



Two steps one pot process for the conversion of dimethylfuran to pyrrole compounds with almost null E- factor

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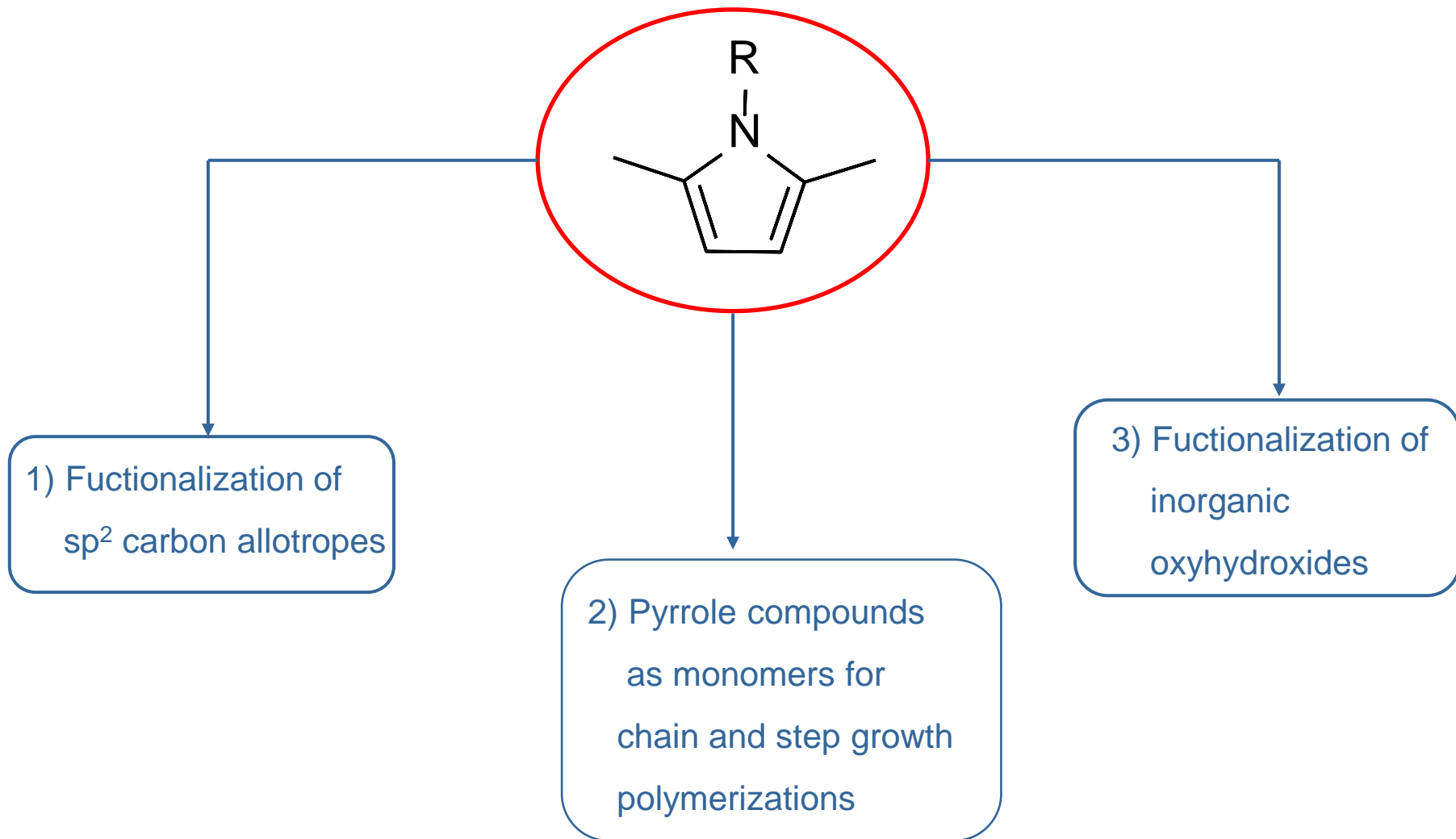
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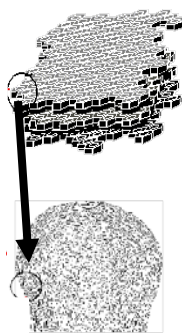
Pyrrole compounds: multipurpose *Janus* molecules



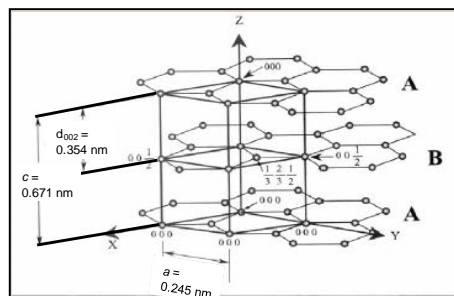
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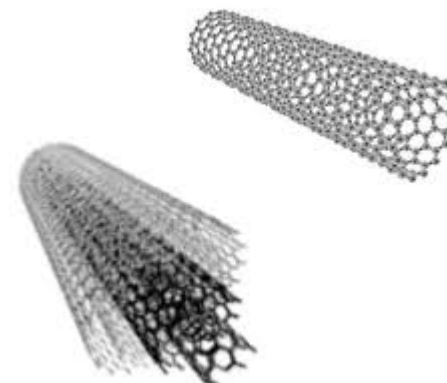
1) Pyrrole compounds for the functionalization of sp^2 carbon allotropes



