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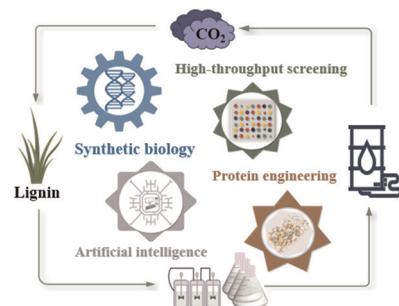
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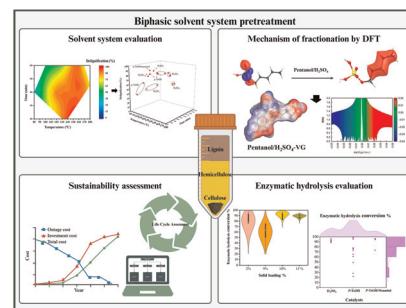
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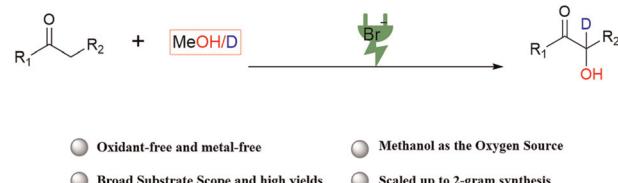


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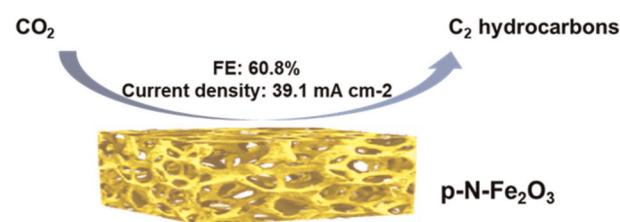
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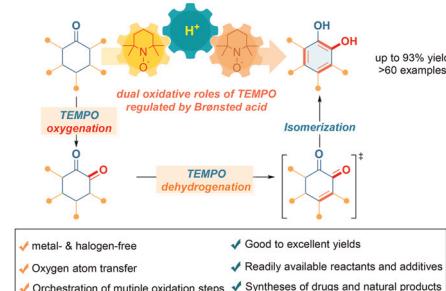
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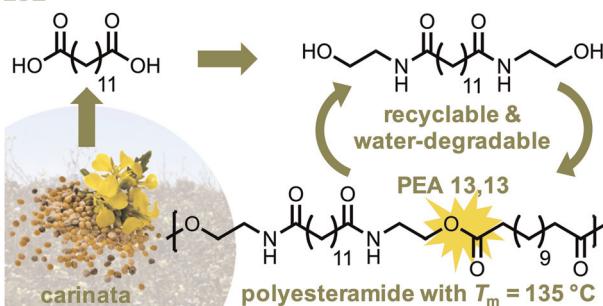
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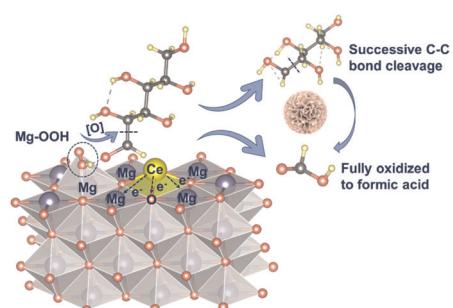
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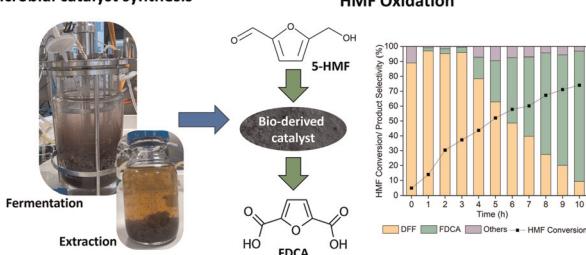


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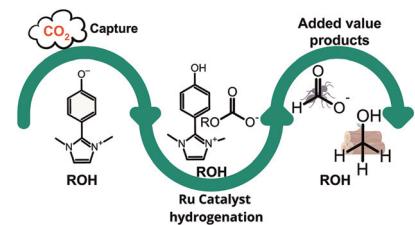
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- ✓ Non volatile base
- ✓ High TOF
- ✓ Mild pressure
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- ✓ Good selectivity
- ✓ Low temperature

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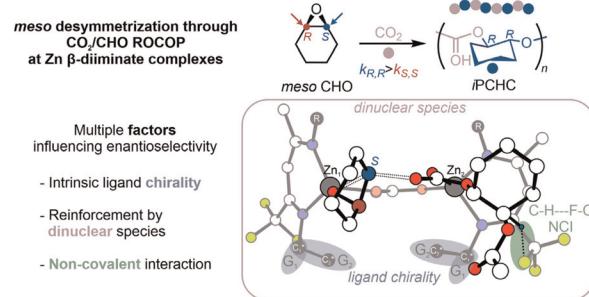


