



Biotransformation von in Wasser schwer löslichen Verbindungen mit ionischen Flüssigkeiten

**Im Rahmen des 27. Osnabrücker Umweltgesprächs:
Ionische Flüssigkeiten – Fortschritte bei der Anwendung**

Biocatalysis

Advantages

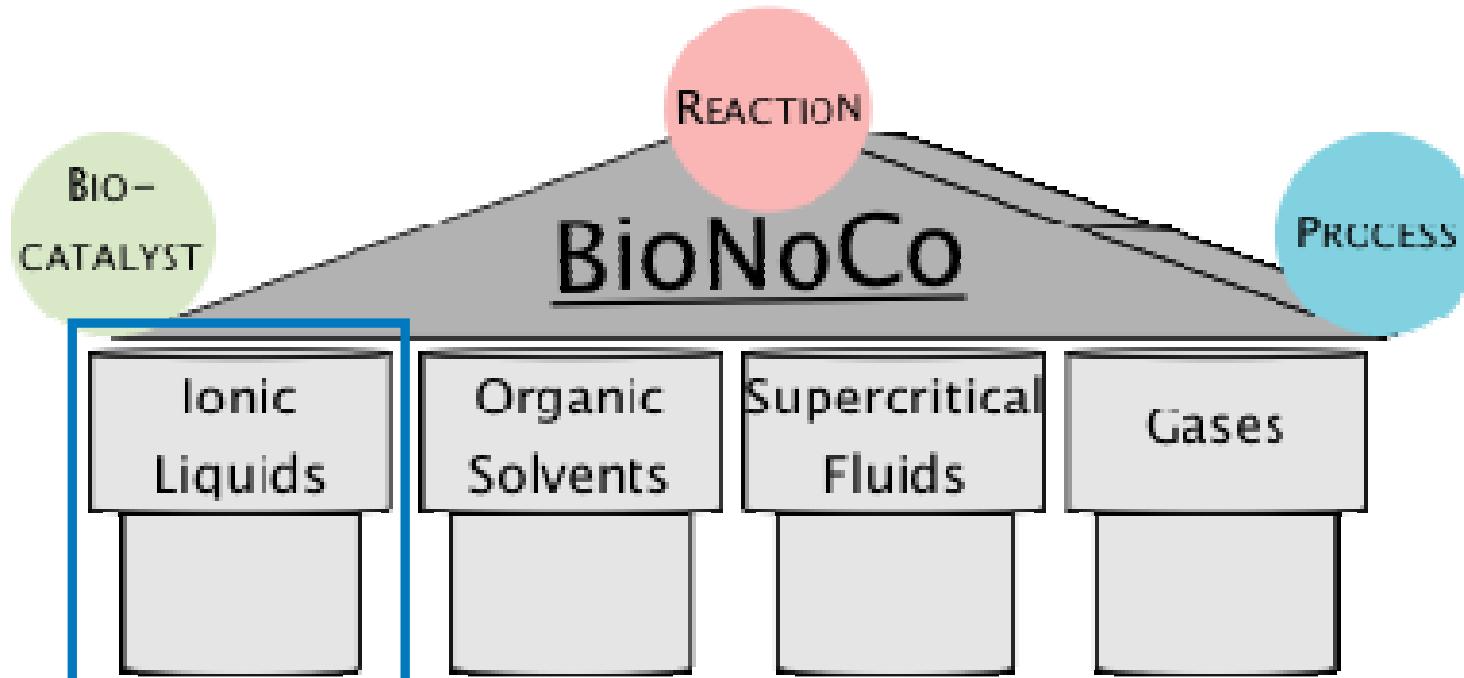
- Versatile catalysts
- High stereo-, regio- or enantioselectivity
- Mild reaction conditions
- Water as reaction medium

Disadvantages

- Separation of water
- Inhibition effects
- Limited to water soluble substrates

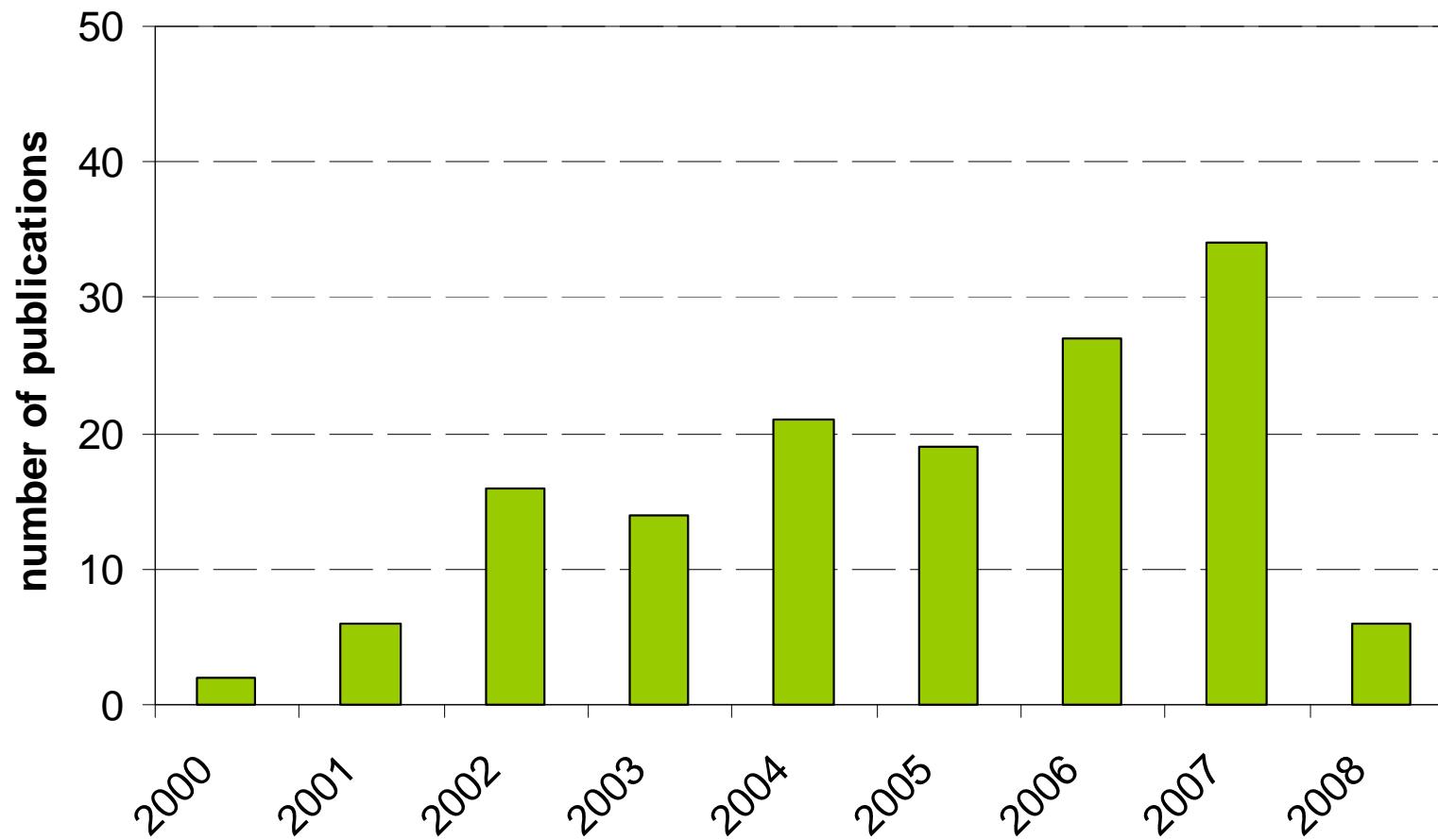
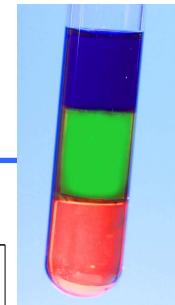
Biocatalysis using Non-Conventional Media

