

# D-Carbonize Workshop & Kick-off



Organic Chemistry

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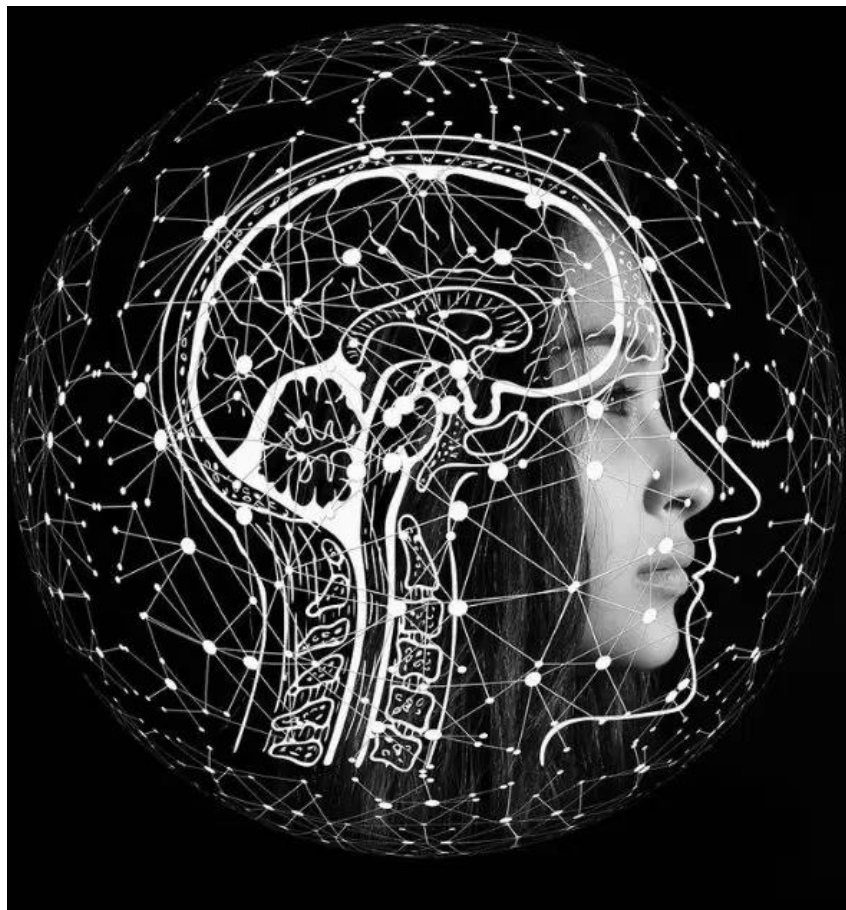
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## Introduction to Organic Chemistry



# Organic Chemistry



# What is an organic Chemist?

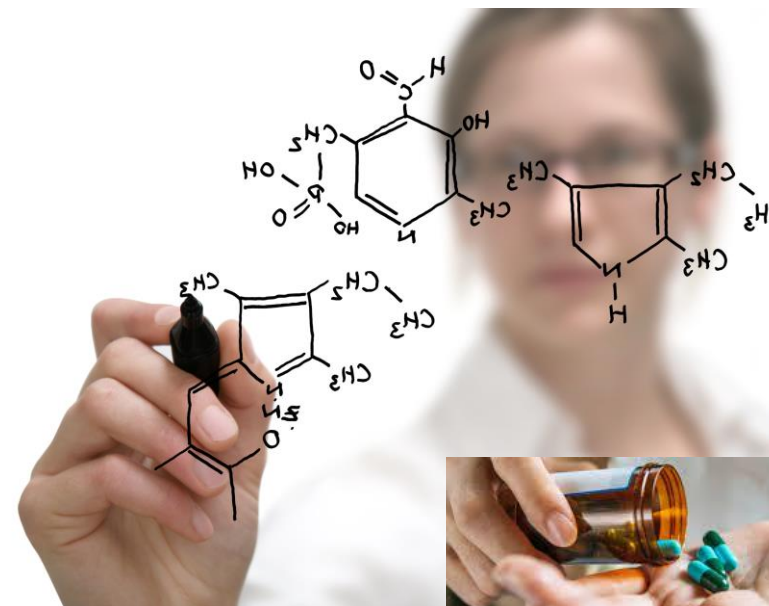


**Organic chemists** investigate the structure, properties, composition, reactions, and synthesis of organic molecules.

## Molecules Makers

Their **work is crucial in many fields**, including pharmaceuticals, petrochemicals, food science, and materials science contributing to the development of new drugs, plastics, cleaners, and many other products

**We are important**





# What is an organic Chemist?

What do you think when you read this product label?

**INGREDIENTS:** WATER (75%), **SUGARS (12%)** (GLUCOSE (48%), FRUCTOSE (40%), SUCROSE (2%), MALTOSE (<1%)), STARCH (5%), FIBRE E460 (3%), **AMINO ACIDS (<1%)** (GLUTAMIC ACID (19%), ASPARTIC ACID (16%), HISTIDINE (11%), LEUCINE (7%), LYSINE (5%), PHENYLALANINE (4%), ARGININE (4%), VALINE (4%), ALANINE (4%), SERINE (4%), GLYCINE (3%), THREONINE (3%), ISOLEUCINE (3%), PROLINE (3%), TRYPTOPHAN (1%), CYSTINE (1%), TYROSINE (1%), METHIONINE (1%)), **FATTY ACIDS (1%)** (PALMITIC ACID (30%), OMEGA-6 FATTY ACID: LINOLEIC ACID (14%), OMEGA-3 FATTY ACID: LINOLENIC ACID (8%), OLEIC ACID (7%), PALMITOLEIC ACID (3%), STEARIC ACID (2%), LAURIC ACID (1%), MYRISTIC ACID (1%), CAPRIC ACID (<1%)), ASH (<1%), PHYTOSTEROLS, E515, OXALIC ACID, E300, E306 (TOCOPHEROL), PHYLLOQUINONE, THIAMIN, **COLOURS** (YELLOW-ORANGE E101 (RIBOFLAVIN), YELLOW-BROWN E160a), **FLAVOURS** (3-METHYLBUT-1-YL ETHANOATE, 2-METHYLBUTYL ETHANOATE, 2-METHYLPROPAN-1-OL, 3-METHYLBUTYL-1-OL, 2-HYDROXY-3-METHYLETHYL BUTANOATE, 3-METHYLBUTANAL, ETHYL HEXANOATE, ETHYL BUTANOATE, PENTYL ACETATE), 1510, NATURAL RIPENING AGENT (ETHENE GAS).

Would you like to buy it?

# Chemophobia

AN ALL-NATURAL BANANA



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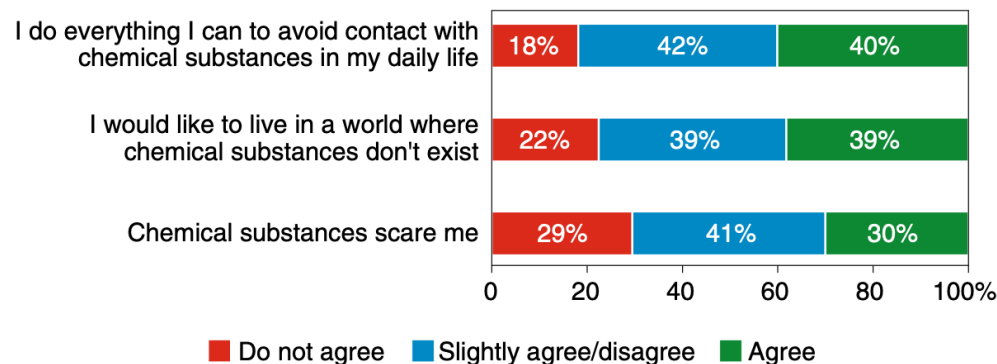
- Chemistry is perceived as synonymous with 'artificial' and 'dangerous'.
- A society that **rejects chemistry**.
- The media and the misuse of marketing promote a distorted and unfair vision “**chemical –free**”



## Chemophobia in Europe and reasons for biased risk perceptions

Very few consumers are aware that chemistry and synthetic chemicals are indispensable in making everyday goods

Chemophobia: views of European consumers  
(n = 5,631)



Siegrist, M., Bearth, A. Chemophobia in Europe and reasons for biased risk perceptions.

*Nat. Chem.* **11**, 1071–1072 (2019). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41557-019-0377-8>

Chemophobia: A systematic review, R. Rollini, L. Falciola, S. Tortorella, *Tetrahedron*, 2022, 113, 132758

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*Chem. Educ. Res. Pract.*, 2020, **21**, 989-999, [10.1039/C9RP00282K](https://doi.org/10.1039/C9RP00282K)

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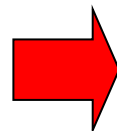
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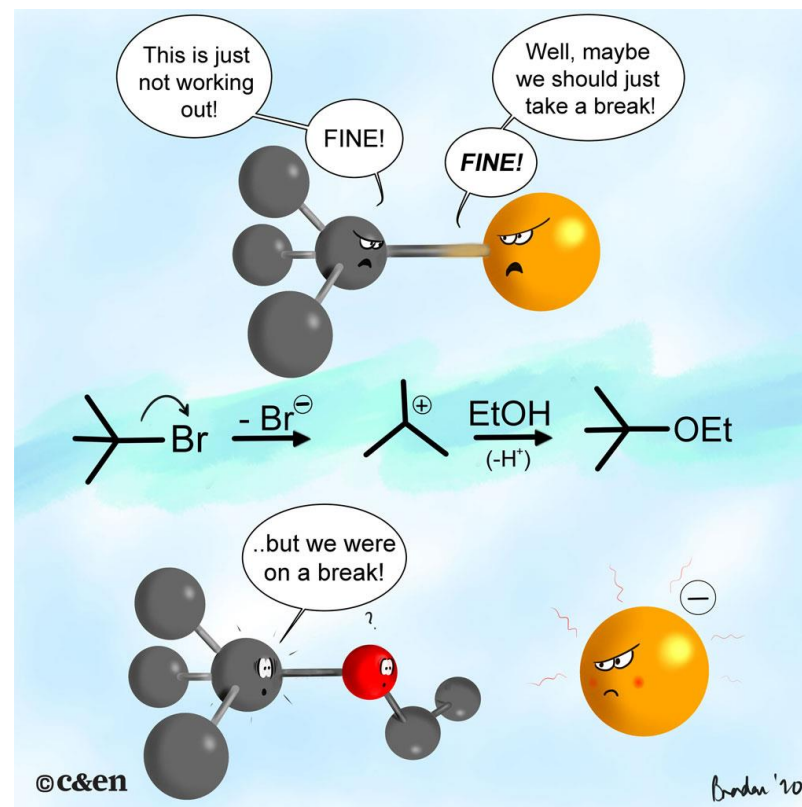
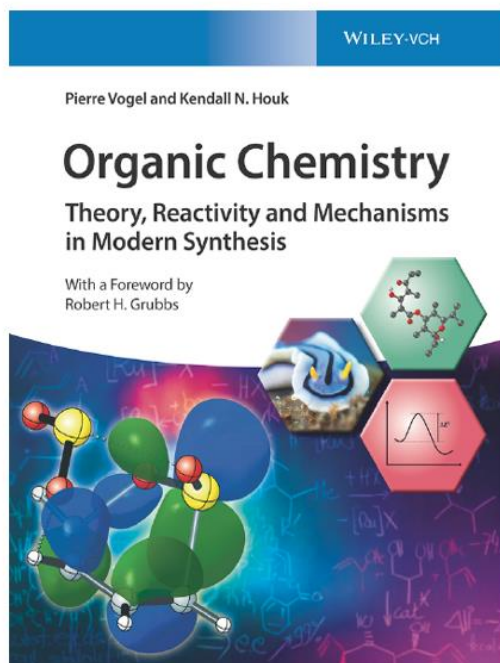
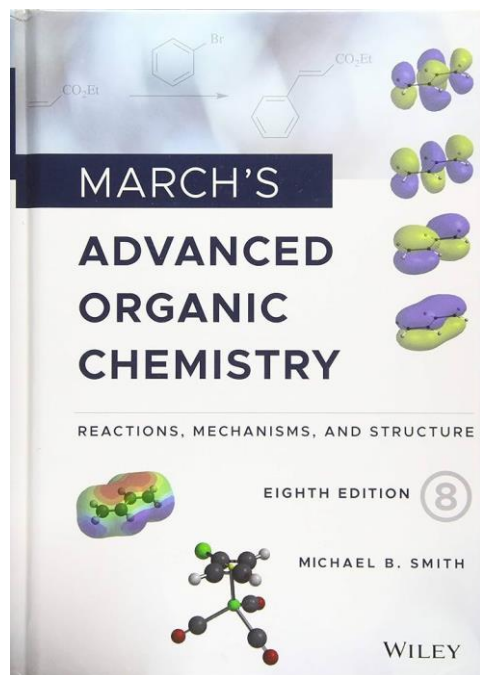
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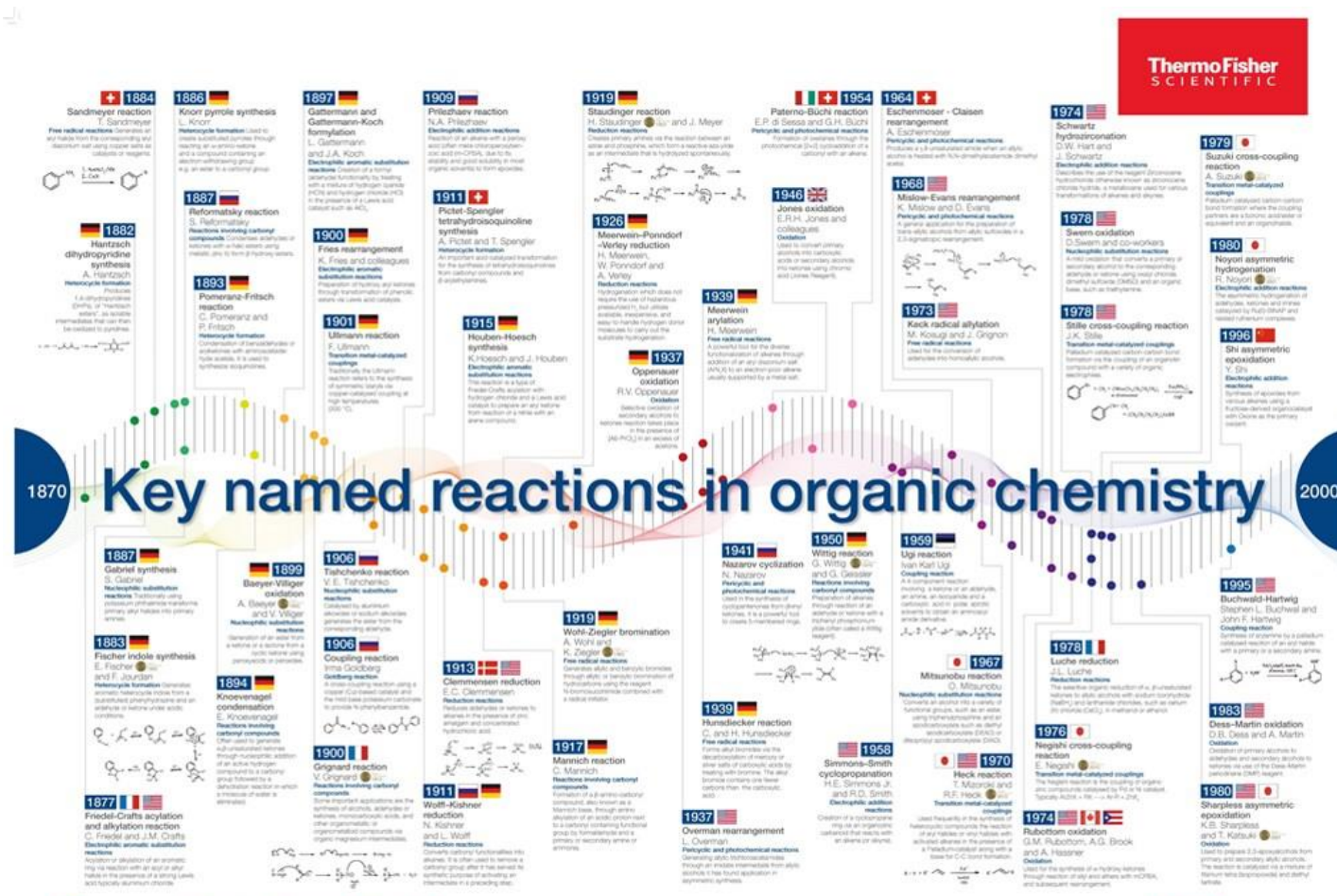
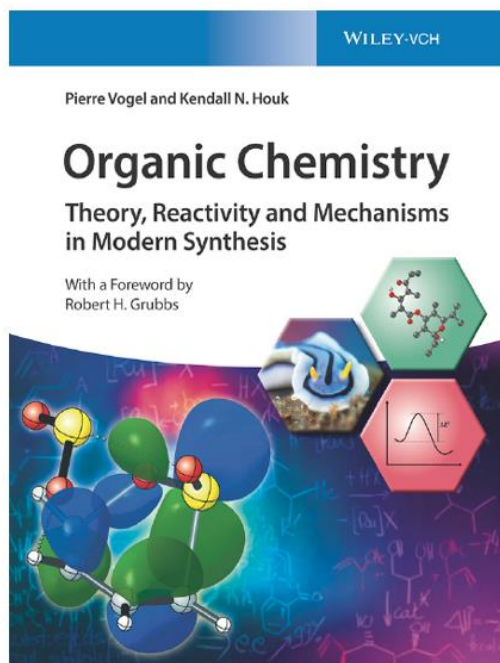
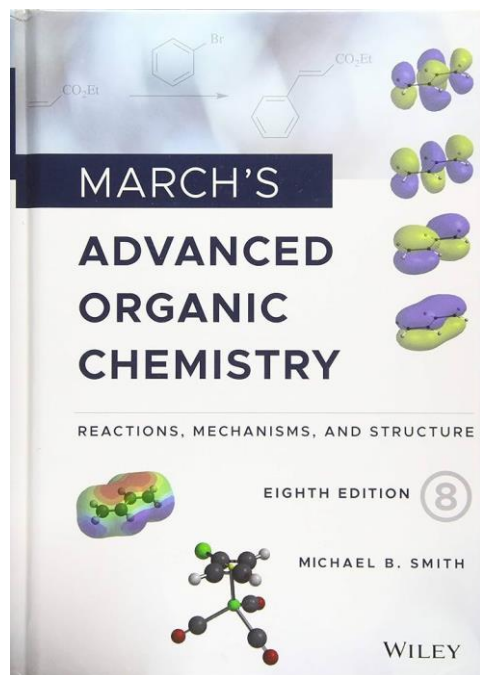
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# Perception Organic Chemistry



Organic chemistry is known for its complexity and diversity because the carbon atom can form strong bonds with many other types of atoms and can form chains and rings, allowing for the creation of an immense variety of molecules.



# What is the fashion trend in organic Chemist?



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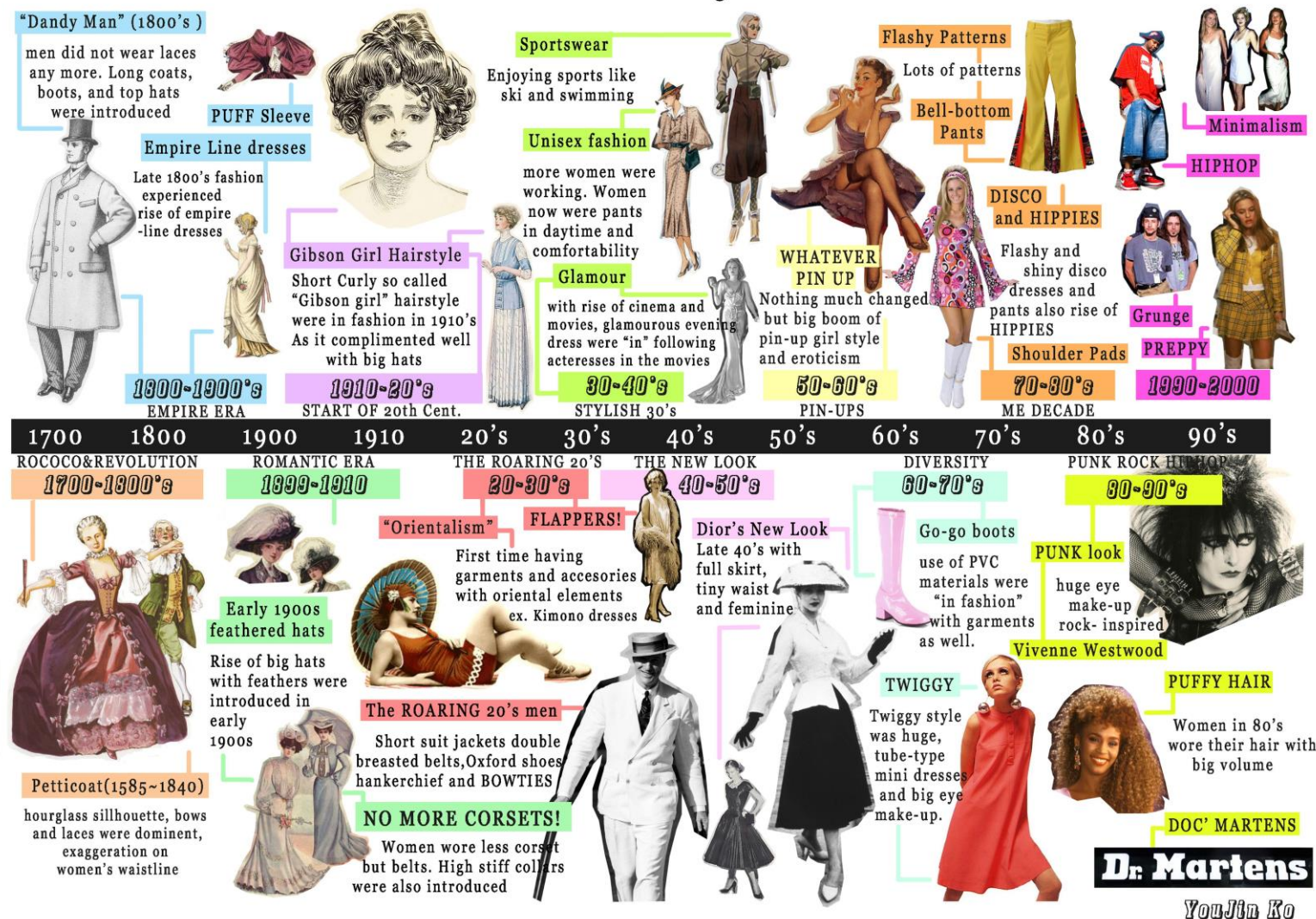


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### Fashion History Timeline





# Chemists Use Ancient Chemistries !

The evolution of organic chemistry over the years has been marked by significant changes in the types of reactions discovered and utilized by chemists. A hundred years ago, the field was dominated by relatively simple reactions like esterifications and Michael additions. However, from around 1960 to 1980, there was a notable shift towards more complex reaction classes, such as cycloadditions and Pauson–Khand reactions.

A random selection of 100 chemistries in a review of named reactions:

54% *before* World War 1

74% *before* World War 2

91% *before* 1975

9% *during* the 1980's



**Wurtz, Charles Adolphe**  
 Born: Wolfisheim, 1817  
 Died: Paris, 1884



**Williamson, Alexander William**  
 Born: London, 1824  
 Died: Hindhead, 1904

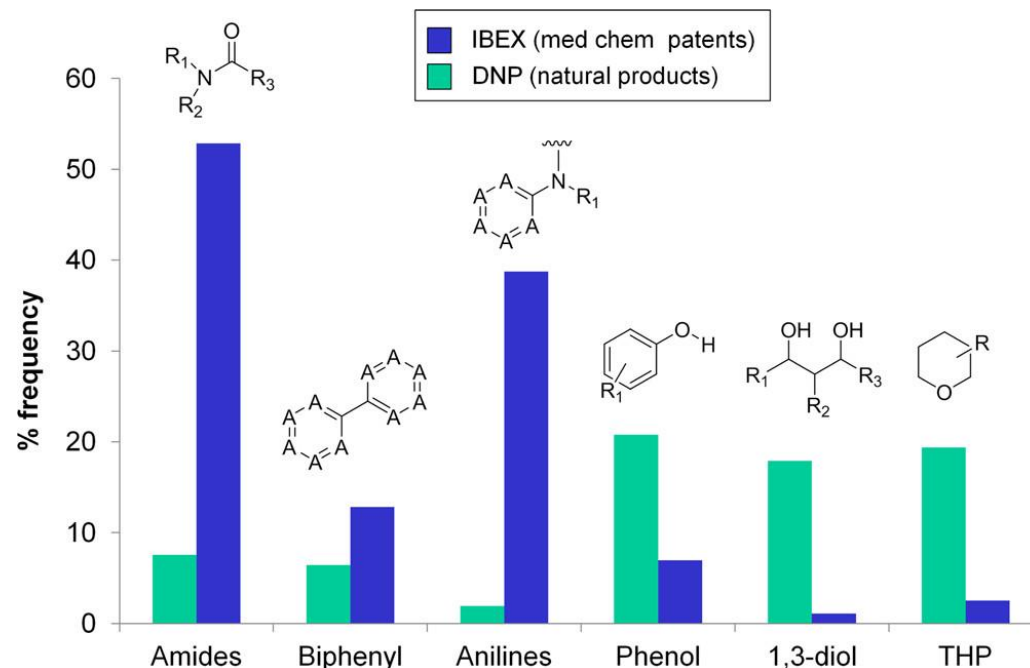
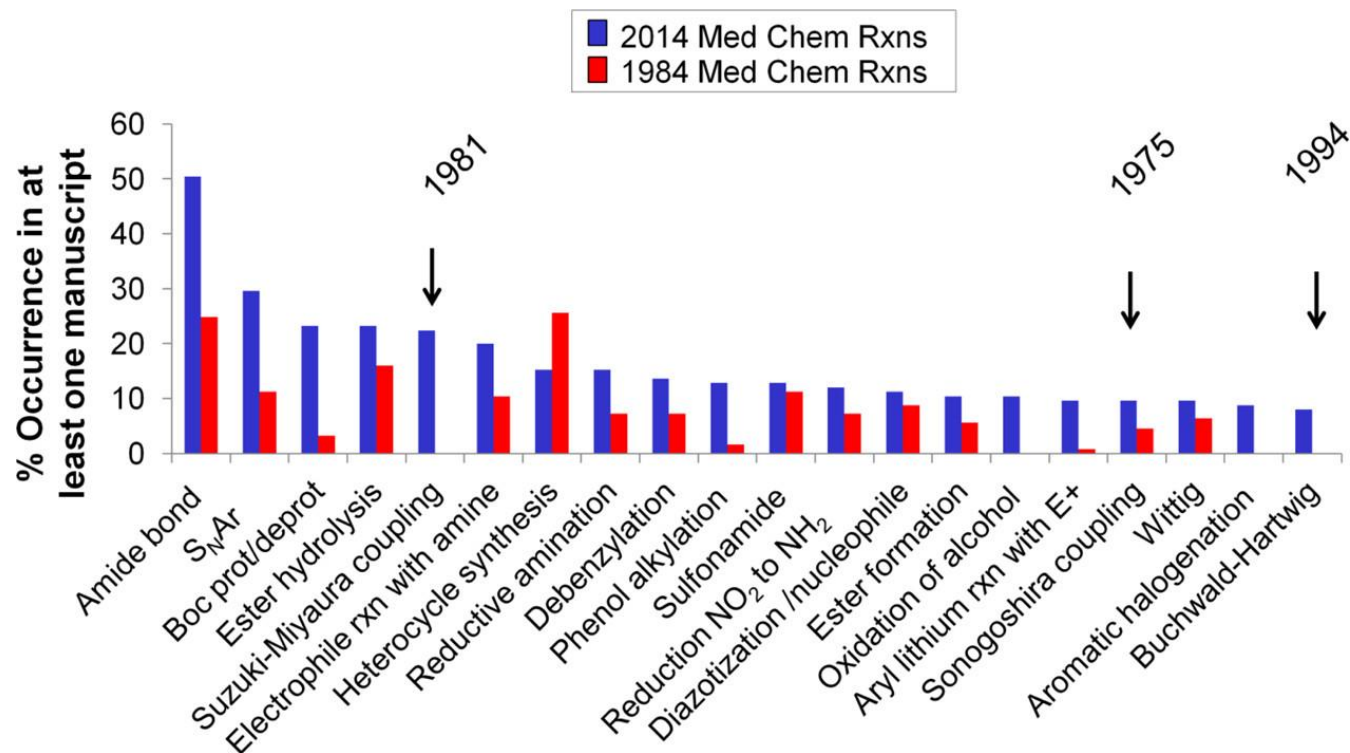


**Grignard, François Auguste**  
 Born: Cherbourg, 1871  
 Died: Lyon, 1935

# Reactions types Methodologies on Medicinal Chemistry



two reactions make up over half of all those used in synthesis to discover and develop drugs: the amide formation and the Suzuki–Miyaura cross coupling.



Occurrence of a functional group in the IBEX database (6.2M) records of pharmaceutical drug discovery patents and journals) versus those found in the Dictionary of Natural Products (0.23M records). Where indicated, a nonspecific R group represents a free site at any position. As an example, THP would include any pyranose derivative found in the DNP

Occurrence of a particular reaction, plotted as the percentage of which it shows up in at least one manuscript ( $n = 125$ ; representative data set taken from 2014, *J. Med. Chem.*, blue; 1985, *J. Med. Chem.*, red). The arrows (and years) indicated the first citation of this technology in the primary literature.

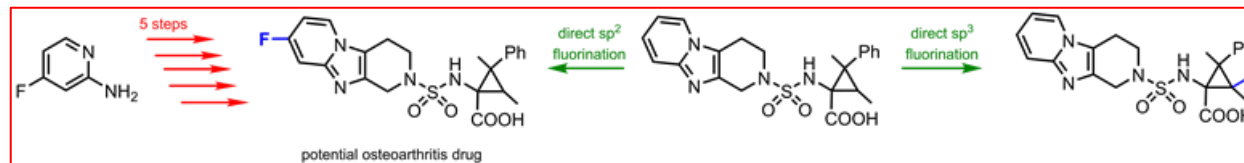
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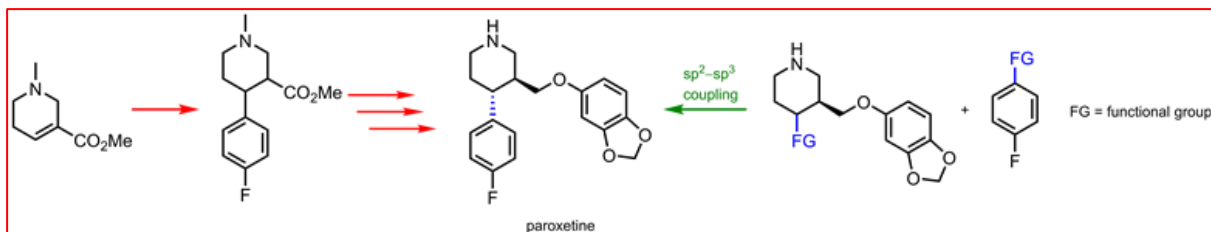
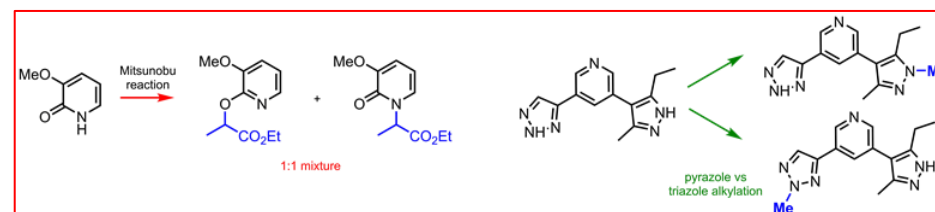
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# Reactions types: Wish-list

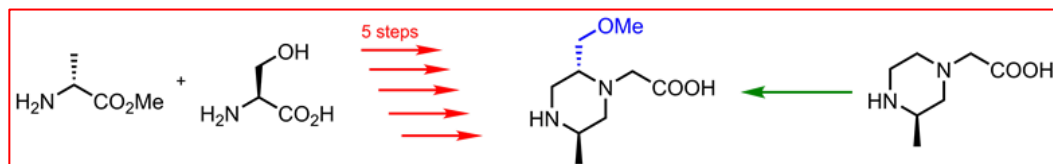
**1. Fluorination** – Exchanging a specific hydrogen for a fluorine atom in molecules with many functional groups. A reaction that installs a difluoromethyl group would be nice too



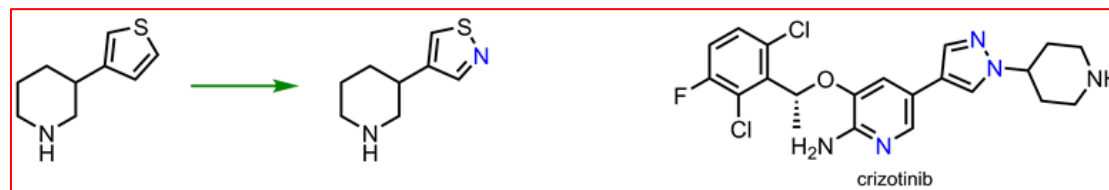
**2. Heteroatom alkylation** – A reaction that – selectively – attaches an alkyl group onto one heteroatom in rings that have several, such as pyrazoles, triazoles and pyridones.



**3. Carbon coupling** – A reaction as robust and versatile as traditional cross coupling for stitching together aliphatic carbon atoms – ideally with control of chirality, too. Chemists also want more options for the kinds of molecules they can use as coupling precursors



**4. Making and modifying heterocycles** – A reaction to install functional groups – from alkyl to halogen – anywhere on aromatic and aliphatic heterocycles, such as pyridine, piperidine or isoxazole. Reactions that can make completely new heterocycles from scratch would be a bonus.



**5. Atom swapping** – A reaction that can exchange individual atoms selectively, like swapping a carbon for a nitrogen atom in a ring. This chemical version of gene editing could revolutionise drug discovery, but is probably furthest from realisation.

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- **Green Chemistry:** A stronger focus on sustainability, aiming to reduce the environmental impact of chemical processes and syntheses.



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*"Cradle to Cradle" William McDonough 2002*



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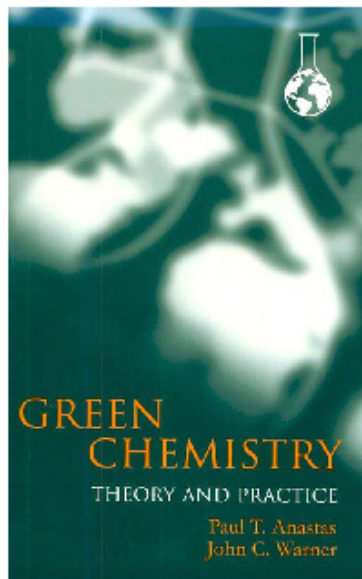
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What Is Green Chemistry?

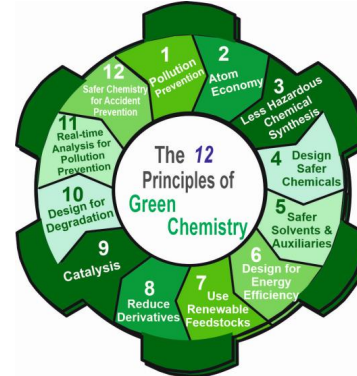


"...the utilization of a set of principles that reduces or eliminates the use or generation of hazardous substances in the design, manufacture and application of chemical products."

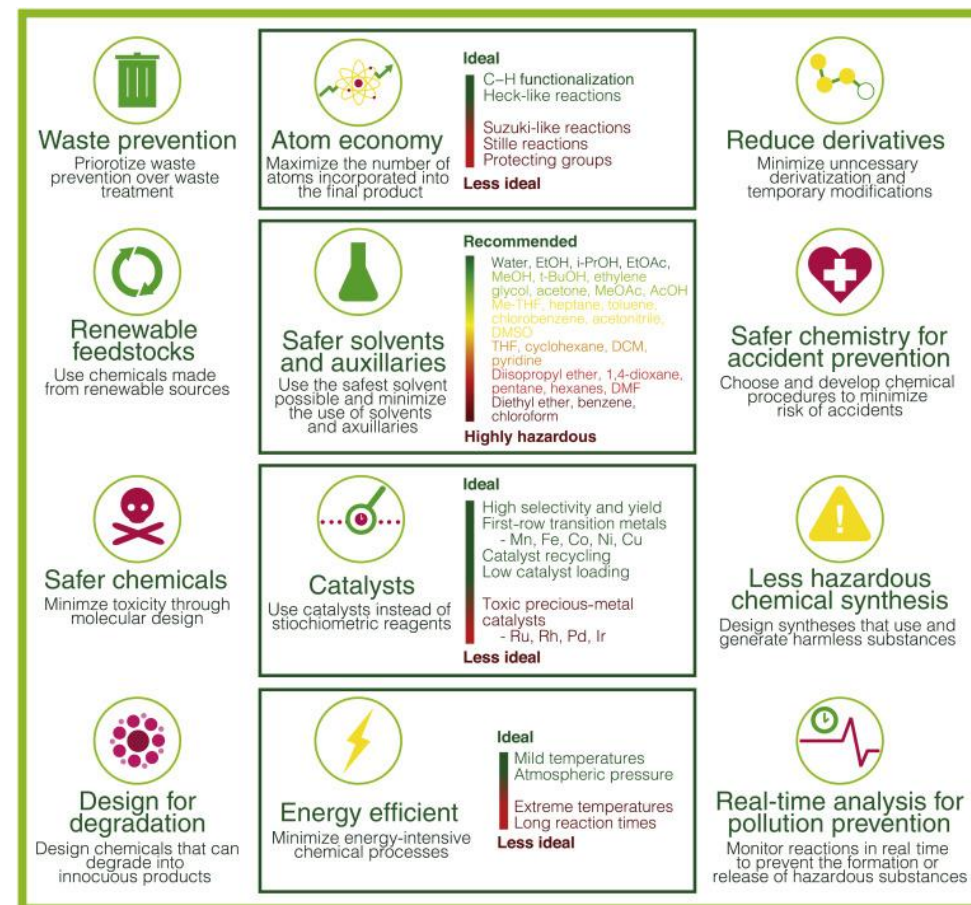


\*Source: Paul T. Anastas and John C. Warner, *Green Chemistry: Theory and Practice* (New York, NY: Oxford University Press Inc., 1998). ISBN 0 19 850698 8

# Twelve Principles of Green Chemistry (Anastas and Warner 1998)



- 1. Prevent waste:** **Design** chemical syntheses to prevent waste. Leave no waste to treat or clean up.
- 2. Maximize atom economy:** **Design** syntheses so that the final product contains the maximum proportion of the starting materials. Waste few or no atoms.
- 3. Design less hazardous chemical syntheses:** **Design** syntheses to use and generate substances with little or no toxicity to either humans or the environment.
- 4. Design safer chemicals and products:** **Design** chemical products that are fully effective yet have little or no toxicity.
- 5. Use safer solvents and reaction conditions:** Avoid using solvents, separation agents, or other auxiliary chemicals. If you must use these chemicals, use safer ones.
- 6. Increase energy efficiency:** Run chemical reactions at room temperature and pressure whenever possible.
- 7. Use renewable feedstocks:** Use starting materials (also known as feedstocks) that are renewable rather than depletable. The source of renewable feedstocks is often agricultural products or the wastes of other processes; the source of depletable feedstocks is often fossil fuels (petroleum, natural gas, or coal) or mining operations.
- 8. Avoid chemical derivatives:** Avoid using blocking or protecting groups or any temporary modifications if possible. Derivatives use additional reagents and generate waste.
- 9. Use catalysts, not stoichiometric reagents:** Minimize waste by using catalytic reactions. Catalysts are effective in small amounts and can carry out a single reaction many times. They are preferable to stoichiometric reagents, which are used in excess and carry out a reaction only once.
- 10. Design chemicals and products to degrade after use:** **Design** chemical products to break down into innocuous substances after use so that they do not accumulate in the environment.
- 11. Analyze in real time to prevent pollution:** Include in-process, real-time monitoring and control during syntheses to minimize or eliminate the formation of byproducts.
- 12. Minimize the potential for accidents:** **Design** chemicals and their physical forms (solid, liquid, or gas) to minimize the potential for chemical accidents including explosions, fires, and releases into the environment.



# Principles of green chemistry: **PRODUCTIVELY**



They can be condensed with the acronym '**PRODUCTIVELY**',  
**Prof. Sir M. Poliakoff** captures the spirit of each of the twelve principles of green chemistry in just two or three words.

## Condensed Principles of Green Chem

- P** Prevent wastes
- R** Renewable materials
- O** Omit derivatization steps
- D** Degradable chemical products
- U** Use safe synthetic methods Catalytic reagents
- T** Temperature, pressure ambient
- I** In-process monitoring
- V** Very few auxiliary substances
- E** E-factor , maximise feed in product
- L** Low toxicity of chemical products
- Y** Yes, it is safe



[https://youtu.be/ KYiLFkMQ\\_E](https://youtu.be/KYiLFkMQ_E)





<https://learning.acsgcipr.org/>

# Welcome to the Green Chemistry and Engineering Learning Platform (GChELP)

A range of free, shareable and interactive educational and training materials created to promote the uptake of green and sustainable methodologies in the synthesis of pharmaceuticals.



# Green Chemistry

**The traditional approach** to hazards focuses on reducing risk by minimizing exposure.

- For example, wearing personal protective equipment or space ventilation if the chemical is volatile.

