



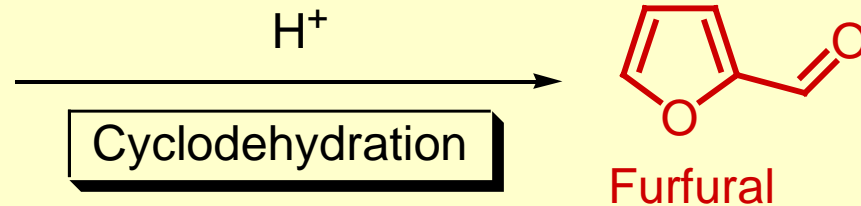
Furfural Obtained from Pentoses – A Valuable Synthone for Fine Chemistry

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Production of Furfural



Pentose containing
biomass, hemicelluloses



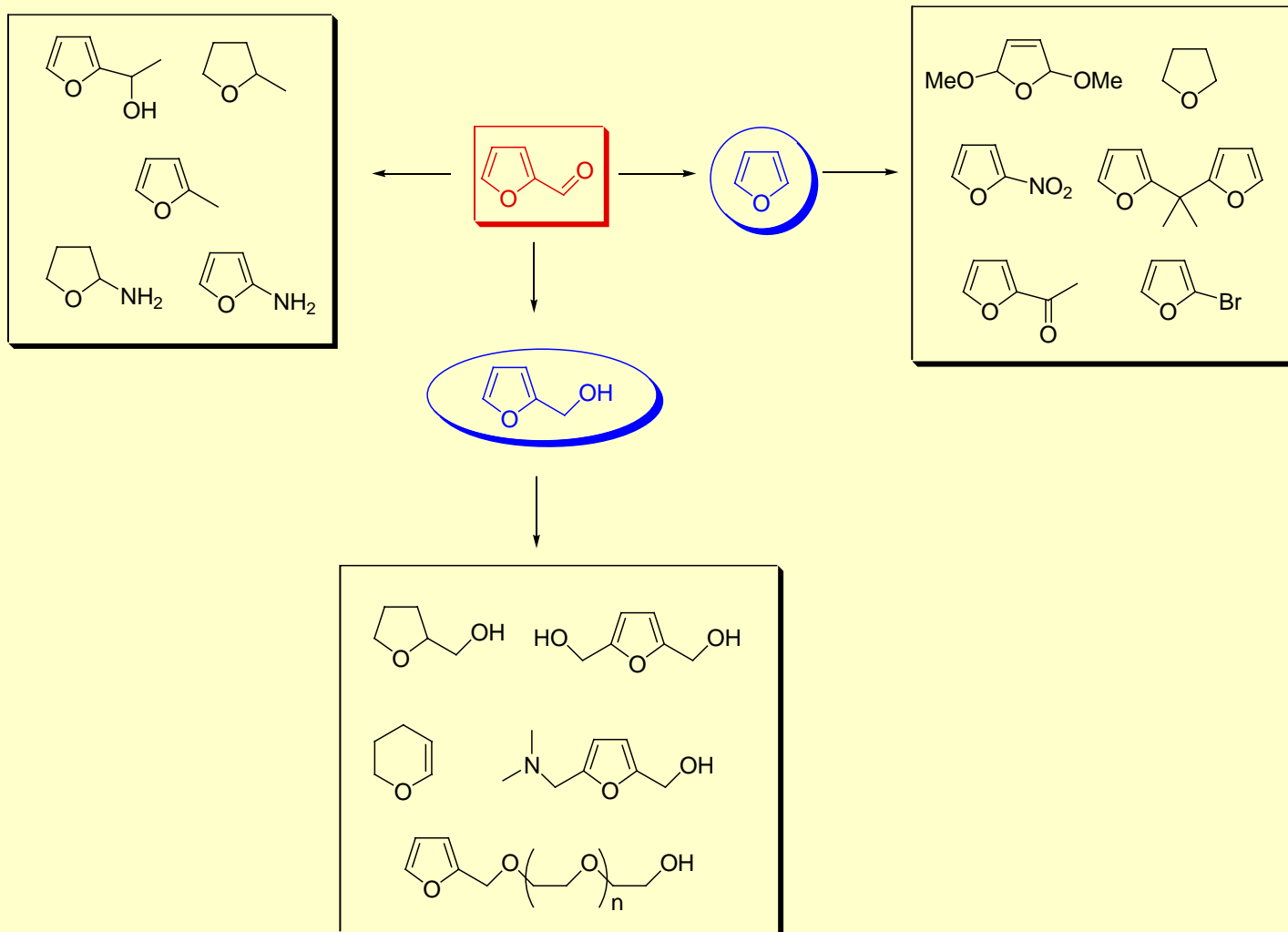
Worldwide production: > 280 000 tpa
Production in China: 200 000 tpa

J.-H. Hwang et al. *Biofuels, Bioprod. Bioref.* **2008**, 2, 438.

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Biorefineries – Industrial Processes and Products. Wiley-VCH, Weinheim, **2006**.

