

# Integrated Organic Synthesis and Purification

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Organic Synthesis

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Flow through purification  
methods

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purification – a case study

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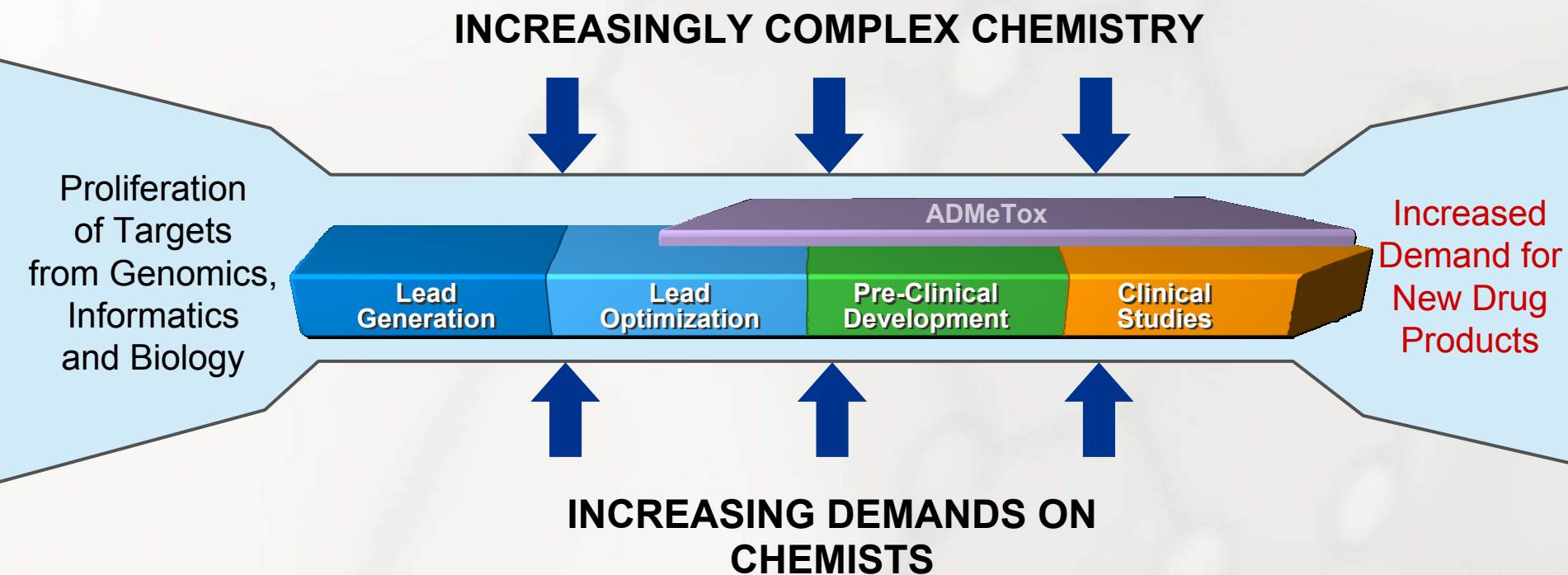
Reductive amination

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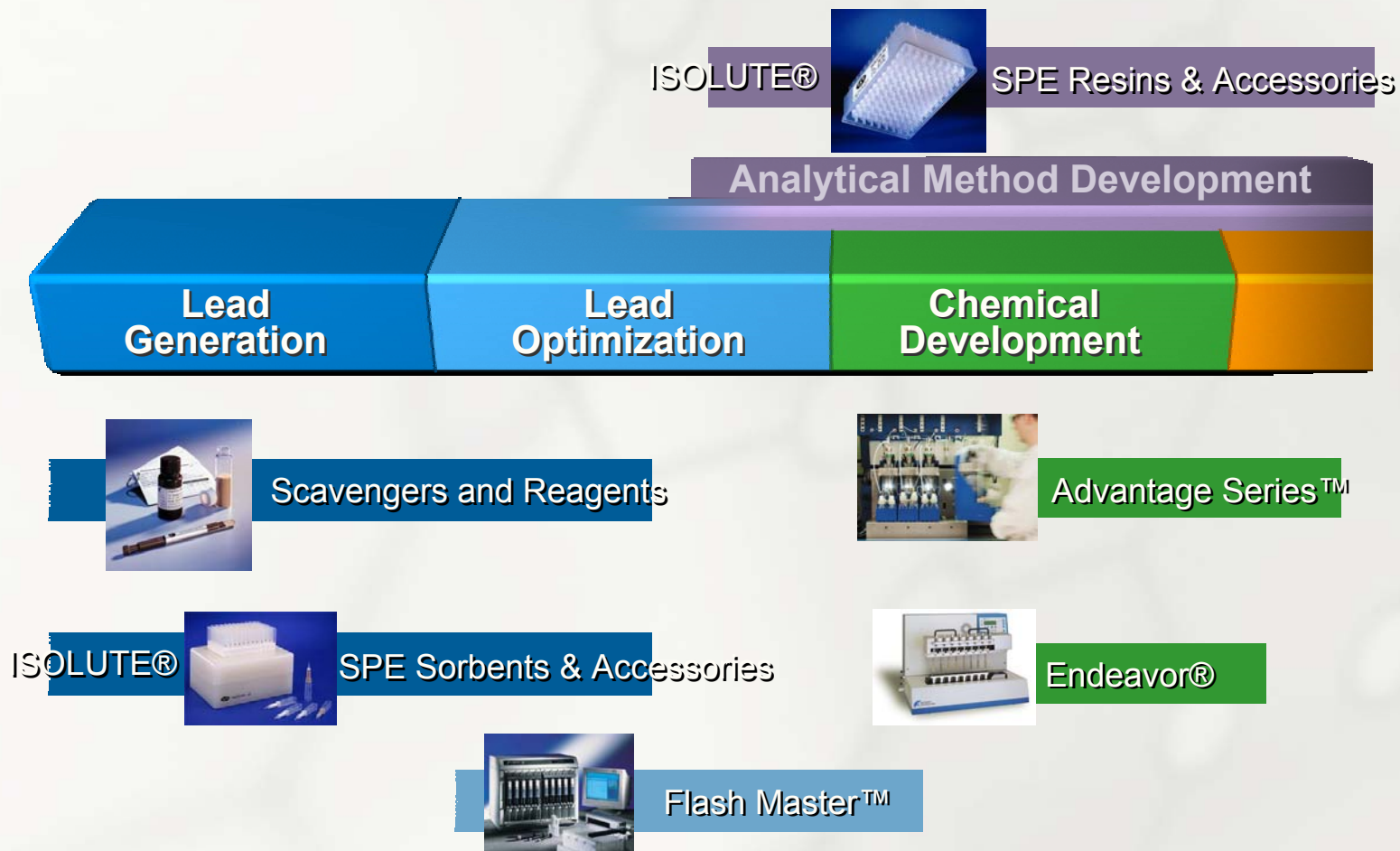
## Who is Argonaut?

- Founded in 1994
- Productivity Tools for Chemists
  - 10+ instrument & software products
  - 45+ chemical reagents
  - 2200+ installed systems
- Merged with Jones Chromatography January 2002
  - The synergy provides a unique combination of products to address integrated synthesis and purification challenges

# The Chemistry Bottleneck



# Argonaut's Solutions



# Introduction to Purification Techniques for Expedited Organic Synthesis

- Catch and Release
- Scavenging
- Solid-Supported Liquid Extraction
- Flash Chromatography

# Purification Challenges

- Purification often a bottleneck, even with small numbers of compounds
  - Traditional techniques are inefficient and time-consuming
    - Liquid-liquid extraction
    - Crystallization
  - Purifications can sometimes be difficult
    - *e.g.*, removing cyclohexylurea after DCC coupling reaction

# Purification Techniques for Expedited Organic Synthesis

- Most reaction mixtures can be purified using one or more of three techniques
  - Resins
    - Polymer-supported reagents
    - Scavengers
  - Catch and Release
    - Solid phase extraction
    - Supported liquid extraction
  - Flash chromatography
  - Or, a combination of techniques

# Polymer-Bound Scavengers and Reagents

- Bound scavengers are functional polymers designed to react with and bind excess reagents and/or byproducts
- Bound reagents are functional polymers designed to perform synthetic transformations in same way as solution counterparts

# Catch and Release and Scavenging

- Catch and release methods and scavengers extract compounds onto functionalized or adsorptive media
  - Catch and release – reversible
    - Subsequent release into solution
  - Scavengers – irreversible
- Separation is based on major differences between compounds
- Purification is by filtration or simple passage through a column

