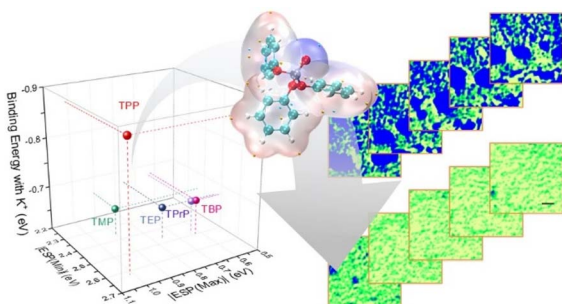
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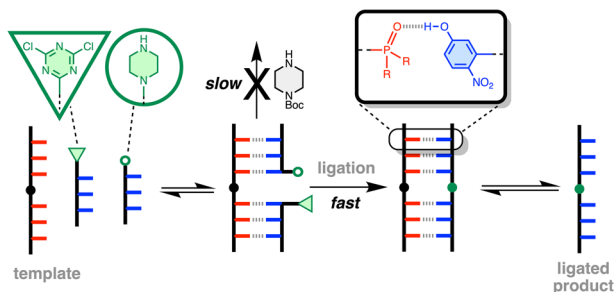
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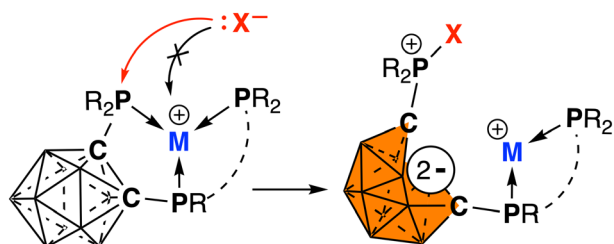
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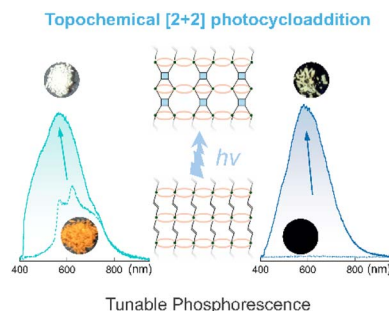
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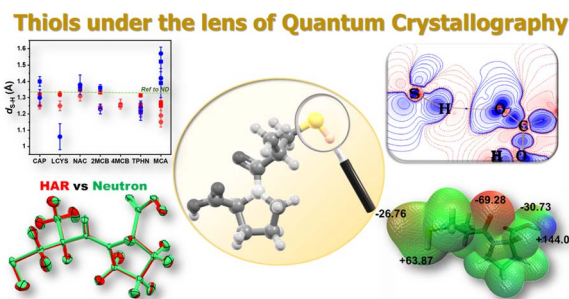
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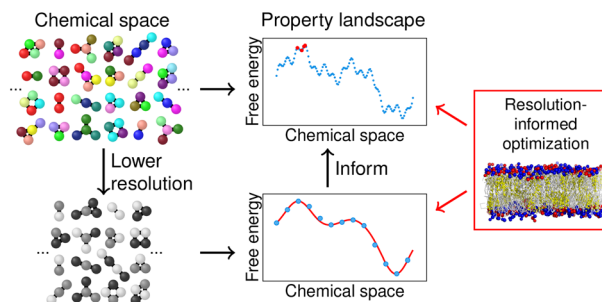
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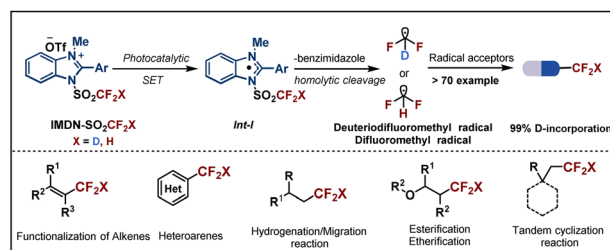
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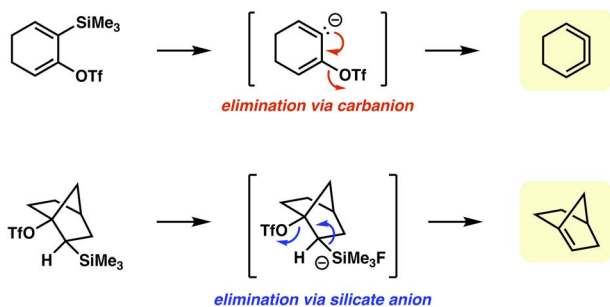
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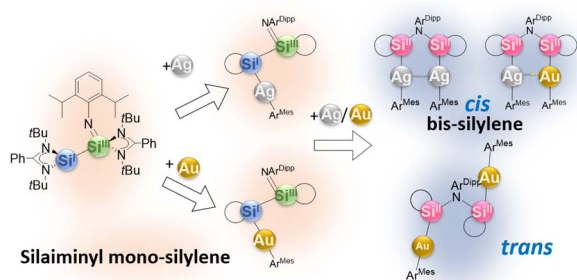
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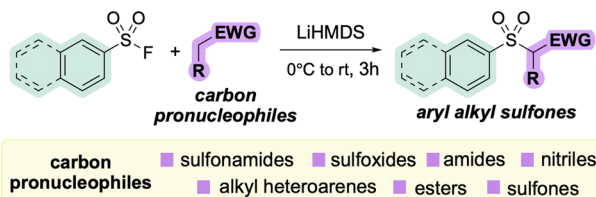