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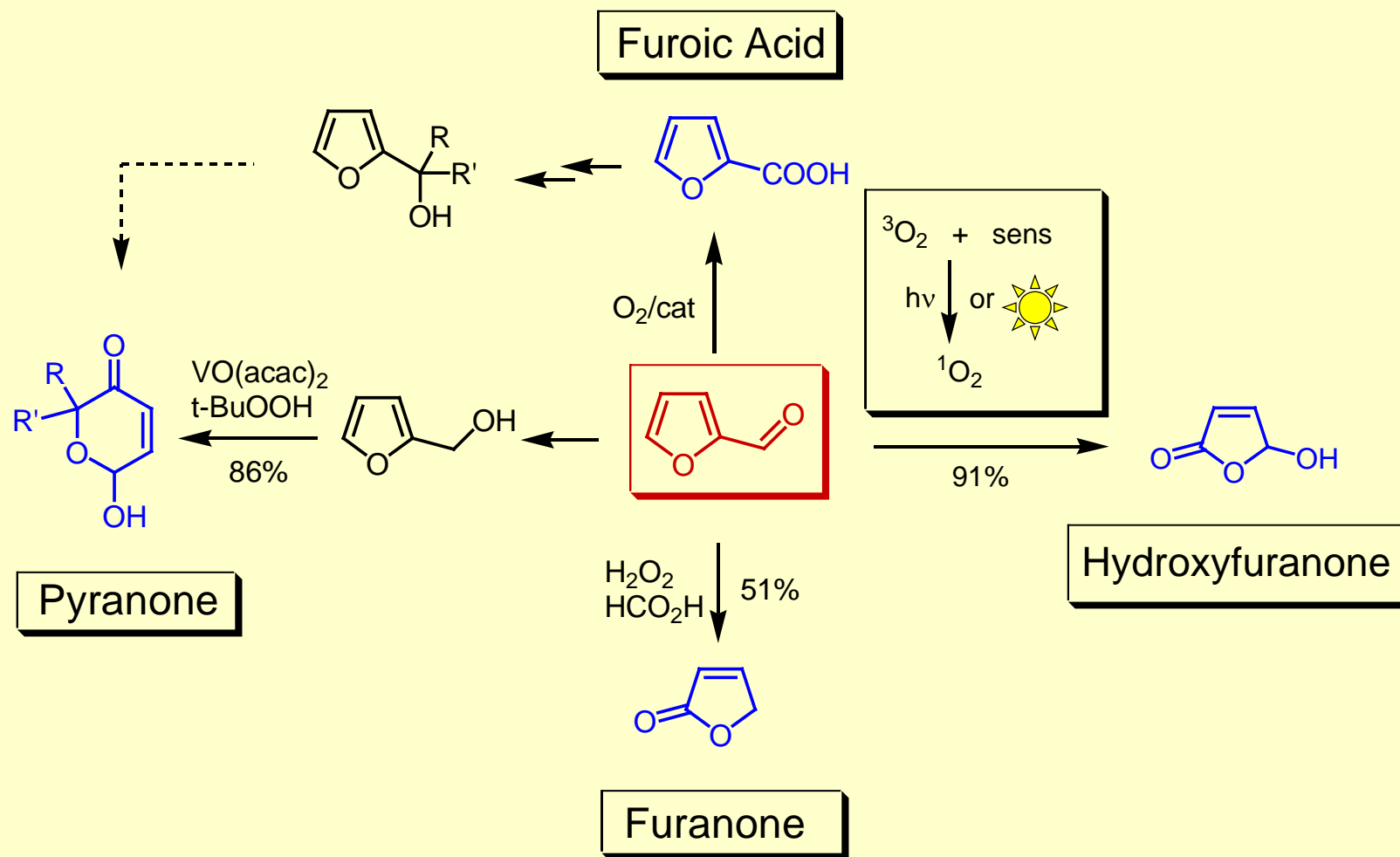
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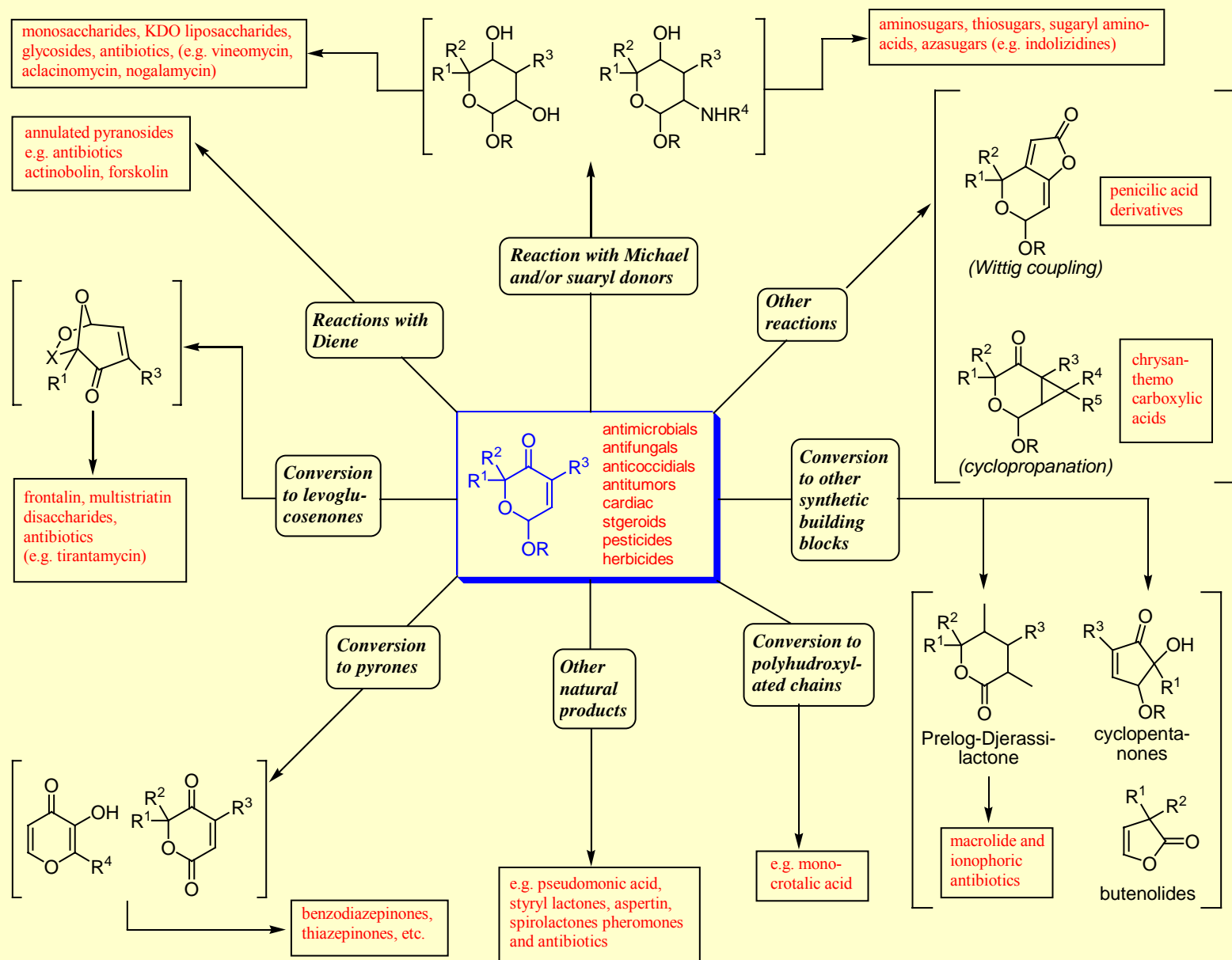
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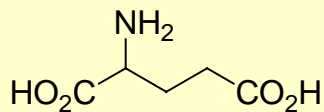
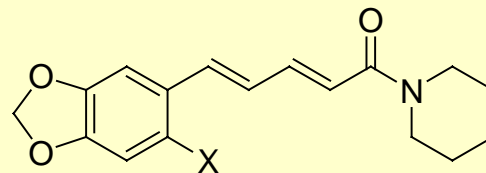
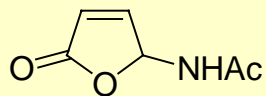
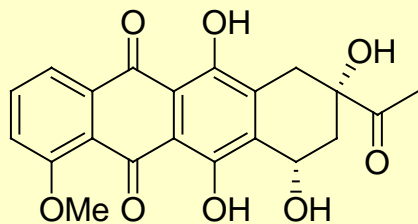
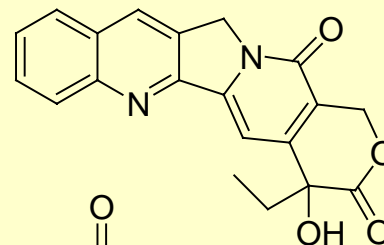
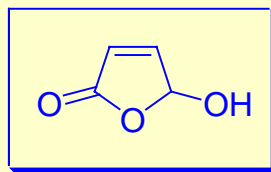
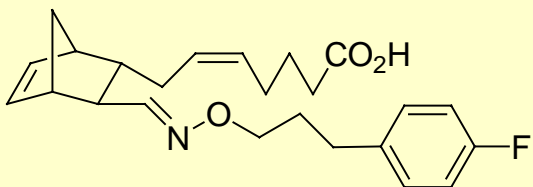
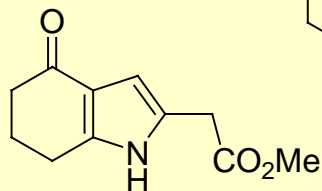
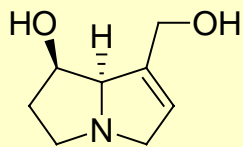
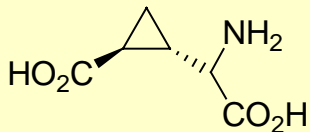
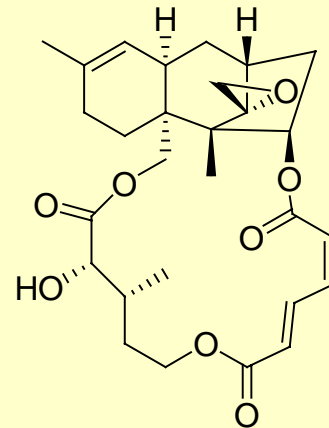
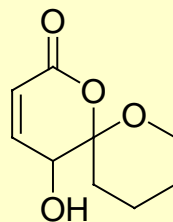
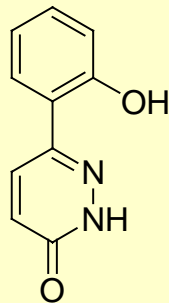
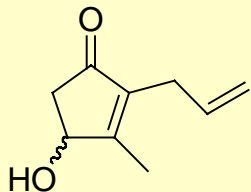
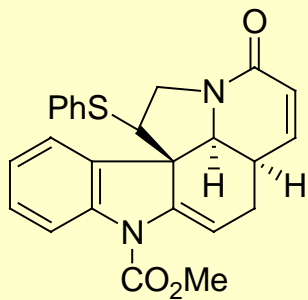
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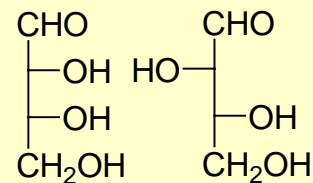
Pyranones as Versatile Synthons



