



**Serinol: a biosourced building block  
for better mechanical reinforcement and sustainable vulcanization  
of rubber compounds**

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# Research on sustainable chemistry



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## Research on sustainable chemistry. Key features



- ☞ Raw materials, from renewable sources, are easily available
- ☞ No impact on the food chain
- ☞ To use wastes and residues
- ☞ Syntheses according to principles of green and sustainable chemistry
- ☞ Good economic perspectives

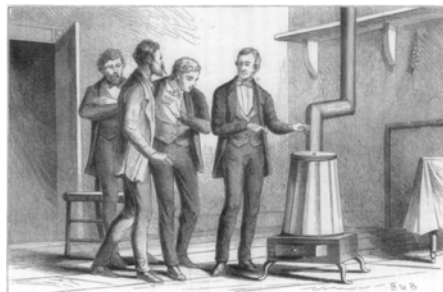
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Quiringh Gerritsz. van Brekelenkam  
A Cobbler at work, his wife spinning wool



👉 Sustainable chemistry and rubber technology



# Outline of the presentation



- ➡ Selection of starting building block
- ➡ Synthesis of derivatives: control of reaction pathways
- ➡ Innovative chemicals for rubber compounds
- ➡ Mechanical reinforcement
- ➡ Vulcanization

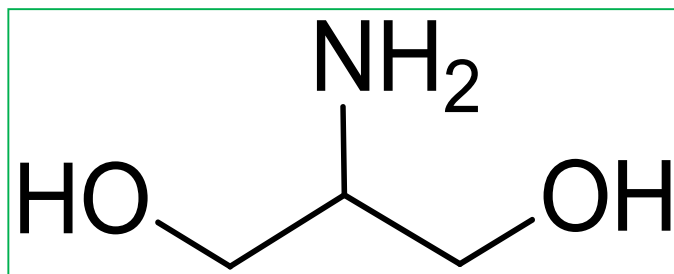


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- ➡ Mechanical reinforcement: in brief
- ➡ Vulcanization: main subject

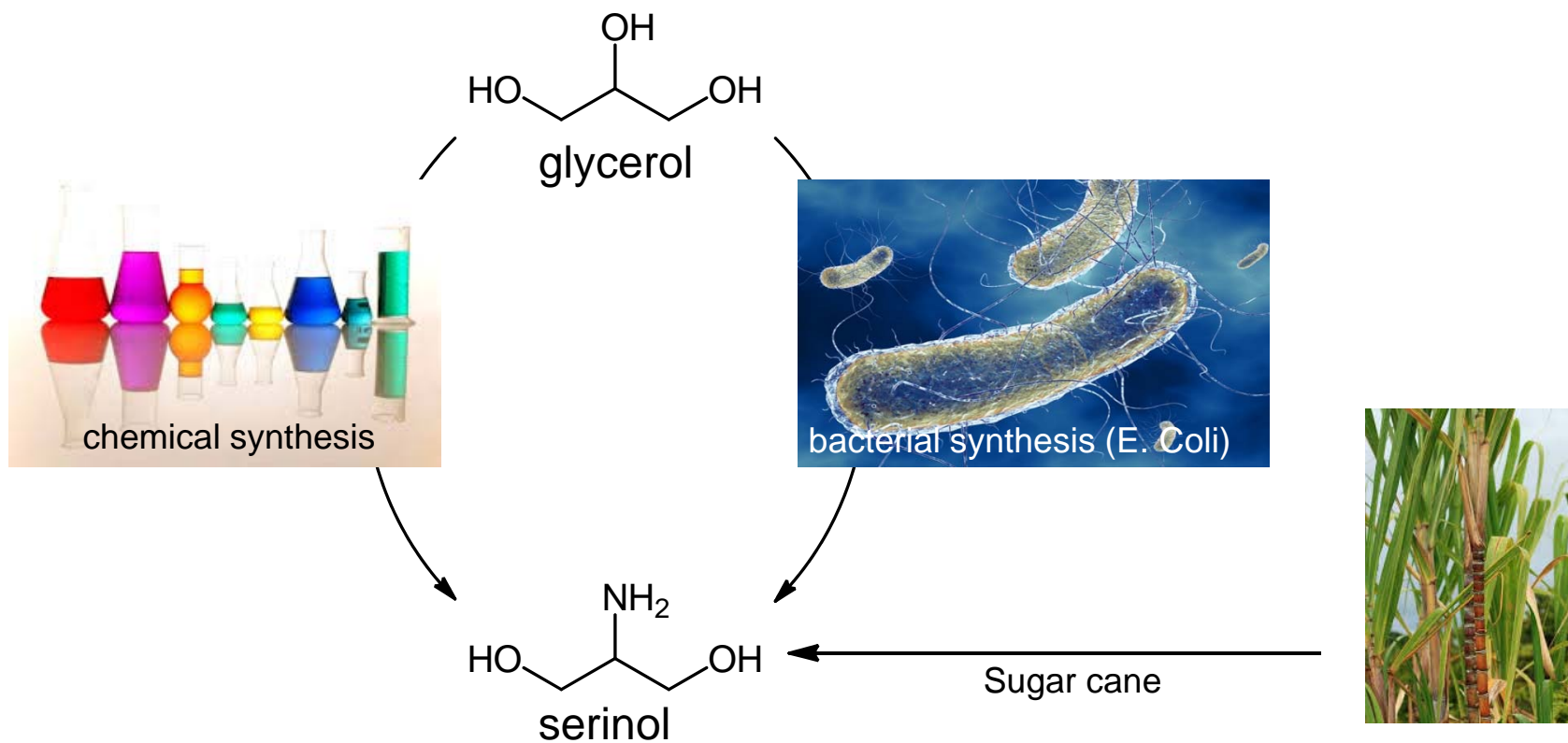
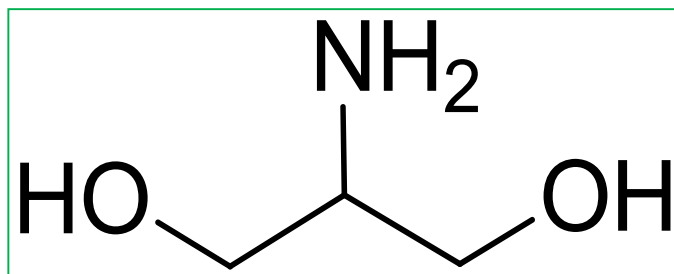
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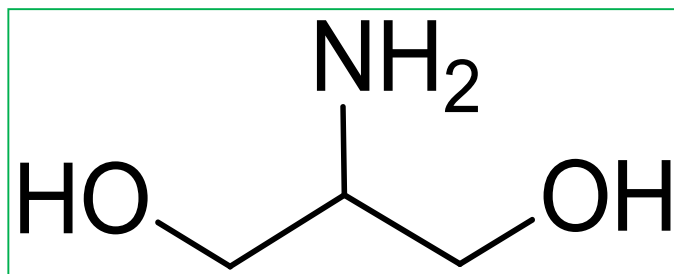
2-amino-1,3-propanediol



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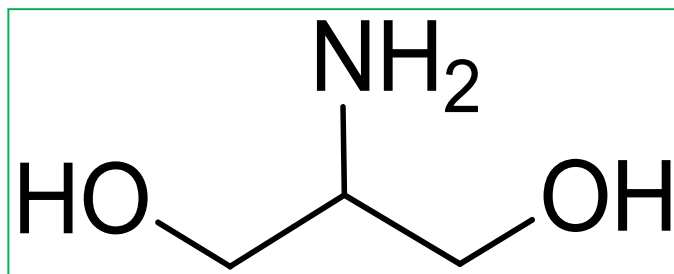


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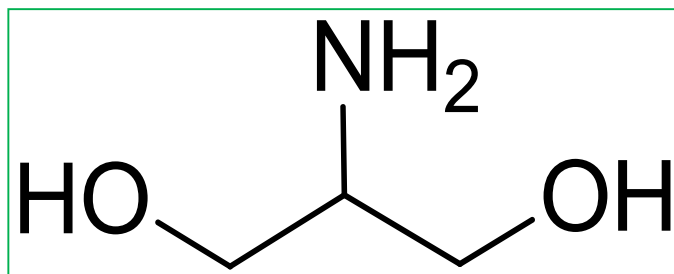
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- ➡ Chemoselectivity
- ➡ Interaction with polar fillers and polar surroundings
- ➡ Active role in vulcanization

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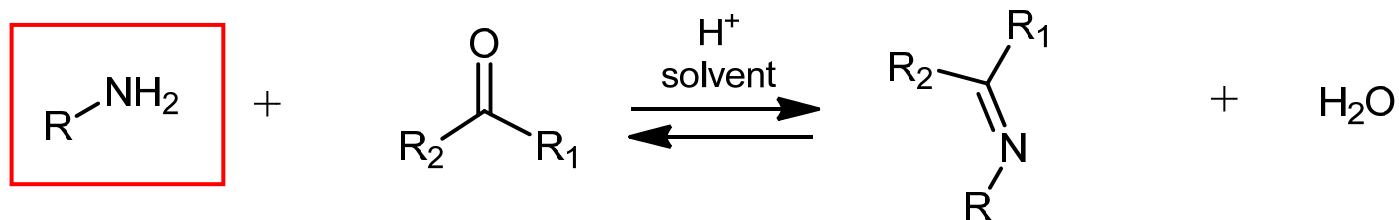


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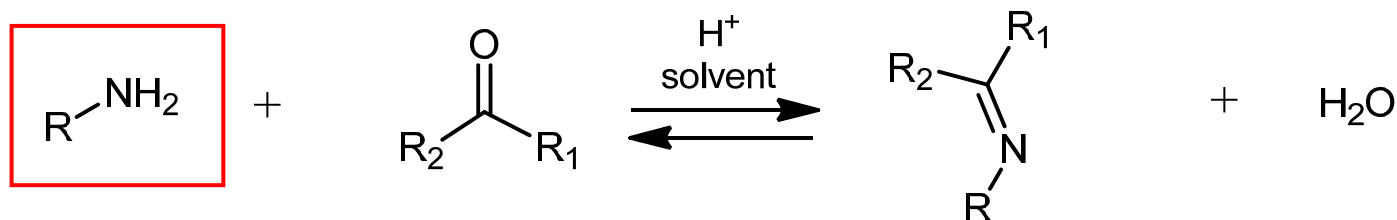
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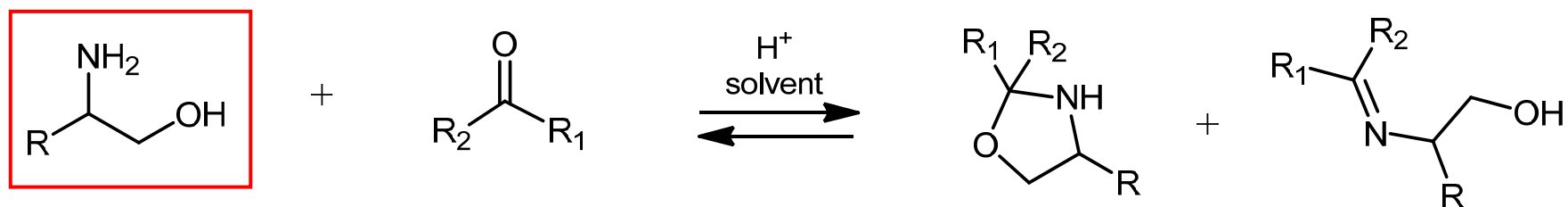
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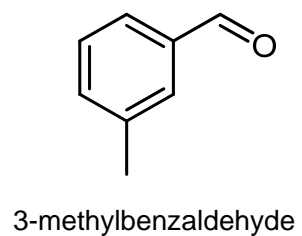
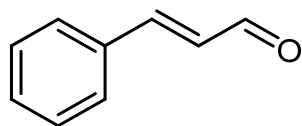
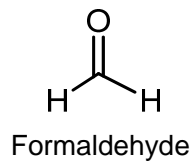


☞ Imines and Oxazolidines are formed

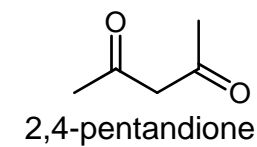
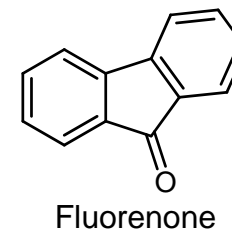
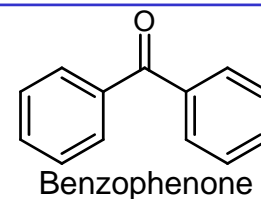
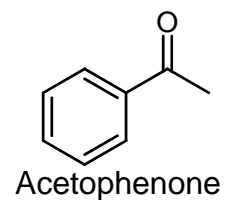
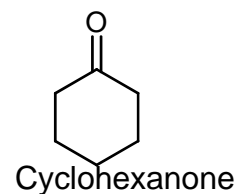
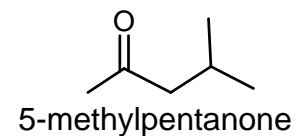
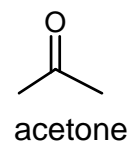
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## Carbonyl compounds

### Aldehydes



### Ketones



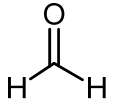
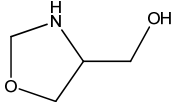
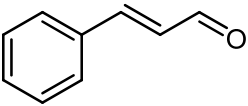
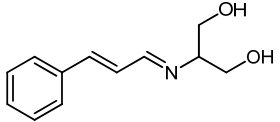
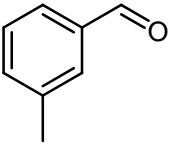
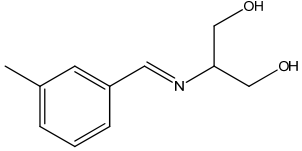
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No solvent, no catalyst,  $T >$  melting point of carbonyl compound


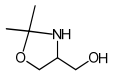
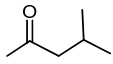
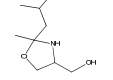
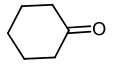
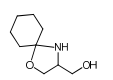
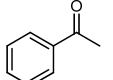
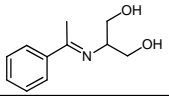
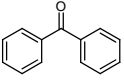
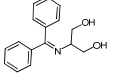
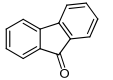
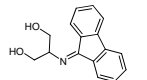

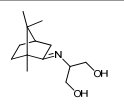
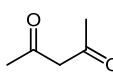
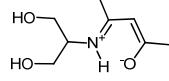


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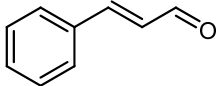
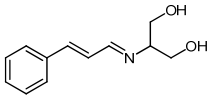
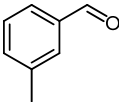
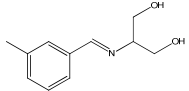

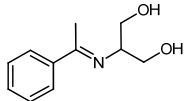
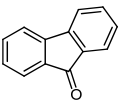
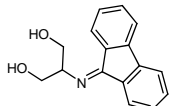
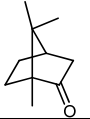
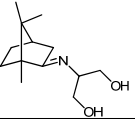
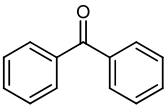
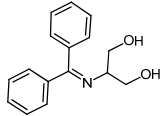
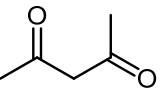
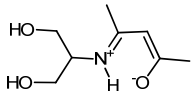
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## Neat reactions of serinol with ketones

Carbonyl compound	Yield (%)	Product	Type
	90		Oxazolidine
	95		Oxazolidine
	90		Oxazolidine
	83		Imine
	75		Imine
	80		Imine
	70		Imine
	95		Imine

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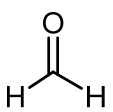
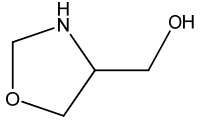

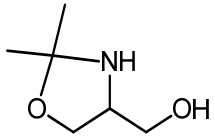
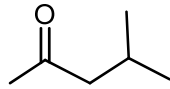
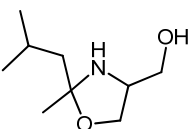
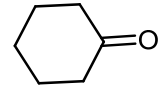
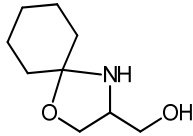
## Imines from the reaction of serinol with carbonyl compounds

