

Green Chemistry: Principles and Examples



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Sustainability:

Meeting the needs of the present generation without compromising the needs of future generations

is the goal

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.

is the means

Primary Pollution Prevention not (End-of Pipe) Remediation

The 12 Principles

- Prevention
- Atom Economy & E Factor
- Less Hazardous Chemical Synthesis
- Designing Safer Chemicals
- Safer Solvents and Auxiliaries
- Design for Energy Efficiency
- Use of Renewable Feedstocks
- Reduce Derivatives
- Catalysis
- Design for Degradation,
- Real-time Analysis for Pollution Prevention
- Inherently Safer Chemistry for Accident Prevention





Reactants

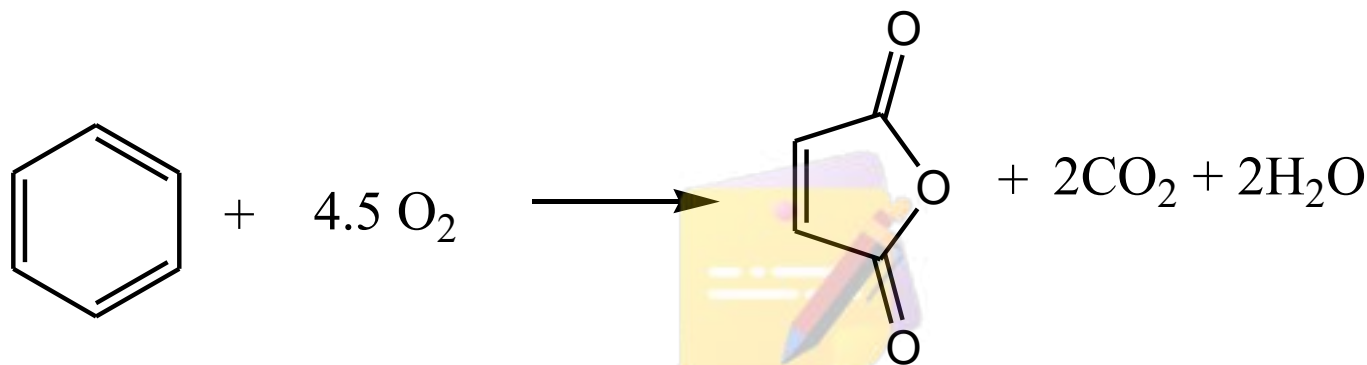
Product + Unwanted Product



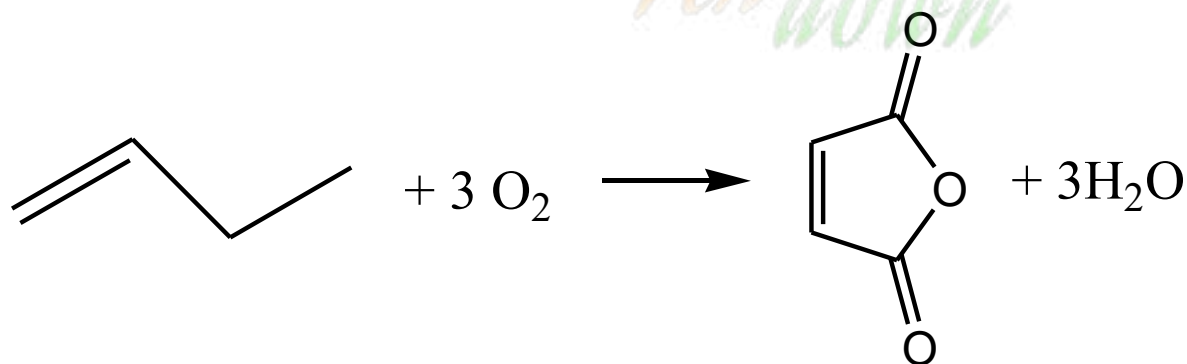
$$\text{Atom Economy} = P \div A + B + C$$

$$\text{E Factor} = U \div P$$

**% Atom economy = 100 x rel. mol. mass of desired products /
rel. mol. mass of *all* reactants**



% atom economy = 44 %

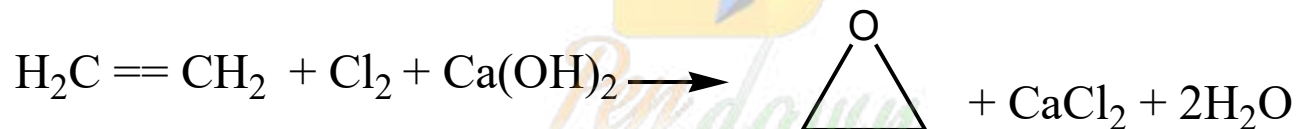
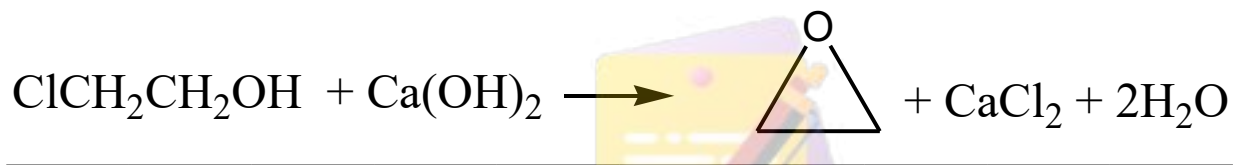
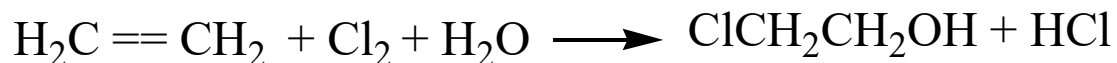


% atom economy = 64.5 %

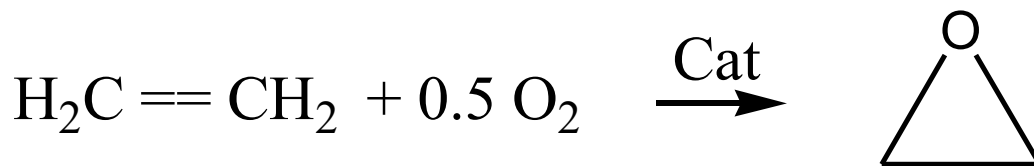
Routes to Synthesis of Maleic anhydride

Sheldon 1994: E-Factor

The environmental quotient : Total mass of waste / by mass of product



Atom economy: 25%: E-factor:2.9 (127.6/ 44)



