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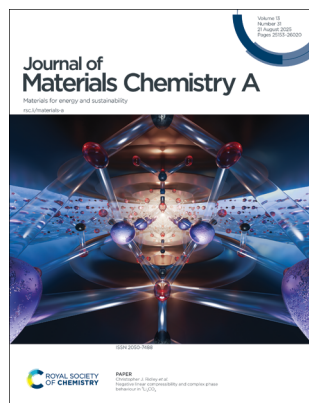
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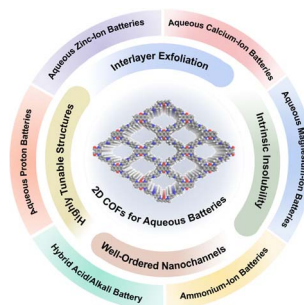
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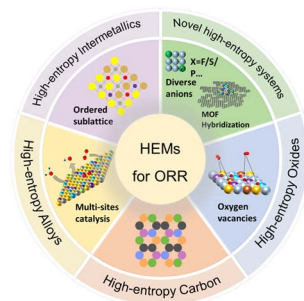
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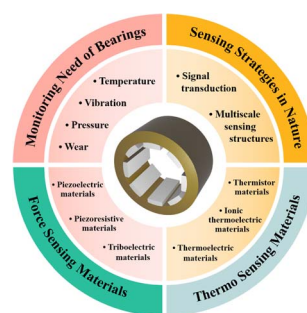
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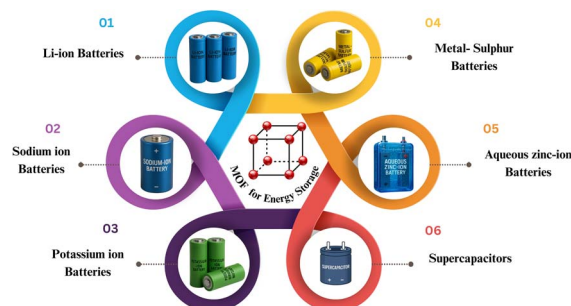
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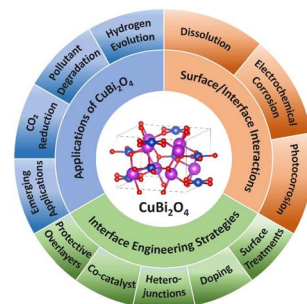
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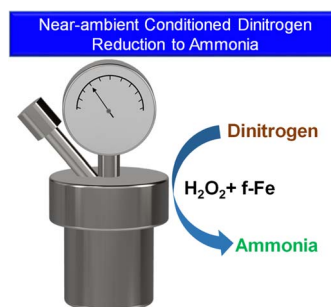


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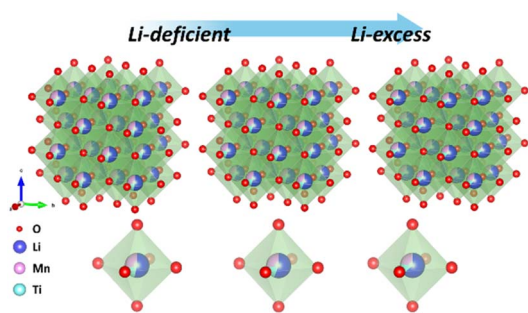
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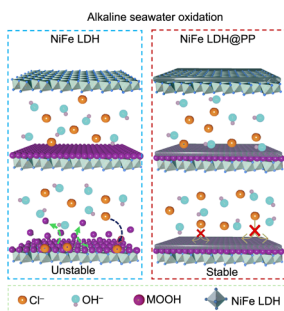
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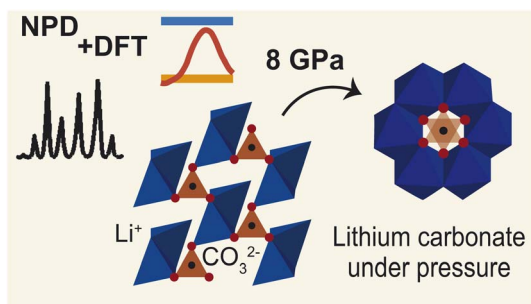