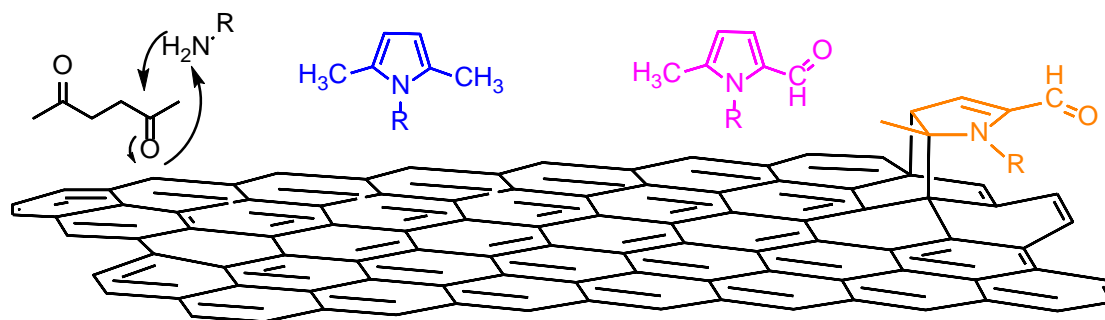
Carbon black



Few-layers graphene

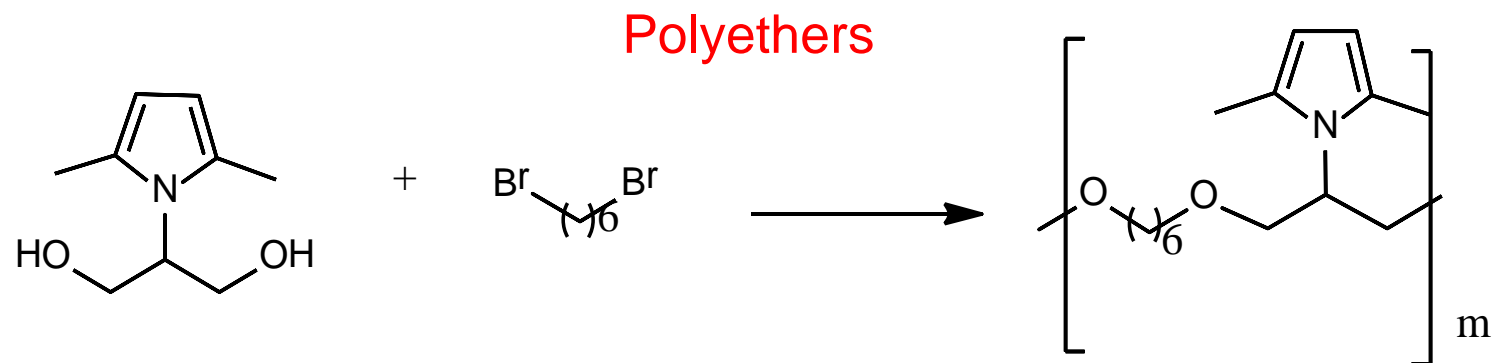
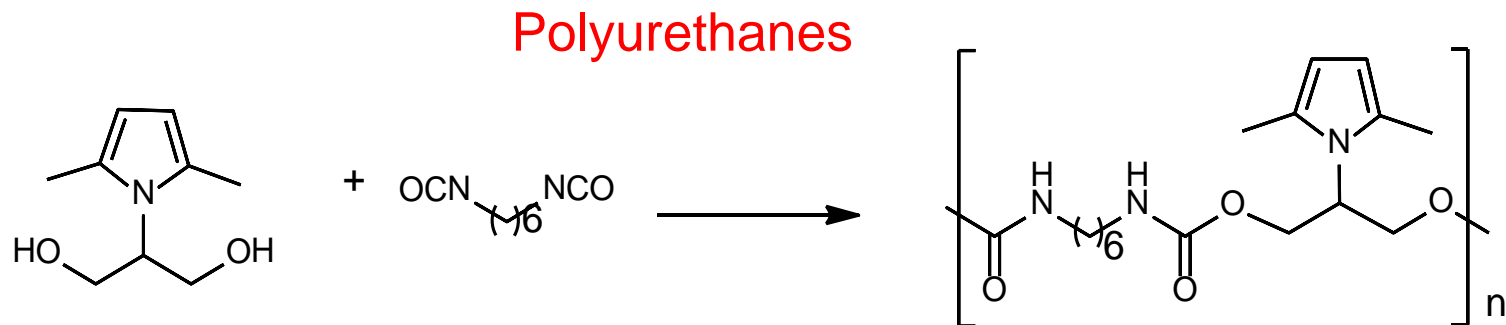


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Proposed mechanism for the functionalization of sp^2 carbon allotropes with pyrrole compounds

2) Pyrrole compounds as monomers for chain and step growth polymerization

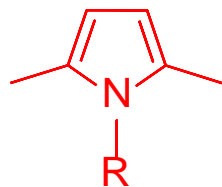


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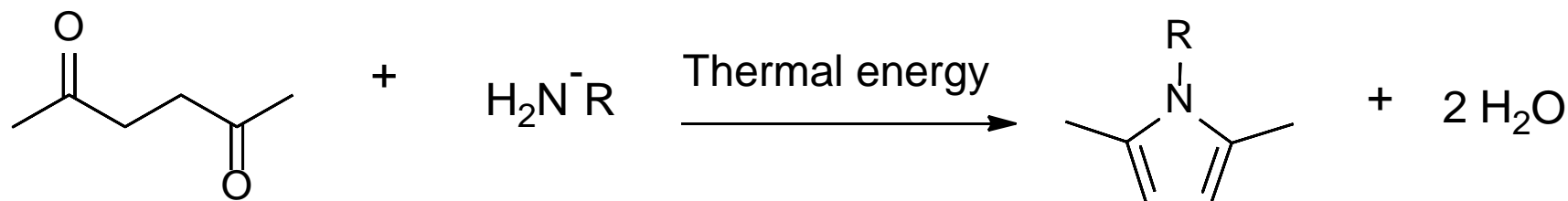
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3) Pyrrole compounds for the functionalization of inorganic oxyhydroxydes

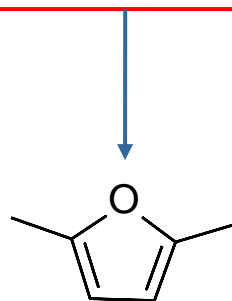


Pyrrole compounds: synthetic pathway

Paal-Knorr reaction:



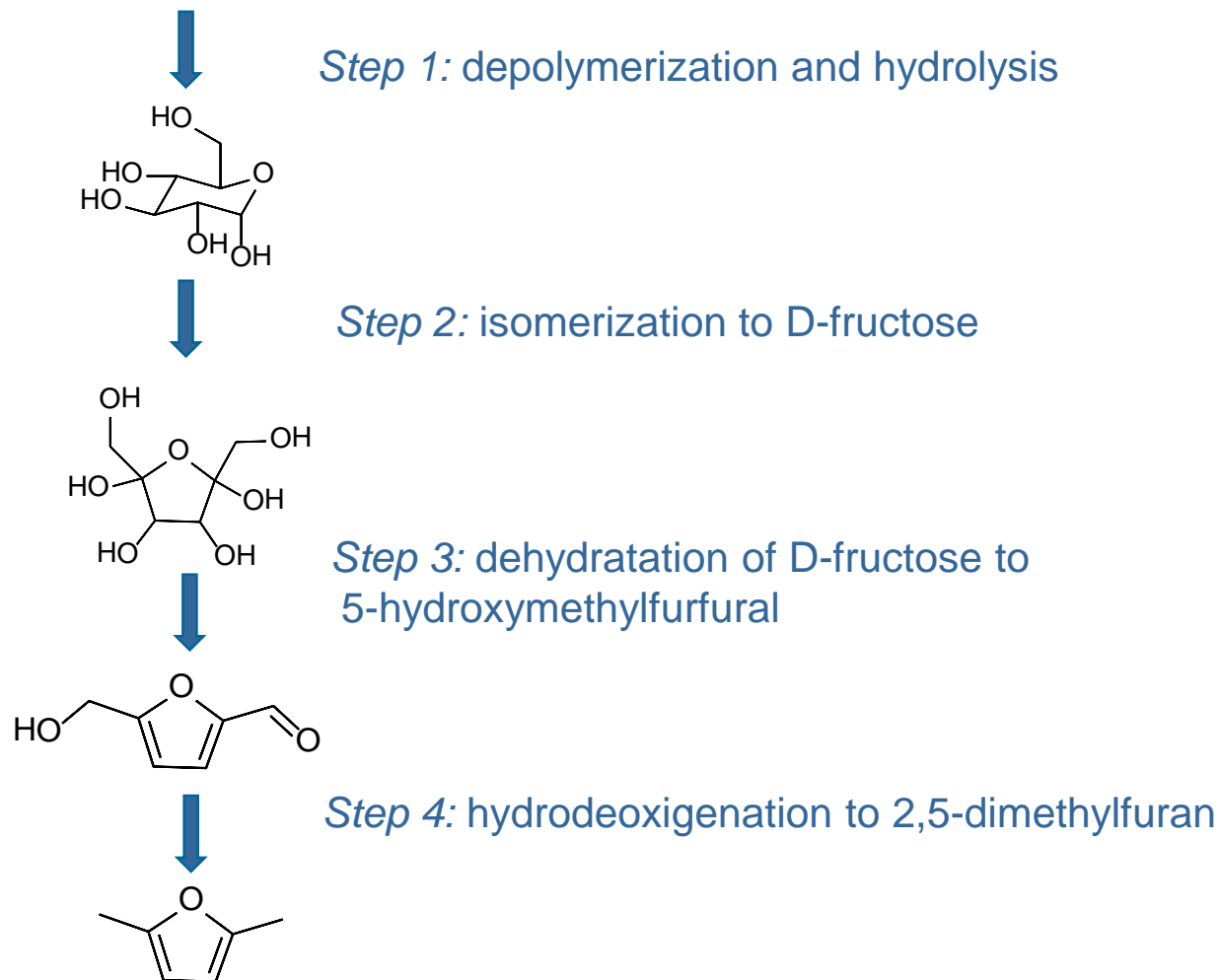
Bio-2,5-hexanedione: could it be obtained by bio-based feedstock?