Atom economy: 100%: E-factor:0

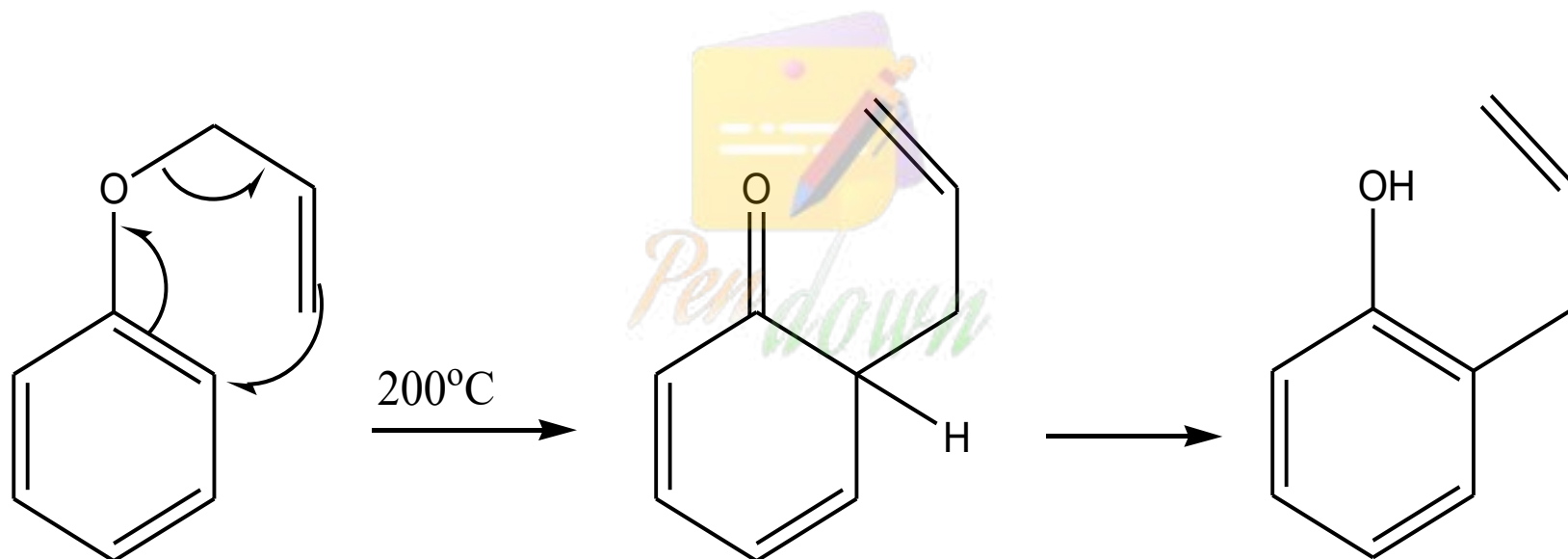
Supercritical CO₂

Supercritical CO₂ as a Reaction Medium

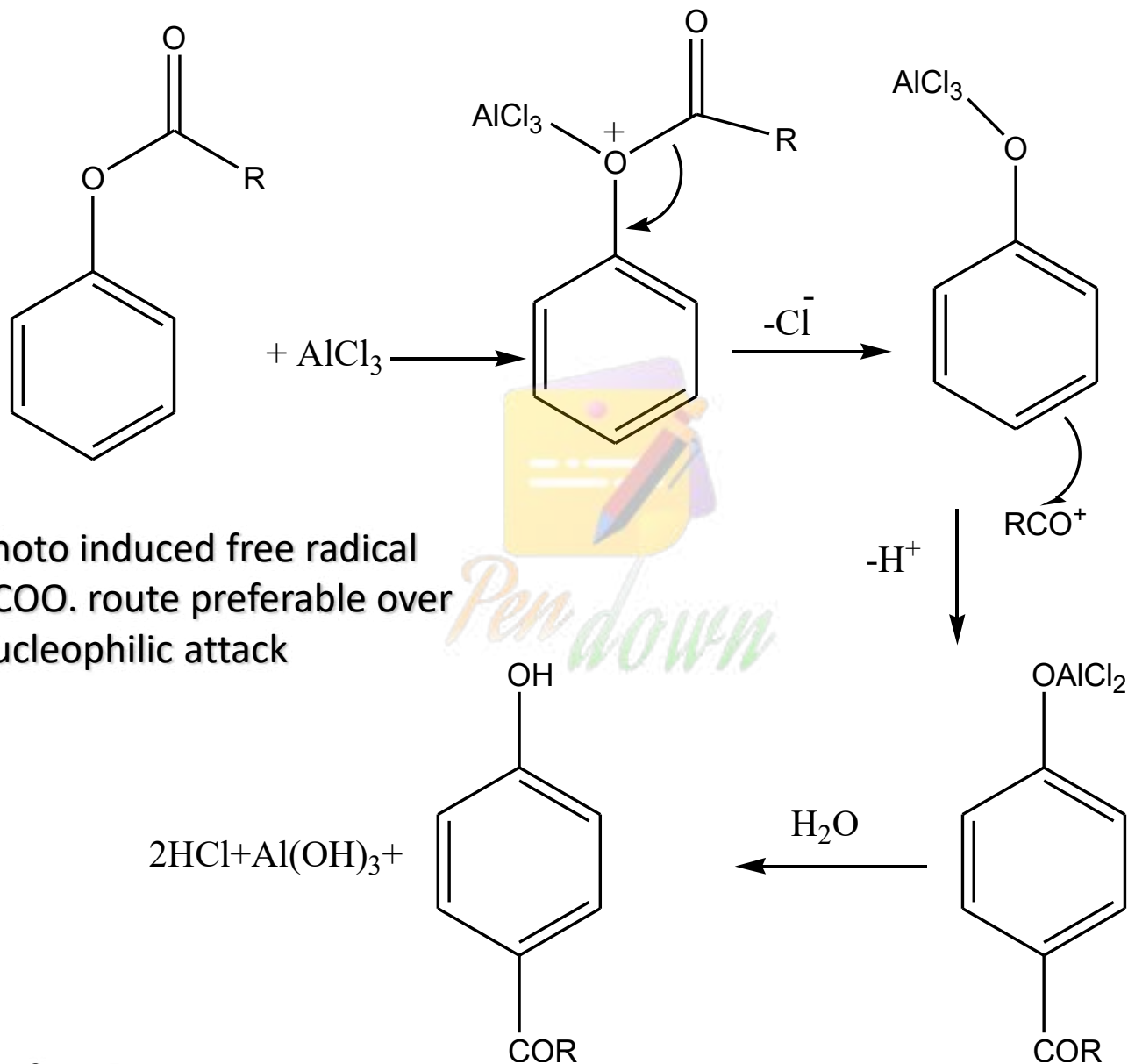
- T_c 31.0 °C, p_c 73.8 bar, d_c 0.477 kg L⁻¹
- Low viscosity (*more like a gas than like a liquid*); hence, fast mass transfer
- Cheap and abundantly available
- Easy to remove (N.B. no net production of CO₂)
- Non-toxic, non-inflammable, inert

