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<p>133. N. Wessel, R.S. Medhekar, K. Köhnke, A. J. Vorholt*, "Operando spectroscopy and kinetic modelling reveal dynamic catalyst species during auto-oxidation of a Palladium phosphine system" ChemCatChem, 2026, DOI 10.1002/cctc.202501702</p>	
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>Previous Studies^{12,13}</p> <p>$M^0(PPh_3)_4 + O_2 \rightarrow (PPh_3)_2MO_2 + 2 PPh_3$ $(PPh_3)_2MO_2 + 4 PPh_3 \rightarrow M^0(PPh_3)_4 + OPPh_3$ M= Pt, Pd</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ex-situ reaction monitoring Initial reaction rates Complex synthesis <p>This Work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-situ reaction monitoring Data modelling with MCR-ALS and HMFA Effect of Acetic Acid Kinetic studies </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>Experimental Setup</p> <p>FTIR</p> </div> </div>

Ligand oxidation is a reoccurring catalyst deactivation mechanism in catalytic systems containing phosphine ligands. Here we report the use of *operando* FTIR spectroscopy for the investigation of the aerobic oxidation of the common Pd-triphenylphosphine catalytic system using $[Pd(OAc)_2]$ and $Pd(PPh_3)_4$ as precursors. Kinetics reveal a faster triphenylphosphine consumption than triphenylphosphine oxide formation for low ratios of triphenylphosphine: Pd. With the use of *operando* FTIR in combination with hard modeling factor analysis we were able to identify four main catalytic species. A fast transition from a monomeric to a dimeric species was observable starting at triphenylphosphine: Pd of 2.5. Hard-modelling of the FTIR data exposed two catalytic species: the η^1 and η^2 palladium oxo-species. It was observed that, the oxidation state of Palladium in the precursor used (Pd^0 vs Pd^{II}) also influenced how protic solvents such as acetic acid affected the oxidation reactions. Kinetic modeling of the Pd^0 experiment further showed that the formed η^1 oxo-species could be part of the catalytic cycle, while η^2 complex was most likely a resting state.

<p>132. J. M. Dreimann, A. Behr, A. J. Vorholt*, "Reactors for Fluid–Fluid Reactions: Jet Nozzle Reactors" In: Reschetilowski, W. (eds) <i>Handbook of Chemical Reactors</i>. Springer, Berlin, Heidelberg. 2026, DOI 10.1007/978-3-662-69921-8_24</p>	
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Within this chapter, a basic classification of jet nozzle reactors was made, with the range of reactor types from simple free jet reactors to jet nozzle loop reactors, the Jet-Loop Reactors (JLR), extends. The essential element of all these reactor types is that the mixing within the reactor is achieved by a liquid driving jet instead of rotating internals. The first part of this chapter introduces the different reactor types and provides essential guidance for their design.

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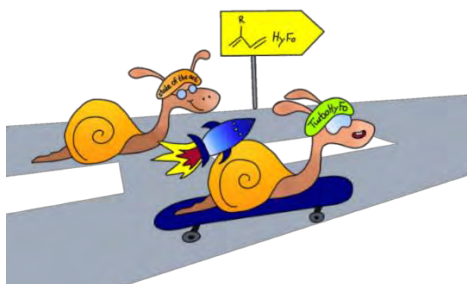
<p>131. S. Störtte, L. Steinwachs, R. S. Medhekar, R. Novemen, A. J. Vorholt*, "Continuously operated liquid-phase methanol synthesis uncovering the de/activation pathways of the molecular manganese catalyst system" <i>ChemEurJ.</i>, 2025, DOI 10.1002/chem.202503075</p>	
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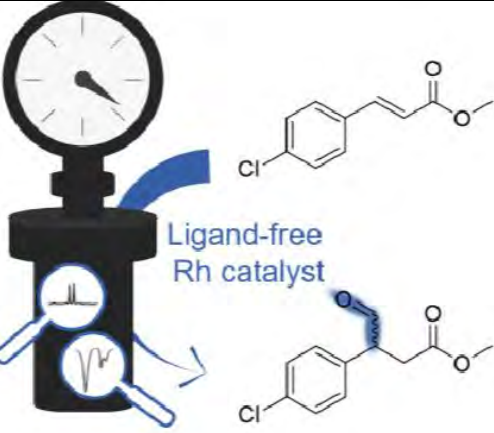
This study presents a systematic comparison of two recycling strategies for molecular catalyst—multiphasic catalyst recycling and organic solvent nanofiltration (OSN)—within a unified reaction system. Molecular catalyzed reactions are vital in chemical production, necessitating efficient recycling of costly catalyst metals. To facilitate a fair comparison, a versatile model reaction system was developed that allows for both monophasic and multiphasic configurations while preserving the integrity of the central hydroformylation process, converting 1 hexene and CO/H₂ syngas to heptanal in both cases.

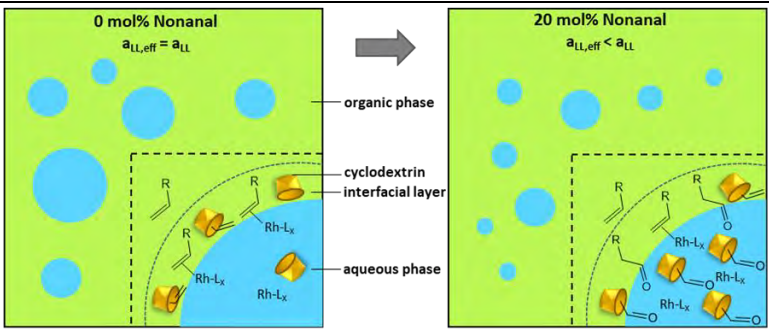
Key performance metrics, including hexene conversion rates and catalyst leaching, were evaluated over extended continuous operation periods. Results demonstrated that the OSN method significantly outperformed the multiphasic system, maintaining hexene conversion at 83% after 76 hours compared to a decline to 72% in the multiphasic setup after 36 hours. Furthermore, catalyst leaching was substantially lower in the OSN system, at below 0.1 ppm during continuous operation an order of magnitude less than the competing multiphasic approach.

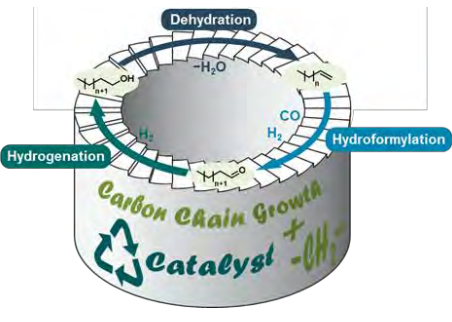
<p>130. N. Thanheuser; S. Püschel; A. J. Vorholt*; J. Esteban*, "5-hydroxymethylfurfural and furfural production in biphasic systems: kinetic studies of autocatalytic operation and using EDTA as thermoresponsive catalyst" <i>Fuel</i>, 2025, DOI j.fuel.2025.137934</p>	
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5-hydroxymethylfurfural (HMF) and furfural are highly praised chemicals in the biofuel context, derived from fructose (Fruc) and xylose (Xyl), respectively. Here a H₂O/MIBK biphasic system is used as a green approach to extract in situ the furans generated in each reaction, thereby mitigating undesired reactions of rehydration and/or self-condensation to humins. The production of HMF and furfural is performed through two approaches: an autocatalytic reaction and using a thermoresponsive catalyst, hence facilitating recycling. Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA) was identified as a thermoresponsive organic acid with high recyclability (>97 % catalytic activity recovery after 5 cycles and regeneration) acting as homogeneous catalyst under reaction conditions. After proving the lack of mass transfer limitations and considering the reaction networks and mass balances for HMF and Fur production, macrokinetic models were proposed to describe the two reactions in a biphasic medium. In the autocatalytic regime, the values of the activation energy of the dehydration of Fruc to HMF and Xyl to furfural were $155.72 \pm 12.84 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ and $138.09 \pm 7.45 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$, respectively, whereas in the presence of EDTA as catalyst, the dehydration of Fruc to HMF showed a value of $139.12 \pm 8.40 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ and that of Xyl to furfural of $130.33 \pm 9.49 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$.

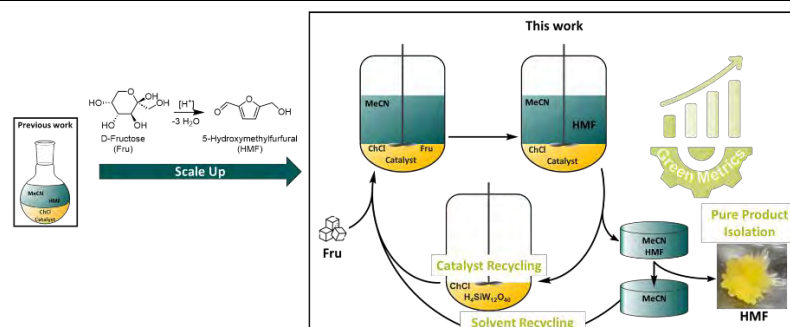
<p>125. S. Obst, K. Köhnke, T. Seidensticker, W. Leitner, A. J. Vorholt, “Development of a Highly Active Catalyst System With Tuneable Selectivity for the Hydroformylation of the Renewable 1,3 Diene β Myrcene”, <i>Chemcatchem</i>, 2025, DOI 10.1002/cctc.202500553</p>	
<p>This study presents an optimized method for the hydroformylation of β-myrcene using a Rh/dppe catalyst system, achieving the highest activity reported for conjugated 1,3-dienes. By adapting conditions from hydroaminomethylation and systematically optimizing reaction parameters, the study achieves turnover frequencies of 9590 h^{-1}, surpassing prior reports by an order of magnitude. Key findings include the importance of controlling reaction temperature to balance activity and selectivity between primary and subsequent products. The work challenges the notion that hydroformylation of 1,3-dienes is inherently slow and thereby not suitable for industrial application.</p>	

<p>124. H. Bork, T. Rösler, M. Leutzsch, N. Wessel, A. J. Vorholt, H. Gröger, “Regioelective Hydroformylation of an α,β-Unsaturated Ester: Spectroscopic Studies on Catalytic Species and the Influence of Ligands on Regioselectivity” <i>European Journal of Organic Chemistry</i>, 2025, 28, 19, e202401115, DOI 10.1002/ejoc.202401115</p>	
<p>Hydroformylation of α,β-unsaturated esters is an atom-economical route towards aldehydes as precursors for pharmaceuticals. In this work, regioselective hydroformylation of an α,β-unsaturated ester to the β-aldehyde was initially re-evaluated using a commercial Rh catalyst sample named $[\text{HRh}(\text{PPh}_3)_4]$ due to reported high selectivity for the β-aldehyde with this type of catalyst. However, while such high selectivity was achieved, subsequent investigation of this sample by high-pressure NMR and in situ IR spectroscopy under process conditions revealed a behaviour like a phosphine-free system, indicating that the sample is decomposed and may be present as rhodium carbonyl clusters. This hypothesis has been supported by hydroformylation experiments with and without phosphine ligands. While a strong decrease in regioselectivity to the β-aldehyde was observed in the presence of triphenylphosphine as added ligand, phosphine-free rhodium complexes led to high regioselectivities. In detail, the hydroformylation showed high regioselectivity (91%) and overall selectivity to the β-aldehyde (70–77%) with $[\text{Rh}_6(\text{CO})_{16}]$ as well as $[\text{Rh}(\text{acac})(\text{CO})_2]$ as ligand-free rhodium complexes. With further unmodified, phosphine-free rhodium compounds as catalysts, again high regioselectivities (90–93%) towards the β-aldehyde were obtained. Thus, our results indicate that non-modified triphenylphosphine-free Rh catalysts are efficient catalysts for regioselective hydroformylation of β-aryl-substituted α,β-unsaturated carboxylates to the β-aldehyde.</p>	

<p>123. F. Heinen, J. T. Vossen, A. J. Vorholt “Additives in Biphasic Hydroformylation: An Analysis of the Influence of the Interfacial Area” <i>CIT</i>, 2025, 97, 5, 378–394,, DOI 10.1002/cite.202400148</p>	
<p>The optimization of the homogeneously catalyzed biphasic hydroformylation has attracted considerable interest due to its potential to enhance chemical efficiency and product yields. In the past, evaluations of such processes primarily focused on conversion rates and selectivity with limited insights into the underlying interfacial phenomena. However, recent advances in analytical techniques like the implementation of high-pressure borescopy have enabled a more comprehensive examination of these systems. This photo-optical approach allows for a precise in situ visualization of the droplet size distribution in the reaction mixture and a calculation of the liquid-liquid-interface, offering critical insights into the impact of the interfacial area on overall reaction efficiency. This review summarizes key optimization strategies while highlighting how this innovative measurement method can extend our understanding beyond conventional metrics in the multiphase hydroformylation.</p>	

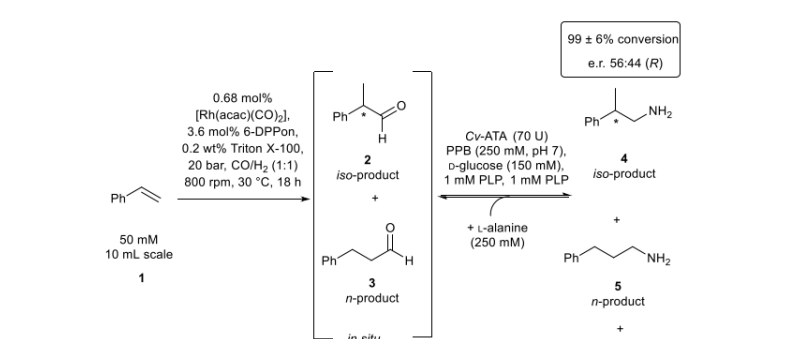
<p>122. J. T. Vossen, W. Leitner, A. J. Vorholt, “Selective Construction of Linear Carbon Chains using Synthesis Gas (CO/H_2) for C_1-Elongation via a Three-Step Reaction Cycle” <i>ACS Sus & Chem Eng.</i>, 2025, 13, 9, 3797–3805, DOI 10.1021/acssuschemeng.4c10677</p>	
<p>Linear carbon chains in the medium and long range are ubiquitous structural motifs in alcohols and olefins constituting major intermediates and products of the chemical industry. In this work, we present a reaction concept to produce and elongate linear carbon chains of defined carbon numbers selectively using synthesis gas as a renewable C_1 source. This is achieved via a three-step reaction cycle consisting of alcohol dehydration, $\text{C}=\text{C}$ bond hydroformylation, and $\text{C}=\text{O}$ hydrogenation of the intermediate aldehydes, thus restoring the alcohol function after each C_1-elongation. In a proof-of-principle study, the dehydration was catalysed by phosphoric acid, Rh/Biphephos was used for the hydroformylation, and Ru/C for the hydrogenation step. Each of the catalyst systems applied in the process was recycled effectively, allowing a stepwise C_1-elongation. An extension of a C_6 chain up to C_{10} was achieved over four cycles involving twelve individual catalytic reactions and the effects of repeating such a cycle multiple times on the reactions and product mixtures were investigated. The successfully demonstrated concept provides selective access to individual long chain olefins and alcohols of medium and long chain length with even or odd carbon numbers starting from renewable feedstocks in a highly flexible and controlled reaction sequence</p>	

121. N. Thanheuser, L. Schlichter, W. Leitner, J. Esteban, A. J. Vorholt, **“5-hydroxymethylfurfural (HMF) synthesis in deep eutectic solvent-based biphasic system: closing the loop of solvent reuse, product isolation and green metrics “** *RSC Sustain.*, 2025, 3,1848, DOI: [10.1039/D4SU00733F](https://doi.org/10.1039/D4SU00733F)



The scale up and recycling of all process streams in the $\text{H}_4\text{SiW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}$ catalyzed dehydration of d-fructose (Fru) to 5 hydroxymethylfurfural (HMF) was investigated. For this, a biphasic system based on a self-consuming deep eutectic solvent (DES) consisting of choline chloride (ChCl) and Fru in a molar ratio of 5:1 as reaction phase with in situ extraction of HMF employing acetonitrile was employed. In addition to ChCl:Fru being a cost-effective DES of renewable origin, it provides a way to suppress side reactions to levulinic and formic acid, particularly. The scale-up of the reaction system to a total volume of 180 mL resulted in reaction times of 12.5 minutes to achieve quantitative conversion reaching high yields of 76 % and selectivities as high as 83 % whilst operating temperature only at 80 °C, while proceeding twice as fast compared to the smaller scale reaction of previous work. The system shows easy separation of the upper extraction phase from the reaction phase due to the solidification of ChCl and the catalyst $\text{H}_4\text{SiW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}$ upon cooling to room temperature showing partition coefficients of about 4 to 5. HMF could be isolated from the extraction phase, recovering crystals HMF crystals of >99% purity. The system bears the potential for numerous recycling runs up to a water content of 7.5 wt.%, beyond which the DES phase undergoes a loss of activity due to the system transitioning to an aqueous solution. The extraction phase shows full recyclability and can be reused after simple distillation to separate HMF, showing promise for further implementation. Finally, considering the mass balance of the system, the basic green metrics of the system are calculated to show its potential compared to other similar concepts in literature.

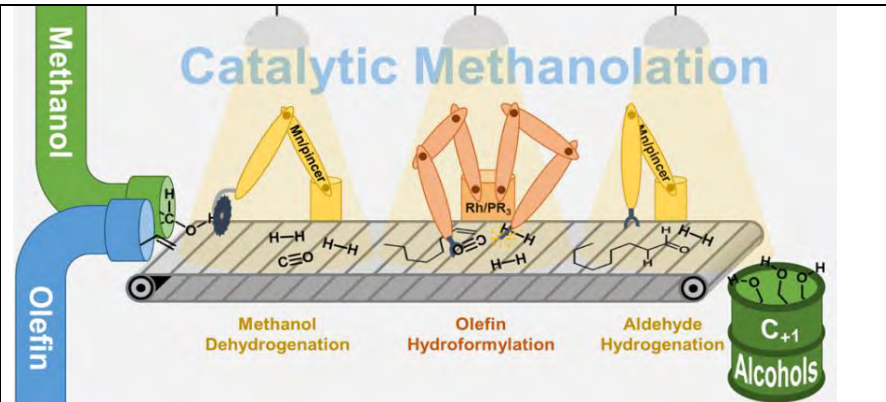
120. J. Spang, H. Bork, F. Belov, J. von Langermann, A. J. Vorholt, H. Gröger, **“One-pot hydroaminomethylation of an alkene under formation of primary amines by combining hydroformylation at elevated syngas pressure and biocatalytic transamination in water “** *Org. Biomol. Chem.*, 2024, 23, 688-692 DOI [10.1039/D4OB01513D](https://doi.org/10.1039/D4OB01513D)



We report a novel one-pot chemoenzymatic synthesis of primary amines, combining rhodium-catalysed hydroformylation of styrene with transaminase-catalysed enzymatic transamination. This process is starting from styrene at 50 mM substrate loading on a 10 mL preparative scale. Combined towards a one-pot process with both steps running concurrently, this chemoenzymatic synthesis involves a 6-DPPon/rhodium-catalysed hydroformylation of styrene at 20 bar of syngas, forming the iso- and n-aldehydes and an enzymatic transamination of the in situ-formed aldehydes to the corresponding primary amines catalysed by the aminotransferase from *Chromobacterium violaceum*, yielding the desired primary amines with 99% conversion.

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119. S. Stahl, J. T. Vossen, S. Popp, W. Leitner, A. J. Vorholt, **“Methanolation of Olefins: Low-Pressure Synthesis of Alcohols by the Formal Addition of Methanol to Olefins “** *Angew. Chem.*, 2024, 64, 7, e202418984, DOI [10.1002/anie.202418984](https://doi.org/10.1002/anie.202418984)



Methanolation of olefins is introduced as a new low-pressure synthetic pathway to C_1 elongated alcohols. Formally, H_3COH is added to the $\text{C}=\text{C}$ bond in a 100% atom efficient manner. Mechanistically, the overall transformation occurs as a tandem reaction sequence by combining the dehydrogenation of methanol to syngas at a $\text{CO}:\text{H}_2$ ratio of 1:2 with subsequent hydroformylation to the corresponding aldehyde and its final hydrogenation to the alcohol. The dehydrogenation and hydrogenation steps are catalyzed by a Mn/pincer complex, while the hydroformylation is accomplished by a Rh/phosphine catalyst. Using 1-octene as prototypical substrate, a yield of 80% nonanol was achieved with a ratio of 93:7 of linear to branched alcohols and turnover numbers (TON_{Rh}) of more than 17 000 could be obtained in relation to the precious metal Rhodium. The integrated catalytic system provides direct access to alcohols from olefins and “green” methanol, avoiding the handling of pressurized CO and H_2 and the use of specialized high-pressure equipment as the process conditions do not exceed 10 bar with partial pressures of syngas in the range of only 1-2 bar.

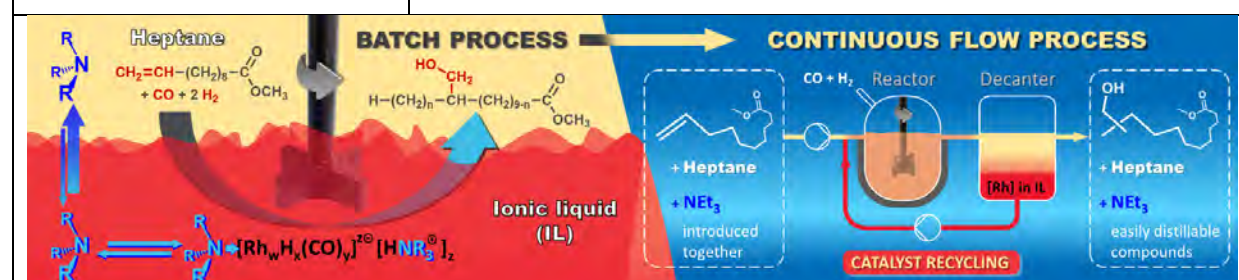
118. S. Van Buggenhout, G. Ignacz, S. Caspers, R Dhondt, M. Lenaerts, N. Lenaerts, S. R. Hosseinabadi, I. Nulens, G. Koeckelberghs, Yi Ren, R. P. Lively, M. Rabiller-Baudry, K. M. Lim, N. Ghazali, J. Coronas, M. Abel, M. Wessling, M. Skiborowski, A. Oxley, S. J. Han, A. Livingston, Z. Yi, C. Gao, K. Guan, R. R. Gonzales, H. Matsuyama, S. N.M. Bettahalli, J. R. McCutcheon, F. Radmanesh, N. E. Benes, A. A. Tashvigh, Q. Fang, K. Zhang, G. Chen, W. Jin, Y. Zhang, C.-X. Zhang, M.-L. Liu, S.-P. Sun, A. Buekenhoudt, C. Zhao, B. van der Bruggen, J. F. Kim, L. C. Condes, M. T. Webb, M. Galizia, B. Alhazmi, L. Upadhyaya, S. P. Nunes, D. W. Kim, H. Schröter, U. Kragl, S. Störtte, A. J. Vorholt, P. Z. Culfaz-Emecen, M.-A. Pizzoccaro-Zilamy, L. Winnubst, A. Yushkin, A. Volkov, J. Chau, K. K. Sirkar, S. Lu, G. Szekeley, Ivo Vankelecom, R. Verbeke, **“Open and FAIR data for nanofiltration in organic media: A unified approach“** *J. Membrane Sci.*, 2024, 713, 123356, DOI [10.1016/j.memsci.2024.123356](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.memsci.2024.123356)

Organic solvent nanofiltration (OSN), also called solvent-resistant nanofiltration (SRNF), has emerged as a promising technology for the removal of impurities, recovery of solutes, and the regeneration of solvents in various industries, such as the pharmaceutical and the (petro)chemical industries. Despite the widespread use of OSN/SRNF, the presence of scattered, non-standardized data, and the absence of openly accessible data pose critical challenges to the development of new membrane materials and processes, their comparison to the state-of-the-art materials, and their fundamental understanding. To overcome these hurdles, data from peer-reviewed research articles and commercial datasheets were curated via a standardized procedure to obtain an extensive dataset on the membrane materials, synthesis parameters, operational conditions, physicochemical properties, and performance of OSN/SRNF membranes. Thanks to a truly impressive joint effort of the OSN/SRNF community, the dataset contains, as per April 2024, 5006 unique membrane filtrations from 294 publications for 42 solvents under several process parameters. This findable, accessible, interoperable, reproducible, and open (FAIR/O) dataset is available on both the OSN Database and the newly inaugurated Open Membrane Database for SRNF (OMD4SRNF). These databases provide multiple visualization and data exploration tools. Here, the standardized procedure applied to curate the data and the functionality of the databases are outlined, as well as the online user interface to deposit new data by external users on the OMD4SRNF. This community-led project has been supported by all the co-authors of this work. Most importantly, they additionally agreed to systematically deposit their future peer-reviewed data on OSN/SRNF into the databases. We thereby pave the road for FAIR/O data in the field of OSN/SRNF to increase transparency, enable more accurate data analysis, and foster collaboration and innovation.

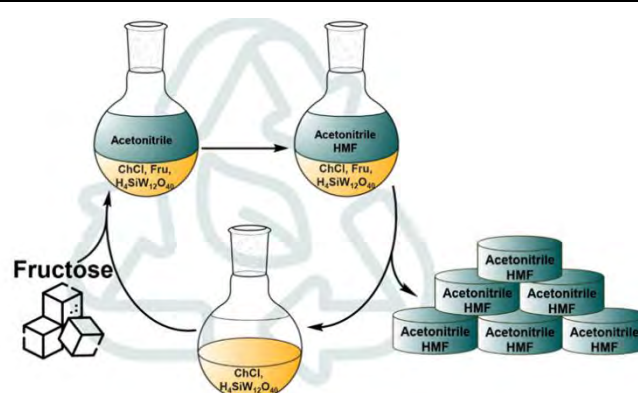


117. A. El Mouat, W. Abdallah, J. Ternel, M. Ferreira, H. Bricout, A. J. Vorholt, H. Stieber, S. Stoertte, E. Monflier, M. Lahcini, S. Tilloy, **“Rhodium/Trialkylamines Catalyzed Reductive Hydroformylation in Ionic Liquid/Heptane Medium: An Unexpected Concept for Catalyst Recycling in Batch and Continuous Flow Processes”** *ChemSusChem*, 2024, 18, 3, e202401384 DOI [10.1002/cssc.202401384](https://doi.org/10.1002/cssc.202401384)

We report here the rhodium catalyzed reductive hydroformylation of methyl 10-undecenoate. Our approach is based on an ionic liquid/heptane biphasic system associated with commercially available trialkylamines. The effects of various reaction parameters such as amine type, amine amount, temperature, syngas pressure and composition were studied in order to minimize the rhodium leaching and increase the production of primary alcohols. Although the amine is less soluble in the ionic liquid than in heptane, the catalytic system is efficiently maintained in the ionic liquid phase. For the optimized conditions, the catalytic ionic liquid layer can be recycled at least nine times by keeping an alcohol yield over 50% and by limiting the rhodium leaching. Interestingly, this system has been successfully transferred into a miniplant which enabled an alcohols production in continuous flow.

