



Playing with chemistry on sp^2 carbon allotropes: domino reactions for tailor made functionalization

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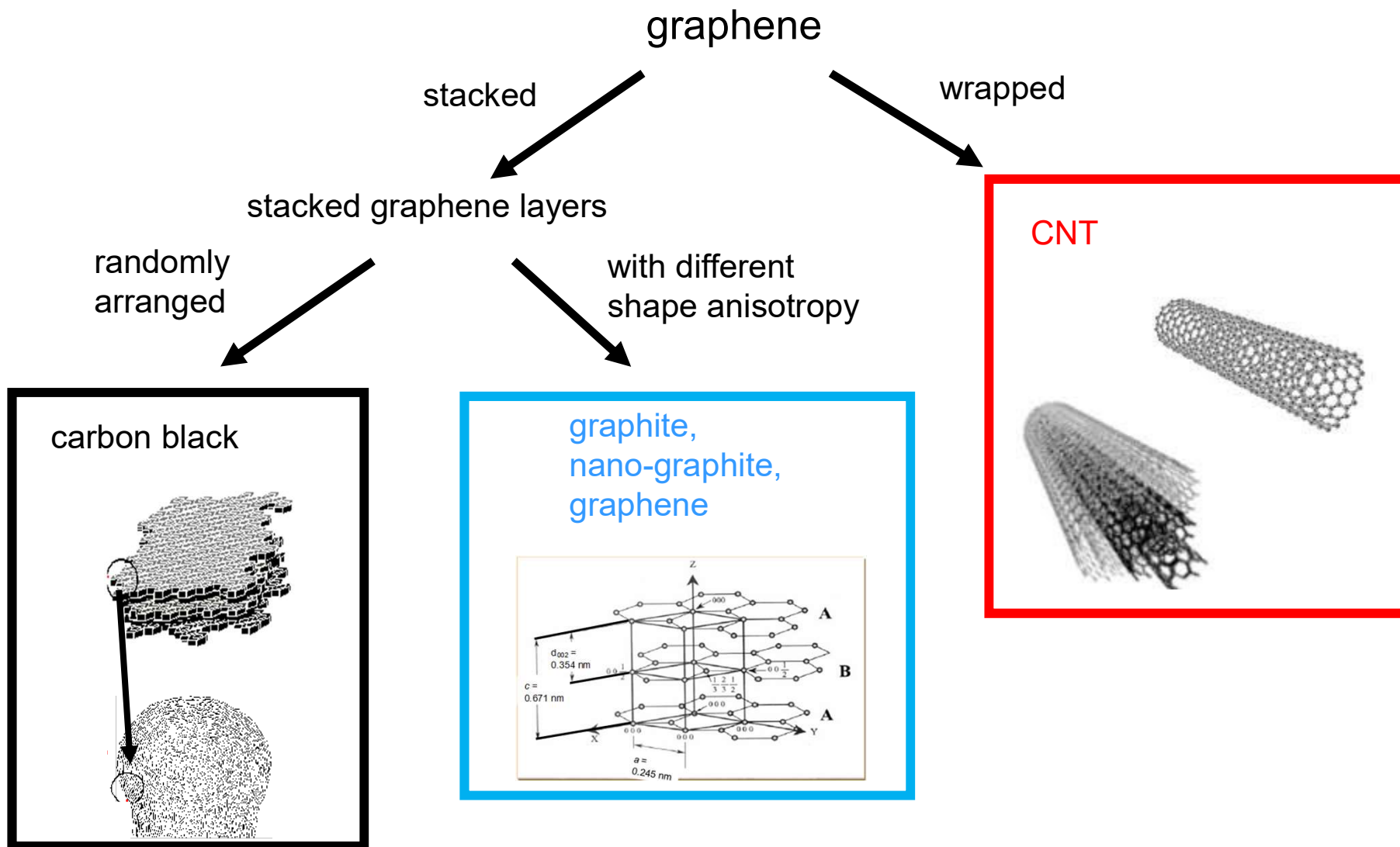
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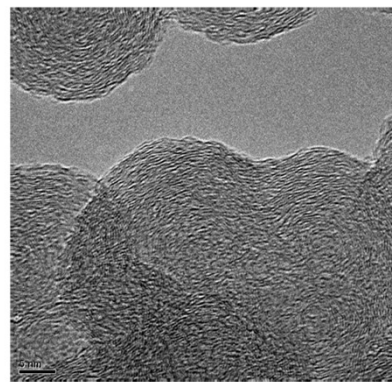
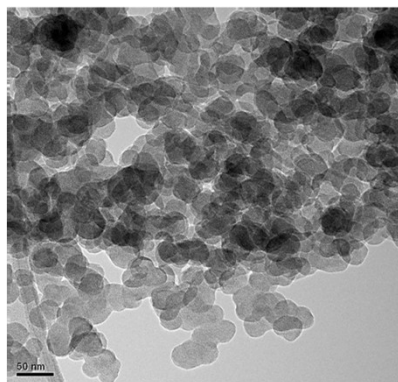


Carbon fillers from a layer of sp^2 -bonded carbon atoms

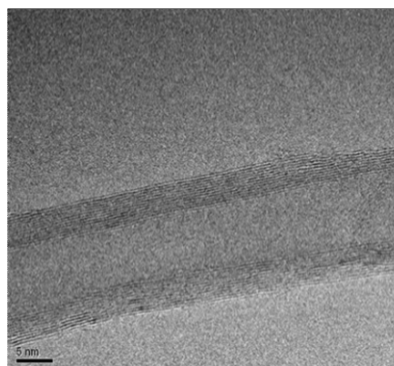
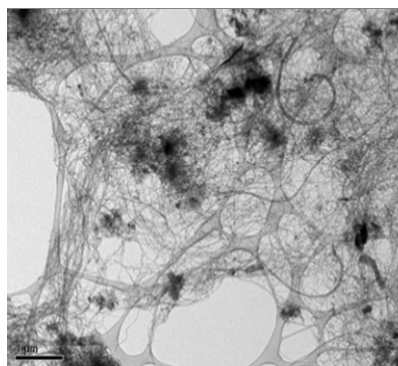


Carbon allotropes (CA)

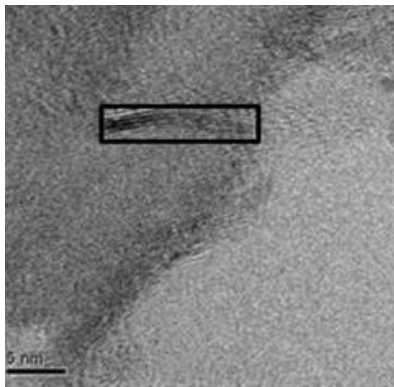
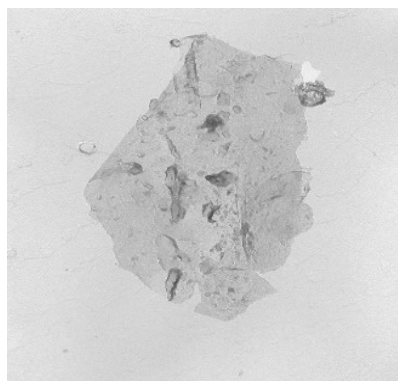
CB



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FEW LAYERS
GRAPHENE



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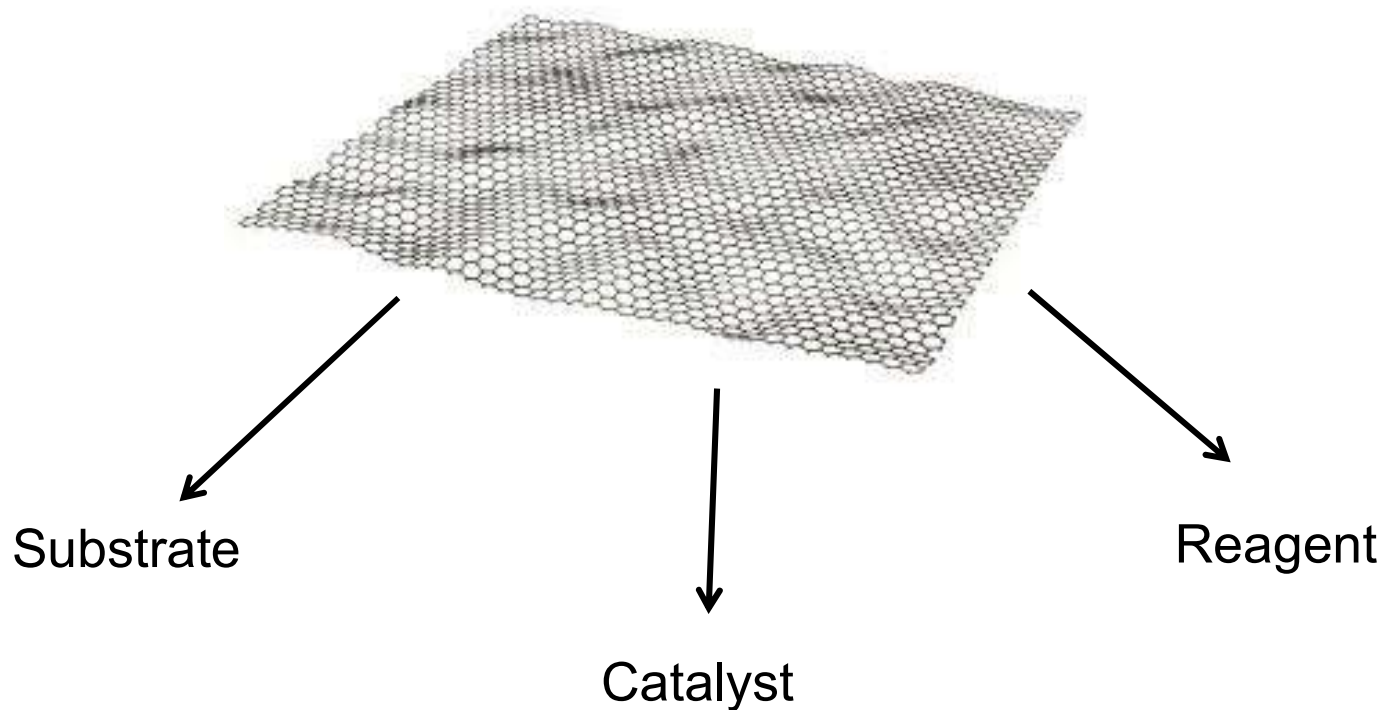
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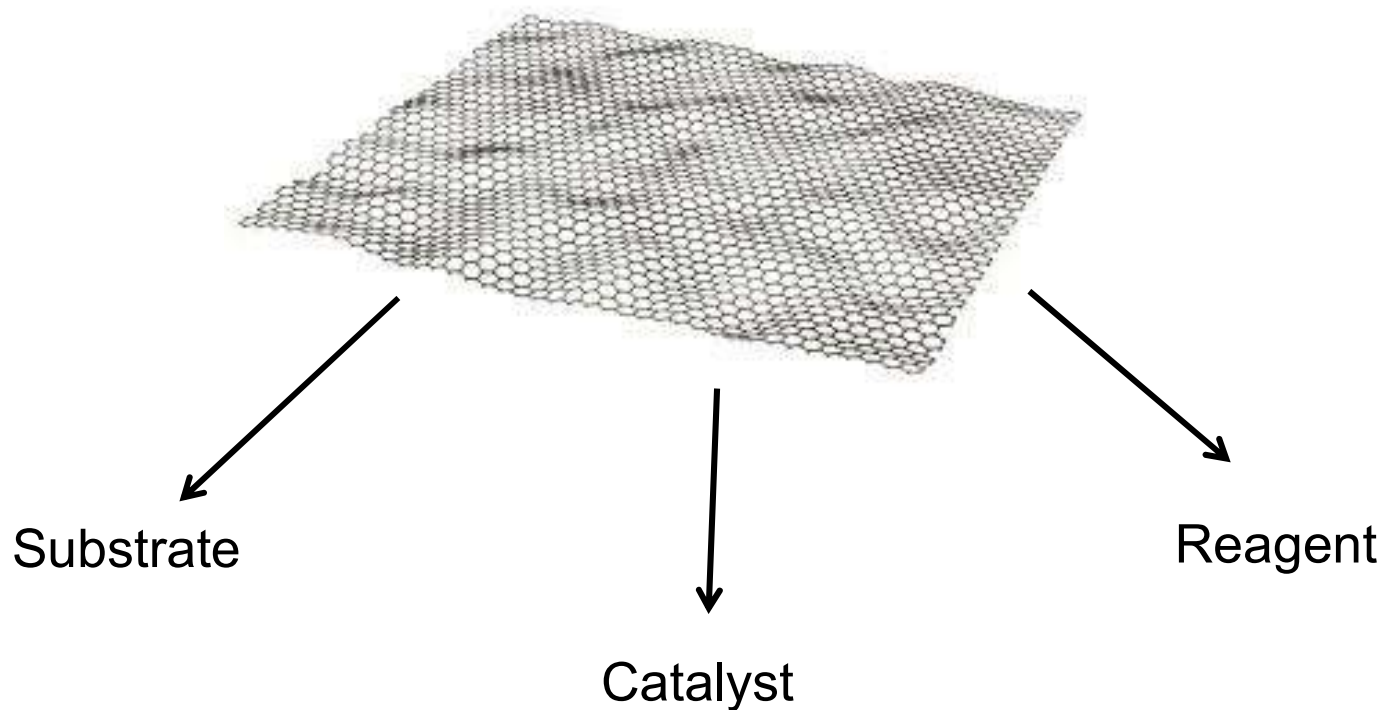
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Manifold role for the carbon allotrope



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Investigation of mechanisms

Technical problems



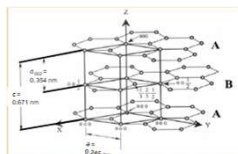
- Difficult analytical investigations
- Reactivity or simple absorption of chemicals?
- Graphite: intercalation?



Facile functionalization



sp² carbon allotropes (CA)



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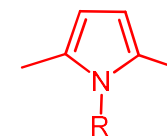
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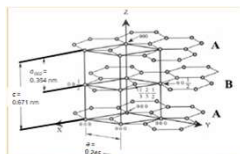


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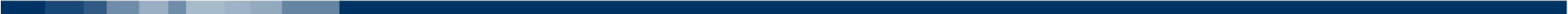
➤ Pyrrole derivatives



➤ KOH

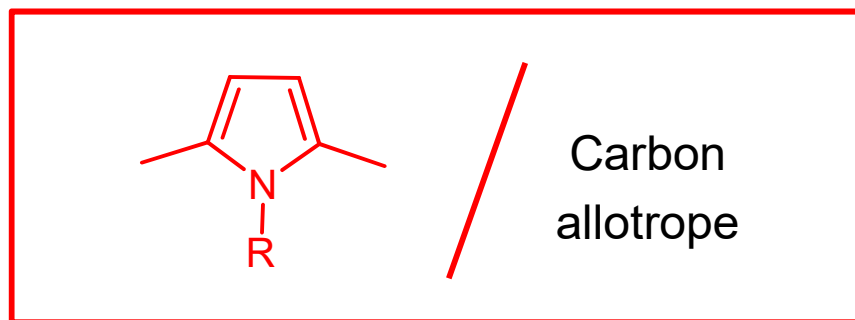


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Functionalization of carbon materials with pyrrole derivative

Facile functionalization of carbon materials



Mixing, energy, air



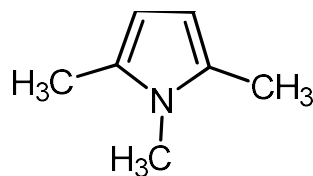
carbon allotrope

functional groups on surface

bulk structure substantially unaltered

Mechanism of the functionalization reaction

Investigation with a model compound

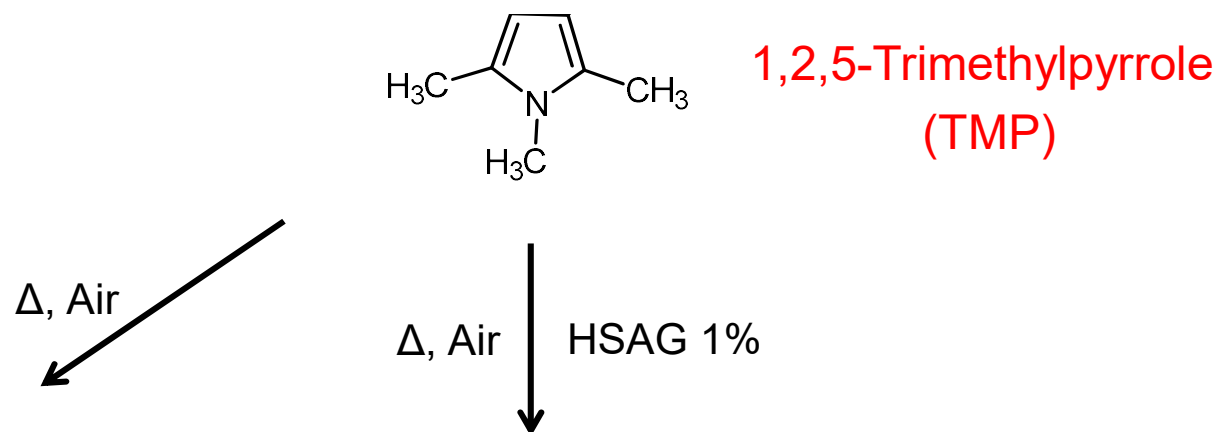


1,2,5-Trimethylpyrrole
(TMP)



