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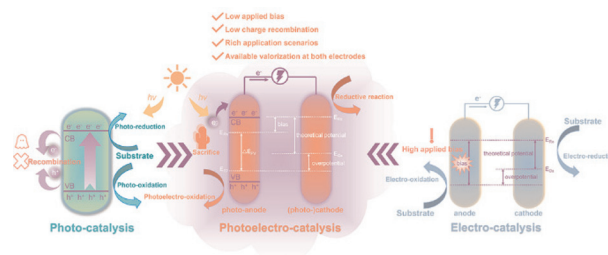
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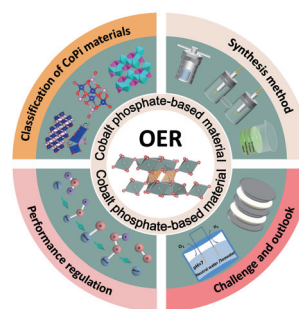


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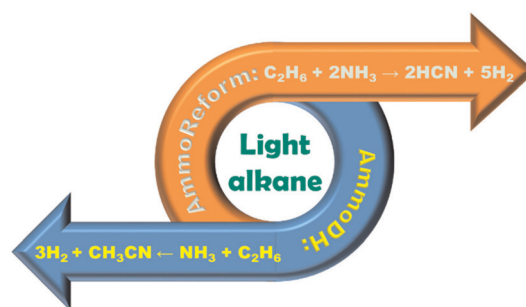


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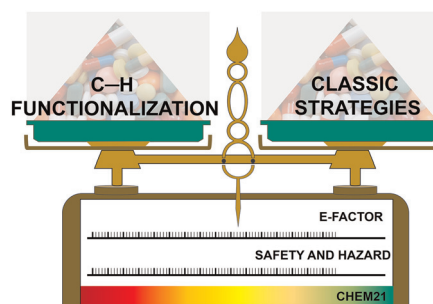


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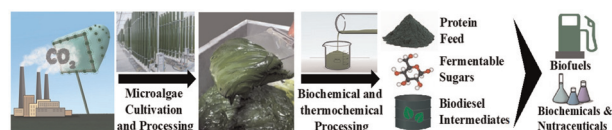
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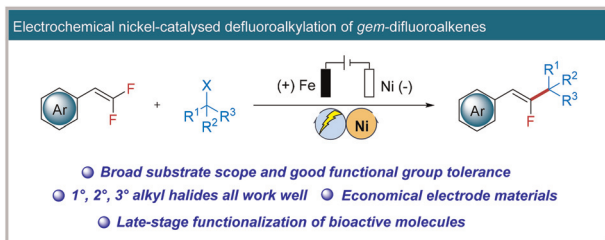
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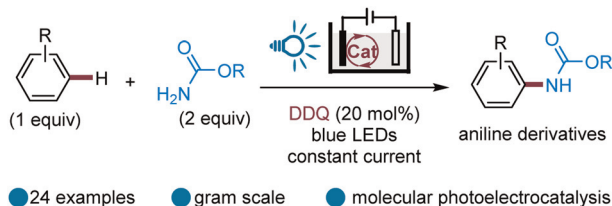
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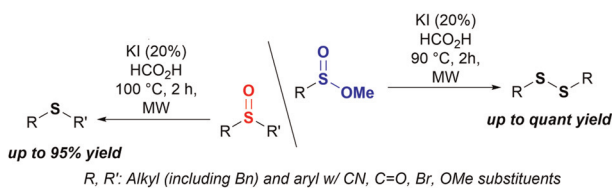


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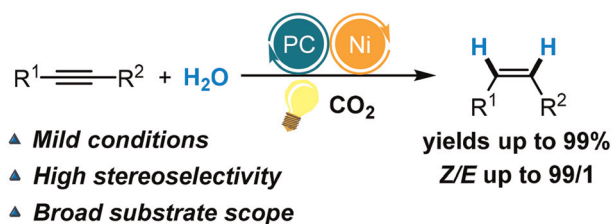


