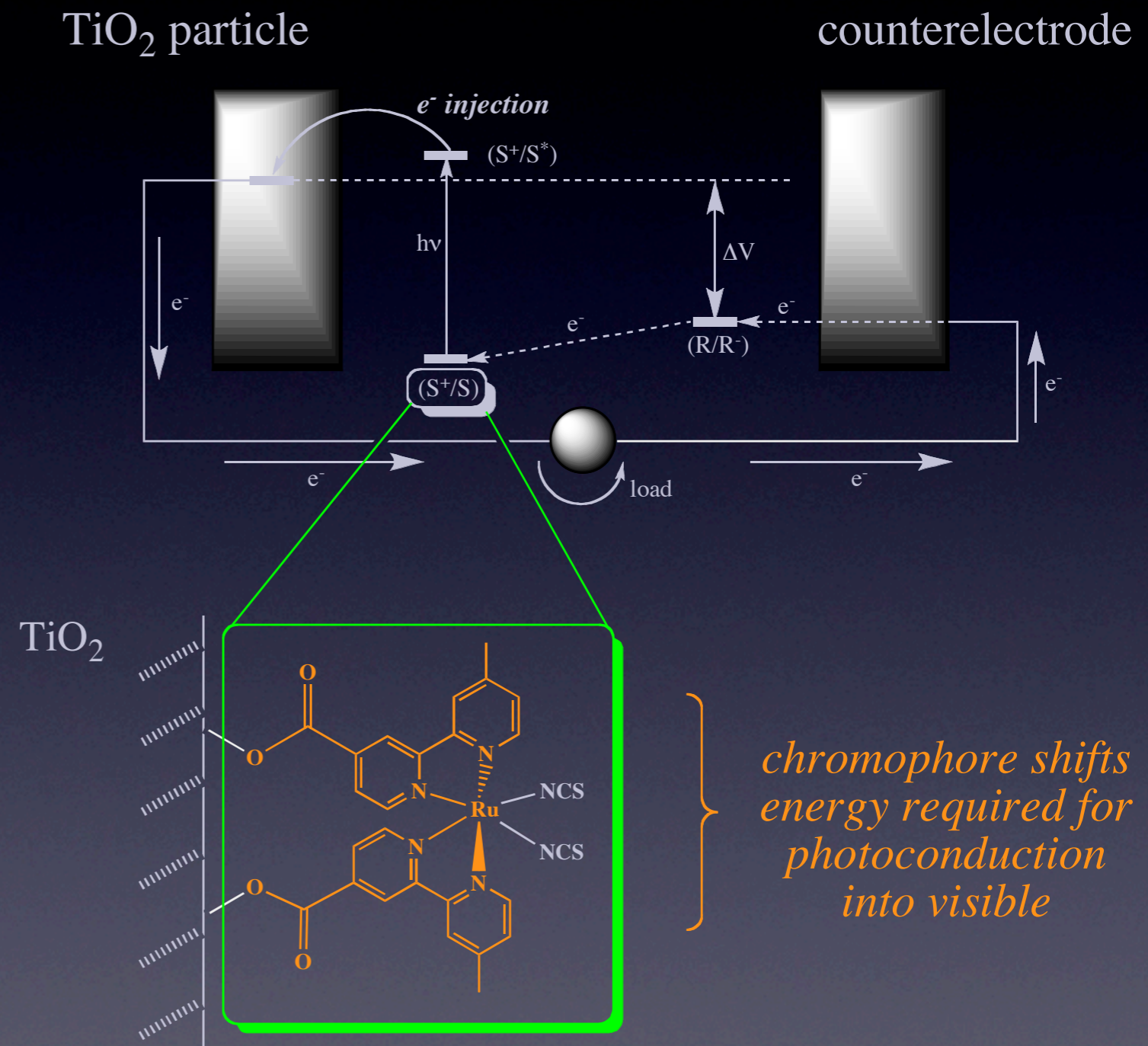


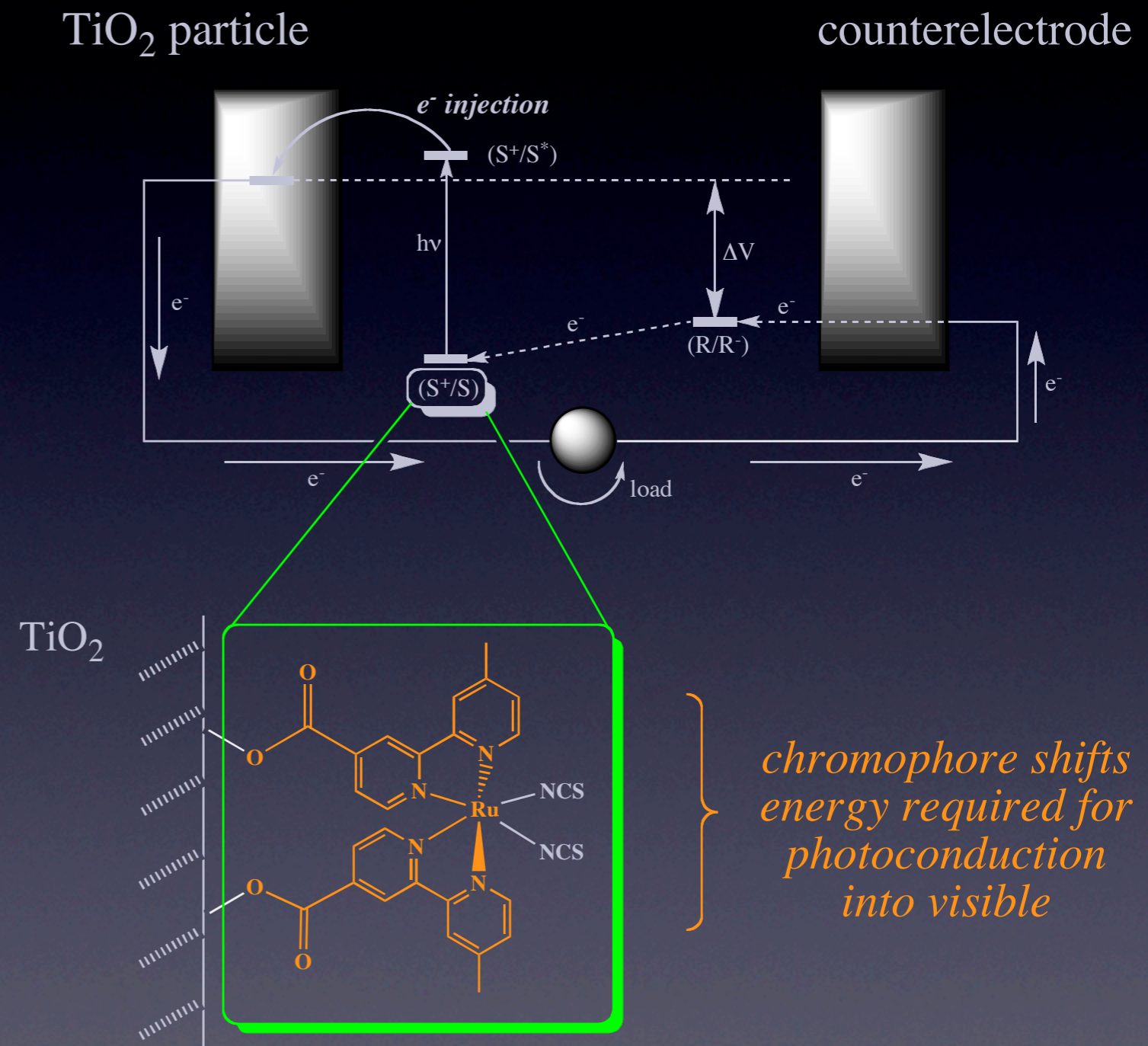
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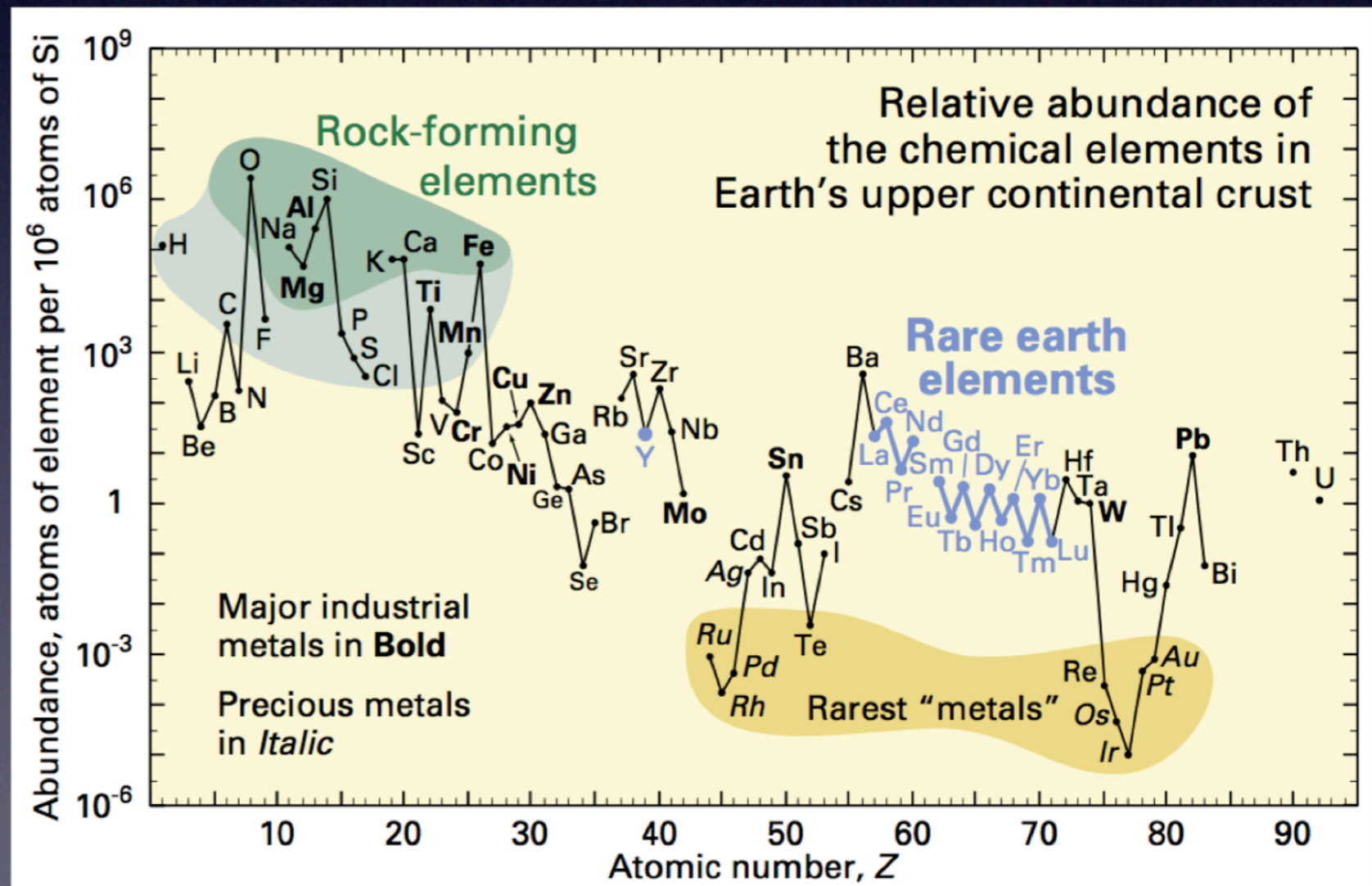
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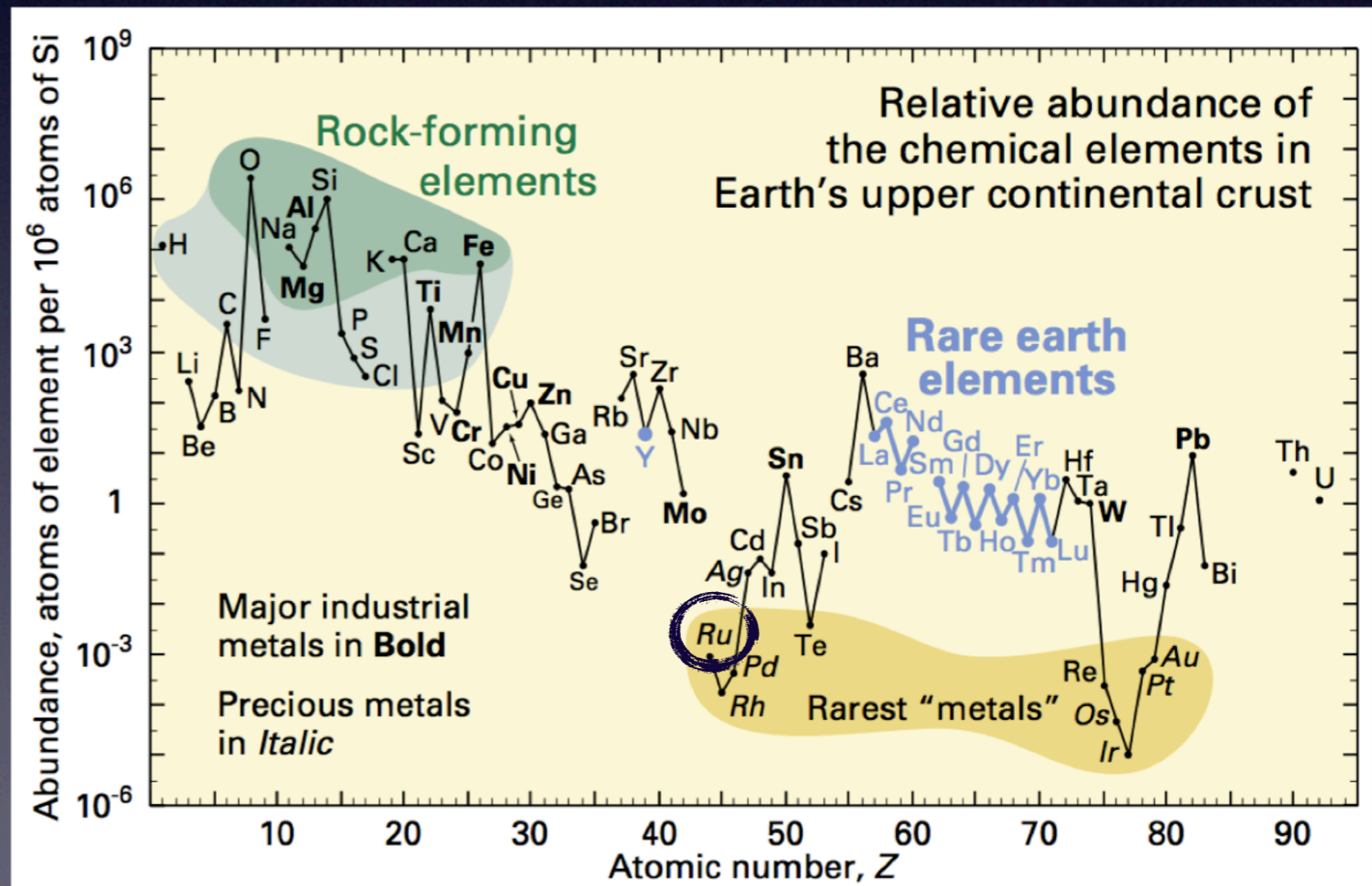
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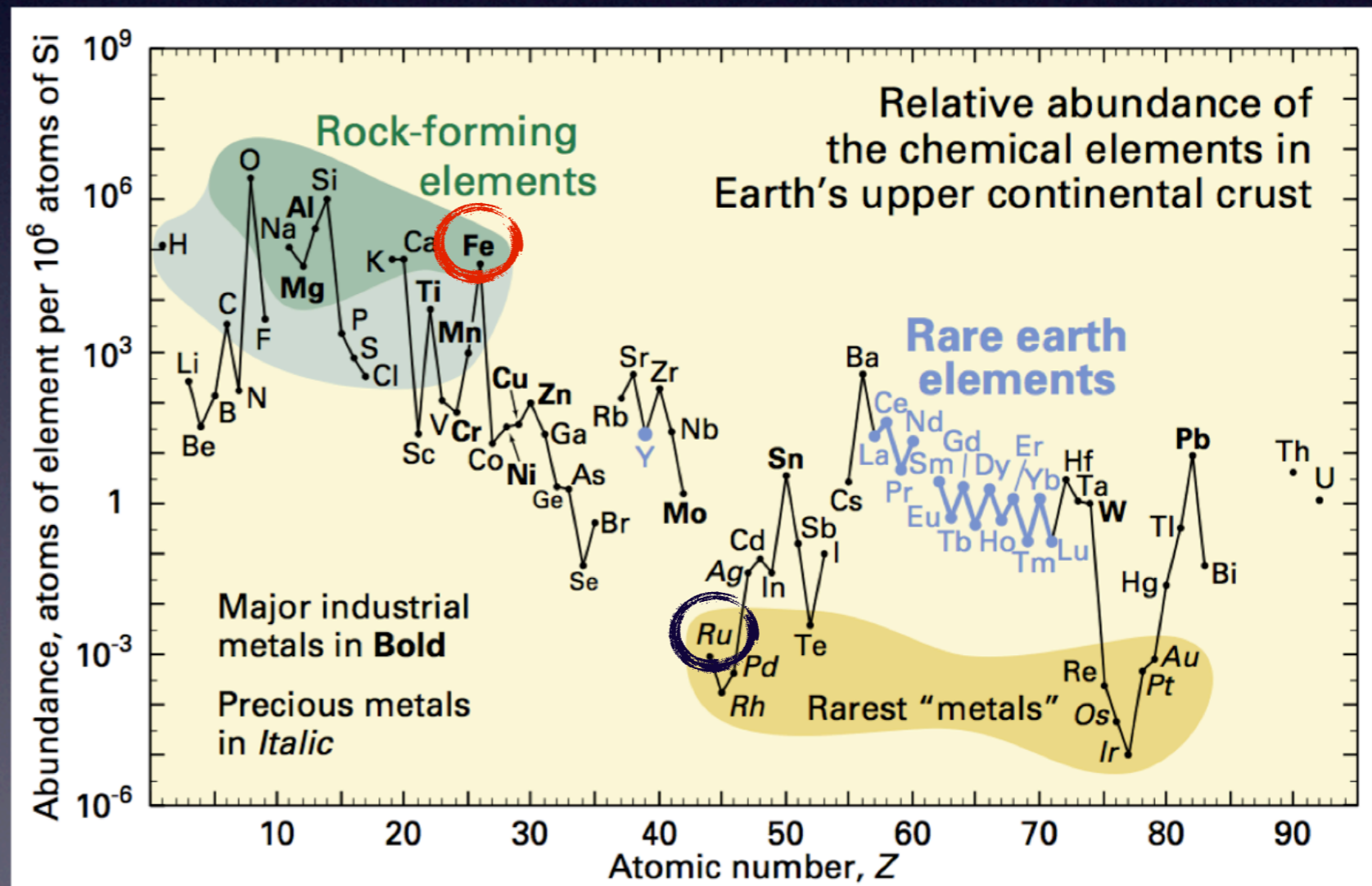
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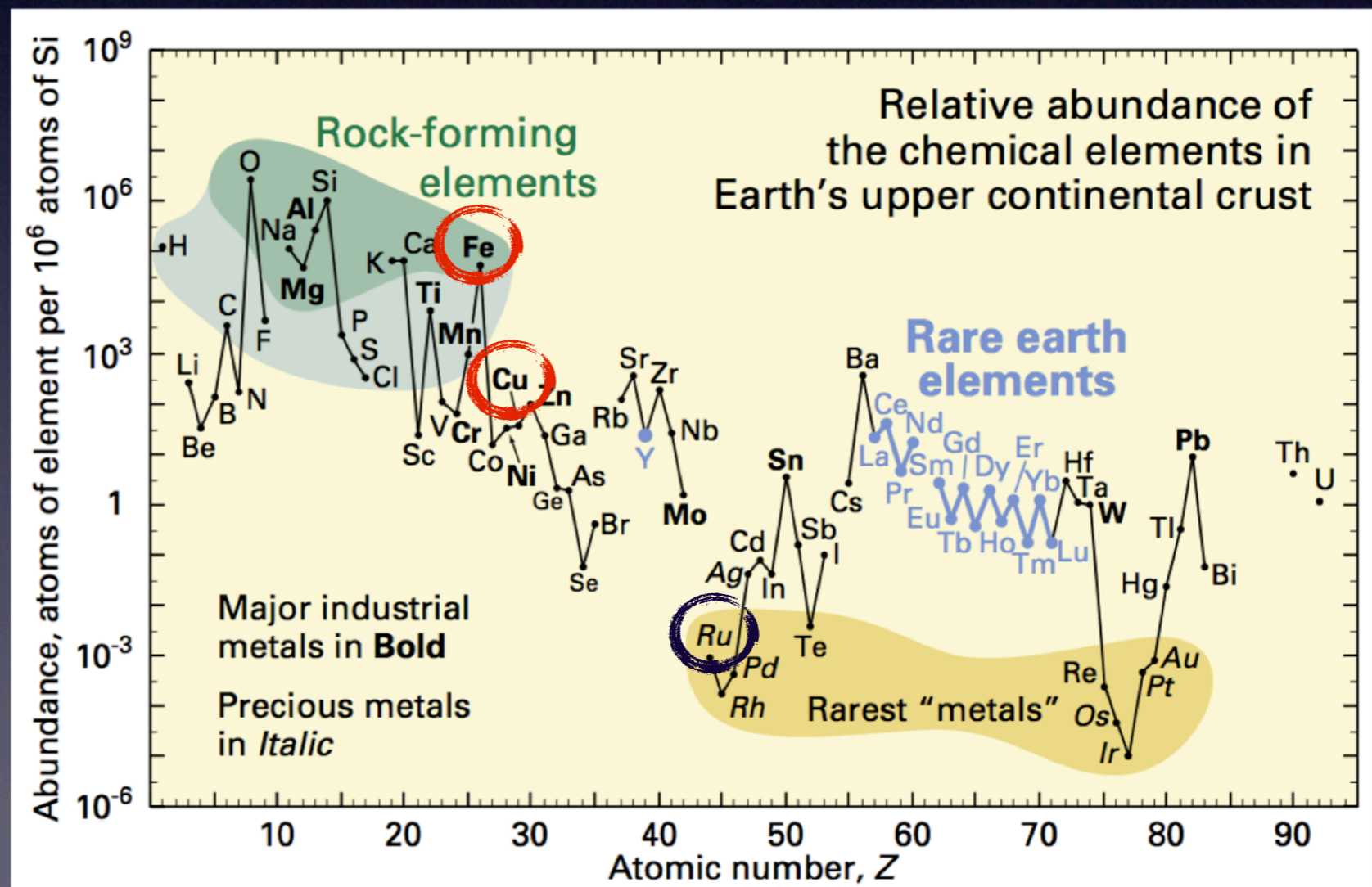
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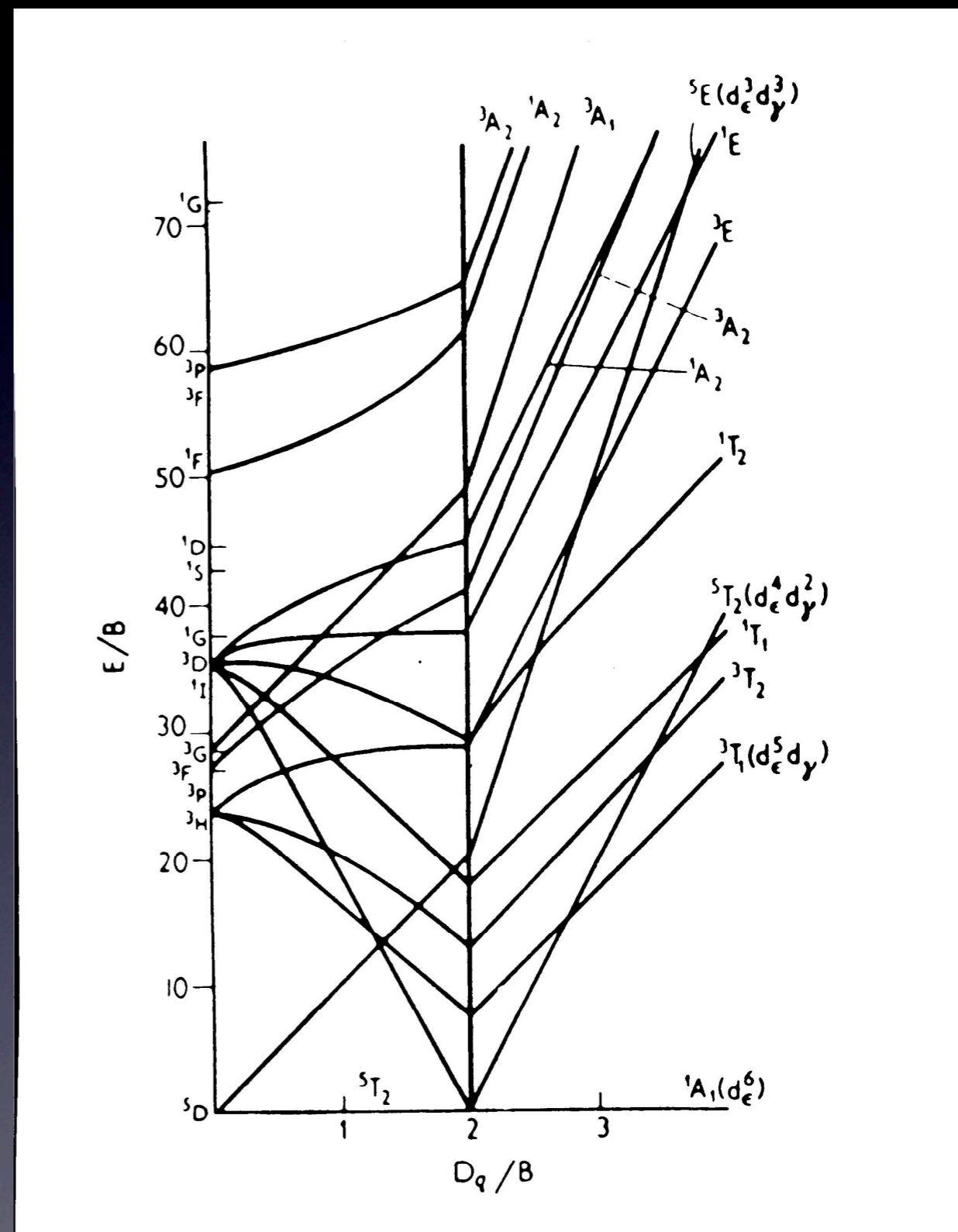
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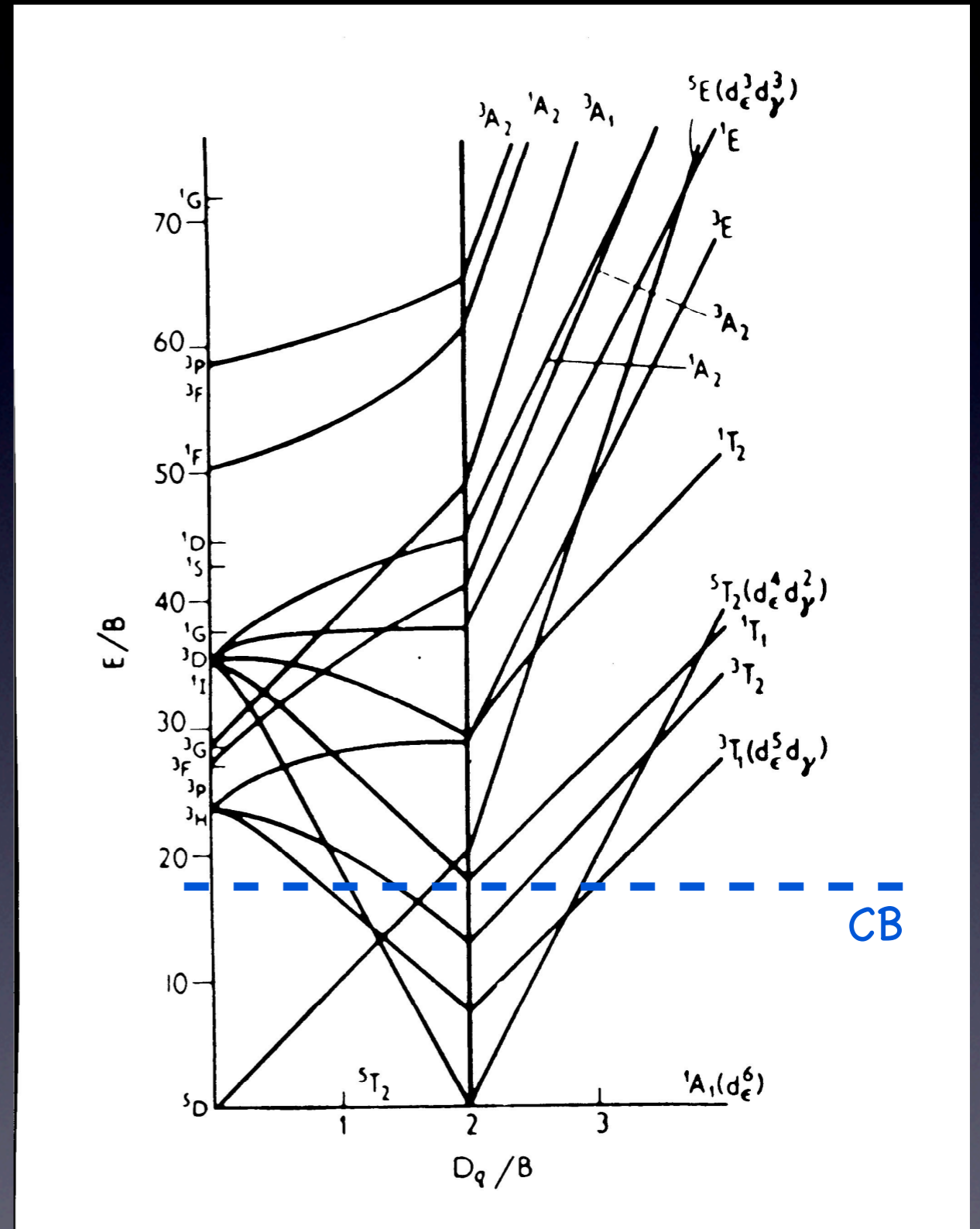
