

Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)

IRMPD spectroscopy of metalated flavins: Structure and bonding of M^{q+} -lumichrome complexes
($M^{q+} = Li^+, Cs^+, Ag^+, Mg^{2+}$)

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Figure S1. Laser power of FELIX operated at 10 Hz for recording the $Mg^{2+}LC_2$ spectrum (blue) and the other M^+LC spectra (red).

Figure S2. Comparison of the IRMPD spectrum of Li^+LC with linear IR absorption spectra of the $Li^+LC(O4)$ isomer calculated at different levels of theory using either GAUSSIAN or TURBOMOLE. The theoretical spectra are linearly scaled to match the position of the band at 1800 cm^{-1} and convoluted with a Gaussian line profile with a width of 20 cm^{-1} (FWHM).

Figure S3. Comparison of the IRMPD spectrum of Li^+LC to linear IR absorption spectra calculated for different isomers at the B3LYP/cc-pVDZ level. Binding free energies (G) are indicated in kJ/mol.

Figure S4. Plot of free energies of the O4 and O2 isomers of M^+LC (M =alkali atoms Li-Cs, filled blue circles), Ag^+LC (open blue circle), $Mg^{2+}LC_n$ ($n=1$ and 2 , filled red squares), and H^+LC (green filled circles) and their difference as a function of the inverse ionic radius of the metal ion (Table 2). Also shown are plots of the NBO charges of M^{q+} .

Figure S5. Plot of selected structural parameters of the O4 and O2 isomers of M^+LC (M =alkali atoms Li-Cs, filled blue circles), Ag^+LC (open blue circle), $Mg^{2+}LC_n$ ($n=1$ and 2 , filled red squares), and H^+LC (green filled circles) as a function of the inverse ionic radius of the metal ion (Table 3).

Figure S6. Plot of selected vibrational parameters (C=O stretch modes) of the O4 and O2 isomers of M^+LC (M =alkali atoms Li-Cs, filled blue circles), Ag^+LC (open blue circle), $Mg^{2+}LC_n$ ($n=1$ and 2 , filled red squares), and H^+LC (green filled circles) as a function of the inverse ionic radius of the metal ion (Table 3).

Figure S7. Comparison of the IRMPD spectrum of Li^+LC to linear IR absorption spectra calculated for LC, iso-LC, and the O4 and O2 isomers of their Li^+ complexes at the B3LYP/cc-pVDZ level. Relative free energies (ΔG) and binding free energies (G) are indicated in kJ/mol.

Figure S8. Comparison of the IRMPD spectra of Li^+LC and Ag^+LC to linear IR absorption spectra calculated for the O4 isomers of Li^+LC and Ag^+LC at the B3LYP/cc-pVDZ level.

Figure S9. NBO charge distribution (in me) of LC evaluated at the B3LYP/cc-pVDZ level.

