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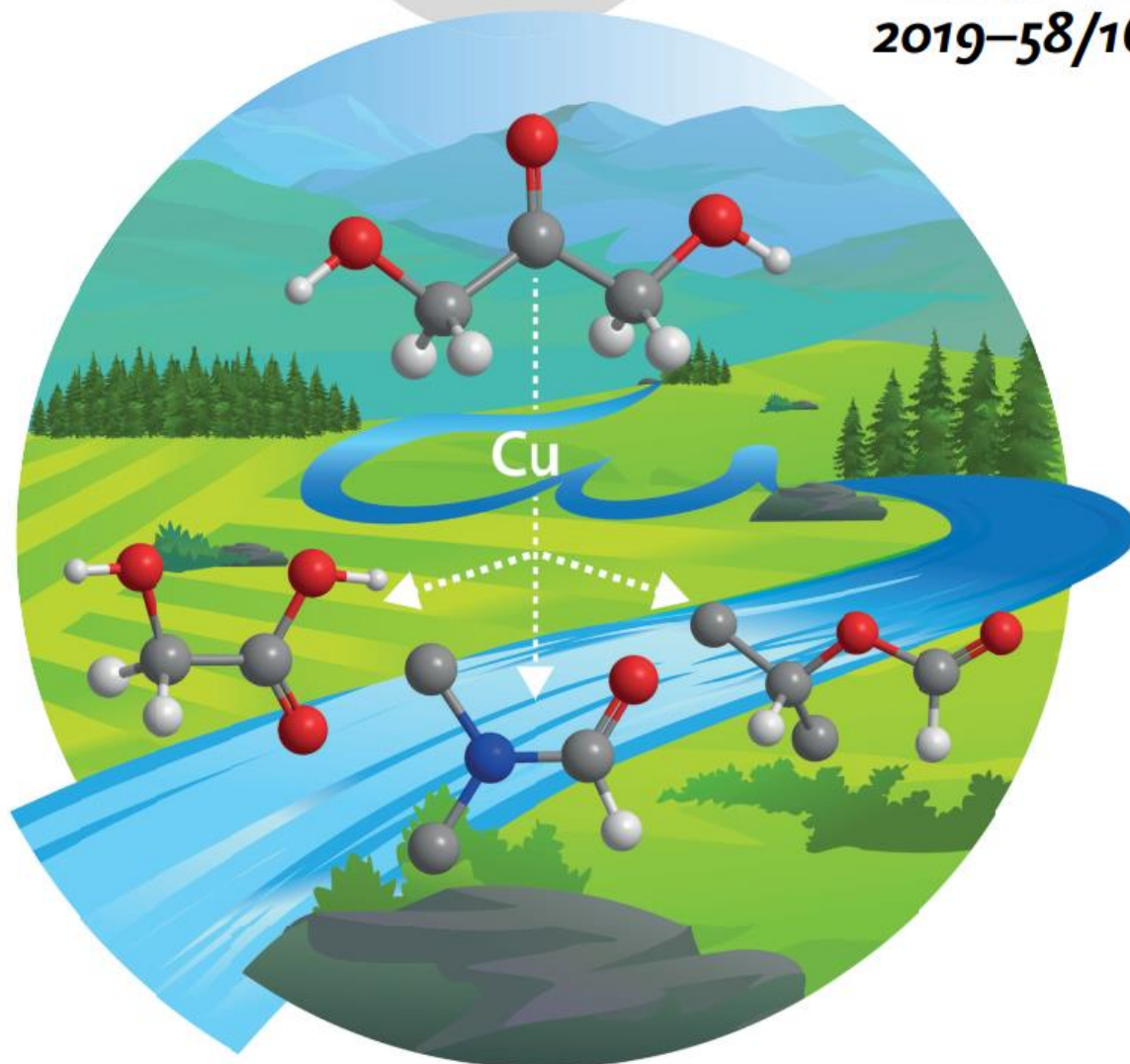
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Biomass-based 1,3-dihydroxyacetone ...

... can be converted in a sustainable one-pot process at room temperature with 100 % atom efficiency to valuable glycolic acid, formamides, and formates. In their Communication on page 5251 ff., F. Shi, A. Brückner, and co-workers showed that this proceeds through a radical mechanism on a cheap catalyst, containing single Cu atoms supported on alumina.

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Dai X, Adomeit S, Rabeah J, Kreyenschulte C, Brückner A, Wang H and **Shi F**. *Angew. Chem.*, **2019**, *58*, 5251-5255. Sustainable Co-Synthesis of Glycolic Acid, Formamides and Formates from 1,3-Dihydroxyacetone by a Cu/Al₂O₃ Catalyst with a Single Active Site.