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# Traveling in a space of approximations for modeling of photoinduced dynamic processes

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# Principles of Research

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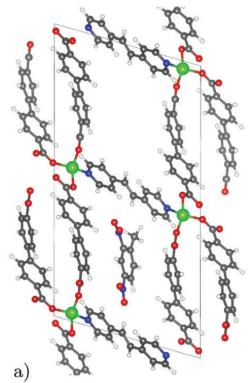
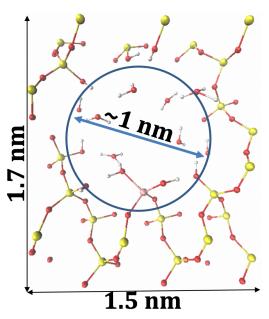


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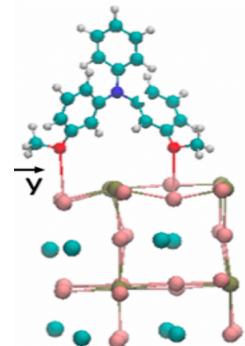
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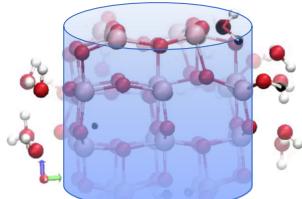
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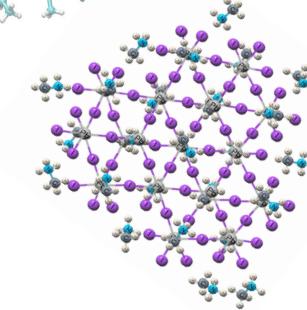
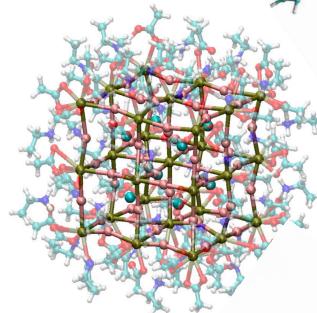
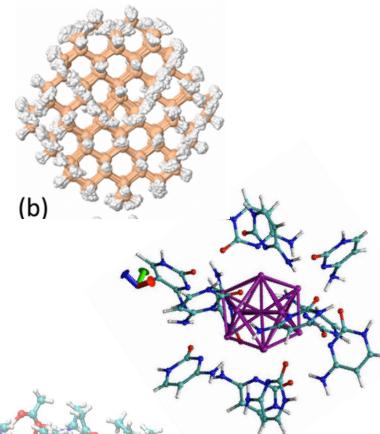
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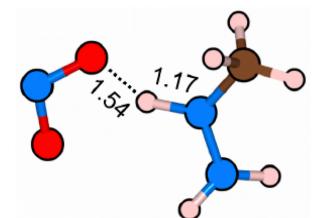
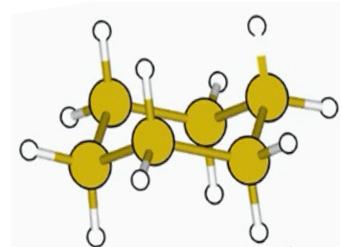
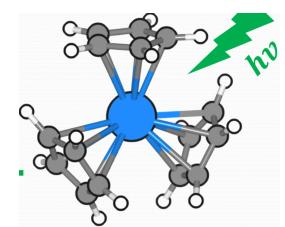
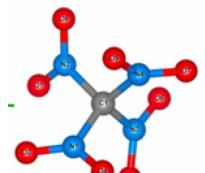
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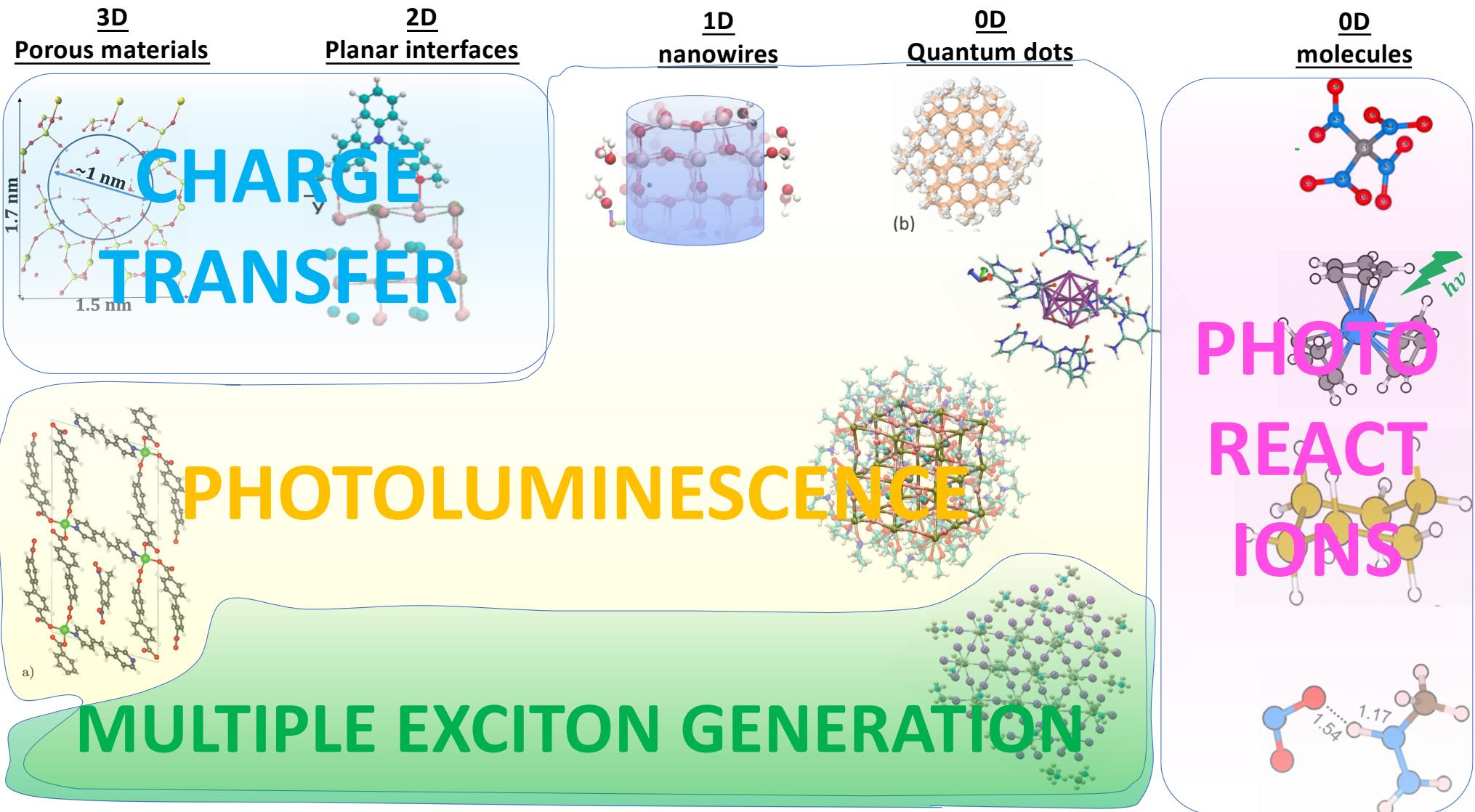
0D  
Quantum dots



0D  
molecules



WHAT WOULD  
HAPPEN  
TO THESE COMPOUNDS  
UPON  
IRRADIATION  
BY LIGHT?





# WHAT'S MISSING?

**Is there a “ready-to-use” public software  
to model photoinduced dynamics?**

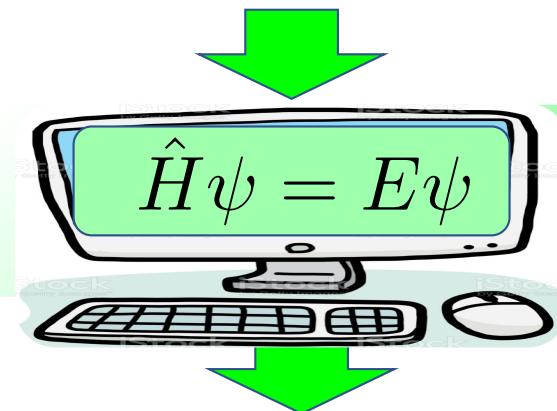


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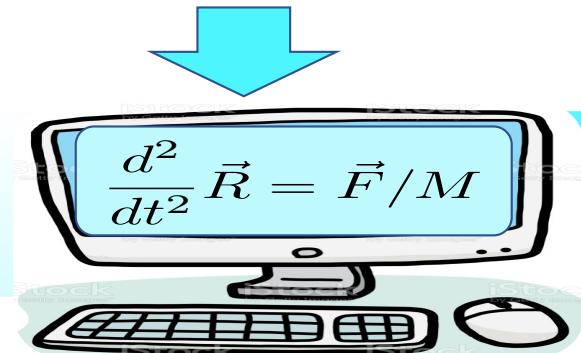
Electronic  
Degrees of freedom

Molecular  
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Nonadiabatic  
coupling



Dissipative  
Density Operator  
equation of motion

Time-dependent  
Perturbation theory

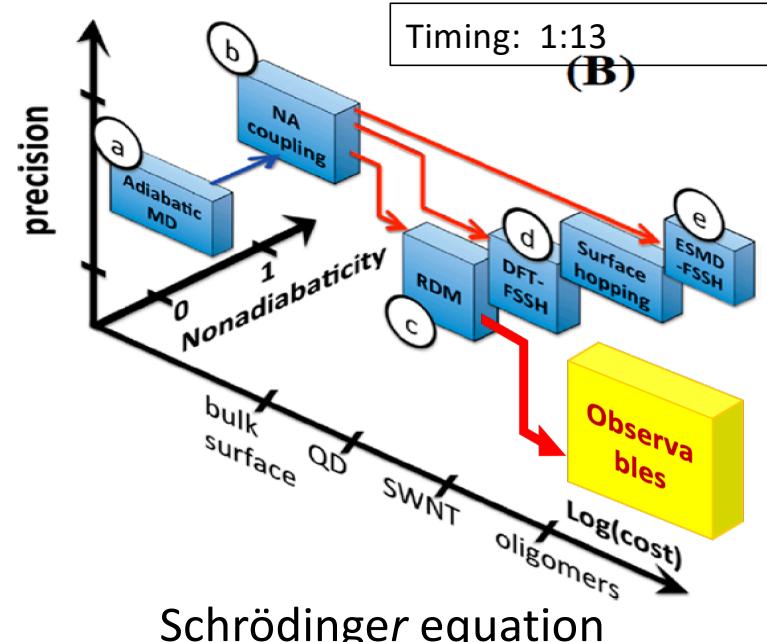
Observables

- Basic computation from standard software
- Excited state dynamics needs  
-homegrown software

## Adjustments of methodology

- Independent Orbitals Approximation
- Extract probabilities of non-radiative transitions from molecular dynamics, by “on-the-fly” protocol
- A very quick original code for dynamics of quantum state
- Time-independent coefficients in equation of motion enable time from 1fs to 1ns

Reference: Kilina, Kilin, Tretiak, *Chemical Reviews* 2015 115 (12), 5929-5978. cited 135



Schrödinger equation

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\psi\rangle = H |\psi\rangle$$



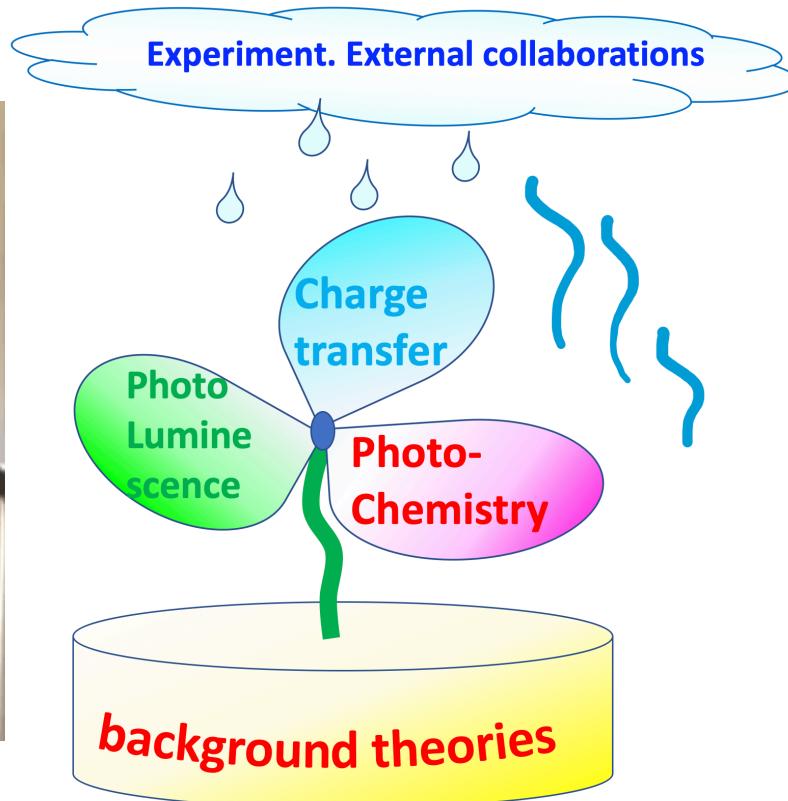
density operator

$$\rho = |\psi\rangle \langle \psi|$$

von Neumann equation

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho = H |\psi\rangle \langle \psi| - |\psi\rangle \langle \psi| H$$

# Collaboration between Theory and Experiment



Connection Between  
Computational Modeling and  
Experimental Observations

$$\langle \hat{A} \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \Psi^* \hat{A} \Psi dx$$

$\langle \hat{A} \rangle$  Expectation value of  
 $\Psi(x,t)$  Experimental observable:  
 $\hat{A}$  An average result for a series  
of identical experiments  
 $\Psi$  Wavefunction of the model  
 $\hat{A}$  Quantum operator

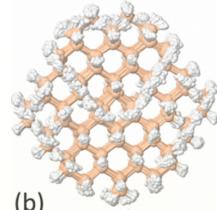
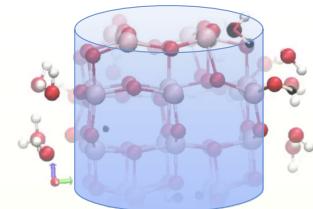
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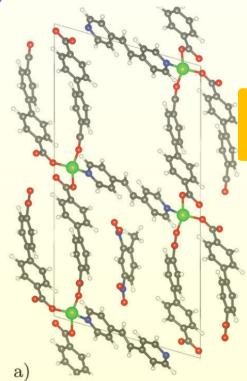
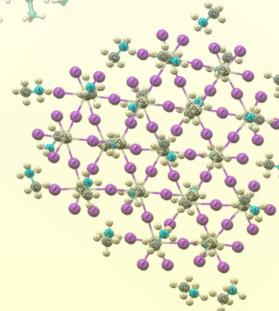
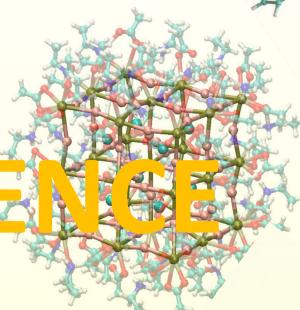
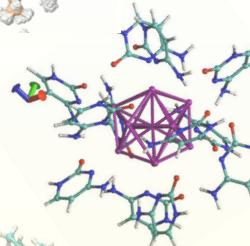
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0D  
Quantum dots



(b)



# PHOTOLUMINESCENCE

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-At which wavelength the material emits light?



-Does emission occur at the same wavelength  
or in a range of frequencies?

