

# **ATOM EFFICIENCY & CATALYSIS IN ORGANIC SYNTHESIS**

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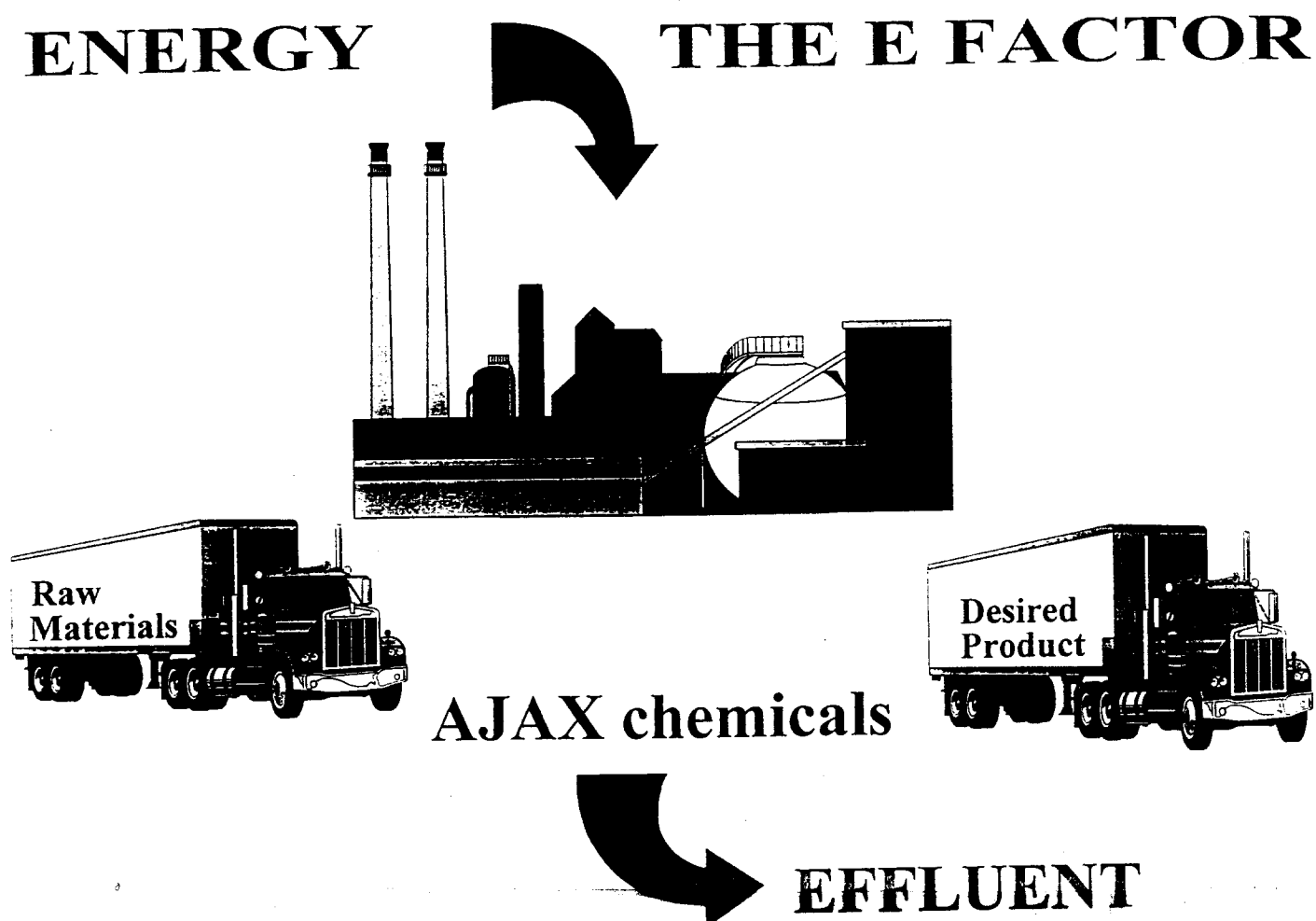
### **OUTLINE**

- 1. INTRODUCTION: E FACTORS & ATOM EFFICIENCY**
- 2. SOLID ACID CATALYSIS**
- 3. OXIDATION & REDUCTION**
- 4. C-C BOND FORMATION (CARBONYLATION)**
- 5. CATALYSIS IN WATER**
- 6. BIOCATALYSIS**
- 7. ENANTIOSELECTIVE CATALYSTS**
- 8. PROCESS INTEGRATION**
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# Environmental Acceptability: The E Factor

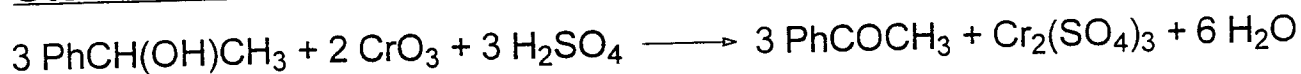
| Industry Segment | Product Tonnage | E factor<br>kg waste/ kg product |
|------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| Oil refining     | $10^6 - 10^8$   | $< 0.1$                          |
| Bulk Chemicals   | $10^4 - 10^6$   | $< 1 - 5$                        |
| Fine Chemicals   | $10^2 - 10^4$   | $5 - 50$                         |
| Pharmaceuticals  | $10 - 10^3$     | $25 - >100$                      |

R.A. Sheldon, Chem. Ind. (London) 1997, 12 and 1992, 903



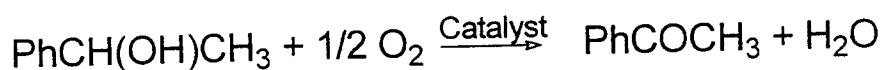
# Atom Efficiency: Stoichiometric vs Catalytic Oxidation

## Stoichiometric:



$$\text{Atom efficiency} = 360 / 860 = 42 \%$$

## Catalytic :



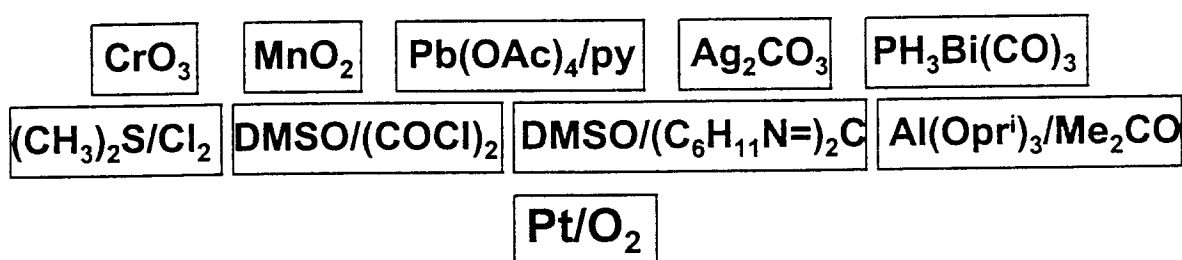
$$\text{Atom efficiency} = 120 / 138 = 87 \%$$

Byproduct:  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$

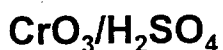
R.A. Sheldon, J. Chem. Tech. Biotechnol., 68 (1997) 381

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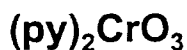
## Alcohol oxidation



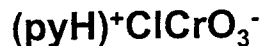
Chromic acid is one of the most versatile of the available oxidizing agents.....One of the most important uses of chromic acid in organic synthesis is in the oxidation of alcohols, particularly secondary alcohols to ketones.



Jones



Collins

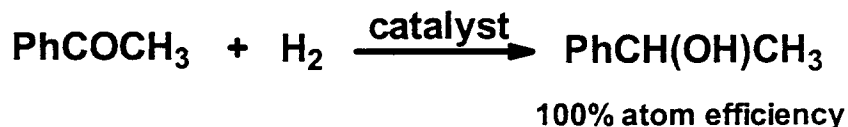


Corey

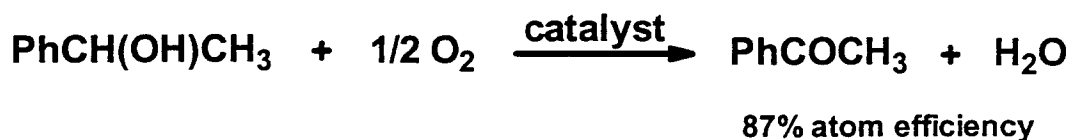
W. Carruthers, Some Modern Methods of Organic Synthesis, 3rd edn., Cambridge Univ. Press, 1986

## Clean Catalytic Technologies

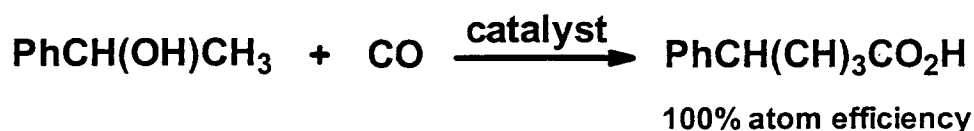
## Hydrogenation



## Oxidation



## Carbonylation



## Environmental = Elegance Quotient, EQ

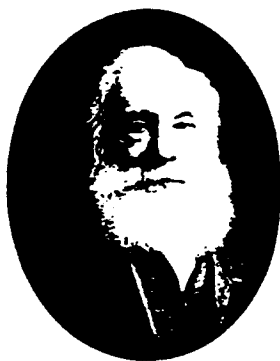
$$\text{Environmental Quotient} = E \times Q$$

E = kg waste / kg product

Q = unfriendliness quotient

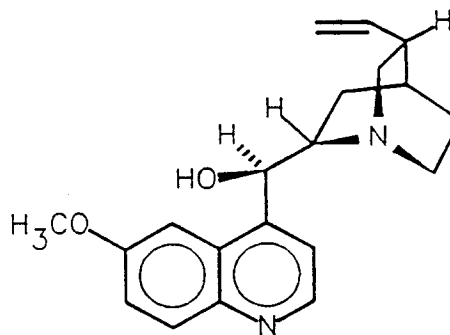
e.g. NaCl: Q=1  
Cr-salts: Q = 100 or 1000?