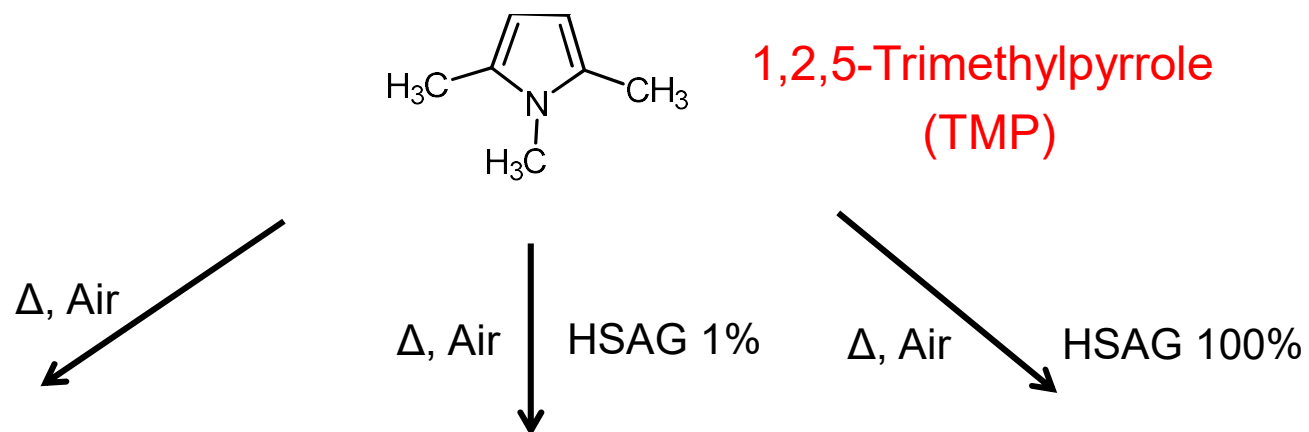
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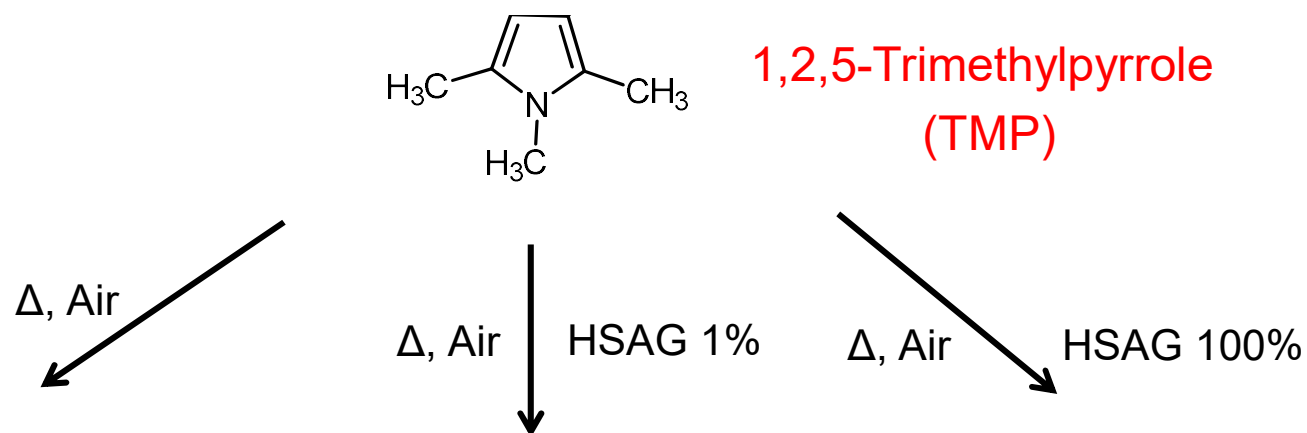
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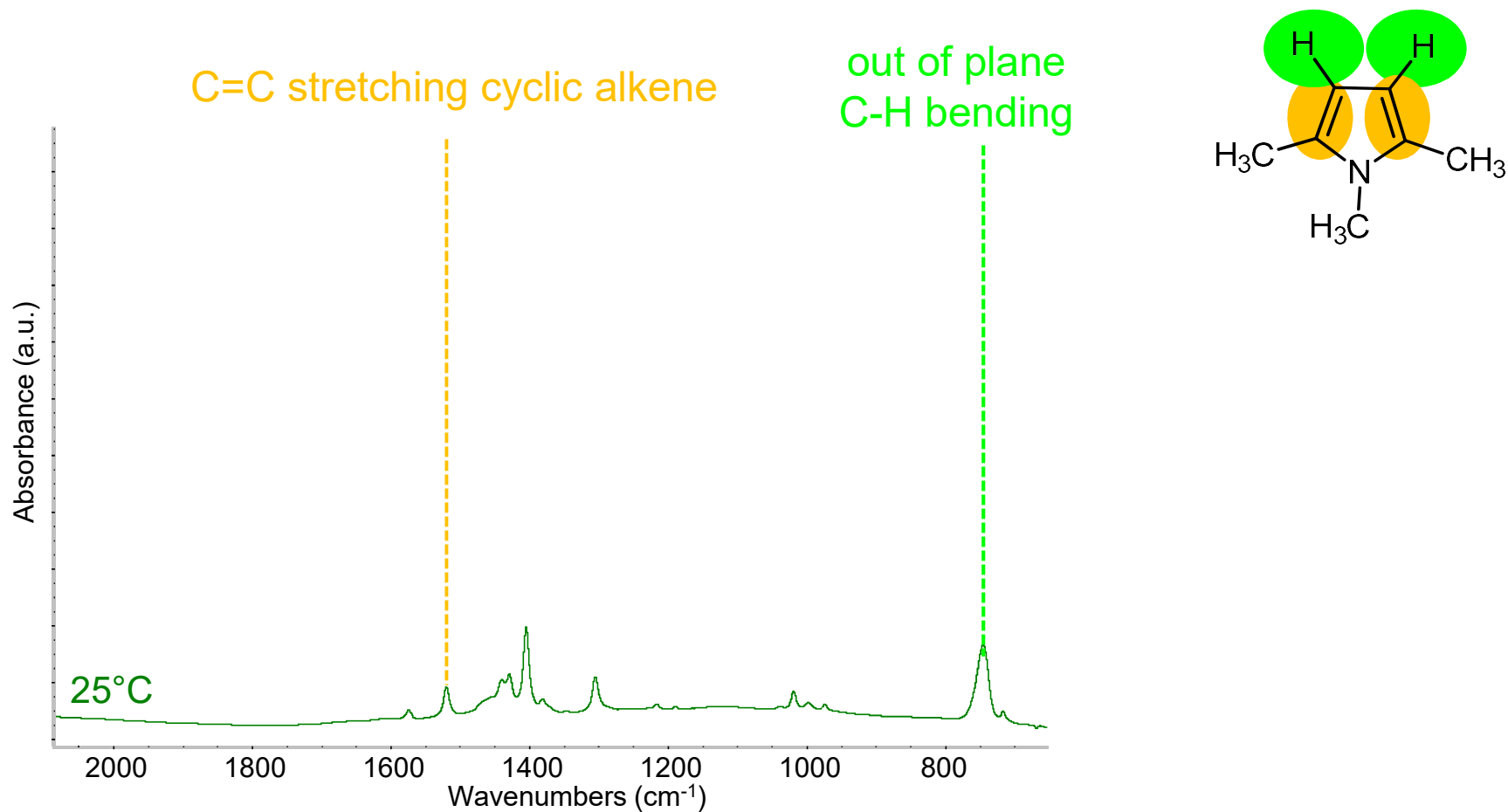
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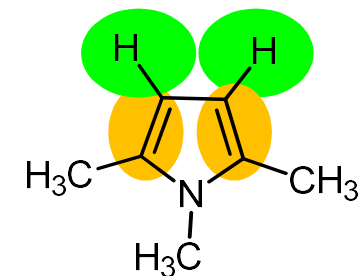
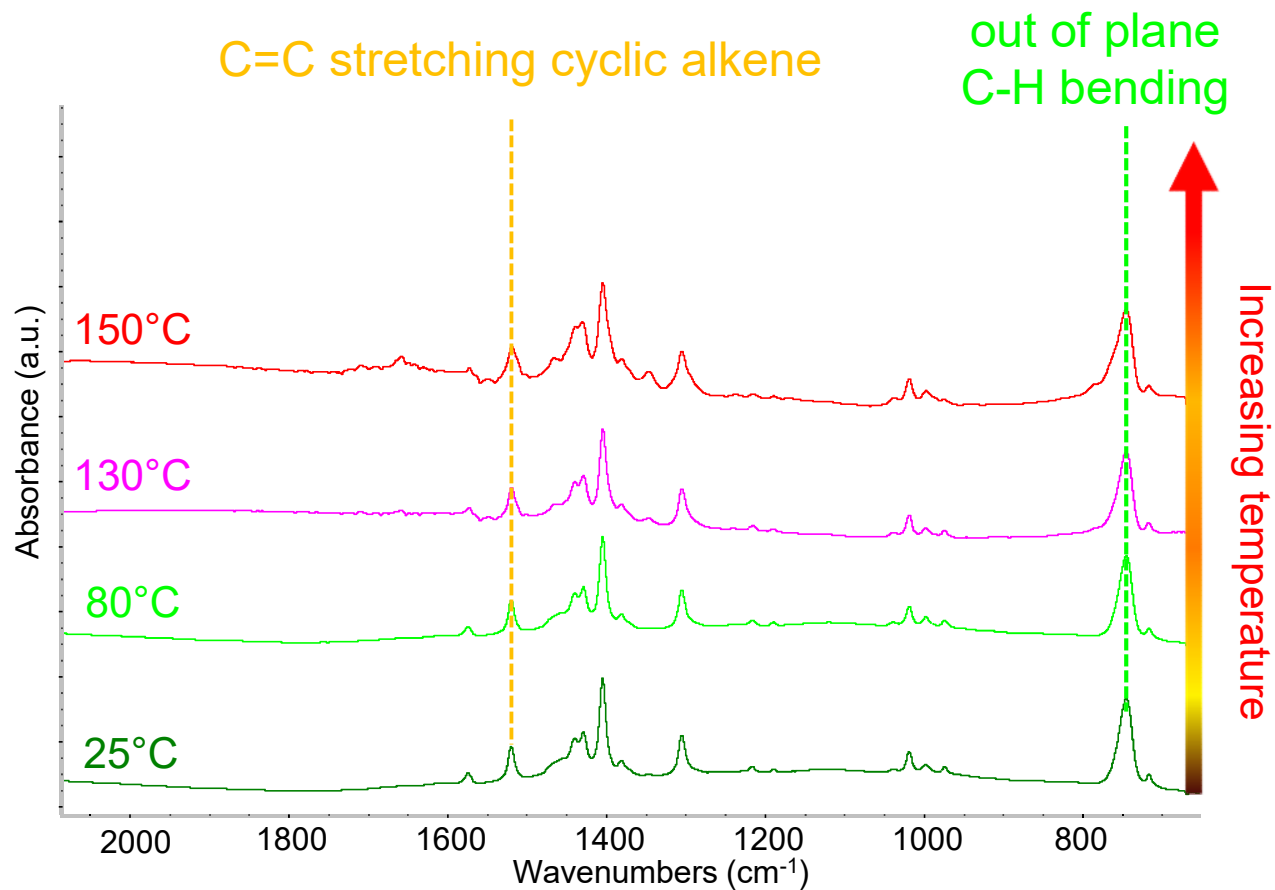
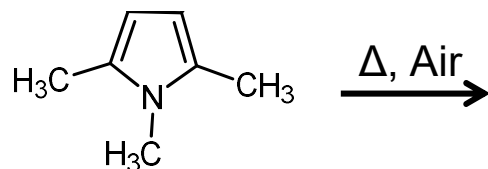


- ☞ Analysis of: liquids, HSAG/TMP adducts
- ☞ FT-IR and $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectroscopies
- ☞ FT-IR spectra generation with Density Functional Theory (DFT) quantum chemical modelling.

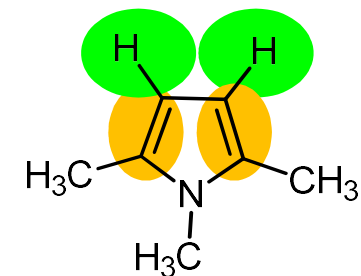
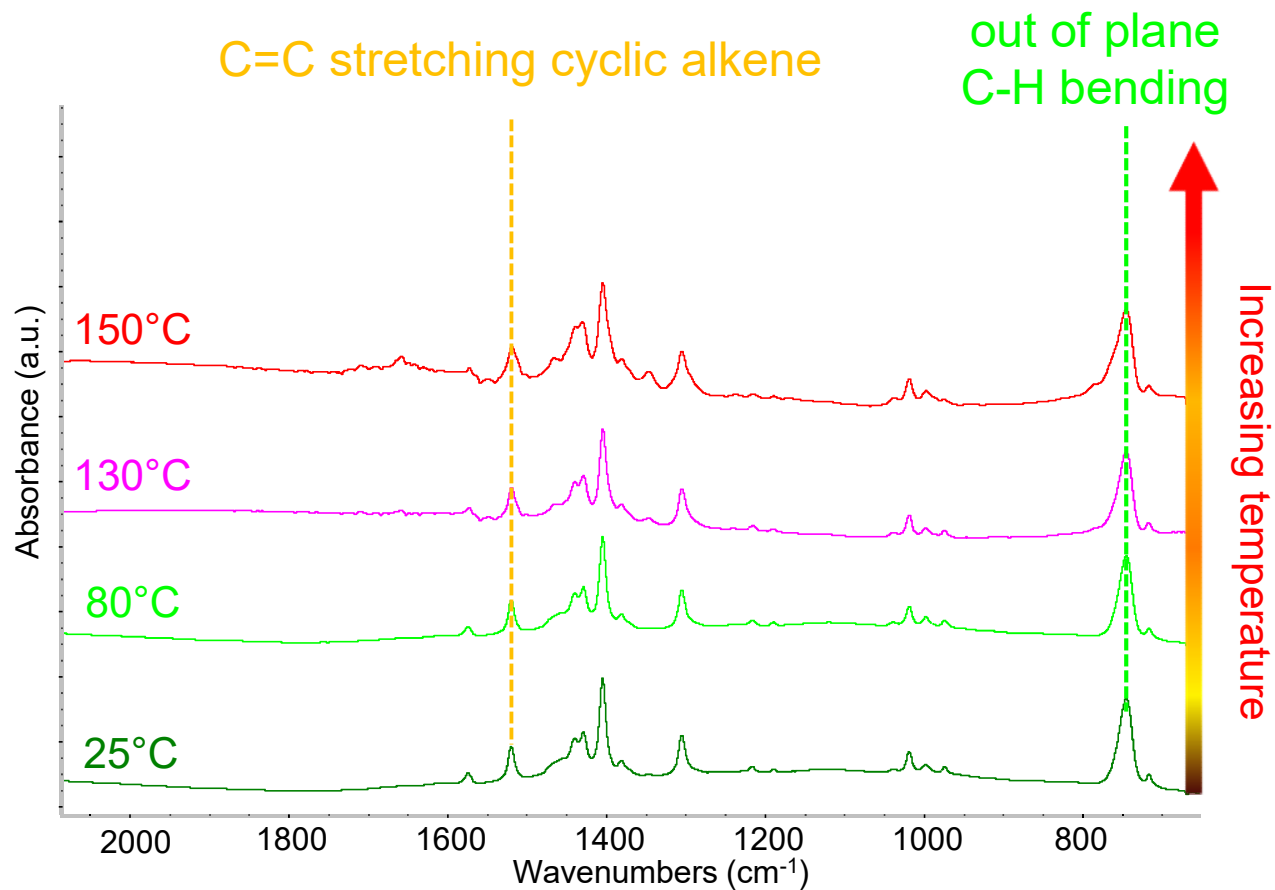
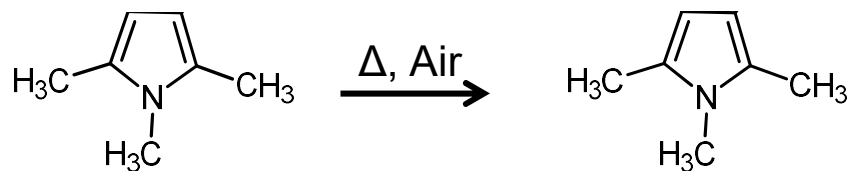
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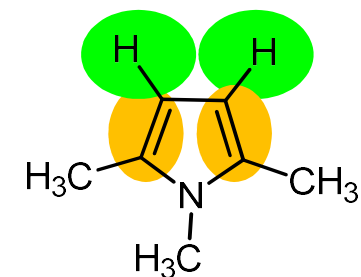
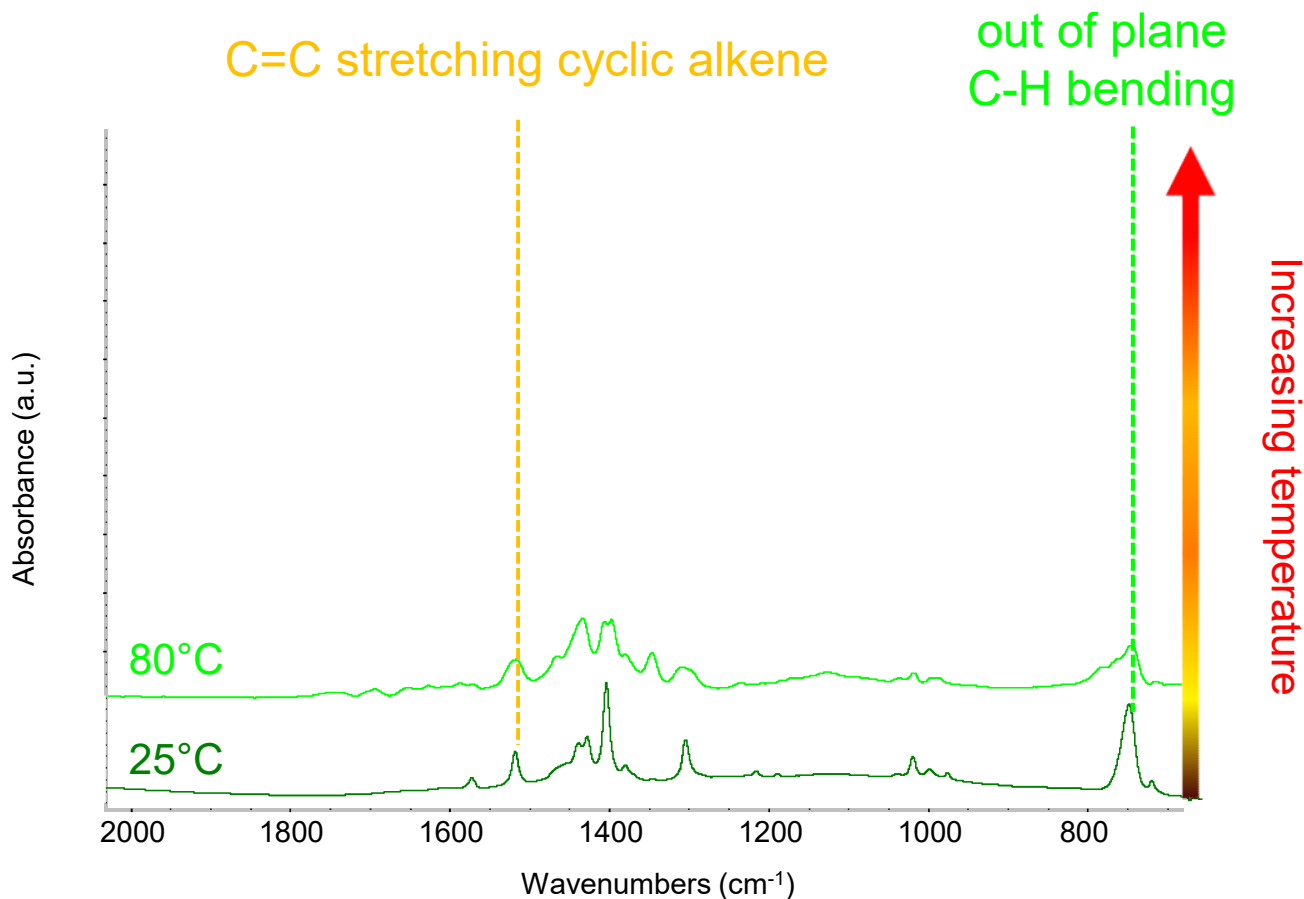
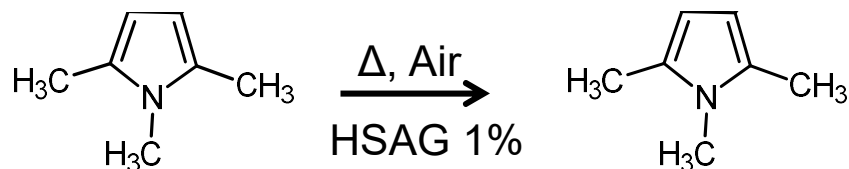
TMP + Air - From 25°C to 150°C



