

# *Polymer Supports for Combinatorial Chemistry*

*The Ins and Outs*

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# *Lecture 1*

- **Introduction – General Background**

1. Historical Development

- 1.1-1.7 Polymer Supports

2. Solid Phase Synthesis – Examples

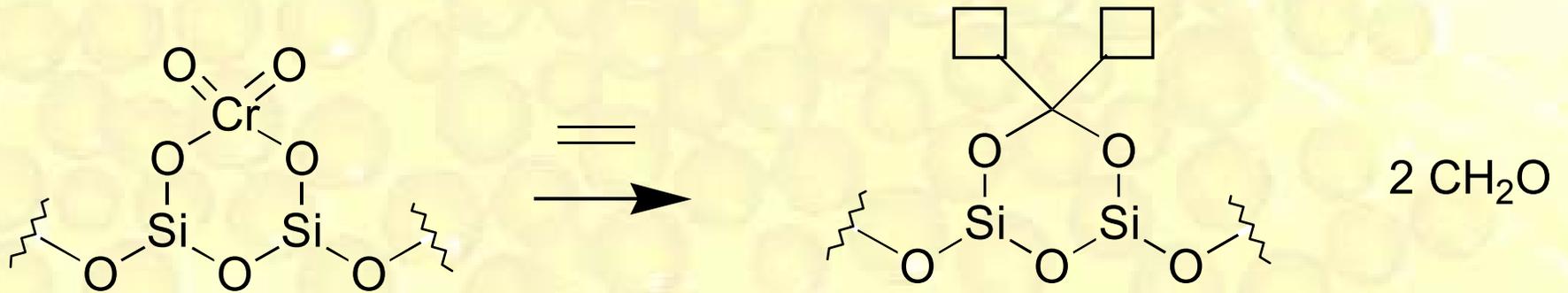
- 2.1 SPOS

- 2.2 SPMS

# 1. Historical Development

- 1.1. Silica

- 1.1.1. Heterogeneous Catalysis

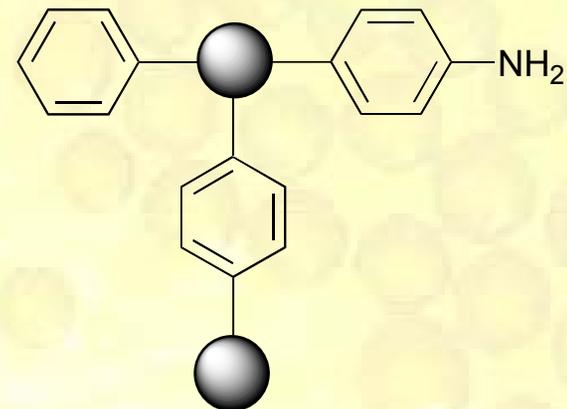
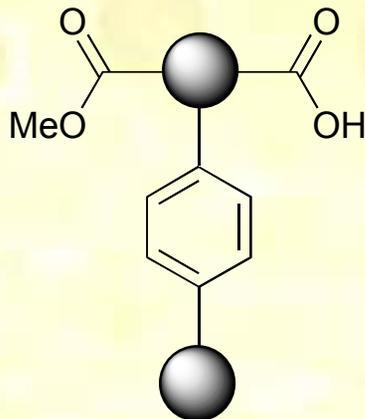
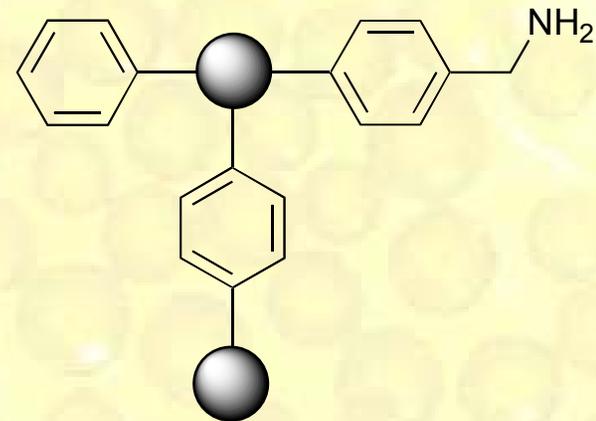
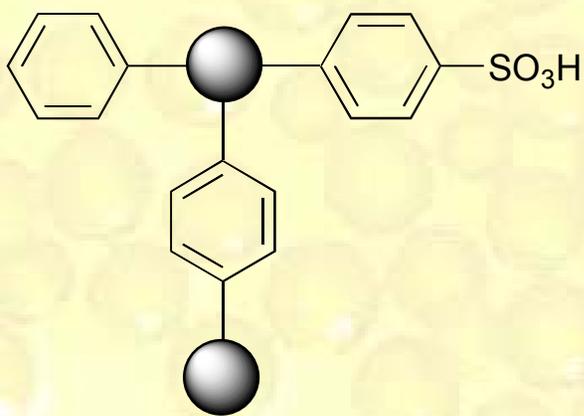


# *Historical Development*

- **1.2. Crosslinked polystyrene**

1.2.1. Weak and strong acid catalysts

1.2.2. Weak and strong base catalysts

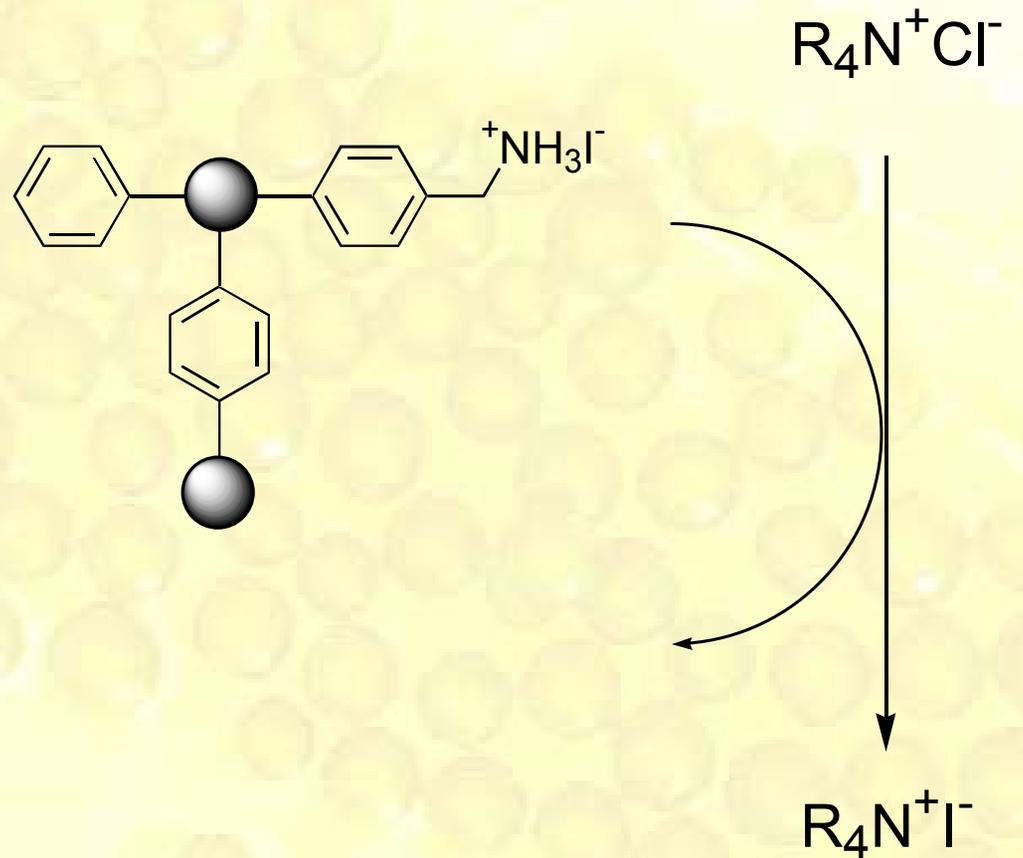


# *Historical Development*

## 1.2.3. Ion exchange

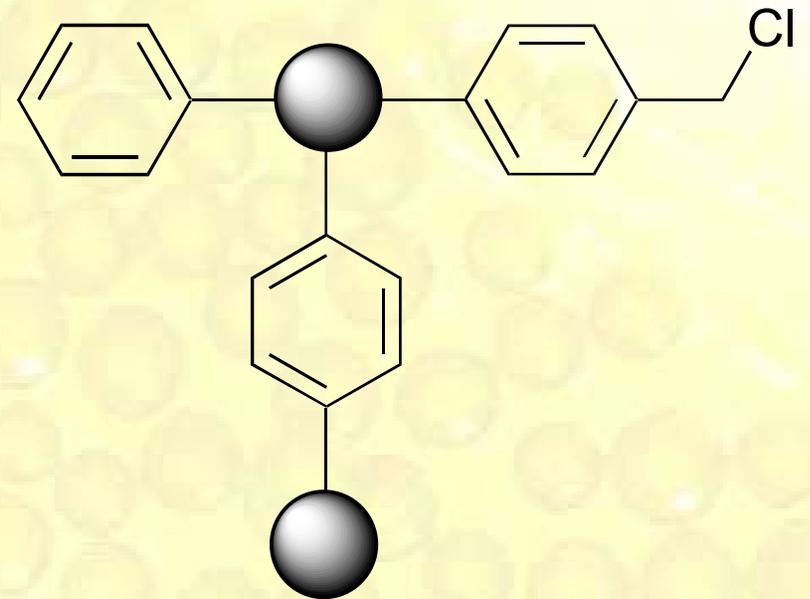
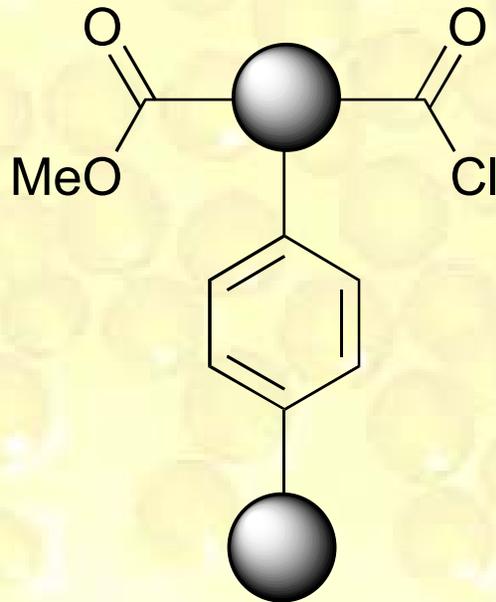
### 1.2.3.1. Purification

