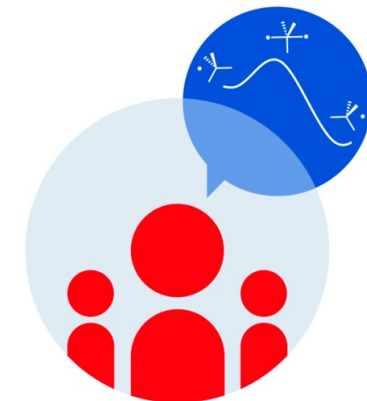


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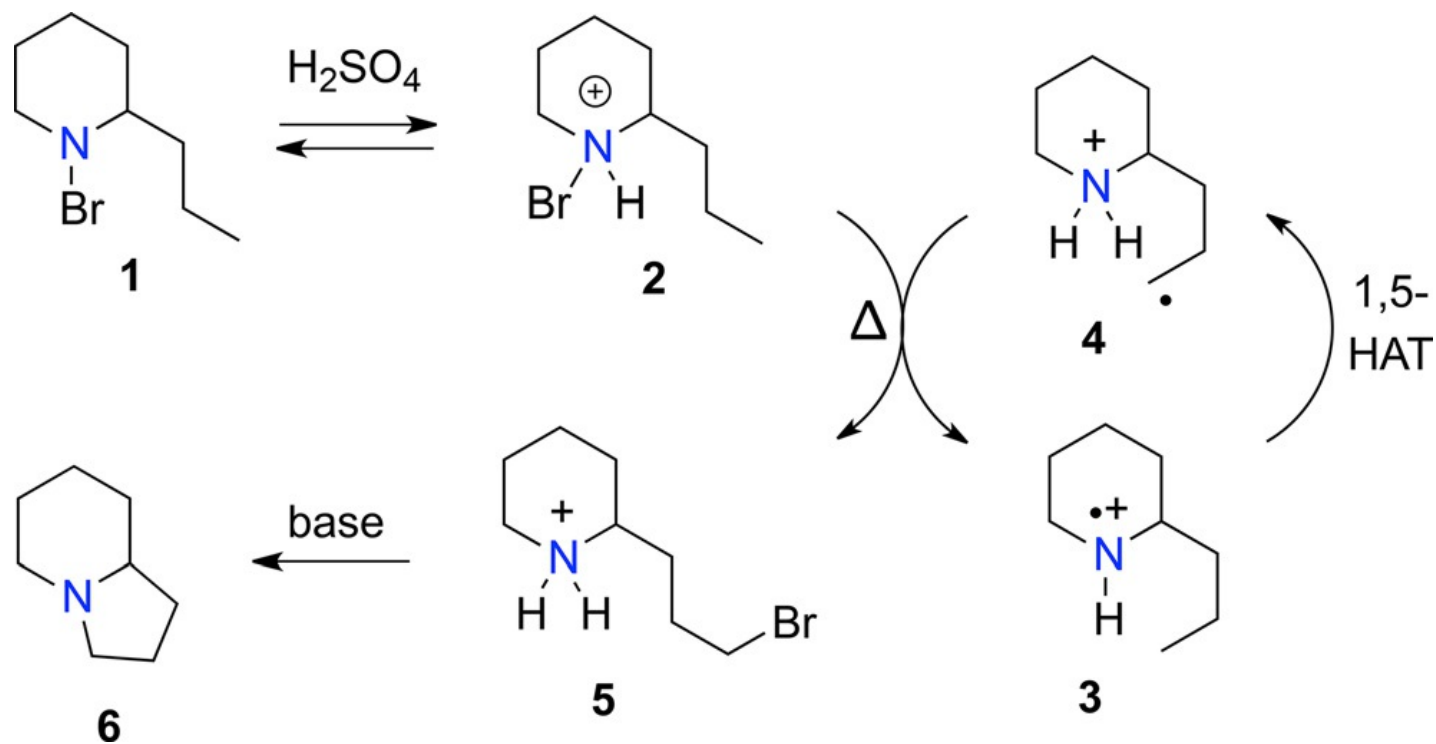
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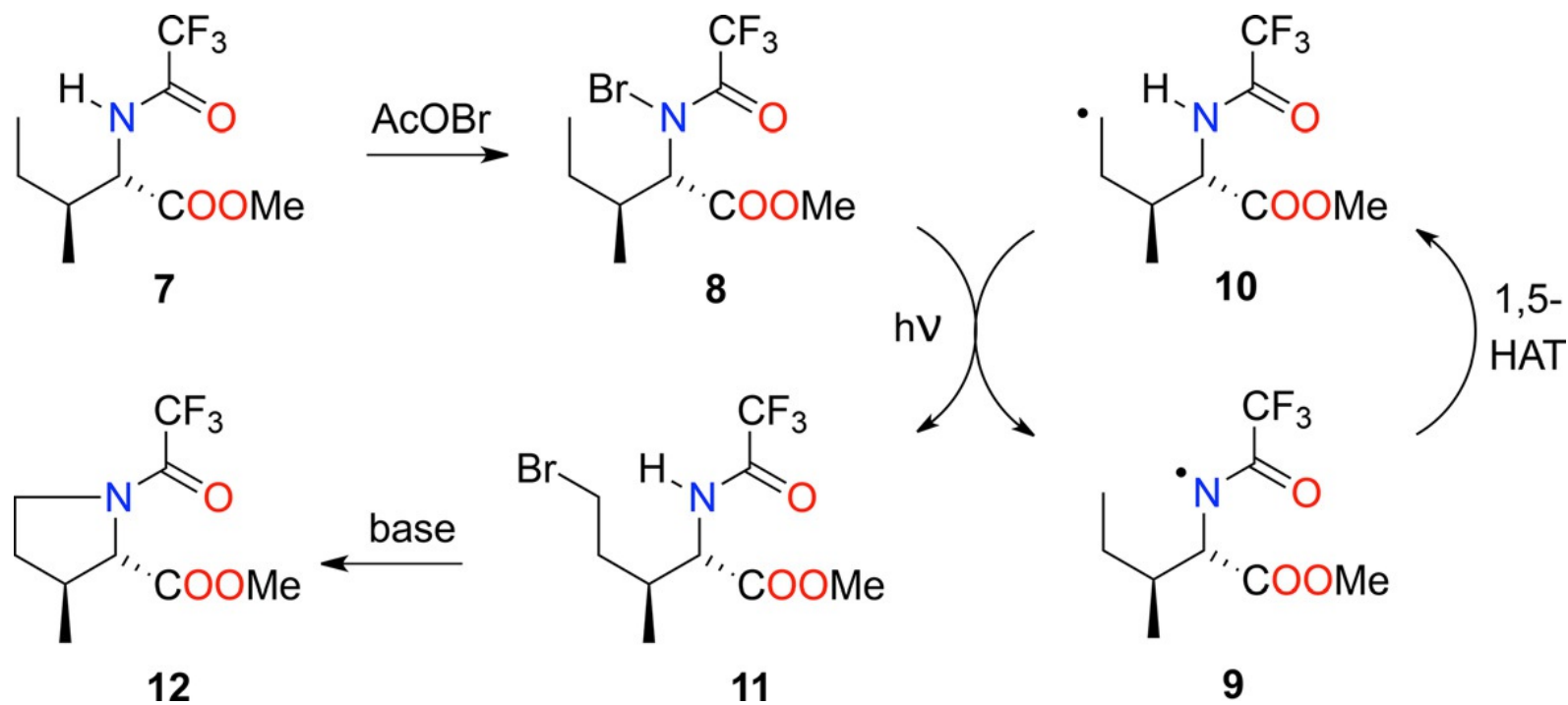
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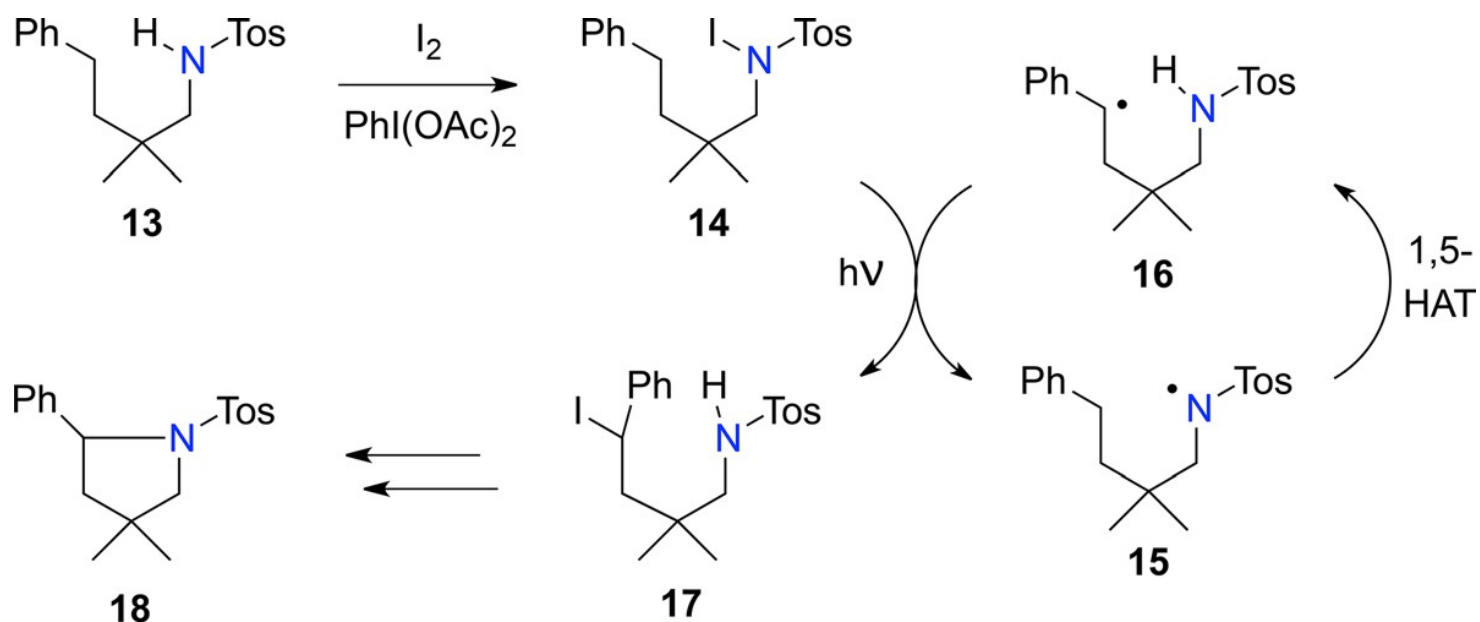
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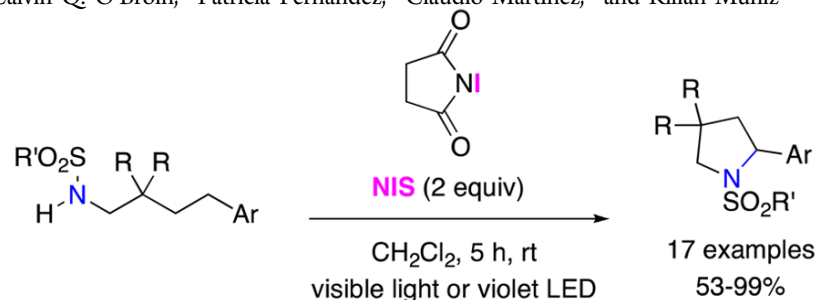
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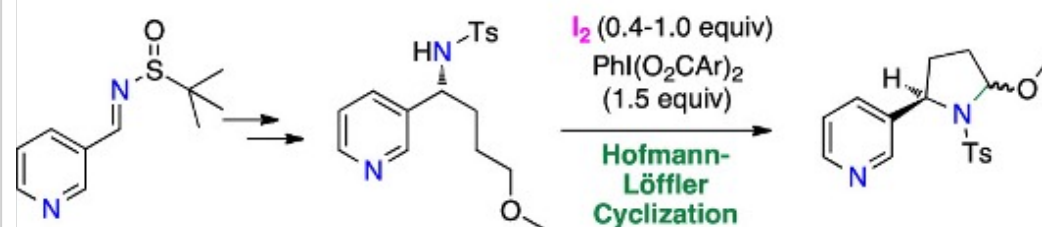
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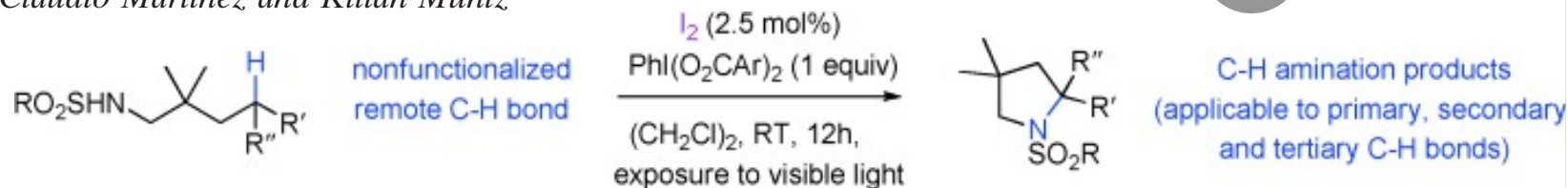
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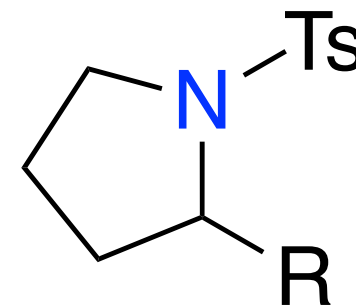