**Green chemistry** focuses on reducing risk by reducing hazard.

- If there is no hazard, exposure becomes irrelevant.

$$\downarrow \text{Risk} = \downarrow \text{Hazard} \times \text{Exposure}$$

Green chemistry and engineering focus on reducing risk by  
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Hazard must be recognized as a flaw in the designing process



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Physical-chemical properties of a compound or material:

- ☐ State of matter
- ☐ Colour
- ☐ Melting point
- ☐ Boiling point
- ☐ Solubility
- ☐ Electric conductivity



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Biodegradable



Compostable



Recyclable

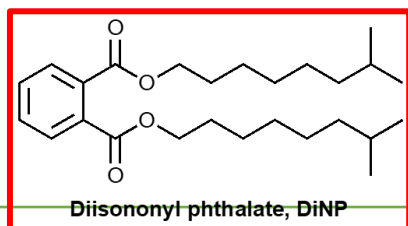
- Toxicity
- biodegradability
- Environment and human Impact

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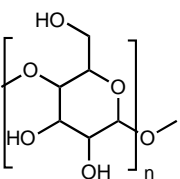
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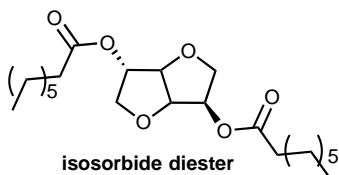
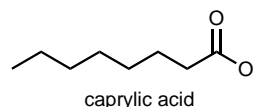
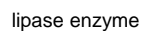
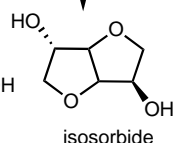
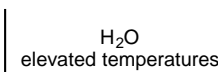
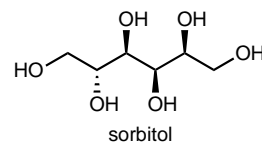
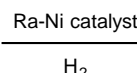
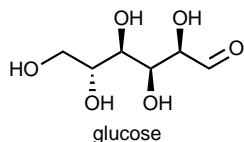
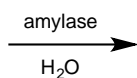
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the plasticizer diisononyl phthalate (DiNP) is added to PVC to make it flexible, as well as having other polymer applications. Higher molecular weight plasticisers, including DINP, account for around 60% of the market in Europe, according to trade body European Plasticisers.



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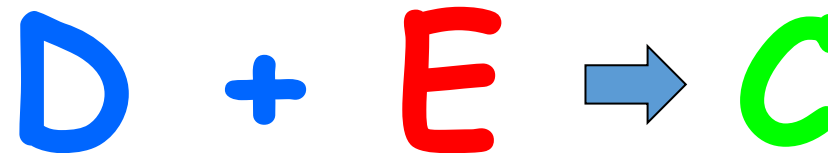
Isosorbide Diester provides benefits in performance materials as a safe, specialty plasticizer. It is an alternative of choice to standard petrochemical-based plasticizers.

Phthalate-free and 100% bio-based, obtained from esterification of isosorbide with plant-based fatty acids. It offers outstanding compatibility and processability with PVC resins. An alternative of choice to standard petrochemical-based plasticizers.

This product is registered in REACH regulation. Risk assessment was obtained by conducting a wide range of biodegradability and toxicological protocols. Overall, these studies demonstrated that this new solution is **nontoxic to mammalian life and is readily biodegradable**.



Simple Examples of Common Metrics in  
Chemical Reaction.

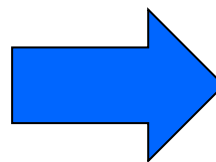


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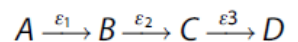
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Yield ( $\epsilon$ )

Selectivity ( $S$ )



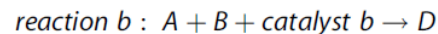
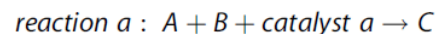
Reaction Efficiency



$$\epsilon_{global} = \epsilon_1 \times \epsilon_2 \times \epsilon_3$$

$$\text{fractional } \epsilon = \frac{\text{actual } \epsilon}{\text{theoretical } \epsilon}$$

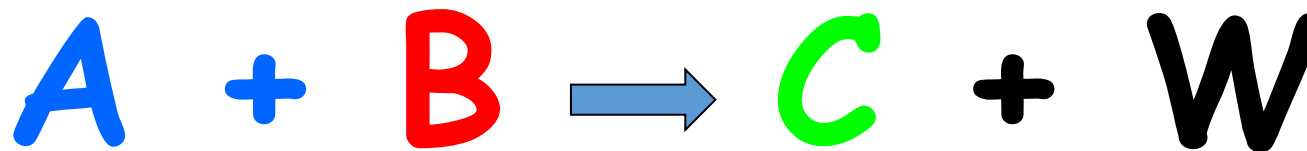
$$\text{percentage } \epsilon = \frac{\text{actual } \epsilon}{\text{theoretical } \epsilon} \times 100\%$$



$$S = \frac{\text{amount of desired product}}{\text{amount of substrate converted}} \times 100$$

$$S = \frac{k_a}{k_b} \text{ or } S = \frac{\log k_a}{\log k_b}$$

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Reaction Efficiency from a Green Chem. view



Ways to prevent waste?

1. Avoid the generation of **W**.
2. Find alternatives to **A** & **B** to improved overall efficiency of a reaction.
3. Incorporate better catalysts to push the reaction to full completion

**Green metrics:** based on the 12 principles of green chemistry

**Metrics are vital –you can't manage what you don't measure**

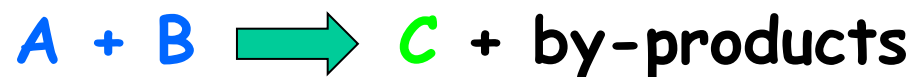
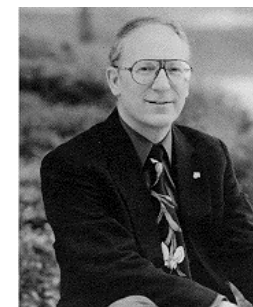
**Green metrics** have been designed as quantitative tools to evaluate process/product efficiency, while indicating its weaknesses in ecological, economic, and safety terms.

# Common Green Metrics



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$$\% \text{ Atom Economy (AE)} = \frac{\text{M.w. (product C)}}{\text{M.w. of A + M.w. of B}} \times 100$$



- ☐ Defined: 'a calculation of "how much of the reactants remain in the final product"'
- ☐ Simple calculation
- ☐ The larger the number, the higher the percent of all reactants appearing in the product " (0-100%)
- ☐ Does not account for solvents, reagents, reaction yield, and reactant molar excess

B.M. Trost, *Science*, **1991**, 254, 1471-1477.

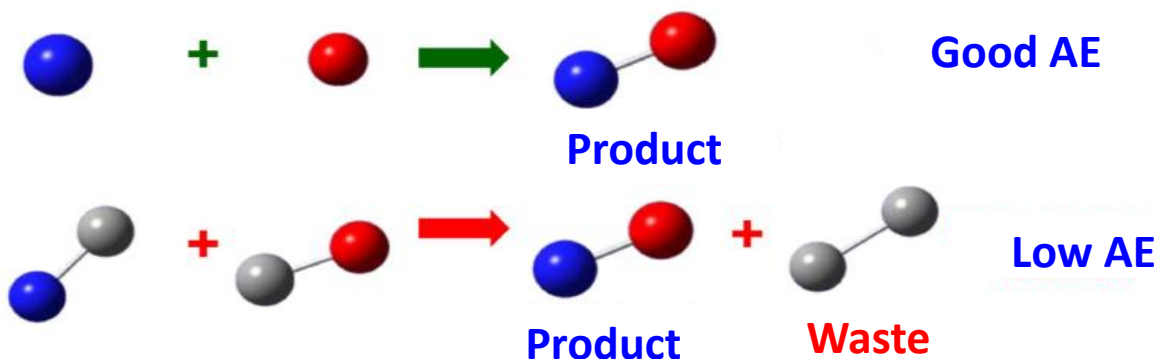


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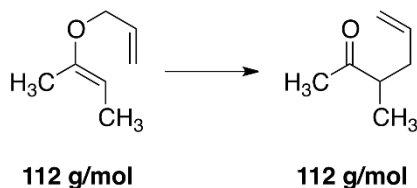


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*"Because an Atom is a Terrible Thing to Waste"*



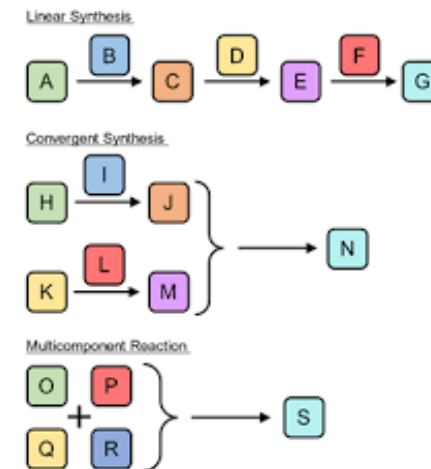
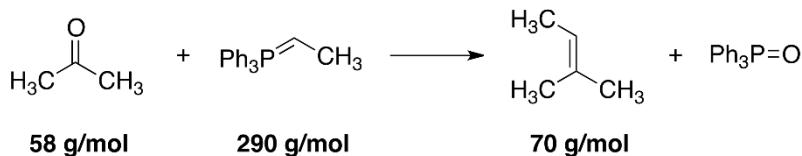
## Claisen Rearrangement



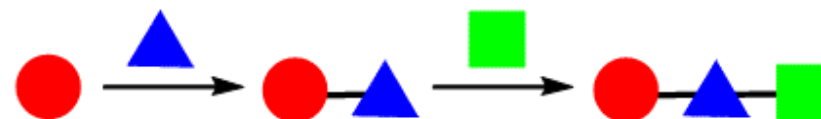
### Atom Economy

|         |      |
|---------|------|
| Claisen | 100% |
| Wittig  | 20%  |

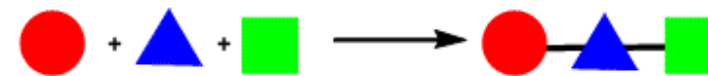
## Wittig Reaction



## Stepwise Reaction



## Multicomponent Reaction (MCR)



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R.C. Cioc, E. Ruijter, R. V. A. Orru

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DOI: 10.1039/C4GC00013G

# Common Metrics: E-Factor

**1. Prevent waste:** Design chemical syntheses to prevent waste. Leave no waste to treat or clean up.

$$\text{E-Factor} = \frac{\text{Total waste (Kg)}}{\text{Product (Kg)}}$$



- ☐ Very useful metric for industry
- ☐ The **smaller the number, the closer to zero waste being** produced
- ☐ Depends on one's definition of 'waste'
  - Process use only or chemicals needed for scrubbing
- ☐ E-factor can be split into different sub-categories:
  - ✓ Organic waste
  - ✓ Aqueous waste (water itself excluded)

R. A. Sheldon, Chem Ind. (London), 1992, 903-906.

# Common Metrics: E-Factor

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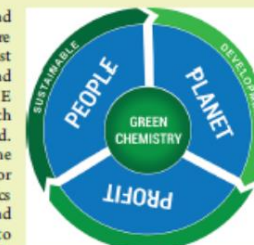
### Metrics of Green Chemistry and Sustainability: Past, Present, and Future

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**ABSTRACT:** The first green chemistry metrics—the E factor (kgs waste/kg product) and atom economy (mol wt of product/sum of mol wts of starting materials)—were introduced in the early 1990s and were actually green chemistry *avant la lettre*. In the last two decades, these two metrics have been adopted worldwide by both academia and industry. The E factor has been refined to distinguish between simple and complete E factors, for example, and to define the system boundaries. Other mass-based metrics such as process mass intensity (PMI) and reaction mass efficiency (RME) have been proposed. However, mass-based metrics need to be augmented by metrics which measure the environmental impact of waste, such as life cycle assessment (LCA), and metrics for assessing the economic viability of products and processes. The application of such metrics in measuring the sustainability of processes for the manufacture of pharmaceuticals and other fine chemicals is discussed in detail. Mass-based metrics alone are not sufficient to measure the greenness and sustainability of processes for the conversion of renewable biomass vs fossil-based feedstocks. Various metrics for use in assessing sustainability of the manufacture of basic chemicals from renewable biomass are discussed. The development of a sustainable biobased production of chemicals meshes well with the concept of a circular economy, based on resource efficiency and waste minimization by design, to replace traditional linear, take–make–use–dispose economies.

**KEYWORDS:** E factor, Atom economy, Carbon economy, Step economy, Circular economy, Biobased economy, Ethanol equivalent, Life cycle assessment



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Two views of the same thing: half full or half empty ??

+ **E Factor vs Atom Economy** -

“atom economy”



**Barry Trost**

how much of the  
reactants remain in the  
final product



“E-factor”



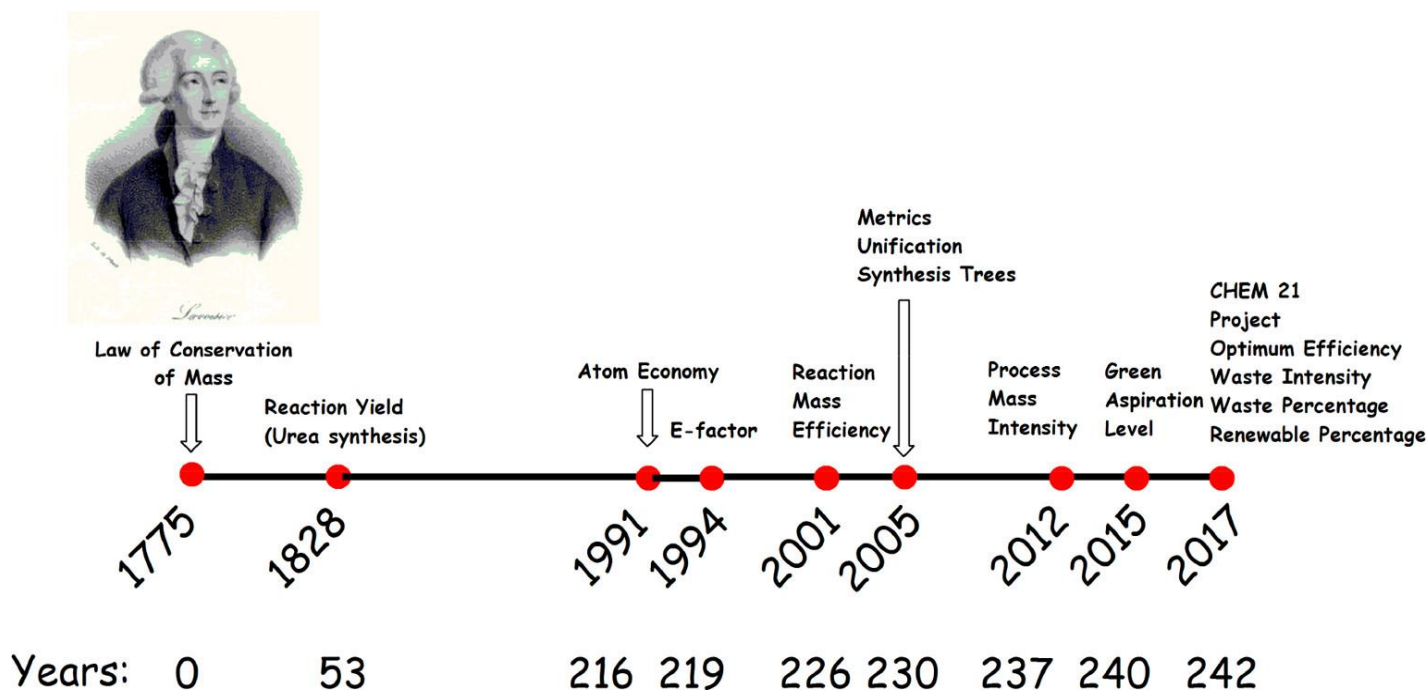
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how much waste produce  
for final product



# Common Green Metrics

## Evolution of selective sustainability metrics describing material efficiency



$$PMI = \frac{1}{RME} = E + 1$$

$$WI = \frac{E}{E + 1} = 1 - \frac{1}{PMI}$$

$$\frac{WP}{100} = WI (1 - WI)$$

$$LN = \frac{1}{AE} = E_{mw} + 1$$

$$\frac{WP}{100} = \frac{E}{(E + 1)^2} = \frac{PMI - 1}{(PMI)^2}$$

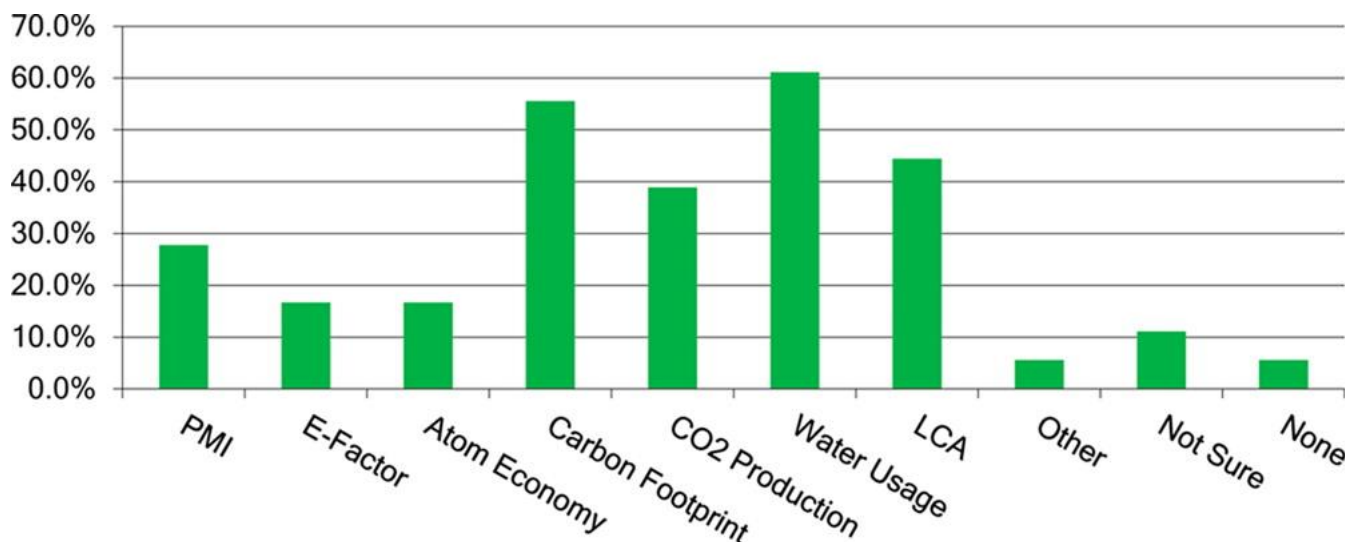
| E factor (E) <sup>3</sup>   | Atom Economy (AE) <sup>6</sup>  |
|---|---|
| $E = \frac{\text{Total mass of waste}}{\text{Mass of final product}}$   | $AE (\%) = \frac{\text{Mol wt of product} \times 100}{\text{Sum of mol wts of reactants}}$  |
| Mass Intensity (MI) <sup>31,32</sup><br>$MI = \frac{\text{Total mass in process}}{\text{Mass of product}}$                              | Reaction Mass Efficiency (RME) <sup>31</sup><br>$RME (\%) = \frac{\text{Mass of product} \times 100}{\text{Total mass of reactants}}$ |
| Process Mass Intensity (PMI) <sup>34,35</sup><br>$PMI = \frac{\text{Total mass in process (incl H}_2\text{O)}}{\text{Mass of product}}$ | Mass Productivity (MP)<br>$MP (\%) = \frac{\text{Mass of product} \times 100}{\text{Total mass (incl solvents)}}$                     |
| Waste Water Intensity (WWI)<br>$WWI = \frac{\text{Mass of process water}}{\text{Mass of product}}$                                      | Effective Mass Yield (EMY) <sup>33</sup><br>$EMY (\%) = \frac{\text{Mass of product}}{\text{Mass of hazardous reactants}}$            |
| Solvent intensity (SI)<br>$SI = \frac{\text{Mass of solvents}}{\text{Mass of product}}$   | Carbon Economy (CE) <sup>31</sup><br>$CE (\%) = \frac{\text{Carbon in product} \times 100}{\text{Total carbon in reactants}}$         |

# What Metric?



<https://www.acsgcipr.org/tools-for-innovation-in-chemistry/>

- ☐ Green Chemistry Innovation Scorecard Calculator
- ☐ Process Mass Intensity (PMI) Metric
- ☐ Process Mass Intensity Calculator
- ☐ Convergent Process Mass Intensity Calculator
- ☐ Process Mass Intensity Life Cycle Assessment
- ☐ Process Mass Intensity Prediction Calculator



Green chemistry-related metrics used in chemical manufacturing. Chemical manufacturer responses ( $n = 18$ ) to the 2012 Roundtable survey question “**What green chemistry and engineering related metrics does your company use?** Select all that apply.” Percentage of respondents indicating one or more metrics surveyed in use computed as the ratio of [total responses – (not sure + none)]/(total responses).  
 PMI = process mass intensity = (mass of raw materials)/(mass of final product).  
 E-factor = (mass of waste)/mass of final product).  
 LCA = life cycle assessment.

Implementing Green Chemistry in Chemical Manufacturing: A Survey Report  
 R.J. Giraud; P. A. Williams; A. Sehgal; E. Ponnusamy; A.K. Phillips; J. B. Manley;  
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# Common Metrics: E-Factor

E-factor for different Industrial sector

$$\text{E-Factor} = \frac{\text{Total waste (Kg)}}{\text{Product (Kg)}}$$

| Industry        | E-factor   | Annual Production tonnage |
|-----------------|------------|---------------------------|
| Oil Refining    | ca. 0.1    | $10^6 - 10^8$             |
| Bulk Chemicals  | <1 to 5    | $10^4 - 10^6$             |
| Fine Chemicals  | 5 to >50   | $10^2 - 10^4$             |
| Pharmaceuticals | 25 to >100 | $10 - 10^3$               |

R. A. Sheldon, *Chem. Ind.*, **1997**, 12 – 15.

E-Factor = Total mass of materials required to produce 1kg product (mass intensity) – 1.  
(often does not include water)

# Common Metrics: The E Factor



$$\text{E-Factor} = \frac{\text{Total waste (Kg)}}{\text{Product (Kg)}}$$

| Industry        | E-factor   | Annual Production tonnes | Total Waste tpa | No of transformations | Years of development |
|-----------------|------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Oil Refining    | ca. 0.1    | $10^6 - 10^8$            | 10 million      | Separations           | 100+                 |
| Bulk Chemicals  | <1 to 5    | $10^4 - 10^6$            | 5 million       | 1-2                   | 10 – 50              |
| Fine Chemicals  | 5 to >50   | $10^2 - 10^4$            | 0.5 million     | 3-4                   | 4 - 7                |
| Pharmaceuticals | 25 to >100 | $10 - 10^3$              | 0.1 million     | 6+                    | 3 - 5                |

The data indicates that oil companies generate significantly less waste than pharmaceutical companies.

This reflects the oil industry's imperative to minimize waste and repurpose products that would typically be discarded.

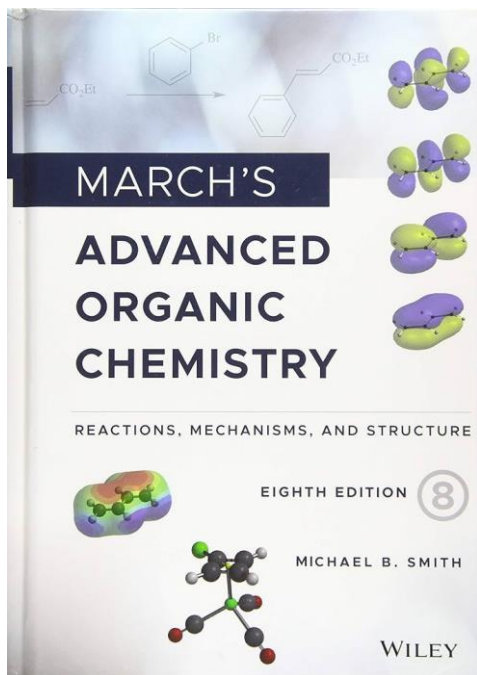
The pharmaceutical sector prioritizes manufacturing and molecule quality.

Despite its high-profit margins and less concern over comparatively larger waste volumes (considering the volumes used), it's noted that the pharmaceutical industry still produces less waste tonnage than other sectors.

# Reactions types



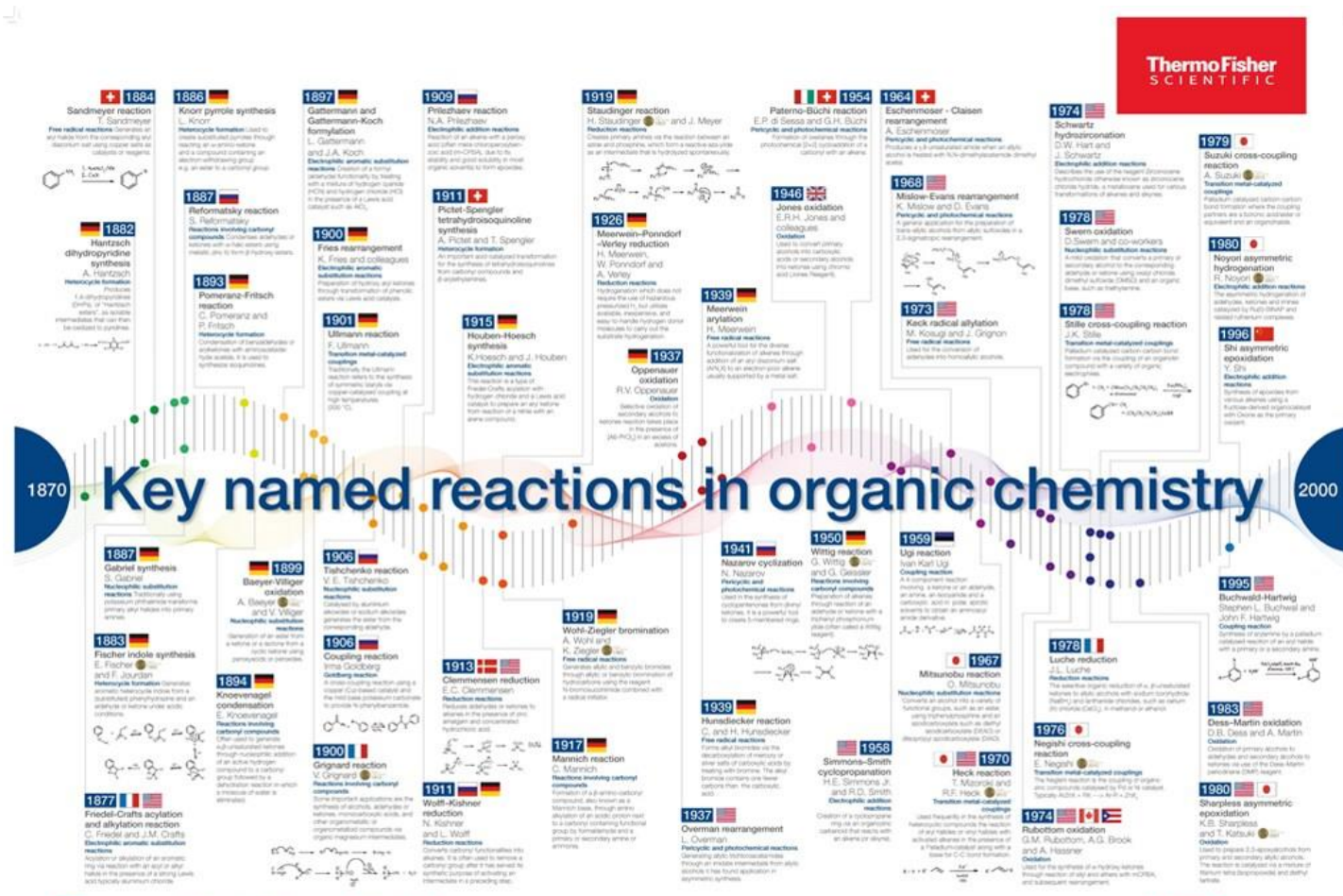
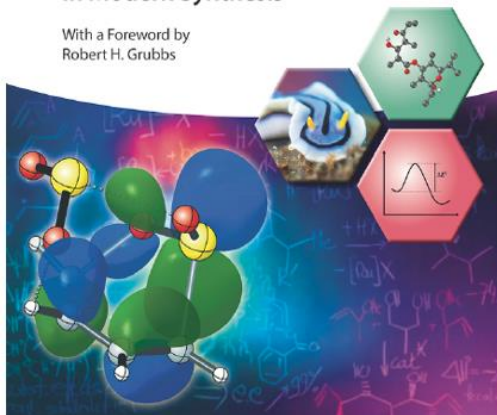
Organic chemistry is known for its complexity and diversity because the carbon atom can form strong bonds with many other types of atoms and can form chains and rings, allowing for the creation of an immense variety of molecules.



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# Reactions types



Researchers at GlaxoSmithKline have studied reactions used to prepare molecules of pharmaceutical interest

$$\text{ATOM ECONOMY} = \frac{\text{MW of desired product}}{\text{MW of all reactants}} \times 100\%$$

$$\text{REACTION MASS EFFICIENCY (RME)} = \frac{\text{mass of desired product}}{\text{mass of all reactants}} \times 100\%$$

$$\text{PROCESS MASS INTENSITY (PMI)} = \frac{\text{total input mass (kg)}}{\text{mass of product (kg)}} \times 100\%$$

**Table 3** Comparison of average atom economy with average reaction mass efficiency for 28 different chemistries

| Chemistry type    | Atom economy (%) | Reaction mass efficiency (%) | Chemistry type | Atom economy (%) | Reaction mass efficiency (%) |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| Resolution        | 40               | 31                           | Epoxidation    | 83               | 58                           |
| N-Dealkylation    | 64               | 27                           | Bromination    | 84               | 63                           |
| Elimination       | 72               | 45                           | Hydrogenation  | 84               | 74                           |
| N-Alkylation      | 73               | 60                           | S-Alkylation   | 84               | 61                           |
| Chlorination      | 74               | 46                           | O-Arylation    | 85               | 58                           |
| Borohydride       | 75               | 58                           | N-Acylation    | 86               | 62                           |
| Lithal            | 76               | 52                           | Amination      | 87               | 54                           |
| Grignard          | 76               | 42                           | C-Alkylation   | 88               | 61                           |
| Hydrolysis (acid) | 76               | 50                           | Iodination     | 89               | 56                           |
| Cyclisation       | 77               | 56                           | Knoevenagel    | 89               | 66                           |
| Cyanation         | 77               | 65                           | Sulfonation    | 89               | 69                           |
| Decarboxylation   | 77               | 68                           | Esterification | 91               | 67                           |
| C-Acylation       | 81               | 51                           | Base salt      | 100              | 80                           |
| Hydrolysis (base) | 81               | 52                           | Acid Salt      | 100              | 83                           |

D. Curzons, D. J. C. Constable, D. N. Mortimer, V. L. Cunningham,

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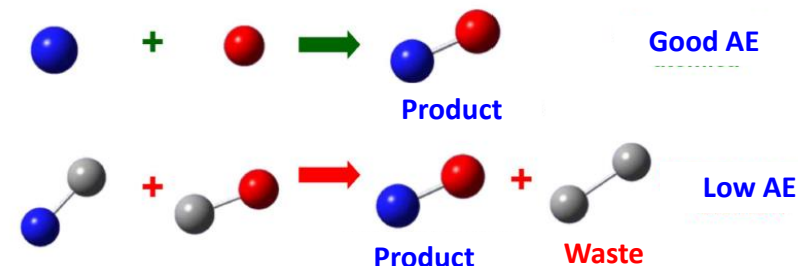
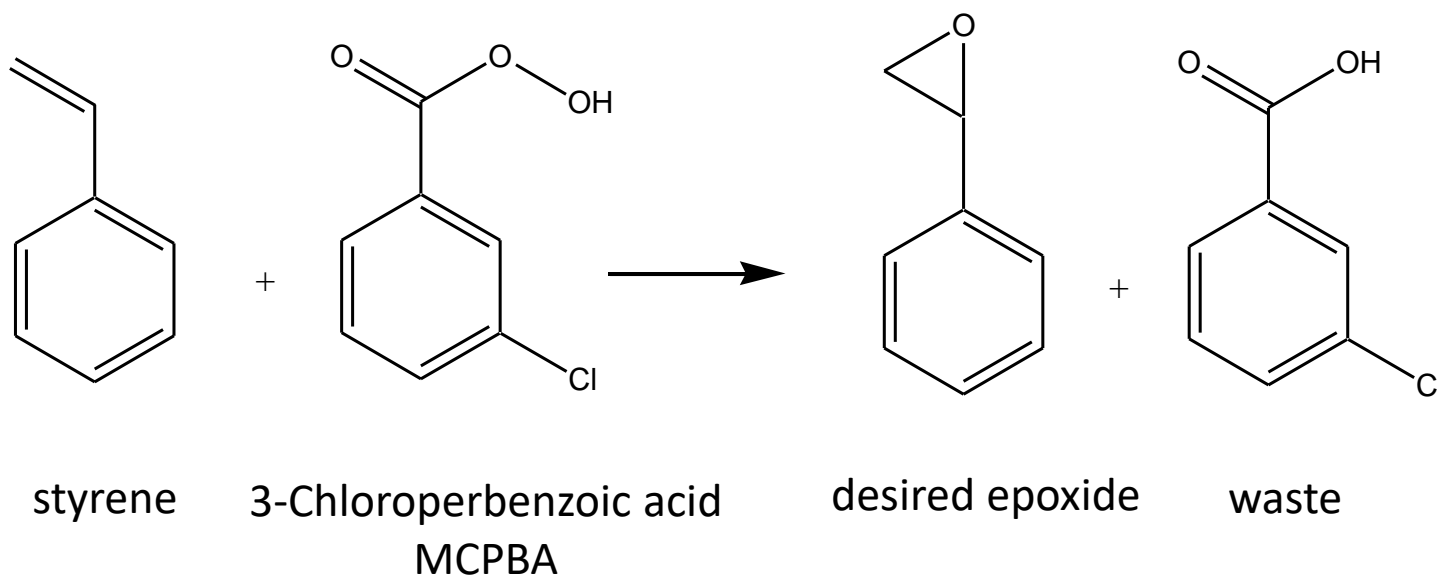
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## Example: Epoxidation of styrene



- Assume 100% yield.
- 100% of the desired epoxide product is recovered.
- 100% formation of the co-product: m-chlorobenzoic acid.
- A.E. of this reaction is 23%.
- 77% of the products are waste.

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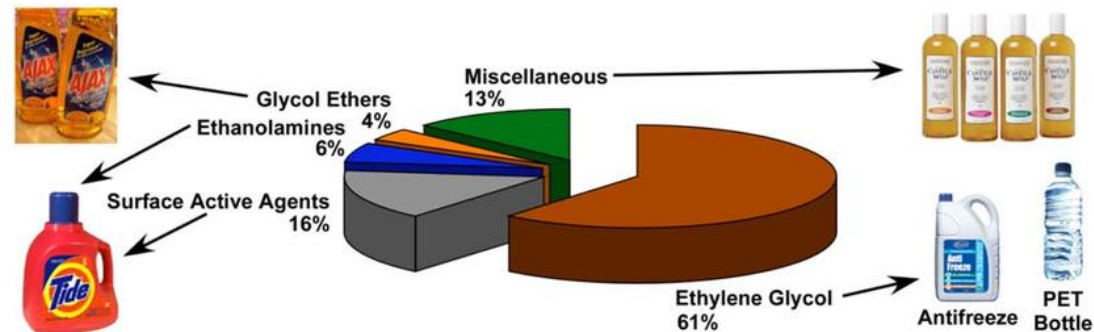
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## Case study: Production of ethylene oxide

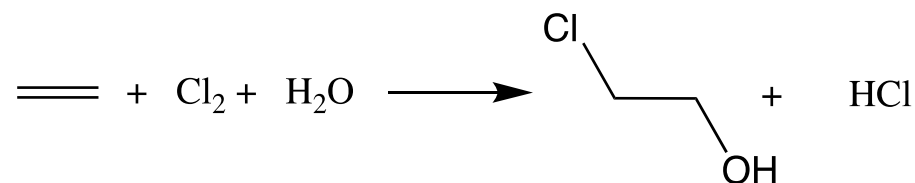
**Ethylene oxide** is used as an intermediate in the production of several industrial chemicals, the most notable of which is ethylene glycol. It is also used as a fumigant in certain agricultural products and as a sterilant for medical equipment and supplies.

### Conventional ethylene oxide synthesis included:

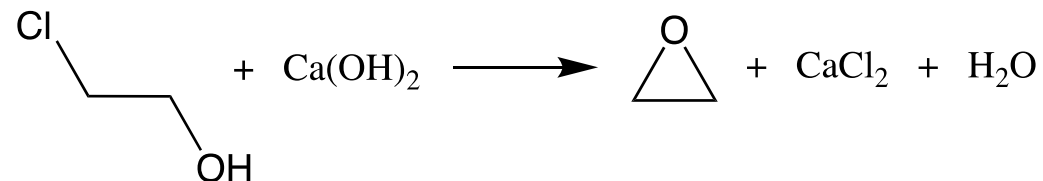
- A 2-step synthesis with a chlorohydrin intermediate.
- For each kilogram of product, 5 Kg of waste were disposed.



Step 1:



Step 2:



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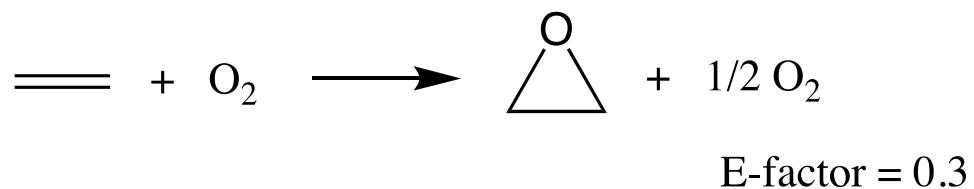


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## Case study: Production of ethylene oxide

### Alternative production of ethylene oxide:

- Use of molecular oxygen removes the need for chlorine.
- New process generates more than **16 times less waste** than the original one and eliminates the formation of wastewater.

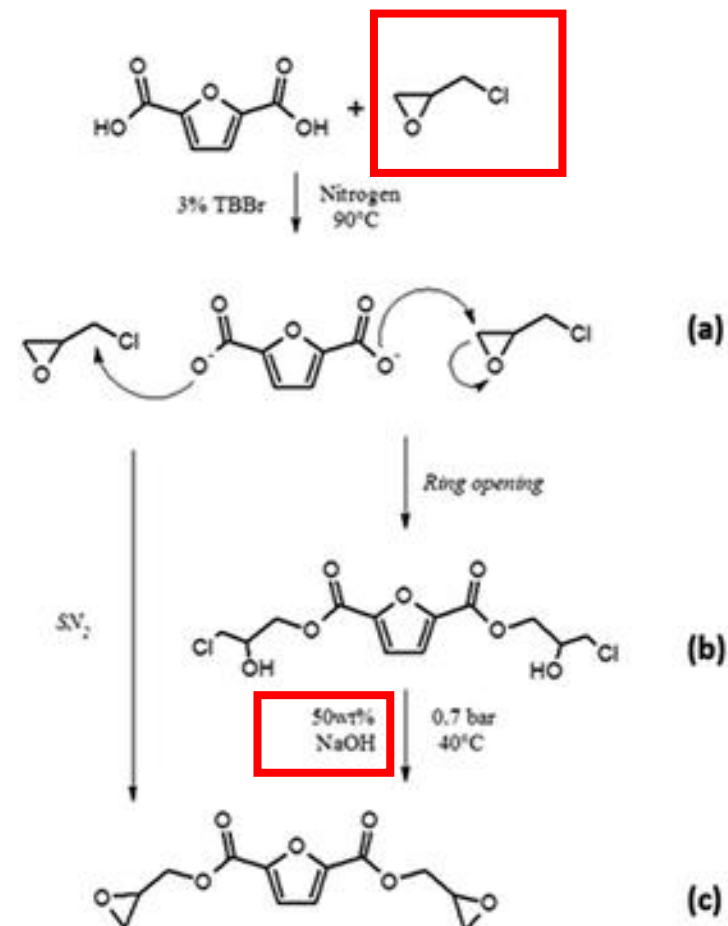
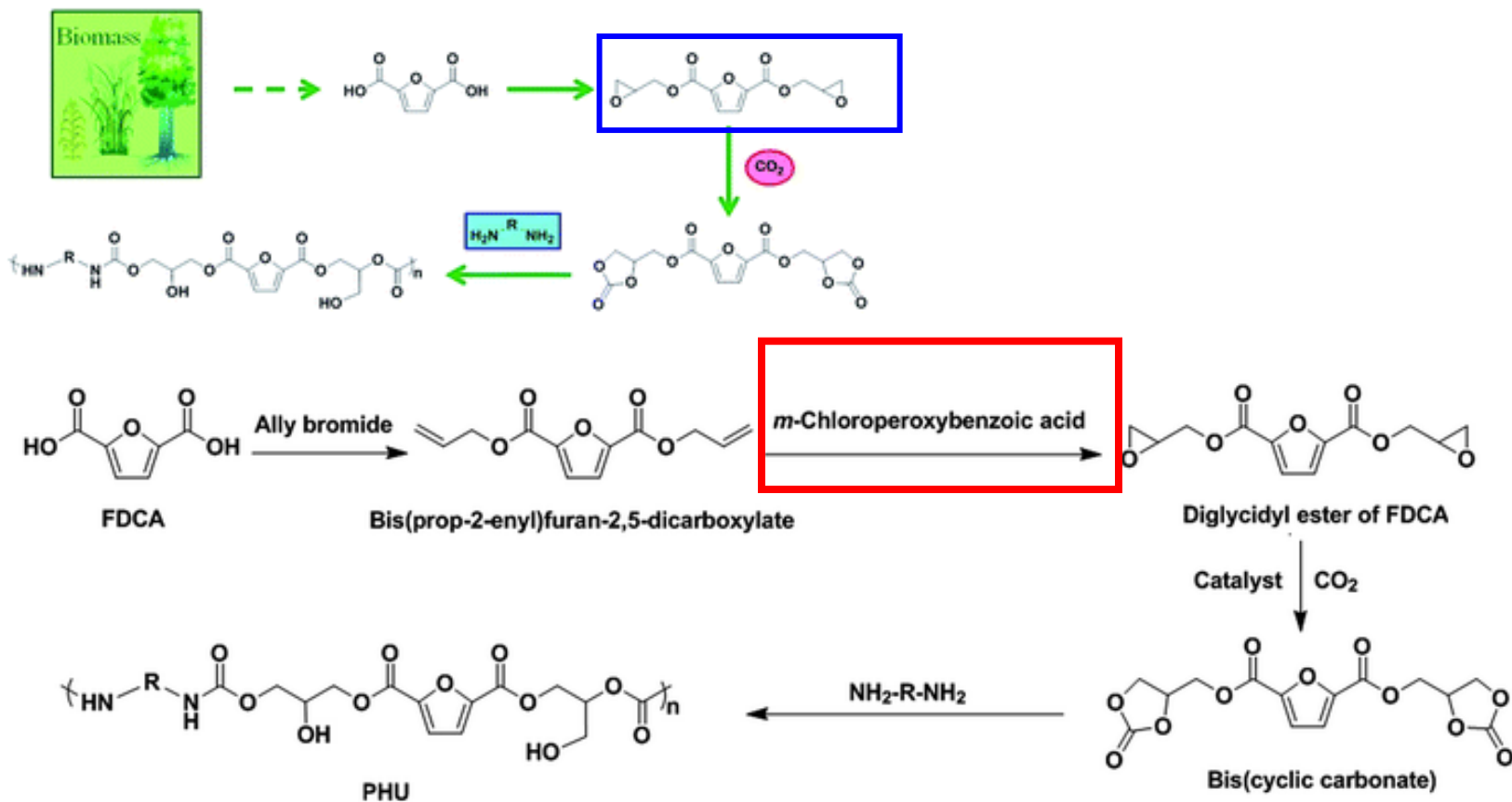


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## Biobased non-isocyanate polyurethanes

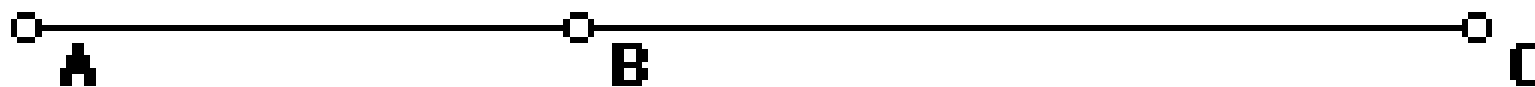




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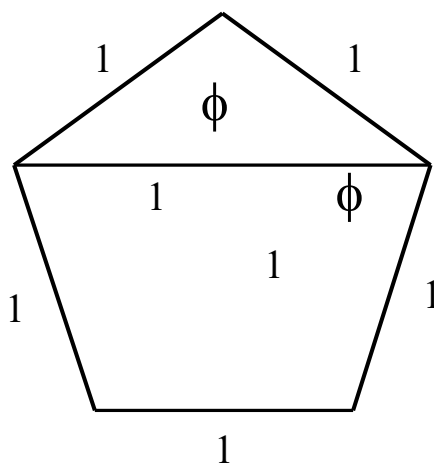
## Green chemistry = Golden chemistry

Determining the material efficiency of a reaction relative to a “golden” economy of atoms (a reference to the “golden ratio” known to mathematicians for centuries).

