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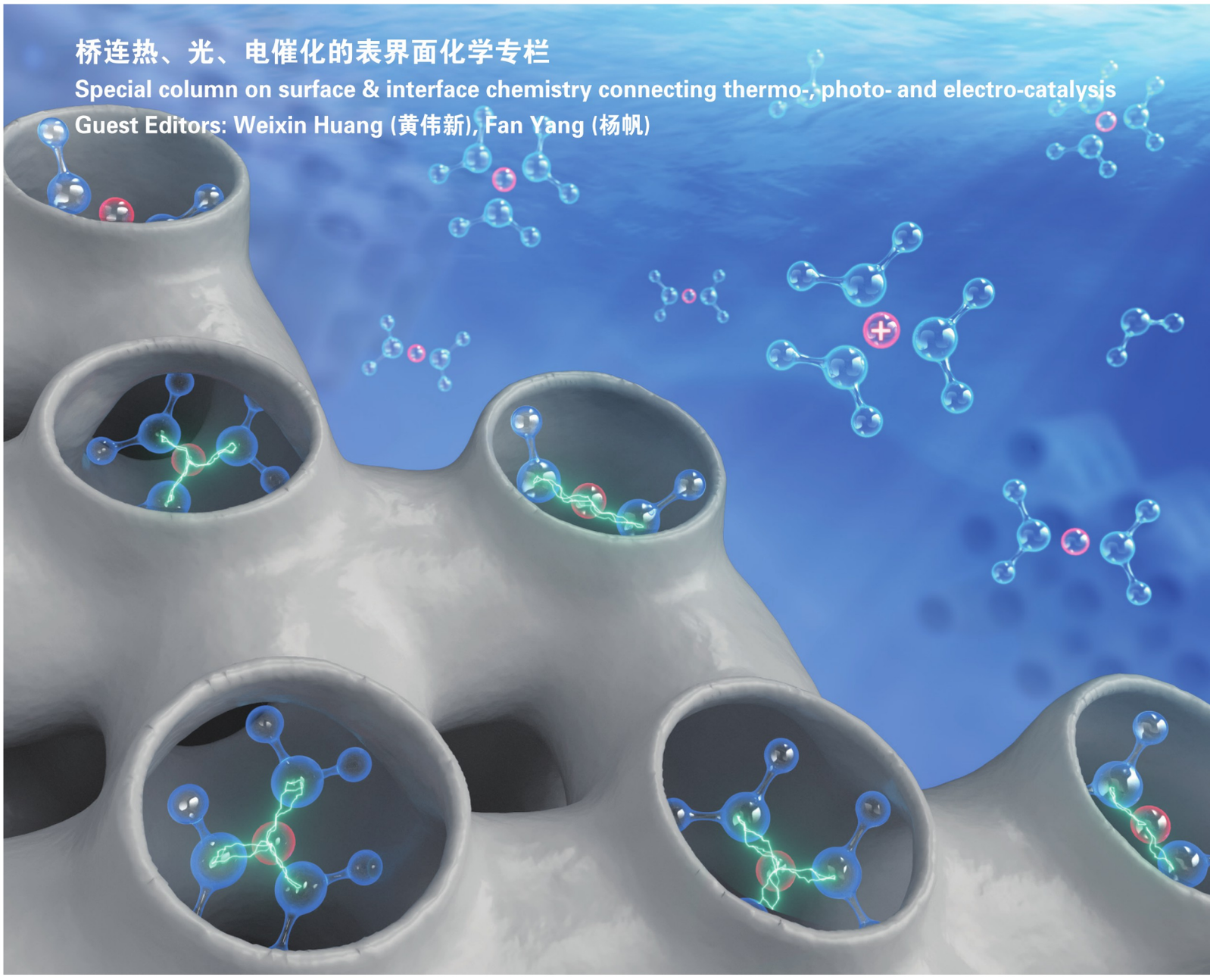

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A critical assessment of the roles of water molecules and solvated ions in acid-base-catalyzed reactions at solid-water interfaces