# INDUSTRIAL ORGANIC SYNTHESIS



W.H. PERKIN

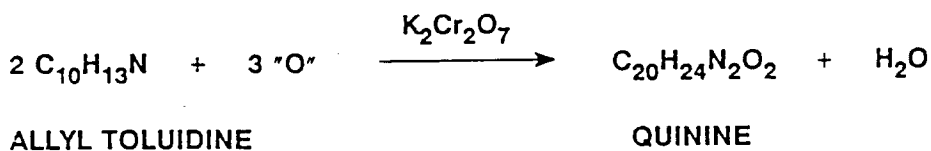
QUININE SYNTHESIS (1856)



Quinine

$C_{20}H_{24}N_2O_2$

Concept:



N.B. BENZENE STRUCTURE, A. Kekulé (1865)

J.J. BERZELIUS (1779-1848)

## ORGANIC CHEMISTRY (1807)

Urea synthesis  
(Wohler)

1828

First synthetic dye,  
Aniline purple  
(Perkin)

1856

DYESTUFFS INDUSTRY  
(based on coal-tar)

FINE CHEMICALS

## CATALYSIS (1835)

ca. 1900 Catalysis definition  
(Ostwald)

Catalytic hydrogenation  
(Sabatier)

ca. 1920 Petrochemicals

1936 Catalytic cracking

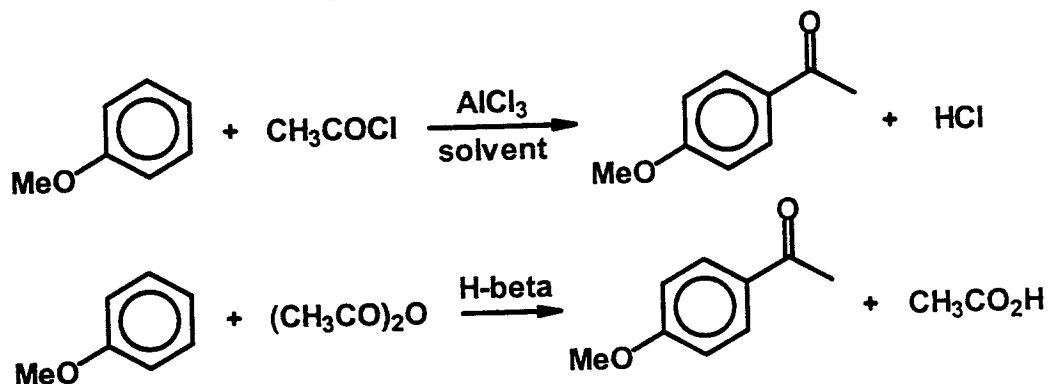
1949 Catalytic reforming

1955 Ziegler-Natta catalysts

BULK CHEMICALS AND POLYMERS

CATALYSIS IN ORGANIC SYNTHESIS

## Zeolite-catalyzed Friedel-Crafts Acylation



## Homogeneous

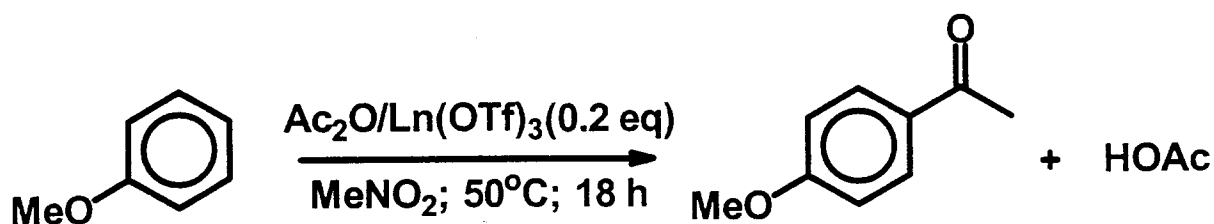
AlCl<sub>3</sub> > 1 equivalent  
 Solvent (recycle)  
 Hydrolysis of products  
 85-95% yield  
 4.5 kg aqueous effluent per kg

## Heterogeneous

H-beta, catalytic & regenerable  
 No solvent  
 No water necessary  
 > 95% yield / higher purity  
 0.035 kg aqueous effluent per kg

S. Ratton, Chem. Today (Chim. Oggi), March/April, 1998, 33

## Lanthanide Triflates: Recyclable F/C Acylation Catalysts

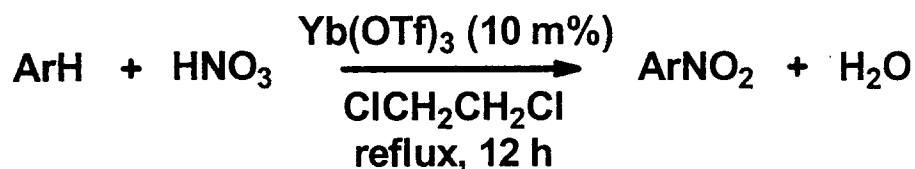


| <u>Ln</u> | <u>Yield(%)</u> | <u>Ln</u> | <u>Yield(%)</u> |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|
| La        | 41              | Dy        | 85              |
| Pr        | 87              | Ho        | 79              |
| Nd        | 79              | Er        | 78              |
| Sm        | 80              | Tm        | 84              |
| Eu        | 78              | Yb        | 99              |
| Gd        | 78              | Lu        | 81              |

PhH unreactive

A.Kawada, S. Mitamura, S.Kobayashi,  
 Chem. Comm., 1993, 1157

## Lanthanide Triflate-Catalyzed Aromatic Nitration

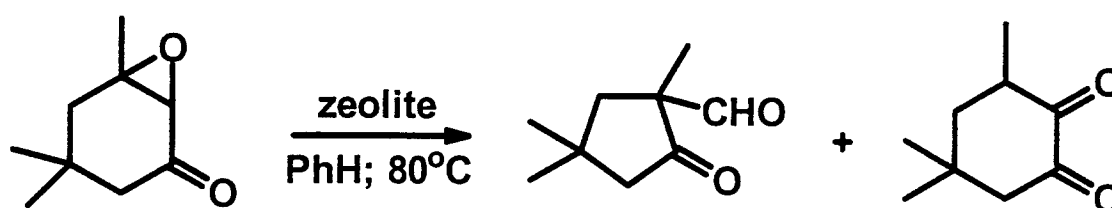


- Avoids spent acid problem of conventional nitration ( $\text{HNO}_3/\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ )

| ArH              | Conv. (%) | Product distribution (%) |          |          |
|------------------|-----------|--------------------------|----------|----------|
|                  |           | <i>o</i>                 | <i>m</i> | <i>p</i> |
| Benzene          | > 75      |                          |          |          |
| Toluene          | > 95      | 52                       | 7        | 41       |
| Bromobenzene     | 92        | 44                       | tr       | 56       |
| Nitrobenzene     | 0         | -                        | -        | -        |
| <i>p</i> -Xylene | > 95      |                          | n/a      |          |

F.J. Waller, D. Ramprasad, A.G.M. Barrett and D.C. Braddock, *Catalysis of Organic Reactions*, F.E. Herkes, Ed., 1998, p. 289

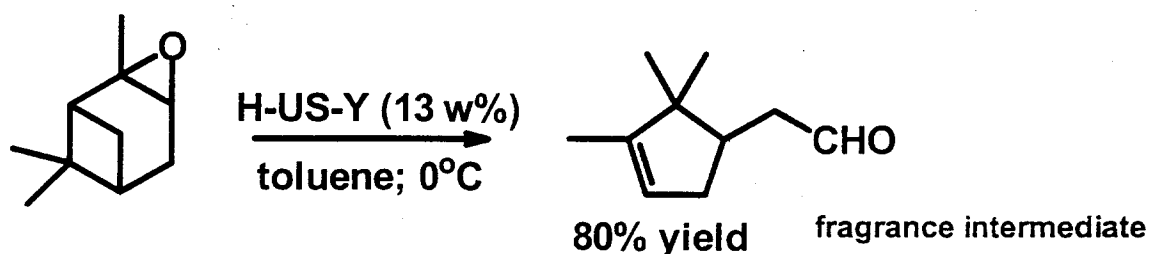
## Zeolite-Catalyzed Epoxide Rearrangements



fragrance intermediate

|       |     |     |
|-------|-----|-----|
| H-MOR | 85% | 5%  |
| H-BEA | 71% | 11% |

J.A. Elings, H.E.B. Lempers and R.A. Sheldon, *Stud. Surf. Sci. Catal.*, 105 (1997) 105

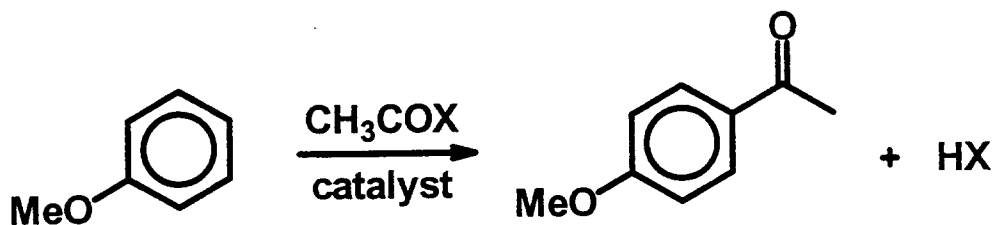


80% yield

fragrance intermediate

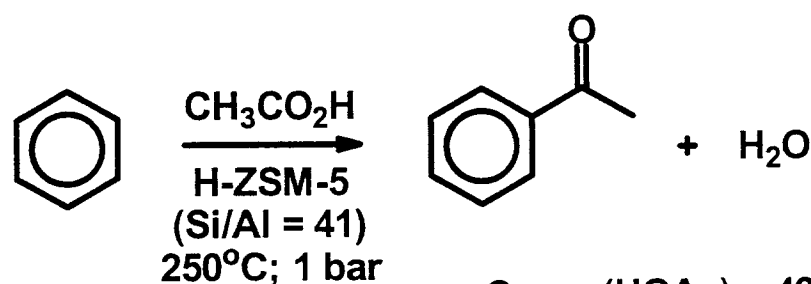
A.T. Liebans, C. Mahaim and W.F. Hoelderich, *Stud. Surf. Sci. Catal.*, 108 (1997) 587

## Friedel-Crafts Acylation



|                      | $\text{AlCl}_3$                                  | H-beta | $\text{H}_3\text{PW}_6\text{Mo}_6\text{O}_{40}$ | $\text{Yb}(\text{Otf})_3$ |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| X                    | Cl                                               | OAc    | Cl                                              | OAc                       |
| Solvent              | $\text{CS}_2$                                    | -      | -                                               | $\text{CH}_3\text{NO}_2$  |
| S/C (g/g)            | 0.7                                              | 2.9    | 2.6                                             | 8.5                       |
| Productivity (g/g/h) | 0.26                                             | 25     | 7                                               | 0.4                       |
| Volume yield (g/l)   | 47                                               | 162    | 51                                              | 17                        |
| STY (g/l/day)        | 560                                              | 648    | 303                                             | 22                        |
| E factor (g/g)       | 3                                                | 0.4    | 0.24                                            | 0.43                      |
| Atom efficiency (%)  | 25                                               | 71     | 80                                              | 71                        |
| Byproducts           | $\text{AlCl}_3 \cdot n\text{H}_2\text{O}$<br>HCl | HOAc   | HCl                                             | HOAc                      |

