A short presentation on molecules in LaTeX

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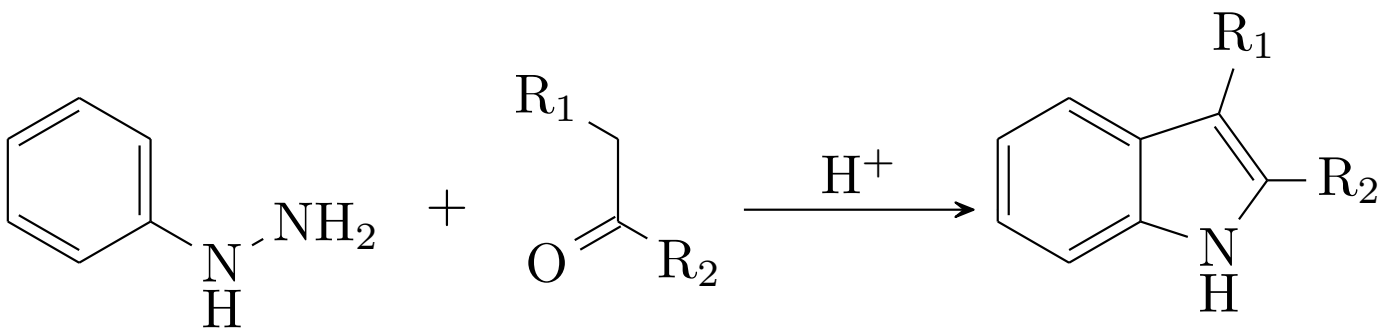
Introduction

- In these slides we show how Overleaf can be used with standard chemistry packages to easily create professional presentations.
- If you're new to LaTeX, check out this free introductory course by Overleaf founder Dr John Lees-Miller: `www.overleaf.com/blog/7`
- You can also find more quick tips and tricks on the help pages at `www.overleaf.com/help`



The chemistry packages

We focus on two LaTeX chemistry packages:

The `chemfig` package

This package provides the command which draws molecules. Created by Christian Tellechea, a detailed user guide can be found here:

`www.tex.ac.uk/ctan/macros/generic/chemfig/chemfig_doc_en.pdf`

The `mhchem` package

The `mhchem` package provides simple commands for typesetting chemical molecular formulae and equations. Created by Martin Hensel, a detailed user guide can be found here:

`http://mirror.ox.ac.uk/sites/ctan.org/macros/latex/contrib/mhchem/mhchem.pdf`

Chemical equations with `mhchem`

- The `mhchem` package lets you write chemical equations in LaTeX with the minimum of effort.
- The example below shows how the standard representation of a reaction (on the left) is created from the simple code on the right:

$\ce{CO2 + C -> 2CO}$ is created with `\ce{CO2 + C -> 2CO}`

- More complicated reactions are still easy to write:

$\ce{SO4^2- + Ba^2+ -> BaSO4 v}$

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`\ce{SO4^2- + Ba^2+ -> BaSO4 v}`

Where to go next...

- This short example was designed to introduce you to using Overleaf for scientific presentations.
- This is made possible by the many great packages that have been developed for LaTeX, including the two we focused on here (plus the `Beamer` package used for the overall presentation style).
- For more help on using LaTeX, see the links on the Overleaf help page: `www.overleaf.com/help` or check out our free introductory course: `www.overleaf.com/blog/7`.

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