

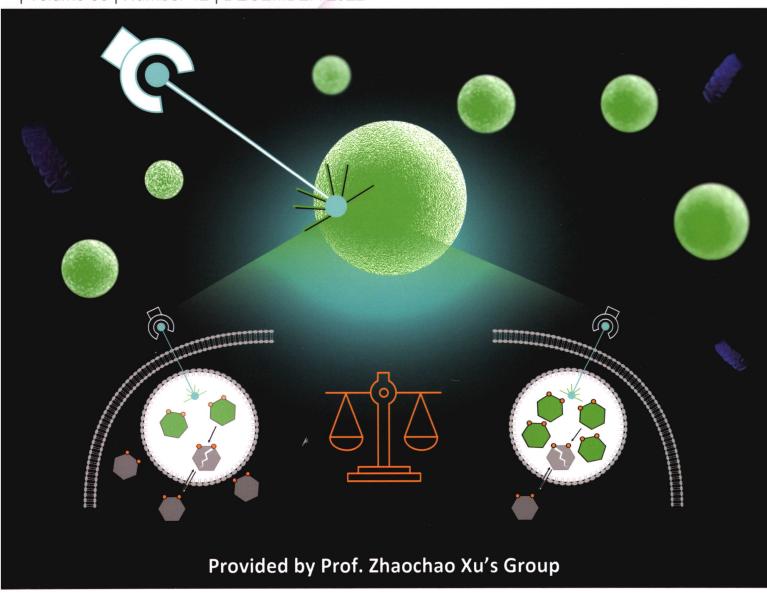
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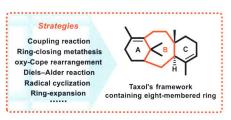
### Diverse strategic approaches en route to Taxol total synthesis

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A range of strategic approaches *en route* to the total synthesis of Taxol since 1995 have been summarized in this mini-review, focusing on the biomimetic designs and various creative methods for the challenging 6-8-6 core ring system construction.

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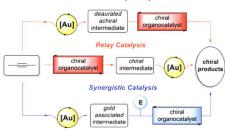
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This review will cover two general protocols in gold-complex and chiral organocatalyst cooperative catalysis for asymmetric alkyne functionalization, including relay catalysis and synergistic catalysis, with emphasis on the detailed cooperative catalysis patterns for the asymmetric induction to illustrated the roles of the two catalysts.

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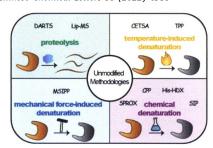
### Unmodified methodologies in target discovery for small molecule drugs: A rising star

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In this review, we discuss unmodified methodology advances for the target discovery of active molecules and highlight their achievements and limitations in drug development. According to the protein properties applied by various methods, we divide them into four classes.

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## Recent advances in single-crystalline two-dimensional polymers: Synthesis, characterization and challenges

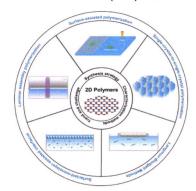
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This mini-review focuses on recent emerging strategies for the synthesis of single-crystalline two-dimensional polymers (2DPs). Meanwhile, the characterization methods and challenges regarding single-crystalline 2DPs are also discussed.

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### Environmental applications of graphene oxide composite membranes

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A comprehensive communication was reviewed towards the environmental applications of GO composite membranes in three highlighted areas: Desalination, gas separation and wastewater treatment, with challenges discussed faced with GO composite membranes.

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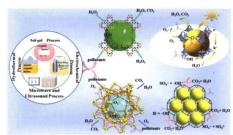
# Recent advances in the application of metal organic frameworks using in advanced oxidation progresses for pollutants degradation

Heshan Zheng<sup>a</sup>, Yunying Hou<sup>a</sup>, Shuo Li<sup>a,b,c</sup>, Jun Ma<sup>b,c</sup>, Jun Nan<sup>b,c</sup>, Tong Li<sup>d</sup>

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Application and mechanism of MOFs in emerging AOPs such as Fenton-like, photocatalysis, catalytic ozonation and persulfate catalysis are reviewed in detail.