### 1.2.3.2. Synthetic uses



# *Historical Development*

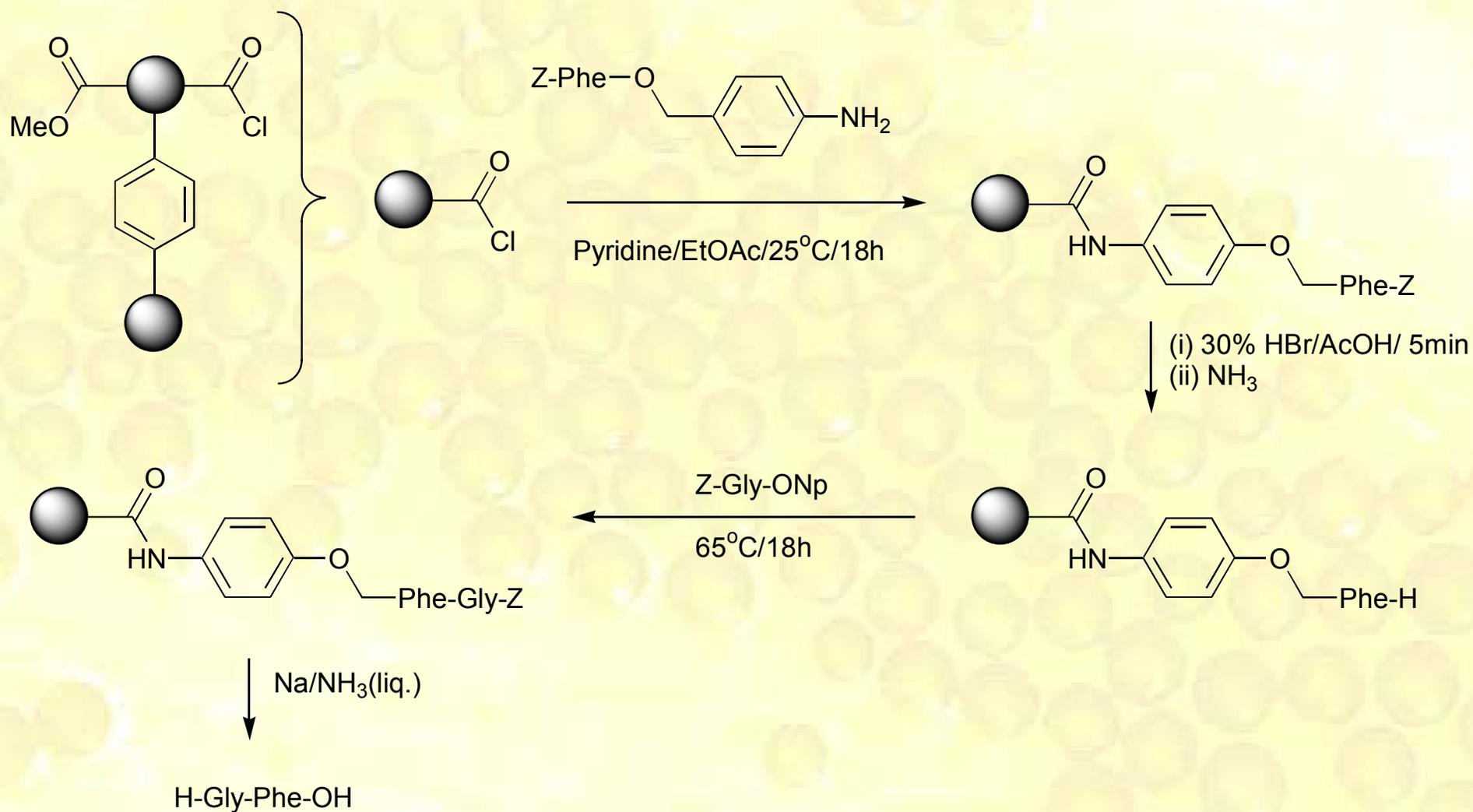
## 1.2.4. Merrifield Resins



Synthesis of ribonuclease A and ribonuclease S

# Merrifield Resins

## 1.2.4.1. Polypeptide synthesis



# Merrifield Resins

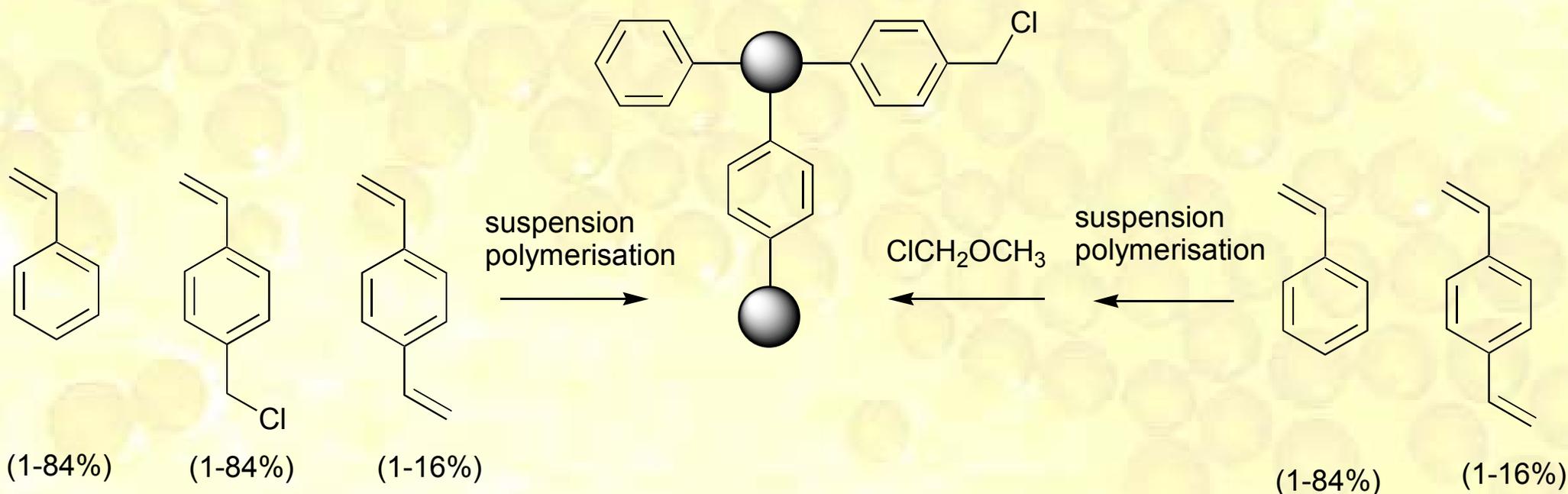
## 1.2.4.2. General features

### 1.2.4.2.A. Synthesis

### 1.2.4.2.B. Chloromethylation

### 1.2.4.2.C. Crosslink density

### 1.2.4.2.D. Loading



# *Merrifield Resins*

## 1.2.4.2.E. Stability - Limitations

- o Benzylether linkage / Lewis acids
- o Aromatic “backbone” / Friedel-Crafts Chemistry

## 1.2.4.2.F. Handling

- o Controllable bead size
- o Controllable bead size distribution

# *Merrifield Resins*

## 1.2.4.3. Merrifield and Polymer Supports

- Cellulose – Chromatography of enzymes
  - Peptide chemistry insufficiently developed
- Poly(vinyl alcohol)
  - Water soluble / 40% dialysable (5 kDa cut-off)
- Poly(MMA(94%)-co-DVB(6%) /Amberlite IRC-50
  - Saponified resin
    - Titration/Accessibility (COOH: 94% Rohm and Haas / 97.5% Merrifield)
  - 0.003% COOH (outside) / 99.997% COOH (inside)
  - Loading 0.0003 mmol/g (surface) / 10 mmol/g (total)
  - Actual loading used: 0.3 mmol/g
  - Dipeptide synthesised / Tetrapeptide unsuccessful

# *Merrifield Resins*

## o Poly(S-co-DVB) / Dowex 50

- 4% or 16% crosslinked later dropped to 2%
- Chloromethylation ( $\text{SnCl}_4$  / 60°C / 1h)
- Kinetics and accessibility to be improved
- Smaller beads allow faster diffusion and are more stable towards mechanical stress and shear.

