

Green Chemistry & Catalysis for the Production of Flavours & Fragrances

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Green Chemistry

Technologies that are energy efficient, minimise or preferably eliminate the formation of waste, avoid the use of toxic and/or hazardous solvents and reagents and, where possible, utilise renewable raw materials.

Primary Pollution Prevention not Remediation

E Factors

E Factor = amount of waste/kg product

	Tonnage	E Factor
• Bulk Chemicals	10^4 - 10^6	<1 - 5
• Fine chemical Industry	10^2 - 10^4	5 - >50
• Pharmaceutical Industry	10 - 10^3	25 - >10

The E Factor

- Is the **actual** amount of waste formed in the process, including solvent losses, acids and bases used in work-up, process aids, and, in principle, waste from energy production (c.f. atom efficiency is a theoretical nr.)

- Can be derived from amount of raw materials purchased / amount of product sold :

$$E = [\text{raw materials-product}] / [\text{product}]$$

- A good way to quickly show (e.g., to students) the enormity of the waste problem

Major Sources of Waste

• STOICHIOMETRIC BRONSTED & LEWIS ACIDS & BASES

- Acid promoted rearrangements, e.g. Beckmann (H_2SO_4)
- Friedel-Crafts acylation (AlCl_3 , ZnCl_2 , BF_3)
- Base promoted condensations, e.g. Aldol (NaOH , NaOMe)

• STOICHIOMETRIC OXIDANTS & REDUCTANTS

- $\text{Na}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$, KMnO_4 , MnO_2
- LiAlH_4 , NaBH_4 , Zn , Fe/HCl

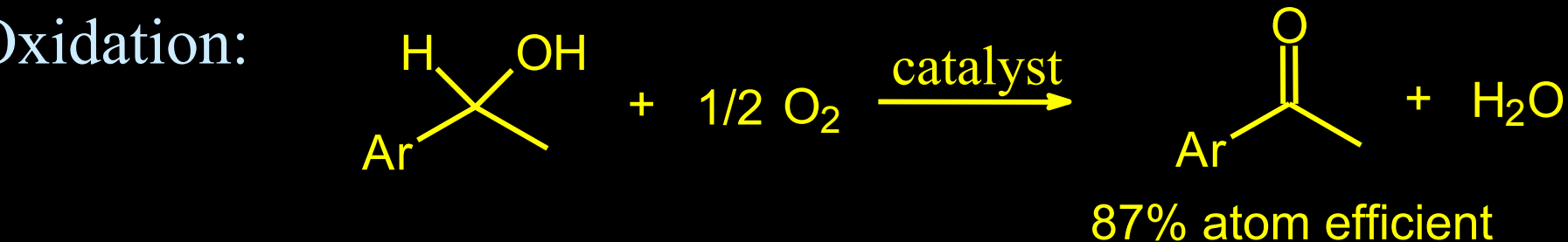
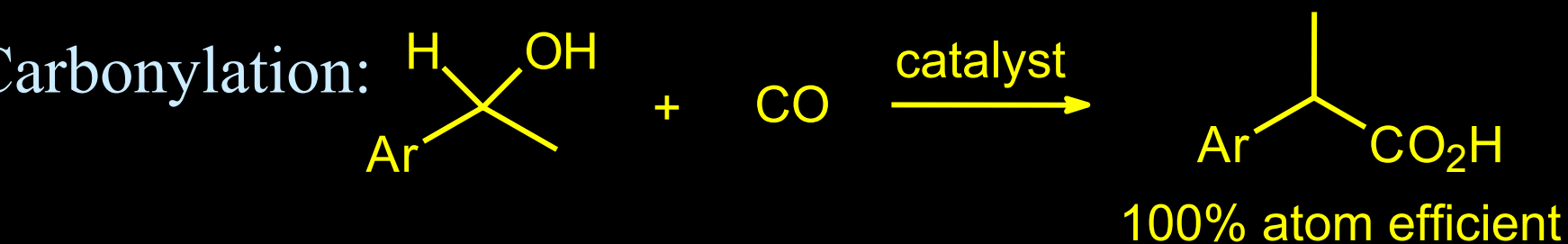
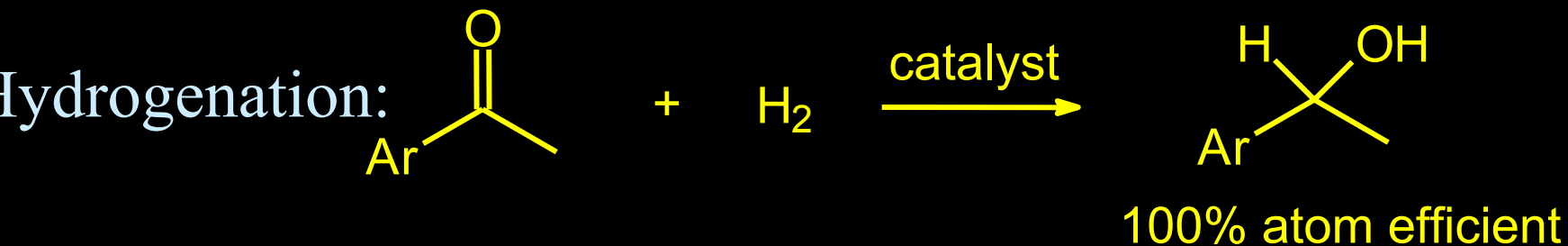
• SOLVENT LOSSES

- Air emissions & aqueous effluent

The Solution is Catalytic

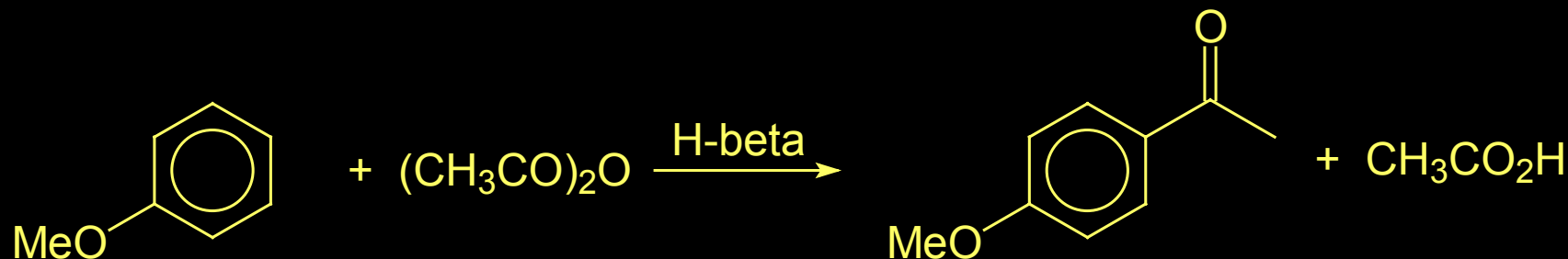
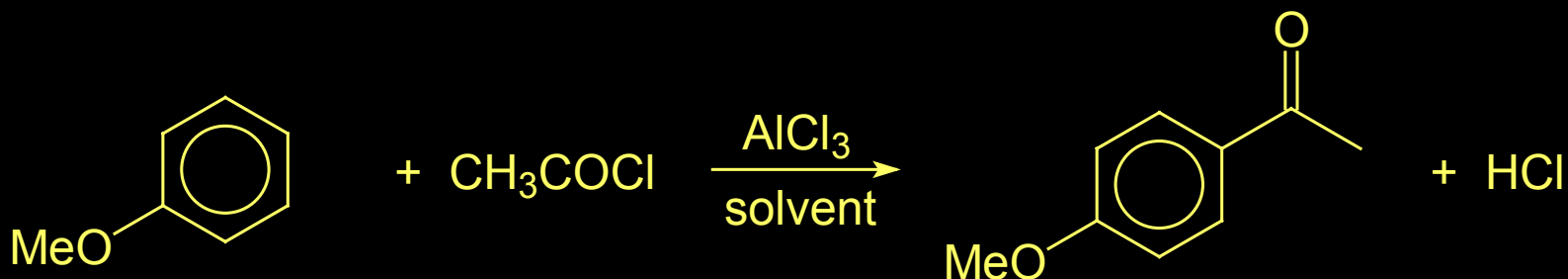
- **Substitution of conventional Bronsted & Lewis acids by recyclable, non-corrosive solid acids e.g zeolites**
- **Atom efficient catalytic processes:**
 - hydration (H_2O) reduction (H_2), oxidation ($\text{O}_2, \text{H}_2\text{O}_2$)
 - carbonylation (CO), hydroformylation (CO/H_2)
 - amination (NH_3), reductive amination (NH_3/H_2)**with olefins and (alkyl)aromatics as basic raw materials**
- **Alternative reaction media / biphasic catalysis**
- **Biocatalysis, naturally**

Atom Efficient Processes



Heterogeneous Catalysis

Zeolite Catalyzed Friedel Crafts Acylation



Homogeneous

AlCl₃ >1 equivalent
Solvent (recycle)
Hydrolysis of products
85-95% yield
4.5 kg aqueous effluent per kg

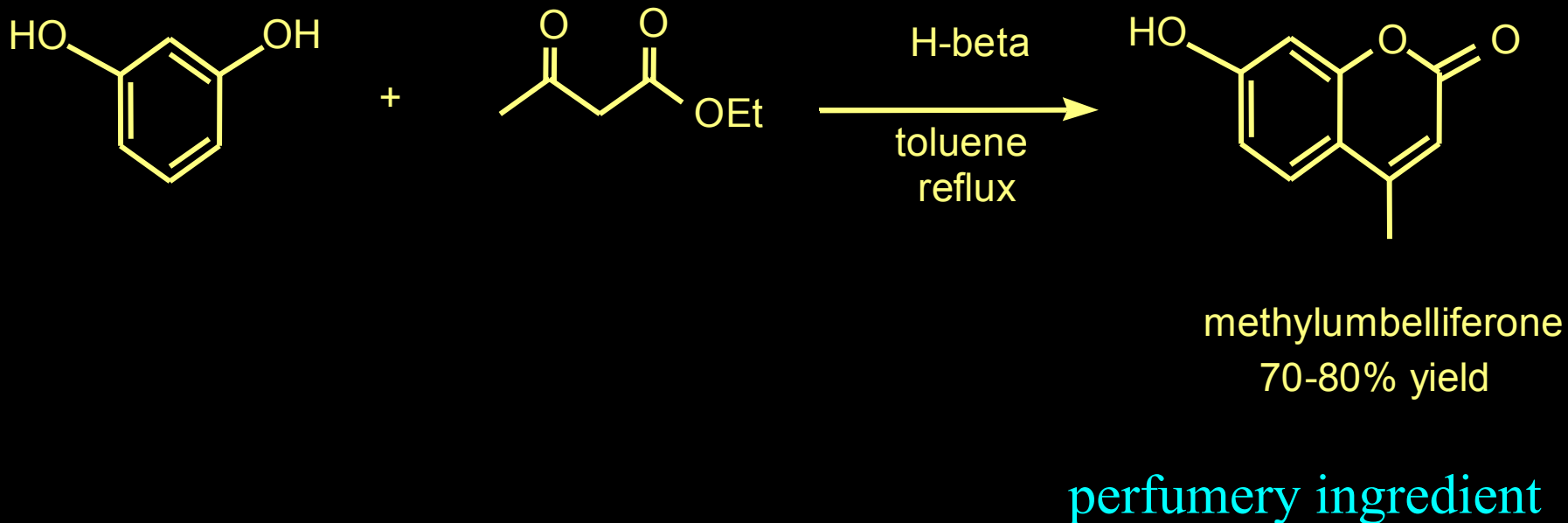
Heterogeneous

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

12 unit operations

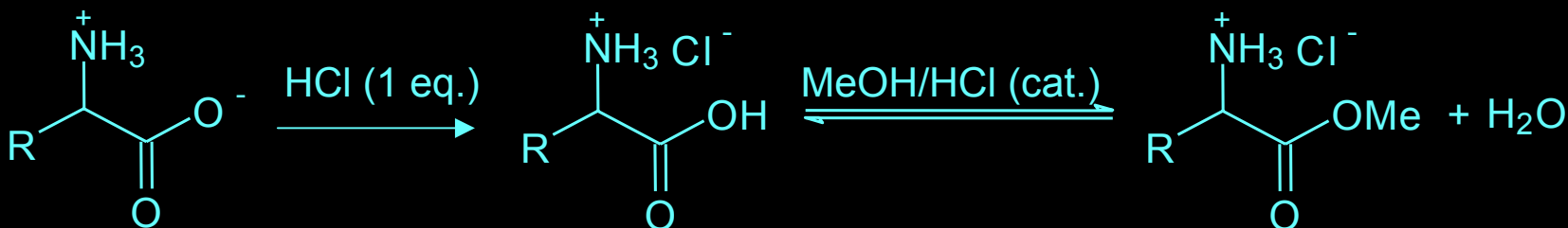
3 unit operations

Zeolite Catalyzed Coumarin Synthesis

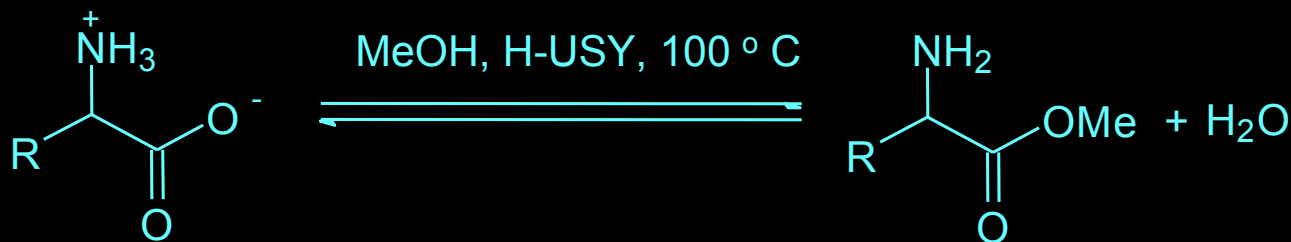


Salt-Free Esterification of Amino Acids

CONVENTIONAL :