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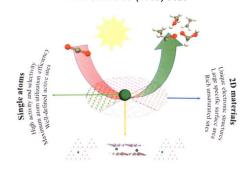


### Recent progress on two-dimensional materials confining single atoms for CO<sub>2</sub> photoreduction

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In this review, we summarized the design and application, and proposed challenges and opportunities for further research and application of 2D materials confining single atoms (SACs@2D) for  $CO_2$  photoreduction.



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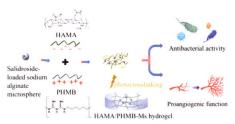
### Hyaluronic acid-methacrylic anhydride/polyhexamethylene biguanide hybrid hydrogel with antibacterial and proangiogenic functions for diabetic wound repair

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In this case, we prepared a hybrid hydrogel composed of hyaluronic acid-methacrylic anhydride, antibacterial component polyhexamethylene biguanide, and proangiogenic sodium alginate/salidroside composite microspheres. *In vivo* and *in vitro* experiments have been conducted to verify its promising performance in treating diabetic wounds.

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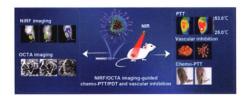
# Folate-targeted co-delivery polymersomes for efficient photo-chemo-antiangiogenic therapy against breast cancer and *in vivo* evaluation *via* OCTA/NIRF dual-modal imaging

Hongjun Wu, Chenlu Huang, Liwei Wang, Qinghua Li, Yuejie Li, Linhua Zhang, Dunwan Zhu

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Intelligent nano-sized polymersomes was designed to achieve synergistic PTT/PDT/chemo/antiangiogenic and in vivo evaluation via OCTA/NIRF dual-modal imaging.

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## BODIPY 493 acts as a bright buffering fluorogenic probe for super-resolution imaging of lipid droplet dynamics

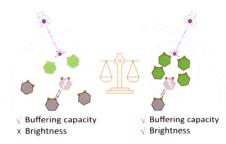
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BODIPY 493 has high fluorescence brightness and buffering fluorogenic recognition performance, enabling high spatiotemporal resolution for super-resolution imaging of lipid droplet dynamics.

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### Two unique C<sub>21</sub>-diterpenoid alkaloids from *Aconitum* carmichaelii

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Two diterpenoid alkaloids having unique twenty-one skeletal carbons were isolated as minor chemical constituents of the lateral root of Aconitum carmichaelii "Fu Zi"

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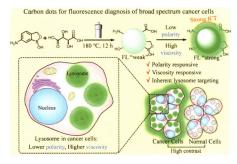


### Dual microenvironmental parameter-responsive lysosome-targeting carbon dots for the high contrast discrimination of a broad spectrum of cancer cells

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By taking advantage of lower polarity and higher viscosity of cancerous lysosomes, polarity and viscosity dual microenvironmental parameter-responsive lysosome-targeting CDs were rationally prepared and showed great potential in high contrast discrimination of a broad spectrum of cancer cells from normal cells.



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## Diastereodivergent [4+2] annulation of biphenylenes with enones via nickel(0)-catalyzed C-C bond activation

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 $Ni(cod)_2(0)$ -catalyzed [4+2] annulation of biphenylenes with enones via C-C activation has been realized, providing an efficient and general synthesis route for trans or cis diastereoisomers of 9,10-dihydrophenanthrene derivatives.

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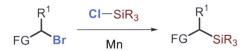
## Mn-mediated reductive C(sp³)-Si coupling of activated secondary alkyl bromides with chlorosilanes

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We report here an Mn-mediated reductive  $C(sp^3)$ -Si bond-forming reaction of alkyl and silyl halides. The reaction proceeds under mild conditions and works with various common chlorosilanes. This method offers a new approach for the synthesis of  $\alpha$ -silylated organophosphorus and sulfones with a scope that is complementary to those obtained from the established methods.

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FG = Phosphonyl and Sulfonyl

## Fabricating a novel supramolecular light-activated platform based on internal-driven forces induced by the UV-light

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We fabricated a novel supramolecular light-activated platform based on the internal-driven forces induced by the UV-light.

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# Visible-light-induced novel cyclization of 2-(2-(arylethynyl)benzylidene)-malononitrile derivatives with 2,6-di(*tert*-butyl)-4-methylphenol to bridged spirocyclic compounds

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An efficient strategy for the preparation of bridged spirocyclic compounds via visible-light-induced cyclization of 2-(2-(arylethynyl)benzylidene)malononitrile derivatives with 2,6-di(tert-butyl)-4-methylphenol (BHT) was developed.