ATOM ECONOMIC REACTIONS

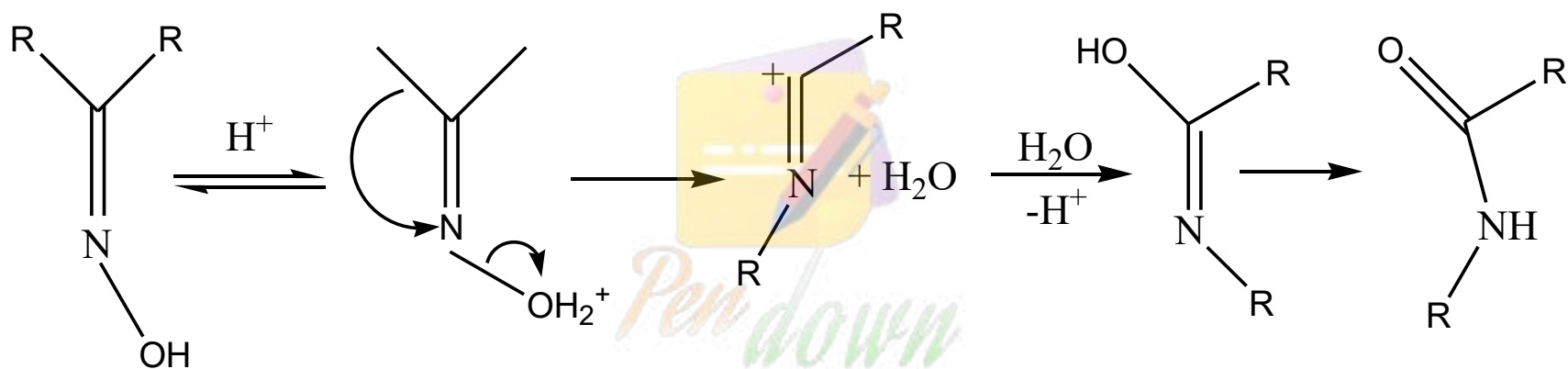
Rearrangement



Claisen rearrangement of aromatic allyl ethers

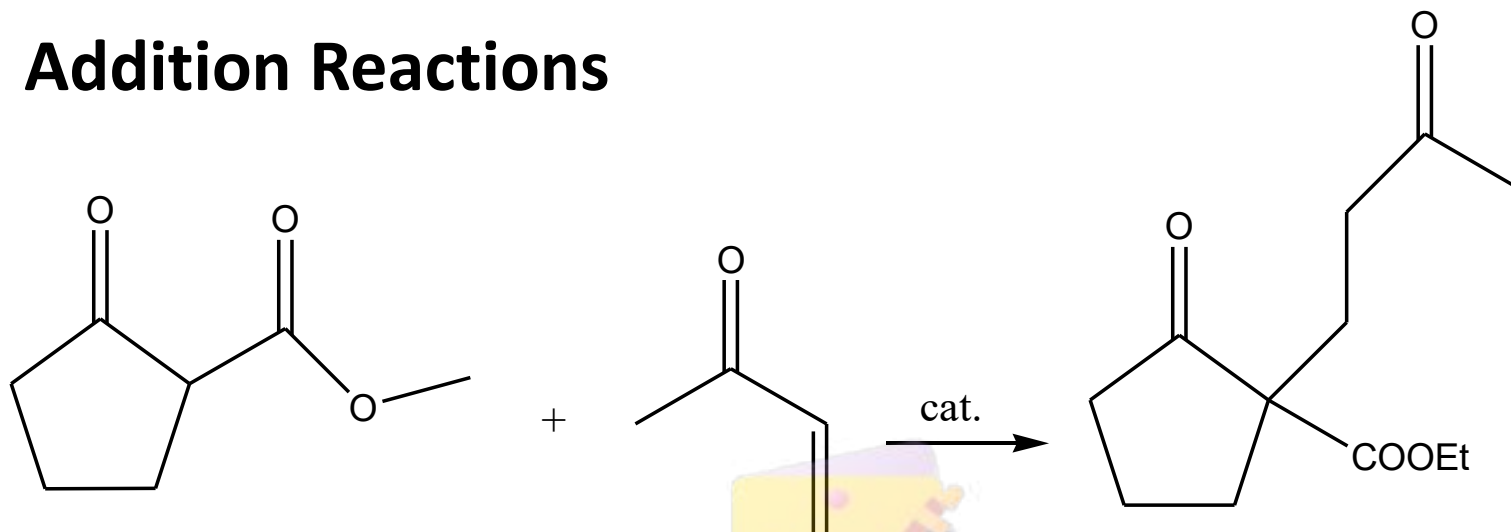


Fries Rearrangement

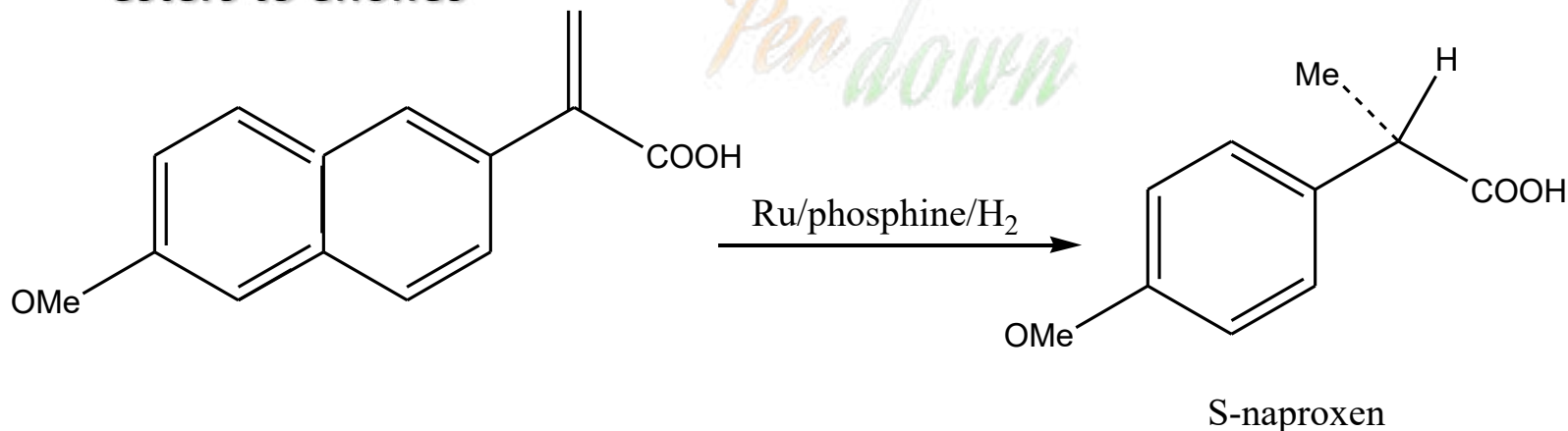


Beckmann Rearrangement :
 from cyclohexanone oxime to caprolactam; a key
 intermediate for nylon 6 (*zeolite is preferable over
 20% oleum*)

