

Integration of Biotransformations in Chemical Multi-Step Processes for Fine and Bulk Chemicals

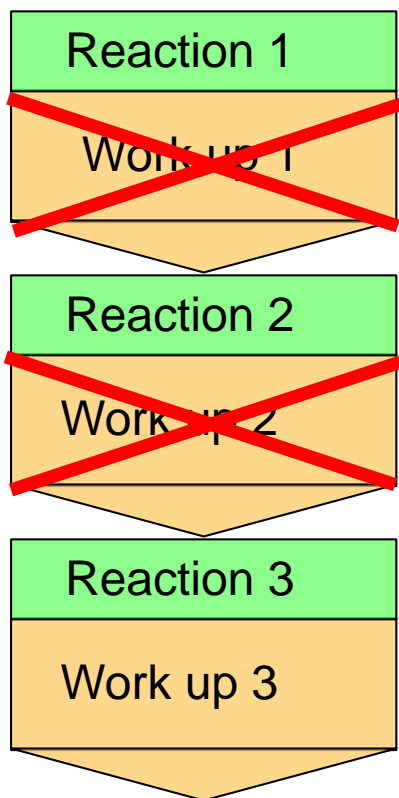
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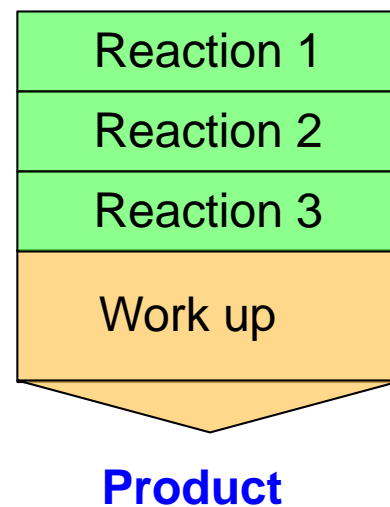
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Why one-pot multi-step strategies?

“Classic”
Multi-step processes



Concept of
one-pot process



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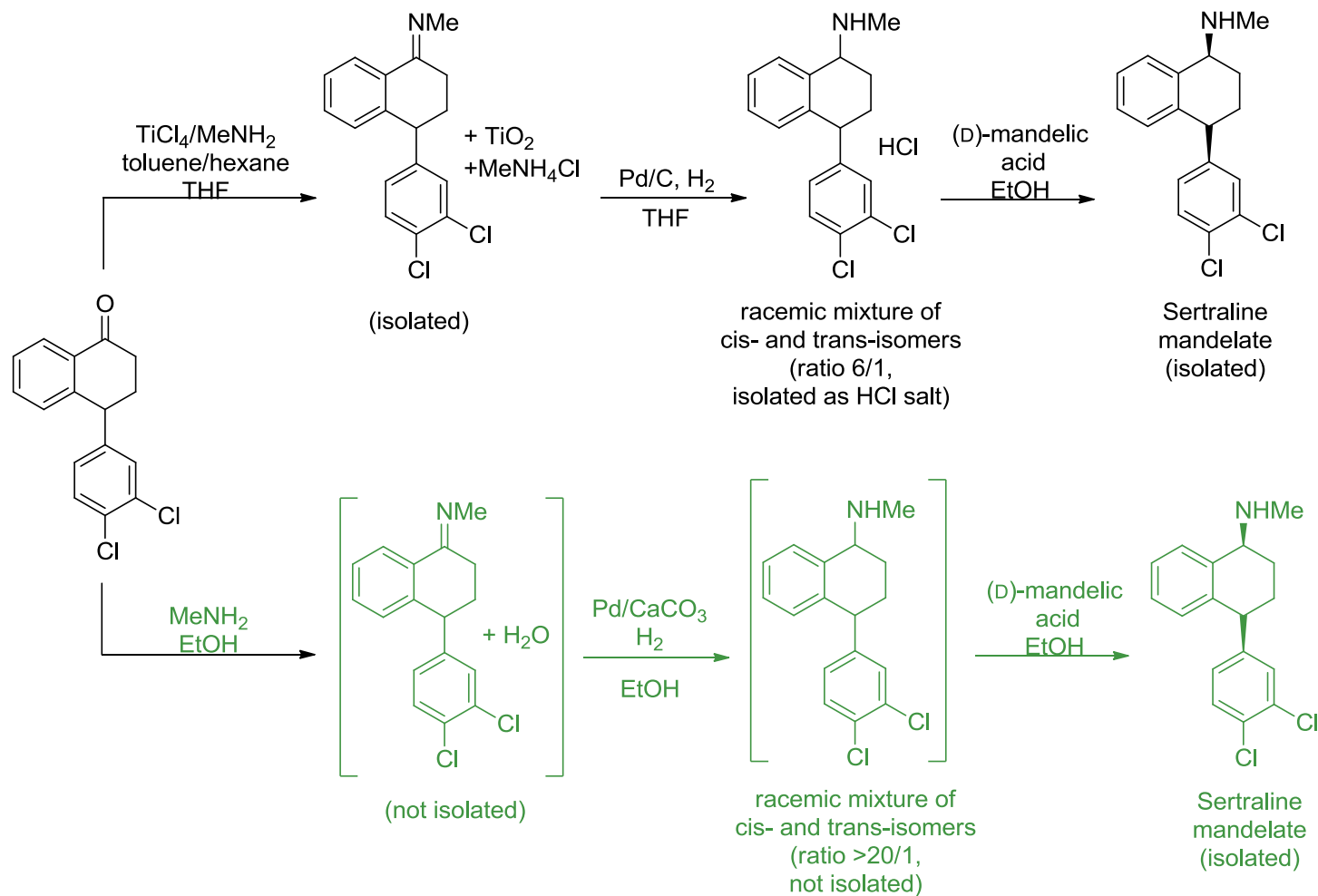
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Potential strategies:

- Tandem reactions
- Subsequent synthetic steps
- Compartmentation of steps

“Green Chemistry” in industry

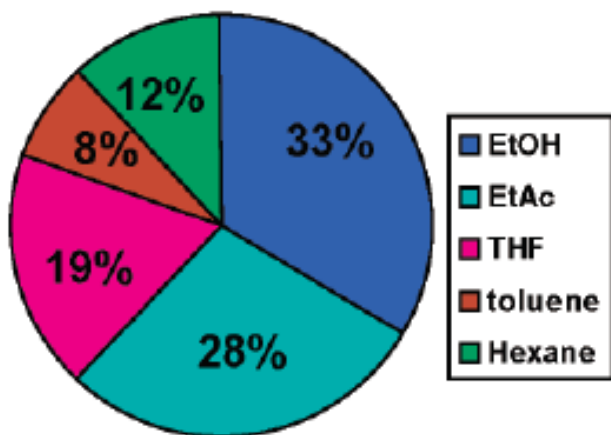
Case study: Pfizer's process for Sertraline (Zoloft®)



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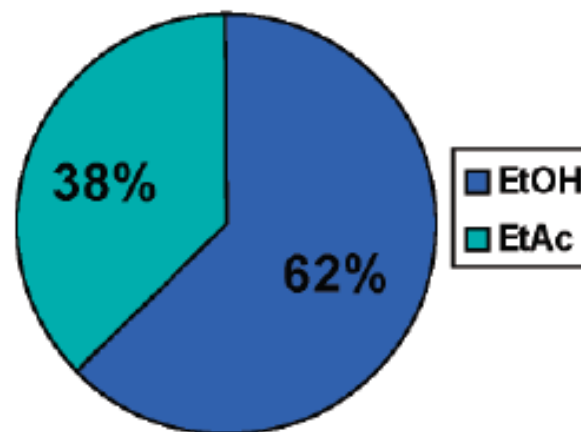
Key feature: Overall amount of used solvents /
Compatibility of reactions

**Sertraline Hydrochloride First
Commercial Route**



•EtOH	34,000 L
•EtAc	28,400 L
•THF	19,000 L
•Toluene	8,000 L
•Hexane	12,000 L
Total	101,400 L

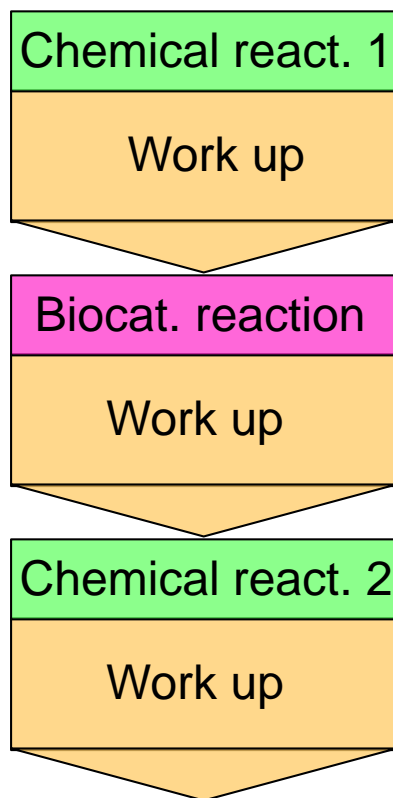
**Sertraline Hydrochloride New
Route**



•EtOH	15,000 L
•EtAc	9,000 L
Total	24,000 L

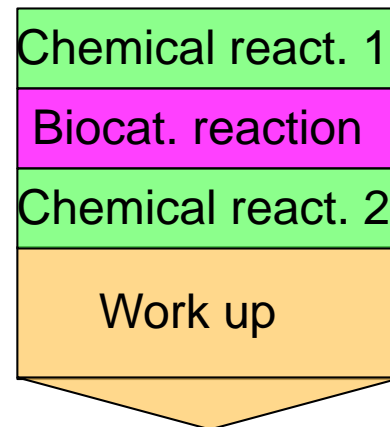
Integration of biocatalysis in multi-step drug synthesis

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Product

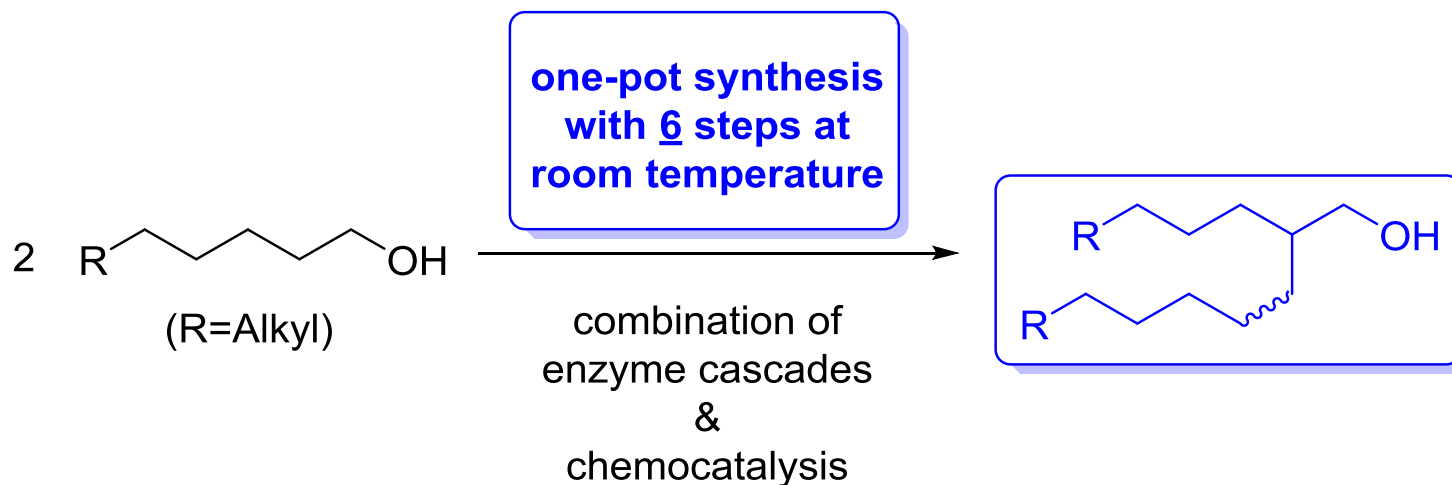
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Combination of chemo- and biocatalysis for alternative Guerbet alcohol synthesis