# Catch and Release vs. Scavengers

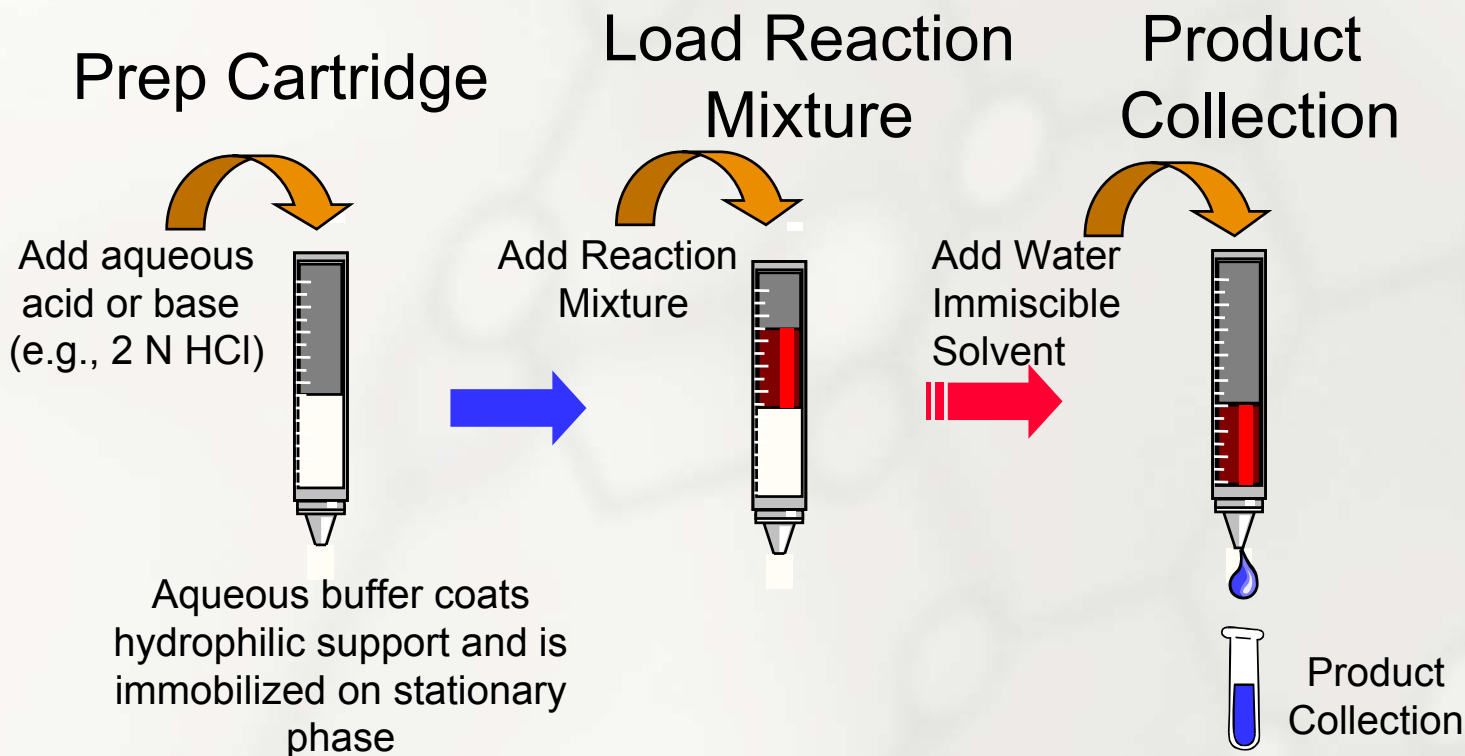
	<b>Catch and Release</b>	<b>Scavengers</b>
<b>Function</b>	Byproducts or impurities extracted from solution onto functionalized or adsorptive media (silica, polymer)	Byproducts or impurities with specific functionality removed from solution by reaction with a functionalized polymer
<b>Mechanism</b>	Ionic (acid-base), polarity	Covalent reaction
<b>Mode of use</b>	Reversible: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Extract product onto media, elute impurities then release</li> </ul> Irreversible: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Extract impurity onto media, elute product</li> </ul>	Irreversible: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Extract impurities onto functional resin, elute product</li> </ul>
<b>Advantage</b>	Fast interactions Flow-through cartridge format	Selective for specific functionality

# Solid Supported Liquid Extraction

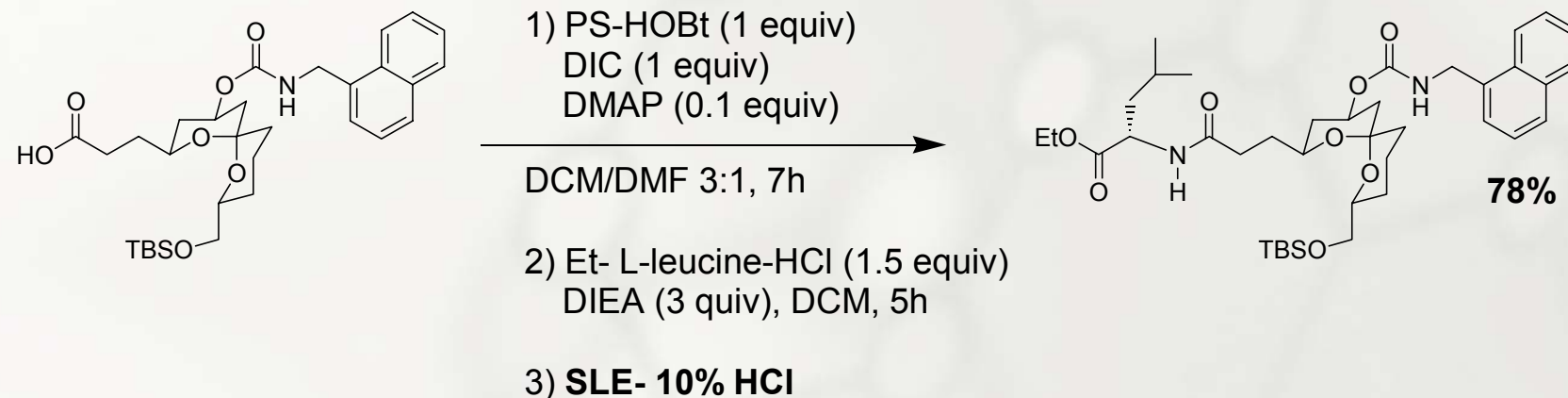
- Supported liquid extraction\* (SLE)
  - Liquid-liquid partitioning in a column format
    - Same as liquid-liquid extractions in a separating funnel
  - Immobilize aqueous phase on stationary phase
    - Stationary phase = diatomaceous earth
  - Elute with water-immiscible solvent
  - Use to remove inorganic salts, amines and acids