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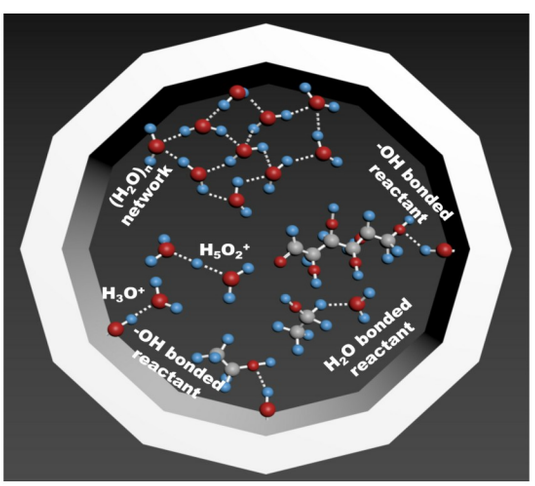

Through illustrative examples, this review highlights the utmost importance of hydrogen-bonding interactions and interfacial ionic species as the main factors underlying acid-base catalysis and the associated solvation effects at the solid-aqueous interfaces.

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Selectivity control in alkyne semihydrogenation: Recent experimental and theoretical progress

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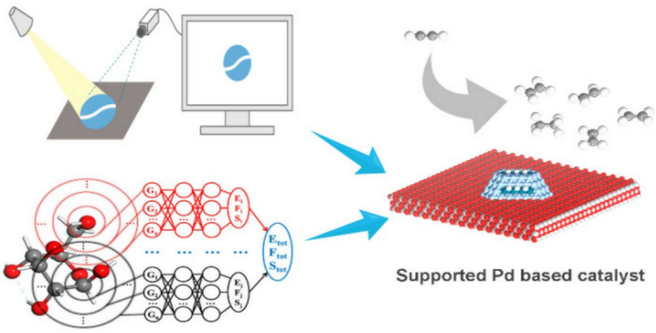

This review summarizes the recent progress in alkyne selective hydrogenation on Pd-based catalysts, especially the understanding of the relationship between catalyst surface structure and catalytic selectivity, as demonstrated by surface science experiments and theoretical simulations.

Chin. J. Catal., 2022, 43: 2001–2009 doi: 10.1016/S1872-2067(21)64054-8 **[Article]**

Applications of *in-situ* wide spectral range infrared absorption spectroscopy for CO oxidation over Pd/SiO_2 and Cu/SiO_2 catalysts

Xuefei Weng, Shuangli Yang, Ding Ding, Mingshu Chen *, Huilin Wan
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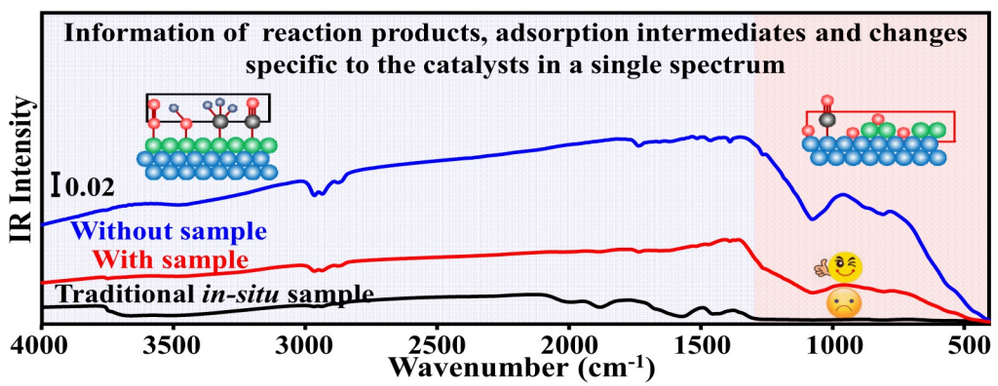

Surface adsorption intermediates and changes of the catalysts, as well as the formation products can be obtained in a single IR spectrum under reaction condition.

