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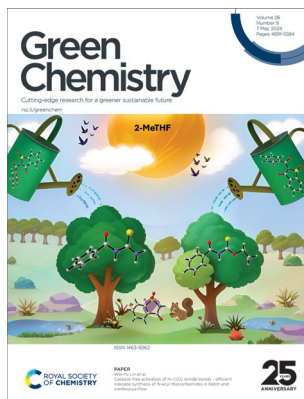
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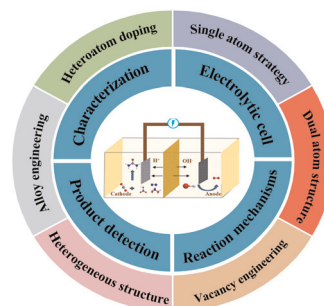
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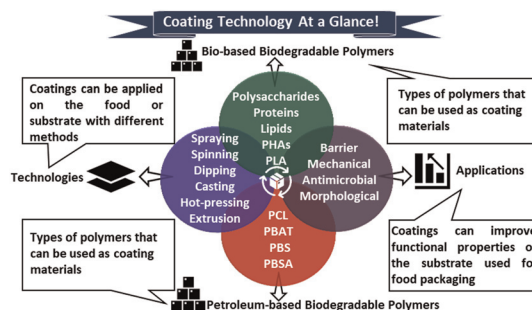
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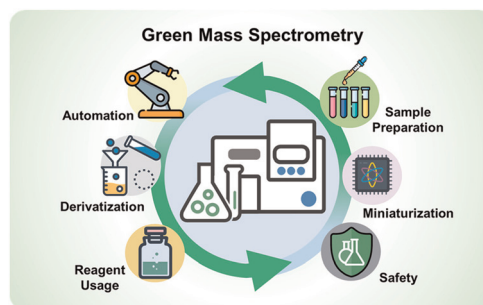
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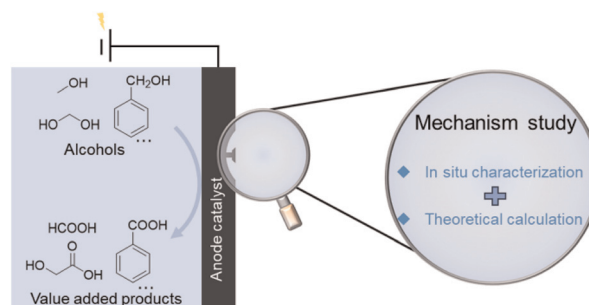
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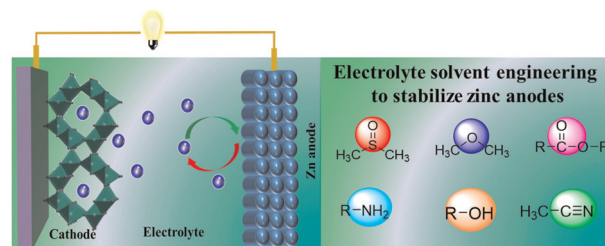
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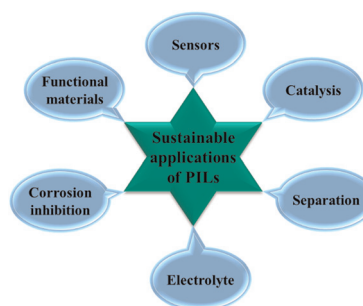
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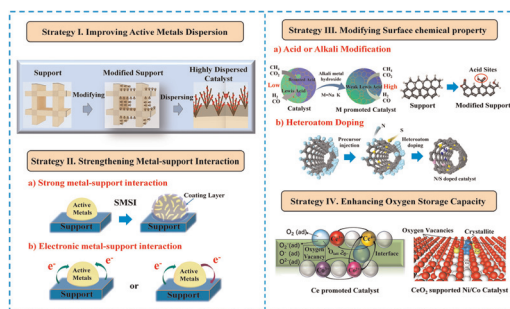
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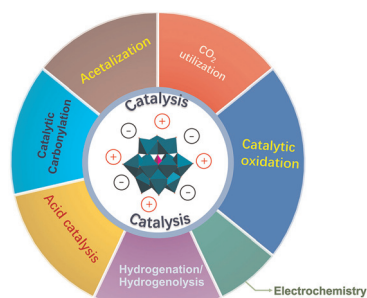