2,5-dimethylfuran

Lignocellulosic materials as source for many furan compounds

Lignocellulosic starting materials

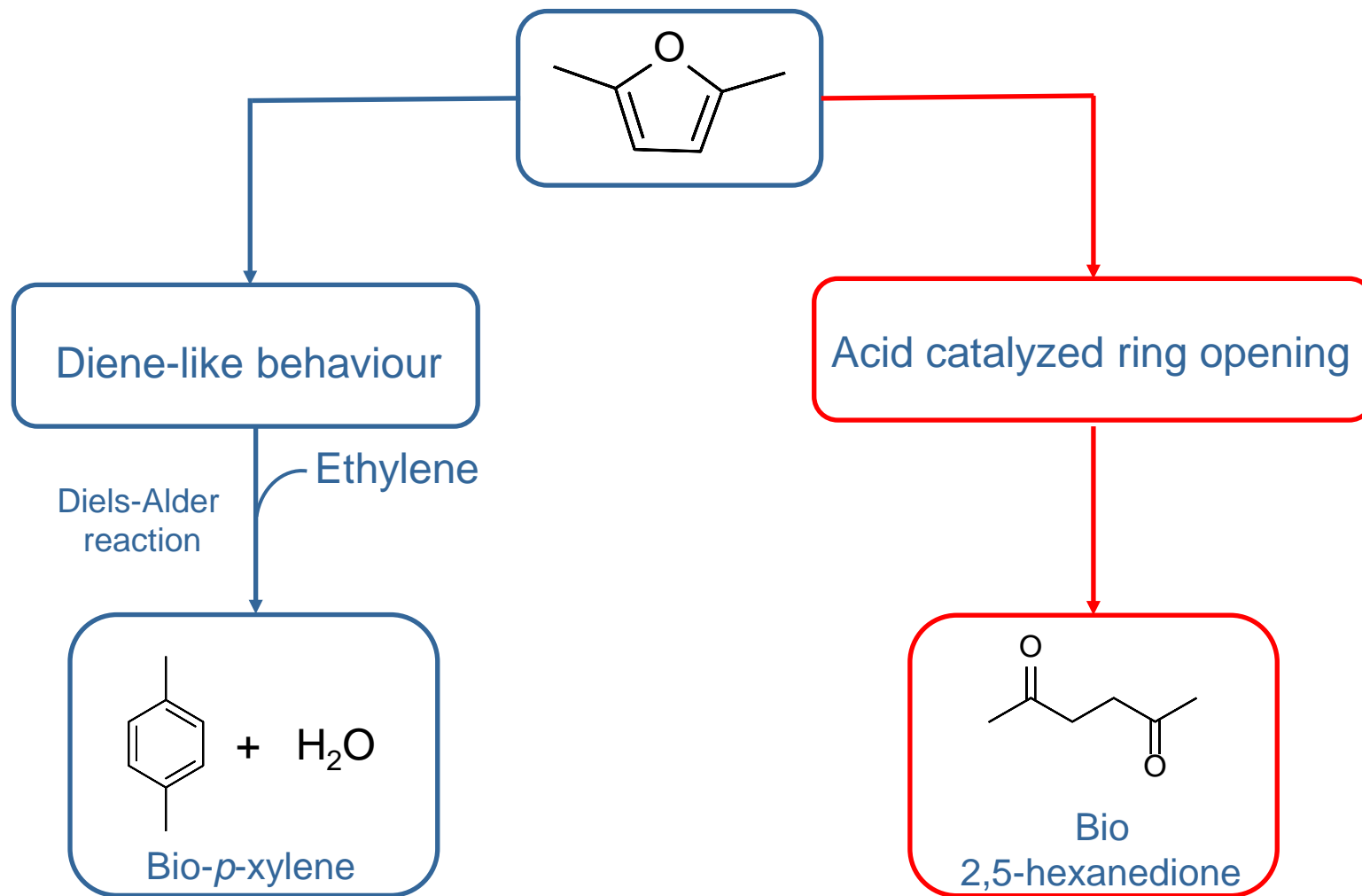


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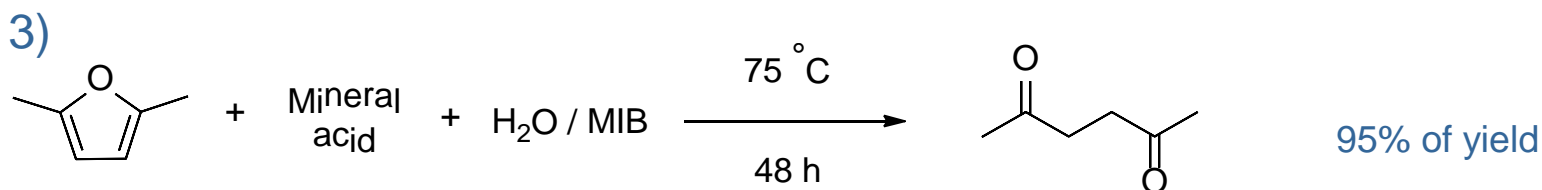
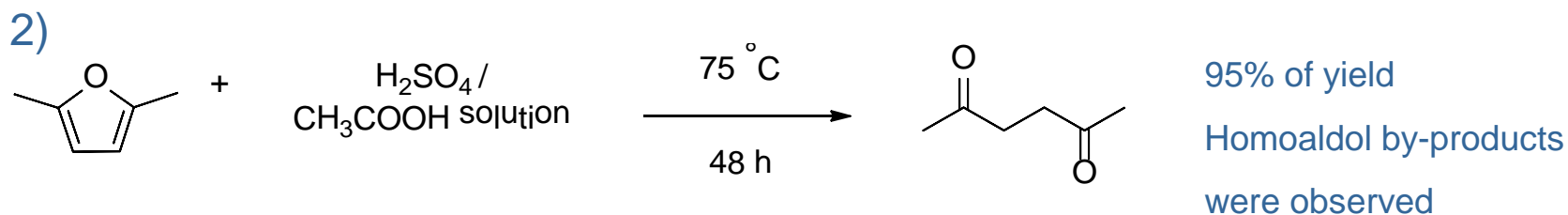
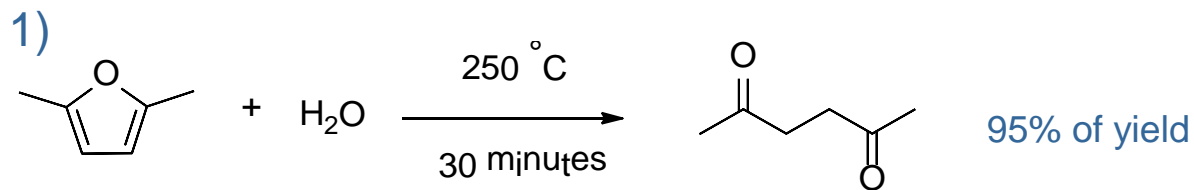
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2,5-dimethylfuran: a versatile biobased building block