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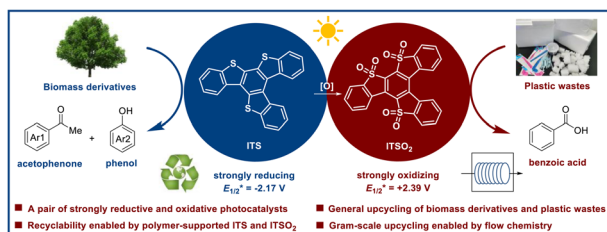
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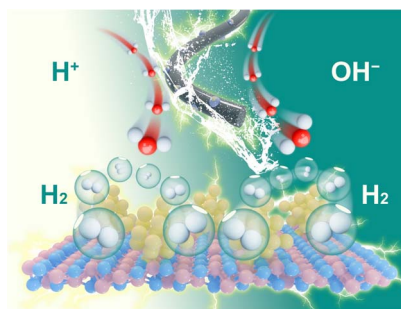
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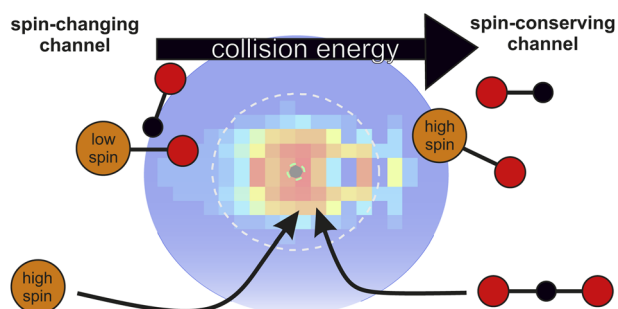
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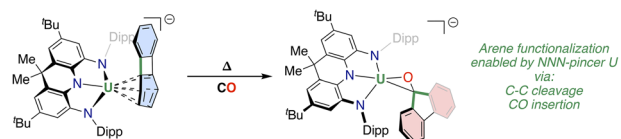
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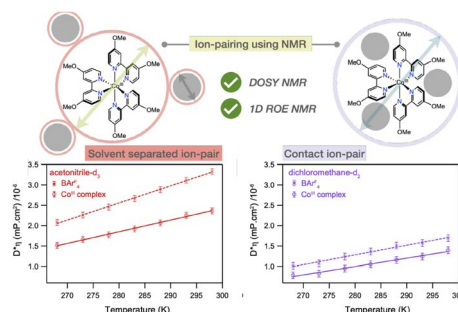
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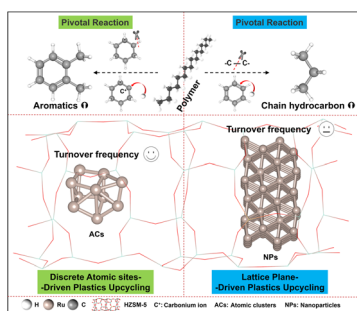
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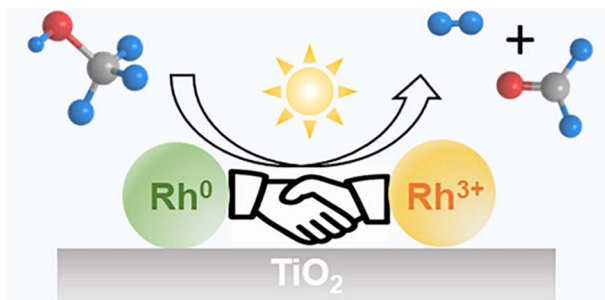
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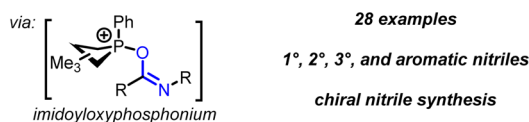
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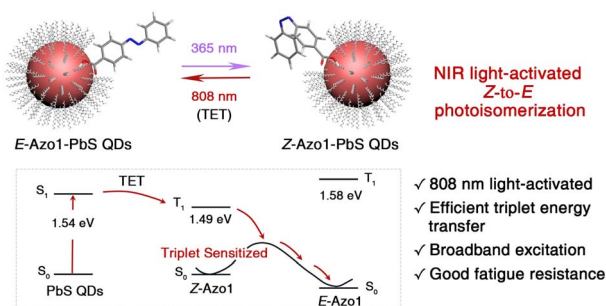


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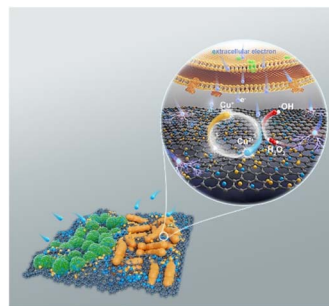