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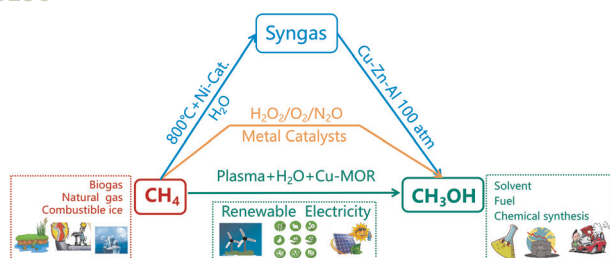


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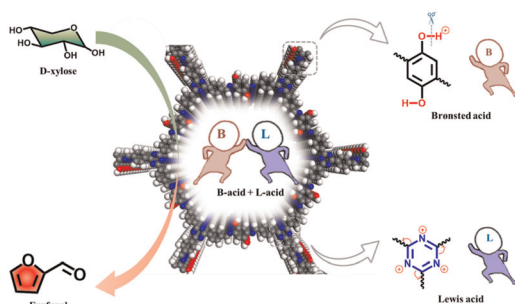
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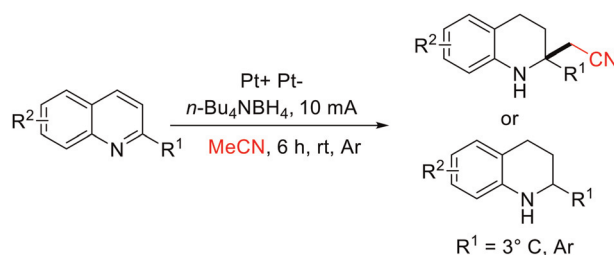


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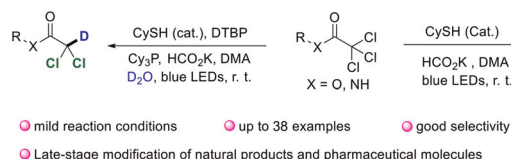
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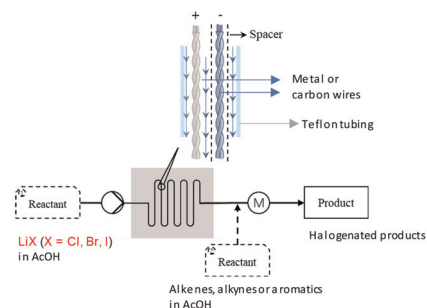
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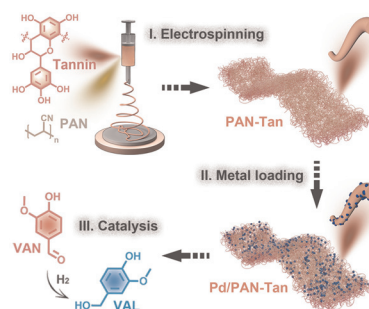


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### Composite fiber as a multifunctional catalyst support for the upgradation of lignin-based chemicals

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**Recycle of saccharin**

PhCOCl + Et<sub>3</sub>N

**Saccharin** + **PhCOCl** + Et<sub>3</sub>N → **Intermediate**

**Intermediate** + NH<sub>4</sub>SCN → **Sulfonamide 1**

**Intermediate** + KSCN → **Sulfonamide 2**

**Sulfonamide 1** + **Sulfonamide 2** → **Saccharin** (Recycle)

**Advantages:**

- benign (sweetener)
- cheap (<0.10\$/g)
- bench-stable solid
- tunable reactivity
- widely-available (>50,000 ton/year)

**Key Features:**

- Bench-stable reagents
- Chemical recycling
- Simple / scalable protocols
- Batch and continuous-flow
- N-C bond cleavage
- Sustainable / divergent synthesis
- Broad scope
- Environmentally friendly
- Low E-factor

