

# Towards Machine-driven Discovery of Organic Materials

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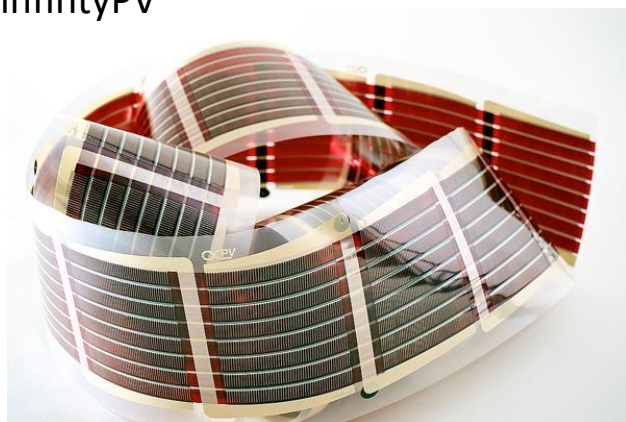


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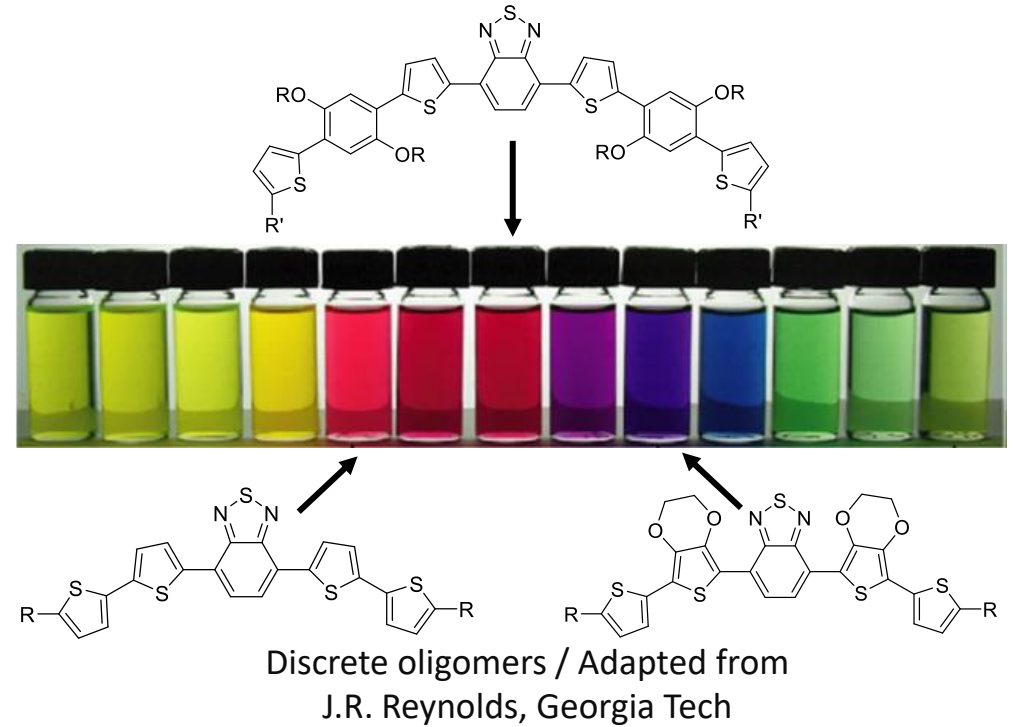
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LG

- Chemical versatility
  - The power of synthetic chemistry to control redox and optical properties
  
- Synthetic materials (not mined) that can be (current research) made from bio feedstocks and biodegradable



- Processability
  - Vacuum and solution (i.e., printing) deposition
  - Chemistry can be tuned to use different organic solvents and/or water
  
- Large-area coverage
  - Large-scale printing
  
- Light weight
  
- Mechanically flexible, stretchable, & soft

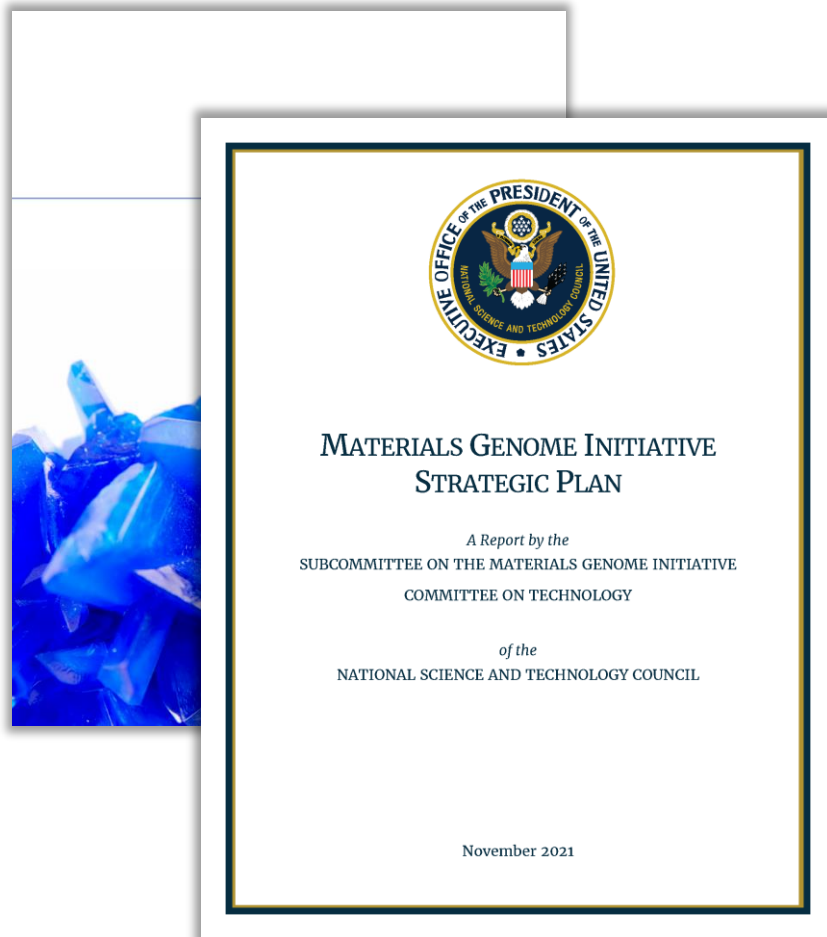


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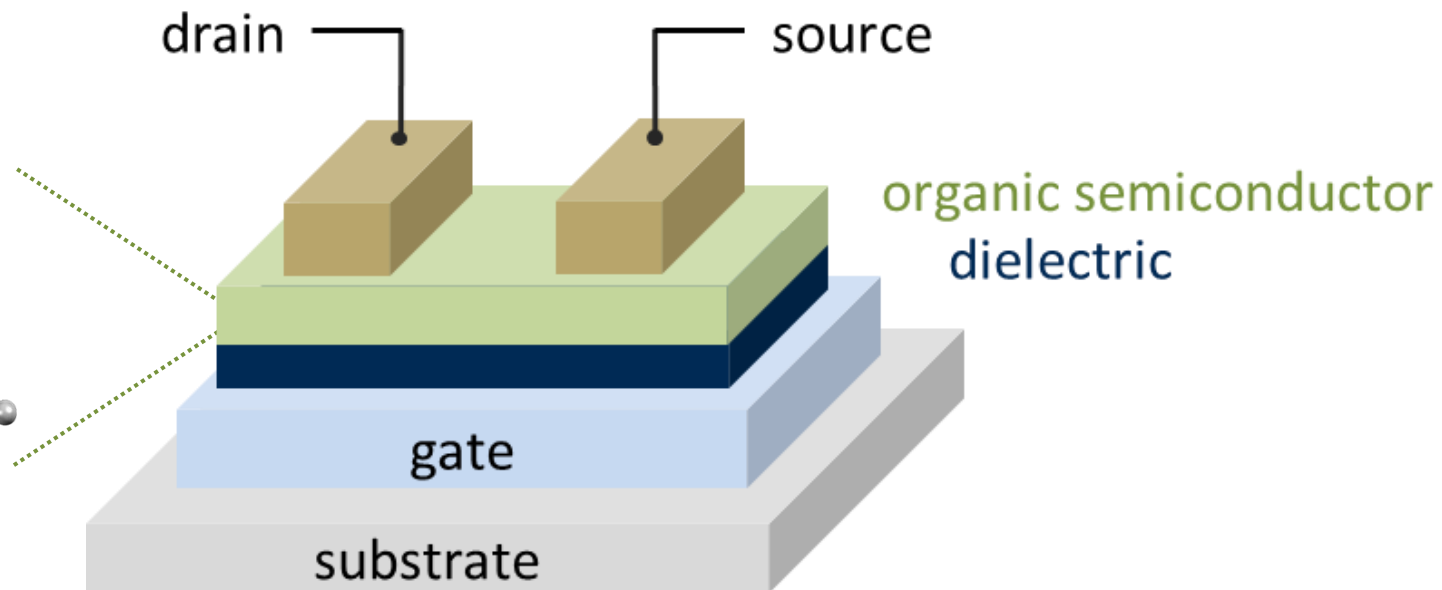
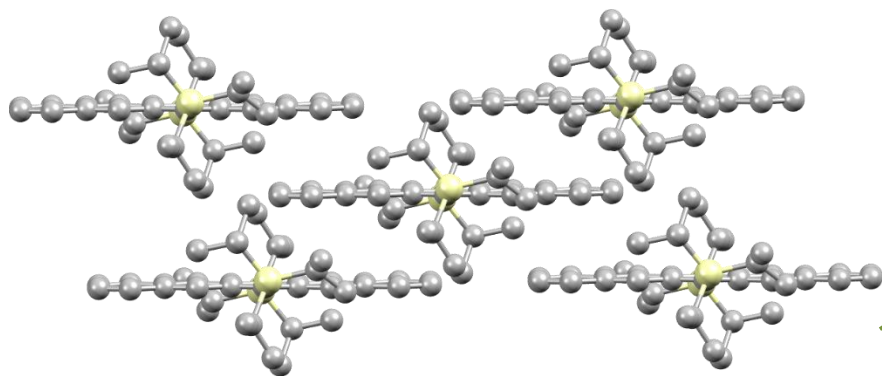
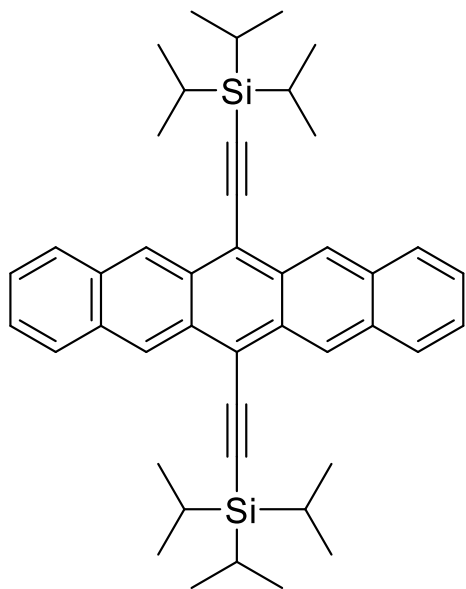