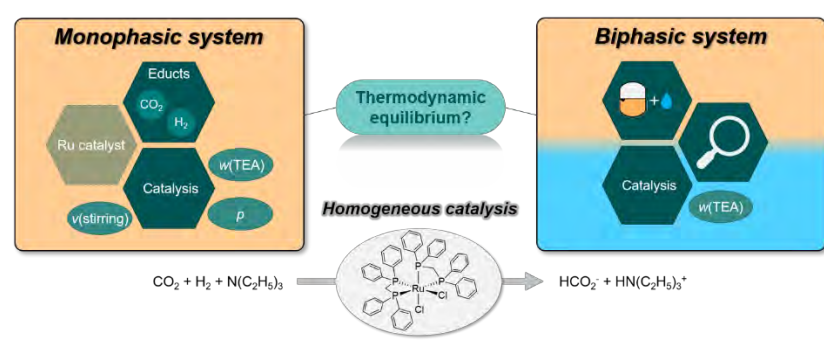


116. N. Thanheuser, J. T. Groteguth, W. Leitner, J. Esteban, A. J. Vorholt *, **“Biphasic Production of 5-hydroxymethylfurfural (HMF) in a Recyclable Deep Eutectic Solvent-based System Catalyzed by H₄SiW₁₂O₄₀”** *ChemSusChem*, 2024, 18, 3, e202401485 DOI [10.1002/cssc.202401485](https://doi.org/10.1002/cssc.202401485)



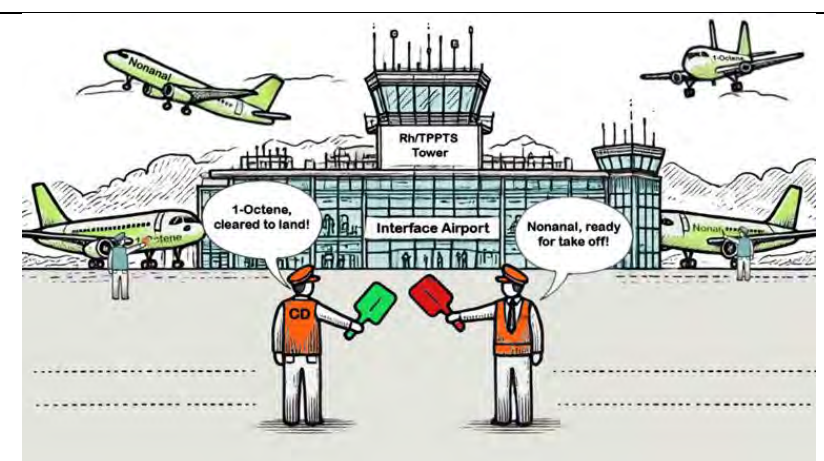
The reaction with in-situ extraction to yield 5-hydroxymethylfurfural (HMF) from Fru was investigated using a biphasic system based on a self-consuming deep eutectic solvent (DES) as reaction phase. The significance of choline chloride (ChCl), a cost-effective and safe quaternary ammonium salt, was evident in enhancing 5-HMF yield through fructose dehydration and concurrently suppressing side reactions. The DES system demonstrated fast reactions with high selectivities and recyclability across five cycles. The observed decline in H₄SiW₁₂O₄₀ activity, primarily due to proton leaching, was successfully restored with the addition of HCl. Furthermore, ChCl exhibited ease of recrystallization in the presence of acetonitrile. This research proposes an environmentally friendly approach for 5-HMF production through a reusable-biphasic process. The presented reaction system suppresses completely the formation of levulinic and formic acid leading to HMF yields of up to 84 % of selectivities of up to 88 % after 30 minutes at 80 °C. The system was recycled over 16 runs and after an initial slight loss of activity the system in the run 0-5, run 6-15 has shown a constant HMF output as in the first recycling run.

115. K. R. Ehmman, J.-M. Ji, K. Dinsing, C. Ribeiro Maier, A. J. Vorholt*, W. Leitner*, **“Introducing a Second Liquid Phase in the Carbon Dioxide Hydrogenation to Formic Acid: Impact on Catalytic Conversion in Ru-Catalyzed Systems”** *ACS Sus Chem & Eng*, 2024, 12, 15569, DOI [10.1021/acssuschemeng.4c05493](https://doi.org/10.1021/acssuschemeng.4c05493)



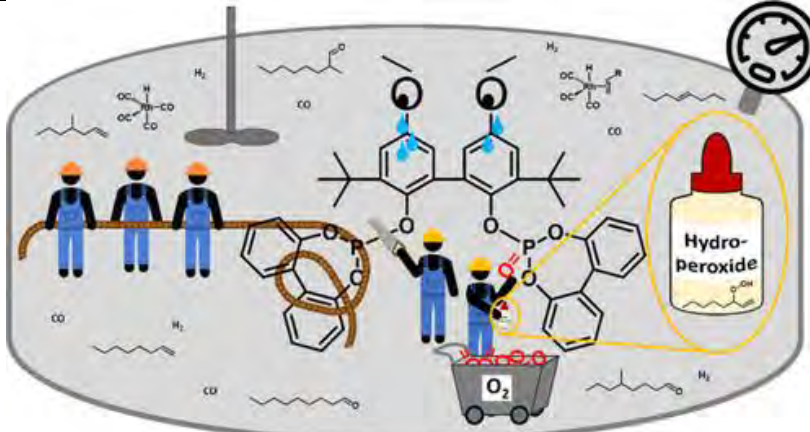
The synthesis of formic acid (FA) from CO₂ and hydrogen is a renewable pathway as an alternative to fossil-based indirect carbonylation of water and offers the possibility to reduce the carbon footprint of the chemical industry. However, scaling up homogeneous catalyzed CO₂-based FA production requires effective catalyst separation, necessitating advanced methodologies to address the challenges specific to homogeneous catalysis. Liquid/liquid multiphase catalysis is a promising solution, but its complete impact remains elusive. In this study, the influence of a second liquid phase on catalytic conversion was explored using a specially designed miniplant in combination with a model reaction system. A *cis*-[Ru(1,1-bis(diphenylphosphino)methane)₂Cl₂] catalyst, 4-methyl-2-pentanol solvent, and triethylamine (TEA) as a thermodynamically compensating agent were employed. The investigation of factors influencing FA conversion in a monophasic system was conducted by varying parameters such as temperature, pressure, gas substrate ratios, and liquid phase composition. Based on this, a study on the main variables of the biphasic system formed by introducing an aqueous phase was carried out. It was found that the introduction of water as a second phase mitigated the catalytic inhibition of FA formation observed in the monophasic system, suggesting a role in restoring the activity of the catalyst species. Therefore, for this reaction, the advantages of the separation process in biphasic reactions using water are further clarified.

114. K. E. Naße, F. S. Heinen, N. Pawlowsky, M. Schrimpf, E. Monflier, S. Tilloy, W. Leitner, A. J. Vorholt *, **“The role of cyclodextrins in the acceleration of the reaction rate in a biphasic hydroformylation”** *Chem. Eng. J.*, 2024, 497, 154114, DOI [10.1016/j.cej.2024.154114](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cej.2024.154114)



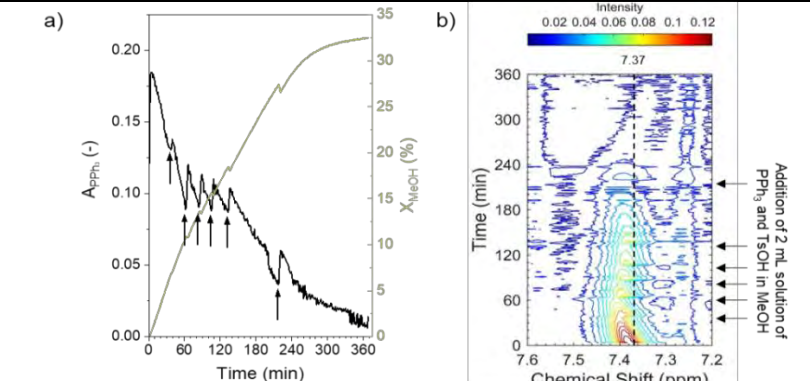
Water based biphasic hydroformylation assisted by cyclodextrins is known for enhanced reaction rates in comparison to the non-assisted biphasic hydroformylation. In this paper, the liquid-liquid interface of the hydroformylation of 1 octene, enhanced by randomly methylated-β cyclodextrins (RAME-β cyclodextrins), was examined for the first time using an in-situ image-based boroscopic technology. This technique enables the observation of the liquid-liquid interfacial area (a_{LL}) during the reaction and under reaction conditions, facilitating an explicit analysis of the droplet population. In this study defined mixtures of the reaction components with RAME-β cyclodextrins increased the a_{LL} by 84 %. A kinetic study showed that RAME-β cyclodextrins reduce the rate limiting effect of the nonanal concentration in the two phasic water/octene system on the interphase. The kinetic expression shows consequently higher reaction rates for this three-phase conversion, leading to a 387% increase in aldehyde yield. When comparing four different amounts of RAME-β cyclodextrins ($n_{CD} : n_{Rh(acac)(CO)_2} = 0 / 12:1 / 24:1 / 50:1$), we observed a decreasing dependency of the reaction rates on the conversion progress and therefore on the nonanal formation for higher cyclodextrin concentrations. A recovery test of the aqueous phase involving nonanal and 1-octene reveals a drastically increased concentration of 1029 % 1-octene ($C_{octene} = 1,08 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ mg mg}^{-1}$) and 13676 % nonanal ($C_{nonanal} = 14,41 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ mg mg}^{-1}$) after the addition of 0.002 mol RAME β cyclodextrins. These findings affirm that RAME-β cyclodextrins primarily remove nonanal from the interfacial region while facilitating an increased availability of 1-octene for the surface bound reaction.

113. J. T. Vossen, F. Patzina, W. Leitner, A. J. Vorholt *,
“Studying the Recycling and Deactivation of Rh/Biphephos Complexes in the Isomerization Hydroformylation Tandem Reaction”
ACS Sus Chem Eng, 2024, 12, 28, 10665–10677, DOI [10.1021/acssuschemeng.4c03970](https://doi.org/10.1021/acssuschemeng.4c03970)



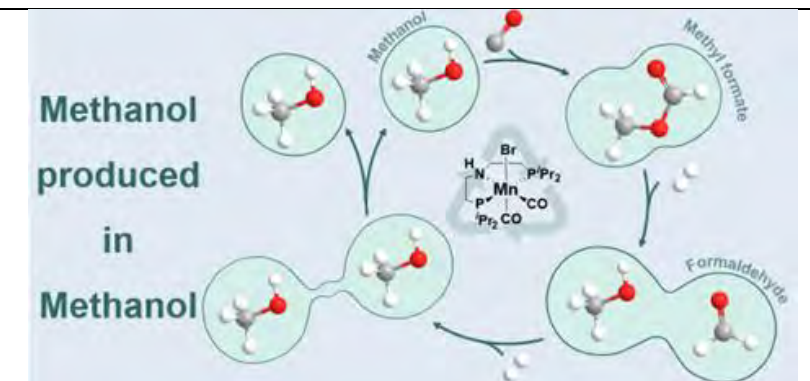
Rh/Biphephos is widely used homogeneous catalyst for the hydroformylation of internal and mixtures of olefins due to its rapid isomerization and high n:iso selectivity. In this work, the recycling of the catalyst via distillation in high boiling propylene carbonate as a catalyst phase solvent in the hydroformylation of internal olefins was investigated. In an initial recycling experiment, the catalyst could be recycled 6 times before the Biphephos ligand fully decomposed via oxidation. Deactivation studies with NMR and APCI MS showed a sensitivity of the phosphite ligand towards water, oxygen in form originating from air and nonanal. After a purification of the ligand via crystallization, the ligand barely showed any sensitivity towards these contaminants, indicating an enhancement of the decomposition by the impurities in the ligand. An oxidation of the ligand still occurred under reaction conditions due to the formation of hydroperoxides of the substrate with oxygen traces. With these learnings, the improved stability of the catalyst could be shown in a new recycling experiment with less than 20% of Biphephos having decomposed after 10 runs.

112. N. Wessel, R. S. Medhekar, M. Sonnenberg, H. Stieber, W. Leitner, Andreas J. Vorholt,
Catalyst in sight: the use of benchtop NMR spectrometers to maintain the activity of Pd-PPh3 catalysts”
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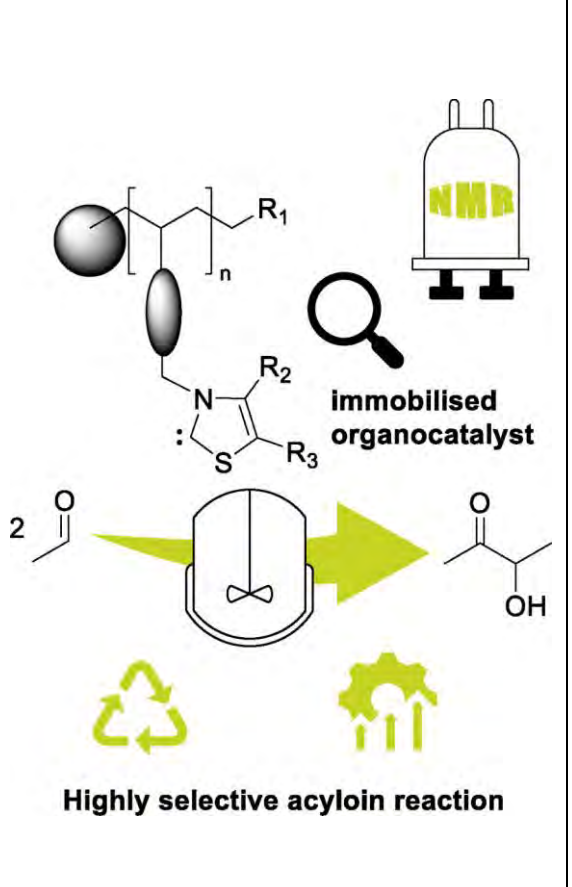
Carbonylation reactions often suffer from catalyst deactivation. Operando spectroscopy has proven to be a suitable tool both for understanding and tackling deactivation mechanisms. In this work the use of spectral information obtained from operando studies for a process control aiming at maintaining catalytic activity is shown for the first time using a benchtop NMR spectrometer. In the methoxycarbonylation of ethylene catalyzed by a system of [Pd(OAc)2], PPh3 and TsOH, a PPh3 signal in the aromatic region could be isolated that is crucial for catalytic activity in the reaction. This signal could be identified as a superimposition of the signal of complexed ligand and ligand in exchange with this complex. The integration of this ligand signal over time was introduced for the first time as a key reaction parameter. The final methanol conversion of all experiments performed depends linearly on this parameter, the overall ligand lifetime. Phosphonium-ion formation was found to be the main cause for ligand degradation and could be detected by benchtop and highfield NMR. Through tracking of the ligand signal in real-time together with manual dosing of fresh PPh3 and TsOH, catalytic activity could be maintained and methanol conversion increased.

111. S. Stahl, N. Wessel, A. J. Vorholt, * W. Leitner
“Liquid-phase Hydrogenation of Carbon Monoxide to Methanol using a Recyclable Manganese-based Catalytic System”
Green Chem, 2024, 26, 7799–7805, DOI [10.1039/D4GC01050G](https://doi.org/10.1039/D4GC01050G)



A simple and recyclable homogeneous catalytic system for the hydrogenation of carbon monoxide to methanol was established. The reaction is catalyzed by a molecular manganese complex using a high-boiling alcohol as solvent for catalyst immobilization. The CO hydrogenation is assisted by the product itself and the solvent through the formation of a methyl or dodecyl formate ester intermediate mediated by catalytic amounts of NaOMe as base. This allows catalytic “breeding” of methanol in alcohols combined with facile product separation and catalyst recycling via distillation. Initial turnover frequencies (TOF) of 2250 h⁻¹ were reached under optimized conditions in 1-dodecanol/methanol as the reaction medium (T = 160 °C, p(H₂/CO) = 80/10 bar). The performance was stabilized in repetitive batch mode over 6 runs achieving a total turnover number (TTON) of >12.000. Minimal leaching of the components of the organometallic catalyst was observed and catalyst activity could be fully restored by re-addition of NaOMe as the co-catalyst.

110. M. Belleflamme, J. Hommes, R. Dervisoglu, E. Bartaluccia, T. Wiegand, A K Beine, W. Leitner and A. J. Vorholt*
“Catalytic Upgrading of Acetaldehyde to Acetoin using a Supported N-Heterocyclic Carbene Catalyst”
Chemsuschem, 2024, e202400647, DOI [10.1002/cssc.202400647](https://doi.org/10.1002/cssc.202400647)



We report the catalytic synthesis of 3-hydroxy-2-butanon (acetoin) from acetaldehyde as a key step in the synthesis of C₄-molecules from ethanol. Facile C–C bond formation at the α-carbon of the C₂ building block is achieved using an N-heterocyclic carbene (NHC) catalyst. The immobilization of the catalyst on a Merrifield’s peptide resin and its spectroscopic characterisation using solid-state Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) is described herein. The immobilization of the NHC catalyst allows for process intensification steps and the reported catalytic system was subjected to batch recycling as well as continuous flow experiments. The robustness of the catalytic system was shown over a maximum of 10 h time-on-stream. Overall, high selectivity S > 90% was observed. The observed deactivation of the catalyst with increasing time-on-stream is explained by ex-situ ¹H solution-state, as well as ¹³C and ¹⁵N solid-state NMR spectra allowing us to develop a deeper understanding of the underlying decomposition mechanism of the catalyst.

109. S. Völker, N. Grolla, M. Bachmann, L. Müller, M. Neumann, T. Kossioris, P. Muthyala, B. Lehrheuer, M. Hofmeister, A.J. Vorholt, K. Schmitz, S. Pischinger, W. Leitner, A. Bardow, **“Towards carbon-neutral and clean propulsion in heavy-duty transportation with hydroformylated Fischer-Tropsch (HyFiT) fuels”**
Nature energy, 2024, [10.1038/s41560-024-01581-z](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41560-024-01581-z)

The transition towards clean transport requires energy carriers tailored to their application. Promising energy carriers for heavy-duty transportation are synthetic fuels. Here, we introduce hydroformylated Fischer-Tropsch (HyFiT) fuels composed of optimized alkane/alcohol blends. The proposed HyFiT process integrates the olefin-rich Fischer-Tropsch products with their direct subsequent hydroformylation to produce alcohols, while using syngas as the C1 building block in both transformations. We show that HyFiT-fuels simultaneously address four key challenges of current synthetic fuels. First, the HyFiT-fuel process design closes the carbon cycle in a flexible way by employing either biomass or carbon dioxide as feedstock, while being scalable through mature technologies. Second, HyFiT-fuels are shown to comply with global fuel standards by fuel testing. Material compatibility is demonstrated for two standard sealing materials, enabling the retrofit of today's vehicle fleets. Third, vehicle testing in a light commercial van shows that HyFiT-fuels substantially reduce combustion-induced particulate matter and nitrogen oxides. Fourth, a well-to-wheel life cycle assessment finds that HyFiT-fuels enable the transition to net-zero greenhouse gas emissions, showing simultaneously a favorable profile in a range of other environmental parameters, and can thereby complement electrification for heavy-duty long-haul transportation.

108. M. V. Solmi, J. T. Vossen, M. Schmitz, A. J. Vorholt, W. Leitner **“Catalytic synthesis of carboxylic acids from oxygenated substrates using CO₂ and H₂ as C₁ building block”**
Green Chem, 2024, 26, 7302-7311, DOI: [10.1039/D4GC01732C](https://doi.org/10.1039/D4GC01732C)


This work focuses on the development and investigation of a Rh/TPP catalysed system for the synthesis of saturated aliphatic carboxylic acids from readily available oxygenated substrates, H₂ and non-toxic, renewable CO₂. Optimization of the reaction conditions and reagents was carried out using 2-butanol and 1-butanol as typical secondary and primary alcohols. Afterwards, the reaction system was investigated in-depth with a separate investigation of the reverse water-gas-shift-reaction and the carbonylation reaction as key steps of the overall tandem transformation. Based on these results, a reaction network was established with two distinct main pathways. While the secondary alcohols are converted preferentially via acid catalysed dehydration to the corresponding olefin followed by hydroxycarbonylation, the primary alcohols react primarily via nucleophilic substitution to the iodide compound followed by a Monsanto-type carbonylation. Based on these results, a broad range of alcohols including bio-based substrates was converted to the corresponding C₁ elongated carboxylic acids. Additionally, other oxygenated substrates such as aldehydes, ketones and industrially relevant substrate mixtures were applied successfully.

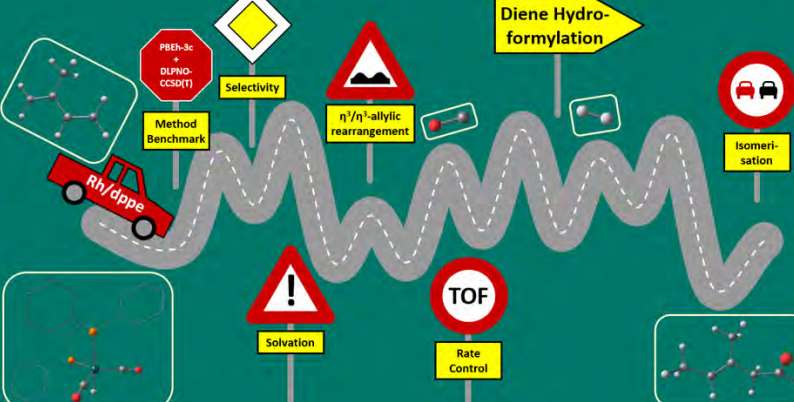
107. H. Bork, K.E. Naße, A. J. Vorholt*, H. Gröger* **“When high-pressure syngas meets metal-catalysis: Merging two antipodes of the “worlds of catalysis” to enable unique tandem-processes for non-chiral and chiral alcohols from alkenes in water”**
Angew. Chem. 2024, 63, e202401989, DOI: [10.1002/ange.202401989](https://doi.org/10.1002/ange.202401989)

Tandem reactions open up high potentials in industries concerning less energy consumption and more efficient and sustainable processes. There are many examples for successfully one-pot or tandem reactions. However, the combination of completely different kinds of reaction are rare, especially the combination of chemo- and biocatalysis. In this work, a tandem reaction of high-pressure syngas conducting hydroformylation and an enzymatic reduction was realized. Despite these not naturally and opposing conditions, no significant deactivation was found for neither the biocatalyst nor the chemocatalyst. We were able to establish a proof-of-concept for the one-pot reaction starting from 1-octene with >99% conversion and 80 % isolated yield of both alcohol isomers (nonanol/2-methyloctanol). This concept could be transfer to chiral products by conducting the hydroformylation of styrene and the dynamic kinetic resolution with excellent conversion of >99% and enantiomeric ratio of 91:9 to (S)-2-phenylpropanol in one-pot.

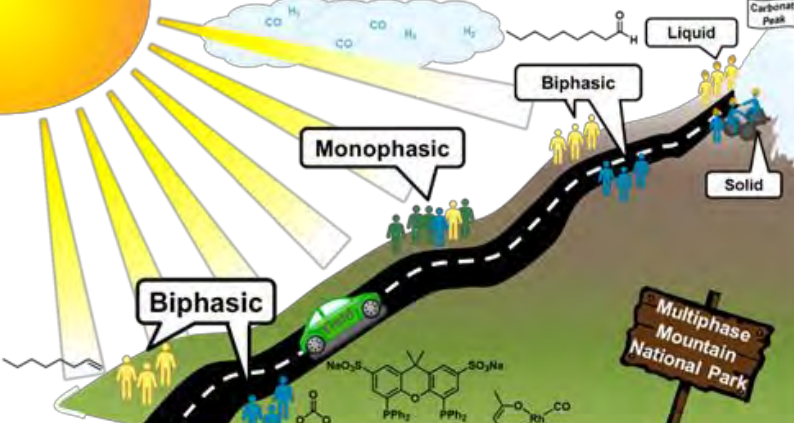
106. T. A. Faßbach, J.-M. Ji, A. J. Vorholt*, W. Leitner **“Recycling of Homogeneous Catalysts –Basic Principles, Industrial Practice, and Guidelines for Experiments and Evaluation”**
ACS Catal, 2024 14, 9, 7289–7298, [10.1021/acscatal.4c01006](https://doi.org/10.1021/acscatal.4c01006)


Homogeneous catalysts - organometallic complexes, but also organocatalysts or nanoparticle catalysts - display attractive features that are of high academic and industrial interest. Various concepts have been established for their integrated recycling in the realization of industrial processes with metal complexes to achieve quasi stationary operation. With the constant development of novel synthetic tools and improved catalyst structures, innovative methods for their effective recycling remain an important and thoroughly investigated research objective. However, recycling experiments of homogeneous catalysts on a laboratory scale need to be carried out using reliable and generalized methods to collect valuable data that allow for conclusive comparison of different approaches. In this perspective article, we first analyze and categorize the industrial applied techniques for recycling of organometallic catalysts and then present and evaluate performance indicators of recycling methods on research stage. As a conclusion, a best practice for planning and conducting experimental studies is suggested to generate and present comparable results across different laboratories and disciplines.

