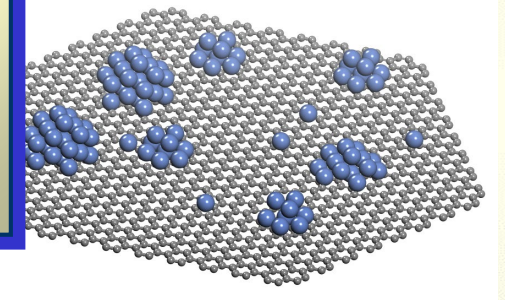
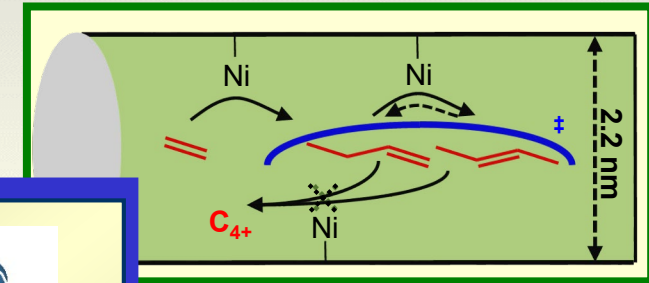
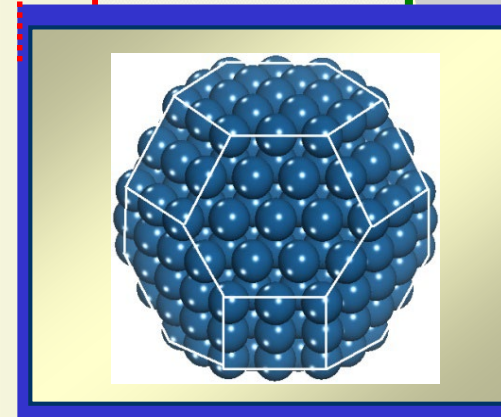
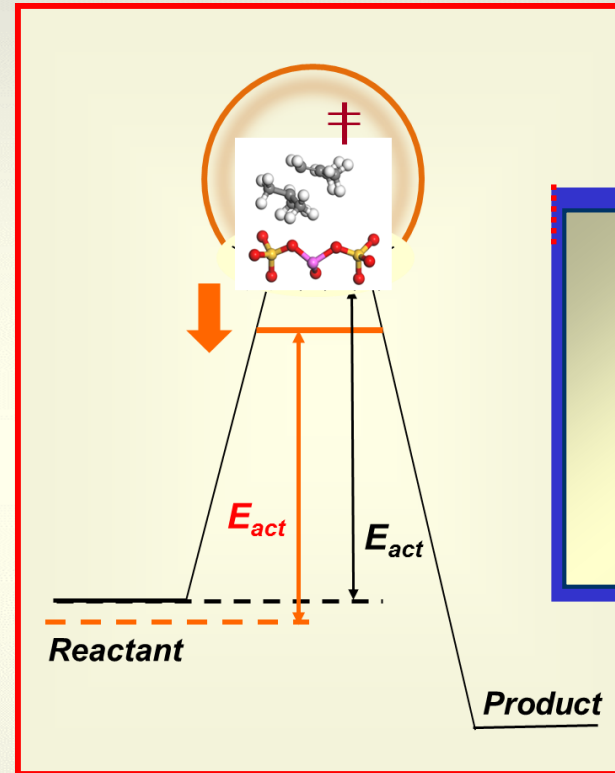
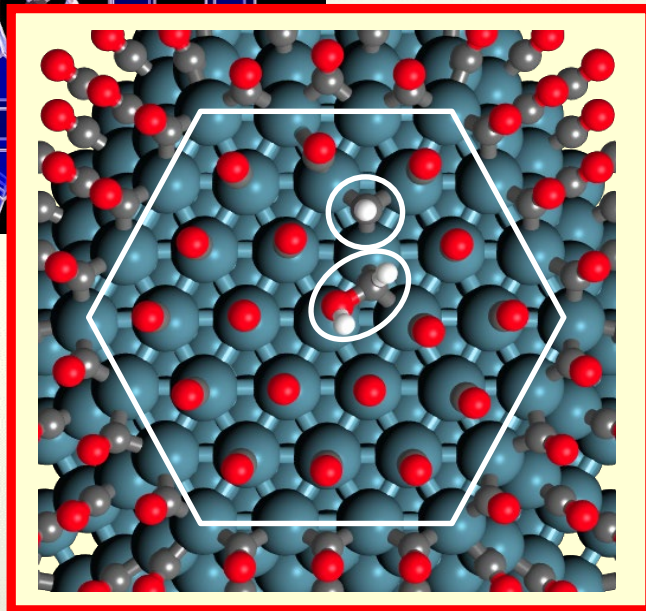
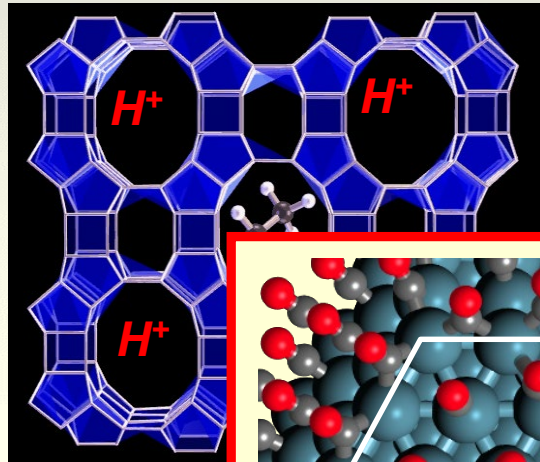


Surface Catalysis Beyond the Binding Site (.... theory and practice in catalyst design)



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Predavanja

Preglovi kolokviji

Fritz Pregl

The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 1923

Born: 3 September 1869, Laibach, Austria-Hungary (now Ljubljana, Slovenia)

Died: 13 December 1930, Graz, Austria

Affiliation at the time of the award: Graz University, Graz, Austria

Prize motivation: “for his invention of the method of micro-analysis of organic substances”



Catalysts everywhere with binding centers and some surroundings

A cigar lighter (1823)

Hydrogenation of fats/oils (1900)

Nitrogen fixation (ammonia synthesis) (1910)

Clean/efficient fuels (fossil/biogenic)

Hydrogen production

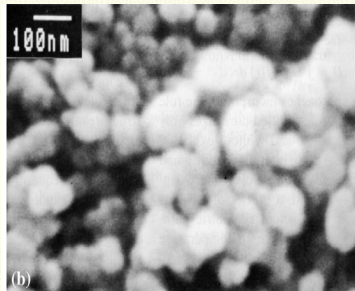
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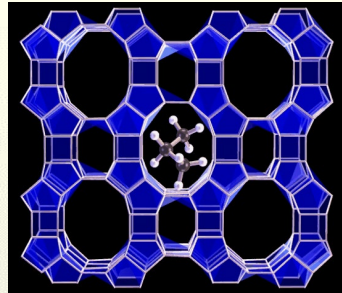
Fuel cells

Polymer synthesis

Porous solids

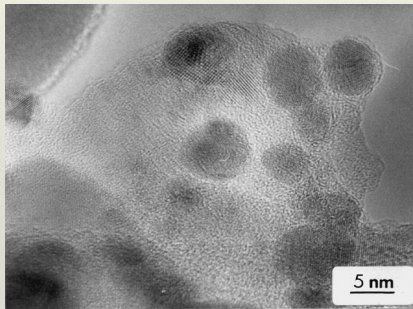


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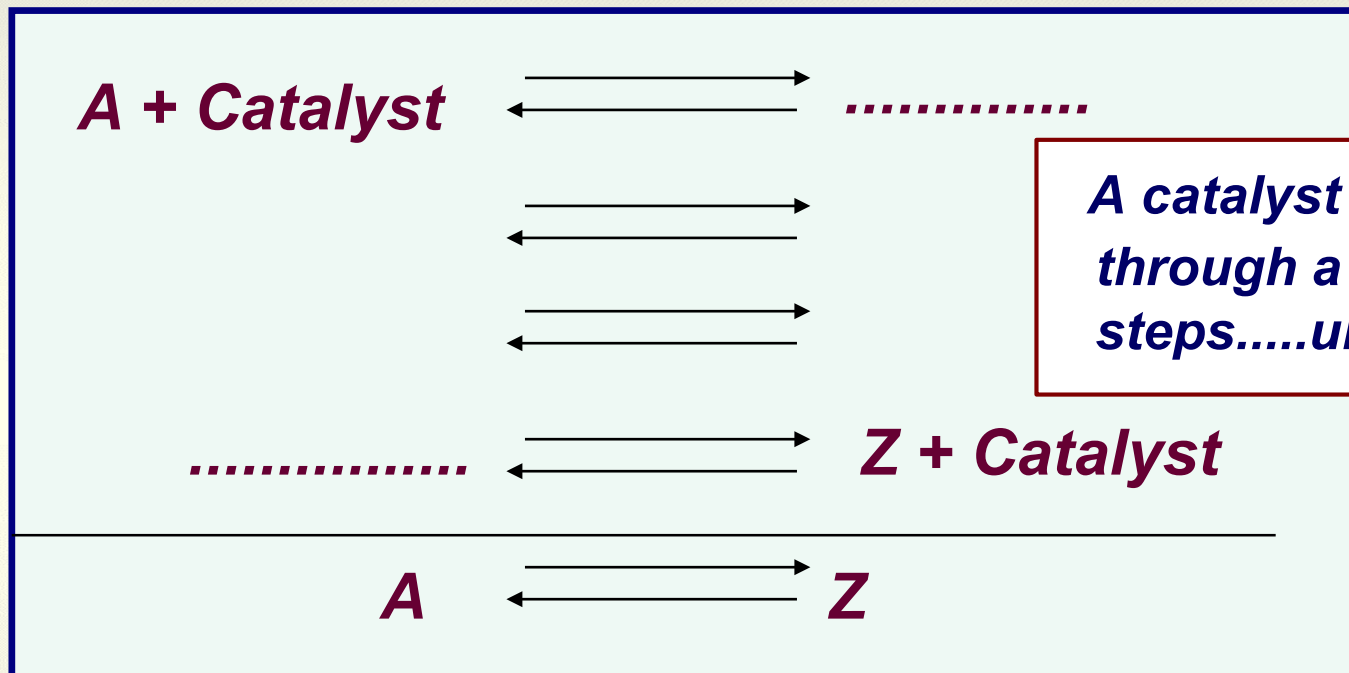
Metal/oxide clusters/nanoparticles



Biological catalysts (enzymes)

Tailoring the binding center and its environment.....

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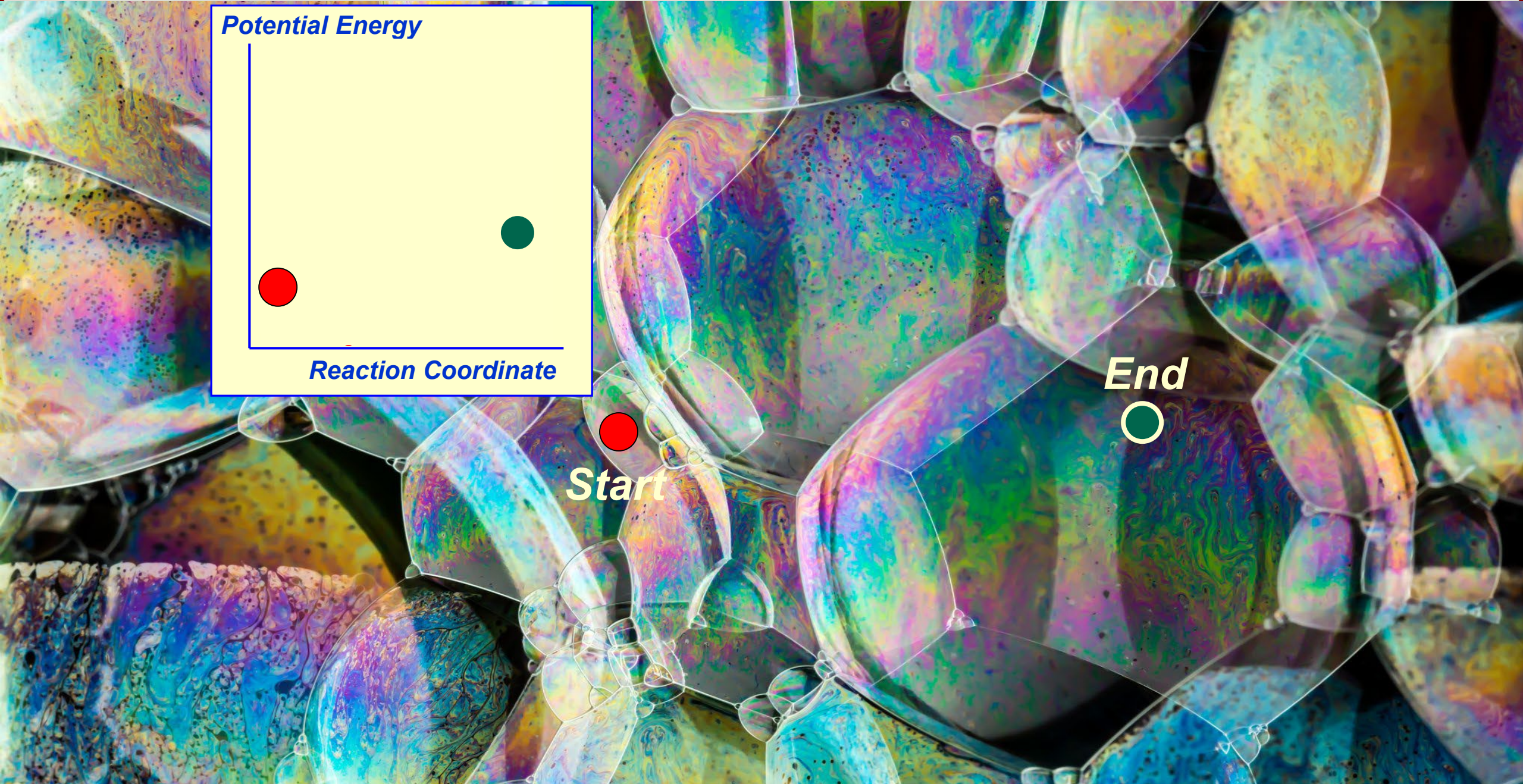
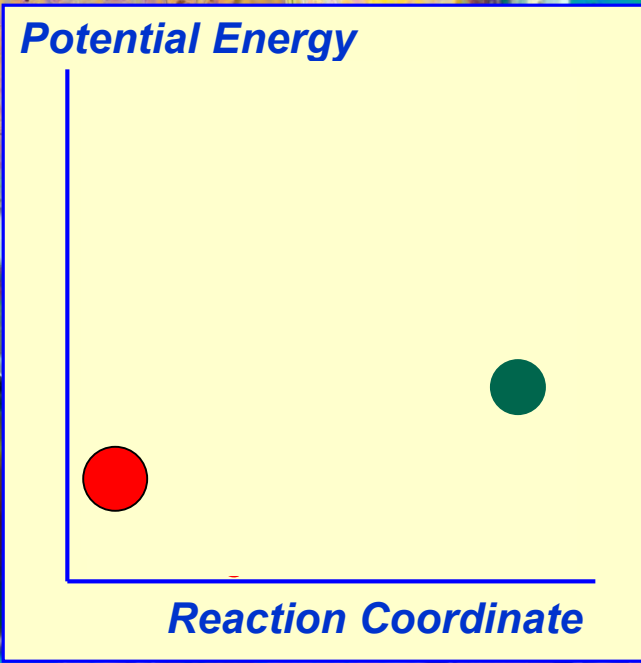
A catalyst transforms reactants into products through a cycle of (“smaller”) elementary steps.....until the last step regenerates the catalyst

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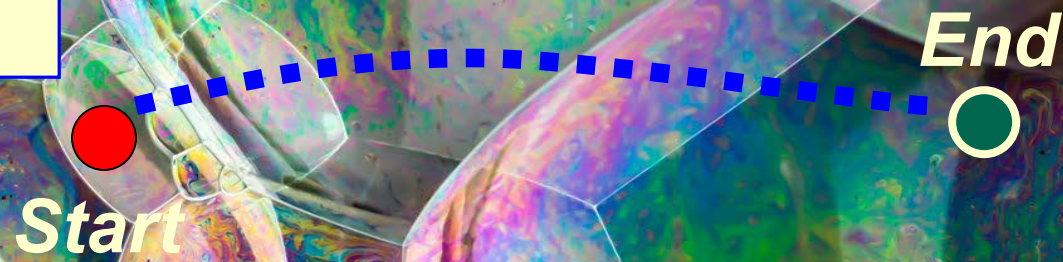
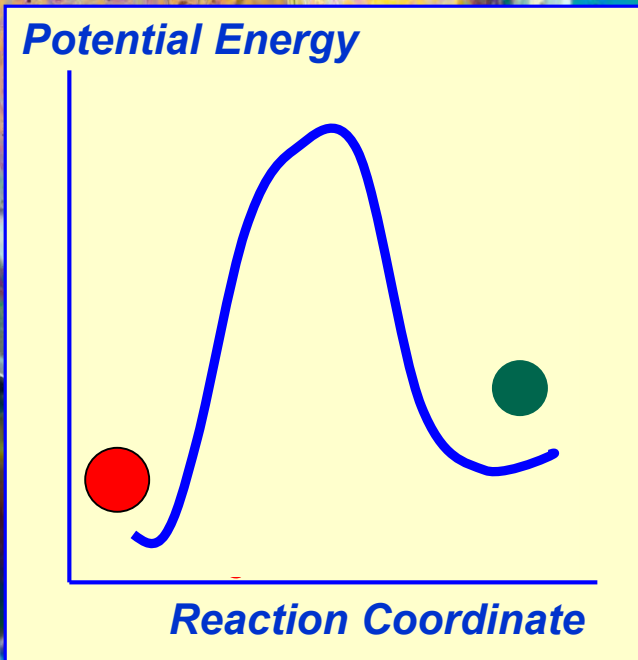
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Surface catalysis channeling molecules through energy landscapes

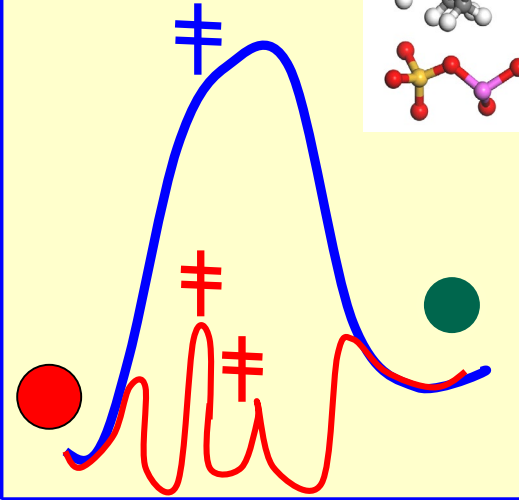


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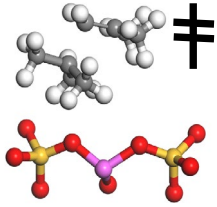


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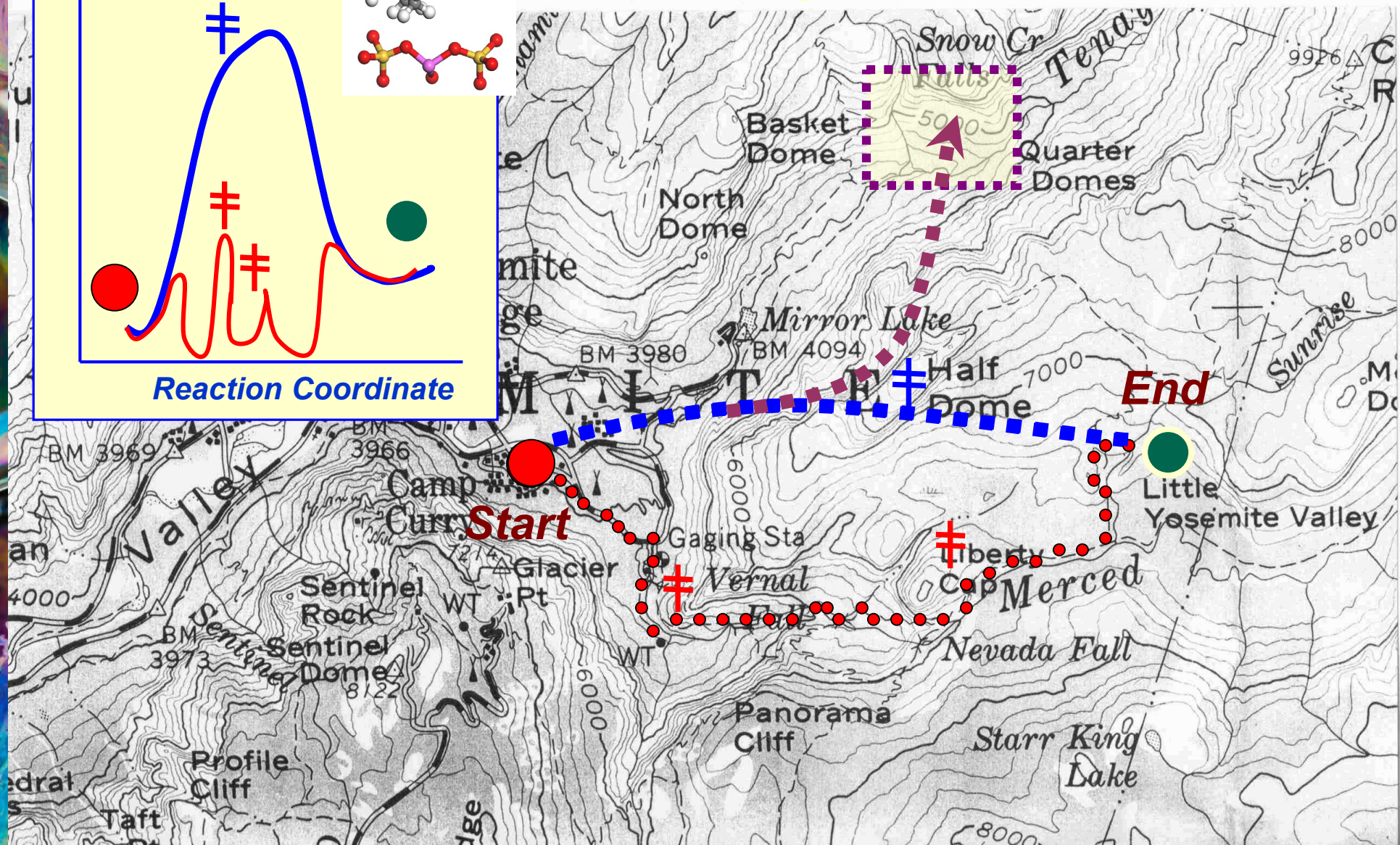
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Reaction Coordinate

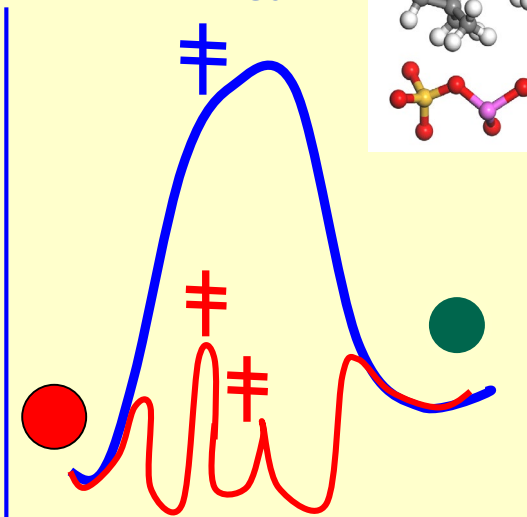


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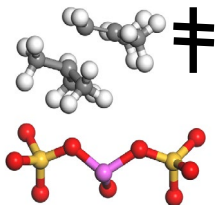


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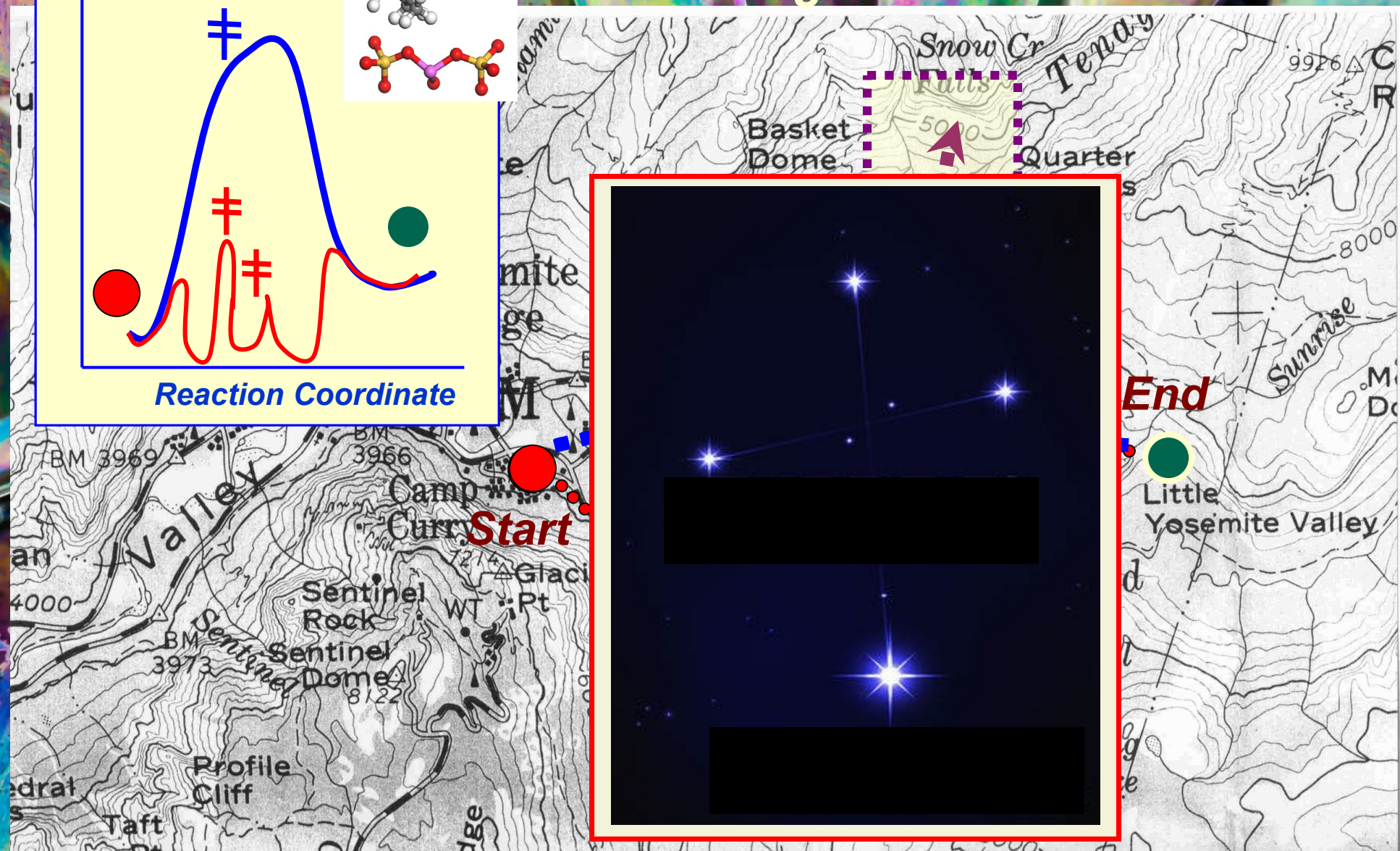
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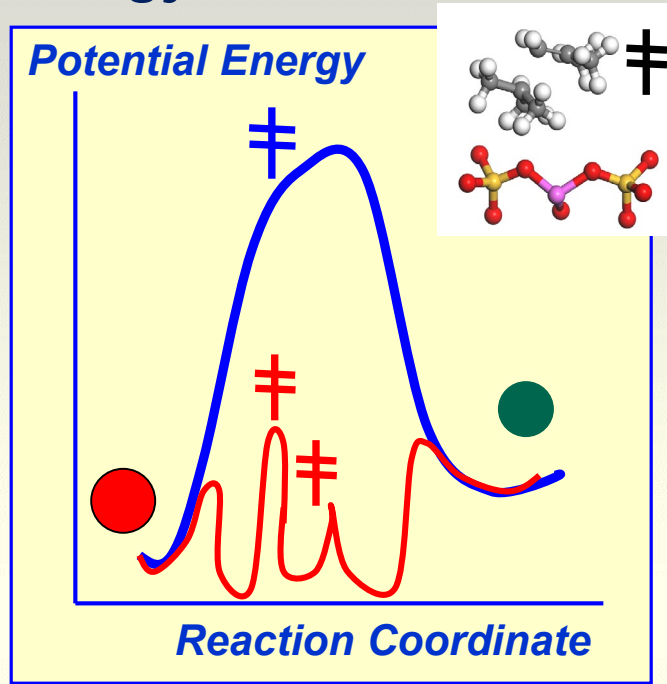


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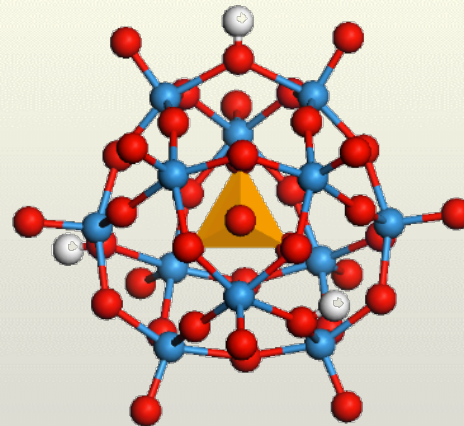
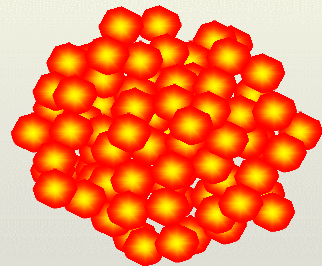
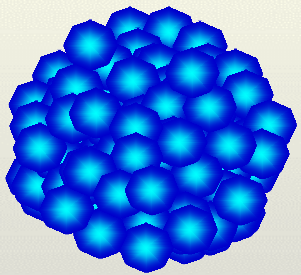
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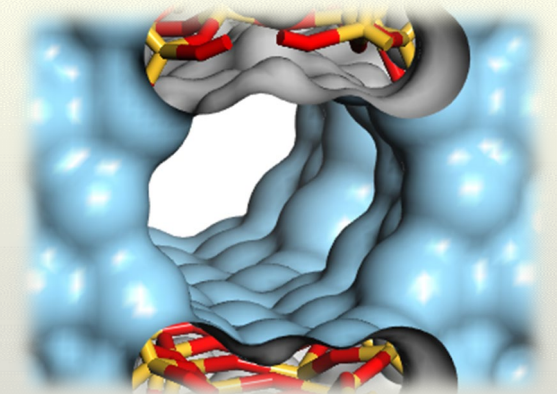
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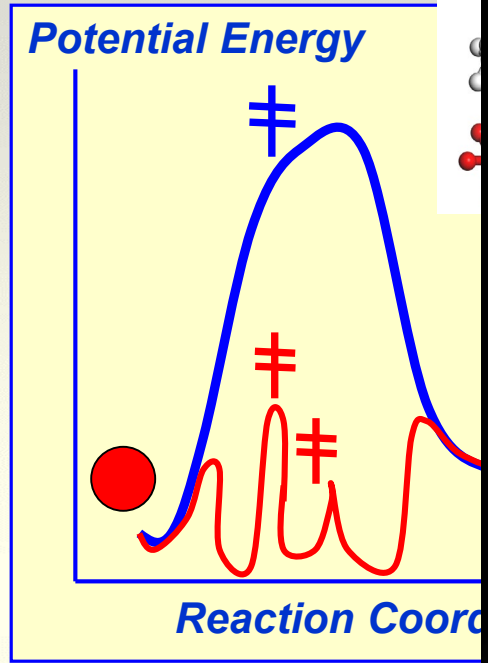
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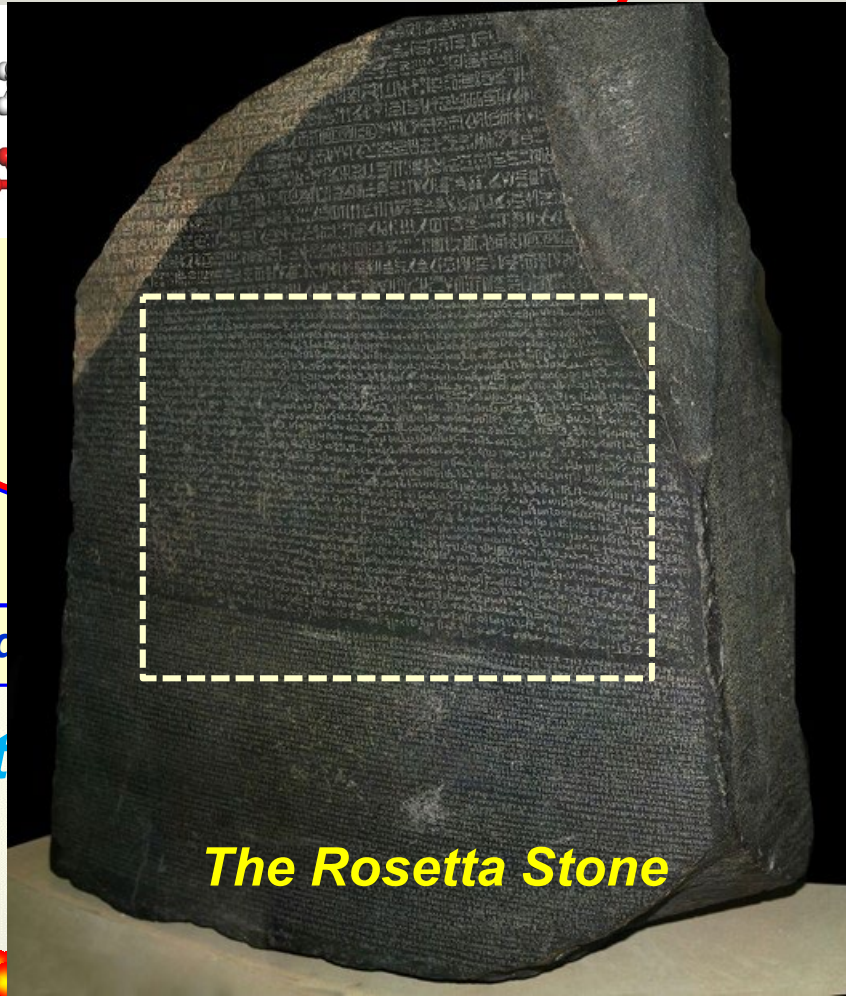


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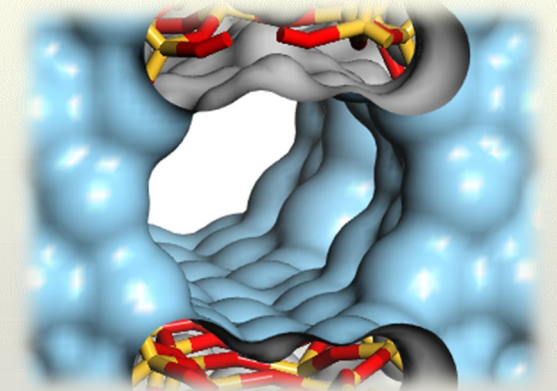
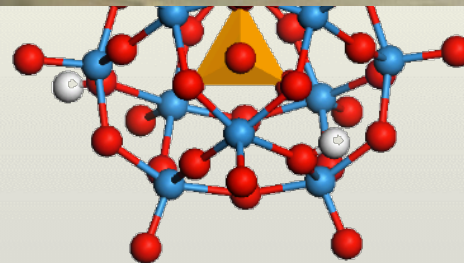
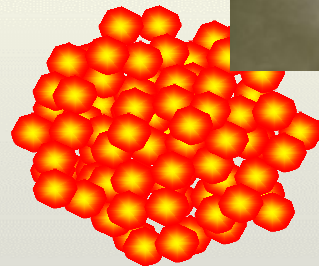
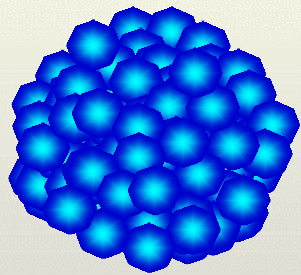
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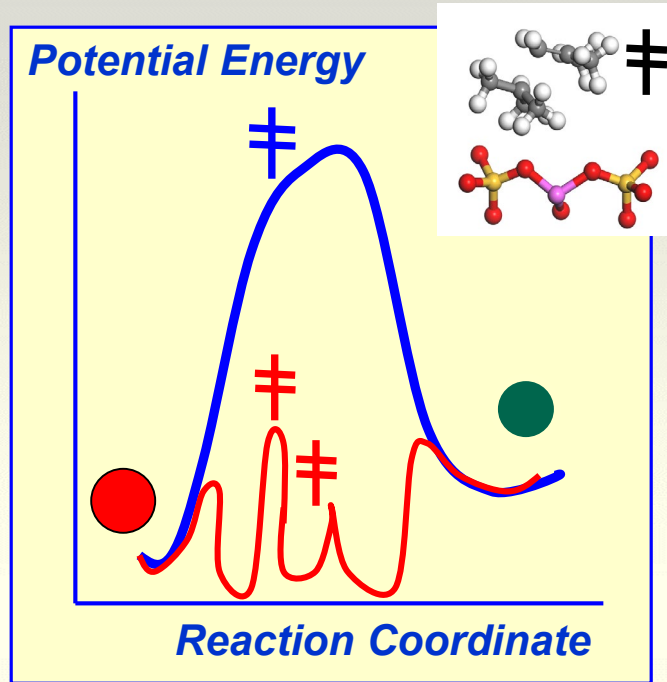
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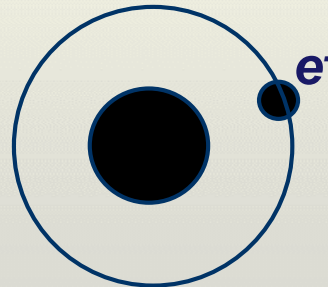


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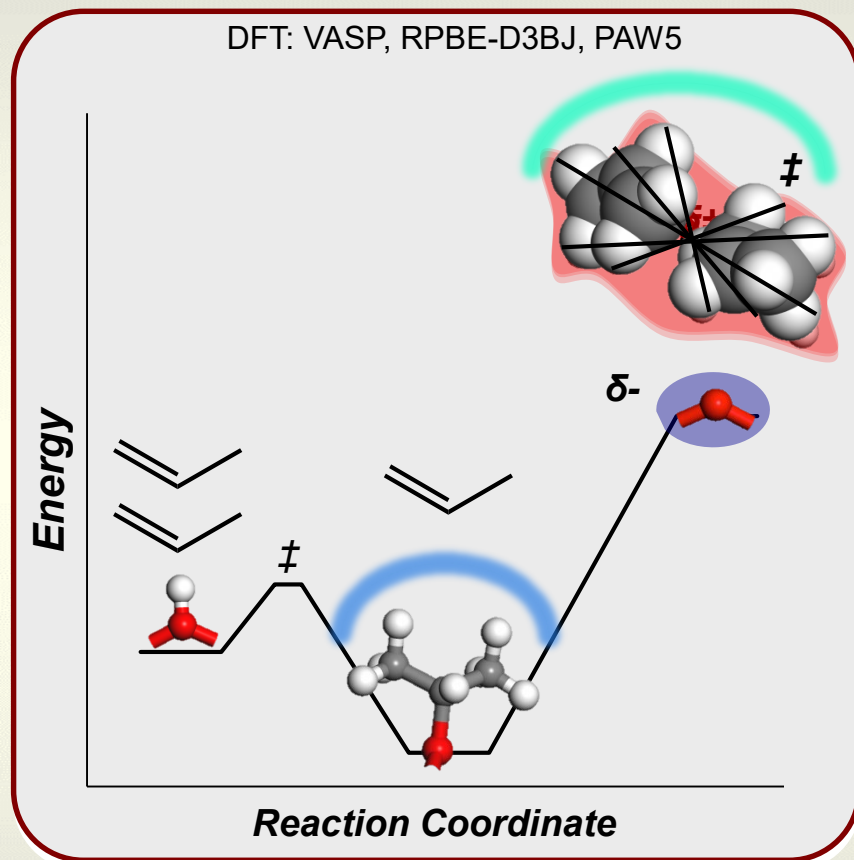
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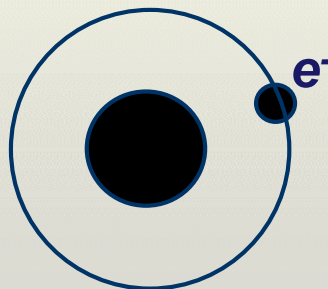
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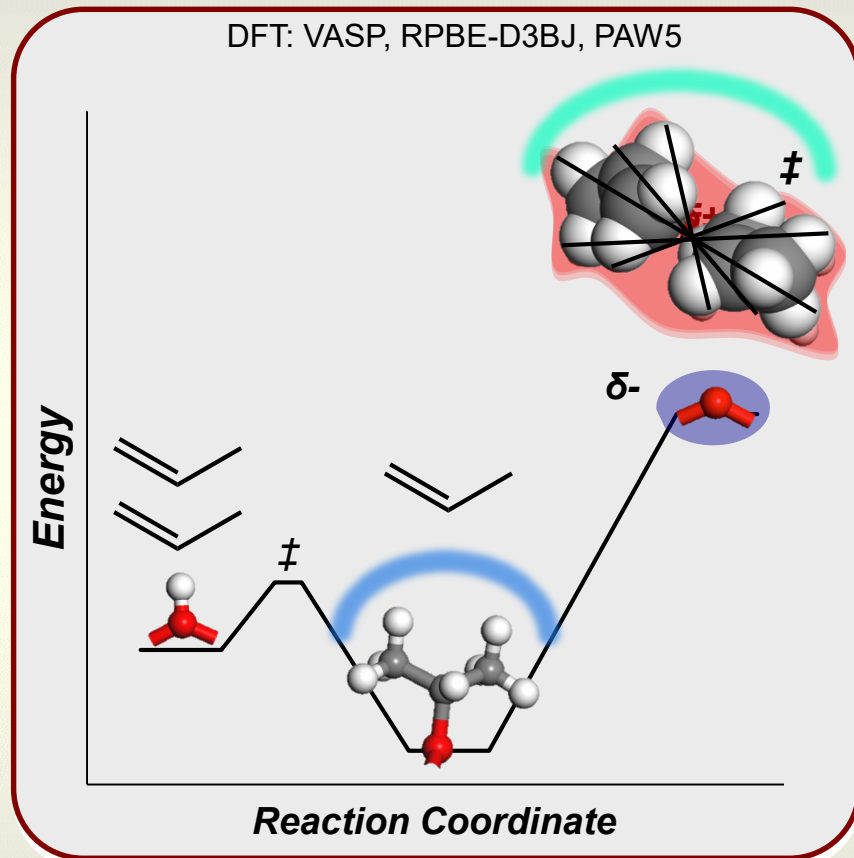


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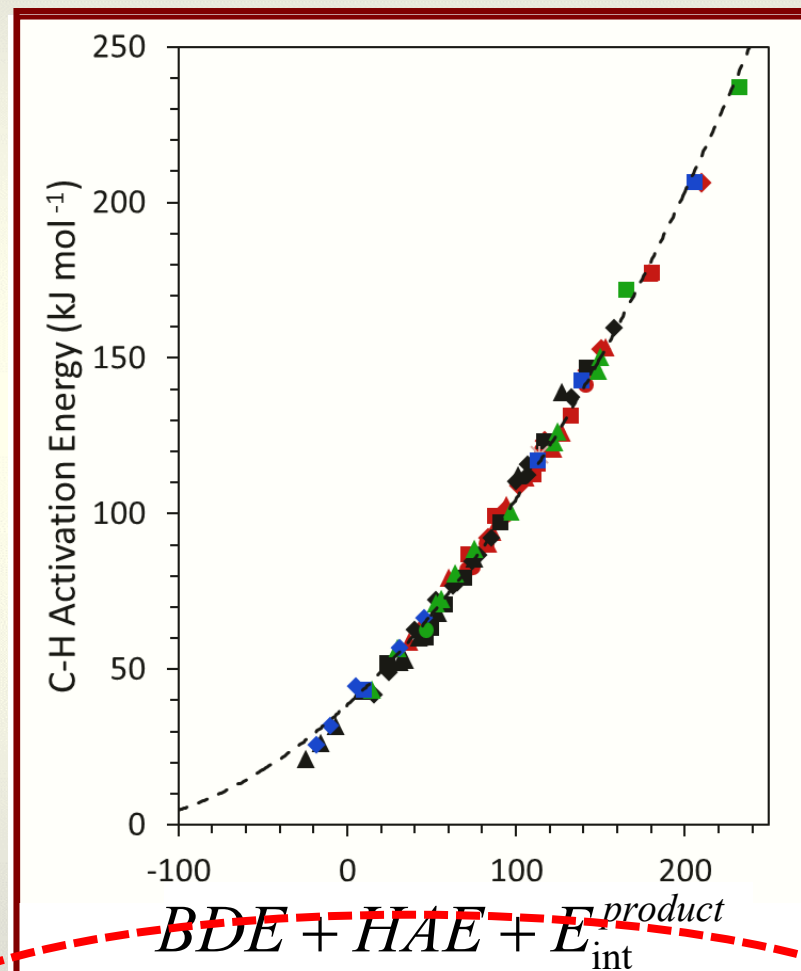
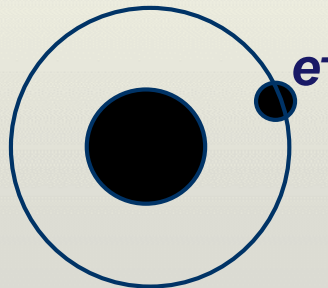
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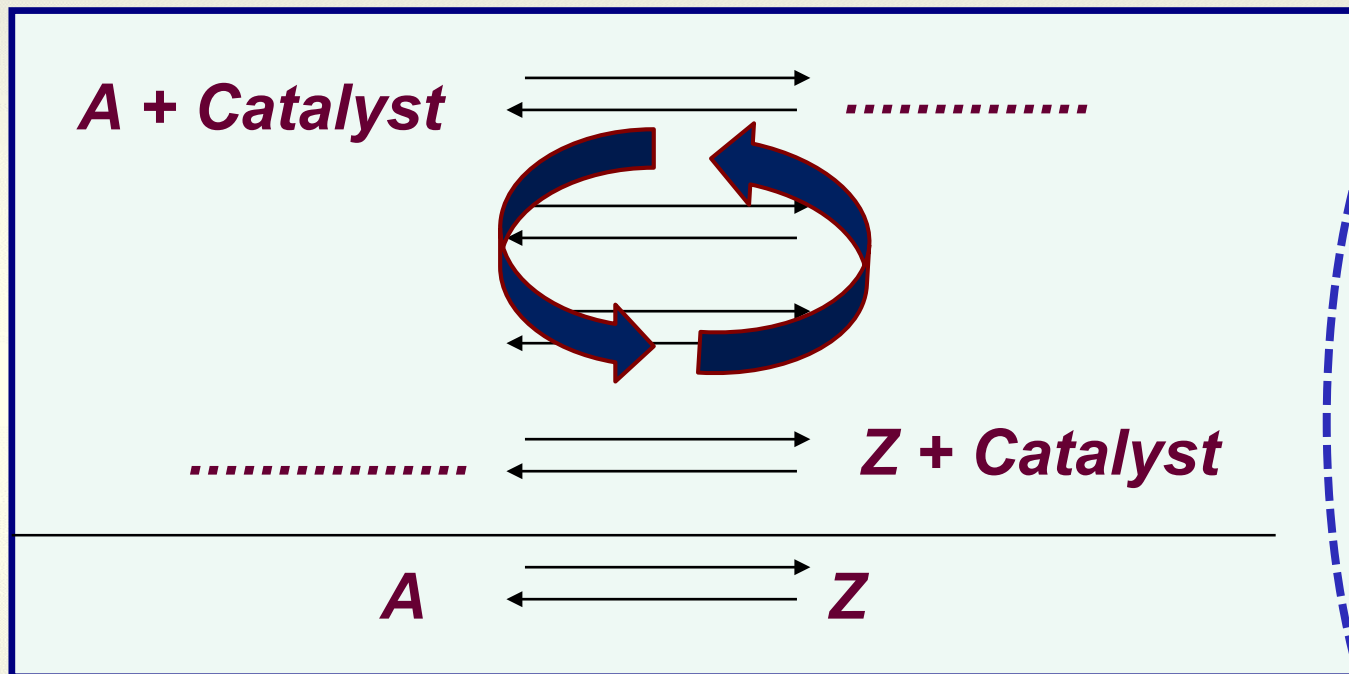
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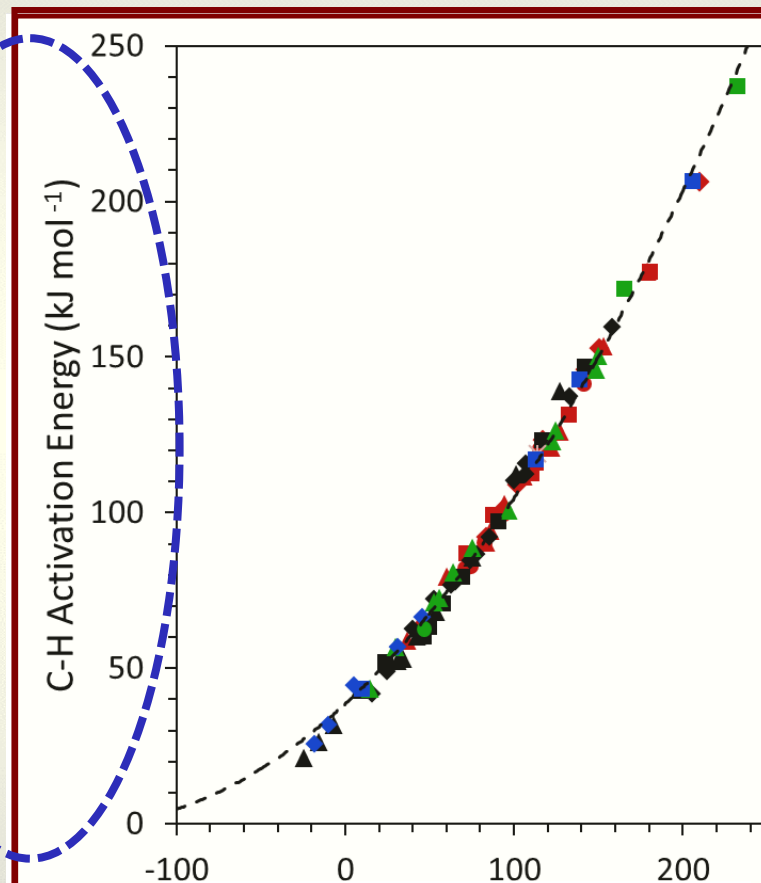
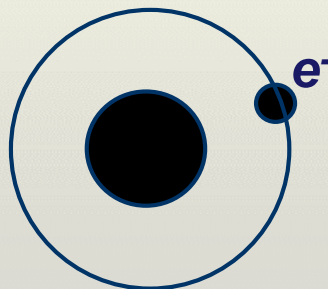
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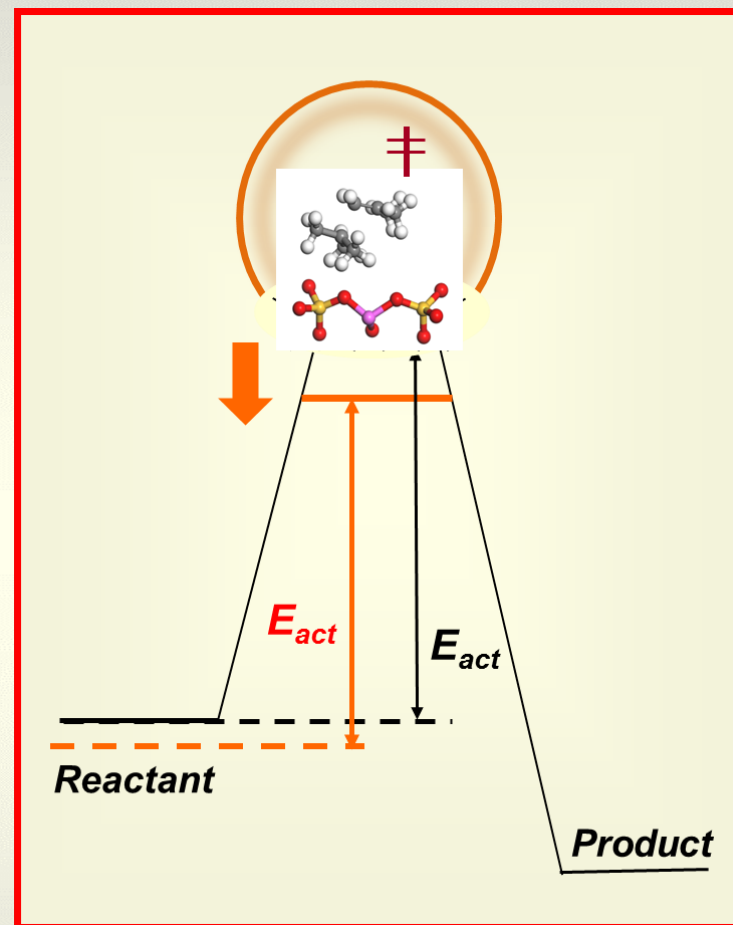
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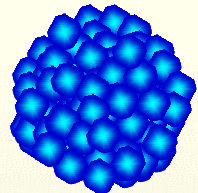
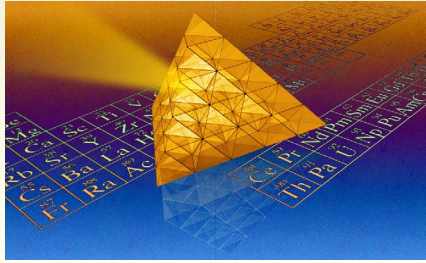
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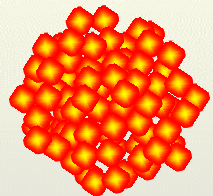
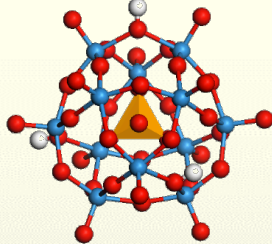
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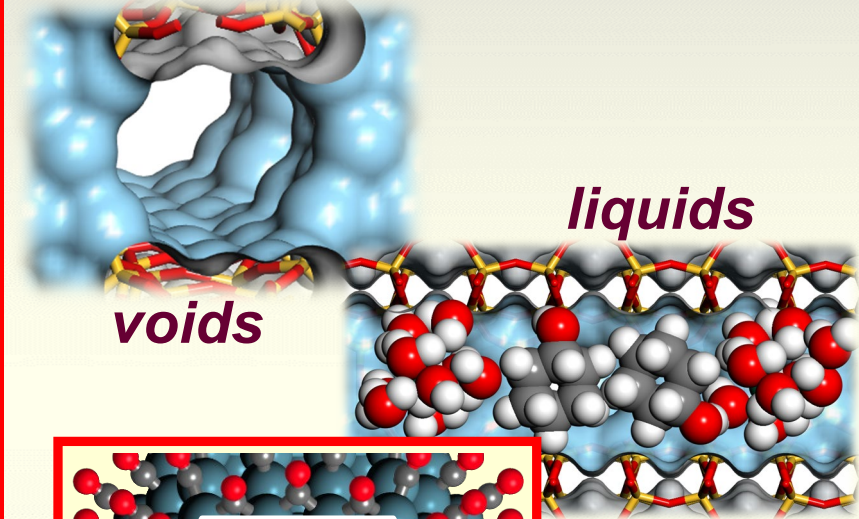
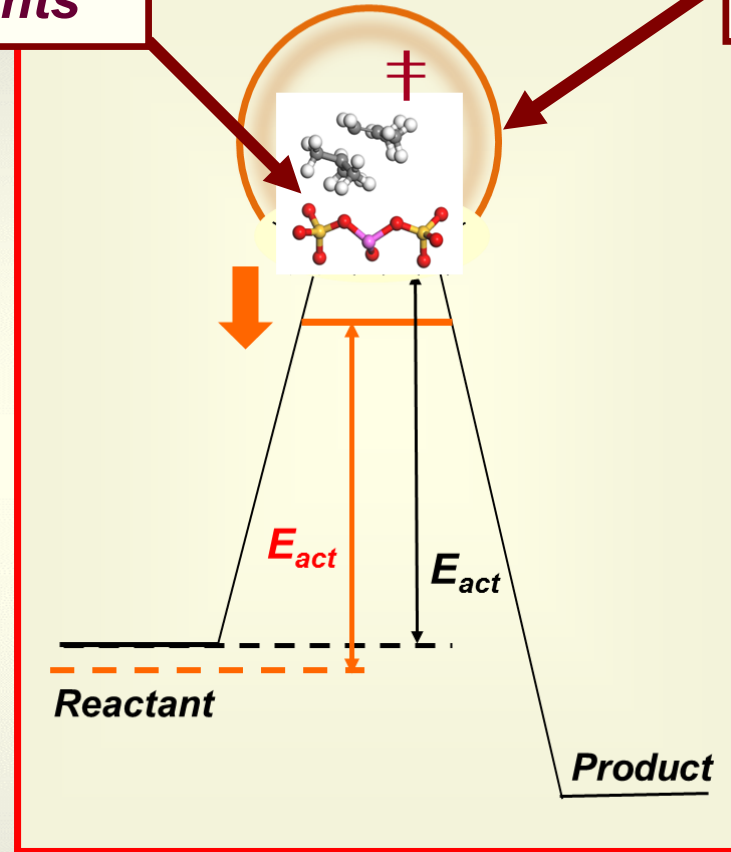
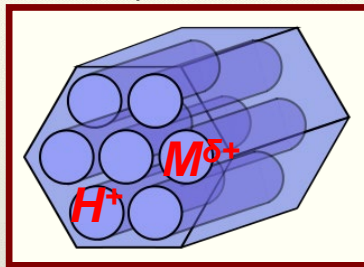
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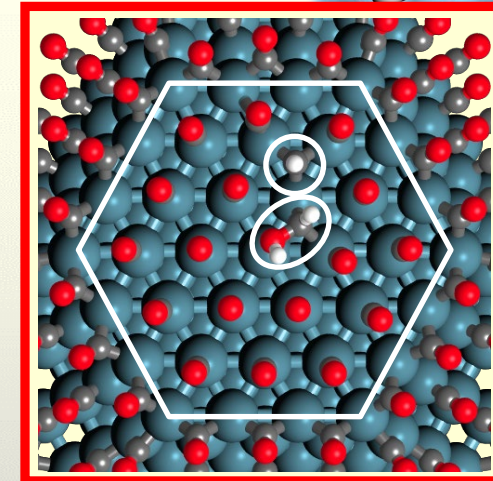


