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***Valorization of bio-based molecules by hybrid catalysis:  
towards the synthesis of polymers and surfactants***

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# Hybrid catalysis

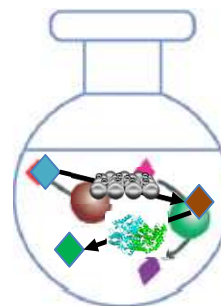
  
Pd    Au    Ru    Pt  
Metal nanoparticles



 Enzymes  
 Microorganisms

## Main advantage

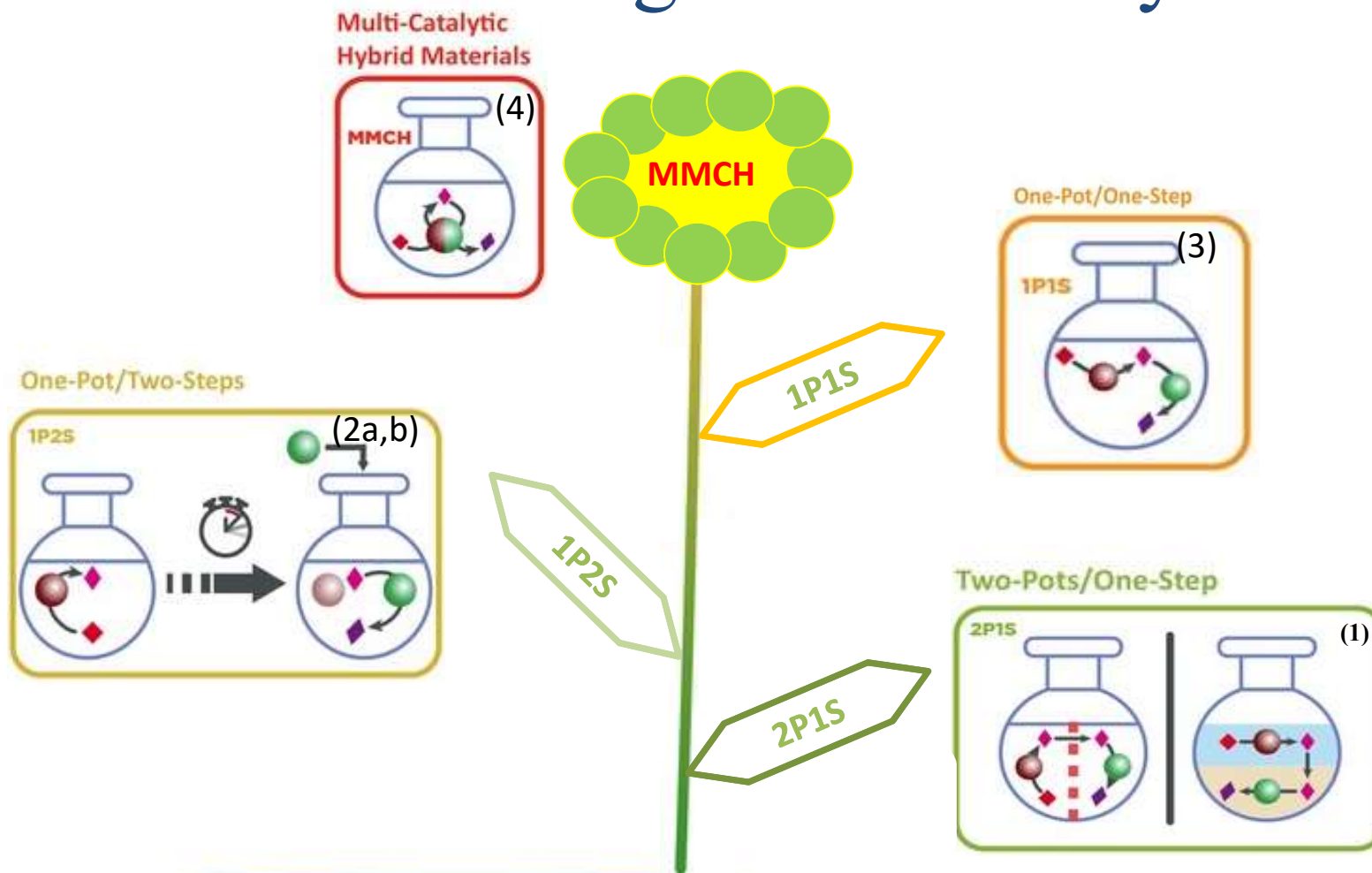
Green approach for opening of new reaction paths towards new synthesis difficult to achieve in only with chemical or enzymatic catalysts



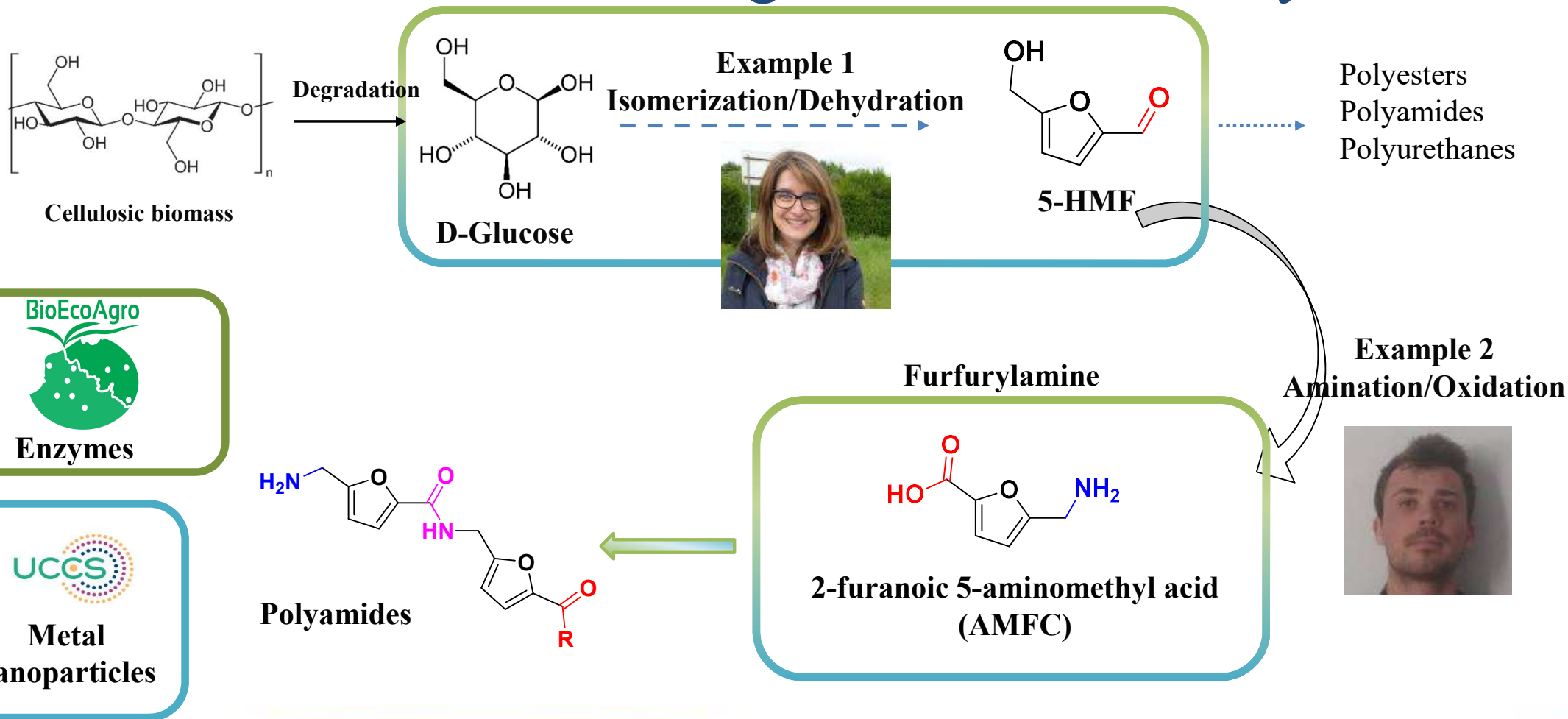
## Main challenge

Compatibility between catalysts and reaction conditions

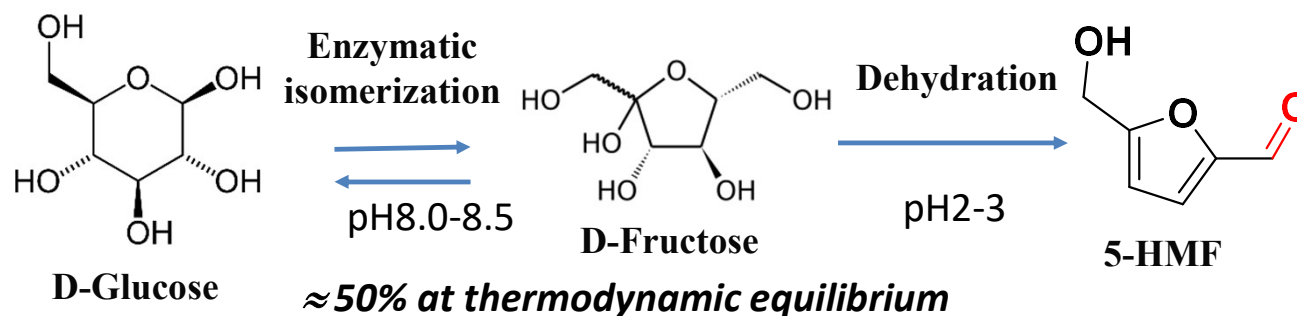
# The different configurations of hybrid reaction