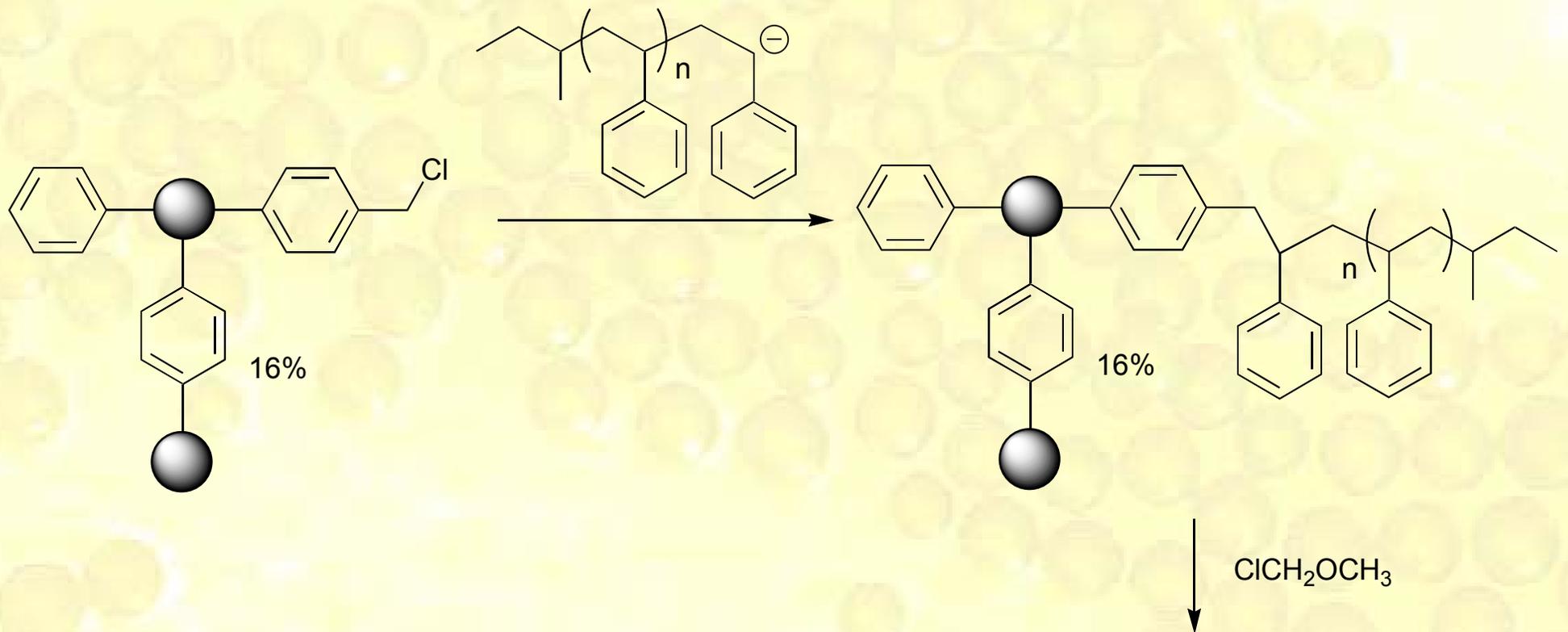
## o Macroreticular (Macroporous) poly(S-co-DVB)

- Kunin (Rohm and Haas)
- Millar (Permutite, U.K.)
- 25-75% crosslinked (DVB)
- Permanent porosity – high internal surface area
- Never better than Merrifield gels

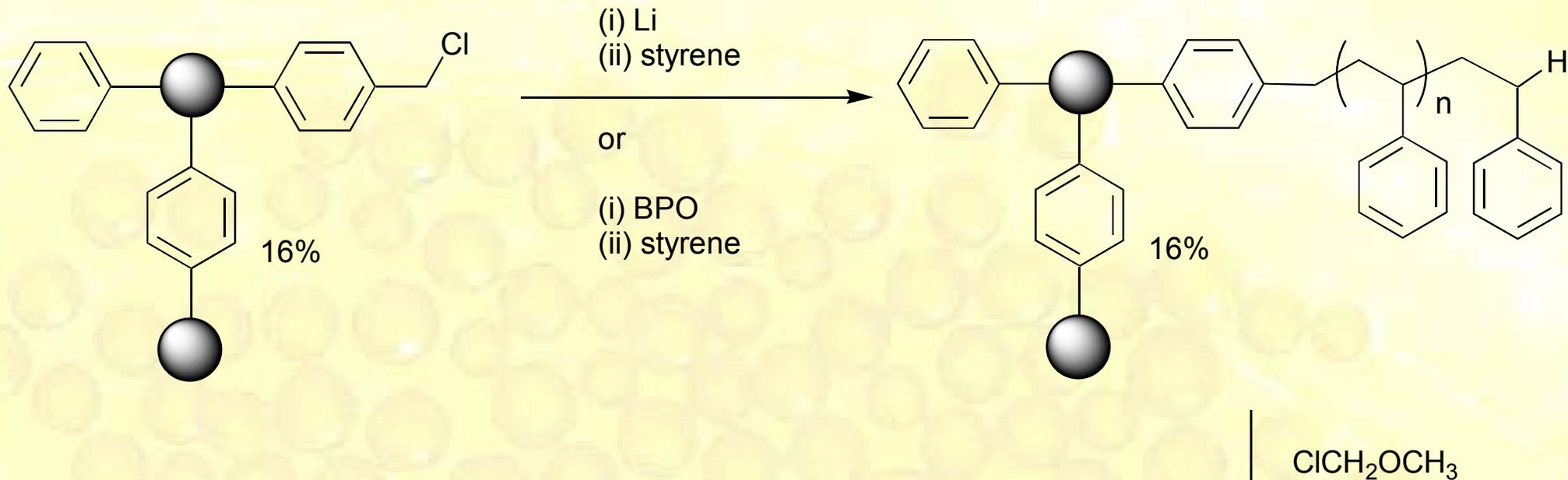
# Merrifield Resins

## o Graft copolymers – “Whiskers”

- Increase accessibility
- Increase chain mobility



# Merrifield Resins

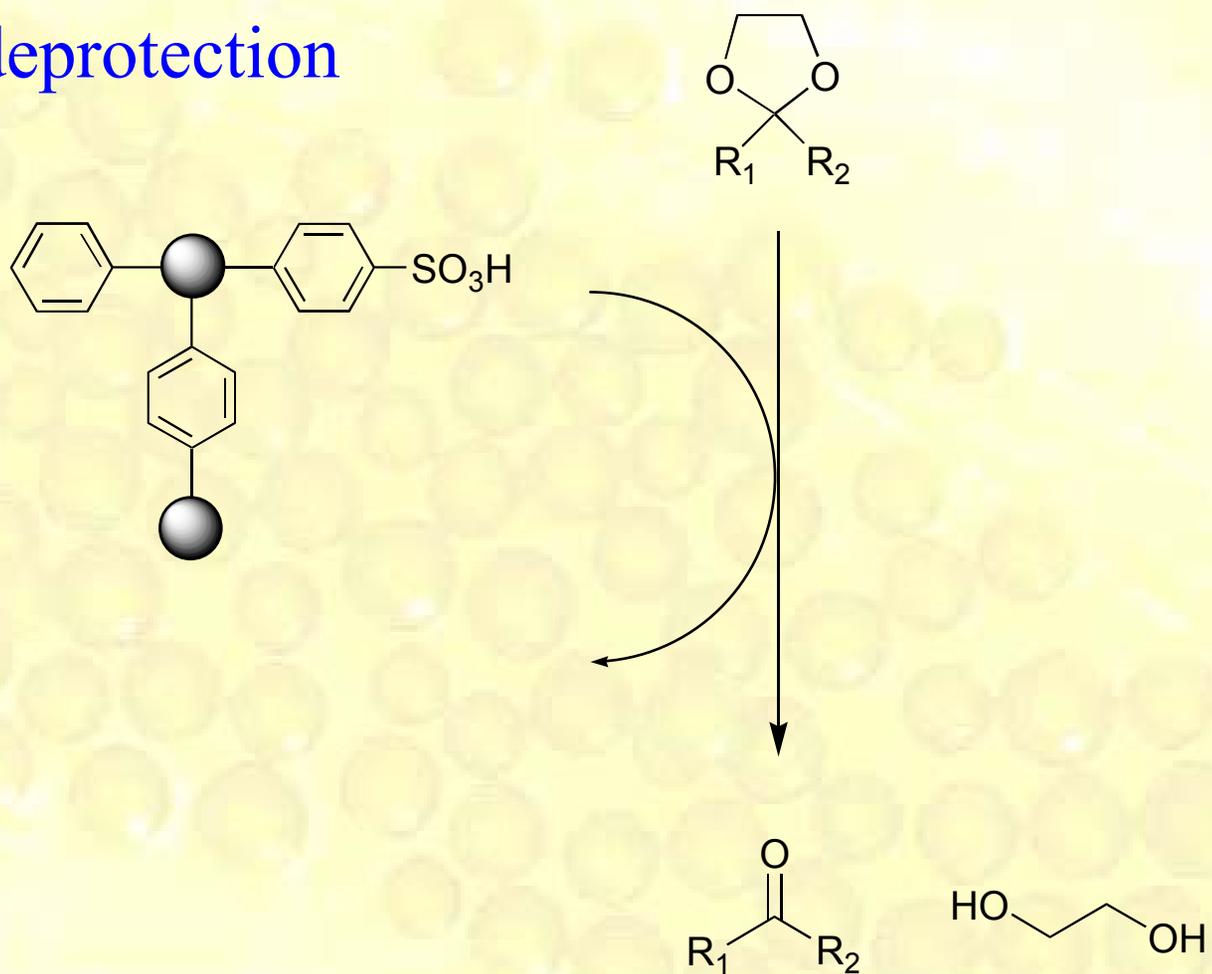


- o Copolymerisation (always) preferred to postmodification
- o Polymer chain mobility is high in Merrifield resins despite crosslinks.
- o Merrifield explored the synthesis of peptide libraries in the 1970s but without much success.