Addition Reactions



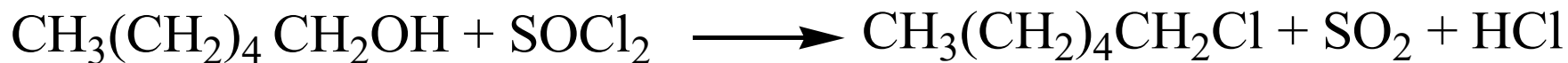
Michael Addition : heterogeneous base catalyzed addition of beta keto esters to enones



Addition to carbonyl groups: enantioselective catalytic hydrogenation using chiral ligands

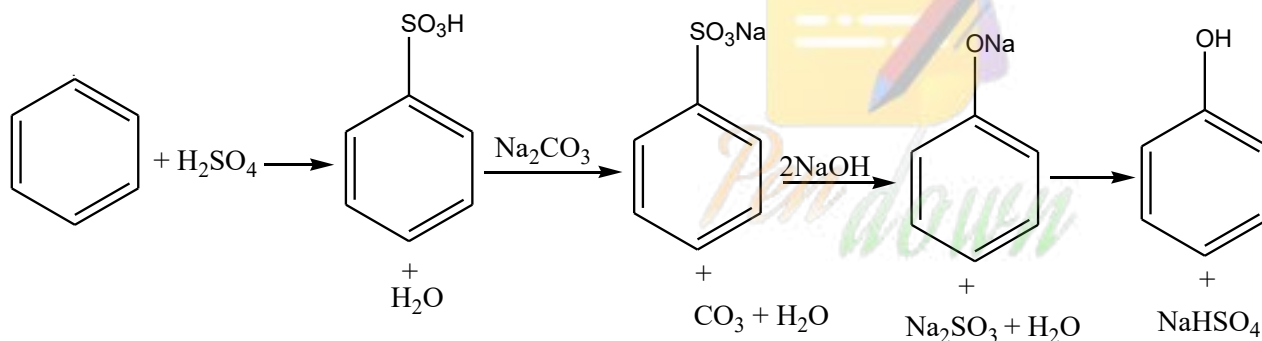
ATOM UN-ECONOMIC REACTION

• Substitution Reactions

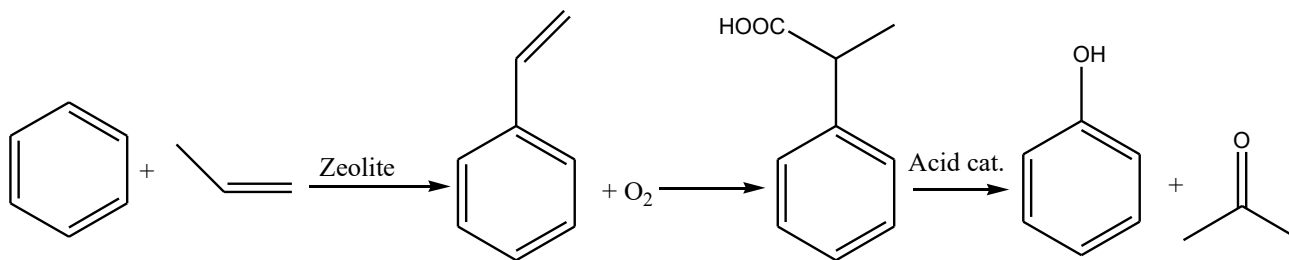


Chlorination of Hexanol

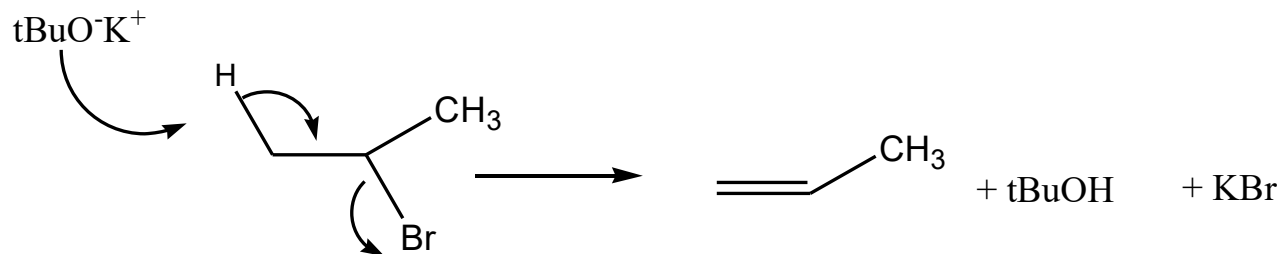
$$\text{Atom economy} = 100 \times 120.5 / (102 + 119) = 54.5\%$$



Benzene sulfonation route to Phenol

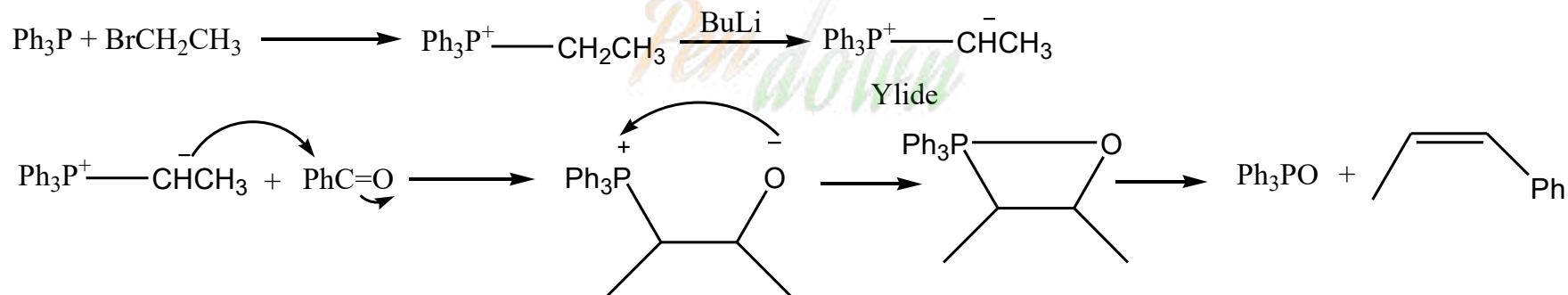


Cumene route to Phenol



E2 elimination of HBr from 2-bromo propane

Atom economy = $42 / (112 + 122) = 17.9\%$



Wittig Reaction: Preparation of Alkenes under mild conditions generates TPPO as waste limiting its commercial use

