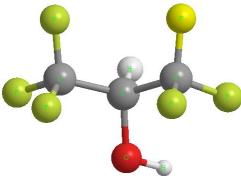




# Hexafluoroisopropanol as a highly versatile solvent

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# Physical and chemical properties of HFIP



Part 1



*Physical properties*



*Enhanced acidity*



*Reduced nucleophilicity*



*Hydrogen-bond donating ability*

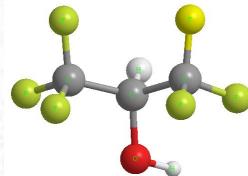


*Redox stability*



*Cation stabilization*

# Physical and chemical properties of HFIP

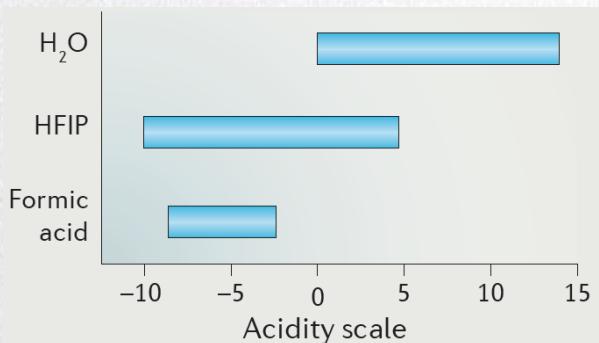


## Physical properties

HFIP does not absorb UV light, is thermally stable and is miscible with both water and most common polar organic solvents. The low boiling point (bp = 59 ° C; for comparison, the bp of *i*PrOH is 82.2 ° C).

## Enhanced acidity

HFIP in aqueous solution ( $pK_a = 9.3$ ) compared with *i*PrOH ( $pK_a = 17.1$ )

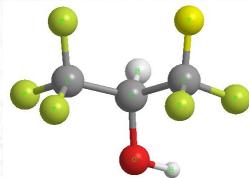


## Reduced nucleophilicity

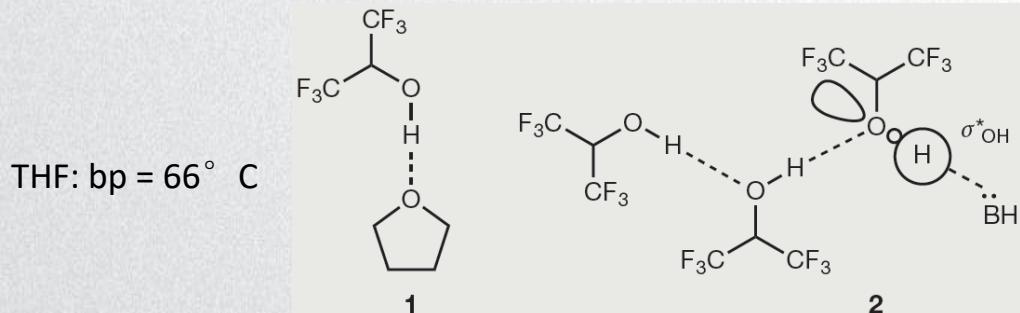


$$N_{\text{OTs}}(\text{HFIP}) = -4.23 \quad \log k = s_N(E + N)$$
$$N_{\text{OTs}}(\text{'iPrOH}) = 0.2 \quad \text{Mayr Equation}$$

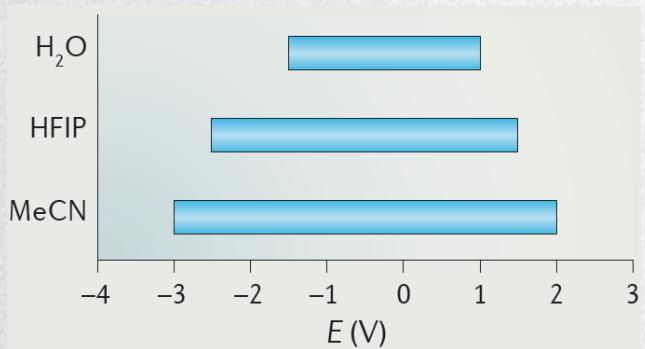
# Physical and chemical properties of HFIP



## Hydrogen-bond donating ability



## Redox stability

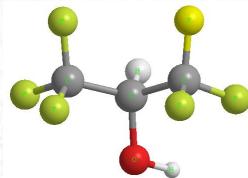


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# Physical and chemical properties of HFIP