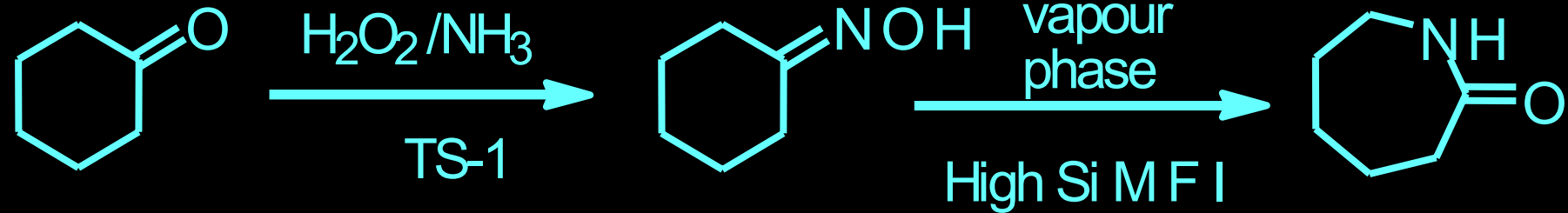


ZEOLITE-CATALYZED :



- R = PhCH₂ (aspartame intermediate); S/C = 20 (w/w), 83% yield (TON = 180)
- Naphtha cracking catalyst (H-USY)
- Opt. Active amino acids undergo racemization

Green Caprolactam Process : Sumitomo

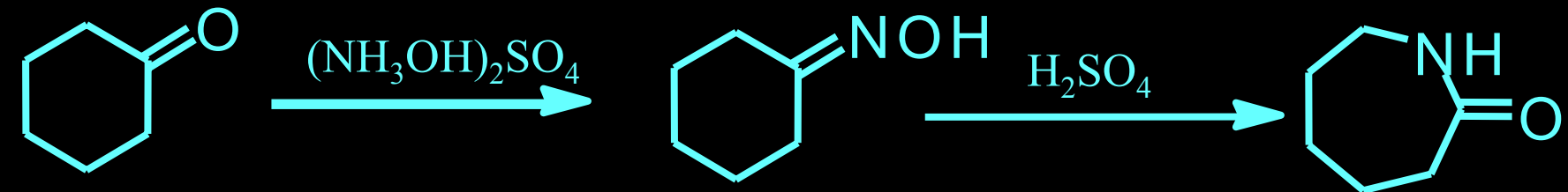


Amoximation

Beckmann rearrangement

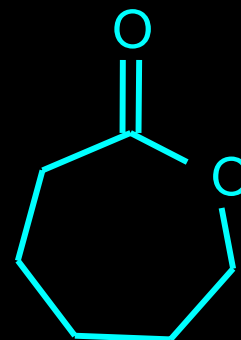
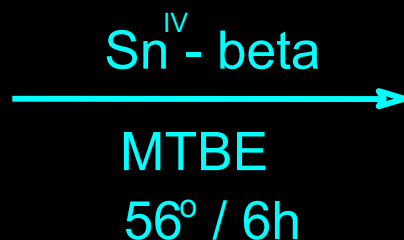
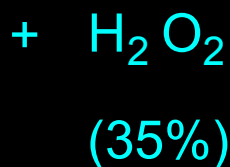
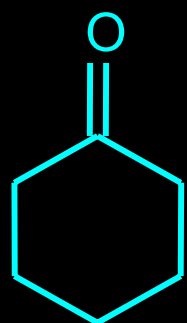


Atom efficiency = 75% ; E = 0.32 (<0.1)

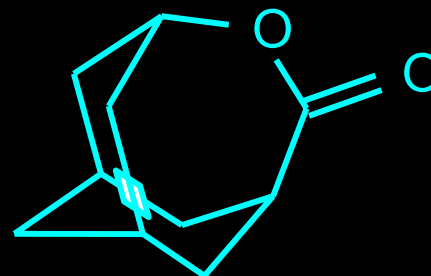
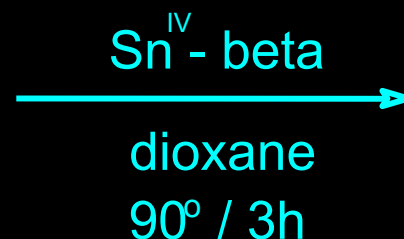
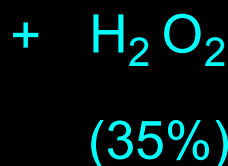
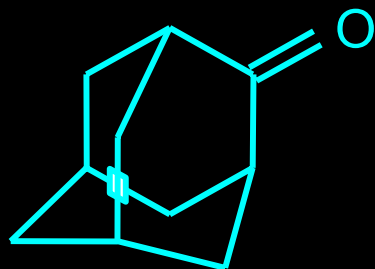


Atom efficiency = 29% ; E = 4.5

A Heterogeneous Catalyst for Baeyer Villiger Oxidation with H_2O_2



94% yield
>98% sel.



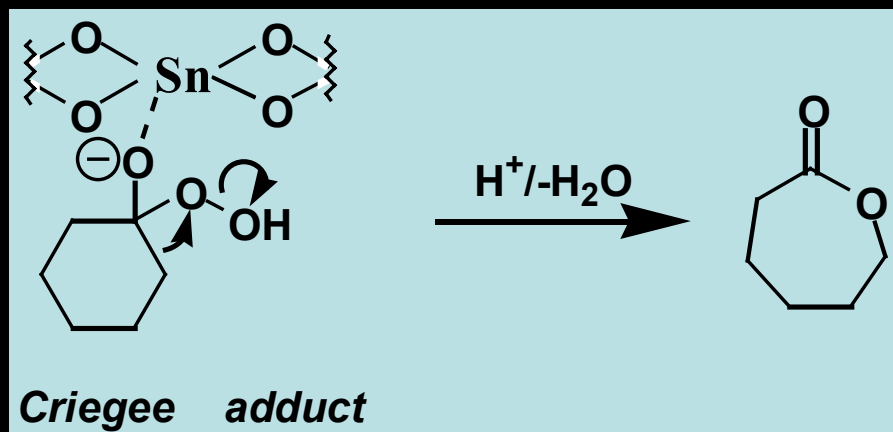
52% yield
>98% sel.

S / C = 150

1.6 w% Sn in zeolite beta

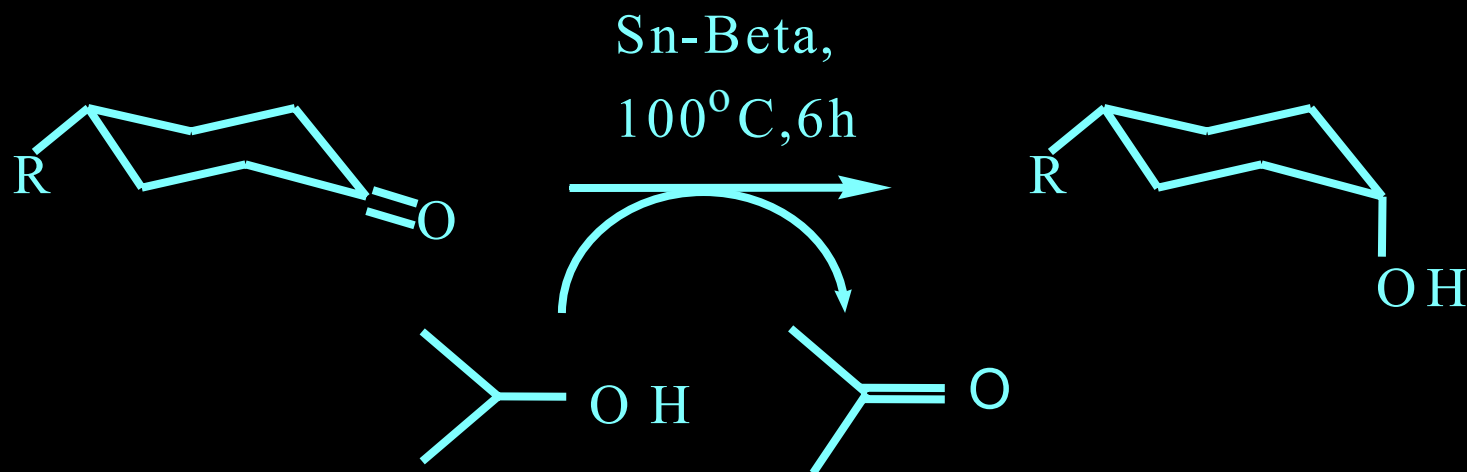
HETEROGENEOUS Sn-CATALYST :

- Tetrahedral incorporation of Sn^{IV} in Al-free beta demonstrated by ¹¹⁹Sn-NMR ($\delta = -445$ ppm)
- Filtration test showed no residual activity
- Recycling of catalysts displayed no considerable loss.
- Homogeneous SnCl₄ exhibits > 10x lower activity
- SnO₂ on surface not active as catalyst



Lewis-acid activates carbonyl group not H₂O₂

Sn-Beta Catalyzed MPV reduction of Alkylcyclohexanones



•IPA/sub= 60/1

60mmol sub/75mg cat.

2% Sn-Beta

•Also with Al-Beta & Ti-Beta
(H.van Bekkum et al)

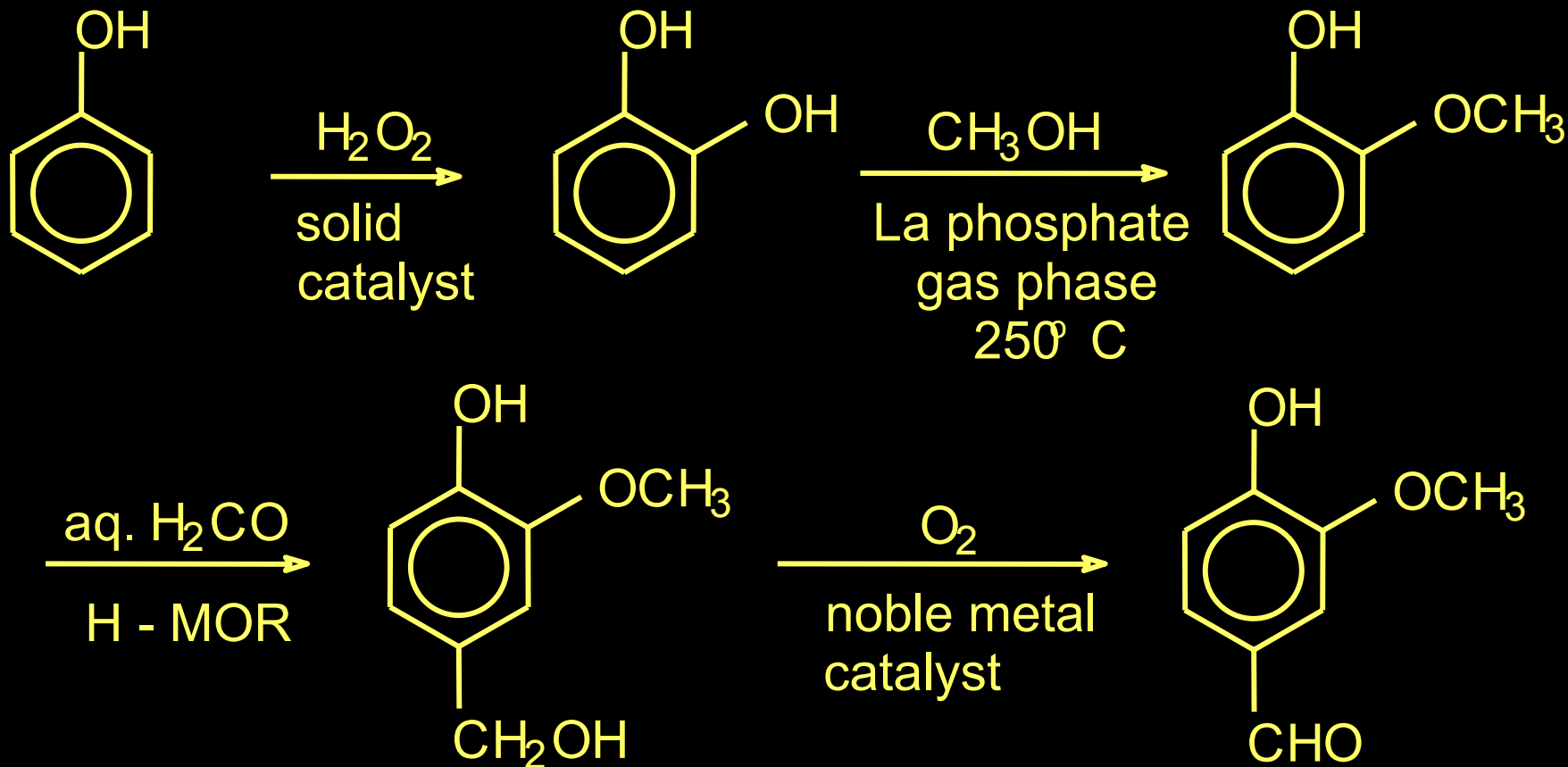
R conv.(%) cis/trans (%)

