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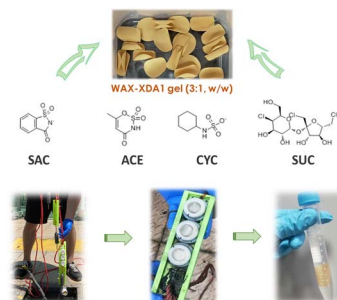
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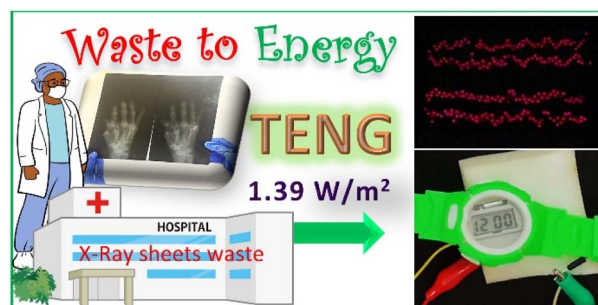
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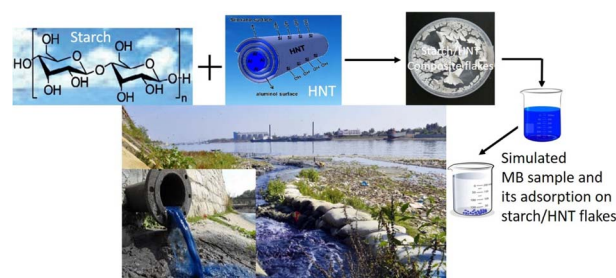
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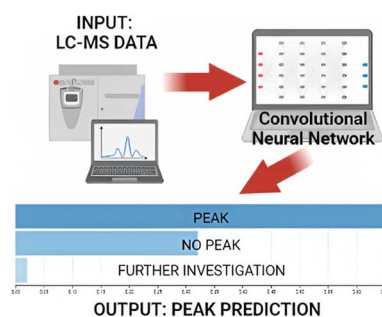
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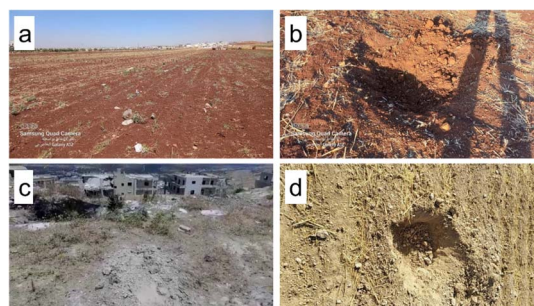
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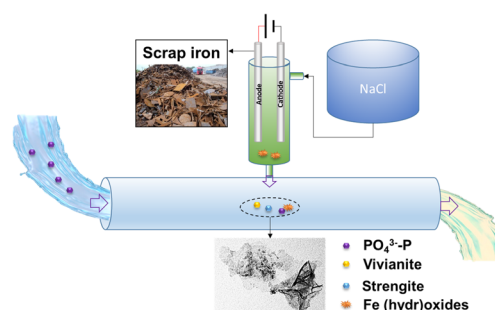
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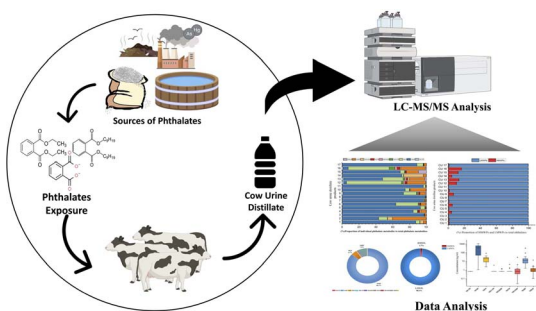


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M = molecule  
 $S_j$  = SMILES fragment  
 $CW$  = correlation weight

$$\begin{pmatrix} M_1 \\ M_2 \\ M_3 \\ \vdots \\ M_m \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} & \dots & S_{N_1} \\ S_{21} & S_{22} & \dots & S_{N_2} \\ S_{31} & S_{32} & \dots & S_{N_3} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ S_{m1} & S_{m2} & \dots & S_{N_m} \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{Monte Carlo method}} \begin{pmatrix} CW(S_{11}) & CW(S_{12}) & \dots & CW(S_{N_1}) \\ CW(S_{21}) & CW(S_{22}) & \dots & CW(S_{N_2}) \\ CW(S_{31}) & CW(S_{32}) & \dots & CW(S_{N_3}) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ CW(S_{m1}) & CW(S_{m2}) & \dots & CW(S_{N_m}) \end{pmatrix}$$

**Henry's law constant** =  $C_0 + C_1 \times \sum CW(S_{ij})$

## Does the accounting of the local symmetry fragments in SMILES improve the predictive potential of the QSPR-model for Henry's law constants?

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