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respectively, have invented certain new and useful improvements in

Fractional condensation of an acrylic acid-containing product gas mixture of a gas-phase partial oxidation of C_3 precursors of acrylic acid with molecular oxygen under heterogeneous catalysis

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