<p>105. J.-C. Raabe, L. Hombach, M. J. Poller, A. Collauto, M. M. Roessler, A. J. Vorholt, A. K. Beine, J. Albert “Synthesis and characterization of Co(II) substituted Keggin-type polyoxometalates as novel catalysts for the hydroformylation of 1-hexene in a thermomorphic solvent system” <i>ChemCatChem</i>, 2024, e202400395, DOI: 10.1002/cctc.202400395</p>	
<p>Polyoxometalates (POMs) are a unique class of metal oxides, being of huge interest for the catalysis society. Co(II)-substituted phosphomolybdate POMs (namely $H_7[PCoMo_{11}O_{40}]$, $H_{11}[PCo_2Mo_{10}O_{40}]$ and $H_{15}[PCo_3Mo_9O_{40}]$) have been successfully synthesized for the first time. The structure of the new Co(II) substituted POMs was solved by single-crystal X-ray diffraction as well as vibrational (FT-IR and Raman) and magnetic (NMR and EPR) spectroscopy and found to be of the Keggin-type. The Co-POMs were then applied as molecular catalysts for the hydroformylation of 1-hexene in a thermomorphic solvent mixture of water and 1-butanol. This is the very first example of a 1st row transition metal POM acting as a hydroformylation catalyst achieving 46 % heptanal yield. The best results were obtained using $H_{11}[PCo_2Mo_{10}O_{40}]$ as a catalyst at 140 °C, 150 bar CO/H₂:1:2, and a reaction time of 4h, paving the way for new POM-based catalysts in hydroformylation reactions.</p>	

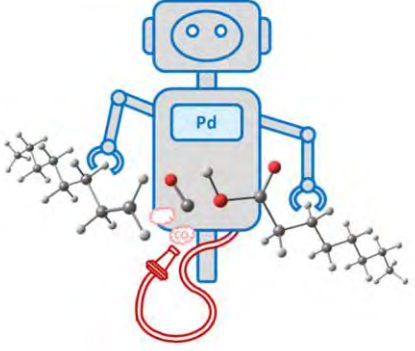
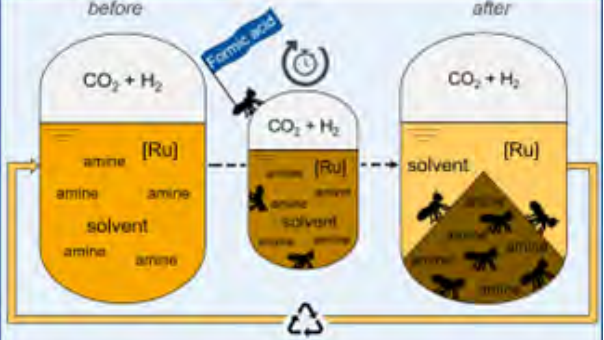
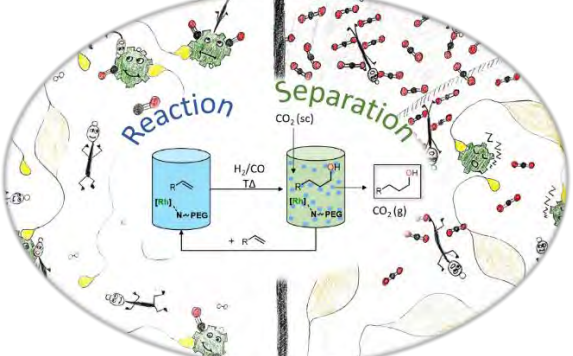
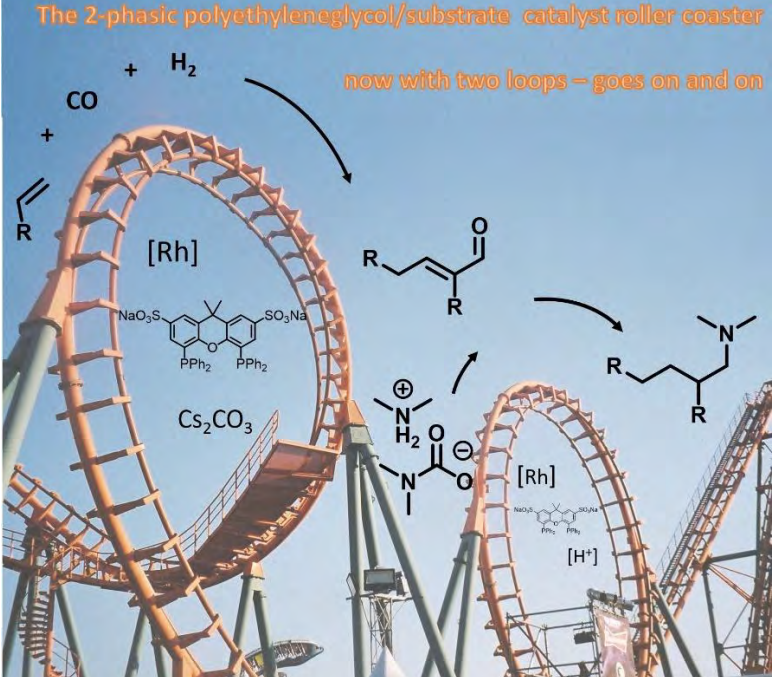
<p>104. K Köhnke, R. Bjornsson, W. Leitner, A. J. Vorholt “Mechanistic Aspects of Rhodium Catalyzed Isoprene Hydroformylation: a Computational Study” <i>Organometallics</i>, 2024, 43, 4, 481–494, DOI: 10.1021/acs.organomet.3c00414</p>	
<p>The hydroformylation of conjugated dienes is a highly interesting reaction, giving access to bifunctional aldehyde products. However, due to low activity, caused by the formation of stable η^3 allylic intermediates, it has received much less academic attention, both experimentally and theoretically, than classical monoalkene hydroformylation. We herein present a comprehensive computational mechanistic study on the hydroformylation of isoprene as the simplest example of an asymmetrically substituted conjugated diene, via a Rh/dppe catalyst. A benchmarking study assessing the accuracy of Rh complex structures and energies with various methods was carried out, from which a protocol combining dispersion-corrected DFT for geometries and vibrational corrections and DLPNO-CCSD(T) for reaction energies was derived. The predicted reaction mechanism of isoprene hydroformylation leading to the formation of 3-methyl-3-pentenal is derived from the classic Wilkinson cycle for monoene hydroformylation with a few deviations. Among them is the prediction of a η^3/η^3 allylic rearrangement following a Berry-pseudorotation mechanism that has rarely been discussed in the literature. The prediction of the relevant intermediates and transition states is highly sensitive to the computational protocol, with the implicit solvation model introducing the greatest uncertainty. A TOF of 47 h⁻¹ was predicted in good agreement with experimental results. An investigation of subsequent product isomerization revealed a high hydrogen transfer barrier making the isomerization via β hydride elimination unfavorable.</p>	

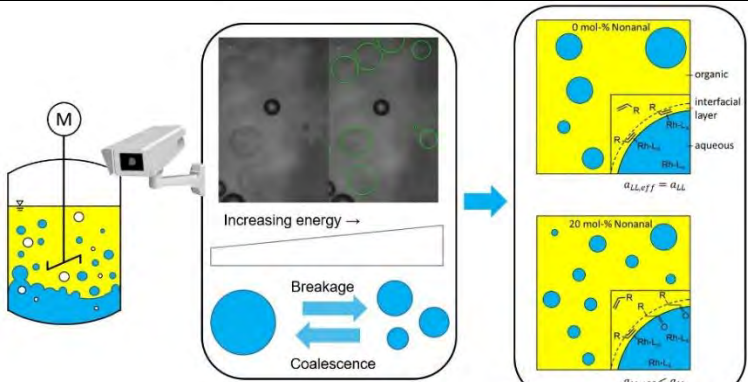
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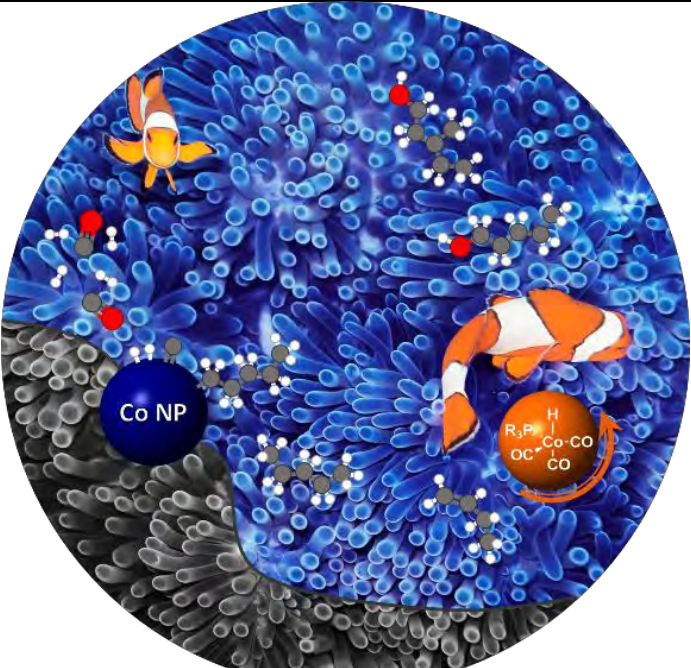
<p>103. J. T. Vossen, W. Leitner, A. J. Vorholt,* “Exploring the Hurdles in Thermomorphic Multicomponent Systems in the Rhodium Catalysed Multiphase Hydroformylation” <i>ACS Sus. Chem. & Eng.</i>, 2023, 11, 28, 10462–10470, DOI: 10.1021/acssuschemeng.3c01885</p>	
<p>Ethylene carbonate is a rather uncommon solvent in chemistry but it can be used as a low viscosity, polar, aprotic solvent. Its most interesting feature is the melting point above room temperature, which allows for a crystallization of the ethylene carbonate-based catalyst phase from the reaction solution. The dynamic phase behaviour of such reaction systems was investigated in depth in this work. Ethylene carbonate and the hydroformylation product nonanal form a yield dependent thermomorphic multicomponent system during the Rh/sulfoxantphos catalysed hydroformylation of 1-octene. This results in a limited conversion due to the yield dependent precipitation of the polar catalyst. Thus, modifications to the system such as an addition of decane to the organic phase or water to the catalyst phase have been investigated, limitation of the precipitating catalyst.</p>	


<p>102. J. T. Vossen, N. Hülken, A. J. Vorholt,* W. Leitner “Recycling of a Thermoresponsive “Catalyst Pill”: Separation of a Molecular Catalyst in solid Ethylene Carbonate in Various Reactions”, <i>Green Chem</i>, 2023, 25, 2872–2880, DOI: 10.1039/D2GC04822A</p>	
<p>One approach to recycle homogeneous catalysts is through multiphase catalysis. Multiphase catalysis is not only limited to liquid-liquid multiphase systems but also includes for example solid and liquid phases. In this work, we present a catalyst recycling system based on the crystallization of the entire catalyst phase after the reaction at ambient temperature. Using the green and polar solvent ethylene carbonate, the polar Rh/sulfoxantphos catalyst is trapped in the crystallized ethylene carbonate phase. The product can be decanted under air as the catalyst is stabilized in the solid phase and the entire solid phase including solvent is recycled. Several reactions such as the hydroformylation of hexene, octene and decene, as well as the hydrogenation of C₁₄ Aldol products were conducted with this system. A TTON of 8627 could be reached in the hydroformylation of 1-octene with initial turn over frequencies up to 1460 h⁻¹. In addition, the catalyst “pill” was switched between different reactions to show the flexibility of the system.</p>	

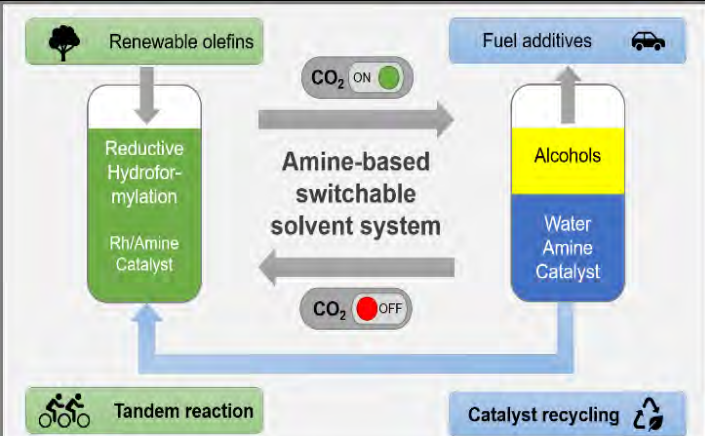
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<p>101. J. October, K. Köhnke, N. Thanheuser, A. J. Vorholt*, W. Leitner “Repe-Carbonylation of Alkenes with Carboxylic Acids: A Catalytic and Mechanistic study” <i>EurJOC</i>, 2022, accepted, DOI: 10.1002/ejoc.202201018</p>	
<p>In this work, a green-catalytic procedure is used to demonstrate the synthesis of long-chain anhydrides. This is accomplished via the carbonylation of alkenes with carboxylic acids. Anhydrides are important intermediates, finding specific applications as acetylation agents. The process is catalyzed by a Pd phosphine catalyst system in the presence of an acid promotor. Via optimization experiments, the importance of the phosphine ligand and acid promotor is demonstrated, without which the catalyst shows no activity. Although the yield was limited as a result of catalyst deactivation (42 %), to the best of our knowledge, the synthesis of long-chain anhydrides via this route have not been reported previously. It therefore represents a significant result. Isolation of the anhydrides were also successfully demonstrated, however, as a result of the sensitivity of the anhydrides to water, the isolated yields were much lower than the HPLC yield. Furthermore, a mechanistic study by means of HP-NMR (High Pressure Nuclear Magnetic Resonance) spectroscopy provided significant insights into the mechanism of the reaction.</p>	
<p>100. K. R. Ehmman, A. Nisters, A. J. Vorholt*, W. Leitner “Carbon Dioxide Hydrogenation to Formic Acid with Self-Separating Product and Recyclable Catalyst Phase” <i>ChemCatChem</i>, 2022, 19, 14, e202200892, DOI: 10.1002/cctc.202200892</p>	
<p>The homogeneously catalyzed hydrogenation of carbon dioxide to formic acid is a promising route for carbon dioxide utilization and power-to-X concepts. Separation of the product and the catalyst under retention of the performance of the catalyst remains a major challenge, however. Herein, we present a Ru-phosphine catalyzed reaction system comprising only a hydrophobic solvent as the catalyst phase and N methyl-diethanolamine as a base. The formation of formic acid causes a spontaneous separation of the monophasic reaction mixture into a pure formic acid/amine product and a recyclable catalyst phase. By optimizing the reaction conditions, a turnover number of 1590 in a single reaction and a total turnover number of 5590 after four recycling runs were achieved.</p>	
<p>99. T. Rösler, J. Betting, S. Püschel, A. J. Vorholt*, W. Leitner “Solvent Design for the Catalyst Recycling of Rhodium/Amine Catalysts via scCO₂ Extraction in the Reductive Hydroformylation of Alpha Olefins “ <i>Green Chem.</i>, 24, 2022, 6578 - 6588, DOI: 10.1039/D2GC01252A</p>	
<p>Efficient transformation protocols to directly convert olefins to alcohols are highly sought after. Ethylene glycol based solvents were proven to support the reductive hydroformylation of linear alpha olefins to alcohols using [Rh(acac)(CO)₂] in combination with tertiary amines as catalysts. Incorporation of the amine functionality into the solvent by using 2 [2 (dimethylamino)ethoxy]ethanol allowed to simplify the reaction system to three components and achieve a catalytic activity with a TOF of 280 h⁻¹ for the reductive hydroformylation of 1-octene. To immobilize the rhodium catalyst in a recycling approach using scCO₂ as extracting solvent for product alcohols, amine functionalized PEG derivatives have been synthesized as stationary catalyst phase. Amide condensation of PEG600-diacid with trimethyldiaminoethan resulted in a diaminated PEG600 derivative in which the amine group is linked via an amide bridge to the PEG600 backbone. During nine consecutive runs, in which this PEG600-diamine was used as the stationary catalyst phase and product alcohols have been extracted with scCO₂, no loss in activity or selectivity was observed. Leaching of the stationary phase was ≤3 w% (≤0.5 w% after the first two runs) of the extracted mass per run and rhodium leaching was determined to be 0.1 % of the initial rhodium over all nine runs combined.</p>	
<p>98. M. Strohmman, A. J. Vorholt*, W. Leitner “Branched Tertiary Amines from α-Olefins by Combined Multiphase Tandem Reactions” <i>Chem. Eur. J.</i>, 2022, 28, 58, e202202081, DOI: 10.1002/chem.202202081</p>	
<p>We present the transformation of olefins to branched amines by combining a hydroformylation/aldol condensation tandem reaction with the reductive amination in a combined multiphase system that can be recycled 9 times. The products are branched amines that are precursors for surfactants. Since the multiphase hydroformylation/aldol condensation system has already been studied, the first step was to develop the partial hydrogenation of unsaturated aldehydes together with a subsequent reductive amination. The rhodium/phosphine catalyst is immobilized in a polar polyethylene phase which separates from the product phase after the reaction. Reaction and catalyst recycling are demonstrated by the conversion of the C14-aldehyde 2-pentylnonenal with the dimethylamine surrogate dimethylammonium dimethyl-carbamate to the corresponding tertiary amine with yields up to 88% and an average rhodium leaching of less than 0.1% per recycling run. Furthermore, the positive influence of a Bronsted acid and carbon monoxide on the selectivity are discussed. Finally, the two PEG based systems have been merged in one recycling approach, by using the product phase of the hydroformylation aldol condensation reaction for the reductive amination reaction. The yields are stable during a nine recycling runs and the leaching low with 0.09% over the two recycling stages.</p>	

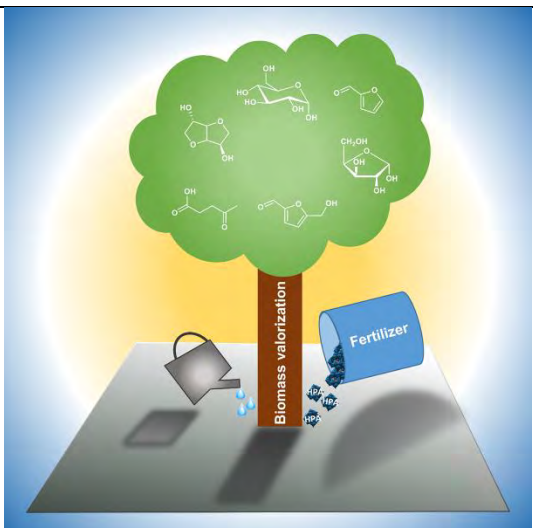
<p>97. M. Schrimpf, P. A. Graefe, A. Holl, A. J. Vorholt*, W. Leitner “Effect of liquid-liquid interfacial area on biphasic catalysis exemplified on hydroformylation” <i>ACS Catalysis</i>, 2022, 12, 13, 7850–7861, DOI: 10.1021/acscatal.2c01972 Highlighted as cover picture DOI: link</p>	
<p>Biphasic catalysis enables effective recycling of homogeneous catalysts by their immobilization in an additional liquid phase immiscible with the products. The introduced liquid-liquid interfacial area implies mass transfer limitations that play an important role in understanding these catalytic systems, with many rate enhancement strategies revolving around optimizing said area. In this contribution, the relationship between liquid-liquid interfacial area and catalytic activity is elucidated by applying a methodology that utilizes an image-based in-situ measurement of the transient droplet size distribution. Taking the industrially highly relevant aqueous biphasic hydroformylation of the long-chain olefin 1-octene as the model reaction, it is found that the product nonanal and the addition of the ligand increases the interfacial area by a factor of up to five. The rate of conversion is found to depend on the stirring speed. By varying the catalyst concentration, it is shown that an accumulation of the catalyst species at the interface is unlikely. Using a mathematical model, it is highlighted that the effect of the aqueous/organic interfacial area on the catalytic activity is not linear as previously assumed in literature. Instead, a change in the interfacial composition is proposed that causes a shift in the dependency of catalytic activity on said area. To our knowledge, for the first time, the dynamic physical properties of a lean gas-liquid-liquid system were linked to the catalytic performance of the system.</p>	

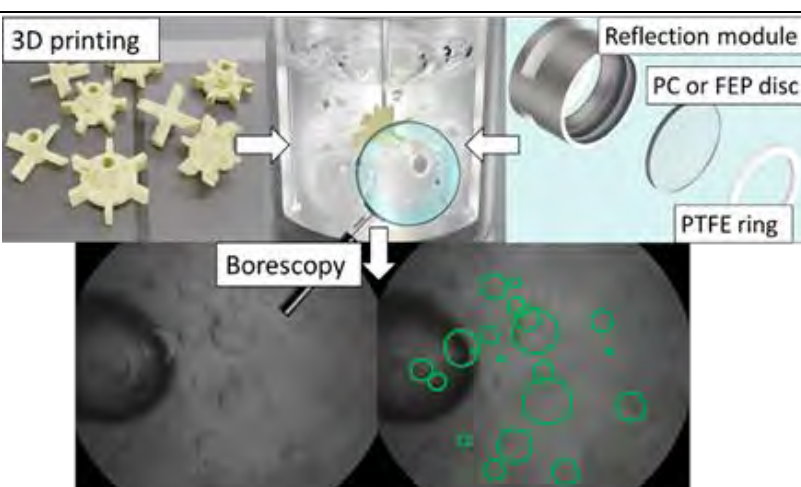
<p>96. K. Jeske, T. Rösler, M. Belleflamme, T. Rodenas, N. Fischer, M. Claeys, W. Leitner, A. J. Vorholt, G. Prieto “Direct Conversion of Syngas to Higher Alcohols via Tandem Integration of Fischer-Tropsch Synthesis and Reductive Hydroformylation” <i>Ange Chem.</i>, 2022 61, 31, e202201004 DOI: 10.1002/anie.202201004 Highlighted as cover picture DOI: 10.1002/anie.202201004</p>	
<p>The selective conversion of syngas to higher alcohols is an attractive albeit elusive route in the quest for effective production of chemicals from alternative carbon resources. We report the tandem integration of solid cobalt Fischer-Tropsch and molecular hydroformylation catalysts in a one-pot slurry-phase process. Unprecedented selectivities (>50 wt%) to C₂₊ alcohols are achieved at CO conversion levels >70%, alongside negligible CO₂ side-production. The efficient overall transformation is enabled by catalyst engineering, bridging gaps in operation temperature and intrinsic selectivity which have classically precluded integration of these reactions in a single conversion step. Swift capture of 1-olefin Fischer-Tropsch primary products by the molecular hydroformylation catalyst, presumably within the pores of the solid catalyst is key for high alcohol selectivity. The results underscore that controlled cooperation between solid aggregate and soluble molecular metal catalysts, which pertain to traditionally dichotomic realms of heterogeneous and homogeneous catalysis, is a promising blueprint toward selective conversion processes.</p>	

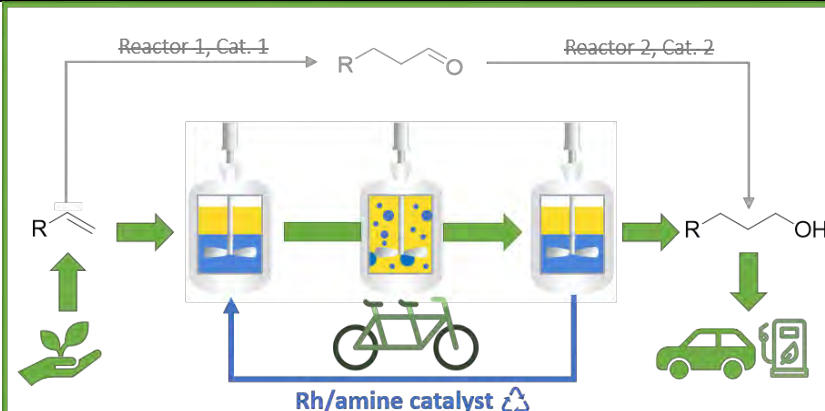
<p>95. J. Vossen, A. J. Vorholt*, W. Leitner “Catalyst Recycling in the Reactive Distillation of Primary Alcohols to Olefins using a Phosphoric Acid Catalyst”, <i>ACS Sus. Chem. & Eng.</i>, 2022, 10, 18, 5922–5931, DOI: 10.1021/acssuschemeng.2c00237</p>	
<p>Olefins are essential basic chemicals in all areas of chemical industry and can be produced from alcohols by dehydration. The amount of alcohols produced from biomass sources is expected to rise in the next decades. Various heterogeneously catalyzed processes have been developed in previous works operating at high reaction temperatures of 350 °C to obtain olefins from alcohols. In this work we present the conversion of C₇ to C₁₂ α-alcohols to the corresponding olefins using phosphoric acid as a strong inorganic homogeneous acid catalyst. The reaction network was investigated using a microwave reactor. A system with a reactive distillation of the produced water and olefins was developed to shift the equilibrium of the reaction towards the olefins. Mild reaction conditions were utilized with temperatures ranging between 170 °C and 230 °C. The catalyst was recycled successfully over 12 runs in batch reactions and in semi-continuous flow experiments at 190 °C over 6 h. Up to 93% yield of olefinic products were obtained with the corresponding ether as the major side product</p>	

<p>94. S. Püschel, J. Sadowski, T. Rösler, K. R. Ehmann, A. J. Vorholt*, W. Leitner “Auto-tandem catalytic reductive hydroformylation in a CO₂-switchable solvent system”, <i>ACS Sus. Chem. & Eng.</i>, 2022 10, 11, 3749–3756, DOI: 10.1021/acssuschemeng.2c00419</p>	
<p>The upgrading olefin-enriched Fischer-Tropsch cuts by the synthesis of alcohols leads to drop-in capable bio-synthetic fuels with low carbon emissions. As alternative to the conventional two-step production of long-chain alcohols, tandem-catalytic systems improve energy and resource efficiency. Herein, we present an auto-tandem catalytic system for the production of alcohols from olefin-paraffin mixtures. By utilization of a tertiary alkanolamine as ligand as well as switchable component in the solvent system, a lean reaction system capable of catalyst recycling was developed. The system was characterized in regard to the switchable solvent separation approach and reaction parameters, resulting in alcohol yields of up to 99.5% and Turnover Frequencies of up to 764 h⁻¹. By recycling the catalyst in 10 consecutive reactions, a Total Turnover Number of 2810 was achieved.</p>	


<p>93. K. Köhnke, N. Wessel, J. Esteban, J. Jin, A. J. Vorholt*, W. Leitner “Operando monitoring of mechanisms and deactivation of molecular catalysts”, <i>Green Chem.</i>, 2022, 24, 1951 - 1972, DOI: 10.1039/D1GC04383H</p>	
<p>Observing and understanding the phenomena associated with the reaction mechanisms and catalyst deactivation in molecular catalysis is a very challenging task in green chemistry. This knowledge is crucial for applying and scaling catalyzed reactions as well as preventing misproduction at a very early point. Over the years, experimental arrangements have evolved towards analysis of catalysts and reaction products in the so-called <i>operando</i> setups. This contribution reflects on the potential of <i>operando</i> studies to elucidate reaction and deactivation mechanisms in homogeneous catalysis as well as the outstanding opportunities that arise from the application of <i>operando</i> experimental setups. Such setups mostly rely on spectroscopic analysis, optionally coupled with chromatographic techniques that monitor the reaction system. This in turn means that not only the evolution of the reaction substrates and products can be monitored, but also changes of the molecular catalyst species that may affect the catalytic performance. Therefore, this review focusses on techniques to monitor the catalyst under real conditions.</p> <p>In this review, different spectroscopic techniques relevant for monitoring molecular transition metal catalysts in solution are covered, followed by numerical methods used in the chemometrics literature to undertake the challenge of untangling the complex raw signals and allocating them to individual chemical species. Finally, two exemplary case studies of industrially relevant chemical reactions are presented, namely the hydroformylation and the asymmetric hydrogenation. These examples illustrate the significance of the application of both the experimental setups as well as data processing and signal resolution to have an insight into the deactivation of catalytic systems. The <i>operando</i> approach shows high potential for the increased use in future research to develop stable and more selective catalysts which can be applied in greener processes.</p>	

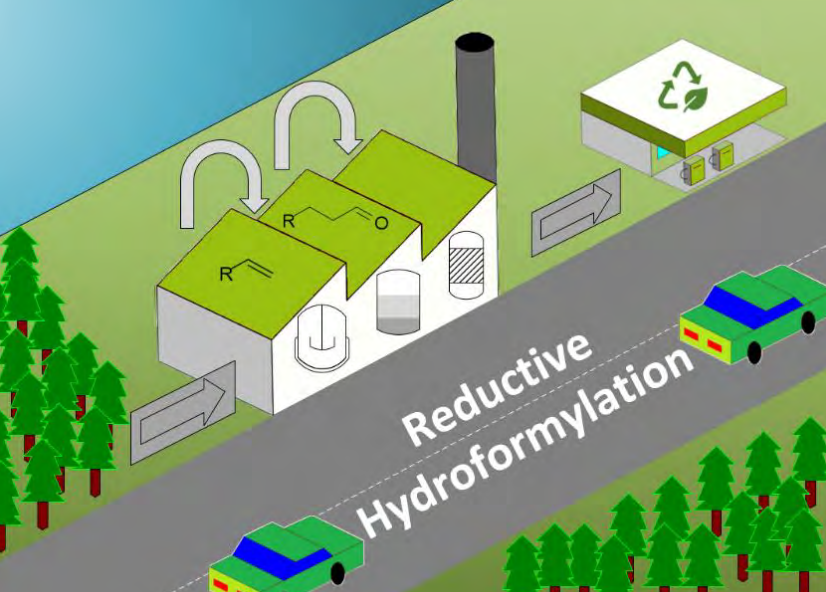
<p>92. L. Hombach, N. Simitsis, J. T. Vossen, A. J. Vorholt, A. K. Beine “Solidified and Immobilized Heteropolyacids for the Valorization of Lignocellulose”, <i>Chemcatchem.</i>, 2022, accepted, DOI:10.1002/cctc.202101838</p>	
<p>Heteropolyacids have been identified as promising for catalyzing the reaction types of hydration and dehydration, which play an important role in the valorization of lignocellulose. Not only do they possess adaptable Brønsted acidity, but they additionally show a redox multi functionality. To increase the industrial applicability of this promising class of catalysts and to enable recycling, many different approaches for immobilization (such as multiphasic catalysis or grafting) and solidification (such as salt formation) have been pursued in recent years. This review summarizes these efforts and highlights the studied acid-catalyzed lignocellulose conversions, trends and current challenges.</p>	