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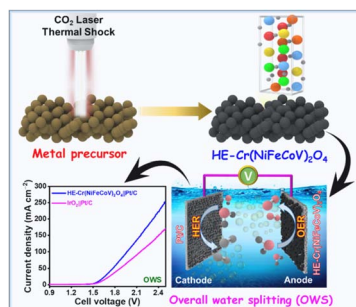
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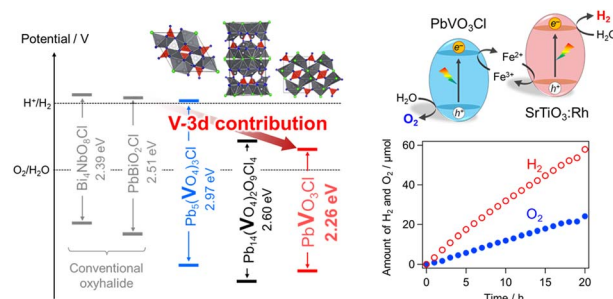
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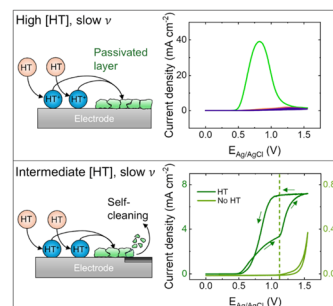
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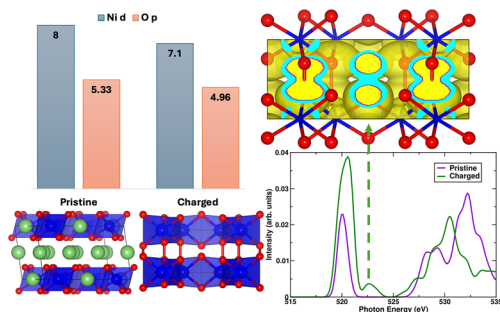
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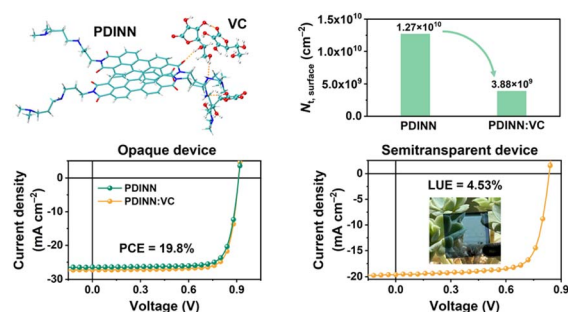
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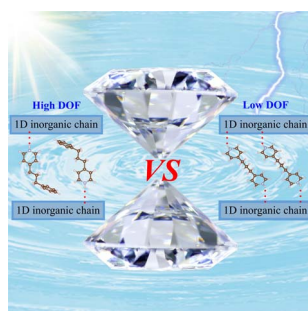
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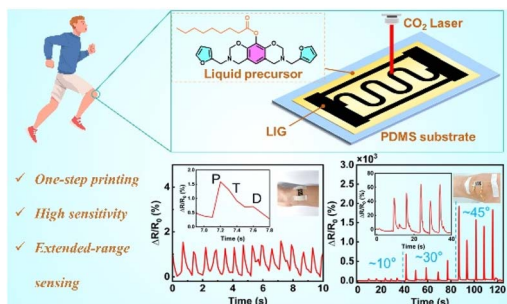
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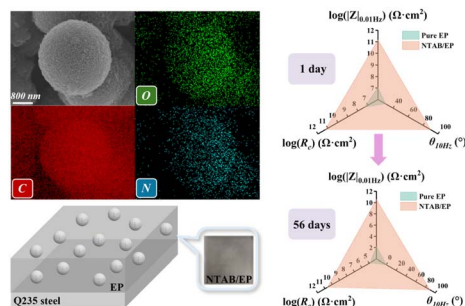
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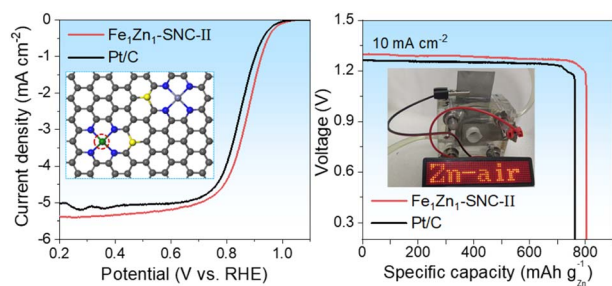