Me 96 100/0

t-Bu 97 99/0.5

Shape selectivity as a result of
reaction in the pores

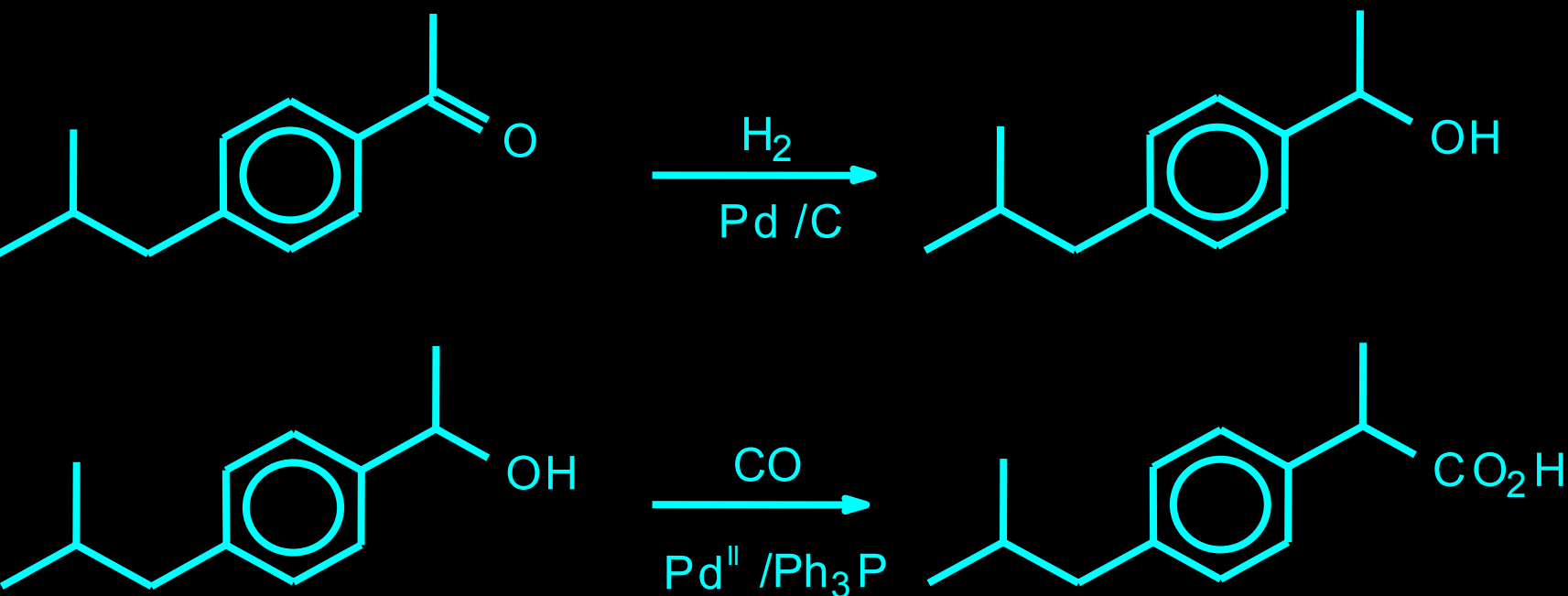
Catalytic Vanillin Synthesis: Rhodia Process



4 steps, all employing a heterogeneous catalyst

Homogeneous Catalysis

Palladium Catalyzed Carbonylation : BHC Ibuprofen Process



Ibuprofen
3500 tpa
99% conv.
96% sel.
TOF = 375 h⁻¹

☺ 100% atom efficiency

☹ Cumbersome catalyst recovery /product contamination

Homogeneous vs Heterogeneous Catalysis

	Homogeneous	Heterogeneous
Advantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mild reaction conditions- High activity & selectivity- Efficient heat transfer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Facile separation of catalyst and products- Continuous processing
Disadvantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Cumbersome separation & recycling of catalyst- Not readily adapted to a continuous process	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Heat transfer problems- Low activity and / or selectivity



Homogeneous liquid / liquid biphasic catalysis

The Question of Solvents : The Problem

- Toxicity / atmospheric emissions of volatile solvent (e.g. chlorinated hydrocarbons)
- Toxicity / ground water contamination by non-volatile, polar solvents
- Solvents contribute ca.85% of non-aqueous mass in processes in the pharma industry.
- Current recovery efficiencies typically 50-80%.

(Alan Curzons, GSK)

The Question of Solvents : The Solution

- Solvent-free (catalytic)processes
(the best solvent is no solvent)
- Aqueous biphasic catalysis
- Supercritical carbon dioxide
- Fluorous biphasic catalysis
- Ambient temperature ionic liquids



Catalyst in
separate phase
(recyclable)

Water as a Reaction Medium

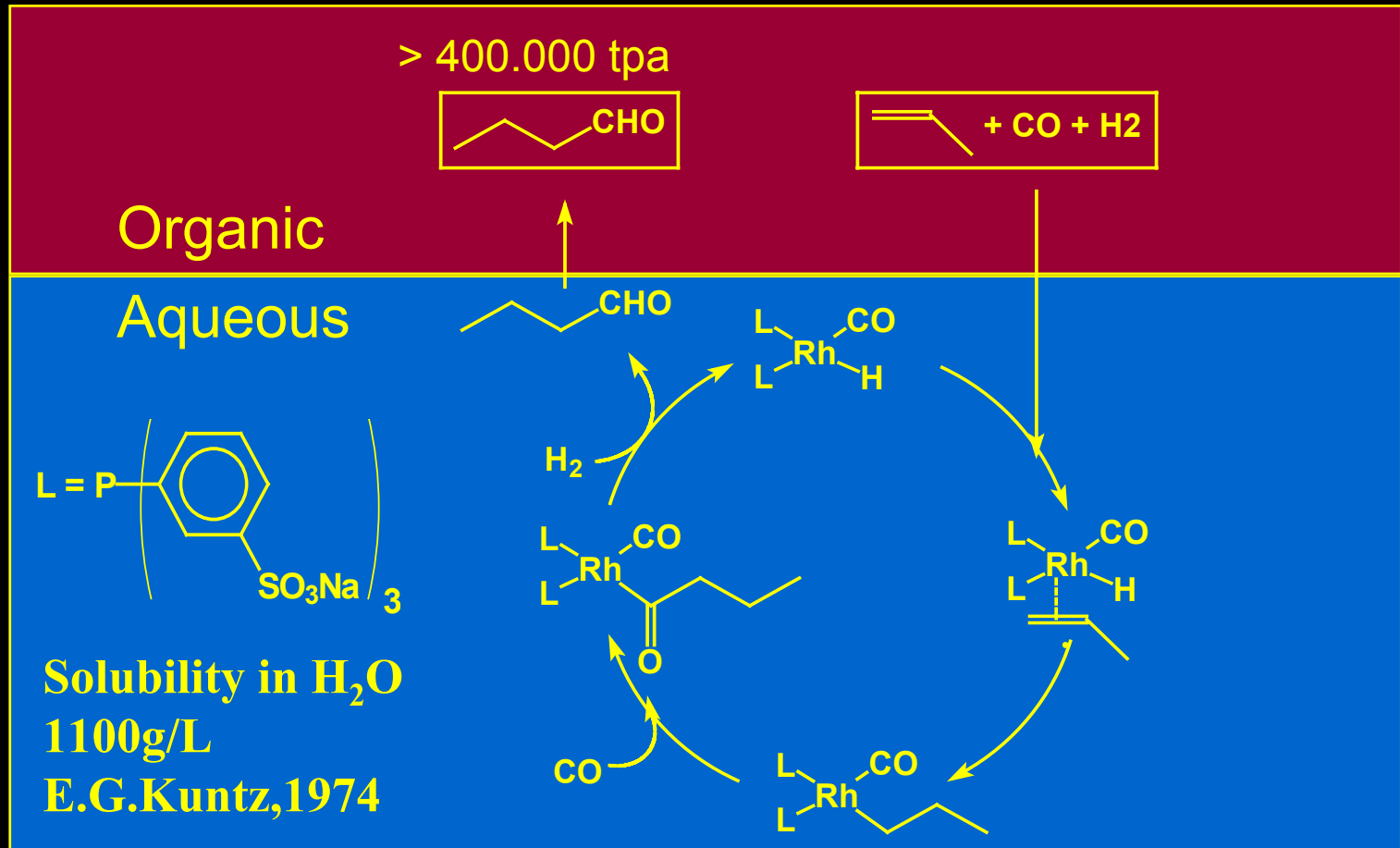
Economically & Environmentally attractive

- Inexpensive and abundantly available
- Non-inflammable and non-toxic
- Odourless and colourless

Highly polar reaction medium

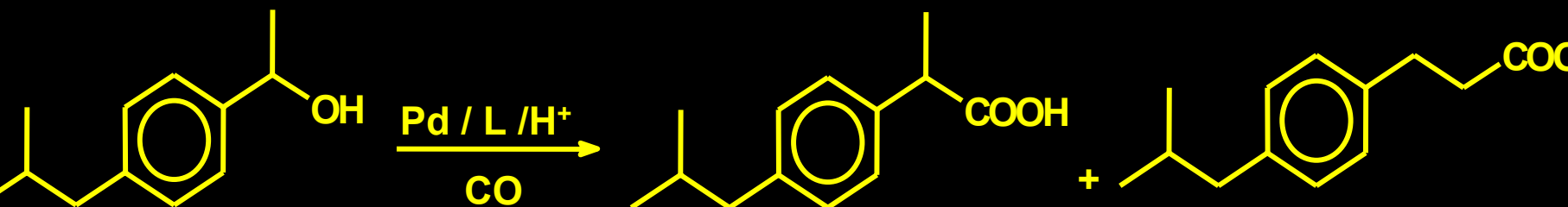
- Novel reactivity of organometallic complexes
- Facile product separation/catalyst recycling
- Reduced product contamination