# Biomass valorization through HMF and furfurylamines



# What challenges for HMF synthesis from D-glucose?



**1P1S**  
**1 enzymatic step**  
**+ 1 chemical step**

Glc isomerase	H <sub>2</sub> O + NaCl	70	<b>2h</b>	28.5%
Oxalic acid	2MTHF	110	<b>1h</b>	
Glc isomerase	THF/H <sub>2</sub> O (4:1)	90	<b>2h</b>	20%
SO <sub>3</sub> H-FMS				



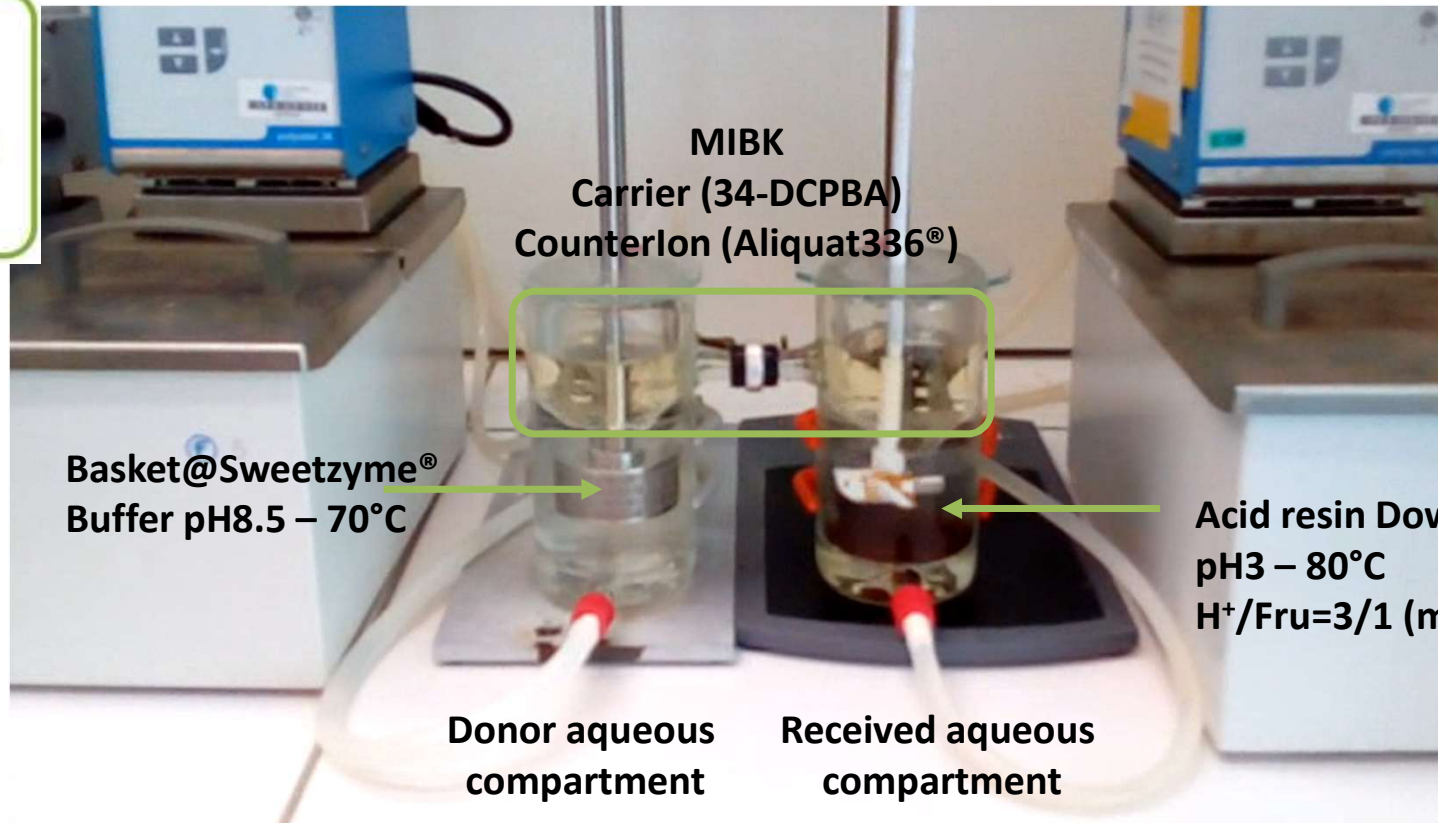
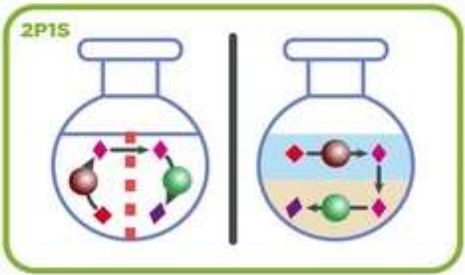
Inactivation of isomerase due to acid pH induced by chemical catalyst  
**⇒ 1P1S NOT POSSIBLE !!**



**Development of a « H-reactor » dedicated for 2P1S process hybrid**



# 2P1S hybrid process



Basket@Sweetzyme®  
Buffer pH8.5 – 70°C

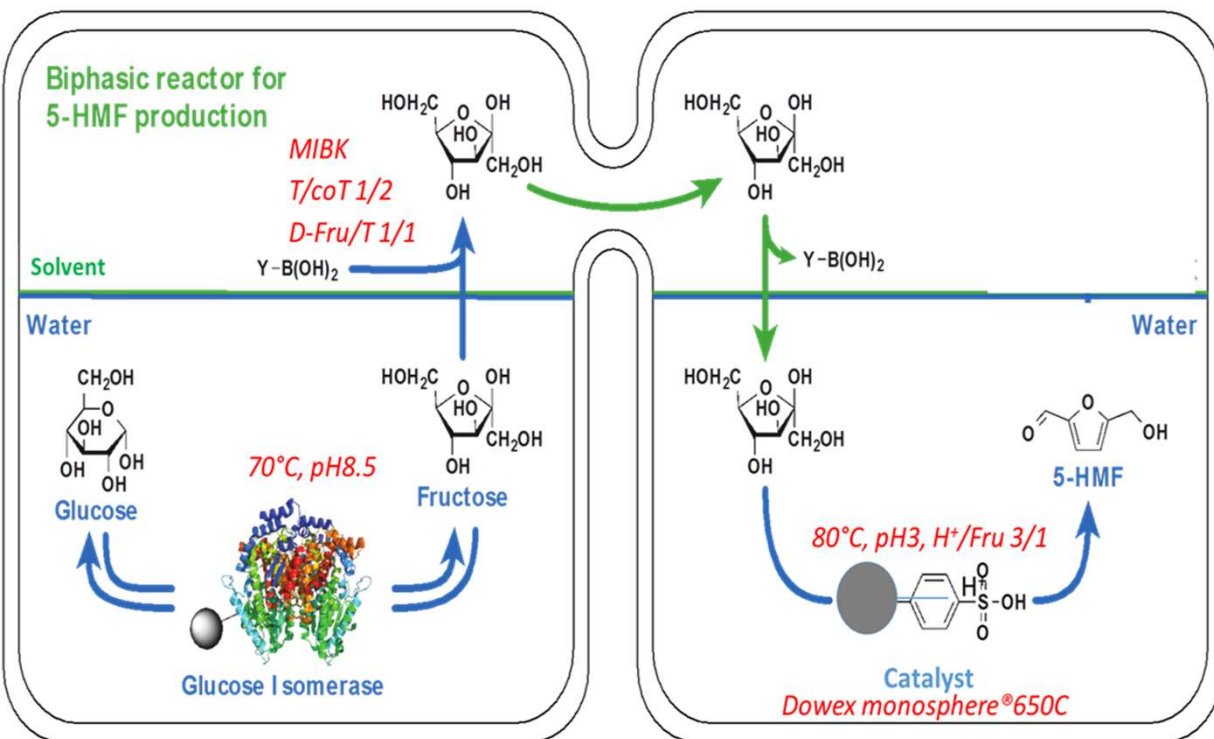
MIBK  
Carrier (34-DCPBA)  
Counterlon (Aliquat336®)

Acid resin Dowex Monosphere®  
pH3 – 80°C  
H<sup>+</sup>/Fru=3/1 (mol/mol)