Process scheme:



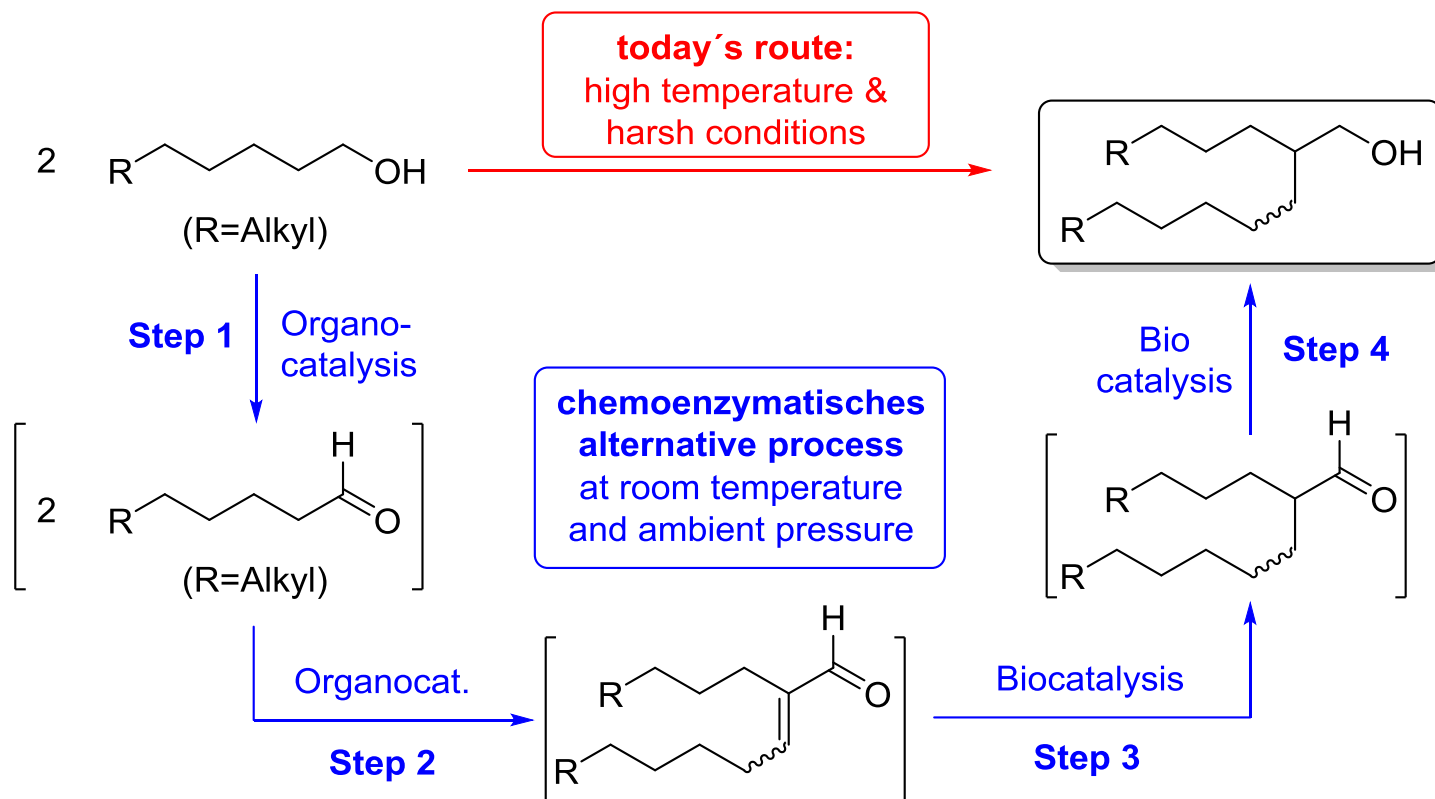
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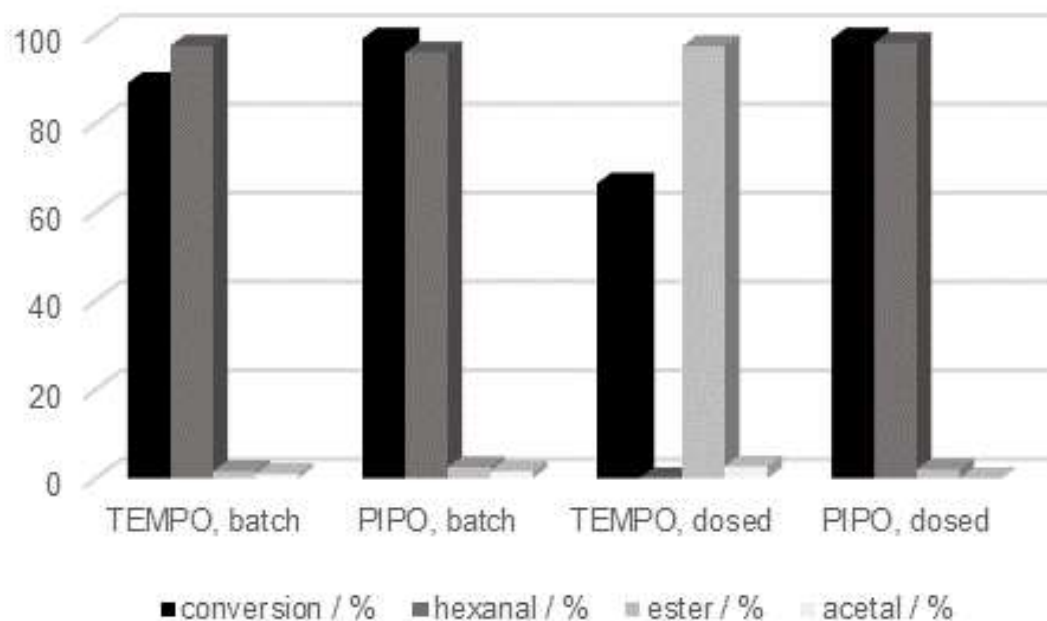
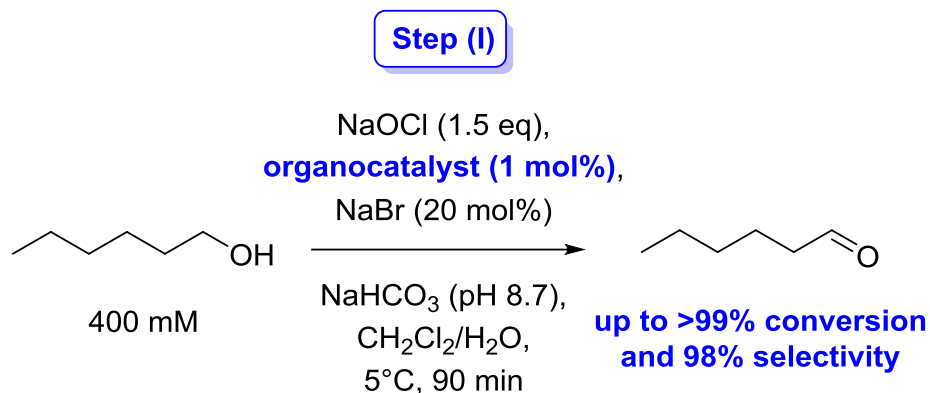
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Synthesis of Guerbet-alcohols

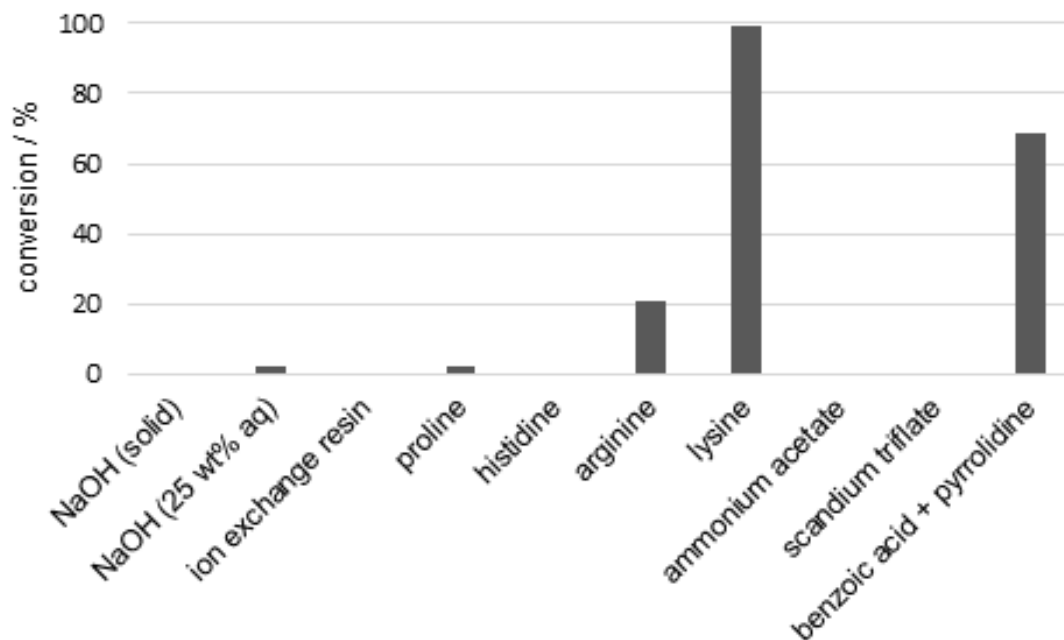
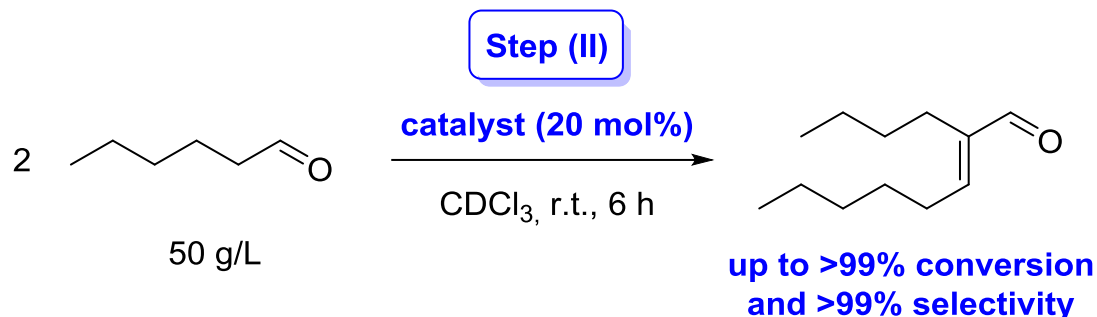
Today's state of the art and potential alternatives:



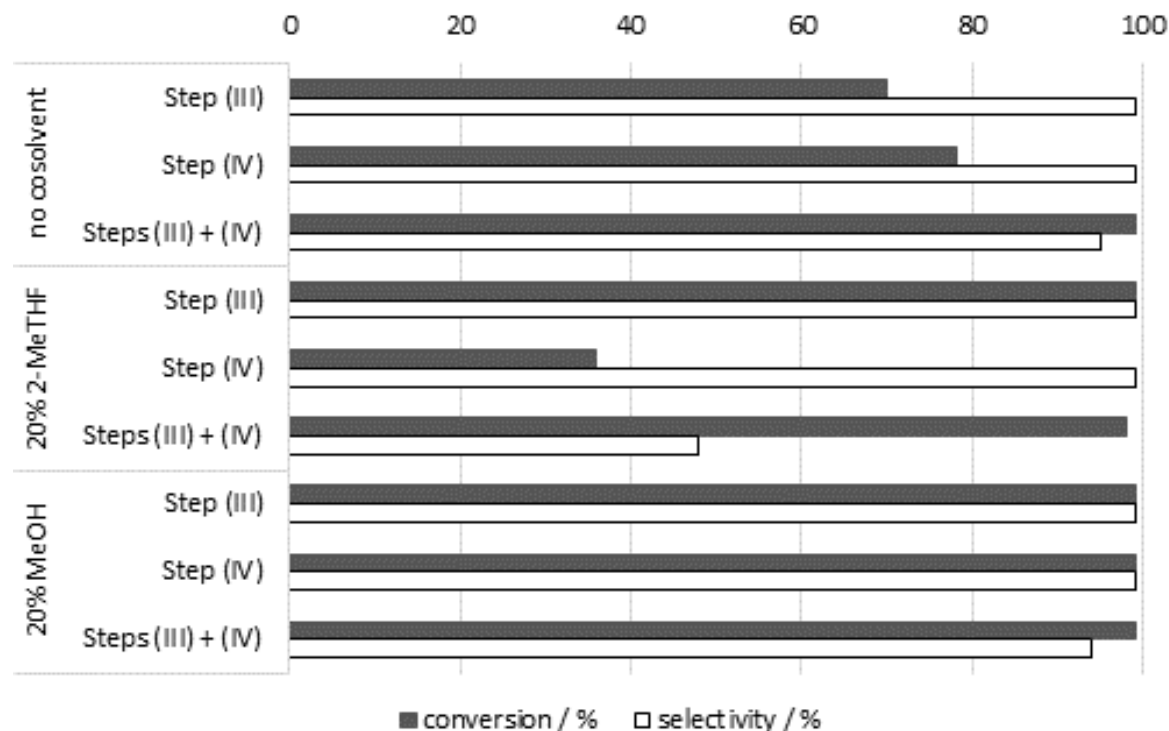
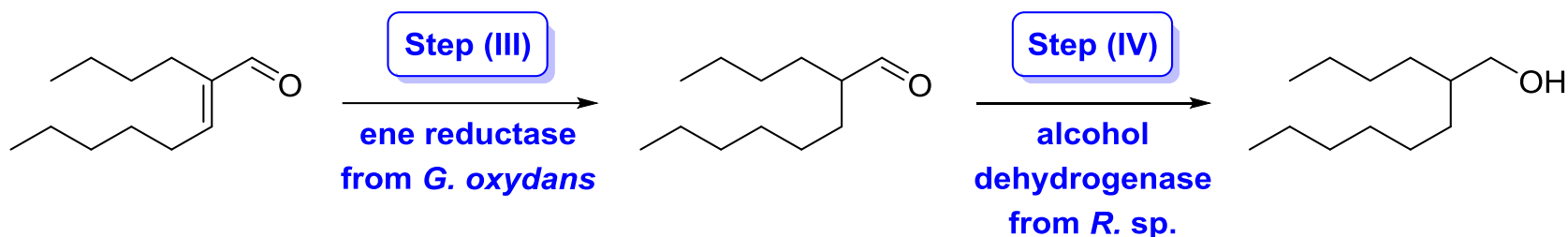
Organocatalytic oxidation of alcohols (step 1)



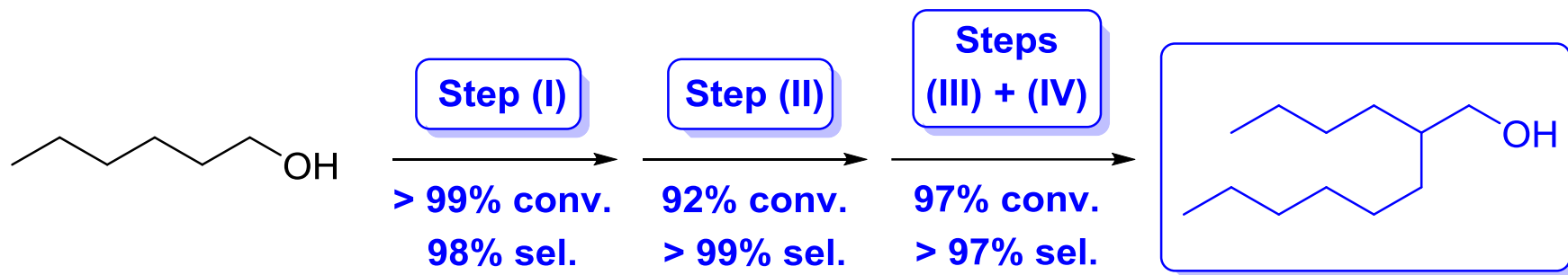
Organocatalytic homo-aldol condensation (step 2)



Biocatalytic double reduction (steps 3 & 4)

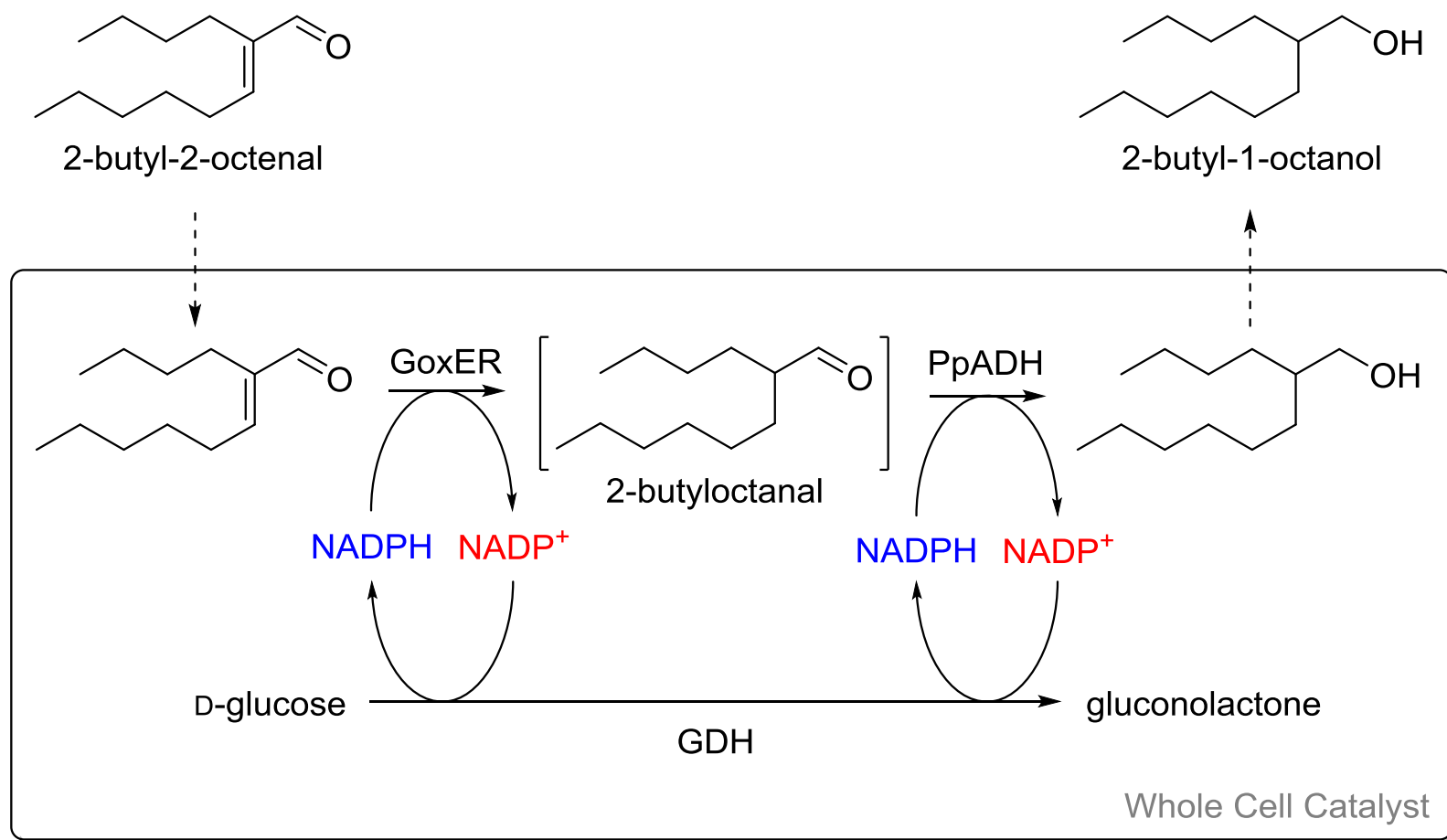


Combination of all reaction steps



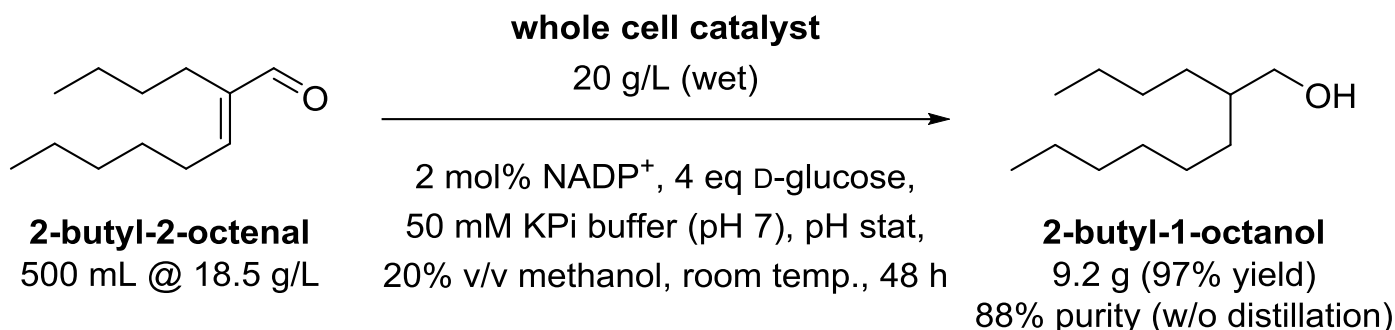
Process development towards a “double reduction”