Chin. J. Catal., 2022, 43: 2010–2016 doi: 10.1016/S1872-2067(21)63964-5 **[Article]**

Direct identification of the carbonate intermediate during water-gas shift reaction at Pt-NiO interfaces using surface-enhanced Raman spectroscopy

Si-Na Qin, Di-Ye Wei, Jie Wei, Jia-Sheng Lin, Qing-Qi Chen, Yuan-Fei Wu, Huai-Zhou Jin *, Hua Zhang *, Jian-Feng Li *
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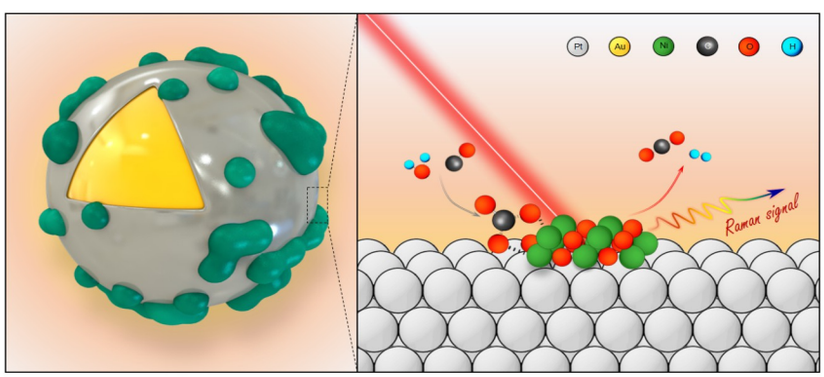

Direct spectroscopic evidence of the carbonate intermediate and its evolution during water-gas shift reaction at Pt-NiO interfaces is obtained using surface-enhanced Raman spectroscopy, based on which the reaction mechanism is then proposed.

Chin. J. Catal., 2022, 43: 2017–2025 doi: 10.1016/S1872-2067(21)64008-1 **[Article]**

Probing active species for CO hydrogenation over $ZnCr_2O_4$ catalysts

Yunjian Ling, Yihua Ran, Weipeng Shao, Na Li, Feng Jiao, Xiulian Pan, Qiang Fu, Zhi Liu, Fan Yang *, Xinhe Bao
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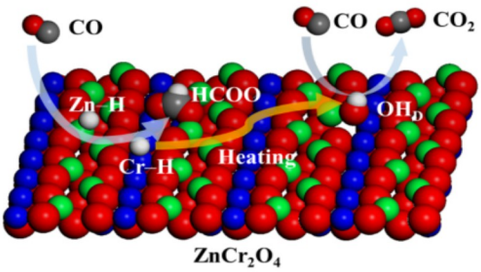

Surface hydroxyl species are consumed by CO *via* the route of water-gas-shift reaction, while surface hydride species would hydrogenate CO to form formate. Surface hydride species could transform into hydroxyl species on $ZnCr_2O_4$ at elevated temperatures.

Chin. J. Catal., 2022, 43: 2026–2033 doi: 10.1016/S1872-2067(21)63958-X **[Article]**

Reversible transformation between terrace and step sites of Pt nanoparticles on titanium under CO and O_2 environments

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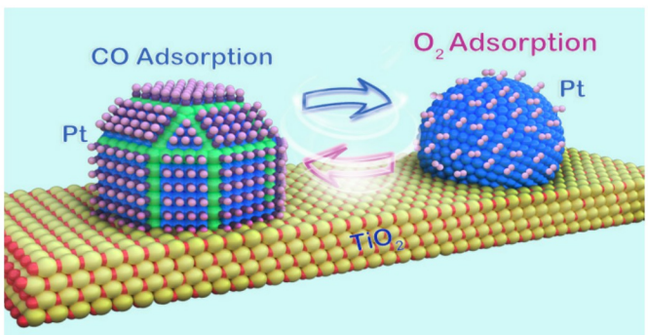

A reversible surface structural transformation between terrace and step sites of Pt catalysts under CO and O_2 environments was revealed, *via in situ* atmospheric transmission electron microscopy and *in situ* Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy.

