



watching flowers through a silicon glass multiscale simulation of the color optical properties of natural dyes

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natural dyes market grown by 35% in the 2005-2009 quinquennium



the food industry is subject to an increasing global pressure from customers and lawmakers who demand a shift towards ingredients and additives that are perceived as *more natural* and, "therefore", *healthier*



the Southampton six

In 2007 Research funded by the UK FSA was published, suggesting that the consumption of certain mixes of artificial food colours and preservatives could be linked to attention deficit and increased hyperactivity in some children.





Since 2010 an EU-wide compulsory warning must be put on any food and drink product that contains any of these six colours:

"May have an adverse effect on activity and attention in children"





tunable



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anthocyanins R3' 3 ' _<mark>4</mark>'∕_R4' chromenylium 2 '/ В 1 0,⁺ R7、 8 1 ~R5' 5 ЮН 6 U 5 4 OH HO Ŕ5 ΗÓ





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very little is known of the molecular mechanisms that determine the chromatic properties and the stability of anthocyanins and the relation between structure and color

































stimulus = illuminant × transmission × sensitivity













how to predict the color optical properties of materials?



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Casida's equations: iterative diagonalization of large matrices (DIIS or Davidson)



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chlorophyll a



$C_{55}H_{72}MgN_4O$



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angle (deg)

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MACHINE LEARNING

Clustering by fast search and find of density peaks

Alex Rodriguez and Alessandro Laio



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Cyanidin 3-O-glucoside

















































































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thermodynamic integration

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predicting tautomeric equilibria and pKa





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