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~~New~~ Technologies for green synthesis and catalysis

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**Innovation & Sustainability in
Process Chemistry**

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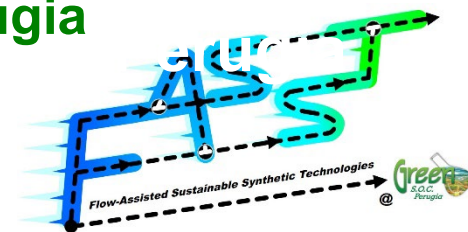

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What does Green Chemistry really mean ?

Efficient Chemistry???

Reduced Environmental Impact Chemistry???

Chemistry for a Sustainable Development???

Conscientious Chemistry???

Modern Chemistry???

**What does mean “MAKING”
Green Chemistry?**

J. A. Linthorst, Origins and development of green chemistry
Foundation of Chemistry , 2010, 12, 55–68

THE POLLUTION PREVENTION ACT OF 1990

This was the U.S. environmental law stating that the first choice for preventing pollution is to **design industrial processes that do not lead to waste production**

This is the Green Chemistry approach

“The Congress hereby declares it to be the national policy of the United States that **pollution should be prevented or reduced at the source whenever feasible; pollution that cannot be prevented should be recycled in an environmentally safe manner, whenever feasible; pollution that cannot be prevented or recycled should be treated in an environmentally safe manner whenever feasible; and disposal or other release into the environment should be employed only as a last resort and should be conducted in an environmentally safe manner”**

Green chemistry is a great opportunity to improve process efficiency...

- **Mountains of solid waste are piling up—particularly in industrialized nations.**
- **Air and water pollution continue to be problems in many places.**

Most importantly attention was officially pointed on “millions of tons of pollution” and the related cost of “tens of billions of dollars per year” (Pollution Prevention Act 1990, p.617).



KEY ELEMENTS CONTRIBUTING TO WASTE/ENERGY

1. REACTION MEDIUM

2. CATALYST/additives

**3. STIRRING technology
(downstream management)**



BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN **ACADEMIA** AND **INDUSTRY**

1. REACTION MEDIUM

2. CATALYST/additives

**3. STIRRING technology
(downstream management)**

IN ACADEMIA

AREAS OF EXPERTISE TO BE PROMOTED

IN INDUSTRY

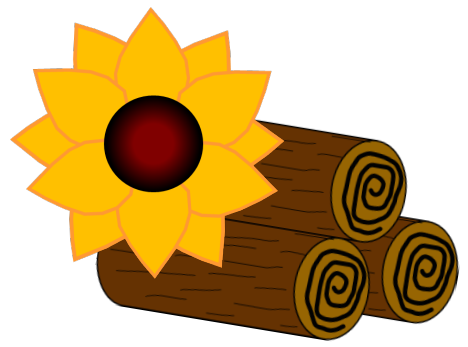
POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO A SPECIFIC ISSUE

CONCLUSION:

THE CONCEPT OF INTRINSICALLY GREEN DOES NOT EXIST



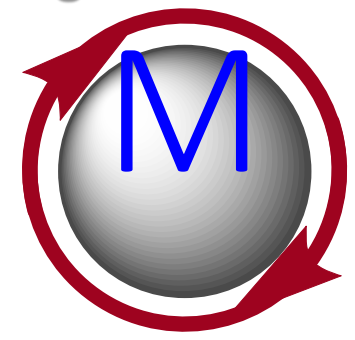
Biomass/waste valorization



Safe Reaction Media



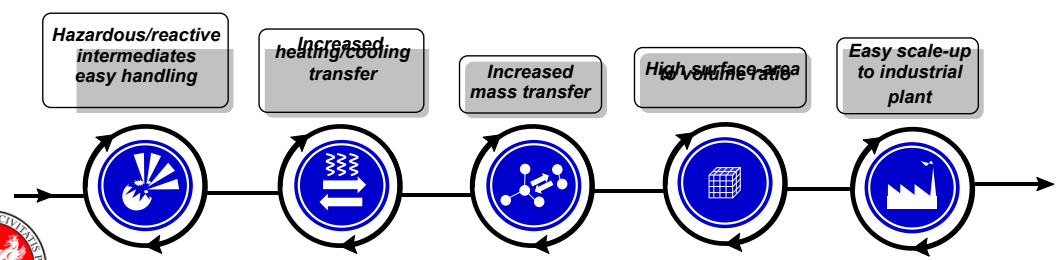
Heterogeneous Catalyst



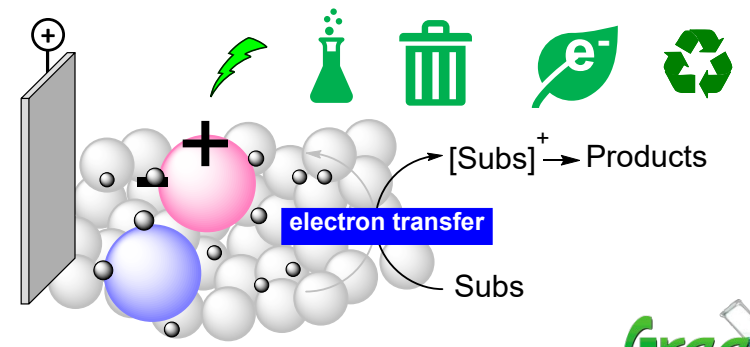
Green Assessment



Flow Chemistry



Green electrochemistry



GREEN CHEMISTRY ...green metrics

12 Principles



Paul T. Anastas

Effective Mass Yield (EMY)



Tomas Hudlicky

Atom Economy



Barry M. Trost

E-Factor



Roger A. Sheldon

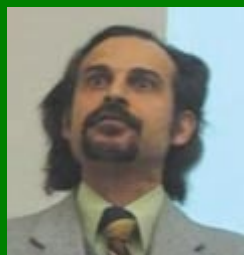
LCA, Eatos



Jürgen O. Metzger

Ecoscale

E-Factors



John Andraos



Koen Van Aken



Lucjan Strekowski



Luc Patiny

THE USE OF METRICS AT AN EARLY STAGE OF THE PROCESS DESIGN

**HELPS TO AVOID
FAILURE AT A LATER
STAGE**

ATTENTION
MEASURING WRONG IS
ONE OF THE CURRENT
SUSTAINABILITY ISSUE

**NEW METRICS APPEAR
EVERY DAY...**

**FOR THE SPECIFIC ISSUE
THEY NEED TO BE
DEVELOPED/ADAPTED**

REACTION MEDIUM

NOVEL SAFER SOLVENTS



**For a cleaner
chemical production**



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Solvent-Free Conditions (SolFC)



WATER

The safest NOT
ALWAYS the
greenest option



Alternative solvents from Biomass or waste

Safer organic solvents - Azeotropes

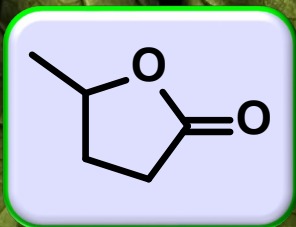
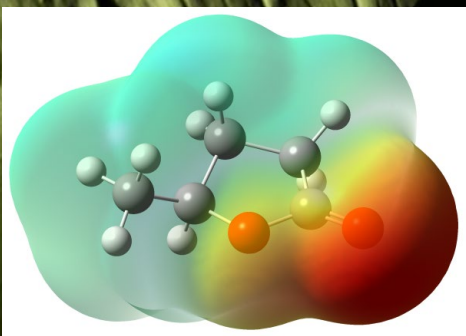


RECOVERY and REUSE must always be considered as a key issue

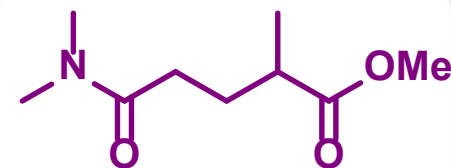
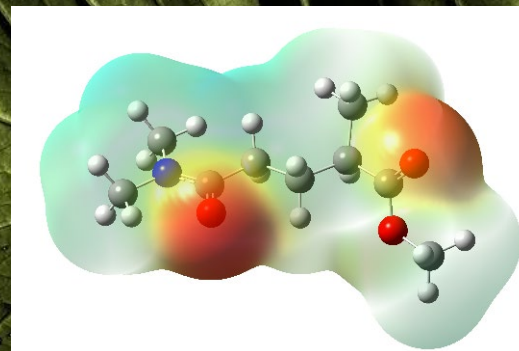
Some recent examples Vaccaro et al. *Green Chem.*, 2017,19, 1601-1612, HOT ARTICLE; *Green Chem.*, 2020, 22, 5937 Outstanding article; *Green Chem.*, 2020, 22, 6240; *Green Chem.* 2022, 24, 9094, HOT ARTICLE; *ACS Sus. Chem. Eng.* 2022, 10, 9123



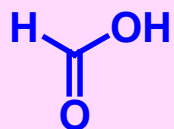
CHEMICALS from Biomass and/or Waste



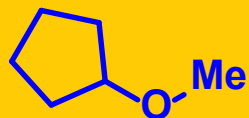
GVL



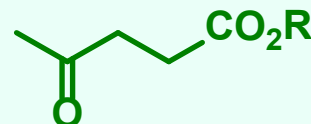
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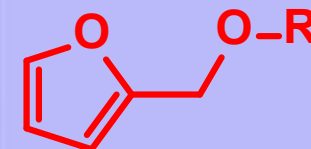
**FORMIC ACID
FoA**



**Cyclopentyl
methyl ether
CMPE**



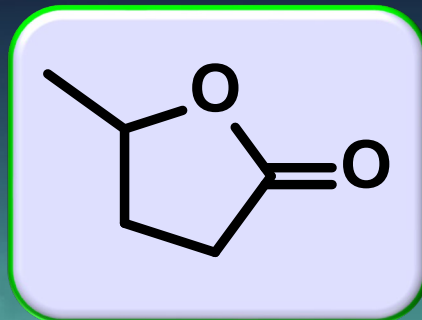
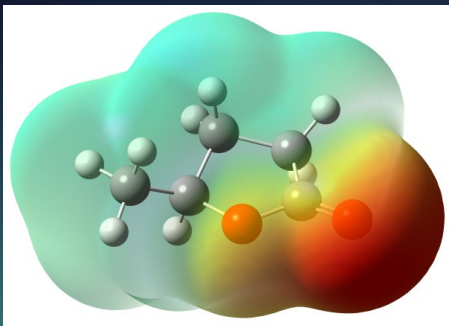
**ALKYL LEVULINATES
AL**



**Furfuryl Ethers
FE**

Vaccaro et al *Green Chem.*, 2017, 19, 1601-1612, HOT ARTICLE
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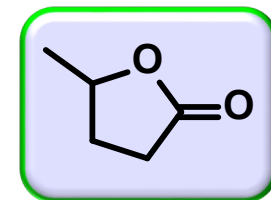
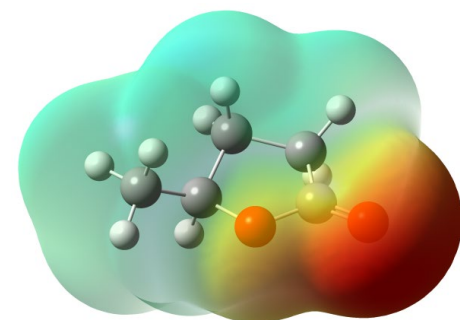
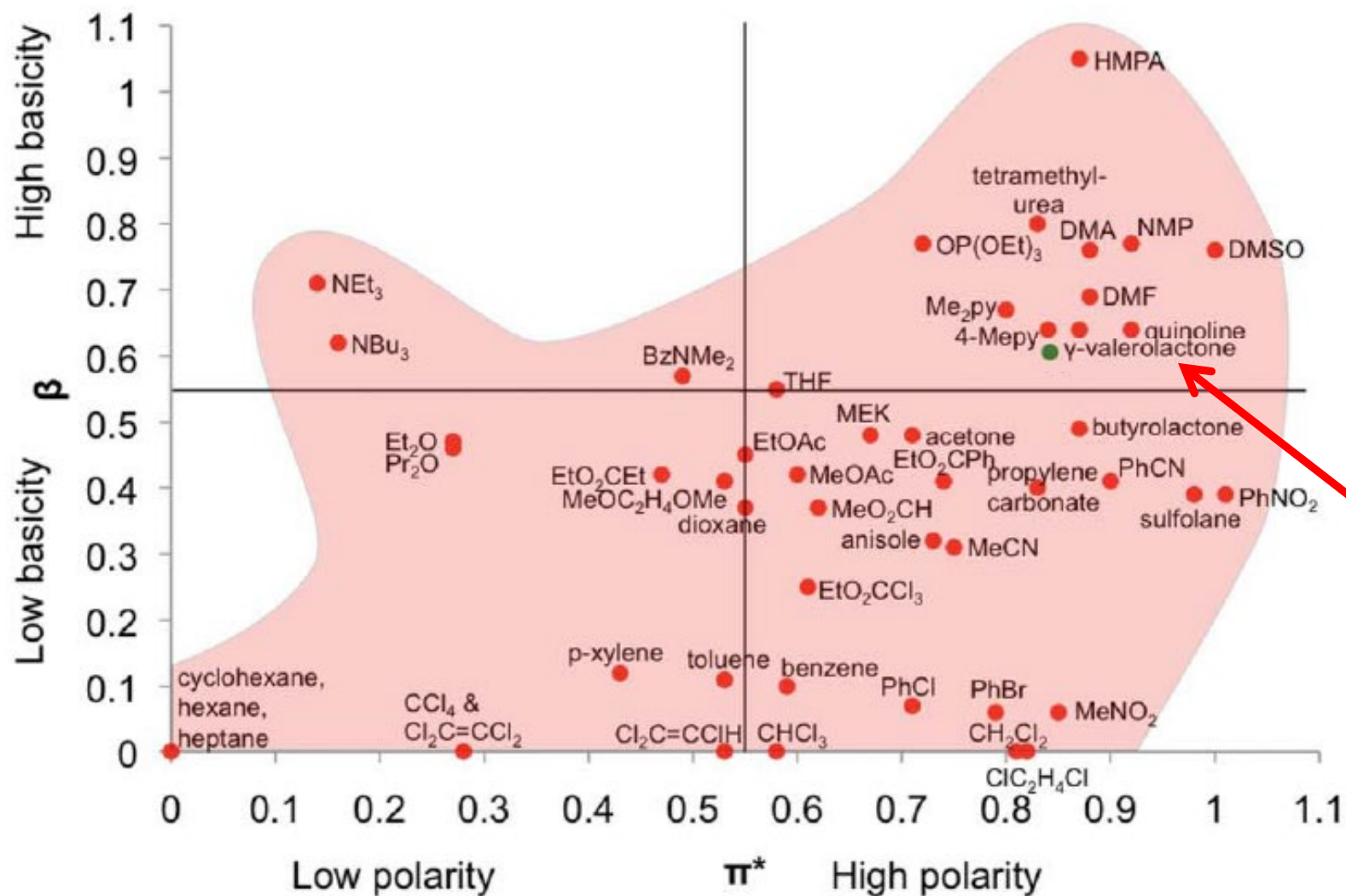
GVL

**γ -Valerolactone derived from lignocellulose
as SOLVENT and bioadditive for FUEL**



CAN GVL be a valid bioderived alternative to classic Dipolar Aprotic Media?

Gamma-Valerolactone - GVL

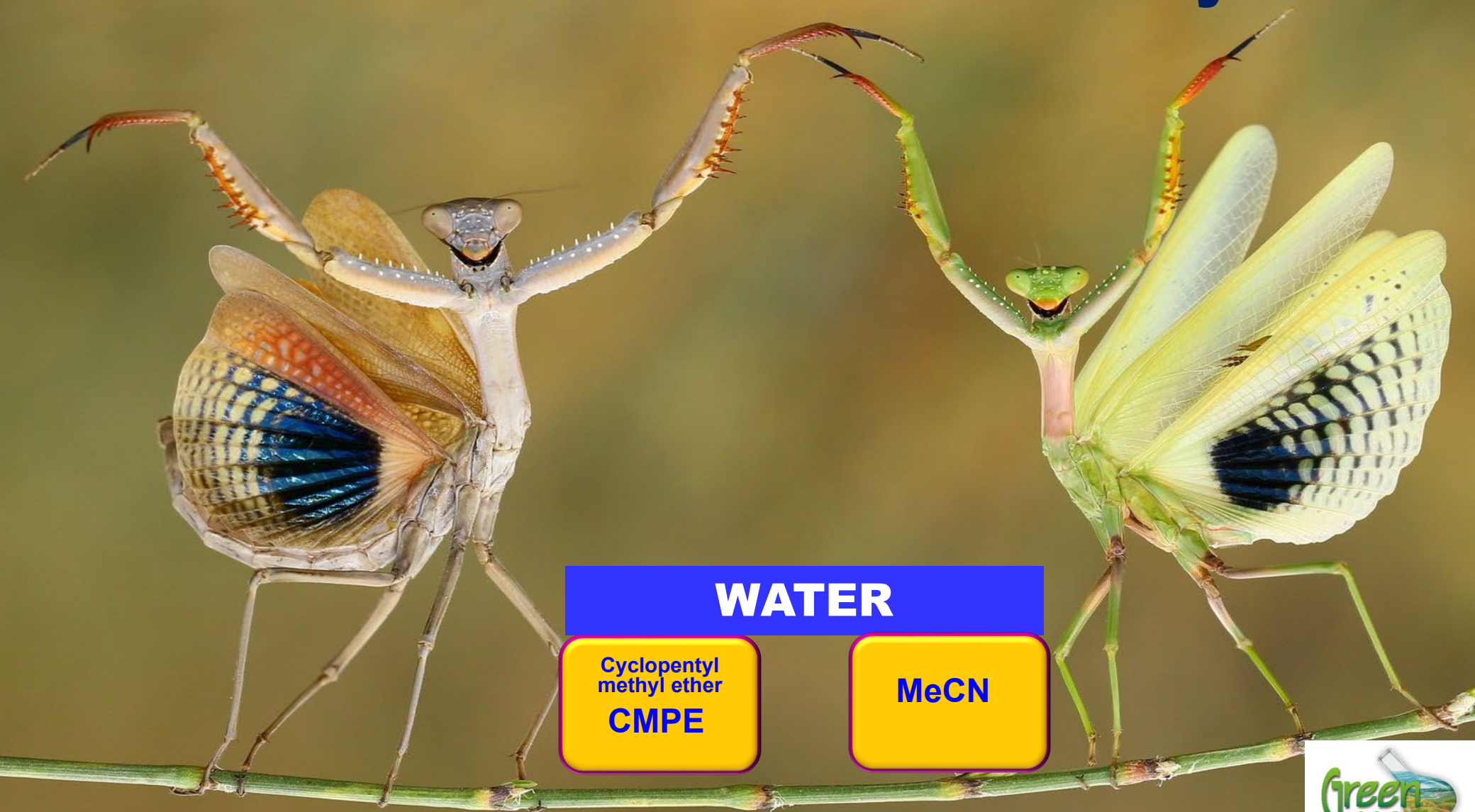


GVL



Azeotropes

as recoverable solvent systems



WATER

Cyclopentyl
methyl ether
CMPE

MeCN

CATALYST

RECOVERABLE...



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Heterogeneous catalyst... a crucial tool to access greenness

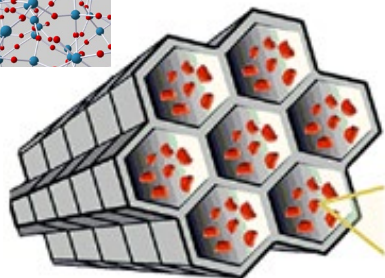
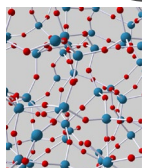
NOVEL and SAFER MEDIA, FLOW → NOVEL SUPPORTS FOR CATALYSIS

TWO MAIN DIRECTIONS

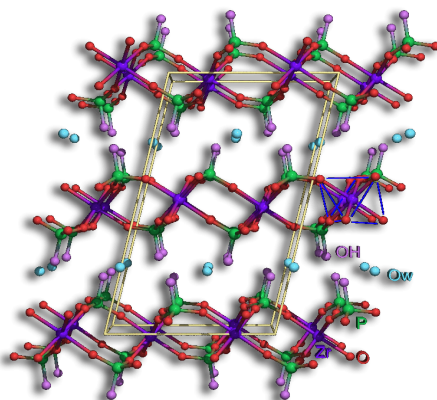
Inorganic supports

SILICA

SiO₂

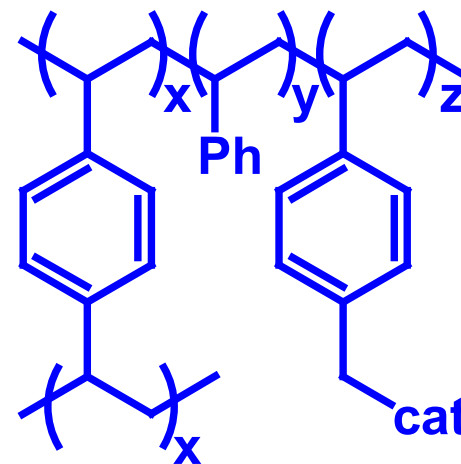


Zr/P or MOF



Organic Supports

Polystyrene-based supports

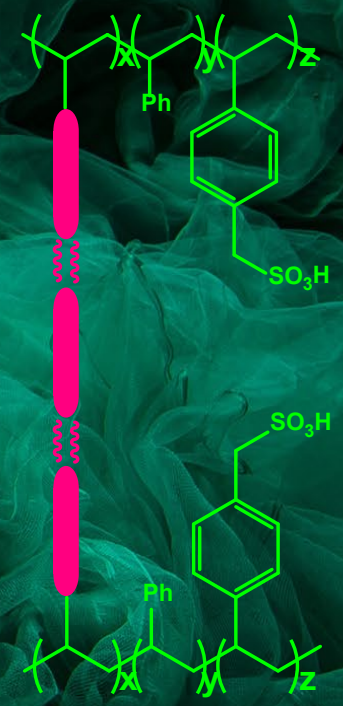


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NOVEL ORGANIC POLYMERIC MATERIALS FOR CATALYSIS



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From waste valorization to circular approaches to catalysis

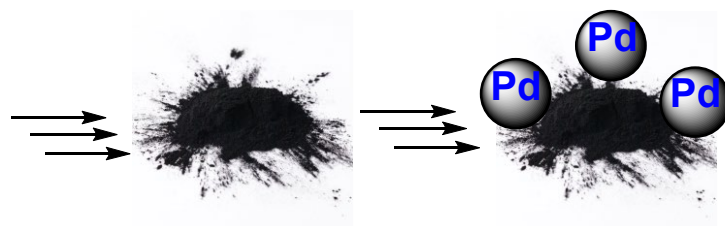


Urban waste in
central Italy and in
several Mediterranean
areas

Circular economy
approach



Urban Waste-derived support for
METAL nanoparticle catalysts



Au

Ru

Ni

- ✓ **adsorbent** for water purification
- ✓ **support** for heterogeneous catalyst

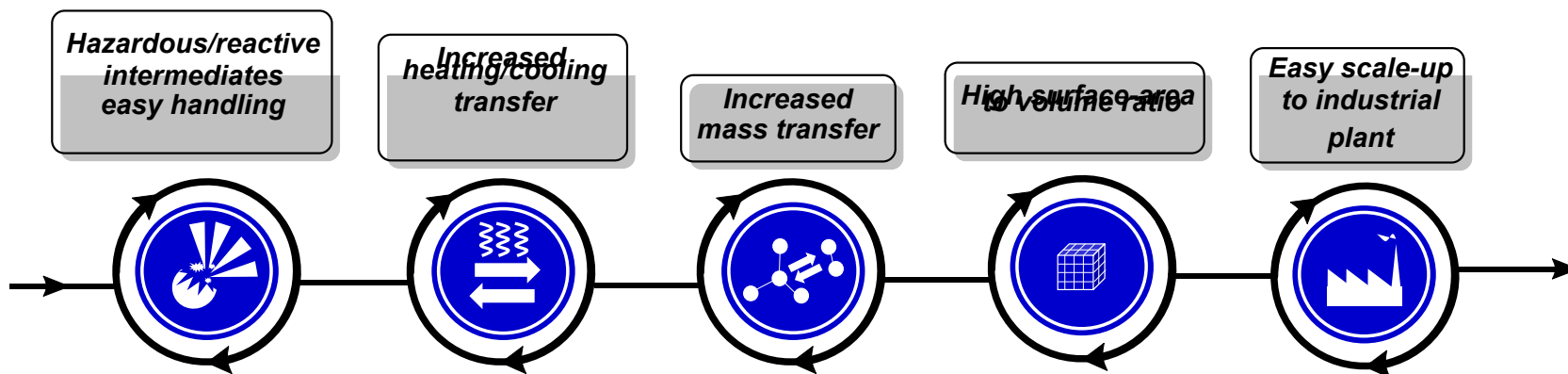
**ALSO WE ARE FOCUSING ON WASTE FROM
LEATHER or PHOTOVOLTAIC PANELS**

Technologies

Reactors for FLOW chemistry

For a safer and low cost
chemical production

Flow chemistry and Green Chemistry



Green Chem. 2014, 16, 3680-3704

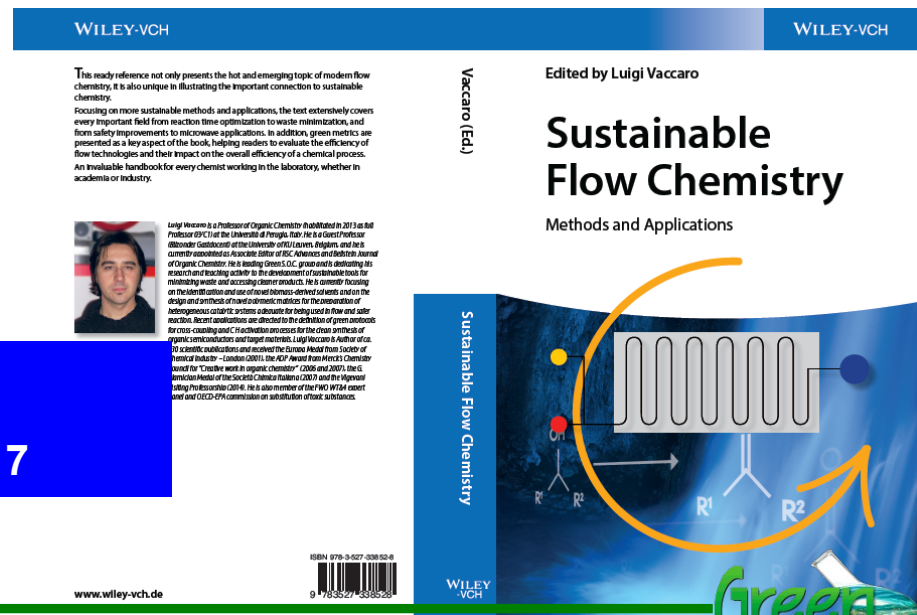
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Sustainable flow chemistry

Editor L. Vaccaro Wiley-VCH, 2017

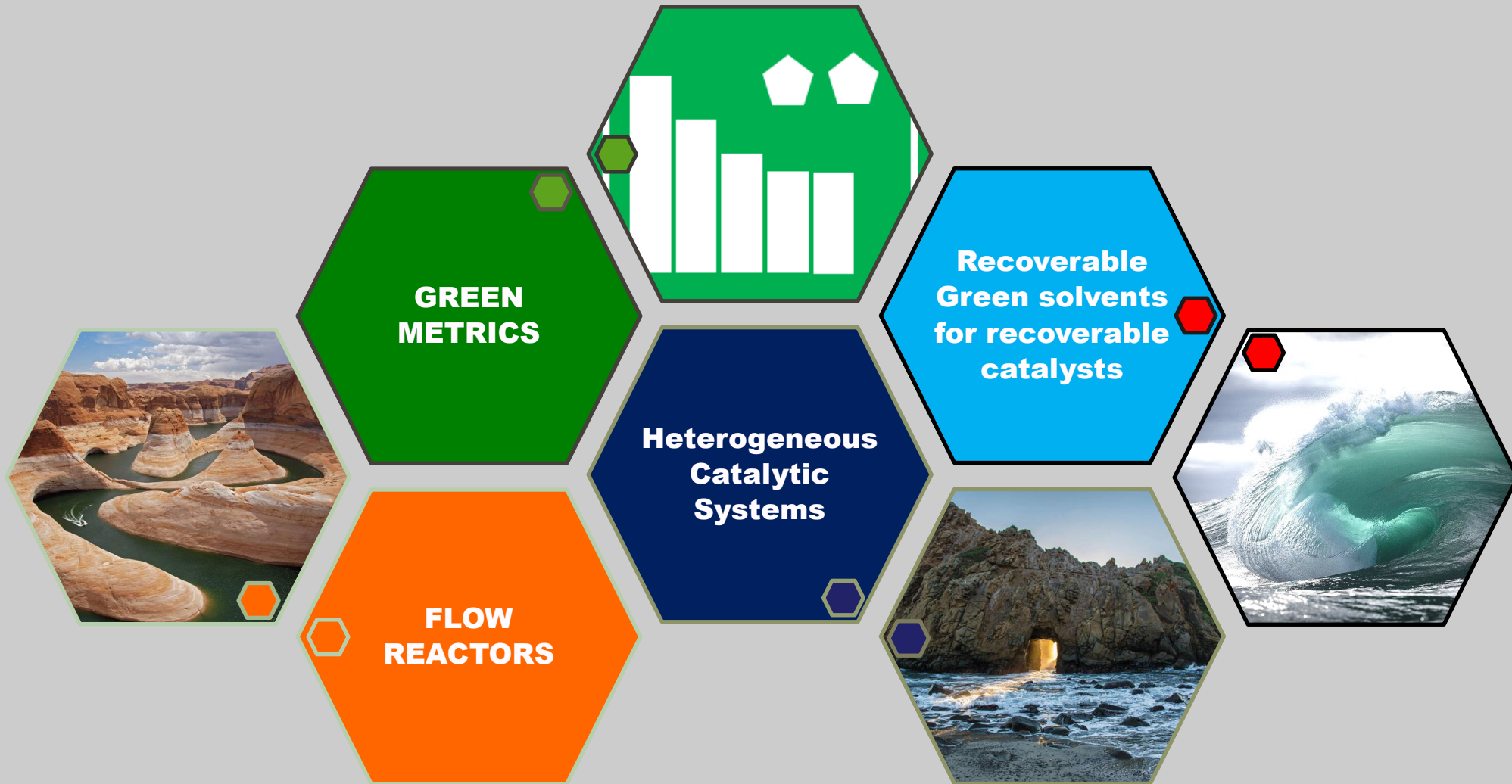


Flow approaches towards sustainability Vaccaro et al. Green Chemistry, 2014, 16, 3680-3704



**FLOW CHEMISTRY IS NOT
INTRINSECALLY GREEN**

Different approaches towards a single goal: WASTE MINIMIZATION



**FOCUS ON A SPECIFIC ISSUE
TO SITUATE A SPECIFIC
GREEN/SUSTAINABLE
SOLUTION**

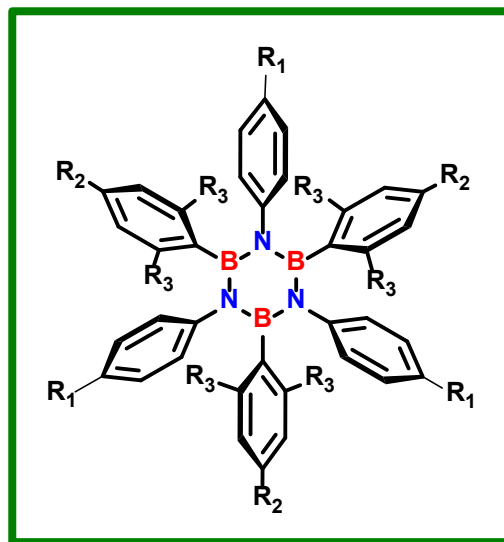
Green functionalization of hexa-aryl borazines



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Fan Huang, PhD



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Hexa-aryl borazines are valuable precursors to doped-nanographenes and doped-polyphenylenes.

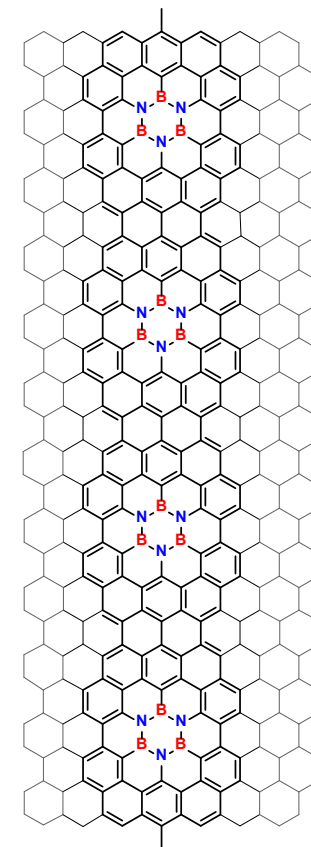
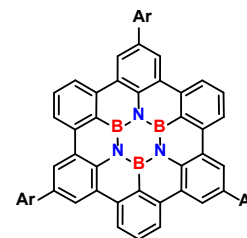
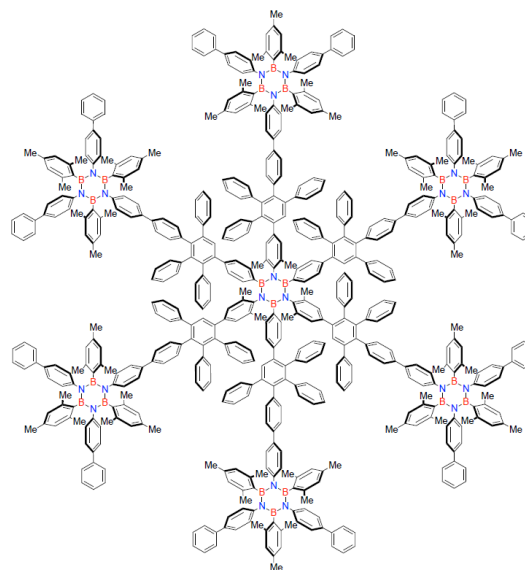
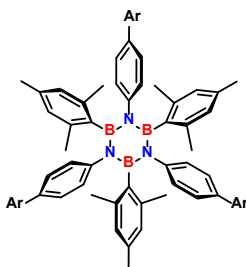
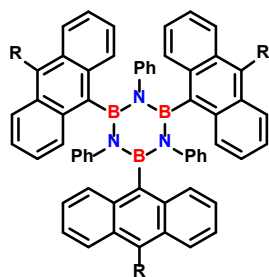
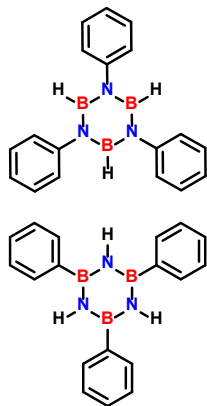
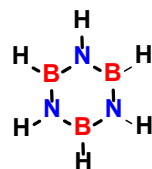
They serve as a stable doping unit in materials displaying unique electronic and optical properties.