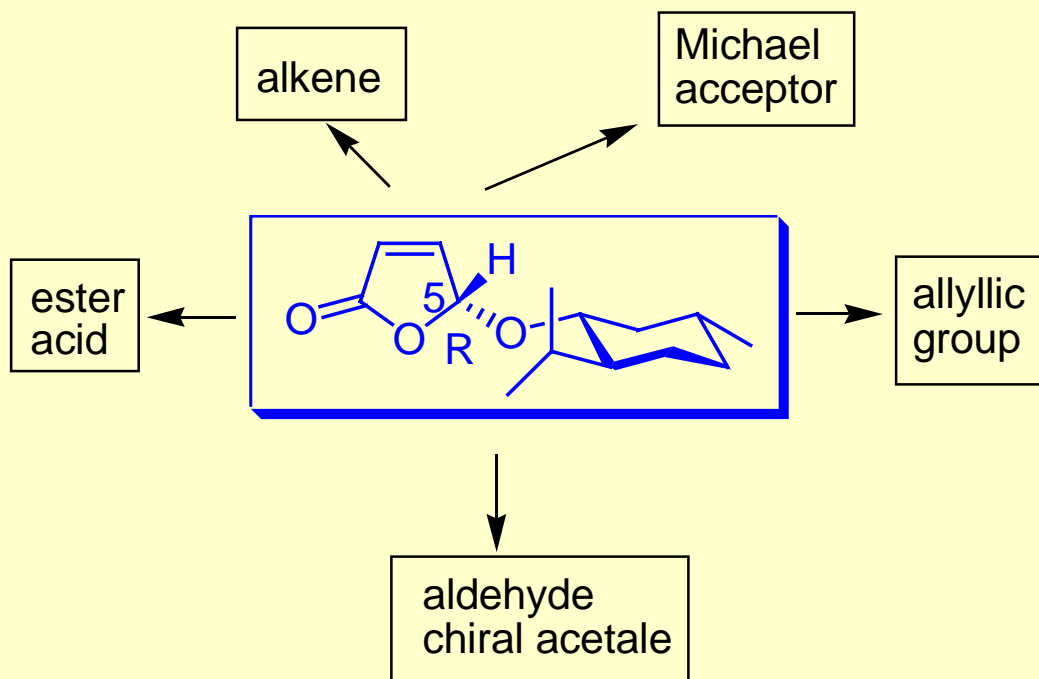
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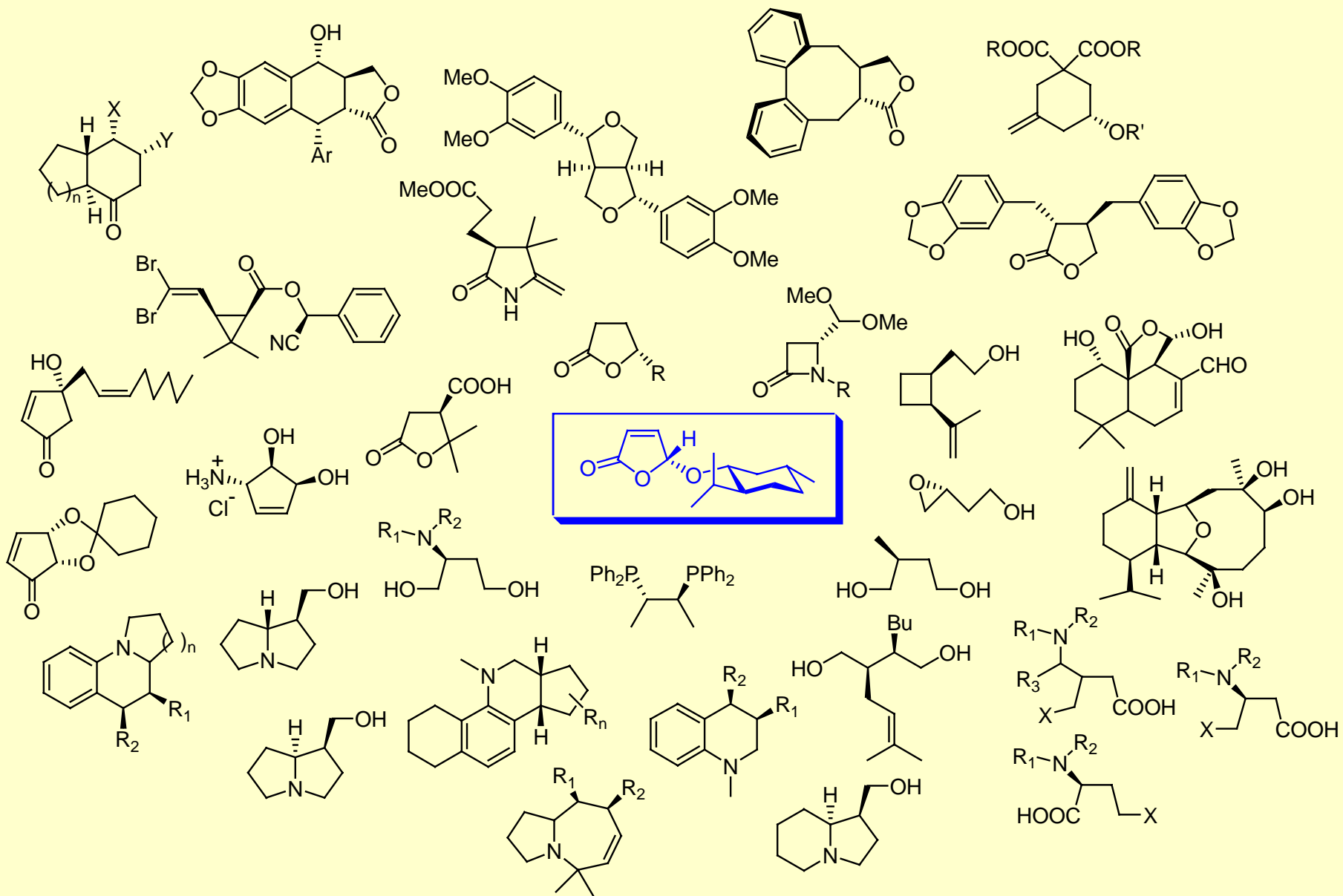
Insecticides, fungicides,
quick-drying varnishes



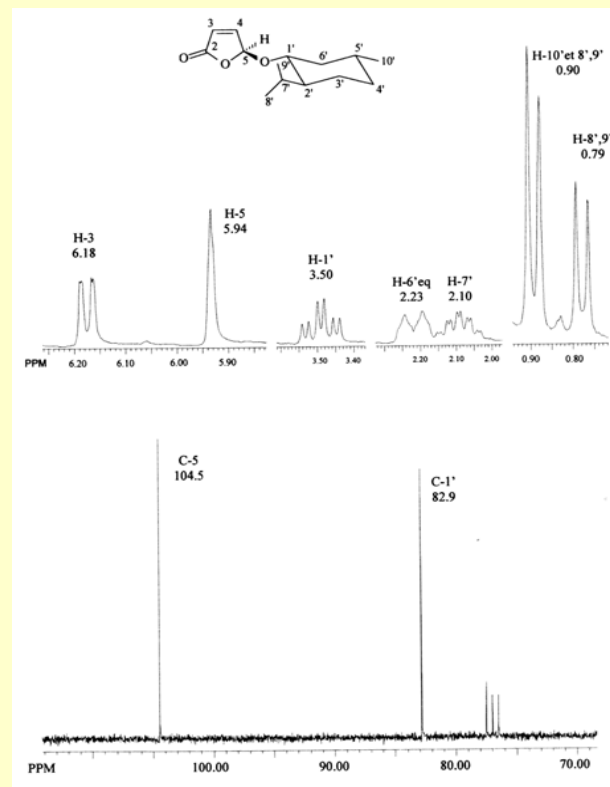
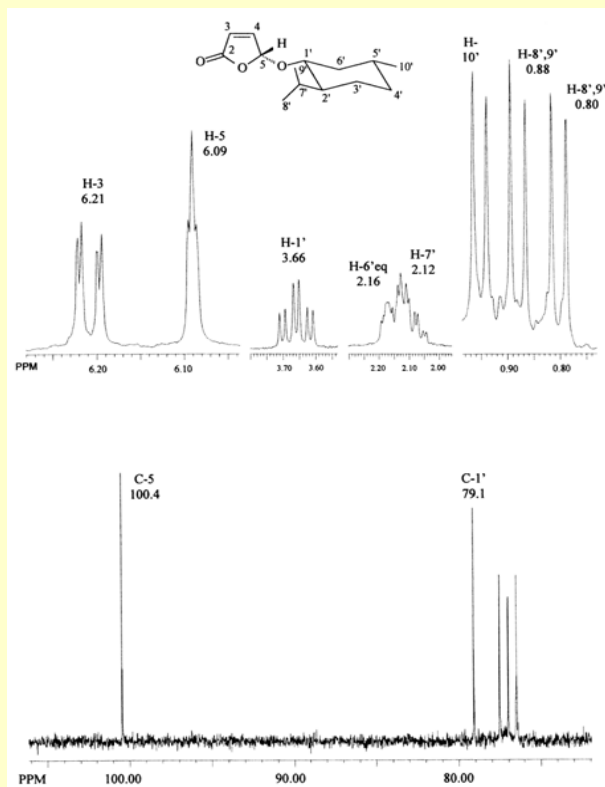
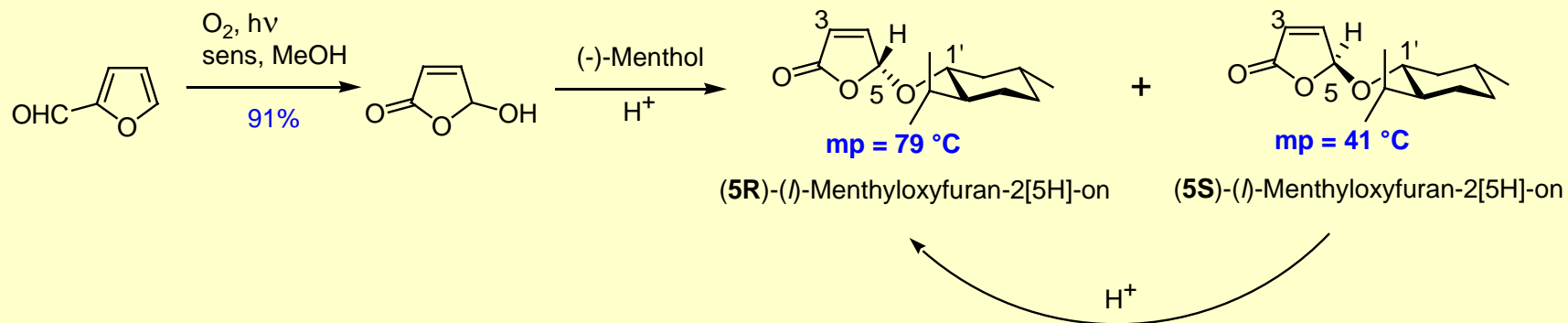
Menthyloxyfuranone as a Versatile Chiral Synthons