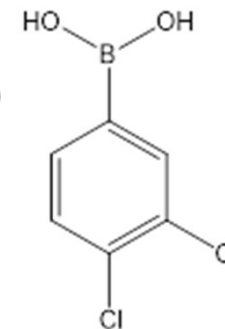
Donor aqueous  
compartment

Received aqueous  
compartment

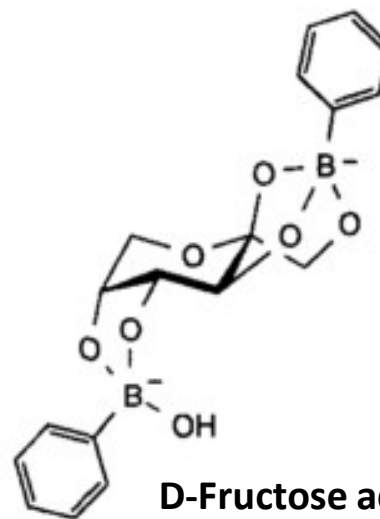
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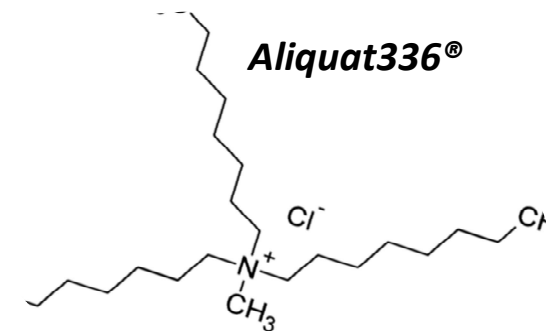
Carrier (C)



34-DCPBA



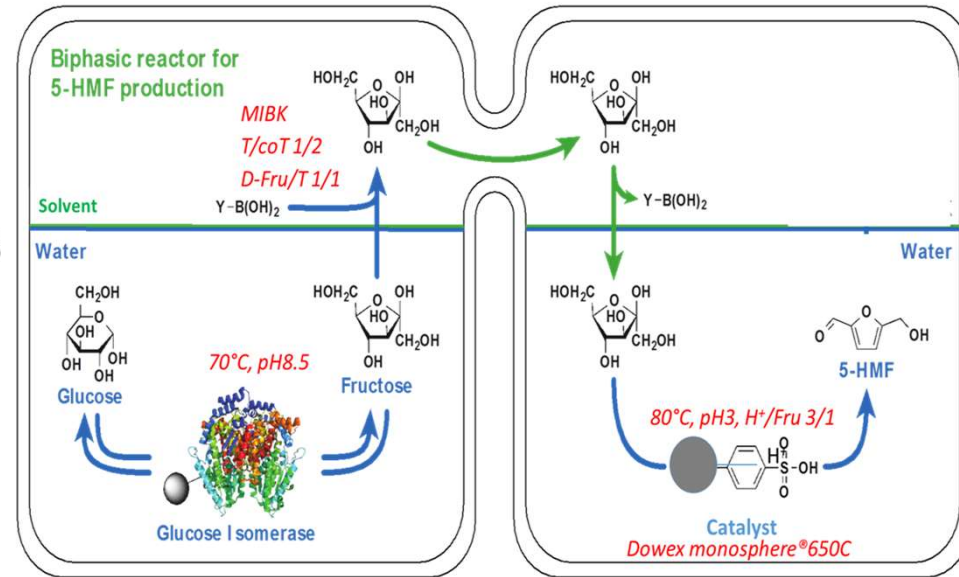
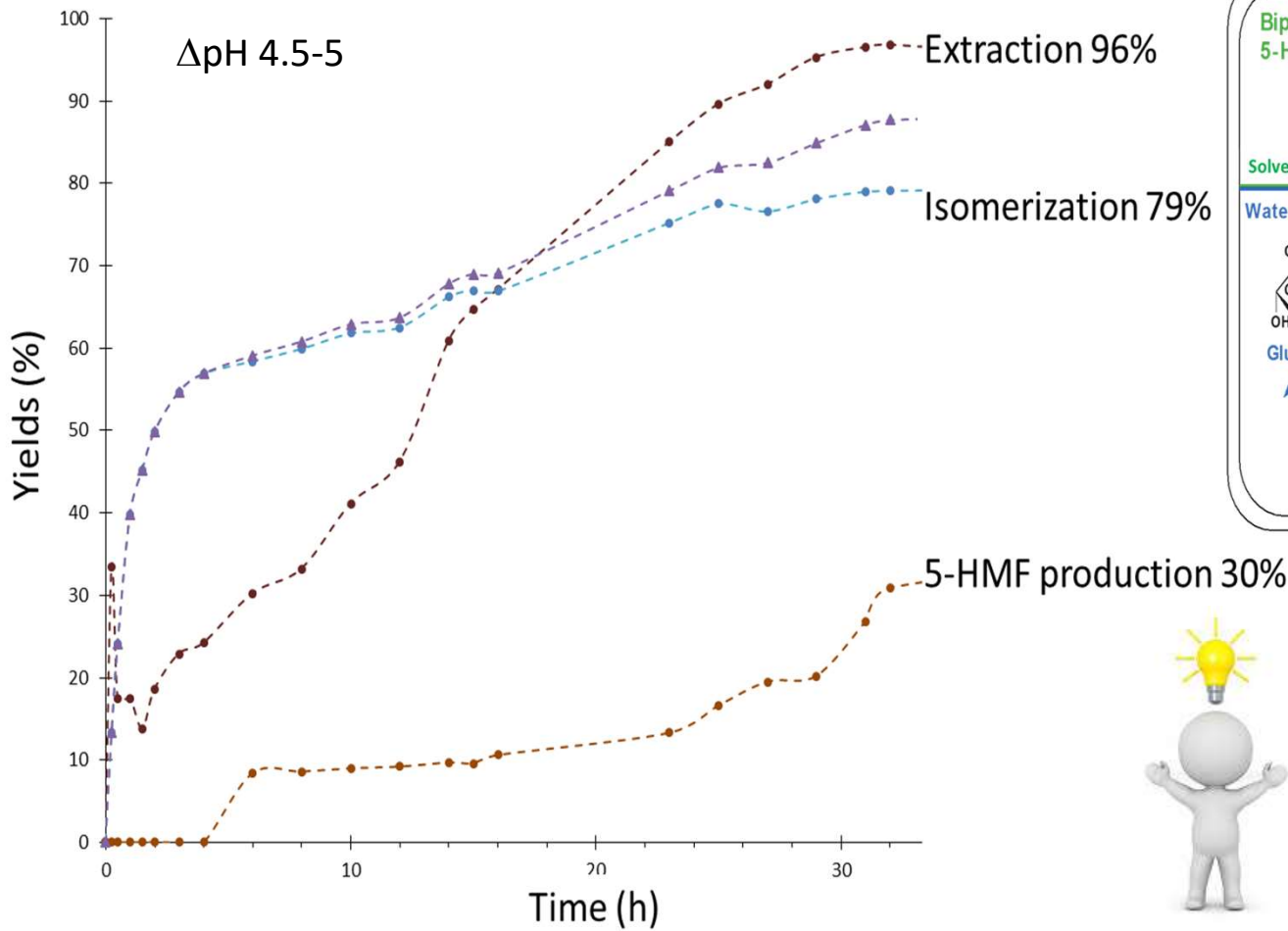
D-Fructose adducts



Aliquat336®

Westmark, P. R., Gardiner, S. J., Smith, B. D. J. *Am. Chem. Soc.* 118, 11093–11100 (1996).  
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# 2P1S hybrid process



