



# Benign-by-design strategies for biomass/waste conversion into valuables: present and future

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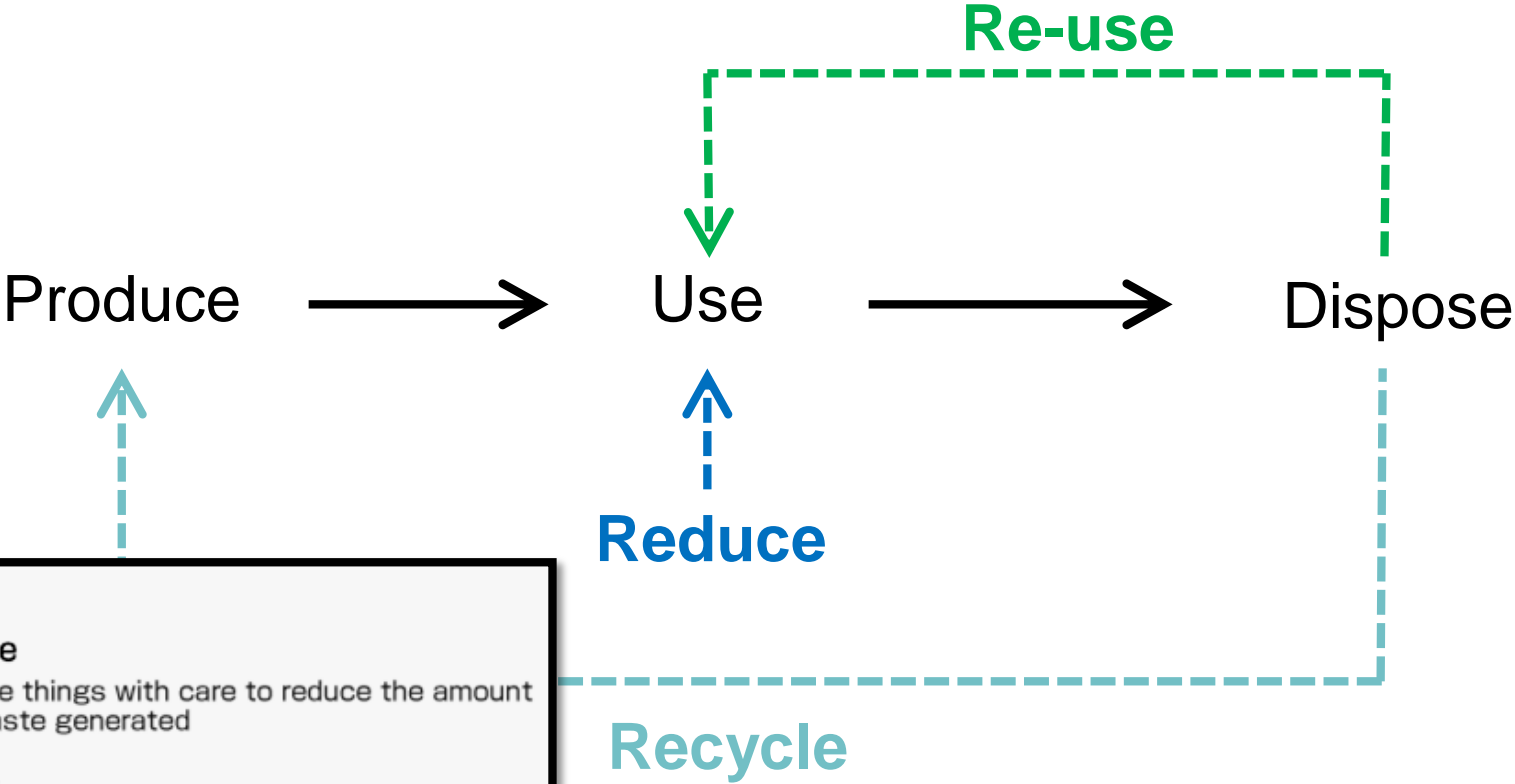


ITS ALWAYS THE SAME THING.....

