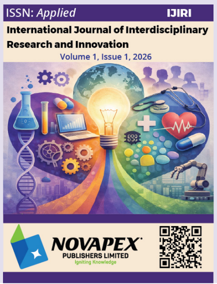

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ABSTRACT

This review summarizes the relevant literature in chemical research during 2020–2025 and is organized into seven major themes: chemical synthesis, catalysis, materials chemistry, analytical chemistry, computational chemistry, green chemistry, and nanotechnology. This review collates evidence from 20 peer-reviewed publications to highlight evolving trends, novel approaches, and future research avenues. The 12 principles of green chemistry have provided a framework that unites all disciplines to promote sustainability in pharmaceutical synthesis, catalytic processes, and materials development. Important developments encompass photoredox catalysis for environmentally friendly organic transformations, Pickering emulsion catalysis for interfacial reactions, redox chemistry of gold for selective transformations between ionic and radical pathways, and the linking of computational approaches with experimental techniques. Contribution of green chemistry metrics and process intensification towards sustainable pharmaceutical sector: Environmentally friendly design principles are widely used to grow nanotechnology applications. Looking forward, we identify the need for systems-level thinking to integrate initiatives across research spaces; sensitive applications of artificial intelligence towards embedding them within computational chemistry rather than being an independent discipline; circular economy frameworks need development and application in terms of sustainable innovation frameworks; the next generation (which starts in school) needs increased education focusing on themes currently eclipsed. The review showcases significant progress made and the challenges that remain, emphasizing the continuing need for interdisciplinary collaboration toward a sustainable future in chemistry.

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1. Introduction

Between 2020 and 2025, transformative advancements in chemical research at an unprecedented scale have integrated sustainability principles with innovative cutting-edge science. As the challenges of climate change, resource depletion, and environmental degradation intensify globally, the chemical sciences are transforming their approaches by optimizing for planetary health along with performance—paradigm-shifting efforts that will empower all domains (including global manufacturing) in a new generation of products and processes. Thus, this study reviewed the recent developments in seven interrelated areas in chemical sciences:

1. chemical synthesis
2. catalysis
3. materials chemistry
4. analytical chemistry
5. computational chemistry
6. Green Chemistry and waste management, and finally in nanotechnology

This unifying framework is captured in the emergence of green chemistry, and its guiding principles represent a paradigm shift in how chemists think about molecular design, process development, and industrial implementation. Far from being a brake on chemical research, the sustainability agenda has become a motor for innovation, as new methods, materials, and applications previously thought impossible have been uncovered. This review synthesizes findings from 20 peer-reviewed publications to (i) illuminate general trends and insights, (ii) assess methodological advances that have yielded insights, and iii: project novel research trajectories of likely relevance to the discipline over decades ahead

The integration of systems thinking through all levels, from the molecular to the global, has become imperative for tackling complex problems, including pharmaceutical manufacturing, energy conversion, materials development, and environmental remediation. As Zimmerman et al. (2020) state, the material foundation of a sustainable society relies on chemical products and processes designed according to life-friendly principles, which necessitates consideration of the inherent molecular properties from the initial stages of design. This integrative vision underscores modern chemistries and sets the conceptual basis for the innovations presented in this review.

2. Green Chemistry: A Unifying Framework

2.1 Principles and Evolution

Green chemistry has transitioned from a nascent paradigm to an internally coherent framework that reorganizes parts of chemical research and industrial practice. The historical evolution in the field exhibits increasing awareness of the environmental impacts of chemical technologies and the need for green alternatives (Kahawas, 2024). Eight of these principles (the original framework has 12) provide practical instructions for chemists in all subdisciplines, emphasizing waste prevention, atom economy, safer chemical design, and energy efficiency (Abdussalam-Mohammed et al., 2020).