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Easily avaliable starting materials
Mild reaction conditions

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## Direct benzylation reactions from benzyl halides enabled by transition-metal-free photocatalysis

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An  $S_N$ 2-based photochemical strategy using dithiocarbamate anion as catalyst was developed for the activation of benzyl halides, and the benzylation (or cyanomethylation) of various heterocycles could be realized.

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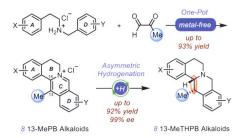
### Concise syntheses of 13-methylprotoberberine and 13-methyltetrahydroprotoberberine alkaloids

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The concise syntheses of 13-methylprotoberberine (13-MePB) and enantioenriched 13-methyltetrahydroprotoberberine (13-MeTHPB) alkaloids are described. The syntheses rely on a one-pot metal-free Pictet-Spengler/Friedel-Crafts hydroxyalkylation/dehydration/oxidation cascade and a highly challenging Ir-catalyzed asymmetric hydrogenation.

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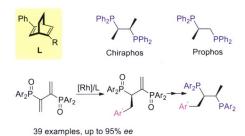


### Rhodium catalyzed asymmetric synthesis of Chiraphos derivatives

Ying-Ying Sun<sup>a</sup>, Bin Zhang<sup>a</sup>, Liangbin Yu<sup>b</sup>, Ranran Cui<sup>a</sup>, Qingyang Zhao<sup>b</sup>, Qing-Wei Zhang<sup>a</sup>

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- A Rh/Ph-bod catalyzed asymmetric addition of aryl boronic acids to phosphinyl dienes has been developed for the synthesis of Chiraphos derivatives with modifications at both the skeleton and phosphine substituents.

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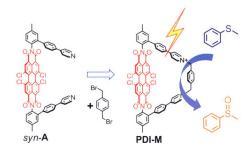


# Atropisomer-based construction of a new perylene diimide macrocycle as visible-light photocatalyst for selective sulfide oxidation

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A visible-light-active organic macrocycle was successfully constructed from a perylene diimide syn-atropisomer as highly preorganized precursor. As a photocatalyst, the macrocycle exhibits excellent activity on aerobic oxidation of sulfide into sulfoxide under visible light irradiation at room temperature.



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# Facile access to chiral 1-pyrrolines through Rh-catalyzed enantioselective partial hydrogenation of unprotected simple pyrroles

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Highly enantioselective Rh-catalyzed partial hydrogenation of unprotected simple 2-alkyl-5-aryl-disubstituted pyrroles has been successfully developed, generating a series of chiral 1-pyrroline derivatives generally with excellent results (95%-99% yields, 91%-96% ee). Moreover, 2,5-aryl-1H-pyrroles were hydrogenated well in high yields and good enantioselectivities. This efficient protocol features easily accessible substrates, wide substrate scope, well functional group compatibility, commercially available rhodium precursor and chiral ligand. It provides a versatile route to access chiral 1-pyrroline derivatives that are of great importance in organic synthesis and pharmaceutical chemistry.

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$$R = \text{aryl, alkyl group} \begin{bmatrix} R & & \\$$

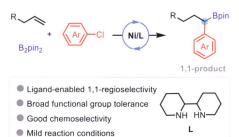
## Integrating aryl chlorides into nickel-catalyzed 1,1-difunctionalization of alkenes

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The first aryl chlorides participated 1,1-functionalzation of undirected, unactivated alkenes is reported. The success is predominantly ascribed to the judicious selection of 1,2-diamine ligand. This study provides an efficient protocol for the synthesis of secondary benzyl boronates from cheap, abundant starting materials.

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## Boron-promoted reductive deoxygenation coupling reaction of sulfonyl chlorides for the C(sp<sup>3</sup>)-S bond construction

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Since most mercaptans with unpleasant odors are not commercially available and highly toxic, developing alternative sulfurating agents for the C-S bond formation is highly demanded. Herein, we report a borane-promoted reductive deoxygenation coupling reaction to synthesize sulfides. This reaction features excellent functional group compatibility, high efficiency, broad substrate scope, and application in late-stage functionalization of biomolecules. Preliminary mechanistic studies suggest diaryl sulfides are the intermediates of this reaction. Moreover, the real active aryl sulfide anions may be generated *in situ* with the aid of PPh<sub>3</sub> and B<sub>2</sub>pin<sub>2</sub>.

