

# Frontier in Chemical Synthesis II: Heterocycle Chemistry

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# Lecture Structure/Plan

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- Introduction on February 22
- End of Introduction: choice of general area for each participant
- Max until April 15: choice of topic and title: the topic has to be more focused than the general fields of research in the introduction!
- April-May: preparation of the talk, please come to us if you need to redefine the topic or just need help preparing the presentation
- May 15+16: presentations (30 min presentation/30 min discussion)
- Presentations will be open access to all interested people!

# Lecture Structure: The presentation

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- Power point presentation: 30 min (around 30 slides, try not to be too short or too long!). Discussion and exercises: 30 min. 5 min change/break.
- 3 sessions of 3 presentations. One chairman for each.
- Mostly chemdraws, exceptions for complexe models/structures
- Expertise in primary literature expected, not only review
- Each participant has to ask at least one question for each talk
- 2 questions/problems on the talk given to the public
- Open to everybody

# Lecture Structure: The presentation

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- **Structure of the talk:**
  - Introduction with: position in the field, importance of topic, reason for choice of exact topic, what are related topics
  - Pioneering works in the field
  - Most important works on the topic (try to find the right balance between in-depth and in-breadth insights)
  - Conclusion and future developments

# Lecture Structure: The presentation

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- **Form of the talk:**

- Use a simple but clear corporate design for each slide (title, logo...)
- Do not put too much information on one slide! (No overlong tables, huge synthetic schemes, ....)
- ChemDraw should be big enough (at least 100%, 125 % is better)
- Do not use too much text, key words are enough
- If you use colors, it should be to attract attention to what is important
- Check your English, eventually ask a friend to help you correct it
- Check your timing to be at 30 +- 3 min.

# Lecture Structure: Goals of the Lecture

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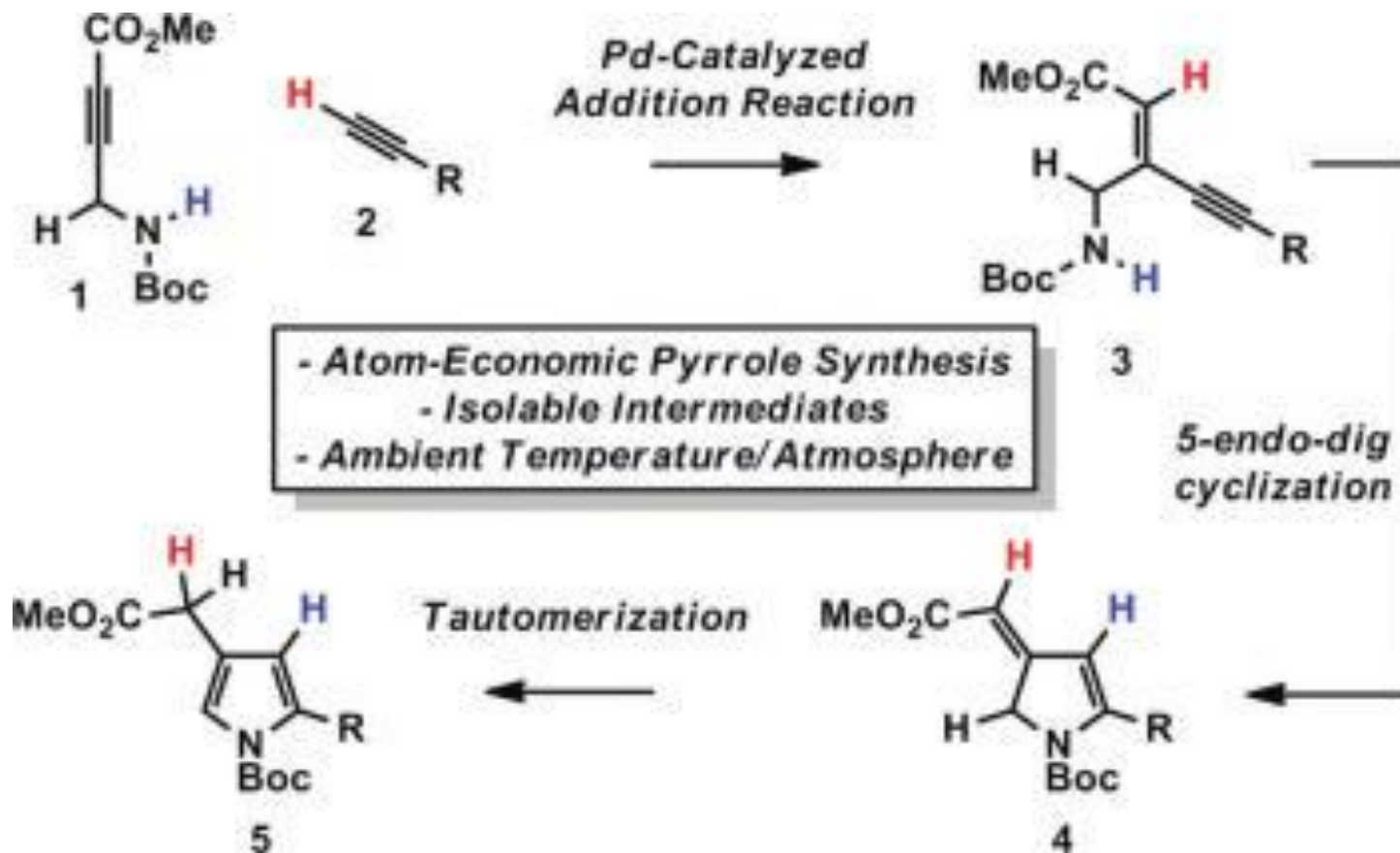
- Become aware of current effort in heterocycle chemistry
- Learn to enter a new topic and understand it
- Using databases and other tools to find all relevant publications
- Recognizing the most relevant works in a field
- Learn to give well-structured presentations
- Public presentation and handling of questions and discussions
- Individual organisation of work