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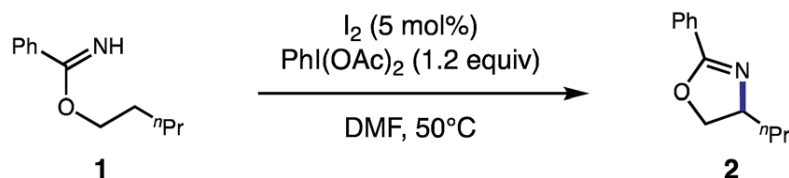
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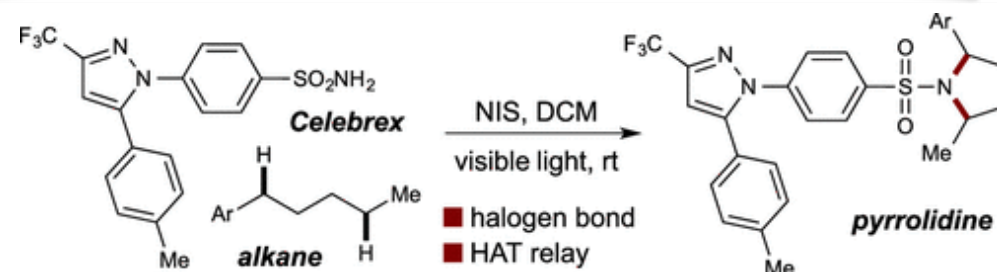
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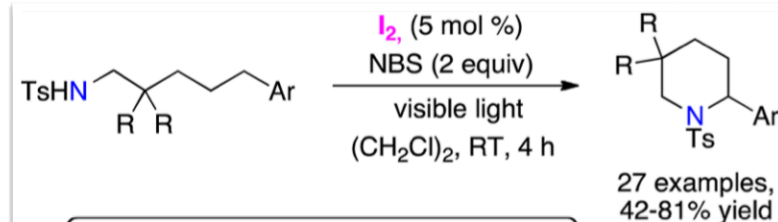
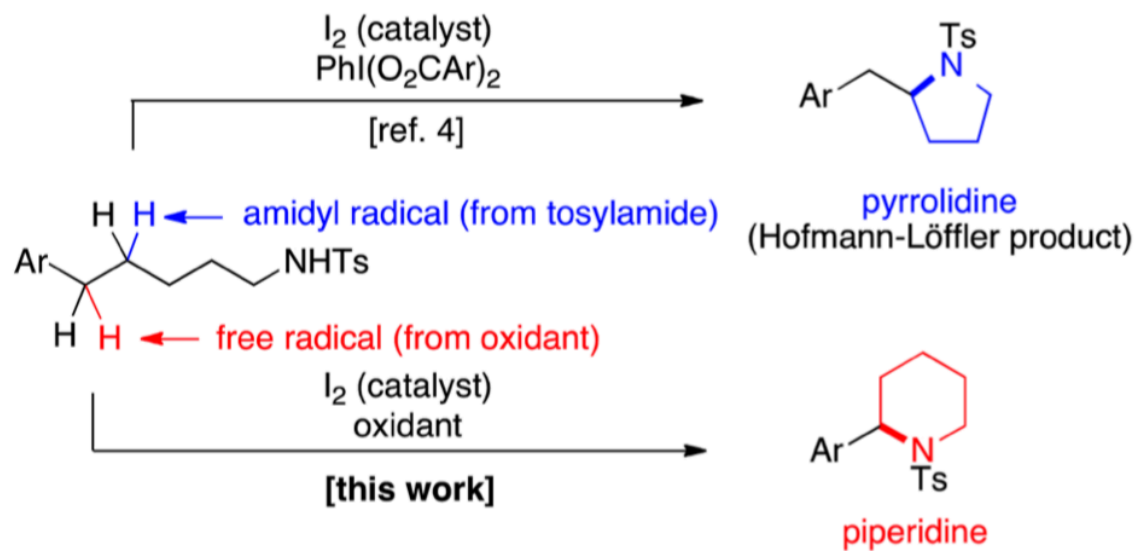
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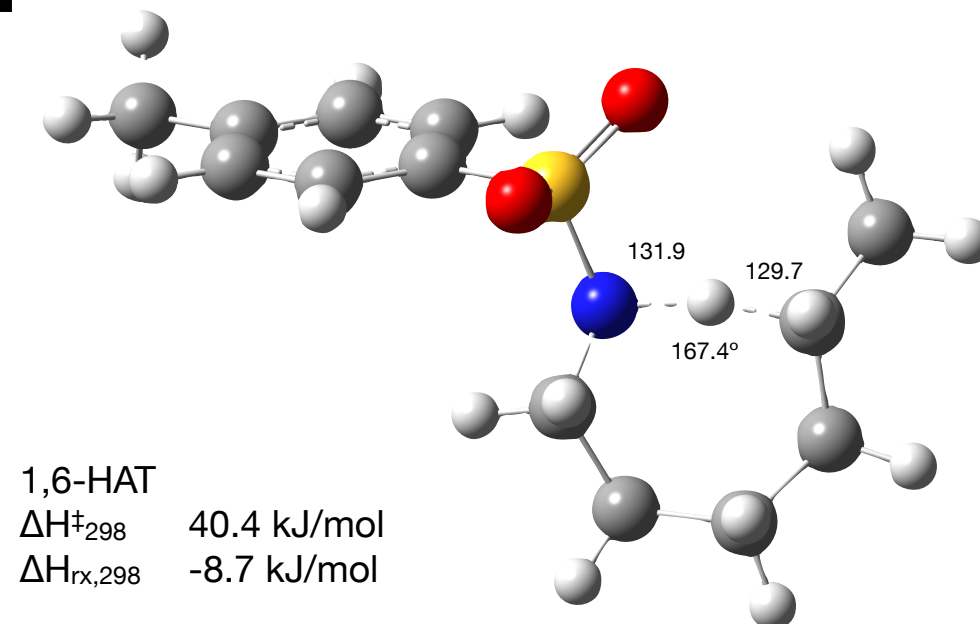
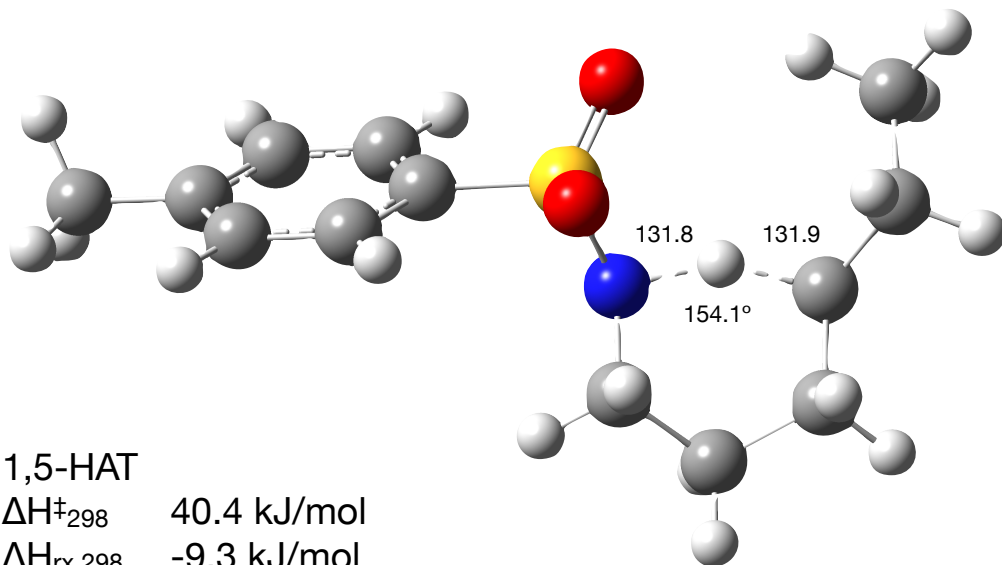
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- selective piperidine formation
- benign light induced reaction
- radical C-H functionalization
- iodine-catalyzed C-N bond formation