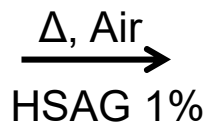
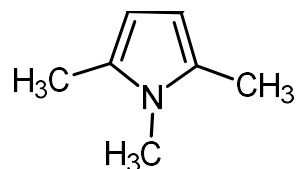
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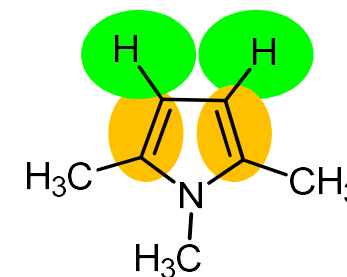
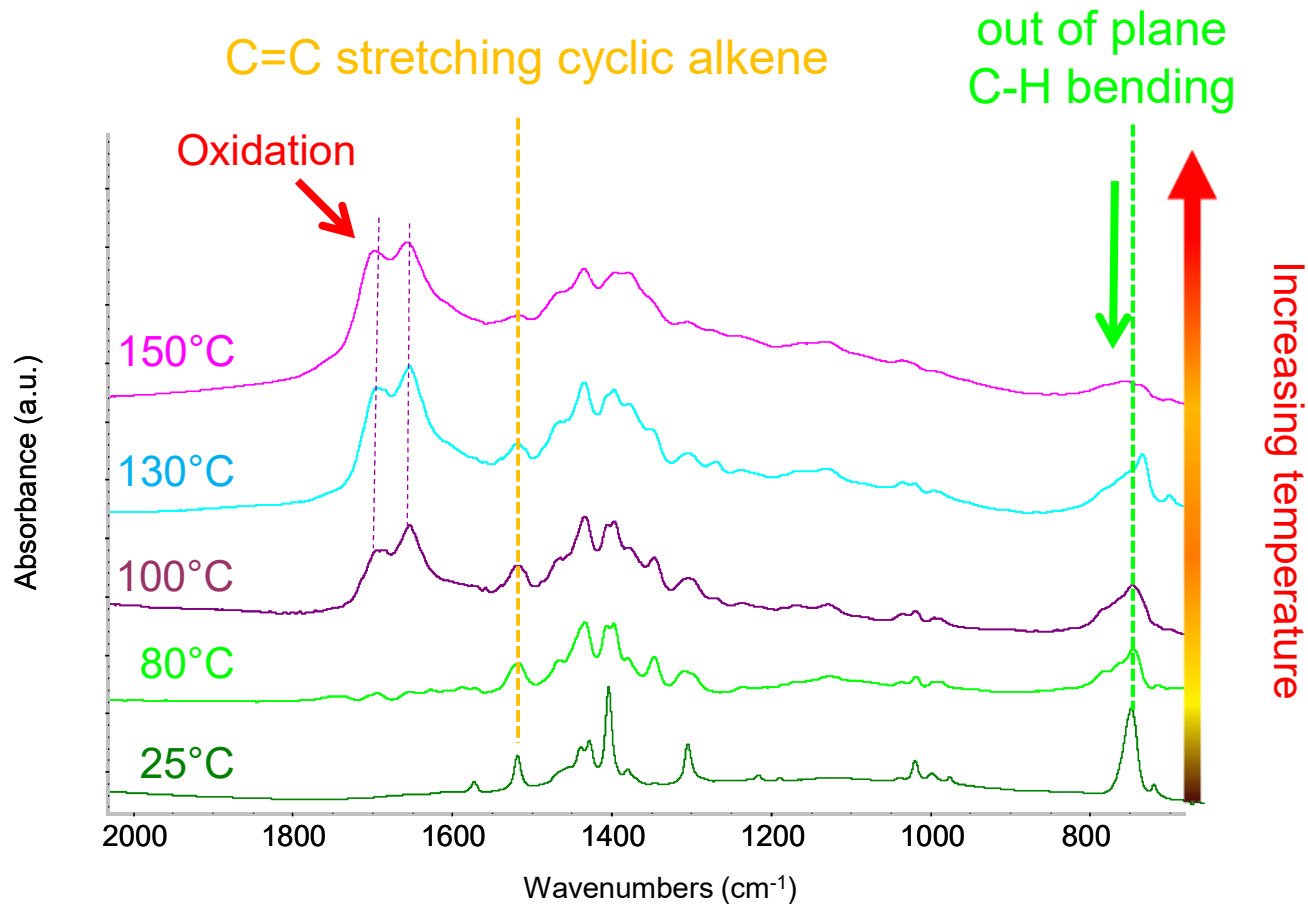
TMP + HSAG 1% / Air - From 25°C to 80°C



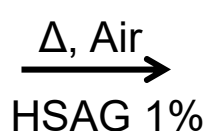
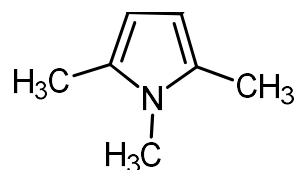
TMP + HSAG 1% - from 100°C to 150°C



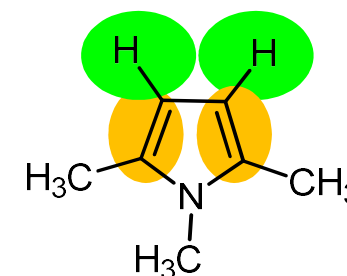
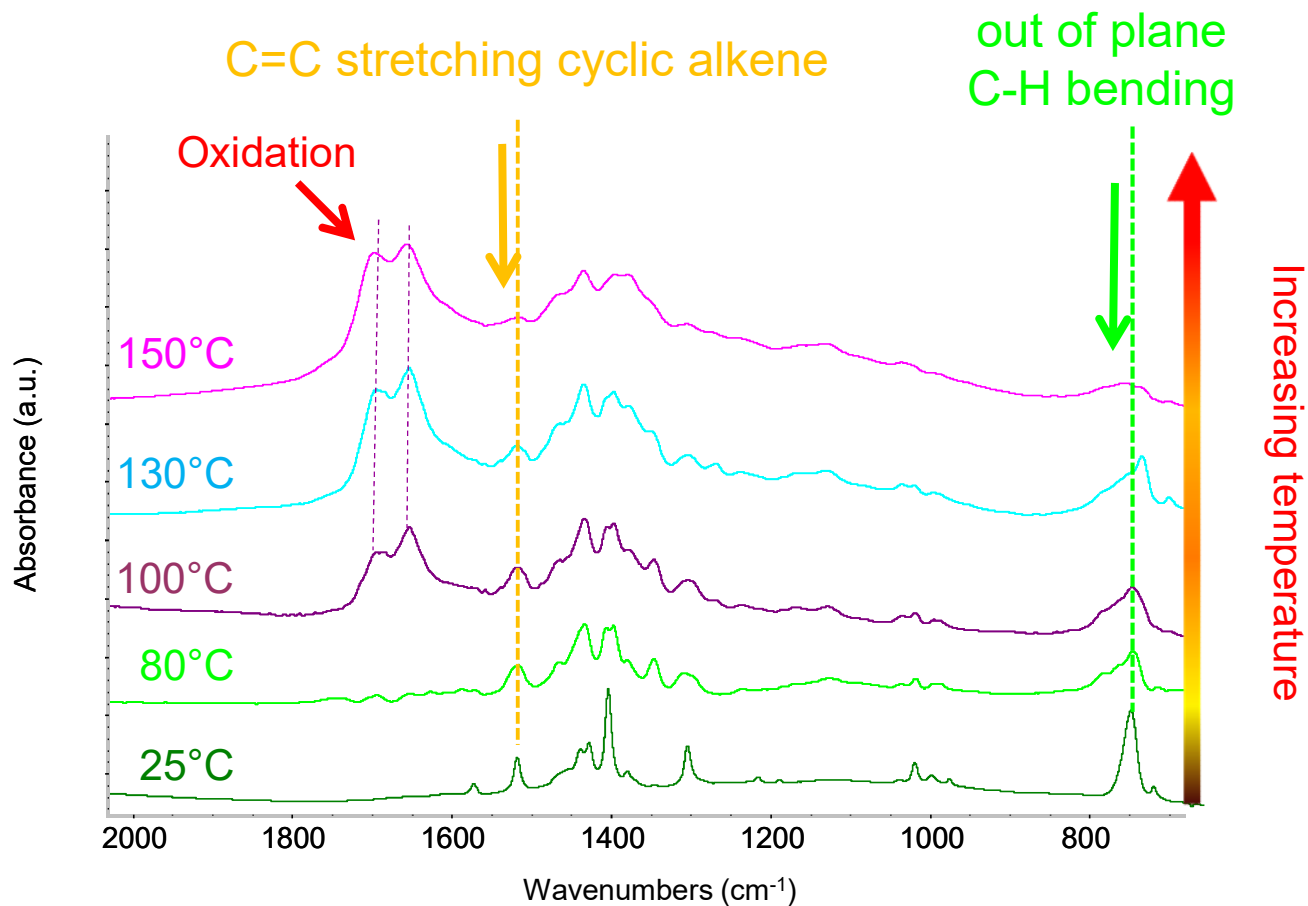
Oxidation products



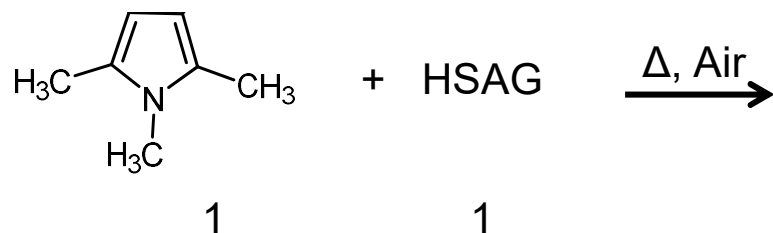
TMP + HSAG 1% - @ 150°C



Reaction products of
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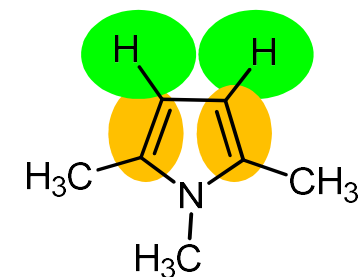
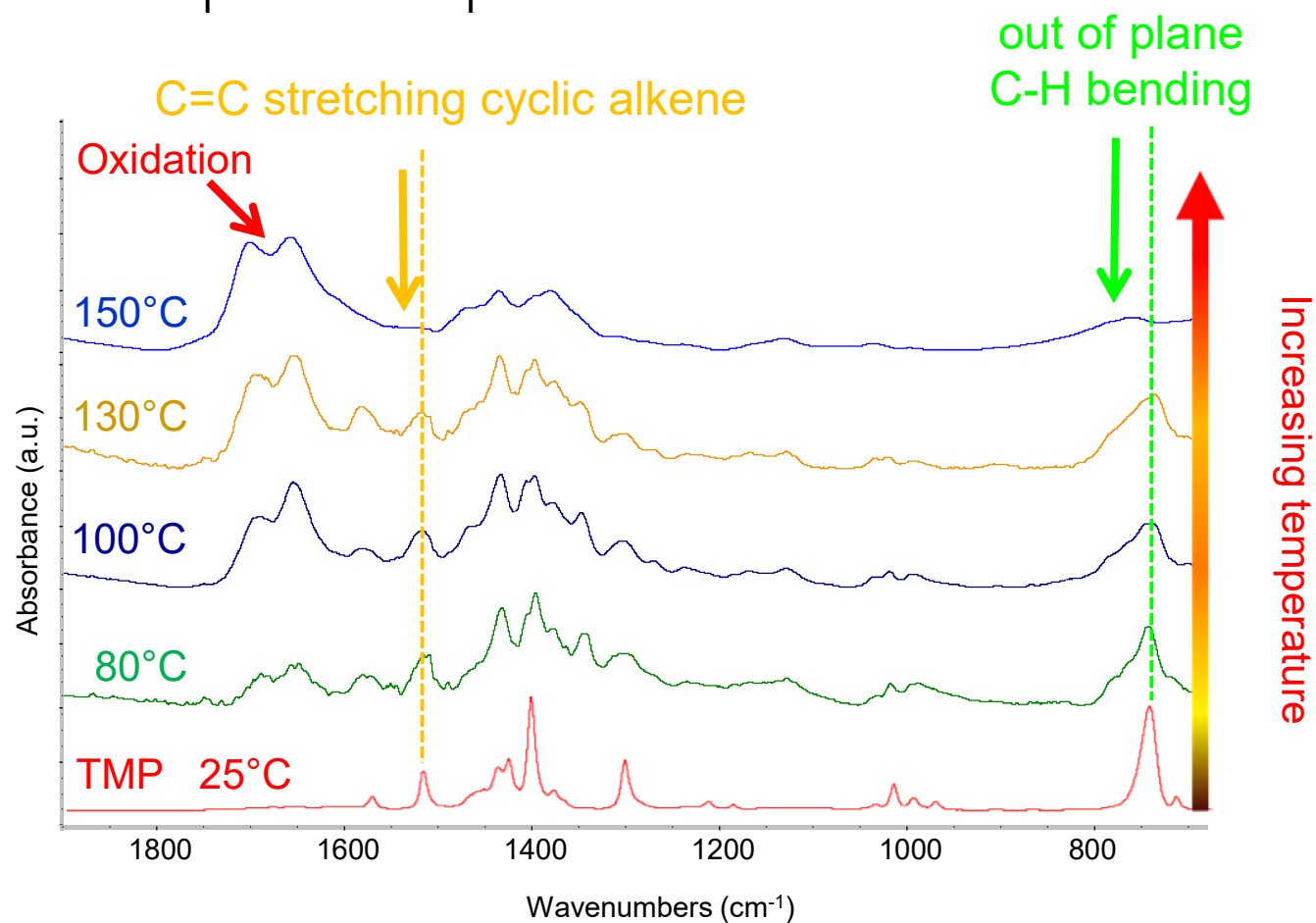


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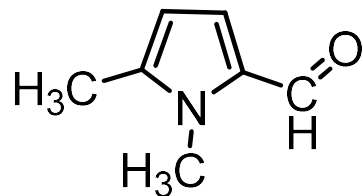


