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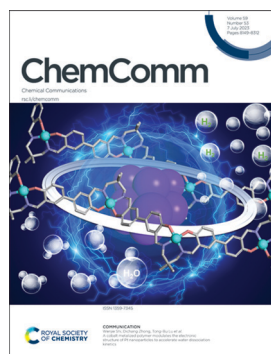
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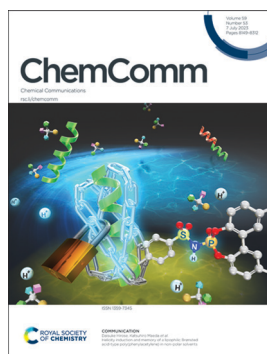
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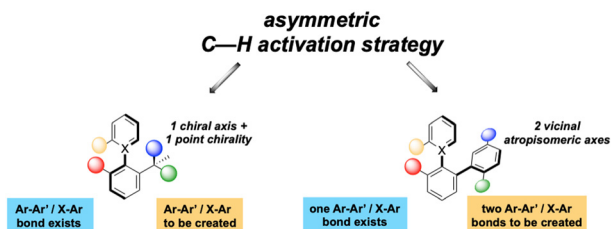
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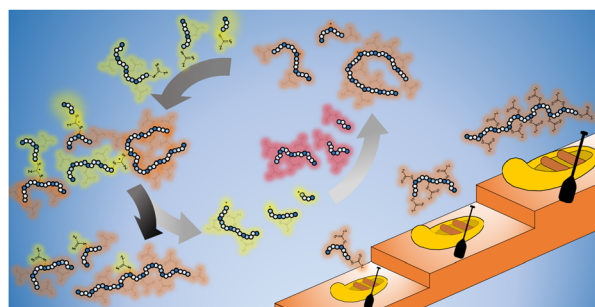


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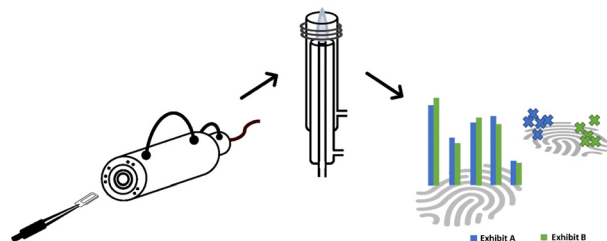


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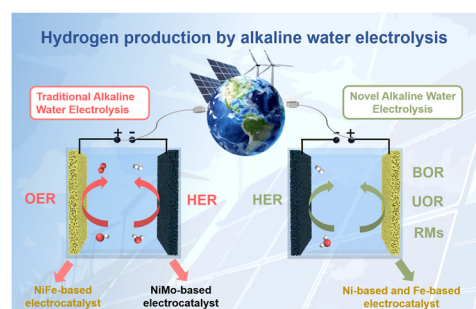
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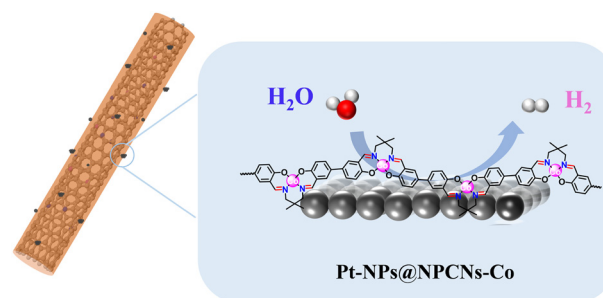