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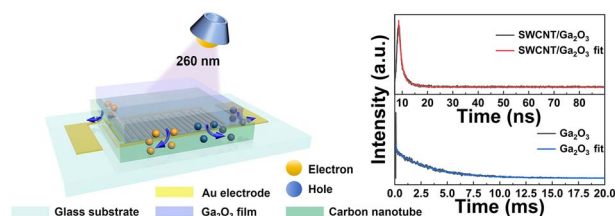
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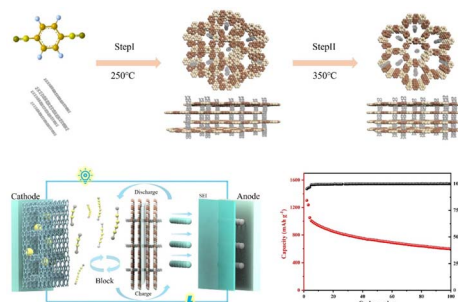
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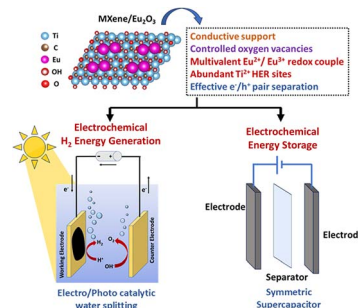
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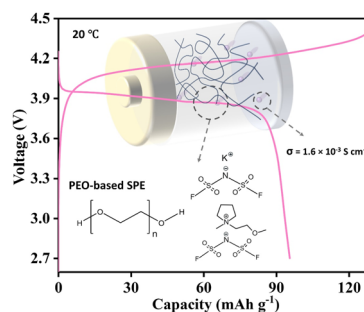
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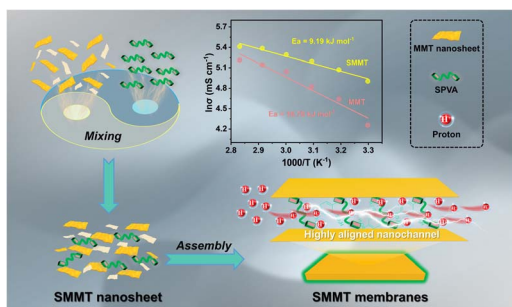
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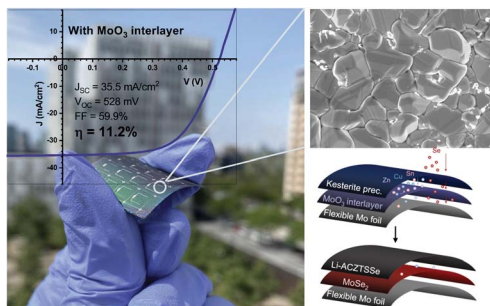
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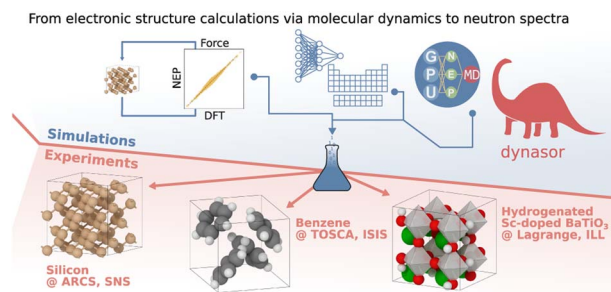
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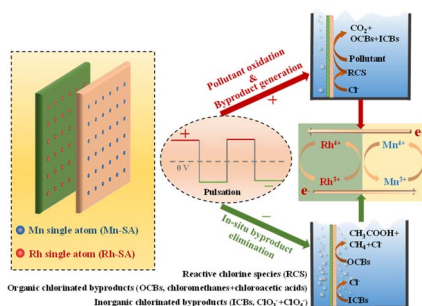
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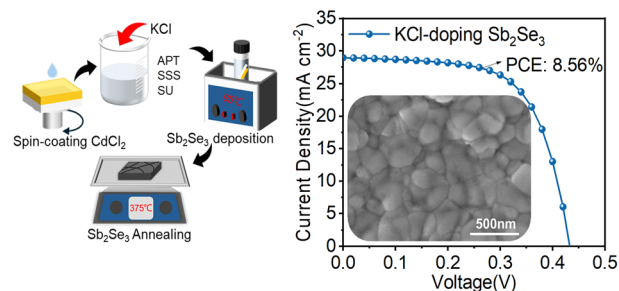
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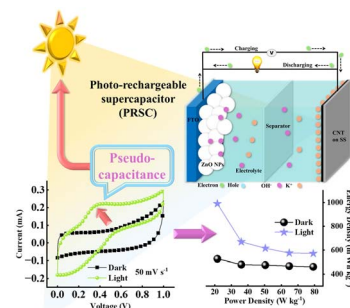
