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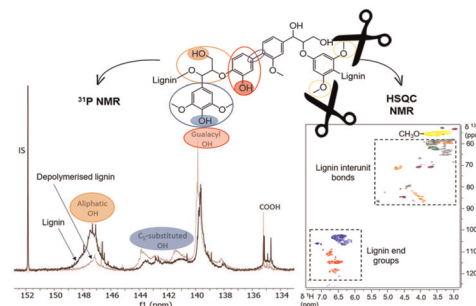
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**Electrochemical Cascade process**  
Electricity as green catalyst-oxidant-mediator!!  
Integrated reaction steps!! Shorter reaction time!!  
Minimal chemical waste!!



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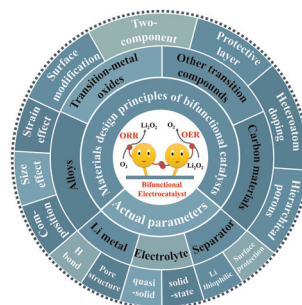


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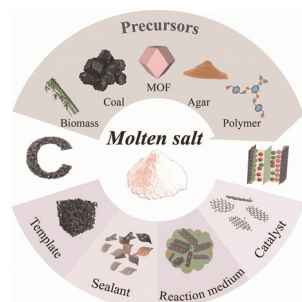
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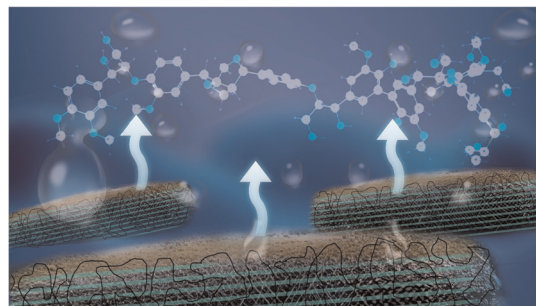
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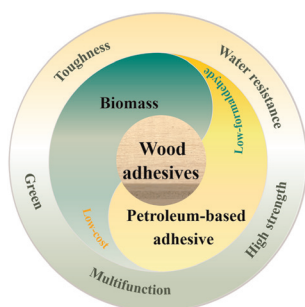
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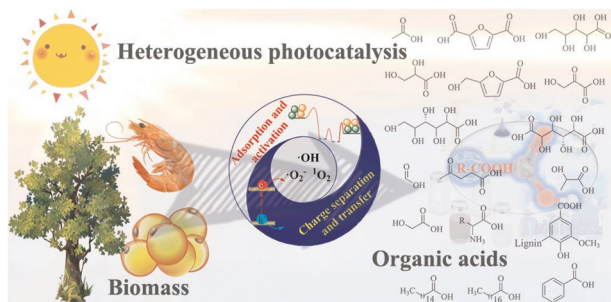
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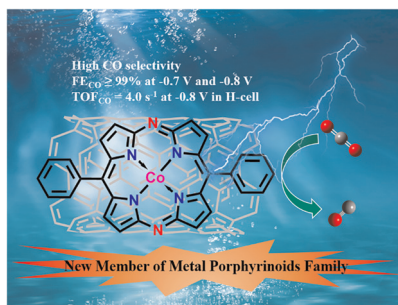


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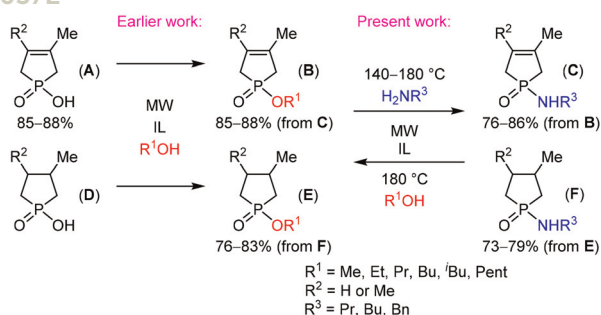
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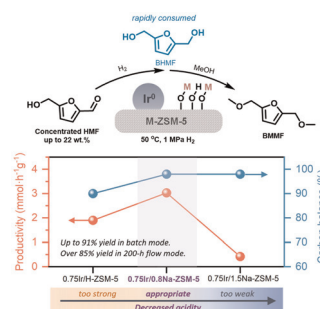


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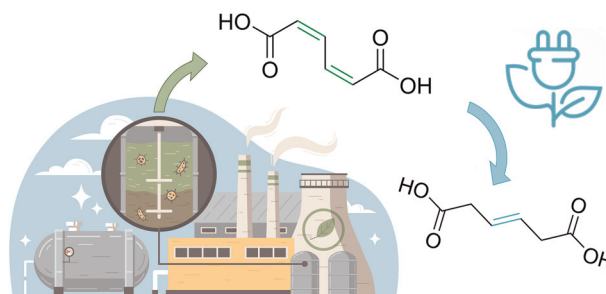