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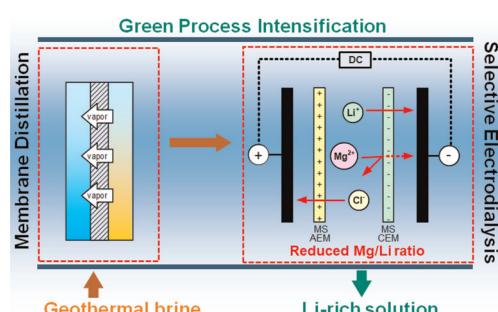
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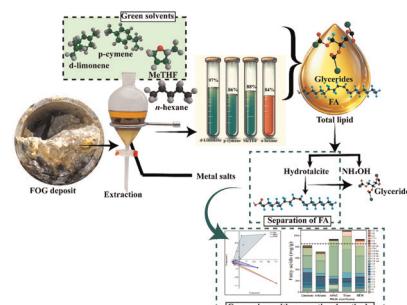
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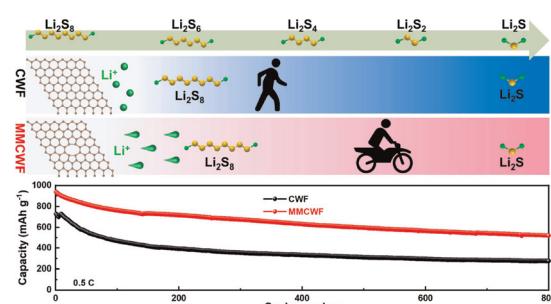
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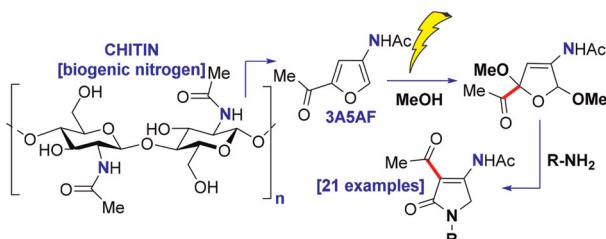
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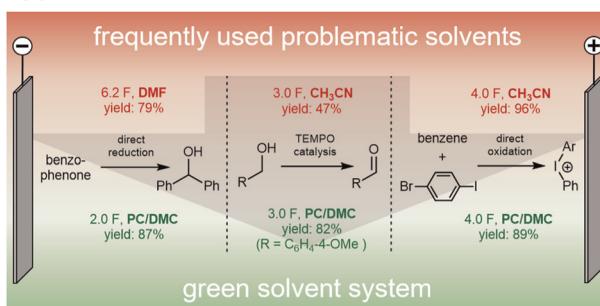
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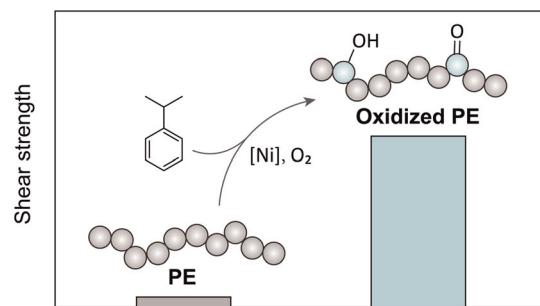


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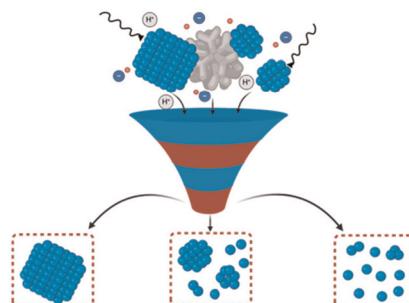
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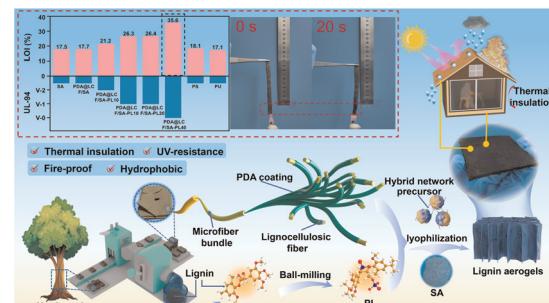
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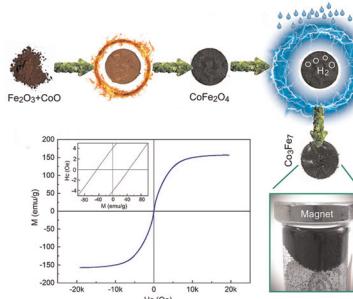
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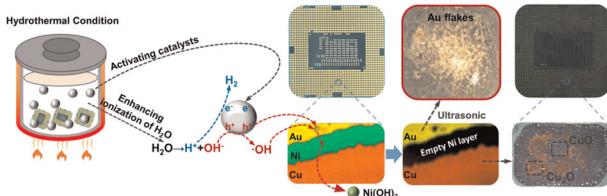
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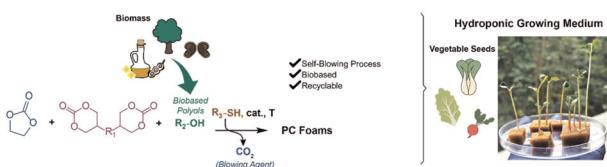
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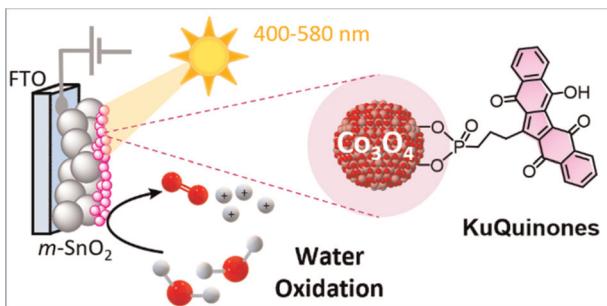
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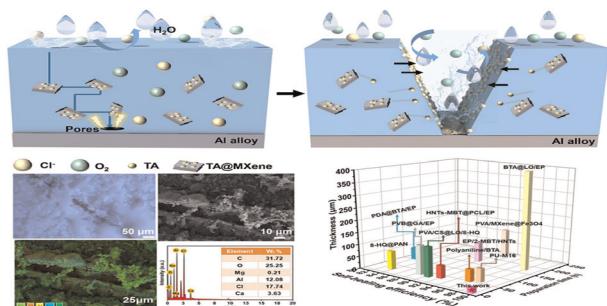
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