Produce → Use → Dispose

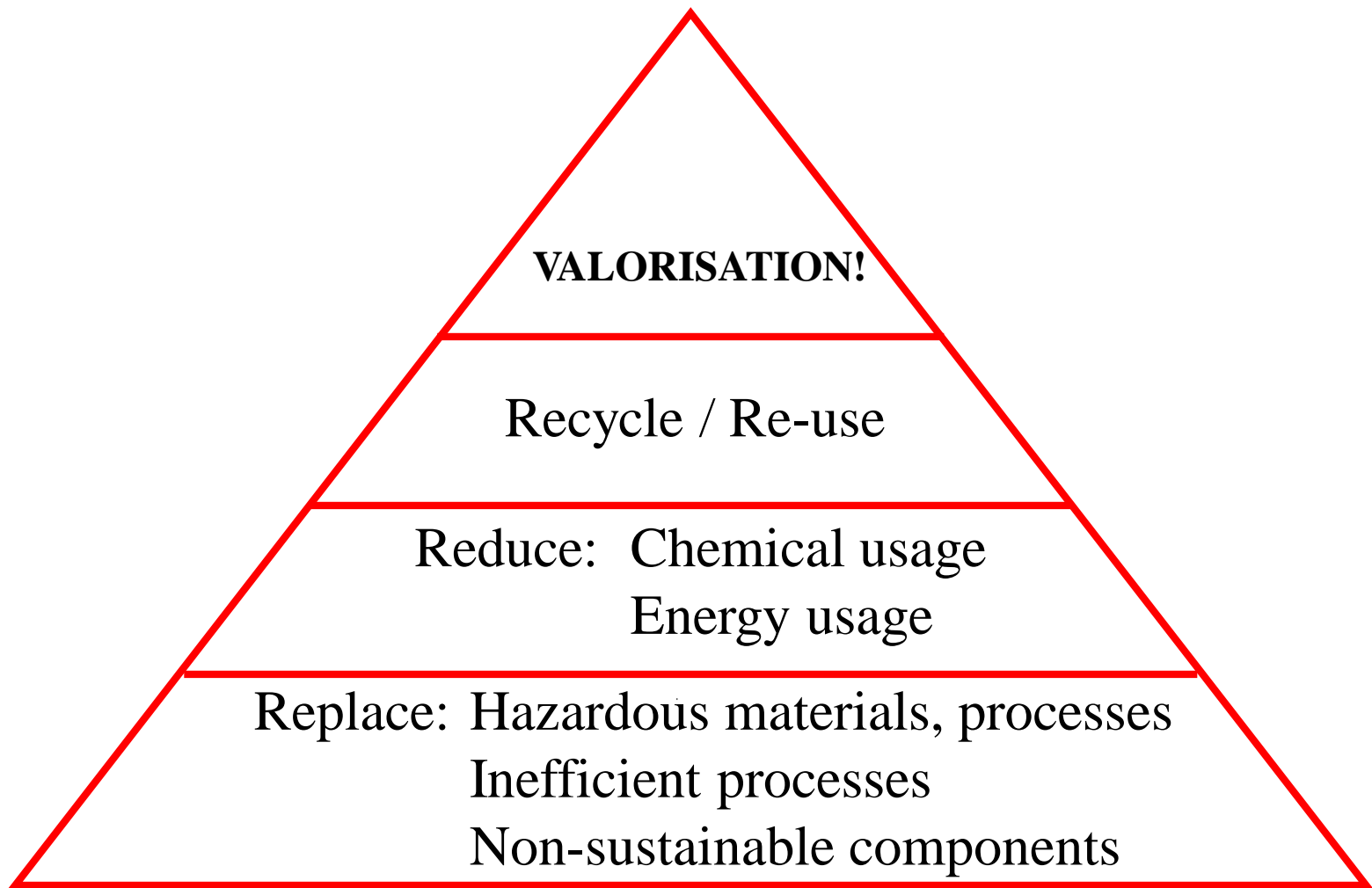


# Mindset change: The circular economy...



- Reduce  
To use things with care to reduce the amount of waste generated
- Reuse  
To repeat use of items or parts of items
- Recycle  
To use waste as resources

... and way beyond!





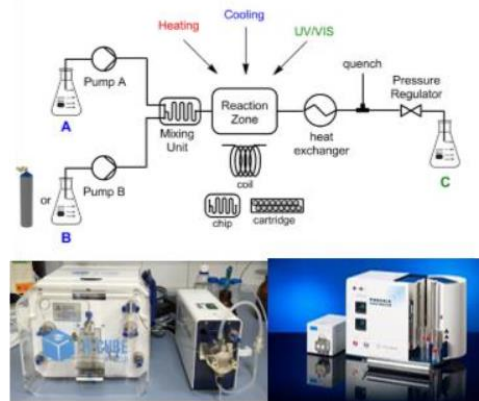
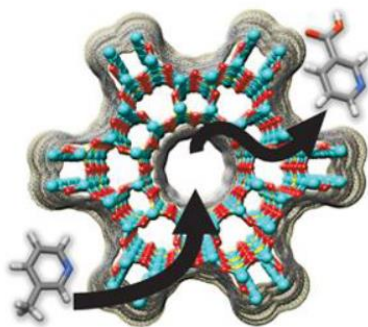
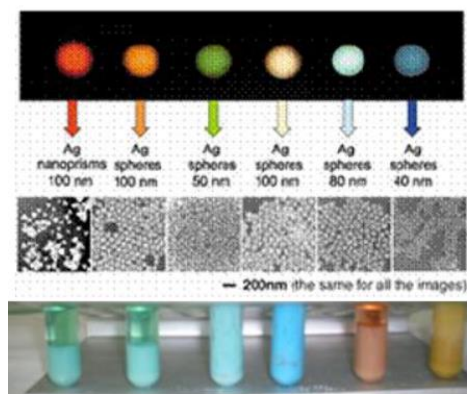
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### Nanoscale Chemistry