Carbonyl Compound	Product	Yield (%)
		92
		98
		83
		80
		70
		75
		95

Imines

☞ Aromatic and sterically hindered carbonyl compounds  
lead to Imines

## Oxazolidines from the reaction of serinol with carbonyl compounds

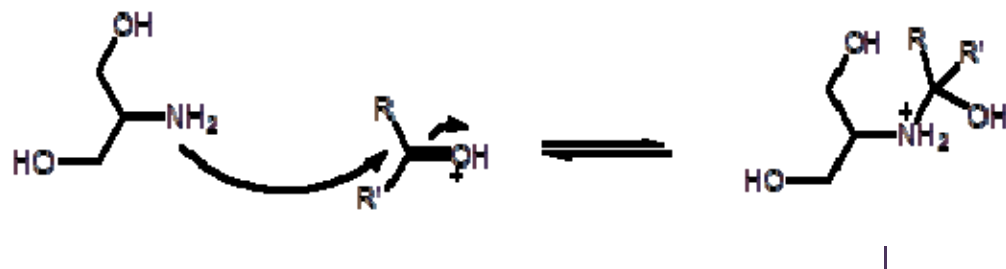
Carbonyl Compound	Product	Yield (%)
		56
		90
		95
		90

Oxazolidines

☞ Aliphatic carbonyl compounds with low steric hindrance  
lead to oxazolidines

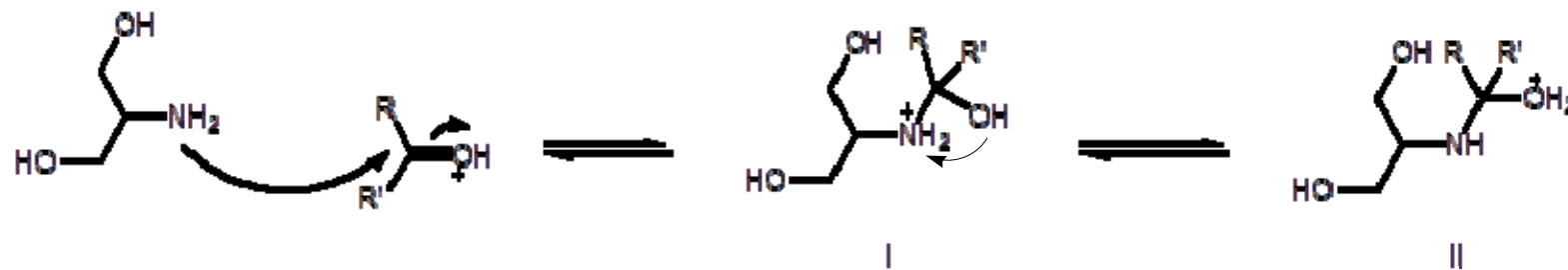
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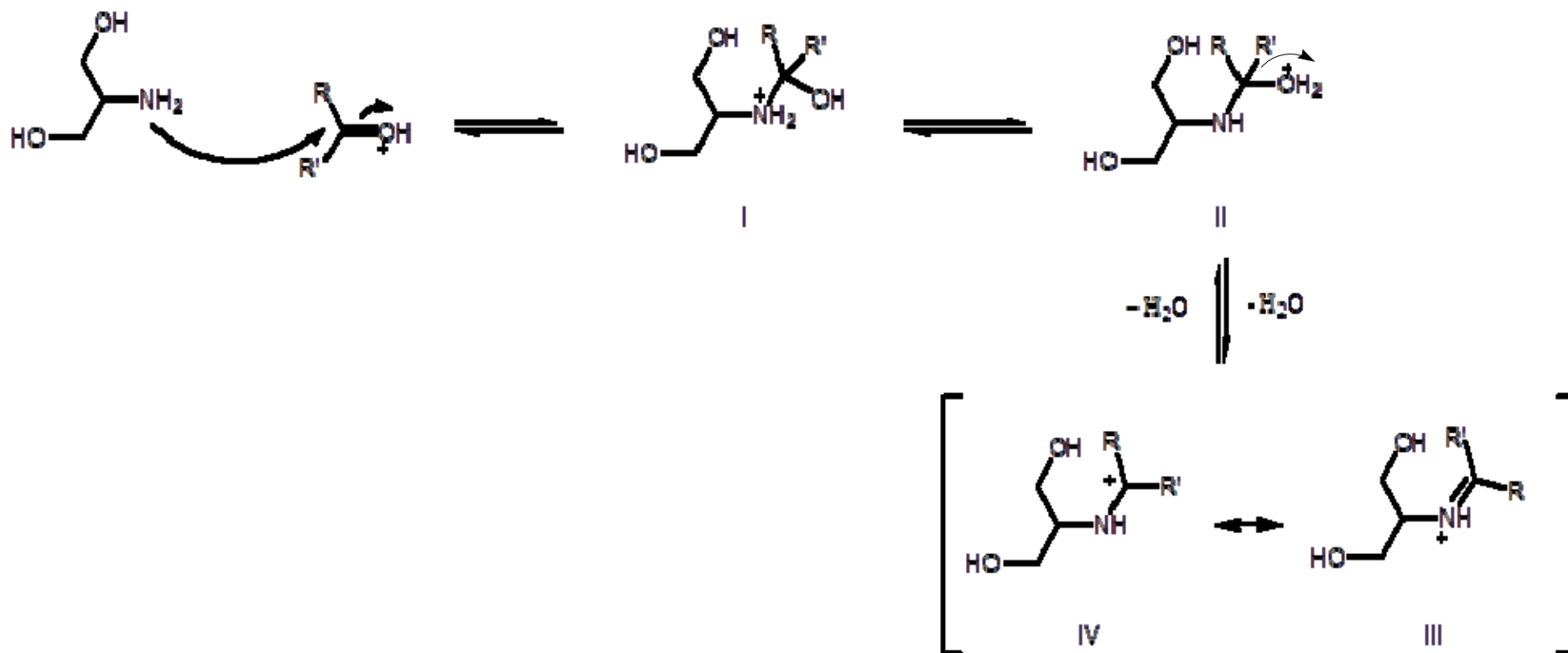
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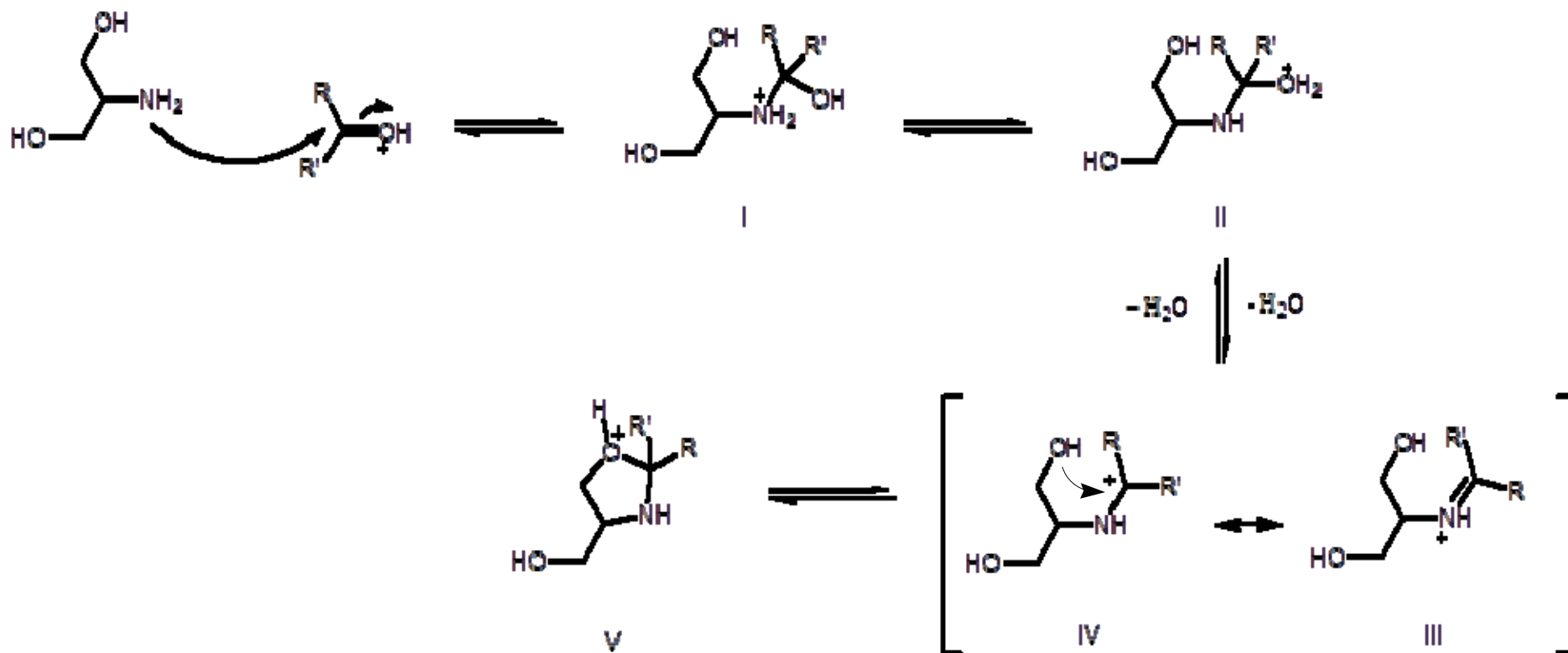
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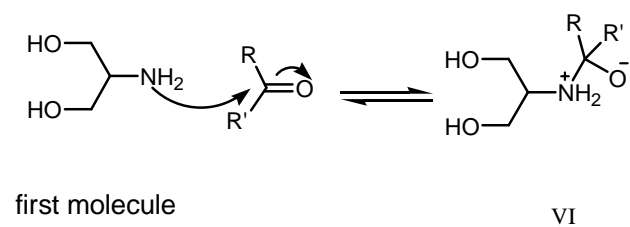
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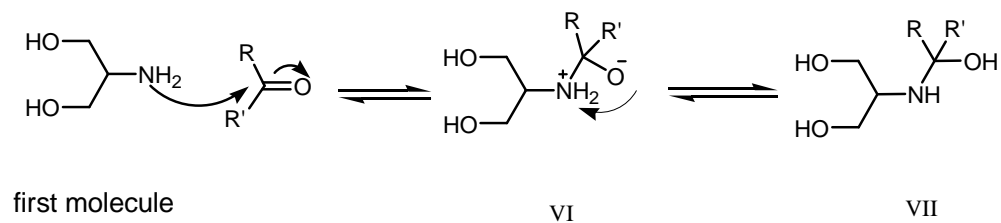
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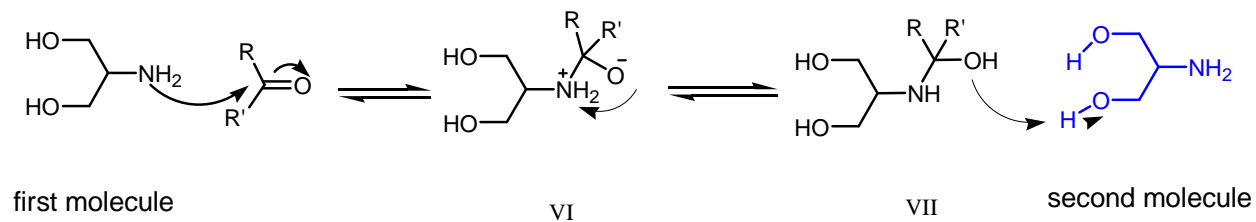
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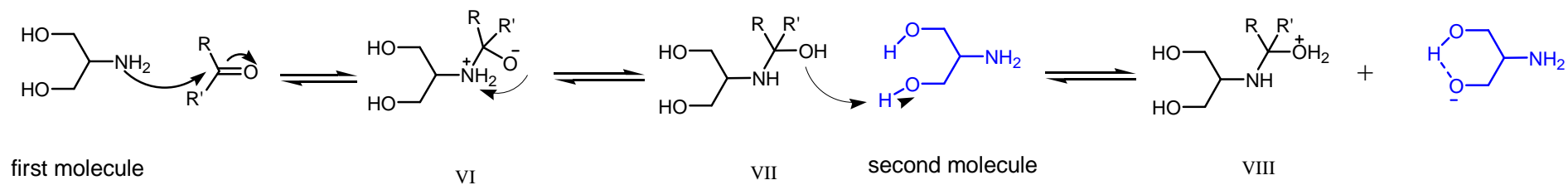
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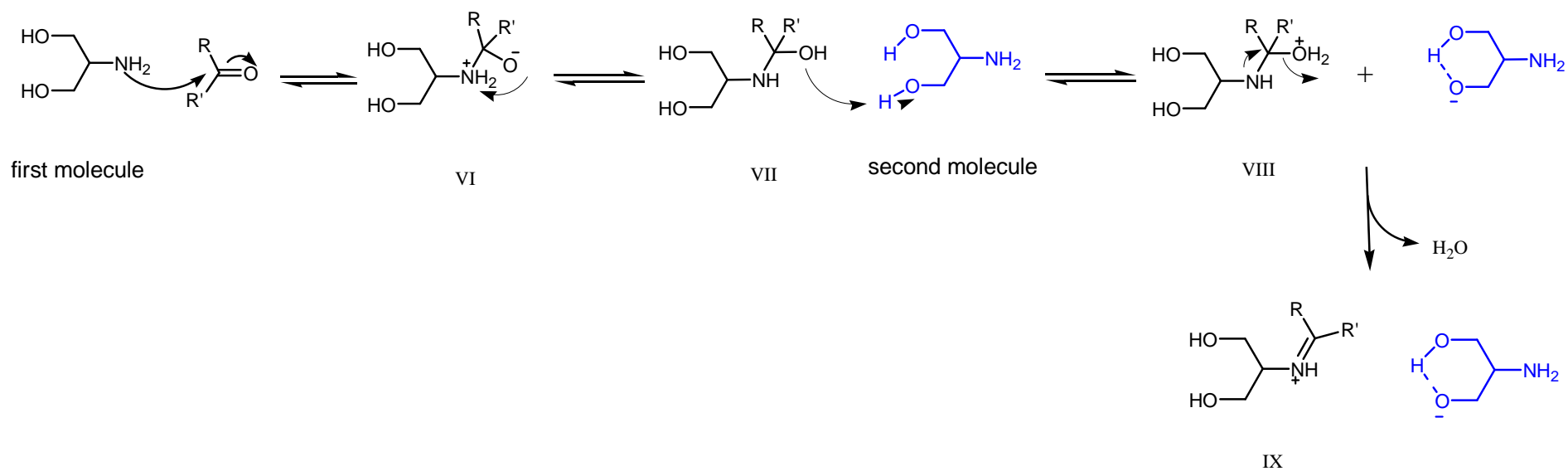
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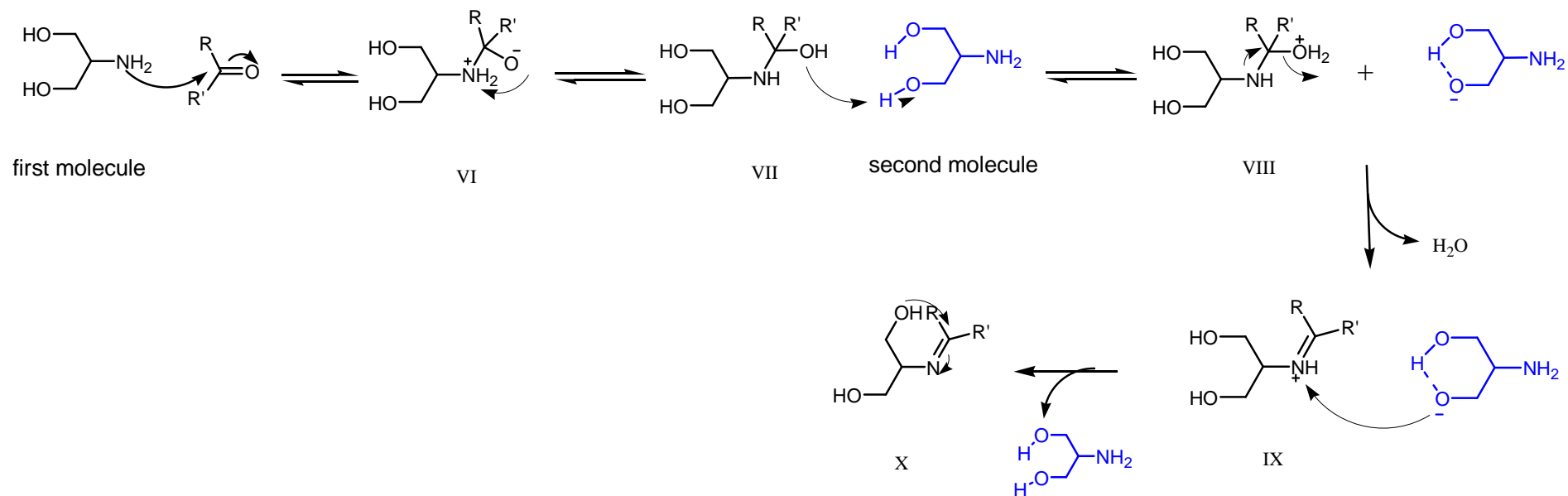
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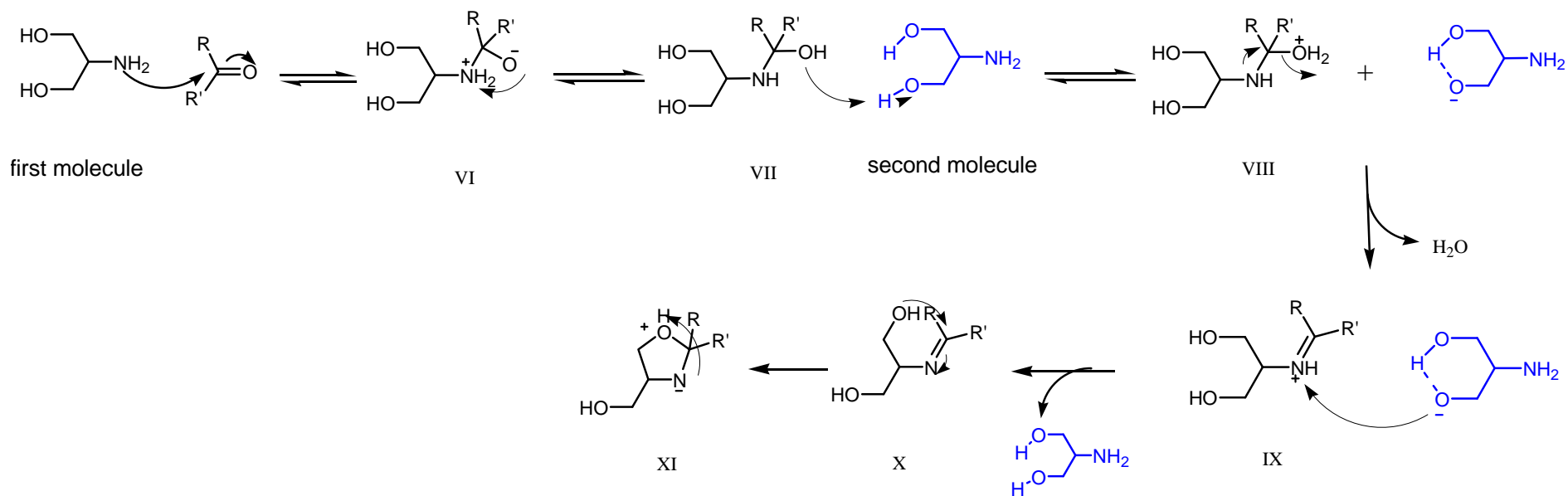
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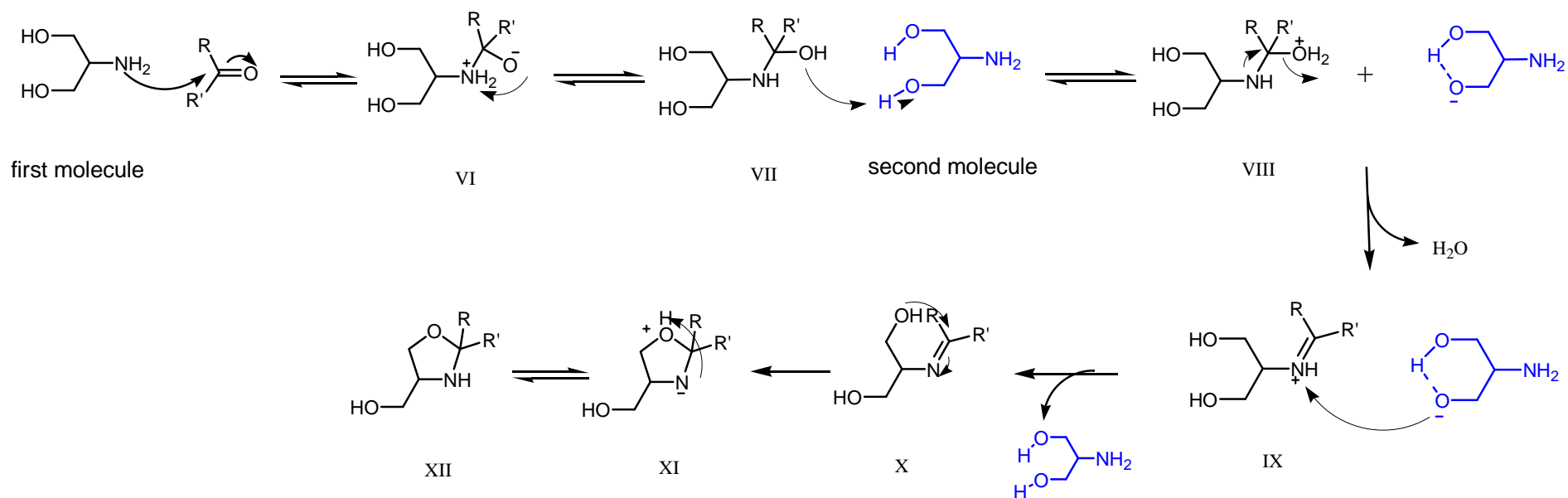
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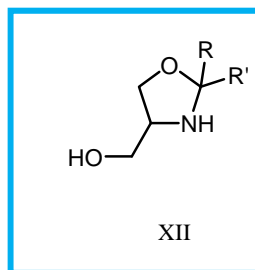