<p>91. M. Schimpf, P. A. Graefe, A. E. Kaczyna, A. J. Vorholt*, W. Leitner “Measuring droplet sizes generated by 3D-printed stirrers in a lean gas-liquid-liquid system using borescopy”, <i>IC&E.</i>, 2022, 61, 7, 2701–2713, DOI: 10.1021/acs.iecr.1c03707 Highlighted as cover picture DOI: https://pubs.acs.org/toc/iecr/61/7.</p>	
<p>Photo-optical probes with automated image analysis are among the most promising measurement techniques for gas-liquid-liquid systems, but literature on the application in lean water-in-oil dispersions is scarce. Taking water-in-1-octene as a model system, adhering droplets that severely cloud the images are successfully prevented using a polymeric disc made of polycarbonate or fluorinated ethylene propylene. Sharp bright-field imaging is enabled using a neither fully diffuse nor specular reflection pane. Various 3D-printed stirrers are characterized by their energy input, including gas-inducing modifications. Gas induction impairs the energy input of the stirrer and the imaging of droplets. Nevertheless, the measurement technique reliably provides droplet size distributions that exclude gas bubbles. Axial stirrers are preferable if one position at high stirring speeds is measured, as the homogeneity of droplet sizes along the reactor height is promoted. Radial stirrers are preferable if the stirring speed is varied, as the same trend of the droplets sizes is measurable along the reactor height. For radial stirring, the most beneficial position of the probe is close or slightly above the stirrer. The use of borescopy is thus found to be feasible if adhering droplets can be prevented and vision on droplets is not obstructed by too many bubbles.</p>	

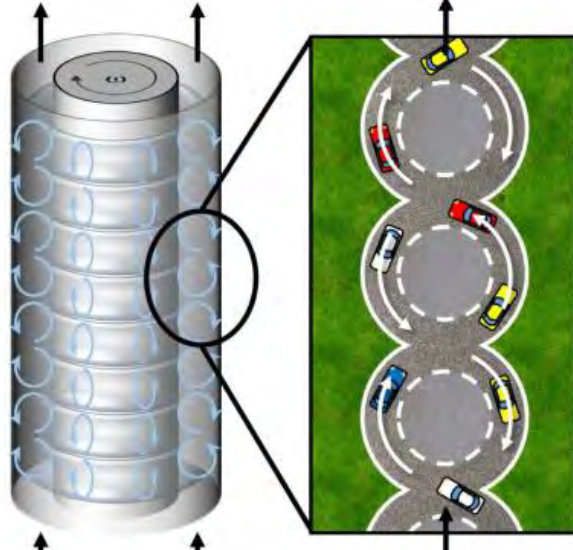
<p>90. S. Püschel, E. Hammami, K. R. Ehmann, T. Rösler, A. J. Vorholt*, W. Leitner “Auto-tandem catalytic reductive hydroformylation with continuous multiphase catalyst recycling”, <i>Catal. Sci. Tech.</i>, 2022, 12, 728 - 736, DOI:10.1039/D1CY02000E Highlighted as cover picture DOI: 10.1039/D2CY90011D</p>	
<p>The production of alcohols from olefin-enriched Fischer-Tropsch cuts represents a promising route to CO₂-neutral bio-synthetic fuels. Tandem-catalytic systems as alternative for the conventional two-step production of long-chain alcohols are attractive in terms of energy and resource efficiency. Herein, we present the first rhodium-based catalytic system capable of direct conversion of olefins to alcohols in a biphasic liquid/liquid system. After optimizing reaction conditions for the biphasic operation, an alcohol selectivity of up to 64% was achieved, while aldehydes and olefin isomers were observed as main byproducts. By the employment of water-soluble alkanolamines, the catalyst is immobilized in a water phase and can be easily separated from the product containing organic phase with rhodium loss as low as 0.1%. After investigation of various reaction parameters, a TON of 128 in batch operation was achieved. Furthermore, the developed catalyst recycling strategy was implemented in a continuously operated miniplant, reaching a TTON for alcohol production of 1236 after 50 hours.</p>	

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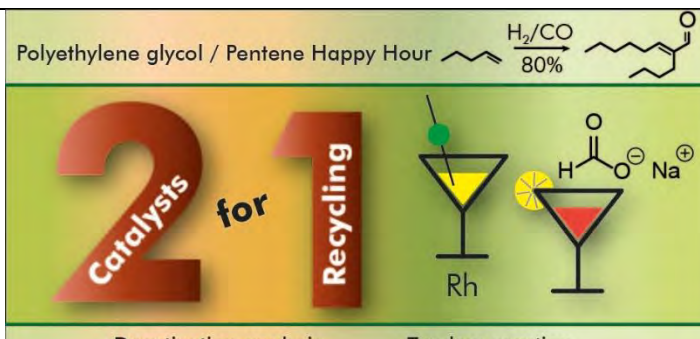
<p>89. H. Kreissl, J. Jin, S. Lin, D. Schütte, S. Störtte, N. Levin, B. Chaudret, A. J. Vorholt, A. Bordet and W. Leitner “Commercial Cu₂Cr₂O₅ Decorated with Iron Carbide Nanoparticles as Multifunctional Catalyst for Magnetically Induced Continuous Flow Hydrogenation of Aromatic Ketones”, <i>Angew. Chem.</i>, 2021, 60, 26639–26646, DOI:10.1002/anie.20210791</p>	<p>Commercial copper chromite is decorated with iron carbide nanoparticles using a simple and versatile method, producing a magnetically activable multifunctional catalytic system. This system (ICNPs@Cu₂Cr₂O₅) is able to reduce aromatic ketones to aromatic alcohols when exposed to a high frequency alternating current magnetic field, i.e. magnetic induction. Under magnetic excitation, the ICNPs generate locally confined hot spots, activating selectively the Cu₂Cr₂O₅ surface while the global temperature of the reaction mixture remains low (~ 80°C). The ICNPs@Cu₂Cr₂O₅ catalyst selectively hydrogenates a scope of benzylic and non-benzylic ketones under these mild conditions (3 bar H₂, heptane), while ICNPs@Cu₂Cr₂O₅ or Cu₂Cr₂O₅ are inactive when the same global temperature is adjusted by conventional heating. A flow reactor is presented allowing the combined use of magnetic induction for continuous flow hydrogenation at elevated pressure. The excellent catalytic properties of ICNPs@Cu₂Cr₂O₅ for the hydrogenation of biomass-derived furfuralacetone are conserved for at least 17 hours on stream, demonstrating for the first time the application of a magnetically heated catalyst to a continuously operated hydrogenation reaction in the liquid phase. The reported approach for the decoration of solid materials with magnetically activated nanoparticles may be applied to a wide range of heterogeneous catalysts, generalizing the access to potential advantages associated with magnetic induction in catalysis.</p>
	

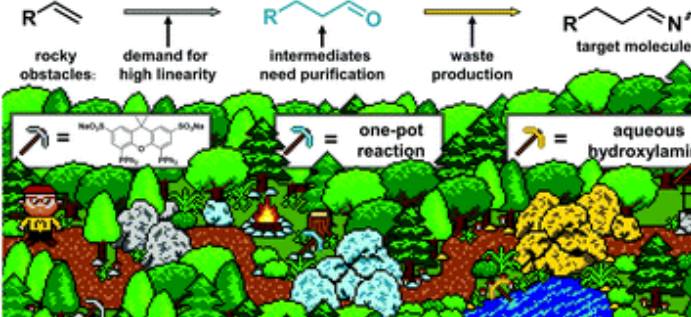
<p>88. S. Püschel, S. Störtte, J. Topphoff, A. J. Vorholt*, W. Leitner “Green process design for reductive hydroformylation of renewable olefin cuts for drop-in diesel fuels”, <i>ChemSusChem</i>, 2021, 14,23, 5226-5234 DOI:10.1002/cssc.202100929.</p>	
<p>CO₂ neutral fuels are a way to cleaner and more sustainable mobility. Utilization of bio-syngas via Fischer-Tropsch (FT) synthesis represents an interesting route for the production of tailor-made biofuels. Recent developments in FT catalyst research led to olefin-enriched products, enabling the synthesis of alcohol-enriched fuels by reductive hydroformylation of the C=C double bond. Several alcohols have already proven to be suitable fuel additives with favorable combustion behavior. We investigated a hydroformylation-hydrogenation sequence of FT-olefin-paraffin mixtures as a potential route to alcohols. A liquid-liquid biphasic system with a rhodium/TPPTS catalyst system was chosen for effective catalyst recycling. After optimizing reaction conditions with a model substrate consisting of 1 octene and n heptane the conversion of an actual olefin-containing C5 C10 FT product fraction to alcohols in continuously operated processes for 37 hours has been achieved with total Turnover number of 23,679</p>	

<p>87. T.Rösler, K.R.Ehmann, K.Köhnke, M.Leutzsch, N.Wessel, A.J.Vorholt*, W.Leitner “Reductive Hydroformylation With A Selective And Highly Active Rhodium Amine System”, <i>J. Catal.</i>, 2021, 400, 234-243 DOI: 10.1016/j.jcat.2021.06.001</p>	
<p>Direct synthesis of alcohols from olefins <i>via</i> reductive hydroformylation is important for various applications. Catalytic systems of rhodium in combination with tertiary amines are highly selective but have rarely been reported. Little is known about the role of tertiary amines or even if they act as ligands during the catalytic cycle. In this research, the role of the amine during those reactions was investigated in depth. As a model reaction, 1-octene was converted to 1-nonanol using a molecular rhodium catalyst in combination with various trialkylamines. Identification of important parameters such as the amine concentration and the carbon monoxide partial pressure hint that there is a susceptible equilibrium for the catalytically active species. A Tolman-like map was created in which the steric bulkiness and the basicity of employed amines was compared to the hydrogenation activity of the resulting reaction system. A clear dependency on steric and electronic constraints was found, which is typical for metal bound ligands. The nature of the catalyst was intensively studied <i>via</i> ^{13}C- and ^{103}Rh-NMR during which the equilibrium of several anionic rhodium species was identified. <i>In situ</i> ^1H-NMR showed the presence of two major hydride species during the reaction. The equilibrium of those hydrides is heavily influenced by the nature of the applied amine indicating that it is essential for the hydride formation. Complementary <i>in situ</i> IR-experiments confirmed the formation of anionic rhodium species in presence of triethylamine with $[\text{Rh}(\text{CO})_4]^-$ being the major rhodium-carbonyl species.</p>	

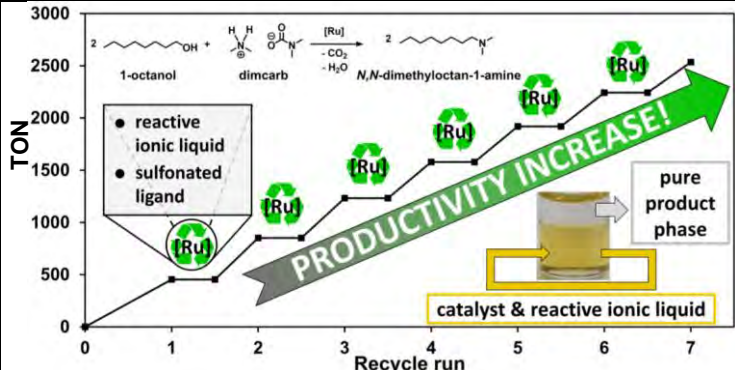
<p>86. M. Schrimpf, J. Esteban, H. Warmeling, T. Färber, A. Behr, A. J. Vorholt “Taylor-Couette reactor: Principles, design, and applications”, <i>AICHE</i> 2021, 67, e17228., DOI: 10.1002/aic.17228</p>	
<p>The Taylor-Couette reactor (TCR) is an apparatus that capitalizes on the Taylor-Couette flow, which allows many flow regimes and conditions to perform (bio-)chemical conversions with precise control of various reactor characteristics. With the possibility to continuously perfuse the reactor with a reaction medium, the TCR becomes interesting for chemical engineering applications. In this review, we introduce this reactor type and provide an overview of its history, principles of the flow regimes, and a description and design aspects of the reactors and their elements. Available information in the literature is summarized and harmonized to present available formulas and correlations in a consistent set of variables. Additionally, a wide number of applications in process technology are covered, including reactions in homogeneous, photo, and enzymatic catalysis, polymer synthesis, and crystallization and aggregation-flocculation processes. Focusing on this reactor configuration, this article intends to be used as a hub for scientific groups interested in TCRs.</p>	

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<p>85. M. Strohmann, J. T. Vossen, A. J. Vorholt*, W. Leitner “Recycling of Two Molecular Catalysts in the Hydroformylation/ Aldol Condensation Tandem Reaction Using One Multiphase System”, <i>Green Chem.</i> 2020, 22, 8444-8451, DOI: 10.1039/D0GC03392H</p>	
<p>Tandem reactions are of great importance to efficiently execute multiple conversions in one synthesis step. Herein we present a multiphase system for the hydroformylation/aldol condensation, which is able to recycle both optimized catalysts multiple times. The system consists of an organometallic rhodium/sulfoxantphos hydroformylation catalyst and basic NaOH as aldol condensation initiator, which are both immobilized in a polyethylene glycol phase. Under reaction conditions, NaOH is converted to sodium formate, which is still able to catalyse the aldol condensation. The reaction and recycling are demonstrated by the conversion of 1-pentene to the corresponding aldol product in a recycling experiment. During nine consecutive runs, no significant loss of activity is found with an overall TON of 8700 in regard to the rhodium catalyst and an average rhodium leaching of only of 0.07% per run is observed.</p>	

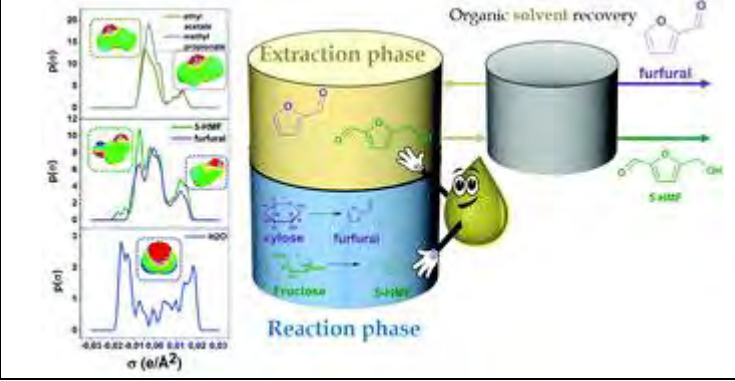
<p>84. M. Terhorst, C. Plass, A. Hinzmann, A. Guntermann, T. Jolmes, J. Rösler, D. Panke, H. Gröger, D. Vogt, A. J. Vorholt, T. Seidensticker “One-pot synthesis of aldoximes from alkenes via Rh-catalysed hydroformylation in an aqueous solvent system”, <i>Green Chem.</i> 2020, 22, 7974-7982, DOI: 10.1039/d0gc03141k</p>	
<p>Aldoxime synthesis directly starting from alkenes was successfully achieved through the combination of hydroformylation and subsequent condensation of the aldehyde intermediate with aqueous hydroxylamine in a one-pot process. The metal complex $\text{Rh}(\text{acac})(\text{CO})_2$ and the water-soluble ligand sulfoxantphos were used as the catalyst system, providing high regioselectivities in the initial hydroformylation. A mixture of water and 1-butanol was used as an environmentally benign solvent system, ensuring sufficient contact of the aqueous catalyst phase and the organic substrate phase. The reaction conditions were systematically optimised by Design of Experiments (DoE) using 1-octene as a model substrate. A yield of 85% of the desired linear, terminal aldoxime ((E/Z)-nonanal oxime) at 95% regioselectivity was achieved. Other terminal alkenes were also converted successfully under the optimised conditions to the corresponding linear aldoximes, including renewable substrates. Differences of the reaction rate have been investigated by recording the gas consumption, whereby turnover frequencies (TOFs) $>2000 \text{ h}^{-1}$ were observed for 4-vinylcyclohexene and styrene, respectively. The high potential of aldoximes as platform intermediates was shown by their subsequent transformation into the corresponding linear nitriles using aldoxime dehydratases as biocatalysts. The overall reaction sequence thus allows for a straightforward synthesis of linear nitriles from alkenes with water being the only by-product, which formally represents an anti-Markovnikov hydrocyanation of readily available 1-alkenes.</p>	

83. M. Terhorst, C. Heider, A. J. Vorholt, D. Vogt, T. Seidensticker
“Productivity leap in the homogeneous ruthenium-catalyzed alcohol amination through catalyst recycling avoiding volatile organic solvents”,
ACS Sustainable Chem. Eng.
 2020, 8, 27, 9962–9967, DOI: [10.1021/acssuschemeng.0c03413](https://doi.org/10.1021/acssuschemeng.0c03413)




A reactive ionic liquid was successfully applied in the homogeneous ruthenium-catalyzed alcohol amination for the first time. Through detailed investigation of the phase behavior and the application of sulfonated ligands, a biphasic system was developed, which fulfils several key points of a sustainable process. This strategy allows, without use of additional volatile organic compounds, a pure product phase to be obtained, enabling the catalyst to be used in repetitive recycling runs. Hence, the productivity of the catalyst was increased fivefold to a cumulative TON of >2,500, which reflects a particularly high catalyst productivity for homogeneous ruthenium catalyzed alcohol amination.

82. J. Esteban, A.J. Vorholt*, W. Leitner
“An overview of the biphasic dehydration of sugars to 5-hydroxymethylfurfural and furfural: a rational selection of solvents using COSMO-RS and selection guides”,
Green Chem.
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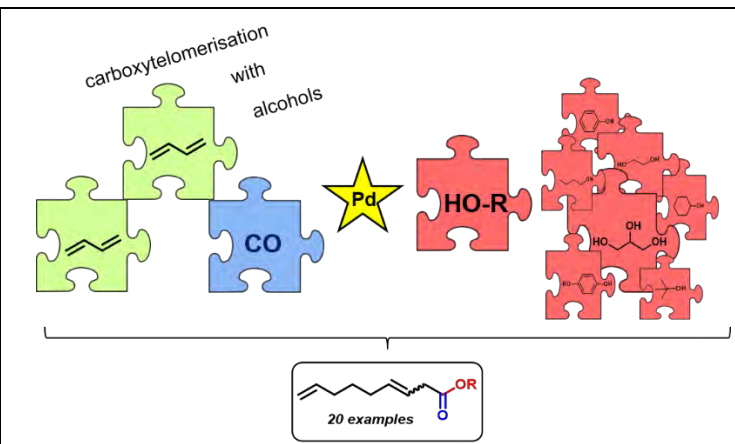
The valorization of sugars from lignocellulosic biomass has attracted much interest for the production of chemicals and fuels. From the dehydration of glucose or fructose and xylose, 5-hydroxymethylfurfural (5-HMF) and furfural can be obtained, respectively, which are highly praised chemicals used as building blocks. To increase the productivity of the process avoiding undesired side reactions that furans may undergo in the reaction phase, many authors follow a liquid–liquid approach. This way, an in situ extraction of the dehydration products occurs from the reaction phase (usually aqueous) to an organic solvent phase. Solvent selection is a matter of interest in Green Chemistry; therefore, careful consideration must be given to select the most appropriate alternatives in terms of performance, environmental, health and safety (EHS) impacts and subsequent downstream processing. For performance, the COnductor-like Screening MOdel for Real Solvents (COSMO-RS) has emerged as a tool to screen among different candidates based on structural information of the molecules. For EHS considerations, different solvent guides assist in the assessment of the most favourable alternatives. This review provides a comprehensive survey of the solvents and operational conditions employed in the biphasic dehydration of sugars to 5-HMF and furfural, followed by an account of the selection guides and methods for the evaluation of solvents, including COSMO-RS. Finally, to contrast with the most commonly selected solvents, such as methyl isobutyl ketone, a rational screening is presented here for the biphasic production of furans based on COSMO-RS predictions and the assessment of the selection guides.

81. M. Terhorst, A. Kampwerth, A. Marschand, D., Vogt, A.J., Vorholt, T., Seidensticker,
“Facile catalyst recycling by thermomorphic behaviour avoiding organic solvents: a reactive ionic liquid in the homogeneous Pd-catalysed telomerisation of the renewable β -myrcene”,
Catal. Sci. & Tech.
 2020, 10, 1827–1834, DOI: [10.1039/C9CY02569C](https://doi.org/10.1039/C9CY02569C)




For the first time, the reactive ionic liquid *N,N*-dimethyl ammonium *N,N*-dimethyl carbamate (dimcarb) was used as a polar solvent in the palladium-catalyzed telomerisation of the renewable monoterpene β -myrcene. By doing so, it was possible to avoid any volatile organic solvents. Moreover, the special decomposition behaviour of the reactive ionic liquid dimcarb could be exploited to the extent that dimethyl amine was used as a reagent in the reaction. Accordingly, non-symmetrical C_{20} -chain dimethyl amines were produced from β -myrcene and dimethylamine liberated by dimcarb, achieving selectivities higher than 80%. Detailed investigations revealed the thermomorphic behaviour of the reaction mixture consisting only of dimcarb, β -myrcene and the catalytic system. The advantageous temperature-dependent phase behaviour resulted in one liquid phase occurring at the reaction temperature and two liquid phases upon cooling. Consequently, a virtually pure organic product phase could be separated from the polar catalyst-containing dimcarb phase. Immobilization of the catalyst in the polar reactive ionic liquid phase was ensured by the use of sulfonated triphenylphosphine derivatives. Subsequently, the separated catalyst-containing dimcarb phase was successfully reused in 14 consecutive recycling runs with only minimal leaching of both the catalyst and dimcarb, reaching a total turnover number of 12 000.

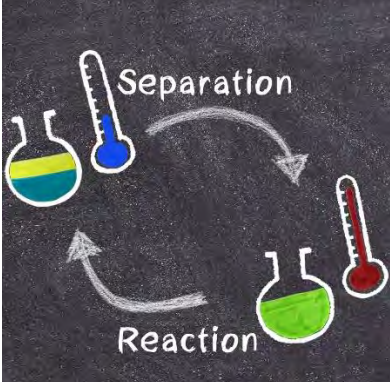
80. D. Vogelsang, J. Vondran, K. Hares, K. Schäfer, T. Seidensticker, A. J. Vorholt*
“Palladium catalysed acid-free Carboxytelomerisation of 1,3-Butadiene with Alcohols accessing Pelargonic Acid Derivatives including Triglycerides under selectivity control”,
Adv. Syn. & Catal.
 2020, 362, 3, 679-687 DOI: [10.1002/adsc.201901383](https://doi.org/10.1002/adsc.201901383)

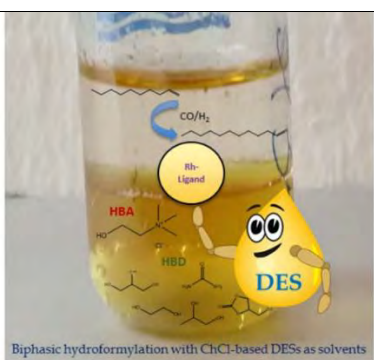



Palladium catalysed carboxytelomerisation of 1,3-butadiene with alcohols yields unsaturated C_9 pelargonic esters in an atom-economic and straightforward way. Although carboxytelomerisation is of current interest, limitations of applicable alcohol substrates have not been fully investigated. In here, we present the transfer of the catalytic system comprising palladium acetate and tri-*n*-butyl phosphine in pyridine to a broad variety of 20 alcohols with vast difference in nucleophilicity and sterical demands yielding the corresponding esters in a 100 % atom economic manner. Effects of nucleophilicity and sterical demands were revealed for monoalcohols, di- and polyols. Whilst yields, chemoselectivity and *E/Z*-selectivity of the pelargonic acid derivatives were excellent with up to 99%, selectivity towards mono-, di- and triesters could be controlled successfully. Finally, the reaction profile of the carboxytelomerisation glycerol was uncovered, yielding up to 97% of industrially relevant unsaturated C_9 -short chain fats

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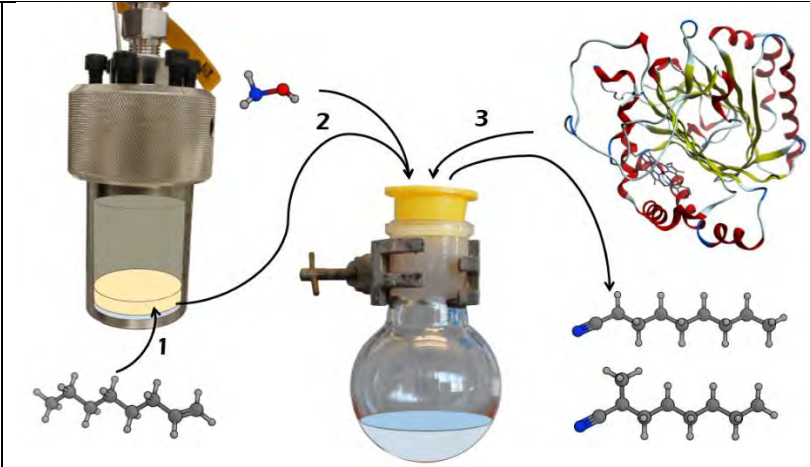
<p>79. M. Strohmann, A. Bordet, A. J. Vorholt * and W. Leitner “Tailor-made biofuel 2-butyltetrahydrofuran from the continuous flow hydrogenation and deoxygenation of furfuralacetone”, <i>Green Chem</i>, 2019, , 21, 6299-6306, DOI: 10.1039/c9gc02555c</p>	
<p>In this work, we present the first continuous flow process to produce the tailored biofuel 2-butyltetrahydrofuran from renewable resources. In a two-step approach lignocellulose-derived furfuralacetone is first hydrogenated and then deoxygenated over commercial catalysts to form the desired product. Both reactions were studied independently in batch conditions. The transition to a continuous flow system was done and various parameters were tested in the miniplant. Both reactions were performed in a two-reactor-concept approach to yield the desired 2-butyltetrahydrofuran in a high yield directly from furfuralacetone.</p>	

