

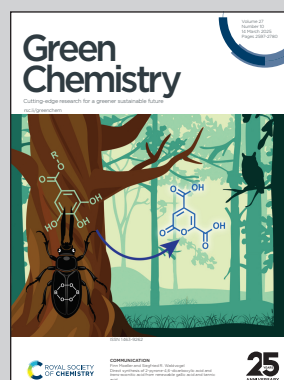
**Showcasing research from Professor Günther Rupprechter's laboratory, Institute of Materials Chemistry, TU Wien, Austria.**

Upcycling hazardous waste into high-performance Ni/ $\eta$ -Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> catalysts for CO<sub>2</sub> methanation

This study upcycles hazardous waste, specifically spent Ni-MH batteries and aluminum foil, into high-performance Ni/ $\eta$ -Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> nanocatalysts for CO<sub>2</sub> hydrogenation, promoting circular economy and resource efficiency. The waste-upcycled Ni/ $\eta$ -Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> demonstrates exceptional performance, achieving 99.8% CH<sub>4</sub> selectivity and a remarkable space-time yield of 80.3 mmolCH<sub>4</sub> g<sub>cat</sub><sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup> at 400°C. This breakthrough enables sustainable and efficient conversion of CO<sub>2</sub> into synthetic fuel, addressing both environmental and green energy challenges. The spent catalyst is recycled into precursors, closing the loop.

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