Their potential is limited by the harsh conditions generally utilized for their synthesis



EU ITN consortium led by Prof,
Bonifazi UVIE





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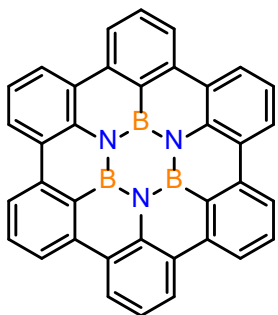
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Hexaphenyl borazines as molecular precursors

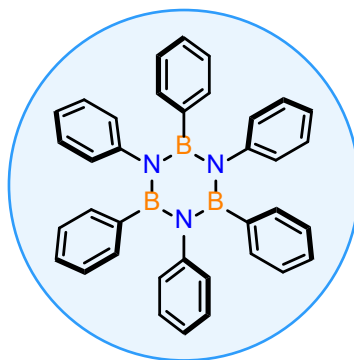


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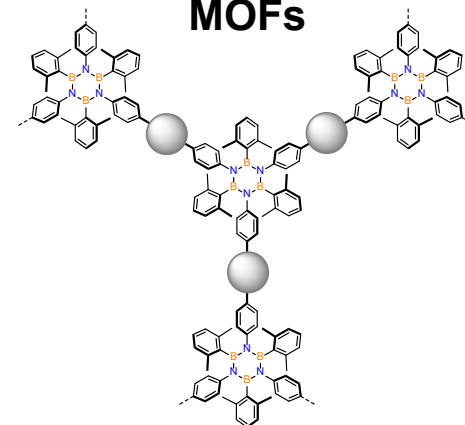


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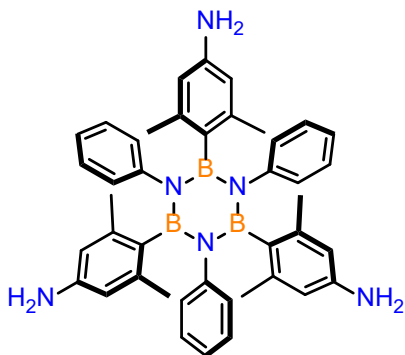


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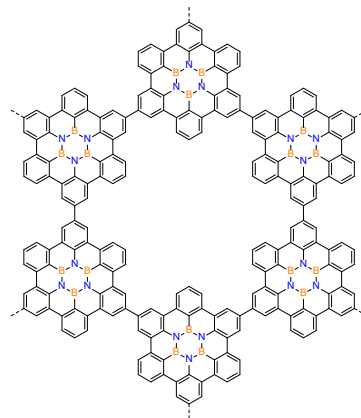
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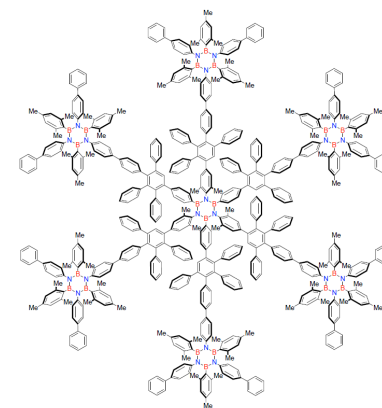
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On surface assembly



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Polyphenylenes

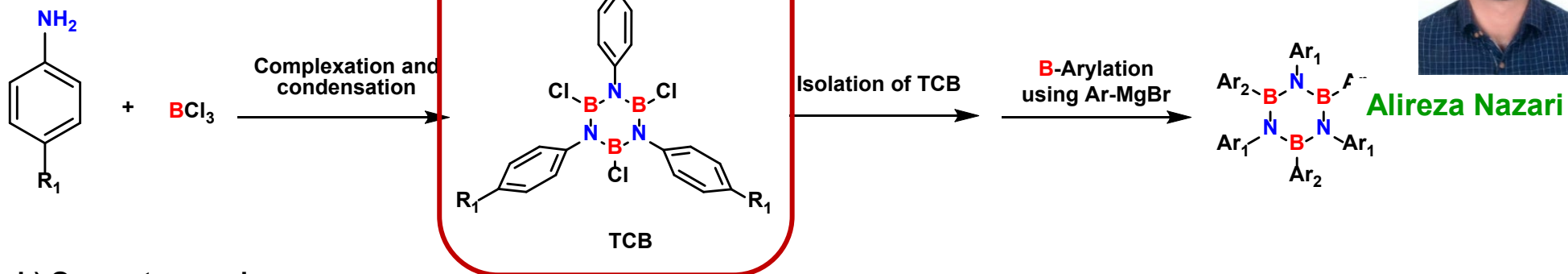


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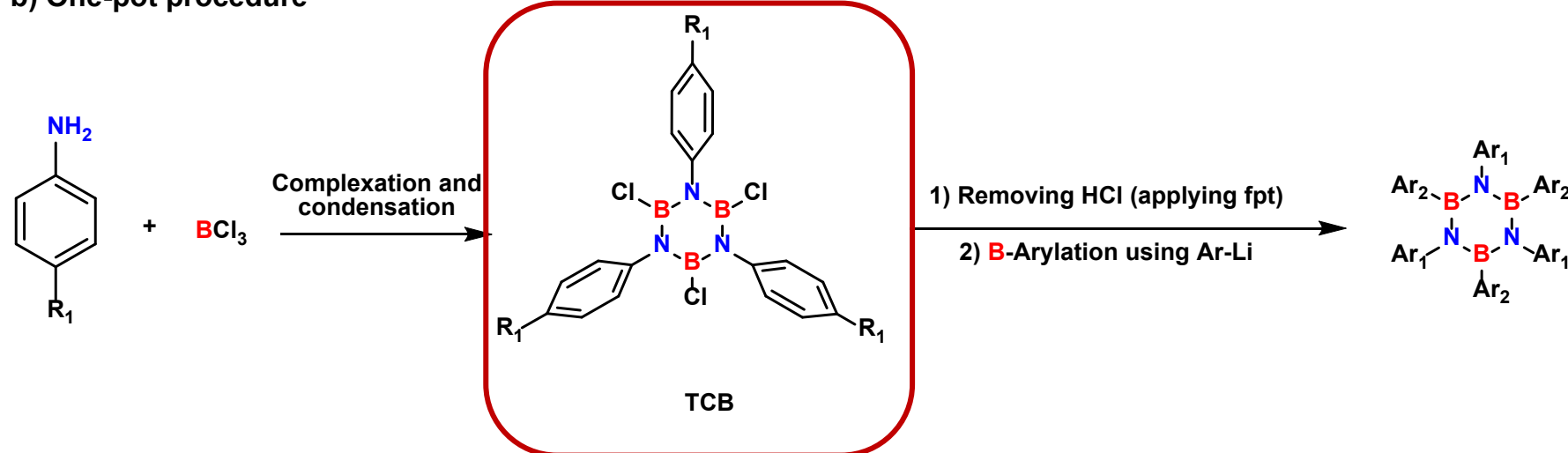


✓ traditional methods

a) Two-pot procedure



b) One-pot procedure



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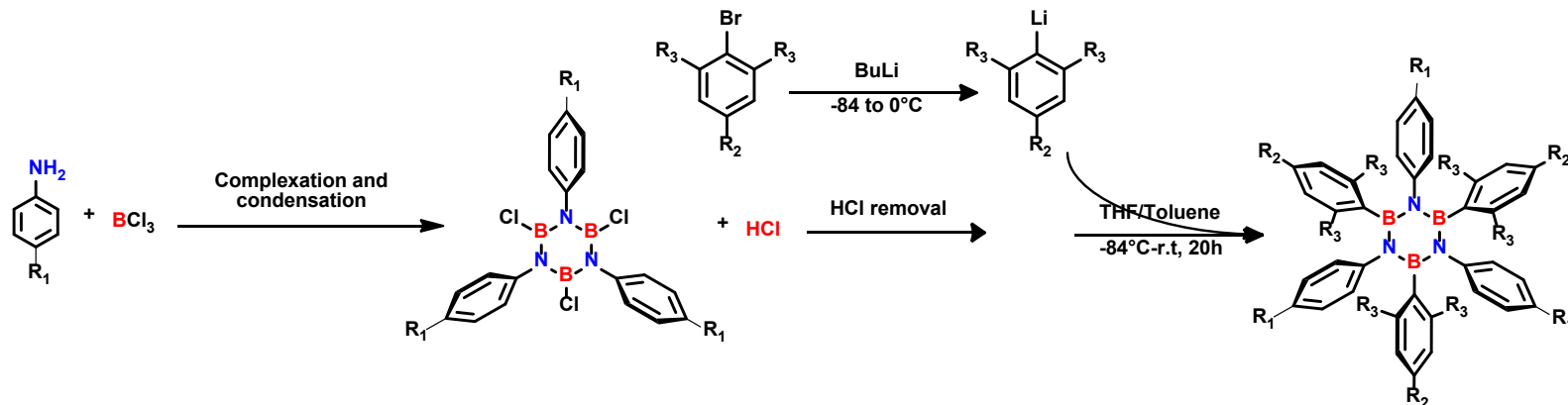
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Boron Arylation of Boron Halide under Continuous Flow conditions:
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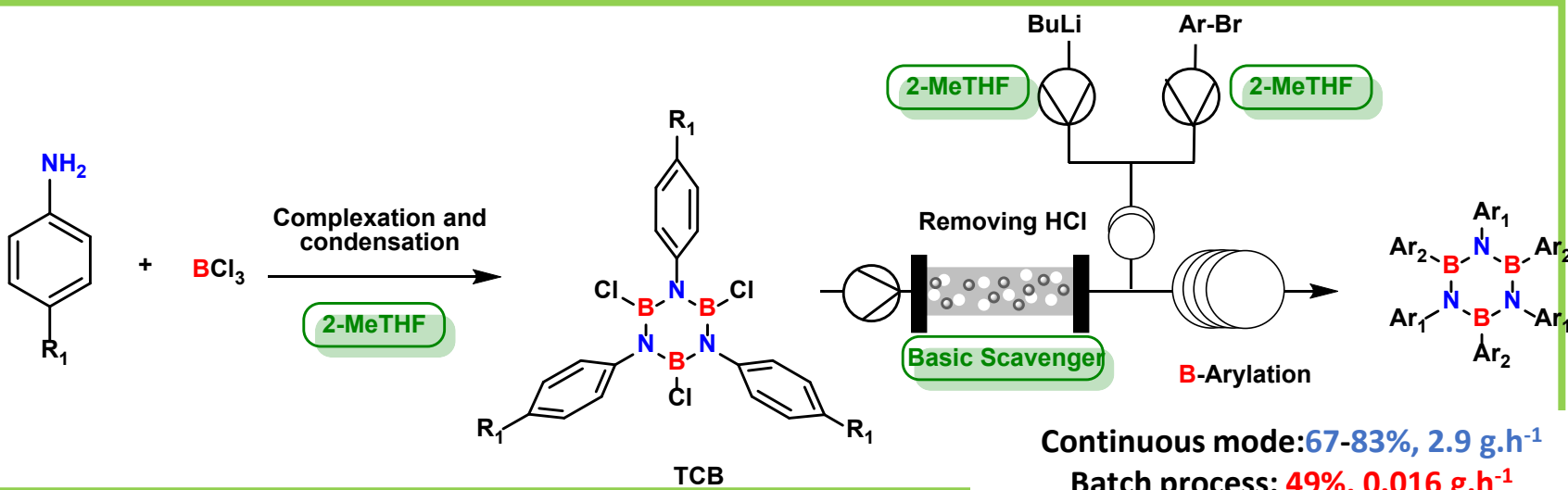
Principal method



Novel method

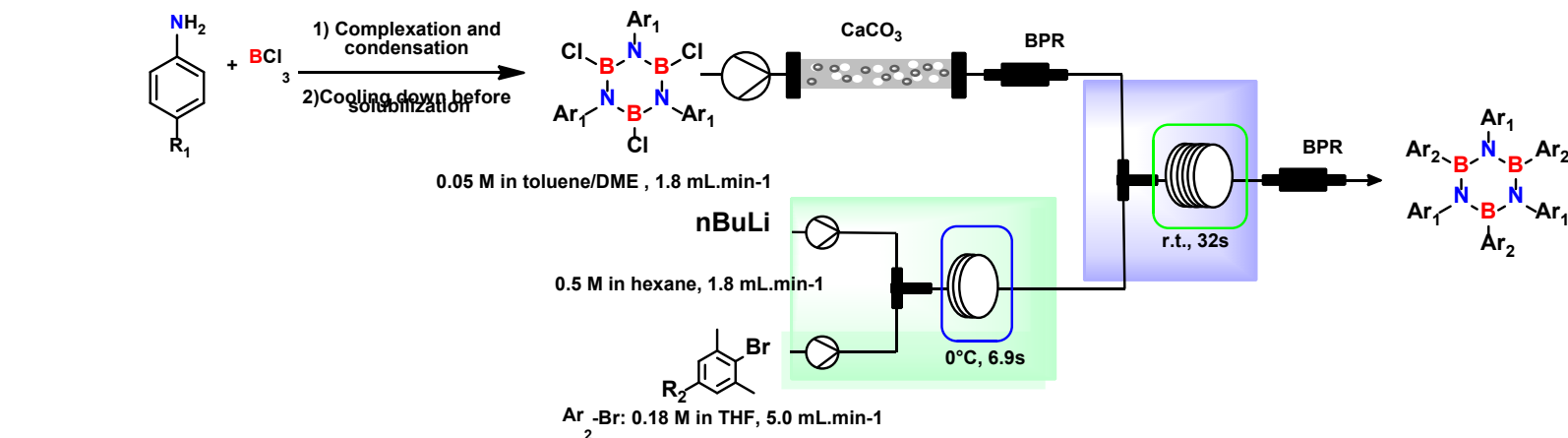


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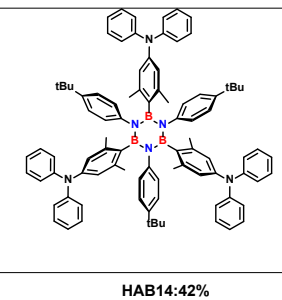
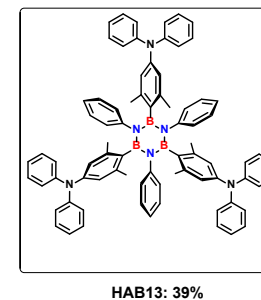
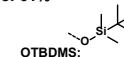
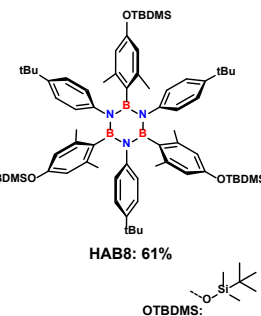
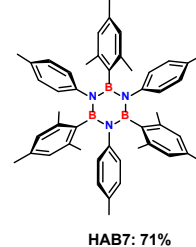
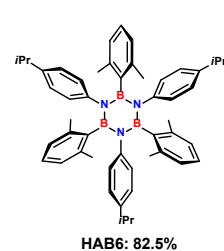
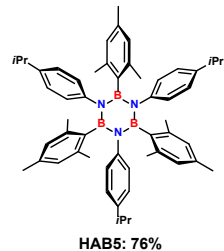
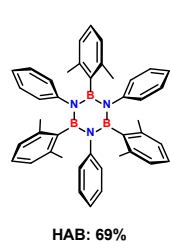
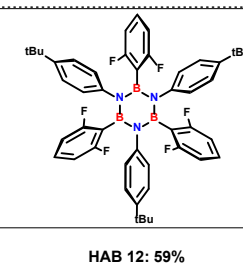
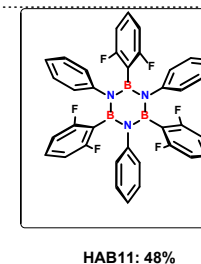
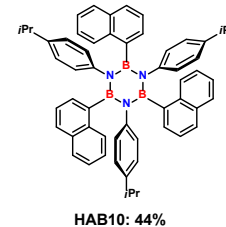
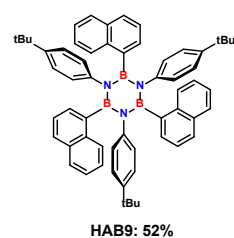
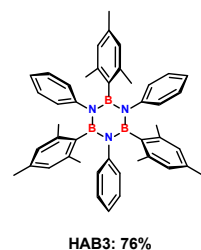
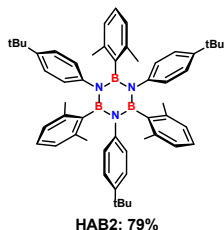
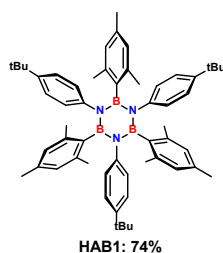




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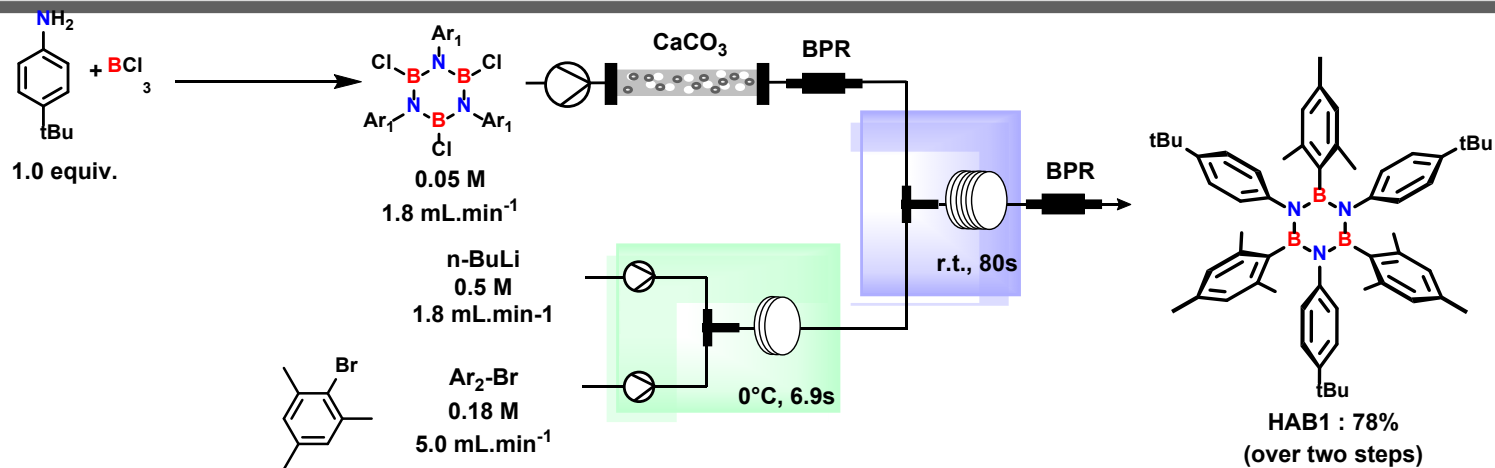


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E-factor:



BI - SHI



Time (h)

Yield (%)

This work (small scale)

55

0.95 - 0.74

18.5

74

This work (larger scale)

45

0.95 - 0.74

19.5

78

Bonifazi (2013)

278

0.71 - 0.68

41.0

40

Yamaguchi (2005)

89

0.72 - 0.74

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70

Groszos (1958)

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0.49 - 0.44

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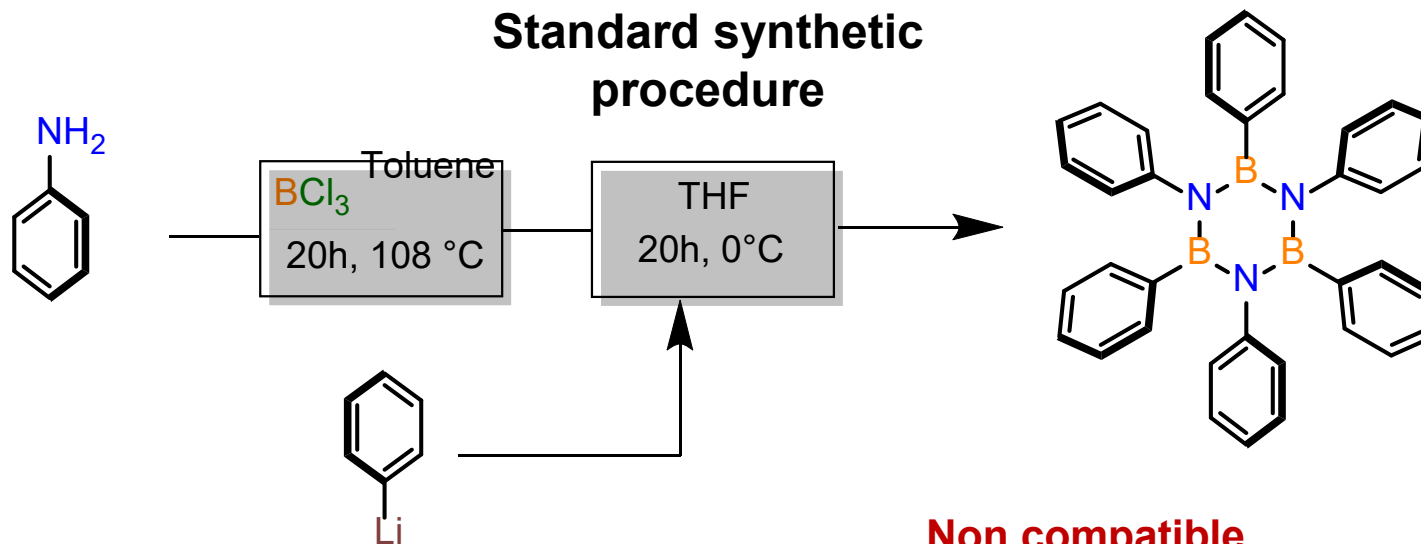
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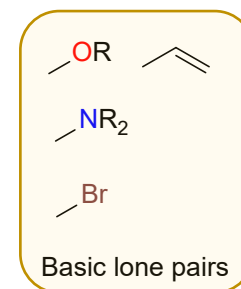
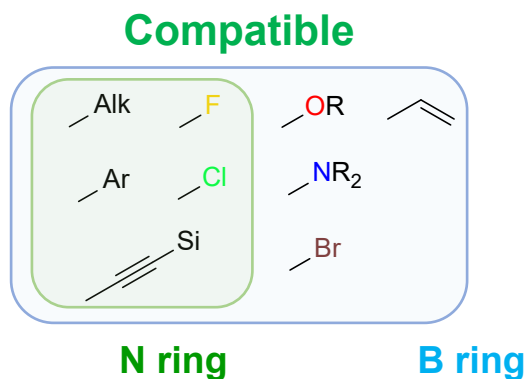




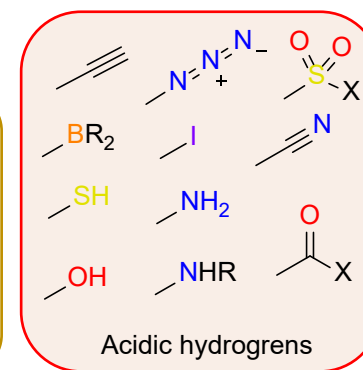
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Non compatible



N ring incompatible

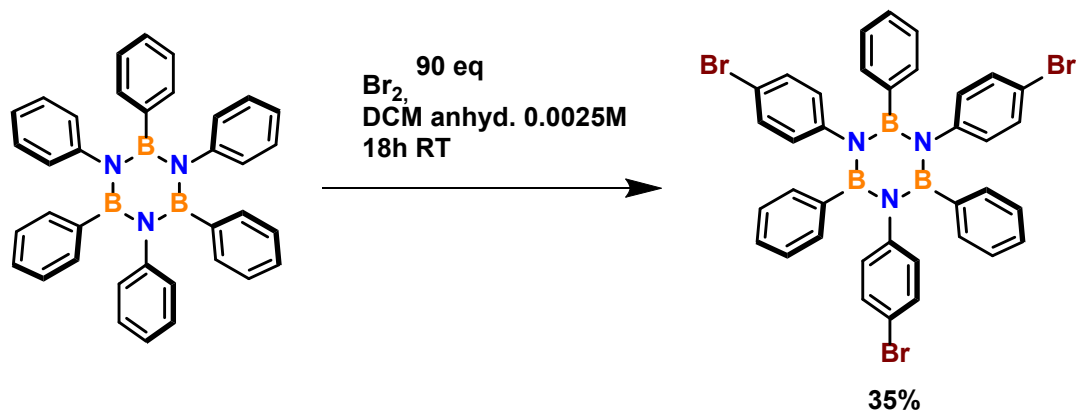


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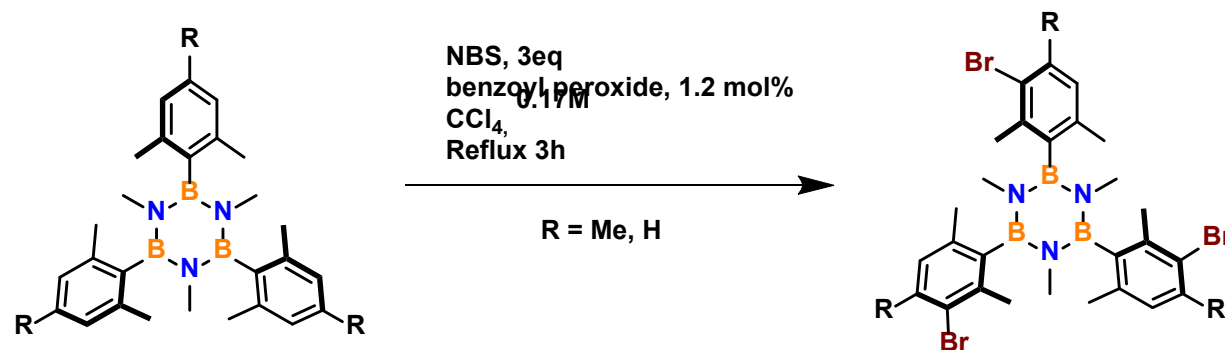
1b) Bromination on the *N*-aryl ring

H. F. Bettinger et al., ChemPlusChem 2013, 78, 988–994.



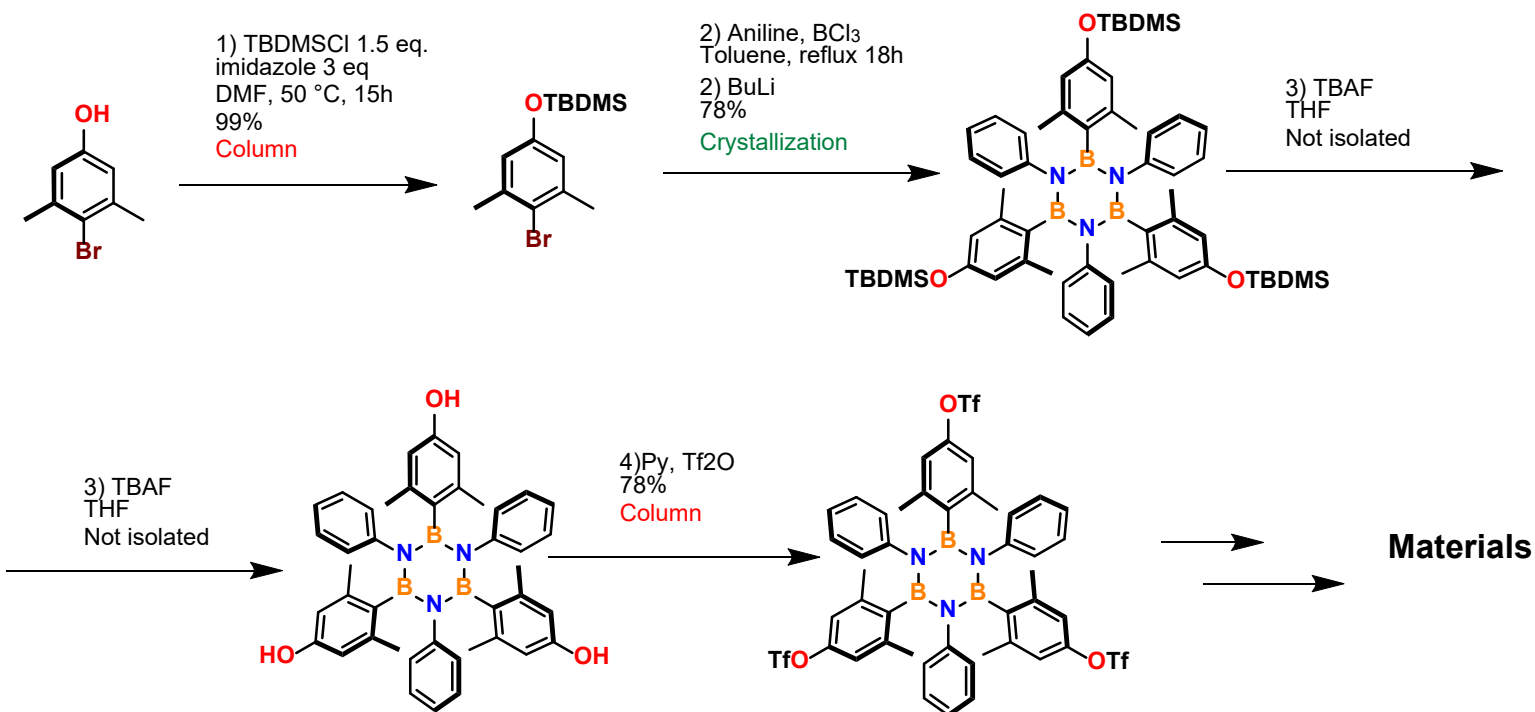
1c) Friedel-Crafts chemistry on the *B*-aryl ring

K. Nagasawa, Inorg. Chem. 1966, 5, 442–445.



WHY halogenation?

Standard procedure to access pseudohalide functionality for cross couplings



Can halogenation work in a single step?

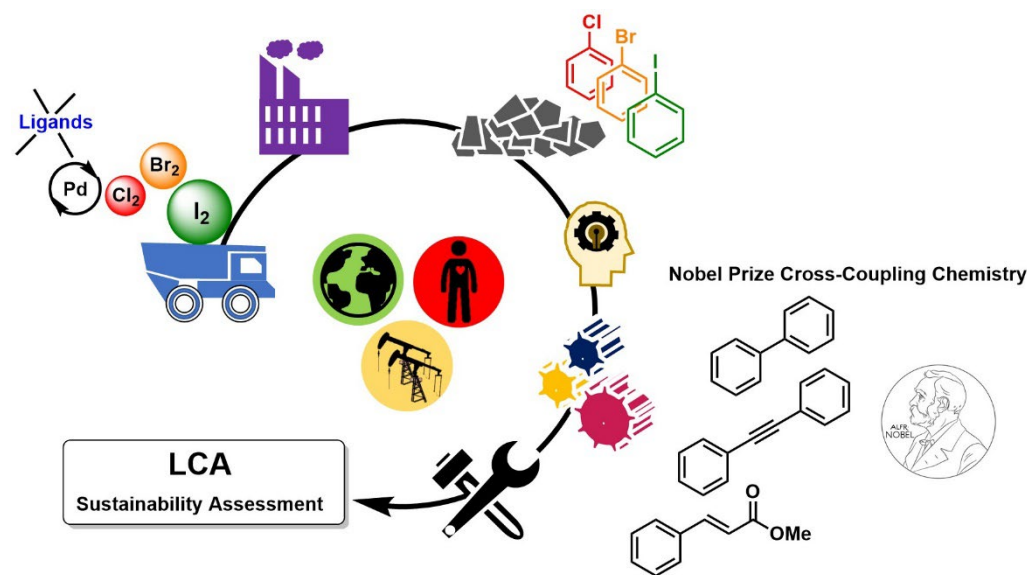
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Iodination more sustainable alternative to bromination and chlorination

The sustainability impact of Nobel Prize Chemistry: life cycle assessment of C–C cross-coupling reactions



Poorly reactive

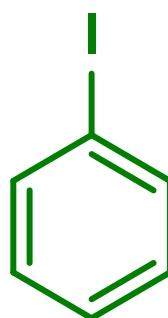
Highly efficient catalytic systems are needed

REMINI CHLORINE-FREE CHEMISTRY CONCEPT



Bromide or Iodide are More reactive and also Cheaper

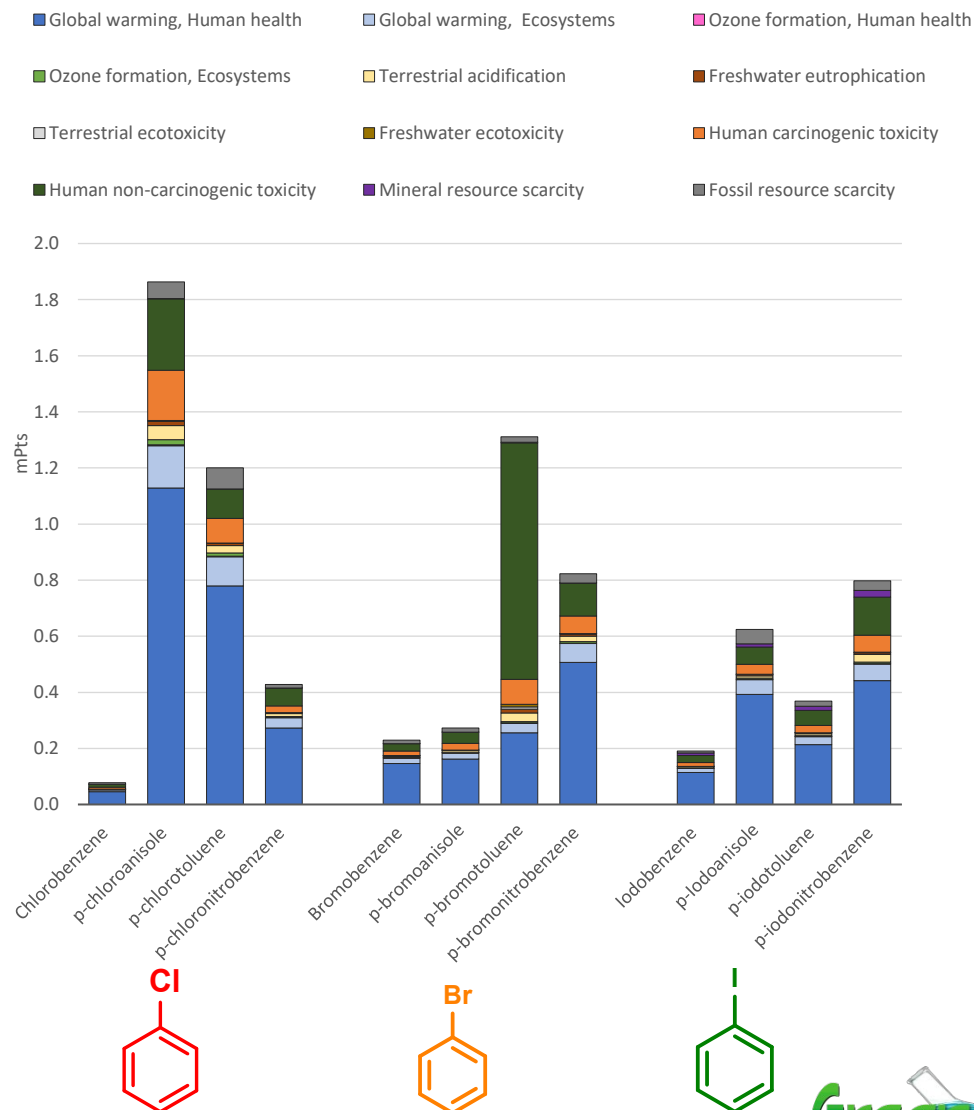
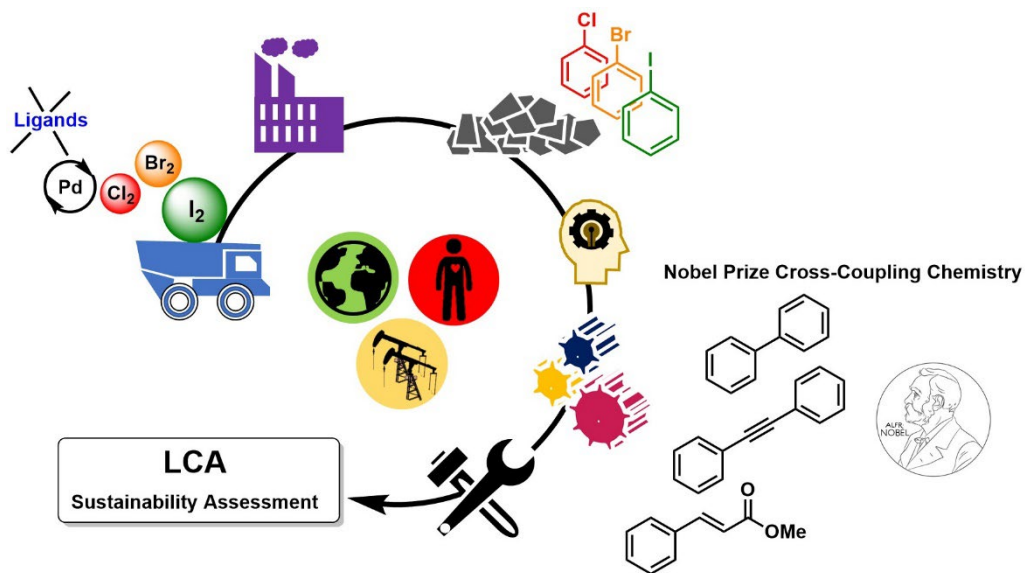
(simpler catalytic systems can be sufficient for their reactivity)



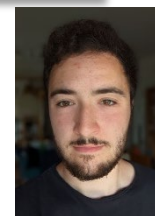
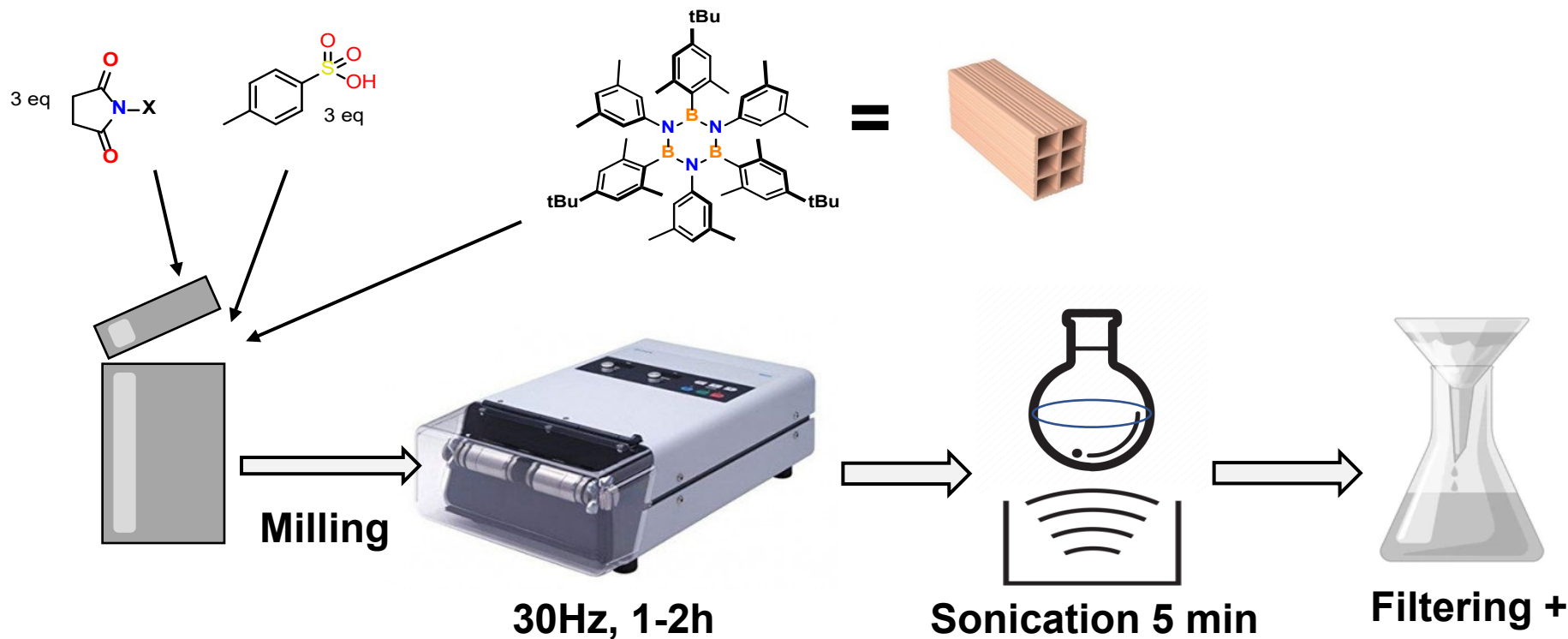
Depending on the type of reactions (Heck, Sonogashira, Suzuki...) bromides or iodides are more adequate

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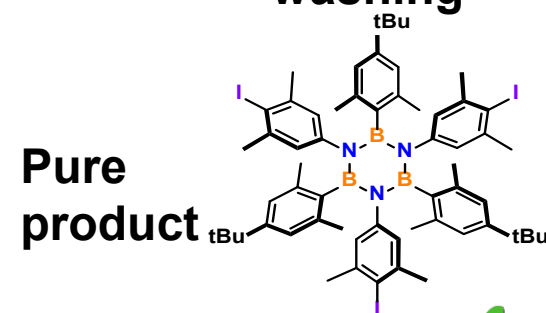


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Overall solvent consumption 1 mmol scale: 12 mL MeOH