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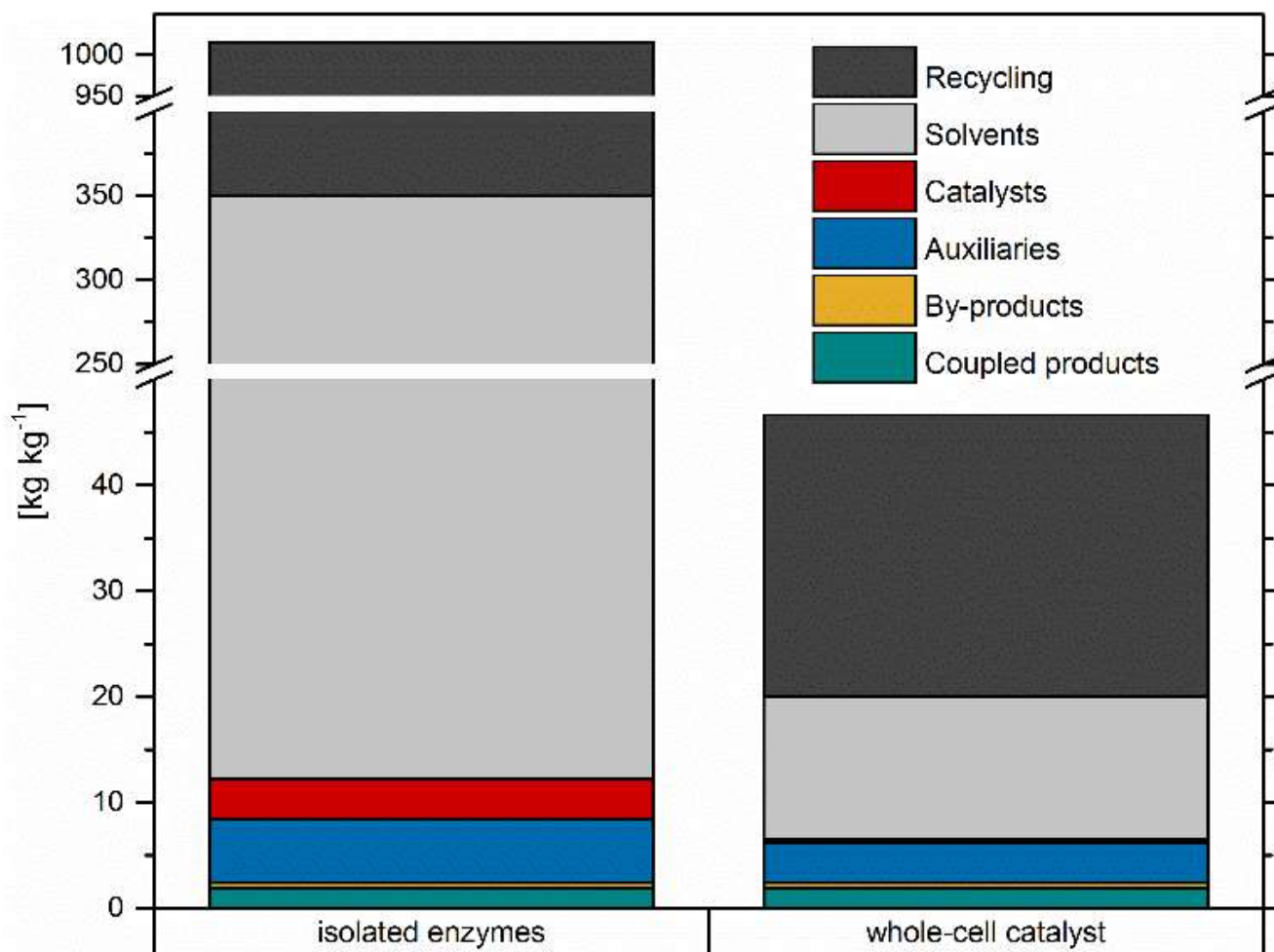
Further experiments (same cond. as above)

entry	scale [mL]	substrate [g/L]	time ^a [h]	yield [%]
1	25	17.2	16	80
2	25	37.2	48	89
3	25	93.6	68	86
4	500	18.5	48	97

^a time after which the reaction was stopped. Considerably after full conversion was reached.

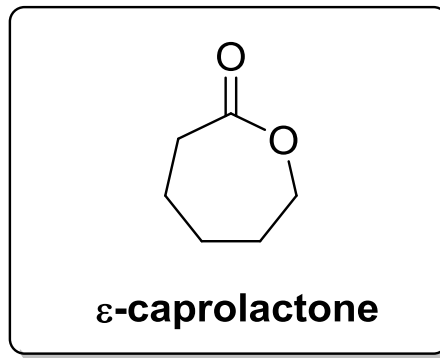
Evaluation of sustainability of overall process

Waste balance and E-factor:



Petrochemical polymer poly- ϵ -caprolactone

The monomer ϵ -caprolactone

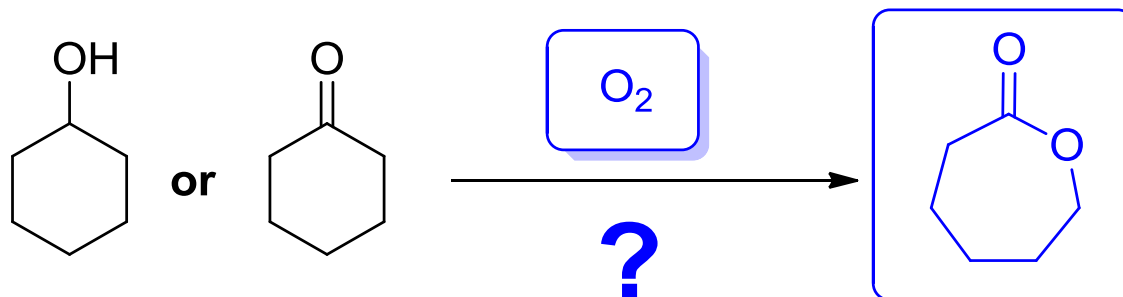


Industrial importance of ϵ -caprolactone

- bulk chemical with a broad application range
- applications mainly in the field of polymer materials, e.g. polyester polyols, polyurethane
- industrial application fields: glues, coatings, paints
- production volume: multi-10.000 tons per year
- established production technology *via* UCC-process

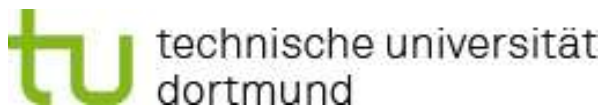
Alternative synthesis of ϵ -caprolactone as key step

Basic concept: air as oxidation agent & biocatalysis



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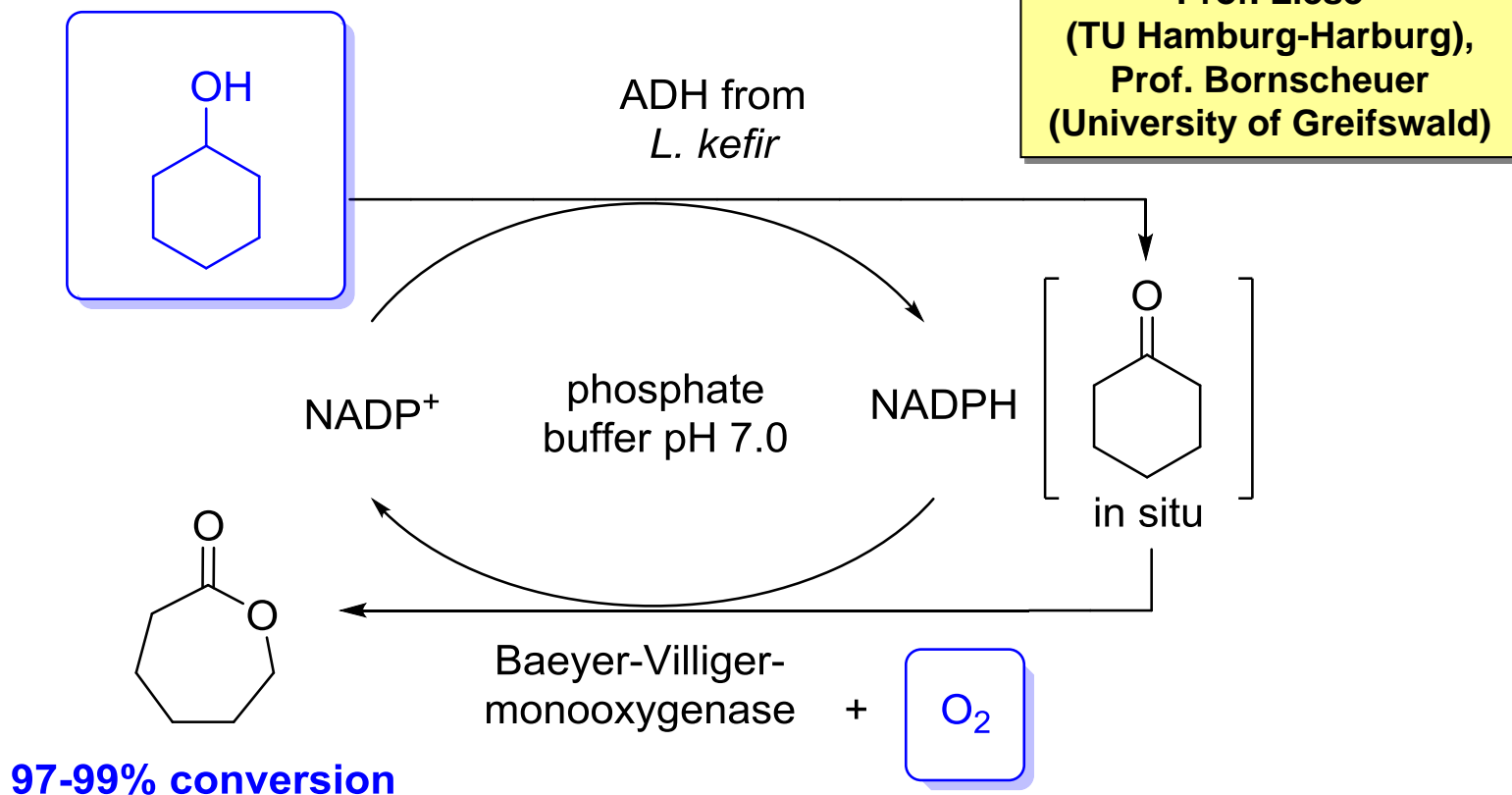


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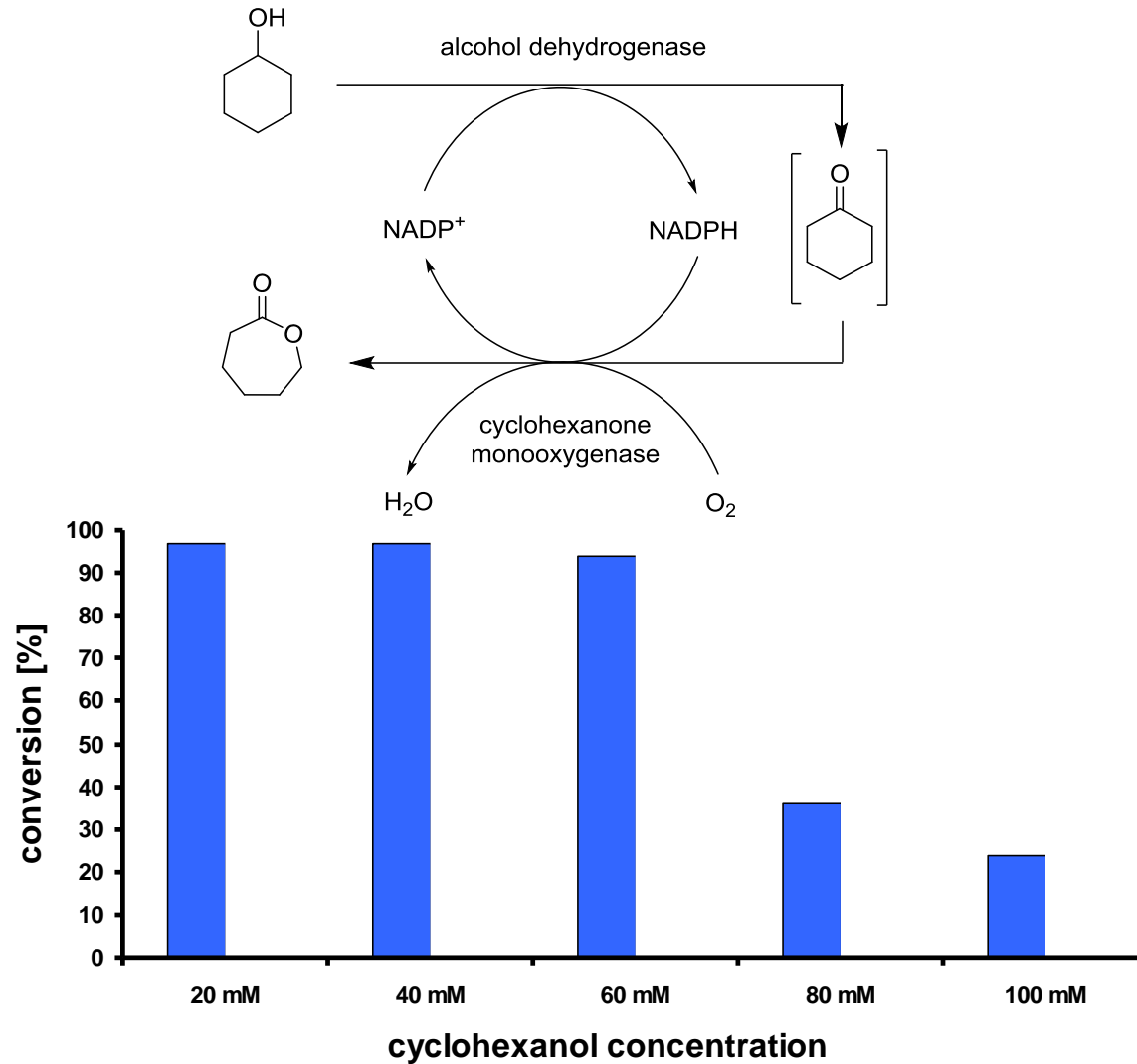
Biocatalytic route towards ϵ -caprolactone