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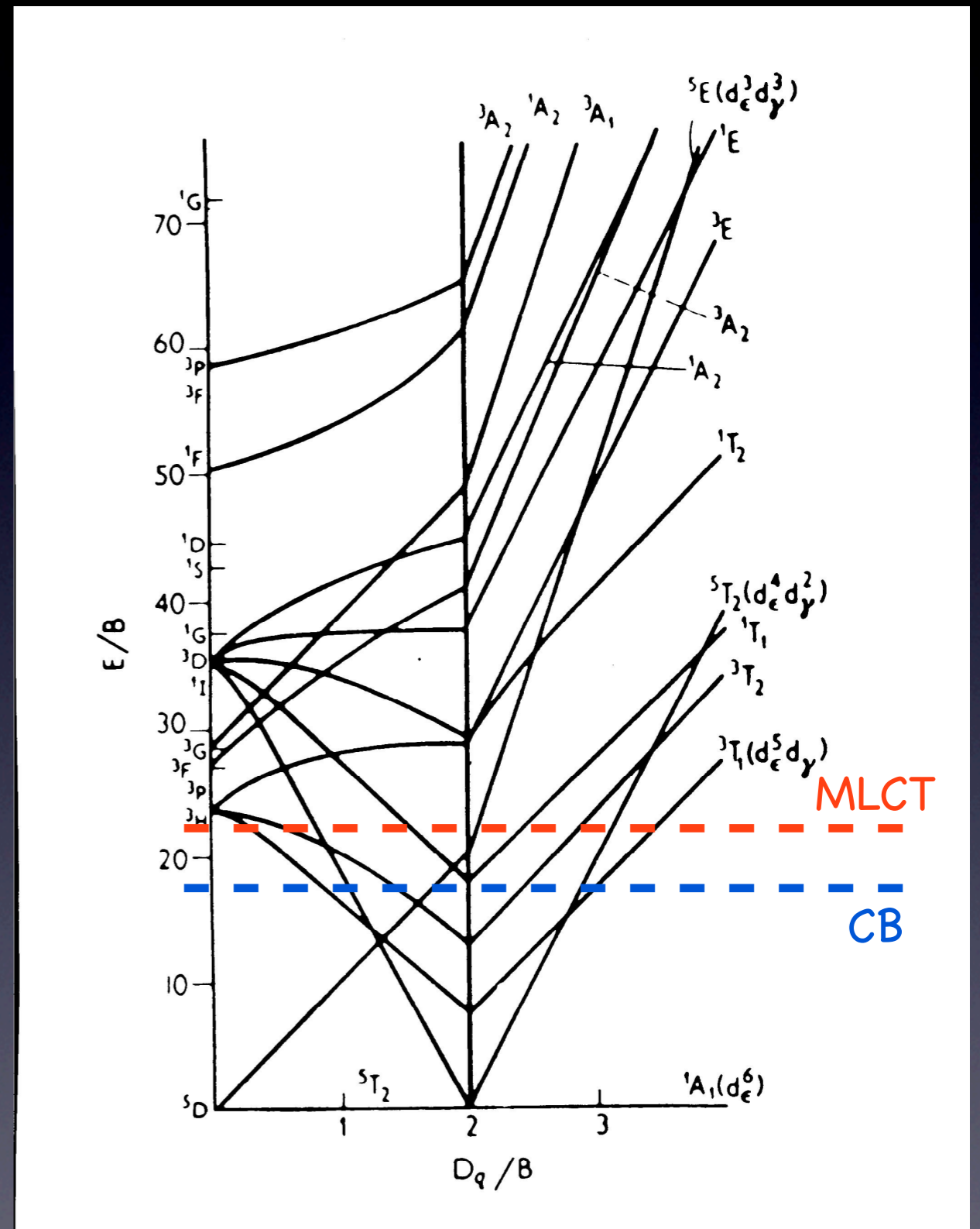
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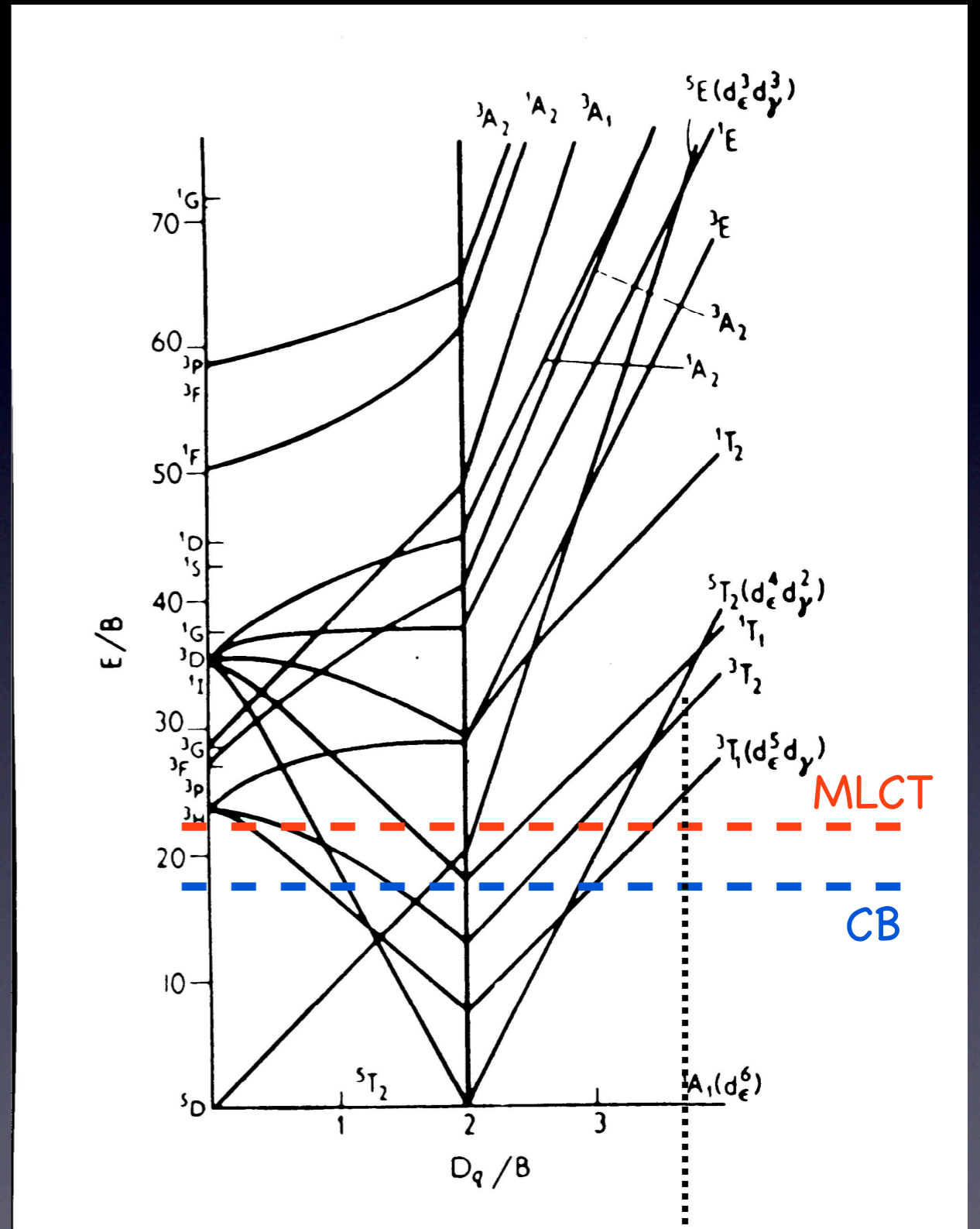
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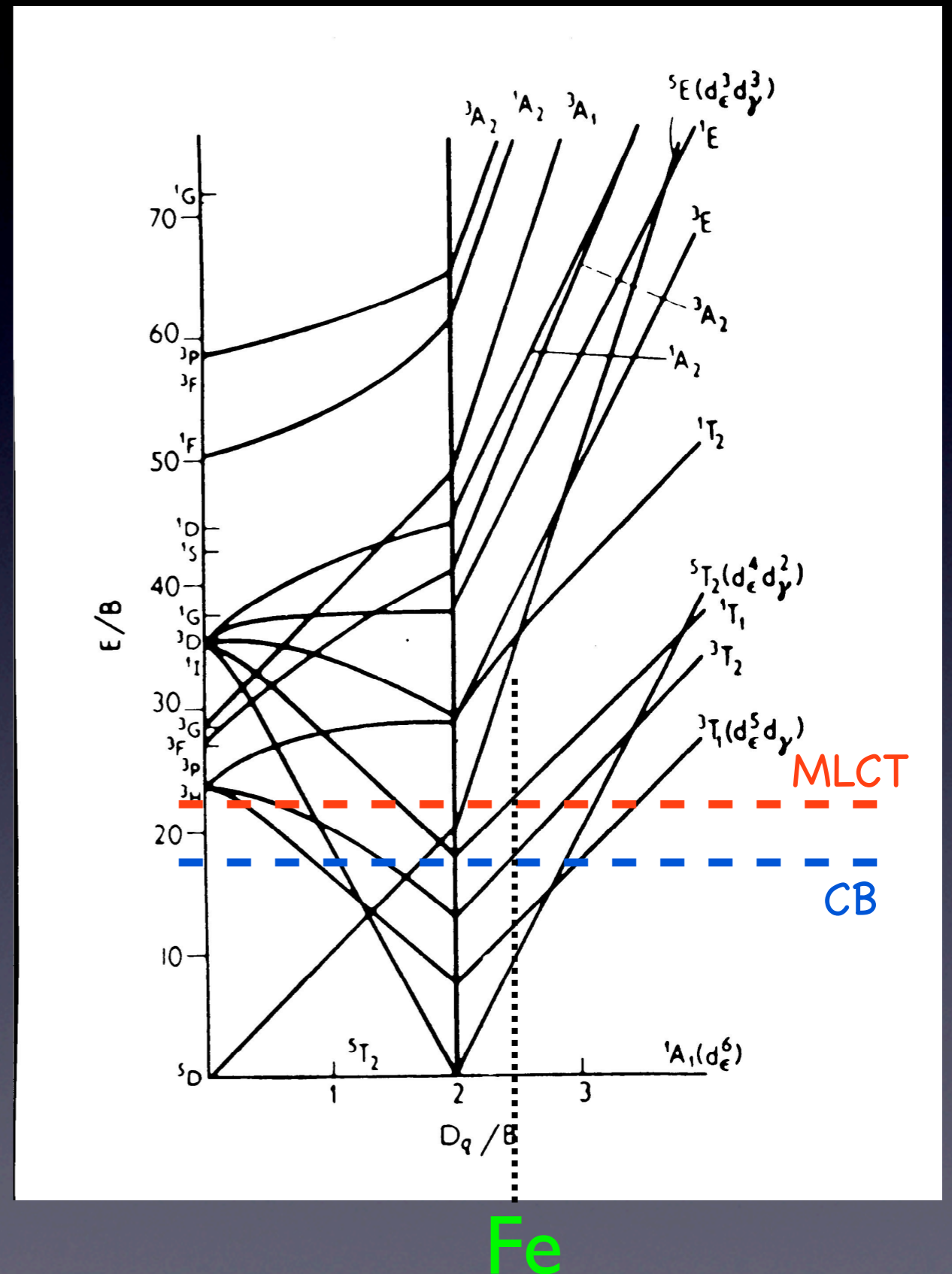
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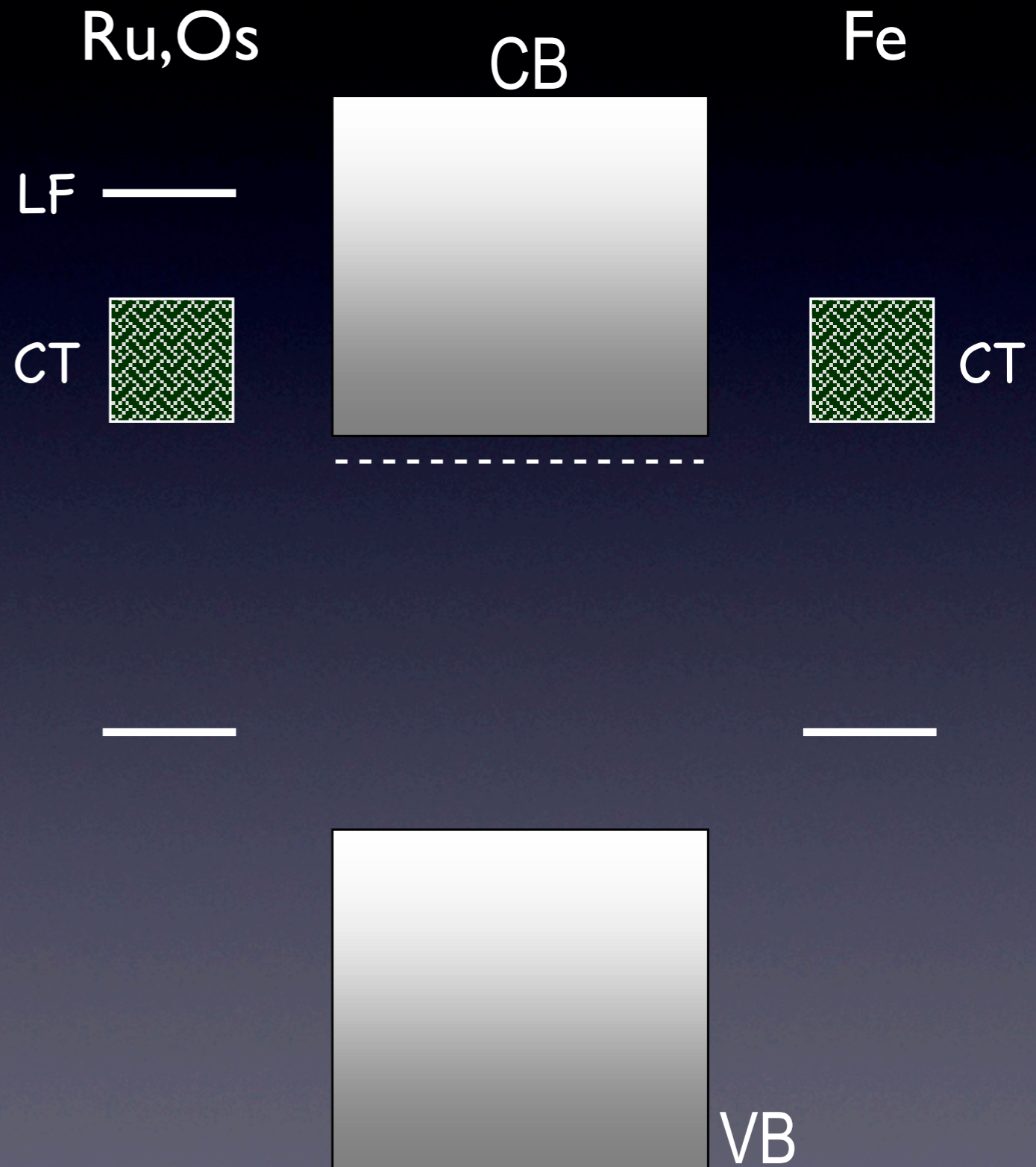
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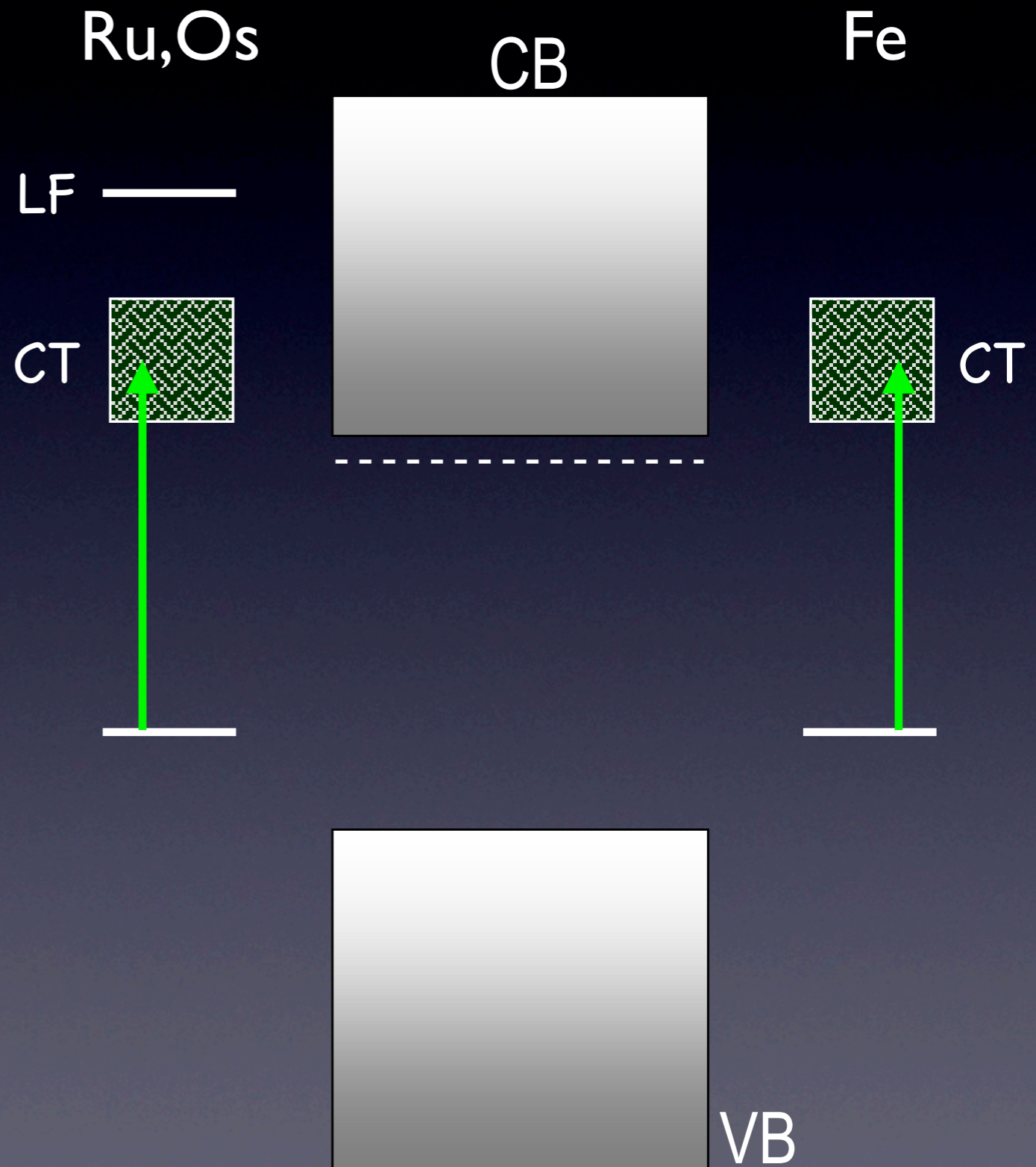
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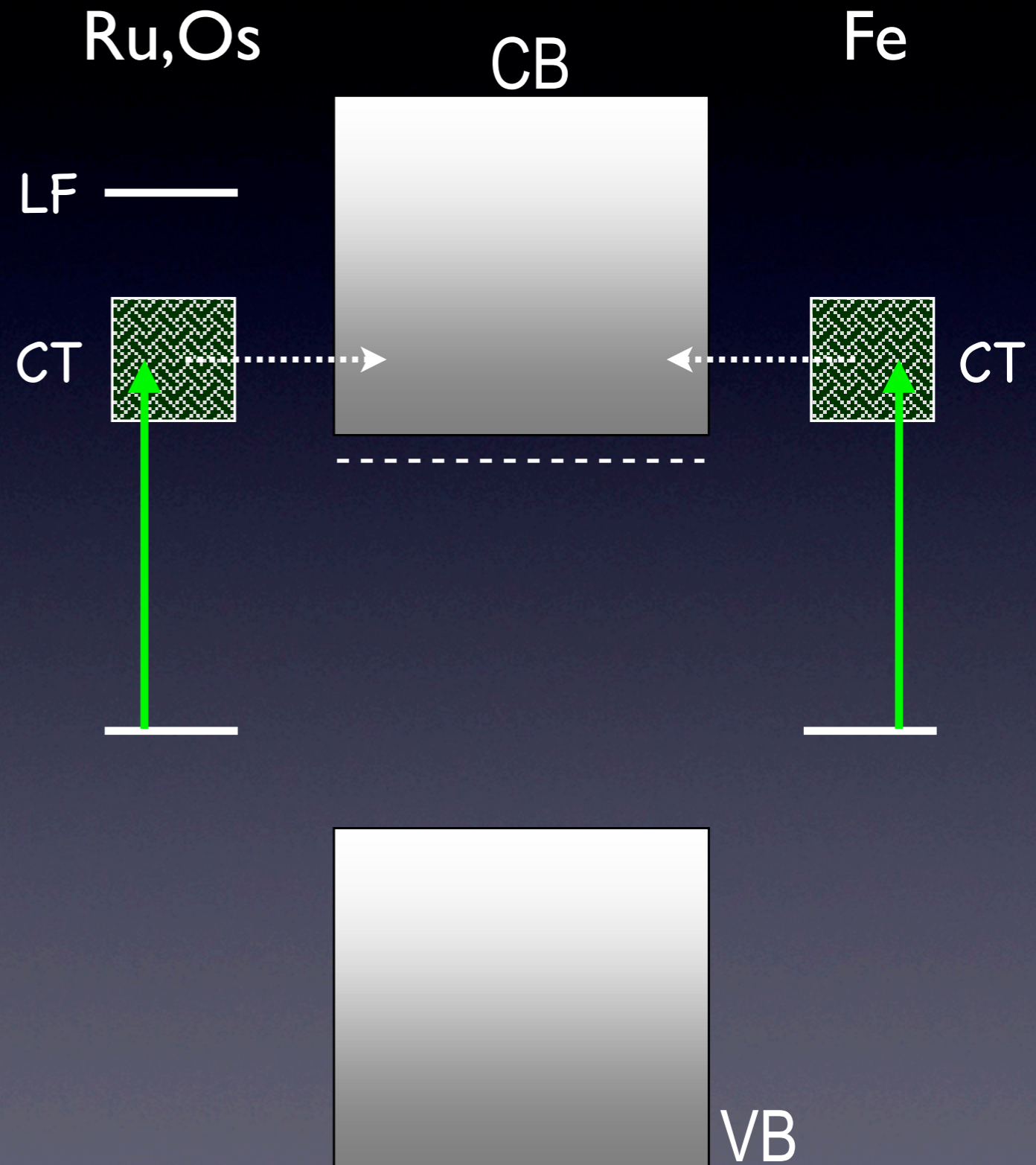
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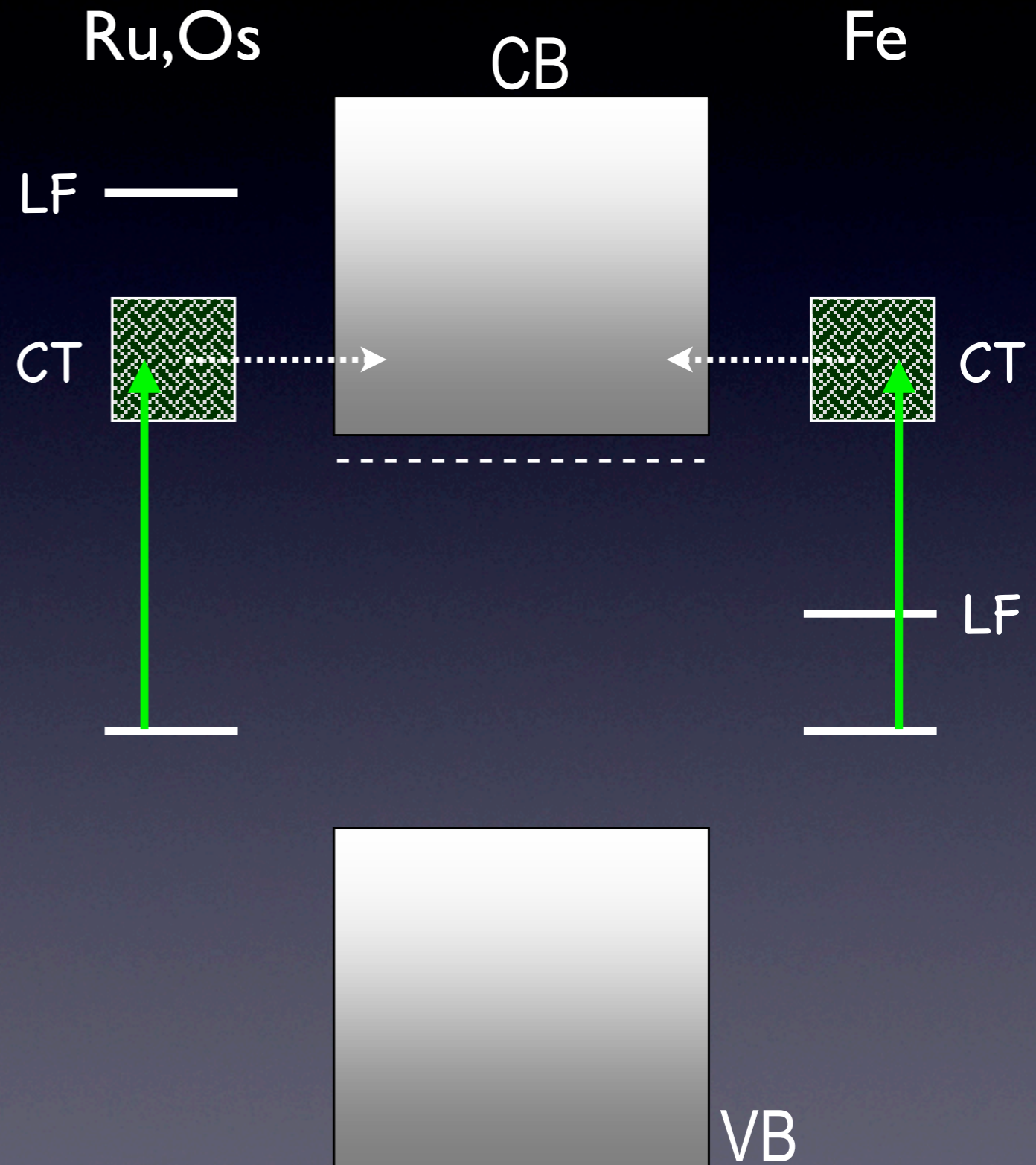