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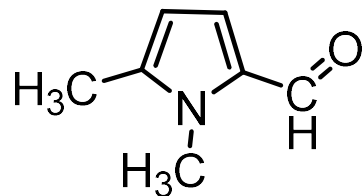


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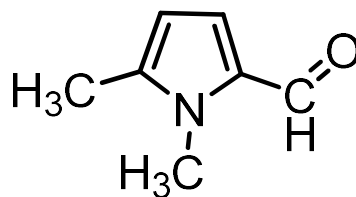


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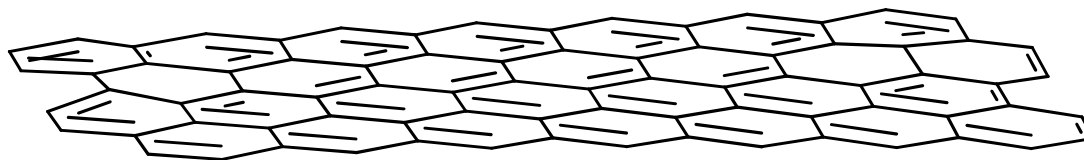
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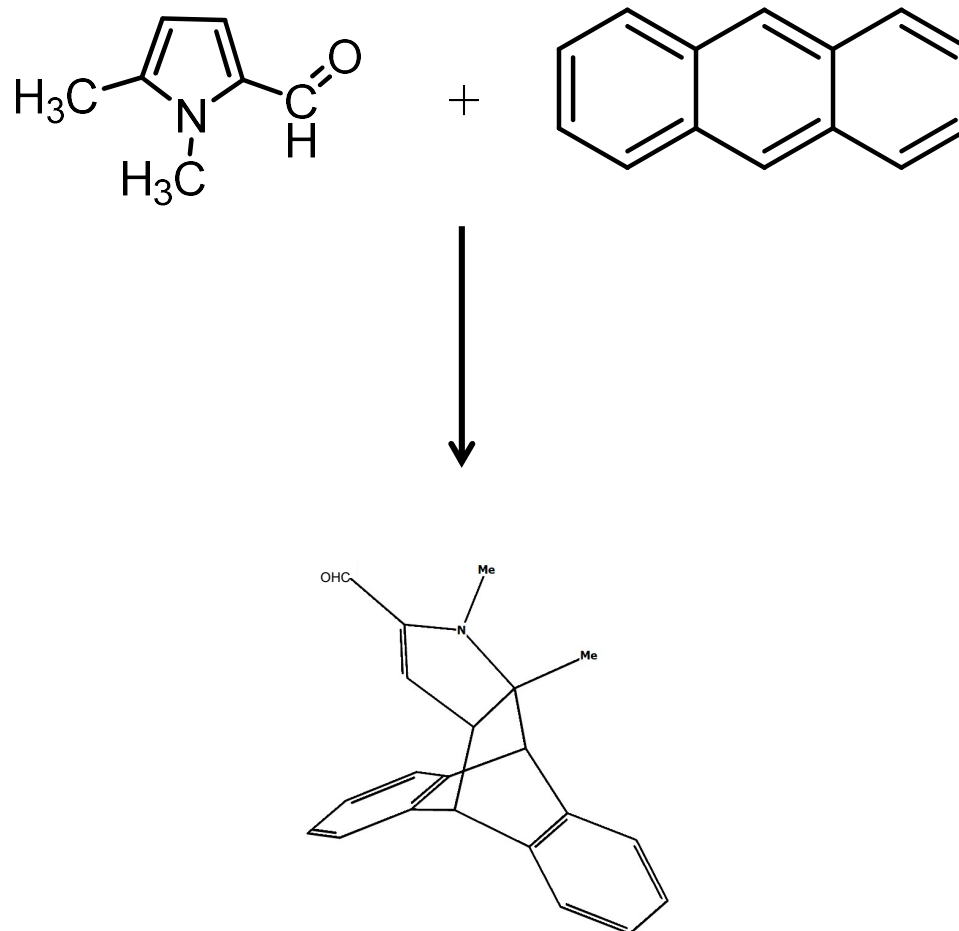
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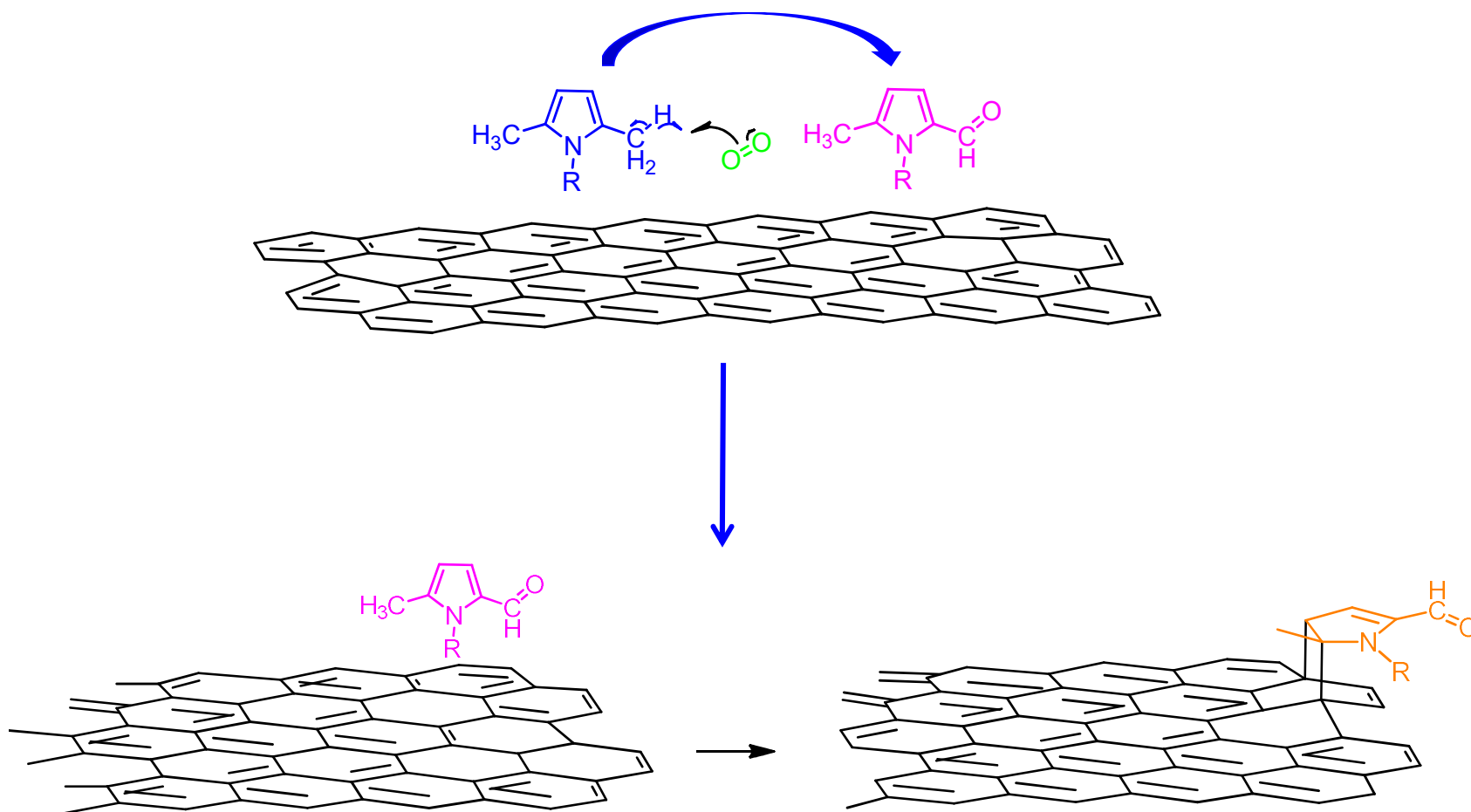
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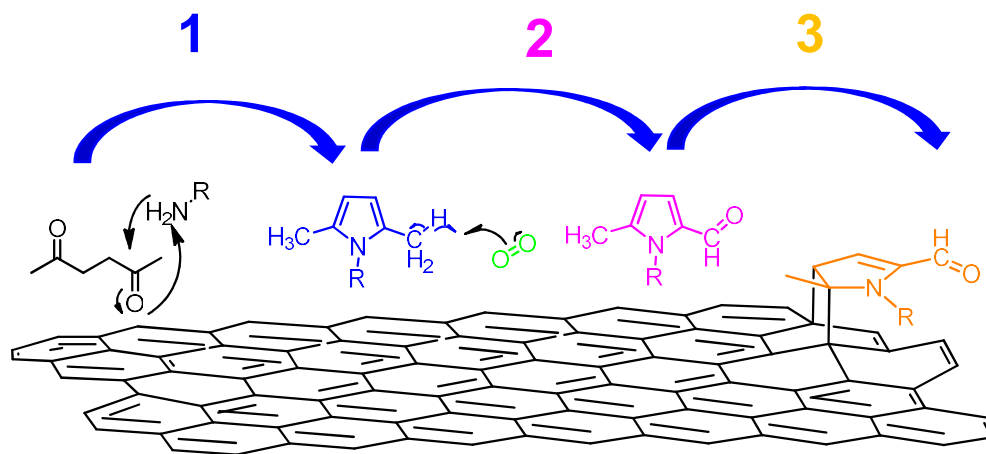


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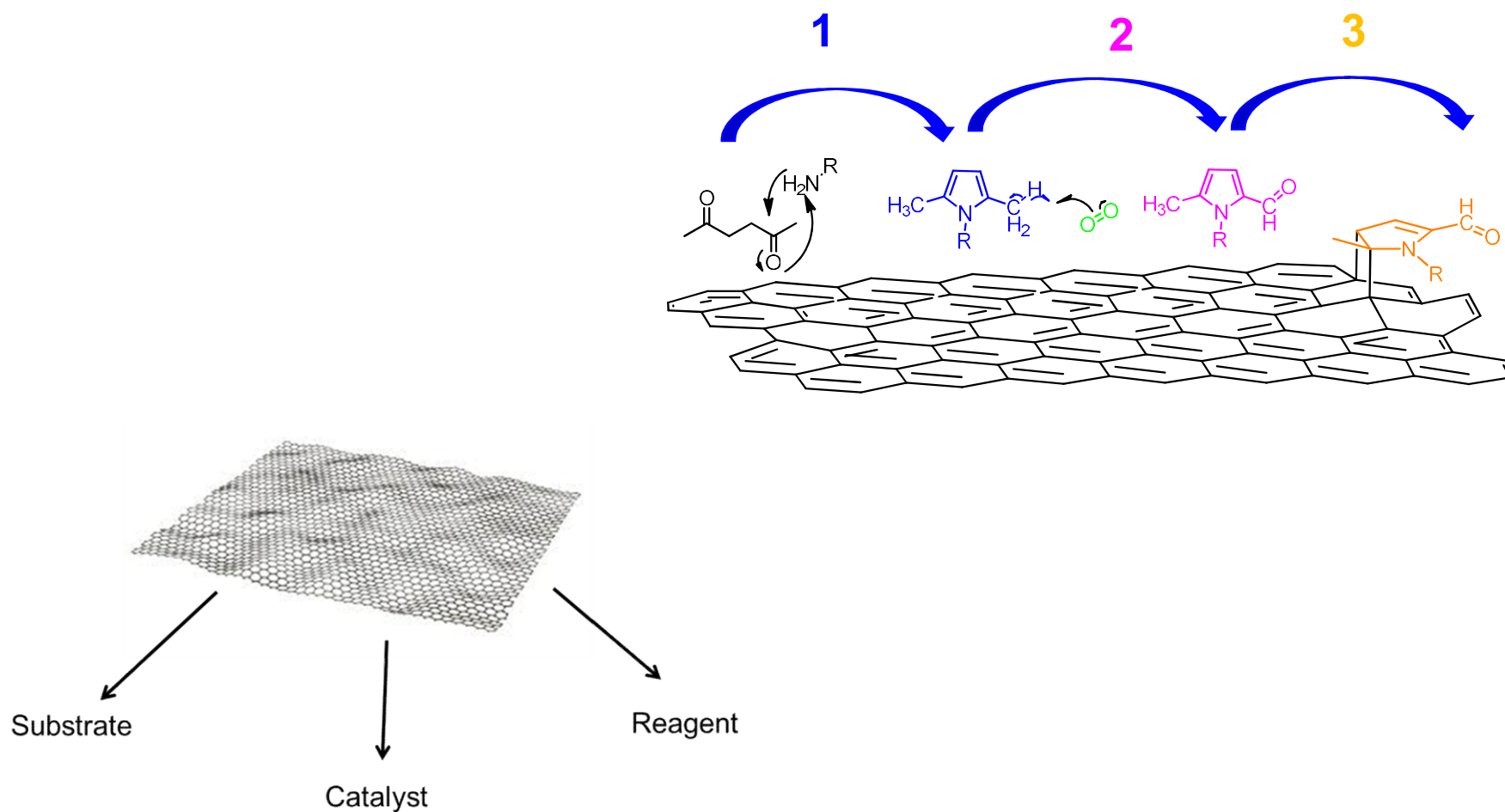
Facile functionalization of carbon materials

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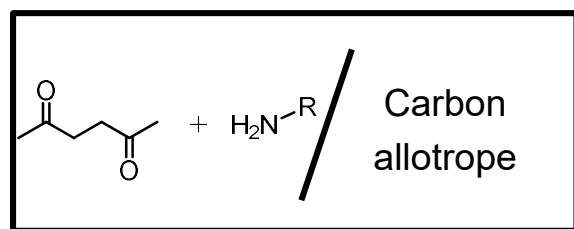
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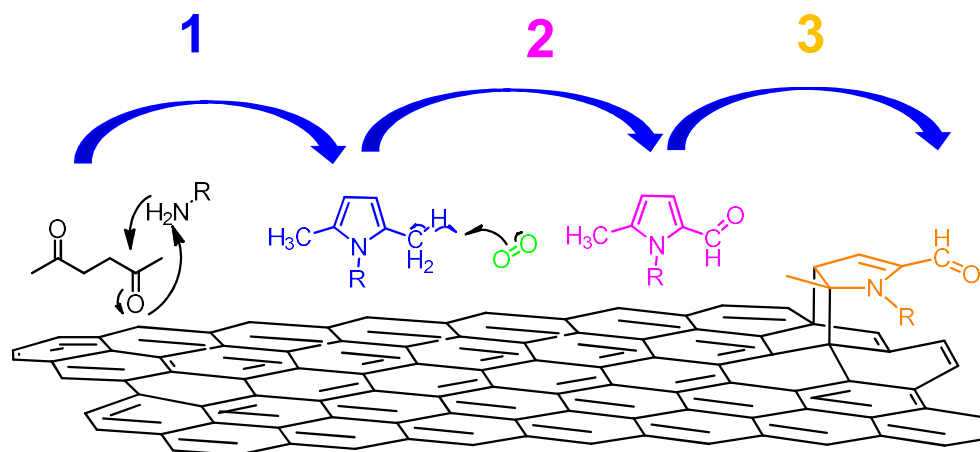
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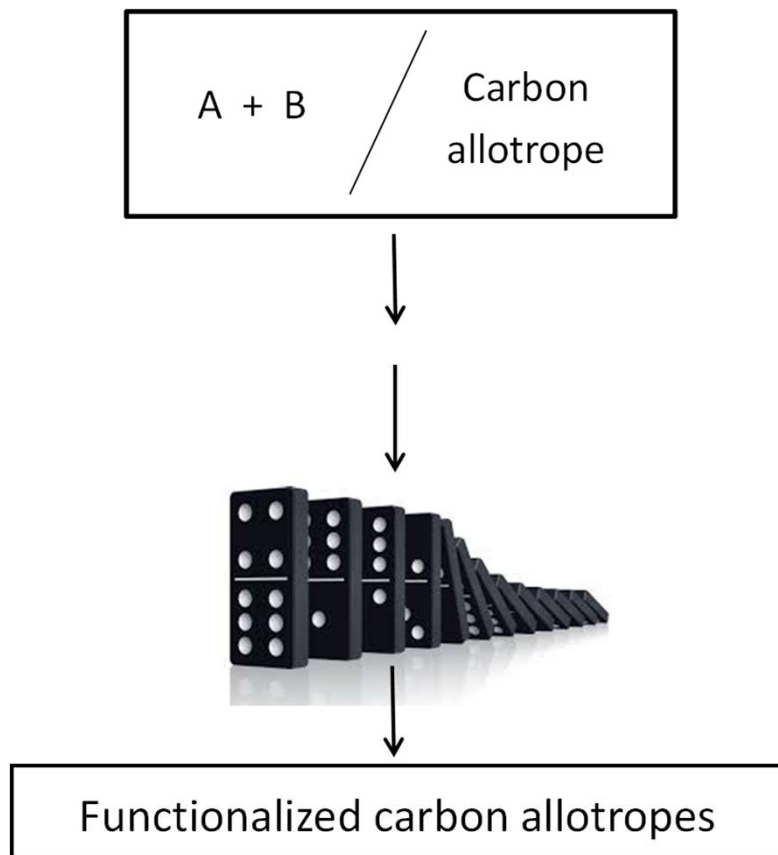
Paal – Knorr Reaction

Carbocatalyzed Oxidation

Diels-Alder reaction



Facile functionalization of carbon materials



- Functional group:
from few % to 20%
- Functionalization yield:
from 85% to quantitative
- Covalent bond
between functional group
and graphene layer
- Bulk structure of graphitic materials:
substantially unaltered