## Cation stabilization

$\varepsilon = 15.7$





## Part 2

# HFIP in organic chemistry

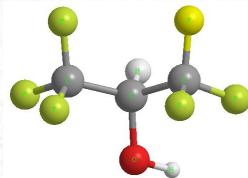
*Activation of hydrogen peroxide*

*Activation of organic functionalities*

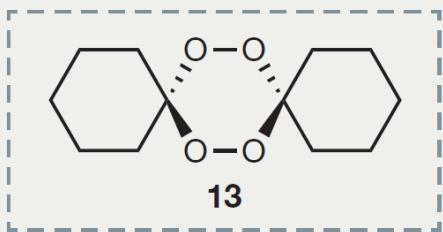
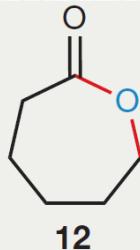
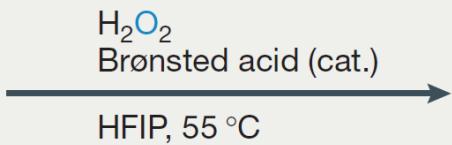
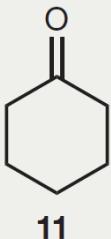
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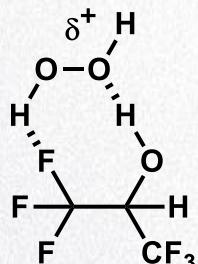
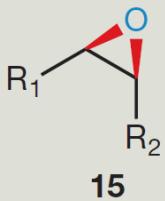
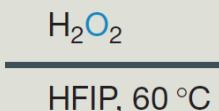
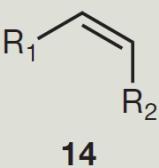
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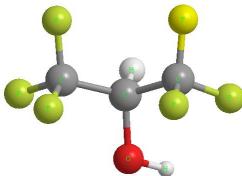


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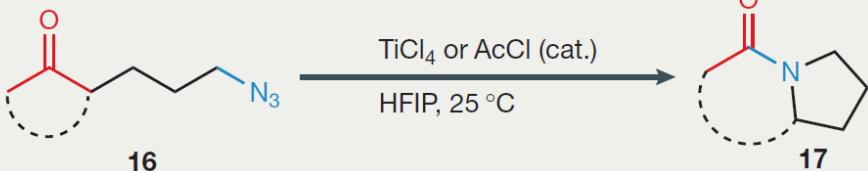
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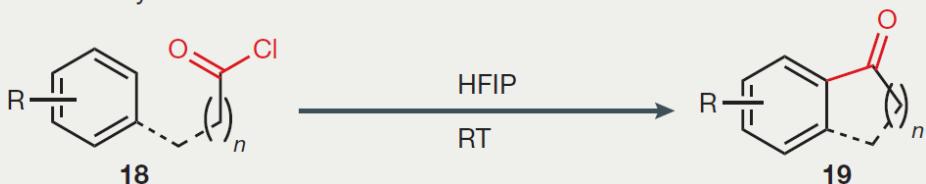


## Carbonyl or acetal activation

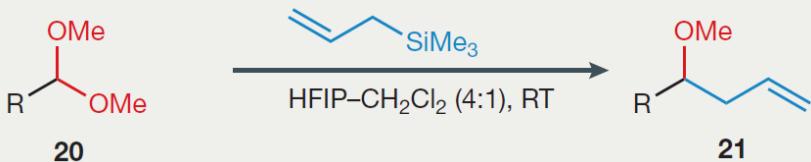
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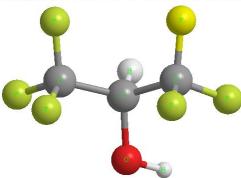
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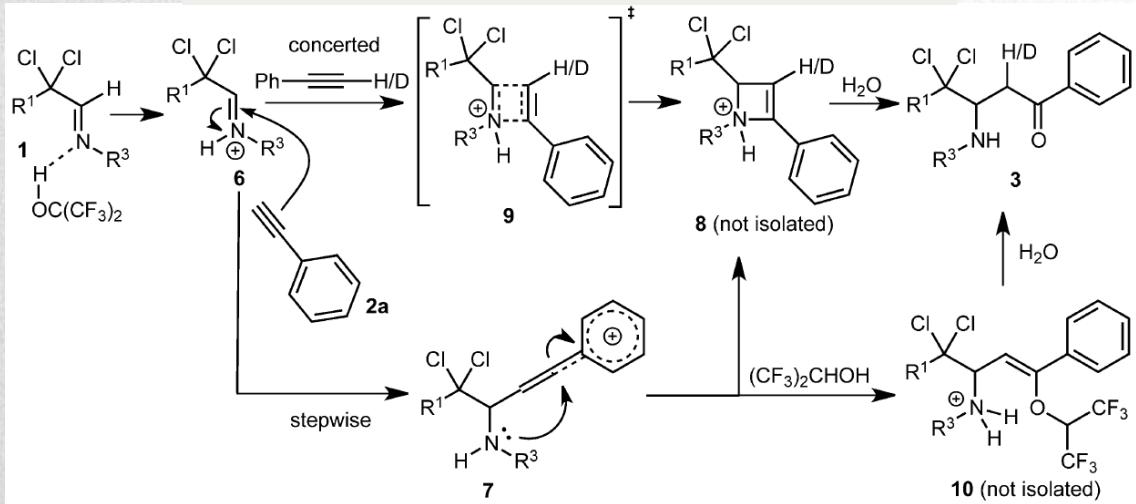
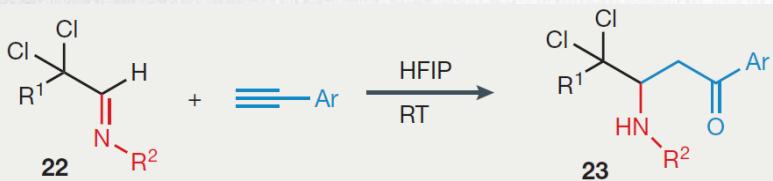
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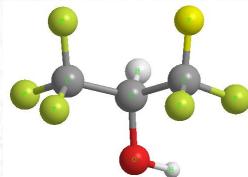