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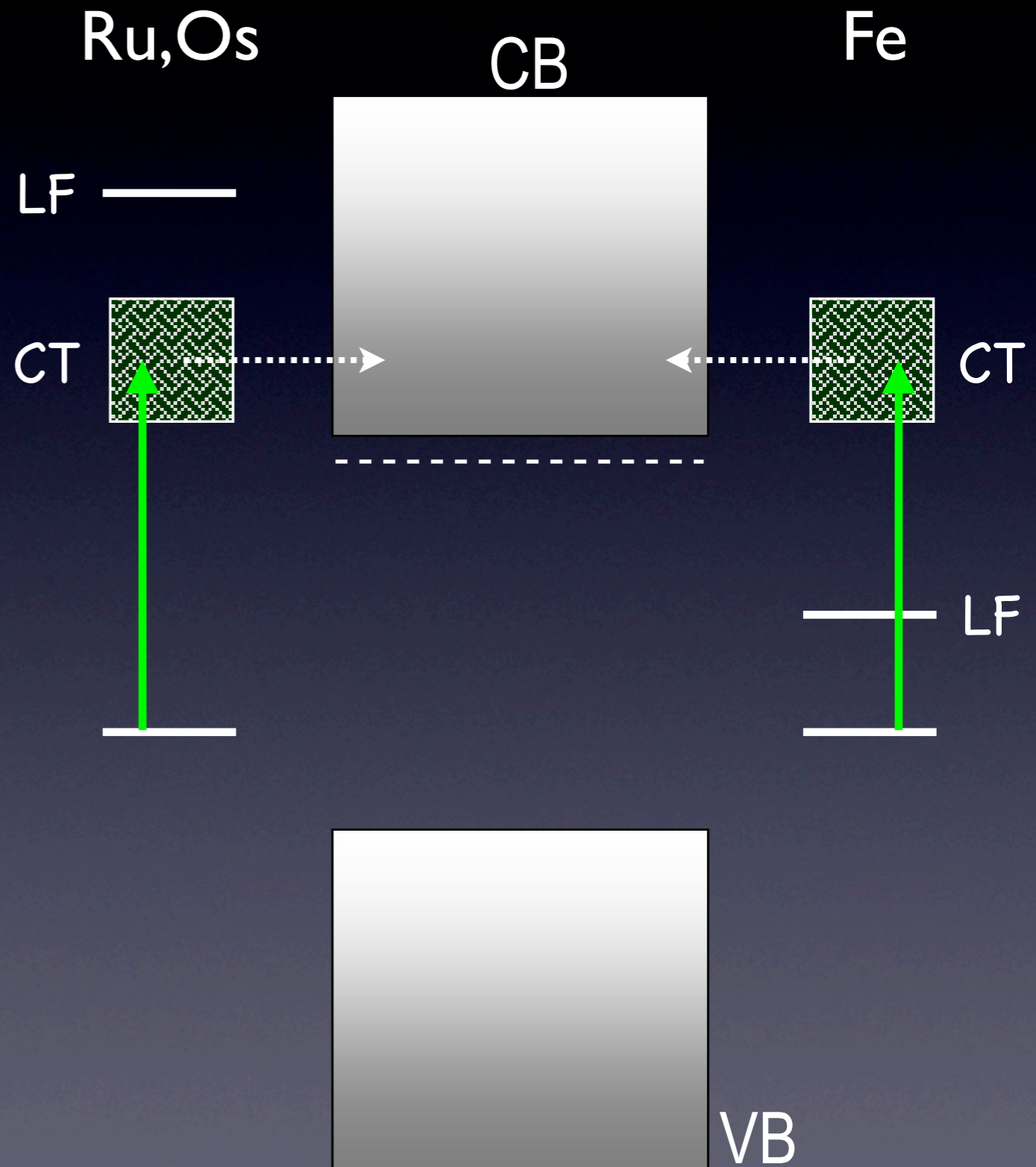
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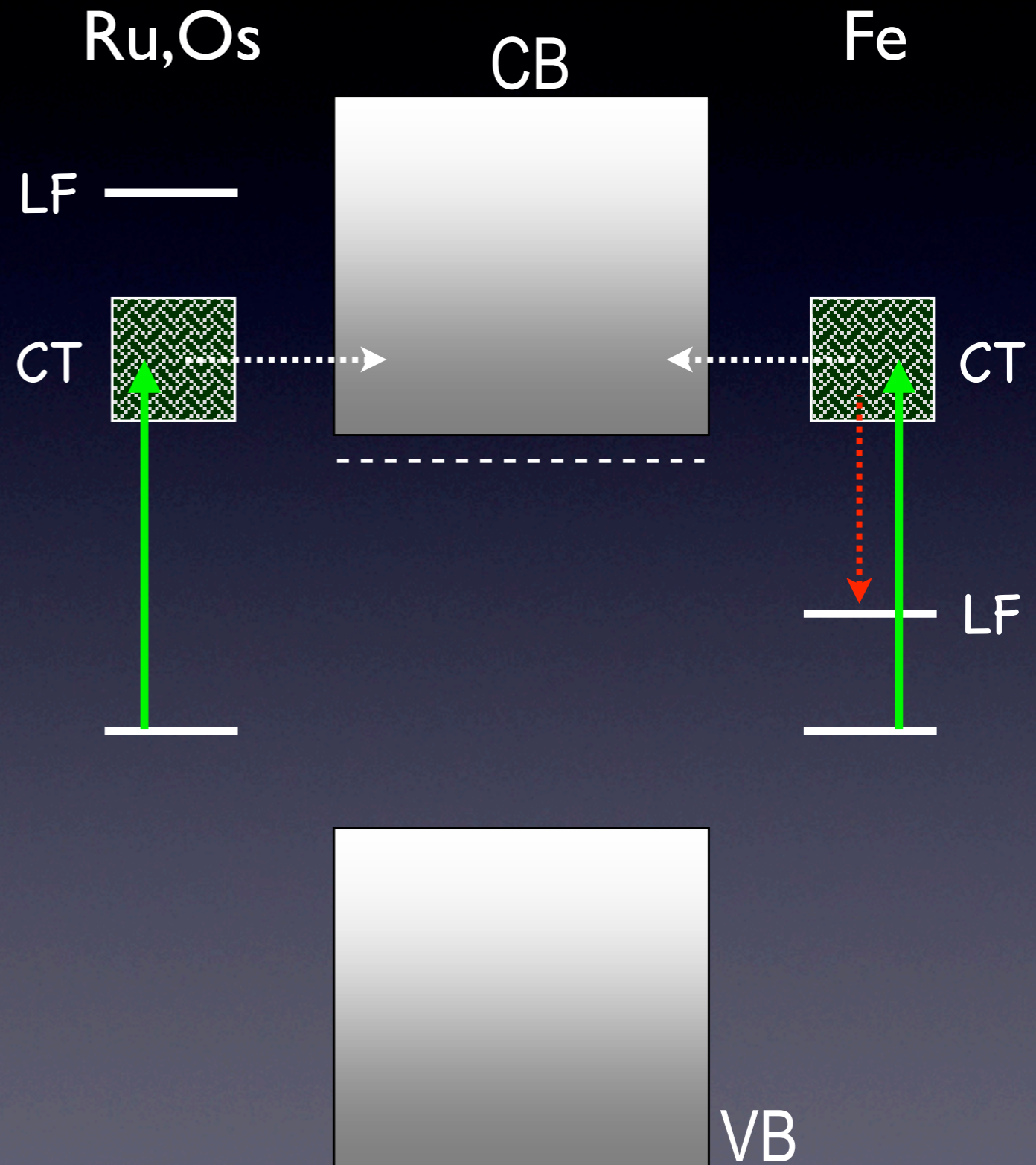
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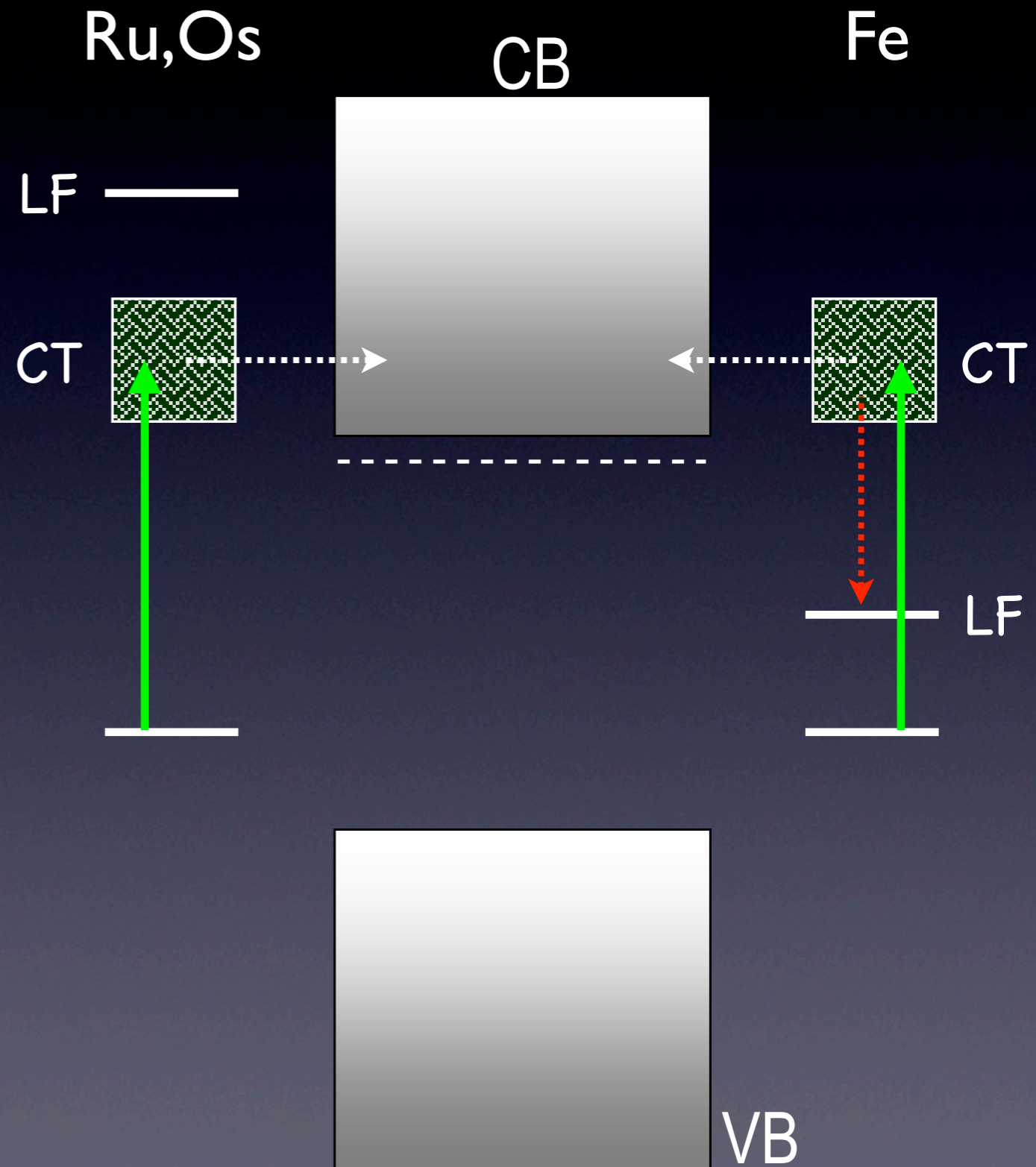
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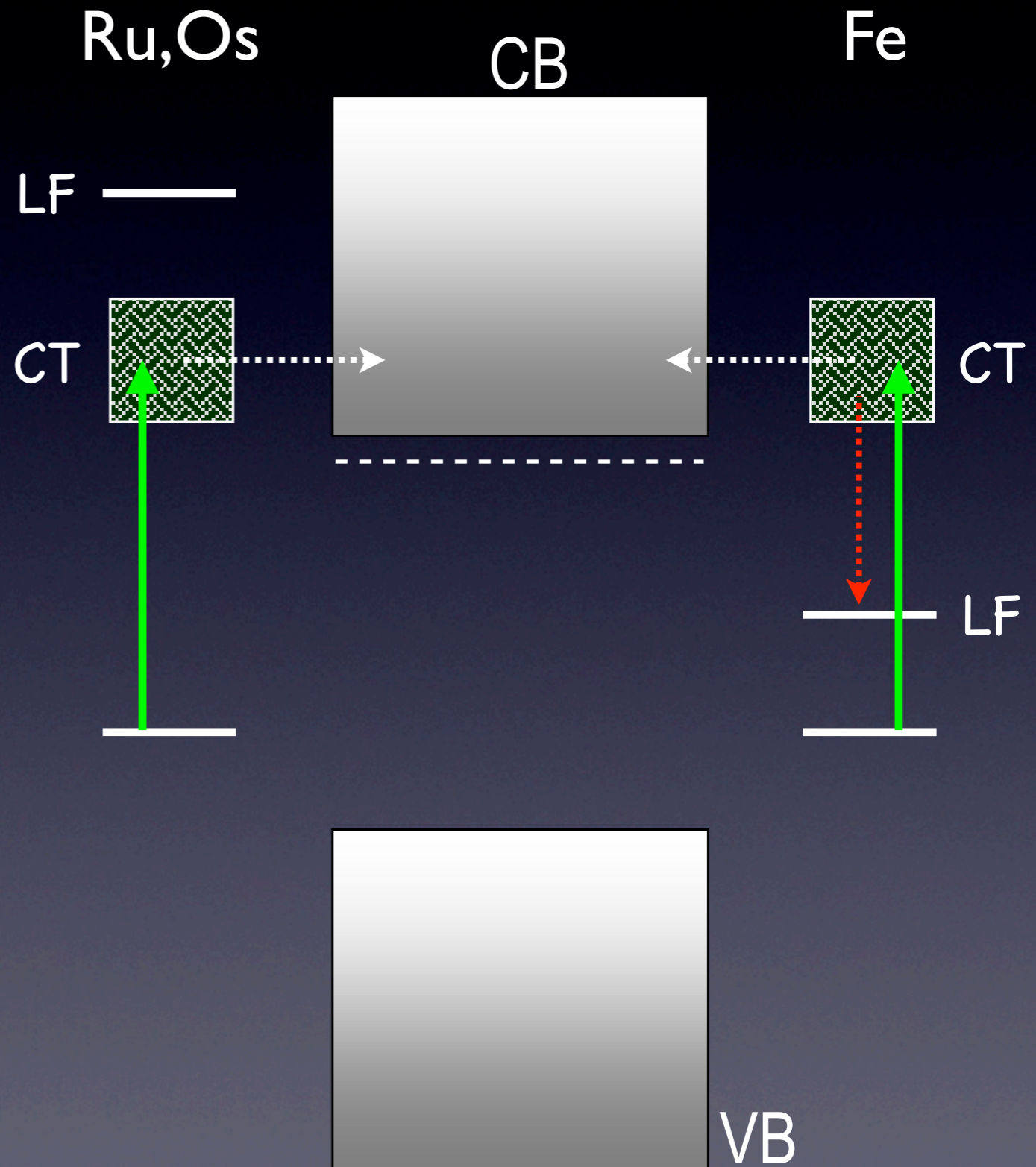
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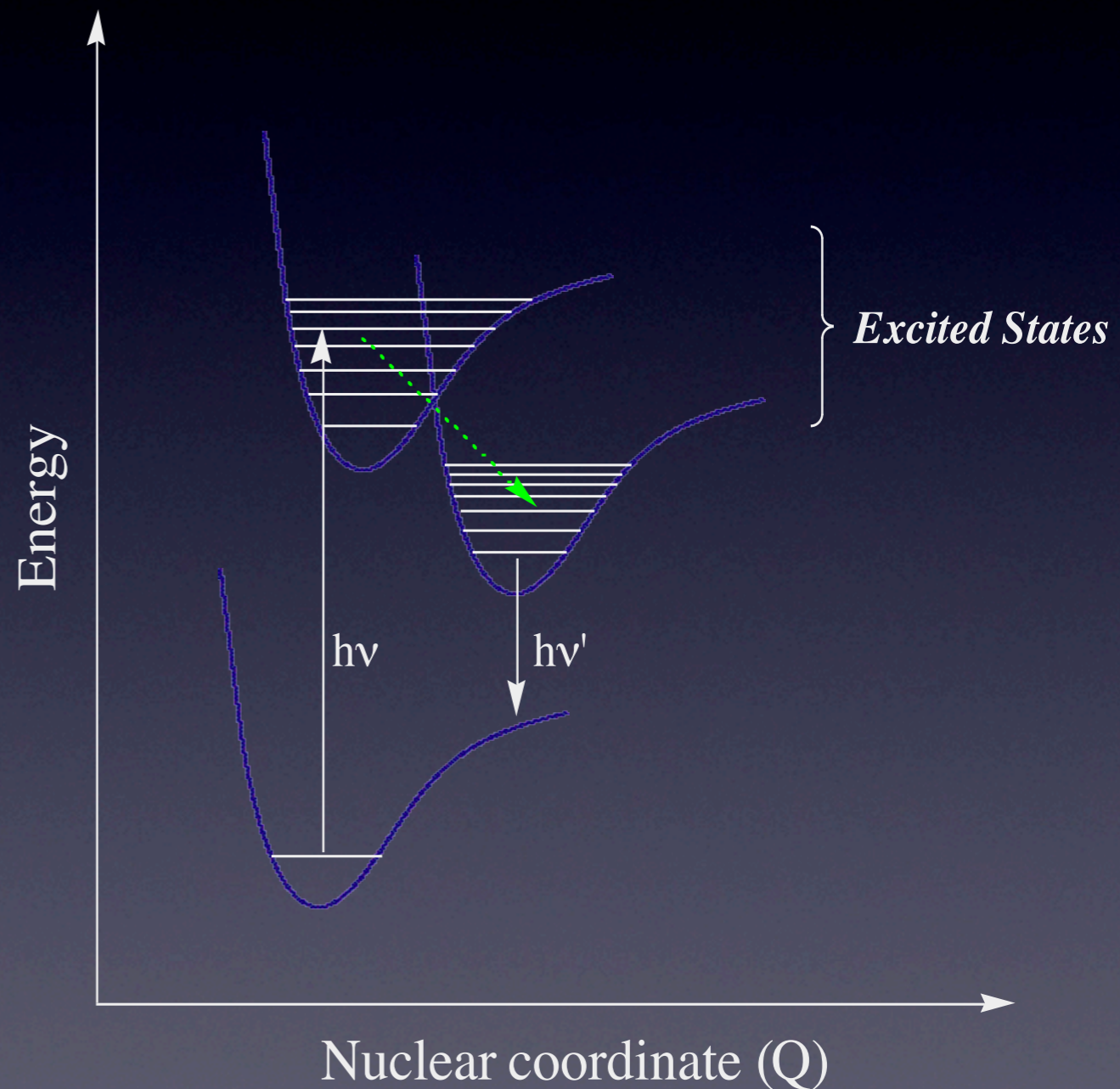
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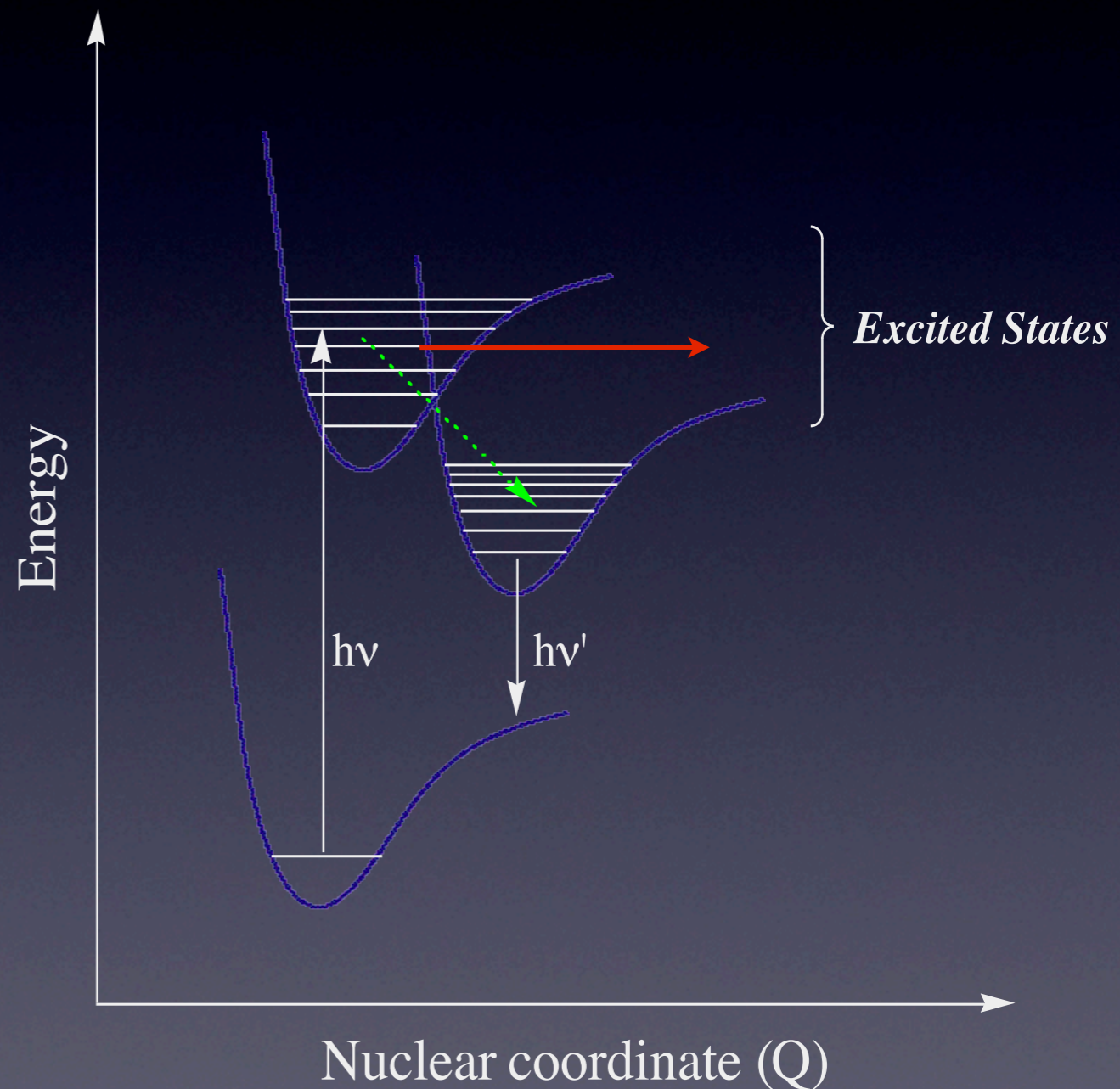
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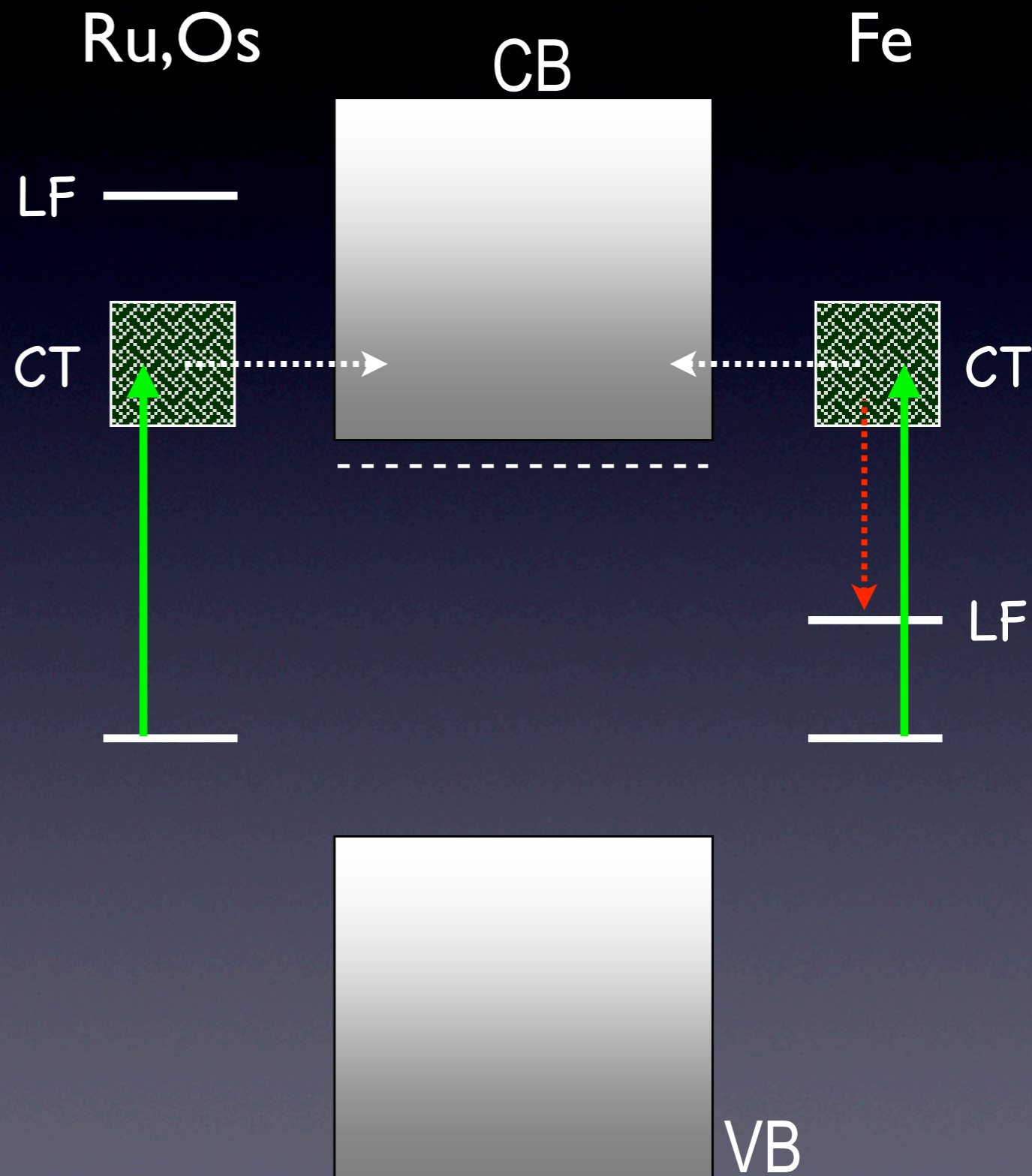