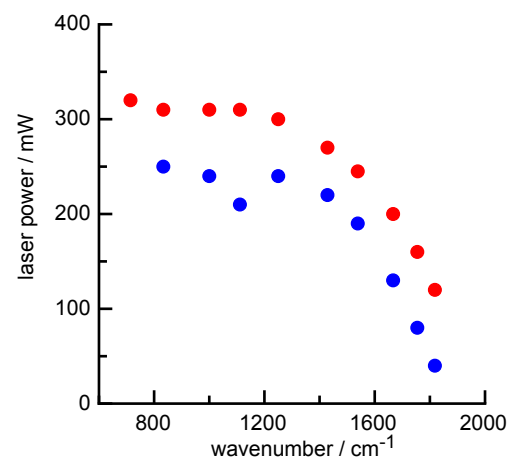


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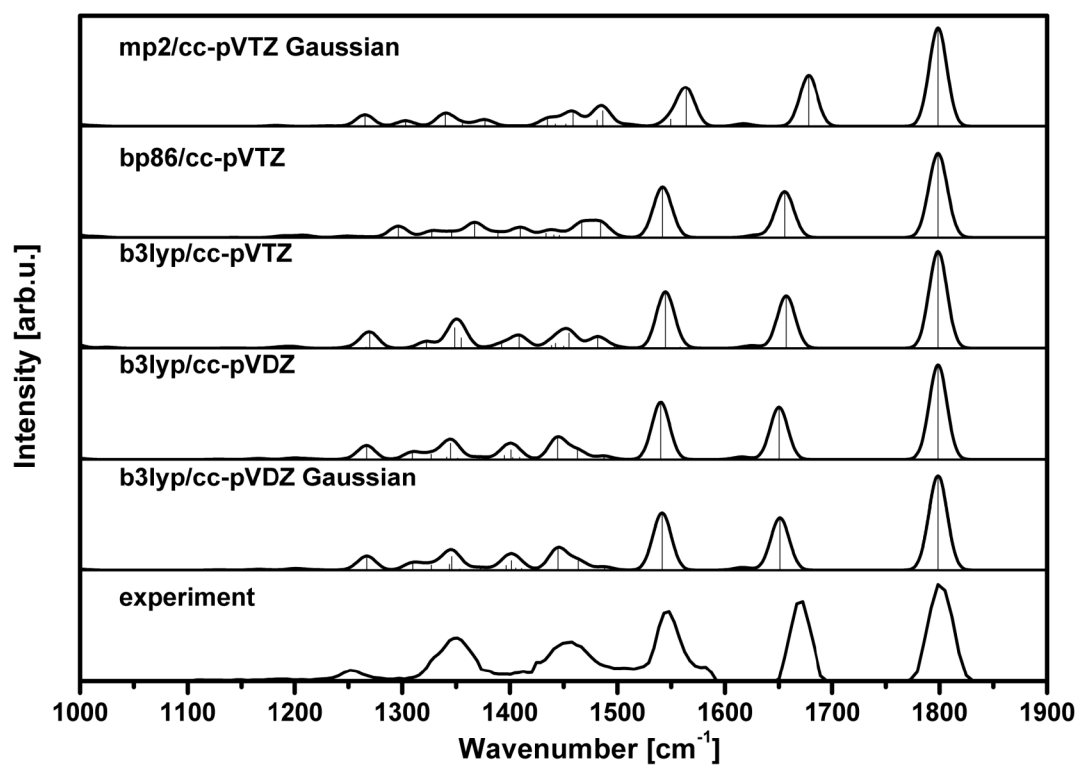