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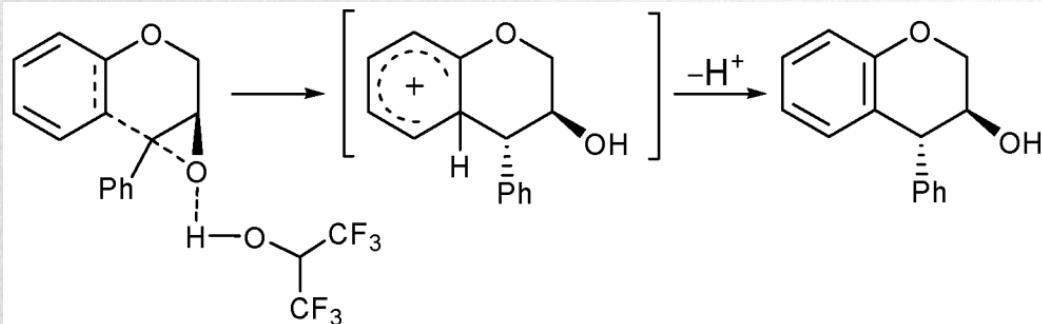
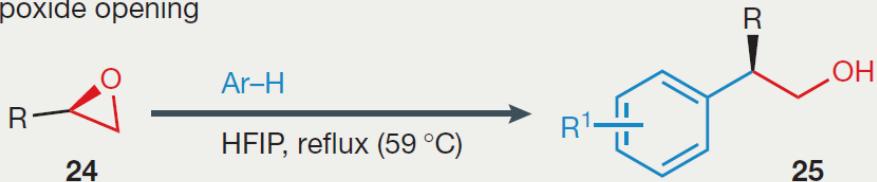
**Plausible mechanisms for the formation of  
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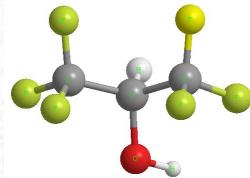
## Epoxide

Nucleophilic epoxide opening



Concerted addition of arene to the proton activated oxirane

# Activation of organic functionalities



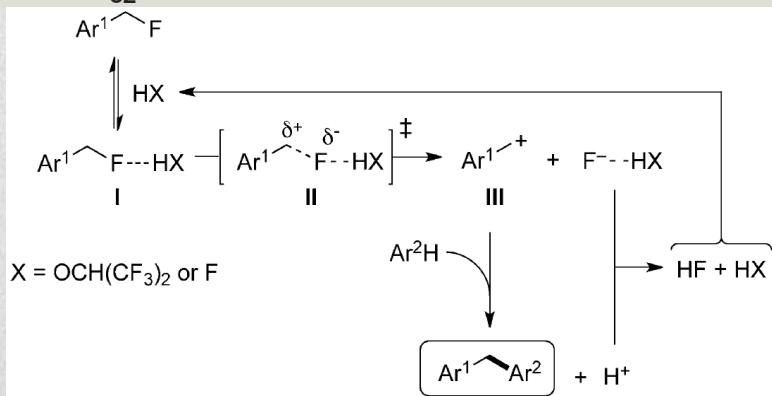
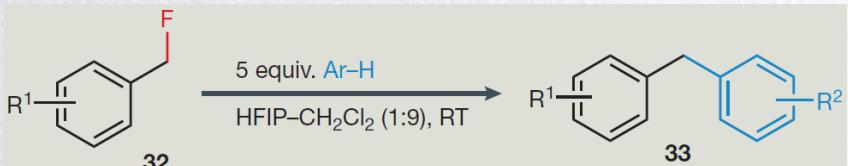
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Nucleophilic substitution

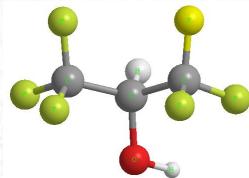


amines, sulfonamides, carbamates;  
allyl silanes and 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds.