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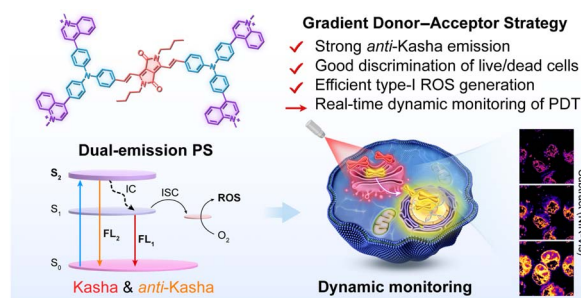
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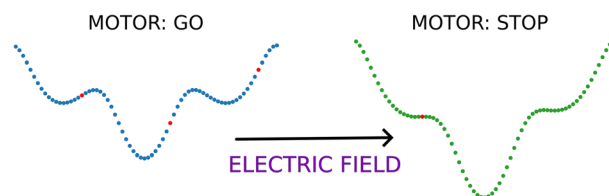
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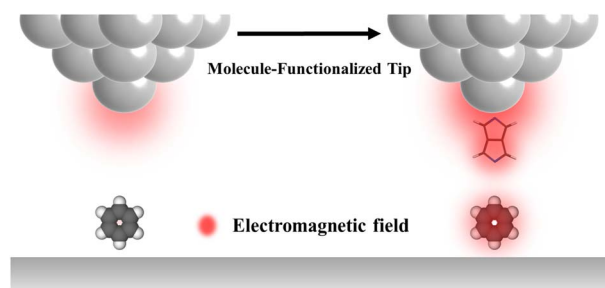
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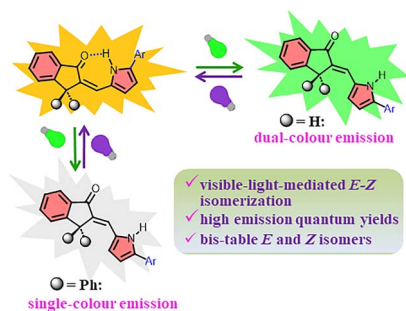
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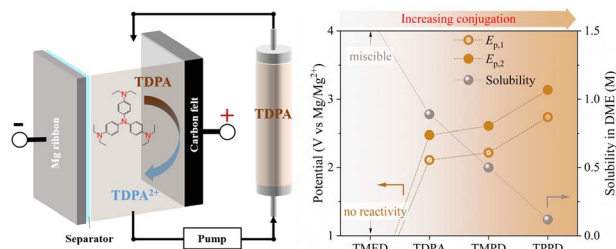
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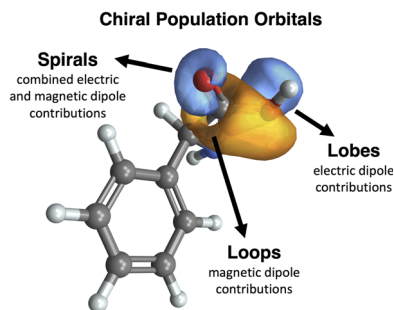
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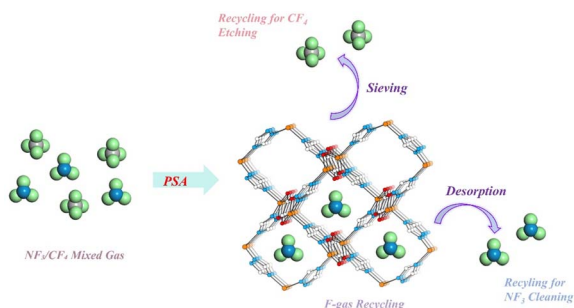
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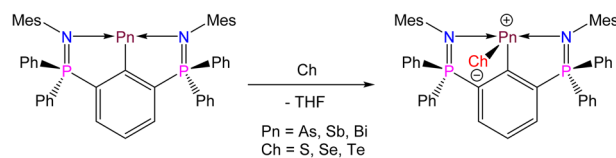
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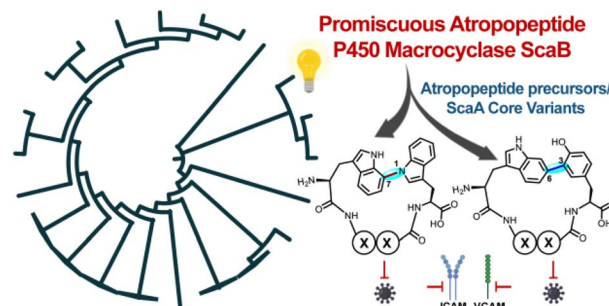