# DFT will provide

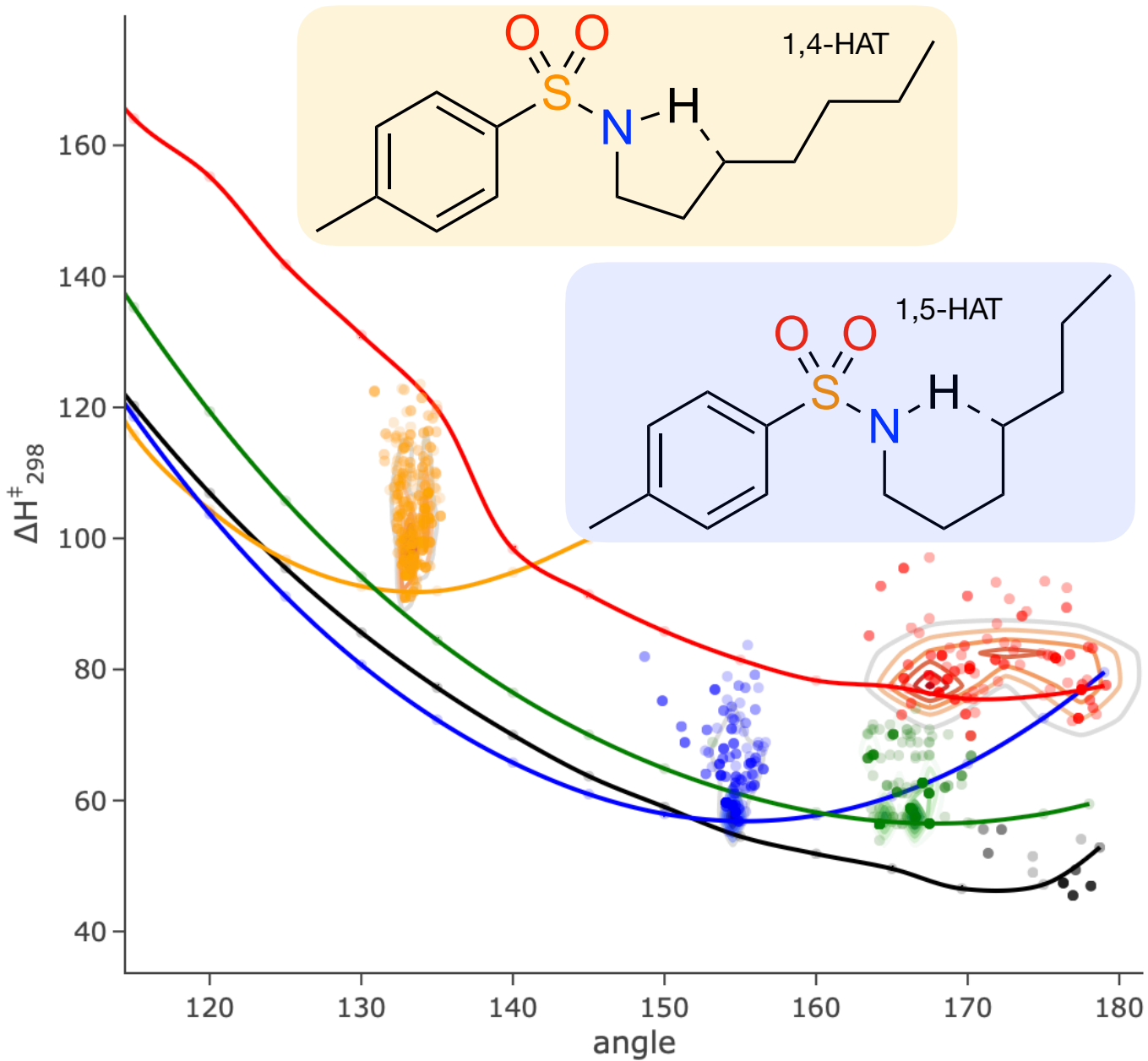


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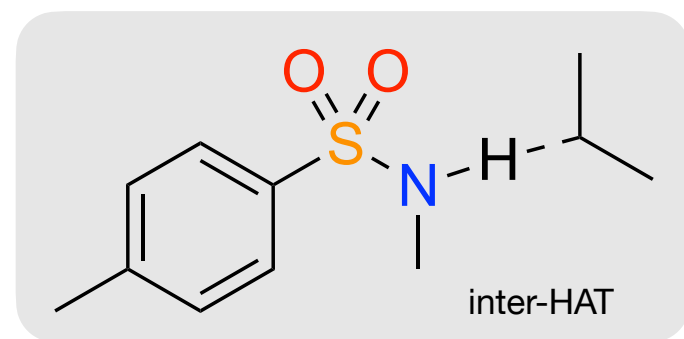
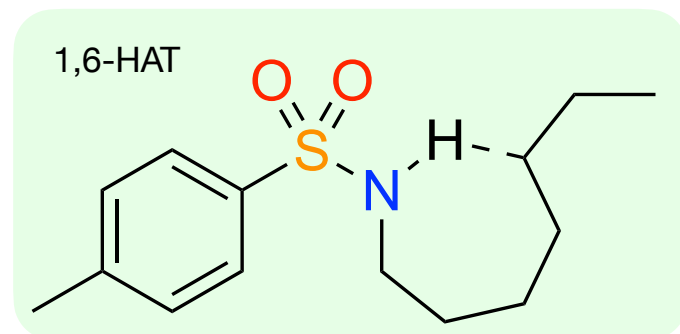
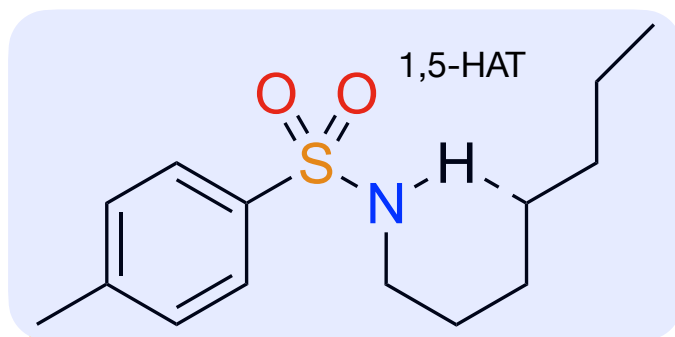
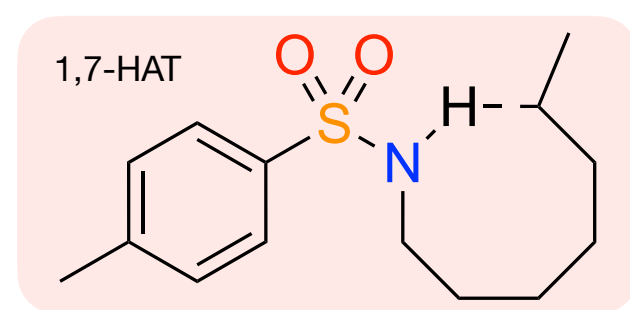
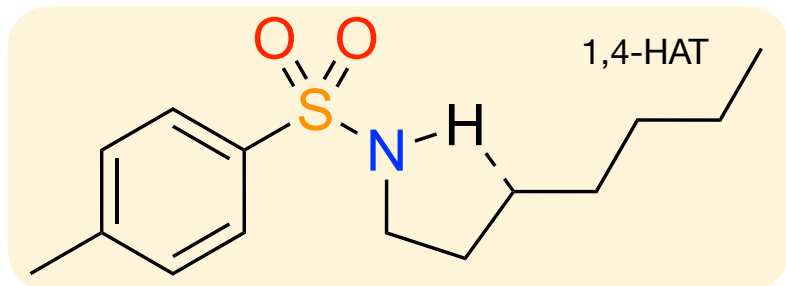
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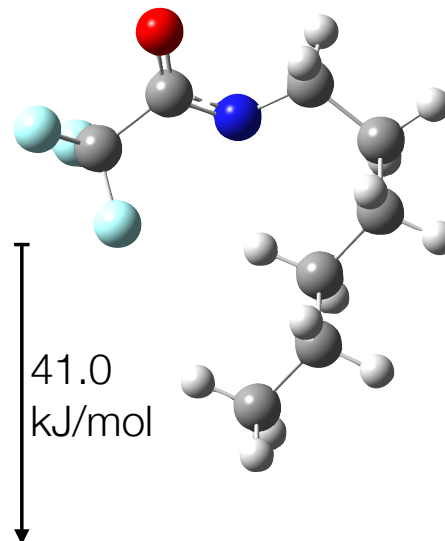
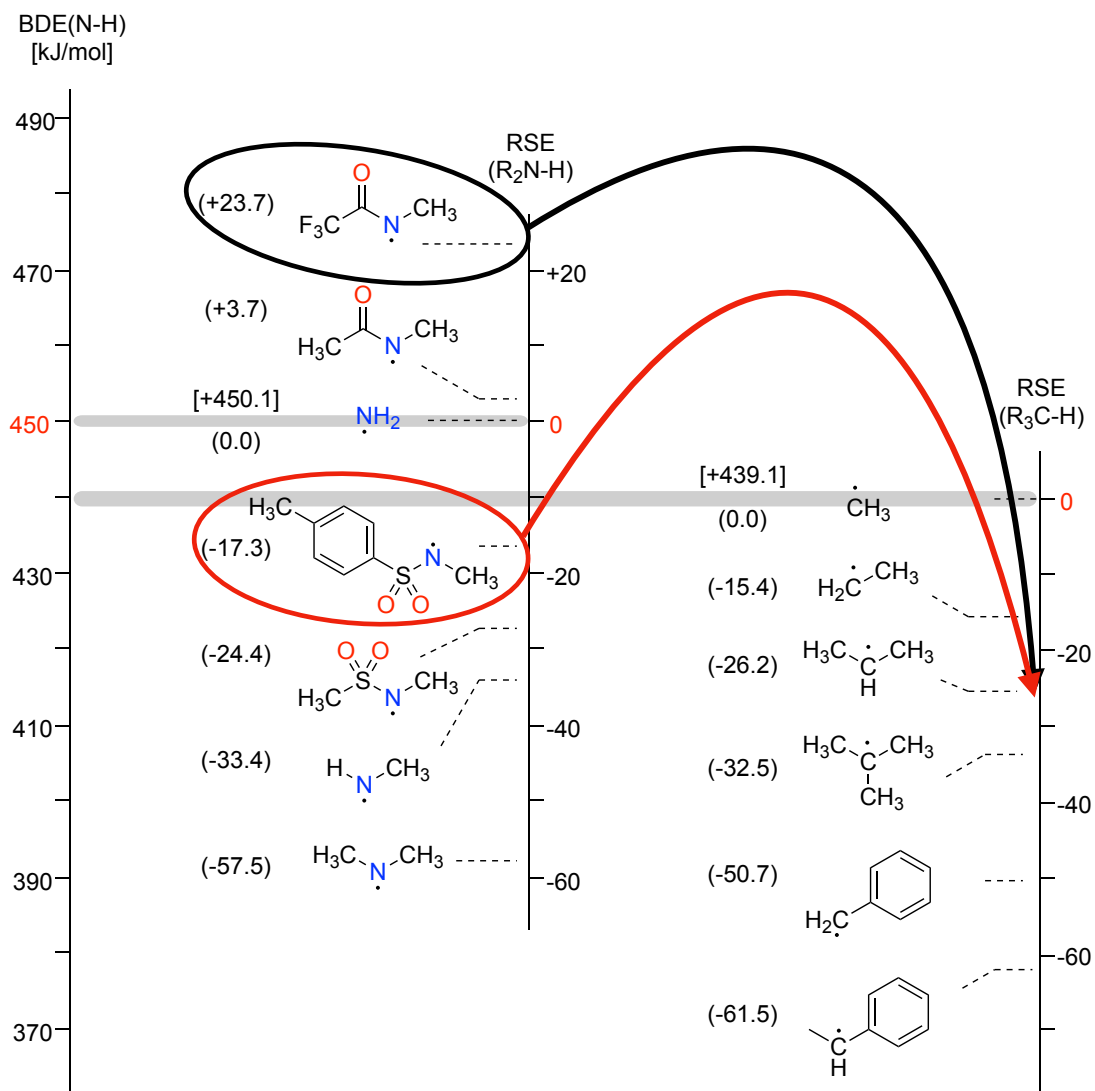
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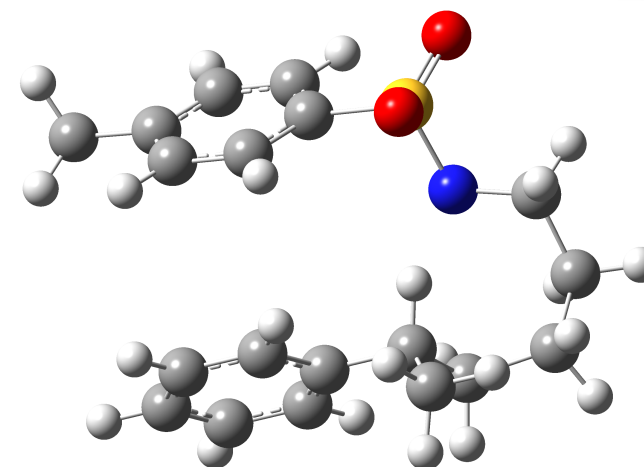
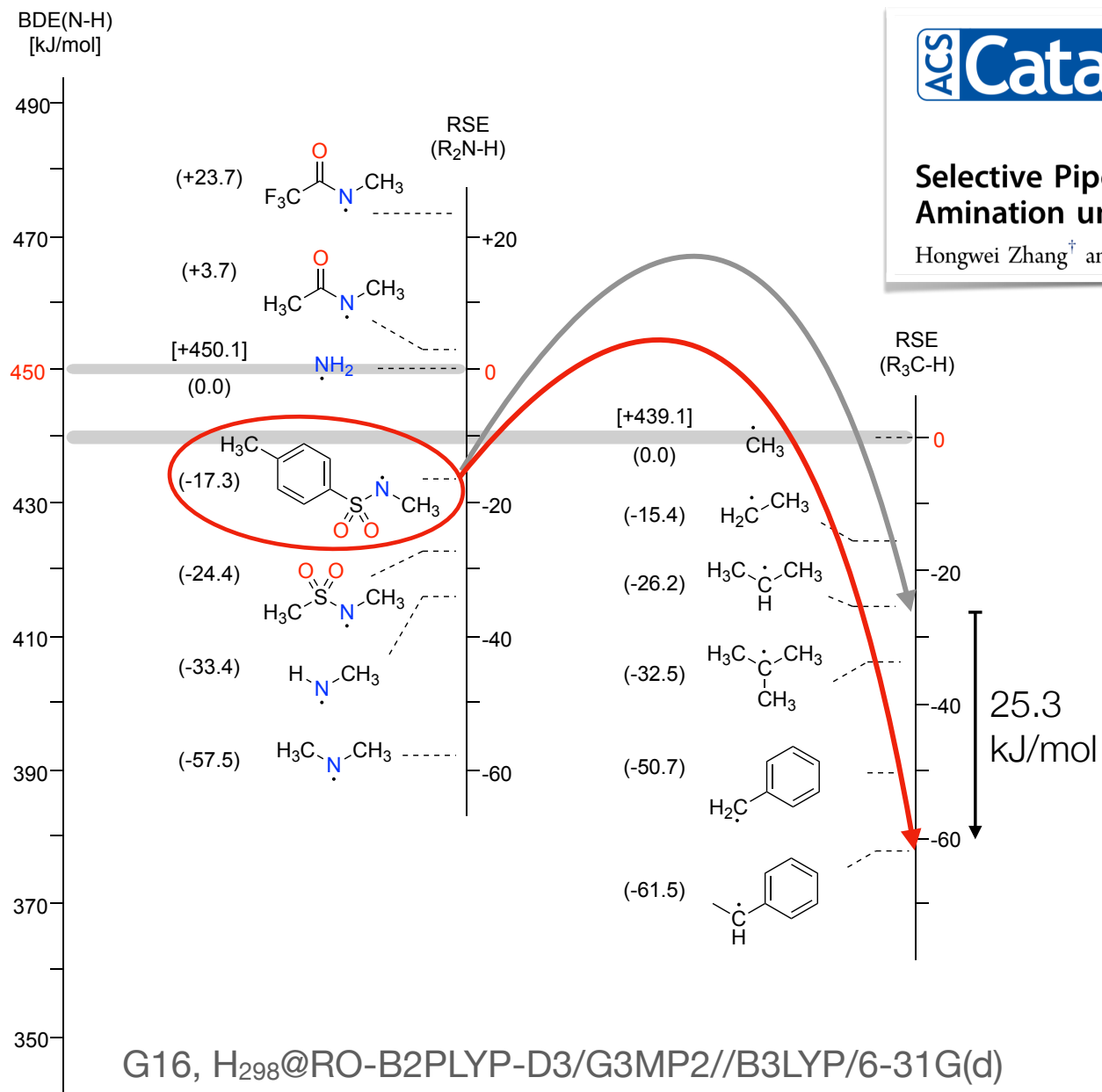
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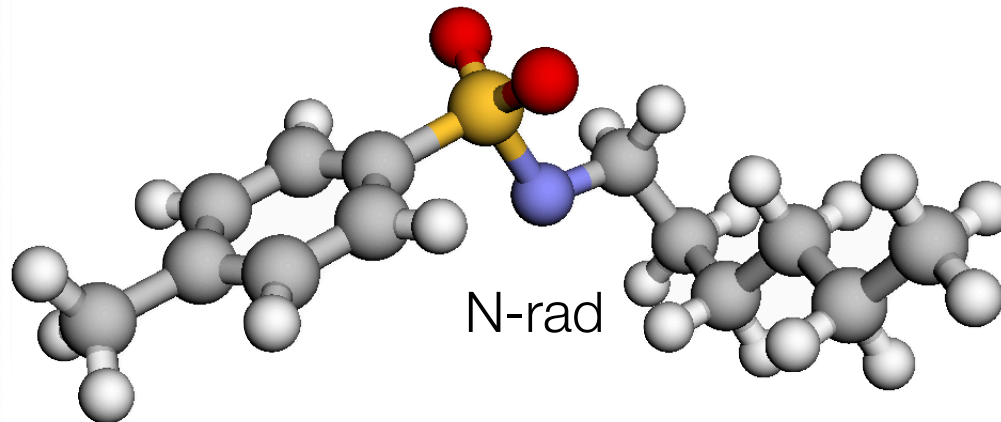
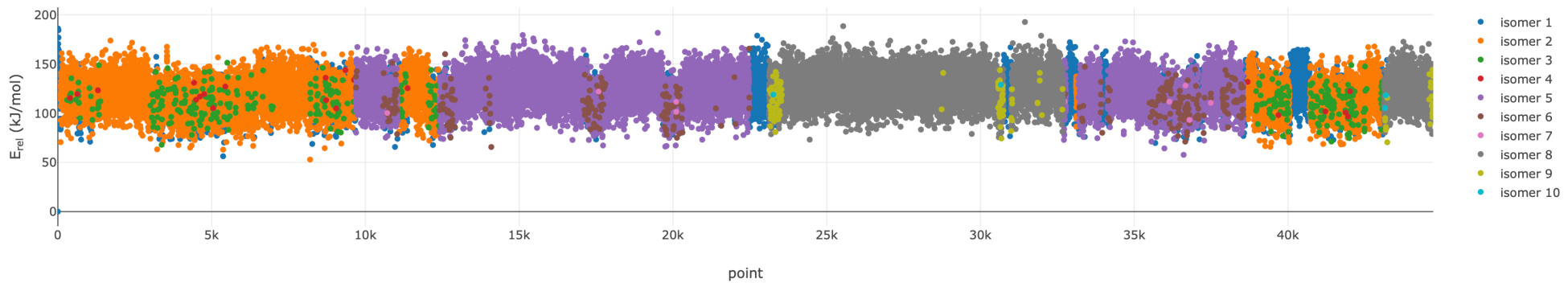