## Halide

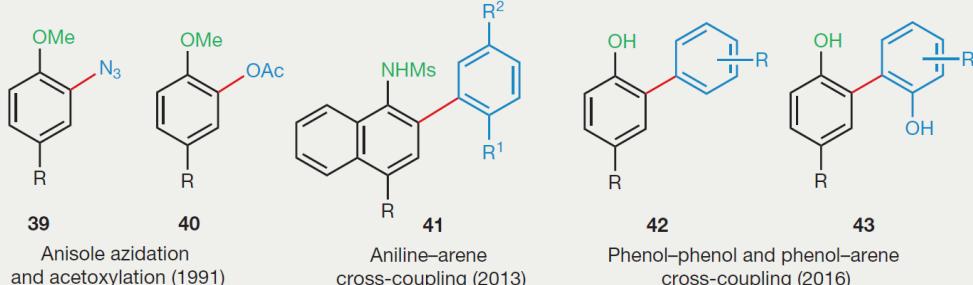
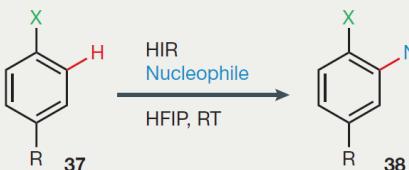


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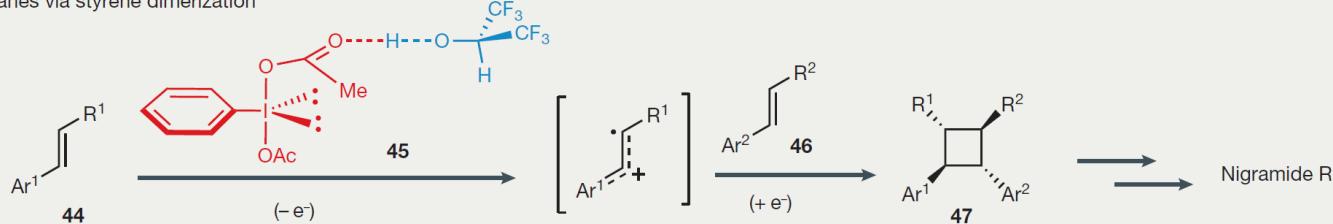


## Hypervalent iodine reagents

C-H / C-H cross-coupling



Cyclobutanes via styrene dimerization



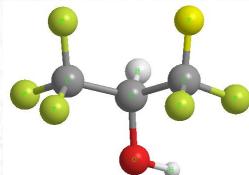
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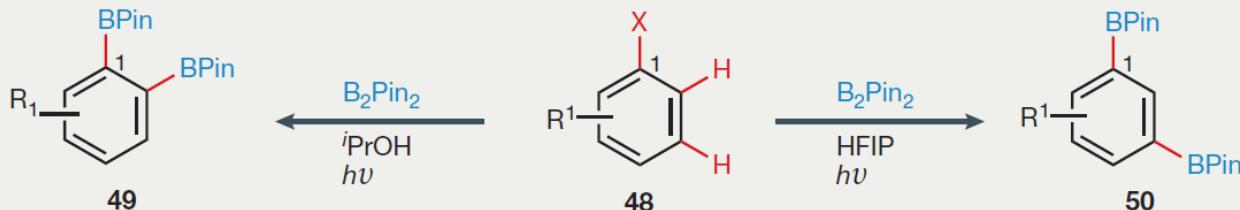
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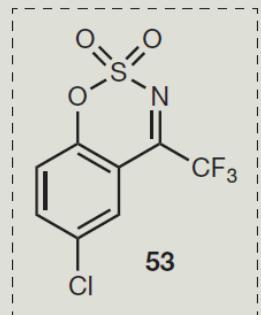
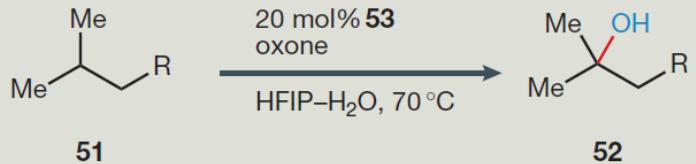
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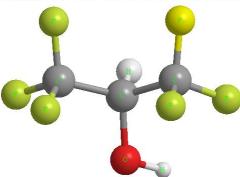