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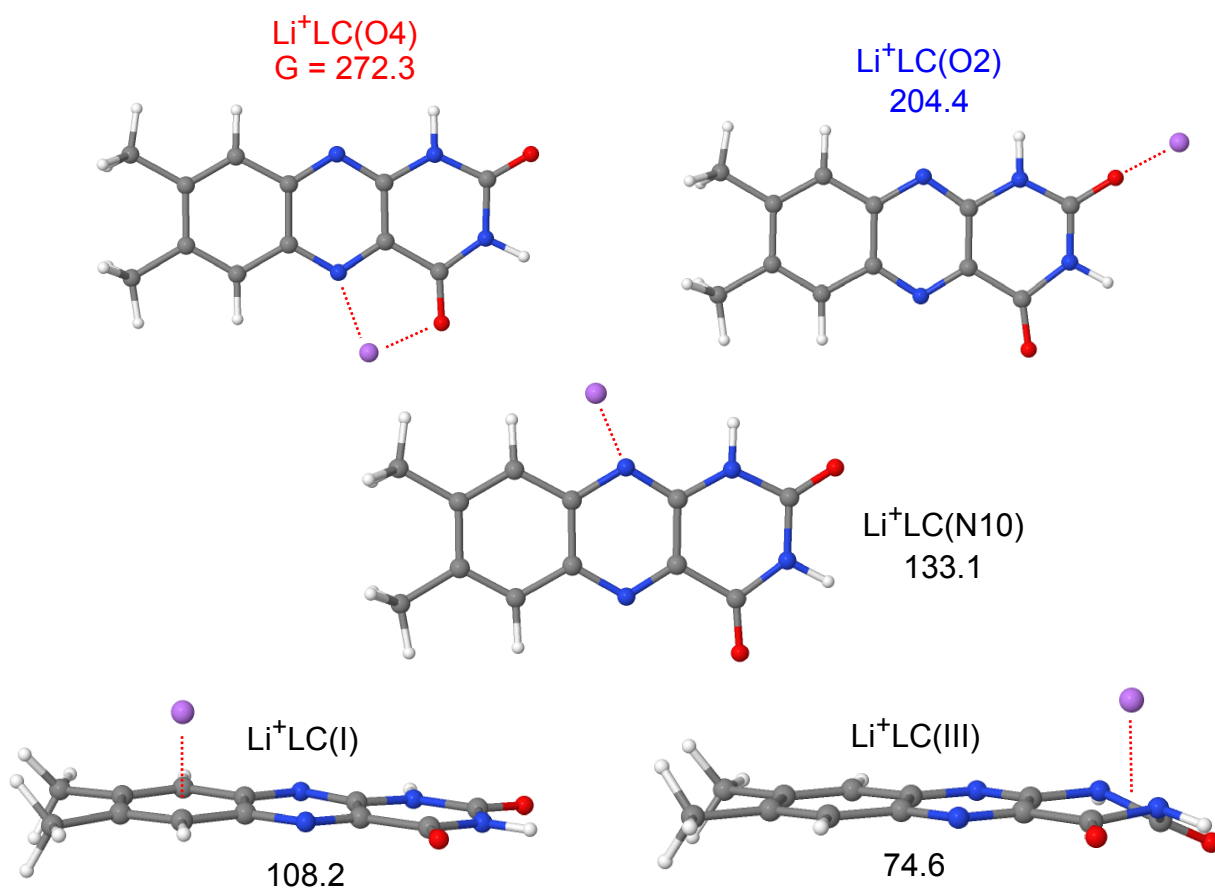
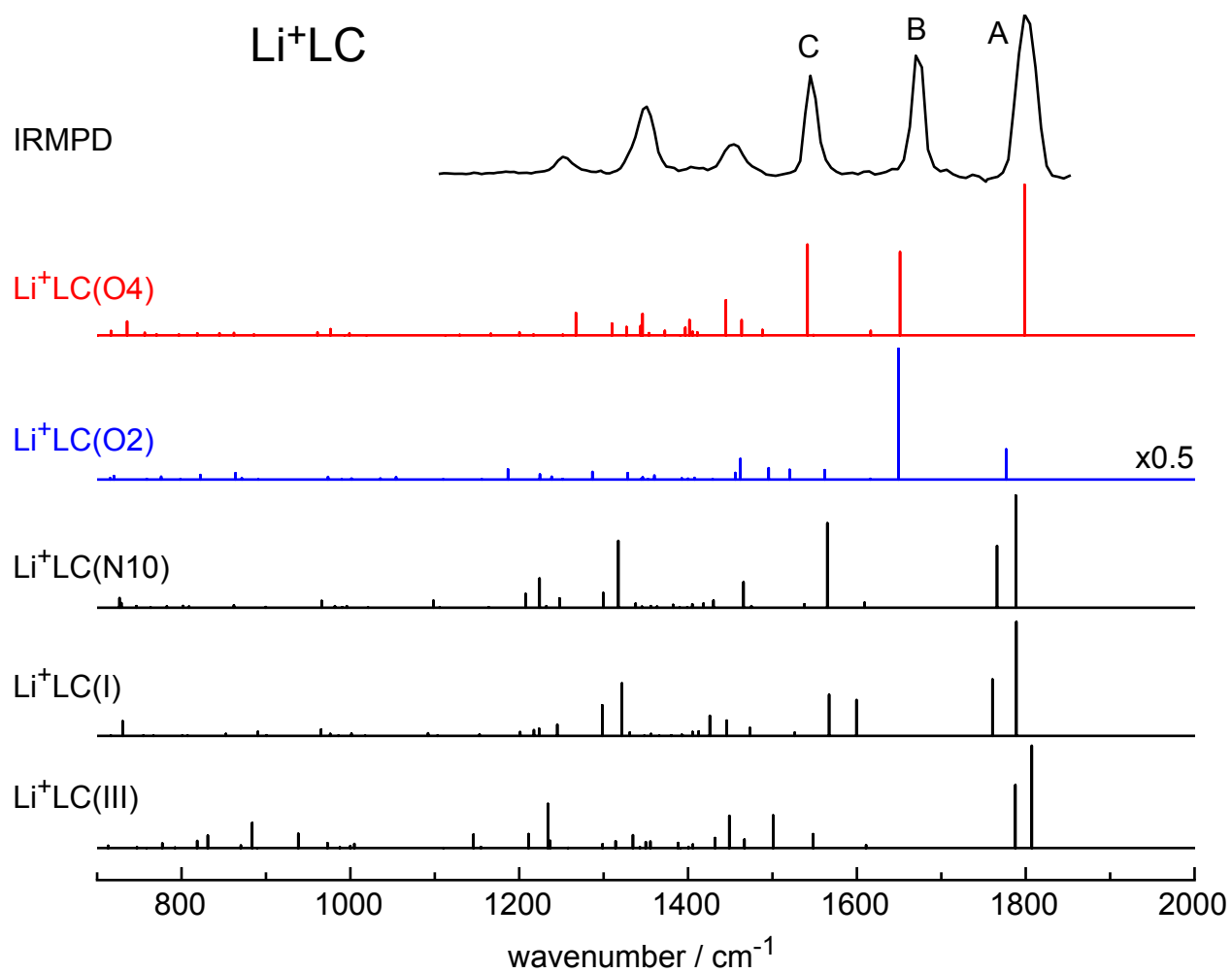


