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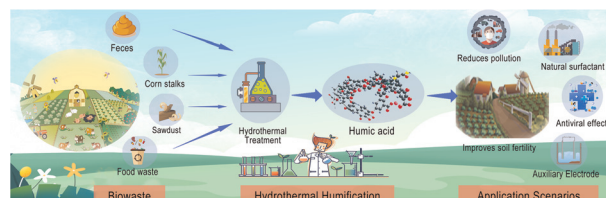
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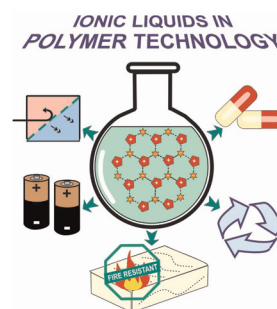
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## Ionic liquids in polymer technology

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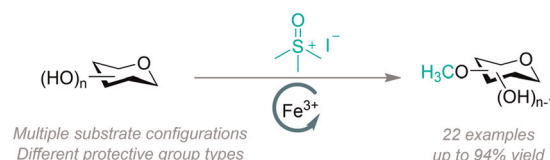


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## Trimethylsulfoxonium iodide: a green methylating agent for site-selective methylation of carbohydrates

Xiaorui Zhang, Jie Zhao, Qichang Yang, Zhangxuan Chen, Haifeng Wang, Shuang-Xi Gu and Jian Lv\*



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|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Green and user-friendlier reagents | Efficient catalysis      |
| Broad substrate scope              | Applicable for synthesis |

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Electrochemical lactamization with CO<sub>2</sub>

Ranran Zhang, Min Liu, Zhiwei Zhao and Youai Qiu\*

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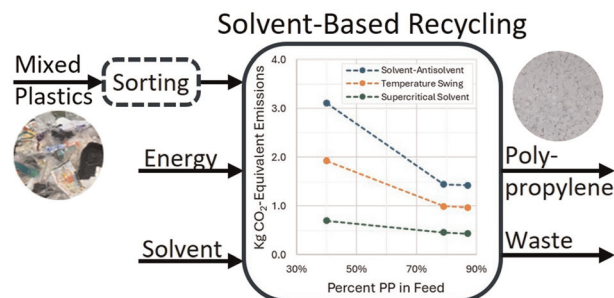
- Using CO<sub>2</sub> as a carbonyl source
- Transition Metal- and base-free process
- Broad substrates range and excellent functional group tolerance
- One pot synthesis

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## Evaluation of three solvent-based recycling pathways for circular polypropylene

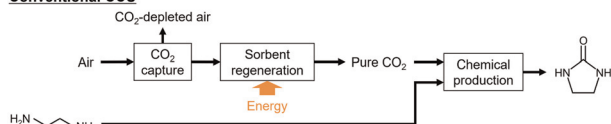
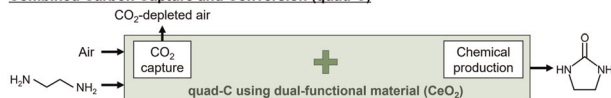
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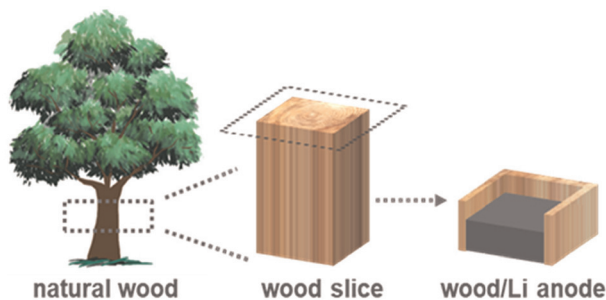
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**Conventional CCU****Combined Carbon Capture and Conversion (quad-C)**

### Energy and cost-saving potential of combined carbon capture and conversion: a pioneering design of a process intensification concept harnessing CeO<sub>2</sub> as a dual-functional material

Koki Yagihara, Jialing Ni, Anqing Wang, Hajime Ohno and Yasuhiro Fukushima\*

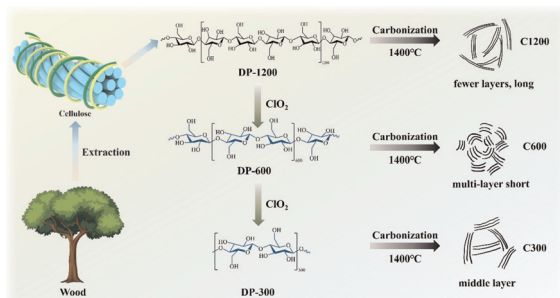
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### Natural wood as a lithium metal host