Solvent recovery by distillation: 9.7 mL

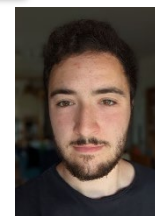
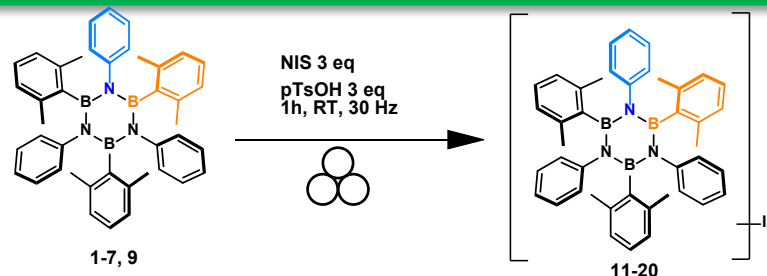
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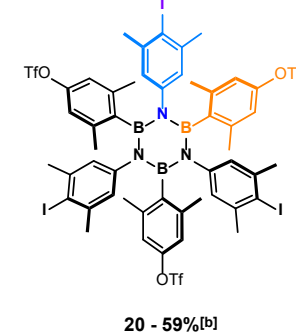
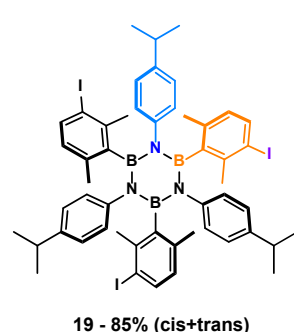
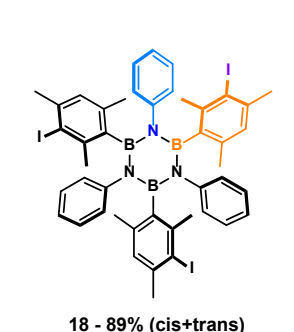
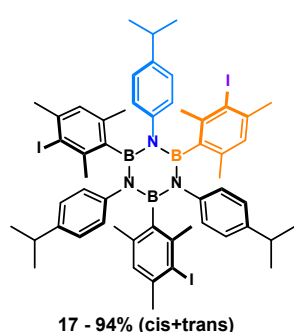
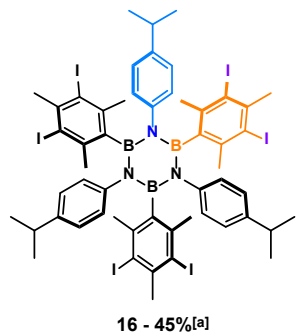
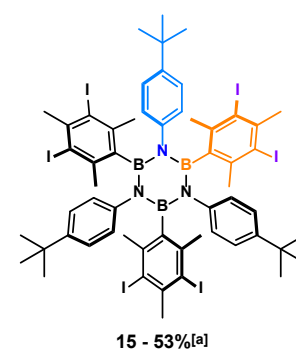
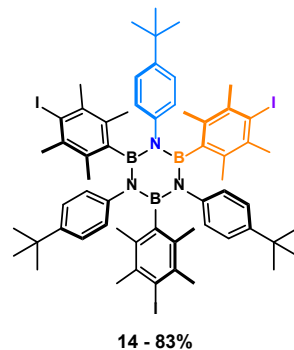
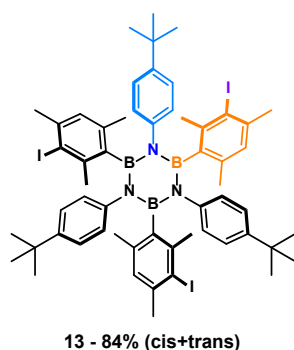
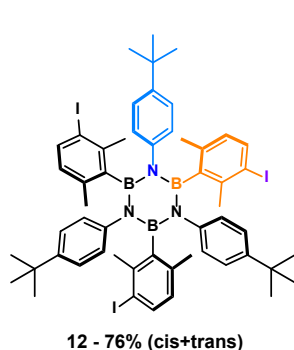
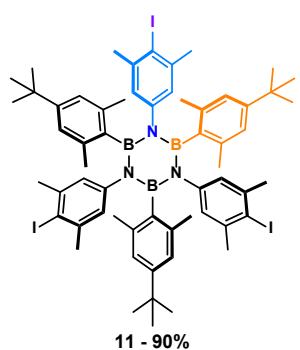
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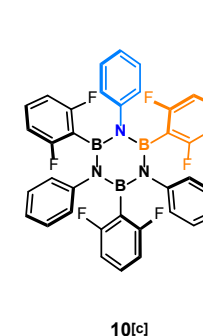
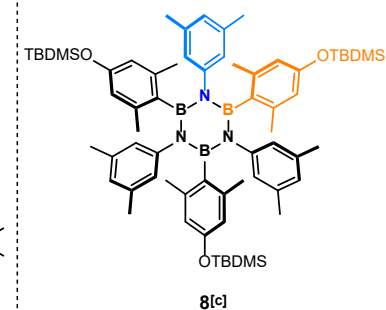
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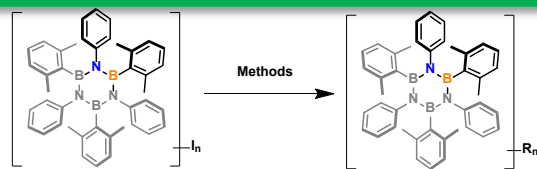


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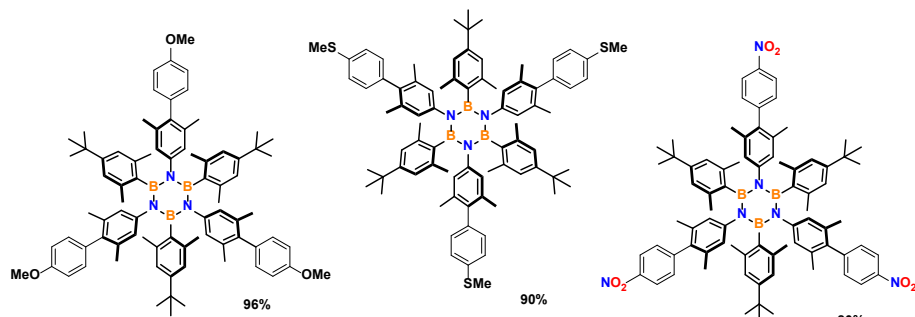
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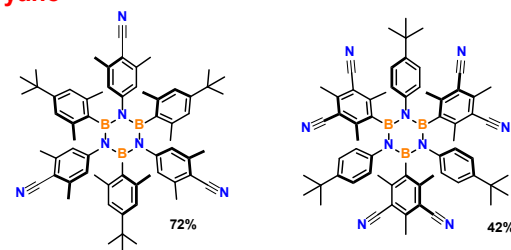


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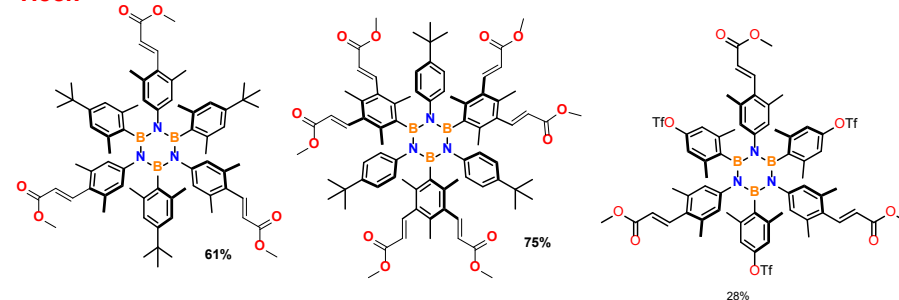
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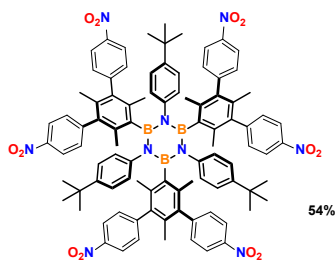
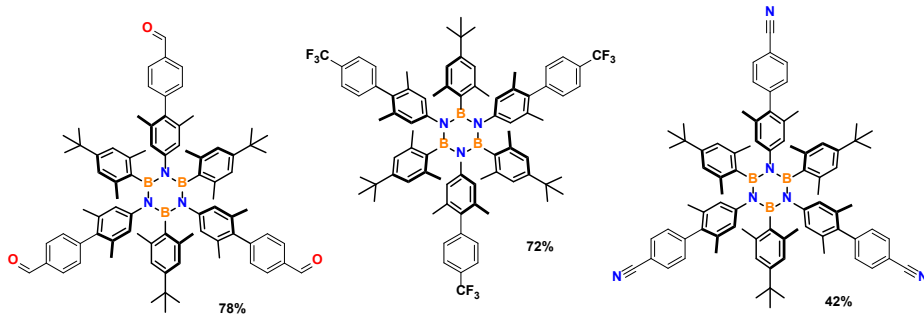
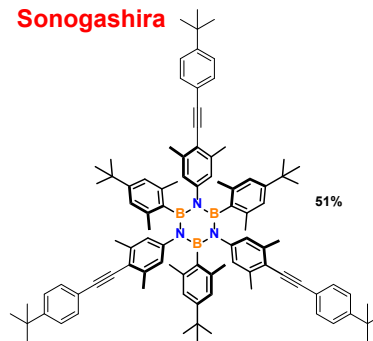
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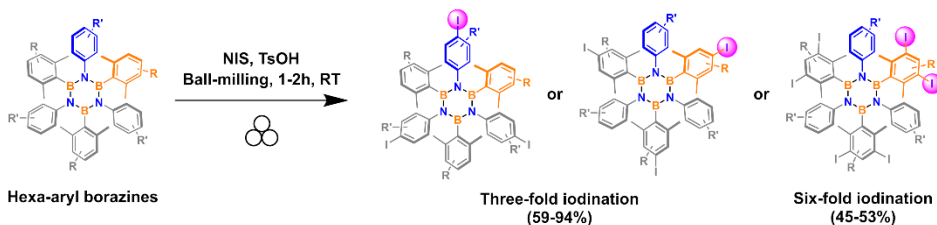
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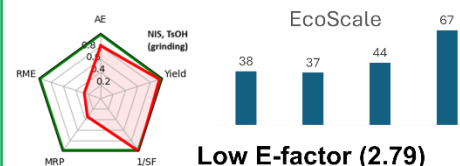
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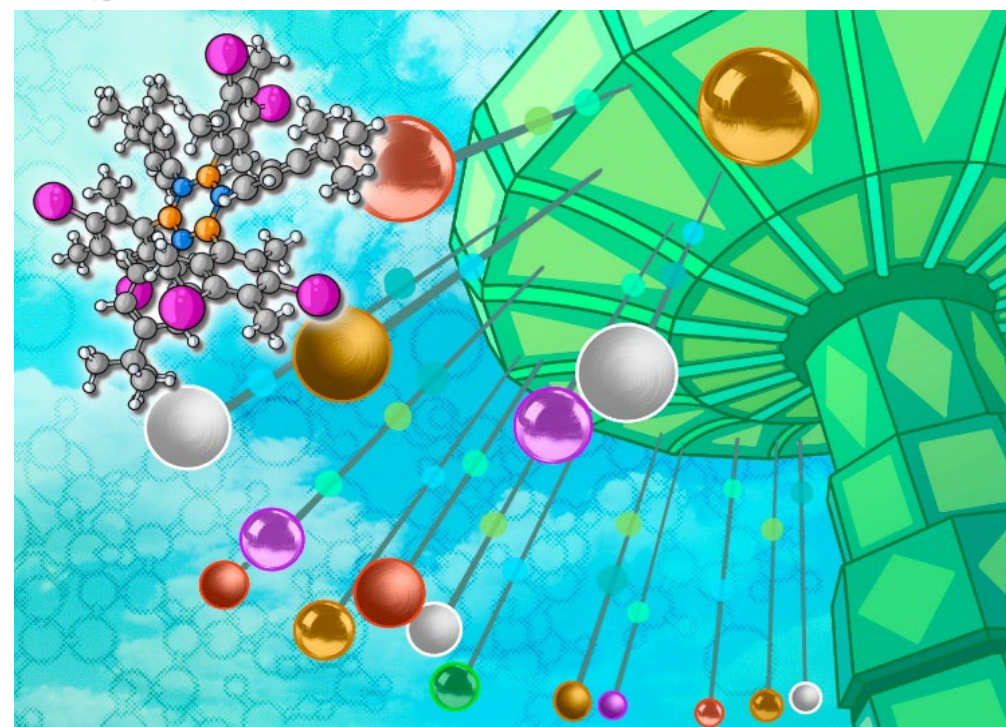
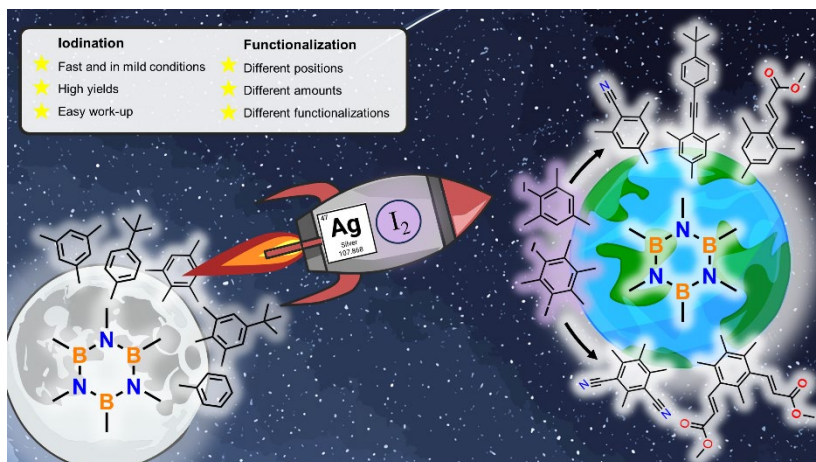
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Green metrics evaluation and optimization



- ✓ Work-up solvent recovery
- ✓ High yields for multiple processes
- ✓ Column-free product isolation
- ✓ *N*- and *B*-ring selective iodination
- ✓ Short reaction time



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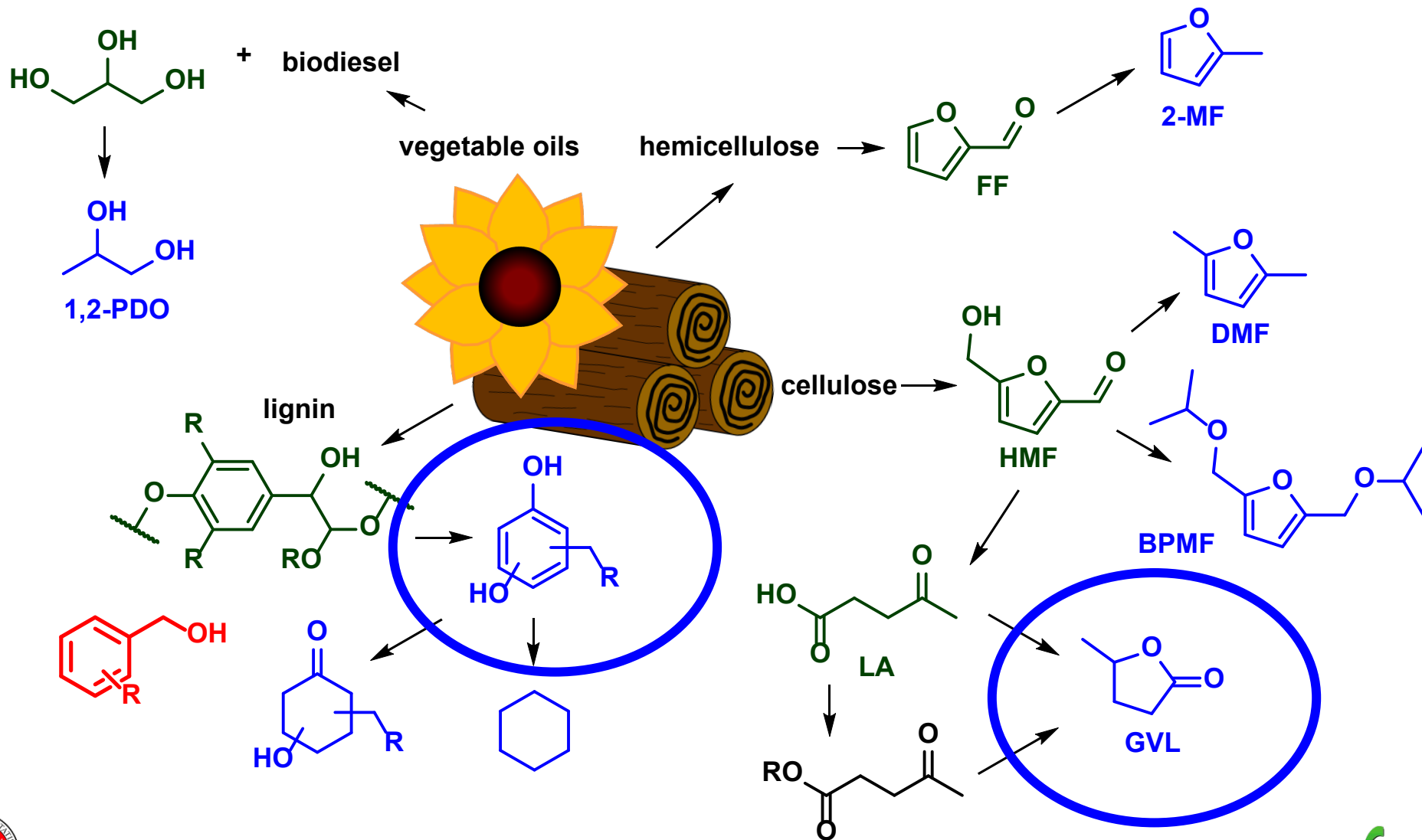
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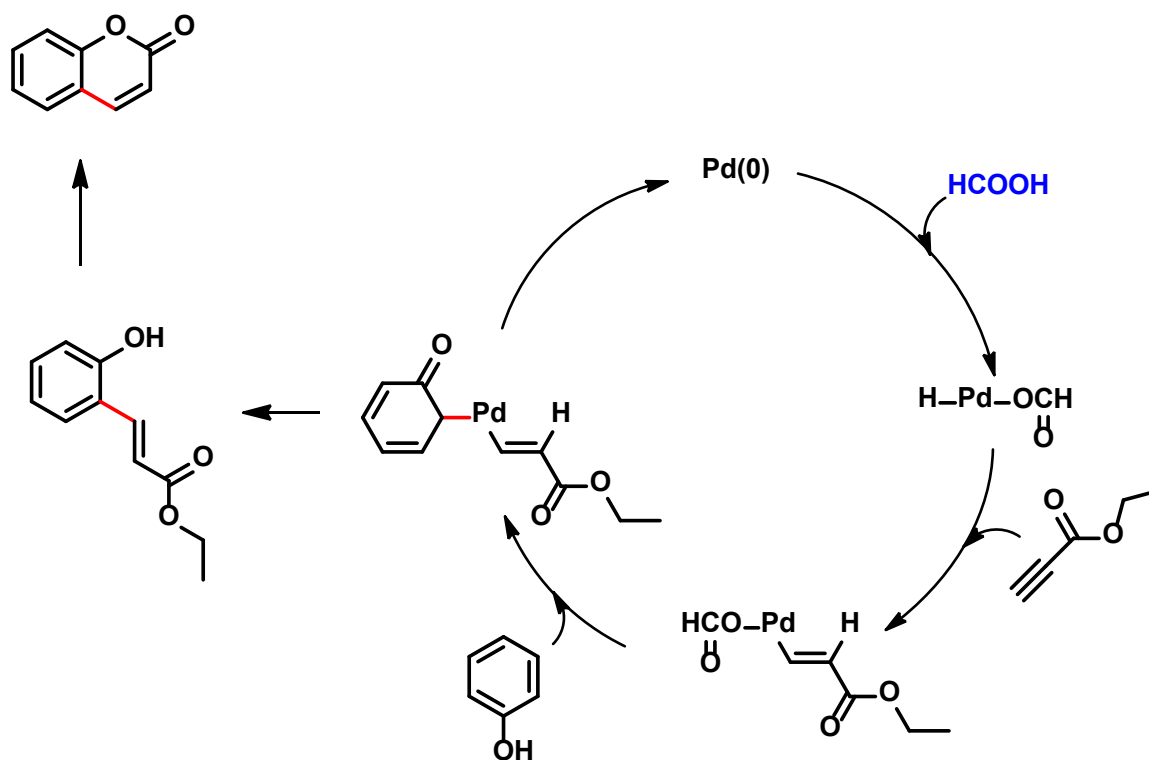
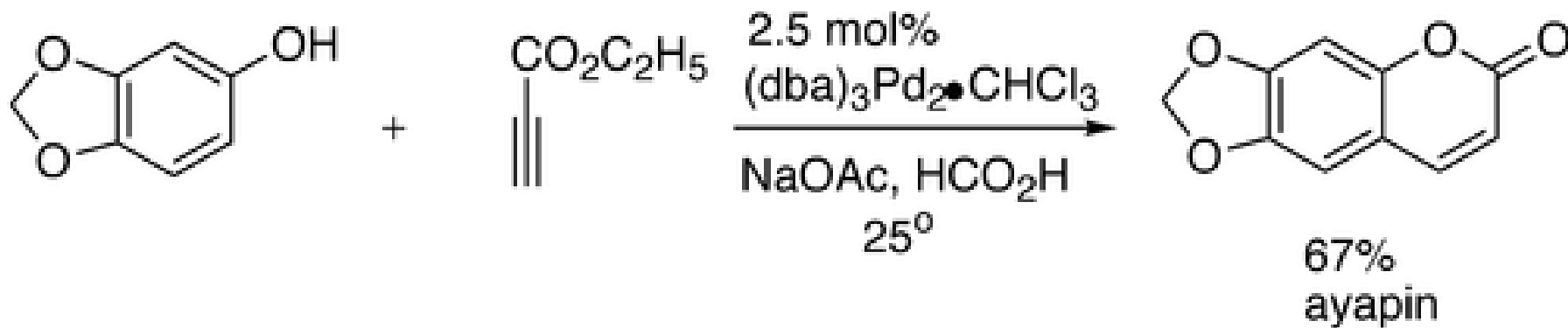
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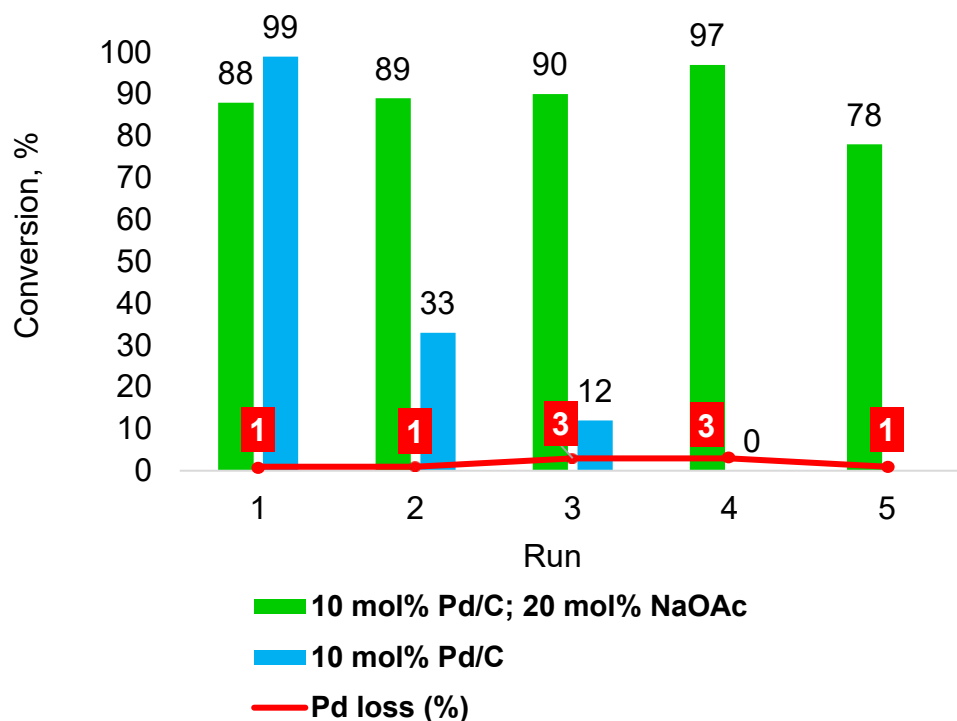
Accessing coumarins from phenols – Trost/Toste reaction



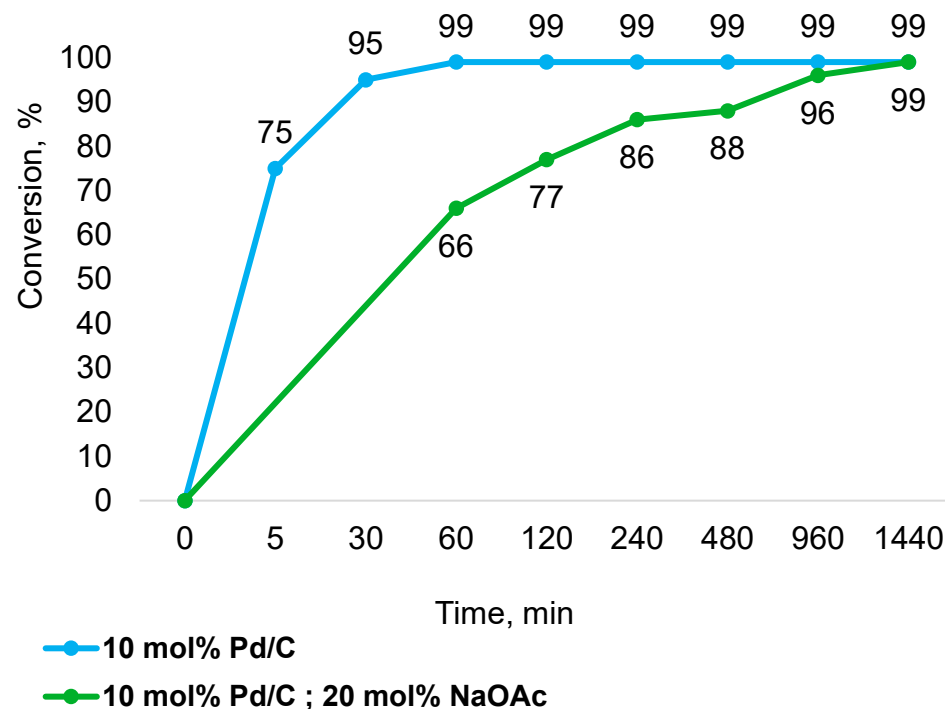
Results and Discussion

Catalytic test

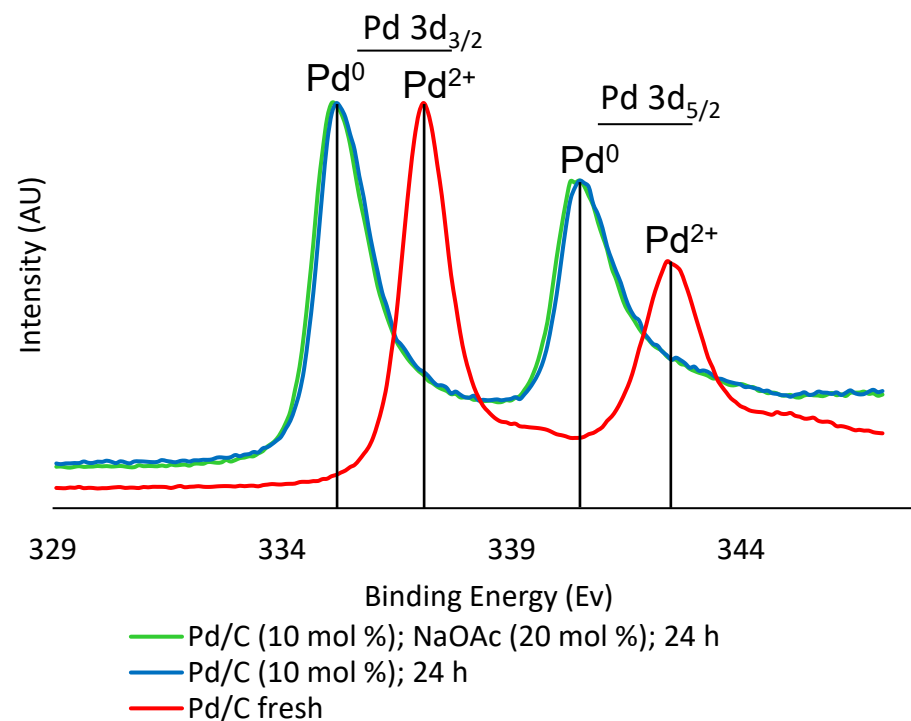
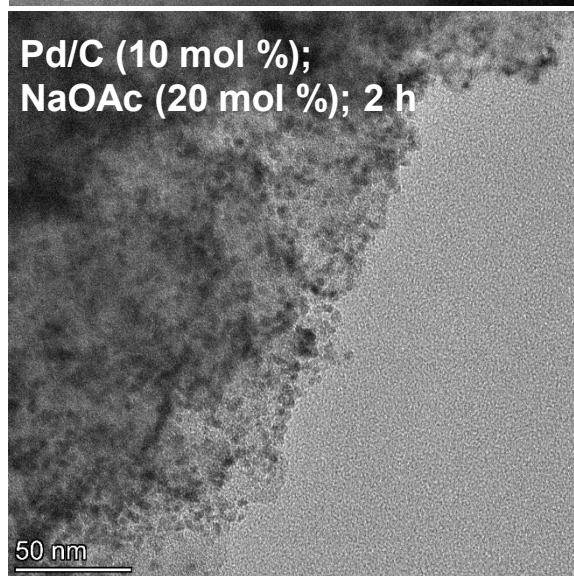
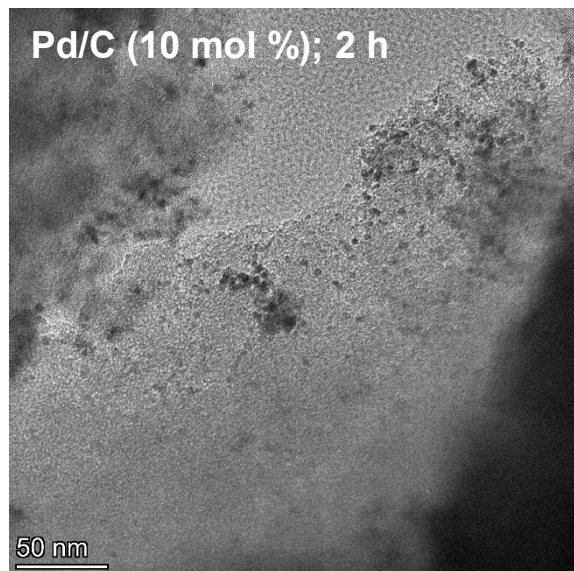
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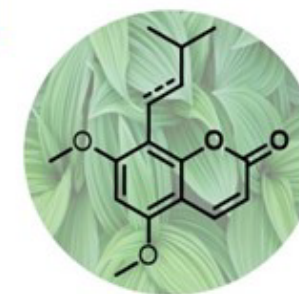
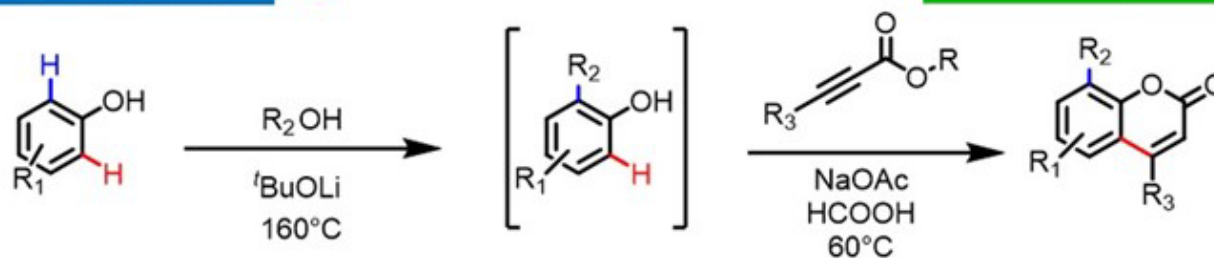
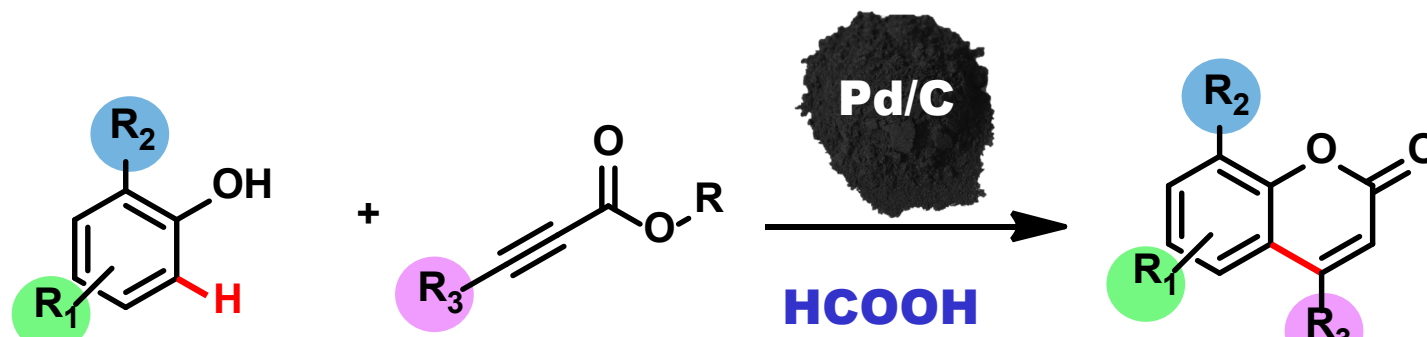
Kinetic test



TEM and XPS analysis



PHENOL VALORISATION: Accessing coumarins via Heterogeneous catalysis



Osthole derivatives

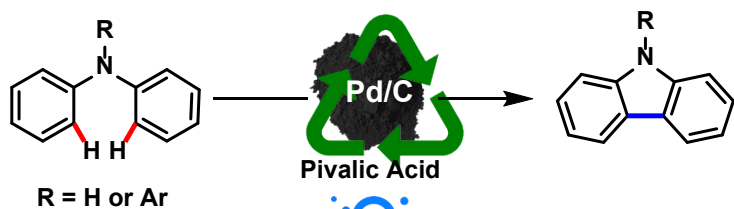
- ✓ Solvent-free reaction conditions
- ✓ Short reaction times

- ✓ One-pot catalytic methodology
- ✓ Recyclable Pd/C
- ✓ First example of Pd/C for coumarin synthesis

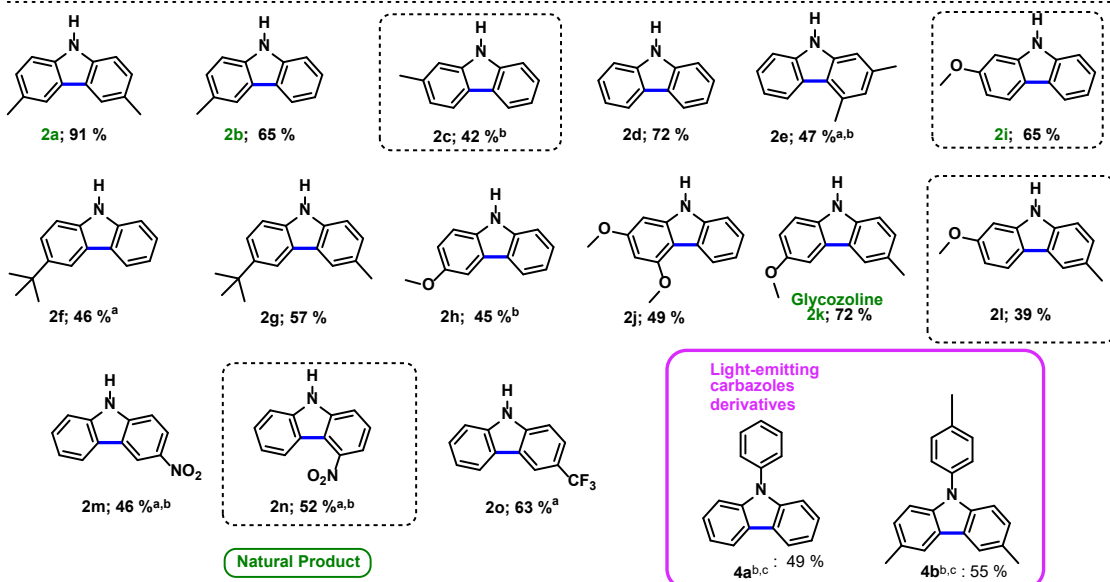
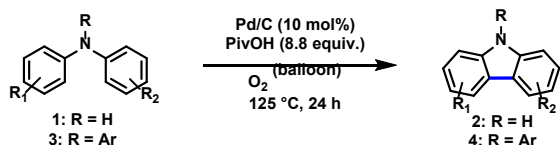
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First report of coumarins synthesis from phenols via C–H functionalization catalysed by a heterogeneous catalyst

From PHENOLS to arylamines and to Carbazoles via C-H/C-H Oxidative Functionalization/Cyclization of Arylamines



- Heterogeneous catalyst
- Recycle of the catalyst
- Oxygen balloon as oxidant
- Solvent free condition
- Facile and safer process
- Minimized E-Factor

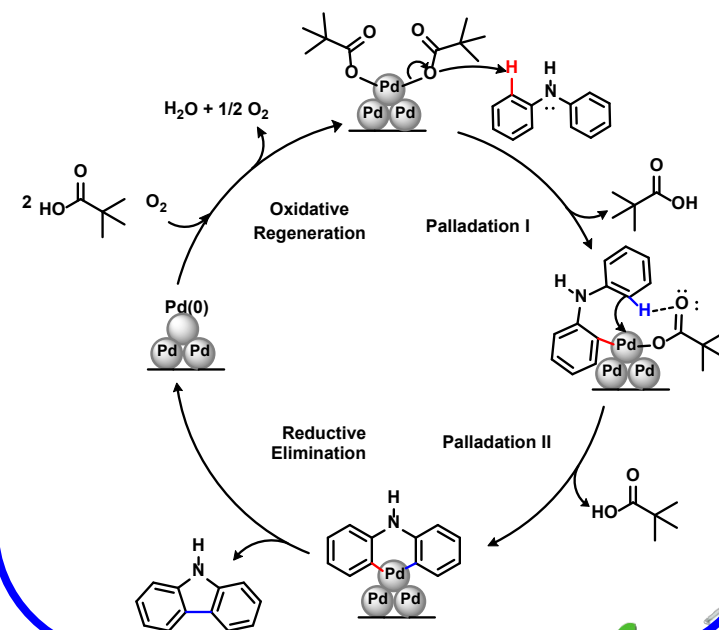
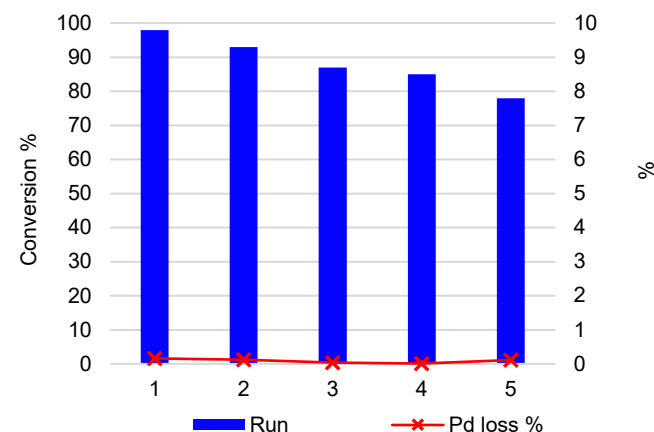


Natural Product

Exceptional selectivity cases;

Reaction conditions: 1 (0.5 mmol); Pd/C (10 mol%), PivOH (8.8 equiv.), O₂ balloon, 125 °C, 24 h. 2 (0.5 mmol); Pd/C (10 mol%), PivOH (8.8 equiv.), O₂ balloon, 125 °C, 24 h. 3 (0.5 mmol); Pd/C (25 mol%), PivOH (8.8 equiv.), O₂ balloon, 140 °C, 24 h. ^a140 °C. ^bChromatographic column is required due to incomplete conversion of starting material.