Chin. J. Catal., 2022, 43: 2034–2044 doi: 10.1016/S1872-2067(21)64021-4 **[Article]**

Boosting chiral carboxylic acid hydrogenation by tuning metal-MO_x-support interaction in $PtReO_x/TiO_2$ catalysts

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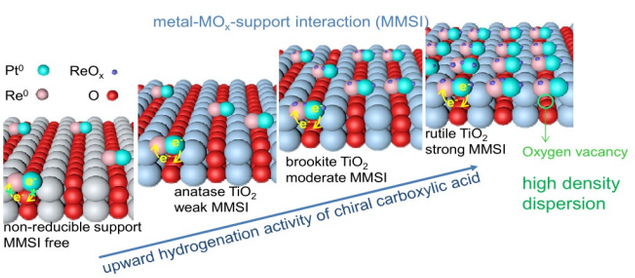

TiO_2-crystalline-phase-dependent density of oxygen vacancies induces the formation of different Pt-ReO_x-TiO_2 interaction, which dominates the electron transfer therein and tunes the adsorption strength of carbonyl moiety of carboxylic acid, and thus promoting hydrogenation activity and selectivity.

Account

Chin. J. Catal., 2022, 43: 2045–2056 doi: 10.1016/S1872-2067(22)64107-X

Direct carbon dioxide hydrogenation to produce bulk chemicals and liquid fuels *via* heterogeneous catalysis

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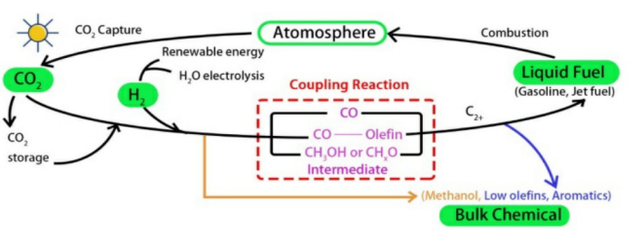

The hydrogenation of CO_2 to chemicals and fuels has a distinct CO_2 emission reduction effect. In this study, the catalyst design, selectivity regulation, structure-performance relationship, and reaction mechanism are discussed in detail.

Reviews

Chin. J. Catal., 2022, 43: 2057–2090 doi: 10.1016/S1872-2067(21)64030-5

MXenes for electrocatalysis applications: Modification and hybridization

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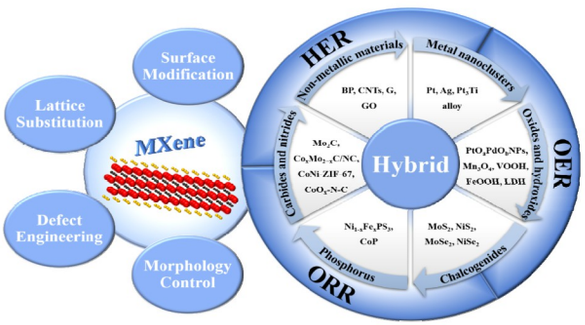

This review summarizes the progress of MXene-based electrocatalysts for the HER, OER, and ORR, including regulating pristine MXenes and modifying hybrid MXenes, from both theoretical and experimental perspectives.

Chin. J. Catal., 2022, 43: 2091–2110 doi: 10.1016/S1872-2067(21)64052-4

Roles of heteroatoms in electrocatalysts for alkaline water splitting: A review focusing on the reaction mechanism

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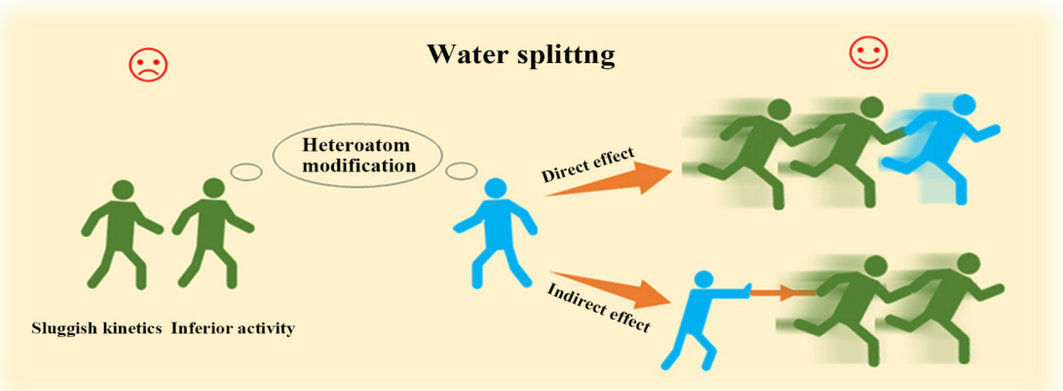

This review provides a summary and perspective on the key roles of heteroatoms for the improved reaction kinetics of alkaline water splitting based on reaction pathways.