The Ruhrchemie/Rhône Poulenc hydroformylation process



Rhodium loss: only 1 kg per 10^9 kg product

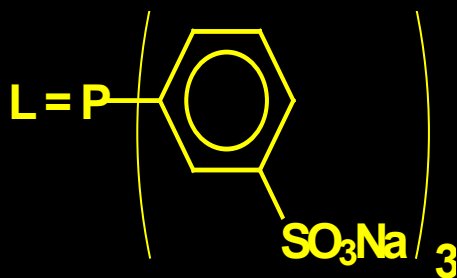
Ibuprofen via Biphasic Carbonylation



IBPE

Ibuprofen

3-IPPA

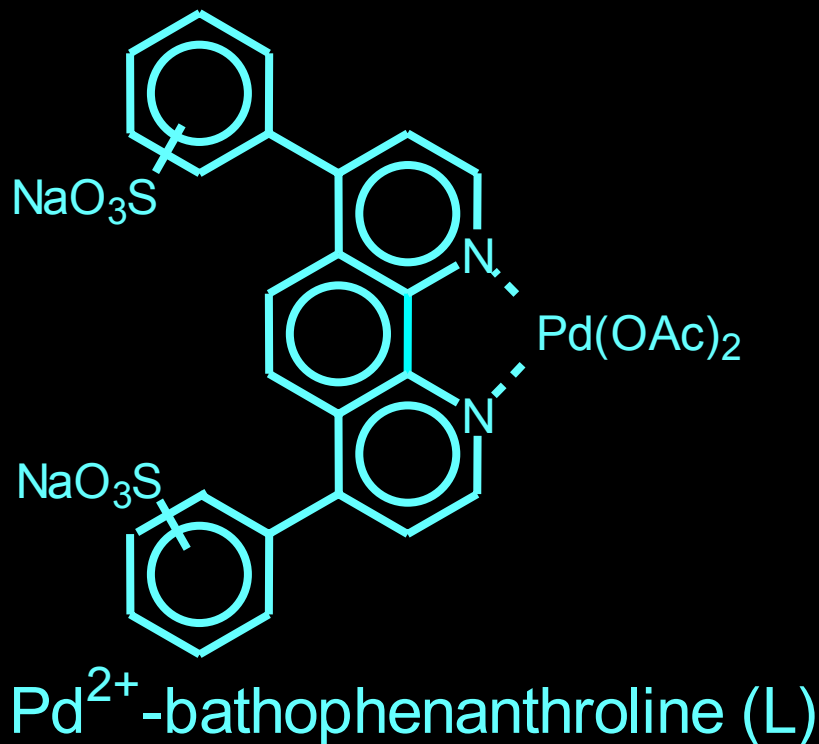


conversion: 83%

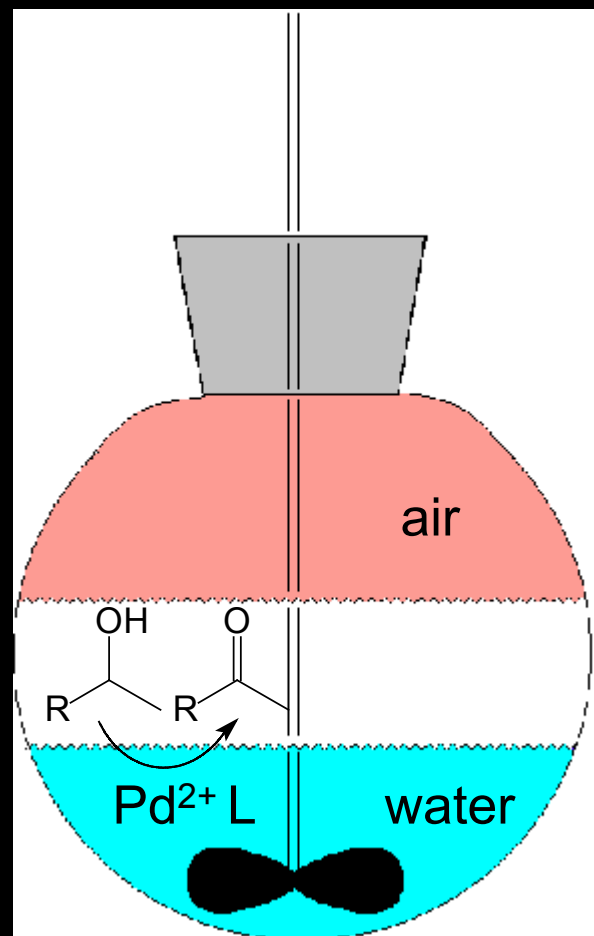
selectivity to ibuprofen: 82%

low activity (TOF = 2.3 h⁻¹)

Green, Catalytic Alcohol Oxidations



- **Air as oxidant**
- **No organic solvent**
- **Catalyst recycling via phase separation**
- **Highly selective for 1^e and 2^e alcohols**



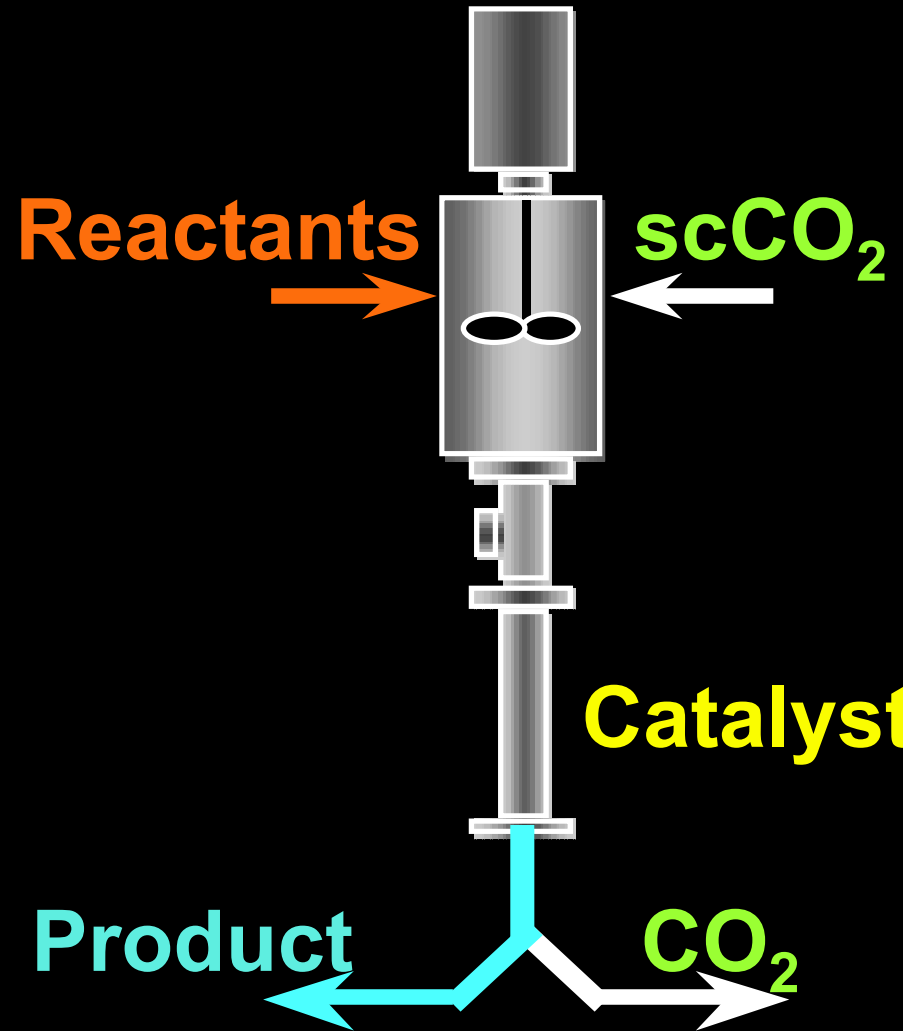
Supercritical CO₂

Supercritical CO₂ as a Reaction Medium

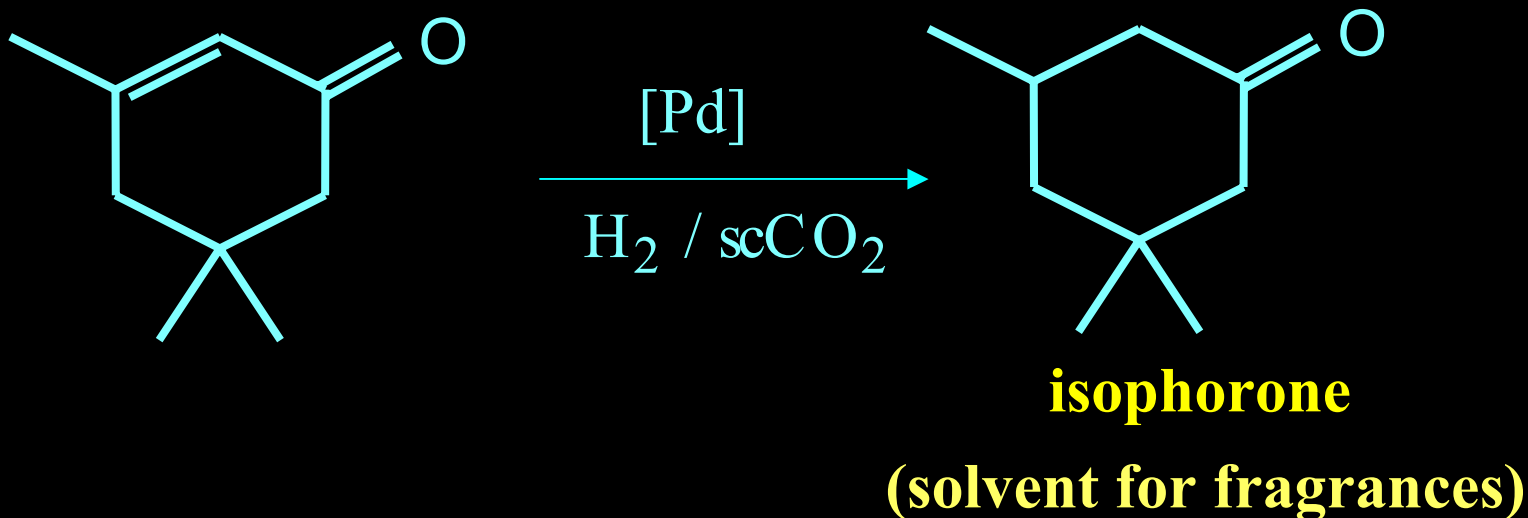
- T_c 31.0 °C, p_c 73.8 bar, d_c 0.477 kg L⁻¹
- Low viscosity (more like a gas than like a liquid) hence, fast mass transfer
- Cheap and abundantly available
- Non-toxic & non-inflammable
- Easy to remove/no net emissions
- Completely miscible with H₂, CO, O₂

Continuous Supercritical Chemistry

- Simple
- Safe
- Efficient
- Selective
- Versatile
- Clean



Continuous Supercritical Hydrogenation

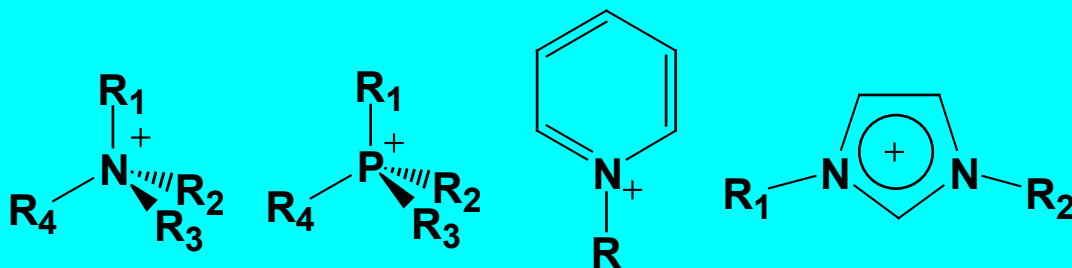


- Quantitative yield , no byproducts
- Small reactor / high throughput/ good safety
- Environmentally "Clean" / reduced waste
- Conventional process requires expensive DSP

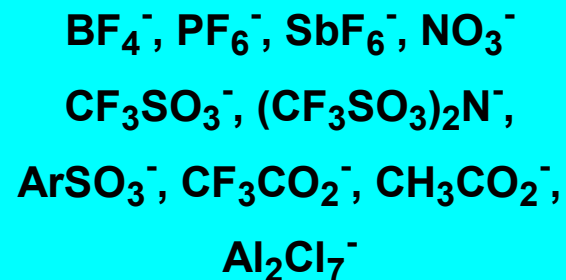
Ionic Liquids

Catalysis in Ionic Liquids

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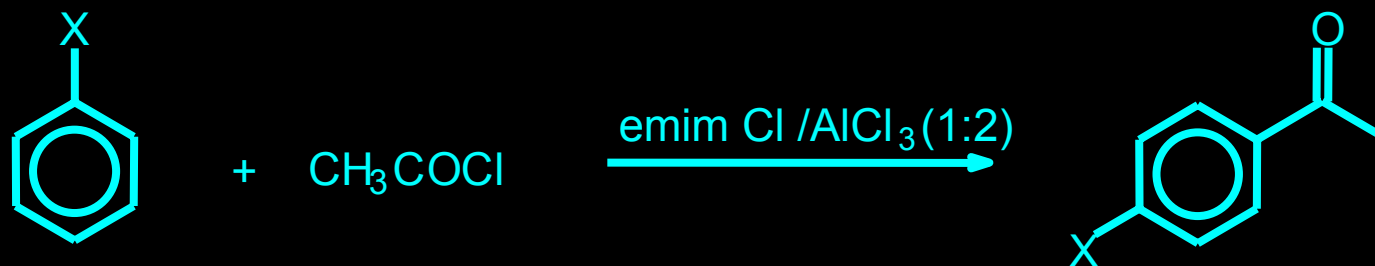


ANIONS



- Liquid at room temperature/no vapor pressure
- Liquid range of 300 °C (c.f. H_2O , 100 °C)
- Designer solvents (hydrophobicity, etc)
- High rate enhancements for ionic intermediates