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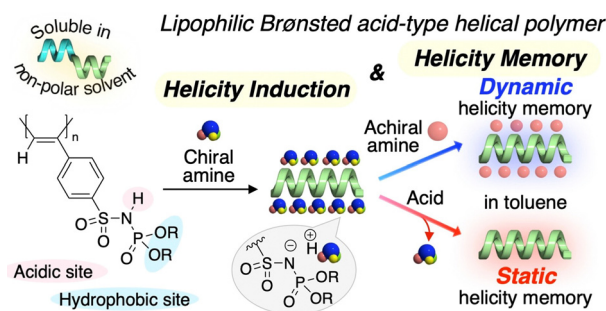
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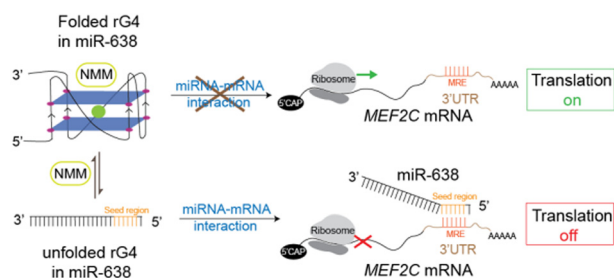
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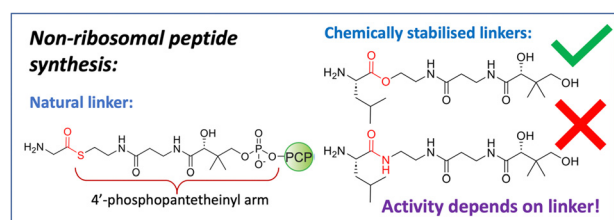
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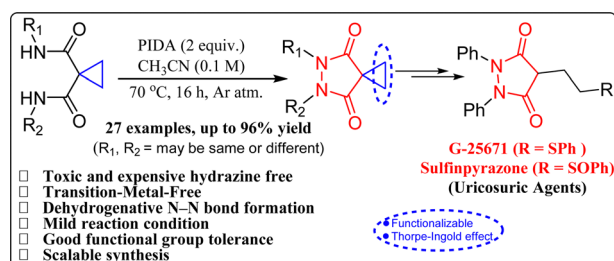
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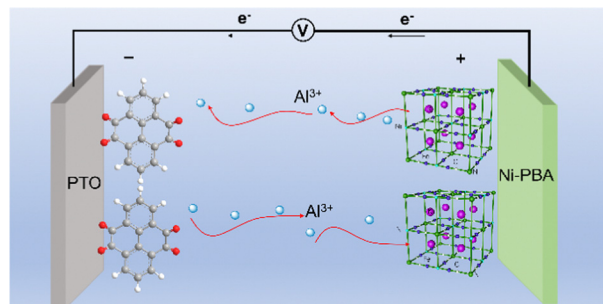


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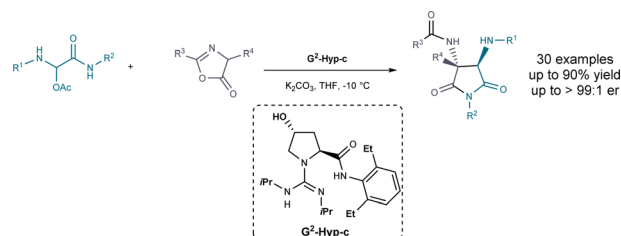
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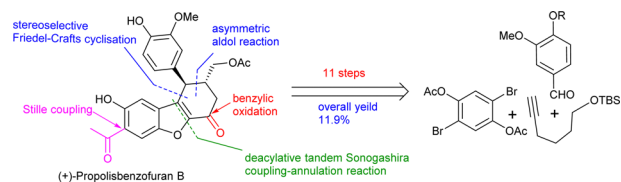
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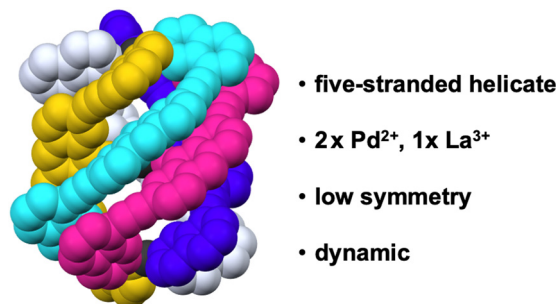
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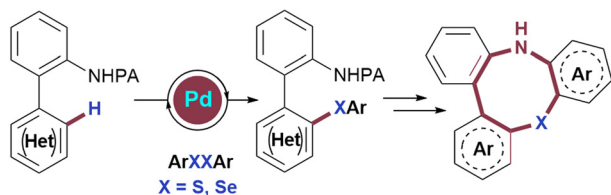
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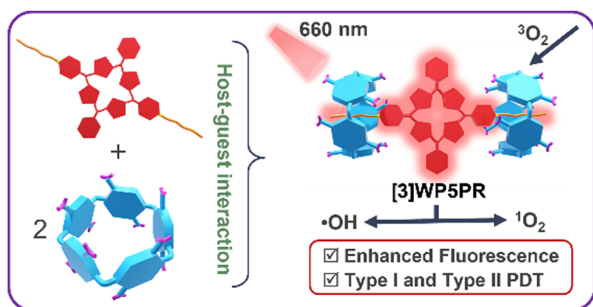


- Distal- and regioselectivity
- Broad substrate scope
- Widely functional group tolerance
- 45 examples, up to 96% yield
- Application to the synthesis of non-planar heterocycles