Chin. J. Catal., 2022, 43: 2111–2140 doi: 10.1016/S1872-2067(22)64096-8

Inorganic-organic hybrid photocatalysts: Syntheses, mechanisms, and applications

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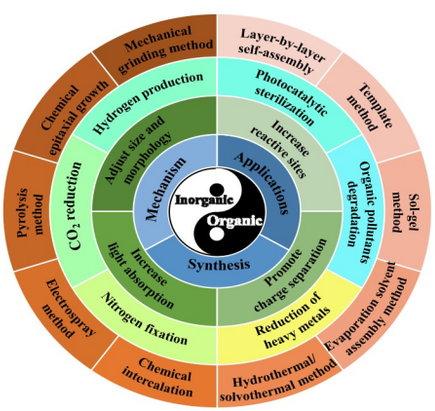

In this paper, the design principles and synthesis strategies of inorganic–organic hybrid materials are reviewed and their functions and mechanisms are described. Finally, the application of inorganic–organic hybrid materials in photocatalysis is introduced.

Chin. J. Catal., 2022, 43: 2141–2172 doi: 10.1016/S1872-2067(22)64110-X

Bio-inspired nanostructured g-C_3N_4-based photocatalysts: A comprehensive review

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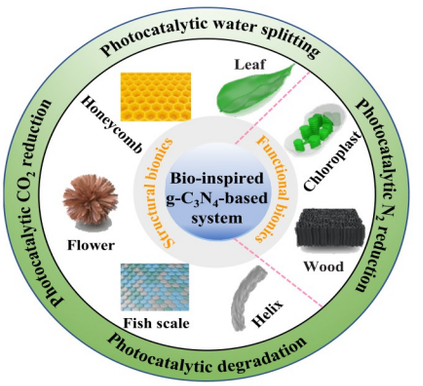

This review summarizes the fundamentals and recent advances of bio-inspired structured g-C_3N_4-based photocatalysts, which aims to expand the knowledge on bio-inspired nanostructured g-C_3N_4-based photocatalysts, thus advancing the development of biomimetic photocatalysis.

Articles

Chin. J. Catal., 2022, 43: 2173–2182 doi: 10.1016/S1872-2067(21)64042-1

Oxidative co-dehydrogenation of ethane and propane over h-BN as an effective means for C–H bond activation and mechanistic investigations

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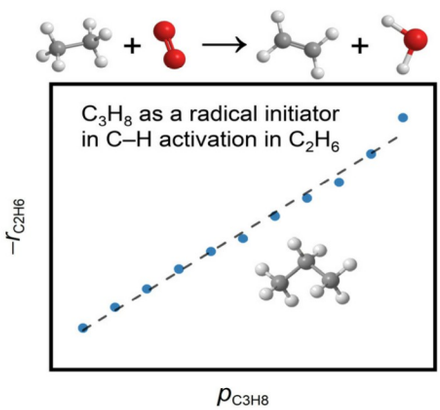

In oxidative dehydrogenation of mixed alkanes catalyzed by hexagonal boron nitride, ethane conversion rates exhibit a first order kinetics toward the partial pressure of propane, indicating a radical chain mechanism with shared H-abstractor.