\*Johnson, C.R., *et al.*, *Tetrahedron*, **1998**, 54, 4097

# Solid Supported Liquid Extraction (SLE)



# Complex Amide Synthesis



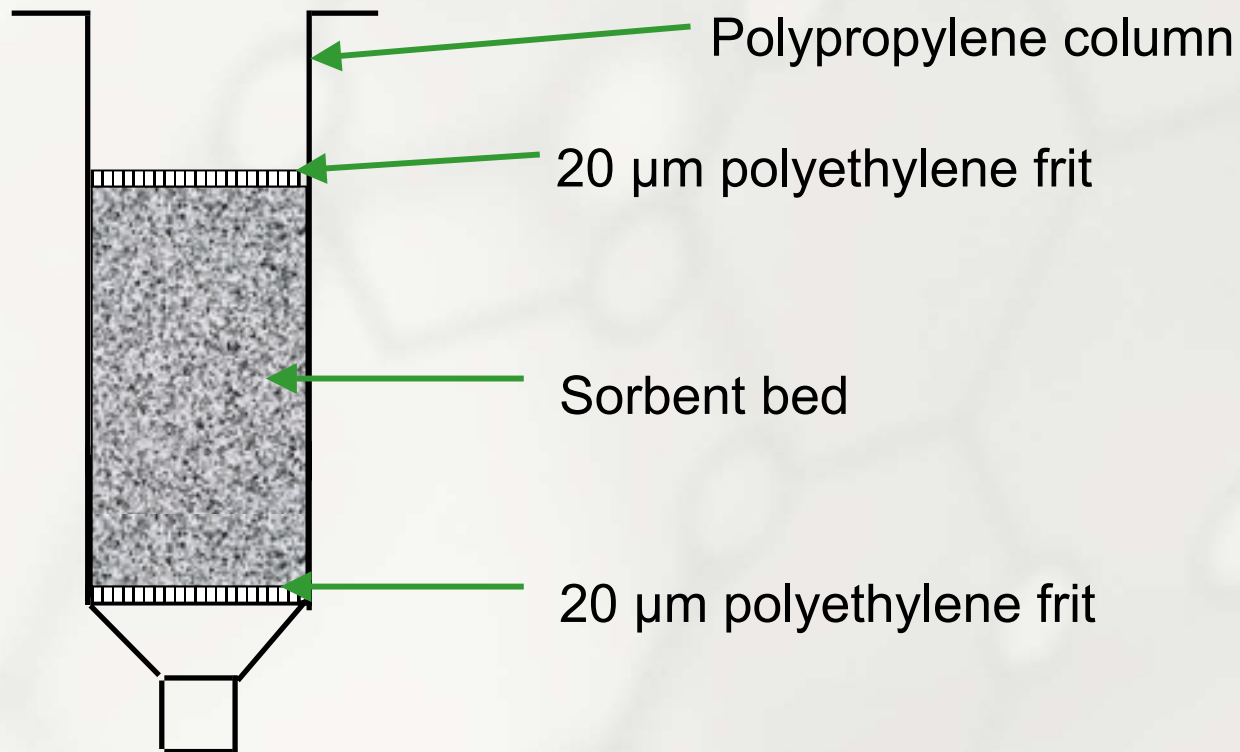
- Amide synthesis via resin-bound active ester intermediate using PS-HOBt(HL)
- Excess Et-Leucine-HCl, DIEA and DIEA-HCl removed by SLE with 10% aq. HCl

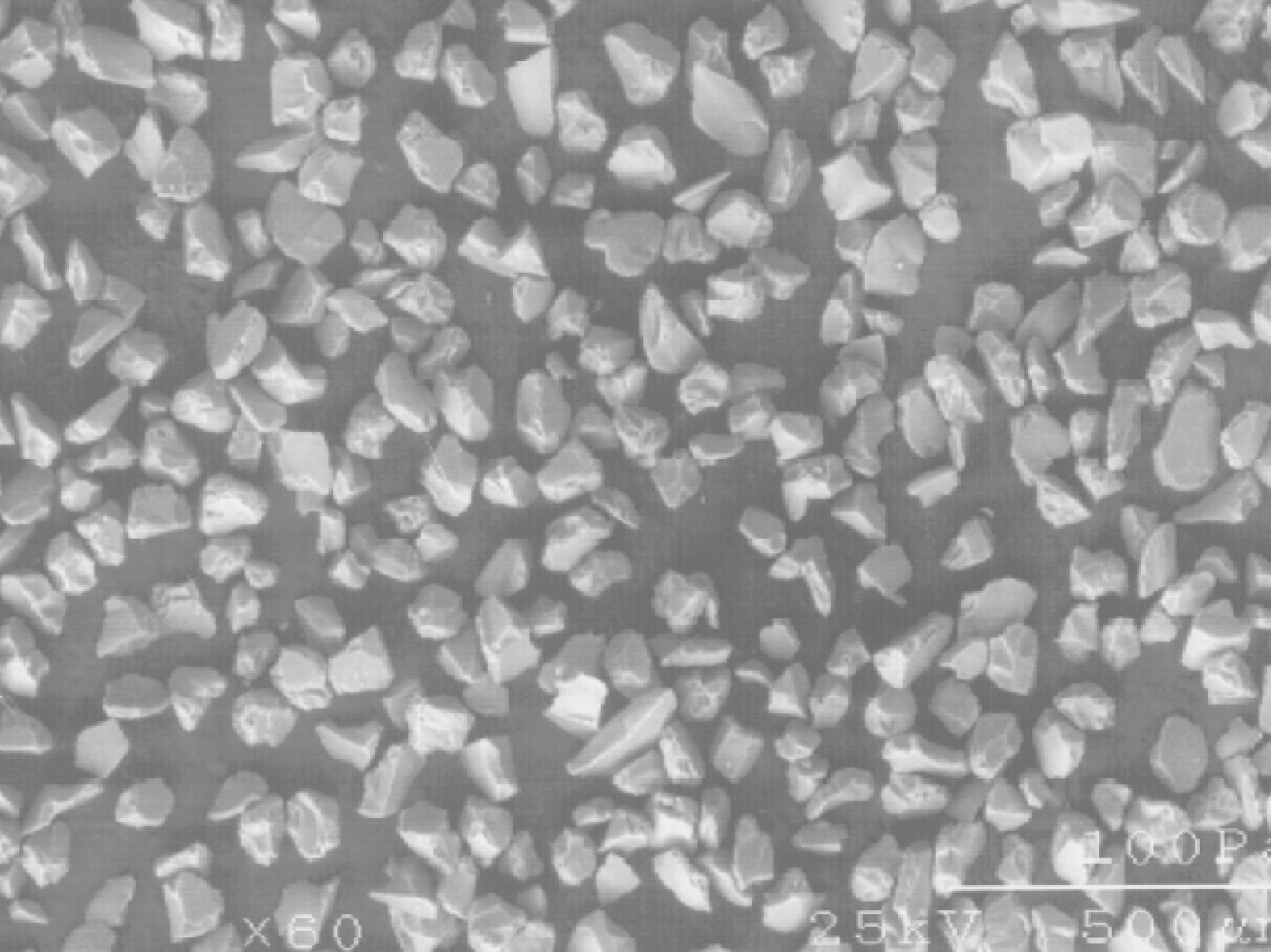
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# Flash Chromatography

- Flash chromatography separates compounds based on differences in adsorption to or affinity for the column medium
  - Silica,  $\text{NH}_2$ , or C18 media
- Excellent way to separate structurally similar compounds
- Elution time is dependent on solvent employed
- Need to collect and analyze fractions post separation
  - Simplified by automated fraction collection and peak detection

# An ISOLUTE Flash Column





100 Pa

25kV 500µm

x60

# Synthesis and Purification Workflow

## Synthesis

- Bound Reagents

## Initial Purification

- Scavengers
- Catch & Release

## Final Purification

- Flash Chromatography

- Resins and catch and release replace liquid-liquid extraction and simplify mixture composition prior to chromatography
- Initial purification usually sufficient to proceed directly to next synthetic step

# Synthesis and Purification Workflow

## Integrated Strategies for Amine Synthesis

## Why Amines?

- Amines and carboxamide derivatives are the most common structures in medicinal chemistry databases<sup>1</sup>
- 25% of drugs currently on the market are aliphatic tertiary amines<sup>2</sup>
- Secondary amines are useful intermediates
  - Additional diversity is easily added<sup>3</sup>
  - Used as pharmacophores,<sup>4</sup>
  - Versatile building blocks<sup>5</sup>

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# Synthesis and Purification Workflow

## Flow Through Purification Methods

### Synthesis

- Bound Reagents

### Initial Purification

- Scavengers
- Catch & Release

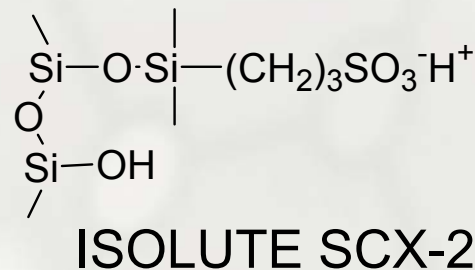
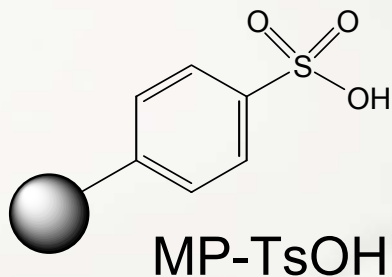
### Final Purification

- Flash Chromatography

# Amine Purification Using Flow Through Methods

- ISOLUTE<sup>®</sup> SCX-2 Cartridges
  - Silica based
  - Sorbent does not swell in solvent
  - 0.4 mmol/g capacity
  - Additional formats available, particularly large scale
- MP-TsOH Cartridges
  - Highly crosslinked macroporous polystyrene
  - Very stable under broad range of pH conditions
  - 2.5 mmol/g capacity
  - Limited swelling
    - Controlled by optimized manufacturing techniques

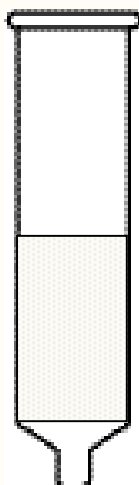
## Bound Acid: MP-TsOH and ISOLUTE SCX-2