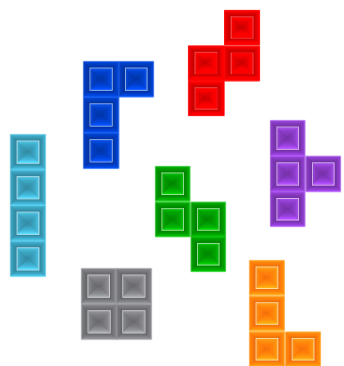
# Convergence of materials science, data science, and robotics



Launched in 2011 to accelerate the discovery, design, development, and deployment of new materials, at a fraction of the cost, by harnessing the power of data and computational tools in concert with experiment.

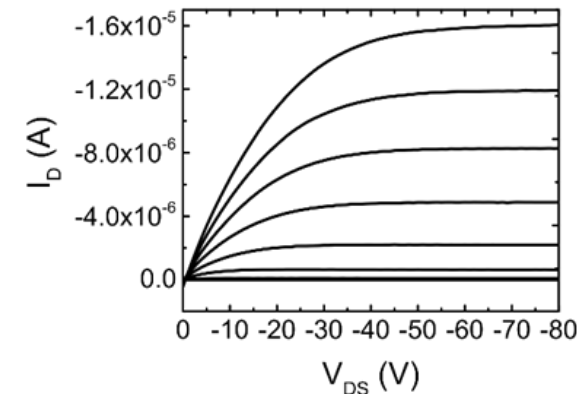
# Let's use the transistor as our application model





A vast chemical space of organic chromophores

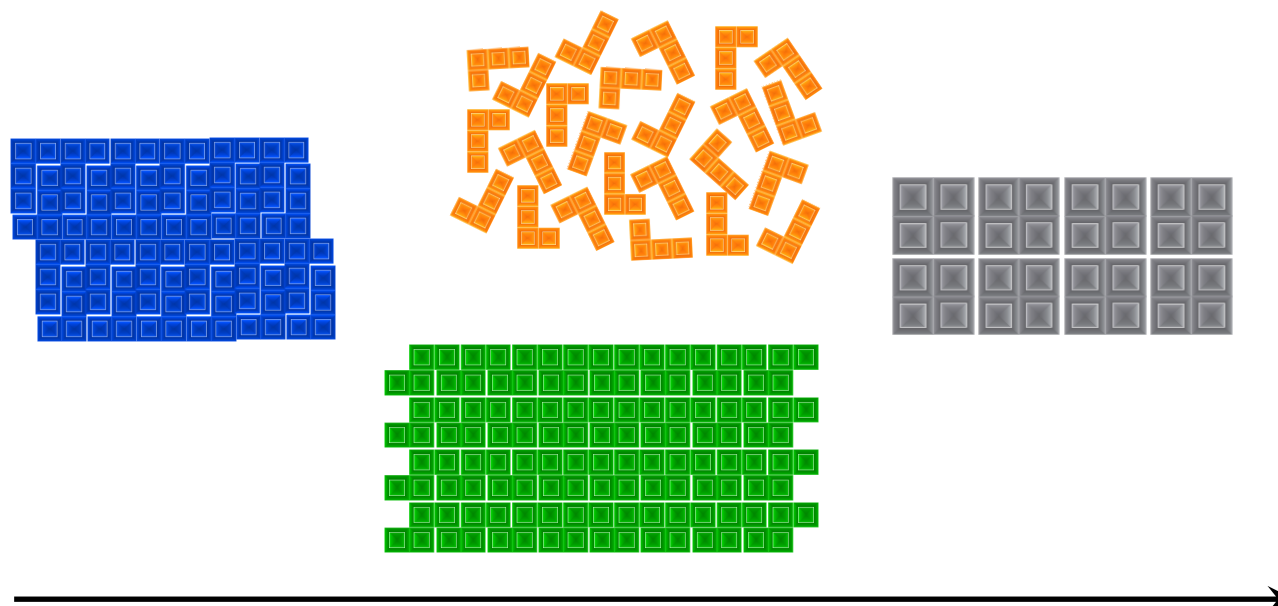
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**RESPONSE**