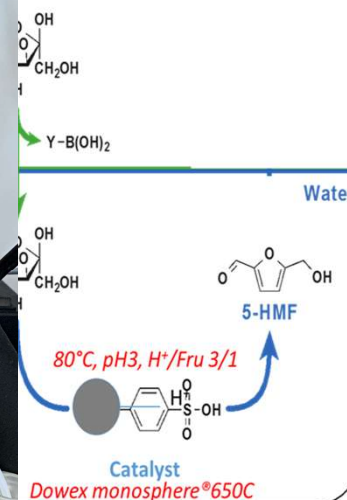
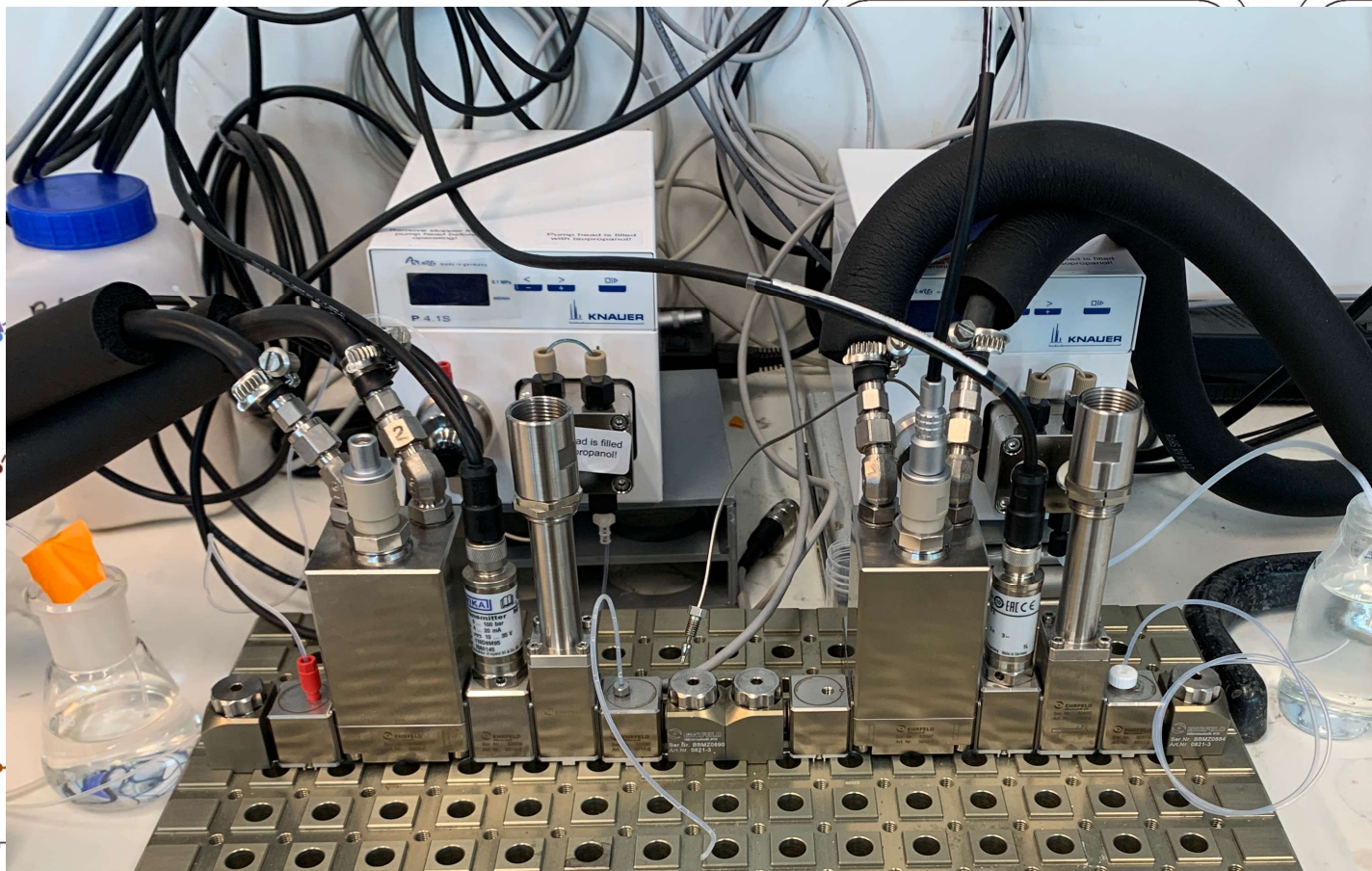
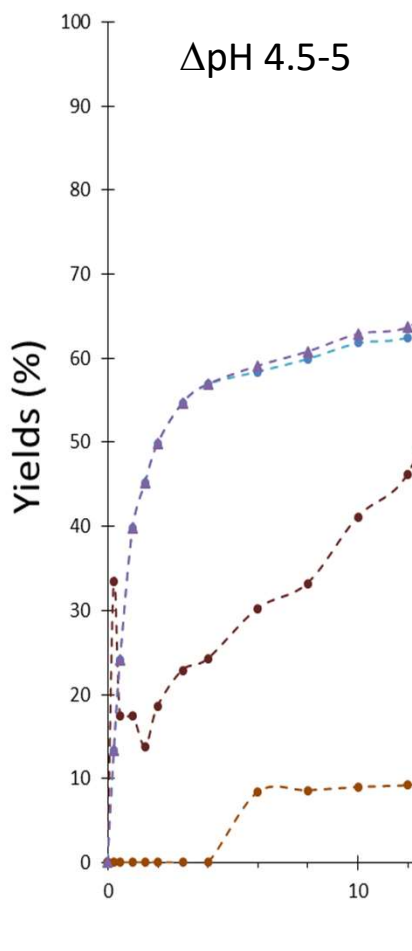
**Yield<sub>isomerization</sub> = 79% (50% at thermo. equil.)**

**No enzyme inactivation during 32 hours !**

**Y<sub>5-HMF</sub> = 30% after 32h**



# Hybrid process in continuous flow

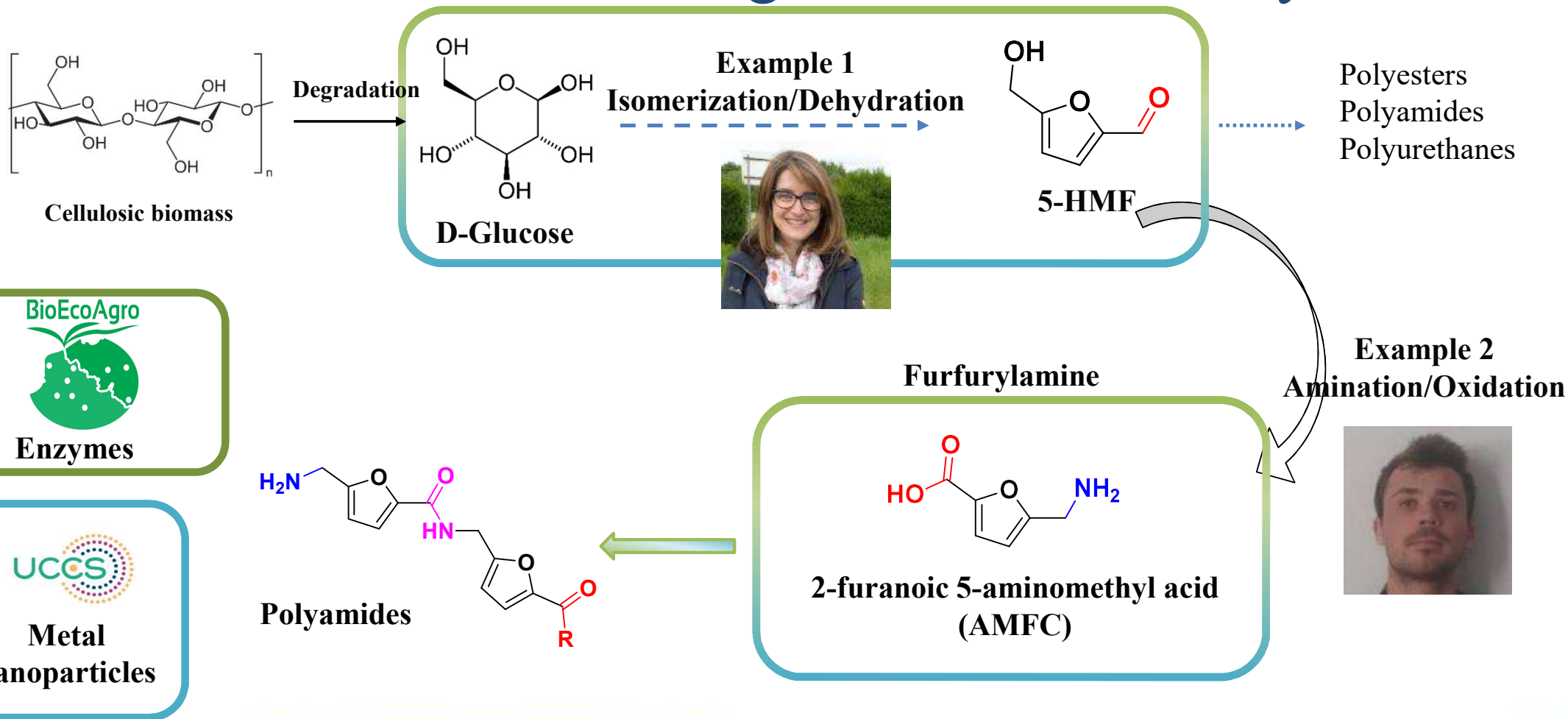


at thermo. equil.)

uring 32 hours !