Catalyst recycle

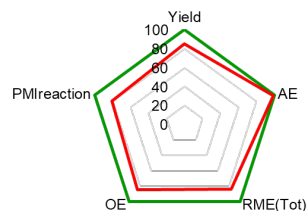
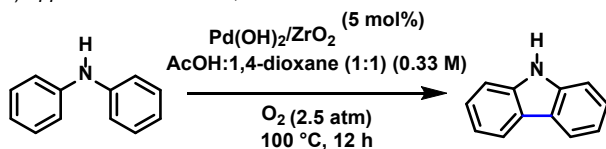


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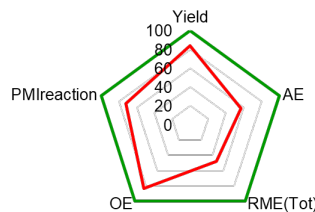
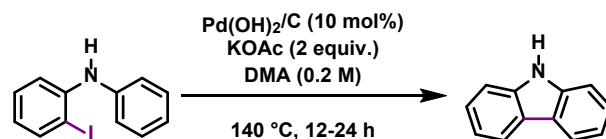


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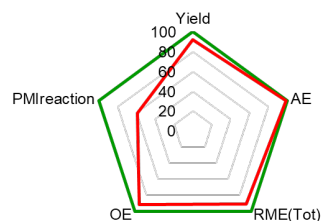
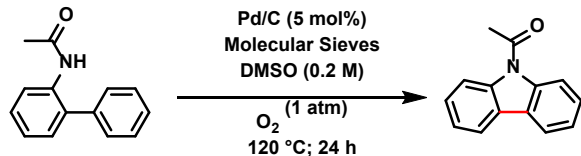
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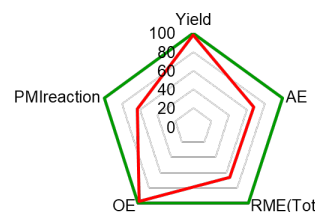
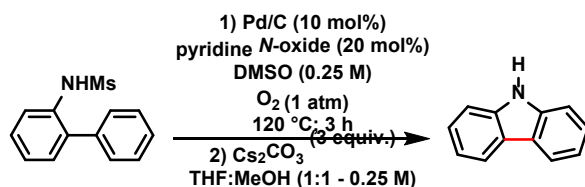
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Solvent	Acetic acid
	1,4-dioxane
Energy	100°C
Health & Safety	
1,4-dioxane (H350)	
acetic acid, O ₂ under pressure	

Solvent	DMA
Energy	140°C
Health & Safety	
DMA (H360D)	
Potassium acetate	

Solvent	DMSO
Energy	120°C
Health & Safety	
O ₂ atmosphere, DMSO	

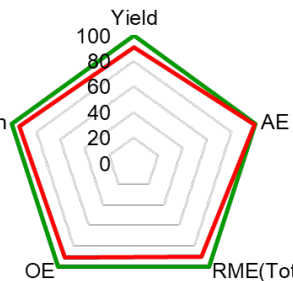
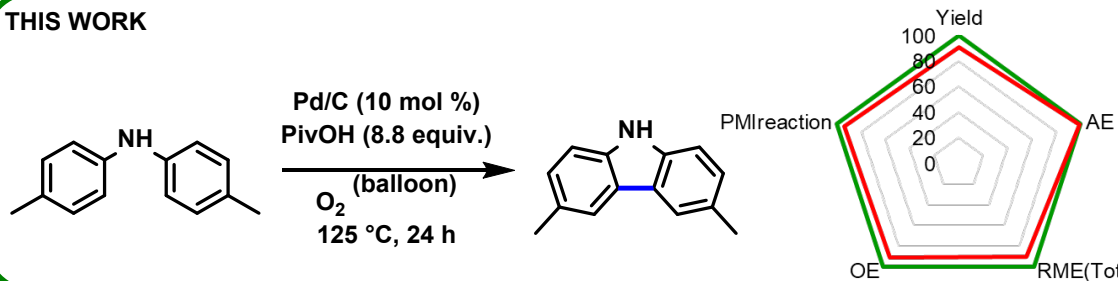
Solvent	DMSO
	THF
	MeOH
Energy	120°C
Health & Safety	
THF (H351), MeOH (H301, H311, H331)	
DMSO, Cs ₂ CO ₃ , Pyridine N-oxide, O ₂ atmosphere	



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Solvent	SoIFC
Energy	125°C
Health & Safety	
pivalic acid, O ₂ atmosphere	

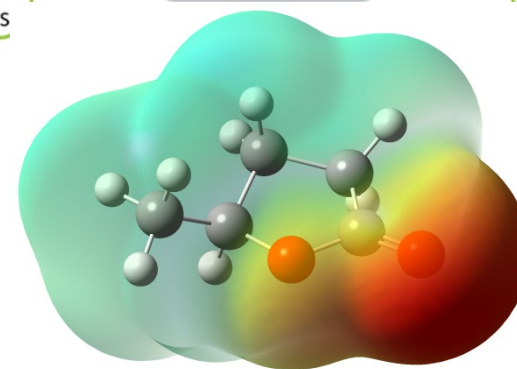
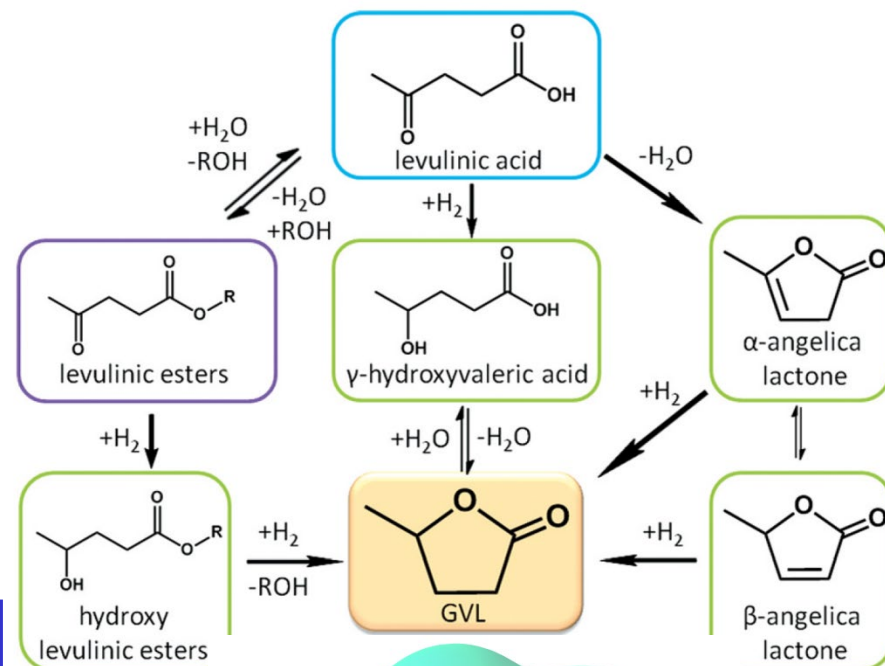




Alternative solvents from Biomasses

Property	Value
CAS-No	108-29-2
Formula	C ₅ H ₈ O ₂
MW (g mol ⁻¹)	100.112
Refractive index (n ₂₀ /D)	1.432
Density (g mL ⁻¹)	1.05
Flash point (°C)	96
Melting point (°C)	-31
Boiling point (°C)	207–208
Solubility in water (%)	100
ΔH _{vap} (kJ mol ⁻¹)	54.8
Δ _c H ^o _{liquid} (kJ mol ⁻¹)	-2649.6

γ-Valerolactone - GVL



γ-Valerolactone - GVL

Boiling points and polarity of dipolar aprotic solvents

NMP	202 °C	ε = 32
Dimethyl sulfoxide	189 °C	ε = 48
Dimethyl formamide	153 °C	ε = 36.7
Dimethyl acetamide	165 °C	ε = 32
Acetonitrile	82 °C	ε = 37
GVL	207 °C	ε = 36.5

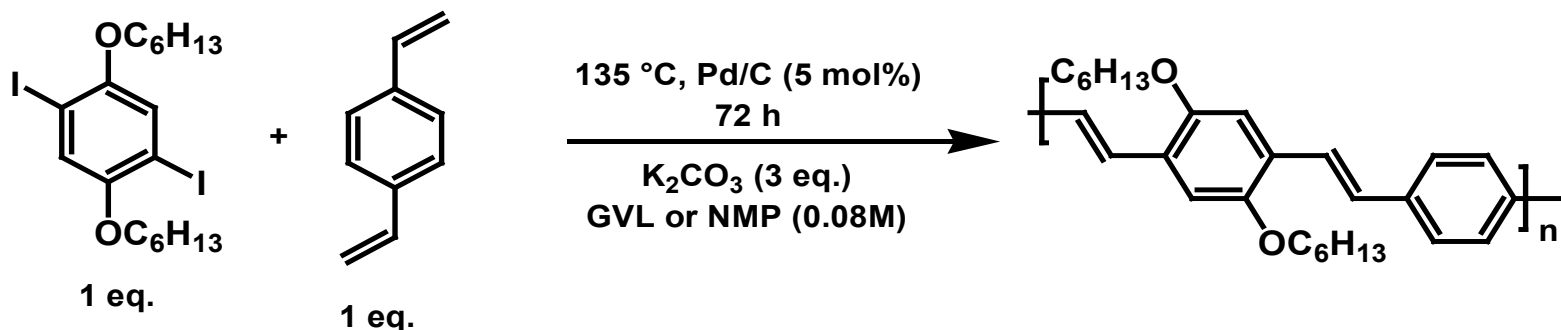


GVL as medium for Pd-catalyzed couplings

✓ Heck Reaction in the Co-polymerization Reaction and Device Performance



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GIACOMO

Medium	M _n (KDa)	M _w (KDa)	PDI	Pd (ppm)
GVL	8.14	16.27	1.99	6
NMP	16.43	36.98	1.99	860

Medium	J _{sc} (mA cm ⁻²)	Voc (V)	FF (%)	PCE (%)	μ × 10 ⁻³ (cm ² V ⁻¹ s ⁻¹)	I _{on} /I _{off}
GVL	2.4	0.92	33.7	0.73	1.01	1500
NMP	3.8	0.91	36.1	1.26	1.21	200
GVL ^b	1.6	0.75	33.8	0.39	0.90	1400

^a Average of ~5 devices. ^b Pd(PPh₃)₄ was added to achieve ~800 ppm of Pd.

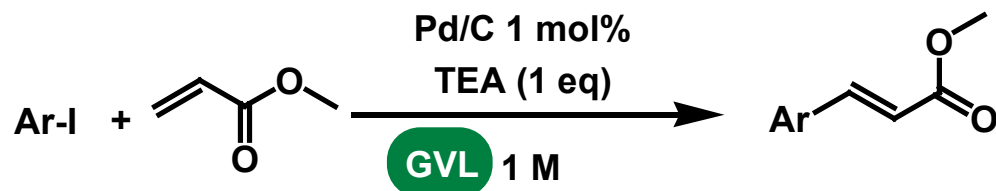


GVL as medium for Pd-catalyzed couplings

WHY and HOW an alternative a reaction medium should be used?

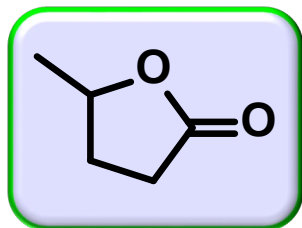
... **HOW** to exploit unconventional medium properties to obtain more efficient chemical results?

✓ Heck Reaction



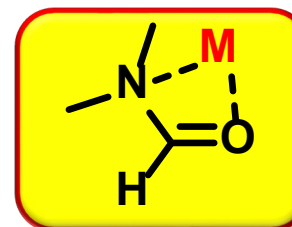
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NMP	150	10 min	835
DMF	150	10 min	50
GVL	180	30 min	6.3
GVL	200	20 min	3.9
NMP	200	5 min	279

GVL as medium for Pd-catalyzed couplings



GVL

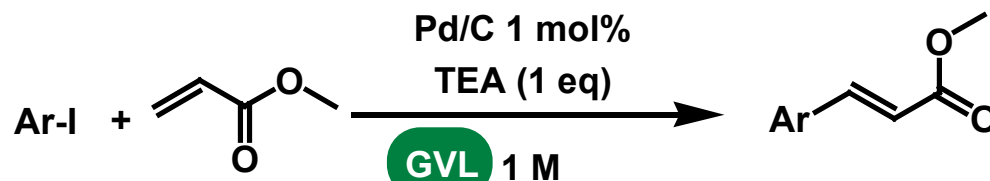
✓ Heck Reaction



DMF



NMP

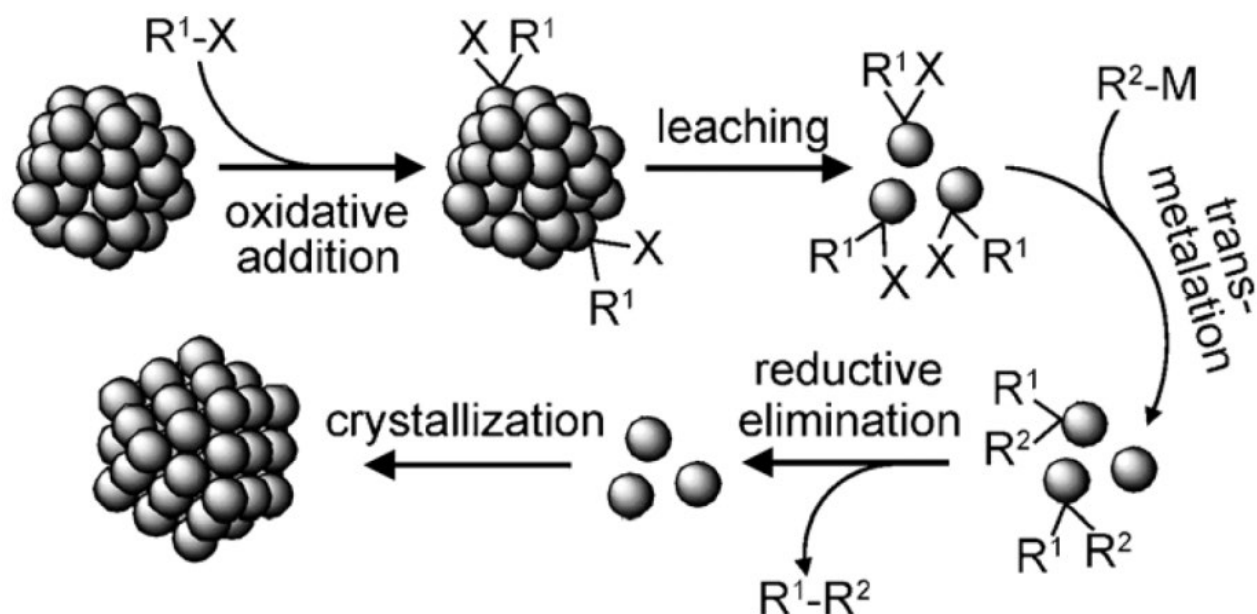


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PALLADIUM *Release and Catch* catalytic system

During the process after oxidative addition “Heterogeneous Palladium” is released and after reductive elimination it «re-precipitates».

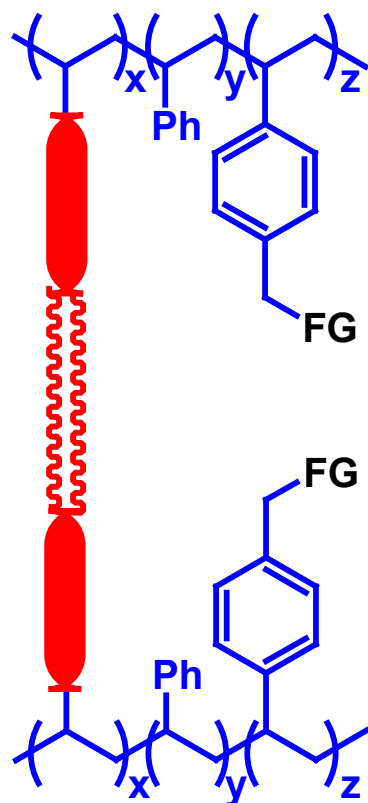
This phenomenon depends on the reaction medium, on the base, on the type of support, and on temperature



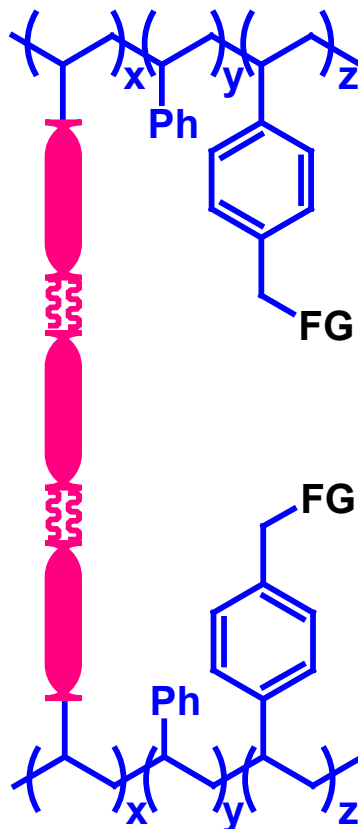
ORGANIC SUPPORTS... polystyrenes



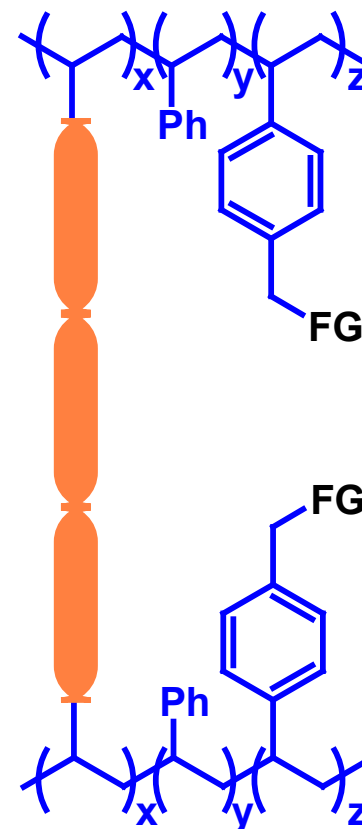
flexible



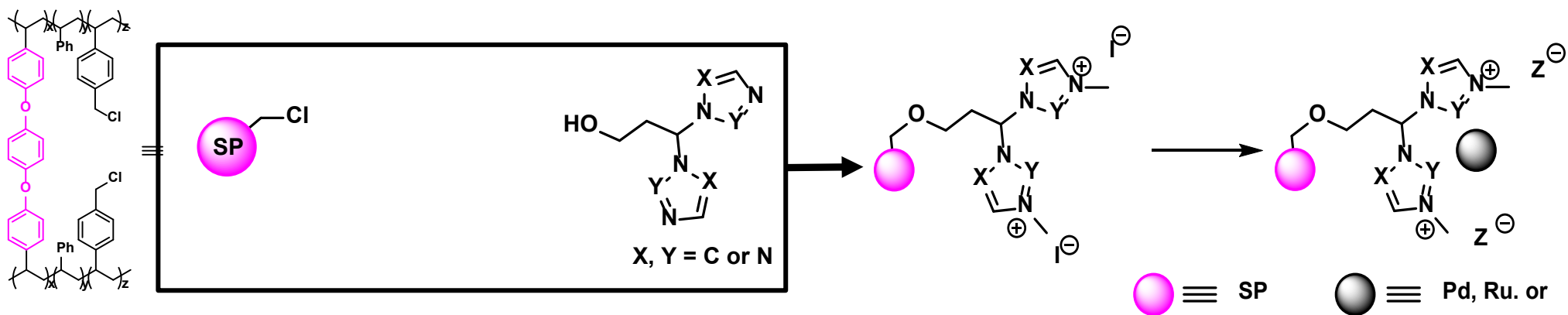
rigid



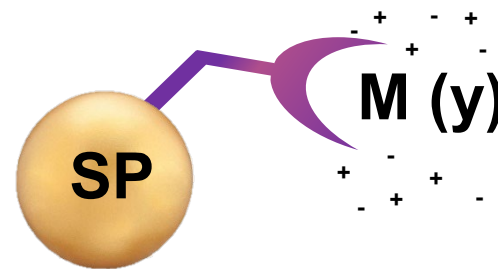
highly rigid



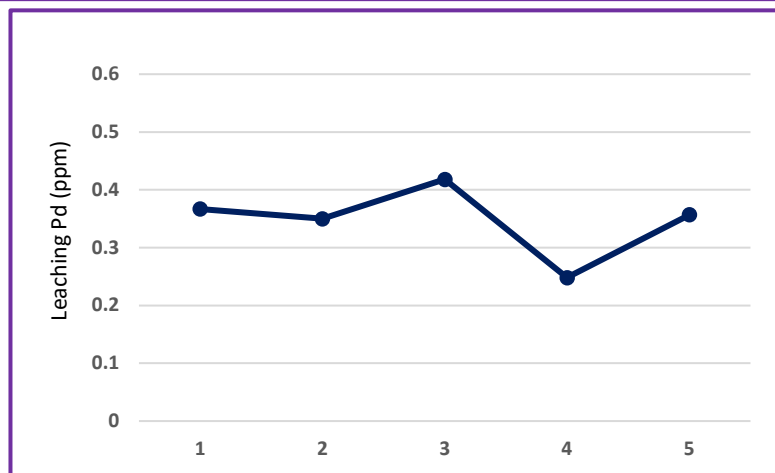
Novel catalyst design



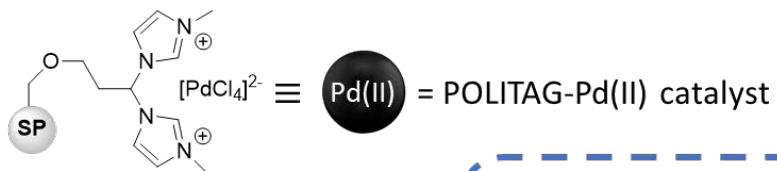
- ✓ **Novel** class of heterogeneous catalytic systems
- ✓ **Tunable properties** (support, loading, pincer-type ligand, metal)
- ✓ **Tailor-made** catalysts



✓ Recycling and flow

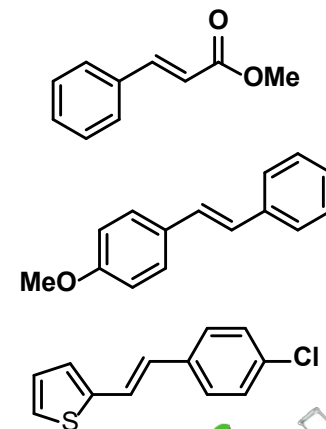
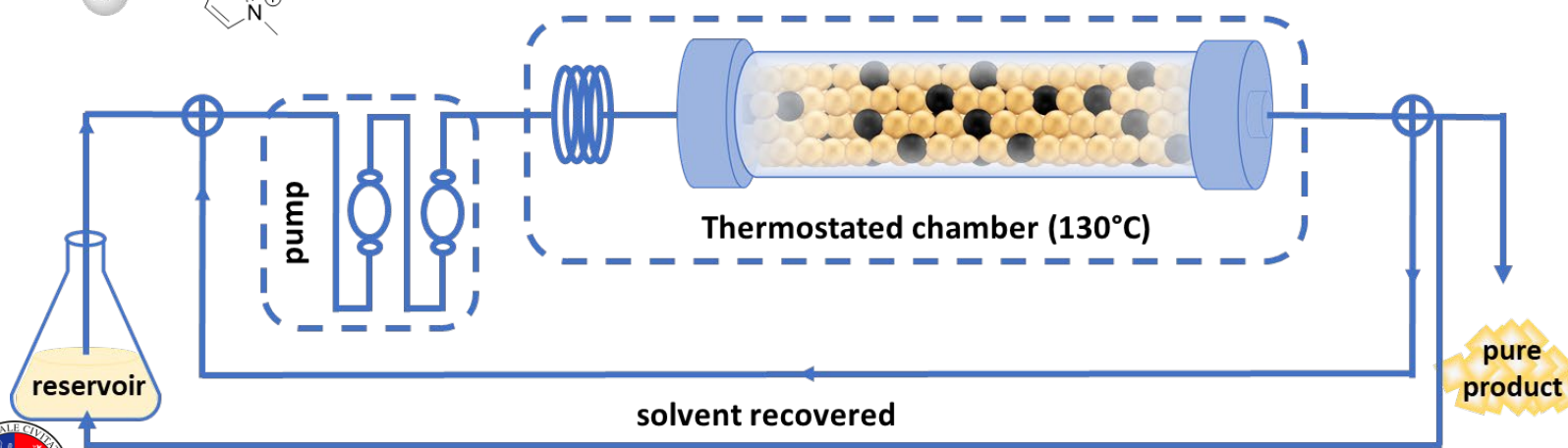


Run	Pd leaching (ppm)
1	0.37
2	0.35
3	0.42
4	0.25
5	0.36
flow	0.05



= polymer supported-TEA

2.4 < E-factor < 5



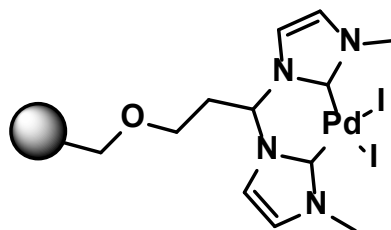
POLI-TAG-L1-Pd(II)-L and POLI-TAG-L2-Pd(0)-M



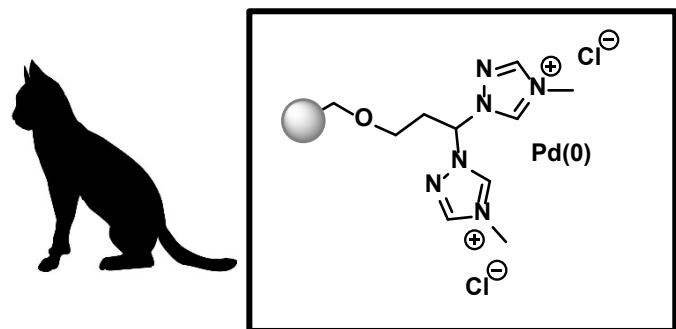
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OUR POLITAG SYSTEMS DO EFFECTIVELY WORK TO CATCH PALLADIUM

“It doesn't matter whether the cat is black or white, as long as it catches mice”

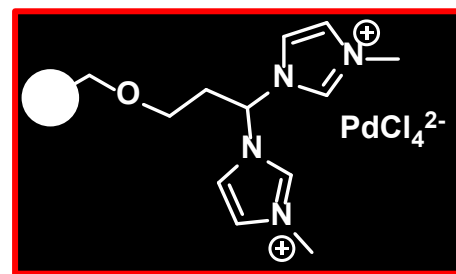
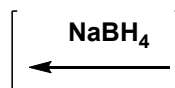


Polymer Supported-NHC-Pd(II)



POLI-TAG-L2-Pd(0)-L

Pd(0) loading: 16 wt%

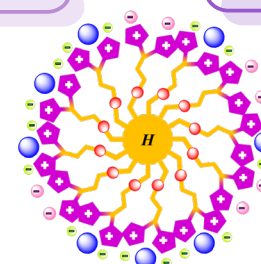
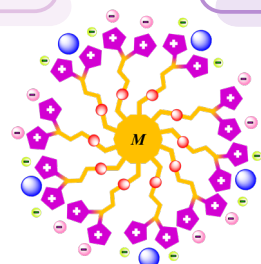
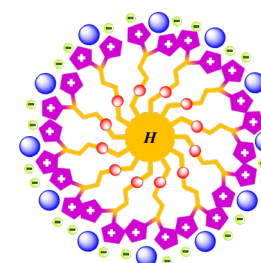
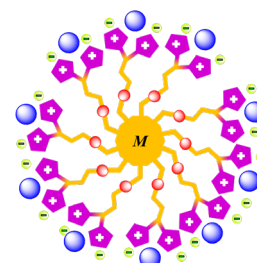
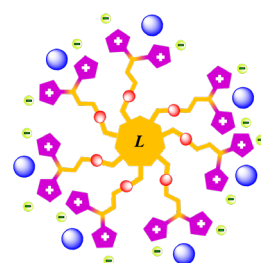
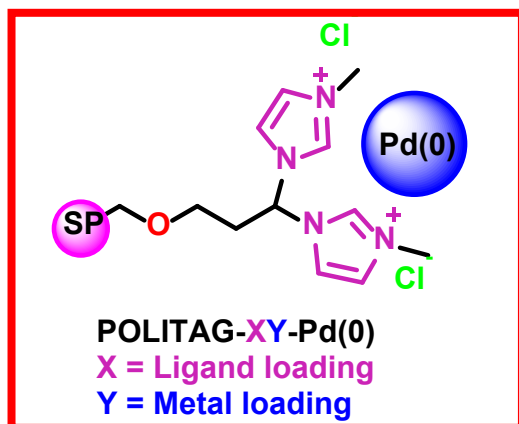
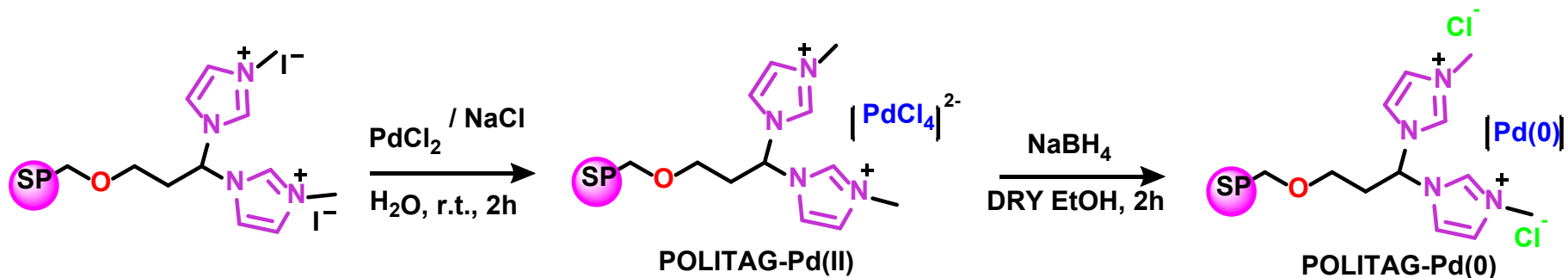


POLI-TAG-L1-Pd(II)-L

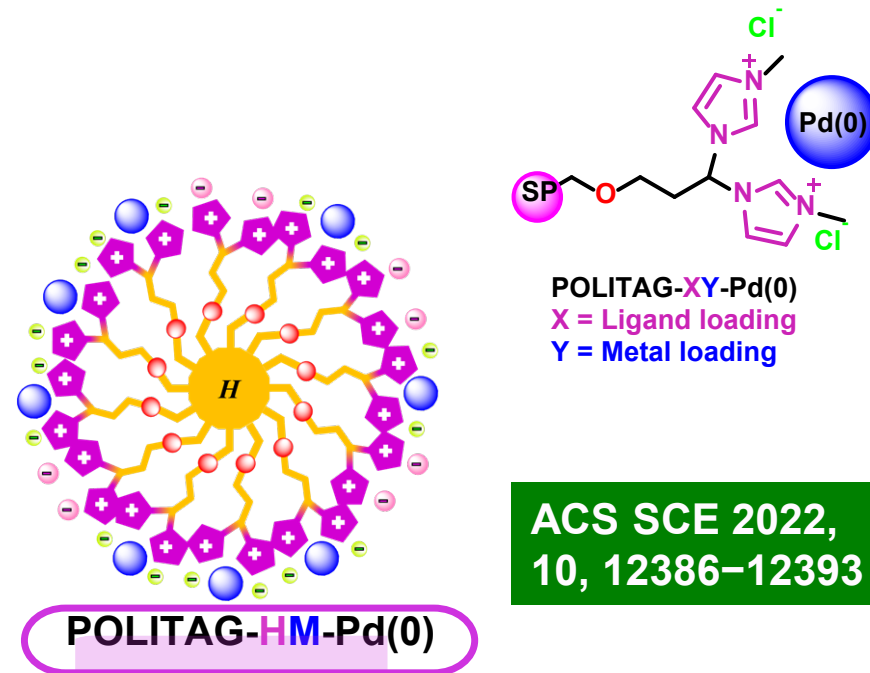
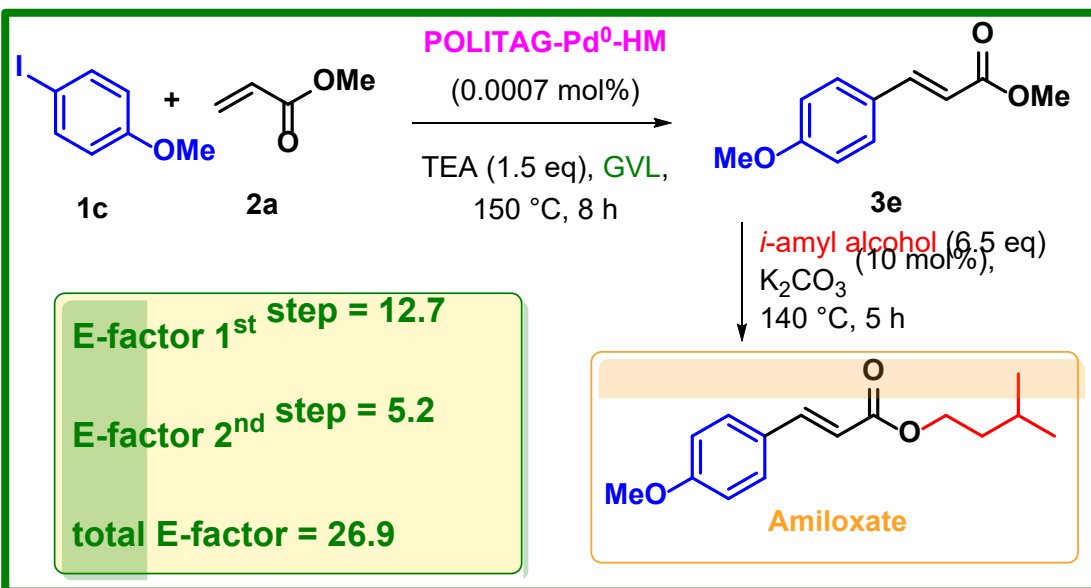
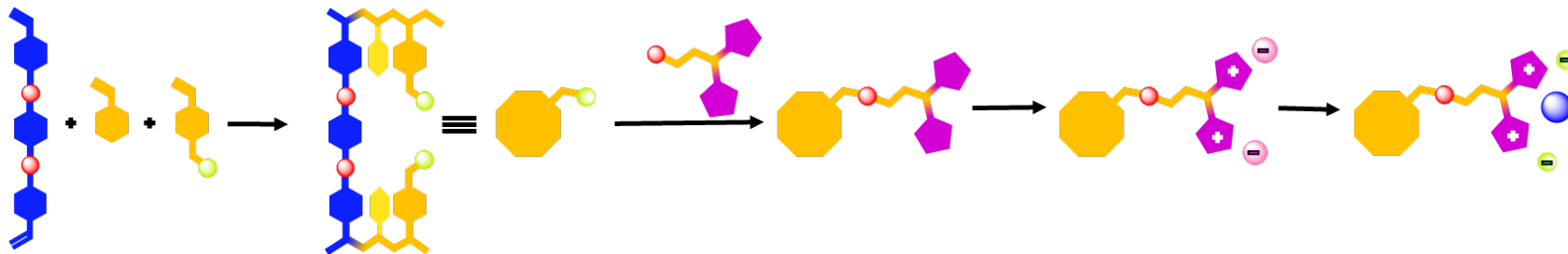
Pd(II) loading: 3 wt %



➤ Synthesis of POLITAG-X



HIGHLY EFFICIENT POLI-TAG CATALYSTS



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high TOF value: 26786 h⁻¹ using only 0.0007 mol% of Pd in γ -valerolactone (GVL) as green reaction medium

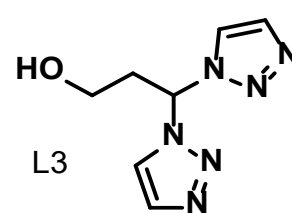
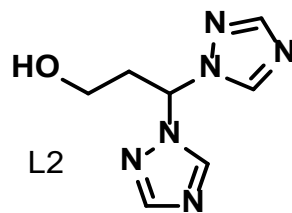
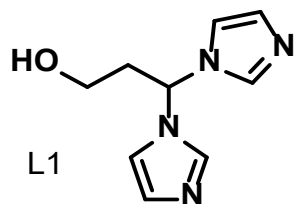


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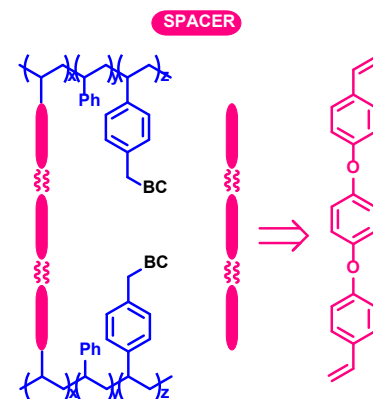
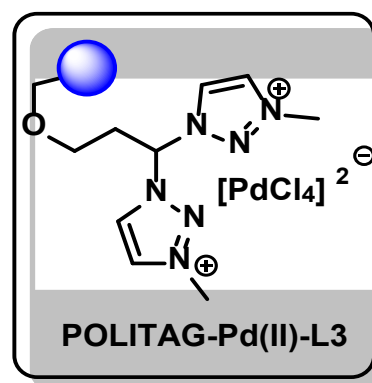
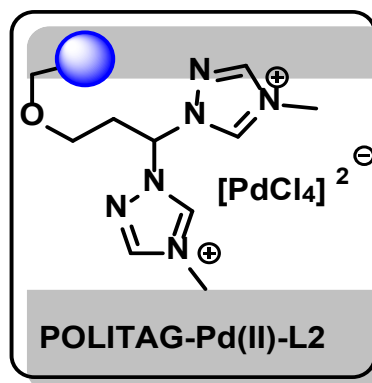
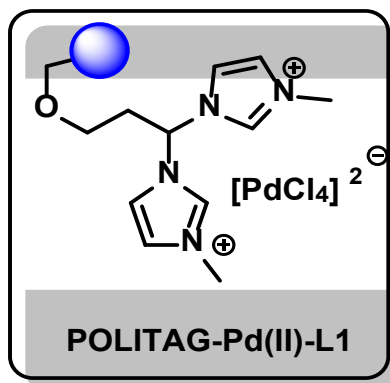
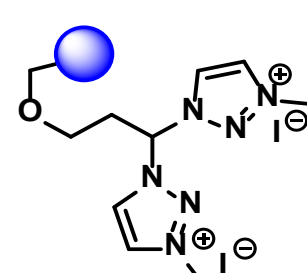
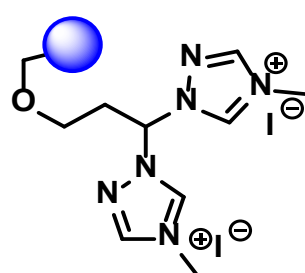
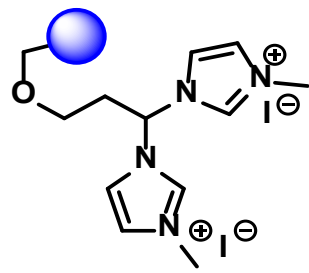
✓ POLITAG-catalysts



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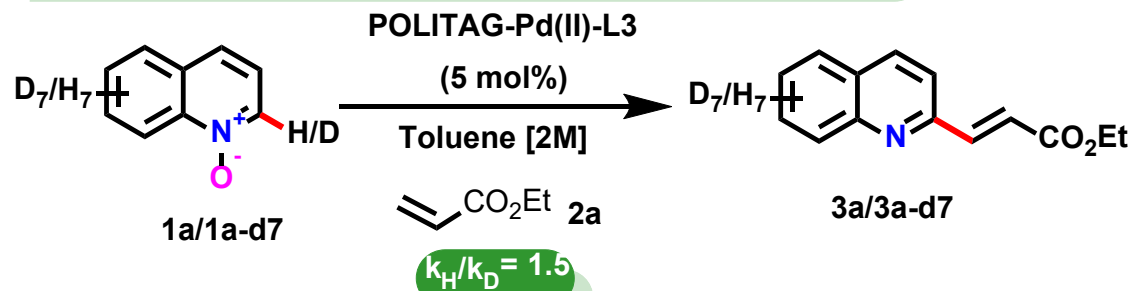
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✓ Mechanistic Investigation

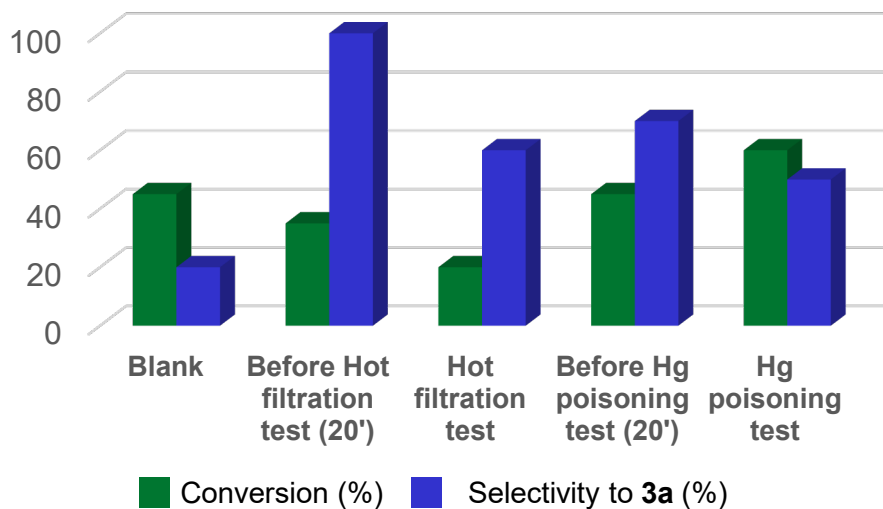


Is it C–H activation?