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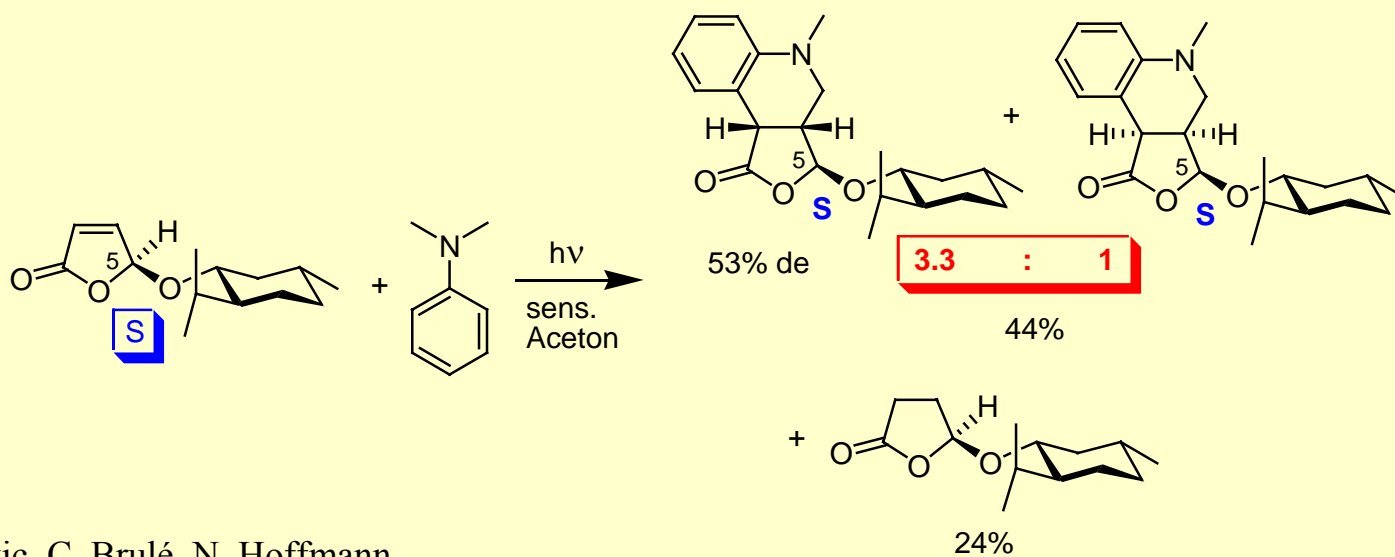
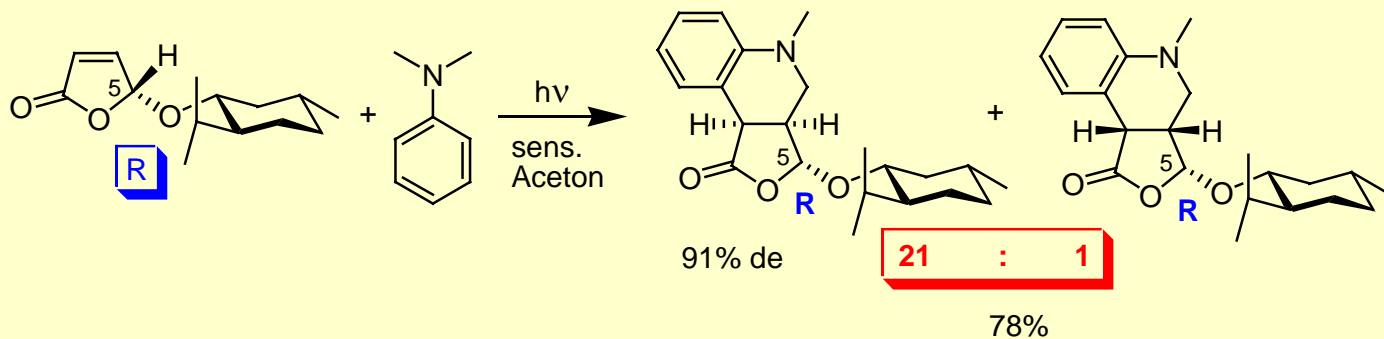


Synthesis of (5R)- and (5S)-((-)-Menthylloxy)-2[5H]-furanone



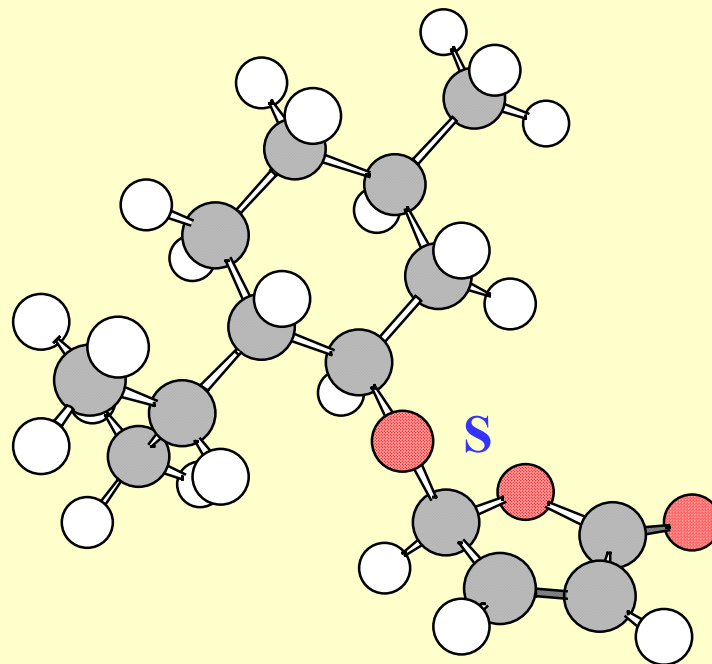
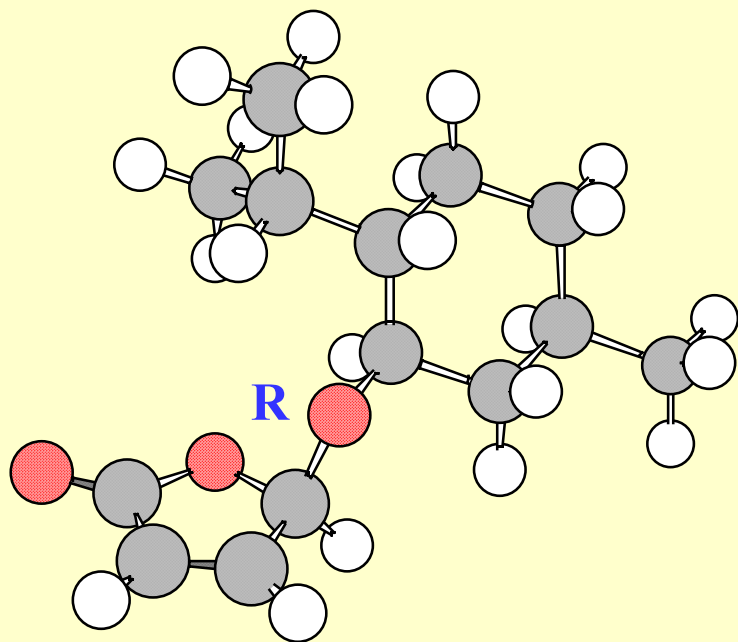
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Radical-Tandem-Reaction with (5R)- and (5S)-((-)-Menthyloxy)-2[5H]-furanone