<p>78. J. Bianga, K. U. Künnemann, T. Gaide, A. J. Vorholt, T. Seidensticker, J. M. Dreimann, D. Vogt “Thermomorphic Multiphase Systems - Switchable Solvent Mixtures for the Recovery of Homogeneous Catalysts in Batch and Flow Processes”, <i>Chemistry - A European Journal</i>, 2019, 25, 50, 11586-11608, DOI: 10.1002/chem.201902154</p>	
<p>Over the past 20 years, thermomorphic multiphase systems (TMS) have been used as a versatile and elegant strategy for the recovery and the recycling of homogeneous transition metal catalysts, in both batch scale experiments and continuous operated processes. TMS ensure homogeneous reaction in a monophasic reaction mixture at reaction temperature as well as the recovery of the homogeneous transition metal catalyst via liquid-liquid separation at lower separation temperature. This is achieved by using at least two solvents, which have a highly temperature sensitive miscibility gap. The suitability of commercially available solvents makes this approach highly interesting from an industrial point of view. For the first time the present article reviews all works in the area of TMS aiming at a concise and integral representation of this approach for homogeneous catalyst recovery. Besides the discussion of examples from literature, also the thermodynamic fundamentals of temperature dependent miscibility of solvents are presented. In addition, this review gives key indicators to compare different TMS approaches, for instance. In this way, new solvent combinations and in-depth research as well as improvements of existing approaches can be addressed and promoted.</p>	

<p>77. J. Esteban, H. Warmeling, A. J. Vorholt “Utilization of deep eutectic solvents based on choline chloride in the biphasic hydroformylation of 1-decene with rhodium complexes”, <i>Catalysis Communications</i>, 2019, 129, 105721, DOI: 10.1016/j.catcom.2019.105721</p>	
<p>The hydroformylation of 1-decene was conducted in a liquid-liquid system consisting of a deep eutectic solvent to enable recycling of the noble metal catalyst. Operation using different phosphine-based ligands was analyzed (Biphephos, Sulfoxantphos and TPPMS) testing five deep eutectic solvents (DES) as polar phases. These were based on choline chloride (ChCl) as hydrogen bond acceptor with glycerol (Gly), ethylene glycol, glycerol carbonate, 1,2-propanediol and urea (U) as hydrogen bond donors, all of renewable origin. Screening of DESs and ligands was made reutilizing the best, being ChCl:U, ChCl:Gly and again ChCl:U the best performing media using Biphephos, Sulfoxantphos and TPPMS, respectively.</p>	


<p>76. J. M. Dreimann, E. Kohls, H. F. W. Warmeling, M. Stein, L. F. Guo, M. Garland, T. N. Dinh, A. J. Vorholt “In-situ infrared spectroscopy as a tool for monitoring molecular catalyst for hydroformylation in continuous processes”, <i>ACS Catalysis</i>, 2019, 9, 5, 4308-4319, DOI: 10.1021/acscatal.8b05066</p>	
<p>Non-invasive in-situ monitoring of catalyzed chemical reactions can show and monitor the stability of the used catalyst and ensure a high yield of the desired chemical processes. This study showed that infrared measurements in transmission mode are able to detect active catalytic species and can show deactivation phenomena in batch reactions and continuously operated miniplants. Apart from the substrates and products, a number of catalytic intermediates appear to be in equilibrium exchange at reaction conditions and hence the deconvolution of multi-species spectra exhibits superimpositions of these species. Quantum chemical calculations support the structural identification of recorded vibrational spectra. This comparative study of ATR versus transmission and batch experiment versus continuously operated miniplant shows that transmission IR is capable of getting in-depth spectroscopic data which can be deconvoluted by BTEM. A distinct dosing strategy is important to get meaningful data on the molecular catalyst under process conditions. This study gives a unique perspective on in-situ spectroscopic infrared investigations in molecular catalysis and future process control.</p>	

75. C. Plass, A. Hinzmann, M. Terhorst, W. Brauer, K. Oike, H. Yavuzer, Y. Asano, A. J. Vorholt, T. Betke, H. Gröger
“Approaching Bulk Chemical Nitriles from Alkenes: A Hydrogen Cyanide-Free Approach through Combination of Hydroformylation and Biocatalysis”,
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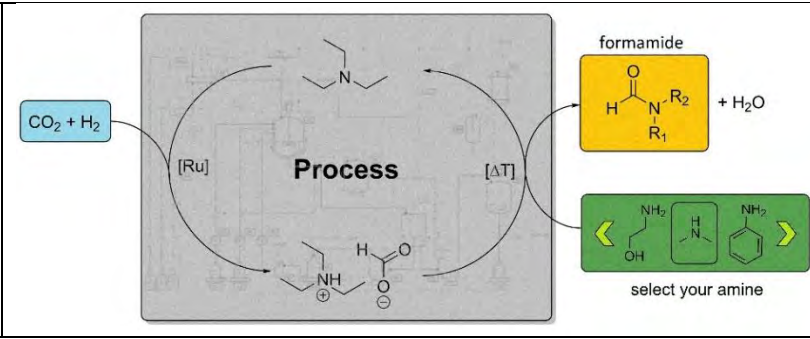
A current challenge in catalysis is the development of novel catalytic methodologies for the production of bulk chemicals needed on multi-ten/hundred-thousands of tons per year with the requirement to be produced at very low costs often being in the single-digit US-\$ range. At the same time such novel methodologies should avoid drawbacks of current manufacturing processes. Addressing this research issue, a cyanide-free approach towards aliphatic nitriles used as industrial bulk chemicals was developed starting from readily accessible n-alkenes as starting materials available in bulk quantities. This chemoenzymatic process concept is exemplified for the synthesis of n-nonanenitrile and runs in water at low to moderate temperatures without the need for any types of cyanide sources. The process is based on a combination of a metal-catalyzed hydroformylation as the world-leading production technology for aldehydes with an emerging enzyme technology, namely the recently developed transformation of aldoximes into nitriles through dehydration by means of aldoxime dehydratases. As a missing link an efficient aldoxime formation with subsequent removal of excess of hydroxylamine as enzyme-deactivating component was found which enabled to merge these three steps hydroformylation, aldoxime formation and enzymatic dehydration towards a nitrile synthesis without the need for purification of intermediates.

74. M. Schrimpf, J. Esteban, T. Rösler, A. J. Vorholt*, W. Leitner
“Intensified Reactors for Gas-Liquid-Liquid Multiphase Catalysis: from Chemistry to Engineering”,
Chemical Engineering Journal, 2019, 372, 917-939, DOI: [10.1016/j.cej.2019.03.133](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cej.2019.03.133)




Biphasic liquid-liquid and particularly gas-liquid-liquid (GLL) environments are used in many chemical transformations performed by homogeneous catalysts where they have proven very effective for catalyst recycling, greatly improving the economy of using costly organometallic catalyst complexes such as for hydroformylation. Reacting GLL systems suffer from mass transfer limitations, for which intensified contacting is necessary to enhance the reaction rate. To tackle this issue, process intensified reactors have been designed and developed throughout the years to create large interfacial areas and high mass transfer coefficients. Apart from the classic continuously stirred tank reactor, setups like static mixer reactors, ejector loop reactors, and microreactors are promising alternatives that have gained momentum throughout the last years. This critical review covers the basic aspects of GLL mass transfer and a discussion on a number of reactions in this type of environment. More extensively, the current state of the art of contacting equipment for intensified GLL operation is described, including aspects of reactor design and correlations for different operating conditions.

73. R. Kuhlmann, K. U. Künnemann, L. Hinderink, A. Behr, and A. J. Vorholt,
“CO₂ based synthesis of various formamides in miniplant scale: a two-step process design”,
ACS Sustainable Chem. Eng., 2019, 7, 5, 4924-4931, DOI: [10.1021/acssuschemeng.8b05477](https://doi.org/10.1021/acssuschemeng.8b05477)



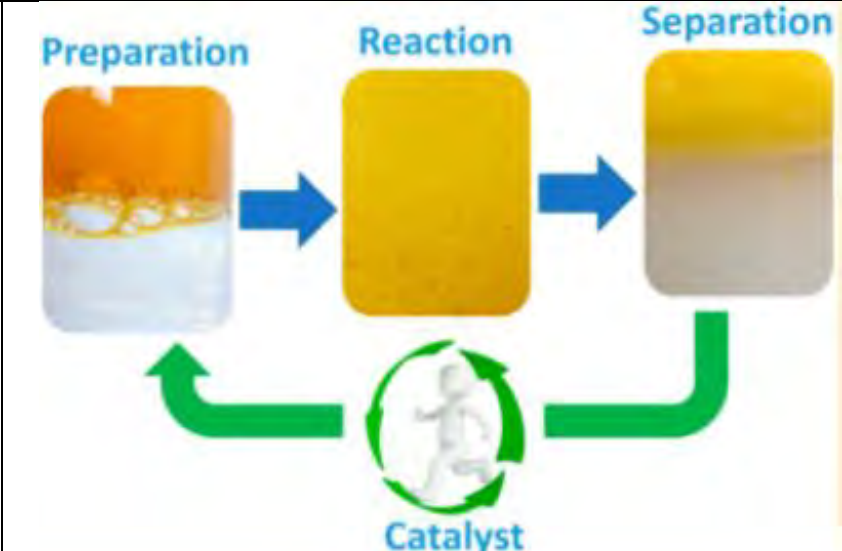
The utilization of carbon dioxide in the synthesis of valuable chemicals has attained high attention in the last decades. Numerous new syntheses were developed by applying innovative catalysts and demonstrated the versatile application possibilities of the thermodynamic stable molecule. However, only few reaction systems were developed into a technical application. In this work, we present investigations of a homogeneous catalyzed reaction system for the synthesis of formamides in a miniplant scale. The applied catalyst complex Ru-Macho was recycled via immobilization in a nonpolar alcohol phase and showed a high stability within the observed period of 234 hours. The formed products were extracted in-situ into an aqueous phase. An average yield of 48% N,N-dimethylformamide (DMF) proved a good activity of the reaction system. An alteration of the reaction designed into a two-step process allowed an extension of the product range to yield a broad variation of formamides with high yields up to 89%.

72. T. A. Faßbach, A. J. Vorholt* and W. Leitner,
“The Telomerization of 1,3 Dienes – A Reaction Grows Up”,
ChemCatChem, 2019, 11, 4, 1153-1166, DOI: [10.1002/cctc.201801821](https://doi.org/10.1002/cctc.201801821)
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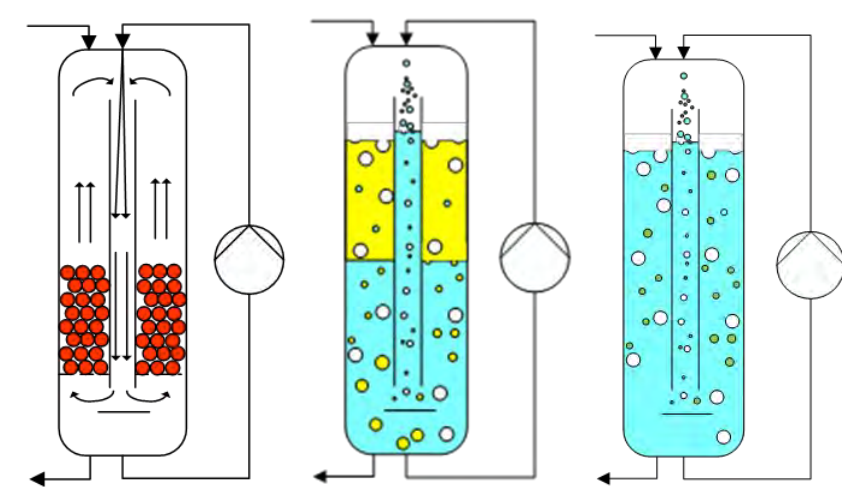
Telomerization is a versatile tool for synthesizing unsaturated ethers, amines and other molecules starting from 1,3 dienes and respective nucleophiles. The homogeneously catalyzed reaction has been the subject of academic and industrial research for over 50 years, offering a broad variety of substrates, catalysts and process concepts. This review presents the advances and developments in this field over the last decade. The focus was on the conversion of renewable resources, the synthesis of promising new products and the development of efficient process concepts to combine these.

71. T. Rösler, T. A. Faßbach, M. Schrimpf, A. J. Vorholt,* and W. Leitner, "Toward Water-Based Recycling Techniques: Methodologies for Homogeneous Catalyst Recycling in Liquid/Liquid Multiphase Media and Their Implementation in Continuous Processes", *Ind. Eng. Chem. Res.*, 2019, 58 (7), 2421–2436, DOI: [10.1021/acs.iecr.8b04295](https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.iecr.8b04295)



Biphasic water-based solvent systems offer the opportunity of efficient recycling of homogeneous catalysts. Water separates well from most organic solvents; therefore, water-soluble catalysts can be immobilized in this phase. Furthermore, water can substitute hazardous and environmentally unfriendly organic solvents in these systems. Within industry only the Ruhrchemie/Rhône-Poulenc process uses plain water to immobilize the homogeneous catalyst for the hydroformylation of propene. Yet for more hydrophobic substrates, no water-based system has been commercialized. This review will summarize recent developments in the field of water-based recycling systems. Topics in this field are intensification of the mixing process, the use of thermomorphic solvent systems, and the employment of several additives, like alcohols and surfactants. Continuous operated processes for these recycling strategies will be presented and discussed.

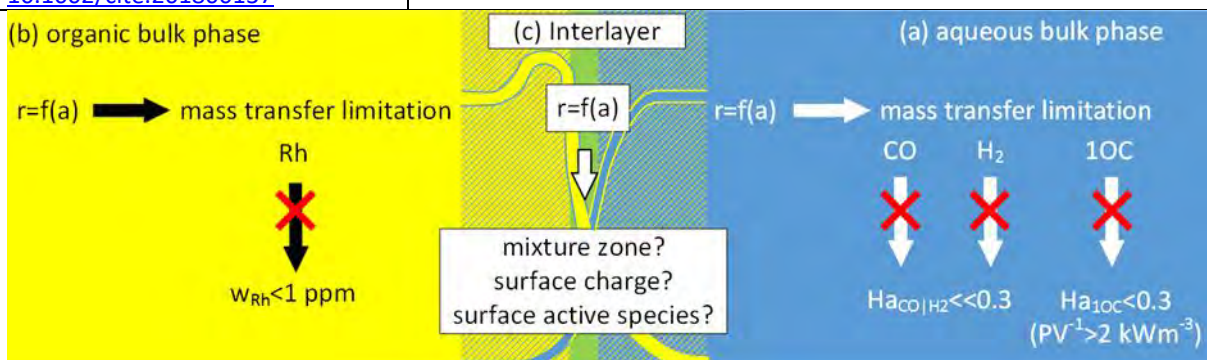
70. J. Dreimann, A. Behr and A. J. Vorholt, "Strahl Düsenreaktoren", *Handbuch Chemische Reaktoren*, Ed. W. Reschetilowski., Springer, 2019, DOI: [10.1007/978-3-662-56444-8](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-662-56444-8)



Dieses Kapitel informiert kurz über die theoretischen Grundlagen des Freistrahlsreaktors und des Strahl Düsenumlaufreaktors (Jet-Loop-Reaktor). Die Vor-teile dieser Reaktoren werden an Bei-spielen aus der heterogenen und homogenen Katalyse sowie aus der Biokatalyse erläutert.

69. J. Esteban, H. Warmeling, A. J. Vorholt, "An approach to chemical reaction engineering and process intensification for the lean aqueous hydroformylation using a jet loop reactor", *CIT*, 2019, 91, 5, 1–8, DOI: [10.1002/cite.201800137](https://doi.org/10.1002/cite.201800137)


The biphasic hydroformylation of 1-octene using a lean aqueous phase as solvent phase for catalyst recycling is discussed here. The gas-liquid-liquid reaction was homogeneously catalyzed by industrial standard catalytic system with $[\text{Rh}(\text{cod})\text{Cl}]_2$ as precursor and TPPTS as ligand. This work summarizes investigations addressing different aspects of the reaction, where a procedural approach was followed to gain understanding of its nature, kinetics and interphase reactivity. Finally, the application of the jet loop reactor as means to intensify the reaction is analyzed.



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68. D. Vogelsang, M. Dittmar, T. Seidensticker, A. J. Vorholt, "Palladium-catalysed carboxytelomerisation of β -myrcene to highly branched C₂₁-esters", *Catal. Sci. & Tech.*, 2018, 8, 4332-4337, DOI: [10.1039/C8CY00769A](https://doi.org/10.1039/C8CY00769A)

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The palladium-catalysed carboxytelomerisation of a branched 1,3-diene with alcohols is herein presented. By applying the renewable β -myrcene as a model substrate, an access to highly branched industrially relevant C₂₁-esters in a 100% atom economic way is thereby established. Based on a detailed investigation on the influence of different monophosphine ligands, the Tolman angle was determined as a crucial factor for high chemoselectivity towards the desired ester products. Additionally, through the comprehensive design of experiments (DoE), significant reaction parameters were identified leading to optimised reaction conditions for methanol as nucleophile. Finally, the generality of these optimised reaction conditions was proven by applying eight different alcohols yielding in highly branched esters with yields up to 99% and excellent chemoselectivities.

67. S. Fuchs, D. Lichte, T. Jolmes, T. Rösler, G. Meier, H. Strutz, A. Behr, A. J. Vorholt, "Synthesis of industrial primary diamines via intermediate diols - combining hydroformylation, hydrogenation and amination", *ChemCatChem*, 2018, 10, 18, 4126-4133 DOI: [10.1002/cctc.201800950](https://doi.org/10.1002/cctc.201800950)

A homogenous transition metal catalysis that combines hydroformylation, hydrogenation and direct amination presents an elegant multi-step pathway for synthesising primary diamines from olefins and ammonia. The valuable intermediate TCD-diamine is obtained, which has a wide range of industrial applications as a monomer building block. The rhodium-catalysed hydrohydroxymethylation step converts non-conjugated dienes to the intermediate diols. Ammonia is added in a second ruthenium-catalysed amination step to obtain primary diamines. The conditions for both reactions were first optimised independently and combined to design a tandem reaction. For the amination reaction of the diol, excellent diamine yields of up to 88% in toluene were achieved. An analysis of the interactions between the two catalytic systems demonstrated that the conditions of both single reaction steps counteract each other, meaning the presence of either rhodium or ruthenium blocks the other respective reaction. Using a two-step approach, optimised reaction conditions were applied to achieve equally high diamine yields of 88%.

66. D. Vogelsang, J. Vondran, A. J. Vorholt, "One-Step Palladium Catalysed Synthetic Route to unsaturated Pelargonic C₉-Amides directly from 1,3 Butadiene", *J. Catal.*, 2018, 365, 24-28, DOI: [10.1016/j.jcat.2018.06.004](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcat.2018.06.004)

The first example of the palladium catalysed amidotelomerisation is presented, in style of the ambitious carboxytelomerisation. A straightforward synthetic tool was generated to produce several industrial relevant pelargonic C₉-amides based on the fundamental chemical feedstocks: 1,3-butadiene, carbon monoxide and secondary amines. The reaction network was uncovered and crucial influences were determined by design of experiments (DoE). Through the incorporation of an auto-tandem palladium acetate / diphenylphosphino ethane catalytic system, very good yields up to 77% of the desired amides and excellent selectivities of carbonylation products of 94% were achieved. The application of the amidotelomerisation conditions to different classes of amines offered a broad range of the corresponding pelargonic C₉-amides. Understanding the tandem catalysis, significant inhibition factors were uncovered and through a stepwise optimisation, for the first time a carbonylation reaction of octadienyle amines (telomer products) was shown, yielding in 99% of the desired linear pelargonic C₉-amide.

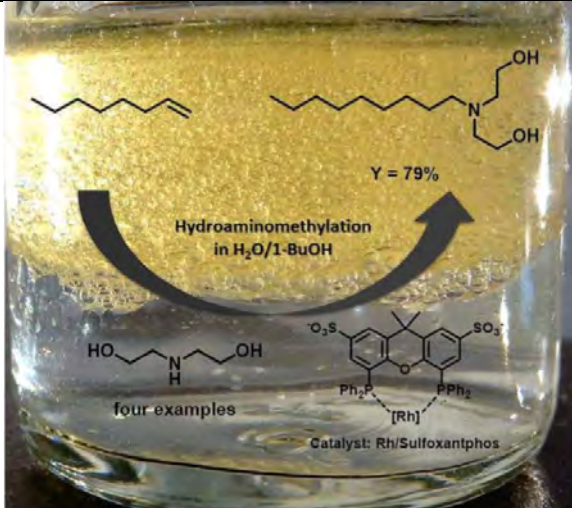
65. R. Hernandez, J. M. Dreimann, A. J. Vorholt, A. Behr, S. Engell, "An Iterative Real-time Optimization Scheme for the Optimal Operation of Chemical Processes under Uncertainty. Proof of Concept in a Miniplant", *Ind. Eng. Chem. Res.*, 2018, 57 (26), 8750-8770 DOI: [10.1021/acs.iecr.8b00615](https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.iecr.8b00615)

Real-time Optimization (RTO) has gained growing attention during the last few years as a useful approach to boost process performance while safety and environmental constraints are satisfied. Despite the increasing acceptance of RTO in traditional industries such as petrochemical and refineries, its application to novel chemical processes remains limited. This can be partially explained by the fact that only inaccurate models are available and the performance of the traditional RTO scheme suffers in the presence of plant-model mismatch. During the last few years, the so-called modifier-adaptation schemes for real-time optimization have been gaining popularity as an efficient tool to handle plant-model mismatch. So far, there are only few published works regarding experimental implementations. In this contribution, a reliable RTO scheme which is able to deal with model uncertainty and measurement noise is applied to a novel transition metal complex catalyzed process that is performed in a continuously operated miniplant. The experimental results show that the proposed scheme is able to drive the process to an improved operation despite significant plant-model mismatch demonstrating the applicability of the method to real processes.

64. D. Vogelsang, T. A. Faßbach, P. P. Kossmann, A. J. Vorholt, "Terpene-Derived Highly Branched C₃₀-Amines via Palladium-Catalysed Telomerisation of β-Farnesene", *Adv. Syn Catal.*, 2018, 360, 10, 1984-1991 DOI: [10.1002/adsc.201800089](https://doi.org/10.1002/adsc.201800089)

The synthesis of highly branched long chain amines in one step is still a challenge. The palladium catalysed telomerisation of the renewable sesquiterpene β-farnesene with secondary amines gives a new reaction pathway, which was investigated. Preliminary, a suitable palladium catalyst system was developed by a high-throughput screening. It efficiently allows for the synthesis of tertiary amines with a highly branched C₃₀-carbon chain. A yield of 94% for the desired allylic C₃₀-amines was achieved. The scope of feasible amines was expanded to thirteen amines with linear and branched alkyl and aryl groups. A correlation between the scaffold of the amine, basicity and the activity as nucleophile in the telomerisation reaction was uncovered. Based on the different polarities of the nonpolar in-situ formed C₃₀-substituted amines and the polar solvent, a proof of concept for catalyst recovery by simple decantation was shown.

63. T. A. Faßbach, F. O. Sommer, A. J. Vorholt „**Hydroaminomethylation in Aqueous Solvent Systems – An Efficient Pathway to Highly Functionalized Amines**“, *Adv. Syn Catal.*, 2018, 360, 7, 1473-1482, DOI: [10.1002/adsc.201701463](https://doi.org/10.1002/adsc.201701463)



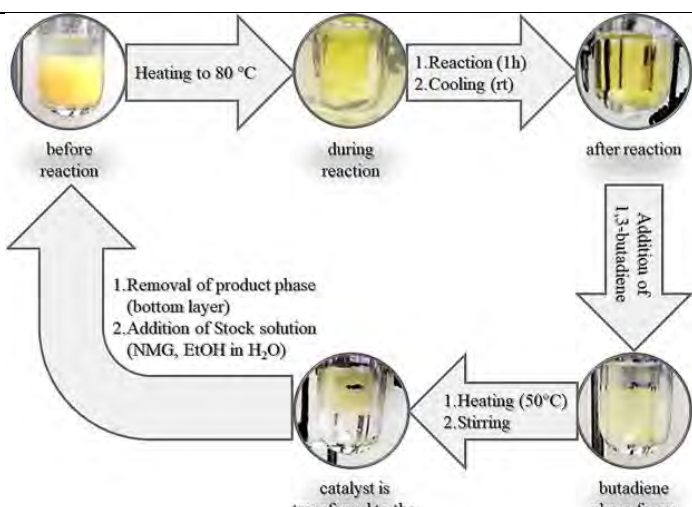
The tandem-catalyzed hydroaminomethylation is a useful tool to synthesize linear amines from olefins and amines in an atom efficient manner. To enable the coupling of highly functionalized, hydrosoluble amines with non-water-soluble olefins, this reaction must be transferred to aqueous biphasic solvent systems. In this work, we systematically evaluate reaction conditions to provide a selective hydroaminomethylation of 1-octene with diethanolamine as model substrates. Although water is both the condensation side product and the solvent, yields of 79% were achieved using a catalytic system consisting of $[\text{Rh}(\text{cod})\text{Cl}]_2$ and sulfo-XantPhos. This approach was applied to other functionalized amines, proving this concept a suitable tool for the catalytic alkylation of highly functionalized amines.

62. R. Kuhlmann, M. Nowotny, K. U. Künnemann, A. Behr, A. J. Vorholt, „**Identification of key mechanics in the ruthenium catalyzed synthesis of *N,N*-dimethylformamide from carbon dioxide in biphasic solvent systems**“, *J. Catal.*, 2018, 361, 45-50, DOI: [10.1016/j.jcat.2018.02.006](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcat.2018.02.006)



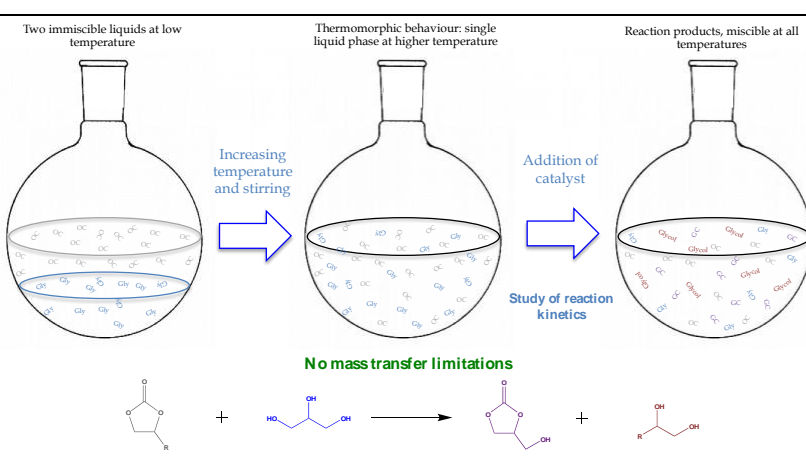
The identification of crucial key factors in the homogeneously catalyzed synthesis of *N,N*-dimethylformamide (DMF) from carbon dioxide with an integrated catalyst recycling is demonstrated in this work. All investigations were performed in a biphasic solvent system consisting of an aqueous phase and an aliphatic alcohol in order to evaluate the reaction performance with an integrated catalyst recycling. While no mass transfer limitations between both liquid phases could be identified, the main rate limiting factor for the carbon dioxide conversion could be located in the amine to carbon dioxide ratio. A conventional dosage of CO_2 via pressurization led to high CO_2 loadings that resulted in a low basicity and thus in poor yields up to 34% after 5 h. By adding carbon dioxide via reactive absorption into an aqueous amine phase a defined amount could be applied and the yield for the formamide increased up to 81%.