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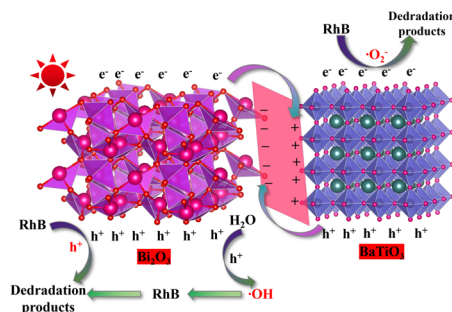
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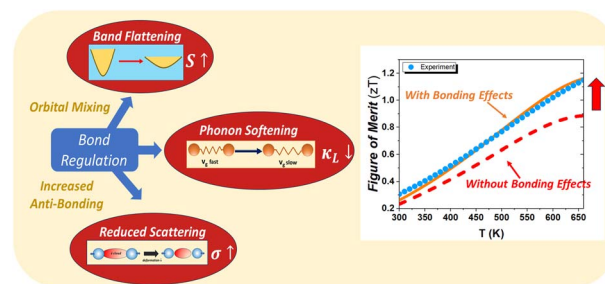
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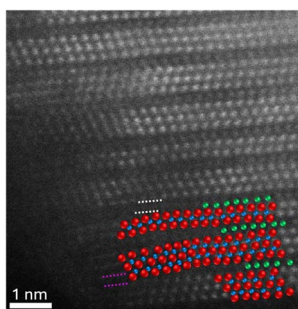
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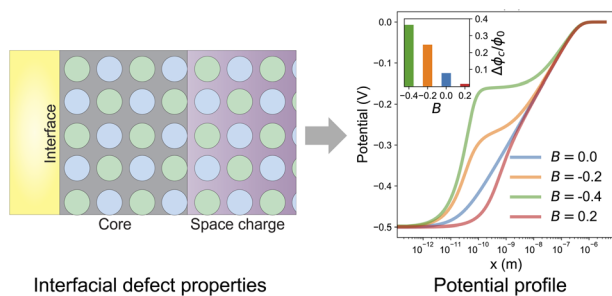
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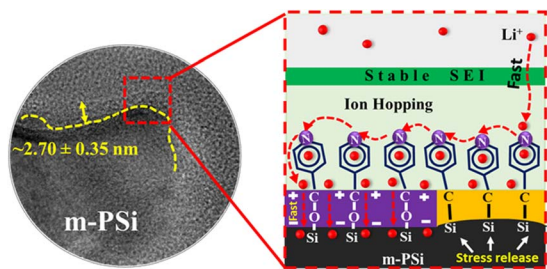
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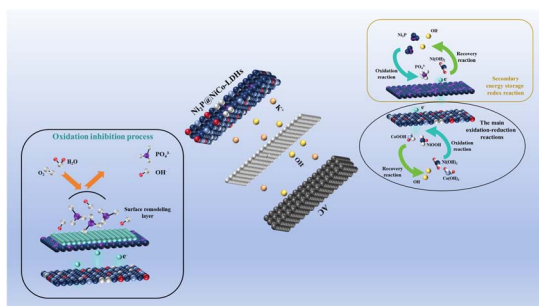


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Superior performance of an ultrathin pyridinic-layered micro-structural porous silicon anode with a silicon content exceeding 99%

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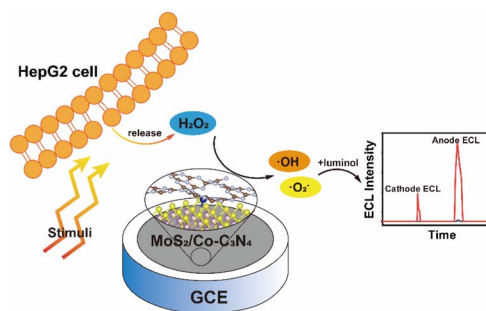
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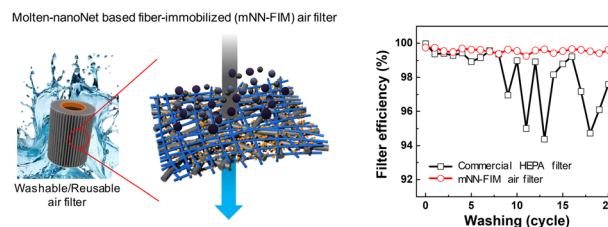