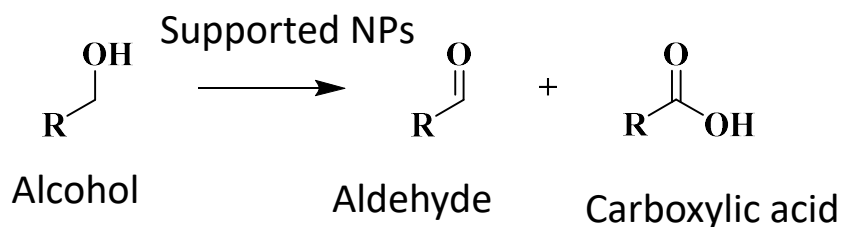
$Y_{5\text{-HMF}} = 30\%$  after 32h

# Biomass valorization through HMF and furfurylamines



# What challenges for furfurylamines synthesis from HMF ?

## Supported nanoparticles



Gold NPs



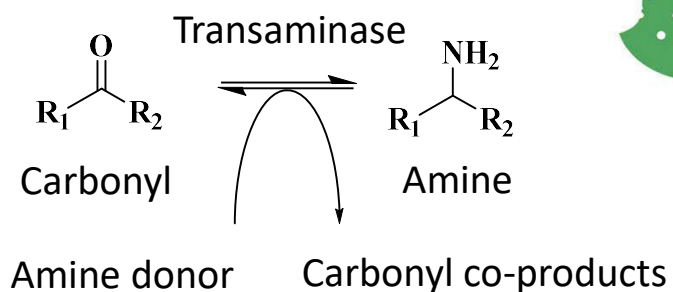
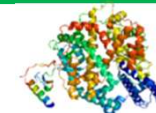
Pt or Pd NPs



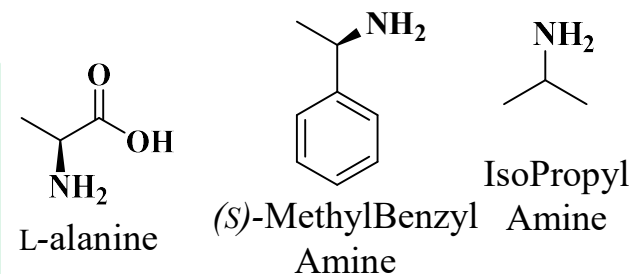
Bimetallic NPs



## Transaminases



## Amine donors



## Hybrid catalysis

- *Selectivity and specificity*
- *Potential synergy*
- *Opening to new reaction paths*

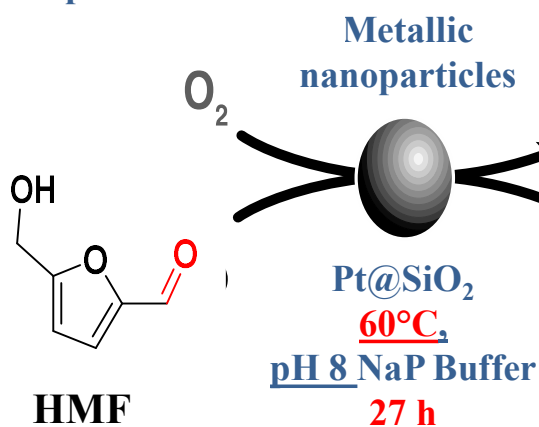
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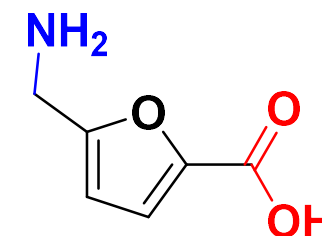
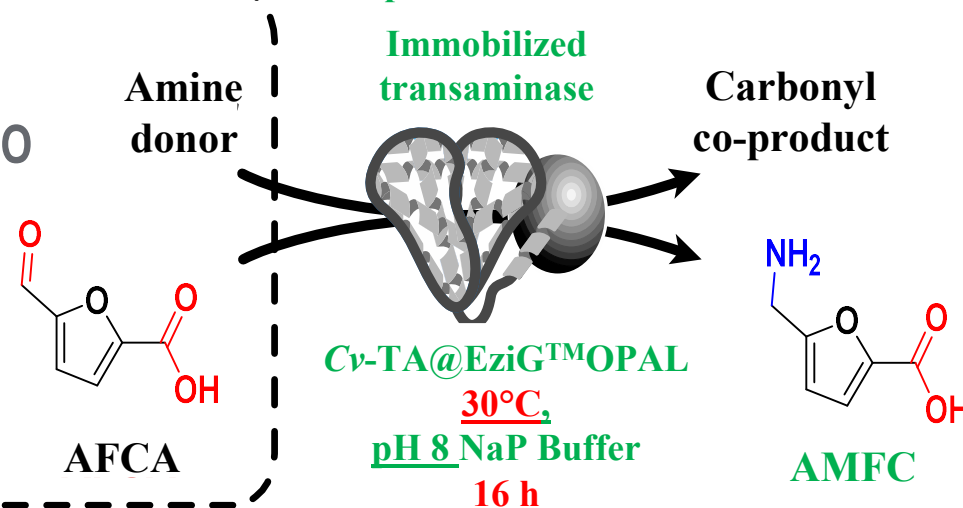
# Hybrid one-pot/two-step process

## One-pot/two-steps

### Step 1 : oxidation



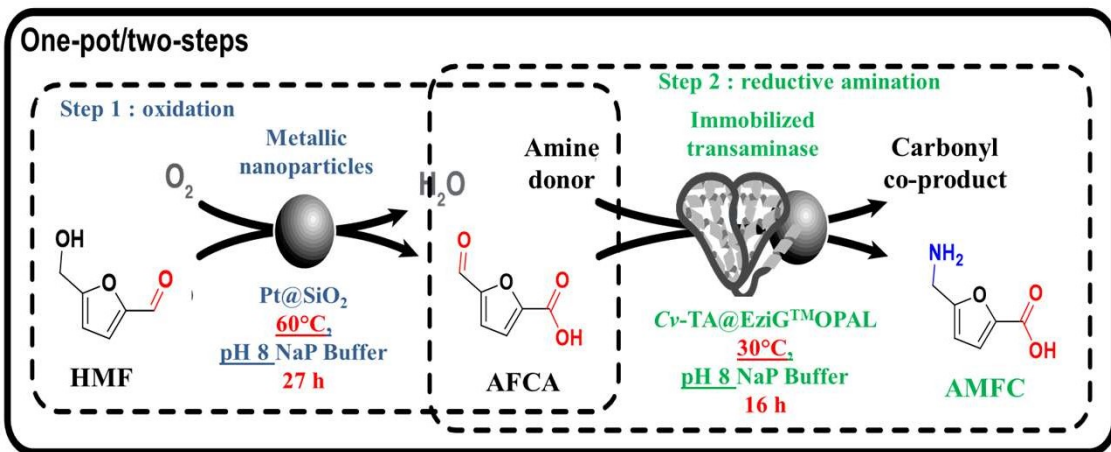
### Step 2 : reductive amination



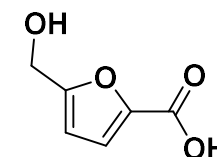
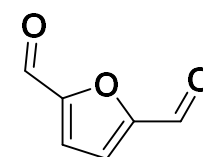
**AMFC yield**  
**77%**



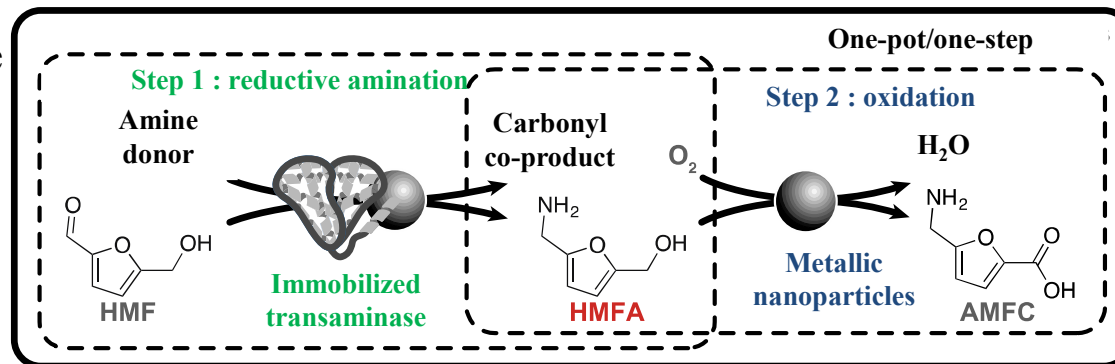
# Towards a hybrid one-pot/one-step process



- Enzyme instability at 60°C
- AMFC production limited by the low selectivity of step 1 in 1P2S  
⇒ Presence of subproducts



- New thermostable transaminase
- Heterogeneous catalyst with high specificity for HMFA