# Lecture Structure: Content

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- Synthesis of Heterocycles
  - Small Rings
  - 5-membered Ring
  - 6-membered Ring
  - Indoles
  - Others
- Functionalization of Heterocycles
- Heterocyclic Natural Products
- Heterocycles as Catalysts or as Ligands
- Applications of Heterocycles: Medicinal Chemistry and Materials

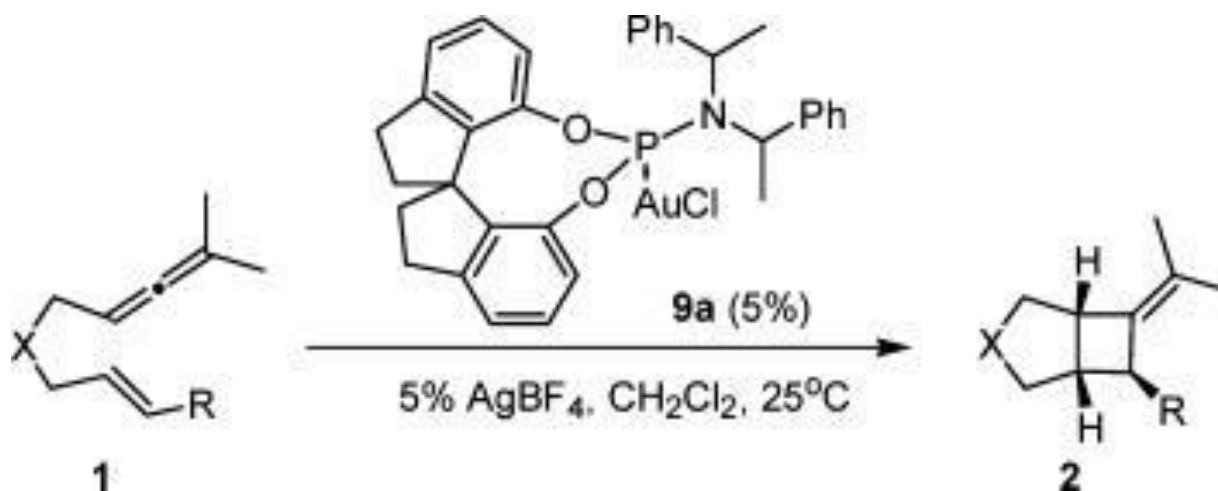
# Innovative Synthesis: Catalytic Cyclizations



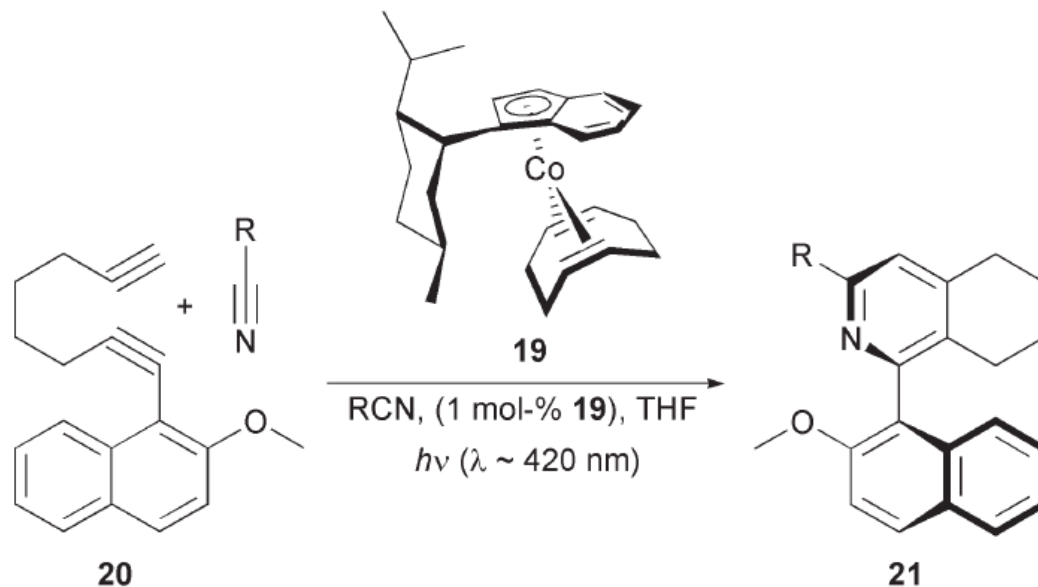
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# Innovative Synthesis: Annulation Reactions



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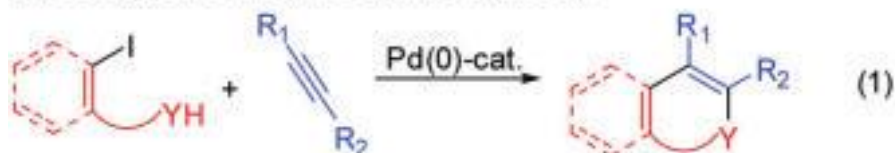
R = Ph, Me, *t*-Bu

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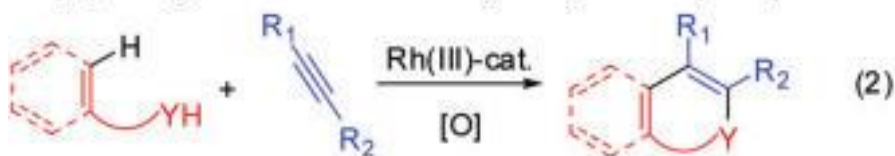
# Innovative Synthesis: Annulation Reactions