# *Historical Development*

## 1.2.4.4. Supported catalysts

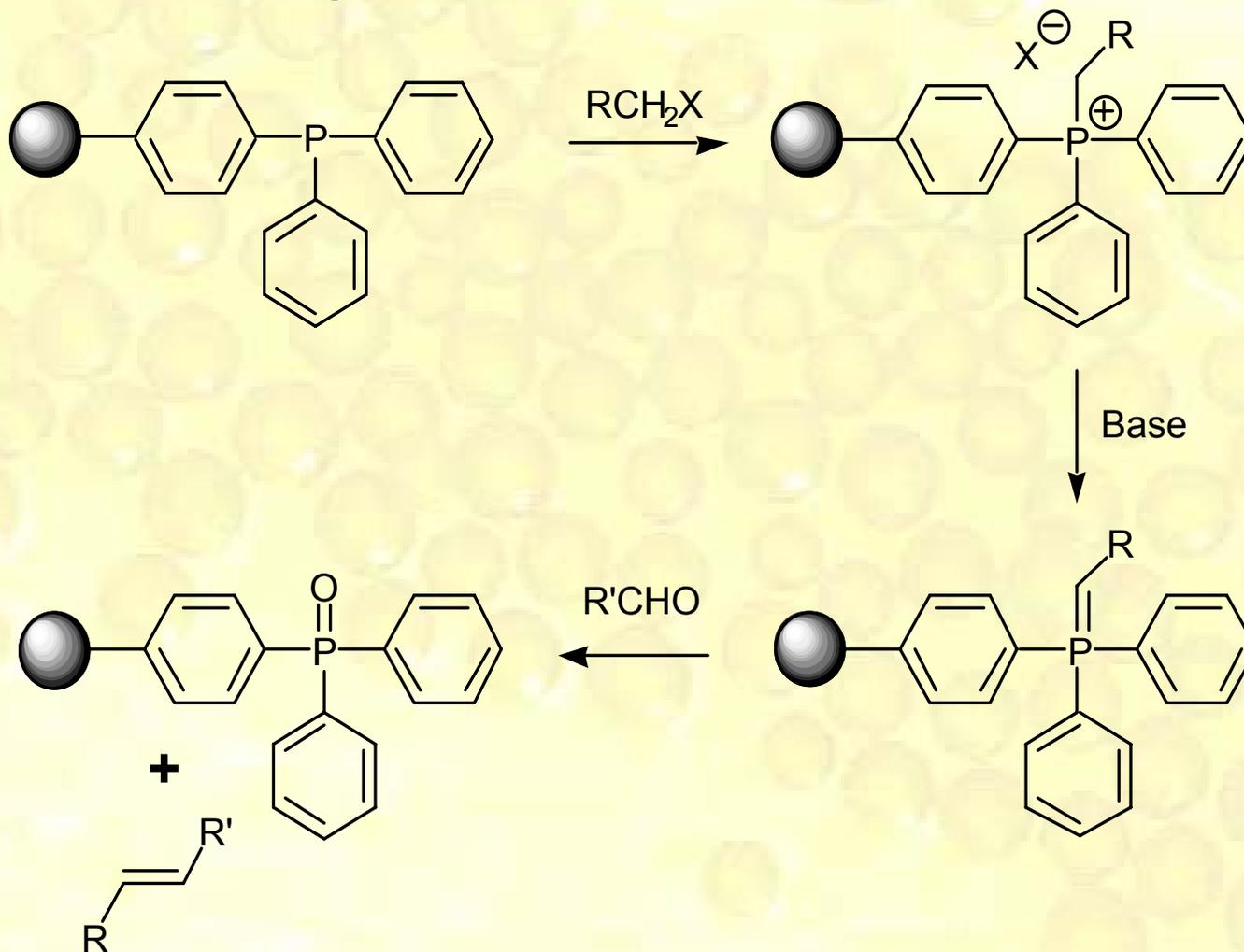
### 1.2.4.4.A. Acetal deprotection



# Historical Development

## 1.2.4.5. Supported reagents

### 1.2.4.5.A. Wittig reaction



# *Historical Development*

## 1.3. Cellulose

### 1.3.1. Polypeptide synthesis

(see Merrifield)

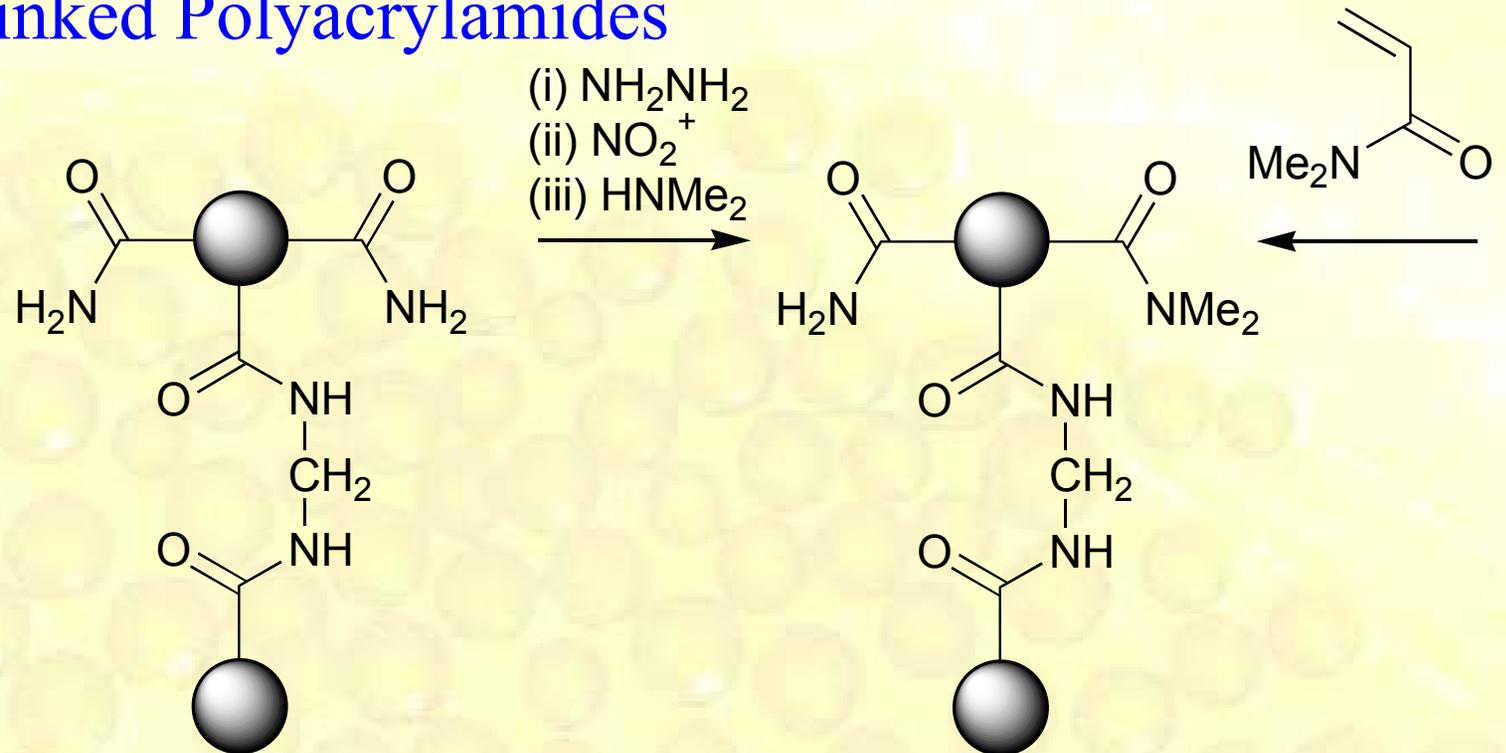
### 1.3.2. Sephadex

Crosslinked cellulose

Ubiquitous separation medium

# Historical Development

## 1.4. Crosslinked Polyacrylamides



Pepsyn

### 1.4.1. Features/Properties

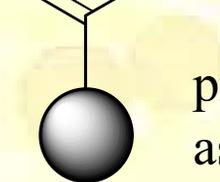
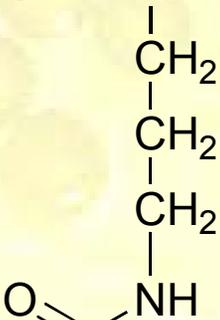
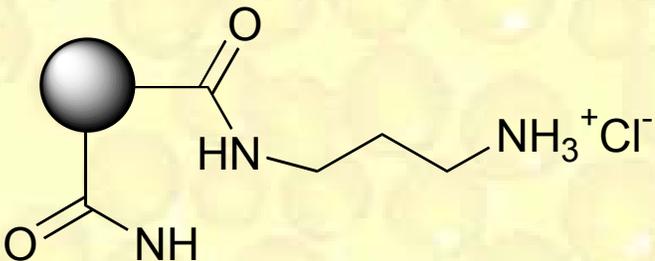
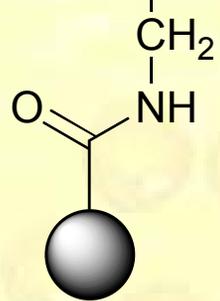
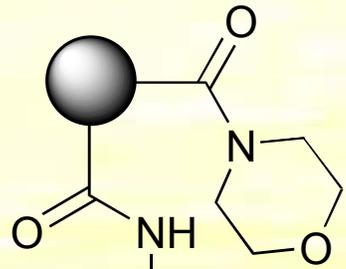
Compatible with hydrophilic solvents (DMF)

Improved performance in polypeptide synthesis

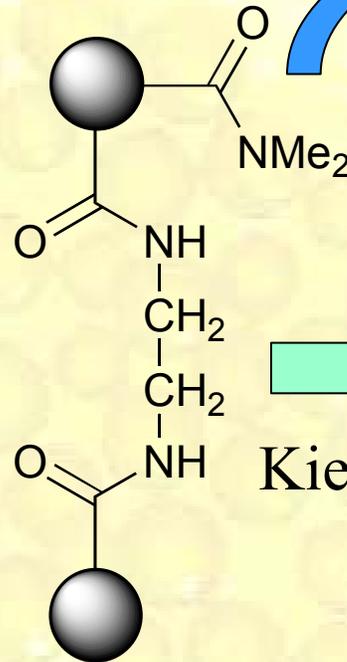
Enhanced solubility for protected peptides and polar reagents/substrates