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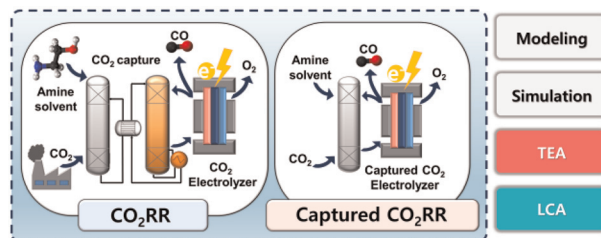
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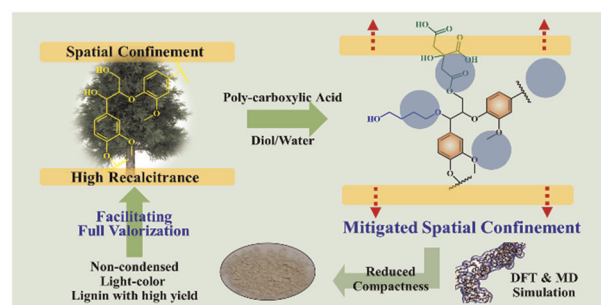
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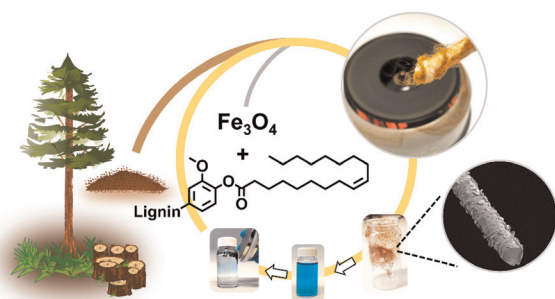
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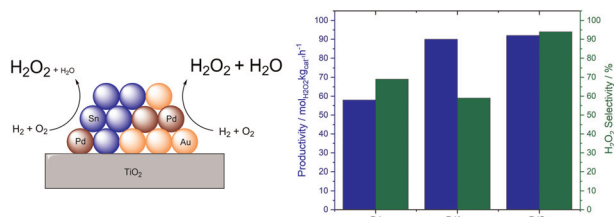
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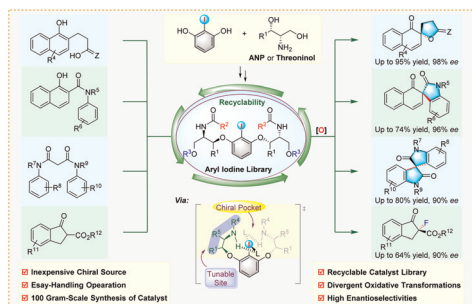
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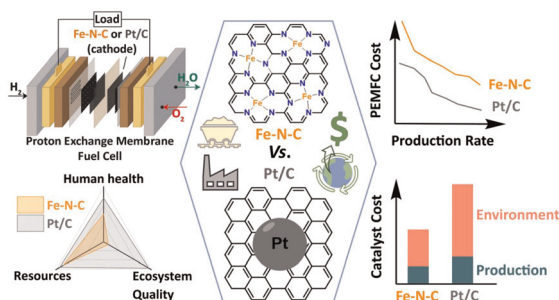
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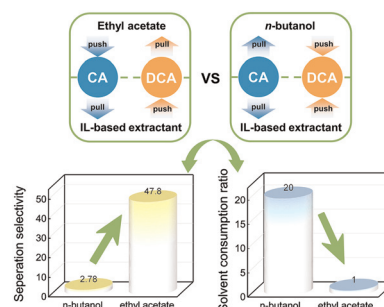