Abdussalam-Mohammed et al. (2020) offer an extensive discussion of these principles and their implementation strategies including bio-catalysis, alternative renewable raw materials such as biomass, alternative reaction media such as ionic liquids and supercritical fluids, and alternative reaction conditions such as microwave activation. The publication underlined that green chemistry seeks to eliminate hazardous substances from chemical products and the processes used in their production, and prevent harm to the environment through methods that provide for a cleaner and more cost-effective industry. The authors also note drawbacks and implementation barriers for each principle, giving a balanced view of the state of the field

The core principles of green chemistry have evolved significantly, covering broader thematic contours cutting through the frameworks of sustainable and circular chemistry. Zuin et al. (2021)

examined whether green chemistry might be better known as "greener chemistry" or "chemistry for greener products," which speaks to interesting ongoing discussions about the field's reach and ambitions. This semantic debate poses deeper questions about whether we view green chemistry as providing incremental improvements or revolutionary changes to chemical practice.

Foundational concepts introduced by Matlack in (2001) continue to guide modern research, including the shift away from toxic chemicals such as phosgene, solid catalysts and reagents leading to easier work-up procedures, and recycling chemistry and long-lasting materials. These early discoveries have set the course for robust research programs in materials for a sustainable economy, energy efficiency, and environmental economics. The discipline has evolved from problem-solving with sensors to holistic solutions across industrial sectors

2.2 Implementation Challenges and Opportunities

The implementation of green chemistry principles has shown significant advances; however, it still faces challenges that are intrinsic to economic viability, regulatory frameworks, finality of most technical changes, and knowledge transfer. Chen et al. (2020) explores the broad implementation of green chemistry concepts within industry onboarding in a circular economy context, highlighting major areas where this onboarding occurs such as management systems and education programs. Their work underscores that creating the ideal conditions for the sustainable development goals to be met requires not only technical innovation but also organizational transformation and workforce empowerment.

The pharmaceutical manufacturing sector is where the hurdles and prospects of green chemistry implementation are most illustrative. Becker et al. (2022) provide a recent overview of green chemistry with sustainability metrics tailored to pharmaceutical process development and manufacturing under good manufacturing practices (GMP). Their assessment highlights the synergies or discrepancies between green chemistry principles and regulatory frameworks, exposing frictions between sustainability imperatives and traditional quality assurance paradigms. Two case study examples demonstrate effective strategies for implementing green chemistry principles: Takeda developed greener process conditions by replacing organic solvents with micellar catalysis in water during the manufacture of their API, TAK-954 11, while Merck implemented cutting-edge technologies to intensify processes that featured innovations in the manufacturing of API MK-7264. Both examples highlight that improving process mass intensity (PMI) can come from wildly disparate paths, indicating different avenues towards sustainable pharmaceutical manufacturing.

Industrial significance stems from the widespread applications of associated framework materials in chemistry, catalysis, and materials science. This makes it challenging but immensely useful as it not only has defined rules but also integrates concepts from organometallic chemistry, catalysis, and emergent areas. This aids in the development of blueprints for sustainable chemical practices. This ability to integrate becomes ever more vital as chemical research continues to grow in scope and specialization, drawing on different areas of expertise (Ganesh et al. (2021).

3. Advances in Chemical Synthesis

3.1 Sustainable Organic Synthesis

The implementation of green chemistry principles has radicalized the field of organic synthesis, and new strategies are currently being developed that redefine chemical synthesis. This article reviews recent advances in sustainable organic synthesis, with an emphasis on innovative strategies and emerging trends that promote sustainability in green chemistry and provides a detailed review of previous research. This research proves that sustainability does not necessarily sacrifice synthetic efficiency or molecular complexity but can instead elicit new retrosynthetic pathways and reaction designs (Kohansal).

The incorporation of green chemistry principles into organic synthesis necessitates a different approach to the basic components of reaction design, such as solvent selection, reagent selection, reaction conditions, and work-up procedures. Conventional organic synthesis tended to be wasteful in terms of generating large volumes of waste with toxic solvents, stoichiometric reagents, and energy-intensive conditions. Modern methods focus on solvent-free reactivity, catalytic chemistry, the use of renewable feedstocks, and mild reaction conditions that reduce the environmental impact while attaining satisfactory or higher degrees of synthons.