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# Construction of chiral 3-alkenyl-3-substituted oxindoles by stereoselective direct alkenylation of isatin derivatives and 3-vinylindoles

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We developed an alkenylation reaction of isatin derivatives and 3-vinylindoles. A series of chiral 3-alkenyl-3-substituted oxindole derivatives were obtained with excellent yields (up to 99%) and stereoselectivities (up to 99% ee, >20:1 dr). Scaling up the reaction to gram quantities, the desired product **4b** could be obtained with a good yield (88%) and a great ee value (87%, >20:1 dr). Also, the reaction transition state with a  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interaction was proposed, which was supported by DFT calculations. Notably, the products are rich in functional group conversion and have great potential application for the synthesis of some natural products and drug molecules.

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### Multistimuli responsive supramolecular polymer networks via host-guest complexation of pillararene-containing polymers and sulfonium salts

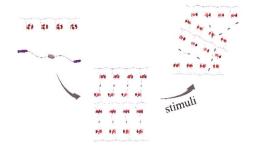
Feihong Lu<sup>a</sup>, Yi Chen<sup>a</sup>, Boqiao Fu<sup>b</sup>, Shigui Chen<sup>a</sup>, Lu Wang<sup>a</sup>

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Supramolecular polymer networks based on the host-guest interactions between pillar[5]arenes and sulfonium salts have been constructed, which could be dissociated by external stimuli including temperature and competing reagents.

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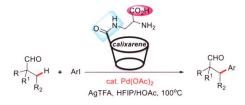
# Supramolecular interaction controlled and calix[4]arene ligand assisted Pd-catalyzed $C(sp^3)$ —H arylation of aliphatic aldehydes

Yao Wu, Zhiyan Ma, Jing Shi, Xiaoqiang Sun, Ke Yang, Zheng-Yi Li

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A calix[4]arene ligand assisted direct  $\beta$ -C-H arylation of tertiary aliphatic aldehydes has been developed via a Pd-catalyzed  $C(sp^3)$ -H functionalization process.

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## A multiple-function fluorescent pillar[5]arene: Fe<sup>3+</sup>/Ag<sup>+</sup> detection and light-harvesting system

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A novel pillar[5]arenes not only shows good selectivity for coordination to  $Ag^+$  and  $Fe^{3+}$  but also satisfies the conditions for the construction of an energy transfer system with the commonly used Rhodamine B dye.

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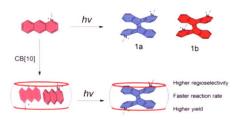
# Photodimerization of azaanthracene derivatives mediated by cucurbit[10]uril

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Photodimerization of four azaanthracene derivatives **1-4** were regulated by cucurbit[10]uril (CB[10]). Specifically, photodimerization of the CB[10]·(1)<sub>2</sub> complex yielded a single head-to-tail (anti-HT) photodimer (CB[10]·1a) with fast reaction rate and high regioselectivity.

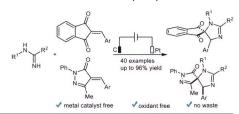
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### Electrooxidative [3+2] annulation of amidines with alkenes for the synthesis of spiroimidazolines

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An environmentally benign and efficient electrooxidative [3+2] annulation of amidines with 2-arylideneindane-1,3-diones or 4-alkylidene pyrazolones for the synthesis of spiroimidazolines is reported.



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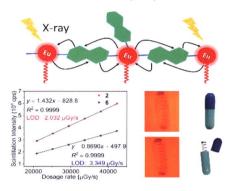
# Illuminations for constructions of scintillating lanthanide-organic complexes in sensitive X-ray detection and high-resolution radiative imaging

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The naphthalene constructed Eu(III)-MOFs can be applied in the sensitive X-ray detection and high-resolution X-ray imaging *via* its characteristic red emissions.