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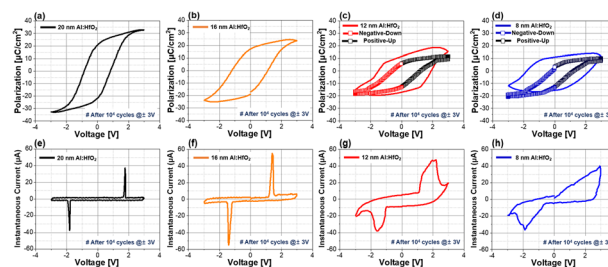
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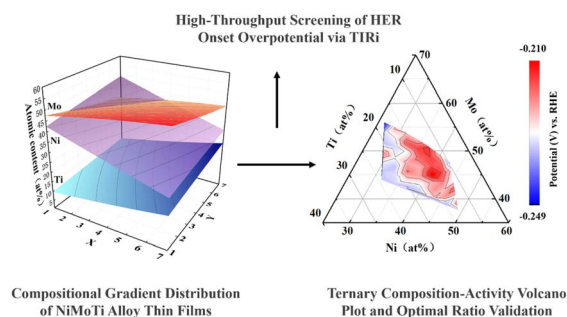
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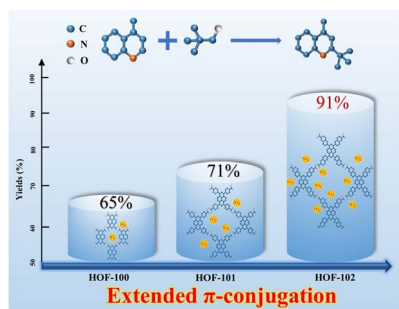
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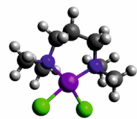


Modulating photocatalytic decarbonylative Minisci alkylation through conjugation engineering in pyrene-based hydrogen-bonded organic frameworks

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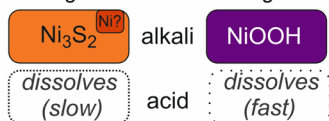
ALD of β -NiS (Ni_9S_8)



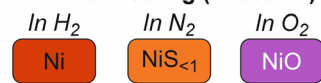
- ✓ High growth rate
- ✓ Low-cost precursor
- ✓ Low resistivity
- ✓ High film purity

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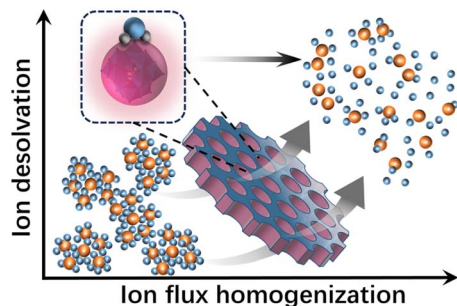