Catalysis and Green Chemistry

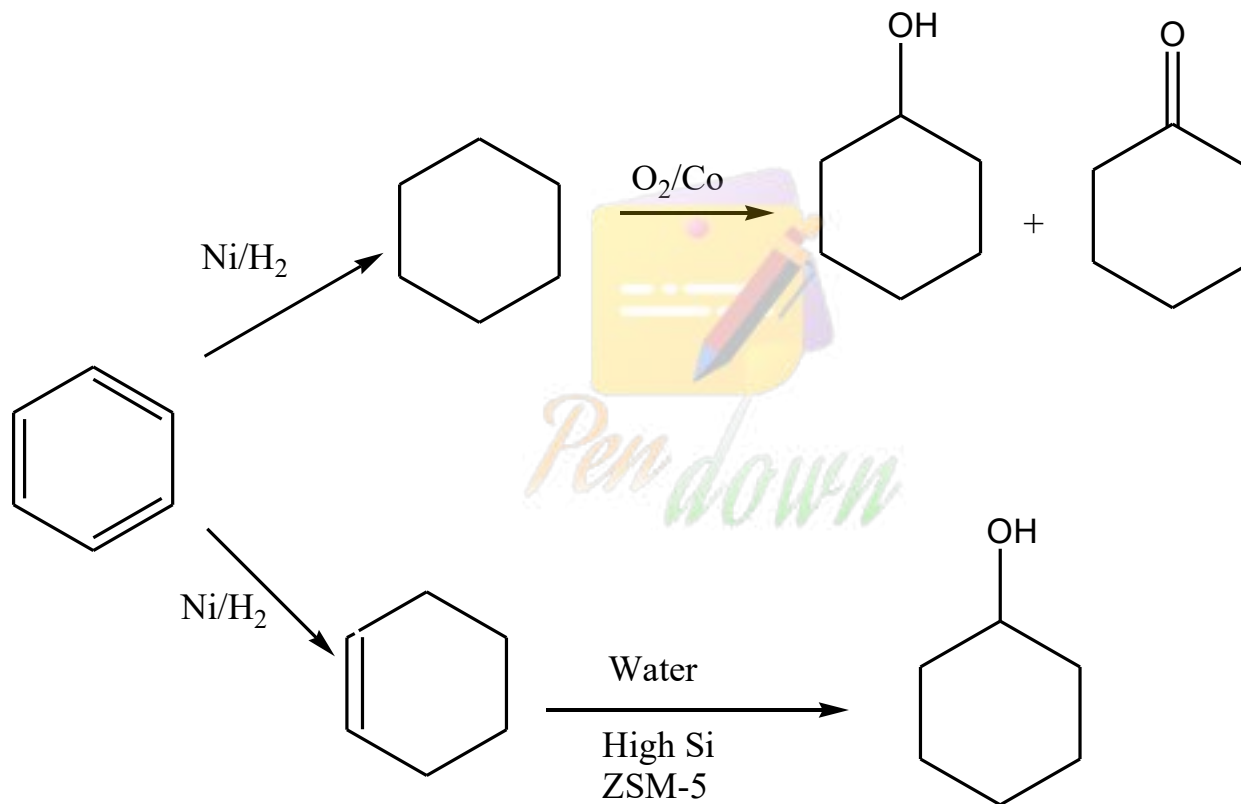
Catalysts, by definition, are hetero- or homogeneous; within and across these two categories there are other classifications:

- Asymmetric Catalysts
- Biocatalysts
- Phase transfer Catalysts
- Photocatalysts
- Nanoparticles as Catalysts



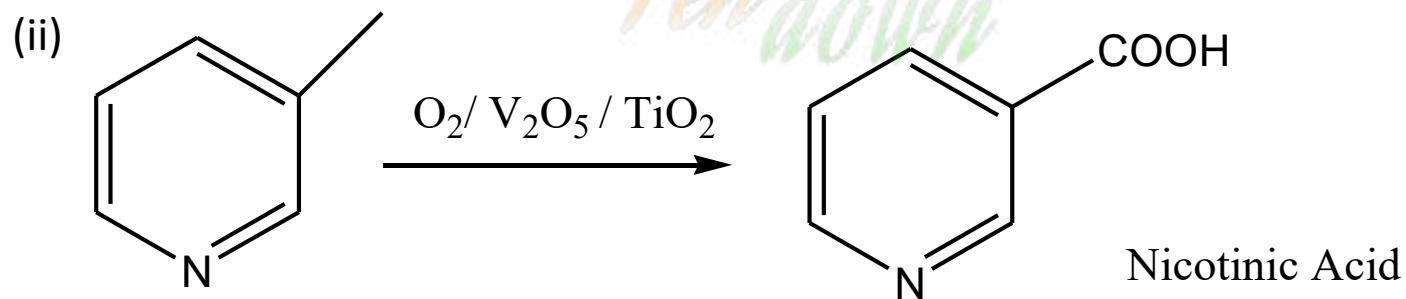
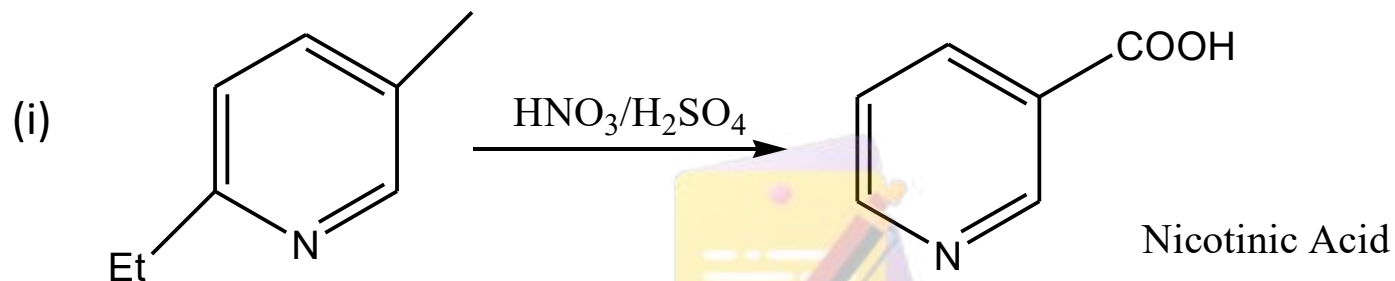
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Heterogeneous catalysts



