

# LIGHT RING

## Light-Driven Functionalization of Unreactive Sites Using Oxidative Amination

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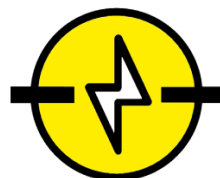
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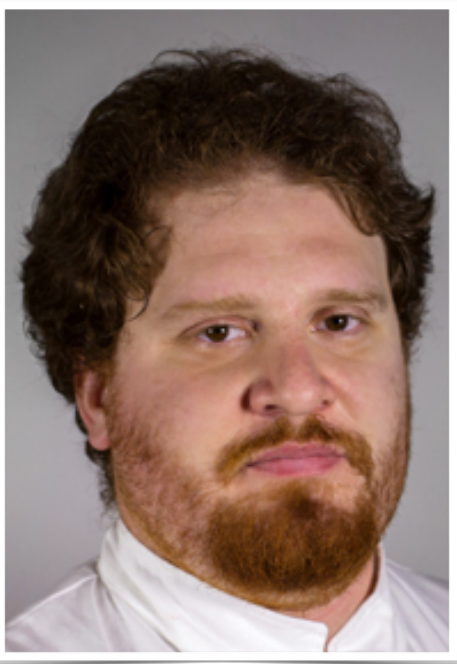
Project budget: 2 000 000,00 kn

Location: University of Zagreb,

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# Team



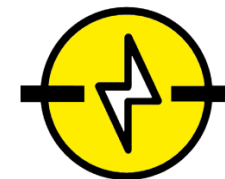
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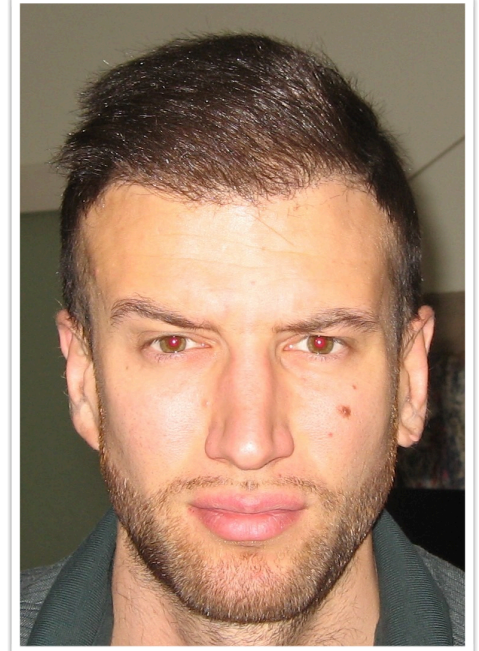
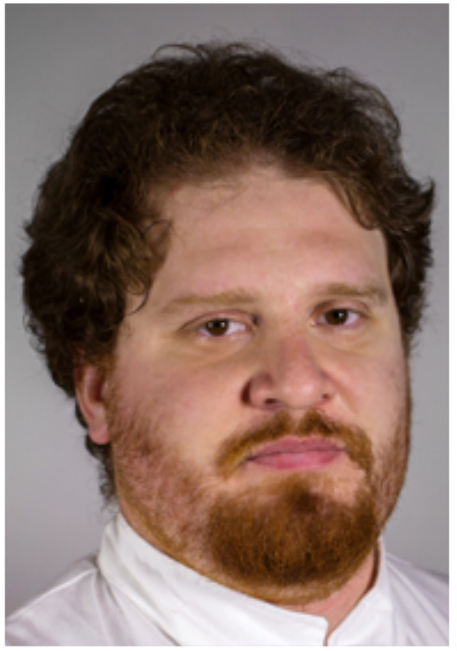


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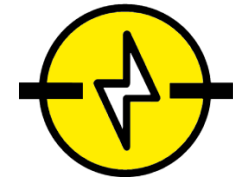
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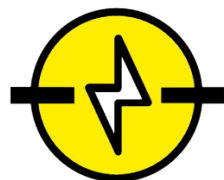
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# Collaboration



Prof. Hendrik Zipse, Ludwig-Maximilian University, Munich, Germany

mixed computational and organic synthesis lab with ample experience in radical chemistry and advanced organic synthesis

Prof. Armin R. Ofial, Ludwig-Maximilian University, Munich, Germany

extensive experience in stopped-flow and quench-flow techniques

Prof. Moisés Canle López, University of A Coruña, A Coruña, Spain

expertise in laser-flash photolysis and radical trapping

# Research

## Facilities:

University of Zagreb, Faculty of Pharmacy and Biochemistry ([pharma.unizg.hr](http://pharma.unizg.hr))