Zimmerman et al. Johnstone et al. (2020) suggest that to design for a green chemistry future we must account for fundamental molecular attributes as early in the design process as possible, such as whether compounds and processes have renewable versus depleting characteristics; benign versus toxic; and readily degradable versus persistent attributes. This integration at the design stage marks a paradigm shift from end-of-pipe techniques to sustainability embedded within processes. Merging sustainability considerations into all aspects of products, feedstocks, and manufacturing processes requires a systems-based thinking approach from the molecular to the global scale, which the authors define as performance with a much broader lens than is traditionally employed that incorporates the conditions set forth by green chemistry and green engineering principles within these domains.

3.2 Pharmaceutical Synthesis

In recent years, the pharmaceutical industry has stepped up as a bellwether of green chemistry, thanks to the triple combination of cost savings, codes of practice, and corporate targets. Kar et al. detailed the principles and metrics for pharmaceutical synthesis based on green solvents, alternative reaction media, one-pot synthesis, multicomponent reactions (MCRs), continuous processing, and process intensification. The review they present advocates for an integrated design paradigm for API life cycles with the goal of minimizing hazards and pollution while maximizing resource efficiency

This work demonstrates a generic synthetic pathway for the synthesis of key APIs, and the practical examples highlighted additionally demonstrate the need to focus on the sustainable production of APIs by reducing waste and maximizing atom economy. Cascades, multi-component reactions (MCRs), continuous processing, and process intensification are significant classes of reactions relevant to green synthesis, and the authors believe that these strategies will play a fundamental role in the future of green and sustainable synthesis of APIs. The ability of green chemistry to meet high regulatory standards while being economically viable at an industrial scale is demonstrated by the adoption of these methods in the pharmaceutical sector.

One of the most profound advances in pharmaceutical manufacturing is the shift from batch to continuous processing. The benefits of continuous processing include better heat and mass transfer, lower reaction volumes, better safety profiles, and the potential for real-time process monitoring and control. Continuous processing could greatly decrease the ecological impact of pharmaceutical manufacturing and simultaneously improve product quality and reduce costs in line with process intensification strategies [1].

4. Catalysis: Innovations and Applications

4.1 Photoredox Catalysis

Owing to this remarkable ability, photoredox catalysis has evolved into one of the novelest methods in industry and academia from a green perspective. Crisenza et al. As Cassani et al (2020) remind that recent advancements on photoredox catalysis could re-ignite the flame of synthetic chemistry, pointing to a continuous pursuit for organic chemistry being mirrored by Mother Nature in terms of efficiency and sustainability, but that the target has yet to be met and surpassed. It mentioned that metallaphotoredox catalysis, the joint use of transition metals and photoredox catalysis, had particularly advanced drug discovery by broadening the range of transformations that were available.

Photoredox catalysis utilizes visible light to form reactive intermediates in a relatively mild manner, enabling transitions that would otherwise require forceful reagents or extreme reaction conditions.

This is in accordance with various principles of green chemistry, such as energy efficiency, utilization of renewable resources as power sources, and decrease as well as avoidance of dangerous materials. Applications have been related to C-H functionalization, cross-coupling reactions, polymerization, as well as the synthesis of slightly complex natural products and drugs.

The integration of photoredox catalysis with other catalytic modes, particularly transition metal catalysis, has created synergistic systems capable of unprecedented transformations. These dual catalytic systems can activate both organic and organometallic intermediates simultaneously, thereby enabling bond formations that are challenging or impossible with either catalytic mode alone. This methodological convergence exemplifies how innovation in catalysis often emerges at the intersection of established approaches

4.2 Pickering Emulsion Catalysis

Pickering emulsion catalysis is a novel interface chemistry that has the potential to overcome the difficulties faced by heterogeneous catalysis for decades. Since 2010, the mechanical and catalytic properties of emulsions have been reviewed, with an outstanding recent review (Ni et al., 2022) clarifying the mechanisms and design strategies of amphiphilic emulsion catalysts, including intrinsic and extrinsic amphiphilicity, at a large. Abstract: Novel catalytic reactions involving nonclassical phase separation, "smart" emulsions, continuous flowing systems, and Pickering interface-mediated biotransformation are reviewed.