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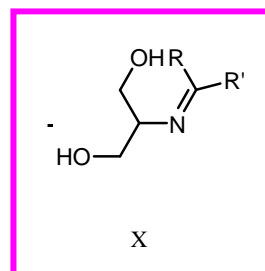
Without acidic catalyst

Without steric hindrance  
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Oxazolidines

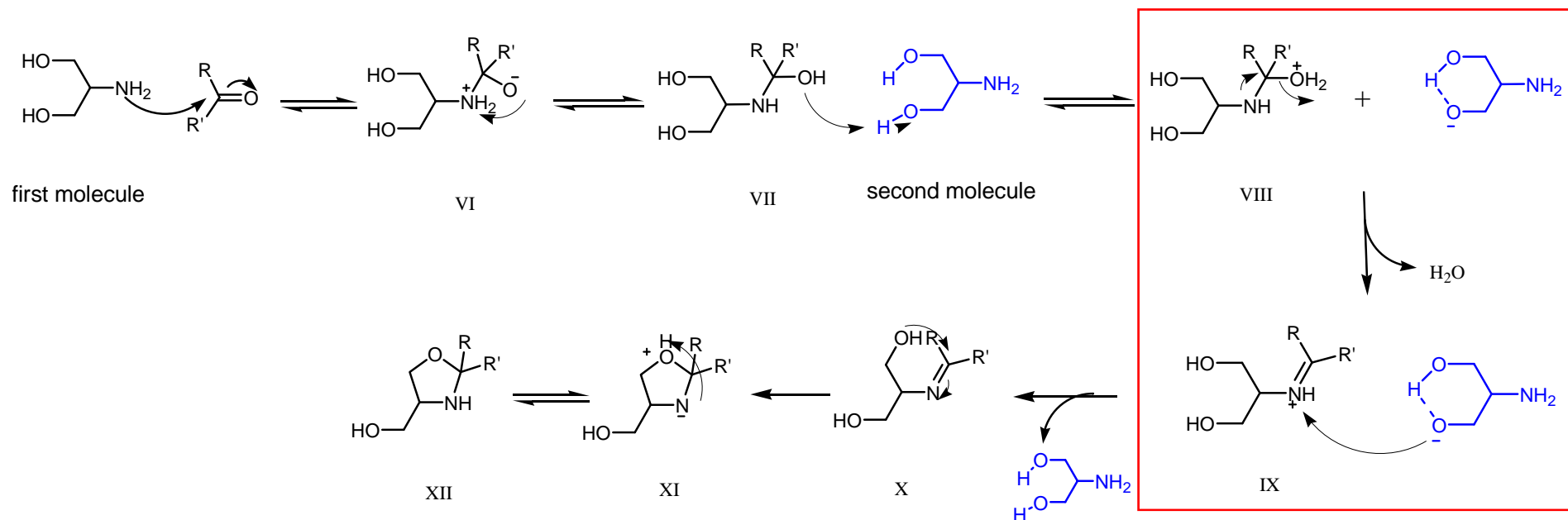
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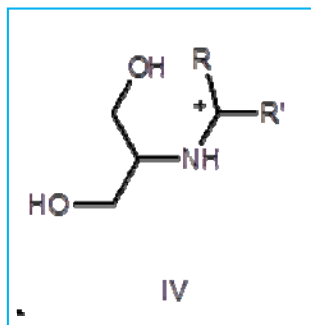
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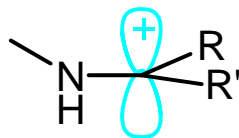


# Reaction of serinol with carbonyl compounds. Key intermediates

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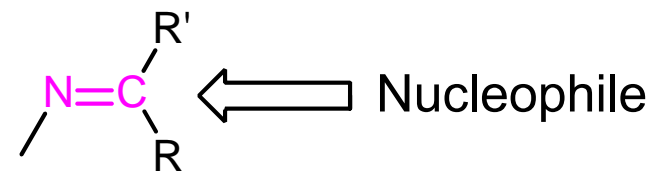
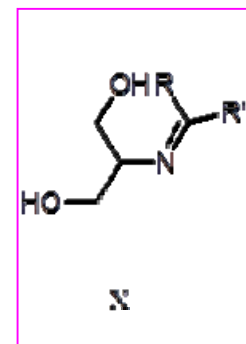


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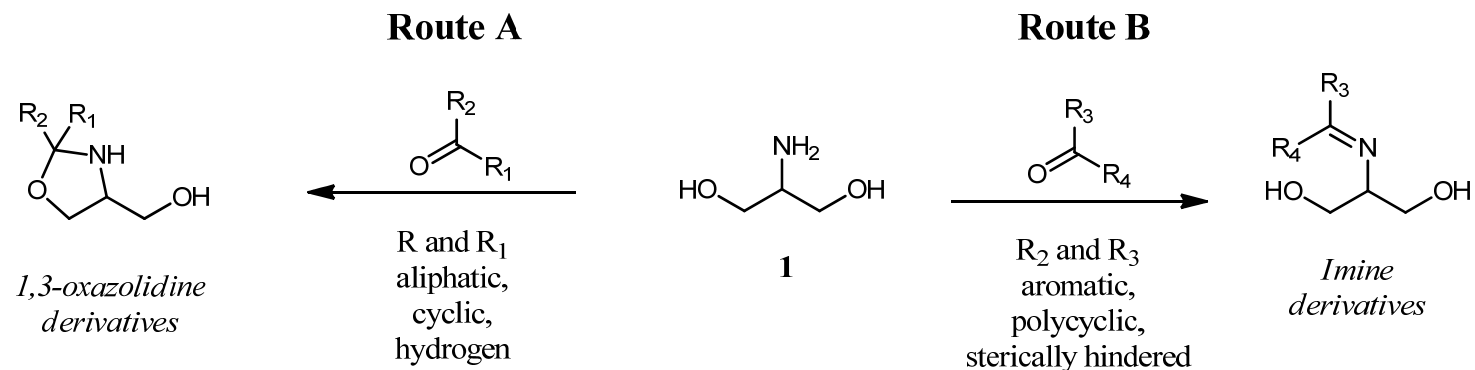