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Breaking the scaling relations for efficient N_2-to-NH_3 conversion by a bowl active site design: Insight from LaRuSi and isostructural electrides

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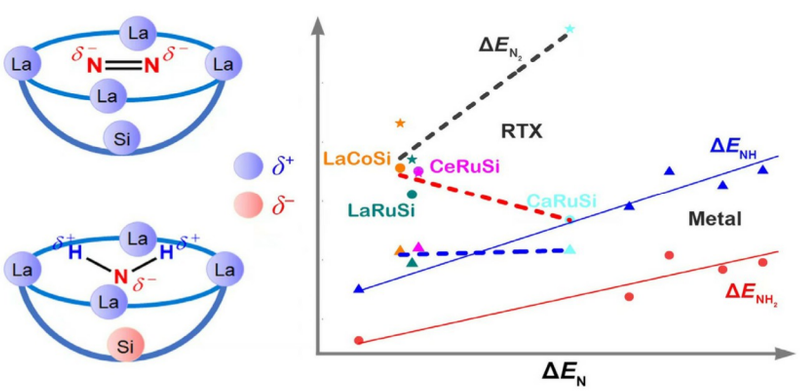

A bowl active site on the lanthanide intermetallic electride LaRuSi, composed of four surface La cations and one subsurface Si atom, plays the key role in efficient catalysis of N_2-to-NH_3 conversion by breaking the scaling relations through specific electrostatic and orbital interactions. This bowl active site thus presents a design concept of highly efficient heterogeneous catalyst for N_2-to-NH_3 conversion.

Chin. J. Catal., 2022, 43: 2193–2201 doi: 10.1016/S1872-2067(22)64089-0

Modulating the microenvironment structure of single Zn atom: ZnN_4P/C active site for boosted oxygen reduction reaction

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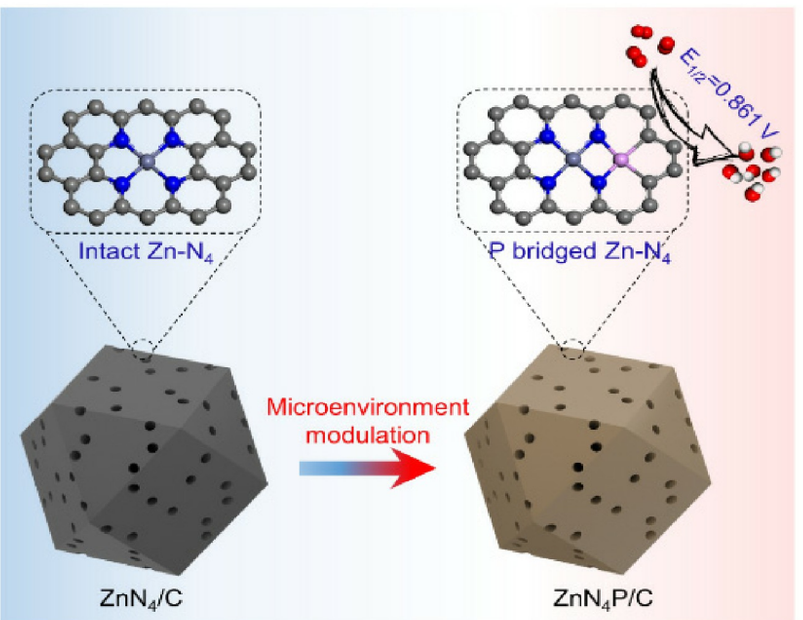

The microenvironment modulation of Zn single atom catalysts by P-doping enhanced the catalytic performance of single atoms for ORR and Zn-air battery by altering the electronic structure of central metal atom.

Chin. J. Catal., 2022, 43: 2202–2211 doi: 10.1016/S1872-2067(22)64093-2

Controllable synthesis of a self-assembled ultralow Ru, Ni-doped Fe_2O_3 lily as a bifunctional electrocatalyst for large-current-density alkaline seawater electrolysis