61. T. A. Faßbach, S. Püschel, A. Behr, S. Romanski, D. Leinweber, A. J. Vorholt „**Towards a Process for the Telomerization of Butadiene with *N*-Methylglucamine**“, *CES*, 2018, 181, 18, 122-131, DOI: [10.1016/j.ces.2018.02.012](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ces.2018.02.012)




The telomerisation of 1,3-dienes with functionalized nucleophiles presents an atom efficient and selective synthesis of potential non-ionic surfactants. Crucial for application of these synthetic pathways is the effective recycling of the homogeneous palladium catalyst. In this work, we present the telomerisation of 1,3-butadiene with the renewable aminopolyol *N*-methylglucamine to a non-ionic surfactant in an aqueous solvent system. In order to achieve phase separation, the addition of freshly added 1,3-butadiene instead of an additional solvent offers an elegant way of catalyst recycling. With this method, recycling of the catalyst is feasible; a total turnover number of 1456 was reached.

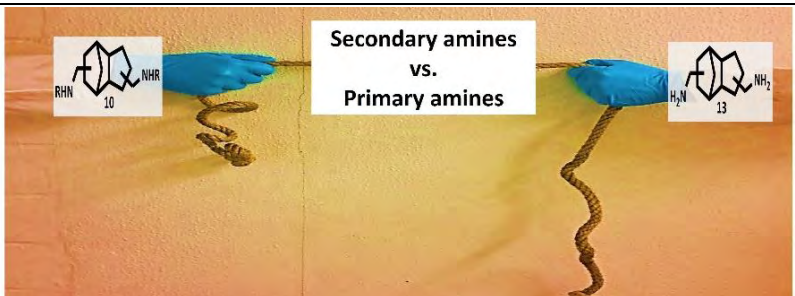
60. J. Esteban, A. J. Vorholt „**Obtaining glycerol carbonate and glycols using thermomorphic systems based on glycerol and cyclic organic carbonates: kinetic studies**“, *J. Ind. & Eng. Chem.*, 2018, 63, 124-132 DOI: [10.1016/j.jiec.2018.02.008](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jiec.2018.02.008)




As a means to exploit the wide availability of glycerol (by-product of biodiesel), the production of valuable chemicals has emerged as an opportunity. Glycerol carbonate is one of such value-added products, whose synthesis has mostly been performed by transesterification of glycerol with dimethyl carbonate and, to a lesser extent, ethylene carbonate. Here we propose yielding glycerol carbonate by the same type of reaction, although using propylene and butylene carbonate as cosubstrates with glycerol making use of inexpensive Na_2CO_3 as catalyst

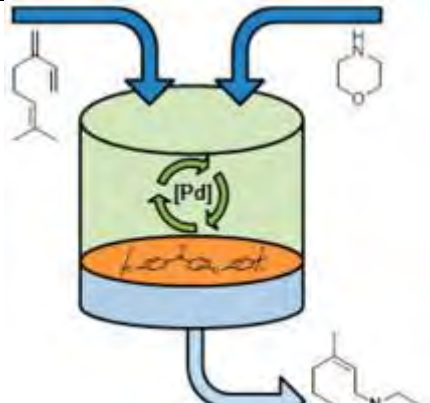
The systems glycerol and propylene carbonate as well as glycerol and butylene carbonate show limited miscibility at room temperature, constituting dispersion upon stirring. However, these two systems exhibit thermomorphic behaviour, i.e., they become fully miscible exceeding a certain temperature. In this work, we first evaluated this behavior on batches of both systems with different proportions of the glycerol and the corresponding organic carbonate. Then, we capitalized on this feature operating above the critical solution temperature to avoid possible mass transfer limitations instead of using solvents, as is common practice. Then, a study of the kinetics of both reactions was conducted, reaching the conclusion that potential models of overall second order with the catalyst showing some deactivation represented well the observed data.

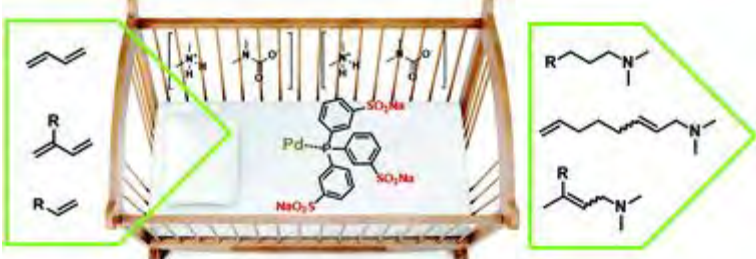



<p>59. D. Vogelsang, B. A. Raumann, K. Hares, A. J. Vorholt „From Carboxytelomerization of 1,3-Butadiene to linear C10-Diester - Combinatoric Approaches for an efficient synthetic Route“, <i>Chem. Eur. J.</i>, 2018, 24, 9, 2264–2269, DOI: 10.1002/chem.201705381</p>	
<p>Two novel reaction pathways were tested to synthesize the linear α,ω-C10-diester exclusively from three basic chemical: 1,3-butadiene, carbon monoxide and methanol. Therefore, carboxytelomerization of 1,3-butadiene and methanol was merged with methoxycarbonylation in two different ways to obtain highly linear C10-diester. Through a palladium based assisted tandem catalytic system, 22% yield of the desired C10-diester was obtained without isolating the intermediates. Subsequently, the limitations of the novel assisted tandem catalytic concept were uncovered and based on that a two-step reaction regime was established. By optimization of the carboxytelomerization, the C9-monoester as intermediate could be formed in nearly quantitative yields and excellent linearity. In a second reaction step, the isolated monoester was successfully converted by methoxycarbonylation into the desired linear C10-diester in overall yields up to 84%</p>	

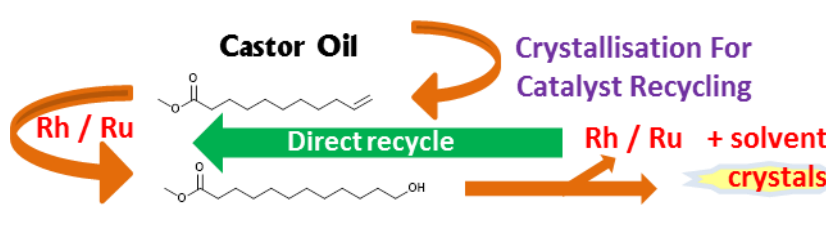
<p>58. S. Fuchs, T. Rösler, B. Grabe, A. Kampwerth, G. Meier, H. Strutz, A. Behr, A. J. Vorholt, “Synthesis of primary amines via linkage of hydroaminomethylation of olefins and splitting of secondary amines”, <i>Appl. Catal</i>, 2018, 550, 198-205, DOI: 10.1016/j.apcata.2017.11.010</p>	
<p>An elegant method capable of synthesising primary amines from olefins is presented by new orthogonal tandem amination reaction. Rh/Ru-catalysed bis-hydroaminomethylation of dienes towards secondary amines and primary amines is implemented. With the bis-splitting method intermediate secondary amines are converted to primary amines through subsequent addition of ammonia. Influences on the orthogonal catalytic system towards the formation of primary amines are discussed and point towards a novel N-dealkylation and alkylation mechanism. For the model substrate dicyclopentadiene (dcpd) yields of up to 29% of the primary TCD-diamine (3(4),8(9)-bis(aminomethyl)-tricyclodecane) were achieved under optimized conditions, with primary amine to secondary amine ratio of 5.8. The reverse reaction towards secondary amines was revealed as the limiting factor in the selective reaction towards primary amines caused by the equilibrium of the reaction. In this equilibrium, however, a slight tendency towards the primary amine was identified.</p>	

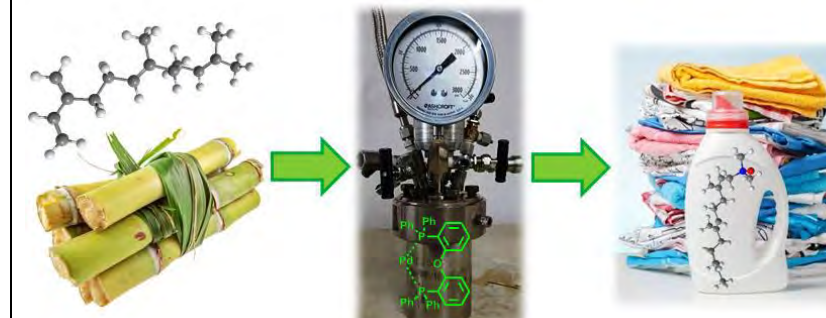
<p>57. H. Warmeling, A.-C. Schneider and A. J. Vorholt, “Considerations on film reactivity in the aqueous biphasic hydroformylation”, <i>AiChE J.</i>, 2018, 64, 1, 161–171, DOI: 10.1002/aic.15884</p>	
<p>In experiments and kinetic models it was shown that the reaction rate of the biphasic aqueous hydroformylation of 1-octene is linear dependent on the created interfacial area. This phenomenon is directly linked to the question whether the reaction takes place in the bulk phase and is mass transfer limitation or at the surface which would mean an increase of reaction space. To evaluate the place of reaction a mass transfer analysis has been carried out. No mass transfer limitation for the gaseous components carbon monoxide and hydrogen as well as the olefin 1-octene was determined for the aqueous catalyst phase by calculating the Hatta numbers. With this observation it is possible to exclude the mass transfer as a potential influence and hence the aqueous bulk as the place of reaction. Thus the reaction is most probably surface active. This can be either explained the increase in film volume fraction where non-polar substrate as well as polar catalyst complex is present or through an increased catalyst concentration at the surface through dipole moment fluctuations.</p>	


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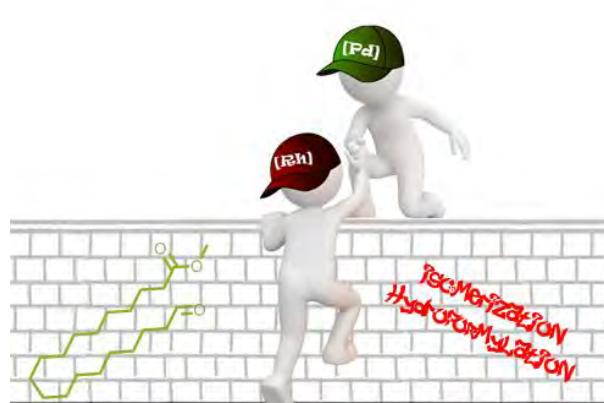
<p>56. D. Vogelsang, J. M. Dreimann, D. Wenzel, L. Peeva, J. da Silva Burgal, A. G. Livingston, A. Behr, and A. J. Vorholt “Continuously Operated Hydroamination – Toward High Catalytic Performance via Organic Solvent Nanofiltration in a Membrane Reactor”, <i>Ind Eng Chem Res.</i> 2017, 56 (46), 13634–13641 DOI: 10.1021/acs.iecr.7b03770</p>	
<p>Still, the hydroamination of dienes to form allylic amines is a challenging task in a continuous operation. Herein, we present the performance of a membrane reactor by the implementation of a continuously operated hydroamination reaction of β-myrcene with morpholine. Via application of a poly ether –ether–ketone (PEEK) membrane, operation at elevated temperatures was possible in an integrated reaction/separation unit. First, the kinetics of the hydroamination reaction and relevant membrane characteristics were determined under optimized reaction conditions. Afterward, these results were incorporated in a reactor/separators model to predict the process behavior. With this, catalyst replenishment was adjusted resulting in stable continuous operation. In the end an increase of the turnover number from 460 to 5135 compared to a batch process was achieved. The desired geranyl amines were obtained in very good yields higher than 80%, while an excellent conversion of β-myrcene above 93% was reached in a long-time stable process.</p>	


<p>55. T. A. Faßbach, R. Kirchmann, A. Behr, A. J. Vorholt, "Recycling of homogeneous catalysts in reactive ionic liquid – solvent-free aminofunctionalizations of alkenes", <i>Green Chem.</i>, 2017, 19, 5243-5249 DOI: 10.1039/C7GC02272G</p>	
<p>The catalyst in homogeneously catalyzed aminofunctionalizations is often difficult to recycle, making these reactions expensive on an industrial scale. The use of dimethylammonium dimethylcarbamate (dimcarb) as a reactive ionic liquid provides an elegant solution to this challenge, as it is a substrate and polar phase at the same time. In this work, homogeneously transition-metal catalyzed reactions – specifically hydroamination, telomerization and hydroaminomethylation – are carried out in neat substrates without additional solvents. The ionic character of dimcarb enables the immobilization of the active catalysts in the reactive ionic liquid, using sulfonated ligands. Investigations regarding the hydroamination of 1,3-dienes led to a total turnover number (TON) of more than 8700 with β-farnesene in 12 repetitive recycling experiments. The telomerization of 1,3-butadiene was carried out over 30 consecutive runs without any loss of activity, resulting in a TON of more than 90 000.</p>	
<p>54. R. Kuhlmann, A. Prüllage, K. Künnemann, A. Behr, A.J. Vorholt, "Process development of the continuously operated synthesis of N,N-dimethylformamide based on carbon dioxide", <i>J. CO2 Utilization</i>, 2017, 22, 184-190 DOI: 10.1016/j.jcou.2017.10.002</p>	
<p>The development of a process concept for the carbon dioxide based synthesis of N,N-dimethylformamide (DMF) is presented in this paper. Investigations were performed with a ruthenium catalyst comprising RuCl₃ hydrate as precursor and BISBI (2,2'-bis(diphenylphosphinomethyl)-1,1'-biphenyl) as ligand. A previously developed recycling concept where the catalyst complex was immobilized in 2-ethylhexan-1-ol was transferred from lab-scale into a continuously operated miniplant in order to evaluate stability, selectivity and recyclability of the catalyst. The results confirmed a high robustness of the reaction system and showed carbon monoxide as only byproduct in small ppm concentrations. The gas dosage had a major impact on the catalyst activity. While an oversaturation with carbon dioxide lead to only 14% yield of DMF, a stoichiometric dosage of carbon dioxide to amine lead up to a yield of 43% DMF at an even shorter residence time of 3.5 h. The main reason for this effect could be located on the equilibrium formation of ammonium salts with carbonates and/or carbamates, which reduced the basicity of the reaction system. The whole setup showed a stable activity of over 95 h without catalyst refreshment. Investigations towards the product isolation by distillation showed that all substrate and solvent streams are recyclable and no product decomposition occurred. A ruthenium containing precipitate could be obtained in the purification process that still showed up to 80% of the catalytic activity compared to fresh precursor.</p>	
<p>53. S. Fuchs, M. Steffen, A. Dobrowolski, T. Rösler, L. Johnen, G. Meier, H. Strutz, A. Behr, A. J. Vorholt "Secondary diamines as monomer from bis-hydroaminomethylation of industrial cyclic dienes", <i>Catal. Sci. & Tech.</i>, 2017, 7, 5120-5127 DOI: 10.1039/C7CY01050H</p>	<p>The bifunctional primary amine TCD-diamine (3(4),8(9)-bis(aminomethyl)-tricyclodecane) is accessible by hydroformylation and amination with ammonia of commercially available dicyclopentadiene (dcpd) and offers many applications as a monomer building block. In this work a new simple and selective phosphorous-free and rhodium catalysed bis-hydroaminomethylation (bis-HAM) of non-conjugated diolefins to secondary TCD-di(X)amine monomers for potential new adhesive or coating applications is reported. Key to a successful one phasic bis-HAM is an access of amine and syngas pressure. For the cyclic diene dcpd high conversion combined with very good yields of 94% TCD-di(butyl)amine were achieved under optimised conditions. Transferability to other dienes and primary and secondary amines is effectively shown. This contribution presents for the first time the successful development of an effective application of reactive extraction as a recycling and purification method, to recycle the precious rhodium metal catalyst and separate the diamines. The ex-situ reactive-extraction of the bis-HAM product is conducted using aqueous acetic acid to form water soluble ammonium salt. The resulting ammonium salt is mostly present in the aqueous phase while the rhodium complex maintains in the nonpolar organic phase and is successfully reused in three recycling runs.</p>
	
<p>52. H. Warmeling, D. Janz, M. Peters, A. J. Vorholt, "Acceleration of lean aqueous hydroformylation in an innovative jet loop reactor concept", <i>Chem. Eng. J.</i>, 2017, 330, 585-595 DOI: 10.1016/j.cej.2017.07.152</p>	
<p>The lean biphasic aqueous hydroformylation without chemical additives of the long chain olefin 1-octene using the simple ligand triphenyl trisulfonate sodium salt was investigated in an innovative jet loop reactor on miniplant scale. This elaborate reactor type offers a unique mixing characteristic and is optimised in terms of mechanical energy transfer into the reaction medium through a jet nozzle and organic phase volume fraction. Both variables are important factors in the emulsification of two immiscible liquids. It is subsequently compared to a standard stirred reactor which was also individually optimised. Both concepts showed individual advantages in terms of productivity and catalytic activity. While the jet loop reactor reached high turnover frequencies of 7,640 h⁻¹ the stirred tank reactor showed high space time yields of up to 12.6 · 10⁻⁵ kmol m⁻³ s⁻¹. At very low amounts of dispersed aqueous catalyst phase even very high catalytic activity (TOF=10,960 h⁻¹) was observed in the jet loop reactor. High reactivity could also be preserved in a long time run leading to a total turnover number of 76'500. The jet loop reactor enabled high mass transfer rates for the substrate gases of up to 0.28 s⁻¹ for H₂ and 0.21 s⁻¹ for CO resulting in a mass transfer multiple times faster than the obtained reaction rates. To increase regio-selectivity the bidentate ligand sulfoxanthphos was applied which increased the regio-selectivity up to l:b=53 but with reduced catalytic activity.</p>	


<p>51. M. Furst, V. Korkmaz, T. Gaide, T. Seidensticker, A. Behr and A. J. Vorholt, "Tandem Reductive Hydroformylation of Castor Oil Derived Substrates and Catalyst Recycling by Selective Product Crystallization", <i>ChemCatChem</i>, 2017, 9, 23, 4319 – 4323, DOI: 10.1002/cctc.201700965</p>	
<p>An orthogonal tandem catalytic system consisting of rhodium and ruthenium complexes yields linear C12 α,ω-bifunctional compounds from commercial, castor oil derived renewable substrates. With aldehyde yields up to 88% and selectivities to the linear species of up to 95%, this approach is a direct, atom-economic and easy access to potential polymer precursors for polycondensates. Additionally, a straightforward method for selective product crystallisation has been developed, enabling the recycling of the tandem catalytic system for two runs with excellent activity and simultaneously providing a high purity product.</p>	

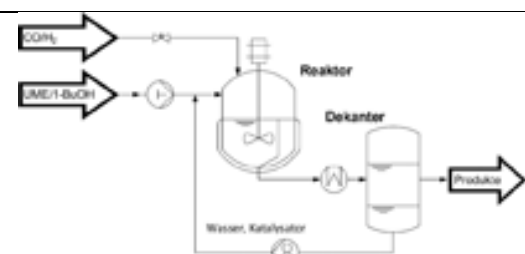
<p>50. T. A. Faßbach, N. Gösser, F. O. Sommer, A. Behr, X. Guo, S. Romanski, D. Leinweber, A. J. Vorholt, "Palladium-Catalyzed Hydroamination of Farnesene – Long Chain Amines as Building Blocks for Surfactants Based on a Renewable Feedstock", <i>Appl. Catal.</i>, 2017, 543, 173-179 DOI: 10.1016/j.apcata.2017.06.014</p>	
<p>Long chain amines are of great importance for industrial chemistry as they are precursors for surfactants like amine oxides or quaternary ammonia compounds. The atom efficient, homogeneously catalyzed hydroamination using 1,3-dienes offers linear linkage of the amine group to renewables like β-farnesene, offering a C₁₅ skeletal structure, which is a desired size for surfactants, the so called laurics. The presented paper describes the development of a catalytic system for the hydroamination of the industrially available terpene β-farnesene in good to excellent yields. The reaction works with a broad range of amines, aliphatic and aromatic ones. Furthermore, functionalities, like alcohol or ether groups, are tolerated, yielding functionalized farnesylamines. With two model nucleophiles, a scale-up to a 5,000 mL reactor was accomplished; the obtained products were functionalized to surfactants and afterwards characterized by their surface activity.</p>	


<p>49. H. Warmeling, D. Hafki, T. von Söhnen and A. J. Vorholt "Kinetic investigation of lean aqueous hydroformylation – an engineer's view on homogeneous catalysis" <i>Chem. Eng. J.</i>, 2017, 326, 298–307 DOI: 10.1016/j.cej.2017.05.062</p>	
<p>The additive-free, biphasic aqueous hydroformylation of the long chain olefin 1-octene was investigated with the goal to derive a mathematical expression for the macro kinetic and to increase selectivity towards aldehydes while maintaining fast reaction rates. The influence of different important chemical parameters such as catalyst precursor, catalyst concentration, ligand excess, pH-value, salt concentration, temperature, gas pressure and gas composition was estimated. At 10 MPa and 373 K the highest rate of reaction with $41 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ kmolm}^{-3}\text{s}^{-1}$ was reached. An optimal compromise between high selectivity and activity was found at 8 MPa syngas pressure and 353 K reaction temperature. Selectivity was thus increased from 20% to 76% with octene isomers as the only by-products. The rate of reaction was linearly dependent on the created interfacial area as shown in previous publications. The optimised conditions were applied to other olefinic compounds with different structural characteristics. Obtained insights were used to establish a rate expression for this reaction, incorporating the interfacial area between organic substrate and aqueous catalyst phase. This novel approach helps to draw attention towards the aspect of procedural rate enhancement in homogeneous catalysis.</p>	

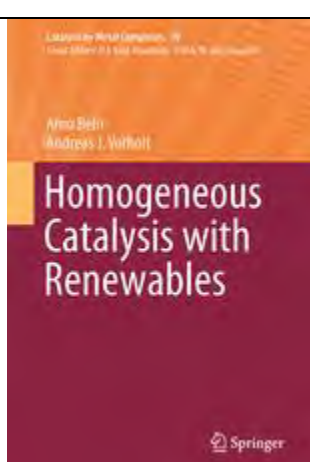
<p>48. T. Gaide, J. Bianga, K. E. Schlipkötter, A. Behr and A. J. Vorholt "Linear selective isomerization / hydroformylation of unsaturated fatty acid methyl esters – A bimetallic approach" <i>ACS Catalysis</i>, 2017, 7 (6), 4163–4171, DOI: 10.1021/acscatal.7b00249</p>	
<p>A key challenge in synthesis of non-ionic surfactants is opposite polarity of the substrates and the connected challenge to use homogeneous catalysis. We present the telomerisation of β-myrcene with N-methylglucamine to C₂₀-N-alkylated polyols, which show surface activity. The use of aqueous solvent systems along with amphiphilic ligands bridges the polarity gap and shows high reactivities.</p>	

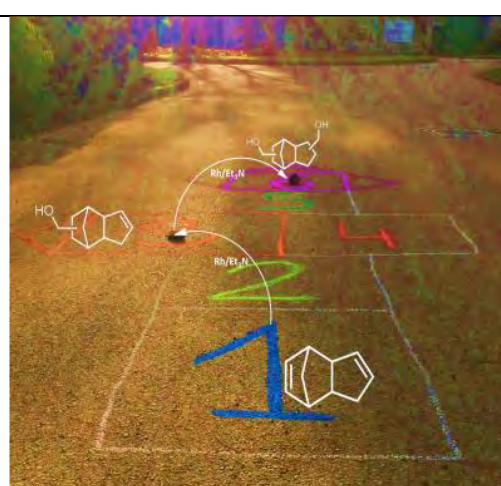
<p>47. T. A. Faßbach, F. O. Sommer, A. Behr, S. Romanski, D. Leinweber and A. J. Vorholt "Non-ionic Surfactants from Renewables – Amphiphilic Ligands in Biphasic Reactions", <i>Catal. Sci. Technol.</i>, 2017, 7, 1650-1653, DOI: 10.1039/C7CY00234C Highlighted as cover picture DOI: 10.1039/C7CY90039B</p>	
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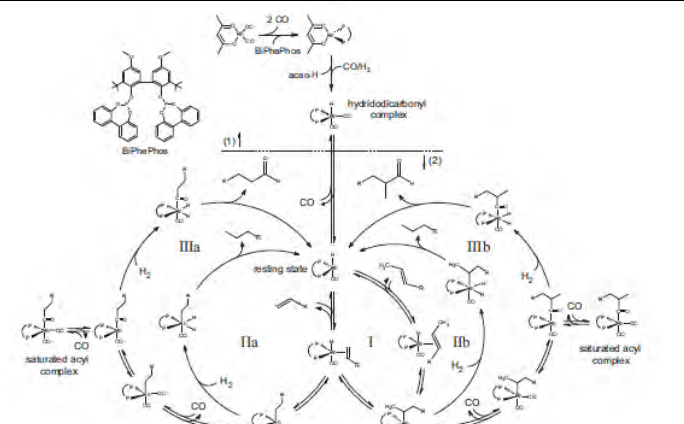
<p>46. T.A. Faßbach, T. Gaide, M. Terhorst, A. Behr, and A. J. Vorholt „Renewable Surfactants via Hydroaminomethylation of Terpenes“, <i>ChemCatChem</i>, 2017, 9, (8) 1359–1362, DOI 10.1002/cctc.201700097 Highlighted as cover picture DOI: 10.1002/cctc.201700553</p>	<p>A catalytic system was developed to enable the use of industrially-available terpenes (myrcene, farnesene) in hydroaminomethylation to obtain renewable building blocks for surfactants in two steps. This homogeneously, tandem-catalyzed reaction includes both a hydroformylation and an enamine condensation, followed by a hydrogenation. Under optimized conditions, the catalytic system ([Rh/dppe]) yields products in high amounts (70%) after short reaction times (3 h), with unprecedentedly high TOFs for the hydroformylation of 1,3-dienes of over 739 [mol·mol⁻¹·h⁻¹]. This is the highest TOF reported to date for a hydroformylation of a 1,3-diene. Furthermore, regioselectivities of 97% and above were observed in the hydroformylation step, which is extraordinarily high for the conversion of 1,3-dienes. The terpene-derived amines obtained were further functionalized to quaternary ammonium compounds, which show surface activity that is quite similar to that of industrially-available quaternary ammonium compounds. The hydroaminomethylation of terpenes achieves higher step-efficiency than industrial means and makes use of an alternative, renewable feedstock to synthesize more environmentally-friendly surfactants.</p>
	


<p>45. J. M. Dreimann, T. A. Faßbach, S. Fuchs, M. R. L. Fürst, T. Gaide, R. Kuhlmann, K. A. Ostrowski, A. Stadler, T. Seidensticker, D. Vogelsang, H. W. F. Warmeling and A. J. Vorholt „Vom Laborkuriosum zum kontinuierlichen Prozess: Die Entwicklung thermomorpher Lösungsmittelsysteme“, <i>CIT</i>, 2017, 252–262, DOI 10.1002/cite.201600119</p>	
<p>Temperaturgesteuerte Mehrkomponentenlösungsmittelsysteme (TML) sind eine elegante Möglichkeit, homogene Katalysatoren vom Produkt abzutrennen und so zu rezyklieren. Im vorliegenden Beitrag wird die Entwicklung der TML vom Labor- in den kontinuierlichen Miniplant-Maßstab beschrieben und anhand von Beispielen genauer beleuchtet.</p>	