Larock-type heterocycle synthesis (1991):

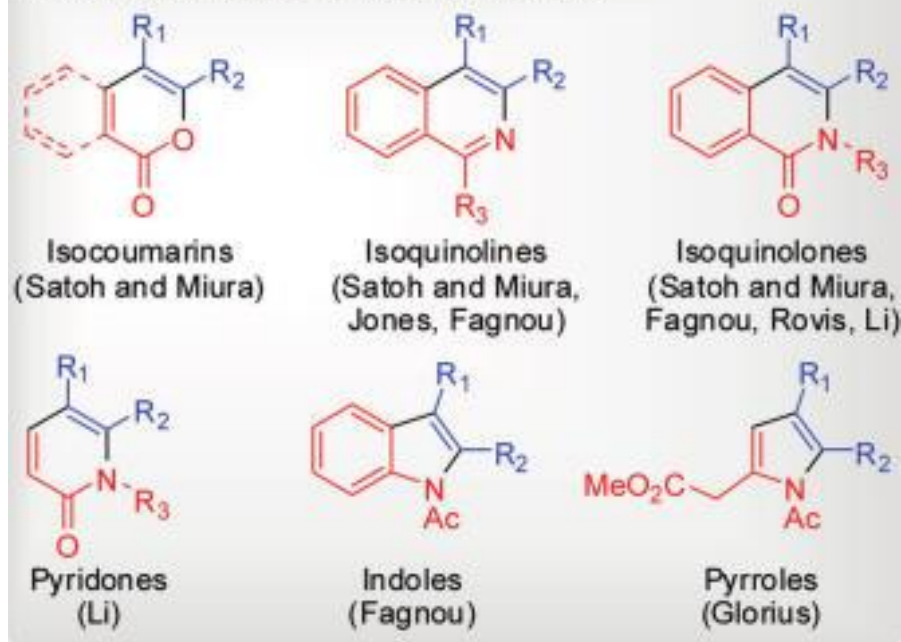


Y = O, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>O, CO<sub>2</sub>Me (H not present), NR

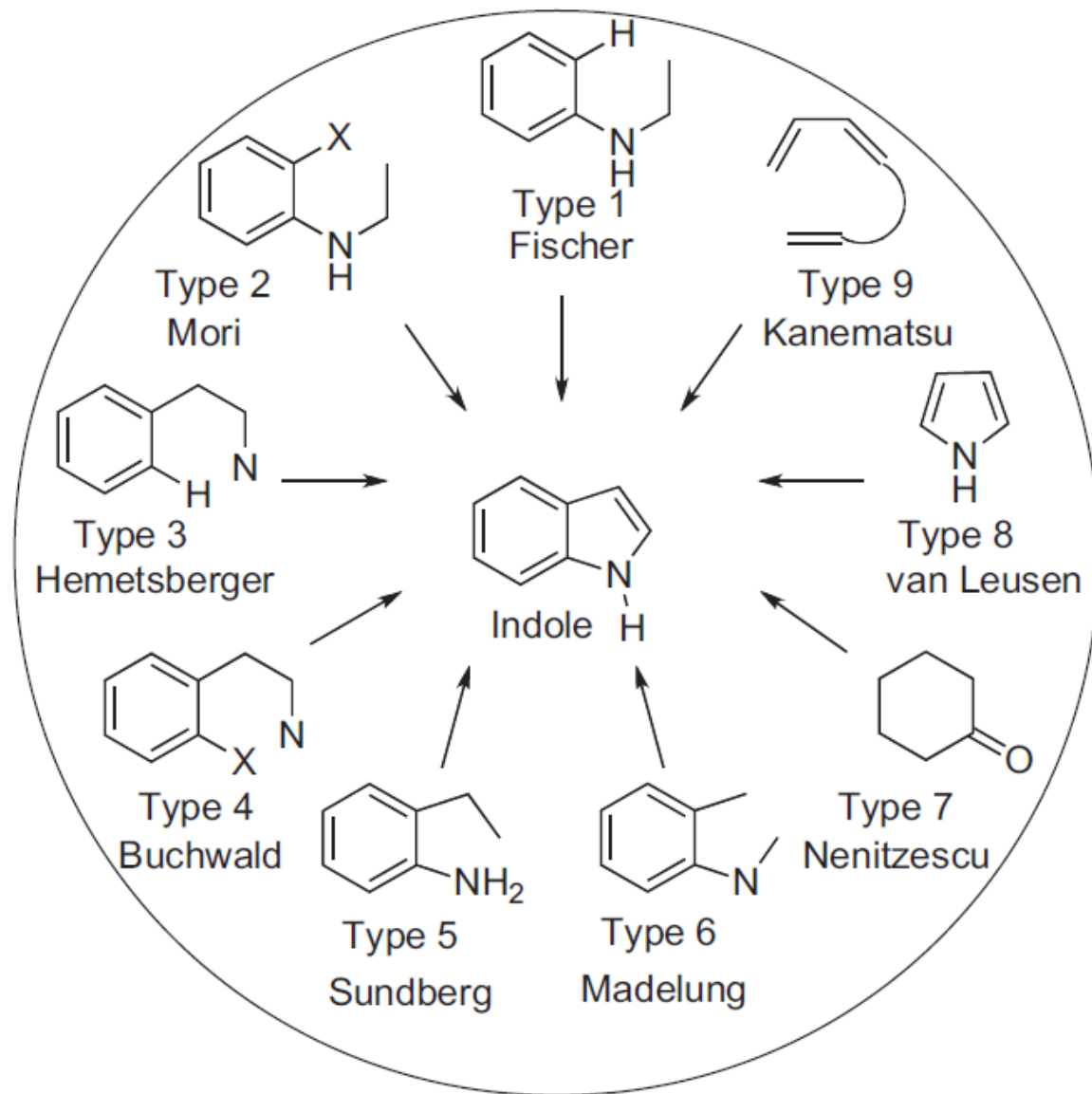
Rh(III)-catalyzed oxidative heterocycle synthesis (2007):