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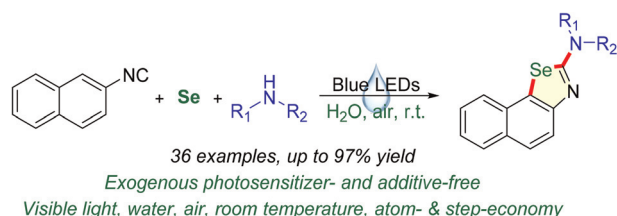


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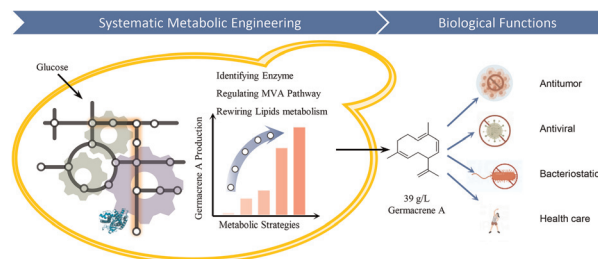
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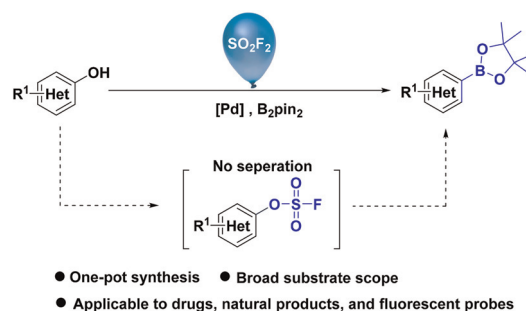
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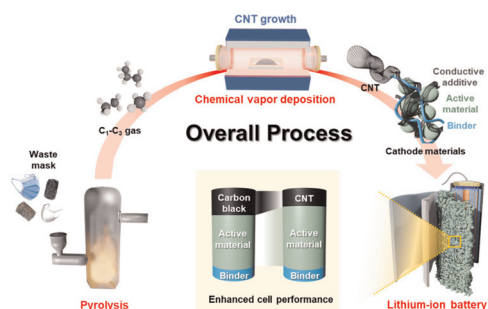
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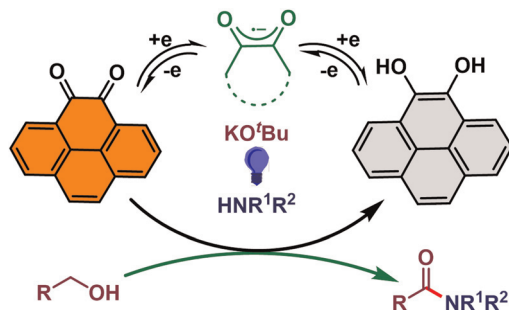
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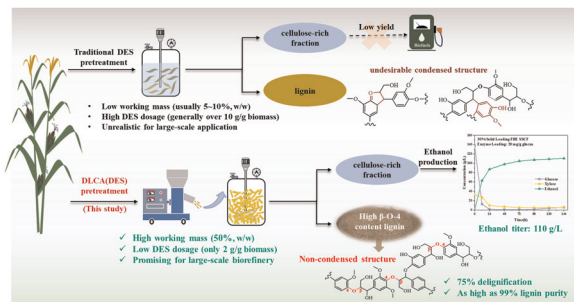
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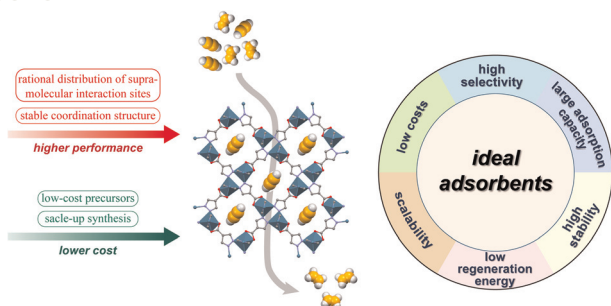
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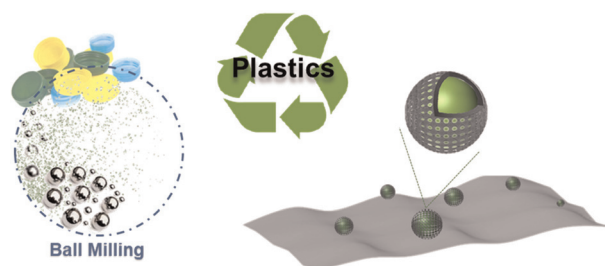