## Friedel-Crafts Acylation: Gas Phase



Conv. (HOAc) = 43%  
 Selectivity = 91%

PhH/HOAc = 2:1    Feed rate = 2 ml/h (2 g catalyst)    Tubular reactor

- TOF =  $46 \text{ mmol} \cdot \text{s}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ Al} \times 10^{-3}$
- No deactivation in 2 h on stream
- Byproducts di- and triacetylbenzenes



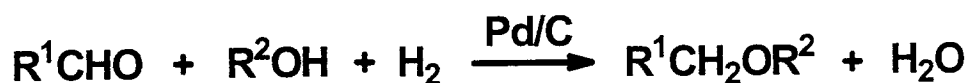
## Ether Synthesis via Reductive Alkylation

### Classical Route (Williamson Ether Synthesis)



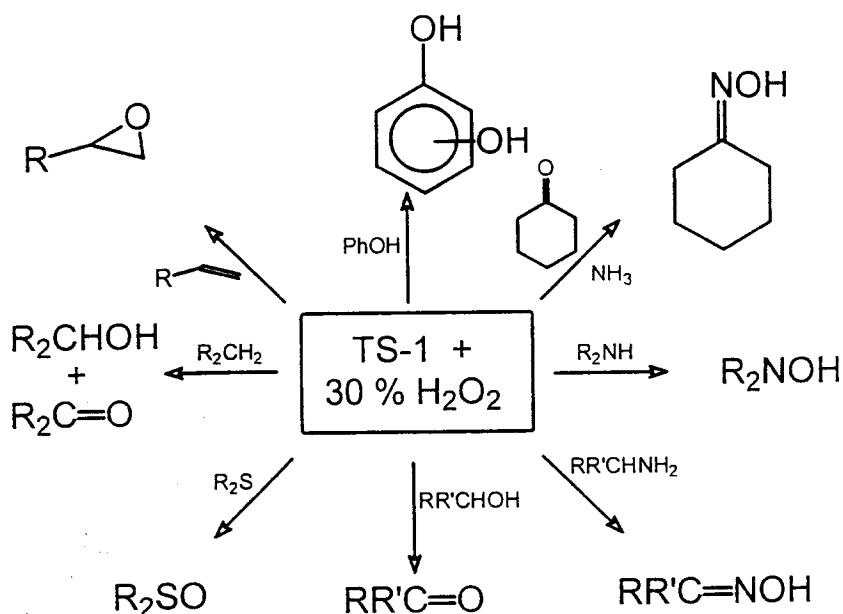
A.W. Williamson, J. Chem. Soc., 4 (1852) 106

### Catalytic O-Alkylation



F. Fache, V. Bethmont, L. Jacquot and M. Lemaire, Recl. Trav. Chim. Pays-Bas, 115 (1996) 231

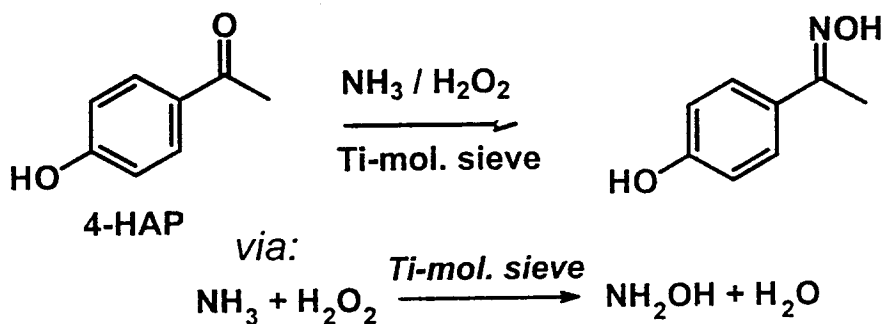
## TS-1 Catalyzed Oxidations with $H_2O_2$



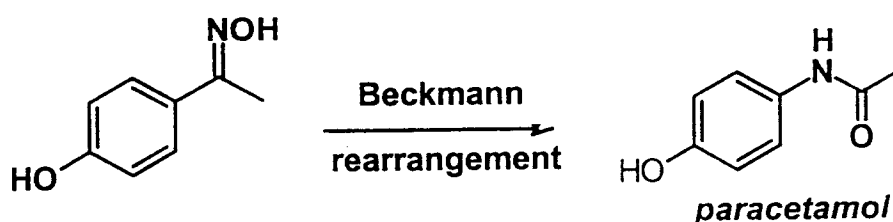
Hydrophobic molecular sieve (5.6 x 5.3 Å)

Hydrophobicity index ( $\chi_{octane}/\chi_{H_2O}$ ) TS-1 = 3.4 Ti/SiO<sub>2</sub> = 0.1

# PARACETAMOL INTERMEDIATE VIA AMMOXIMATION



| Catalyst   | 4-HAP conv (%) | Oxime sel. (%) |
|------------|----------------|----------------|
| TS-1       | 50             | 100            |
| Ti-Al-Beta | 30             | 80             |
| Ti-ZSM-48  | 17             | 67             |

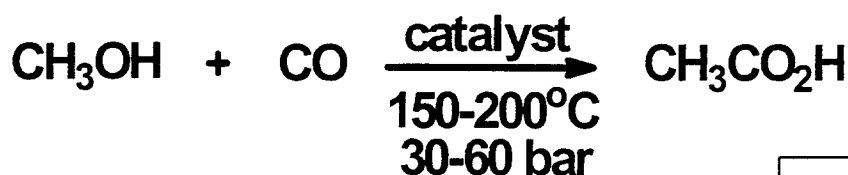


J. Le Bars, J. Dakka and R.A. Sheldon, *Appl. Catal. A.: General*, 36 (1996) 69-80.

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## Acetic Acid via Methanol Carbonylation



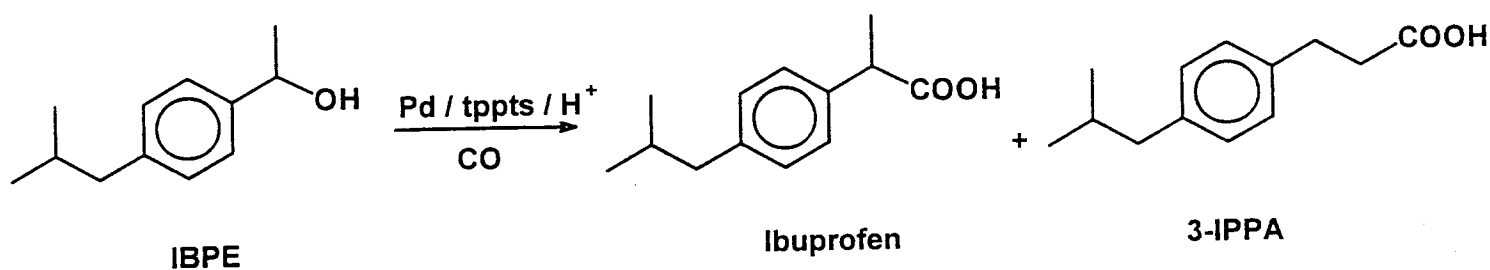
Rh<sup>I</sup>/I<sup>-</sup> Monsanto (1966)  
 Ir<sup>I</sup>/I<sup>-</sup> BP (1996)

- 100% atom efficient / high selectivity (> 99%)
- Cheap raw materials
- 3.5 x 10<sup>6</sup> tons worldwide (ca. 60% of total)
- Ir gives higher rates / more stable catalyst

Price \$/oz. (1991)  
 Rh: 3500  
 Ir: 60

P.J. Watson, *Catalysis of Organic Reactions*, F.E. Herkes, Ed., 1998, 369

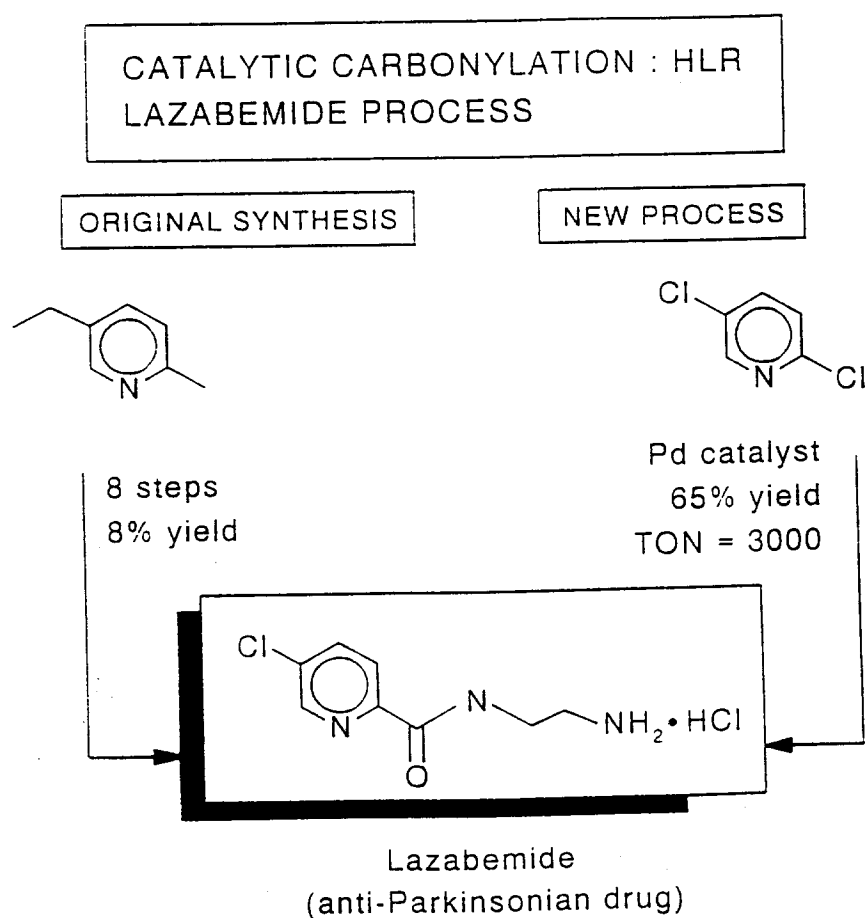
# The BHC Ibuprofen process



Cumbersome catalyst removal

99% conversion  
96% selectivity  
T.O.F. = 375 h<sup>-1</sup>  
3,500 tpa

V. Elango *et al*, US Patent 4 981 995 (1991) to Hoechst Celanese



# Homogeneous vs Heterogeneous Catalysis

## Homogeneous

## Heterogeneous

### Advantages

- Mild reaction conditions
  - High activity & selectivity
  - Efficient heat transfer
- Facile separation of catalyst and products
  - Continuous processing