### Heterogeneous (Photo)(bio)Catalysis

### Flow Chemistry

### Biomass and Waste Valorization



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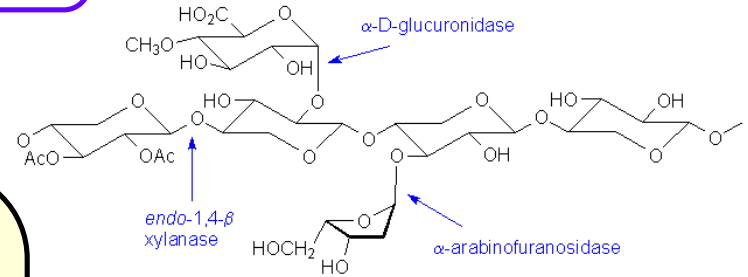
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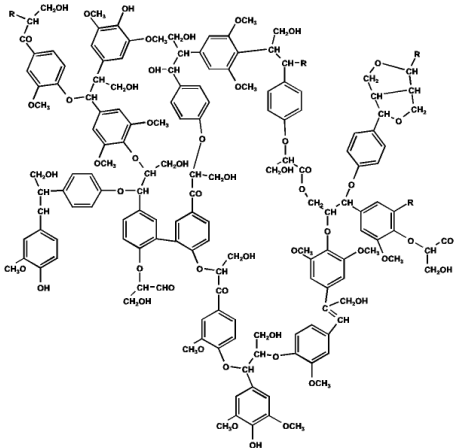
These include *novel protocols for materials engineering, flow chemical processes, and biomass & waste valorization.*

# Knowing chemical composition is the key to success!!!

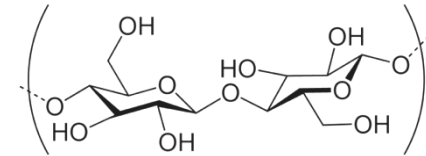
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## WASTE TO WEALTH: FROM RESIDUES TO MARKETABLE PRODUCTS



# NANOCATALYSIS!!



## Green technologies

(e.g. microwaves, extraction, fractionation)



Personal care products



Coatings and unguents



Paint additives



Biodegradable plastics

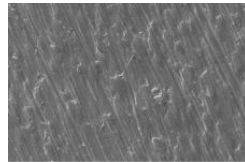


Other derivatives (chemicals, fuels, etc.)



# Two representative examples

- **Waste to biomaterials and energy**



- Waste-to-pharma





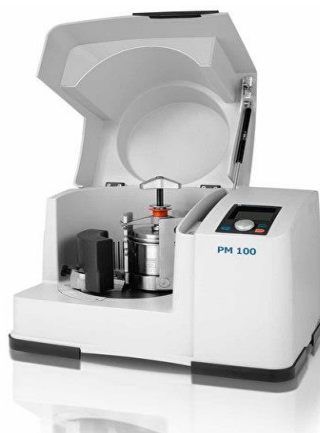
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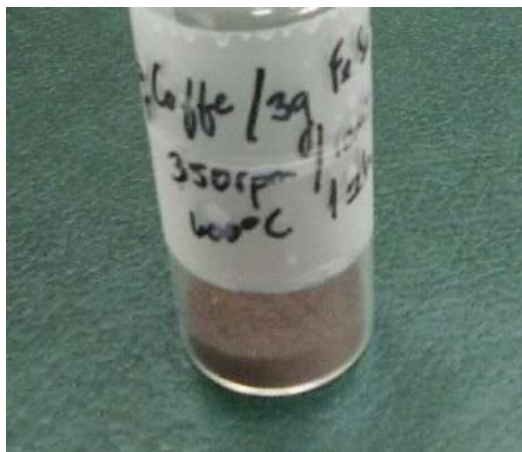
# FOOD WASTE VALORISATION



