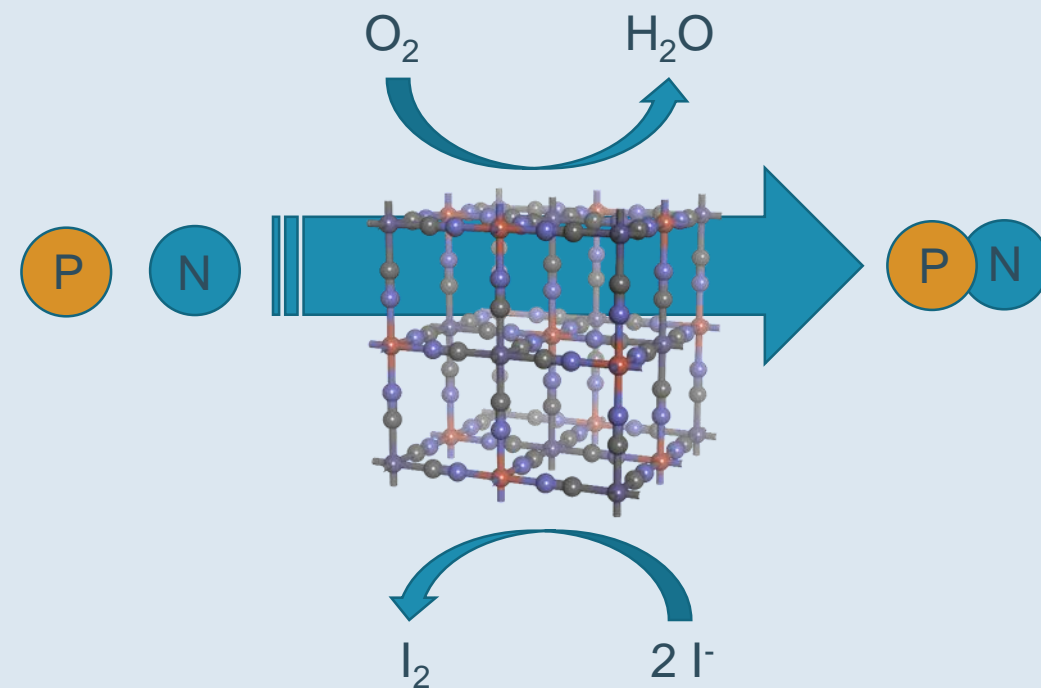
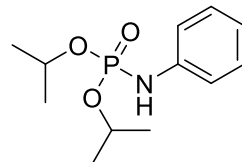
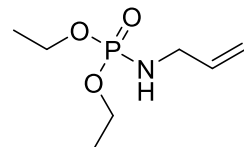
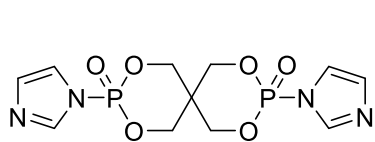
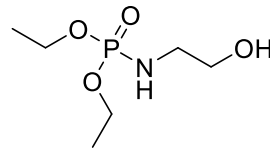
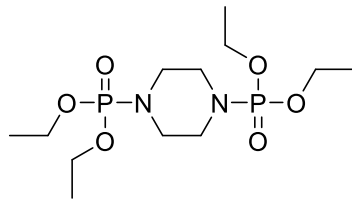
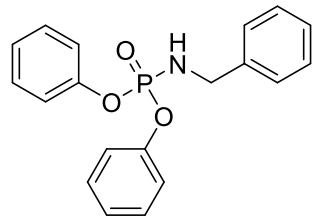
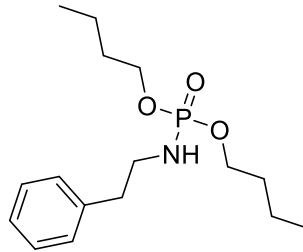
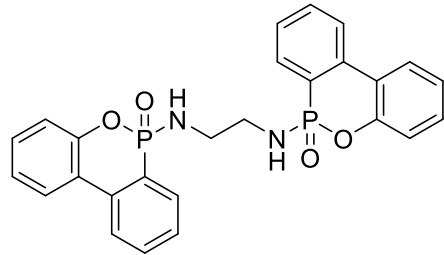
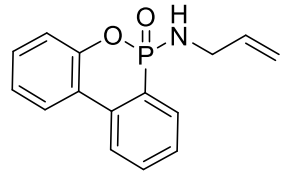


