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Efficient Iron Single-Atom Catalysts for Selective Ammoxidation of Alcohols to Nitriles Nat. Commun. 2022. 13. 1848 DOI: 10.1038/s41467-022-29074-1.

## **Ammoxidation of Alcohols with Aqueous Ammonia Using an Iron Single-Atom Catalyst**

## Heterocyclic nitriles, allylic nitriles, and aliphatic nitriles:

Significance: Iron atoms supported on nitrogendoped porous carbon derived from a benzylaminemodified zeolitic imidazolate framework (Fe<sub>1</sub>-N-C) were prepared according to equation 1. Fe<sub>1</sub>-N-C catalyzed the selective ammoxidation of alcohols with ammonium hydroxide under air to afford the corresponding nitriles in ≤99% yield (eq. 2; 20 examples).

Comment: The Fe<sub>1</sub>-N-C catalyst was characterized by means of PXRD, SEM, STEM, EDX, XRD, BET, XANES, FTEXAFS, EXAFS, XPS, Raman, and ICP-OES analyses. In the reaction of benzyl alcohol with aqueous ammonia, the catalyst was recovered and reused five times without significant loss of its catalytic activity. ICP analysis showed that no iron leached into the solution during the reaction.

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iron catalysis single-atom catalysis ammoxidation nitriles alcohols



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### Key words

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MNP–Cellulose–OSO<sub>3</sub>H as an Efficient and Biodegradable Heterogeneous Catalyst for Green Synthesis of Trisubstituted Imidazoles

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## Synthesis of Trisubstituted Imidazoles by Sulfonated Magnetic Cellulose-Nanoparticles

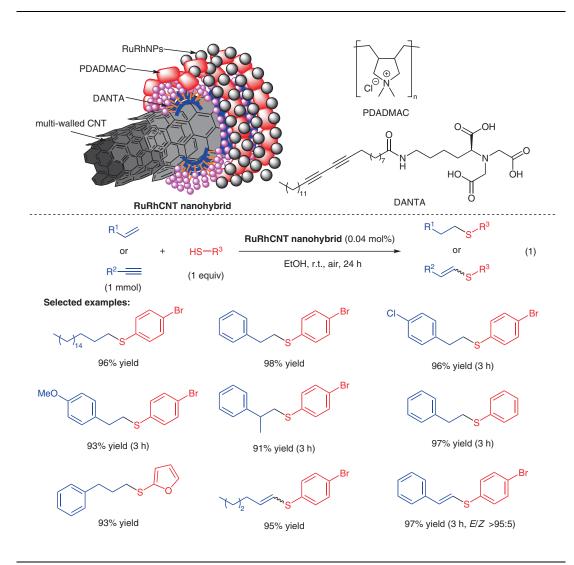
**Significance:** Sulfonated magnetic cellulose nanoparticles (MNP-cellulose-OSO<sub>3</sub>H), prepared according to equation 1, catalyzed the three-component reaction of benzil or 9,10-phenanthrenequinone with aromatic aldehydes and ammonium acetate to give the corresponding imidazoles in ≤96% yield (eq. 2).

**Comment:** The MNP-cellulose-OSO<sub>3</sub>H catalyst was characterized by means of FTIR, elemental analysis, ICP-OES, XRD, SEM, EDX, TEM, zeta potential analysis, VSM and TGA. In the reaction of benzil, benzal-dehyde, and ammonium acetate, the catalyst was recovered and reused four times without significant loss of its catalytic activity.

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## **Hydrothiolation of Alkenes and Alkynes on Carbon** Nanotube-Supported Ru-Rh Nanoparticles



**Significance:** Bimetallic ruthenium-rhodium nanoparticles immobilized on multiwalled carbon nanotubes (RuRhCNT nanohybrid) catalyzed the hydrothiolation of alkenes and alkynes with thiols in ethanol at room temperature under air to give the corresponding thioethers in ≤98% and ≤97% yields, respectively (eq. 1).

Comment: The RuRhCNT nanohybrid was prepared according to previous reports (Y. Wang, J. Ren, K. Deng, L. Gui, Y. Tang Chem. Mater. 2000, 12, 1622; J. John et al. Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2011, 50, 7533). In the reaction of octadec-1-ene with 4-bromothiophenol, the catalyst was recovered and reused five times without significant loss of its catalytic activity.