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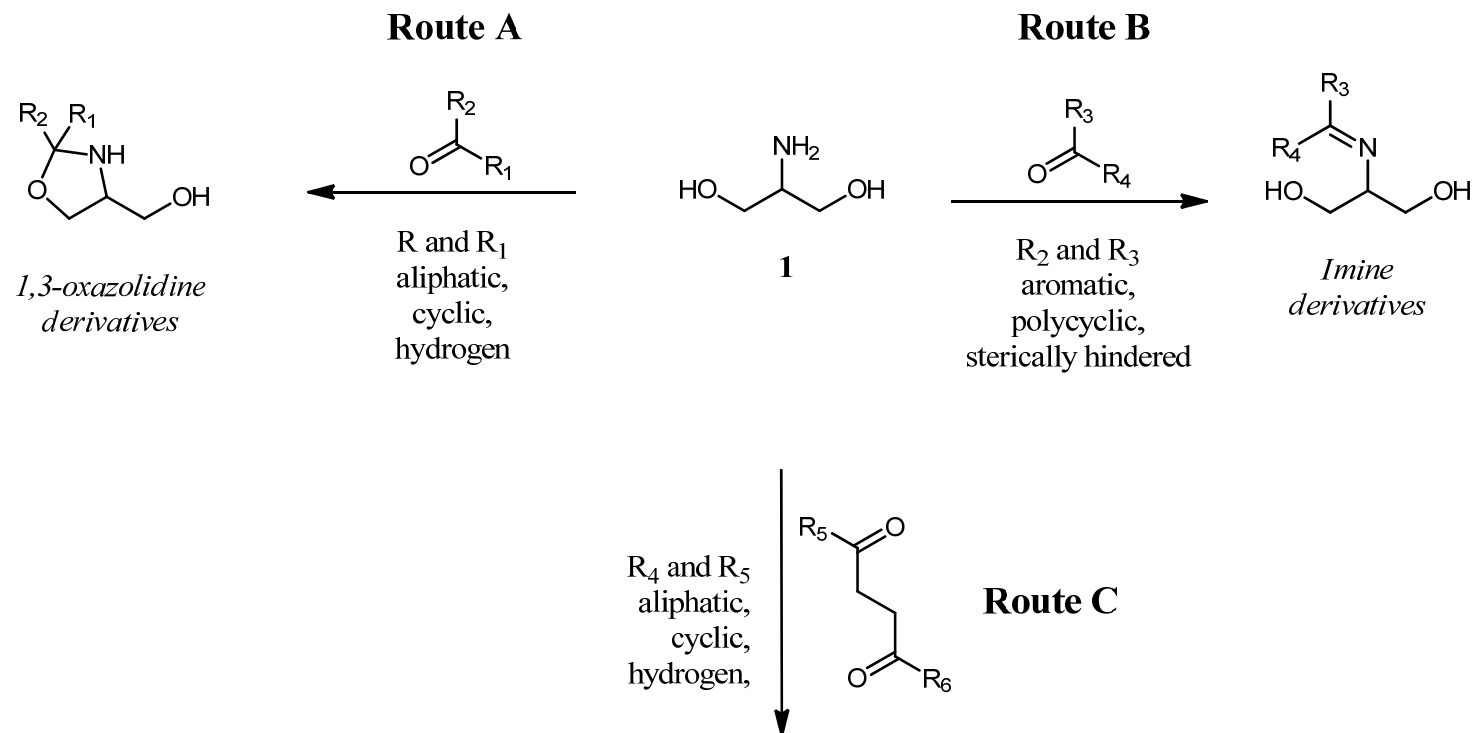
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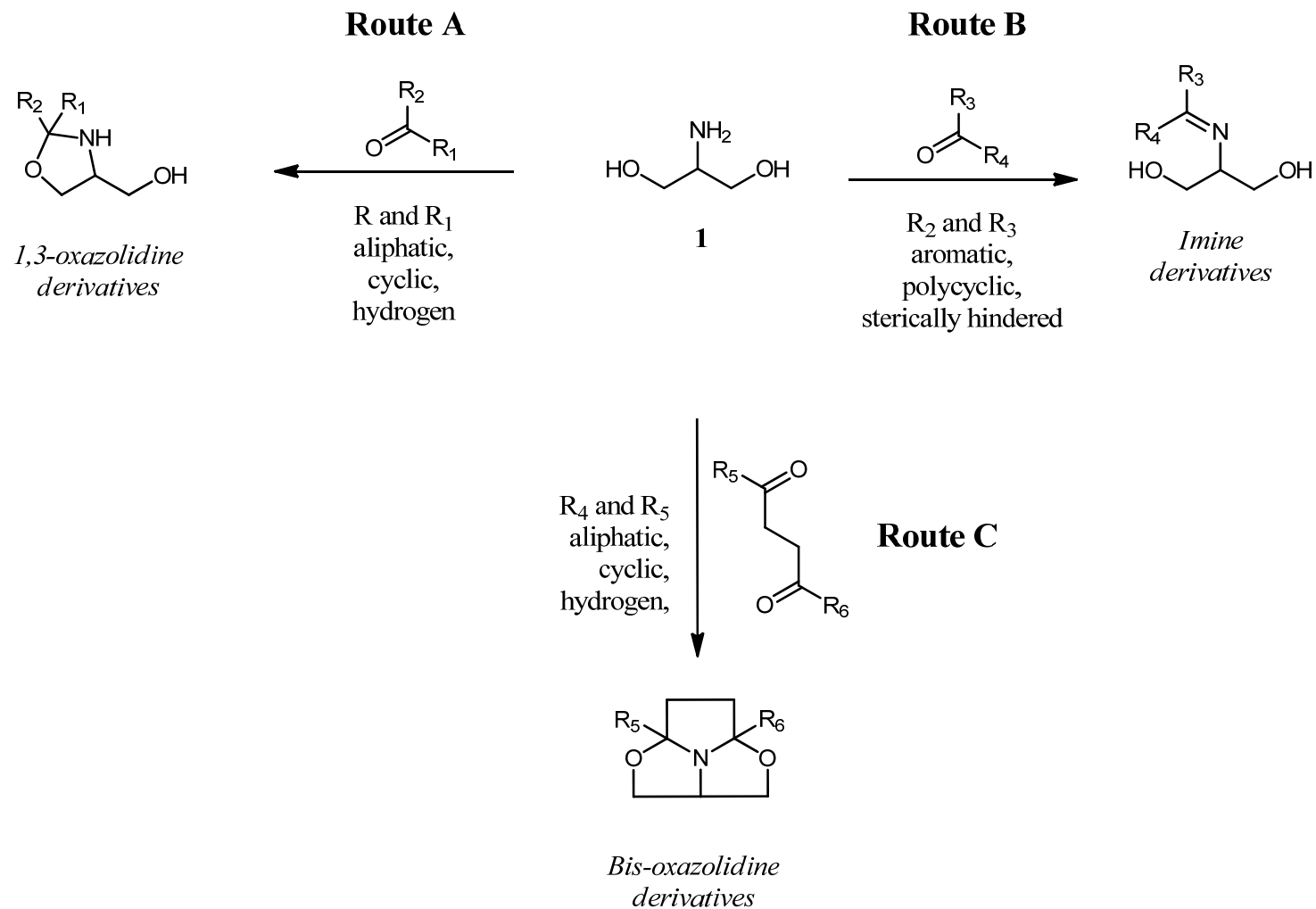
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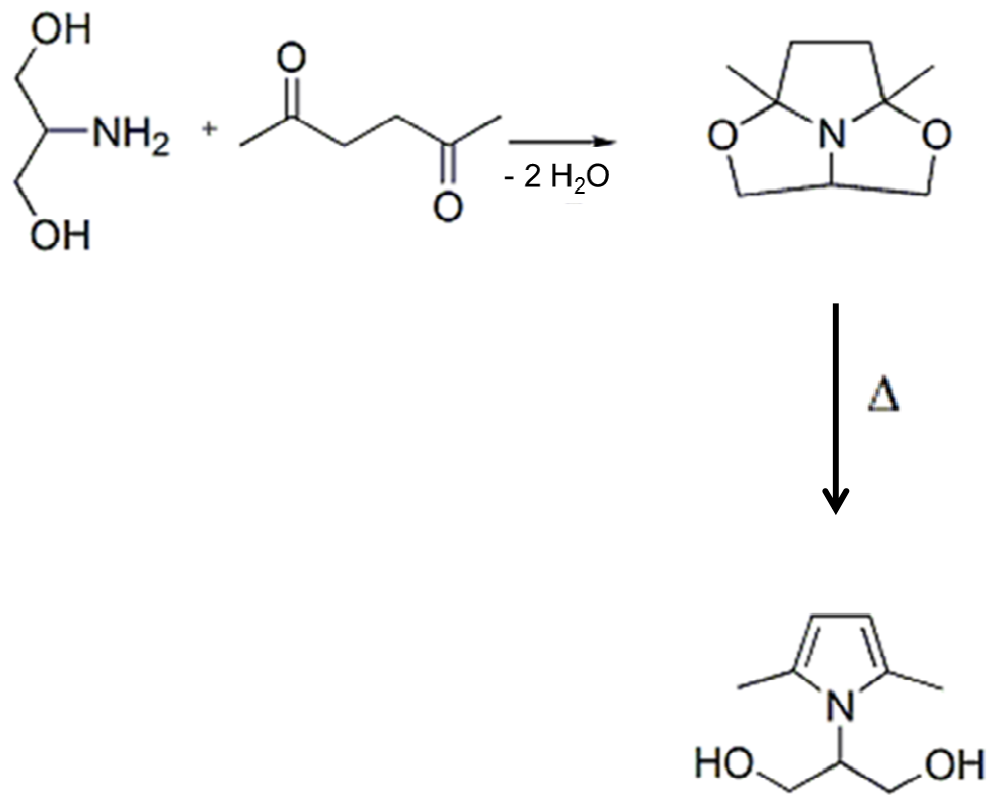
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## Reaction of serinol with dicarbonyl compound





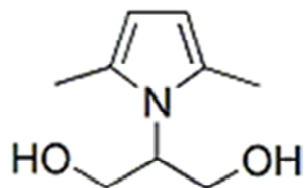
# Serinol and serinol derivatives

## for rubber compounds

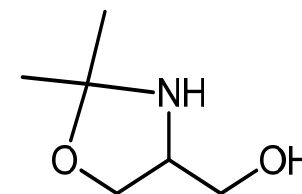
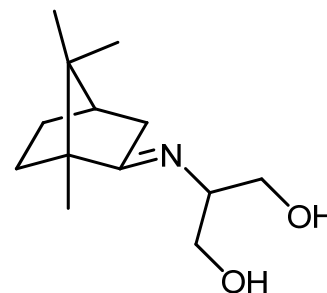
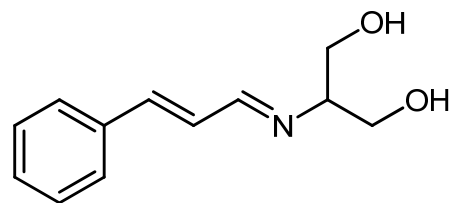
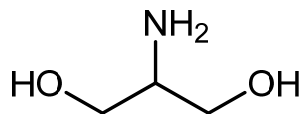


# Serinol and serinol derivatives for rubber compounds

## Mechanical properties

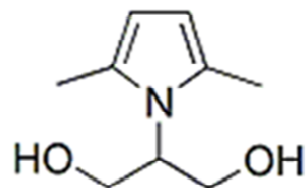


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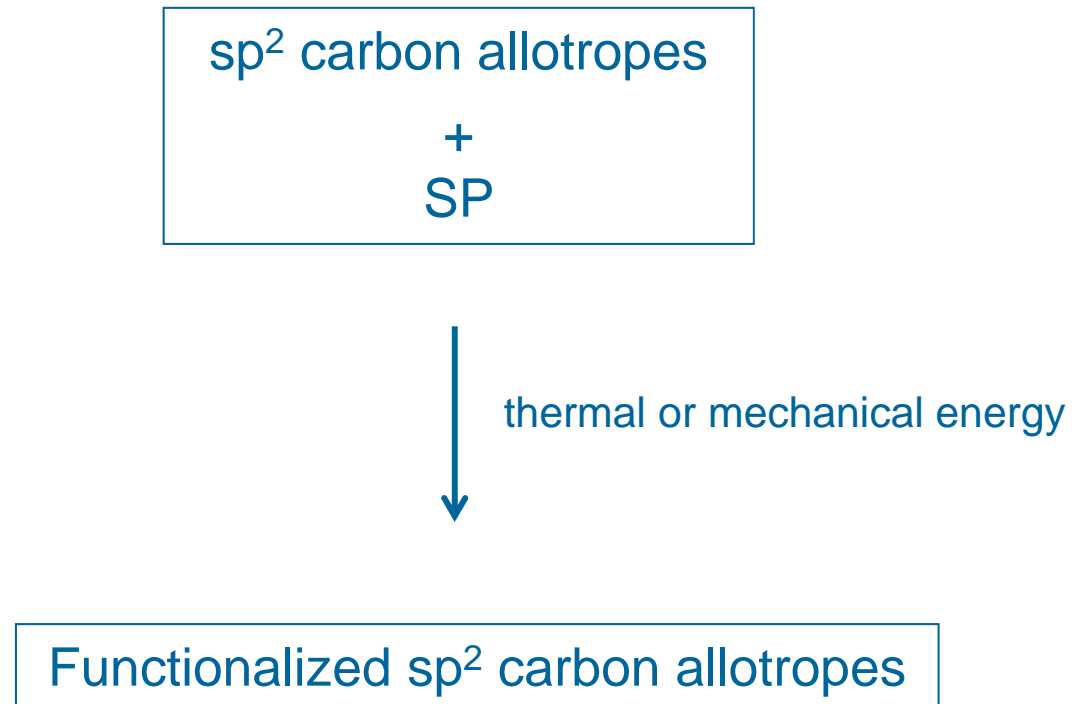


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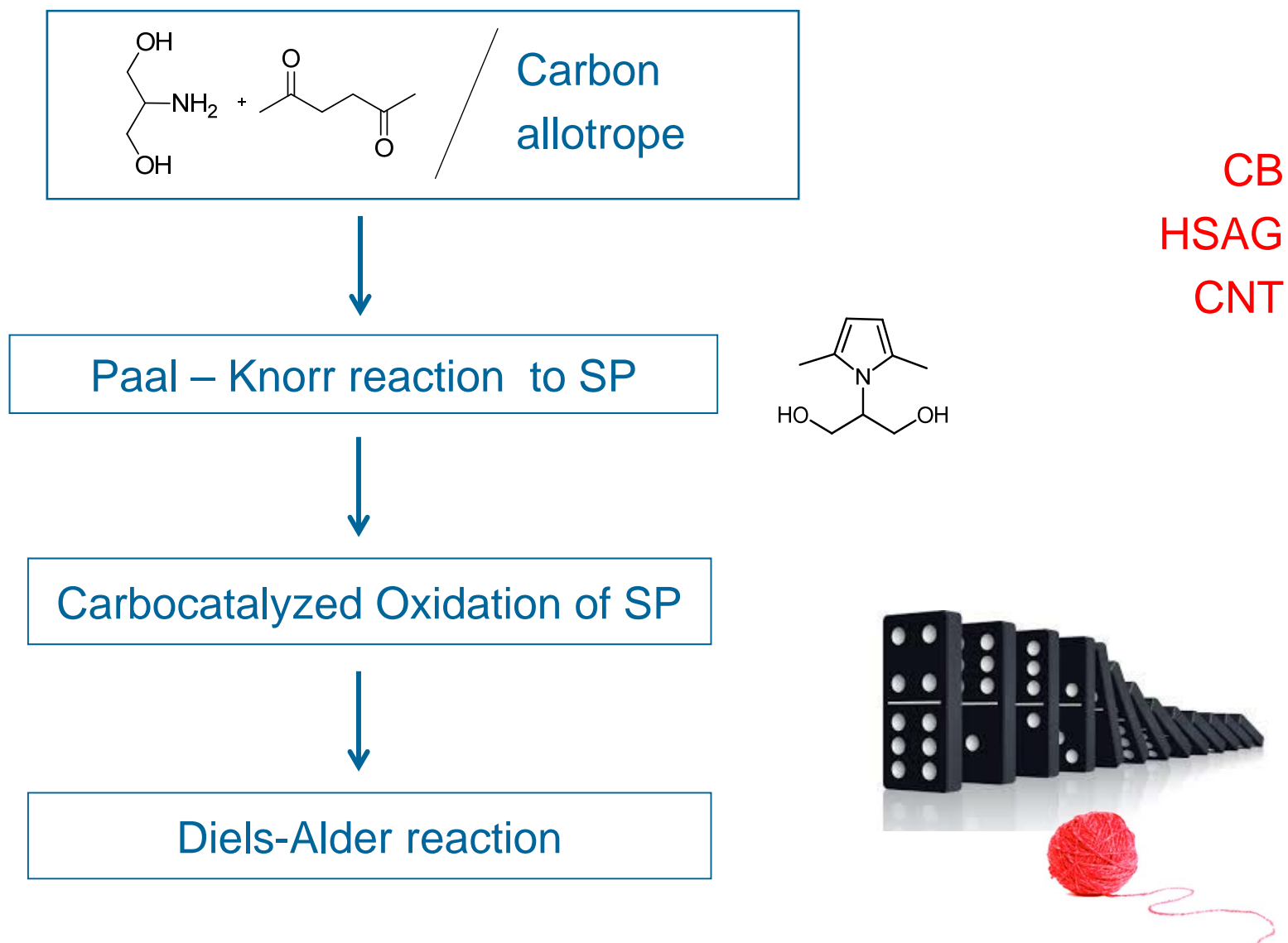
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## CB-SP in CB/Silica based composite

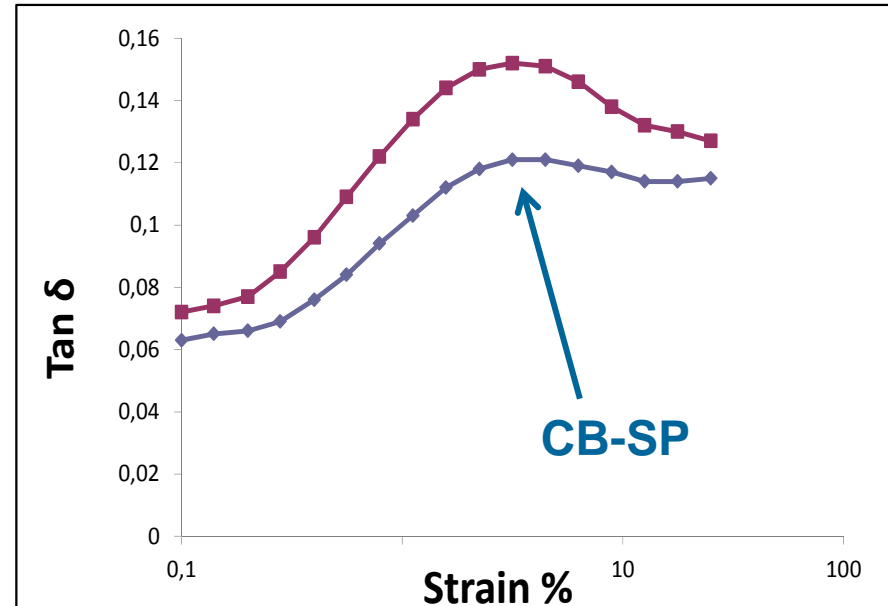
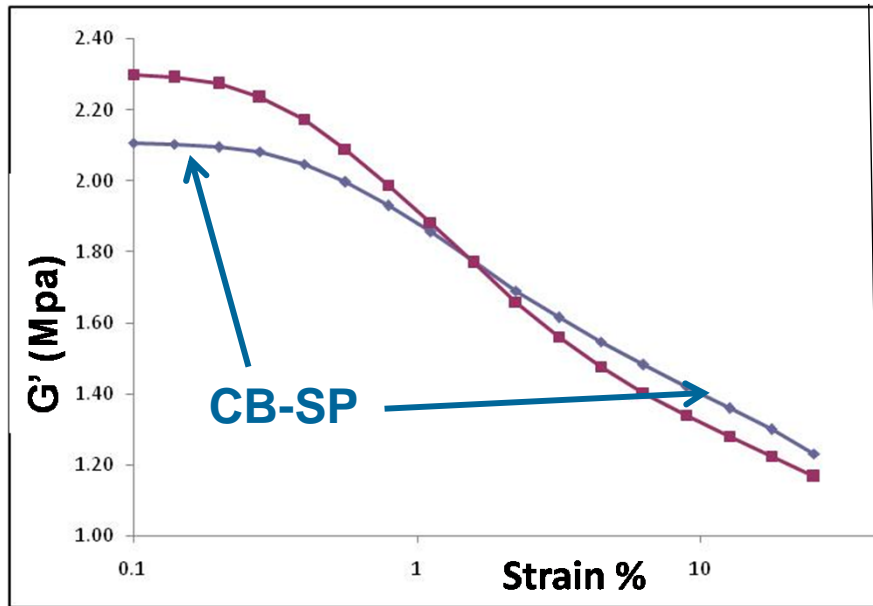