FarmInova lab @ Center for Translational Research and Innovation in Pharmacy

thermodynamic lab @ Department of General and inorganic Chemistry

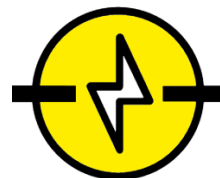
kinetics lab @ Department of Physical Chemistry

NMR lab @ Department of Organic Chemistry

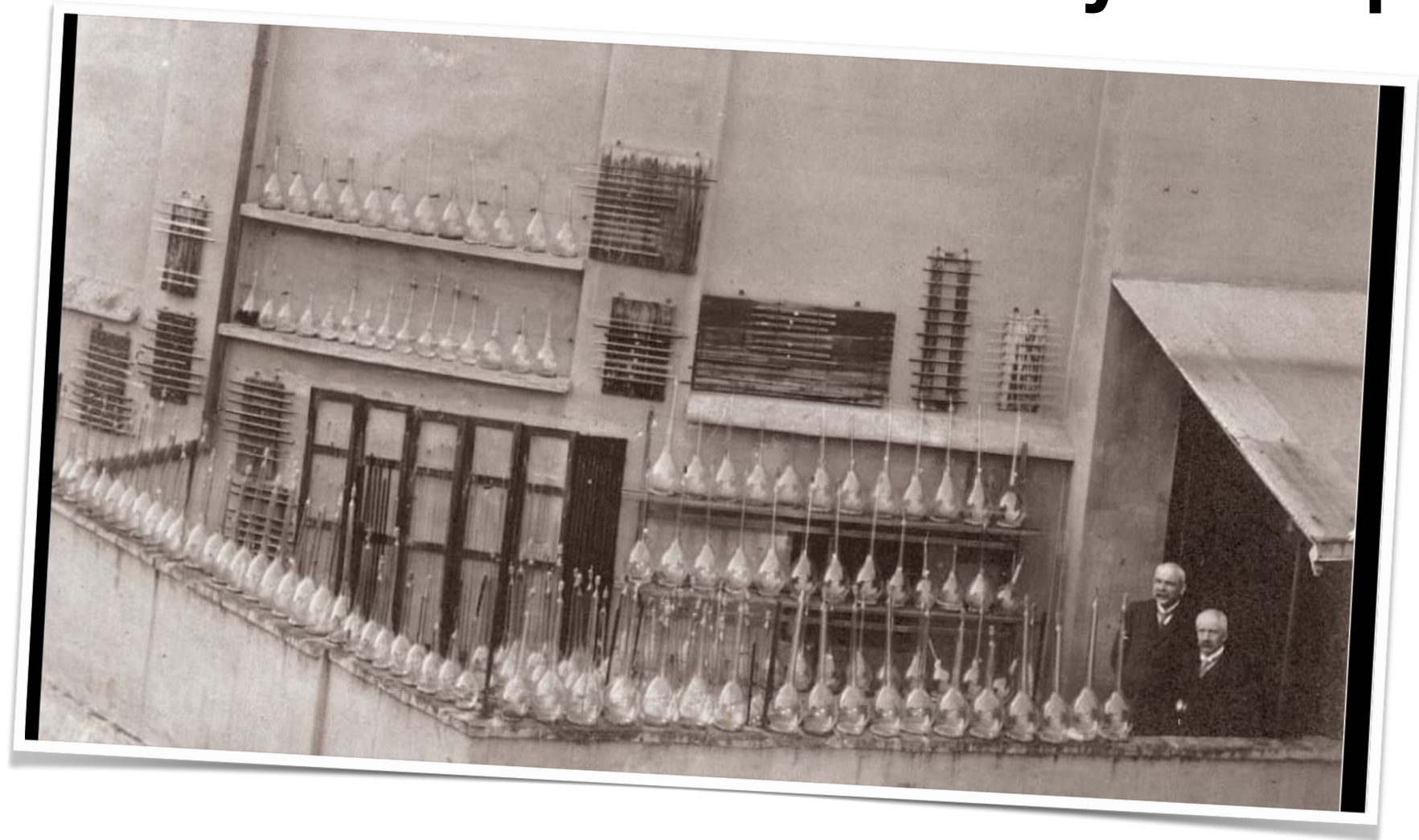
EPR lab @ Department of Biophysics

University of Zagreb, University Computing Centre (SRCE)