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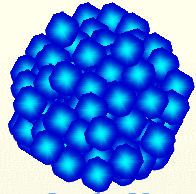
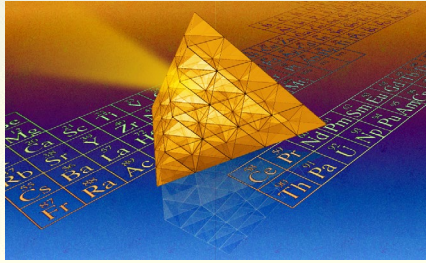
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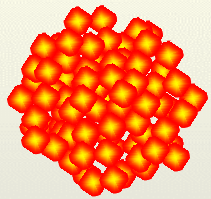
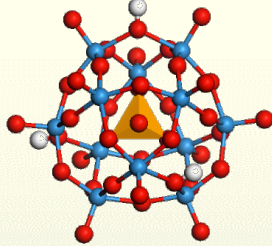
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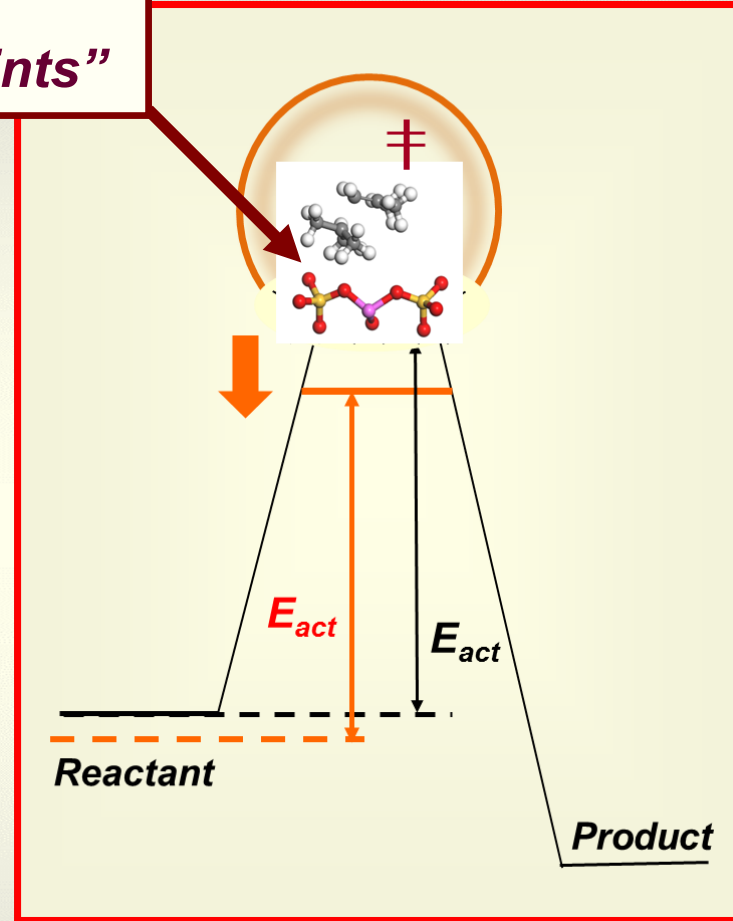
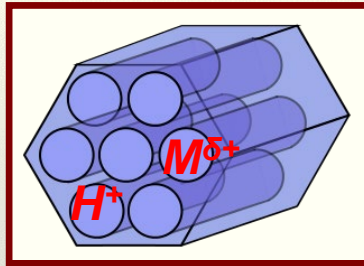
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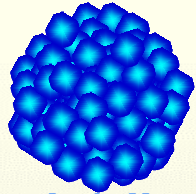
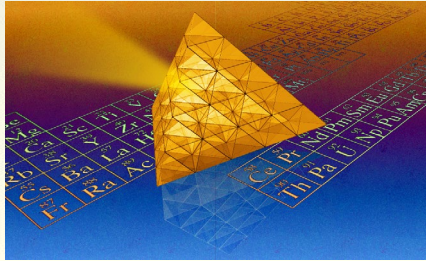


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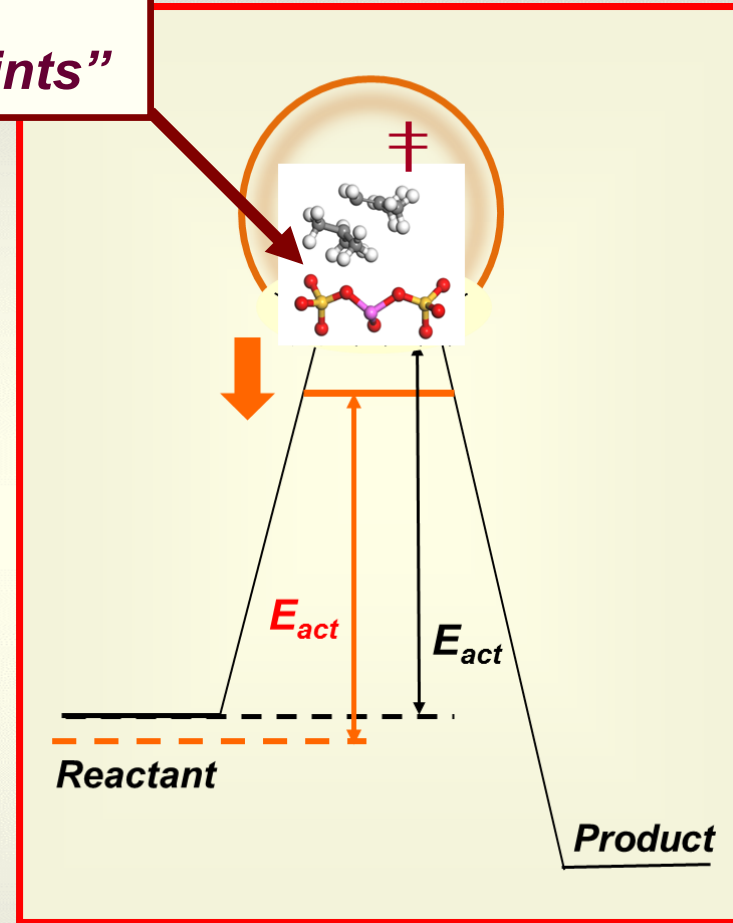
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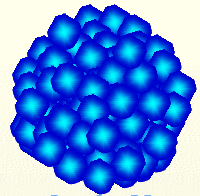
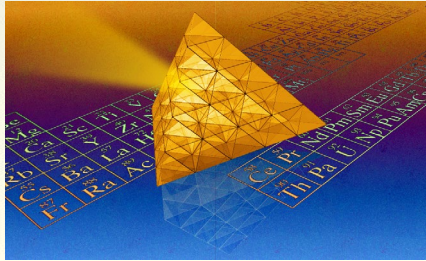
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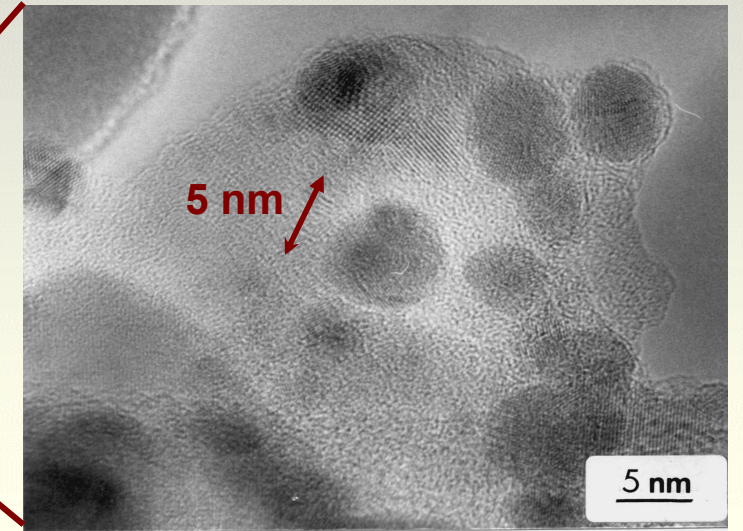
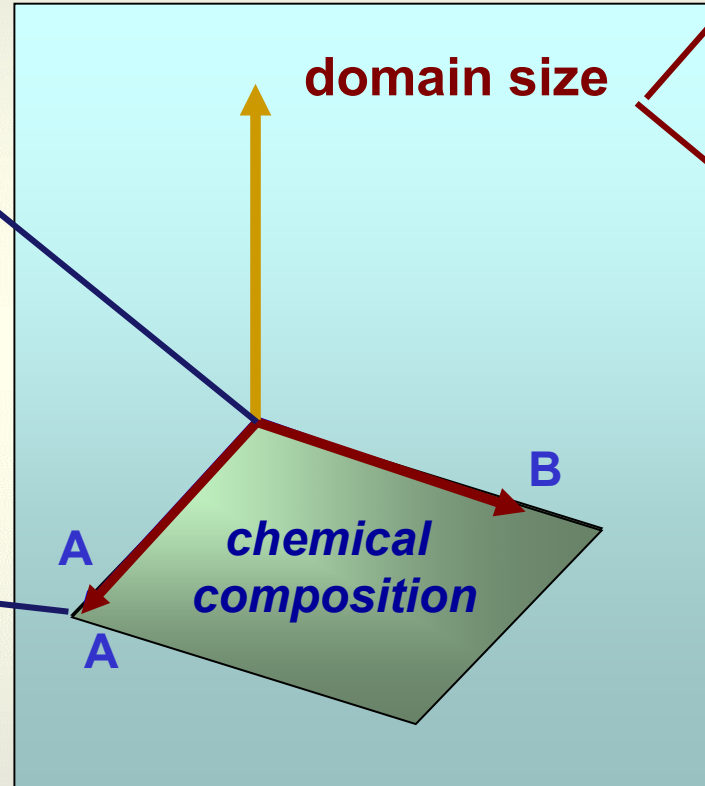
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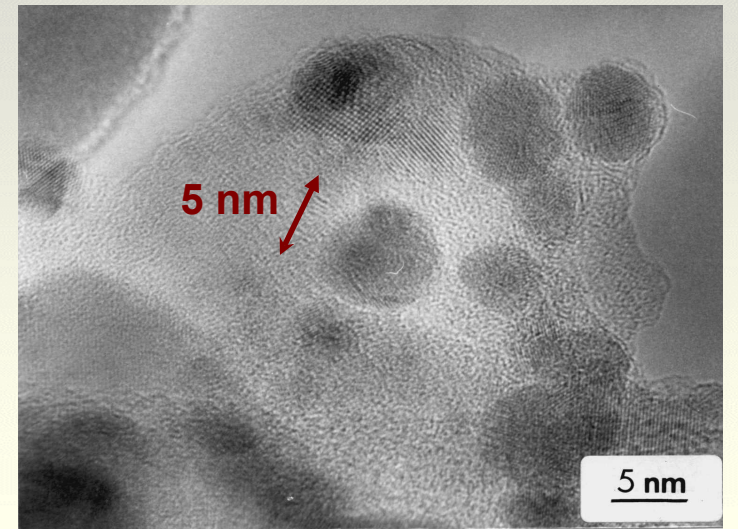
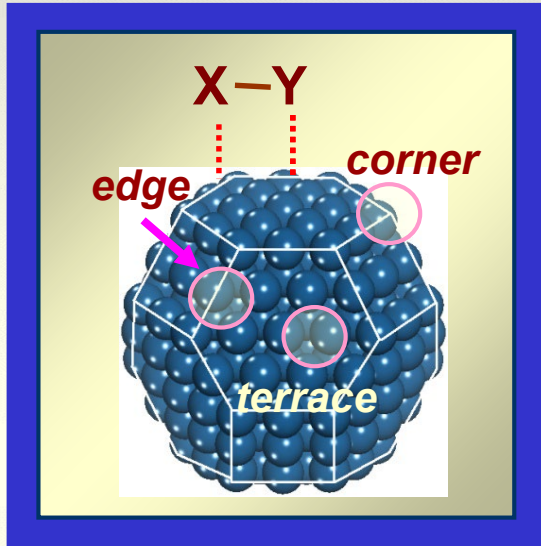


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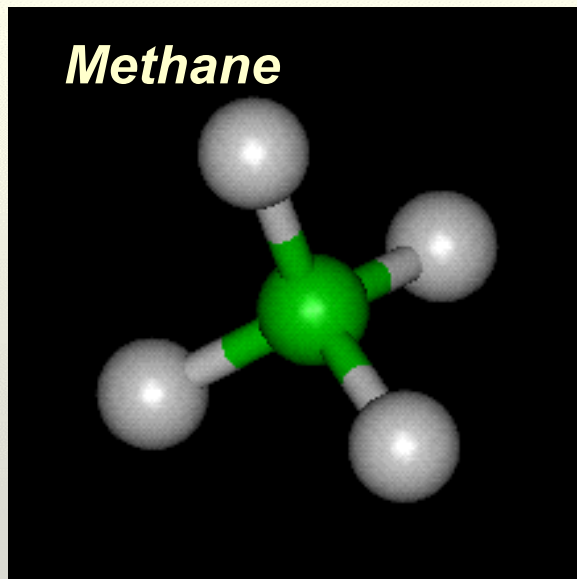
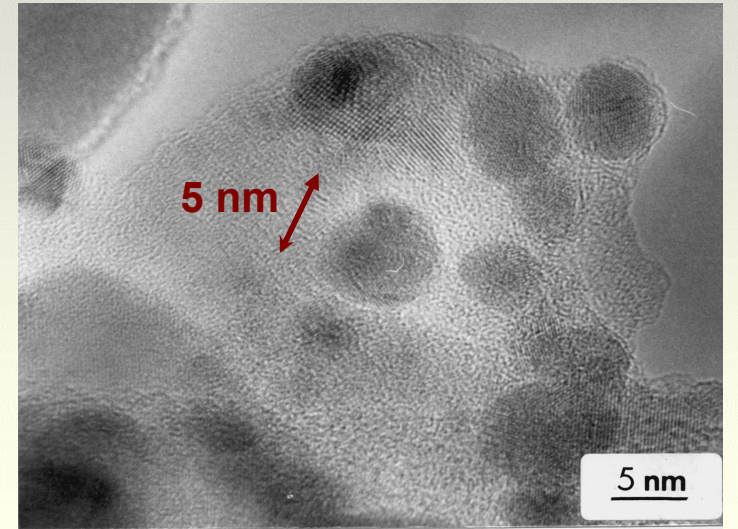
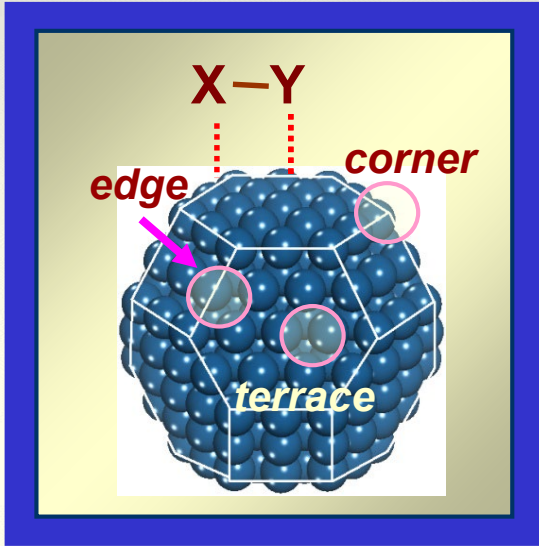
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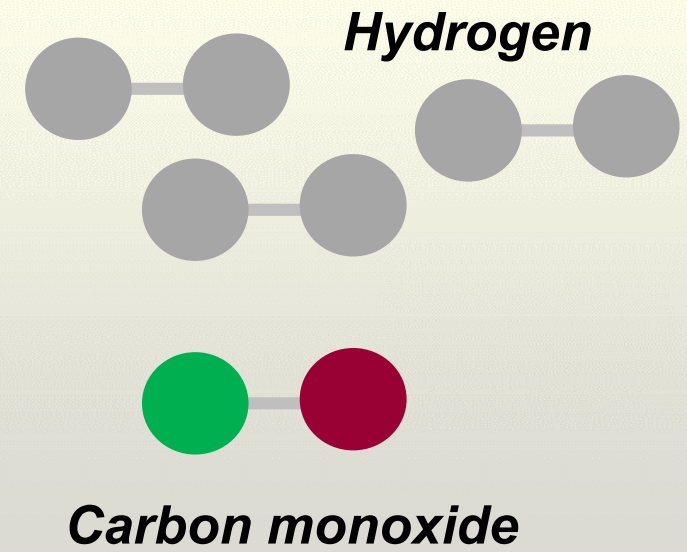
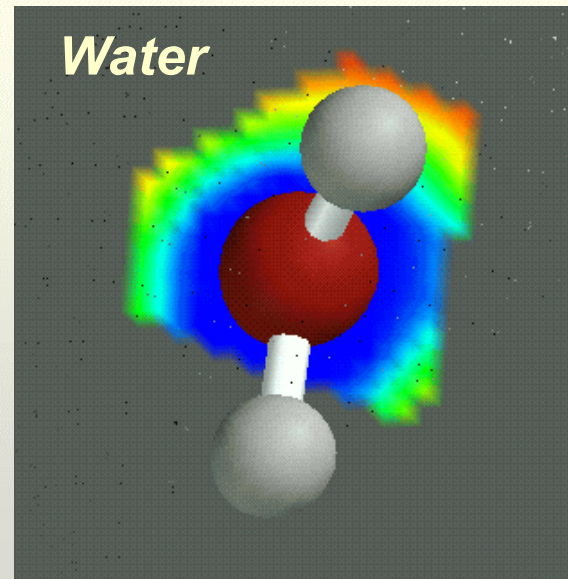


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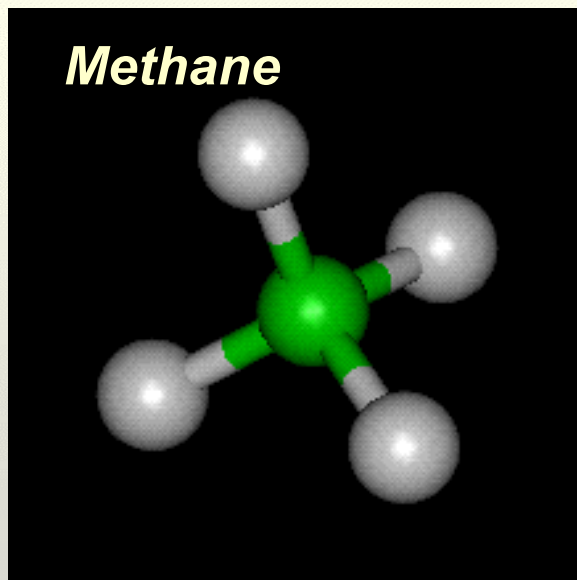
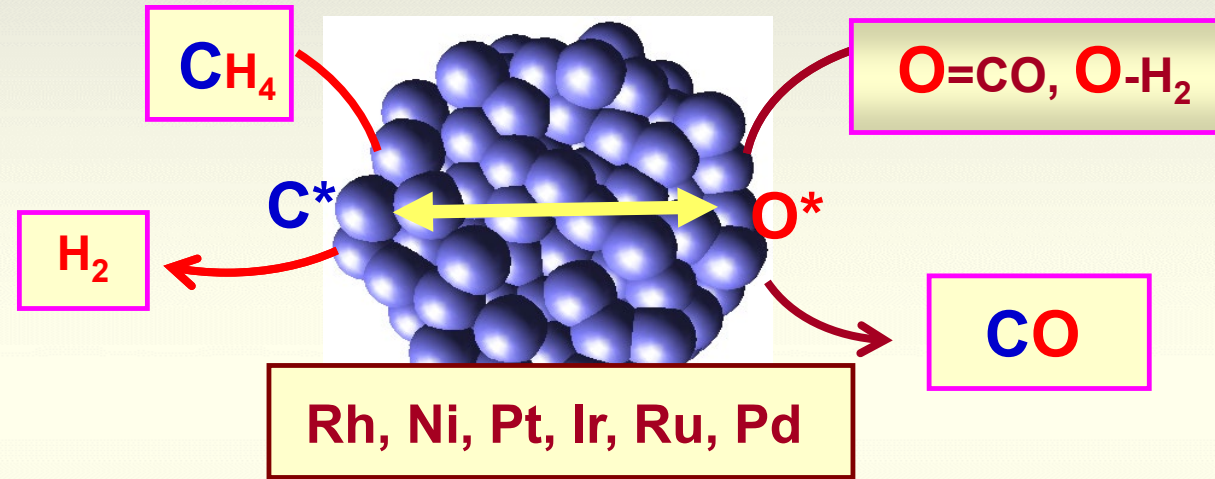
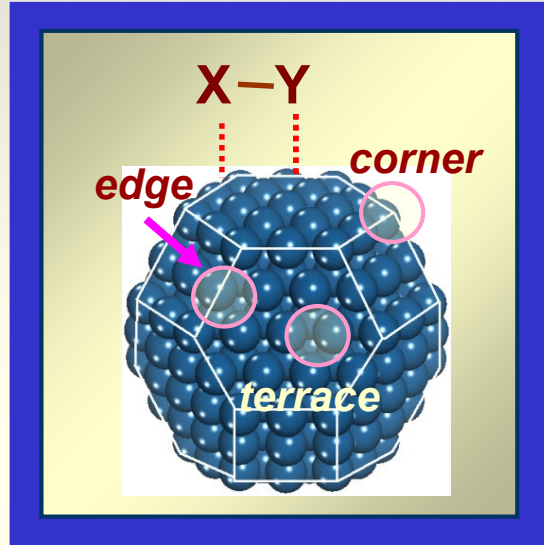
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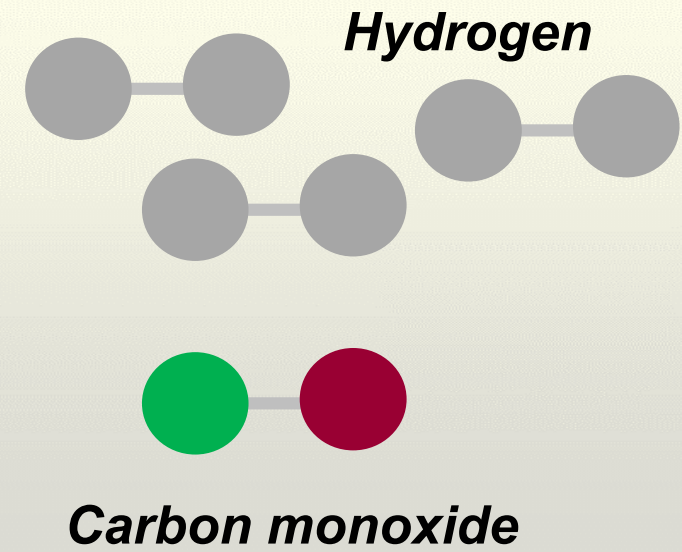
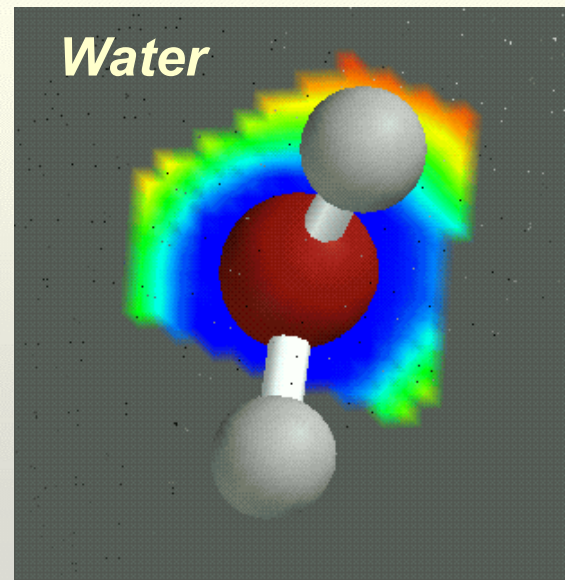
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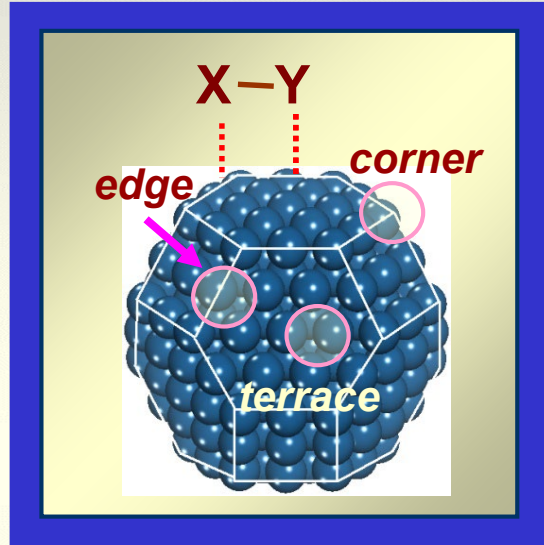
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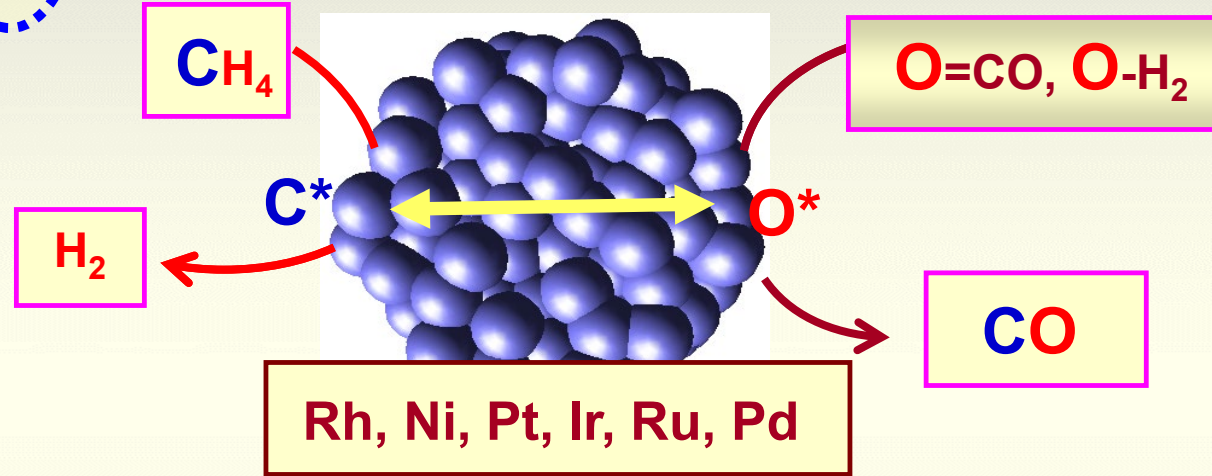
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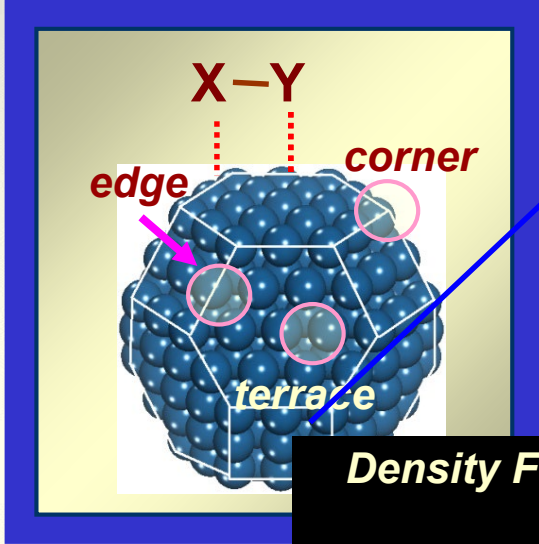
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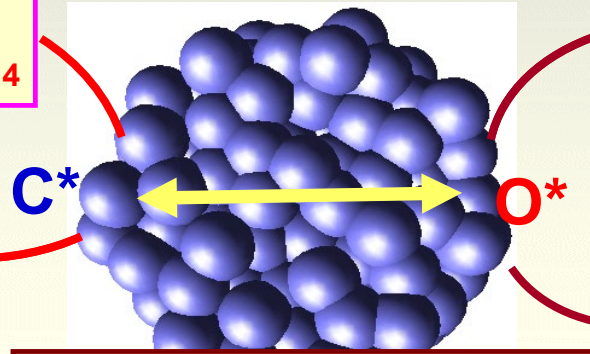
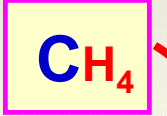
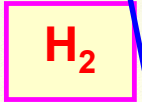
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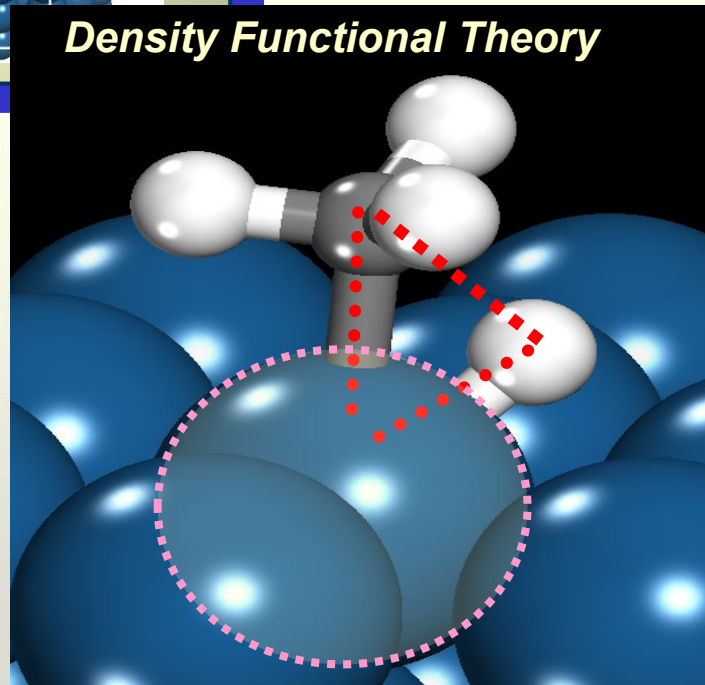
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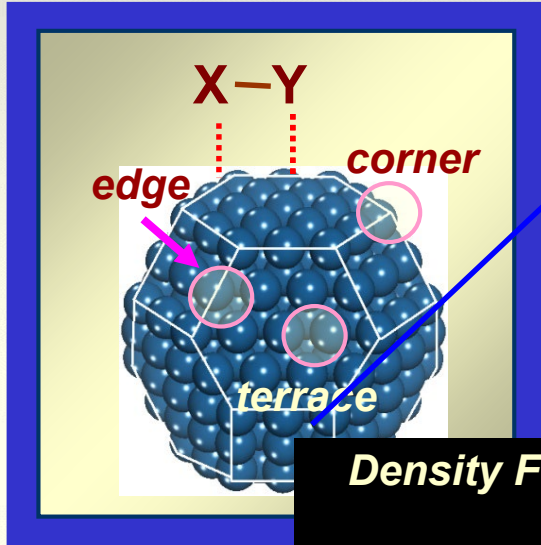


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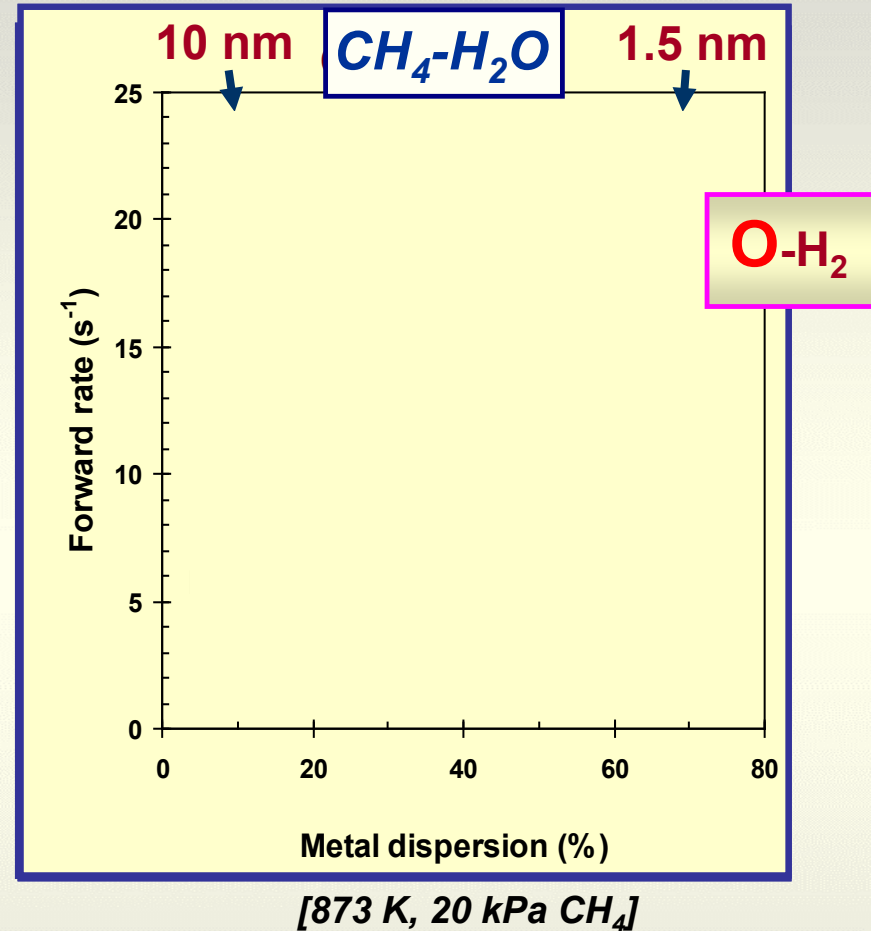
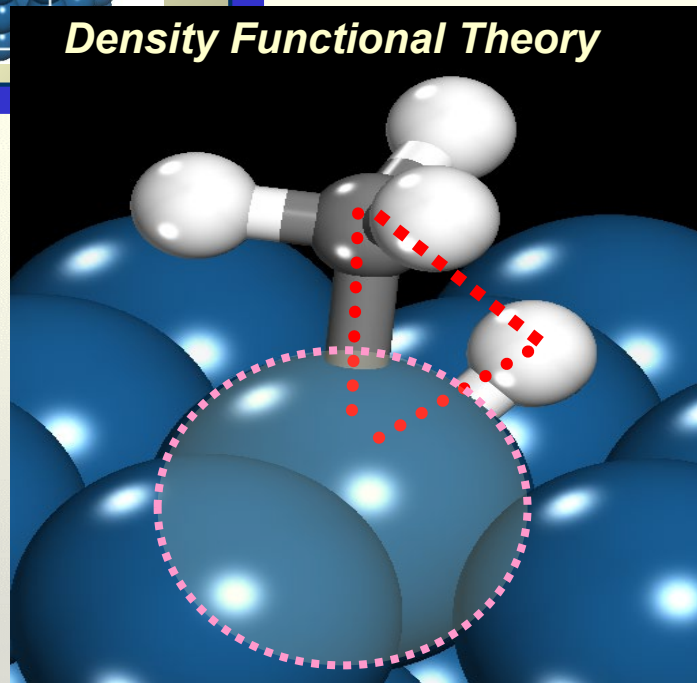


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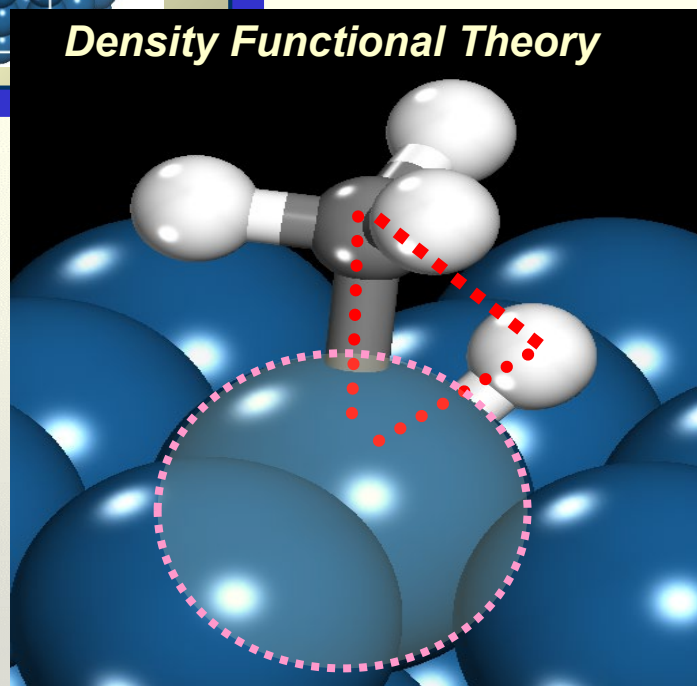
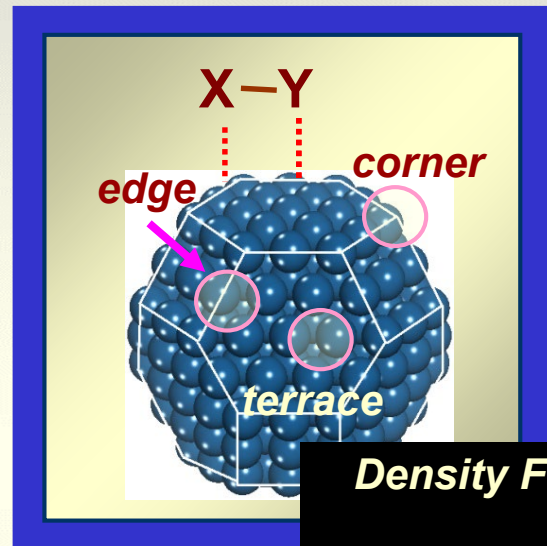
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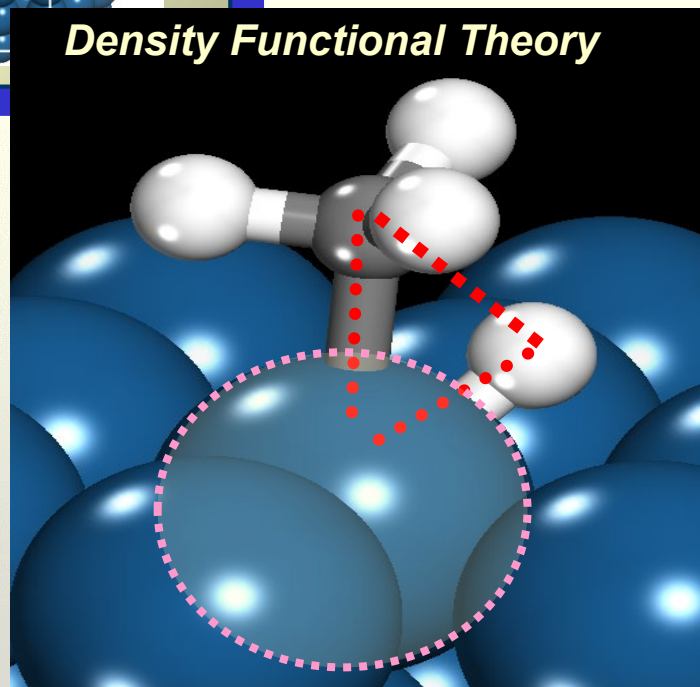
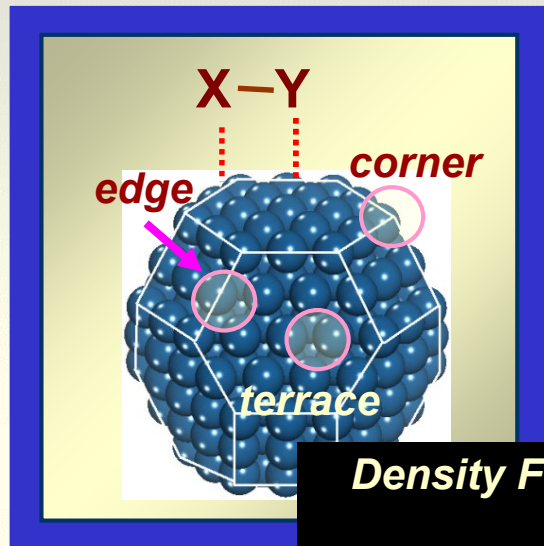
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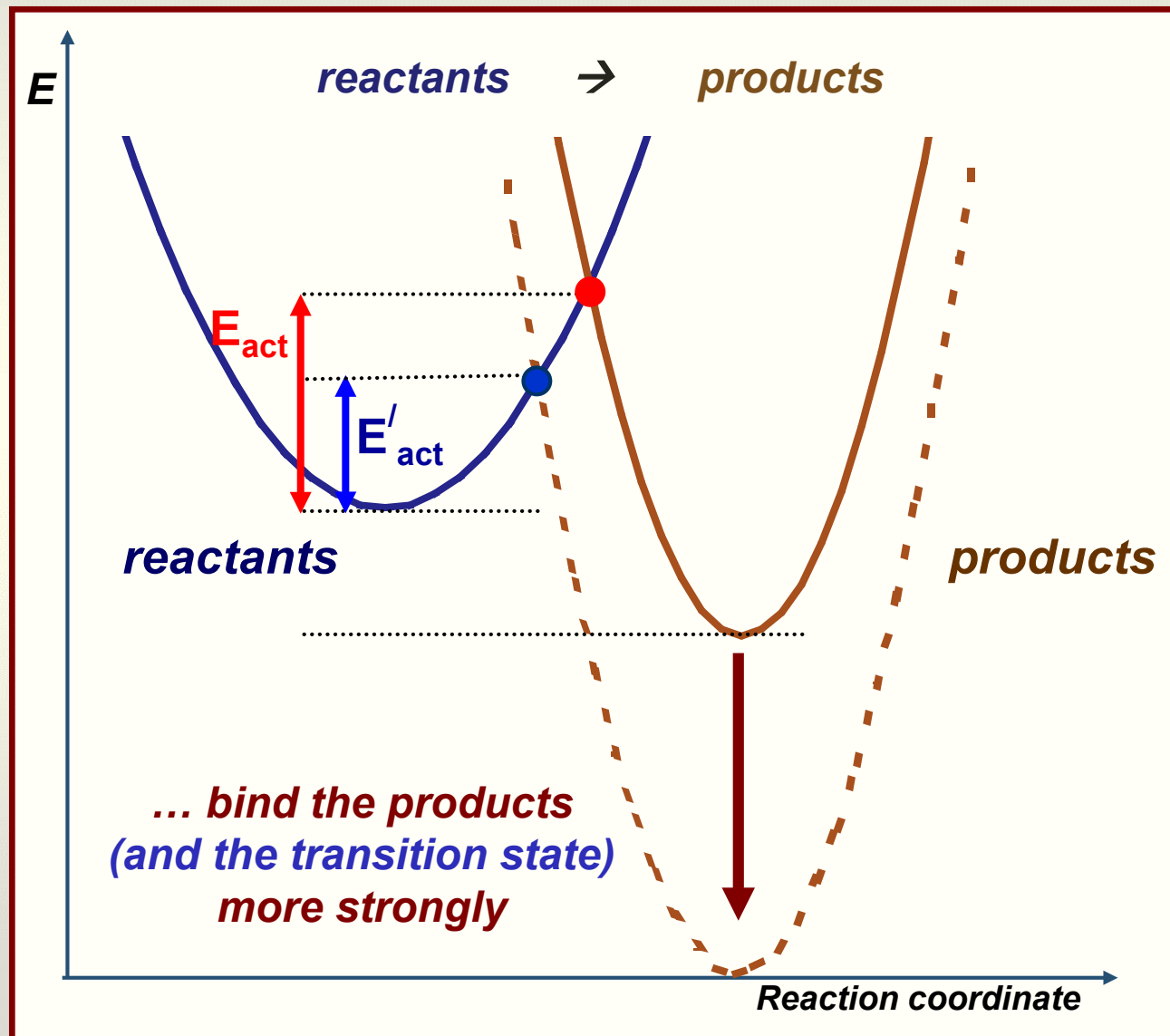
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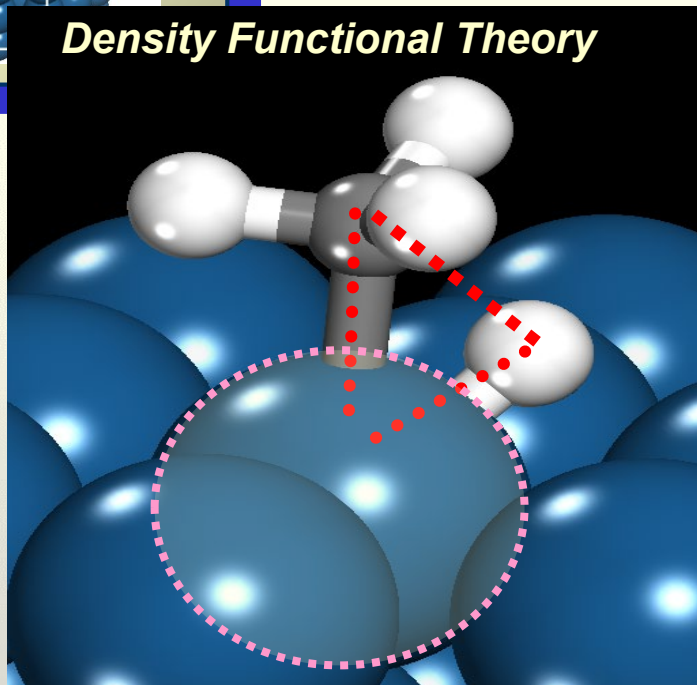
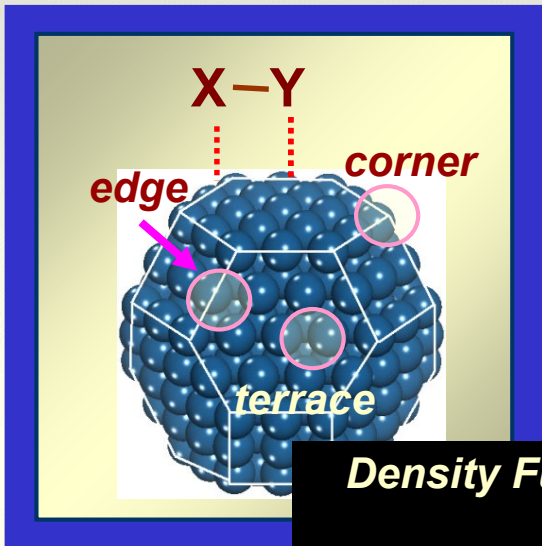
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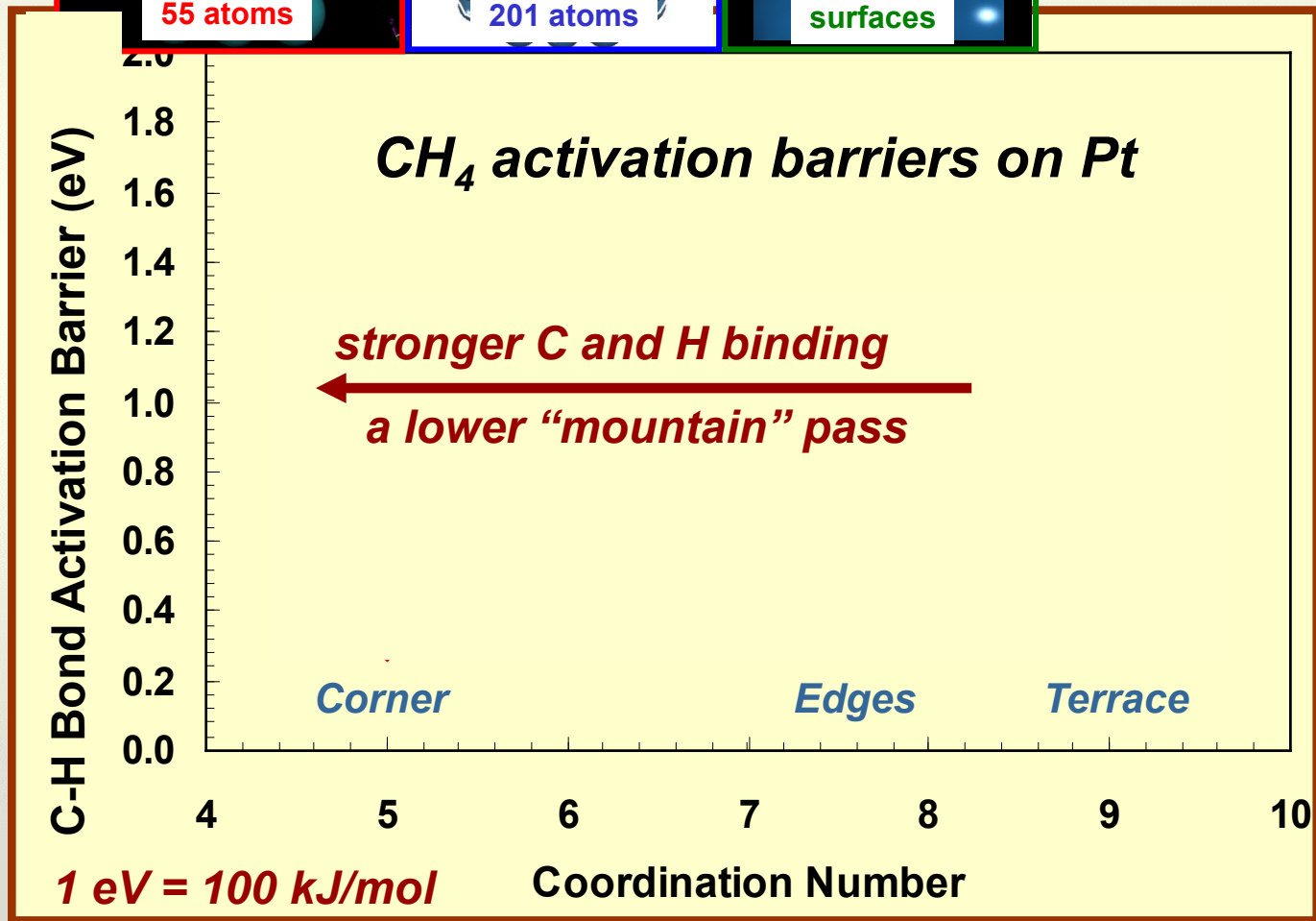
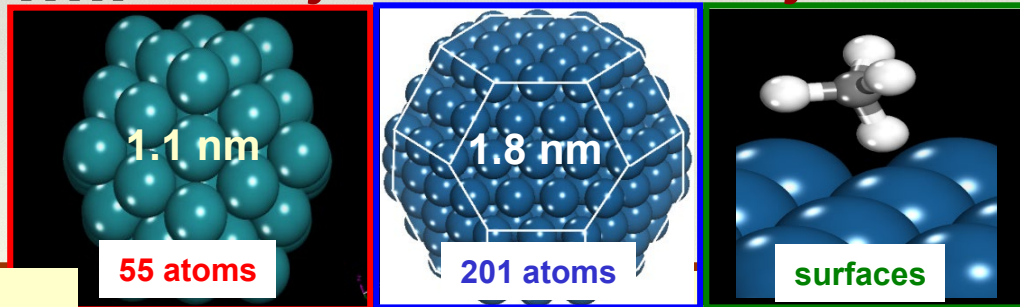