<b>Ingredient</b>	<b>With CB</b>	<b>With CB-SP</b>
<b>CB N326</b>	25	0
<b>CB N326-SP</b>	0	27
<b>CB326</b>	0	25
<b>SP</b>	0	2

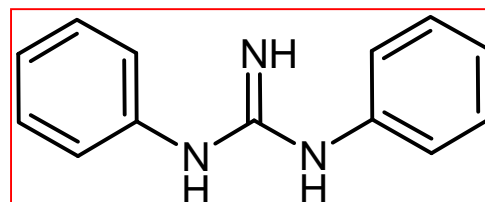
IR 50, BR 50, Silica 50,  
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Sulphur 1.5, TBBS 1.8



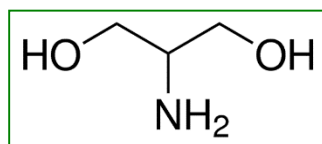
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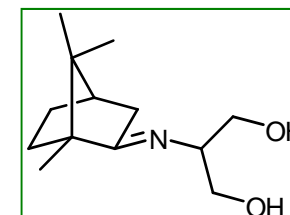
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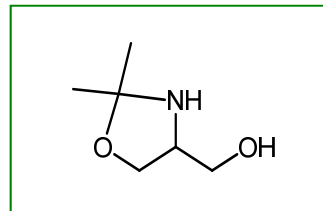
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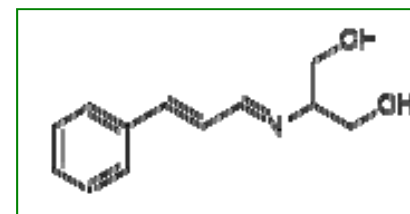
Serinol



Serinol camphor  
imine



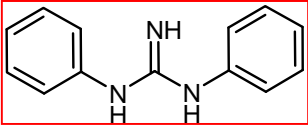
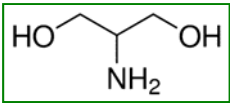
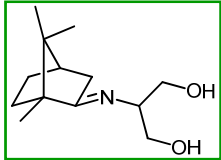
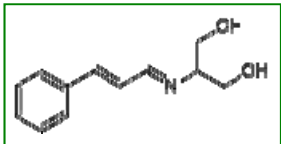
Serinol acetone  
oxazolidine



Serinol cinnamaldehyde  
imine

## Serinol and serinol derivatives as secondary accelerators in silica based compounds

Ingredient	phr
S-SBR	96.3
NR	15
BR	15
Silica	65
Silane TESPT Si69	5.6
Oil MES	10
Stearic Acid	2
ZnO	2.5
6PPD	2
Sulphur	1.8
TBBS	1.2
Secondary accelerator	X

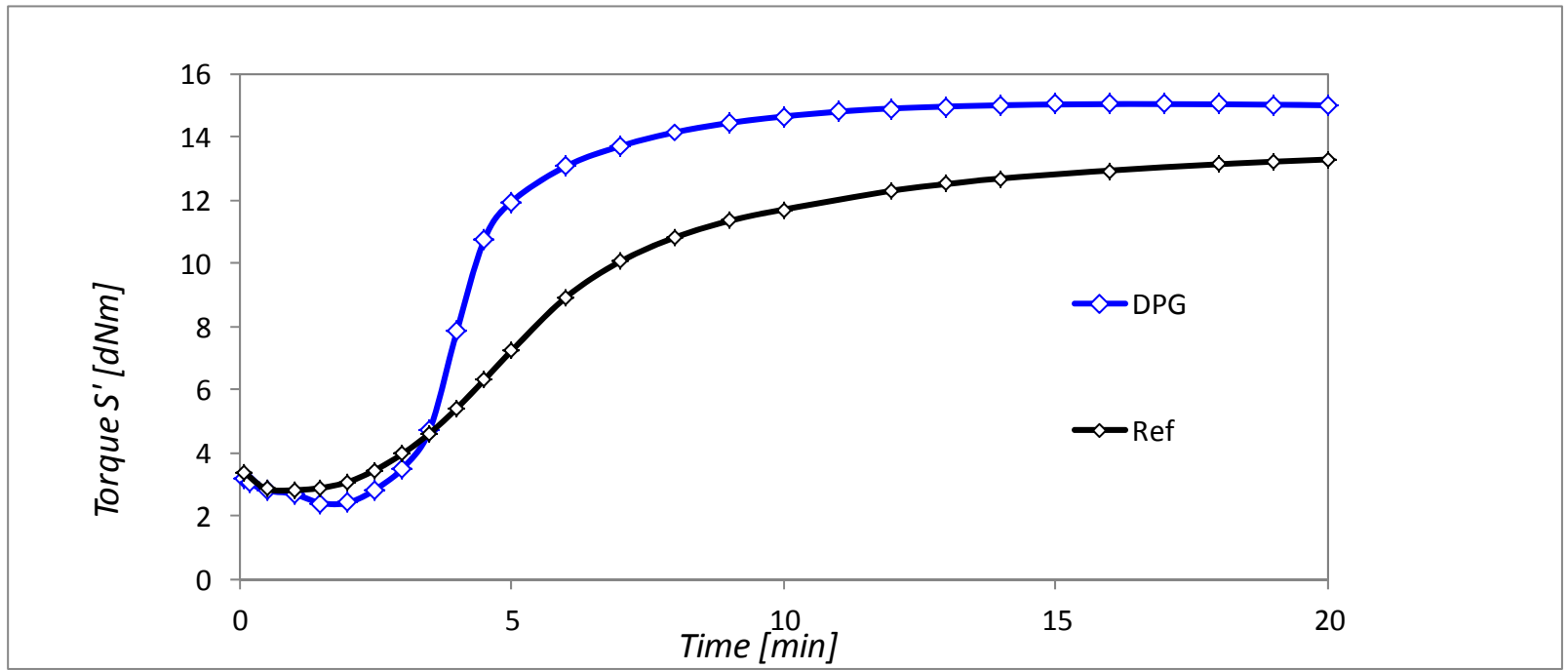
Secondary accelerator	X phr
 <i>or</i> 	2.4
<i>or</i>  <i>or</i> 	0.83
	2.04
	1.87

Secondary accelerators were used in equal molar amount





# Curing at 170°C



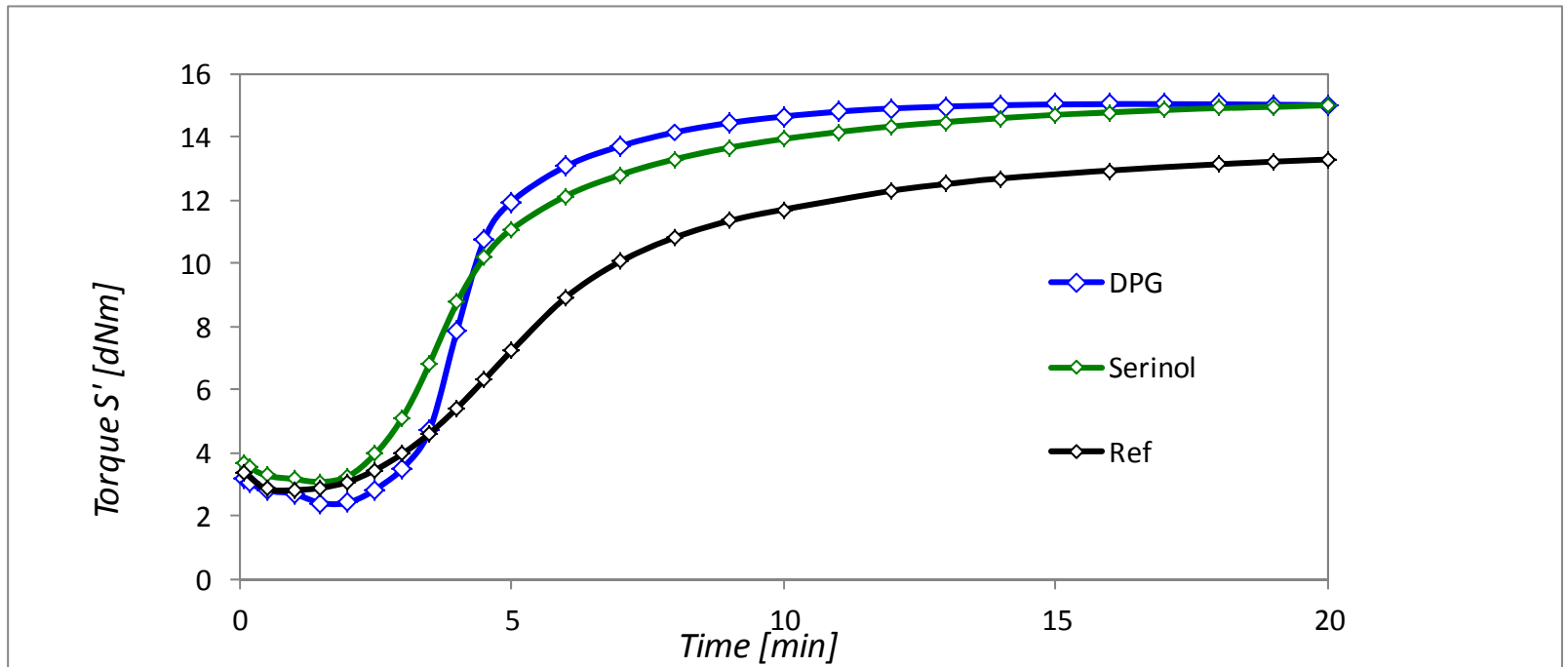
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<b>Secondary accelerator</b>		=	<b>DPG</b>
<b>Parameter</b>			
$M_L$	[dNm]	2.8	2.3
$M_H$	[dNm]	13.3	15.1
$t_{s1}$	[min]	2.8	2.9
$t_{90}$	[min]	11.5	7.1

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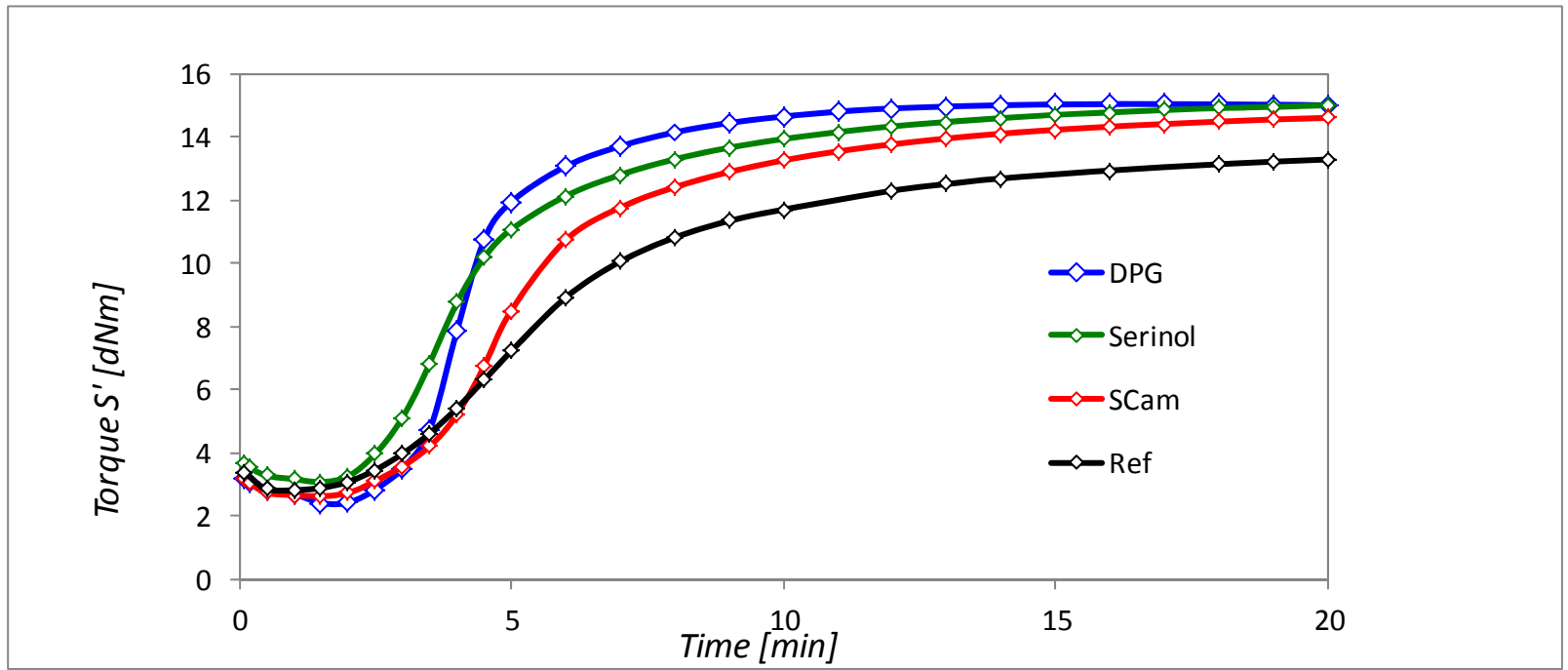


# Curing at 170°C



<u>Secondary accelerator</u>		=	DPG	Serinol
<u>Parameter</u>				
$M_L$	[dNm]	2.8	2.3	3.1
$M_H$	[dNm]	13.3	15.1	15.0
$t_{s1}$	[min]	2.8	2.9	2.6
$t_{90}$	[min]	11.5	7.1	9.5