### Disadvantages

- Cumbersome separation & recycling of catalyst
  - Not readily adapted to a continuous process
- Heat transfer problems
  - Low activity and / or selectivity



## Homogeneous liquid / liquid biphasic catalysis

## Water as a reaction medium

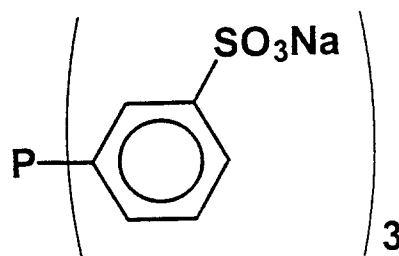
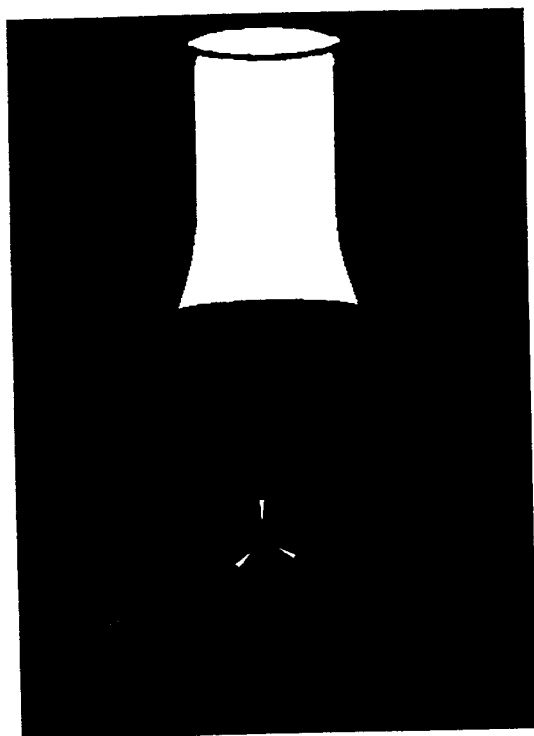
### Economically & Environmentally attractive

- Inexpensive and abundantly available
- Non-inflammable and non-toxic
- Odorless and colorless
- Environmentally friendly

### Highly polar reaction medium

- Novel reactivity
- Facile product separation and catalyst recycling
- Reduced product contamination

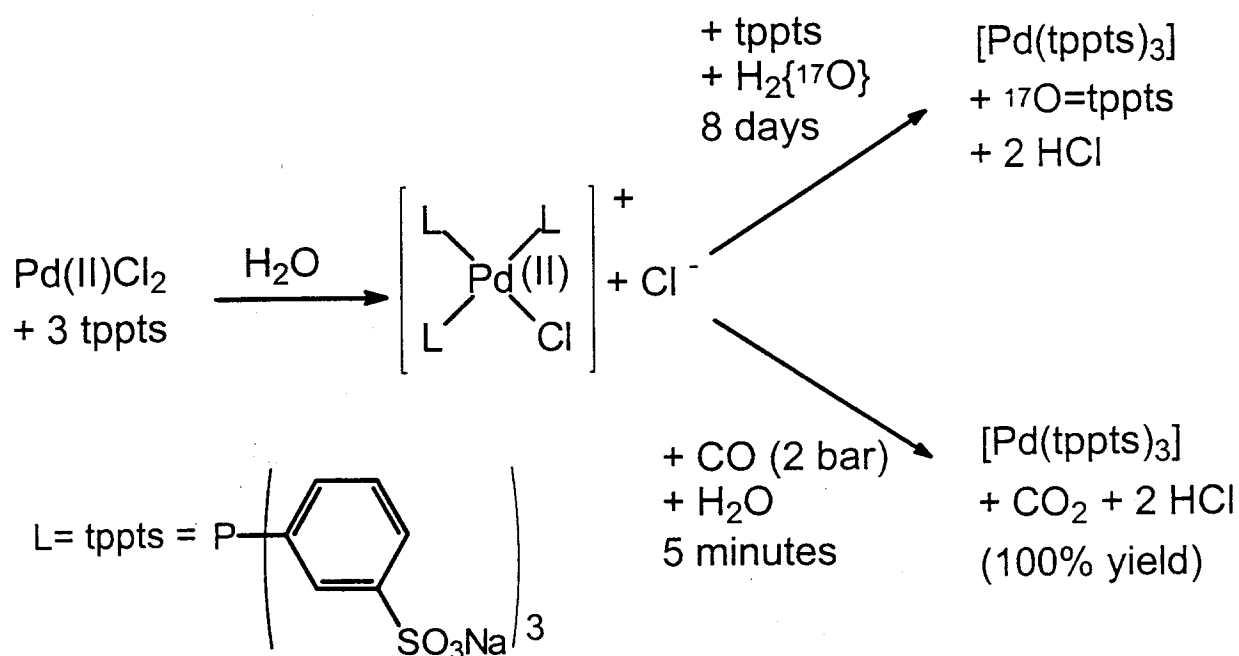
# Sodium salt of tri-*m*-sulfonatotriphenylphosphine (tppts)



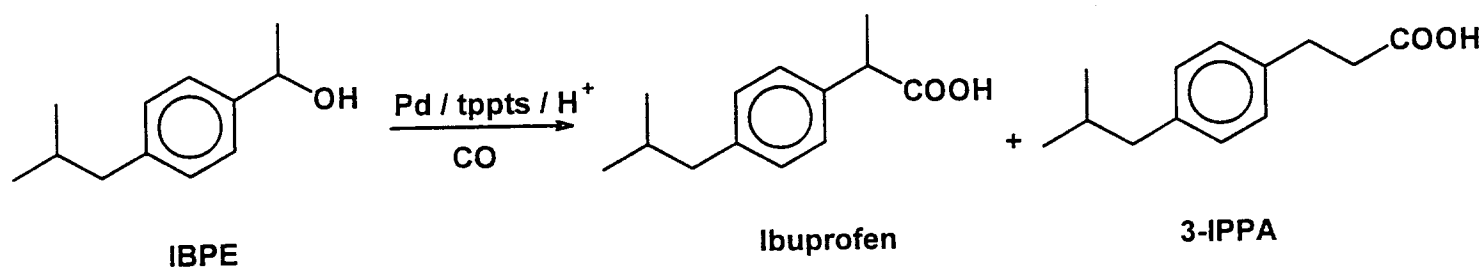
- Solubility in water: 1100 g / L

E.G. Kuntz, 1974

## <sup>17</sup>O-, <sup>31</sup>P- and <sup>35</sup>Cl NMR study of the redox reaction between PdCl<sub>2</sub>, tppts and H<sub>2</sub>O