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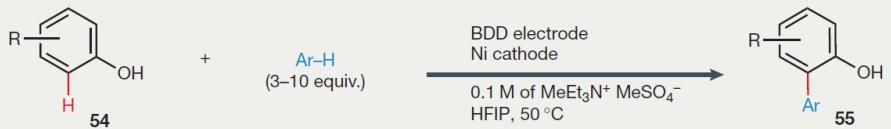
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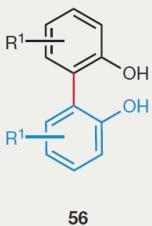
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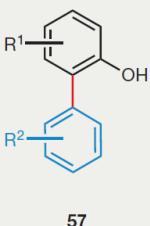
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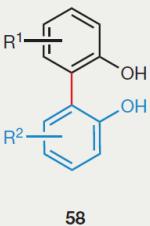
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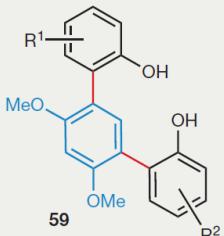
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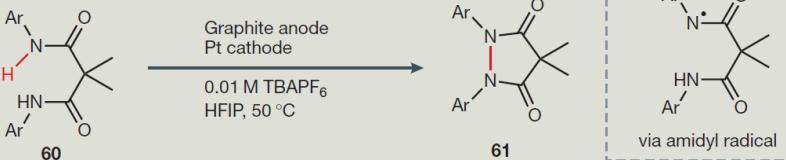
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## Part 4

# Organometallic and inorganic chemistry

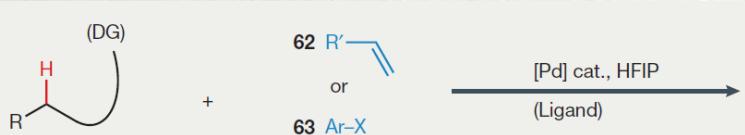
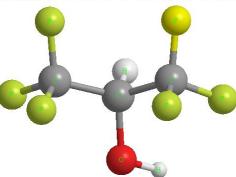


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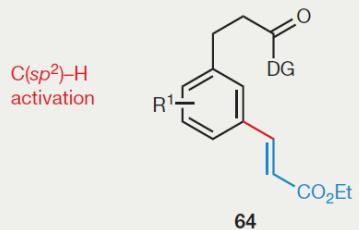


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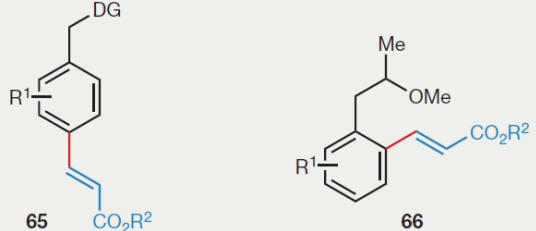
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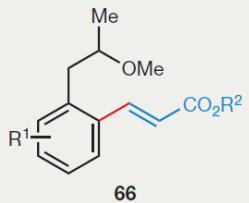
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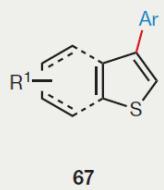
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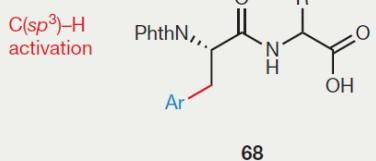
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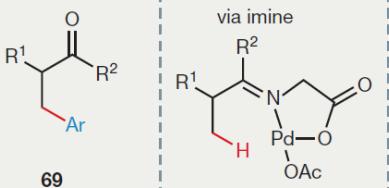
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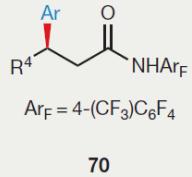
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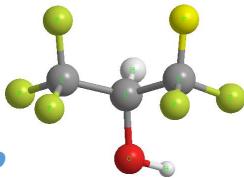
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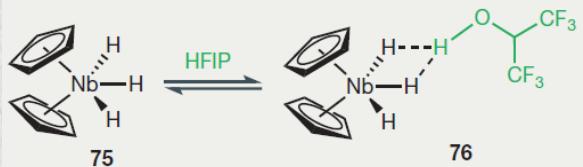
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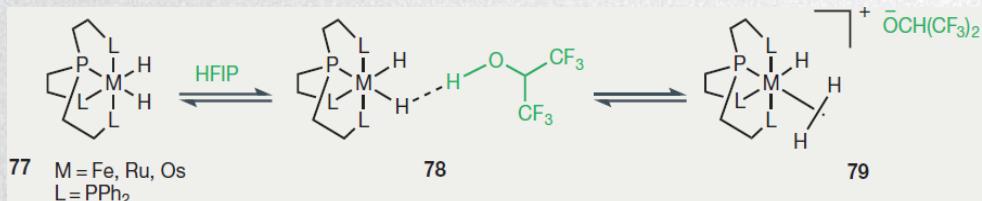
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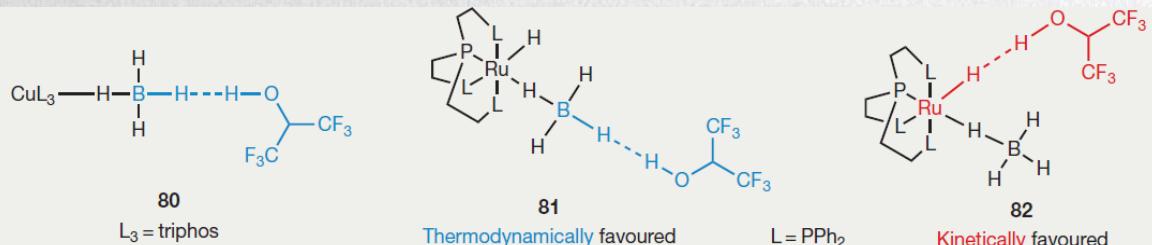
*Formation of a dihydrogen bond between [NbCp<sub>2</sub>H<sub>3</sub>] and HFIP*