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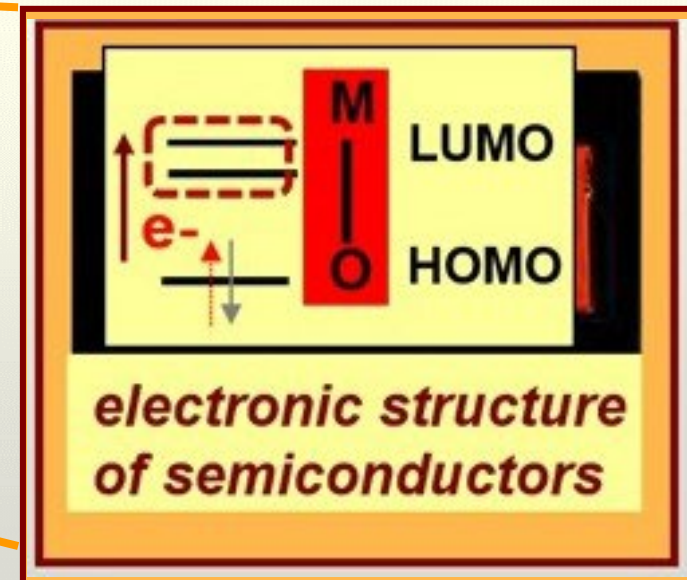
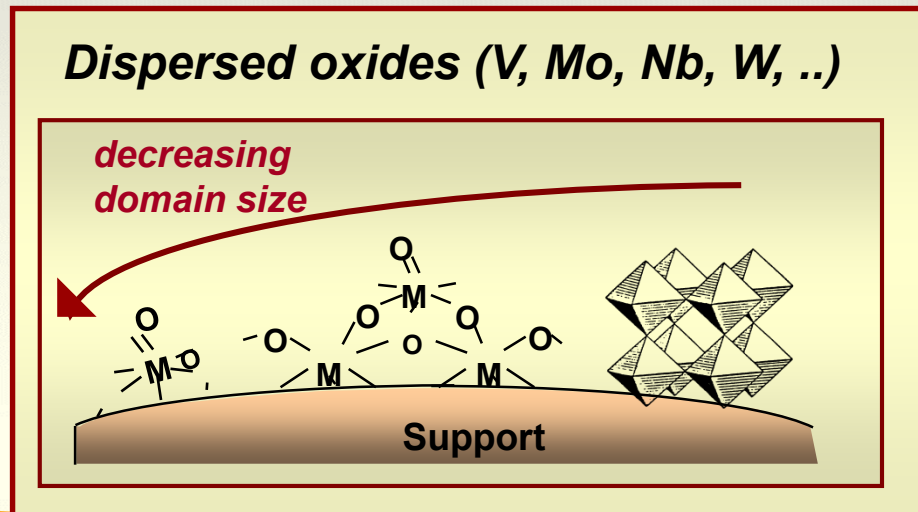
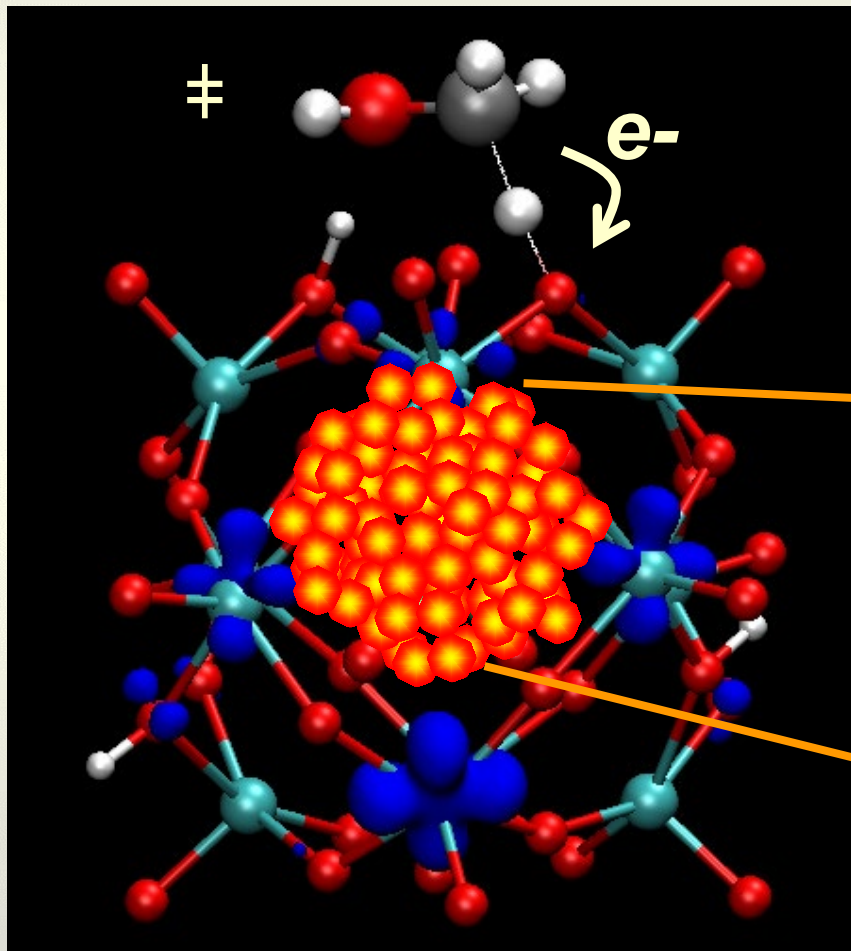


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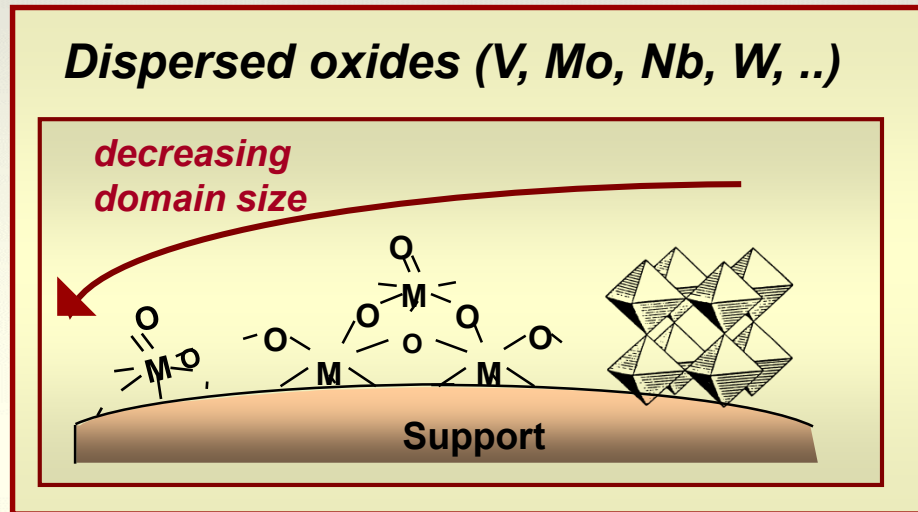
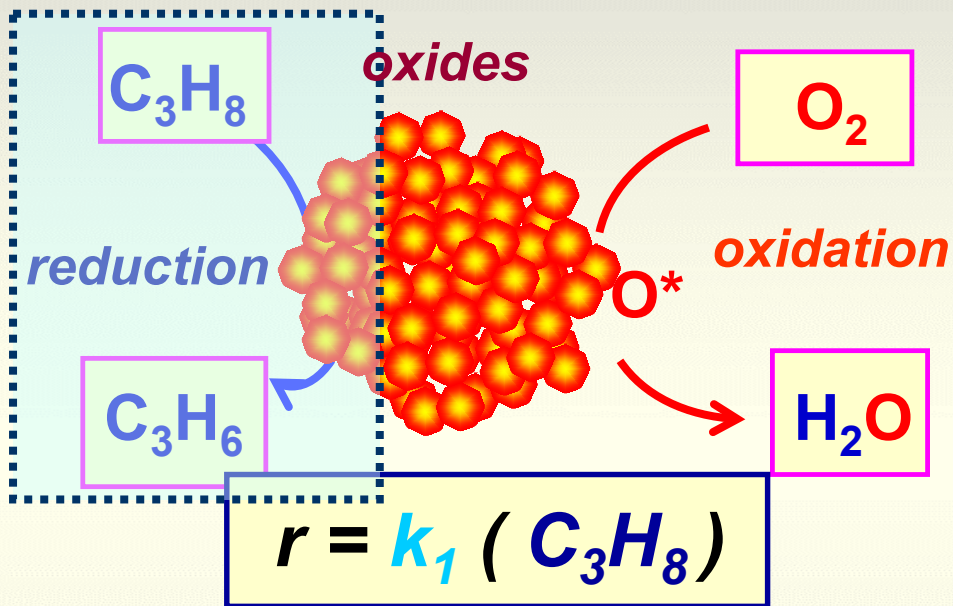
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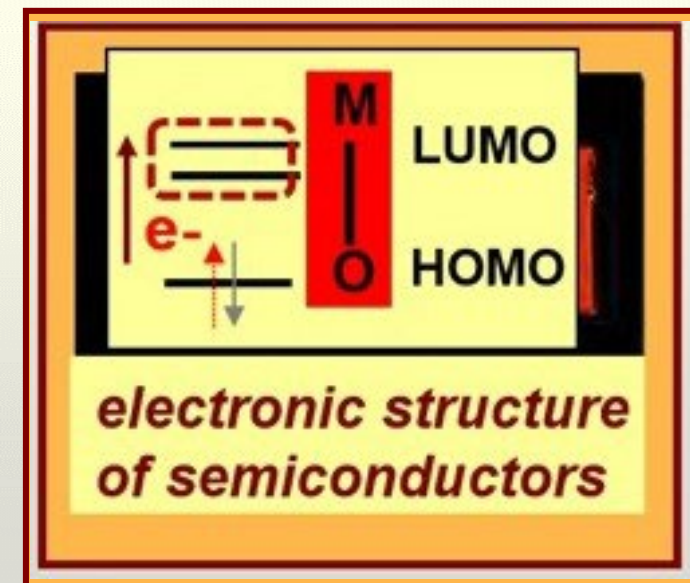
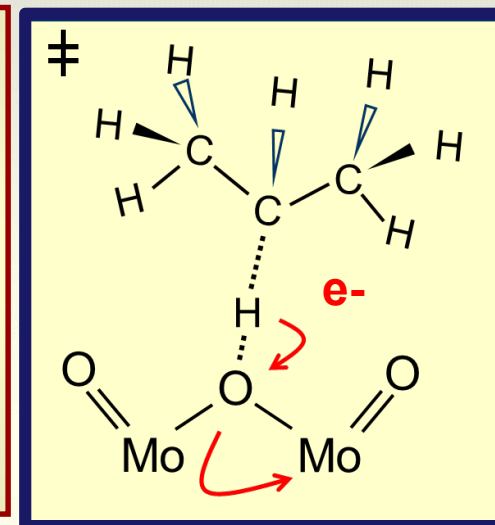


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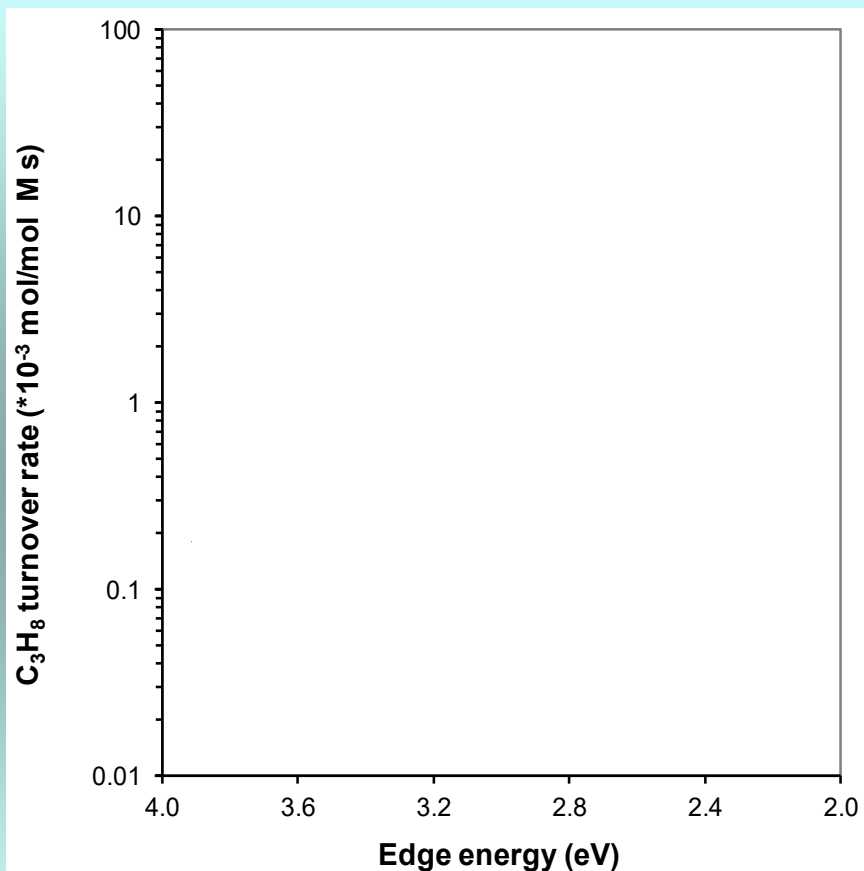


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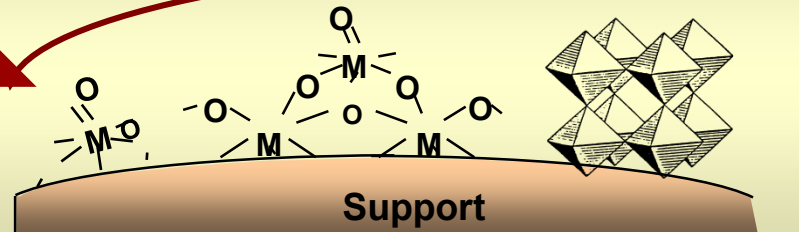
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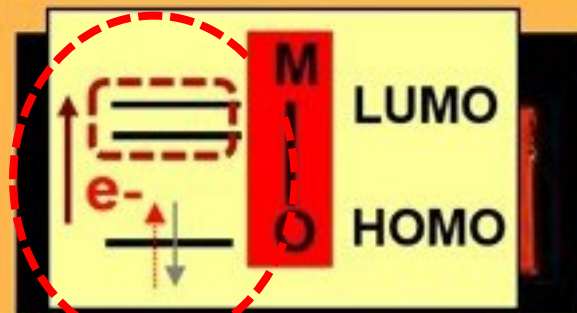
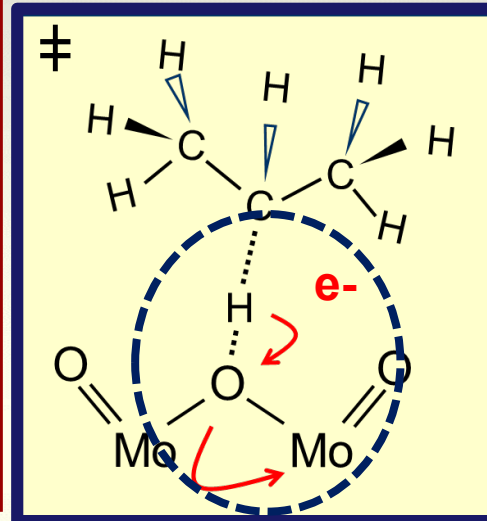
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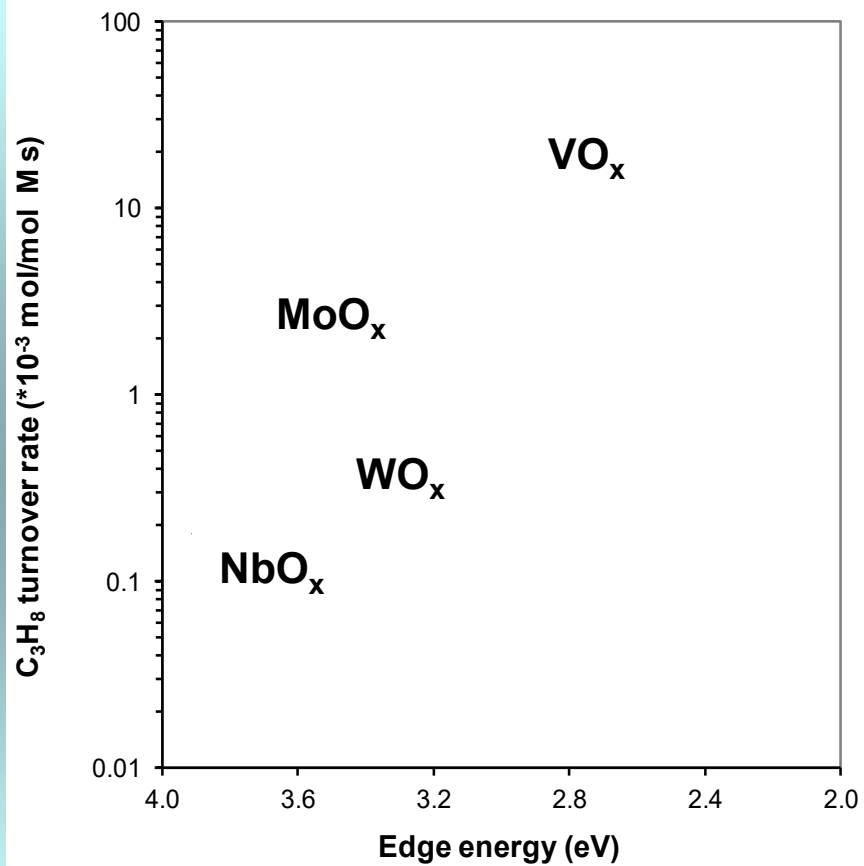
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electronic structure of semiconductors

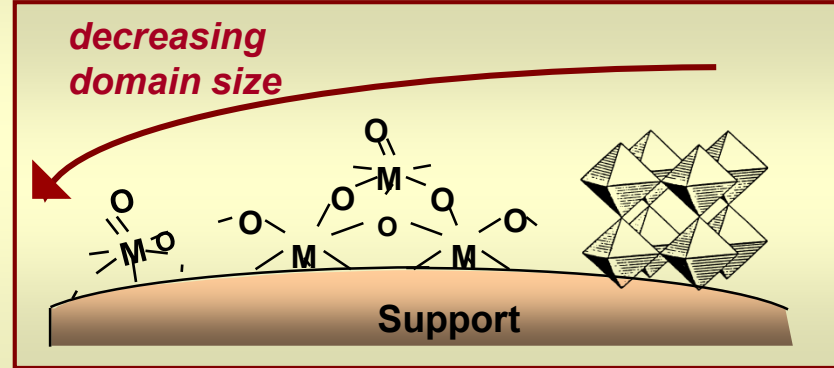
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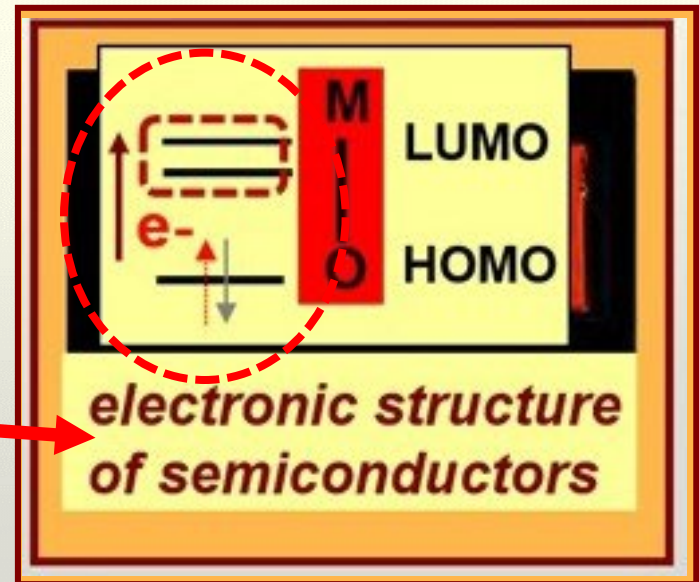
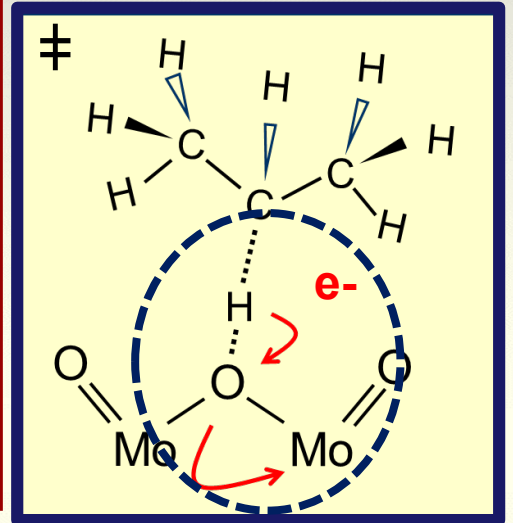


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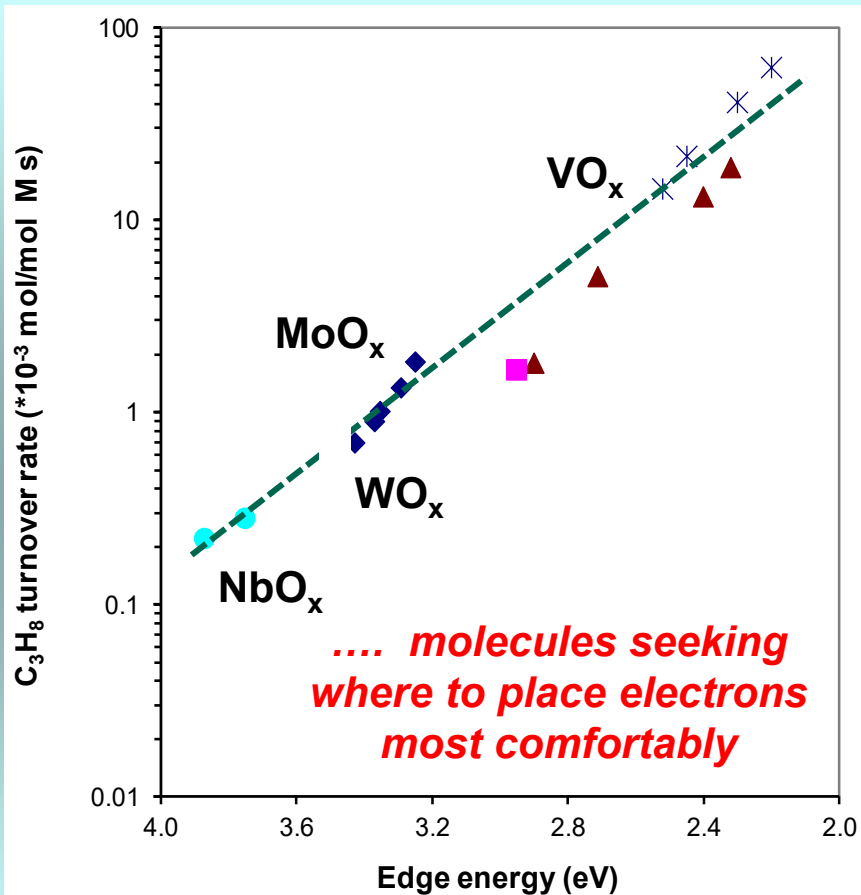


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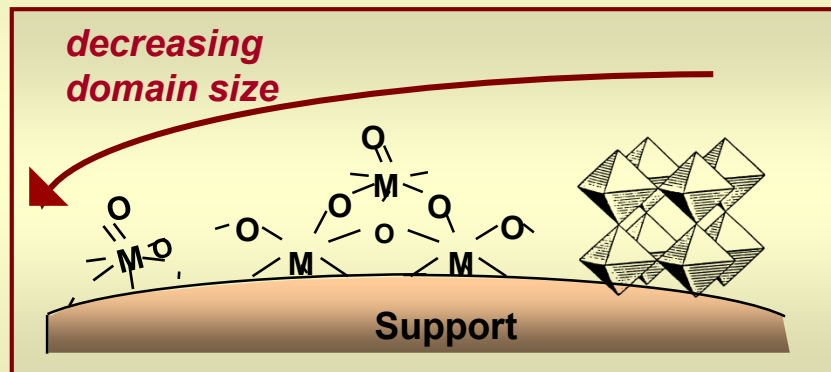
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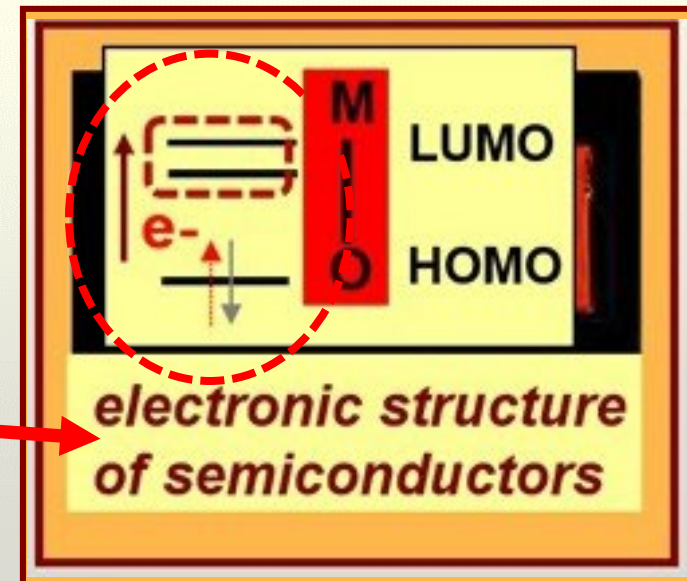
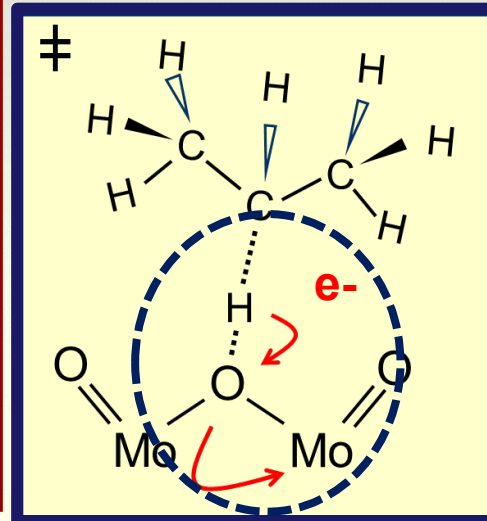


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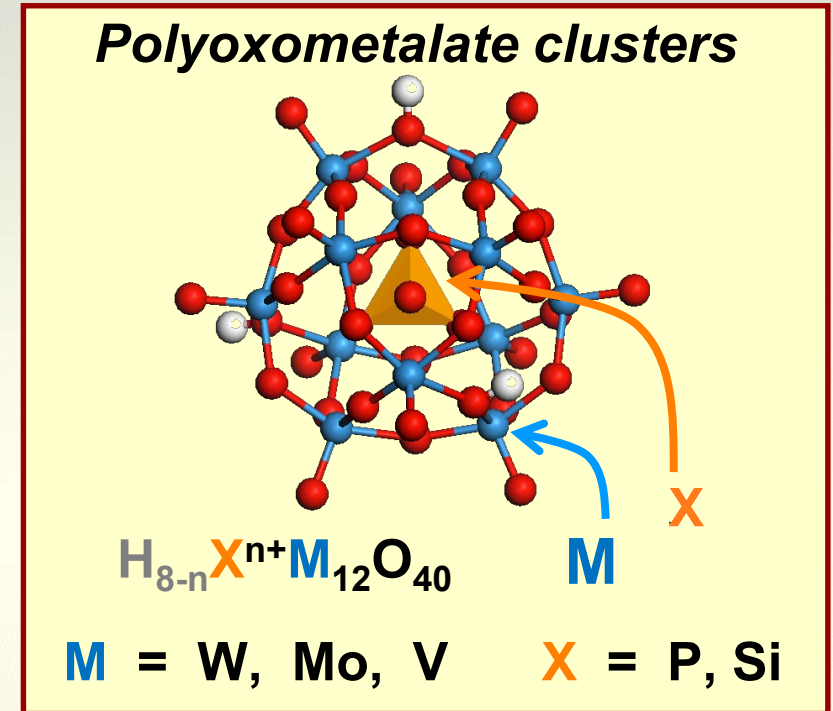
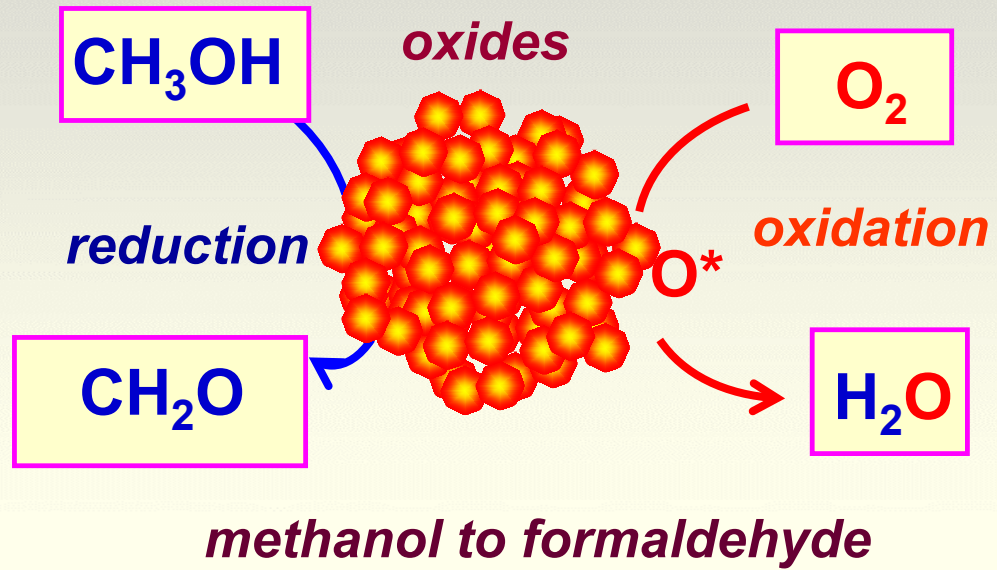
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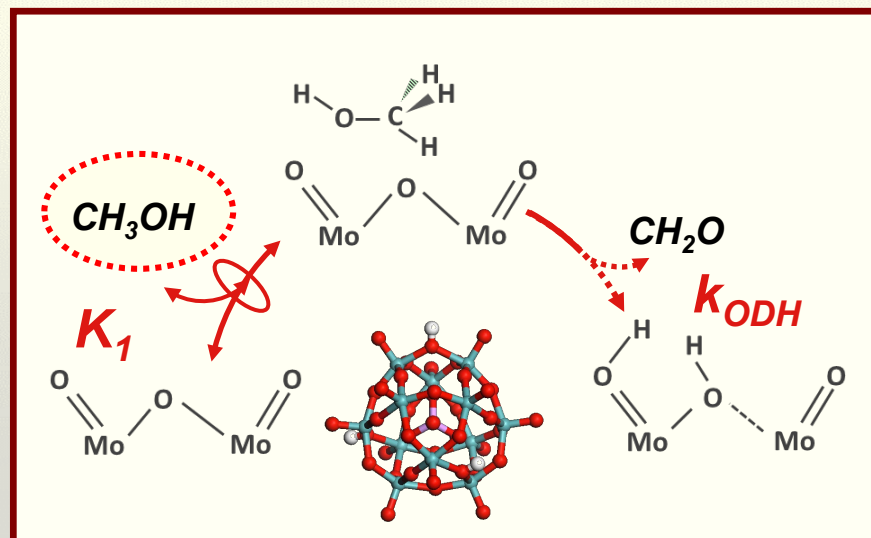


Exploiting solids with known structure ... and descriptors of reactivity

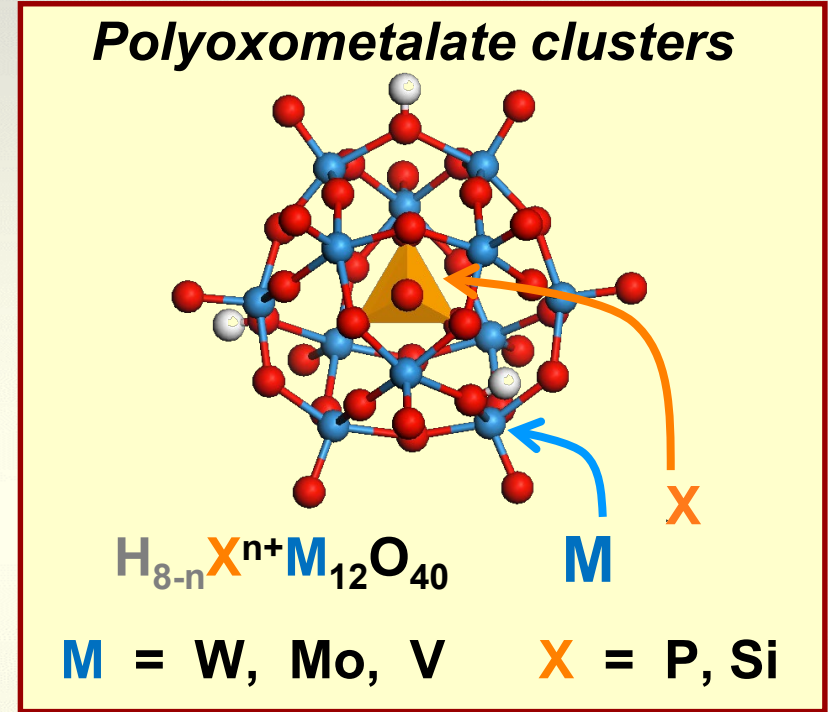
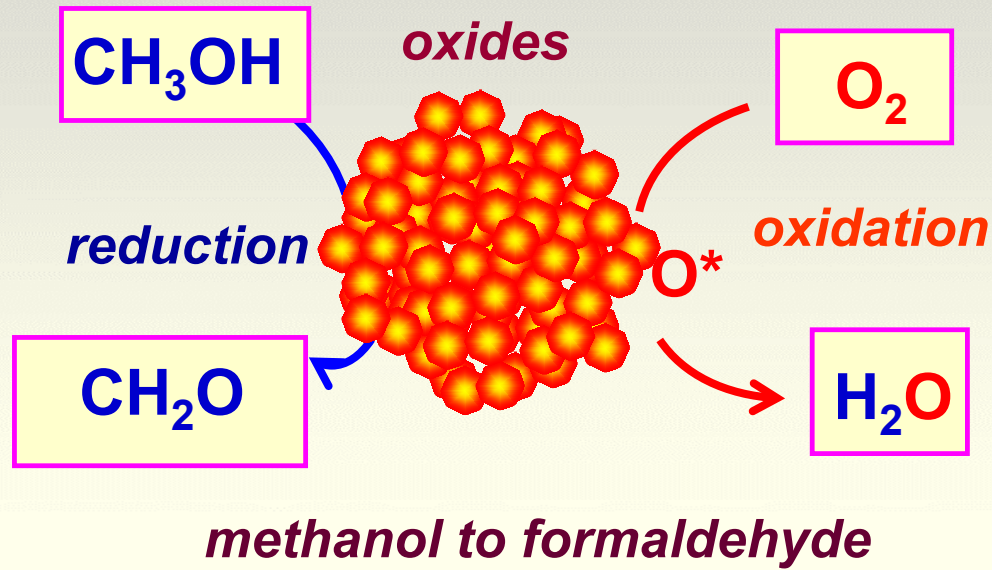


... *compositional diversity*
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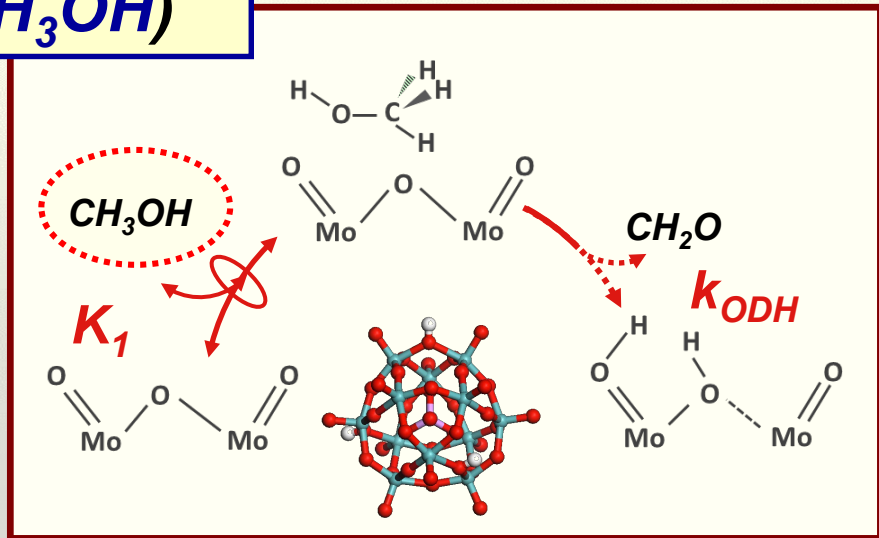
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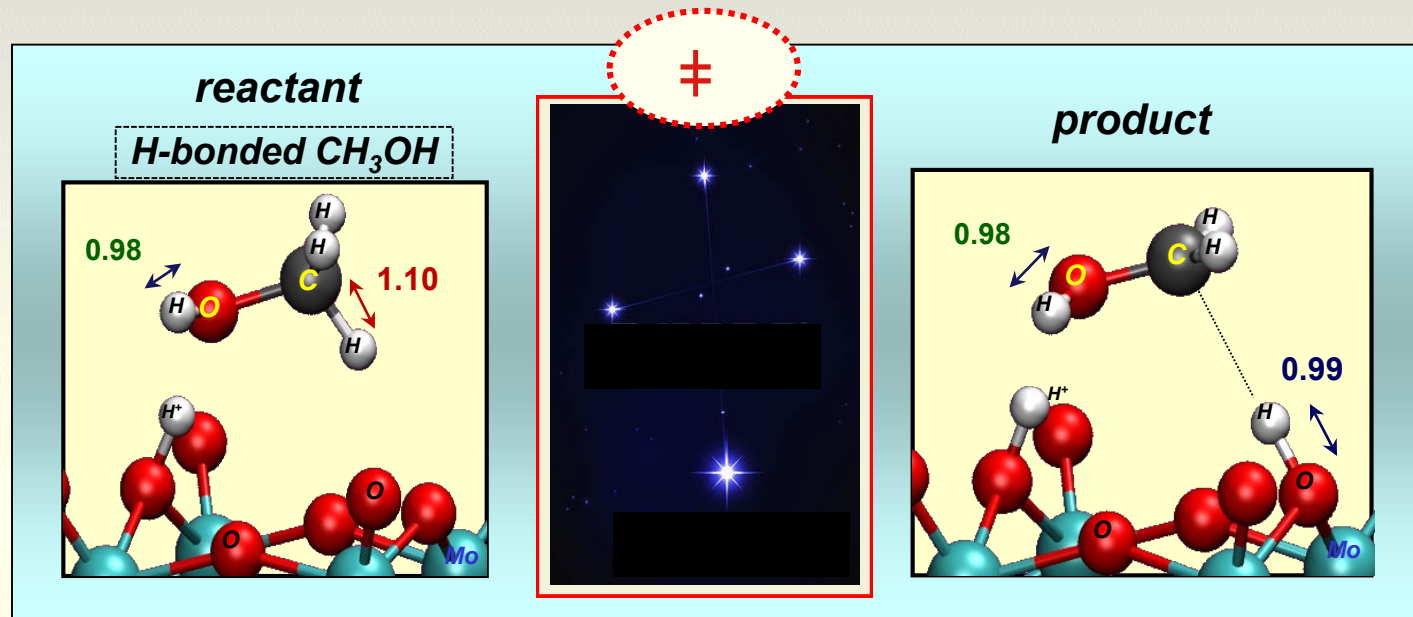
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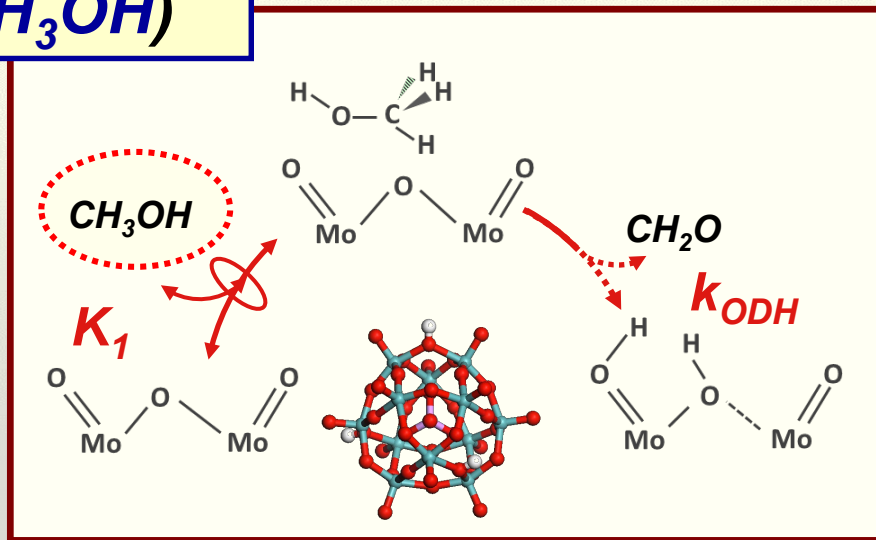
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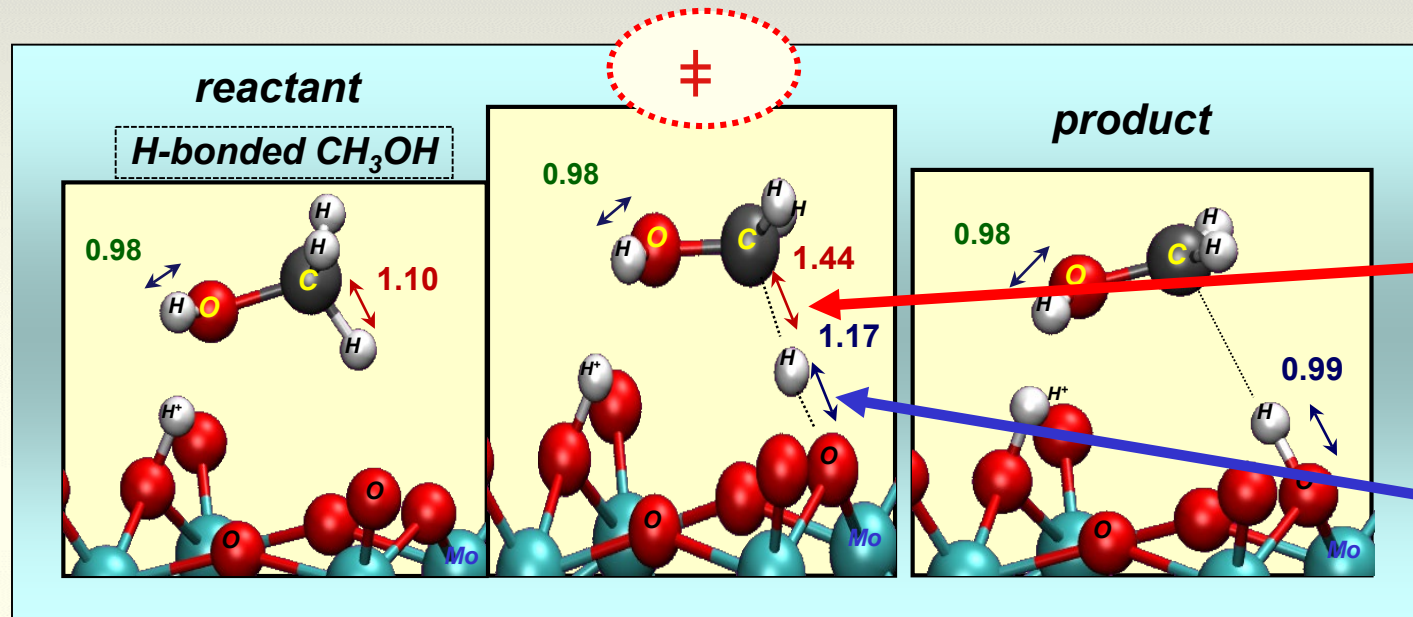
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... a molecular property

C-H dissociation energy

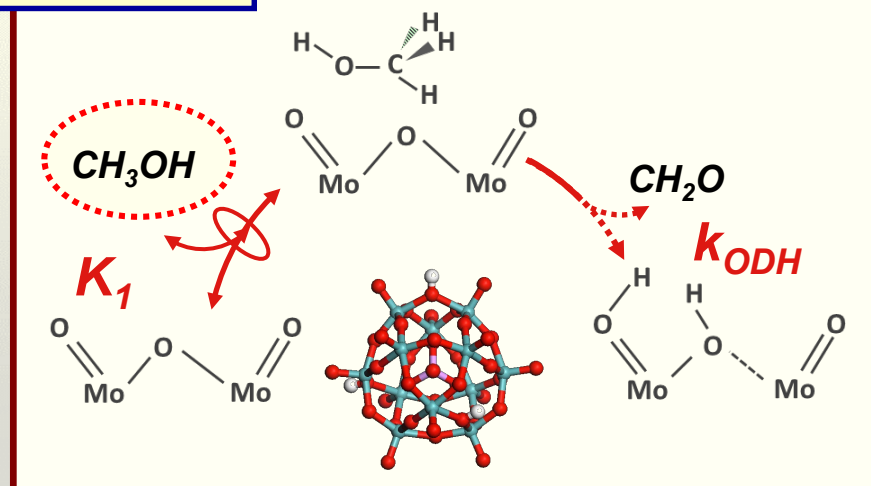
C-H bond nearly cleaved

O-H bond nearly formed

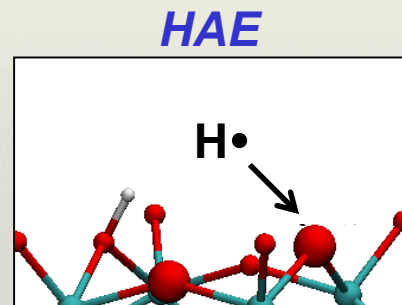
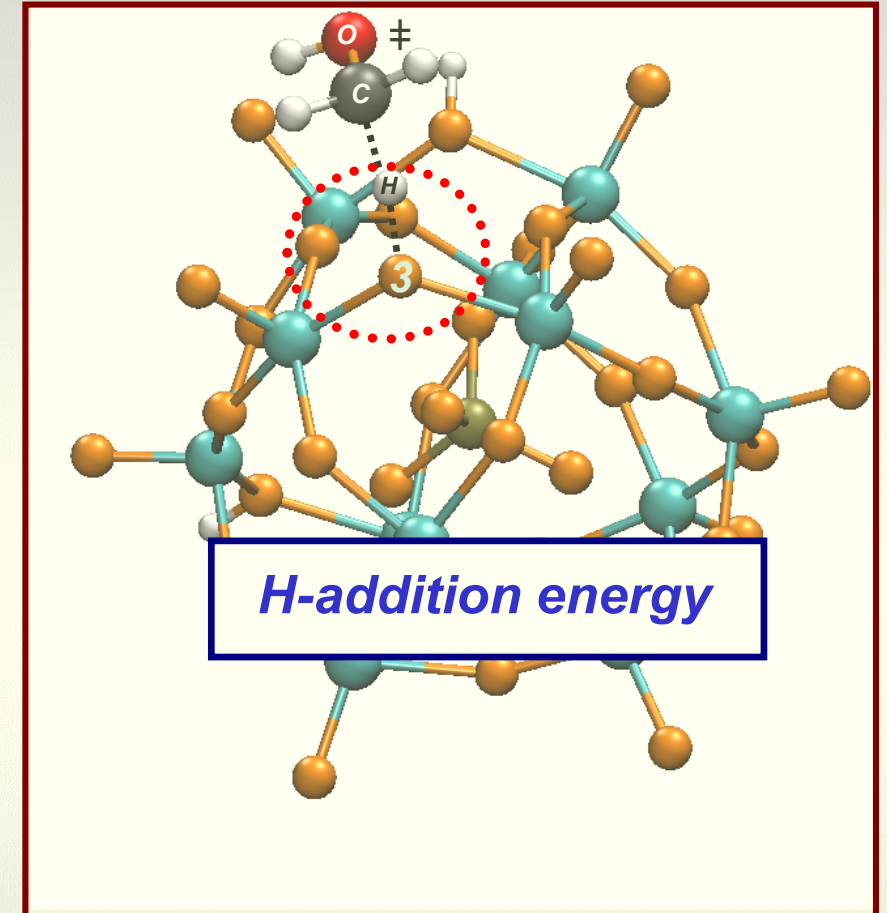
H-addition energy

.... a catalyst property

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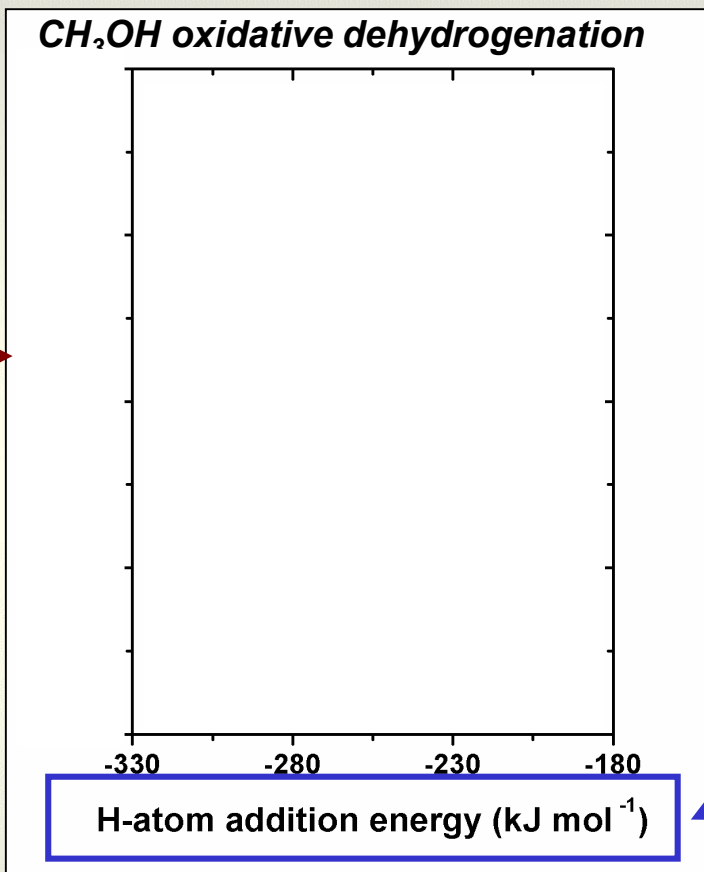
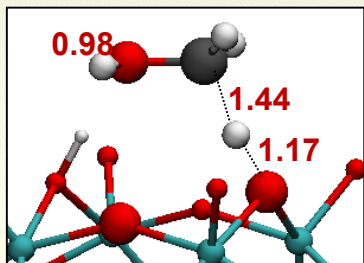