## Karthick Govindan, Nian-Qi Chen and Wei-Yu Lin\*

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The diagram illustrates the metabolic pathway for the production of Ambroxol in *Yarrowia lipolytica*. The process begins with Glucose, which is converted to Acetyl-CoA. Acetyl-CoA enters the mevalonate pathway, producing intermediates IPP, DMAPP, and FPP. FPP is converted to GGPP. GGPP is then converted to LPP by the enzyme Yarrowia lipolytica. LPP is further converted to LOH, which is then converted to GGOH. GGOH is converted to Ambroxol, which is then converted to Ambroxol. The final product, Ambroxol, is shown as a chemical structure and a bottle of Ambroxol.

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**C. sativa Futura 75**

steam distillation waste

extraction in bioEtOH

**cannabidiol (CBD)**  
10.1 mg/g yield

chemo-enzymatic oxidation

**cannabielsoin (CBE)**  
31-47% isol. yield

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Celeste Nobbio, Mario Nebuloni, Matteo Vezzini,  
Elisabetta Brenna and Fabio Parmeggiani\*

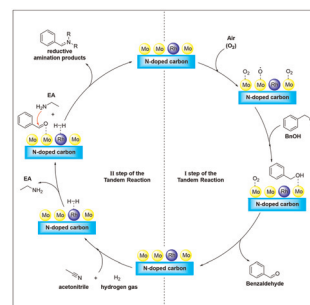
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# Interactions of multiple metrics and environmental indicators to assess processes, detect environmental hotspots, and guide future development

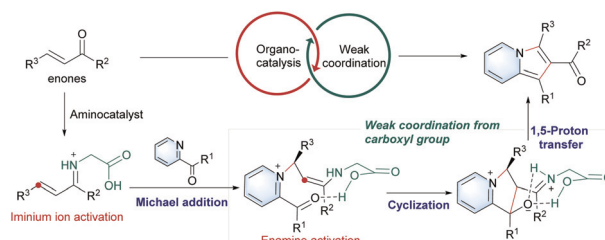
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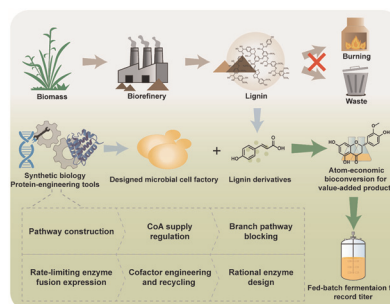
Kui Zeng, Neeraj Kumar Pandit, João C. A. Oliveira, Sebastian Dechert, Lutz Ackermann\* and Kai Zhang\*



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# Pathway and enzyme engineering for the bioconversion of lignin derivatives into homoeriodictyol in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*

Si-Yu Zhu, Shi-Chang Liu, Chuan-Xi Zhang, Xin Xin, Zhi-Hua Liu, Lu-Jia Zhang, Bing-Zhi Li\* and Ying-Jin Yuan





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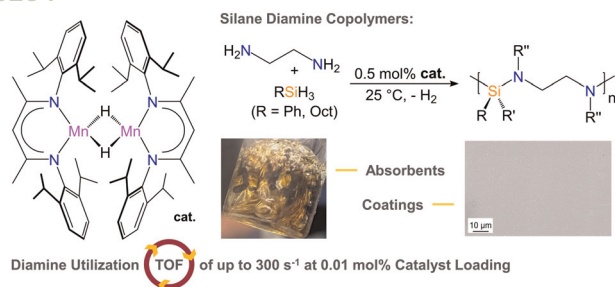
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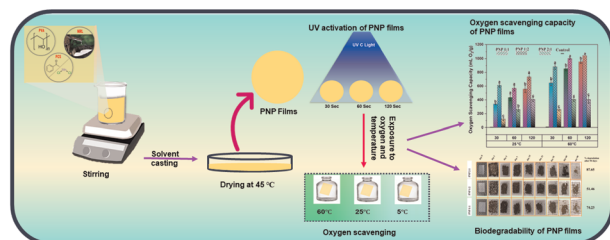
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### Silane diamine copolymers: efficient synthesis, solvent absorption capacity, and limitations as coatings