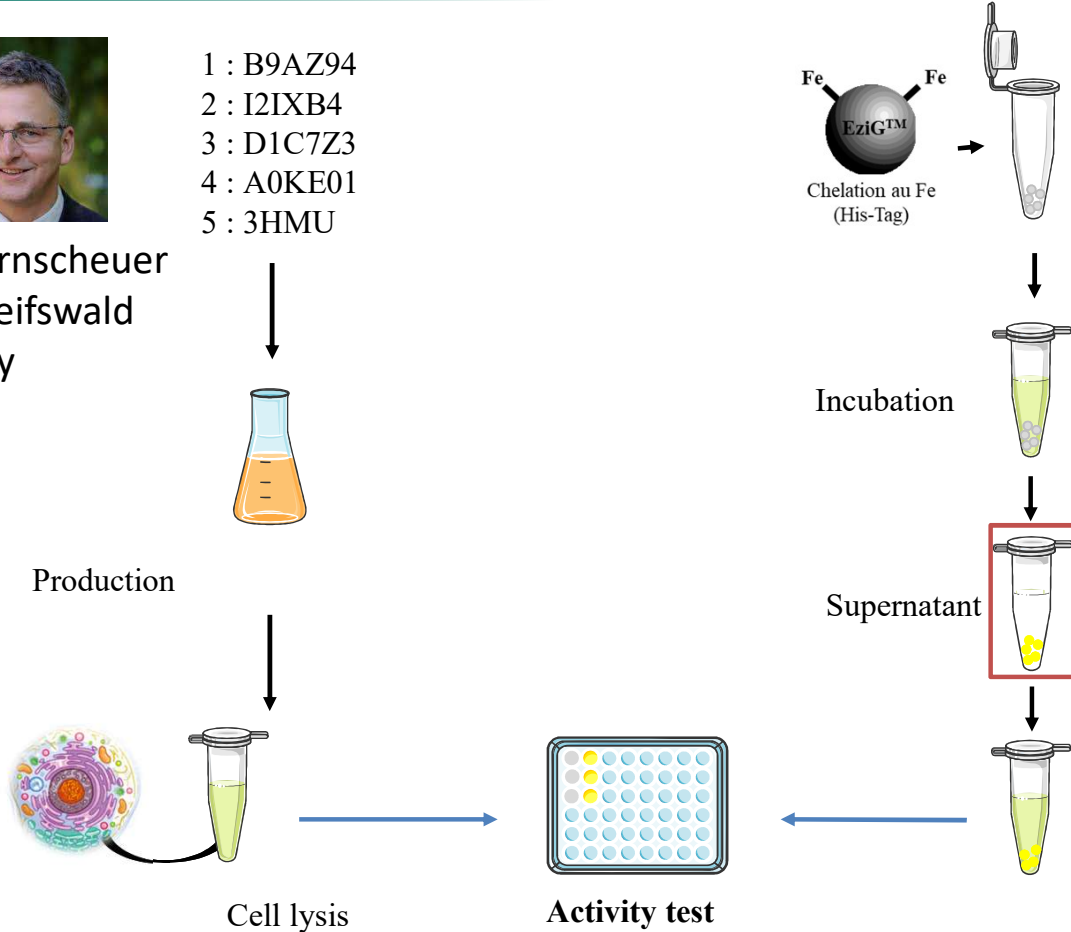


# Production, characterization and immobilization of new transaminases

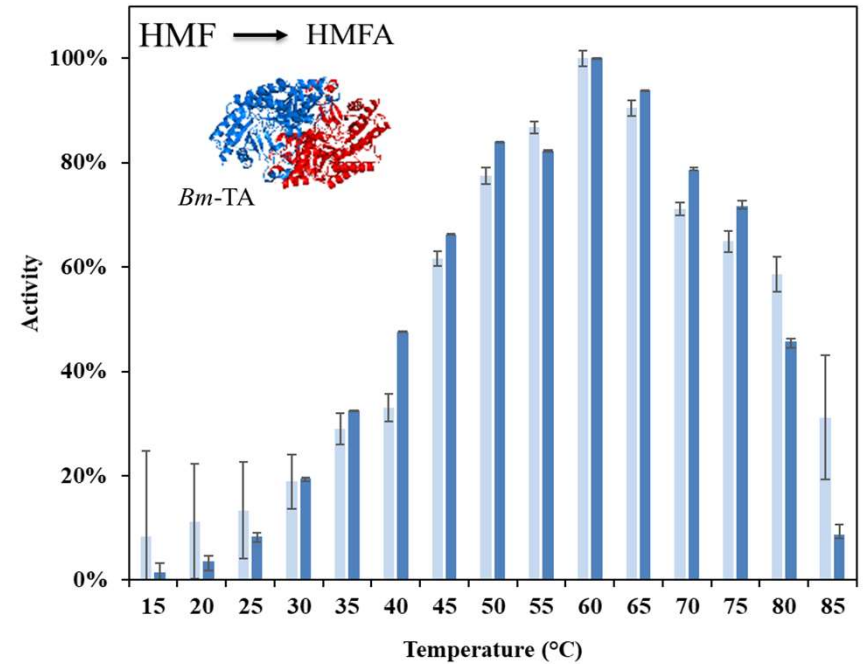


- 1 : B9AZ94
- 2 : I2IXB4
- 3 : D1C7Z3
- 4 : A0KE01
- 5 : 3HMU

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Free enzyme (dark blue bar)      Immobilized enzyme (light blue bar)



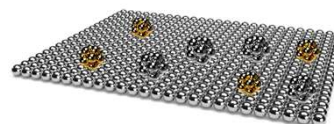
# Production and characterization of new catalysts active on HMFA



Gold NPs



Palladium NPs



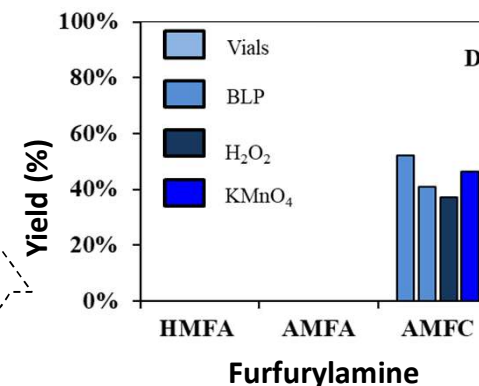
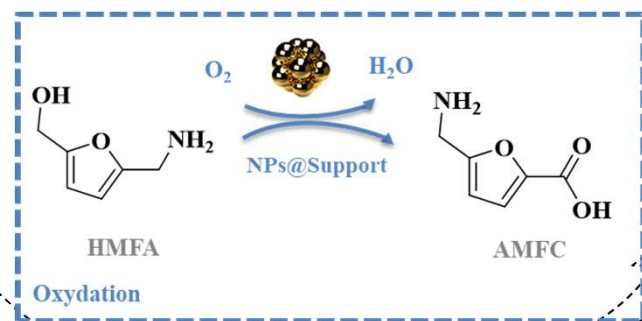
Bimetallic NPs

@CaO @TiO<sub>2</sub>, @CeO<sub>2</sub>

BioLector pro<sup>®</sup>



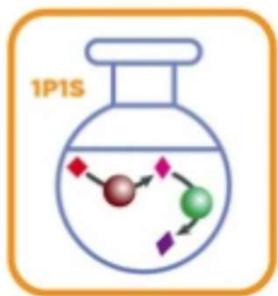
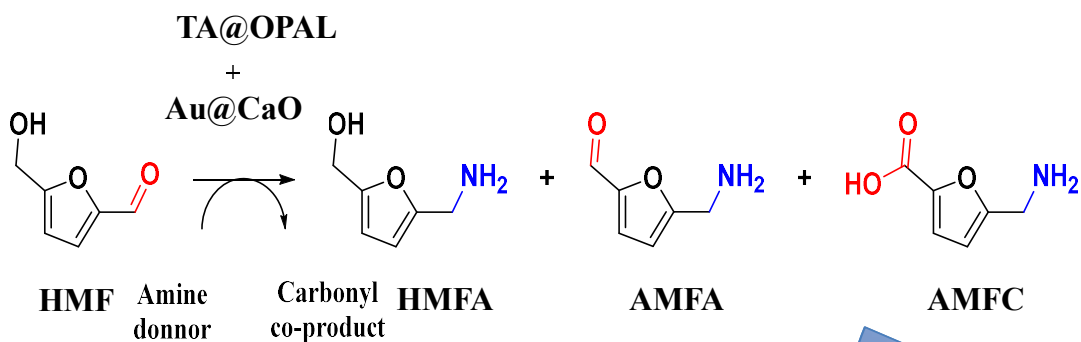
- 33 catalysts
- 150 conditions tested in microplates on REALCAT HT platform