- Bound sulfonic acid equivalents
  - Silica or highly crosslinked polystyrene based
- Scavenge amines, basic compounds
- Catch and Release purifications
  - Catch amines, basic heterocycles
  - Wash impurities
  - Release amine with ammonia/methanol

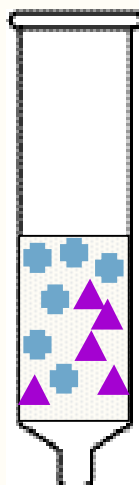
# Cartridges for Amine Purification by Catch and Release

1. Condition with DCM, DMF or methanol



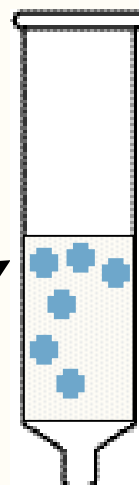
Cartridge

2. Apply sample



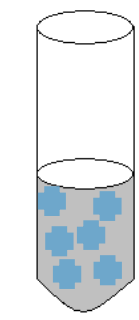
Amine Caught

3. Wash with organic solvent



Non-basic impurities washed away

4. Release product with 4 M ammonia/methanol



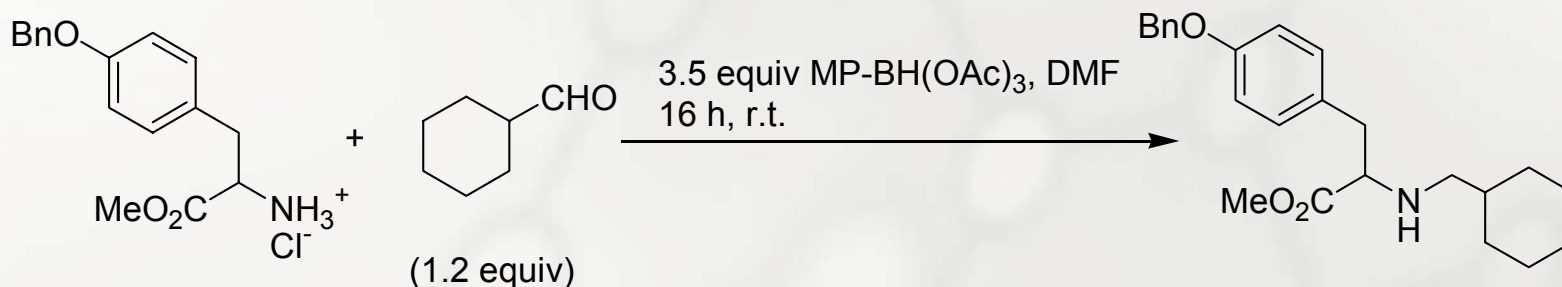
Amine Released

# Amine Purification on MP-TsOH Cartridges

Amine	Resin (equiv)	Unretained Amine (%)		Released Amine (% Recovery)*
		DCM	DMF	
3-Phenylpropylamine	1.5	0	0	98
N-Methylbenzylamine	1.5	0	0	97
N,N-Dimethylbenzylamine	1.5	0	0	92
N-Methyl,N,N-di(2-phenethyl)amine	1.5	0	0	95
4-(2'-Dimethylaminoethyl)morpholine	3.0	0	0	96
2-Aminothiazole	1.5	0	0	96
Aniline	1.5	0	0	94
4-Nitroaniline	3.0	0	30	97

\*From experiments using DCM as solvent

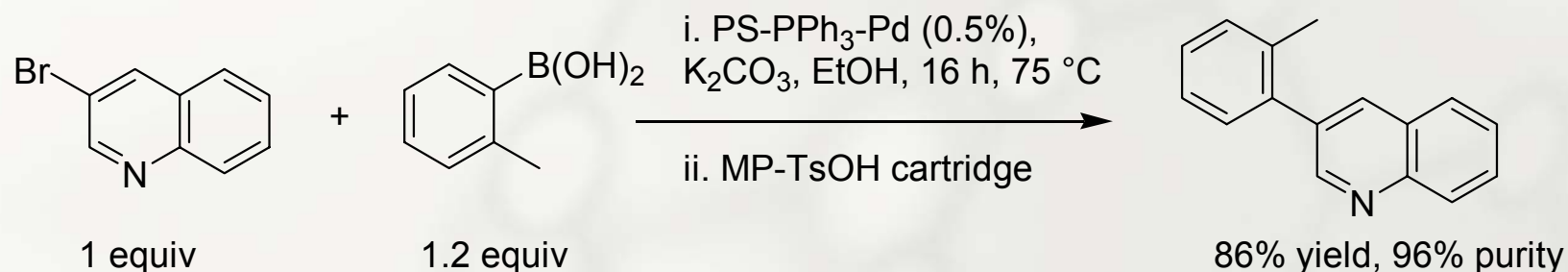
# Solvent Exchange



Reductive alkylation of amino acid ester salt in 100% DMF

- MP-TsOH cartridges facilitate solvent exchange
- Excellent way to extract amines from DMF or DMSO
  - 100% retention
  - Subsequently concentrate amine from volatile ammonia/methanol solution
- Use as sample prep prior to direct application to flash column

# Purification of Basic Heterocycles by Catch and Release Using MP-TsOH Cartridges



- MP-TsOH catch & release purifies end product after Suzuki coupling
  - Useful with both bound (PS-PPh<sub>3</sub>-Pd) and conventional (Pd(Ph<sub>3</sub>P)<sub>4</sub>) catalysts

## MP-TsOH and SCX-2 Cartridges for Purification by Catch and Release

- Retain aliphatic, aromatic and heterocyclic amines
- Retain even weakly basic amines
- Amines eluted in 4 M ammonia/methanol
  - Volatile, easy to remove
- Facilitate solvent exchange
- Very low leachables

## Which Cartridge to Use?

- Both SCX-2 and MP-TsOH perform well for amine purification by catch and release
- Because the capacity of MP-TsOH is 6 – 9 times higher than SCX-2 it offers several advantages
  - Lower cartridge cost
  - Lower total solvent usage
  - Lower final sample volume
- MP-TsOH cartridges are a novel product from Argonaut that provide superior performance for amine purification

# Synthesis and Purification Workflow

## Selective Purification of Amines

### Synthesis

- Bound Reagents

### Initial Purification

- Scavengers
- Catch & Release

### Final Purification

- Flash Chromatography

## Selective Purification of Amines

- Mixtures of secondary and tertiary amines occur frequently, *e.g.*,
  - Alkylation reaction
  - Deprotection
  - Reductive amination
- Cartridges are useful for purifying amines
  - Cannot discriminate between amine classes
- Strategies to purify components in mixtures include:
  - Derivatization and purification
  - Selective scavenging
  - Flash chromatography