**STRUCTURE & SYNTHESIS  
PREDICTION**

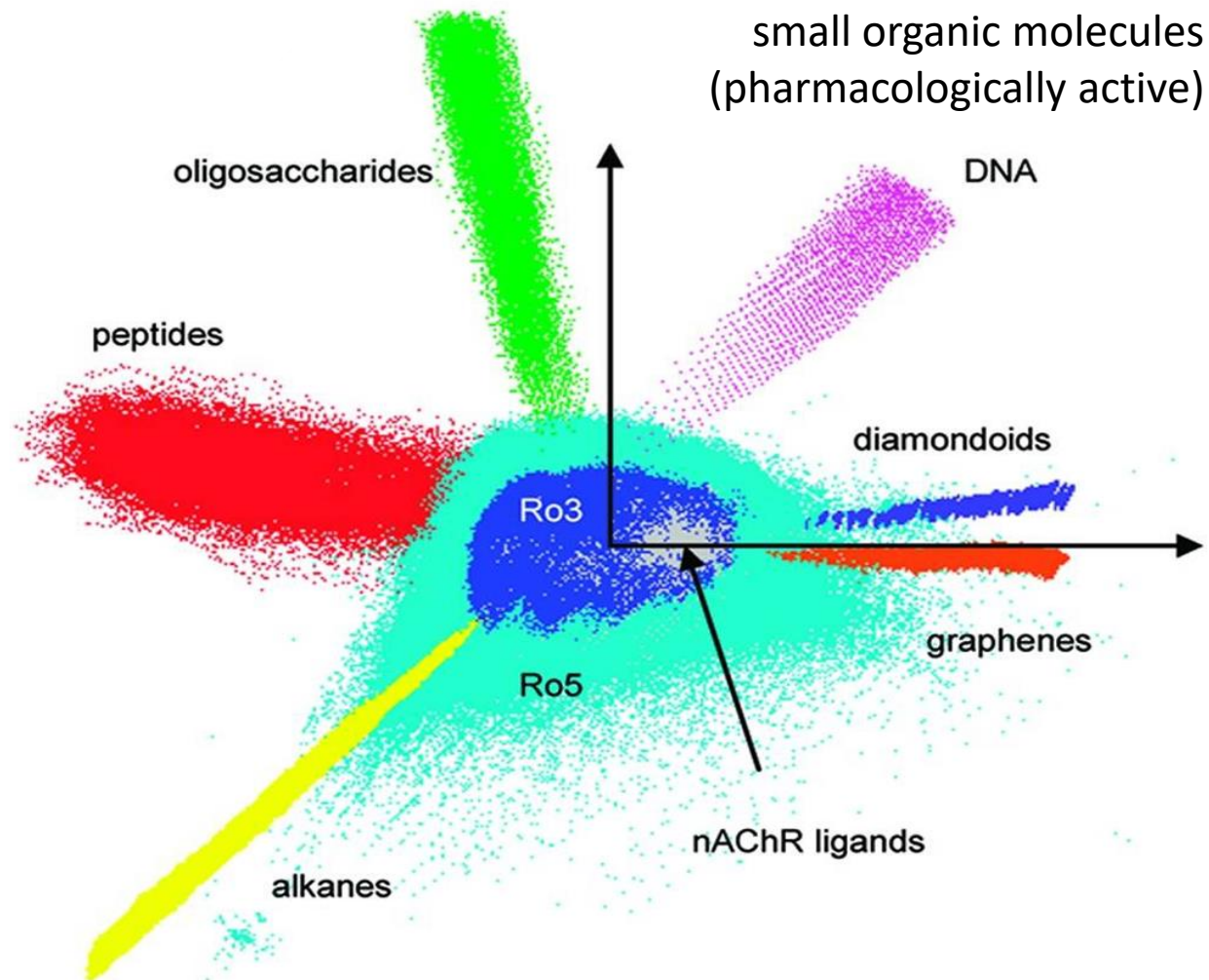


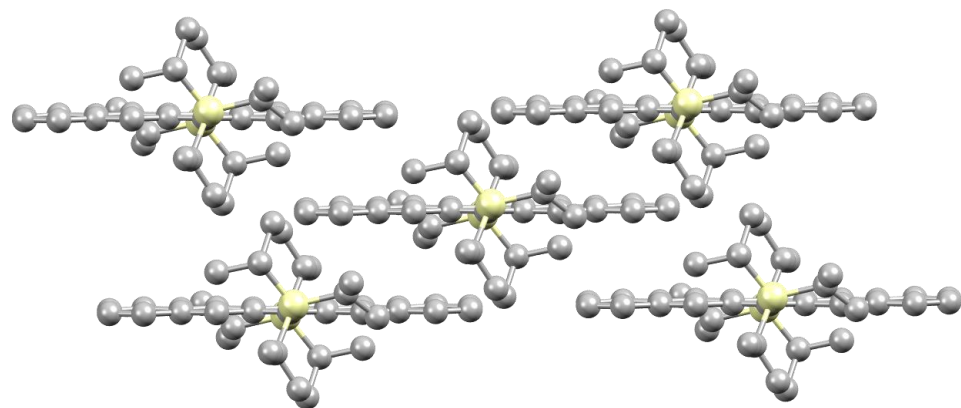
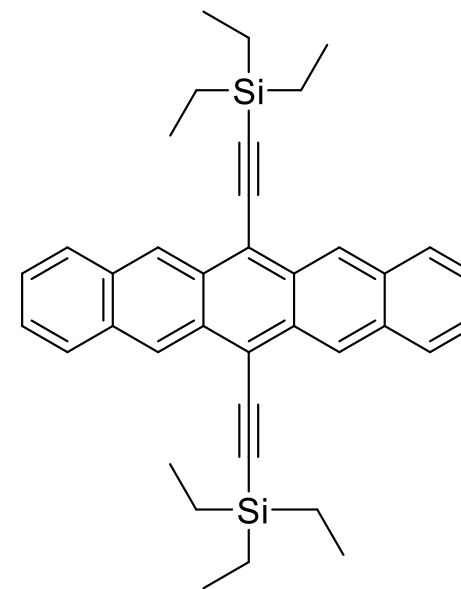
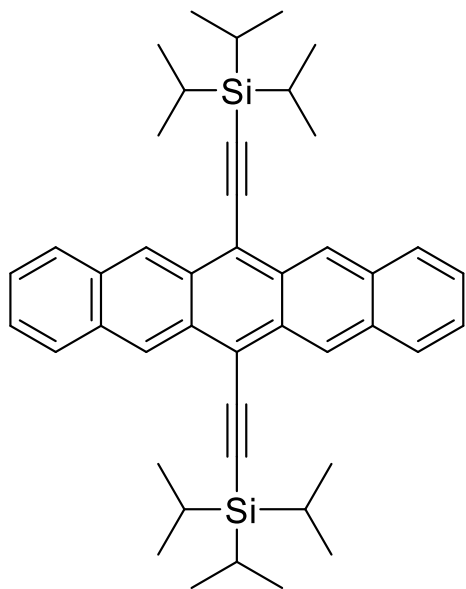
**PROPERTY  
PREDICTION**



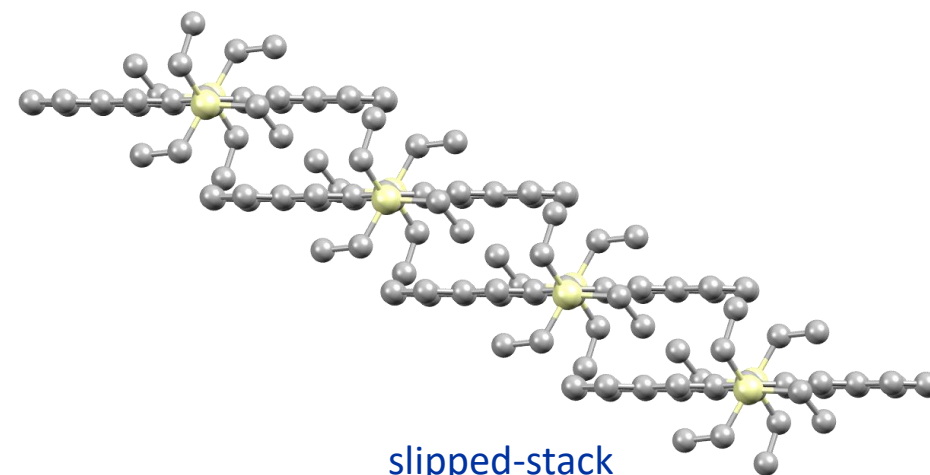
All things considered...chemical space is massive!

- $10^{18}$  grains of sand on Earth
- $10^{23}$  stars in the visible sky
- $10^{60}$  small organic molecules (pharmacologically active)





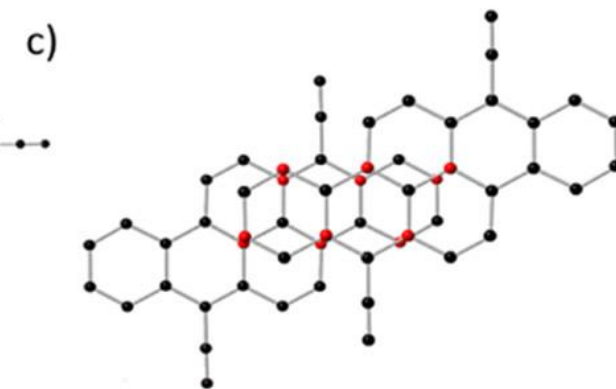
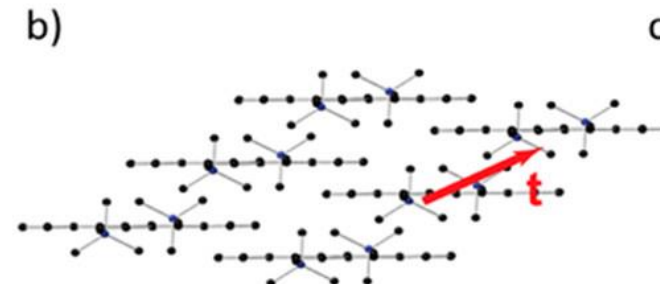
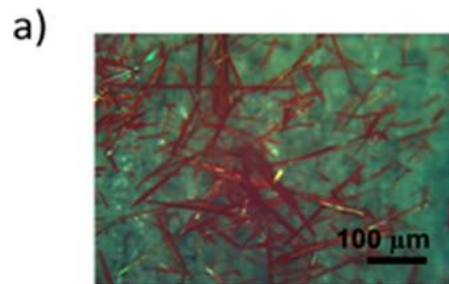
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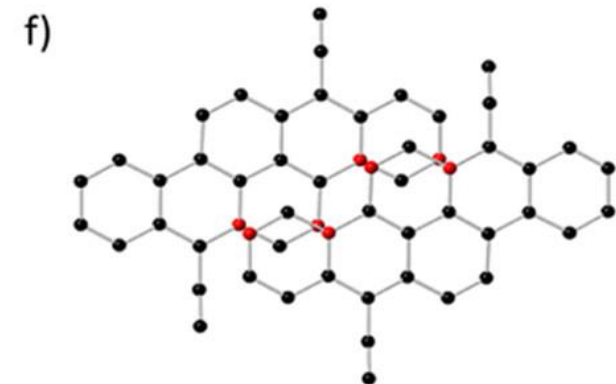
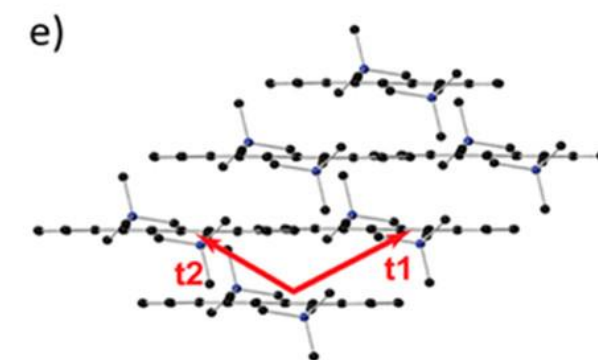
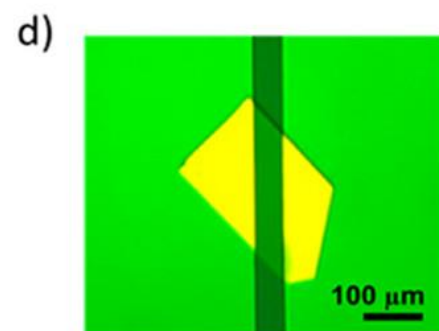
slipped-stack

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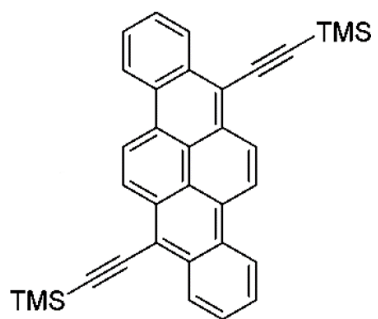
TMS-DBC LT (red needles)



TMS-DBC HT (yellow plates)