Intermolecular KIE (independent reaction and one pot)

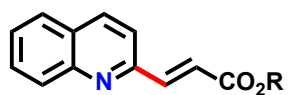
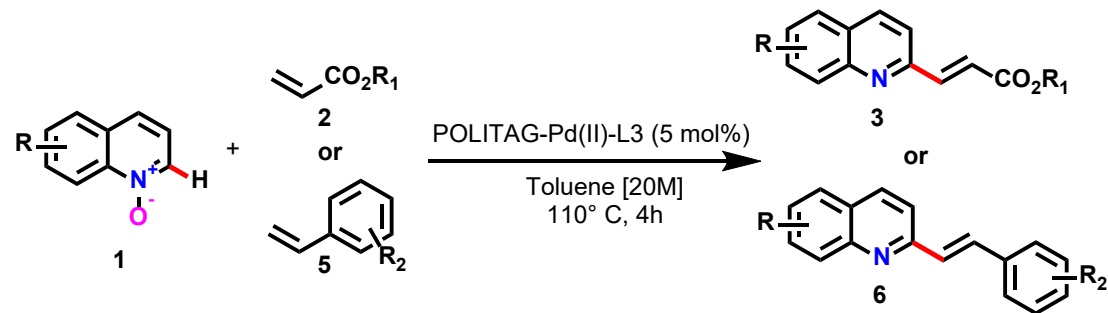


Is it Heterogeneous catalysis?

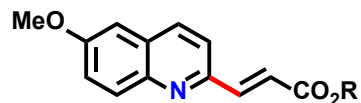


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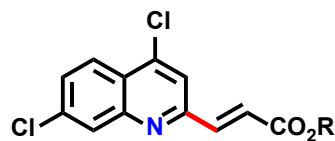
✓ Substrate scope



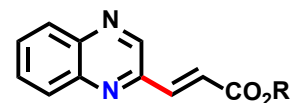
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-Me (3b) 75%
-nBu (3c) 73%
-Bn (3d) 68%



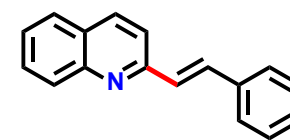
R: -Me (3e) 74%
-Et (3f) 73%
-nBu (3g) 78%
-Bn (3h) 67%



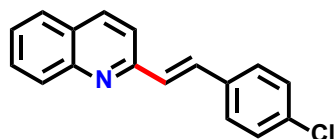
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-Et (3j) 82%
-nBu (3k) 82%



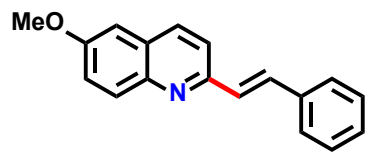
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-nBu (3n) 62%
-Bn (3o) 72%



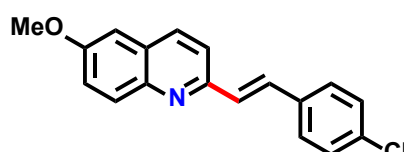
6a: 75%



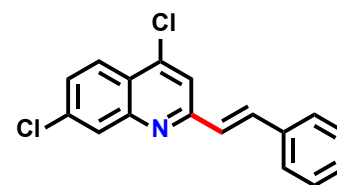
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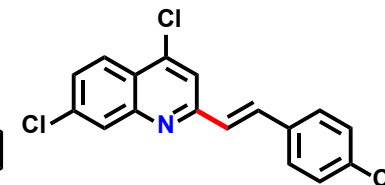
6c: 83%



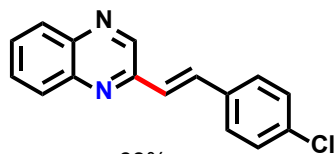
6d: 78%



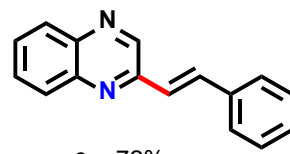
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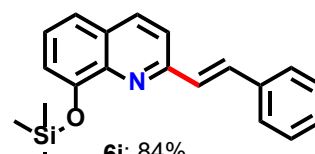
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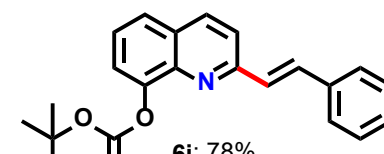
6h: 68%



6g: 72%



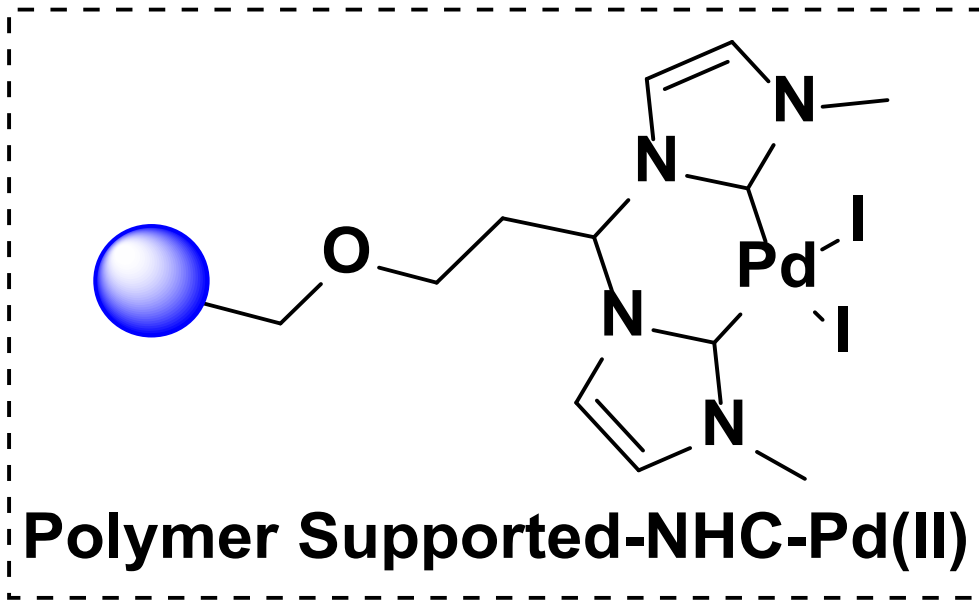
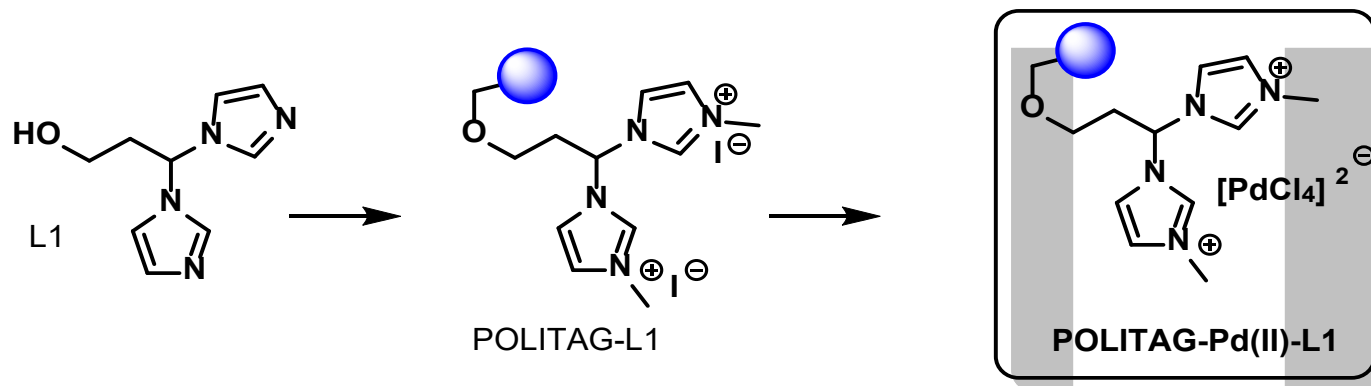
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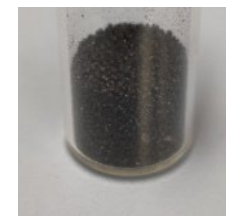
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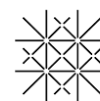
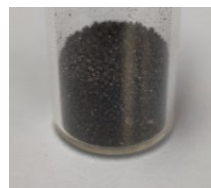
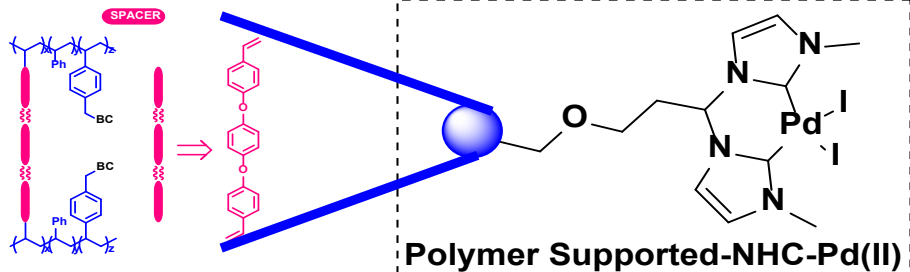
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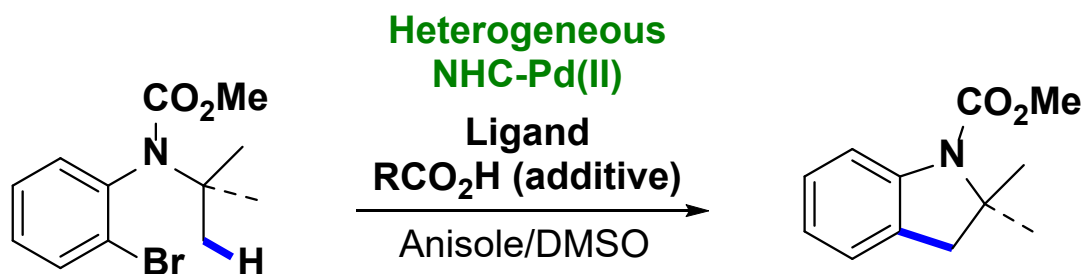
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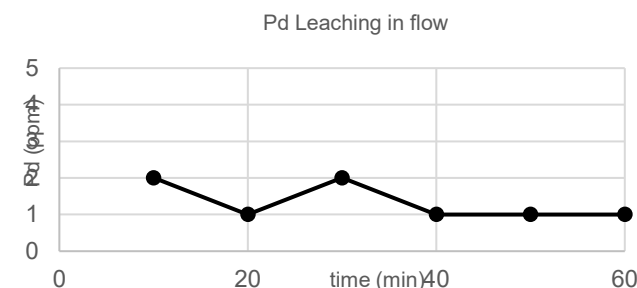
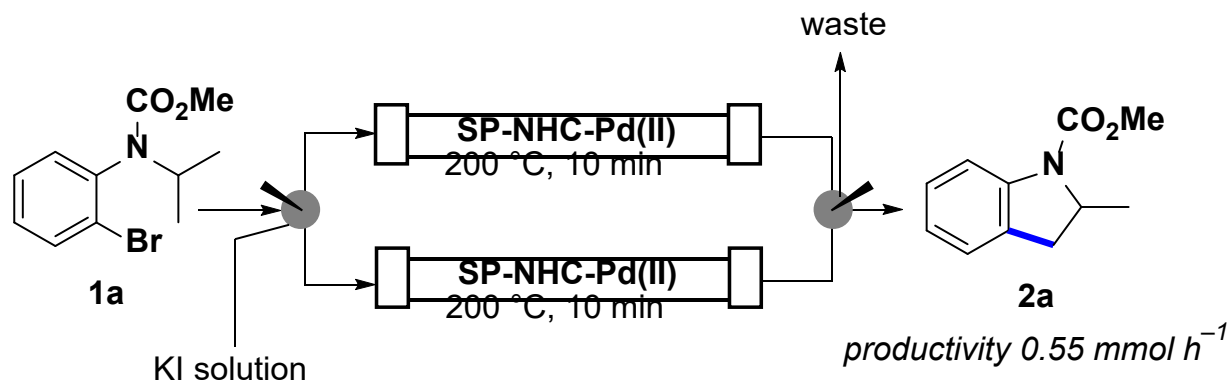


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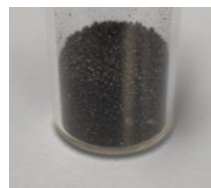
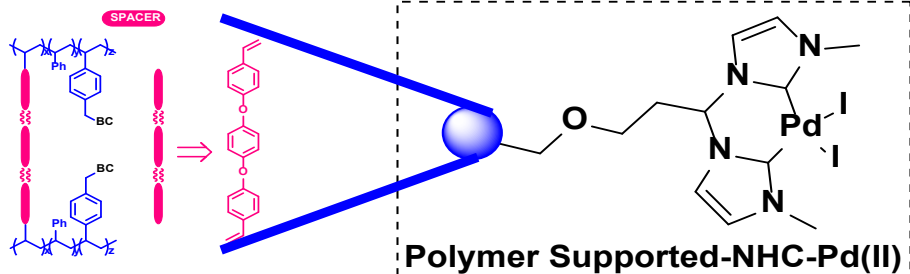
Synthesis of indolines



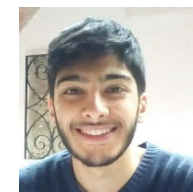
18 examples – 40-91% yields



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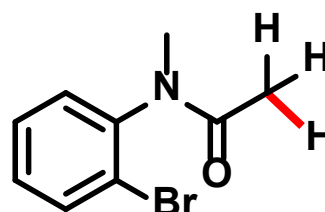
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Synthesis of oxindoles

20 examples – 85-94% yields



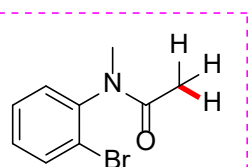
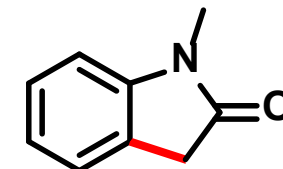
SP-NHC-Pd(II) (5mol%)
(10 mol%)

PCy₃

PivOH (0.3 eq.)
(1.5 eq.)

Cs₂CO₃

CPME az. [0.1M]
140 °C , 2h

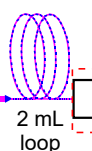


PCy₃ PivOH

CPME [1M]

Cs₂CO₃

Water [1M]



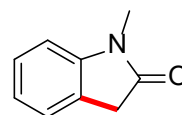
140 °C

SP-NHC-Pd(II)

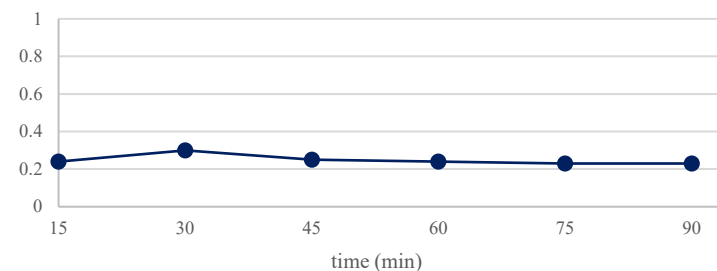
Zaiput separator

BPR

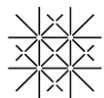
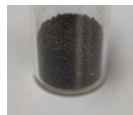
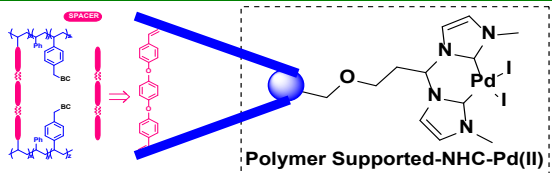
aqueous wastes



Pd(ppm)

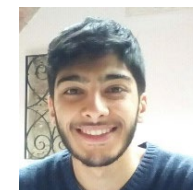


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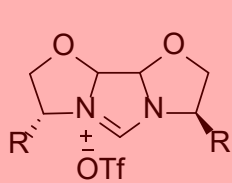
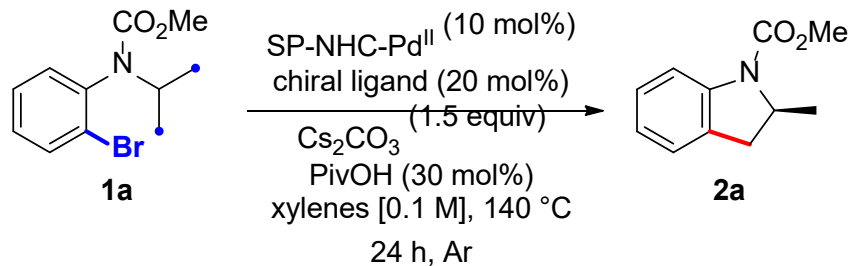
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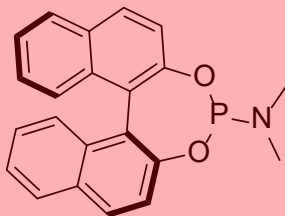


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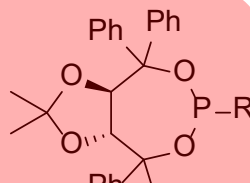
enantioselective C-H arylation



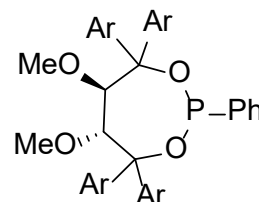
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L₂, R = *t*-Bu



L³

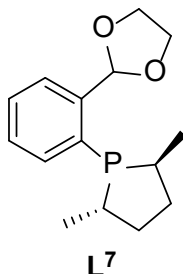


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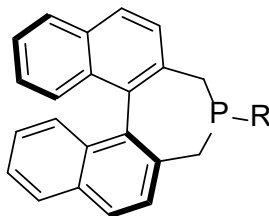


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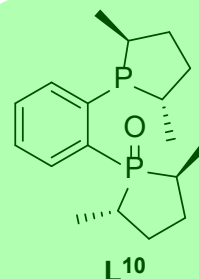
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L⁷



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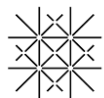
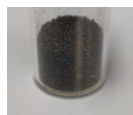
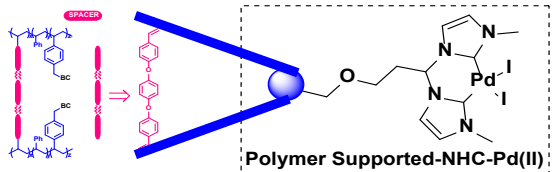


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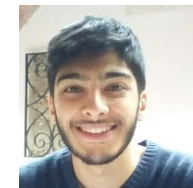


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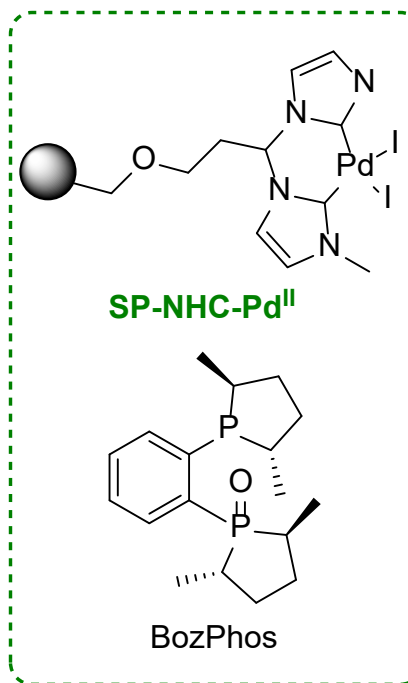
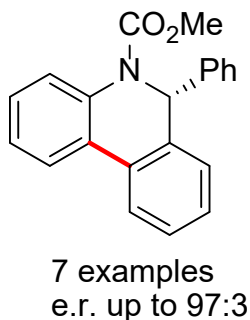
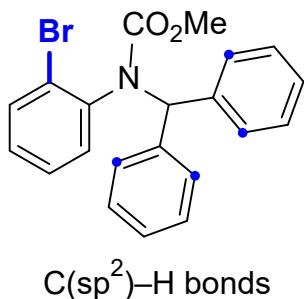
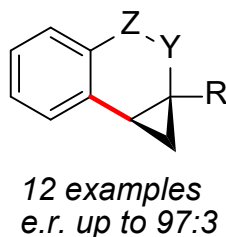
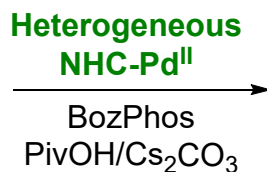
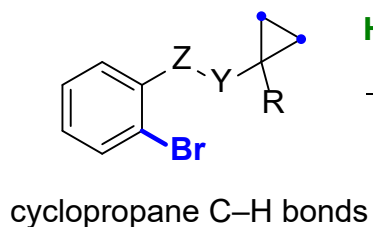
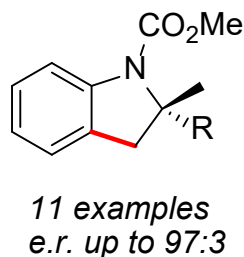
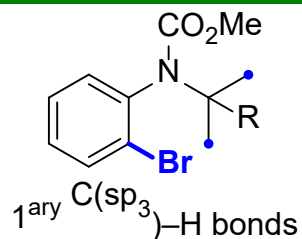
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enantioselective C-H arylation



- versatile chiral ligand
- recyclable heterogeneous catalyst
- high yields and enantioselectivities

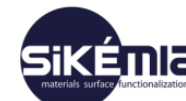
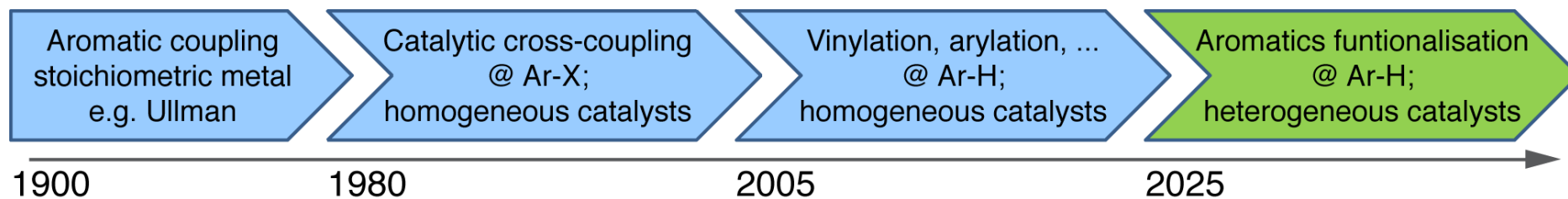


Cross-Couplings / C-H functionalizations

Fundamental tools for the synthesis of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients



H-CCAT: Solid Catalysts for activation of aromatic C-H bonds



Heck-Mirozoki vs Fujiwara-Moritani reactions

Cross-couplings vs C-H functionalization



H-CAT: Solid Catalysts for activation of aromatic C-H bonds

Heck-Mirozoki reaction (Heck alkenylation)



Fujiwara-Moritani Reaction

(C-H functionalization - Oxidative Heck alkenylation)

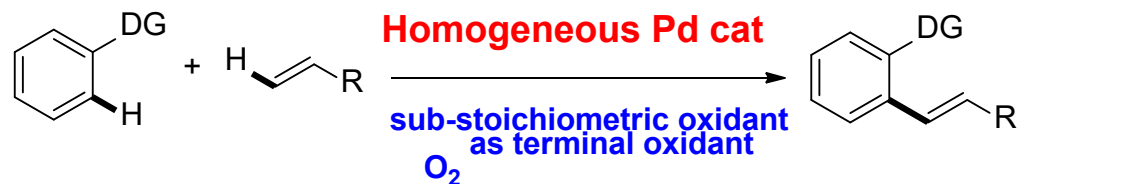
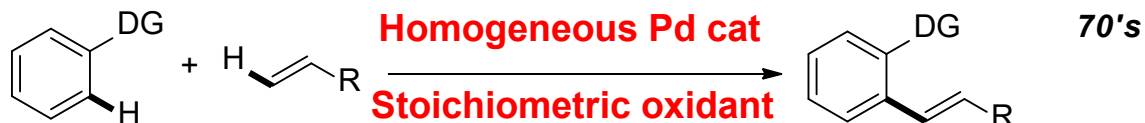


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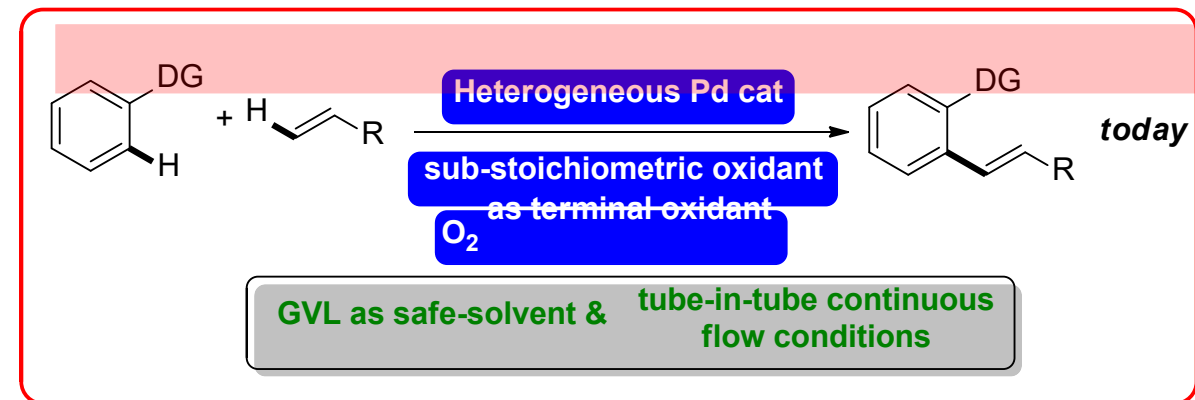
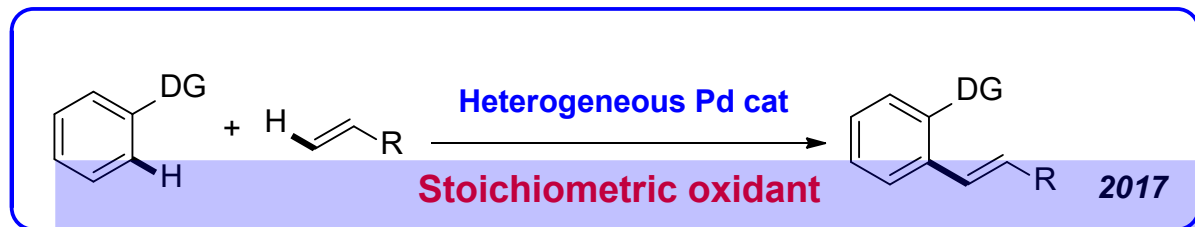
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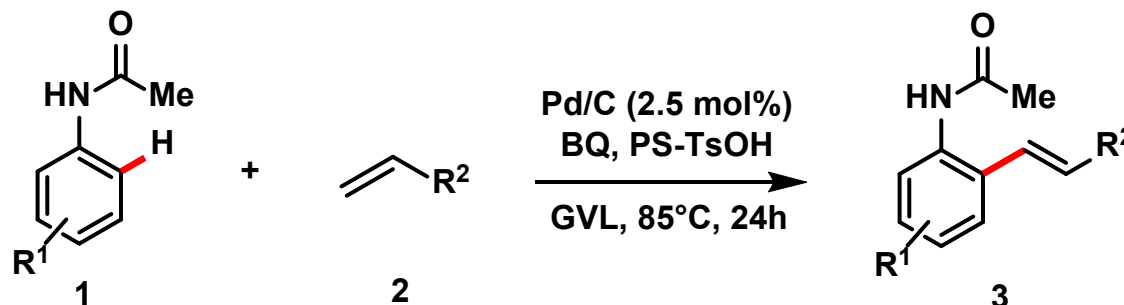
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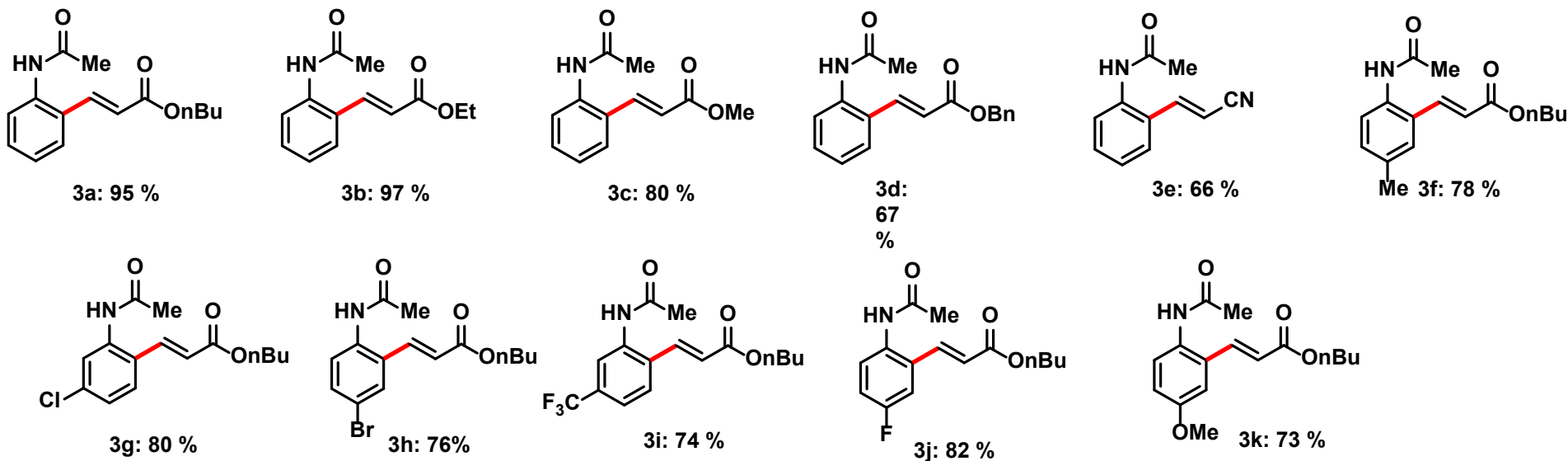
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GVL and heterogeneous catalysts in C–H activation processes

✓ Heterogeneous Palladium-Catalyzed Oxidative C–H Alkenylations... Fujiwara-Moritani reaction



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GVL and heterogeneous catalysts in C–H activation processes

✓ Pd/C catalyzed Fujiwara-Moritani reaction

✓ EXPERIMENTS SUGGEST THAT THE ACTIVE CATALYTIC SPECIES IS HETEROGENEOUS IN NATURE

➤ **Hot-filtration/mercury poisoning test** suggest a possible heterogeneous catalysis

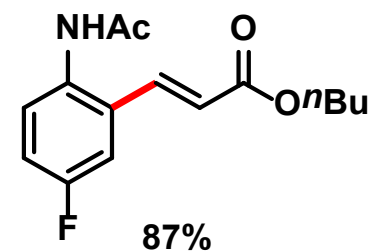
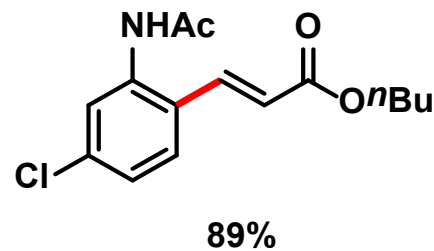
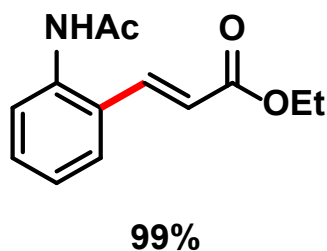
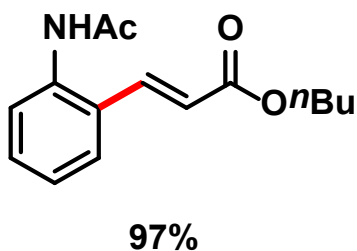
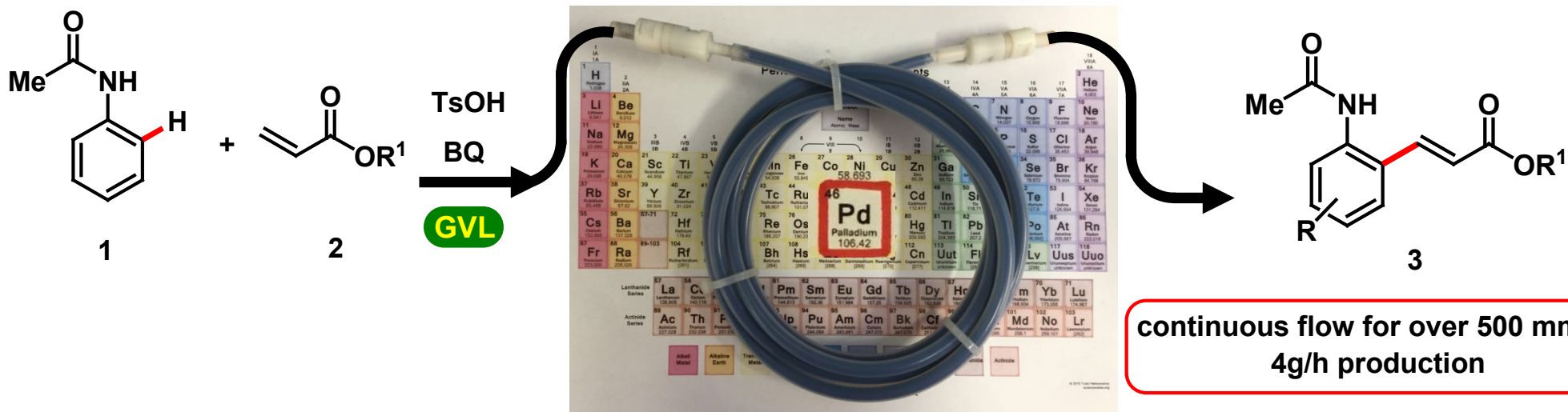
A “release and catch” mechanism is probably more likely, given the reaction conditions and the well-known mechanism of the FM reaction.