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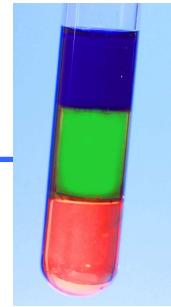
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Biocatalysis in the presence of ILs



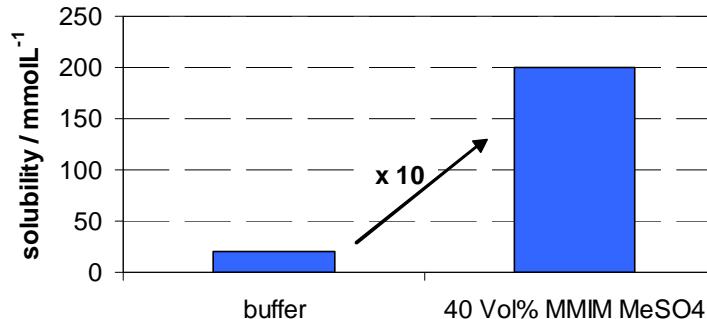
SciFinder search regarding „ionic liquids“ and „biocatalysis“ June 2008

Biocatalysis in the presence of ILs



- **Increased substrate solubility**

- Solubility of acetophenone¹



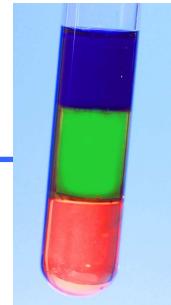
- **Higher activity**

- **Higher stability**

- **Increased selectivity**

¹U. Kragl, M. Eckstein, N. Kaftzik, *Curr. Opin. Biotechnol.* 2002, 13, 565

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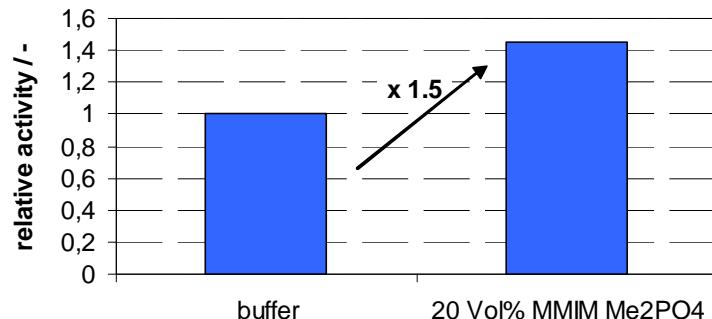
➤ Increased substrate solubility

➤ Higher activity

➤ Activity of amino acid oxidase²

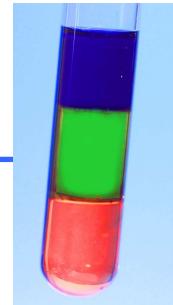
➤ Higher stability

➤ Increased selectivity

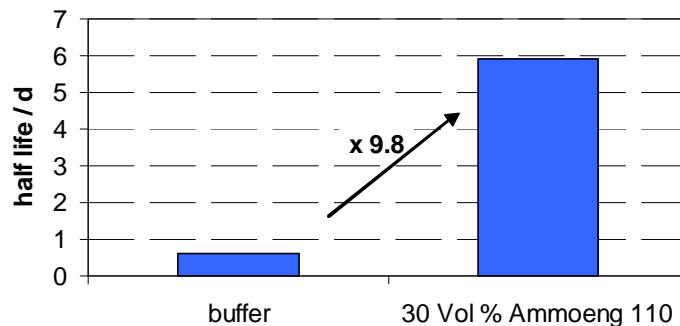


²S. Lutz-Wahl, E. M. Trost, B. Wagner, A. Manns, L. Fischer, *Journal of Biotechnology* **2006**, 124, 163.

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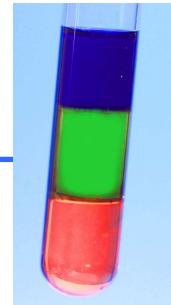


- Increased substrate solubility
- Higher activity
- Higher stability
 - Half life of an alcohol dehydrogenase³
- Increased selectivity



³S. Dreyer, U. Kragl, *Biotechnology and Bioengineering* **2008**, 99.

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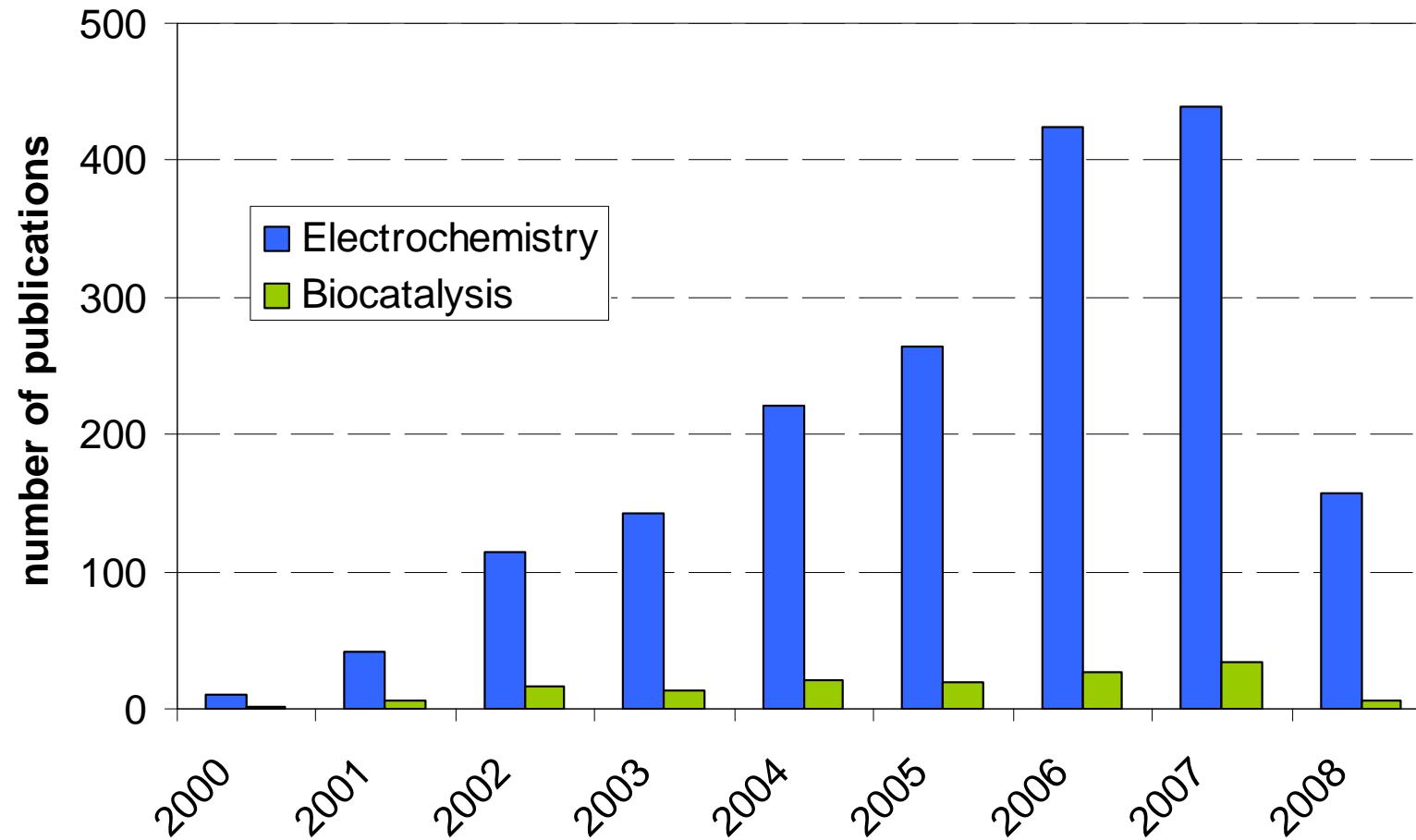
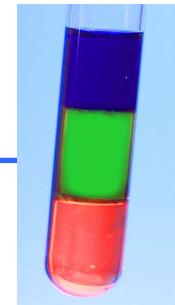