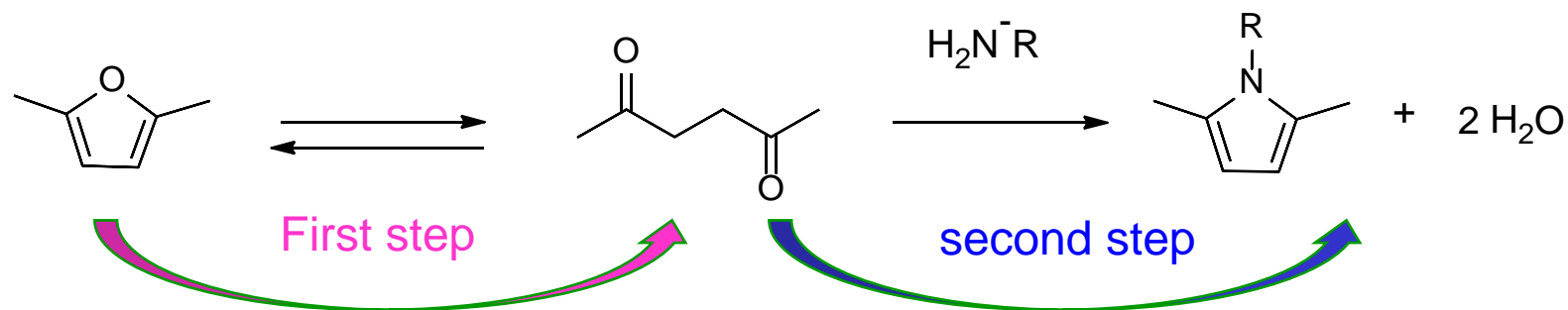
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Synthesis of bio-2,5-hexanedione: screening of the literature



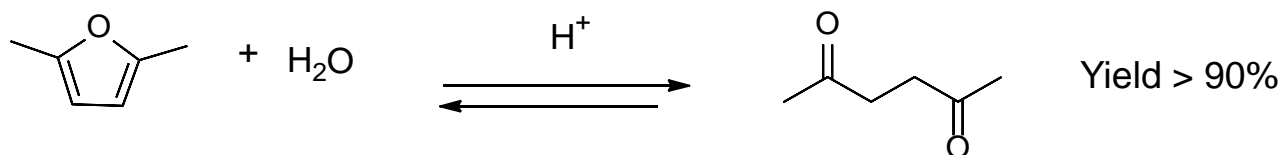
All these synthetic procedures require purification steps

Two steps - one pot synthesis of pyrrole compounds



Ring opening reaction: screening of the parameters

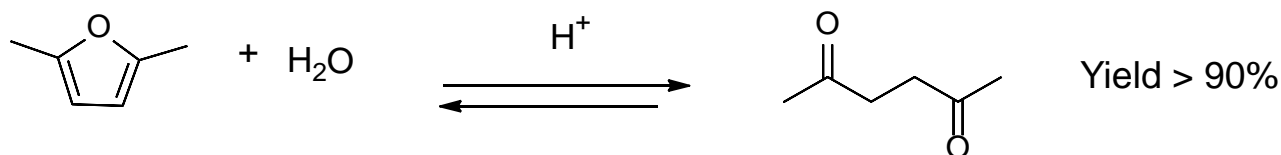
Ring opening reaction is an equilibrium reaction strongly dependent on reaction parameters



- 1) Time
- 2) Temperature
- 3) Amount of water
- 4) Type of acid
- 5) Amount of acid

Ring opening reaction: screening of the parameters

Ring opening reaction is an equilibrium reaction strongly dependent on reaction parameters



- 1) Time: 30 minutes – 48 hours;
- 2) Temperature: r.t – 250 °C
- 3) Amount of water: 1 - 3 eq. with respect to 2,5-dimethylfuran
- 4) Type of acid: strong and weak mineral and organic acid
- 5) Amount of acid: 0 – 15%

