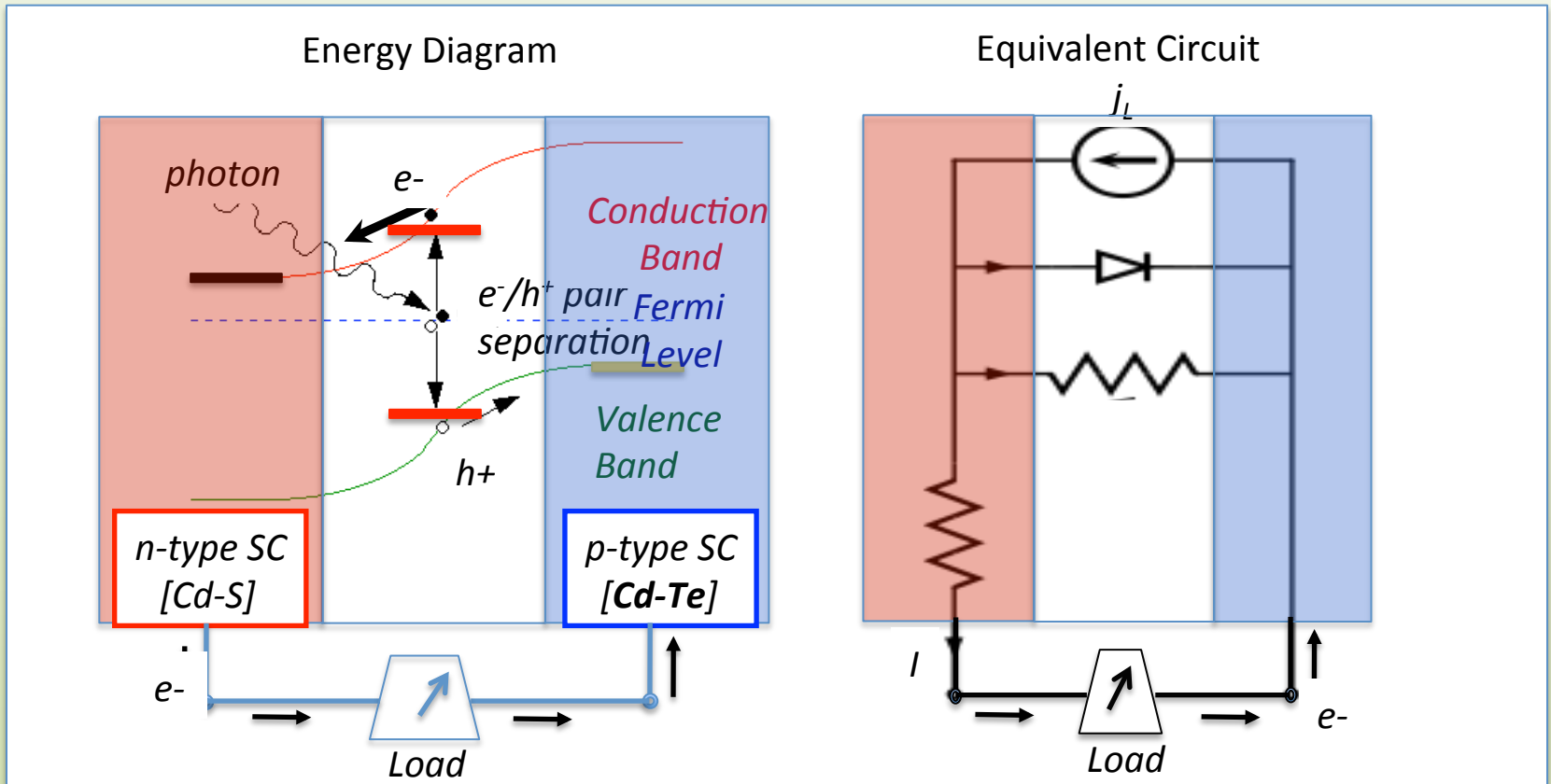


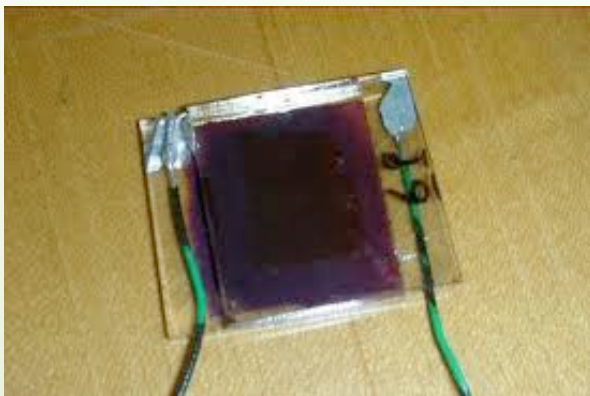
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Modeling Photovoltaic Solar Cells Traditional Photovoltaic Solar Cells

First and Second Generation: p-n junctions



[The Power of the Sun](#): Walter Kohn's Description of Photovoltaic Solar Cells



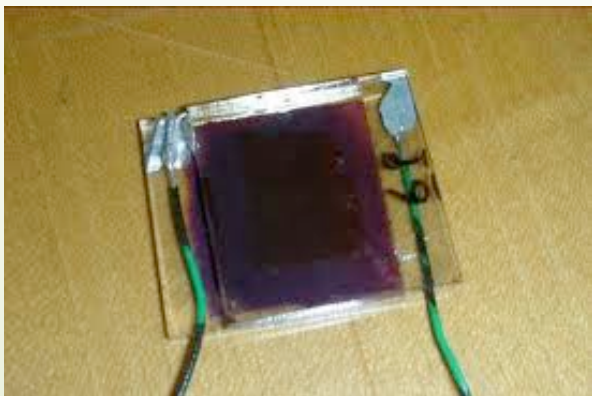
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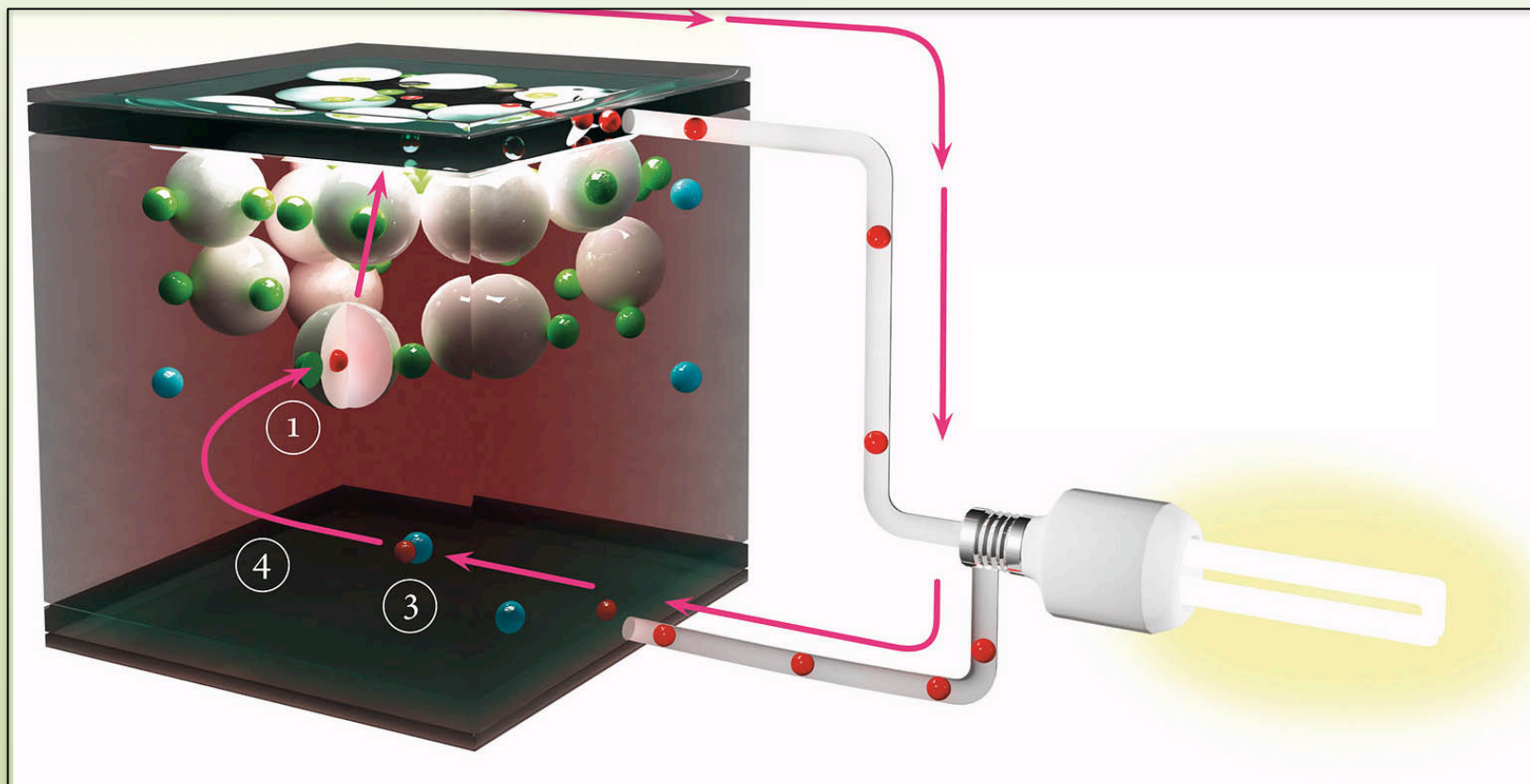
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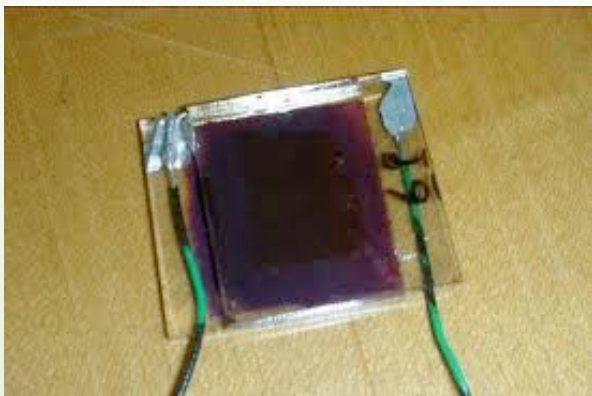
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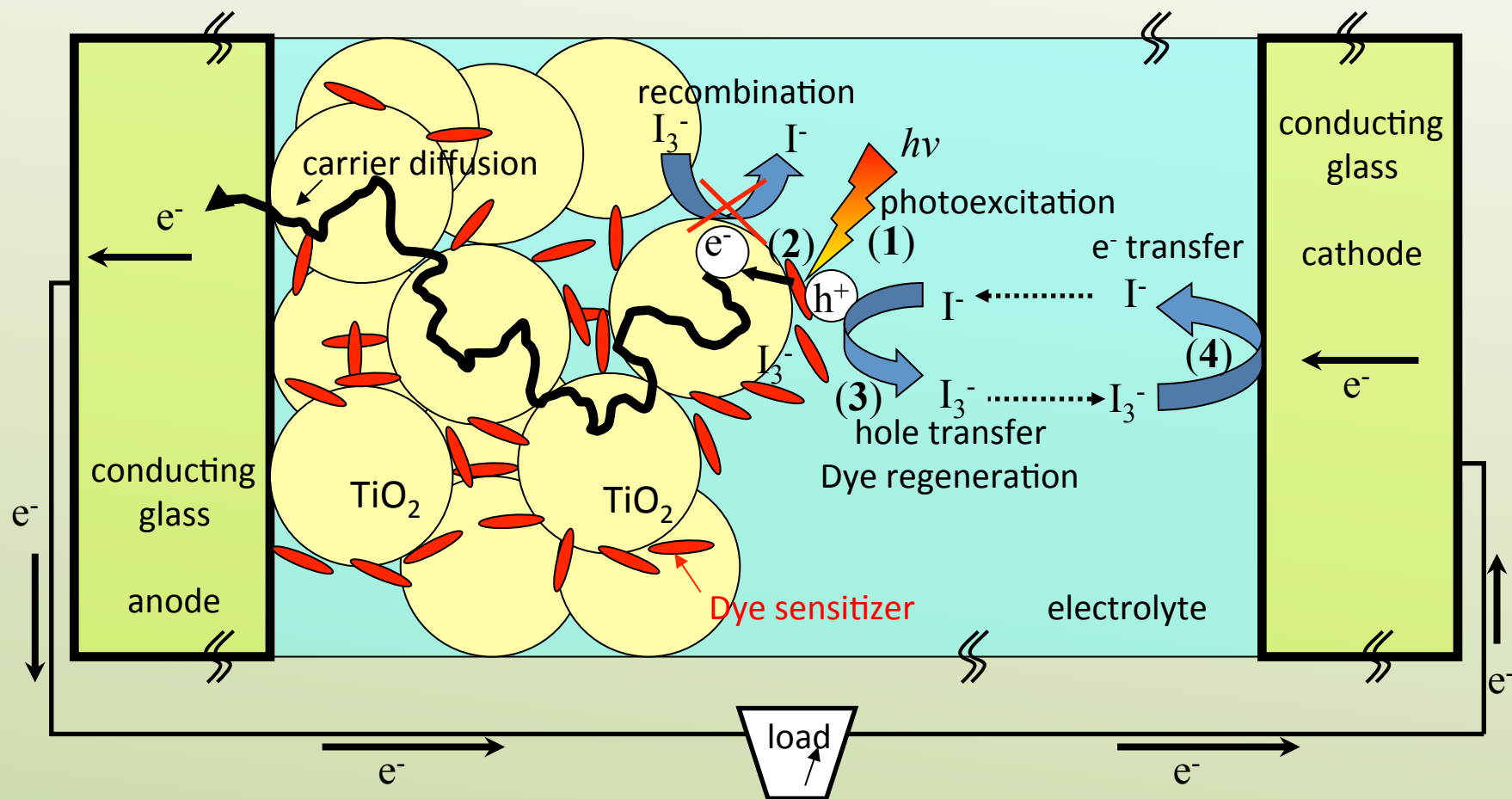


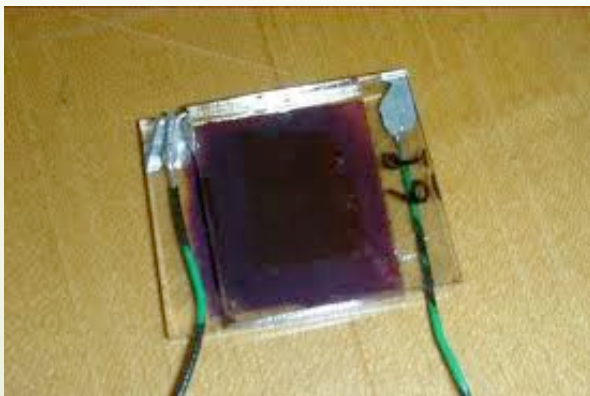


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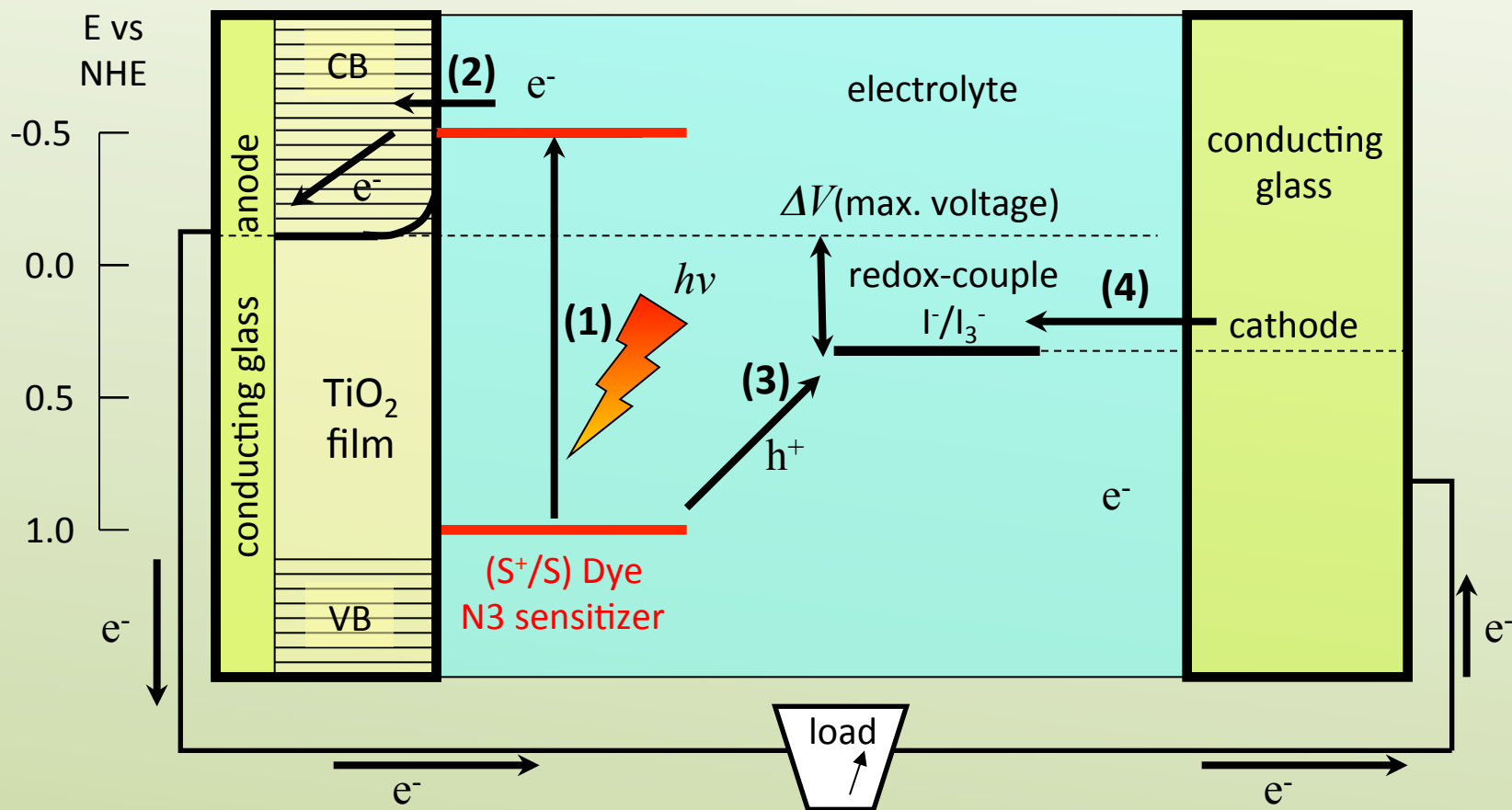
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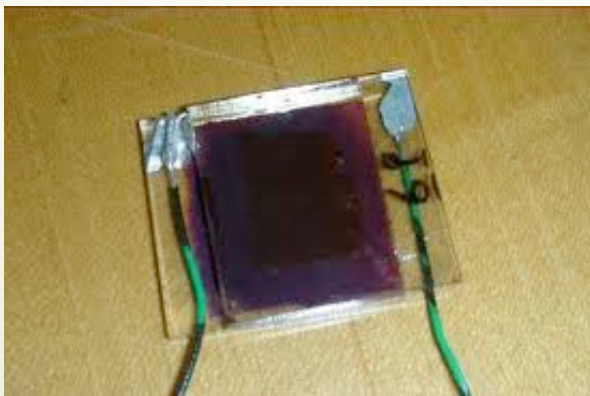
Photoconversion in 4 steps: (1)-(4)





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Photoconversion: Energy Diagram



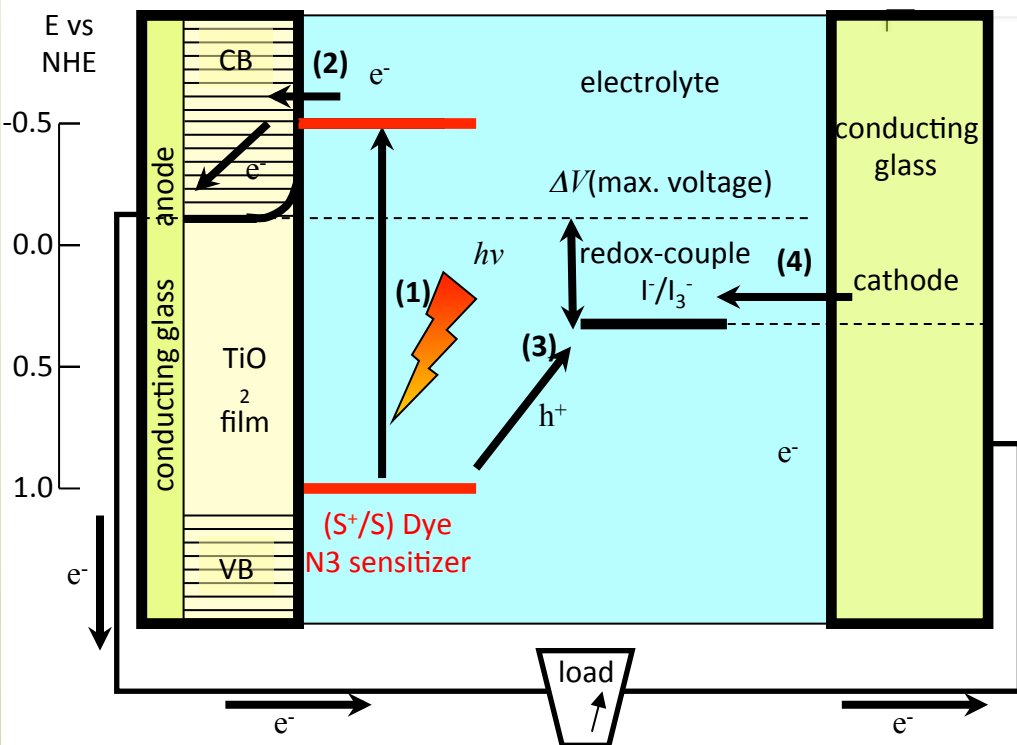


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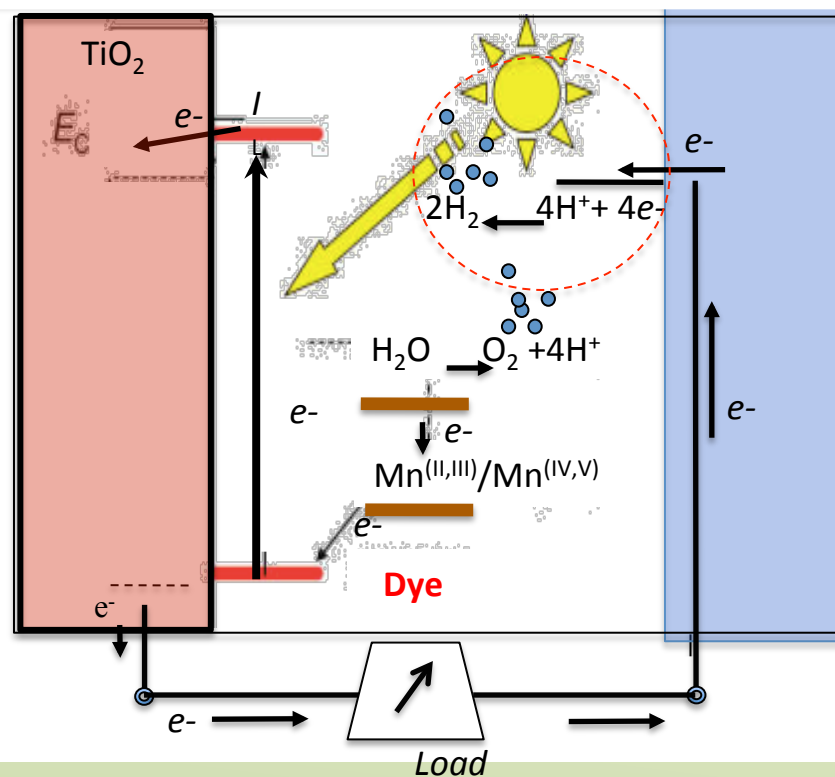
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Photoconversion into Chemical Bonds: Fuel

Solar-to-Electricity Conversion

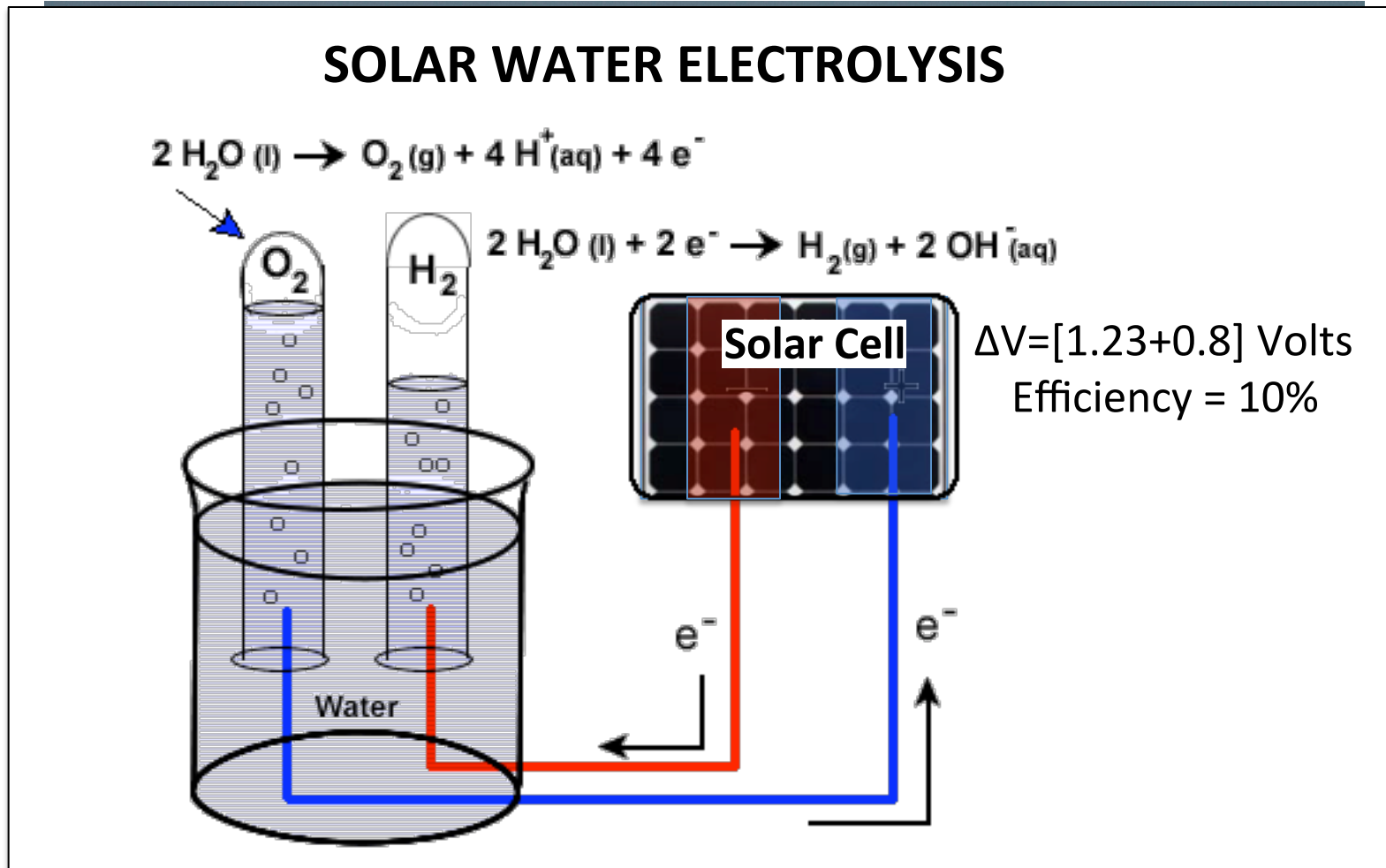
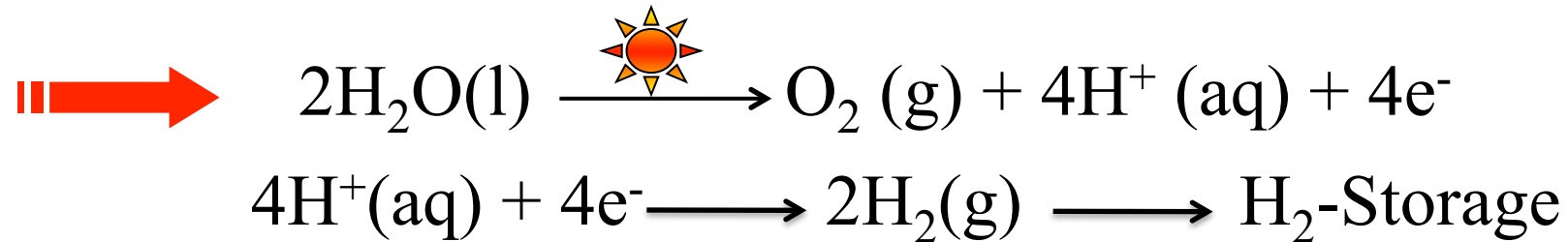


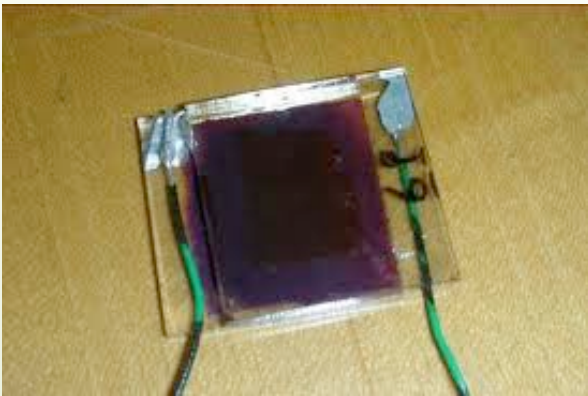
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A viable solution to alternative and renewable energy

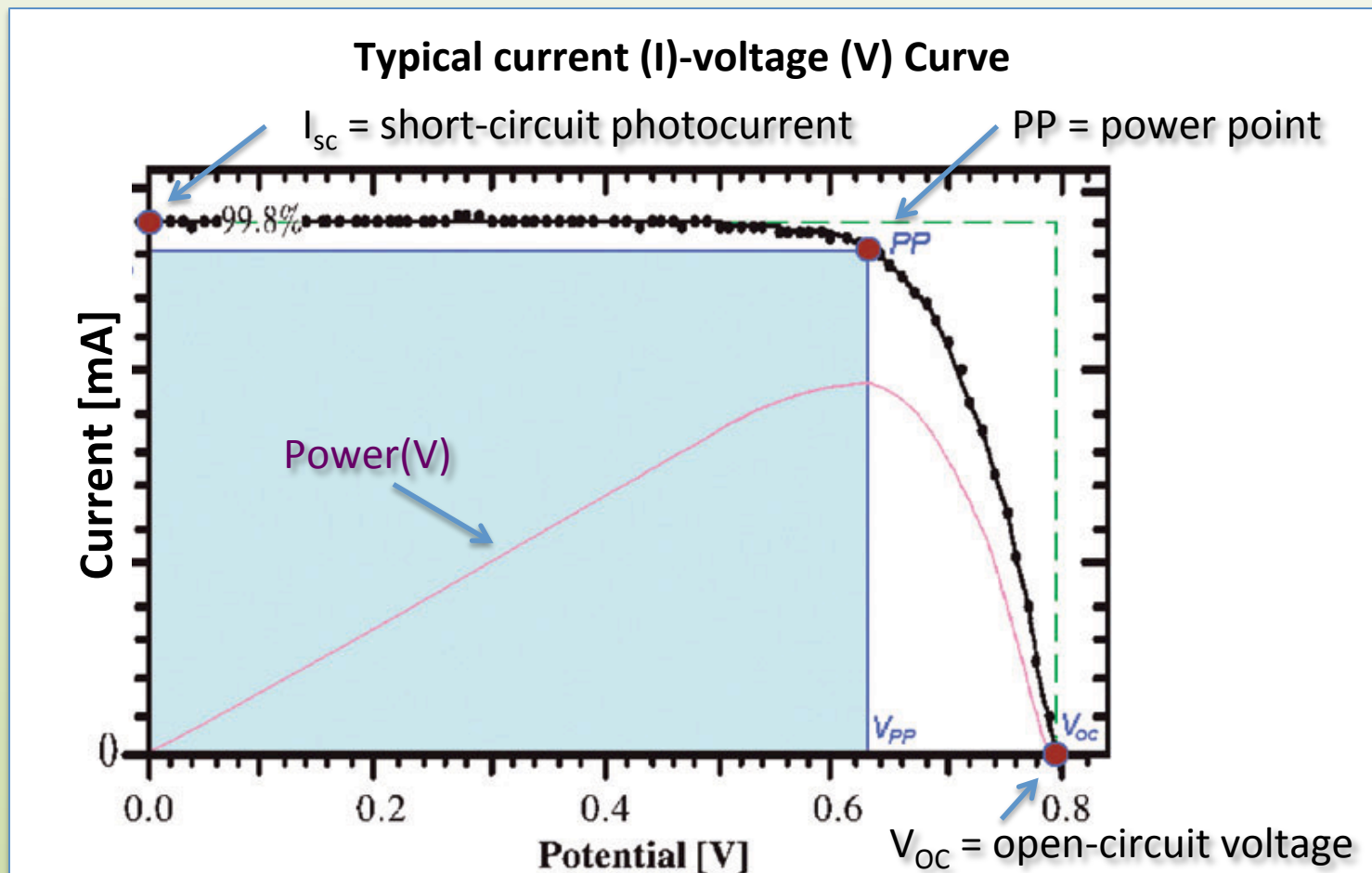
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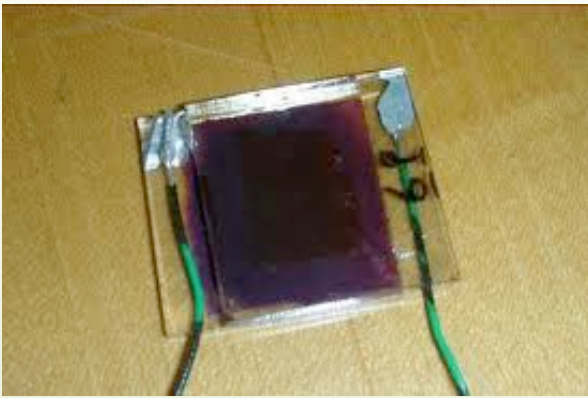




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Modeling Dye-Sensitized Solar Cells Characteristic I-V Curve of Photoconversion





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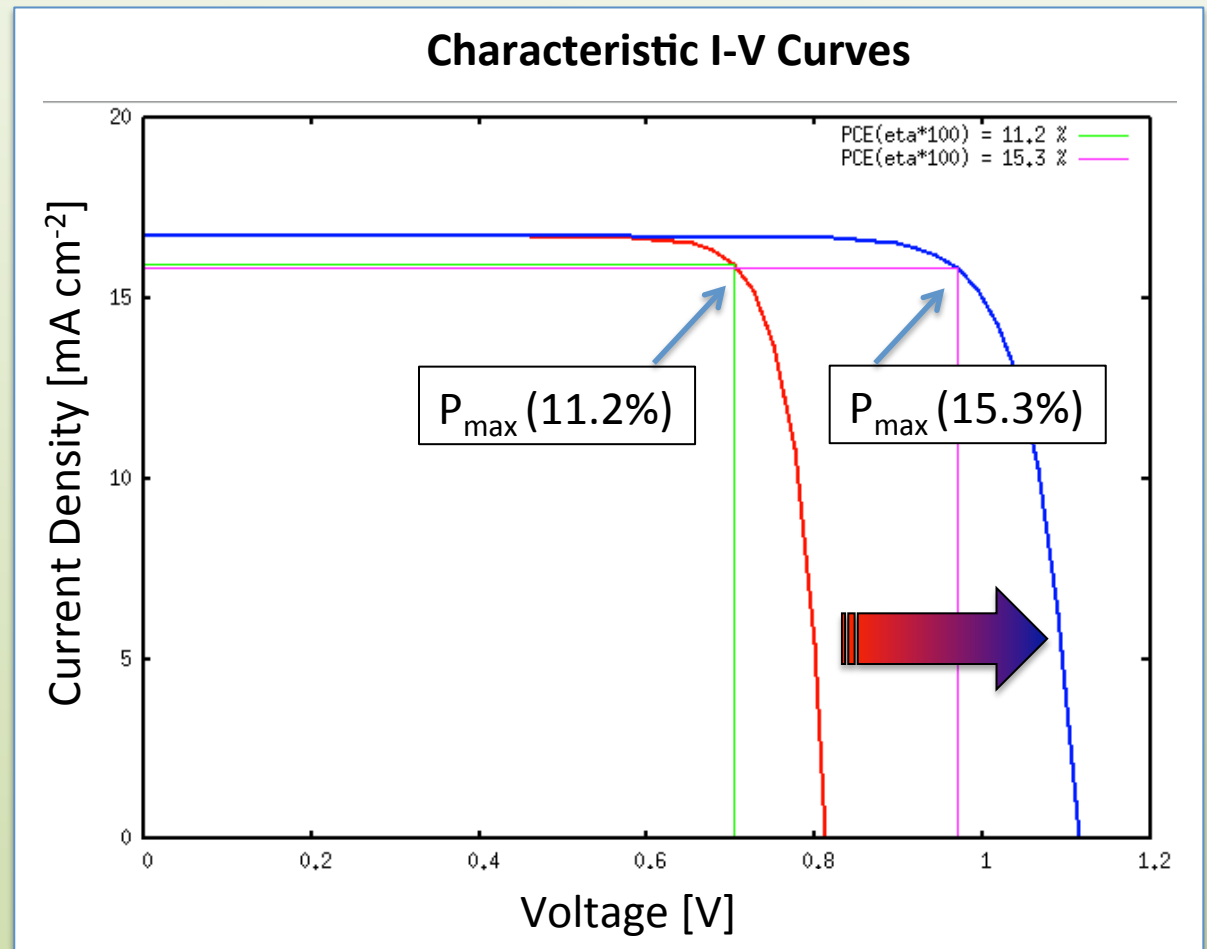
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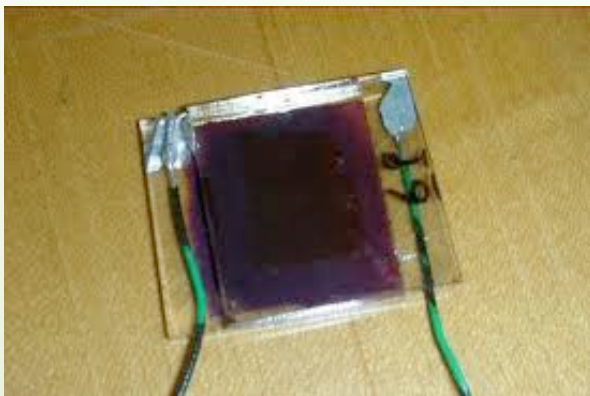
Power output

$$P_o = I \times V$$

**Light-to-electrical power
conversion % efficiency**

$$\eta = 100 \times P_o / P_i$$



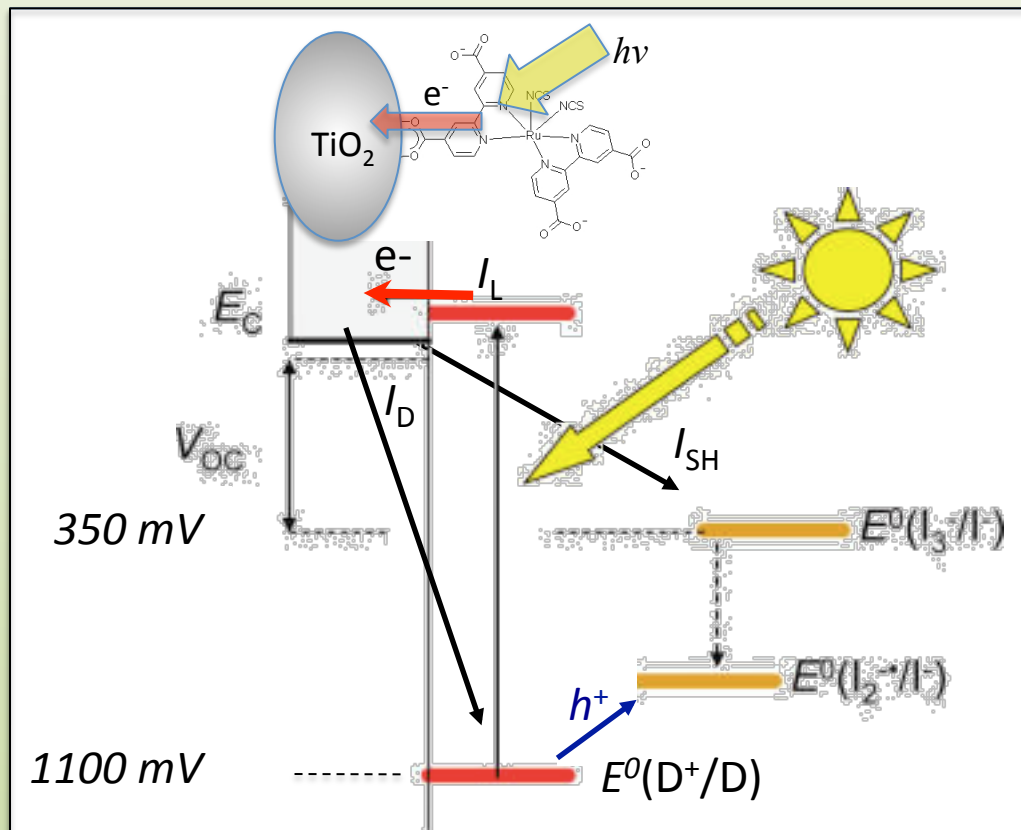


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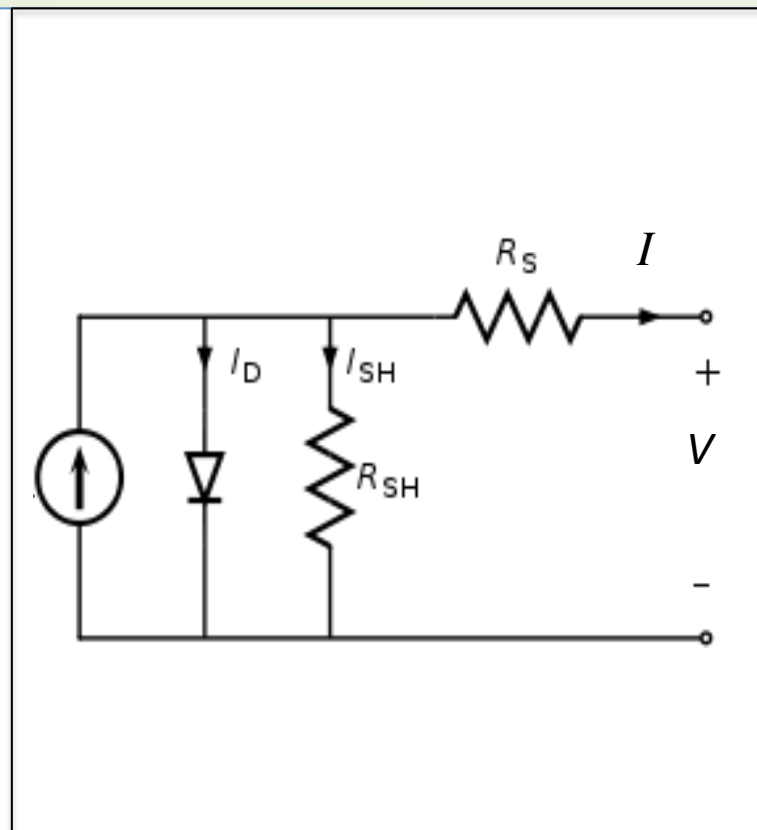
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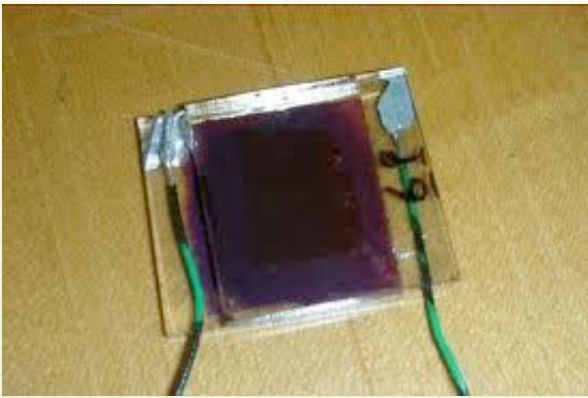
Equivalent Circuit of Photoconversion

Energy Diagram



Equivalent Circuit



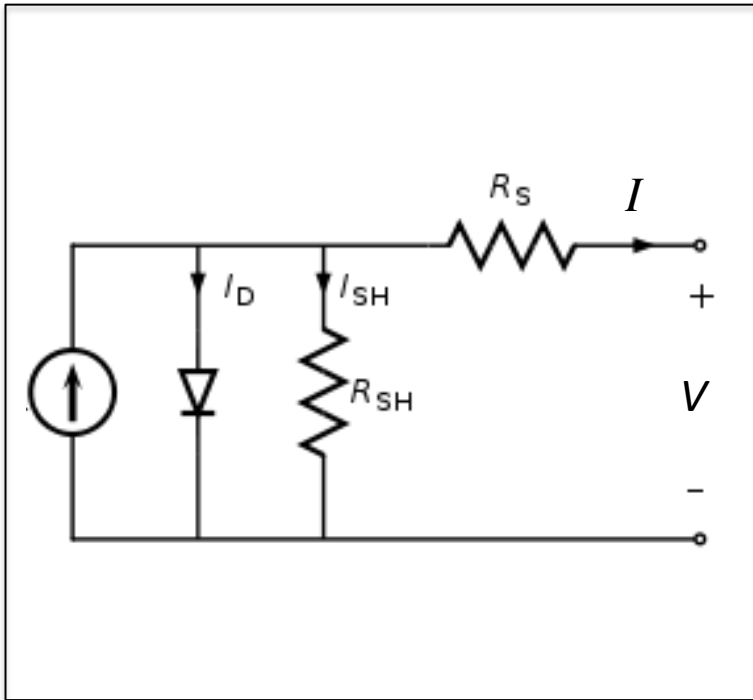


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Photoconversion: Output Current

Equivalent Circuit

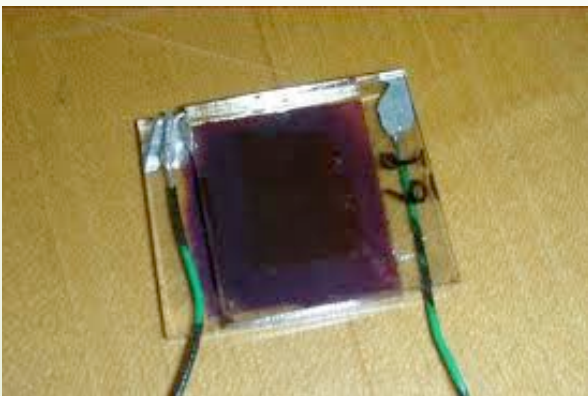


Characteristic I-V Curve

Output Current: $I = I_L - I_D - I_{SH}$

$$I = I_L - I_0 \left\{ \exp \left[\frac{q(V + IR_S)}{nkT} \right] - 1 \right\} - \frac{V + IR_S}{R_{SH}}$$

Open Circuit Voltage: $V_{OC} \approx \frac{kT}{q} \ln \left(\frac{I_L}{I_0} + 1 \right)$.