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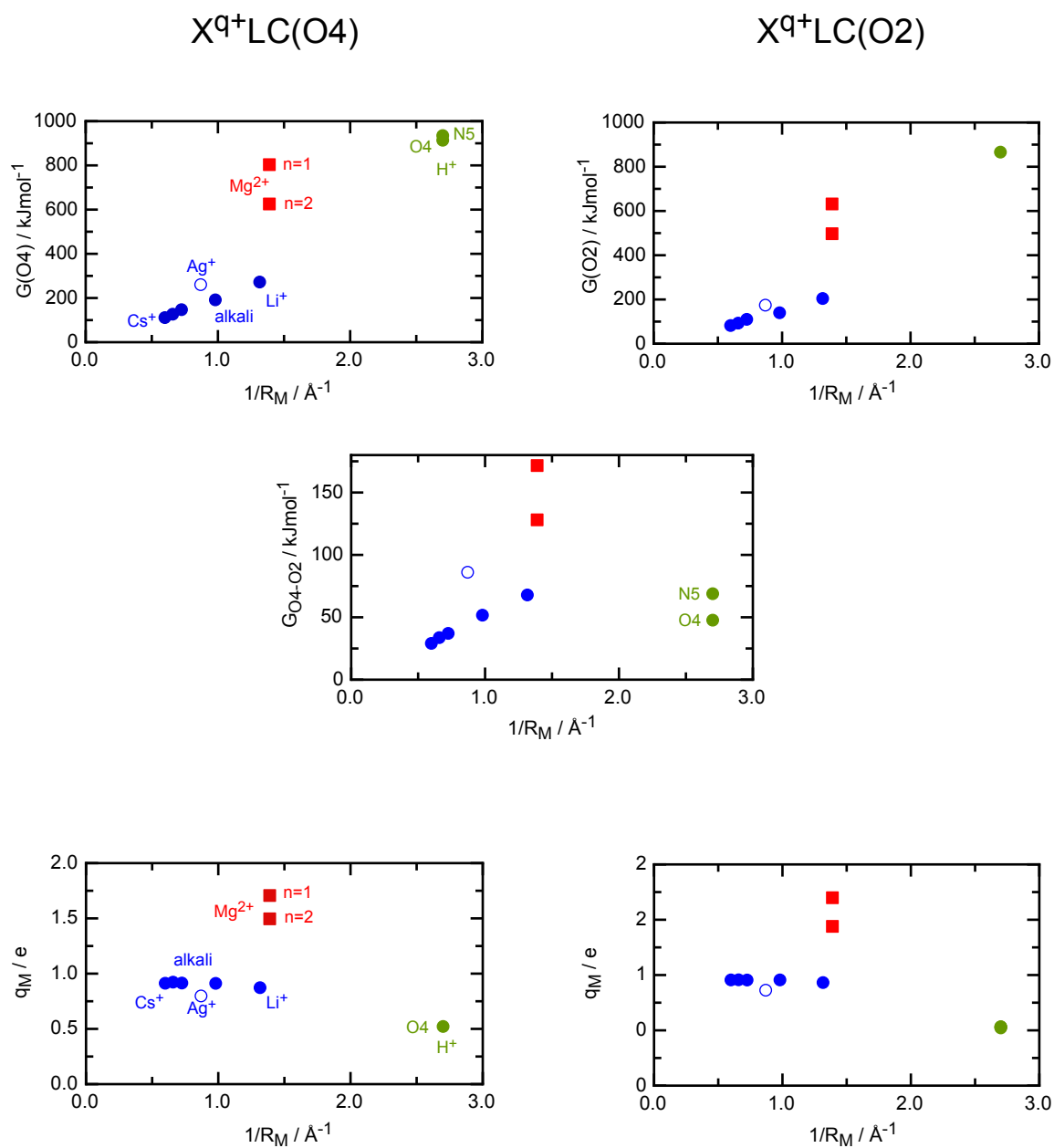