# Cu-Co double metal cyanides as green catalysts for phosphoramidate synthesis

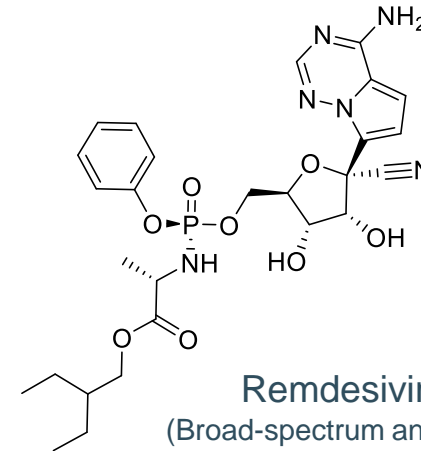


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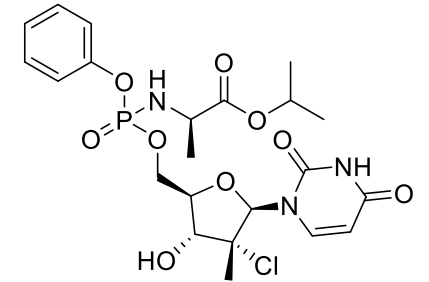
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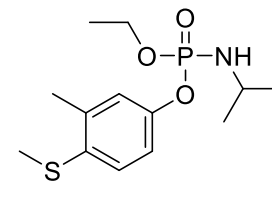
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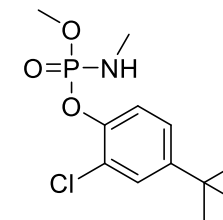
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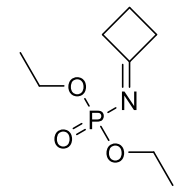
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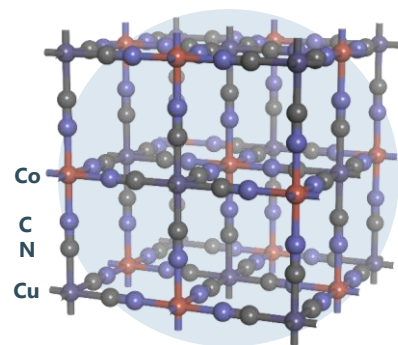
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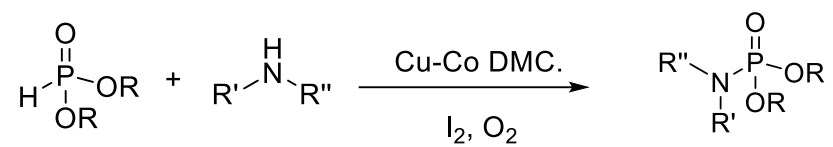
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(Insecticides)

Cu(II)-Co(III) double metal cyanide



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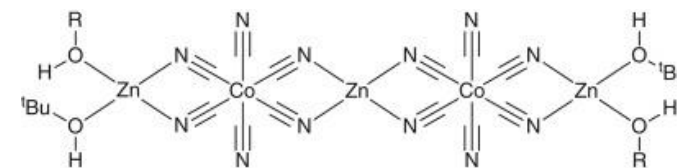


- Heterogeneous catalyst
- Recyclable after several iterations
- Simple preparation
- Air and moisture tolerant
- Atom economical

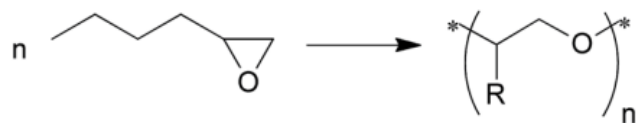
# Cu-Co Double Metal Cyanide

## Cu-Co DMC = Copper-Cobalt Double Metal Cyanide

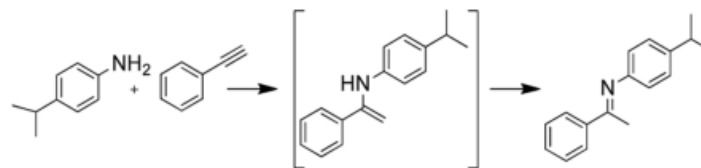
- A class of molecular salts made up of a crystalline metal cyanide framework
- Theoretical formula:  $\text{Cu}_3[\text{Co}(\text{CN})_6]_2$
- Other DMC with different metal combination exist:  $\text{Zn}_3[\text{Co}(\text{CN})_6]_2$  structure is very similar
- Synthesized using different additives and  $\text{M}^1$  excess to increase the catalytic activity



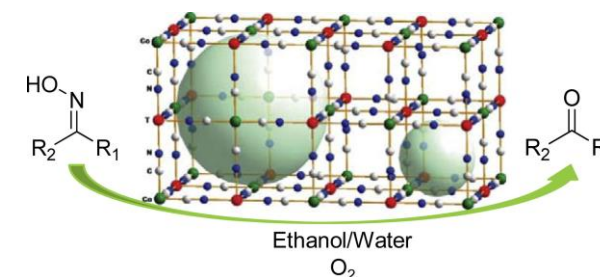
## Applications:



Epoxide polymerization



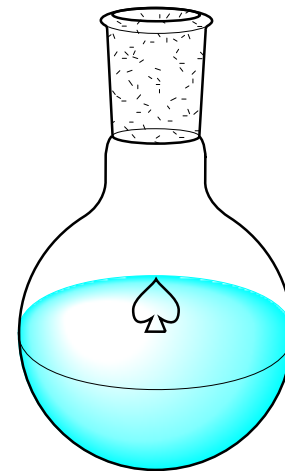
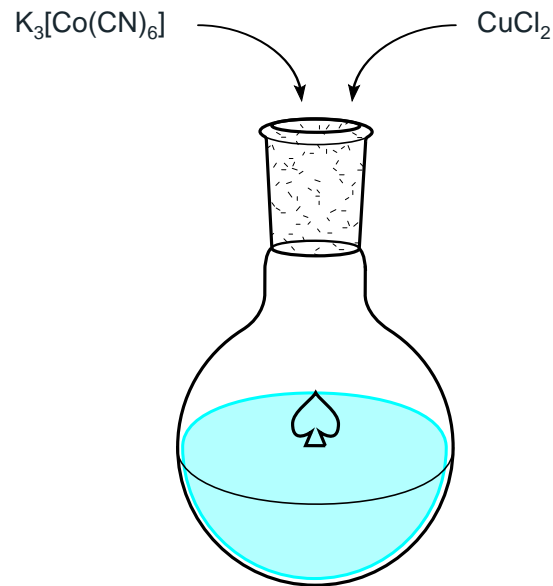
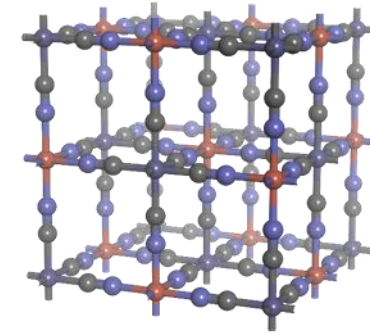
Hydroamination



Oximes oxidation

# Cu-Co Double Metal Cyanide

Preparation:

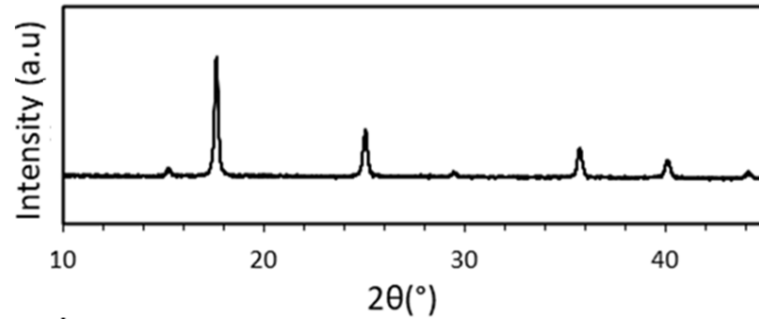
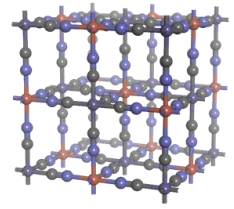


- i) Centrifugation
- ii) Washing
- iii) Drying

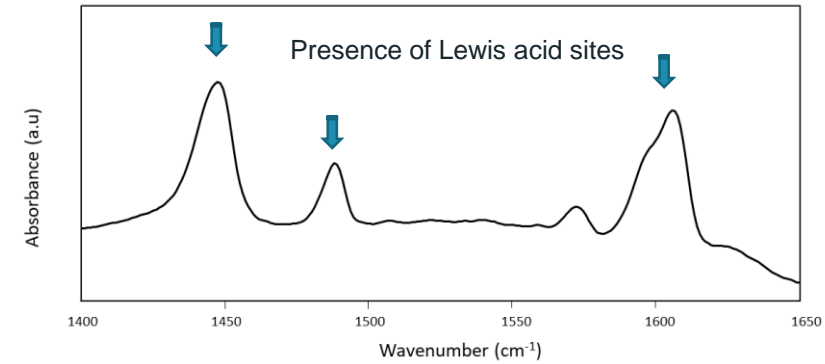


60% yield

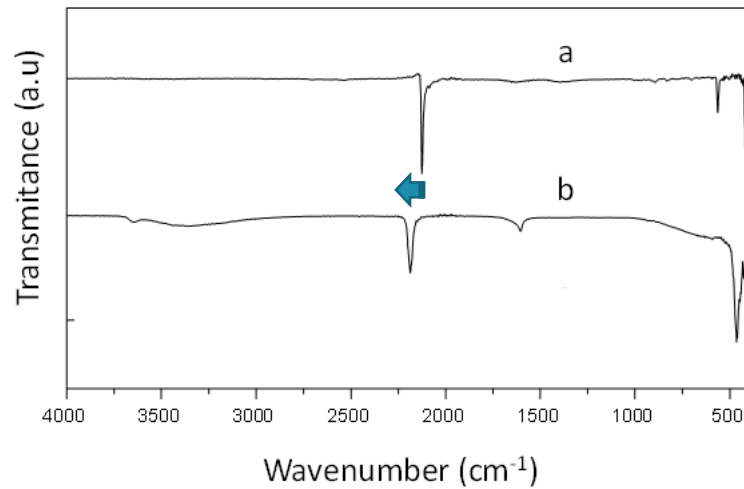
# Cu-Co Double Metal Cyanide



Crystalline solid with cubic lattice structure



Pyridine absorption.