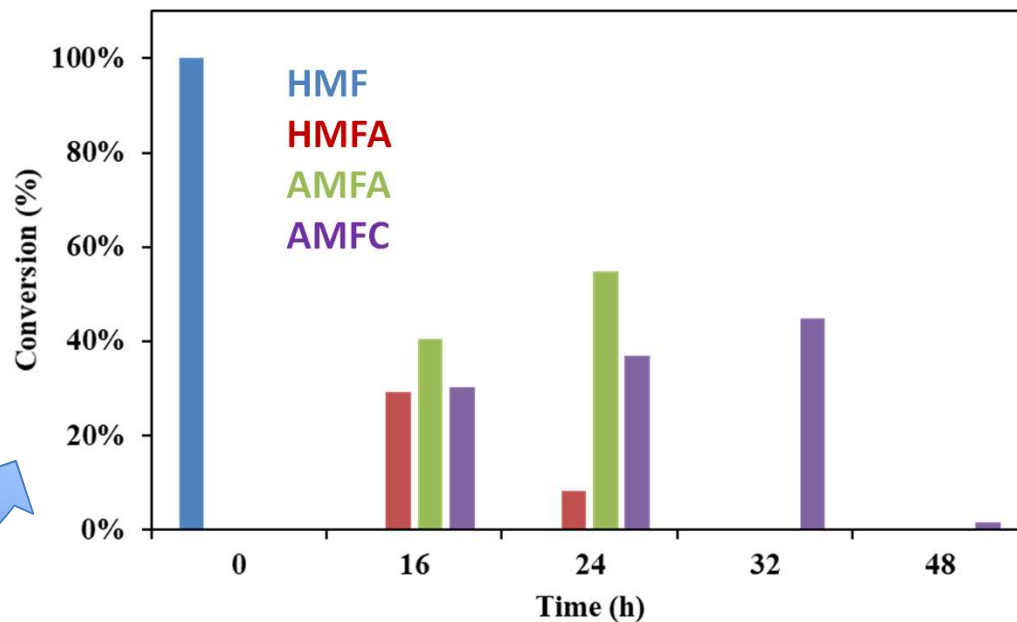
**Au@CaO**  
Y(AMFC) ≈ 50%



# Hybrid one-pot/one-step process



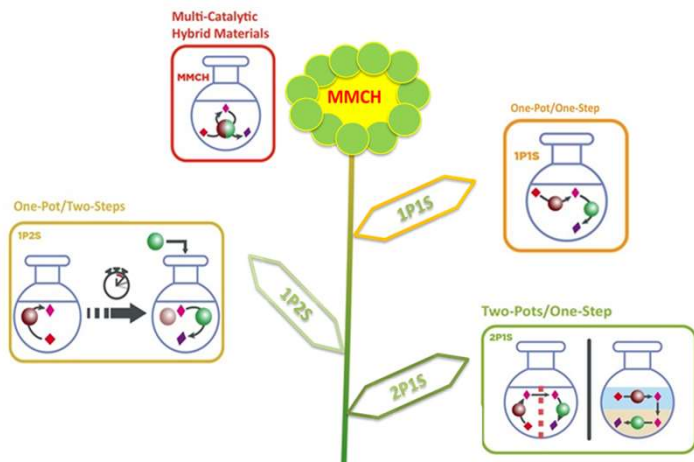
**Kinetics**  
 48 hours  
 50°C – pH8  
 400 rpm



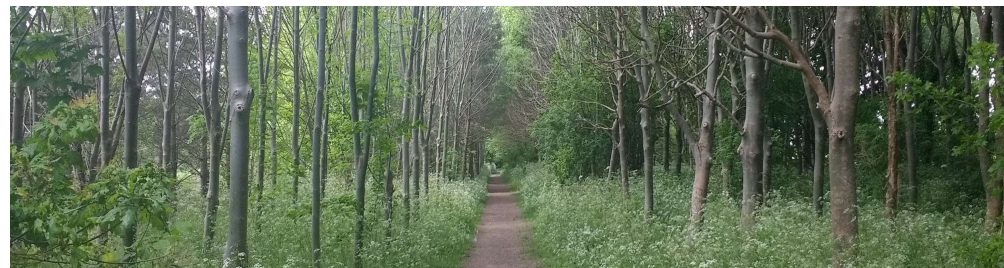
- Complete conversion of HMF to HMFA
- Complete conversion of HMFA to AMFC  
 $\Rightarrow Y(\text{AMFC}) = 50\%$



# Conclusion



**NEW PATHS in  
CATALYSIS.....  
GREENER SYNTHESIS  
APPROACH**





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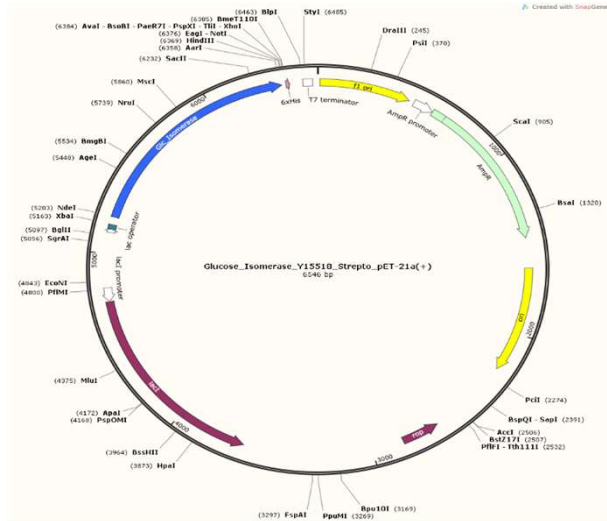
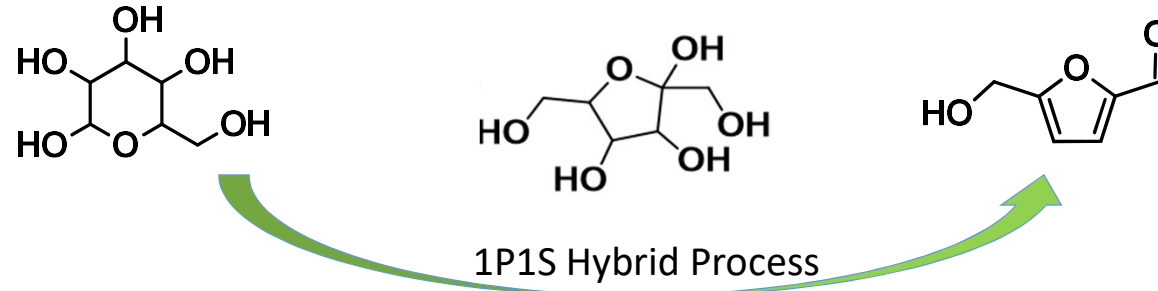


## Introduction

## 2P1S hybrid catalysis process

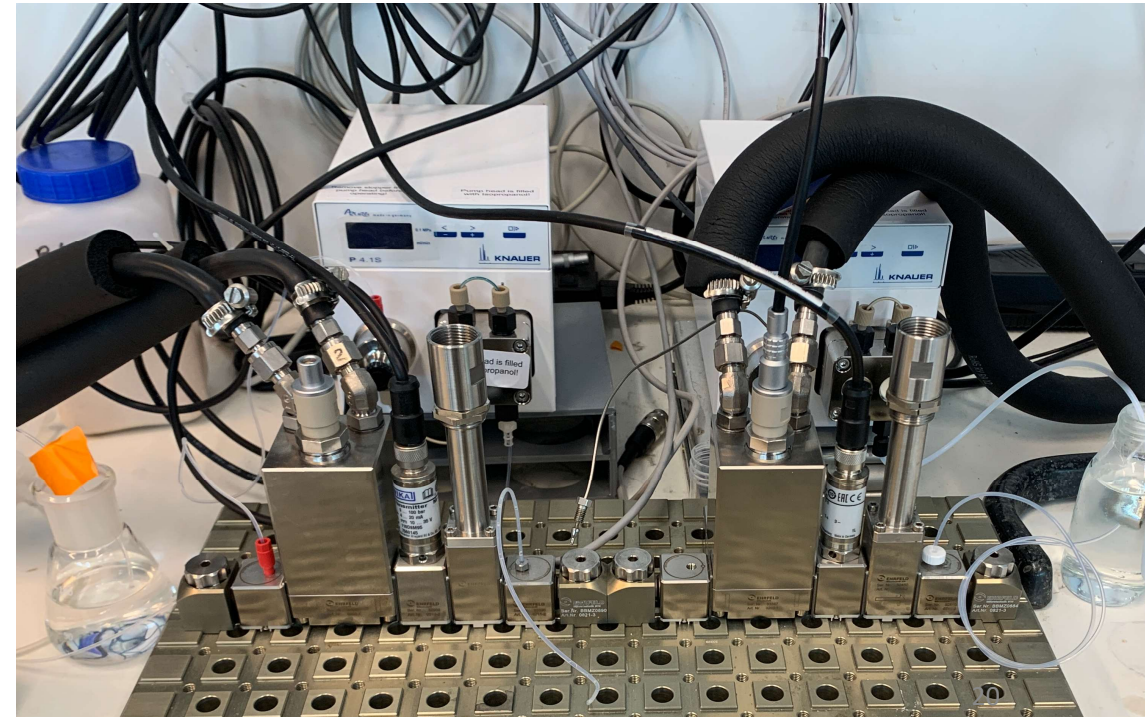
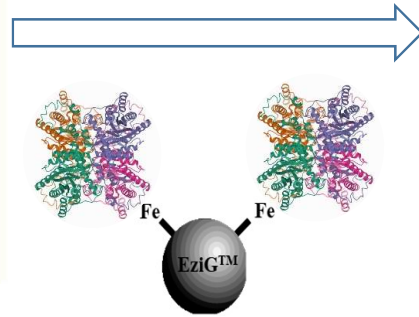
## Development