# Synthesis and Purification Workflow

## Derivatization and Purification

### Synthesis

- Bound Reagents

### Initial Purification

- Scavengers
- Catch & Release

### Final Purification

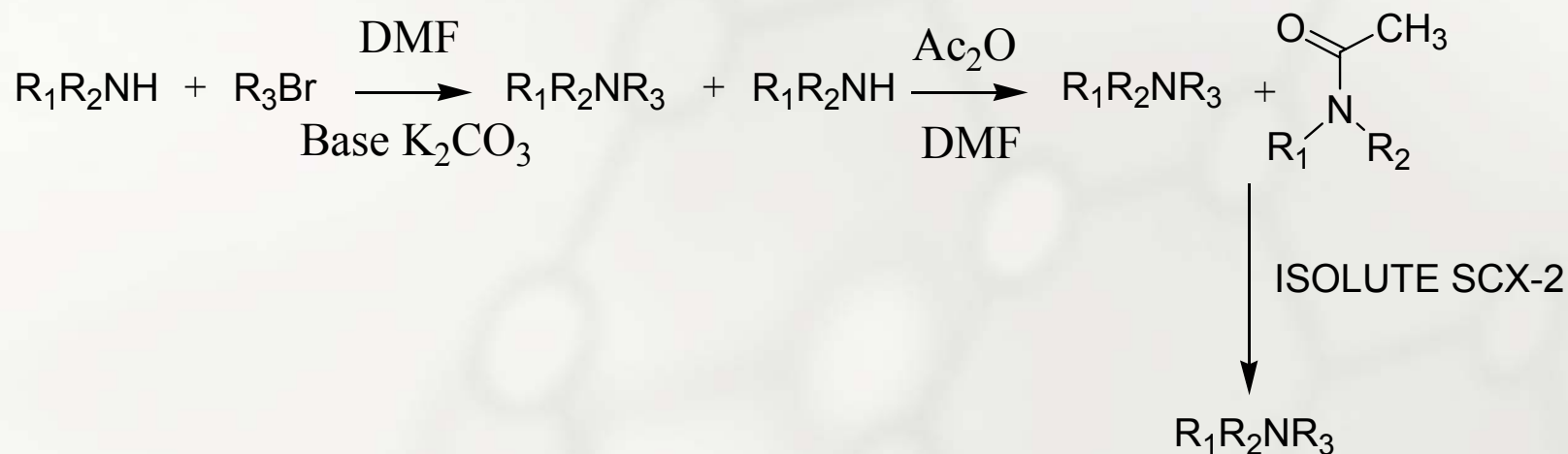
- Flash Chromatography

# Derivatization/Purification Techniques

- Goal
  - Selectively purify tertiary amine in presence of secondary amine
- Strategy
  - Derivatize the secondary amine selectively making it non-basic
  - Separate from the tertiary amine using ISOLUTE SCX-2 SPE
- Two routes for derivatization
  - Acetylate the secondary amine
    - Secondary amine is non-recoverable
  - Treat with  $\text{Boc}_2\text{O}$ , forming the carbamate of the secondary amine
    - Recover secondary amine by subsequent removal of Boc group

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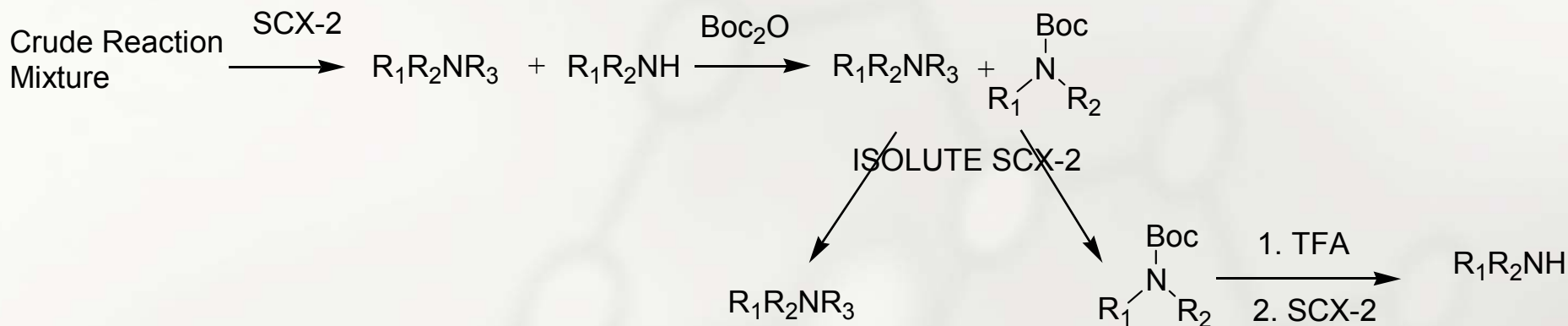
## Secondary Amine Is Not Recovered



- Alkylation reaction yields secondary and tertiary amines
- Convert secondary amine to acetamide (non-basic) with 2 equiv acetic anhydride
- Selectively retain tertiary amine on ISOLUTE SCX-2
- Elute tertiary amine in 2 M ammonia/methanol solution
  - Concentrate by evaporation
  - Dissolve in solvent of choice

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# Both Secondary and Tertiary Amines Recovered



- Useful with valuable secondary amine
- Separate secondary and tertiary amines from other reaction components with SCX-2
- Transform secondary amine to non-basic carbamate with  $\text{Boc}_2\text{O}$
- Purify tertiary amine with SCX-2
- Deprotect secondary amine with TFA
- Release free base from SCX-2

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## Derivatization/Purification Techniques

- Derivatization converts secondary amine to a non-basic derivative
- Tertiary amine recovered from ISOLUTE SCX-2 by catch and release
- Secondary amine may also be recovered using protection/deprotection followed by ISOLUTE SCX-2
- Compatible with flow-through processing using either columns or plates

# Synthesis and Purification Workflow

## Amine Purification by Selective Scavenging

### Synthesis

- Bound Reagents

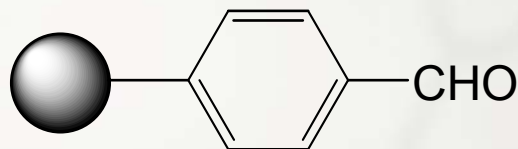
### Initial Purification

- Scavengers
- Catch & Release

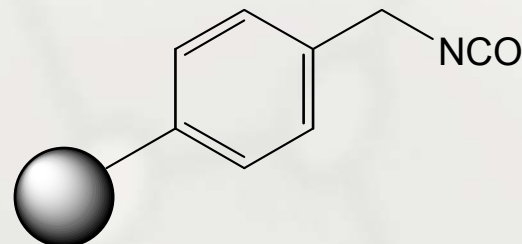
### Final Purification

- Flash Chromatography

## Amine Selective Scavenging



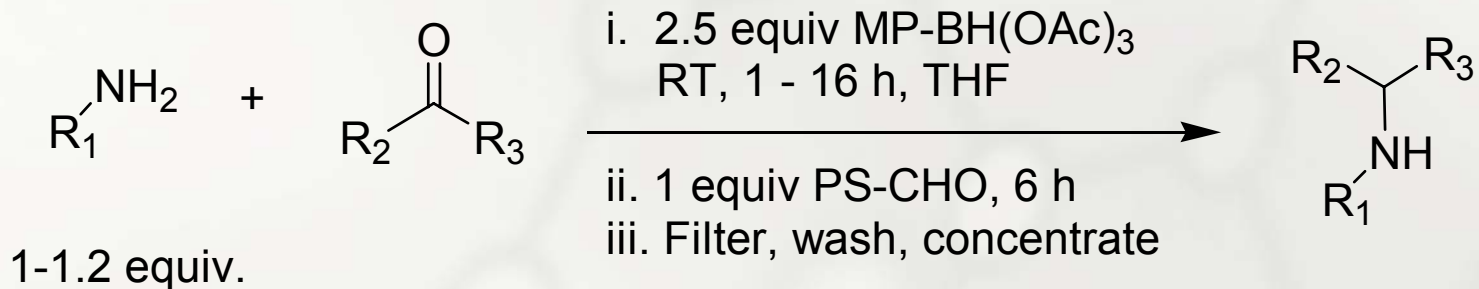
PS-Benzaldehyde



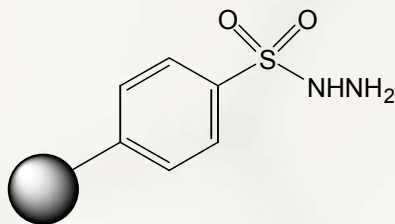
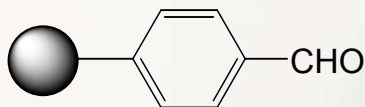
PS-Isocyanate

- PS-Benzaldehyde scavenges primary, but not secondary or tertiary amines
- PS-Isocyanate scavenge primary and secondary amines, but not tertiary amines
- Purified product obtained by filtration
- Scavenging is not reversible

# Elimination of Excess Primary Amine

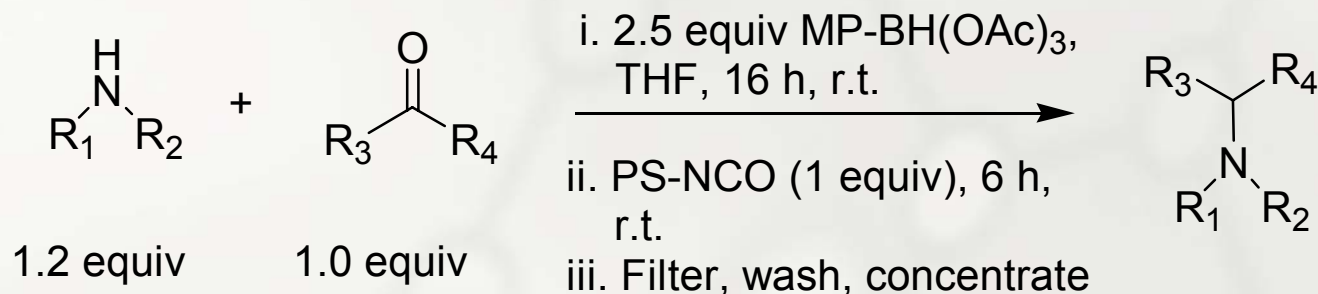


## Secondary amine synthesis by reductive amination

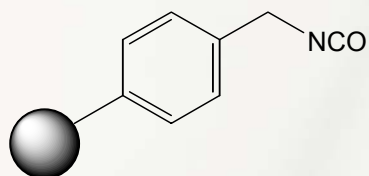


- PS-Benzaldehyde selectively scavenges excess primary amine
- Product secondary amine remains in solution
- PS-TsNHNH<sub>2</sub> scavenges carbonyls
- Use a PS-TsNHNH<sub>2</sub>/PS-CHO cocktail if the reaction does not go to completion