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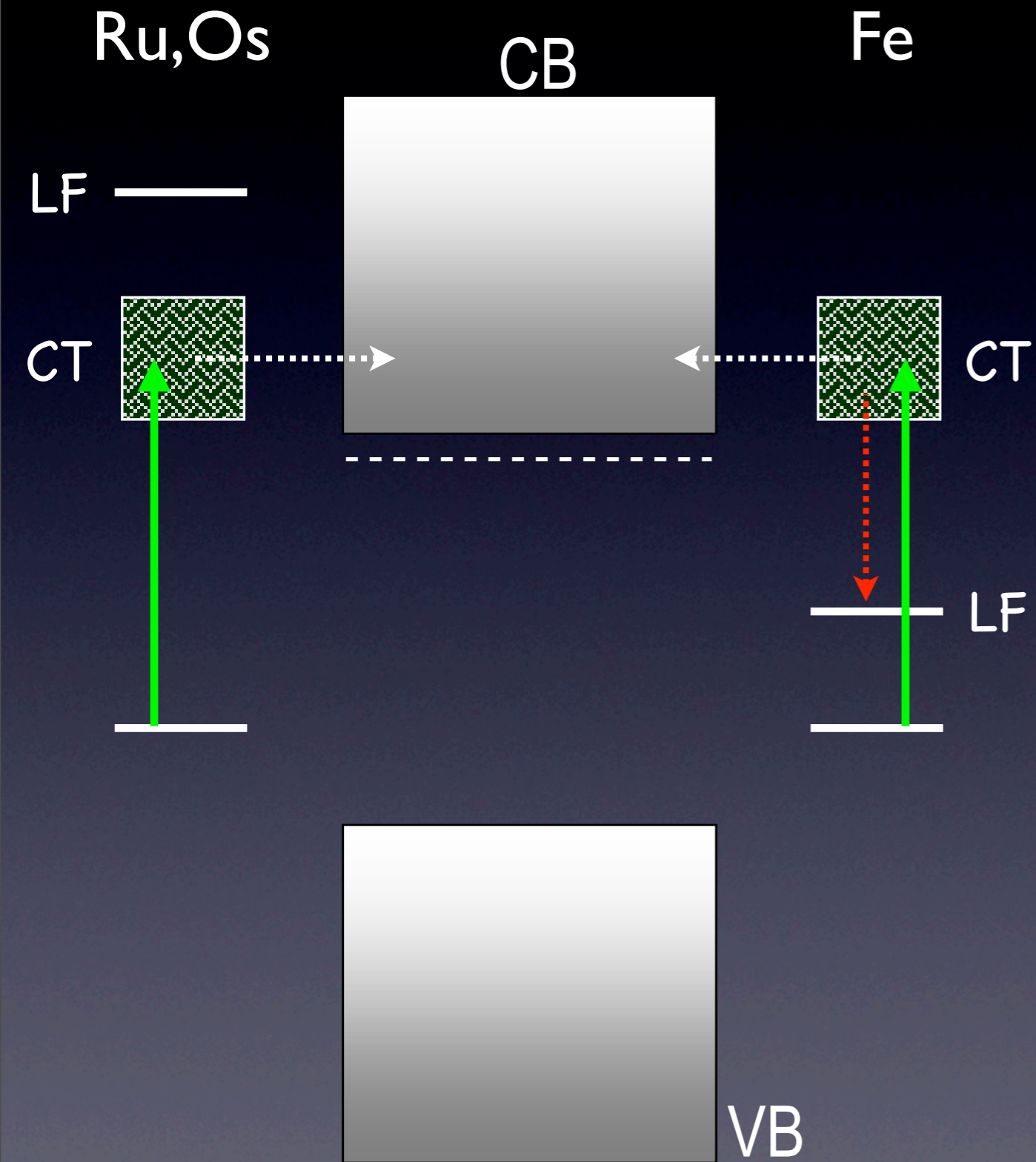
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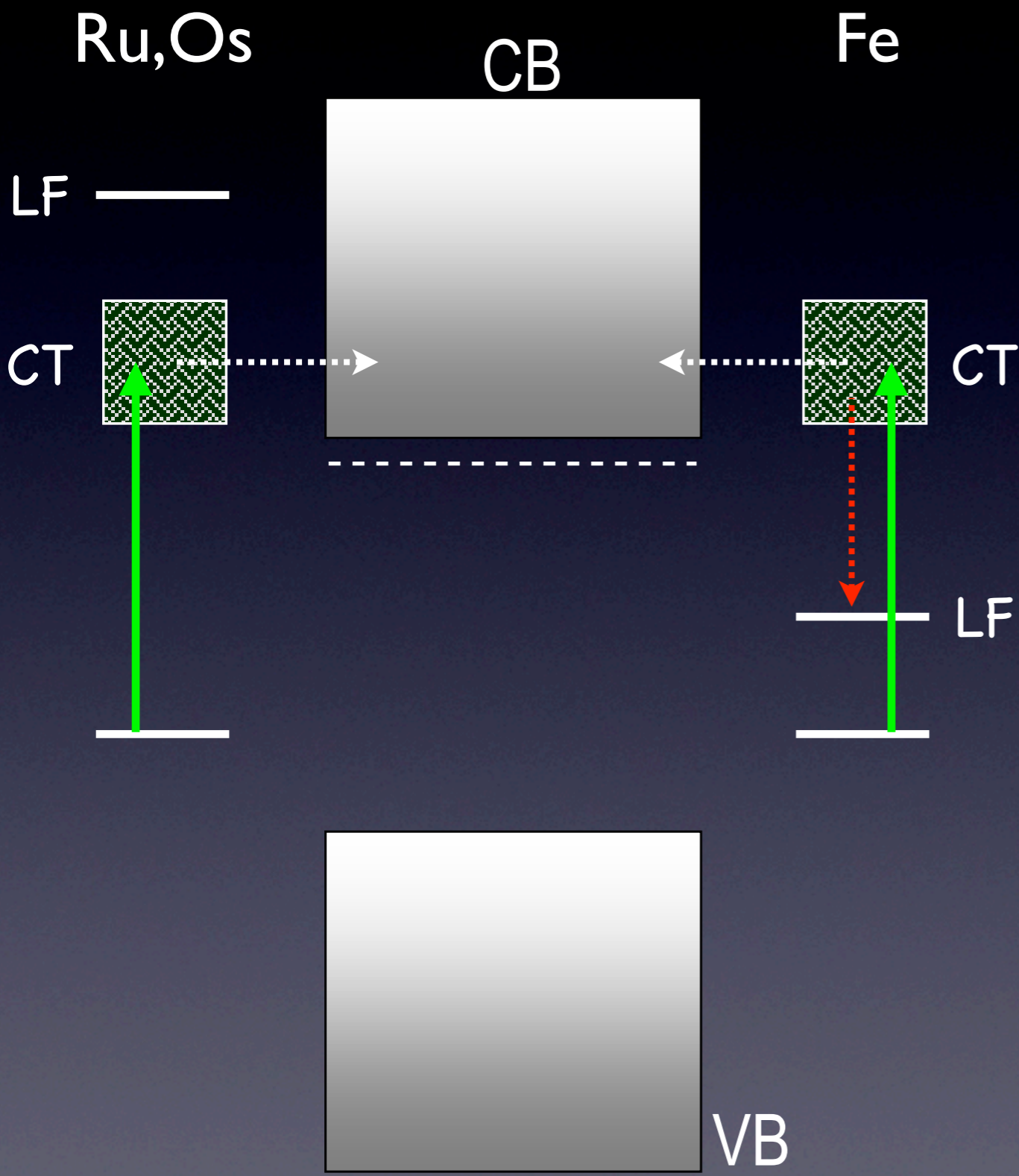


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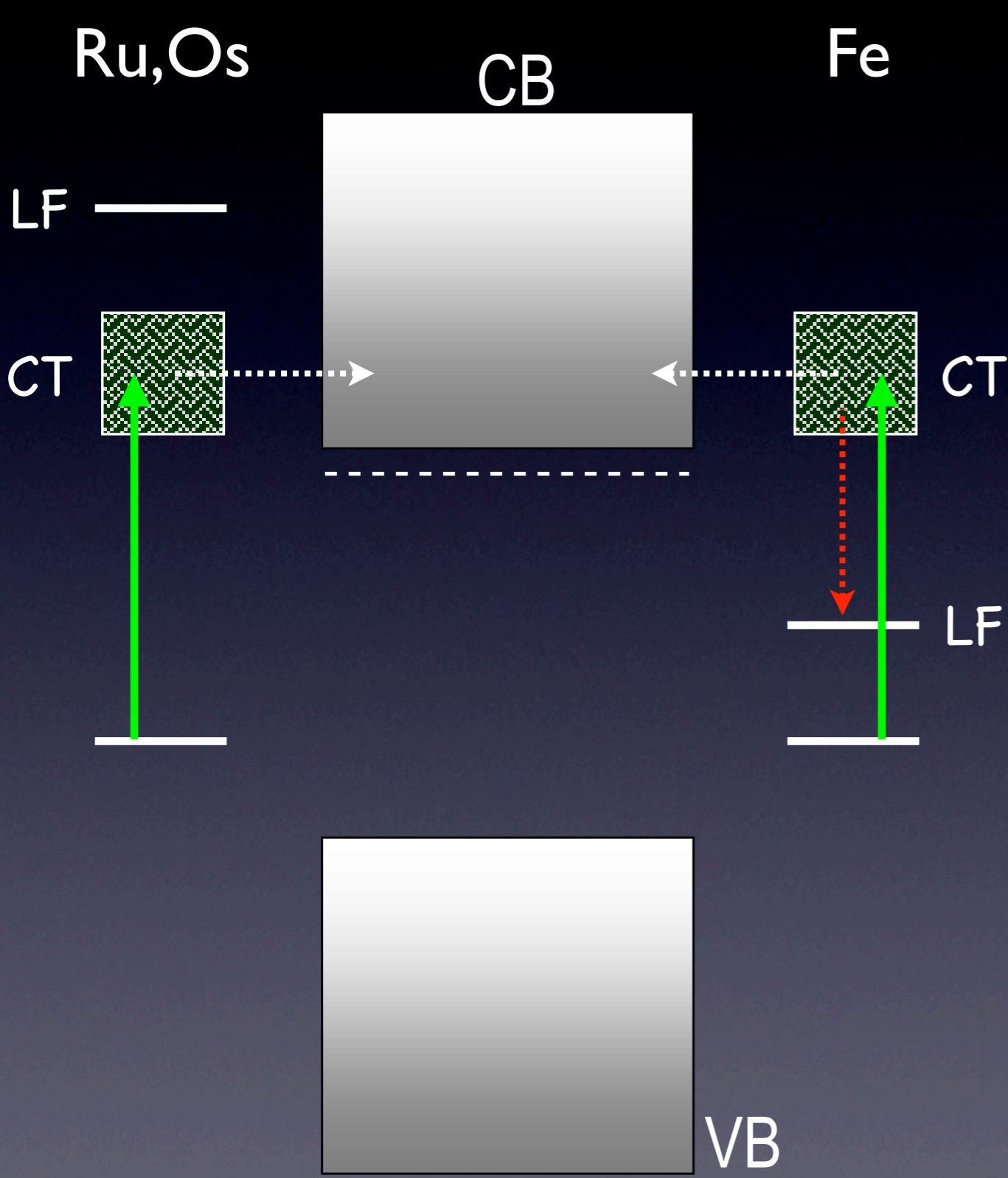


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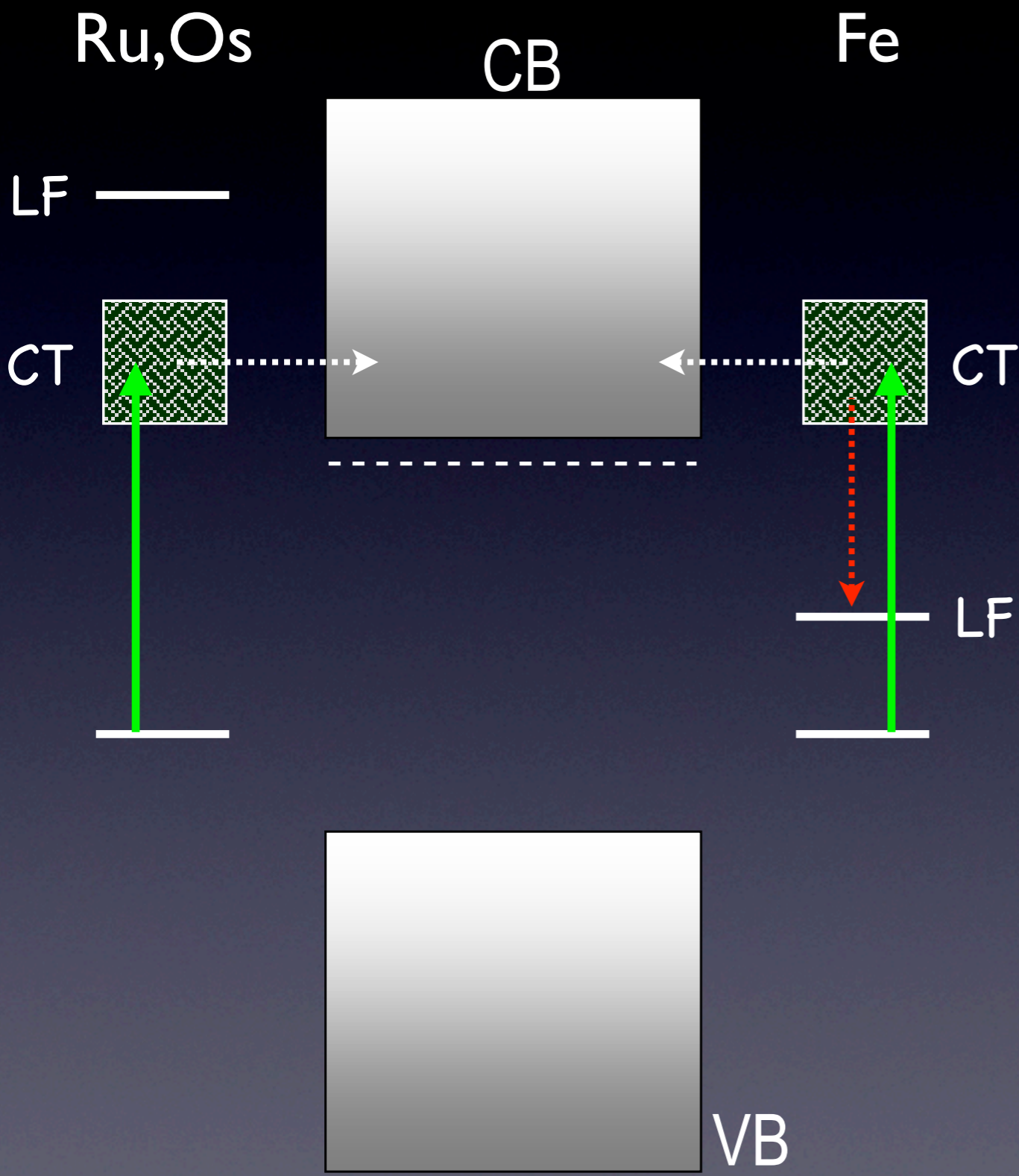


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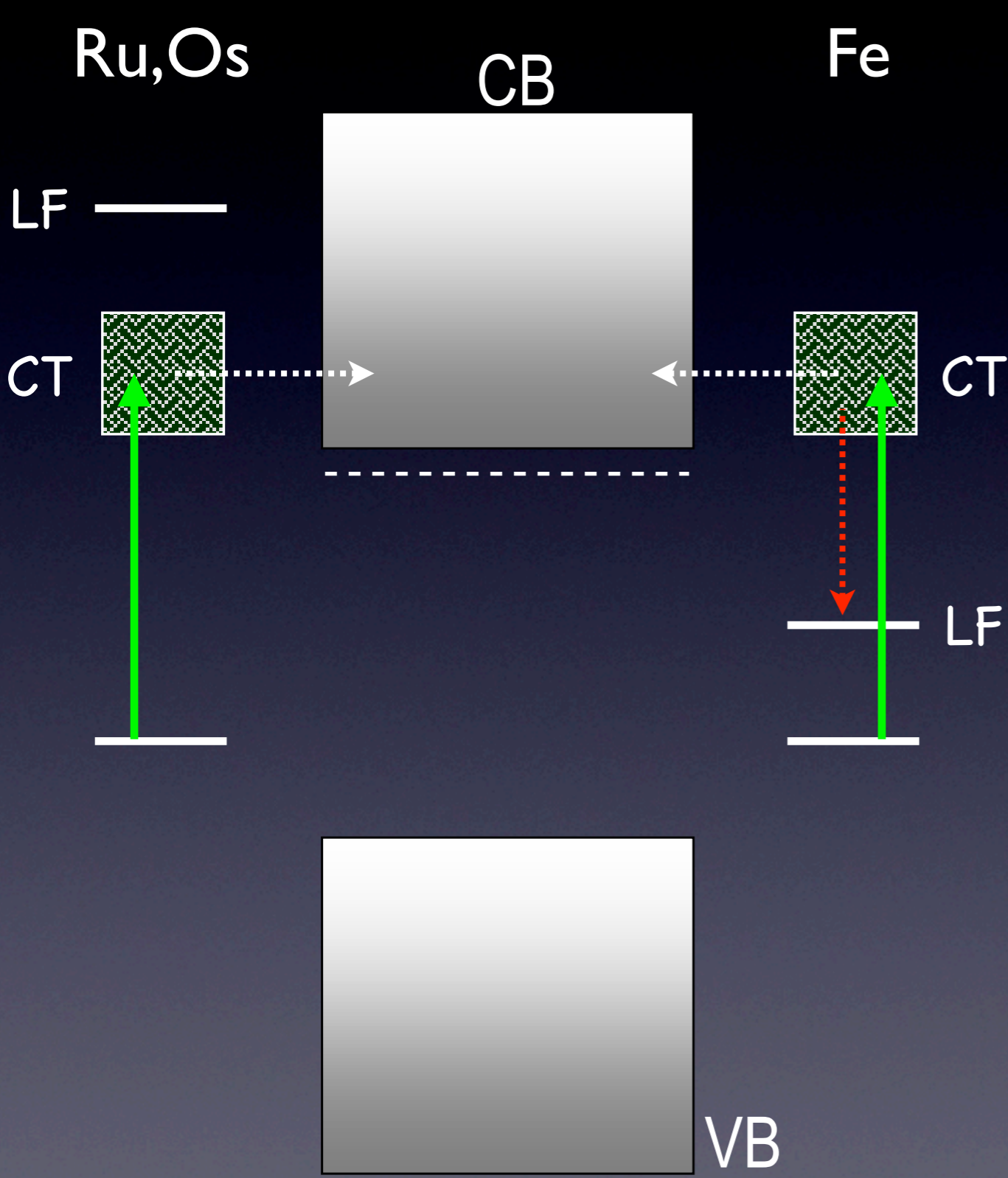
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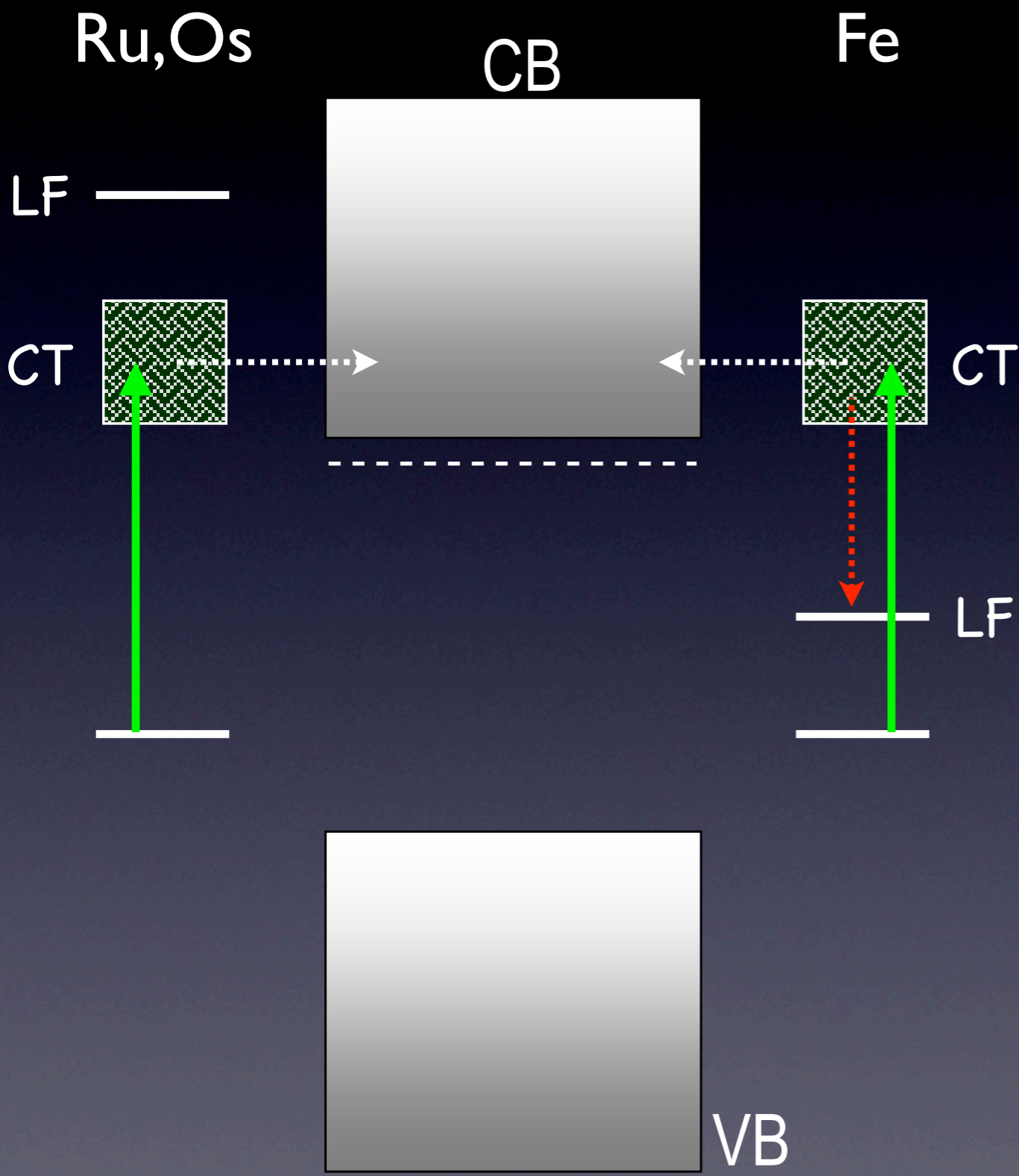
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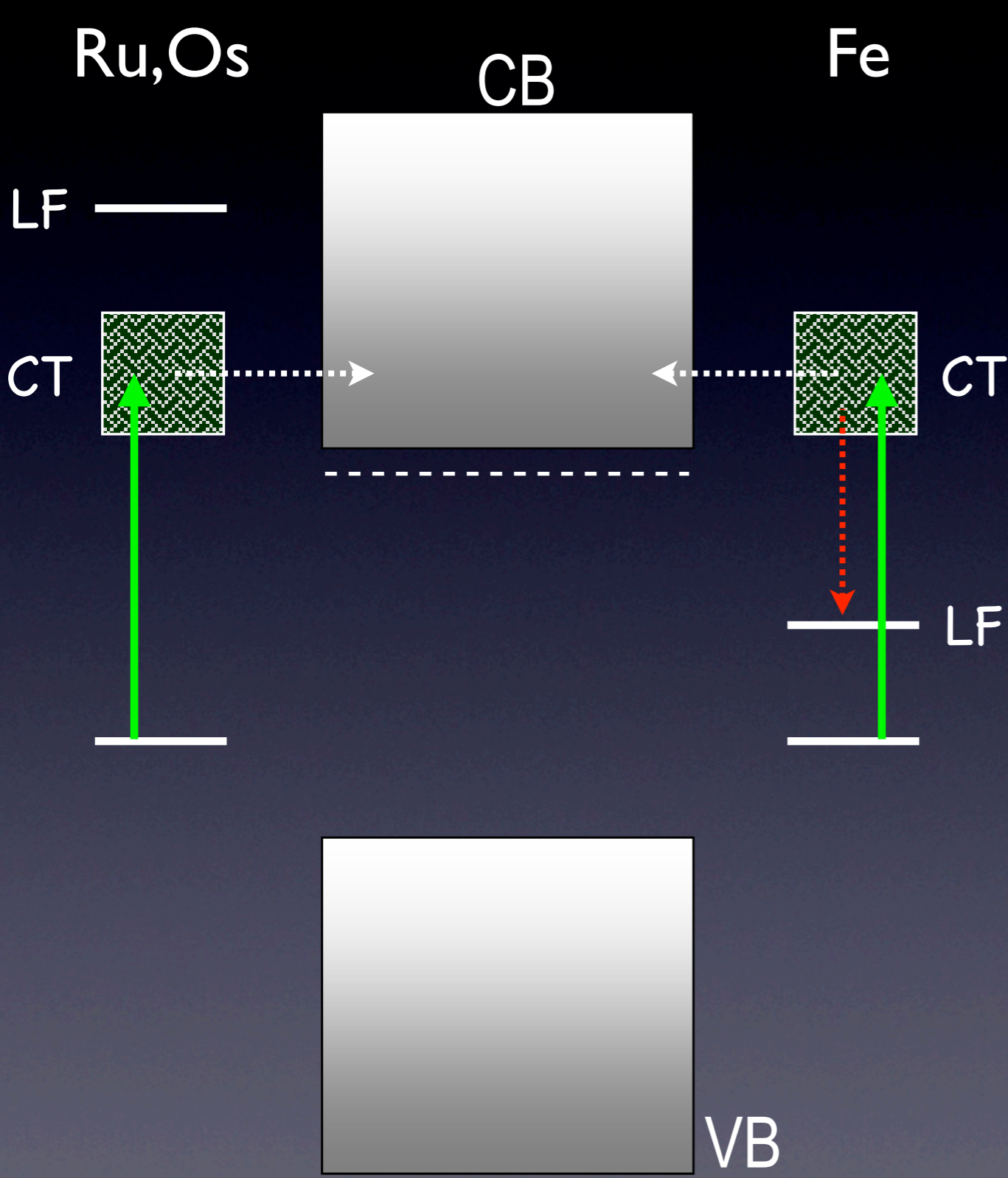