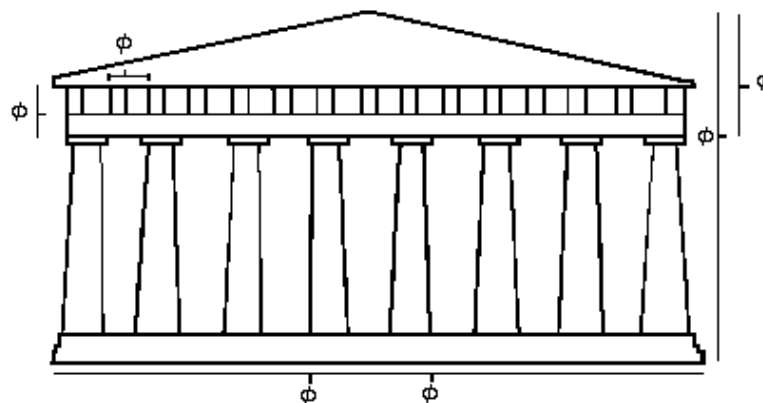


$$\frac{BC}{AC} = \frac{AB}{BC} = \phi = \frac{\sqrt{5} - 1}{2} = 0.618\dots$$

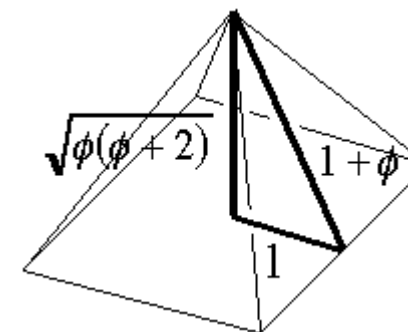
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# Golden Ratio / Golden Section

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The 'golden' threshold for a single-step reaction is given by Equation

$$RME = \varepsilon \times AE \geq 0.618$$

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- (1)  $AE > 61.8\%$  so that  $AE > E_{MW}$
- (2)  $RME > 61.8\%$  so that  $RME > E_{MW}$
- (3) Reaction solvents and all post-reaction materials used in the work-up and purification stages **must be reclaimed and/or eliminated**

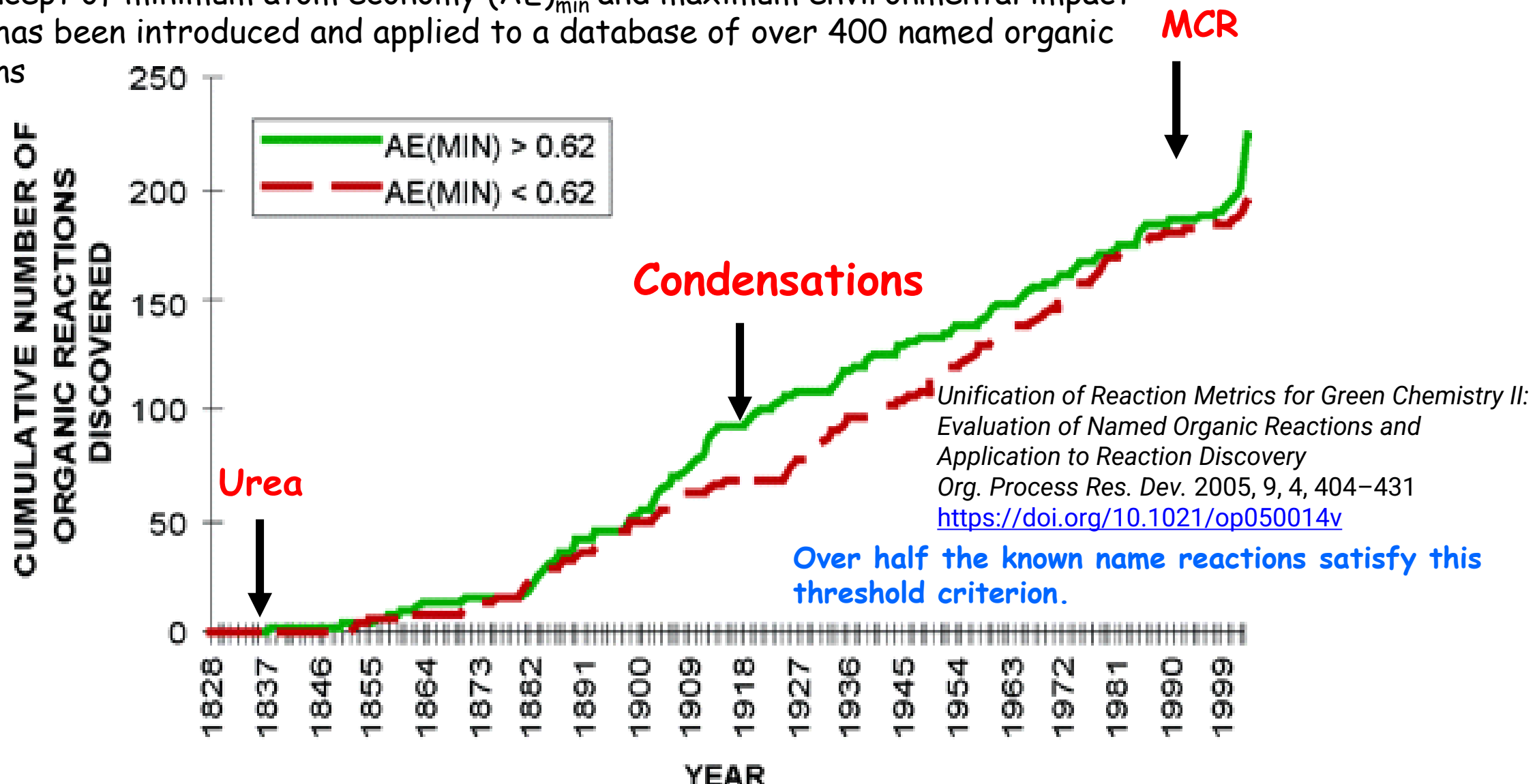
$$AE = \frac{1}{1 + E_{mw}}$$

$$RME = \frac{1}{1 + E \text{ factor}}$$

# Golden Ratio / Golden Section

## Green chemistry = Golden chemistry

The concept of minimum atom economy ( $AE_{\min}$ ) and maximum environmental impact factor has been introduced and applied to a database of over 400 named organic reactions



# Reactions types

**Table 3. Summary of Atom Economical Efficiency Trends for Various Reaction Classifications**

| Reaction Classification                            | General Trends   |
|--|--|
| Multi-component reactions                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most highly atom economical reaction type of all</li> </ul>   |
| Carbon-carbon bond forming reactions               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Atom economy increases as the molecular weights of the combining fragments increase</li> </ul>  |
| Non-carbon-carbon bond forming reactions           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Atom economy increases as the molecular weights of the combining fragments increase</li> </ul>  |
| Condensations                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highly atom economical since small molecules of water or alcohol are liberated</li> <li>• Atom economy increases as the molecular weights of the combining fragments increase</li> <li>• For cyclization reactions such as the Dieckmann condensation and the synthesis of cyclic ethers from straight chain diols the atom economy increases with increasing ring size</li> </ul>  |
| Oxidations or reductions with respect to substrate | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worst atom economical performance of all (exceptions are catalytic hydrogenation and oxidation with molecular oxygen or hydrogen peroxide)</li> <li>• Characterized by the production of significant waste byproducts that are the result of oxidation or reduction of reducing and oxidizing reagents, respectively</li> <li>• Recycling of byproducts back to the original oxidizing or reducing reagents necessarily involves at least another redox couple</li> </ul> |
| Rearrangements                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rearrangements of substrates always have atom economies of 100%</li> <li>• Some rearrangement reactions involve rearrangements of intermediates along their reaction pathways and so their corresponding atom economies are less than 100%</li> </ul>   |
| Substitutions                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Atom economy increases if the in-coming group is heavier than the leaving group, otherwise it will decrease</li> <li>• The caveat is that good leaving groups tend to be large</li> </ul>   |
| Fragmentations/eliminations                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proportion of high atom economical reactions is low since these reactions are the reverse of skeletal building up reactions</li> <li>• Atom economy decreases as the molecular weight of the leaving fragment increase</li> </ul>   |

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- ❑ Reagent selection guides assist the user in selecting the 'greenest' reagent for a particular transformation.
- ❑ individual ranking or grouping within the guides allows you to make an informed decision as to the most appropriate choice for your needs

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## ❑ Reagent Selection Guides

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a) GSK Reagent Selection Guide – Amide Formation

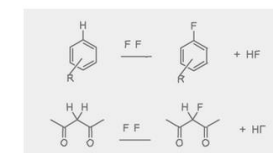
| Few Issues       | Some Issues       | Major Issues      |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Enzyme           | <i>i</i> -BuOCOCl | EEDQ              |
| Activated silica | Ghosez reagent    | Thionyl chloride  |
| CDI              | Mukaiyama reagent | EDCI (WSCDI)      |
| COMU®            | SuOCOOSu          | T3P®              |
|                  | TFFH              | CDMT              |
|                  |                   | Oxalyl chloride   |
|                  |                   | Boric Acid        |
|                  |                   | Cyanuric chloride |
|                  |                   | PyBOP®            |
|                  |                   | HOBt              |
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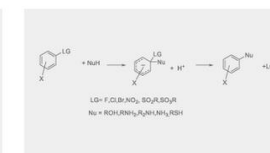
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| Glutaric acid                                    |                               |                      |
| Citric acid, Ascorbic acid,                      |                               |                      |
| <i>p</i> -Toluenesulfonic acid, Benzoic acid     | Formic acid                   | Nitric acid          |
| Oxalic acid, Phthalic acid, Succinic acid        | Hydroiodic acid               | Hydrogen fluoride    |
| Methanesulfonic acid (dilute), Acetic acid,      | Phosphoric acid               | Trichloroacetic acid |
| Propionic acid, Formic acid (dilute)             | Sulfuric acid                 | Perchloric acid      |
| Methanesulfonic acid                             | Trifluoromethanesulfonic acid |                      |
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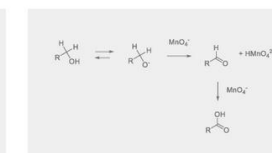
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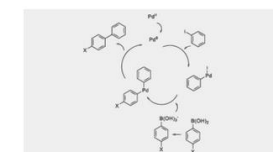
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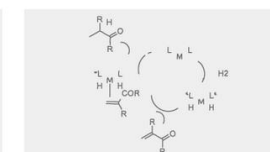
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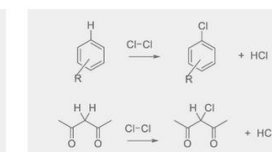
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Chiral Hydrogenation



Chlorination

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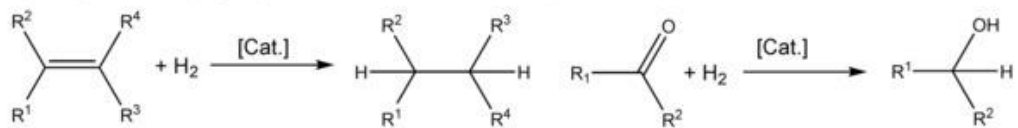
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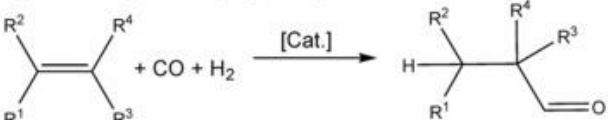
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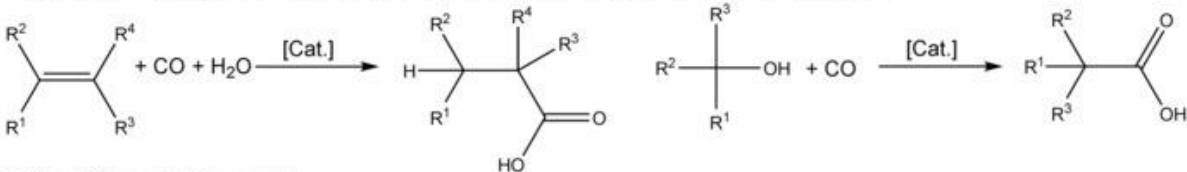
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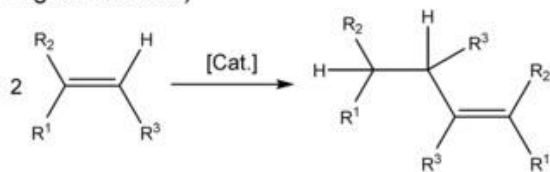
## Hydroformylation (e.g. Propanal, Butanal, higher Aldehydes)



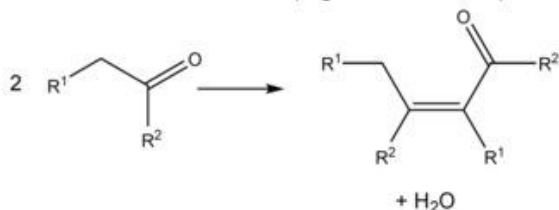
## Carbonylation (e.g. Propionic Acid, Methacrylic Acid, Acetic Acid, Formic Acid)



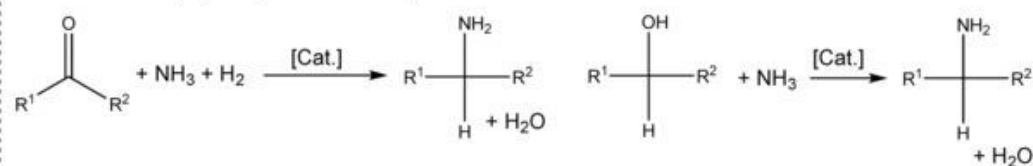
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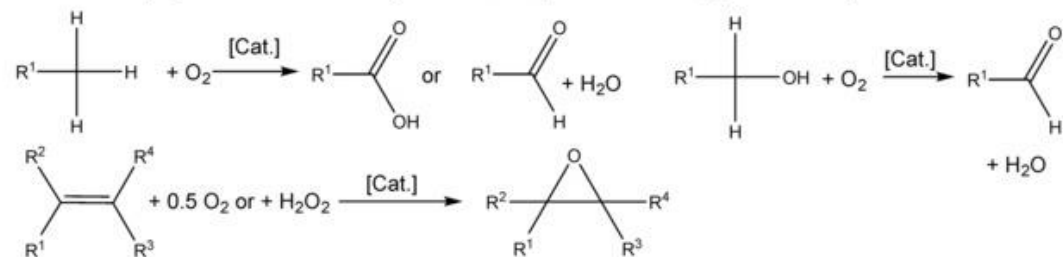
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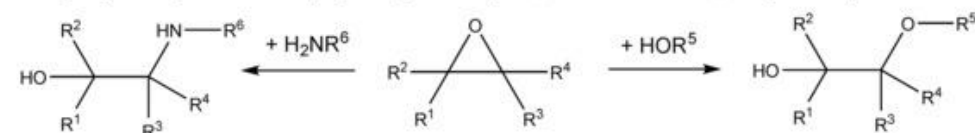
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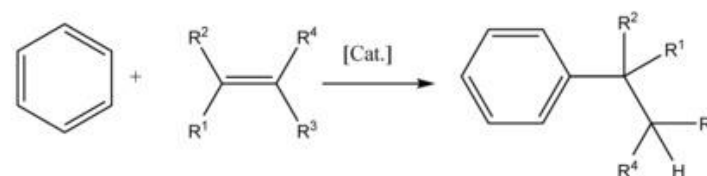
## Oxidation (e.g. Phthalic Acid, Acrylic Acid, Ethylene- and Propylene Oxide)



## Ring Opening Oxiranes (e.g. Ethylene Glycol, Alkanolamines, Polyethers)



## Alkylation of Aromatics (e.g. Ethylbenzene, Cumene)



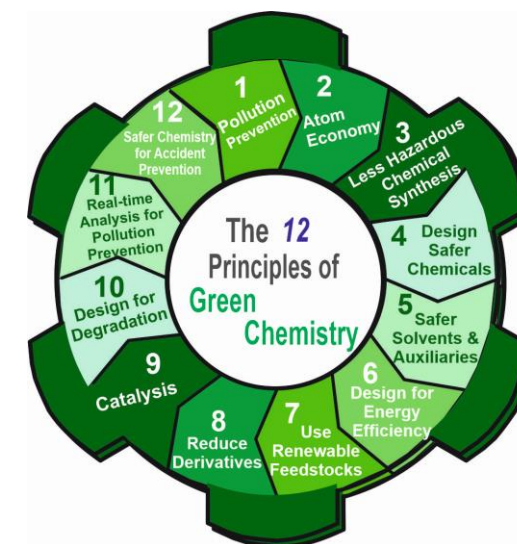
# Reactions types



- (1) **minimize the overall number of steps**, preferably using nested MCRs as far as possible as the main strategy in a synthetic plan to a complex target;
- (2) **maximize yield** per step to be no lower than **75%**;
- (3) **maximize atom economy** per step keeping  $(AE)_{\min}$  above the "golden" threshold of **61.8%** and  $E_{\max}$  below 0.618;
- (4) operate under **stoichiometric** conditions if possible, keeping SF equal to 1 for each reaction;
- (5) minimize overall  $E_{\text{mw}}$  factor and maximize overall AE in **multistep syntheses**: (a) by **maximizing** frequency of **condensations, MCRs, rearrangements, carbon-carbon and non-carbon-carbon bond-forming reactions** and (b) by **minimizing** frequency of **substitutions** (protecting group strategies) and redox reactions;
- (6) if forced to use **oxidations**, opt for hydrogen **peroxide or molecular oxygen** as oxidant;
- (7) if forced to use **reductions**, opt for **molecular hydrogen** as reductant;
- (8) devise **electrochemical** transformations;
- (9) devise **catalytic methods** where catalysts are recycled and reused;
- (10) devise **regio- and stereoselective** synthetic strategies particularly regio- and stereoselective MCRs;
- (11) opt for **solventless** reactions, **recycle solvents**, or use **benign solvents** (e.g., ionic liquids, supercritical media);
- (12) **minimize energy demands** such as heating, cooling, and carrying out reactions under pressure exceeding 1 atm; aim for reactions run under standard temperature and pressure conditions (room temperature and 1 atm).

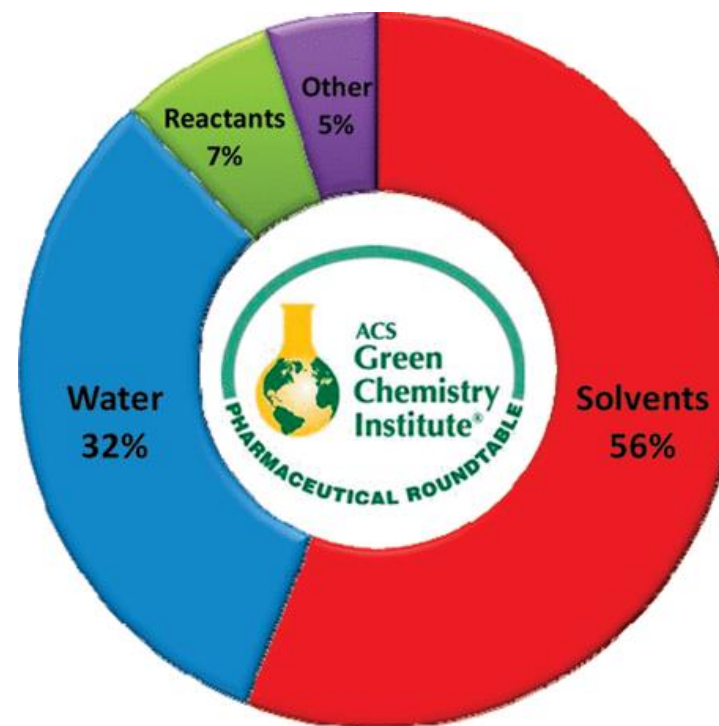


Molecular Designers



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- ☐ Solvent and water accounts for 80%-90% of mass utilized in a typical pharmaceutical chemical operation.
- ☐ Solvents are dominant in determining the toxicity of the process
- ☐ Finding a green replacement for traditional solvents remains a big challenge
- ☐ elimination/substitution of hazardous solvents



**Process Mass Intensity Benchmark**

*What is a green solvent? A comprehensive framework for the environmental assessment of solvents*

C. Capello, U. Fischer, K. Hungerbühler  
*Green Chem.*, **2007**, 9, 927-934

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## Solvent Selection



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### ☐ Solvent Selection Tool

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|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Recommended                 | Water, EtOH, i-PrOH, <i>n</i> -BuOH, EtOAc, i-PrOAc, <i>n</i> -BuOAc, anisole, sulfolane.                                 |
| Recommended or problematic? | MeOH, <i>t</i> -BuOH, benzyl alcohol, ethylene glycol, acetone, MEK, MIBK, cyclohexanone, MeOAc, AcOH, Ac <sub>2</sub> O. |
| Problematic                 | Me-THF, heptane, Me-cyclohexane, toluene, xylenes, chlorobenzene, acetonitrile, DMPU, DMSO.                               |
| Problematic or hazardous?   | MTBE, THF, cyclohexane, DCM, formic acid, pyridine.   |
| Hazardous                   | Diisopropyl ether, 1,4-dioxane, DME, pentane, hexane, DMF, DMAc, NMP, methoxy-ethanol, TEA.                               |
| Highly hazardous            | Diethyl ether, benzene, chloroform, CCl <sub>4</sub> , DCE, nitromethane.   |



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Green Chem. 2016, 18, 288–296.

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Toward a More Holistic Framework for Solvent Selection

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## GSK solvent guide

| Classification  | Solvent                   | CAS number | Melting point °C | Boiling point °C | Waste recycling, incineration, VOC, and biotreatment issues | Environmental Impact (toxicity and effects on the environment) | Health acute and chronic effects on human health and exposure potential | Flammability & Explosion storage and handling | Reactivity/ Stability (failure affecting the stability of the solvent) | Life Cycle Score (Environmental impacts to produce the solvent) | Legislation Flag (alerts regulatory restrictions) |
|---|---------------------------|------------|------------------|------------------|---|--|---|---|--|---|---|
| Greenest  | Water                     | 7732-18-5  | 0                | 100              | 4   | 10   | 10  | 10  | 10   | 10  |   |
| Alcohols  | 1-Butanol                 | 71-36-3    | -89              | 118              | 5   | 7  | 5   | 8   | 9  | 5   |   |
|   | 2-Butanol                 | 78-92-2    | -115             | 100              | 4   | 6  | 8   | 7   | 9  | 6   |   |
|   | Ethanol/IMS               | 64-17-5    | -114             | 78               | 3   | 8  | 8   | 6   | 9  | 9   |   |
|   | 1-Butanol                 | 75-65-0    | 25               | 82               | 3   | 9  | 6   | 6   | 10   | 8   |   |
|   | Methanol                  | 67-56-1    | -98              | 65               | 4   | 9  | 5   | 5   | 10   | 9   |   |
|   | 2-Propanol                | 67-63-0    | -88              | 82               | 3   | 9  | 8   | 6   | 8  | 4   |   |
|   | 1-Propanol                | 71-23-8    | -127             | 97               | 4   | 7  | 5   | 7   | 10   | 7   |   |
| Ester   | 2-Methoxyethanol          | 109-86-4   | -85              | 124              | 3   | 8  | 2   | 7   | 6  | 7   |   |
|   | 1-Butyl acetate           | 540-88-5   | -78              | 95               | 6   | 9  | 8   | 6   | 10   | 8   |   |
|   | Isopropyl acetate         | 108-21-4   | -73              | 89               | 5   | 7  | 7   | 6   | 9  | 7   |   |
|   | Propyl acetate            | 109-60-4   | -92              | 102              | 5   | 7  | 8   | 6   | 10   | 4   |   |
|   | Dimethyl carbonate        | 616-38-6   | -1               | 91               | 4   | 8  | 7   | 6   | 10   | 8   |   |
|   | Ethyl acetate             | 141-78-6   | -84              | 77               | 4   | 8  | 8   | 4   | 8  | 6   |   |
|   | Methyl acetate            | 79-20-9    | -98              | 57               | 3   | 9  | 7   | 4   | 9  | 7   |   |
| Ketone  | Methylisobutyl ketone     | 108-10-1   | -84              | 117              | 6   | 6  | 6   | 7   | 8  | 2   |   |
|   | Acetone                   | 67-64-1    | -95              | 56               | 3   | 9  | 8   | 4   | 9  | 7   |   |
|   | Methylethyl ketone        | 78-93-3    | -87              | 80               | 3   | 7  | 8   | 4   | 8  | 3   |   |
| Organic Acids   | Propionic acid            | 79-09-4    | -21              | 141              | 4   | 8  | 6   | 8   | 8  | 7   |   |
|   | Acetic acid (glacial)     | 64-19-7    | 17               | 118              | 4   | 8  | 6   | 8   | 7  | 8   |   |
| Aromatics   | p-Xylene                  | 106-42-3   | -13              | 138              | 7   | 2  | 6   | 5   | 10   | 7   |   |
|   | Toluene                   | 108-88-3   | -95              | 111              | 6   | 3  | 4   | 4   | 10   | 7   |   |
|   | Benzene                   | 71-43-2    | 6                | 80               | 5   | 6  | 1   | 3   | 10   | 7   |   |
| Hydrocarbons  | Isooctane                 | 540-84-1   | -107             | 99               | 6   | 4  | 8   | 3   | 10   | 7   |   |
|   | Cyclohexane               | 110-82-7   | 7                | 81               | 5   | 5  | 7   | 2   | 10   | 7   |   |
|   | Heptane                   | 142-82-5   | -91              | 98               | 6   | 3  | 8   | 3   | 10   | 7   |   |
|   | 2-Methylpentane           | 107-83-5   | -153             | 60               | 5   | 4  | 7   | 2   | 10   | 7   |   |
|   | Hexane                    | 110-54-3   | -95              | 69               | 5   | 3  | 4   | 2   | 10   | 7   |   |
|   | Petroleum spirit          | 8032-32-4  | -73              | 55               | 6   | 2  | 2   | 3   | 10   | 7   |   |
|   | 1-Butyl methyl ether      | 1634-04-4  | -109             | 55               | 4   | 5  | 5   | 3   | 9  | 8   |   |
| Ethers  | Cyclopentyl methyl ether  | 5614-37-9  | -140             | 106              | 6   | 4  | 4   | 5   | 8  | 4   |   |
|   | 2-Methyl THF              | 96-47-9    | -137             | 78               | 4   | 5  | 4   | 3   | 8  | 4   |   |
|   | Diethyl ether             | 60-29-7    | -116             | 35               | 4   | 4  | 5   | 2   | 4  | 6   |   |
|   | Bis(2-methoxyethyl) ether | 111-96-6   | -68              | 162              | 4   | 5  | 2   | 8   | 4  | 6   |   |
|   | 1,4-Dioxane               | 123-91-1   | 12               | 102              | 3   | 4  | 4   | 4   | 5  | 6   |   |
|   | Tetrahydrofuran           | 109-99-9   | -108             | 65               | 3   | 5  | 6   | 3   | 4  | 4   |   |
|   | 1,2-Dimethoxyethane       | 110-71-4   | -58              | 85               | 4   | 5  | 2   | 4   | 4  | 7   |   |
| Dipolar aprotics  | Diisopropyl ether         | 108-20-3   | -86              | 68               | 4   | 3  | 8   | 1   | 1  | 9   |   |
|   | Dimethyl sulfoxide        | 67-68-5    | 19               | 189              | 5   | 5  | 7   | 9   | 2  | 6   |   |
|   | Dimethyl formamide        | 68-12-2    | -61              | 153              | 4   | 6  | 2   | 9   | 9  | 7   |   |
|   | N-Methylformamide         | 123-39-7   | -4               | 200              | 4   | 6  | 2   | 10  | 10   | 7   |   |
|   | N-Methyl pyrrolidone      | 872-50-4   | -24              | 202              | 5   | 6  | 3   | 9   | 8  | 4   |   |
|   | Dimethyl acetamide        | 127-19-5   | -20              | 165              | 5   | 6  | 2   | 10  | 8  | 2   |   |
|   | Acetonitrile              | 75-05-8    | -45              | 82               | 2   | 6  | 6   | 6   | 10   | 3   |   |
| Chlorinated   | Carbon tetrachloride      | 56-23-5    | -23              | 77               | 4   | 5  | 3   | 4   | 10   | 7   |   |
|   | Dichloromethane           | 75-09-2    | -95              | 40               | 3   | 6  | 4   | 6   | 9  | 7   |   |
|   | Chloroform                | 67-66-3    | -64              | 61               | 3   | 6  | 3   | 6   | 9  | 6   |   |
|   | 1,2-Dichloroethane        | 107-06-2   | -36              | 84               | 4   | 4  | 2   | 6   | 10   | 7   |   |
| Legislation Flag  |                           |            |                  |                  |   |  |   |   |  |   |   |
| Substitution recommended - There are no current restrictions but future regulatory restrictions may apply |                           |            |                  |                  |   |  |   |   |  |   |   |
| Substitution recommended - existing regulatory restrictions apply   |                           |            |                  |                  |   |  |   |   |  |   |   |
| Must be substituted - A regulatory ban applies  |                           |            |                  |                  |   |  |   |   |  |   |   |

## Sanofi's Solvent Selection Guide

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### Sanofi's Solvent Selection Guide: A Step Toward More Sustainable Processes

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recommendation.

- Green: recommended solvent (most often these solvents are in the A list of the HSE guide)
- Yellow: substitution advisable. These can be used on an industrial scale with some constraints.
- Red: substitution requested. These can still be used in the pilot plant, but their use on industrial level for new processes has to be justified on the basis of unsuccessful substitution experiments.

Table 13. Example of sustainability improvement during Drug Candidate development

| STEP                | Discovery     | Study batch | GMP1 batch   |
|---------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
| Triflation          | DMF           | THF         | THF          |
| Suzuki coupling     | Dioxane       | Dioxane     | Acetonitrile |
| N-arylation         | DMF           | DMF         | Acetonitrile |
| Purification of API | Diethyl ether | DCM         | Isopropanol  |

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| Solvents Guide    |                        | ETHERS: OVERVIEW |             |        |              |               | SANOFI<br>Other concern             |
|-------------------|------------------------|------------------|-------------|--------|--------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| Name              | Overall ranking        | ICH limit (ppm)  | Oce. health | Safety | Environ-ment |               |                                     |
| Diethyl ether     | Banned                 | 5000             | OEBV2       | SHB5   | EHB2         |               | Peroxides, VOC                      |
| Diisopropyl ether | Substitution advisable | Not listed       | OEBV2       | SHB5   | EHB3         |               | Peroxides                           |
| Dibutyl ether     | Substitution advisable | Not listed       | OEBV2       | SHB5   | EHB3         |               | Peroxides, odor                     |
| THF               | Substitution advisable | 720              | OEBV3 SK    | SHB4   | EHB2         |               | VOC, miscible with water, peroxides |
| Methyl-THF        | Recommended            | Not listed       | OEBV2       | SHB4   | EHB3         |               | Peroxides, cost                     |
| Dioxane           | Substitution requested | 380              | OEBV3 SK    | SHB5   | EHB2         |               | Miscible with water, peroxides      |
| Anisole           | Recommended            | 3000             | OEBV2       | SHB3   | EHB2         |               | Odor                                |
| MTBE              | Substitution advisable | 5000             | OEBV3 SK    | SHB5   | EHB3         |               | VOC                                 |
| ETBE              | Substitution requested | Not listed       | OEBV4       | SHB5   | EHB3         |               | Peroxides, lack of data             |
| CPME              | Substitution requested | Not listed       | OEBV3       | SHB5   | EHB3         |               | Peroxides, one supplier only        |
| Dimethoxy ethane  | Substitution requested | 100              | OEBV4 G2    | SHB4   | EHB2         |               | CMR (R1B), peroxides                |
| Diglyme           | Substitution requested | Not listed       | OEBV4 G2    | SHB4   | EHB2         |               | CMR (R1B), peroxides                |
| Diethoxymethane   | Substitution requested | Not listed       | OEBV4       | SHB5   |              | Not available | Reactive, considered as CMR         |

Updating and further expanding GSK's solvent sustainability guide

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## Pfizer solvent selection guide

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### Green chemistry tools to influence a medicinal chemistry and research chemistry based organisation†

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Influencing and improving the environmental performance of a large multi-national pharmaceutical company can be achieved with the help of electronic education tools, backed up by site champions and strong site teams. This paper describes the development of two of those education tools.

| Preferred           | Usable               | Undesirable           |
|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Water               | Cyclohexane          | Pentane               |
| Acetone             | Heptane              | Hexane(s)             |
| Ethanol             | Toluene              | Di-isopropyl ether    |
| 2-Propanol          | Methylcyclohexane    | Diethyl ether         |
| 1-Propanol          | Methyl t-butyl ether | Dichloromethane       |
| Ethyl acetate       | Isooctane            | Dichloroethane        |
| Isopropyl acetate   | Acetonitrile         | Chloroform            |
| Methanol            | 2-MethylTHF          | N-Methylformamide     |
| Methyl ethyl ketone | Tetrahydrofuran      | N-Methylpyrrolidinone |
| 1-Butanol           | Xylenes              | Pyridine              |
| t-Butanol           | Dimethyl sulfoxide   | Dimethyl acetate      |
|                     | Acetic acid          | Dioxane               |
|                     | Ethylene glycol      | Dimethoxyethane       |
|                     |                      | Benzene               |
|                     |                      | Carbon tetrachloride  |

Fig. 1 Pfizer solvent selection guide for medicinal chemistry.