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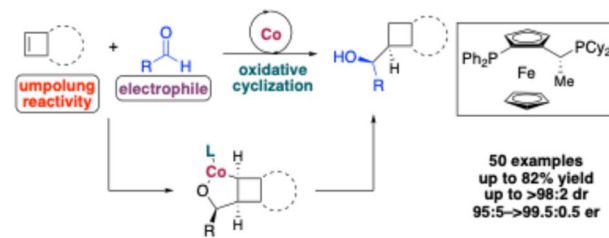
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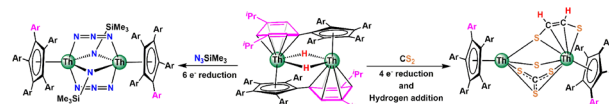
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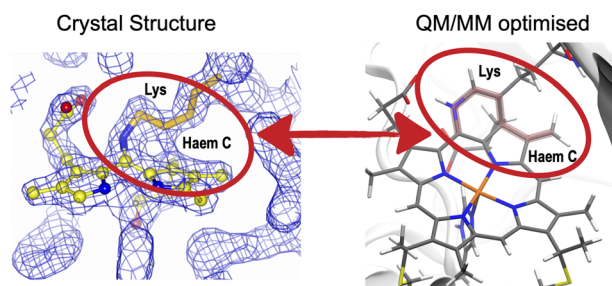
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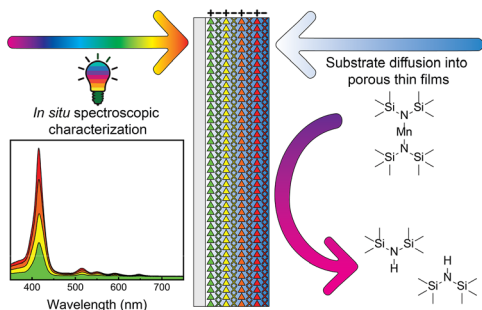
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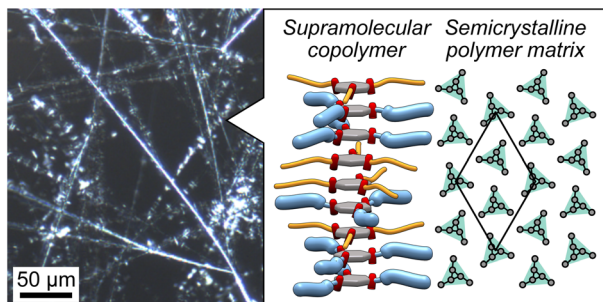
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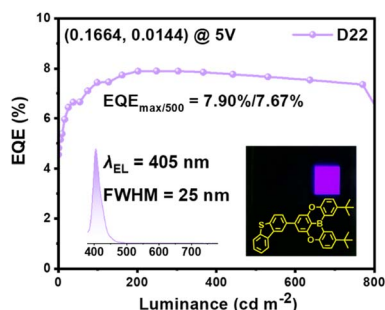
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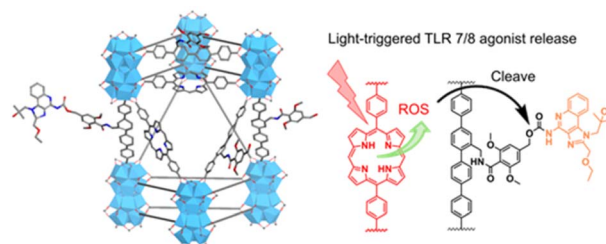
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### Light-triggered toll-like receptor activation in a nanoscale metal–organic framework for synergistic PDT and cancer immunotherapy

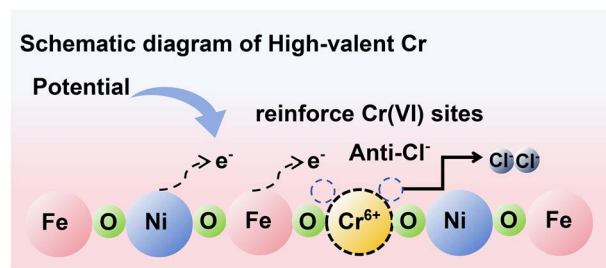