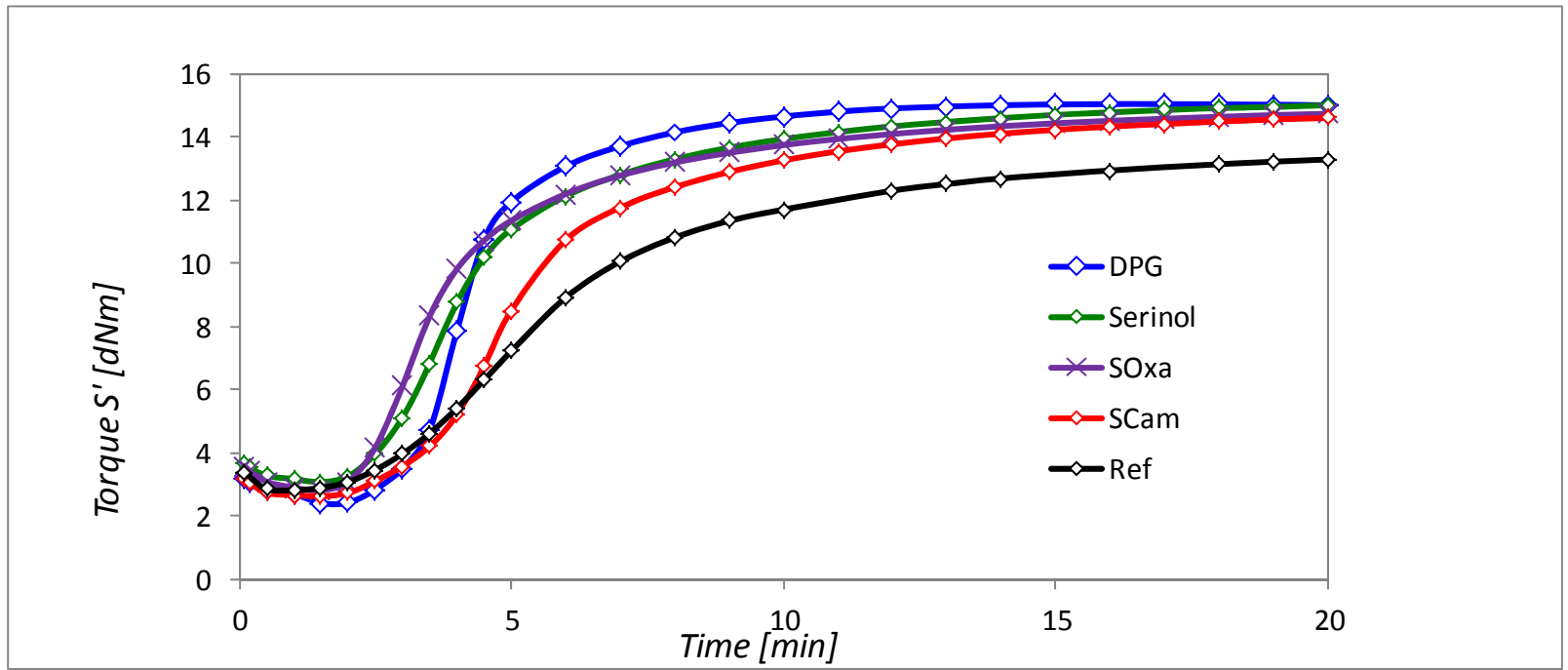
# Curing at 170°C



<u>Secondary accelerator</u>		=	DPG	Serinol	SCam
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$M_H$	[dNm]	13.3	15.1	15.0	14.6
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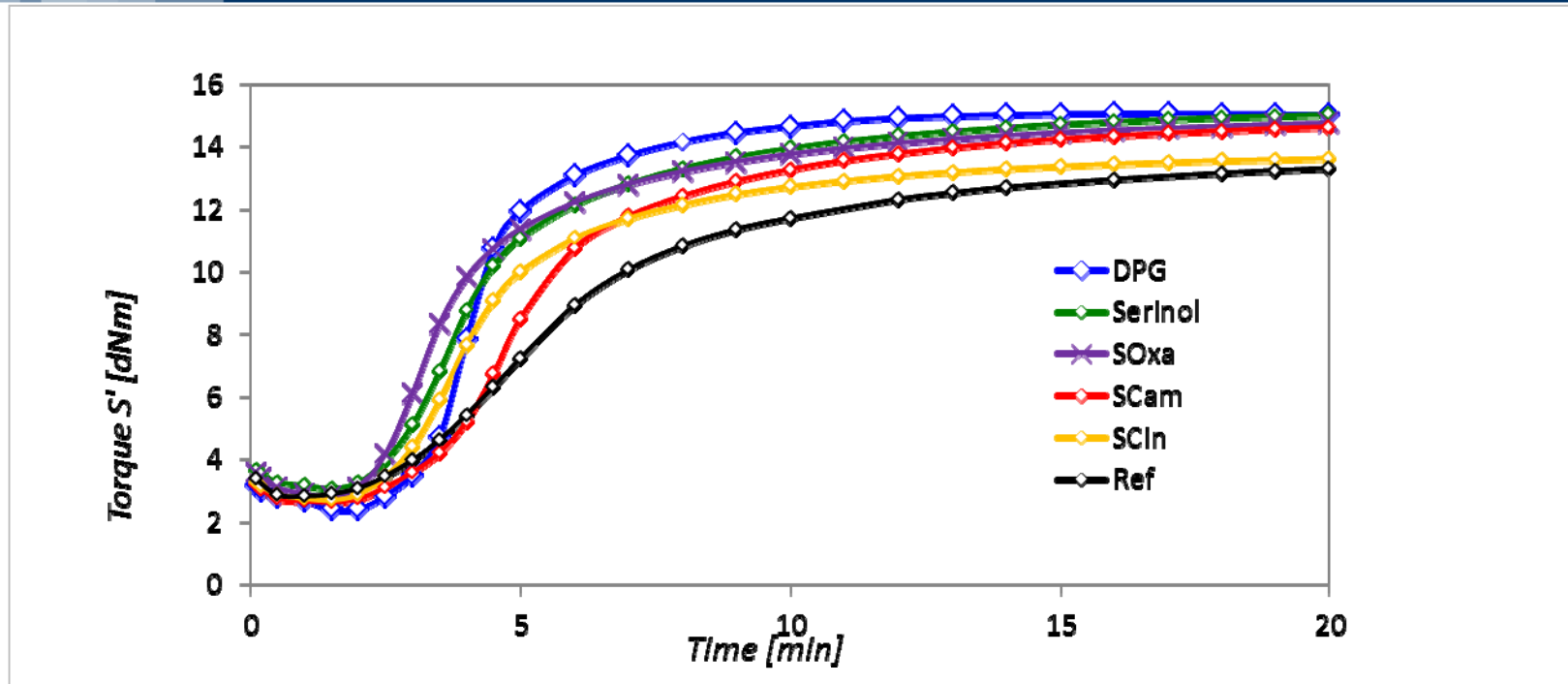


# Curing at 170°C



<u>Secondary accelerator</u>		=	DPG	Serinol	SCam	SOxa
<u>Parameter</u>						
$M_L$	[dNm]	2.8	2.3	3.1	2.6	2.8
$M_H$	[dNm]	13.3	15.1	15.0	14.6	14.8
$t_{s1}$	[min]	2.8	2.9	2.6	3.0	2.4
$t_{90}$	[min]	11.5	7.1	9.5	10.5	9.2

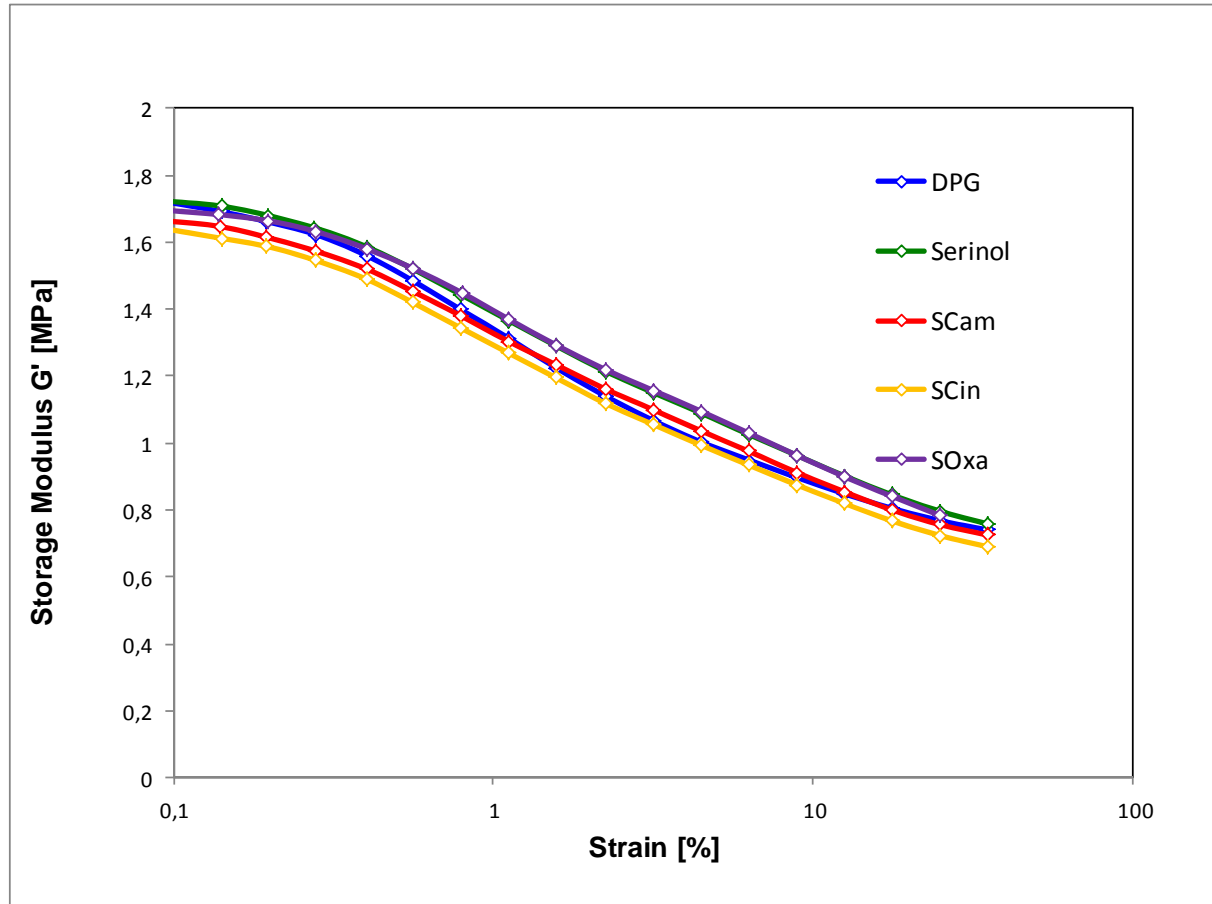
# Curing at 170°C



<u>Secondary accelerator</u>		=	DPG	Serinol	SCam	SCIn	SOxa
<u>Parameter</u>							
$M_L$	[dNm]	2.8	2.3	3.1	2.6	2.7	2.8
$M_H$	[dNm]	13.3	15.1	15.0	14.6	13.6	14.8
$t_{s1}$	[min]	2.8	2.9	2.6	3.0	2.7	2.4
$t_{90}$	[min]	11.5	7.1	9.5	10.5	9.2	9.2



# Strain sweep at 170°C





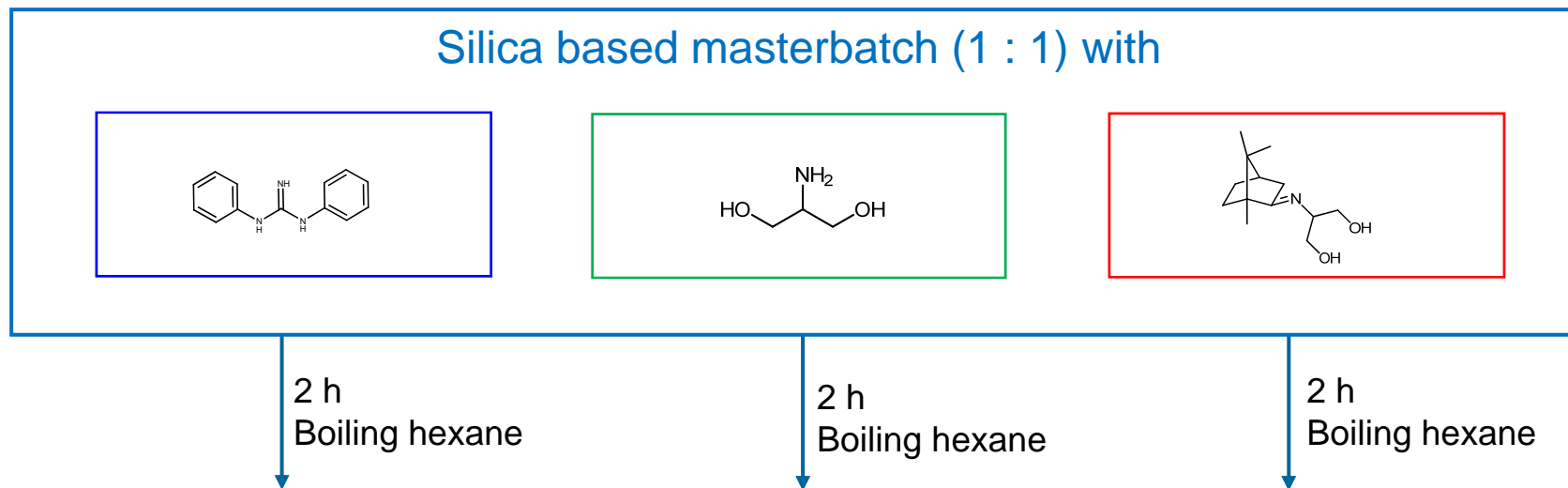
## Scorch time at 130°C



<u>Secondary accelerator</u>		=	DPG	Serinol	SCam	SOxa	SCin
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$M_L$	dNm	7.1	6.1	7.0	6.5	6.6	6.1
$t_{s5}^a$	min	46.4	28.9	25.7	37.3	20.6	27.0

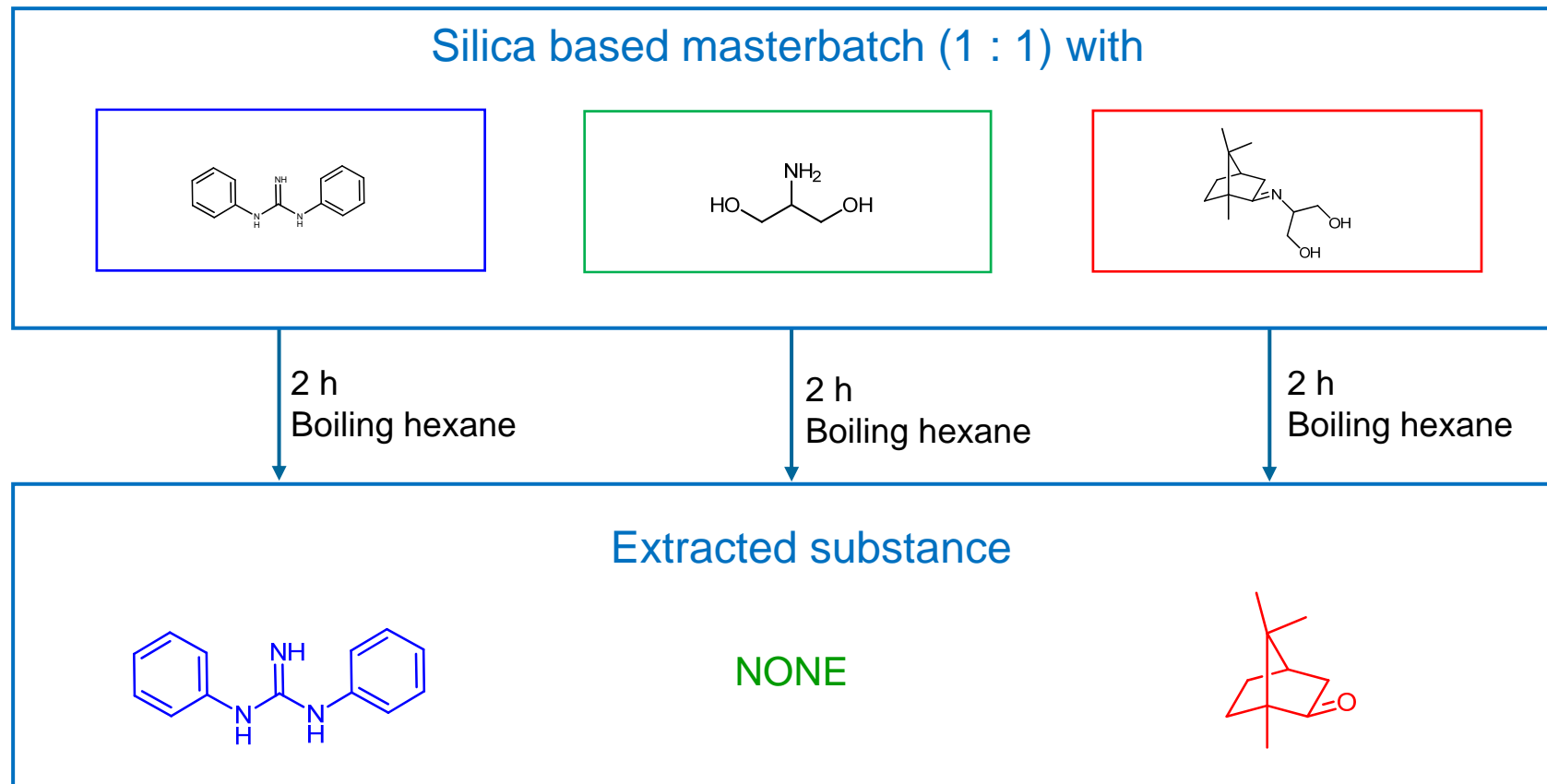
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## Solvent extraction of silica / secondary accelerator masterbatches