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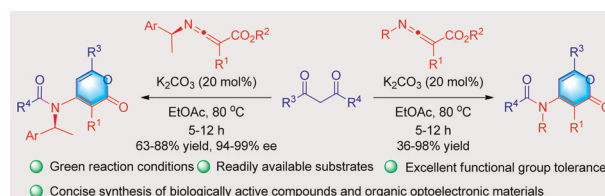
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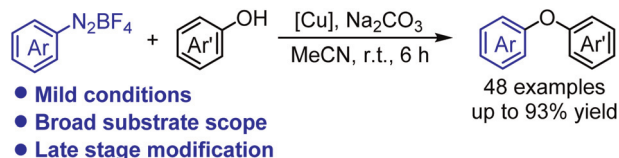
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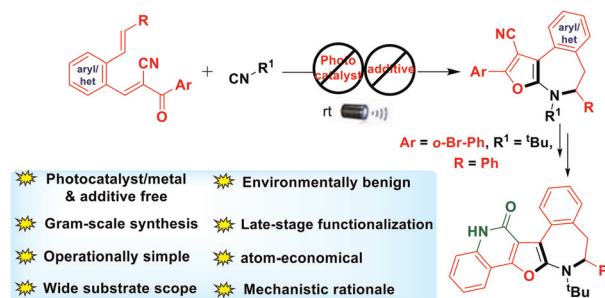
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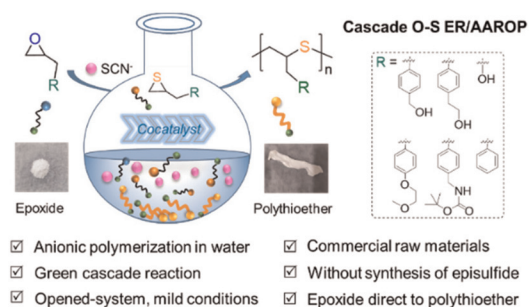
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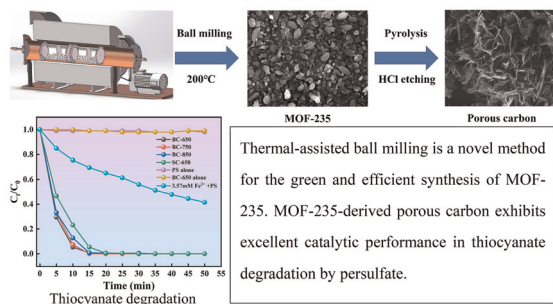
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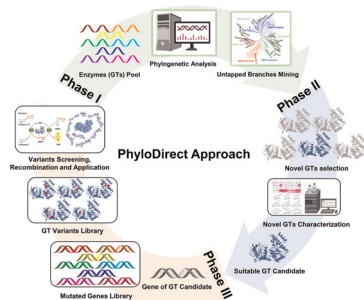
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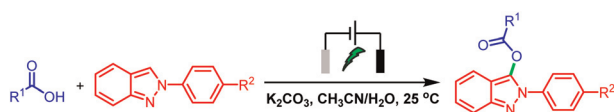
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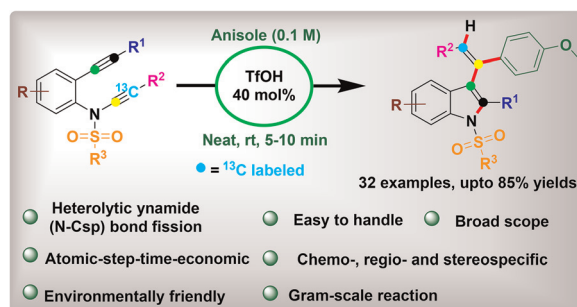


