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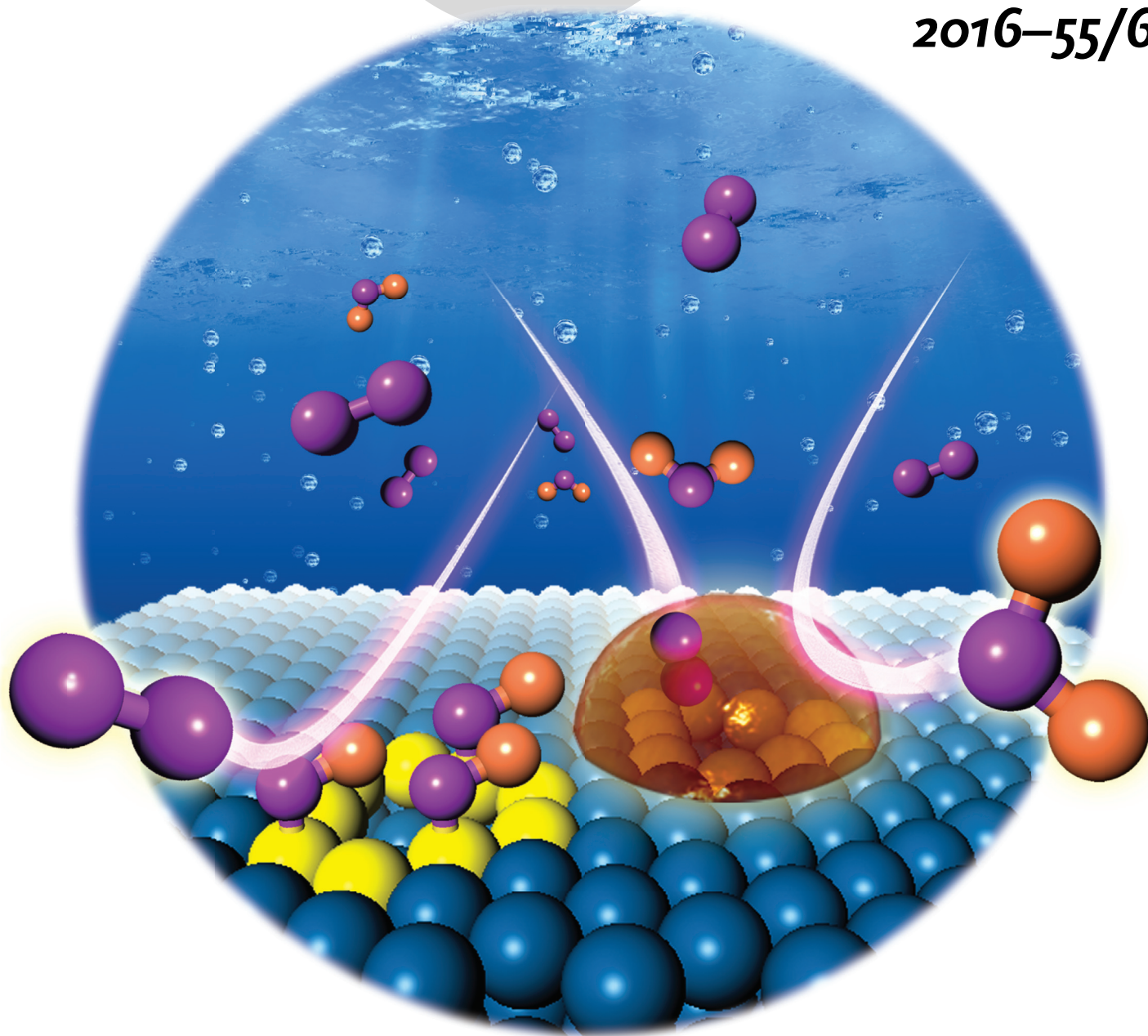
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The occupation of active sites ...

... by nonreactive oxygenated species imposes a major barrier to accelerating oxygen reduction on Pt. In their Communication on page 2257 ff., B. J. M. Etzold and co-workers show that introducing a common and inexpensive hydrophobic ionic liquid to conventional Pt catalysts could help protect low-coordinate Pt sites from being poisoned by nonreactive oxygenated species without restricting the mass transfer of reactants, thus leading to dramatically boosted oxygen reduction on Pt catalysts.

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