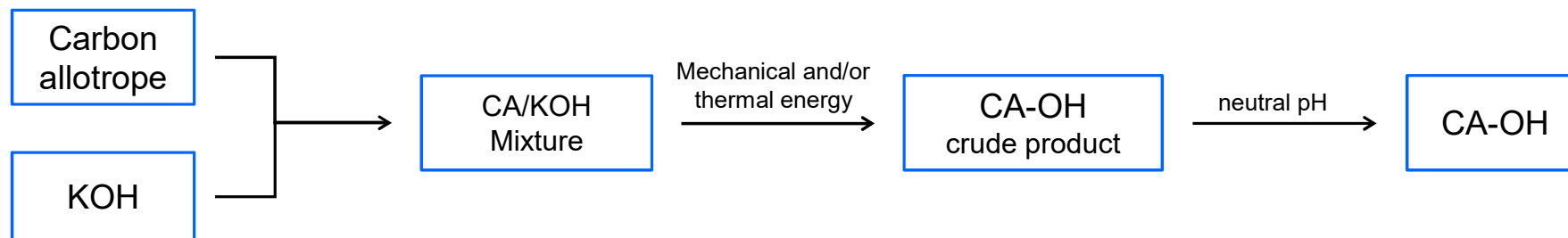
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Functionalization of carbon materials with KOH

Synthesis of CA-OH

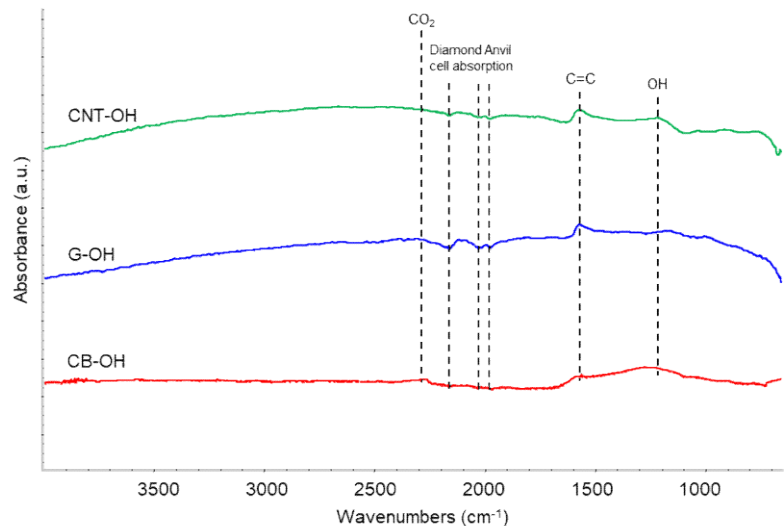
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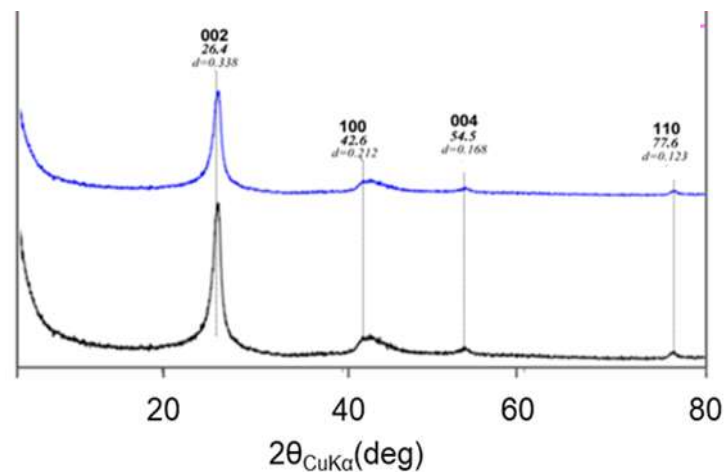
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Synthesis of CA-OH

FT-IR



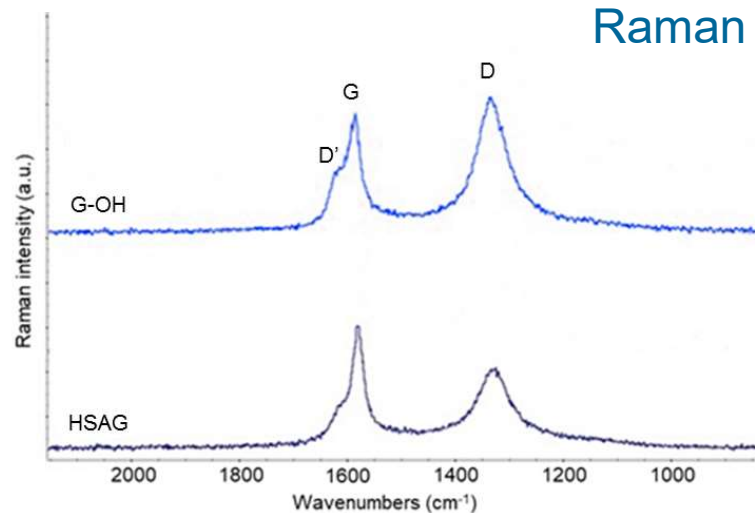
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Boehm titration

	CB	HSAG	CNT
Initial functional groups [mmol/g]	1.8	1.8	2.0
Final functional groups [mmol/g]	4.2	6.8	5.0

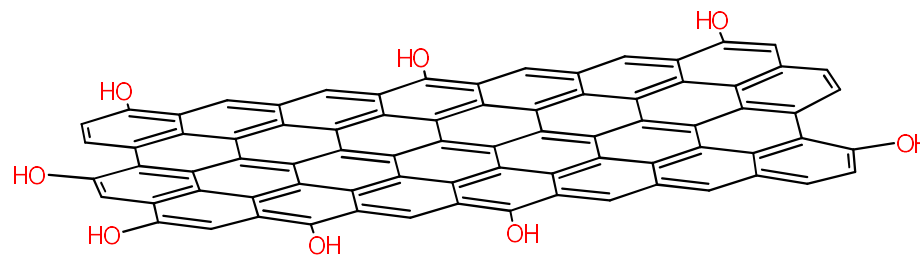
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Oxidation of HSAG with KOH



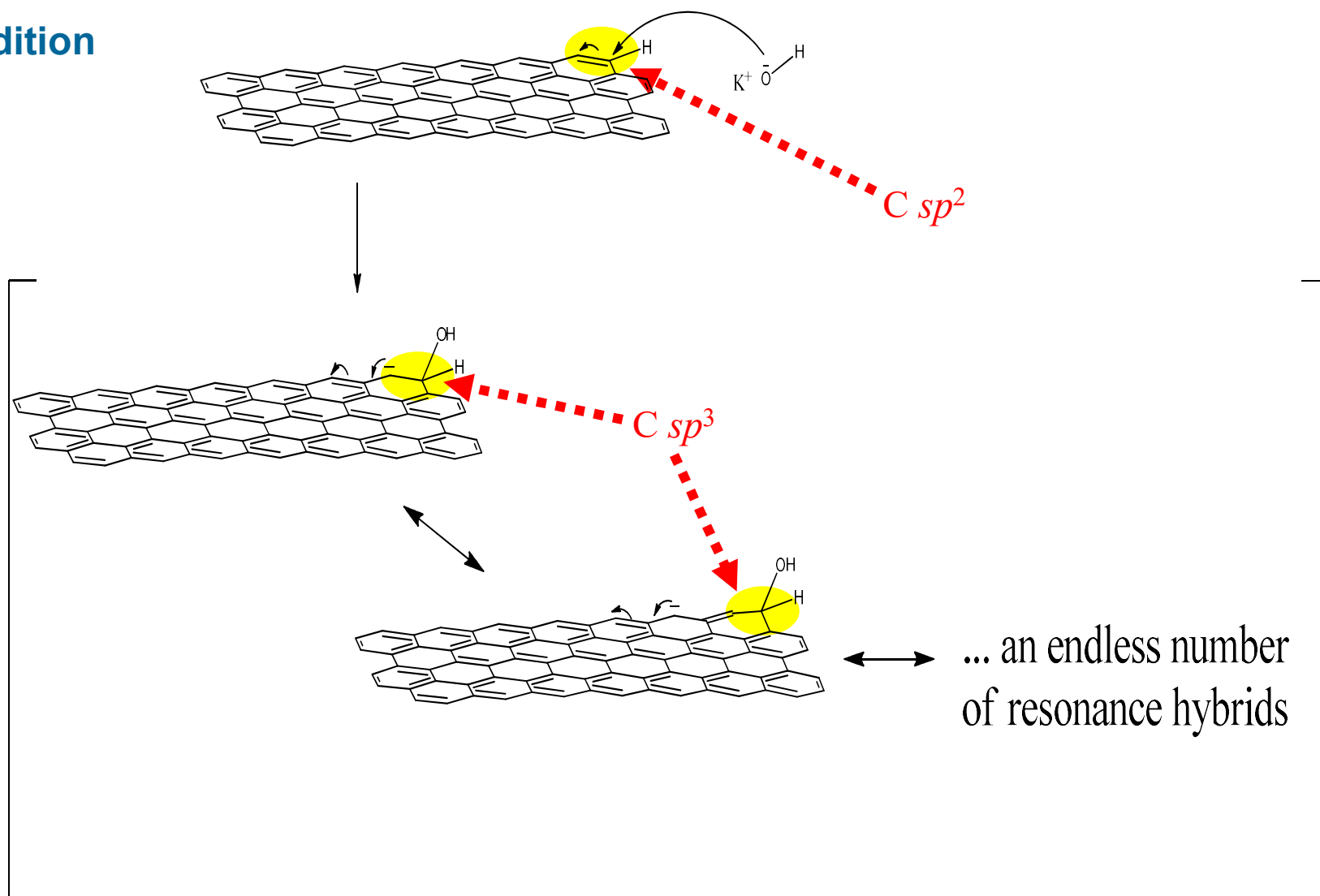
Polyhydroxylated
few layers graphene

- ➔ Selective introduction of OH groups up to 15 mass%
- ➔ In plane order substantially unaltered
- ➔ No expansion of interlayer distance

sustainable oxidation

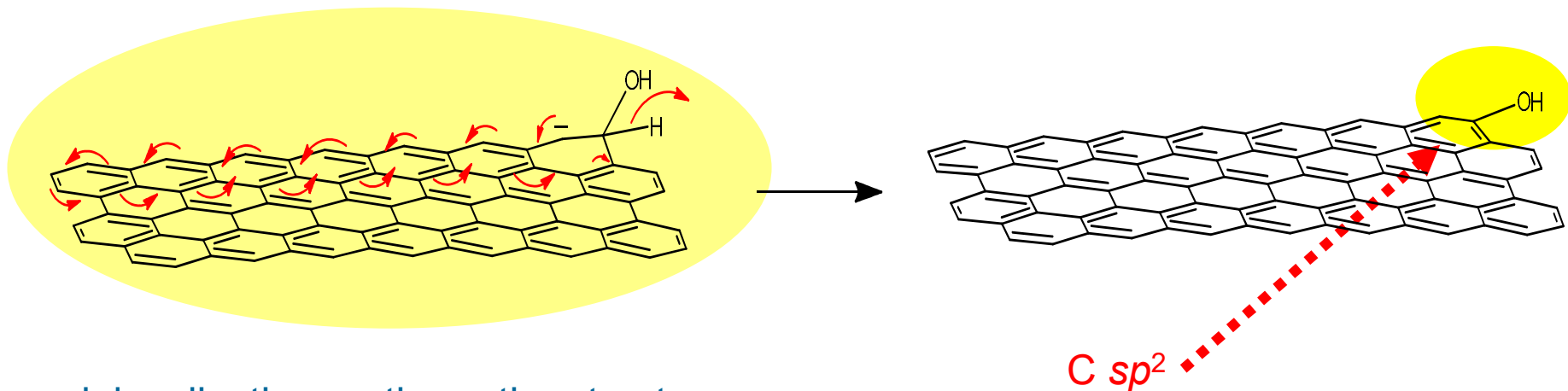
Oxidation with KOH – Proposed mechanism

Addition



Oxidation with KOH – Proposed mechanism

Elimination

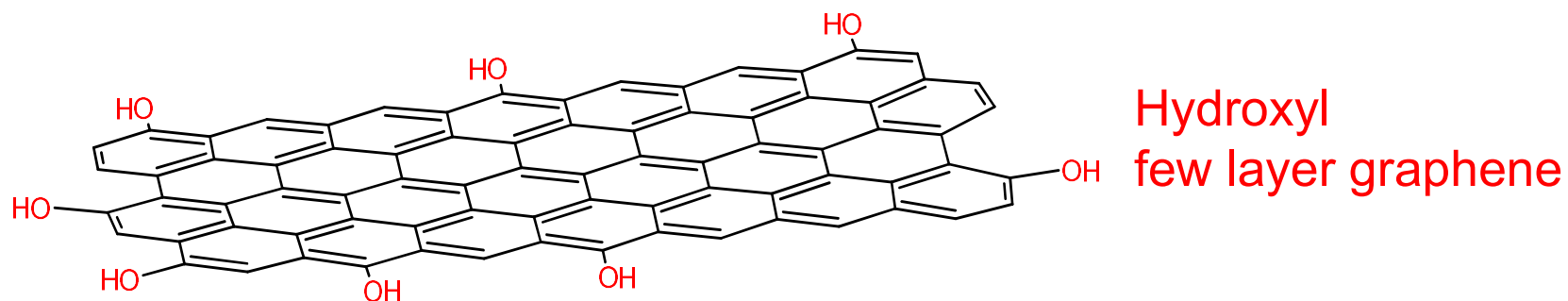


delocalization on the entire structure
“wave effect”

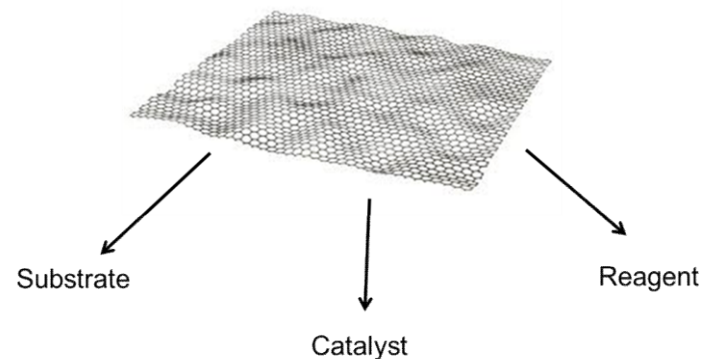
More electronrich structure,
the oxygen lone pairs delocalized
on the polyconjugated system



Synthetic strategy



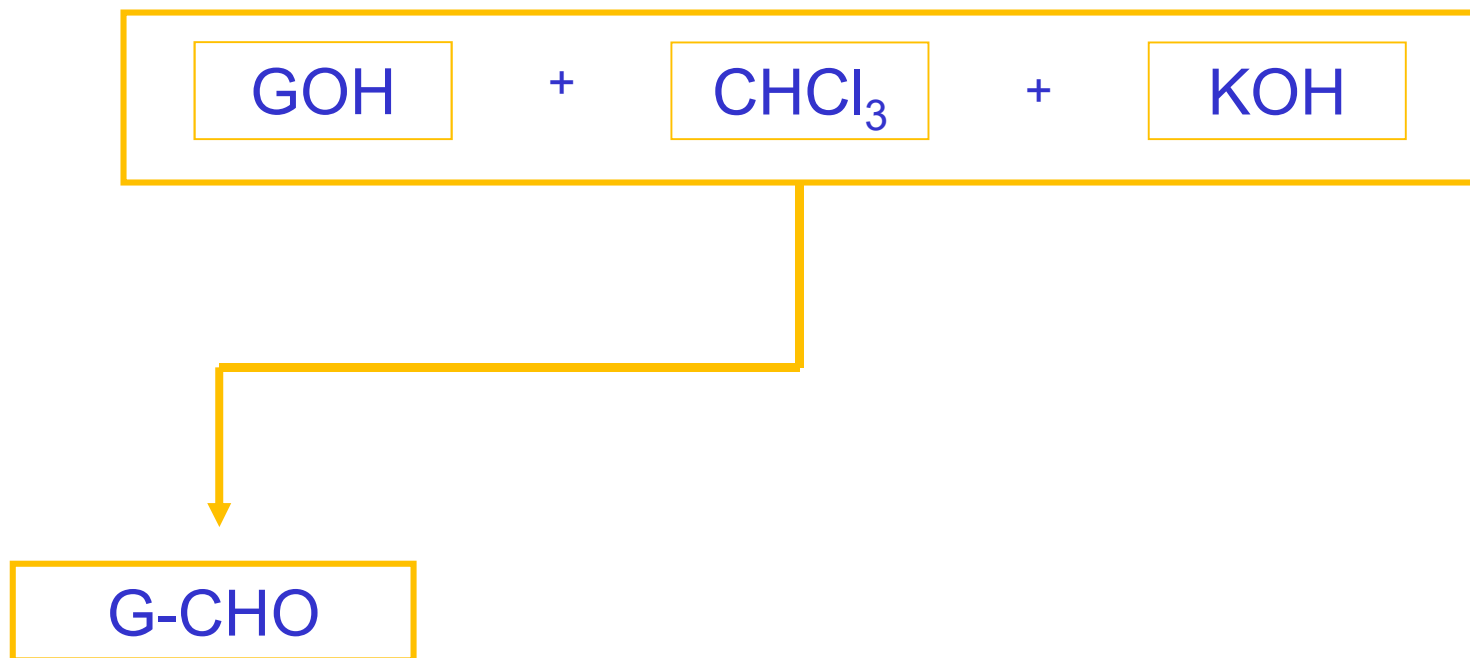
Polyphenolic few layer graphene



Selective introduction of oxygenated functional groups by means of typical reactions performed on phenol ring