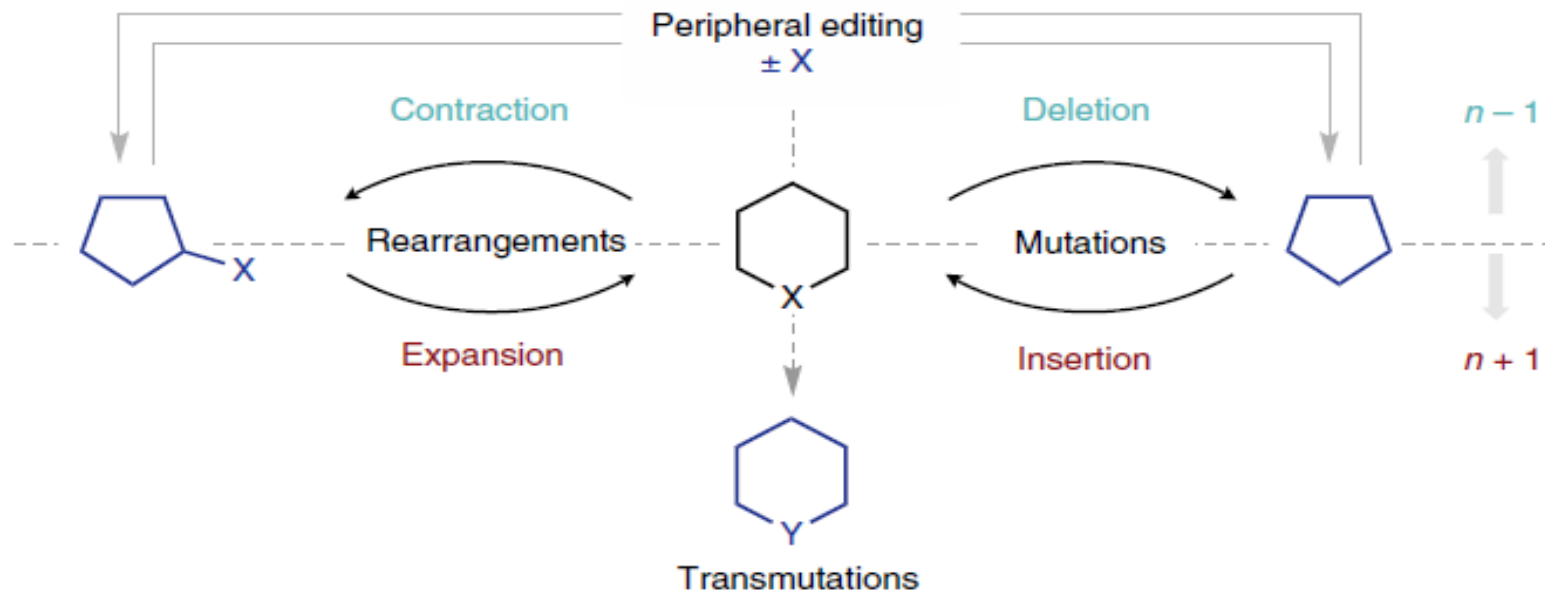
Rh(III)-catalysis applied to the synthesis of:



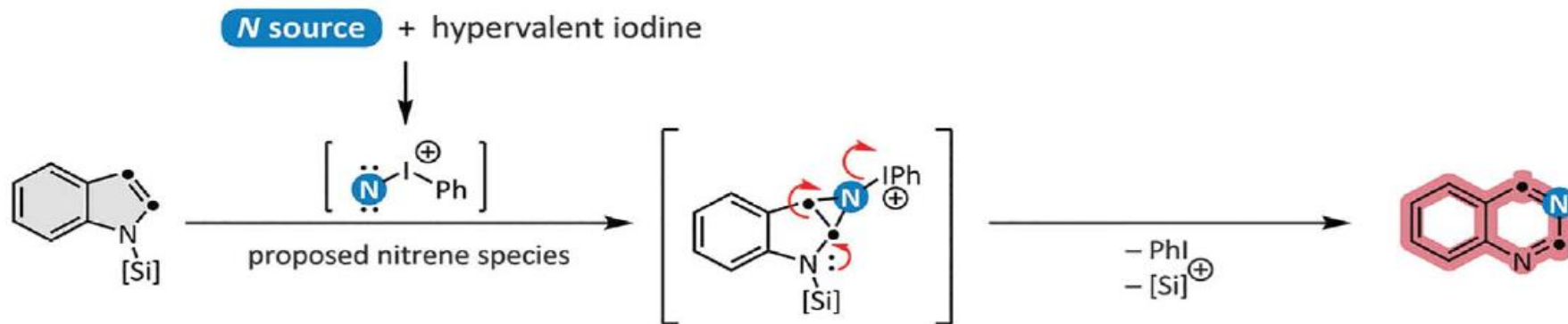
# Indole: King of the Rings



# Current Buzz: skeletal editing

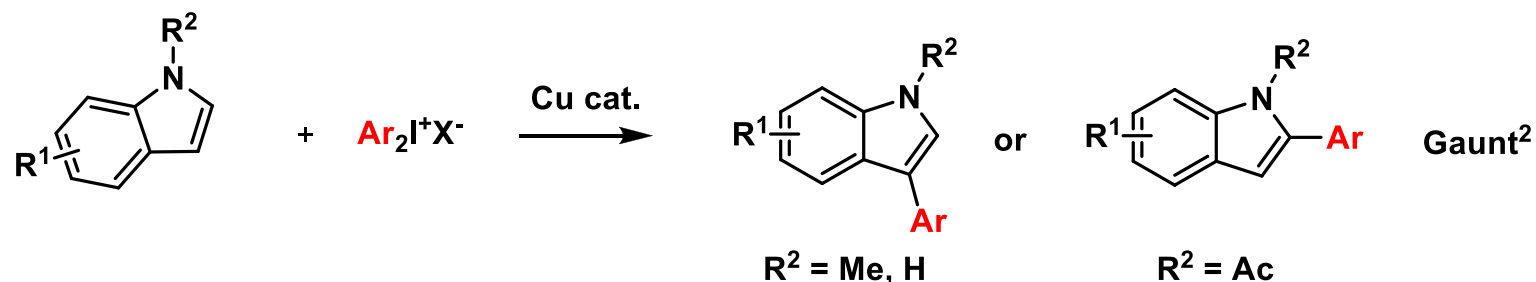
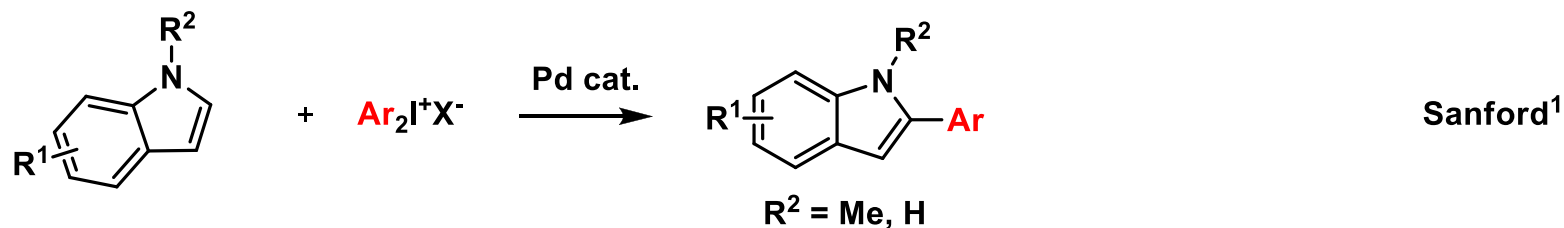


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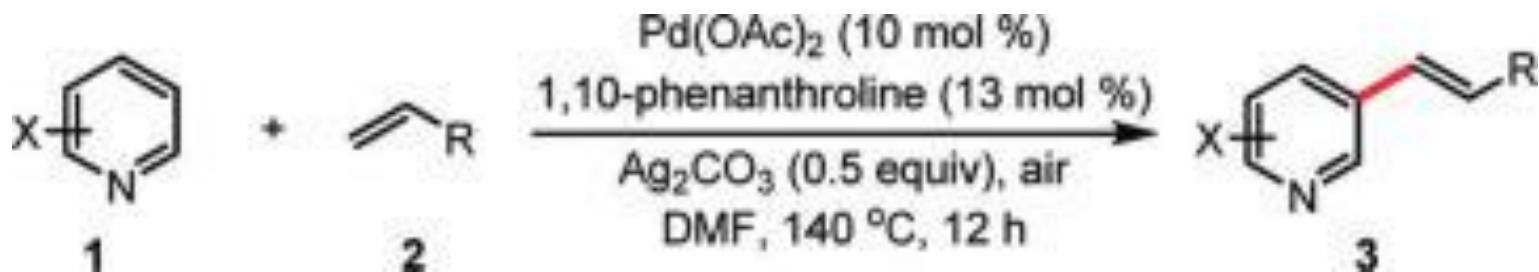


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# C-H Functionalization of Heterocycles

