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# List of Abbreviations

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<b>ACC</b>	Acceptor
<b>ADF</b>	Amsterdam Density Functional ( <i>program</i> )
<b>ADP</b>	Adenosine Diphosphate
<b>AIMD</b>	Ab Initio Molecular Dynamics
<b>ALDA</b>	Adiabatic Linear Density Approximation ( <i>XC kernel</i> )
<b>AMS</b>	Amsterdam Modelling Suite ( <i>program</i> )
<b>AO</b>	Atomic Orbital
<b>ATP</b>	Adenosine Triphosphate
<b>Ben-NDI</b>	Benzoic acid-based core extended Naphthalene Diimide dye
<b>BJ</b>	Becke-Johnson ( <i>type of damping function for D3 dispersion corrections</i> )
<b>BLYP</b>	Becke, Lee-Yang-Parr ( <i>XC functional</i> )
<b>BOA</b>	Born-Oppenheimer Approximation
<b>BOMD</b>	Born-Oppenheimer Molecular Dynamics
<b>B3LYP</b>	Becke, 3-parameter, Lee-Yang-Parr ( <i>XC functional</i> )
<b>CAM-B3LYP</b>	Coulomb Attenuating Method – B3LYP ( <i>XC functional</i> )
<b>Cat-NDI</b>	Catechol-based core extended Naphthalene Diimide dye
<b>CB</b>	Conduction Band
<b>COSMO</b>	Conductor-like Screening Model ( <i>implicit solvent model</i> )
<b>CT</b>	Charge Transfer
<b>CTD</b>	Charge Transfer Dynamics
<b>CV</b>	Cyclic Voltammetry
<b>DCM</b>	Dichloromethane
<b>DFT</b>	Density Functional Theory
<b>DFT-D3</b>	DFT with D3 dispersion corrections
<b>DFTB</b>	Density Functional based Tight Binding
<b>DNA</b>	Deoxyribonucleic Acid (chap 3)
<b>DON</b>	Donor
<b>DOS</b>	Density Of States
<b>DPA</b>	Diphenylamine
<b>DS-PEC</b>	Dye Sensitized Photoelectrochemical Cell
<b>DSSC</b>	Dye Sensitized Solar Cell
<b>DZP</b>	Double Zeta with one Polarization function ( <i>basis set</i> )
<b>D3</b>	<i>Type of Dispersion corrections</i>

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<b>EDG</b>	Electron Donating Group
<b>EH</b>	Extended Hückel
<b>ET</b>	Electron Transfer
<b>ETD</b>	Electron Transfer Dynamics
<b>FC</b>	Franck Condon
<b>FLU</b>	Fluorene
<b>FLUMe</b>	Methylated Fluorene
<b>FT</b>	Fourier Transform
<b>GBSA</b>	Generalized Born accessible Surface Area model ( <i>implicit solvent model</i> )
<b>GFN-xTB</b>	Geometry, Frequency, Non-covalent Interactions Extended Tight Binding
<b>GGA</b>	Generalized Gradient Approximation
<b>HEC</b>	Hydrogen Evolution Catalyst
<b>HEG</b>	Homogeneous Electron Gas
<b>HOMO</b>	Highest Occupied Molecular Orbital
<b>Hyd-NDI</b>	Hydroxamic acid-based core extended Naphthalene Diimide dye
<b>ISC</b>	Intersystem Crossing
<b>I2M</b>	Interaction of two Metal oxo species
<b>LC</b>	Long-range Corrected
<b>LDA</b>	Local Density Approximation
<b>LR-TDDFT</b>	Linear Response Time Dependent Density Functional Theory
<b>LUMO</b>	Lowest Unoccupied Molecular Orbital
<b>MCTDH</b>	Multi Configurational Time Dependent Hartree
<b>MD</b>	Molecular Dynamics
<b>MO</b>	Molecular Orbital
<b>NADP<sup>+</sup>/NADPH</b>	Nicotinamide Adenine Dinucleotide Phosphate
<b>NAMD</b>	Non Adiabatic Molecular Dynamics
<b>NCAP</b>	Nonadiabatic Conversion via Adiabatic Passage
<b>NDI</b>	Naphthalene Diimide
<b>NHE</b>	Normal Hydrogen Electrode
<b>NMR</b>	Nuclear Magnetic Resonance
<b>OEC</b>	Oxygen Evolving Complex
<b>OPBE</b>	Optimized exchange Perdew-Burke-Ernzerhof ( <i>XC functional</i> )
<b>PBE</b>	Perdew-Burke-Ernzerhof ( <i>XC functional</i> )

## ***List of Abbreviations***

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<b>PCET</b>	Proton Coupled Electron Transfer
<b>PDOS</b>	Partial Density Of States
<b>PEM</b>	Proton Exchange Membrane
<b>PMI</b>	Perylene-Monoimide
<b>PMIMe</b>	Methylated PMI
<b>PSI</b>	Photosystem I
<b>PSII</b>	Photosystem II
<b>rev-DOD-BLYP</b>	Revised, Dispersion corrected, constrained, Double hybrid-BLYP <i>(XC functional)</i>
<b>rev-DOD-PBE</b>	Revised, Dispersion corrected, constrained, Double hybrid-PBE <i>(XC functional)</i>
<b>rev-DOD-PBEP86</b>	Revised, Dispersion corrected, constrained, Double hybrid-PBEP86 <i>(XC functional)</i>
<b>ROC</b>	Radical Oxo Coupling
<b>SCC-DFTB</b>	Self-Consistent Charge Density Functional based Tight Binding
<b>SCM</b>	Software for Chemistry and Materials ( <i>company</i> )
<b>SPH</b>	Single Point Hessian
<b>STO</b>	Slater Type Orbital
<b>TD-DFT</b>	Time Dependent Density Functional Theory
<b>TEMPO</b>	2,2,6,6-Tetramethylpiperidine 1-oxyl
<b>TPA</b>	Triphenylamine
<b>TPAMe</b>	Methylated TPA
<b>TZP</b>	Triple Zeta with one Polarization function ( <i>basis set</i> )
<b>VB</b>	Valence Band
<b>VDOS</b>	Vibrational Density Of States
<b>WNA</b>	Water Nucleophilic Attack
<b>WOC</b>	Water Oxidation Catalyst
<b>XC</b>	Exchange Correlation
<b>ZORA</b>	Zero-Order Regular Approximation ( <i>model for relativistic effects</i> )
<b>ZPE</b>	Zero Point Energy
<b>ΔSCF</b>	Delta Self Consistent Field ( <i>method to estimate ionization potential</i> )