Metal precursors



Coffee waste grounds



Magnetic nanomaterials

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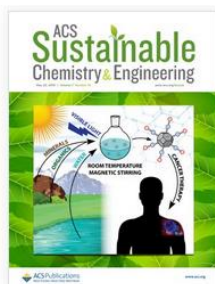
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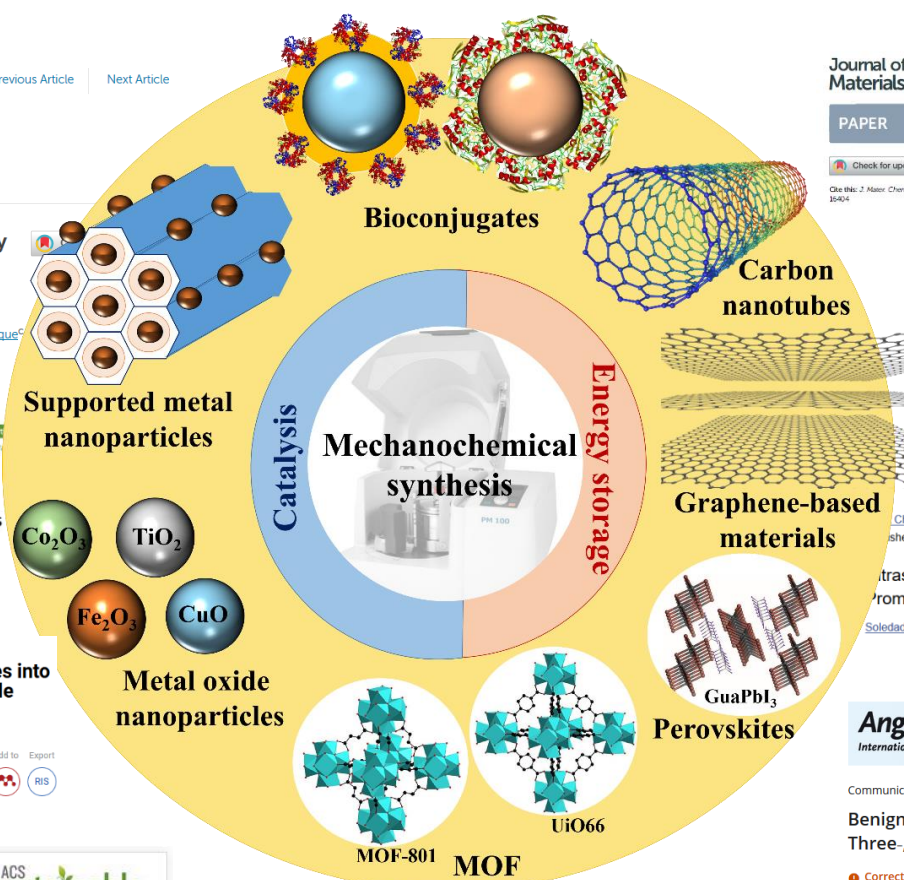
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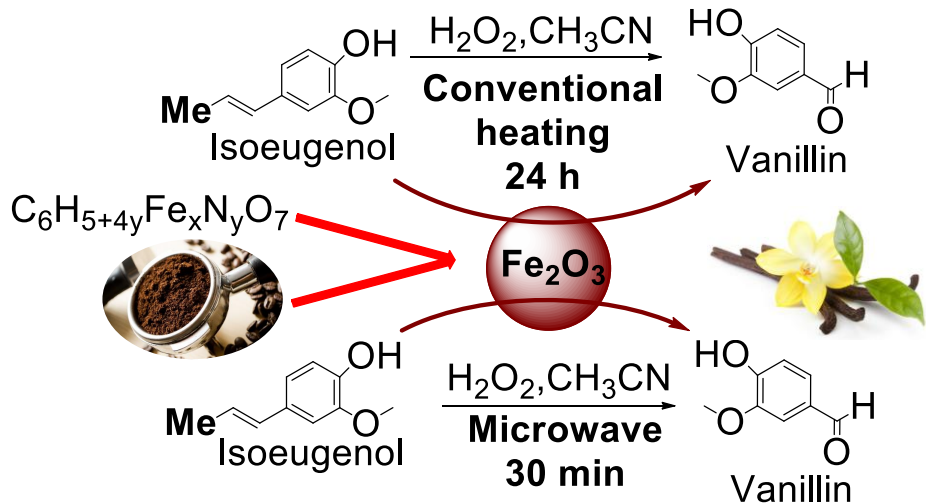
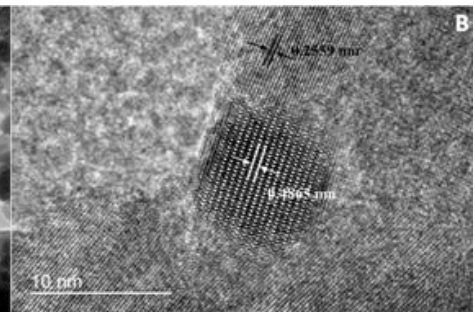
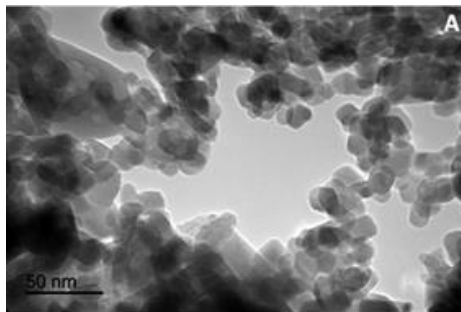
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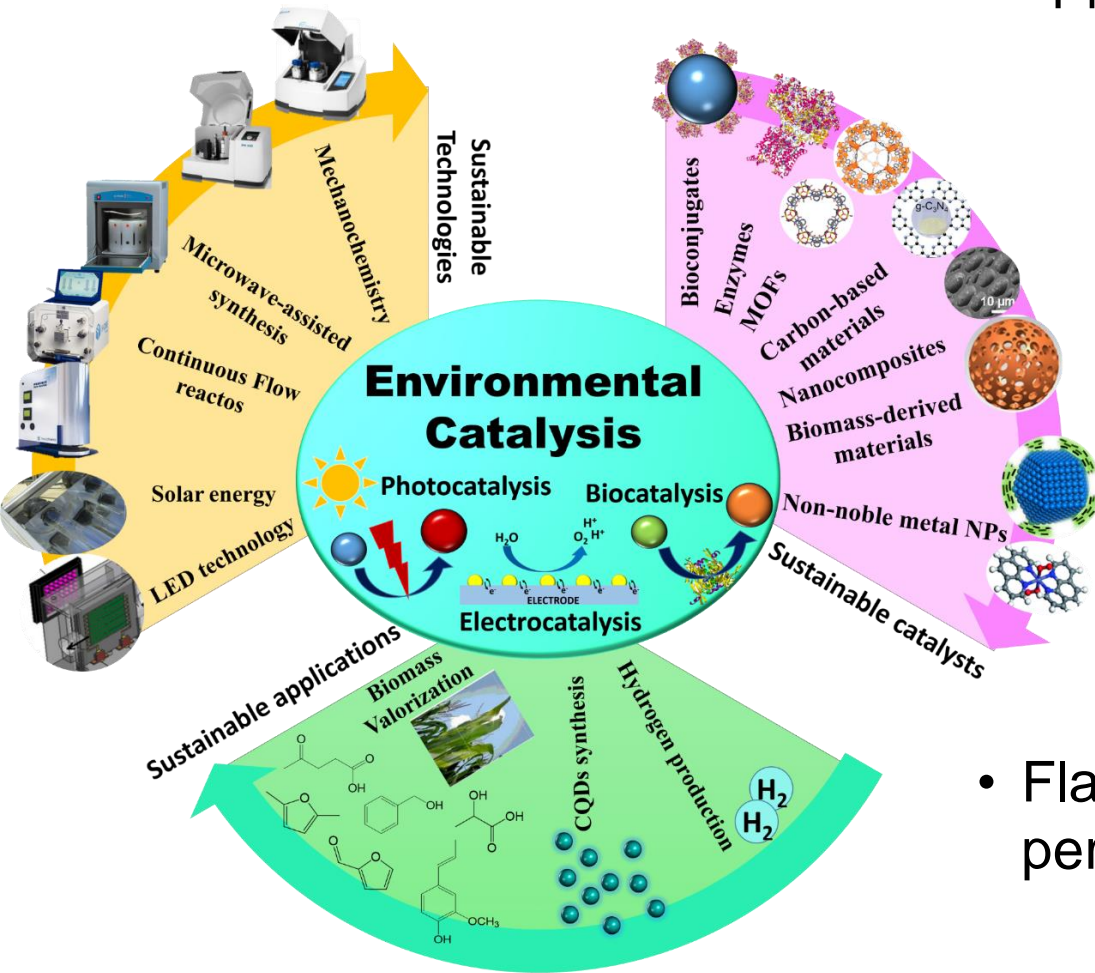
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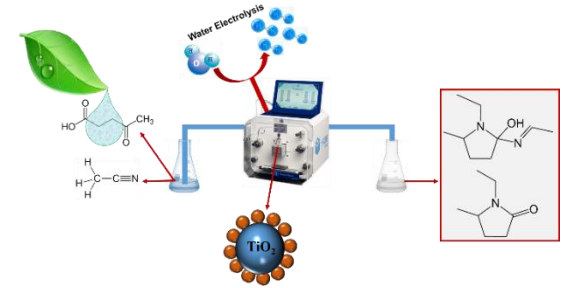