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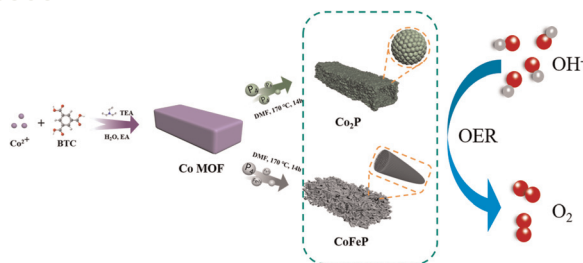
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### Ultra-violet light-driven green oxygen scavenging composite made of PVA/NRL for active packaging: an alternative to metallic oxygen scavengers

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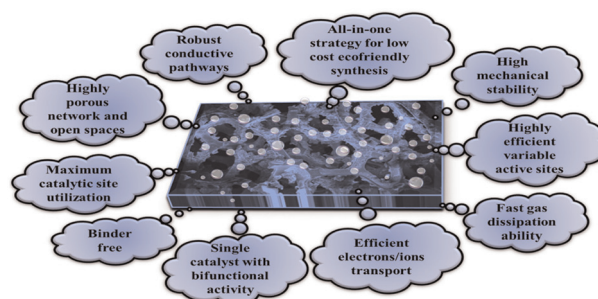


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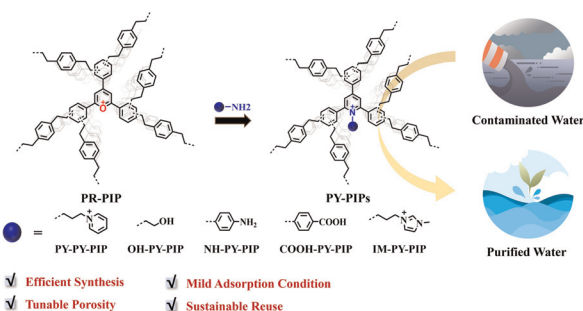
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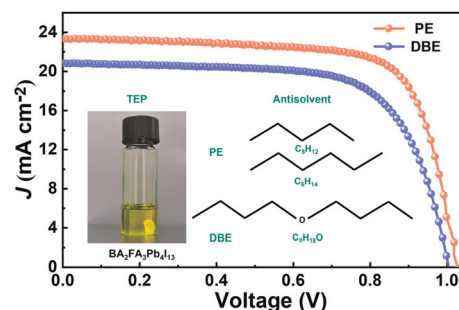
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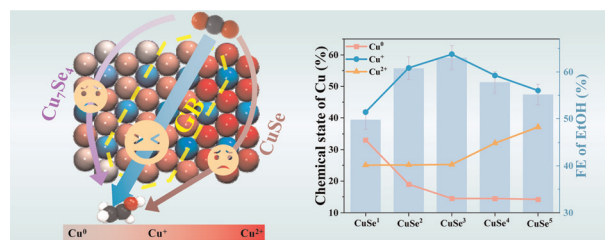
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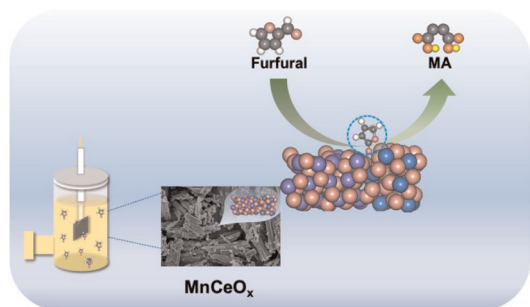
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### Grain boundaries assisting the generation of abundant Cu<sup>+</sup> for highly selective electroreduction of CO<sub>2</sub> to ethanol

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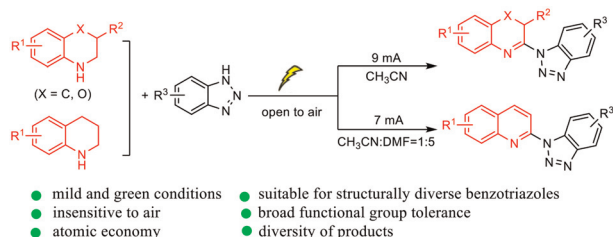
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### Highly efficient electrocatalytic oxidation of furfural to maleic acid over MOF-derived $\text{MnCeO}_x$