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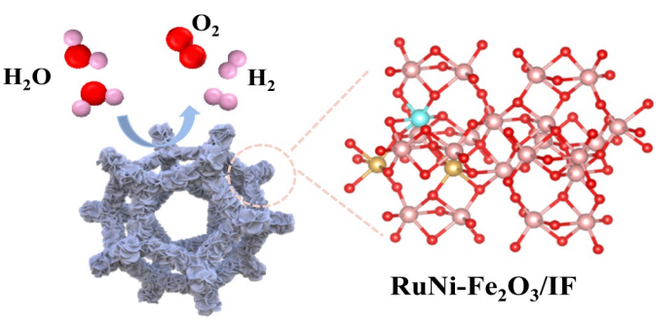
A self-assembled ultralow Ru, Ni-doped Fe_2O_3 (RuNi-Fe_2O_3/IF) catalyst with a lily-shaped morphology grown on iron foam was synthesized using a controllable hydrothermal method. Benefitting from the Ru/Ni chemical substitution, RuNi-Fe_2O_3/IF possesses benchmark electrocatalytic activity and stability toward HER and OER in 1.0 mol L^{-1} KOH and 1.0 mol L^{-1} KOH seawater electrolytes.



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N-doped carbon layer-coated Au nanocatalyst for H_2-free conversion of 5-hydroxymethylfurfural to 5-methylfurfural

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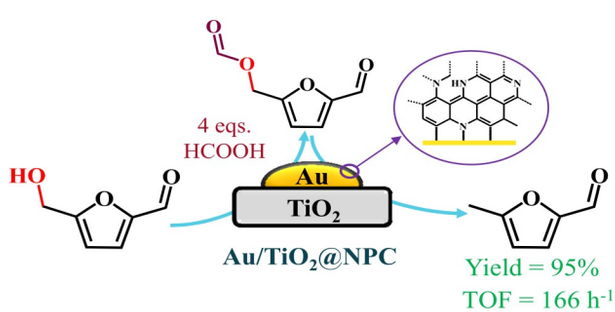
N-doped carbon layer-coated Au nanocatalyst provided high yield in the chemoselective transformation of HMF into 5-MF using only 4 equivalents of HCOOH as the deoxygenation reagent. The unique catalyst also showed high HCOOH utilization efficiency.



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Water oxidation sites located at the interface of Pt/$SrTiO_3$ for photocatalytic overall water splitting

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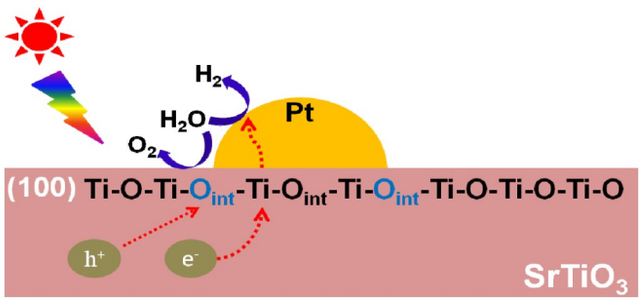
During photocatalytic overall water splitting, the active sites for water oxidation are mainly located at the interface between Pt cocatalyst and $SrTiO_3$ photocatalyst.



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Interfacial-interaction-induced fabrication of biomass-derived porous carbon with enhanced intrinsic active sites

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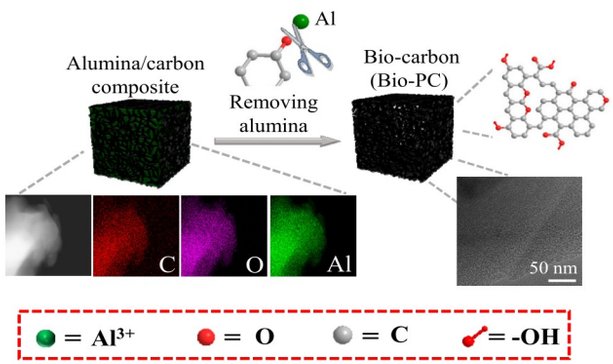
Under non-oxidation conditions, *in-situ* formed alumina/carbon interface was developed as a cradle for the generation of accessible active sites. It can also tune the porous structure of resultant carbon in the micro- and meso-range.