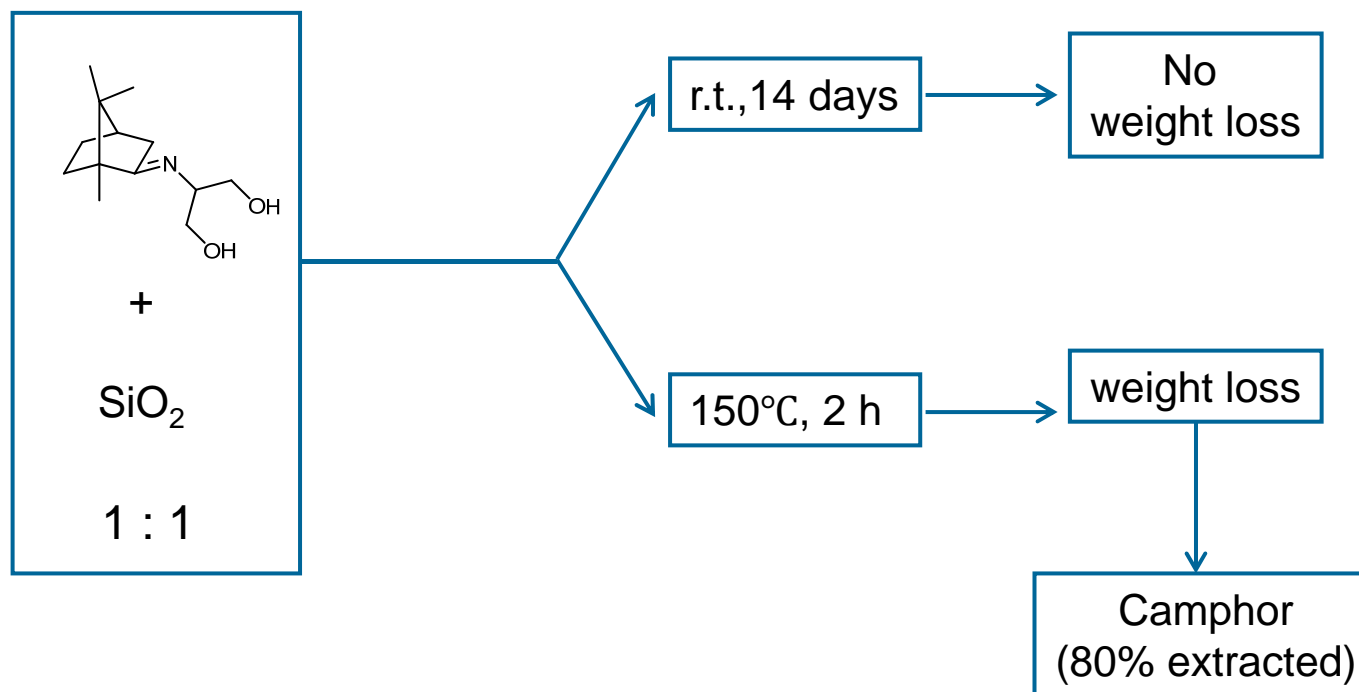




# Solvent extraction of silica / secondary accelerator masterbatches



## Thermal treatment of silica / SCam masterbatch

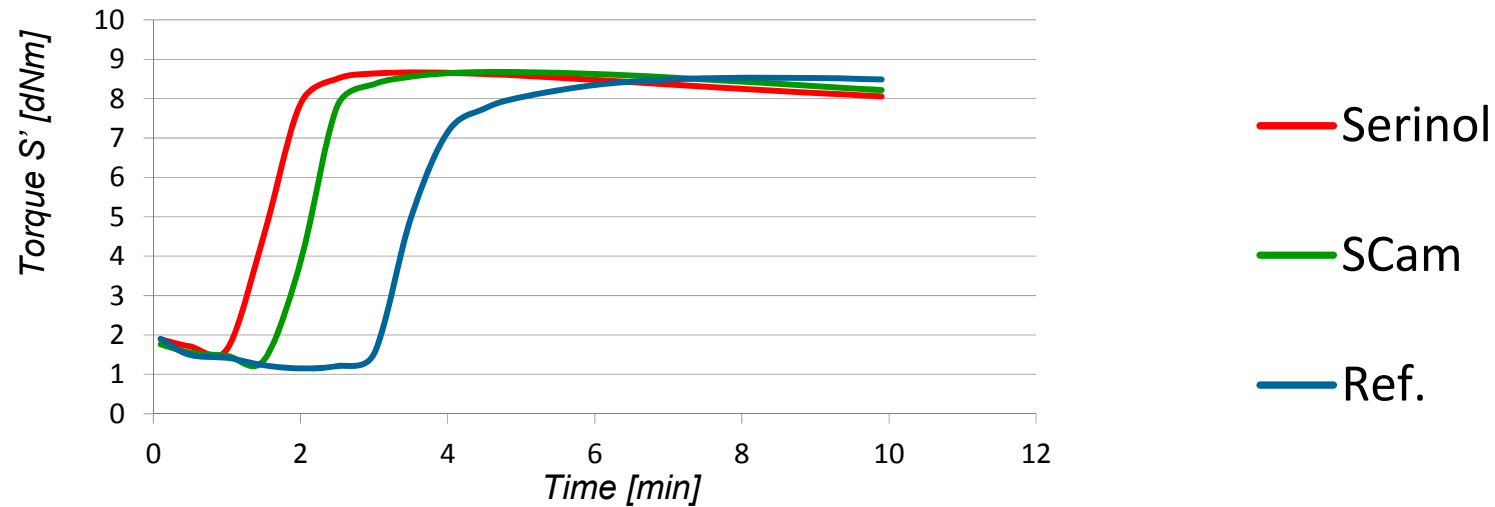


## Serinol and serinol derivatives as secondary accelerators in NR based compounds

Ingredient	Composite		
	phr	phr	phr
NR	100	100	100
Stearic acid	2	2	2
ZnO	5	5	5
Sulphur	2	2	2
CBS	1.5	1.5	1.5
Serinol	-	0.83	-
Scam	-	-	2.04



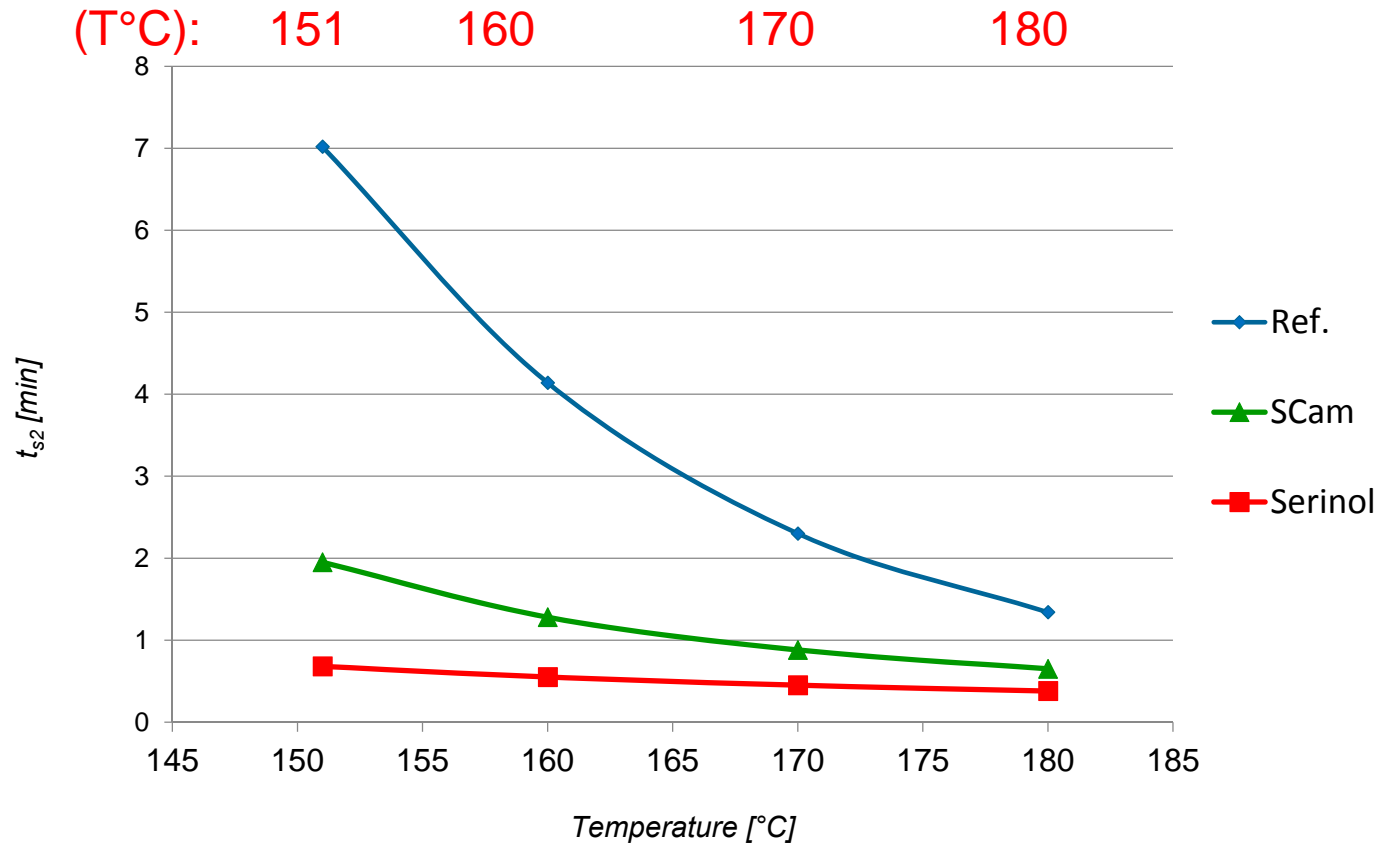
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$M_H$	[dNm]	8.5	8.7	8.7
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$t_{90}$	[min]	4.6	2.0	2.6

