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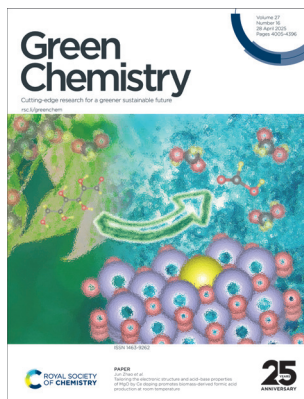
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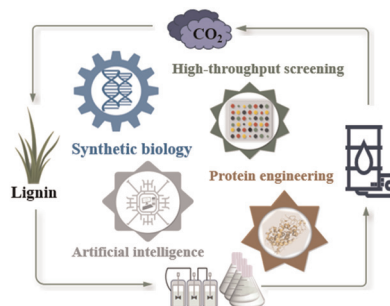
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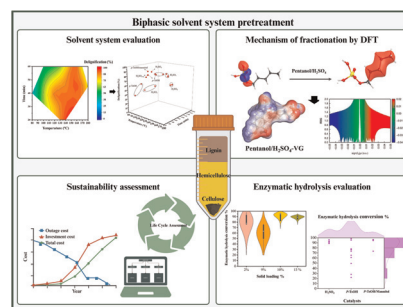


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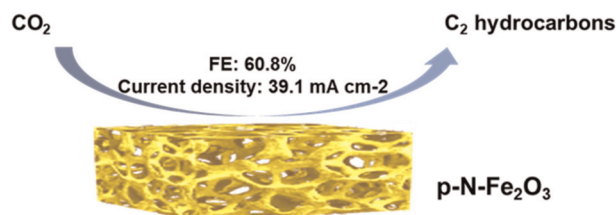


- Oxidant-free and metal-free
- Methanol as the Oxygen Source
- Broad Substrate Scope and high yields
- Scaled up to 2-gram synthesis

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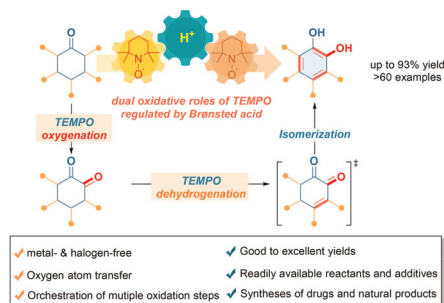
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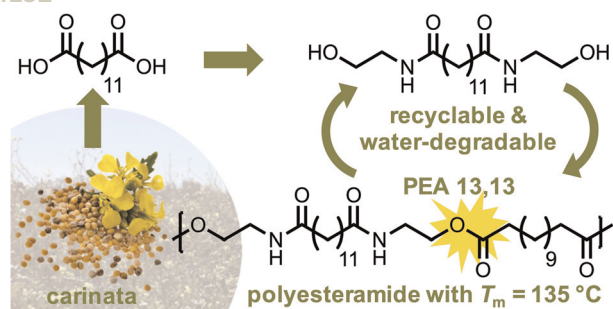


- ✓ metal- & halogen-free
- ✓ Oxygen atom transfer
- ✓ Orchestration of multiple oxidation steps
- ✓ Good to excellent yields
- ✓ Readily available reactants and additives
- ✓ Syntheses of drugs and natural products