a)  $K_3[Co(CN)_6]$ , b) Cu-Co DMC

Sample	$S_{BET}$ ( $m^2/g$ )	$S_{ext}$ ( $m^2/g$ )	$V_{micro}$ ( $cm^3/g$ )	LAS ( $mmol/g$ )	APD
Cu-Co DMC	659	116	0.217	0.044	6.4 Å

Textural properties

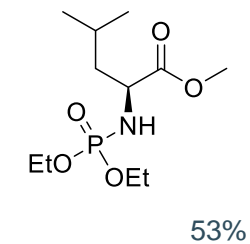
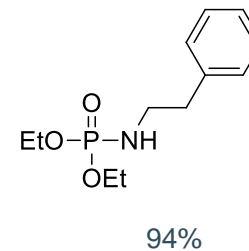
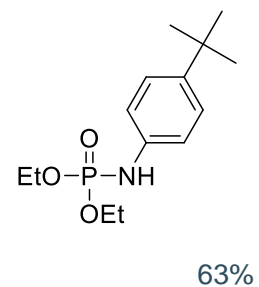
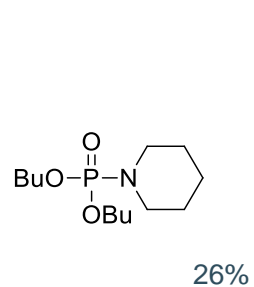
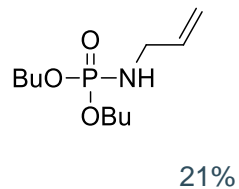
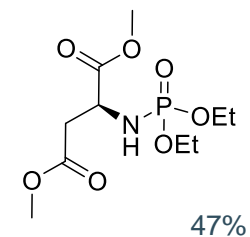
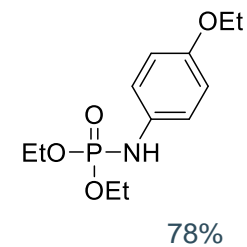
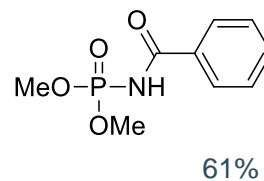
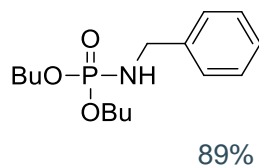
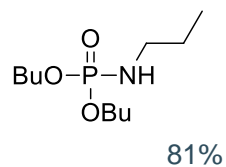
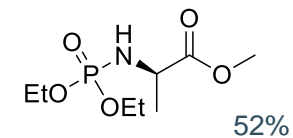
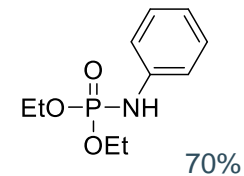
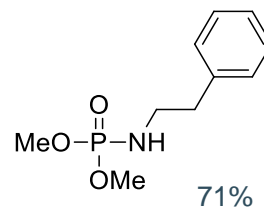
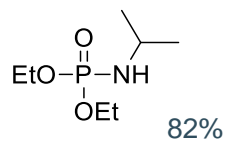
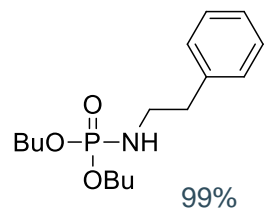
# Reactivity



## Observations:

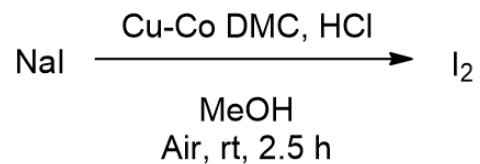
- Iodine is necessary for the reaction to occur (**6% yield**)
- Without catalyst, stoichiometric yield is obtain with respect of I<sub>2</sub> added (**15% yield**)
- Increasing O<sub>2</sub> (balloon) p/p° accelerates the reaction (**3h on air**)
- Disappearance and reappearance of coloration in the reaction (Suggests consumption and formation of I<sub>2</sub>)