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Unveiling the active sites of ultrathin Co-Fe layered double hydroxides for the oxygen evolution reaction

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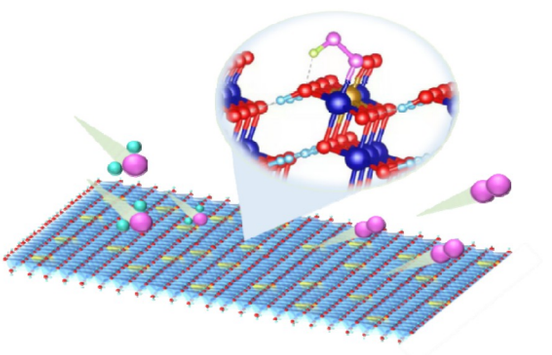
Ultrathin CoFe LDH displays a low overpotential (256 mV) at 10 mA cm^{-2}. The surface Co sites adjacent to Fe atoms are the active centers for the OER.



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Direct Z-scheme photochemical hybrid systems: Loading porphyrin-based metal-organic cages on graphitic-C_3N_4 to dramatically enhance photocatalytic hydrogen evolution

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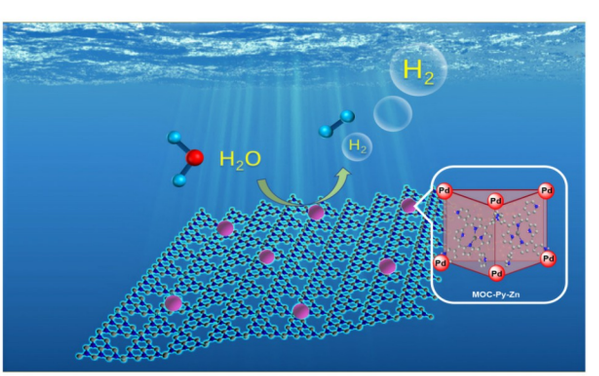
A direct Z-scheme photochemical hybrid system MOC-Py-Zn/g-C_3N_4 is constructed for the first time by immobilizing porphyrin-based metal-organic cages on graphitic-C_3N_4, and used for efficient and stable photocatalytic hydrogen evolution from water.



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Conversion of methanol to propylene over SAPO-14: Reaction mechanism and catalyst deactivation

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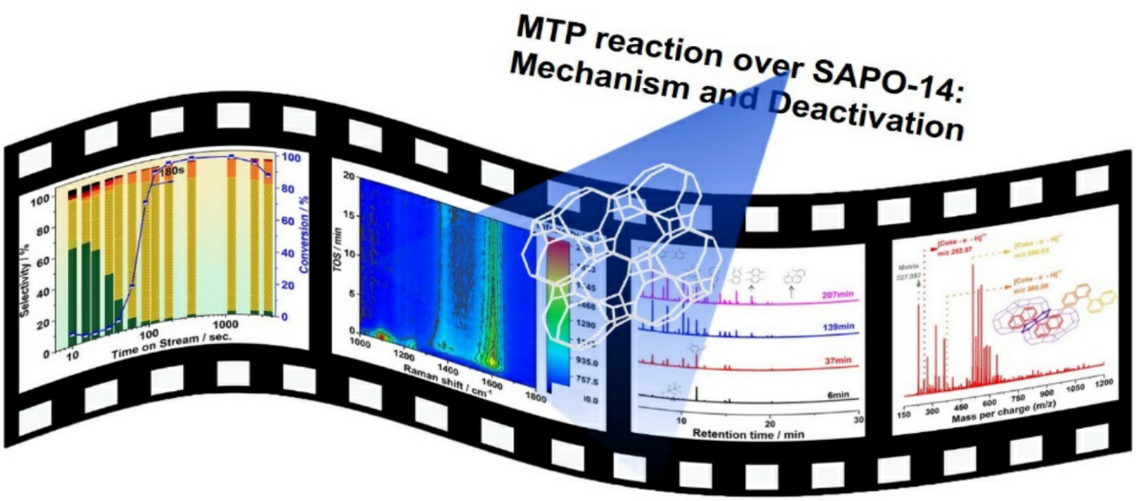

The reaction mechanism and deactivation process of methanol-to-propylene conversion over SAPO-14 were investigated through various *in situ* and *ex situ* techniques, revealing the evolution of the reaction pathway from a dual cycle to an olefins-based cycle.