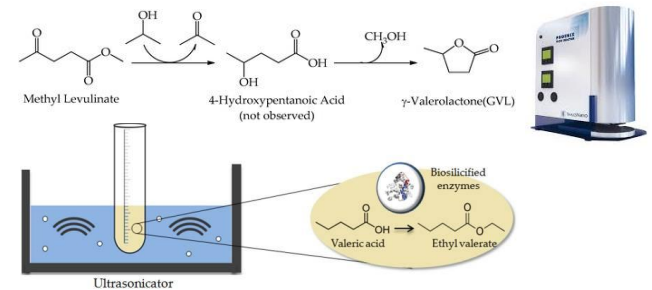
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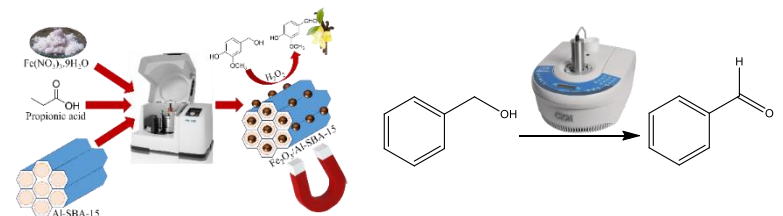
- Pharmacophores and agrochemicals



- Biofuels and fuels additives.



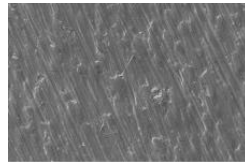
- Flavoring molecules for cosmetics, perfumes and food industries.