Ranges from prior art and our activity

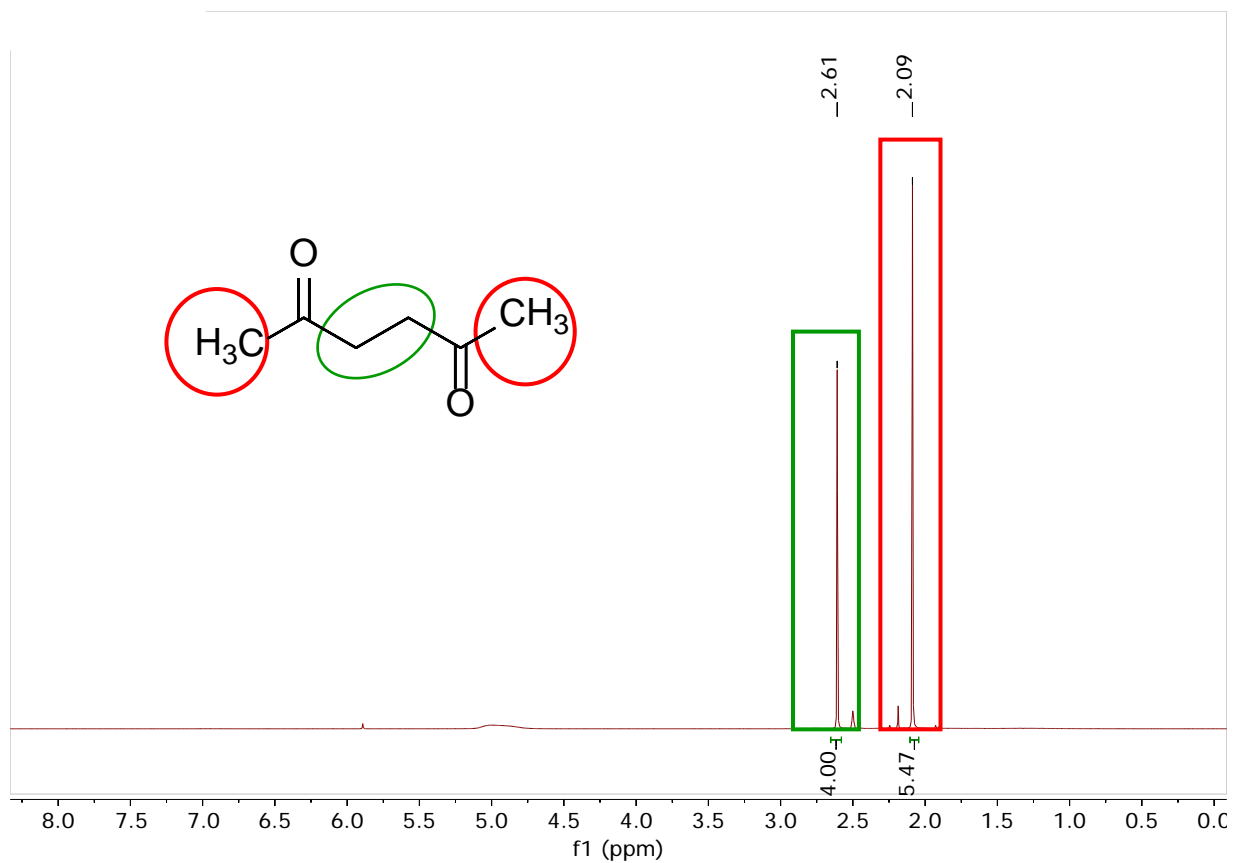
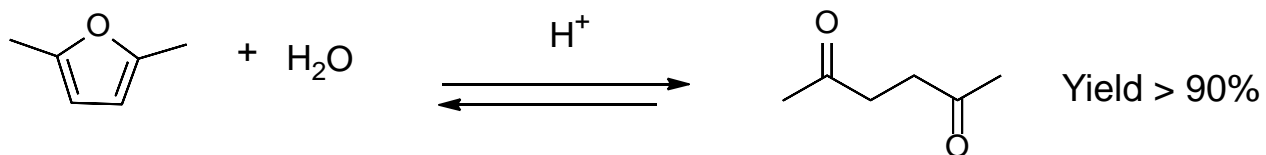
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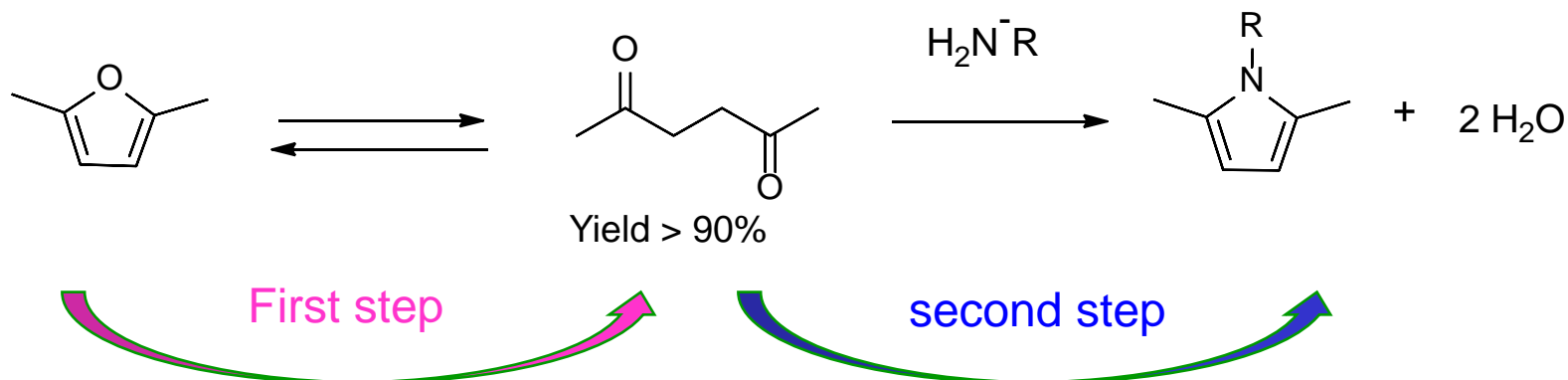
NMR characterization of bio-2,5-hexanedione



- Optimized conditions obtained after the screening of the parameters



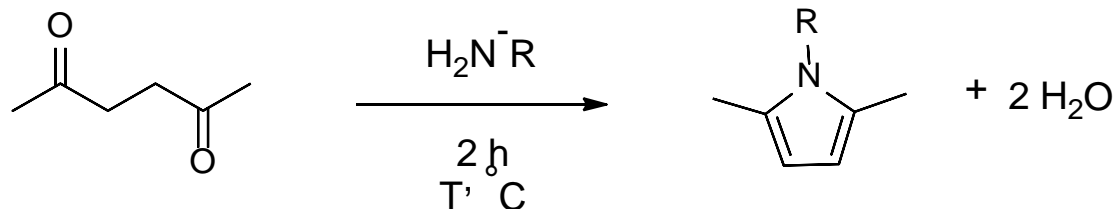
Synthesis of pyrrole compounds: second step



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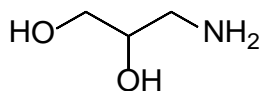


Primary amines were added to 2,5-hexanedione without any purification

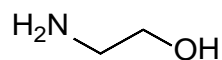


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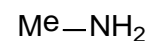
pyrrole compounds



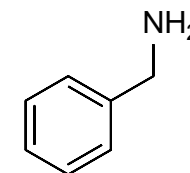
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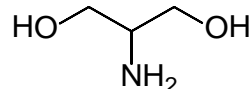
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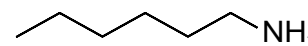
Yield = 94%