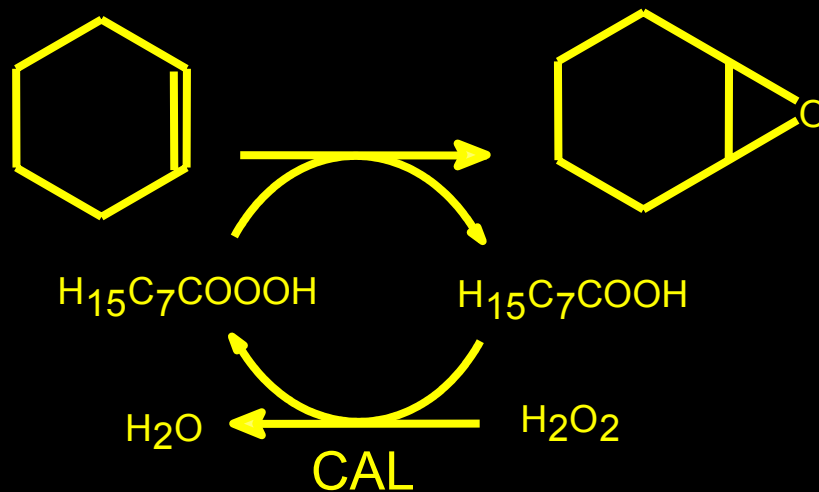
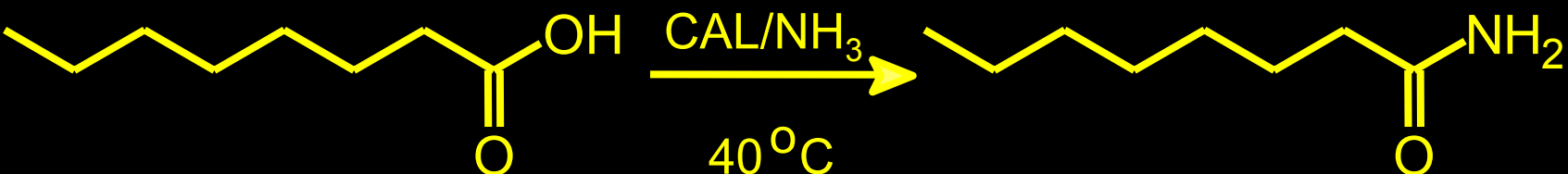
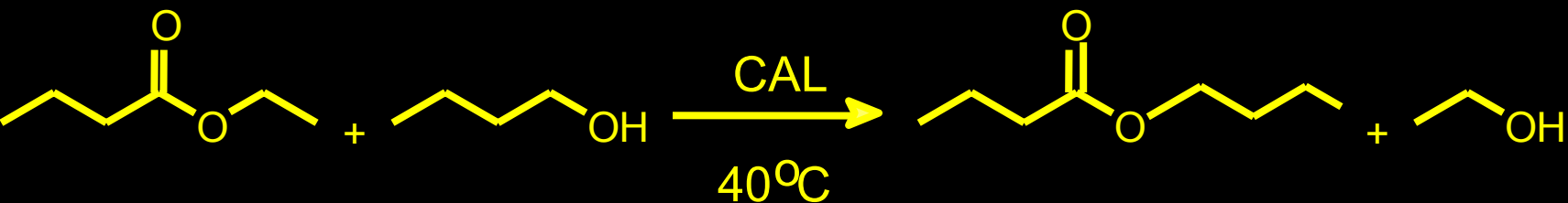
Friedel-Crafts Acylation in Ionic Liquids



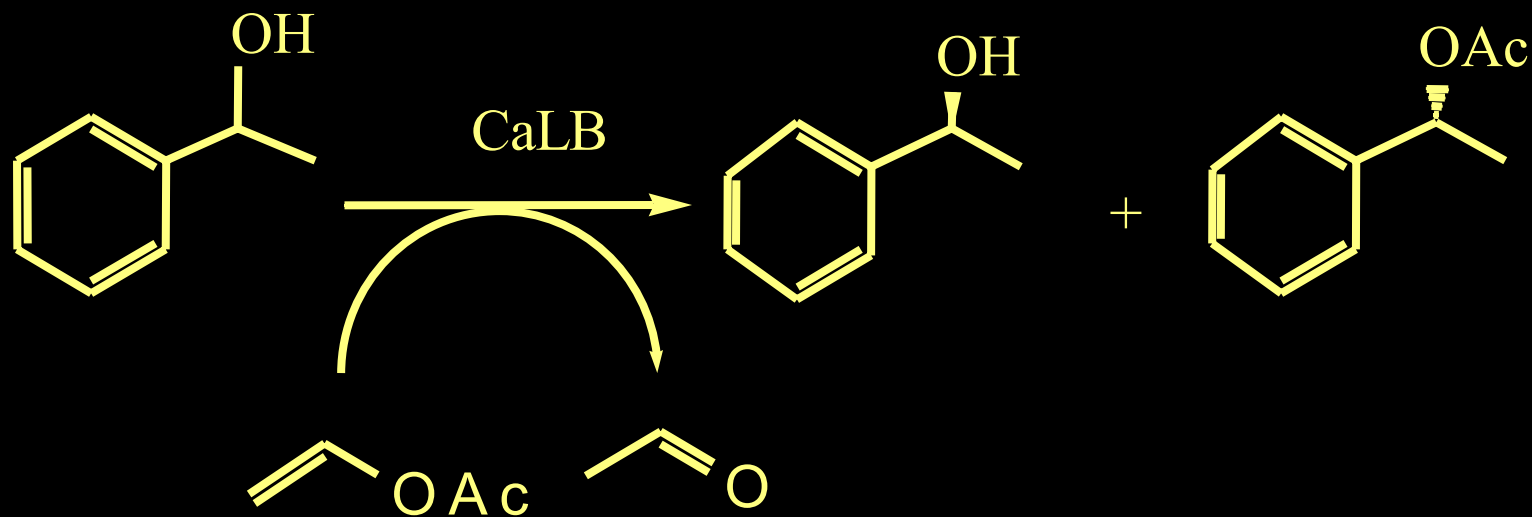
R	Temp (°C)	Time (h)	Yield (%)
MeO	-10	0.25	99
Me	20	1	98
Cl	20	24	97



Enzymes in Anhydrous Ionic Liquids



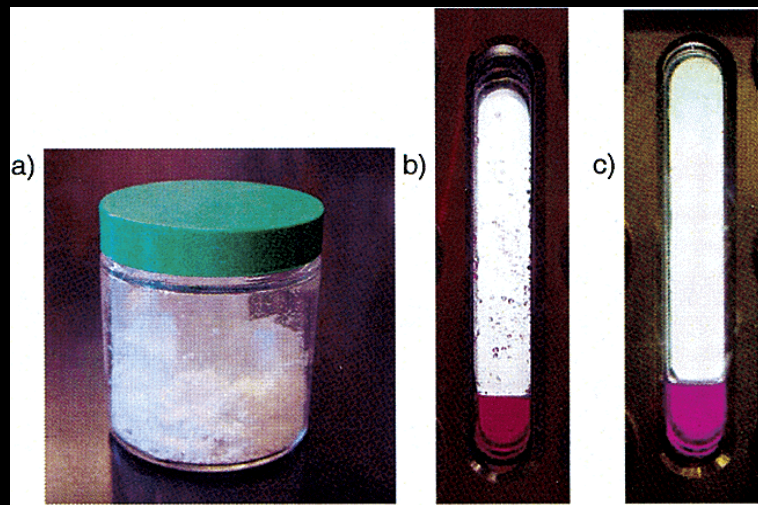
In situ product removal with scCO₂



IL = [bmim] or [emim] [(CF₃SO₂)₂N]⁻

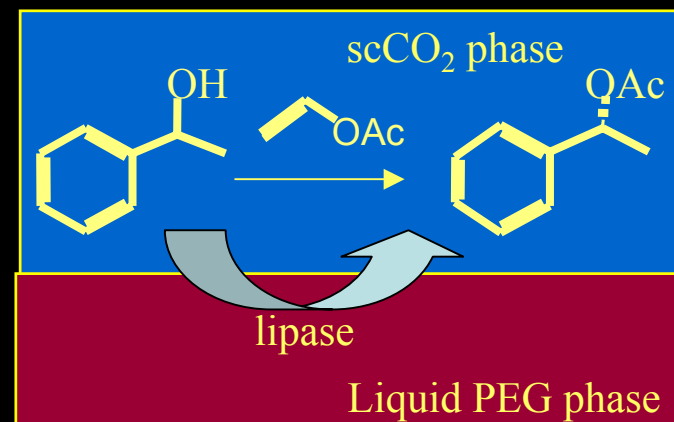
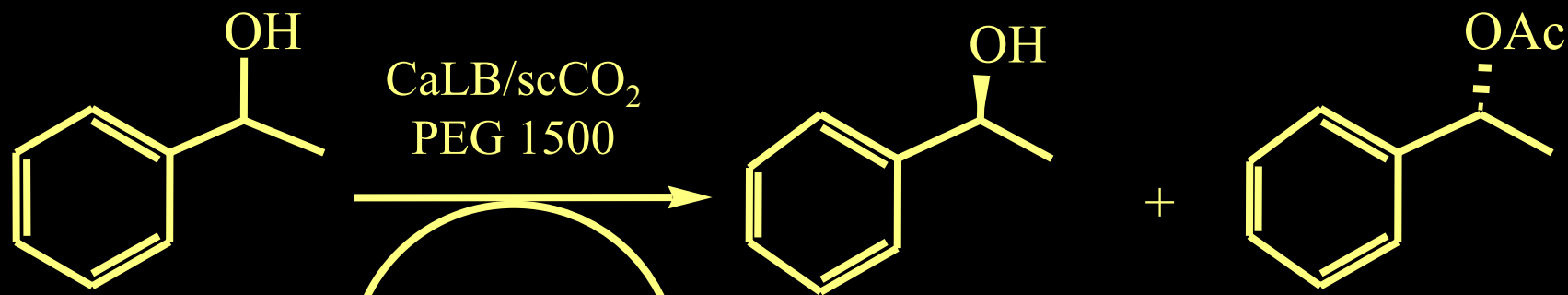
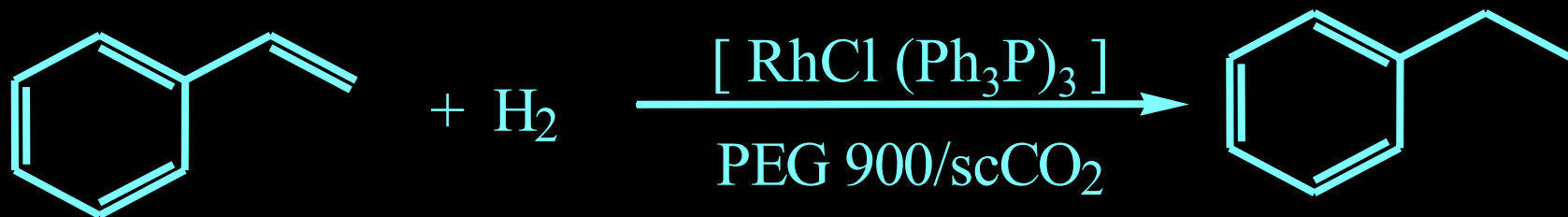
scCO₂ as mobile phase in batch or continuous operation

PEG-scCO₂ Biphasic System



- Non-toxic (food-grade)
- PEGs poorly soluble in scCO₂ /expandable with CO₂
- Lower viscosity & m.p.
- Increased diffusion rates
- Increased solubility H₂

PEG-scCO₂ Biphasic System



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Biocatalysis

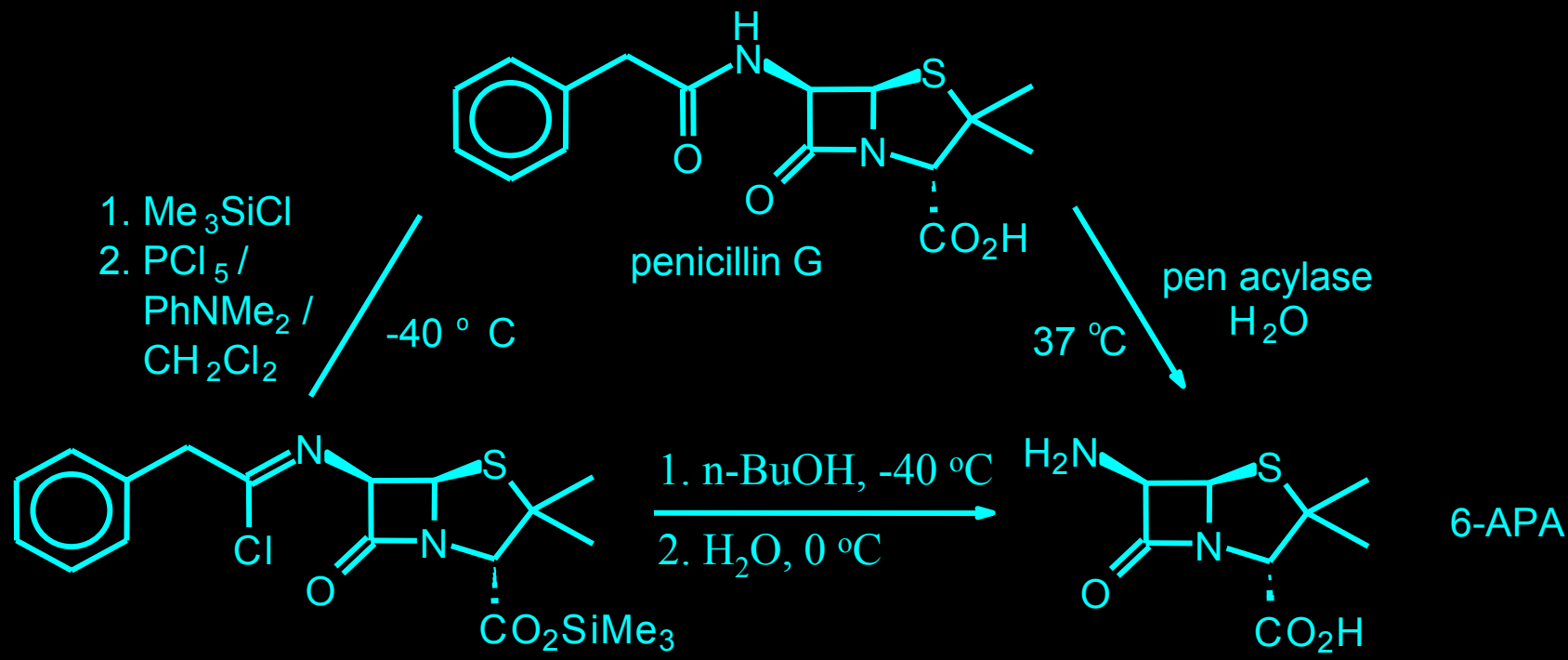
Why Biocatalysis?