# Biphasic carbonylation of 1-(4-isobutylphenyl)ethanol



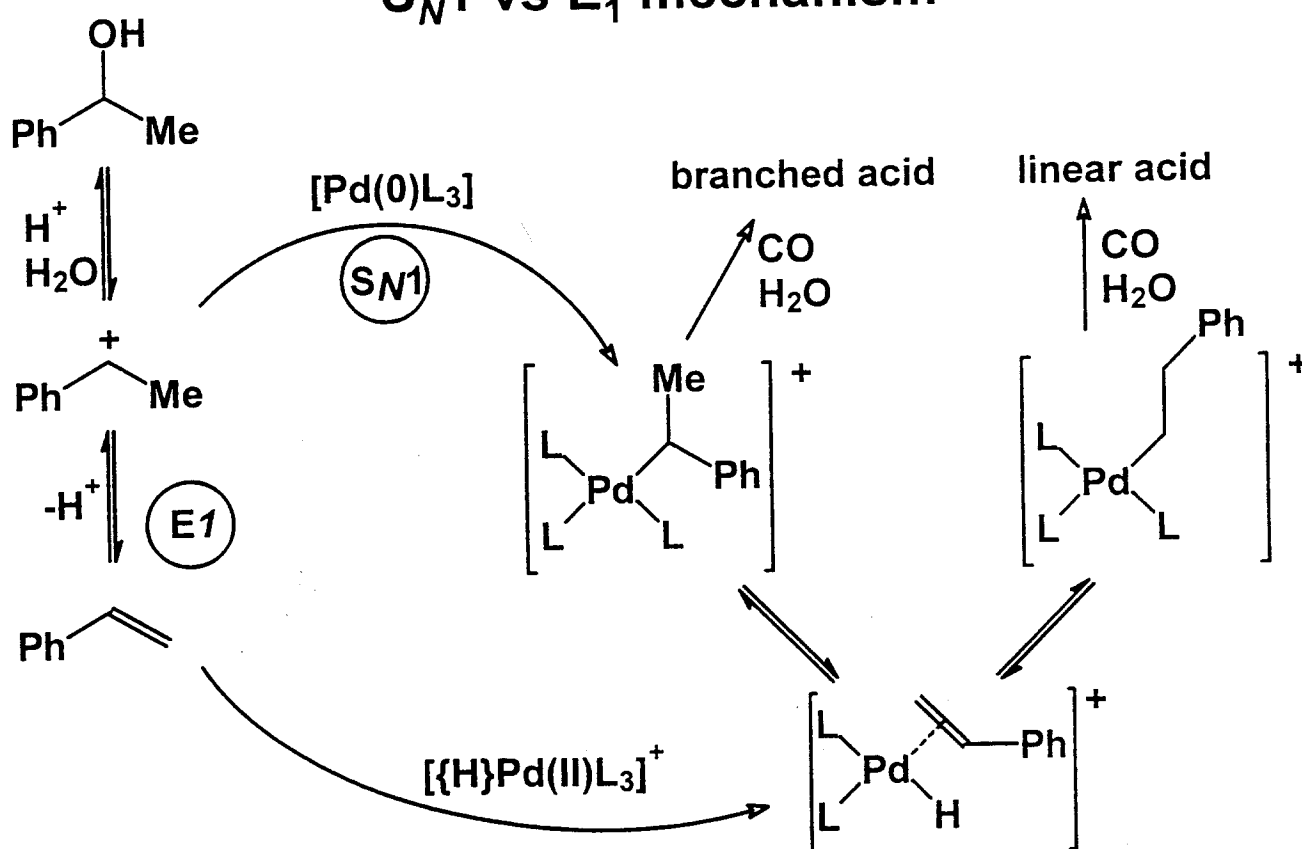
conversion: 83%

selectivity to ibuprofen: 82%

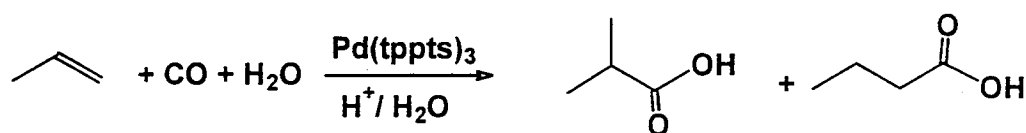
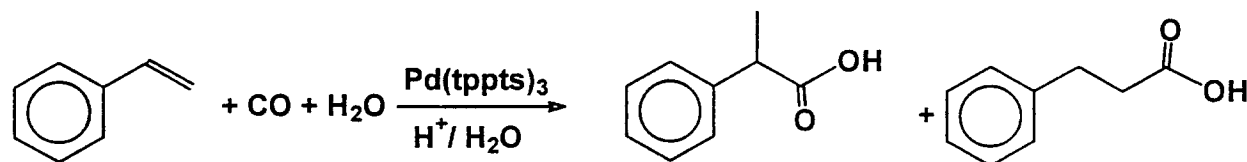
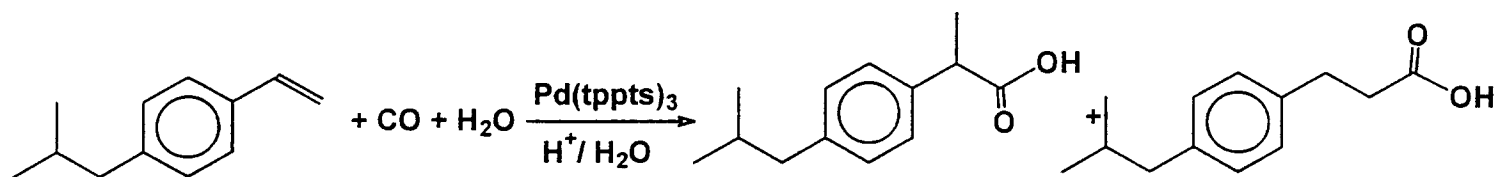
Low activity ( $\text{TOF} = 2.3 \text{ h}^{-1}$ )

G. Papadogianakis, L. Maat and R.A. Sheldon,  
*Patent appl. US 08/346,027 (1994) to Hoechst Celanese Corp.*

## $\text{S}_{\text{N}}1$ vs $\text{E}_1$ mechanism

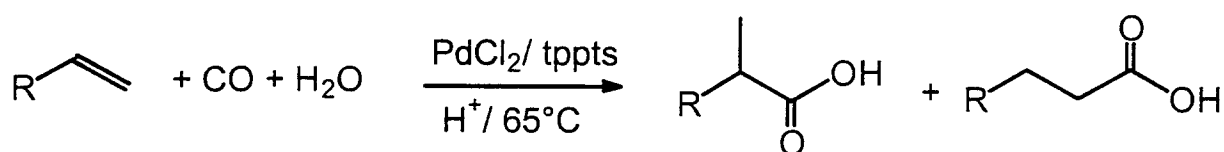


# Hydrocarboxylation of $\alpha$ -olefins



G. Papadogianakis, G. Verspui, L. Maat and R.A. Sheldon, *Catal. Lett.*, **1997**, 47, 43

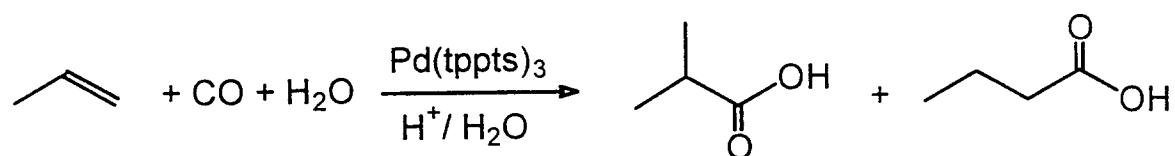
## Pd / tppts catalyzed hydrocarboxylation of $\alpha$ -olefins<sup>a</sup>



| Olefin               | Olefin/Pd | t<br>(h) | Conversion<br>(mol%) | Selectivity (mol%) |    | TOF<br>(h <sup>-1</sup> ) |
|----------------------|-----------|----------|----------------------|--------------------|----|---------------------------|
|                      |           |          |                      | iso                | n  |                           |
| IBS <sup>b</sup>     | 50        | 10       | 62                   | 74                 | 14 | 3                         |
| Styrene <sup>b</sup> | 50        | 10       | 100                  | 56                 | 33 | 5                         |
| Styrene              | 250       | 3        | 59                   | 73                 | 27 | 49                        |
| Propene <sup>c</sup> | 250       | 3        | 41                   | 38                 | 62 | 34                        |

<sup>a</sup> 0.20 mmol PdCl<sub>2</sub>, tppts/Pd=4 (except runs 1 and 2 P/Pd=8), ([Pd]=1.41 mM), 50 mM p-toluenesulfonic acid, 50 bar; 65°C. <sup>b</sup> Formation of heavy ends, presumably polymers of IBS or styrene. <sup>c</sup> One phase after the reaction.

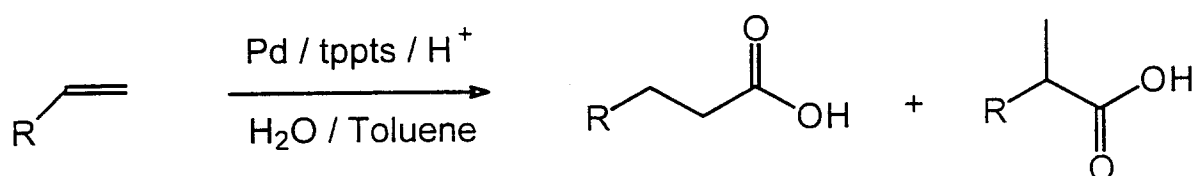
# Pd / tppts catalyzed hydrocarboxylation of propene<sup>a</sup>



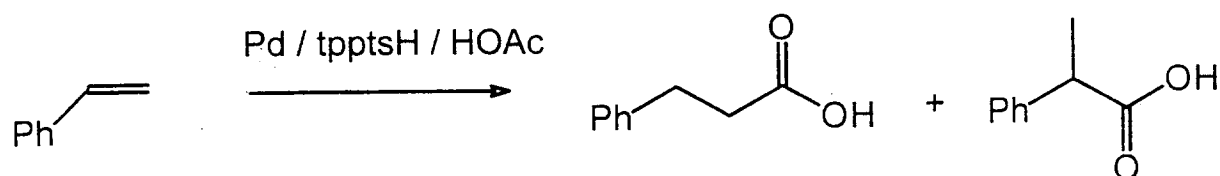
| Ligand                        | HOTs<br>(mmol) | T<br>(°C)        | Conv.<br>(mol%) | Selectivity mol% |    | TOF<br>(h <sup>-1</sup> ) |
|-------------------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|----|---------------------------|
|                               |                |                  |                 | iso              | n  |                           |
| TPPTS                         | 0              | 110              | 12              | 43               | 57 | 239                       |
| TPPTS                         | 29             | 110              | 70              | 42               | 58 | 1390                      |
| TPPTS                         | 60             | 110              | 64              | 42               | 58 | 1284                      |
| TPPTS                         | 29             | 120 <sup>b</sup> | 63              | 43               | 57 | 2507                      |
| PPh <sub>3</sub> <sup>c</sup> | 29             | 110              | 12              | 43               | 57 | 246                       |

<sup>a</sup> 0.20 mmol PdCl<sub>2</sub>, [tppts/Pd=4] ([Pd]=1.41 mM), Olefin/Pd=1000, 50 bar, 30 minutes.

<sup>b</sup> Reaction time 15 minutes. <sup>c</sup> PPh<sub>3</sub> [P/Pd= 4], in 1,4-dioxane/water (87/13m/m)



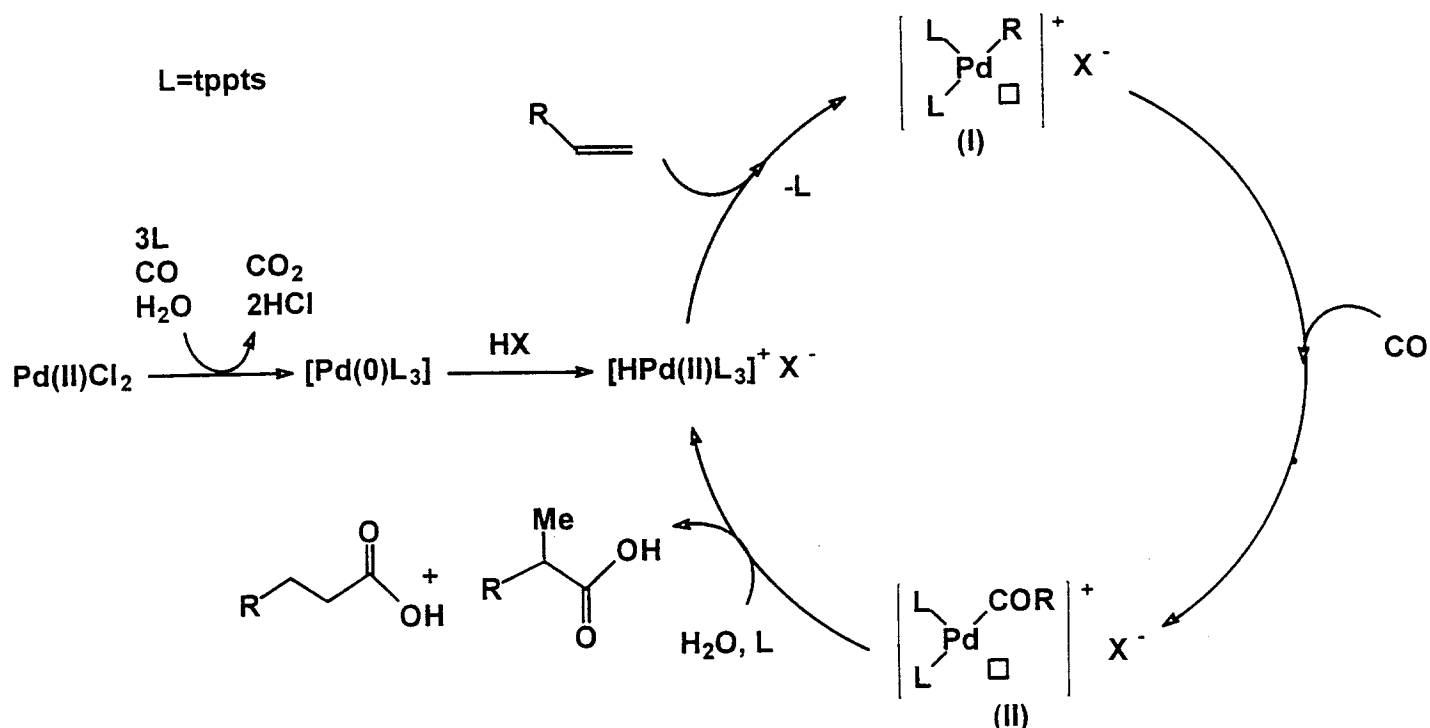
S. Tilloy, E. Monflier, F. Bertroux, Y. Castanet and A. Mortreux, *New. J. Chem.*, **1997**, 21, 529