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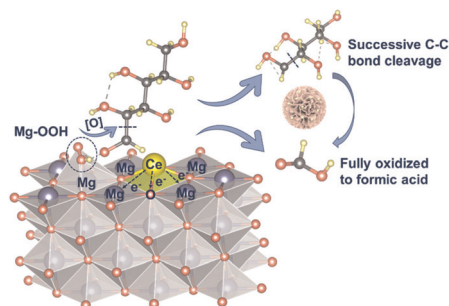
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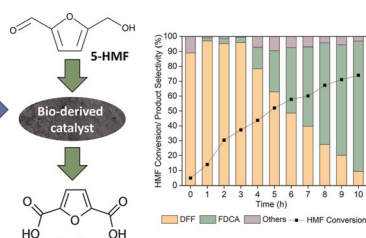
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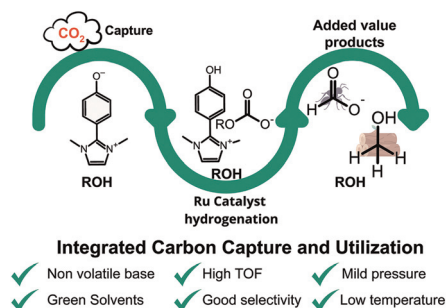
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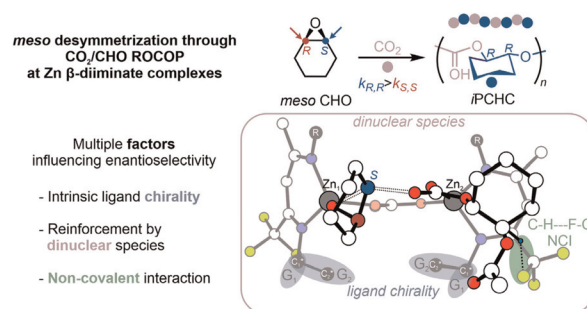


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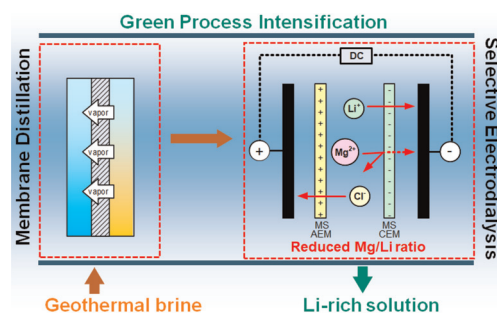
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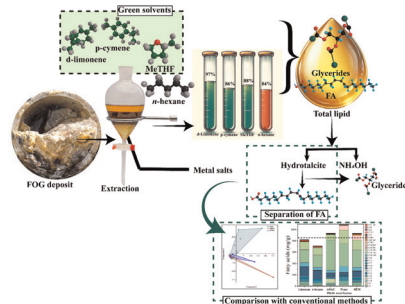
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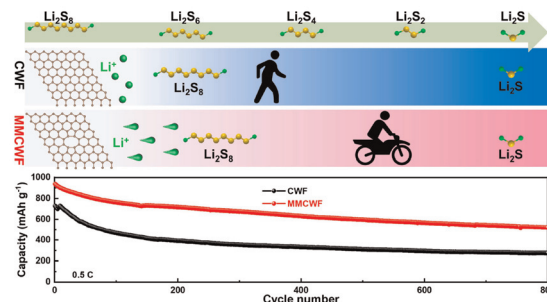
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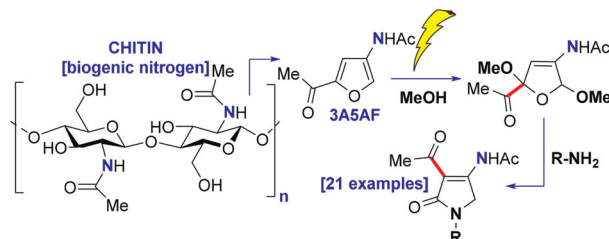
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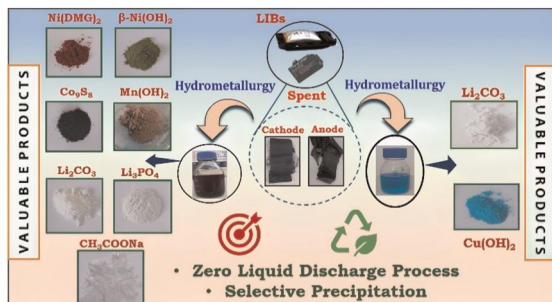
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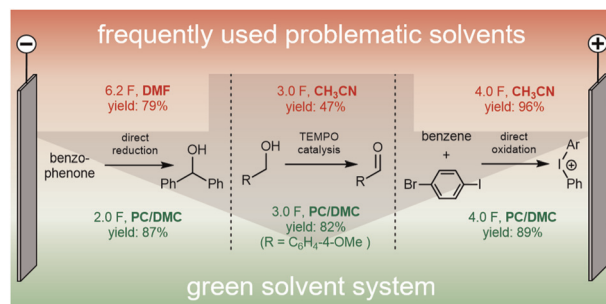
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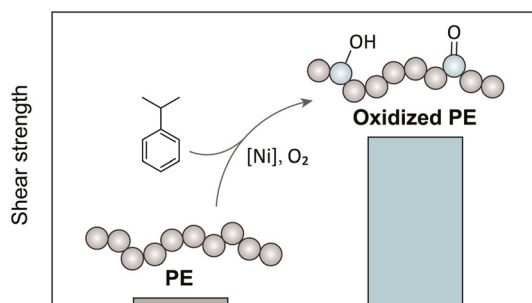