*Proton transfer through dihydrogen bonding*



*Protonation at B–H vs M–H*



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## Part 5

# Supramolecular and polymer science

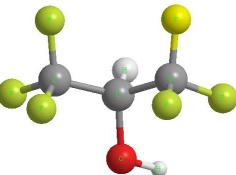


*HFIP in polymerization reactions*

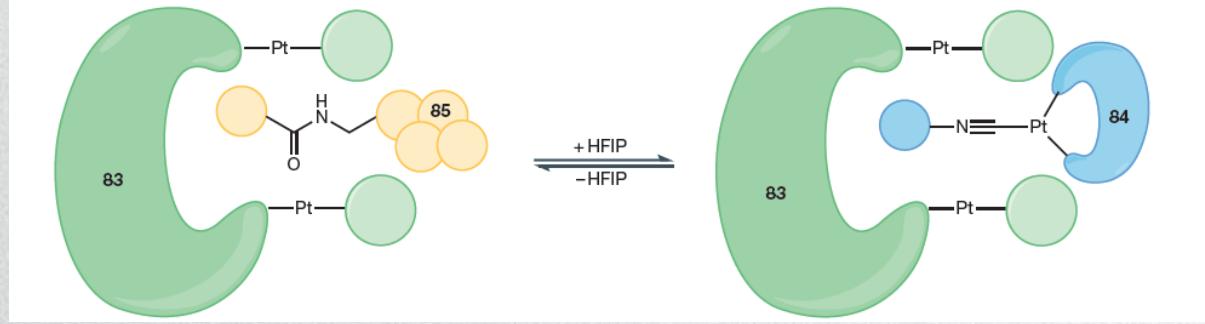
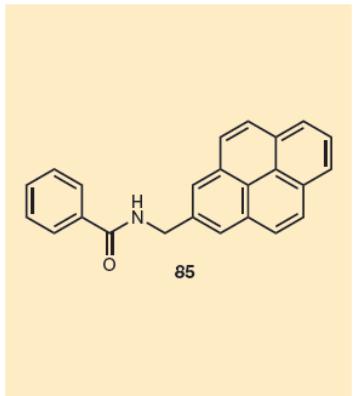
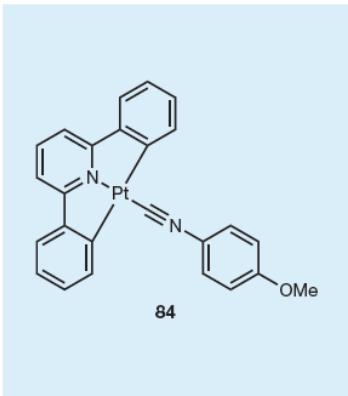
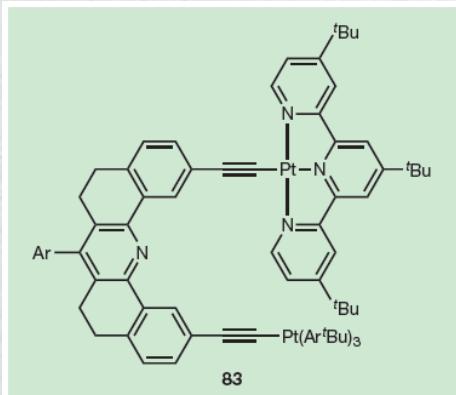