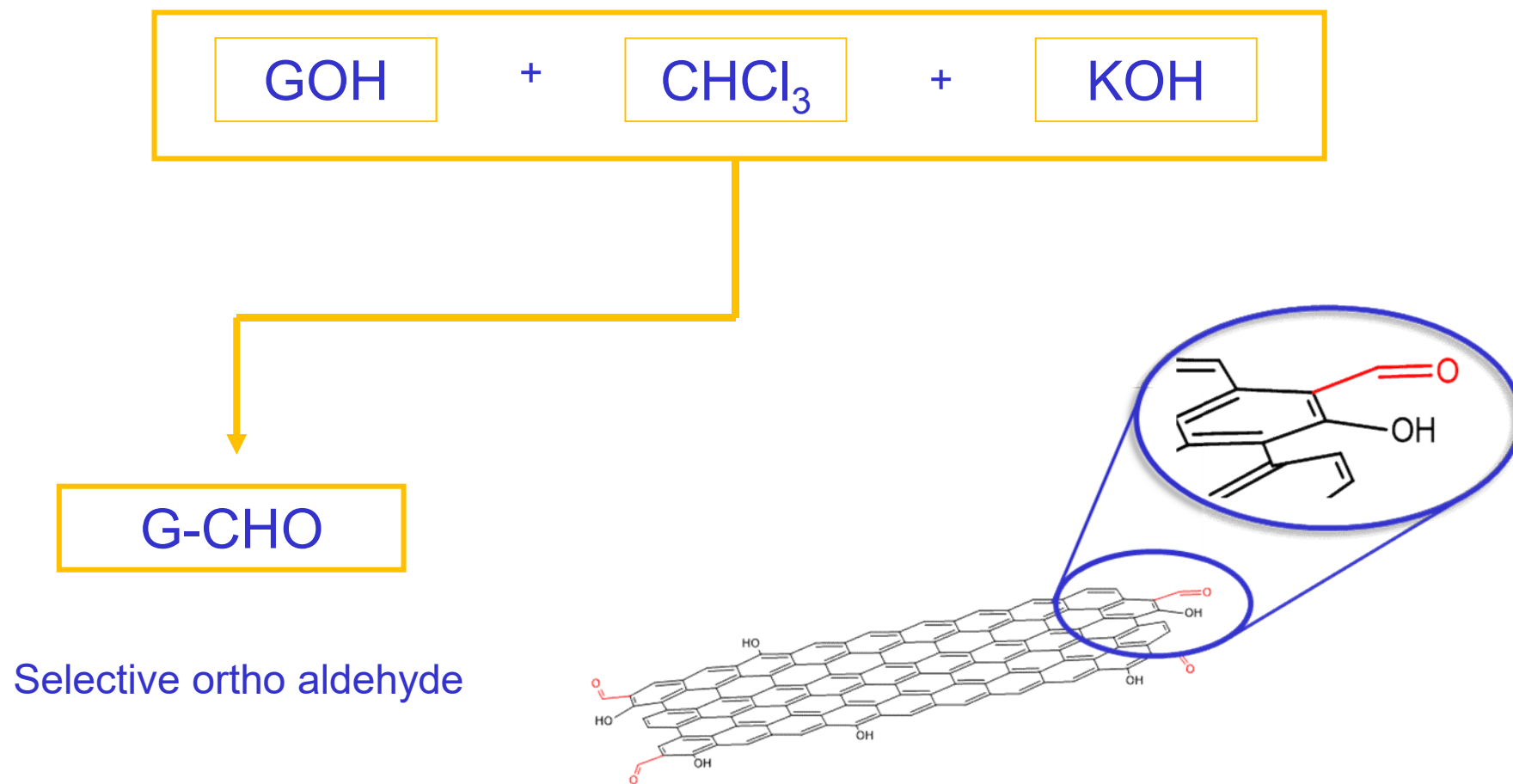


Selective introduction of aldehydic functional groups



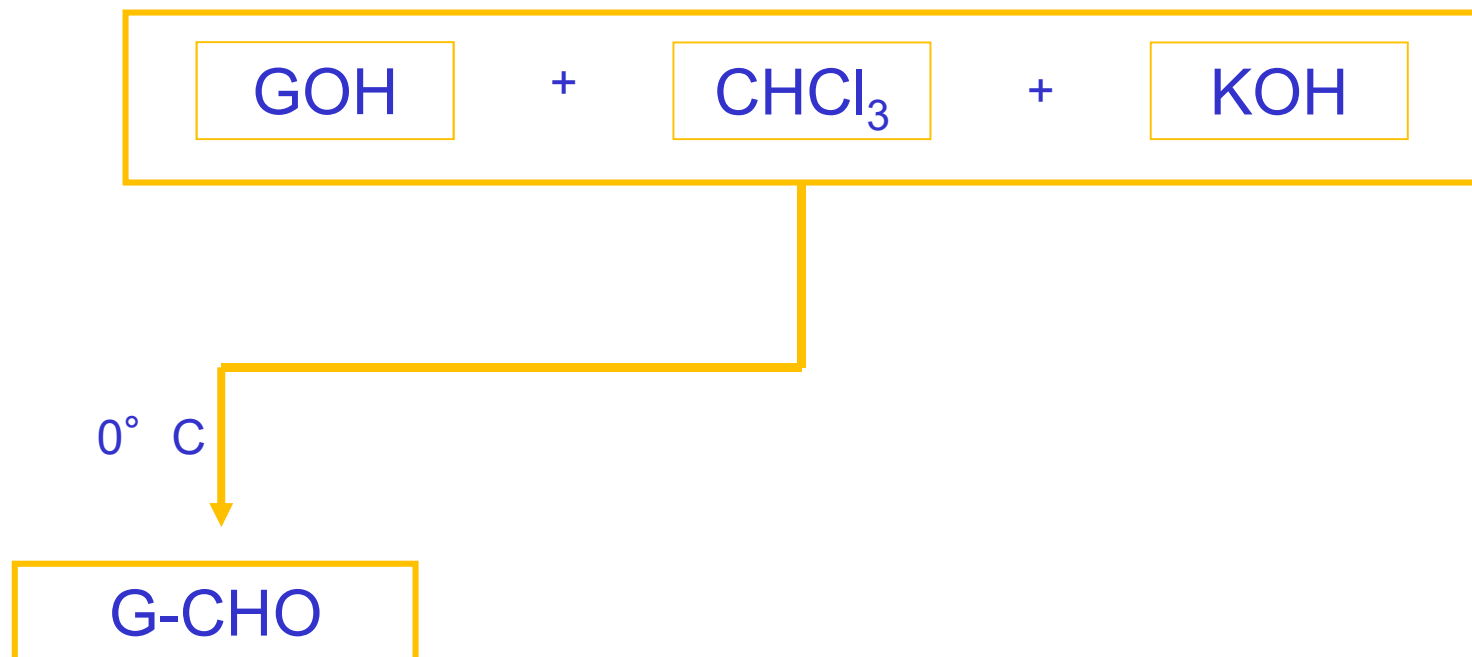
Selective ortho aldehyde

Selective introduction of aldehydic functional groups



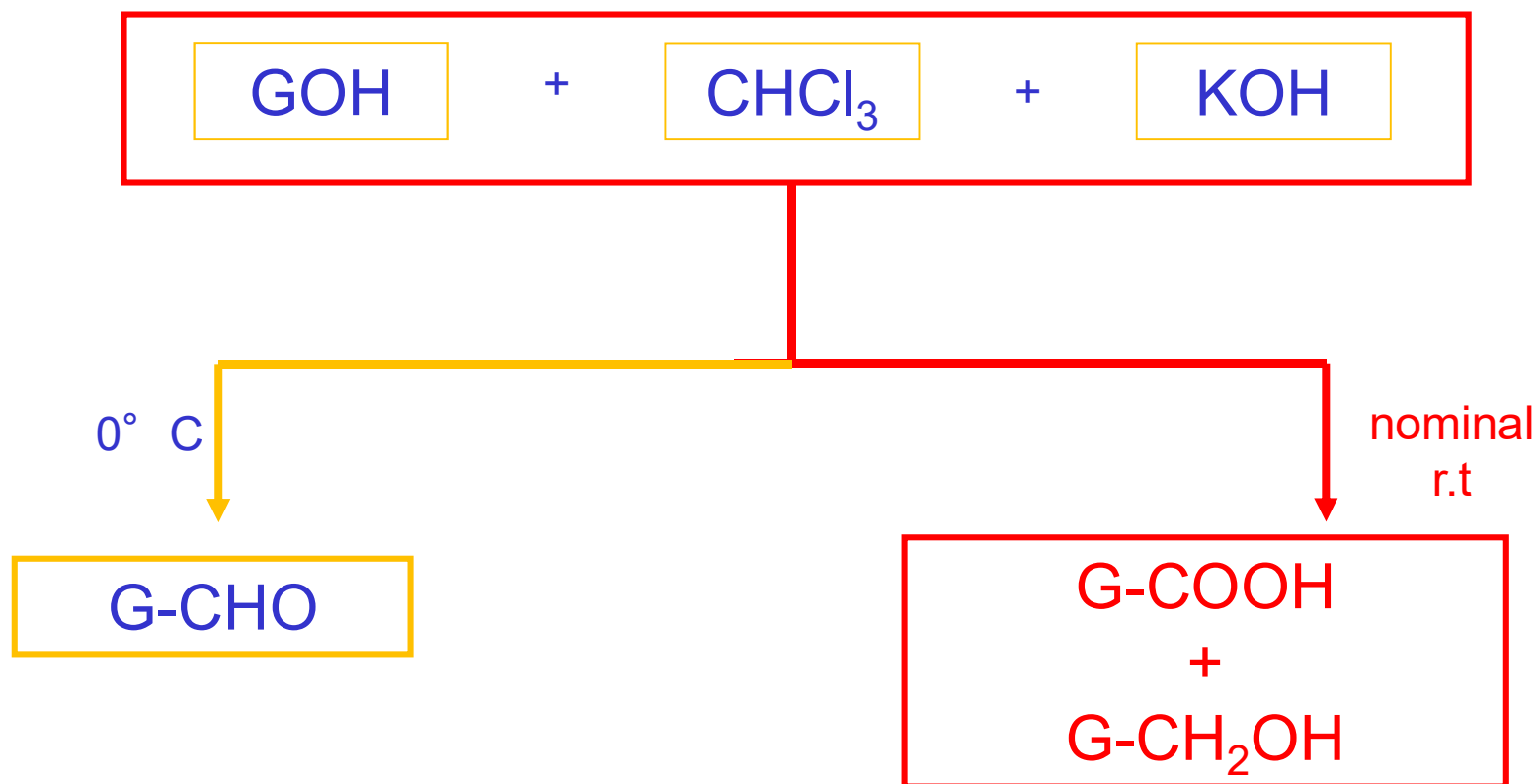
Reimer-Tiemann reaction

GOH – Polyphenolic Graphite



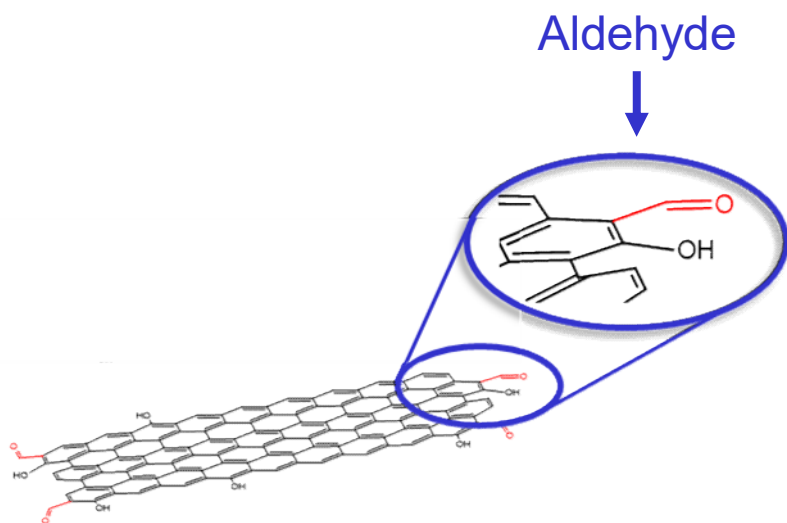
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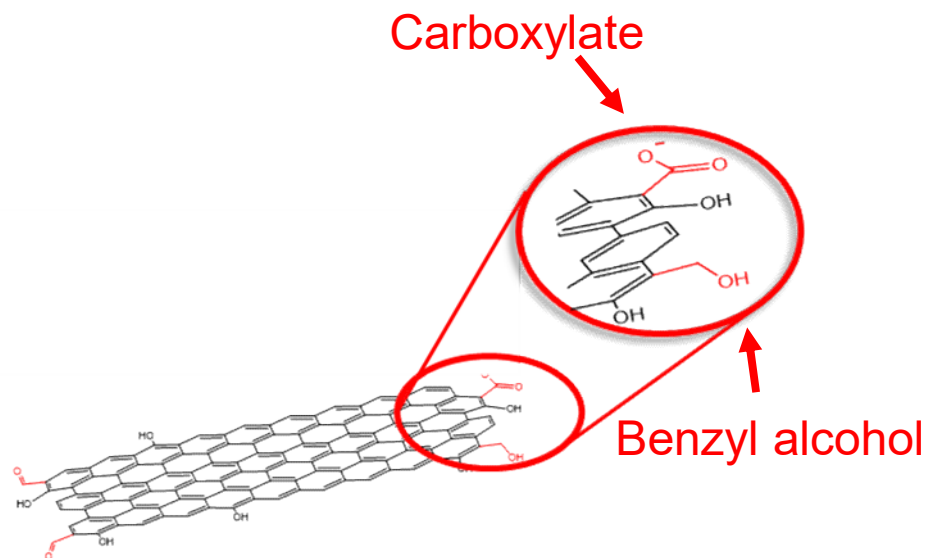
FT-IR, XPS analysis

GOH – Polyphenolic Graphite derivatives



G-CHO

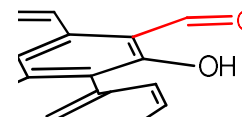
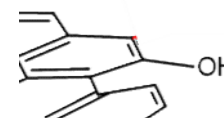
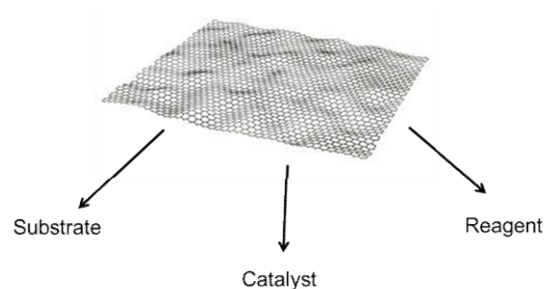
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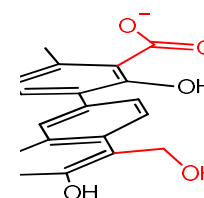
G-COOH
+
G-CH₂OH

Cannizzaro

Reimer-Tiemann - Cannizzaro Domino reaction



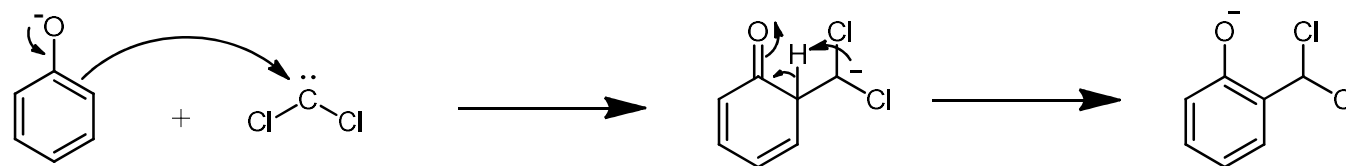
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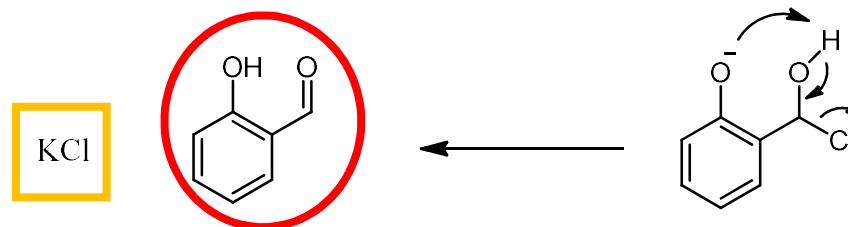
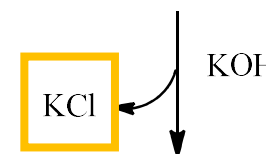
Domino Reimer-Tiemann/Cannizzaro