Pickering emulsions, which comprise two immiscible liquid phases stabilized by particles, represent a novel class of surfactant-free dispersions with potential applications as promising catalysis platforms to overcome the limitations of conventional approaches. The absence of associated molecular surfactants and the ease of separation from the products, along with the utilization of solid particles at the phase boundary as in situ catalysts or catalyst station, contribute to their advantageous characteristicss. This unique dual functionality presents techno-economic opportunities for process integration in the design of reaction-separation systems, thereby enhancing overall process efficiency and sustainability.

The authors further discuss the challenges and directions of future development in Pickering emulsion catalysis, including the need for increased understanding of interfacial phenomena, the creation of stimuli-responsive systems, and the combination of Pickering systems with continuous processing technologies. This study provides an example of how colloid and interface science can provide key scientific insights to convert fundamental research into sustainable industrial practice.

4.3 Gold Redox Catalysis

Gold redox chemistry has developed into a separate field in transition metal catalysis, with special reactivities and selectivities. Huang et al. We began by discussing recent developments in favoring oxidative addition to Au(I) complexes through strain release, ligand development and photochemistry, and associated insight into reductive elimination from Au(III) complexes that have enabled gold redox catalysis. These findings have a range of applications in, for instance, materials sciences, bioconjugation, and in radiochemical syntheses.

Gold redox chemistry offers the potential to access unique reactivities and selectivities that are quite different from those obtainable with other transition metals. Although many fundamental studies date back several decades, recent studies have employed strain release, ligand design, and photochemistry to accelerate the typically tedious oxidative addition to Au(I) complexes and to more locally probe reductive elimination from Au(III) complexes. These advancements will likely continue providing mechanistic understanding and motivation for alternative transition metals

The unique electronic properties arising from relativistic effects that stabilize the 5d orbitals yield distinctive reactivity patterns. Our advancement of gold redox catalysis is an example of the power of basic organometallic chemistry to give rise to useful catalytic methods. Gold Catalysis: From Organic

Synthesis to Bioconjugation and Radiochemical Synthesis. The ability of gold to act as a versatile catalyst for organic chemistry is also broadly outlined here, with examples of extending gold catalysis to bioconjugation and radiochemical synthesis.

4.4 C1 Chemistry Catalysis

The conversion of one-carbon feedstocks (C1 chemistry)–the transformation of methane, methanol, and carbon dioxide–is a particularly valued process in sustainable chemical production. Liu et al. (2020) highlight challenges that C1 chemistry has for future research and development and mention that steps forward are being made on the oxidative coupling of methane (OCM) process by Siluria Technologies. The work highlights persistent technical challenges in this key area and identifies that the methanol yield by enzymatic catalysis is still very low.

Pathways into C1 chemistry can be faced with difficulty. The well-established thermodynamic stabilities and extreme kinetic inertness of C1 molecules make selective activation and adjustment of pattern transformation daunting. Specifying catalysts needs to combine a degree of activity, selectivity, and stability consistent with commercial operationre.

To accomplish the efficient discovery of catalysts, the key requirements of C1 chemistry catalysis lie in combining knowledge from such diverse fields as inorganic chemistry, solid-state science, catalyst design, organomimetic synthesis methods, and reaction engineering. In catalyst screening, the direct result of recent computational advances has been the prediction and modeling of the active site, as well as the reaction mechanism. Although much progress has been made in this area, important challenges remain, including ensuring that conversion and selectivity can be achieved at levels similar to or exceeding those obtained for more traditional chemical feedstocks.

5. Materials Chemistry and Nanotechnology

5.1 Poly (ionic liquids) as Emerging Platforms

Poly (ionic liquids) (PILs) represent a new type of material that can be processed as a polymer, yet has the particular savory of an ionic liquid. These systems are also attractive candidates for real applications, in addition to traditional processes. PILs, catalysis, solution, and electrolysis for environmental problems ZHU provide a comprehensive overview of green technology in this part of chemtech, although most research channels today face both technical challenges and influences from other fields beyond their own disciplines. Such challenges require people who understand not only science across different technologies but also future trends (Zhu et al.).