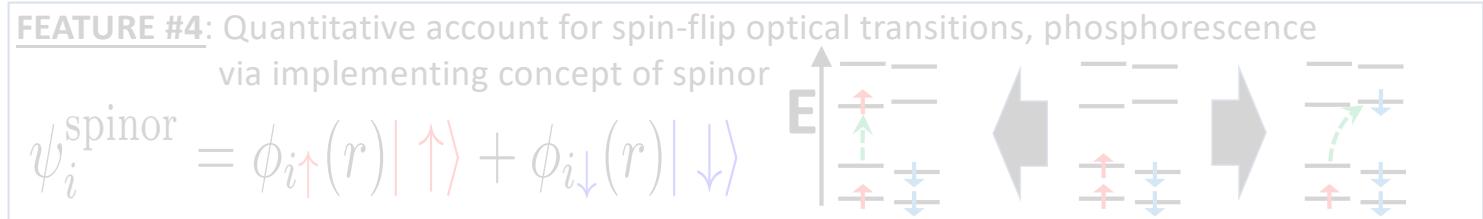
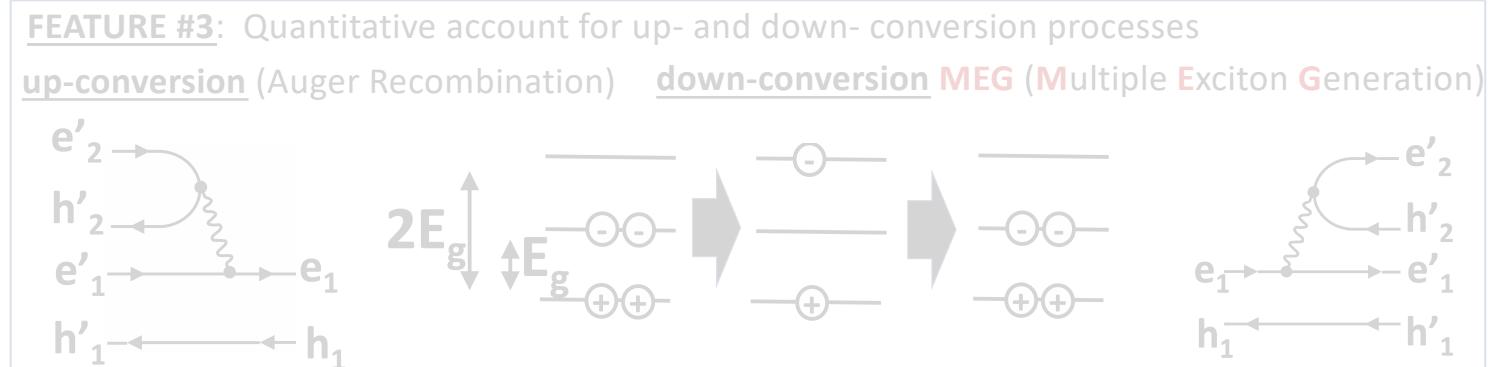
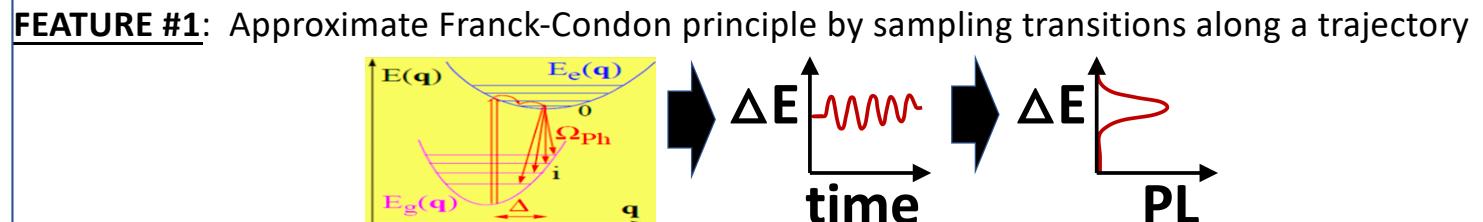
-Does temperature enhance or suppresses emission?

-What is more probable:  
to emit light or to convert energy into heat?

-Do surface adsorbates  
suppress or enhance photoluminescence?

## Specific methods adjustments for modeling of photoluminescence

- sampling
- time integration
- up-/down- conversion
- spinors



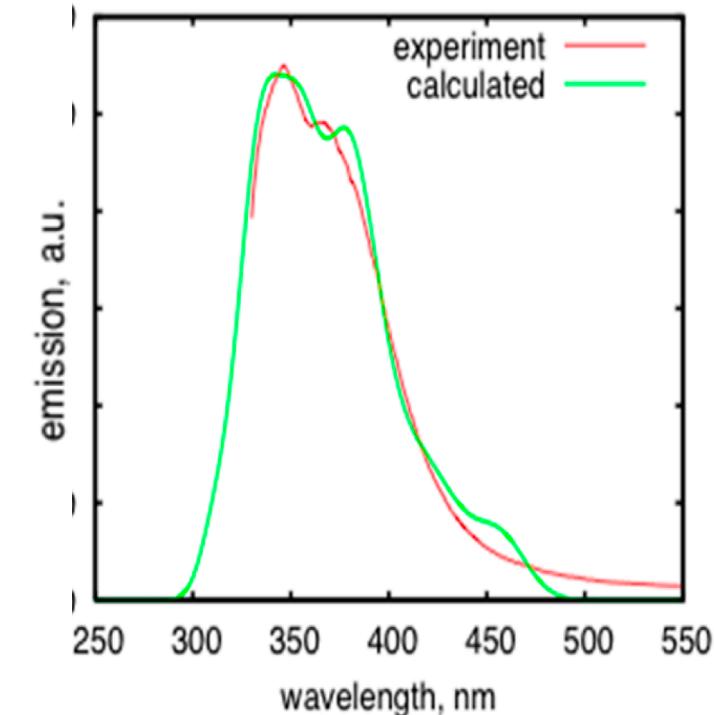
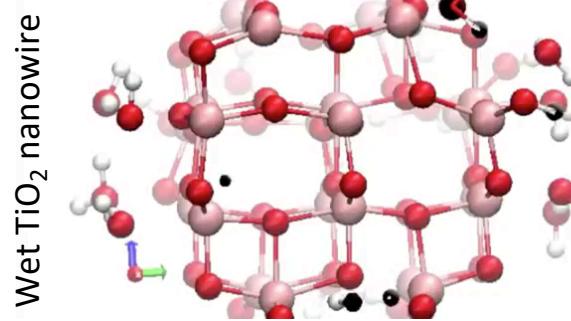
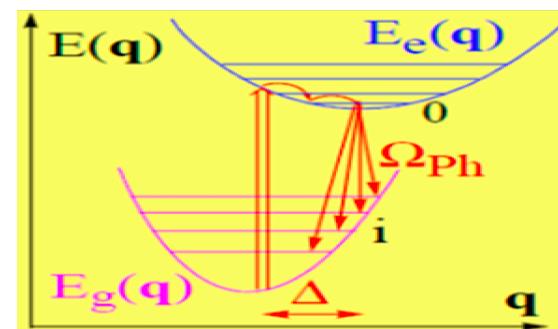
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Timing: 2:29



Linewidth thermal broadening of PL signal via MD sampling  
Suggested abbreviation:

Molecular Dynamics Photo Luminescence (**MDPL**)



Justification: quantitatively match experimental data

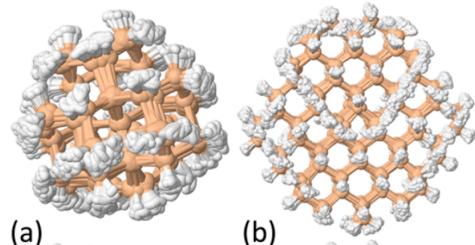
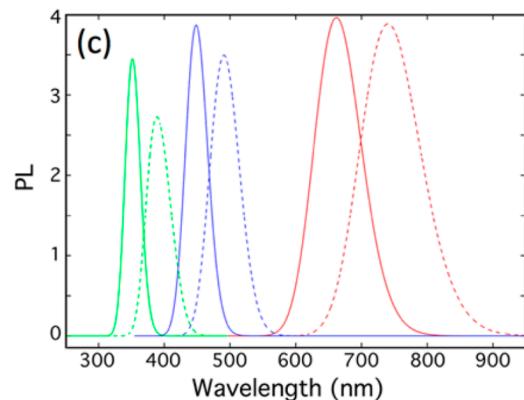
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Research Direction: (ii) Photoluminescence

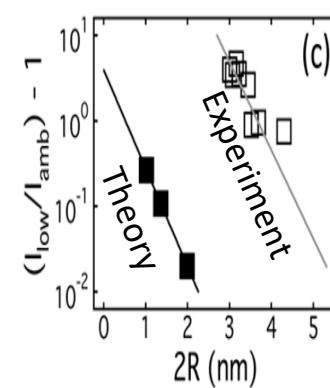
### Enhancing photoluminescence in silicon quantum dots by cooling



#### Theory

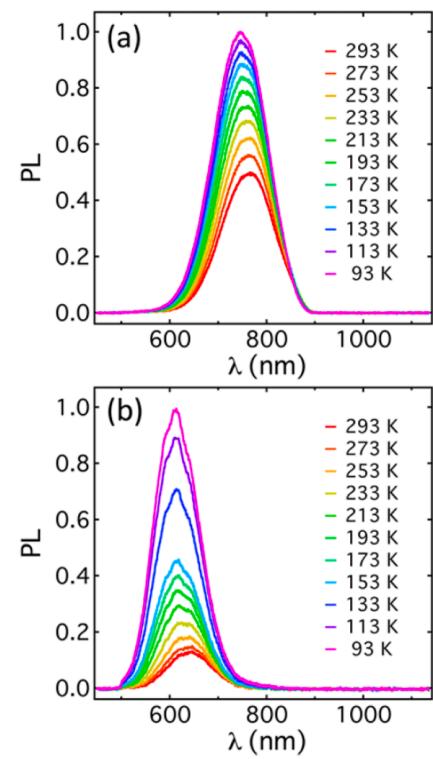


#### Comparison



Relative increase in PL upon cooling.  
experiments (open)  
computation (closed)  
fit to the same trend.

#### Experiment



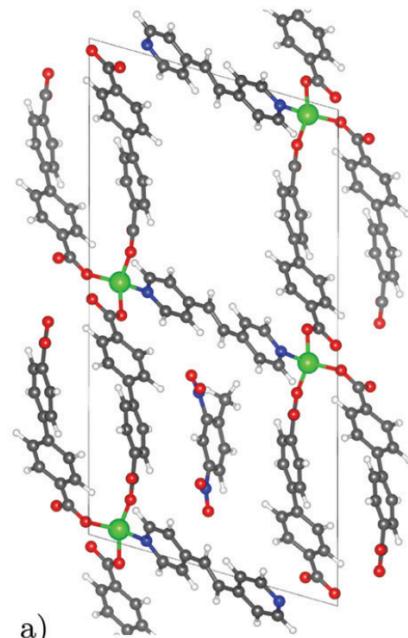
Justification: matches experimental trends

Reference: Brown, Vogel, Miller, Inerbaev, Anthony, Kortshagen, Kilin, Hobbie, *J. Phys. Chem. C* **2016**, *120*, 18909

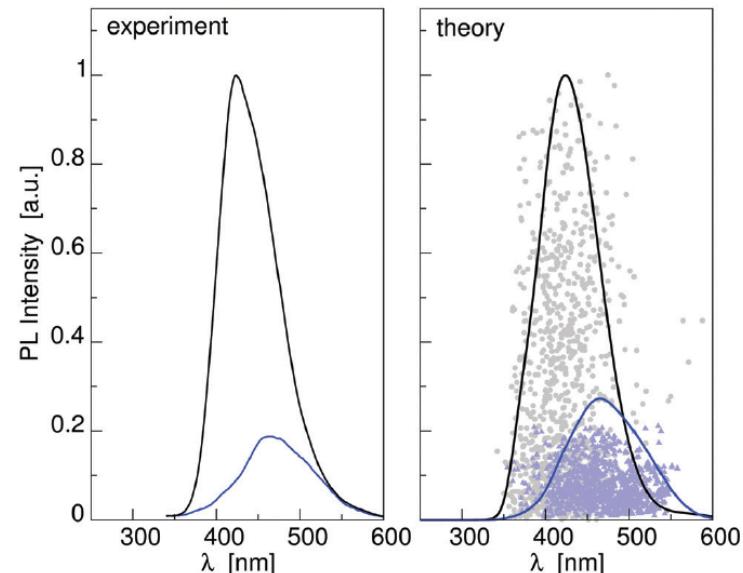
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### Quenching of photoluminescence in a Zn-MOF sensor by nitroaromatic molecules



a)  
RPM3-Zn i.e.  $Zn_2(badc)_2(bpee)$   
 $bpee = 1,2\text{-bipyridylethene}$   
 $badc = 4,4'\text{-biphenyldicarboxylate}$   
 $DNT = 2,4\text{-dinitrotoluene}$



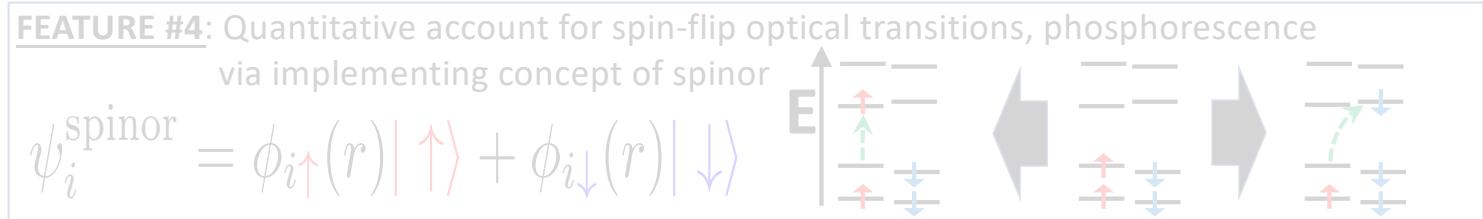
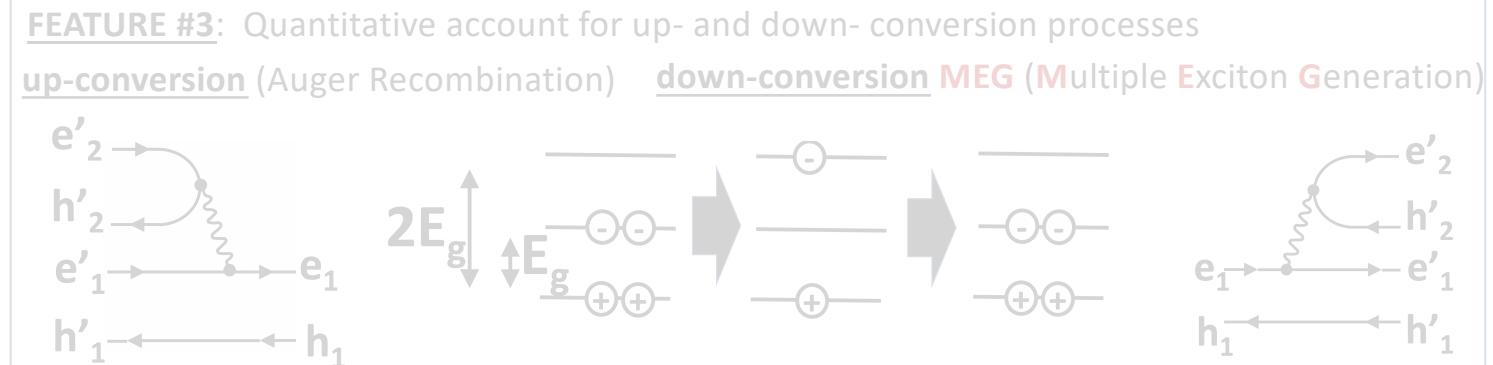
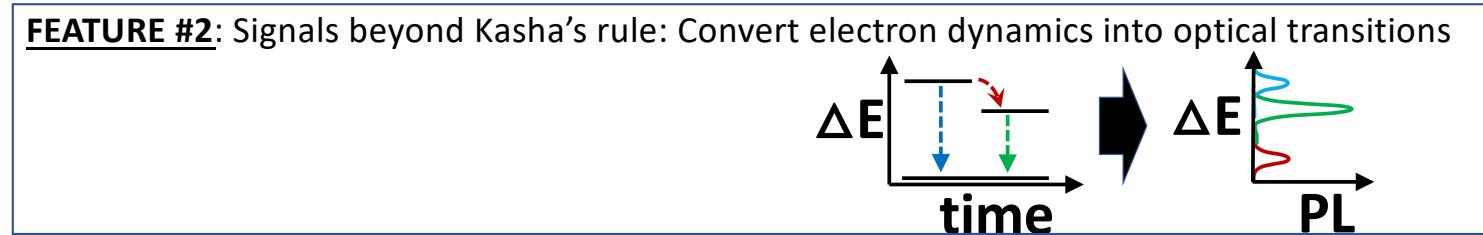
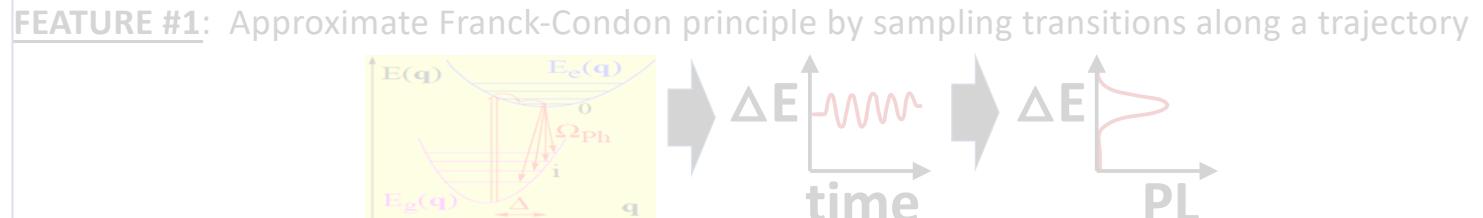
Intensity of PL by RPM3-Zn-MOF decreases with adsorption of explosive dinitro-toluene  
Upon photoexcitation  $(pbdc)^+(bpee)^-$   
electron migrates from  $(bpee)$  to  $(DNT)$   
Resulting excitations  $(pbdc)^+(DNT)^-$   
has CT character and low oscillator strength

Justification: quantitatively matches experimental observables!