# Elimination of Excess Secondary Amine



Tertiary amine synthesis by reductive amination



- PS-Isocyanate scavenges primary and secondary amines, but not tertiary amines

# Selective Amine Purification

- Two options
- Derivatization/Purification
  - Suited to flow-through processing
  - Amines recoverable
- Selective Scavenging
  - Product amine remains in solution
  - Purified by filtration away from scavenger resin
  - Amines not recoverable
  - Compatible with single pot syntheses

# Synthesis and Purification Workflow

## Case Study:

### Synthesis and Purification of Secondary Amines Using Bound Reagents, Catch and Release, and Flash Chromatography

#### Synthesis

- Bound Reagents

#### Initial Purification

- Scavengers
- Catch & Release

#### Final Purification

- Flash Chromatography

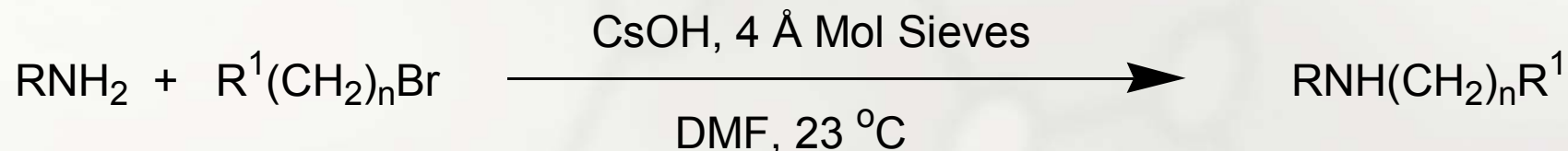
## Reason for the Study

- After organic synthesis chromatography is often necessary
- This may require:
  - Preliminary purification – usually liquid-liquid extraction
  - Solvent exchange
- The purpose of this study was to develop flow through methods to integrate pre-chromatography workup with the final purification

# Synthesis of Secondary Amines: Background

- Selective mono-N-alkylation of primary amines remains the most direct approach
- Conventional base-promoted alkylation reactions of primary amines using alkyl halides or sulfonates are generally inefficient
- Suffer from poor chemo-selectivity due to the competing over-alkylation reactions

# Chemo-Selective Synthesis of Secondary Amines



## ■ Advantages

- Direct N-alkylation to secondary amine
- CsOH controls over-alkylation reaction

## ■ Limitations

- Requires aqueous quenching & liquid-liquid extraction
- Chromatographic separation
- CsOH is very moisture sensitive, inconsistent results

# Chemo-Selective Synthesis of Secondary Amines

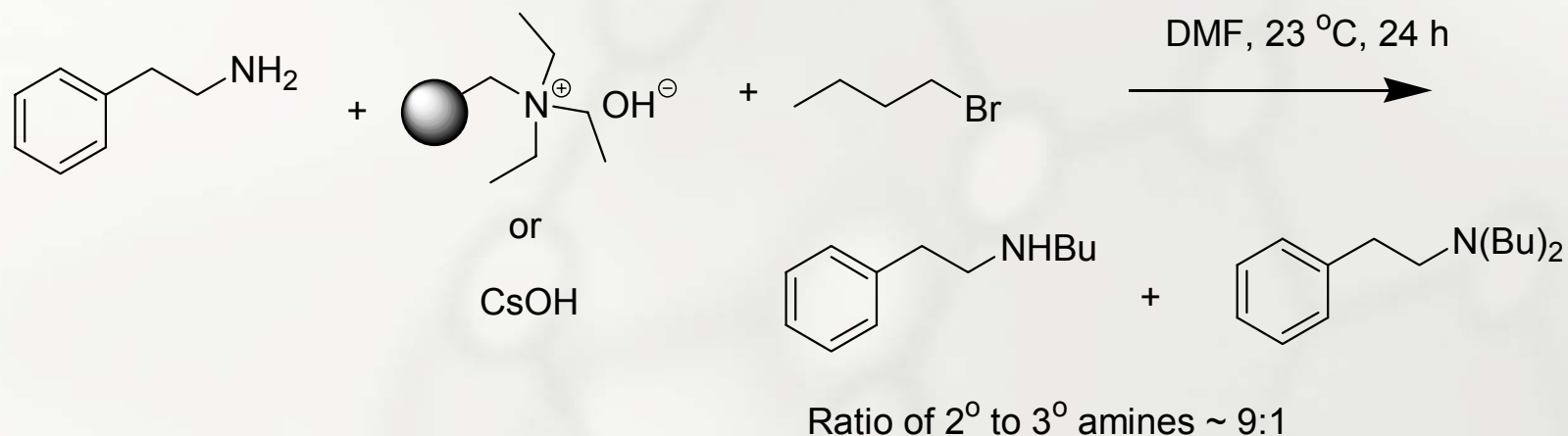
## ■ Plan

- Isolate product mixture by simple filtration
- Purify amine mixture by catch and release using MP-TsOH cartridge
  - Remove non-basic impurities and allow solvent (DMF) exchange
- Release the amine mixture onto an ISOLUTE FL cartridge and remove solvent
- Separate primary, secondary and tertiary amines by flash chromatography

## ■ In addition

- Identify a bound base for selective N-alkylation of 1° amines

# Chemo-Selective Synthesis of Secondary Amines



## Chemoselective Mono-N-Alkylation of Phenethylamine

- Reaction performed with CsOH, also with a bound base<sup>1</sup>
- Bound base easier to handle than CsOH
  - Product mixture isolated by simple filtration of the resin

1. Under development by Argonaut Technologies

# Post-Reaction Workup

- MP-TsOH cartridge
  - Purifies product secondary amine, tertiary amine and unreacted primary amine away from non-basic reaction byproducts
  - Replaces DMF with volatile ammonia/methanol
- ISOLUTE FL cartridge
  - Facilitates amine transfer to flash column
  - Solvent evaporation
- Flash chromatography
  - Separates primary, secondary and tertiary amines

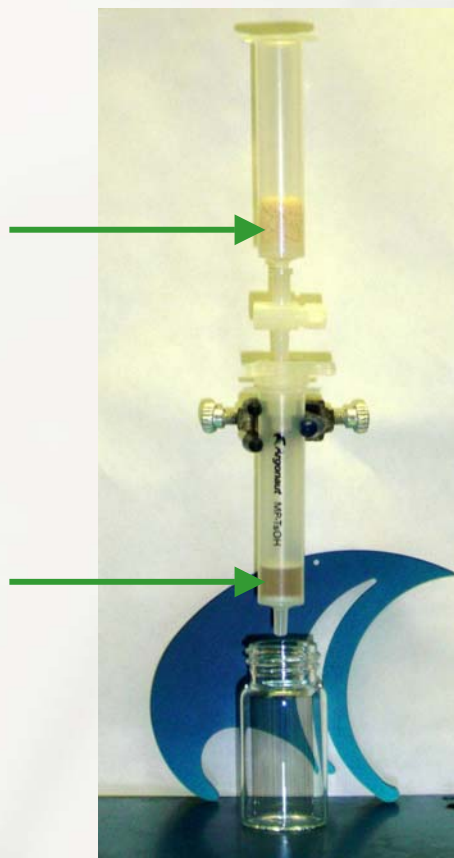
## Post-Reaction Workup



- Filter reaction mixture
- Transfer from round bottom flask to empty ISOLUTE cartridge body
- Filtrate applied directly to MP-TsOH Cartridge