Table 1 Red category solvents

| Red solvent            | Flash point | Reason  |
|------------------------|-------------|---|
| Pentane                | −49 °C      | Very low flash point, good alternative available.   |
| Hexane(s)              | −23 °C      | More toxic than the alternative heptane, classified as a hazardous airborne pollutant (HAP) in the US.  |
| Diisopropyl ether      | −12 °C      | Very powerful peroxide former, good alternative ethers available.   |
| Diethyl ether          | −40 °C      | Very low flash point, good alternative ethers available.  |
| Chloroform             | N/A         | Carcinogen, classified as a HAP in the US.  |
| Dichloroethane         | 15 °C       | Carcinogen, classified as a HAP in the US.  |
| Dimethyl formamide     | 57 °C       | Toxicity, strongly regulated by EU Solvent Directive, classified as a HAP in the US.  |
| Dimethyl acetamide     | 70 °C       | Toxicity, strongly regulated by EU Solvent Directive.   |
| N-Methyl pyrrolidinone | 86 °C       | Toxicity, strongly regulated by EU Solvent Directive.   |
| Pyridine               | 20 °C       | Carcinogenic/mutagenic/reprotoxic (CMR) category 3 carcinogen, toxicity, very low threshold limit value TLV for worker exposures.   |
| Dioxane                | 12 °C       | CMR category 3 carcinogen, classified as HAP in US.   |
| Dichloromethane        | N/A         | High volume use, regulated by EU solvent directive, classified as HAP in the US.  |
| Dimethoxyethane        | 0 °C        | CMR category 2 carcinogen, toxicity.  |
| Benzene                | −11 °C      | Avoid use : CMR category 1 carcinogen, toxic to humans and environment, very low TLV (0.5 ppm), strongly regulated in the EU and the US (HAP).                                  |
| Carbon tetrachloride   | N/A         | Avoid use : CMR category 3 carcinogen, toxic, ozone depleter, banned under the Montreal protocol, not available for large-scale use, strongly regulated in the EU and US (HAP). |

## A survey of solvent selection guides

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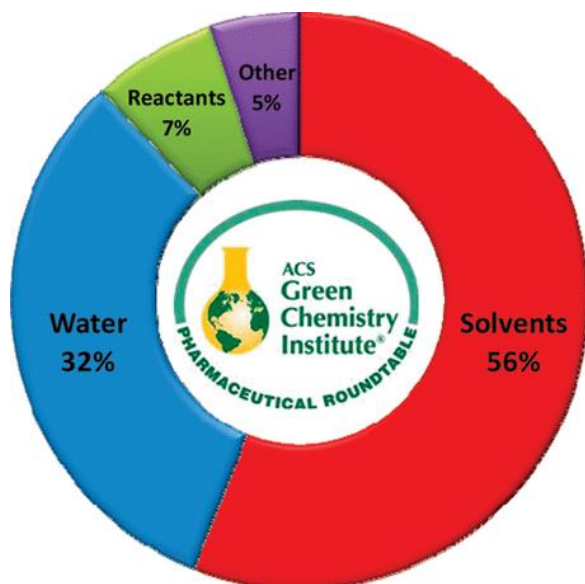
## CHEM21 solvent selection guide

| Family        | Solvent                | BP (°C) | FP (°C) | Worst H3xx <sup>d</sup> | H4xx | Safety score | Health score | Env. score | Ranking by default | Ranking after discussion <sup>b</sup> |
|---------------|------------------------|---------|---------|-------------------------|------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Water         | Water                  | 100     | na      | None                    | None | 1            | 1            | 1          | Recommended        | Recommended                           |
|               | Alcohols               |         |         |                         |      |              |              |            |                    |                                       |
|               | MeOH                   | 65      | 11      | H301                    | None | 4            | 7            | 5          | Problematic        | Recommended                           |
|               | EtOH                   | 78      | 13      | H319                    | None | 4            | 3            | 3          | Recommended        | Recommended                           |
|               | i-PrOH                 | 82      | 12      | H319                    | None | 4            | 3            | 3          | Recommended        | Recommended                           |
|               | n-BuOH                 | 118     | 29      | H318                    | None | 3            | 4            | 3          | Recommended        | Recommended                           |
|               | t-BuOH <sup>e</sup>    | 82      | 11      | H319                    | None | 4            | 3            | 3          | Recommended        | Recommended                           |
| Ketones       | Benzyl alcohol         | 206     | 101     | H302                    | None | 1            | 2            | 7          | Problematic        | Problematic                           |
|               | Ethylene glycol        | 198     | 116     | H302                    | None | 1            | 2            | 5          | Recommended        | Recommended                           |
|               | Acetone                | 56      | −18     | H319                    | None | 5            | 3            | 5          | Problematic        | Recommended                           |
|               | MEK                    | 80      | −6      | H319                    | None | 5            | 3            | 3          | Recommended        | Recommended                           |
|               | MIBK                   | 117     | 13      | H319                    | None | 4            | 2            | 3          | Recommended        | Recommended                           |
|               | Cyclohexanone          | 156     | 43      | H332                    | None | 3            | 2            | 5          | Recommended        | Problematic                           |
|               | Methyl acetate         | 57      | −10     | H302                    | None | 5            | 3            | 5          | Problematic        | Problematic                           |
| Esters        | Ethyl acetate          | 77      | −4      | H319                    | None | 5            | 3            | 3          | Recommended        | Recommended                           |
|               | i-PrOAc                | 89      | 2       | H319                    | None | 4            | 2            | 3          | Recommended        | Recommended                           |
|               | n-BuOAc                | 126     | 22      | H336                    | None | 4            | 2            | 3          | Recommended        | Recommended                           |
| Ethers        | Diethyl ether          | 34      | −45     | H302                    | None | 10           | 3            | 7          | Hazardous          | HH                                    |
|               | Diisopropyl ether      | 69      | −28     | H336                    | None | 9            | 3            | 5          | Hazardous          | Hazardous                             |
|               | MTBE                   | 55      | −28     | H315                    | None | 8            | 3            | 5          | Hazardous          | Hazardous                             |
|               | THF                    | 66      | −14     | H351                    | None | 6            | 7            | 5          | Problematic        | Problematic                           |
|               | Me-THF                 | 80      | −11     | H318                    | None | 6            | 5            | 3          | Problematic        | Problematic                           |
|               | 1,4-Dioxane            | 101     | 12      | H351                    | None | 7            | 6            | 3          | Problematic        | Hazardous                             |
|               | Anisole                | 154     | 52      | None                    | None | 4            | 1            | 5          | Problematic        | Recommended                           |
| Hydrocarbons  | DME                    | 85      | −6      | H360                    | None | 7            | 10           | 3          | Hazardous          | Hazardous                             |
|               | Pentane                | 36      | −40     | H304                    | H411 | 8            | 3            | 7          | Hazardous          | Hazardous                             |
|               | Hexane                 | 69      | −22     | H361                    | H411 | 8            | 7            | 7          | Hazardous          | Hazardous                             |
|               | Heptane                | 98      | −4      | H304                    | H410 | 6            | 2            | 7          | Problematic        | Problematic                           |
|               | Cyclohexane            | 81      | −17     | H304                    | H410 | 6            | 3            | 7          | Problematic        | Problematic                           |
|               | Me-cyclohexane         | 101     | −4      | H304                    | H411 | 6            | 2            | 7          | Problematic        | Problematic                           |
|               | Benzene                | 80      | −11     | H350                    | None | 6            | 10           | 3          | Hazardous          | HH                                    |
| Halogenated   | Toluene                | 111     | 4       | H351                    | None | 5            | 6            | 3          | Problematic        | Problematic                           |
|               | Xylenes                | 140     | 27      | H312                    | None | 4            | 2            | 5          | Problematic        | Problematic                           |
|               | DCM                    | 40      | na      | H351                    | None | 1            | 7            | 7          | Hazardous          | Hazardous                             |
|               | Chloroform             | 61      | na      | H351                    | None | 2            | 7            | 5          | Problematic        | HH                                    |
|               | CCl <sub>4</sub>       | 77      | na      | H351                    | H420 | 2            | 7            | 10         | Hazardous          | HH                                    |
|               | DCE                    | 84      | 13      | H350                    | None | 4            | 10           | 3          | Hazardous          | HH                                    |
|               | Chlorobenzene          | 132     | 29      | H332                    | H411 | 3            | 2            | 7          | Problematic        | Problematic                           |
| Aprotic polar | Acetonitrile           | 82      | 2       | H319                    | None | 4            | 3            | 3          | Recommended        | Problematic                           |
|               | DMF                    | 153     | 58      | H360                    | None | 3            | 9            | 5          | Hazardous          | Hazardous                             |
|               | DMAc                   | 166     | 70      | H360                    | None | 1            | 9            | 5          | Hazardous          | Hazardous                             |
|               | NMP                    | 202     | 96      | H360                    | None | 1            | 9            | 7          | Hazardous          | Hazardous                             |
|               | DMPU                   | 246     | 121     | H361                    | None | 1            | 6            | 7          | Problematic        | Problematic                           |
|               | DMSO <sup>f</sup>      | 189     | 95      | None                    | None | 1            | 1            | 5          | Recommended        | Problematic                           |
|               | Sulfolane <sup>g</sup> | 287     | 177     | H360                    | None | 1            | 9            | 7          | Hazardous          | Hazardous                             |
| Miscellaneous | HMPA                   | >200    | 144     | H350                    | None | 1            | 9            | 7          | Hazardous          | HH                                    |
|               | Nitromethane           | 101     | 35      | H302                    | None | 10           | 2            | 3          | Hazardous          | HH                                    |
|               | Methoxy-ethanol        | 125     | 42      | H360                    | None | 3            | 9            | 3          | Hazardous          | Hazardous                             |
|               | Carbon disulfide       | 46      | −30     | H361                    | H412 | 9            | 7            | 7          | Hazardous          | HH                                    |
|               | Formic acid            | 101     | 49      | H314                    | None | 3            | 7            | 3          | Problematic        | Problematic                           |
|               | Acetic acid            | 118     | 39      | H314                    | None | 3            | 7            | 3          | Problematic        | Problematic                           |
|               | Ac <sub>2</sub> O      | 139     | 49      | H314                    | None | 3            | 7            | 3          | Problematic        | Problematic                           |
| Amines        | Pyridine               | 115     | 23      | H302                    | None | 4            | 2            | 3          | Recommended        | Hazardous                             |
|               | TEA                    | 89      | −6      | H314                    | None | 6            | 7            | 3          | Problematic        | Hazardous                             |

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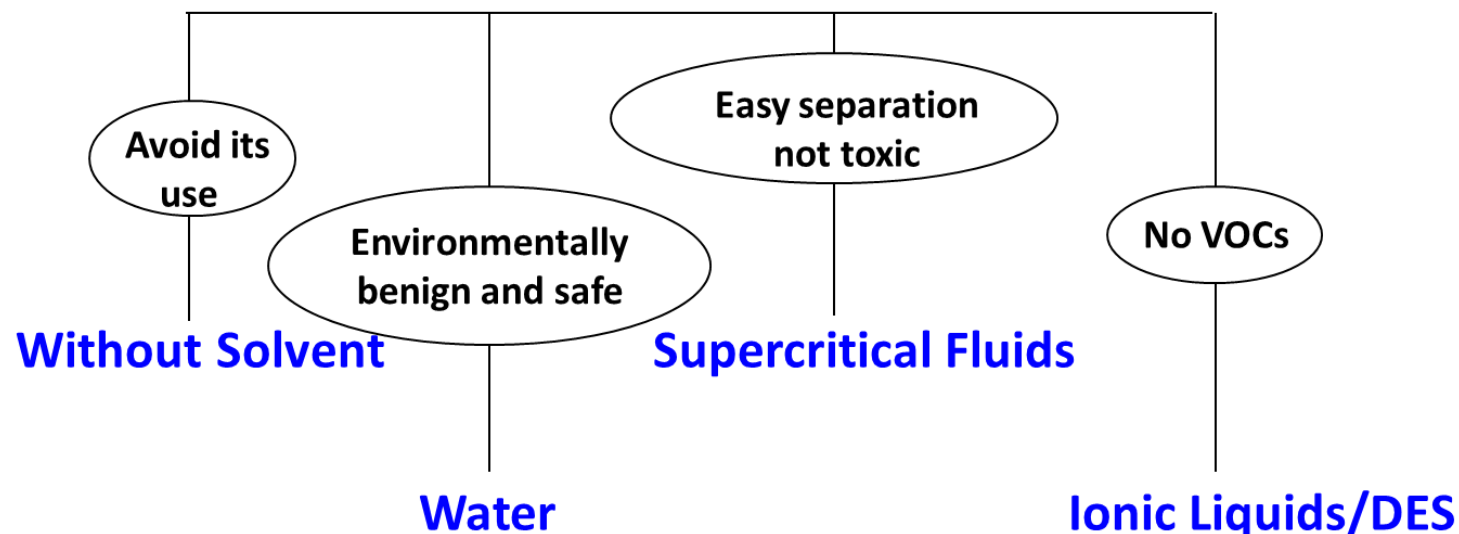
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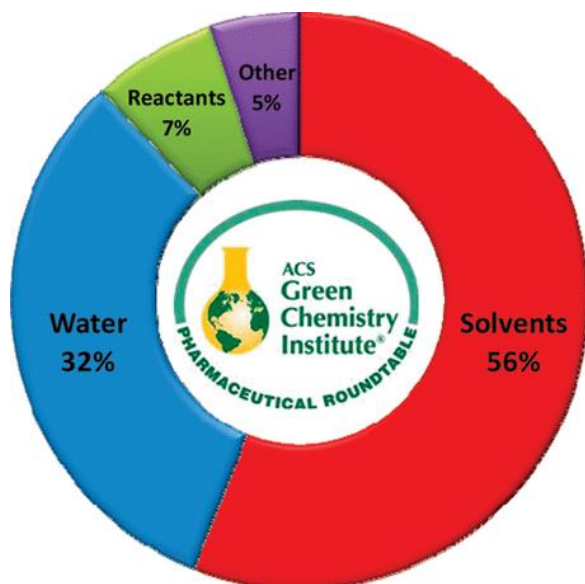
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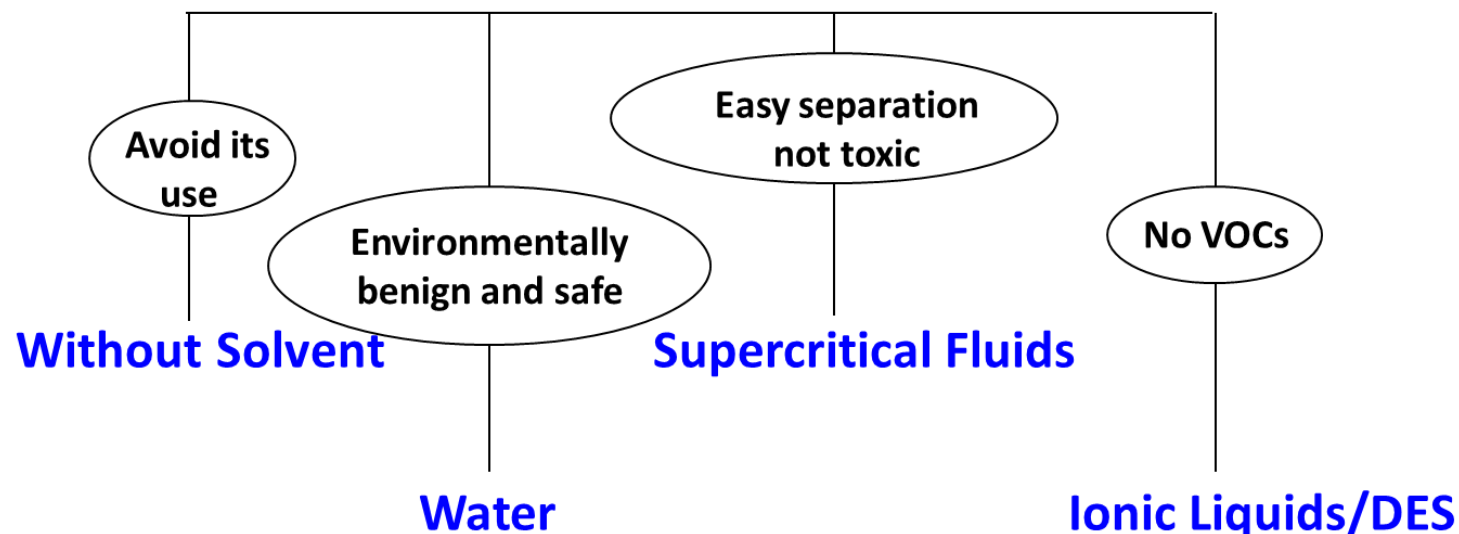
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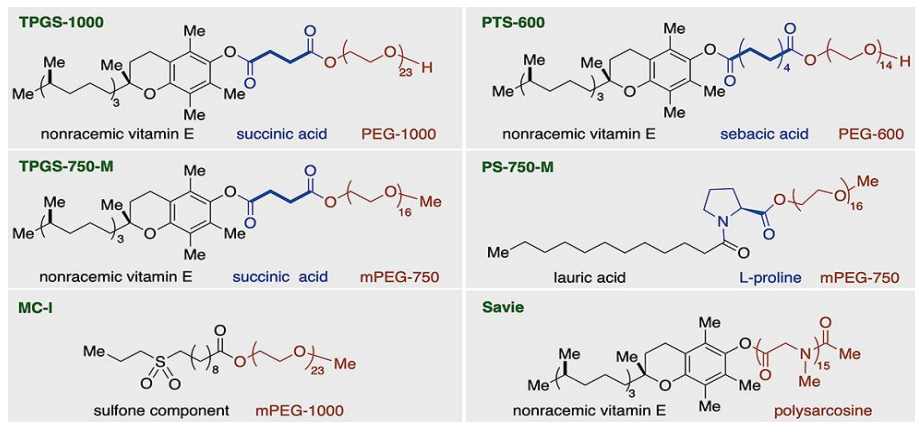
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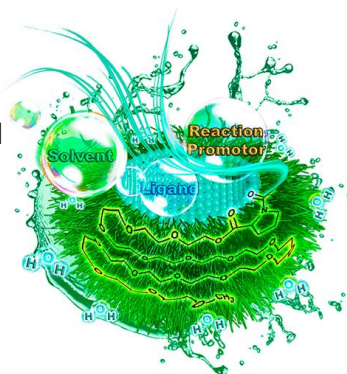
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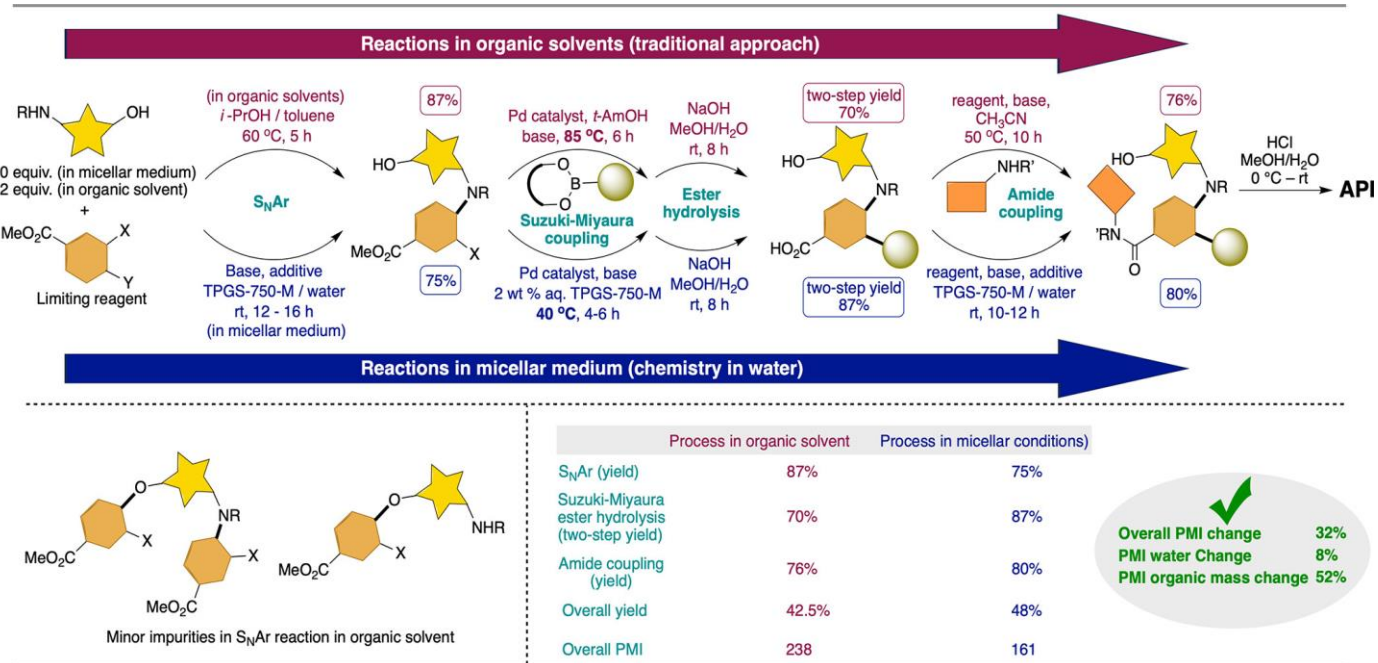
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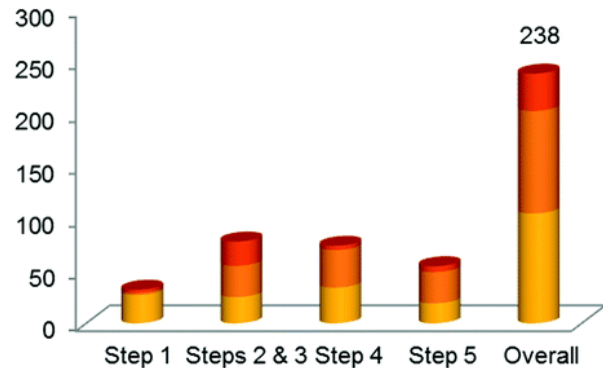
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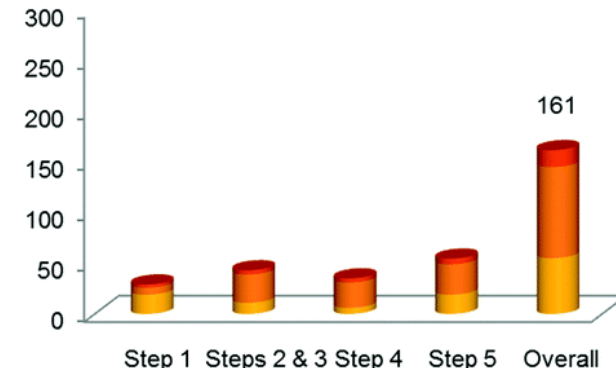
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a) process in organic solvents

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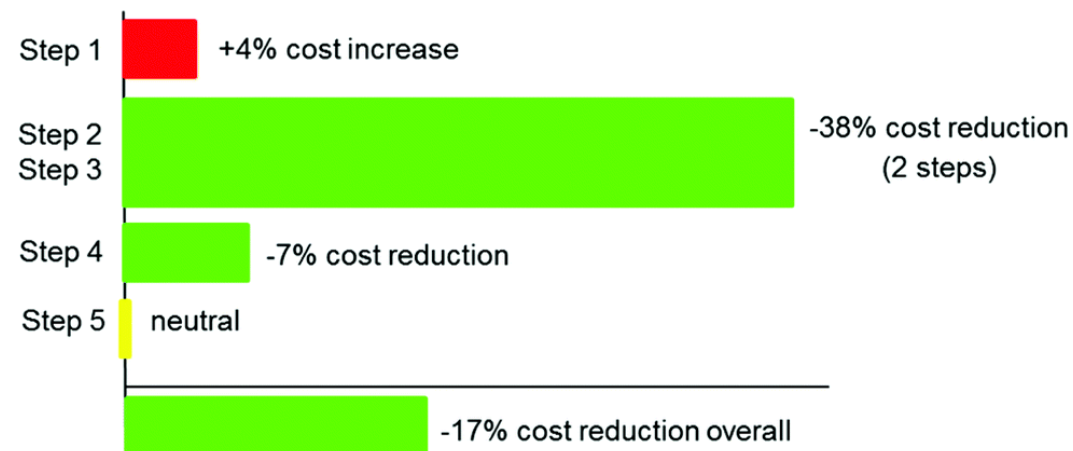
b) process in water with surfactants



Comparison of evolution of the Process Mass Intensity (PMI): (

**Table 2** Comparison of the cycle time for each transformation of our API in organic solvent vs. TPGS-750-M in water

| Step                      | Cycle time (h)  |                  |
|---------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
|                           | Organic solvent | TPGS-750-M/water |
| $S_NAr$ to 3              | 104             | 61               |
| Cross-coupling to 5       | 61              | 24               |
| hydrolysis to 6           | 137             | 53               |
| Amide-bond formation to 8 | 105             | 76               |
| Final deprotection to API | 62              | 62               |
| Total                     | 469 (19.5 days) | 276 (11.5 days)  |



Cost variation from surfactant-water process vs. organic solvent process.

From an environmental standpoint, the overall PMI also decreased by ca. 30% (from 238 to 161.5).

reduction in solvent usage by about 50% (from 105 to 55).

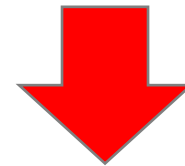
the surfactant technology minimizes the requirement for an organic solvent to that of a mere solubilizer for extraction purposes

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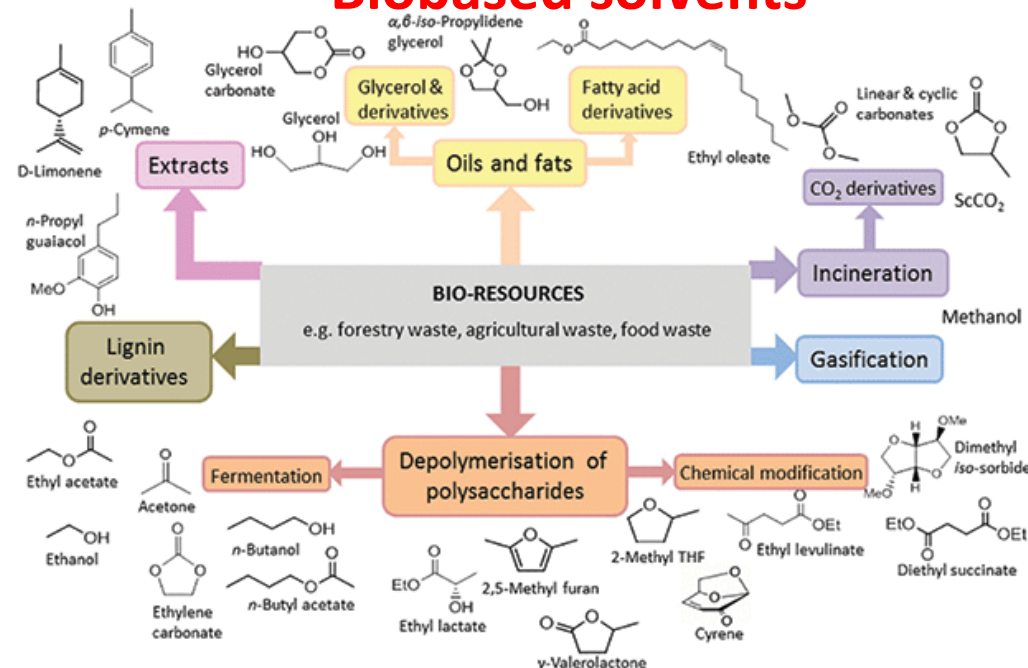
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Biobased solvents



Although bio-derived solvents are **not always safe and non-toxic**, as they are renewable they reduce concerns about the use of finite resources such as oil and natural gas

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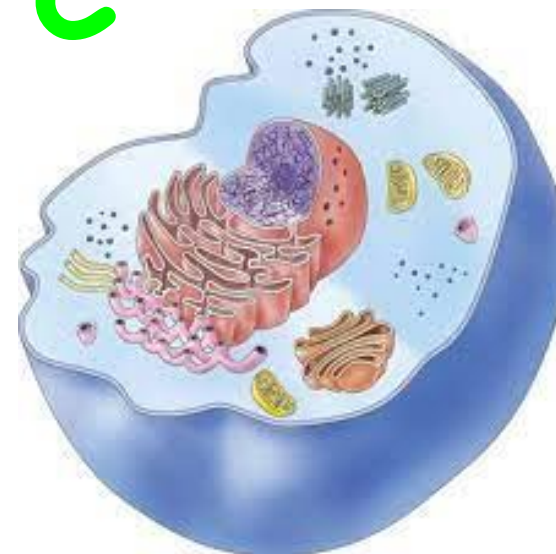


**6. Increase energy efficiency:** Run chemical reactions at room temperature and pressure whenever possible.

- ❑ Energy requirements should be recognized for their environmental and economic impacts and should be minimized.
- ❑ In a process most energy is used for heating, cooling, separations and pumping.



Ideally, all reactions are performed at ‘**ambient conditions – room temperature and atmospheric pressure**’ – in order to minimize energy usage.

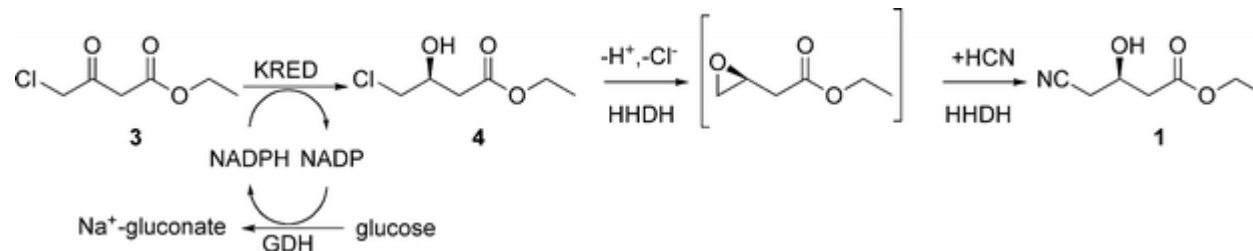
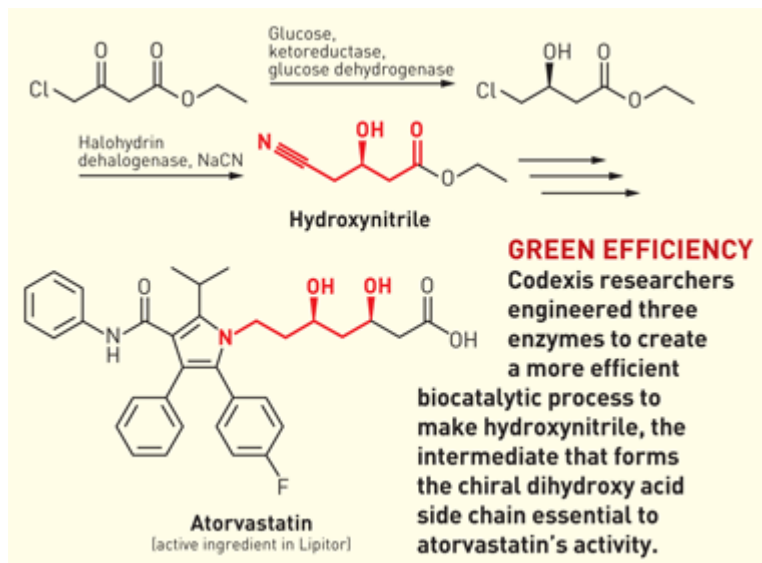


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**Atorvastatin**, a cholesterol-lowering drug, suffers from an energy-demanding synthesis as a result of two cryogenic reactions at - 70 °C.

La New **biocatalytic** synthesis uses enzyme DERA and shortens the process by removing two energy intensive chemical steps.



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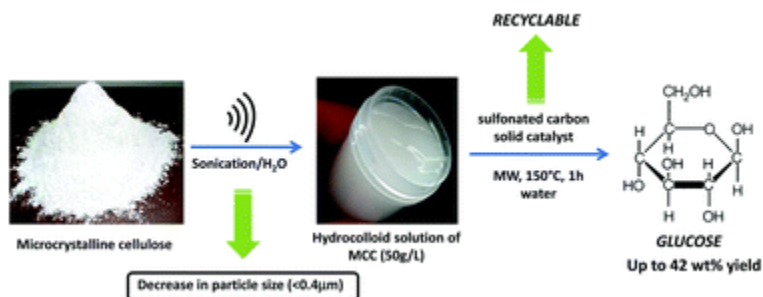


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Sono-, microwave-, and photo-assisted chemistry are known to save energy, improve reaction time, and catalytic activity.

## Sonochemistry:

- Uses of high frequency (20-100 kHz) sound waves to promote chemical reaction.
- The collapse of bubbles formed in a solution generates a very high temperature and a higher pressure than conventional heating.
- Used in the production of triglycerides from methyl transesterification.



Green Chem., 2013,15, 963-969  
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## Microwave:

- Uses a high-frequency electric field to heat or cool the local environment with electrical charges.
- Avoids unnecessarily prolonged residence time at a given temperature.



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## Photo-assisted:

- Naturally occurring, such as using the sun as a catalyst.
- Used in photo-driven acylation for the production of valuable synthetic intermediates and commercial fragrances in bulk.
- Used by BASF to develop automotive primer coating, a precursor readily able to be crosslinked under photo irradiation, as opposed to its conventional energy-intensive thermally driven variation.

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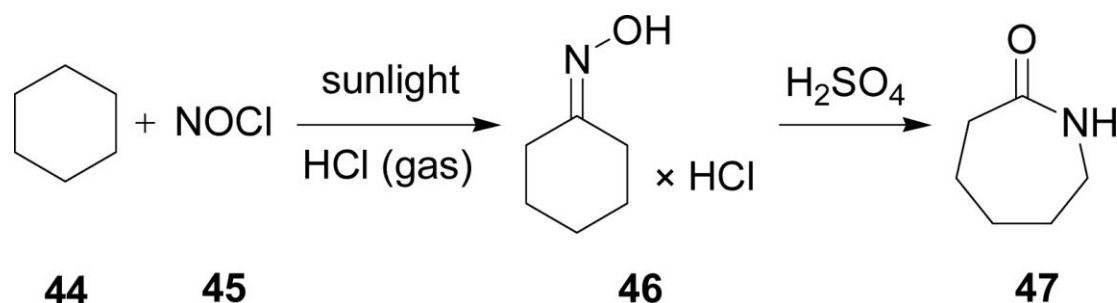


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**Photo-assisted:**



5.5 L cyclohexane (HCl saturated)

$2.8\text{--}7.59 \times 10^{-6}$  kg/s of NOCl; 1:1–1.3:1 ratio HCl:NOCl

61–84% yields of **46** after 1–4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> h in a solar furnace (DLR)

Solar Photooxidation of Cyclohexane (**44**) and Subsequent Conversion to ε-Caprolactam (**47**)

The reaction is of significant industrial importance for the synthesis of ε-caprolactam and consequently nylon-6. For 1991, an annual production of 160 000 t was realized by Toray in Japan.

The solar reaction was performed in a specialized titanium vessel that was fitted with glass windows for the incoming and exiting solar beam. The device was encased by a glass cooling water mantle, which also functioned as an effective IR filter. Cyclohexane was initially saturated with hydrochloric acid before a fine stream of nitrosyl chloride entered the reactor vessel from the bottom. During solar exposure, cyclohexanone oxime hydrochloride precipitated as an oily substance. Solar exposure for 1–4.25 h furnished the desired oxime in good yields of 61–84% and with excellent selectivity.

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Renewable resources offer the chemical industry an opportunity to diversify its raw materials base, **but...** 'greenwashing' (presenting a process or product as greener than it actually is) **should be prevented!!!!**

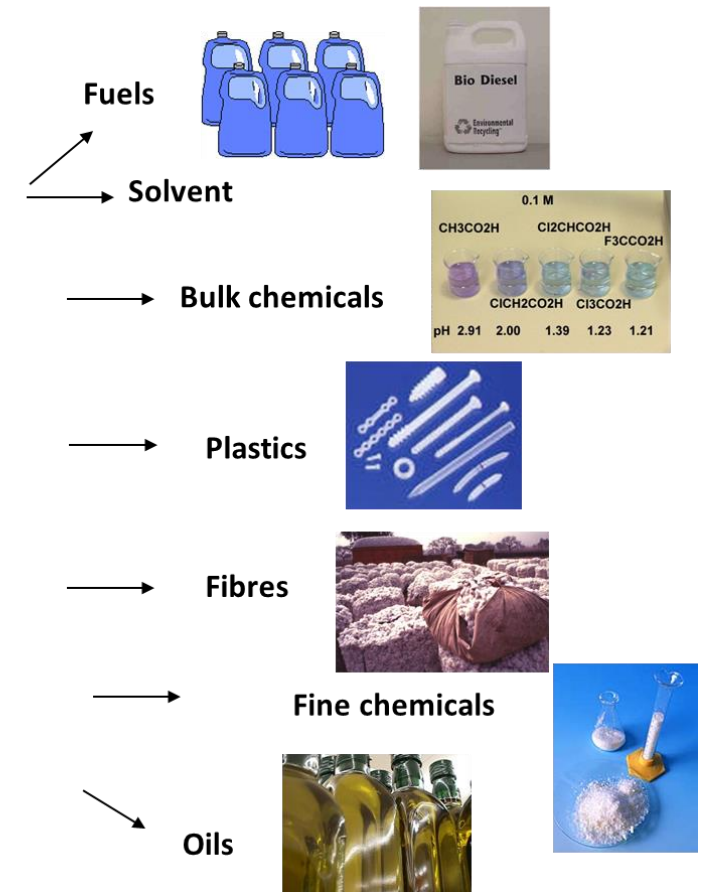
Bio-based materials are typically classified as being sustainable, simply because of renewability of the resource, yet these resources are often created in a linear production process without sustainable end-of-life options.



Grain



**Bio-refineria**



## From petroleum-base to bio-based



- ❑ Raw material one single stream oil refinery industry — ethylene, propylene, butane, benzene, toluene, xylenes, and methanol— high volume available
- ❑ chemicals are obtained with limited or not transformation.
- ❑ Structure of the polymers optimize for performance (i.e. flexibility, strength, toughness, etc)
- ❑ Optimized technological platform for many years where multiple products share investment and infrastructure costs without customized production requirements

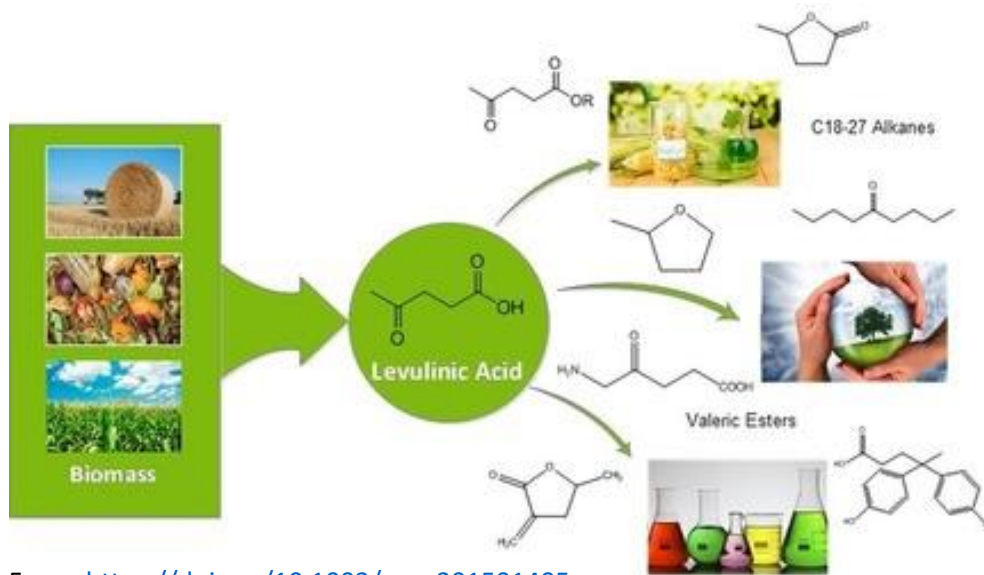


- Multiple raw materials with not required availability
- Need of relatively complex innovative chemical transformations / multistep to produce high quality chemicals from renewable feedstocks in an efficient manner.
- structure–property relationships can be appropriately matched to the specific and unique requirements of each biodegradable application. **Trade-Off between Performance and biodegradability**
- Required fast development
- New infrastructures (biorefineries)

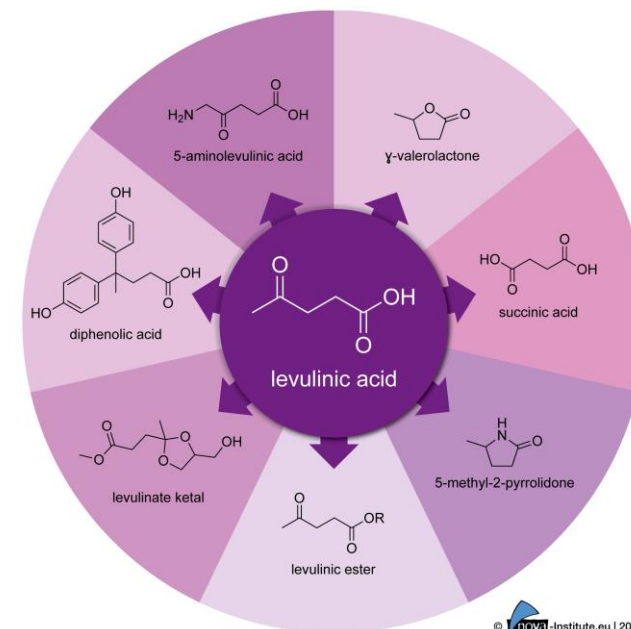
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- ❑ **Biofine** (now DPS Biometrics, Inc.) developed a process to convert the **waste cellulose in paper mill sludge, municipal solid waste, unrecyclable wastepaper, waste wood, and agricultural residues into levulinic acid (LA)**.
- ❑ LA can be used as a building block for chemicals in many useful materials, including pharmaceuticals, food additives and plastics.
- ❑ LA made from waste cellulose reduces the use of fossil fuels and reduces the overall cost of LA from \$4–6 per pound to as little as \$0.32 per pound.
- ❑ In 2015, **GF Biochemical** opened a **10,000MT capacity plant to produce LA from biomass on an industrial scale**



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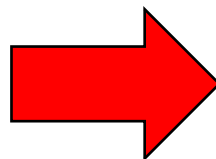
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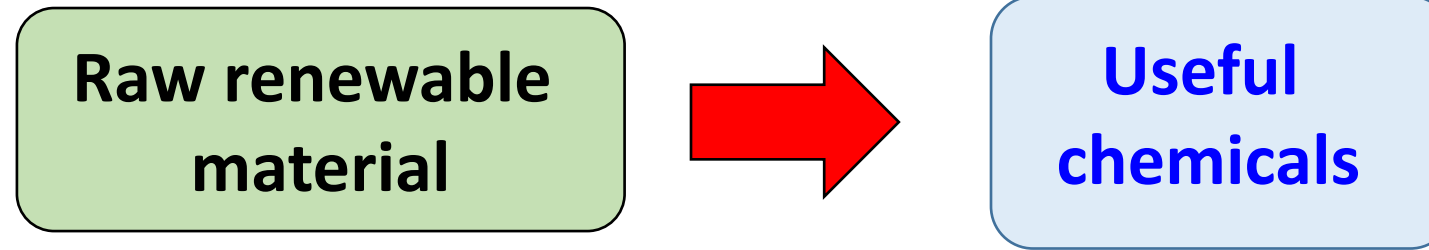


**Useful  
chemicals**

Renewable raw materials have the potential to provide a wide range of chemicals arguably as comprehensive as those provided by the petrochemical industry



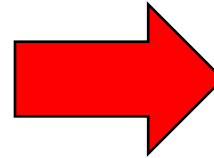
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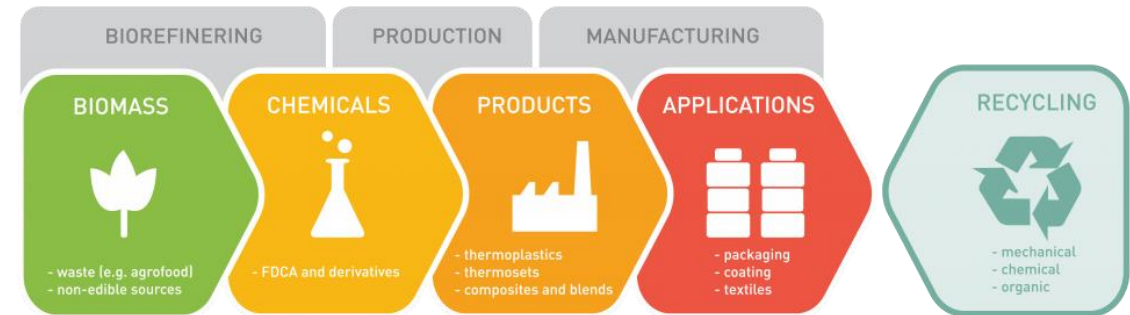
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✓ Type of polymer

# From petroleum-base to bio-based



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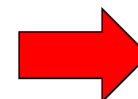
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- ☐ Low functionalization and oxidation degree
- ☐ reaction types: oxidation, hydroformylation, carbonylation, hydrogenation, hydrocyanation, oligomerization
- ☐ Distillation, crystallizations

- solid, water soluble carbohydrates
- Oxygenated feedstocks
- derivatives are oxygen-containing carbohydrates requiring a series of reaction steps such as, e.g. hydrolysis, dehydration/alkylation, hydrodeoxygenation (HDO), Hydrogenation etc.
- cascade or one-pot tandem catalytic reaction processes are preferred
- separation and purification can be an issue

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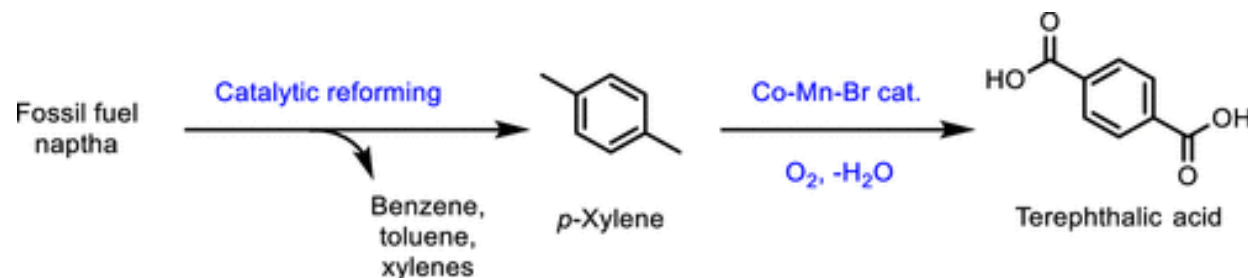