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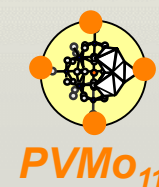
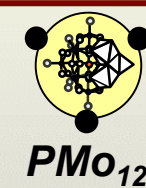
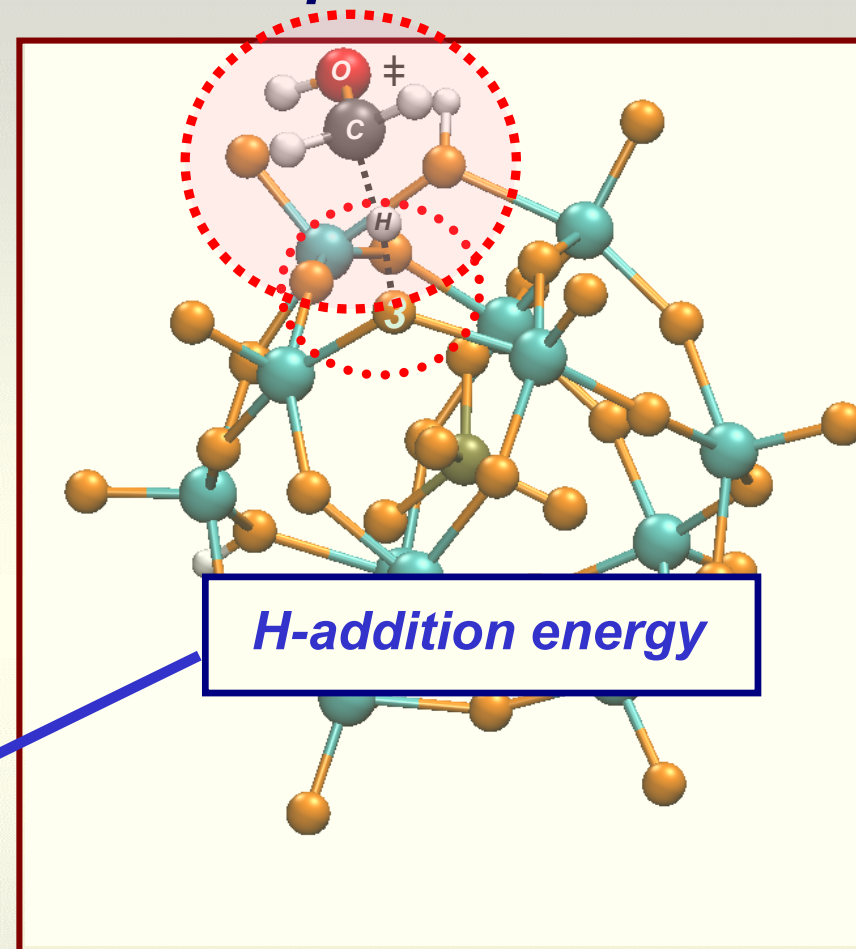
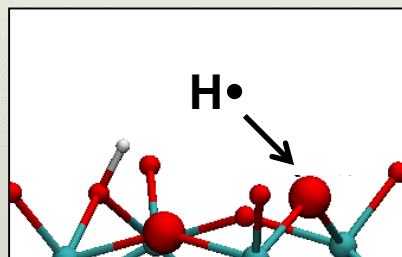
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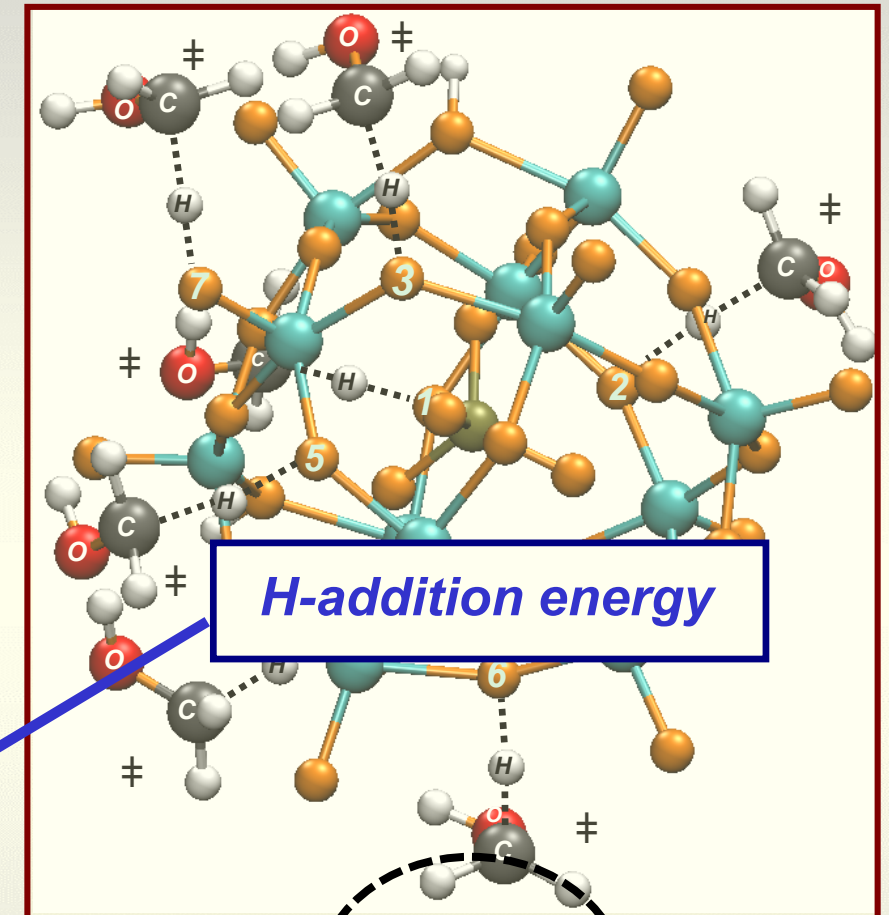
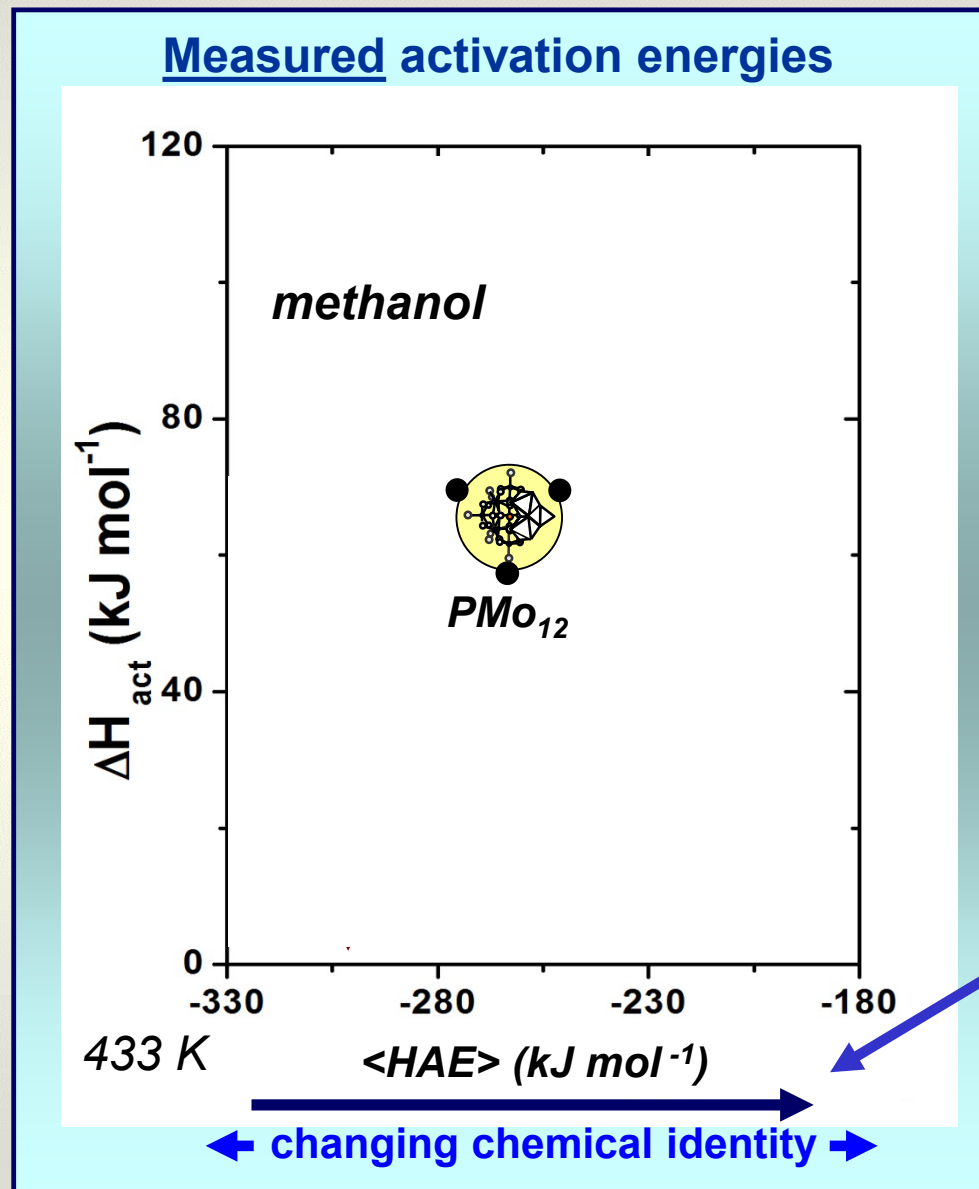


H-atom addition energy (kJ mol⁻¹)

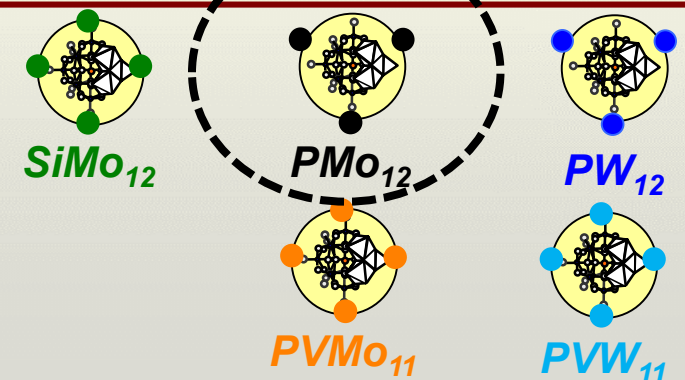
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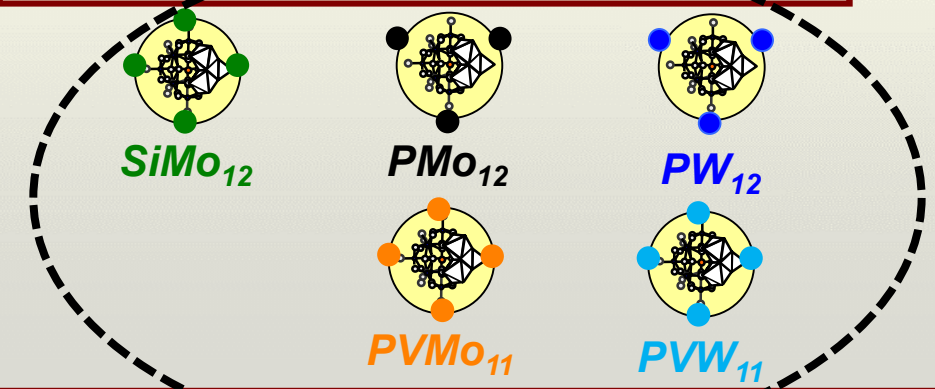
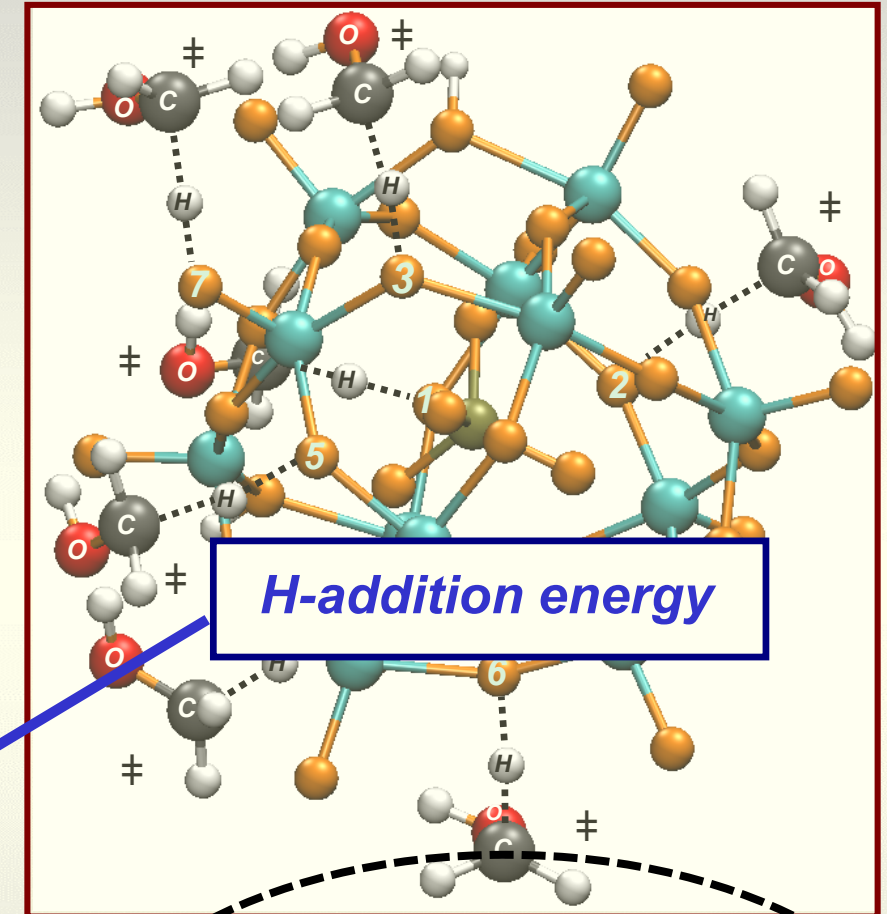
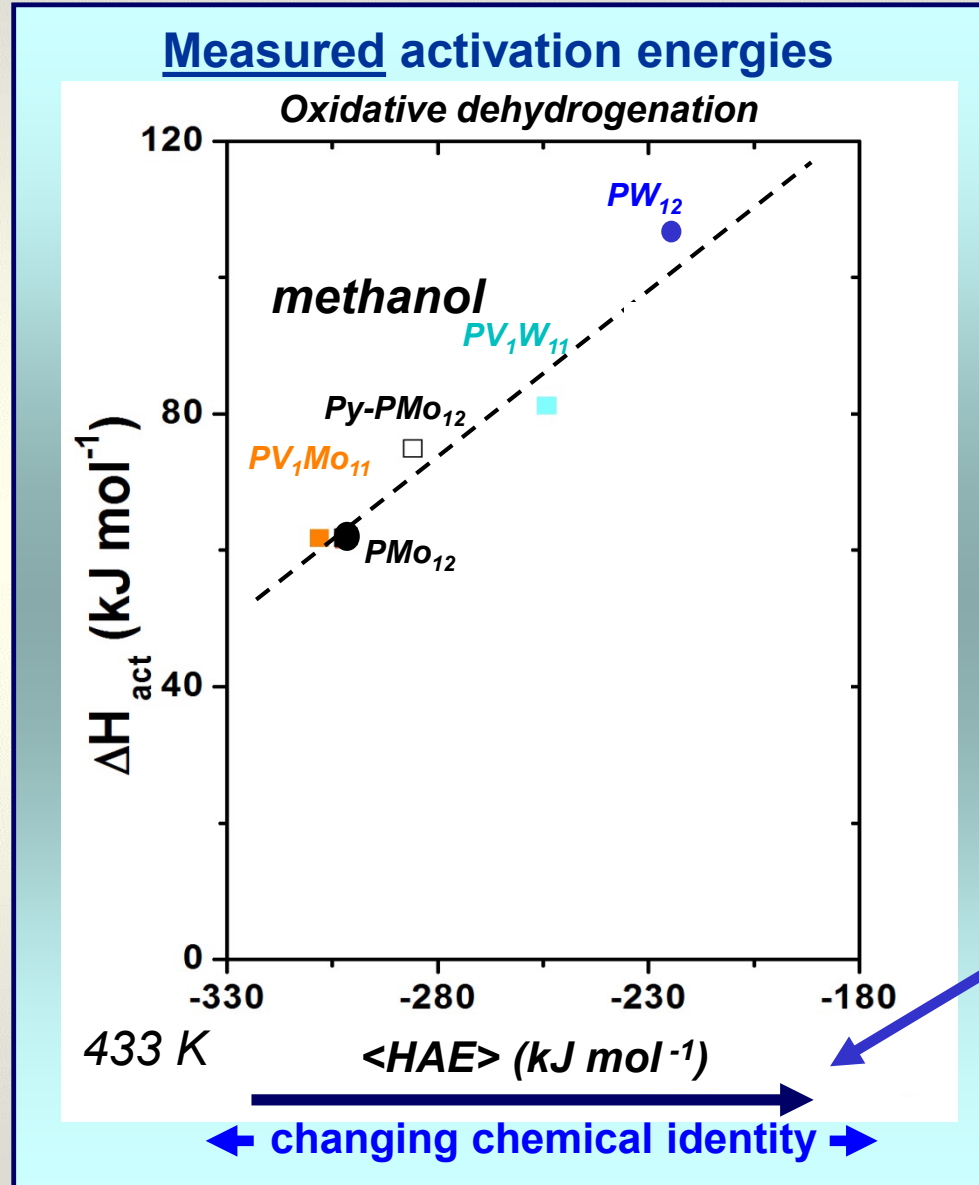
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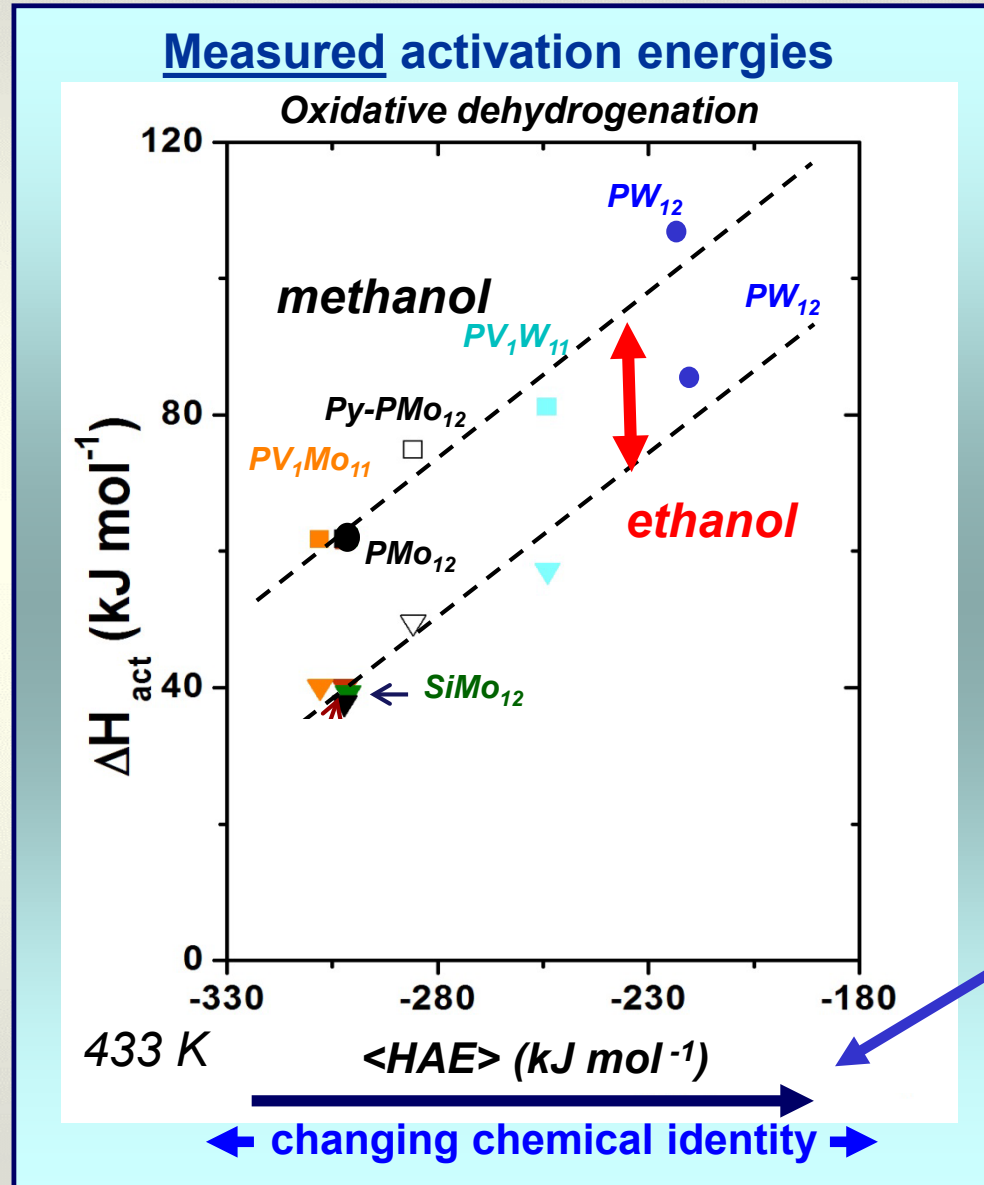
Ensemble average
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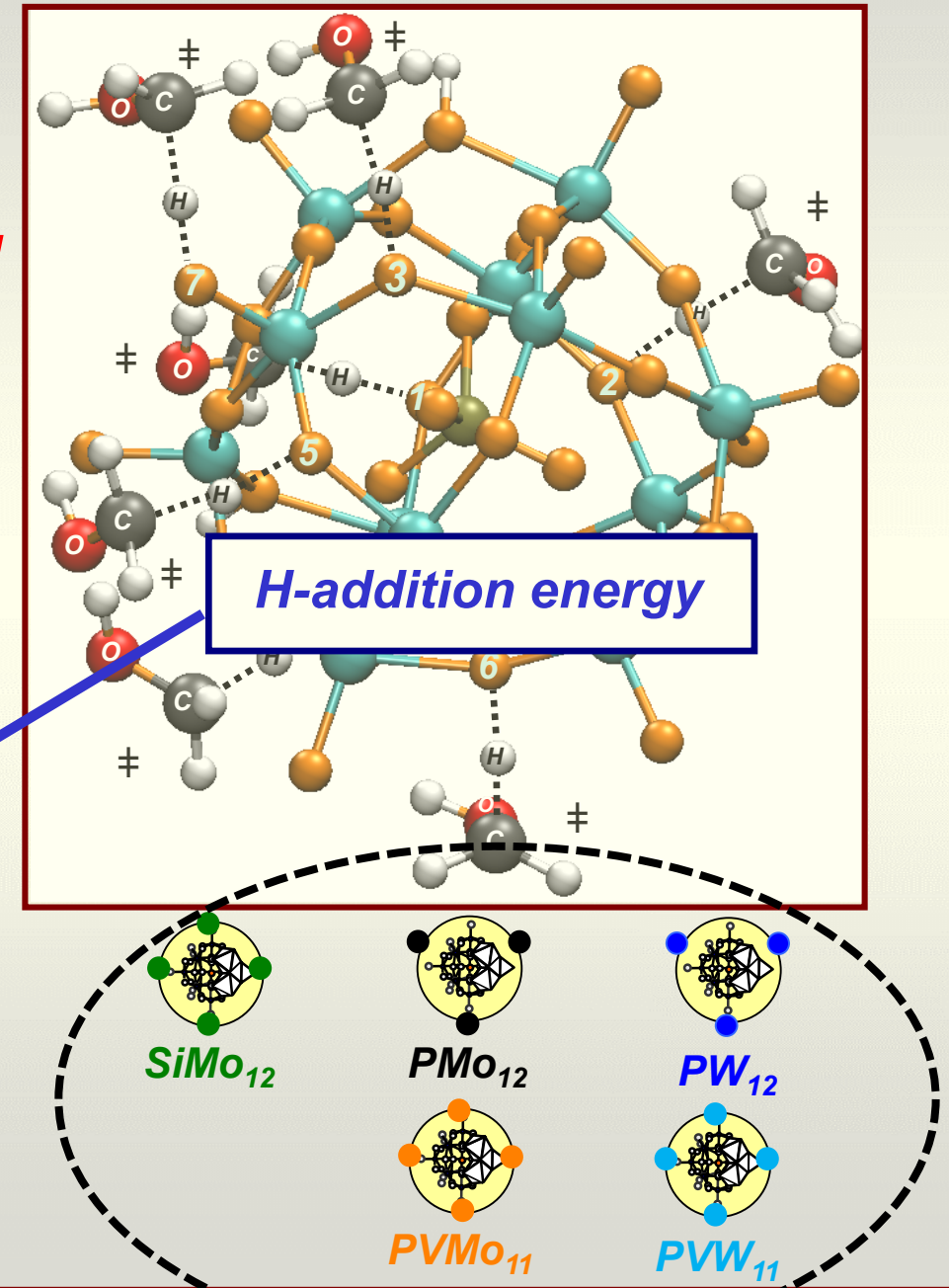
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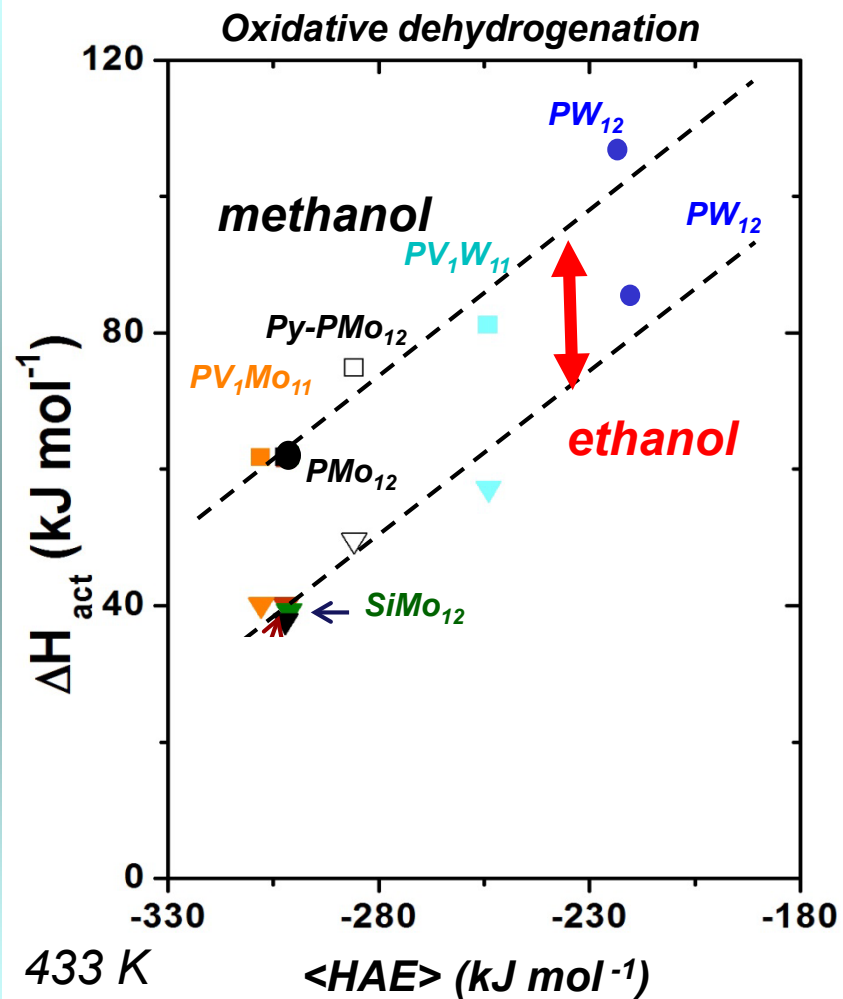


... the weaker C-H bond in ethanol

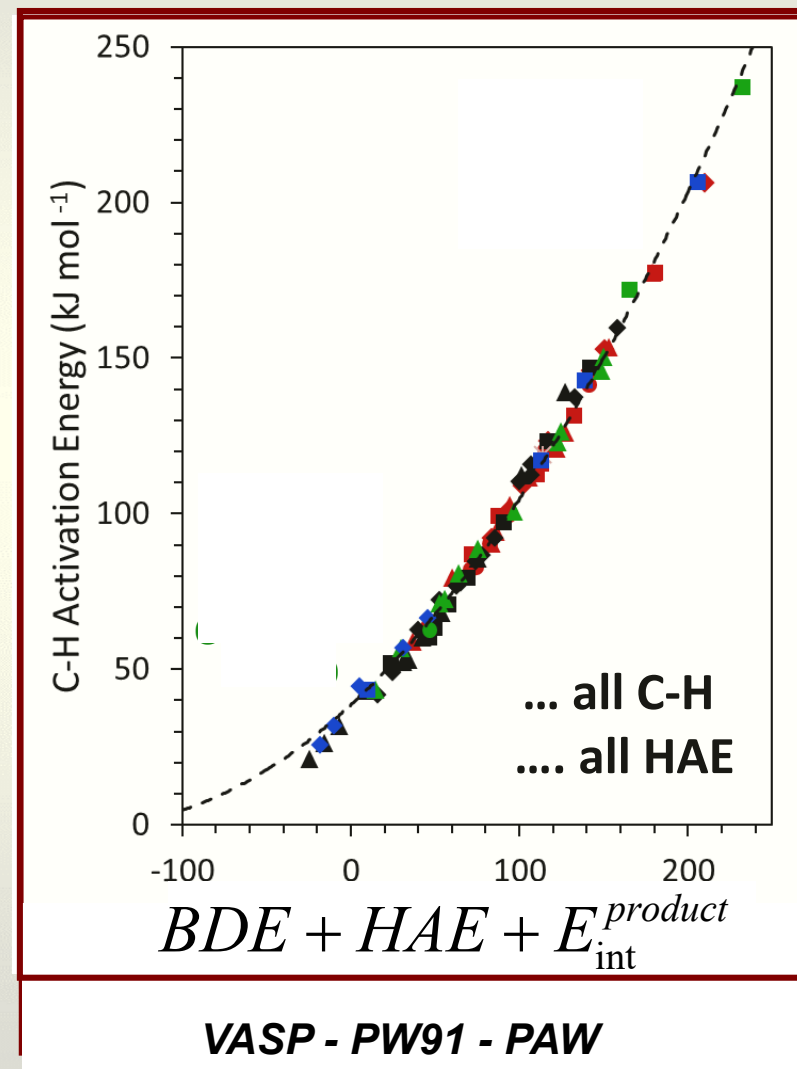


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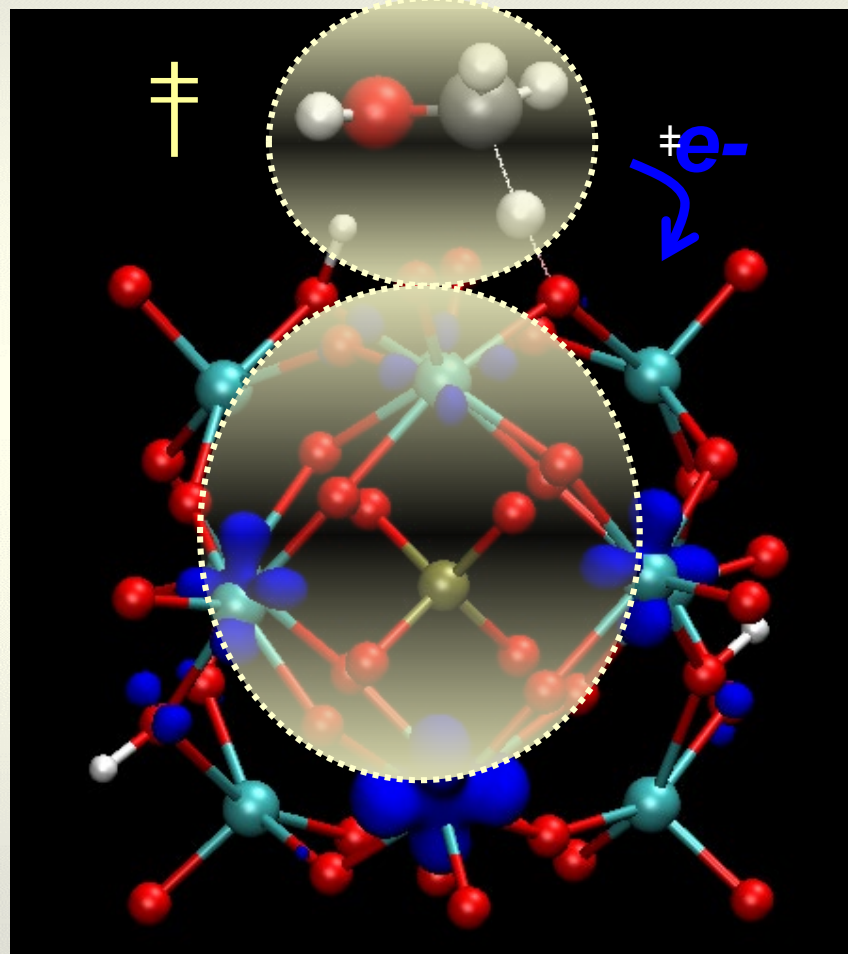


DFT-derived C-H bond activation barriers (alcohols, paraffins, olefins, ketones,...)



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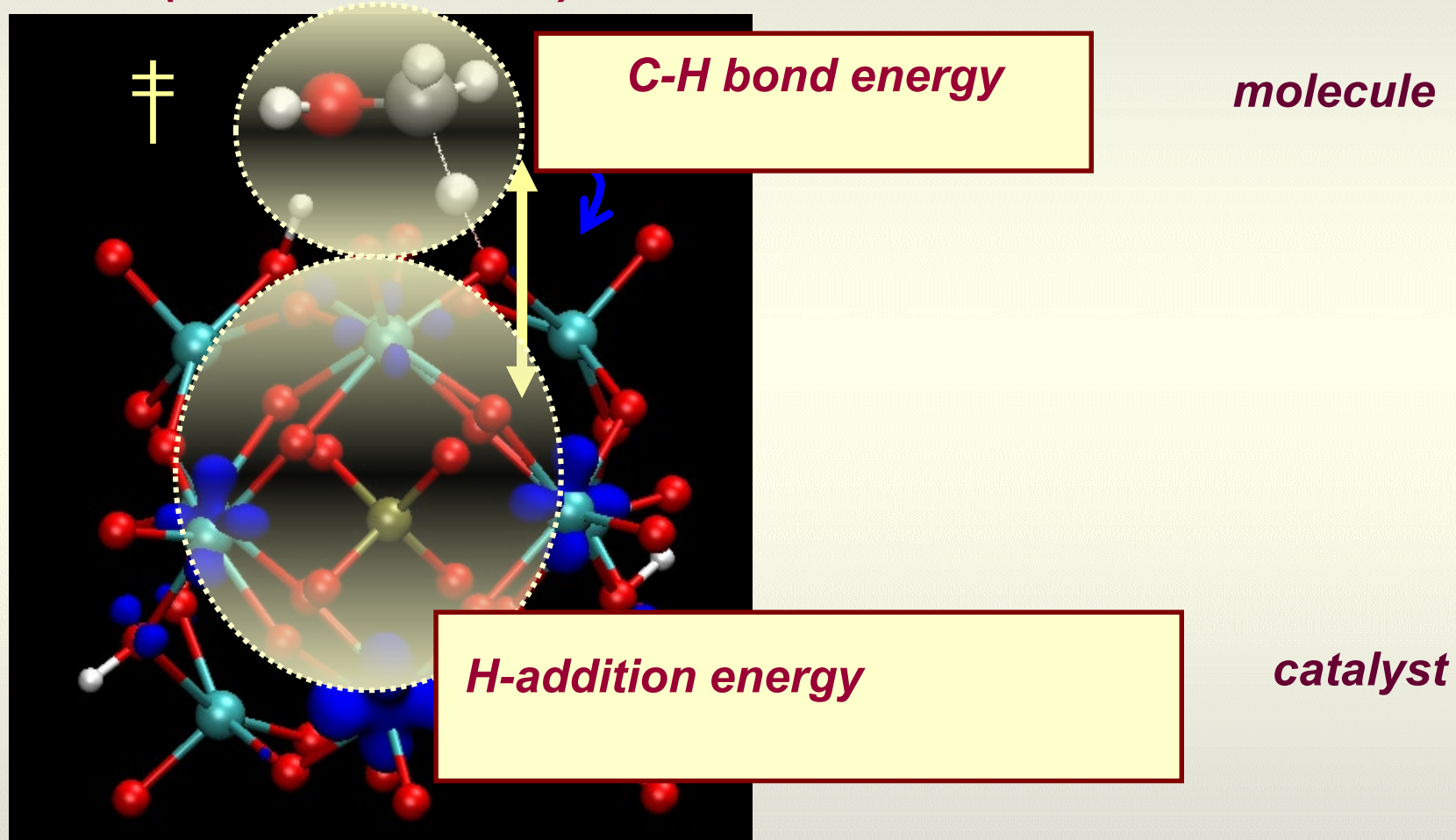
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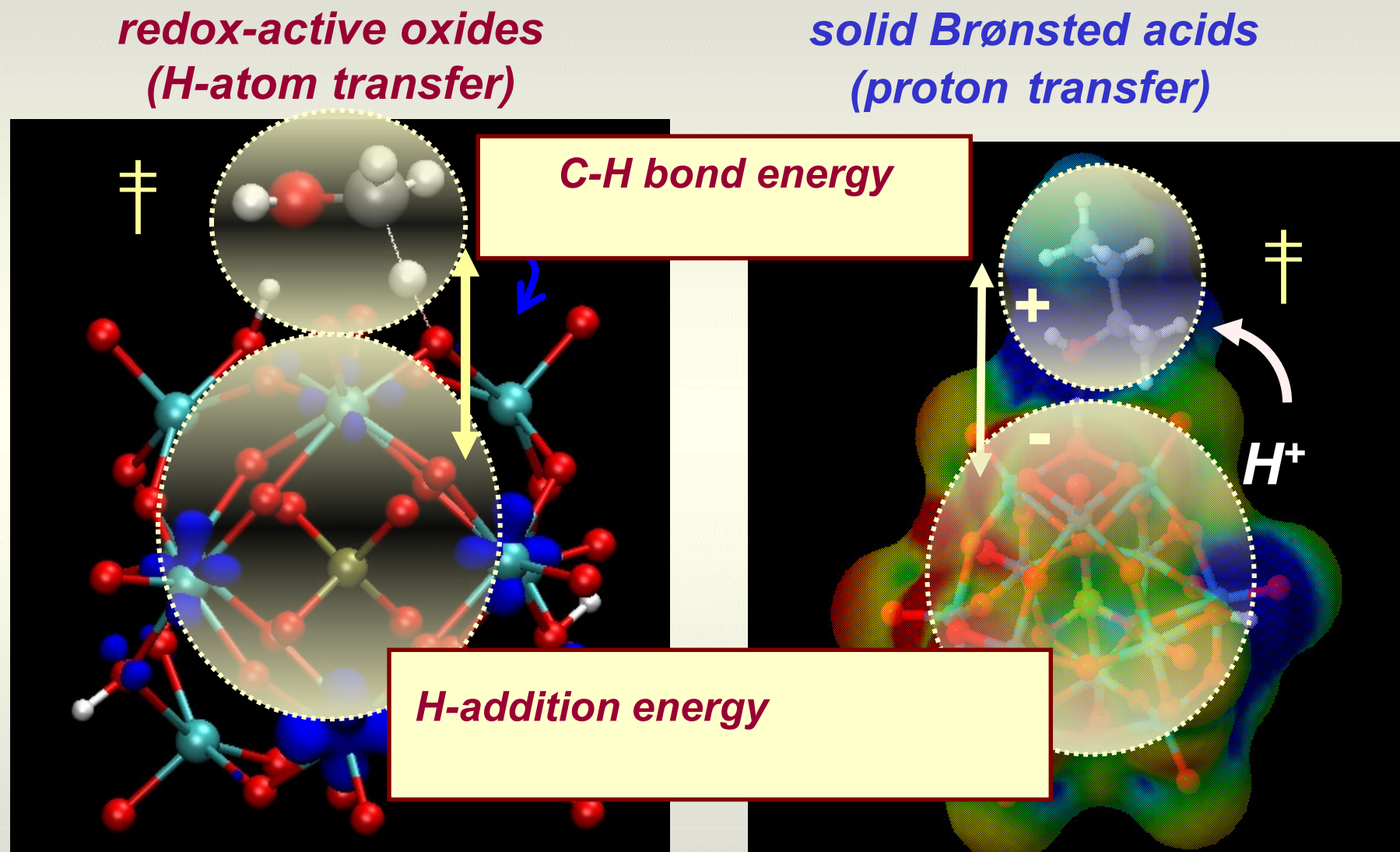
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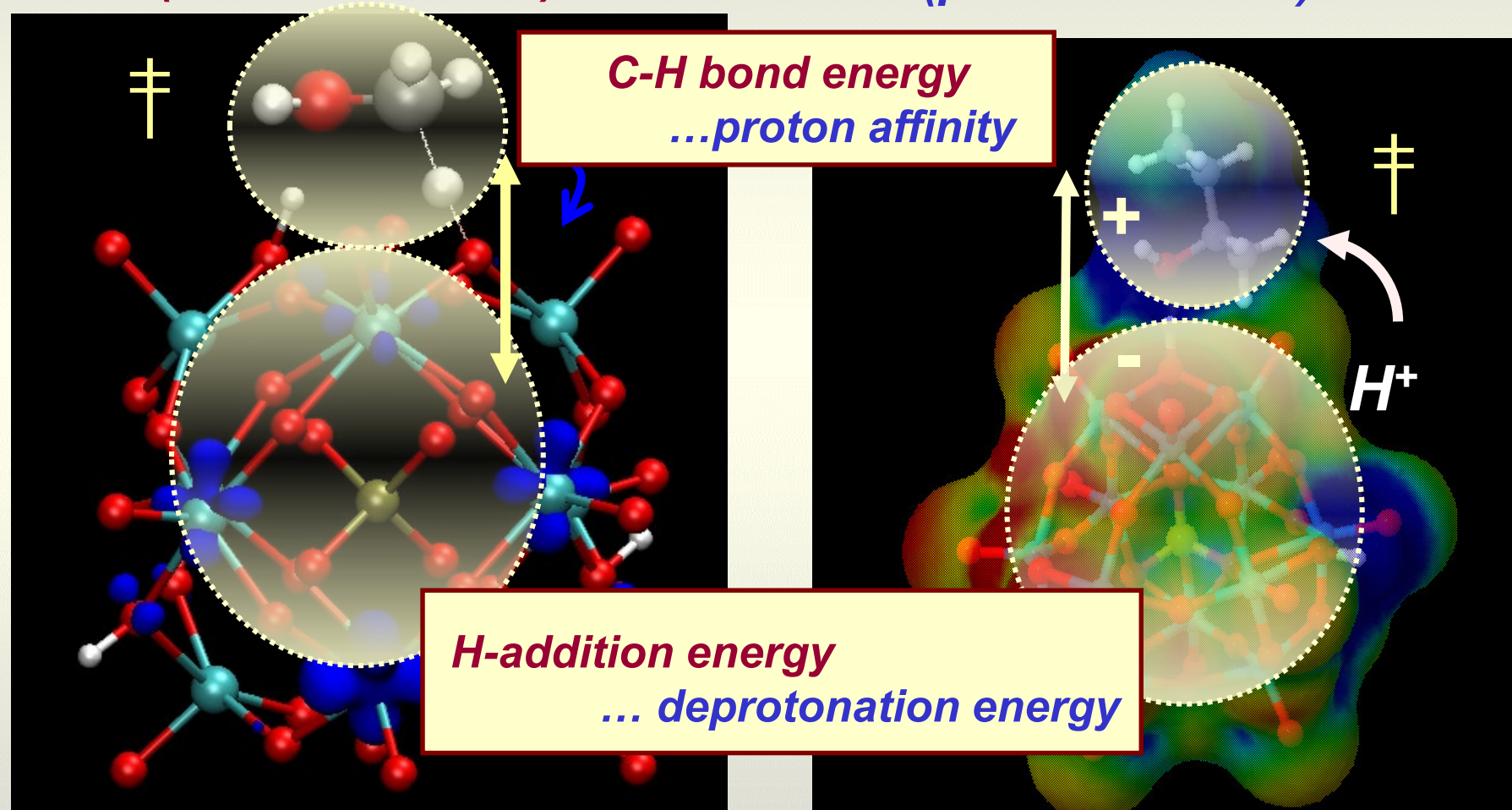


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(proton transfer)*

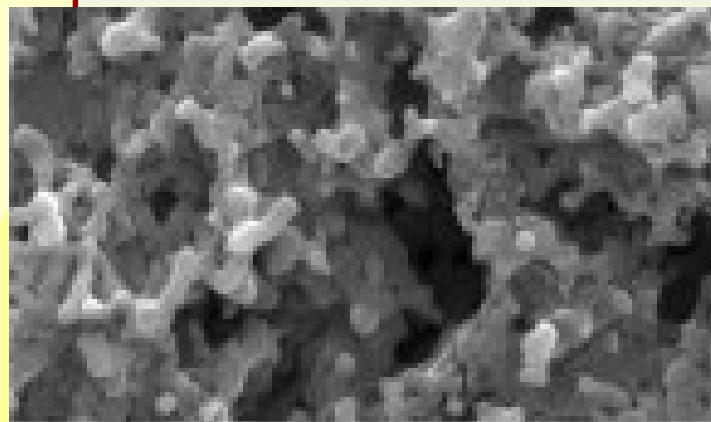
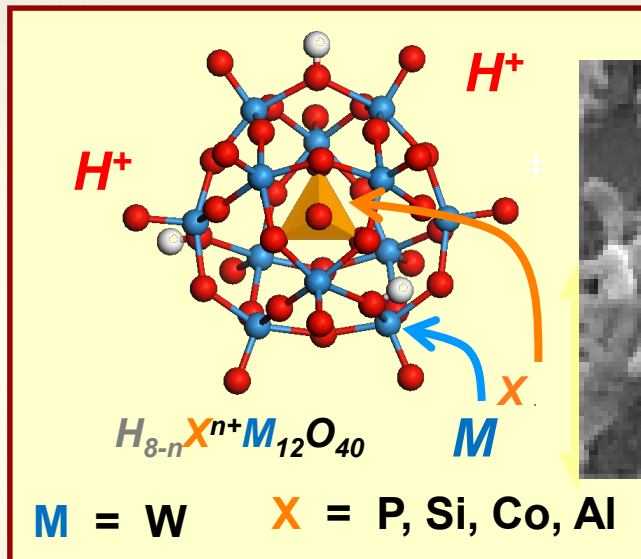


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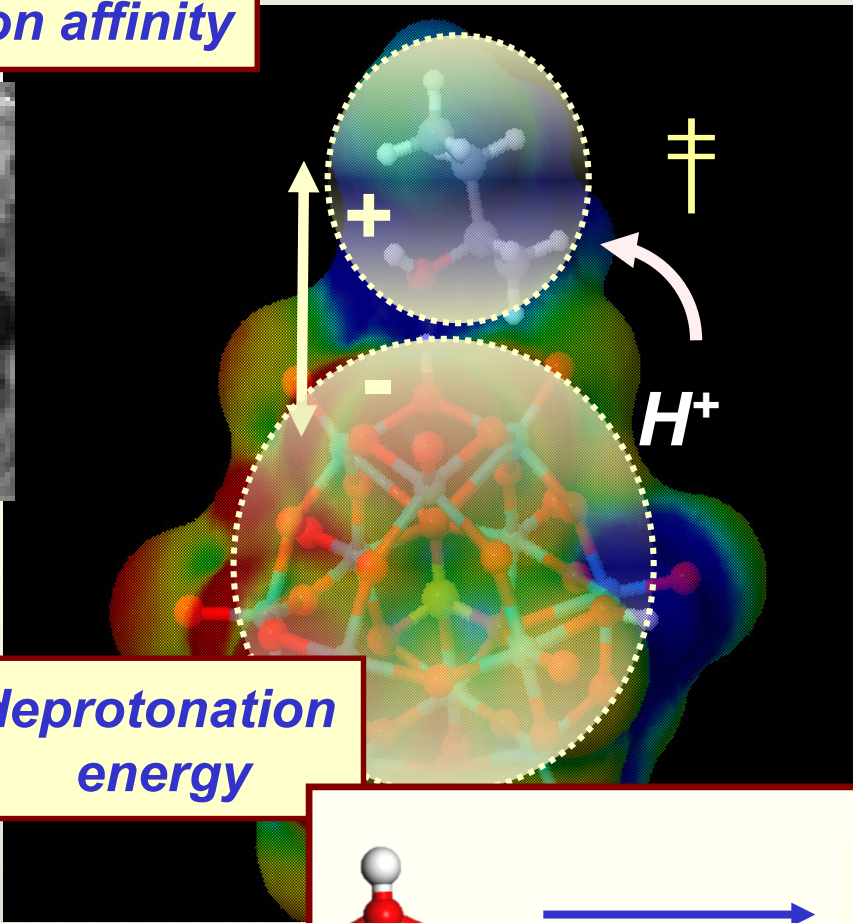
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solid acids with known structure

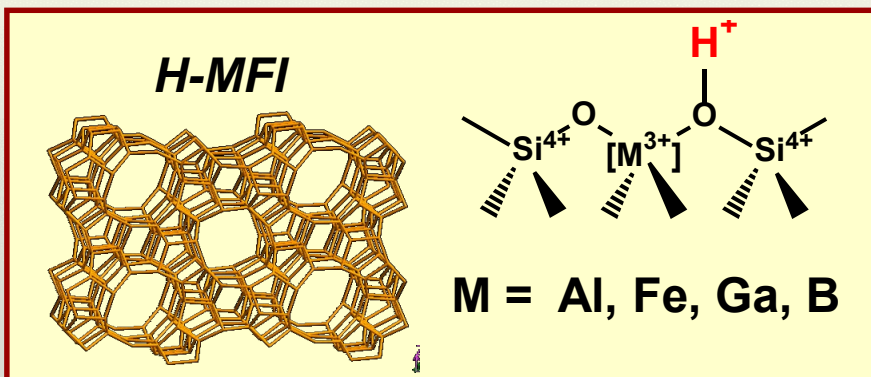
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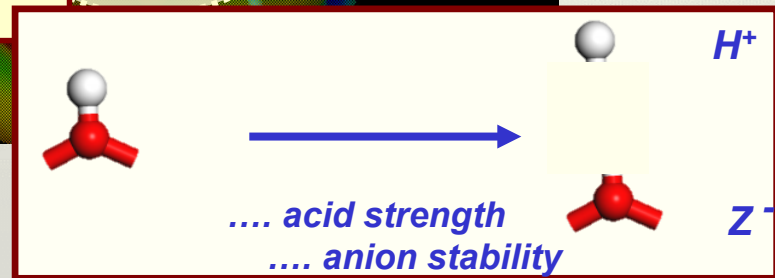
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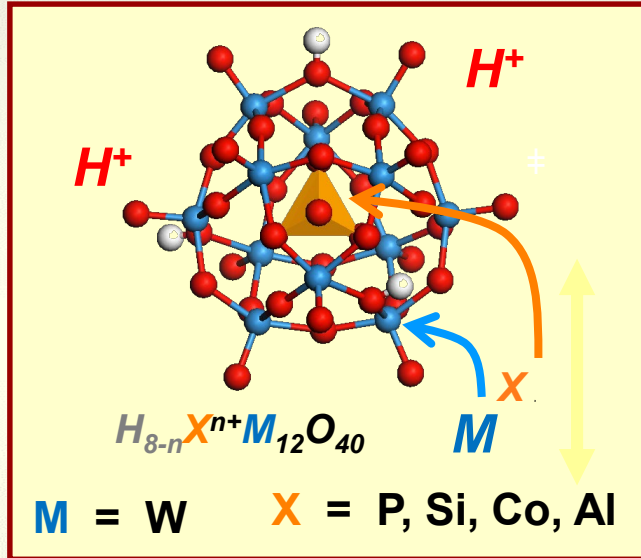


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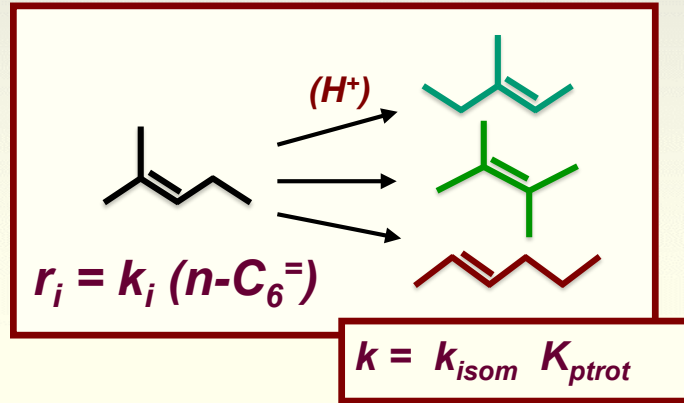


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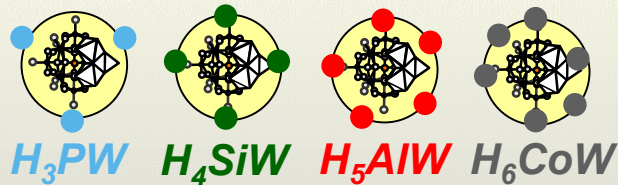
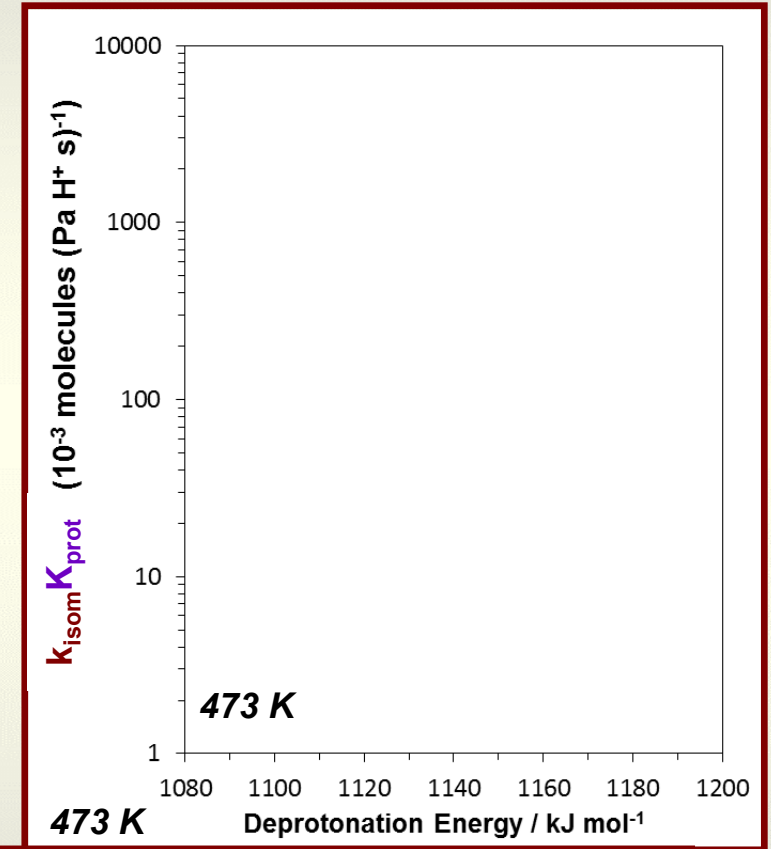
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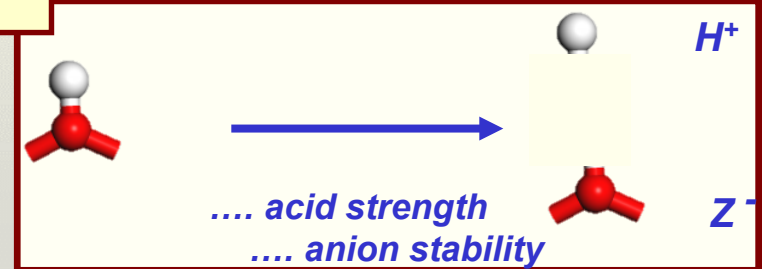