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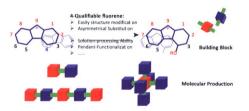
### Universal 4-qualifiable fluorene-based building blocks for potential optoelectronic applications

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The fluorene based building block with 4-site substituent provides an exciting blueprint to not only tune electronic structure and excited state, but also allow for optimizing intermolecular arrangement and obtaining solution-processing ability.

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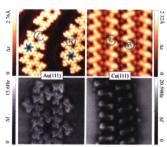
### Chiral structures of 6,12-dibromochrysene on Au(111) and Cu(111) surfaces

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Using a 6,12-dibromochrysene organic molecule to prepare two-dimensional chiral networks and one-dimensional chiral chains on different substrates under ultra-high vacuum conditions, we realized ultra-high-resolution characterization of chiral structures by scanning tunneling microscopy and revealed the adsorption behavior of molecules through density functional theory calculations.

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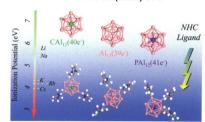


## Ligand-field regulated superalkali behavior of the aluminum-based clusters with distinct shell occupancy

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A novel ligand-field strategy, different from conventional superatom design models, was proposed to regulate the electronic property of the aluminum-based clusters leading to the formation of novel superalkalis, which is regardless of their shell occupancy.



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## N, O-coupling towards the selectively electrochemical production of $H_2O_2$

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A N, O co-doped carbon xerogel-based electrocatalyst (NO-CX) was prepared by a simple and economical method and the catalyst exhibited a high  $\rm H_2O_2$  selectivity and a high  $\rm H_2O_2$  production rate.

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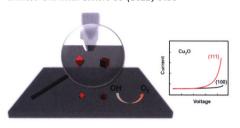
## Surface facets dependent oxygen evolution reaction of single Cu<sub>2</sub>O nanoparticles

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We endeavor to directly establish the correlation between nanoparticle surface facets with the intrinsic electrocatalytic OER activity from electrochemical measurement at single Cu<sub>2</sub>O nanoparticles using a combination of SECCM and SEM.

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## Boosting the photocatalytic nitrogen reduction to ammonia through adsorption-plasmonic synergistic effects

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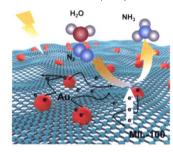
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The adsorption-plasmonic synergistic effects of the MIL-100(Cr) and Au NPs were proposed to promote Au/MIL-100(Cr) photocatalyst to capture, adsorb and activate  $N_2$  molecules and achieve efficient nitrogen reduction to ammonia under visible light irradiation.

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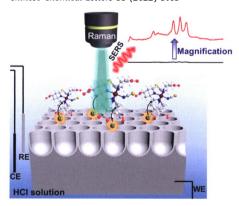


# Engineering large-scaled electrochromic semiconductor films as reproductive SERS substrates for operando investigation at the solid/liquid interfaces

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A large-scaled semiconductor films with multi-walled  $(TiO_2/WO_3/TiO_2)$  nanopore distribution is developed for gaining enhanced Raman signals at the solid/liquid surface. Benefiting from the remarkably improved electrochromic property of the multi-walled nanopore films, the SERS substrate can be controllably filled with oxygen vacancies  $(V_0)$  via a simple electrochemical approach, which enables us to achieve a remarkably increased Raman signal even in the solution.



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# Copper(II) ions-immobilized virus-like hollow covalent organic frameworks for highly efficient capture and sensitive analysis of amyloid beta-peptide 1–42 by MALDI-MS

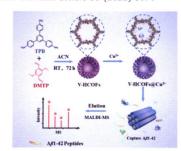
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V-HCOFs@Cu<sup>2+</sup> were synthesized *via* a facile approach at room temperature and applied as an adsorption probe for selective capture and quantitative analysis of  $A\beta1-42$  from human serum by MALDI-MS.

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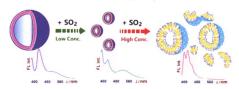
### Rapidly SO<sub>2</sub>-responsive vesicles with intrinsic fluorescent indicators for membrane structure evolution

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A new mode of stimuli-responsive vesicles with fluorescent auto-recording function is reported. The sensory vesicles, which can be facilely fabricated via modular self-assembly, rapidly display hierarchical membrane reconstitution with definable fluorescence response upon  $SO_2$  stimulation.