- Mild conditions: ambient temperature /pressure and physiological pH
- Fewer steps (avoids protection/ deprotection steps)
- Largely avoids toxic/hazardous reagents & solvents
- High chemo-,regio- and stereoselectivities

Synthetic Biotransformations: Opportunities

- ENVIRONMENTALLY BENIGN SYNTHESSES
Fine chemicals & certain commodities
- CHIRALITY & BIOLOGICAL ACTIVITY
Pharmaceuticals & Agrochemicals
- NATURAL VS SYNTHETIC
Food ingredients (flavours & fragrances)
Nutraceuticals
Personal care (fragrances, skin creams, shampoos, etc)

Enzymatic vs Chemical Process for 6-APA



Process

Chemical

Enzymatic

Reagents
(kg/ kg 6-APA)

Me_3SiCl (0.6)
 PCl_5 (1.2) PhNMe_2 (1.6)
 $n\text{-BuOH}$ (8.4 ltr), NH_3 (0.2)

Pen acylase (1-2)
 NH_3 (0.09)

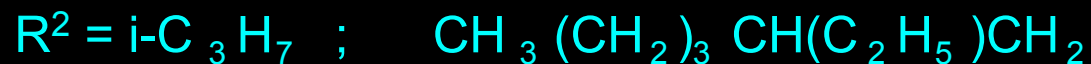
Solvent
(ltr/kg 6-APA)

CH_2Cl_2 (8.4)

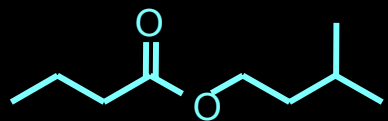
H_2O (2)

Bioesters via Lipase Catalyzed (trans)Esterification

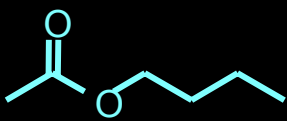
emollients / emulsifiers in personal care products:



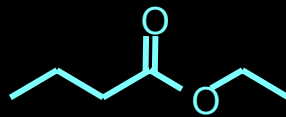
flavour esters



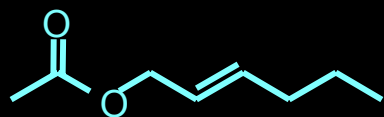
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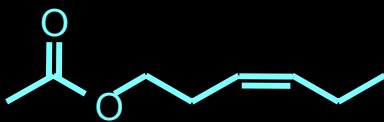
apple



pineapple



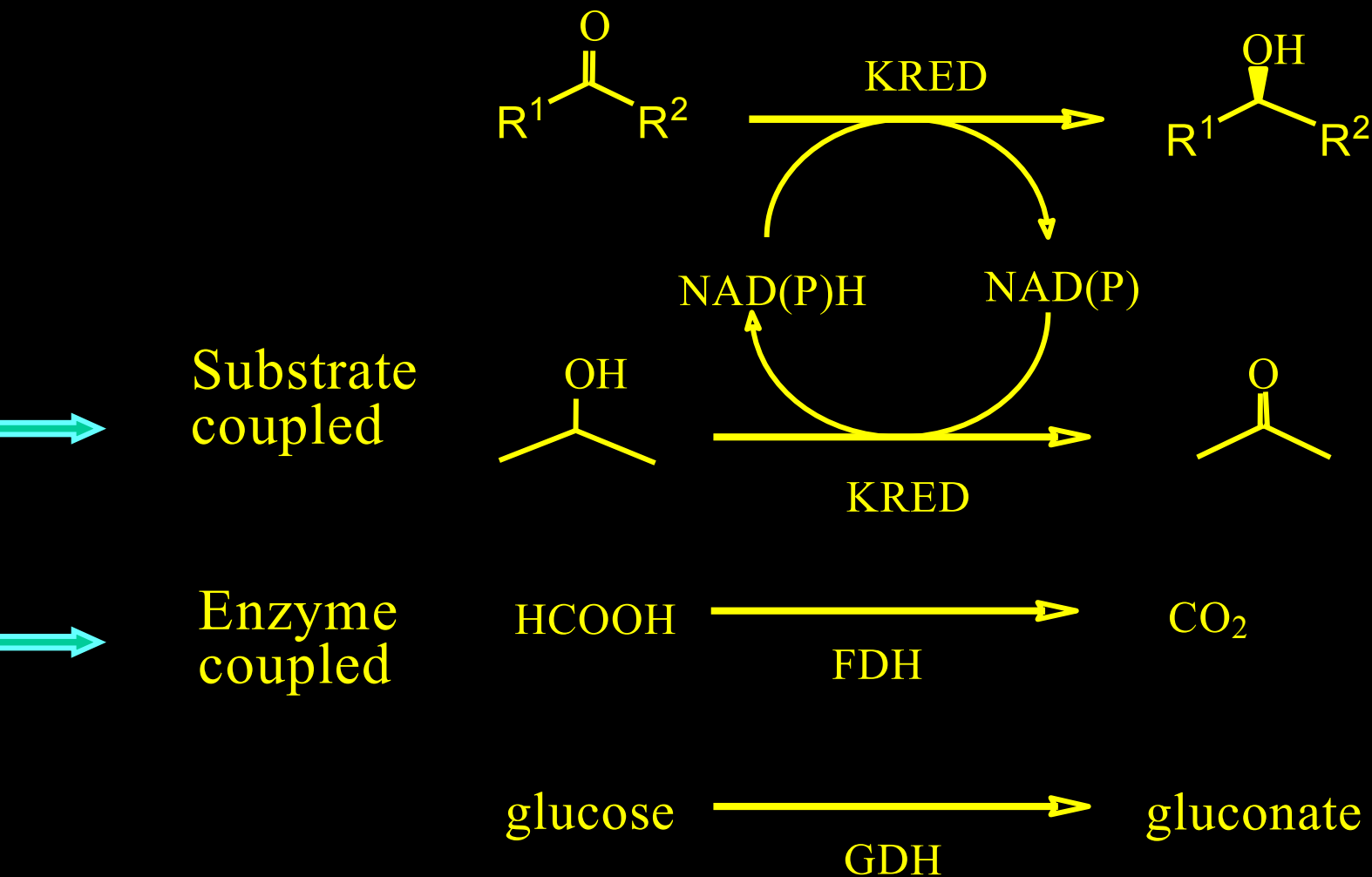
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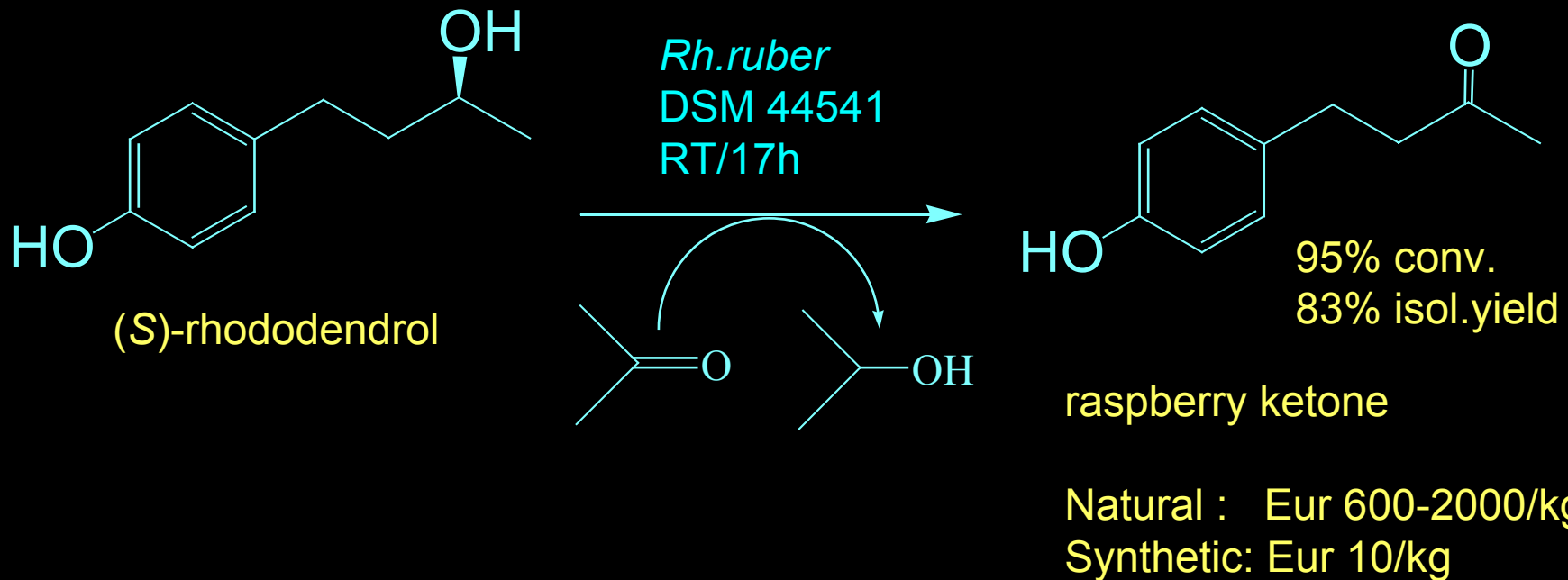
fruity/green tea

-solvent free
- in scCO₂¹
- gas phase²

Cofactor Regeneration: Substrate or Enzyme Coupled



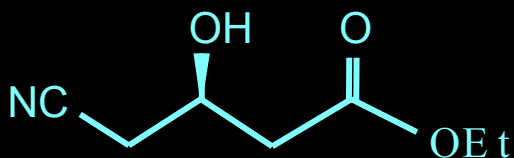
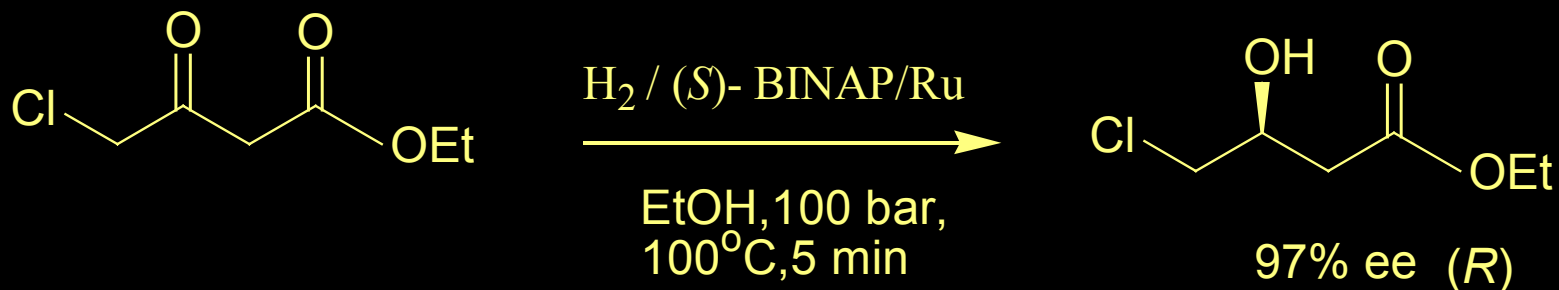
Microbial Oppenauer Oxidation



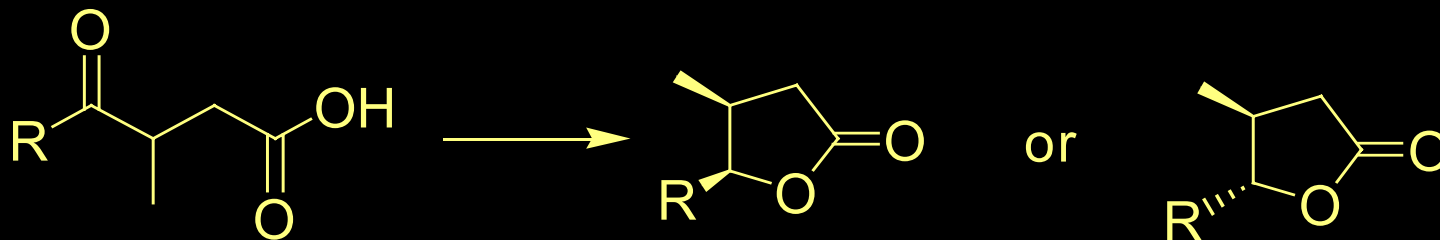
- 0.88g substrate
- 1g dry cells
- 15ml 50mM phosphate buffer (0.13g)
- 3.1ml acetone