# Scope



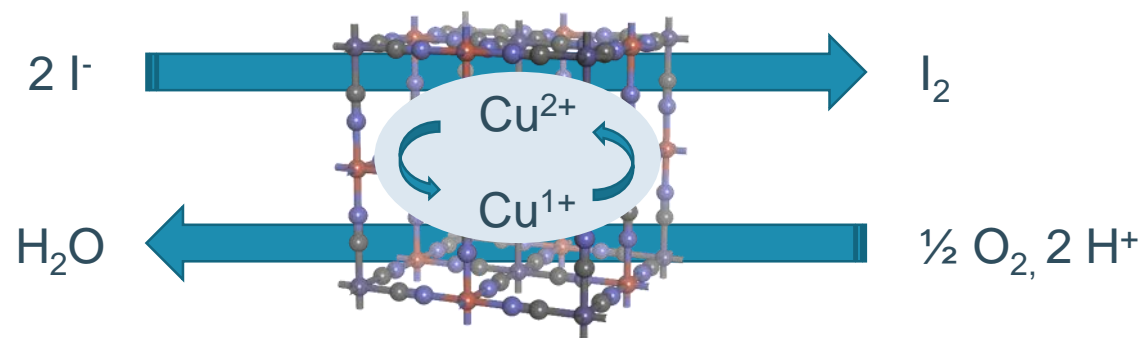
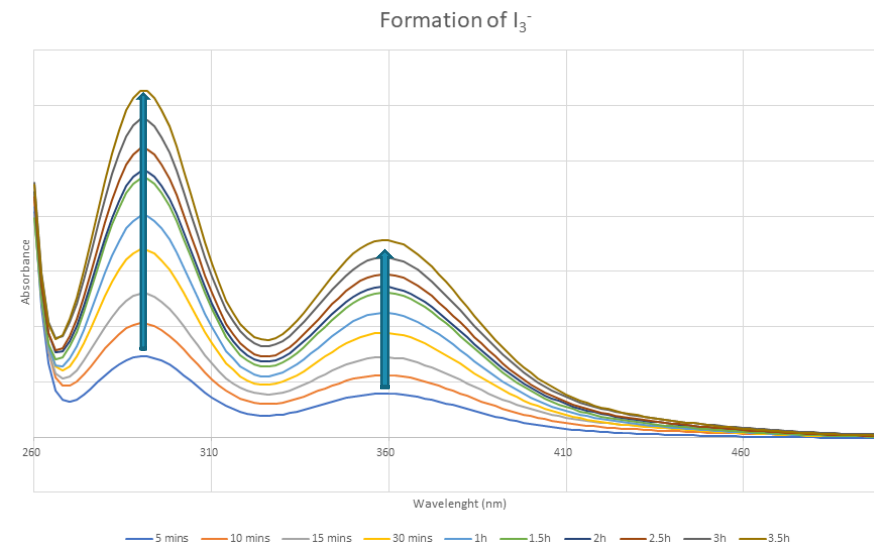