	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3	Run 4	Run 5
Yield	95%	95%	94%	93%	87%
Pd leaching (ppm)	4.0	3.7	3.8	4.1	4.2



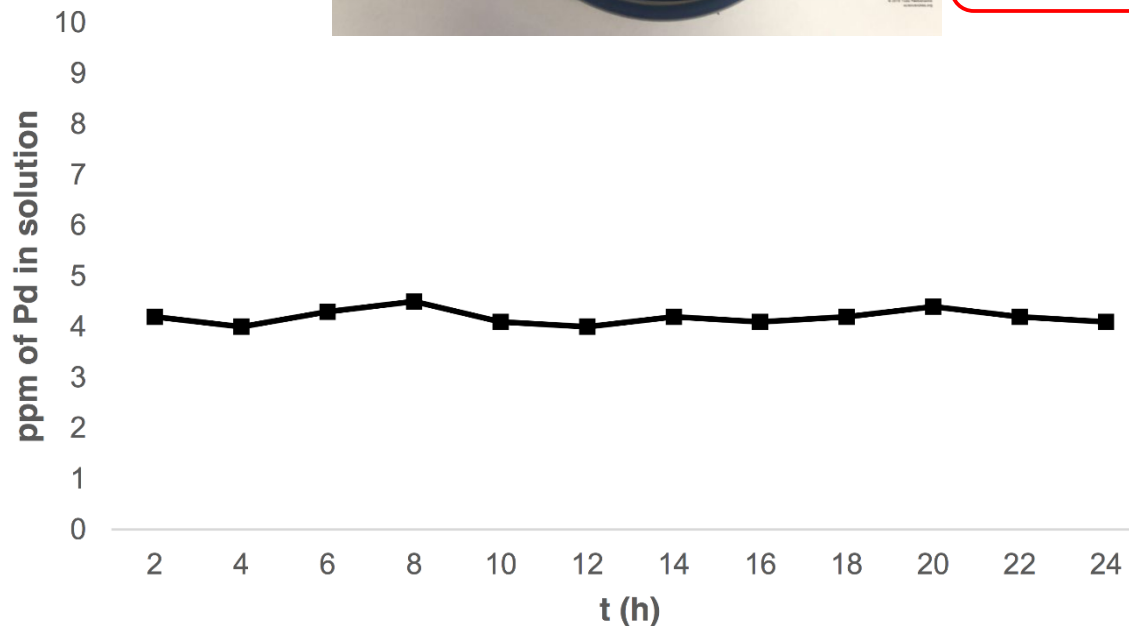
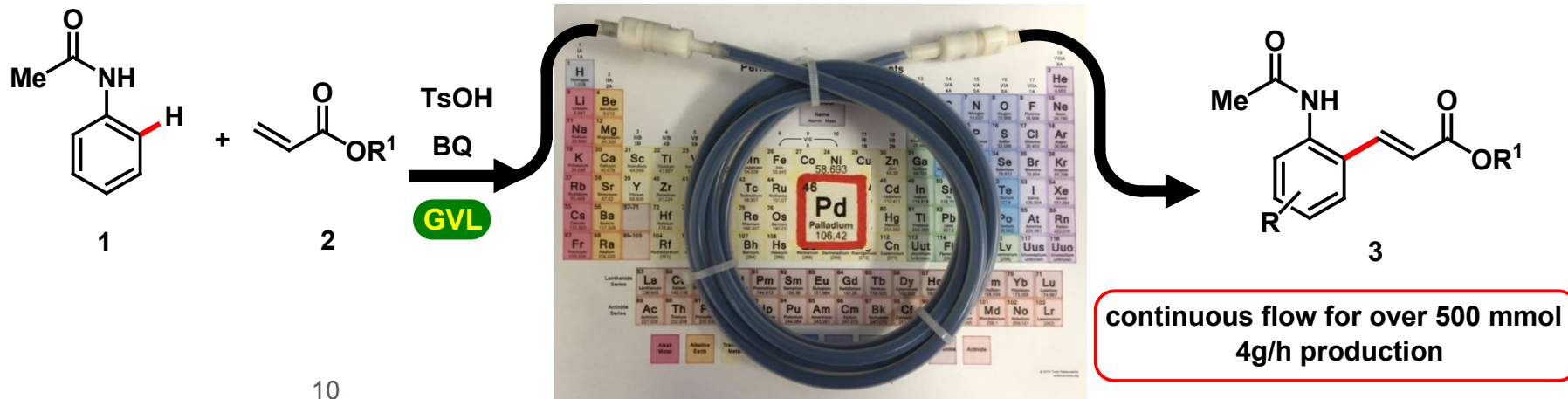
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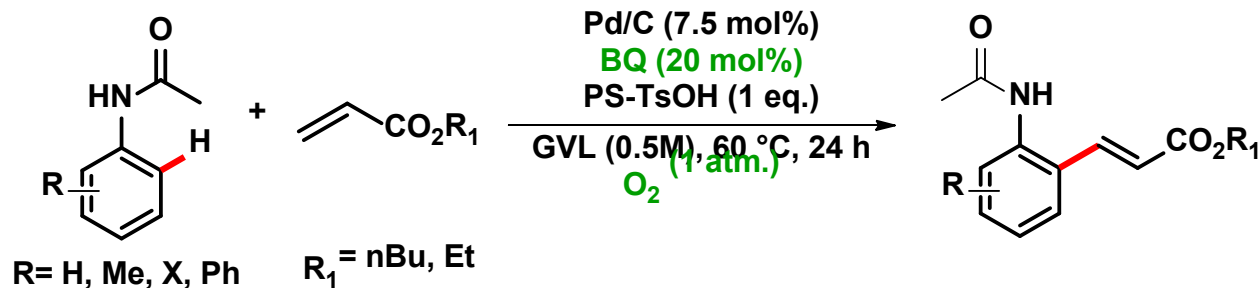
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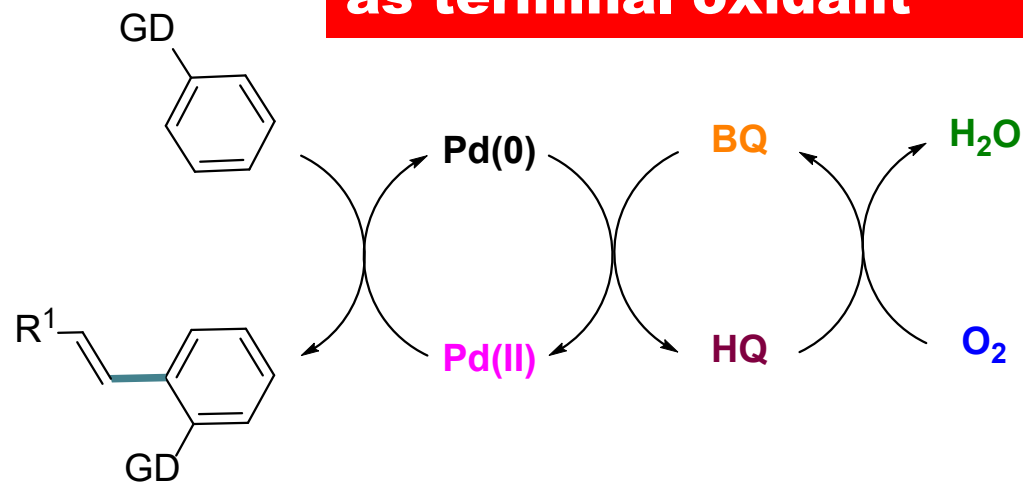
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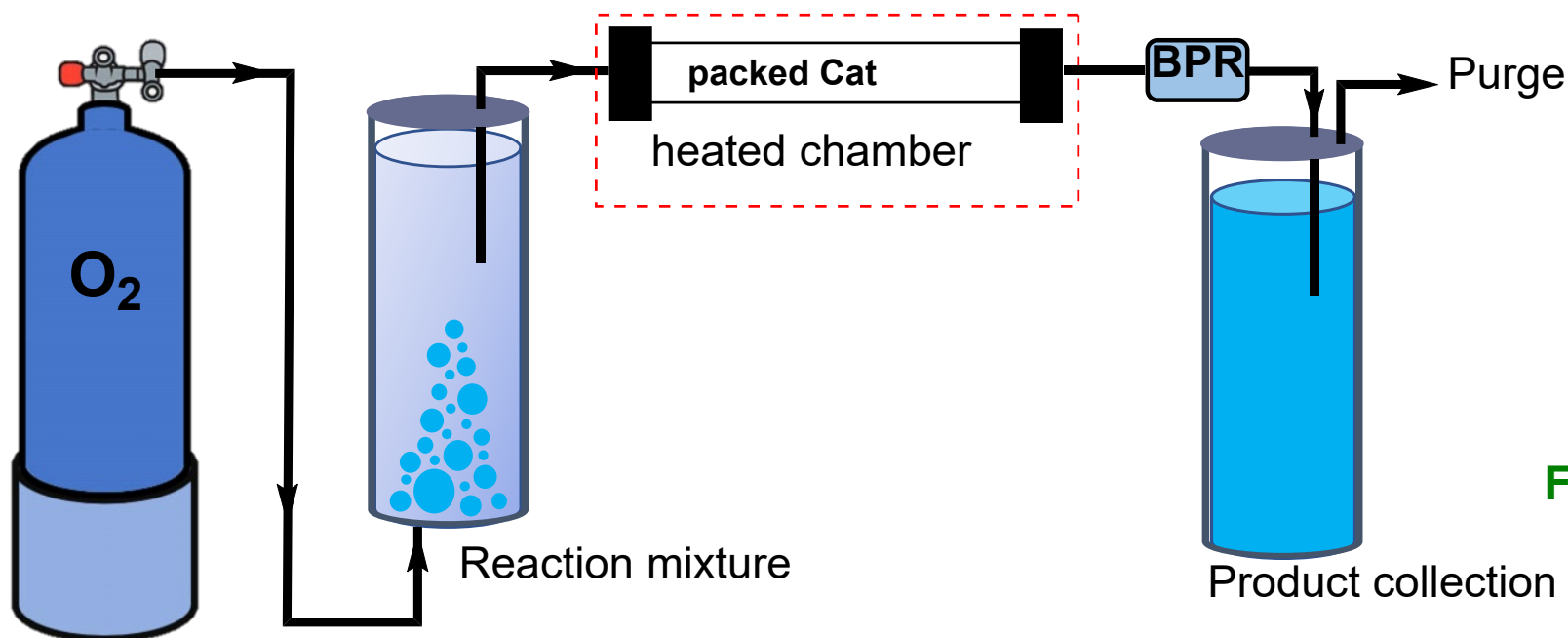
Aiming at the use of O_2 as terminal oxidant



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Managing Gas Pressure in continuous Flow

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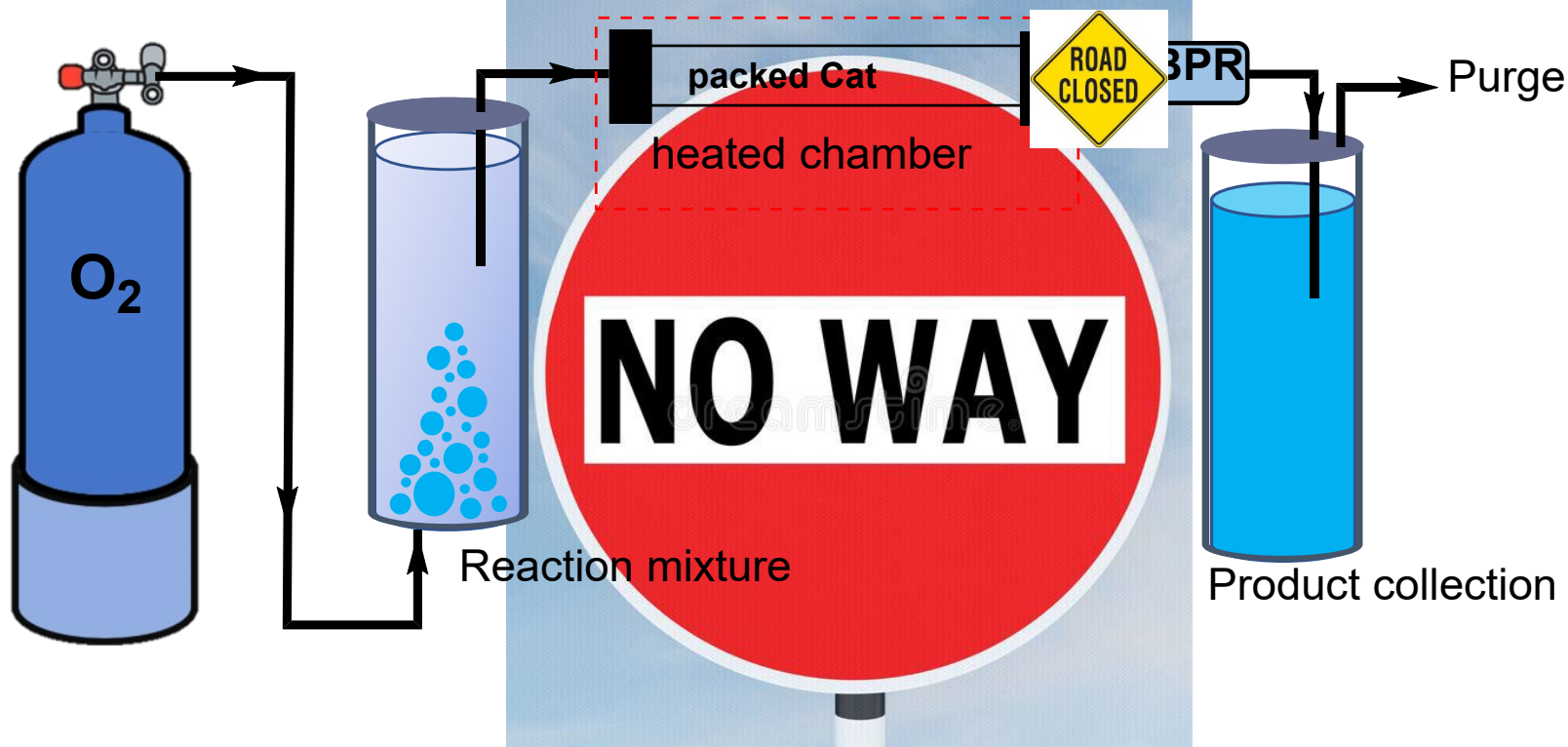
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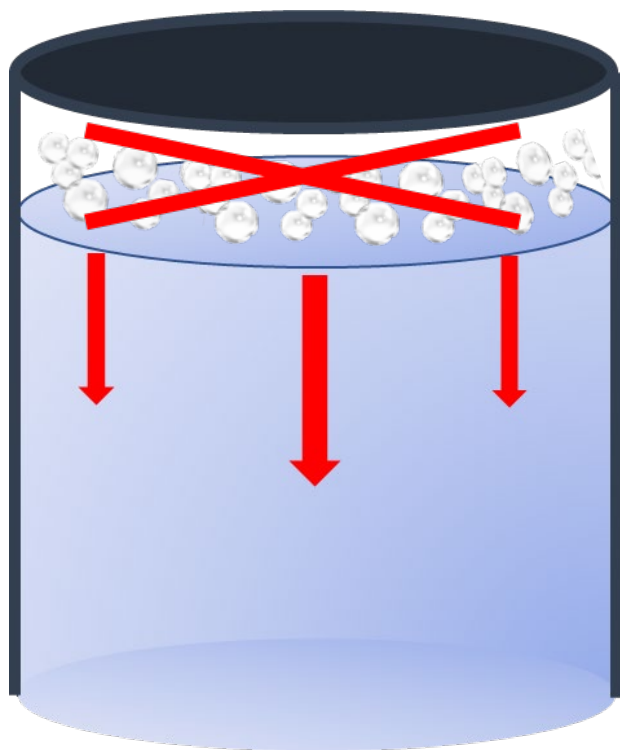
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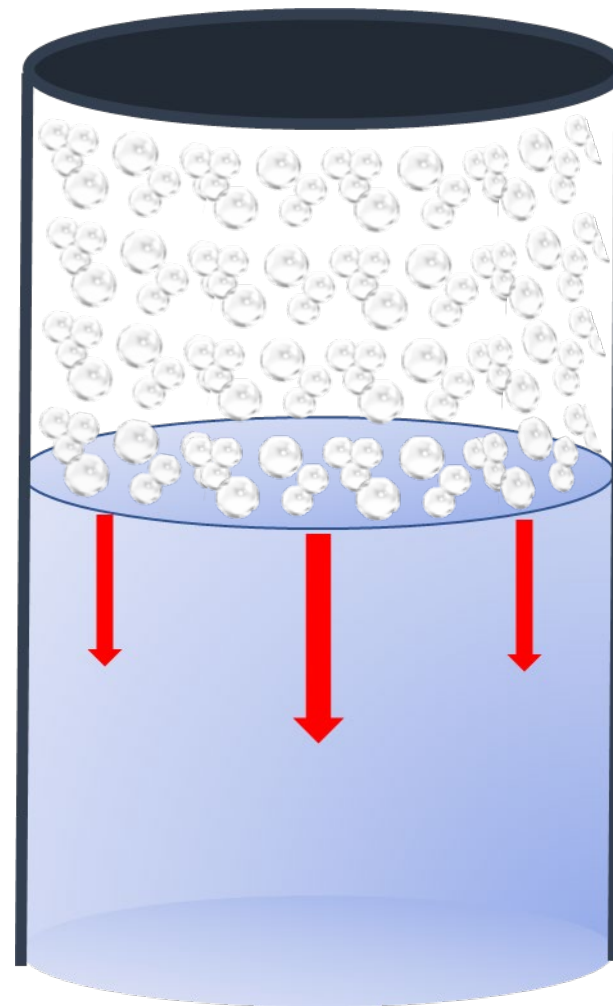
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Managing Gas in continuous Flow: head space



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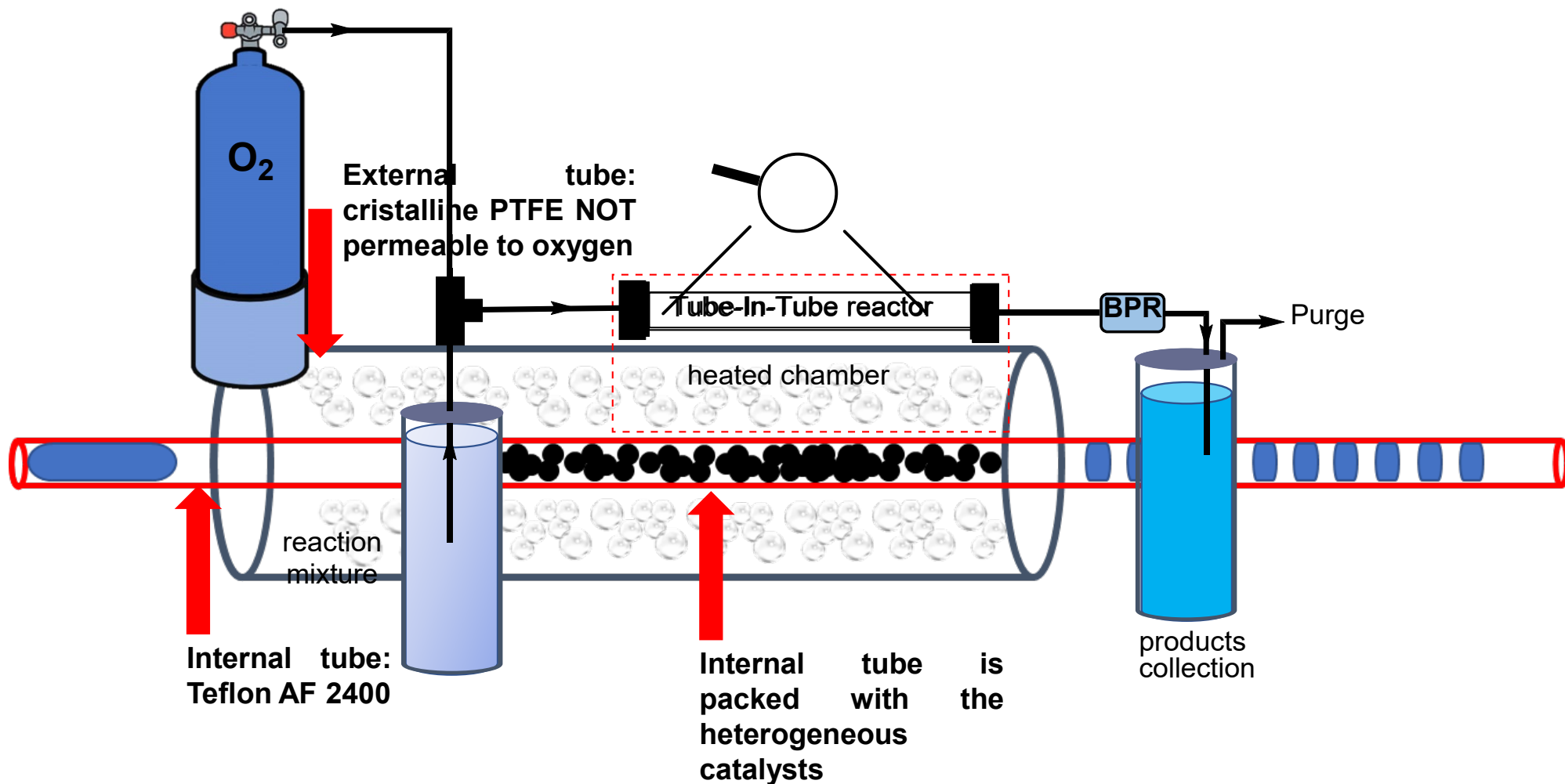


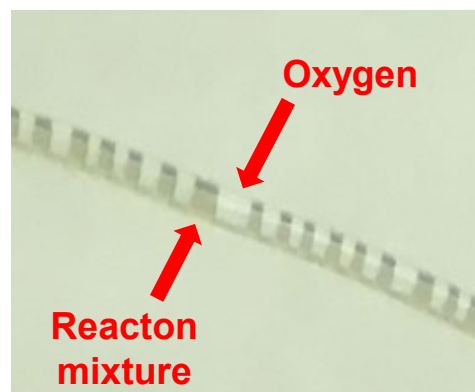
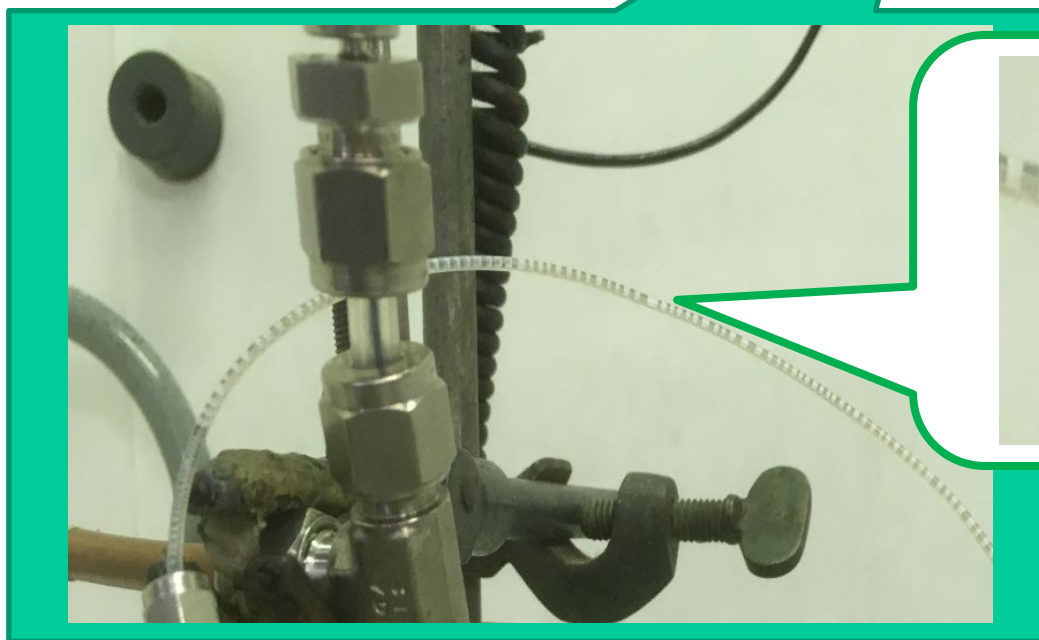
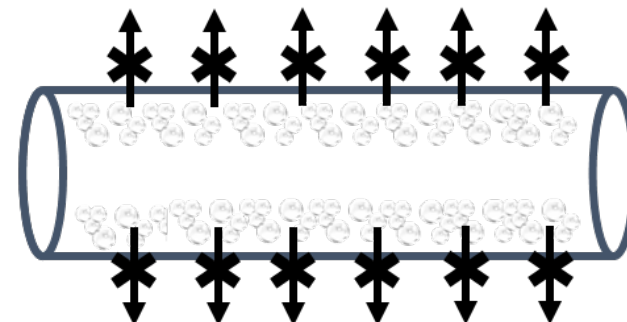
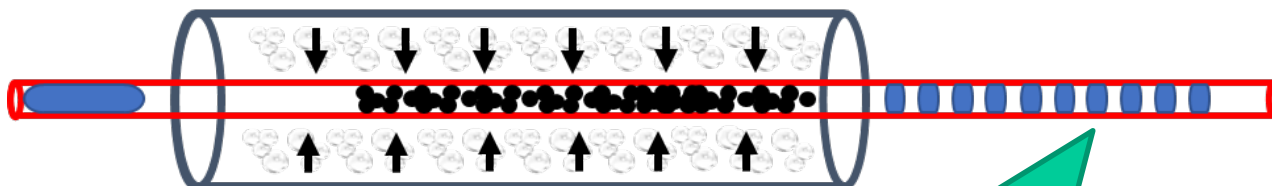
Better results with larger head space

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Managing Gas in continuous Flow: tube-in-tube approach

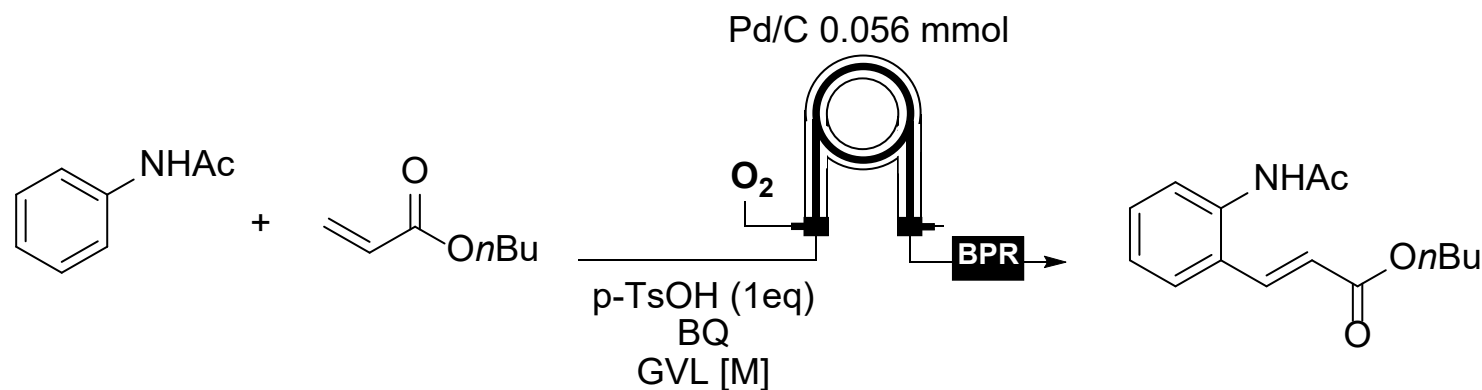
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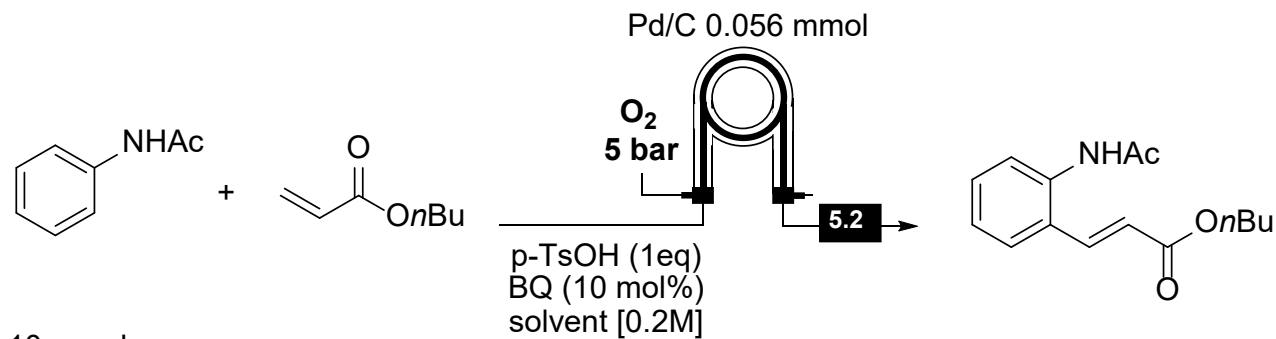
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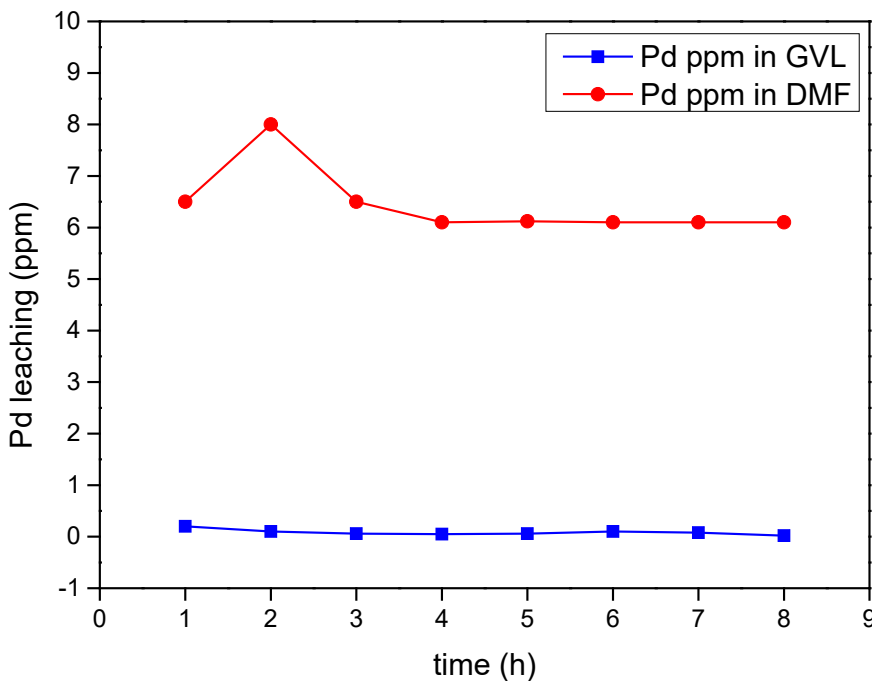
Entry	BQ (mol %)	Residence time (min)	C (%)
1	10	200	77 (75)
2	7.5	200	77 (74)
4	5	200	75 (72)
6	2.5	200	47 (44)
8	0	200	20 (17)

Isolated yields in parentheses





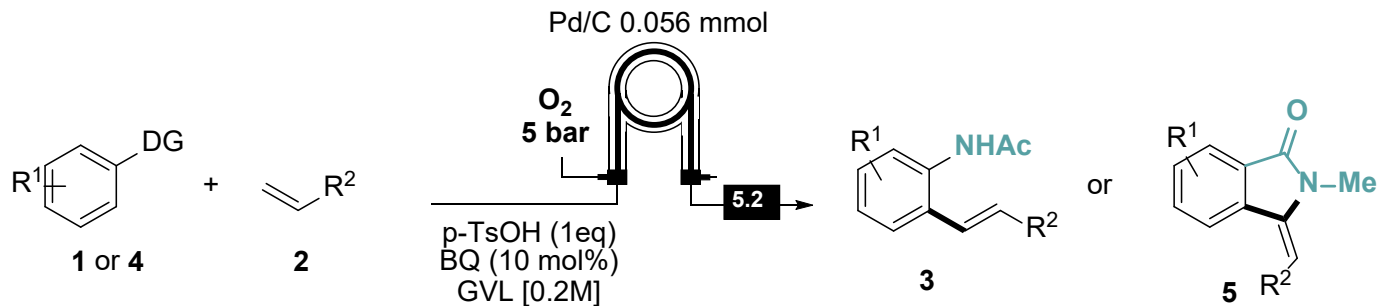
Isolated Yield in GVL 1.98 g (75 %)
Isolated Yield in DMF 1.34 g (51%)



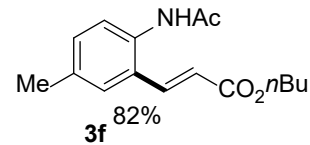
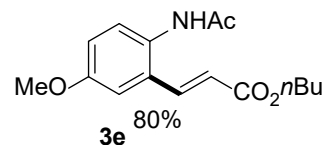
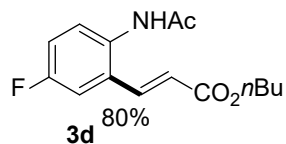
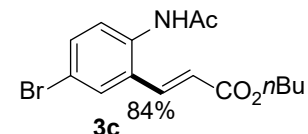
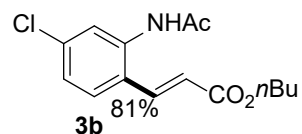
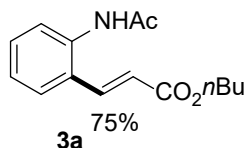
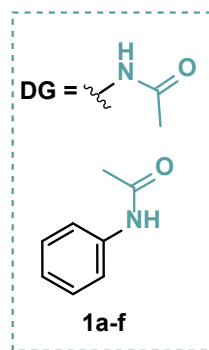
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0.2–0.02 ppm in GVL

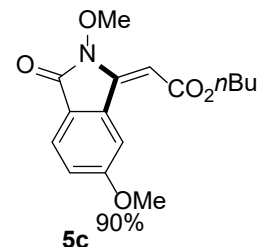
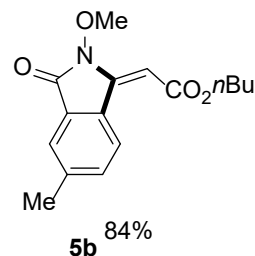
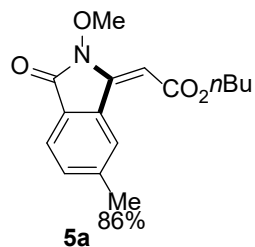
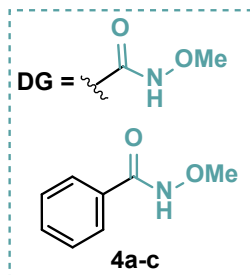
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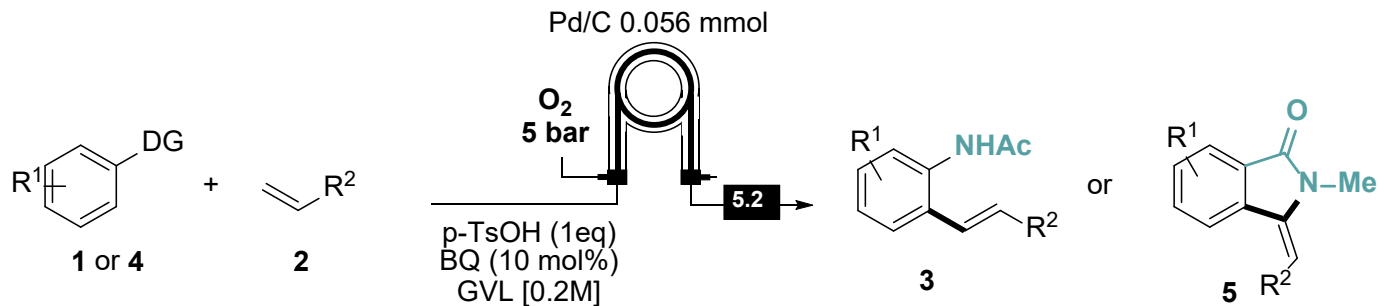
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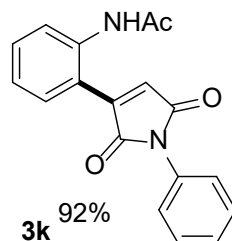
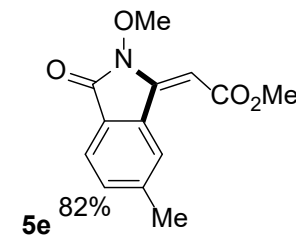
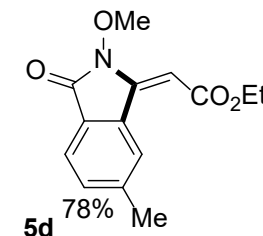
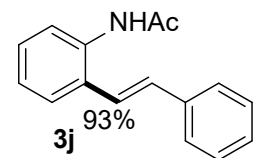
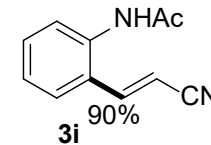
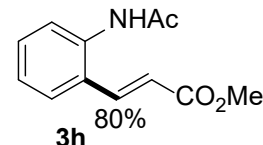
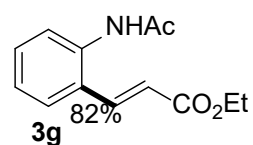
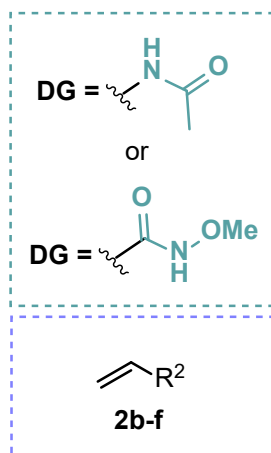
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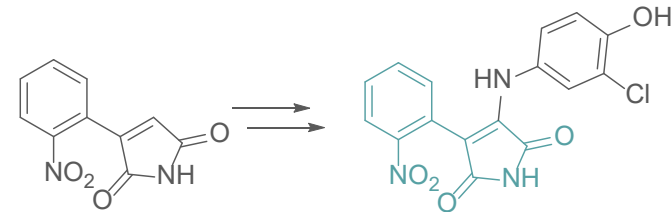
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Scope of olefinic partner



1. N-deprotection
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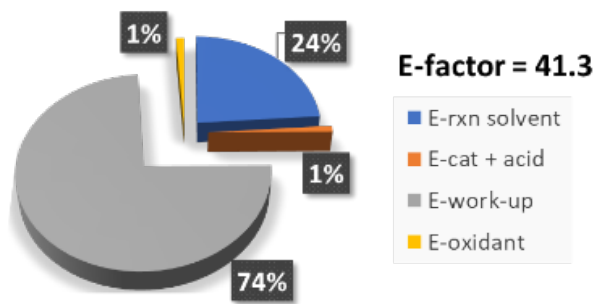


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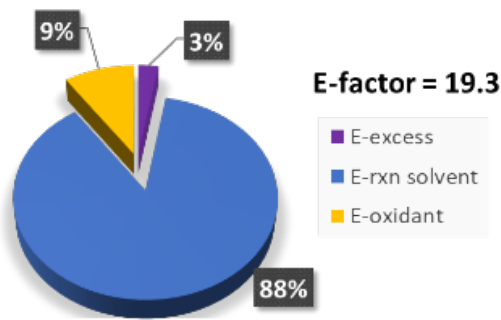


Fujiwara-Moritani reaction comparison with known protocols

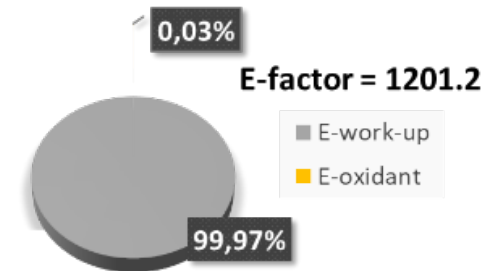
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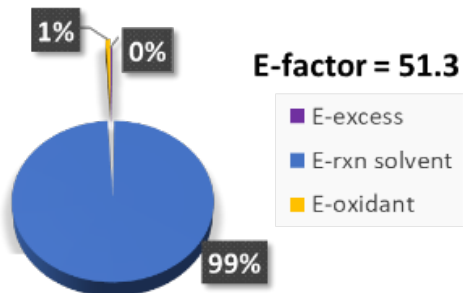
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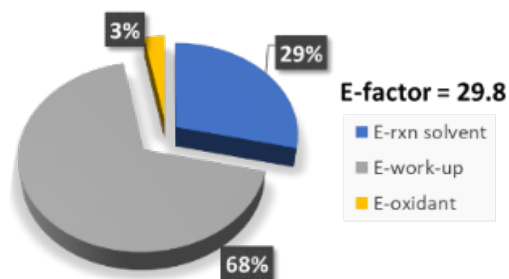
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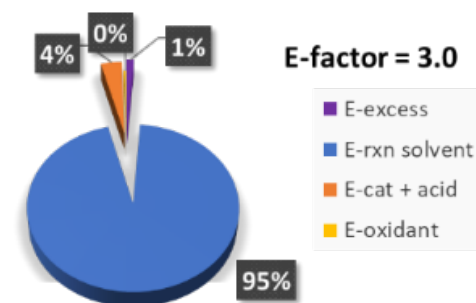
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Our protocol in flow using stoichiometric benzoquinone