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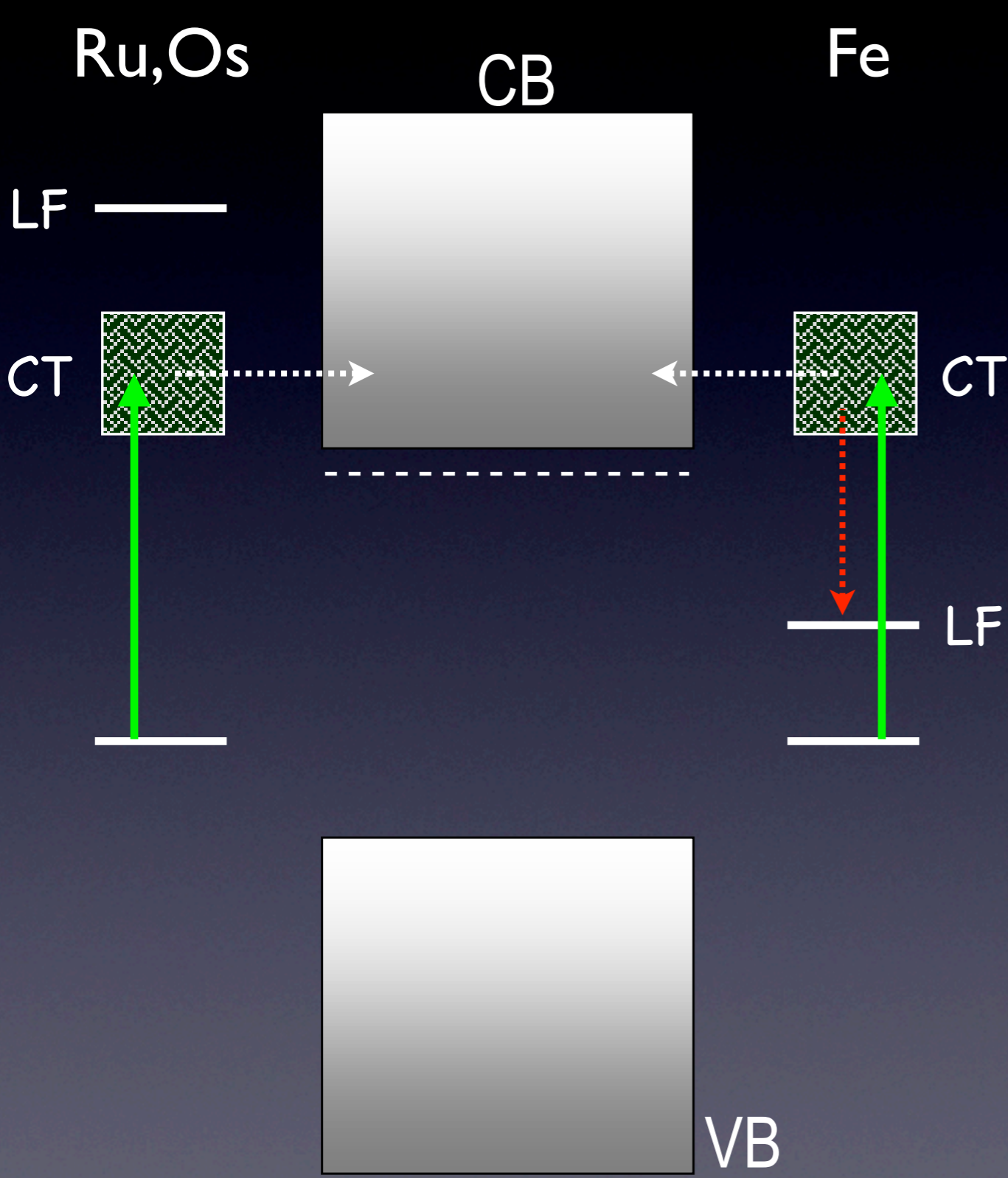
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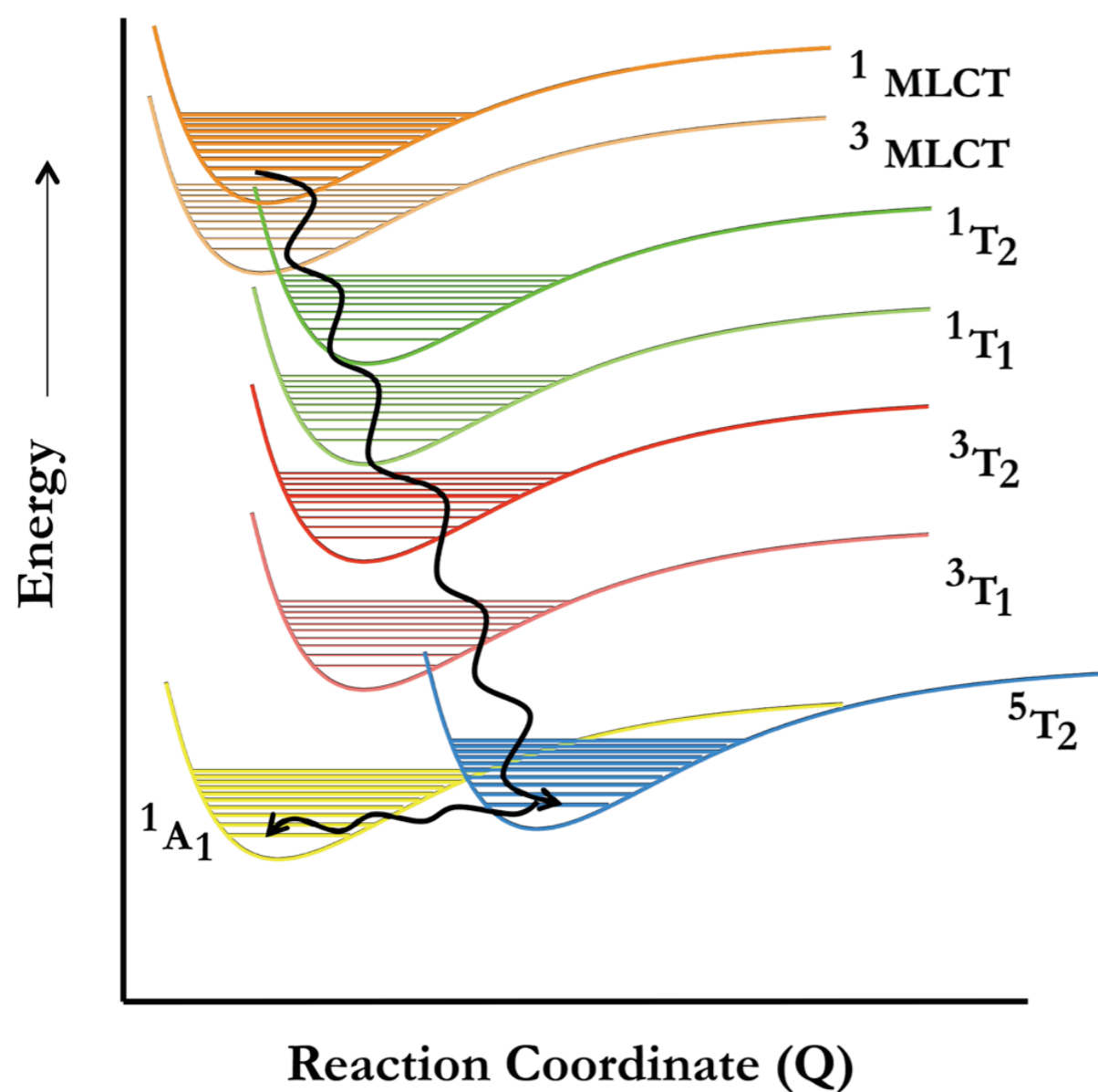
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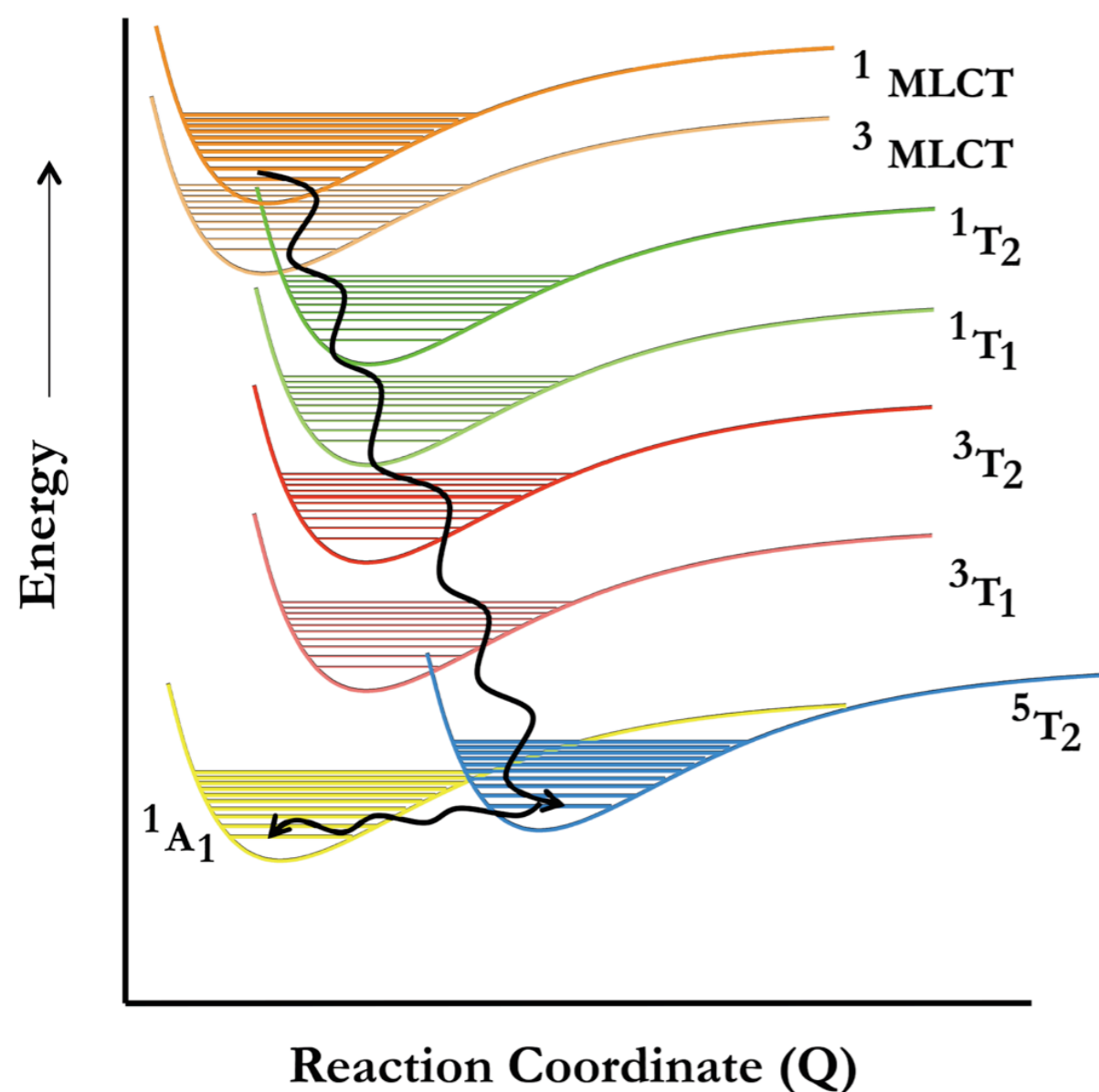
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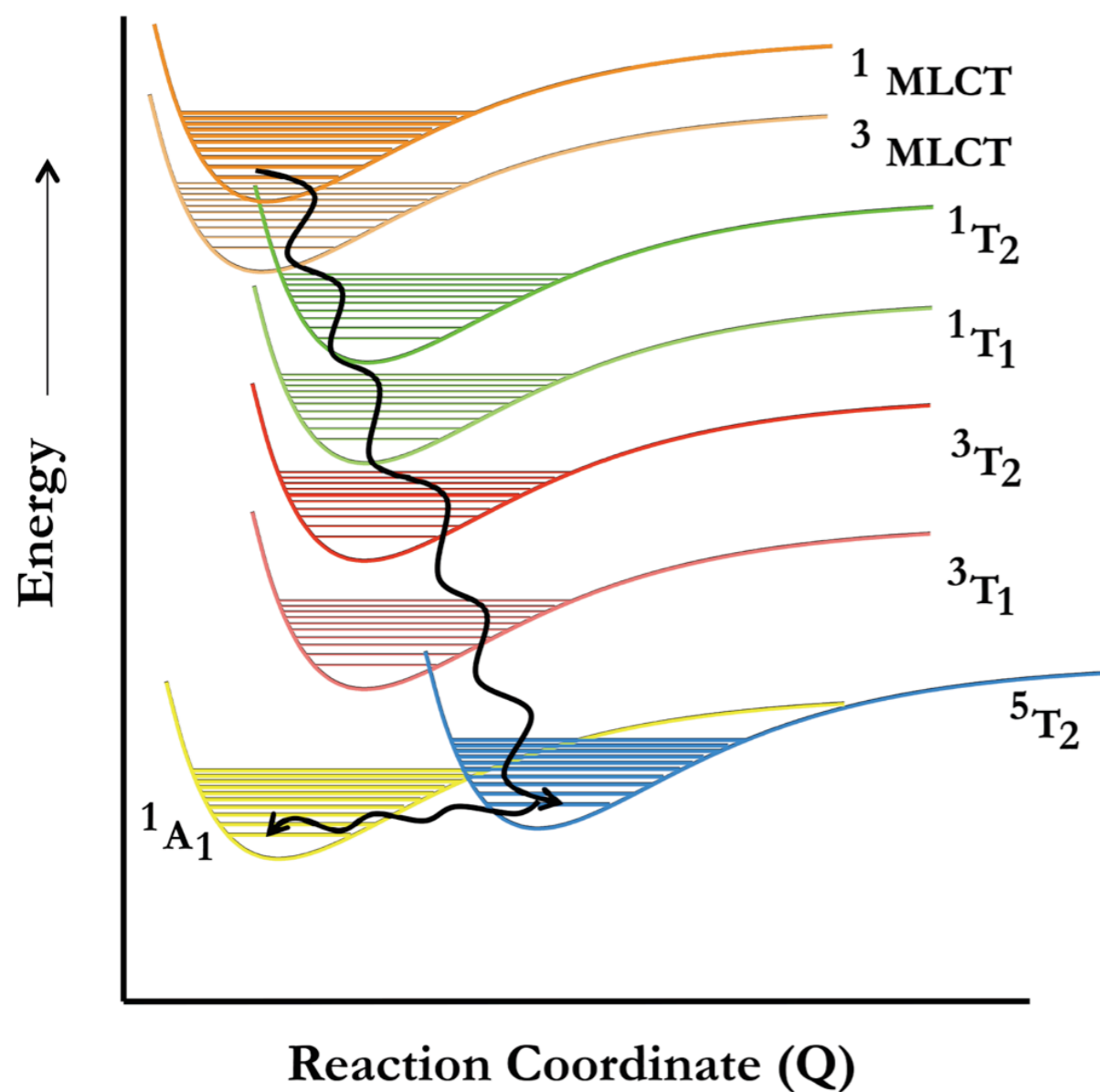


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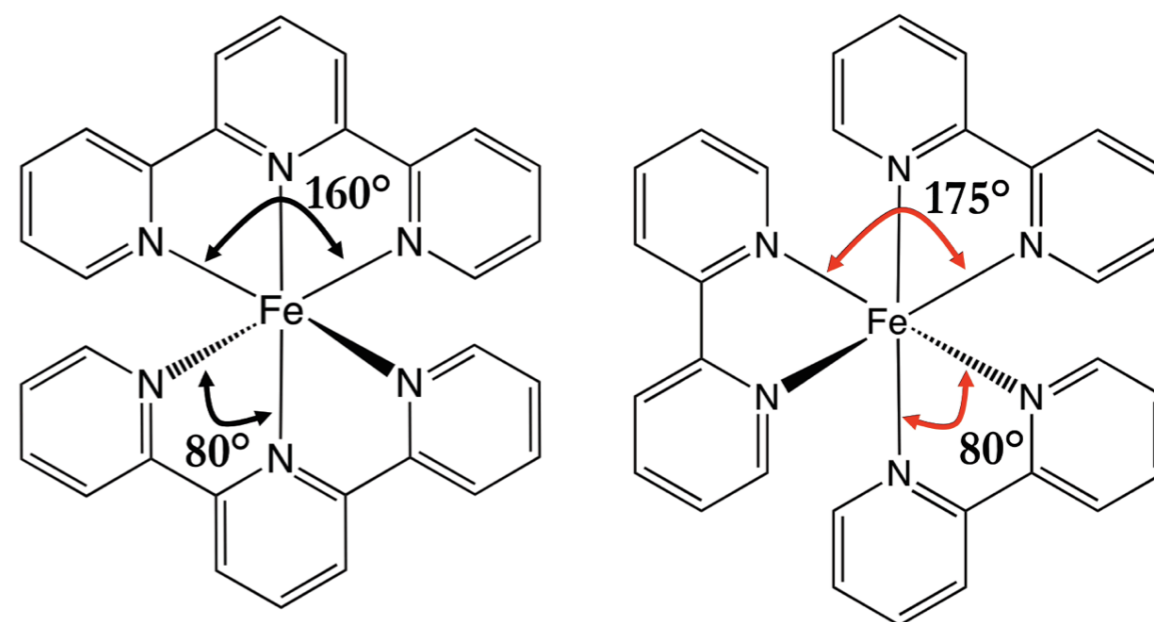
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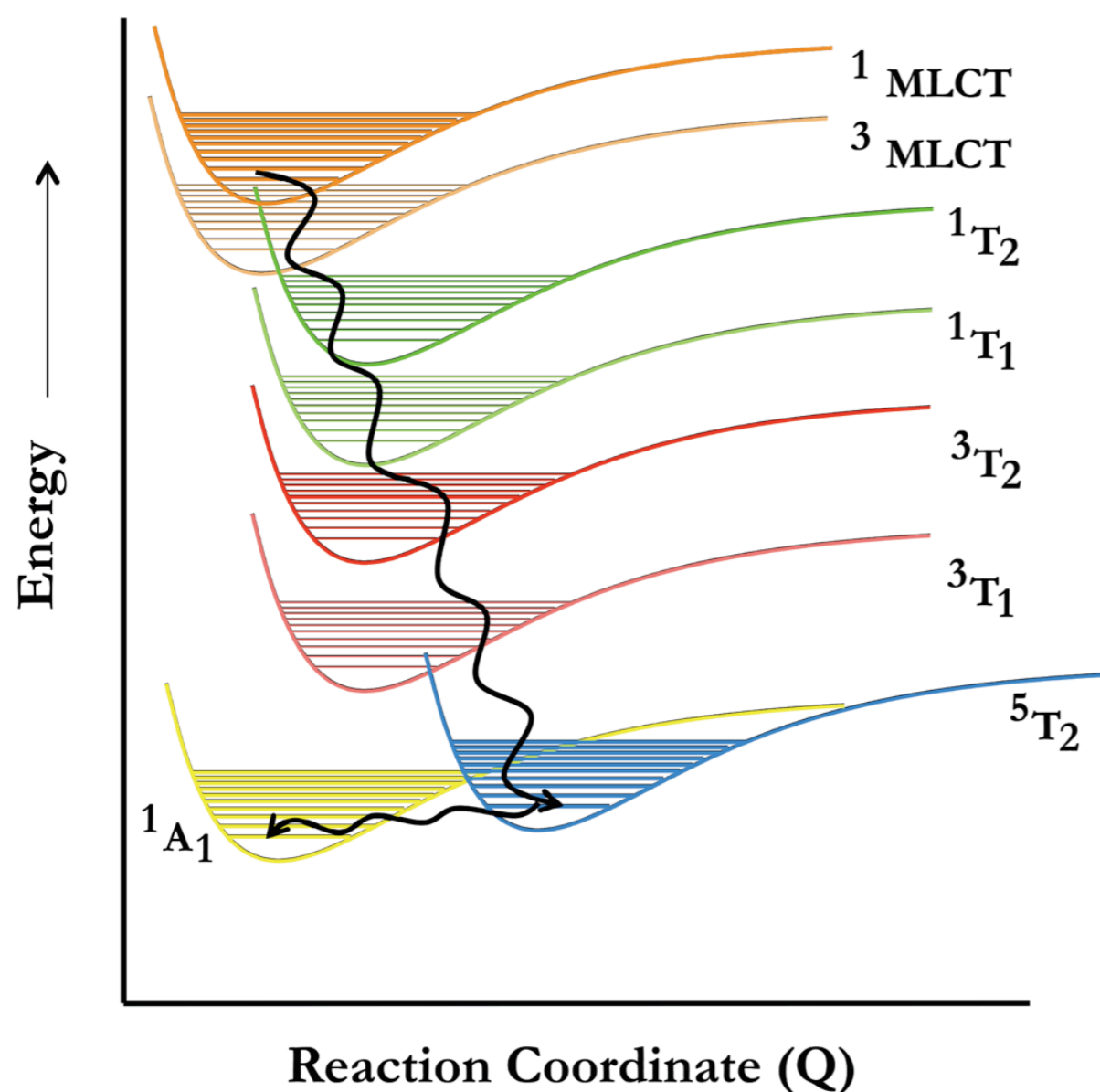
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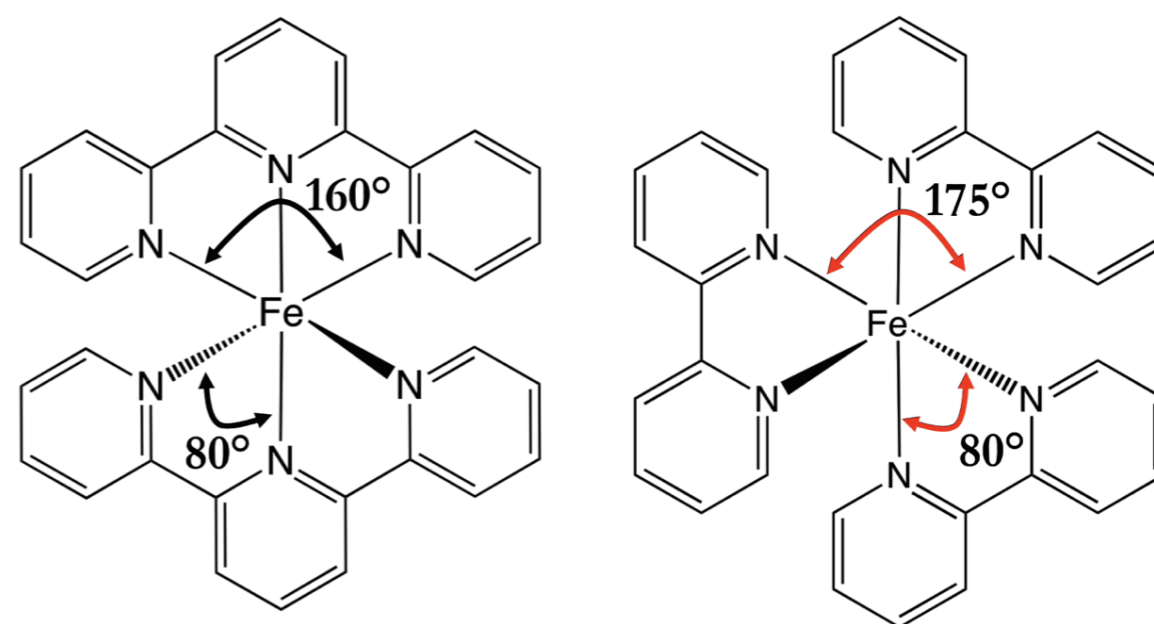