- Increased substrate solubility
- Higher activity
- Higher stability
- Increased selectivity
 - Stability of an Lipases from *Alcaligenes* sp.:⁴

ee in MTBE = 0	ee in HMIM BF ₄ und OMIM BF ₄ > 98%
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 - Reaction: kinetic resolution of *rac*-1-phenylethanol by transesterification with vinyl acetate

⁴S. H. Schöfer, N. Kaftzik, P. Wasserscheid, U. Kragl, *Chemical Communications* **2001**, 425.

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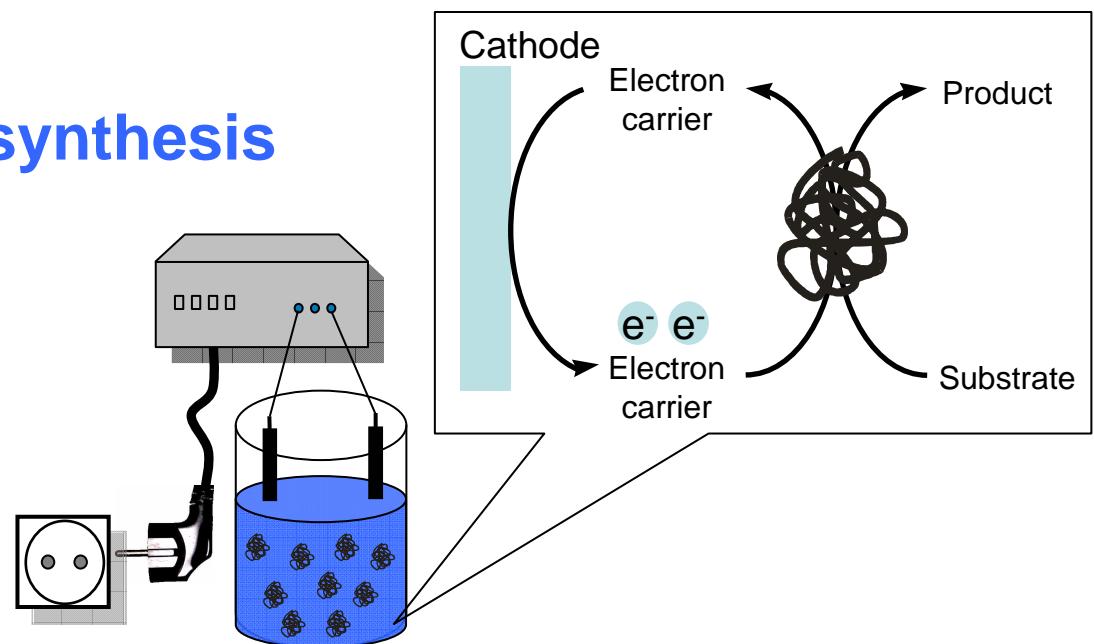
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Electrochemistry with biocatalysts

Oxidoreductases = enzymatic redox catalysts

- Require source or sink for the involved electrons
- Electrons are usually generated or accepted by a further biocatalytic reaction or stoichiometric applied chemicals
- Anodes/Cathodes can also be used to take up or deliver the electrons

⇒ **Electroenzymatic synthesis**



Electroenzymatic synthesis

Advantages

- Electrons are among the cheapest redox equivalents available
- Reagent free
- Applied potential can be used to control reaction progress

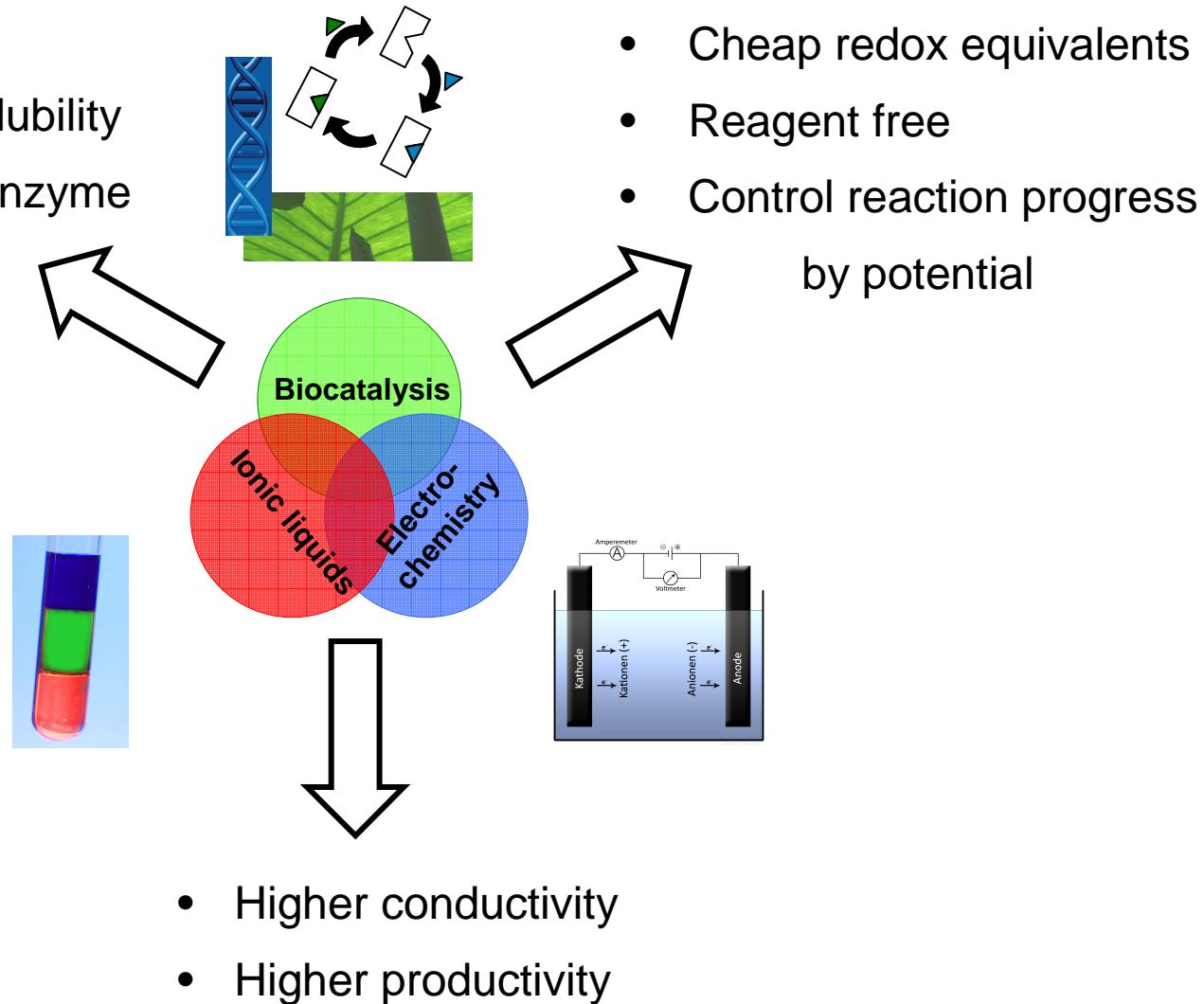
Disadvantages

- By now relatively low productivities
- Low conductivity of the reaction medium
- Stability of the biocatalyst