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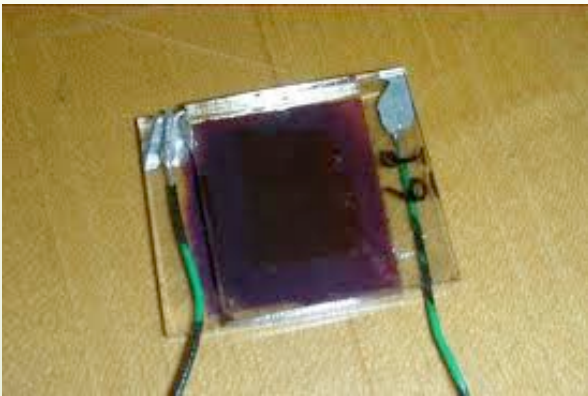
Modeling Dye-Sensitized Solar Cells
Photoconversion Efficiency: Redox Couple

Exercise 1 (due Thursday Sept 25, 2014):

Consider a dye-sensitized solar cell (DSSC) with an equivalent circuit with the following parameters:

- Photogenerated current density: $J_L = 16.7 \text{ mAmperes/cm}^2$
- Specific series resistance: $R_S = 2.0E-4 \text{ K}\Omega \cdot \text{cm}^2$
- Specific shunt resistance: $R_{SH} = 100 \text{ K}\Omega \cdot \text{cm}^2$
- Open circuit voltage (Volts): $V_{oc} = E^0(I^-/I_3^-) - E_{CB} + \Delta V(\text{pH})$
- Reverse saturation current density: $J_0 = J_L \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ mAmperes/cm}^2$
- Diode ideality factor times $kT/q = 0.0259 \text{ Volts}$: $nkt = V_{oc} / \log(J_L/J_0 + 1)$

- (a) Compute the I-V characteristic at $\text{pH} = 7.75$ assuming $E^0(I^-/I_3^-) = 350 \text{ mV}$, and $\Delta V(\text{pH}) = 60 \text{ mV} \cdot \text{pH} + E_{CB}$ relative to the hydrogen standard electrode (HSE).
- (b) Compute the light-to-electrical power conversion % efficiency (η) of the DSSC, assuming that incident sunpower $P_i = 1 \text{ kW m}^{-2}$.
- (c) Compute η for an analogous DSSC, where the redox couple I^-/I_3^- has been replaced by a redox pair X^-/X_3^- with $E^0(X^-/X_3^-) = 150 \text{ mV}$.



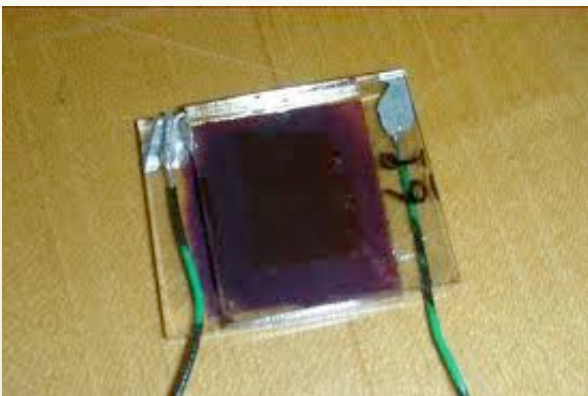
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Solution to Exercise 1 (standard fortran):

```
PROGRAM main
PARAMETER(npt=100)
dv=2.4/(npt-1)
pmax=-1.
DO i=1,npt
  v=(i-1)*dv
  rv=rj(v,rkt)
  IF(rv.GT.(-10.0)) THEN
    p=v*rv
    PRINT *,p
    IF(p.GT.pmax) THEN
      pmax=p
      vmax=v
      rmax=rv
    END IF
    WRITE(10,22) v,rv
  END IF
END DO
PRINT *, "n(ideality factor)", rkt/0.0259
WRITE(11,22) 0,rmax
WRITE(11,22) vmax,rmax
WRITE(11,22) vmax,0.
PRINT *, "PCE(eta*100)=", pmax
22 FORMAT(2(e13.6,2x))
END
```

```
FUNCTION rj(v,rkt)
C
  rj1=16.7 ! current density
  rs=2.0E-4 ! specific series resistance
  rsha=100. ! specific shunt resistance
  Voc=0.42+0.35+0.045+0.3 ! Voc
  rj0=rj1*1.0E10 ! Rev. sat. curr. Density
C
  ideality factor times kT/q= 0.0259 Volts
  rkt=Voc/log(rj1/rj0+1.)
  DO i=1,5
    IF (i.EQ.1) rj=rj1
    rj=rj1-rj0*(exp((v+rj*rs)/rkt)-1.)
  1    -(v+rj*rs)/rsha
  END DO
  RETURN
END
```



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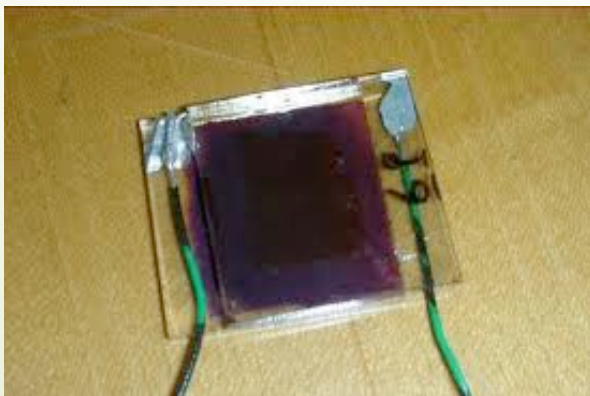
Conventional Solar Cells

Cost and Space Requirements

Exercise (Current Scenario) (due Thursday Sept 25, 2014):

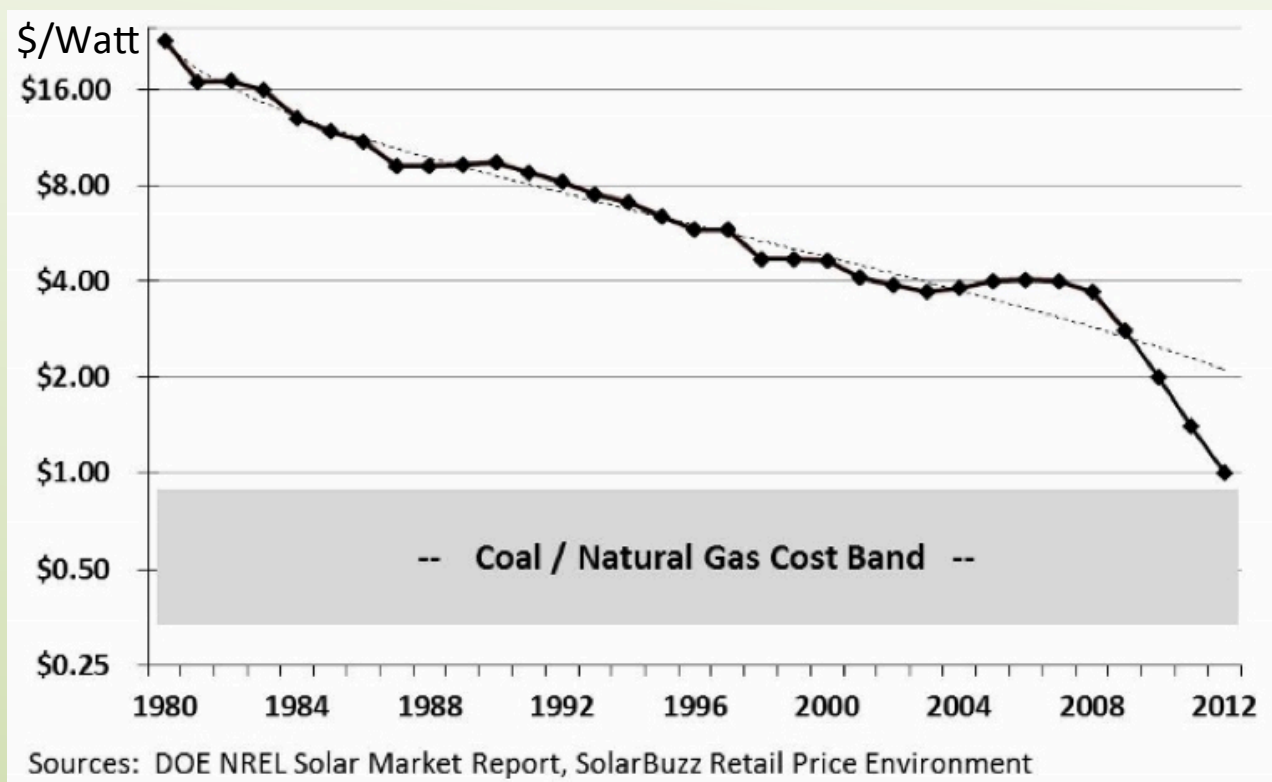
Considering that the current US energy consumption is at a rate of 3.5 TWatts:

- (1) What percentage of the US energy consumption is supplied by solar panels?
- (2) What percentage of the electricity in Germany is supplied by solar panels?
- (3) How much would the solar panels cost to supply the US with 3.5 Twatts?
- (4) How does that cost compare to the US military budget?
- (5) How much area would the solar panels take to supply 3.5 TWatts?
- (6) What percentage of the electricity in CT comes from nuclear reactors?
- (7) Where are the nuclear power plants?
- (8) When was the last time a hurricane hit the coast of CT?



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Plummeting Solar Module Cost PV Parity?

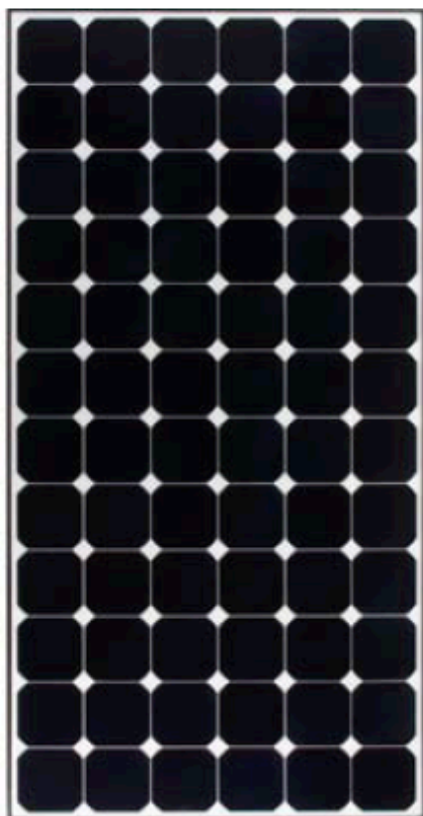


“what is certain is that we're headed for parity with fossil fuels (the gray area in the graph), and then solar will beat them...” [Michael Graham Richard](#), May 1, 2013

Considering \$1/Watt

230 SOLAR PANEL

EXCEPTIONAL EFFICIENCY AND PERFORMANCE



SUNPOWER

$$1 \text{ kWatt/m}^2 \cdot 18.5/100 = 185 \text{ W/m}^2$$

BENEFITS

Highest Efficiency

Panel efficiency of 18.5% is the highest commercially available for residential applications

$$11.2/0.185 = 60.5 \text{ m}^2 / \text{person}$$

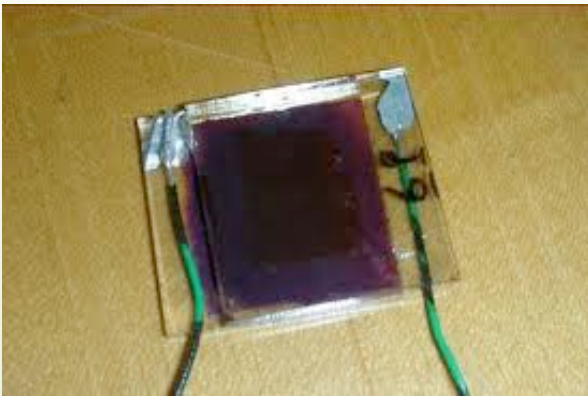
Solar Panel for Current U.S. Energy Consumption Size and Cost

- ✓ 11.2 KWatts/person = 3.5×10^{12} Watts (3.5 Twatts)
 - ✓ Cost of solar panels: \$11,200 /person = [\$3.5 Trillions]

2012 U.S. military budget = \$2,064/person [\$0.646 Trillion]

2011 Ivanpah BrightSource Energy = \$5.1/person

WASHINGTON (Army News Service, **July 8, 2010**) --"We view energy security as a critical mission-enabler and an operational imperative, which can provide the Army with an essential tactical advantage," said Jerry Hansen, the Army's senior energy executive, during a bloggers roundtable discussion, July 7, at the Pentagon. "Our Army installations, our tactical operations, Soldier training -- all require secure and uninterrupted access to energy."

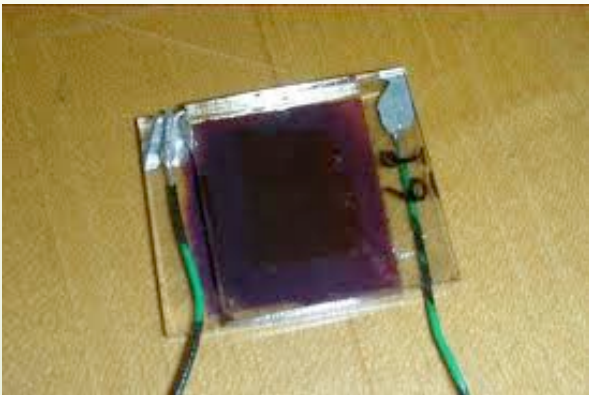


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Modeling Photovoltaic Solar Cells **U.S. Energy Consumption**

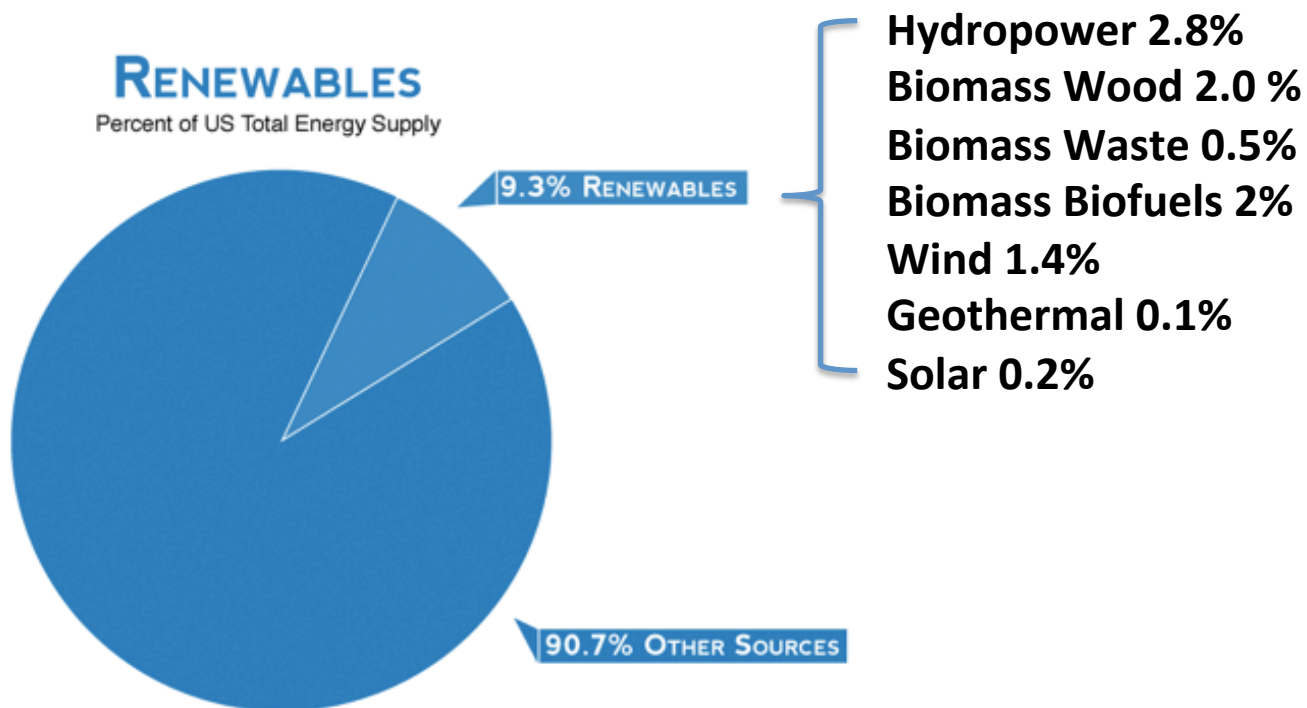
✓ 11.2 KWatts/person = (3.5 TWatts)

- Each person consumes energy, on average, at a rate comparable to the energy consumption of 11 window air conditioners, or 110 light bulbs (100 Watts each).
- Sunlight shines on earth at an average flux rate of 1.0 KWatt/m². Therefore, the average flux of solar energy shining on 11.2 m² (120 ft²) corresponds to the average energy consumption per capita.



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2012 U.S. Renewable Energy Consumption



Source: EIA, MER, April 2013 (6/26/13)

April 11, 2011. DOE Finalizes \$1.6 Billion Loan Guarantee for BrightSource Energy



IVANPAH: World's Largest Solar Thermal Plant



[As World's Largest Solar Thermal Plant Opens, California Looks to End Solar Wars](#)

July 12, 2013. In a few weeks, the largest solar plant of its kind in the world will start producing power in California's Mojave Desert.

The [Ivanpah Solar Electric Generating System](#) will supply both Northern and Southern California, inching the state one step closer to its ambitious renewable energy goal.

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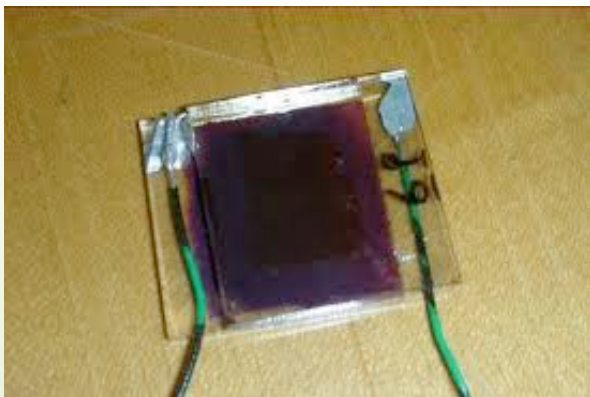
Computational Modeling and Physical Principles

- Solar Photovoltaic (PV)
 - Conventional doped semiconductor (SC) technology
 - SC Band gap matching solar radiance
 - Dye Sensitized Solar Cells (DSSCs)
 - Electricity
 - Fuels (e.g., H₂)
- Conventional Technology
 - Still expensive, close to parity with fossil fuels
 - Based on p-n junction
 - Equivalent circuit: I-V curves

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Computational Modeling and Physical Principles

- Dye Sensitized Solar Cells (DSSCs)
 - Molecular Components
 - Dyes
 - Electrolyte
 - Redox couple
 - Catalyst (DSSCs for fuel production)
- Calculations of I-V curves
 - Iterative approach
 - Power, power point, % efficiency power conversion



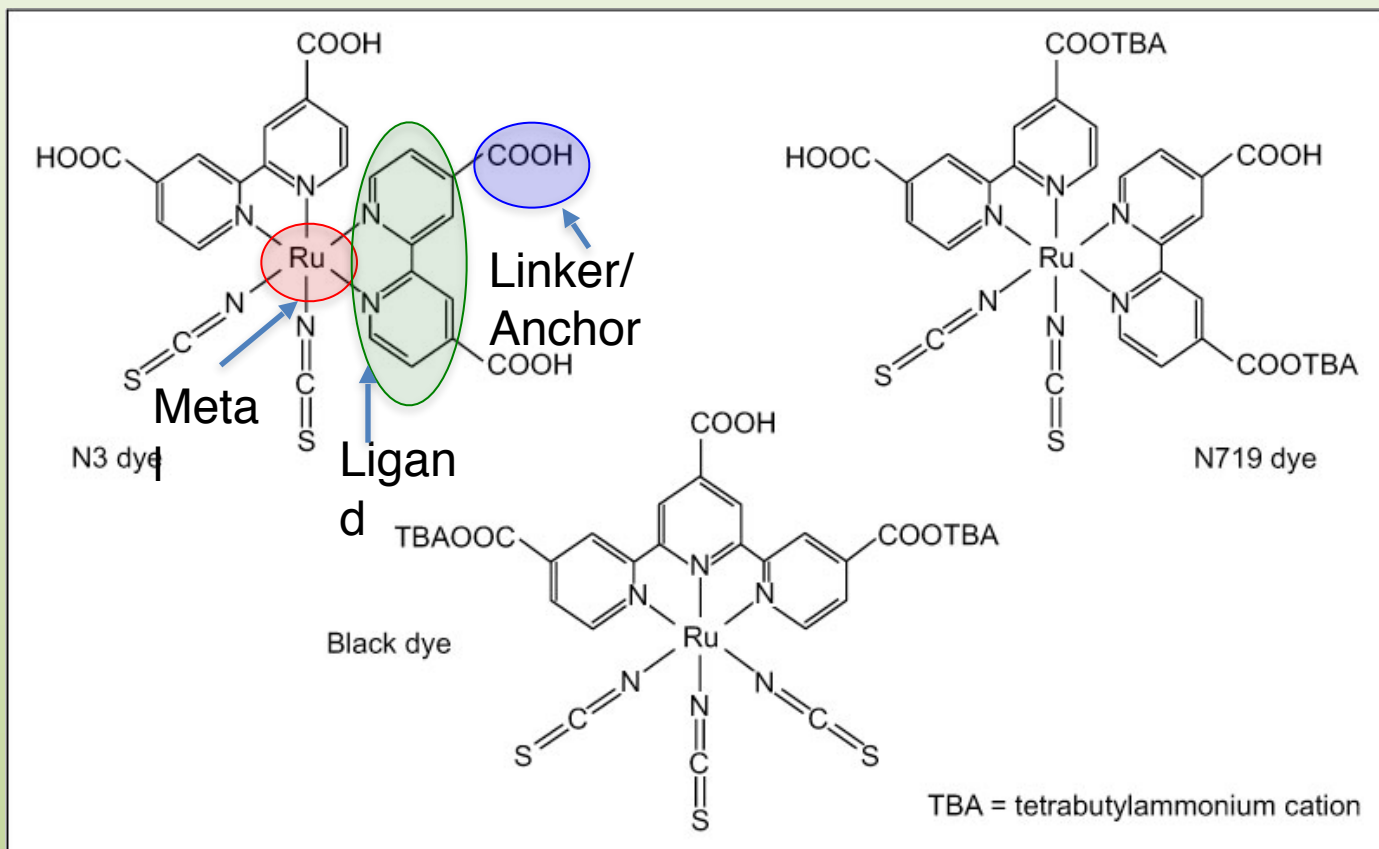
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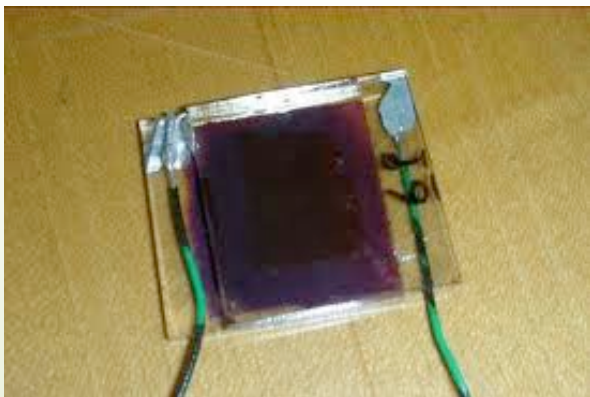
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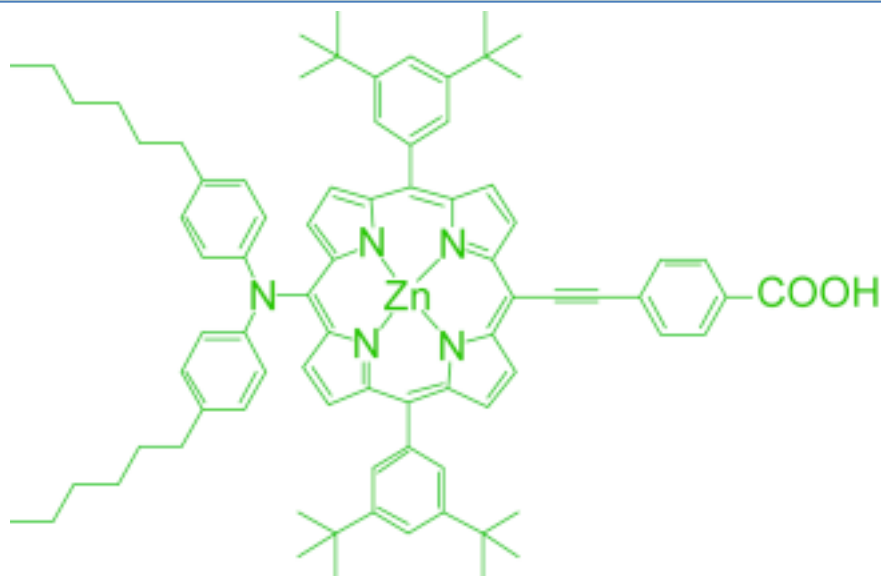
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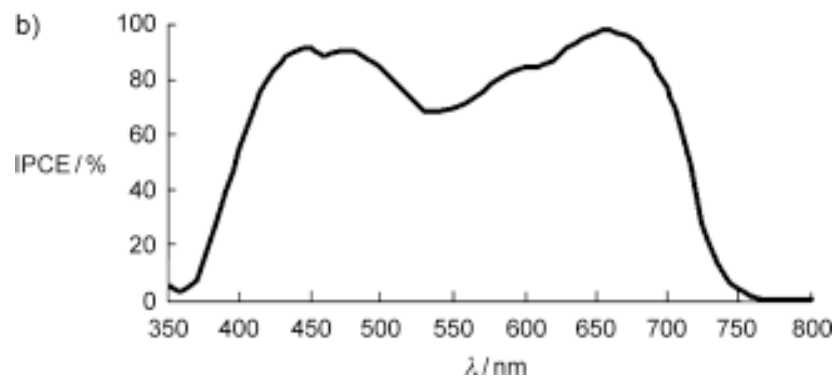
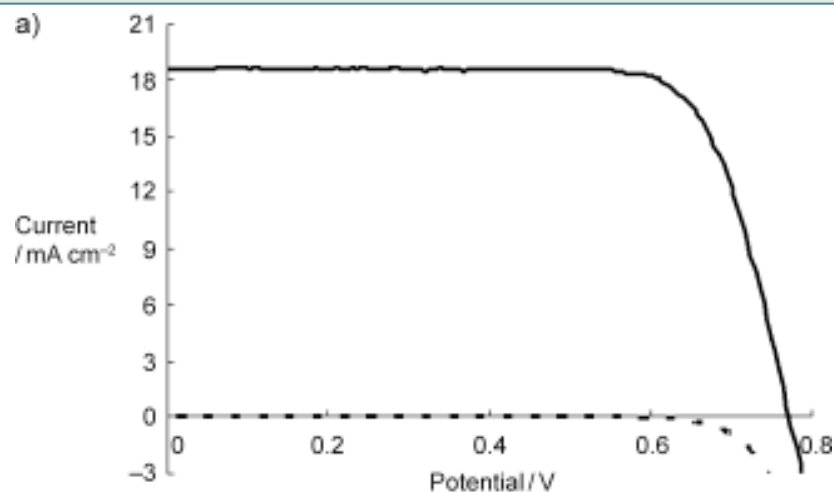
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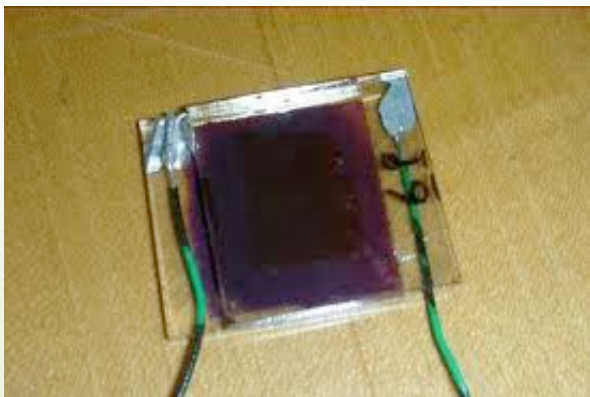
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[Zn Porphyrin Dyes \[August 4, 2010\]](#)



Zn porphyrin chromophore, integrated into a donor–acceptor dye as a π -conjugated bridge, exhibits efficiency of 11 % when used as a photosensitizer in a double-layer TiO₂ film.

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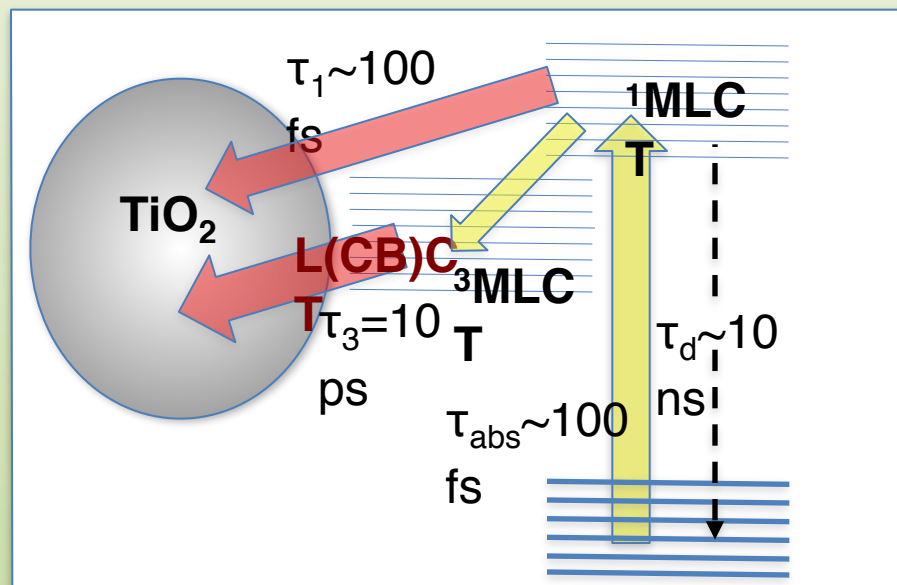
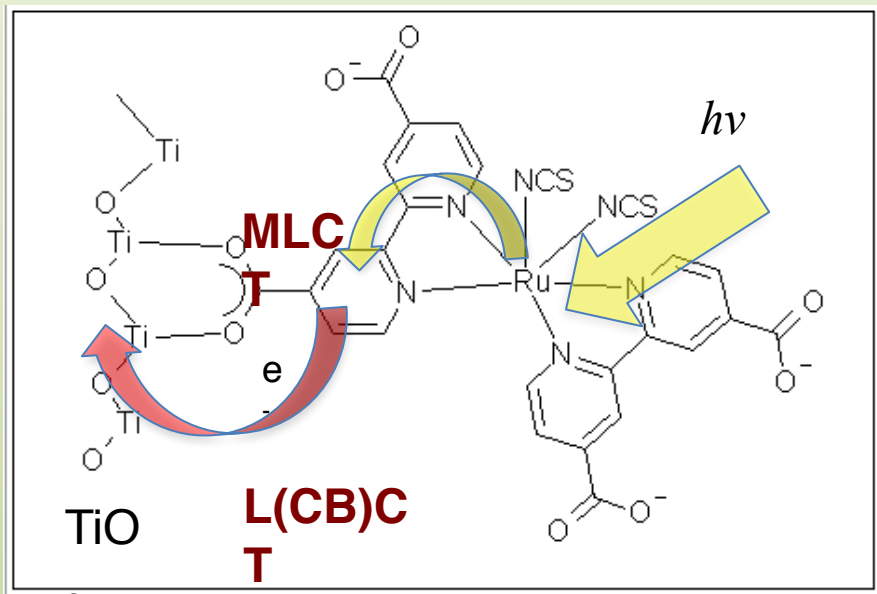
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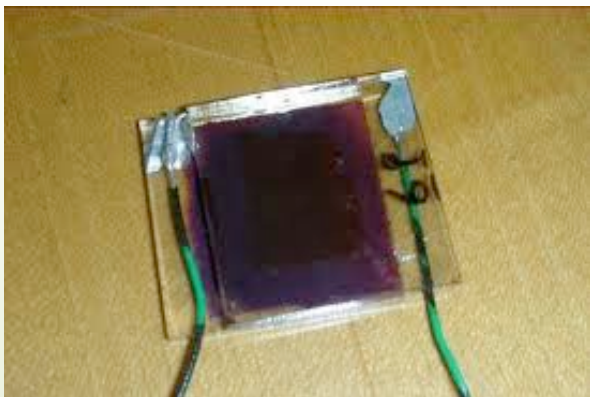
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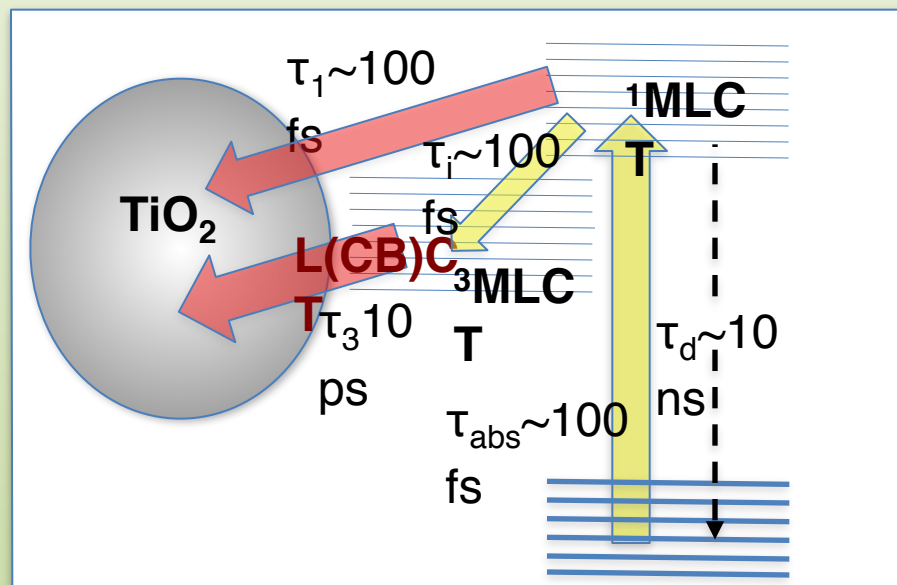
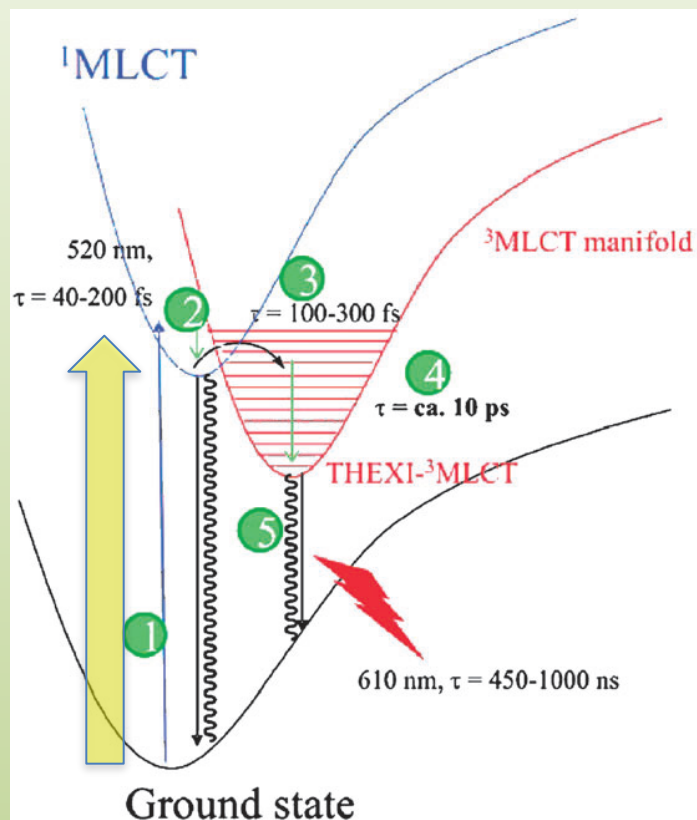
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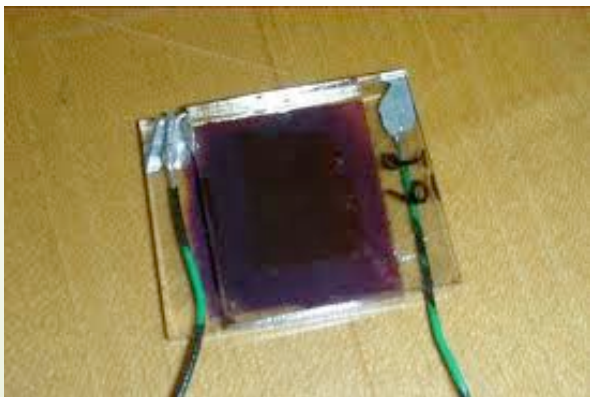
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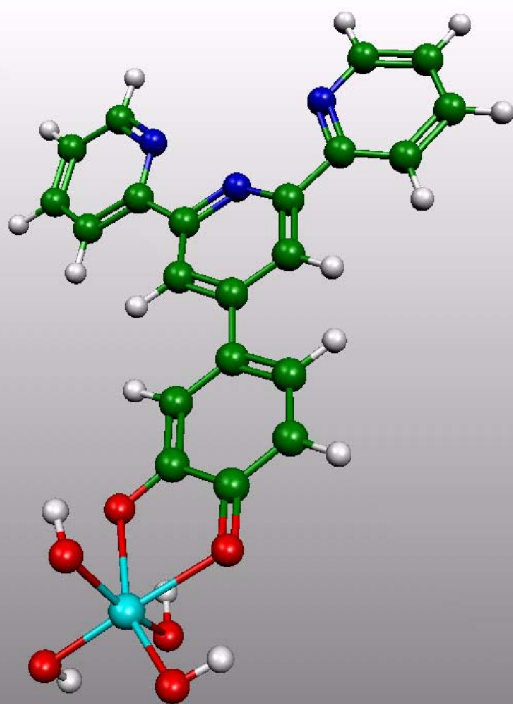
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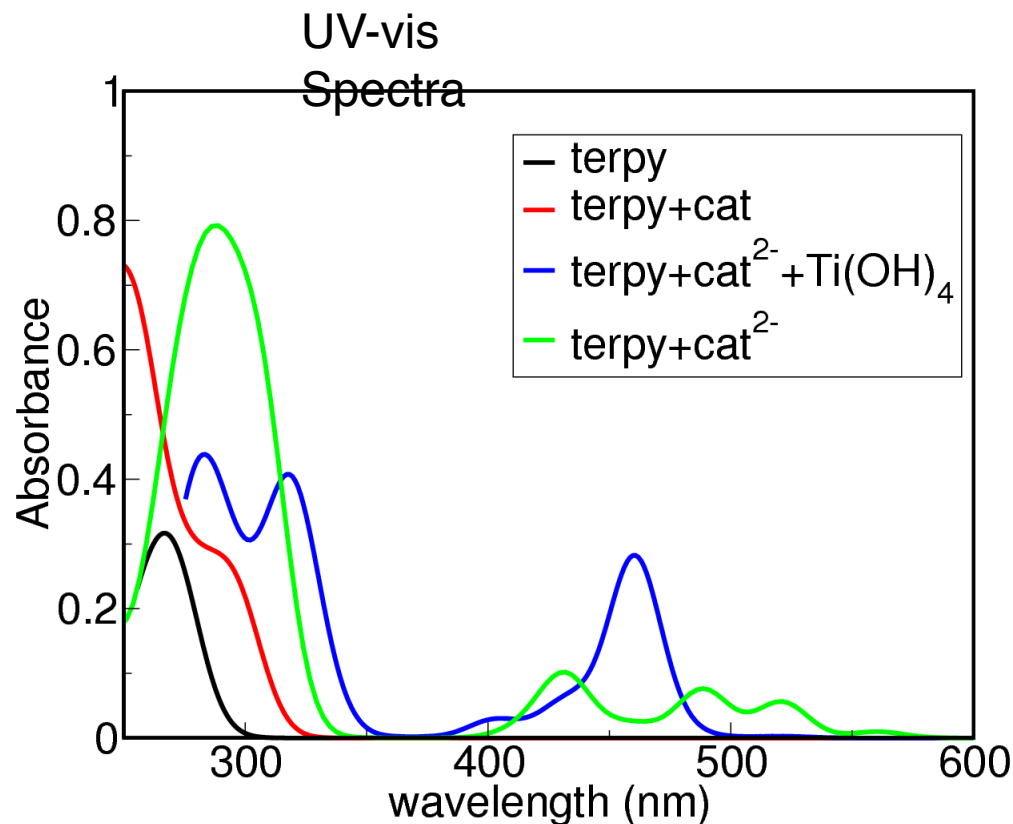
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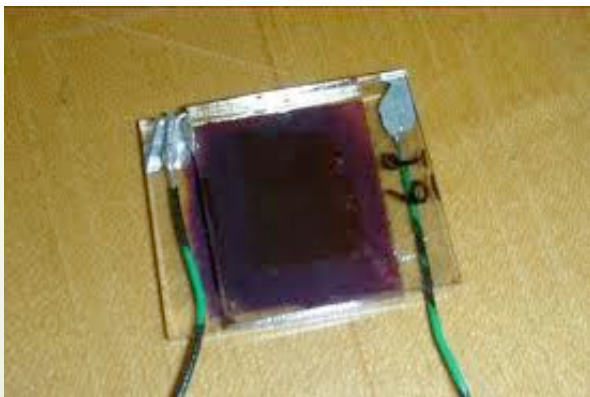
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Ab Initio Simulations of Photoabsorption Spectra