# Oxidation of NaI by Cu-Co DMC

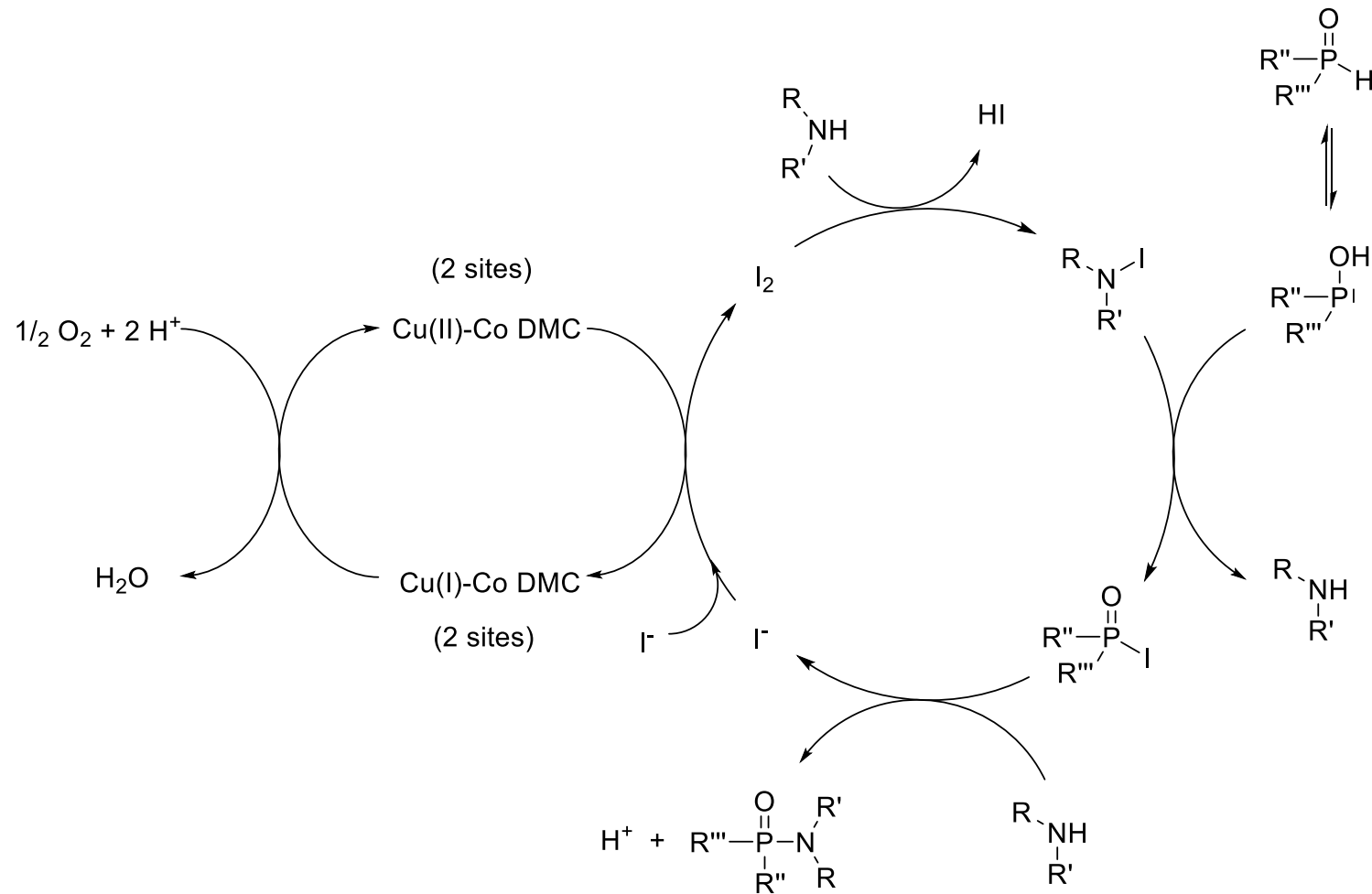


Entry	Cu-Co DMC (mg)	H <sup>+</sup> (mM)	Yield <sup>b</sup>
1	40	0	5%
2	40	75	20%
3	0	75	8%

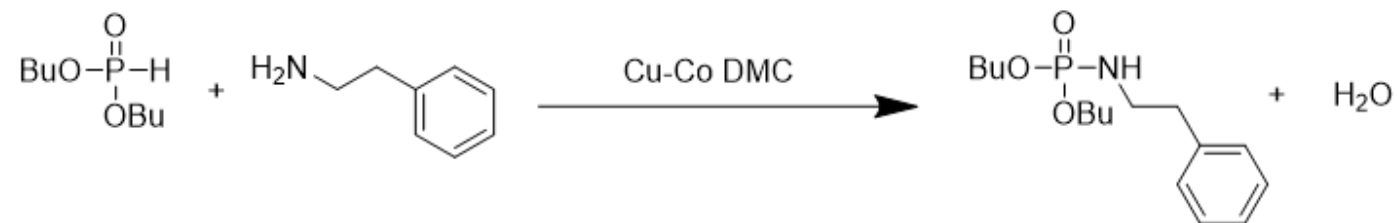
<sup>a</sup>All reactions were performed using a scale of 2 mmol of NaI, catalyst, 37% HCl and methanol as solvent (4 ml) at room temperature, exposed to air, during 2.5 h. <sup>b</sup>Yields were determined by measuring I<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> via UV-Vis measurements (λ = 360 nm) (Fig S1 and S3 SI).