Reference: Jensen, Tan, Lustig, Kilin, Li, Chabal, Thonhouser *J. Mater. Chem. C*, **2019**, 7, 2625-2632

## Specific methods adjustments for modeling of photoluminescence

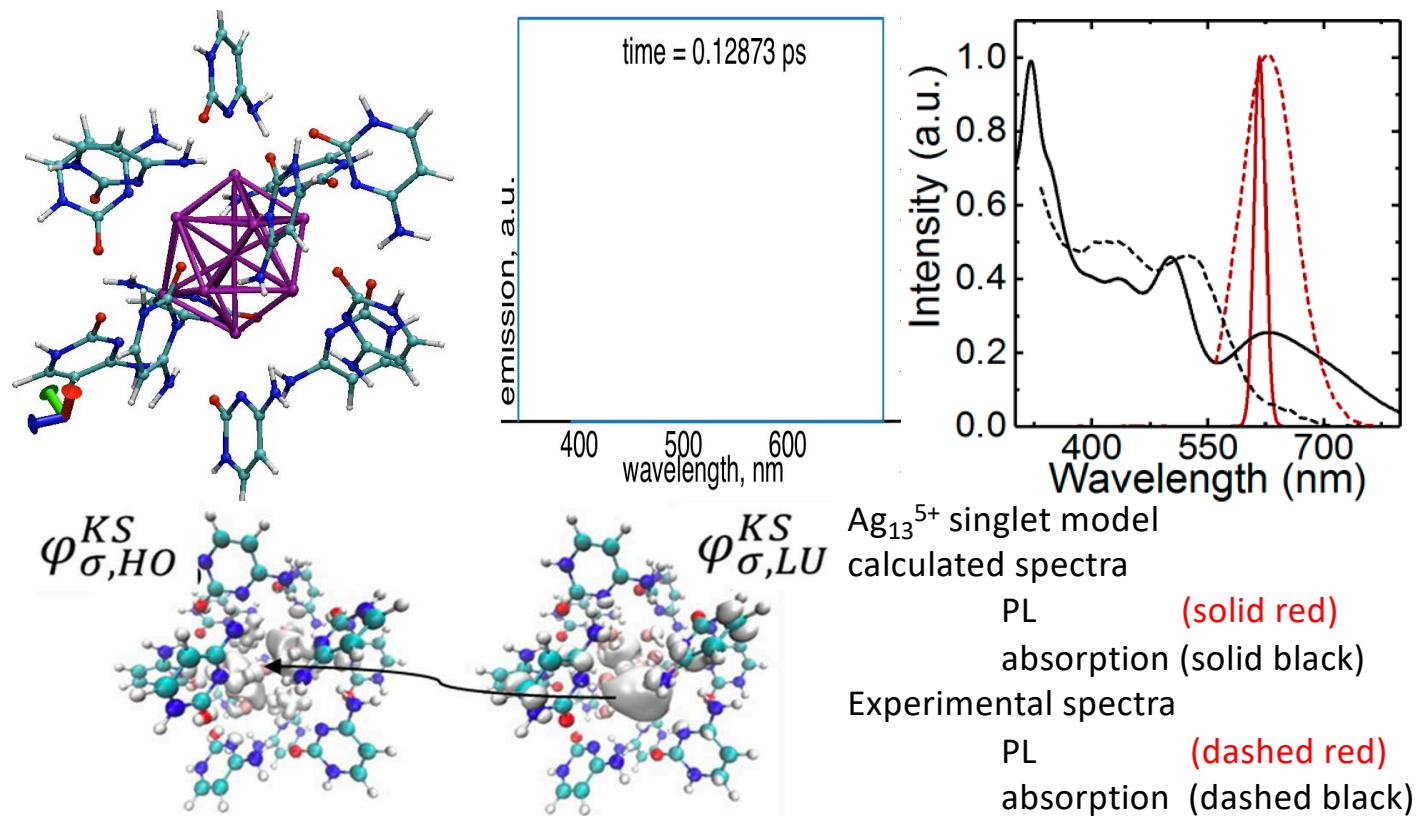
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Research Direction: (ii) Photoluminescence

## Fluorescence in DNA-protected Silver Nanoclusters

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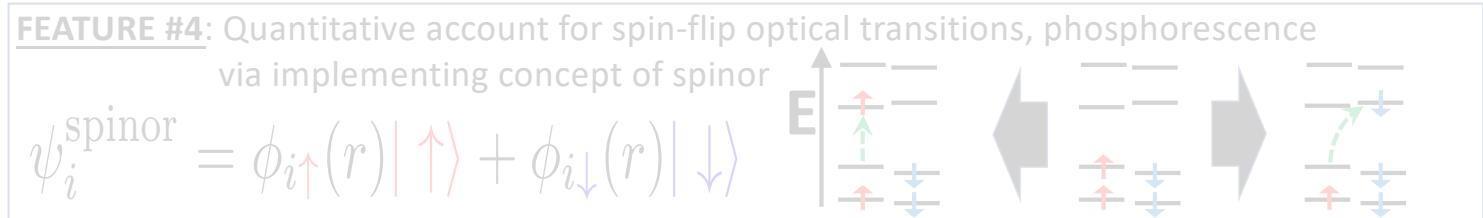
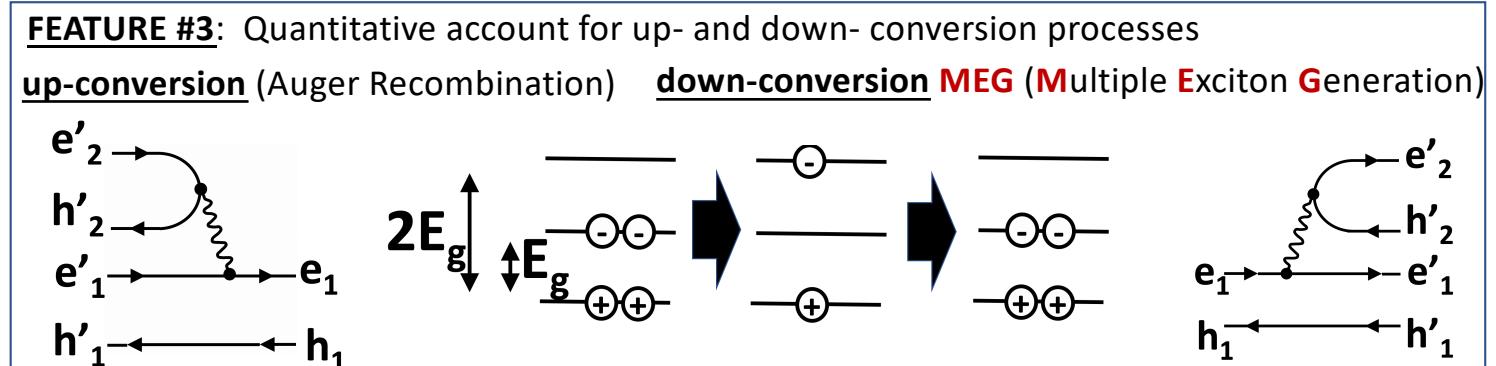
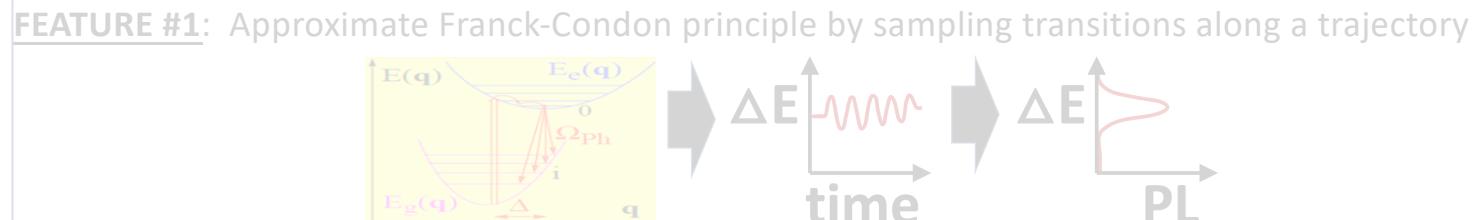


Justification: matches experimental trends, identified bright charge transfer excitations

Reference: Brown, Hobbie, Tretiak, Kilin, *J. Phys. Chem. C* **2017**, 121, 23875-23885

## Specific methods adjustments for modeling of photoluminescence

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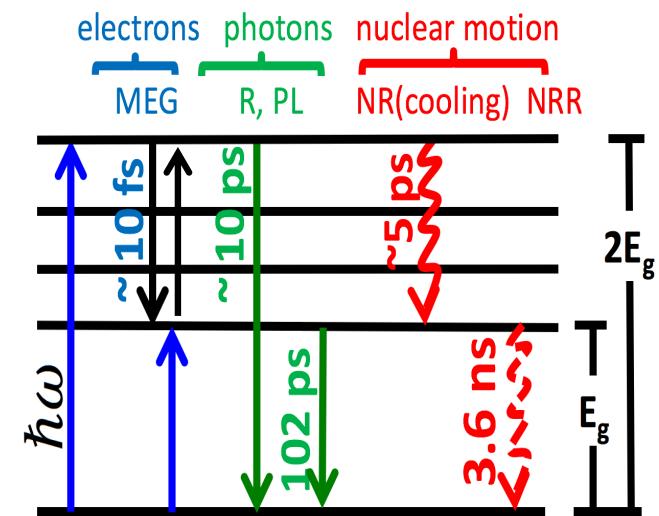
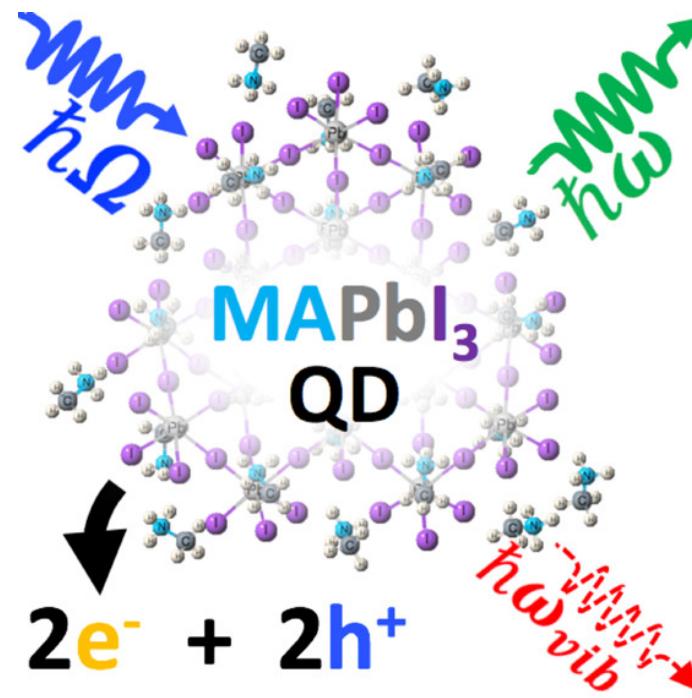


Research Direction: (ii) Photoluminescence

Timing: 2:43



### Quantum Confinement in Lead Halide Perovskite Quantum Dots



Justification: predict outcome of measurement prior to experimental observations

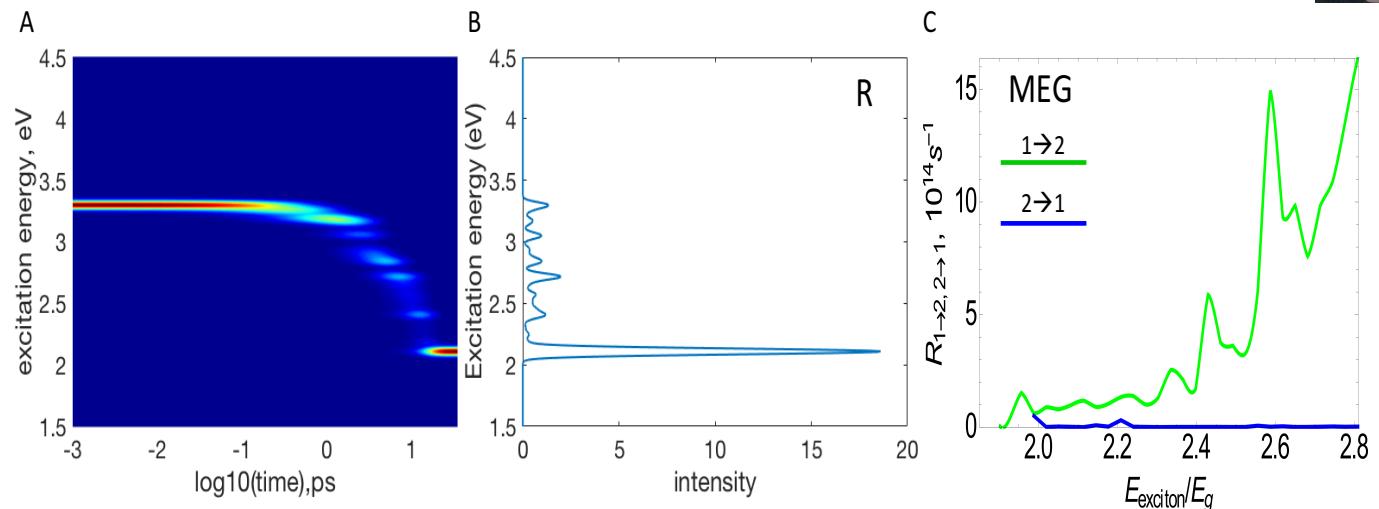
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Research Direction: (ii) Photoluminescence

Timing: 2:35



### Quantum Confinement in Lead Halide Perovskite Quantum Dots



Signatures of size confinement were seen

- increased spacing of energy states
- localized electron density

The increased intra-band energy separation

- slows down the nonradiative relaxation
- by requiring multiple phonon modes to dissipate the hot electron energy.