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ruthenium catalysis rhodium catalysis bimetallic nanoparticles carbon nanotubes hydrothiolation alkenes

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### Key words

silver catalysis

catalyst support

Willgerodt-Kindler

reaction

thioamides

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Cellulose-Reinforced Poly(Ethylene-co-Vinyl Acetate)-Supported Ag Nanoparticles with Excellent Catalytic Properties: Synthesis of Thioamides Using the Willgerodt-Kindler Reaction

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## Willgerodt-Kindler Reaction on Supported Silver **Nanoparticles**

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{PEVA} & + & \text{cellulose} \\ \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{poly(ethylene-} \\ \text{co-vinyl acetate} \end{array} \right) \\ \text{AgNO}_3 & + & \text{citric acid aq} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{NaBH}_4 \\ \text{Ag NPs} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{Ag/cellulose-PEVA} \end{array} \end{array}$$

**Significance:** Silver nanoparticles supported on cellulose-reinforced poly(ethylene-co-vinyl acetate) (Ag/cellulose-PEVA), prepared according to equation 1, catalyzed the Willgerodt-Kindler reaction of benzaldehydes, morpholine, and S<sub>8</sub> to give the corresponding thioamides (eq. 2).

Comment: In the Willgerodt-Kindler reaction of 4-hydroxybenzaldehyde, morpholine, and S<sub>8</sub>, the Ag/cellulose-PEVA catalyst was reused seven times without significant loss of its catalytic activity (first run: 98% yield, eighth run: 94%).

Synthesis

Key words

aldol reaction

**Polymer-Supported** 

asymmetric catalysis

porous organic cage proline derivatives

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 ${\it Chiral Proline-Substituted Porous Organic Cages in Asymmetric Organocatalysis}$ 

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## Asymmetric Aldol Reaction Catalyzed by a Chiral Proline-Substituted Porous Organic Cage

**Significance:** The chiral porous organic cage **CPOC-Pro** was prepared by self-assembly of the tetraformyl-functionalized calix[4]resorcinarene 1 with the proline-substituted diamine 2 (eq. 1). **CPOC-Pro** catalyzed the asymmetric aldol reaction of ketones with aromatic aldehydes to give the corresponding  $\beta$ -hydroxy ketones in up to 99% yield, 97:3 dr, and 92% ee (eq. 2).

Comment: In the model reaction of 4-nitrobenzaldehyde with cyclohexanone, the catalyst was recovered and reused four times without a significant loss of its catalytic performance. **CPOC-Pro** showed a higher catalytic activity and greater diastereoselectivity and enantioselectivity than L-proline (10 d; 80% yield, dr = 45:55, and 77% ee in the model reaction).

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### Key words

platinum catalysis copper catalysis nanowires oxidation hydrosilanes C. CHEN, Q. MO, J. FU, Q. YANG\*, L. ZHANG\*, C.-Y. SU (BEIJING UNIVERSITY OF CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY AND SUN YAT-SEN UNIVERSITY, GUANGZHOU, P. R. OF CHINA) PtCu@Ir-PCN-222: Synergistic Catalysis of Bimetallic PtCu Nanowires in Hydrosilane-Concentrated Interspaces of an Iridium(III)-Porphyrin-Based Metal-Organic Framework ACS. Cat 2022, 12, 3604–3614, DOI: 10.1021/acscatal.1c05922.

## Hydrolytic Oxidation of Hydrosilanes on PtCu Nanowires Encapsulated in Ir(III) Porphyrinic MOFs

**Significance:** Platinum–copper nanowires encapsulated in an iridium(III) porphyric metal–organic framework (**PtCu@Ir-PCN-222**), prepared according to equation 1, catalyzed the hydrolytic oxidation of hydrosilanes to give the corresponding silanols in ≤96% yield (eq. 2).

**Comment:** In the hydrolytic oxidation of dimethyl(phenyl)silane, **PtCu@Ir-PCN-222** was reused nine times without significant loss of its catalytic activity. TEM and PXRD analysis of the used catalyst revealed that its morphology remained intact during the reaction.

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Phosphoric Acid-Modified Commercial Kieselguhr Supported Palladium Nanoparticles as Efficient Catalysts for Low-Temperature Hydrodeoxygenation of Lignin Derivatives in Water Green Chem. 2022, 24, 1570-1577, DOI: 10.1039/d1gc04243b.

## Hydrodeoxygenation of Lignin Derivatives Catalyzed by Kieselguhr-Supported Palladium Nanoparticles

Celite-545 + 
$$H_3PO_4$$
  $\longrightarrow$  PCE 
$$\begin{pmatrix} \text{phospholic acid-modified} \\ \text{commercial Celite} \end{pmatrix}$$
 (1) 
$$Pd(NO_3)_2 \qquad \qquad Pd/PCE \\ H_2 \qquad Pd/PCE \qquad (Pd: 1 \text{ wt%})$$
 (2) 
$$\begin{pmatrix} \text{Pd/PCE} \\ \text{(Pd: 1 wt%)} \end{pmatrix}$$
 (2) 
$$\begin{pmatrix} \text{Inmol} \\ \text{Inmol}$$

Significance: Palladium nanoparticles supported on phosphoric acid-modified commercial Celite (Pd/PCE) were prepared according to equation 1. Pd/PCE catalyzed the hydrodeoxygenation of lignin derivatives to give the corresponding toluene derivatives (eq. 2).

**Comment:** Without phosphoric acid modification, the turnover frequency of the catalyst for the hydrodeoxygenation reaction to give vanillyl alcohol was significantly decreased.