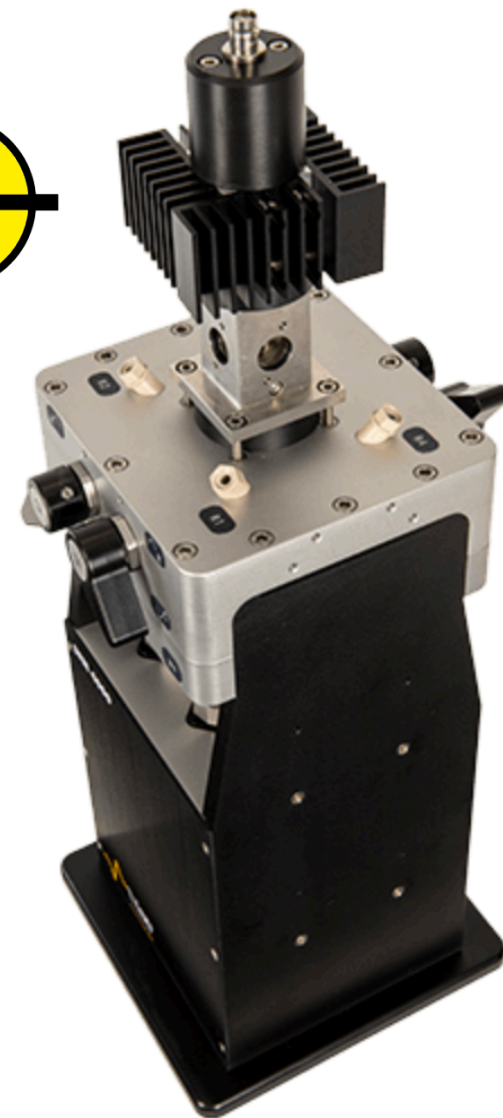
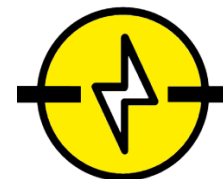
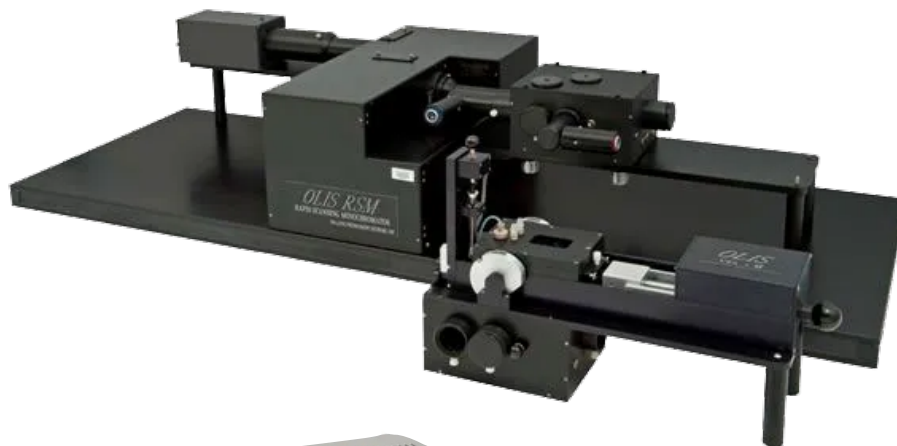
Isabella Cluster @ SRCE (<https://www.srce.unizg.hr/en/isabella-cluster>)