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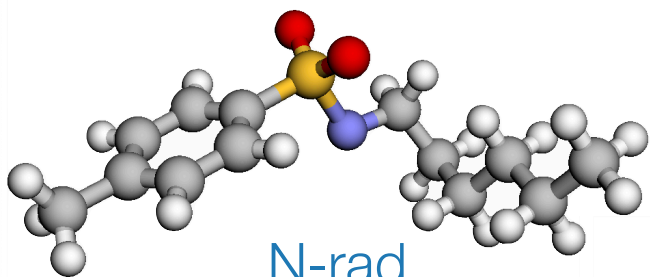
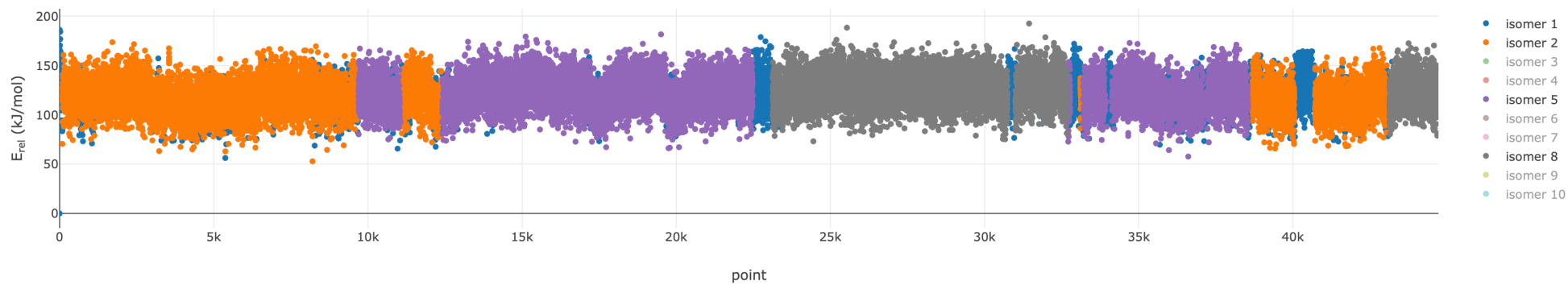
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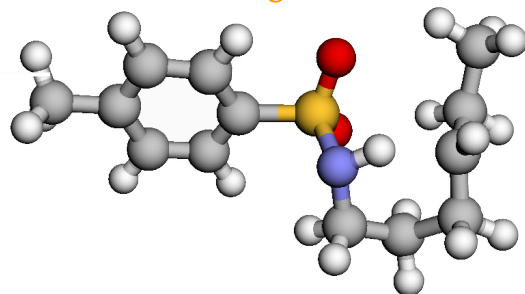


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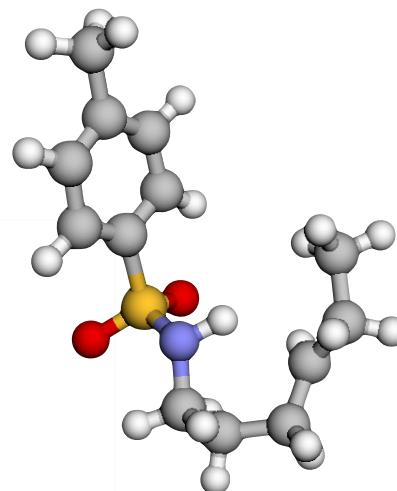
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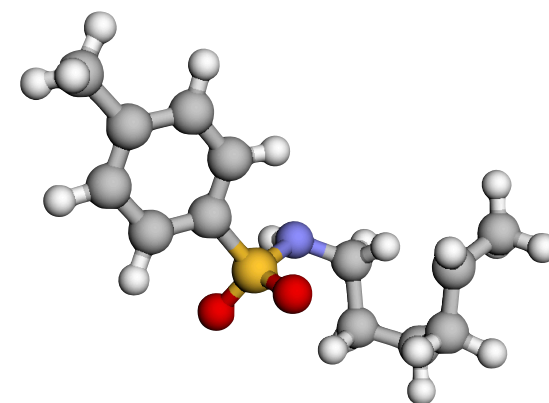
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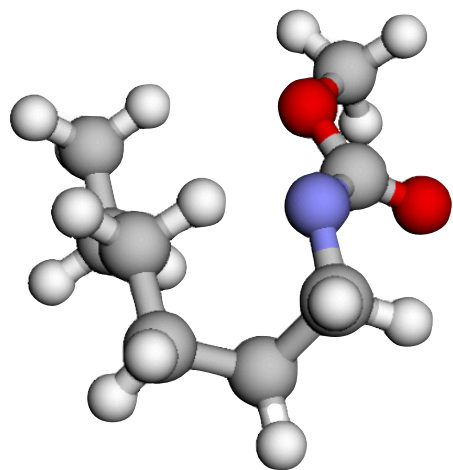
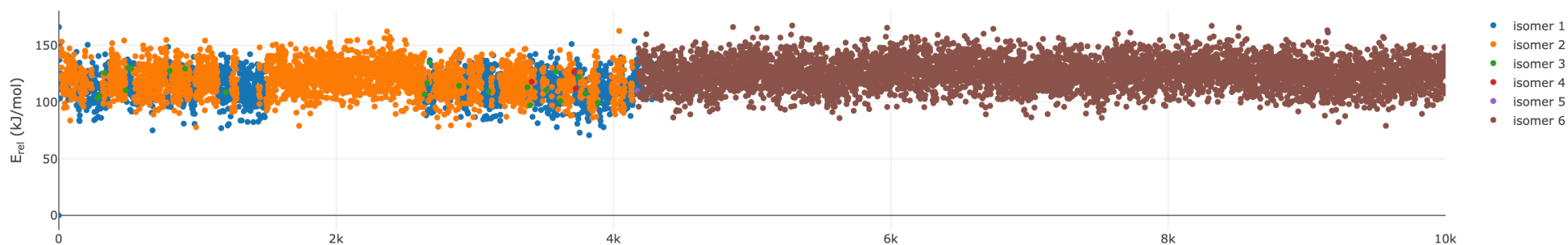
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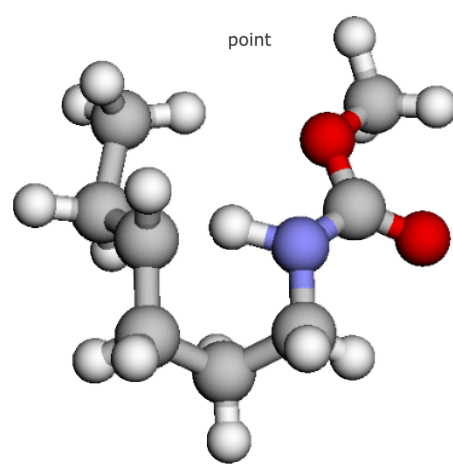