Our protocol in flow using Oxygen and 10% of benzoquinone



Fujiwara-Moritani reaction comparison with known protocols

Ref	Yield	RME	MRP
<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> , 2002, 124, 1586.	85%	2.4%	0.027
<i>Org. Lett.</i> , 2010, 12, 1972;	85%	4.9%	0.083
<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> , 2010, 132, 9982	98%	5.7%	0.071
<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> , 2010, 132, 9982 under air	97%	6.1%	0.077
<i>Adv. Synth. Catal.</i> , 2011, 353, 2988–2998	76%	0.6%	0.012
<i>Chem. Eur. J.</i> , 2015, 21, 9053	82%	4.1%	0.084
<i>Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.</i> , 2015, 54, 7414	71%	0.1%	0.001
<i>React. Chem. Eng.</i> , 2020, 5, 1104	91%	1.9%	0.023
<i>Tetrahedron</i> 2018, 74, 3879	80%	0.1%	0.002
<i>OUR Green Chem.</i> , 2017, 19, 2510 BATCH	95%	2.5%	0.027
<i>OUR Green Chem.</i> , 2017, 19, 2510, FLOW	97%	3.2%	0.035
<i>OUR Oxygen TUBE-IN-TUBE FLOW</i>	75%	25.8%	0.428

RME = Reaction Mass Efficiency; MRP: Mass Recovery Parameter

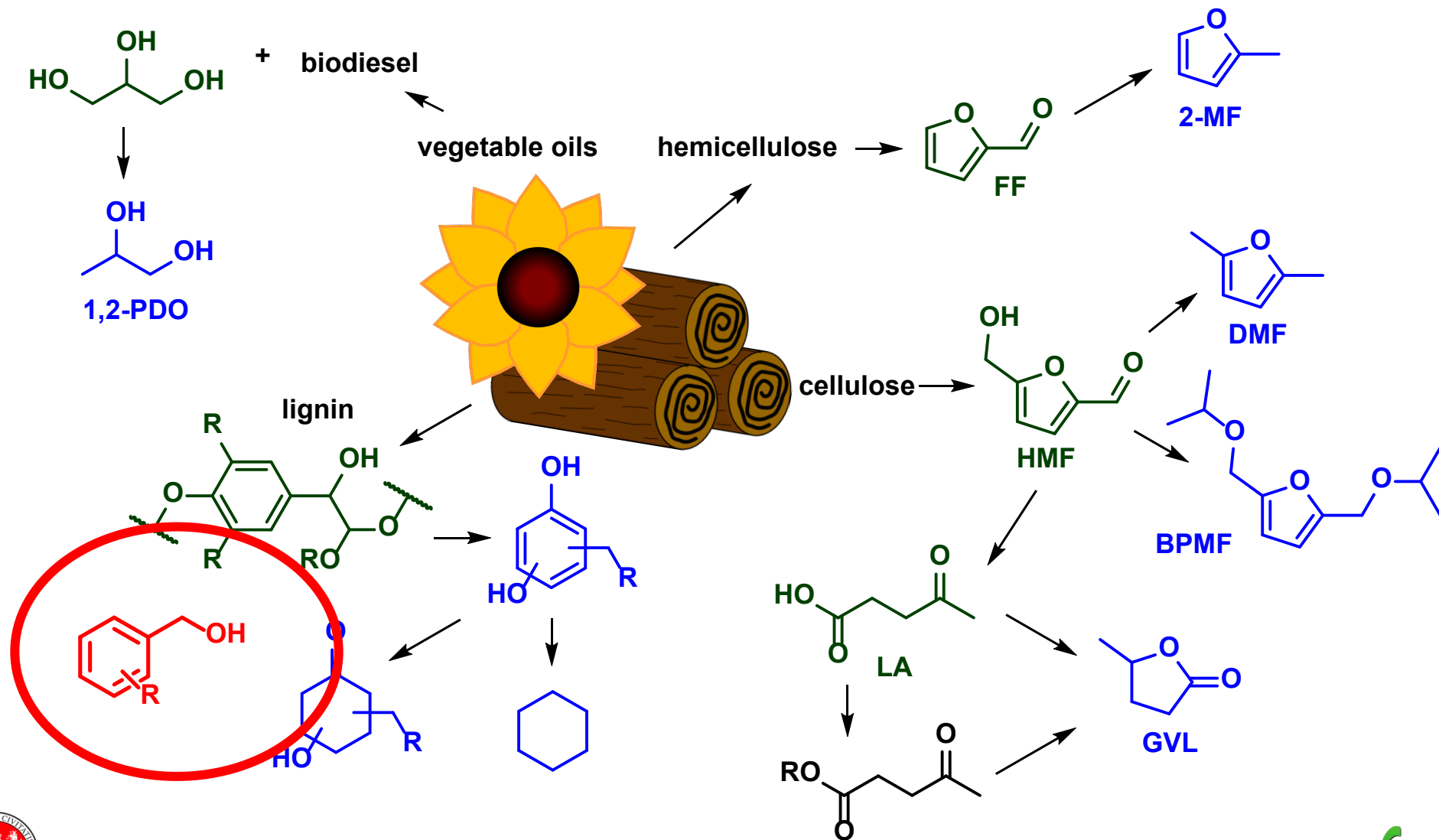


✓ Biomass upgrading – hydrogenation/oxidation reactions

N₂

O₂

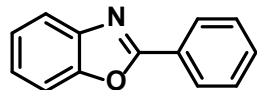
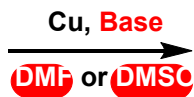
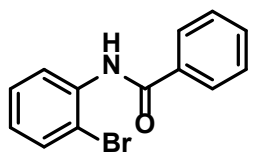
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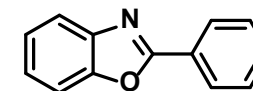
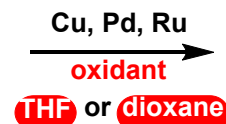
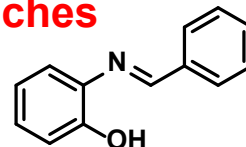
Synthesis of 2-aryl benzoxazoles

N₂

O₂



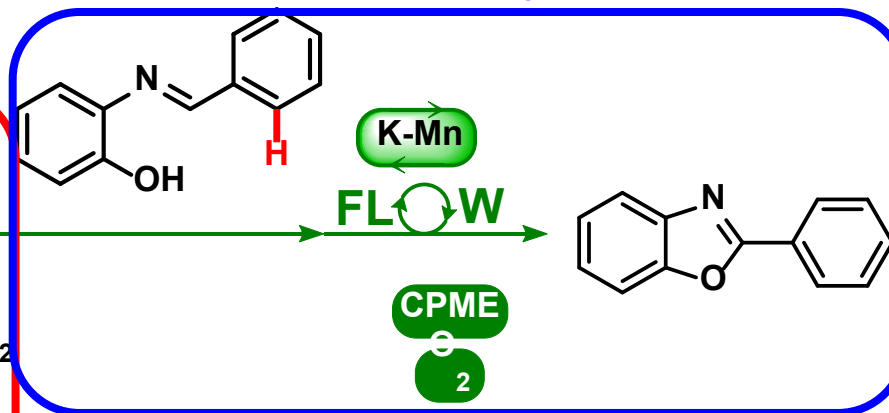
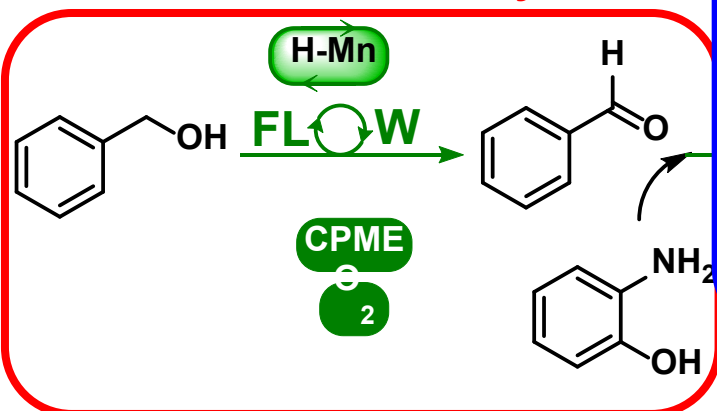
Literature approaches



- Use of halides leading to salt waste
- Generally toxic solvents used as reaction medium
- Dangerous peroxides from ether/oxidant mix

Oxidation to aldehyde

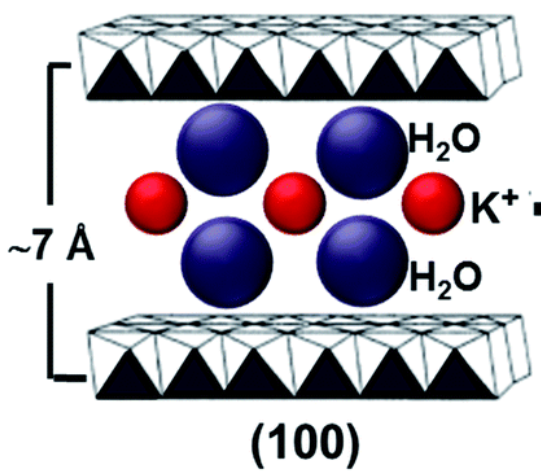
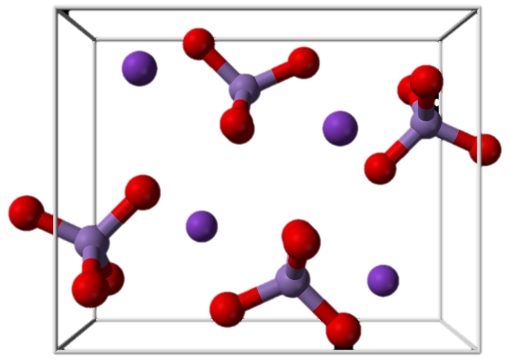
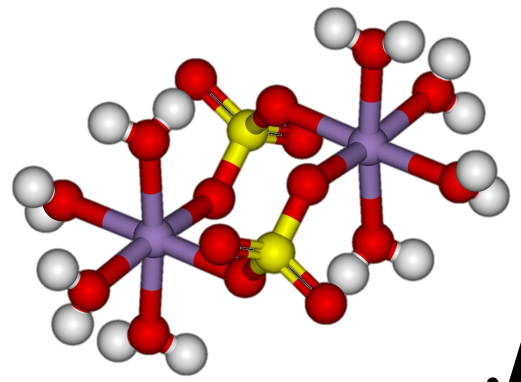
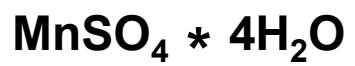
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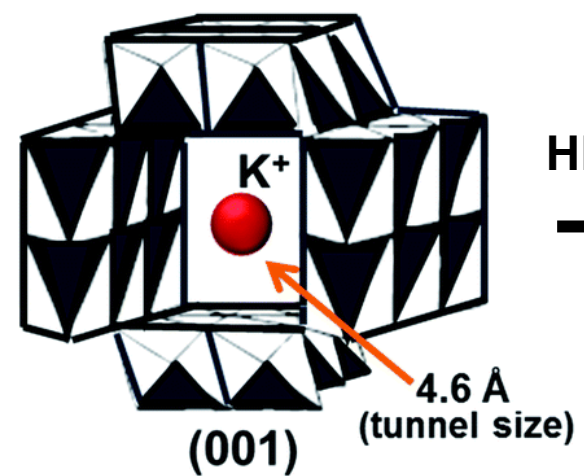
- Recoverable heterogeneous Mn-catalysts
- CPME as peroxide stable solvent

- low E-factor
- continuous flow procedure

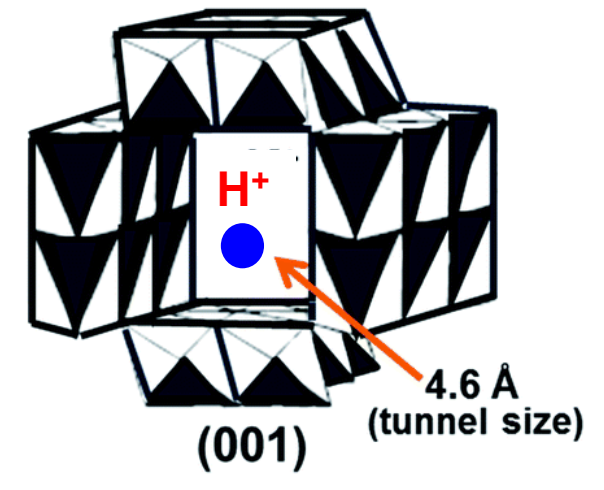
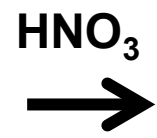
Heterogeneous Manganese catalytic systems OMS



Birnessite(K-OL-1)



Cryptomelane(K-OMS-2)



H-OMS-2



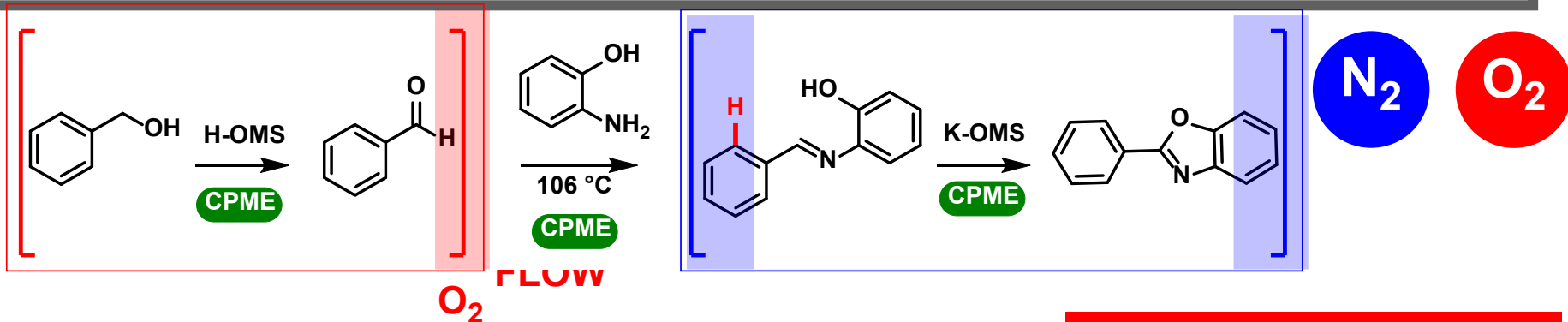
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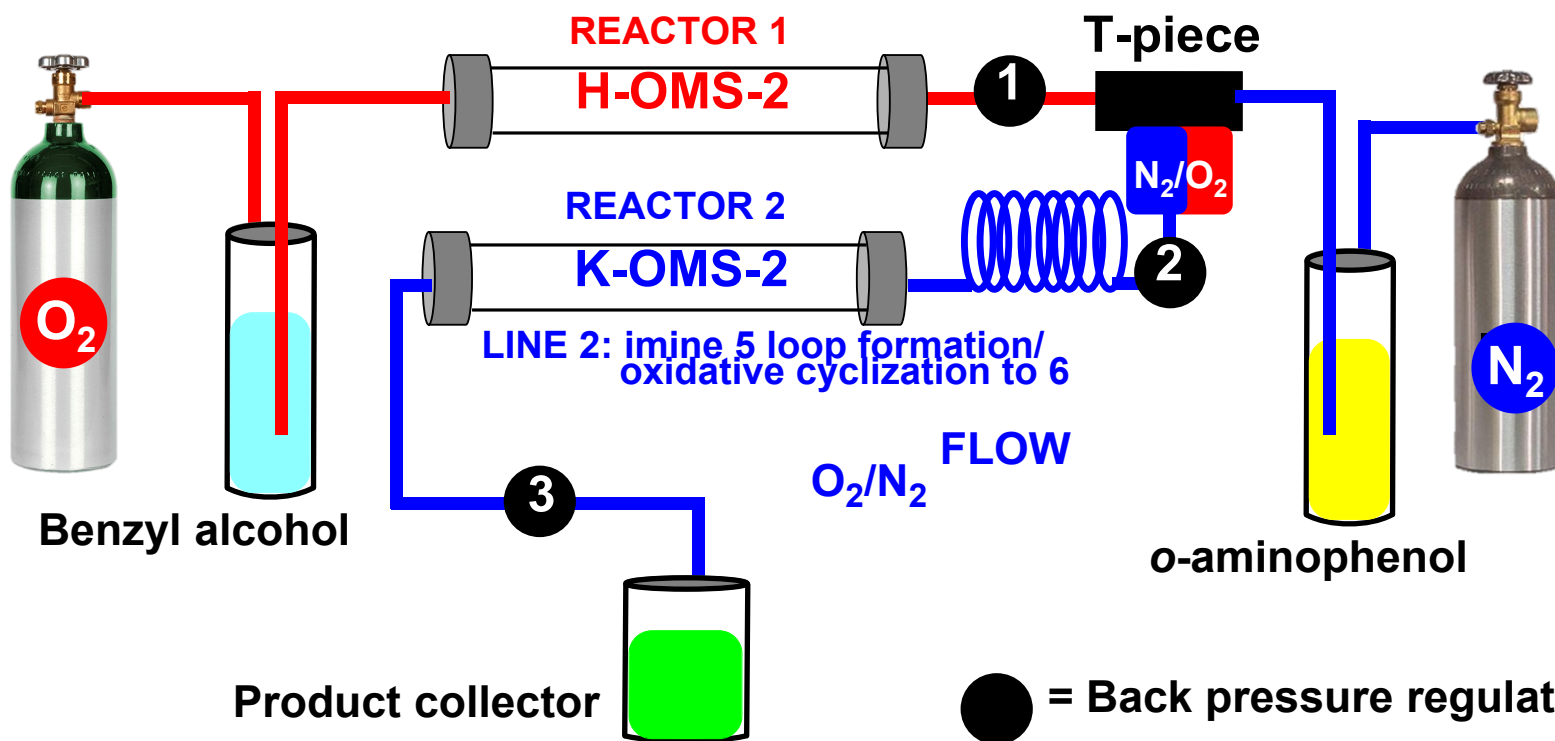
Oxidative C–H activation in Continuous Flow

Pump-free continuous-flow synthesis of 2-aryl benzoxazoles

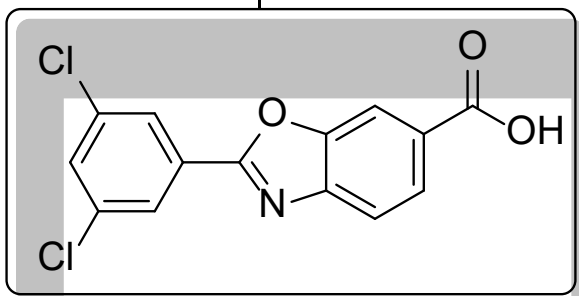
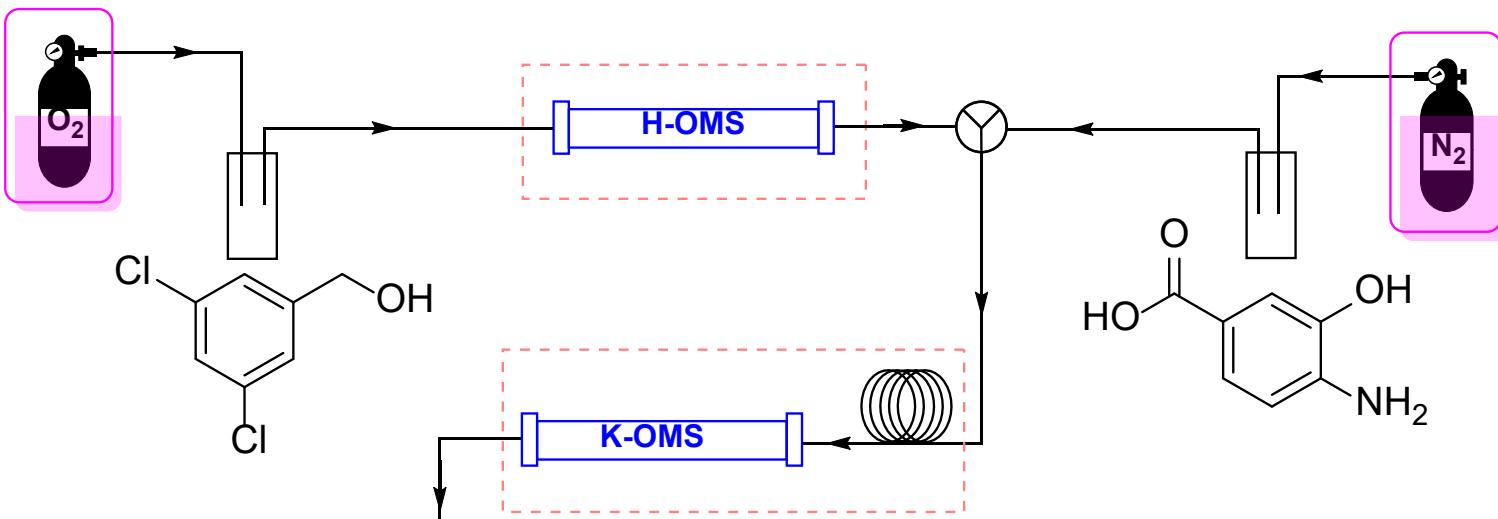
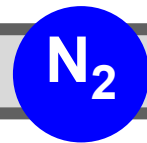


LINE 1: oxidation of benzyl alcohols 1

Productivity ca. 3 g/h

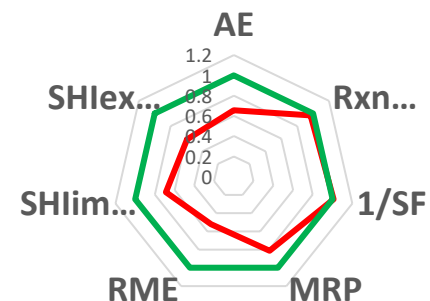


Synthesis of 2-aryl benzoxazoles



tafamidis 92%

- Features**
- CPME as low peroxide formation solvent
 - Pump-free configuration
 - O₂ as green oxidant
 - Heterogeneous manganese-based catalyst for telescoped C-H functionalization
 - low E-factor

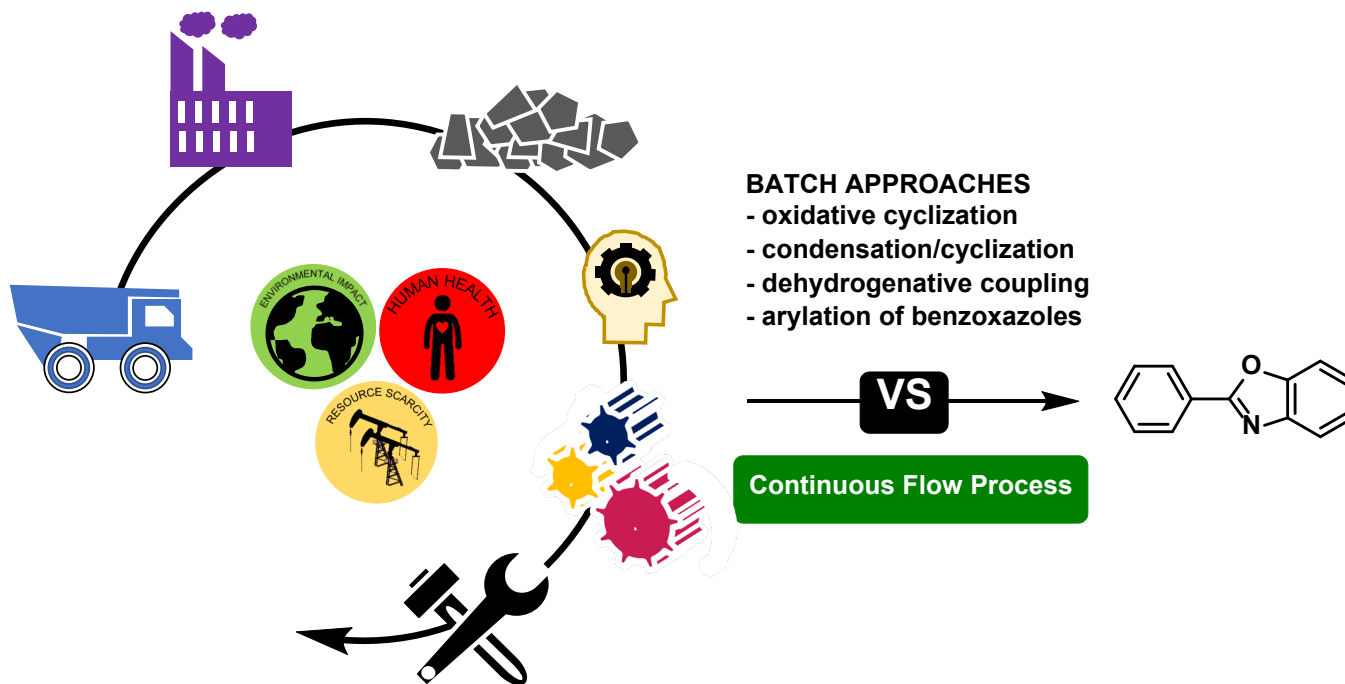


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Life cycle assessment of multistep benzoxazoles synthesis: from batch to waste-minimised continuous flow systems

Jose Luis Osorio Osorio Tejada, Francesco Ferlin, Luigi Vaccaro and Volker Hessel

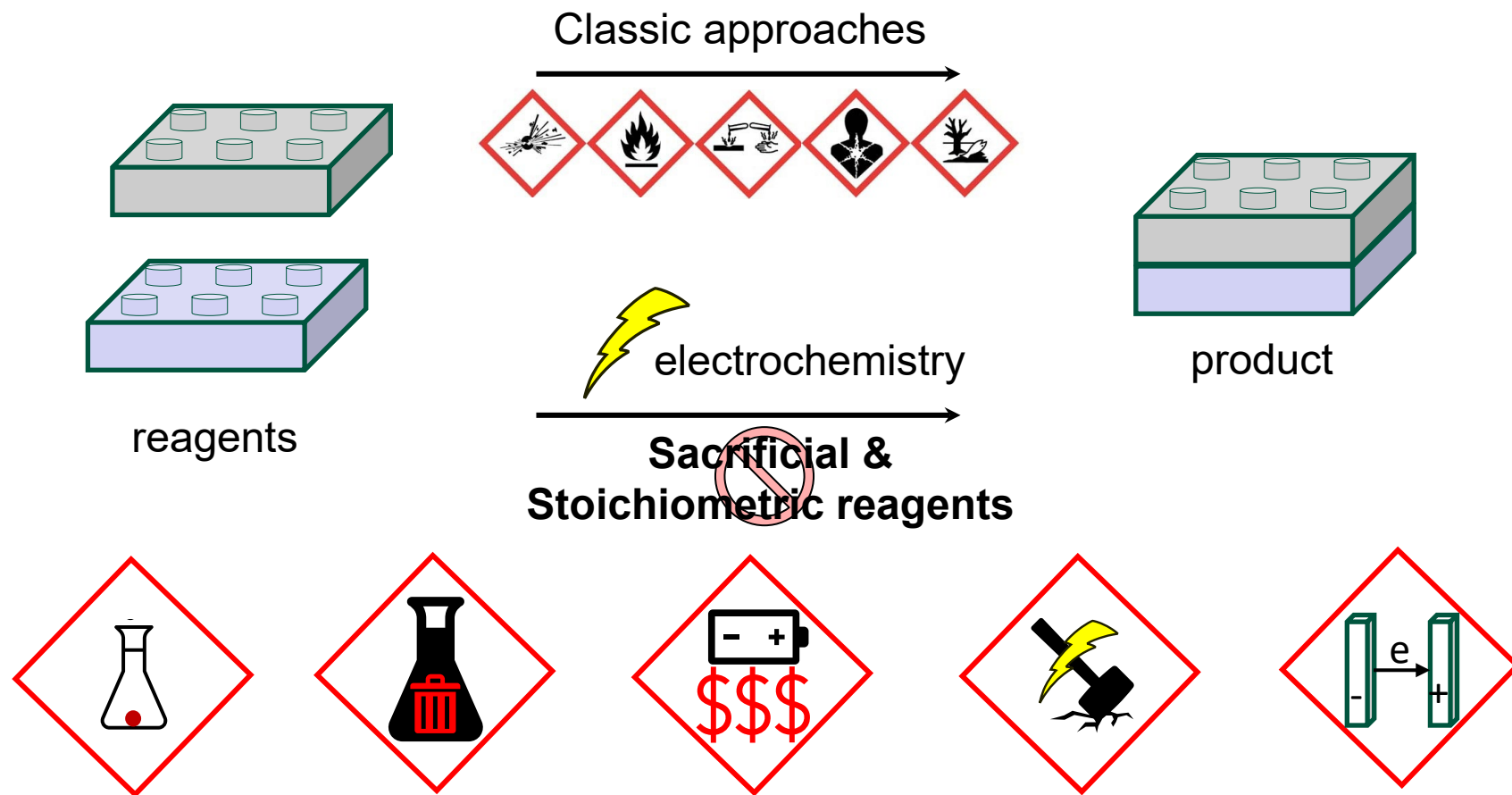


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Electrosynthesis

Electrochemistry represents a valid promising synthetic methodology
A promising alternative to organic oxidants



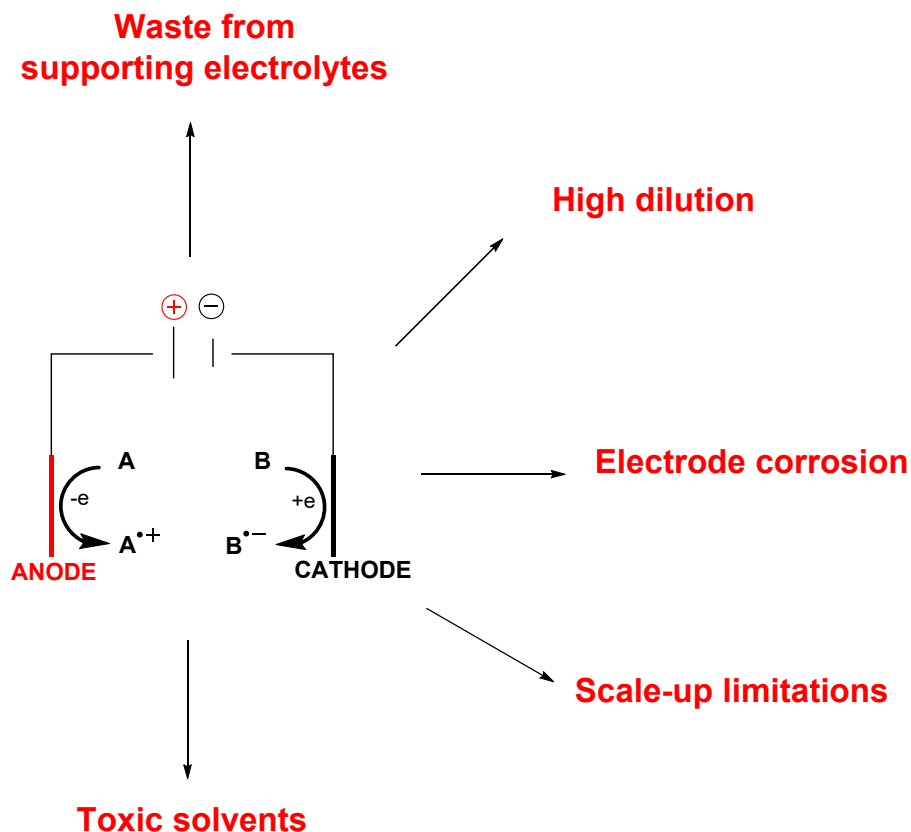
With an electron current as a substitute for the more classic "redox" reagents



Suggested Readings: M. Yan, Y. Kawamata, P. S. Baran, *Chem. Rev.* **2017**, 21, 13230–13319



HOW TO MINIMIZE WASTE? HOW TO GET low E-factor



Most commonly electrolytes are used in large amounts and are chlorates or tetraalkylammonium halide salts.

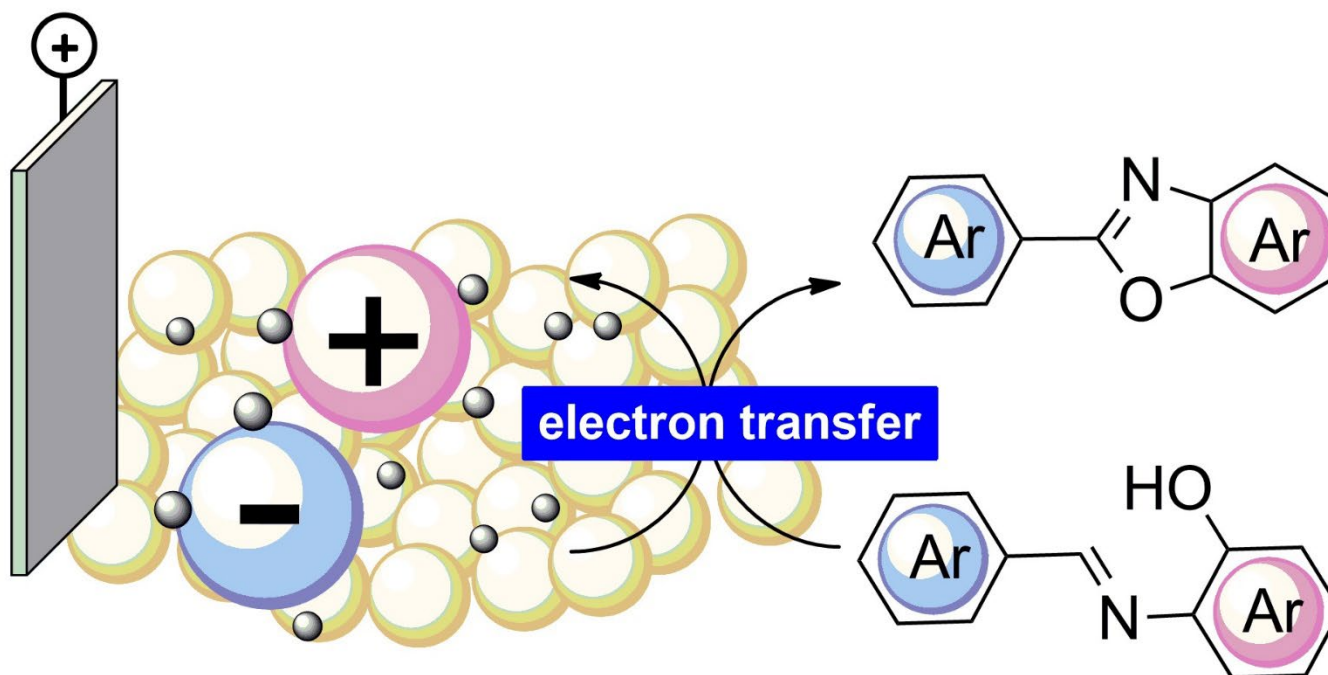
Their removal leads to the formation of halogenated aqueous waste (code 070103 of the European Waste Catalogue)

Must be eventually treated by incineration which involves a significant emission of NO_x into the environment.

GREEN ELECTROCHEMICAL SYNTHESIS

SYNTHESIS of 2-aryl benzoxazoles

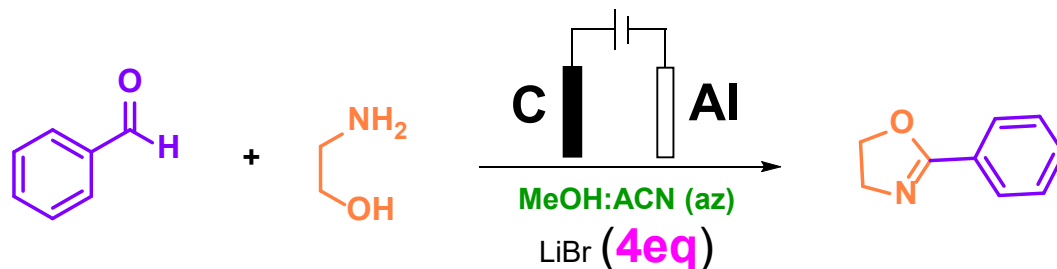
PRODUCING GREEN ENERGY USING GREEN ELECTROSYNTHESIS



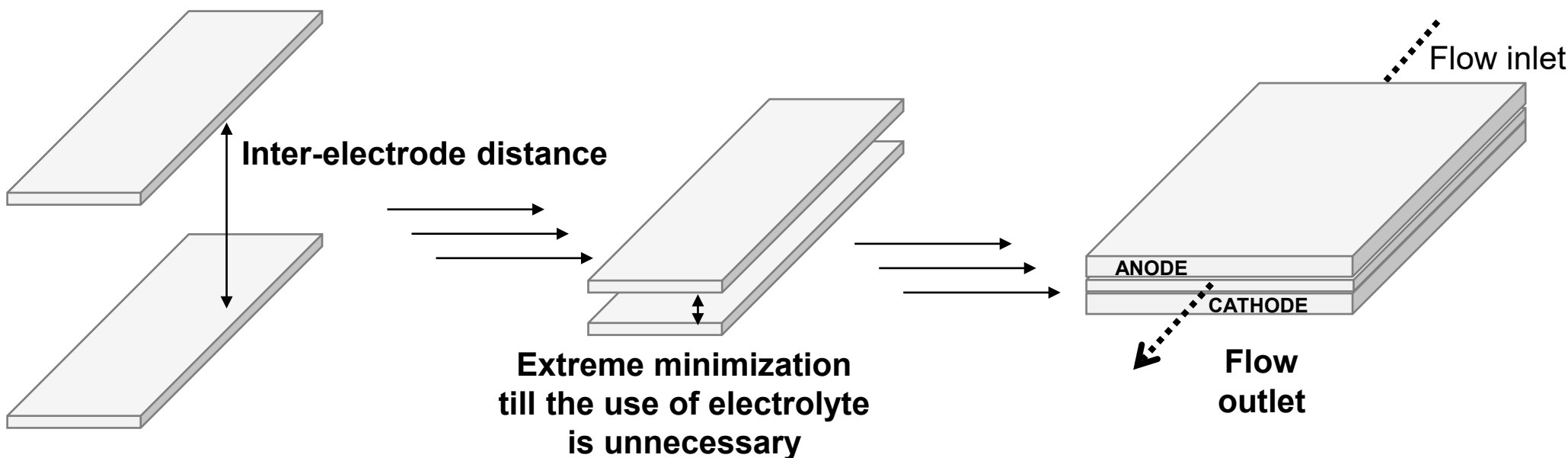
Circular Economy based approach to electrode materials

Application: Electrochemical Synthesis of Oxazoline

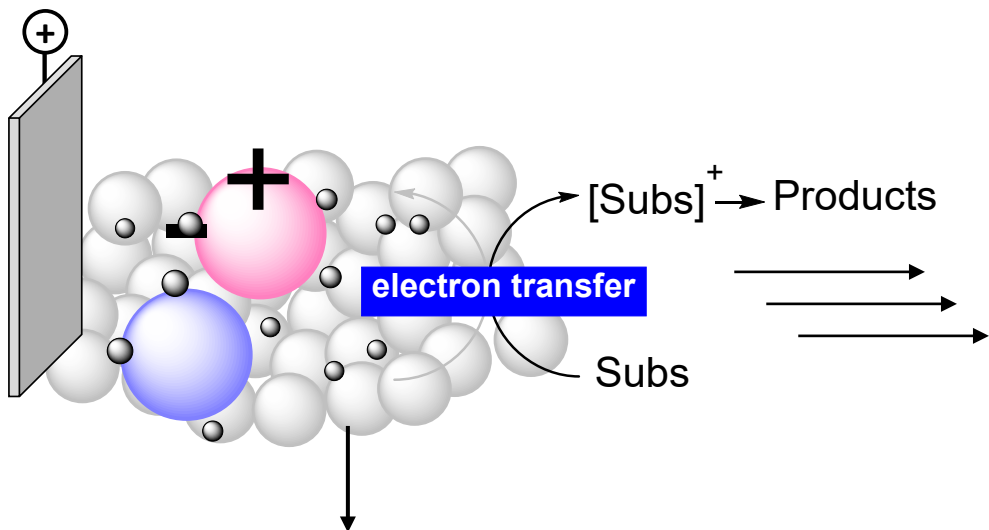
conductivity of the reaction mixture is also function of the inter-electrode distance



Reduce the electrolyte using customized flow electrochemical cell

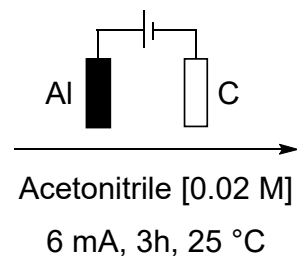


Application: Electrochemical Synthesis of APIs



Development of a solid polymeric matrix which is conductive by ion-hopping mechanism

starting



SOLID ELECTROLYTE

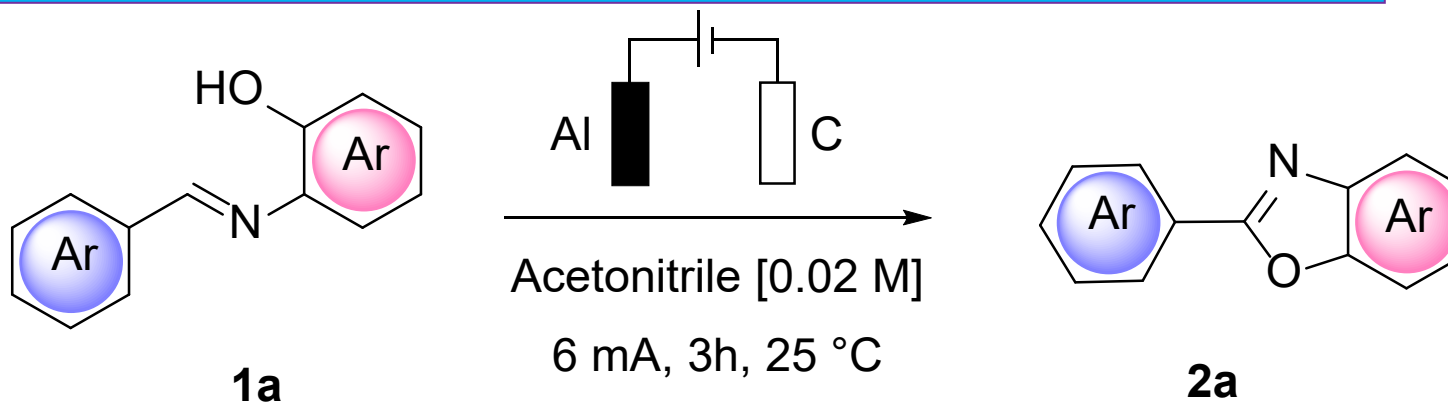
recovered up to 20 consecutive runs

FINAL WORK-UP: JUST EVAPORATE !!!