# Photochemistry in the past



# Research Equipment:

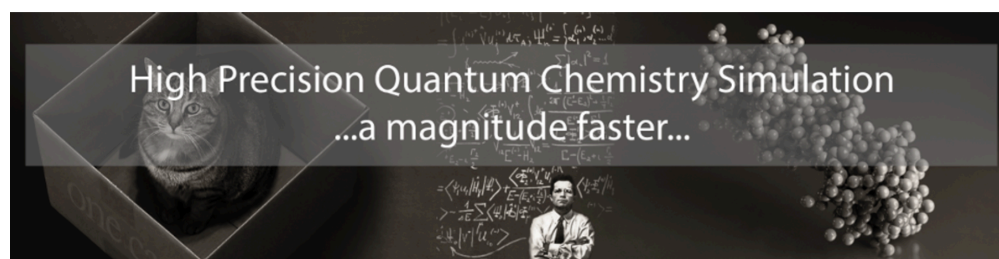




# Research Programs & workstations:

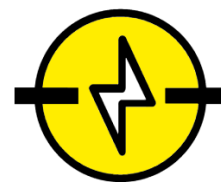
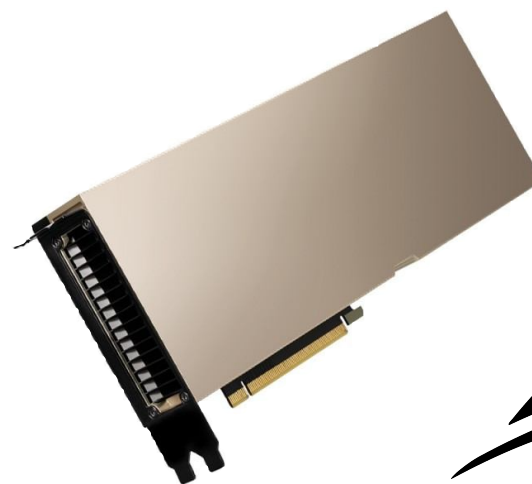
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Chemistry at the speed of graphics...



## GPU module for Q-CHEM: BrianQC

BrianQC is a GPU module for Q-Chem. It speeds up Density Functional Theory and Hartree-Fock single point, geometry optimization and frequency calculations and many other methods. Additionally use BrianQC as a quantum chemical Software Development Kit (SDK) and build the application you want.



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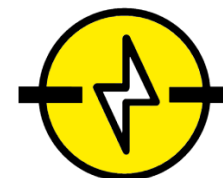
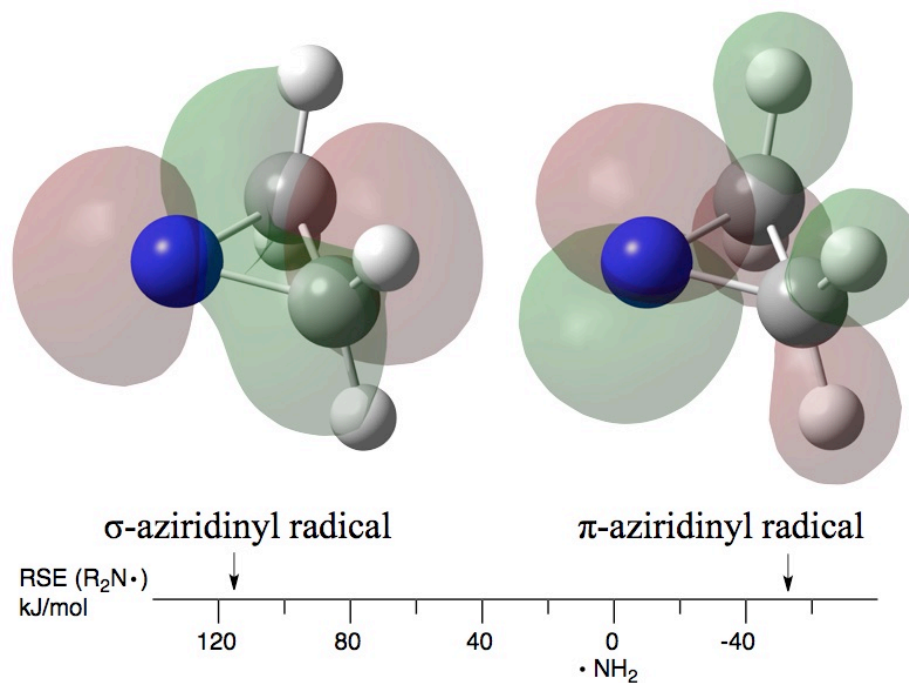
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### The stability of nitrogen-centered radicals†