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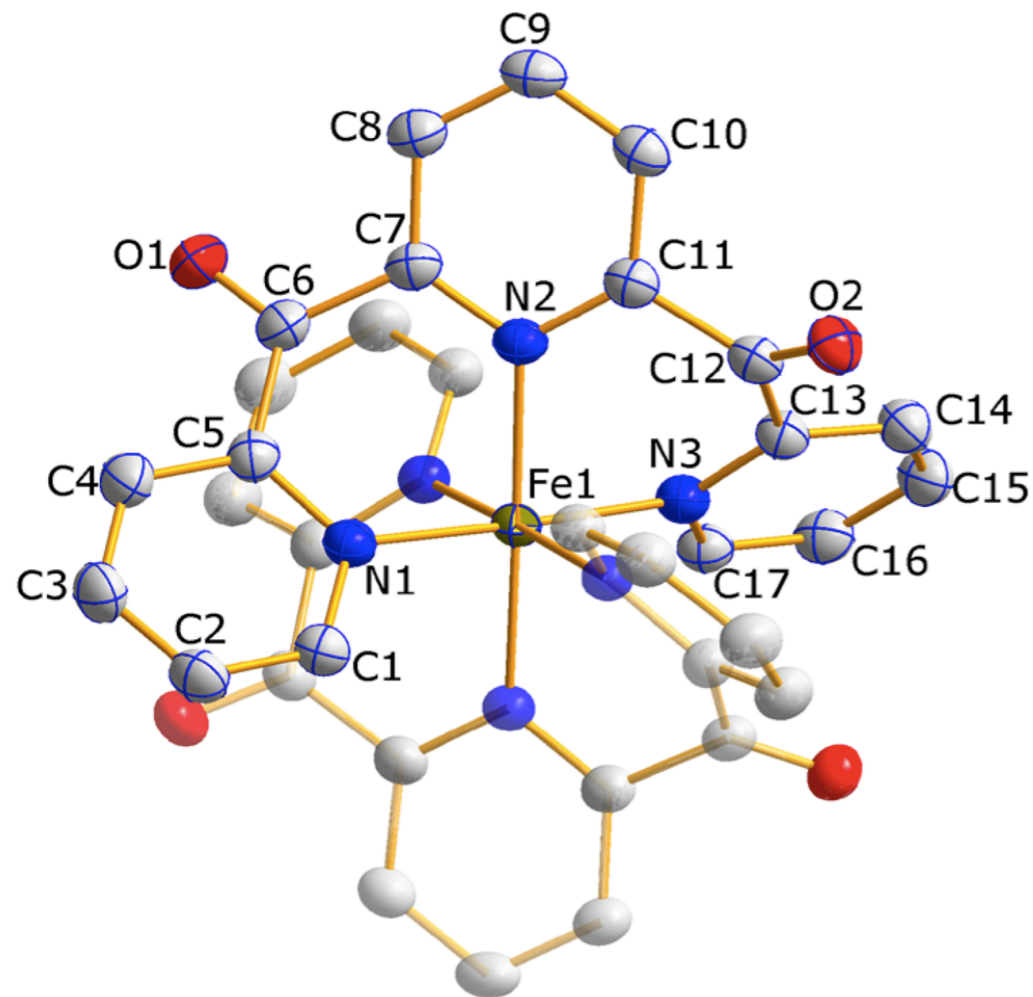


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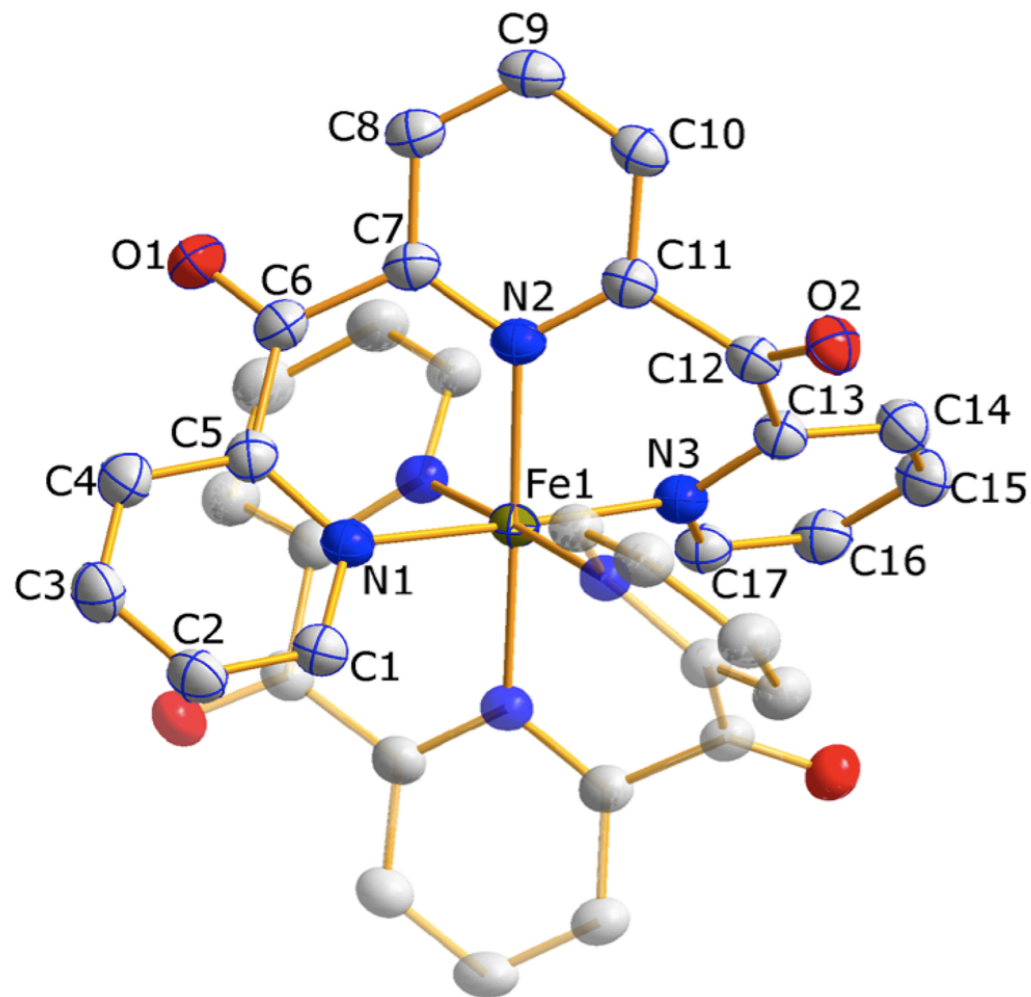
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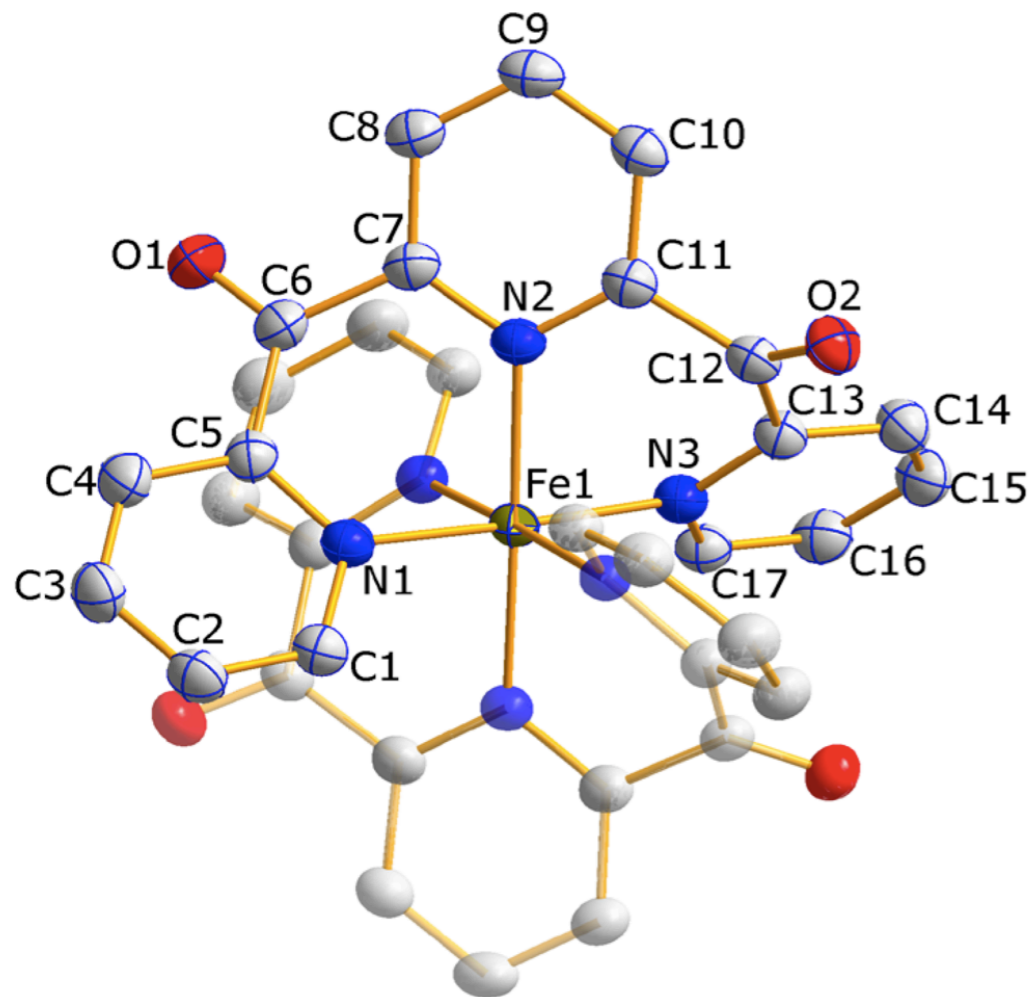
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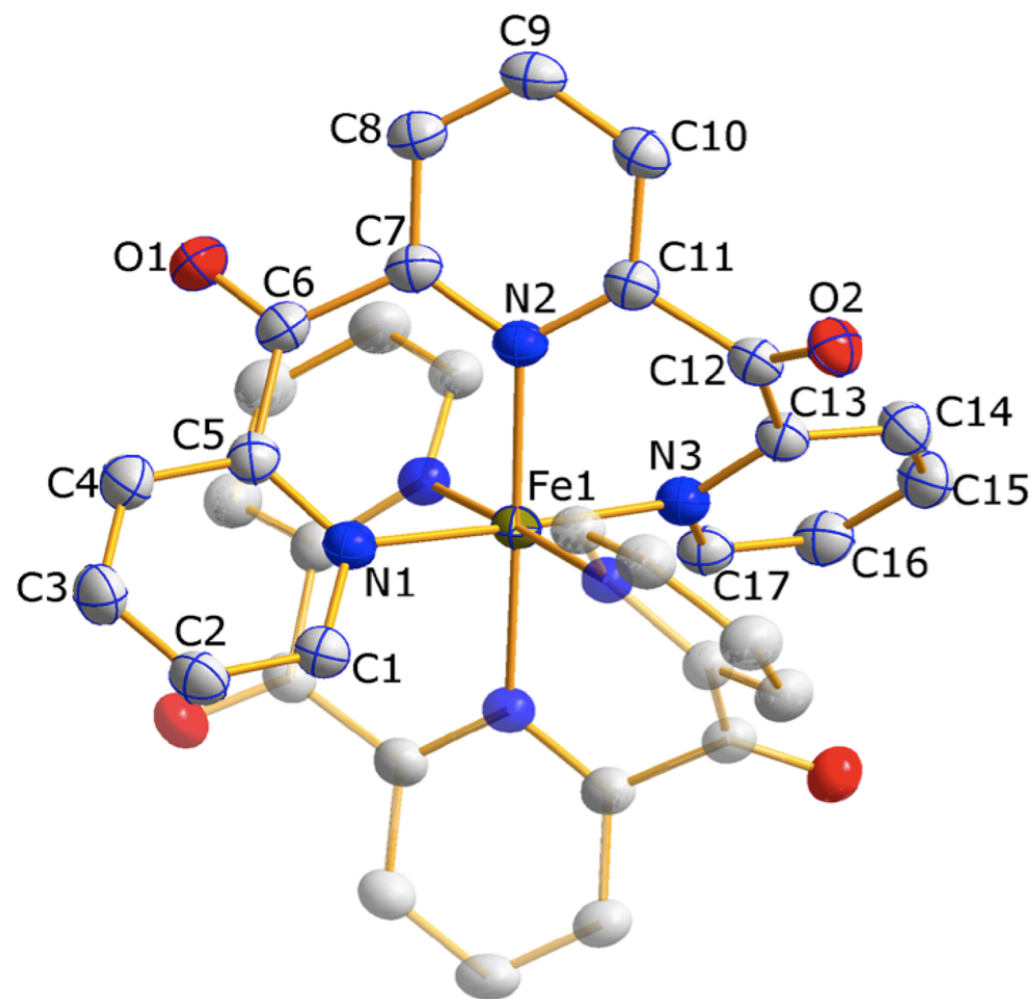
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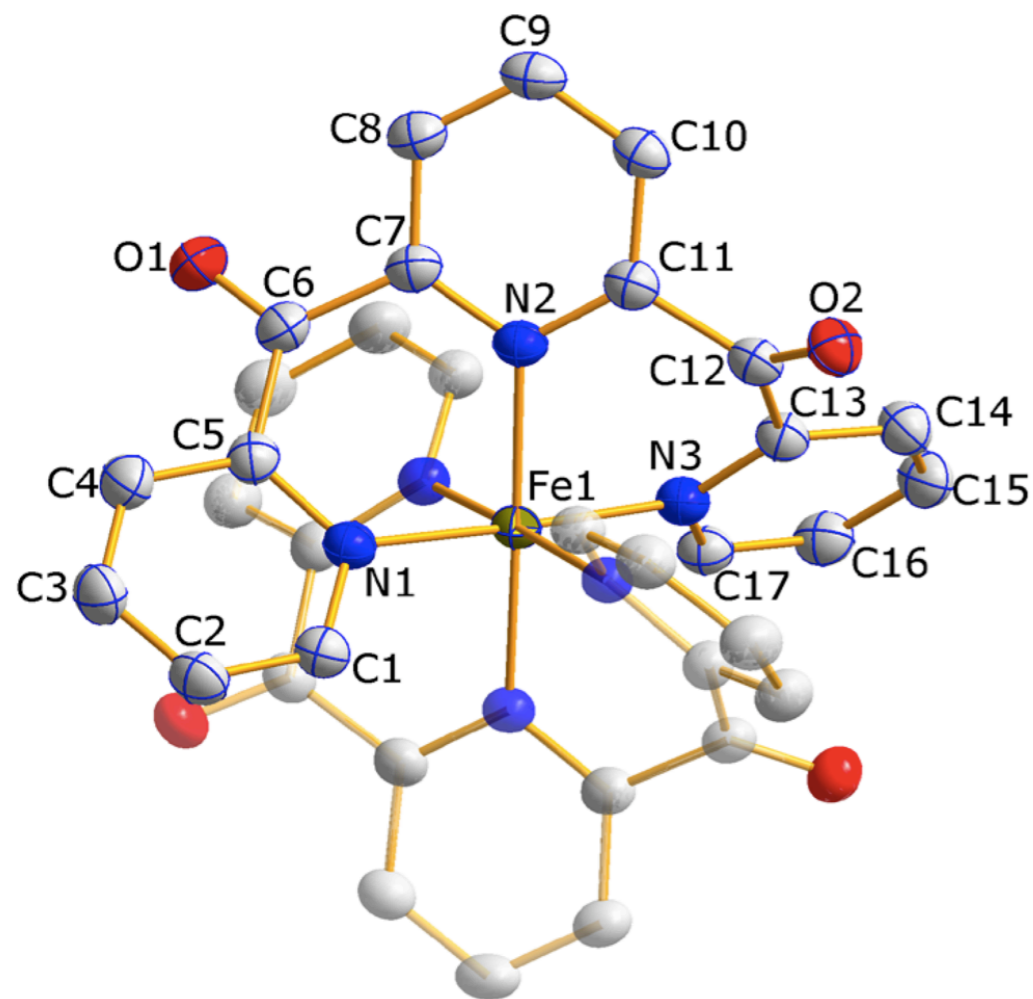
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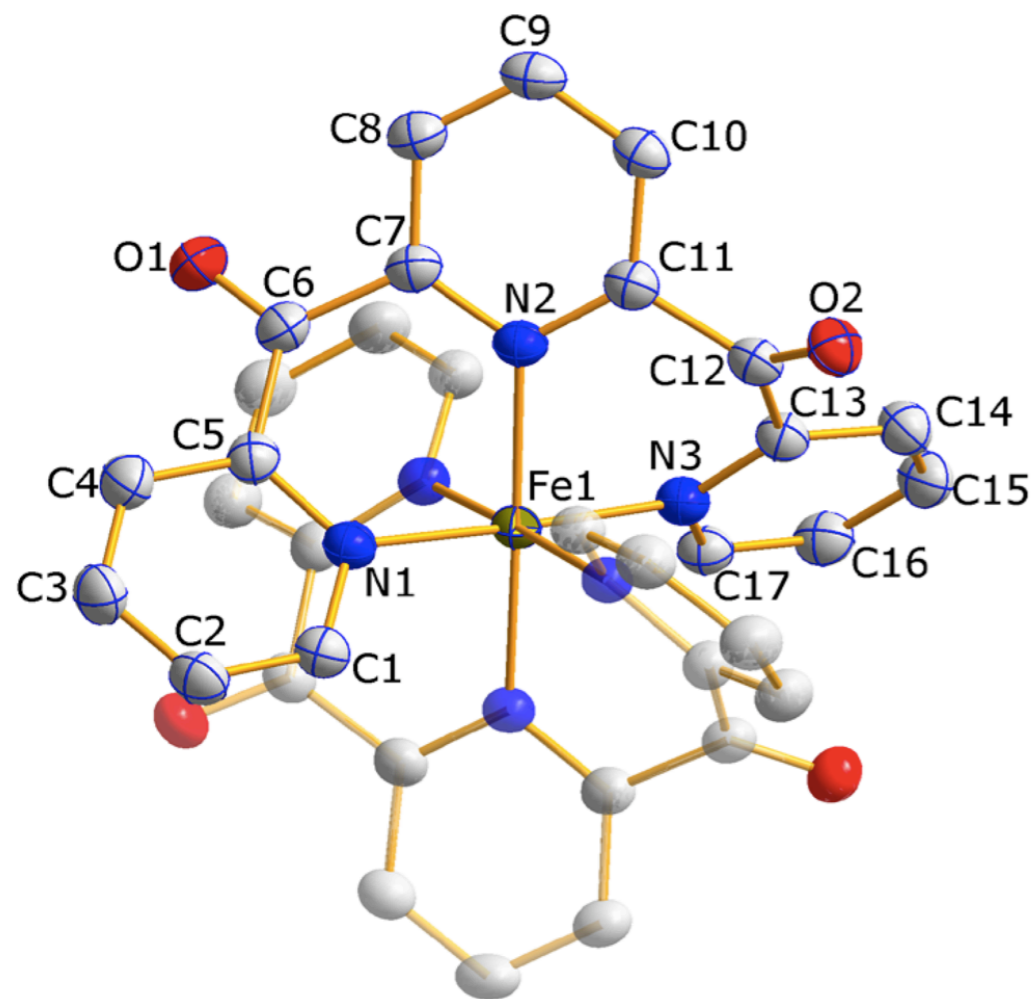
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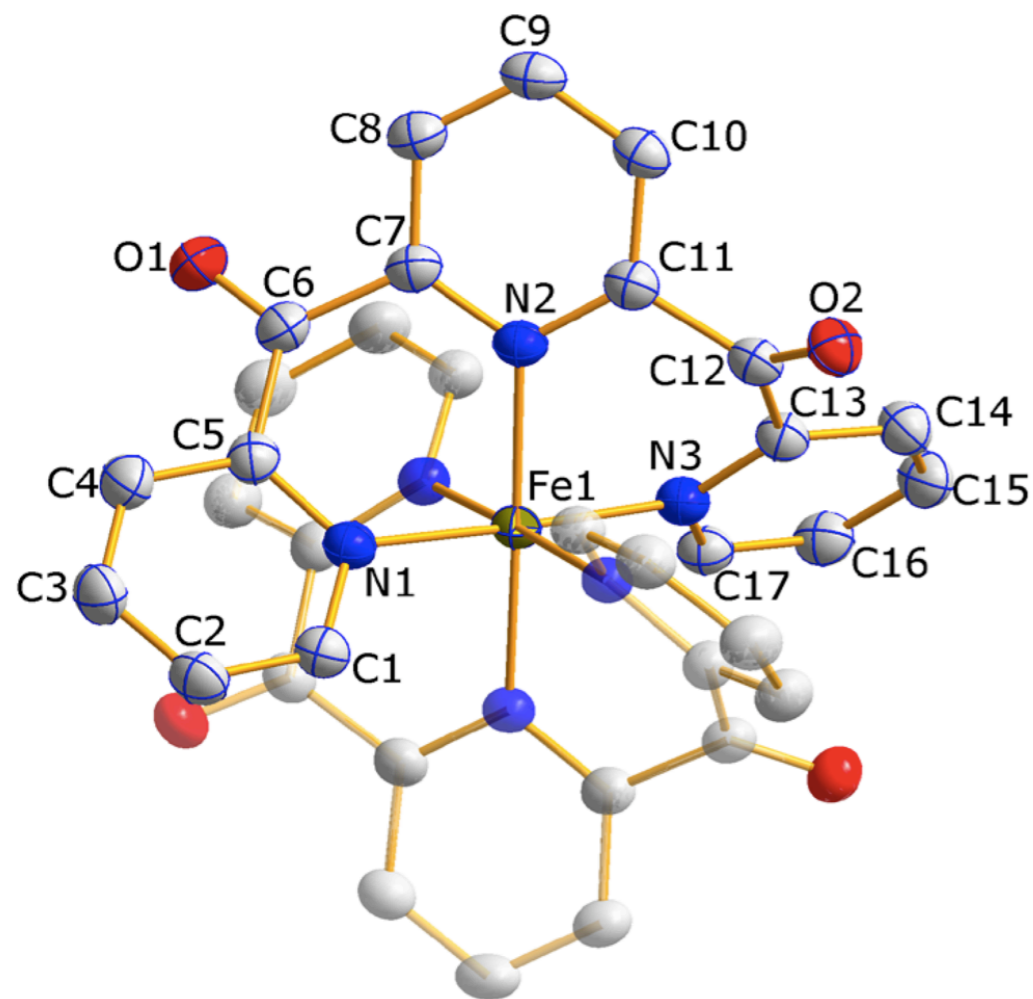