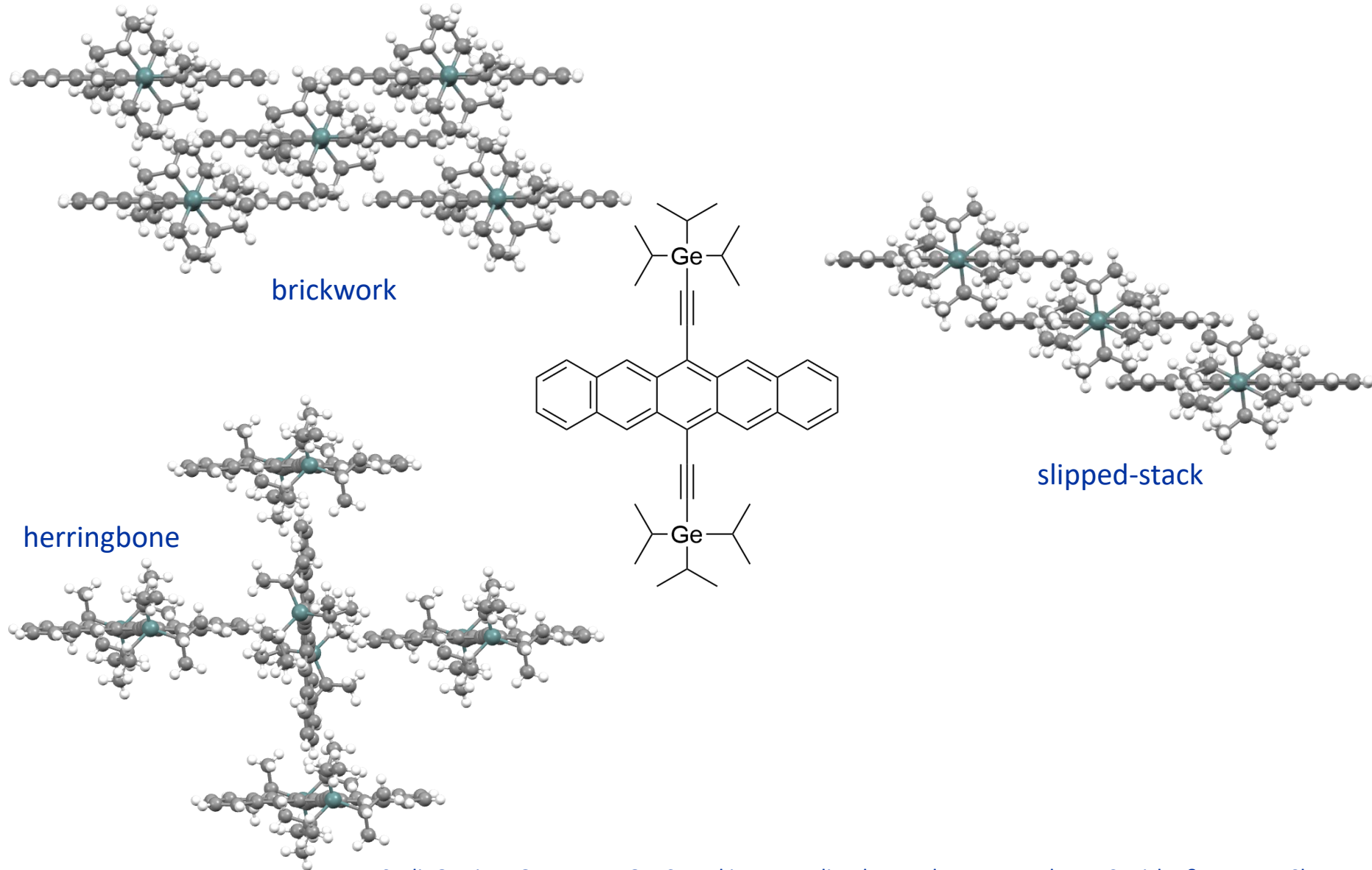


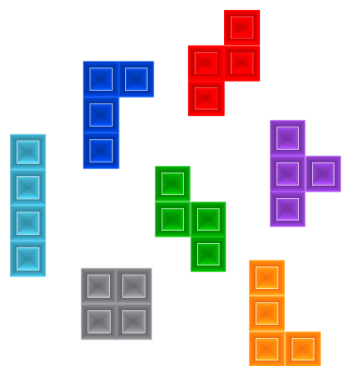
$$\mu_h = 2.1 \text{ cm}^2 \text{V}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$$



low T processing

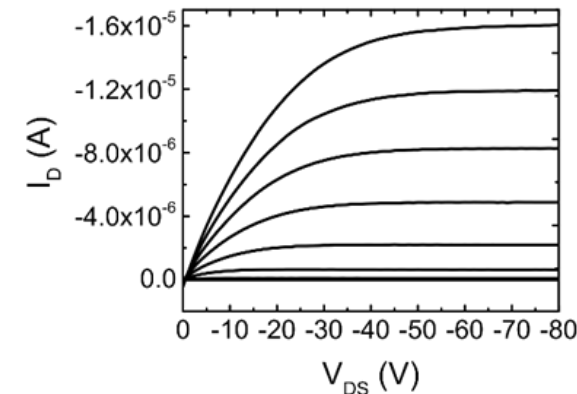
high T processing





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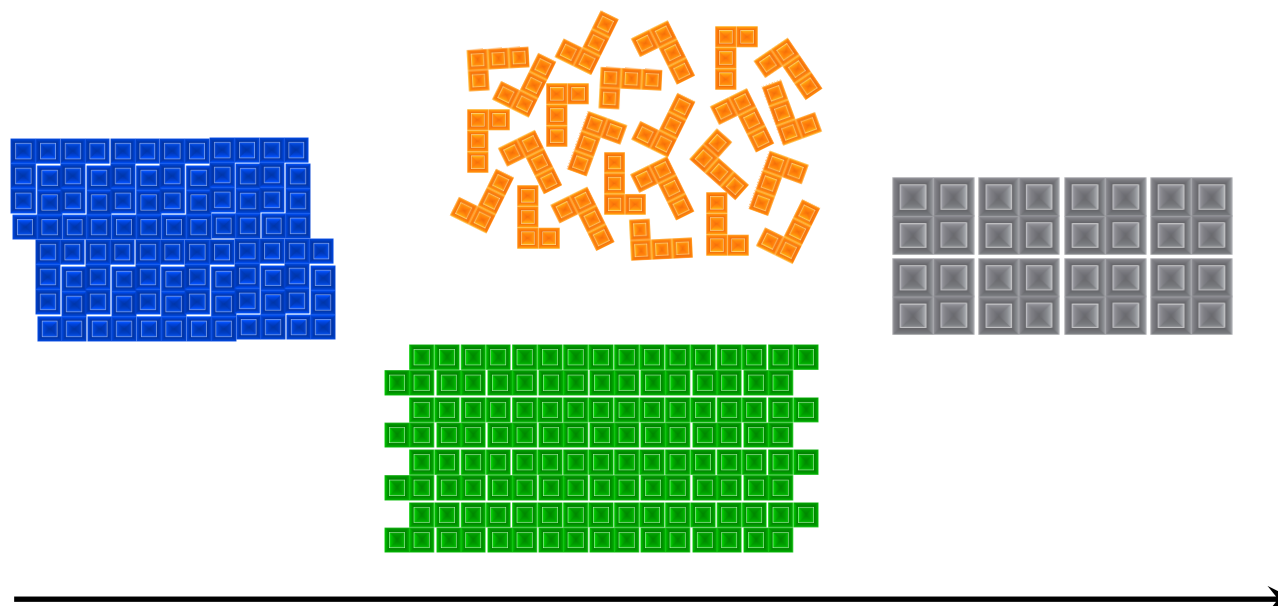
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Data is becoming ever more accessible...

Materials Project

AFLOW

NOMAD

Khazana

JARVIS-DFT

Open Quantum Materials Database

Materials Data Facility

do we have enough data?

do we have the “right” data?

can we automate synthesis & characterization?

how do we develop & deploy (semi)autonomous discovery?

...and for organic semiconductors...

Organic Materials Database

electronic and magnetic properties of organic and organometallic materials

Organic Crystal Structure and Electronic Properties Database

electronic bandgaps, band dispersions, and molecular orbital energy gaps





# Organic Crystals in Electronic and Light Oriented Technologies (OCELOT)

## Open Access infrastructure



[oscar.as.uky.edu](http://oscar.as.uky.edu)