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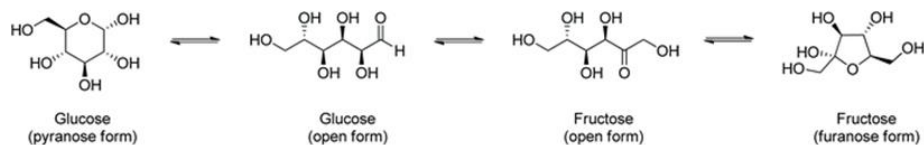
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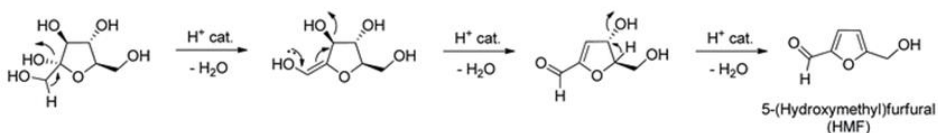
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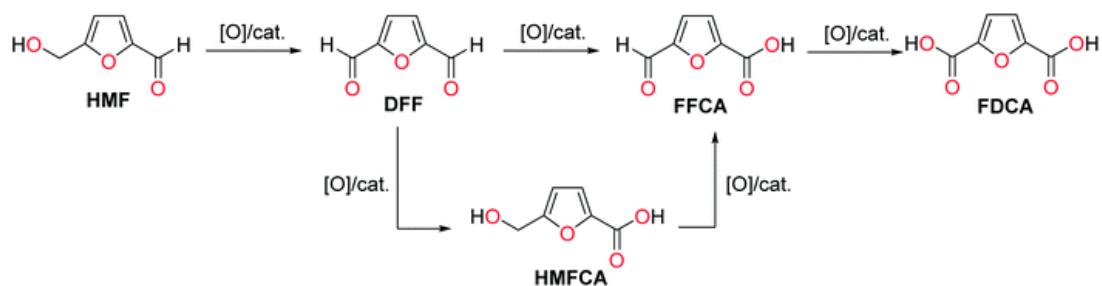
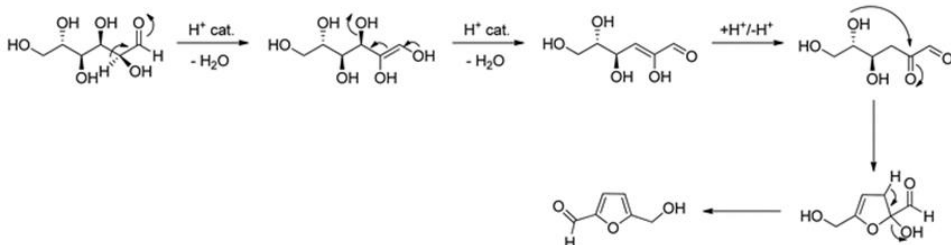
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- Oxygenated feedstocks
- derivatives are oxygen-containing carbohydrates requiring a series of reaction steps such as, e.g. hydrolysis, dehydration/alkylation, hydrodeoxygenation (HDO), Hydrogenation etc. to be converted into
- cascade or one-pot tandem catalytic reaction processes are preferred
- separation and purification can be an issue

# What source of renewable raw material?

**Vegetable oils, Soybean oil, castor oil, nahor seed oil, etc.**

diverse chemistry can be applied on them, leading to a large variety of monomers and polymers

**A**

Triglyceride generic structure

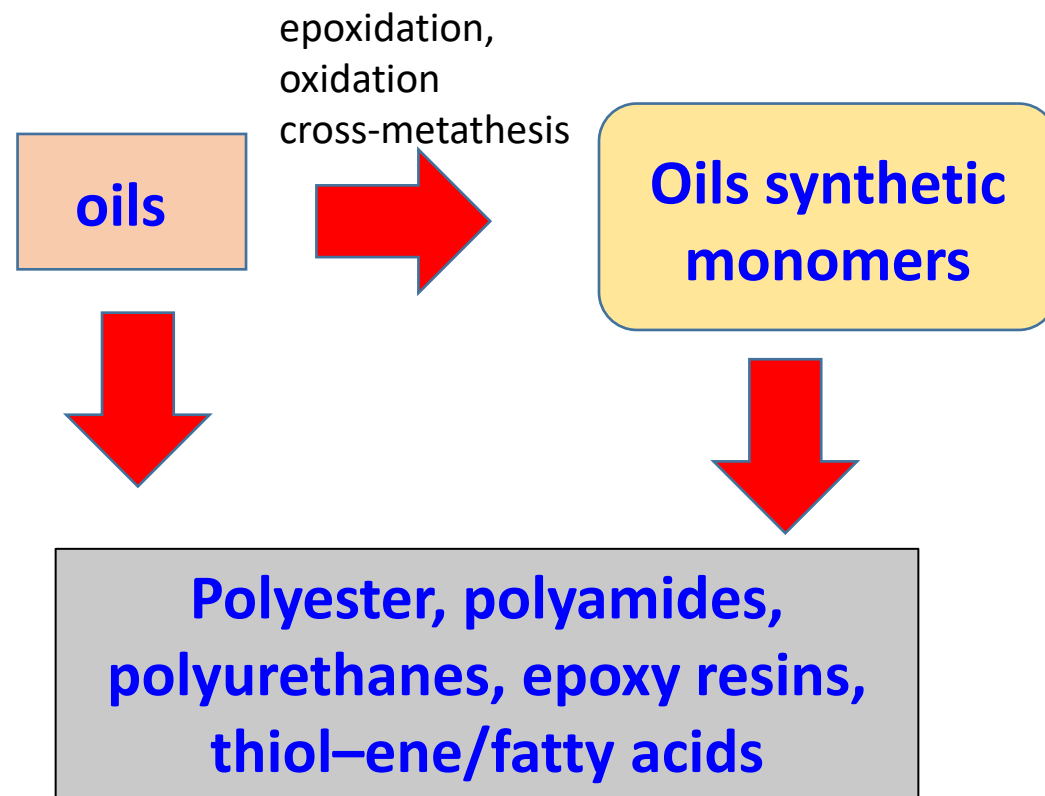
R = fatty acid chain

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|------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Canola     | 0.1  | 0.0  | 4.1  | 0.3  | 0.1  | 0.0  | 1.8  | 60.9 | 21.0 | 8.8  | 0.7  | 1.0  |
| Corn       | 0.1  | 0.0  | 10.9 | 0.2  | 0.1  | 0.0  | 2.0  | 25.4 | 59.6 | 1.2  | 0.4  | 0.0  |
| Linseed    | 0.0  | 0.0  | 5.5  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 3.5  | 19.1 | 15.3 | 56.6 | 0.0  | 0.0  |
| Olive      | 0.0  | 0.0  | 13.7 | 1.2  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 2.5  | 71.1 | 10.0 | 0.6  | 0.9  | 0.0  |
| Palm       | 1.0  | 0.0  | 44.4 | 0.2  | 0.1  | 0.0  | 4.1  | 39.3 | 10.0 | 0.4  | 0.3  | 0.0  |
| Soybean    | 0.1  | 0.0  | 11.0 | 0.1  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 4.0  | 23.4 | 53.2 | 7.8  | 0.3  | 0.0  |
| Sunflower  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 6.1  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 3.9  | 42.6 | 46.4 | 1.0  | 0.0  | 0.0  |
| High oleic | 0.0  | 0.0  | 6.4  | 0.1  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 3.1  | 82.6 | 2.3  | 3.7  | 0.2  | 0.4  |

**B**

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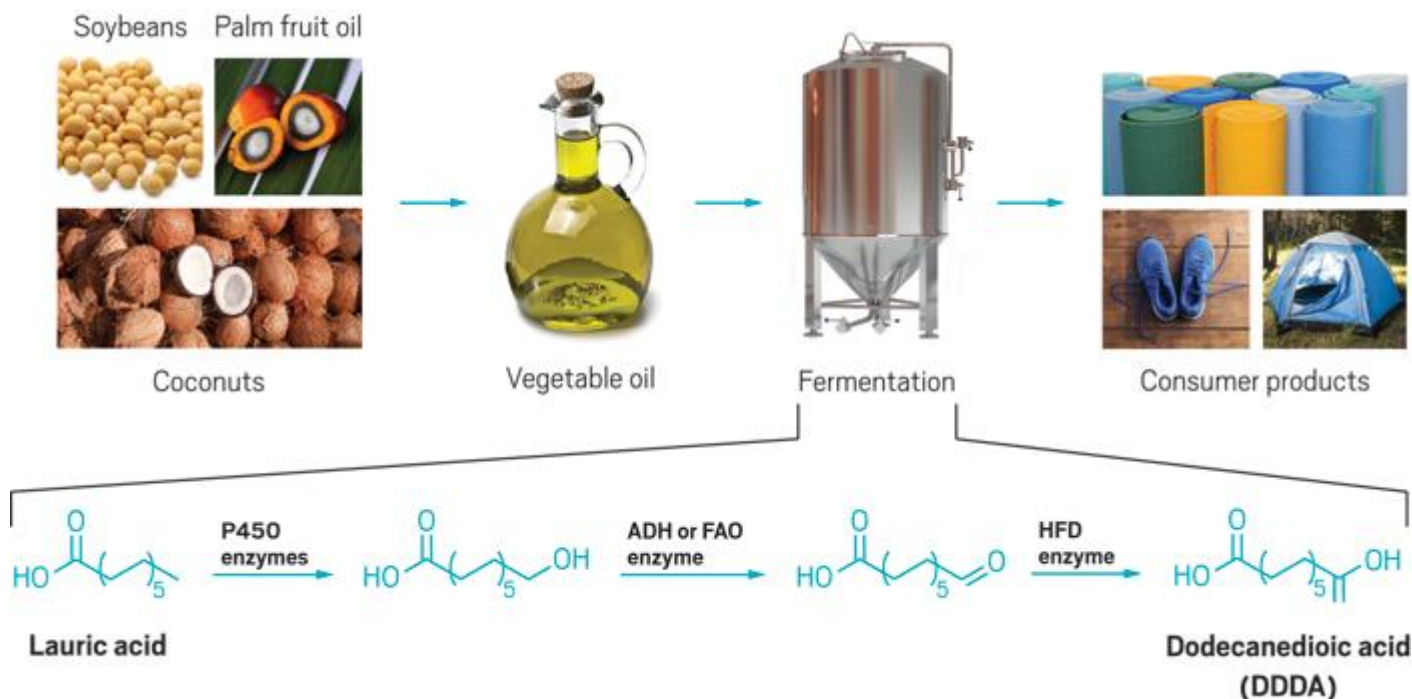
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**Verdezyne** scientists adapted yeast to develop a three-step enzymatic process for converting lauric acid derived from vegetable oil into diacids such as DDDA, which is used to make nylon and other chemicals that go into manufacturing consumer products

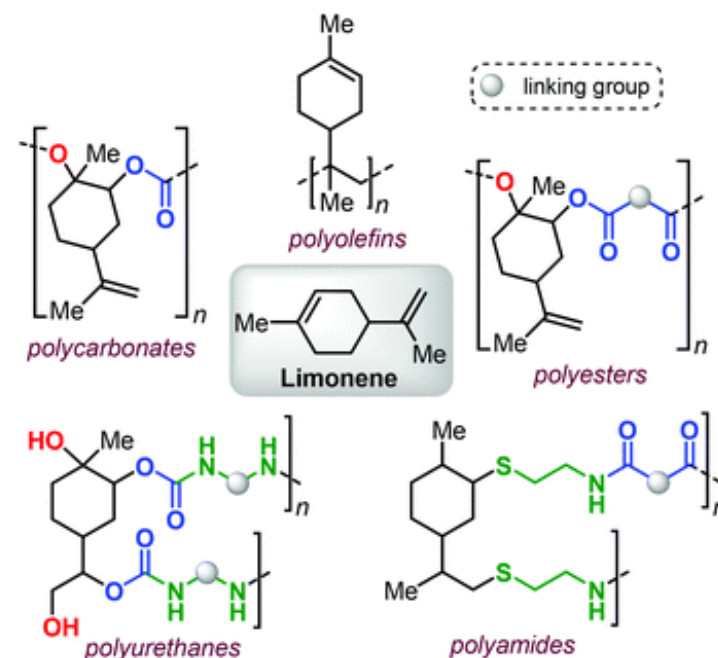
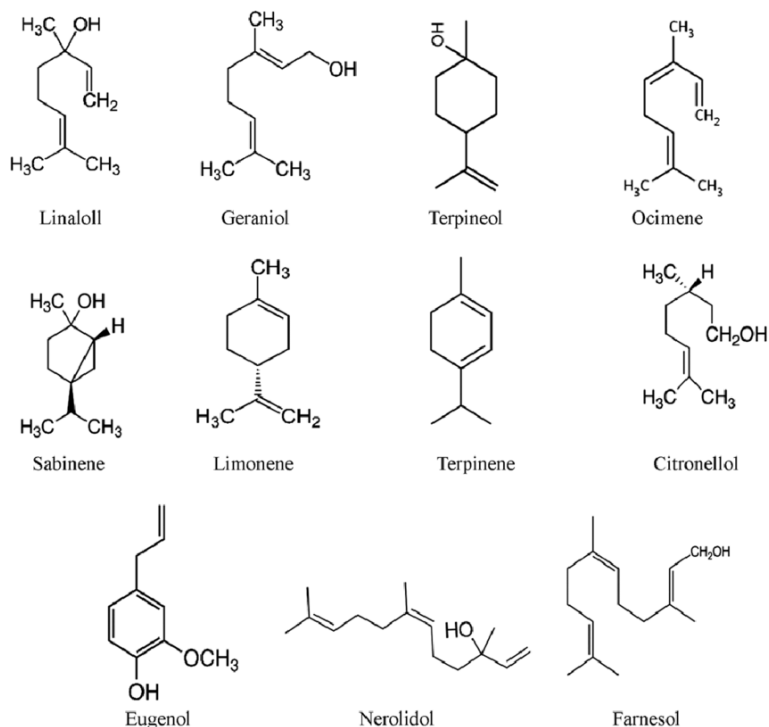


- ❑ The optimized yeast uses a three-step enzyme-mediated fermentation process to oxidize lauric acid to DDDA at a rate of better than 140 g/L.
- ❑ Verdezyne has demonstrated the technology in a pilot facility and is now building a 9,000-metric-ton-per-year Biolon commercial facility in Malaysia.

# What source of renewable raw material?

## Terpenes

**Limonene** is one of the most abundant terpenes (present in more than 300 plants) and is a prominent waste stream of the citrus industry, with the (*R*)-enantiomer being produced on a scale of over 70 KTA



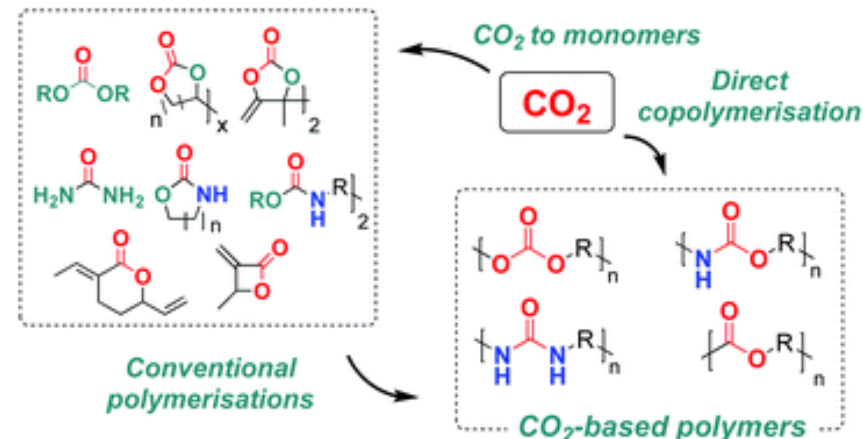
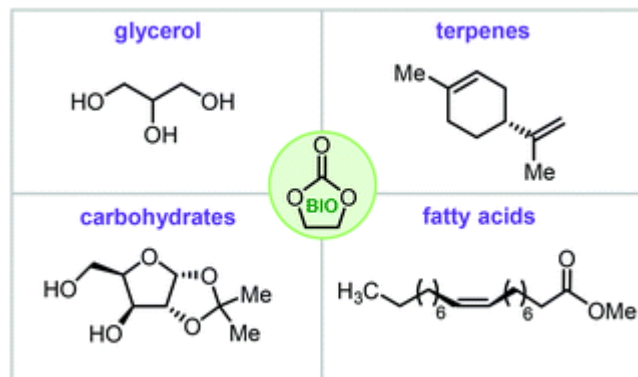
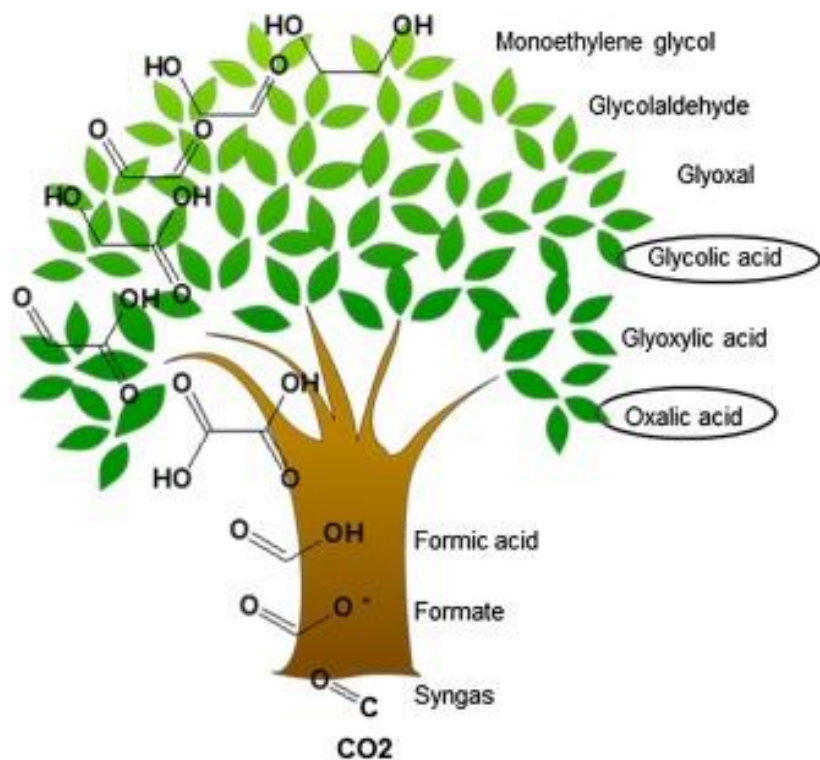
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# What source of renewable raw material?

CO<sub>2</sub>



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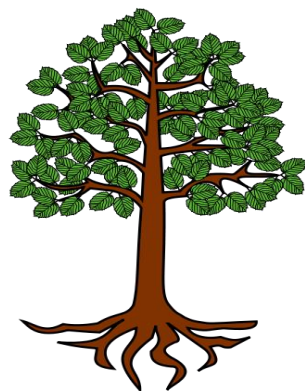
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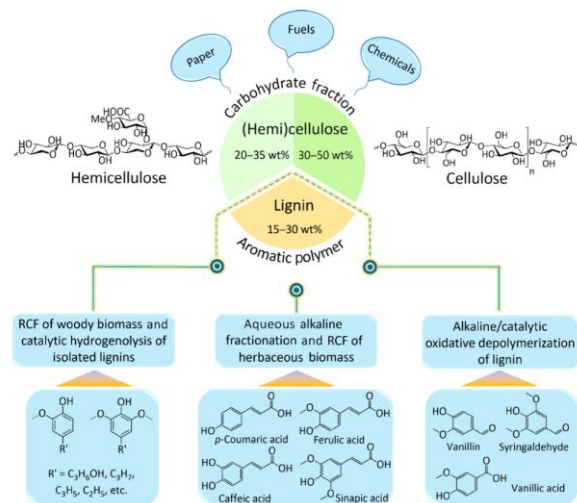
# What source of renewable raw material?

Multi-step conversion of lignocellulosic resources into monomeric compounds



Pre-treatment Step

H<sub>2</sub>O –organic solvent  
ILs  
scF  
(catalysis)



Cellulose

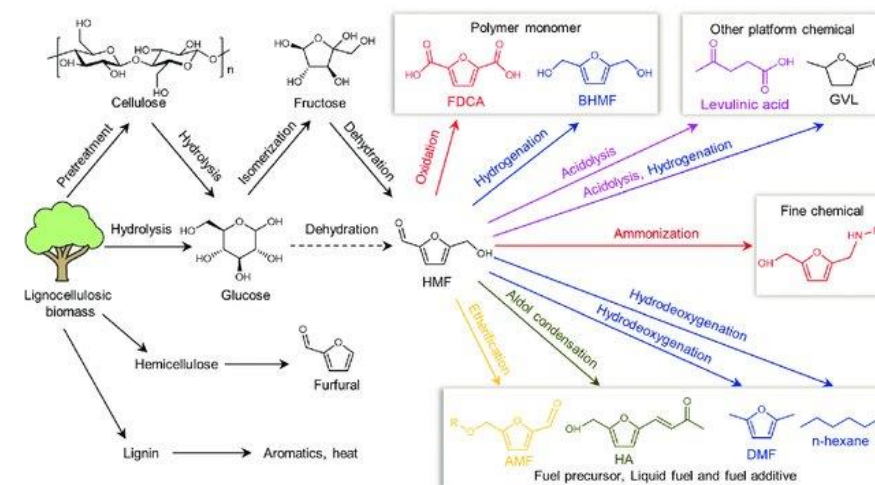
hemicellulose

Lignin

Hexoses (C6)

Pentose (C5)

Useful chemicals



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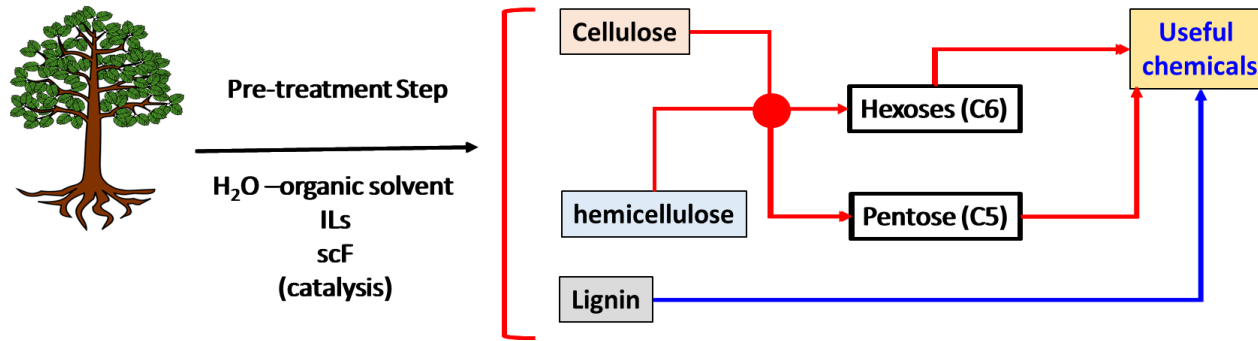
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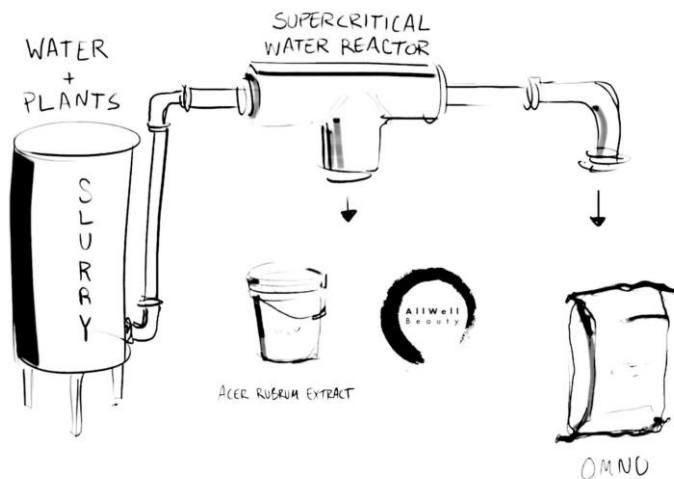
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# What Type of chemistry ?

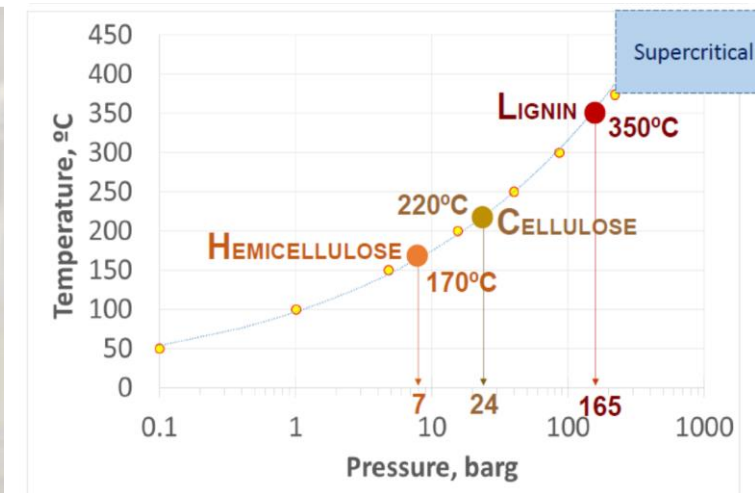


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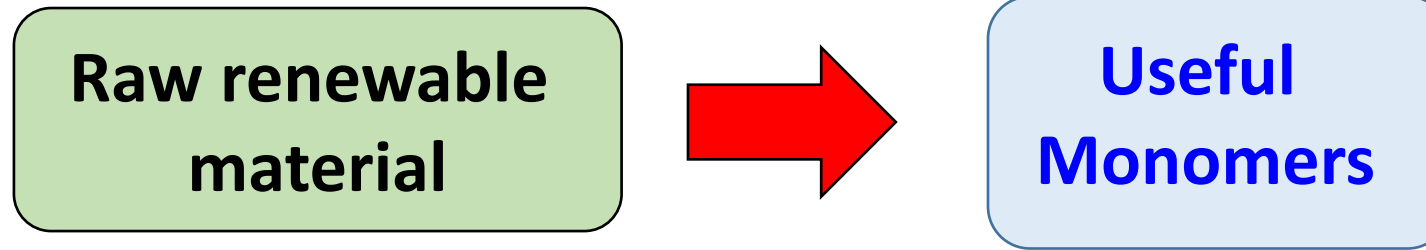


<http://renmatix.com>

- 1. Biomass slurry**
- 2. Biomass Components**  
Hemicellulose, cellulose, lignin
- 3. Hemi-hydrolysis**  
Solubilize the hemicellulose into a C5 Sugar
- 4. Solid/liquid Separation**  
remove the remaining solids from the C5 sugar stream
- 5. Cellulose hydrolysis slurry**  
Solids mixed with water to form a slurry
- 6. Cellulose hydrolysis**
- 7. Pose-hydrolysis**  
Remove the lignin solid from C6 sugar stream



# What type of monomers to aim?

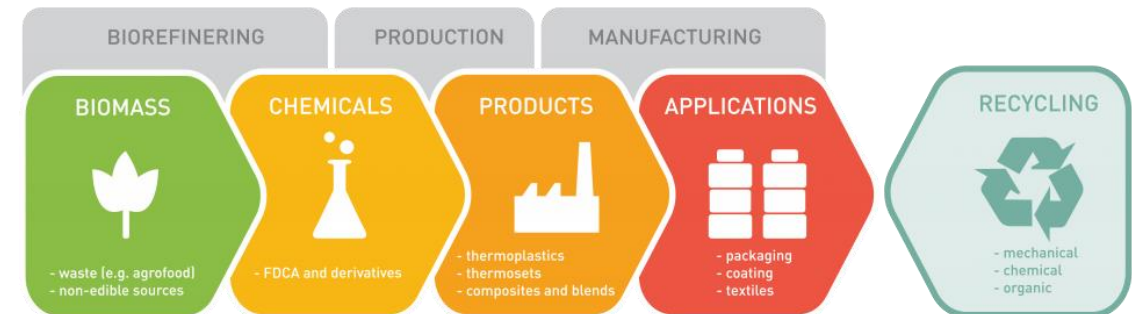


➤ new/old ones

➤ Chemical nature

➤ How to obtain them

➤ Cost

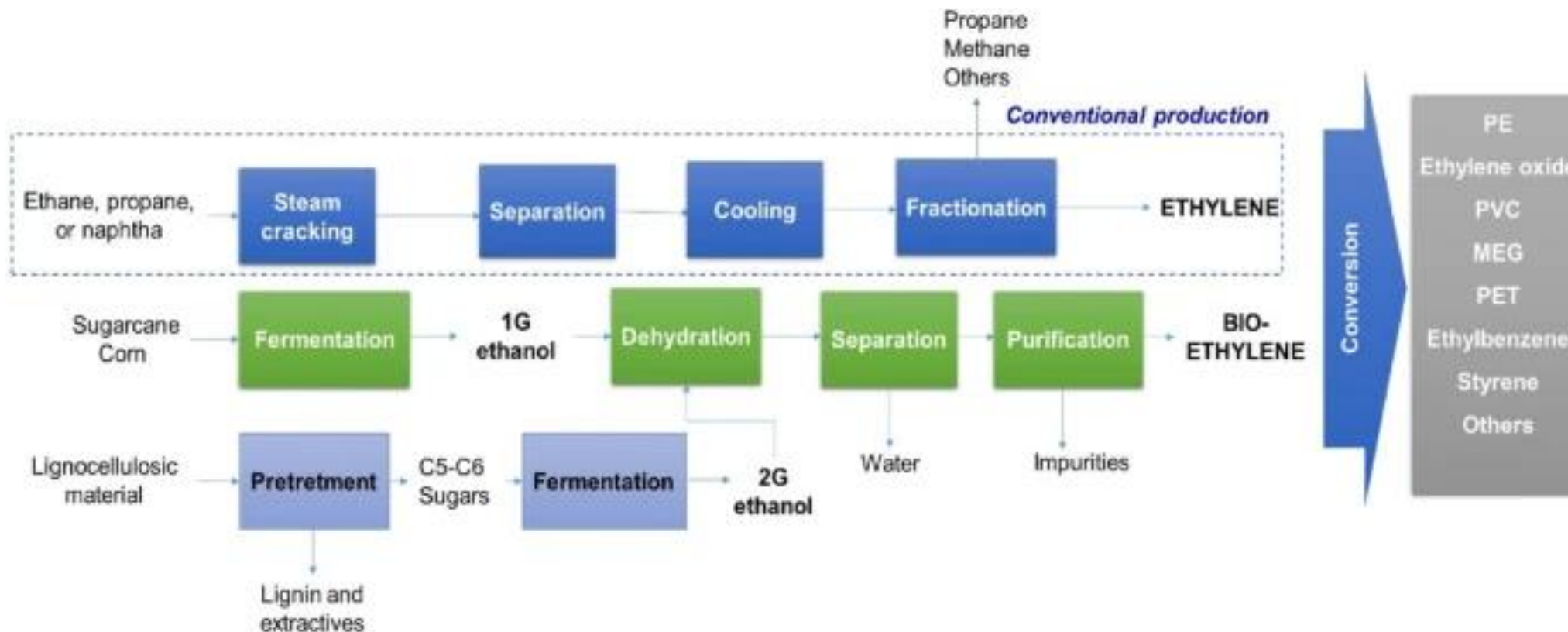


✓ Type of polymer



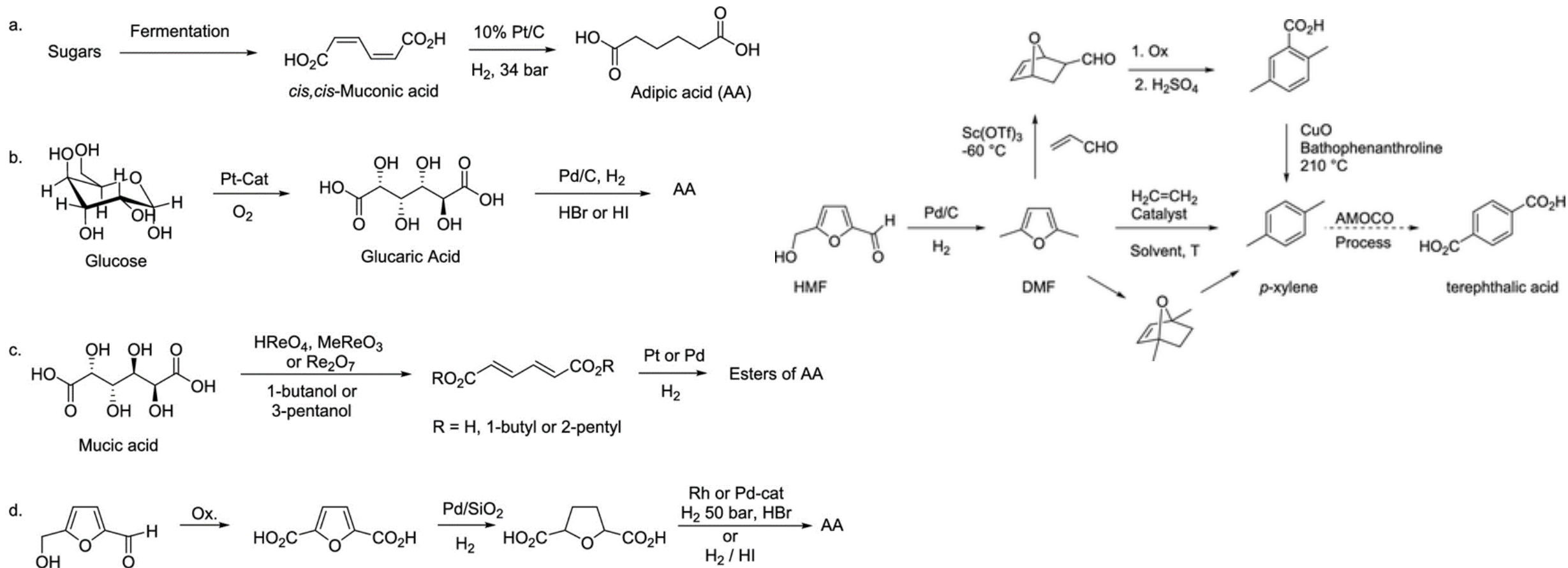
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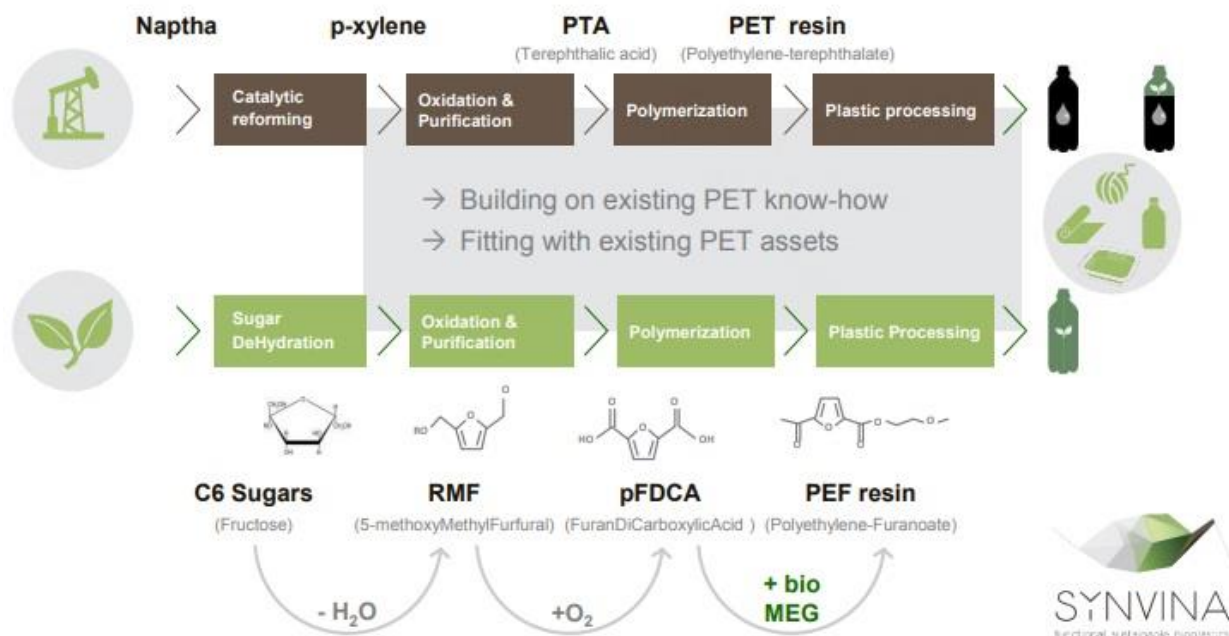
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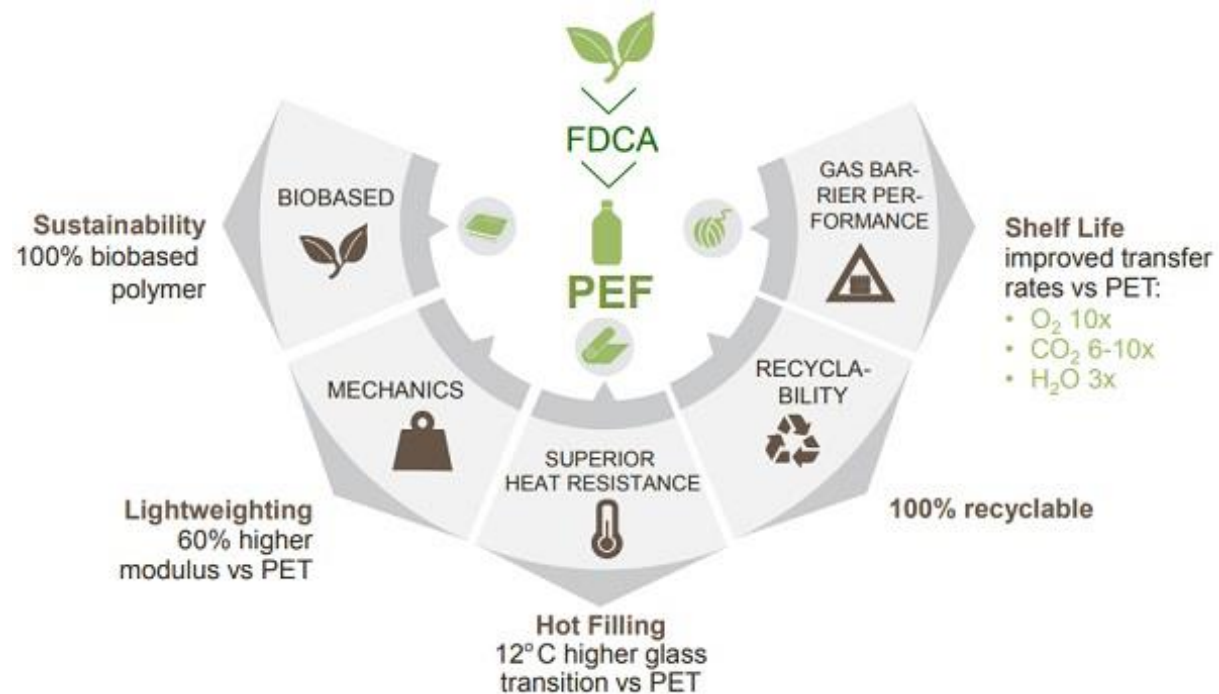
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# What type of monomers to aim?

developing **chemically distinct monomer** leading to **new materials** from biofeedstocks with novel properties (e.g., self-healing, thermo-reversible) that are **not currently available** with petroleum-based plastics



Source: Synvina

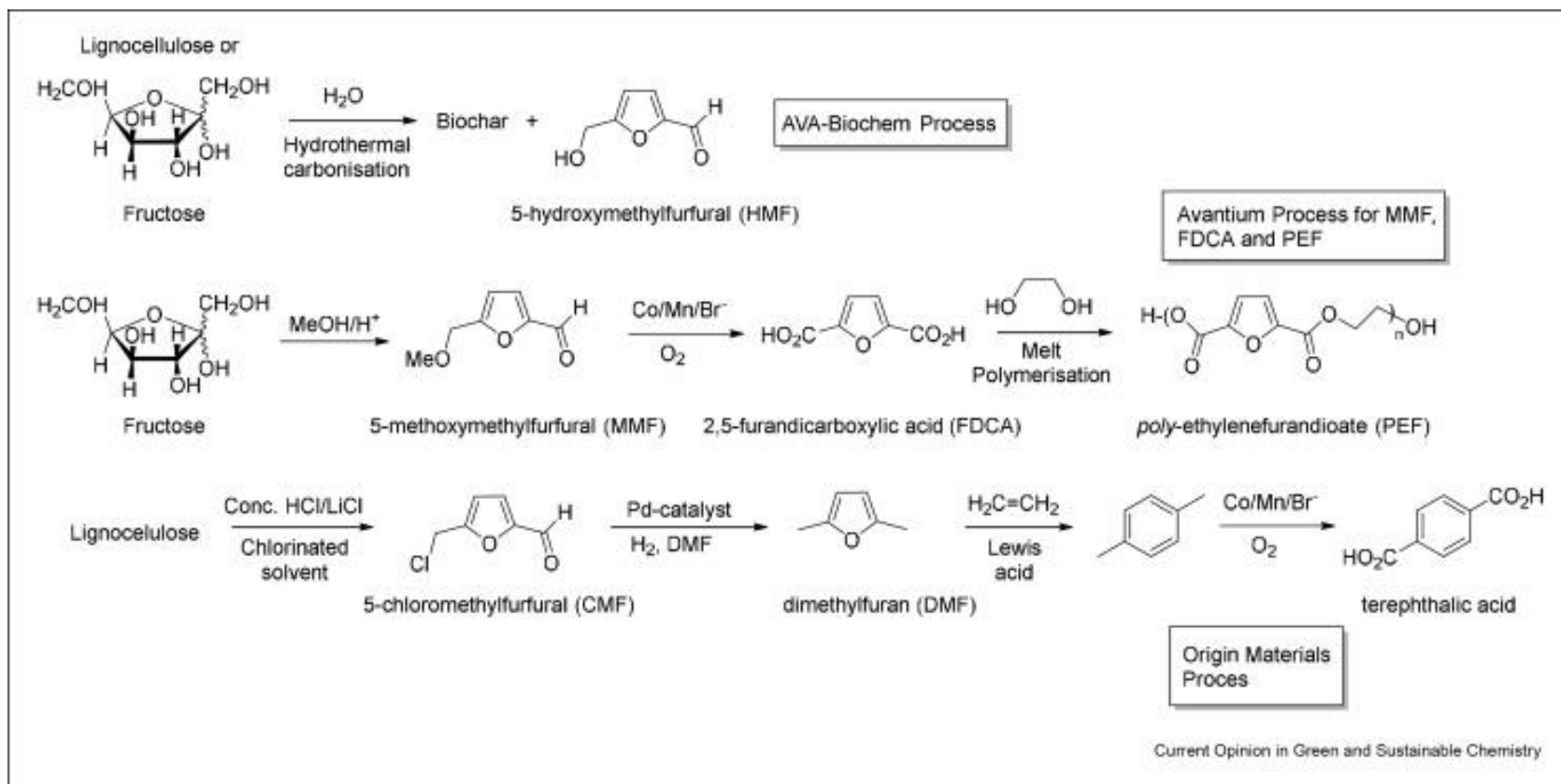


PEF versus Existing Packaging Materials  
Source: Avantium and BASF

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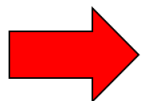