- Vol.yield = 40g/l
- STY = 60g/l/day
- Productivity = ca.1g/g/day
- E = 4.5

Asymmetric Reduction of beta Keto Esters



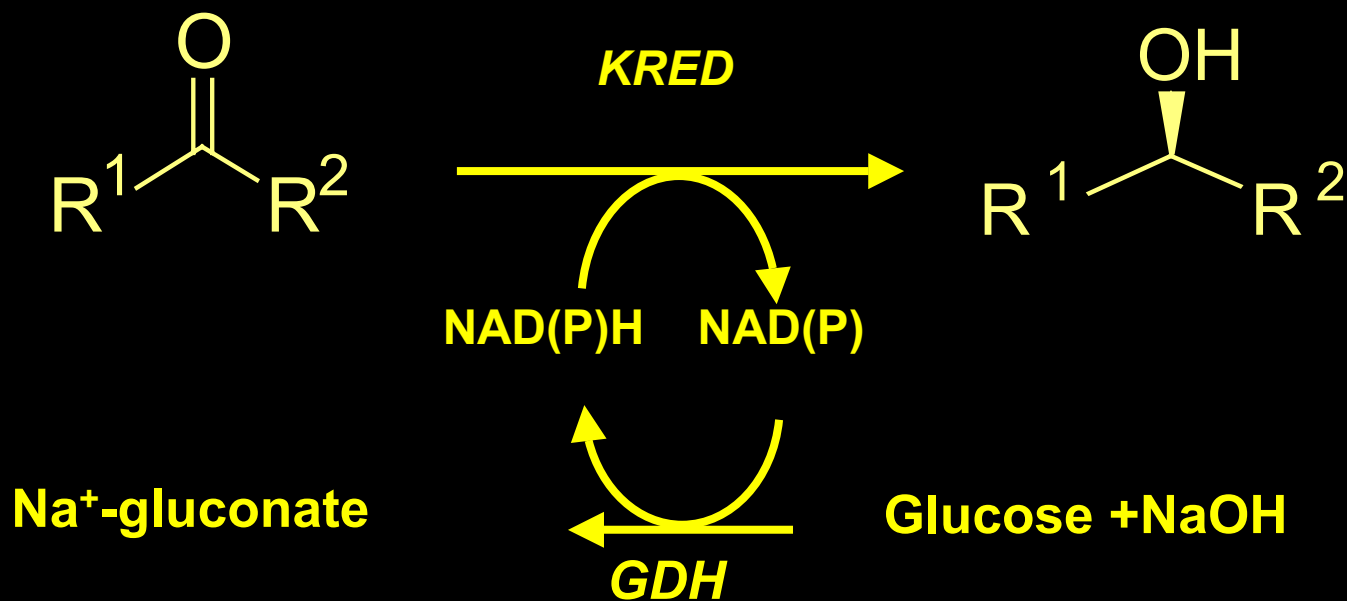
Lipitor intermediate
Sales in 2004 > \$ 10mio



$R = n\text{-C}_4$
 $R = n\text{-C}_5$

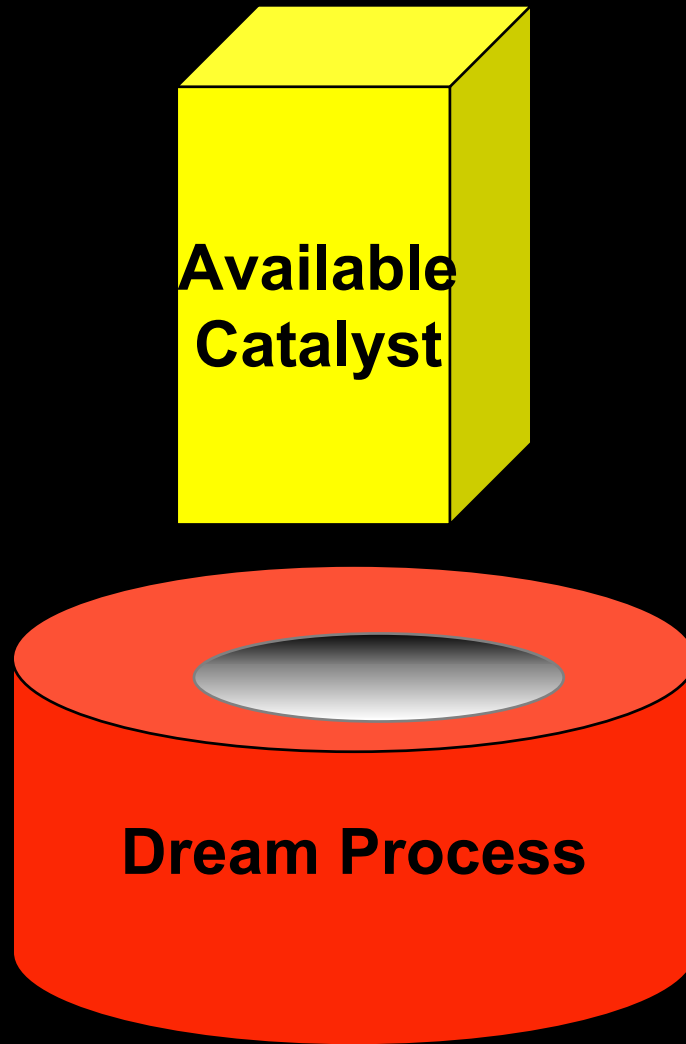
whisky lactones
cognac lactones

Enantioselective Ketone Reduction

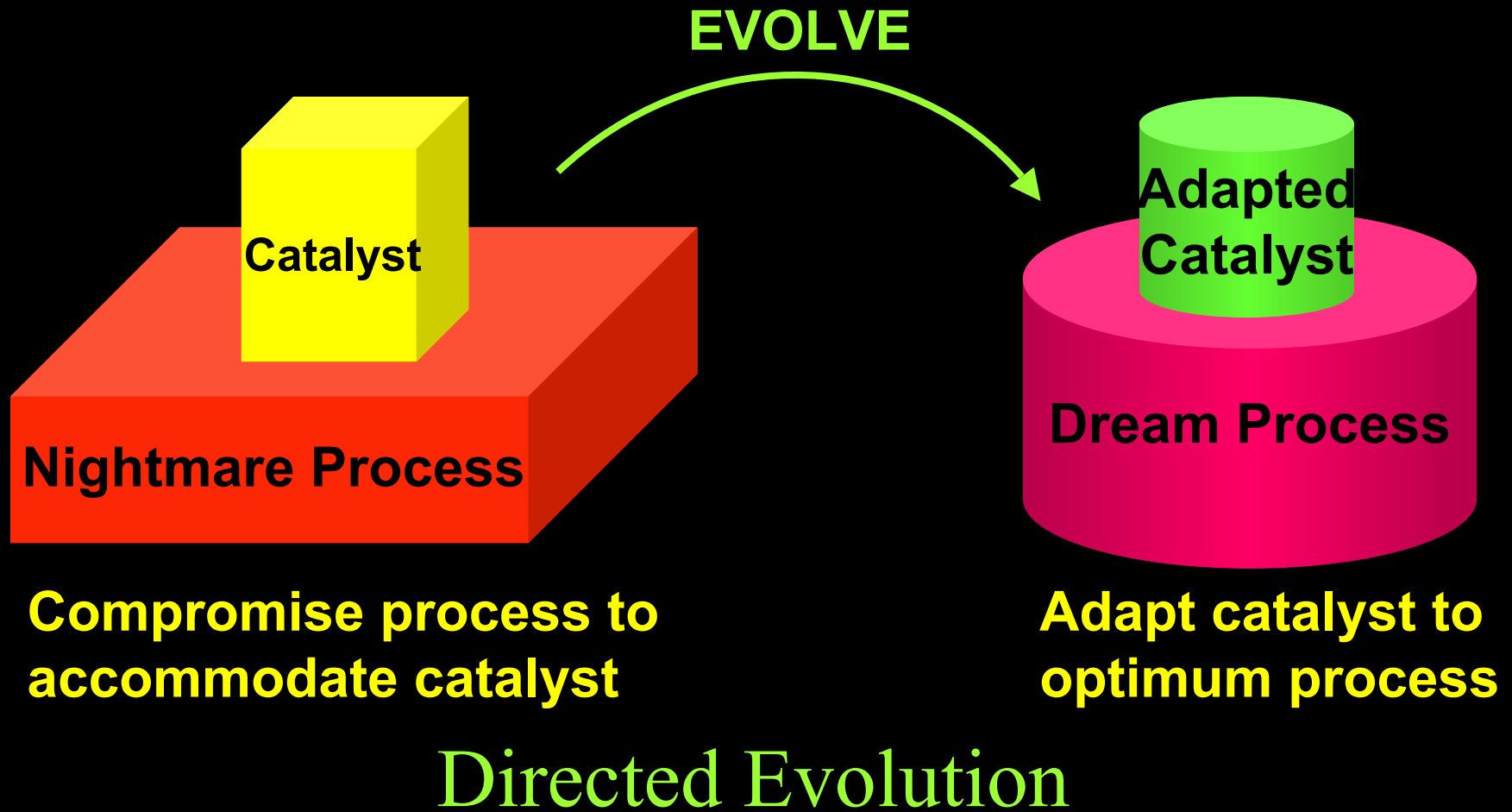


- high enantioselectivity
- mild (ambient) conditions
- no metal catalysts required
- no need for dedicated equipment
- **but low productivities**

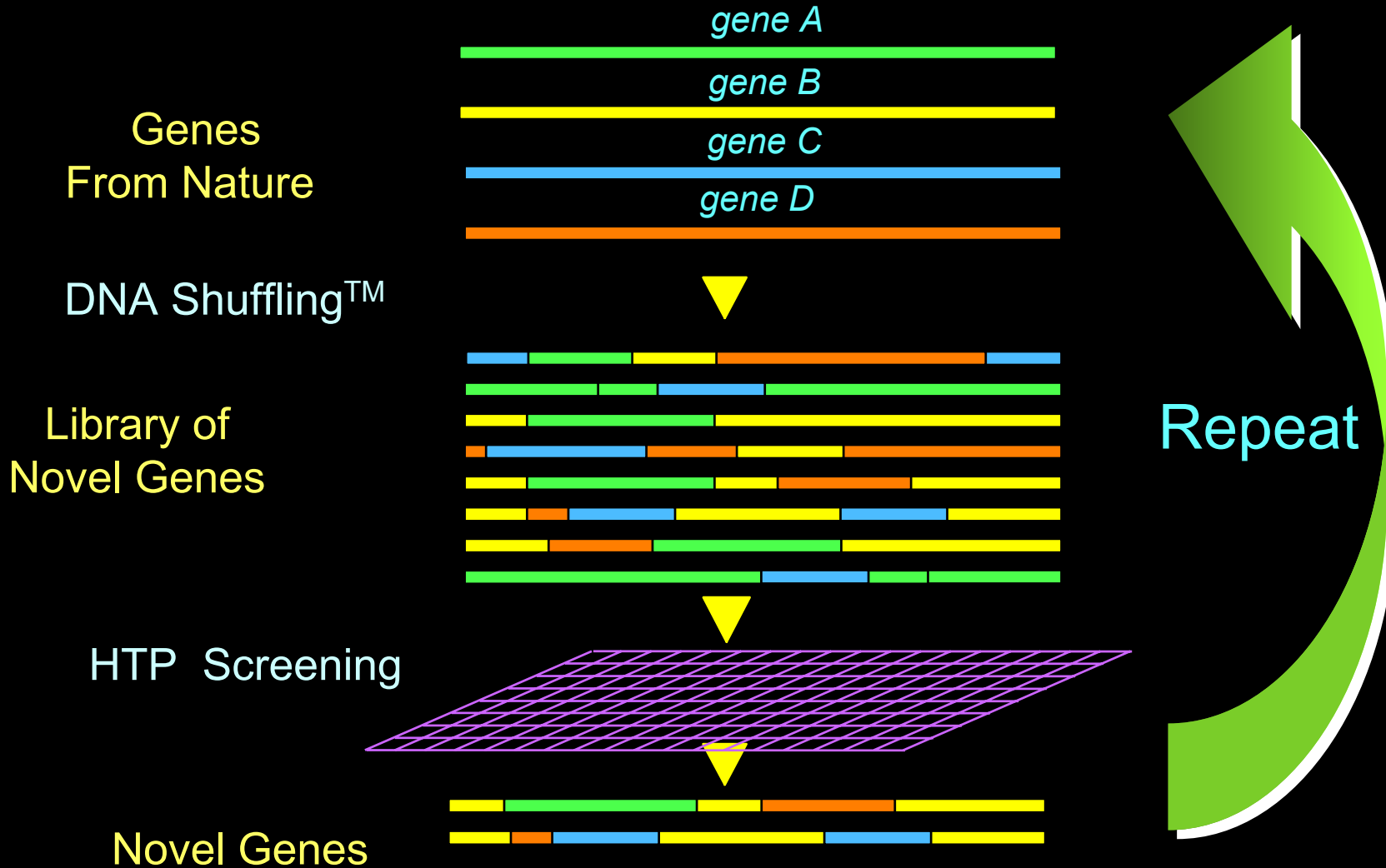
Historically: Adapt Process to fit Catalyst