EXTREME WASTE MINIMIZATION

Alternatives materials for electrolytes recovery

Application: Electrochemical Synthesis of APIs



Solid electrolyte	Recyclability	2A (%) ^c
Amberlyst 400 (Cl)	✓	>99 (92)
Amberlyst A26 (OH)	X	70
Amberlyst 900 (Cl)	✓	>99 (87)
Amberlyst 958 (Cl)	✓	>99 (90)
NH₄Cl	X	70

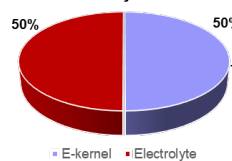
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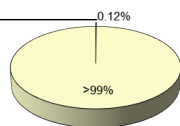


Electrochemical Synthesis of APIs

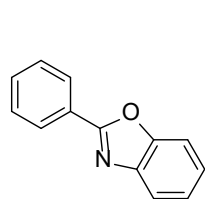
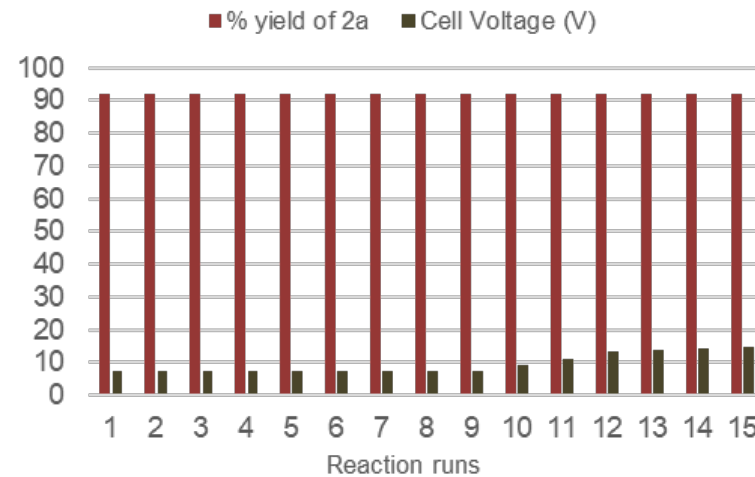
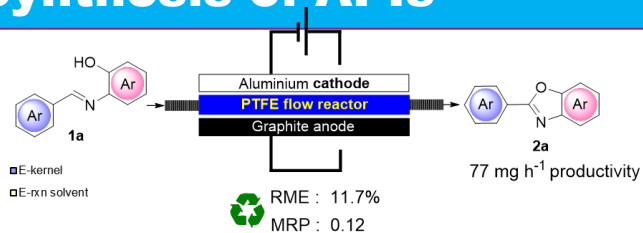
% Electrolyte in kernel



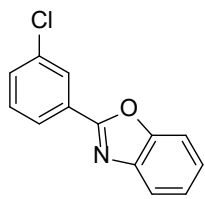
E-factor Profile



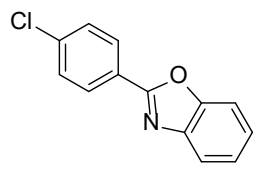
E-factor: 8.5



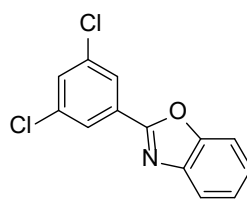
2a, 92%



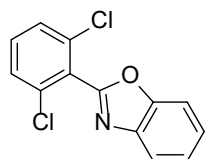
2b, 95%



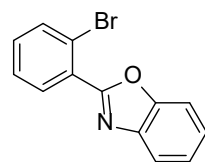
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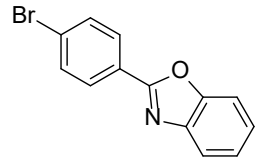
2d, 85%



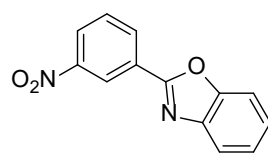
2e, 82%



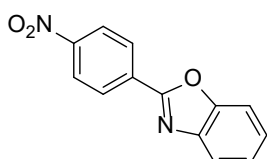
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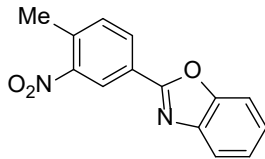
2g, 96%



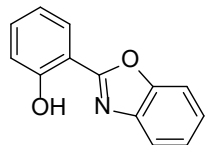
2h, 90%



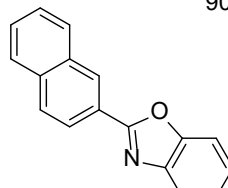
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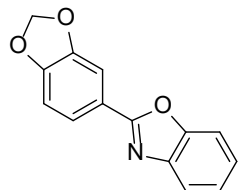
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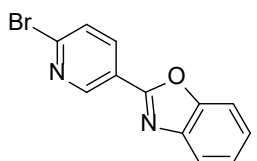
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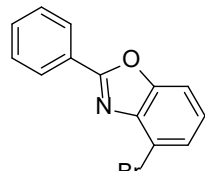
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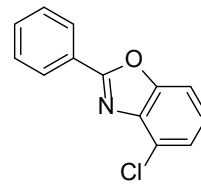
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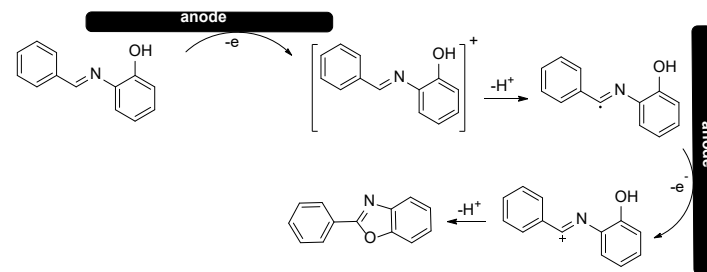
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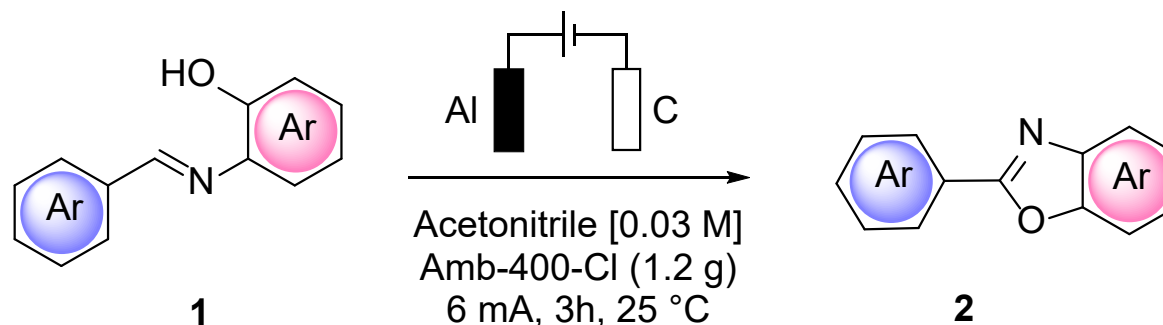
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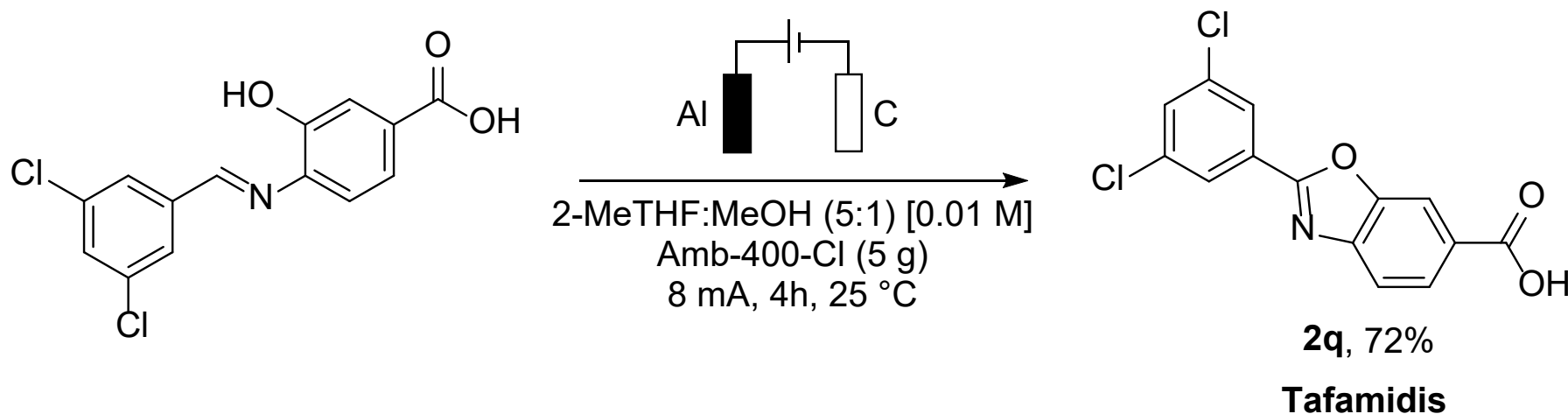
2p, 78%



Electrochemical Synthesis of APIs

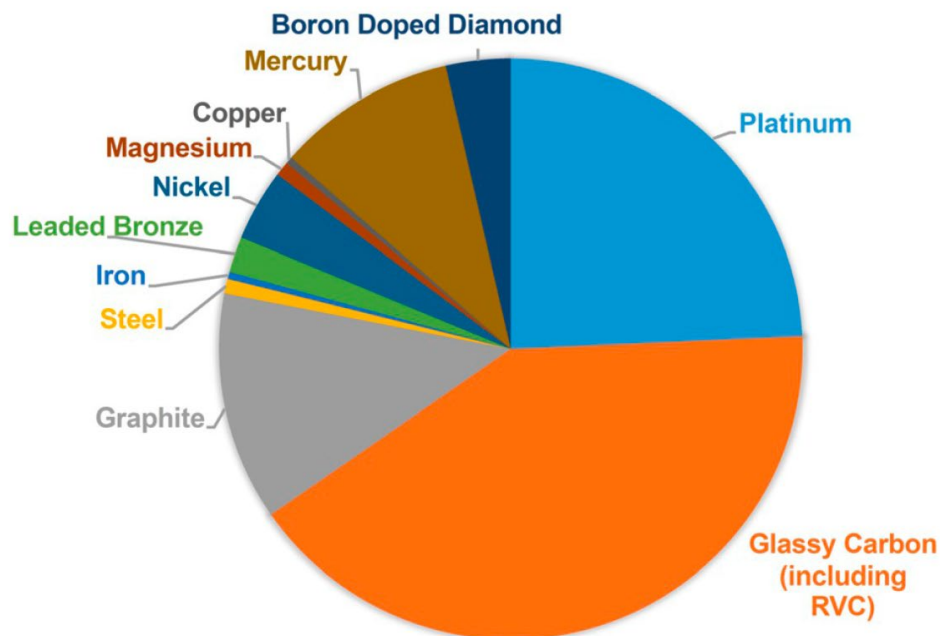


Concise synthesis of Tafamidis API



Circular Economy based electrode materials

OCCURRENCE OF ELECTRODE MATERIALS



AVERAGE PRICE (10-20 mL reactor size)

GLASSY CARBON: 70 – 300 € each

PLATINUM: 90 – 300 € each

GRAPHITE: 40 – 150 € each

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

GLASSY CARBON: wasteful and expensive methods for production

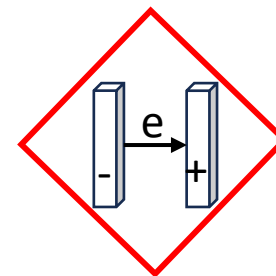
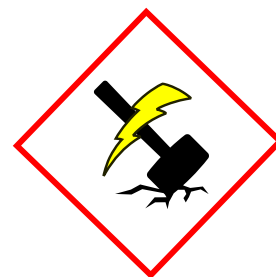
PLATINUM: resource scarcity

CHALLENGE
High Cost of the
Electrode



Within a **CIRCULAR APPROACH**,
waste materials can be used to
build electrodes

Our approaches to sustainable electrosynthesis



**safe & recoverable
reaction media**



**Circular-based
electrode materials**

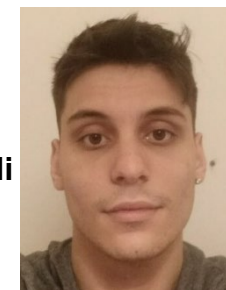


Flow chemistry

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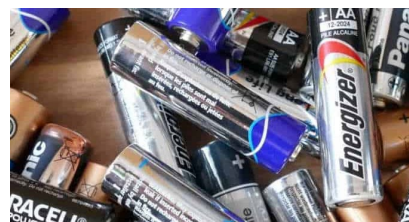
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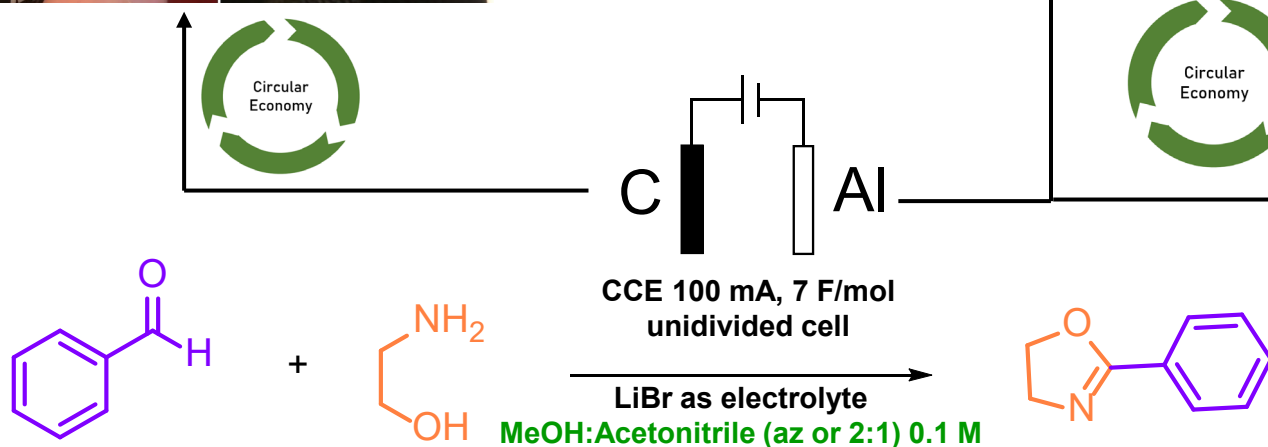
Inside materials of alkaline batteries
(both MnO₂ paste or carbon rods)



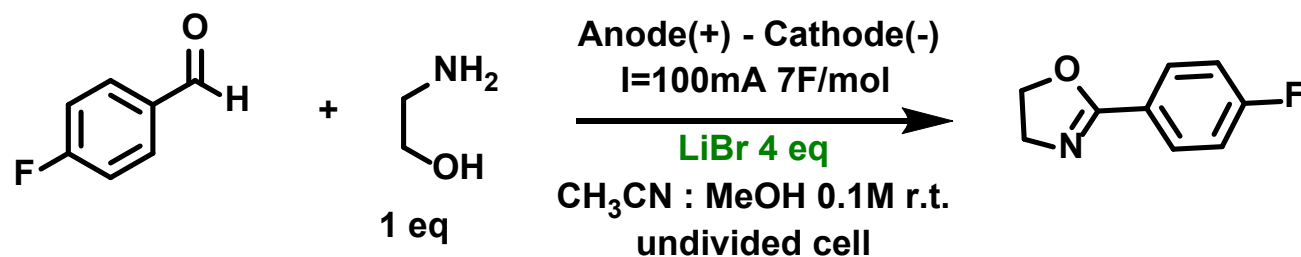
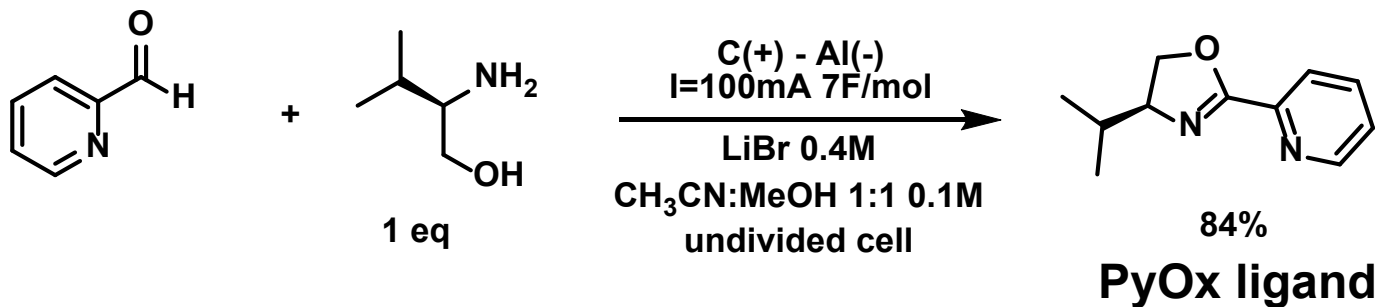
outside cover batteries



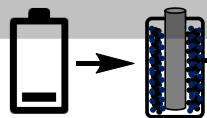
spent cans



UPCYCLING OF SPENT MATERIALS & PYOX SYNTHESIS



ALKALINE BATTERIES



Carbon Manganese Oxide Paste (C-MaP) (+) || Stainless steel (-) **87% isolated yield**

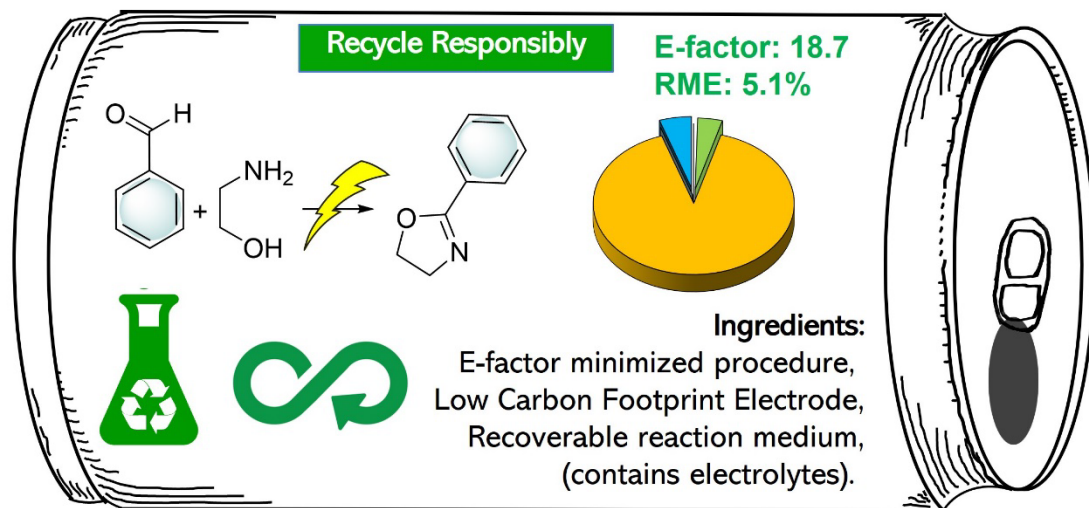


Aluminium spent cans (-) || Graphite (+) **89% isolated yield**

ALUMINUM CANS



SUSTAINABILITY IN A CAN...UPCYCLING OF SPENT MATERIALS



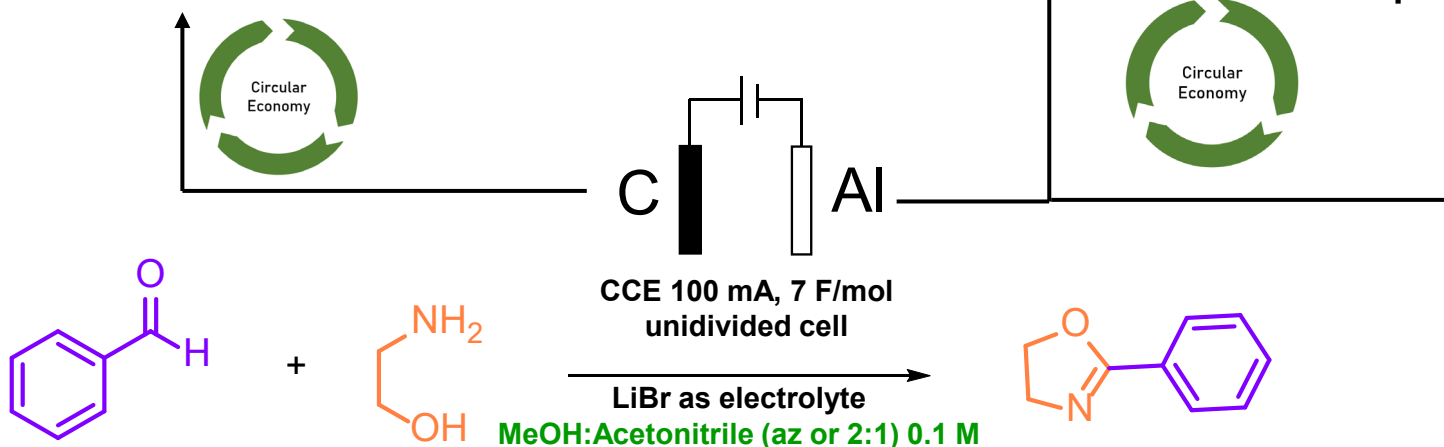
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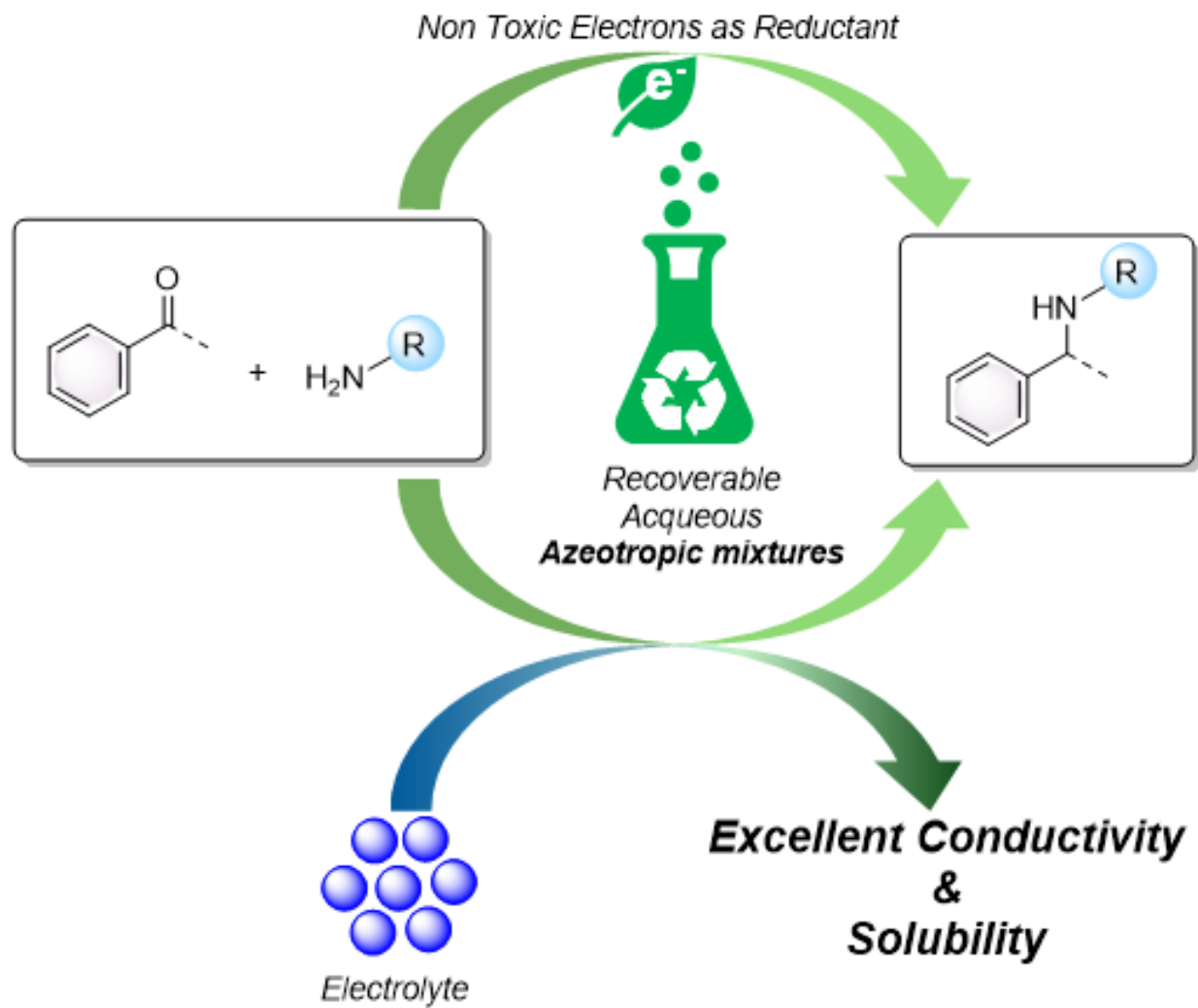


more than **20 examples**, yield 62-90%, large scale (**10 mmol**)

Green Chemistry, DOI: [10.1039/D4GC02564D](https://doi.org/10.1039/D4GC02564D) in press

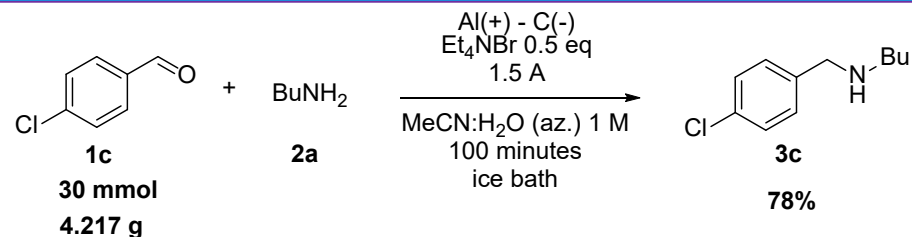


Electrochemical Reductive Amination



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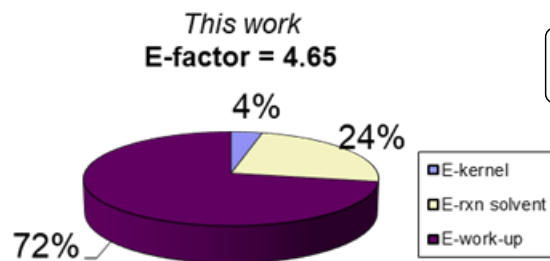


Reaction medium recovery = 82%

work-up solvent recovery = 85%

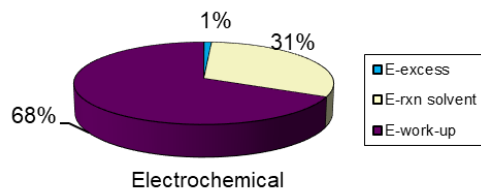


E-factor = 4.65

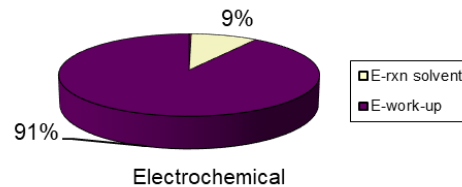


Ecoscale = 54

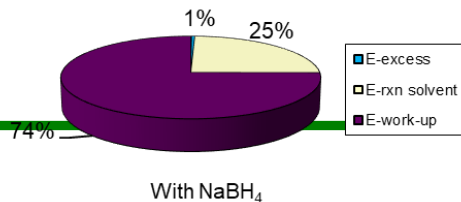
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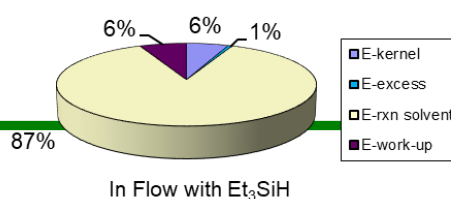
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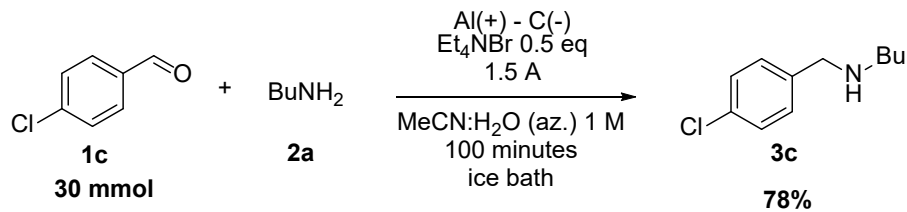
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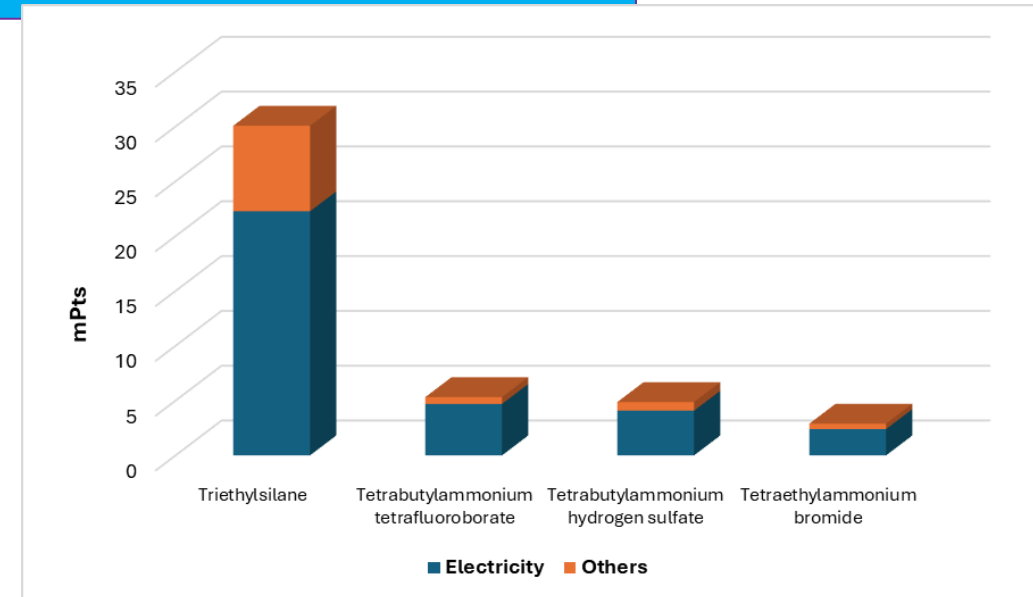
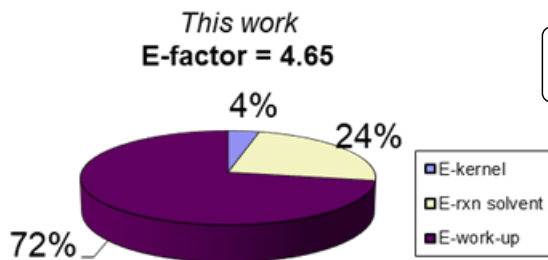


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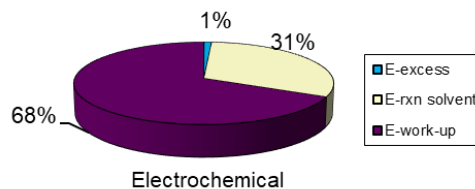
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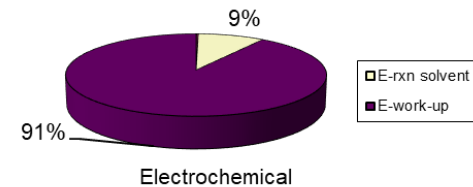
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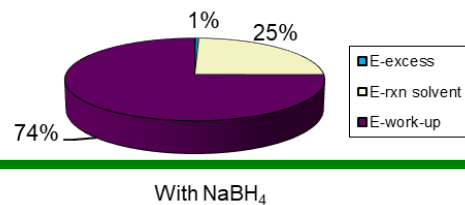
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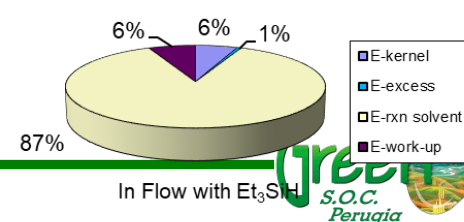
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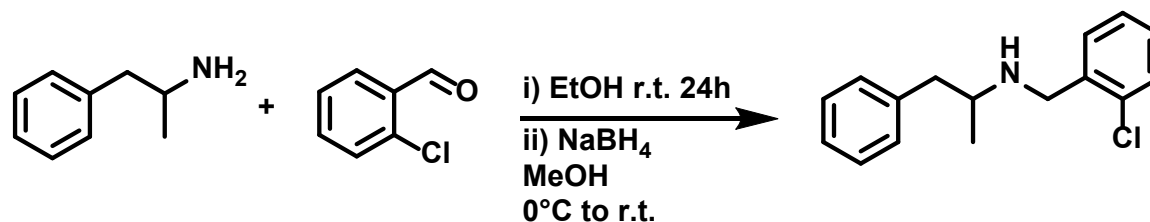


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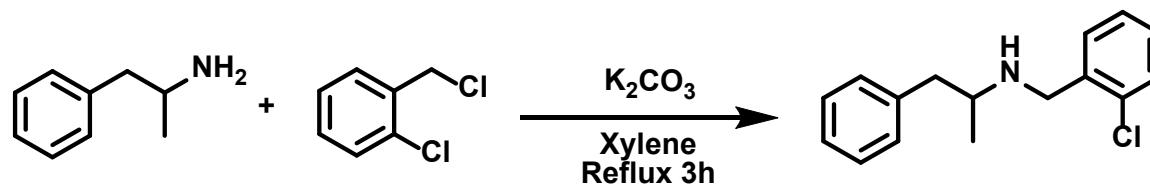


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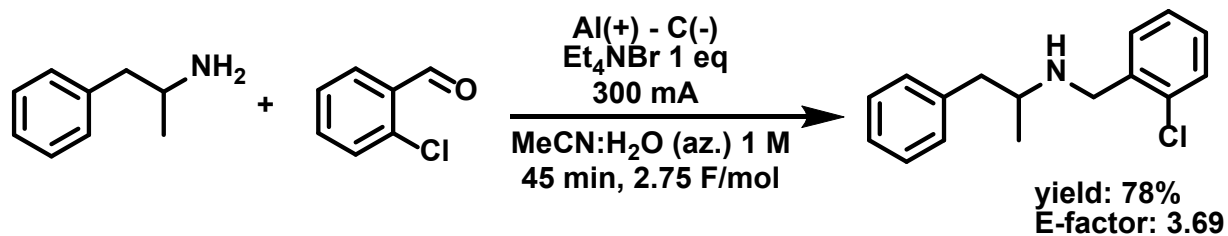
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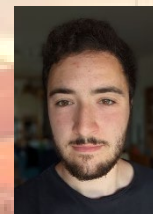
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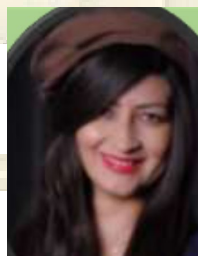
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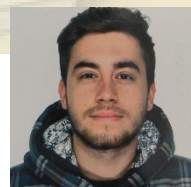
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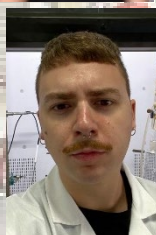
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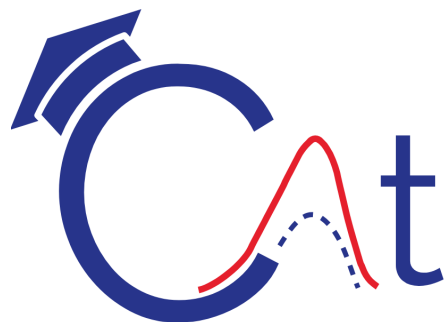
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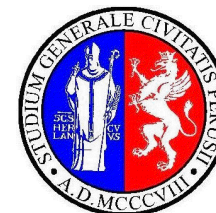
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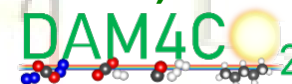


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