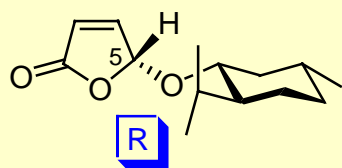


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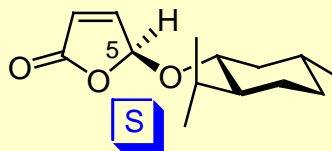


Double Induction with (5R)- and (5S)-((-)-Menthyloxy)-2[5H]-furanone



P(syn) / P(anti) : 21 / 1

Matched



P'(syn) / P'(anti) : 3 / 1

Mismatched

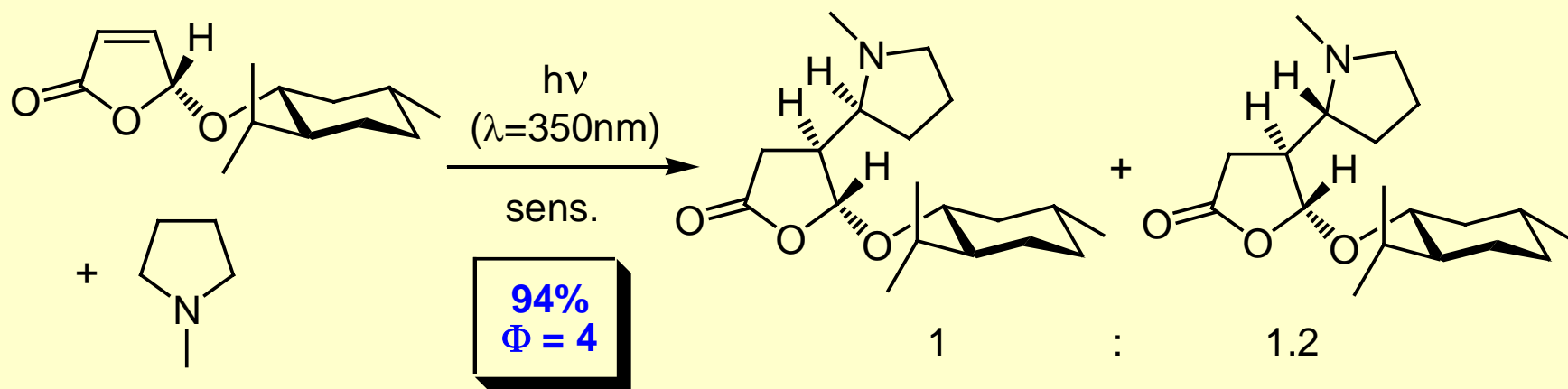
$$\ln (P(\text{syn}) / P(\text{anti})) = -(\Delta\Delta G_a^\ddagger + \Delta\Delta G_{\text{menth}}^\ddagger) / RT$$

$$\ln (P'(\text{syn}) / P'(\text{anti})) = -(\Delta\Delta G_a^\ddagger - \Delta\Delta G_{\text{menth}}^\ddagger) / RT$$

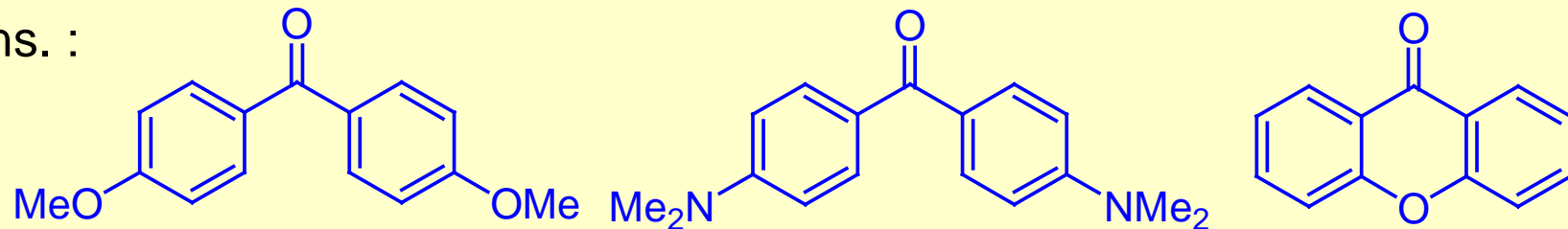
$$\Delta\Delta G_a^\ddagger = -1.24 \text{ kcal.mol}^{-1}$$

$$\Delta\Delta G_{\text{menth}}^\ddagger = -0.58 \text{ kcal.mol}^{-1}$$

Radical Addition of Tertiary Amines to Electron Deficient Alkenes



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Comparing New and Conventional Sensitizers

New Sensitizers

High yields (>90%)

**Fast reactions
(15g after 5min of irradiation)**

Catalytic amounts

Recovery up to 80% after the reaction

Conventional Sensitizers (benzophenone, acetophenone)

Modest yields (~40%)

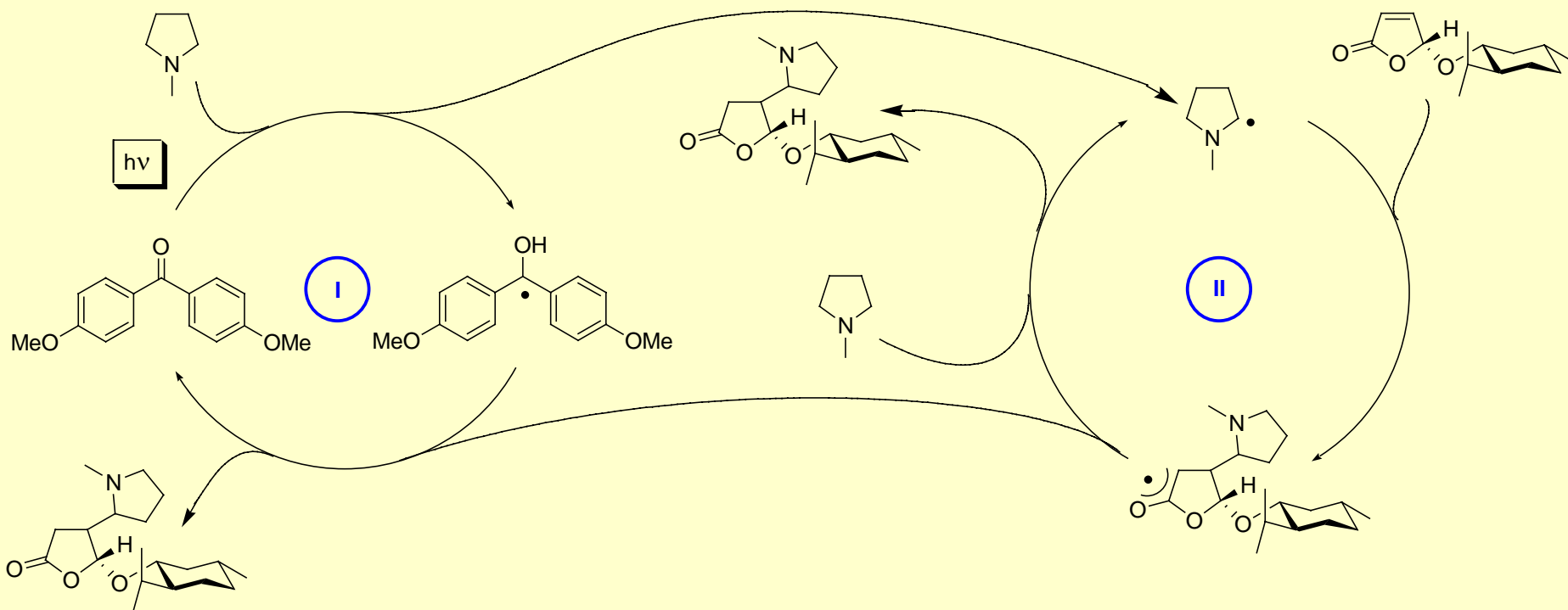
Slow reactions

At least stoichiometric amounts

Degradation of the sensitizer

Formation of many side products

Mechanism of the Radical Addition of tertiary Amines to Electron Deficient Alkenes