terpy+cat²⁻
+Ti(OH)₄





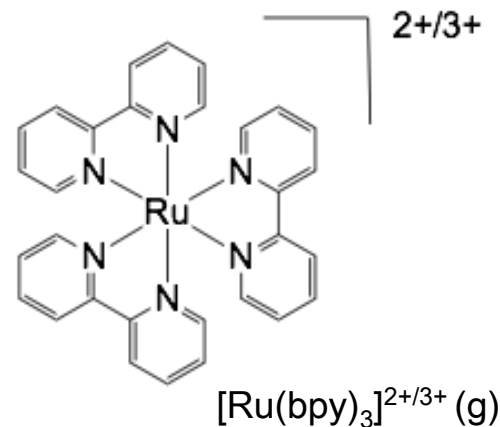
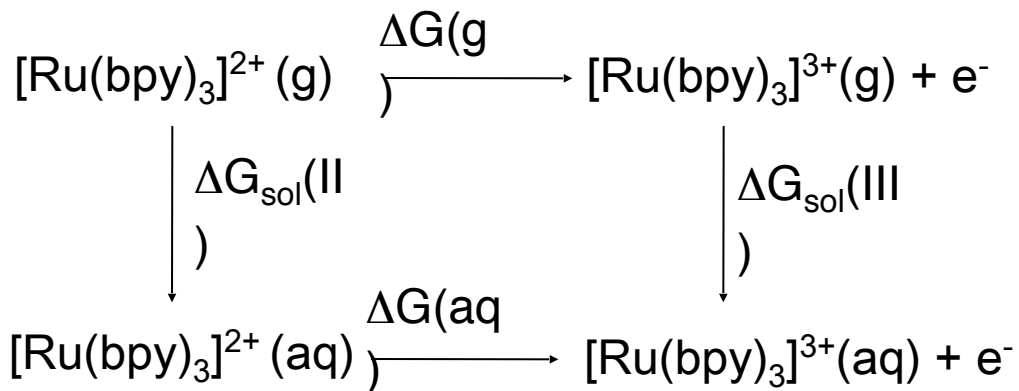
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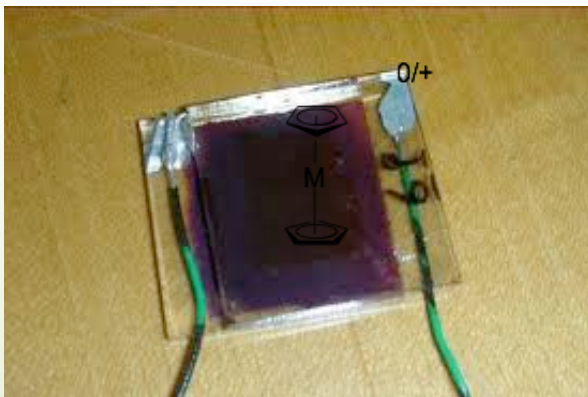
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Ab Initio Redox Potentials: Born-Haber Cycle



The redox potential $E_m^{(2+/3+)}$ is obtained from $\Delta\text{G}(\text{aq}) = -n F E_m^{(2+/3+)}$, where $n = 1$ is the # of electrons involved in the redox process. $F = 96,500 \text{ C}$ and $\Delta\text{G}(\text{aq}) = \Delta\text{G}(\text{g}) + \Delta\text{G}_{\text{sol}}(\text{III}) - \Delta\text{G}_{\text{sol}}(\text{II})$, where $\Delta\text{G}(\text{g}) = G[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3^{3+}(\text{g})] - G[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3^{2+}(\text{g})]$, with $G^0 = H^0 - T S^0$, where H^0 is the molecular enthalpy obtained from the minimum energy structure and S^0 is the molecular entropy obtained from a frequency calculation.



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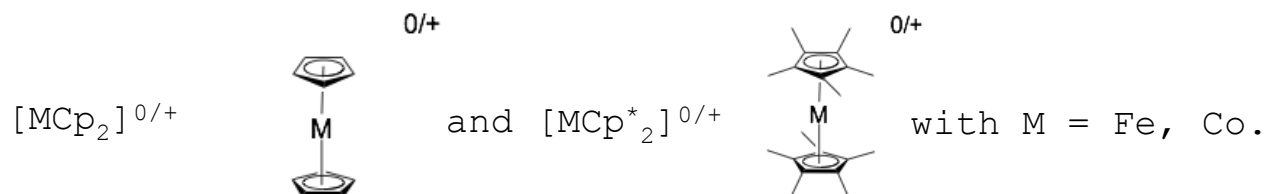
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Ab Initio Computations of Redox Potentials

Exercise 2:

Consider the redox pairs $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3]^{2+/3+}$, $[\text{CoCp}_2]^{0/+}$ and $[\text{FeCp}^*_2]^{0/+}$:



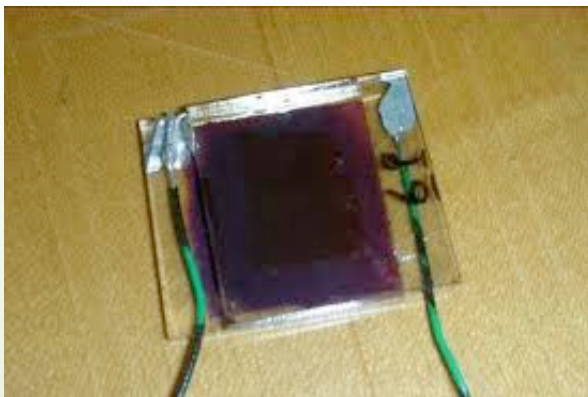
(a) Obtain the minimum energy structures of $[\text{CoCp}_2]^{0/+}$ and $[\text{FeCp}^*_2]^{0/+}$ and $[\text{FeCp}_2]^{0/+}$ at the B3LYP(LACVP/6-311G*) level of theory and compare them to the X-ray crystal structures for $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3]^{2+}$, $[\text{CoCp}_2]^0$ and $[\text{FeCp}^*_2]^0$.

• Compute the redox potentials of $[\text{CoCp}_2]^{0/+}$ and $[\text{FeCp}^*_2]^{0/+}$ in DMSO ($\epsilon=46.83$), versus $[\text{FeCp}_2]^{0/+}$ by using a polarizable continuum model (PCM) of solvation, and compare your results to the experimental values the following reference:

[Connelly, N.G. & Geiger, W.E., *Chem. Rev.* 1996, 96, 877-910.](#)

Solution to Exercise 2:

Download the [tutorial notes](#) on calculations of redox potentials and follow the instructions on how to create input files, launch calculations and obtain results from the output files.



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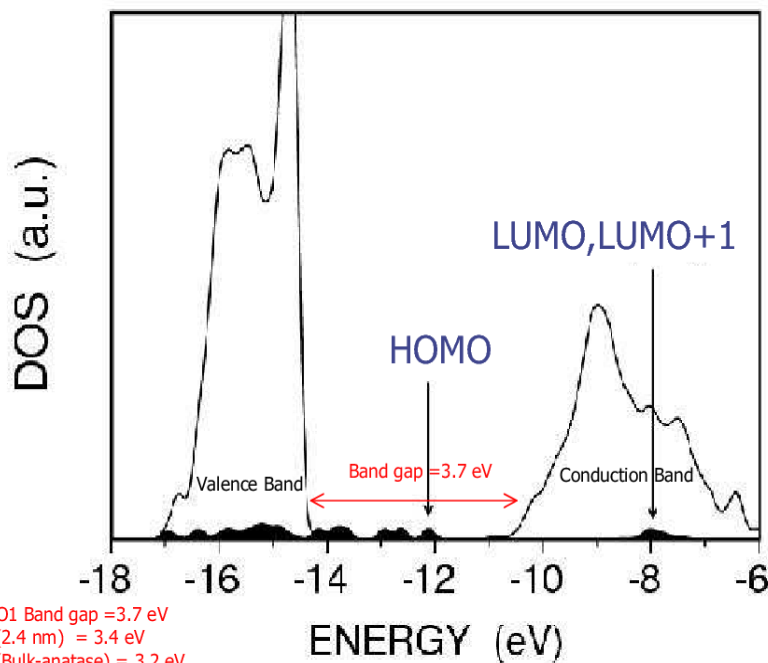
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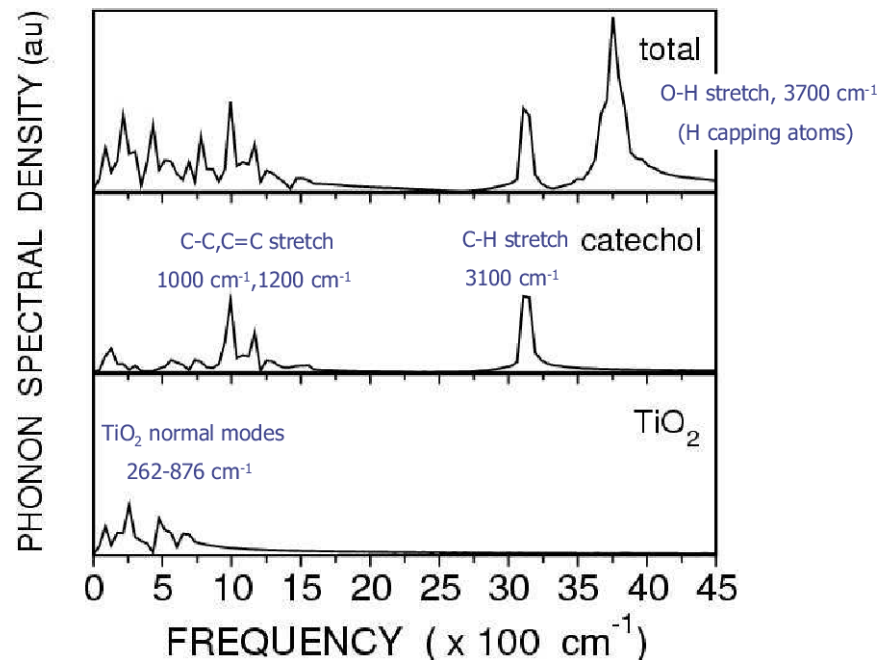
Ultrafast IET: Gerischer Model

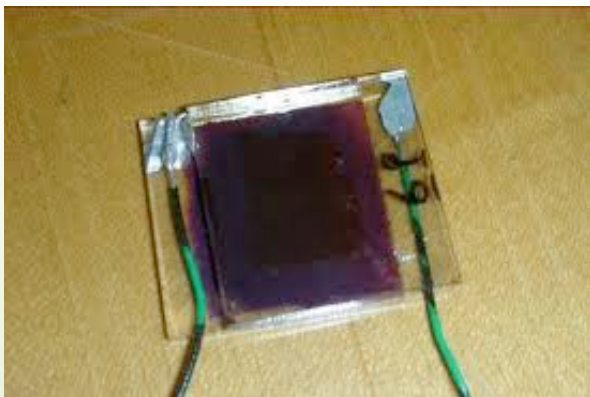
$$k_{inj} \sim \int dE \rho_{CB}(E) * \rho_A(E) * k(E)$$

Electronic Density of States (1.2 nm particles)



Phonon Spectral Density





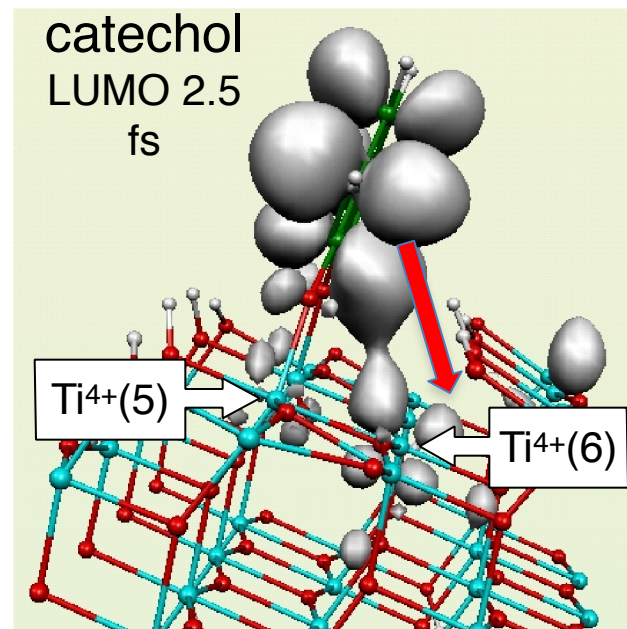
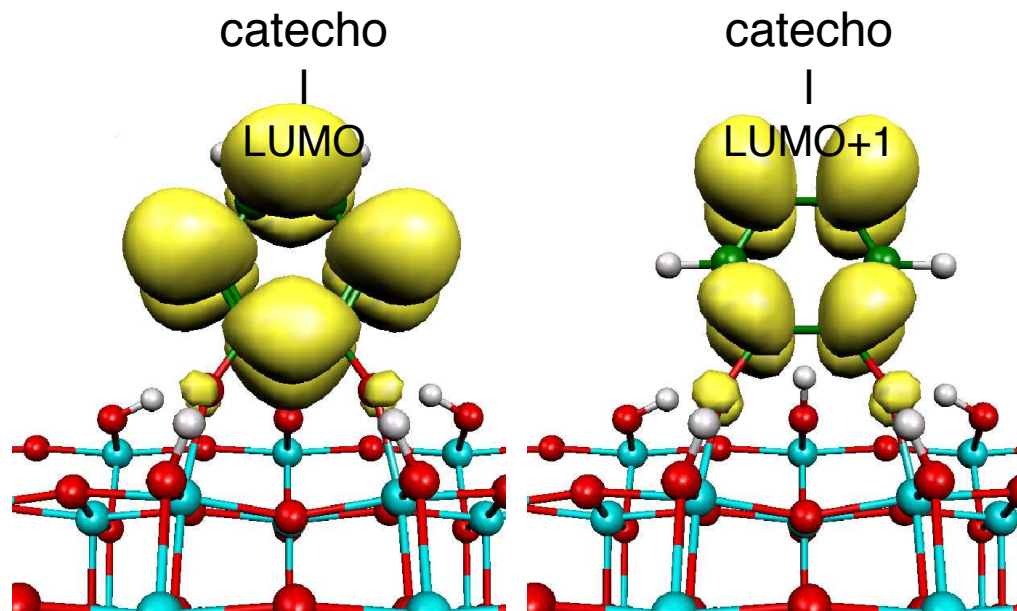
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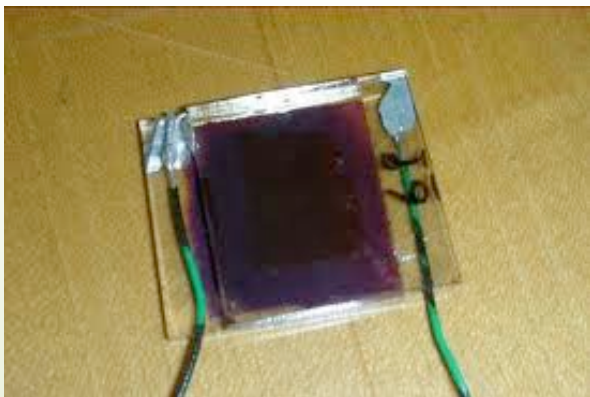
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Ligand-to-Conduction Band Electron Transfer





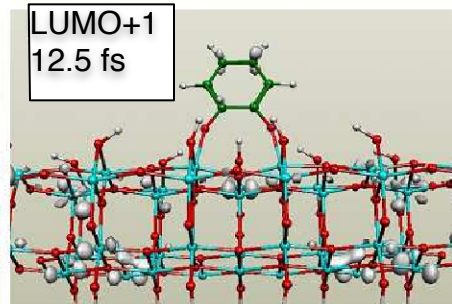
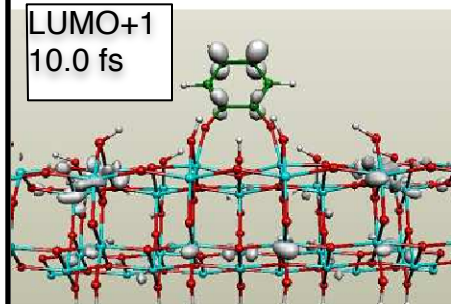
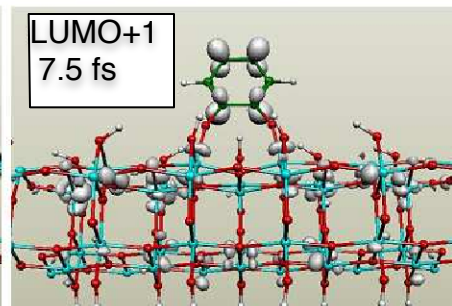
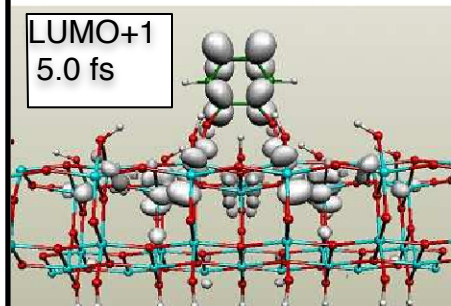
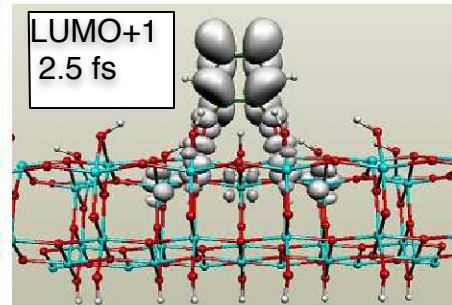
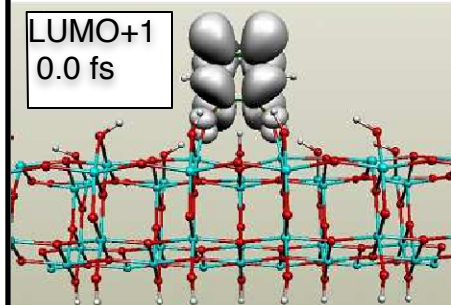
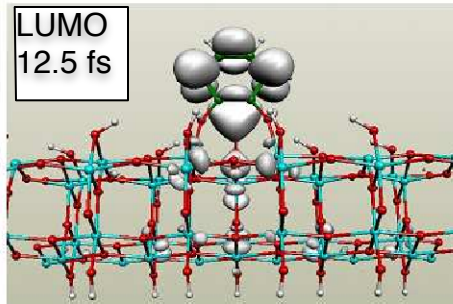
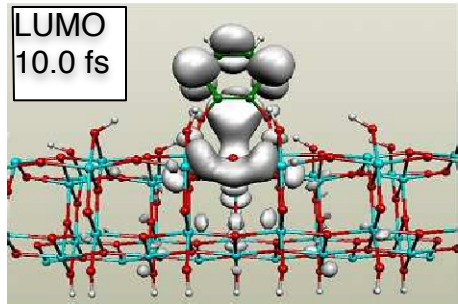
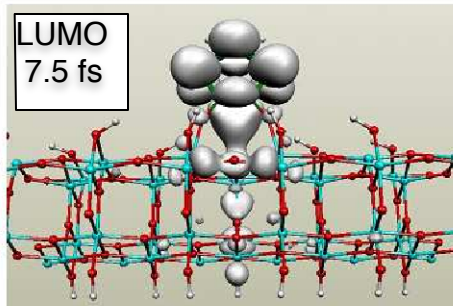
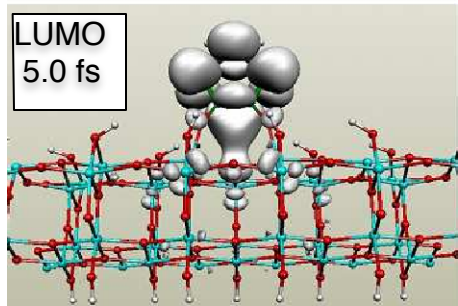
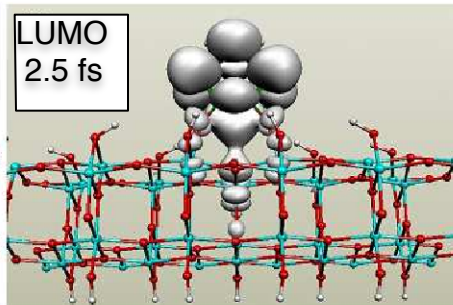
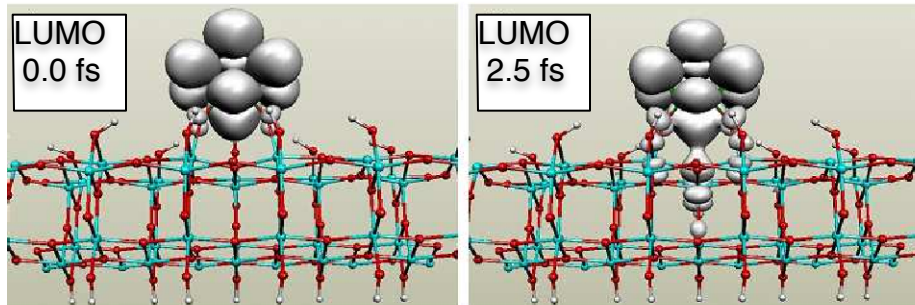
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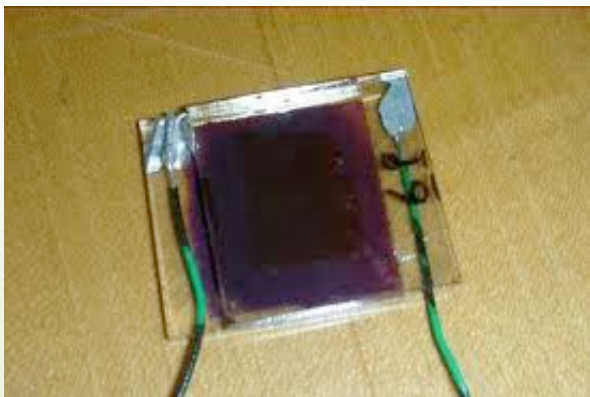
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Ultrafast IET: Quantum Dynamics Simulations

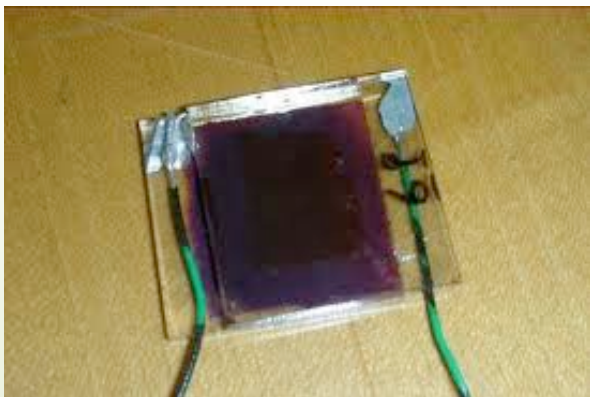
$$|\Psi(t)\rangle = \hat{U}(t)|\Psi(0)\rangle, \text{ where } \hat{U}(t) = e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} \int H(t') dt'}$$

and where $|\Psi(t)\rangle = \sum_q B_q(t) |\phi_q(t)\rangle$, $B_q(t) = \langle \phi_q | \Psi(0) \rangle e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} E_q t}$ and the MO's

$$|\phi_q(t)\rangle = \sum_i C_{i,q}(t) |K_i(t)\rangle \text{ are obtained in the basis of } |K_i(t)\rangle \text{ AO's}$$

by solving the extended-Hückel generalized eigenvalue equation:

$$H(t)C(t) = S(t)C(t)E(t)$$



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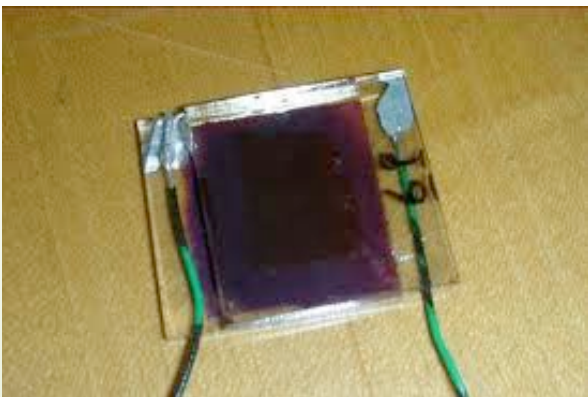
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With this scheme, we can calculate for all $t > 0$:

- electronic wavefunction
- electronic density
- Define the **Survival Probability** for electron to be found on initially populated adsorbate molecule

$$P_{MOL}(t) = \left| \sum_{j,\beta}^{SYS} \sum_{i,\alpha}^{MOL} C_{i,\alpha}^*(t) C_{j,\beta}(t) S_{\alpha,\beta}^{i,j} \right|^2$$



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Simulations of IET in sensitized TiO₂

Exercise 3: [by Robert C. Snoberger III]

Consider a TiO₂ slab with atomic coordinates define in file [Tio2.com](#). Download the software package [IETsim](#) and compute:

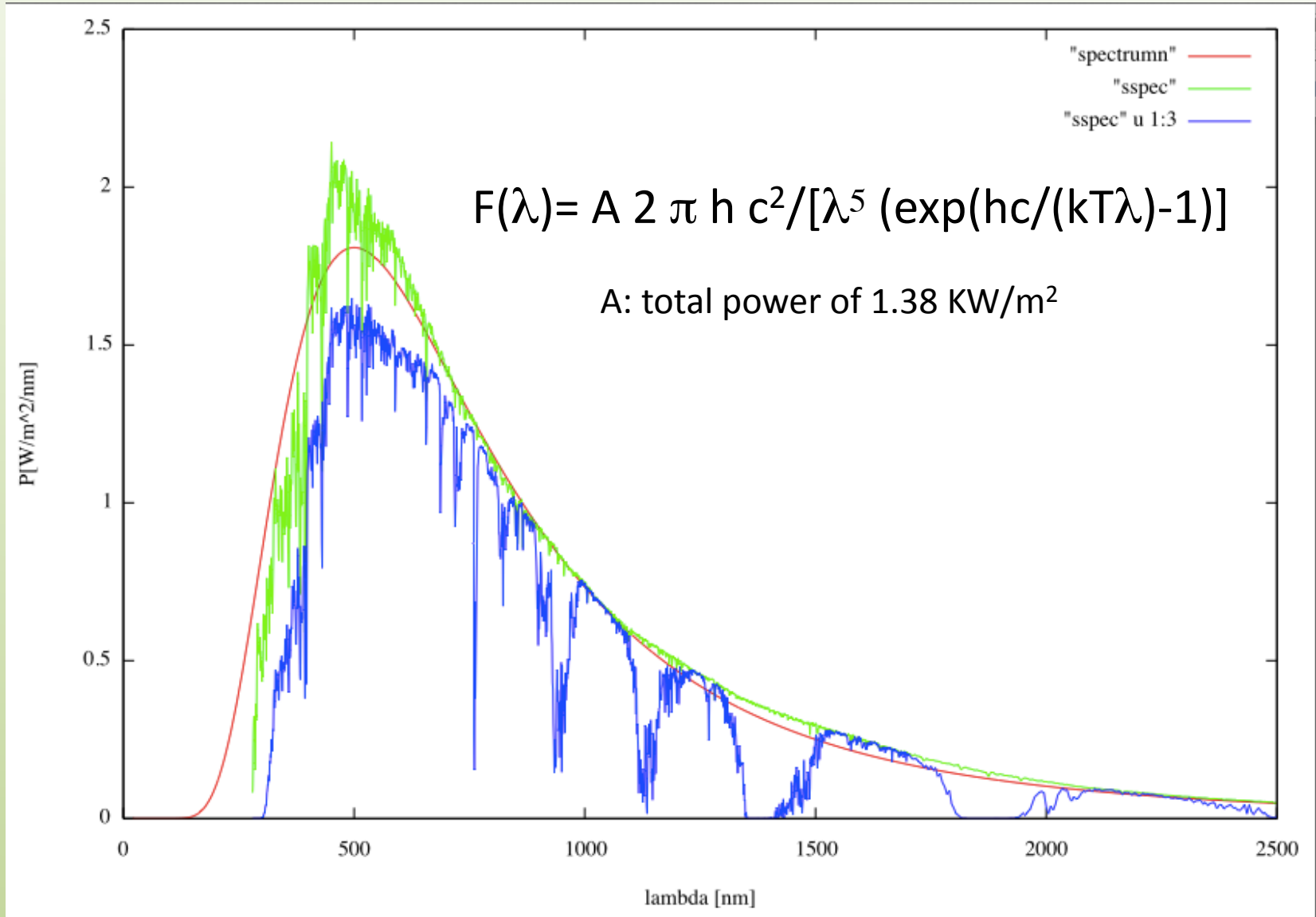
- (a) The DOS of TiO₂, as shown in page 7.
- (b) The DOS of TiO₂ sensitized with catechol covalently attached to the (101) surface, as shown in page 7.
- (c) The time-dependent electronic population of catechol $P_{\text{MOL}}(t)$, when the initial state is defined as the LUMO+1 orbital of the isolated catechol on the TiO₂-anatase (101) surface. Plot the survival amplitude and estimate the rate. Compare your result with Figure 13 in [Reference \[1\]](#).
- (d) Simulate IET from the HOMO orbital of catechol on the TiO₂-anatase (101) surface. Explain why the probability $P_{\text{MOL}}(t)$ does not decay to zero.

Solution to Exercise 3:

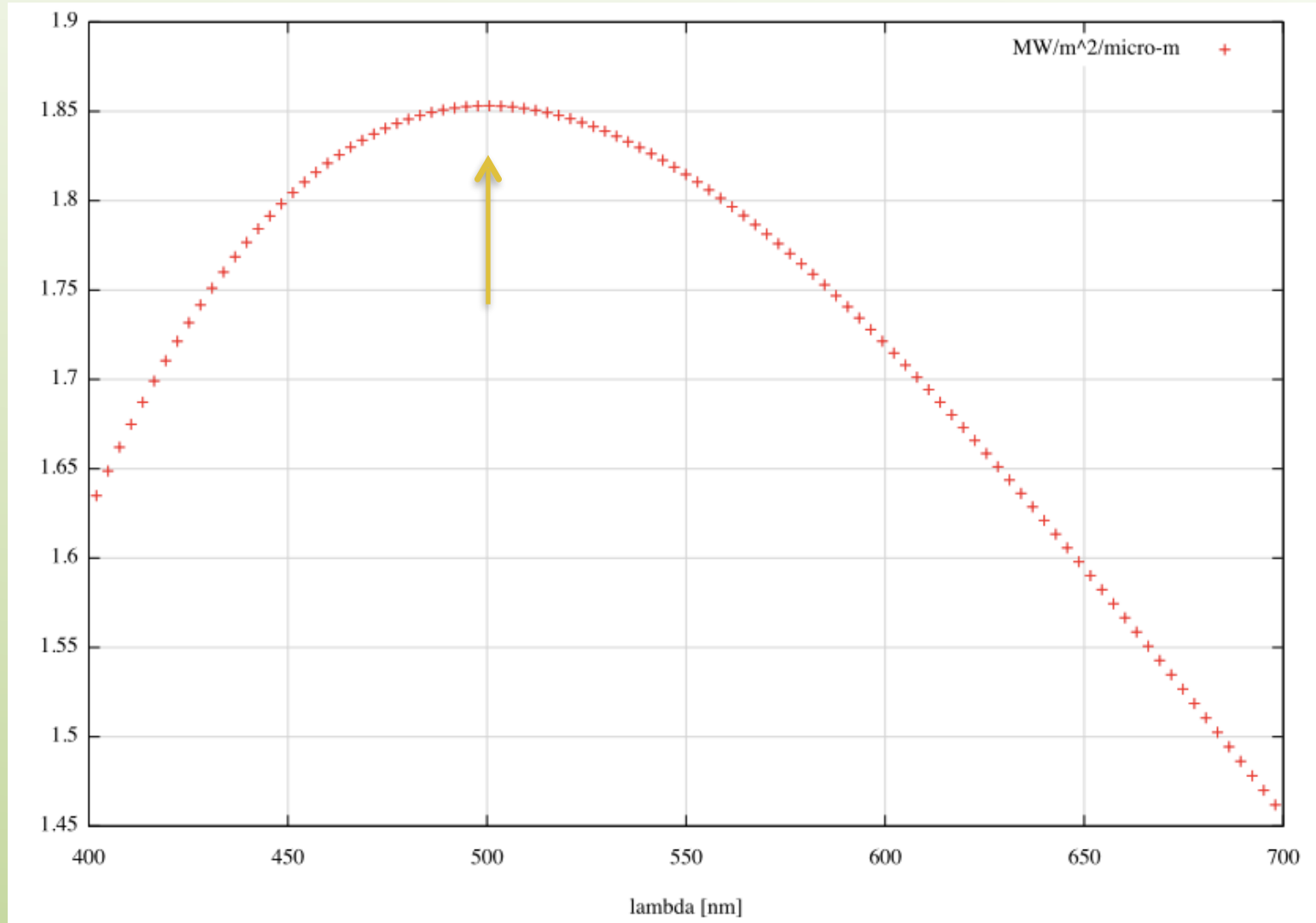
Follow the instructions in the [tutorial notes](#) to install, compile and run IETsim using the input file provided in the directory dynamics/examples. The tutorial also provides guidelines to construct figures of the DOS, the time evolution of the electronic density during IET and the time-dependent electronic population.