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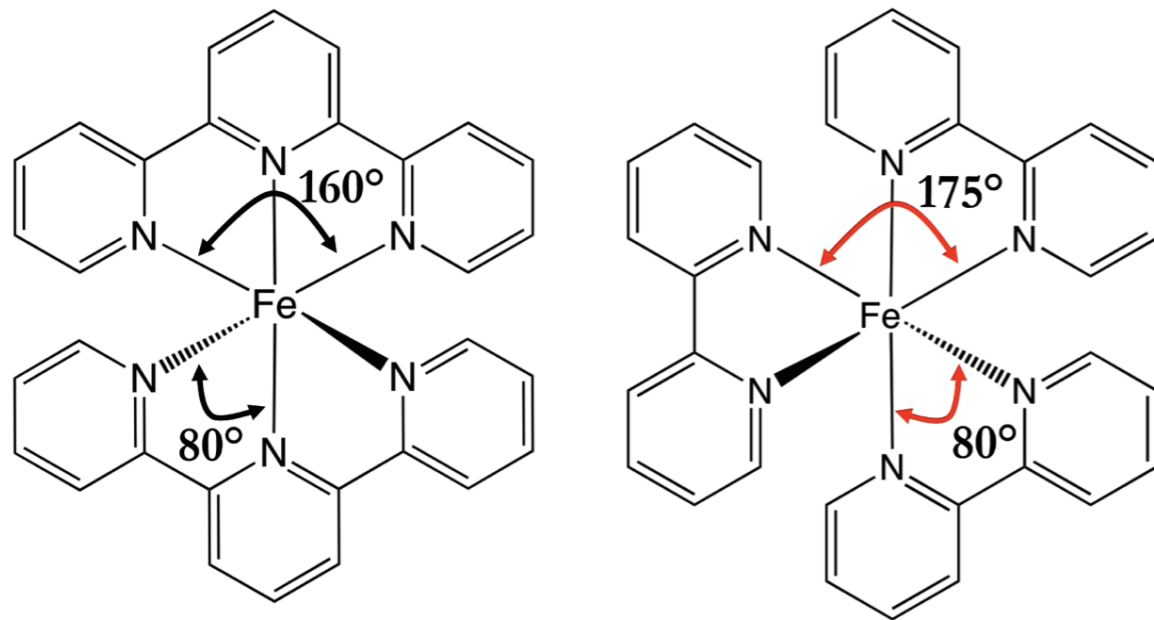
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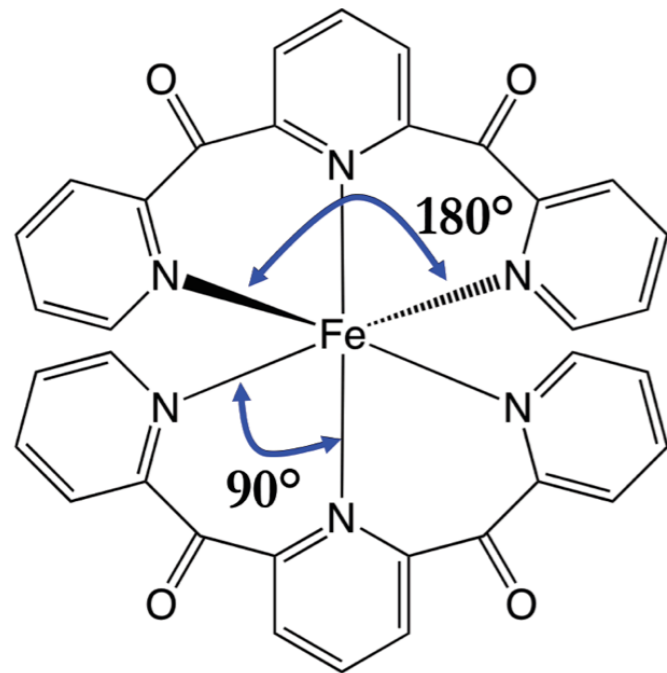
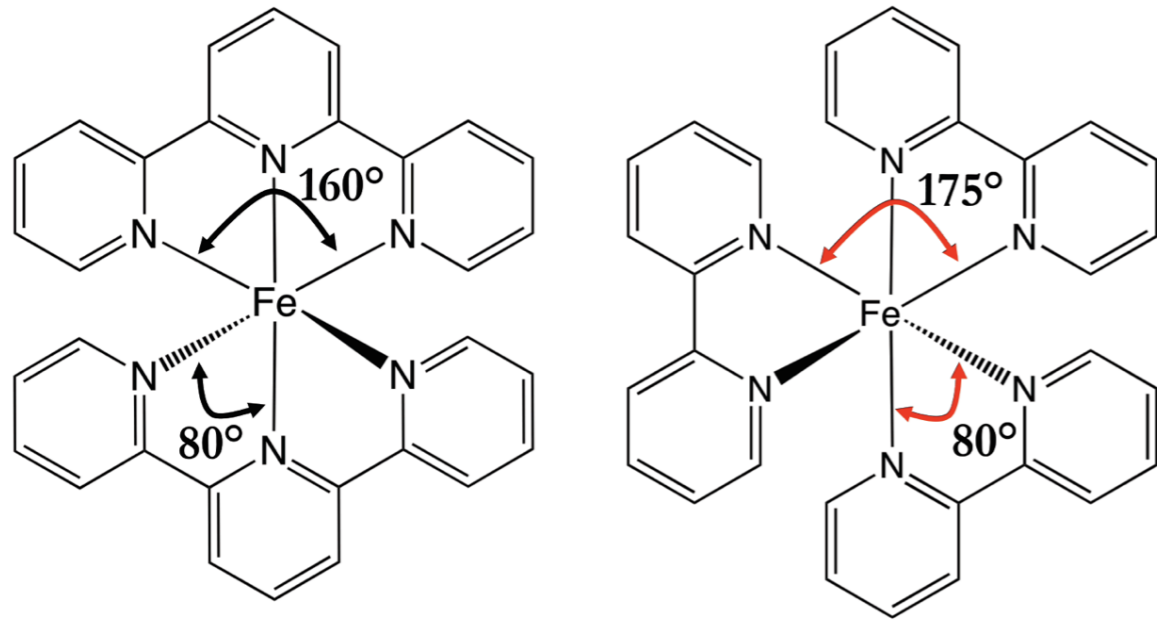
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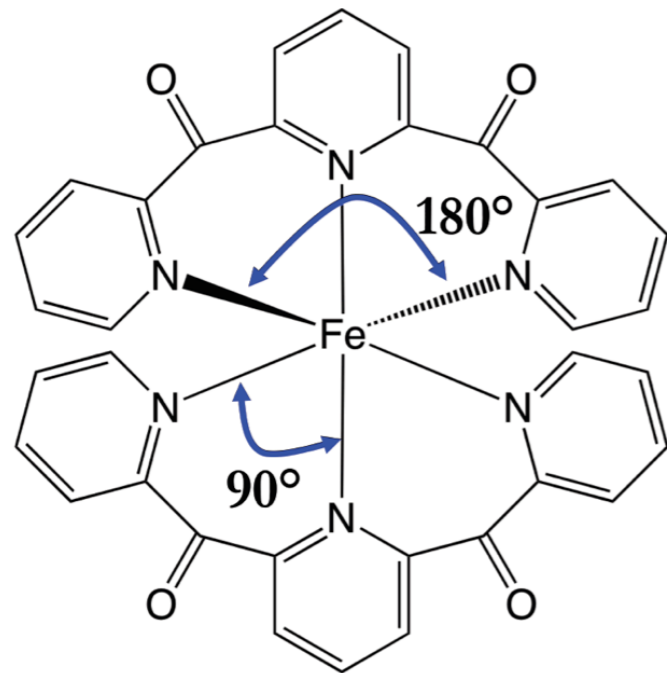
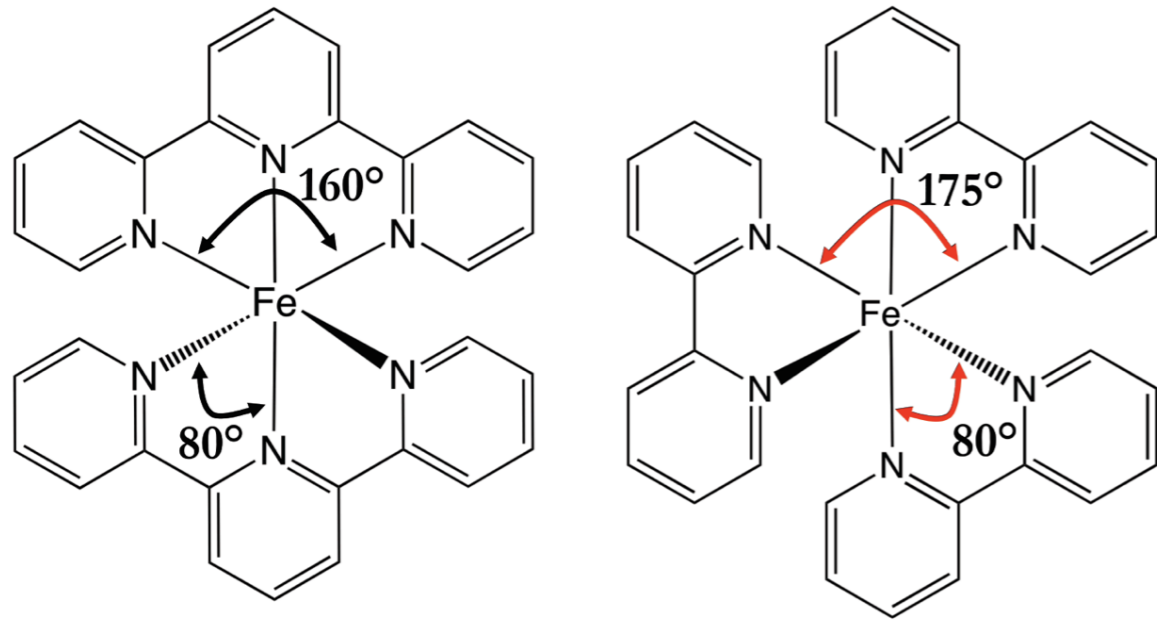
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- synthetic route published for Ru(II) does not work for the Fe(II) analog, so an alternate route was developed
- Metrics:
 - Fe-N distance: 1.985(5) Å
 - *cis* N-Fe-N angles: 90(1)°
 - *trans* N-Fe-N angles: 178(1)°
- high symmetry is possibly linked to some interesting properties...