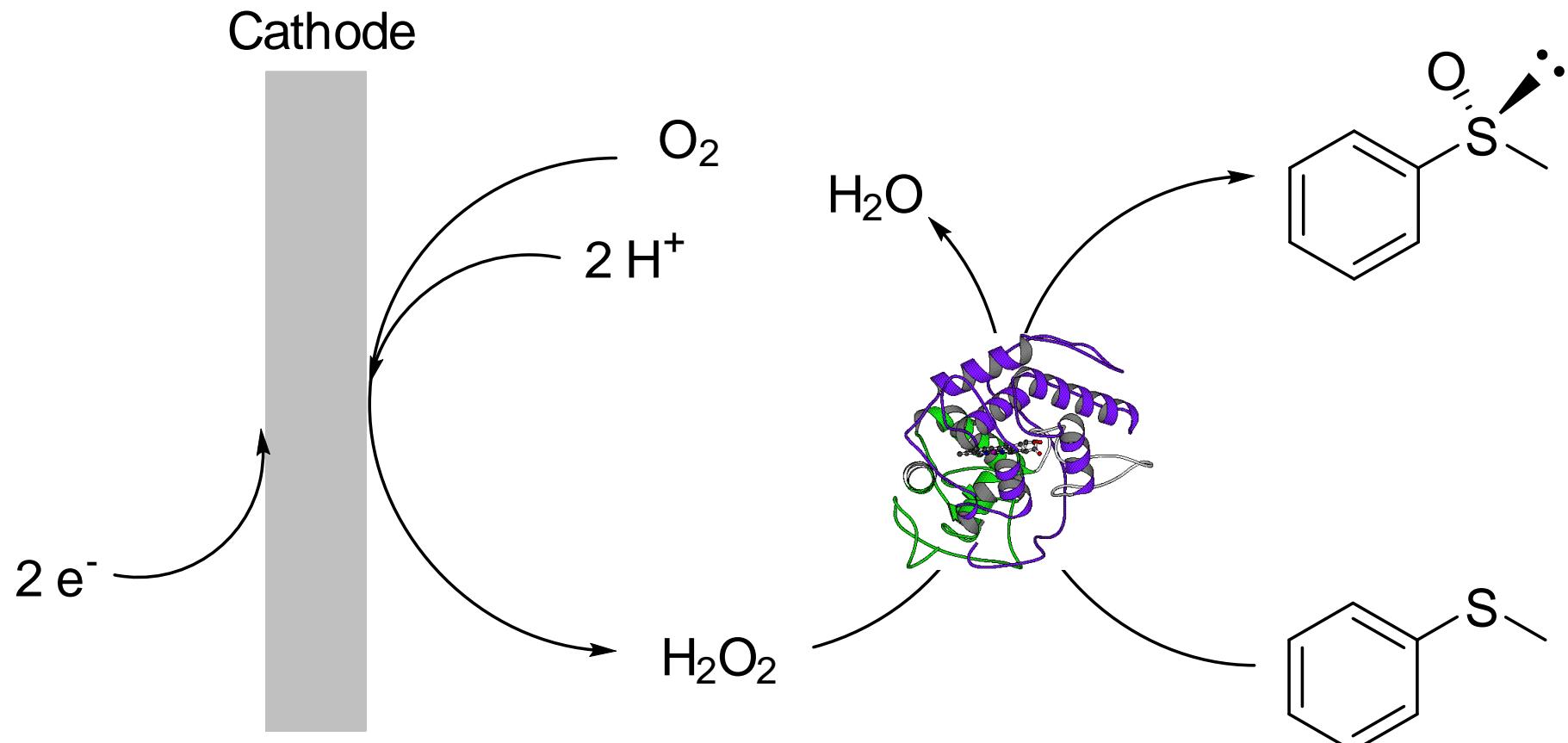
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Electroenzymatic synthesis with ionic liquids

- Increased substrate solubility
- Higher stability of the enzyme

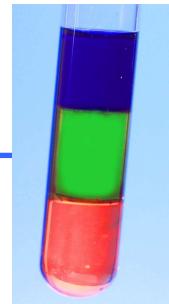


Chloroperoxidase (CPO) catalysed oxidation of sulfides

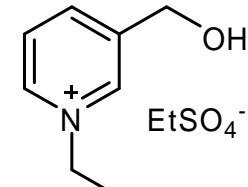
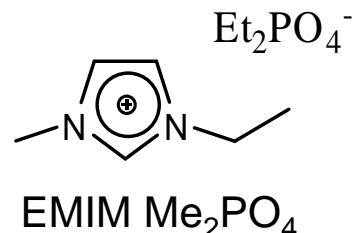
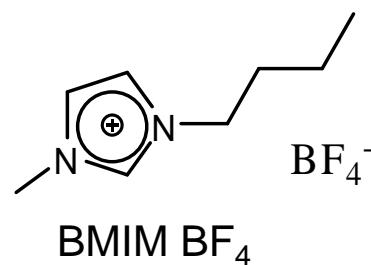
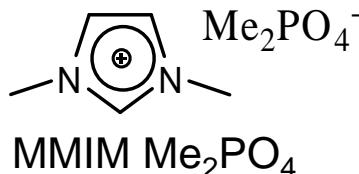
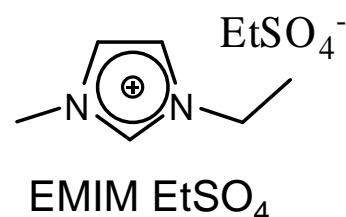
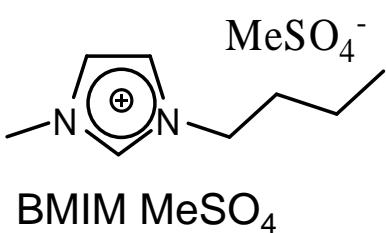
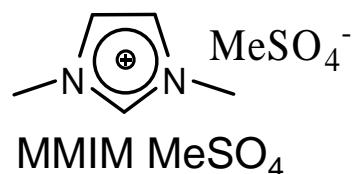


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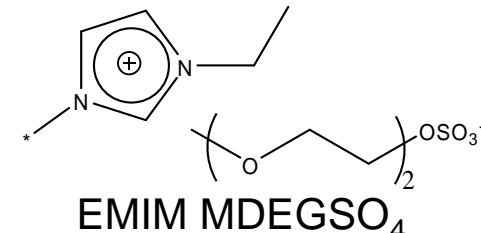
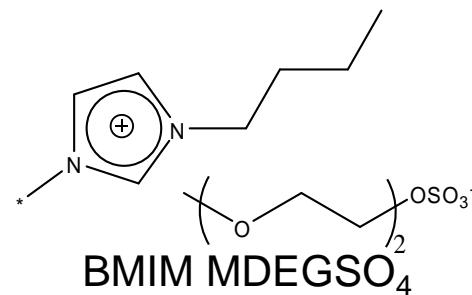
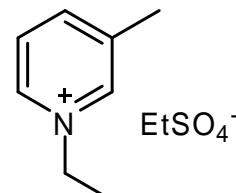
Ionic Liquids