Solar Spectrum

Black body Radiation at 5800 C

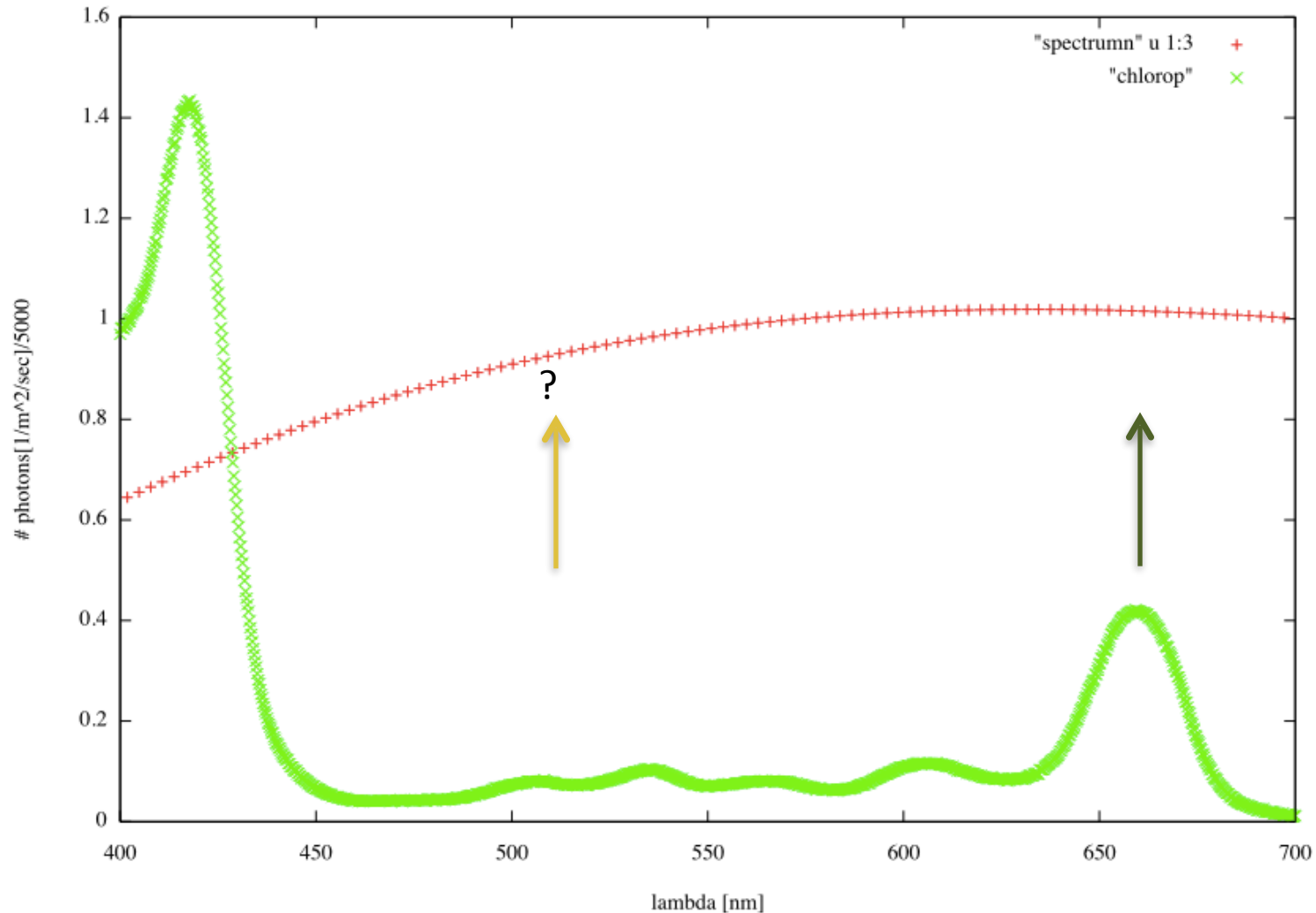


Solar Spectrum: Maximum Intensity



Solar Spectrum: Maximum Photon Flux

Comparison to [Spectrum of Chlorophyll a](#)



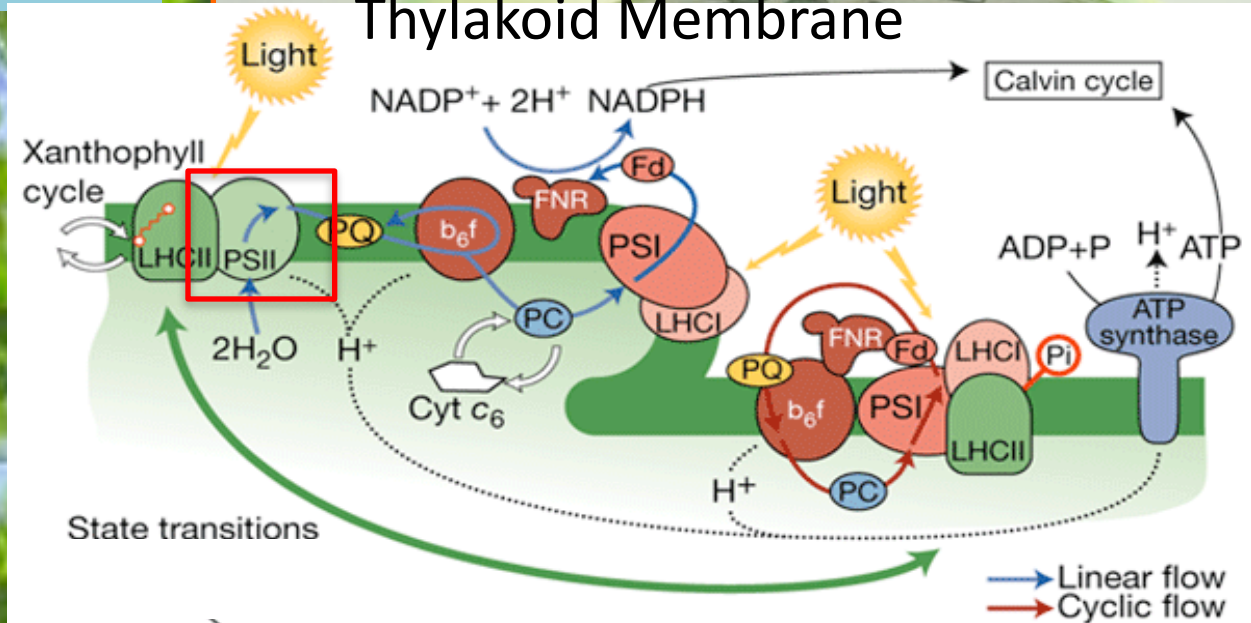
Flux of Solar Photons: [Solution](#)

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PROGRAM main
IMPLICIT NONE
DOUBLE PRECISION rd,rtot,F,rlmax,rlmin,dlambda
DOUBLE PRECISION R,T,rc,rh,pi,rk,rl,rn,SB
INTEGER i,J,npt
npt=1000
rlmax=3000.0E-9
rlmin=20.00E-9
dlambda=(rlmax-rlmin)/(npt-1.)
rc=3.0E+08           ! Speed of light, m/sec
rh=6.626E-34        ! Planck's constant, J sec
pi=acos(-1.0)       ! pi
rk=1.38E-23         ! Boltzmann constant, J K^{-1}
T=5800.             ! Sun Blackbody Temp, K
SB=5.67E-8          ! Stefan-Boltzmann constant, W/m^2/K^4
OPEN(1,FILE="spectrumn")
DO i=1,npt
  rl=rlmin+(i-1)*dlambda
  rd=rl**5*(exp(rh*rc/(rk*rl*T))-1.)
  F=2.0*pi*rh*rc*rc/rd *1380./(SB*T**4) ! W/m^2/m Blackbody radiation
  rtot=rtot+F*dlambda ! W/m^2
  WRITE(1,22) rl*(1.0E+9),F*1.0E-9,F*1.0E-24/(rh*rc/rl)/5000. ! KW/m^2/micro-m, #phot/sec/nm^2/nm
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Chloroplast

CELLS

Thylakoid Membrane



Breakthroughs in X-ray Diffraction Models of Photosystem II

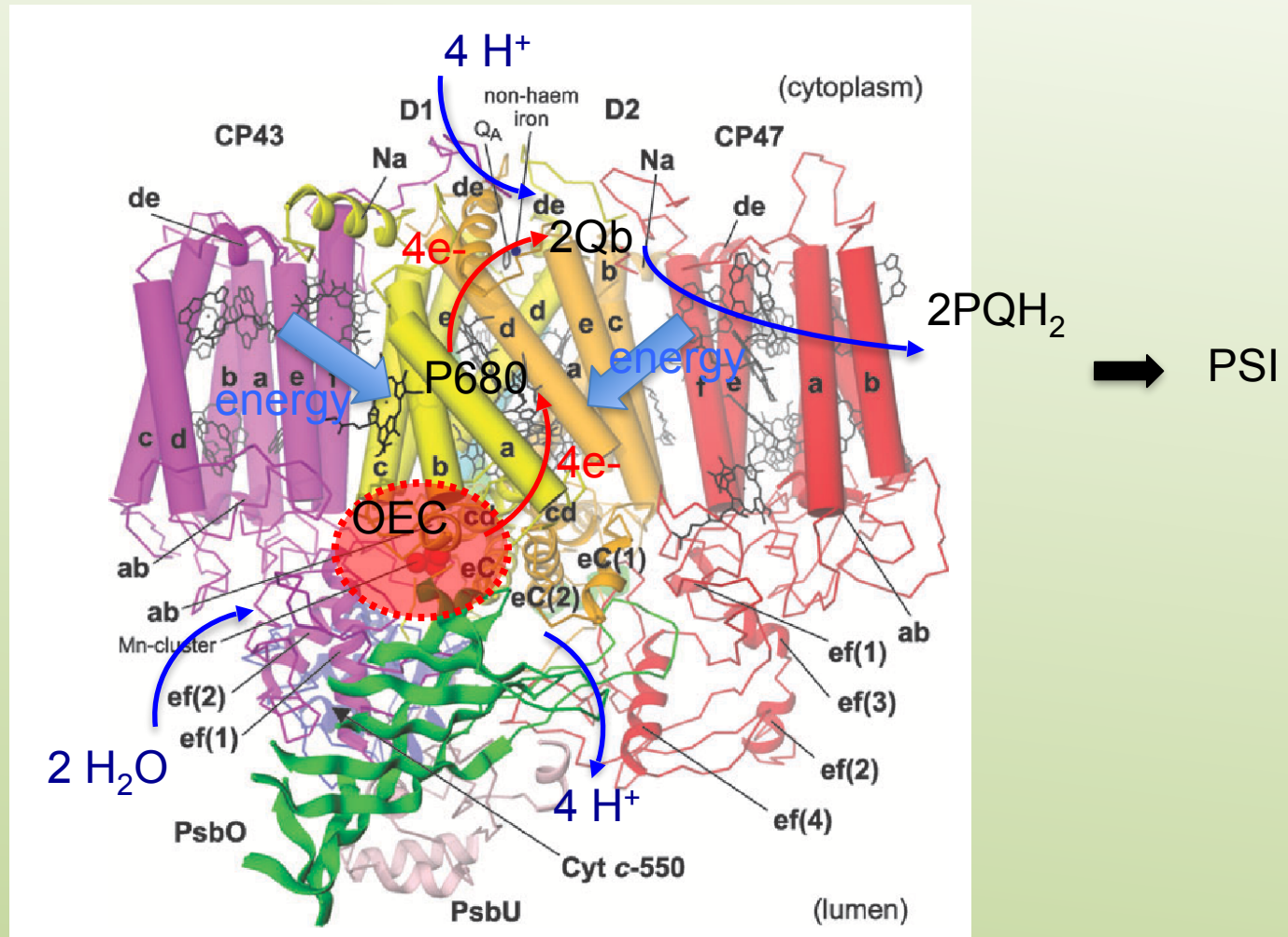
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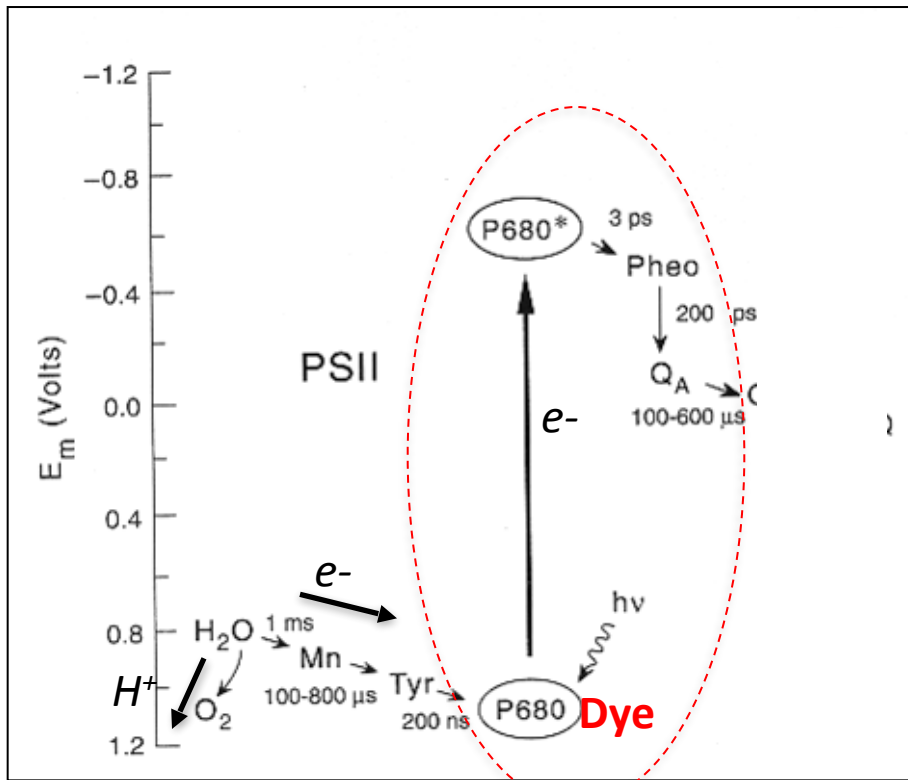
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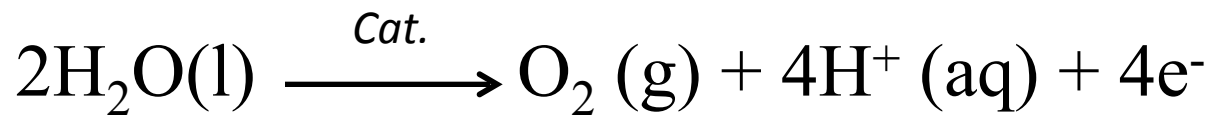
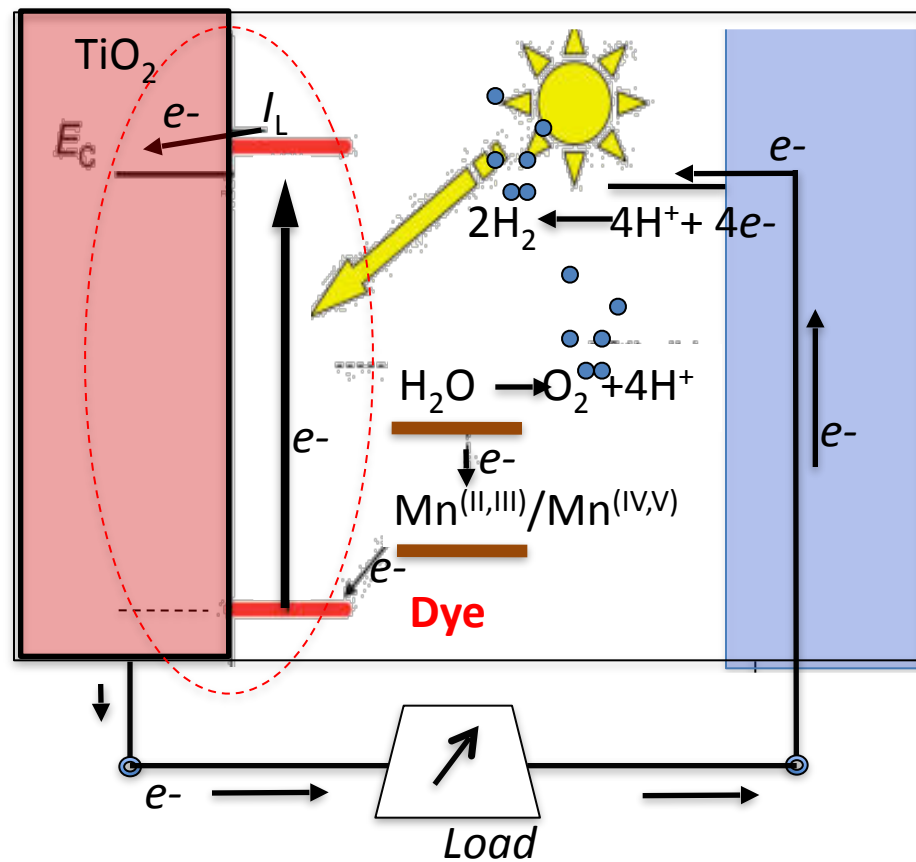
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Natural Photosynthesis PSII Energy Diagram



Artificial Photosynthesis Dye Sensitized Solar Cell

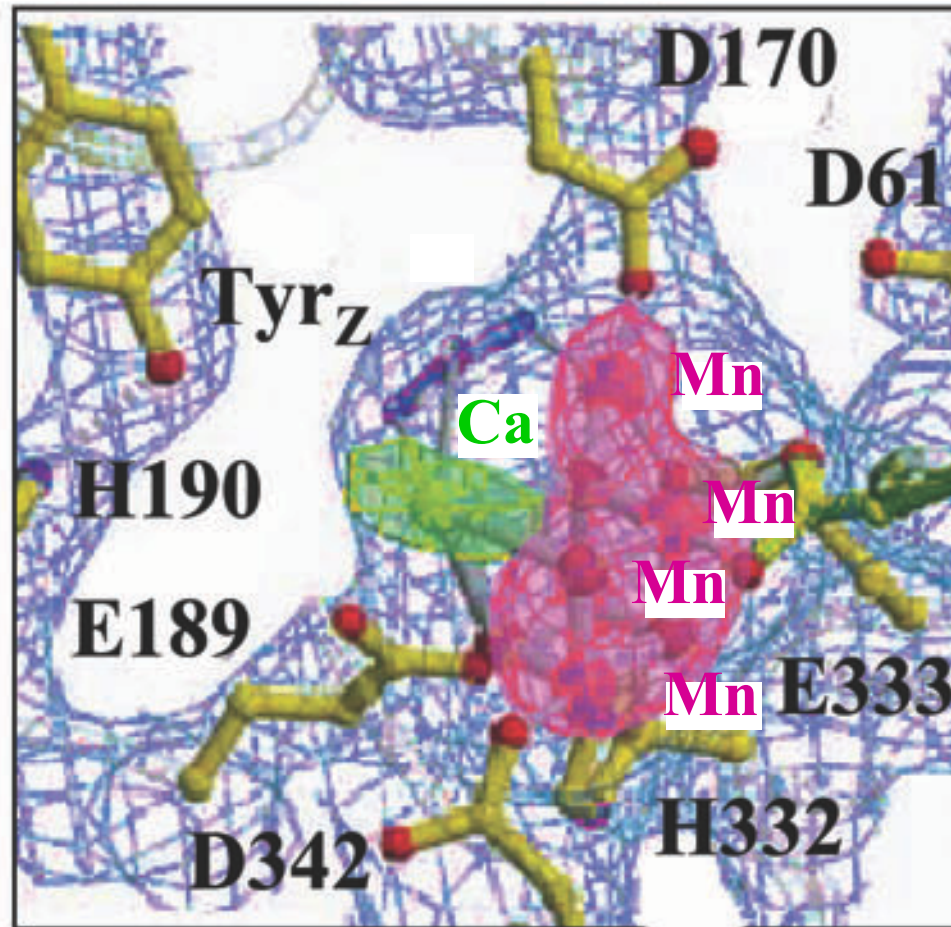




It is time to build an actual *artificial photosynthetic* system, to learn what works and what doesn't work, and thereby set the stage for making it.
Melvin Calvin

Jim Barber's Model

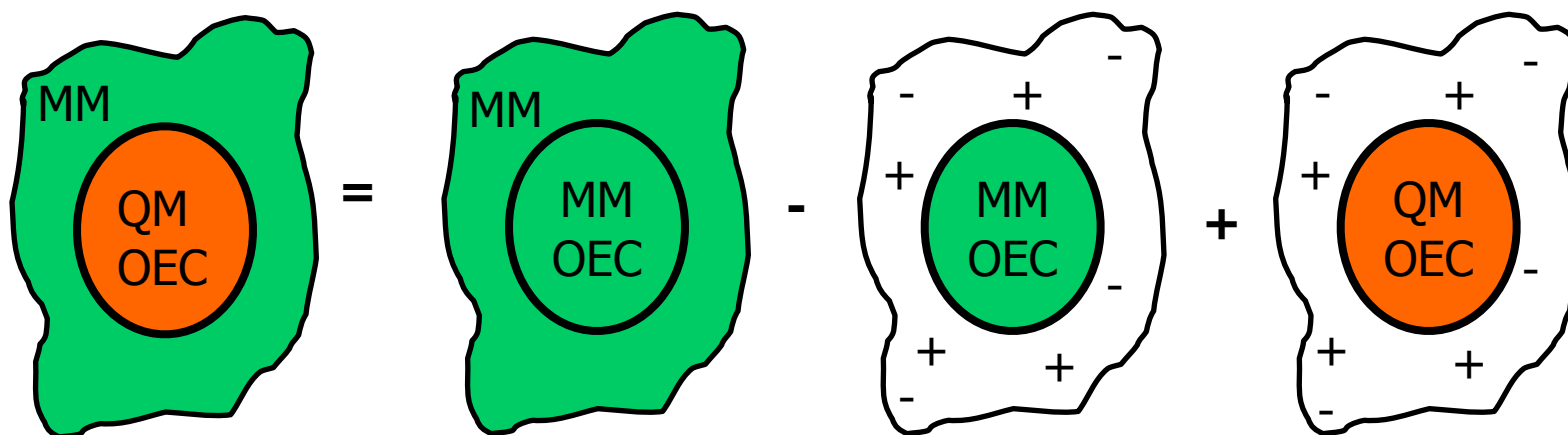
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Quantum Mechanics / Molecular Mechanics (QM/MM) Hybrid Methodology (Warshel, 1976)

Two-layer ONIOM-Electronic Embedding (EE) (Morokuma), G03.



QM = DFT B3LYP/lacvp*
MM = Amber Force Field

UB3LYP ONIOM-EE optimizations

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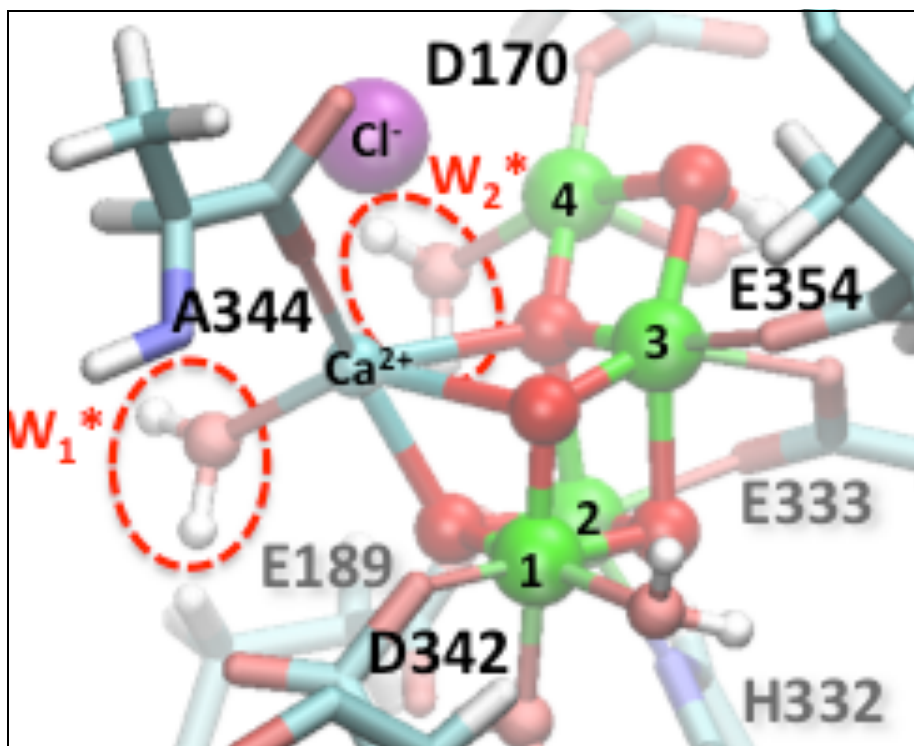
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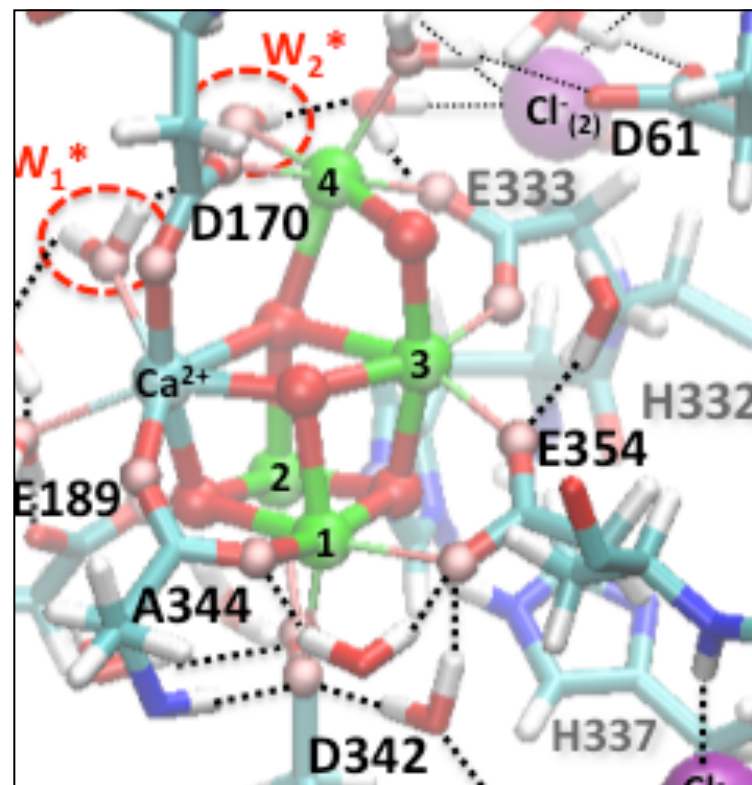
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2006 DFT QM/MM S_0 model



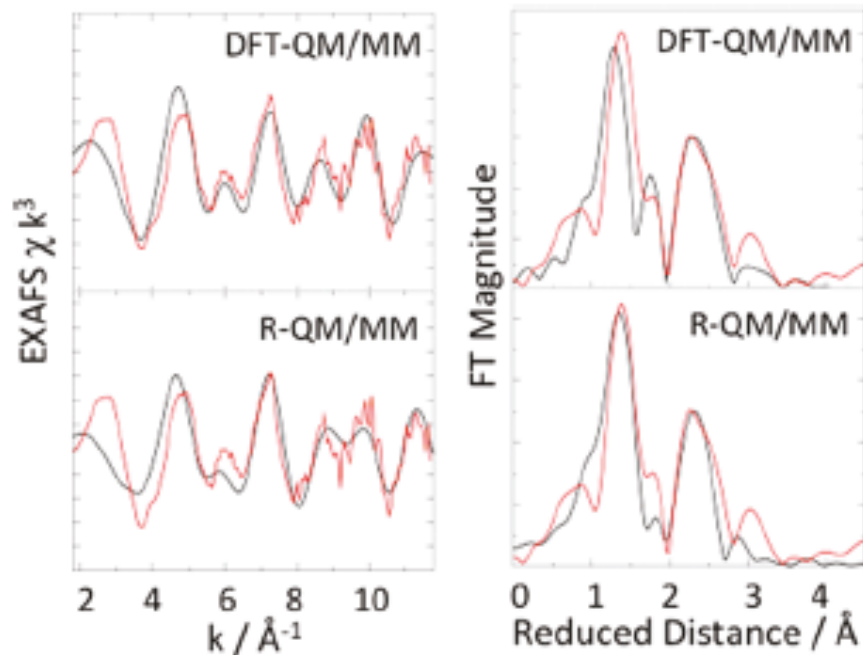
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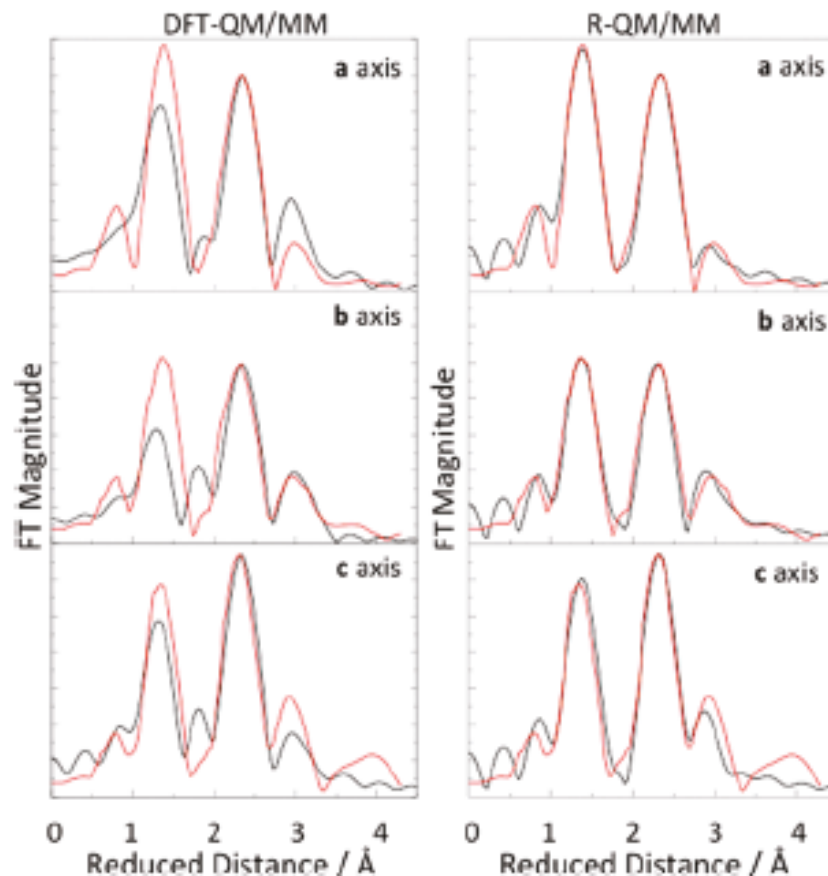
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[Biochemistry 50, 6308-6311 \(2011\) Sandra Luber, Ivan Rivalta, Y. Umena, K. Kawakami, Jian-R. Shen, N. Kamiya, Gary Brudvig, and Victor S. Batista](#)

Isotropic



Polarized



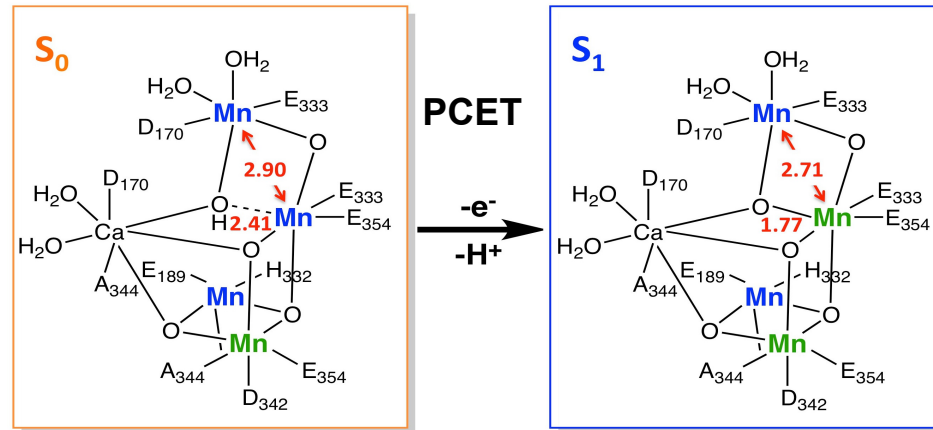
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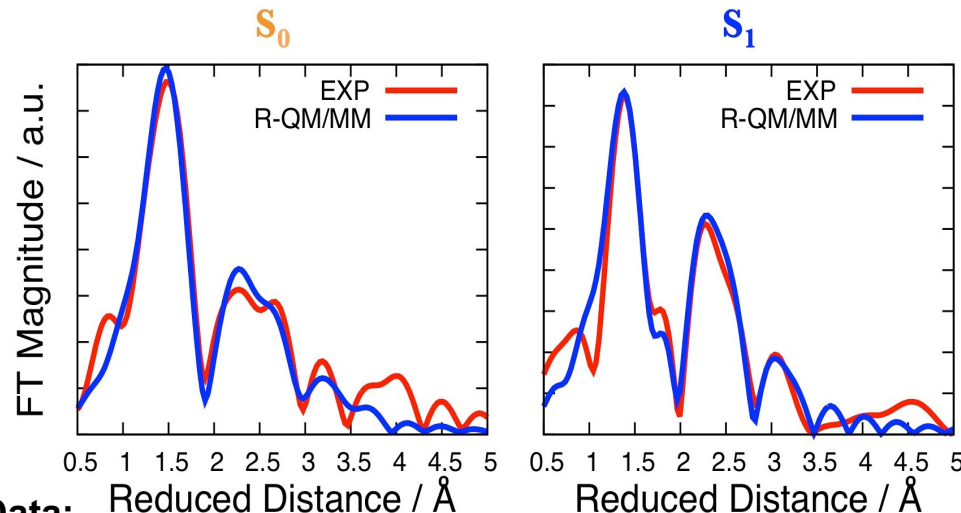
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S₀-State Model of the OEC of Photosystem II

[Biochemistry 52: 7703-7706 \(2013\)](#) Rhitankar Pal, Christian F. A. Negre, Leslie Vogt, Ravi Pokhrel, Mehmed Z. Ertem, Gary W. Brudvig, and Victor S. Batista



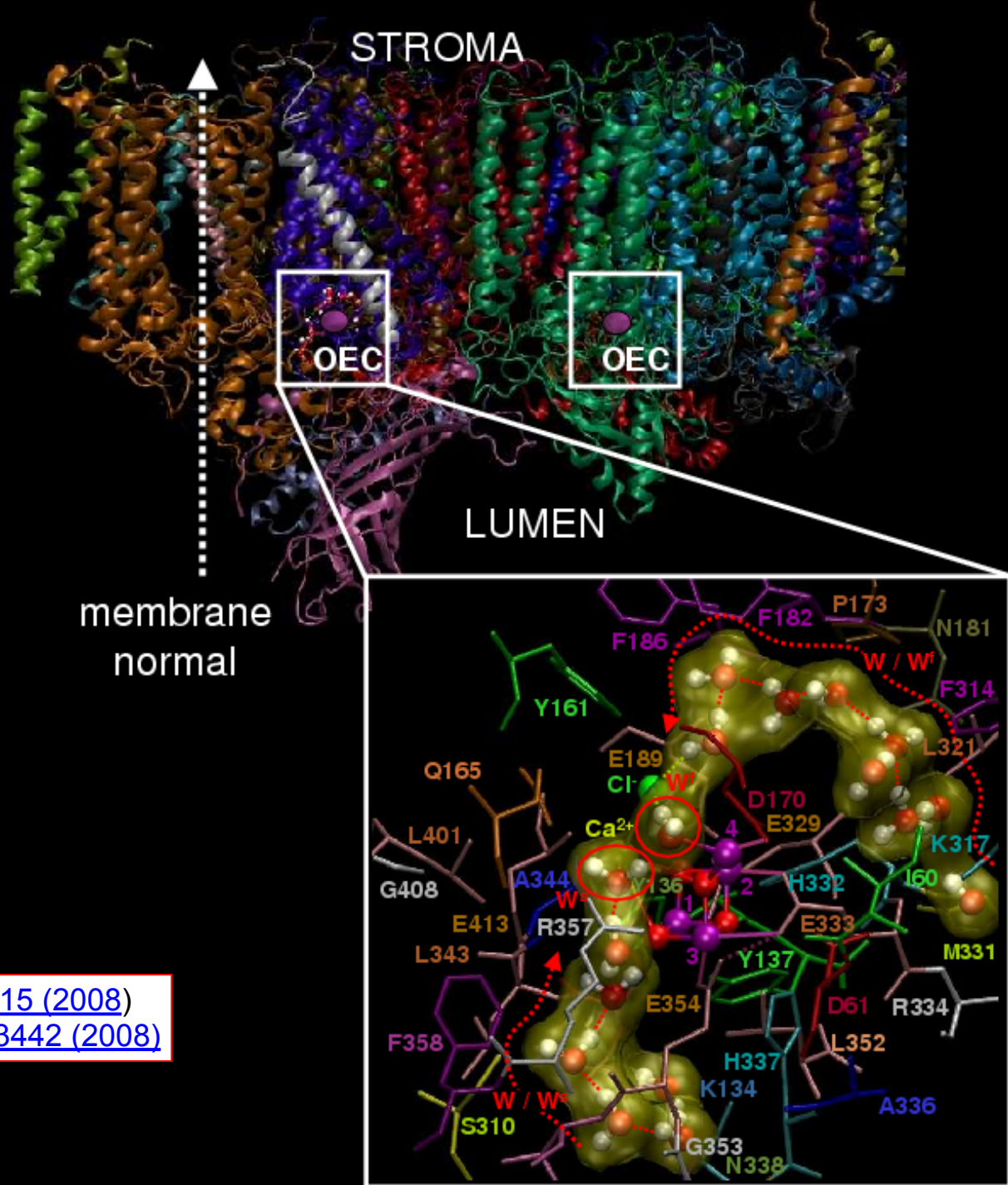
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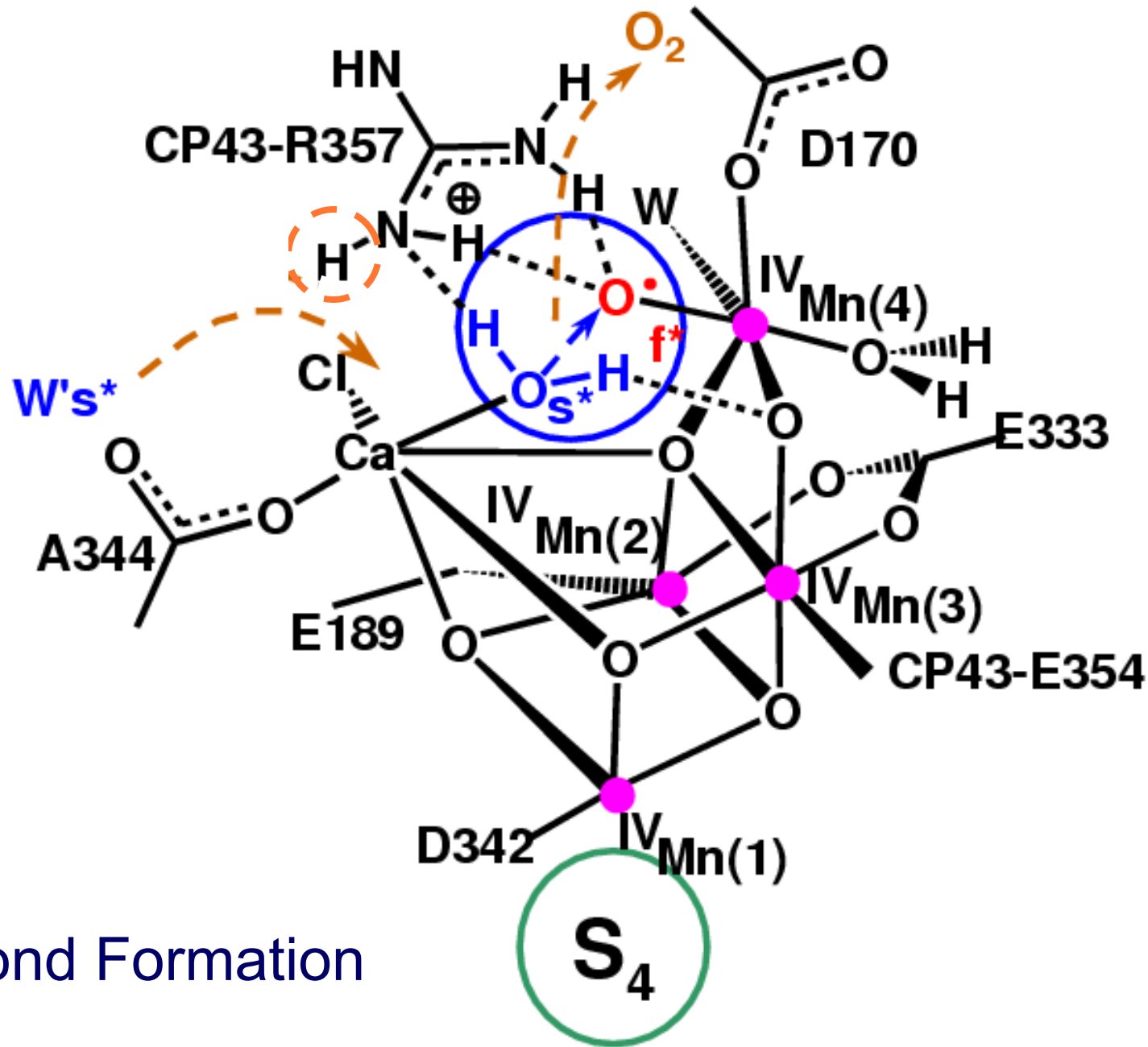
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Water Channels



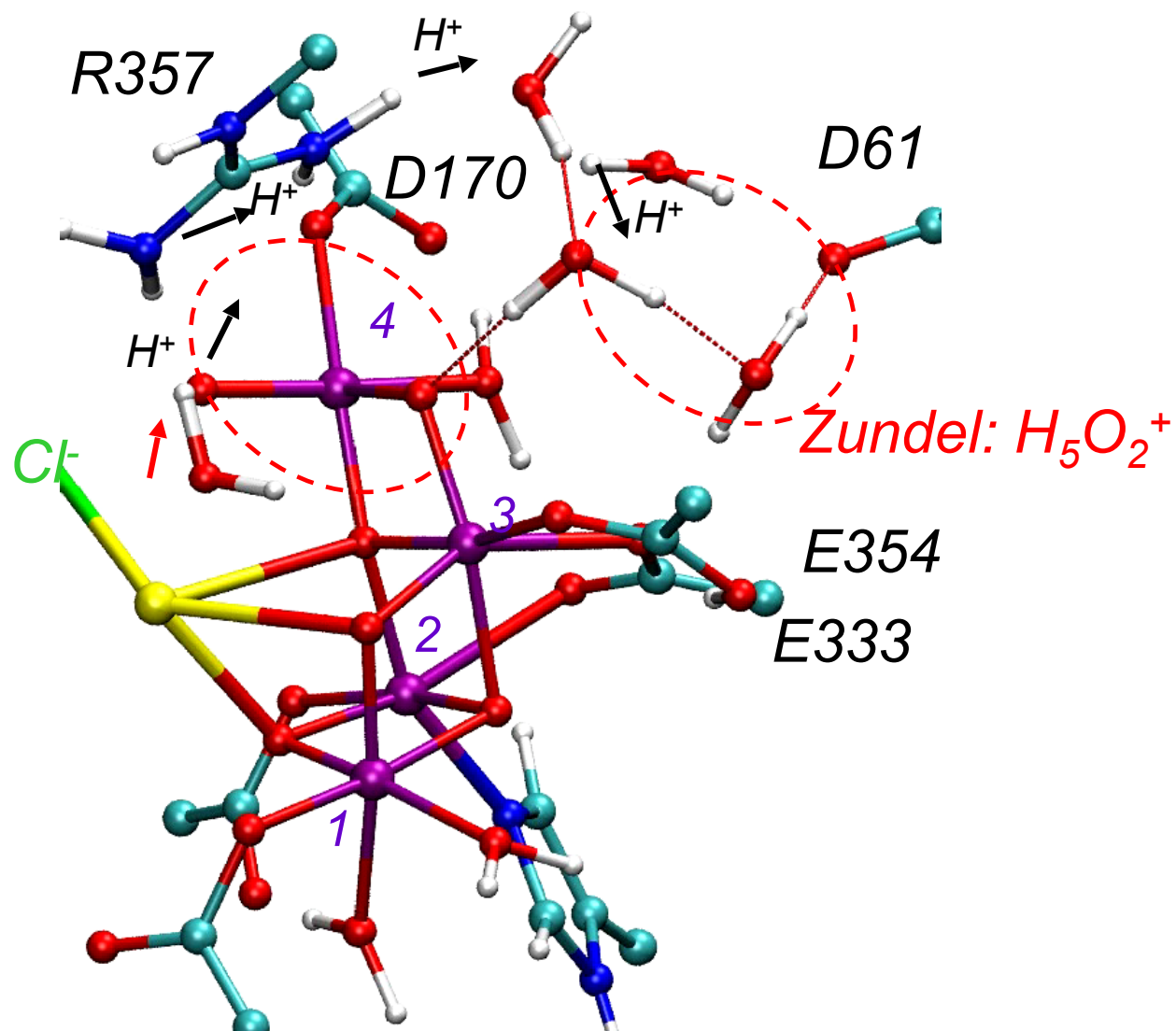
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O-O Bond Formation

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Zundel/HOO-Mn(4) State Formation