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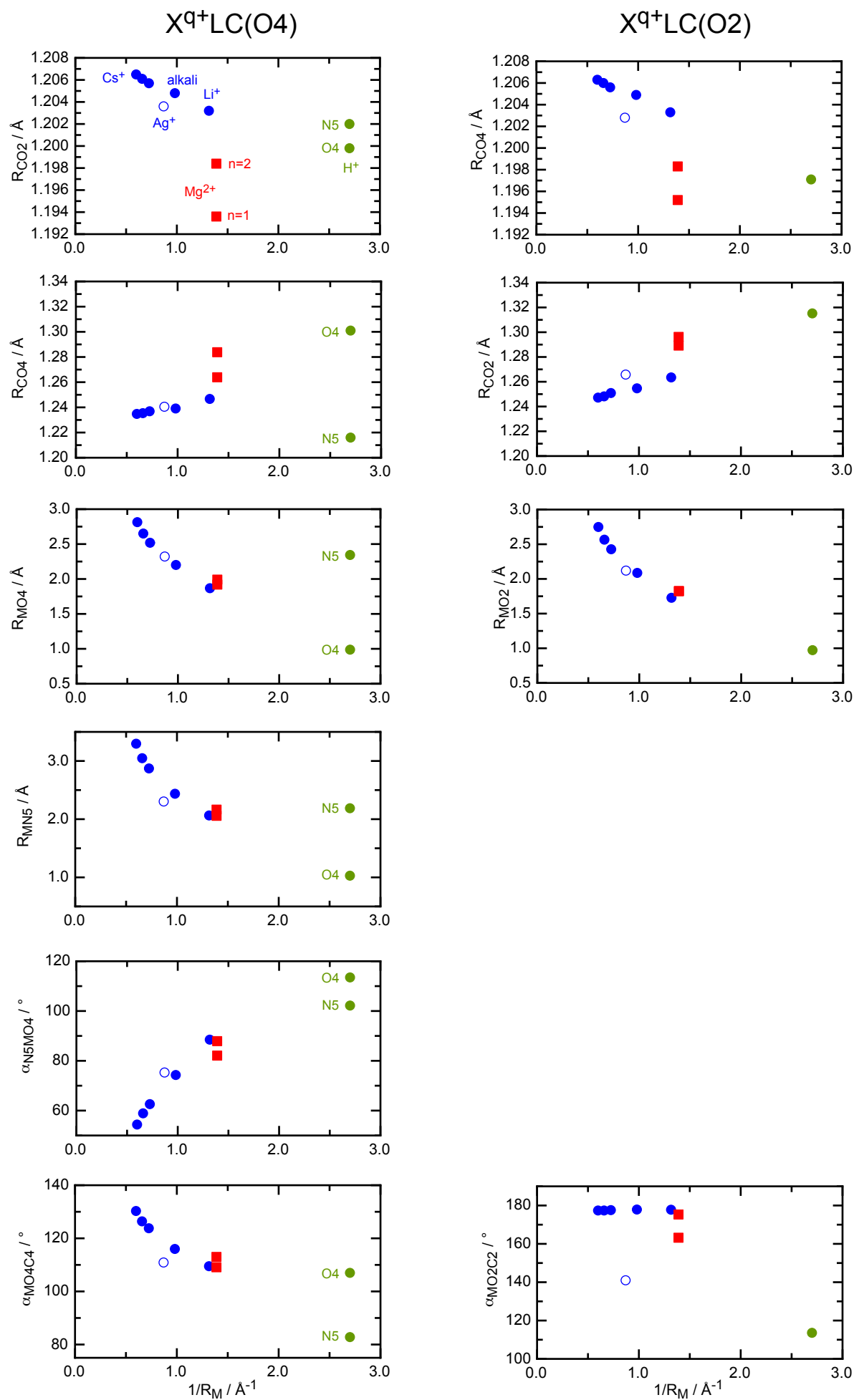