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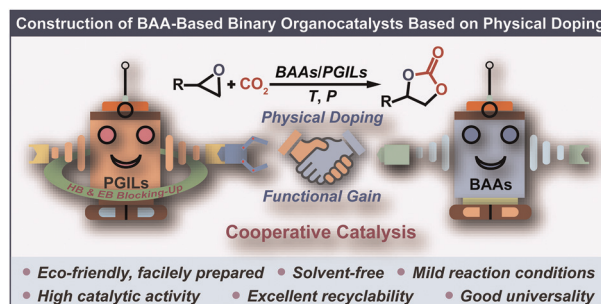
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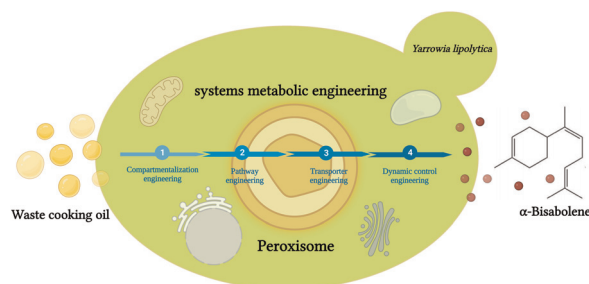
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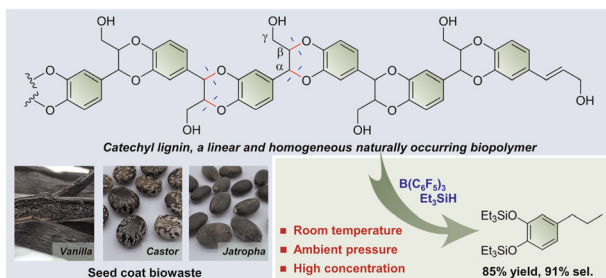
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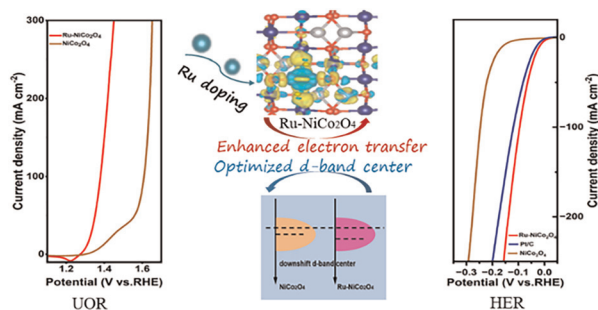
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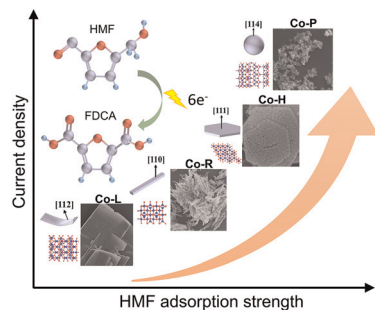
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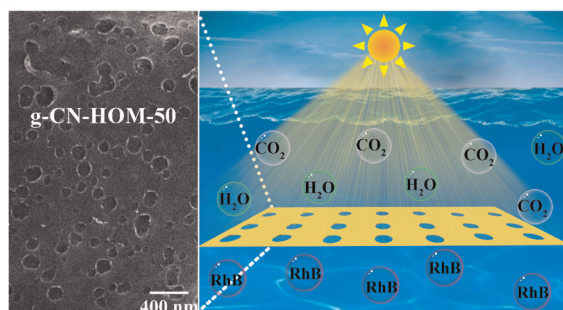
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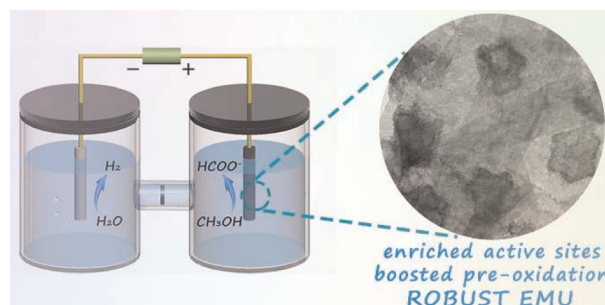