And annealing ($> \sim 300\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$)



Atomic layer deposition of nickel sulfide thin films and their thermal and electrochemical stability

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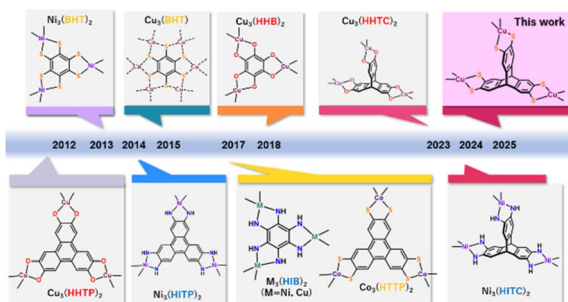
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Coupled ion desolvation and nucleation control for stable zinc anodes enabled by a polyoxometalate-crosslinked nanocellulose separator

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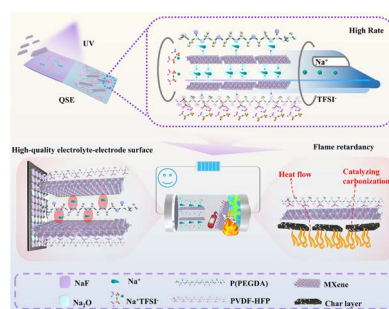
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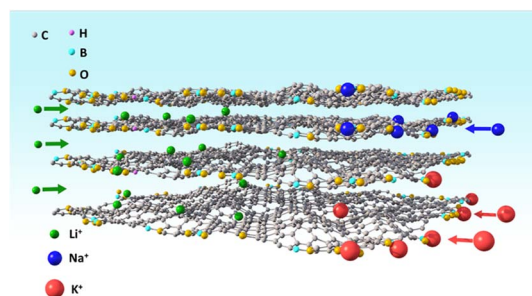
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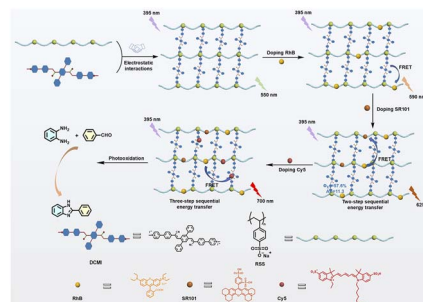
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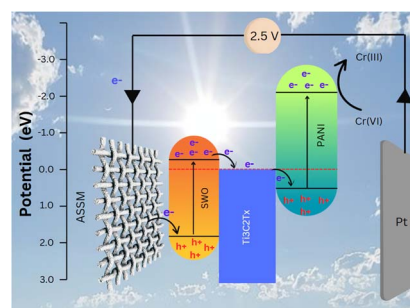
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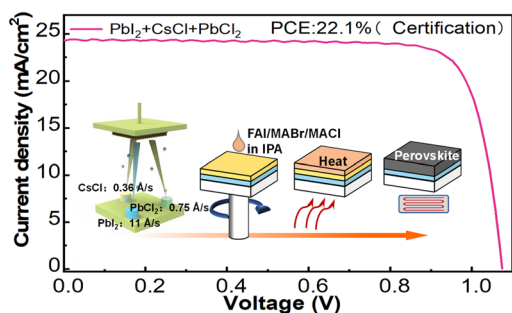