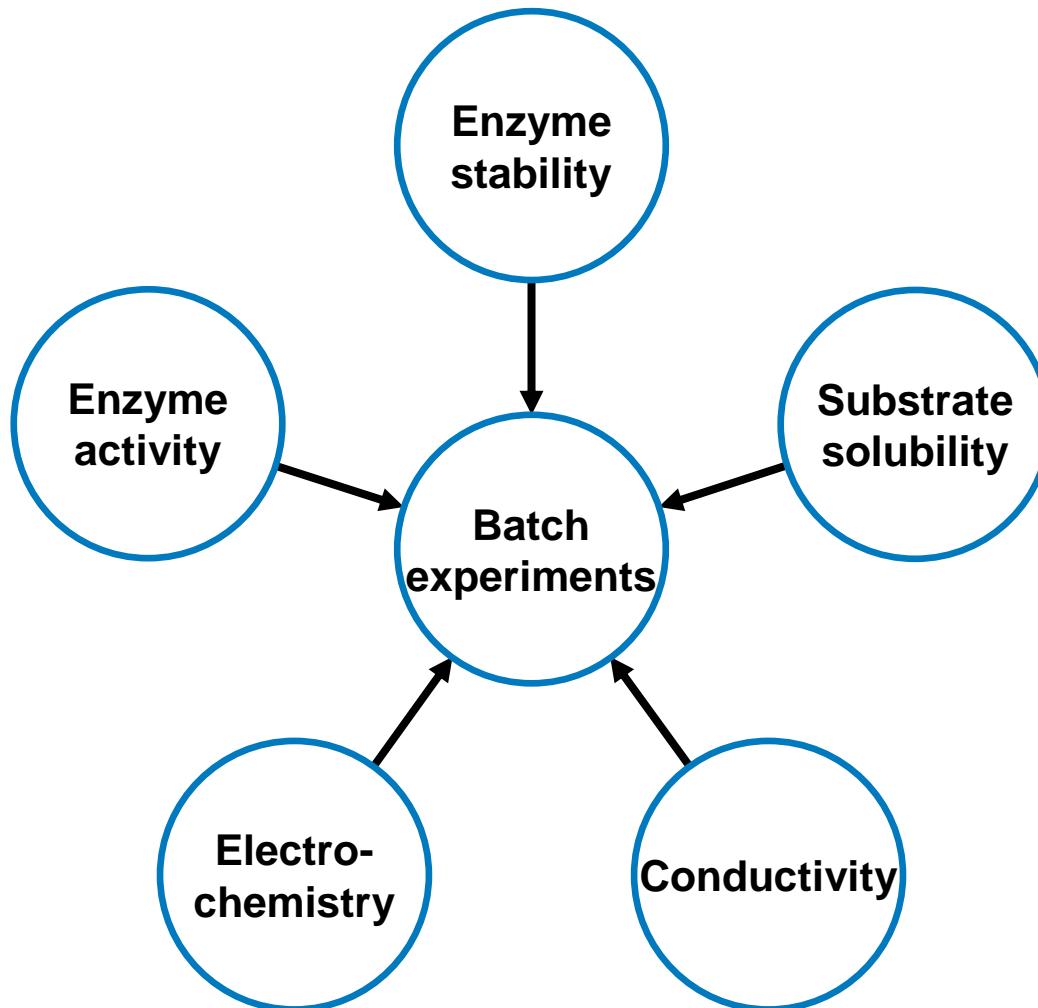
- 10 ILs under investigation
- Commercially available ILs
- Water-miscible ILs



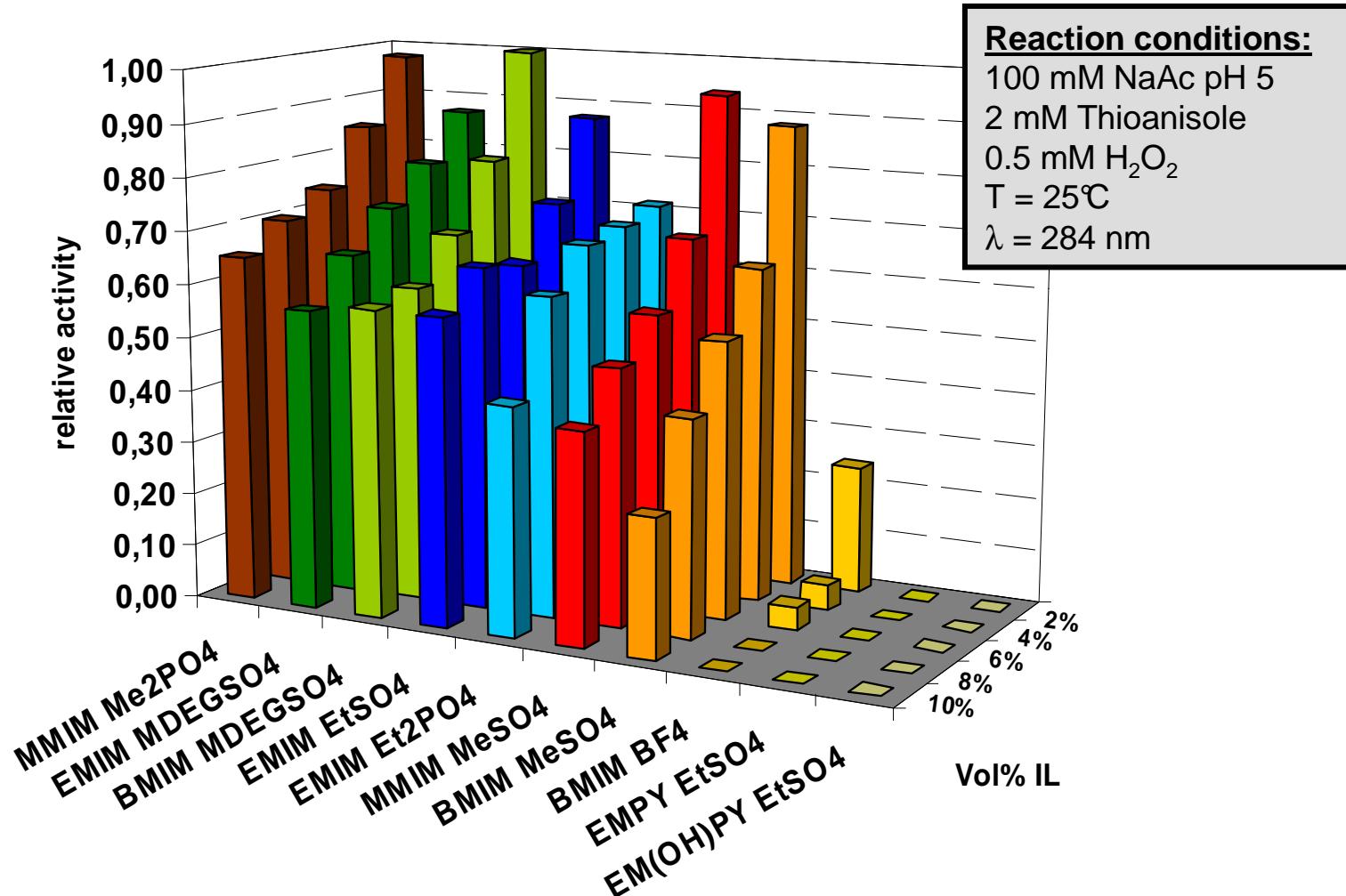
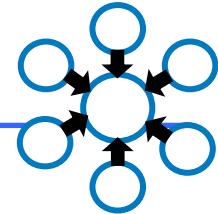
EM(OH)Py EtSO_4^-