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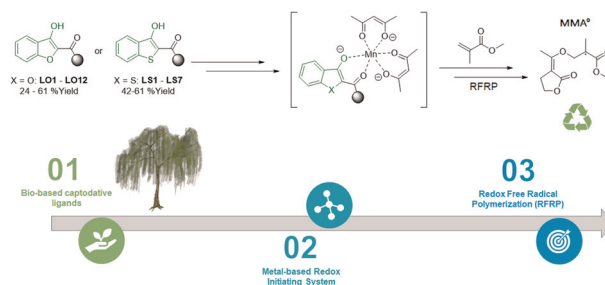
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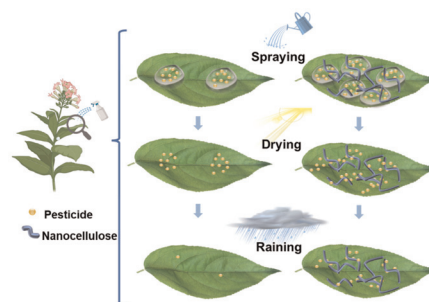
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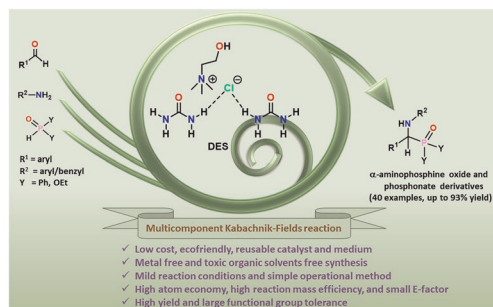
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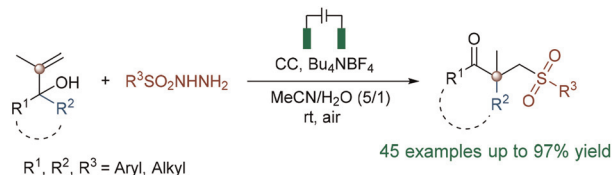
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### Synthesis of $\alpha$ -aminophosphorous derivatives using a deep eutectic solvent (DES) in a dual role

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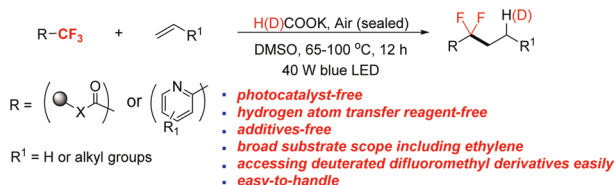


### Electrochemical synthesis of $\gamma$ -keto sulfones containing a $\beta$ -quaternary carbon center via 1,2-migration

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- metal- and oxidant-free
- mild and eco-friendly
- high atom economy
- broad substrate scope
- construction of quaternary C

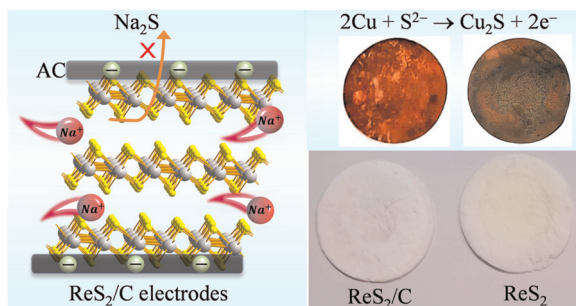
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