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### Stabilizing NiFe active sites using a high-valent Lewis acid for selective seawater oxidation

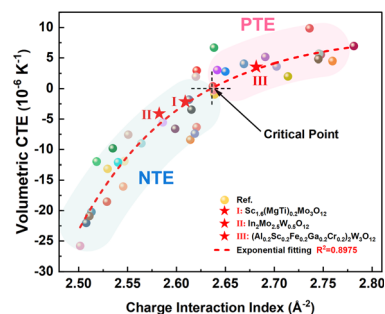
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### Predicting thermal expansion in framework compounds using a charge interaction index

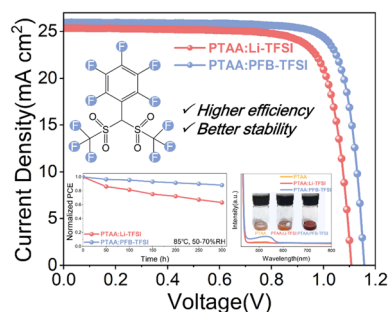
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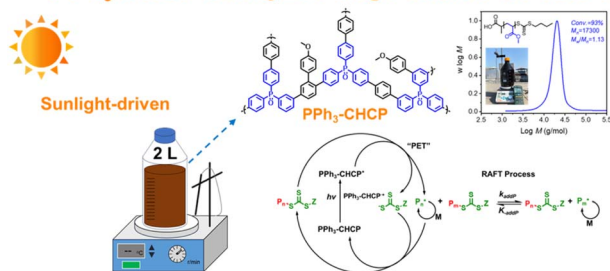
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### A non-ionic fluorinated p-dopant enables the construction of efficient and stable perovskite solar cells

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## CORRECTION

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**Correction: Unveiling the role of cobalt in the product regulation for CO<sub>2</sub> hydrogenation to light olefins over alumina-supported Co-Fe catalysts**

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