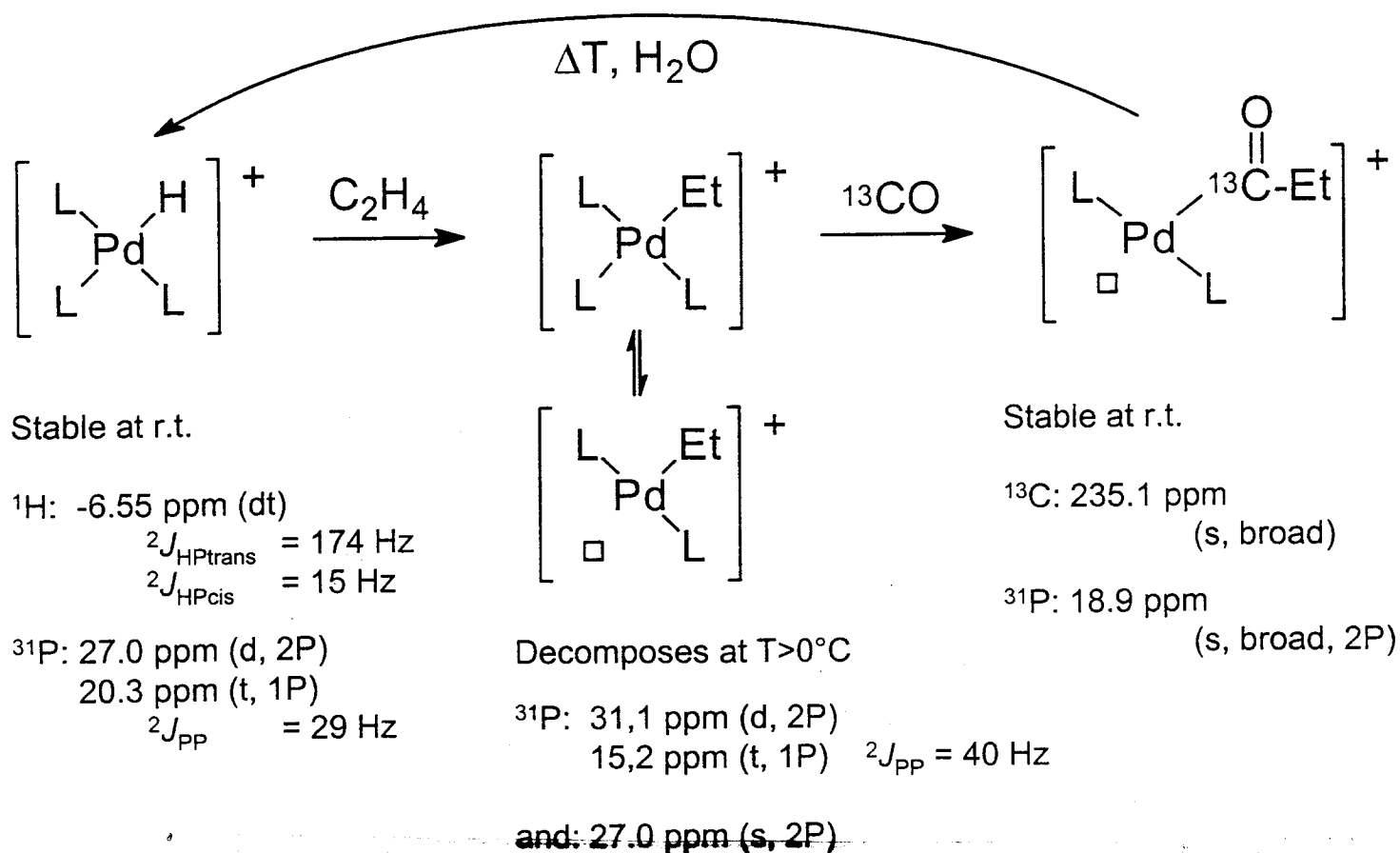
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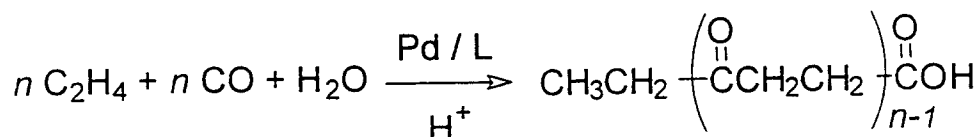
# Proposed mechanism for the hydrocarboxylation of $\alpha$ -olefins



## Intermediates, characterized by $^1\text{H}$ -, $^{13}\text{C}$ - and $^{31}\text{P}$ -NMR

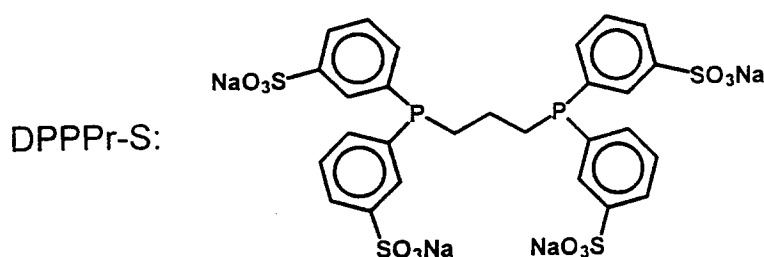


## Pd-catalyzed hydrocarboxylation of ethene



L = tppts:  $n = 1, 2, 3, 4$  (T.O.F. = 1000)

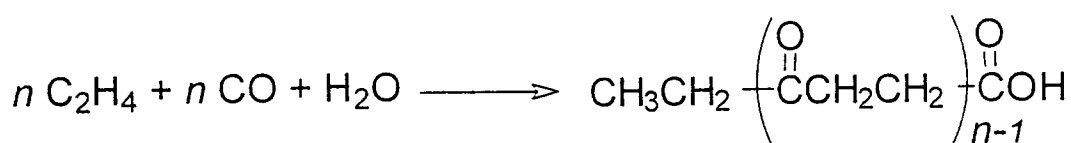
L = DPPPr-S:  $n = 100 - 200$  (T.O.F. = 7500)



G. Verspui, G. Papadogianakis and R.A. Sheldon, *Chem. Commun.*, in press

G. Verspui, G. Papadogianakis and R.A. Sheldon, *Patent appl. NL 100 74 22 (1997)*

## Copolymerization of CO and ethene in water

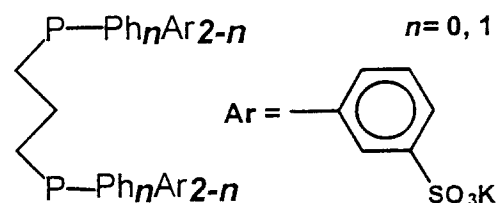


4.86 mmol  $[\text{Pd}(\text{MeCN})_4(\text{BF}_4)_2]$  per liter (517 ppm Pd)

"Ligand" / Pd : 1/1

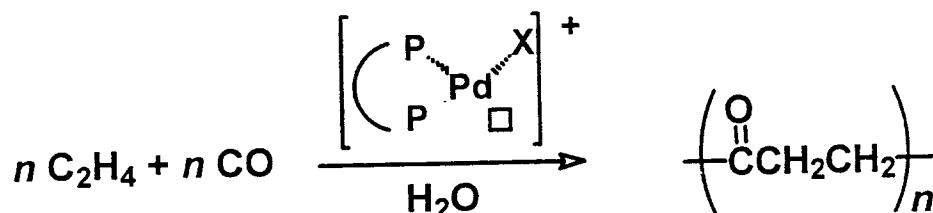
69 bar total pressure (CO:Ethene = 1:1), 50 °C

470 g Polymer / g Pd in 22 hours



"The palladium(II) center in water is less accessible to the incoming monomers than in organic solvents due to the strong coordination of water molecules."

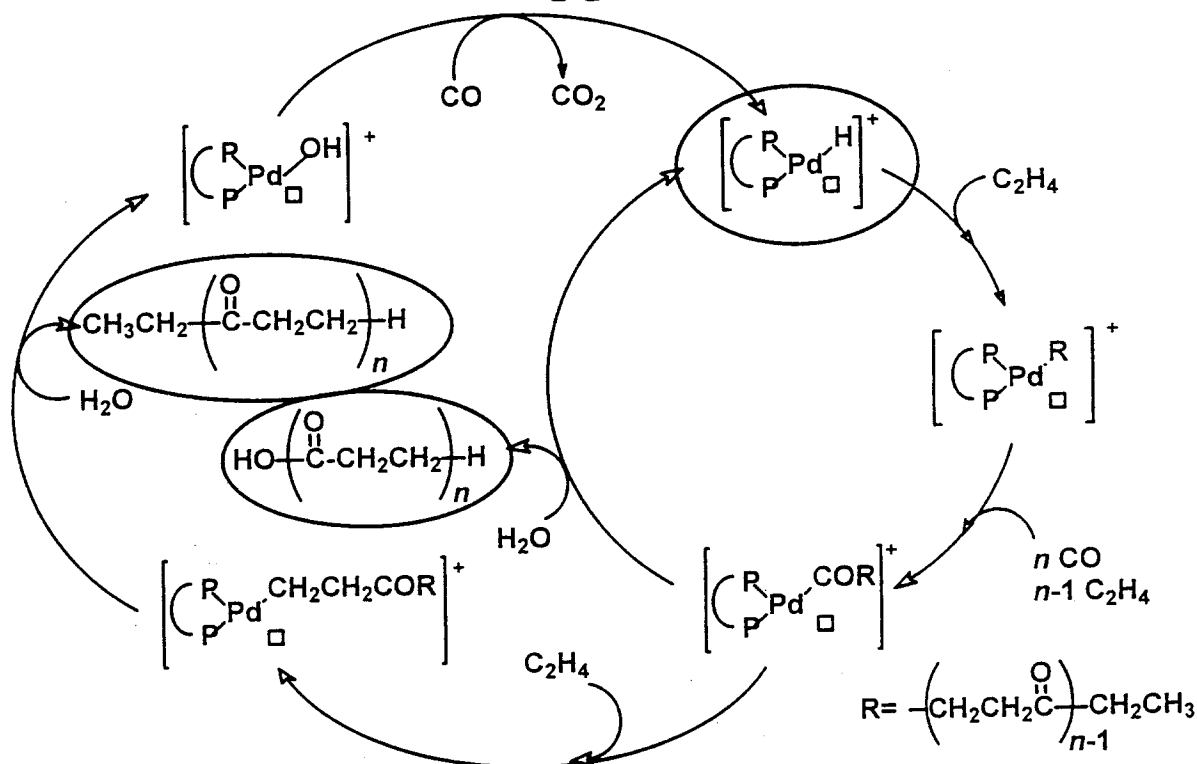
## Optimum results in the Pd / DPPPr-S system