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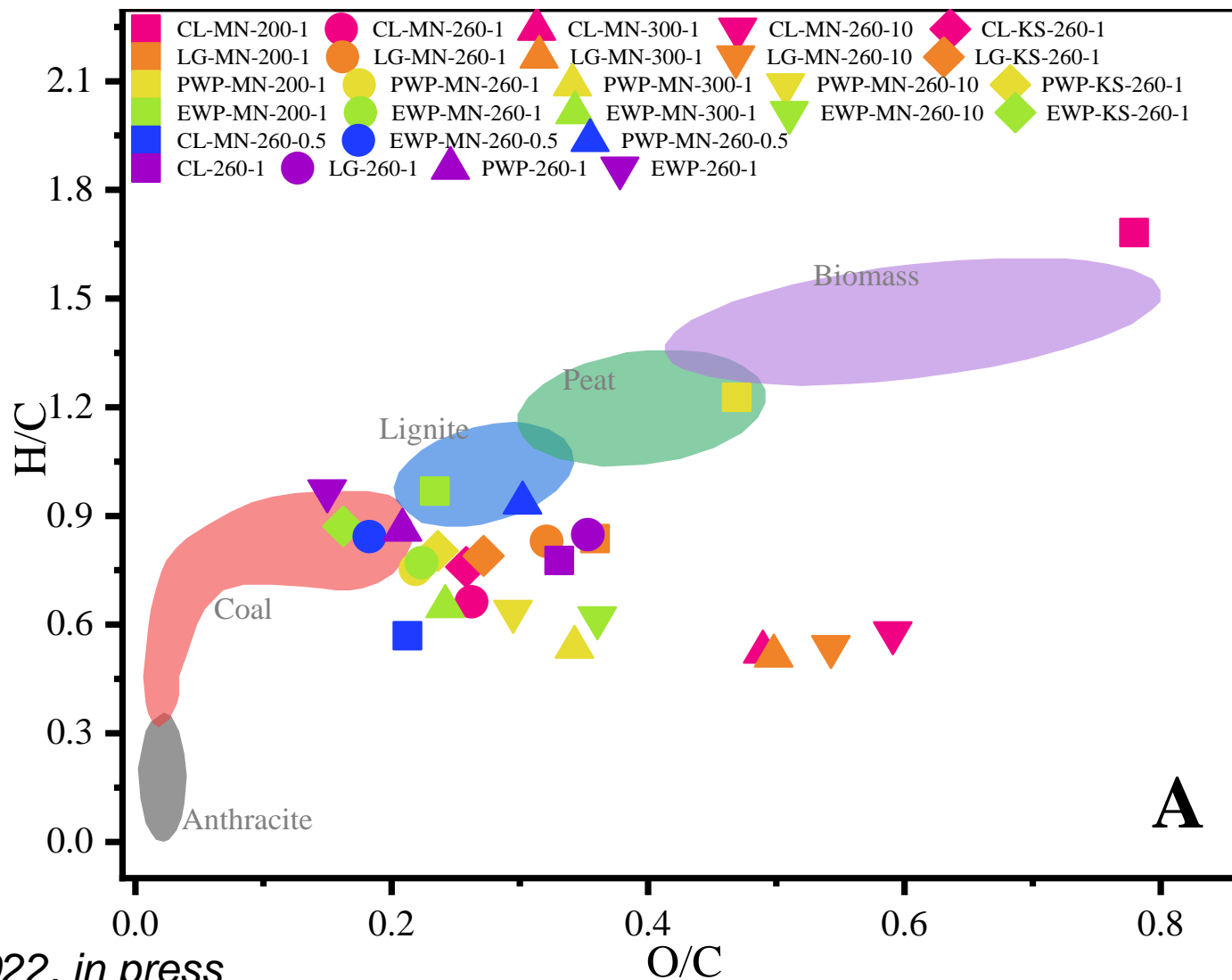
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- Waste-to-pharma



# Waste to artificial coal



# Waste to bioplastics



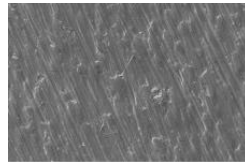


Weighing Raw Material  
3g of Citric Acid and 6ml of Deion  
3g of Protein Based Solid Product and 16m



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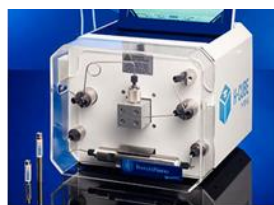
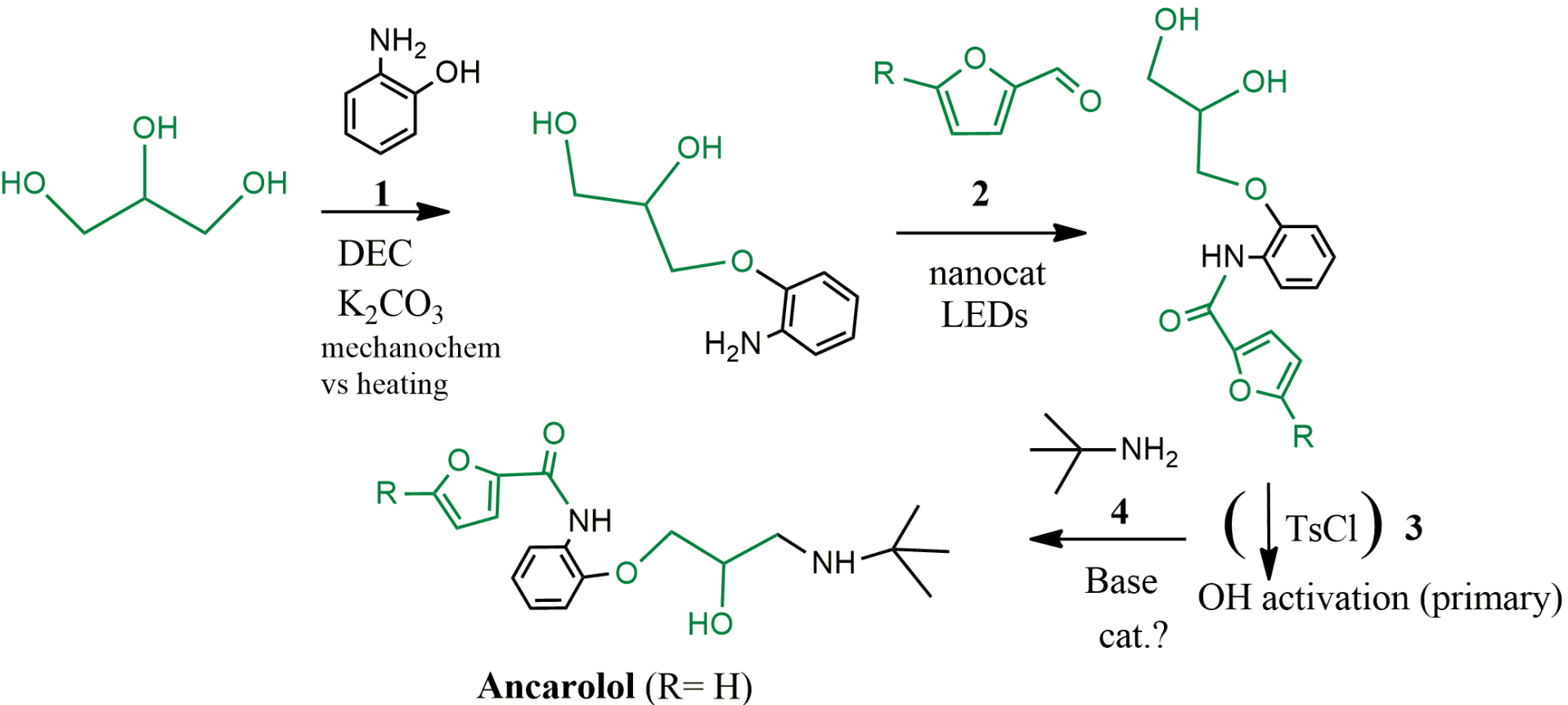
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Ecotoxicology