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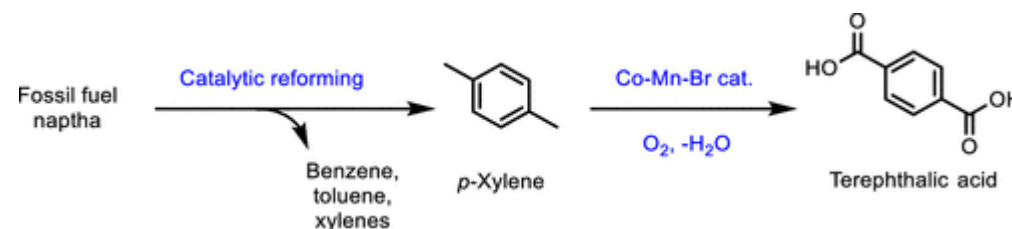
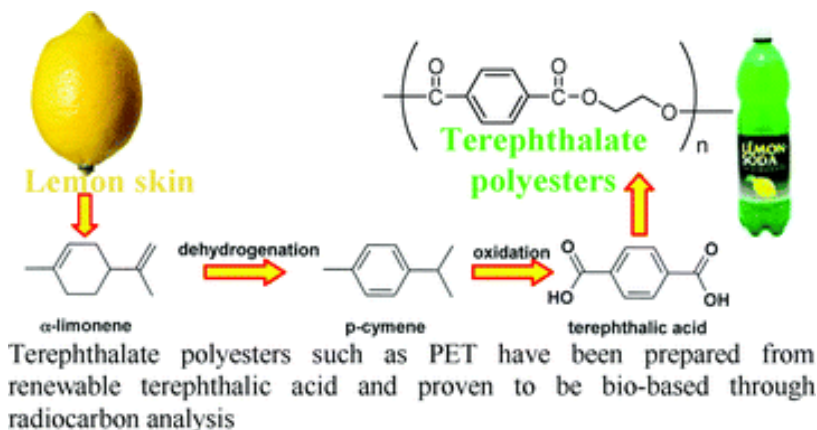


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Raw renewable material



Useful monomers



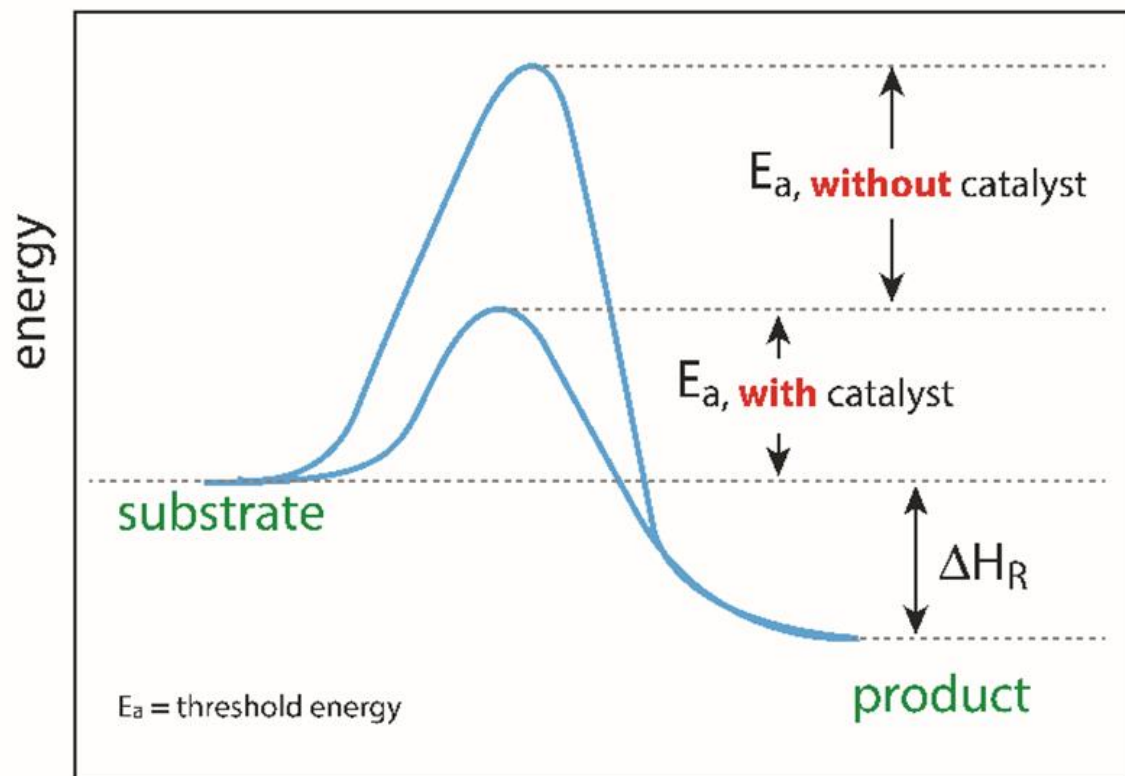
- ❑ 45 kilo tons in 2015 and is anticipated to exceed 65 kilo tons by 2023, with estimated gains at above 5%.
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Catalysts are effective in small amounts and can carry out a single reaction many times. They are preferable to stoichiometric reagents, which are used in excess and carry out a reaction only once.



Ways to prevent waste?

1. Avoid the generation of  $W$ .
2. Find alternatives to  $A$  &  $B$  to improved overall efficiency of a reaction.
3. Incorporate better catalysts to push the reaction to full completion

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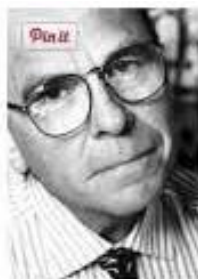
Nobel Prize for 'green chemistry' **reducing potentially waste through smarter catalyst**



William S. Knowles



Ryoji Noyori



K. Barry Sharpless

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**2005:** Yves Chauvin, Robert H. Grubbs and Richard R. Schrock "for the development of the **metathesis method in organic synthesis**"



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# How?

□ **Advanced Technology:** Use of cutting-edge technology and instruments,



**Key enabling technologies (KET)**



How?



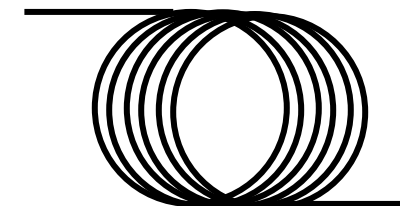
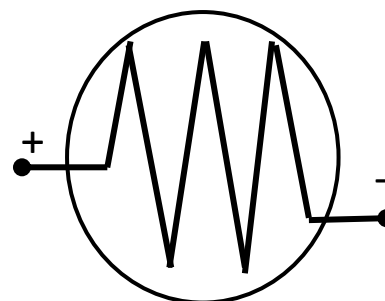
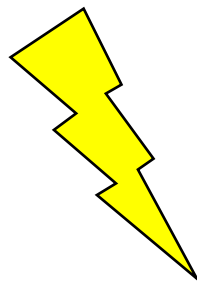
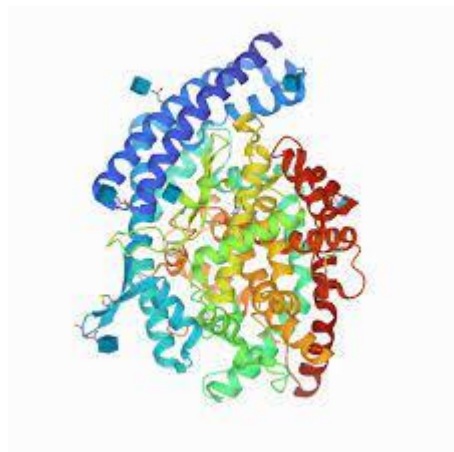
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**Electrocatalysis**

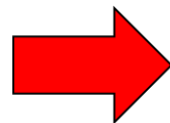
**Flow Chemistry**



**catalytic technologies**

How?

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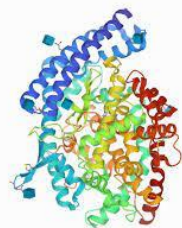
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Flow Chemistry

- ❑ Ambient temperature and atmospheric pressure
- ❑ Highly selective process
- ❑ The 'construction' of microorganisms with multiple enzymatic functionalities, especially the direct conversion of carbohydrates
- ❑ **lower feedstock concentration**
- ❑ Genetic engineering and gene sequencing to produce biocatalysts with enhanced catalytic activity, stability



| Chemocatalysis  | Biocatalysis  |                  |   |   |   |  |
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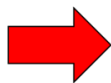
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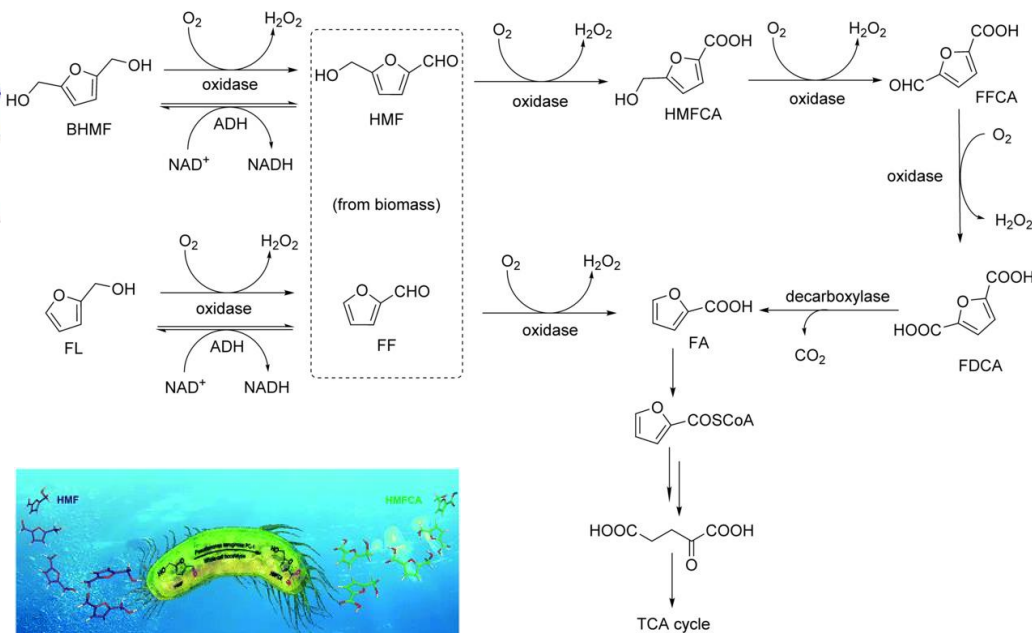
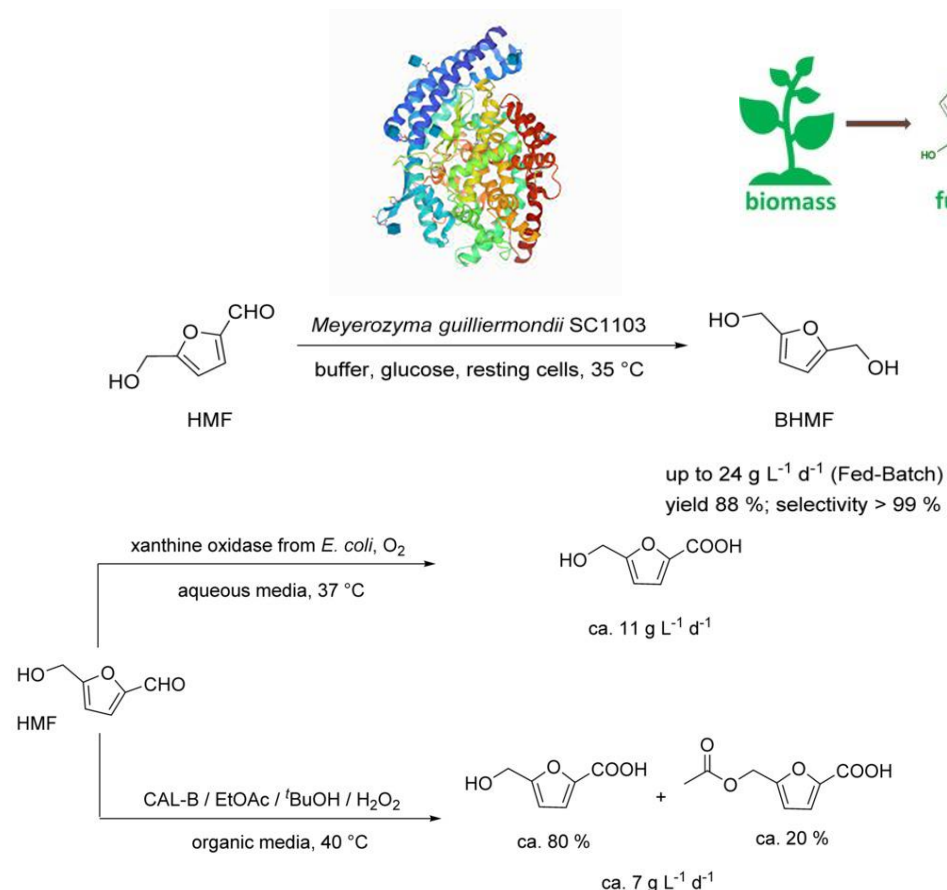


Table 2 HMfCA biosynthesis via HMf oxidation by various whole-cell biocatalysts

| Origin: strain                                    | HMf (mM) | Cell dosage                                   | Shaker speed (rpm) | Yield (%) | Time (h) | HMfCA (mM) | Ref.       |
|---|----------|---|--------------------|-----------|----------|------------|------------|
| <i>Serratia liquefaciens</i> LF14 <sup>a</sup>    | 300      | 12 mg mL <sup>-1</sup>                        | ND                 | 56        | 26       | 168        | 19         |
| <i>Comamonas testosteroni</i> SC1588 <sup>a</sup> | 160      | 30 mg mL <sup>-1</sup>                        | 150                | 98        | 36       | 156.8      | 20         |
| <i>Pseudomonas putida</i> KT2440 <sup>a</sup>     | 160      | 25 OD <sub>600</sub>                          | 200                | 96.8      | 12       | 155        | 21         |
| <i>Deinococcus wulumuqiensis</i> R12 <sup>a</sup> | 600      | 200 mg mL <sup>-1</sup>                       | 850                | 90        | 20       | 511        | 22         |
| <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> PC-1 <sup>b</sup>   | 800      | 5 mg mL <sup>-1</sup> (10 OD <sub>600</sub> ) | 180                | 90.1      | 58       | 721        | This study |

<sup>a</sup> HMfCA production using resting cells. <sup>b</sup> HMfCA production using growing cells. ND: not determined.

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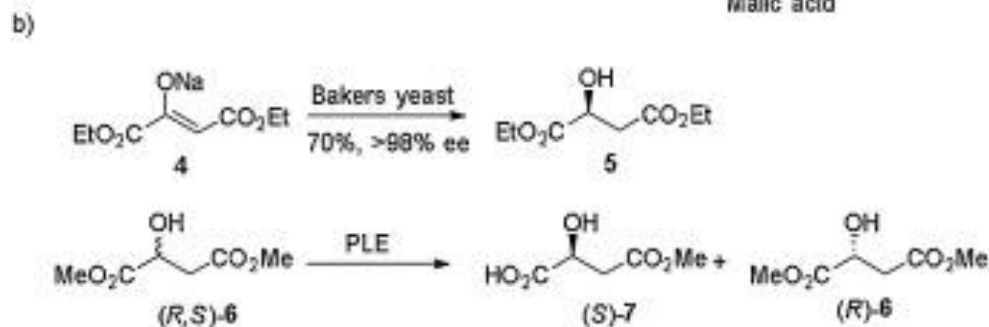
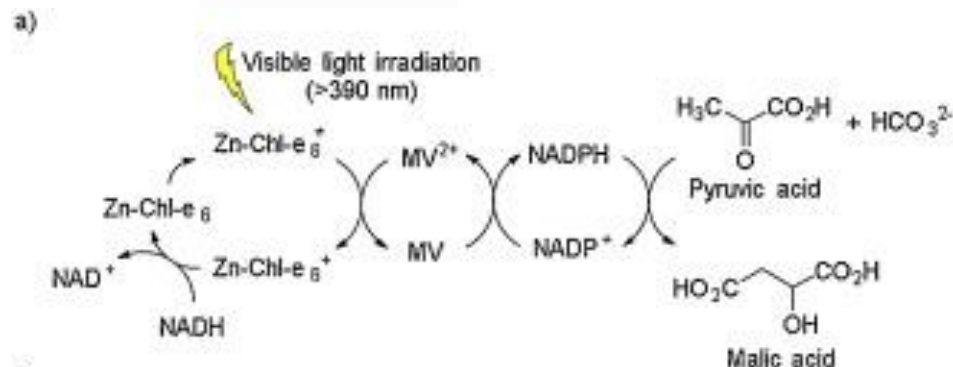
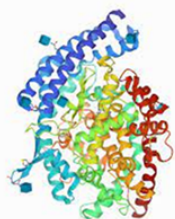


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- ☐ Biocatalytic and fermentation routes to malic acid. A carbon fixation approach was used to produce malic acid
- ☐ photoredox chemo-enzyme by carboxylating pyruvate with hydrogencarbonate using Zn-Chl-e6, ferredoxin-NADP-reductase (FNR), NADPH and malic enzyme (ME) and visible light
- ☐ baker's yeast can be used to reduce sodium diethyl oxaloacetate 4 to malate ester 6
- ☐ an esterase (PLE) in a resolution to produce enantiopure malate monoester (S)-7
- ☐ overexpressing the native pyruvate carboxylase and the relocation of malate dehydrogenase to the cytosol produced 59 g L<sup>-1</sup> of malic acid

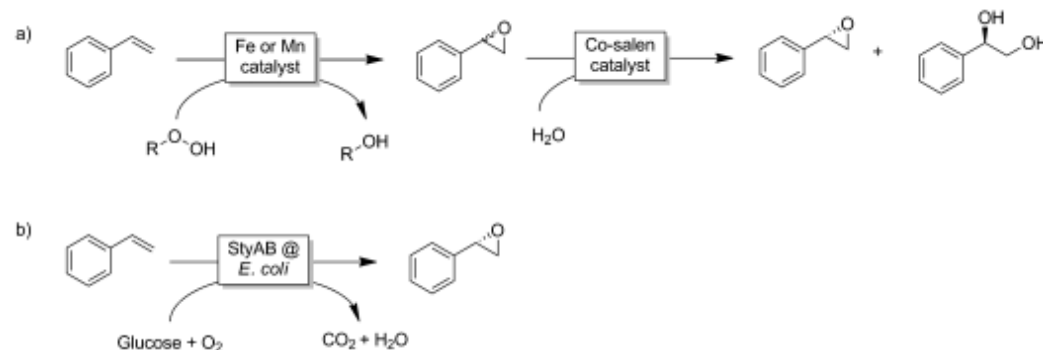
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## How Green is Biocatalysis? To Calculate is To Know

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### Outlook

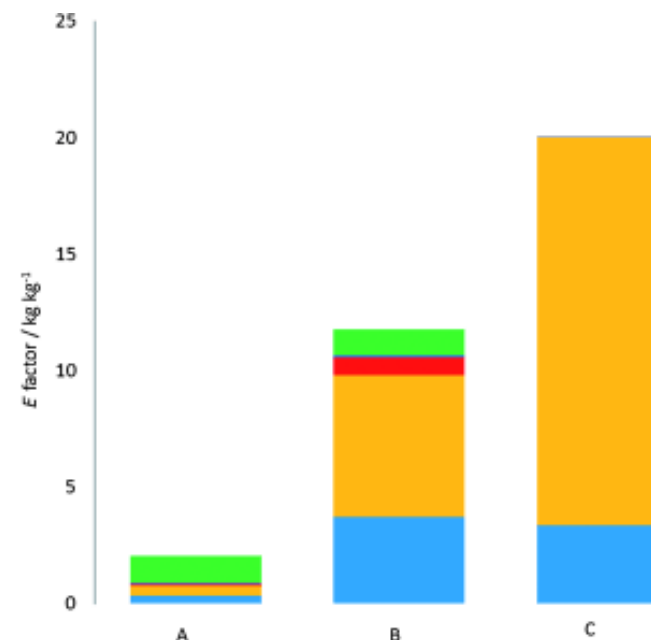
Biocatalysis surely bears an enormous potential to make chemical synthesis environmentally more benign. We should, however, be aware of the fact that no chemical process can ever be really green. All chemical transformations consume resources in the form of energy and materials and generate wastes. With that in mind, the term “greener chemistry” appears to be more applicable than just “green chemistry”.

It is clear that fulfilling one or a few of the famous 12 Principles of Green Chemistry is not sufficient to be green(er). In our mind, a more quantitative evaluation of the catalytic method-

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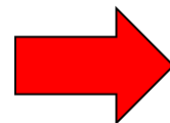
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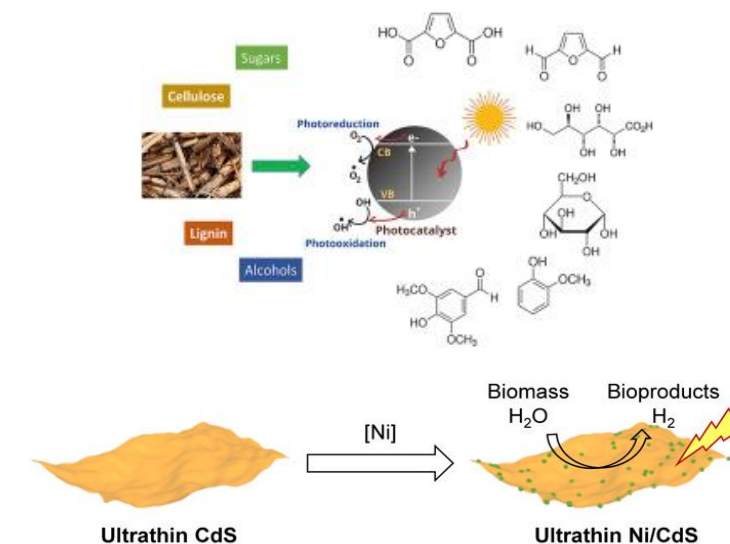
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- ambient atmospheric pressure and temperature,
- scalable photooxidation procedures with energy-efficient lamps (TL and LED) have been reported
- simple redox reaction (reduction/oxidation) photogenerated radical
- Photocatalytic generated intermediates allow meaningful novel reaction pathways that are unlikely to be achieved in traditional heterogeneous catalysis.
- Valorization of biomass with Co-generation of added-value subproducts

**Light-driven transformation of biomass into chemicals using photocatalysts – Vistas and challenges**, *Journal of Environmental Management*, **2021**, 284, 111983 <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jenvman.2021.111983>

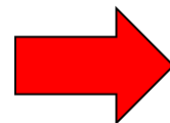
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**Visible-Light-Driven Valorization of Biomass Intermediates Integrated with H<sub>2</sub> Production Catalyzed by Ultrathin Ni/CdS Nanosheets**, G. Han , Y.-H. Jin , R. A. Burgess , N. E. Dickenson , X.-M. Cao and Y. Sun , *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 2017, 139 , 15584 — 15587

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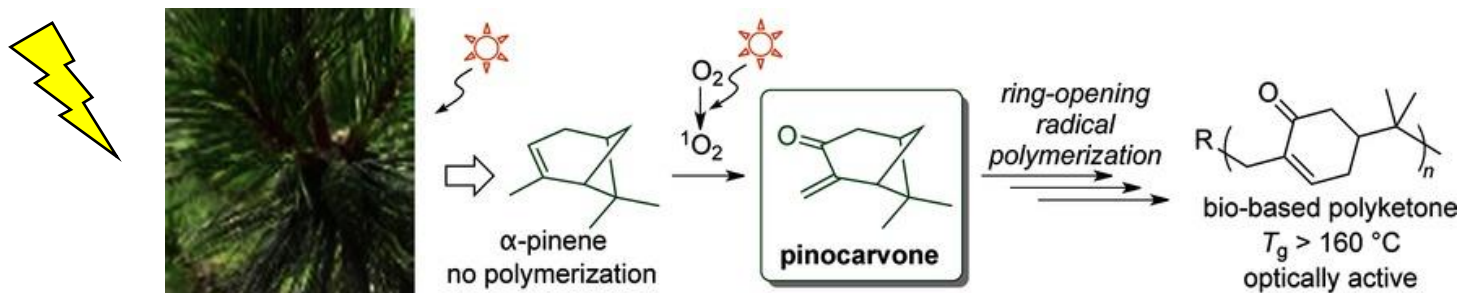


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$\alpha$ -pinene was quantitatively converted into pinocarvone (>99 %) by a simple visible-light photooxidation with singlet oxygen, which was produced in the presence of tetraphenylporphyrin as a photosensitizer under mild conditions at room temperature

Bio-Based Polyketones by Selective Ring-Opening Radical Polymerization of  $\alpha$ -Pinene-Derived Pinocarvone, H. Miyaji, K. Satoh, M. Kamigaito, Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2016, 55, 1372.  
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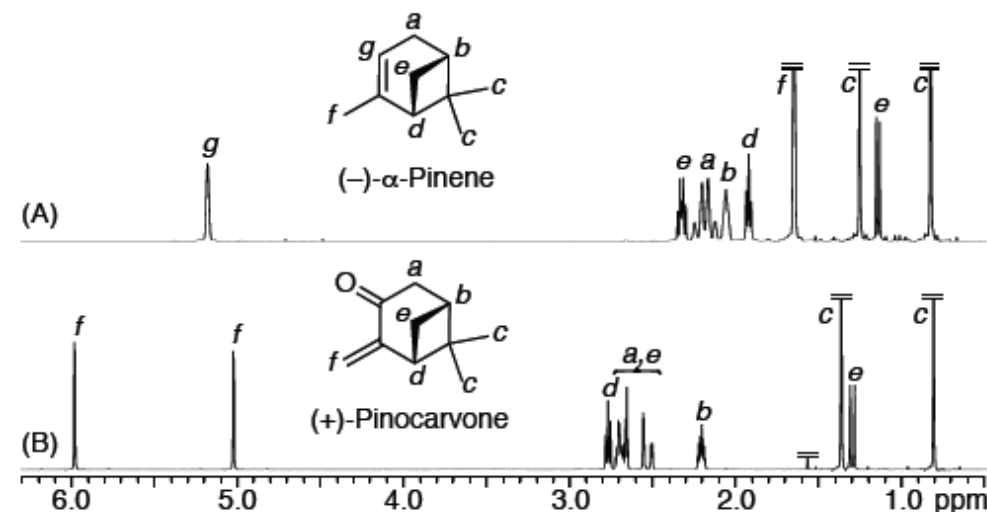
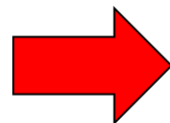


Figure S1.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra (in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , r.t.) of  $(-)\text{-}\alpha\text{-pinene}$  (A) and  $(+)\text{-pinocarvone}$  (B) obtained under visible light photooxidation.

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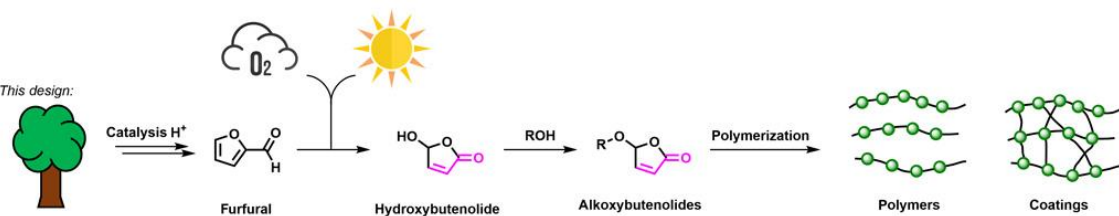
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A General strategy petrochemical-based vs. bio-based

Current production:

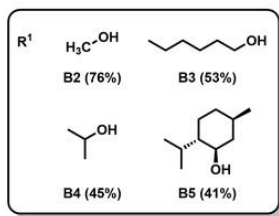
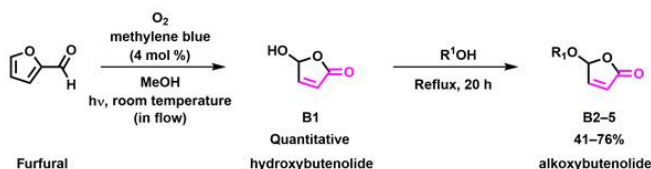


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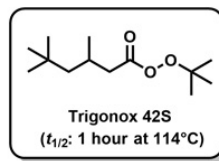
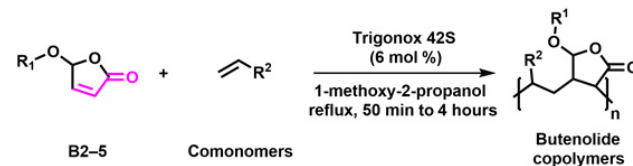
- Bio-based starting material
- Facile derivatization
- Excellent coating properties
- Green scalable synthesis
- High conversion polymerization
- Tunability through substituents

B Synthesis of bio-based monomers



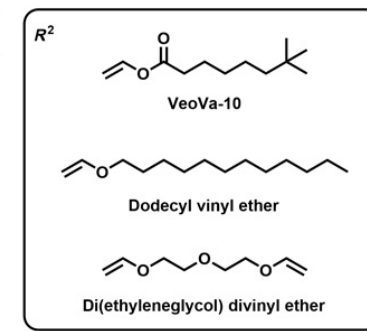
University of Groningen and AkzoNobel, developed a process that allows to turn biomass into a high-quality coating using light, oxygen and UV light.

A



B

| Monomer | Conversion (co)polymerization (%) |          |                     |                                  |
|---------|-----------------------------------|----------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
|         | Homo-polymerization               | VeoVa-10 | Dodecyl vinyl ether | Di(ethyleneglycol) divinyl ether |
| B2      | 53                                | 99       | 95                  | 69 <sup>a</sup>                  |
| B3      | 51                                | 92       | >99                 | >99                              |
| B4      | 37                                | 96       | >99                 | 91 <sup>a</sup>                  |
| B5      | 30                                | 92       | >99                 | >99                              |

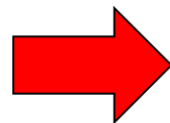


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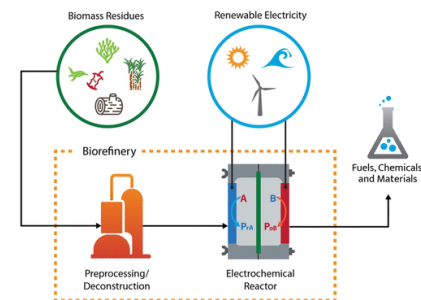
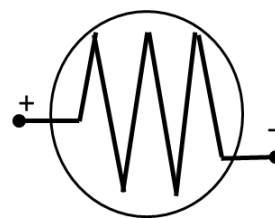
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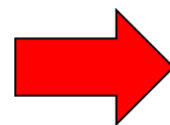
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**Electrochemical Routes for the Valorization of Biomass-Derived Feedstocks: From Chemistry to Application**, F. W. S. Lucas, R. G. Grim, S.A. Tacey, C. A. Downes, J. Hasse, A. M. Roman, C. A. Farberow, J. A. Schaidle, A. Holewinski, *ACS Energy Lett.* **2021**, 6, 4, 1205–1270,  
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- operate directly on aqueous feedstocks,
- generation of oxidative or reducing equivalents without external (wasteful, possibly toxic) reagents,
- operability near ambient conditions,
- smaller (possibly highly distributed) scale intermittent processing with diminished reliance on heat recovery
- a wide variety of reactive intermediates *in situ* (free radicals, ionic radicals, carbocations, carbanions), yielding different products or selectivity distributions than may be achieved within typically accessible temperatures and pressures

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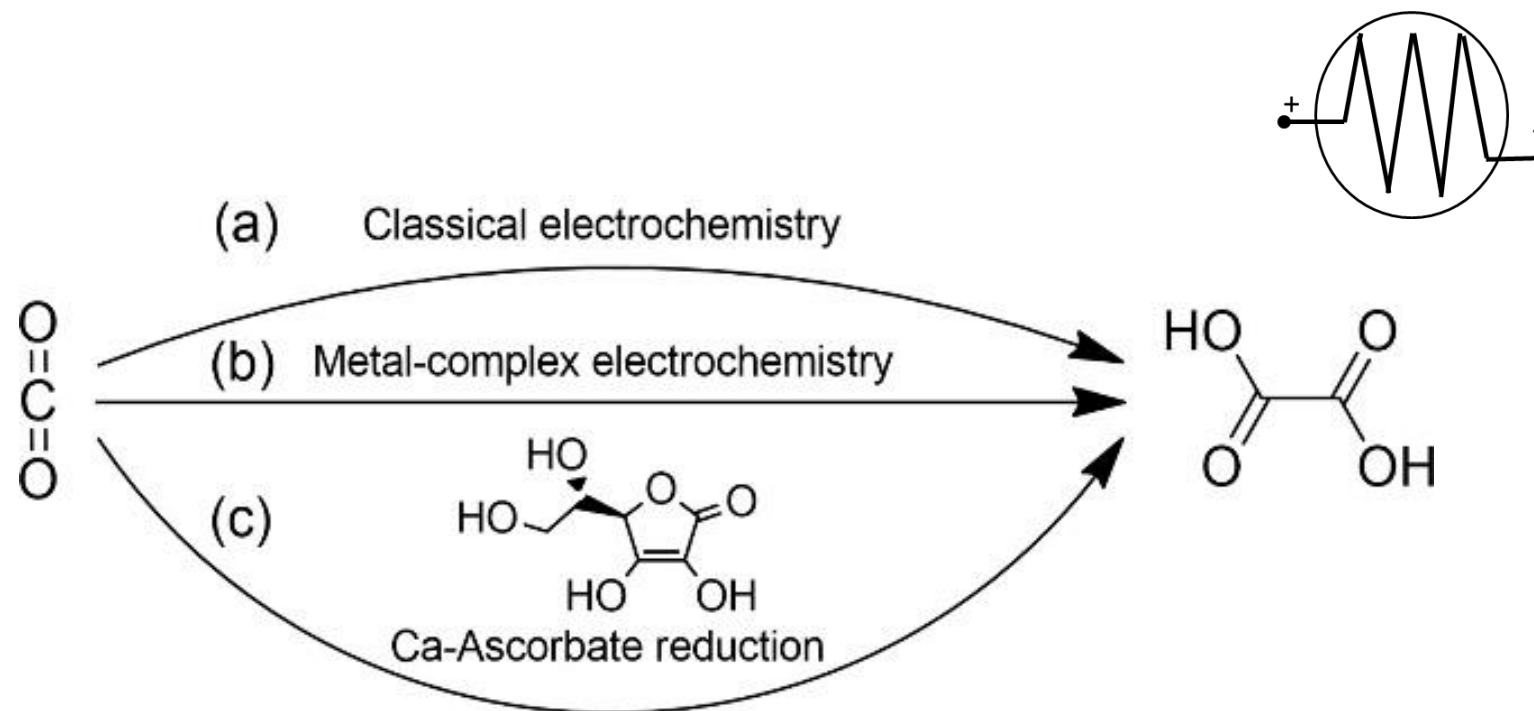
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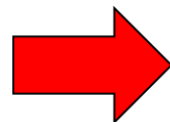
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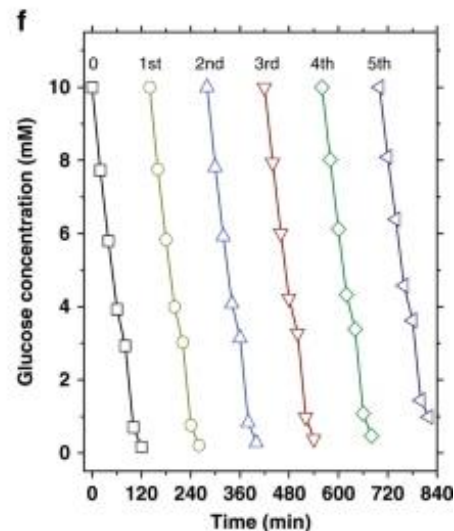
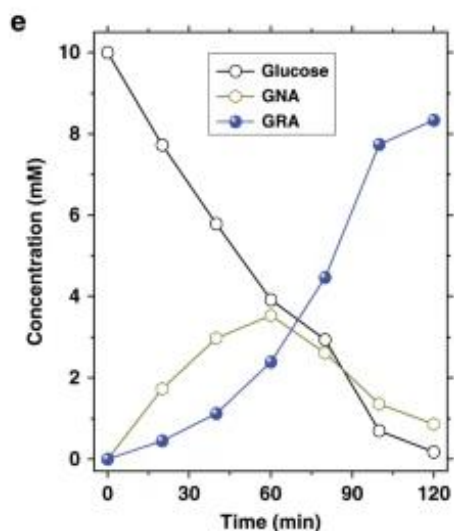
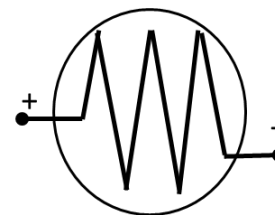
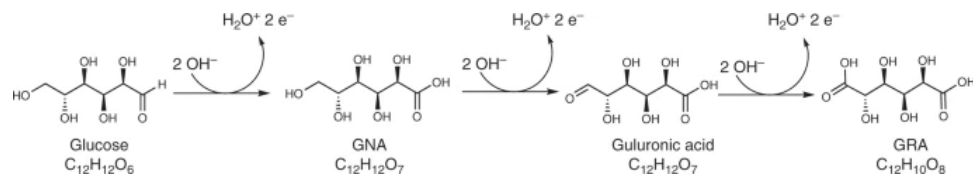


Table 3. Record Performance<sup>a</sup> for Production of Major Compounds from the Electrochemical Valorization of Carbohydrates

| entry | polyols       | products                                       | Y% (X%) <sup>b</sup>                     | FE (%)                           | electrochemical parameters <sup>c</sup>   | ref |
|-------|---------------|--|--|----------------------------------|---|-----|
| 1     | xylose        | xylonic acid                                   | >92 (52)                                 | >80                              | +0.4 V <sup>d</sup> in 0.1 M NaOH on Pd <sub>3</sub> Au <sub>7</sub> /C (ECSA: 33 m <sup>2</sup> g <sub>metal</sub> <sup>-1</sup> )                             | 163 |
| 2     | xylose        | xylitol  | >90 (>90)                                | >80                              | 10 mA cm <sup>-2</sup> , -1.10 V <sup>@-3</sup> (-0.44 V <sup>@-1</sup> ) in 0.1 M Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> on MoFe <sub>3-x</sub> Pt <sub>x</sub>       | 144 |
| 3     | xylose        | δ-valerolactone                                | U.D. (U.D.)                              | 18                               | TPE in an undivided cell with Pb (cathode) at -1.80 V <sup>@-2</sup> (-1.54 V <sup>@-1</sup> ) and RuO <sub>x</sub> -TiO <sub>2</sub> DSA (anode), in 1.0 M HCl | 160 |
| 4     | galactose     | galactonic acid                                | 93 (87)                                  | U.D.                             | +1.50 V <sup>@-3</sup> (+2.46 V <sup>@-1</sup> ) in 0.1 M NaOH on Au  | 147 |
| 5     | glucose       | gluconic acid                                  | >84 (69)                                 | >60                              | +0.40 V <sup>d</sup> in 0.1 M NaOH on Pd <sub>3</sub> Au <sub>7</sub> /C (ECSA: 33 m <sup>2</sup> g <sub>metal</sub> <sup>-1</sup> )                            | 163 |
| 6     | glucose       | glucaric acid                                  | >71 (>91)                                | >73                              | 18–90 mA cm <sup>-2</sup> (TOF: 0.03–0.16 s <sup>-1</sup> ), +1.3 V <sup>@-1</sup> in 1 M KOH on NiFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>                               | 146 |
| 7     | mannose       | mannonic acid                                  | 50 (80)                                  | U.D.                             | +1.5 V <sup>@-3</sup> (+2.46 V <sup>@-1</sup> ) in 0.1 M NaOH on Au   | 148 |
| 8     | gluconic acid | arabinose                                      | cathodic: 90–98;<br>anodic: 47–94 (U.D.) | cathodic: 5–39;<br>anodic: 83–88 | LPE on graphite, 1.1 mA in 0.2 M Na-acetate/acetic acid buffer + 0.05 M FeCl <sub>3</sub> (cathodic mediator)   | 164 |
| 9     | glucose       | sorbitol (cathodic) and gluconic acid (anodic) | cathodic: 100 (22);<br>anodic: 100 (22)  | cathodic: 100;<br>anodic: 100    | DPE in an undivided packed-bed flow reactor with Raney Ni (cathode) and graphite (anode), 250 mA in 0.4 M CaBr <sub>2</sub> (pH 5–7) at 60 °C                   | 157 |

<sup>a</sup>Record performance for production of a specific compound was chosen based on highest faradaic efficiency (FE) to the primary product, followed by yield. Only products with yields higher than 20% are shown. <sup>b</sup>Yield [Y%] (conversion [X%]). U.D. = unavailable data; <sup>c</sup>Reference electrodes: <sup>@-1</sup>reversible hydrogen electrode (RHE), <sup>@-2</sup>Ag/AgCl<sub>(sat. KCl)</sub>, <sup>@-3</sup>saturated calomel electrode (SCE). TPE = tandem paired electrolysis; LPE = linear paired electrolysis; DPE = divergent paired electrolysis; DSA = dimensionally stable anode. <sup>d</sup>Cell voltage with HER on Pt as the coupled cathodic reaction.