Otherwise similar to Merrifield resins

# Historical Development

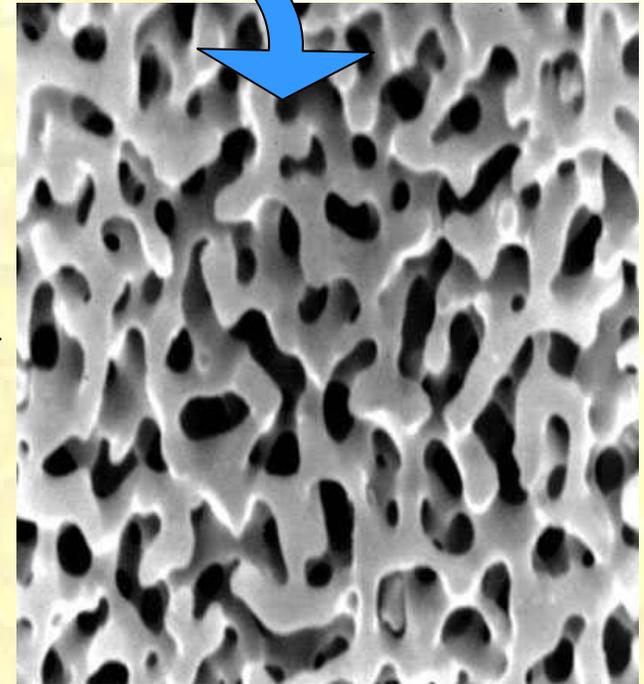


protein  
as pore forming agent



Pepsyn S  
Improved hydrolytic stability

Kieselguhr



Pepsyn K  
Pressure stable

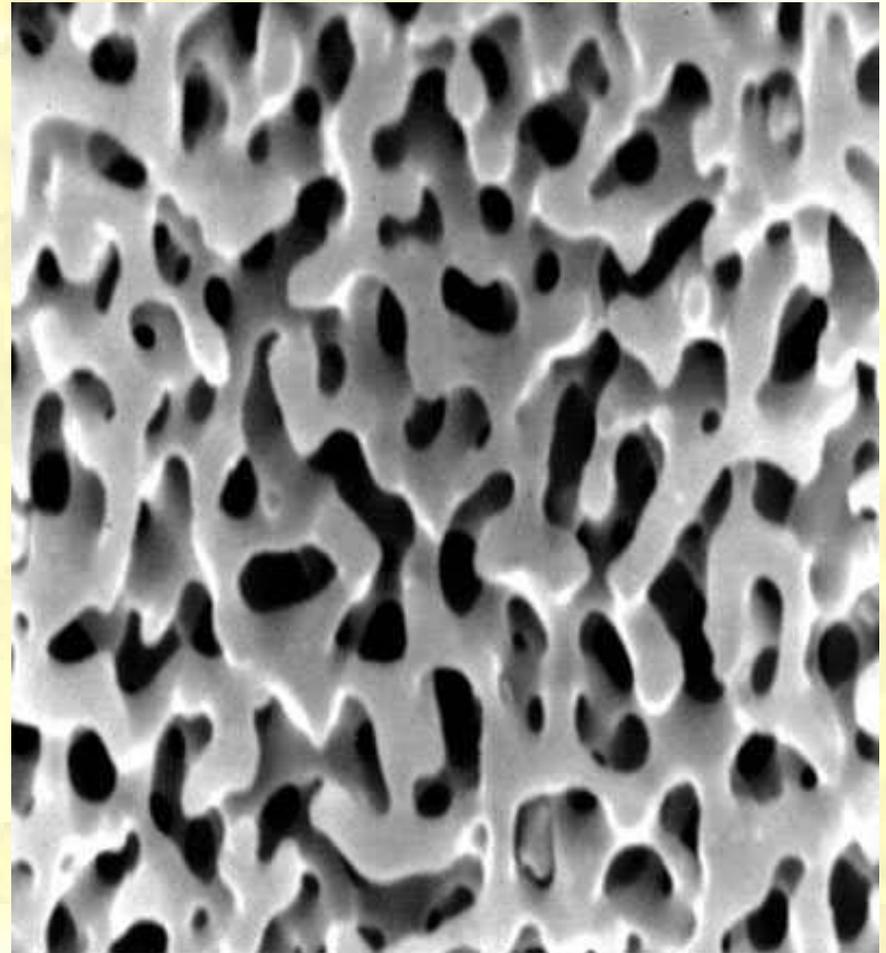
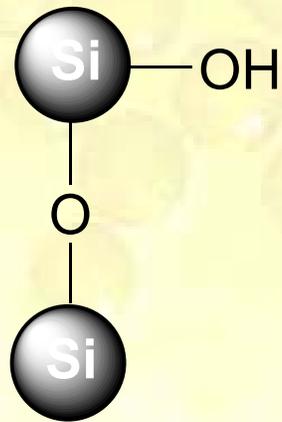
# *Historical Development*

## 1.5. Controlled Pore Glass

Essentially zero swelling

Pore size control (10-1000 nm)

DNA and RNA synthesis



# *Historical Development*

## 1.6. PolyHIPE

High Internal Phase Emulsion

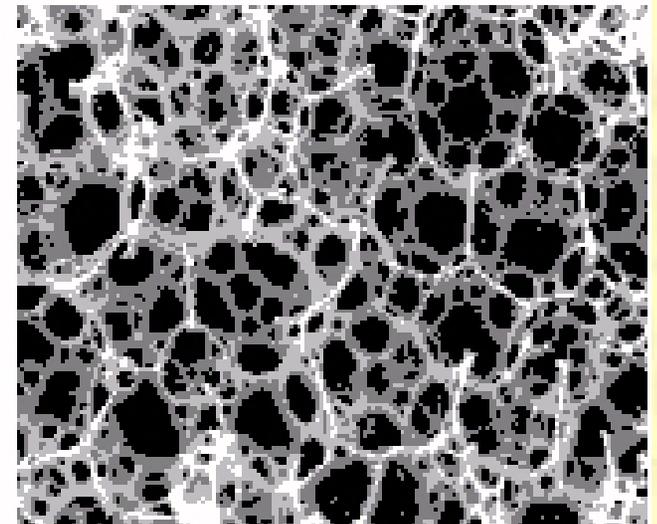
Open pore structure

Excellent diffusion properties

Merrifield and other resin chemistries possible

Pseudo-fibrous styrene/divinylbenzene  
polyHIPE material

10 micron



# Historical Development

## 1.7. Tentagel and Derivatives

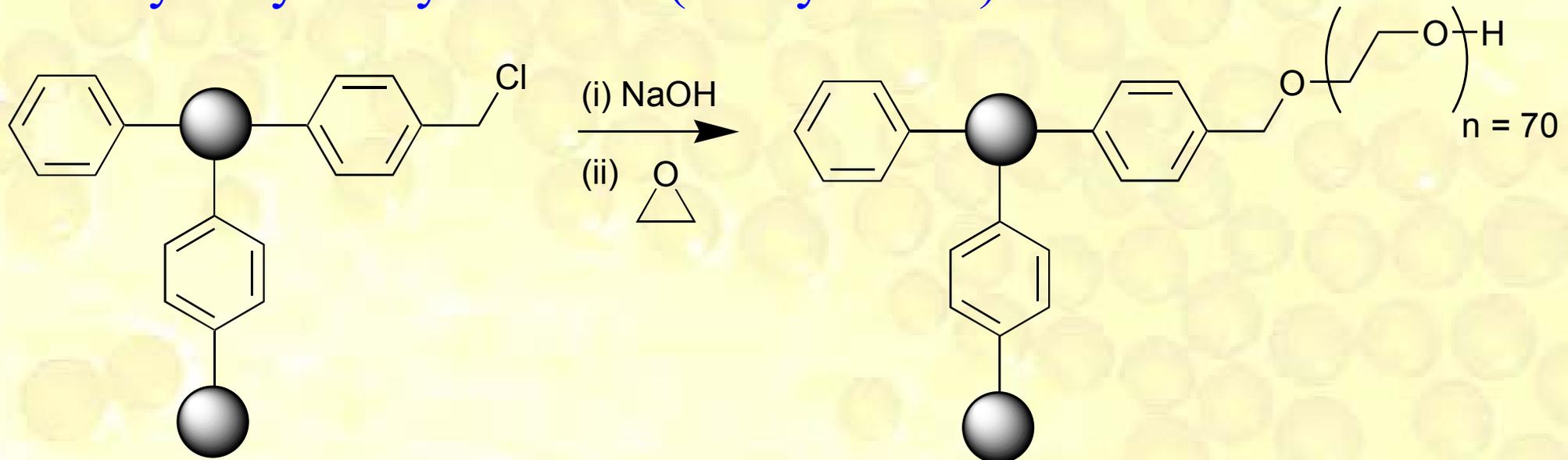
### 1.7.1. Synthesis/Features/Properties

Extended solvent compatibility (incl. H<sub>2</sub>O)