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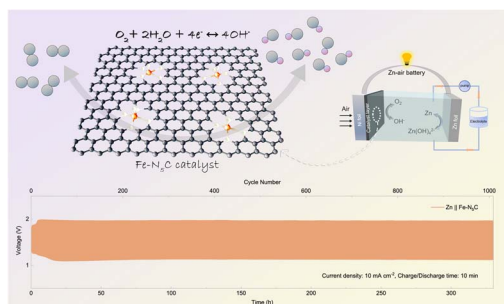
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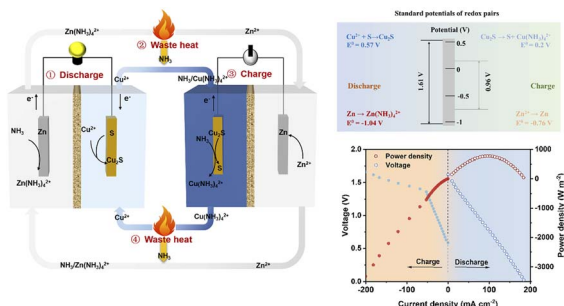
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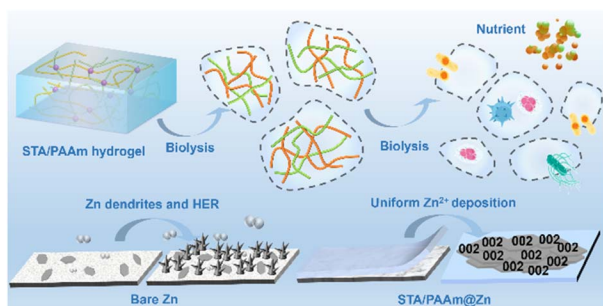
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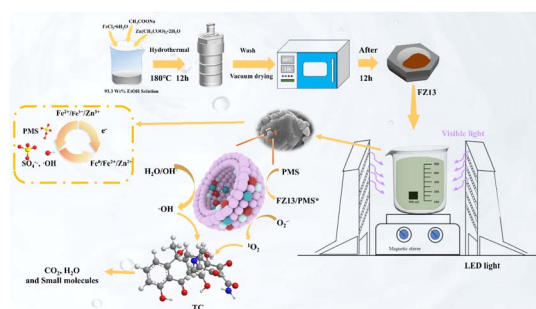
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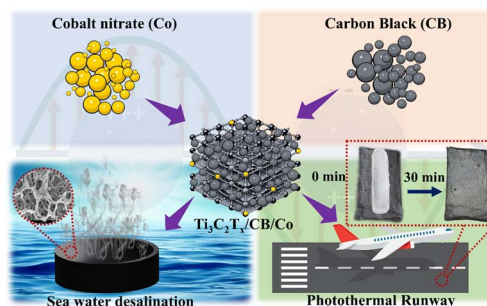
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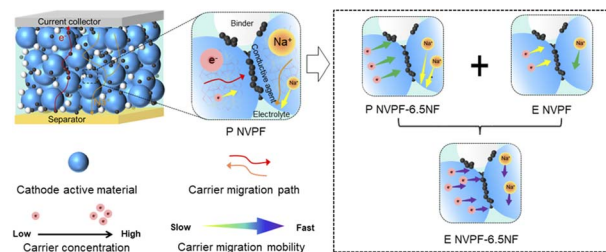
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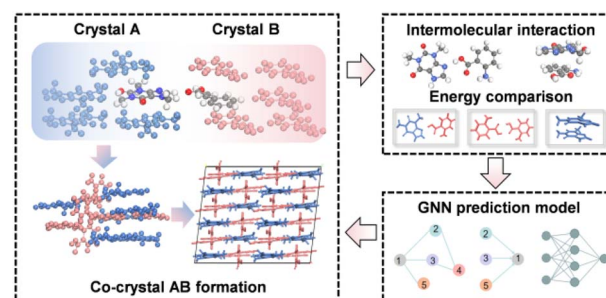
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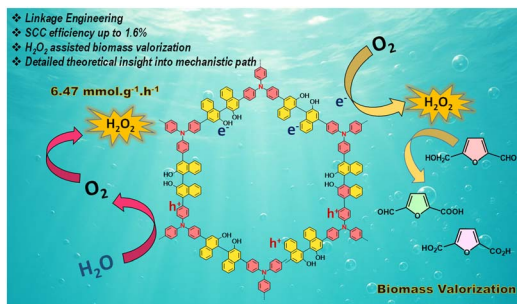
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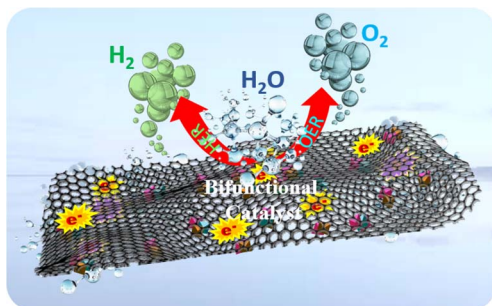
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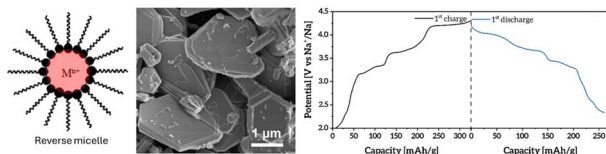