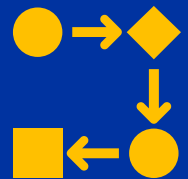
*56k crystals*

*47k molecules*

*38k  $\pi$ -conjugated chromophores*



A Python tool kit for data analysis



High-throughput computational workflows

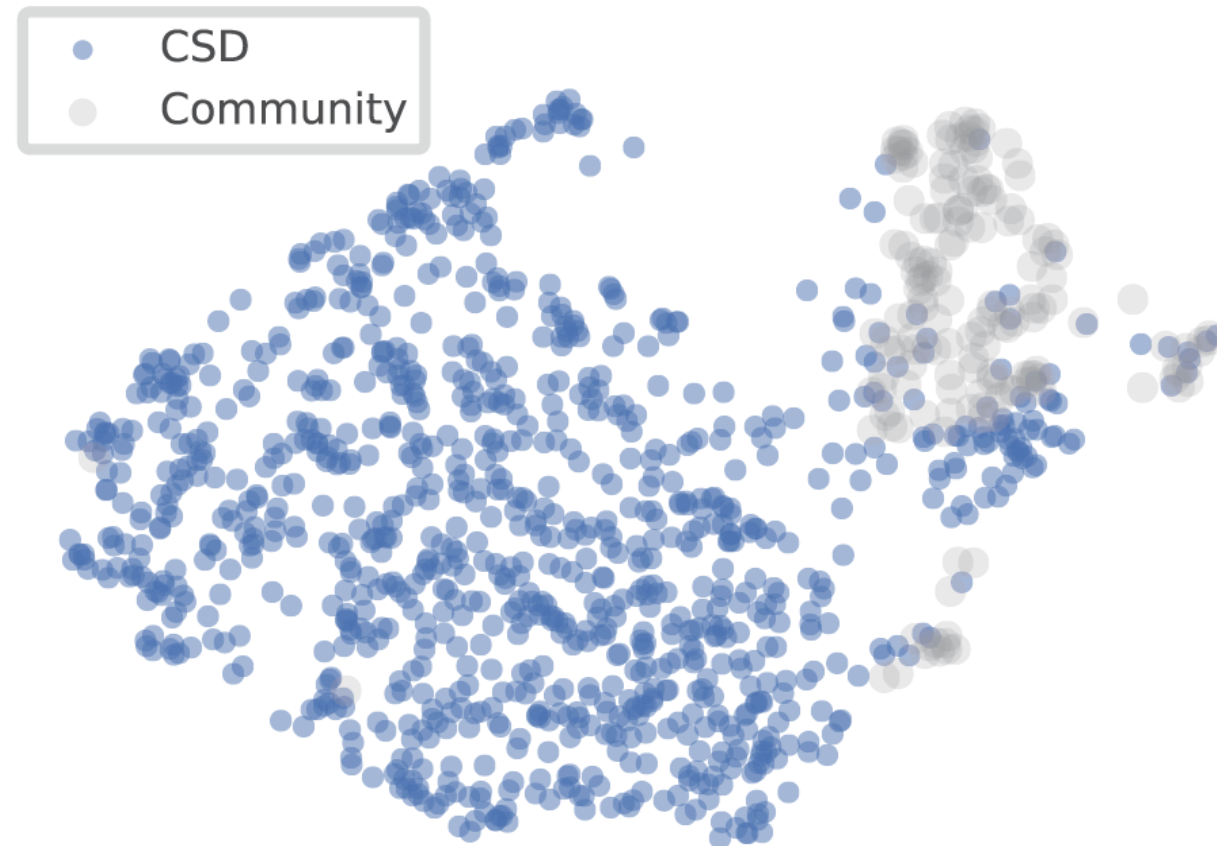


User-friendly web user interface

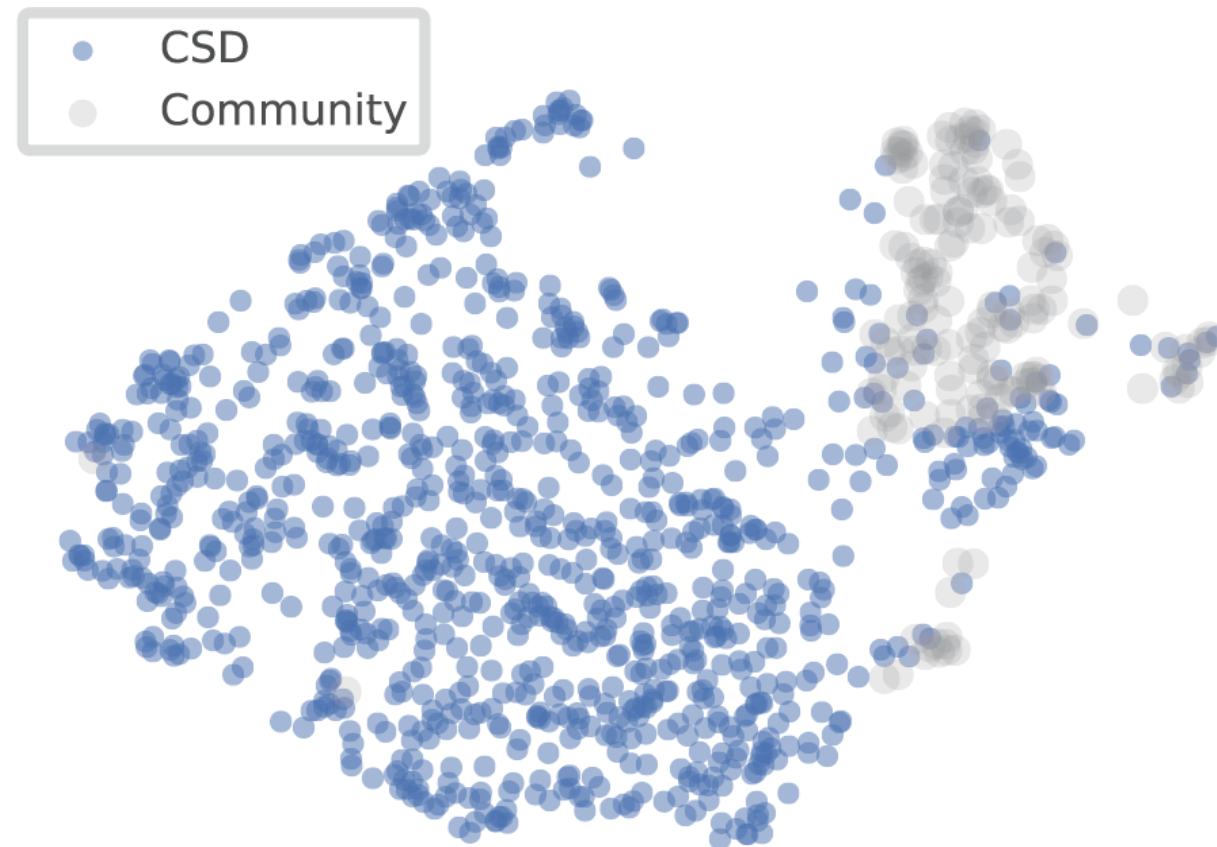
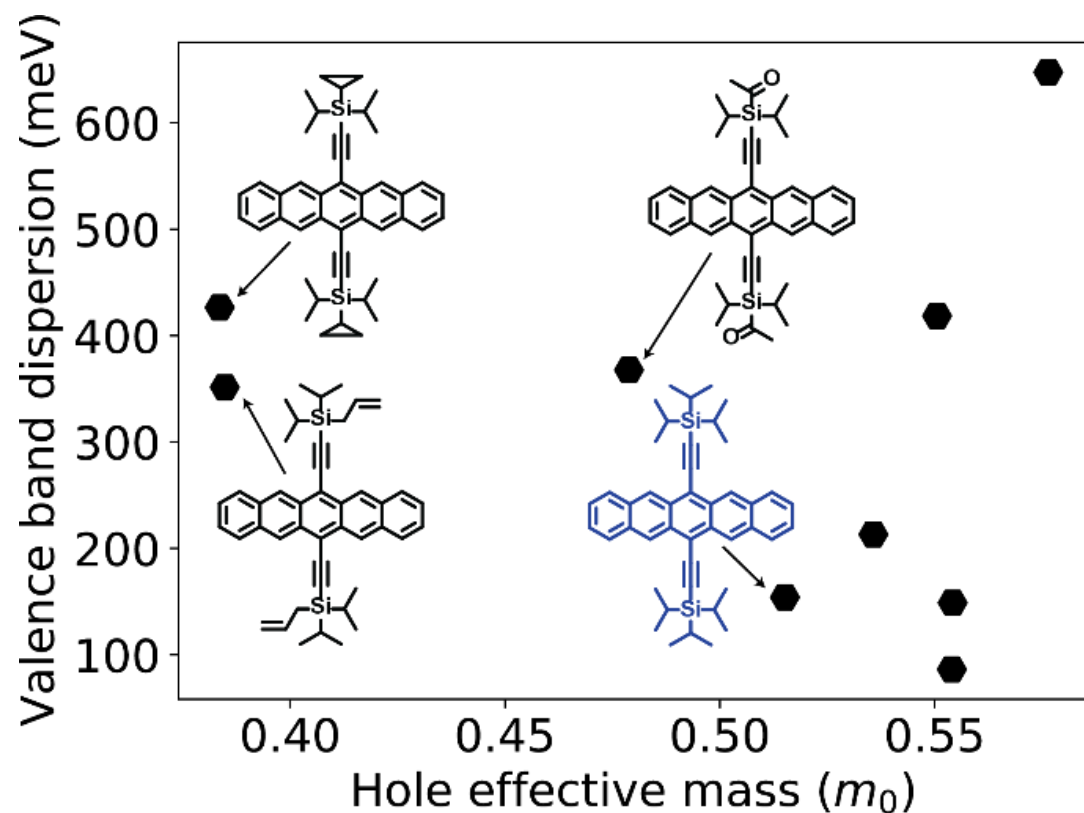


Access to machine learning predictions

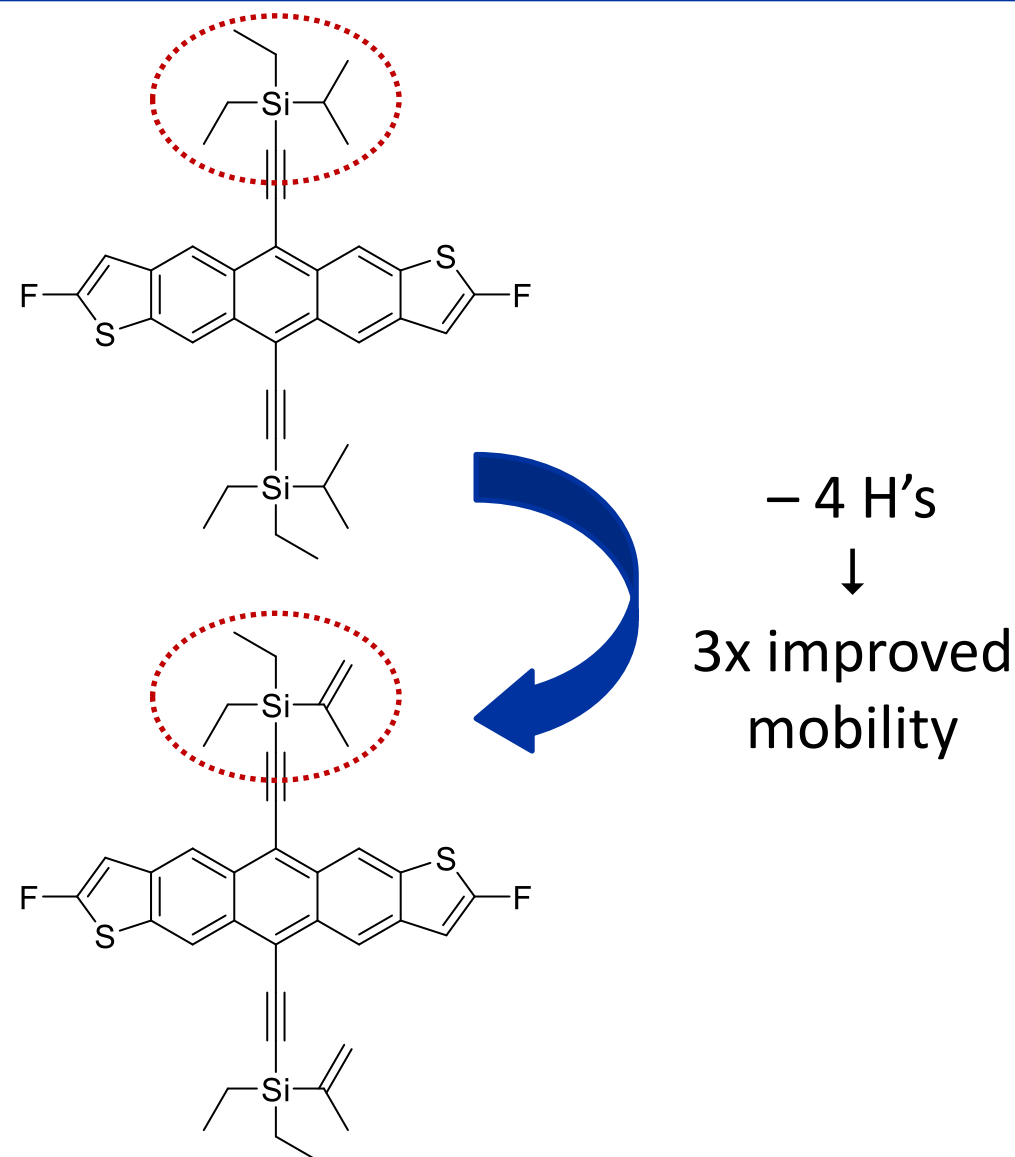
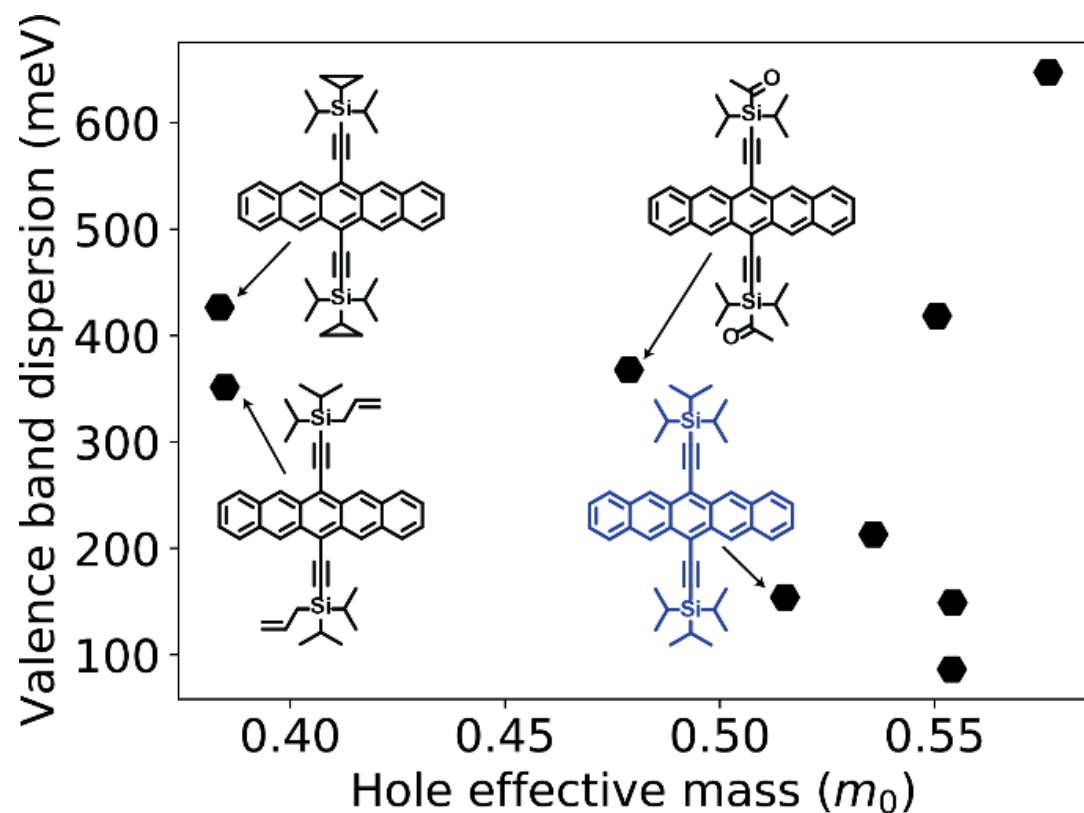
- OCELOT contains structures not reported elsewhere – ‘dark’ or missing structures from the literature