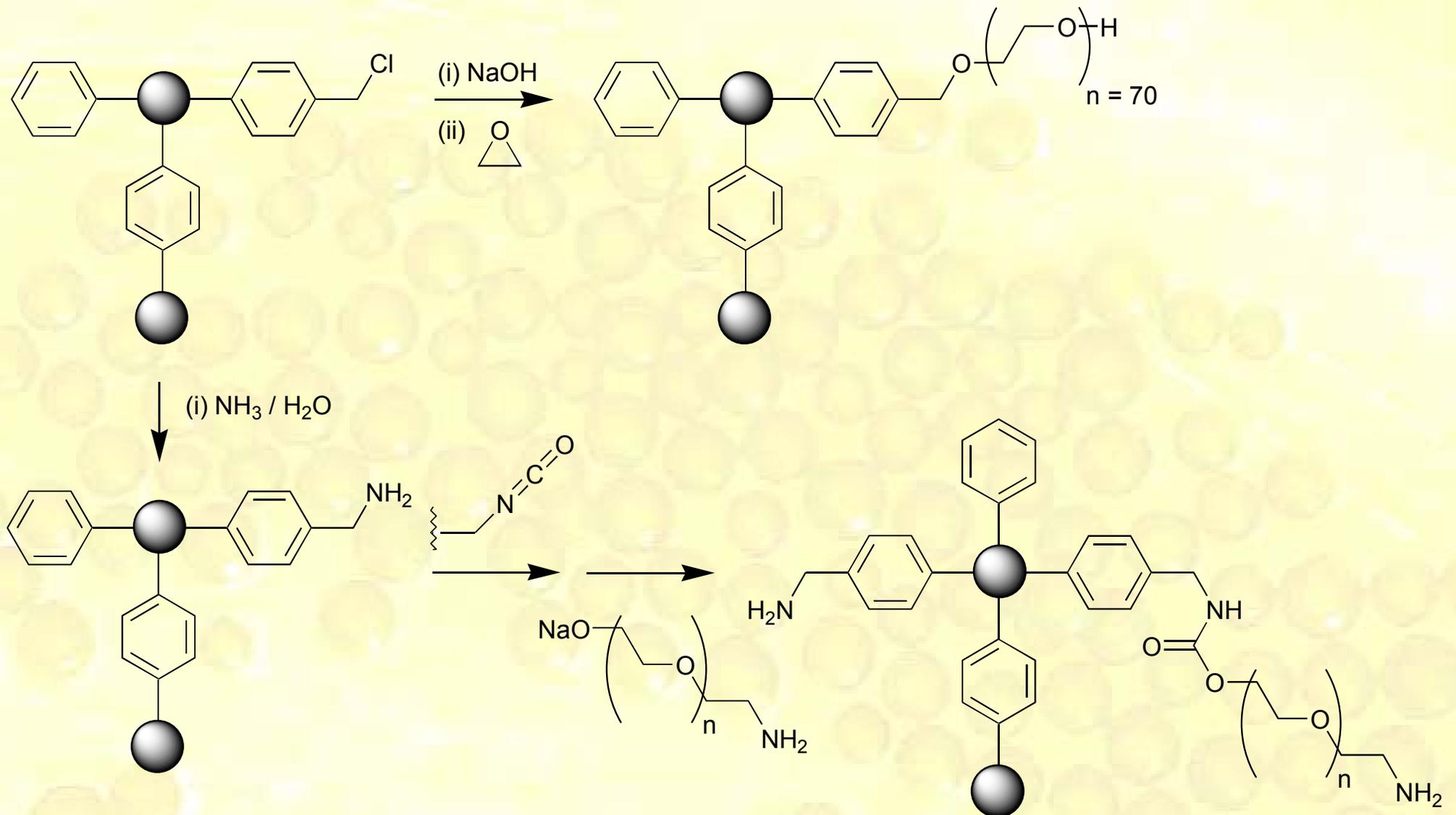
Higher degrees of swelling and faster kinetics (than PS)

Low loading but good pressure stability

Hydrolytically unstable (benzylethers)

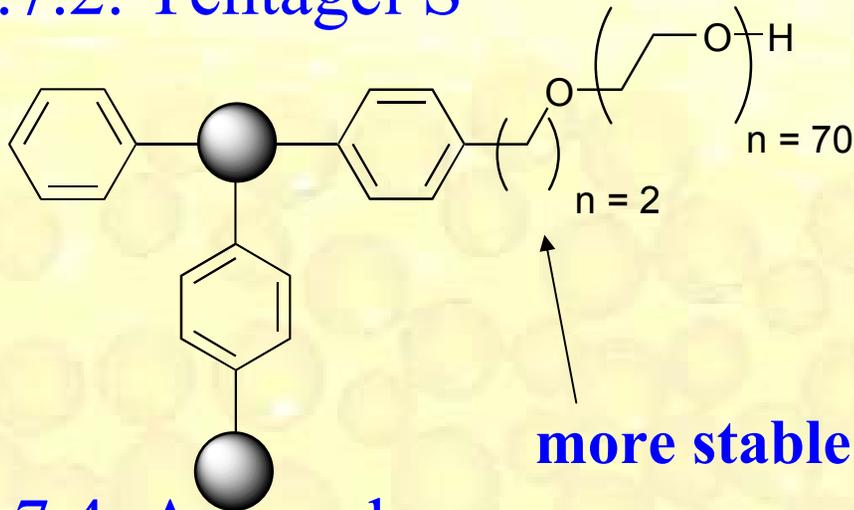


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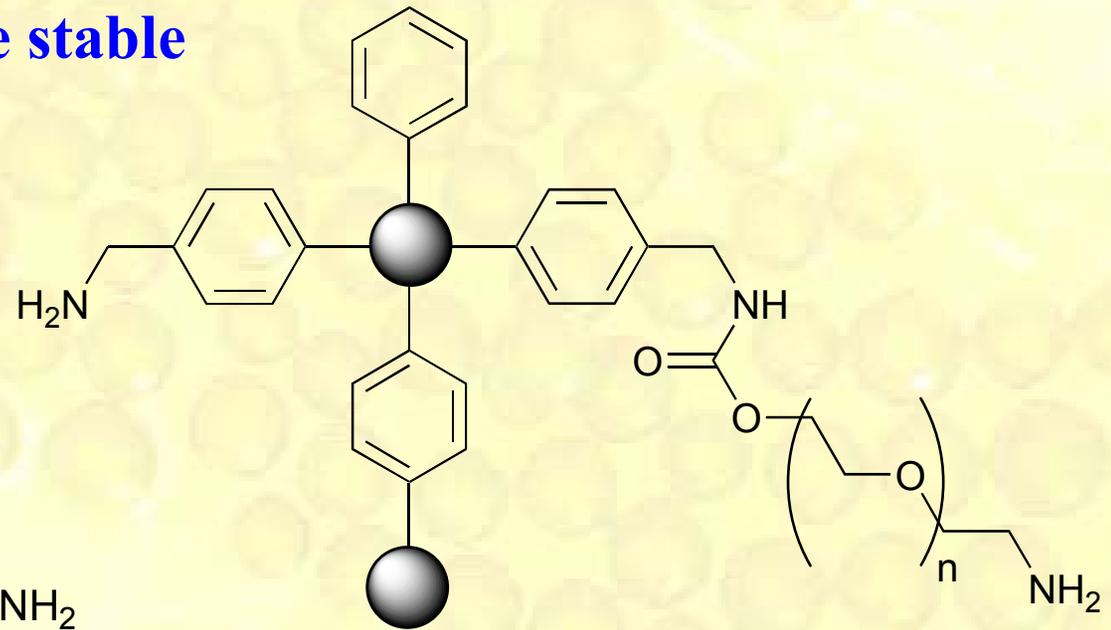


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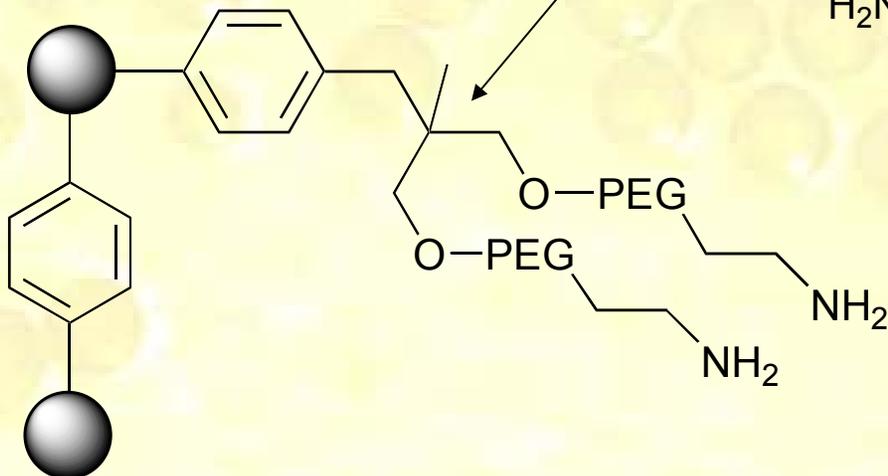
## 1.7.2. Tentagel S



## 1.7.3. Novagel



## 1.7.4. Argogel



more stable

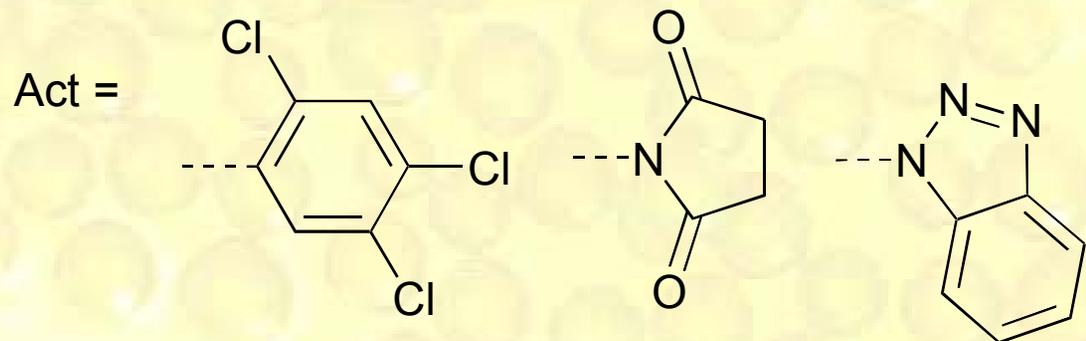
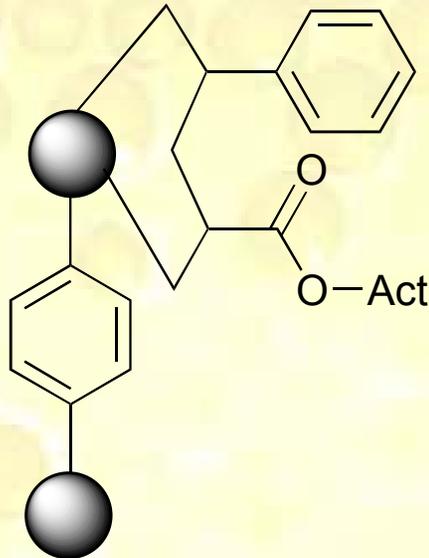
# Historical Development