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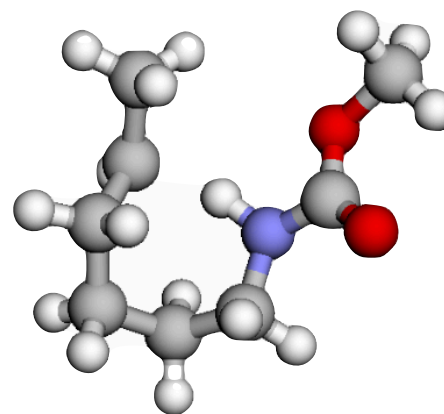
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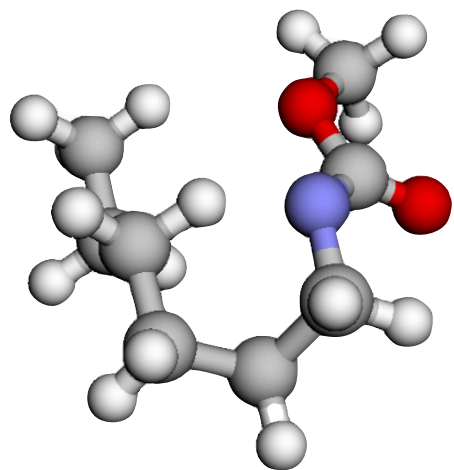
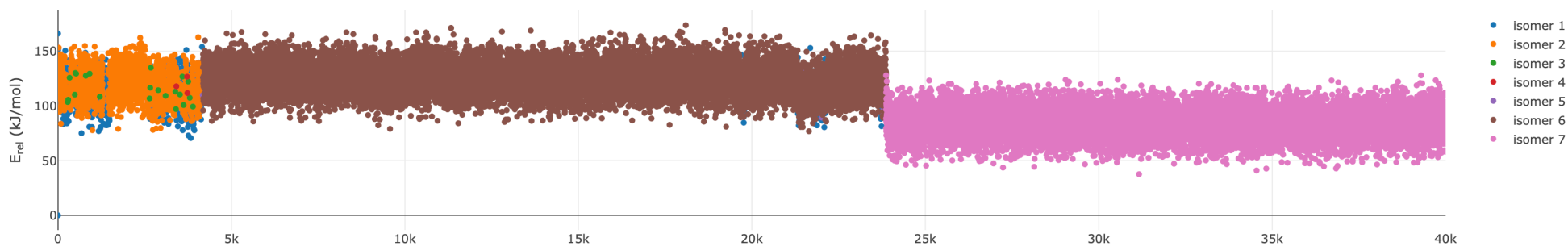
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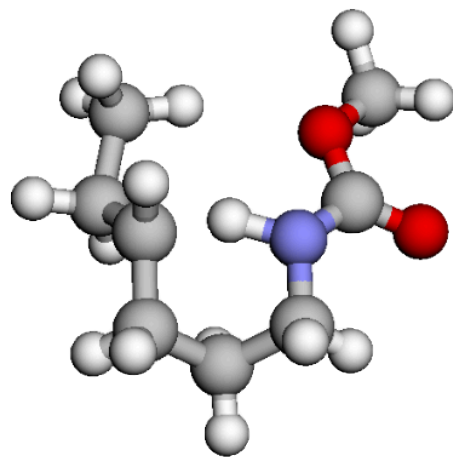
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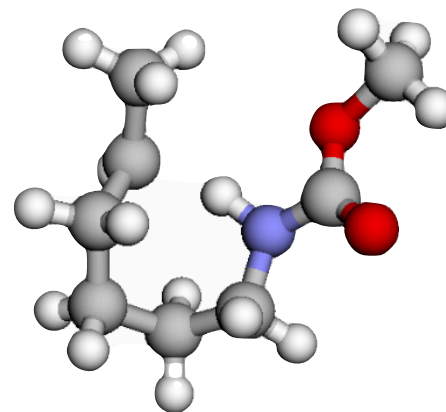
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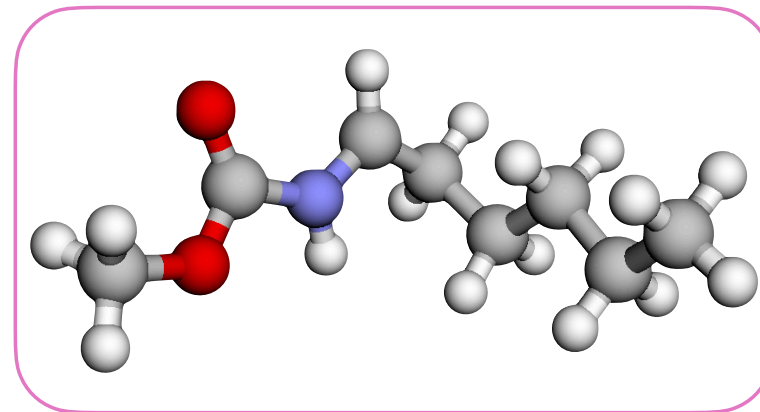
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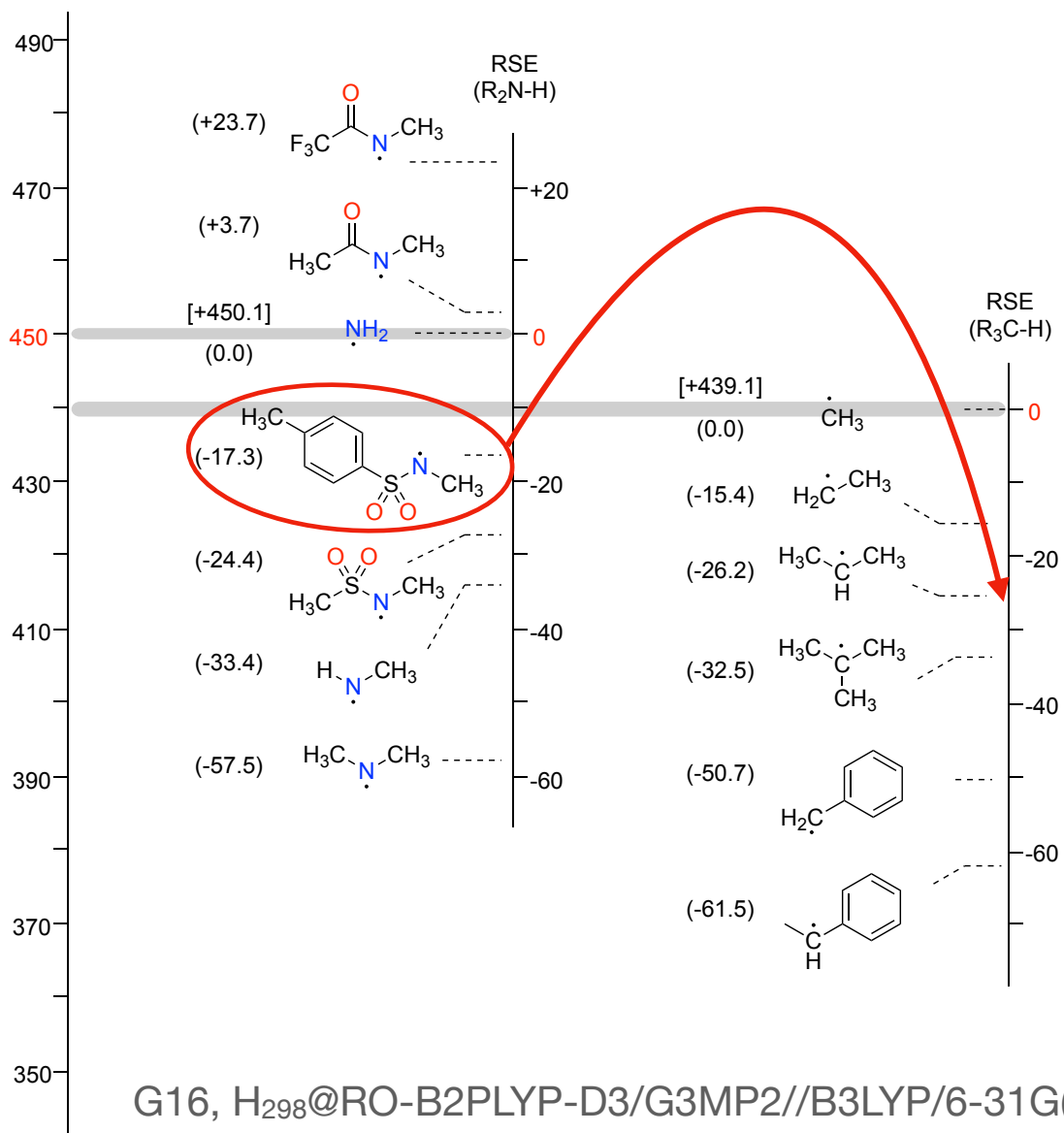
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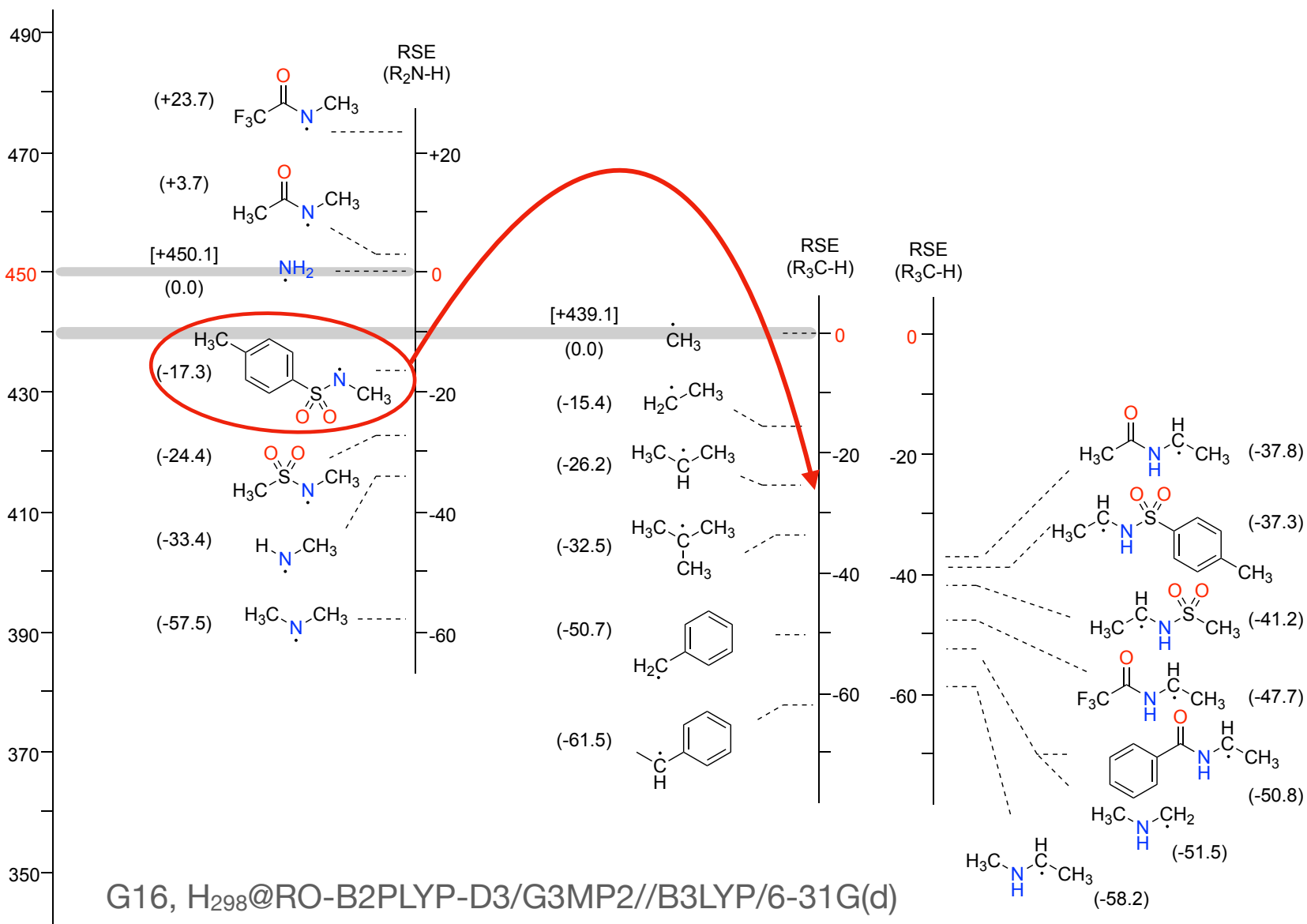