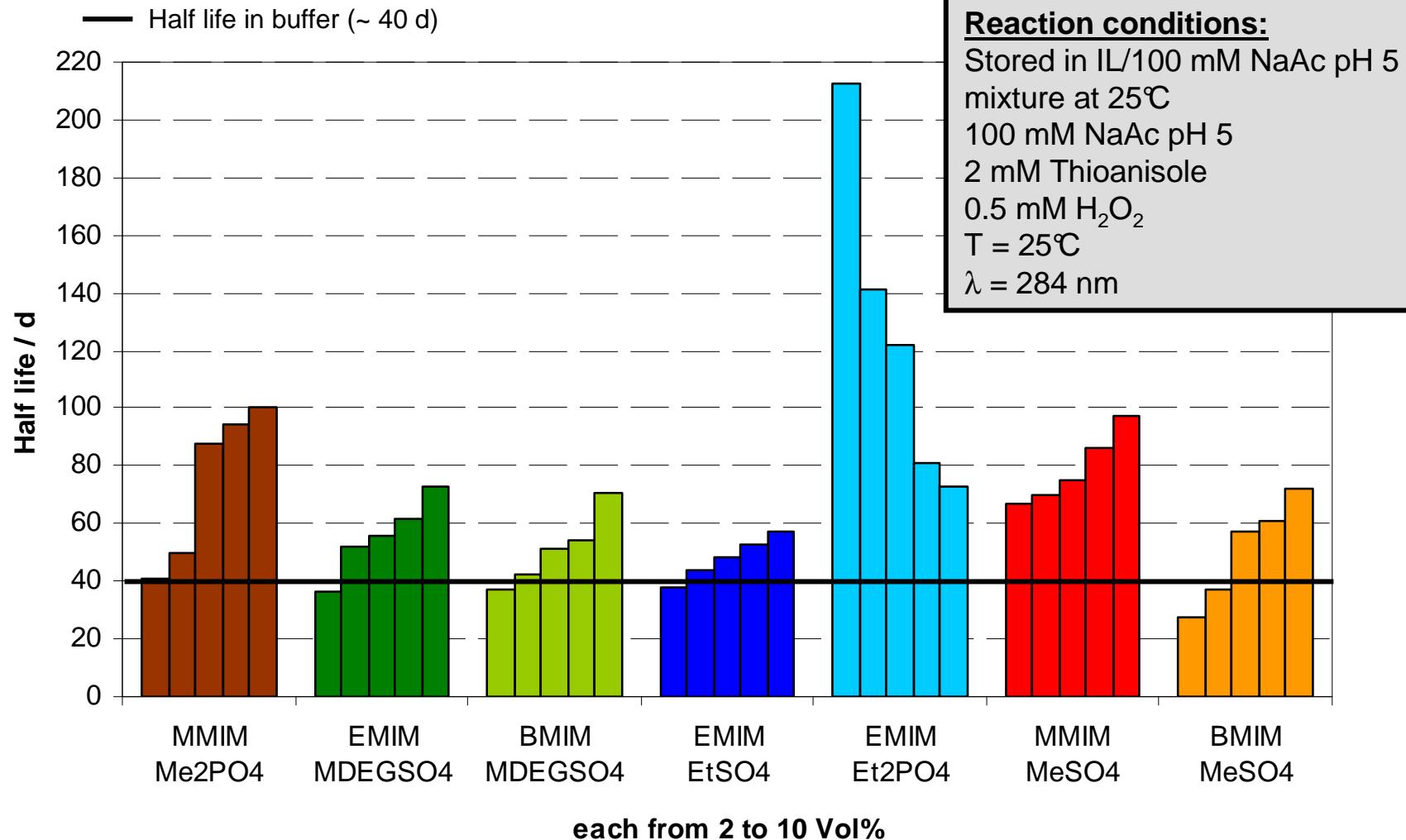
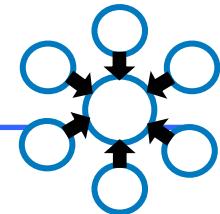
Reaction systems



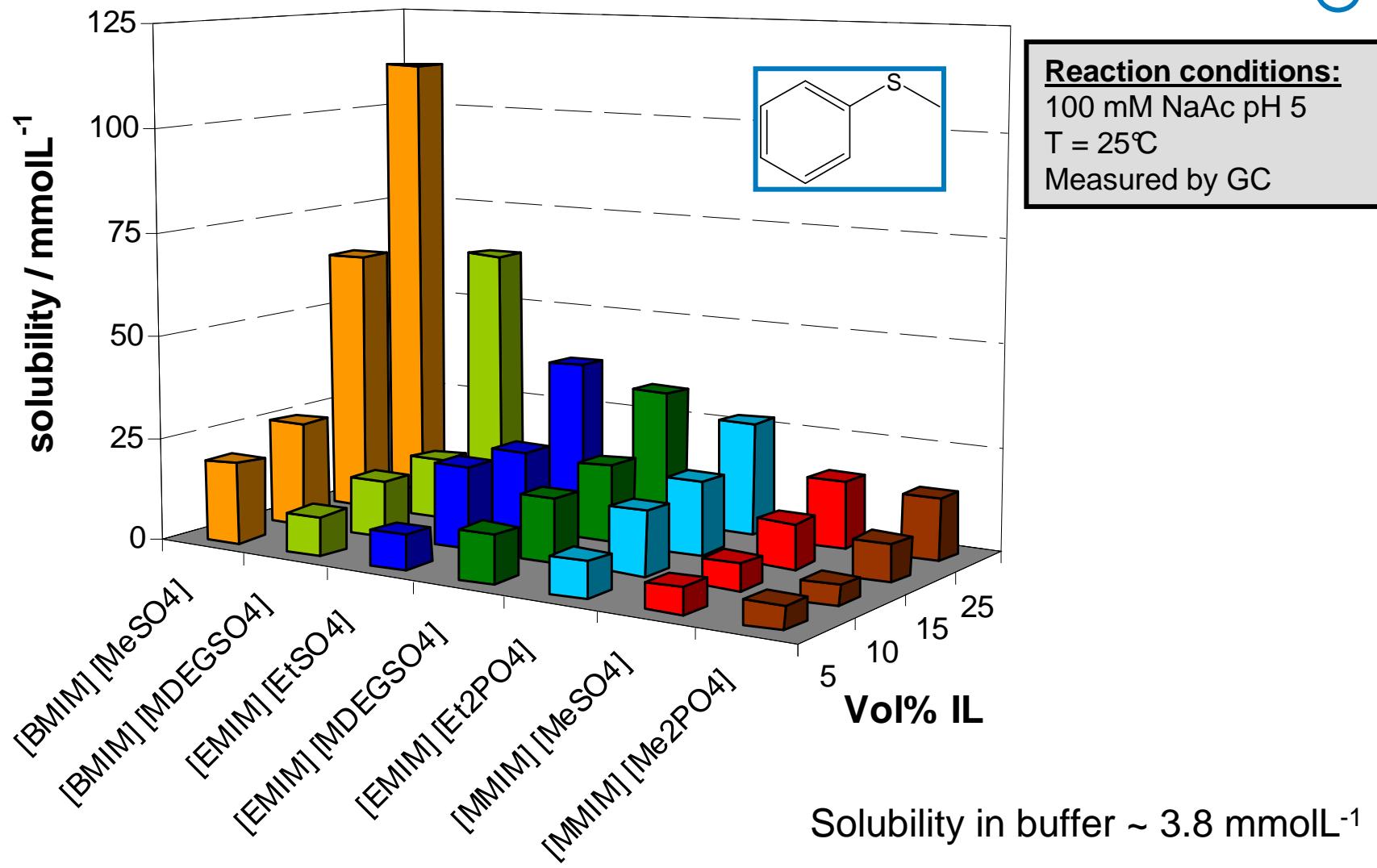
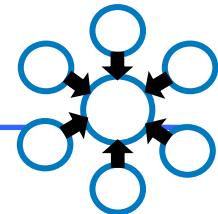
Activity of CPO in ILs