**Multiple Exciton Generation (MEG)**

- is facilitated by confinement
- is beneficial for photovoltaics
- is adverse for light emission

**Ultra-small Quantum Dots**

- will be less efficient light emitters
- than mid-size ones

Justification: predict outcome of measurement prior to experimental observations

Reference: Vogel, Kryjevski, Inerbaev, Kilin *J. Phys. Chem. Lett.* **2017** 8, 3032

**Research Direction:** (ii) Photoluminescence

Timing: 0:59



## Quantum Confinement in Lead Halide Perovskite Quantum Dots



Letter



ARTICLE

DOI: 10.1038/s41467-018-06596-1 OPEN

### Low threshold and efficient multiple exciton generation in halide perovskite nanocrystals

Mingjie Li<sup>1</sup>, Raihana Begum<sup>2</sup>, Jianhui Fu<sup>1</sup>, Qiang Xu<sup>1</sup>, Teck Ming Koh<sup>2</sup>, Sjoerd A. Veldhuis<sup>2</sup>, Michael Grätzel<sup>3</sup>, Nripan Mathews<sup>2,4</sup>, Subodh Mhaisalkar<sup>1,2,4</sup> & Tze Chien Sum<sup>1</sup>

MEG<sup>36,37</sup>. Furthermore, another recent computational work<sup>38</sup> also demonstrated low-threshold MEG (close to  $2E_g$ ) in  $\text{MAPbI}_3$  NCs. The authors attributed that the stronger Coulomb coupling between the initial single-exciton and final-biexciton states, and the longer hot-carrier cooling of highly excited states were more conducive for MEG. Their calculated MEG process was on a time scale of tens of fs, which agrees well with our measured value of smaller than 90 fs. Although,  $\text{PbSe}$  or  $\text{PbS}$  also have similar small

38. Vogel, D. J., Kryjevski, A., Inerbaev, T. & Kilin, D. S. Photoinduced single- and multiple-electron dynamics processes enhanced by quantum confinement in lead halide perovskite quantum dots. *J. Phys. Chem. Lett.* **8**, 3032–3039 (2017).

**Justification:** predict outcome of measurement prior to experimental observations

**Reference:** Vogel, Kryjevski, Inerbaev, Kilin *J. Phys. Chem. Lett.* **2017** *8*, 3032-3039. cited 39 times

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**FEATURE #1:** Approximate Franck-Condon principle by sampling transitions along a trajectory

**FEATURE #2:** Signals beyond Kasha's rule: Convert electron dynamics into optical transitions

**FEATURE #3:** Quantitative account for up- and down- conversion processes

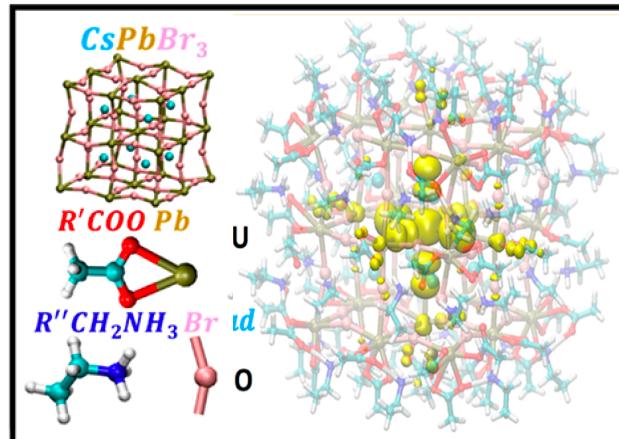
up-conversion (Auger Recombination)    down-conversion MEG (Multiple Exciton Generation)

**FEATURE #4:** Quantitative account for spin-flip optical transitions, phosphorescence via implementing concept of spinor

$$\psi_i^{\text{spinor}} = \phi_{i\uparrow}(r)|\uparrow\rangle + \phi_{i\downarrow}(r)|\downarrow\rangle$$

Research Direction: (ii) Photoluminescence

Timing: 4:11



Hot electron cooling

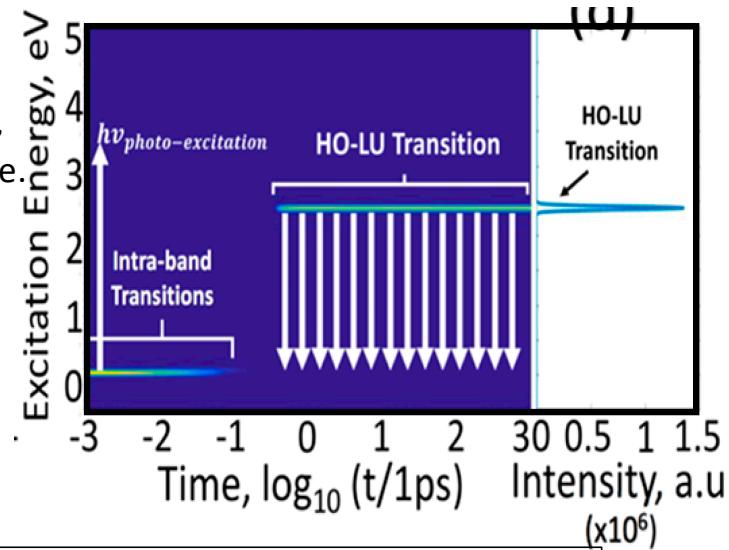
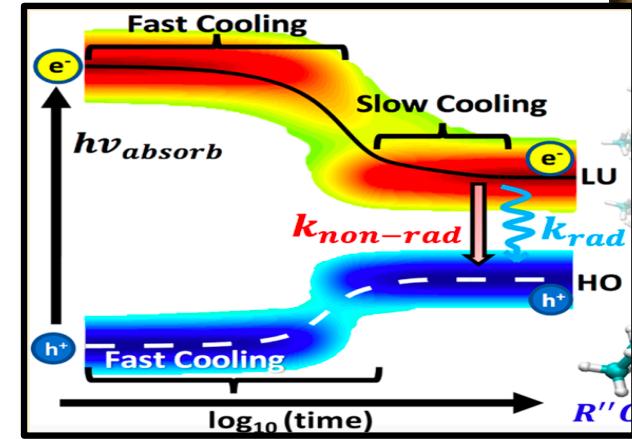
--slows down at the band edge,  
due to large SOC and strong confinement,  
which gives sub-gaps above the band edge.

Strong confined nanocrystals

--are better for photovoltaics

Weak confined nanocrystals

--are better for light-emitting

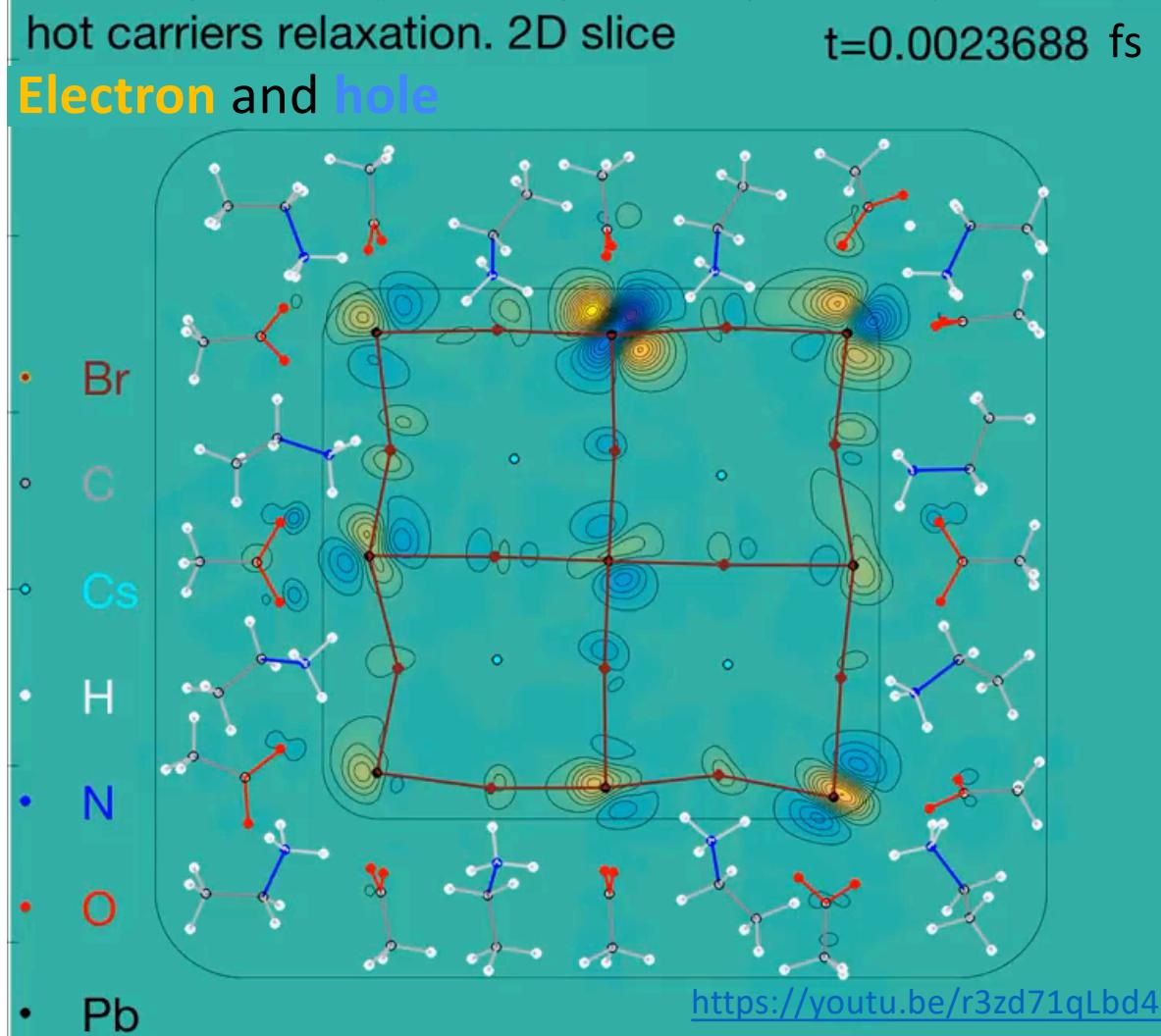


Justification: PLQY=53% matches experiment

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Reference: Forde, Inerbaev, Hobbie, Kilin, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2019**, 141, 10, 4388–4397

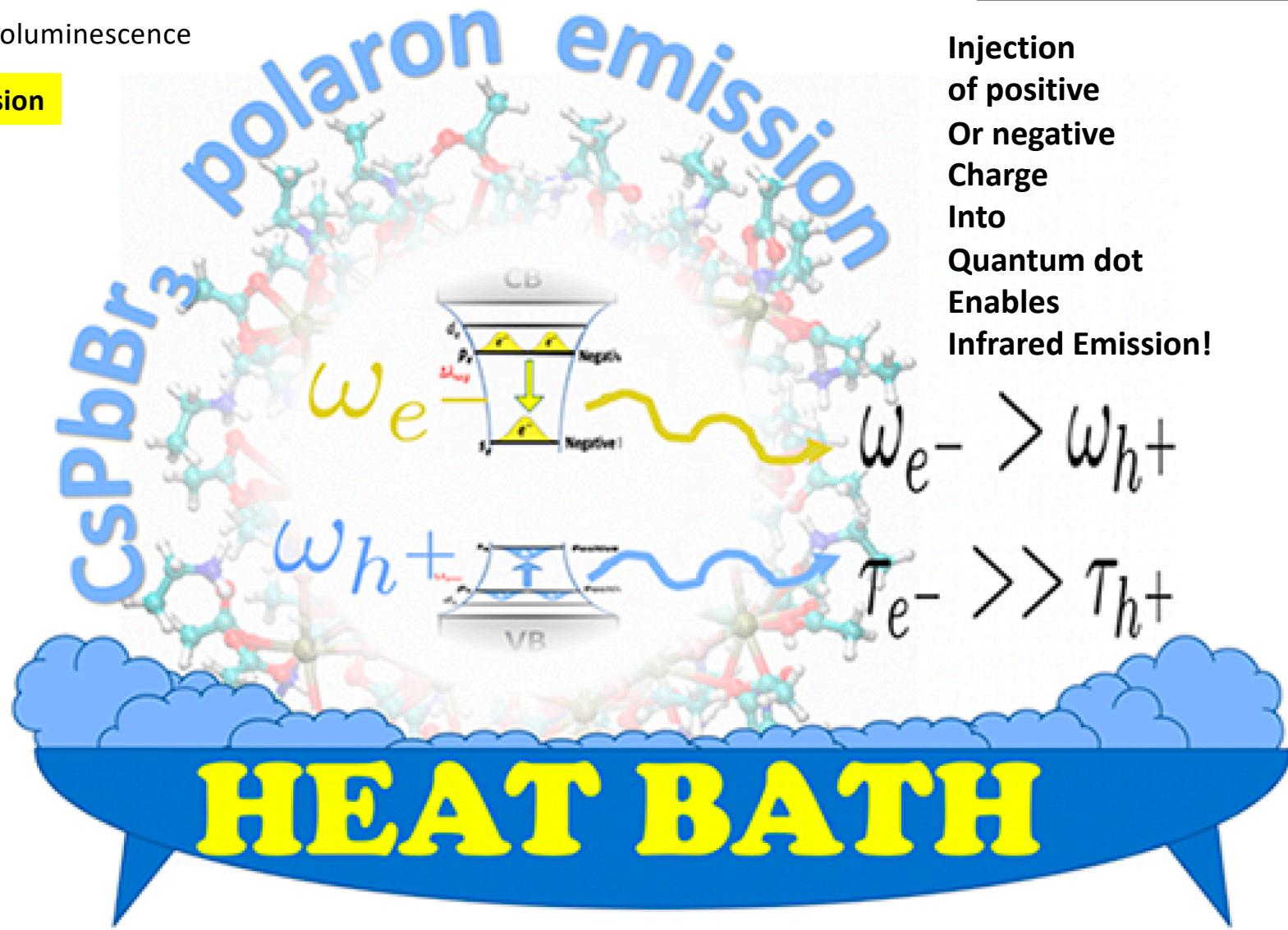
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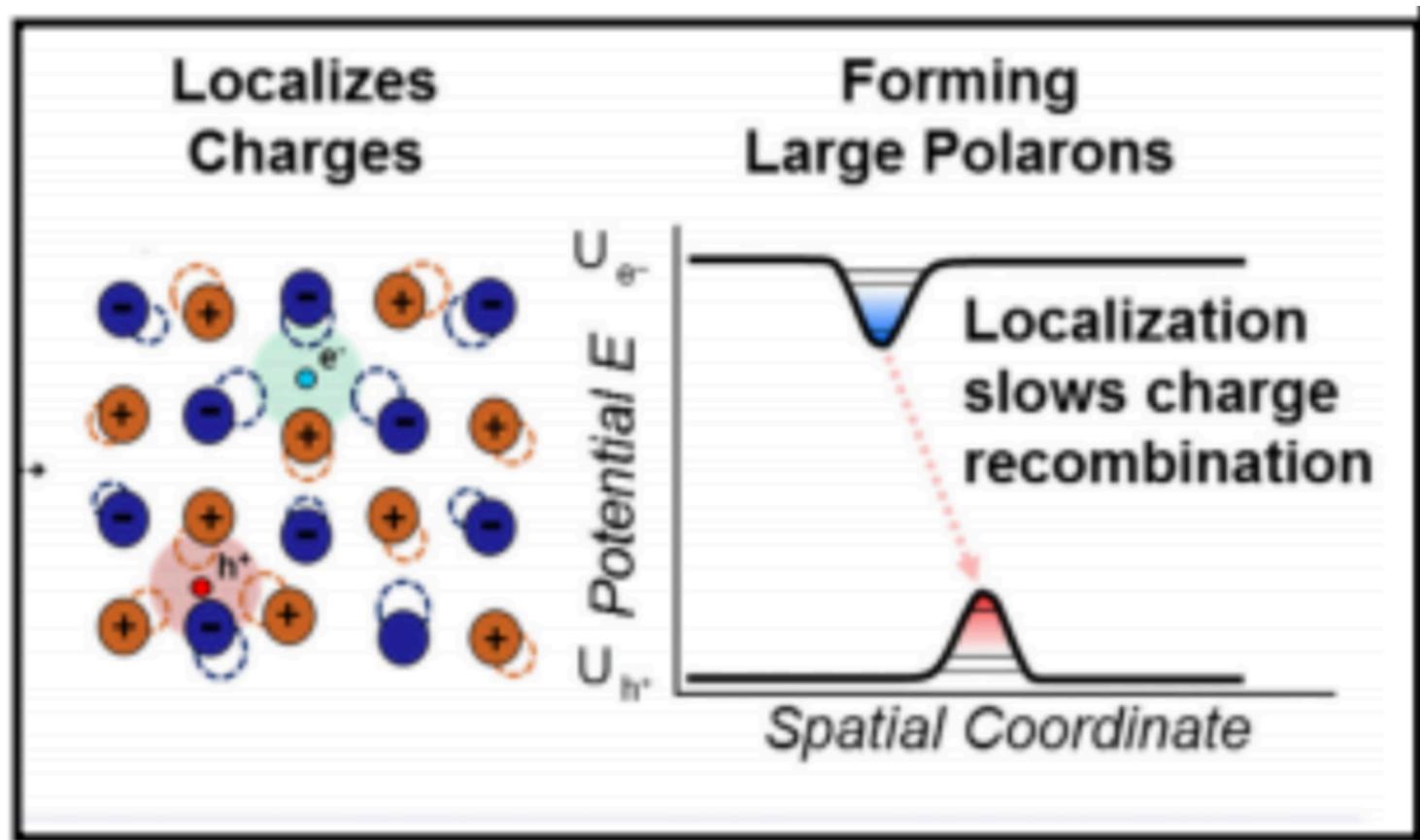
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Hot polaron Infrared emission