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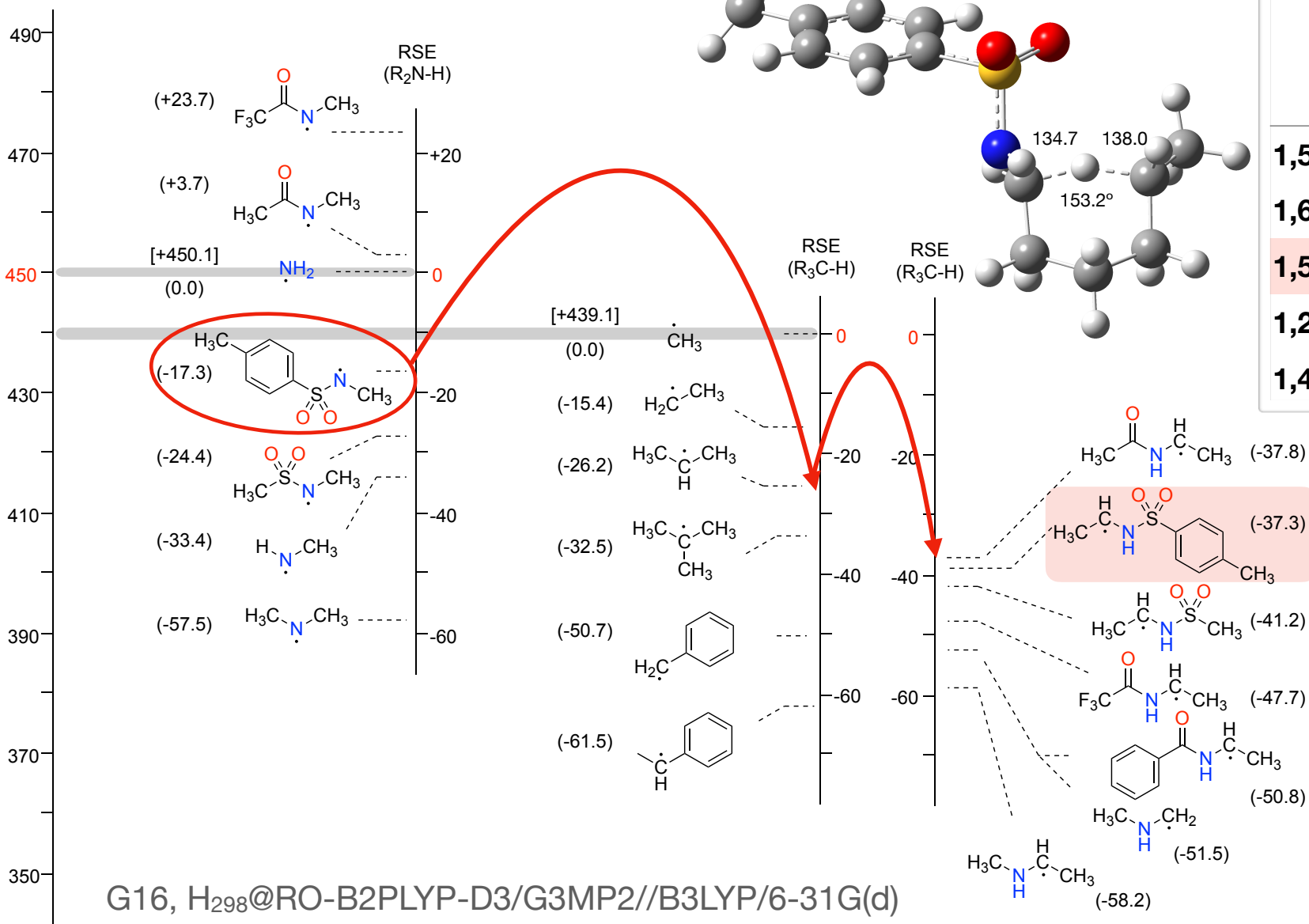
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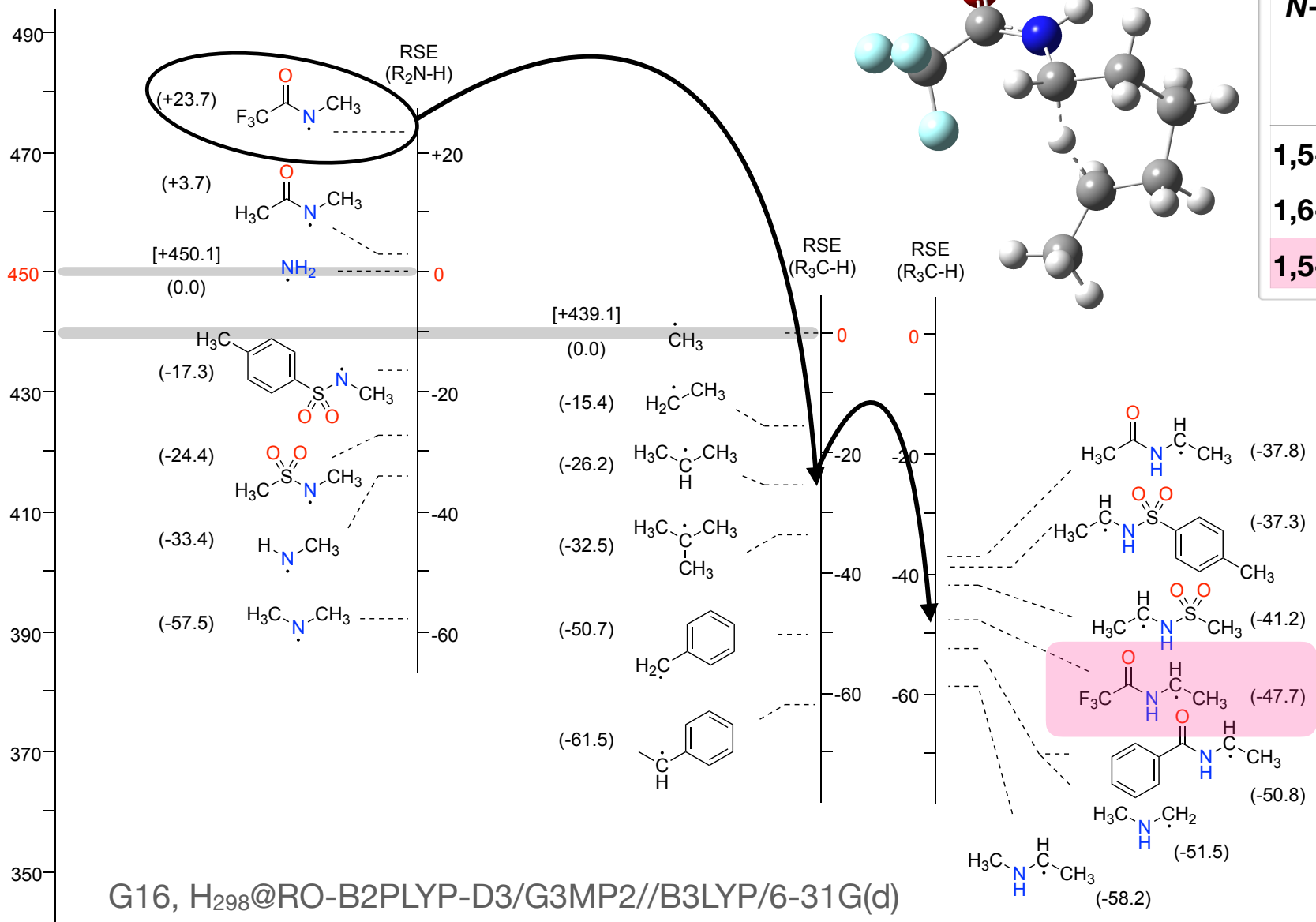
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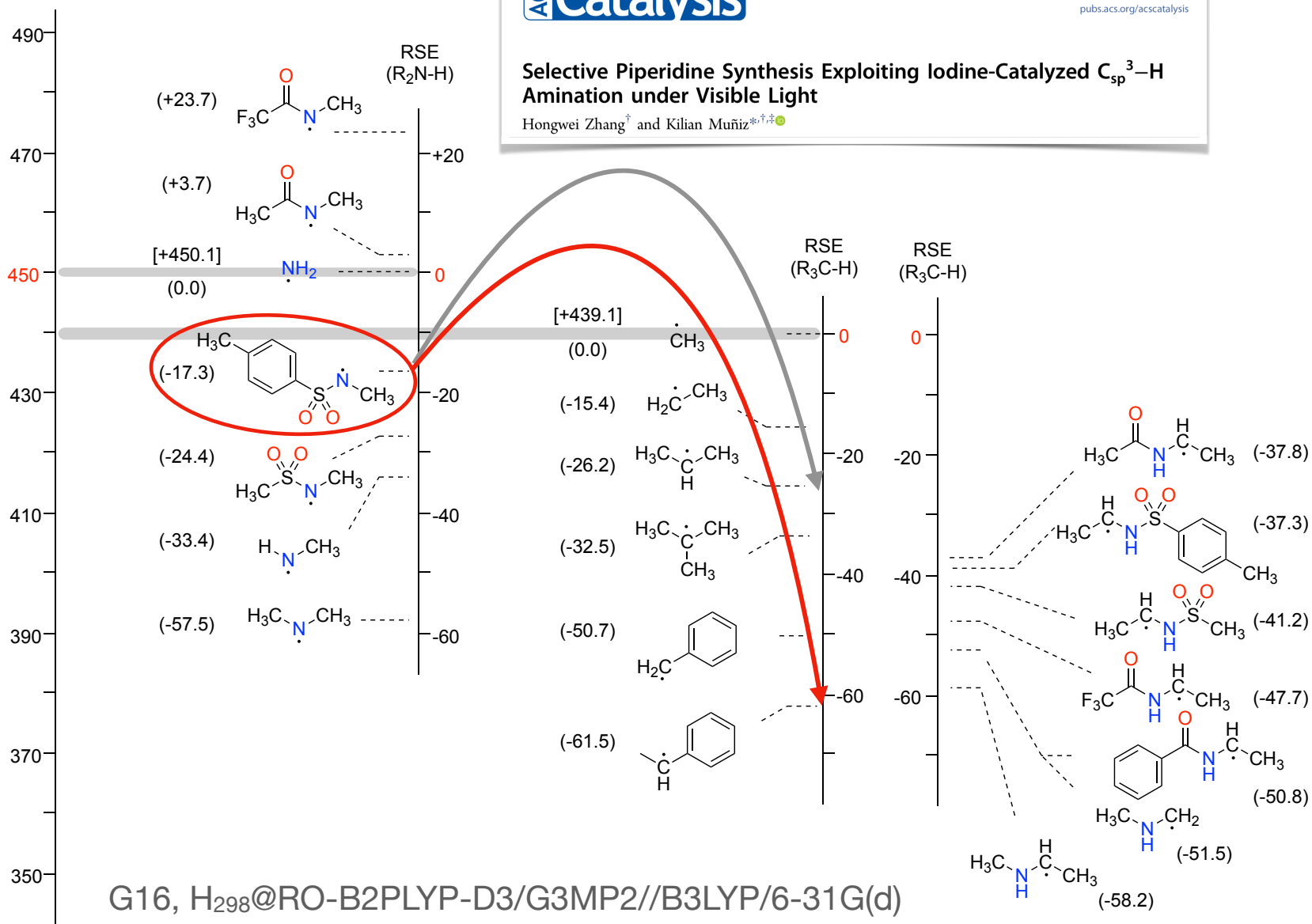


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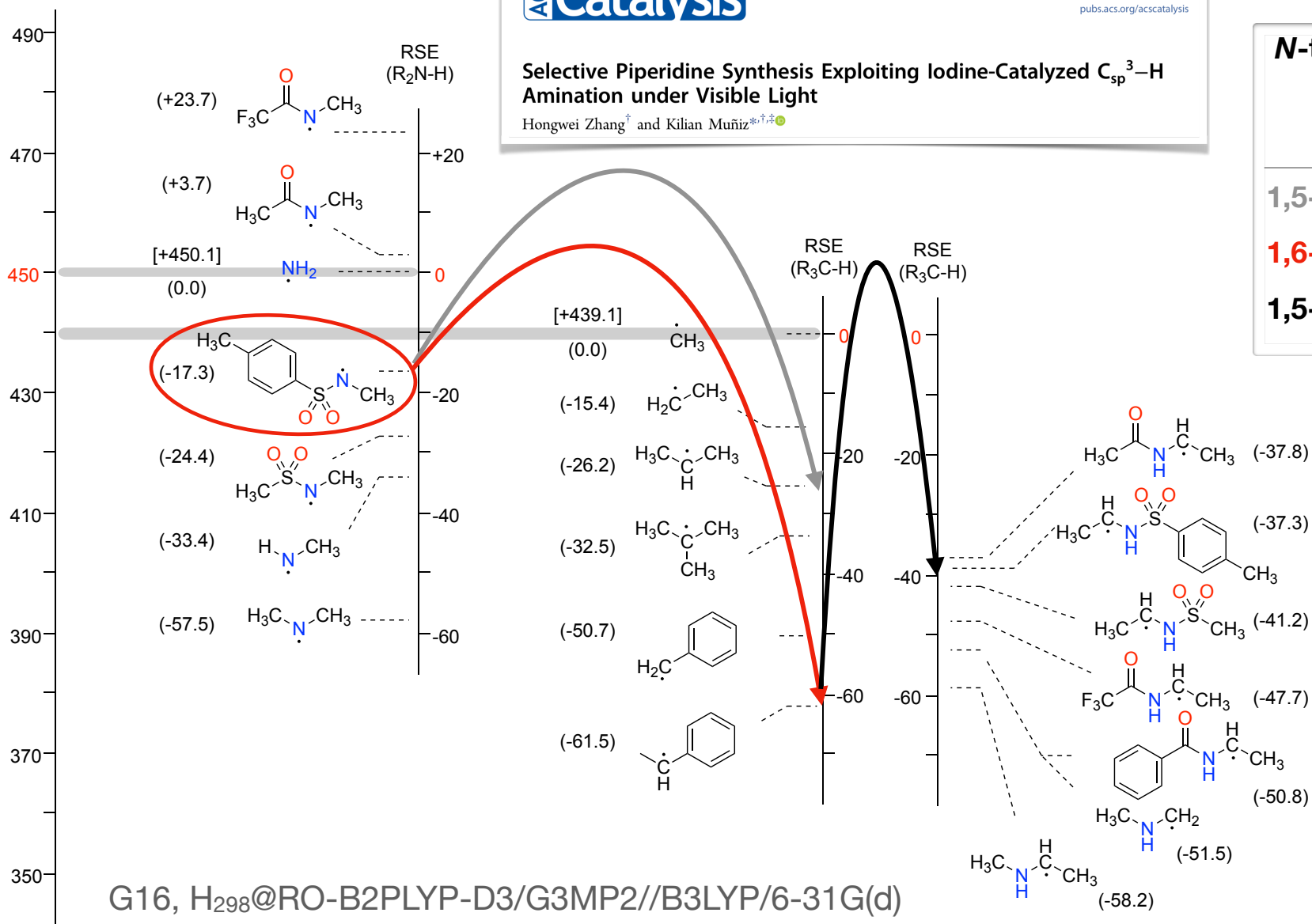
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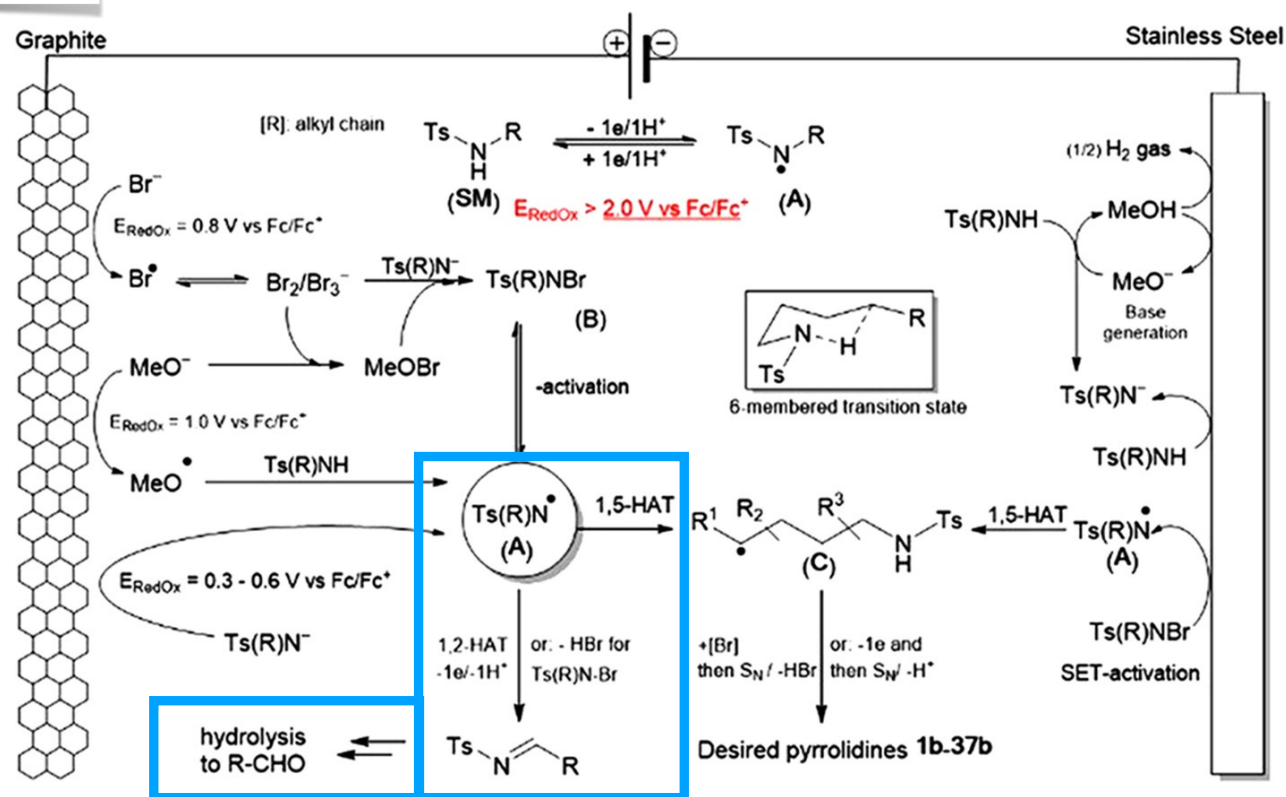
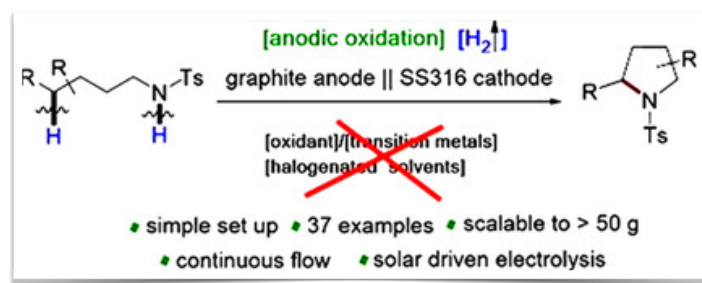
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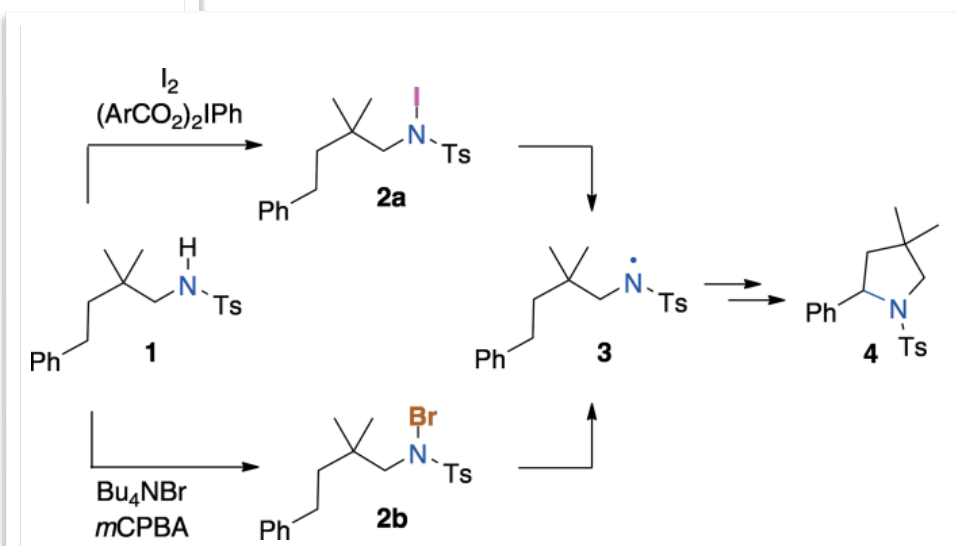
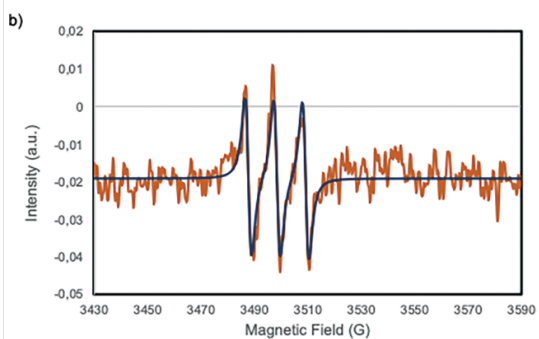
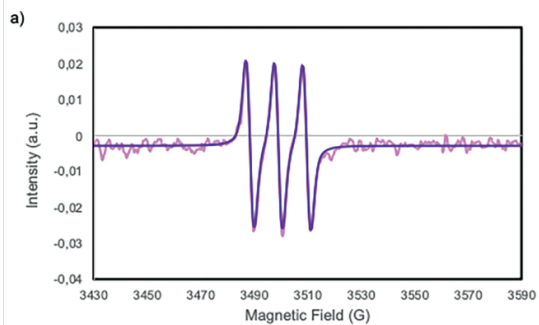