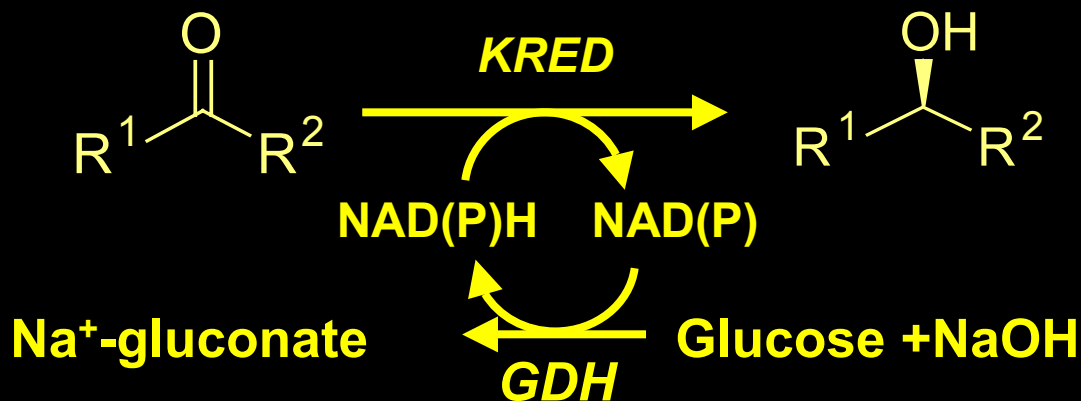
Future: Adapt Catalyst to fit Ideal Process



DNA Shuffling : Evolution in the Fast Lane



Ketone Reduction with Shuffled KREDs : Codexis



**Wild type
enzyme**

**Shuffled
enzyme**

100 g/L KRED/GDH; 80 g/L Substrate

Reaction time: 24 hrs

Phase separation >1 hour

Isolated yield ~80% / ee 99.8%



<1 g/L KRED/GDH; 160 g/L Substrate

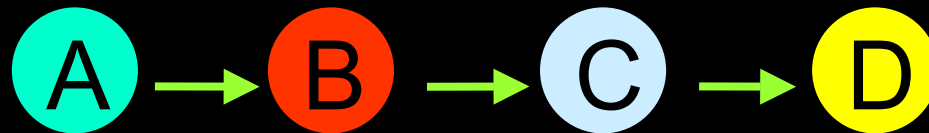
Reaction time 10 hrs.

Phase separation ~1 minute

Isolated yield >95% / ee >99.9%

Multistep Syntheses: Nature's Way

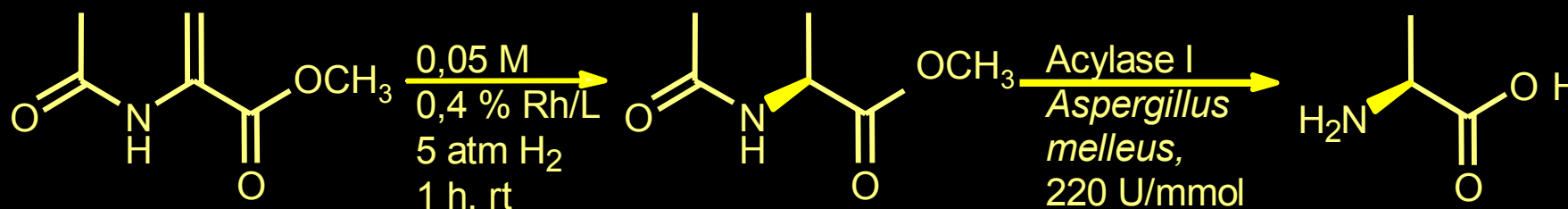
The Cell Factory:



**Cascade approach in metabolic pathways
by enzymatic catalysis in water
without isolation of intermediates**

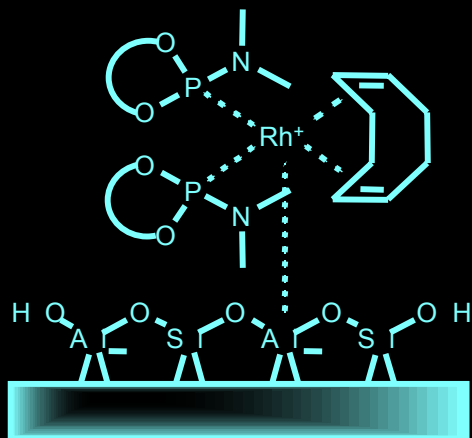
Compartmentalisation for compatibility

Chemoenzymatic Synthesis of an Amino Acid

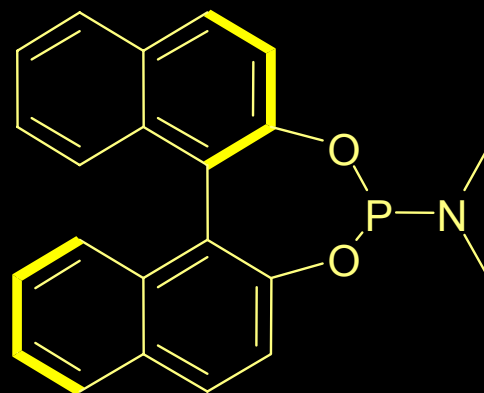


99% yield / 95% ee

99% yield / > 99%



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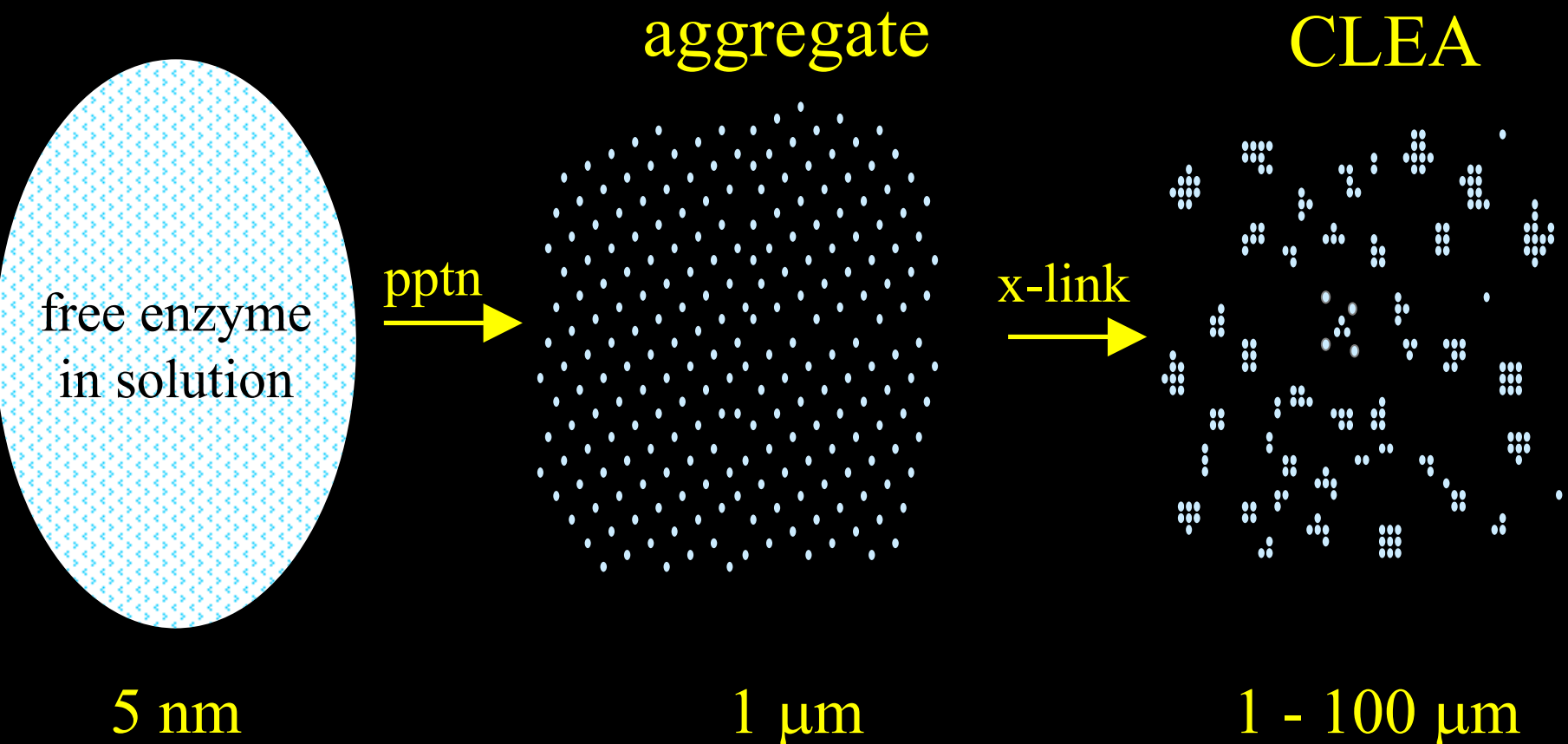


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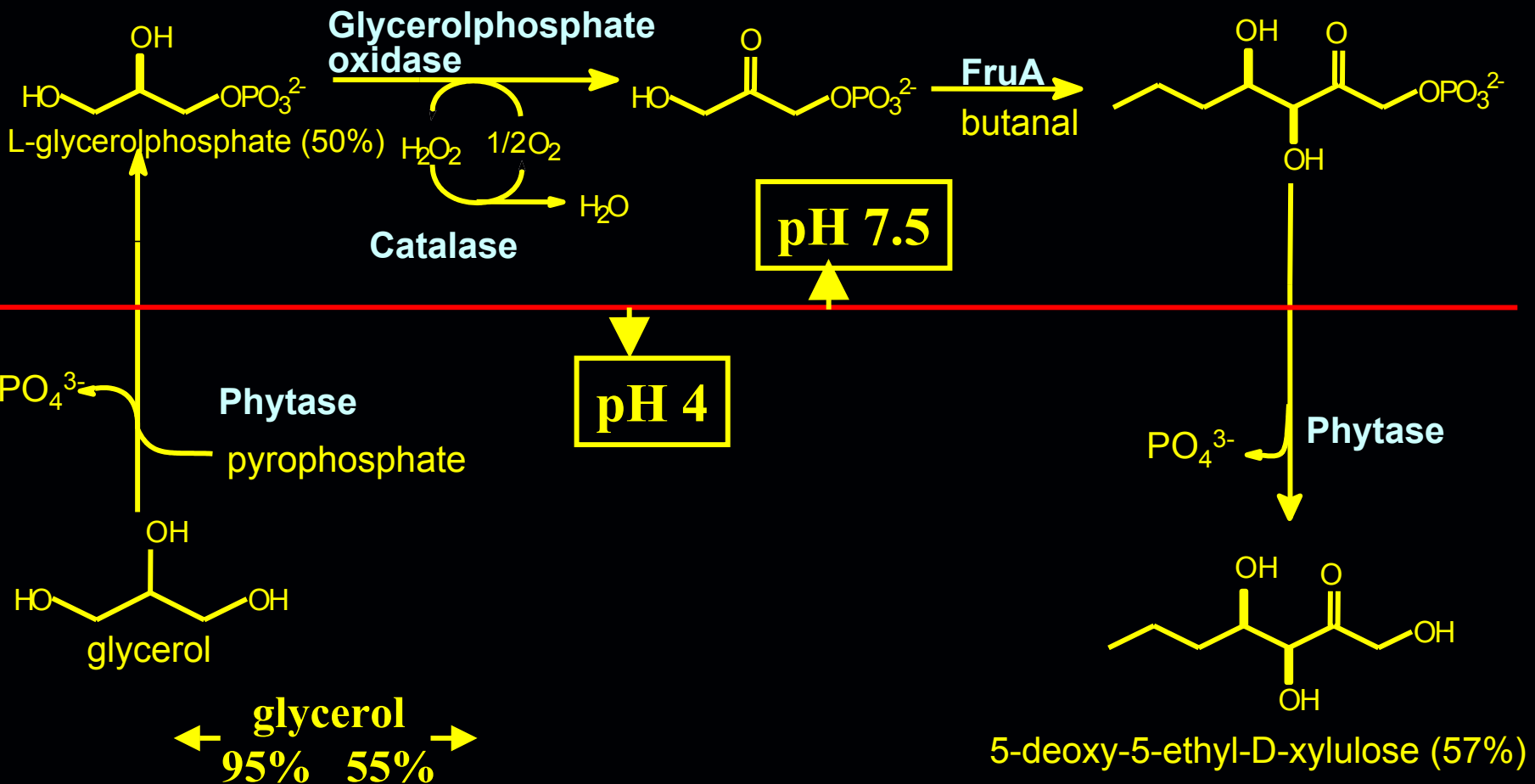


One – pot reaction in water

Cross-Linked Enzyme Aggregates (CLEAs)



Cascade Catalysis: One Pot/Four Enzymes



Conclusions & Prospects

- Catalytic methodologies –heterogeneous, homogeneous & enzymatic- and alternative reaction media form the basis for green , sustainable synthesis of flavours & fragrances
- Biocatalysis has many potential benefits and is “natural”
- Holistic approach / integration is the key
- Think Green

Think Green



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