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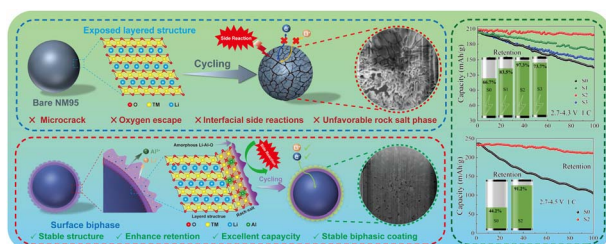
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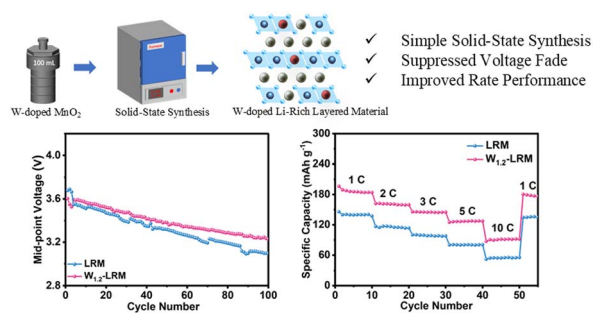
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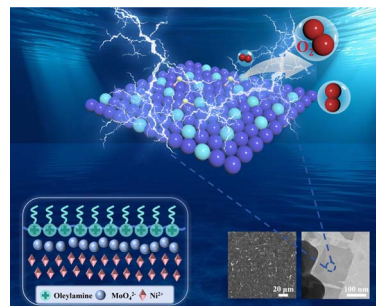
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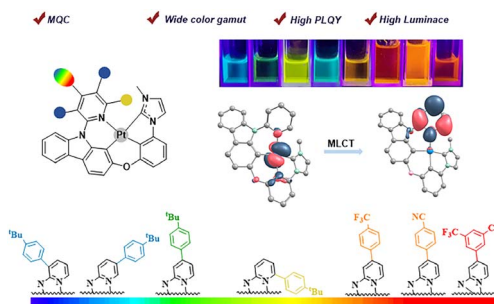
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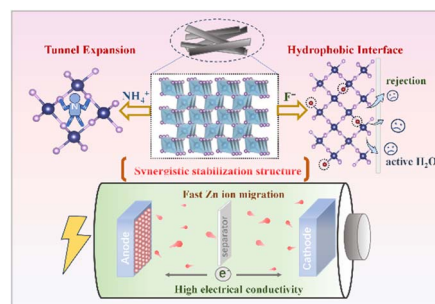
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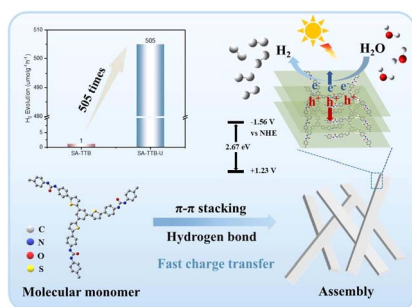
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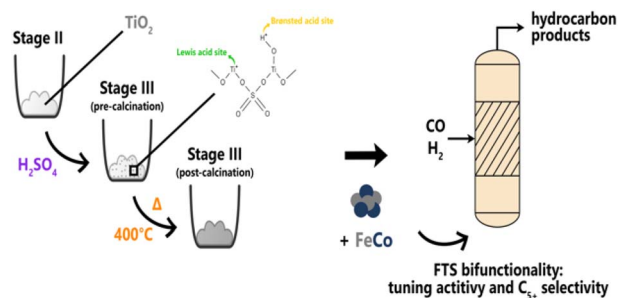
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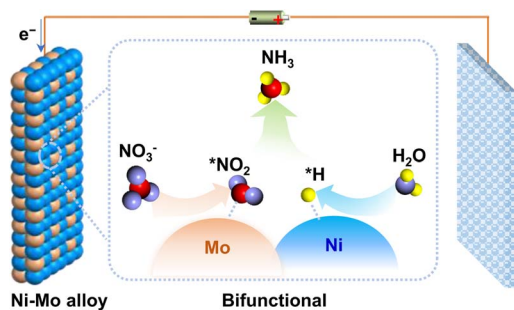
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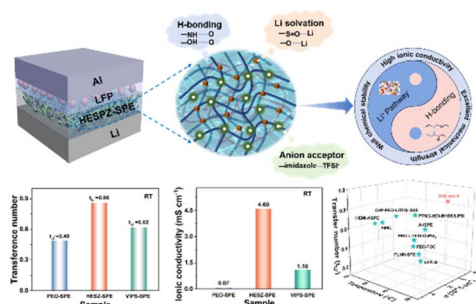
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