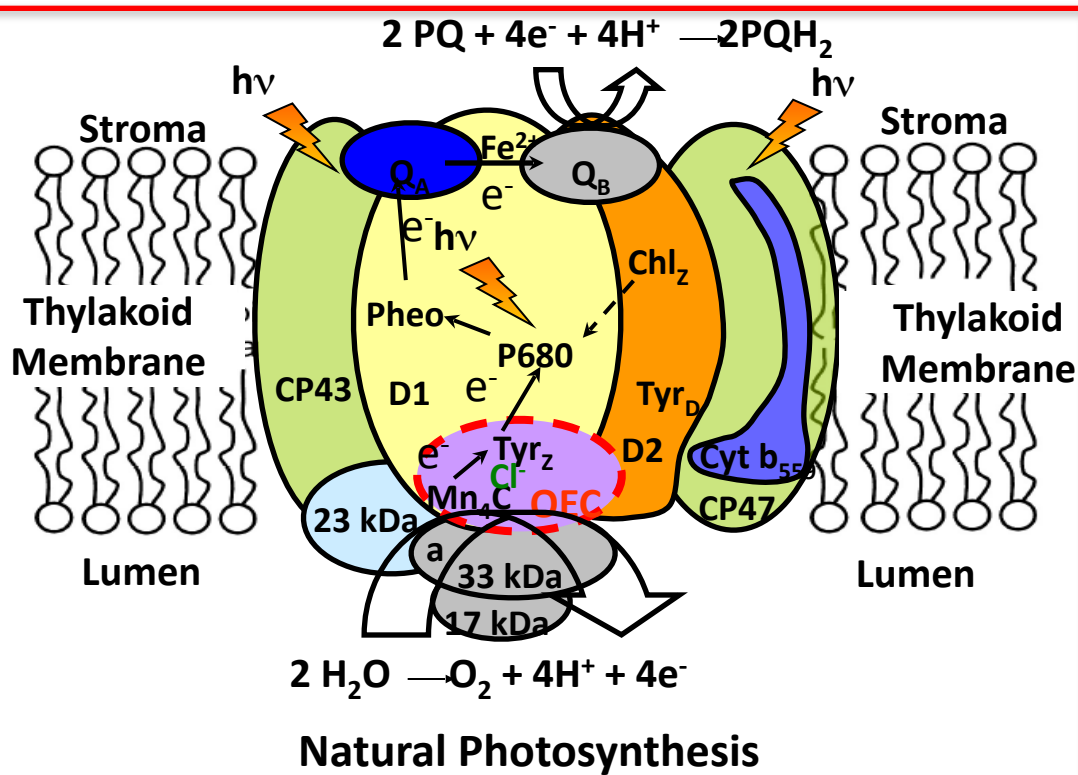
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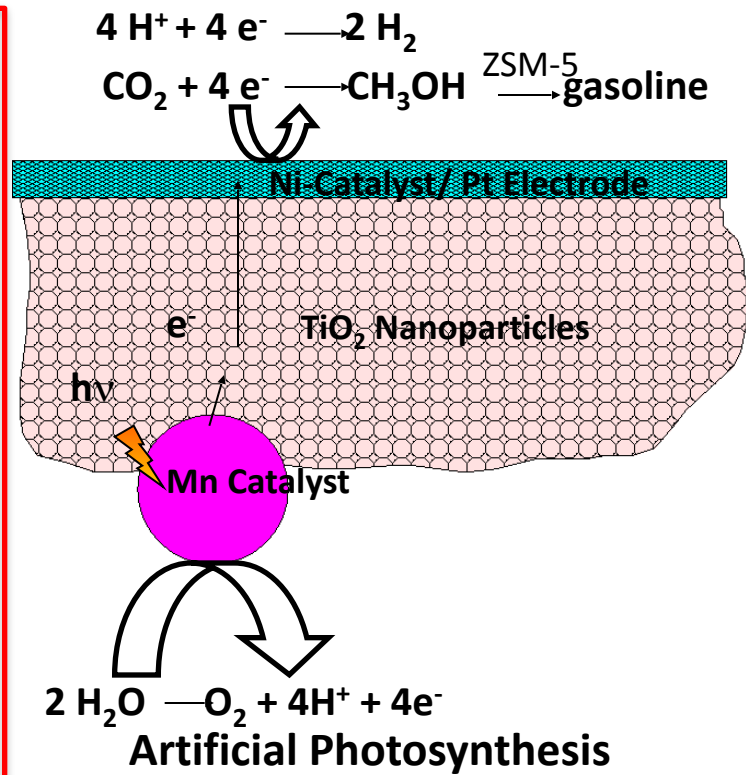
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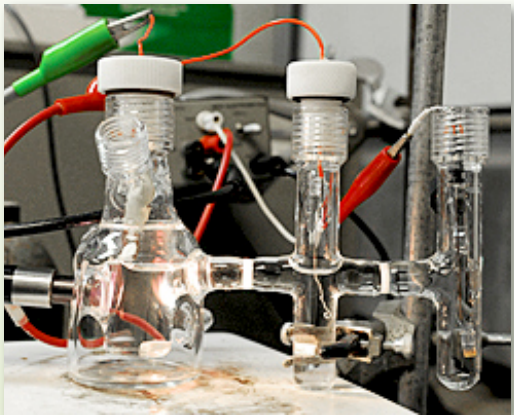
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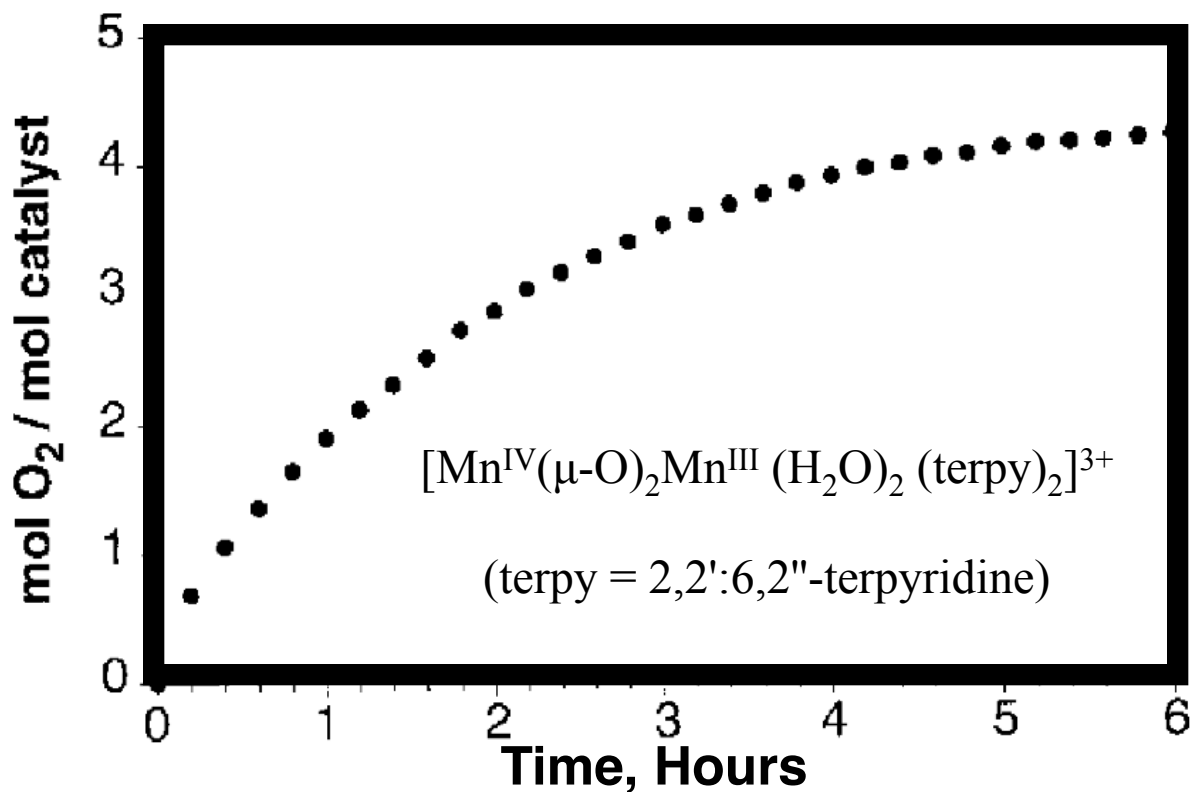
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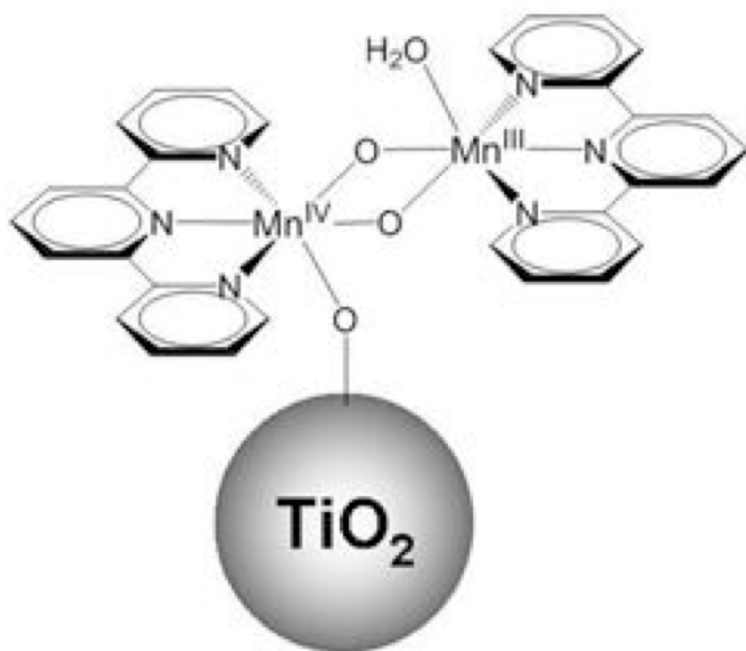


O₂-Evolution by Water Splitting: The Yale Mn-Terpy Dimer in Action

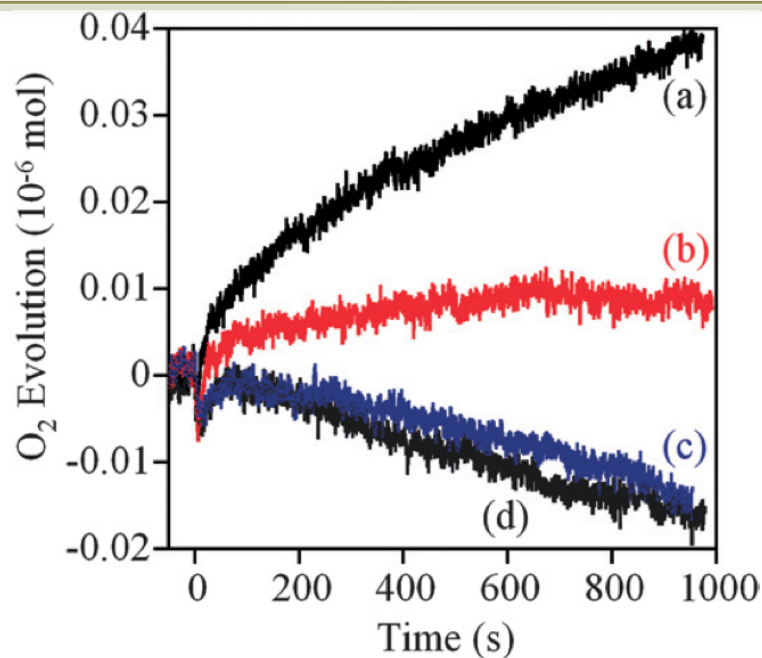


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Modeling Biomimetic Oxygen Evolution
Water Oxidation by a Mn-Dimer Adsorbate



Mn Dimer **1** attached to TiO₂



O₂ evolution using Ce⁴⁺ as a single-electron primary oxidant. **1** was loaded on TiO₂ (50 mg) samples: (a) P25, (b) D450, and (c) D70. A control test was also done using (d) bare P25 NP's as the catalyst.



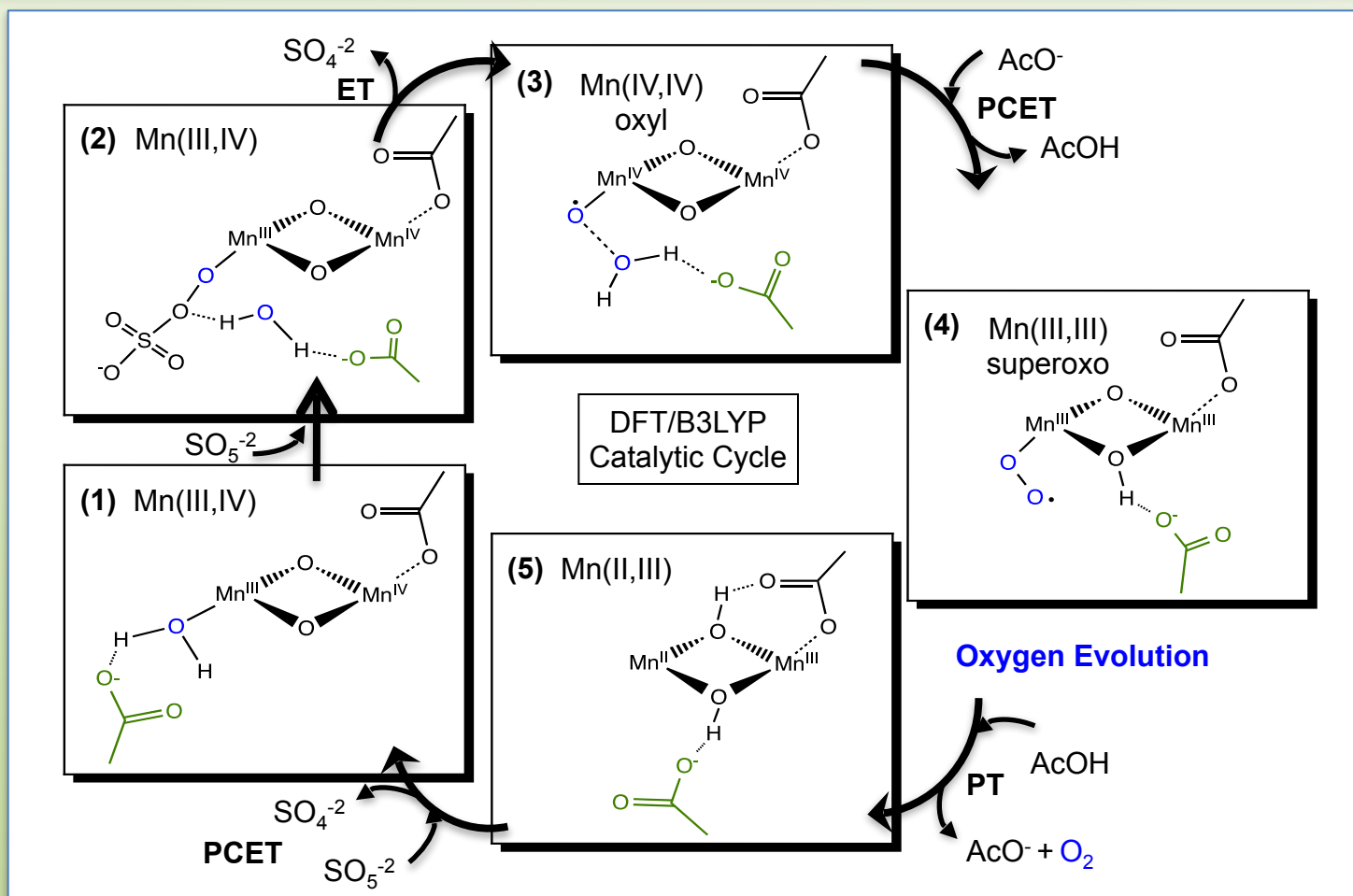
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Water Splitting Catalyzed by a Mn-Dimer





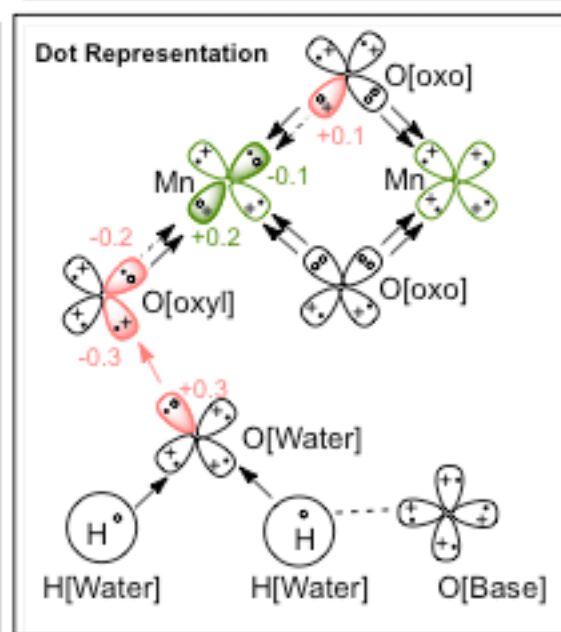
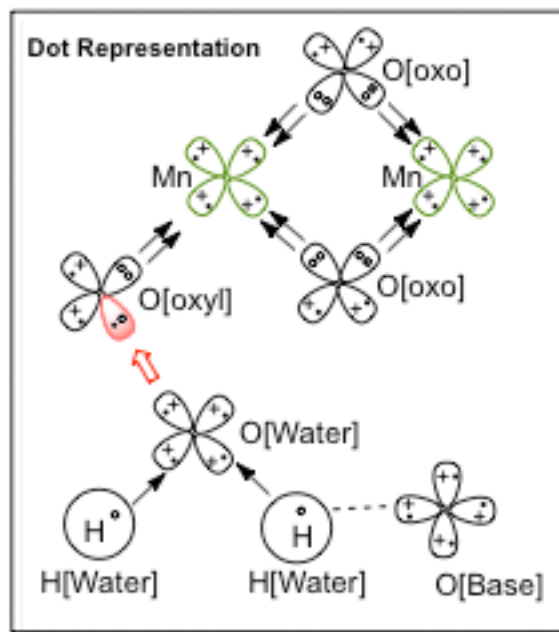
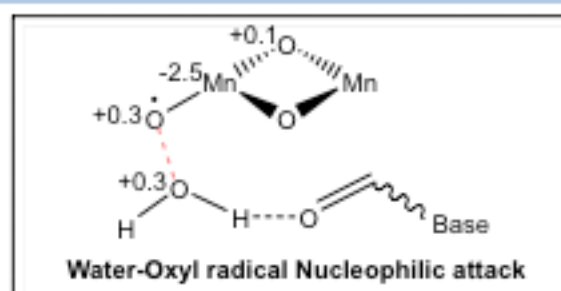
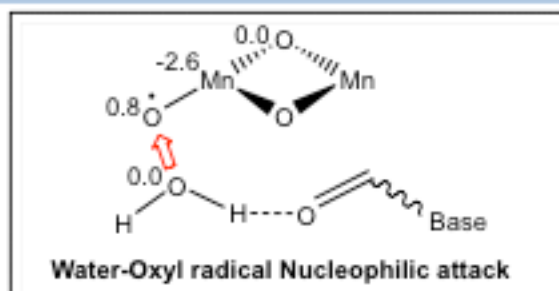
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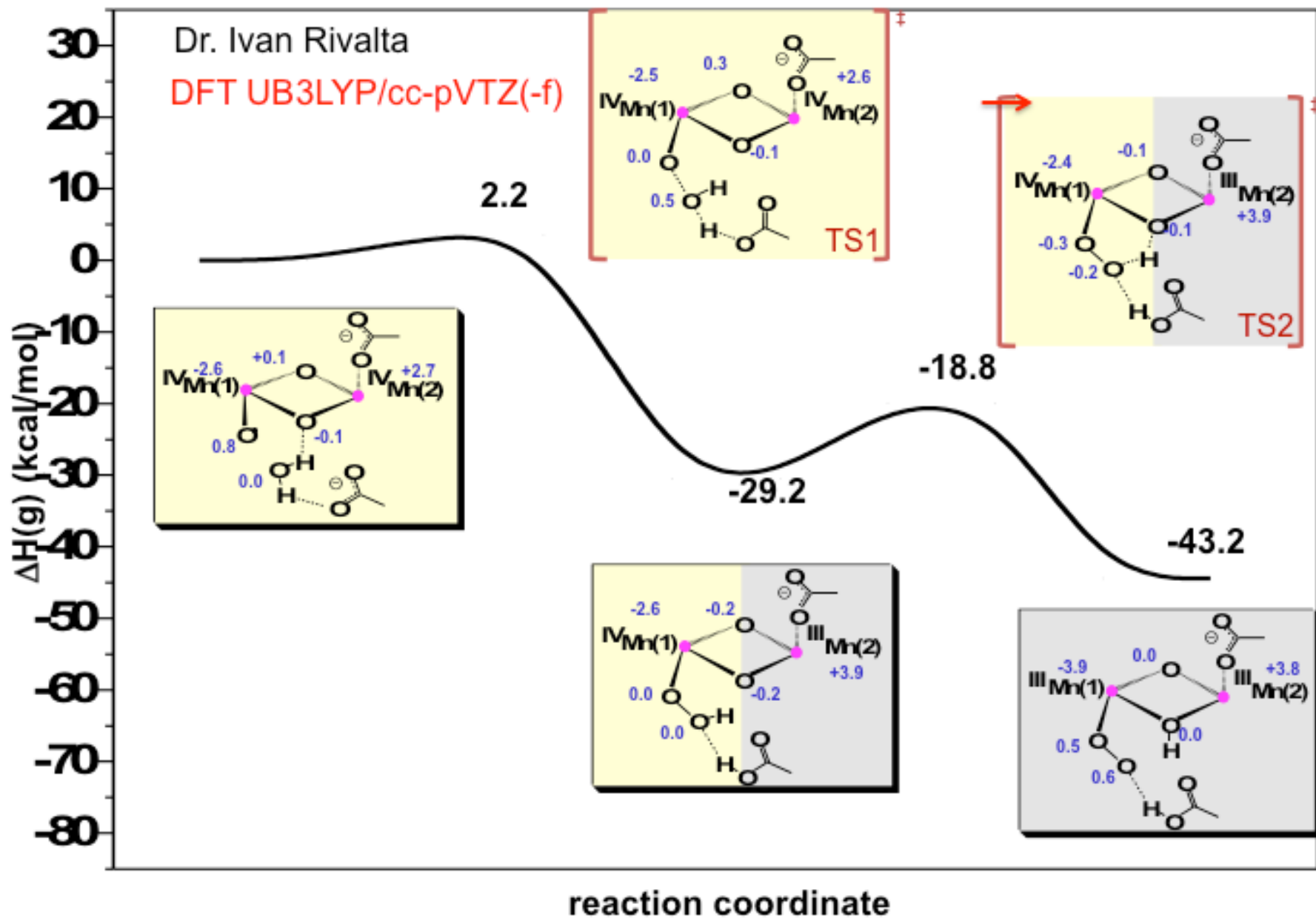
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O-O Bond Formation: PCET



O-O BOND FORMATION: SUPEROXO INTERMEDIATE





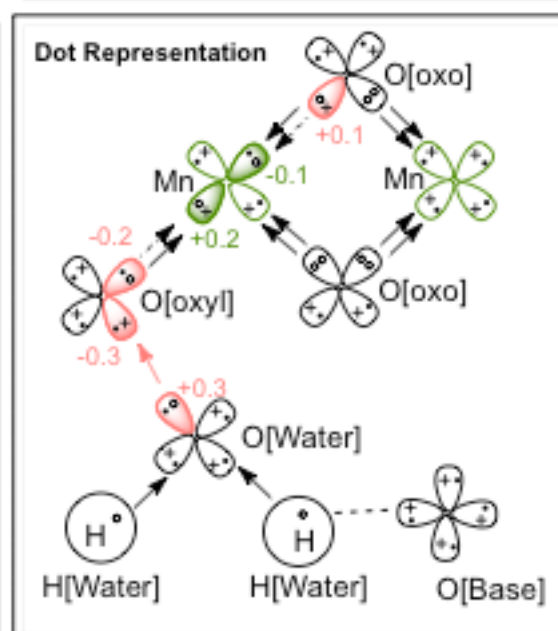
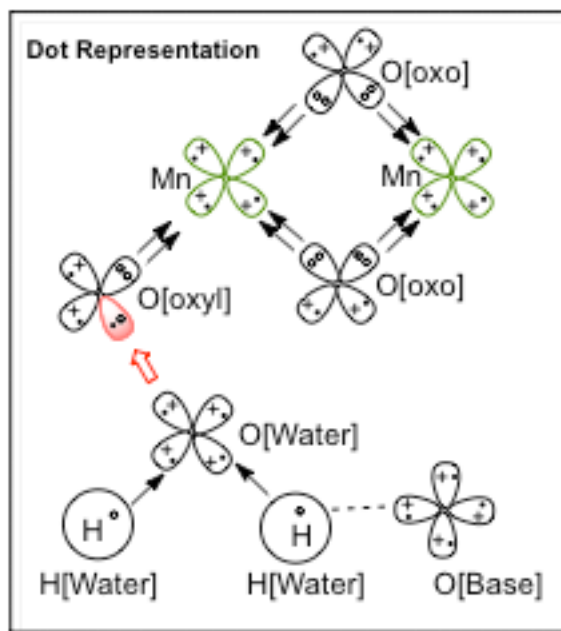
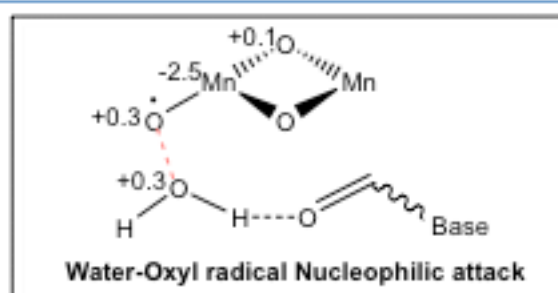
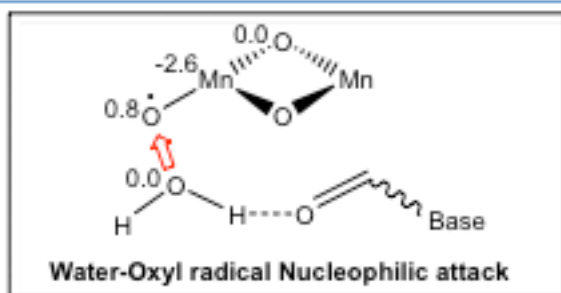
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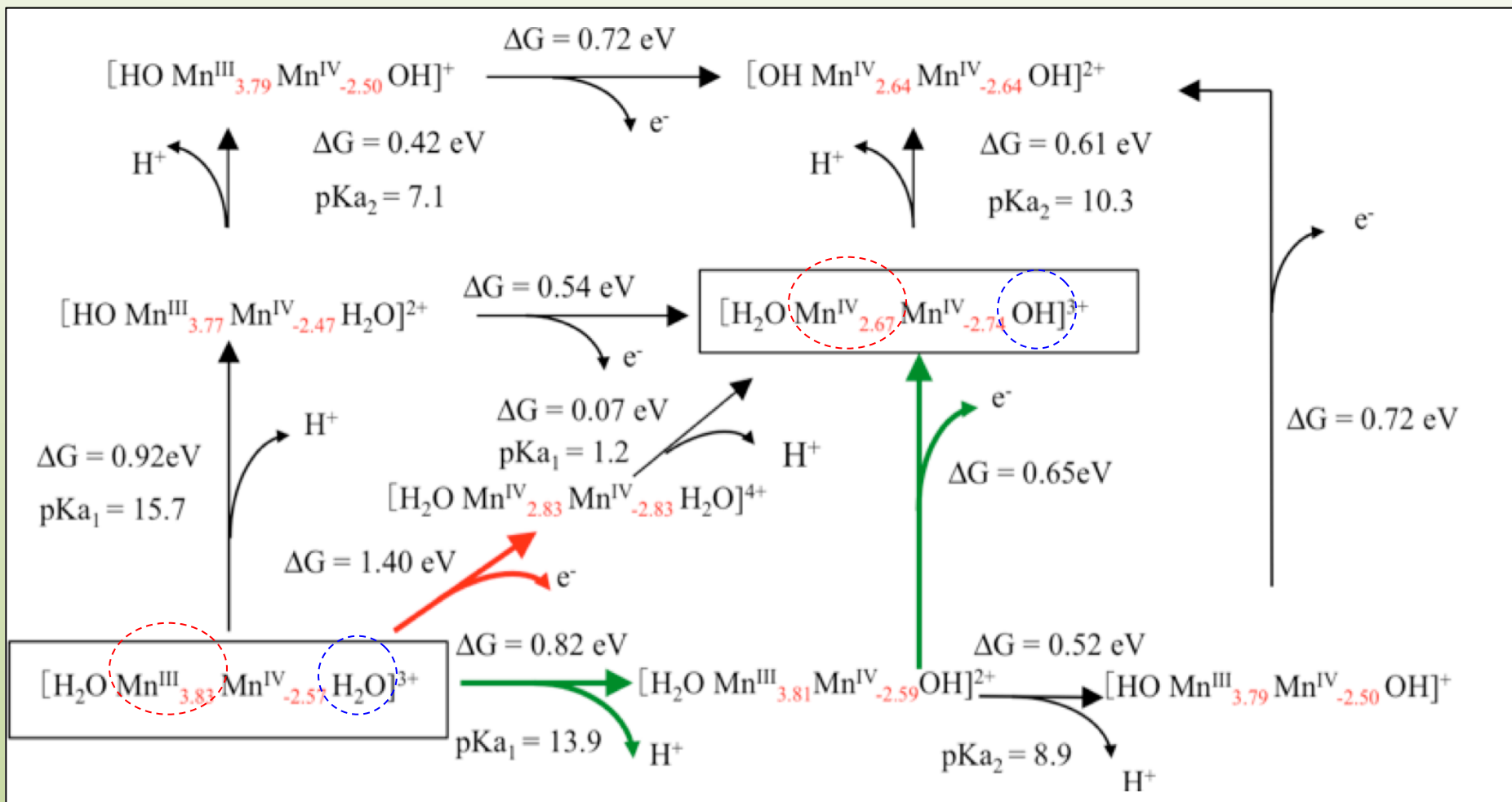
O-O Bond Formation: Spin Injection



PCET: Activation Mechanism

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Pourbaix Diagrams: Theory vs. Experiments

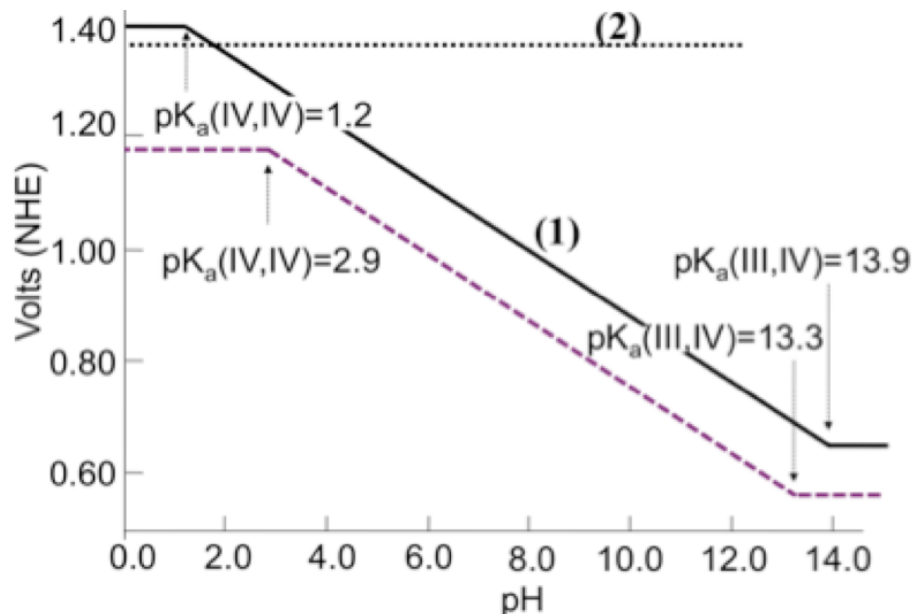
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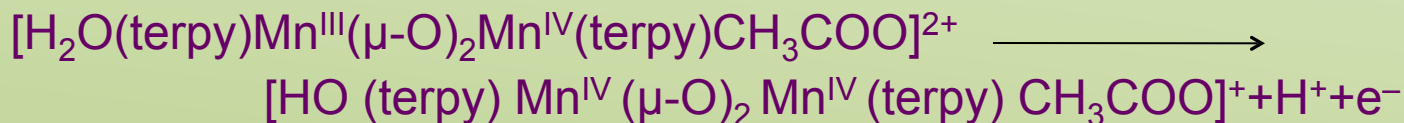
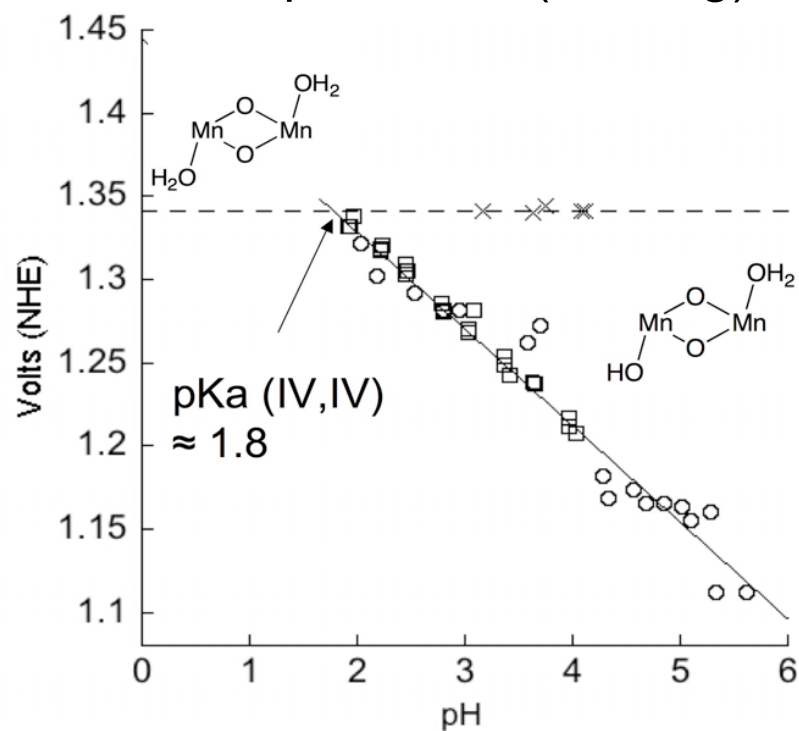
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Theory (Batista)



Experiments (Brudvig)





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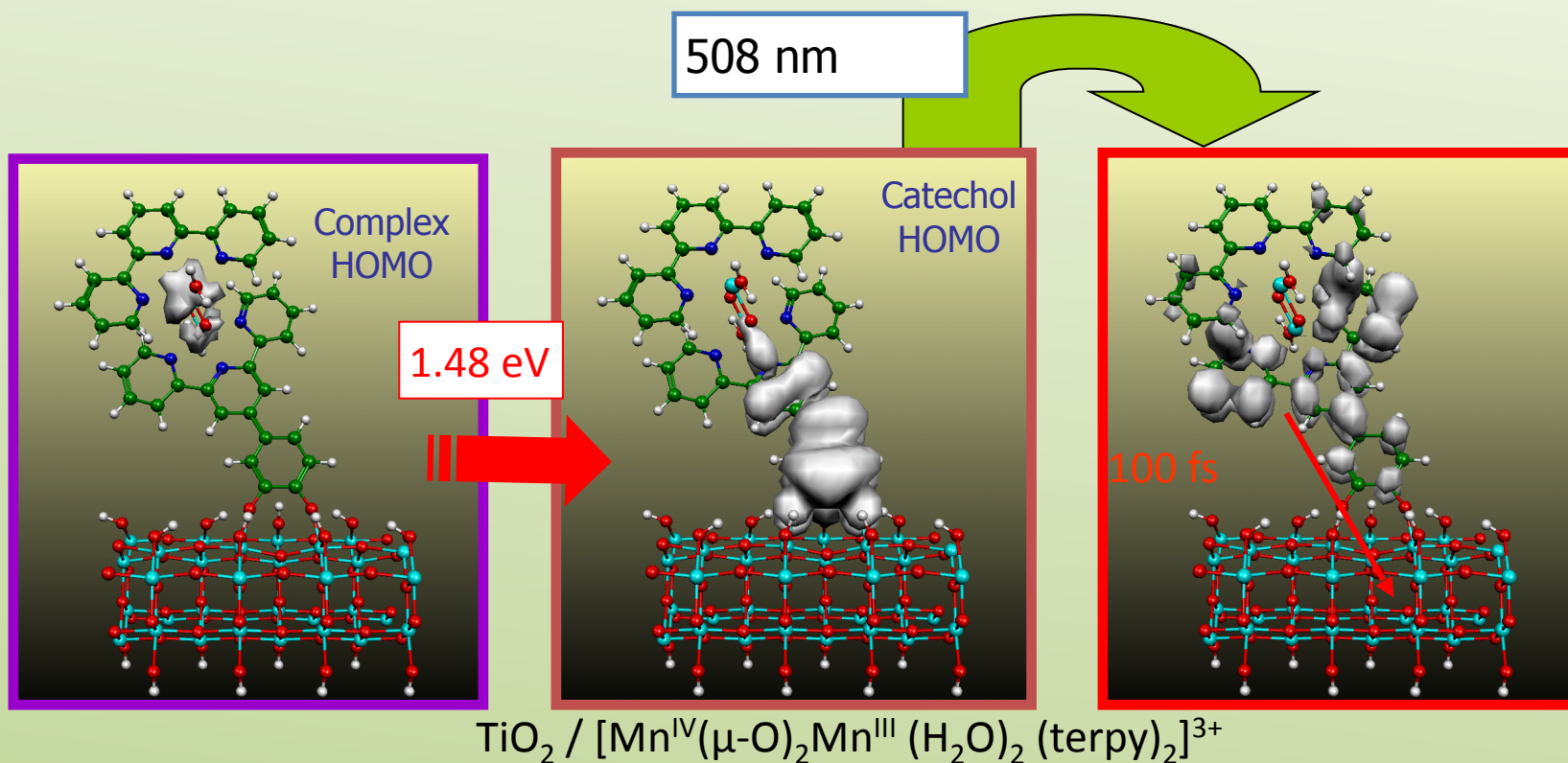
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Photoactivation of a Mn-Adsorbate Complex

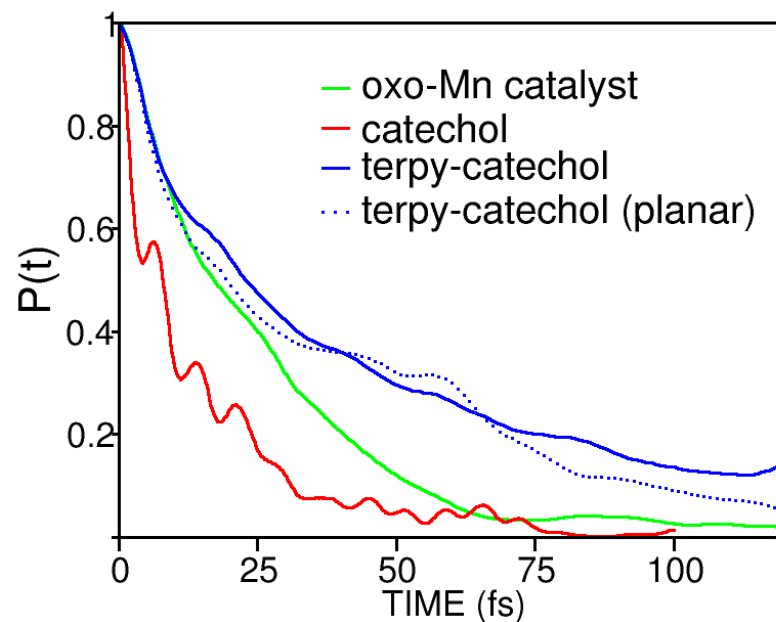
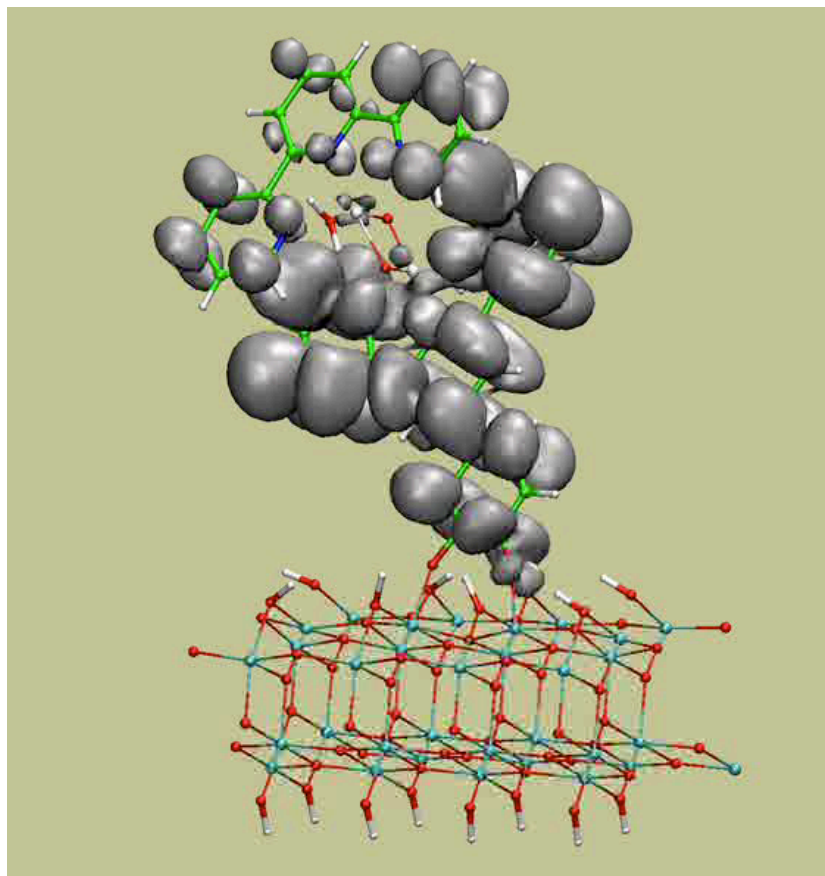
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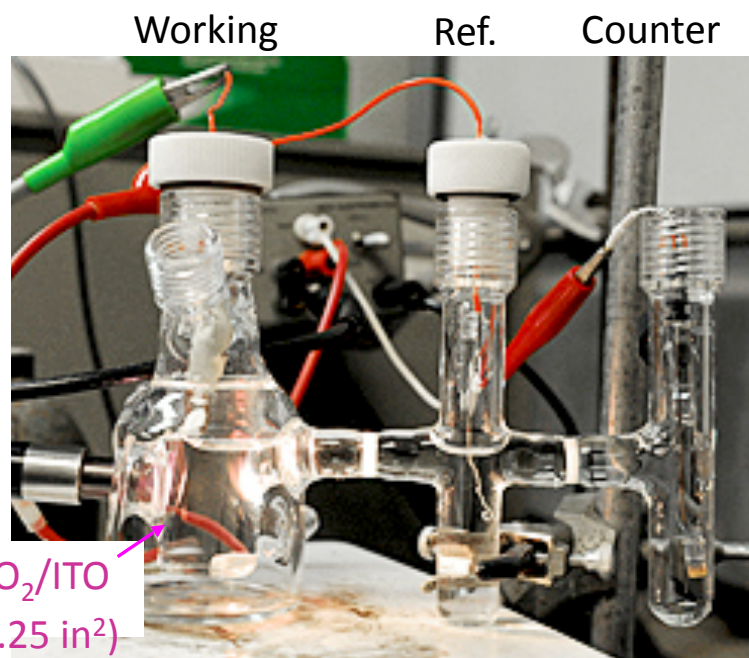
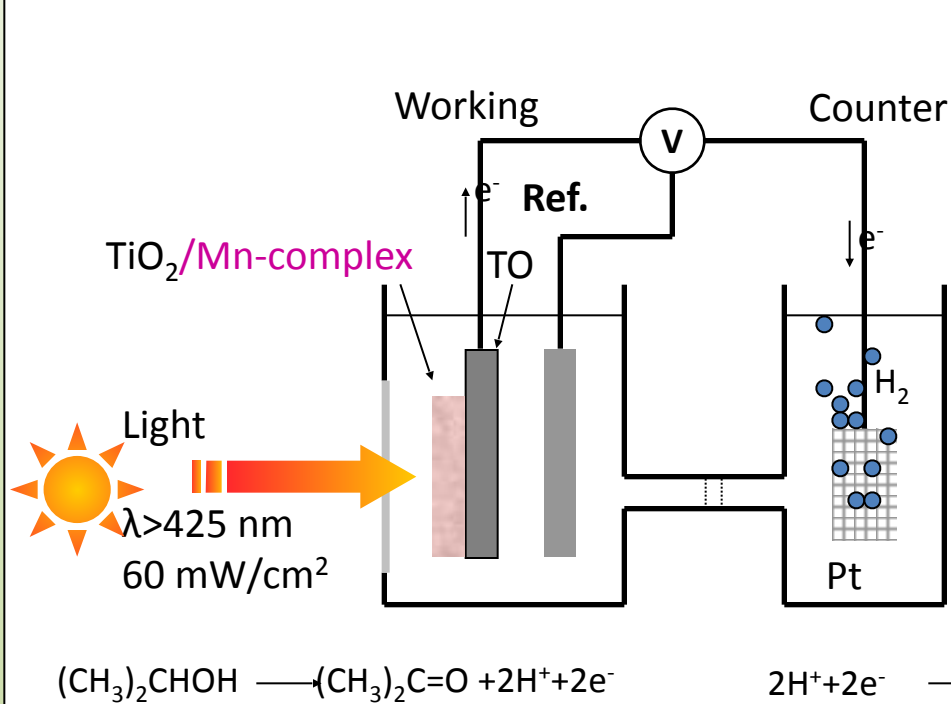


