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Metal-Organic Frameworks (MOFs) as Heterogeneous (Photo-)Catalysts in Organic Transformation Reactions

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Modern synthetic designs demand the minimization of synthetic steps together with environmentally and chemically more efficient benign processes, which dictate and appeal the further development of such synthetic strategies and tactics. Designing new protocols with emphasis on reducing the use of toxic reaction media, transition metals, oxidants/additives, and precious (rare and expensive) catalysts, remains significantly challenging. Metal-organic frameworks (MOFs), so-called porous coordination polymers (PCPs), are three-dimensionally extended crystalline materials having high porosity, and are composed of metal-ion containing nodes/secondary building units (SBUs) and organic linkers/struts. By using rationally chosen organic linkers and metal-containing precursors, crystalline solids with uniformly structured cavities, high surface area, high porosity, and tailorable physicochemical properties can be achieved [1,2]. In addition, the possibility of post-synthetic modification (PSM) of MOFs, as an important method to produce new functionalized frameworks, creates new opportunities for their further applications. As a result, MOFs have been recently demonstrated to be highly valuable materials for a wide range of potential applications such as gas storage, separation, sensing, conductivity, light harvesting, drug delivery, deactivation of chemical warfare agents, removing toxic materials from air and water, and catalysis. This emerging class of catalysts exhibits the advantages of both homogeneous and heterogeneous catalysts. Porosity, as a microstructured reactor, can be used both to increase accessible catalytically active sites and to preconcentrate substrates, increasing reaction rates and yields of products. Furthermore, non-covalent interactions, such as van der Waals forces and solvophobic effects may serve to intensify the interaction between substrates and the surface of MOF, resulting in more efficient adsorption and packing, thereby causing the enhancement of the reaction rate. The utilization of MOFs in heterogeneous photocatalysis is currently an emerging field in organic transformations, aiming the use of natural light as renewable energy to minimize the environmental problems. With growing demand for organic chemicals and pharmaceuticals, it is urgent to develop green and effective strategies for selective synthesis of the compounds.

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