- Ligand / Pd ratio: 1 / 1
- pH < 5.0
- Bronsted acid concentration 7 mmol/L (50 equiv. per Pd)
- Weakly or non-coordinating anions

> 4,0 kg copolymer per g Pd per hour (90°C, 40 bar)

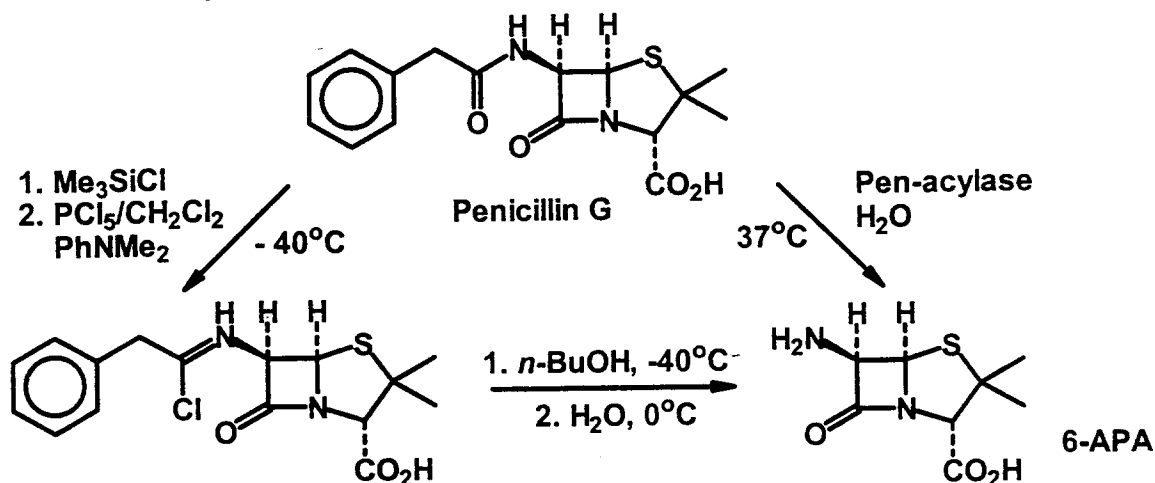
## Pd / DPPPr-S catalyzed copolymerization of CO and ethene: Suggested mechanism



Adapted from:

E. Drent, J.A.M. van Broekhoven, M.J. Doyle, *J. Organomet. Chem.*, 1991, 417, 235

# Enzymatic vs Chemical Process for 6-APA

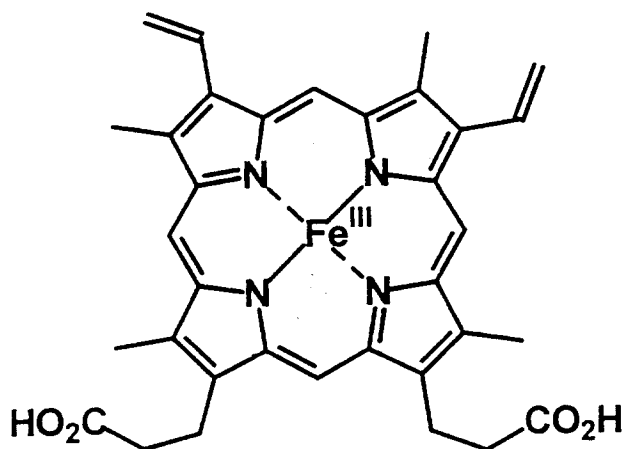
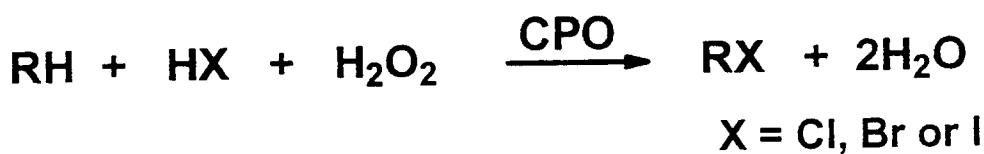


Key improvements: Enhanced enzyme production and immobilization

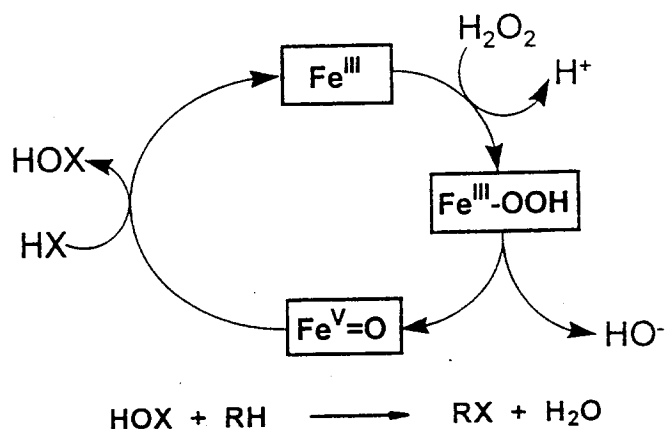
| Process                   | Chemical                                                                                                                        | Enzymatic                                 |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Reagents<br>(kg/kg 6-APA) | $\text{Me}_3\text{SiCl}$ (0.6),<br>$\text{PCl}_5$ (1.2), $\text{PhNMe}_2$ (1.6)<br>$n\text{-BuOH}$ (8.4 l), $\text{NH}_3$ (0.2) | Pen-acylase (1-2)<br>$\text{NH}_3$ (0.09) |
| Solvent<br>(l/kg 6-APA)   | $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ (8.4)                                                                                                  | $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (2)                  |

Ullmann's Encyclopedia of Industrial Chemistry, 5th edn. vol. B 8, p.302

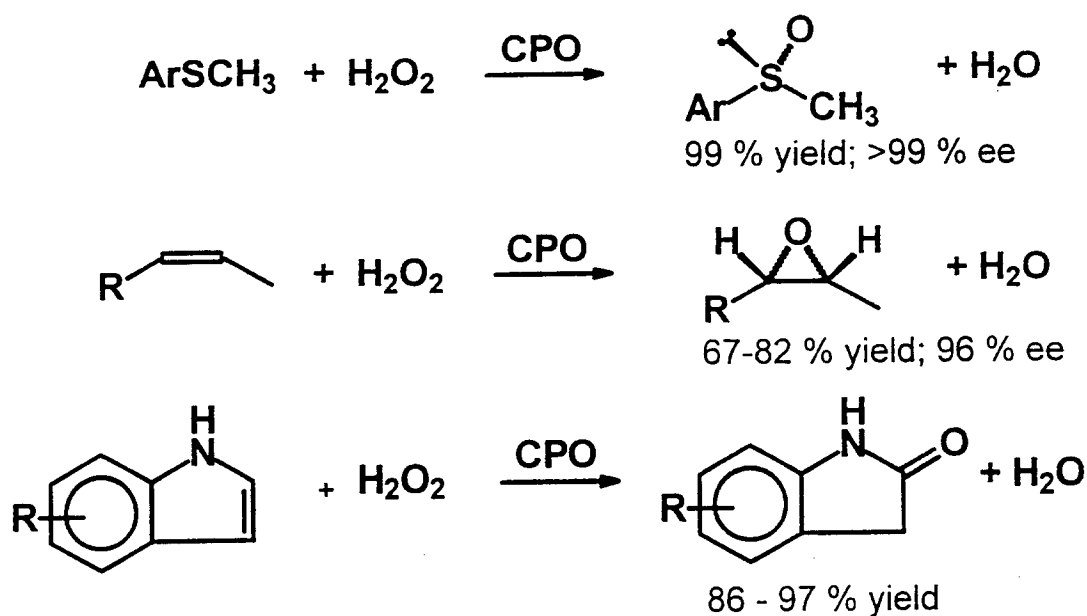
## Chloroperoxidase : CPO EC 1.11.1.10



Ferriprotoporphylin IX

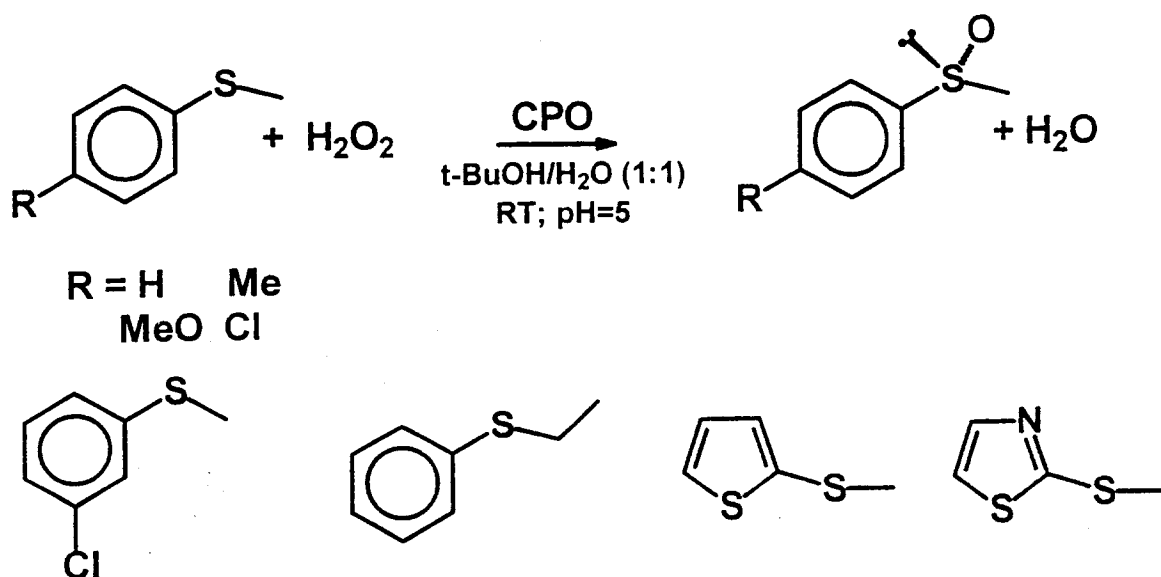


## CPO-Catalyzed Oxygen Transfer



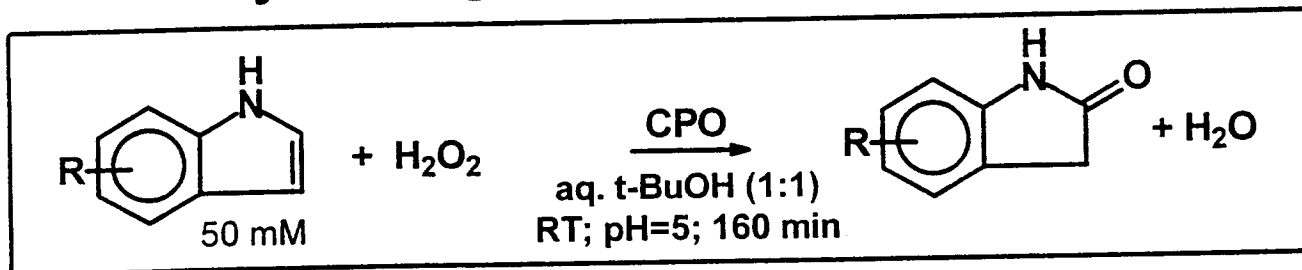
M.P.J. van Deurzen, F. van Rantwijk and R.A. Sheldon, *Tetrahedron*, 53 (1997) 13183