# Amine Purification and Solvent Removal

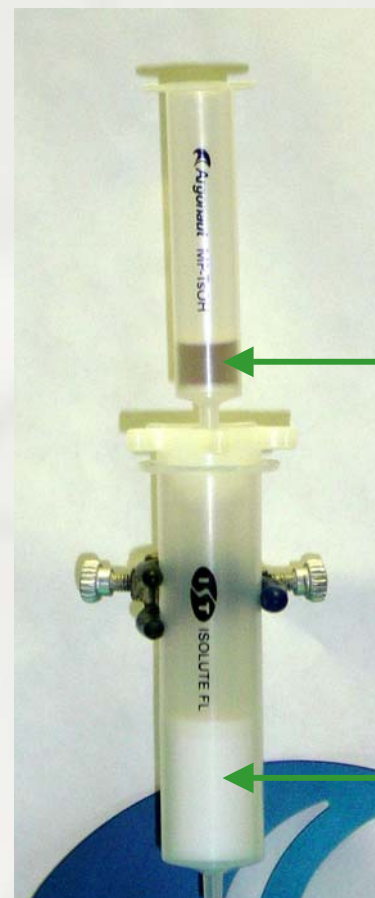
Reaction mixture with mol sieves (or resin-bound base)



MP-TsOH Cartridge

Catching Amine Mixture on MP-TsOH Cartridge

MP-TsOH Cartridge



ISOLUTE FL Cartridge

Release of Amine Mixture onto ISOLUTE FL Cartridge

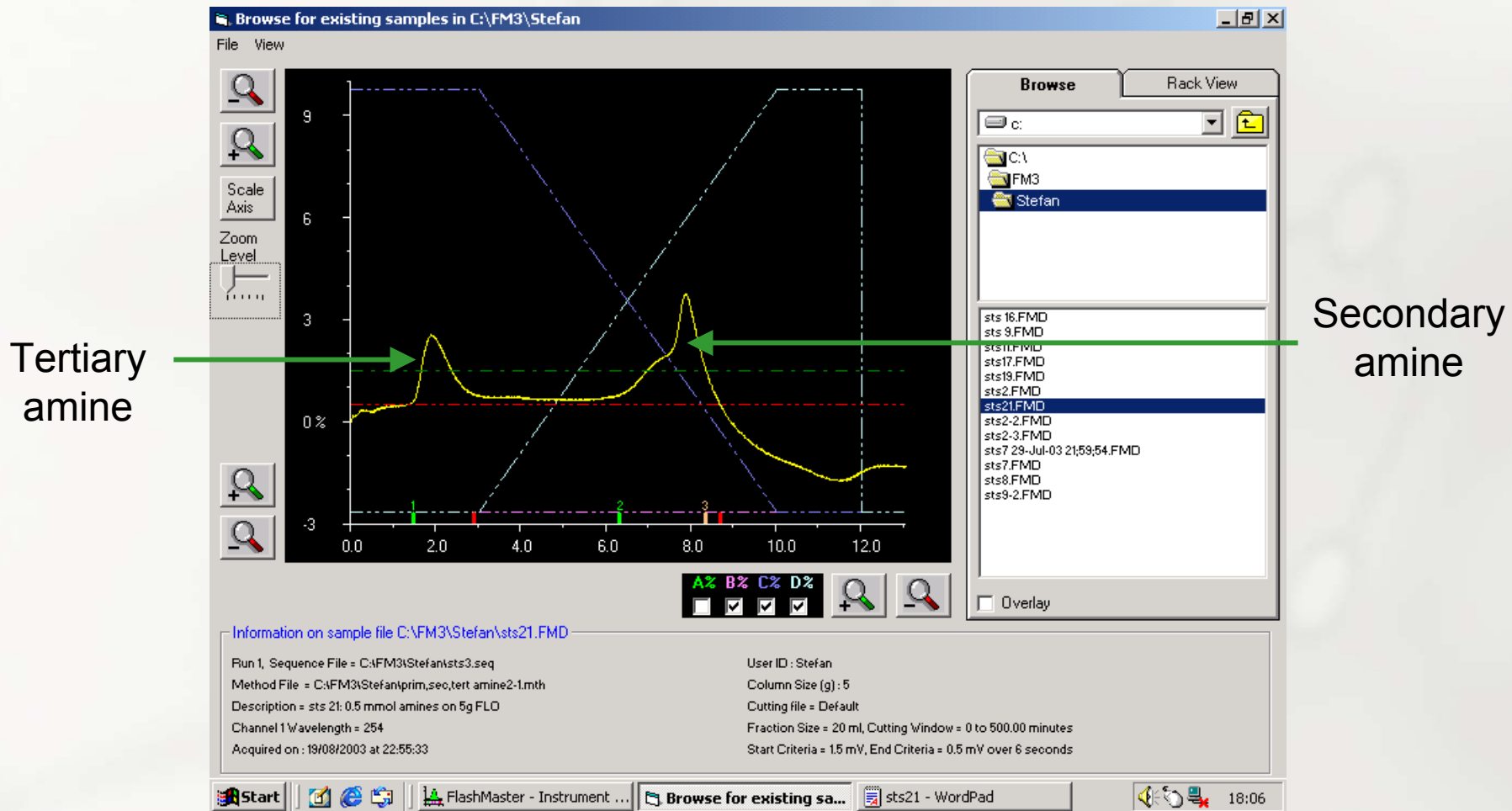
# Flash Chromatography on FlashMaster II

Flash  
chromatography  
column



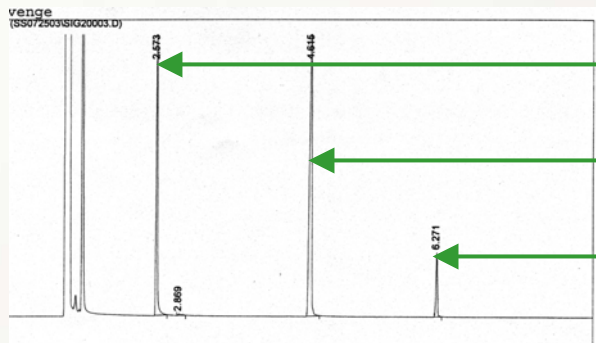
Amine mixture  
retained on  
ISOLUTE FL  
Cartridge

# Secondary and Tertiary Amine Separation by Flash Chromatography



Ethyl acetate/methanol gradient

# Purification Results: GC Analysis

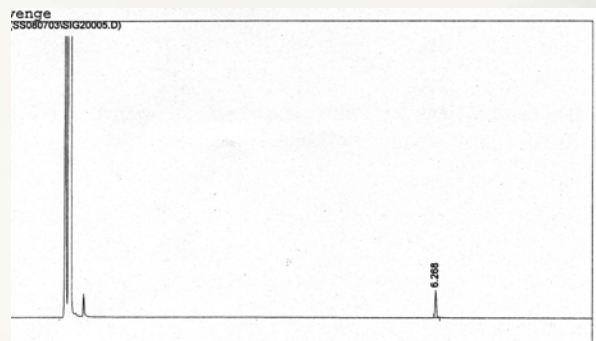


Primary Amine

Secondary Amine

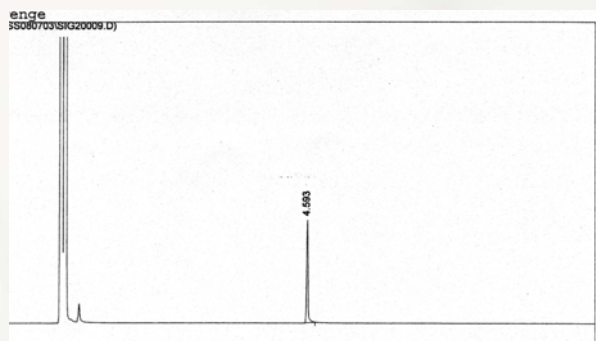
Tertiary Amine

Crude Reaction Mix



Tertiary Amine

First Band to Elute from Flash Chromatograph



Secondary Amine

Second Band to Elute from Flash Chromatograph

# Contrast with Traditional Workup Procedures

- Prior to flash chromatography
  - Liquid-liquid extraction
  - Drying
  - Concentration

# Liquid-Liquid Extractive Workup



# Drying – Concentration



## Case Study Conclusions

- Demonstrated integrated synthesis, workup and purification of secondary amines
  - Synthesis
    - Highly chemoselective mono-N-alkylation of primary amines with CsOH or tetraalkylammonium hydroxide resin
  - Purification
    - SPE of the amine mixture on MP-TsOH cartridge exchanges DMF solvent and removes any excess alkyl halide
    - ISOLUTE FL removes solvent and facilitates loading on to flash column
  - Flash Chromatography
    - Separation of amine mixture using FlashMaster II