Variation in polymer backbone, ionic liquid structure, and molecular architecture give PILs flexibility. Owing to their tunable nature, PILs can be optimized for specific applications while maintaining their environmentally friendly attributes. In separating applications, PILs can through this process of their formation molecularly capture target molecules with which they have favorable interactions: electrostatic attractions, hydrogen bonding and π-π interactions. In engineering synthesis, PILs can be used as catalyst supports, co-catalysts or reaction media. This assists in prolonging the lifetime of unstable intermediates during reactions. Electrochemical applications benefit from the high ionic conductivity and good mechanical stability provided by PILs. Lower volatility also keeps evaporation losses to a minimum. The challenges for PILs include improving ionic conductivity, enhancing mechanical properties, reducing synthesis costs, and finding a scalable manufacturing process. Future research directions should focus on the development of stimuli-responsive treatment methods for PILs, as well as their integration with other functional materials and exploration in areas such as energy storage, carbon capture, and medical devices. Materials chemistry and polymer engineering provide life to the field.

5.2 Green Nanotechnology

Combining the principles of green chemistry with nanotechnology provides an exciting new approach for making materials and services sustainable. Soni et al. (2022) support the application of nanotechnology in line with green chemistry principles; they emphasize that scholars are striving to develop products based on quantum mechanics and nanotechnology. The paper reviews the field of green chemistry and its relationship to potential applications in nanotechnology, specifically in environmental engineering. Green nanotechnology involves synthesizing nanoscale structures using benign production, replaceable starting materials, and biodegradable engineering plastics. Biosynthesis routes employing plant extracts, microorganisms, or commercial enzymes provide alternatives to traditional chemical synthesis methods, which often require reactions to be run under pressure and involve toxic reagents. These bio-mimicking approaches could be put into practice for producing nanoparticles of controlled size, shape and surface properties while minimizing the generation of waste material.

Green nanotechnology applications encompass environmental remediation, renewable sources of energy, water purification, and sustainable agriculture. Nanomaterials can also be applied as photocatalysts for the degradation of pollutants, adsorbents for the removal of heavy metals, antimicrobials for the disinfection of water, and carriers for the controlled delivery of agrochemicals. These concerns about the toxicity, fate, and life cycle impacts of nanomaterials must be overcome if nanotechnology applications are to reach their maximum sustainability-enhancing potential as an important future development for the field.

6. Analytical Chemistry Developments

In contrast, analytical chemistry has actively recognized and adopted green chemistry principles and has been progressively evolving in its measurement capabilities and application scope over the years. Guardia et al. Review the past, present and future of green analytical chemistry, postulating that an "extra bit of chemistry" can solve chemical problems which provides a new horizon for basic and applied research. This line of reasoning indicates that technical advancements in analysis do not have to be bound by the conscience of environmental sustainability.

Fernandes et al. The last five years have witnessed advancements and challenges in colorimetric detection by the modern analytical chemistry approaches, and this review discusses these along with perspectives about the future. These new methods for colorimetric detection are simple, inexpensive, fast, and have the potential for field use. Such features render colorimetric methods particularly useful in resource-limited settings and point-of-care scenarios.

Green analytical chemistry highlights miniaturization, automation, reduced solvent and reagent use, reduced hazardous reagent use, and waste reduction. Microfluidic devices, paper-based devices, and portable instruments facilitate analysis at the sub-microliter scale with sample and reagent volumes. The combination of digital imaging and detection systems on smartphones virtually universalizes analytical power while minimizing ecological footprints. These developments are already showing that with analytical chemistry you can boost measurement science at the same time as moving the needle on sustainability goals.

7. Computational Chemistry Perspectives

Computational chemistry is an essential method for interpreting chemical phenomena, predicting molecular properties, and conducting data-driven research. Onishi (2018) describes the quantum mechanical behavior of atoms, the quantum mechanical nature of matter, the success of the Bohr model for hydrogen, and the failure of the Bohr model for many-electron systems. It covers fundamental concepts of quantum wave function theory, wherein the square of the wave function represents the electron density, concepts that are ubiquitous to all computational chemistry.