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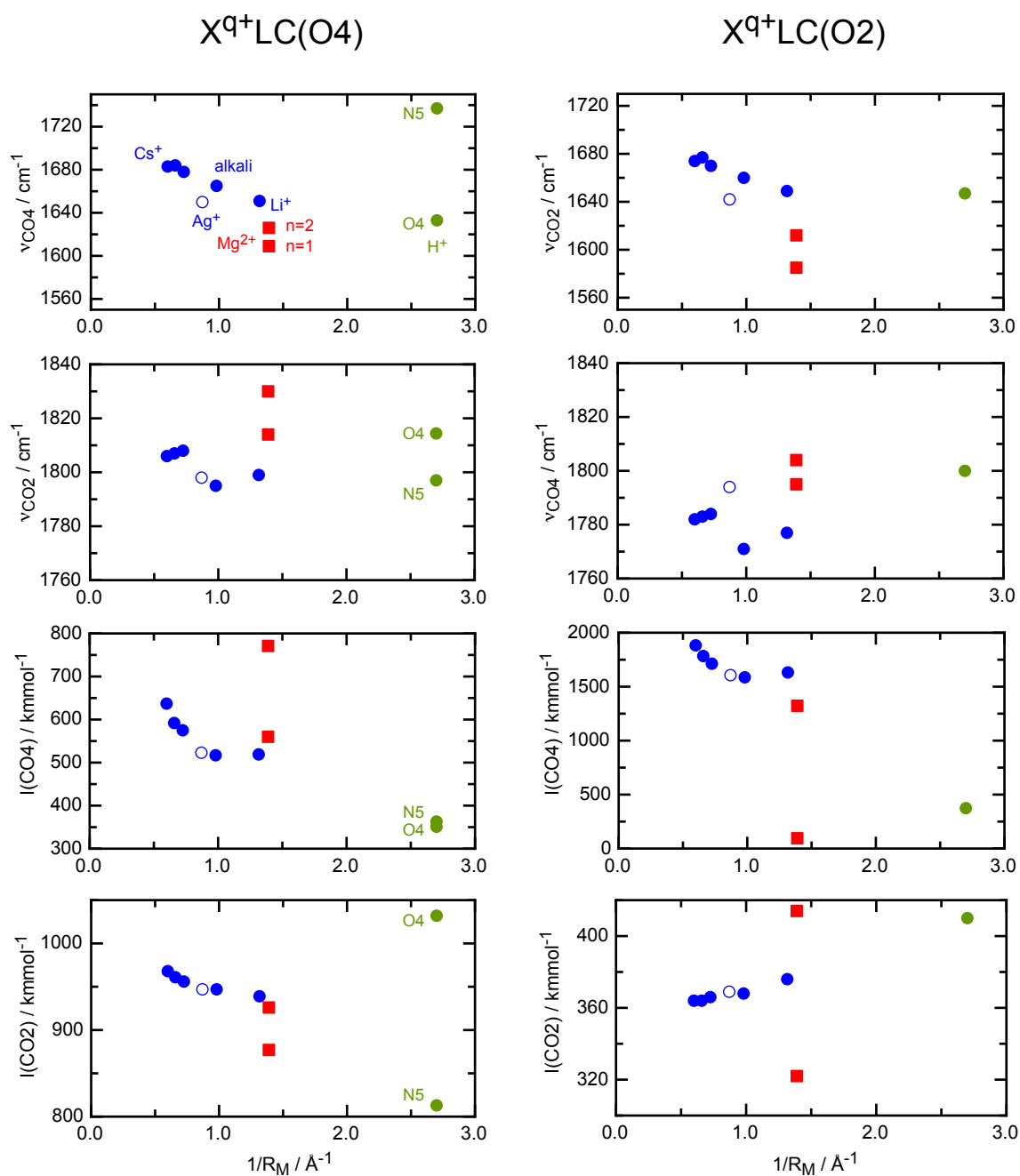