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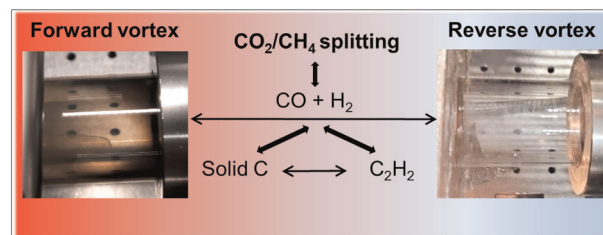
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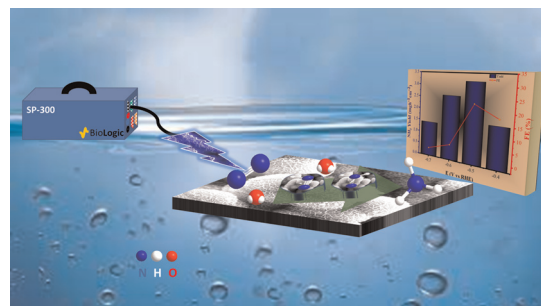
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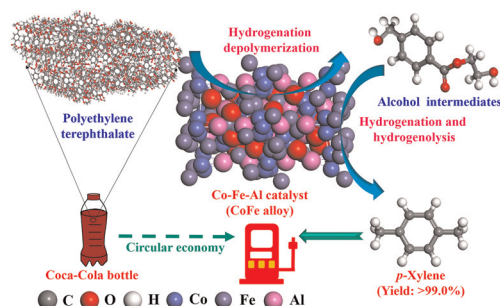
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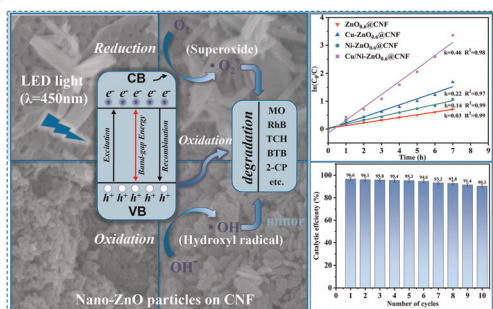
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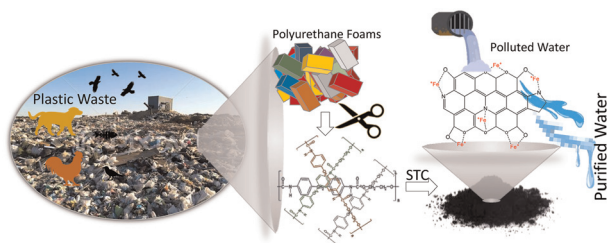
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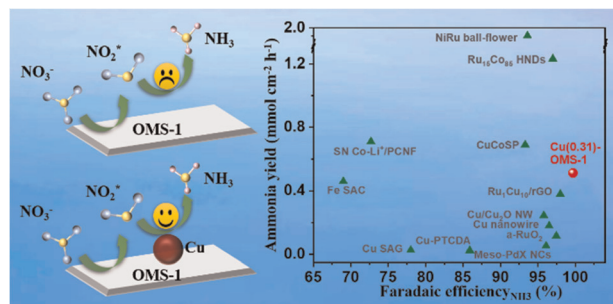
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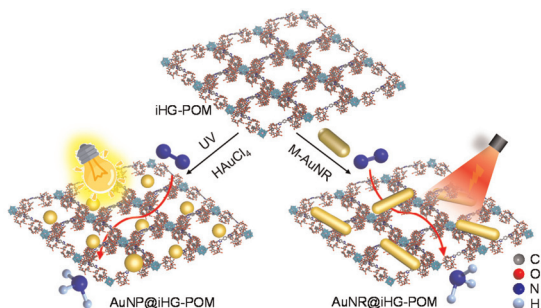
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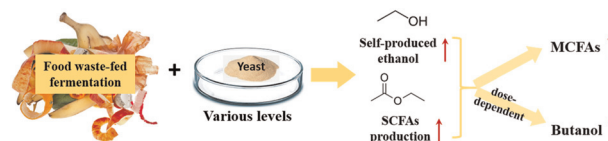


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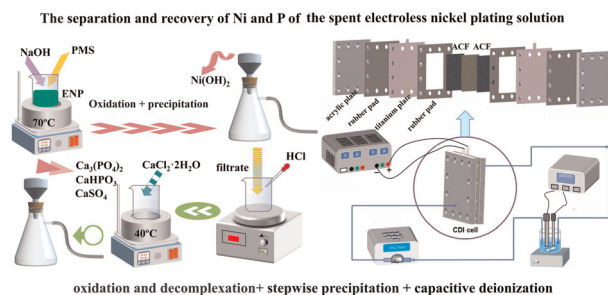
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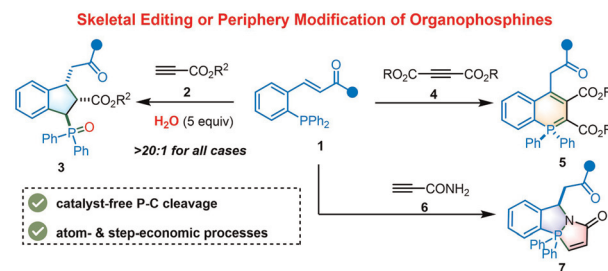
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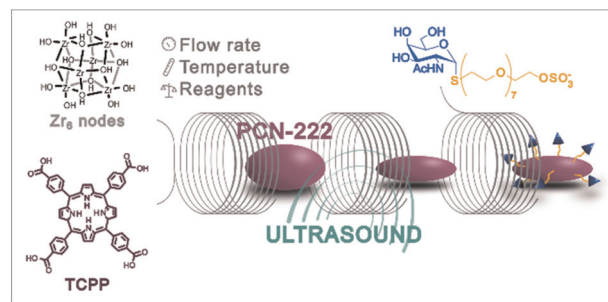
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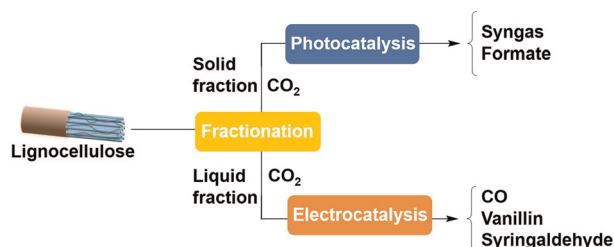
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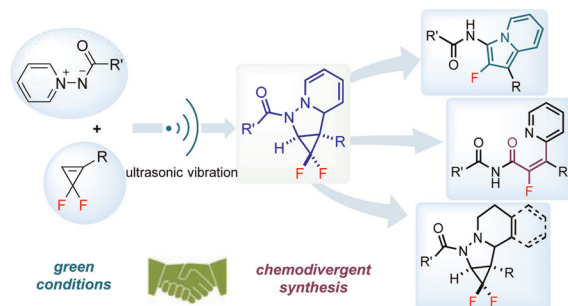
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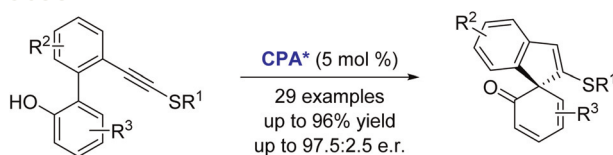
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**Practical conversion of *gem*-difluorocyclopropenes for the chemodivergent assembly of fluorinated heterocyclic frameworks**