<p>44. J. M. Dreimann, F. Hoffmann, M. Skiborowski, A. Behr, and A. J. Vorholt „Merging Thermomorphic Solvent Systems and Organic Solvent Nanofiltration for Hybrid Catalyst Recovery in a Hydroformylation Process“, <i>Ind. Eng. Chem Res.</i>, 2017, 56 (5), 1354–1359, DOI 10.1021/acs.iecr.6b04249</p>	
<p>The application of homogeneous transition metal catalysts offers various advantages for chemical processes, such as mild reaction conditions and high selectivity. The main drawback is the difficult recovery of these precious catalysts, so that a small loss of catalyst can cause economic insufficiency of a chemical process. Our approach for overcoming this challenge is the application of two different catalyst recovery techniques, which are combined in a so-called hybrid separation process. Here, a thermomorphic solvent system is used for the recovery of the precious rhodium catalyst in a first stage, and a subsequent organic solvent nanofiltration unit is used in a second stage.</p>	

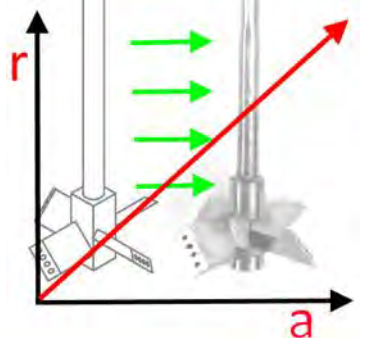
<p>43. A. Behr and A. J. Vorholt Homogeneous Catalysis with renewables, <i>Springer</i>, 2017, DOI: 10.1007/978-3-319-54161-7</p>	
<p>This volume gives a detailed account into how renewables can be transformed into value-added products via homogeneous catalysis, especially via transition metal homogeneous catalysis. The most important catalytic reactions of oleochemicals, isoprenoids, carbohydrates, lignin, proteins and carbon dioxide are described. Special emphasis is placed on carbon-carbon linkage reactions (hydroformylations, dimerisations, telomerisations, metathesis, polymerisations etc.), hydrogenations, oxidations and other important homogeneous reactions (such as isomerisations, hydrosilylations etc.). Also, tandem reactions including isomerising hydroformylations are presented. Wherever possible, the authors have included mechanistic, kinetic, and technical aspects. The reader is therefore given a total overview of the status quo of homogeneous catalysis directed to the most important renewables.</p>	

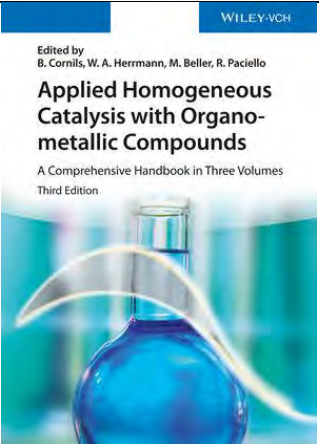
<p>42. S. Fuchs, D. Lichte, M. Dittmar, G. Meier, H. Strutz, A. Behr and A. J. Vorholt „Tertiary amines as ligands in a four-step tandem reaction of hydroformylation and hydrogenation: an alternative route to industrial diol monomers“, <i>ChemCatChem</i>, 2017, 9 (8), 1436–1441 DOI 10.1002/cctc.201601518</p>	
<p>A highly selective synthesis of diols is presented via simple auto-tandem catalysis to connect hydroformylation and hydrogenation reactions by a rhodium-catalyst and tertiary amines as ligands. This system allows the hydroformylation/hydrogenation of non-conjugated cyclic olefins to selectively provide diols under mild reaction conditions. As model substrate, the industrial relevant dicyclopentadiene (dcpd) was chosen. With the reaction system [Rh(octanoate)₂]₂ and triethylamine diols are produced in a high yields of up to 79% with full conversion of intermediate aldehyde or olefin hydrogenation. The scope of the reaction was evaluated and the optimised reaction conditions were successfully scaled up to a 2 L reactor. Finally, the Rh/amine catalyst complex was recycled by a simple water extraction of the diol-product.</p>	

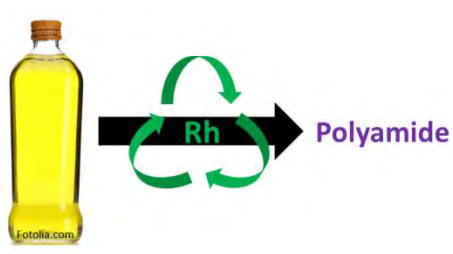
<p>41. A. Jörke, T. Gaide, A. Behr, A. J. Vorholt, A. Seidel-Morgenstern, C. Hamel „Hydroformylation and tandem isomerization–hydroformylation of n-decenes using a rhodium-BiPhePhos catalyst: Kinetic modeling, reaction network analysis and optimal reaction control”, <i>Chem. Eng. J.</i>, 2017, 313, 382-397 DOI 10.1016/j.cej.2016.12.070</p>	
<p>The rhodium-BiPhePhos catalyzed hydroformylation of n-decenes, as representative long-chain olefins, was investigated in this study experimentally and theoretically. Besides hydroformylation activity, the used catalyst enables significant double bond isomerization which is an essential side reaction. Because of this property, highly selective tandem isomerization–hydroformylation reactions that convert mixtures of n-decenes with internal double bond position to the desired terminal aldehyde undecanal are possible using the Rh-BiPhePhos catalyst. Experimentally, a reaction network analysis strategy was applied to study the coupled main and side reactions separately. Subsequently, a mechanistic kinetic model based on an extended Wilkinson-mechanism was developed that includes all relevant main and side reactions. Fitting the model to the 23 well planned experiments was possible with low deviations between model and experiment, including the tandem reaction. It was found that the tandem reaction shows completely opposite dependencies regarding temperature and synthesis gas pressure compared to the conventional hydroformylation of 1-decene, which is also covered by the model. Hence, strategies for optimal reaction performance of the (tandem isomerization-) hydroformylation were developed and presented.</p>	

<p>40. T. Gaide, A. Jörke, K.E. Schlipkötter, C. Hamel, A. Seidel-Morgenstern, A. Behr, A.J. Vorholt, “Isomerization/hydroformylation tandem reaction of a decene isomeric mixture with subsequent catalyst recycling in thermomorphic solvent systems”, <i>Appl. Catal. A.</i>, 2017, 532, 50-56 DOI 10.1016/j.apcata.2016.12.011</p>	
<p>Herein we report about an efficient isomerization/hydroformylation tandem reaction to convert a technical mixture of decene isomers selectively into the linear undecanal in a thermomorphic solvent system. By applying a rhodium/BIPHEPHOS catalyst a high turnover frequency of 375 h⁻¹ and high regioselectivity of 92% for the linear product are achieved. Yields up to 70% of the linear aldehyde are obtained. The catalyst can be successfully separated from the product using a thermomorphic solvent system consisting of dimethyl formamide (catalyst phase) and dodecane (product phase). The leaching of the rhodium (0.6% of the initial amount) and phosphorus (1.2% of the initial amount) is very low. The catalyst was successfully recycled five times.</p>	

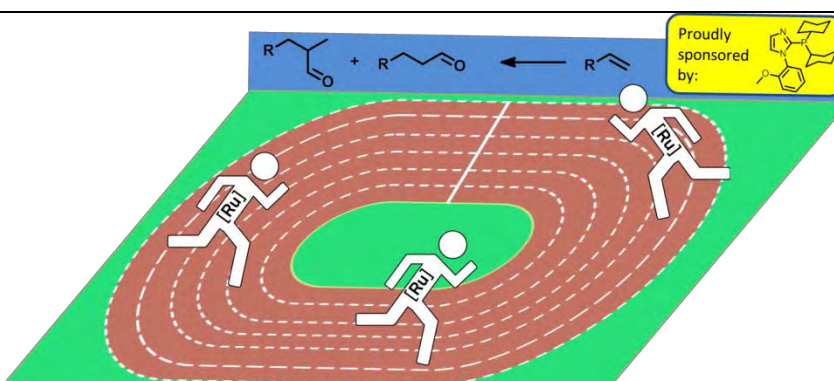
<p>39. A. Behr, D. W. Agar, J. Jörissen and A. J. Vorholt „Einführung in die Technische Chemie”, <i>Springer</i>, 2017, DOI: 10.1007/978-3-662-52856-3</p>	<p>Dieses kompakte Einführungslehrbuch vermittelt die wesentlichen Grundlagen der Technischen Chemie. Es richtet sich in erster Linie an Studierende der Chemie sowie des Chemie- und des Bioingenieurwesens und setzt lediglich Grundkenntnisse in Organischer, Anorganischer und Physikalischer Chemie voraus. Der Stoff ist in vier Teile gegliedert:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Grundlagen: Der Weg von der Laborchemie über den Technikums- bis zum Produktionsmaßstab — Prozessverbund der chemischen Industrie — Produktstammbäume II. Reaktions- und Trenntechnik: Der Reaktionsteil chemischer Prozesse — Ideale und reale Reaktortypen — Thermische und mechanische Grundoperationen — Vorbereitung von Edukten III. Verfahrensentwicklung: Auswahl chemischer Verfahren für die industrielle Chemie — Optimale Rohstoffe — Umweltaspekte — Heterogene Katalyse — Homogene Katalyse — Wirtschaftlichkeit IV. Chemische Prozesse: Wichtigste Produktgruppen der industriellen Chemie — Verarbeitung fossiler Rohstoffe — Organische und anorganische Basis- und Zwischenchemikalien — Endprodukte — Polymere — Organische Feinchemikalien — Nachwachsende Rohstoffe <p>Die aktualisierte zweite Auflage enthält wesentliche Ergänzungen in den Kapiteln zur Katalyse, zur Verarbeitung fossiler Rohstoffe, zur Olefin- und Aromatenchemie, zur Polymerisation und zur Elektrochemie sowie ein gänzlich neues Kapitel zur Wirtschaftlichkeit chemischer Prozesse.</p>
	


<p>38. H. Warmeling, R. Koske, A. J. Vorholt „Procedural rate enhancement of lean aqueous hydroformylation of 1-octene without additives” <i>Chem. Eng. Tech.</i>, 2017, 40, 186-195, DOI: 10.1002/ceat.201600383</p>	
<p>The procedural rate enhancement of a liquid-liquid-gas reaction system by example of the biphasic hydroformylation of 1-octene in miniplant scale is presented. Different stirring techniques were applied on a lean reaction system without the use of chemical additives to increase the internal surface area. Reaction rates were doubled compared to standard laboratory stirring methods (TOF=3250 h⁻¹ to 1650 h⁻¹). While the reaction rate showed a logarithmic relation towards the rate of energy dissipation it was nearly linearly related to the created interfacial area between organic and aqueous phase. Obtained results support the intensively discussed theory that the reaction takes place at the surface. This study also underlines the importance of procedural optimization in multiphase reactions.</p>	

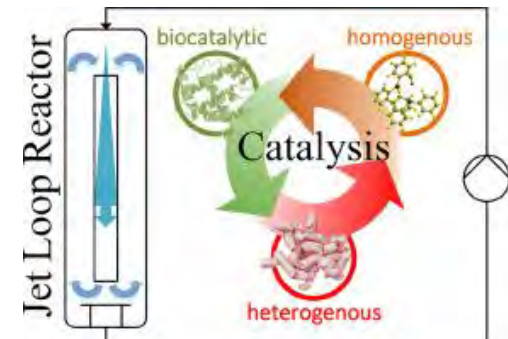
<p>37. A. J. Vorholt, A. Behr „Oleochemistry” in <i>Applied Homogeneous Catalysis with Organometallic Compounds</i>, Eds Boy Cornils, Wolfgang A. Herrmann, Matthias Beller, Rocco Paciello, 2017, Wiley-VCH DOI: 10.1002/9783527651733.ch34</p>	
<p>Processing renewable resources as a sustainable chemical feedstock has gained more and more attention over the last years. The marketing of sustainable products as well as the oil price volatility make applications of renewables attractive for the chemical industry. The worldwide production of fatty compounds in 2015 amounted around 185 million tons. The main application of fats and oil is the food and feed industry. Nevertheless, up to 15% of the overall amount of fatty materials is converted into technical products, with increasing tendency. The most promising homogeneous catalyzed processes of oleo chemicals to valuable chemical products will be introduced in this chapter.</p>	

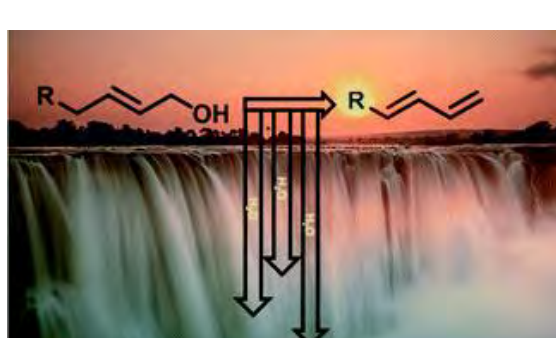
<p>36. A. J. Vorholt, S. Immohr, K.A. Ostrowski, S. Fuchs, A. Behr „Catalyst Recycling in the Hydroaminomethylation of Methyl Oleate: A Route to Novel Polyamide Monomers”, <i>Eur. J. Lipid Sci. Technol.</i>, 2017, 119, (5) 1600211 DOI: 10.1002/ejlt.201600211</p>	
<p>This article describes the development of an effective thermomorphic multicomponent solvent (TMS) system for the production of branched polyamide monomers. In this system, methyl oleate, a renewable from fats & oils, and a functionalised amine are used as starting materials in a tandem catalytic reaction, which merges different reaction steps into a single preparative step. This particular TMS system consisted of a heptane/acetonitrile solvent mixture and made reusing the precious rhodium catalyst possible in three recycle runs. A constant yield of 61 - 65% was obtained for each run due to low catalyst leaching. Fortunately, the catalyst system does not require any additional phosphorous ligands and allows high yields. A scale up for the HAM-product of 11 g in each run was realised. Subsequent hydrogenation of the product directly provided an amine ester, which is a valuable polyamide monomer.</p>	

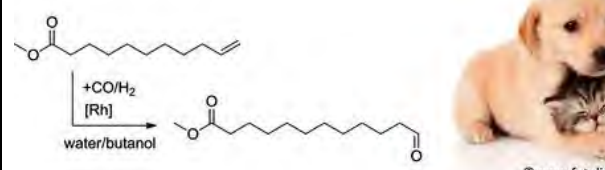
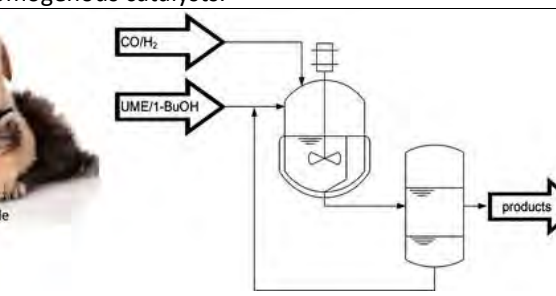
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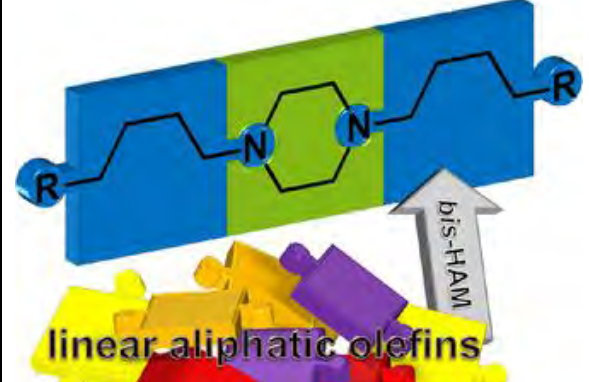
<p>35. A. Kämper, P. Kucmierczyk, T. Seidensticker, A. J. Vorholt, R. Franke, A. Behr „Ruthenium-Catalyzed Hydroformylation: From Laboratory to Continuous Miniplant Scale”, <i>Catal. Sci. Technol.</i>, 2016, 6, 8072-8079 DOI 10.1039/C6CY01374K</p>	
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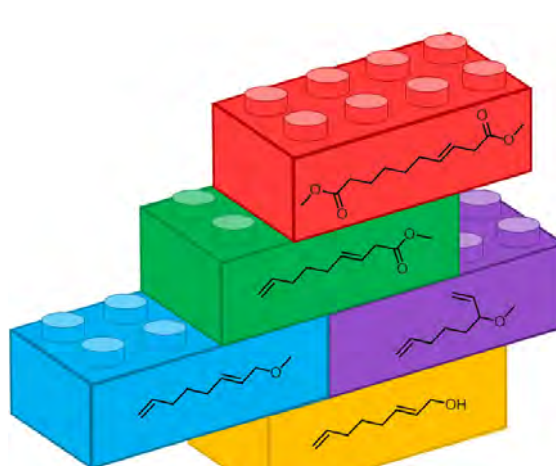
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<p>“Jet loop reactors as a versatile reactor set up - Intensifying catalytic reactions: A review <i>Chem. Eng. Sci.</i>, 2016, 149, 229–248; DOI:10.1016/j.ces.2016.04.032</p>	<p>Abstract: To overcome the challenges of the increasing global energy and feedstock prices intensified process equipment is one way to develop new efficient production pathways for the chemical industry. In this article the authors convey a thorough overview about the jet loop reactor technique. Ensuing an introduction the operation principle of the reactor type is elucidated. Information available in the literature regarding dimensioning and the physical description is summarized in the following to give an outline of constructional possibilities. To underline the main advantages of the set up the macro and micro mixing properties are discussed in detail and exemplary data is presented. Applied chemical and biochemical reactions are reviewed, with particular focus on the enhancement of catalytic reactions subdivided in homogeneously, heterogeneously and biocatalyzed conversions.</p>
	

<p>27. K. A. Ostrowski, D. Vogelsang, A. J. Vorholt, “A general and efficient method for the palladium-catalysed conversion of allylic alcohols into their corresponding dienes”, <i>Catal. Sci. Technol.</i>, 2016, 6, 1302-1305; DOI:10.1039/C5CY02096D</p>	
<p>Abstract: A general method was established, converting a broad range of allylic alcohols directly and quantitatively into their corresponding dienes. The developed protocol allows the direct use of allylic alcohols, circumventing the need for their derivatisation into more reactive precursors, thereby minimising waste production with water as the sole co-product.</p>	

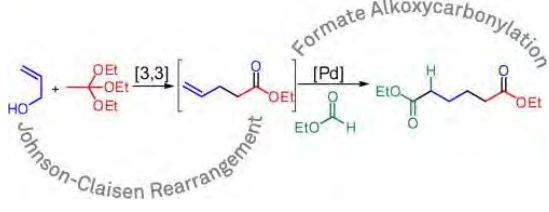
<p>26. T. Gaide, J. Dreimann, A. Behr, A. J. Vorholt, “Overcoming Phase-Transfer Limitations in the Conversion of Lipophilic Oleo Compounds in Aqueous Media—A Thermomorphic Approach”, <i>Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.</i>, 2016, 55, 2924–2928, doi: 10.1002/anie.201510738</p>	<p>Abstract: A new process concept has been developed for recycling transition-metal catalysts in the synthesis of moderately polar products via aqueous thermomorphic multicomponent solvent systems. This work focuses on the use of “green” solvents (1-butanol and water) in the hydroformylation of the bio-based substrate methyl 10-undecenoate. Following the successful development of a biphasic reaction system on the laboratory scale, the reaction was transferred to a continuously operated miniplant to demonstrate the robustness of this innovative recycling concept for homogenous catalysts.</p>
	

<p>25. T. Seidensticker, J. M. Vosberg, K. A. Ostrowski, A. J. Vorholt, “Rhodium-Catalyzed Bis-Hydroaminomethylation of Linear Aliphatic Alkenes with Piperazine”, <i>Adv. Synth. Catal.</i>, 2016, 358, 610–621, DOI: 10.1002/adsc.201500896</p>	<p>Abstract: An efficient protocol was developed to prepare a series of dialkylpiperazines <i>via</i> Rh-catalyzed <i>bis</i>-hydroaminomethylation of linear aliphatic alkenes with piperazine. The well-known Rh/Biphephos catalytic system was applied, yielding the desired dialkylpiperazines within six tandem catalytic steps, already at low catalyst loadings of 0.1 mol%. For the model alkene 1-octene, good yields and linearities of 80% and 77:23, respectively, were achieved under optimized conditions. Influences on the catalytic system regarding <i>n/iso</i> ratio, possible side reactions and the reaction path are discussed on the basis of yield vs. time plots and parameter optimization. With the developed general protocol, other linear, functionalized and branched substrates were effectively transformed to the corresponding linear <i>N,N</i>-disubstituted piperazines.</p>
	

<p>24. K. A. Ostrowski, D. Vogelsang, T. Seidensticker, A. J. Vorholt, “Direct Synthesis of an α,ω-Diester from 2,7-Octadienol as Bulk Feedstock in Three Tandem Catalytic Steps” <i>Chem. Eur. J.</i> 2016, 22, 1840-1846. DOI: 10.1002/chem.201503785</p>	
<p>Abstract: Good things come in threes: A new auto-tandem catalytic process enables direct access to C₁₀ α,ω-diesters from 2,7-octadienol by merging three different reactions in sequence: ether formation, ether carbonylation and alkoxy-carbonylation. Good yields of the desired diester are obtained with a Pd/Xantphos catalyst complex. The application of other ligands leads to different reaction pathways and products.</p>	

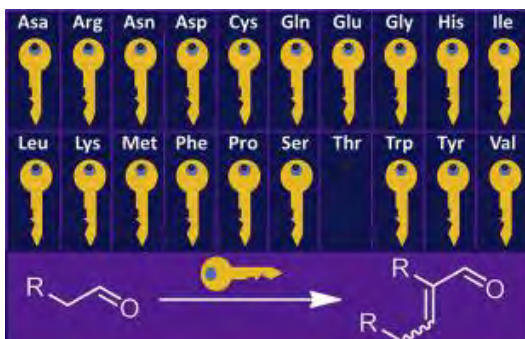
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Abstract: The orthoester Johnson–Claisen rearrangement of allyl alcohol with triethyl orthoacetate for the synthesis of ethyl 4-pentenoate has been optimized, in order to allow for a selective and efficient subsequent alkoxy-carbonylation using formates in an atom efficient manner. Diethyl adipate was successfully yielded in up to 89% applying very low orthoester excess, formic acid and mild reaction conditions in an innovative, one-pot procedure.



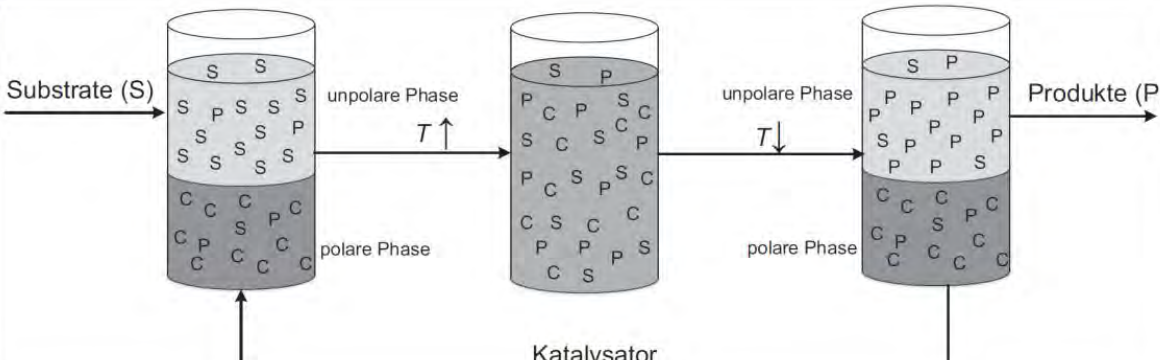
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Abstract: Twenty proteinogenic amino acids were applied as organocatalysts in the homo aldol condensation of aldehydes. Basic amino acids were highly active at low catalyst concentrations and aromatic amino acids generated very good yields in short reaction times. The side-chain groups have no catalytic activity, but they have a big impact on the catalytic activity. A general method was developed, being transferable to other substrates.



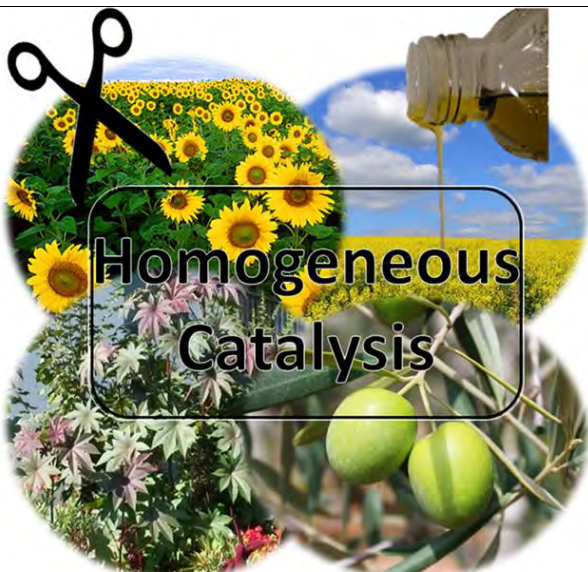
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Abstract: Two homogeneous palladium catalysts for the hydroesterification of methyl 10-undecenoate to dimethyl dodecanedioate are compared. The reaction rates of both catalysts were tested in thermomorphic solvent systems and the reaction conditions were optimized. Afterwards the separation of catalyst and product was investigated and the applicability of thermomorphic solvent systems was validated via catalyst recycling experiments.



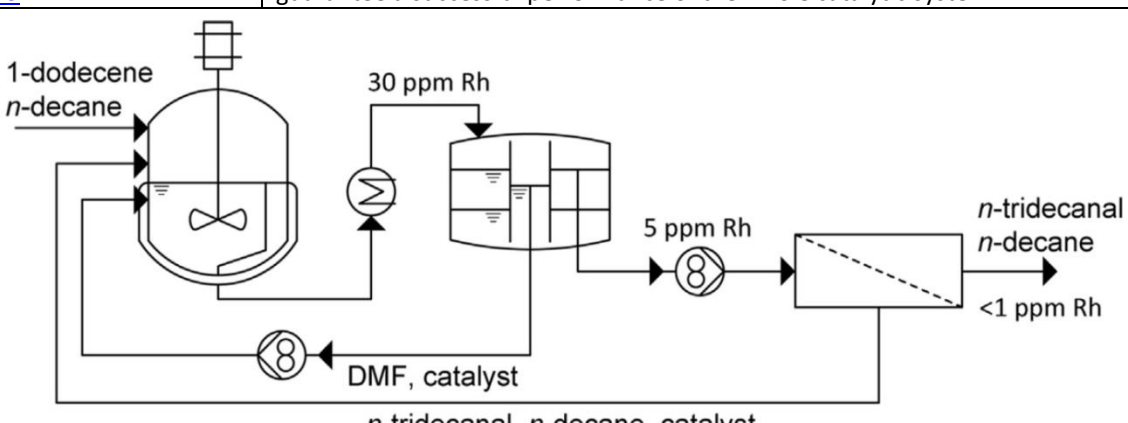
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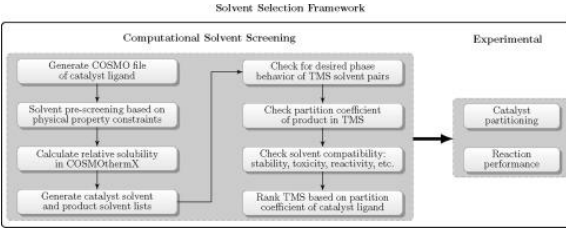
Abstract: Oleochemicals are used in the chemical industry in numerous processes and applications, having the largest share among all other renewable resources. Besides the well-known transformations performed at the carboxylic moiety of the alkyl chain, many natural occurring fatty compounds offer a further opportunity for refinement, that is: catalytic functionalization of the C=C double bond. In the present review, the authors describe the mission of the scientific work that is performed at the chair of Technical Chemistry at the TU Dortmund towards selective and atom economic functionalization of oleochemicals. Special emphasis lays on homogenous transition metal catalysis towards potential applications of the resulting products and their continuous production in miniplant scale. The given examples are discussed in the context of the work of other groups and summarize recent developments in the field of addition and fission reactions of oleochemicals.