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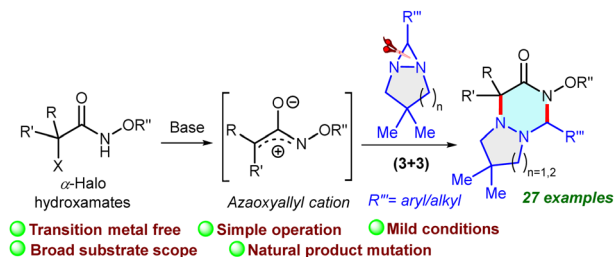
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- Transition metal free
- Simple operation
- Mild conditions
- Broad substrate scope
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Pallab Karjee, Santu Mandal, Bijoy Debnath, Nirali Namdev and Tharmalingam Punniyamurthy\*

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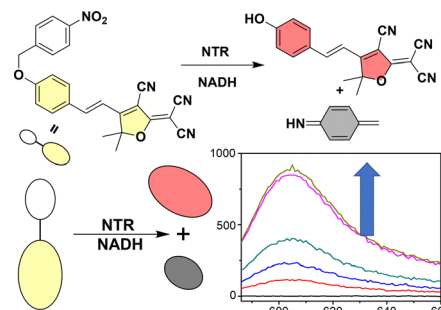


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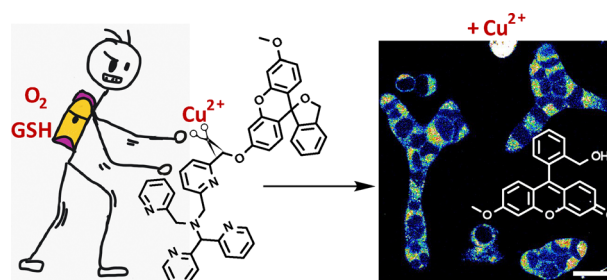
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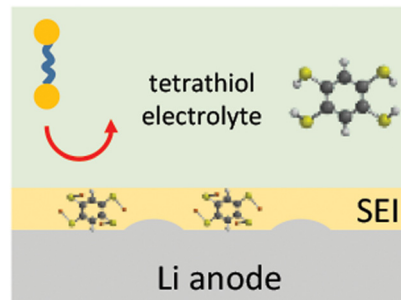
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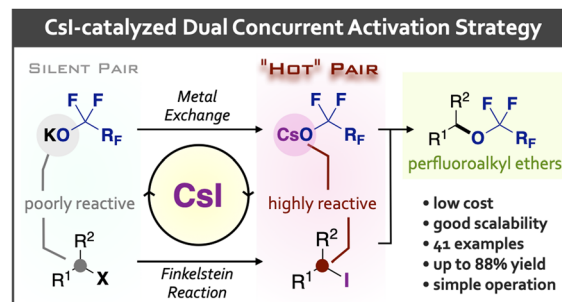
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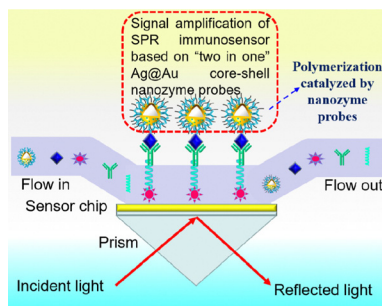
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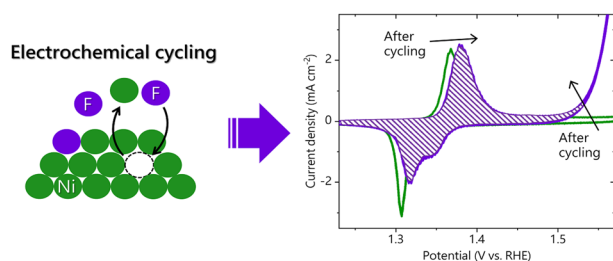
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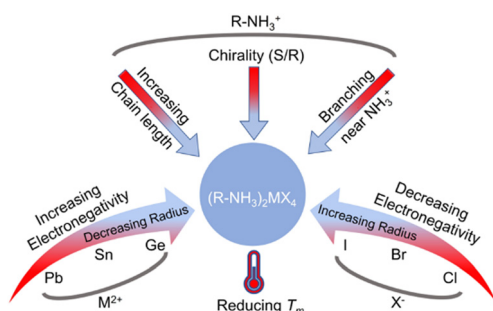
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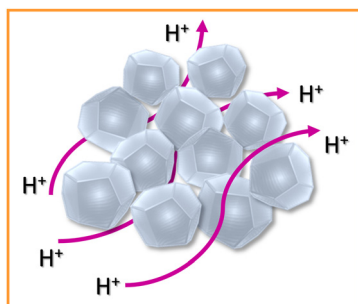
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