First 100 fs after photoexcitation
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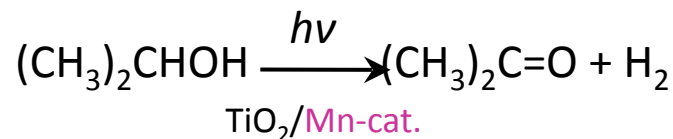
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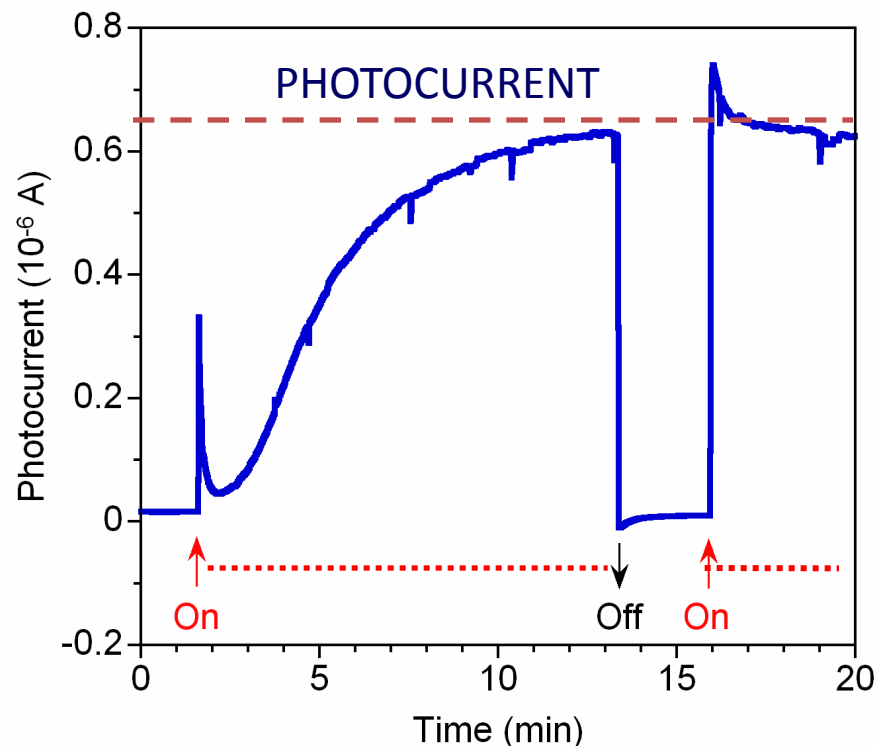
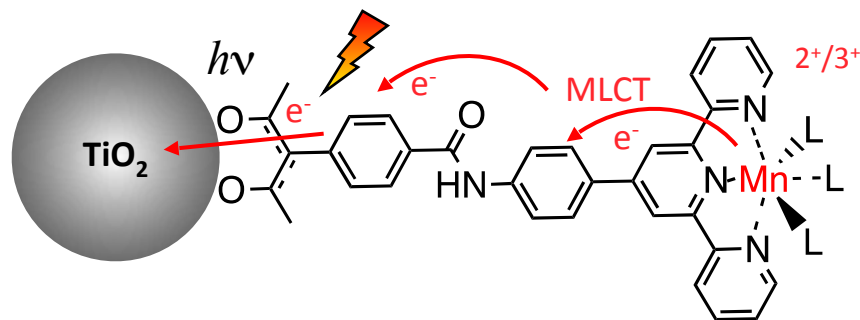
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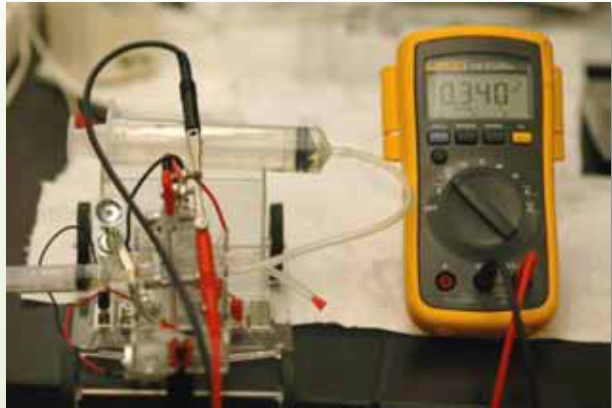


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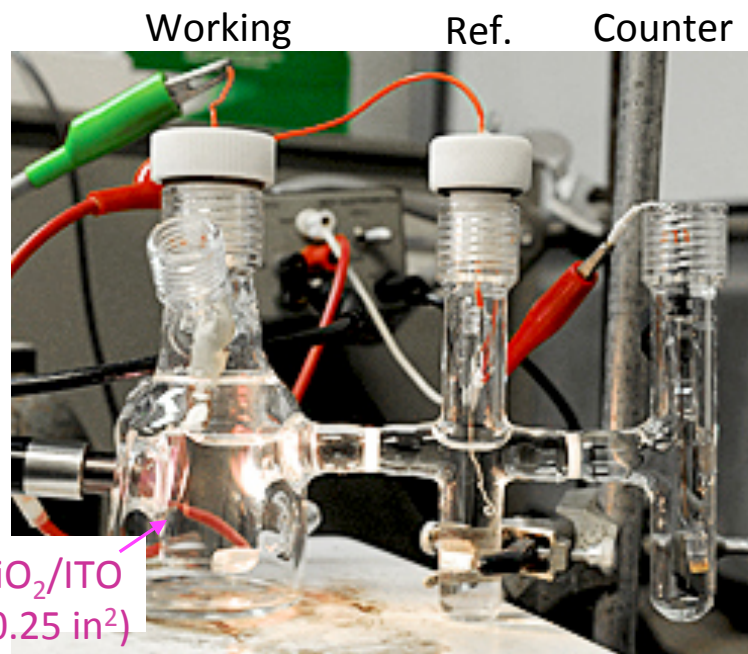
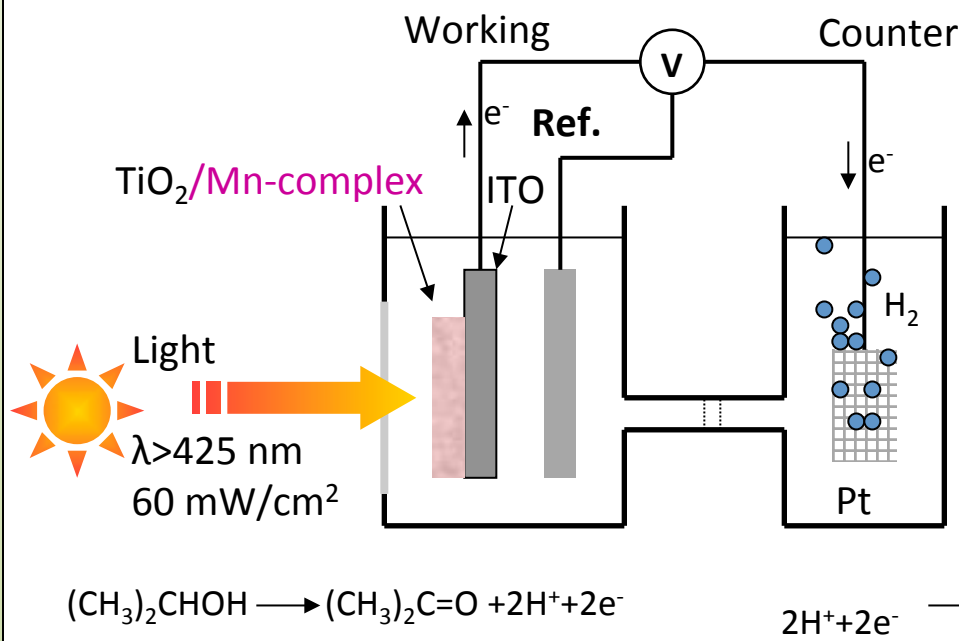


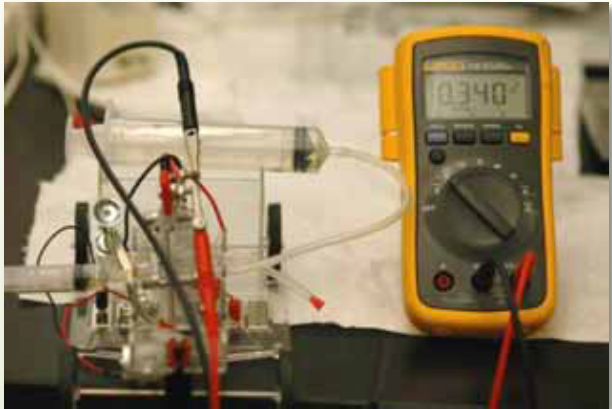
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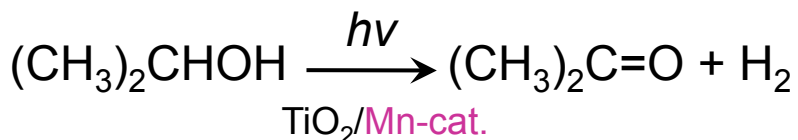


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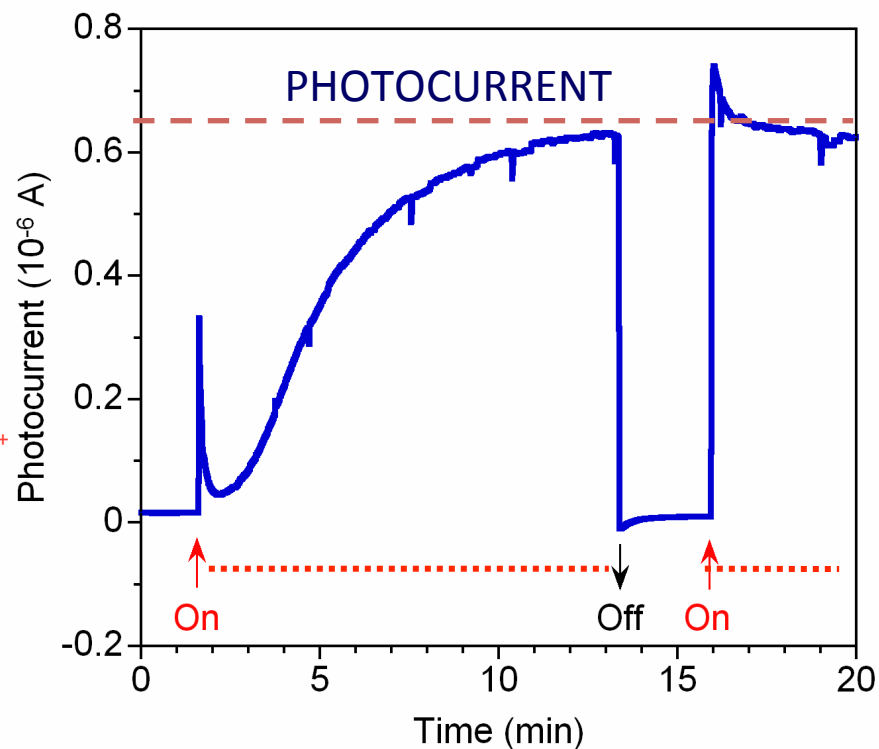
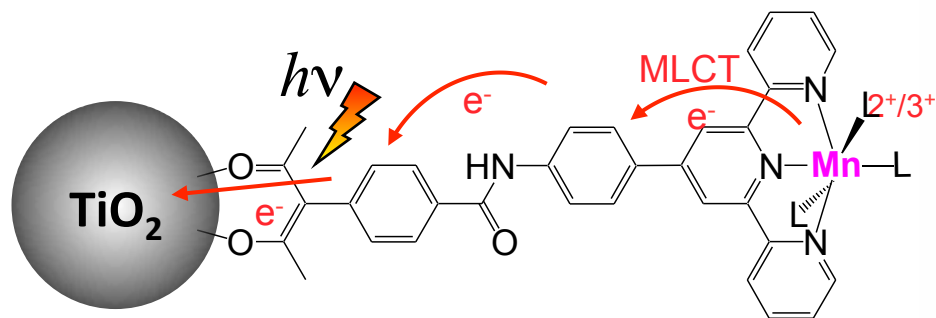
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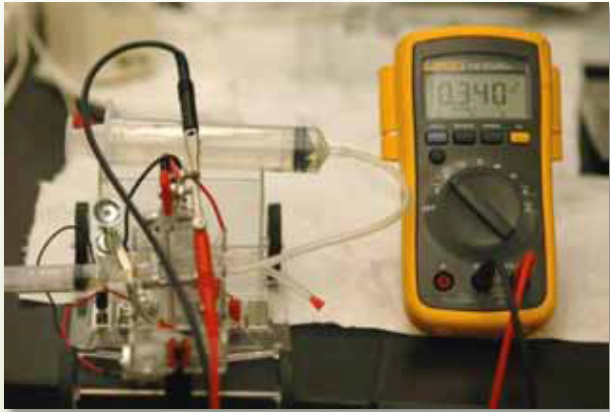
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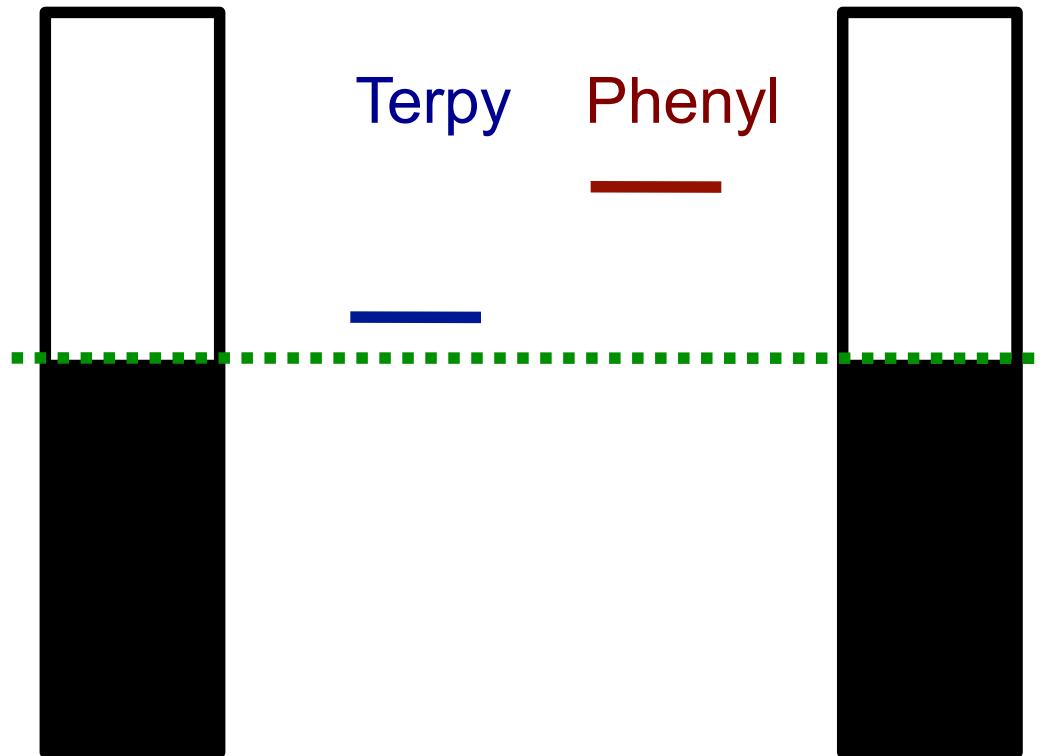


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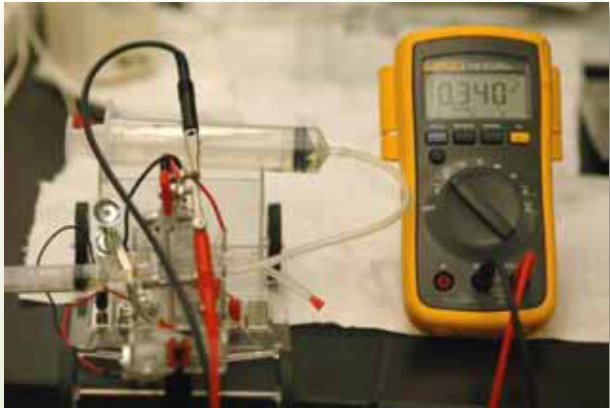




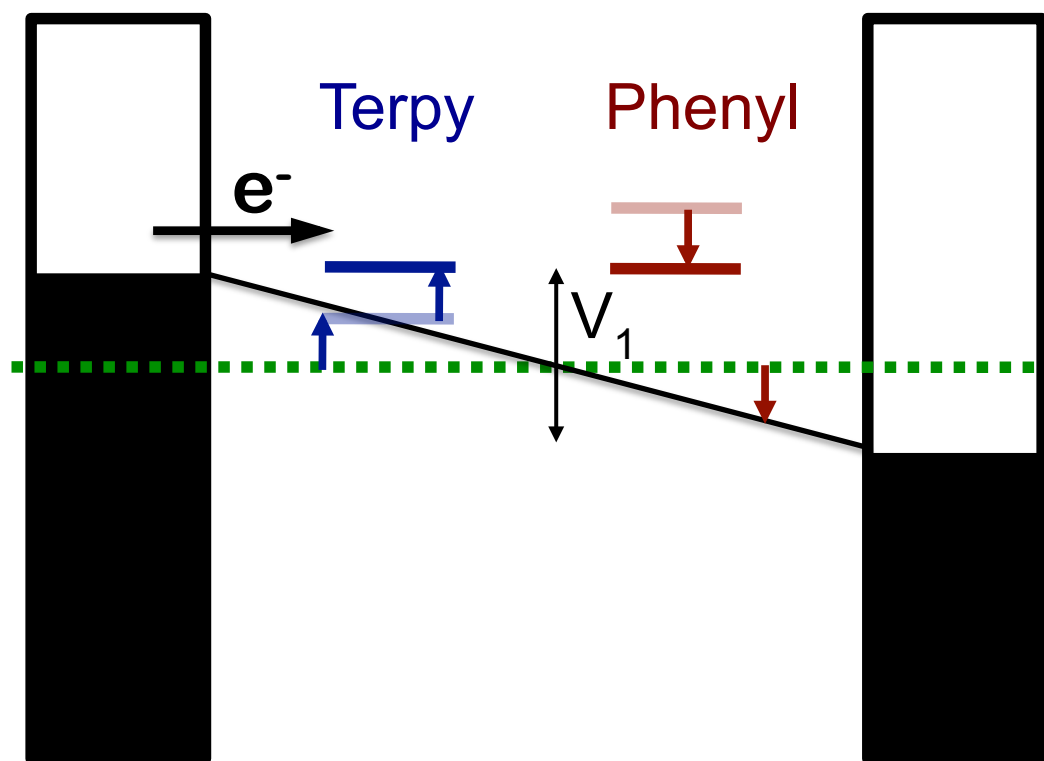
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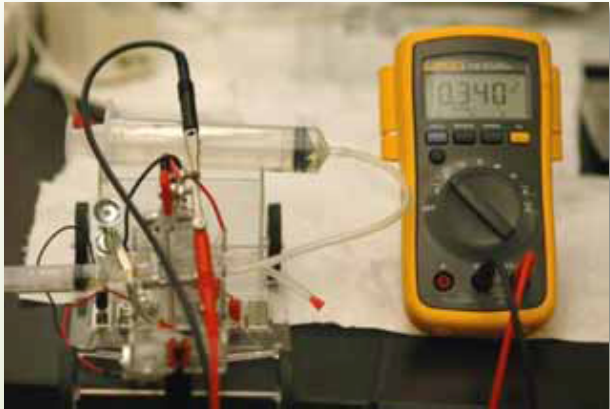
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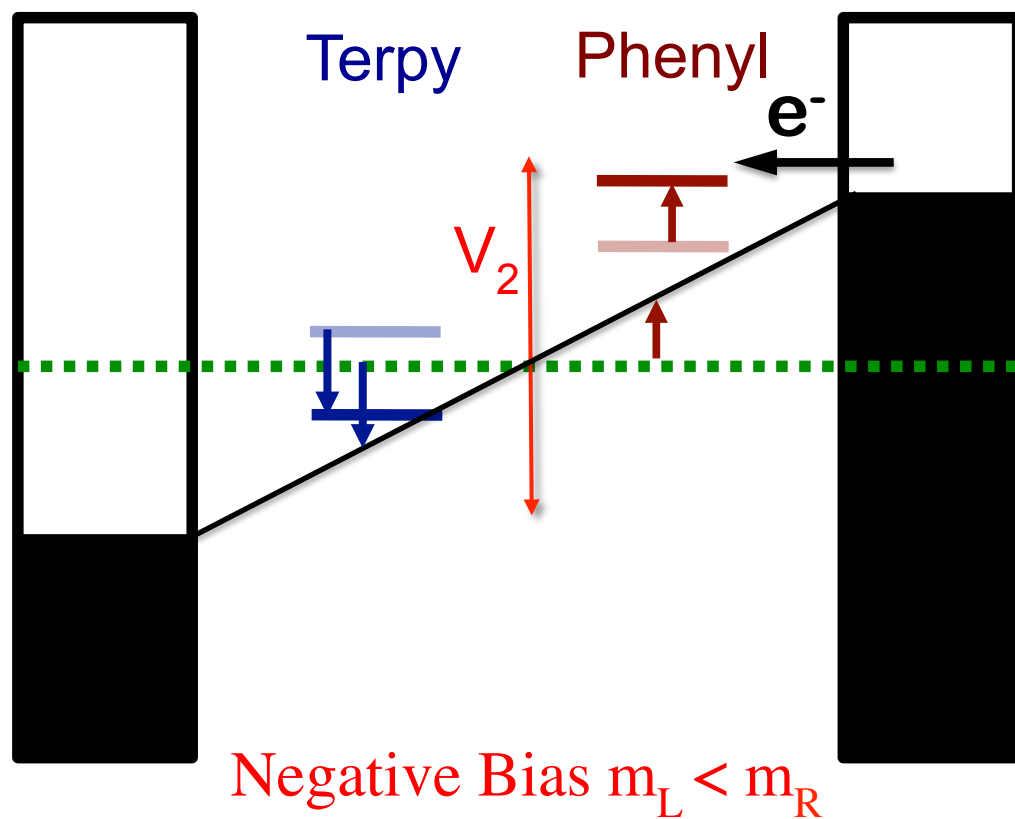
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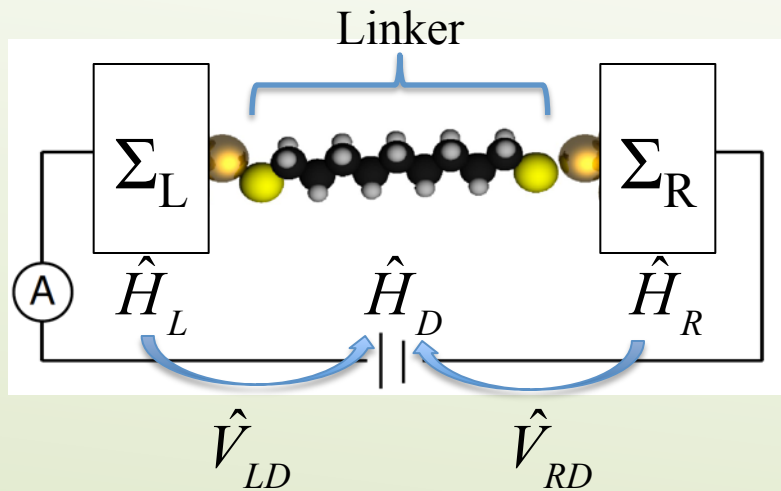
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DFT-NEGF Methodology



$$\hat{H} = \begin{pmatrix} \boxed{H_L} & V_{LD} & 0 \\ V_{LD}^+ & \boxed{H_D} & V_{RD}^+ \\ 0 & V_{RD} & \boxed{H_R} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Sigma_{L/R} = \left(ES_{LD/RD}^+ - V_{L/R}^+ \right) g_{L/R} \left(ES_{LD/RD} - V_{L/R} \right)$$

$$\hat{H} \longrightarrow \hat{G} = \left(E\hat{S} - \hat{H} - \hat{\Sigma} \right)^{-1} \longrightarrow T(E) = \text{Tr} \left(\hat{\Gamma}_L \hat{G}_D \hat{\Gamma}_R \hat{G}_D^+ \right) \longrightarrow \text{Current: } I$$

$$\hat{\Sigma} = \hat{\Sigma}_L + \hat{\Sigma}_R$$

$$G_D = \left(ES_D - H_D - \Sigma_L - \Sigma_R \right)^{-1}$$

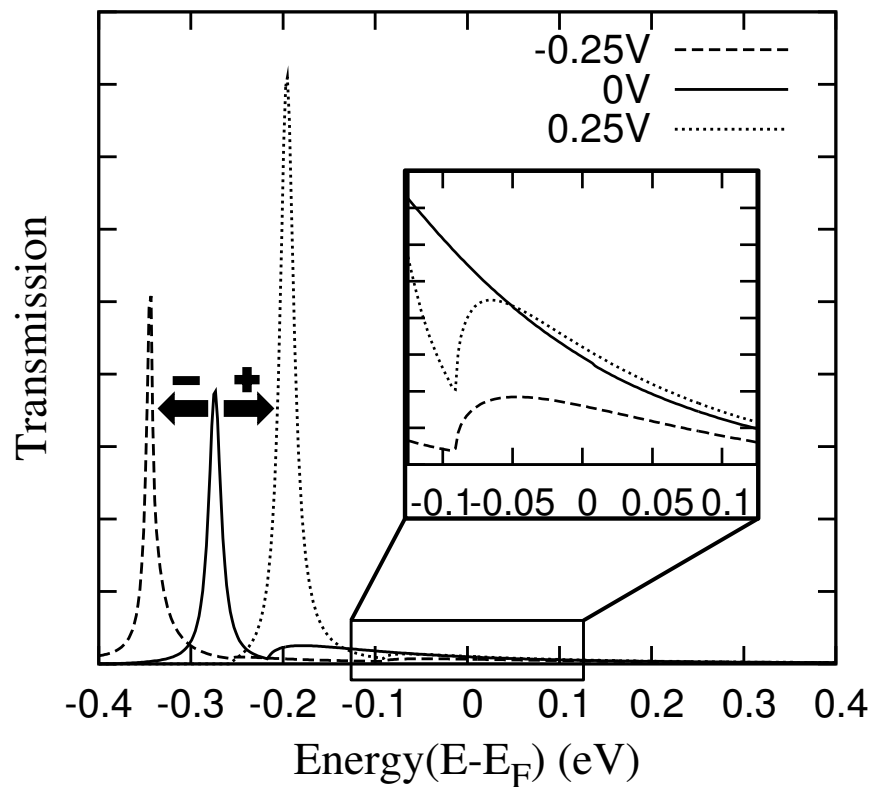
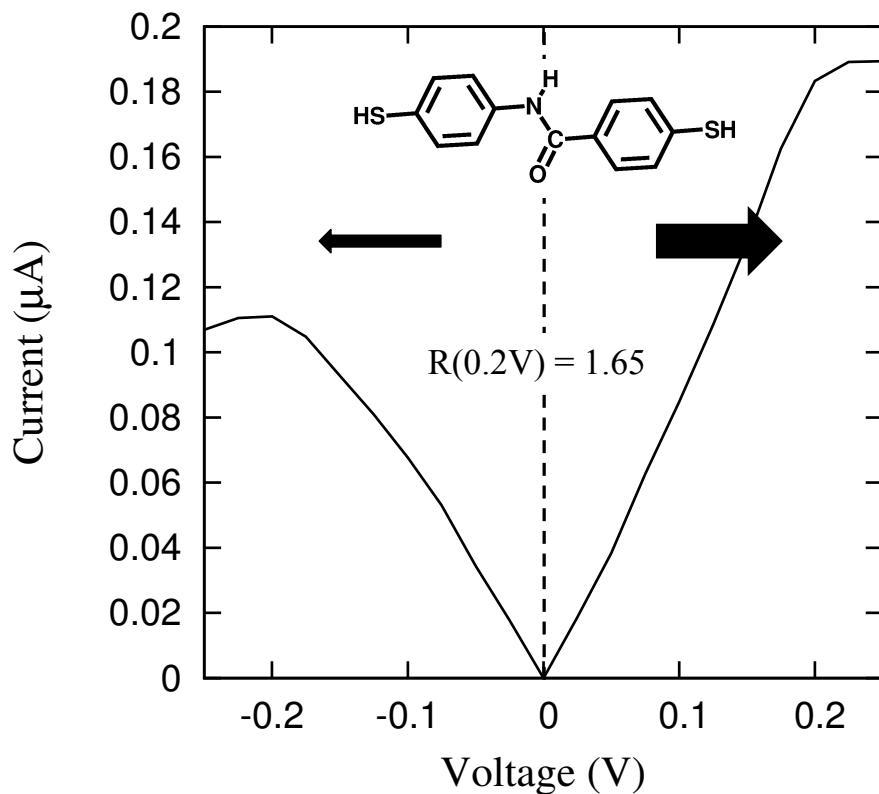
$$\Gamma_{L/R} = i \left(\Sigma_{L/R} - \Sigma_{L/R}^+ \right)$$

$$I = \frac{2e}{h} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dE T(E) \left[f_L(E) - f_R(E) \right]$$

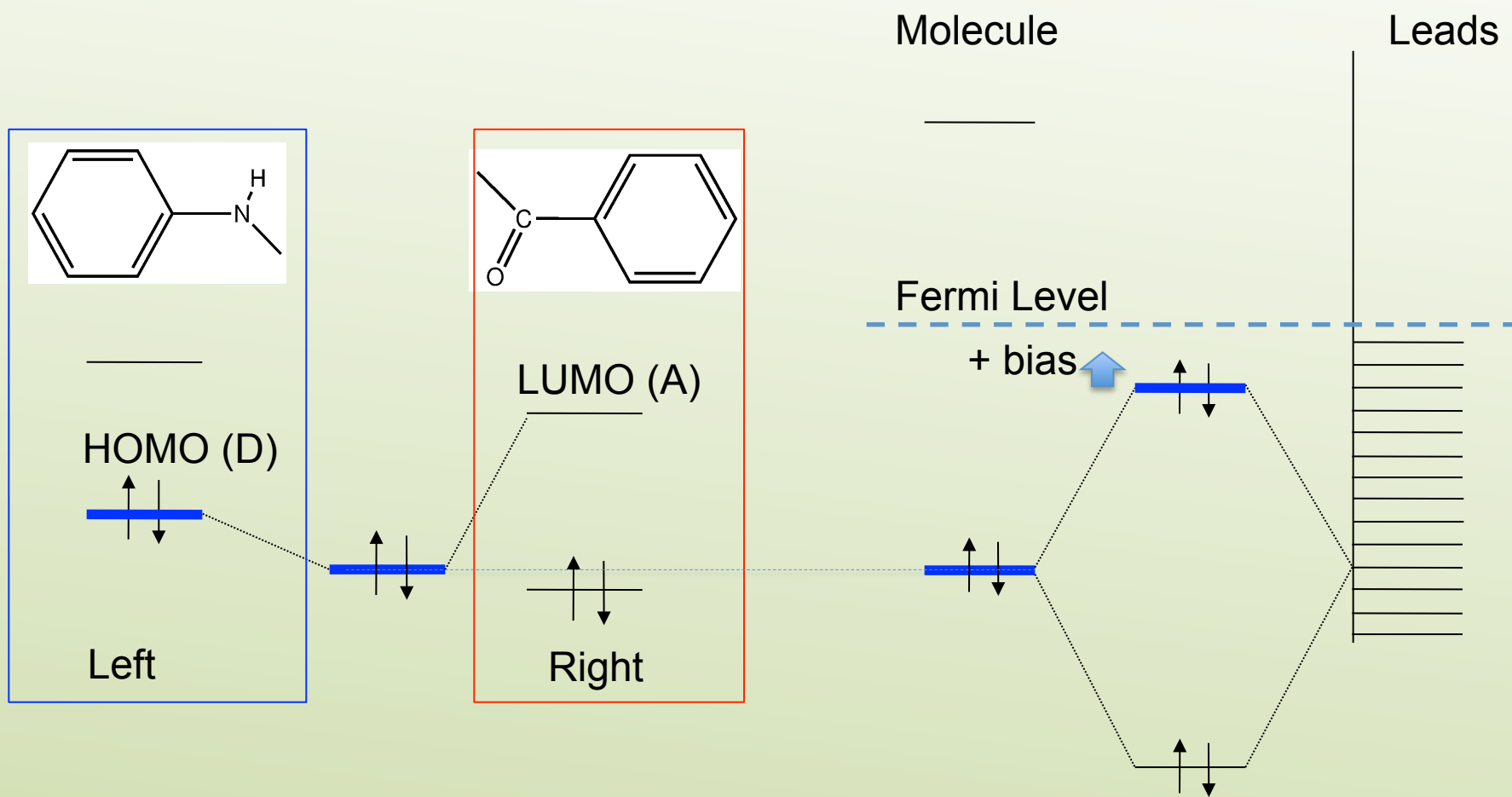
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MOLECULAR RECTIFICATION

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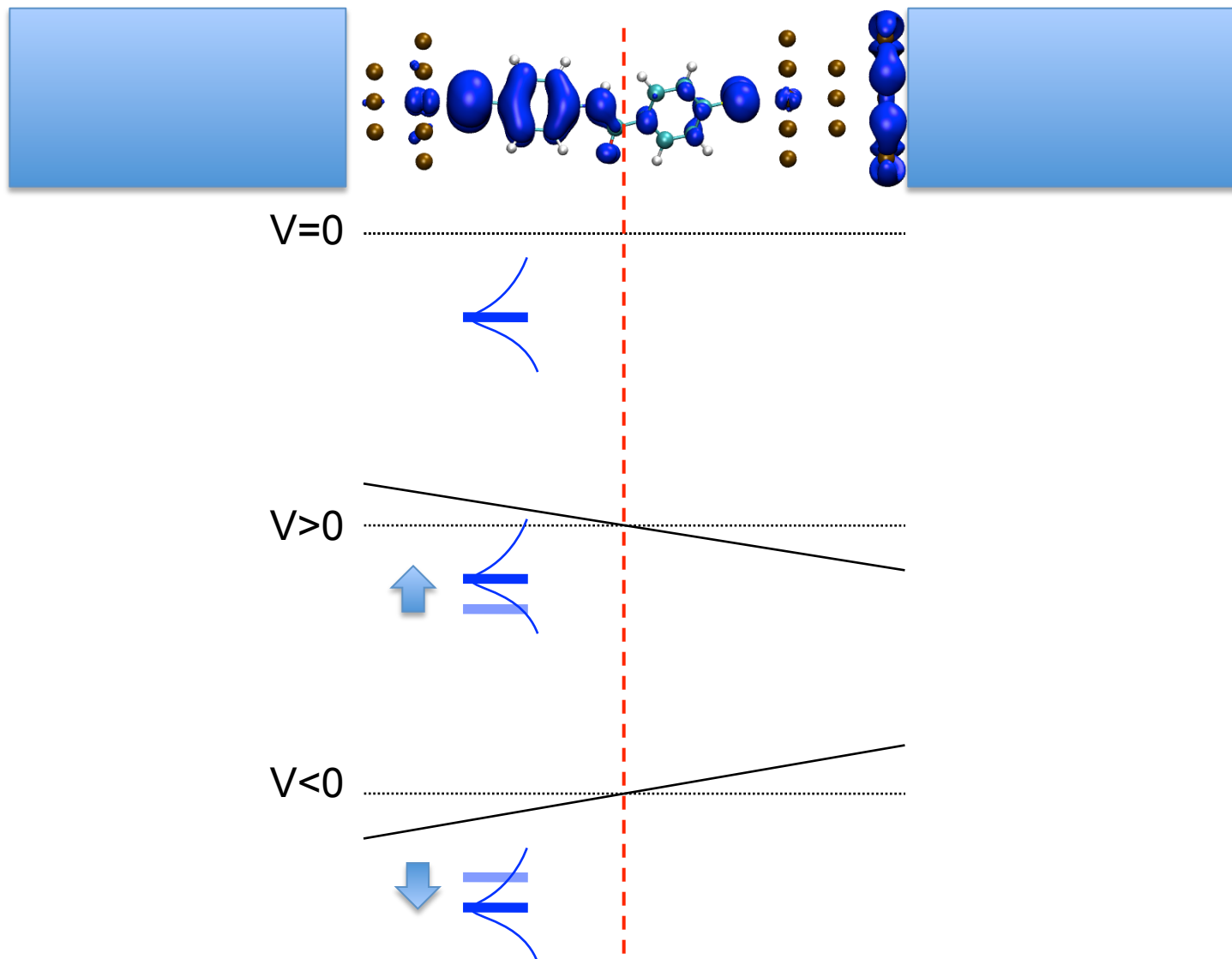


Molecule-Lead coupling



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Single Frontier Orbital Mechanism