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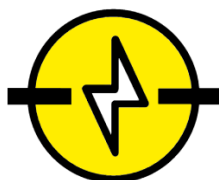
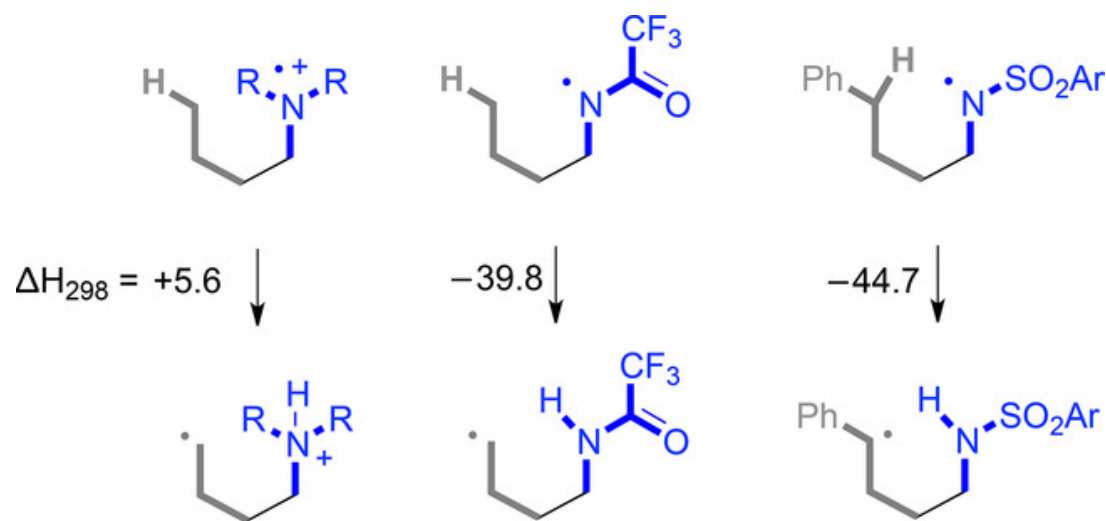
## Radical Stability as a Guideline in C–H Amination Reactions

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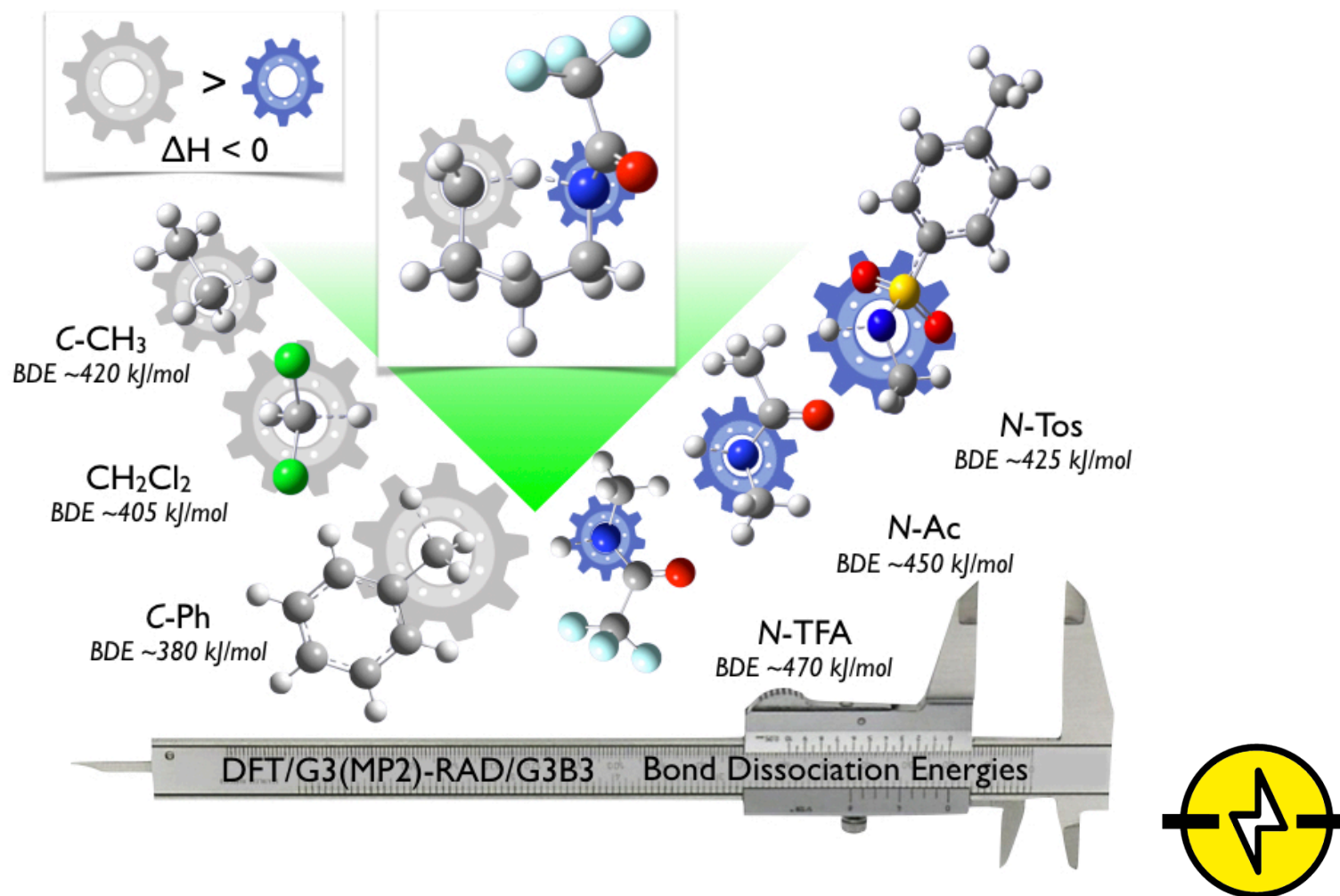
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# Publications