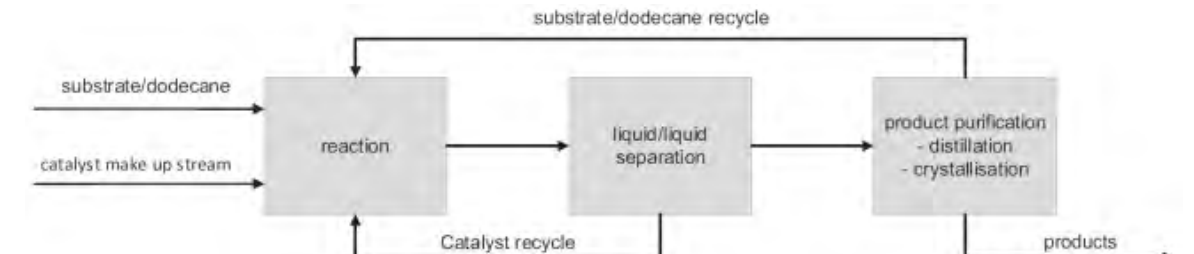


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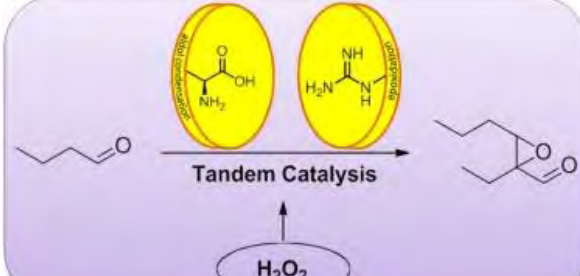
Abstract: Homogeneous transition metal catalysts allow highly selective conversion of reactants at mild reaction conditions. Main drawback of this catalytic method is a difficult recovery of the catalyst, dissolved in the reaction phase. One recovery method is the decrease of the temperature in the reaction phase in order to generate two phases in which the product and the catalyst show different solubilities. This is known as thermomorphic multicomponent solvent (TMS) system. Another method to separate the catalyst directly from the reaction phase is the application of the organic solvent nanofiltration (OSN). For both recovery methods proper operating windows of reaction and separation are necessary to reach a high selectivity and yield in the reaction on one hand and prevent catalyst loss through efficient separation on the other. Only the combination of suitable solvents, reaction conditions and separation methods guarantee a successful performance of the whole catalytic system.

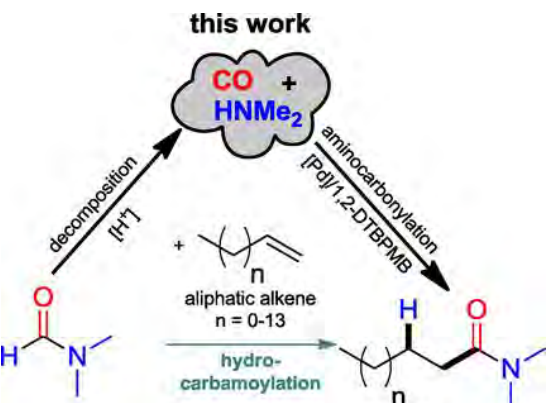


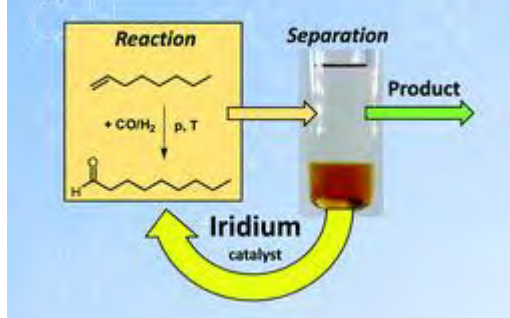
<p>18. K. McBride, T. Gaide, A. J. Vorholt, A. Behr, K. Sundmacher, “Chemical Engineering and Processing, Thermomorphic Solvent Selection for Homogeneous Catalyst Recovery based on COSMO-RS”, <i>Chem. Eng. Proc.</i> 2016, 99, 97-106. DOI:10.1016/j.cep.2015.07.004</p>	<p>Abstract: One method that has shown much promise due to its simplicity and effectiveness in homogeneous catalyst recovery is the use of thermomorphic solvent systems (TMS). In this contribution, a novel method for TMS solvent selection based on quantum chemical predictions of catalyst solubility and phase equilibrium is presented. This allows for solvent effects on the catalyst to be incorporated directly into the solvent screening process. A framework for TMS design is developed and implemented using the hydroformylation of 1-dodecene and the rhodium-Biphephos catalyst as an example reaction system. In this way, several promising TMS systems were identified. Experiments were then performed to validate the model based on catalyst partitioning and phase equilibrium. This was followed by conducting a series of reactions to investigate feasibility of the new TMS systems in the actual hydroformylation. In the end it was shown that although some problems arise from inconsistencies in phase equilibrium predictions, the method does provide a functioning <i>a priori</i> basis for TMS development.</p>
 <p>The flowchart illustrates the Solvent Selection Framework, divided into Computational Solvent Screening and Experimental steps. Computational screening includes: Generate COSMO file of catalyst ligand; Solvent pre-screening based on physical property constraints; Calculate relative solubility in COSMOthermX; Generate catalyst solvent and product solvent lists; Check for desired phase behavior of TMS solvent pairs; Check partition coefficient of product in TMS; Check solvent compatibility: stability, toxicity, reactivity, etc.; Rank TMS based on partition coefficient of catalyst ligand. Experimental steps include: Catalyst partitioning and Reaction performance.</p>	

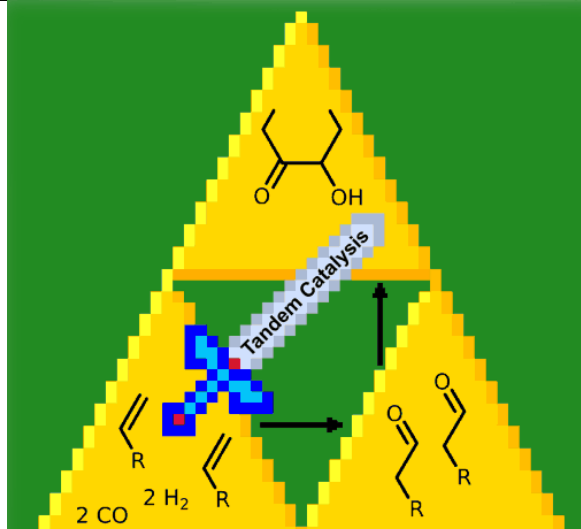
<p>17. T. Gaide, A. Behr, A. Arns, F. Benski, A. J. Vorholt, “Hydroesterification of methyl 10-undecenoate in thermomorphic multicomponent solvent systems—Process development for the synthesis of sustainable polymer precursors”, <i>Chem. Eng. Proc.</i>, 2016, 99, 197-204. DOI: 10.1016/j.cep.2015.07.009</p>	<p>Abstract: In this paper, we present a process concept for the atom economic hydroesterification of renewable methyl 10-undecenoate in thermomorphic multicomponent solvent (TMS) systems. Resulting dimethyl dodecanedioate is a polymer building block used e.g. in Nylon 6,12. As a suitable recycling technique a thermomorphic multicomponent solvent system consisting of methanol and dodecane is employed to recycle the palladium/1,2-bis(di-<i>tert</i>-butylphosphino)methyl)benzene/methanesulfonic acid catalyst. Product yields up to 79% and a high regioselectivity of 94% to the linear product are obtained. Low leaching of the catalyst into the product phase with 1% in respect of palladium and phosphorous is observed. Robustness and stability of the catalyst is shown in eight recycling runs without any loss of selectivity in the reaction.</p>
 <p>The diagram shows a process flow for hydroesterification. It starts with 'substrate/dodecane' and 'catalyst make up stream' entering a 'reaction' box. The 'reaction' box is connected to 'liquid/liquid separation'. From 'liquid/liquid separation', there are two paths: one goes to 'product purification - distillation - crystallisation' which leads to 'products', and another goes to 'Catalyst recycle' which loops back to the 'reaction' box. Additionally, a 'substrate/dodecane recycle' path loops back from 'product purification' to the 'reaction' box.</p>	


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<p>16. K. A. Ostrowski, D. Lichte, M. Terhorst, A. J. Vorholt, “Two sides of the same amino acid—development of a tandem aldol condensation/epoxidation by using the synergy of different catalytic centres in amino acids”, <i>Appl. Catal. A</i>, 2015, 509, 1–7. DOI:10.1016/j.apcata.2015.10.018</p>	 <p>The reaction scheme shows the tandem catalysis of an α,β-unsaturated aldehyde. It involves two catalytic cycles: one using the α-amino group for aldol condensation and the other using the side chain for epoxidation. The overall reaction is catalyzed by H_2O_2.</p>
<p>Abstract: 20 proteinogenic amino acids were applied as organocatalysts in the epoxidation of α-branched, α,β-unsaturated aldehydes. The most active amino acids were used as organocatalysts in the development of a new tandem catalysis consisting of a homo aldol condensation and epoxidation, wherein the α-amino group is catalysing the aldol condensation and the side chain group is catalysing the epoxidation. Excellent selectivities and very good yields were obtained by converting the aldehyde directly into the epoxy aldehyde within this tandem catalysis</p>	

<p>15. T. Seidensticker, M. R. L. Furst, R. Frauenlob, J. Vondran, E. Paetzold, U. Kragl, A. J. Vorholt, “Palladium-Catalyzed Aminocarbonylation of Aliphatic Alkenes with <i>N,N</i>-Dimethylformamide as an In Situ Source of CO”, <i>ChemCatChem</i>, 2015, 7, 4085-4090. DOI:10.1002/cctc.201500824</p>	<p>Abstract: The palladium-catalyzed aminocarbonylation of aliphatic alkenes is presented for the first time without the need for external CO pressure. <i>N,N</i>-dimethylformamide (DMF) is used as an in situ source of both the required carbon monoxide and the amine substrate. The applied palladium catalytic system is well-known for a number of carbonylation reactions, including those with CO surrogates and tandem isomerizing carbonylations. The reaction pathway was investigated and proved to proceed by an acid-catalyzed DMF decomposition to CO and dimethyl amine with subsequent aminocarbonylation of the alkene. Pressure-versus-time curves gave more insight into the correlation between acid concentration and aminocarbonylation activity. Aliphatic alkenes (terminal and internal) are transformed, also in commercial glassware, into the corresponding linear <i>N,N</i>-dimethylamides with excellent selectivities. Hence, amide synthesis by aminocarbonylation moves closer to application in standard organic laboratories.</p>
 <p>The reaction scheme shows the aminocarbonylation of an aliphatic alkene. It starts with 'this work' leading to a cloud containing 'CO + HNMe₂'. This cloud is connected to 'aminocarbonylation [Pd]/1,2-DTBPMs' which leads to the final product. Another path shows 'decomposition [H⁺]' leading to 'hydro-carbamoylation' which also leads to the final product. The starting material is an aliphatic alkene with n = 0-13.</p>	


<p>14. A. Behr, A. Kämper, R. Kuhlmann, A. J. Vorholt, R. Franke, „First efficient catalyst recycling for the iridium-catalysed hydroformylation of 1-octene“, <i>Catal. Sci. & Technol.</i> 2015, 6, 208-214. DOI:10.1039/C5CY01018G</p>	<p>Abstract: This paper describes the development of an efficient catalyst recycling concept for the iridium-catalysed hydroformylation of 1-octene through the investigation of biphasic systems, thermomorphic solvent systems and an <i>ex situ</i> extraction. Particularly high selectivities (>90%) towards the desired aldehydes as well as low rates of iridium leaching were observed using the monosulfonated triphenylphosphine ligand (TPPMS). In polar solvents such as propylene carbonate or <i>N,N</i>-dimethylformamide, low rates of catalyst leaching (0.2%) as well as high rates of product separation (nearly 80%) were achieved. High reaction rates and a long-term activity and stability of the catalyst were observed using the solvent <i>N,N</i>-dimethylformamide and the extraction with non-polar solvents</p>
	

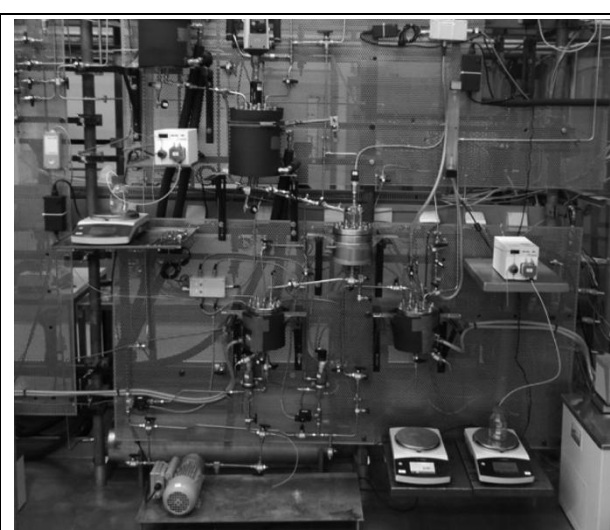
<p>13. K. A. Ostrowski, T. A. Faßbach, D. Vogelsang, A. J. Vorholt, “The Quest for Decreasing Side Products and Increasing Selectivity in Tandem Hydroformylation/Acyloin Reaction” <i>ChemCatChem</i> 2015, 7, 2607-2613. DOI: 10.1002/cctc.201500727 Highlighted as cover picture DOI: 10.1002/cctc.201500912</p>	<p>Abstract: A highly selective catalyst system was developed for the recently discovered tandem hydroformylation/acyloin reaction by systematic investigations and changes of reaction conditions. This new catalyst system is characterized by an excellent selectivity of the desired reaction pathway with negligible amounts of side products. A successful application of the tandem hydroformylation/acyloin reaction to a variety of olefins is enabled with comparable excellent selectivities up to >99 % for the first and second reaction step, therefore a general synthesis for the conversion of olefins into acyloins is found. Furthermore, very good to excellent yields for the intermediates and final acyloin products were observed within two catalysed reactions in one preparative step. The acyloin product was applied as a nonpolar precursor for surfactants. After attaching a polar head group to the acyloin and determination of tensiometric data, the molecule showed industrial relevant surface-active properties.</p>
	

<p>12. K. A. Ostrowski, T. A. Faßbach, A. J. Vorholt, „Tandem Hydroformylation/Acyloin Reaction – The Synergy of Metal Catalysis and Organocatalysis Yielding Acyloins Directly from Olefins“, <i>Adv. Synth. Catal.</i> 2015, 357, 1374–1380. DOI:10.1002/adsc.201401031</p>	<p>Abstract: A novel, atom efficient, orthogonal tandem catalysis was developed yielding acyloin products (α-hydroxy ketones) directly from olefins under hydroformylation conditions. The combination of a metal-catalysed hydroformylation and an organocatalysed acyloin reaction provides three atom efficient C-C bond formations to linear, multifunctional molecules <i>via</i> linkage of the intermediate <i>n</i>-aldehydes. Additionally, the rhodium catalyst system gives a high <i>n/bra</i> ratio with an exclusive conversion of the terminal double bond in the hydroformylation and the <i>n</i>-aldehydes are converted selectively to their acyloins.</p>
	

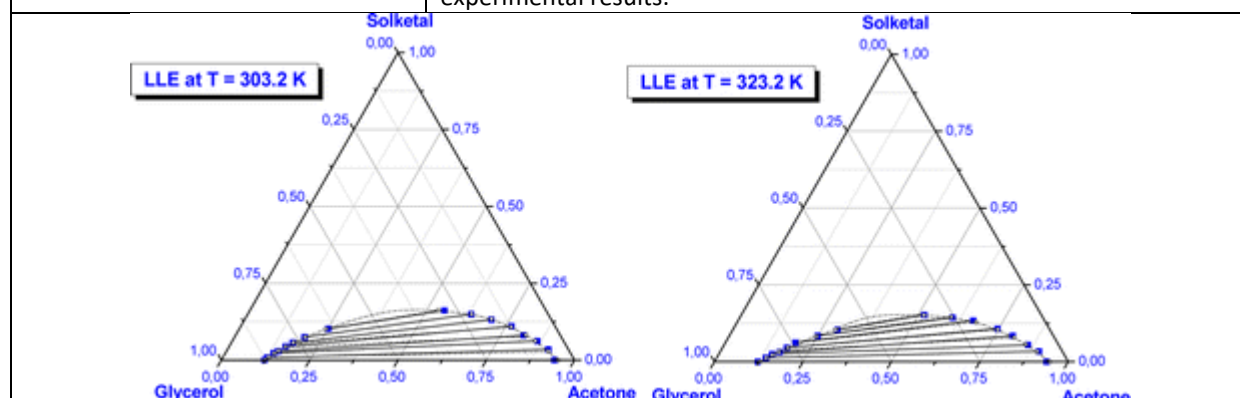
<p>11. A. Behr, A. J. Vorholt, T. Seidensticker, „An Old Friend in a New Guise-Recent Trends in Homogeneous Transition Metal Catalysis“ <i>ChemBioEng Rev.</i> 2015, 2, 6-21. DOI:10.1002/cben.201400034</p>	
<p>Abstract: The present contribution surveys recent developments and trends in homogeneous transition metal catalysis (HTMC). Emphasis is on industrially relevant reactions, such as hydroformylations, carbonylations, hydrogenations, oxidations, aminations, metatheses, and related tandem reactions. Besides classical petrochemical feedstocks, transformations of renewable resources are also taken into account. Additionally, examples of homogeneous catalysis in continuously operated miniplants are disclosed.</p>	

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<p>10. A. Behr, A. J. Vorholt, K. A. Ostrowski, T. Seidensticker, „Towards resource efficient chemistry: tandem reactions with renewables“, <i>Green Chem.</i> 2014, 16, 982-1006, DOI:10.1039/C3GC41960F.</p>	<p>Abstract: In an economically expanding world new sustainable concepts have to be developed in order to overcome growing problems of resource availability. Merging different “Green principles” is a promising concept in this respect, <i>e.g.</i> the combination of tandem reactions and renewables. This review summarizes the trends in this field and demonstrates advantages and future demands. Four reactions, namely metathesis, hydroformylation, defunctionalisation and isomerisation, have been identified for transforming renewables in tandem reactions. Every reaction yields a reactive intermediate or secures a tailored selectivity in order to use the natural molecular structure of renewables.</p>
	

<p>9. A. Behr, A. J. Vorholt, „Neue Trends in der homogenen Übergangsmetallkatalyse“, <i>CIT</i>, 2014, <i>86</i>, 2089–2104, DOI: 10.1002/cite.201400109</p>	
<p>Abstract: This contribution presents an overview of current developments in homogeneous catalysis. In this respect, the focus lies on industrial relevant reactions like hydroformylation, carbonylation, hydrogenation, oxidation, amination and metathesis and resulting tandem reactions. Beyond the classical petrochemical feedstocks, also renewables such as a sustainable feedstock are discussed. Selected examples of homogeneous catalysis in continuously operated miniplants are given.</p>	

<p>8. J. Esteban, A. J. Vorholt, A. Behr, M. Ladero, F. Garcia-Ochoa, “Liquid-liquid equilibria for the system acetone + solketal + glycerol”, <i>J. Chem. Eng. Data</i> 2014, <i>59</i>, 2850-2855, DOI:10.1021/je500469a</p>	<p>Abstract: Experimental measurements of the liquid–liquid equilibrium of the ternary system consisting of acetone + solketal + glycerol were made. The conditions selected for this study were (303.2, 313.2, and 323.2) K at 101.3 kPa, relevant for the synthesis of solketal from glycerol and acetone through a ketalization reaction. The data obtained were correlated to the nonrandom two liquid (NRTL) model, and the binary interaction parameters of the ternary system were retrieved after the optimization of the nonrandomness binary interaction parameters. The liquid–liquid equilibrium data predicted by the NRTL model agreed adequately with the experimental results.</p>
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<p>7. A. Behr, T. Seidensticker, A. J. Vorholt, “Diester monomers from methyl oleate and proline via tandem hydroaminomethylation-esterification sequence with homogeneous catalyst recycling using TMS-technique”, <i>Eur. J. Lipid Sci. Technol.</i> 2014, <i>166</i>, 477-485, DOI: 10.1002/ejlt.201300224</p>	<p>Abstract: Diesters from renewables are attractive precursors in various polymer applications. In this regard, unsaturated fatty compounds such as methyl oleate are interesting starting materials as it is possible to introduce different functional groups by modifying the double bonds and due to the existing carboxylic moiety. Another interesting class of renewables are amino acids, such as L-proline, which provide naturally occurring amino and carboxylic moieties. Combining these two renewables in one reaction sequence consisting of hydroformylation, condensation, hydrogenation (i.e., hydroaminomethylation; HAM) and esterification results in interesting biopolymer-precursors. In this paper, we present a combination of these four reactions used to functionalize methyl oleate to produce diesters in one pot. These diesters were successfully separated from the catalyst using thermomorphic solvent systems (TMS)-technique, resulting in minimal leaching of the precious metal rhodium into the product phase. Catalyst recycling was shown for three recycling runs in which the catalyst activity was maintained.</p>
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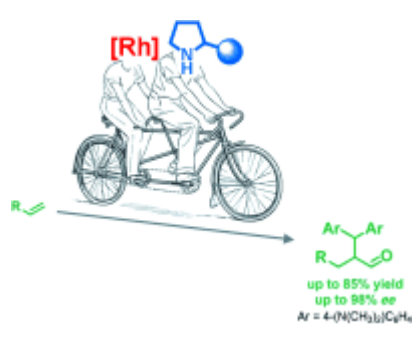
<p>6. A. J. Vorholt, P. Neubert, A. Behr, „Katalytische Funktionalisierungen von Oleylalkohol in thermomorphen Lösungsmittelsystemen zur Synthese potenzieller Biotenside und -Monomere“, <i>CIT</i> 2013, <i>85</i>, 1540-1547, DOI:10.1002/cite.201300049</p>	<p>Abstract: Zwei Funktionalisierungen des Fettalkohols Oleylalkohol mithilfe von Kohlenmonoxid werden vorgestellt. Durch die beiden homogen katalysierten Reaktionen Hydroaminomethylierung und Hydroesterifizierung ist es möglich ausgehend von ungesättigten Fettalkoholen neuartige Tenside oder Monomere für Polyester zu synthetisieren</p>
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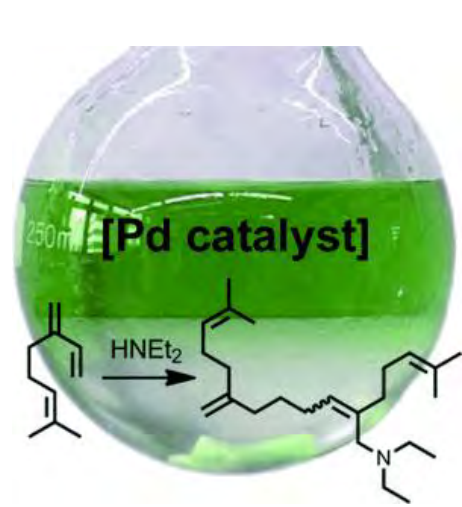
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<p>Abstract: Easy accessible renewable Diesters: Hydroesterification of the renewable methyl oleate leads to branched and linear diesters. A catalyst system from XANTphos and palladium governs the selectivity for the products by simple variation of reaction parameters. Thermomorphic solvent system technique is used for a catalyst separation. The catalyst can be recovered and reused for a number of cycles with negligible loss in activity.</p>	

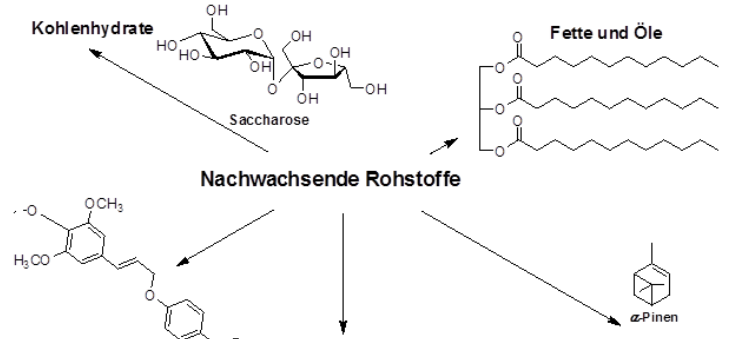
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<p>4. A. Behr, A. J. Vorholt, “Hydroformylation and Related Reactions of Renewables Resources” <i>Top. Organomet. Chem.</i> 2012 39, 103-128, DOI: 10.1007/978-3-642-28288-1_3</p>	<p>Abstract: Today, the increasing global population and the rising consumption of fossil resources for energy and material use are important issues for research activities in the field of transformation of renewable resources. In petrochemistry, well-established reactions like hydroformylation are performed in multiton plants all over the world and are important examples for processing new resources beyond fossil feedstocks. This chapter deals with the application of three important reactions with carbon monoxide, specifically hydroformylation, hydroaminomethylation, and hydroesterification with renewables which have a C–C-double bond in the starting material. In these reactions, unsaturated oleo compounds and a variety of terpenes can be employed because of their naturally available double bonds.</p>
	

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<p>Abstract: Canned heat: The optimization of a tandem sequence of a metal-catalyzed and a subsequent organocatalytic reaction is described (see figure). The tandem sequence was initially optimized toward a high yield by variations of substrate ratio, rhodium precursor, and ligands. The tandem reaction is also extendable to more complex alkenes and to substrates with additional functional groups.</p>	

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<p>Abstract: Telomerization of common petrochemical 1,3-dienes such as butadiene and isoprene have long been successful with different nucleophiles; however, the telomerization of the C₁₀ hydrocarbon myrcene was not known until now. Herein, the first telomerization of the monoterpene myrcene with diethylamine is discussed, which provides an atom-economical way of generating C₂₀ amines in a single step. Variation of the palladium precursors and phosphorous ligands and optimization of solvent and additives led to the optimum catalyst system [Pd(MeCN)₄](BF₄)₂/PPh₃. By using a thermomorphic solvent system, the Pd complex can be easily separated with low leaching values.</p>	

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