# Synthesis and Purification Workflow

## Amine Synthesis by Reductive Amination

### Synthesis

- Bound Reagents

### Initial Purification

- Scavengers
- Catch & Release

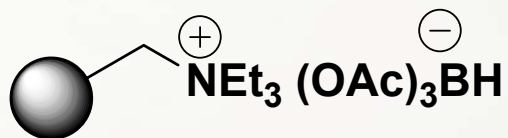
### Final Purification

- Flash Chromatography

## Reductive Amination

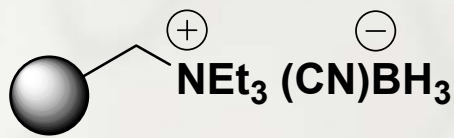
- Reductive amination of carbonyl compounds is a powerful tool in constructing diverse series of amines
- Resin-bound reagents and scavengers simplify purification of product amine
  - Excess substrate and reaction byproducts are removed by filtration

# Resins for Reductive Amination



1.8 - 2.4 mmol/ g

MP-Triacetoxymethylborohydride



2-3 mmol/ g

MP-Cyanomethylborohydride

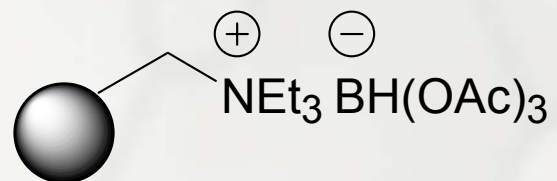


3-3.2 mmol/ g

MP-Borohydride

- Macroporous resin
  - Inert scaffold for the chemical reagent
  - Efficient reagent delivery
  - Removed by simple filtration
  - Limited swelling
  - Ease of use and handling
- Stable

# MP-Triacetoxyborohydride<sup>1</sup>



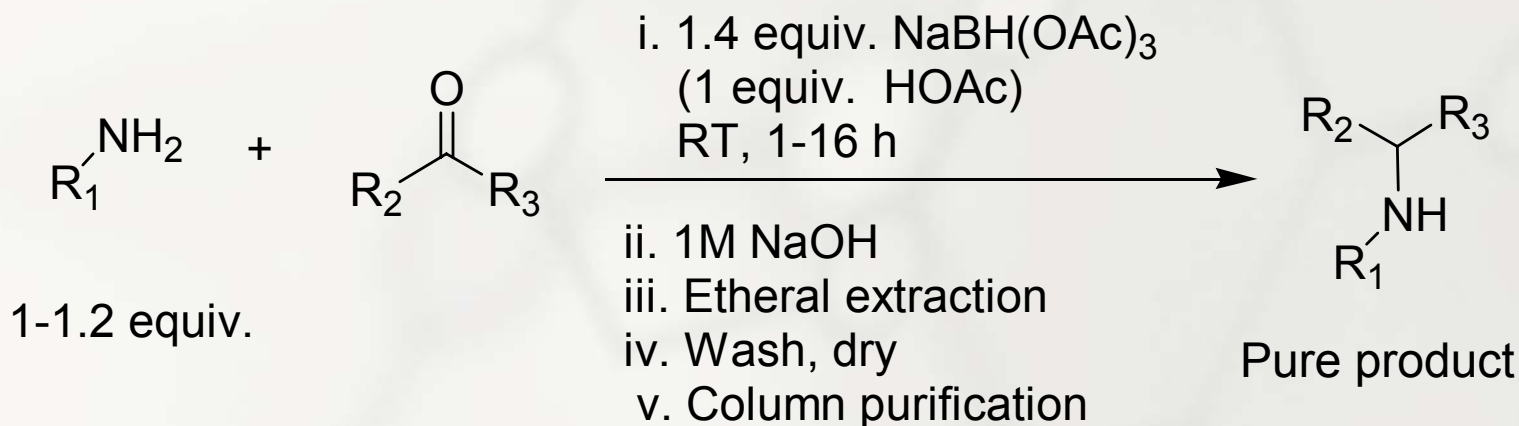
- Solid supported analog of  $\text{NaBH}(\text{OAc})_3$ 
  - Higher yields with fewer by-products<sup>2</sup>
- Effective under neutral conditions
- Compatible with acid labile groups (acetals/ketals)
- Easy handling and delivery
- Product isolated by filtration, THF rinse

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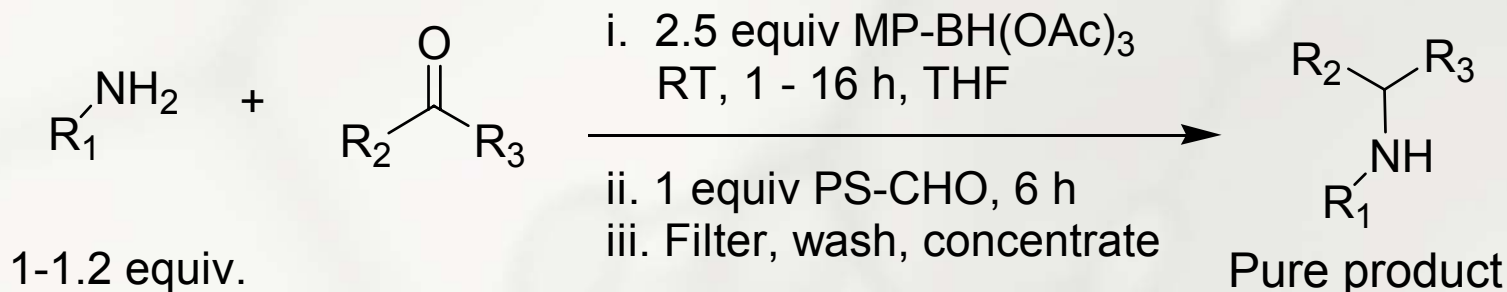
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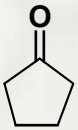
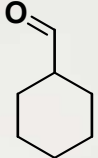
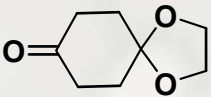
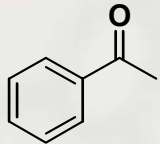
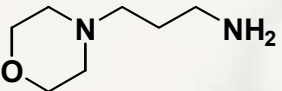
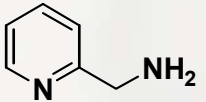
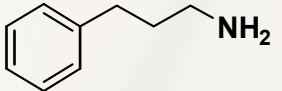
- Typical solution-phase protocol



- Expedited bound reagent protocol



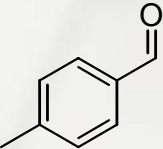
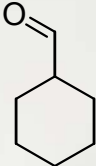
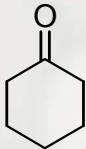
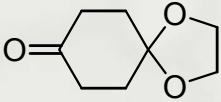
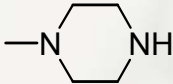
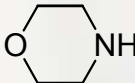
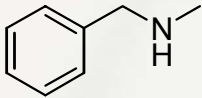
# MP-Triacetoxyborohydride: Synthesis of Secondary Amines

				
	93 (100)	77(84)16	77 (100)	69(98)
	93 (98)	90(96)3	91(100)	76(27)
	100 (100)	94 (88)12	54(100)	39(91)

% yield (% purity) % overalkylation

- Primary amine used in excess
- Scavenged by PS-Benzaldehyde at the end of the reaction
- Acid-labile ketal works well
- Product isolated as acetate salt
- Free amine generated by catch and release on MP-TsOH cartridges

# MP-Triacetoxyborohydride: Synthesis of Tertiary Amines

				
	97(100)	92(99)	88(100)	85(100)
	63(100)	90(99)	69(100)	64(100)
	67(100)	77(99)	82(100)	76(100)

%yield (%purity)

- Secondary amine used in excess
- Scavenged by PS-Isocyanate at end of reaction
- Product isolated as free amine
- Negligible boron leaching observed
- If amine is limiting reagent use MP-TsOH cartridges for purification

# Reductive Amination: Summary

- $\text{MP-BH(OAc)}_3$  (neutral, mild conditions)
  - Compatible with acid-sensitive groups, e.g. ketals, acetals
- $\text{MP-BH}_3\text{CN}$ 
  - Requires acetic acid
  - More aggressive conditions
- $\text{MP-BH}_4$ 
  - Reduce pre-formed imine to minimize over-alkylation
  - Use with  $\text{Ti(O}^i\text{Pr)}_4$  to suppress over-alkylation

# Integrated Synthesis and Purification – Conclusions

- The new modular approach to synthesis and purification uses:
  - Resin-bound reagents
  - Scavengers
  - Catch and release cartridges
- Use singly or in combination to eliminate the need for time-consuming purification procedures
- Flash chromatography used when necessary for further purification

# Modular Approach to Synthesis and Purification

## Synthesis

- Bound Reagents

## Initial Purification

- Scavengers
- Catch & Release

## Final Purification

- Flash Chromatography



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