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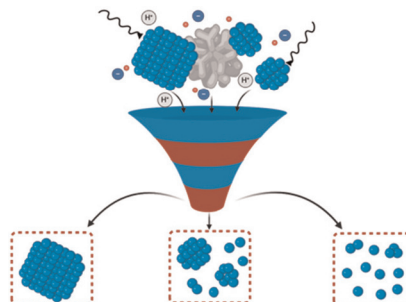
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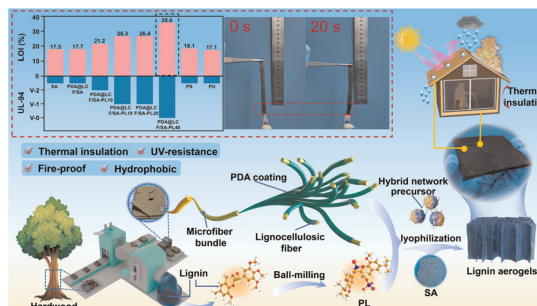
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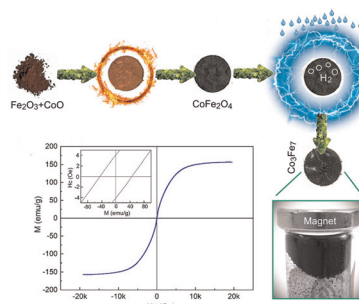
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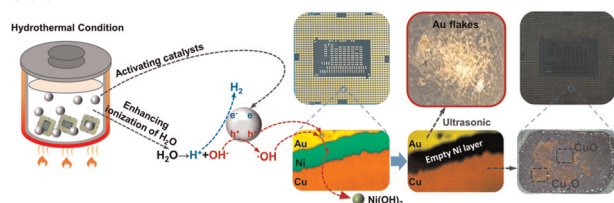
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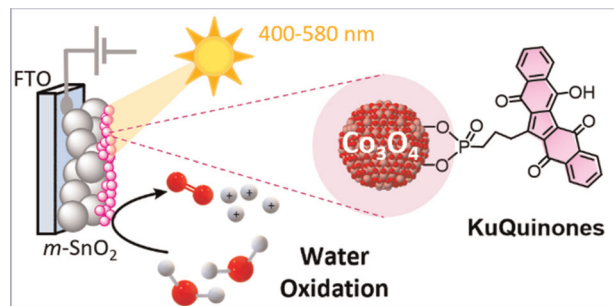
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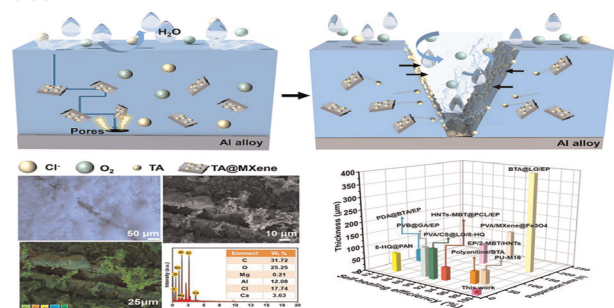
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