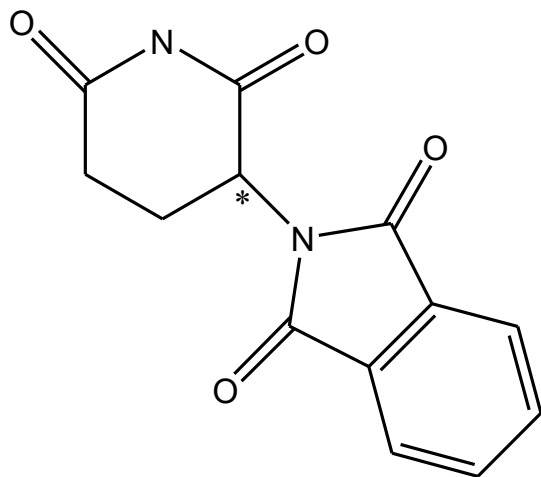
Production of Cyclohexanol

Production of Nicotinic Acid

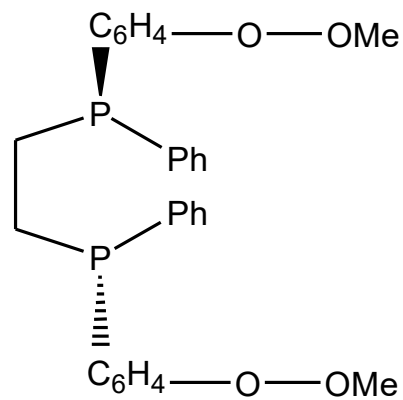


(ii) Catalytic route is green route

Asymmetric Catalysts

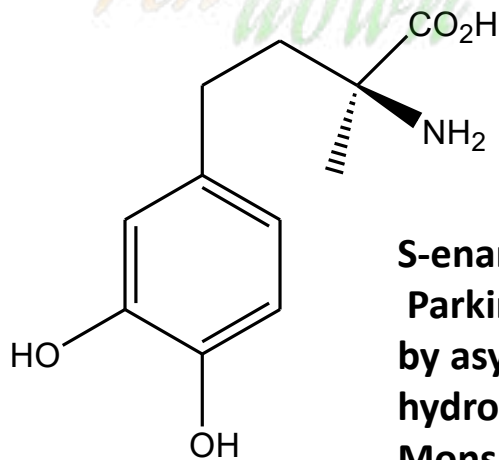


Thalidomide
(* Chiral Centre)



