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## Computation Meets Experiment: a Powerful Approach Toward Understanding Catalytic Cycles



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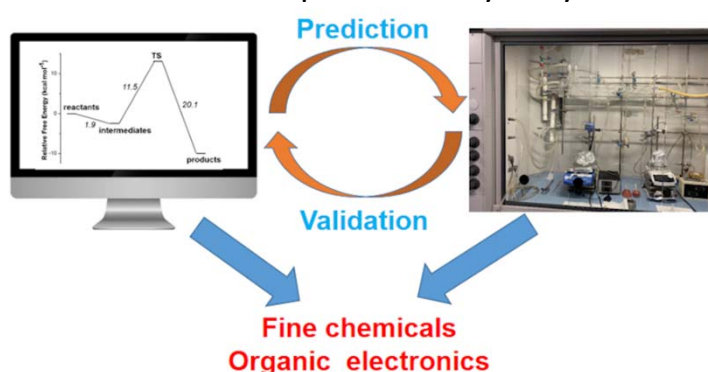
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**on 10.10. at 15:40**

the Lecture Hall CH2, the School of Chemistry Building, FoS CU, Hlavova 8, Praha 2

**Abstract:** Understanding the electronic structure of intermediates and/or Transition States along a reaction pathway is fundamental for the optimization of the operative conditions and may help in looking for more sustainable alternatives with less expensive metals, low or null by-products production or shorter synthetic paths. Nowadays, modern computational techniques allow highlighting the milestones in possible reaction pathways correlating the stereochemical features with electronic structures and the energy costs. Two different examples of catalytic cycles will highlight how the experimental/computational



interplay is a powerful approach for the development of new catalytic efficient processes for the synthesis of active pharmaceutical molecules using CO<sub>2</sub> or extended planar  $\pi$ -conjugated systems with potential applications in different fields of chemistry, *e.g.*, materials science or organic electronics