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Li⁺LC and Li⁺iso-LC

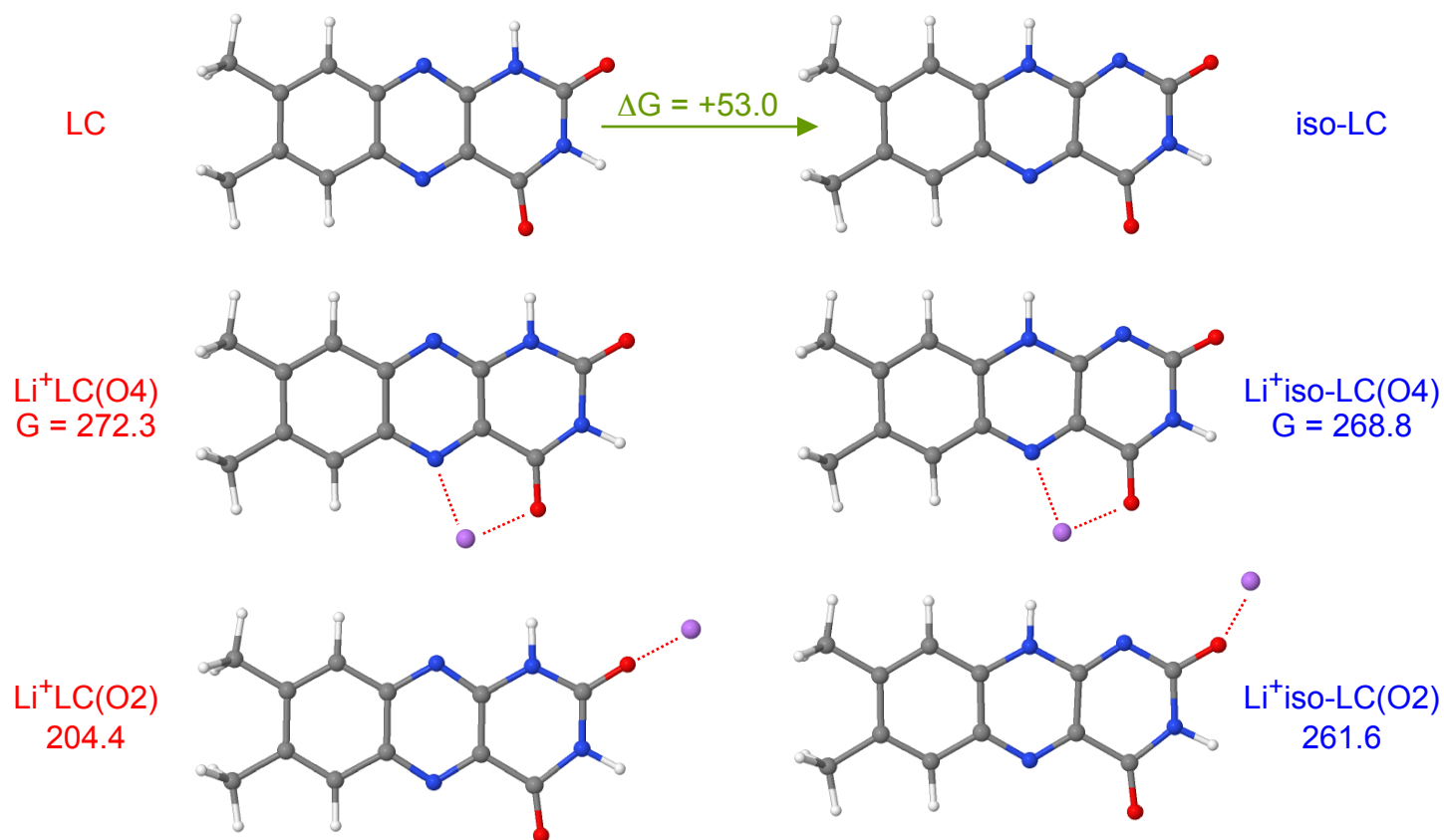
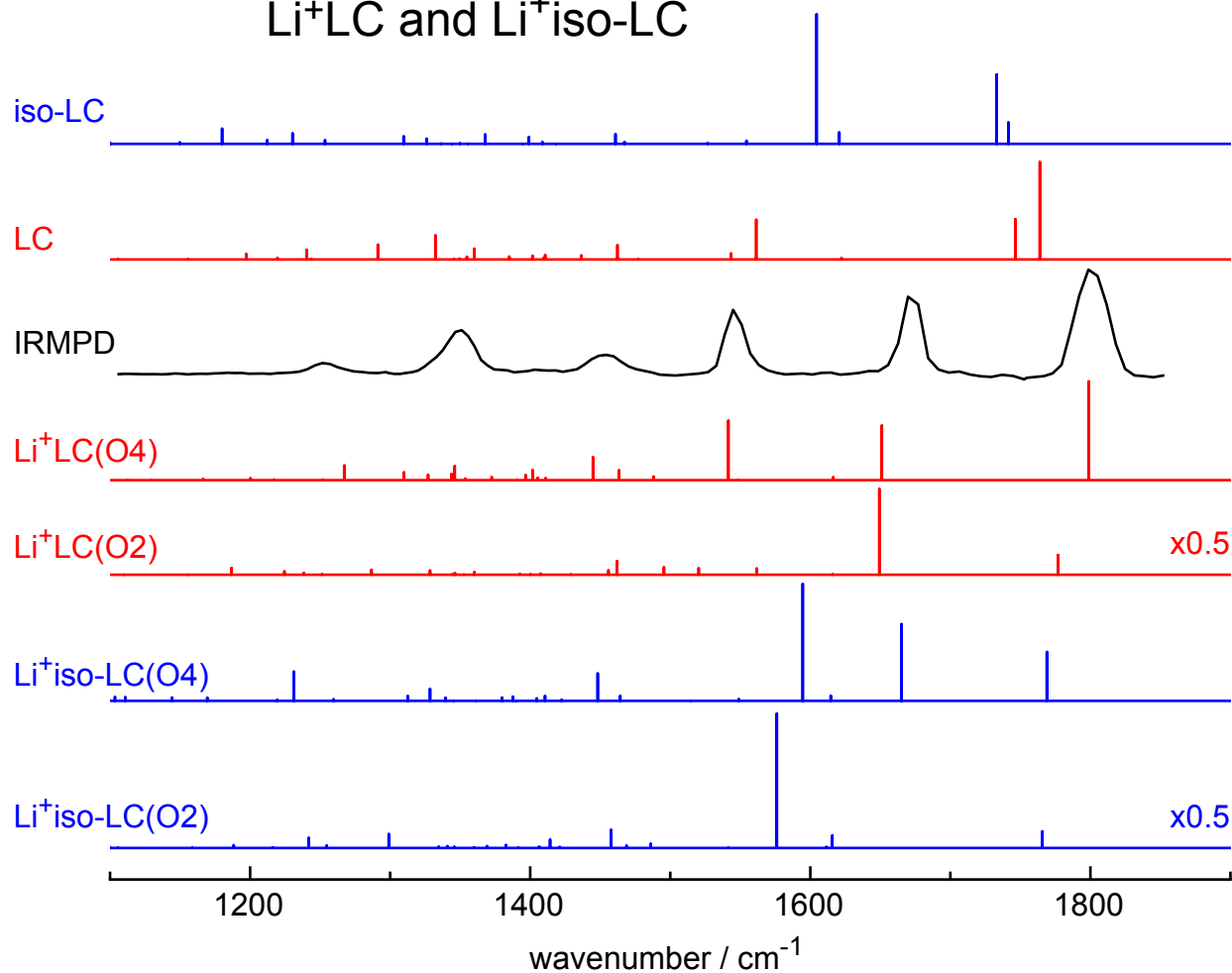