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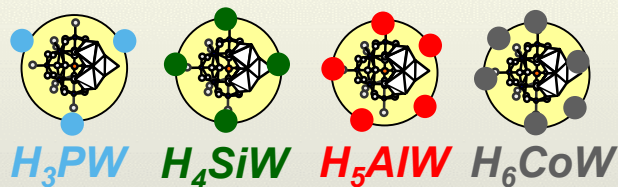
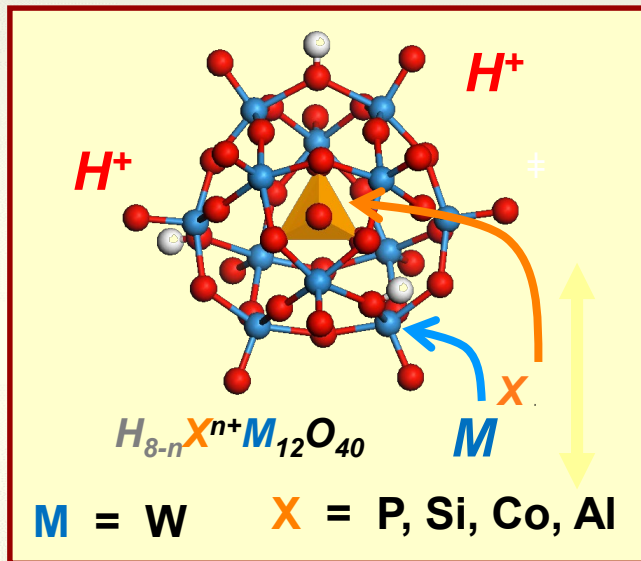
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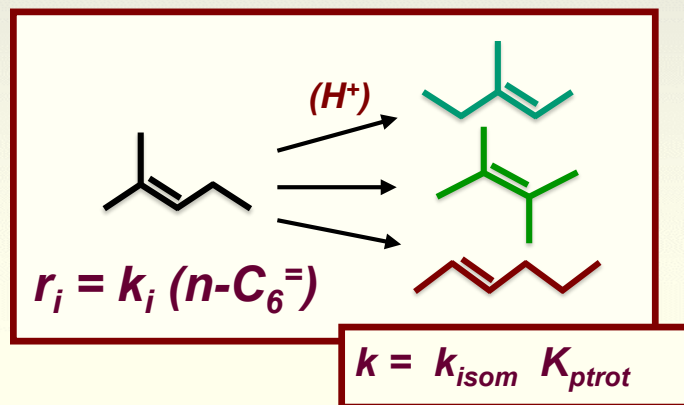
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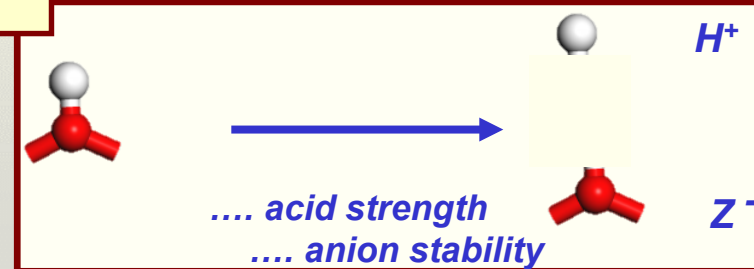
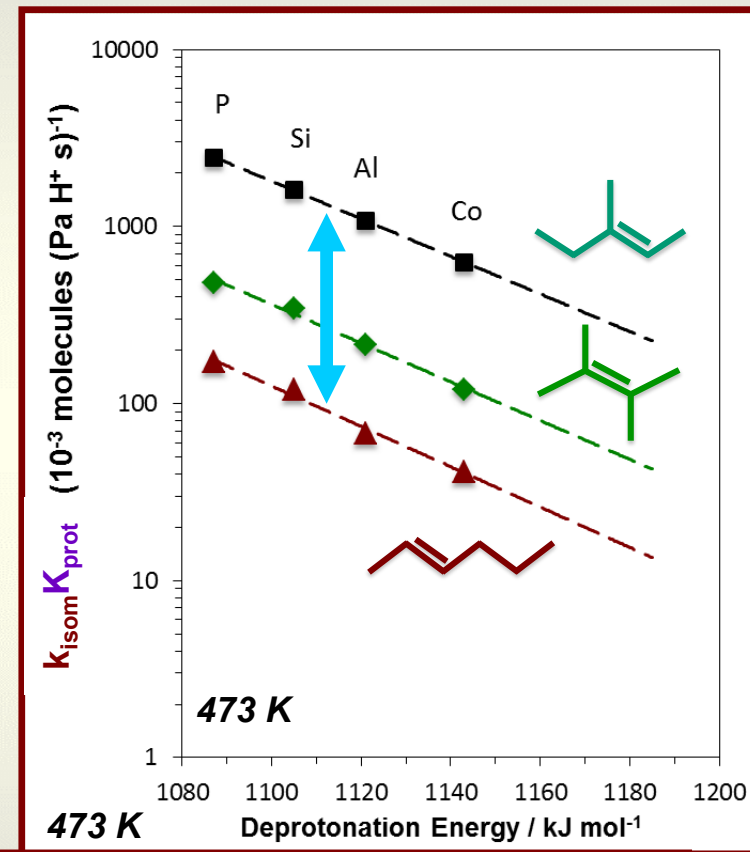
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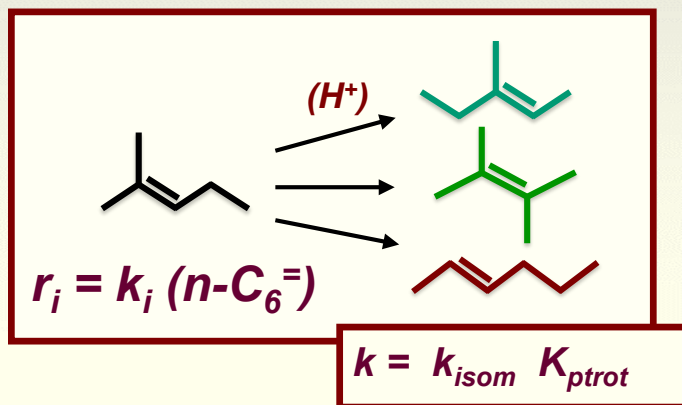
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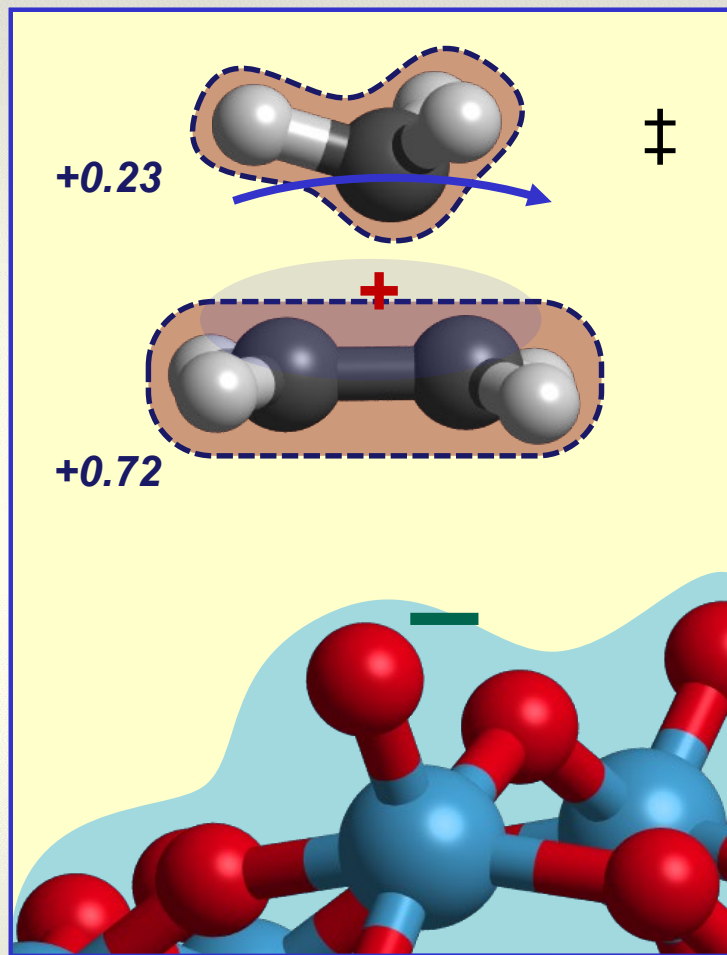
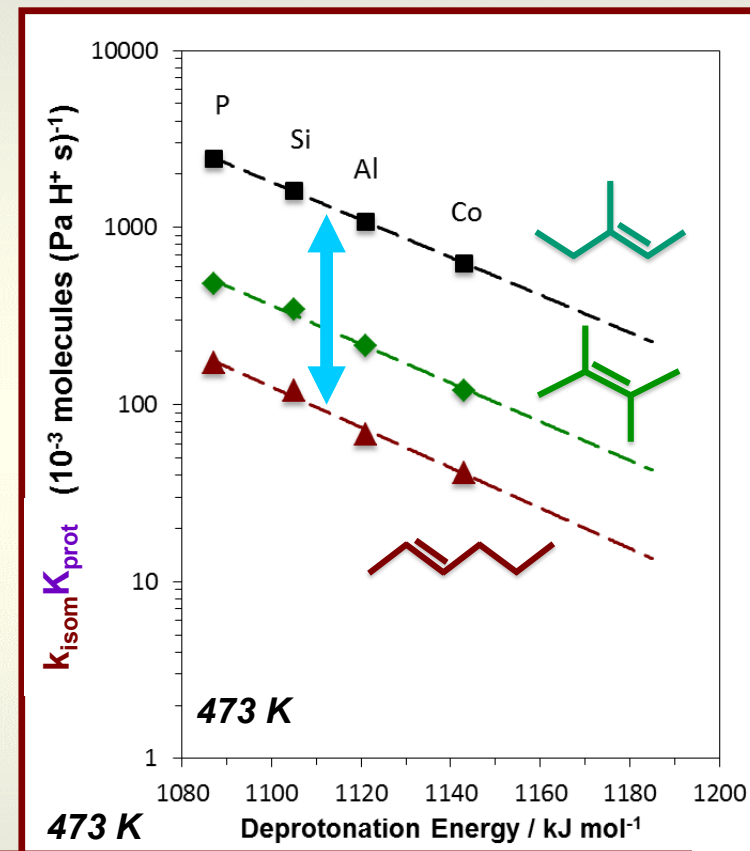
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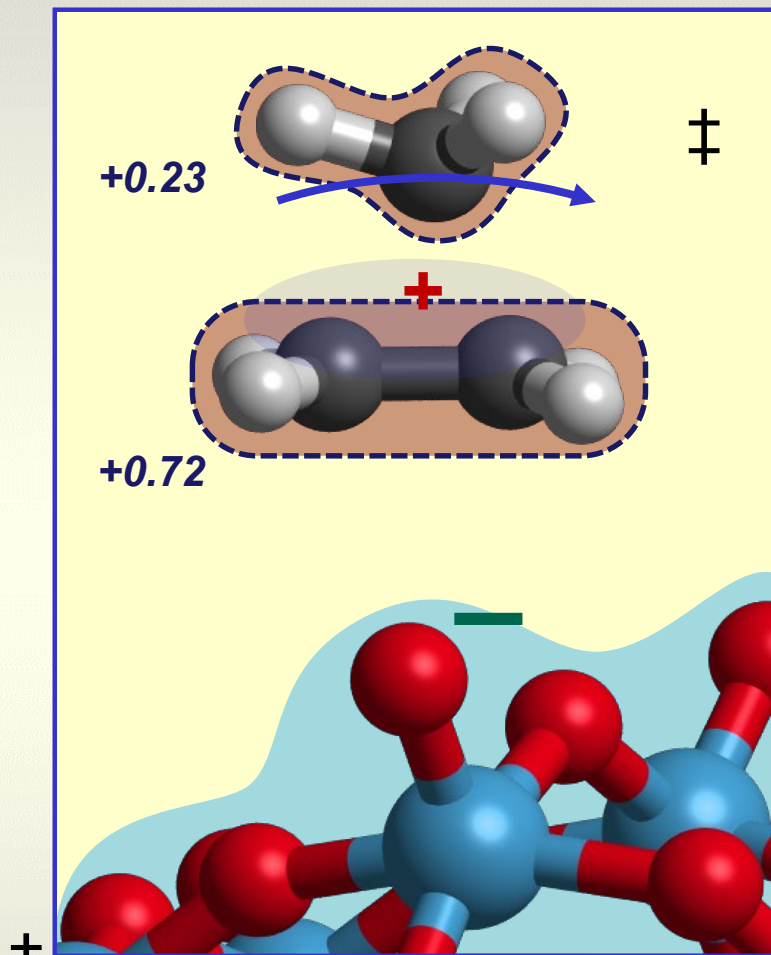
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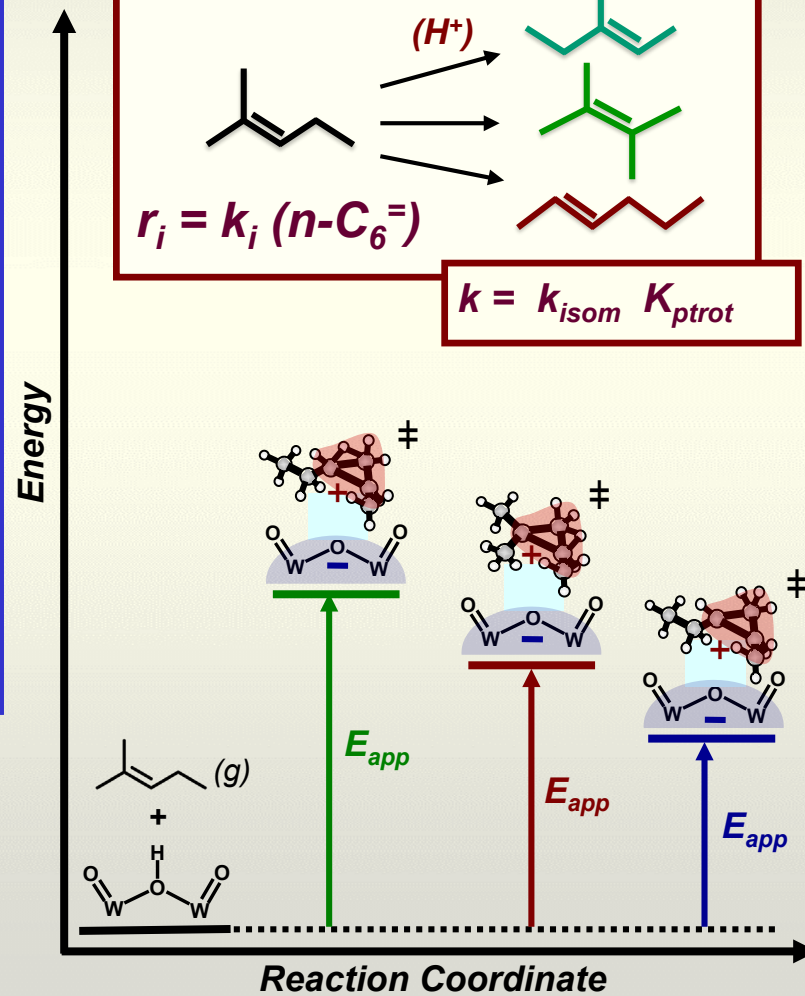
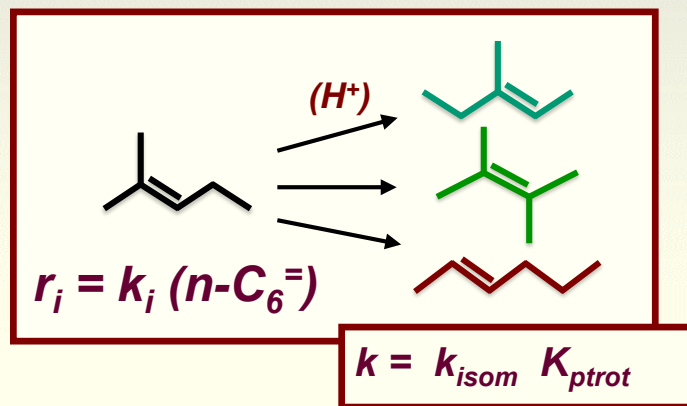
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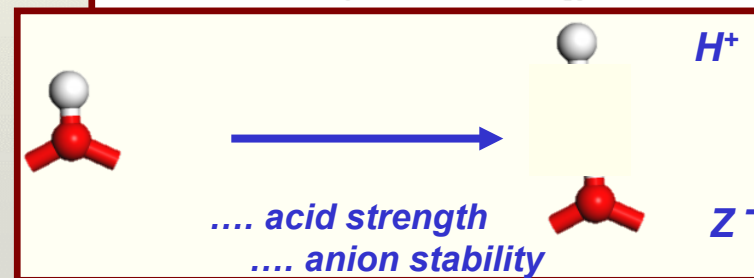
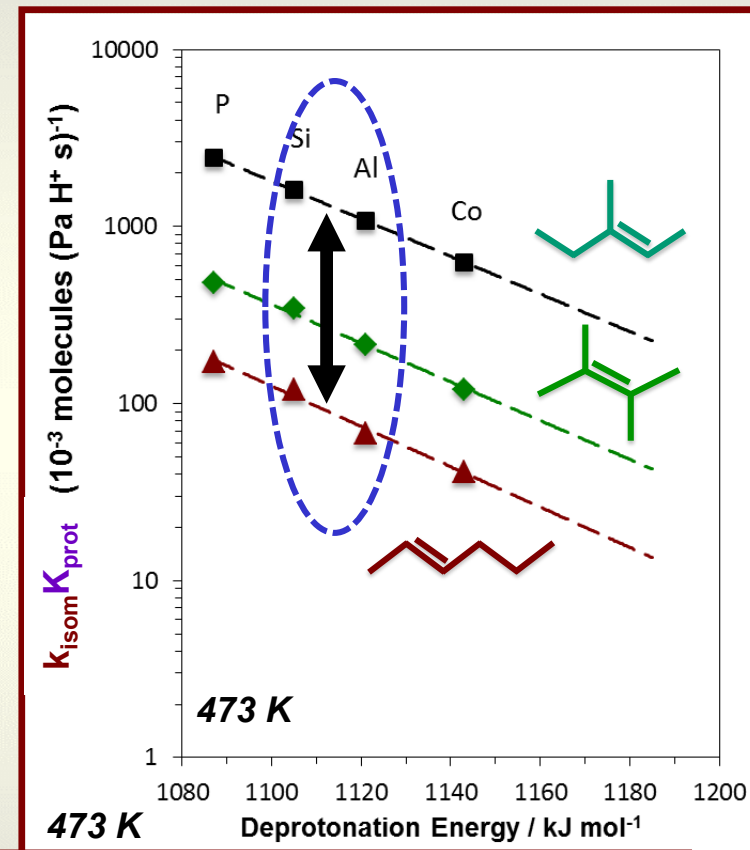


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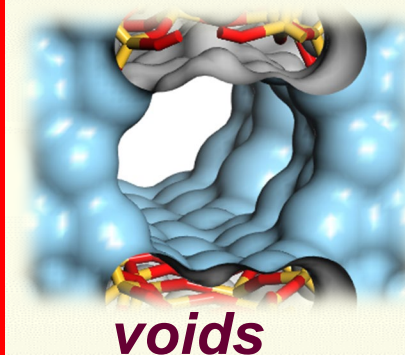
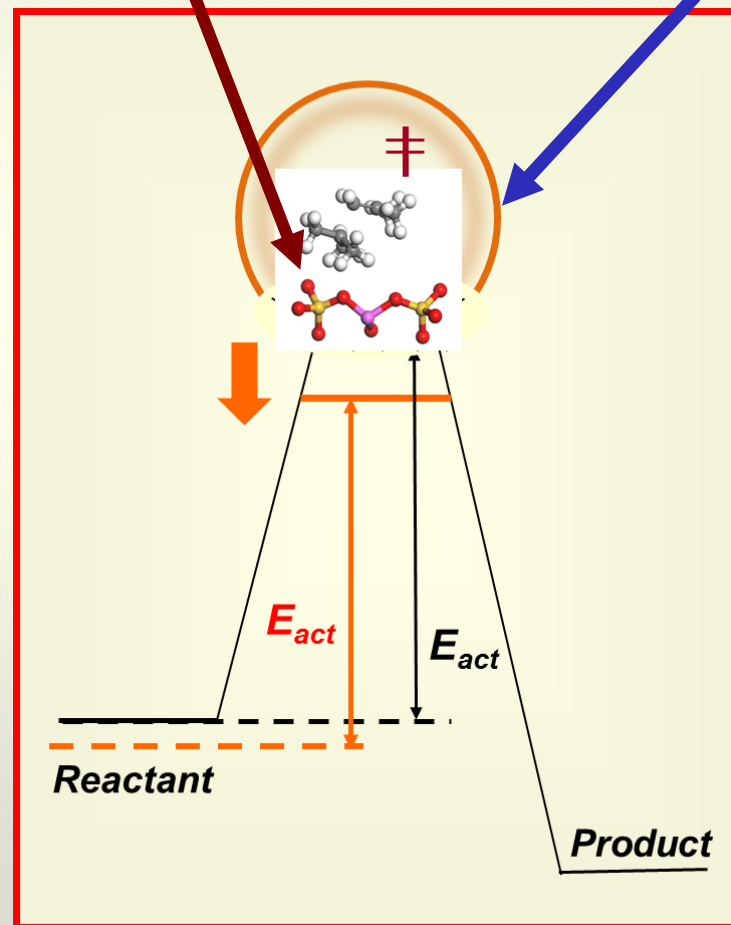
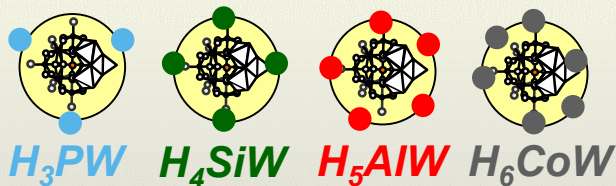
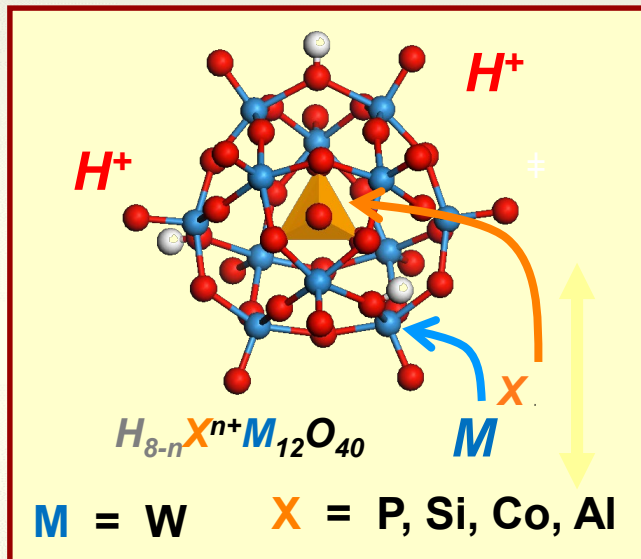


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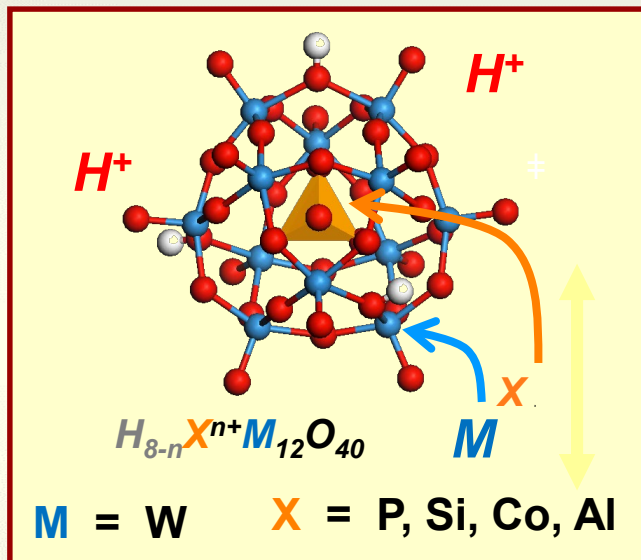
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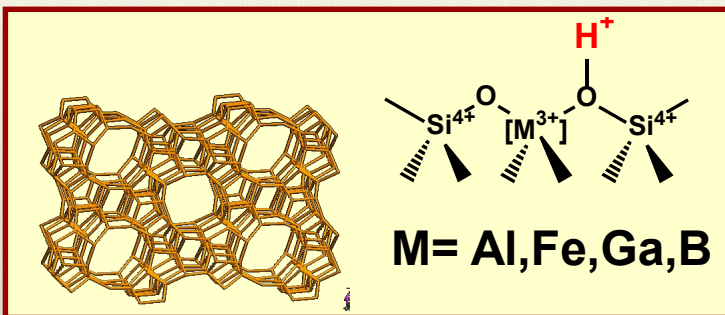
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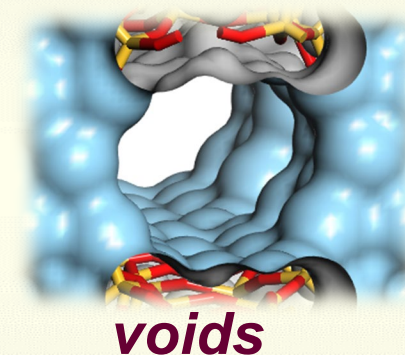


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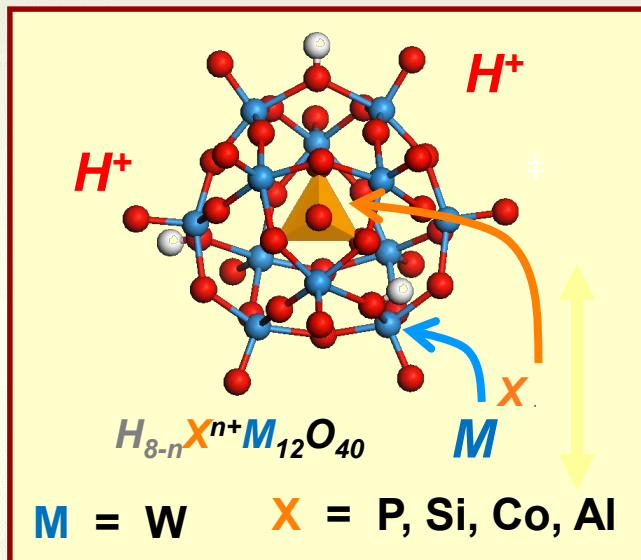
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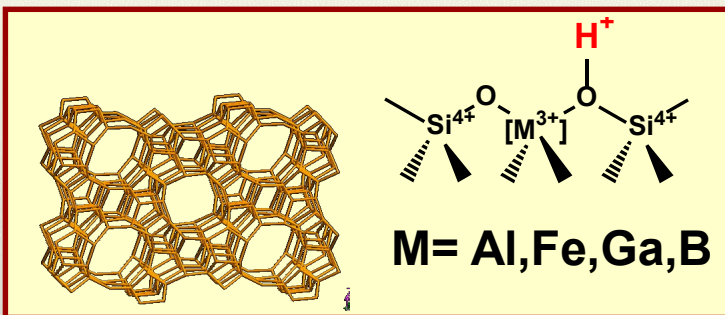
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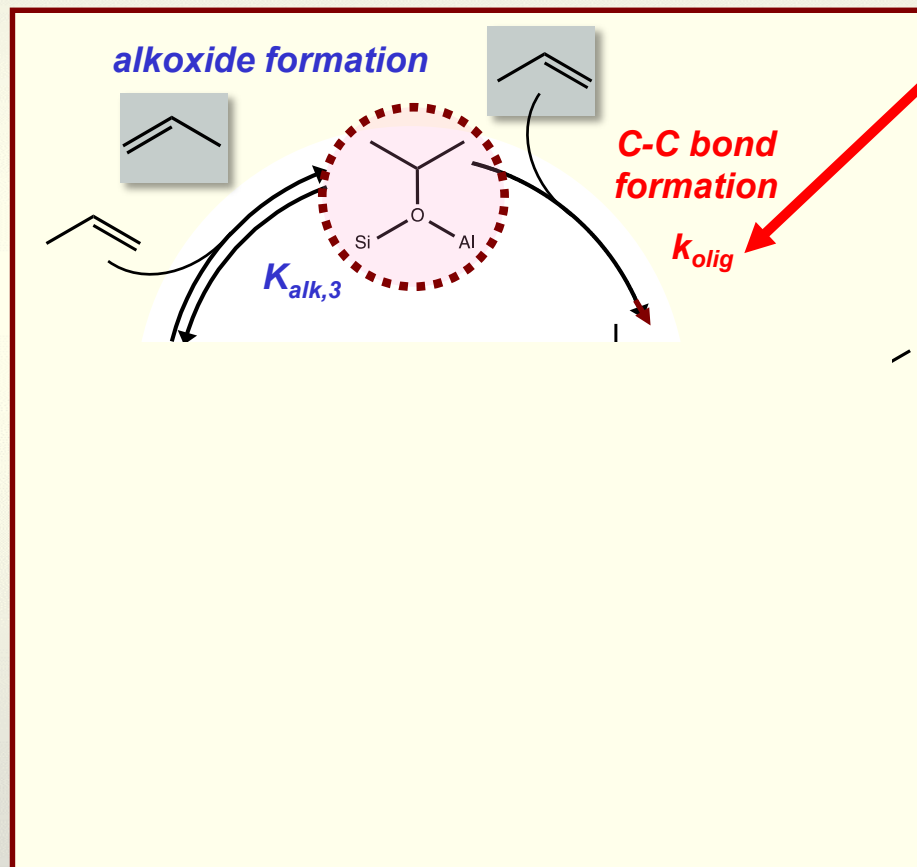
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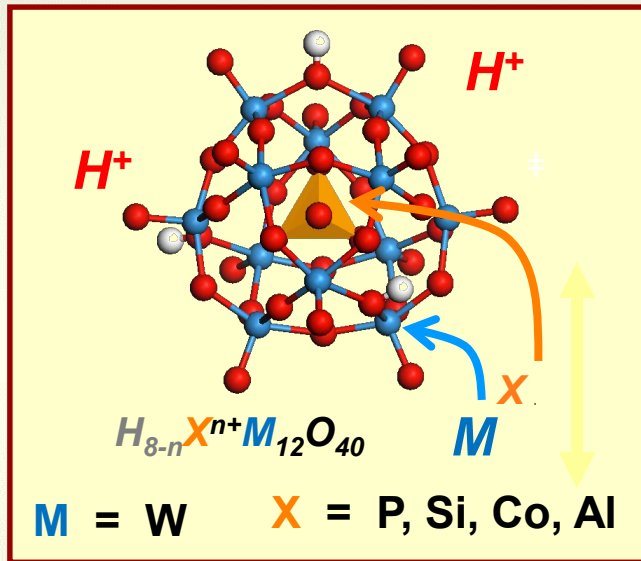


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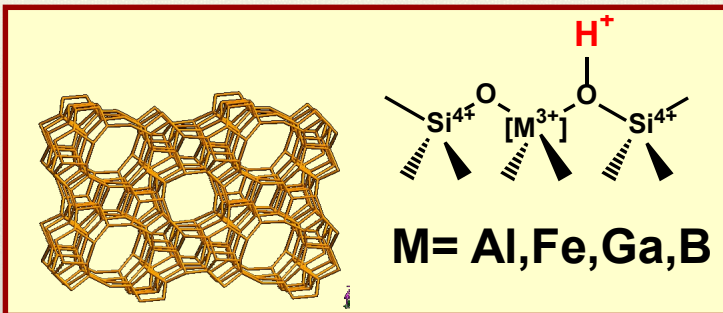
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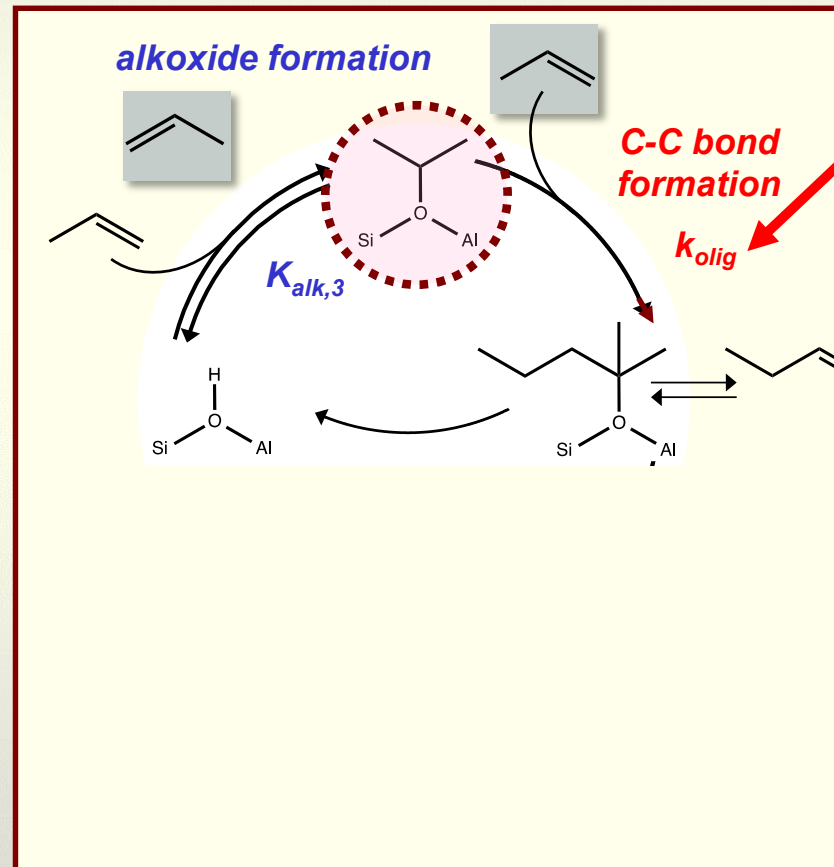
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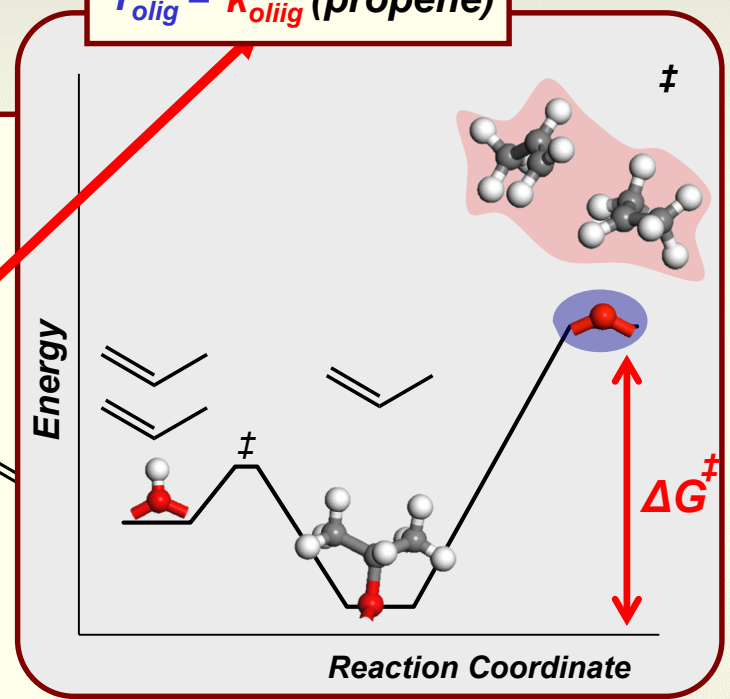


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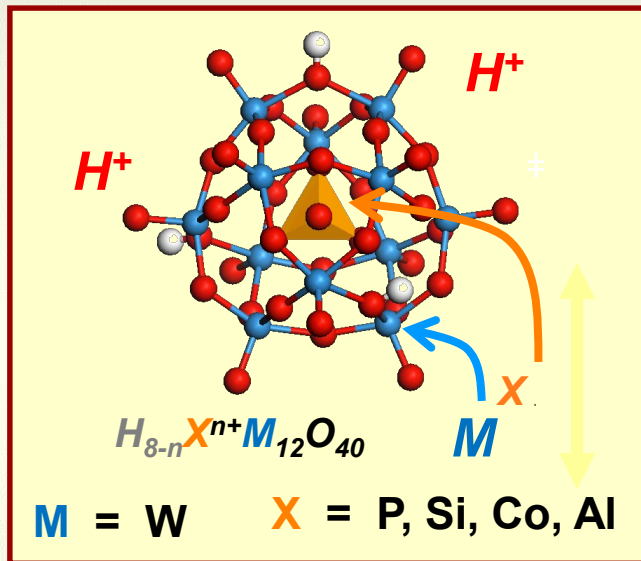
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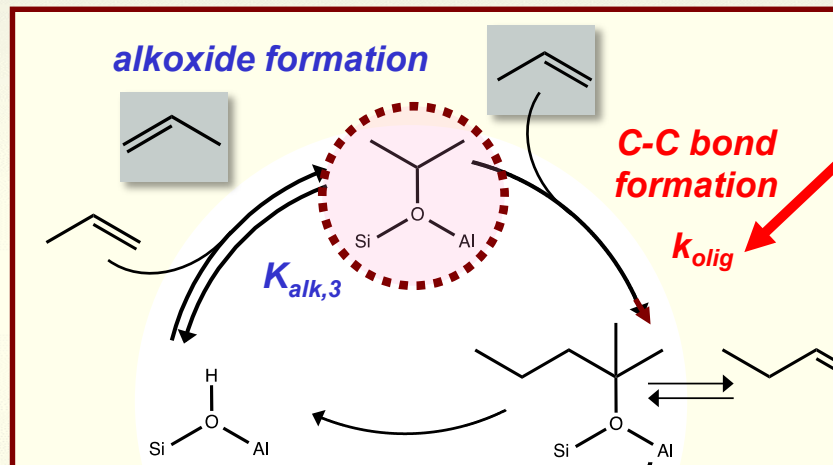
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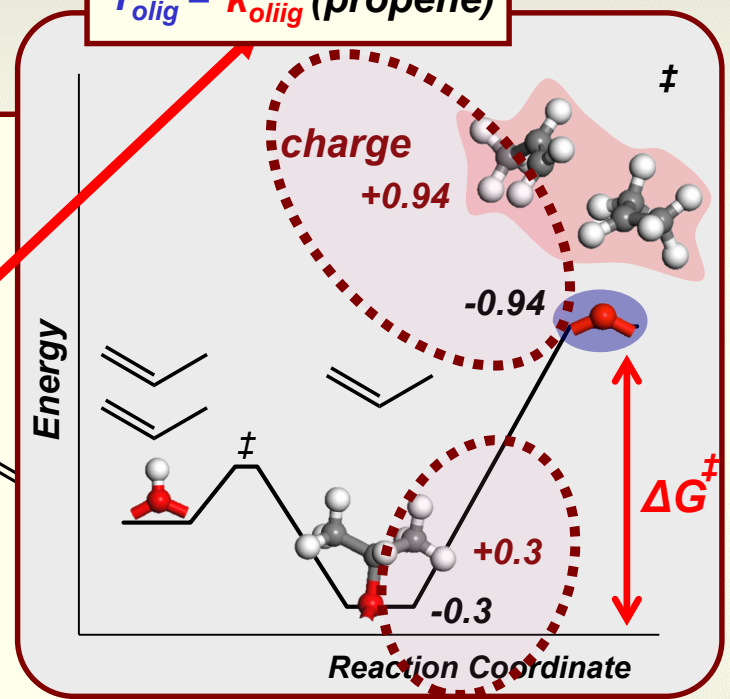


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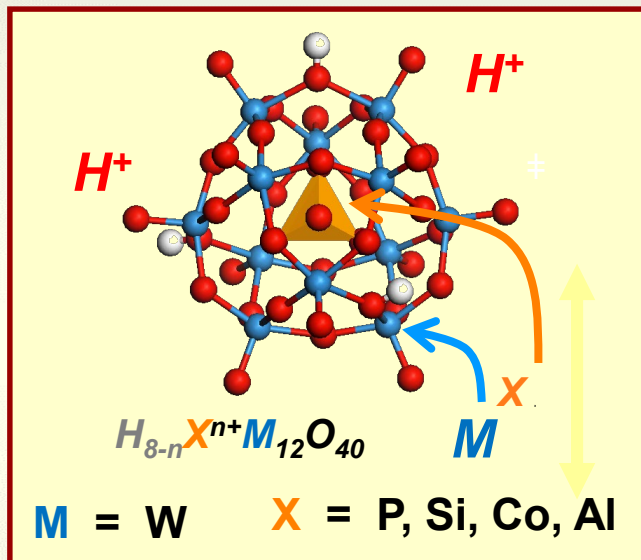
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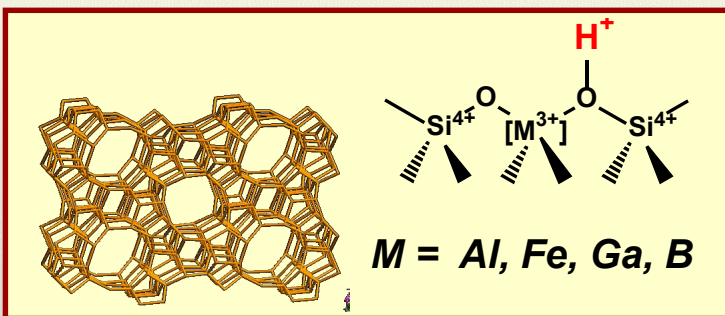
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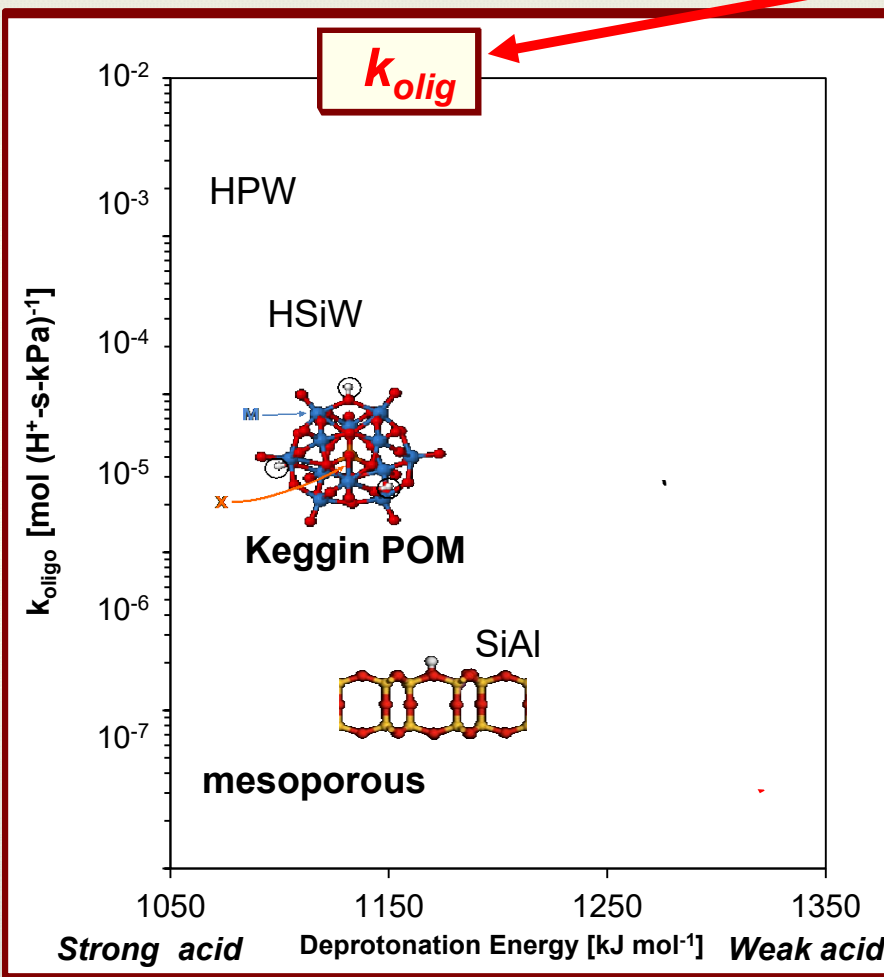
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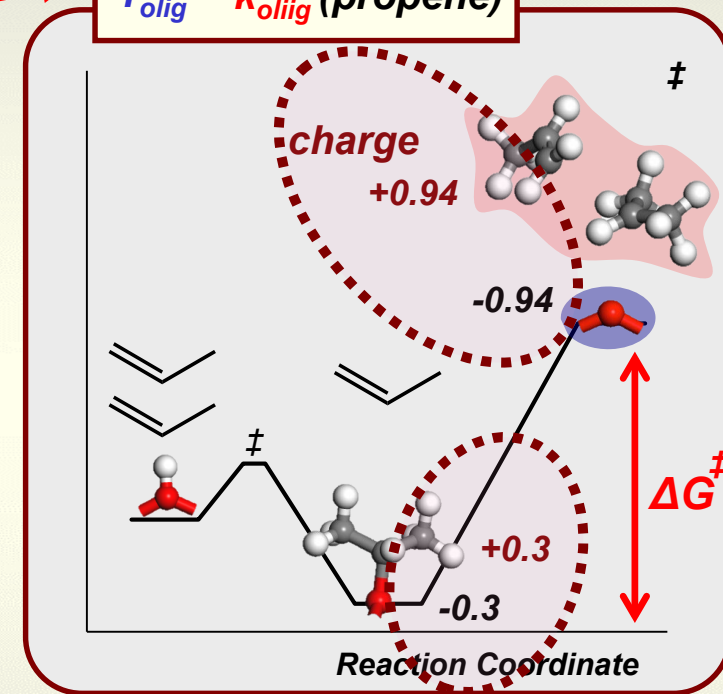


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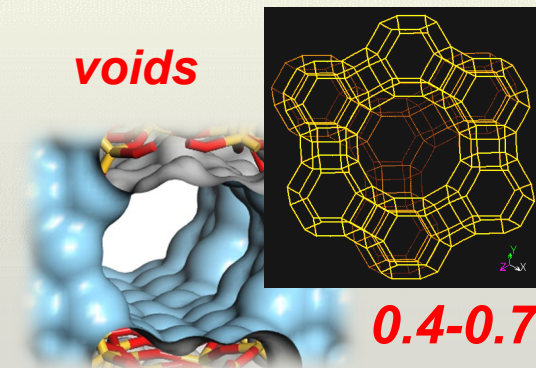


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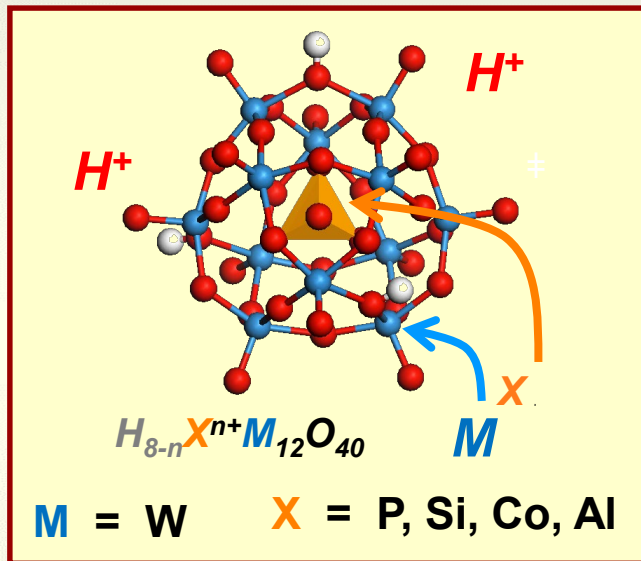
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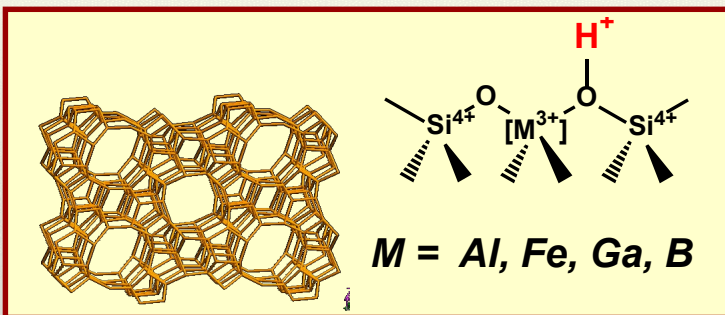
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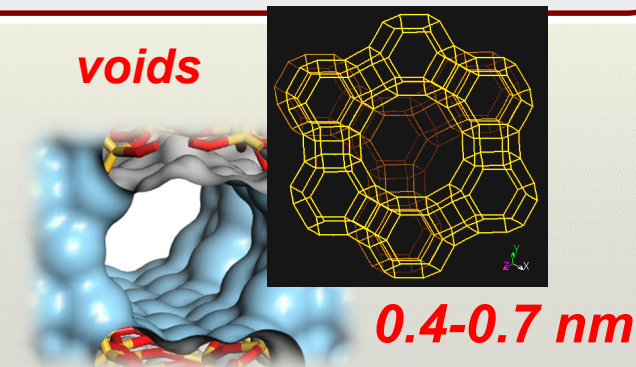
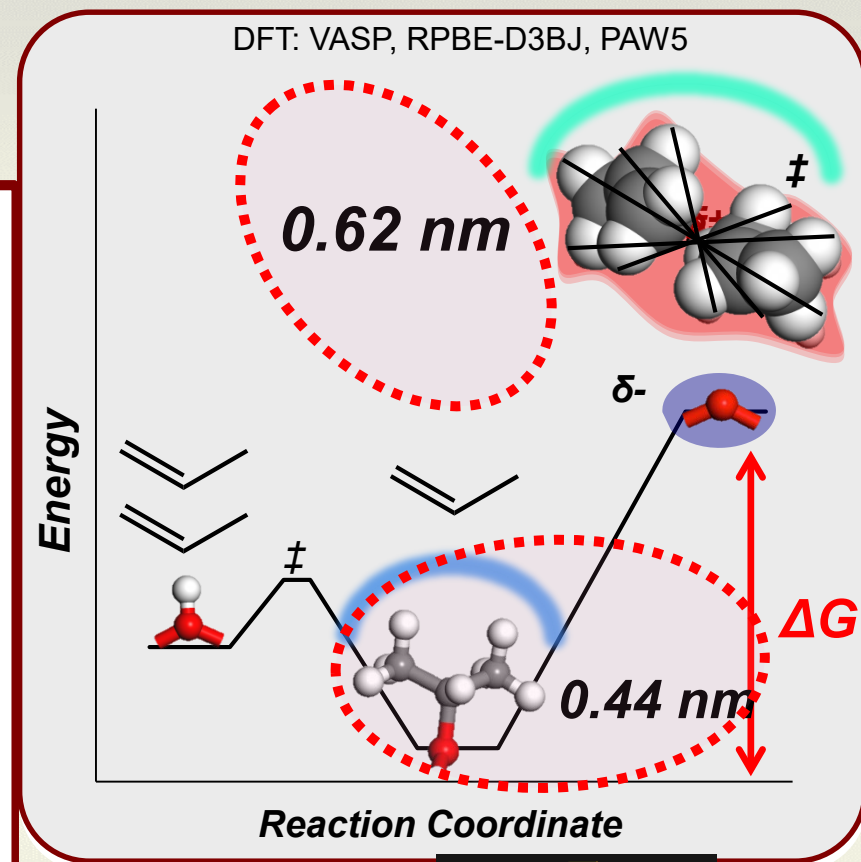
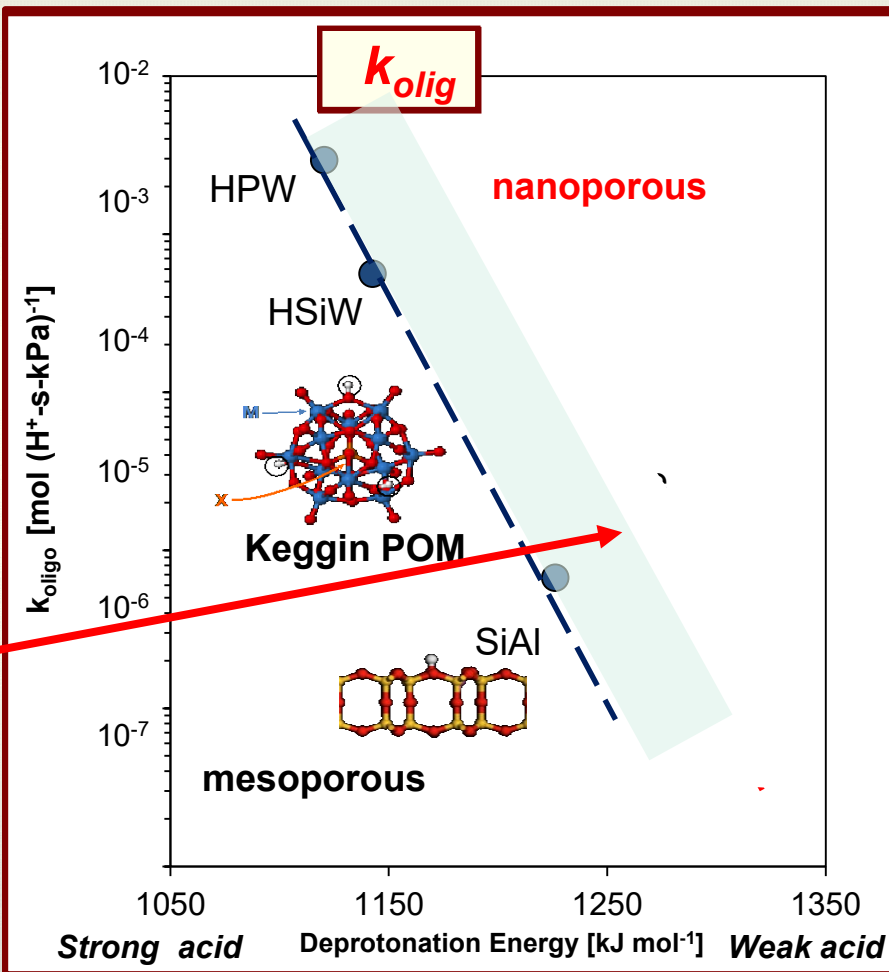
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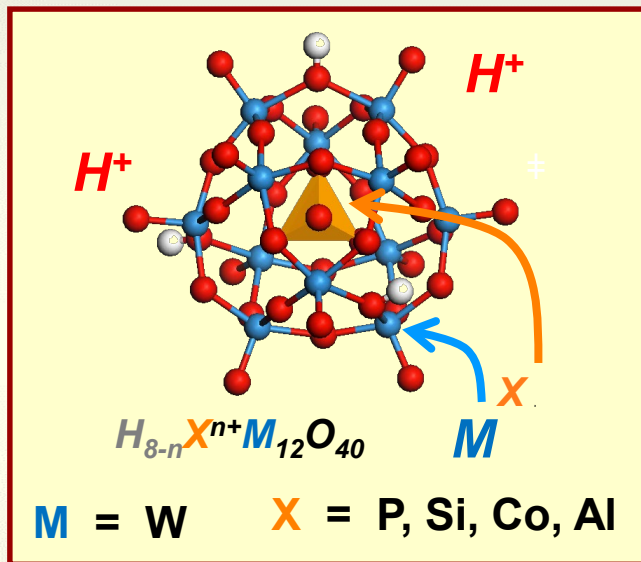


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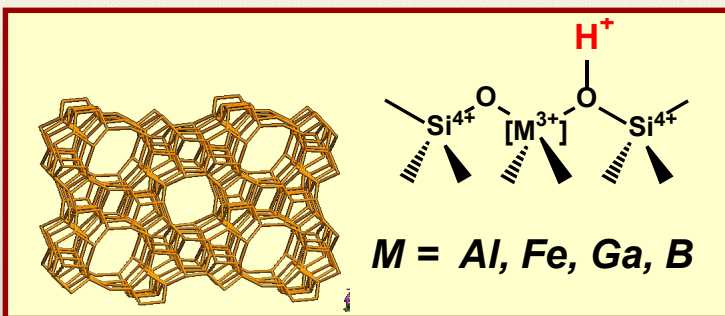