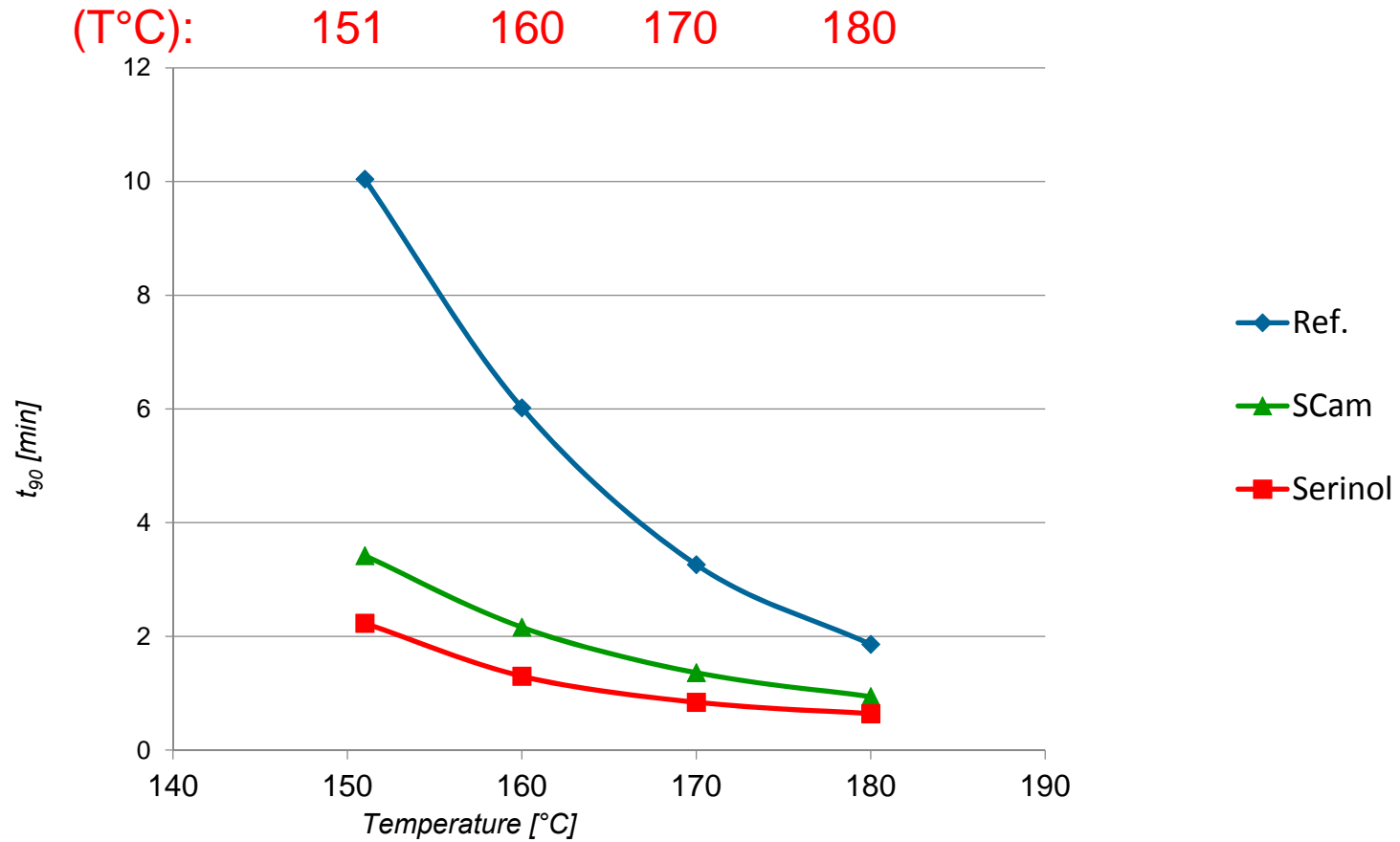


# $t_{s2}$ vs curing Temperature



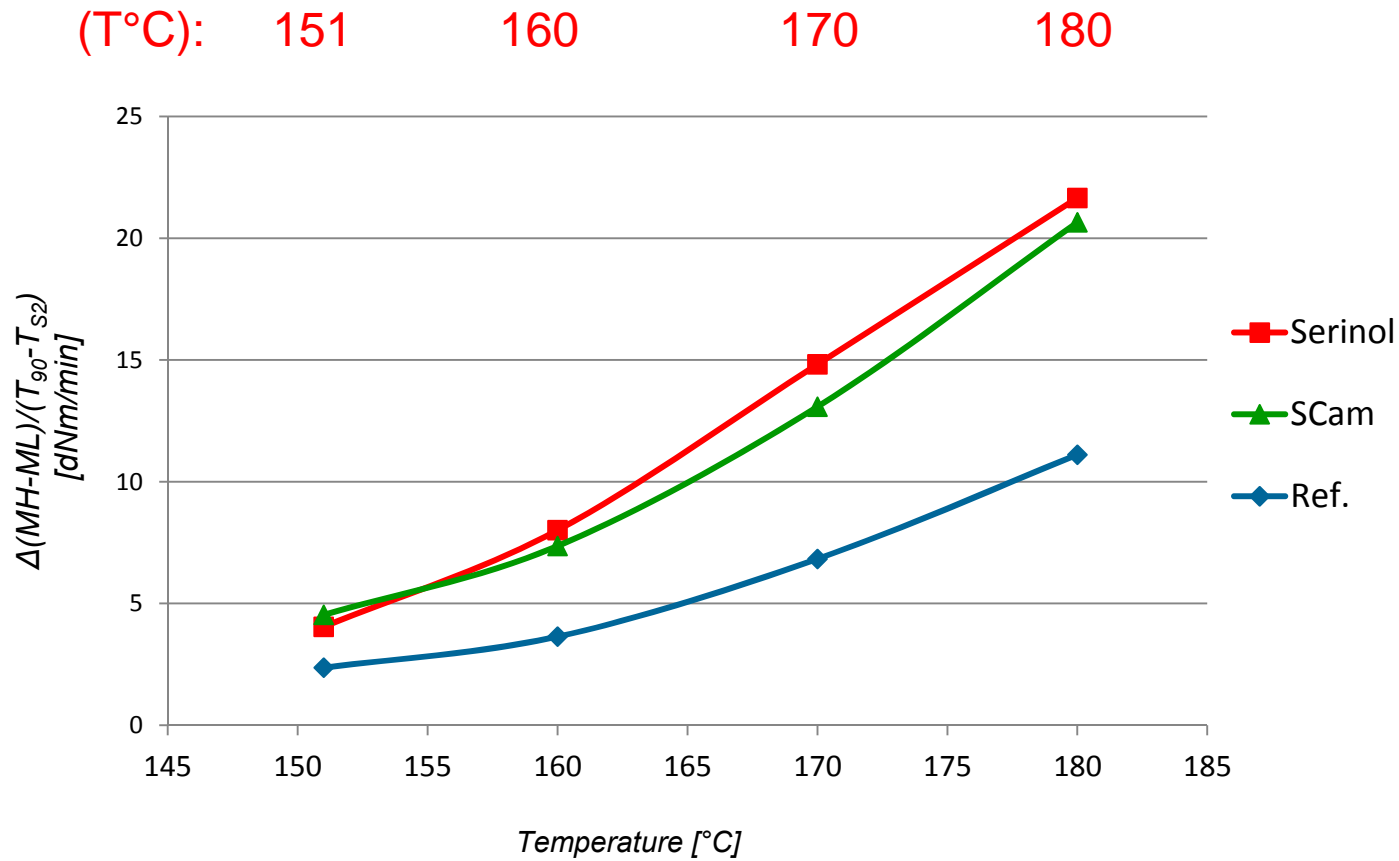


# $t_{90}$ vs curing Temperature





# Vulcanization rate vs Temperature

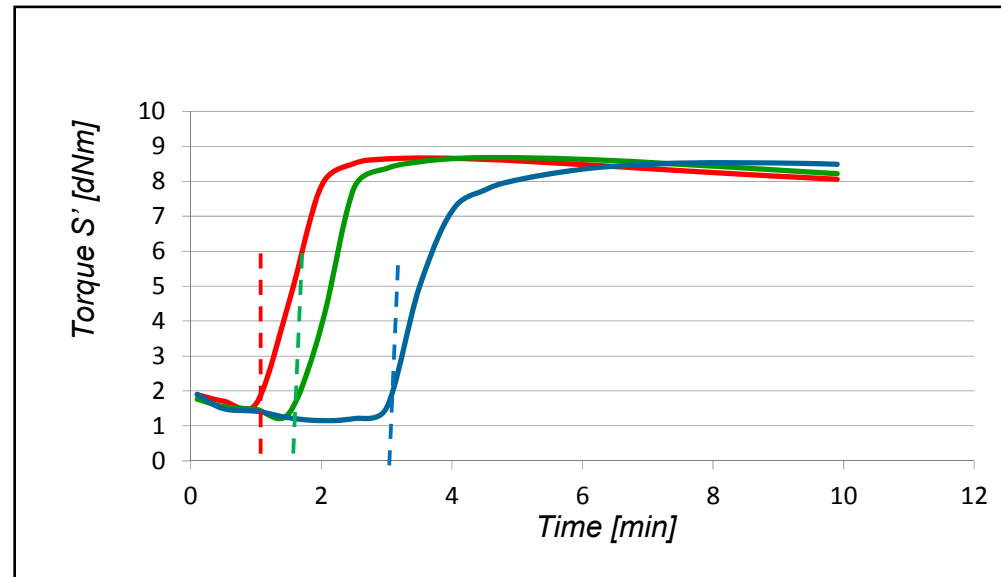




# Kinetics of vulcanization



## Induction and crosslinking



Vulcanization temperatures (°C): 151, 160, 170, 180

Experimental data elaborated through Arrhenius equation

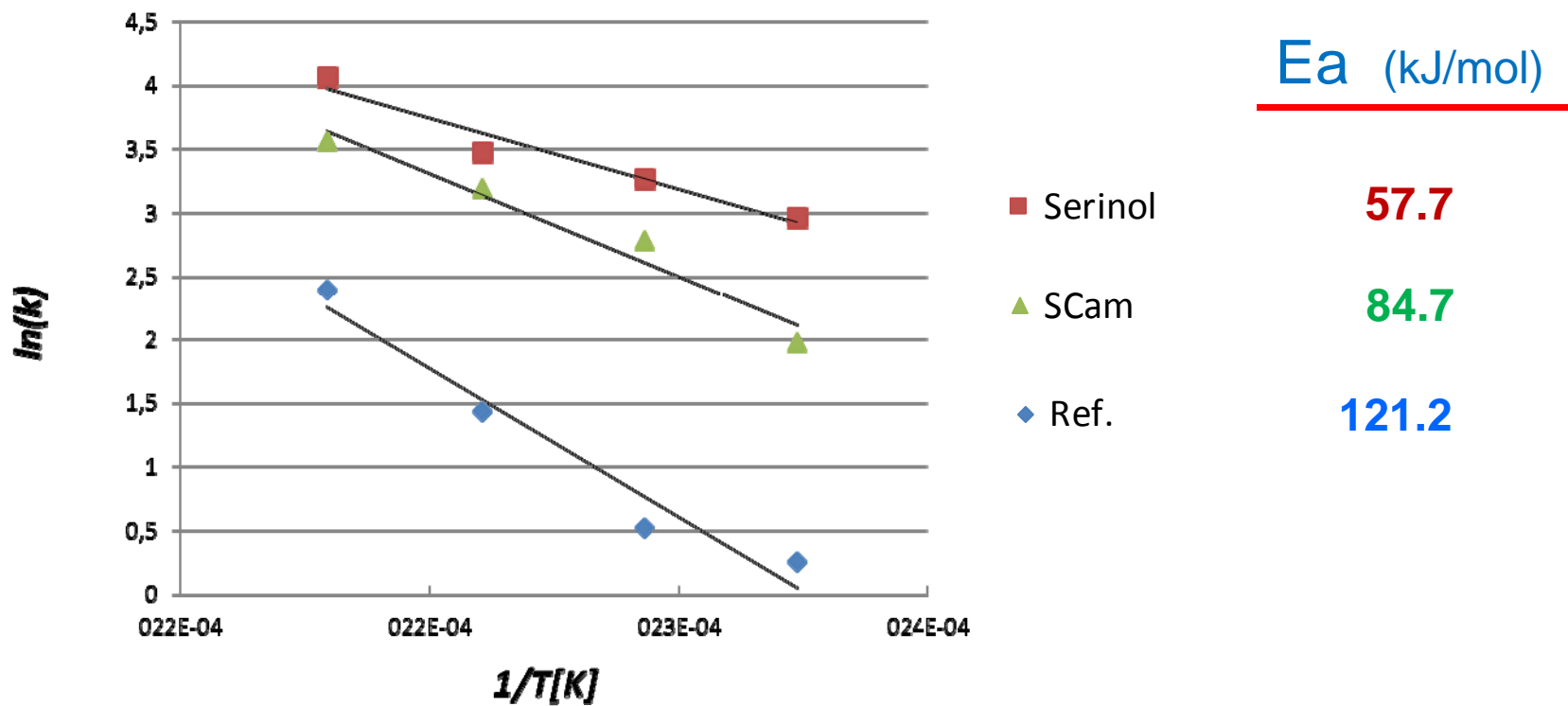




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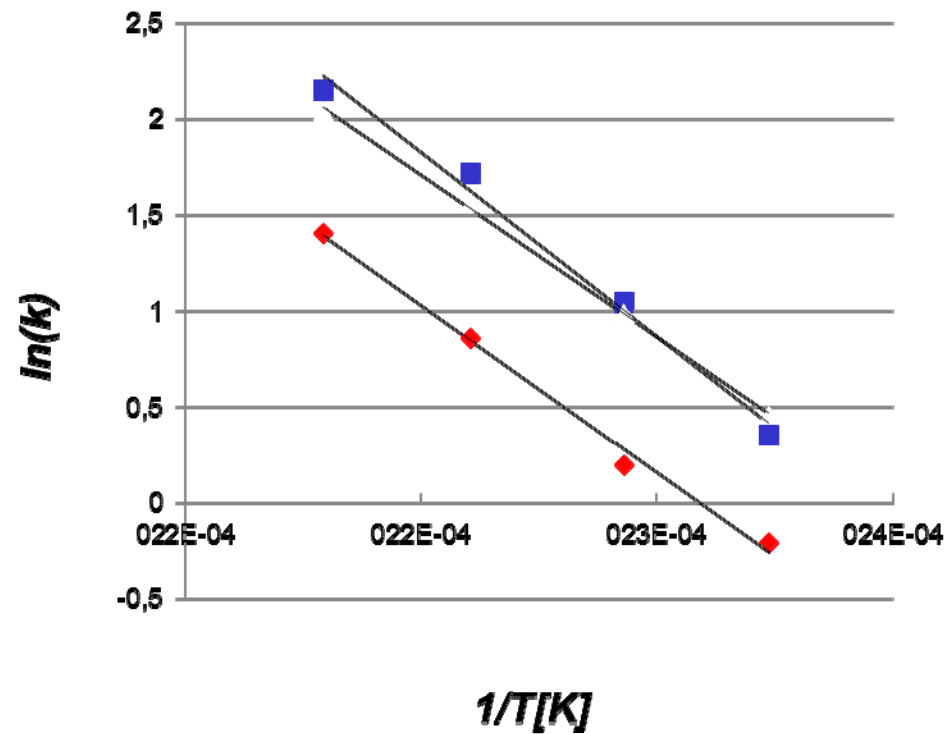
## Induction





# Kinetics of vulcanization

## Crosslinking



Ea (kJ/mol)

- Serinol **99.7**
- ▲ SCam **84.7**
- ◆ Ref. **91.1**



# Conclusions



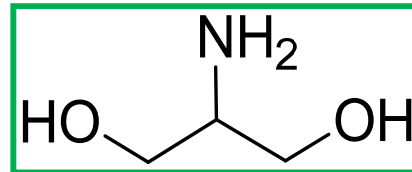


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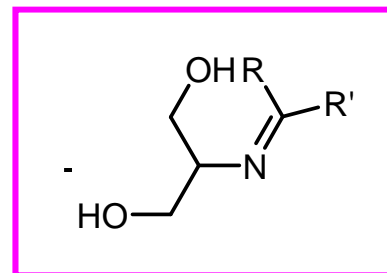
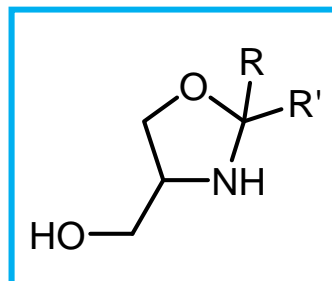
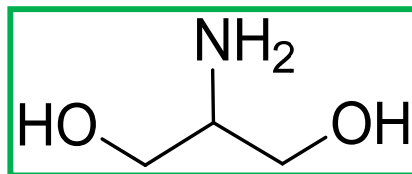




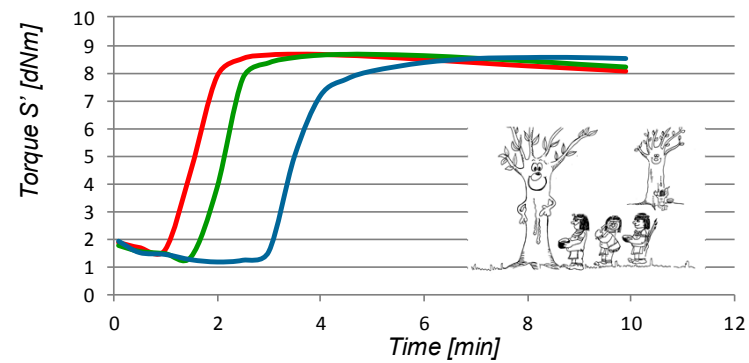
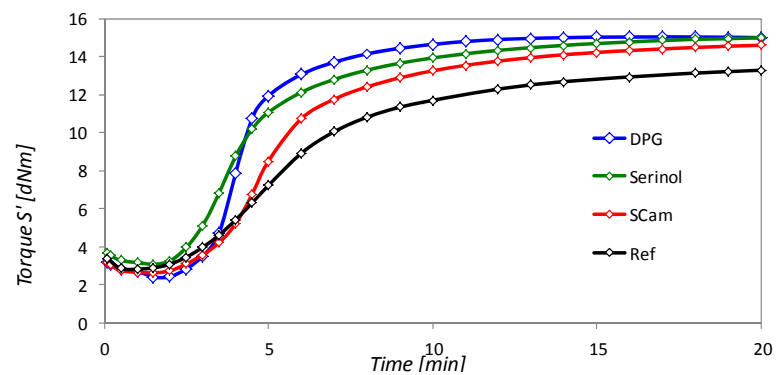
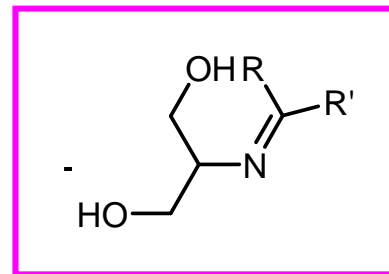
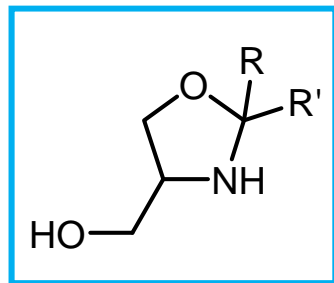
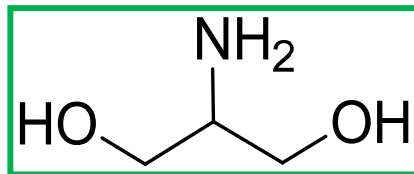
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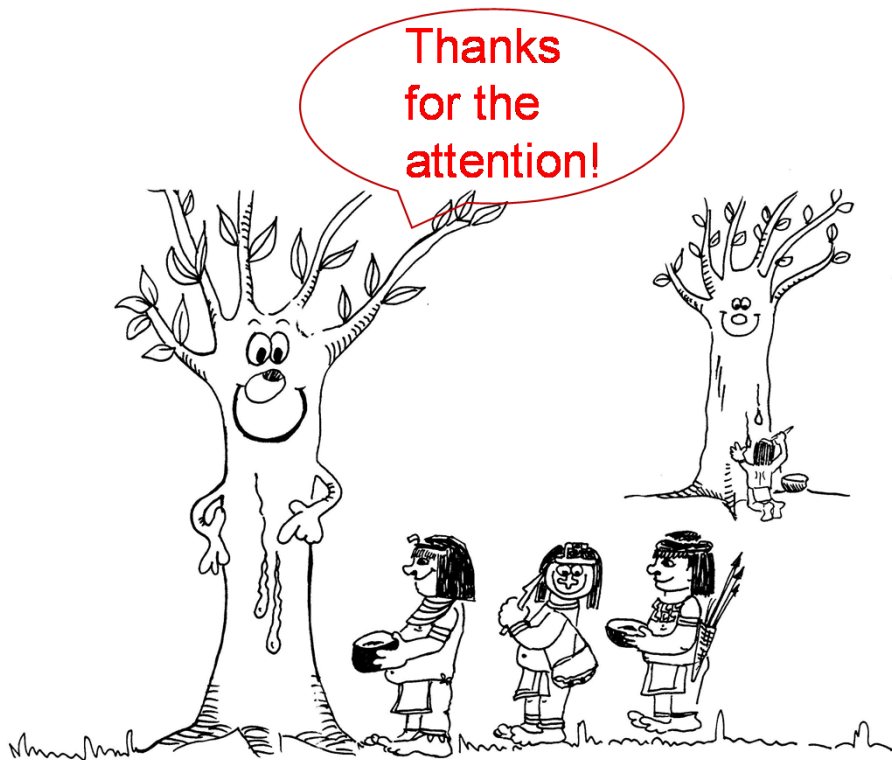
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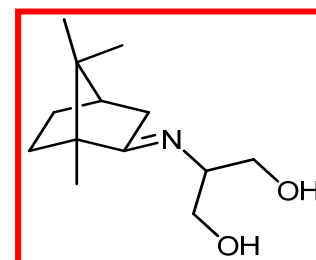
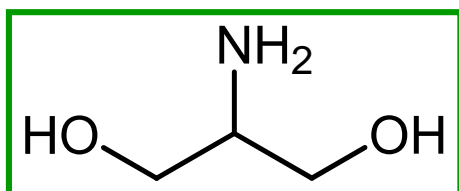






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# Hydrolysis of serinol imines

## Mechanism