Wei-Jing Chen,\* Shang-Jie Yu, Qian Sun, Xin Shen, Peng Shi, Tong-Qi Yuan\* and Zhaoqing Lu\*

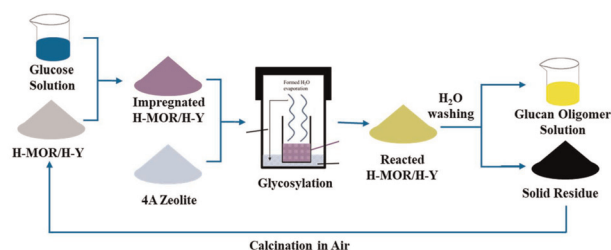
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### Facile fabrication of cellulose-derived hard carbon for high-rate performance sodium-ion batteries by regulating degrees of polymerization

Fengyi Luo, Conghua Yi,\* Dongjie Yang,\* Dezhe Fan, Weifeng Liu, Xueqing Qiu and Wenli Zhang

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### Confined synthesis of glucan oligomers from glucose in zeolites

Haotong Liang, Sheng Ye, Qiyu Liu,\* Wei Fan and Qiaozhi Ma\*

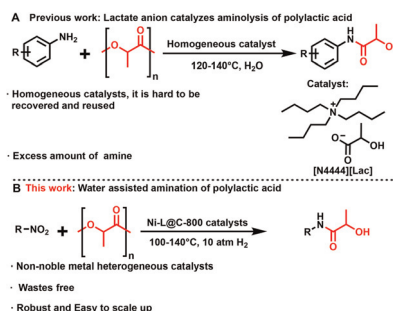


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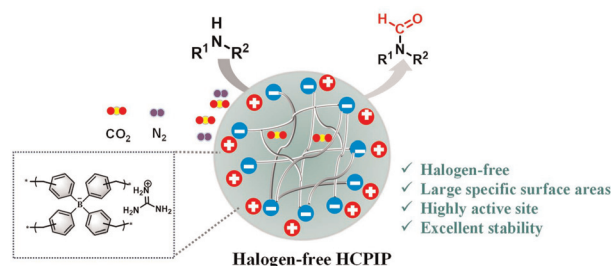
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Design of halogen-free hyper-crosslinked porous ionic polymers for efficient CO<sub>2</sub> capture and conversion

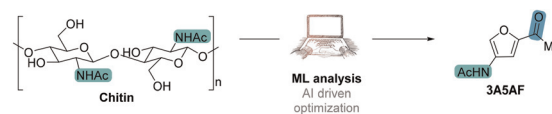
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Juliana G. Pereira, João M. J. M. Ravasco, Latimah Bustillo, Inês S. Marques, Po-Yu Kao, Po-Yi Li, Yen-Chu Lin, Tiago Rodrigues,\* Vasco D. B. Bonifácio, Andreia F. Peixoto, Carlos A. M. Afonso\* and Rafael F. A. Gomes\*

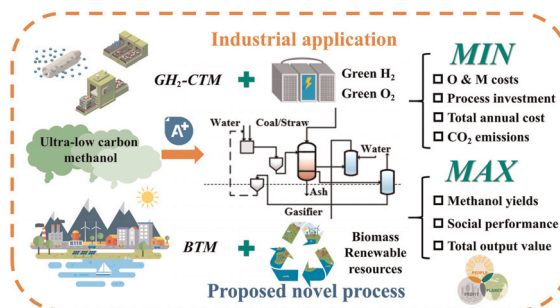


- important N-containing synthon obtained from waste biomass
- commercial ionic liquid solvent can be reused
- interesting scaffold for further chemical exploitation
- up to 72 % yield from NAG or 10 mg/g of shrimp shell

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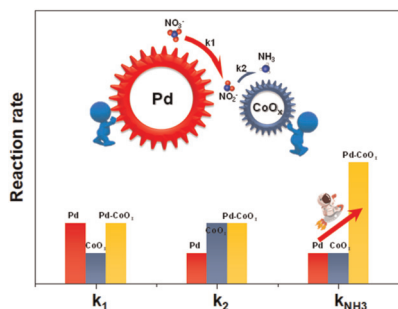
## Industrial ultra-low-carbon methanol synthesis routes: techno-economic analysis, life cycle environment assessment and multi-dimensional sustainability evaluation