Advances in quantum computational techniques have allowed for more precise structure–activity or structure–property predictions of candidate molecular structures, reaction mechanisms, and materials. Density functional theory (DFT) is one of the most commonly used methods because of the enormous range of accuracy and computational cost that can be targeted, resulting in calculations being performed routinely on systems containing hundreds of atoms. First-principle methods, such as DFT, provide accurate results for a large range of molecular systems; however, they are limited to molecules of medium size, whereas coupled cluster theory and quantum Monte Carlo yield benchmark results for small systems, and semi-empirical and molecular mechanics methods allow simulations of biological macromolecules and materials.

The combination of machine learning and computational chemistry is a new frontier with the potential to increase the throughput of materials discovery and optimization of chemical reactions. Structure–property relationships learned from large datasets will enable the rapid screening of chemical space to produce promising candidates for experimental validation. By you integrating physics-based computational methods with data-driven approaches, we get synergistic capabilities so that their combination excels over what each of the two approaches can do individually.

8. Integration with Circular Economy

The merging of green chemistry principles with circular economy frameworks is a key part of our path to sustainable development. Chen et al. Seeyle and Chisholm (2020) discuss the full range of green chemistry principles from the perspective of industrial management in a circular economy–style system, outlining implementation focal points such as management systems and education initiatives. They argued that reaching sustainable development goals is impossible without innovation on the technology side, combined with reorganization and human development.

However, similar to just-right sustainability in its metaphysical and other projection forms, circular economy ideals also incorporate waste minimization and the idea of a constant importation of materials into cycles of use and biogeochemical cycles through the metaphorical evapotranspirational processes of design. These are similar in spirit to the goals of green chemistry, but operate at a systems level that includes product design, manufacturing, use, and end-of-life. By incorporating circular economy thinking into green chemistry integration, closed-loop systems are realized in which waste from one process becomes the feedstock for another, thereby reducing the uptake of resources and limiting environmental effects.

Reverse logistics systems: To effectively recycle materials, companies must implement reverse logistics systems that transport products back to a facility for recycling. To succeed, chemists, engineers, designers, policymakers, and business leaders must work together to create integrated intervention systems that are technically feasible, economically viable, and environmentally beneficial. The pharmaceutical, plastics and electronics industries have started to exploit circular economy principles which are models for other sectors

9. Education and Knowledge Transfer

Education and the transfer of knowledge are crucial for achieving the true potential of green and sustainable chemistry to revolutionize chemical practice. Zuin et al. (2021) analyze educational perspectives on green chemistry, sustainable chemistry for sustainability, their parentage и and whether to use the terms "greener chemistry" or "chemistry for greener products." This semantic discussion belies deeper questions about how to frame and teach sustainable chemistry,

To properly teach green chemistry, it must be woven into existing chemical curricula rather than presented as a standalone topic. Hence, students should learn green chemistry concepts with relevance to organic reactions, analytical techniques, physical chemistry, and industrial processes. Real-life case studies of successful applications of green chemistry demonstrate that the principles are well established and their practical implementation. Green chemistry principles can be observed firsthand through experiments in laboratory courses that minimize waste and incorporate safer reagents, elucidating sustainable practices.

Professional development for current chemists is critical, considering that many practitioners were trained before green chemistry was popularized. Knowledge transfer is supported by workshops, online courses, and initiatives led by professional societies. Industry–academia collaborations enable a mutually beneficial exchange of ideas and best practices and identify research needs to drive academic programs. Green Chemistry Practice Metrics and Indicators¶The development of metrics related to sustainable practices allows practitioners to measure the environmental improvements achieved by their processes and communicate this value with stakeholders.

10. Future Directions and Recommendations

Several converging trends will shape the future of chemical research, promising to accelerate progress toward sustainability while expanding scientific capabilities. The first involves merging artificial intelligence and machine learning with computational chemistry to enable the rapid exploration of chemical spaces, thus accelerating the discovery of new catalysts, materials, and synthetic routes. These approaches will increasingly inform experimental work, reducing reliance on trial-and-error and improving resource utilization.