## 1.8. Alternating PS-co-PAAmides

### 1.8.1. Synthesis/Features/Properties

Traditional polyacrylamide supports perform poorly with hydrophobic amino acid sidechains

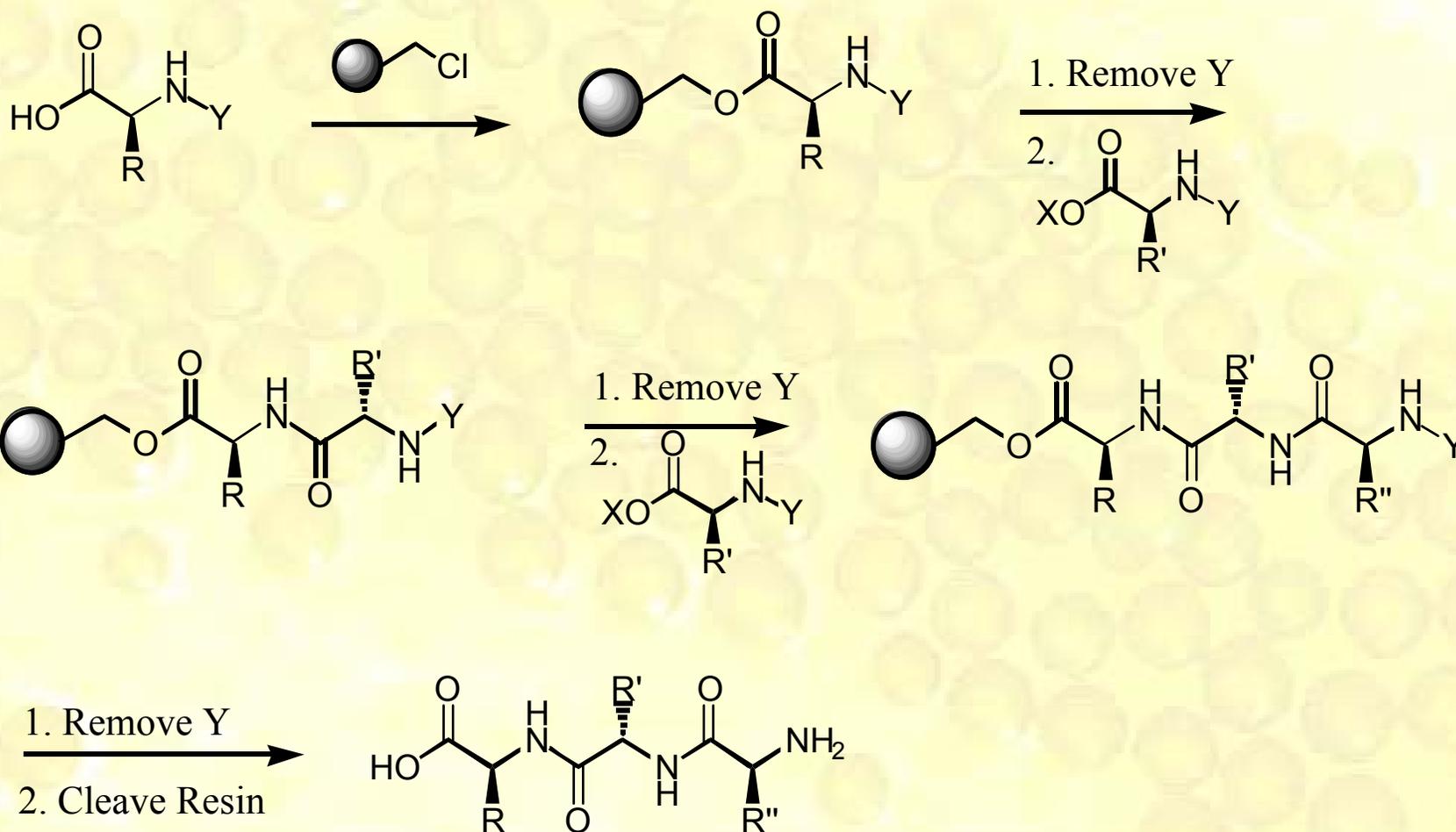
Improved swelling/solvent compatibility behaviour



## 2. Solid Phase Synthesis - Examples

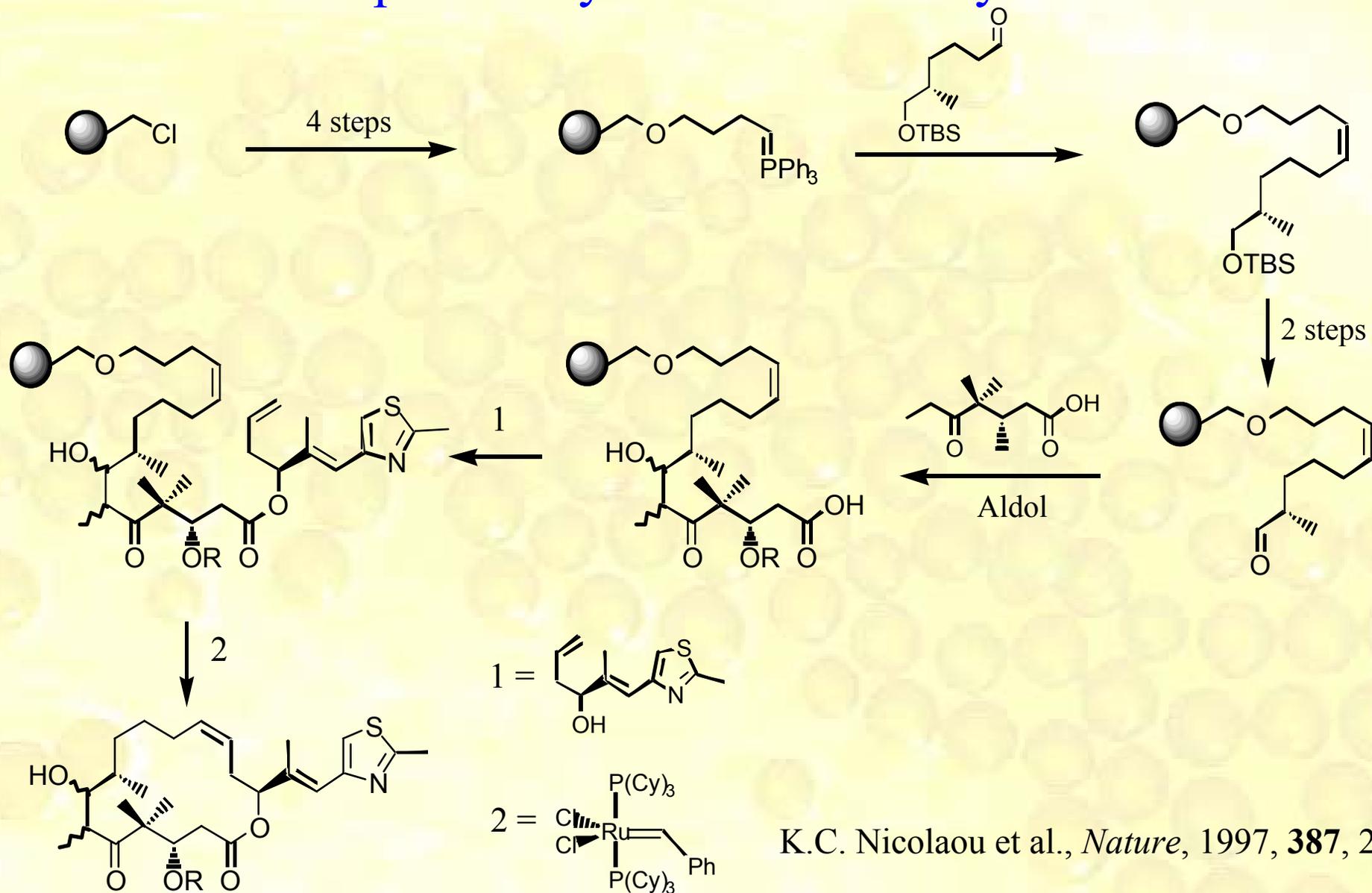
### • 2.1. Solid phase organic synthesis (SPOS)

#### 2.1.1. Peptides/Peptoides



# Solid Phase Synthesis - Examples

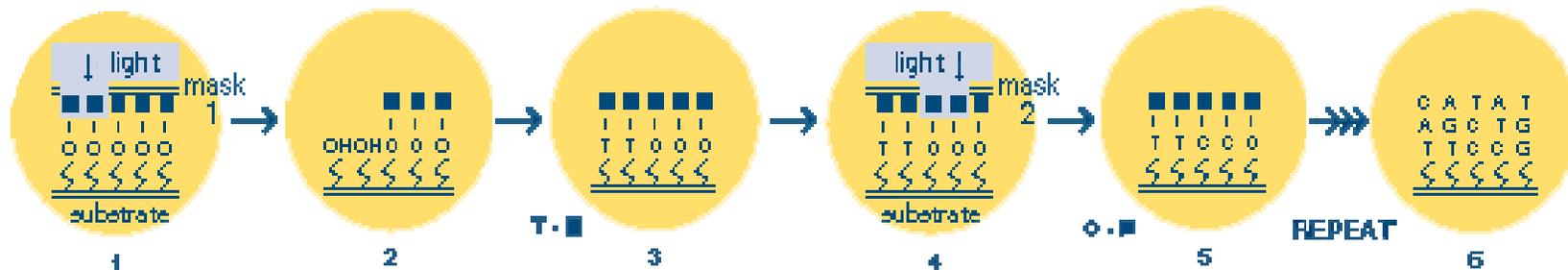
## 2.1.2. Natural product synthesis - Macrocyclisation