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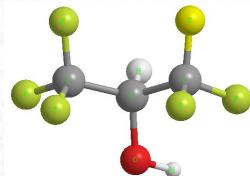
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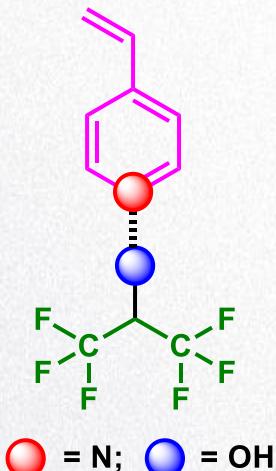
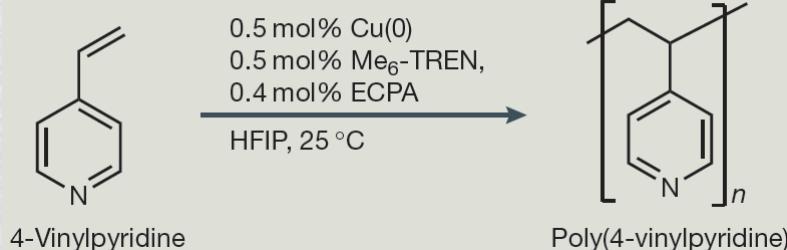
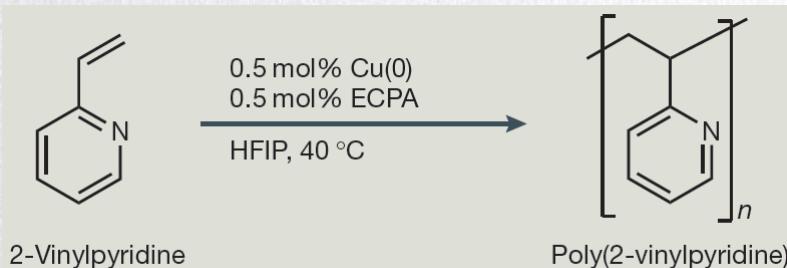
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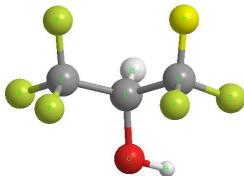
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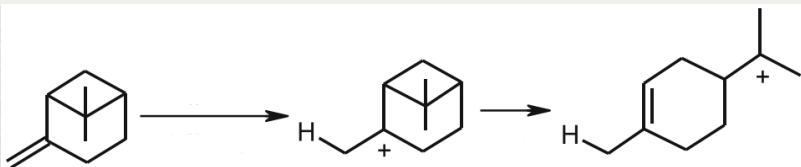
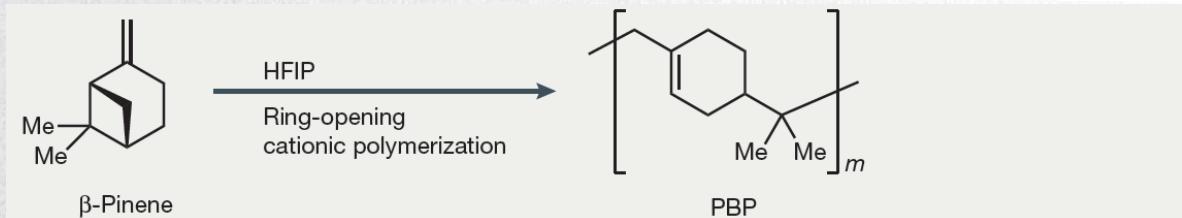
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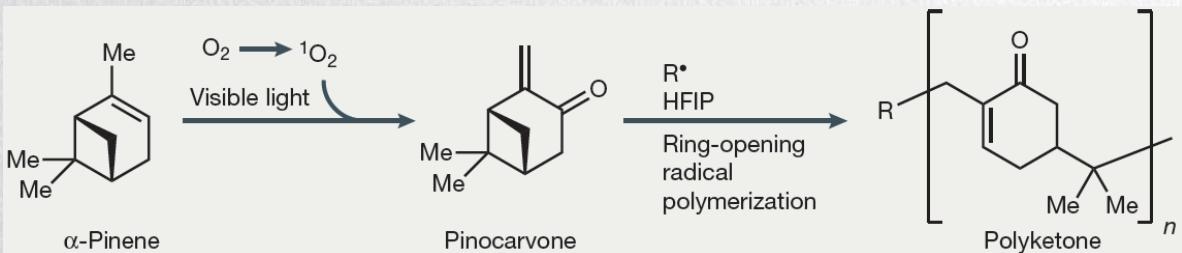
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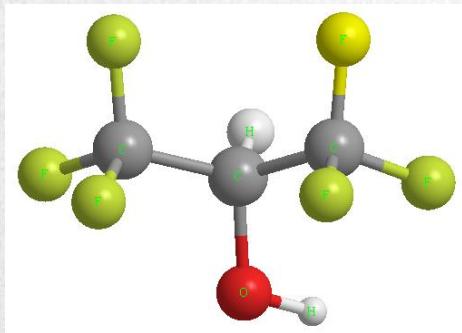
## Cationic polymerization



## Polymerization of pinene



## Summary

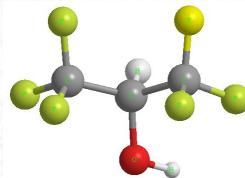


**HFIP has recently become a very popular solvent or additive with applications across the spectrum of chemistry. It possesses a wide range of interesting and unique properties.**

**Uncovering the interactions of HFIP with functional groups within organic molecules or with metal complexes may reveal new modes of activation that will lead to new modes of reactivity.**