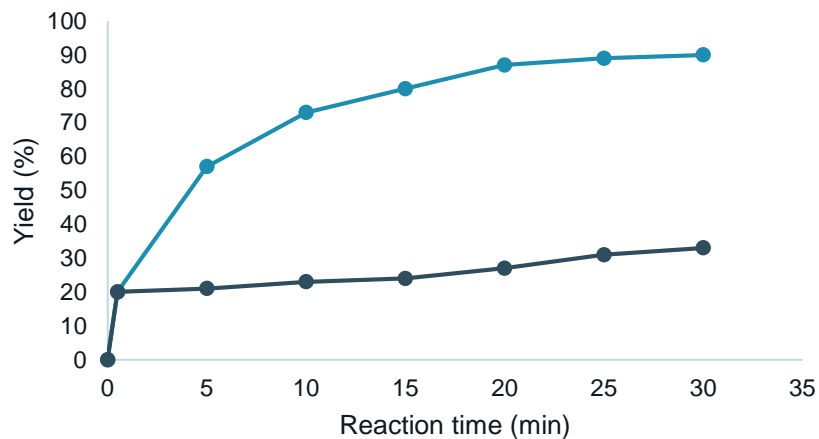
# Proposed mechanism



# Stability

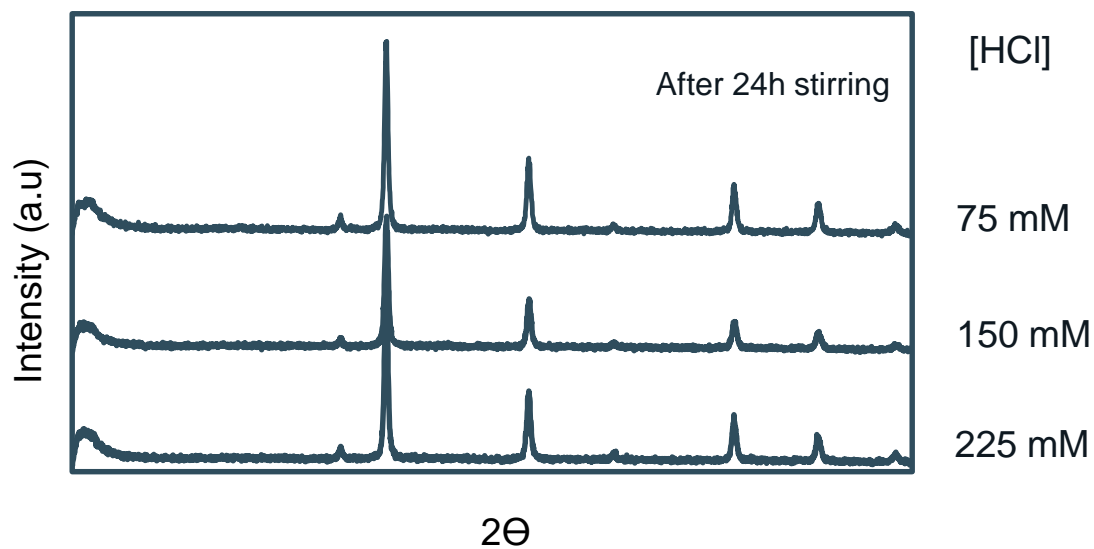


Hot Filtration test

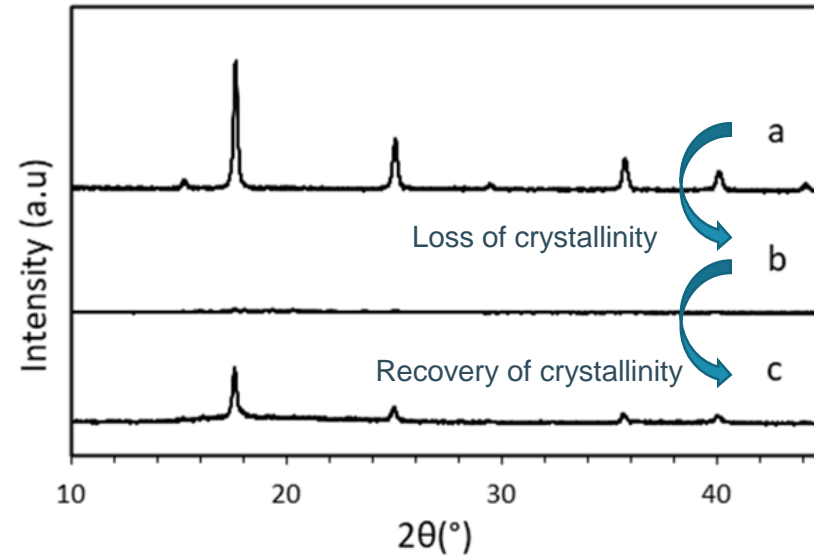
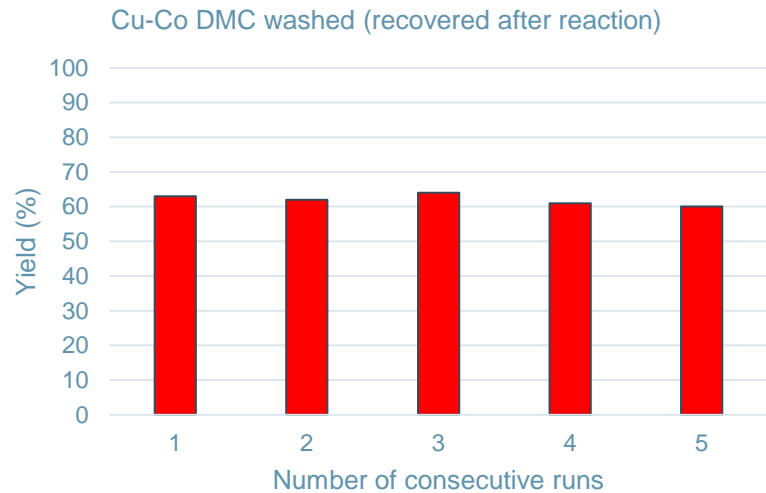
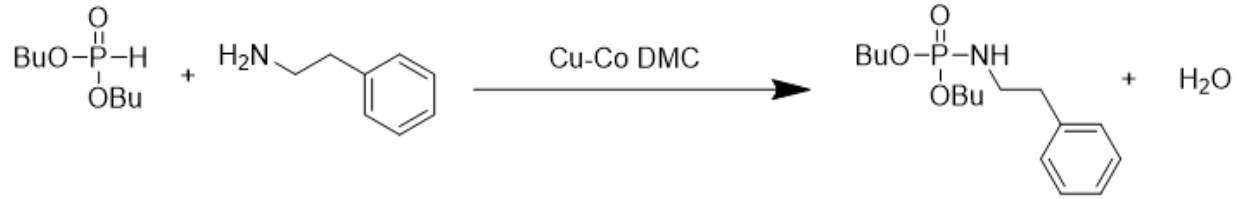