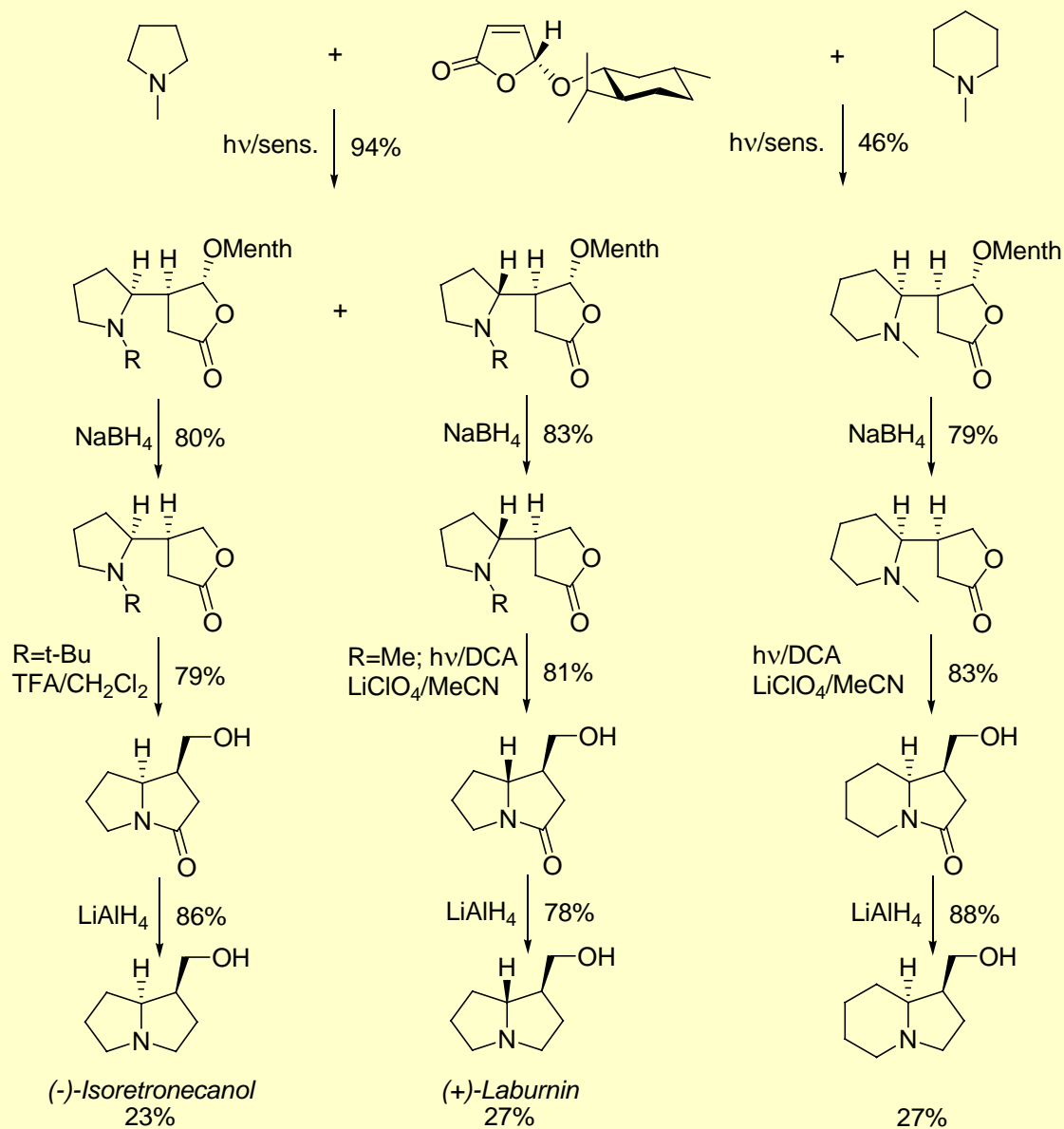


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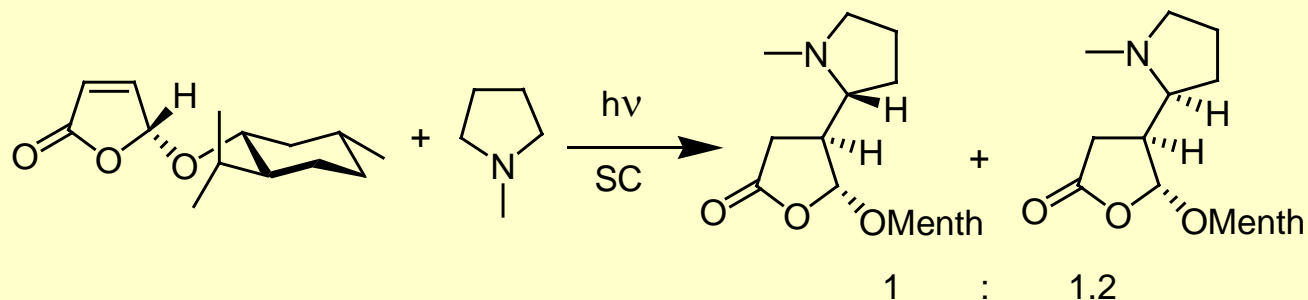
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Asymmetric Synthesis of Necines and Indolizidines



Semiconductor Catalyzed Radical Addition of Tertiary Amines with Electron Deficient Alkenes



Semi-conductor ^a	c(furanone) [mol/L]	c(amine) [mol/L]	Time of Irradiation [h]	Conversion [%]	Yield ^b [%]
TiO ₂	10 ⁻²	4.10 ⁻¹	9	59	25
ZnS	10 ⁻²	4.10 ⁻¹	9	68	28
TiO ₂	10 ⁻²	solvent	2.5	100	53
ZnS	10 ⁻²	solvent	2.5	100	59
TiO₂	5.10⁻²	solvent	2.5	73	90
TiO ₂	10 ⁻¹	solvent	2.5	50	39

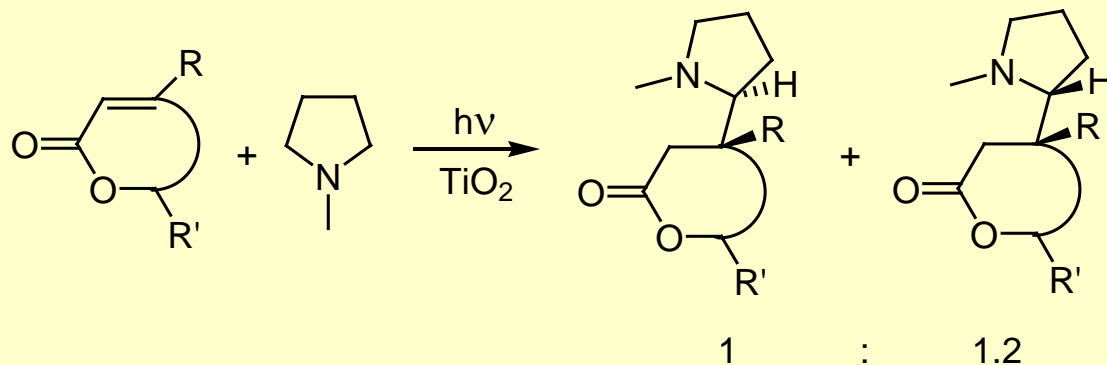
^{a)} 2 mol-% with respect to the furanone.

^{b)} Based on conversion of the furanone.