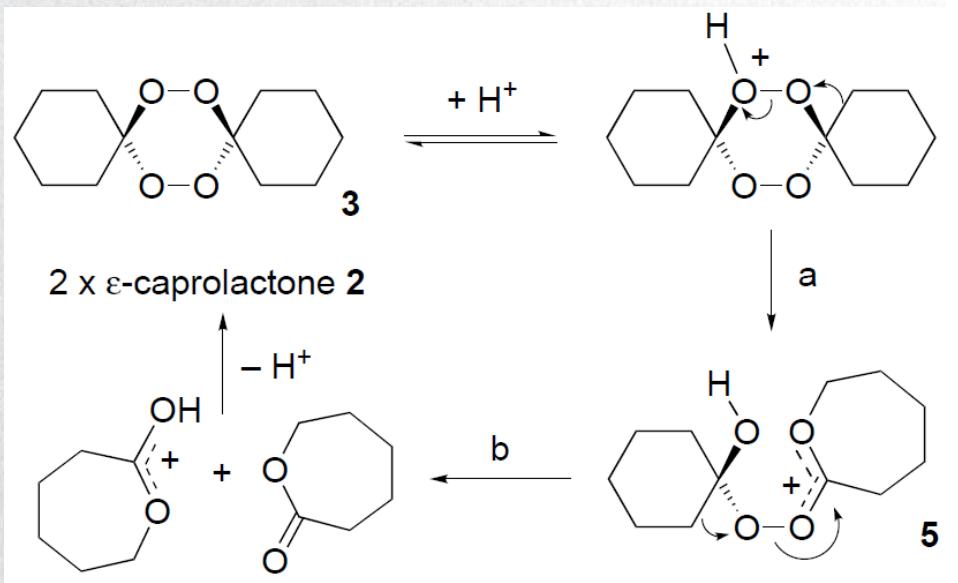
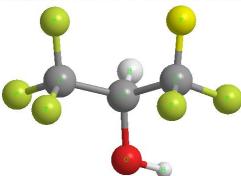
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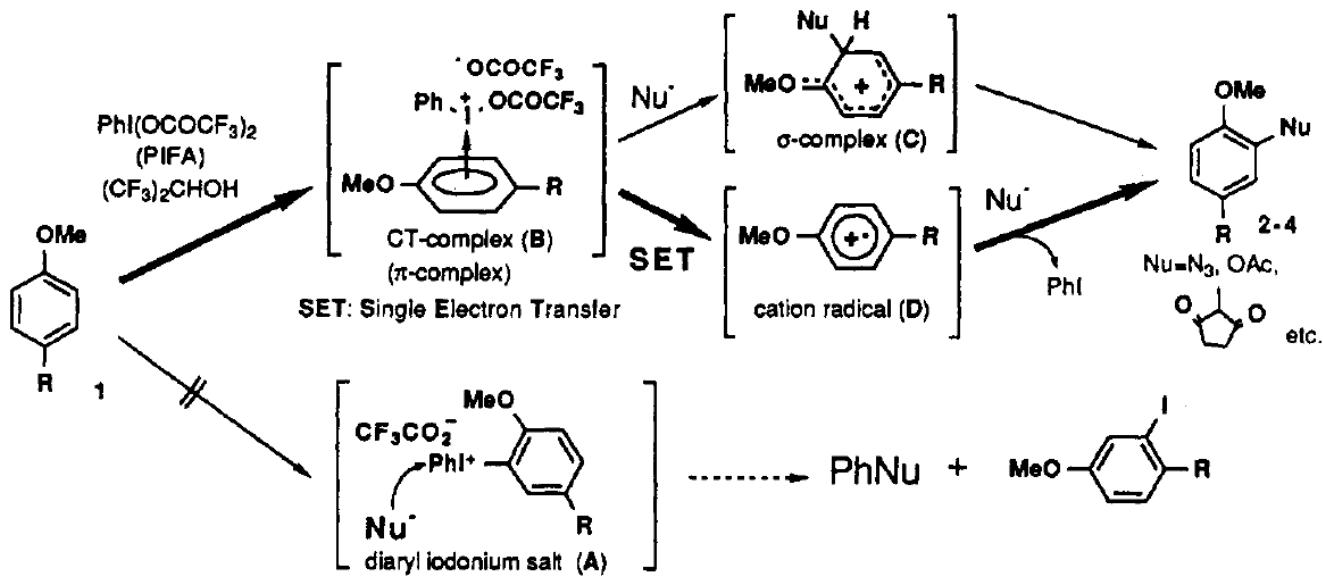
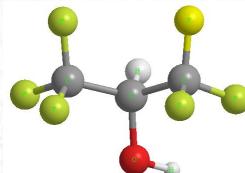
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# Activation of hydrogen peroxide



Postulated mechanism for the rearrangement of 3 to 2

# Activation of hypervalent iodine reagents



# C-H and N-H electrochemical oxidative coupling