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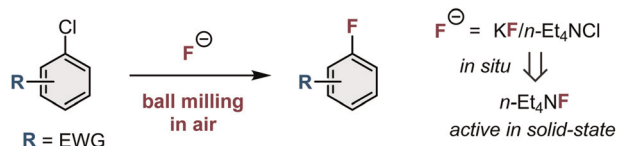


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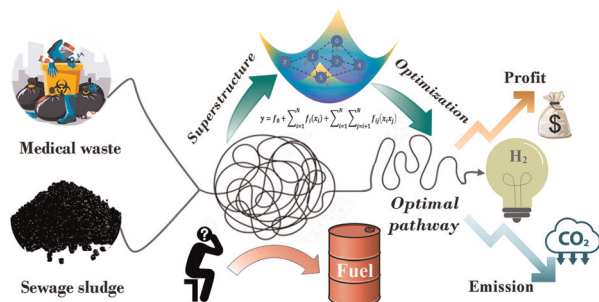
### Solid-state S<sub>N</sub>Ar fluorination using mechanochemistry



### Solid-state aromatic nucleophilic fluorination: a rapid, practical, and environmentally friendly route to N-heteroaryl fluorides

Koji Kubota,\* Tetsu Makino, Keisuke Kondo, Tamae Seo, Mingoo Jin and Hajime Ito\*

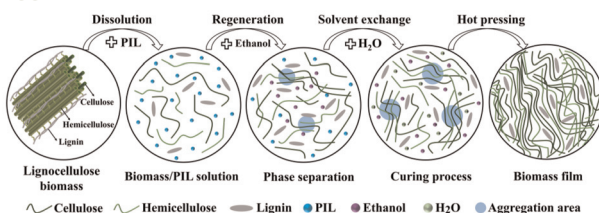
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### Turning sewage sludge and medical waste into energy: sustainable process synthesis via surrogate-based superstructure optimization

Jianzhao Zhou, Jingzheng Ren\* and Chang He

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### Direct dissolution of lignocellulosic biomass by malonic acid-DBU protonic ionic liquid and preparation of high-performance all-biomass films

Long Zhang, Boxiang Zhan, Shangzhong Zhang, Haiyuan Ji, Shen Peng, Minghui Fan and Lifeng Yan\*

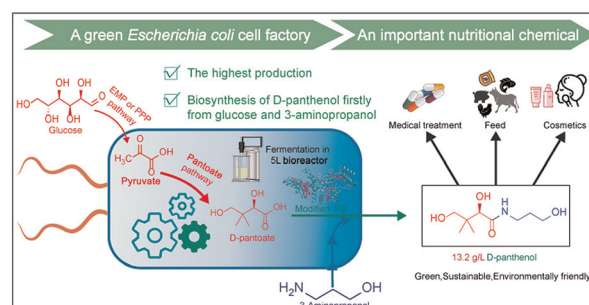


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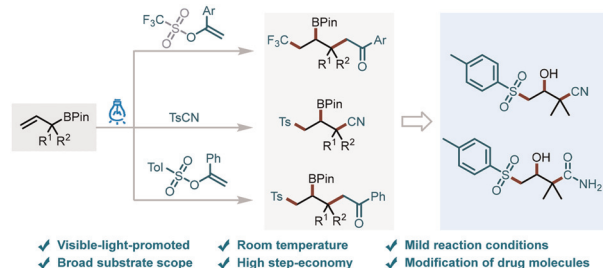
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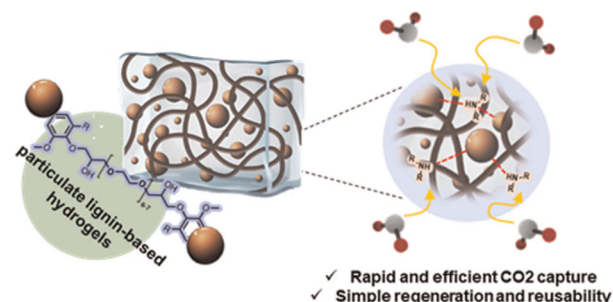
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Adrian Moreno,\* Javier Delgado-Lijarcio, Juan C. Ronda, Marina Galià and Gerard Lligadas\*



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### Microwave-assisted ethanol dehydration to ethylene over biochar-based catalyst at low temperature

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