DIPAMP

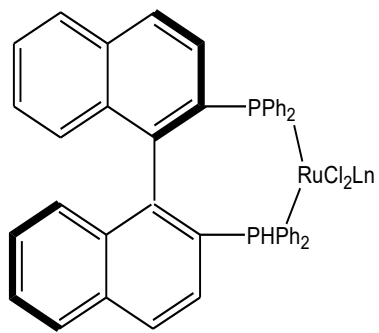
Chiral phosphine



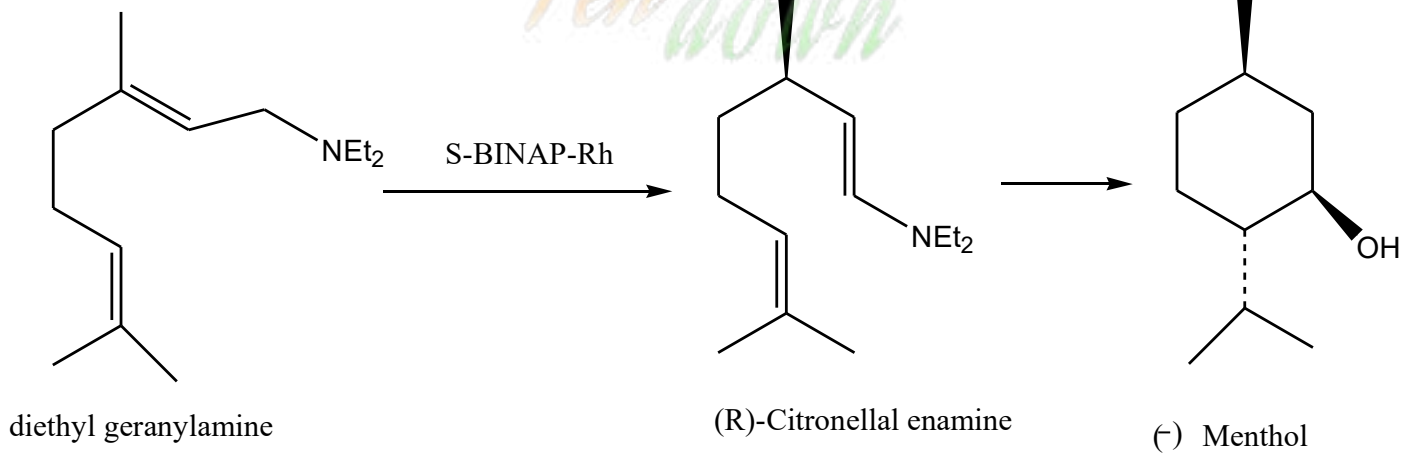
L-Dopa

**S-enantiomer drug for
Parkinson's disease made
by asymmetric
hydrogenation by
Monsanto**

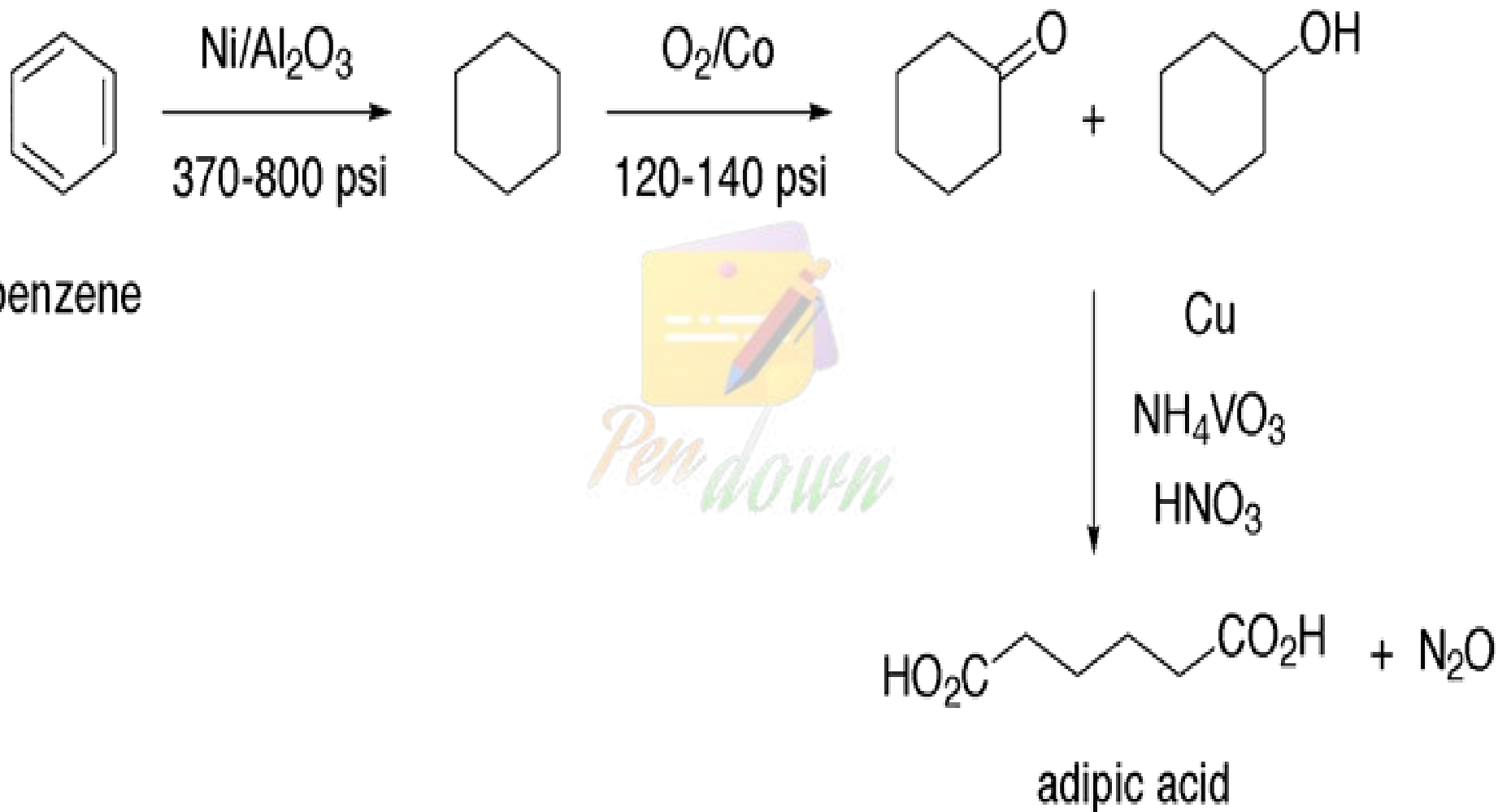
Commercial Synthesis of l-menthol



BINAP-Ru/Rh



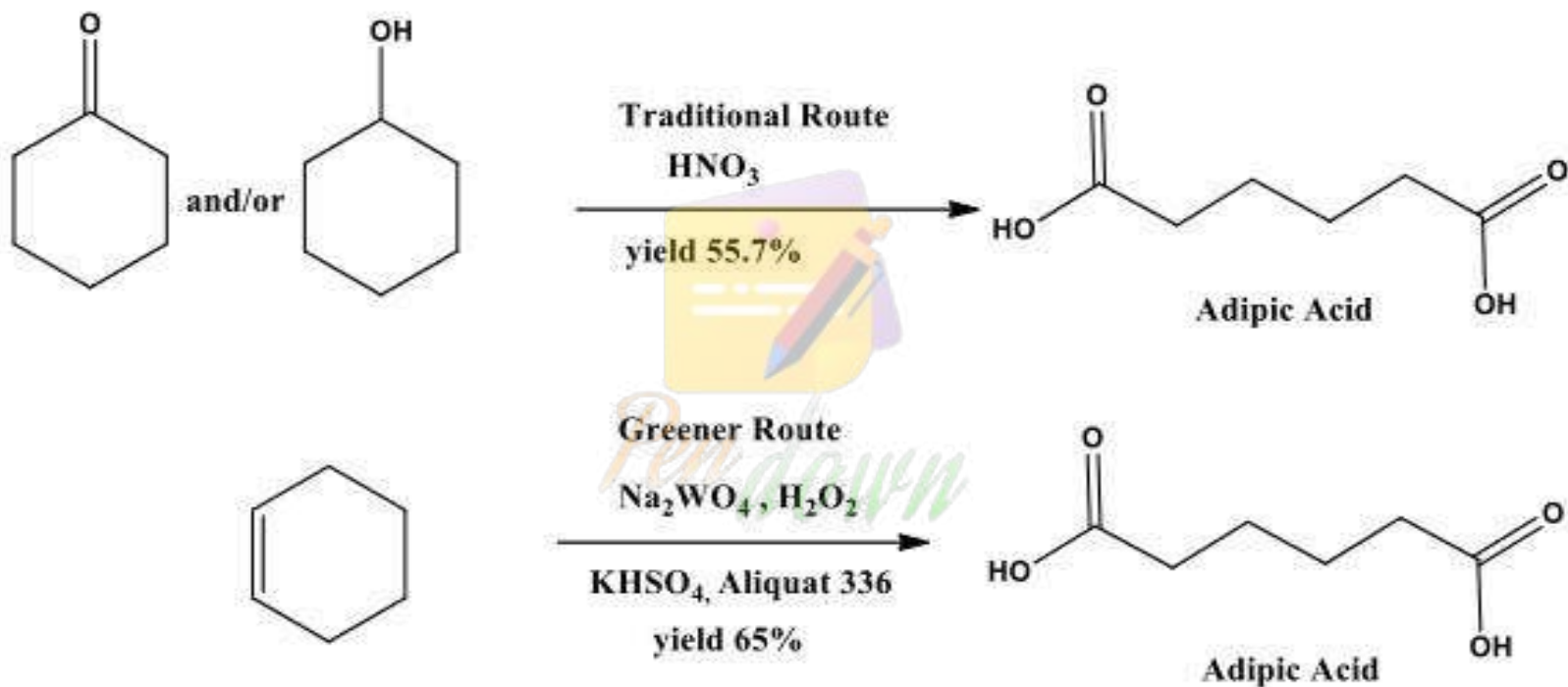
Synthesis of Adipic Acid: Traditional Route



2.2 million tons of adipic acid is consumed globally, mostly in the production of Nylon-6,6.