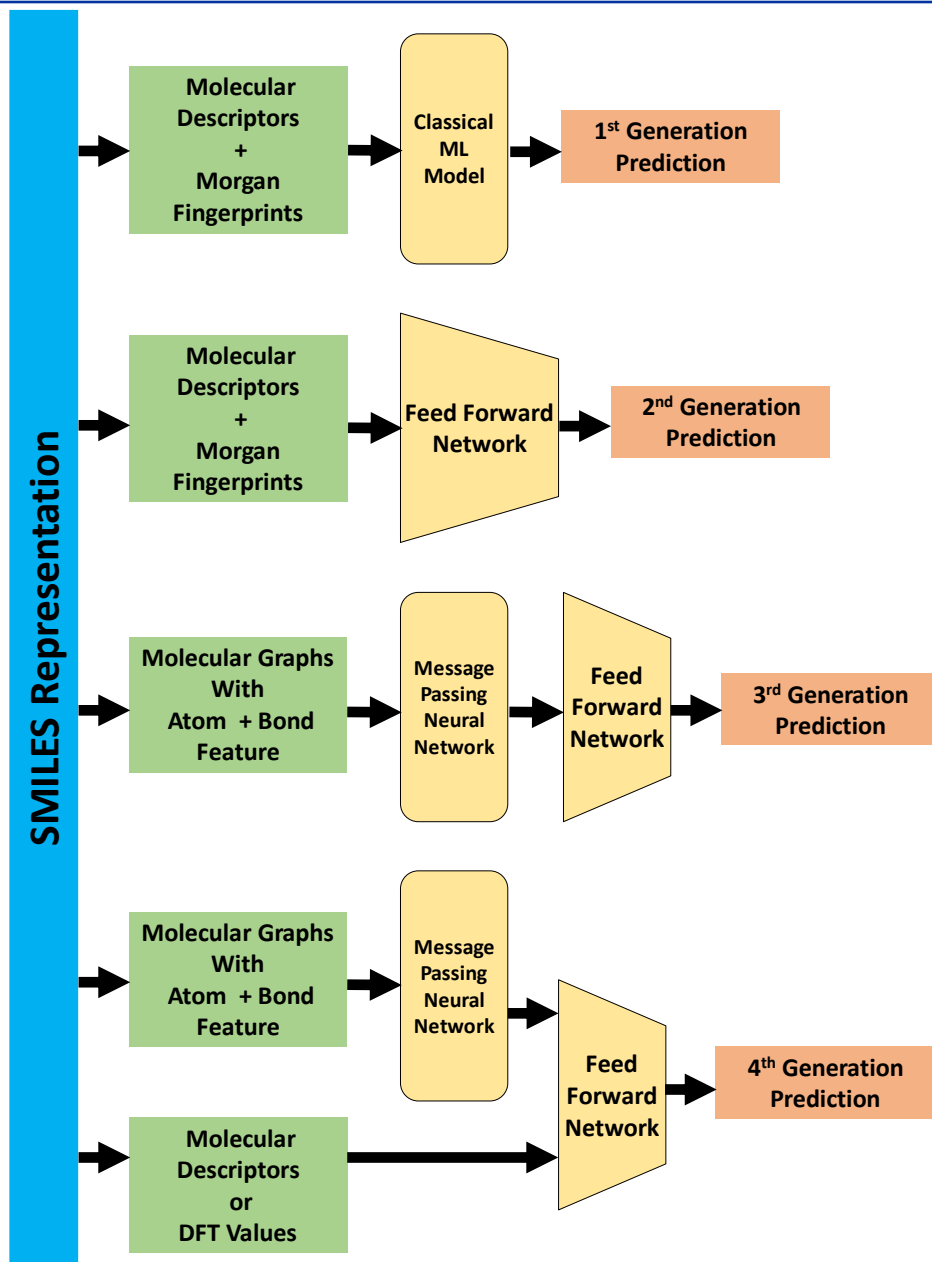
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# Let's predict molecular & materials properties



- Challenges that need to be overcome:
  - Computing DFT-based electronic properties is time consuming
  - Recently published models are trained on datasets with ~25 atoms or rather niche chemical space
- Properties modeled:
  - Vertical (VIE) and adiabatic (AIE) ionization energies
  - Vertical (VEA) and adiabatic (AEA) electron affinities
  - Cation (CR) and anion (AR) relaxation energies
  - HOMO energies (HOMO), LUMO energies (LUMO)
  - HOMO-LUMO energy gaps (H-L)
  - Electron (ER) and hole (HR) reorganization energies
  - Lowest-lying singlet (S0S1) and triplet (S0T1) excitation energies



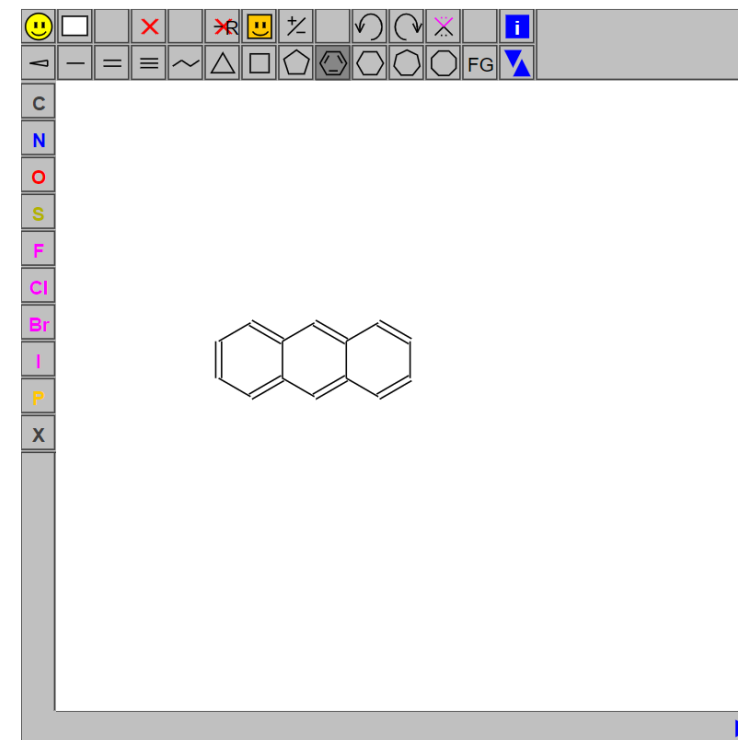
- OCELOT ML provides the infrastructure to make the models publicly accessible
- Currently, molecular predictions with SMILES input is supported
- Best models from our training are available



**OCELOT ML**



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Select property to predict

Adiabatic Ionization Energy (R2 = 0.87; MAE = 0.16)

