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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Computational catalysis and molecular dynamics

- Structure and reactivity of polyoxometalates and metal-organic frameworks
- Molecular and supramolecular catalysis
- Reaction mechanisms and catalyst design
- Self-assembly and host-guest interactions
- Proton and electron-transfer reactions
- MD methods and enhanced-sampling techniques

SUMMARY

My research activities mainly concern the application of computational methods to the study of the electronic properties and reactivity of polyoxometalates (POMs) and metal-organic frameworks (MOFs) for their application in catalysis. During my doctoral studies, I also acquired extensive experience in modelling dynamic properties of inorganic clusters such as POMs in solution by means of atomistic Molecular Dynamics simulations, including their speciation, self-assembly processes inducing agglomeration, or host-guest interactions responsible for their specific binding to other bodies such as proteins. Besides, I am highly interested in the computational modelling of chemical reactivity accounting for an explicit and dynamic description of the environment, as well as in the study of reactions that involve proton and electron-transfer processes.

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