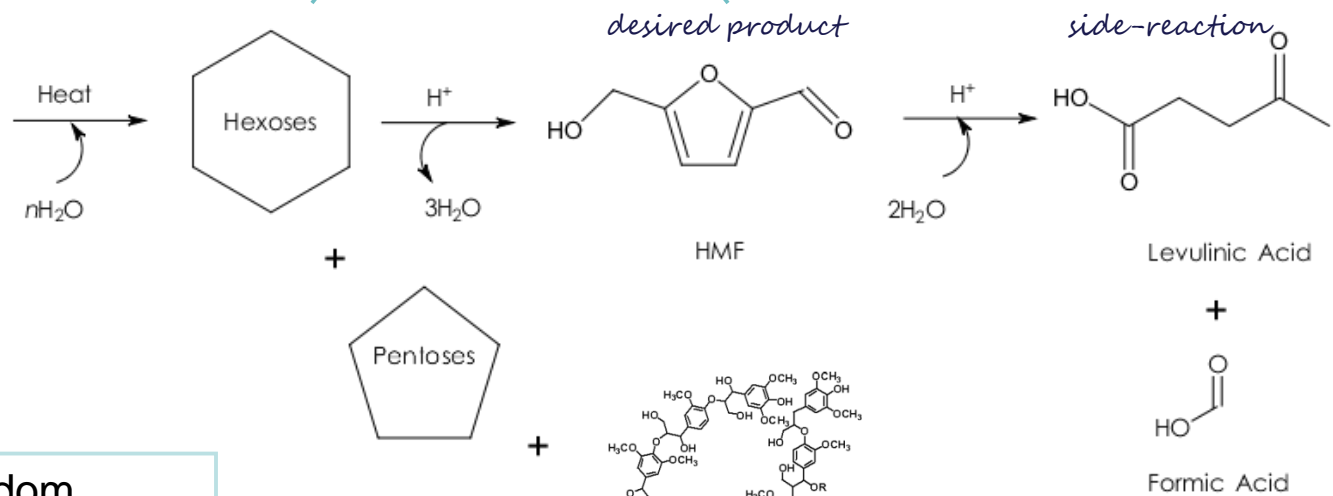
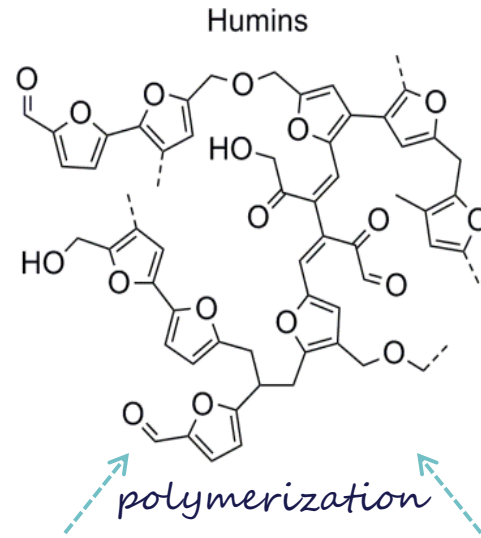