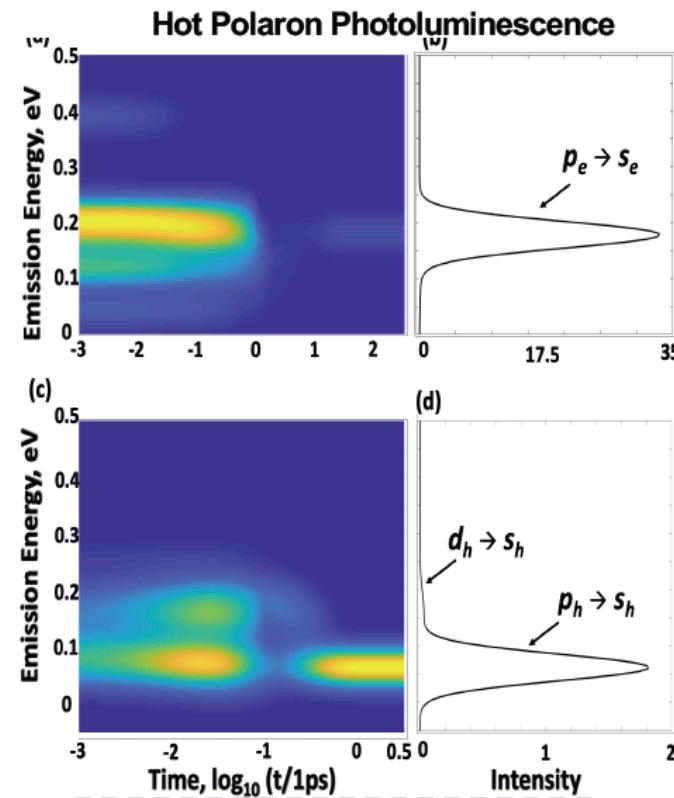
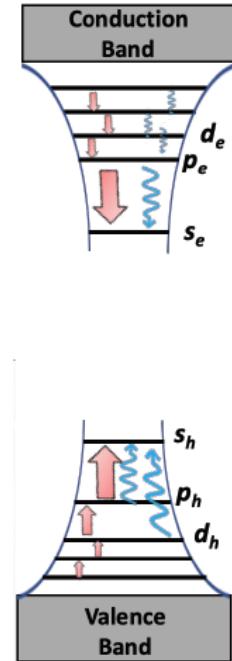


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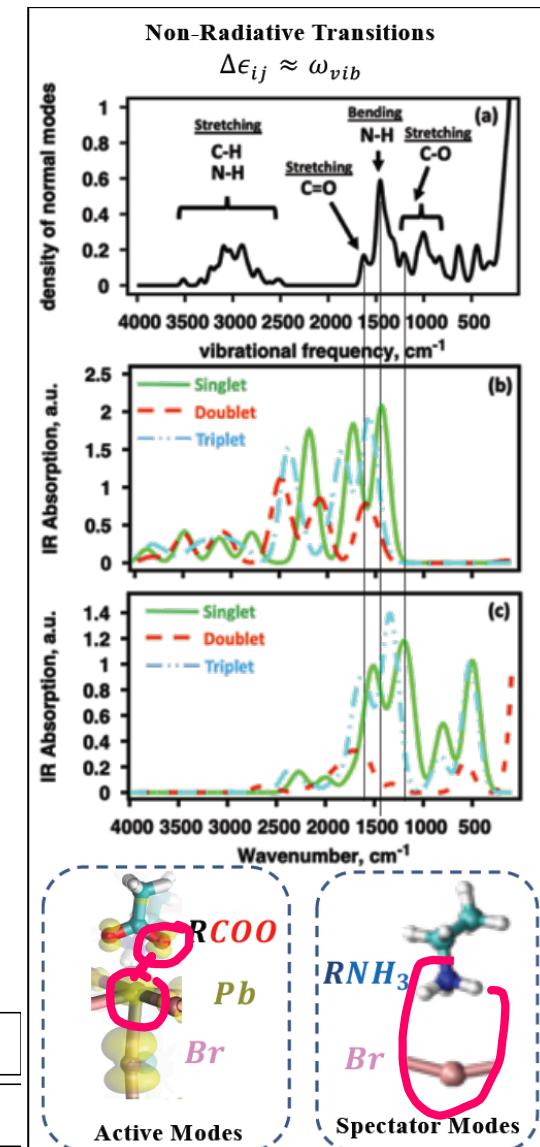
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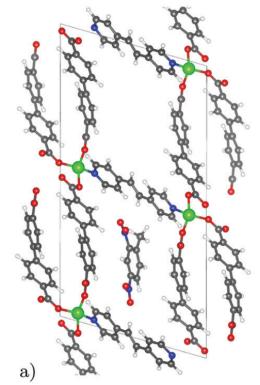
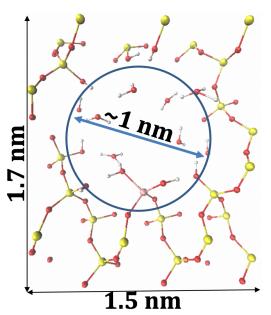
Model	$f_{PGS-RES}$	$k_r [1/\text{ns}]$	$k_{nr} [1/\text{ns}]$	PLQY	$\log(\text{PLQY})$
Positive-Singlet	0.14	$2.81 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.08 \times 10^3$	$1.35 \times 10^{-7}$	-7
Negative-Singlet	0.29	$5.10 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.64 \times 10^1$	$3.11 \times 10^{-4}$	-4

Justification: Prediction of a property ahead of experimental measurement

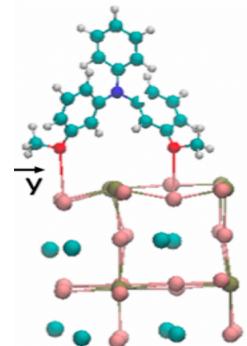
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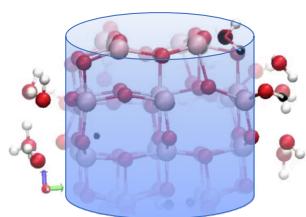
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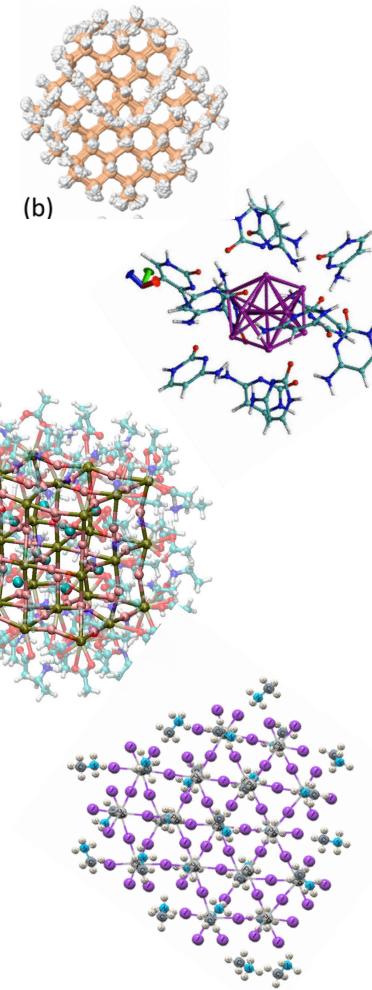
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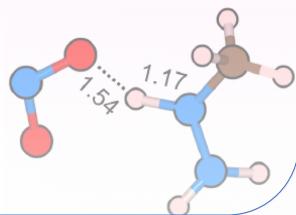
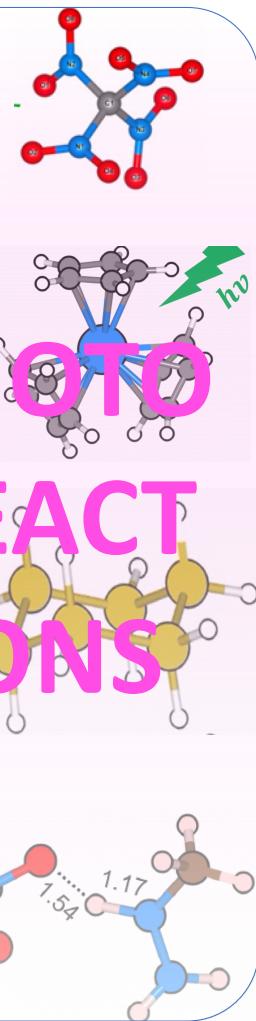
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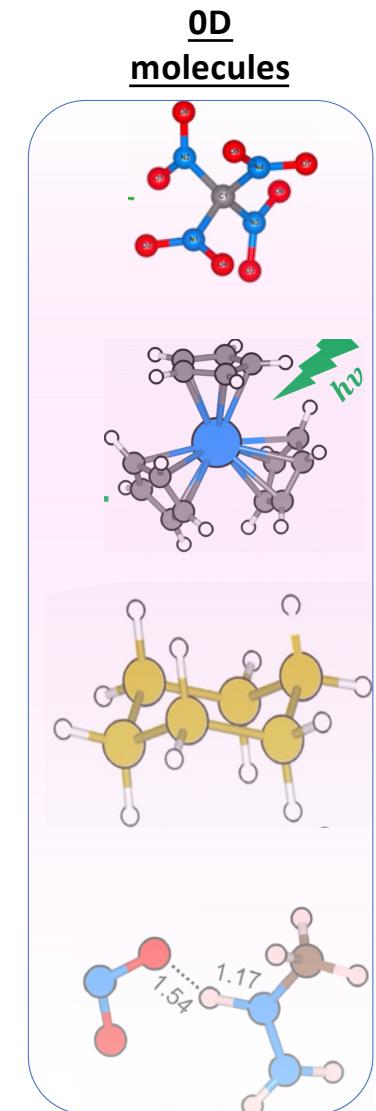
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# PHOTOREACTIONS



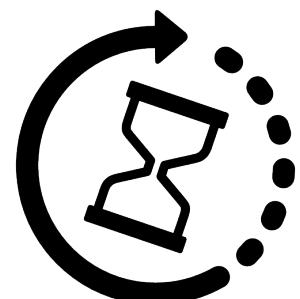
- does light change a molecule?
- which frequency / intensity of light facilitate most vivid reaction?
- which molecules are produced by a photoreaction?
- what is relative proportion of different product molecules?
- what would be a mass-spectrum for distribution of photoreaction' products?

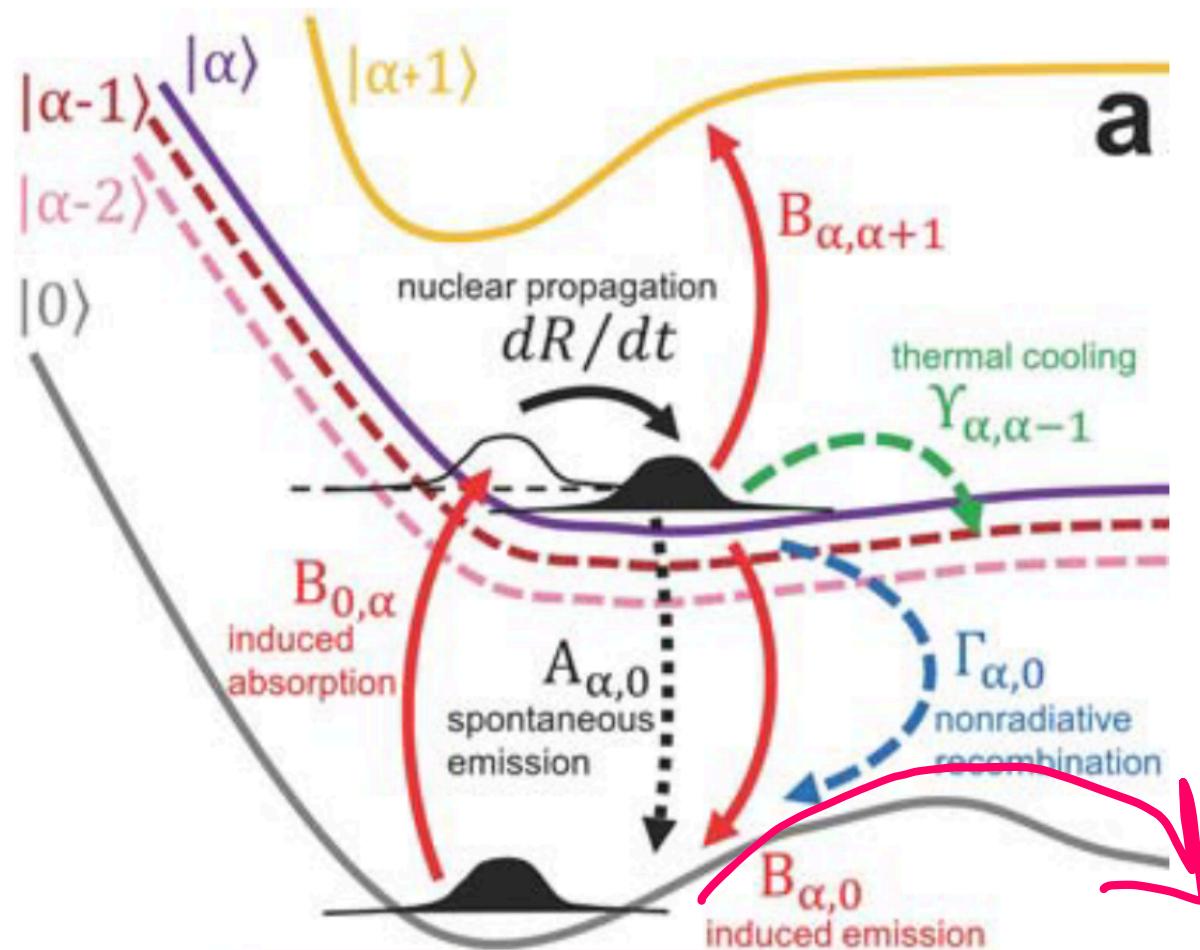


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- “fork road”  
**ambiguity of reaction pathways  
originating from the same precursor**
- Many isomers!
- A need to choose pathway/target isomer  
by tuning laser light parameters
- Very long time-scales, hard to simulate