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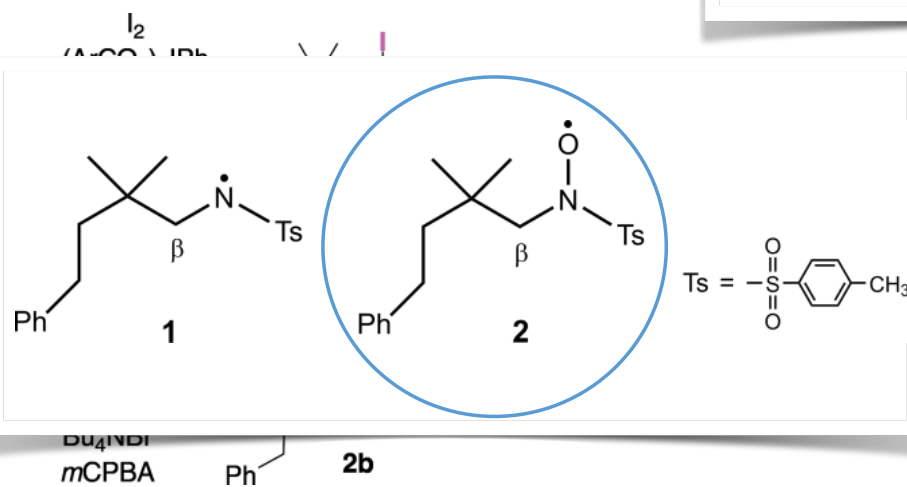
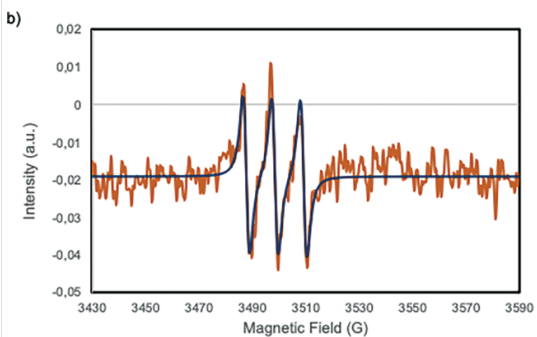
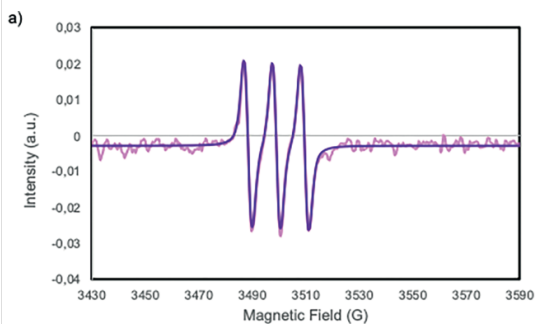


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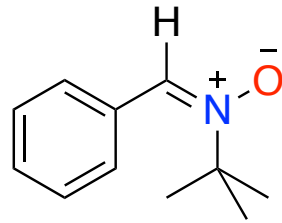
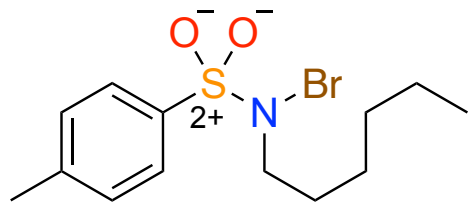
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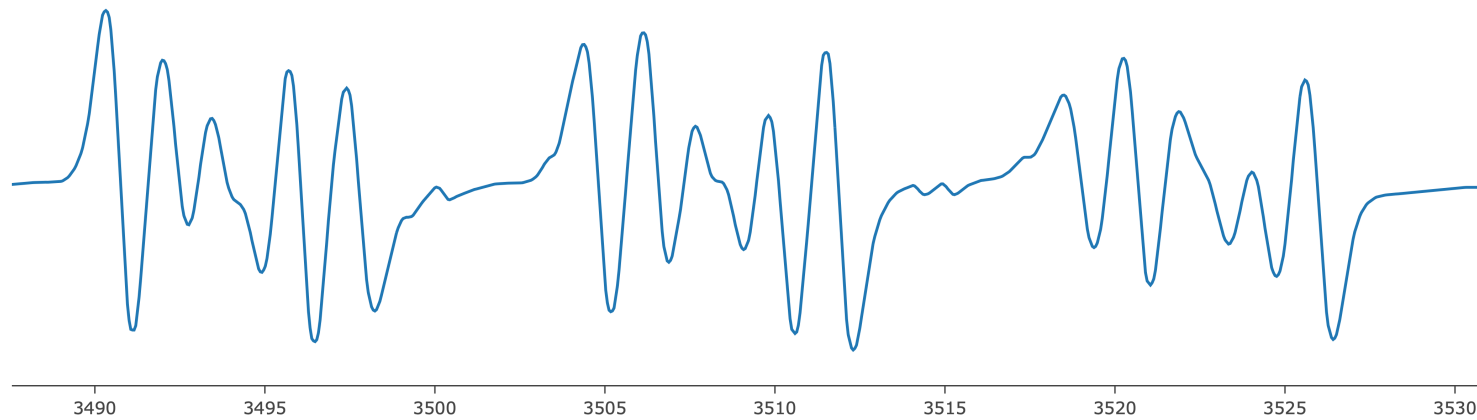
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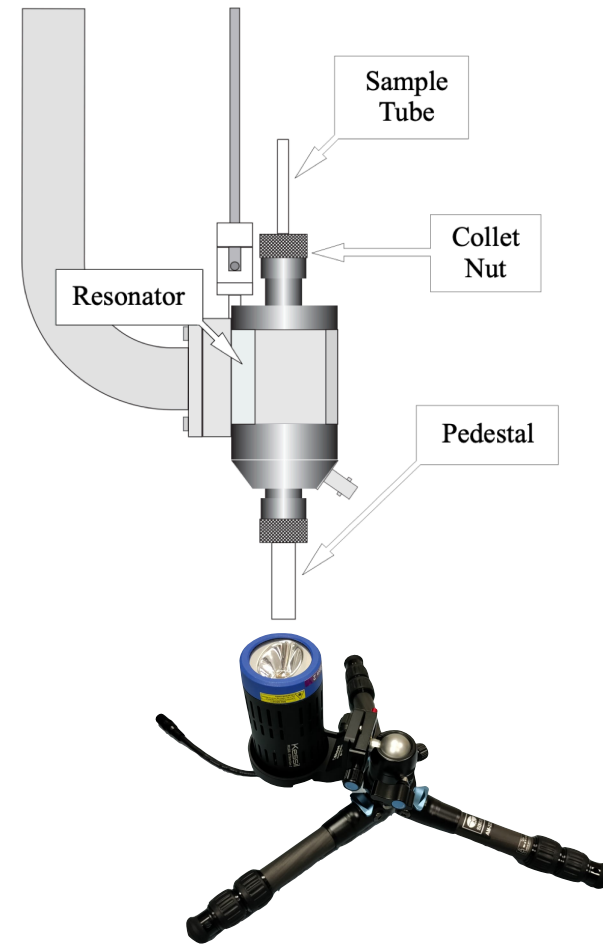
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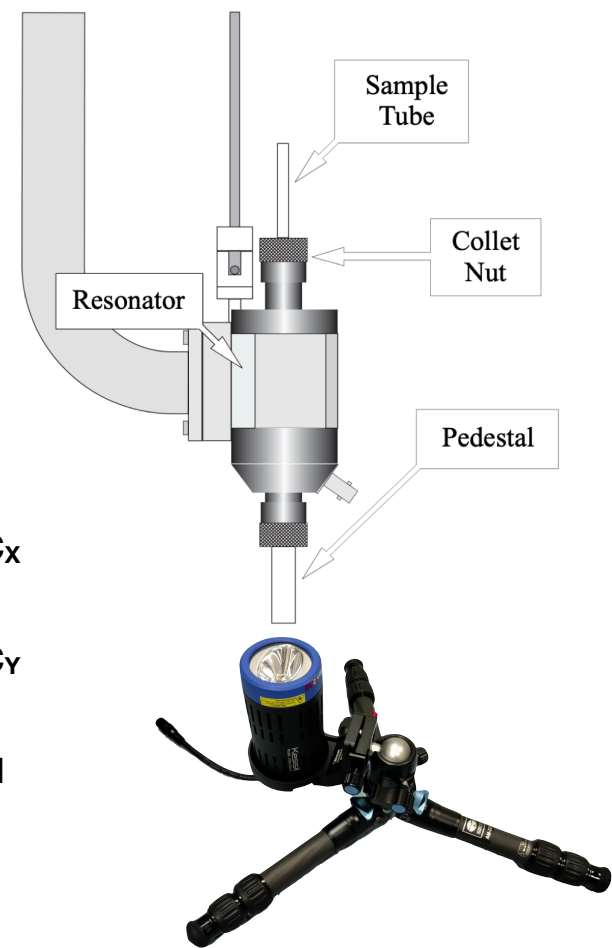
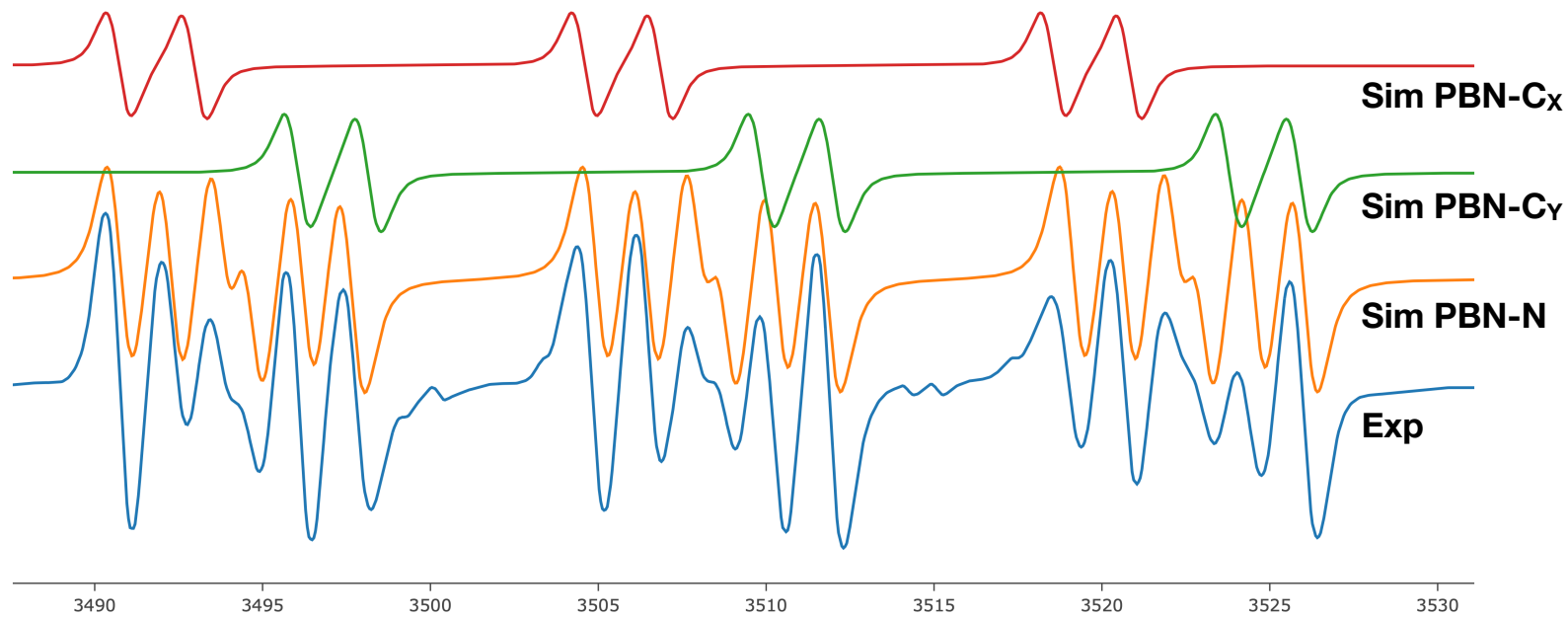
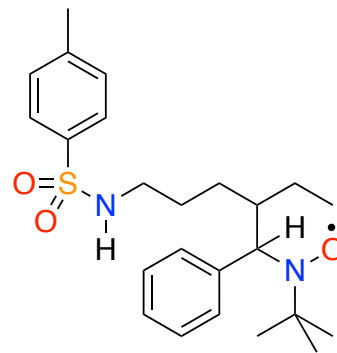
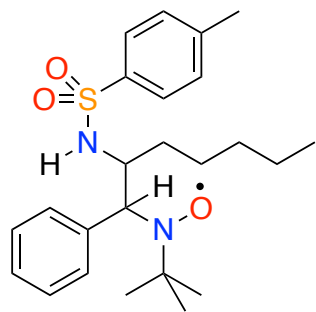