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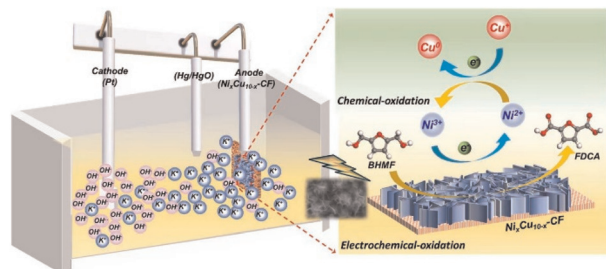
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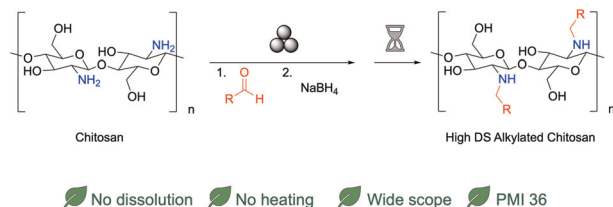
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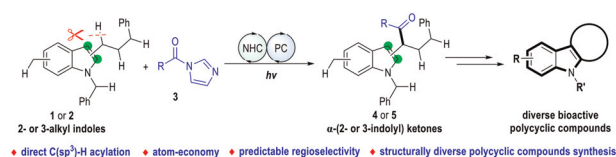


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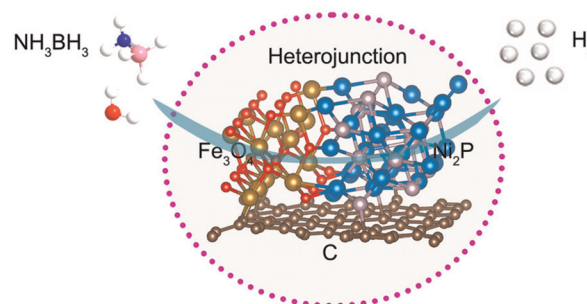
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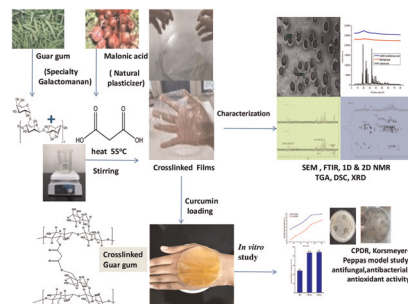
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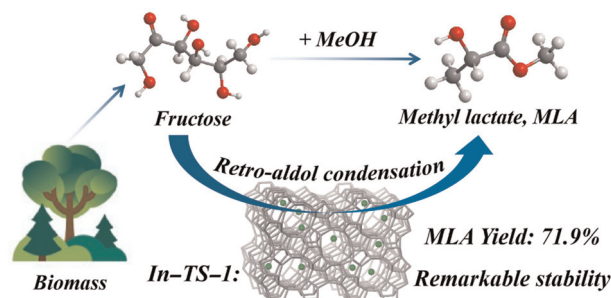
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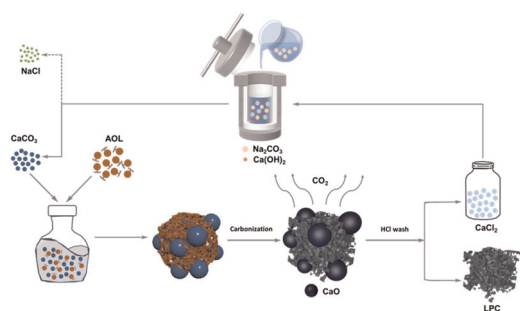
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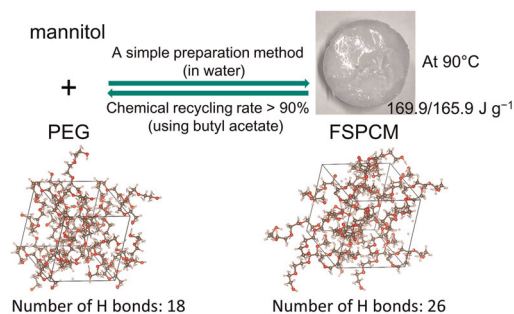
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### Sustainable lignin-derived hierarchical mesoporous carbon synthesized by a renewable nano-calcium carbonate hard template method and its utilization in zinc ion hybrid supercapacitors