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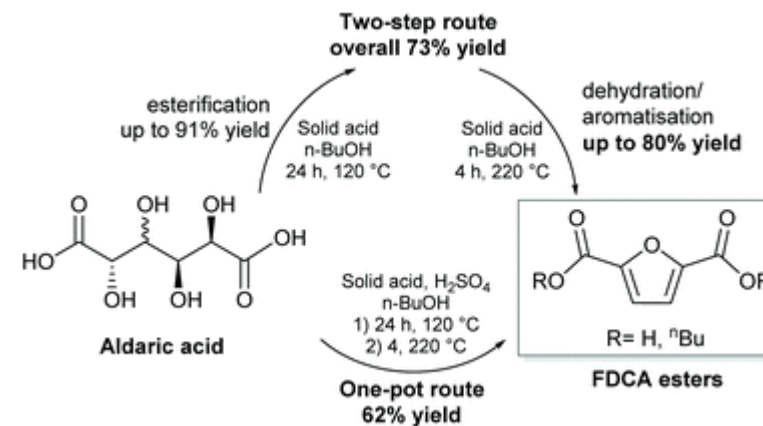
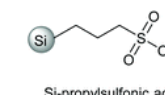
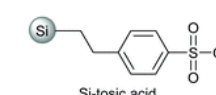
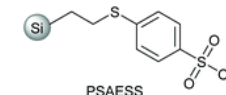
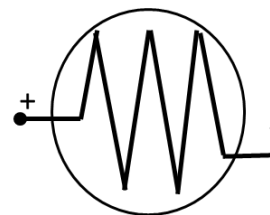
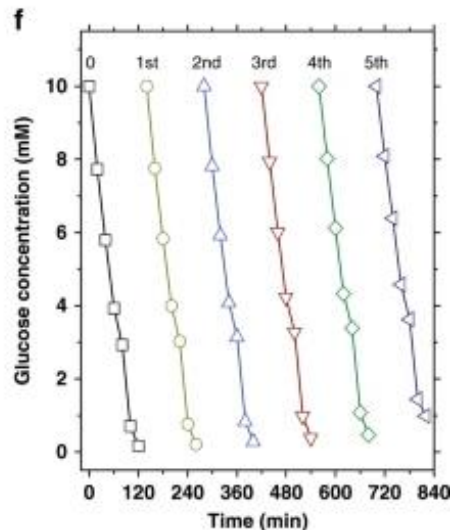
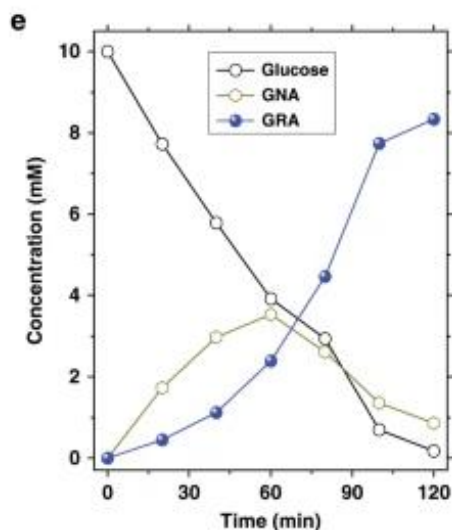
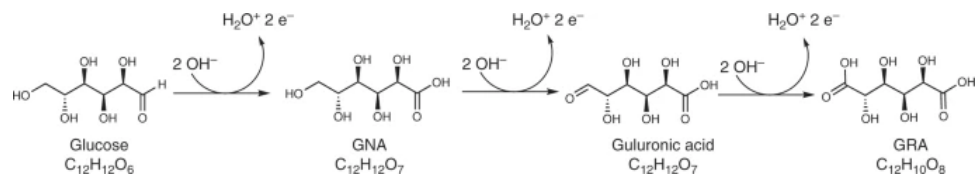
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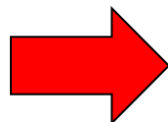
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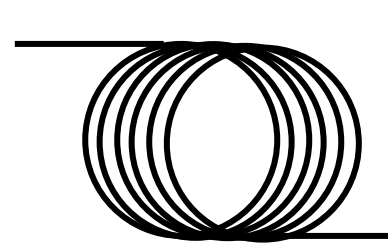


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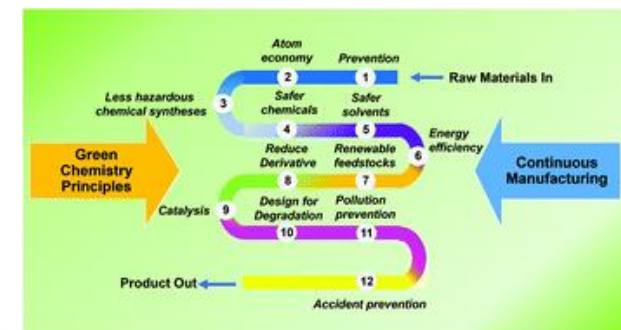
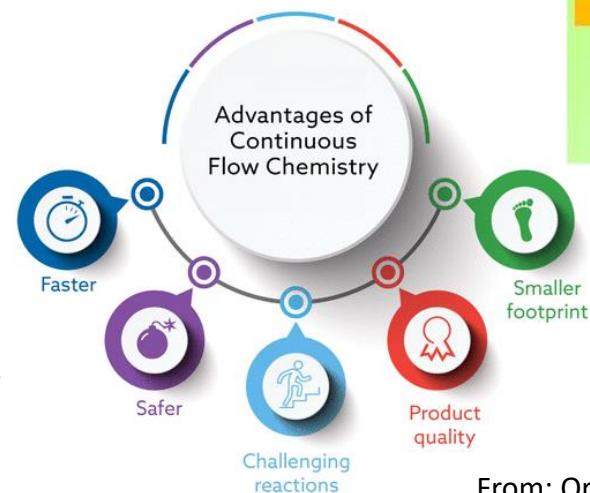
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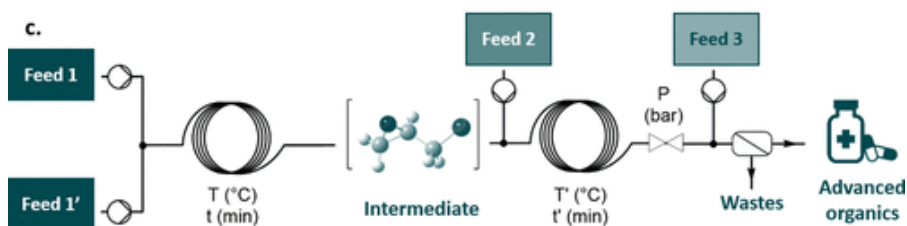
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- Fast heat transfer systems with high surface/volume ratio (very rapid heating and cooling rates), simpler reactors design and construction
- flow scalability (without the need for re-optimization) systems in parallel (numbering up, scaling out) culminating in attaining the production-scale quantities
- multi-disciplinary approach in conjunction with electro-, photo-, and MW usage as well as the synthesis of robust catalysts in flow
- Telescopic reactions



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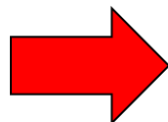
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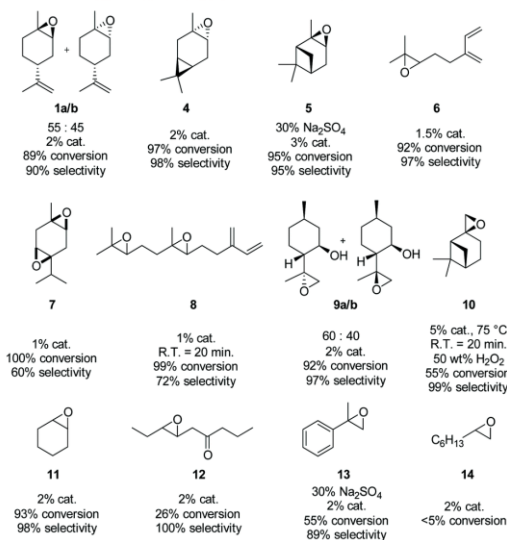
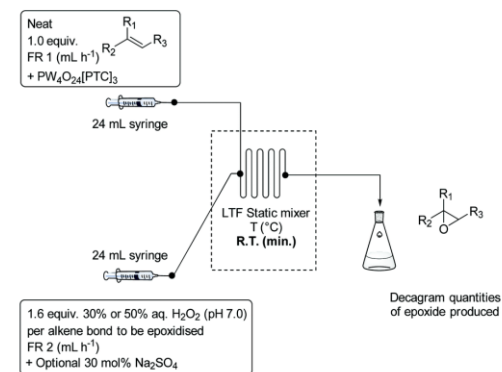
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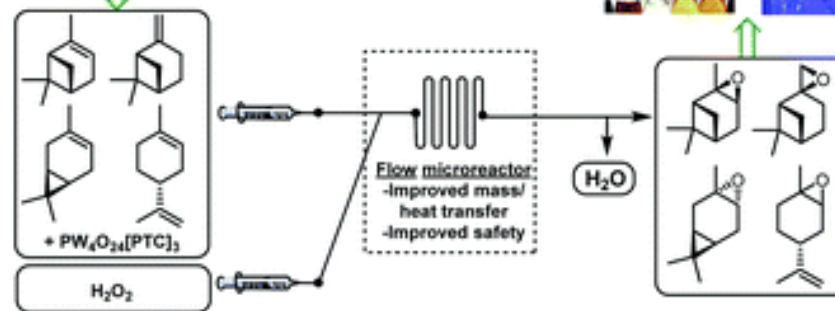
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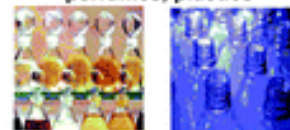
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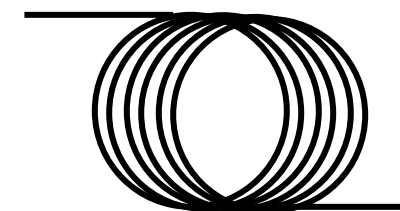


## Electrocatalysis

Fine chemicals, perfumes, plastics



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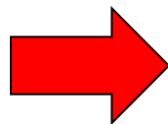
### improved safety profile

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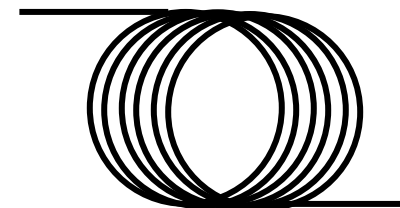
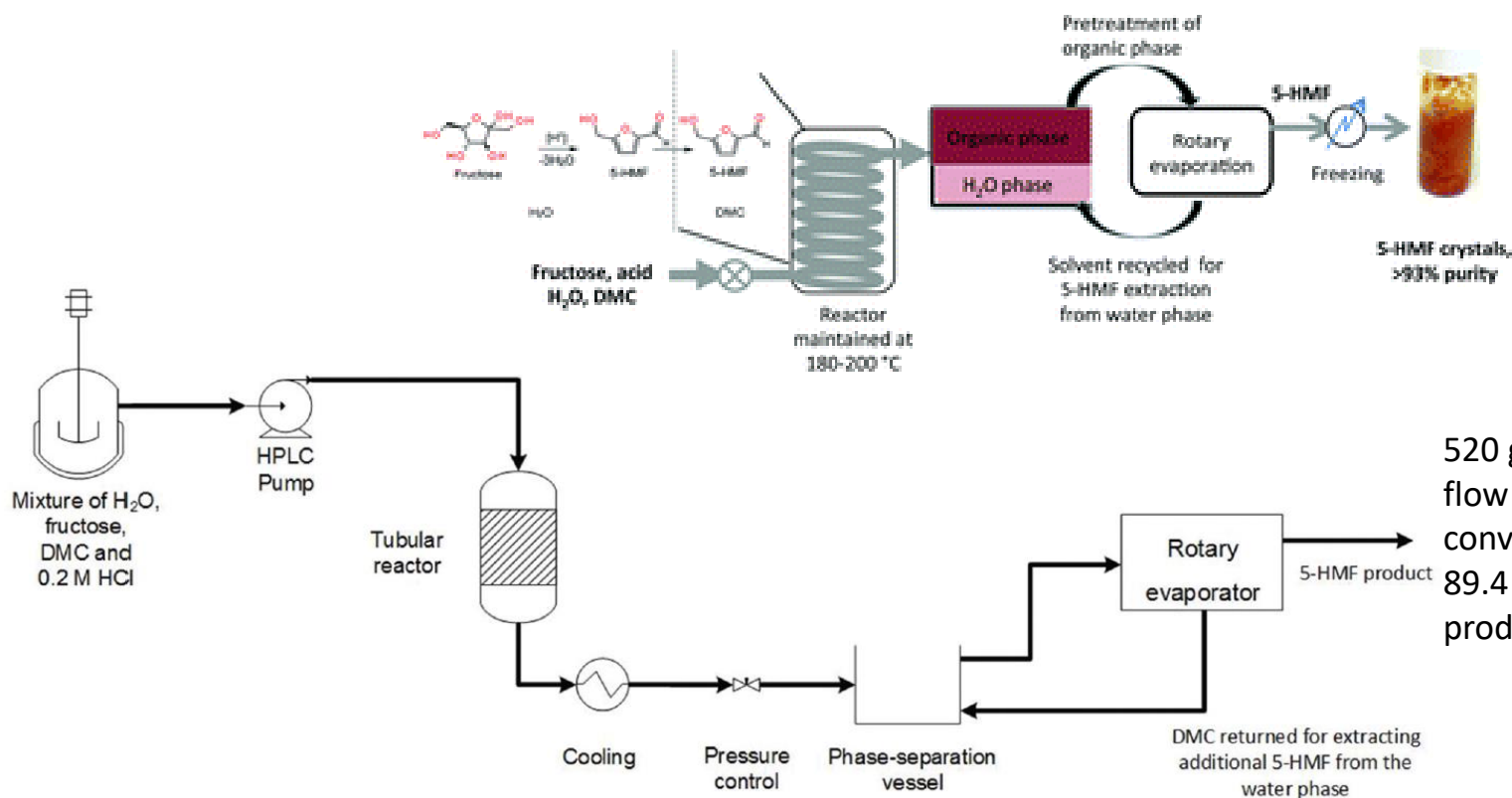
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Biocatalysis

Photocatalysis

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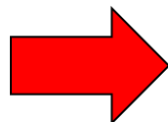
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520 g L<sup>-1</sup> water in 1 : 4 water/DMC system at 200 °C and 2 mL min<sup>-1</sup> flow rate in a **2.3 mL stainless steel tube** reactor led to 96.4% conversion of fructose and 5-HMF yield of 75%, and selectivity of 89.4 and 74% in DMC and water phase, respectively, but with productivity increasing to **31 g h<sup>-1</sup>**

How?

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Useful monomers

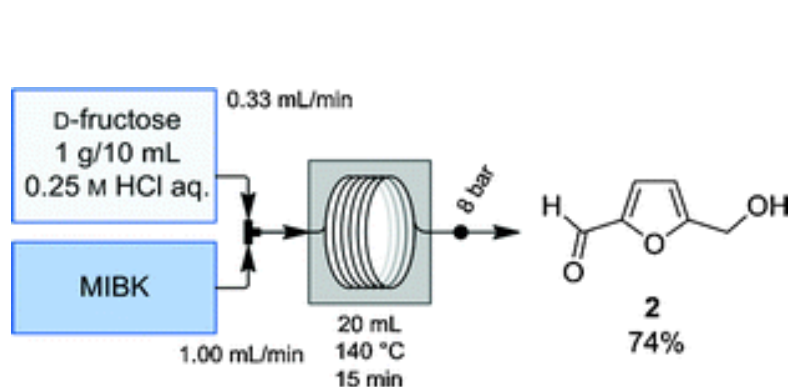
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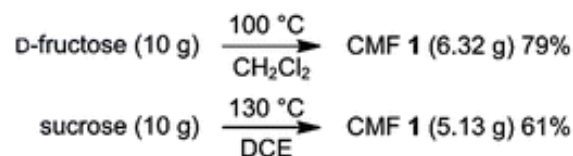
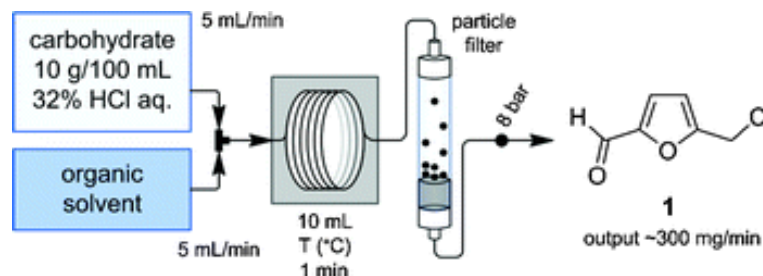
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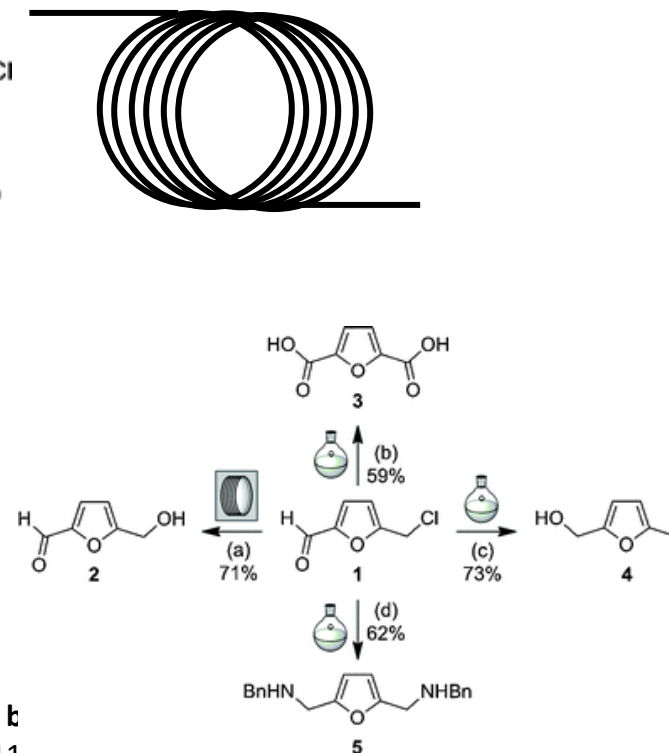
inexpensive reagent systems, in short reaction times and with simple work-up procedures.



the biphasic continuous flow protocol for the conversion of d-fructose into HMF proceeds with high isolated yield, in a reaction time of only 15 min



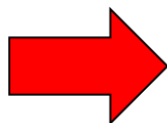
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How?

Raw renewable material



Useful monomers

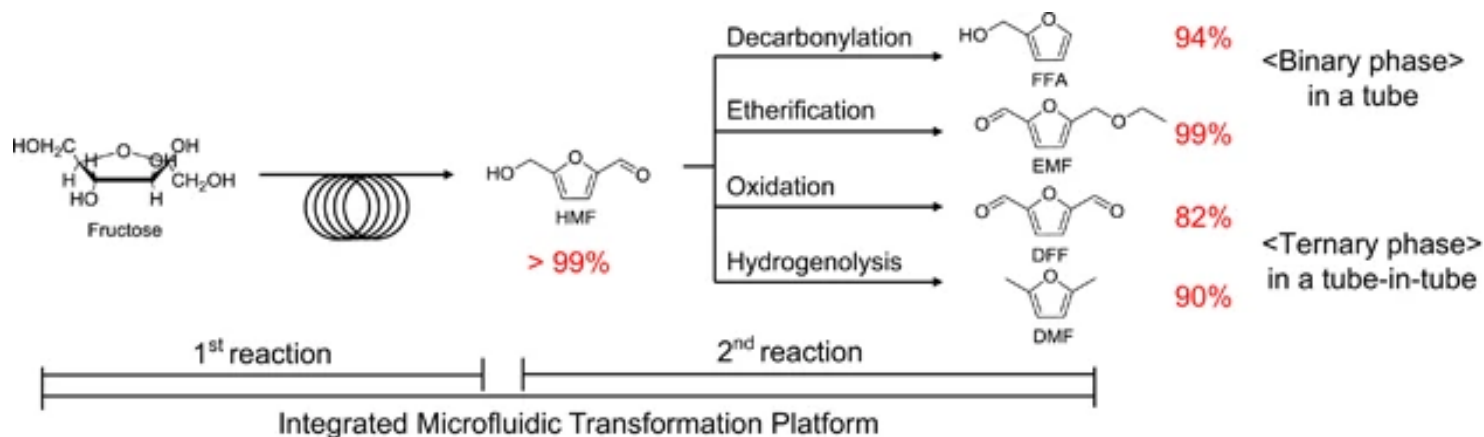
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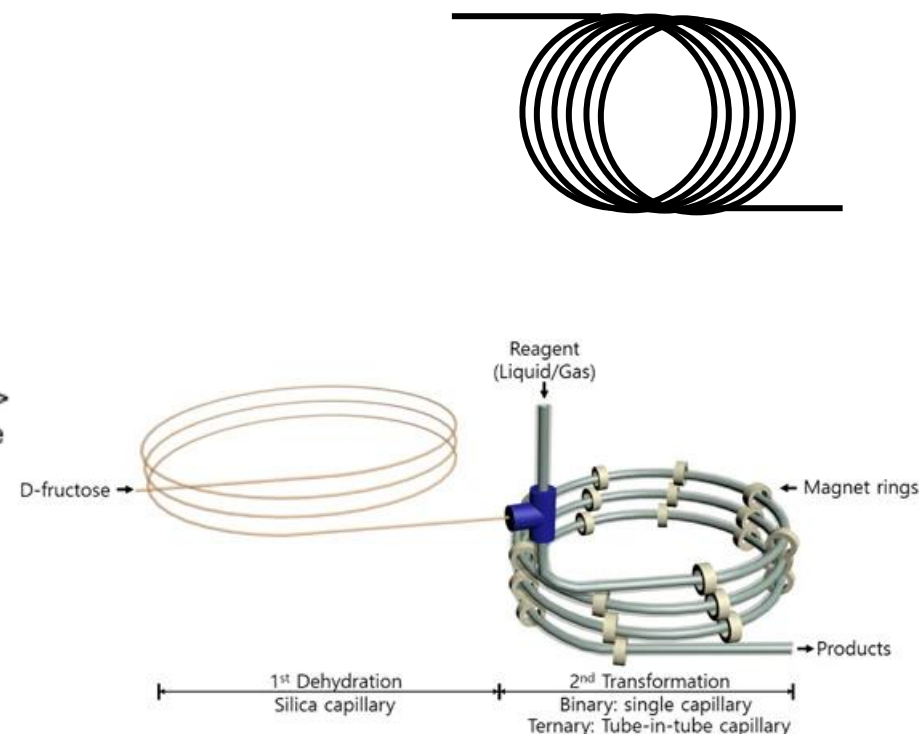
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fructose biomass into heterocyclic furan derivatives via in situ utilization of HMF by a sequential two-step heterogeneous catalytic process

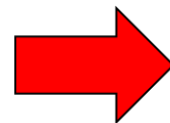


superior performance of the direct biomass conversion compared with batch reactions because of the precise control of the reaction temperatures and times in a time-, cost- and labor-saving manner with no catalyst recycle and no tedious separation–extraction step.



**One-flow syntheses of diverse heterocyclic furan chemicals directly from fructose via tandem transformation platform**, Jeong, GY., Singh, A., Sharma, S. et al. NPG Asia Mater 7, e173 (2015).  
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Raw renewable  
material



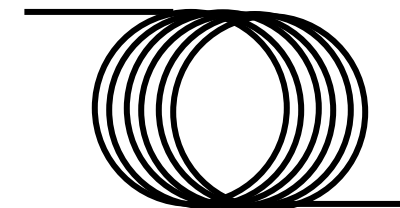
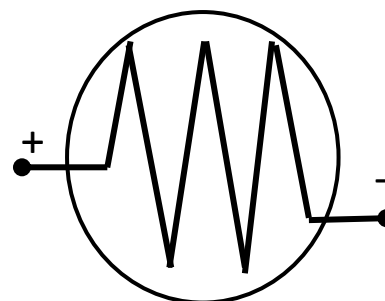
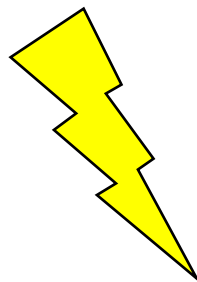
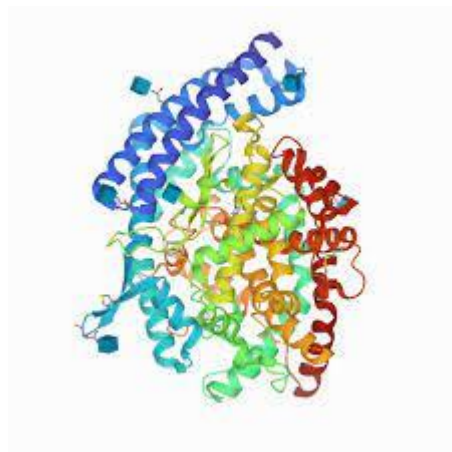
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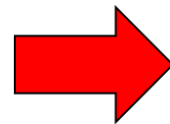
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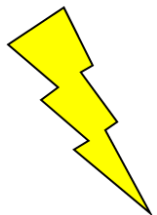
**Synergetic combination of two or more KET**

Raw renewable material

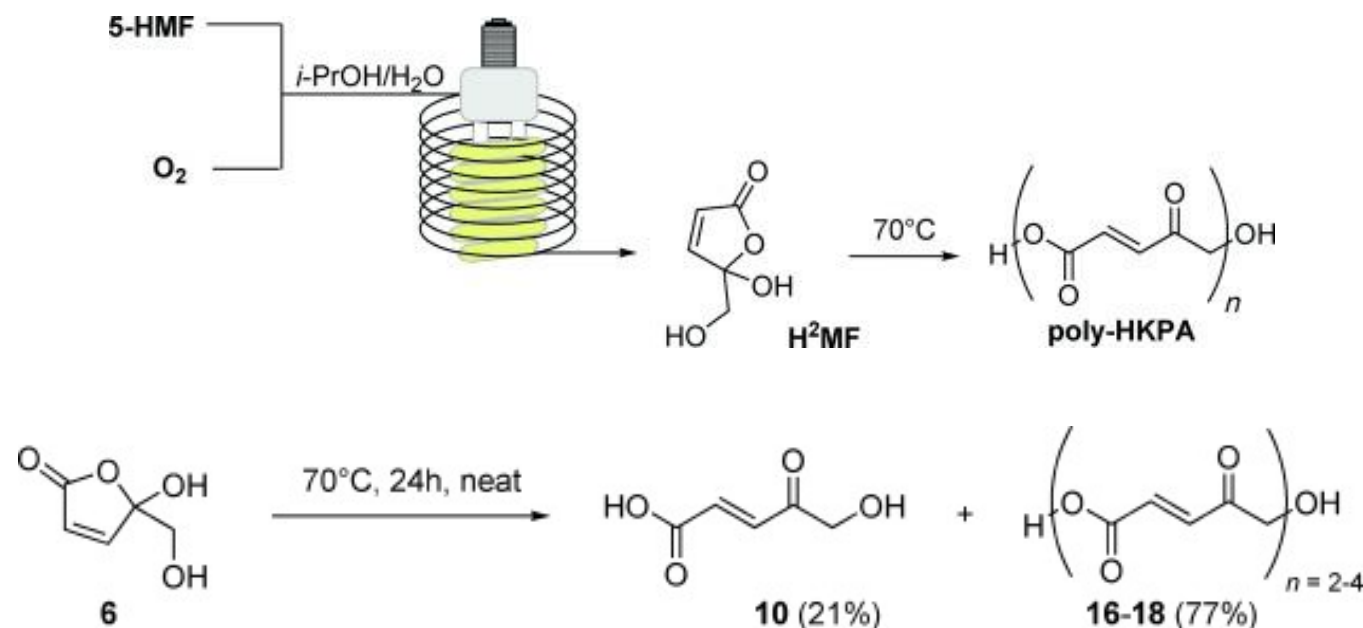
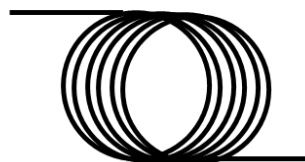


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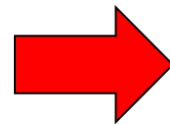


The selective, high yielding, singlet-oxygen-mediated oxidation of 5-hydroxymethylfurfural (5-HMF) is performed in continuous-flow mode using rose Bengal as photosensitizer.

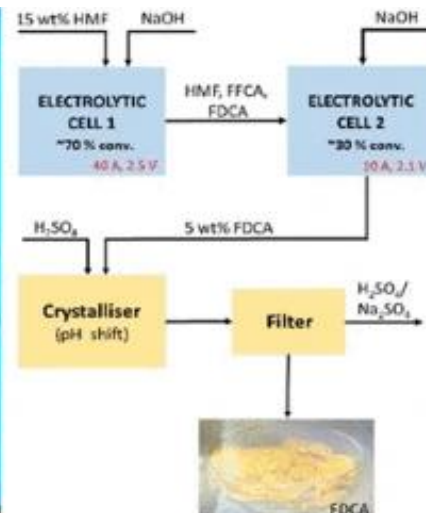
The resulting butenolide ( $H^2MF$ ) is shown to be a valuable bio-based polyester precursor and the procedure proved to be scalable and applicable to related bio-based furfurals.

*Singlet-Oxygen Oxidation of 5-Hydroxymethylfurfural in Continuous Flow*, T. S. A. Heugebaert, C. V. Stevens, C. Oliver Kappe, *ChemSusChem*, 2014, 8, 1648-1651. <https://doi.org/10.1002/cssc.201403182>

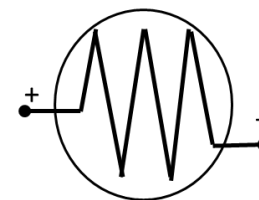
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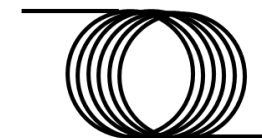
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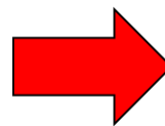
FDCA productivity was approximately  $30 \text{ g h}^{-1}$ , with an STY of approximately  $0.08 \text{ mol m}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ . The average faradaic efficiency was approximately 84 % with a FDCA yield of approximately 70 %.

continuous electrochemical FDCA production with integrated product separation system was reported by Latsuzbaia et al. The production unit comprised an Electro Syn Cell from Electrocell employing NiOOH as anode with surface area of  $800 \text{ cm}^2$  and a separation unit with a pH-shift crystallization technique.

**Continuous electrochemical oxidation of biomass derived 5-(hydroxymethyl)furfural into 2,5-furandicarboxylic acid**, R. Latsuzbaia, R. Bisselink, A. Anastasopol, H. Van der Meer, R. Van Heck, M. S. Yagüe, M. Zijlstra, M. Roelands, M. Crockatt, E. Goetheer, *J. Appl. Electrochem.* **2018**, 48, 611–626. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10800-018-1157-7>



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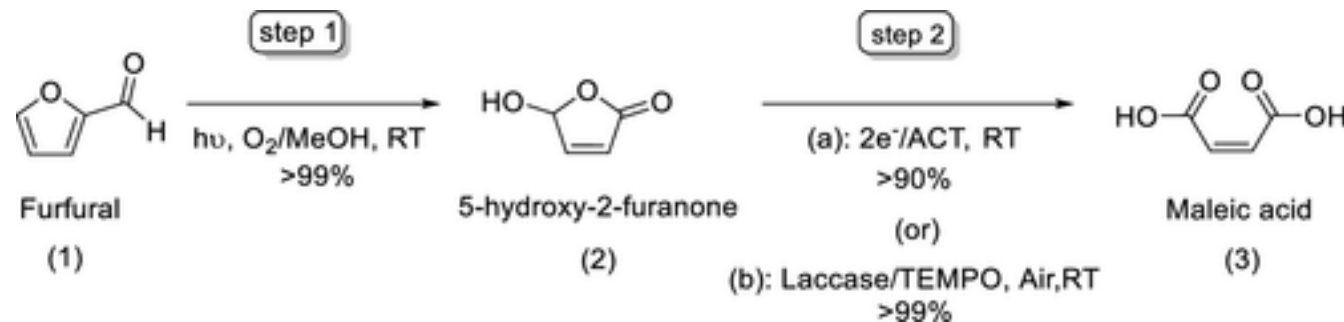
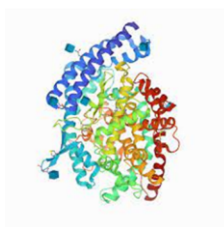


Useful monomers

Biocatalysis

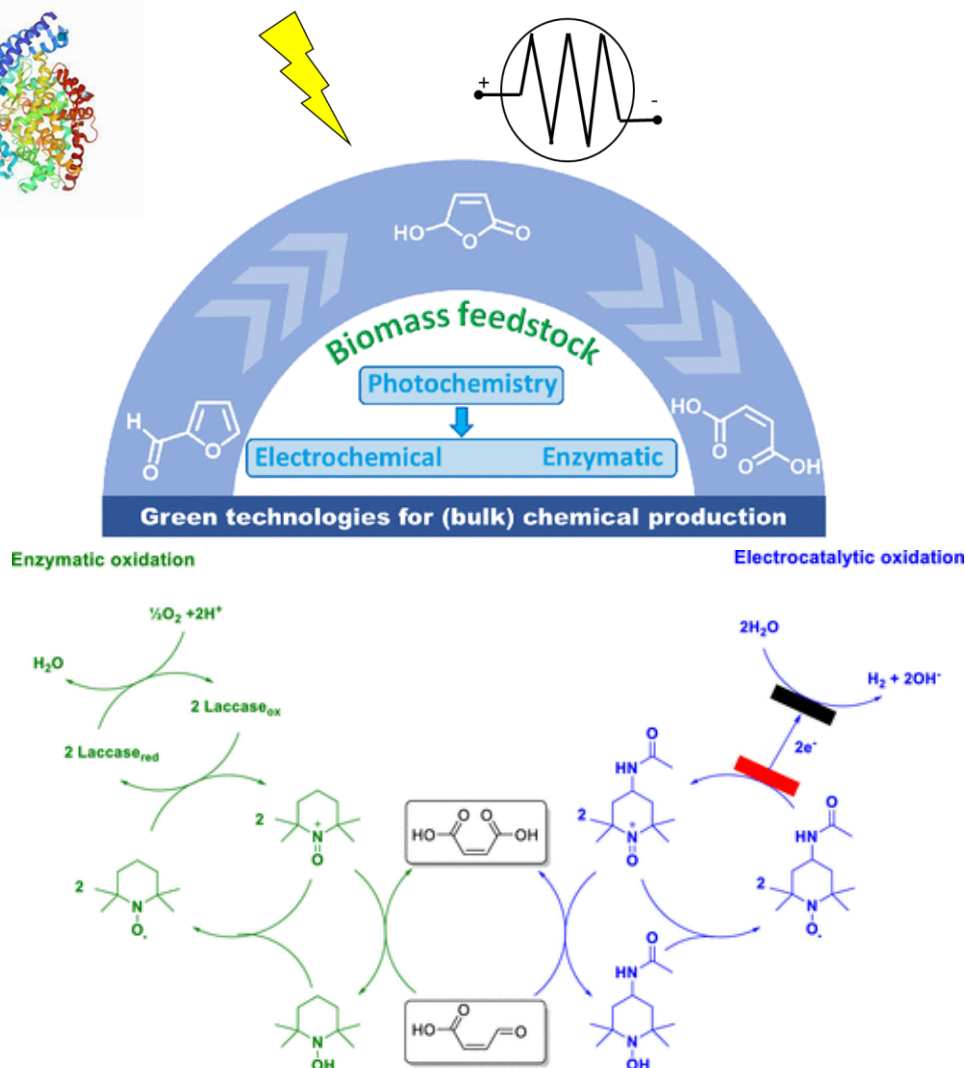
Photocatalysis

Electrocatalysis

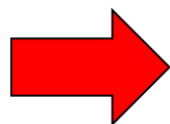


integration of photocatalytic conversion of furfural to 2, followed by oxidation via either an electrochemical or enzymatic approach, to produce maleic acid is an attractive, greener strategy enabling the large-scale production of bulk chemicals such as maleic acid at lower cost from biomass compared to current fossil-based feedstocks and production.