The “proof of concept” for a direct oxidation of cyclohexanol to ϵ -caprolactone:

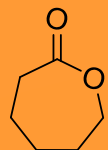
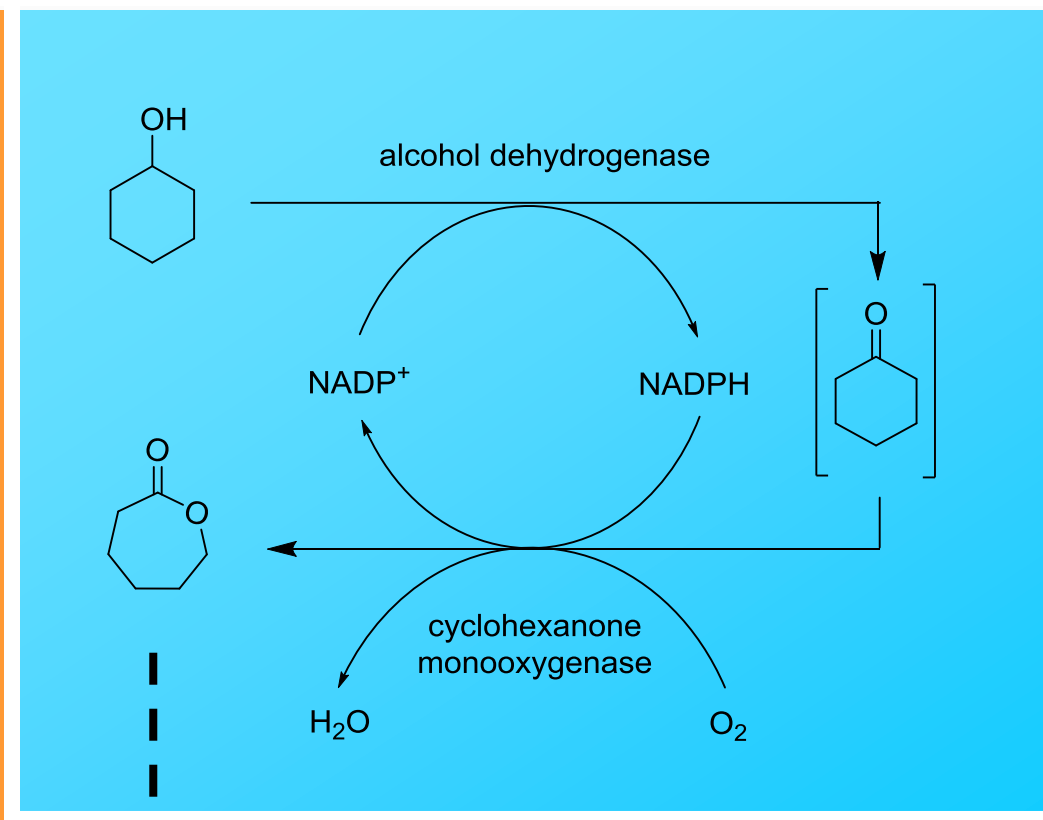


Initial bioprocess development

The impact of substrate concentration:



Process design & proof of concept

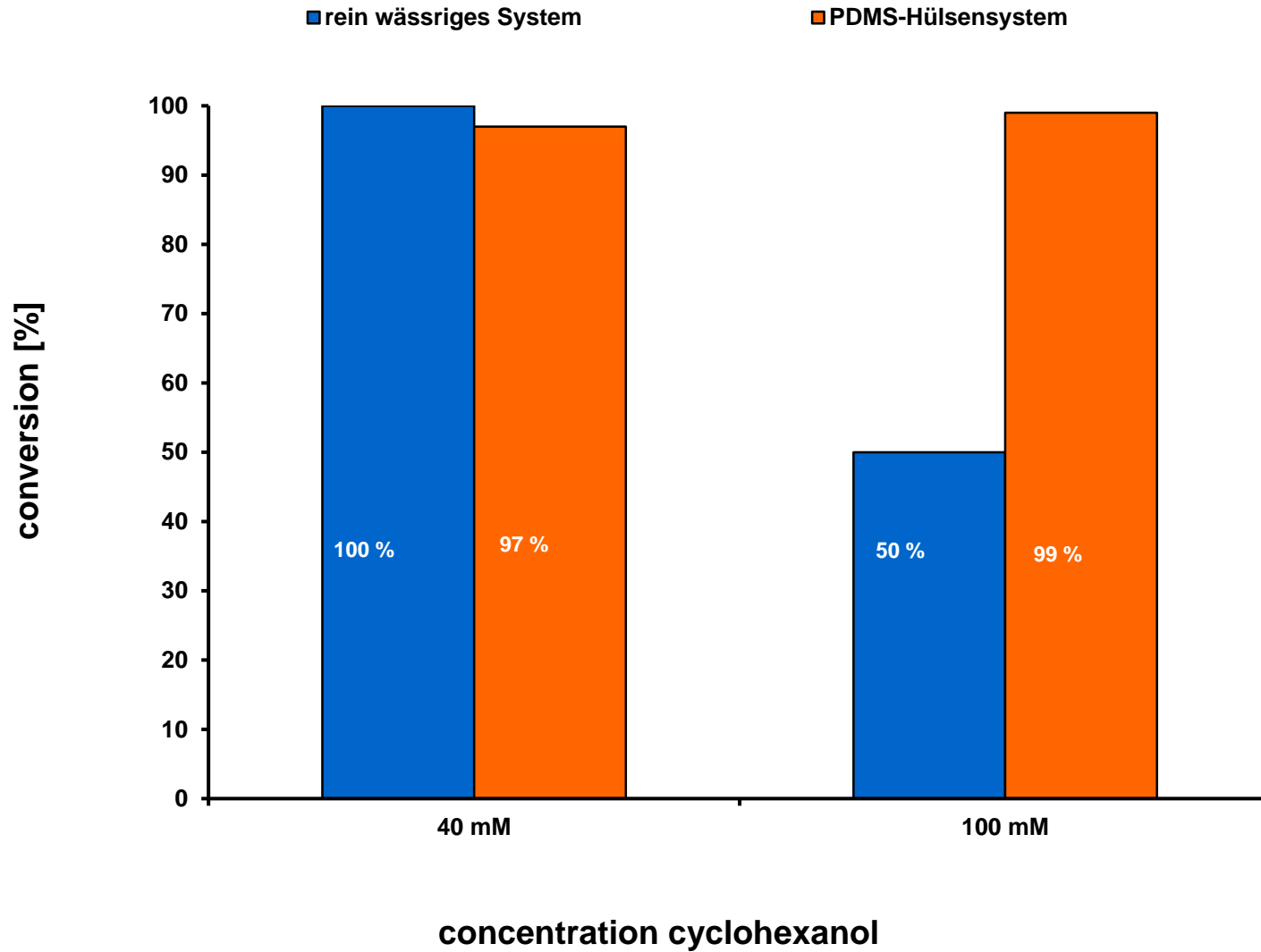


**Optimized organic solvent:
methylcyclohexane**

PDMS-thimble

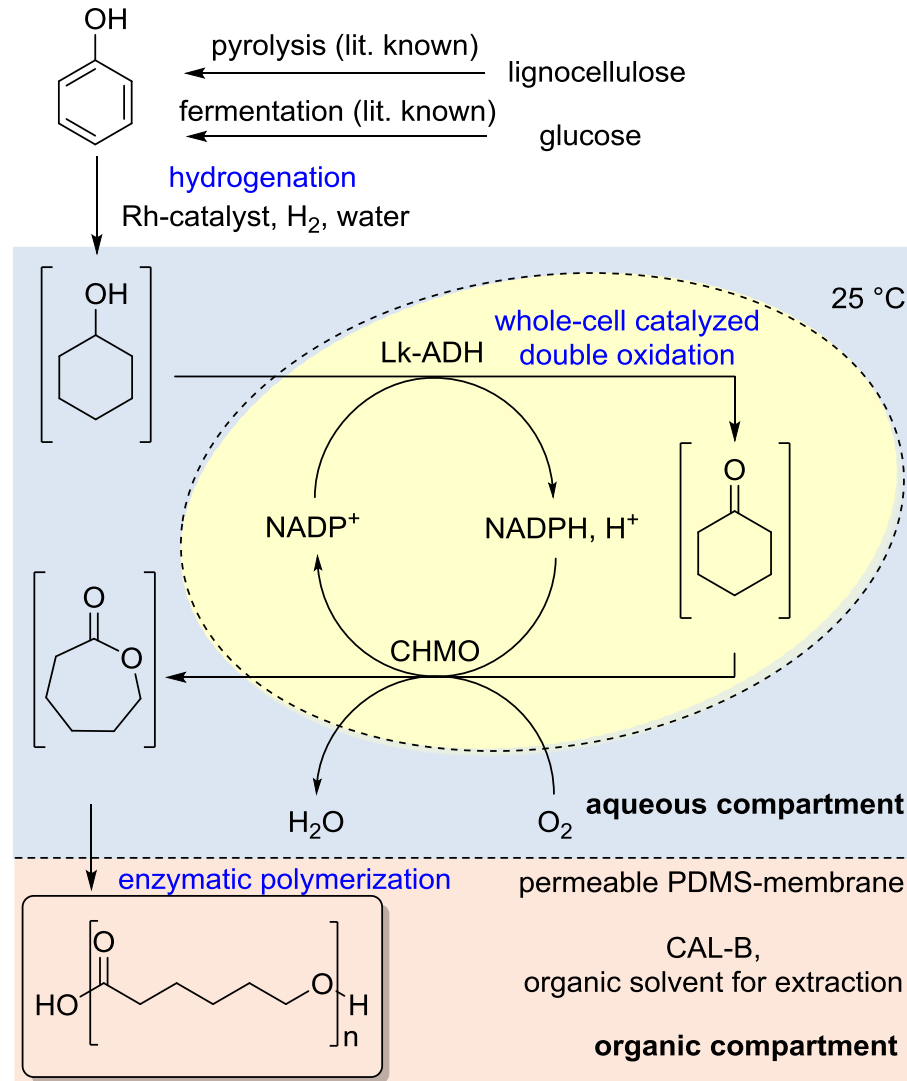


in situ-Product removal by extraction



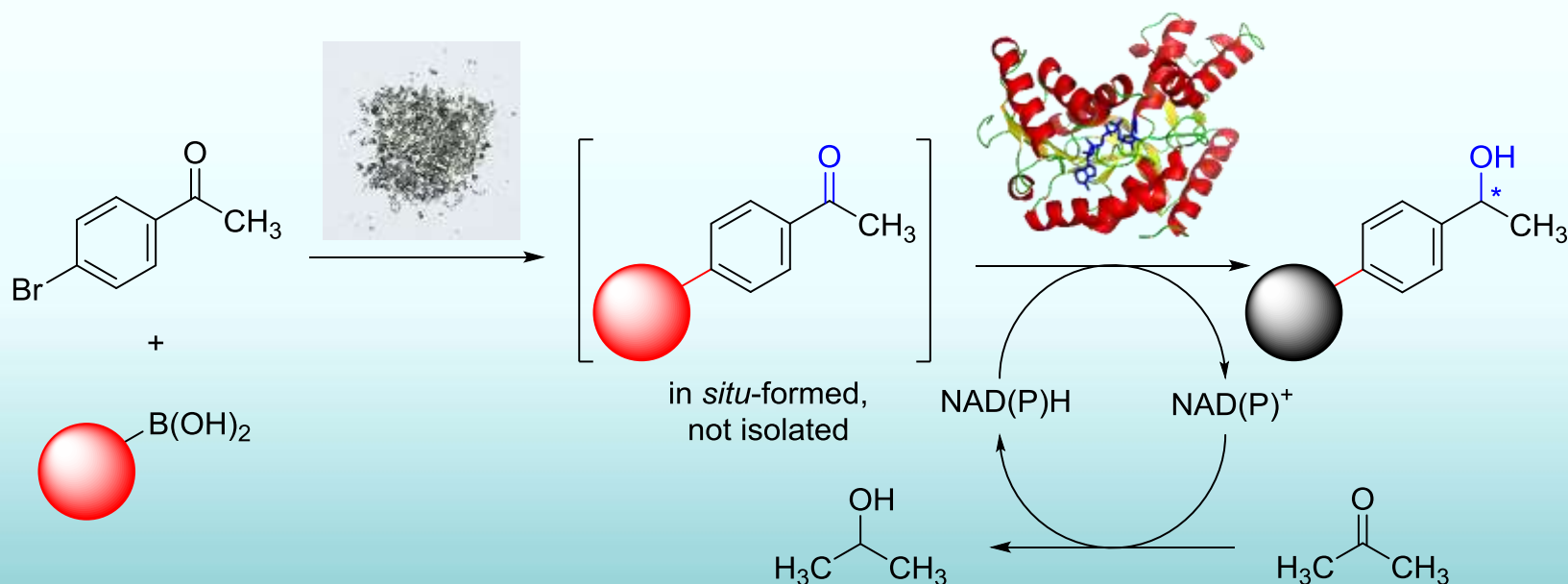
From biorenewables towards petrochemical polymers

Alternative concept for an approach towards ϵ -caprolactone:



One-pot syntheses of biaryl alcohols in aqueous media

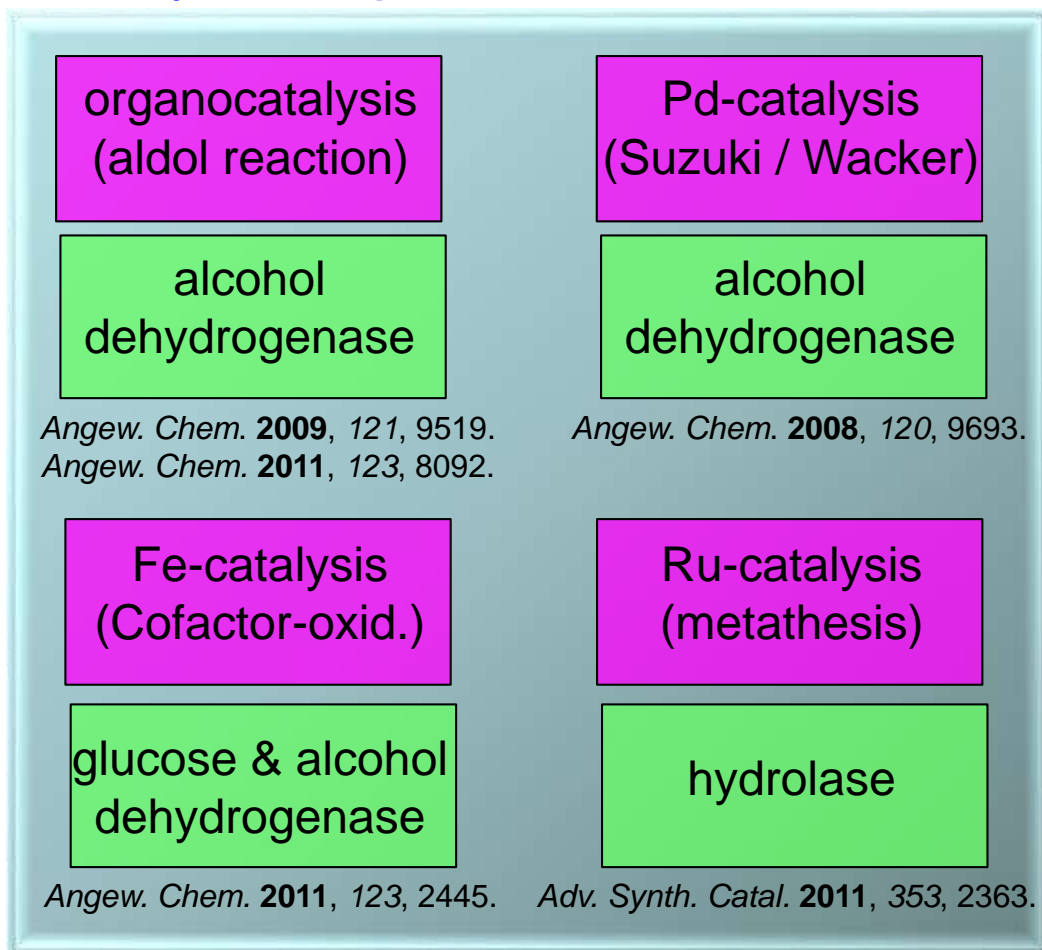
Combining Pd-catalyzed Suzuki-coupling and bioreduction



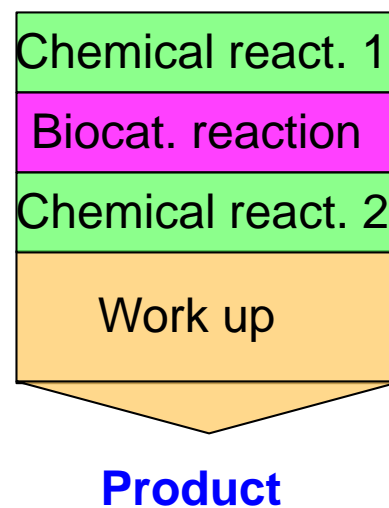
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Examples for one-pot combinations of chemo- & biocatalysis

Selected examples for chemo-enzymatic process combinations:



Concept of one-pot process



Current topics in chemoenzymatic one-pot processes

How to combine „non-tolerant“ catalysts?

***De novo*-synthesis of industrial chemicals**

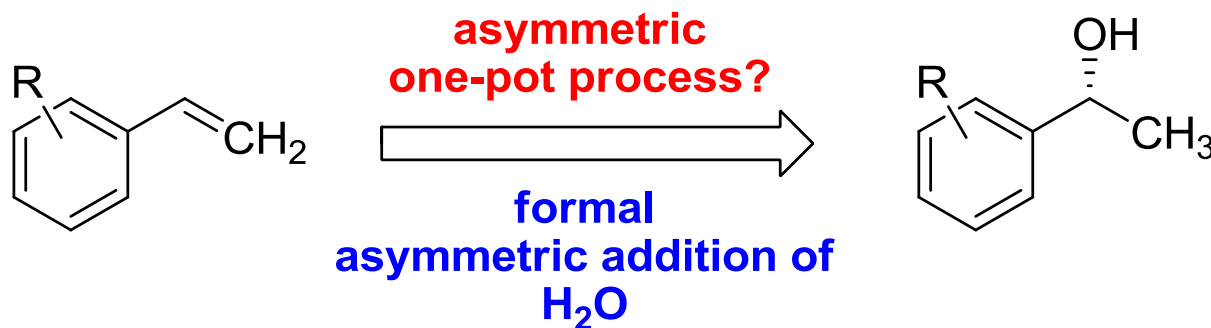
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Approaches towards chiral alcohols with industrial attractiveness

A “dream reaction”:
direct transformation of styrenes into chiral phenylethan-1-ols



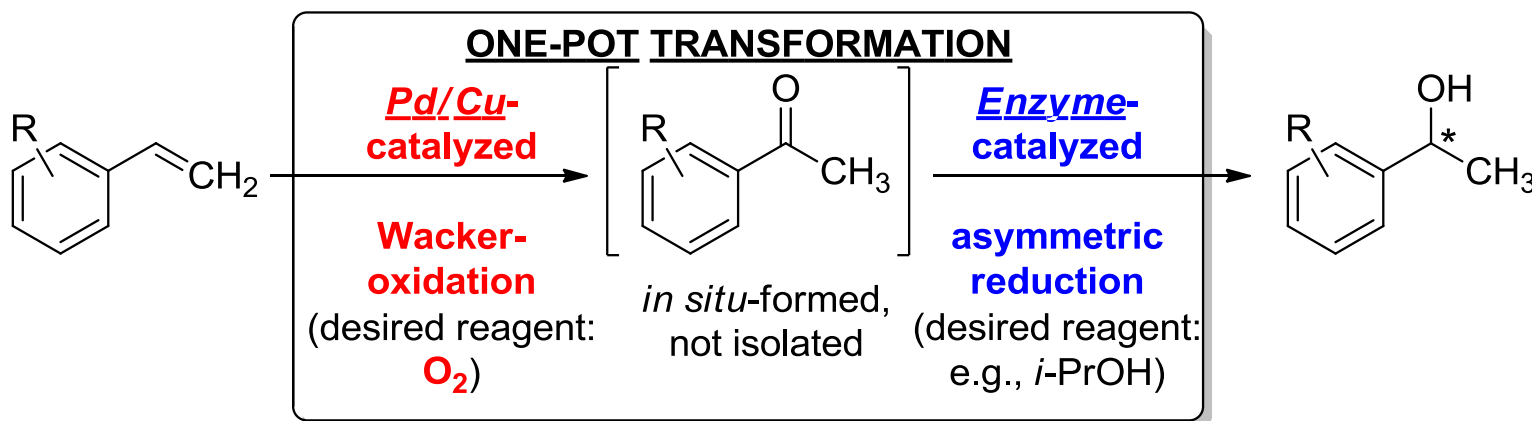
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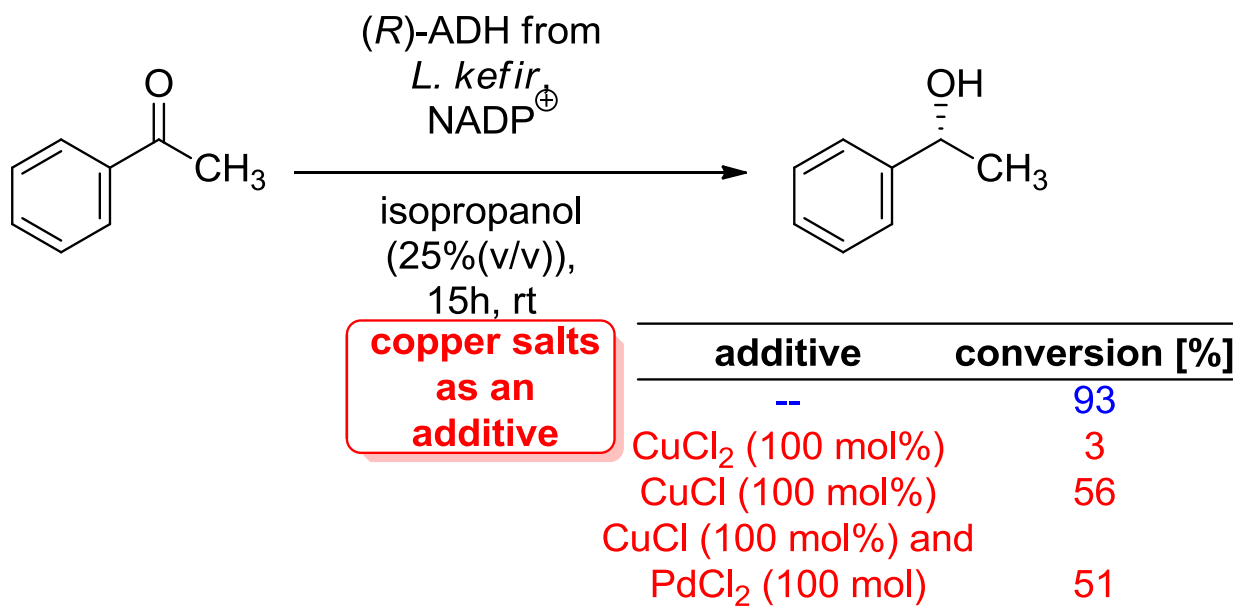
Alternative concept: chemoenzymatic one-pot synthesis