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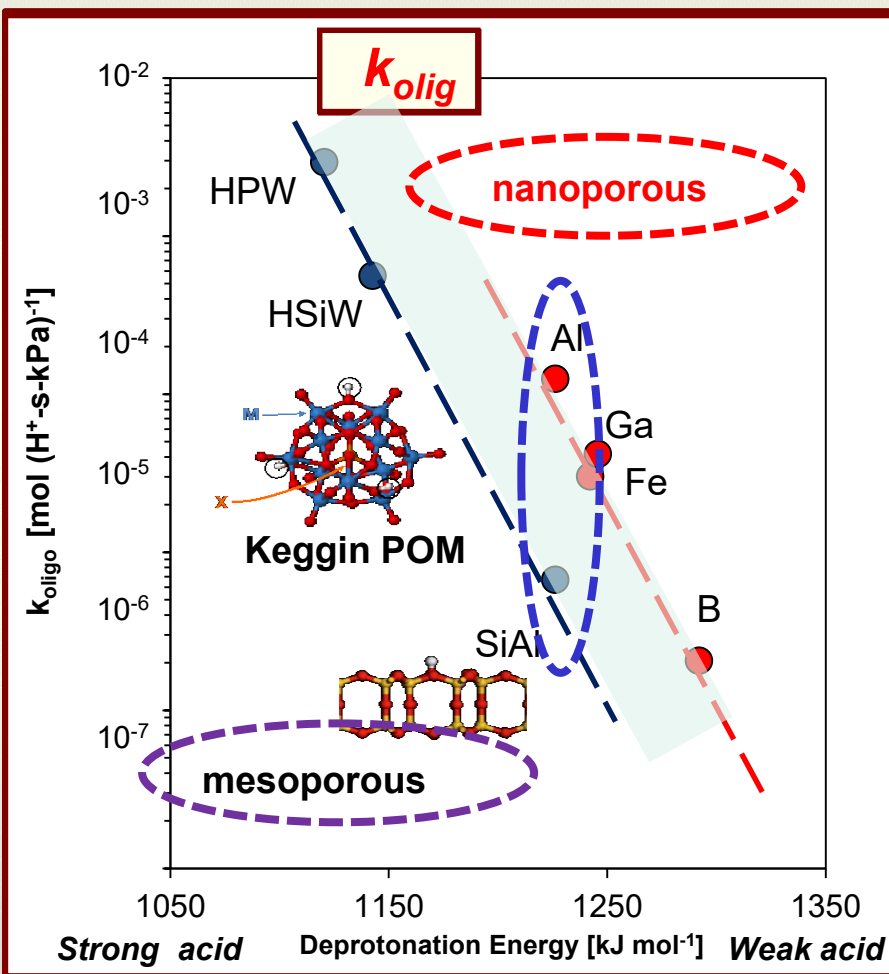
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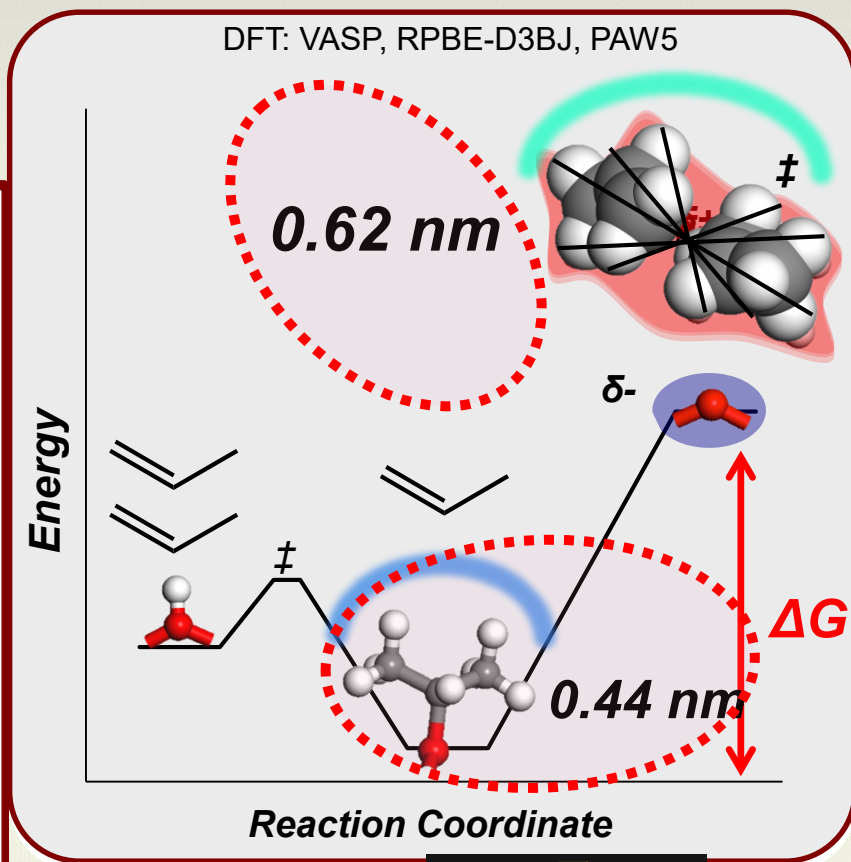
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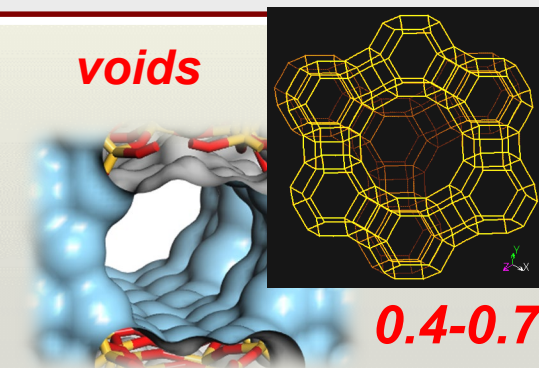
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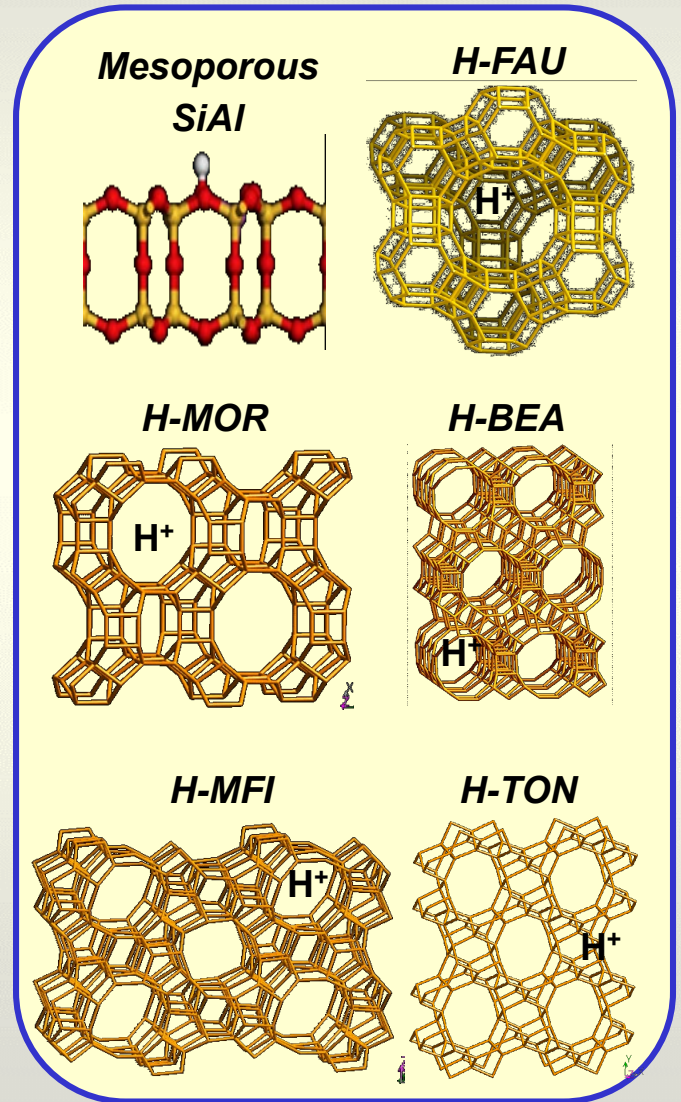


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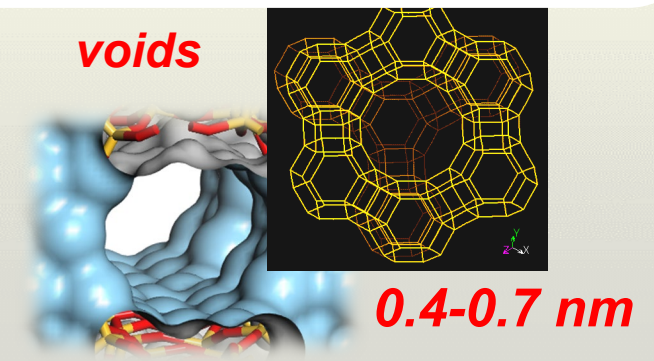
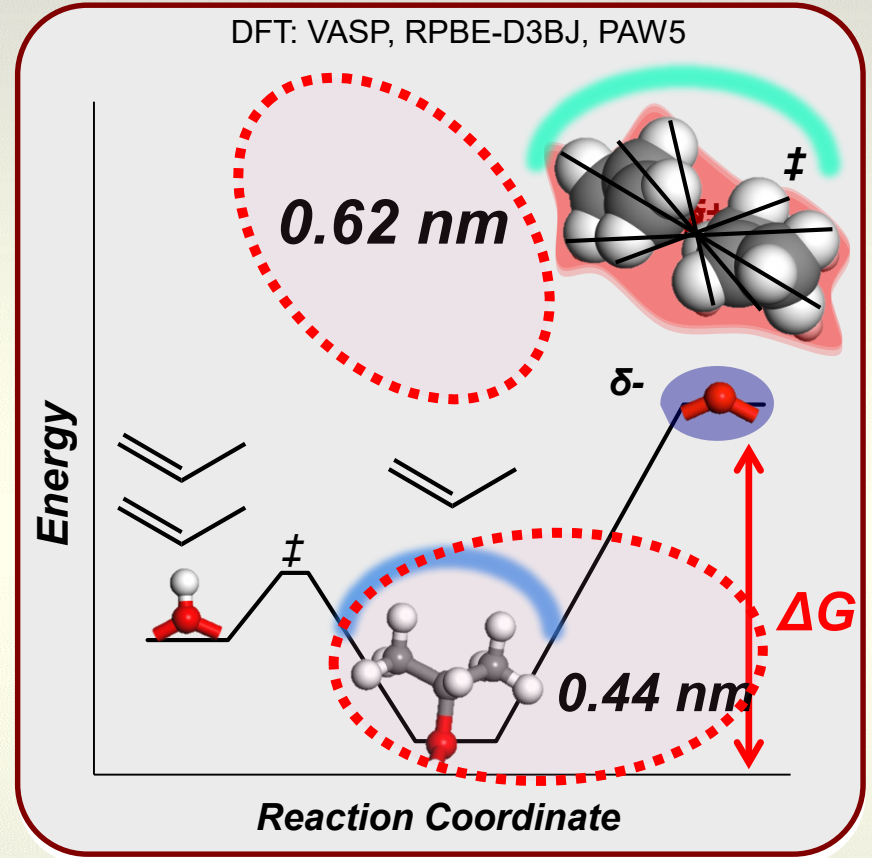
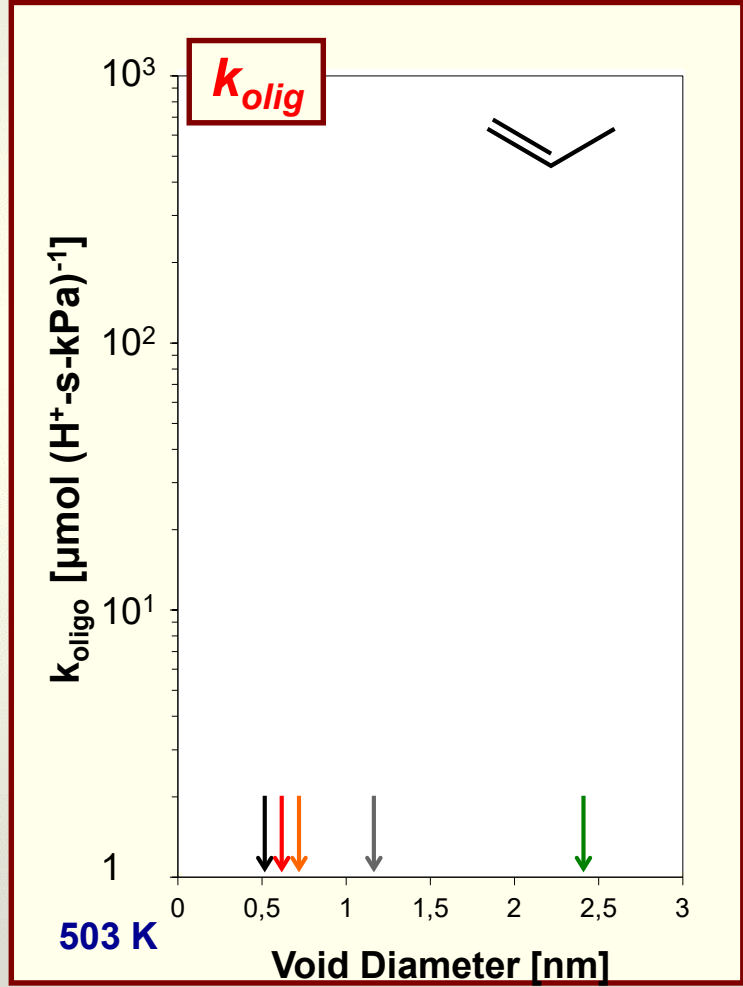


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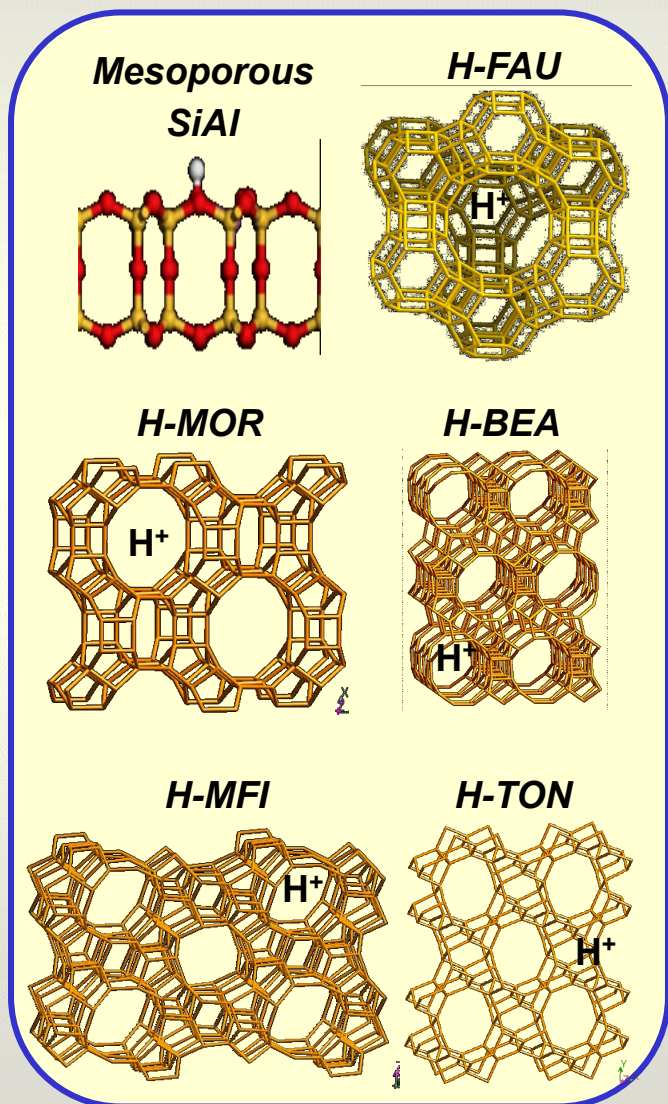
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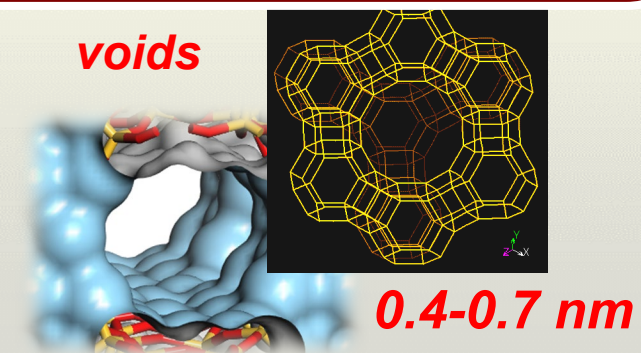
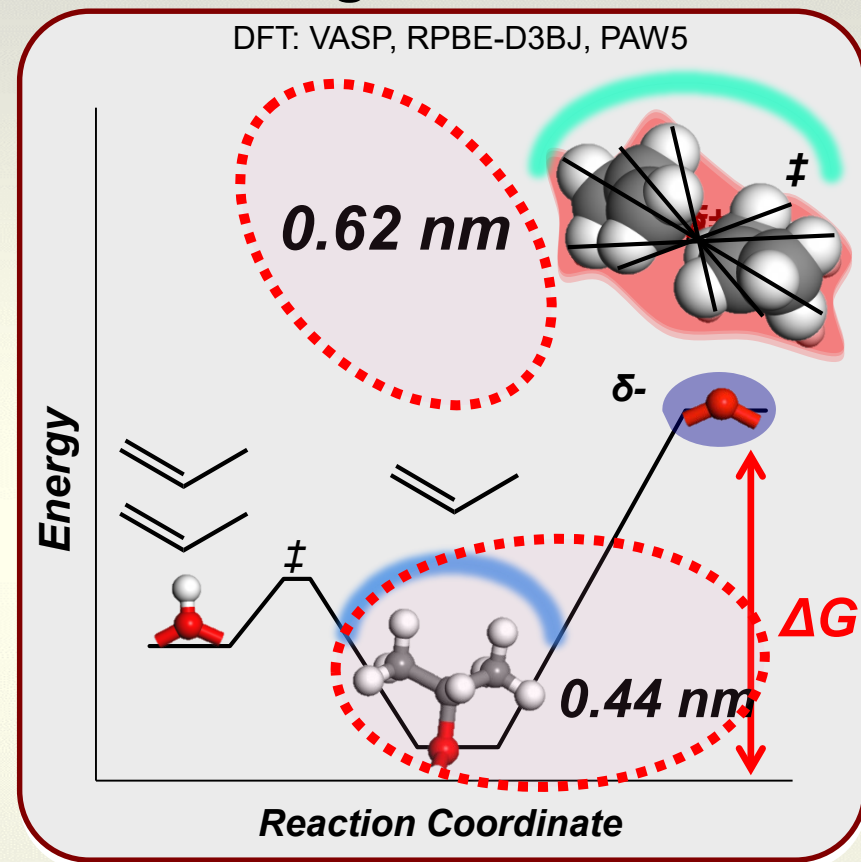
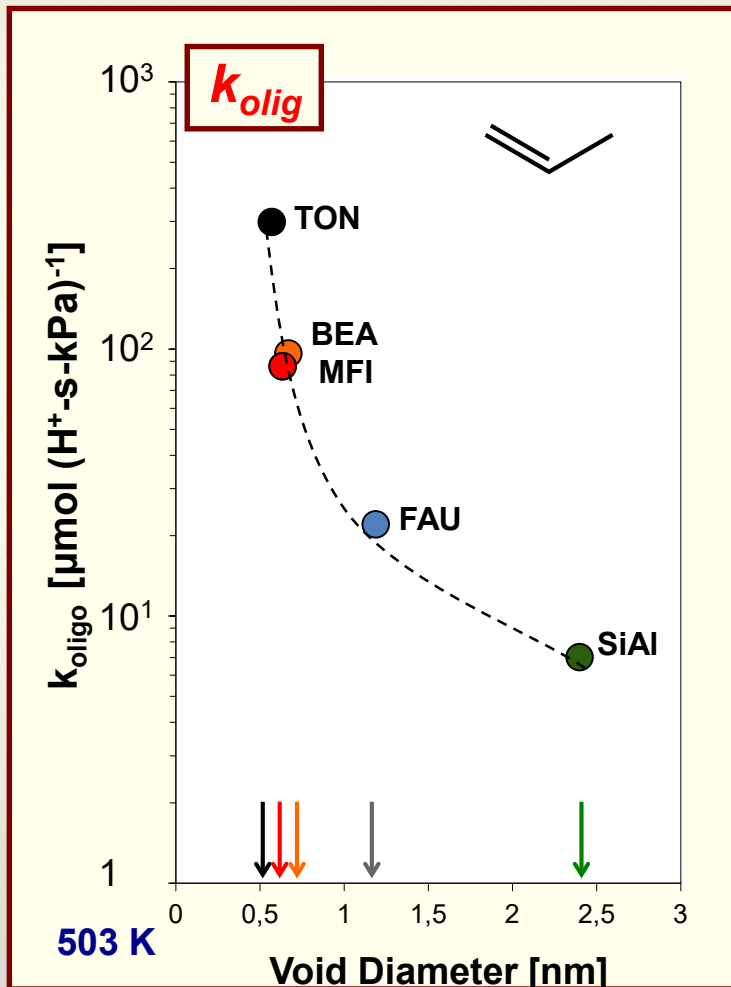
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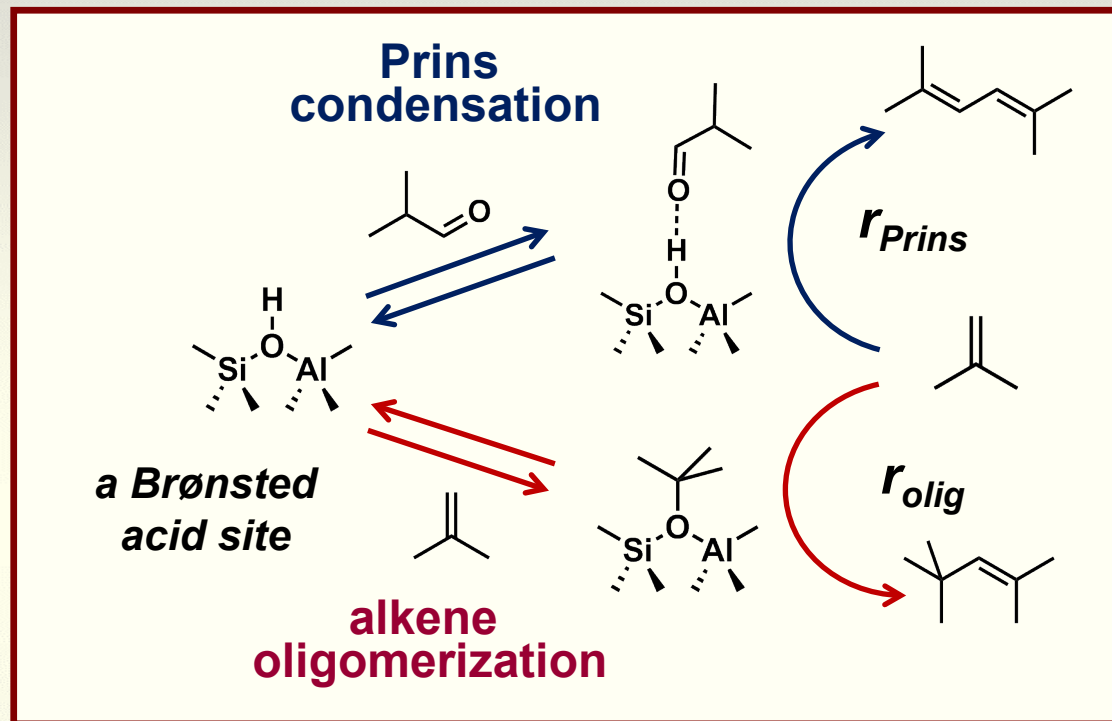


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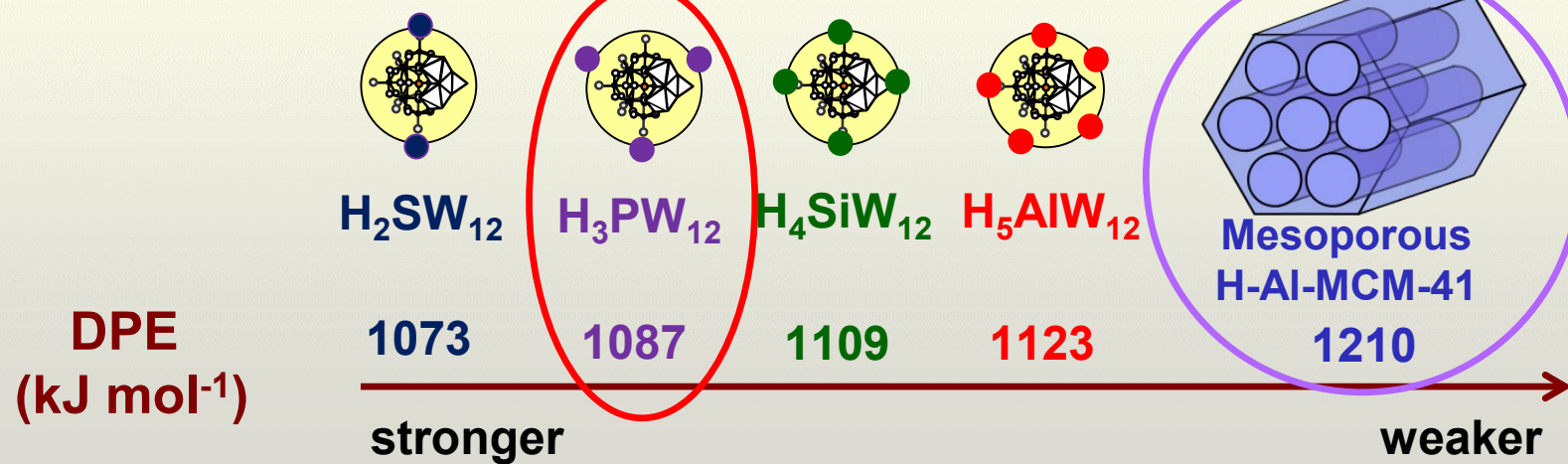
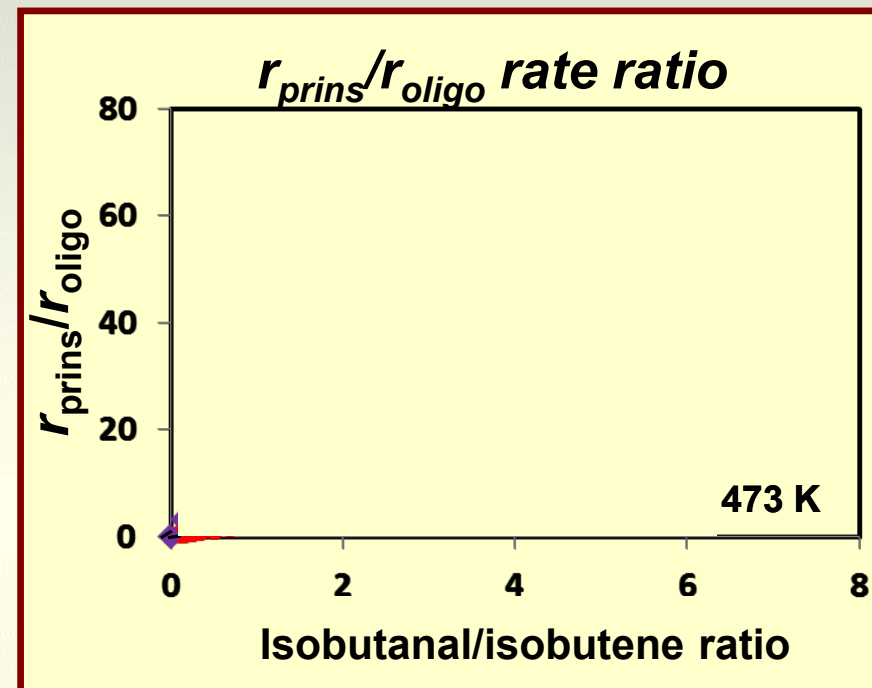
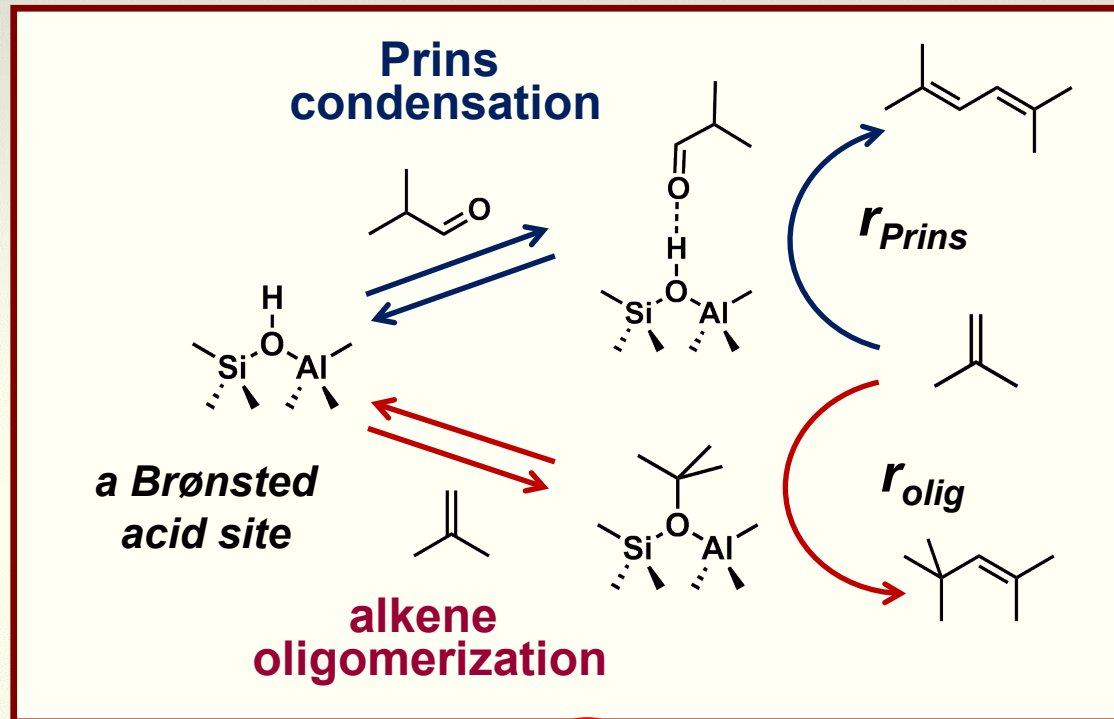
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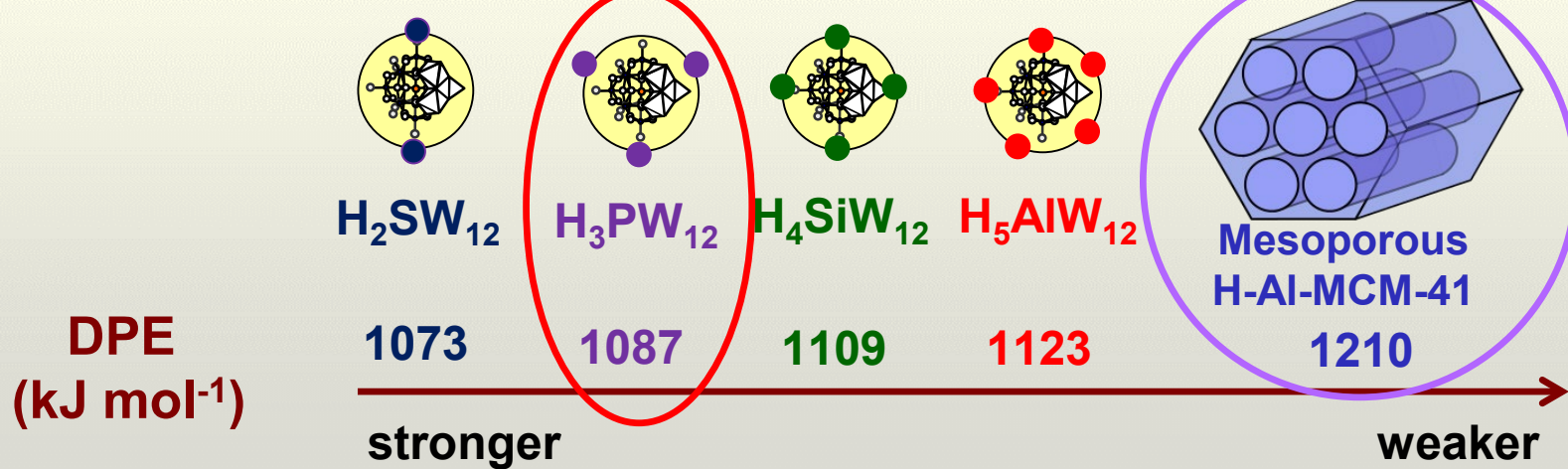
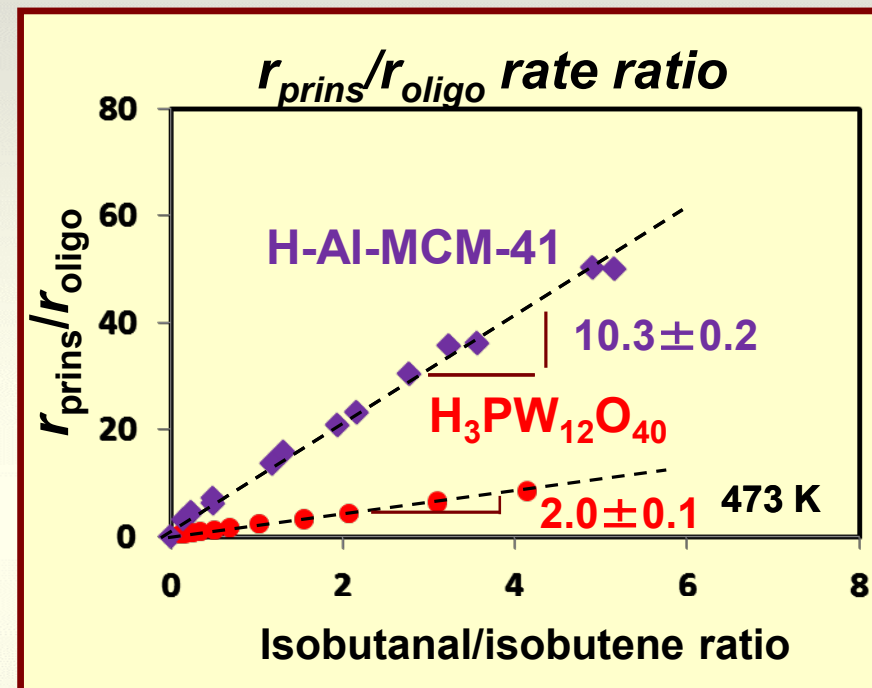
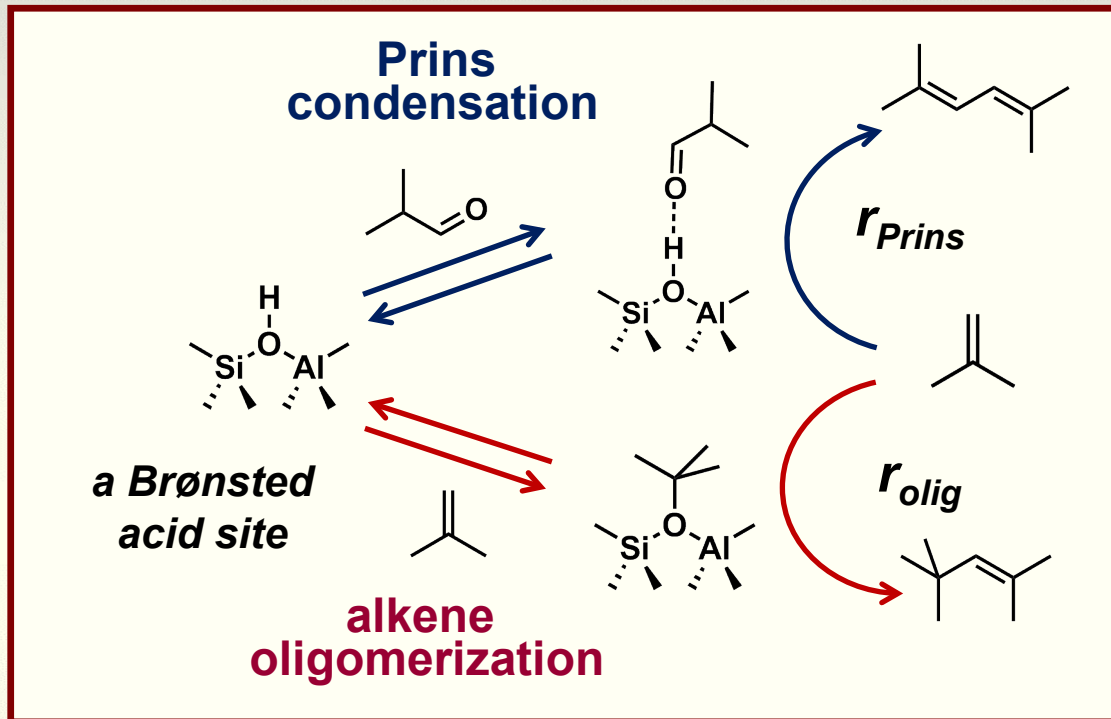
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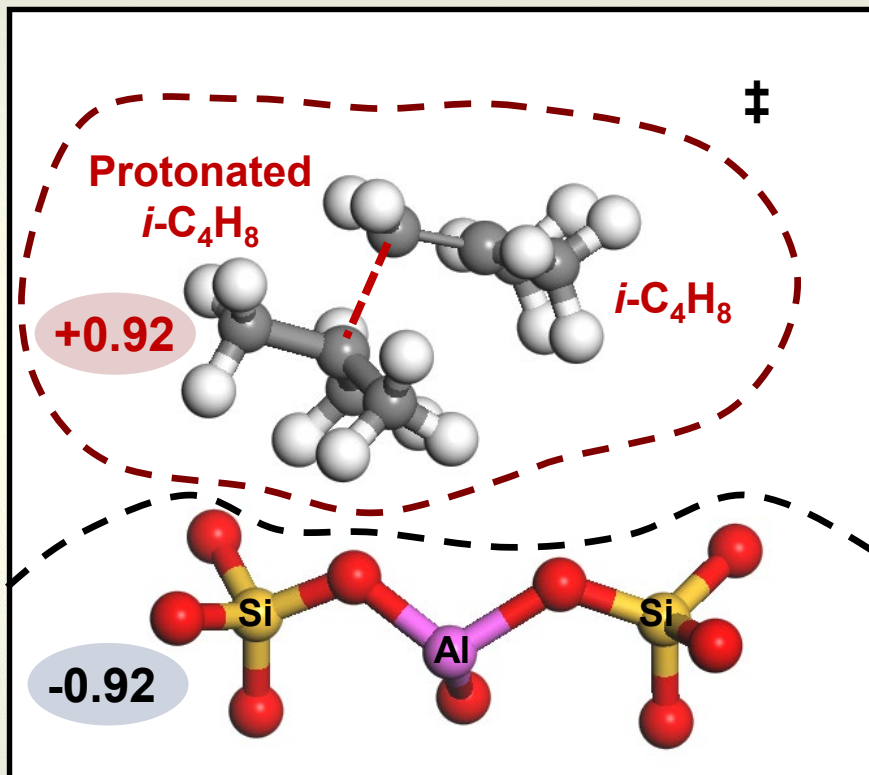


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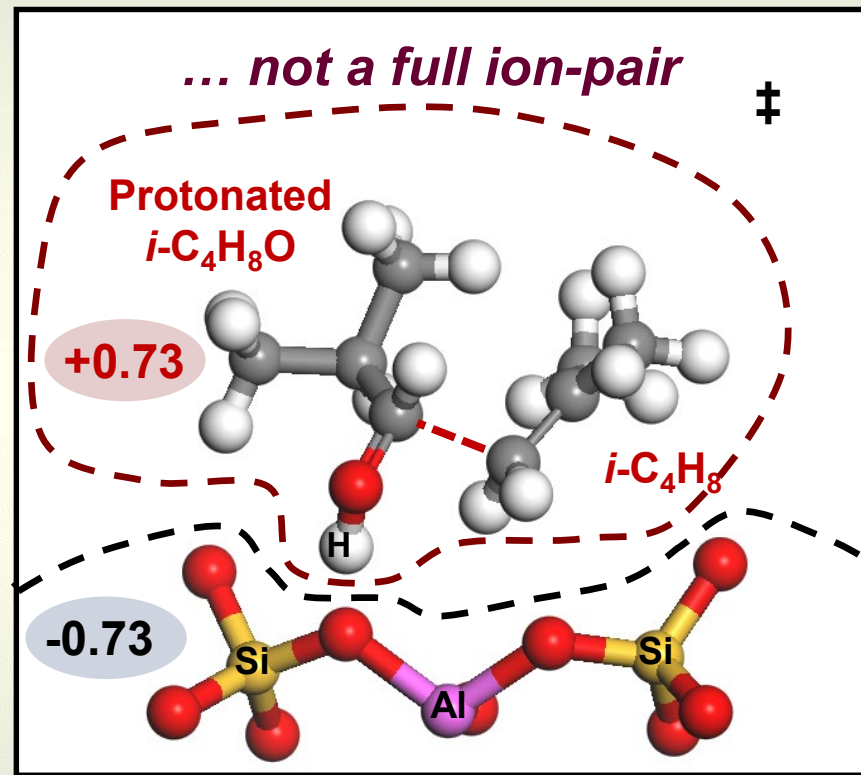
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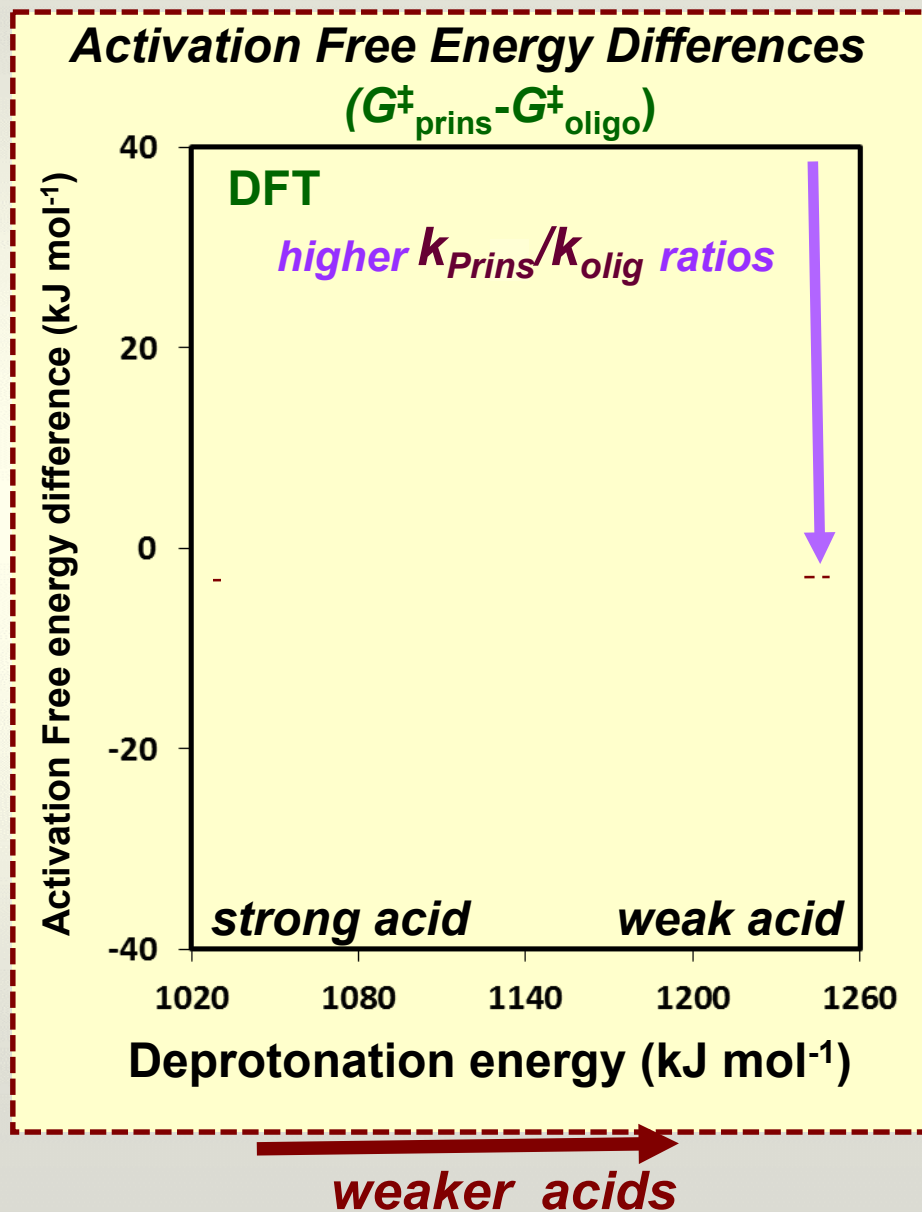


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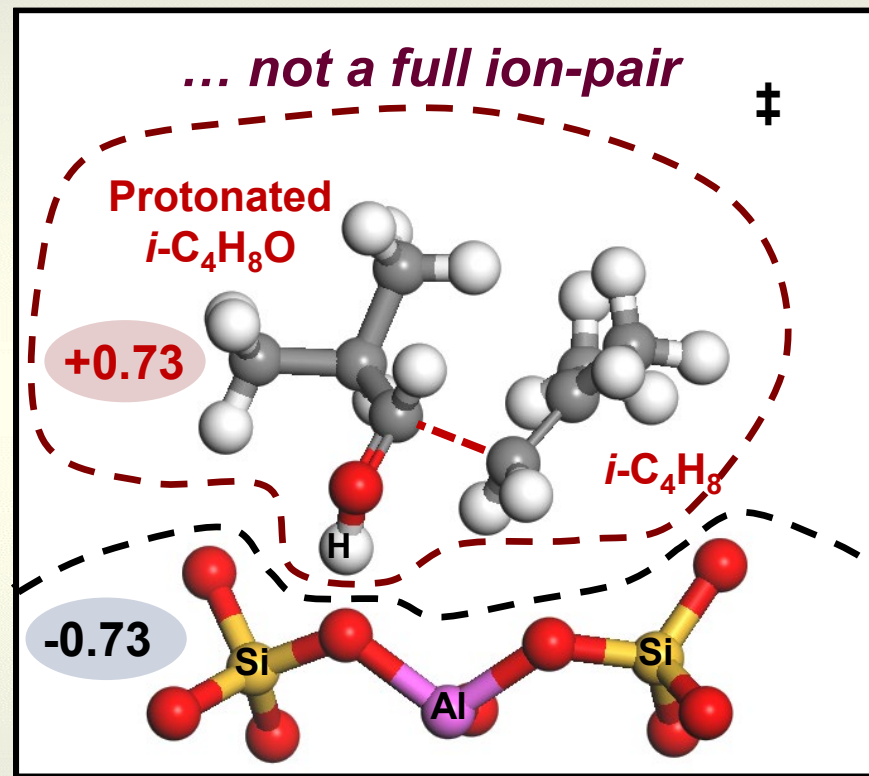


**Weaker acids favor channels
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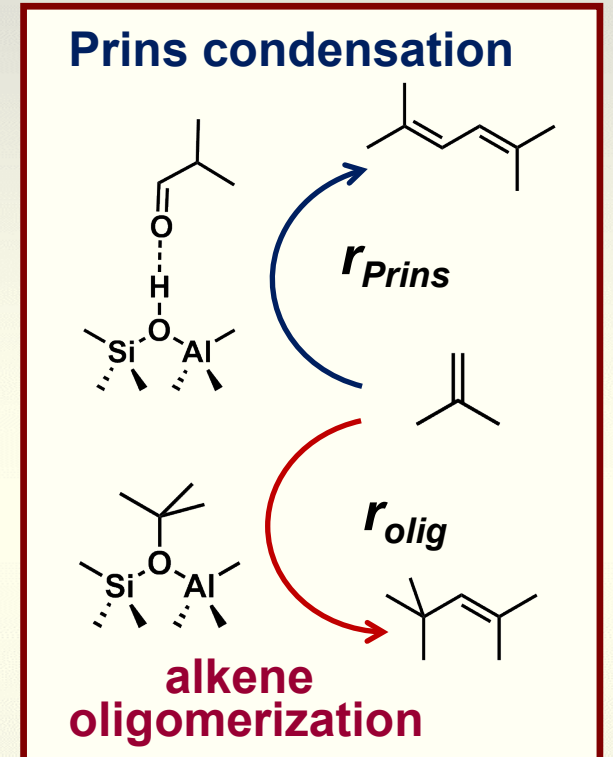
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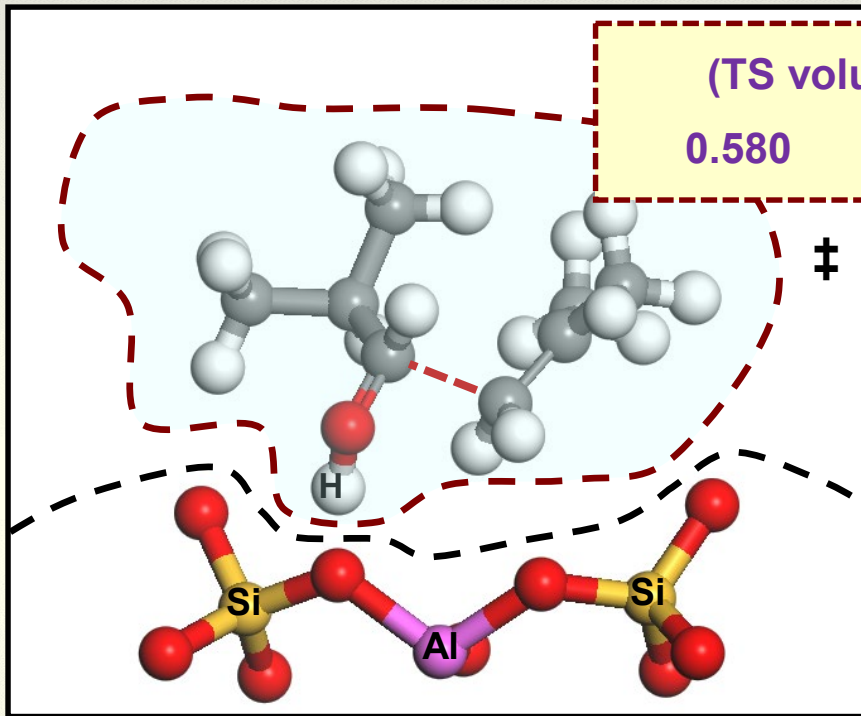
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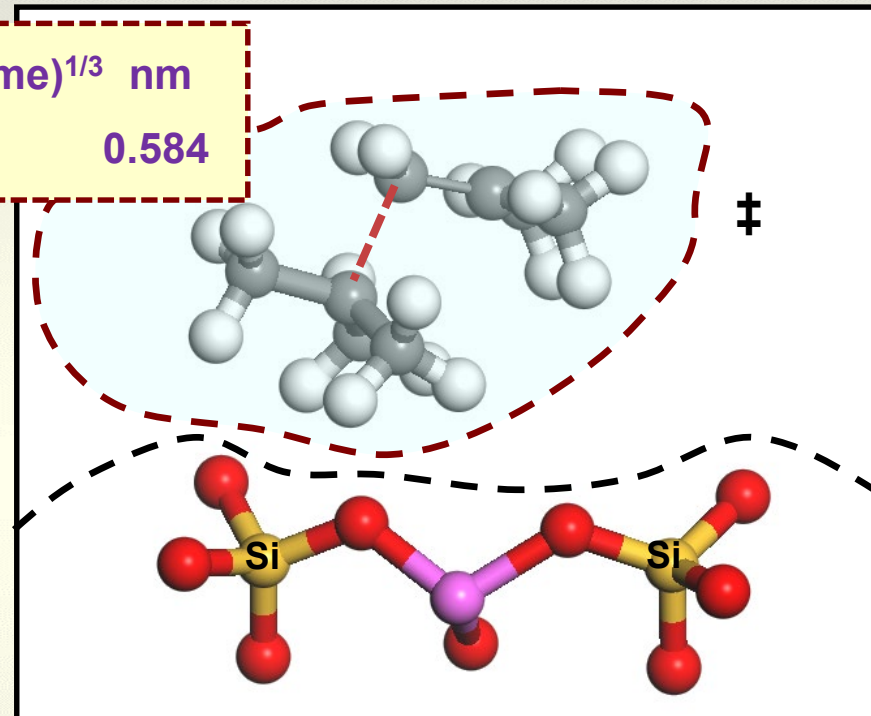


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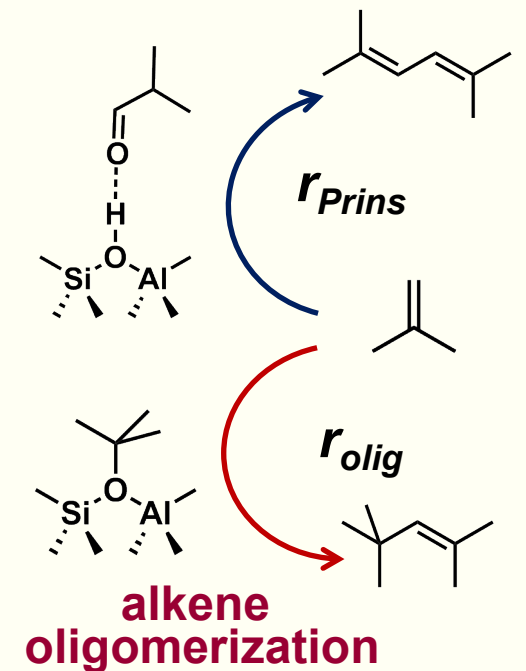
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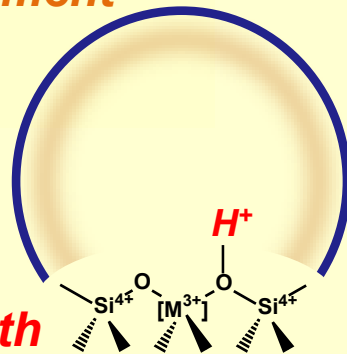
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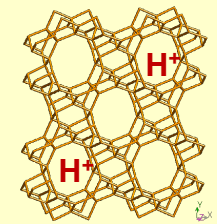
Confinement

- **Void size** around the proton
- **Stability** of the conjugate anion

Acid Strength



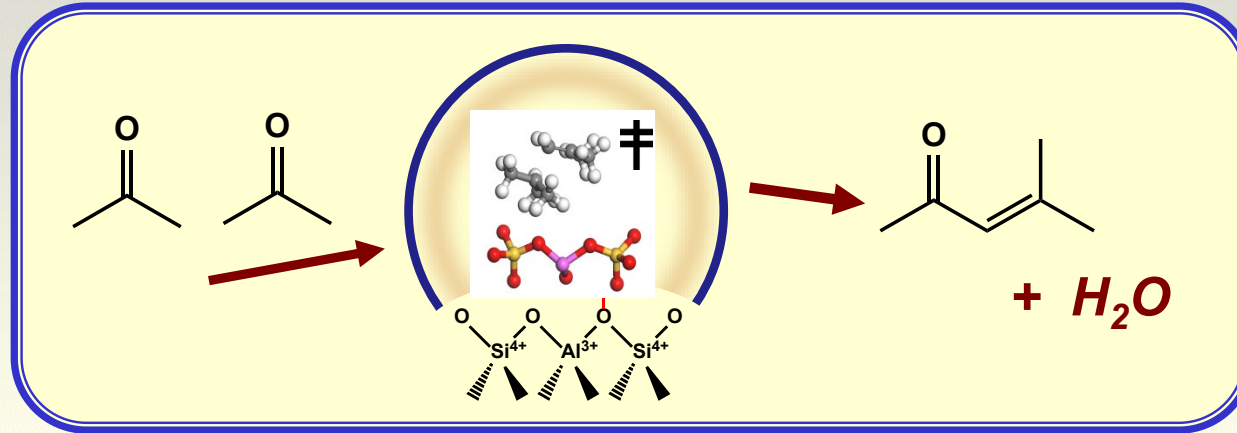
**Aluminosilicates
similar acid strength,
diverse confinement**