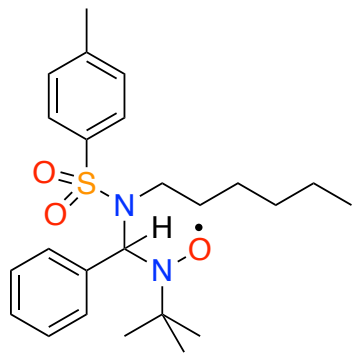
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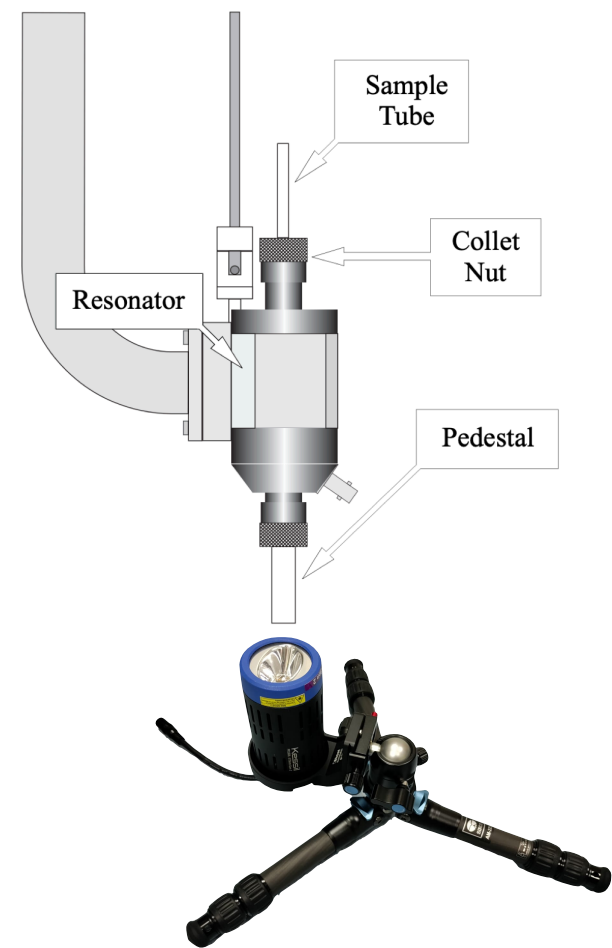
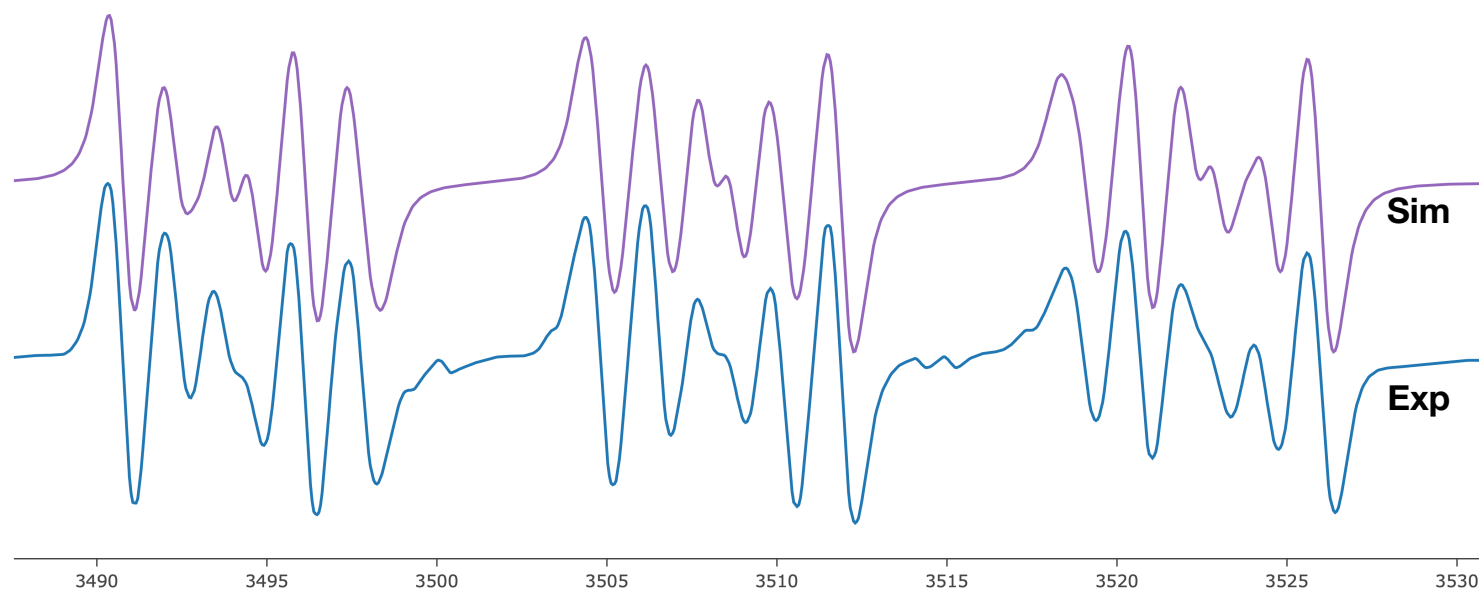


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# Conclusions

- Reaction is always more complicated than it seems
- Unexpected stable radicals are lurking around
- Sometimes MD at semi-empirical level gives more insight than DFT
- But only trust energies from DFT with well tested and proven method
- Interplay of theory and experiments

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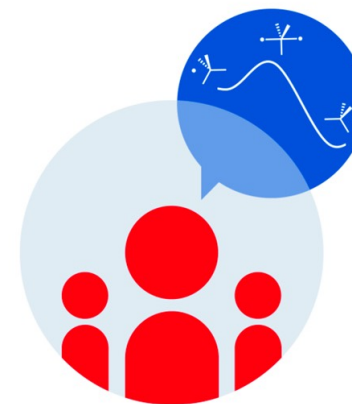
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