Direct transformation of styrenes into chiral phenylethan-1-ols:
Formal addition of water *via* chemoenzymatic one-pot process



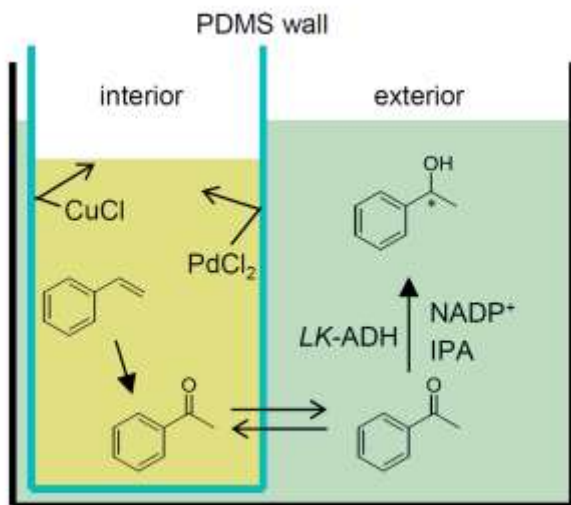
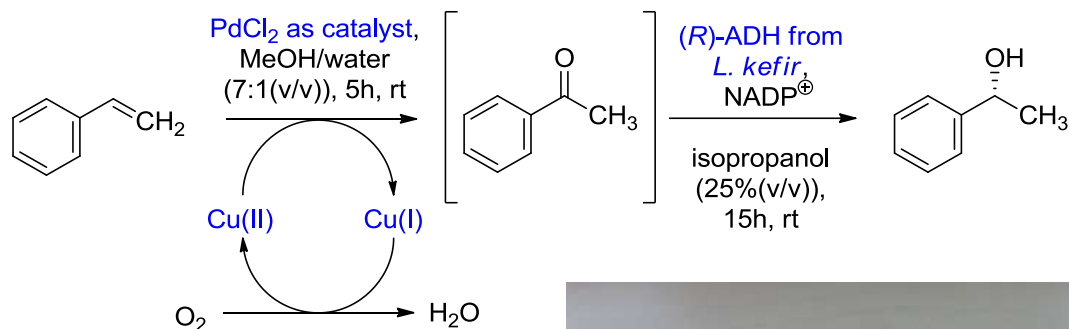
Compatibility of Wacker-catalysts and enzymes

The impact of copper ions on enzymatic reduction:



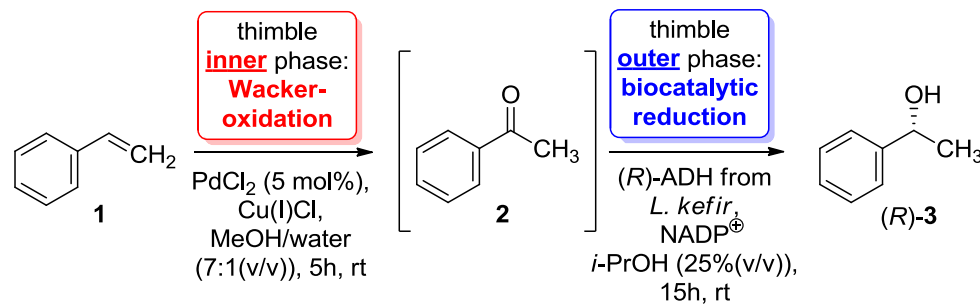
Concept for a one-pot process of non-compatible catalysts

Cooperative chemo- and biocatalysis through compartmentation

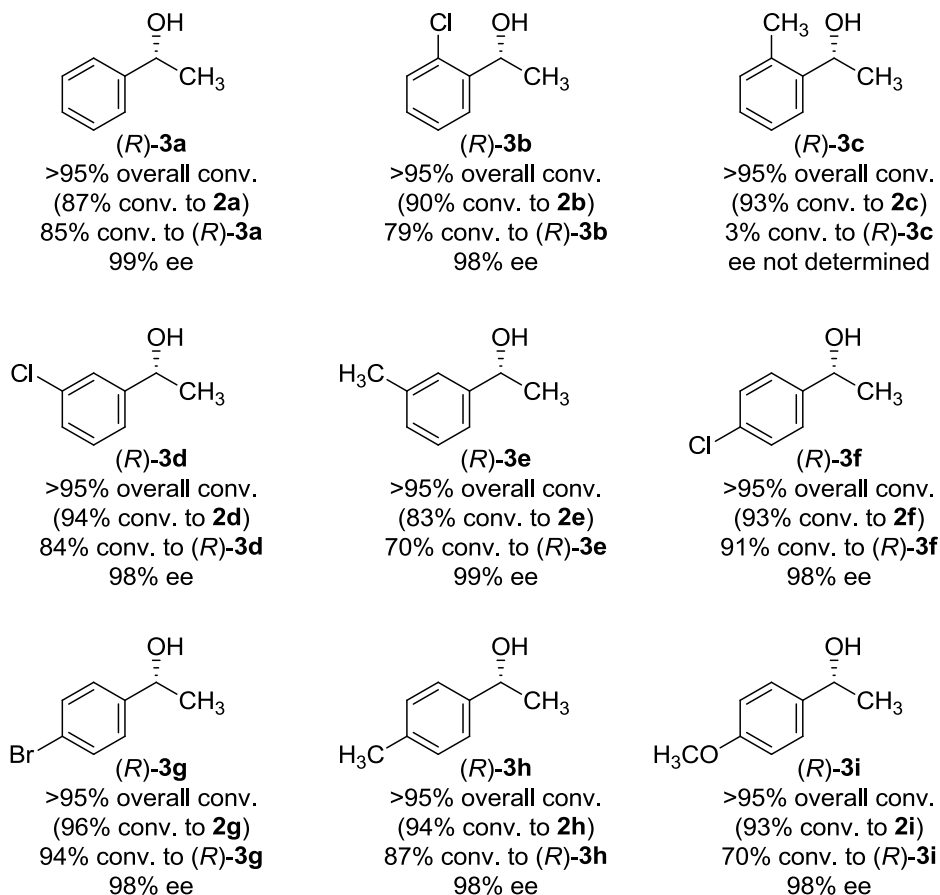


Cooperative catalysis via compartmentation

Substrate scope:



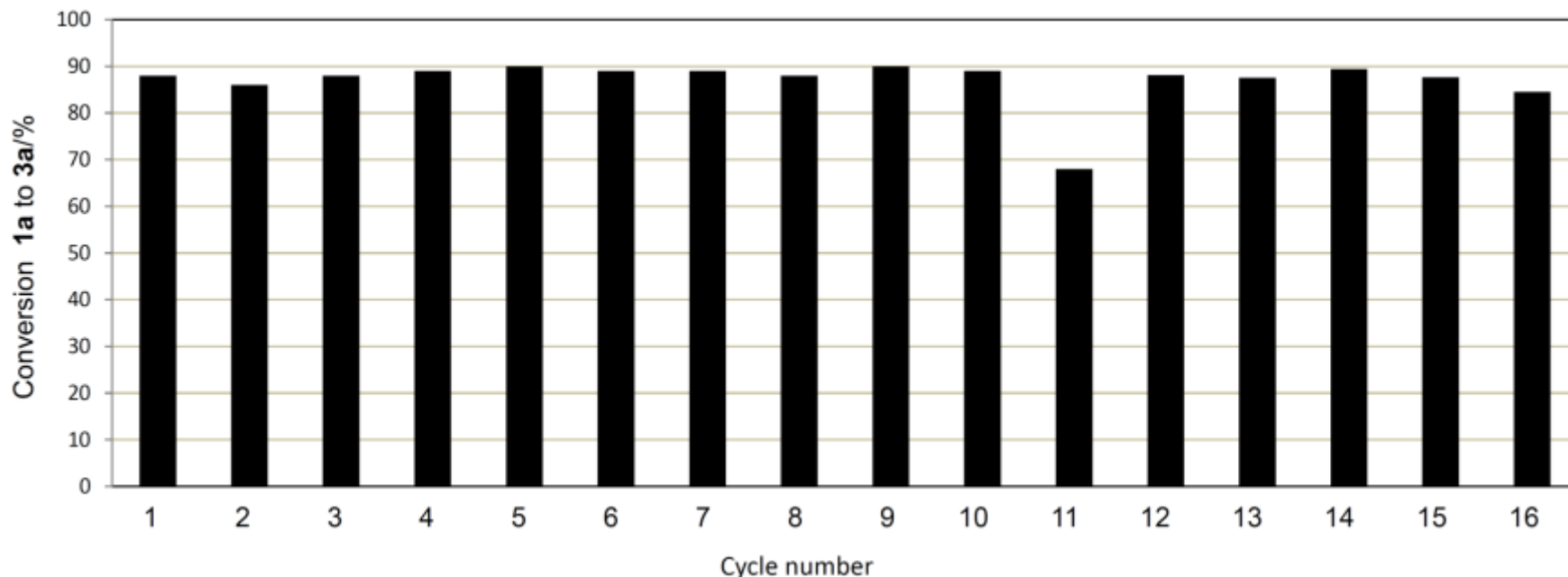
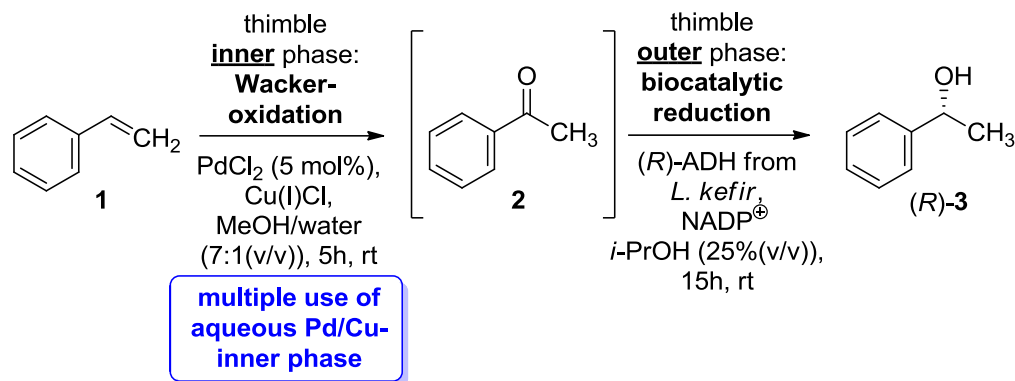
Synthetic examples