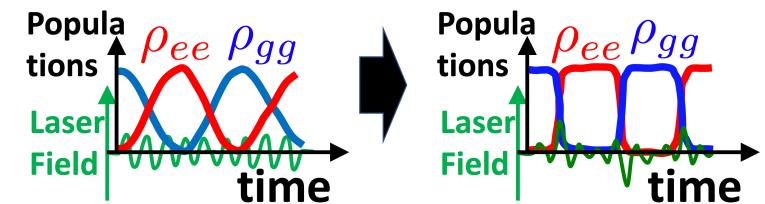
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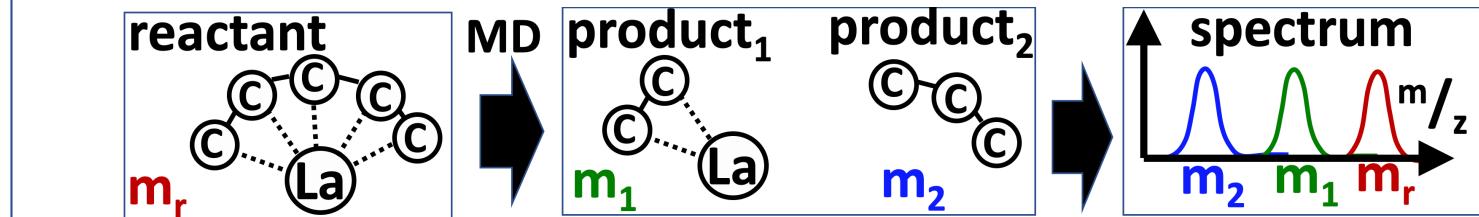
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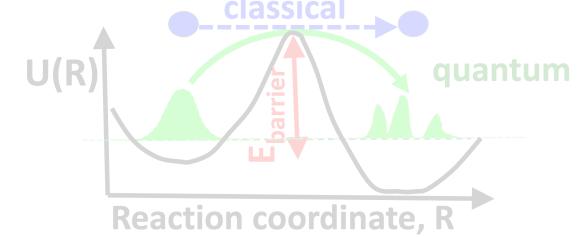


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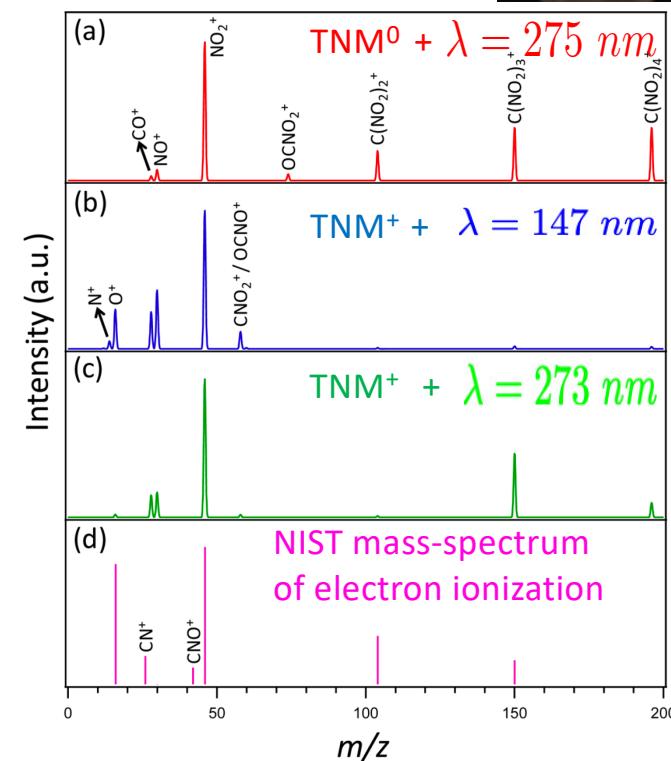
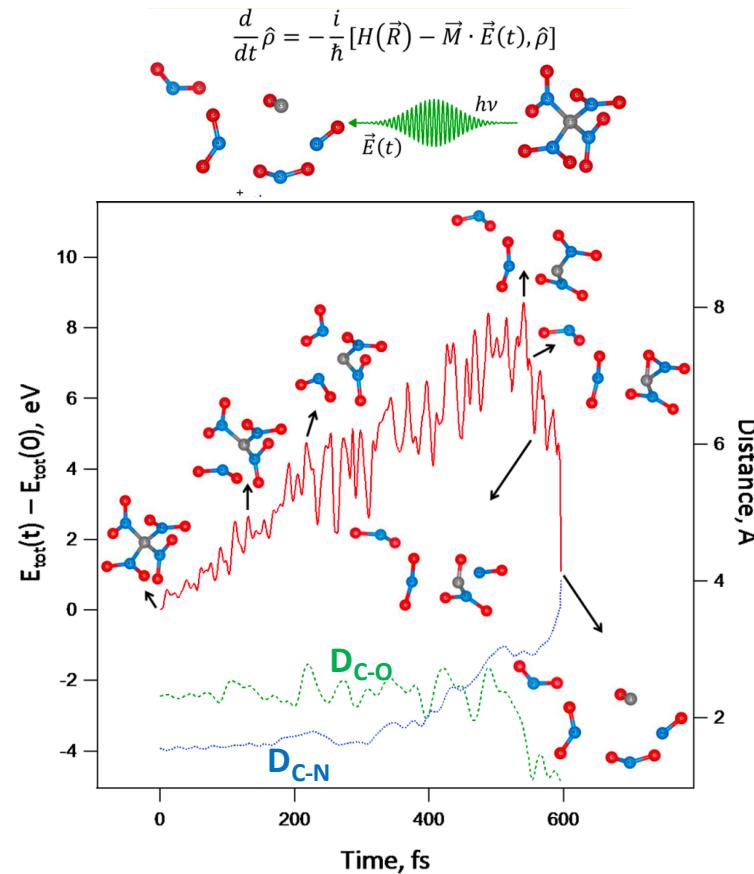


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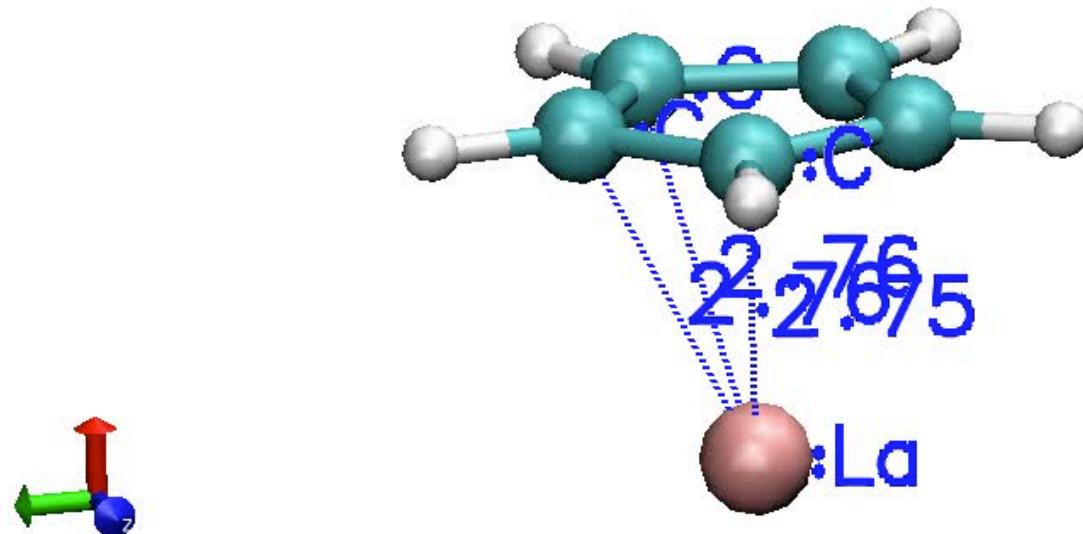
### Photofragmentation of Tetranitromethane



Justification: matches experimental trends, control of reaction outcome by light wavelength and charge

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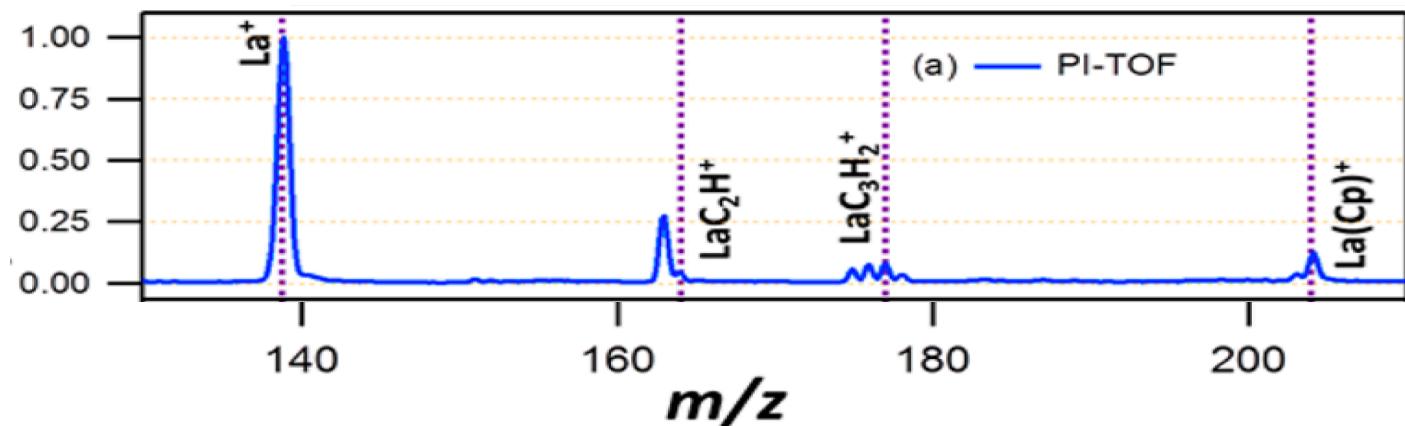
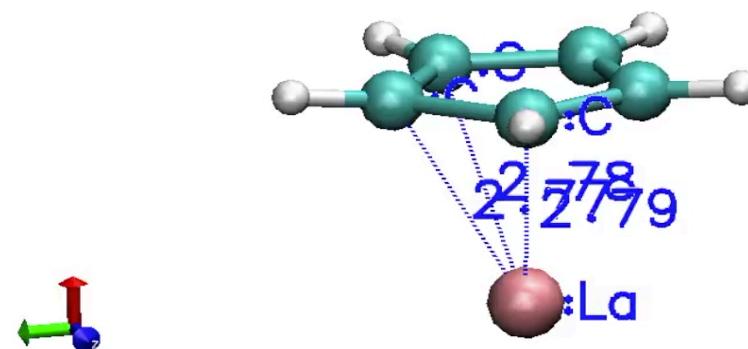
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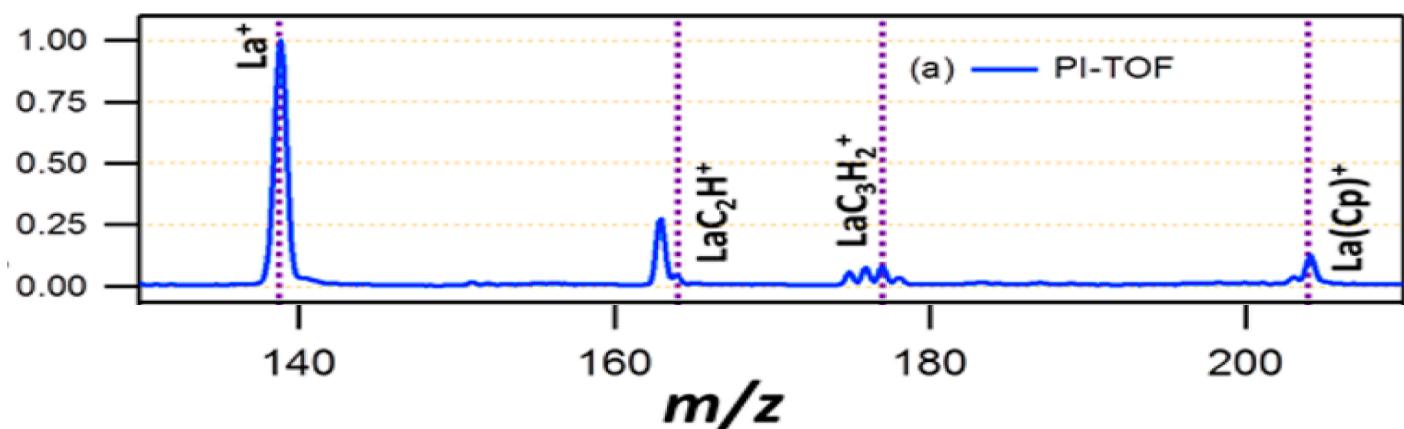
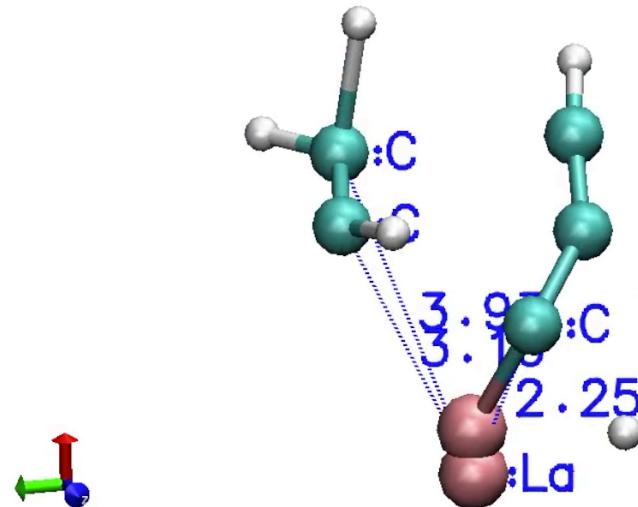