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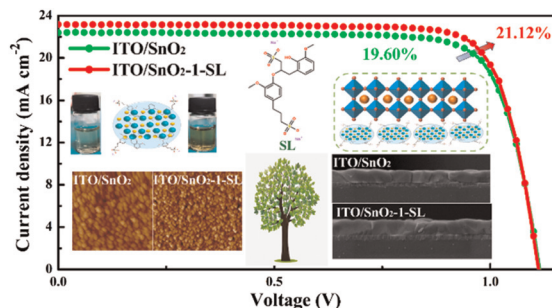
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### A form-stable phase change material based on intermolecular hydrogen bonding with a high chemical recycling rate

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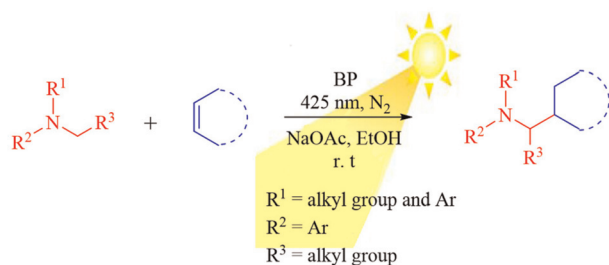
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### Photocatalytic $\alpha$ -aminoalkyl radical addition of amines mediated by benzophenone under visible light

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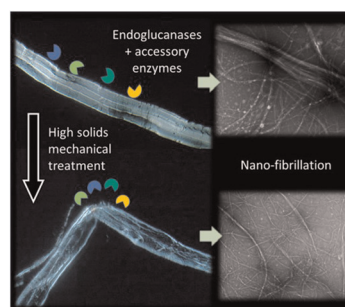


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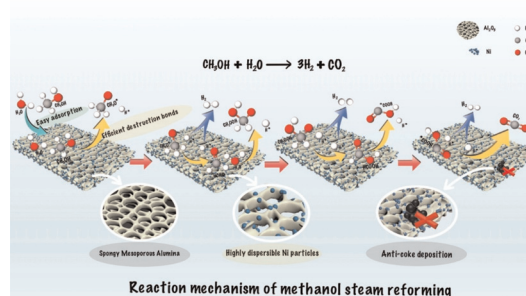
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# Enhancement of hydrogen production via methanol steam reforming using a Ni-based catalyst supported by spongy mesoporous alumina

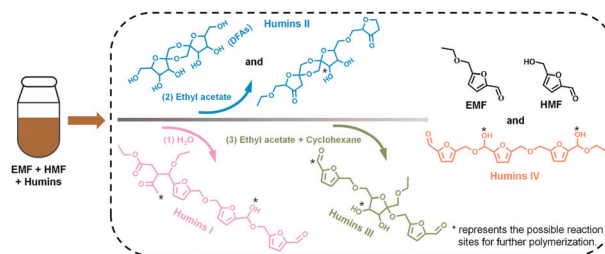
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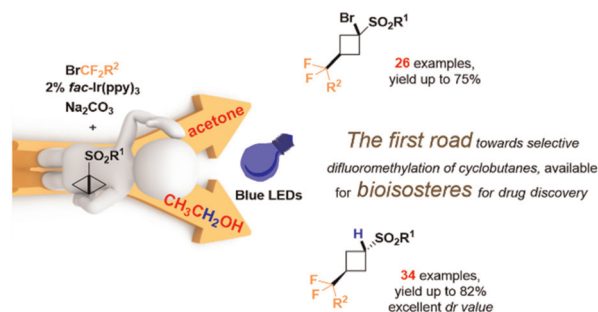
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# Photochemical selective difluoroalkylation reactions of bicyclobutanes: direct sustainable pathways to functionalized bioisosteres for drug discovery