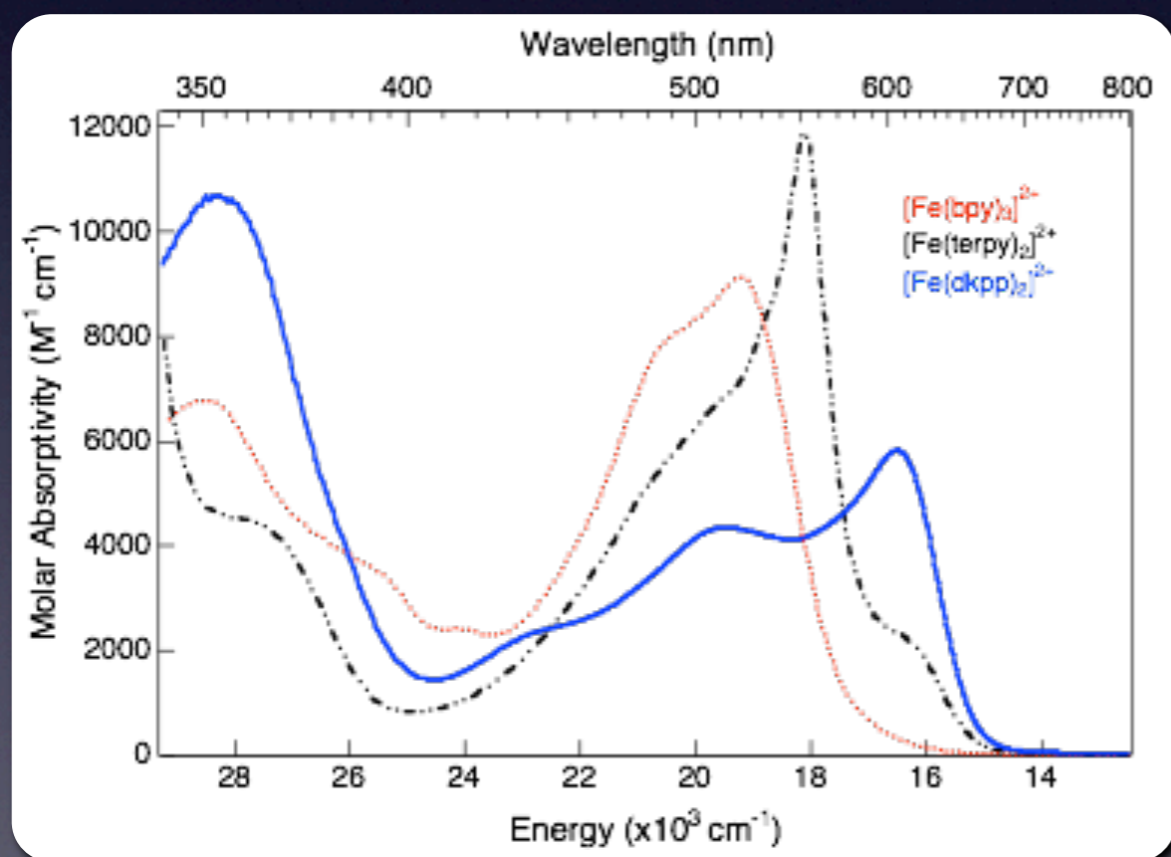
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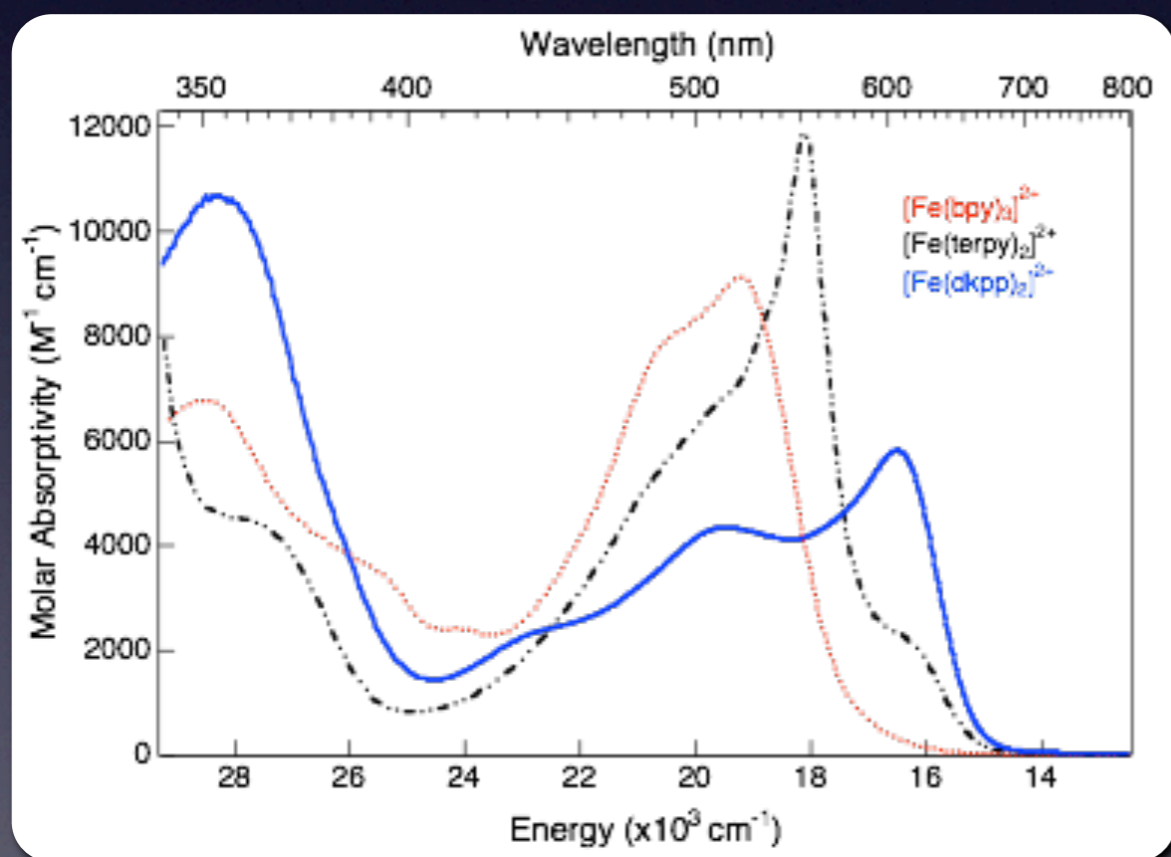
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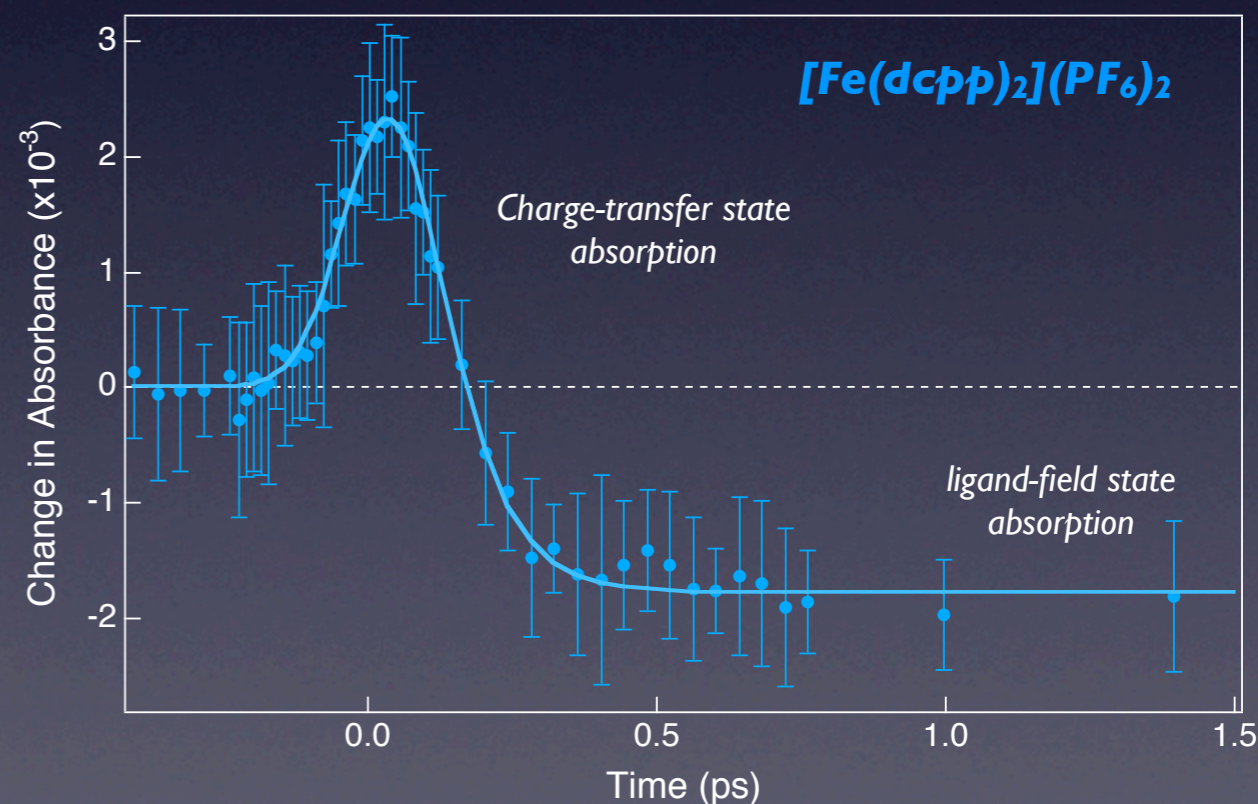
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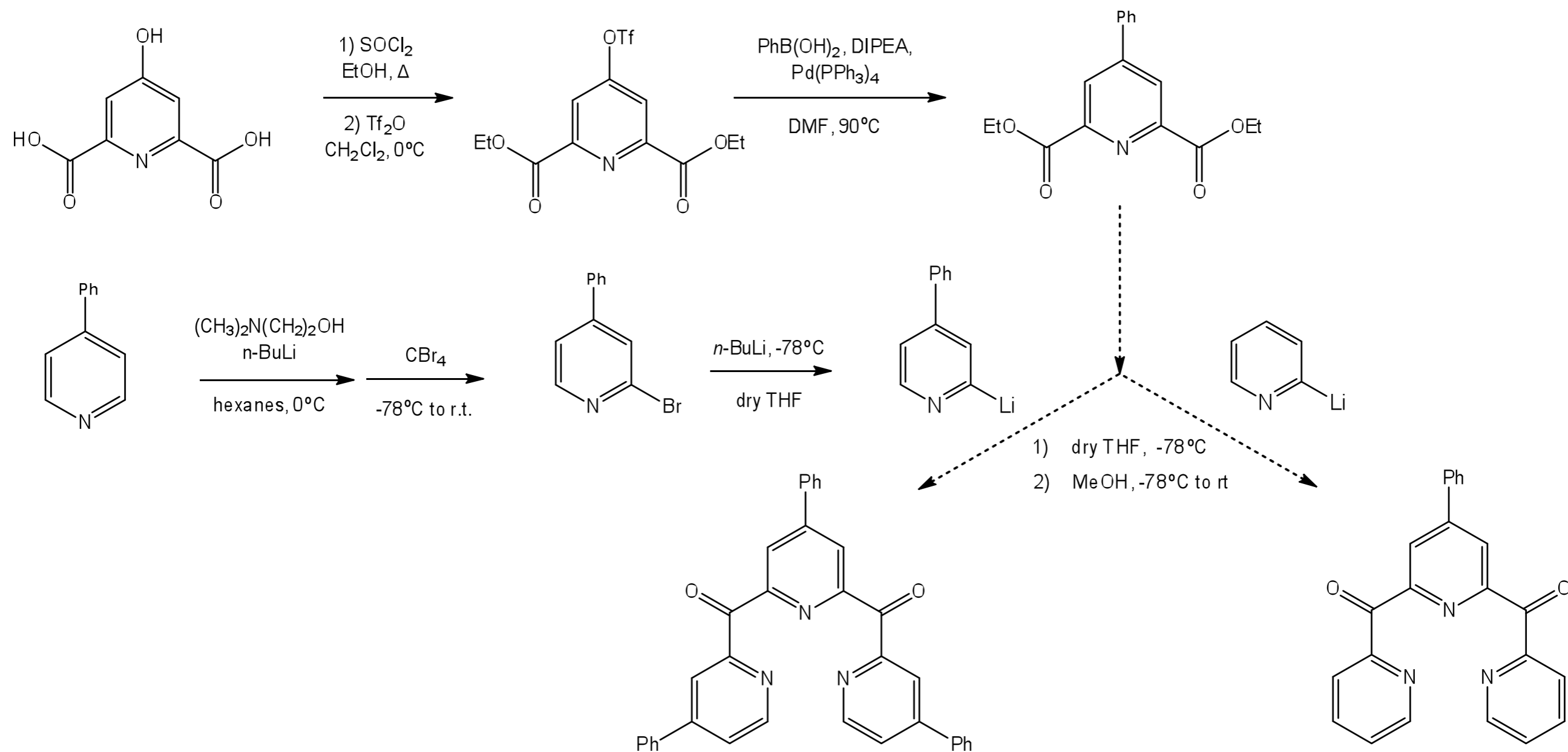
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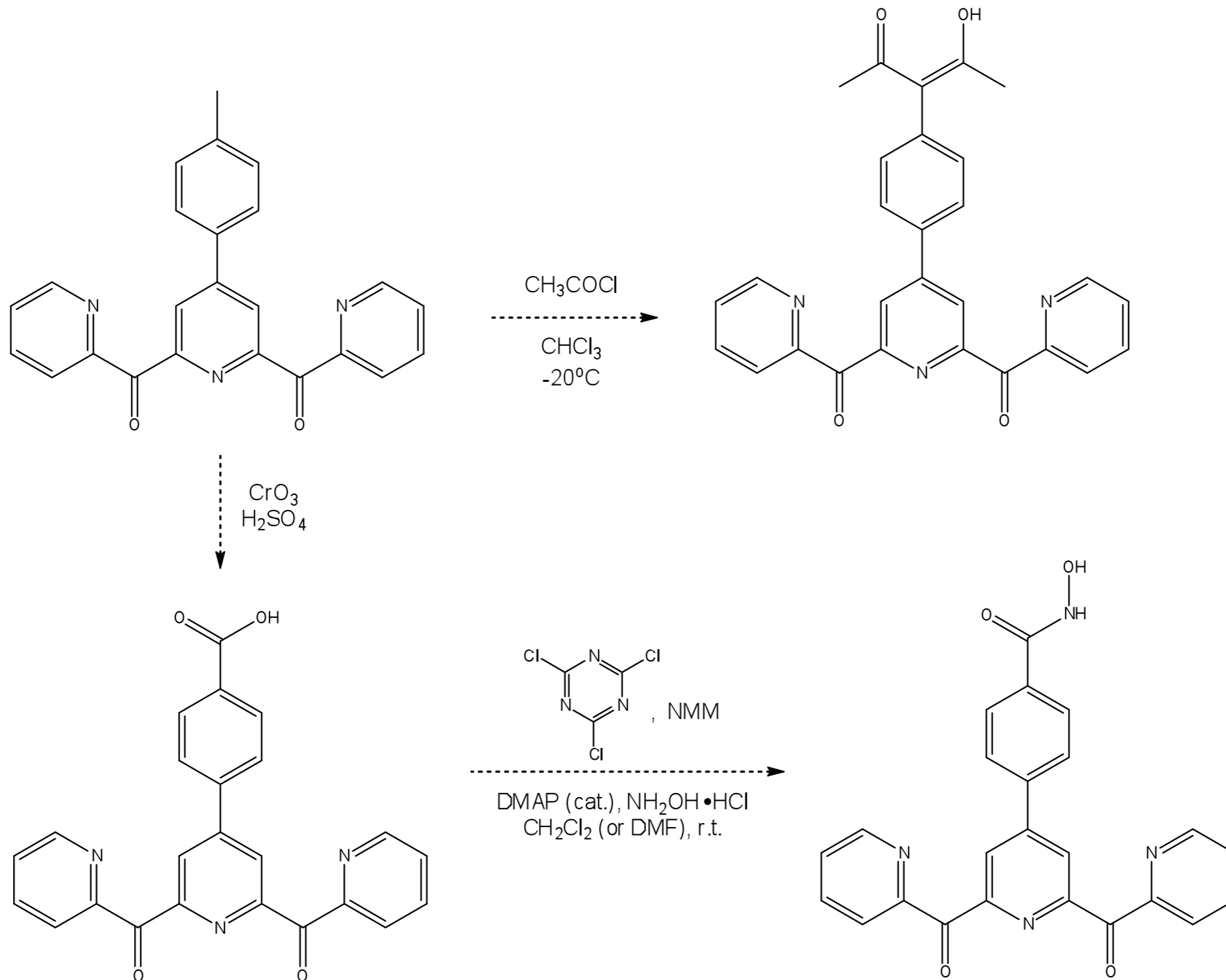
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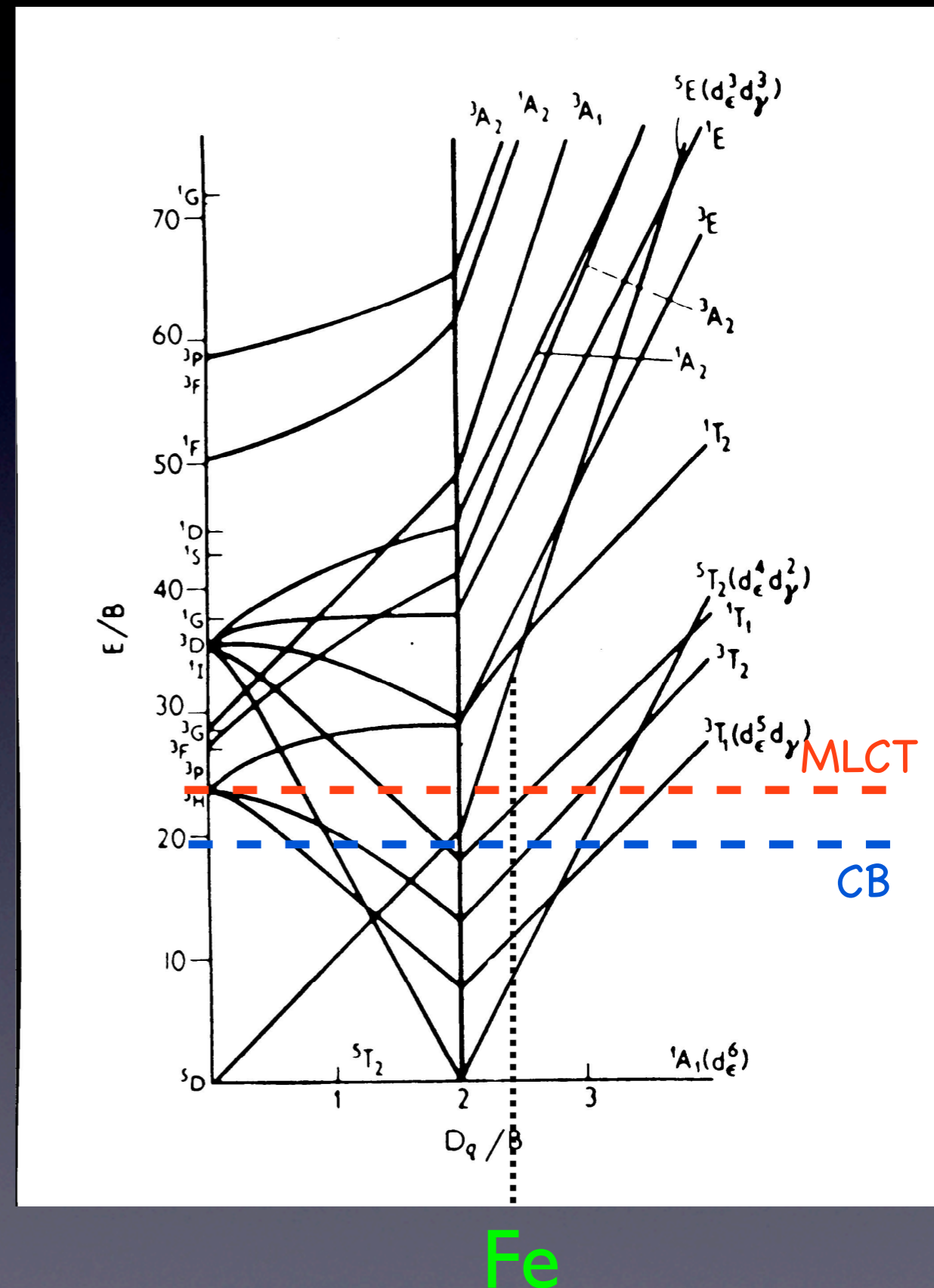
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- functionalization to allow for binding to surface of semiconductor



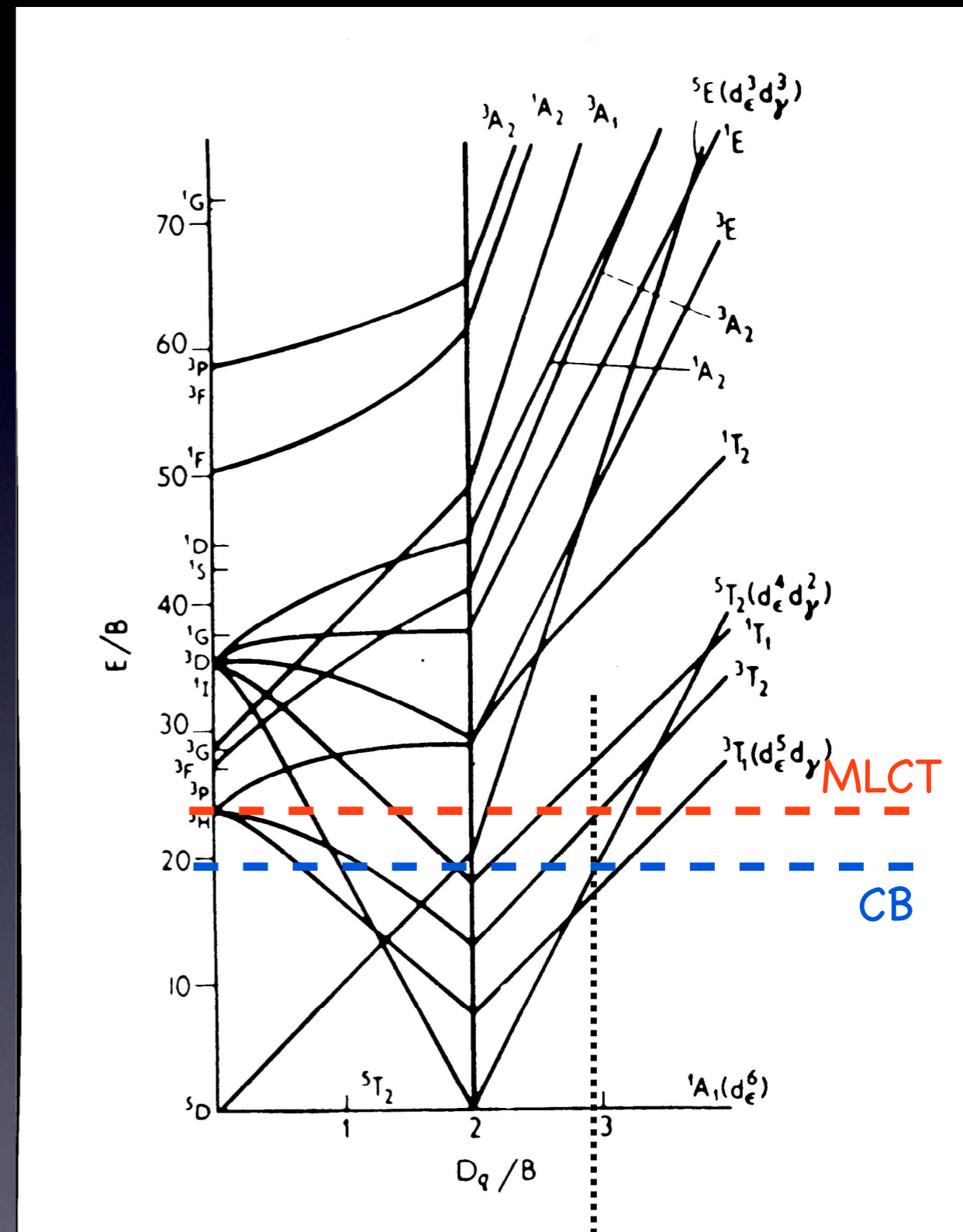
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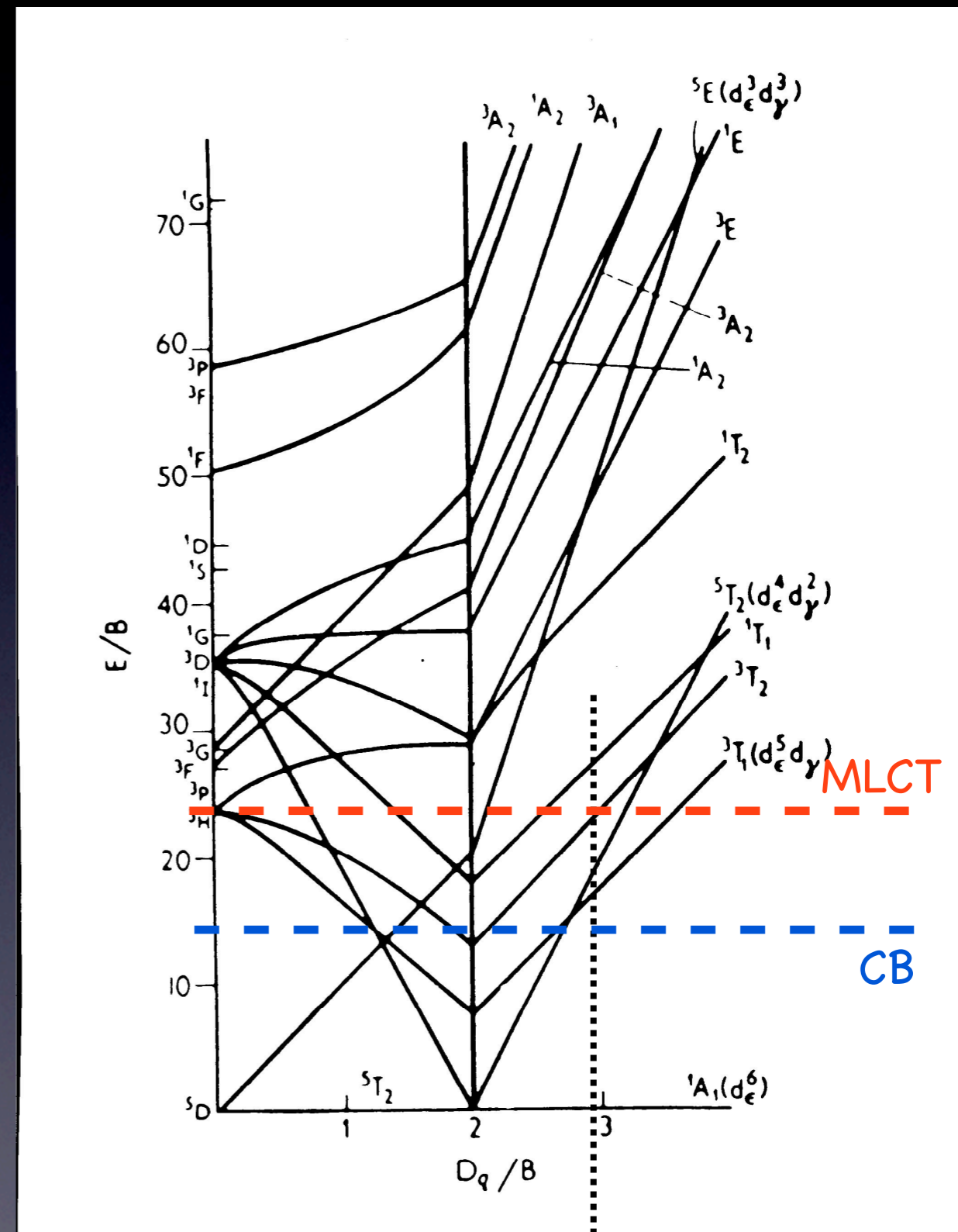
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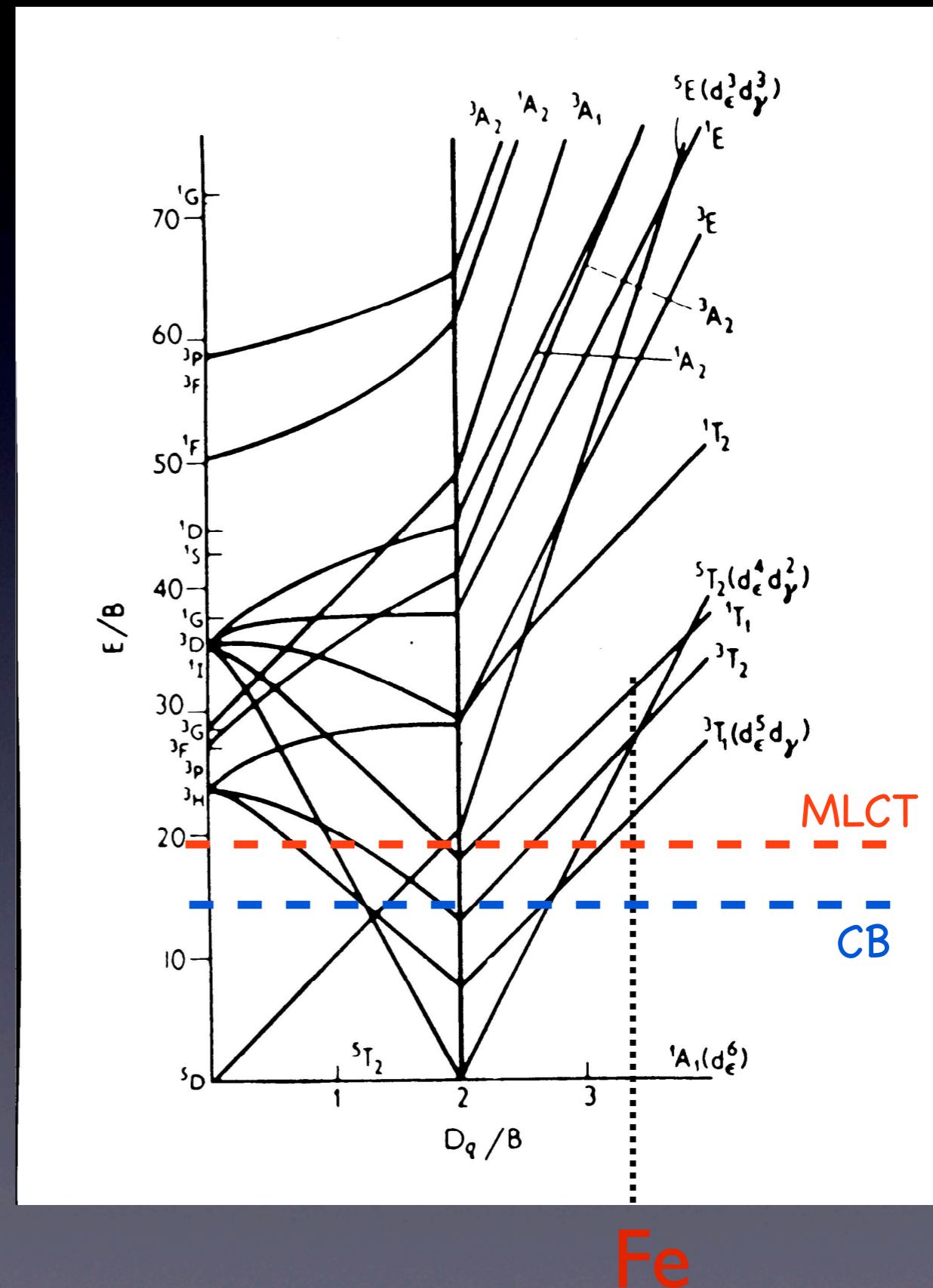
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