## Summary



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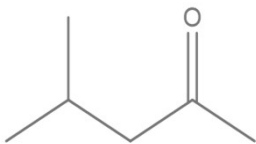
## Immobilization



# Development: extraction of fructose

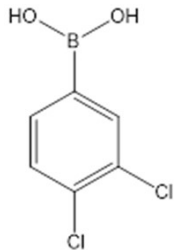
- Solvent

4-methylpentan-2-one (MIBK)



MIBK

- Carrier (T)



34-DCPBA

- |                 |          |           |             |
|-----------------|----------|-----------|-------------|
| 23-DCPBA        | 35-DCPBA | 3-TFMPBA  | 2-NNPBA     |
| <b>34-DCPBA</b> | 3-NPBA   | 4-B1nPBA  | 32-carboPBA |
| 35-BTFMPBA      | 24-DCPBA | 4-M21HPBA |             |
| 4-TFMeOPBA      | 2-TFMPBA | 2-T5PBA   |             |

Glucose and fructose adducts formed with boronic acids

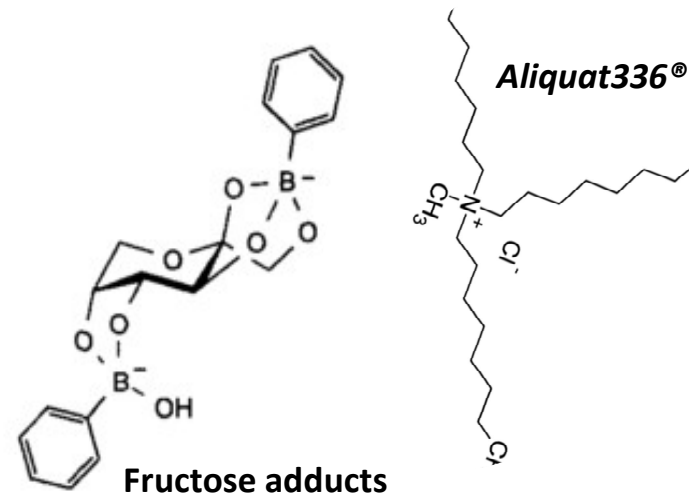
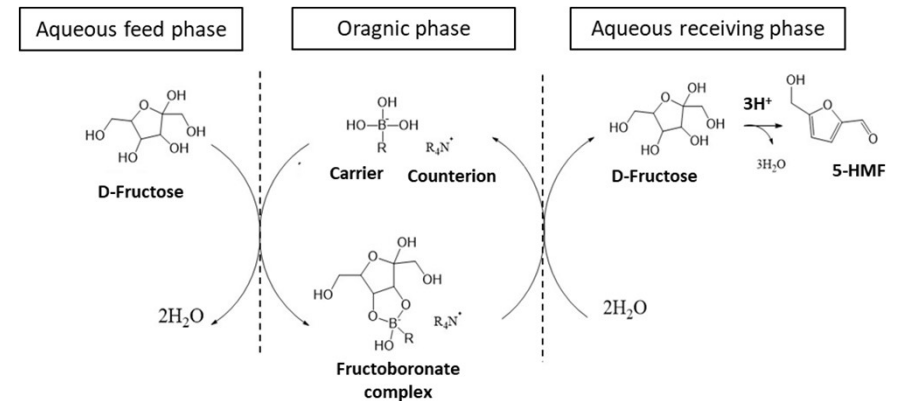
Affinity  $(34\text{-DCPBA})_{\text{Fru}} \gg (34\text{-DCPBA})_{\text{Glc}}$

This complex induces the negative ion on the bore

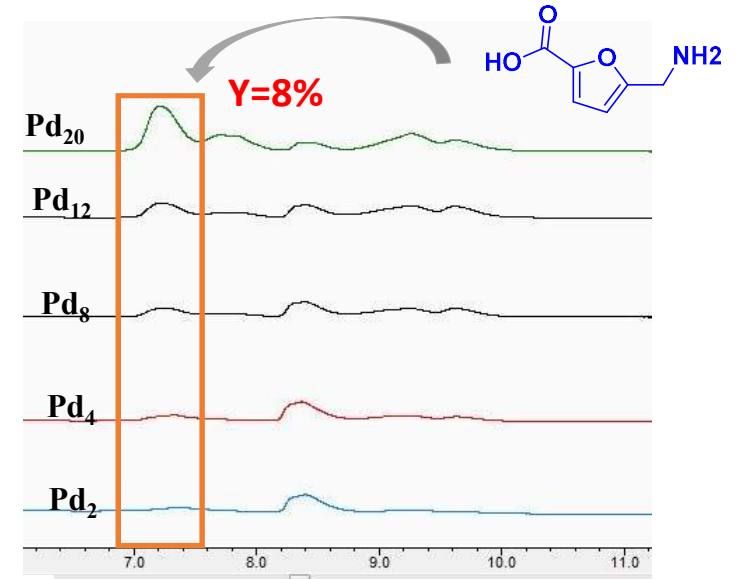
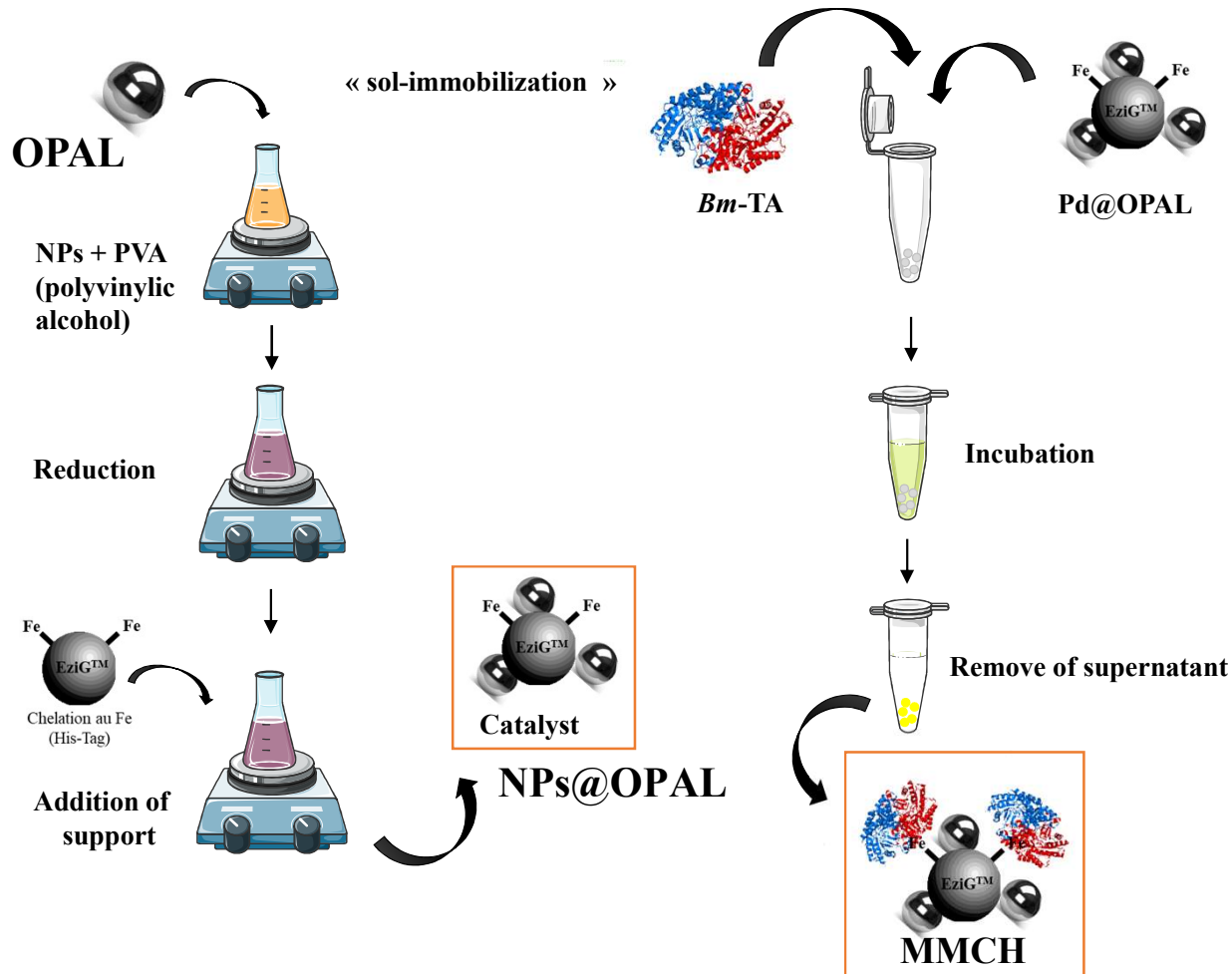
Ionic interaction with the counterion **Aliquat336**<sup>®</sup>

Formation of a lipophilic complex

Extraction in MIBK solvent



# Construction of MMCH



**Proof of concept with MMCH !!**