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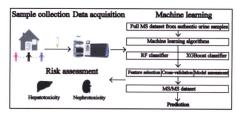
### Application of machine learning algorithms to screen potential biomarkers under cadmium exposure based on human urine metabolic profiles

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On a cohort of 403 volunteers who had been exposed to cadmium, high-resolution mass spectrometry-based urine metabolic detection was conducted, seven machine learning algorithms on the LC-HRMS data set were compared, and a biomarker panel based on the selected machine learning mode were identified. The extreme gradient boosting and random forest classifiers showed better accuracy and predictive performance than others which indicates this study has added a new reference for selecting data-driven machine learning algorithms for a metabolic analysis of urine under cadmium exposure.

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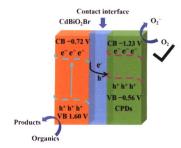


# CdBiO<sub>2</sub>Br nanosheets *in situ* strong coupling to carbonized polymer dots and improved photocatalytic activity for organic pollutants degradation

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A novel Z-scheme composite semiconductor photocatalytic system  $CPDs/CdBiO_2Br$  enhances the migration and separation of photogenerated carriers and contributes to the generation of reactive oxygen species.



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## Electrocatalytic degradation of pesticide micropollutants in water by high energy pulse magnetron sputtered Pt/Ti anode

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The high energy pulse magnetron sputtering embedded Pt atoms into the  $TiO_2$  lattice on the surface of Ti plate and produced the optimized Pt/Ti electrode. Based on the Pt/Ti electrocatalysis we designed a purifier machine to generate more 'OH and destroyed dichlorvos and azoxystrobin in water efficiently.

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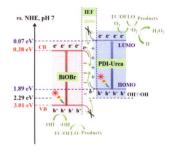
# Novel organic/inorganic PDI-Urea/BiOBr S-scheme heterojunction for improved photocatalytic antibiotic degradation and $H_2O_2$ production

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A novel organic/inorganic S-scheme heterojunction PDI-Urea/BiOBr composite photocatalyst showed higher photocatalytic activity for the degradation of tetracycline (TC), ofloxacin (OFLO) and the production of  $\rm H_2O_2$  in the spectral range of 400–800 nm.

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## Hydroxyl radical induced from hydrogen peroxide by cobalt manganese oxides for ciprofloxacin degradation

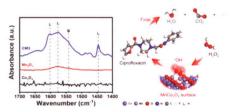
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 $MnCo_2O_4$  has more Lewis acid sites due to the synergistic effect of Co and Mn.  $H_2O_2$  is a Lewis base that is strongly absorbed by Lewis acid sites to generate abundant hydroxyl ('OH). As a result,  $MnCo_2O_4$  has excellent performance for activating  $H_2O_2$  to decompose the typical ciprofloxacin pollutant.

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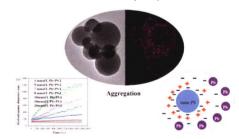


### An insight into aggregation kinetics of polystyrene nanoplastics interaction with metal cations

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The aggregation kinetics of different sizes of polystyrene nanoplastics with metal cations at different solution pH were investigated. The adsorption behavior of cations onto nanoplastics was determined by TEM and EDX, which demonstrated the adherence of cations onto the surface of nanoplastics with the effect of charge neutralization.



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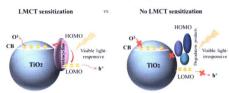
## Tetracycline sensitizes $TiO_2$ for visible light photocatalytic degradation via ligand-to-metal charge transfer

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Tetracycline sensitized pure  $TiO_2$  for visible light photocatalytic degradation via ligand-to-metal charge transfer mechanism. The intermediate degradation products of TC, however, did not sensitize  $TiO_2$ .

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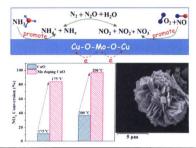


# Investigation of the promotion effect of Mo doped CuO catalysts for the low-temperature performance of NH<sub>3</sub>-SCR reaction

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The doping of Mo into CuO lattice leads to the formation of Cu-O-Mo system with strong electron interaction between Cu and Mo, providing more Lewis and Brønsted acid sites, which is beneficial to the adsorption of  $NH_3$  and  $NO_x$  and thereby enhancing the low-temperature activity with above 80%  $NO_x$  conversion at 175 °C.



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