Yield = 80%

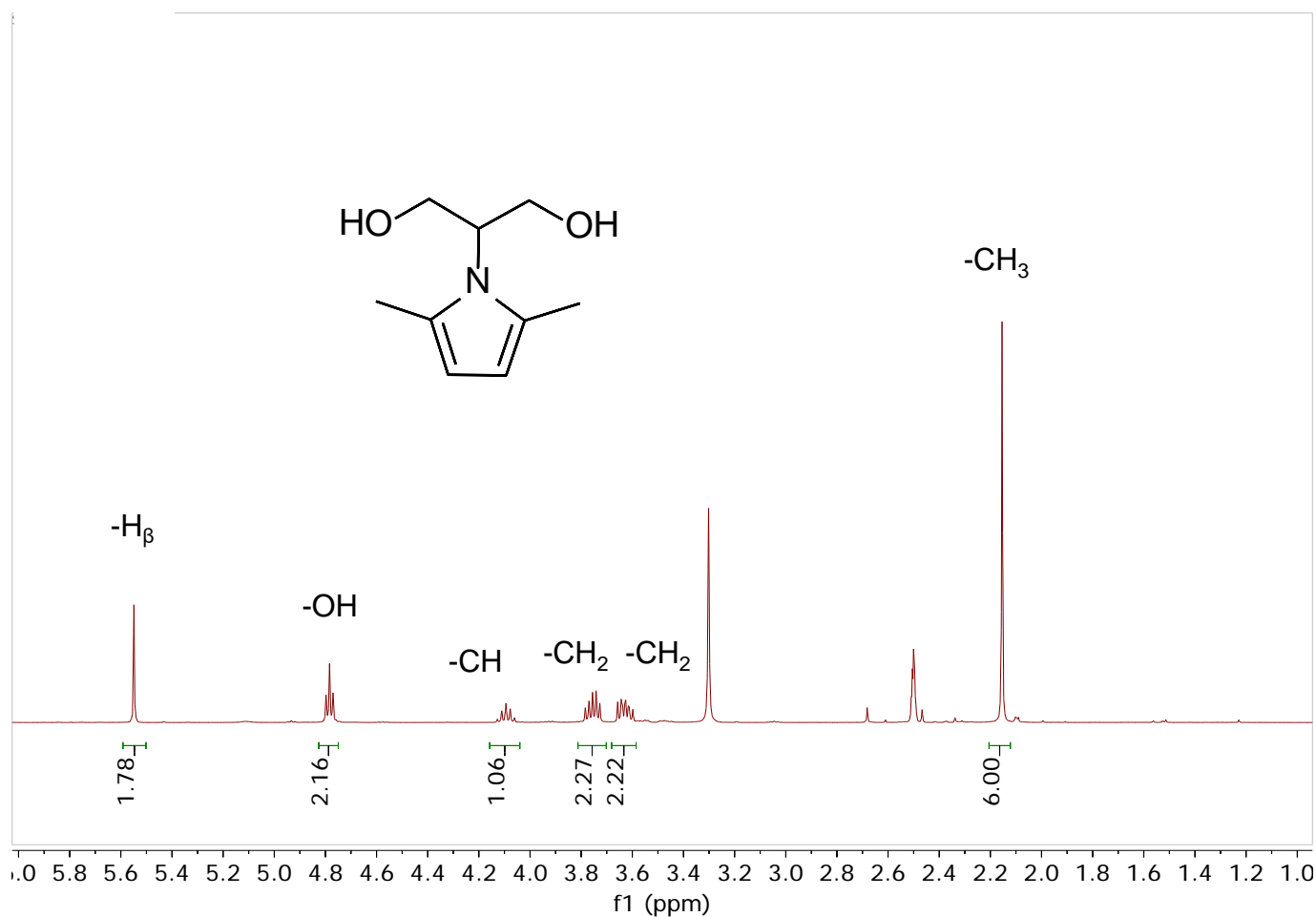
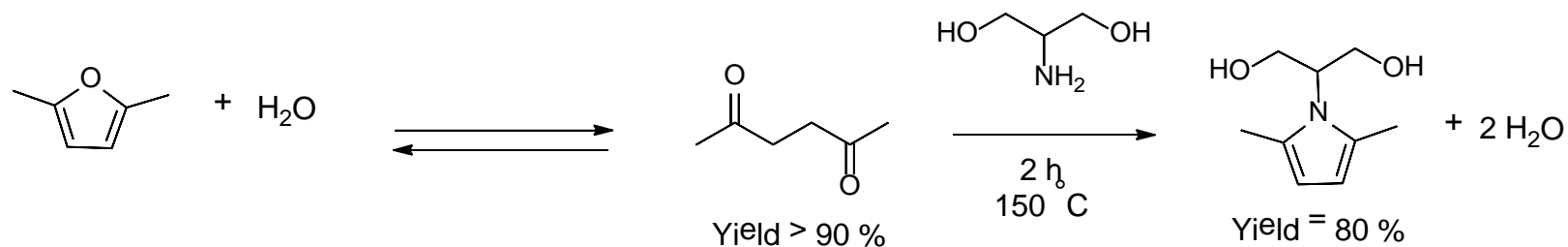


Yield = 80%

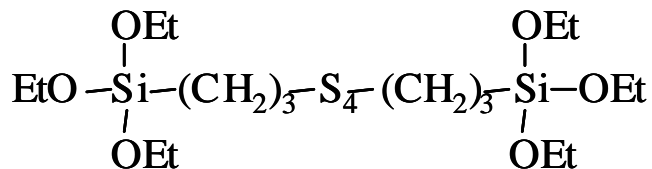


Yield = 85%

Synthesis of serinol-pyrrole via two steps - one pot process from 2,5-dimethylfuran