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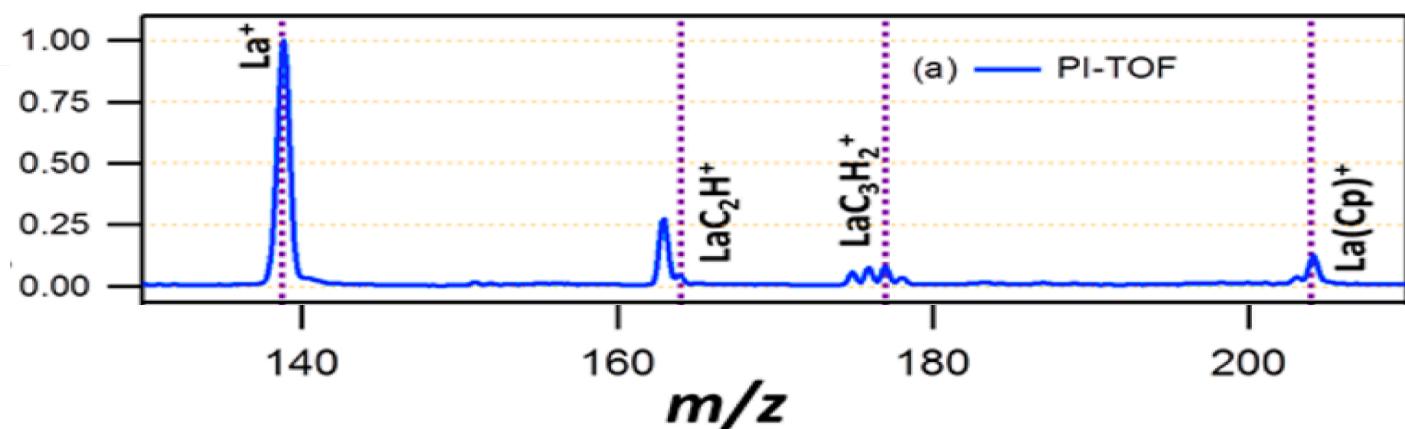
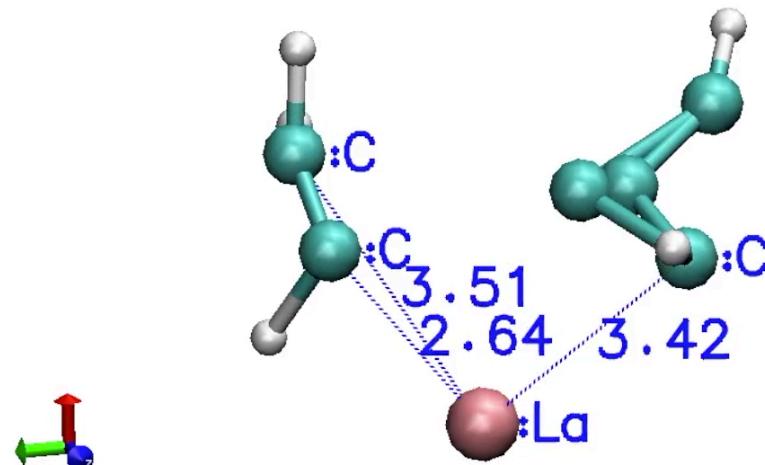


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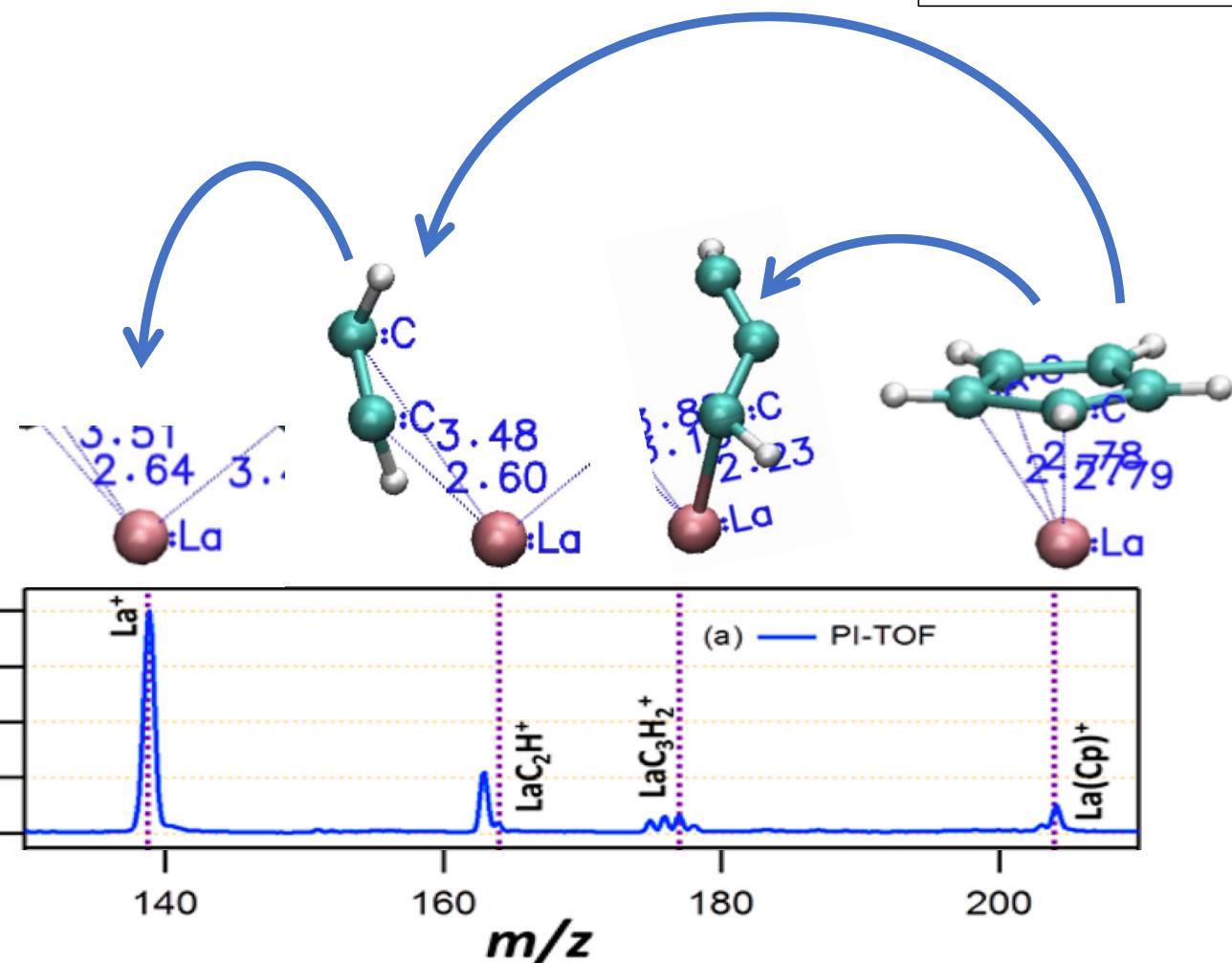
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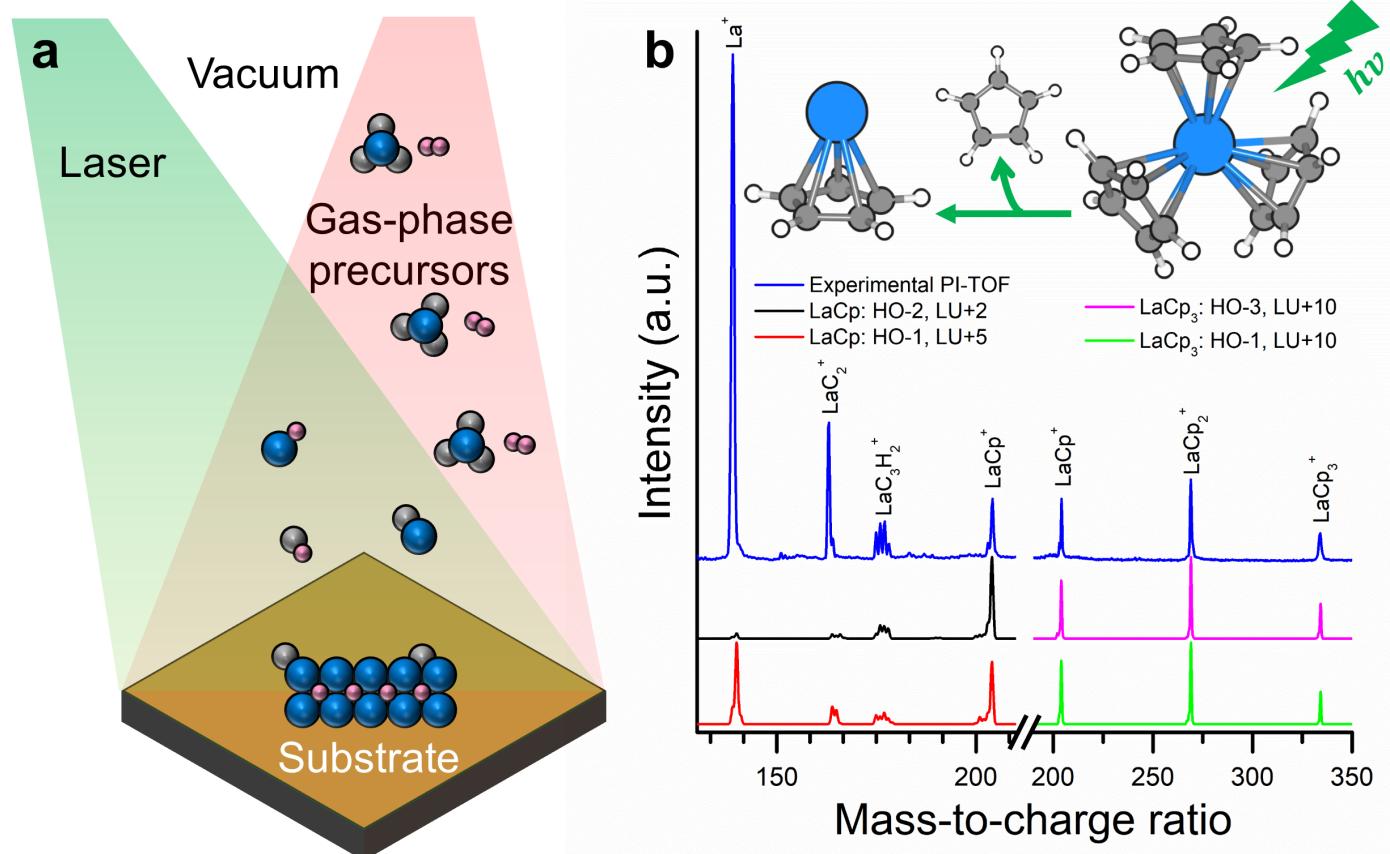
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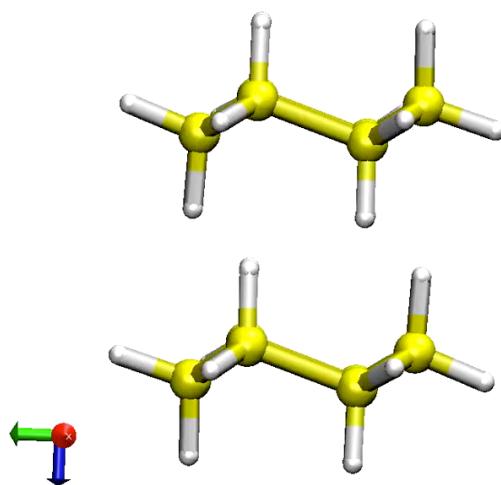
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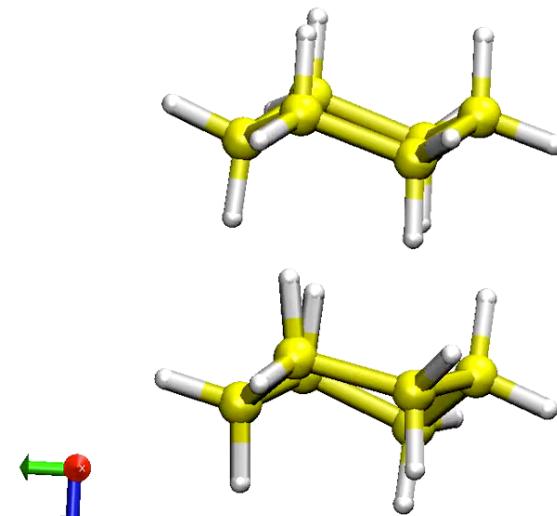
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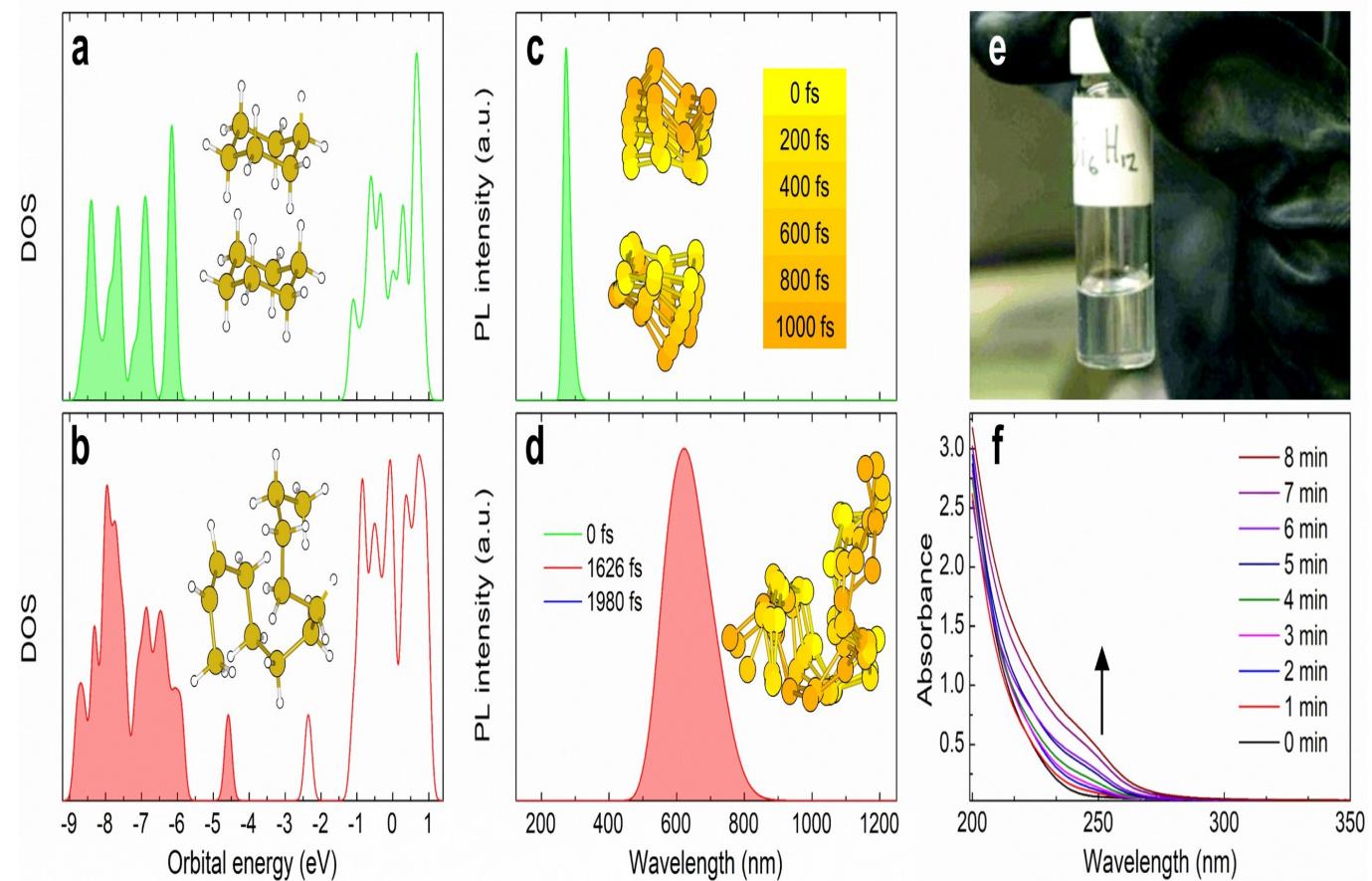