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chemistry

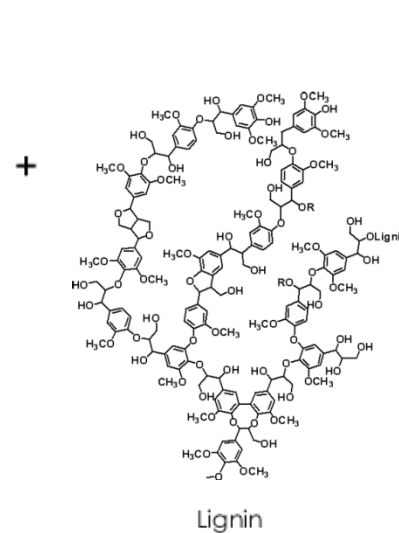
Nanomaterials  
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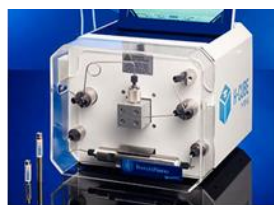
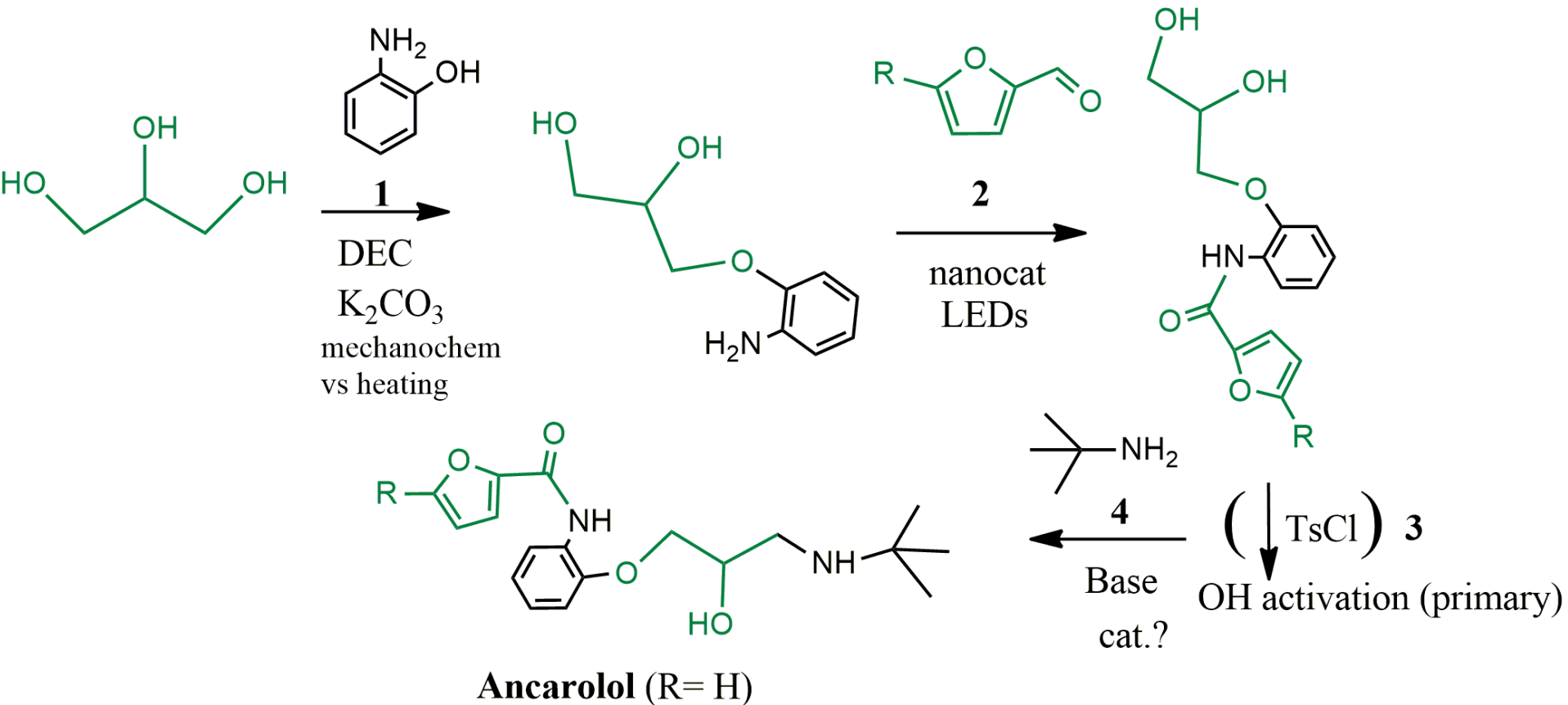
# Humin by-products



Humins are random polydisperse macromolecules with a **furanic backbone** and **oxygenated linkages**(e.g. alcohol, aldehyde, acetals, ketone)



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Ecotoxicology



Flow  
chemistry

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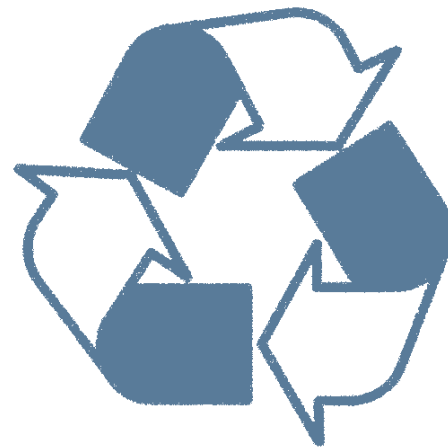






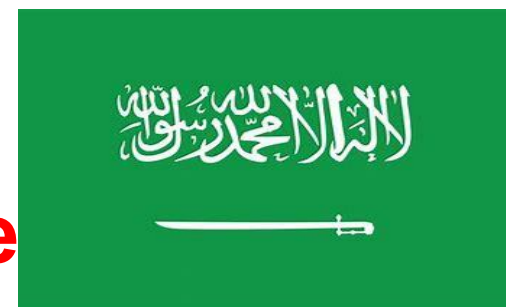
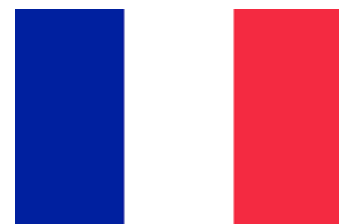
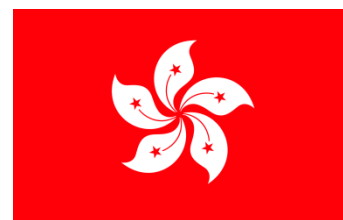
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