## CPO-Catalyzed Enantioselective Sulfoxidation



Examples with >99 % ee and >50 % conversion within 2 h

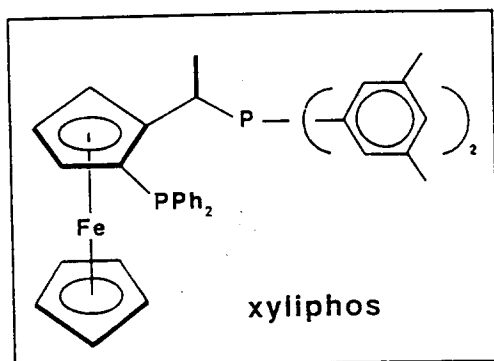
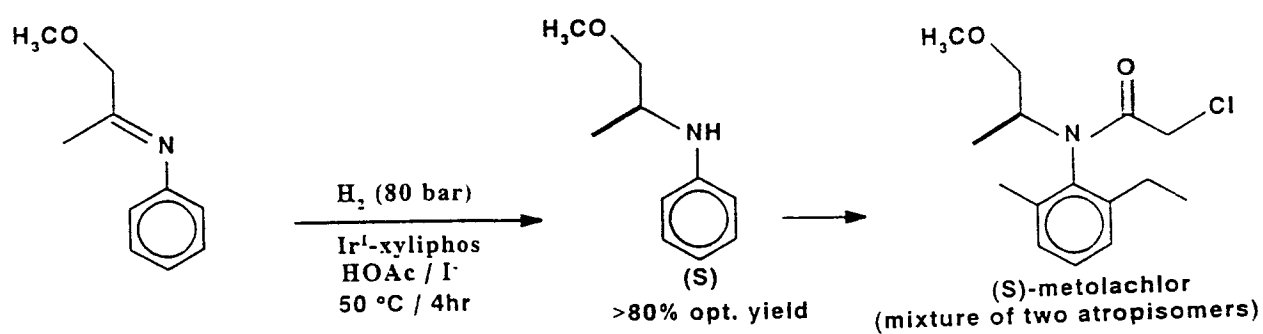
# CPO-Catalyzed Regioselective Oxidation of Indoles



| R                  | CPO (kU) | Yield (%) | Purity (%) |
|--------------------|----------|-----------|------------|
| H                  | 1        | 96        | 96         |
| 4-Cl               | 6        | 70        | 76         |
| 5-Cl               | 2        | 99        | 99         |
| 5-Br               | 3        | 86        | 95         |
| 5-CH <sub>3</sub>  | 6        | 92        | 94         |
| 5-OCH <sub>3</sub> | 6        | 93        | 95         |
| 6-Cl               | 2        | 96        | 99         |
| 7-azaindole        | 2        | 97        | 99         |

M.P.J. van Deurzen, F. van Rantwijk and R.A. Sheldon, J. Mol. Catal. B, 2 (1996) 33

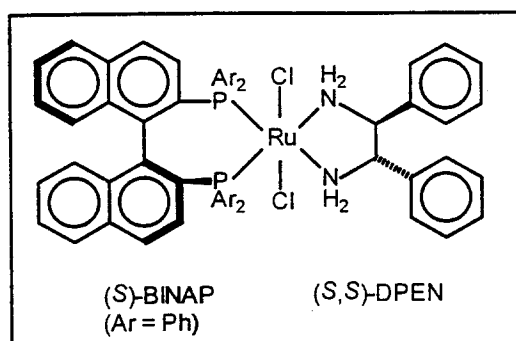
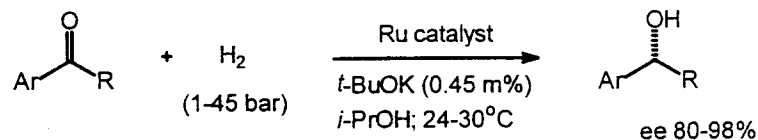
## ASYMMETRIC HYDROGENATION OF AN IMINE



- S/C = 750.000
- TOF (initial) =  $1.8 \times 10^6 \text{ h}^{-1}$   
(1mio turnovers in 6 hrs)
- Pilot plant scale

R.R. Bader and H.U. Blaser, 4th Int.Symp.Het.Catalysis  
& Fine Chemicals, Basel, (1996)

# Highly efficient asymmetric hydrogenation of ketones



e.g. Ar = Ph; R = CH<sub>3</sub>

S/C = 2,400,000

30°C/45 bar/48 h

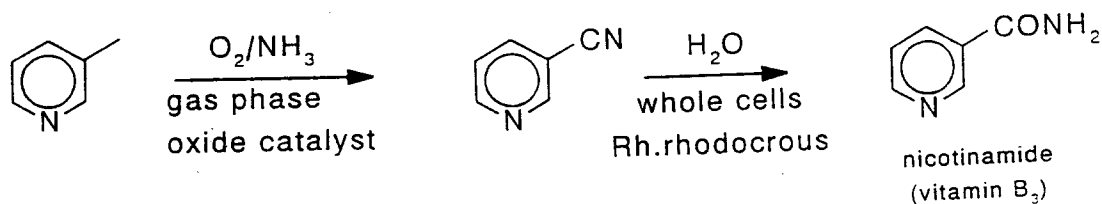
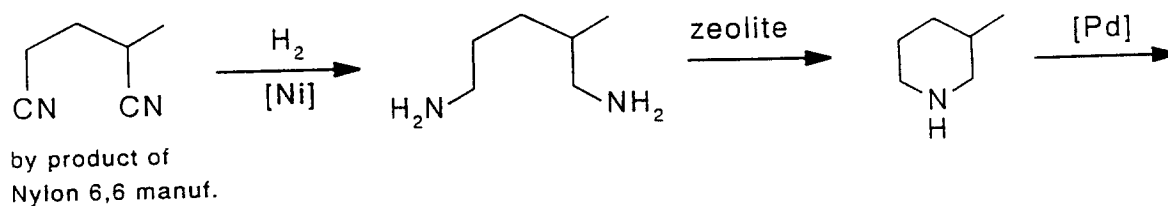
100% yield; 80% ee

TOF = 228000 h<sup>-1</sup>  
at 30% conv.

Rate 100x faster with preformed complex

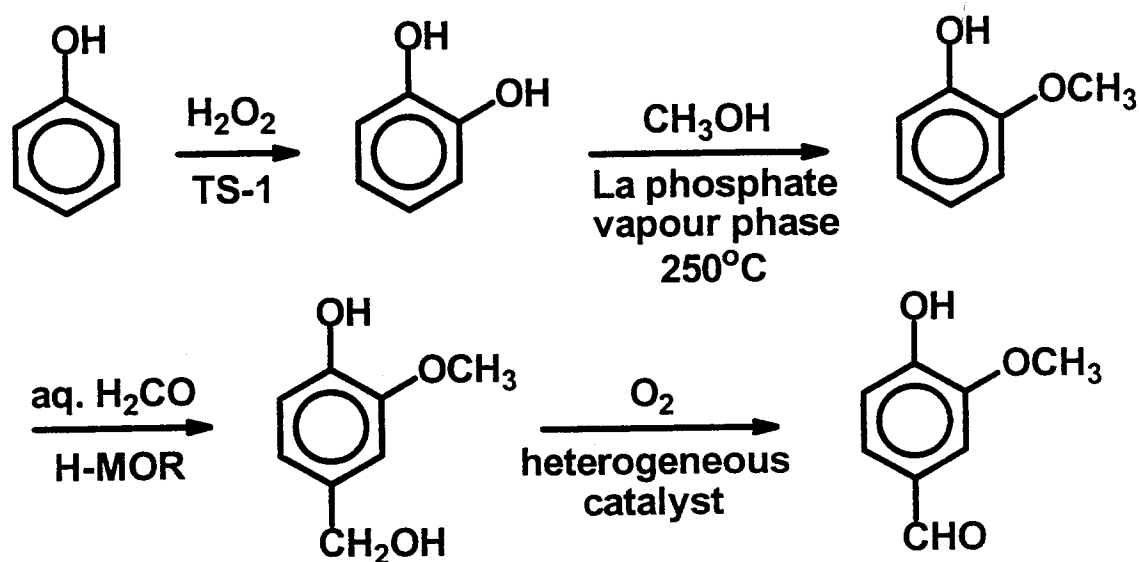
*R. Noyori et al., Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 37 (1998) 1703-1707*

## PROCESS INTEGRATION : LONZA NICOTINAMIDE PROCESS



J. Heveling, *Chimia*, 50, 114 (1996)

## Catalytic Vanillin Synthesis: Rhone Poulenc



- 4 steps, all employing a heterogeneous catalyst

S. Ratton, Chem. Today, March/April, 1998, 33; C Moreau et al., Catalysis of Organic Reactions, F.E. Herkes, Ed., 1998, p. 51

## CONCLUSIONS & PERSPECTIVES

### TRENDS IN (FINE) CHEMICALS MANUFACTURE

- **High atom efficiencies / low E factors**
- **Stoichiometric reagents → catalytic processes**
- **Recyclable (solid) acids & bases**
- **Oxidation / reduction / C-C bond forming**
- **Novel reaction media (aqueous or fluorous biphasic, ionic liquids)**
- **Biocatalysis / enantioselective catalysis**
- **Process integration & catalyst recycling**



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