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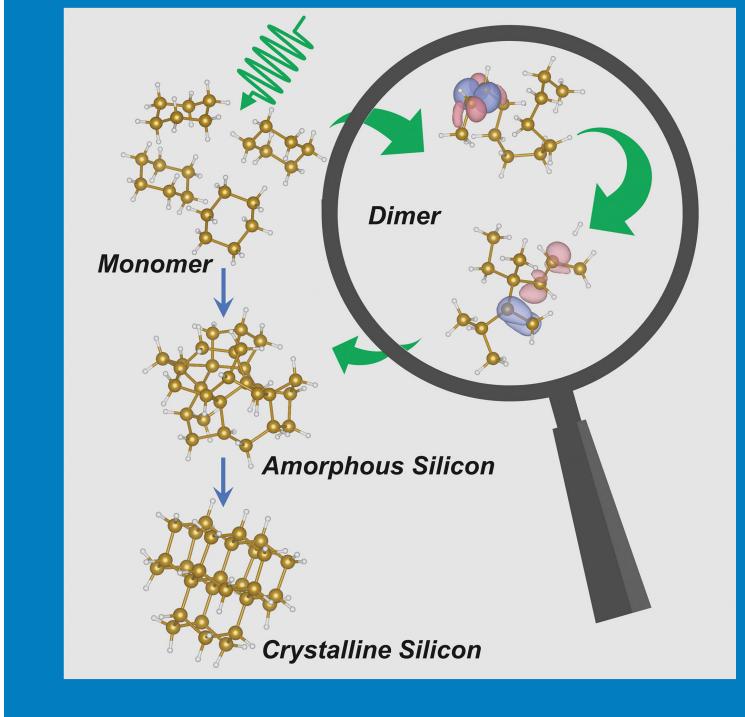
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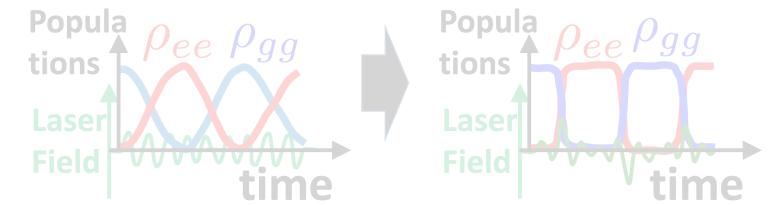
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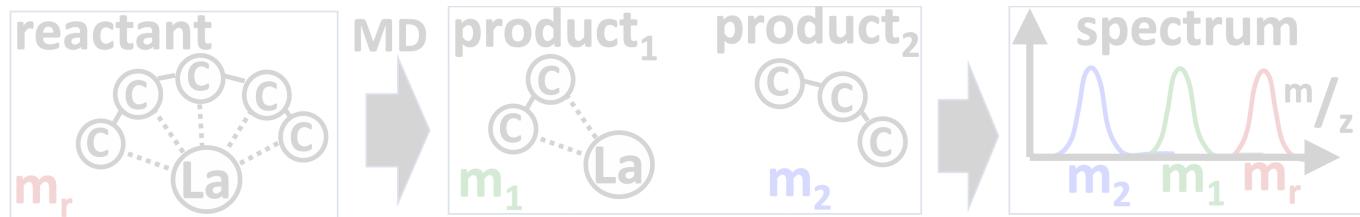
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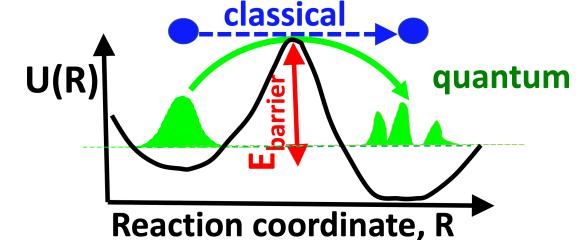


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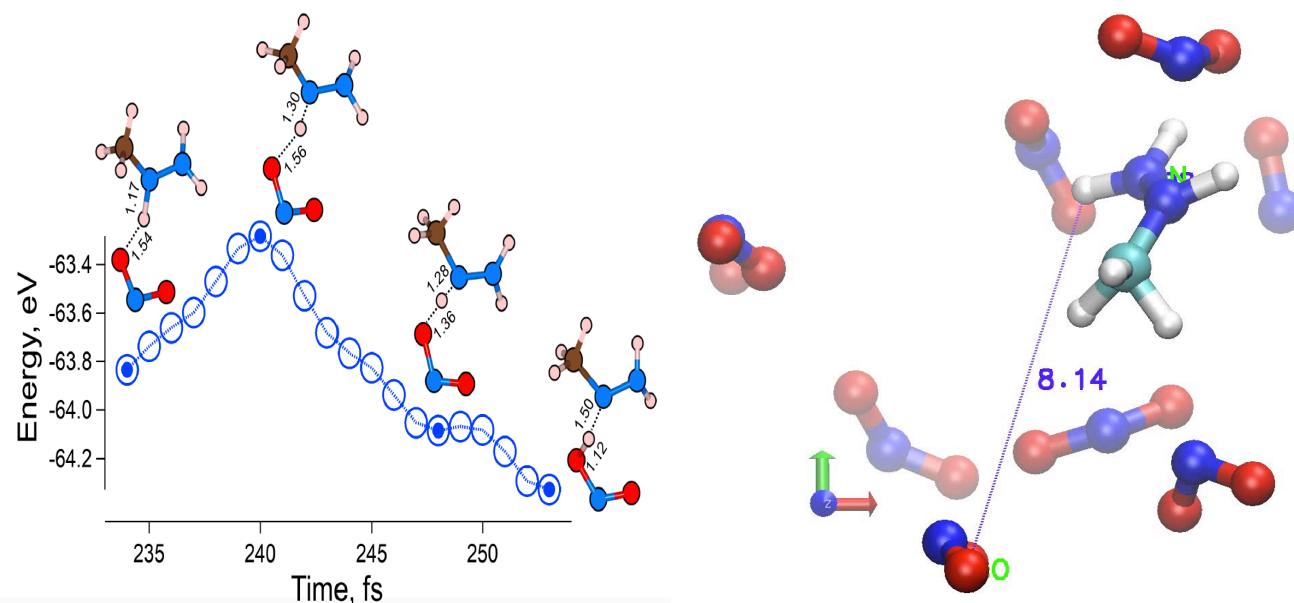
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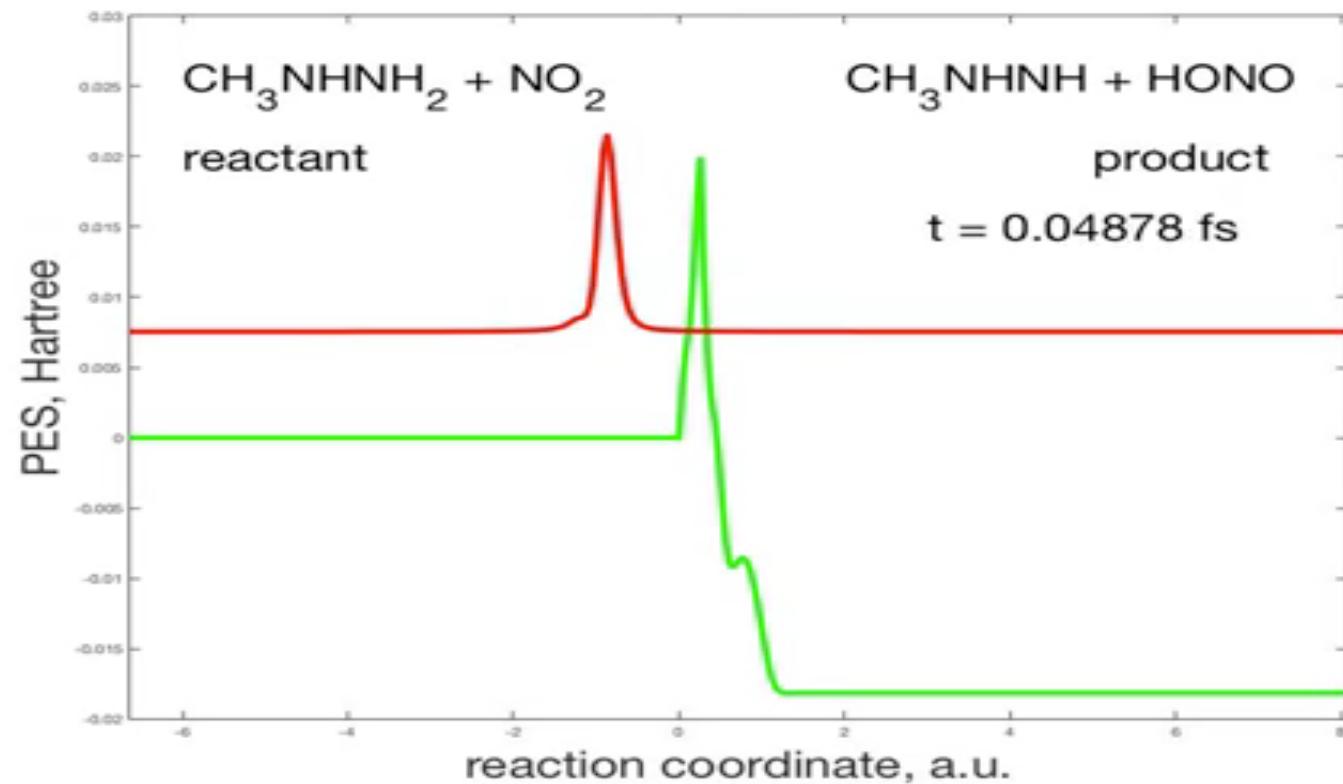
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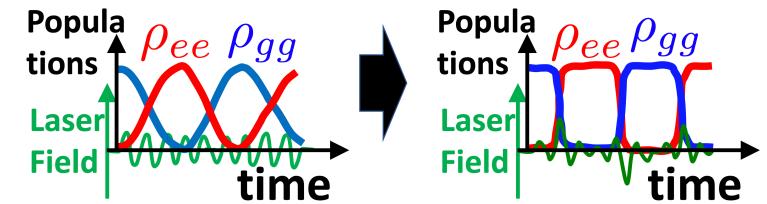
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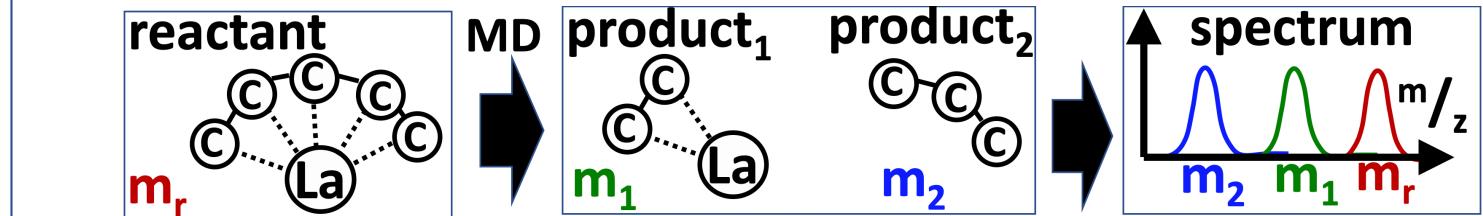
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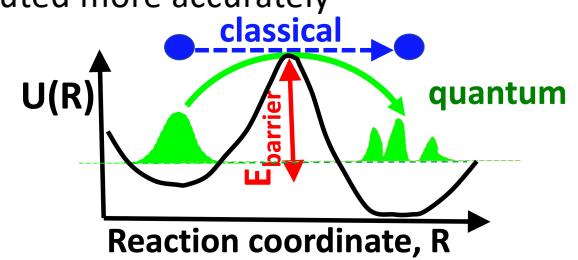


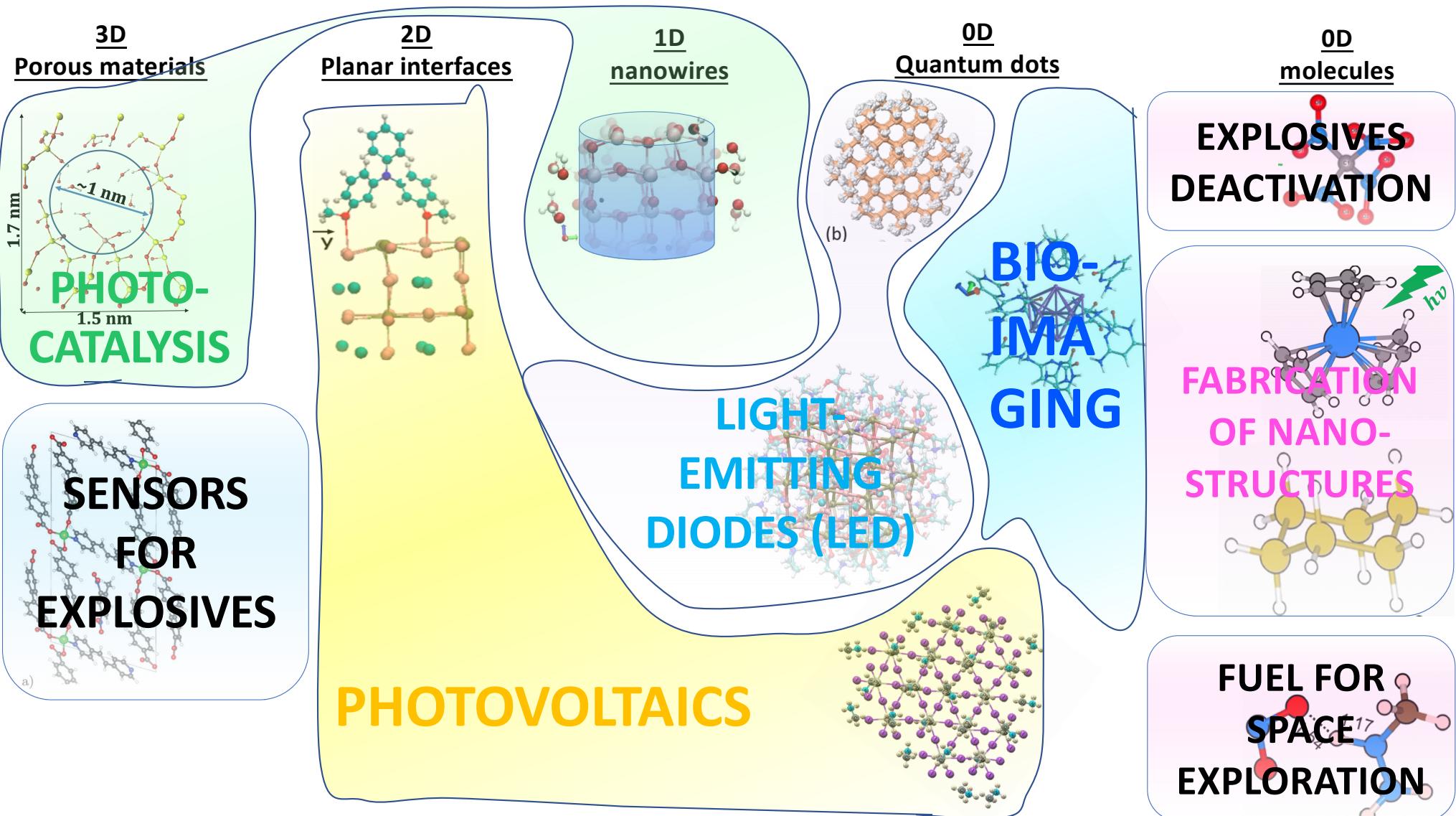
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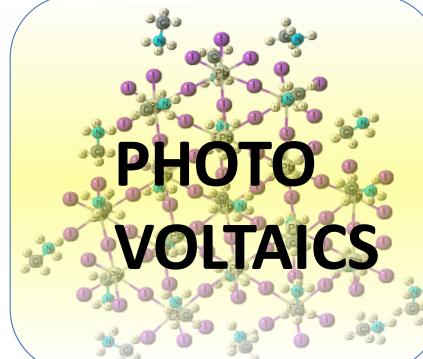
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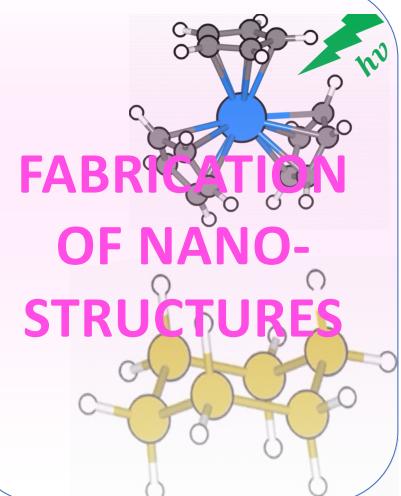


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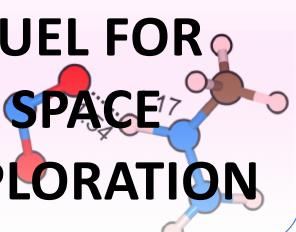


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