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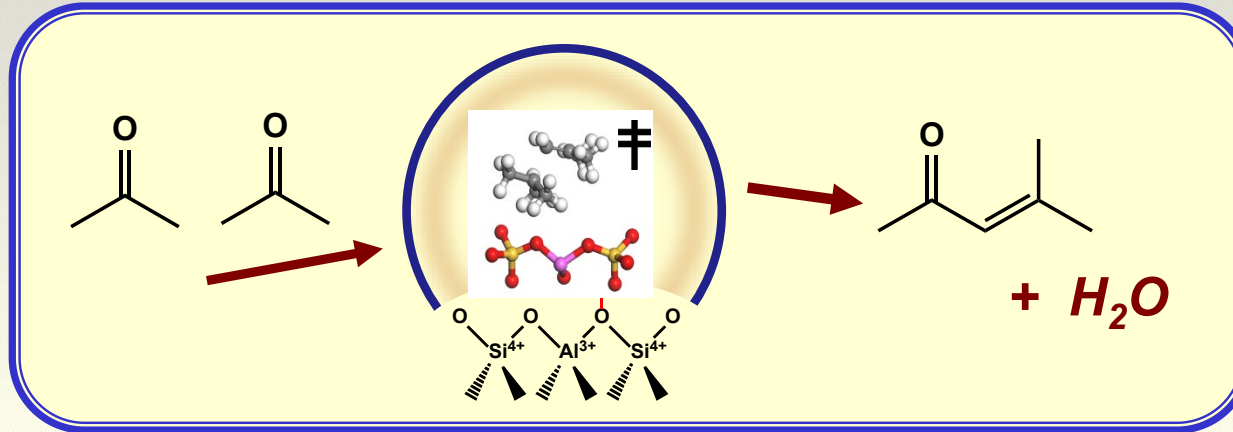
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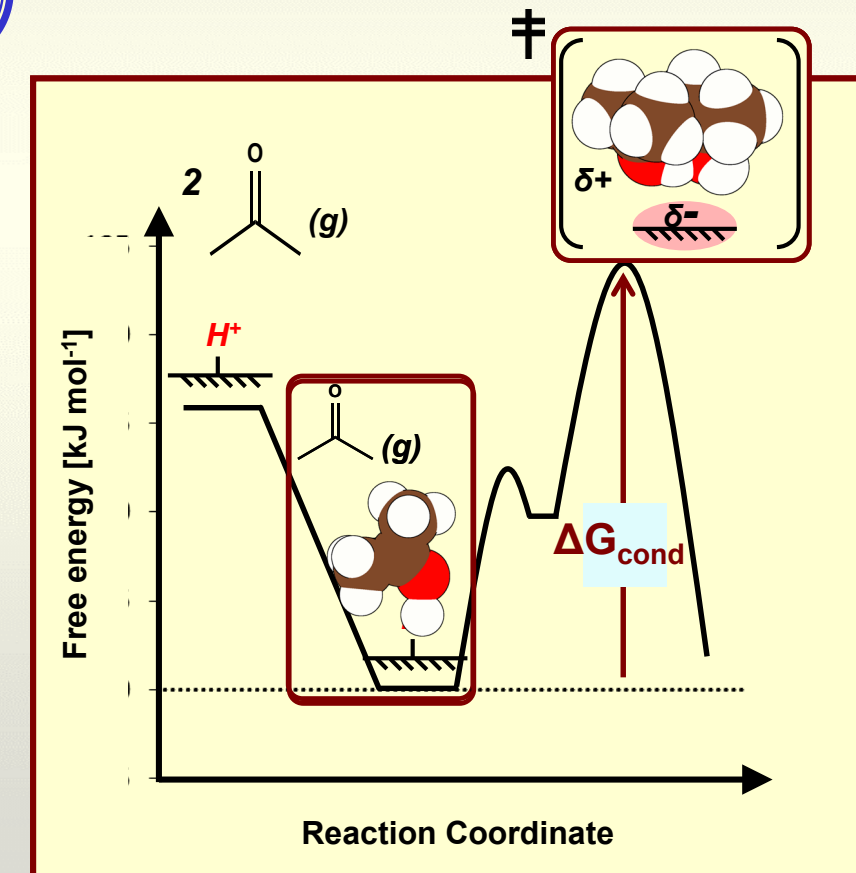


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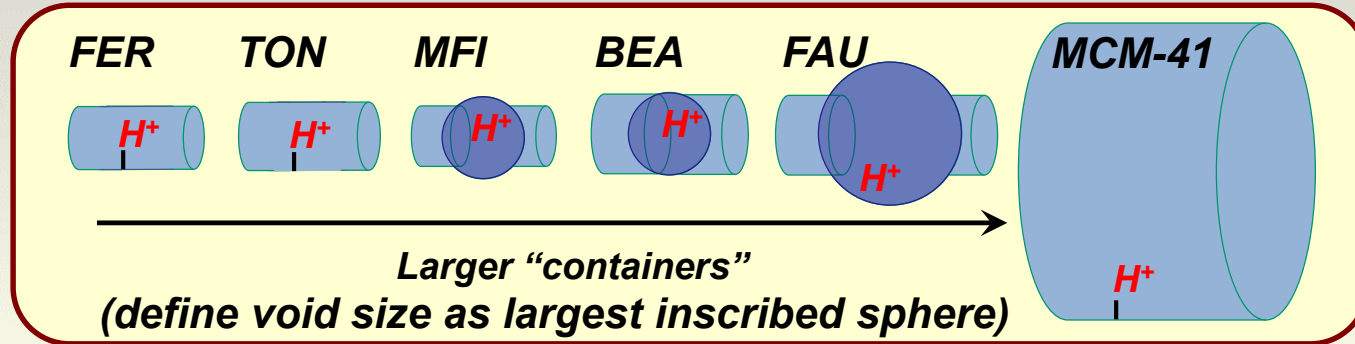


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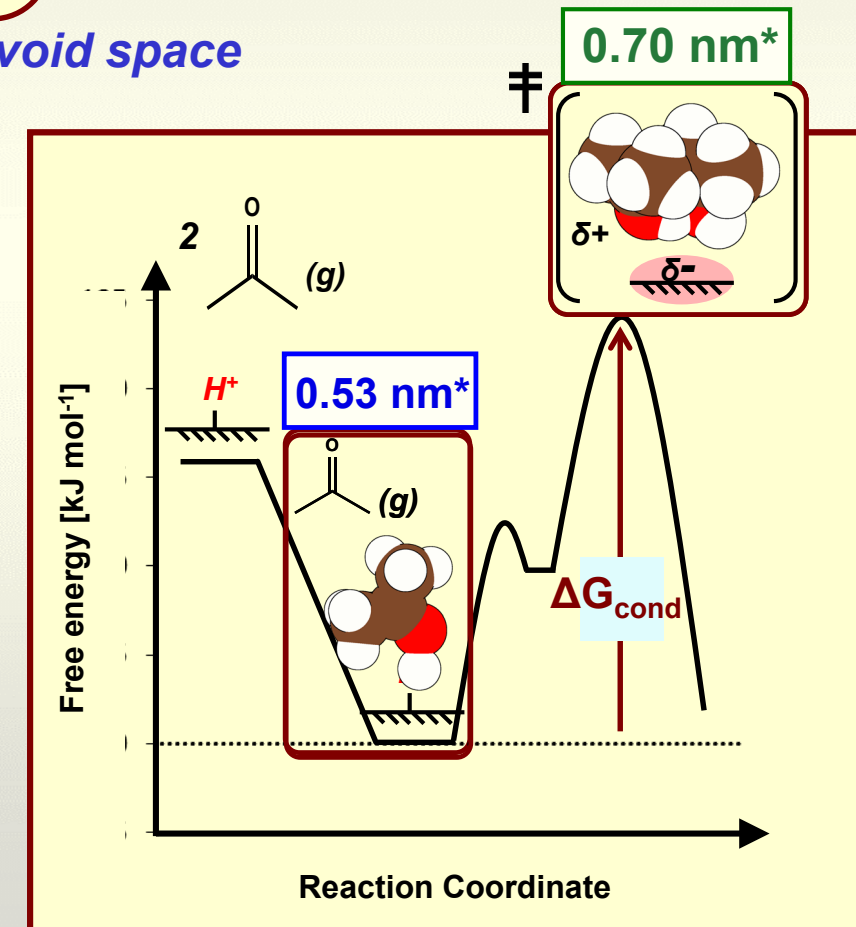
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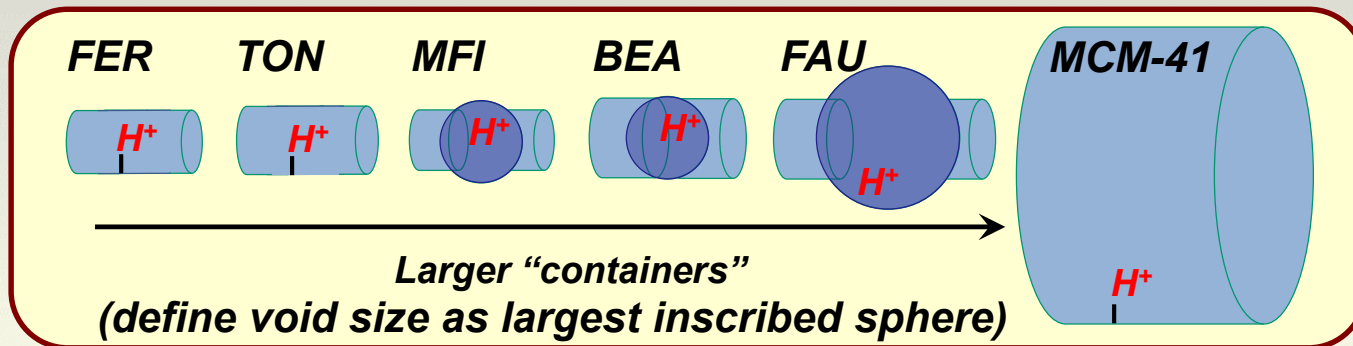
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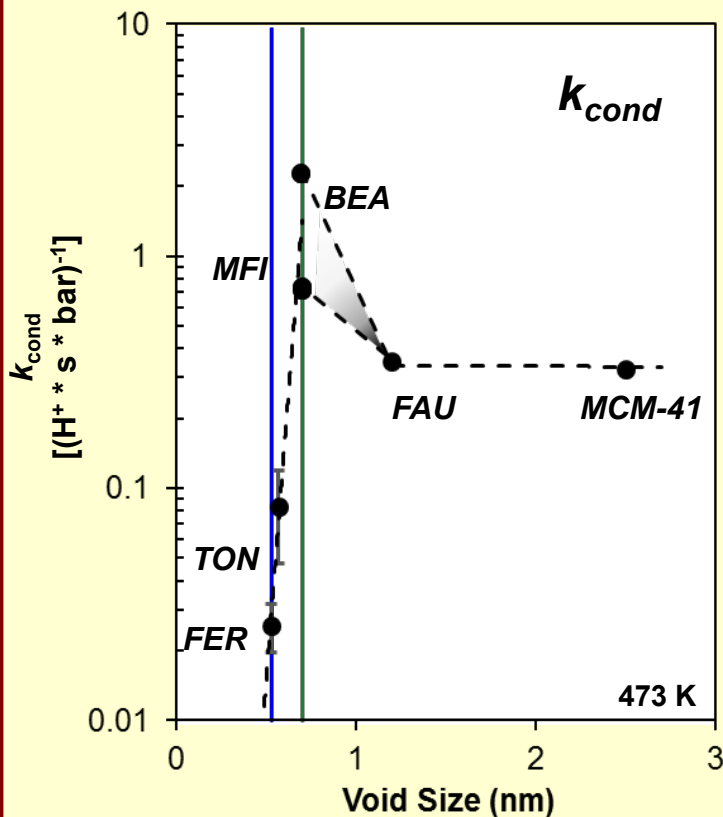
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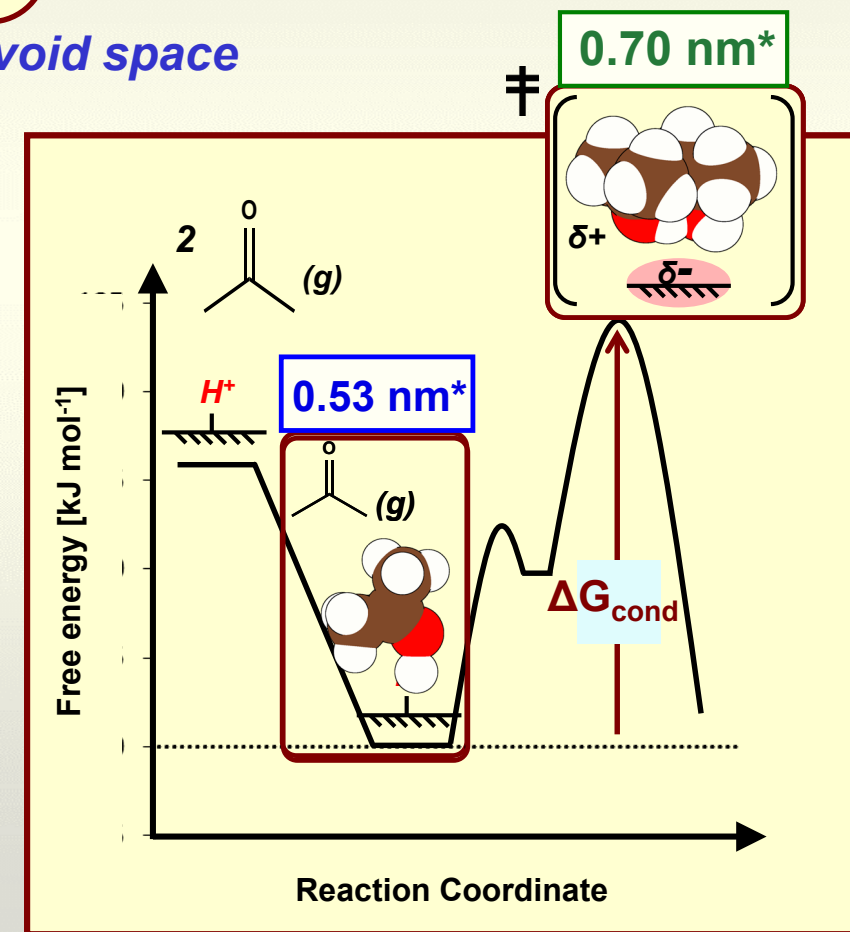
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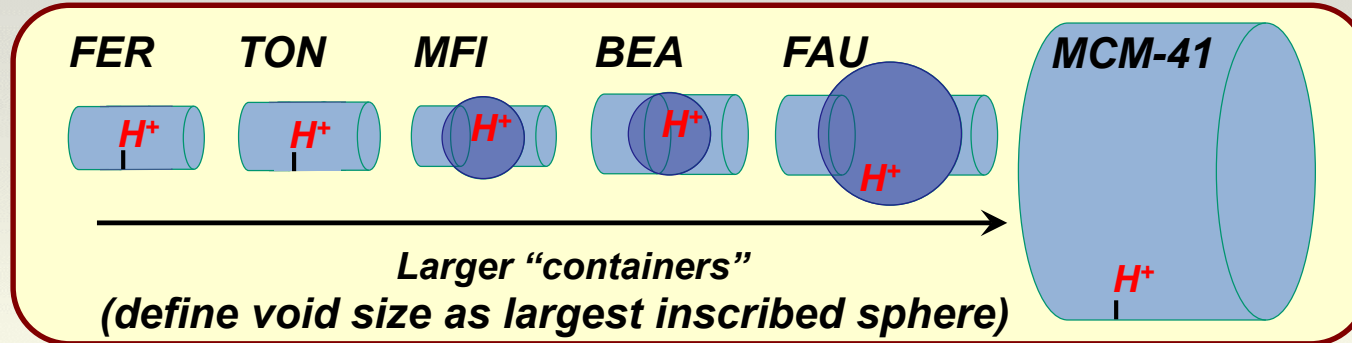
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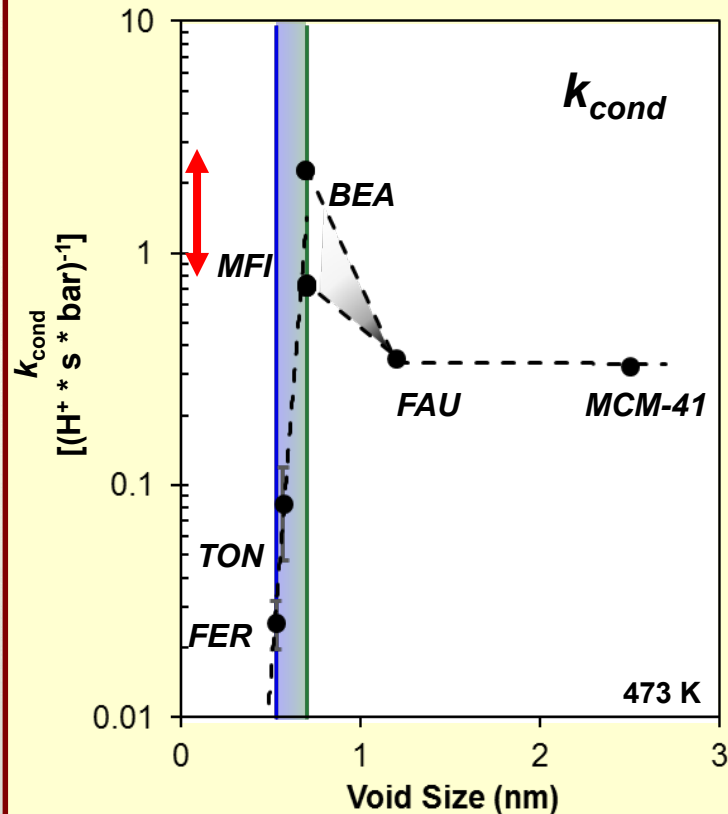
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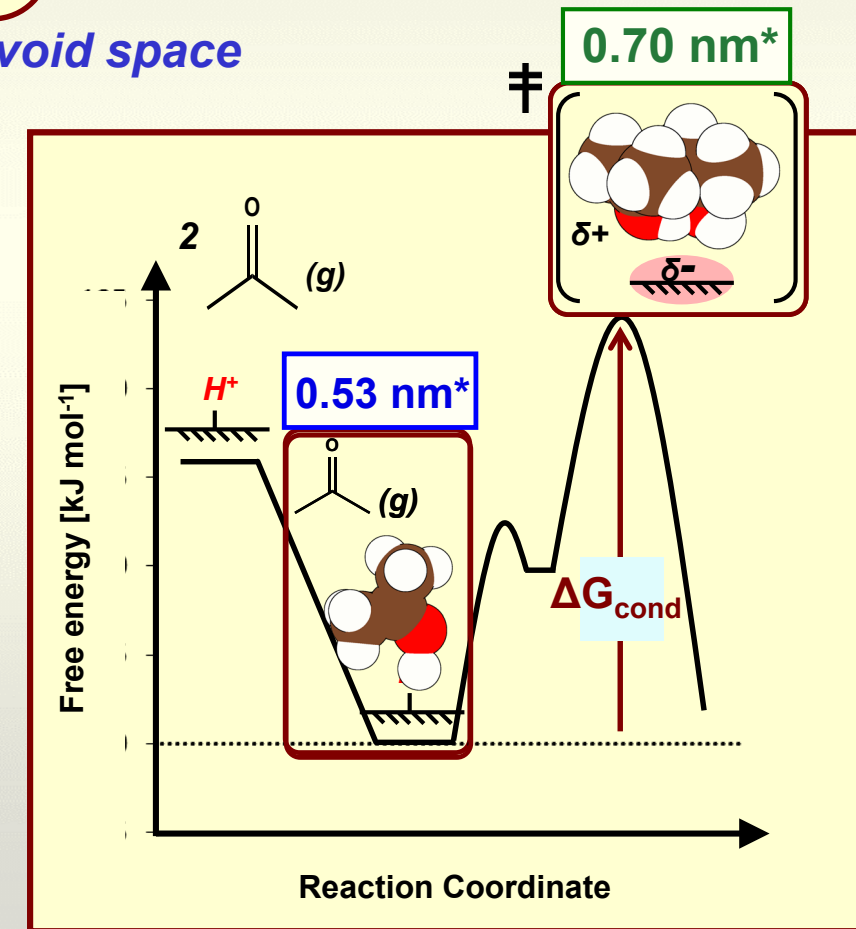
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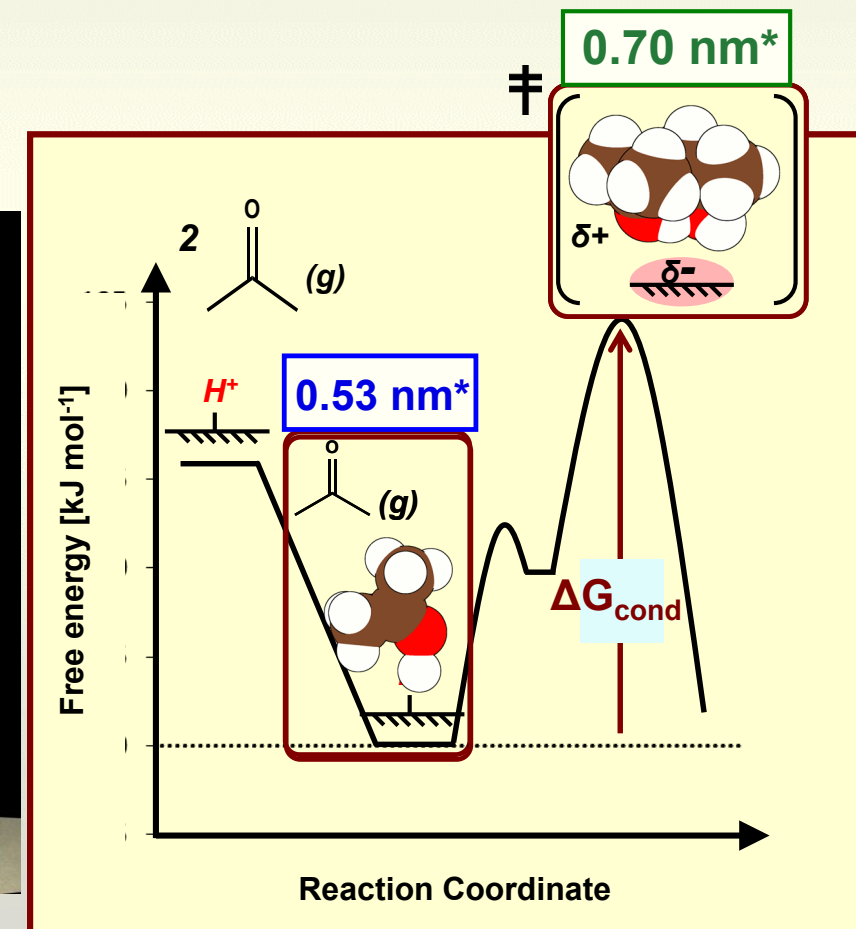
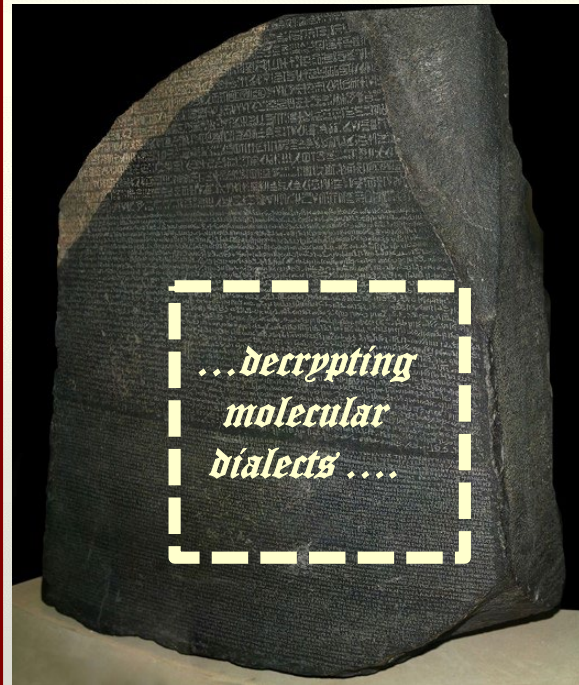
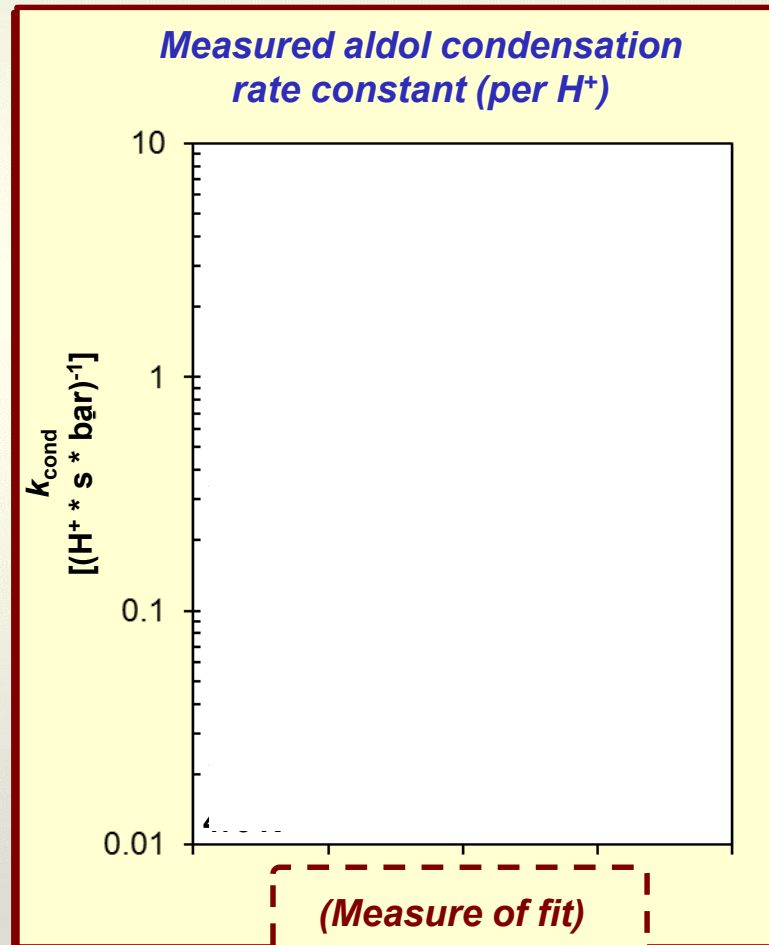
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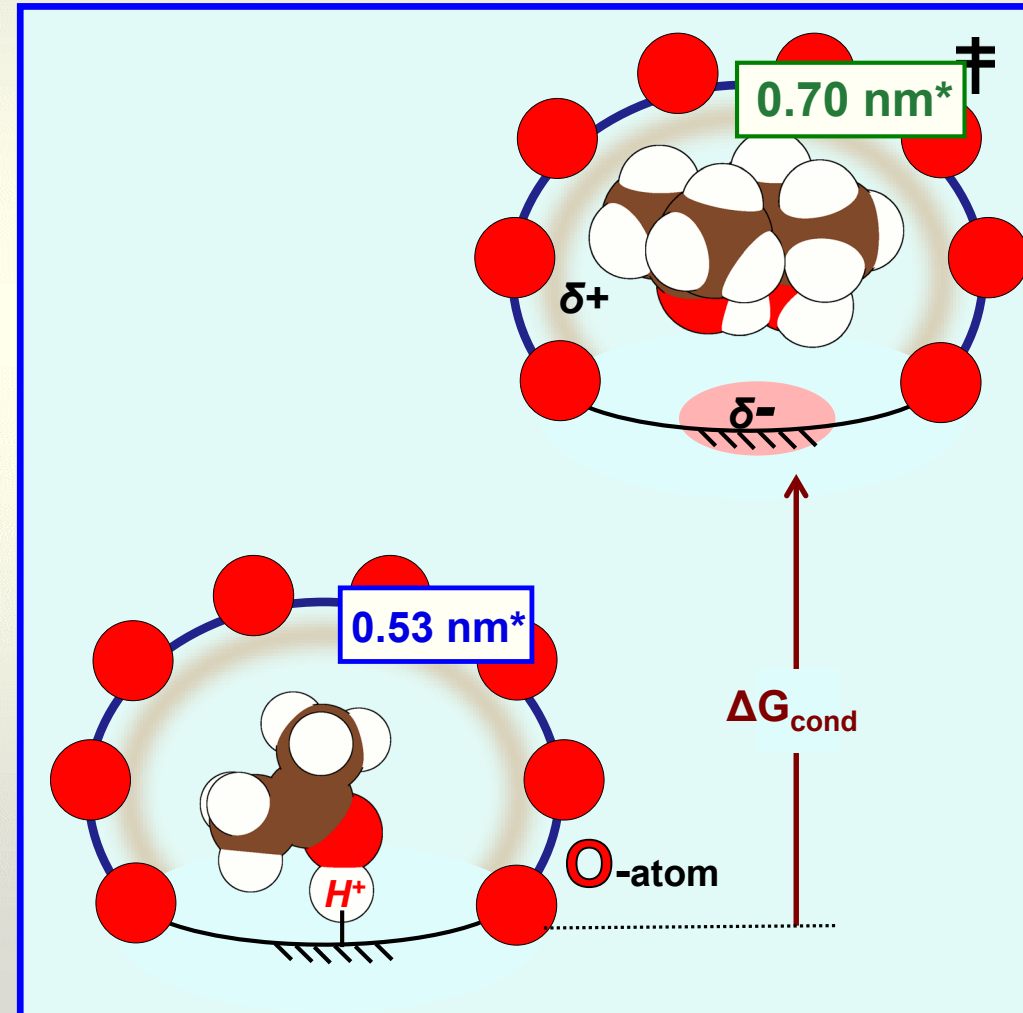
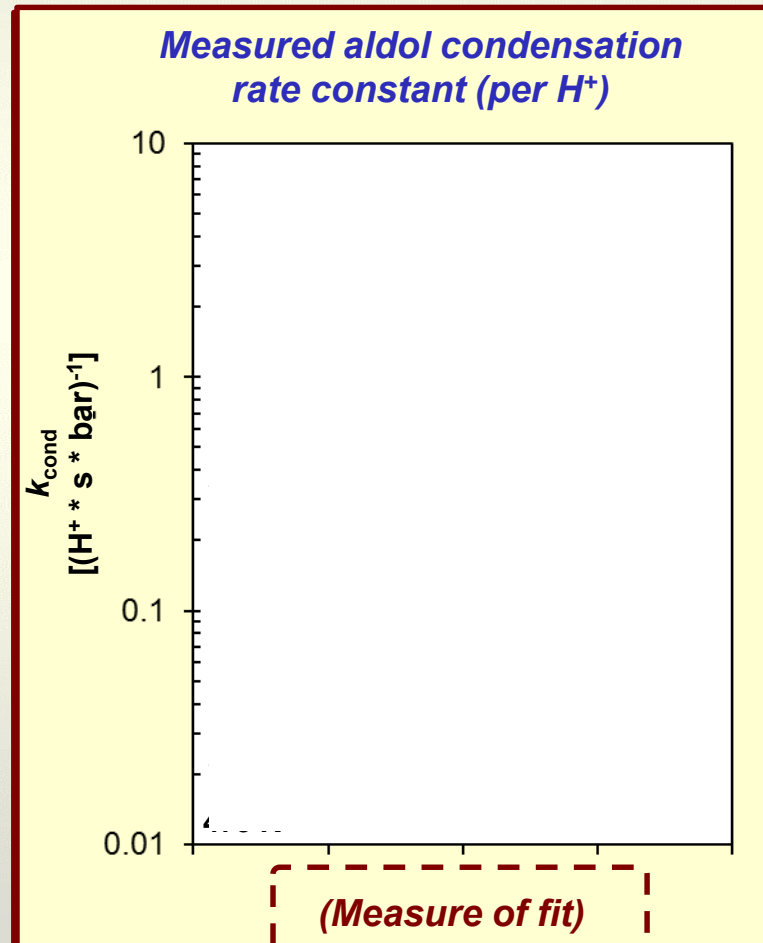
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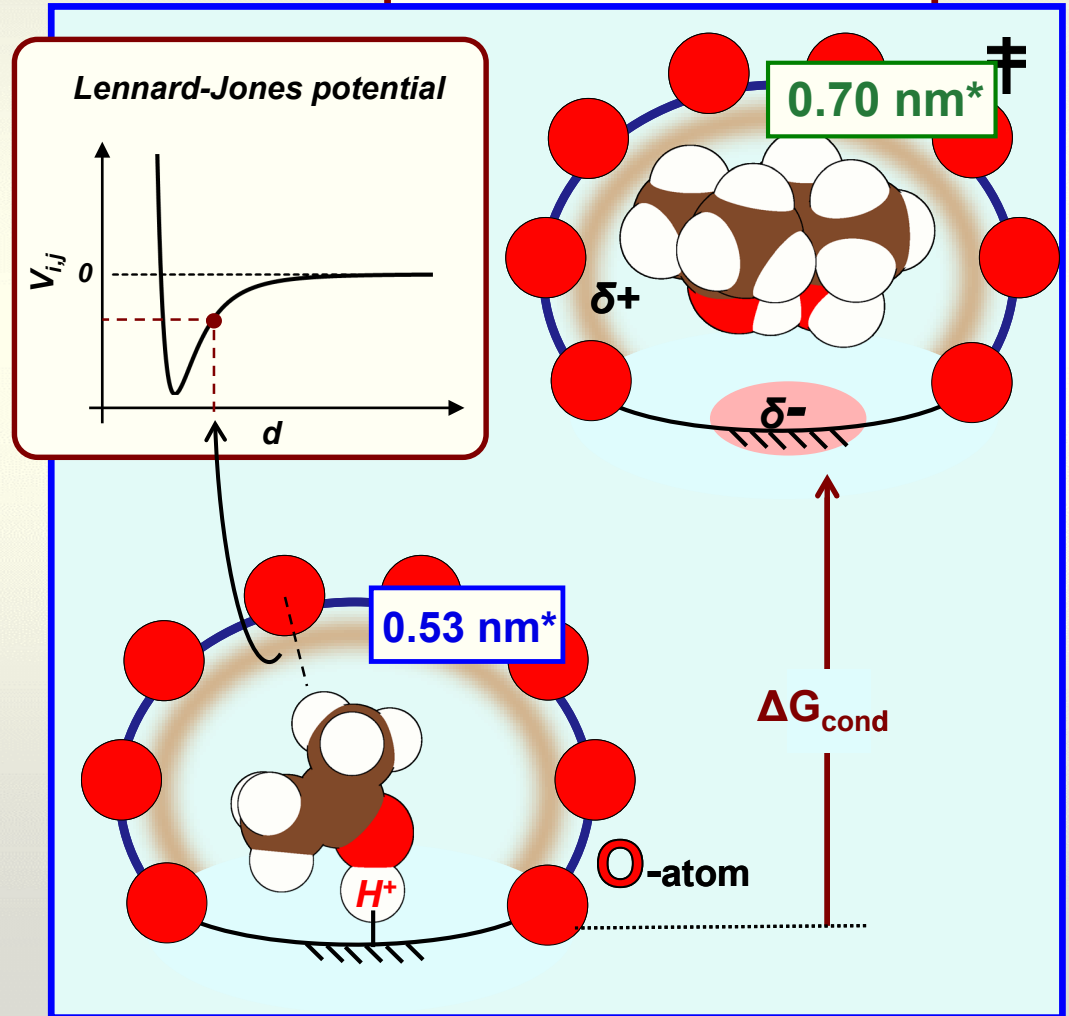
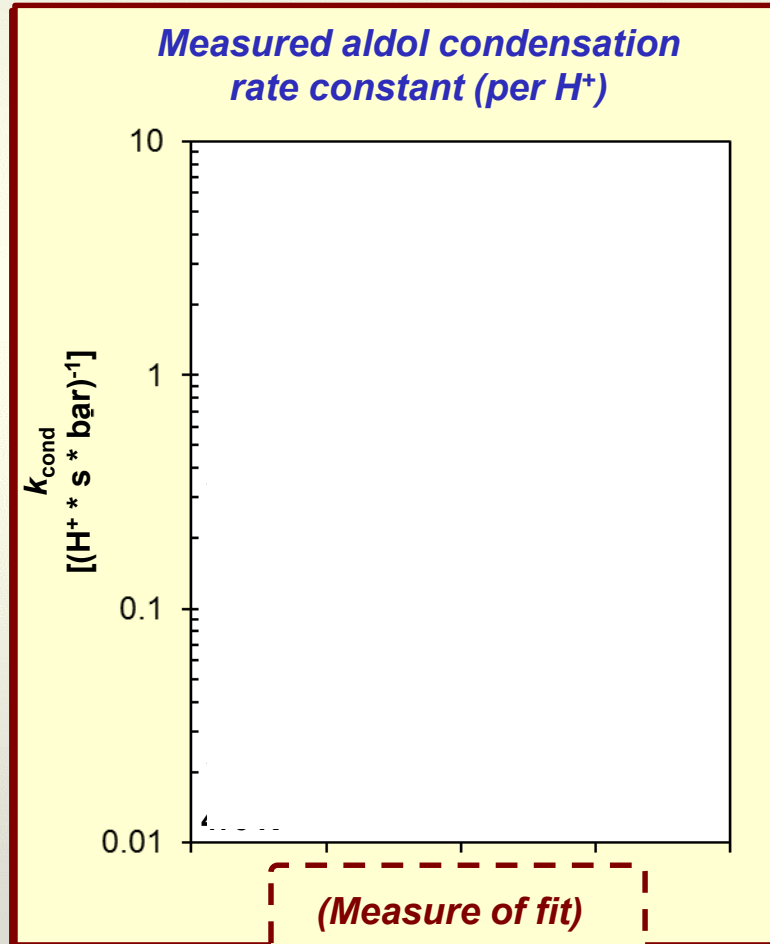
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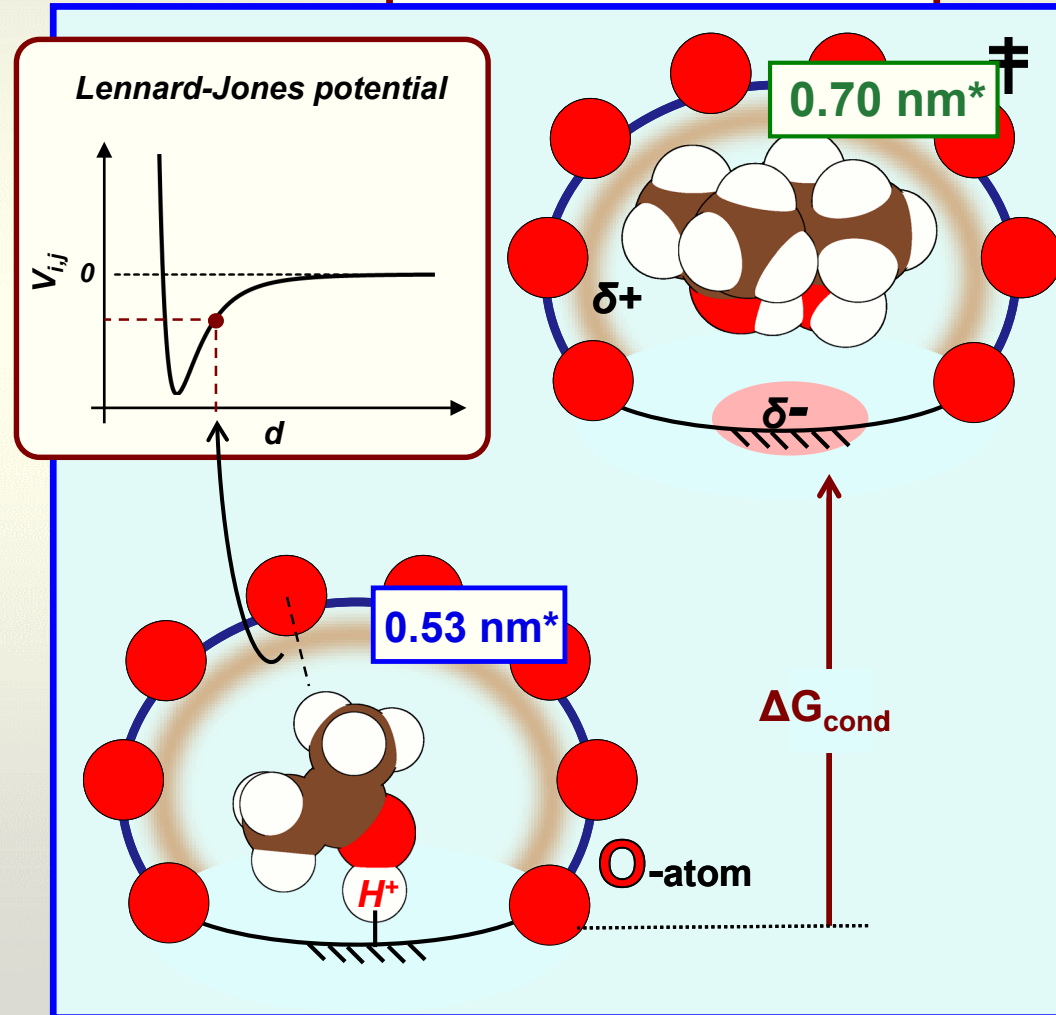
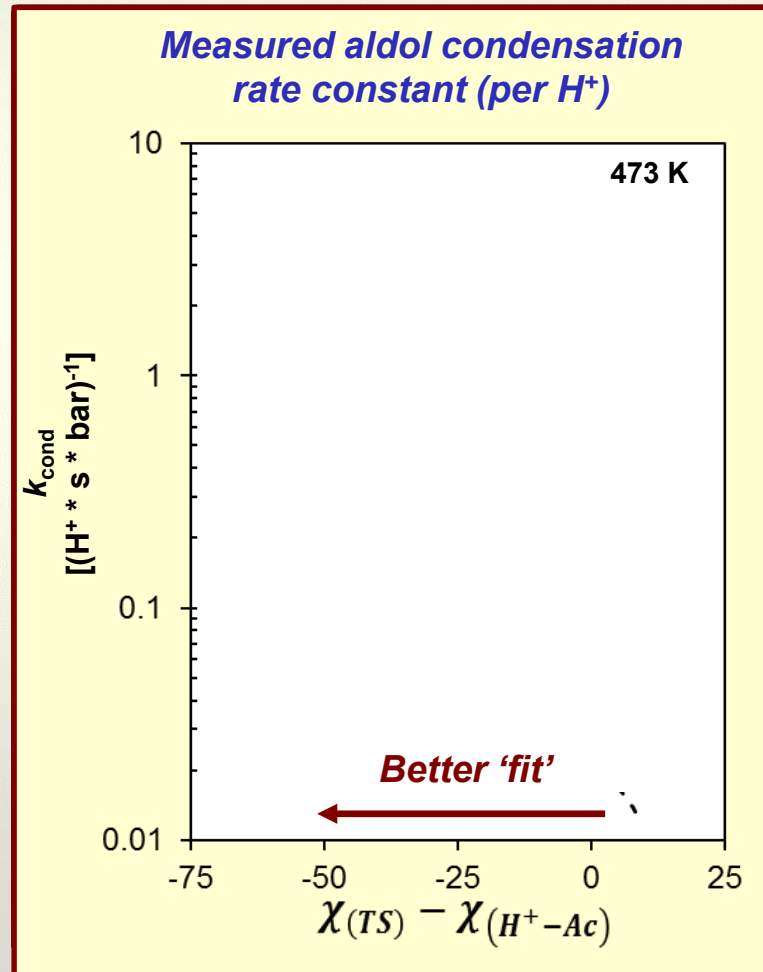
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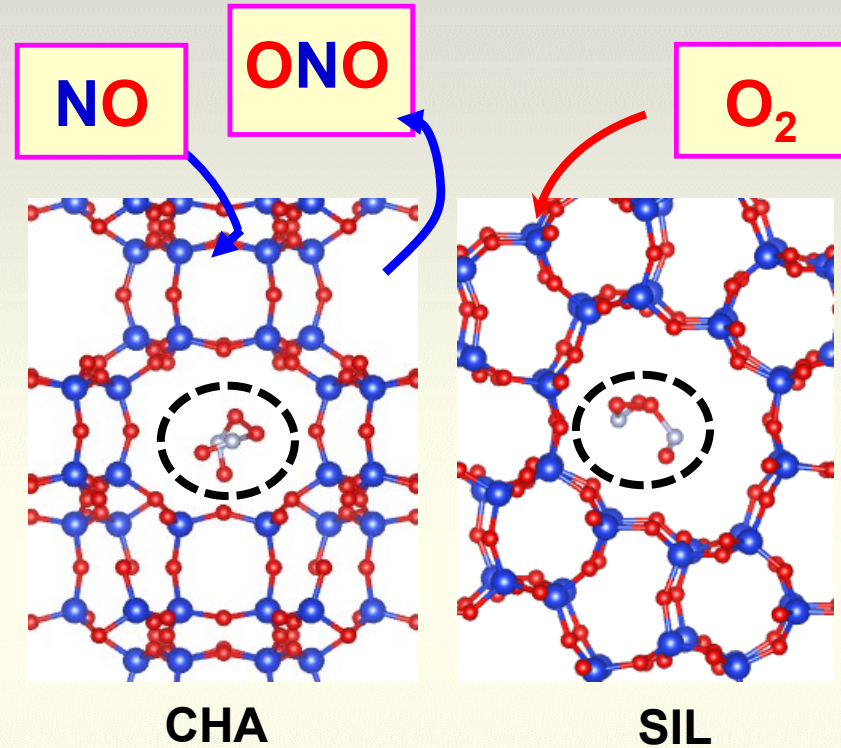
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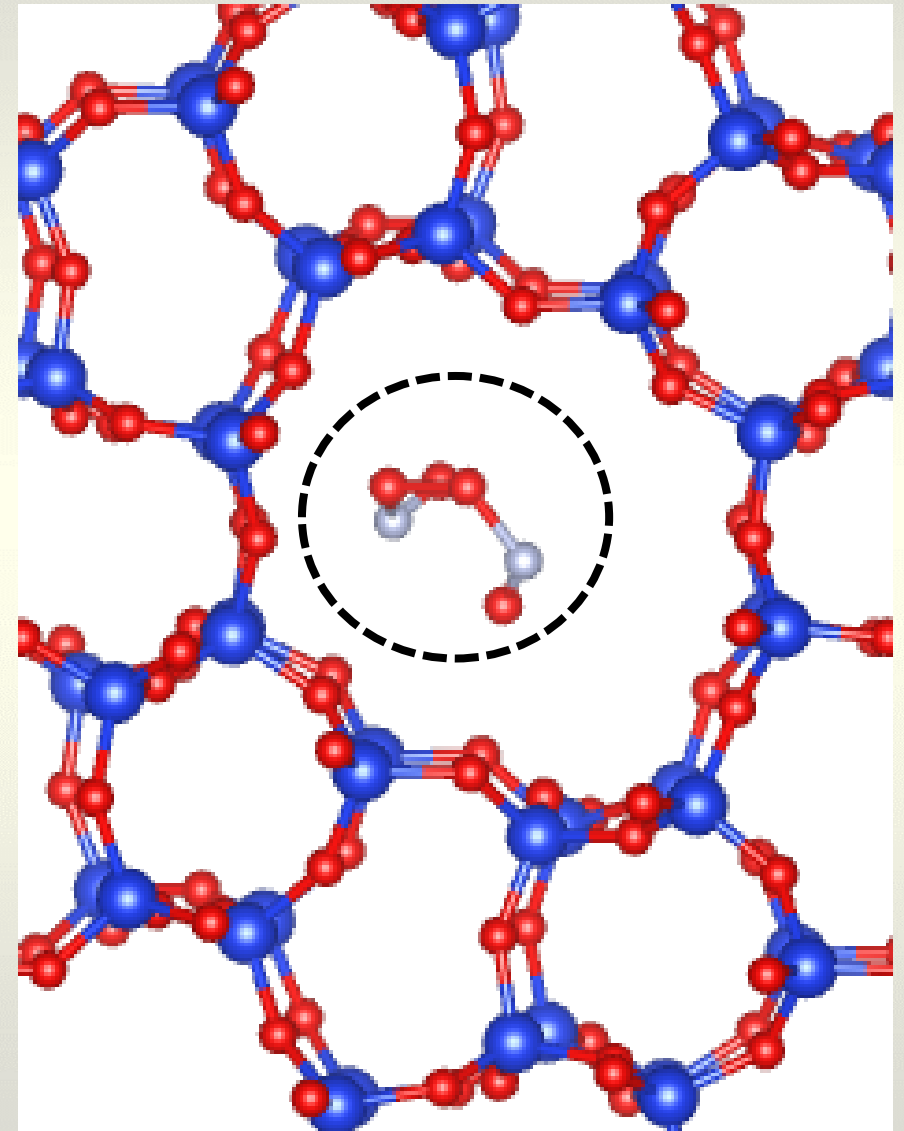
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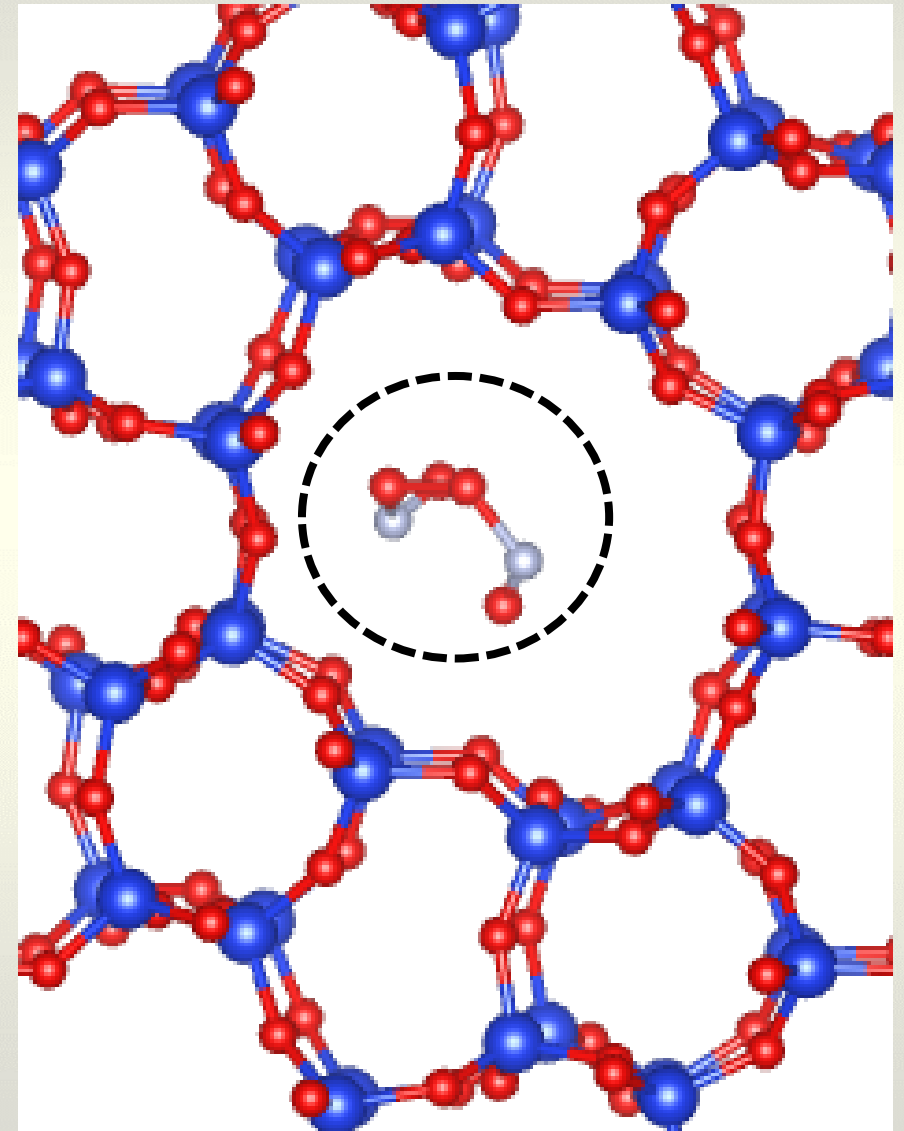
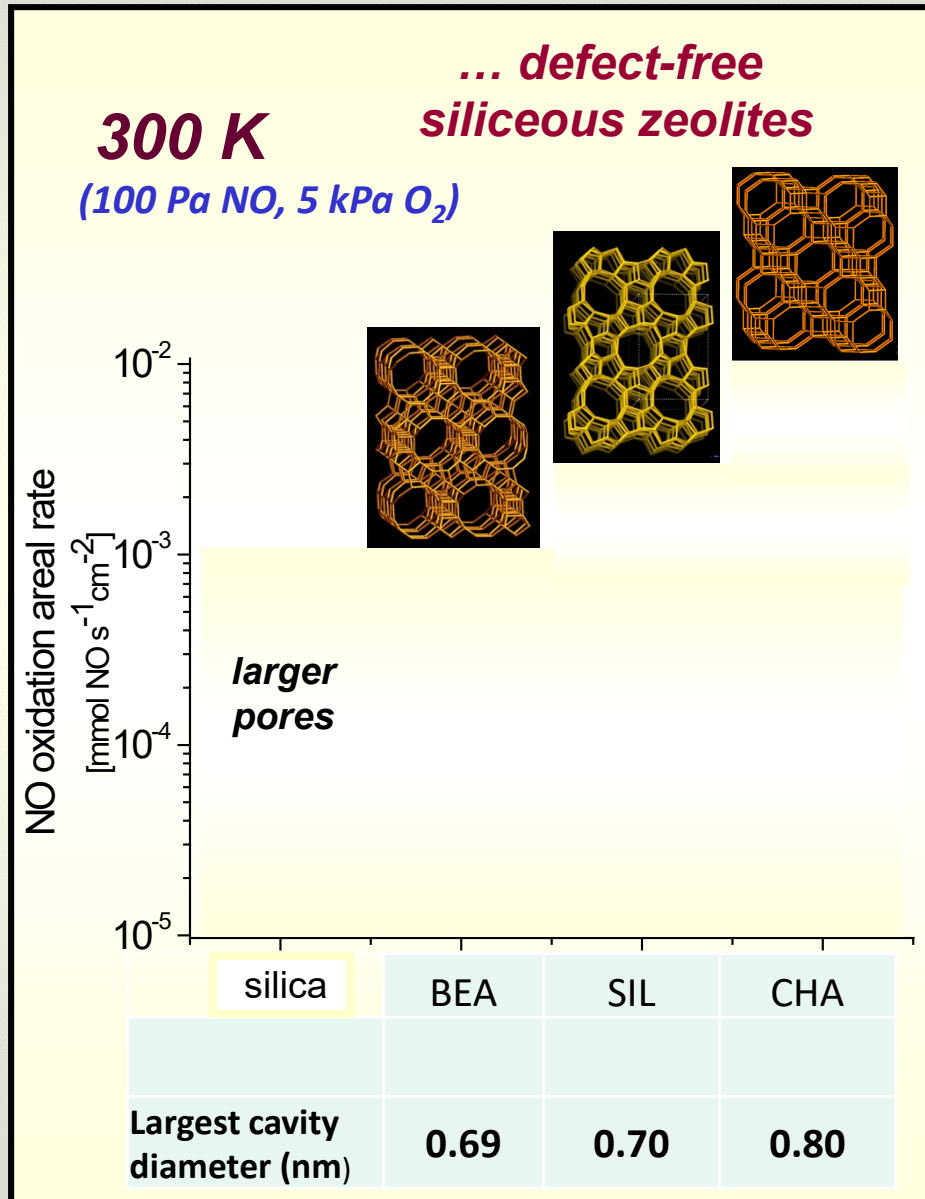
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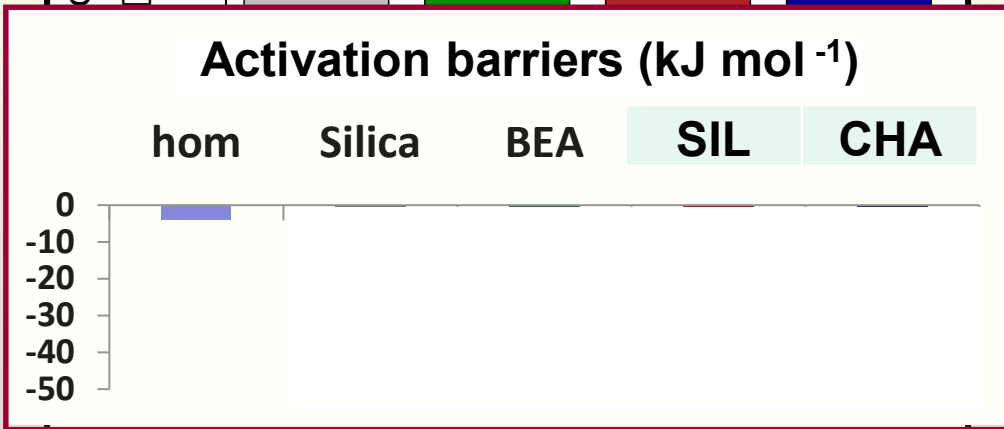
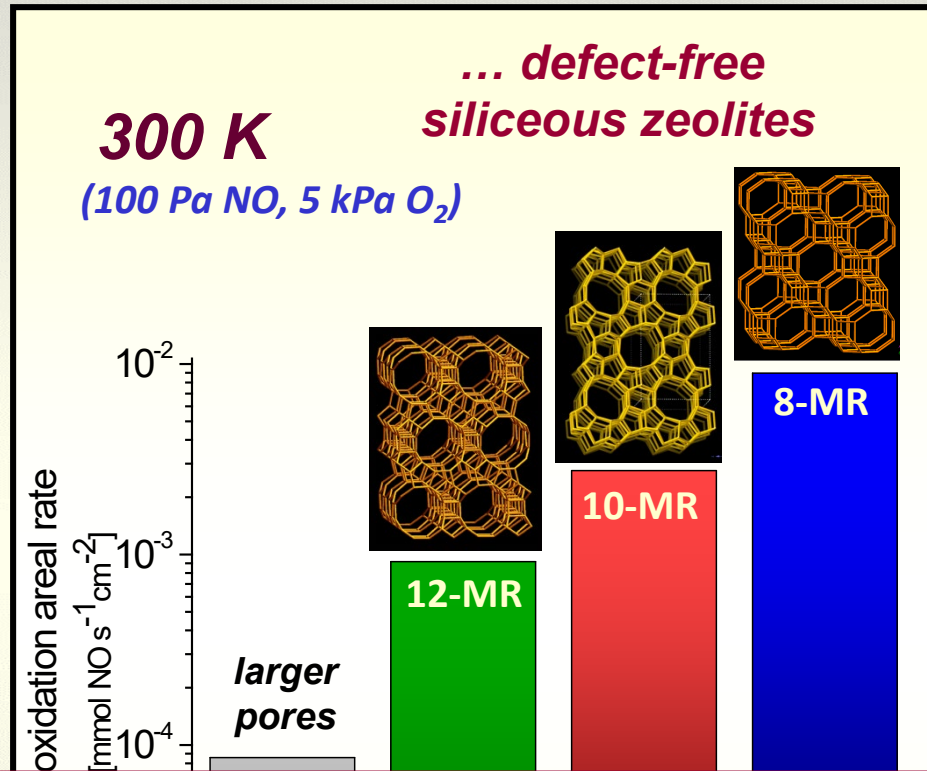
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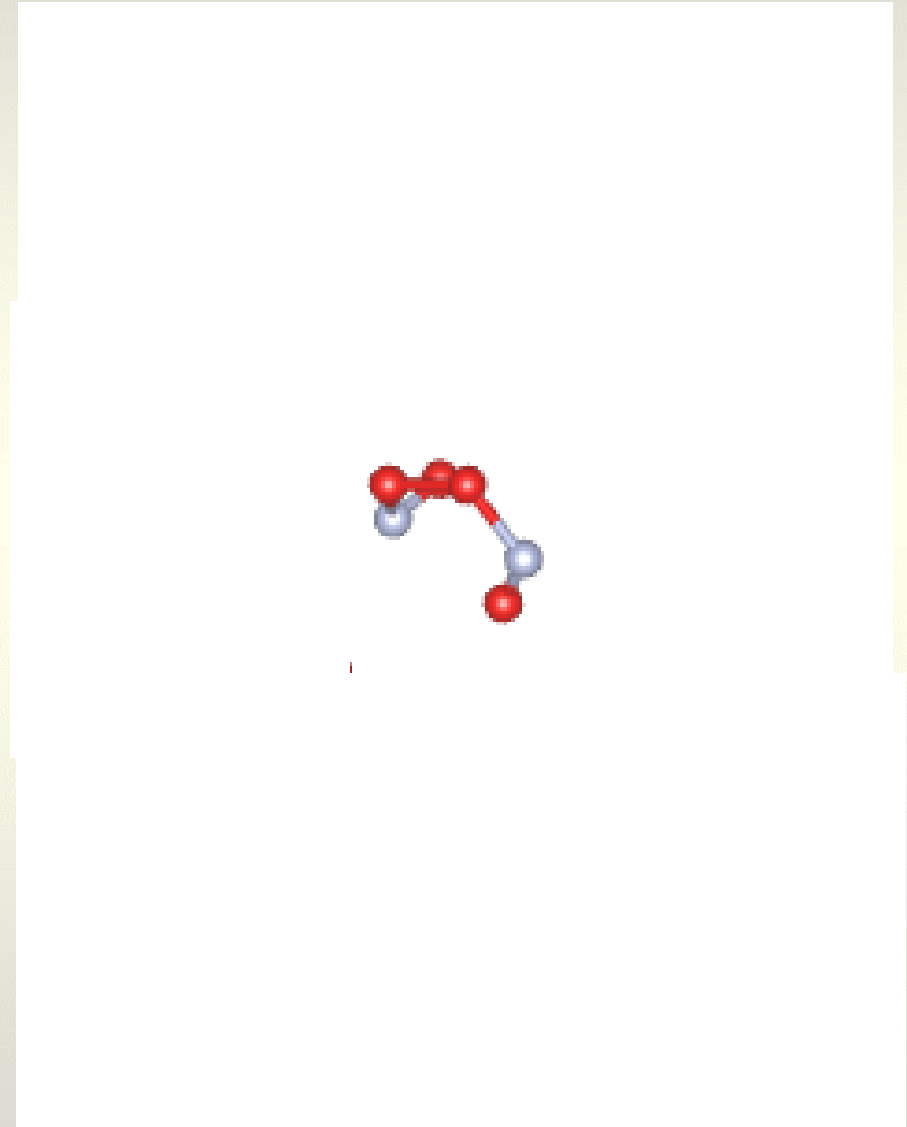
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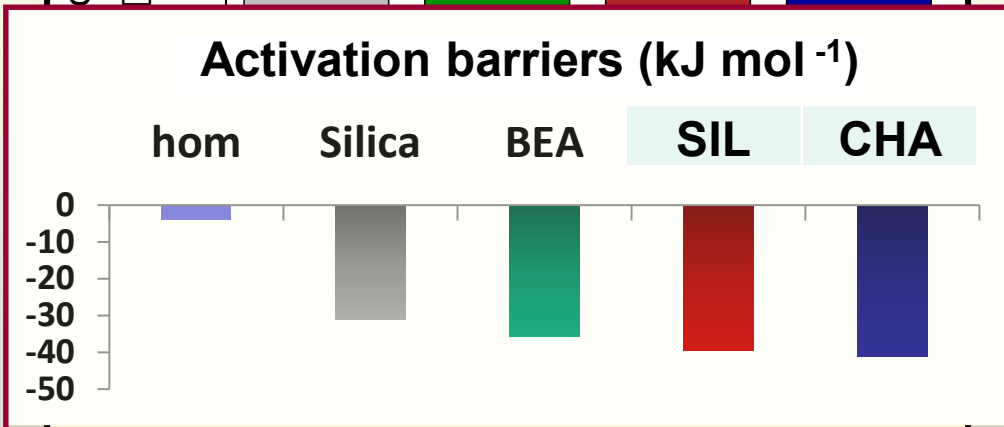
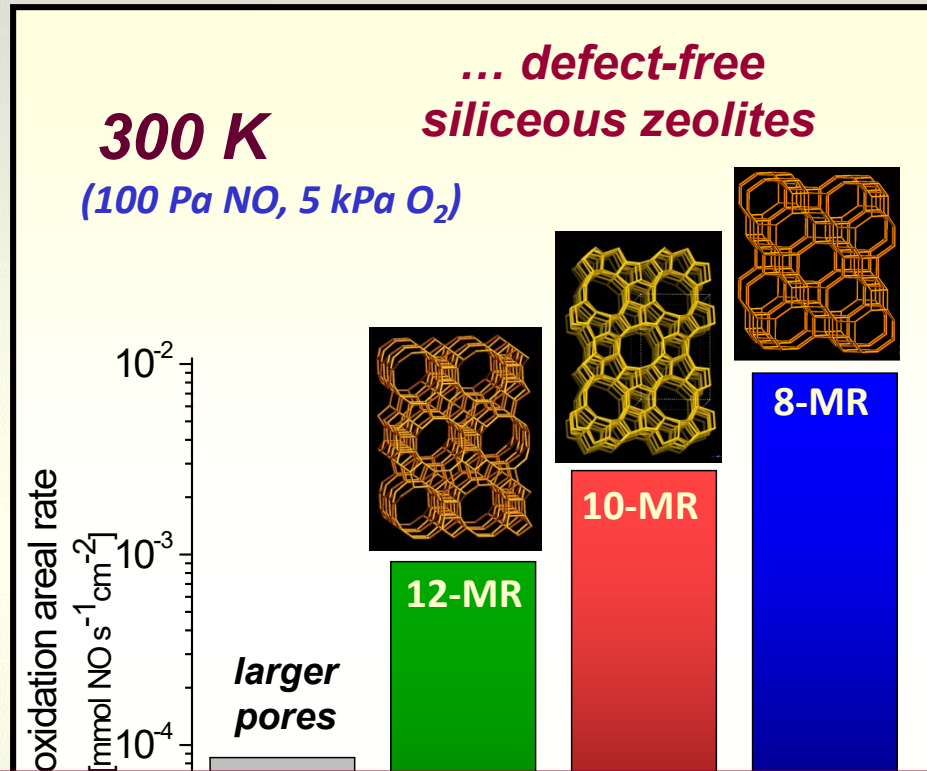
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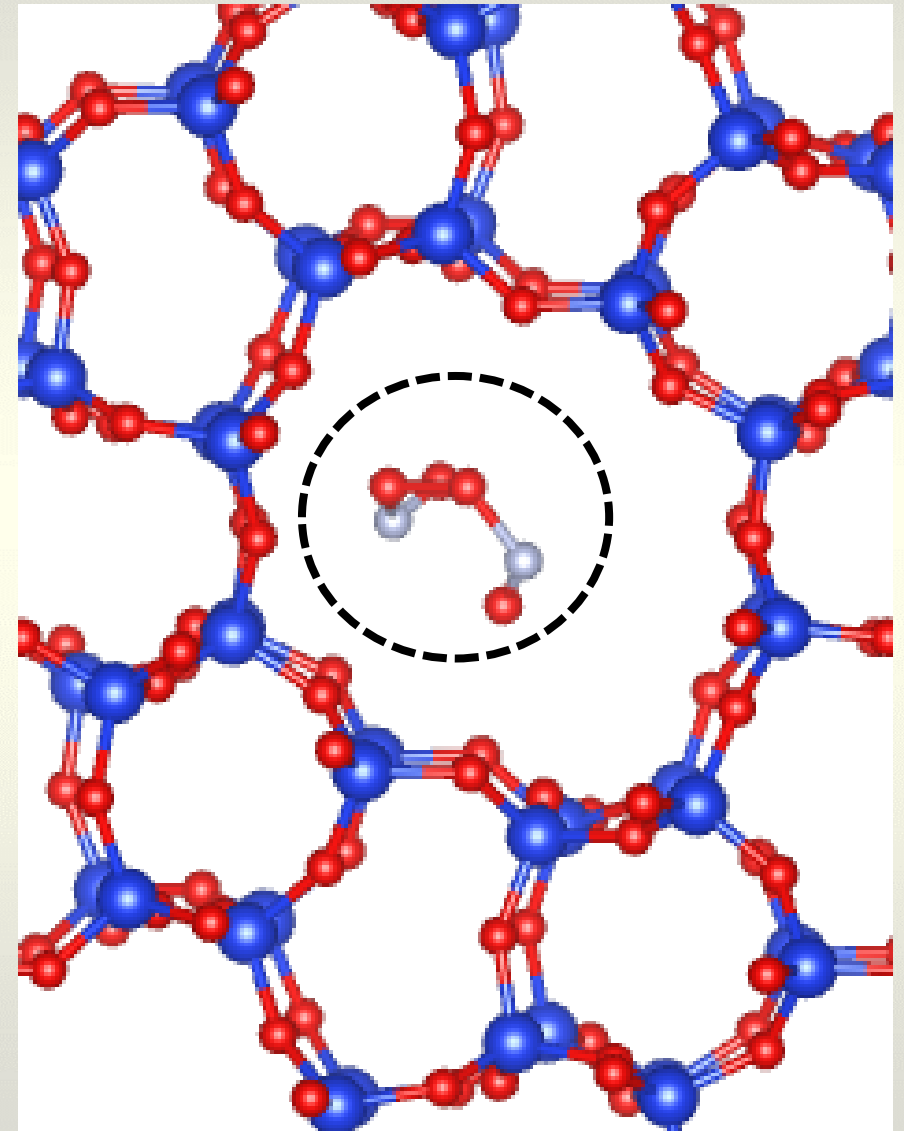
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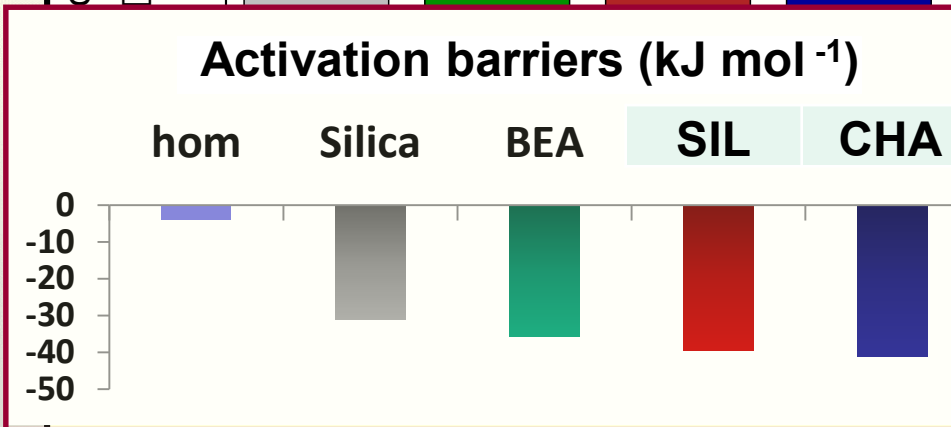
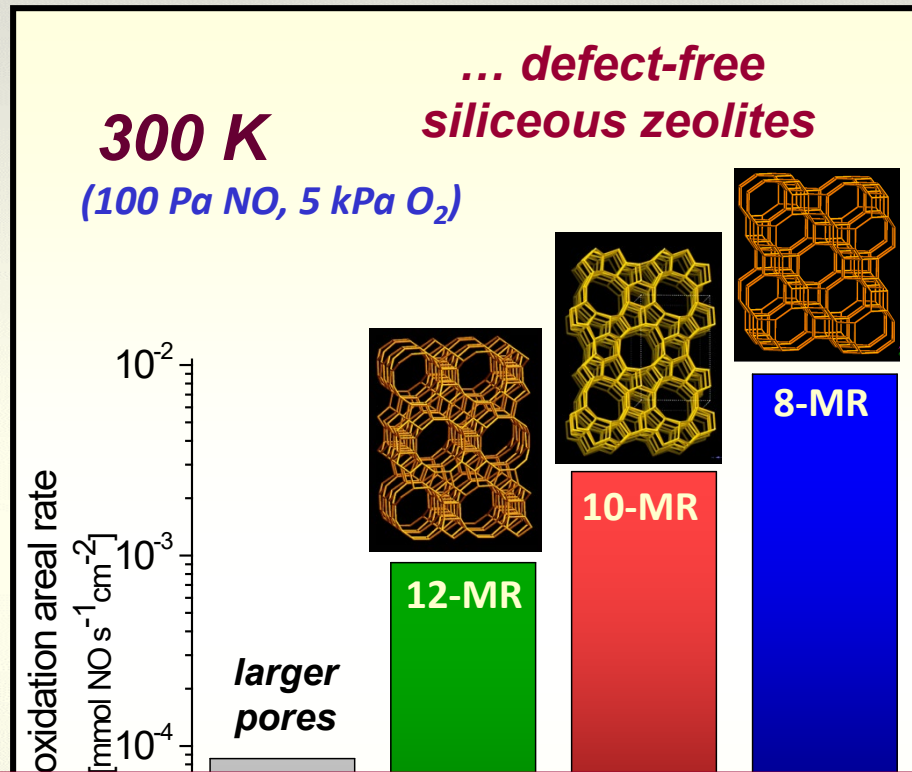
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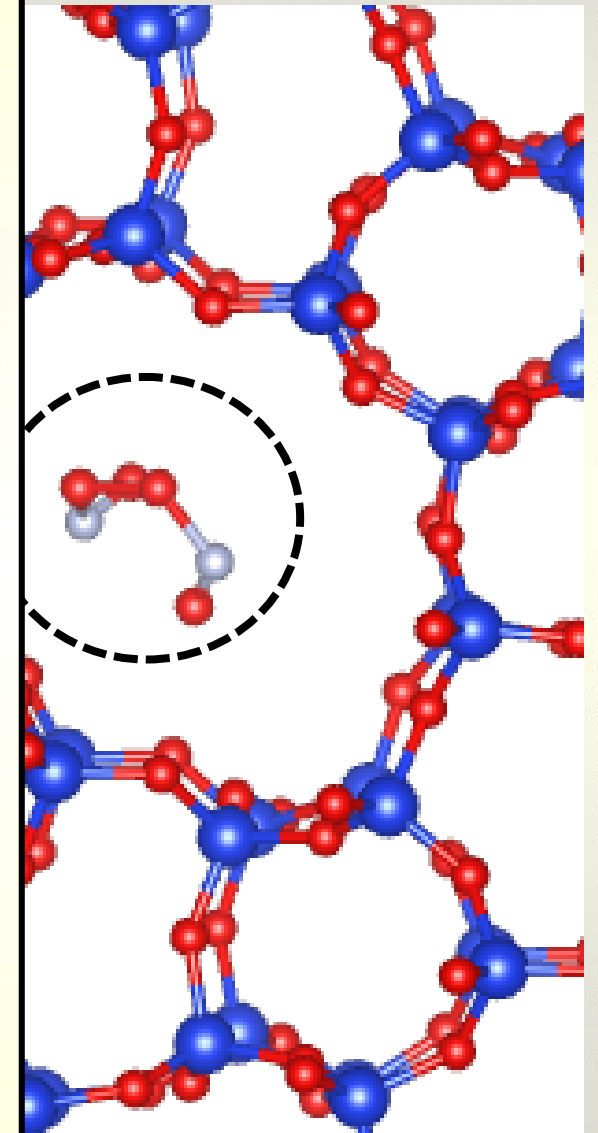
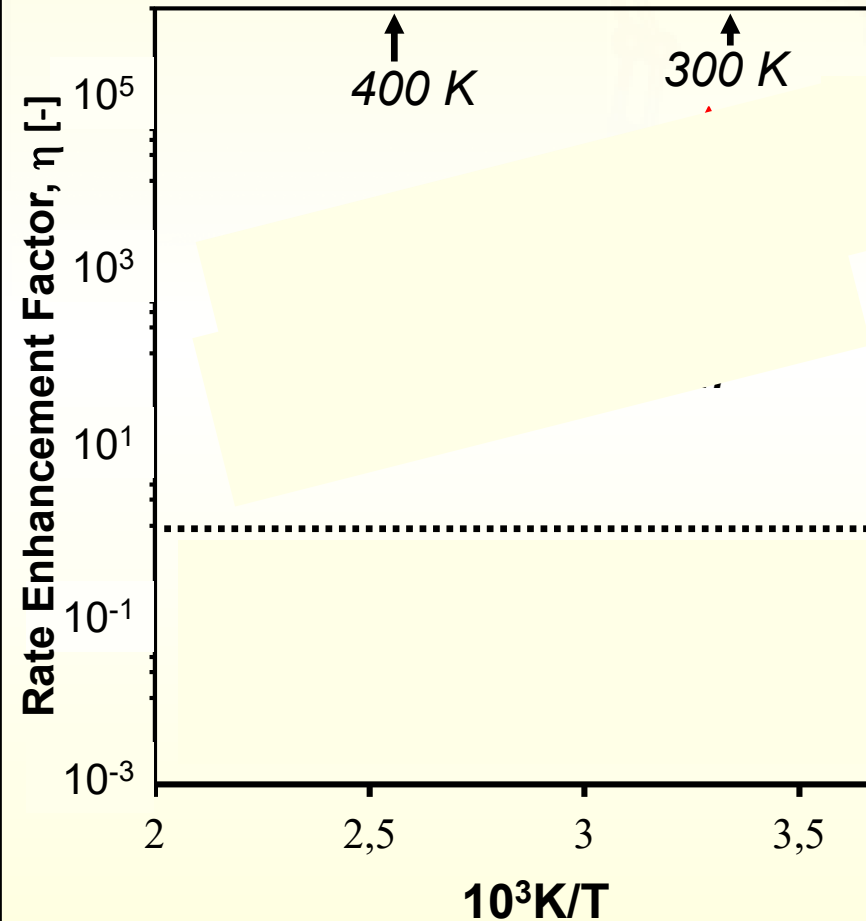