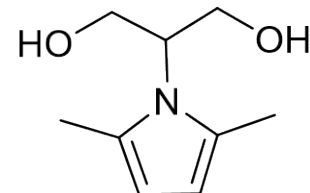


SP as coupling agent for silica in elastomer composites in place of TESPT



TESPT

VS



SP



TESPT: Bis(triethoxysilylpropyl)tetrasulfide

Elastomer composites with silica. Dynamic mechanical properties

Elastomer composite

Poly(styrene-co-butadiene) (SBR) 110, poly(1,4-cis-isoprene) (NR) 20

Silica 50

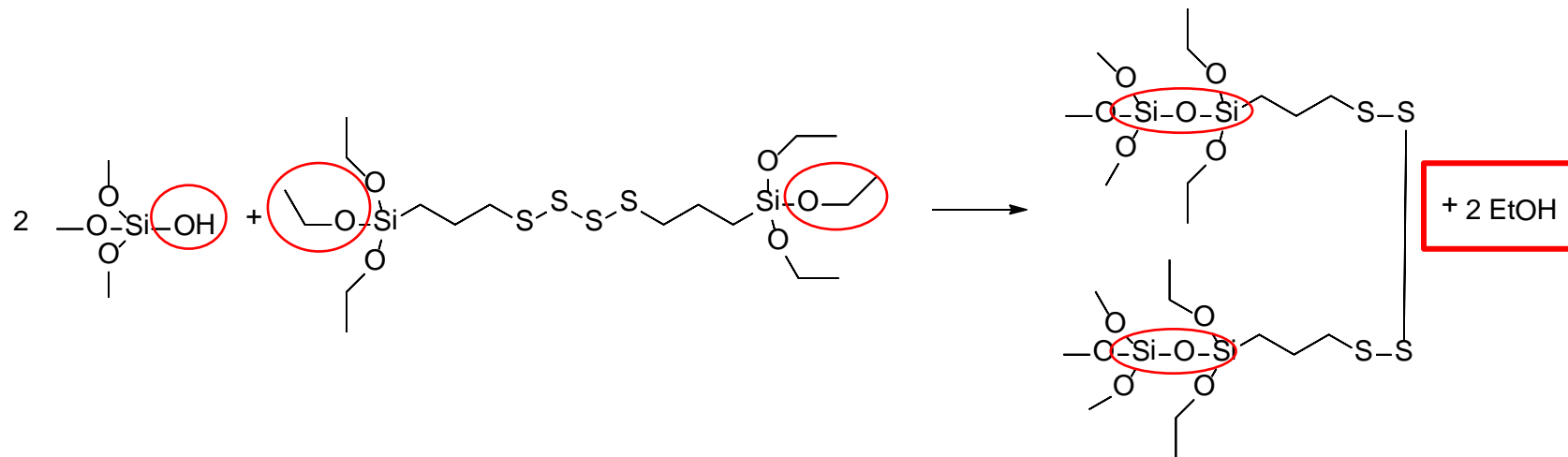
TESPT 8%, SP 9%

ZnO, S, Sulphenamide

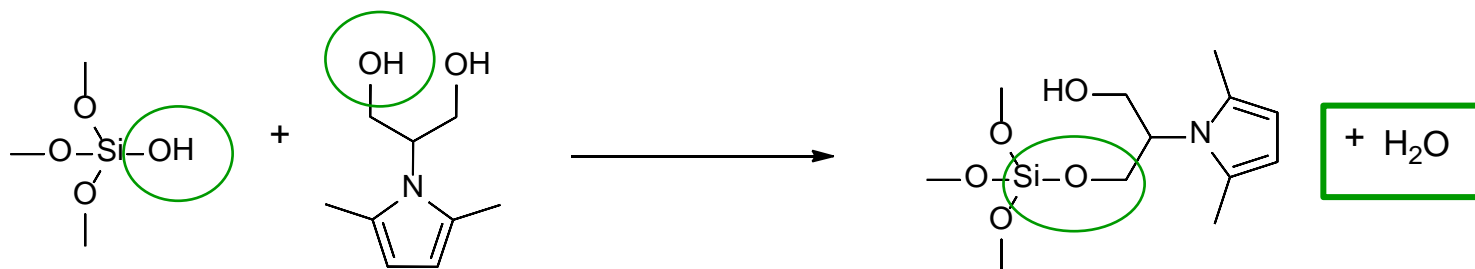
	Silica/TESPT	Silica/SP
$E'_{10\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}}$	7.83	9.86
$E'_{23\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}}$	5.86	7.13
$E'_{70\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}}$	4.35	5.15
(Tan delta) _{10°C}	0.58	0.61
(Tan delta) _{23°C}	0.34	0.38
(Tan delta) _{70°C}	0.10	0.11

SP as coupling agent for silica in elastomer composites in place of TESPT

Functionalization of silica with TESPT

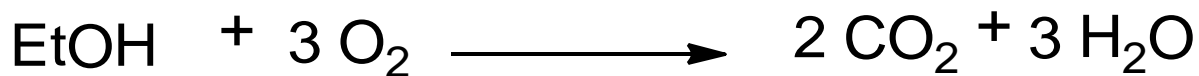
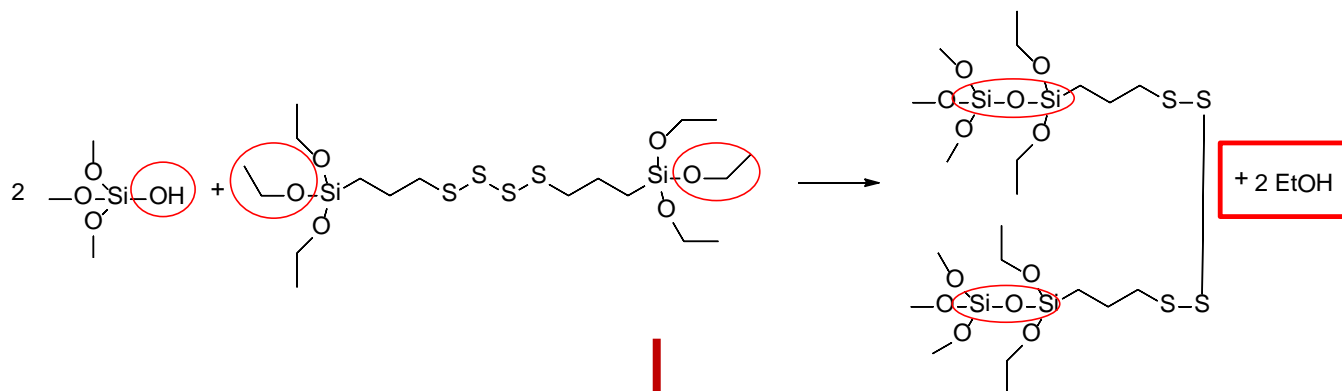


Functionalization of silica with serinol pyrrole



Amount of CO₂ released from TESPT condensation with silica

The global market for tires is expected to reach 2.7 billion units by 2025.



Tons of CO₂ released = $8.44 \cdot 10^4$

Conclusions

- Two steps one pot process for the conversion of dimethylfuran to pyrrole compounds with almost null E- factor was achieved
- 2,5-hexanedione was synthesized in yield up to 90% and the pyrrole compound with a global yield of about 80%, by using various primary amines
- SP behaves as an efficient coupling agent for silica and can be used in place of TESPT, in elastomer composites for tyres
- In the whole process, from reagents to the silica/SP adduct, the only co-product is H₂O

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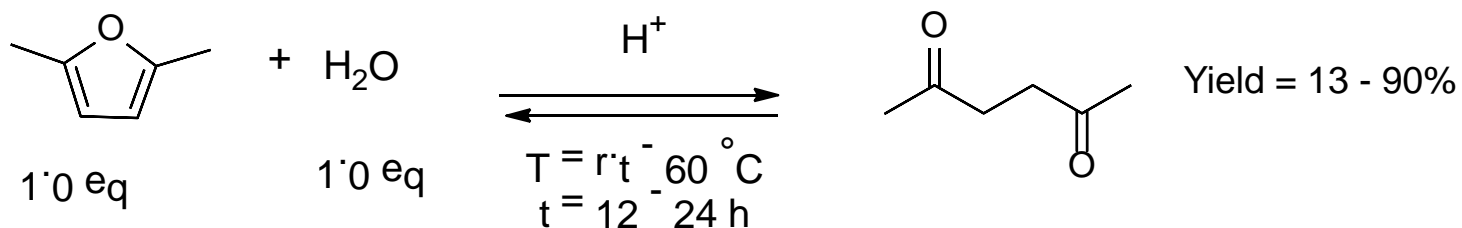


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A SUPER-ADDUCT BETWEEN A PYRROLIC COMPOUND, AN INORGANIC OXIDE HYDROXIDE AND A CARBON ALLOTROPE,
ELASTOMERIC COMPOSITION COMPRISING THE SUPER-ADDUCT AND METHODS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME**

Inventors: M.Galimberti, V.Barbera, A. Bernardi, D. Locatelli

Screening of parameters of the first step:

Amount of acid



[Strong Mineral acid]

Yield of 2,5-hexanedione

Catalytic – 2 mol %

13 – 17 %

> 2 mol %

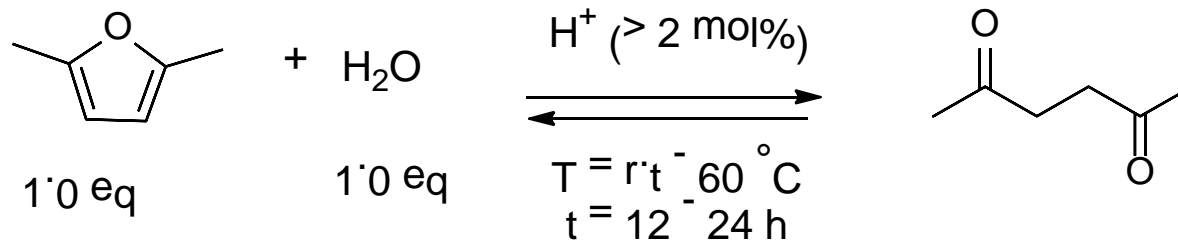
> 90 %

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type of acid



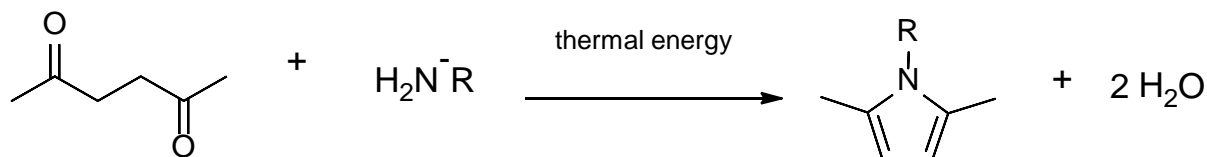
Type of acid	Yield of 2,5-hexanedione
Strong mineral acids	> 90%
Weak acids	< 2%