Mechanistic pathway: the Reimer-Tiemann reaction

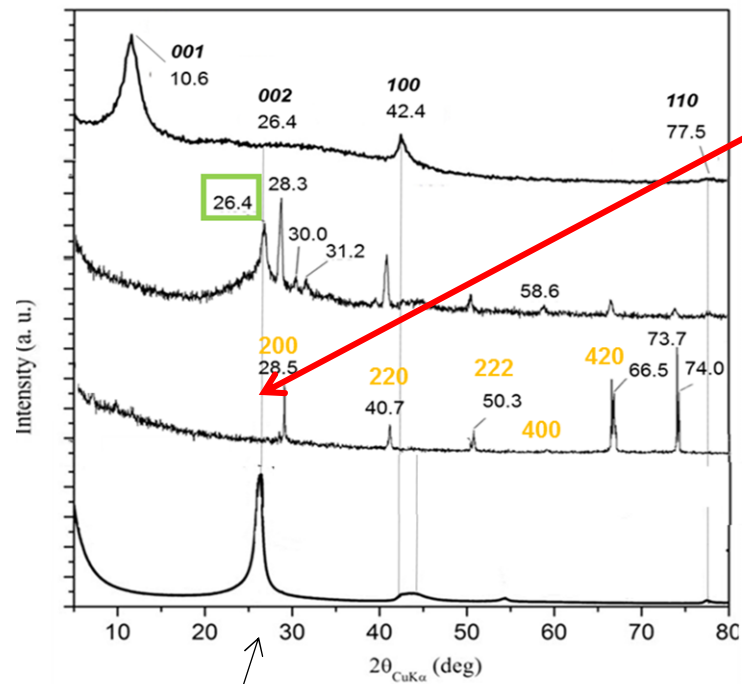


**KCl is the
by-product of reaction**



For each Aldehyde formed
there are also 3 KCl molecules

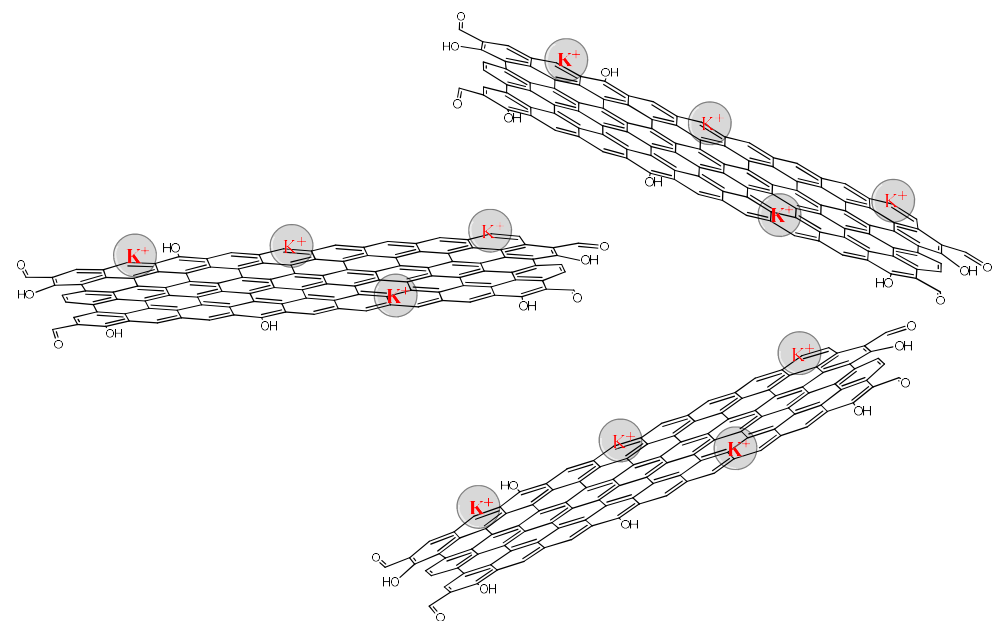
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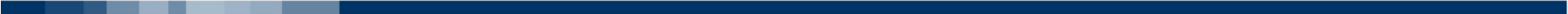
G-CHO after KCl removal

G-CHO in the presence of KCl

(002) reflection of graphite

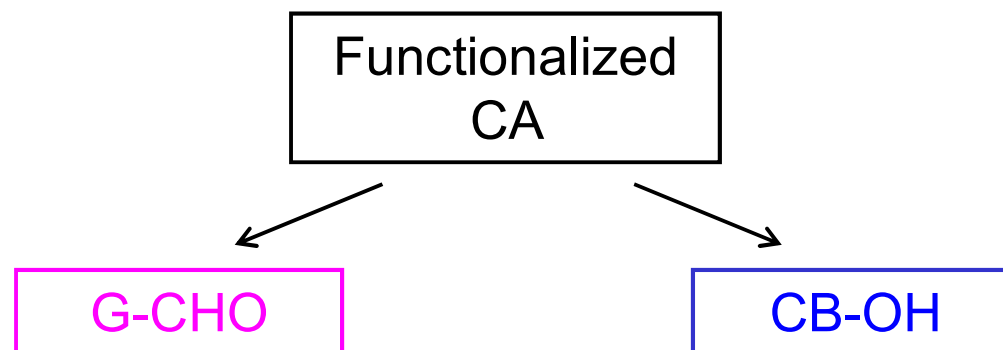


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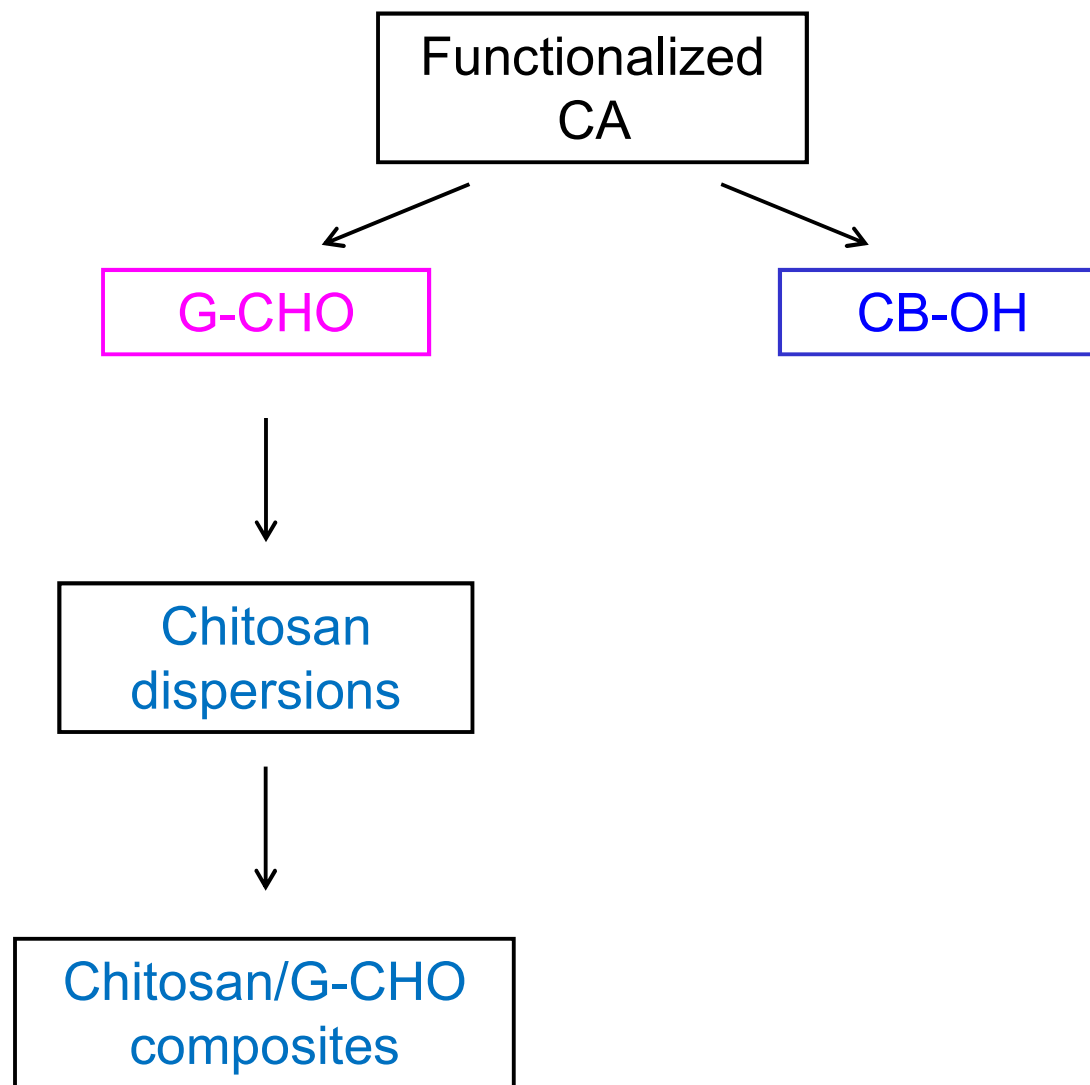


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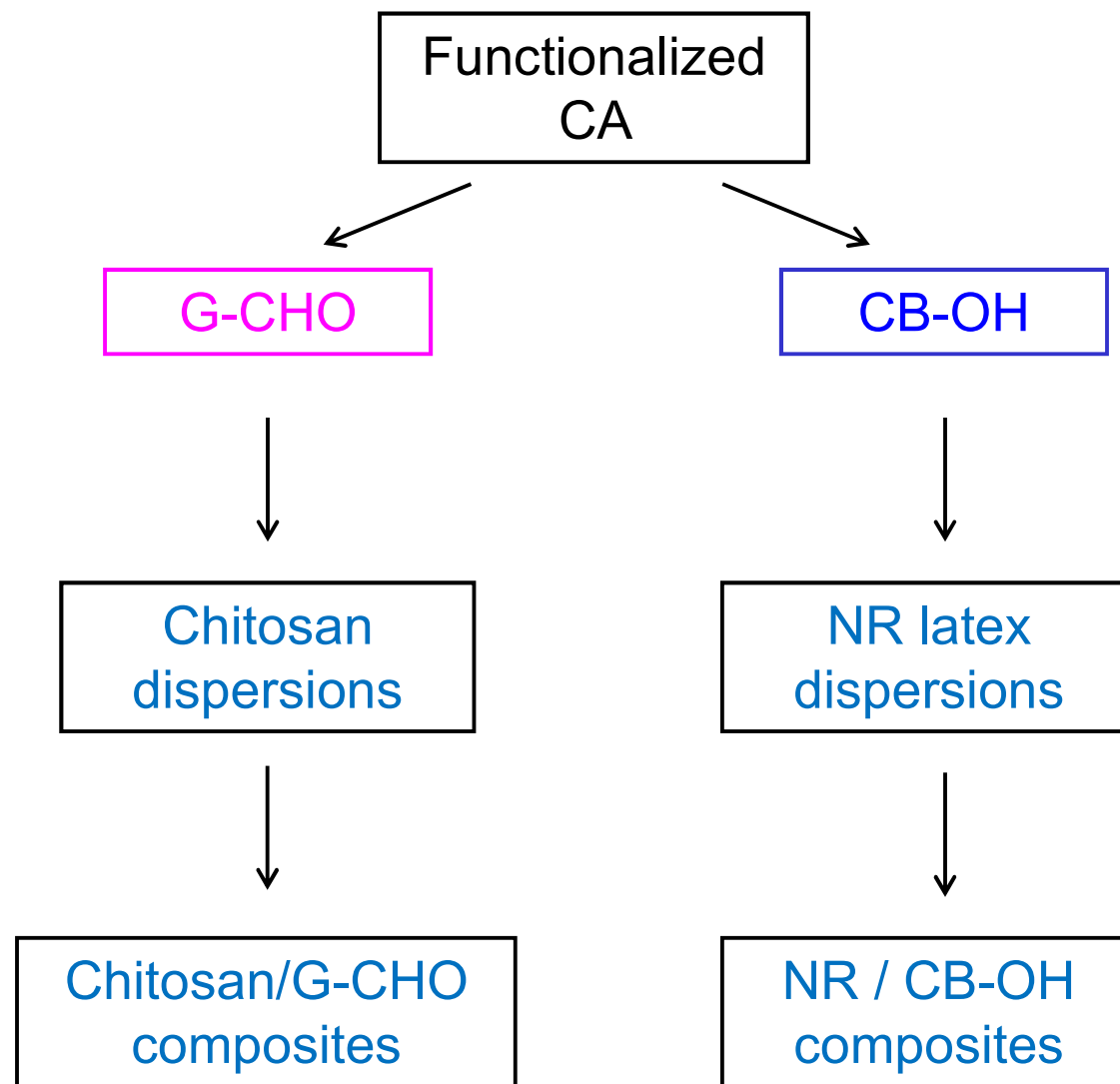
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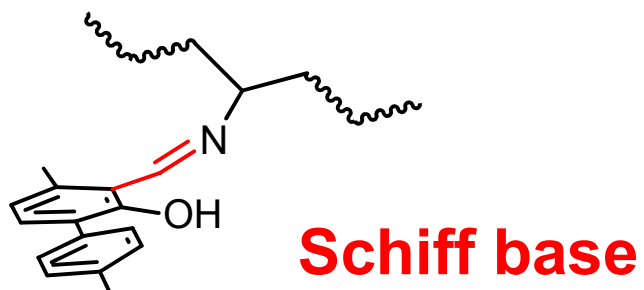
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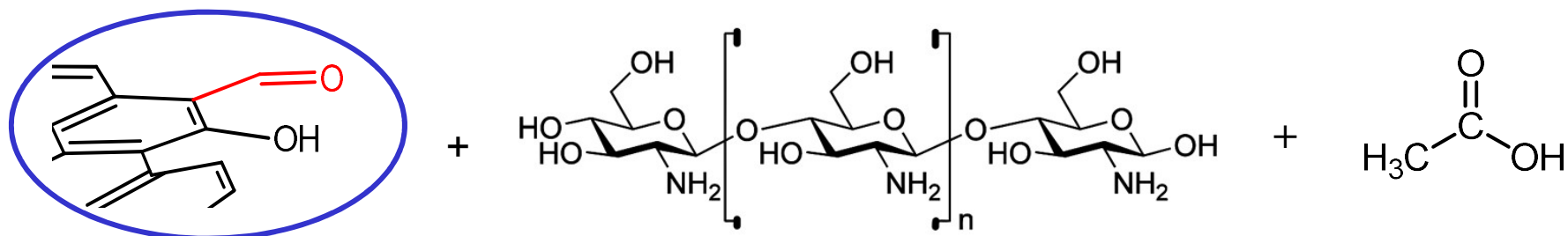
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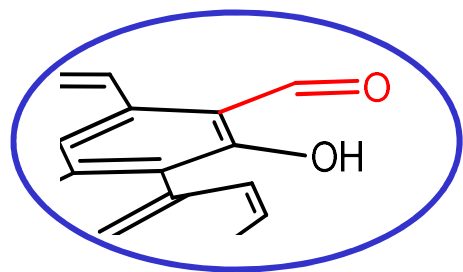


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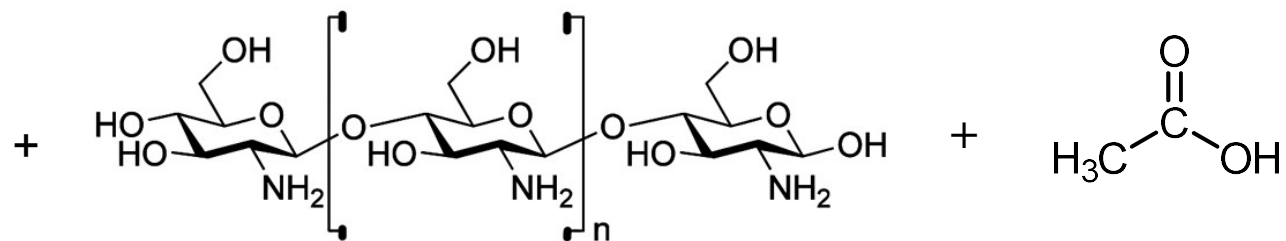


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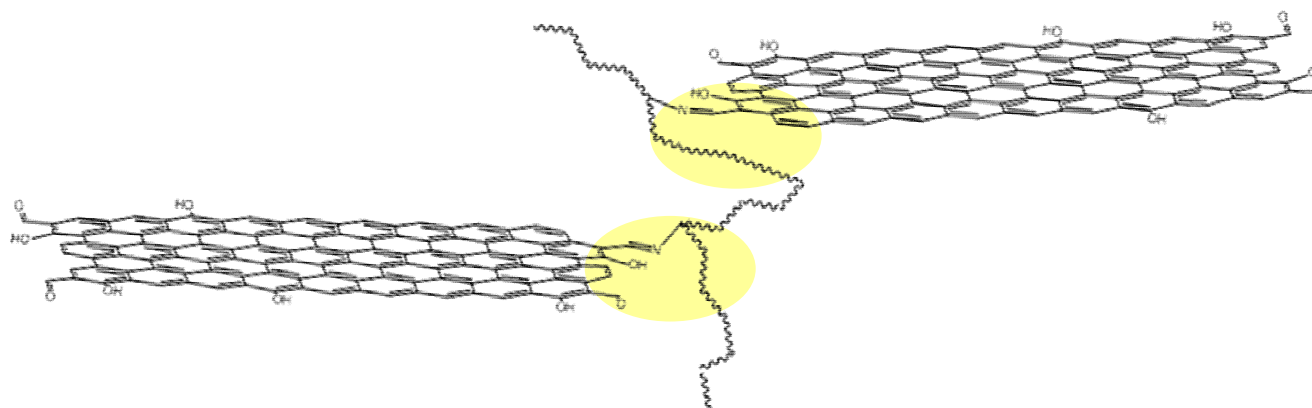
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Only by mixing