**Selective Production of Maleic Acid from Furfural via a Cascade Approach Combining Photochemistry and Electro- or Biochemistry**, S. Thiyagarajan, D. Franciolus, R. J. M. Bisselink, Tom A. Ewing, C. G. Boeriu, J. van Haveren, *ACS Sustainable Chem. Eng.* **2020**, 8, 29, 10626–10632  
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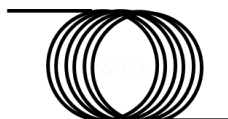
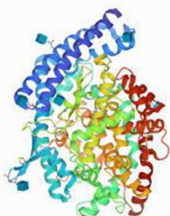
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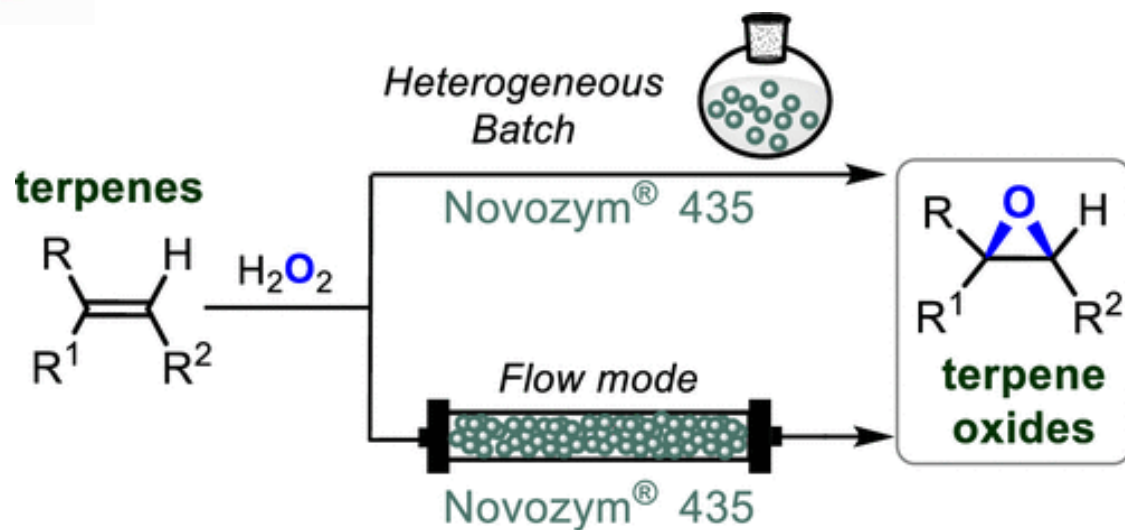
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improved safety and environmental profile

biobased polymer epoxidation avoiding the use of toxic reagents and minimizing the formation of byproducts  
 mild reaction conditions  
 lower environmental impact

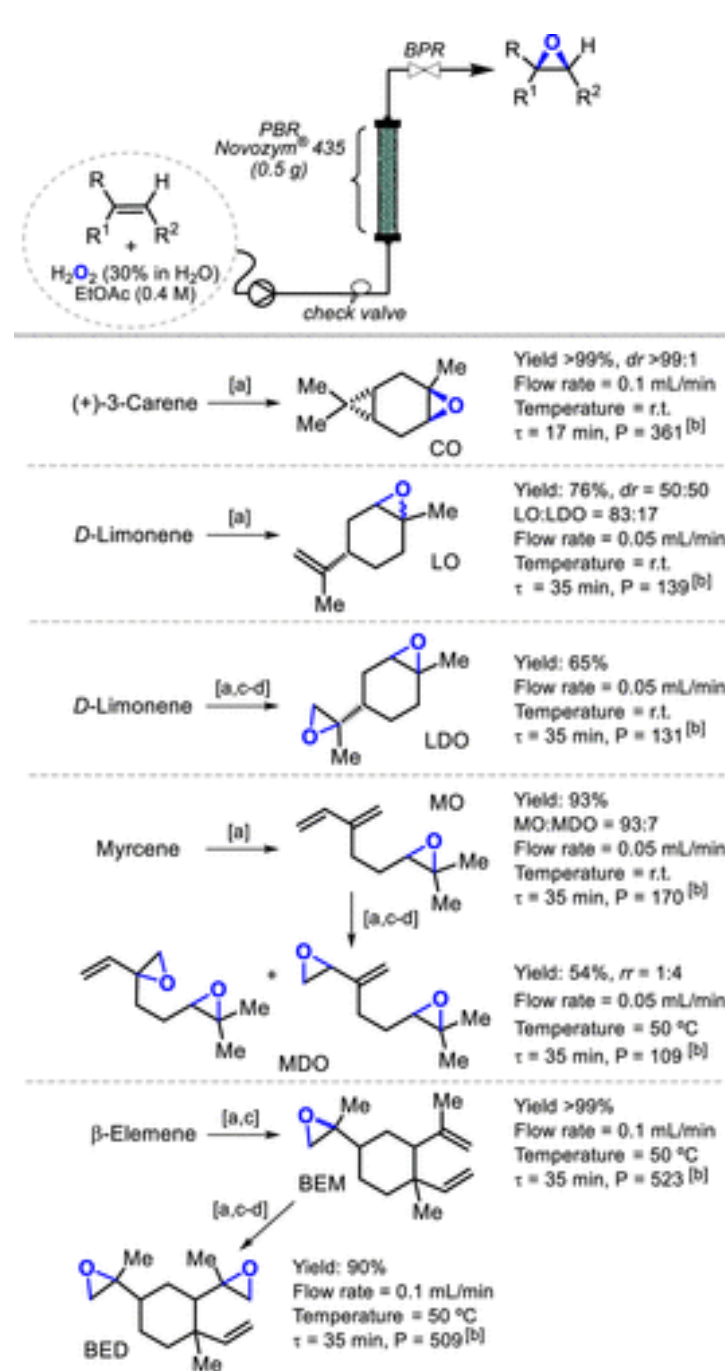


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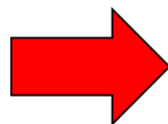
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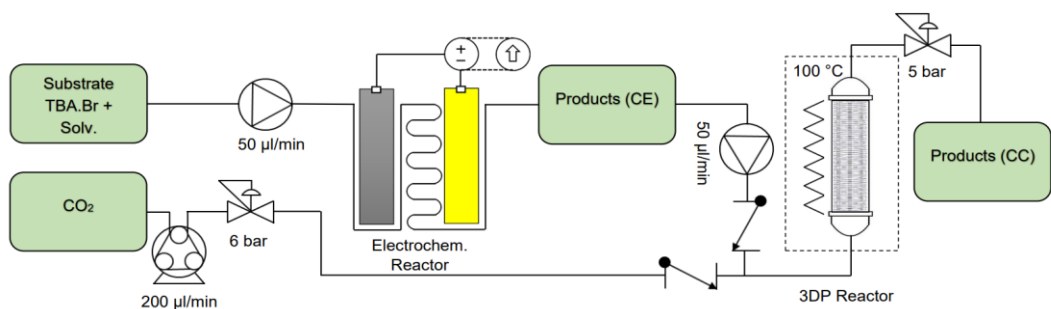
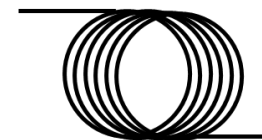
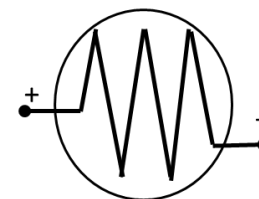
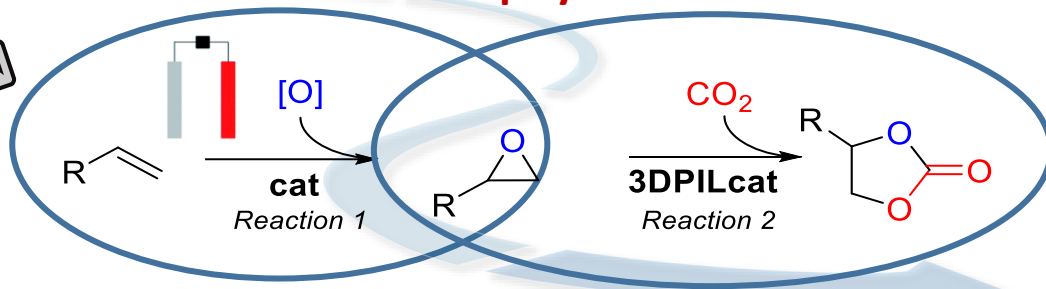
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### Multi-step syntheses



Continuous flow production



Integration of process



Valorization of raw materials

Green Chemistry



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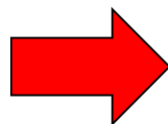
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**Multi-step oxidative carboxylation of olefins with carbon dioxide by combining electrochemical and 3D-printed flow reactors†**

Diego Iglesias,<sup>a</sup> Cristopher Tinajero,<sup>a</sup> Simone Marchetti,<sup>a,b</sup> Ignazio Roppolo,<sup>b</sup> Marcileia Zanatta<sup>\*,a</sup> and Victor Sans<sup>\*,a</sup>

Average yield (CC)  
80 % for 20h

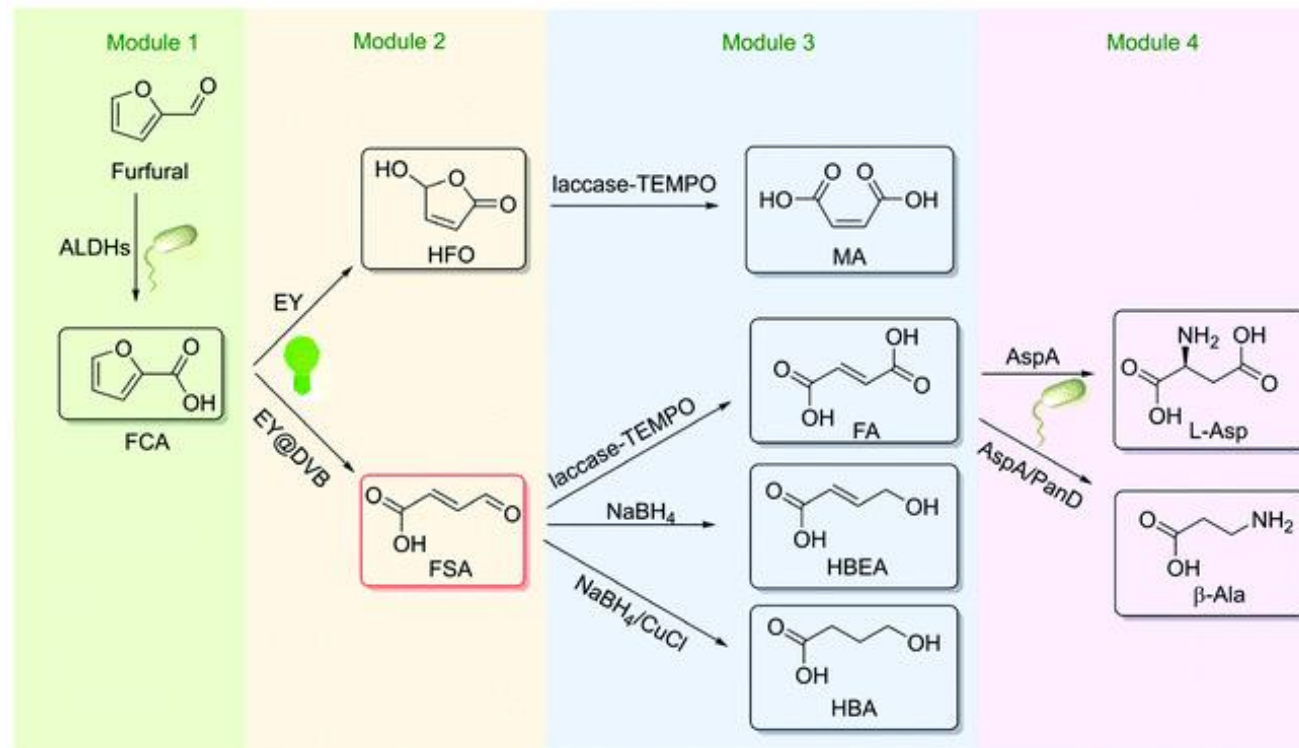
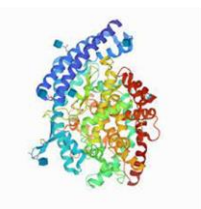
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Useful monomers

Biocatalysis

Photocatalysis



multi-step cascades integrating biocatalysis with **organo-, base- and photocatalysis** in a **plug-and-play fashion** were constructed for the controllable synthesis of **eight C4 chemicals** from furfural.

**A plug-and-play chemobiocatalytic route for the one-pot controllable synthesis of biobased C4 chemicals from furfural**, Y.-M. Huang, G.-H. Lu, M.-H. Zong, W.-J. Cuib, N. Li, *Green Chem.*, 2021, Advance Article, <https://doi.org/10.1039/D1GC03001A>



## How?

- **Advanced Technology:** Use of cutting-edge technology and instruments

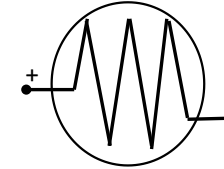
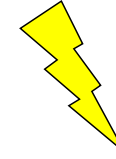
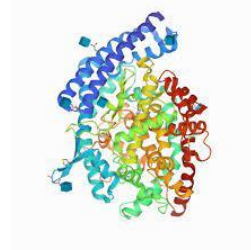


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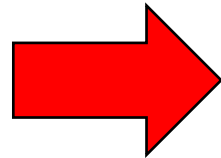
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## Key enabling technologies (KET)

Renewable raw materials have the potential to provide a wide range of monomers arguably as comprehensive as those provided by the petrochemical industry

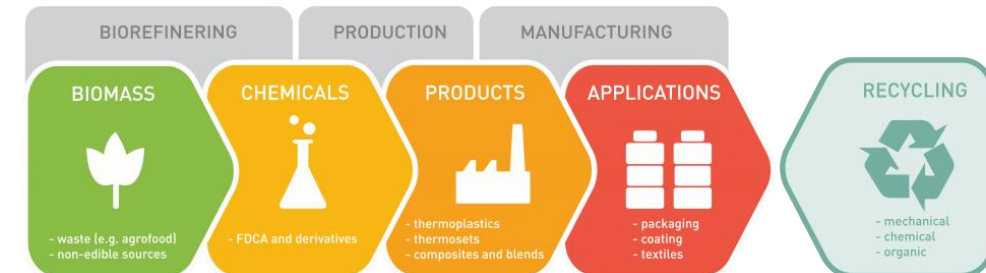
**Raw renewable material**



**Useful monomers**

advocate collaborative development to translate those knowledge, methods, and insights into the other parts of the value chain.

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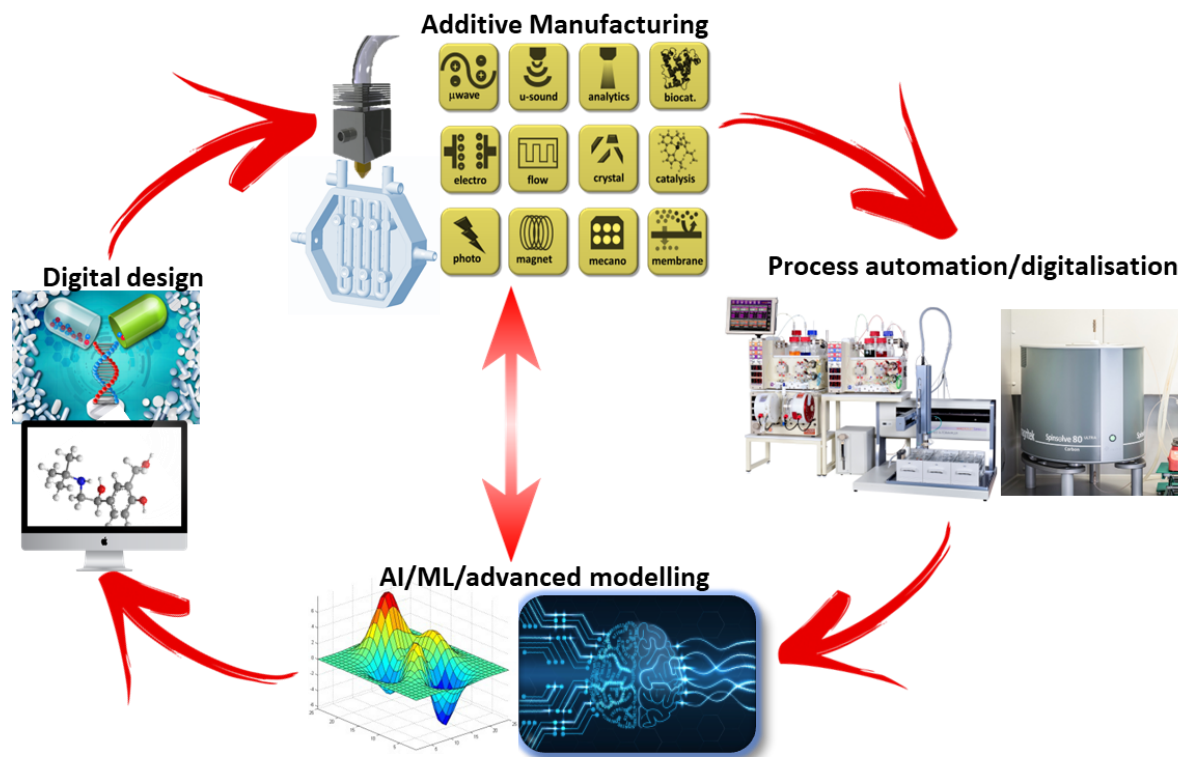


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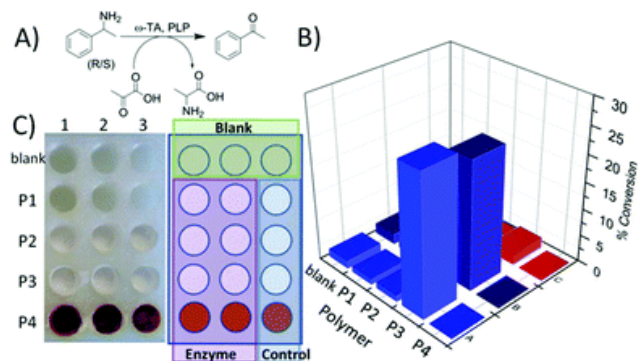
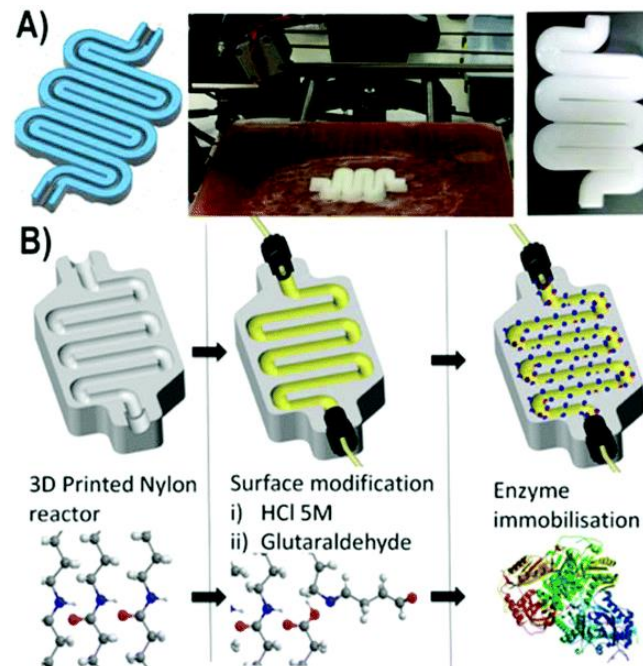
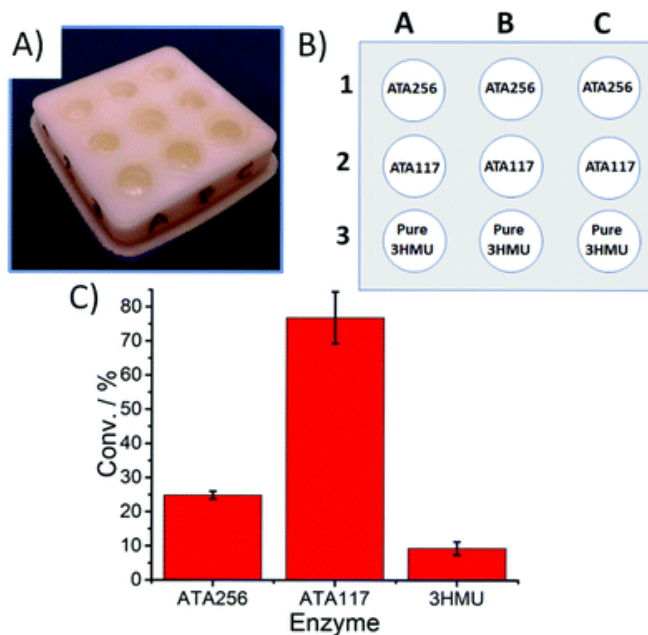


**Advanced Technology:** Use of cutting-edge technology and instruments, the digitalisation of the manufacturing process



- ☐ integration of multiple enabling technologies
- ☐ reduce heat and mass
- ☐ optimised mixing
- ☐ add functionality to the reactors
- ☐ freedom of design inherent to 3DP.
- ☐ safer and efficient processes with integrated capabilities
- ☐ a simple and cost-effective fashion.

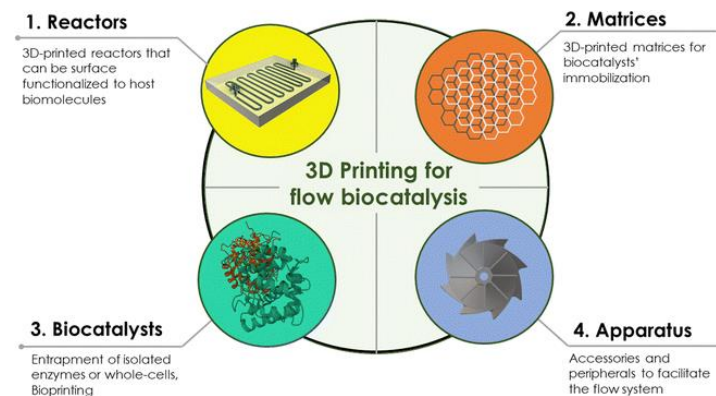
# 3D printing for Integration



Tuneable 3D printed bioreactors for transaminations under continuous-flow

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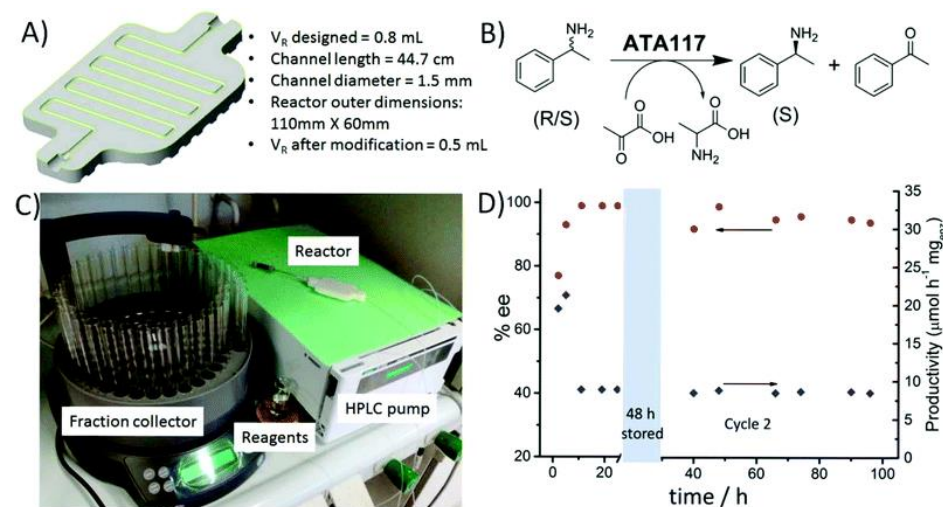


3D printing for flow biocatalysis

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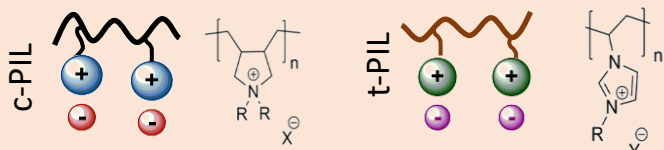




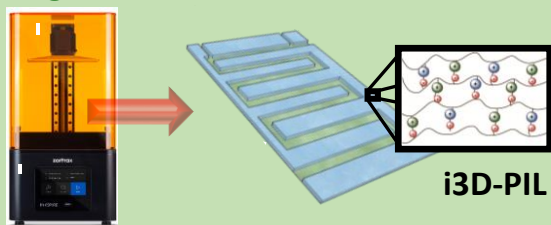
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Towards highly efficient continuous-flow catalytic carbon dioxide cycloadditions with additively manufactured reactors

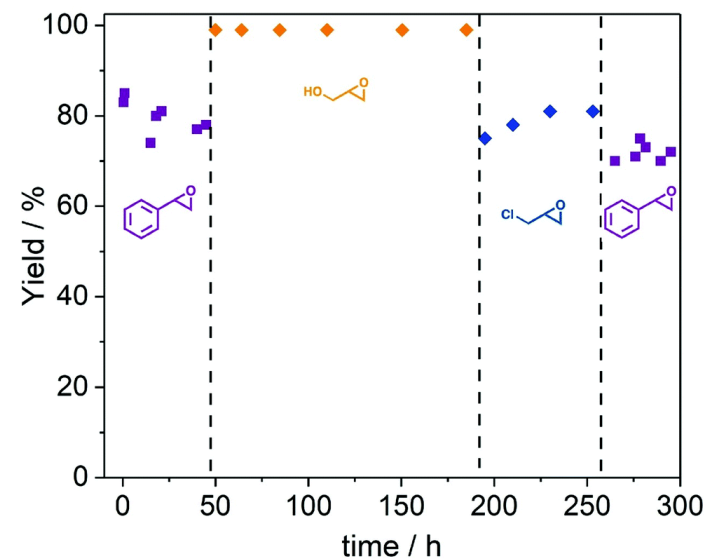
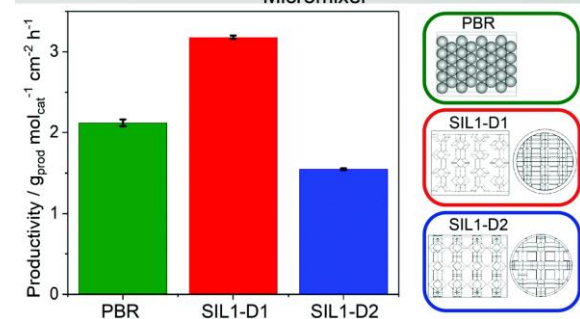
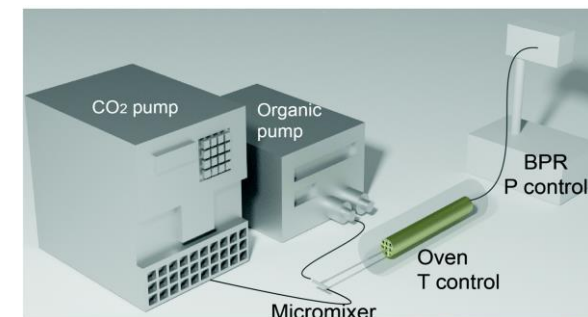
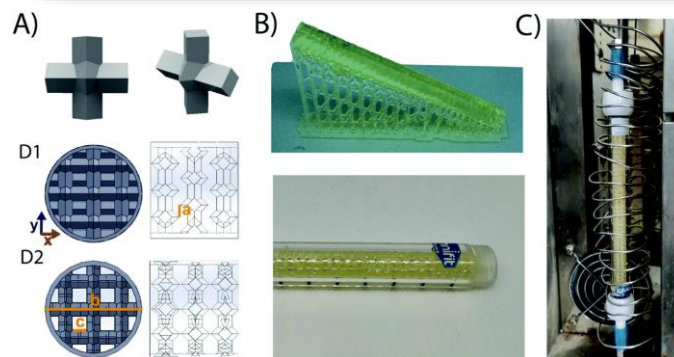
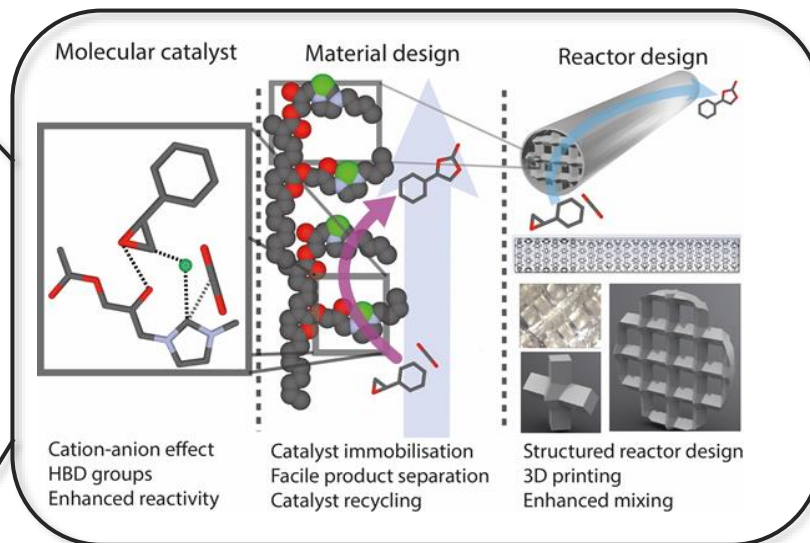
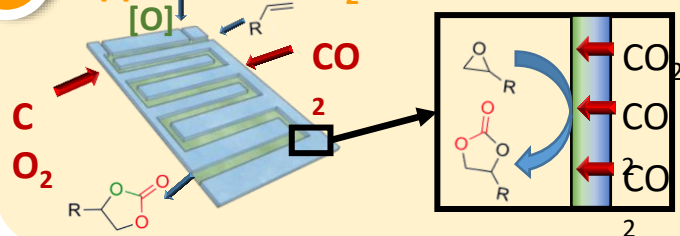
## T1 Material preparation and optimization



## T2 Design of 3DP reactor



## T3 Application: CO<sub>2</sub> reuse



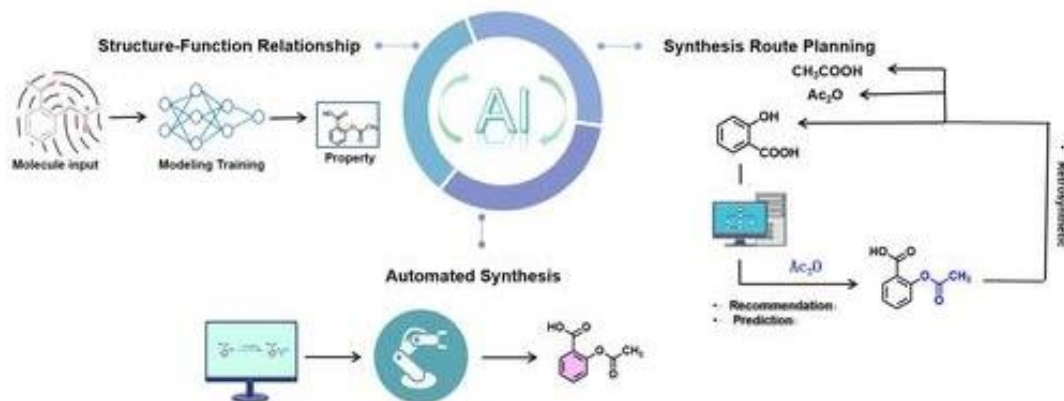


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**Digital / AI Chemistry:** Integration of AI tools to design predict/optimize synthesis, understand mechanisms at a molecular level, and process optimization



## AI for Structure-Function Relationship Analysis

- ☐ Molecular Property Prediction
- ☐ Molecular Design

## AI for Synthetic Route Planning

- ☐ Retrosynthetic Planning
- ☐ Forward Reaction Prediction

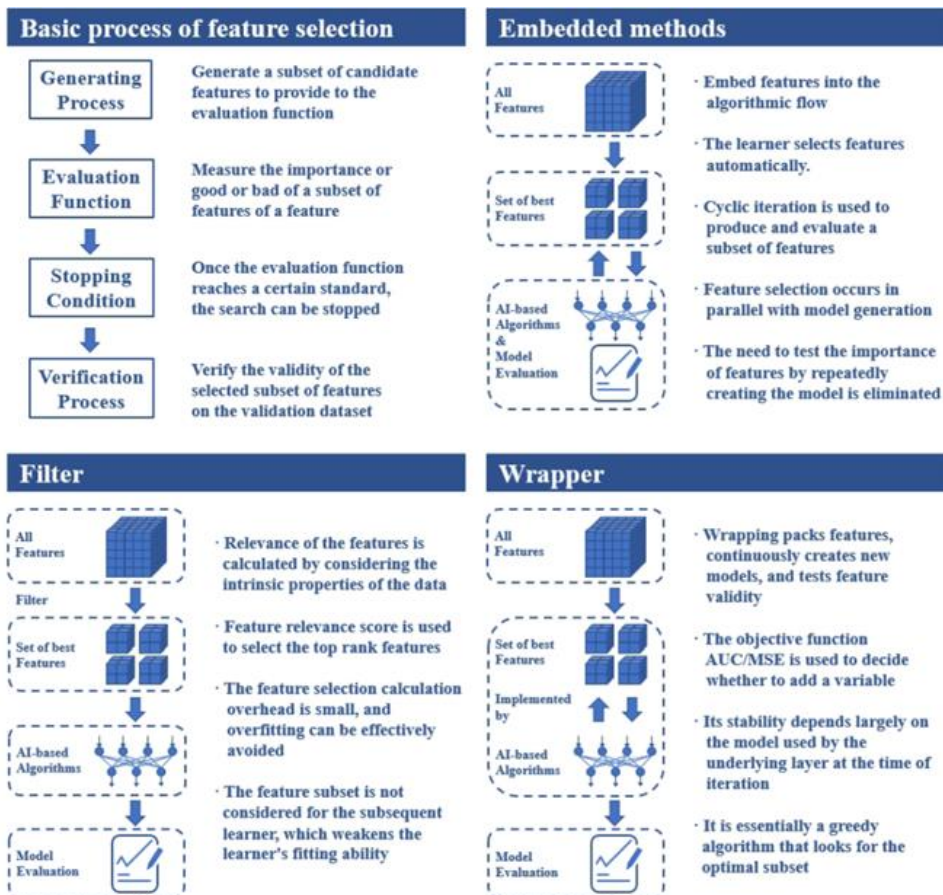
## AI for Automated Synthesis

- ☐ Robotic Lab Platform
- ☐ Automated Synthesis

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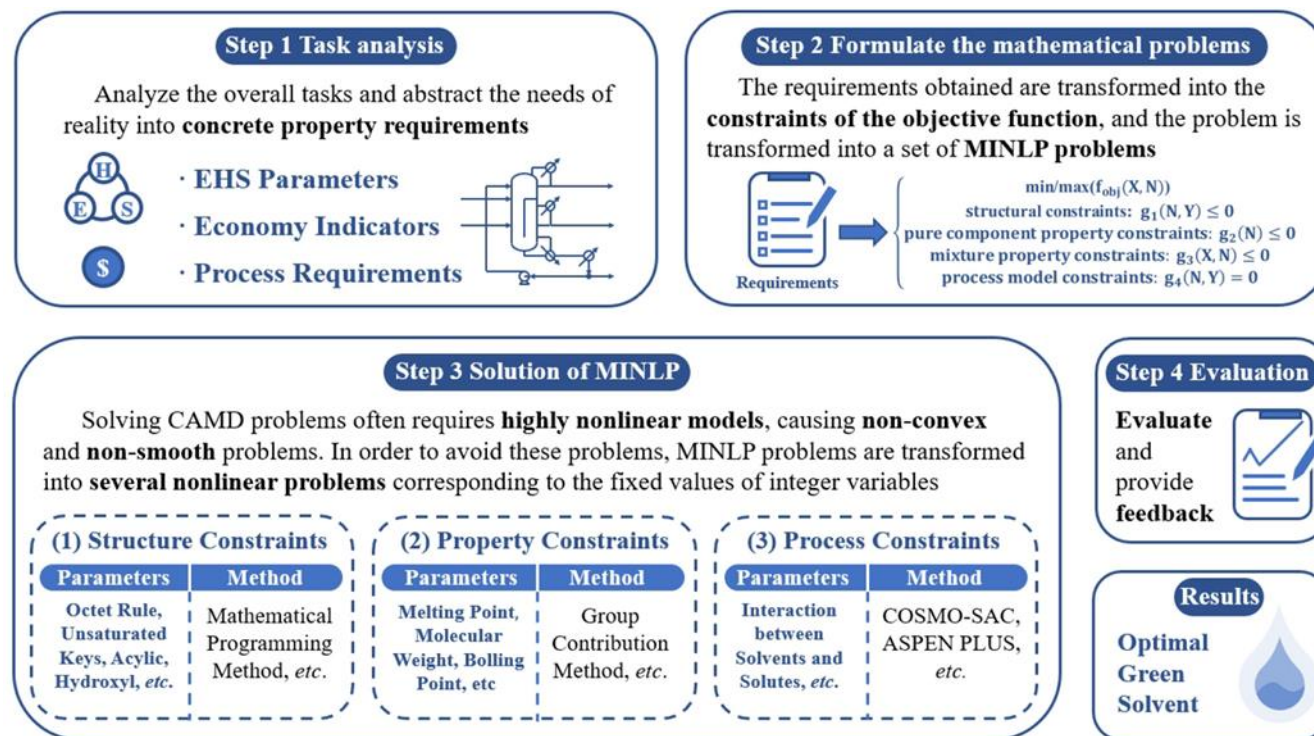
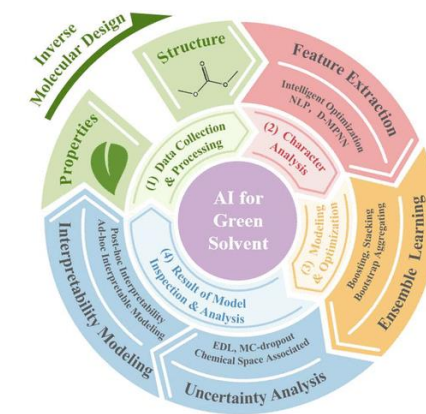
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# Artificial Intelligence Assisted Green Solvent Development



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The integration intensifications of green solvent design with AI as a promising approach



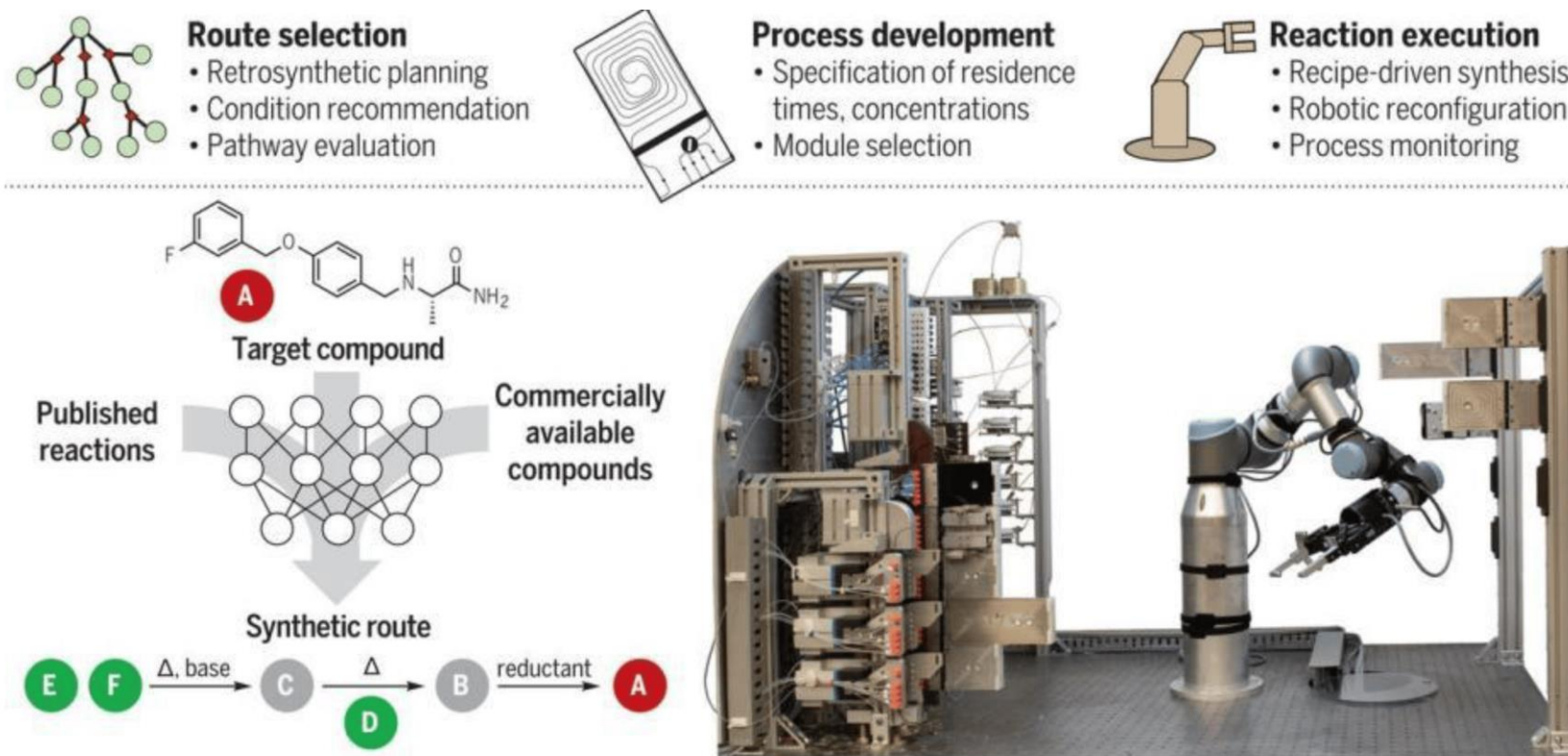
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# Automated Synthesis

The ideal automated synthesis platform would be capable of planning its own synthetic routes and executing them under conditions that facilitate scale-up to production goals.



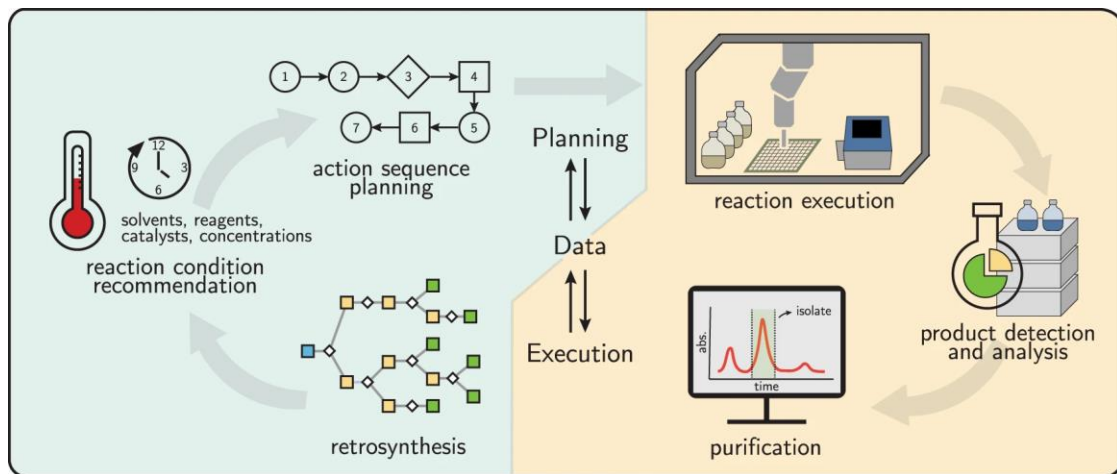
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A robotic platform for flow synthesis of organic compounds informed by AI planning. Science 2019, 365, 557–565. [DOI: 10.1126/science.aax1566](https://doi.org/10.1126/science.aax1566)



# Automated Synthesis

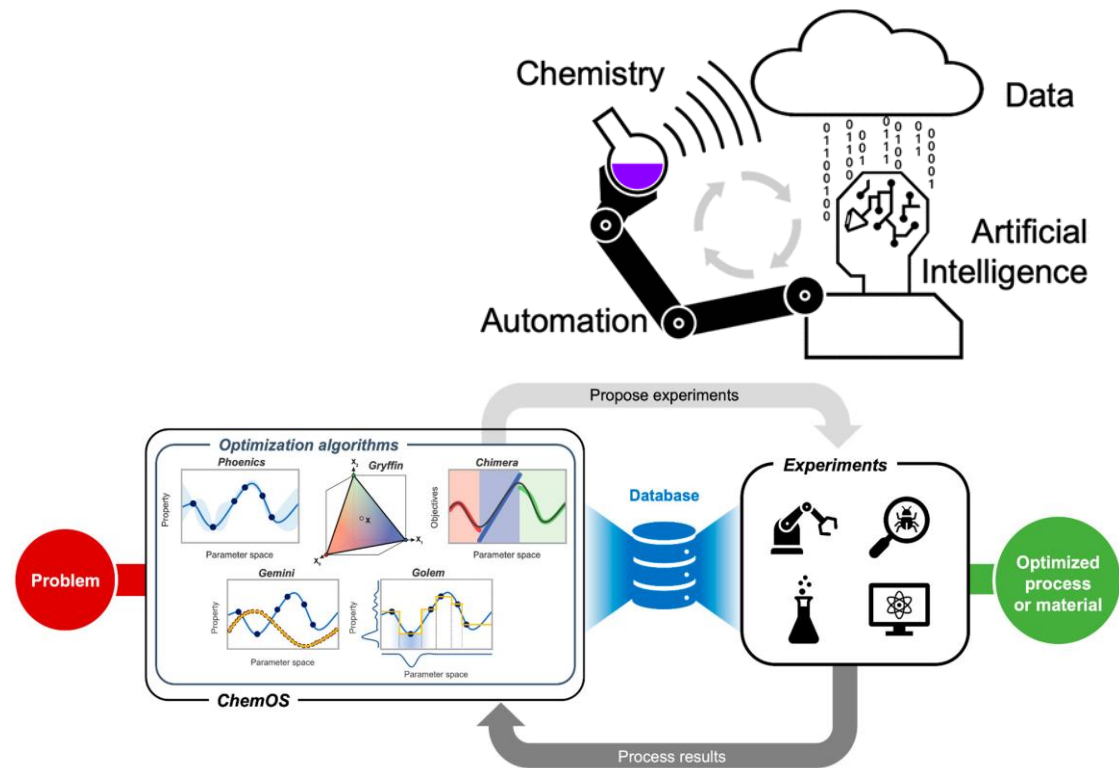
Platforms capable of performing chemical reactions in an automated or semi-automated manner, where the physical operations of a chemist are replaced by robotics and the planning by data-driven algorithms,



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