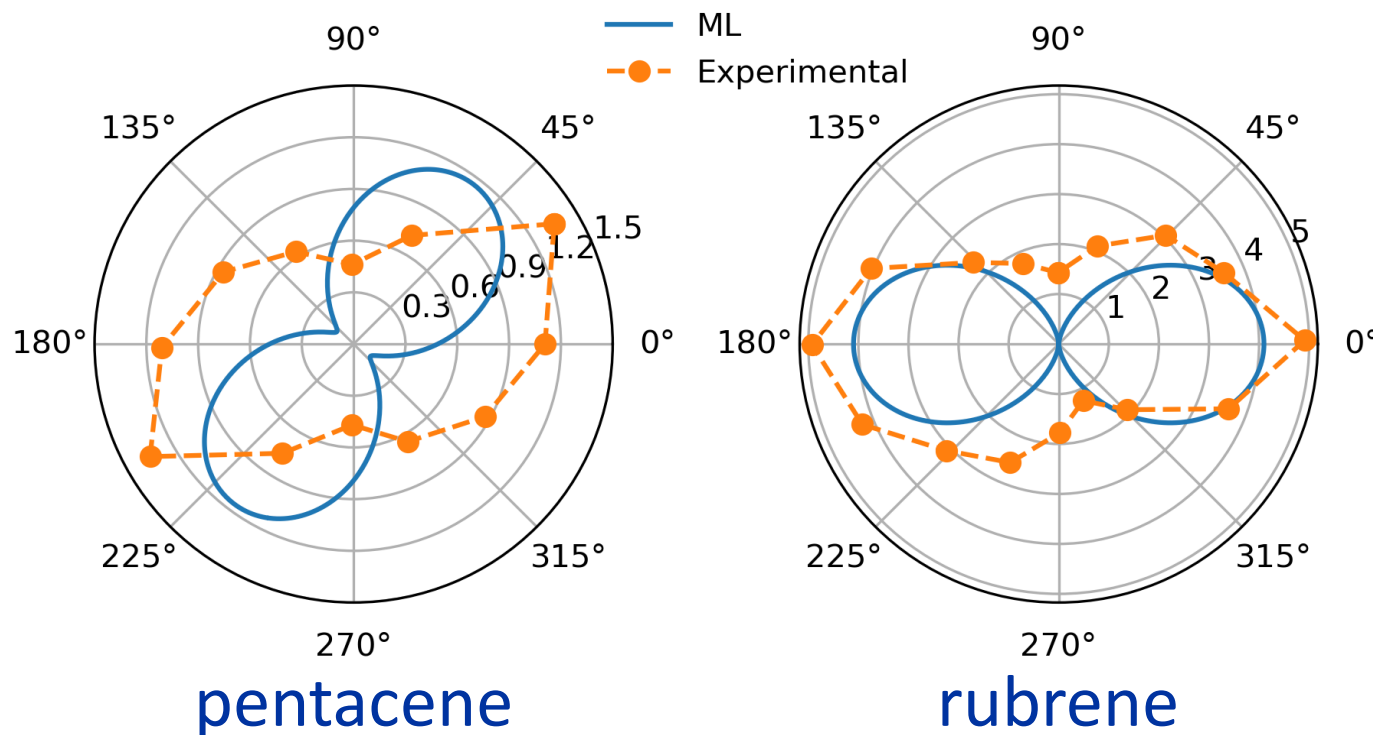
Predict

Predicted value is : **7.16 ± 0.151 eV**



via semi-empirical Marcus theory, prediction of charge-carrier mobility anisotropy

- ML intramolecular reorganization energy
- ML intermolecular electronic couplings



**OCELOT ML**



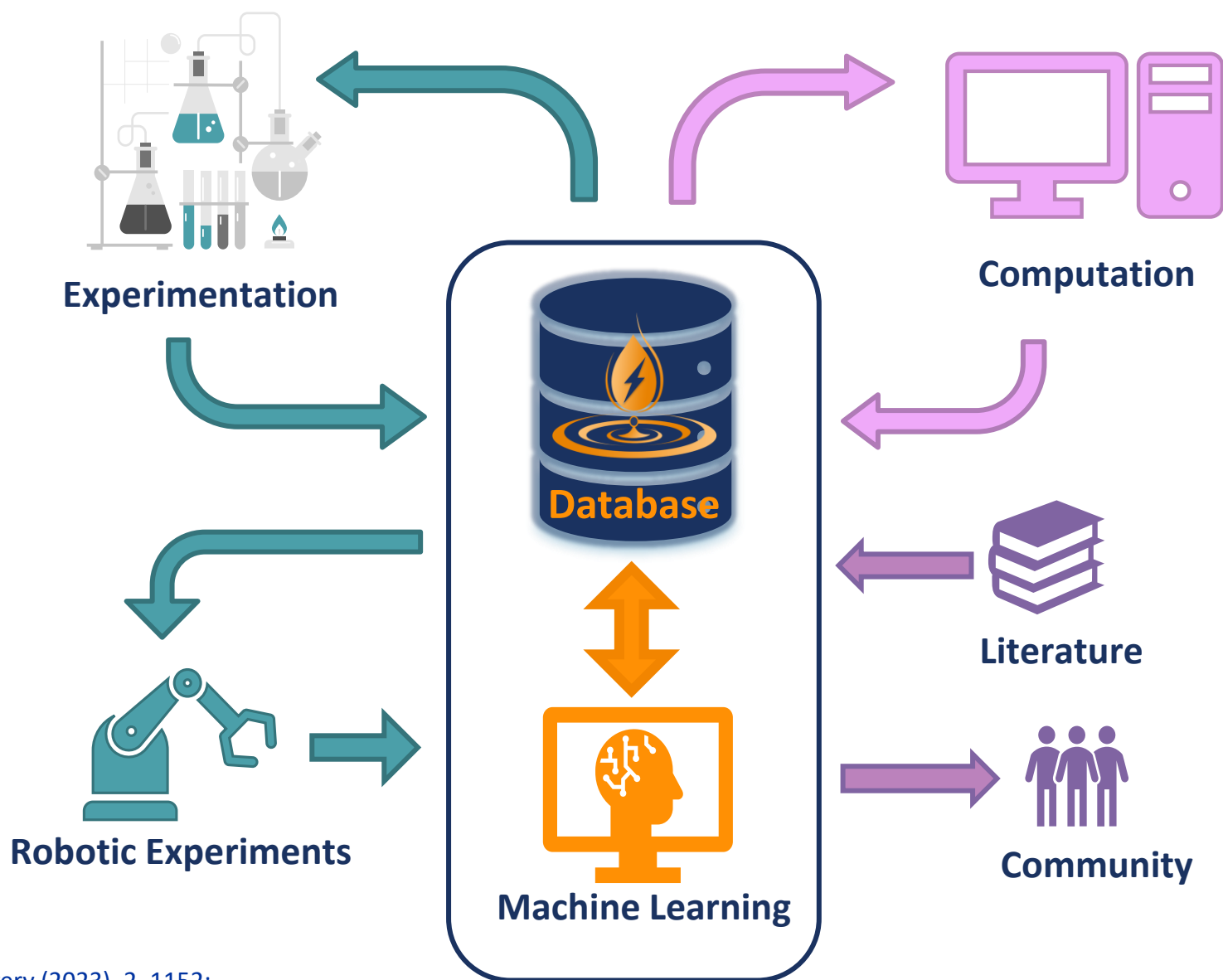
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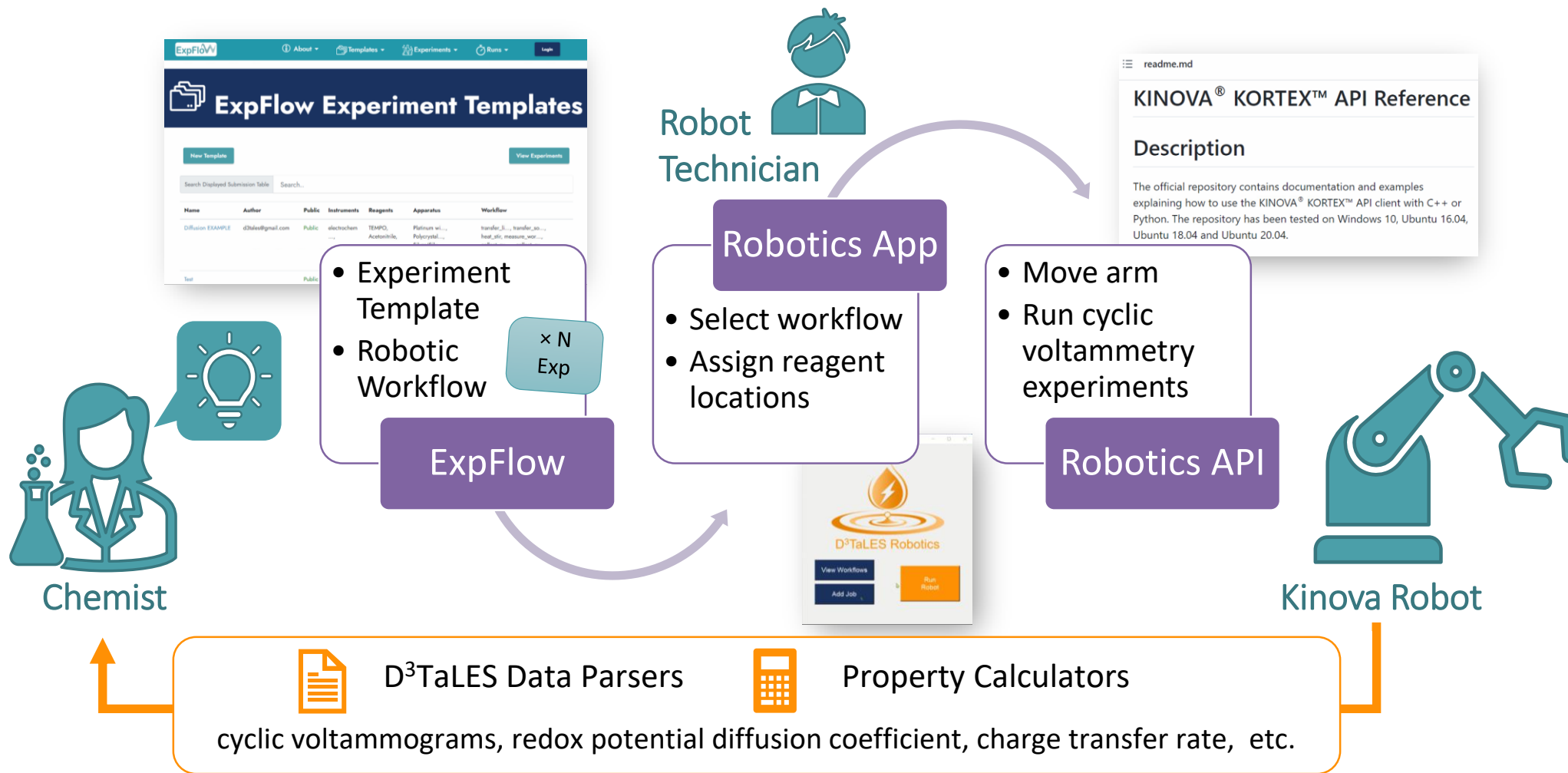