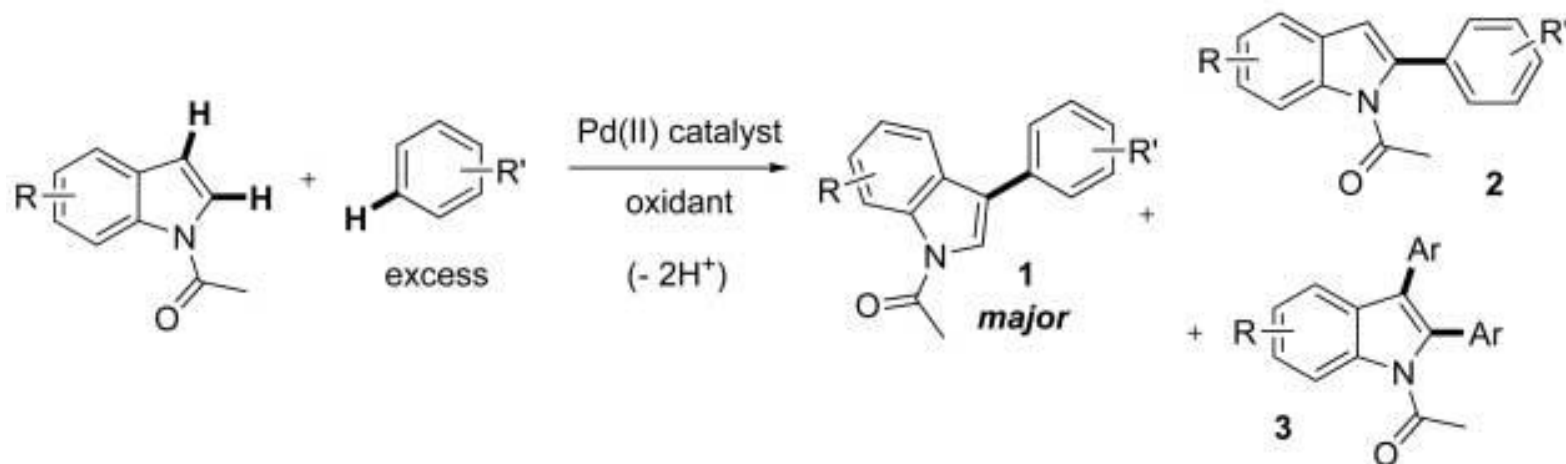


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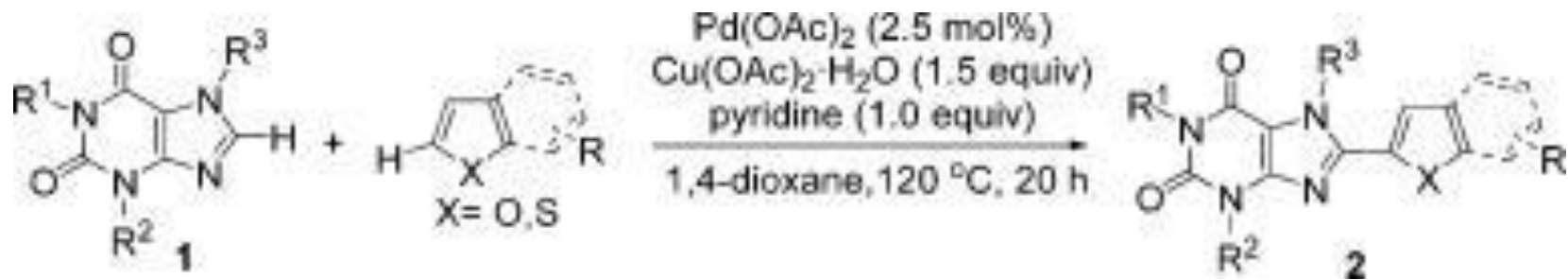


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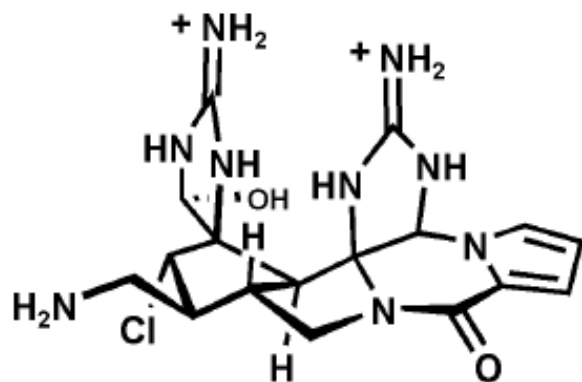


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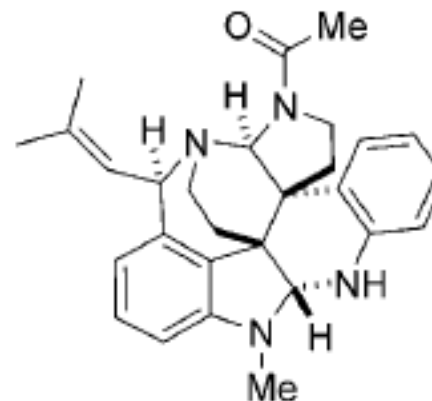
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# Heterocyclic Natural Products



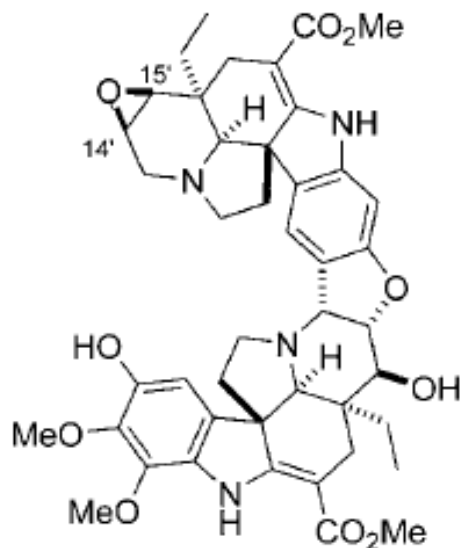
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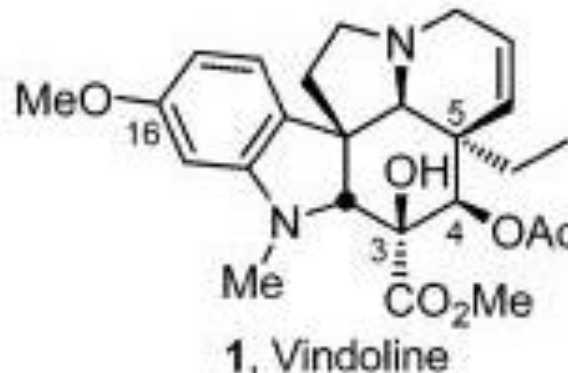
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(-)-conophylline (1)

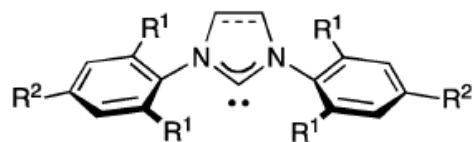
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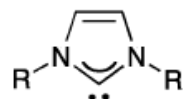
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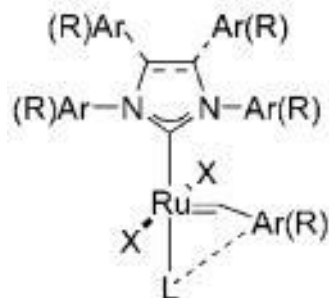
# Heterocycles as Ligands/Catalysts: Carbenes