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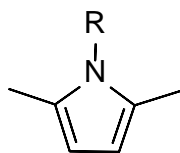
Prior art of our research group: synthesis of pyrrole compounds

Optimization of the Paal-Knorr reaction



Primary amine
 H_2N-R

Pyrrole compounds



Yield: at least up to **90%**

Atom efficiency: **85%**

Easy procedure

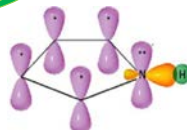
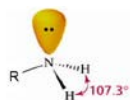
No solvent

Co-product: **H₂O**

From sp^3

to sp^2

Paal-Knorr reaction



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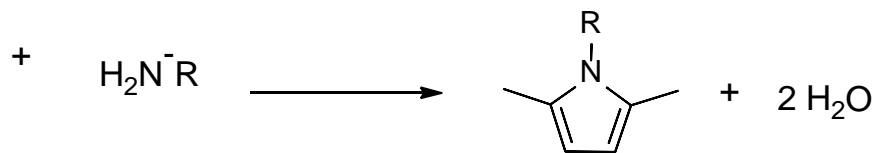
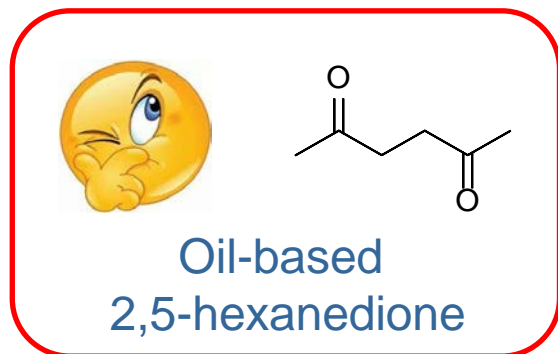
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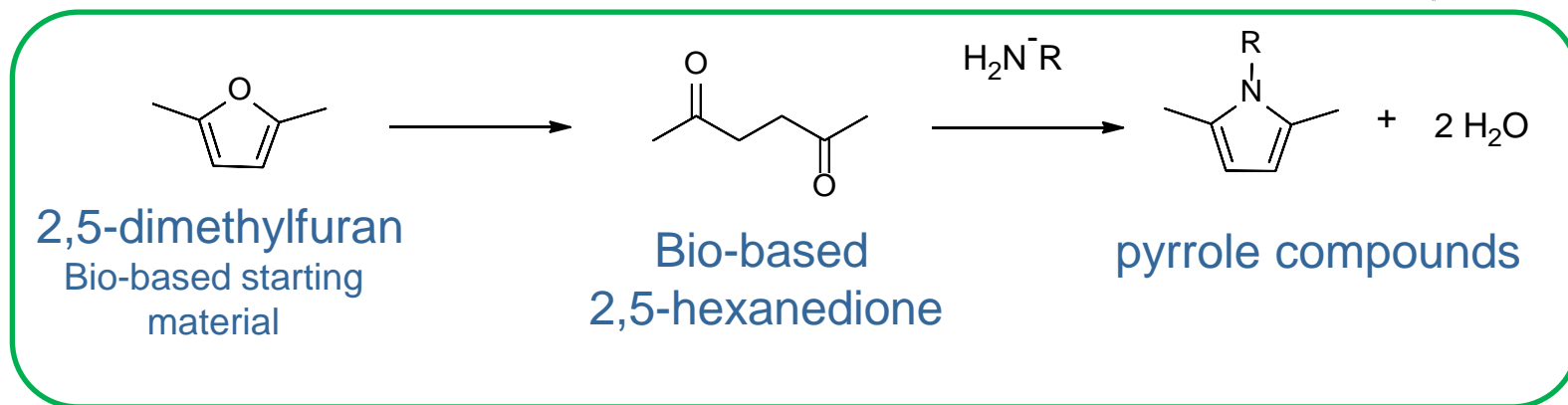
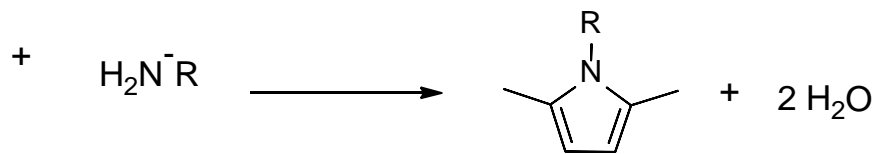
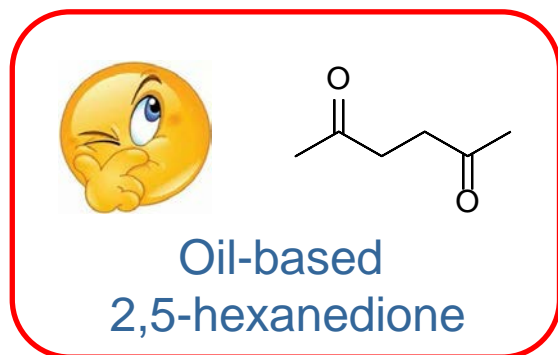
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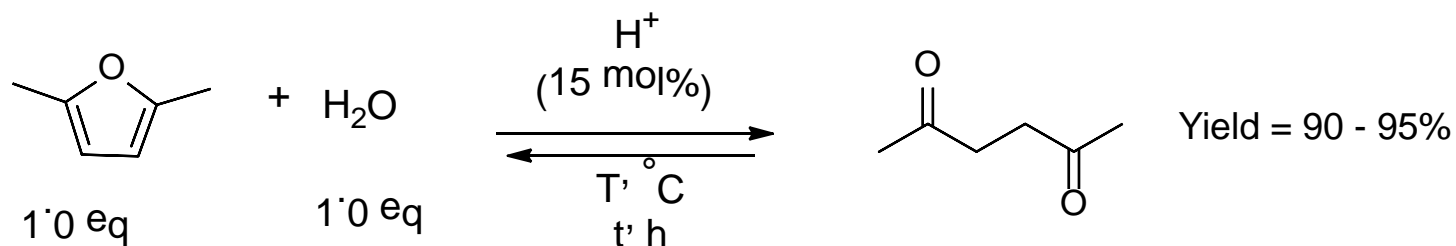
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Screening of parameters of the first step: time and temperature



Best experimental conditions:

Time = 12 – 24 hours
Temperature = 25 – 70 °C

the ratio of 2,5-dimethylfuran and water and the amount of mineral acid was kept constant in all the experiments.

This work is protected by a patent application. Results are not described in details.

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Green metrics of Silica-Silane condensation