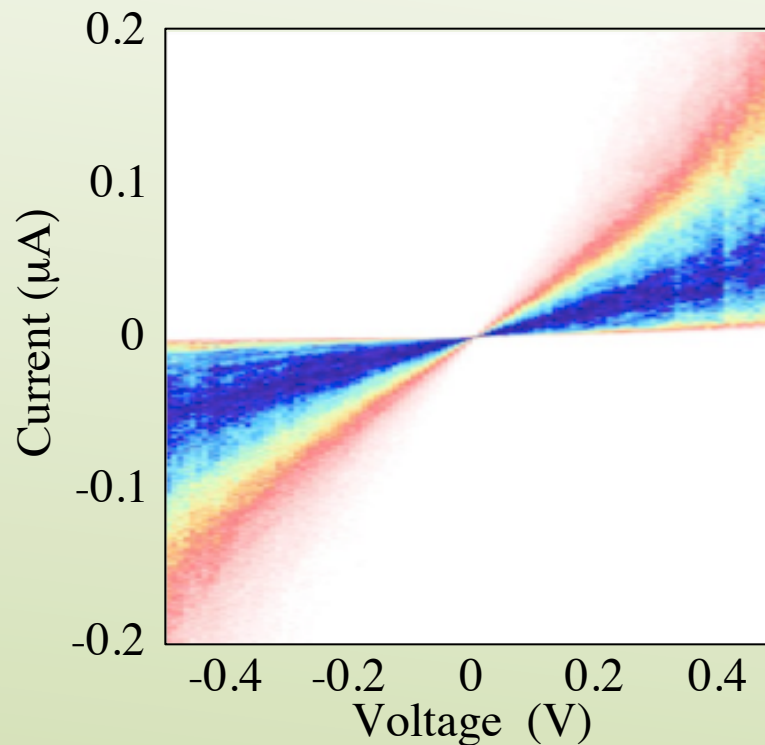
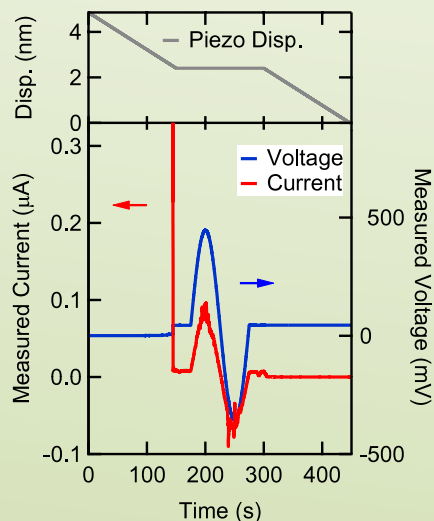
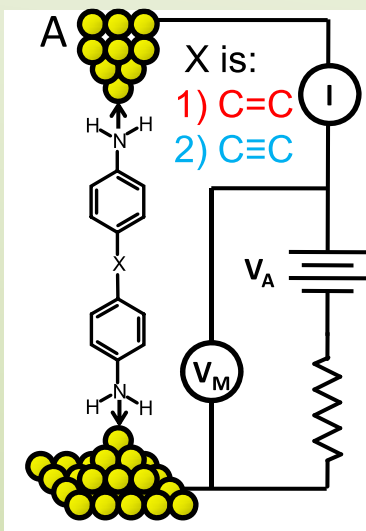
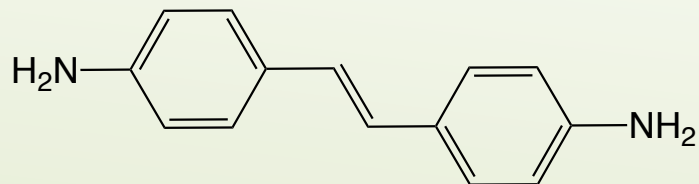
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Experimental I-V histograms



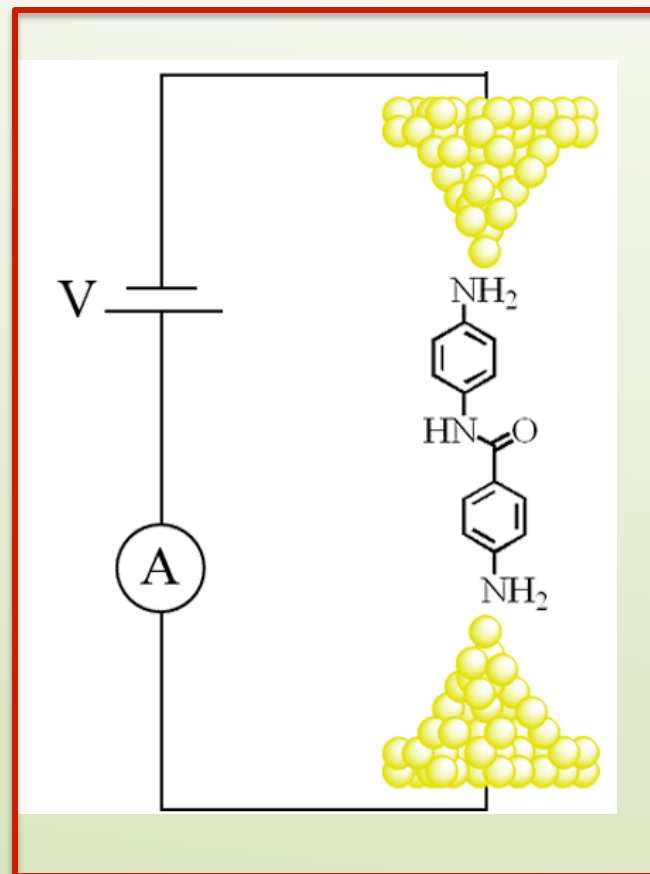
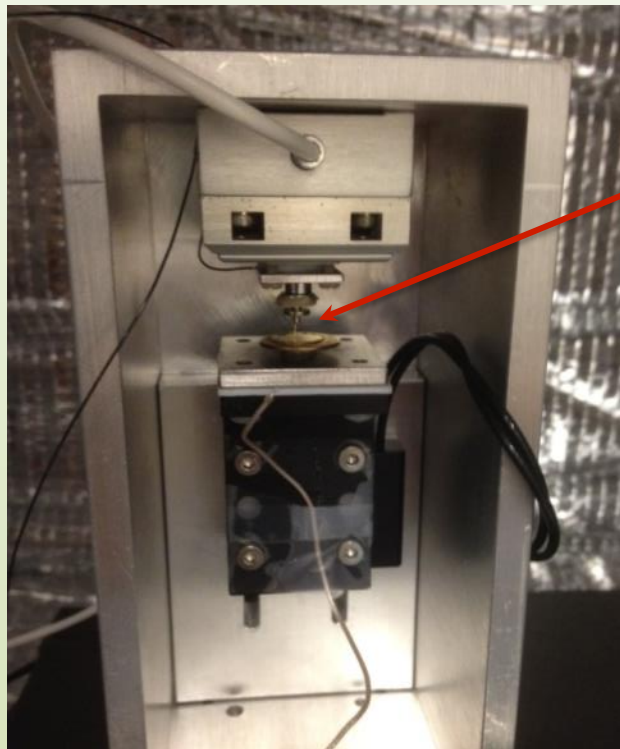
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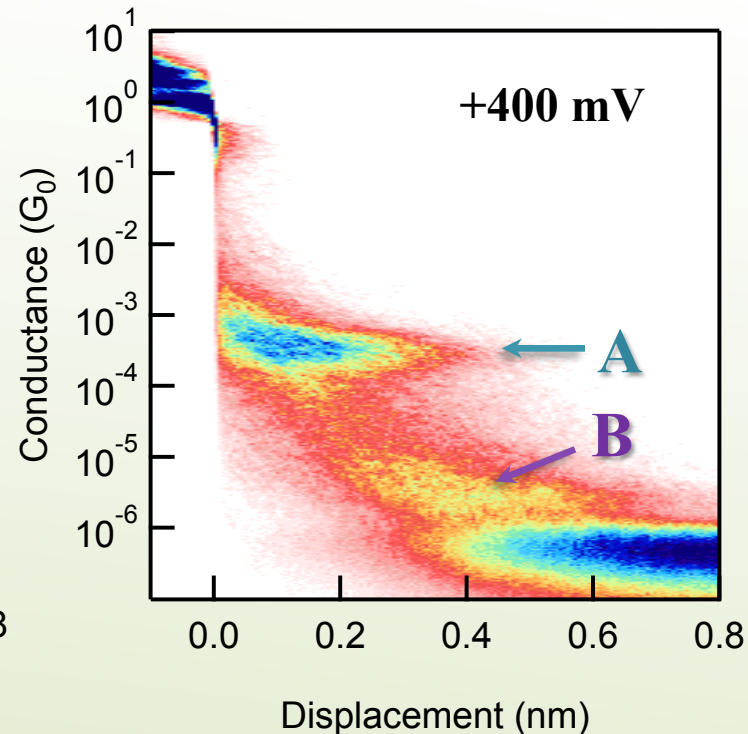
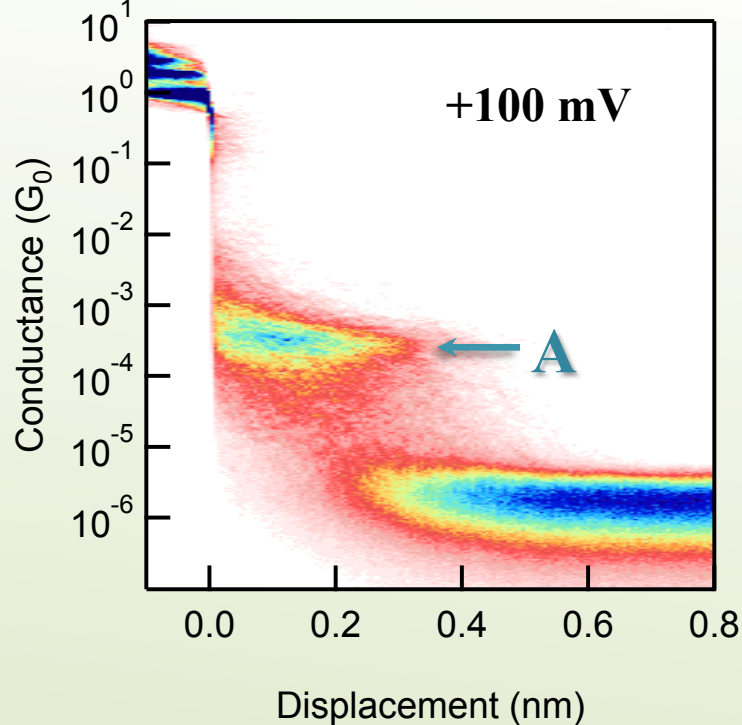
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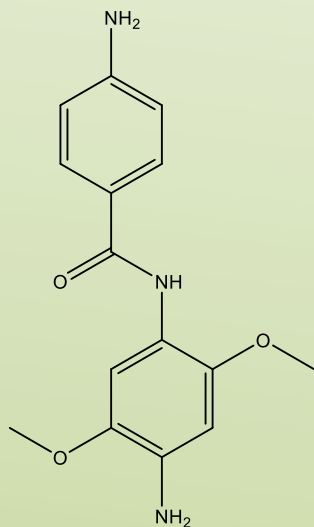


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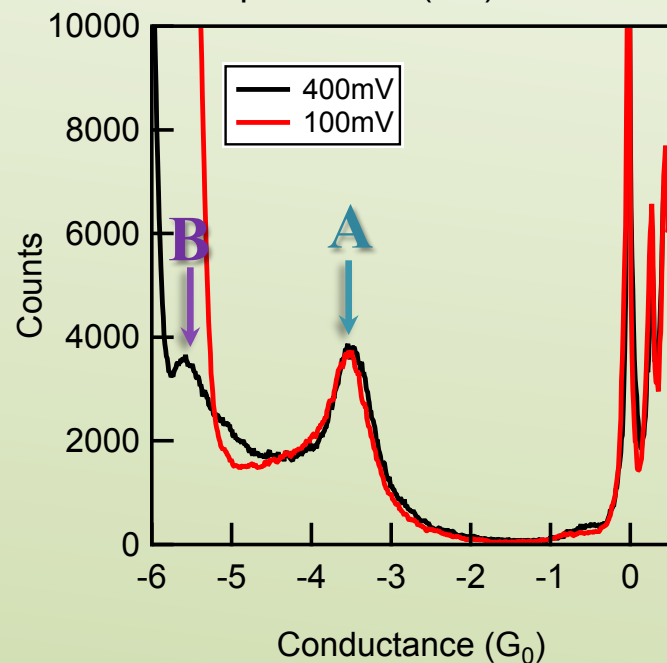
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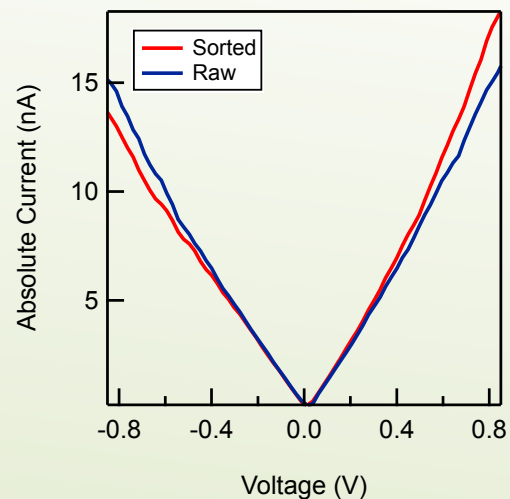
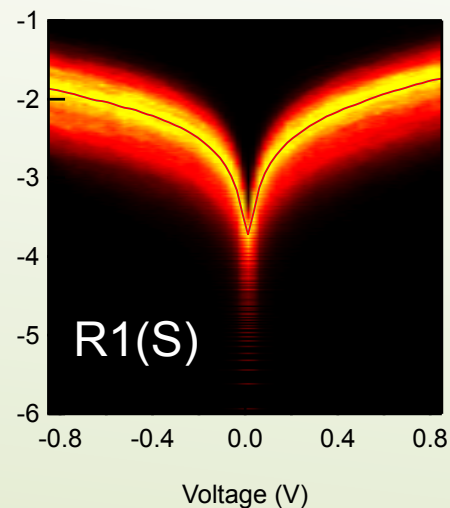
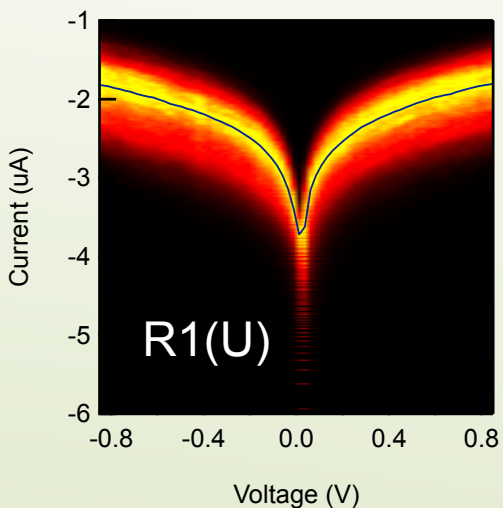
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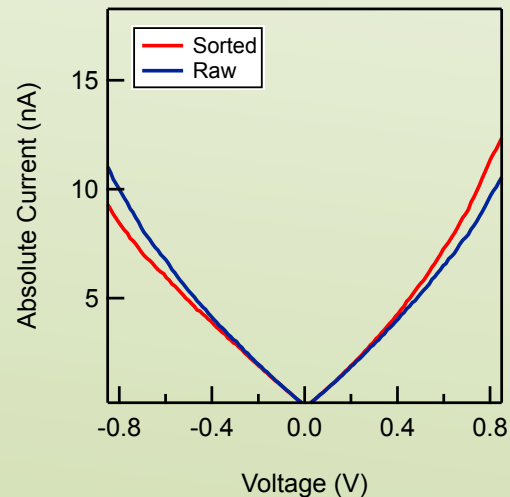
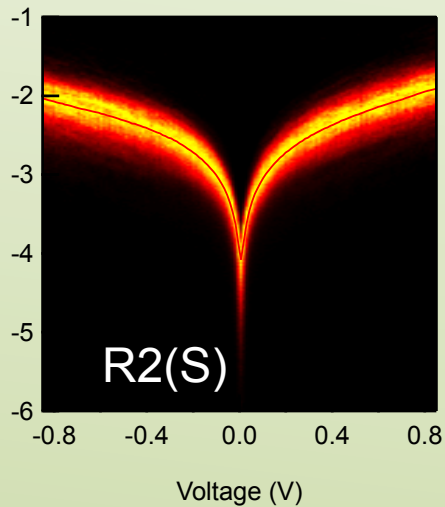
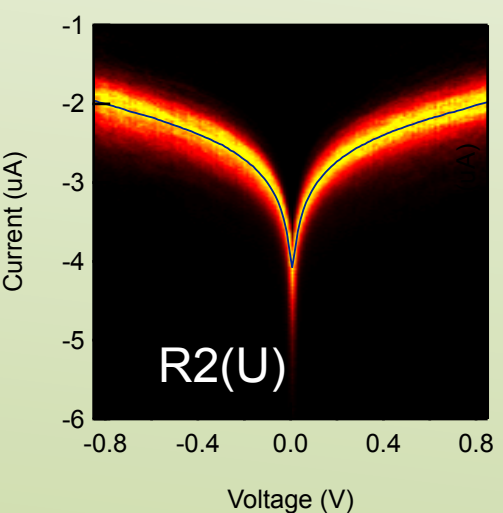
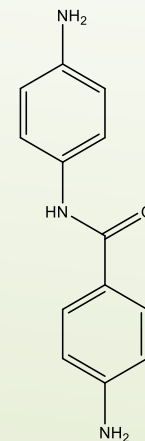
1. Well defined single molecule conductance plateaus (A).
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3. Small but measurable increase in conductance as bias increases.
4. A second low-conductance plateau (B) also observed (+400 mV).



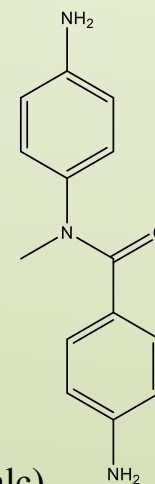
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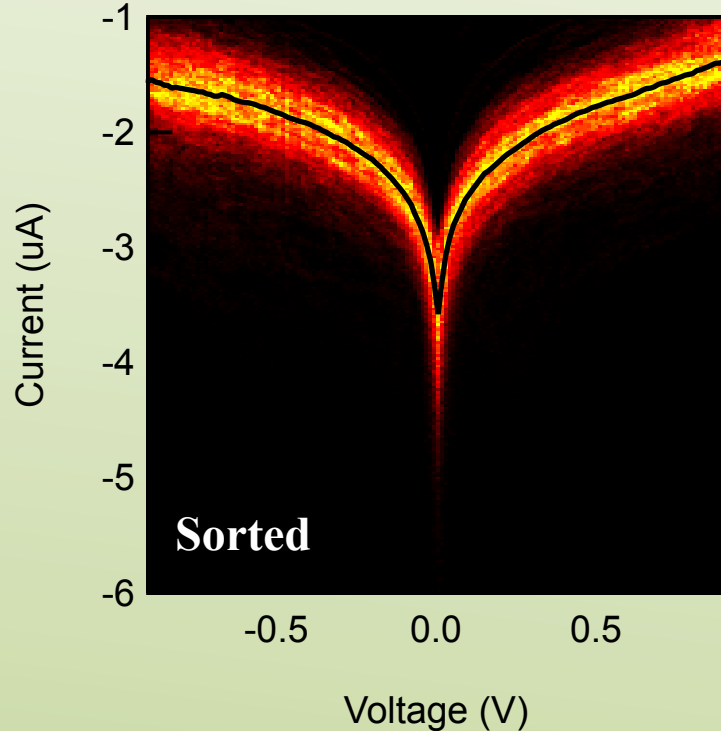
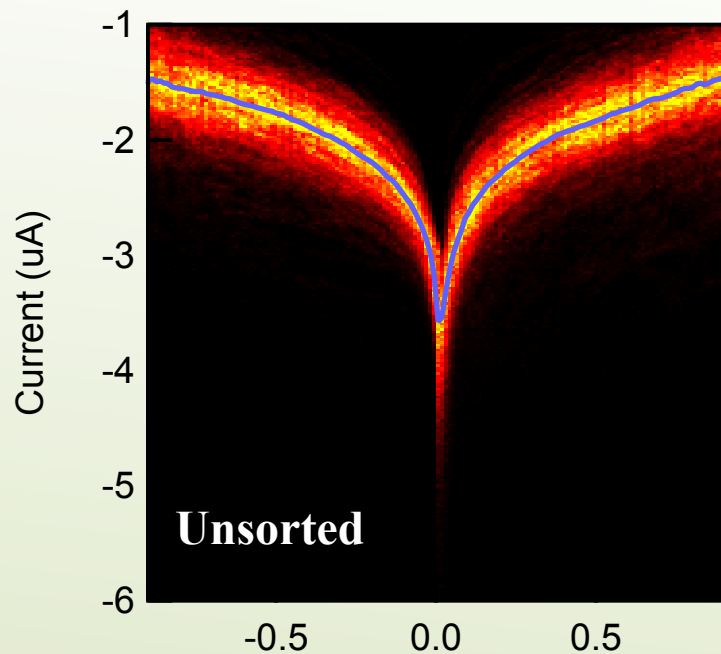
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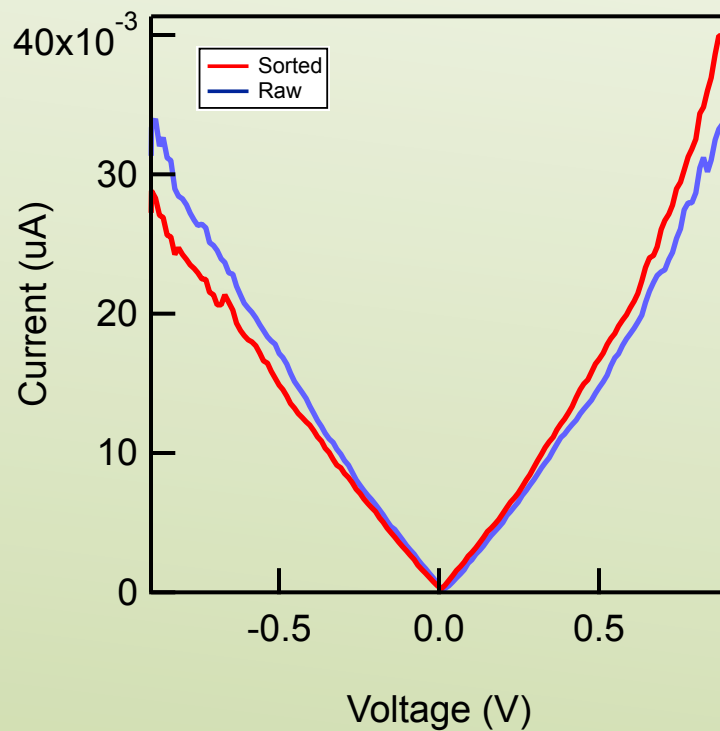
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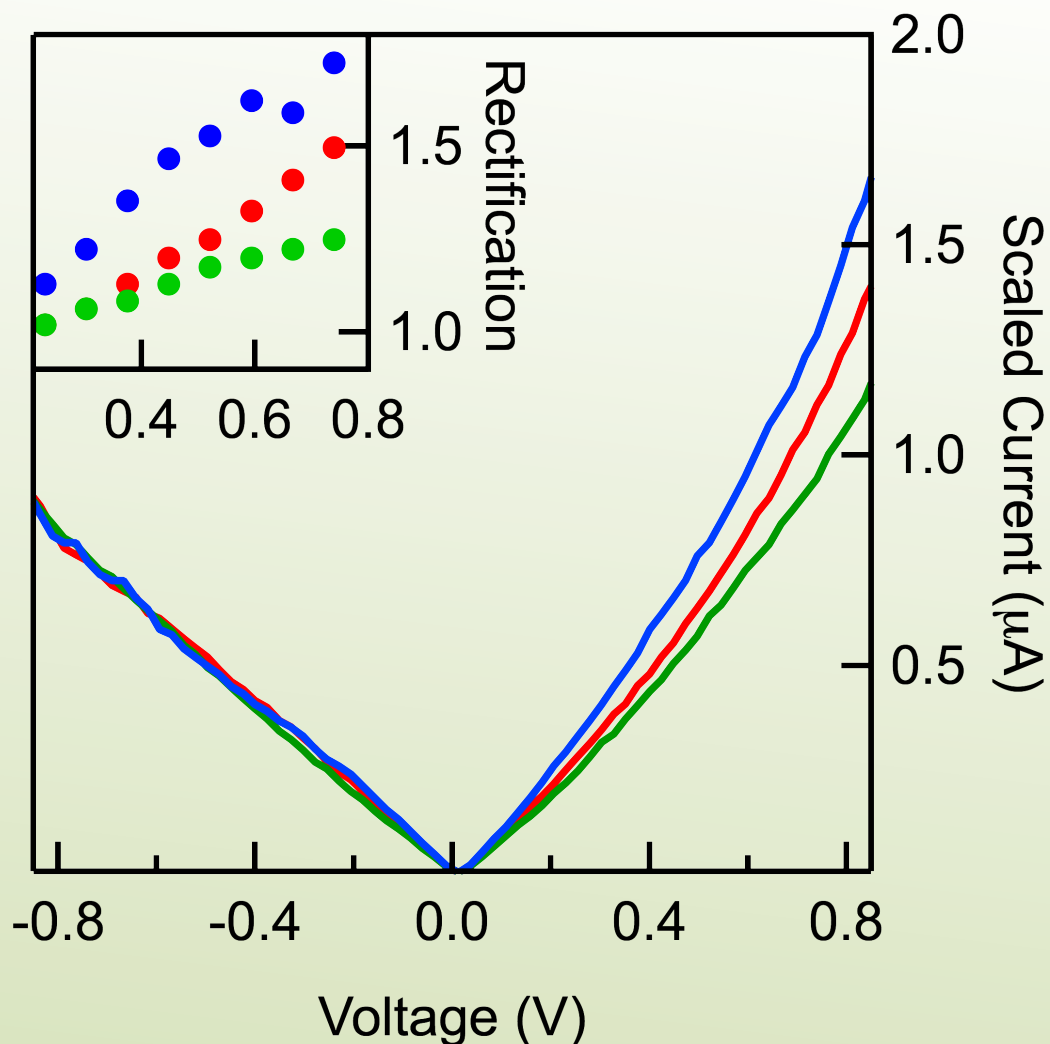
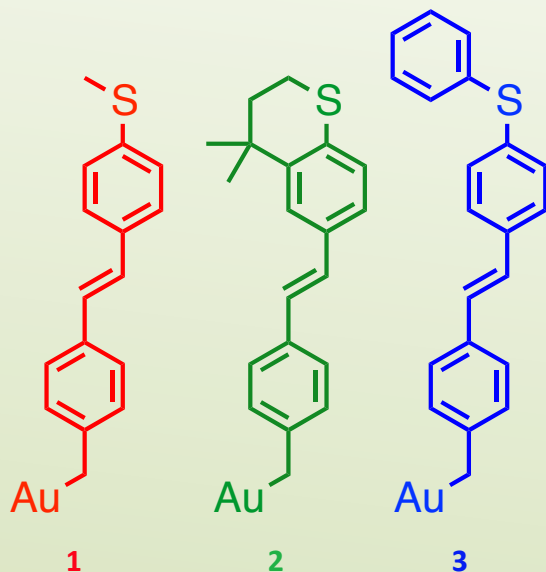
R5, Rectification at 0.85 V = 1.45



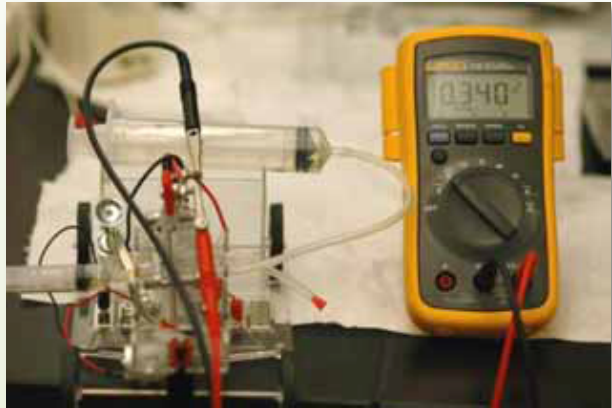
Molecule	Conductance (G_0)	RR
R1	1.7×10^{-4}	1.30
R5	2.9×10^{-4}	1.45



Examples of Rectifying & Poor-Rectifying Molecules



Scaled, statistically most probable IV curves for the three molecules. The curves are calculated from log-binned 2D histograms with bin sizes and histogram ranges kept constant. All curves have been scaled to zero-bias conductance of molecule **3**, with the red curve multiplied by 2 and the blue curve by 4. Inset: Rectification ratio as a function of bias. Molecule **3** rectifies over three times as much as molecule **2**, with rectification at 0.85V approaching 2.



Modeling Systems for a Hydrogen Economy

Molecular Inverse Design: LCAP Methodology

Schrödinger equation in EH matrix form is

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$$\mathbf{HC} = \mathbf{ESC}$$

Hamiltonian matrix ← \mathbf{H} Eigenvector matrix ← \mathbf{C} Eigenvalue matrix (diagonal matrix) ← \mathbf{E} Overlap matrix (AO basis set) ← \mathbf{S}

LCAP-EHTB:

Diagonal terms

$$H_{ii}^{(\text{var})} = \sum_{A=1}^{N_{\text{type}}^i} b_A^i h_{ii}^{(A)}$$

constraints

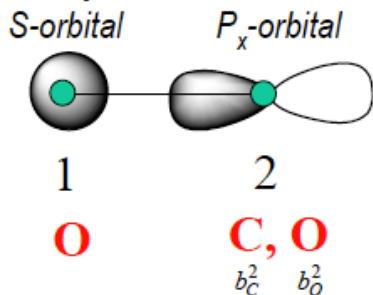
$$0 \leq b_A^i \leq 1$$

Off-diagonal terms

$$H_{ij} = \sum_{A=1}^{N_{\text{type}}^i} \sum_{A'=1}^{N_{\text{type}}^j} b_A^i b_{A'}^j h_{ij}^{(A,A')}$$

$$\sum_{A=1}^{N_{\text{type}}^i} b_A^i = 1$$

Example:

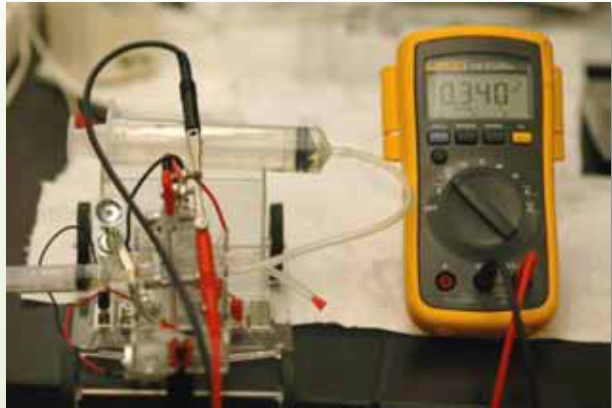


Diagonal term

$$H_{22}^{P_x} = b_C^2 \cdot h_{22}^{(C_{P_x})} + b_O^2 \cdot h_{22}^{(O_{P_x})}$$

Off-diagonal term

$$H_{12}^{SP_x} = b_O^1 \cdot b_C^2 \cdot h_{12}^{(O_S, C_{P_x})} + b_O^1 \cdot b_O^2 \cdot h_{22}^{(O_S, O_{P_x})}$$



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Inverse Design: Molecular Sensitizers

Target molecular property: the total visible absorbance

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$$f = \sum_{p,q} f_{pq} \quad + \text{constraint: } 400nm \leq \lambda_{pq} \leq 800nm$$

f_{pq} is the oscillator strength of the p to q electronic transition, and λ_{pq} is the wavelength of the electronic transition.

$$f_{pq} = \frac{8\pi^2 \nu_{pq} m_e}{3he^2} |\mu_{pq}|^2$$

$\mu_{pq} = \langle \psi_q | r | \psi_p \rangle$: transition dipole moment,

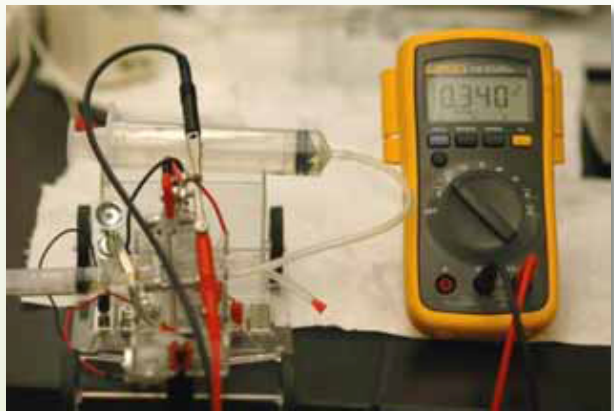
ν_{pq} : wavenumber of the electronic transition,

m_e : electron mass.

Gradients of molecular property:

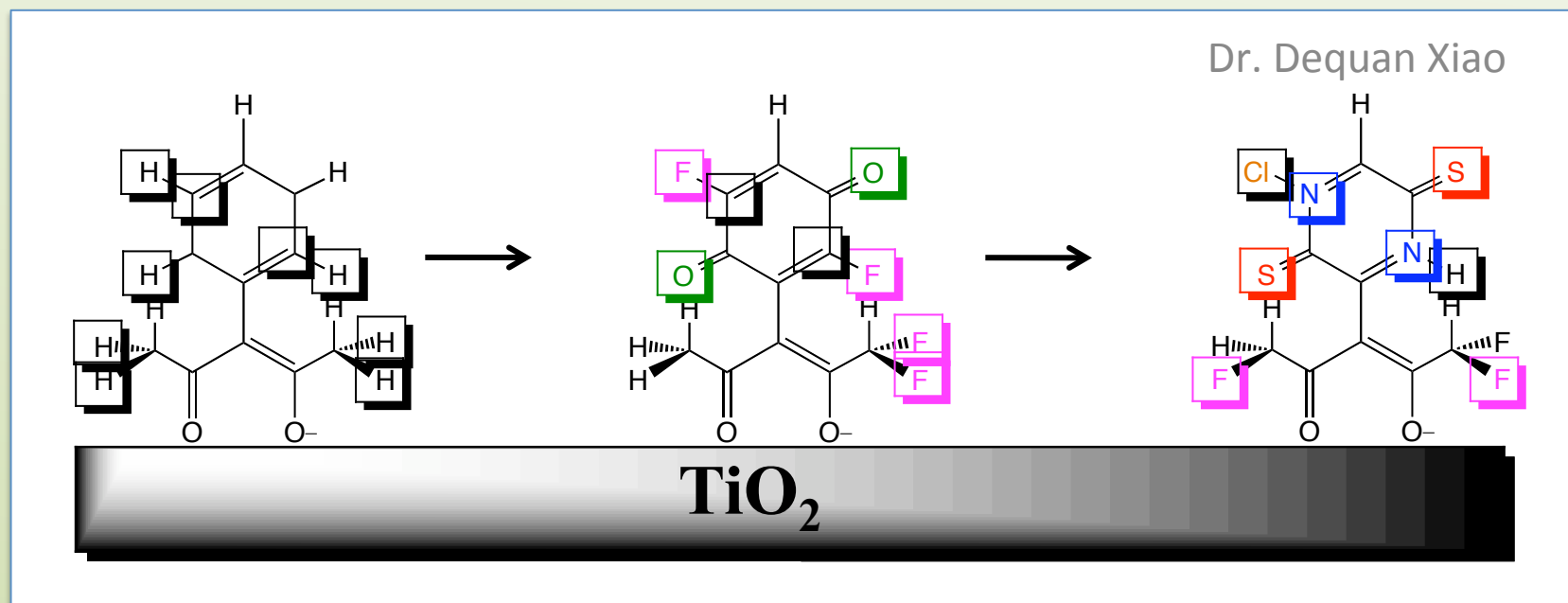
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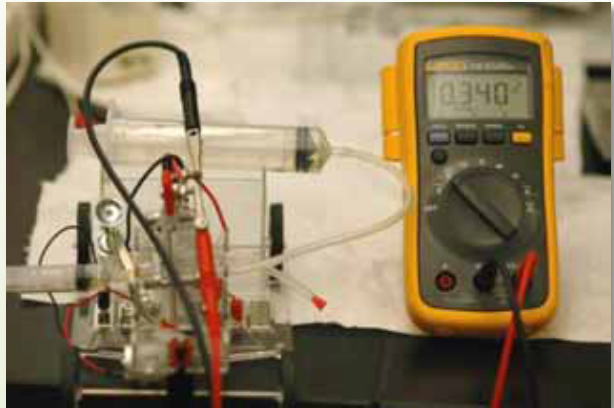
Finally, the continuous optimization of f by varying $\{b_A^i\}$ is performed based on a quasi-Newton (BFGS algorithm) method.



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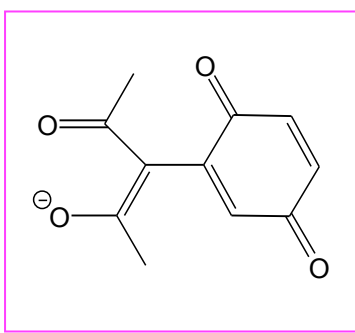
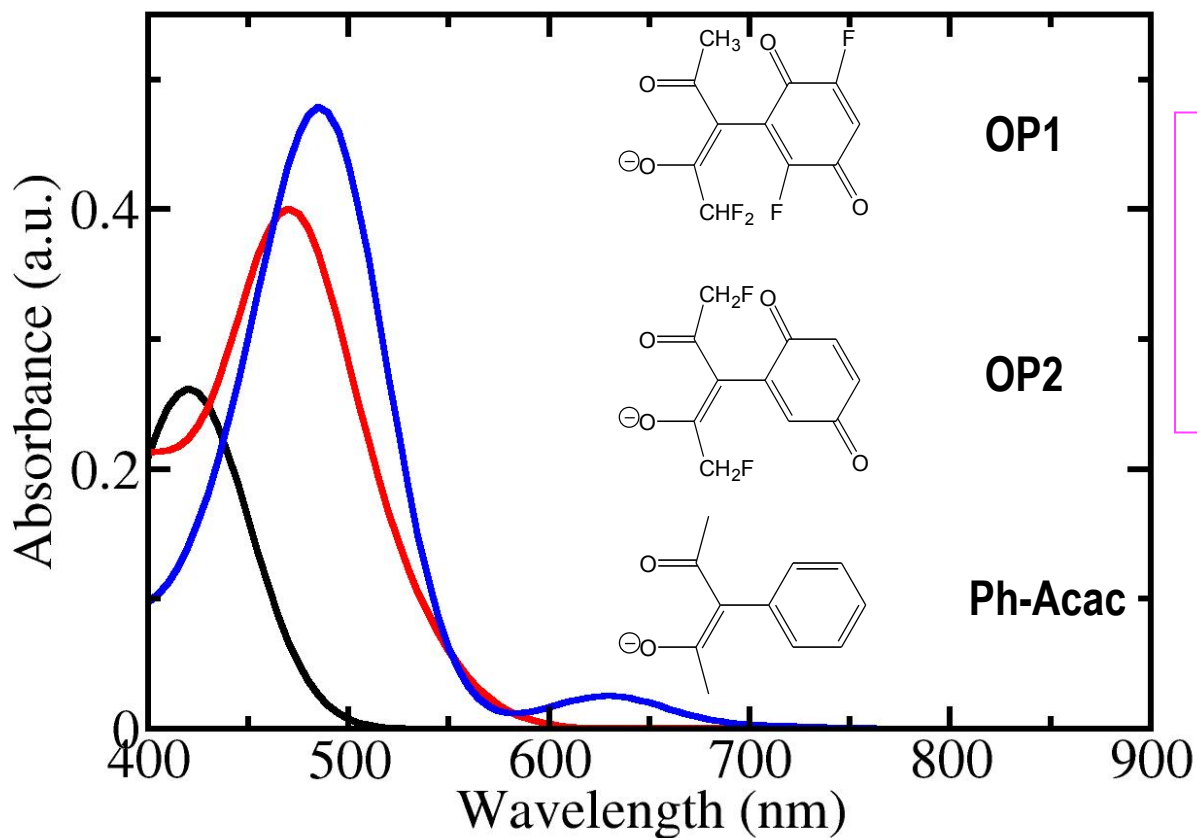




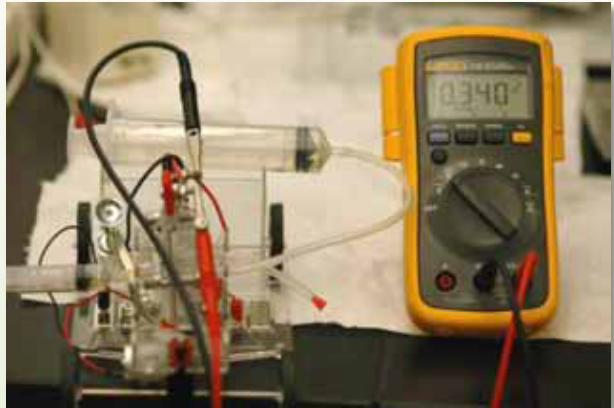
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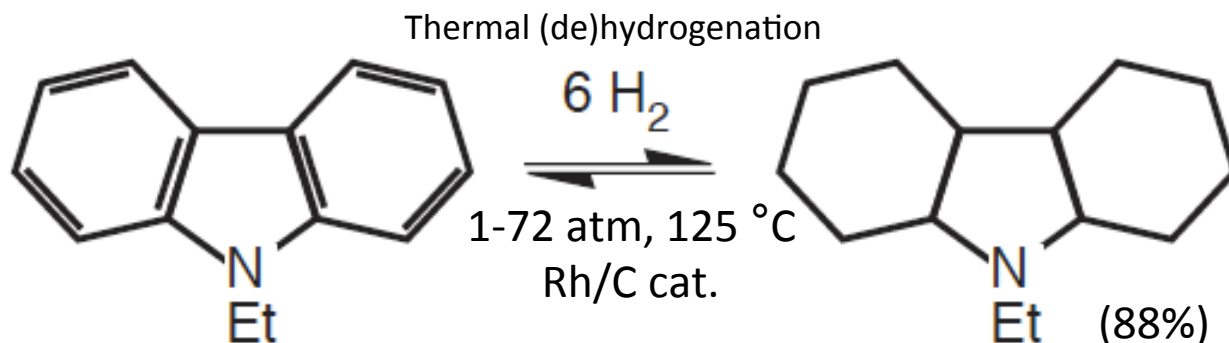


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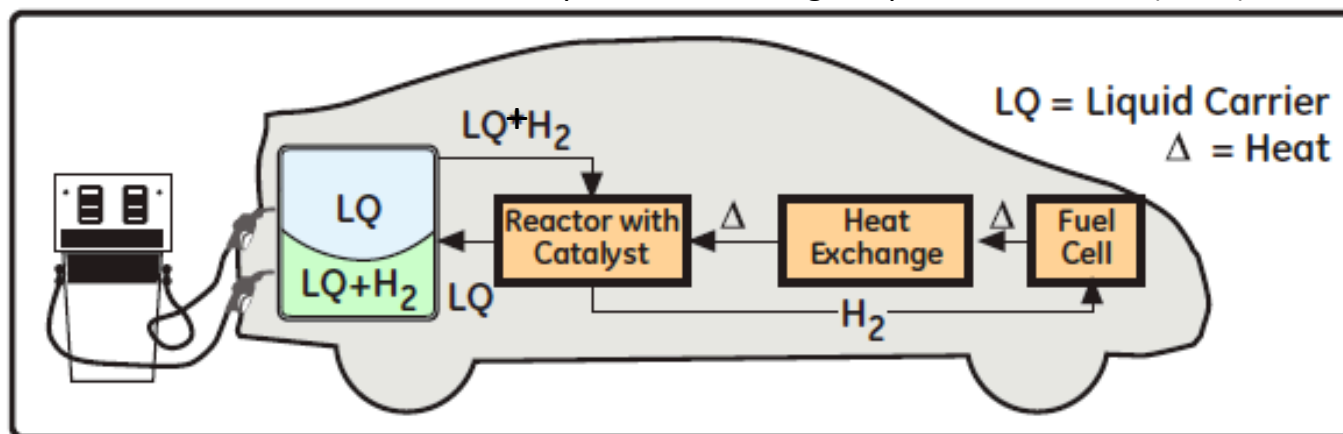