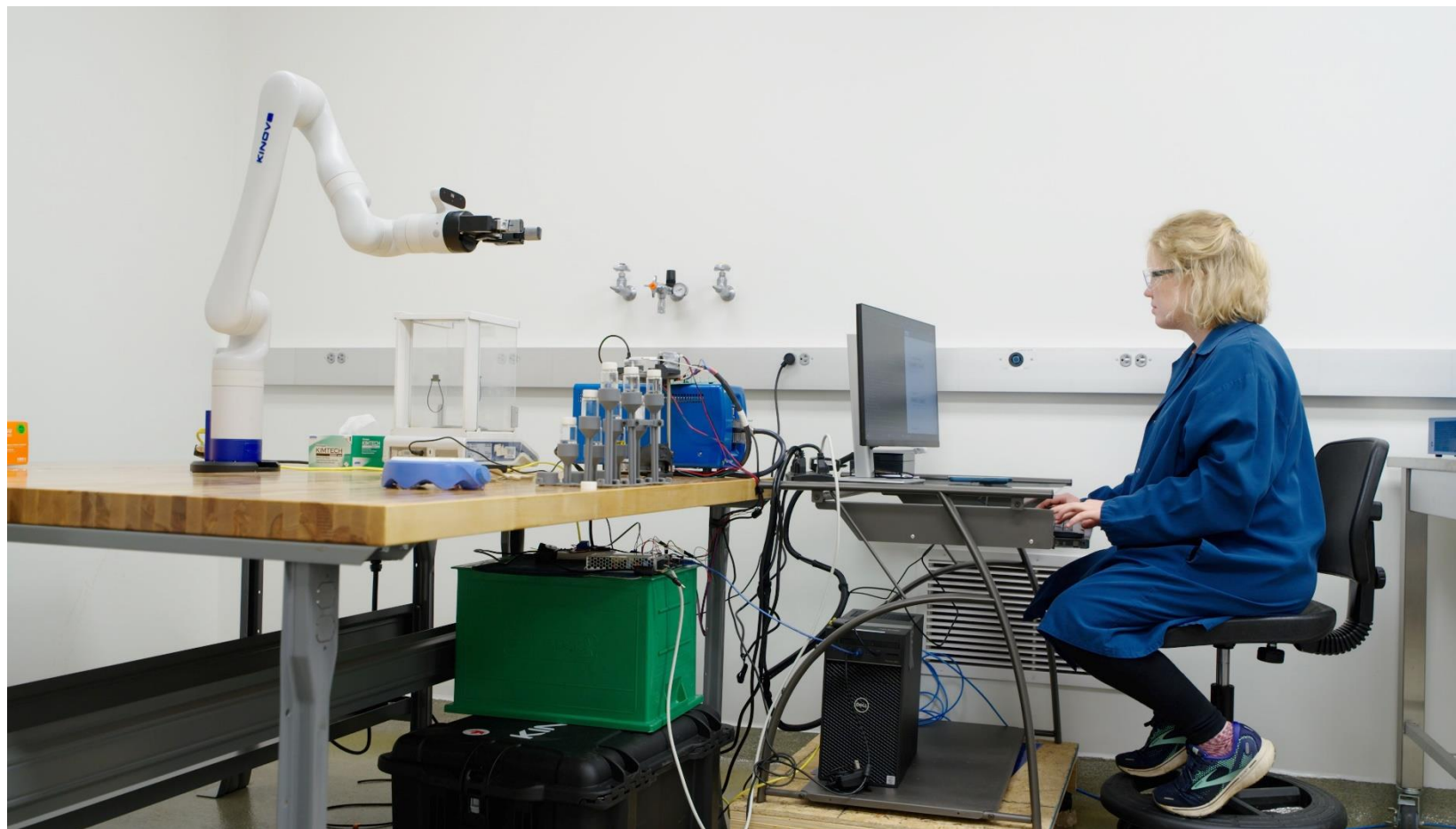
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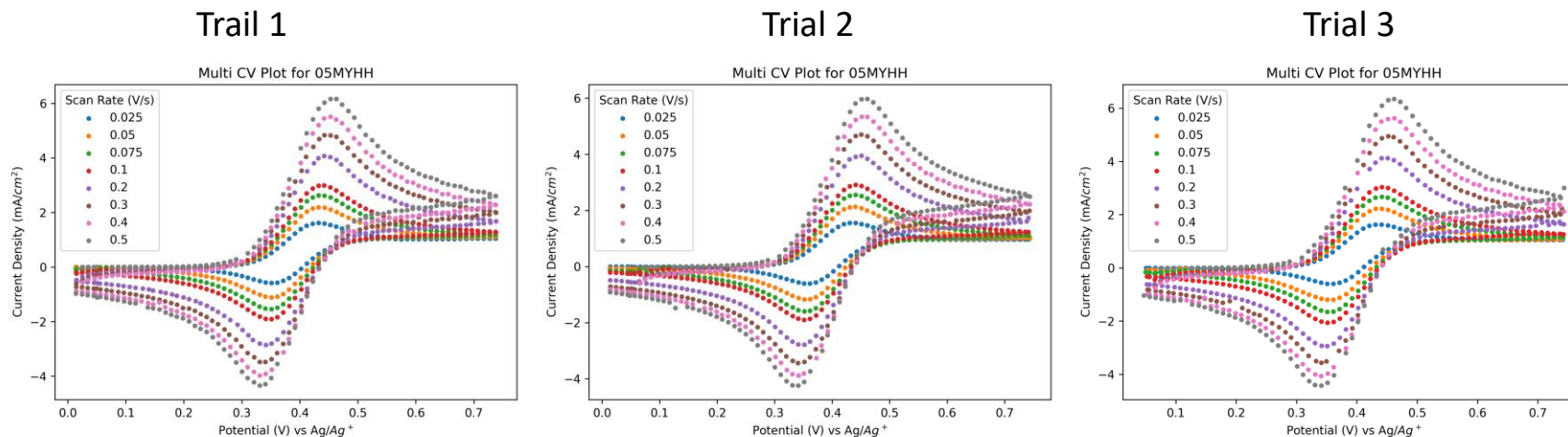




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N-[2-(2-methoxyethoxy)ethyl]-phenothiazine (MEEPT)



ROM	Robotic/ExpFlow						Literature Reported vs. Ag/Ag <sup>+</sup>		Literature Reported vs. Fc/Fc <sup>+</sup>	
	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3	Avg. (vs. Ag/Ag <sup>+</sup> )	Std. Dev.	vs. Fc/Fc <sup>+</sup> <sup>α</sup>	Value	Ref.	Value	Ref.
Fc	0.081	0.082	0.082	0.082	0.001	0.000	0.086	Ref. <sup>6</sup>		
MEEPT	0.396	0.396	0.396	0.396	0.000	0.314	0.410*	Ref. <sup>14</sup>	0.310	Ref. <sup>8</sup>
DMPZ	-0.156	-0.156	-0.156	-0.156	0.000	-0.238	-0.150	Ref. <sup>9</sup>		
4-MeO TEMPO	0.371	0.376	0.375	0.374	0.003	0.292	0.68 <sup>++</sup>	Ref. <sup>5</sup>		
DBB	0.773	0.773	0.773	0.773	0.000	0.691	0.710	Ref. <sup>10</sup>		
DBBB	0.773	0.768	0.773	0.771	0.003	0.690			0.60 <sup>‡</sup>	Ref. <sup>13</sup>
TH	0.910	0.910	0.910	0.910	0.000	0.828	0.900	Ref. <sup>12</sup>	0.840	Ref. <sup>7</sup>
ECZ**	0.678	0.678	0.672	0.676	0.003	0.594				

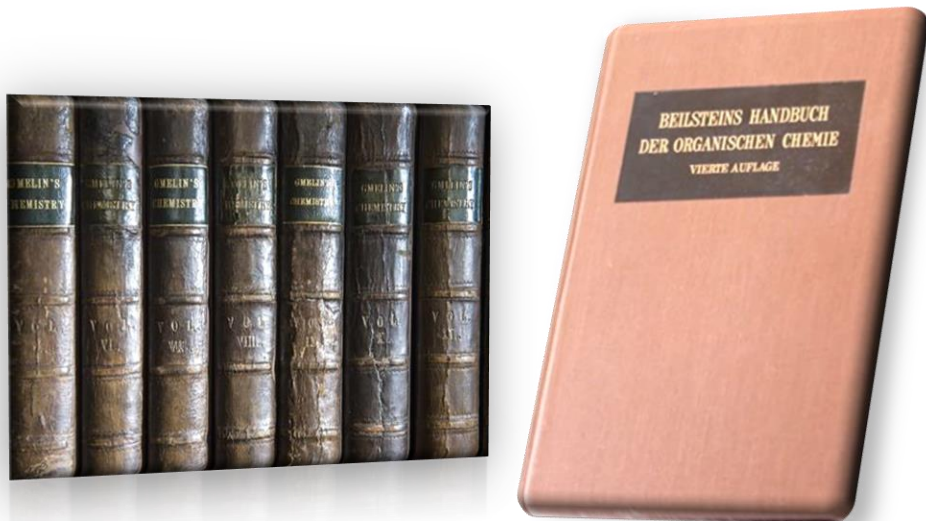
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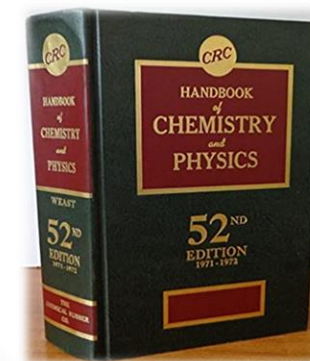
## 19<sup>th</sup> century

- Beilstein Handbook of Organic Chemistry<sup>1</sup>
- Gmelin Handbook of Inorganic Chemistry<sup>2</sup>
- Journals and periodicals<sup>3</sup>



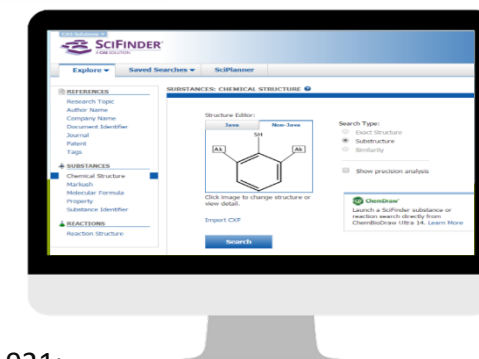
## 20<sup>th</sup> century

- Chemical Rubber Company (CRC) Handbook<sup>4</sup>
- The Color Books<sup>5</sup>



## 21<sup>st</sup> century

- Web of Science<sup>6</sup>
- SciFinder<sup>6</sup>
- Reaxys<sup>6</sup>



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