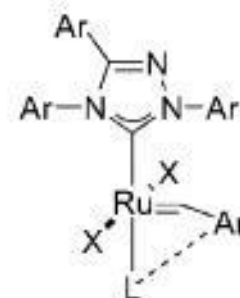
(S)IPr  $R^1 = iPr, R^2 = H$   
 (S)IMes  $R^1 = R^2 = Me$



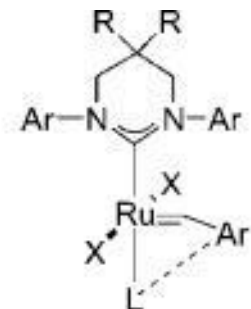
IMe  $R = Me$   
 ItBu  $R = tBu$   
 ICy  $R = \text{cyclohexyl}$   
 IAd  $R = 1\text{-adamantyl}$



imidazol-2-ylidenes  
 imidazolin-2-ylidenes

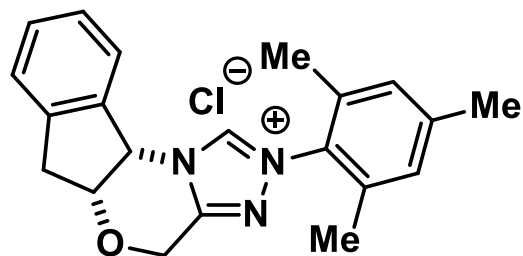


1,2,4-triazol-5-ylidenes

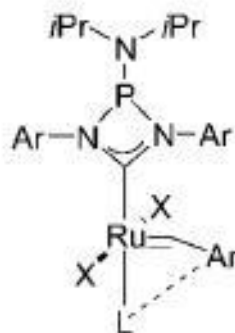


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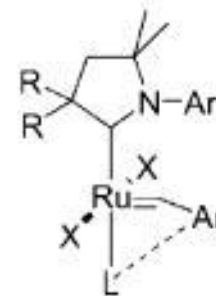
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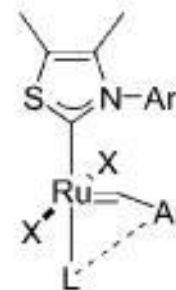
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four-membered ring  
 diaminocarbene



cyclic  
 (alkyl)(amino)carbenes

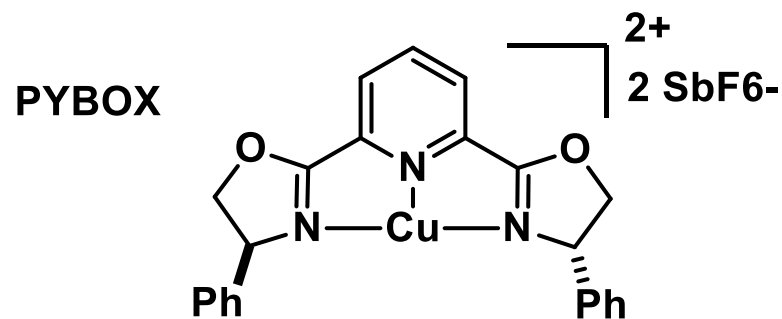
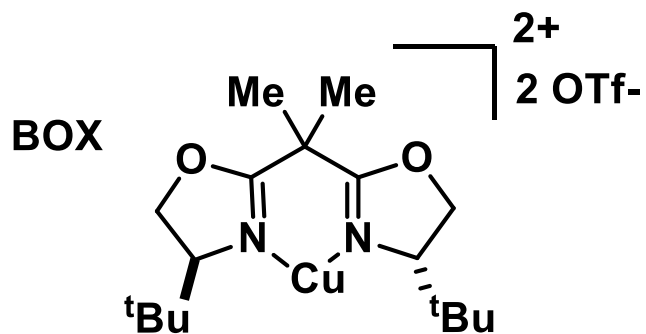


thiazol-2-ylidenes

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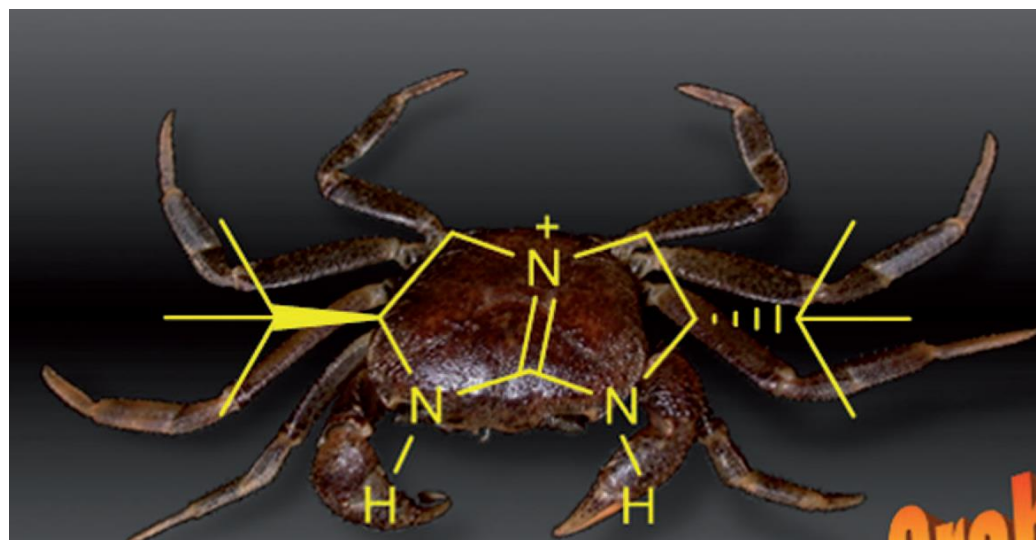