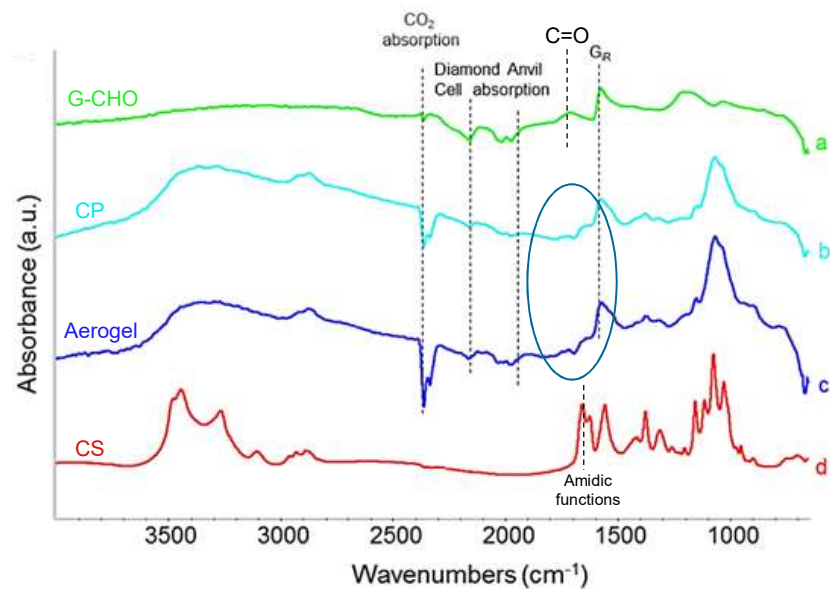
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Room temperature



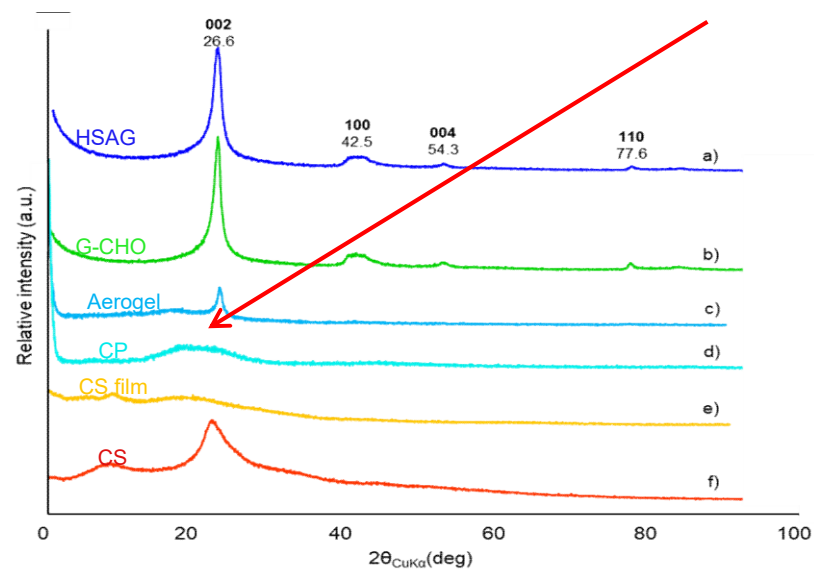
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Imine formation



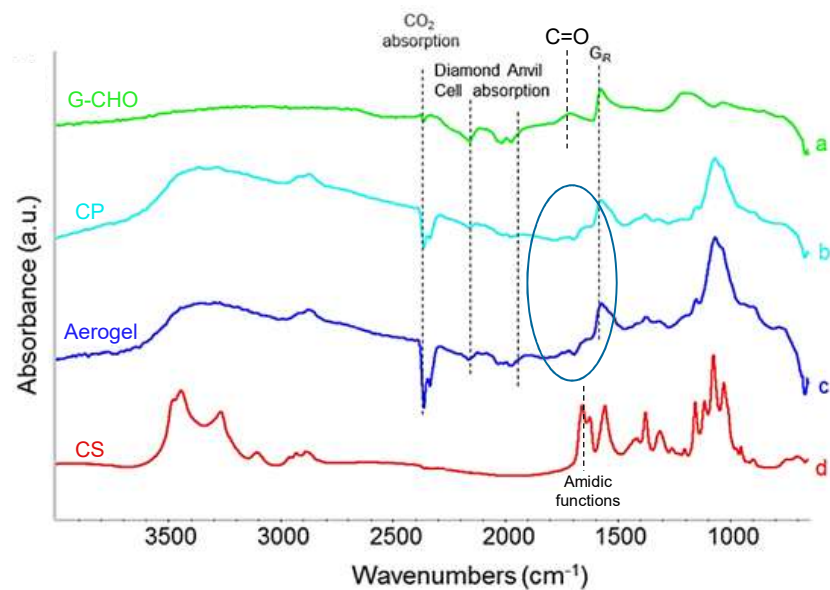
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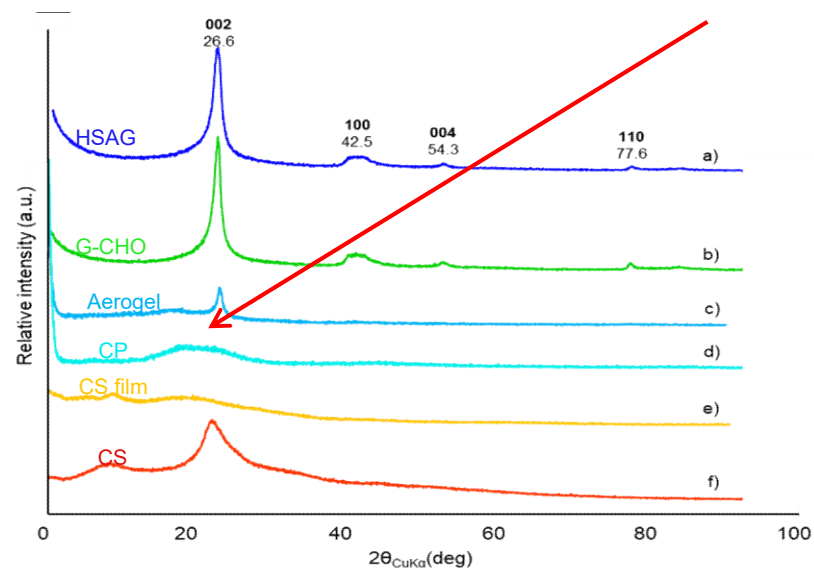
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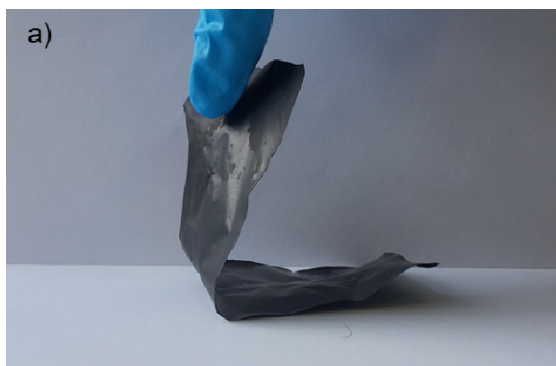
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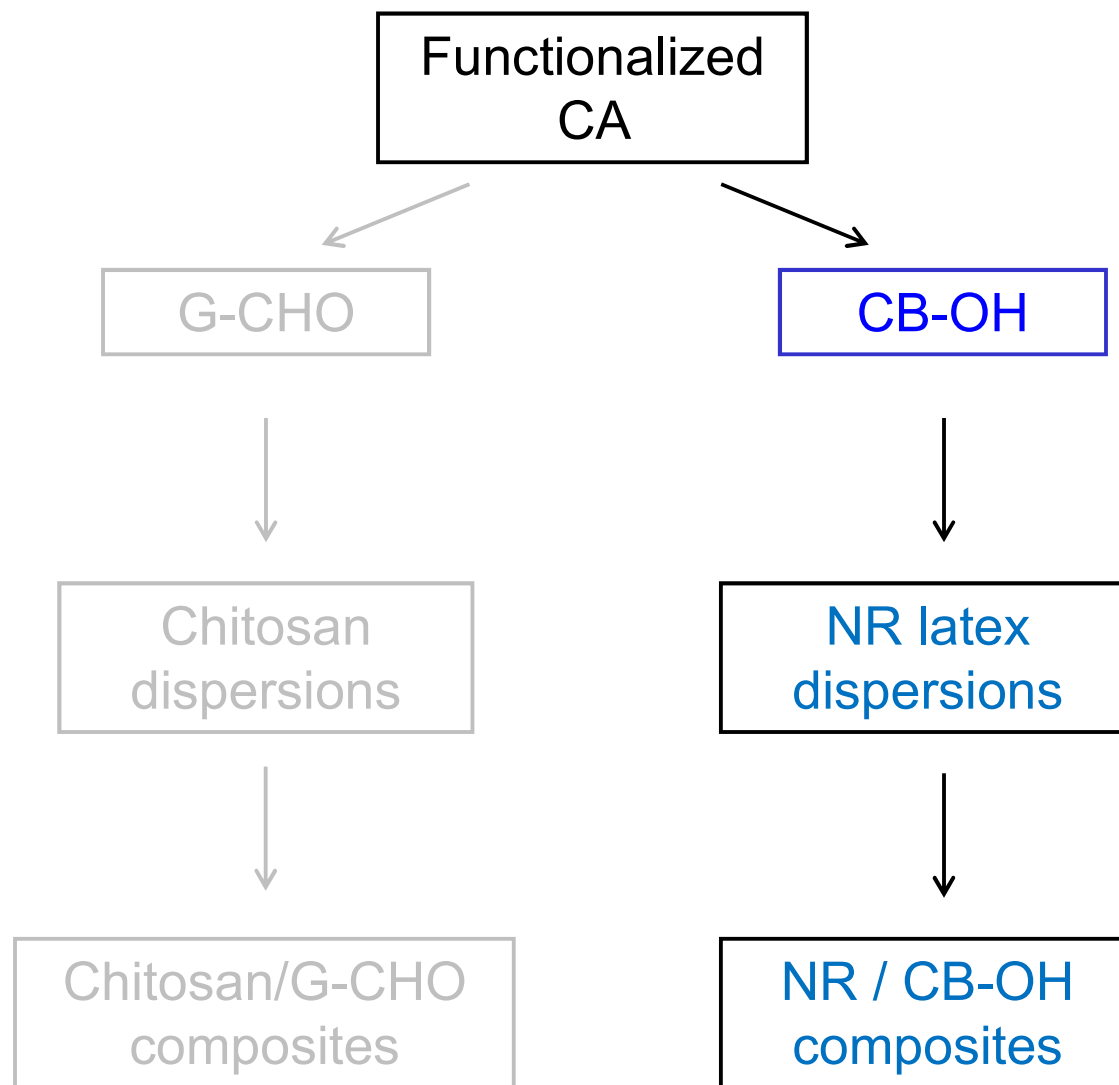
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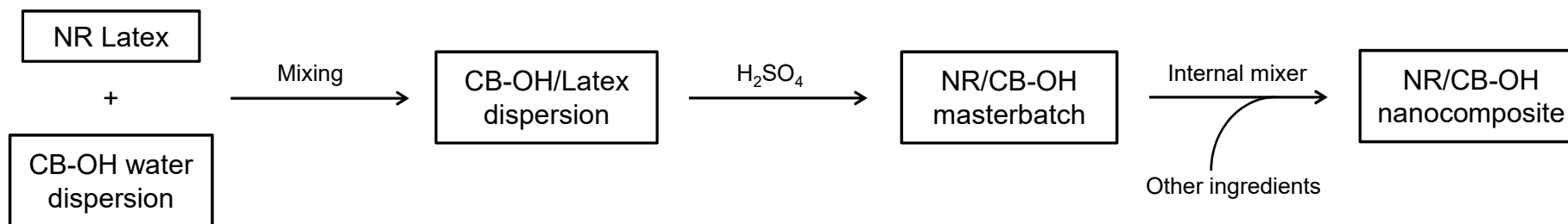
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Natural rubber based nanocomposites



CB-OH

CB

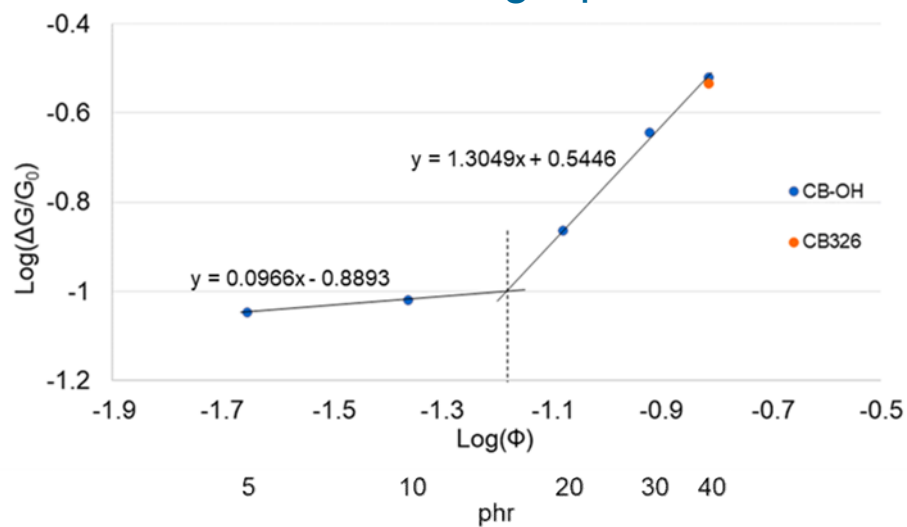




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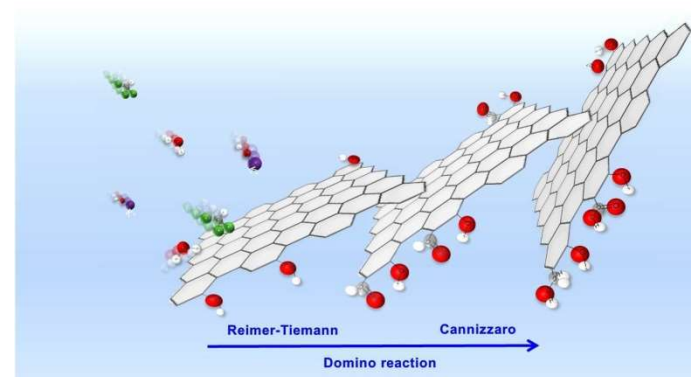
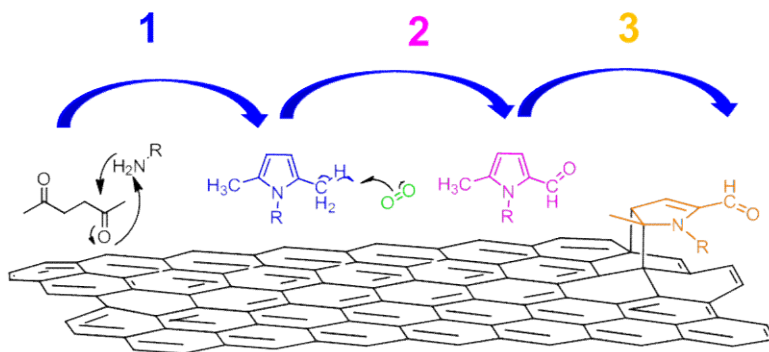
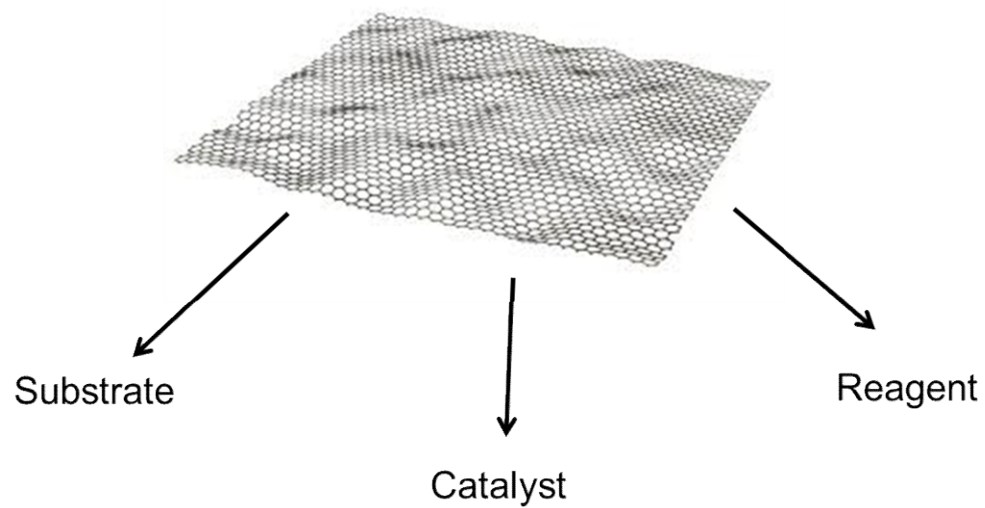


Huber-Vilgis plot



Percolation threshold	
Value from literature for CB	Value for CB-OH
30 to 35 phr	15 phr

Conclusions





*Thanks
for the attention!*





RICETTE PESO	densità	CB-OH_0	CB-OH_5	CB-OH_10	CB-OH_20	CB-OH_30	CB-OH_40
	gr/cm3	phr	phr	phr	phr	phr	phr
Gomma NR - SIR20	0.87	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
CB-OH	1.80	0.00	5.00	10.00	20.00	30.00	40.00
Ac Stearico	0.85	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
ZnO	5.55	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
6PPD	1.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
TBBS	1.32	1.80	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.70
Zolfo	2.00	1.80	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20
totale		111.60	115.90	120.90	130.90	140.90	150.90