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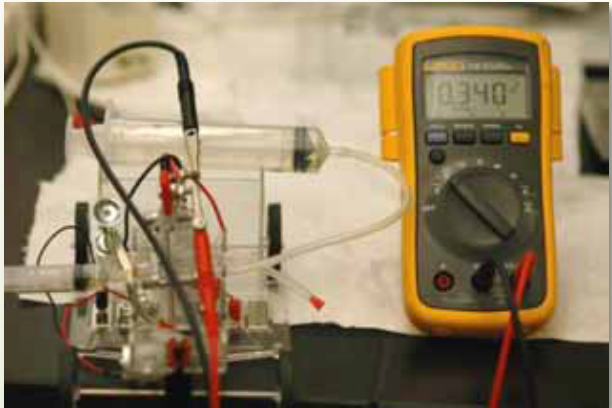
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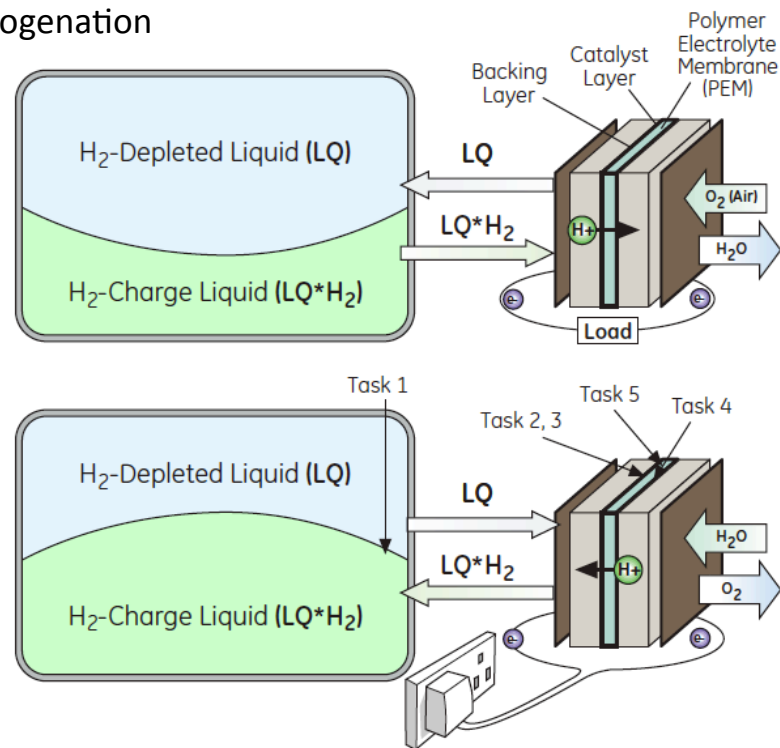
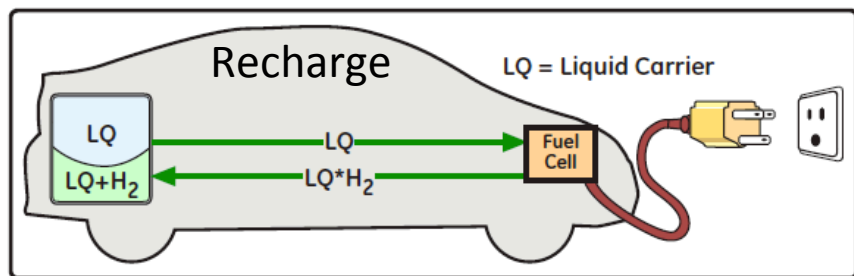
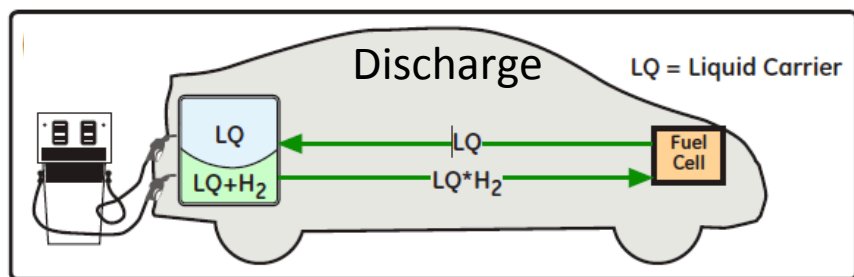


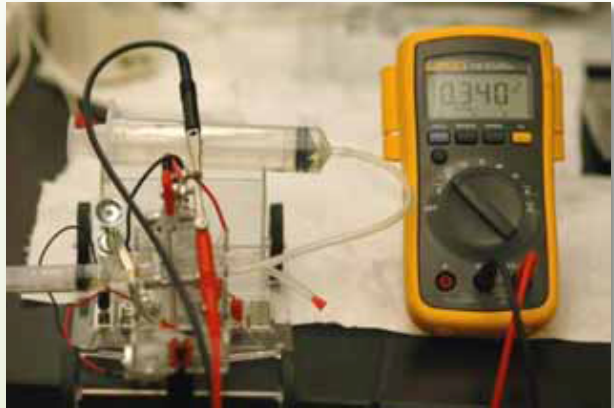
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“Feed the hydrogenated organic liquid carrier directly into the fuel cell where it is electrochemically dehydrogenated without ever generating H_2 ”

Electrochemical (de)hydrogenation

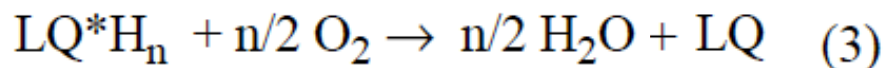
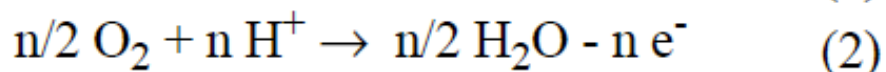
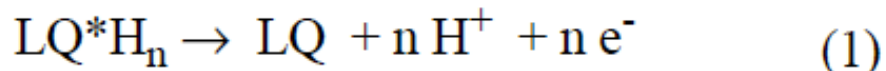
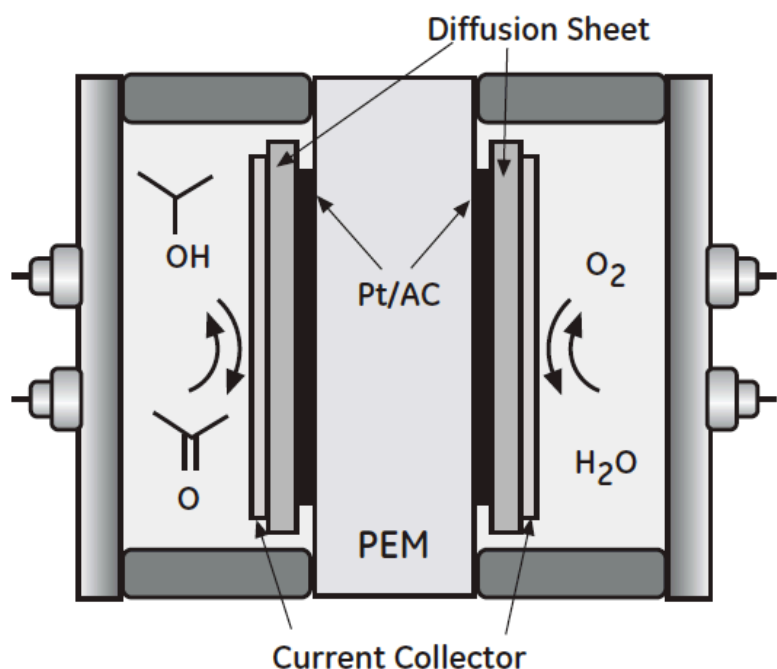




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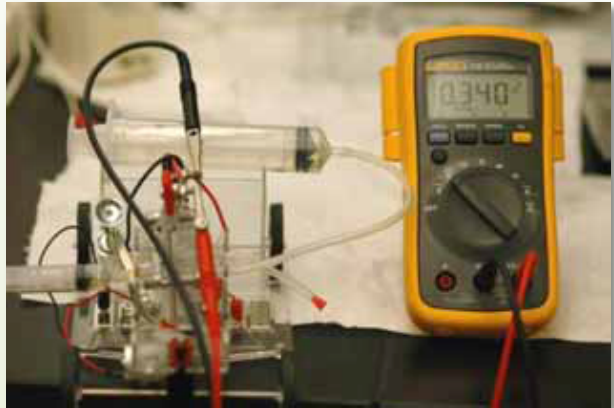
“Electrochemical dehydrogenation can be done at lower temperatures and high rates”



*where LQ stands for an organic carrier molecule

Electrochemical dehydrogenation of saturated cyclic hydrocarbons (e.g., cyclohexane and decaline) is possible in alkaline electrolyte using Pd and Rh catalysts.

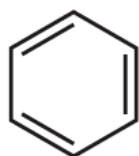
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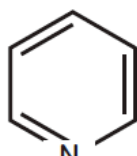
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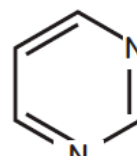
Temperature (K) for spontaneous (de)hydrogenation $\Delta G = 0$ (DFT B3PW91)



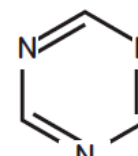
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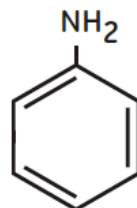
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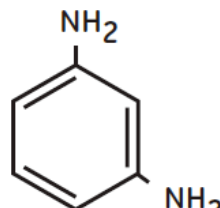
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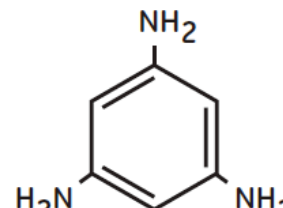
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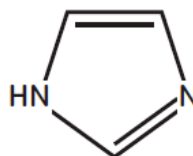
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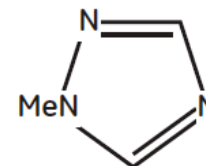
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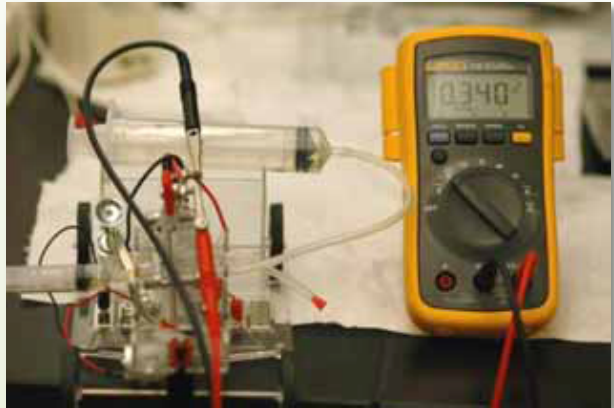


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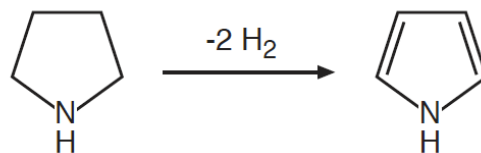
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Exercise 4:

Nitrogen atoms introduced into heterocycles tune the thermodynamic tendency to absorb or release H_2 , or to absorb or release $2(H^+$ and $e^-)$. A particularly favorable condition is when aromatic stabilization can be achieved after cleavage of only four C-H bonds as in the following reaction:



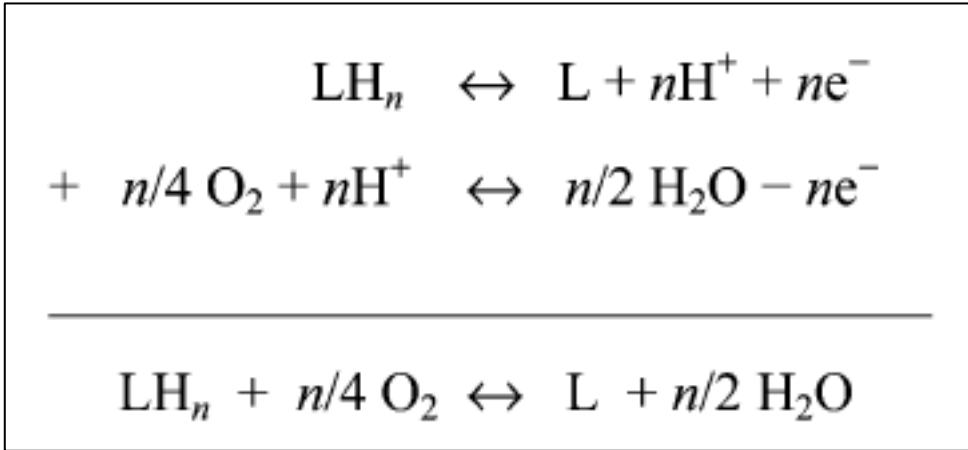
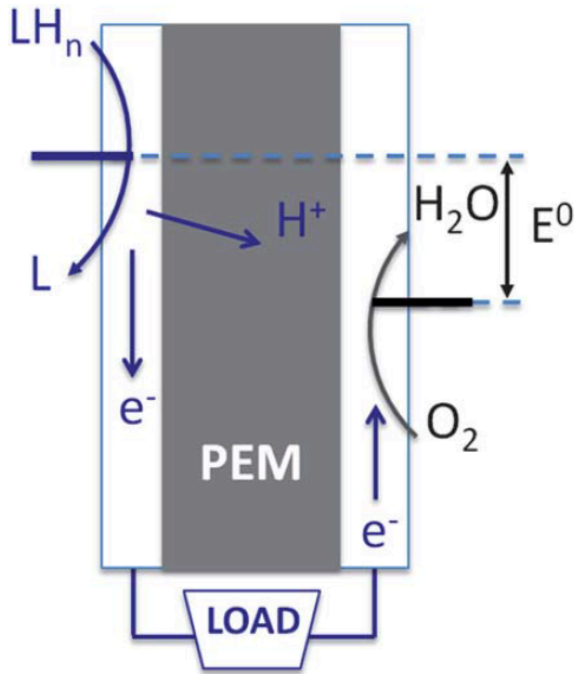
This can be analyzed by computing the temperature $T = T_d$ that makes the dehydrogenation free energy $\Delta G = \Delta H - T \Delta S$ equal to zero. At this point ($T = T_d$) the unfavorable enthalpy due to the endothermicity of the reaction is exactly compensated by the favorable entropy of H_2 release.

- Find the minimum energy configurations of reactants and products for the dehydrogenation reaction shown above in the gas-phase at the DFT B3PW91 level of theory.
- Perform a frequency calculation for reactants and products and compute the temperature T_d at which the dehydrogenation becomes spontaneous.
- Compare your results with the analogous calculation of dehydrogenation T_d for cyclopentane.

Solution Exercise 4: See [tutorial notes](#) on ab initio free energy calculations.

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$$E^0 = -\Delta G_r/nF$$

$$\Delta G_r = G_L + n/2 G_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} - G_{\text{LH}_n} - n/4 G_{\text{O}_2}$$

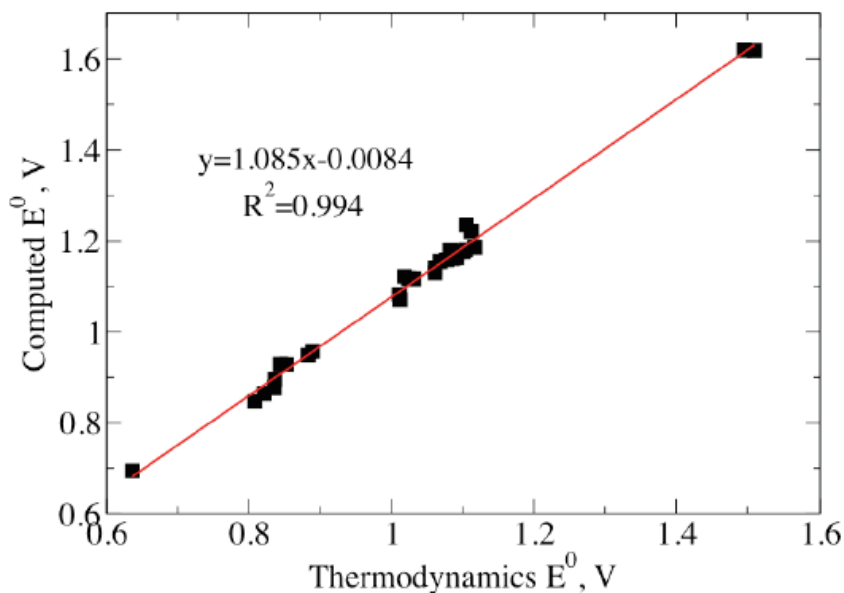
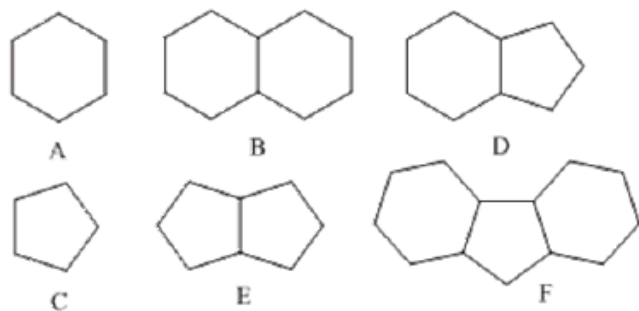
$$H = E_{\text{elect}} + U_{\text{vib}} + U_{\text{trans}} + U_{\text{rot}} + PV \quad G = H - T(S_{\text{vib}} + S_{\text{rot}} + S_{\text{trans}})$$

$$H = H^0 + C_p(T - 298.15 \text{ K})$$

$$S = S^0 + C_p \ln(T/298.15 \text{ K})$$

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














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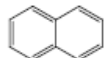
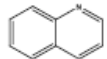
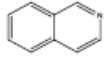
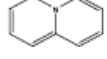
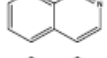
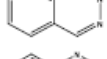
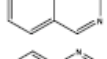
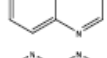
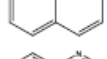
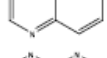
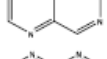
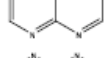
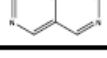
<i>LOHC</i> (in dehydrogenated state)		H, wt. %	E^0 , V
Name	Structure		
Benzene		7.19	1.049
Pyridine		7.10	1.081
Pyrimidine		7.02	1.116
Pyridazine		7.02	1.085
1,3,5-triazine		6.94	1.198
Cyclopentadiene		5.75	0.854
Furan		5.59	1.004
1H-pyrrole		5.67	1.092
1H-imidazole		5.59	1.203
1H-pyrazole		5.59	1.269
1H-1,2,3-triazole		5.52	1.351
1H-1,2,4-triazole		5.52	1.328

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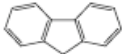
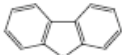
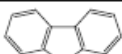

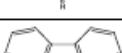


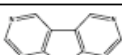


<i>Organic carrier (in dehydrogenated state)</i>		<i>H, wt %</i>	<i>E⁰, V</i>
Name	Structure		
1H-indene		6.49	1.041
benzofuran		6.39	1.084
benzo[b]thiophene		5.67	1.080
1H-indole		6.54	1.128
2H-isoindole		6.54	1.092
indolizine		6.54	1.064
1H-benzo[d]imidazole		6.49	1.187
1H-indazole		6.49	1.206
1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridine		6.39	1.167
imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazine		6.34	1.145
7H-purine		6.29	1.228
1,4-dihydropentalene		5.49	0.901
1H-pyrrolizine		5.44	1.017
1,4-dihydropyrrolo[3,2-b]pyrrole		5.39	1.159
1,4-dihydroimidazo[4,5-d]imidazole		5.30	1.313

<i>Organic carrier (in dehydrogenated state)</i>		<i>H, wt %</i>	<i>E⁰, V</i>
Name	Structure		
naphthalene		7.29	1.078
quinoline		7.24	1.097
isoquinoline		7.24	1.098
4H-quinolizine		5.79	0.946
cinnoline		7.19	1.087
phthalazine		7.19	1.098
quinazoline		7.19	1.119
quinoxaline		7.19	1.108
1,8-naphthyridine		7.19	1.112
1,5-naphthyridine		7.19	1.115
pteridine		7.09	1.128
pyrazino[2,3-b]pyrazine		7.09	1.122
pyrimido[4,5-d]pyrimidine		7.09	1.160

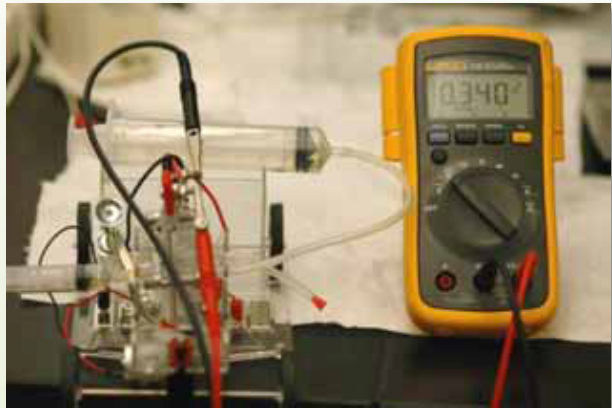
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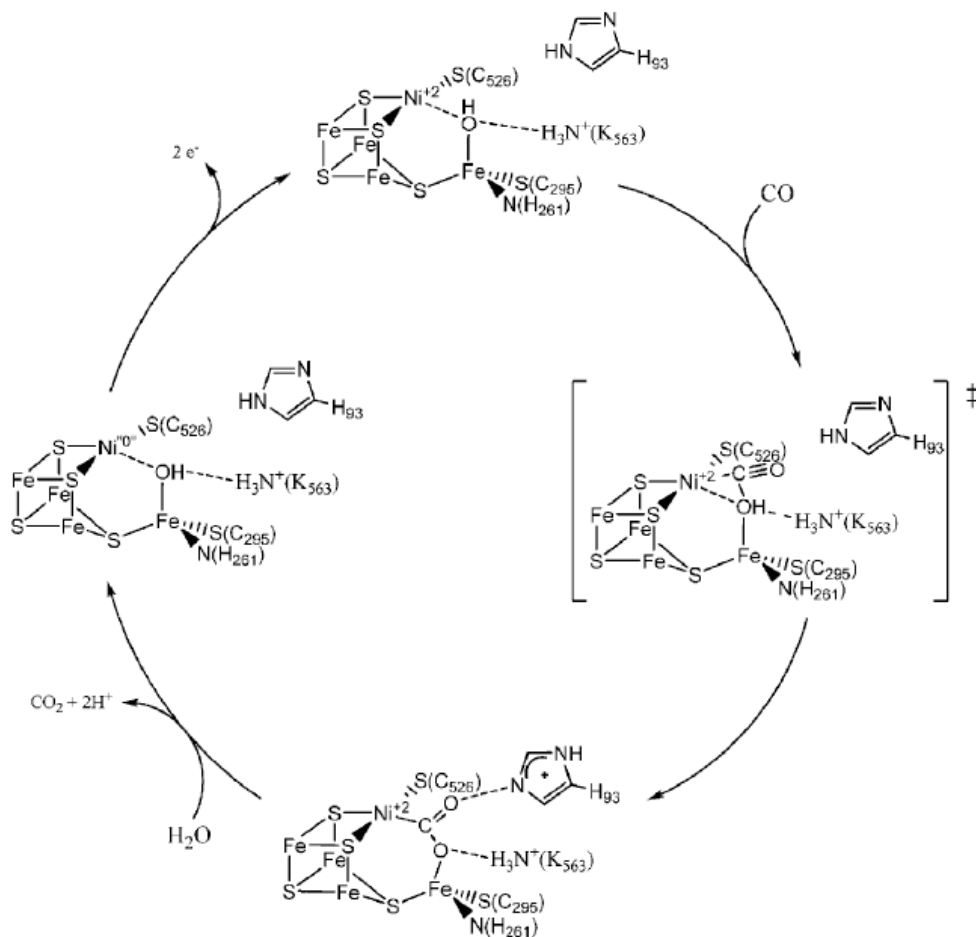
<i>Organic carrier (in dehydrogenated state)</i>		<i>H, wt %</i>	<i>E^o, V</i>
Name	Structure		
9H-fluorene		6.78	1.109
dibenzo[b,d]furan		6.71	1.125
dibenzo[b,d]thiophene		6.16	1.117
5H-dibenzo[b,d]borole		6.81	1.108
9H-carbazole		6.75	1.152
9H-pyrrolo[2,3-b:5,4-b']dipyridine		6.67	1.206
5H-pyrrolo[3,2-c:4,5-c']dipyridine		6.67	1.191
5H-pyrrolo[3,2-b:4,5-b']dipyridine		6.67	1.181
9X-carbazole		H 6.75	1.152
		Et	1.167
9X-1,8-diazacarbazole		H 6.67	1.206
		Me	1.222
		Et	1.230

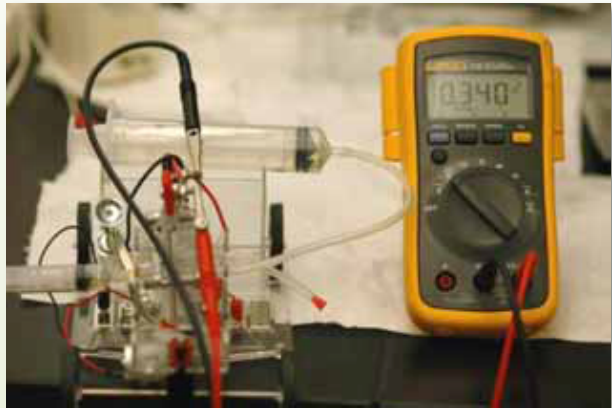
Organic carrier (in hydrogenated state)	Boiling point, °C	Specific energy, Wh/kg	Energy density, Wh/L	Efficiency, %
Liquid hydrogen	-252.9	-	2539	83.0
Pyrrolidine	87	1660	1438	92.8
Tetrahydrofuran	66	1500	1334	93.4
Tetrahydrothiophene	119	1196	1195	93.5
Cyclohexane	80.7	2025	1578	94.1
Methylcyclohexane	101	1747	1345	94.3
Cyclohexylamine	134.5	1772	1532	95.2
Chlorocyclohexane	66	1403	1403	93.4
Cyclohexanol	160.8	1686	1622	93.0
Cyclohexanethiol	158	1292	1227	94.0
Piperidine	106	2046	1764	94.2
2-methylpiperidine	118	1776	1499	94.5
Piperazine	146	2055	2260	95.7
trans-Decalin	187	2095	1877	93.1



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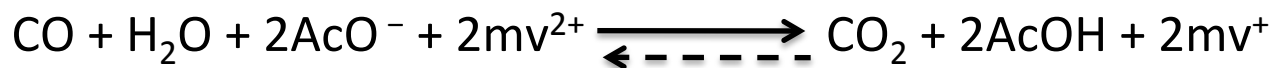
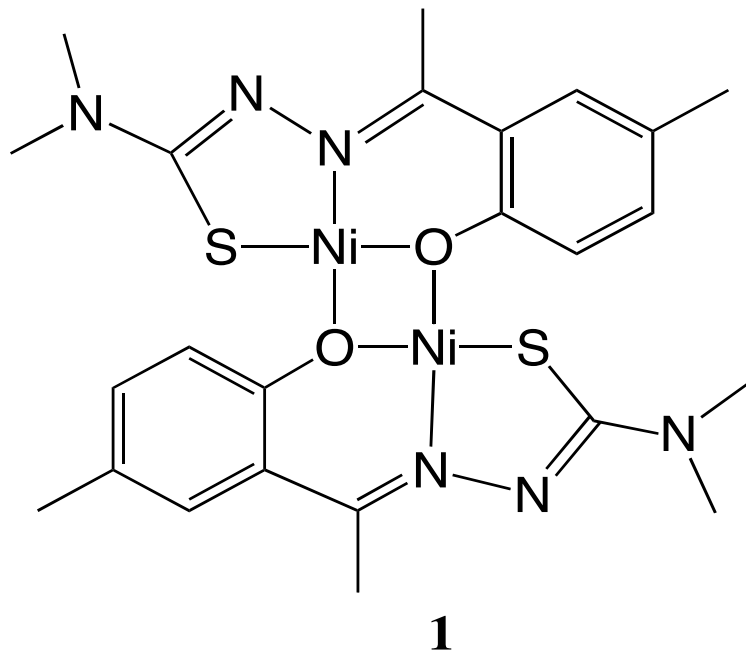
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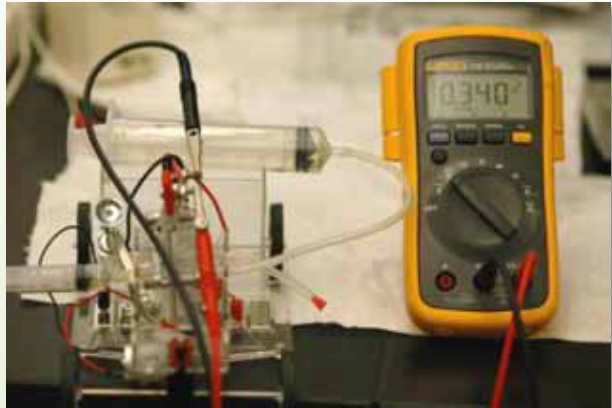


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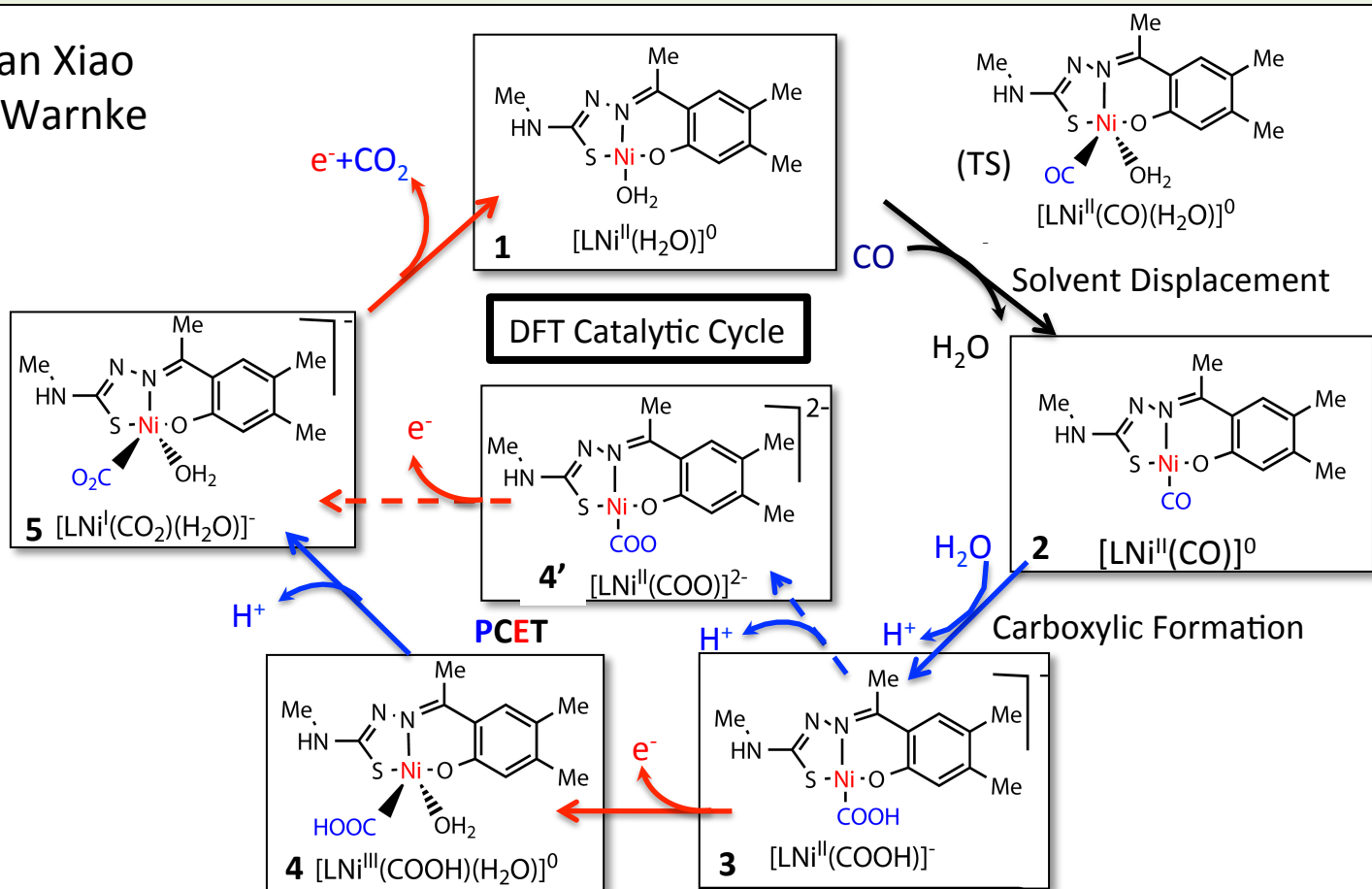
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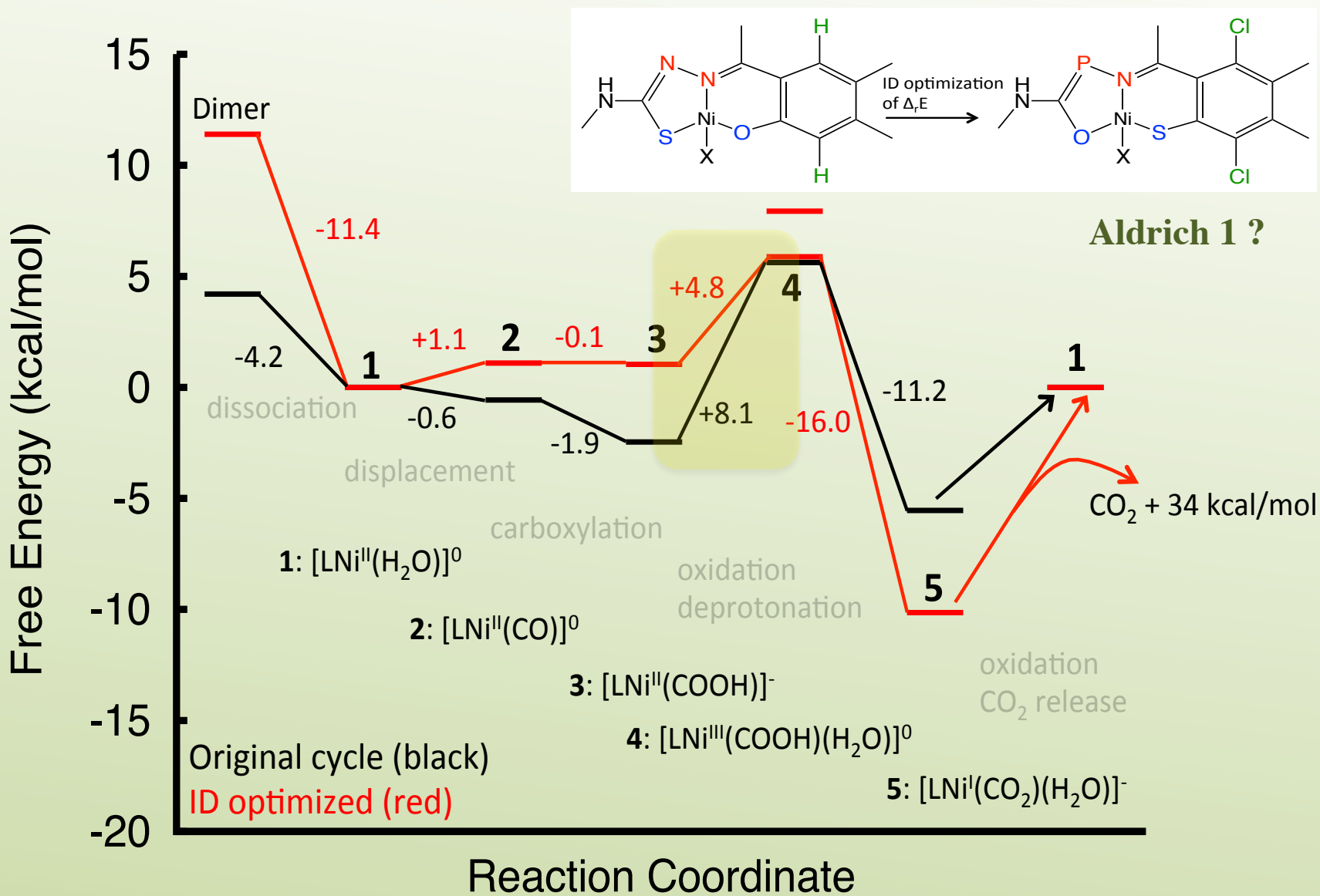


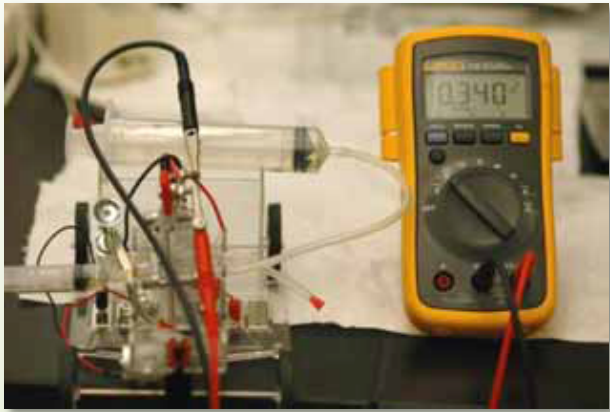
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The Fischer-Tropsch Process

1) Synthesis Gas Formation

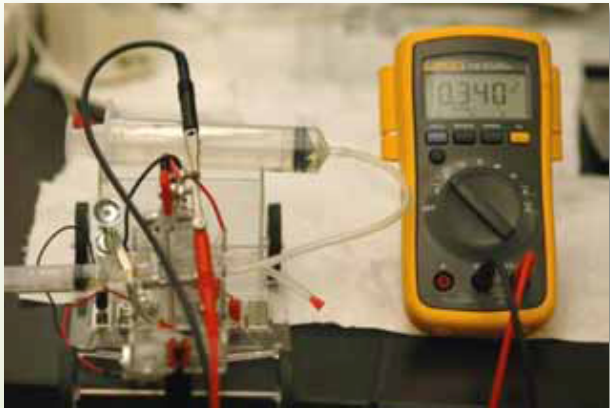


2) Fischer-Tropsch Reaction



3) Refining



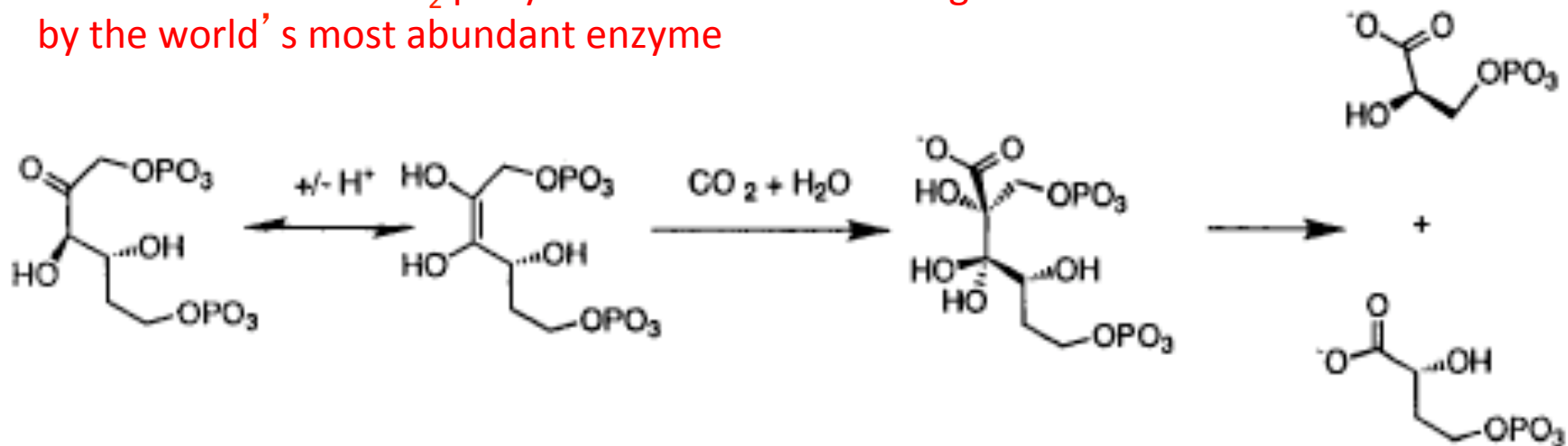


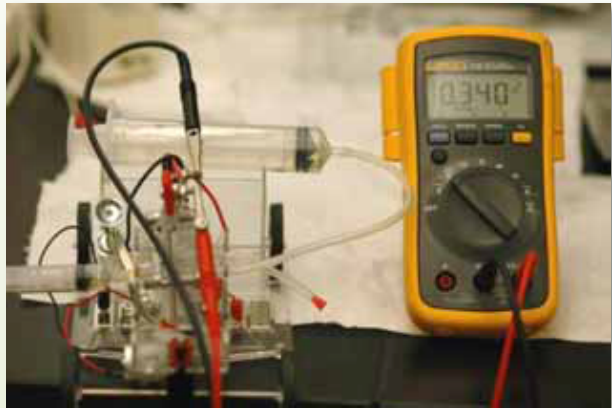
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Natural CO₂ Fixation based on Mg Catalysts?

Carboxylation in Ribulose 1,5-BisPhosphate carboxylase (Rubisco)

10¹¹ metric tons of CO₂ per year are converted to organic material by the world's most abundant enzyme





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