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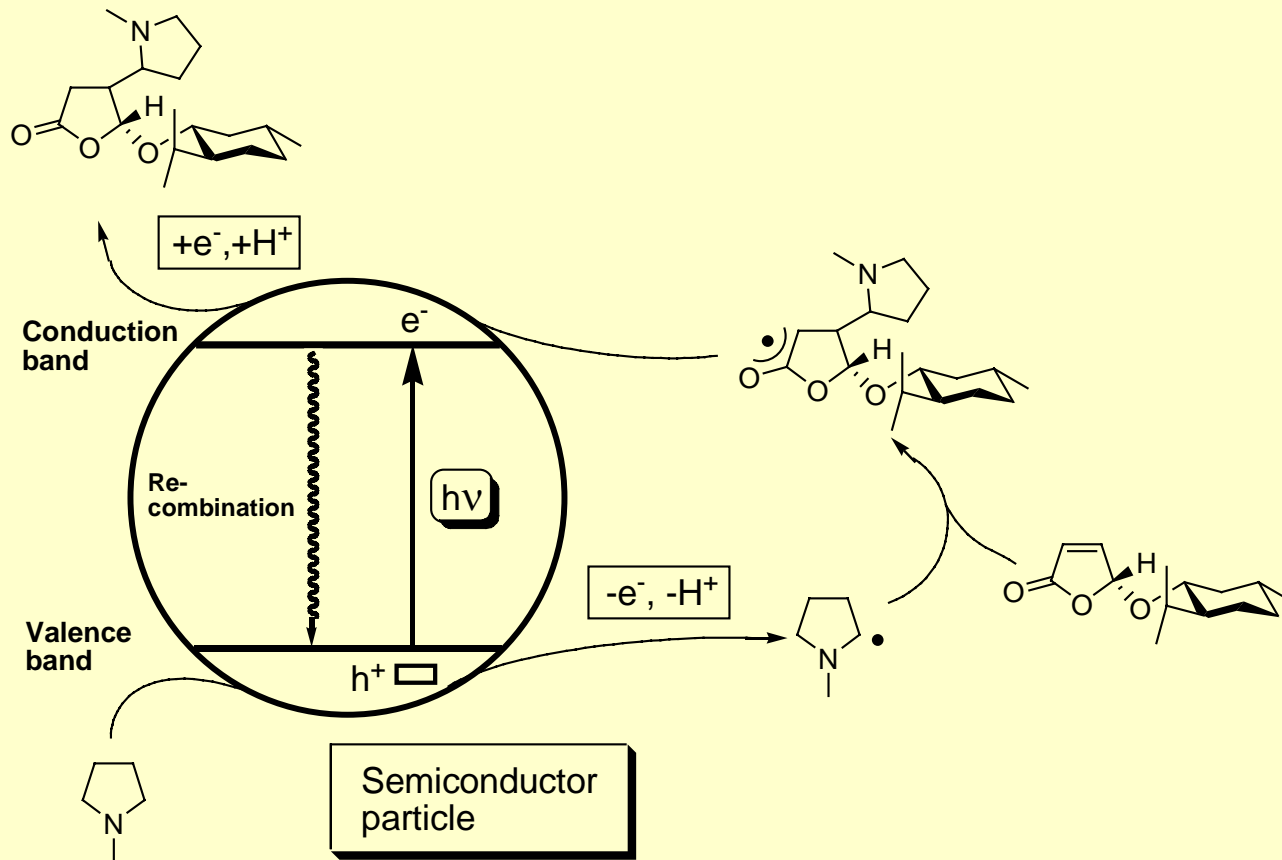
	Time of Irradiation [h]	Conversion [%]	Yield ^a [%]
	2	90	64
	2	100	98
^b	3.5	100	90
	13	20	76

^a) Based on conversion of the α,β -unsaturated lactone.

^b) The starting concentration was 10^{-2} mol/L.

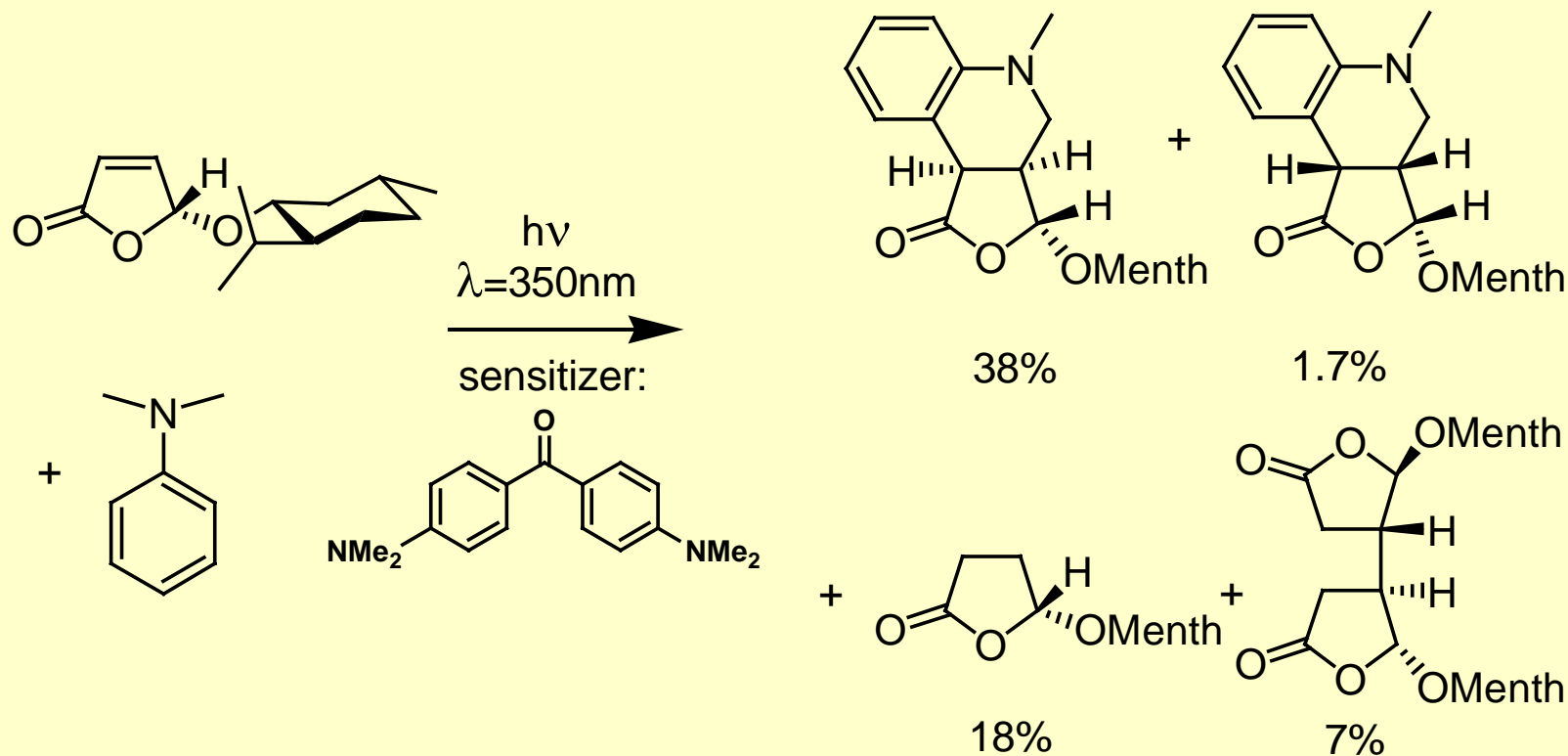
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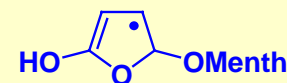
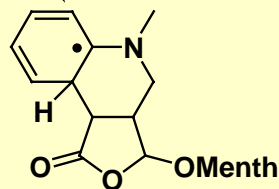
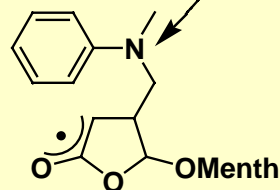
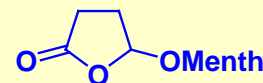
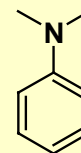
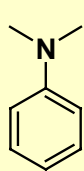
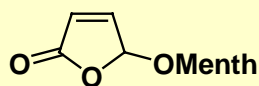
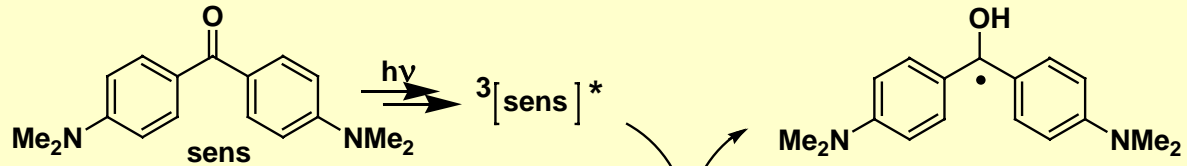
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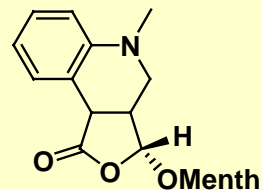
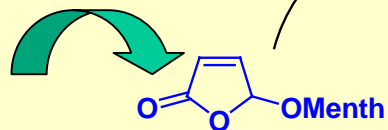