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palladium catalysis nanoparticles hydrodeoxygenation lignins

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**Ullmann** coupling

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Silk-Fibroin-Supported Palladium Catalyst for Suzuki-Miyaura and Ullmann Coupling Reactions of Aryl Chlorides *Eur. J. Org. Chem.* **2022**,—9, DOI: 10.1002/ejoc.202101567.

## Suzuki–Miyaura and Ullmann Couplings of Aryl Chlorides Catalyzed by Silk-Fibroin-Supported Pd

70% yield

**Significance:** A palladium catalyst supported on silk fibroin (**Pd/SF**) promoted the Suzuki–Miyaura coupling (eq. 1) and Ullmann coupling (eq. 2) reactions of aryl chlorides to give the corresponding biphenyls in ≤99% yield.

66% yield

98% yield

**Comment:** The authors have previously reported the preparation of **Pd/SF** (*Eur. J. Org. Chem.* **2020**, 6992). WAXS investigations of **Pd/SF** suggested that monoatomic palladium species form stable complexes with the silk-fibroin.

80% yield

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Anchored Palladium Complex-Generated Clusters on Zirconia: Efficiency in Reductive N-Alkylation of Amines with Carbonyl Compounds under Hydrogen Atmosphere

Chem. Asian J. 2022, 17, e202101243 DOI: 10.1002/asia.202101243.

## Reductive N-Alkylation of Amines with Aldehydes and Ketones on a Zirconia-Supported Pd Catalyst

Significance: A zirconia-supported palladium catalyst [Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub>/ZrO<sub>2</sub>] was readily prepared by mixing palladium acetate and zirconium oxide (eq. 1). Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub>/ZrO<sub>2</sub> catalyzed the N-alkylation of amines with aldehydes and ketones under a H2 atmosphere to give the corresponding N-alkylamines in ≤99% yield (eqs. 2 and 3).

**Comment:** In the N-alkylation of octylamine with benzaldehyde, Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub>/ZrO<sub>2</sub> was reused five times with gradual loss of its catalytic activity [fresh: >99% yield (4 h), sixth run: 49% (4 h)].

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## Key words

palladium catalysis alkylation amines aldehydes ketones

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### Key words

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bimetal catalysis
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hydrodeoxygenation
acetophenones

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Selective Hydrodeoxygenation of Acetophenone Derivatives Using a  $Fe_{25}Ru_{75}$ @SILP Catalyst: A Practical Approach to the Synthesis of Alkyl Phenols and Anilines

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# Hydrodeoxygenation of Acetophenone Derivatives on a an Iron–Ruthenium Bimetallic Catalyst

**Significance:** Bimetallic iron–ruthenium nanoparticles immobilized on an imidazoliumbased supported ionic liquid phase (Fe<sub>25</sub>Ru<sub>75</sub>@SILP) catalyzed the hydrodeoxygenation of hydroxy, amino, and nitro derivatives of acetophenone to give the corresponding alkyl products in up to 94% yield (eq. 1).

**Comment:** The authors have previously reported the preparation of Fe<sub>25</sub>Ru<sub>75</sub>@SILP (*Chem. Commun.* **2020**, *56*, 9509). The catalyst was characterized by means of STEM-HAADF and SEM-EDX analyses. The hydrodeoxygenation of 4-hydroxyacetophenone in flow [175 °C, 50 bar H<sub>2</sub>, 0.6 mL/min substrate flow (25 mmol anisole soln), 17 s residence time] gave a 90–95% yield of 4-ethylphenol during five hours.

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Mesoporous Graphitic Carbon Nitride as a Heterogeneous Organic Photocatalyst in the Dual Catalytic Arylation of Alkyl Bis(catecholato)silicates

Org. Lett. 2022, 24, 2483-2487, DOI: 10.1021/acs.orglett.2c00529.

## Photocatalytic Cross-Coupling of Alkyl Silicates with Aryl or Alkenyl Bromides

**Significance:** A mesoporous graphitic carbon nitride (mpg-CN) and Ni(dtbbpy)Br<sub>2</sub> (dtbbpy = 4,4'-di-tert-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine) catalyzed the cross-coupling reaction of aryl or alkenyl bromides with potassium [18-Crown-6] bis(catecholato) alkylsilicates under irradiation by LEDs (451 nm) to afford the corresponding alkylated products in ≤98% yield (25 examples).

**Comment:** The authors have previously reported the the synthesis of **mpg-CN** and its application in such reactions as the C–H functionalization of arenes (*Science* **2019**, *365*, 360) and the cross-coupling of aryl bromides with alkyl borates (*ACS Catal.* **2020**, *10*, 3526). In the formation of 3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]propyl acetate, the **Ni/mpg-CN** catalytic system was reused three times (second run: 76% yield, third run: 77%, fourth run: 43%).

Category

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### Key words

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