Second, integrated biorefinery concepts will be developed that valorize biomass into chemicals, materials, and fuels to increase independence from fossil resources. Achieving the economic viability of this transition will require significant advances in catalysis, separation science, and process engineering. In addition, genetic engineering and synthetic biology will play an increasingly important role in the production of renewable feedstocks and the development of biocatalytic processes under mild conditions with high selectivity.

Finally, basic innovations in areas such as polymer chemistry, materials science, and chemical recycling are needed, which could be entirely enabled through circular economy principles. There is a need for new molecular architectures and processing methods to design polymers that are recyclable and exhibit good performance. Chemical recycling does not offer a real solution to plastic pollution; rather, it should complement mechanical recycling with the depolymerization of plastics into monomers or their conversion into valuable chemicals, allowing closed-loop systems for materials that would otherwise be incinerated or end up in landfills.

Fourth, advances in carbon capture and utilization technologies offer opportunities to transform carbon dioxide into high-value products, thereby closing the carbon cycle. This involves advances in catalysis to efficiently and selectively activate the thermodynamically stable CO_2 molecule. Integration with renewable energy sources will be essential to ensure that carbon utilization truly reduces greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions rather than simply transferring them

The fifth trend is that new analytical chemistry will allow real-time monitoring and control of chemical processes, thereby improving efficiency, safety, and product quality. Miniaturized sensors, spectroscopic methods, and data analytics will provide unprecedented insight into reaction mechanisms and process dynamics. This greater understanding will enable optimization and debugging while minimizing waste and energy consumption.

Finally, we emphasize that countering global challenges that affect all people requires international treatment and knowledge sharing. Open science initiatives, data-sharing platforms, and collaborative research networks will accelerate progress by reducing duplication of work and allowing researchers to build on each other's findings. The comparability of approaches and identification of best practices will be facilitated by the harmonization of green chemistry metrics and standards.

11. Conclusion

Research in chemistry from 2020 to 2025 has come a long way in the sense that it encompasses sustainability into innovation for all branches of chemistry. However, over the past two decades, green chemistry has matured from an emerging area into a robust and holistic framework underlying synthesis, catalysis, materials science, analytical chemistry, and computational chemistry research. The pharmaceutical industry has shown that green chemistry principles can be applied at an industrial scale, with stringent regulatory and economic constraints.

Catalysis has arisen as a particularly vibrant field, including developments in photoredox catalysis, Pickering emulsion catalysis, gold redox chemistry, and C1 chemistry, providing novel avenues for sustainable chemical transformations. Novel platforms produced by materials chemistry, such as poly (ionic liquids), can simultaneously meet several sustainability goals.

A comparison of the environmental compositions between different types indicates advances in analytical chemistry in terms of enhanced measurement capabilities with reduced impact on the environment through miniaturization, automation, and reduction in the use of harmful reagents. Computational chemistry is an essential method for understanding chemical phenomena and prompting experimental studies, and the integration of machine learning is expected to facilitate discovery. This approach is systematic in nature, as it extends sustainable practices beyond the relatively narrow lens of an invention to a systems-level perspective concerning product design, manufacturing, use, and end-of-life management, which permits the adoption of key principles of green chemistry (Notari et al. 2018). In addition, while progress has been made, problems persist. Green chemistry principles are still limited in their widespread implementation because of economic, regulatory, technical, and knowledge-related hurdles. Working through these issues will require ongoing interdisciplinary partnerships between chemists, engineers, policymakers, educators, and business leaders. Educating or transferring knowledge to the next generation of chemists and reskilling current practitioners is a fundamental part.

The development and integration of artificial intelligence with computational methods, the adept development of biorefinery concepts (including sugar and synthetic biology), the implementation of circular economy principles through the exploration and activation of new virtual territories from existing waste carbon sources, advancement toward on all fronts in carbon capture/utilisation technologies, real-time analytical monitoring including process analytics, and increased international collaboration are some significant aspects to be taken up by the chemical research community in the near future. Such trends will help to accelerate progress towards a sustainable chemical enterprise that serves societal needs while respecting planetary boundaries. The impressive advances reported in this review provide reasons to be optimistic that chemistry will continue to evolve toward being more sustainable, efficient, and beneficial for society and the environment.

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