In the traditional synthesis process large amount of N_2O has been produced which is a green house gas and potential pollutant.

Synthesis of Adipic Acid



Green Route is known as Noyori Synthesis

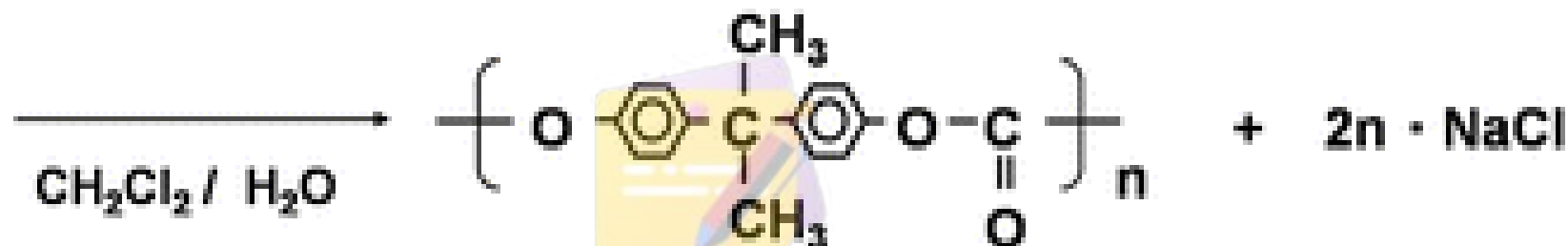
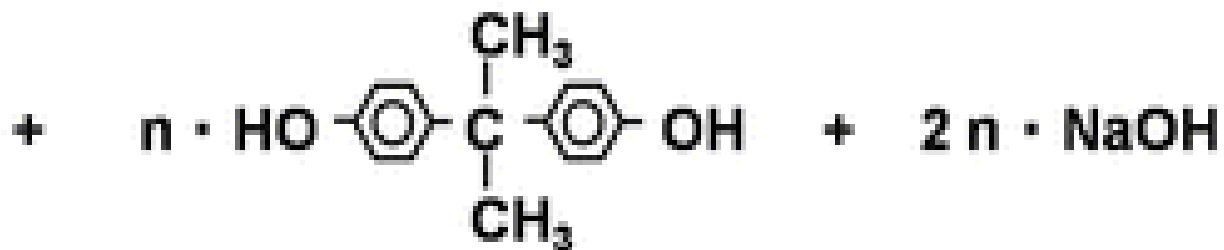
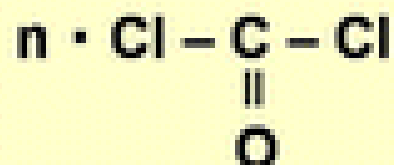
Production of Polymer Polycarbonate (PC)

Uses: electrical and electronic equipments, auto parts and accessories, medical devices, optical media, safety helmets, sport goods, aircraft and missile components.

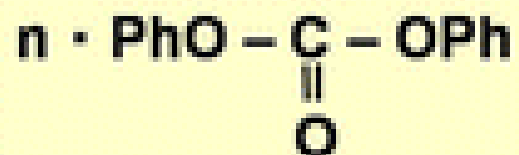
Traditional Baeyer Method used a reaction between Bisphenol -A and phosgene-a lethally poisonous gas

In green Asahi Process diphenyl carbonate and Bisphenol -A are taken in molten state without solvent : Komiya 2003

Phosgene Process



Non-Phosgene Process



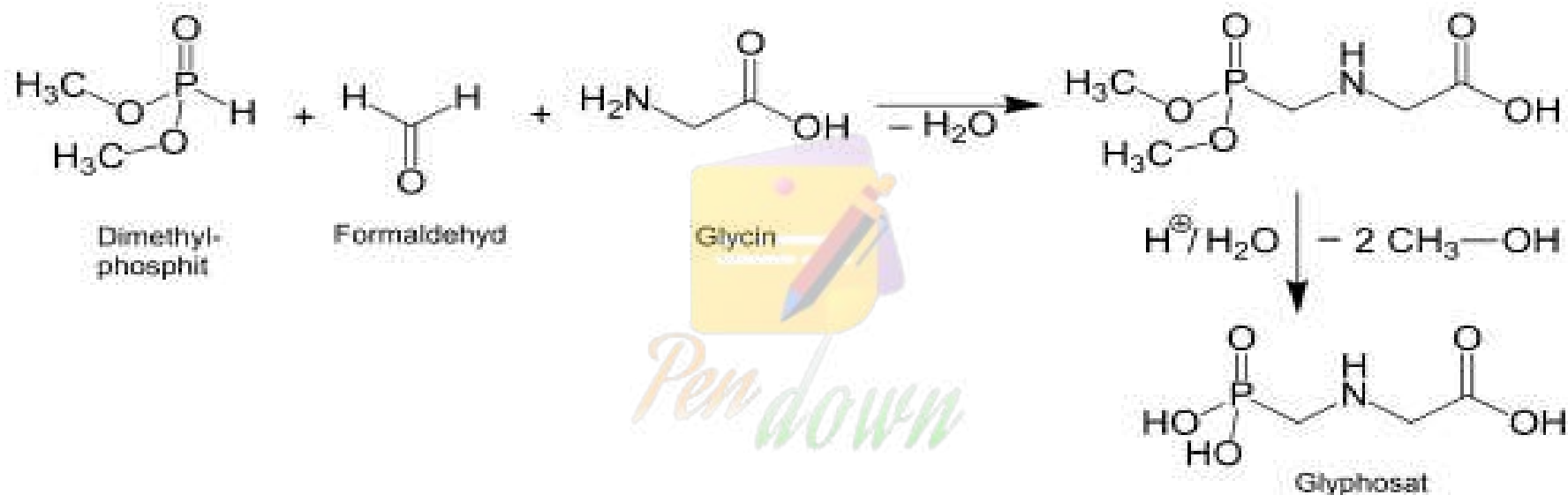
Diphenyl Carbonate (DPC)



Asahi Process : for PC Production

- Phosgene – free process
- Incorporation of CO₂- byproduct carbon dioxide used as starting material
- No need for PC purification
- No diethylene glycol (DEG) formation
- Waste –free process

Monsanto's Herbicide or Weedicide- "RoundUp" or Glyphosate 1974



It is an organophosphorus compound specifically a phosphonate. Can also be classified as an amino acid

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