K.C. Nicolaou et al., *Nature*, 1997, **387**, 268

# *Solid Phase Synthesis - Examples*

## 2.1.3. Light-directed spatial synthesis



# *Solid Phase Synthesis - Examples*

## 2.2. Solid phase materials synthesis

### 2.2.1. Organic and Biomaterials

Polyhydroxyalkanoates

Polymeric enzyme mimetics

# *Solid Phase Synthesis - Examples*

## 2.2.2. Inorganic materials

Superconductors

Magnetoresistive materials

Ferroelectrics

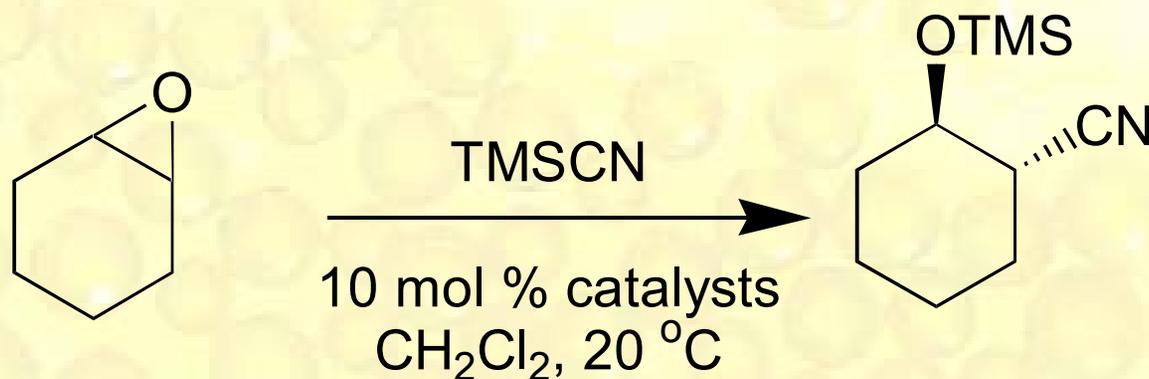
Dielectrics

Au Nanoclusters

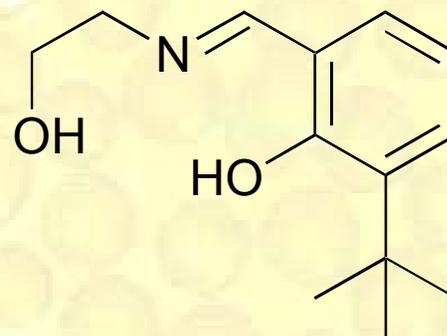
Luminescent materials

# Solid Phase Synthesis - Examples

## 2.2.4. Catalysts



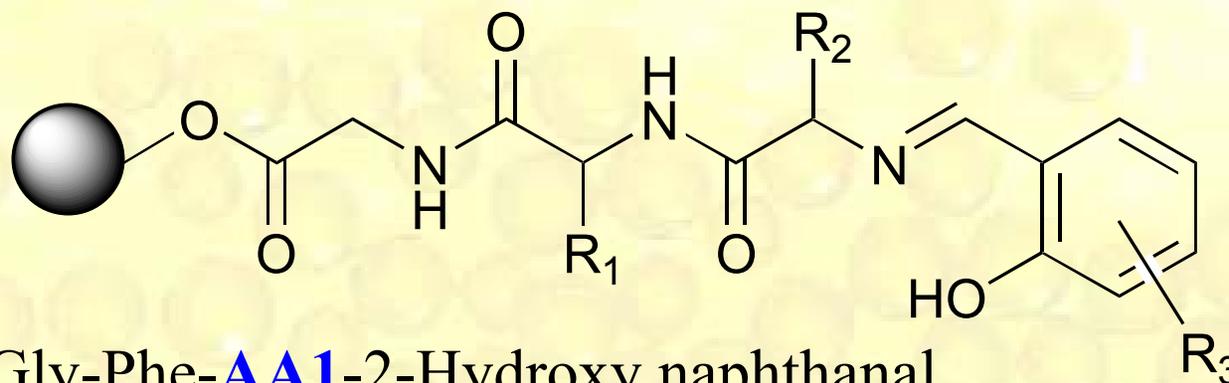
catalysts:  $\text{Ti}(\text{OiPr})_4$ ,  $\text{Ti}(\text{OiPr})_4$  +  
12% 80%



Hoveyda et al. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Engl.* 1996, **35**, 1668

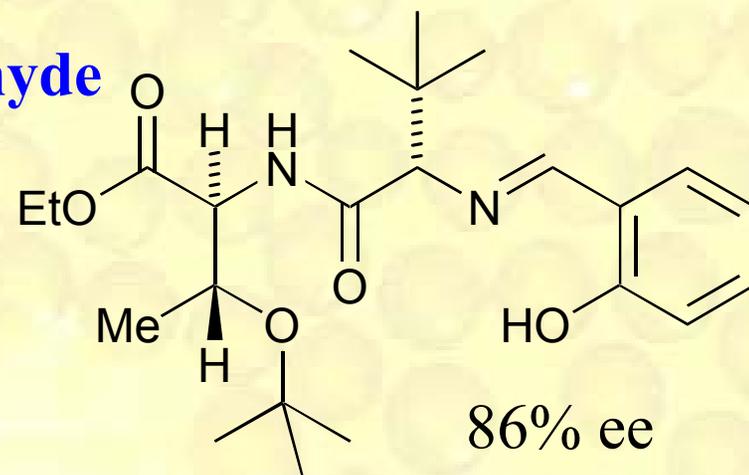
# *Solid Phase Synthesis - Examples*

- **Screening – Solution phase**



MeO-Gly-**AA2**-t-Leu -2-Hydroxy naphthanal

MeO-Gly-Thr(t-Bu)-t-Leu-**Aromatic Aldehyde**



# *Historical Development*

- **Polymer support design features**

Chemical stability

Loading

Solvent compatibility – Swelling

Hydrophobic and hydrophilic nature

Physical stability (automation)

Recyclability

Availability of monomers

Good performance with excess amounts of reagents

Good performance with equimolar amounts of reagents

Different morphologies accessible (gel, bead, macroporous)

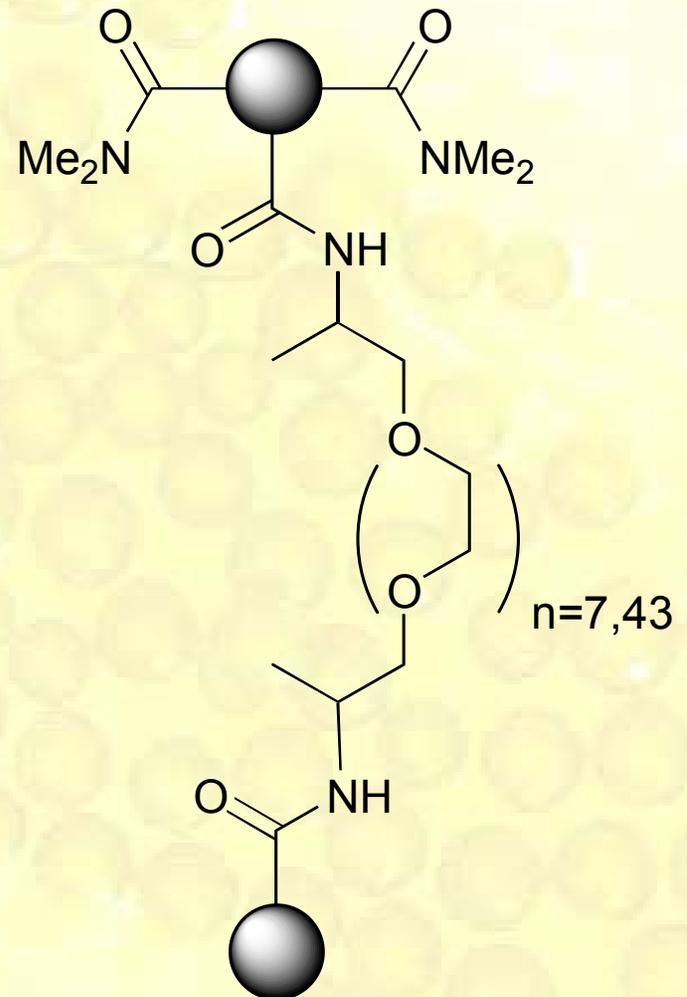
# *Lecture 2 and 3*

## **The Ins and Outs**

- 1. Polymer supports for SPOS**
- 2. Support formats for SPOS**
- 3. Tagging**
- 4. Separation/Handling**
- 5. Solvent interactions**
- 6. Loading**
- 7. Stability**
- 8. Linkers**

# *1. Polymer supports for SPOS*

- 1.1. PS
- 1.2. Polyacrylamides
- 1.3. Poly(meth)acrylates
- 1.4. PEGA
- 1.5. CPG
- 1.6. PS-g-PEG
- 1.7. PE
- 1.8. PP



## *2. Support formats for SPOS*

- **2.1. Intrinsic formats**

- **2.1.1. Gel**

- Chain mobility comparable to linear polymer
- Diffusion slow
- Size and diffusion depending on swelling

- **2.1.2. Macroporous**

- Restricted chain motion
- Diffusion fast
- Swelling has little influence

- **2.1.3. Bulk surface**

- No chain motion
- Diffusion fast (no inner surface)
- No swelling (low loading levels)

## *2. Support formats for SPOS*

### **2.2. Shape formats**

#### o 2.2.1. Beads

- Standard format
- Narrow particle size important for screening
- Easy handling

#### o 2.2.2. Sheets

- Easy handling
- Cut to size (and loading)
- Diffusion always high

#### o 2.2.3. Membranes

- Easy handling
- Cut to size
- Fast reaction rates (flow)