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**Chiral Brønsted acid-catalyzed asymmetric dearomative spirocyclization of alkynyl thioethers**

Xin-Yang Fan, Jia-Cheng Li, Ji-Jia Zhou,\* Bo Zhou and Long-Wu Ye\*

- 1st metal-free asymmetric reaction of alkynyl thioethers
- CADA reaction via direct alkyne activation
- unique S-containing products
- high enantioselectivity

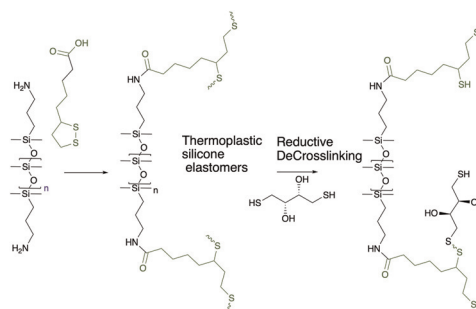


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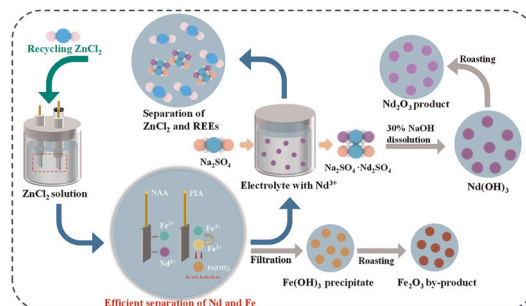
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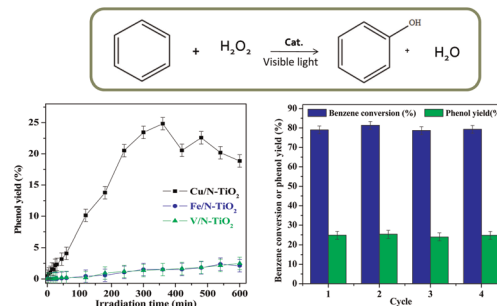
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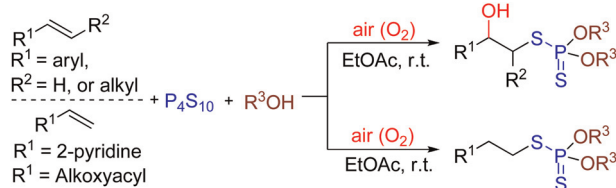
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Chengming Qu, Yufen Lv, Jian Huang, Chao Ma, Huilan Yue, Wei Wei\* and Dong Yi\*

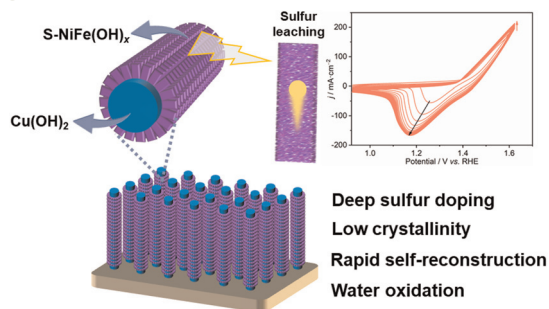


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