# Publications

## Organic & Biomolecular Chemistry



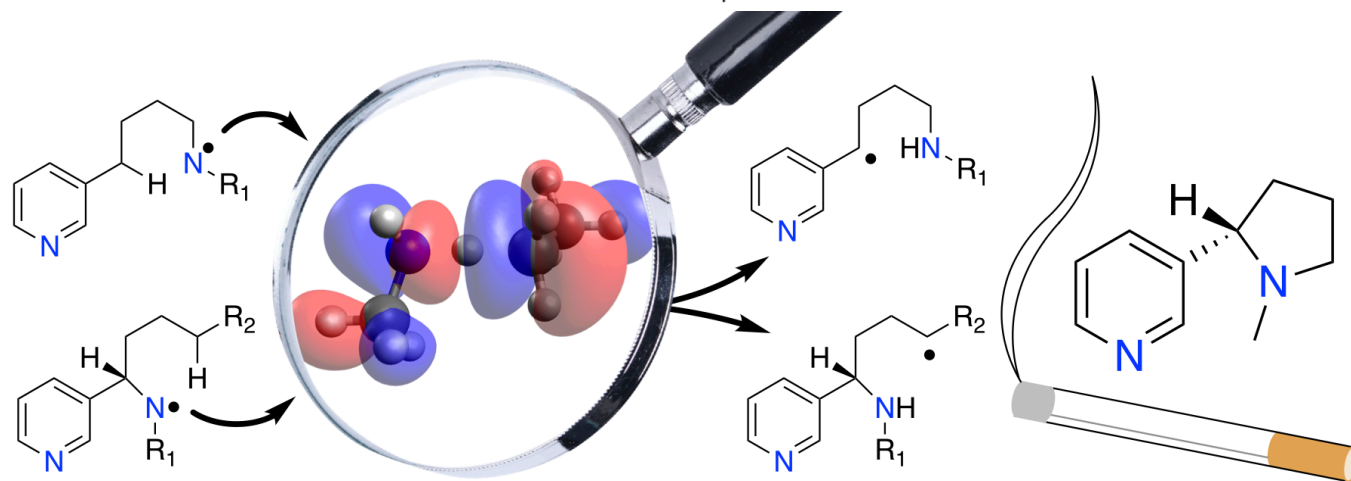
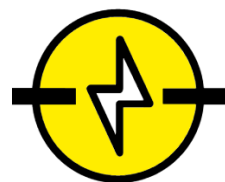
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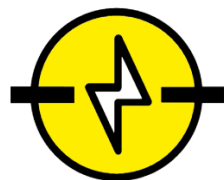
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### Role of substituents in the Hofmann–Löffler–Freitag reaction. A quantum-chemical case study on nicotine synthesis†‡

Sofia Shkunnikova,<sup>a</sup> Hendrik Zipse <sup>b</sup> and Davor Šakić <sup>\*a</sup>

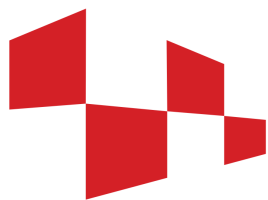


# Activities



- Establishment of the new research group
- Computational modelling of the HLF reaction mechanism and parameters of its regioselectivity
- Quantifying the role of the oxidant in the shift from inter- to intramolecular HAT steps
- Fine-tuning of the N-centered radicals' stability in order to increase the number of available substrates. EPR investigation of radical generation by irradiation or electrochemically.
- Finding a switch between radical and ionic pathways, which can be utilized to develop stereospecific transformations, or activate unreactive substrates
- Preparation of a new research proposal: Application of the HLF procedure in pharmaceutical synthesis

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