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Recycling of the Wacker catalyst under optimized conditions:



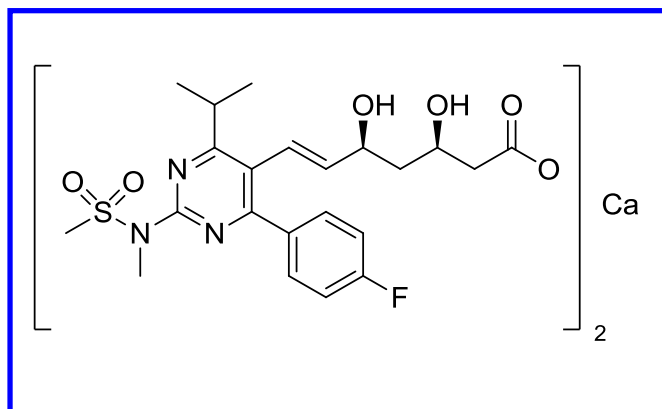
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A challenge: Integration of biocatalysis in multi-step drug synthesis

An alternative synthetic approach towards Rosuvastatin
(Joint project with SANDOZ):



TOP 10 PRODUCTS
Sales of Lipitor dip as other leading pharmaceuticals see growth

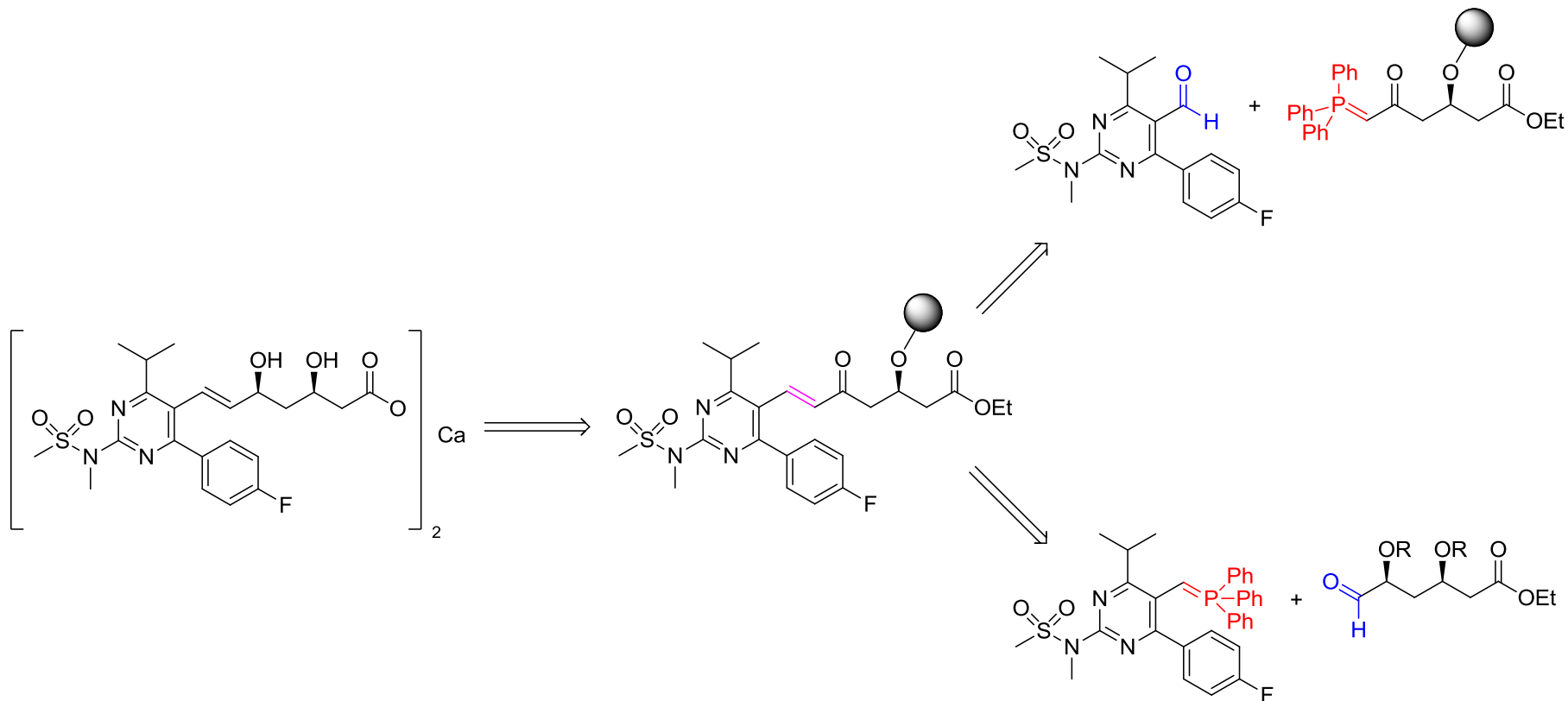
	COMPOUND	MARKETER	INDICATION	SALES TO JUNE 2010 (\$ BILLIONS)	12-MONTH CHANGE IN SALES
1	Lipitor	Pfizer	Hypercholesterolemia	\$11.3	-1.8%
2	Plavix	BMS and Sanofi-Aventis	Arteriosclerotic events	9.1	2.4
3	Nasum	AstraZeneca	Acid reflux disease symptoms	8.4	3.0
4	Serevent	GlaxoSmithKline	Asthma	8.6	7.6
5	Crestor	AstraZeneca	Hypercholesterolemia	6.3	32.6
6	Exelon	Astellas and Eisai	Alzheimer's disease	5.1	1.1
7	Remicade	Centocor	Crohn's disease, rheumatoid arthritis	5.8	12.3
8	Zyprexa	El Lilly & Co	Schizophrenia	3.6	8.8
9	Humira	Abbott Laboratories	Rheumatoid arthritis	3.6	24.2
TOTAL				\$79.0	8.7%

NOTE: Sales are for the 12 months ending June 2010. SOURCE: IMS Health



Key building blocks

Key building blocks in dependency on synthetic strategy:



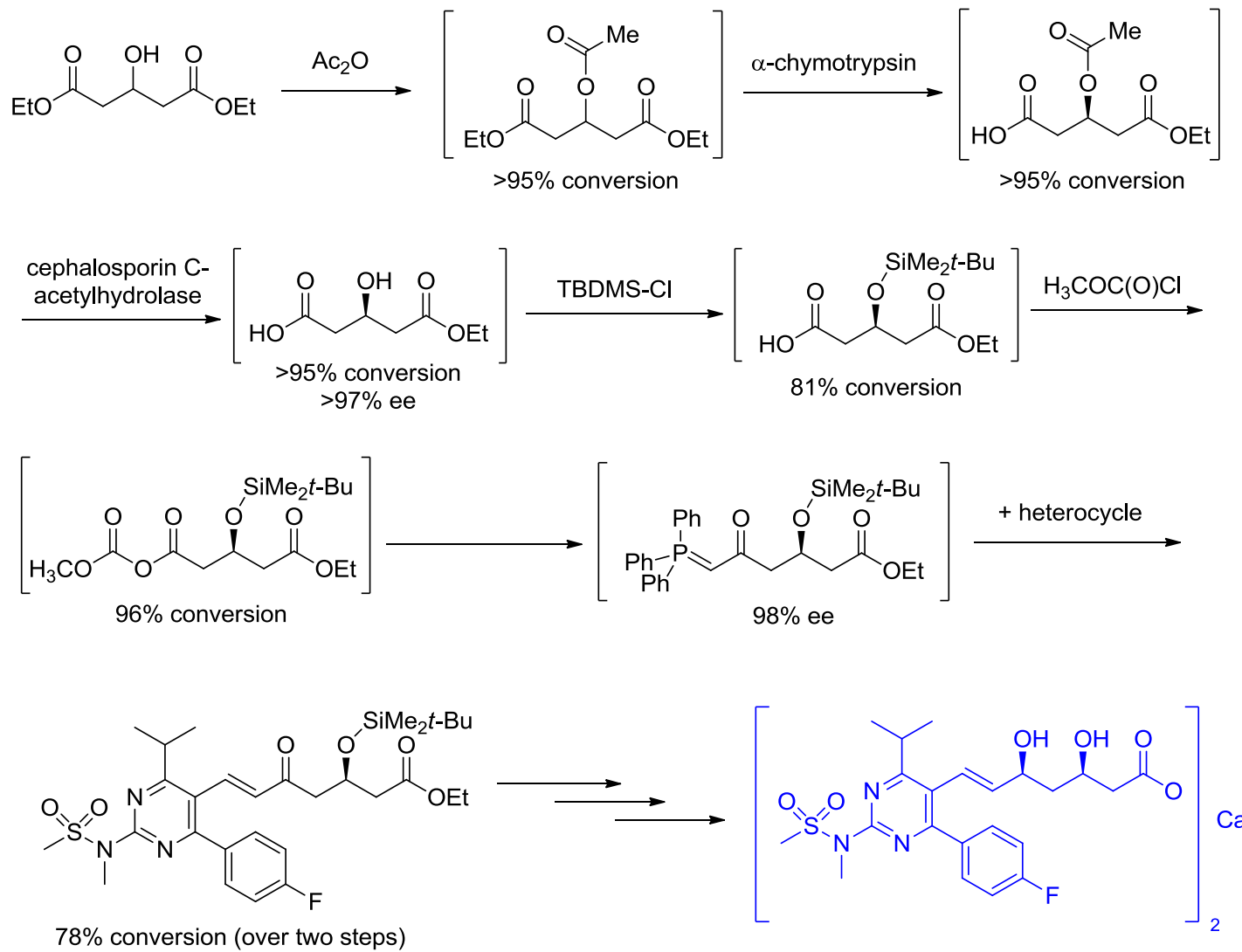
Impact of Green Chemistry metrics program

Strategies to achieve reduction goals based on the Green Chemistry metrics program at Pfizer (selected criteria):

- To increase the number of genuine telescoped steps, where the solvent for one reaction is also used for the next reaction, with little or no additional processing.
- To increase the number of reactions carried out in water (especially reactions catalysed by enzymes).
- To run reactions with low heats of reaction in more concentrated solution or suspension after detailed discussion with the process safety laboratory.
- To introduce more efficient intermediate isolations (e.g. by direct isolation processes).

Alternative retro-synthesis of Rosuvastatin

Total synthesis based on biocatalysis (joint project with SANDOZ):



Summary

Enzyme-integrated one-pot processes ...

- ... provide fast and efficient solutions for challenging syntheses
- ... shows potential for the development of industrial production processes
- ... addresses improvements with respect to both economy & sustainability
- ... requires **interdisciplinarity** as key success factor:
“Hybridization” of biology & chemistry & engineering!