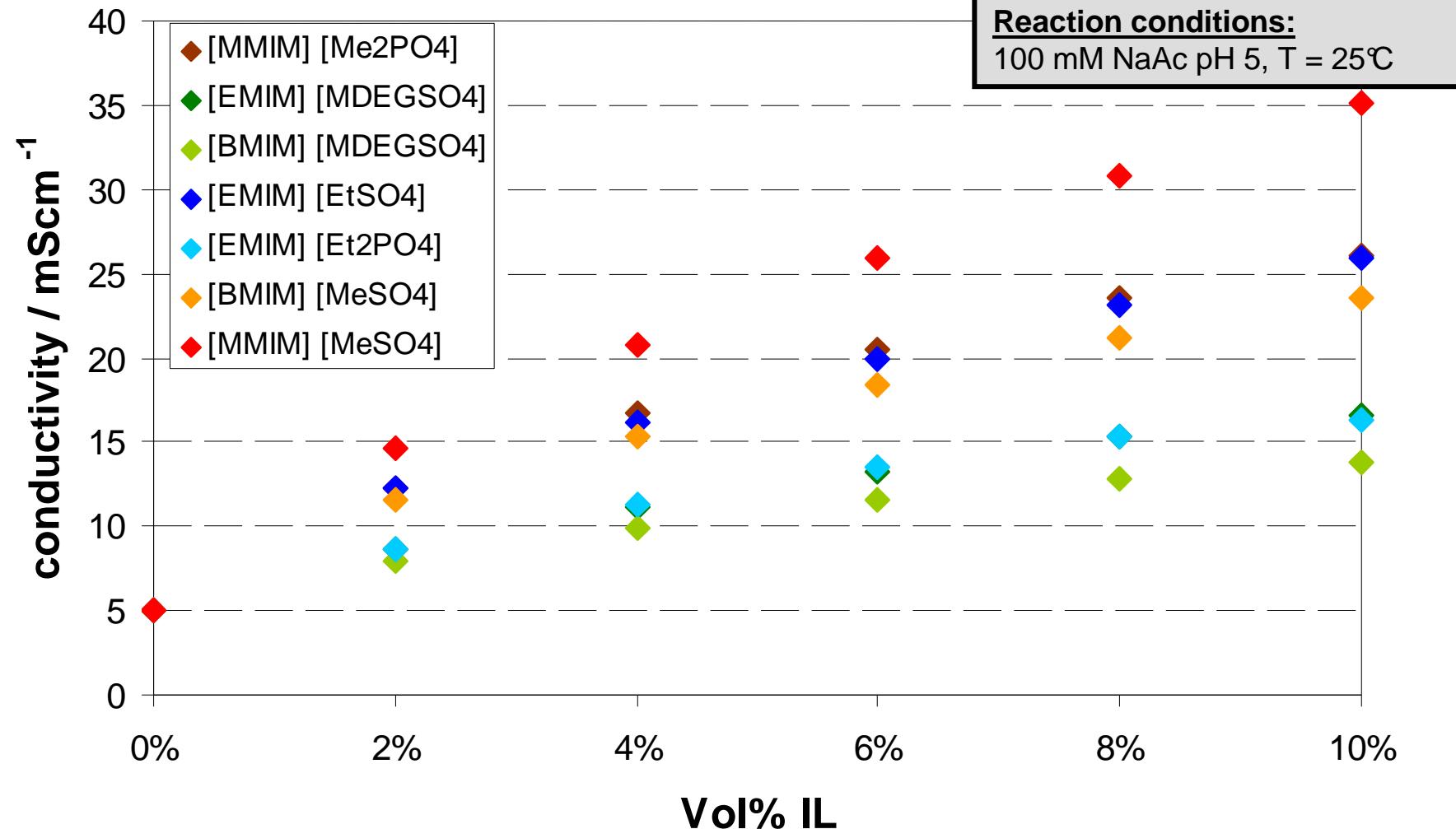
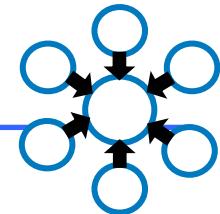
Stability of CPO in ILs



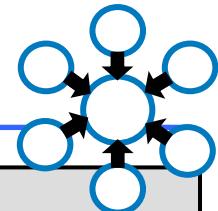
Substrate solubility with ILs



Conductivity with ILs



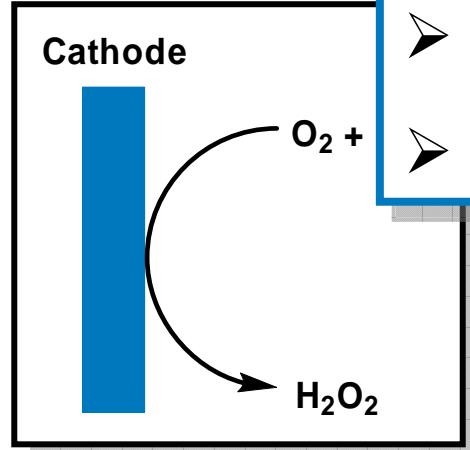
Electrochemical investigations



No current \Rightarrow Substrate, product & enzyme are suitable for the reaction!

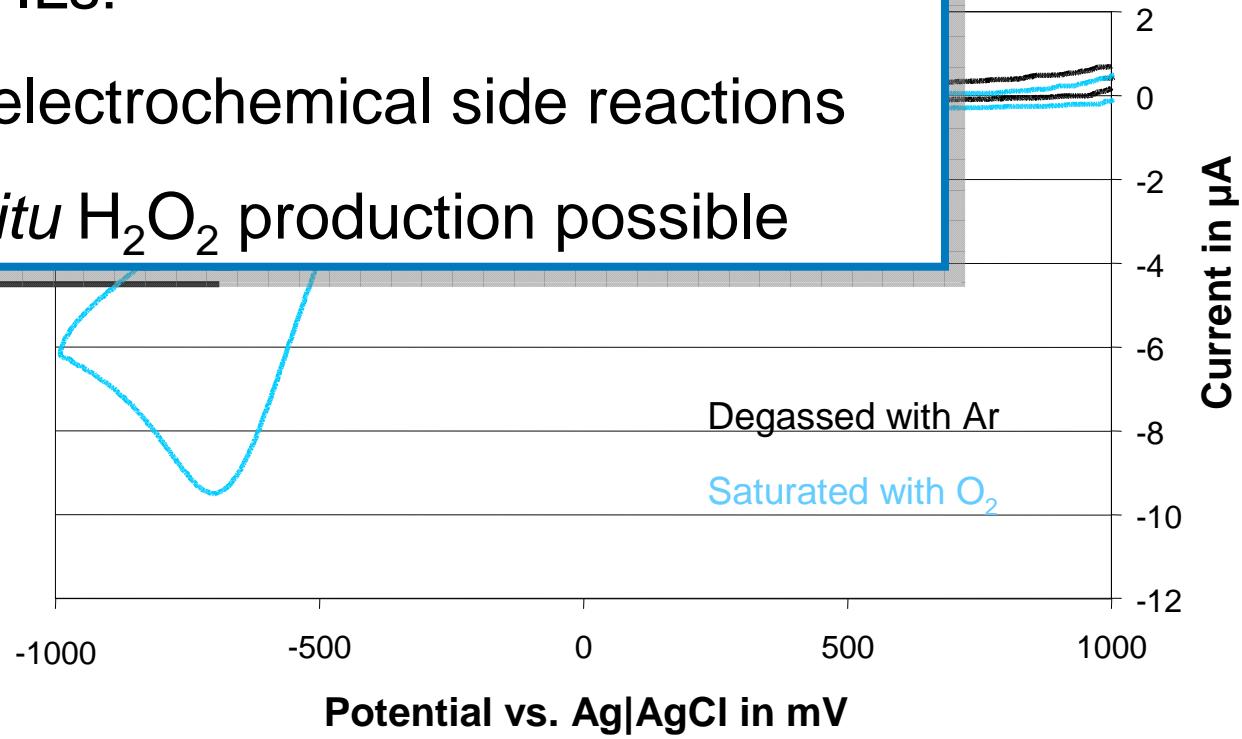
Reaction Conditions:

- 20 mL buffer pH 5
90 V% 100 mM NaAc 50 mM NaSO₄
- 10 V% *tert*-Butanol
- 0.4 mmol substrate or product or 20 μ L enzyme
- scan rate 100 mV/s⁻¹

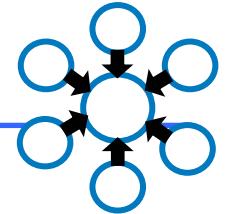


For all ILs:

- No electrochemical side reactions
- *In situ* H₂O₂ production possible



Summary of the preinvestigations



- CPO activity – fast decrease with higher amounts of IL
- CPO stability – in most cases increased
- Solubility increases
- Conductivity increases
- *In situ* H₂O₂ production is possible

- **Synthesis with very small amounts of ILs (\Rightarrow 2 Vol%)**

Batch experiments



PTFE tube for oxygen supply

Cooling water outlet

Working electrode (carbon felt on a stainless steel fixation)

Counter electrode (Platinum-wire in a dialysis sack)

Reference electrode
Ag|AgCl

Cooling water inlet

Stirring rod

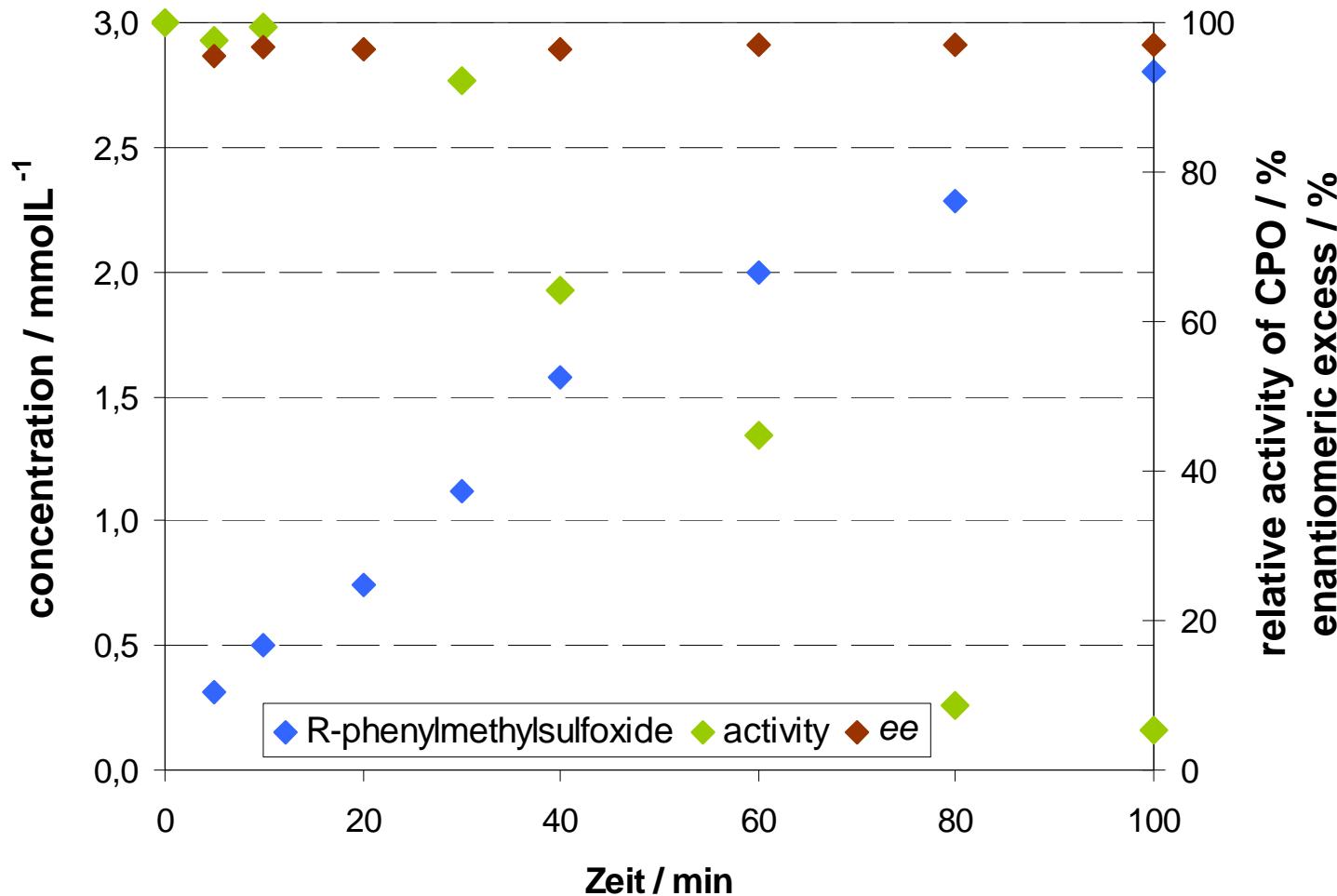
Reaction conditions:

- Reaction medium: 300 mL
98 Vol% 100 mM NaAc buffer pH 5
2 Vol% IL
- Temperature: 25 °C
- Substrate: 6 mmol every 30 min
- Potential: -650 mV vs. Ag|AgCl

Batch experiments



Typical reaction progress:



Batch experiments



IL	Vol%	STY [gL ⁻¹ d ⁻¹]	ee [%]	$ttn = \frac{n_{\text{product}}}{n_{\text{catalyst}}}$
In buffer	-	17.9	97	33000
S. Lütz, E. Steckhan, et al. (2004), Electrochemistry Communications 6(6): 583-587.	30 Vol% <i>tert</i> -Butanol + Na ₂ SO ₄	30.0	98.5	95000
MMIM Me ₂ PO ₄	2	34.9	98	122000
BMIM MDEGSO ₄	2	41.5	97	78000
MMIM MeSO ₄	2	45.5	96	106000
BMIM MeSO ₄	2	67.5	98	138000
EMIM EtSO ₄	2	75.4	95	123000

STY = space time yield

ee = enantiomeric excess

ttn = total turnover number

Biocatalysis in the presence of ILs

Challenges

- Structure-properties-relationship
- IL requirements
 - Synthesise ILs with high purity
 - Produce less expensive ILs
- Develop effective methods for
 - Product recovery
 - Catalyst recycling
 - IL recycling



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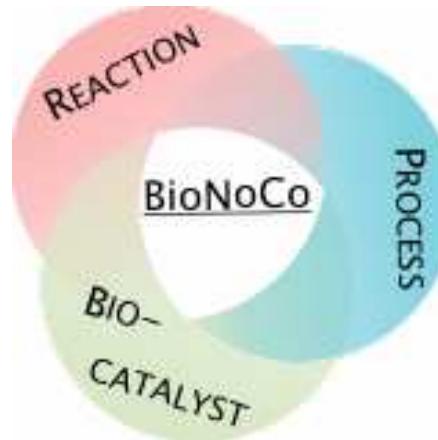
Perspective

- Improved biocatalyst performance
- Broadened substrate spectrum
- Novel reactor concepts
 - 2-phase or even 3-phase-systems
 - *In situ* product recovery by scF
- Less effort for safety installations



**Not one single IL for all problems!
IL must be selected depending on the problem to be solved.**

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