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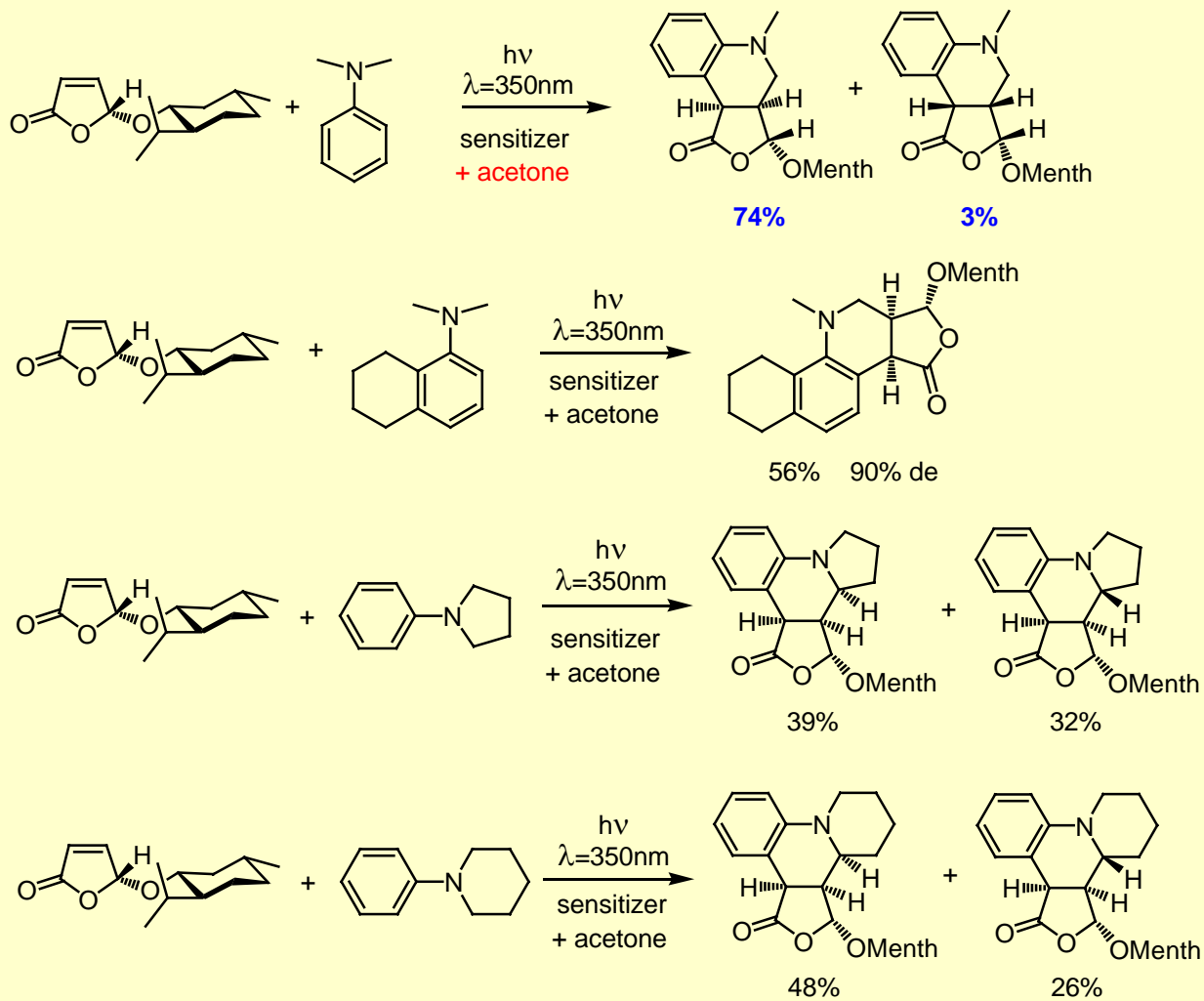
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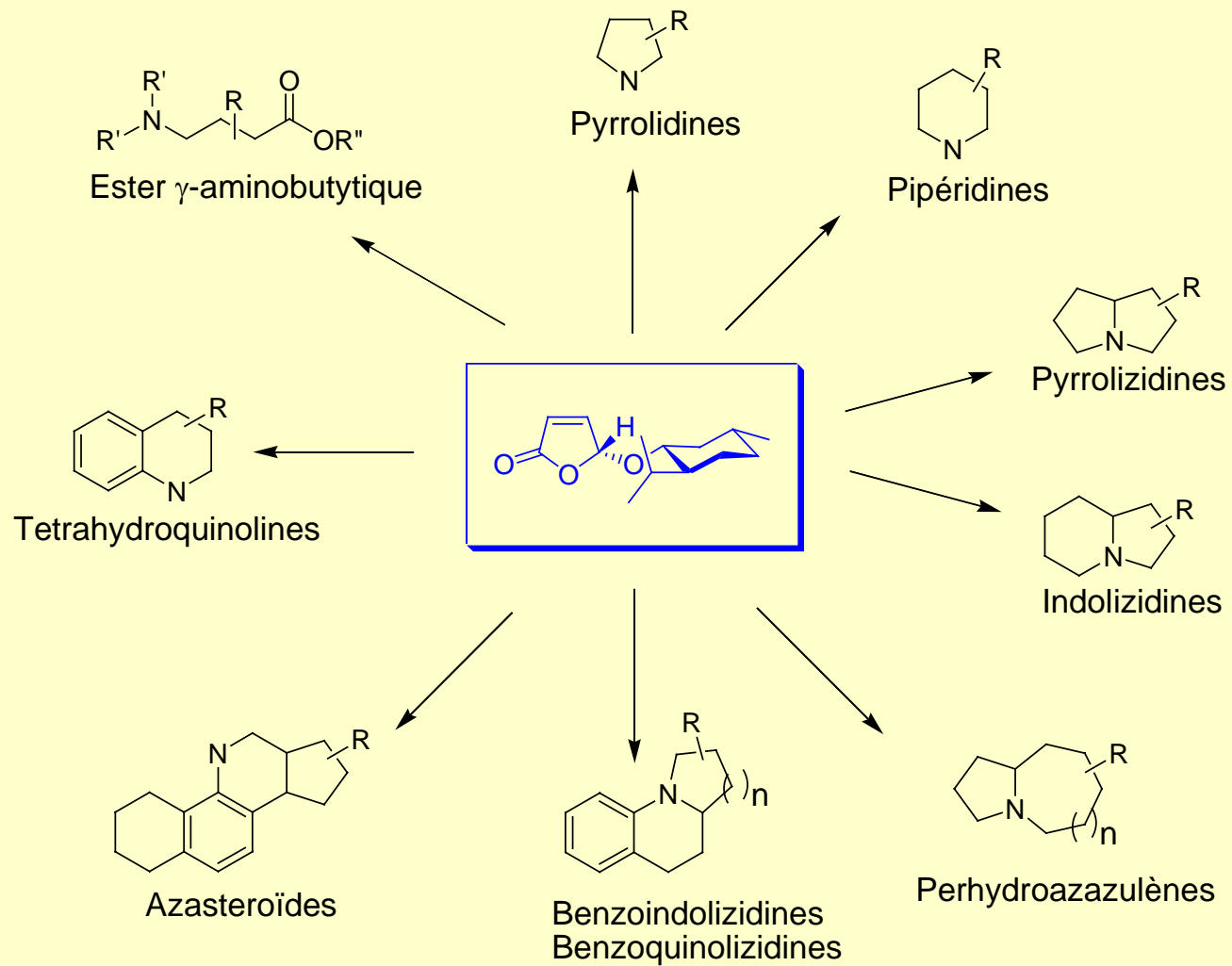


Replace by
an oxydant



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Conclusions

Furfural obtained from pentose containing biomass is a *versatile synthon for the production* of a *large variety of fine chemicals*

Key intermediates are obtained by *reduction and oxidation of furfural*.

Hydroxyfuranones obtained by *photochemical oxidation of furfural* can easily be transformed into numerous *biologically active target compounds* such as nitrogen containing heterocycles.

Transformations of products such as furfural from renewable resources in combination with environmentally friendly processes such as photochemical reactions provide perspectives for a sustainable chemical industry.

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