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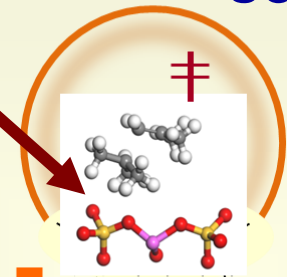
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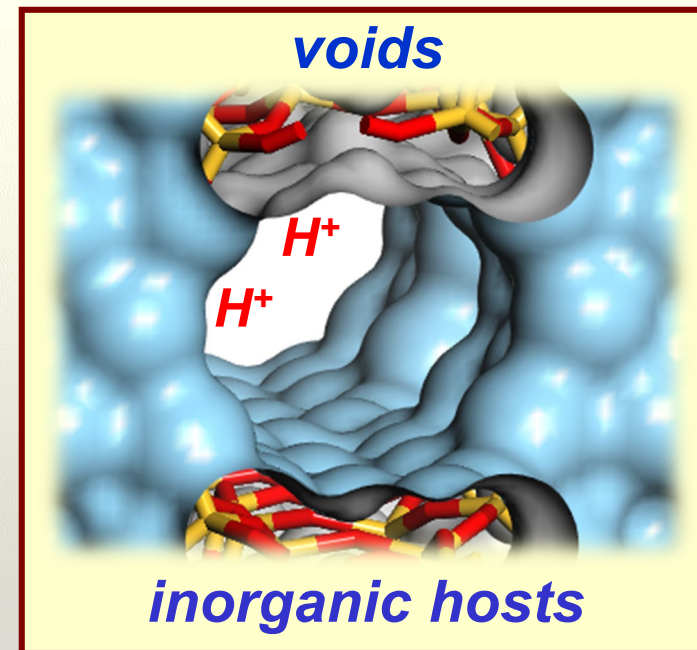
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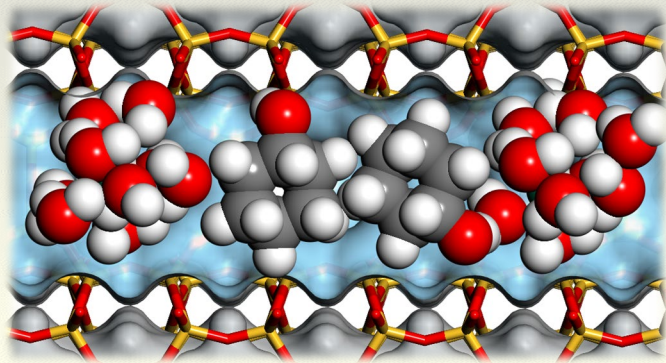
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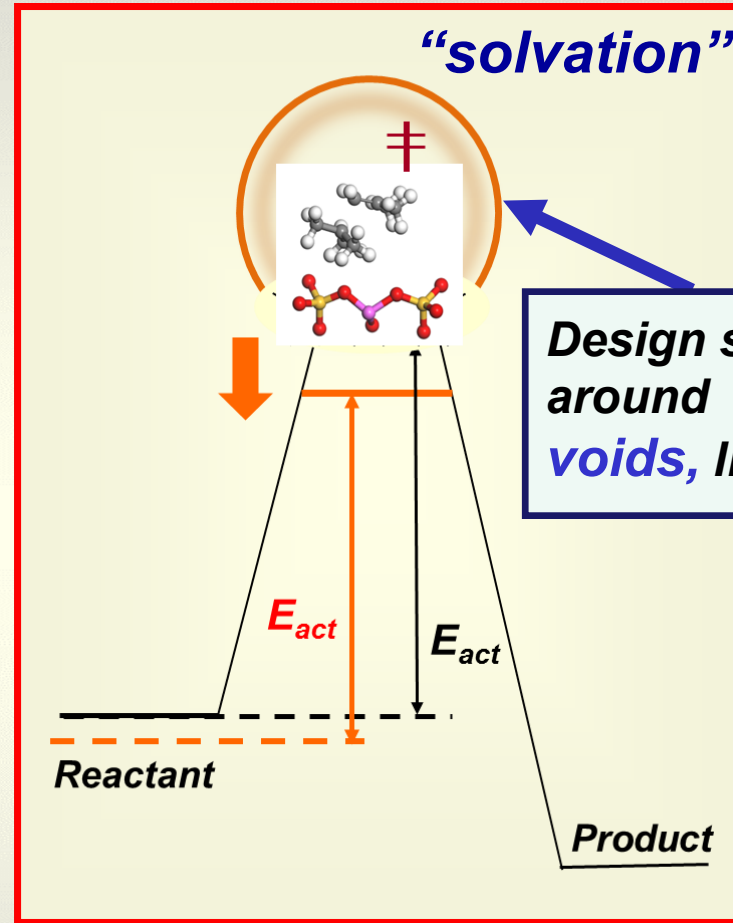


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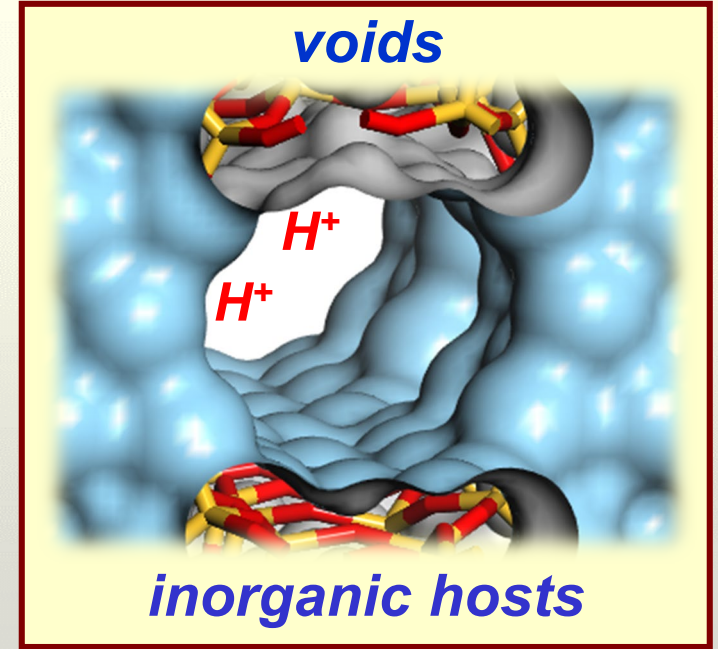


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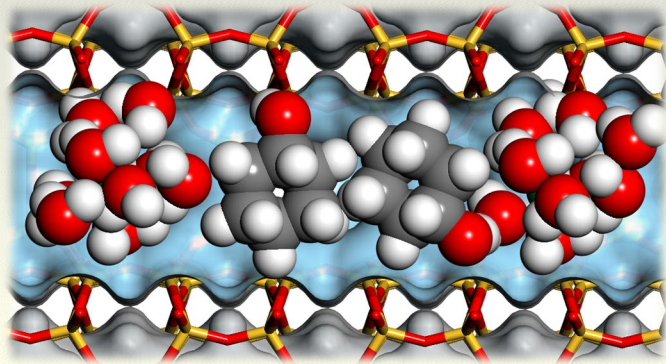


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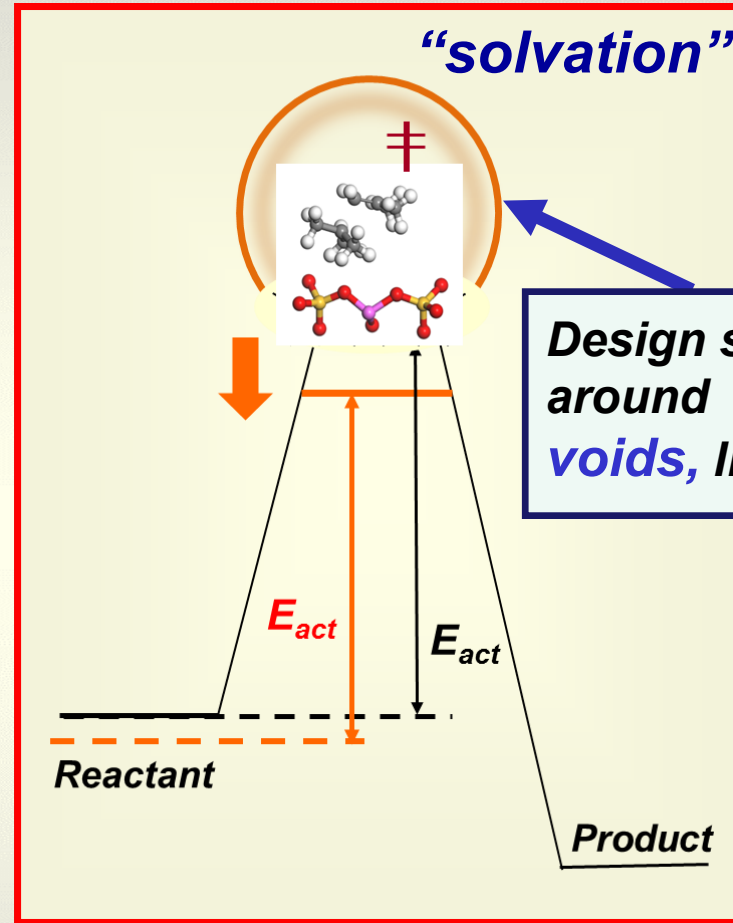
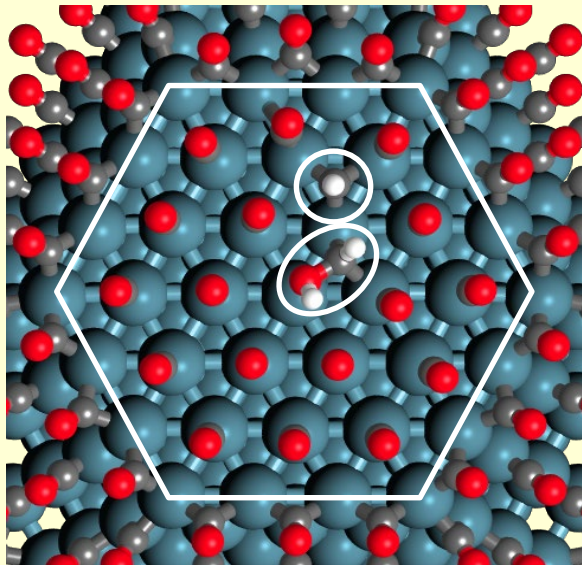
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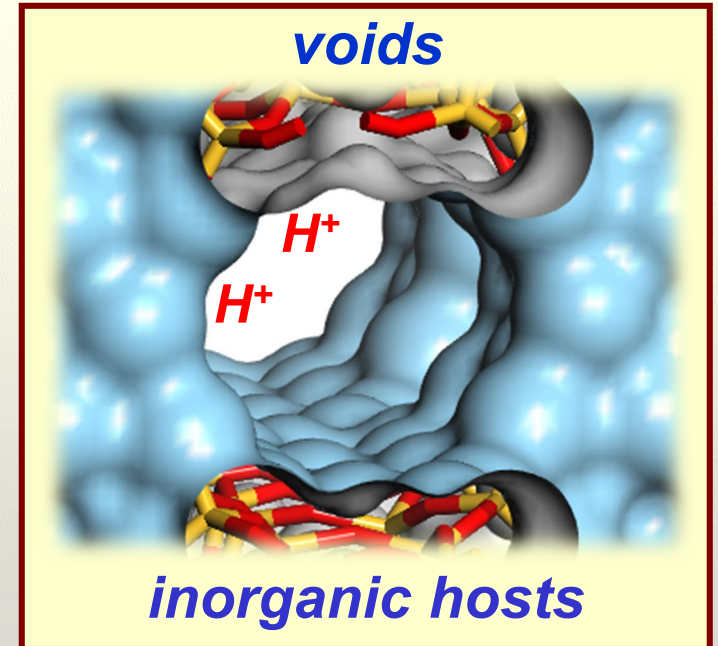
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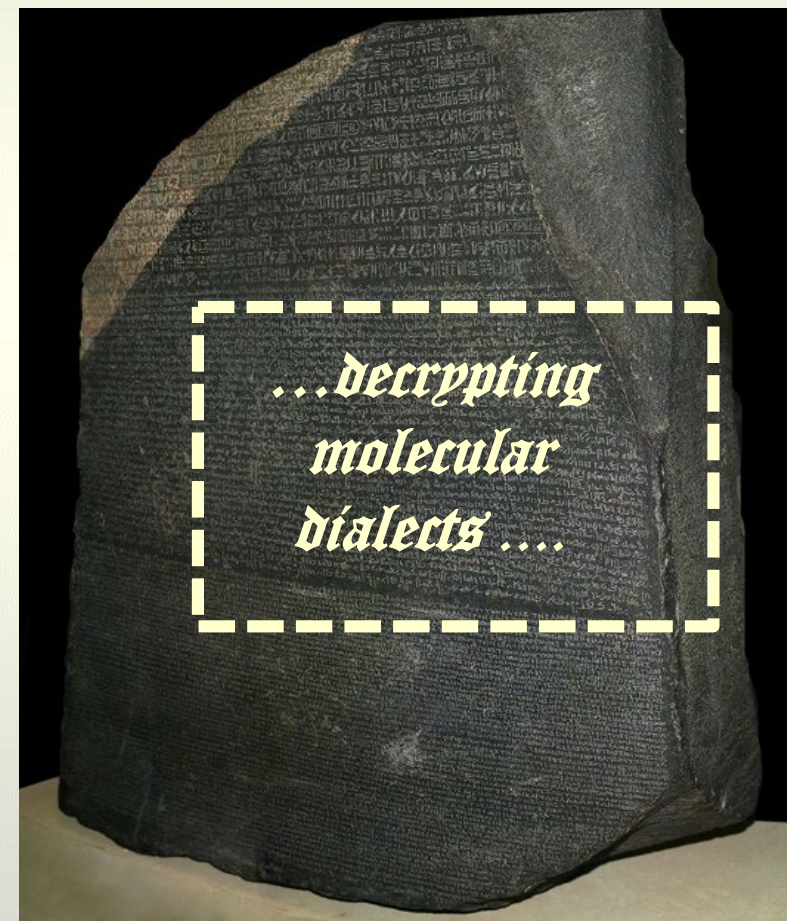
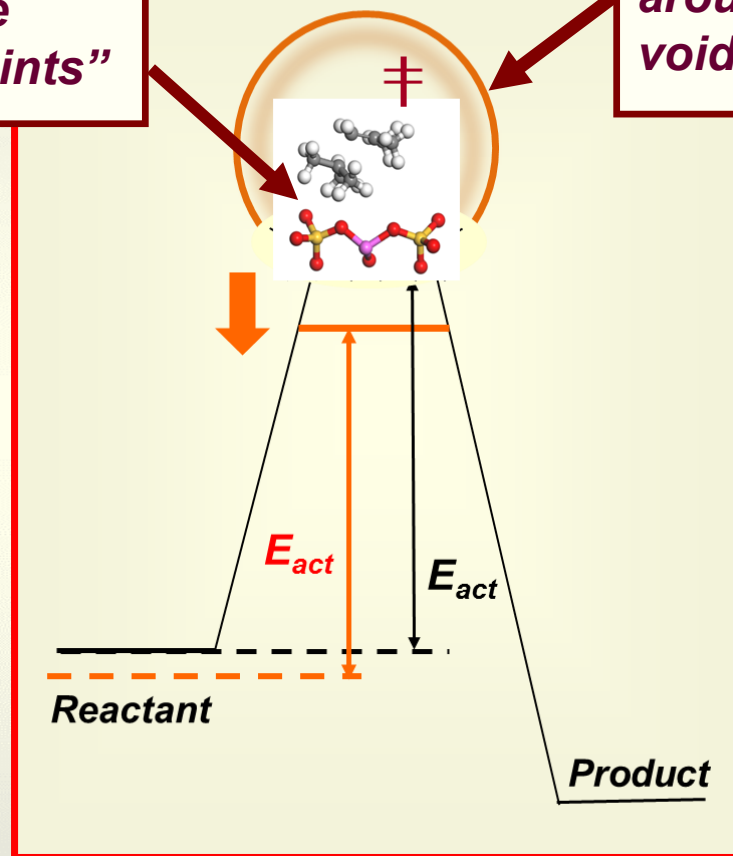
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Catalysis: Guiding molecules across energy landscapes and the tools that shape such landscapes

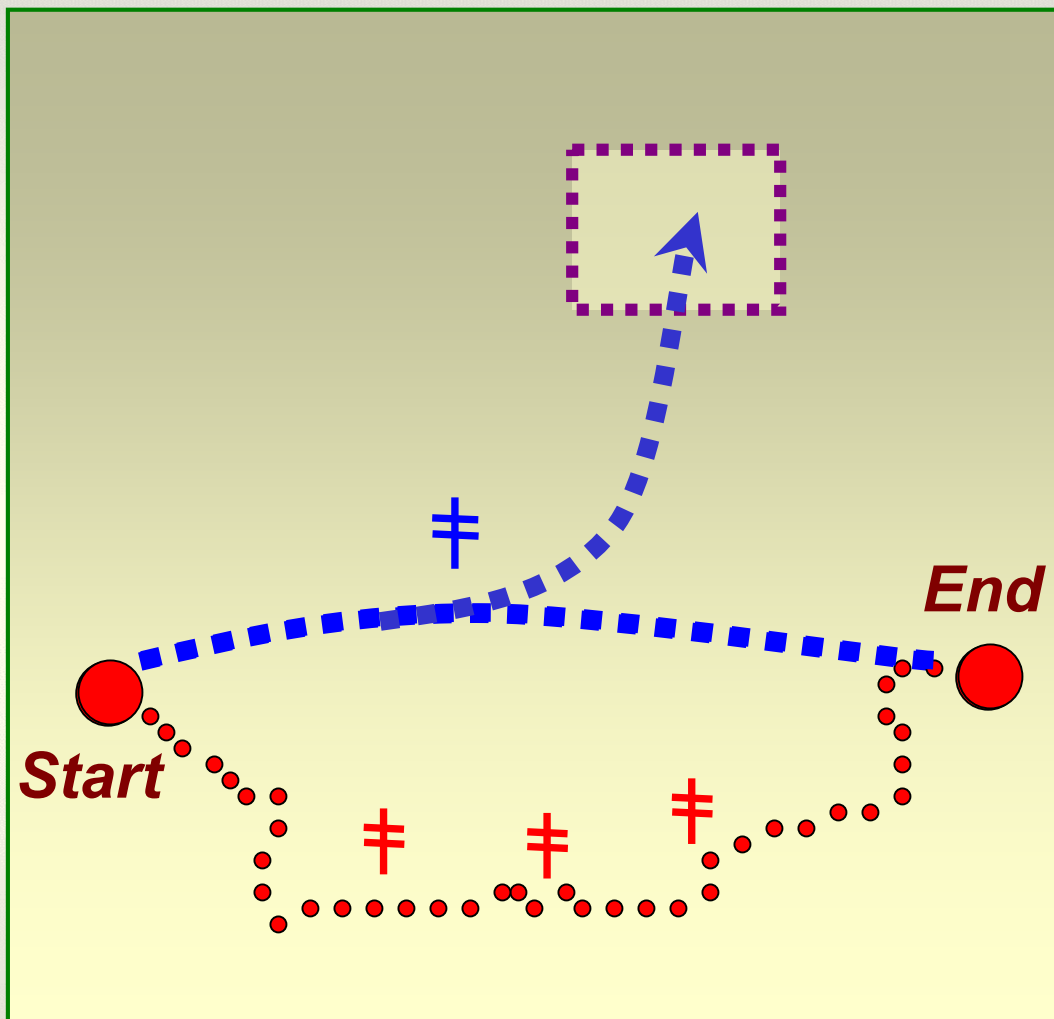
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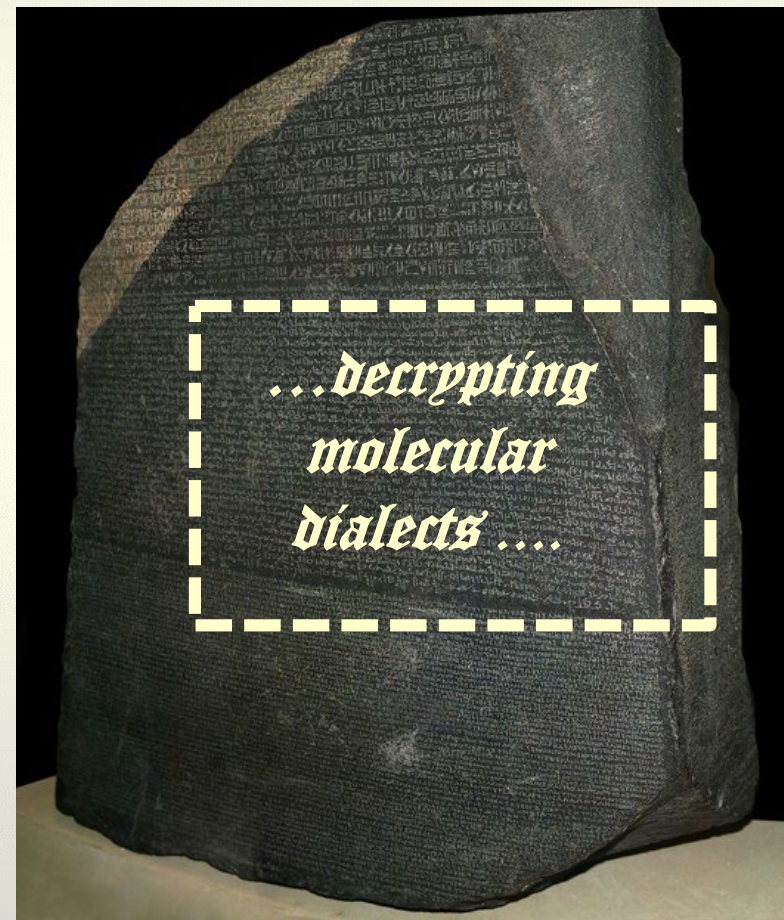


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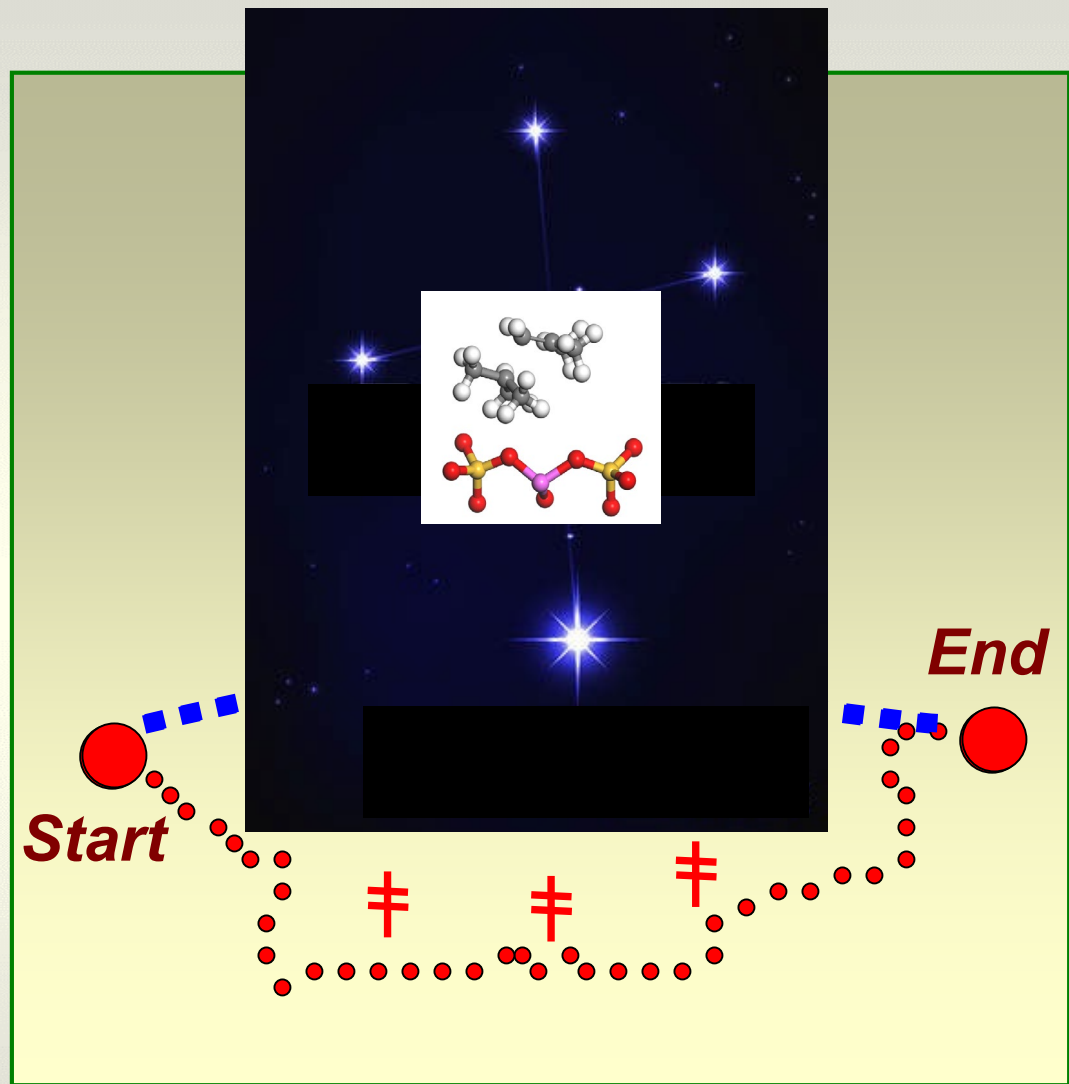
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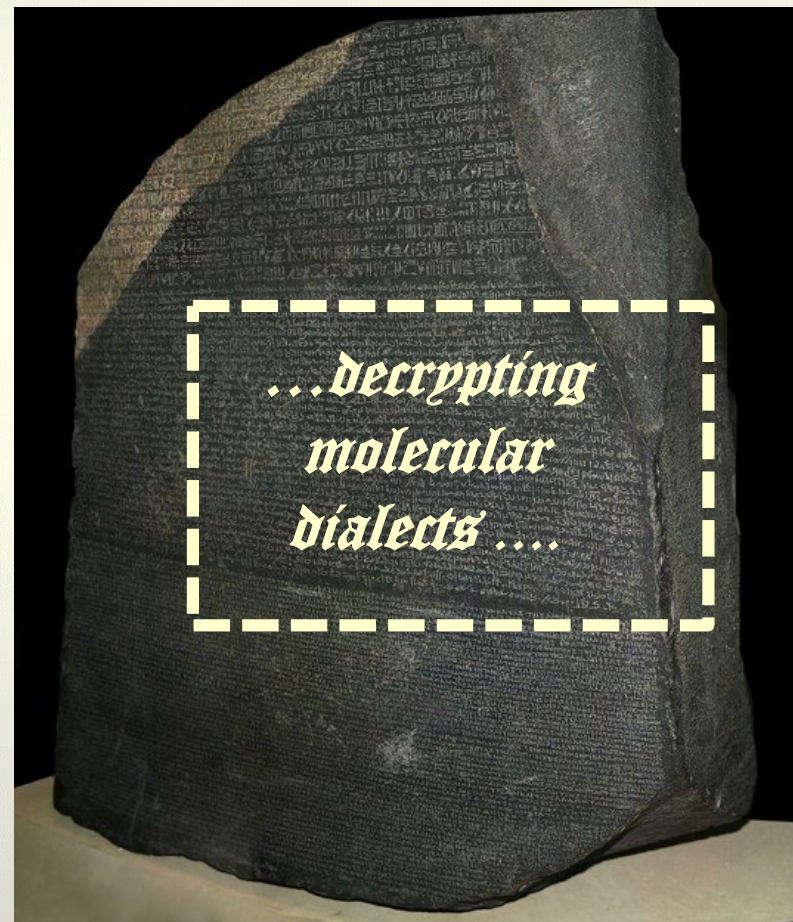
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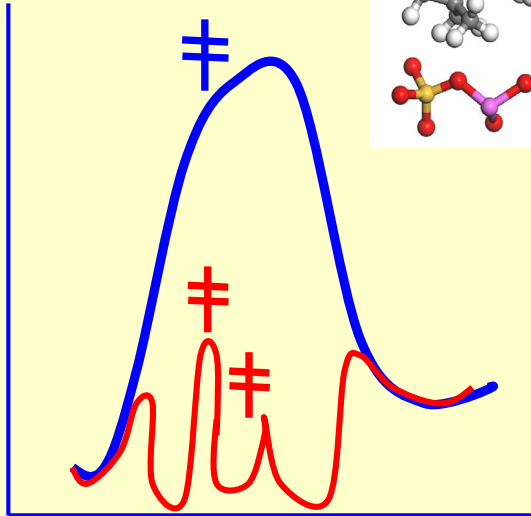


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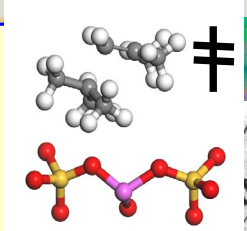


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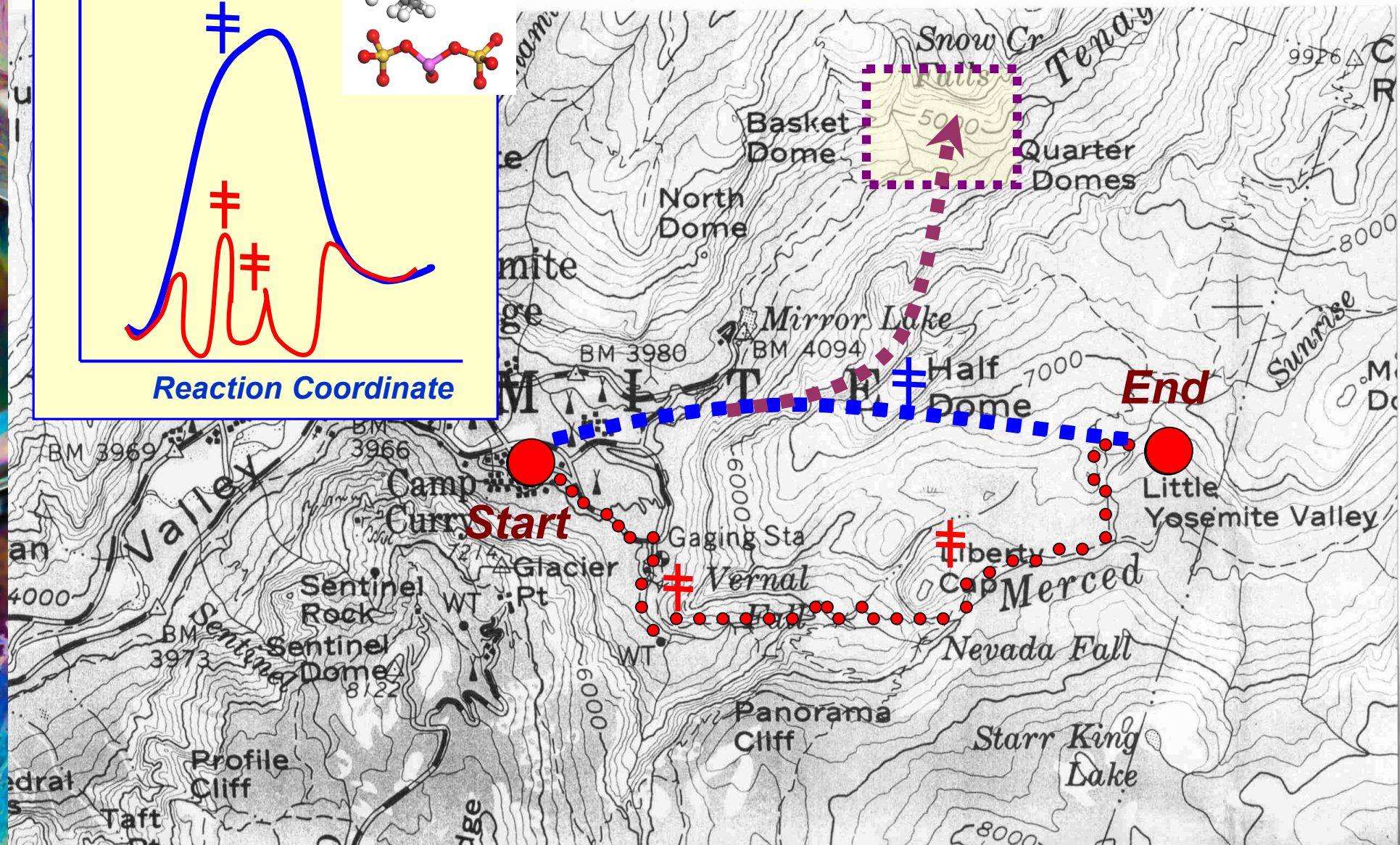
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