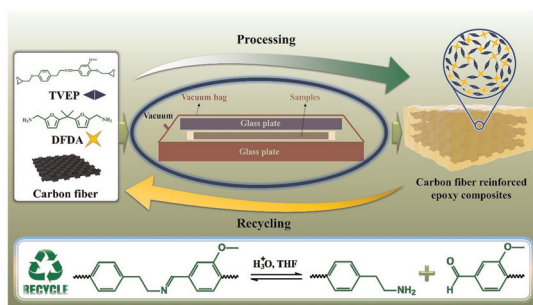
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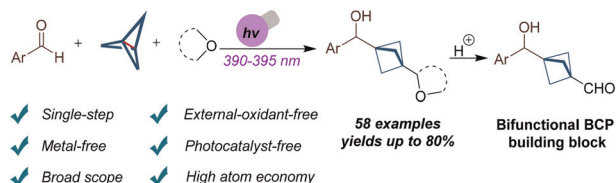
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### High biomass content, anti-flammable and degradable epoxy thermosets by curing a tyramine-derived epoxy monomer with a furan-derived diamine for non-destructively recyclable carbon fiber composite application

Hao-Xin Niu, Tian-Mo Yang, Xin Wang,\* Ping Zhang, Wenwen Guo, Lei Song and Yuan Hu\*

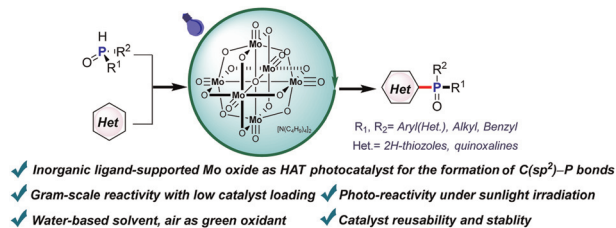
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### Metal- and photocatalyst-free three-component strategy to prepare benzylalcohol-, aldehyde-substituted BCP building blocks

Fei Li, Huijuan Liao, Jianyang Dong, Weikang Xiong, Yonggang Yan, Gang Li and Dong Xue\*

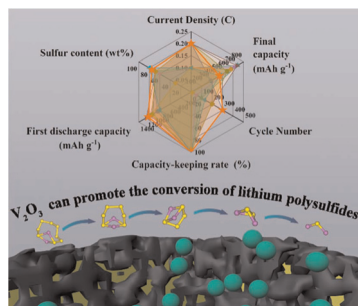
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### Inorganic ligand-supported Mo oxide as a hydrogen atom transfer photocatalyst for direct C(sp<sup>2</sup>)-H phosphorylation

Zeqi Jiang,\* Shuangfei Jiang, Jin Gao, Junmei Xia, Hongwei Yu, Lixin Ma, Xi Chen, Bo Chen, Xinghua Zhang\* and Wenchao Zhu\*

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### Conductive V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> electrocatalyst on carbon hollow spheres to accelerate polysulfide conversion for long-cycle and high-rate lithium sulfur batteries

Jiangnan Zhang, Mingjun Xiao,\* Tingting Liu, Yanshuang Meng, Fuliang Zhu\* and Zhaoyang Fan\*



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# Preparation of chemically recyclable bio-based semi-aromatic polyamides using continuous flow technology under mild conditions

Yirong Feng, Xiaowei Li, Tingting Ma, Yuguang Li, Dong Ji, Hong Qin, Zheng Fang, Wei He\* and Kai Guo\*



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# Carbonic anhydrase assisted acidogenic fermentation of forest residues for low carbon hydrogen and volatile fatty acid production: enhanced *in situ* CO<sub>2</sub> reduction and microbiological analysis

Omprakash Sarkar,\* Io Antonopoulou,\* Charilaos Xiros, Ylva Bruce, Sarra Souadkia, Ulrika Rova, Paul Christakopoulos and Leonidas Matsakas\*