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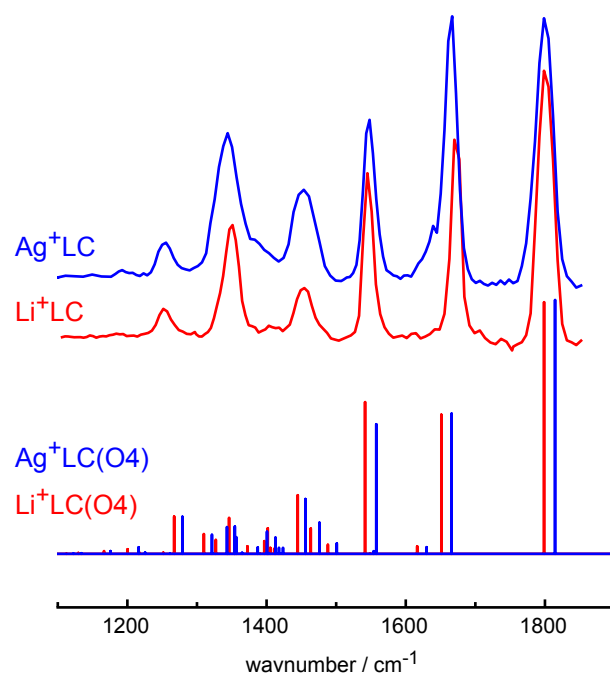


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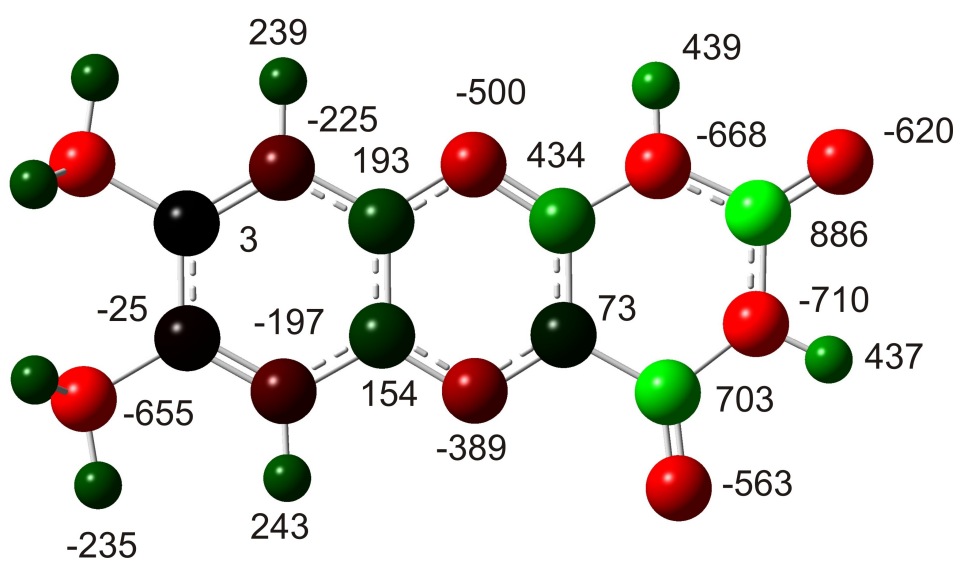


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