# Heterocycles as Ligands/Catalysts



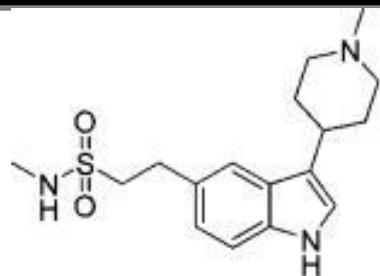
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Guanidines  
Organocatalysts

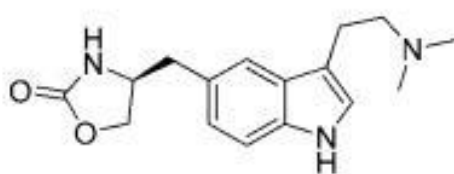


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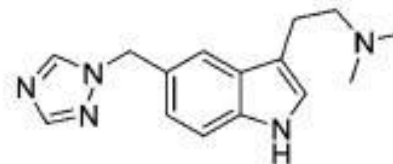
# Applications of Heterocycles: Drugs and MedChem



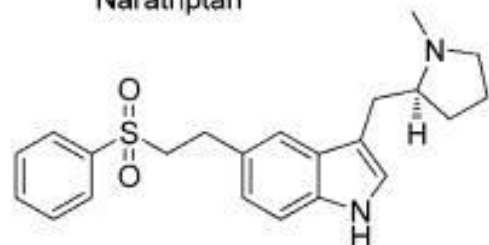
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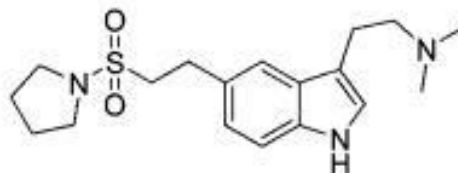
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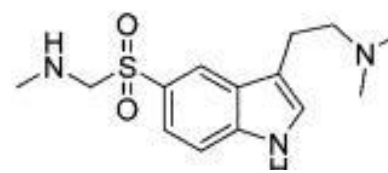
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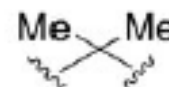
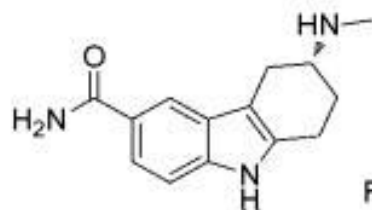
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Almotriptan



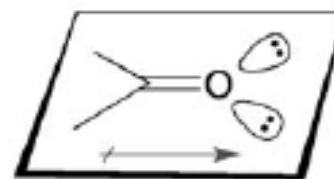
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bulk increase



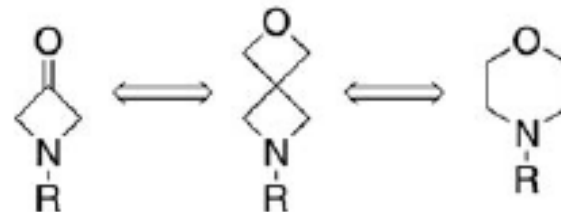
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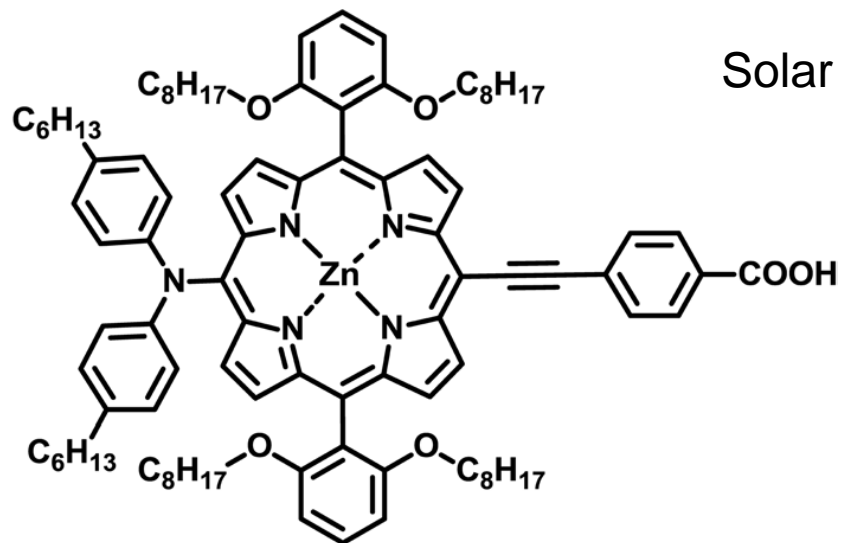
Functional Group and Structural Analogies



Top Selling Drugs

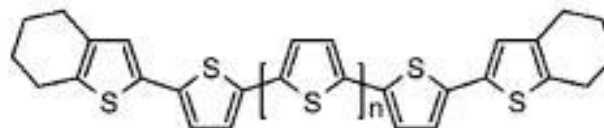
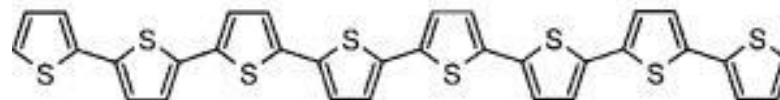
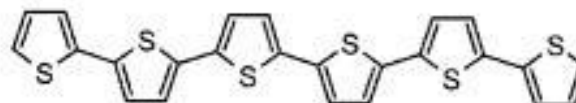
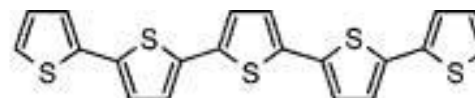
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# Applications of Heterocycles: Materials



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## Organic Electronic

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