Sample	Cu mol%
Cu-Co DMC	1.6%

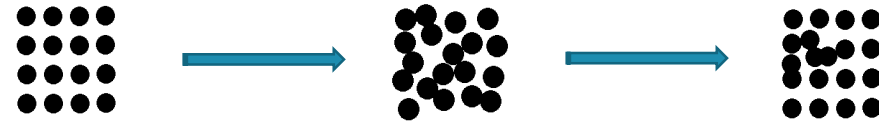
Cu leached after reaction



# Recyclability



a) Pristine, b) Spent, c) Washed (recovered)



# Local structure of the metal centers

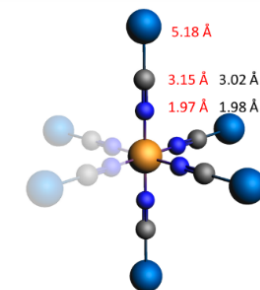
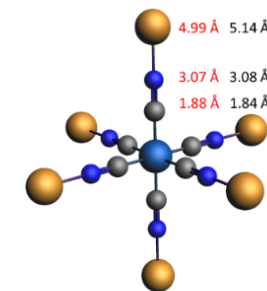
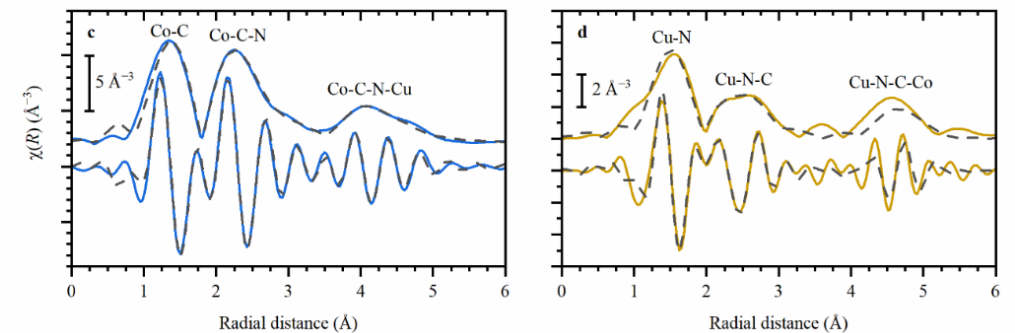
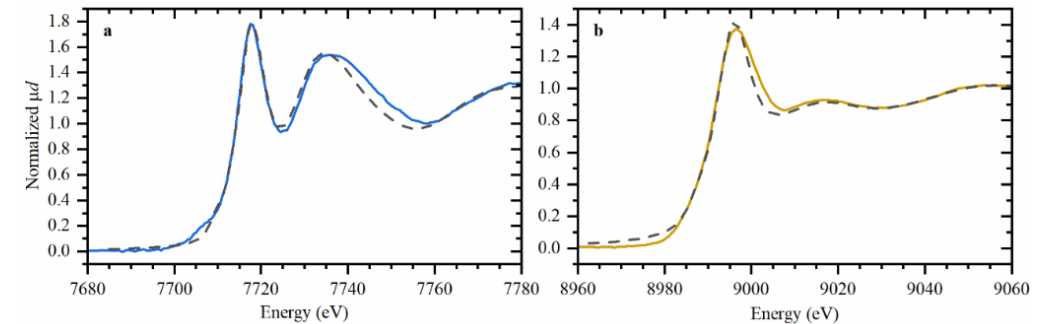


XAS spectroscopy → Allows us to know what atoms are near the metallic centers (Cu and Co) and their disposition in space

For the **pristine** Cu-Co DMC catalyst:

- Linear Co-N-C-Cu disposition
- Co octahedral geometry
- No free vacancies around Co atoms
- Cu octahedral geometry
- But in this case, vacancies existed around Cu atoms!

This vacancies correspond to the Lewis acid sites seen in IR.



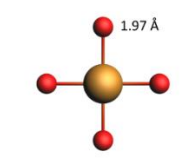
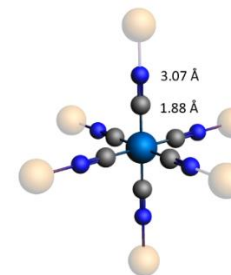
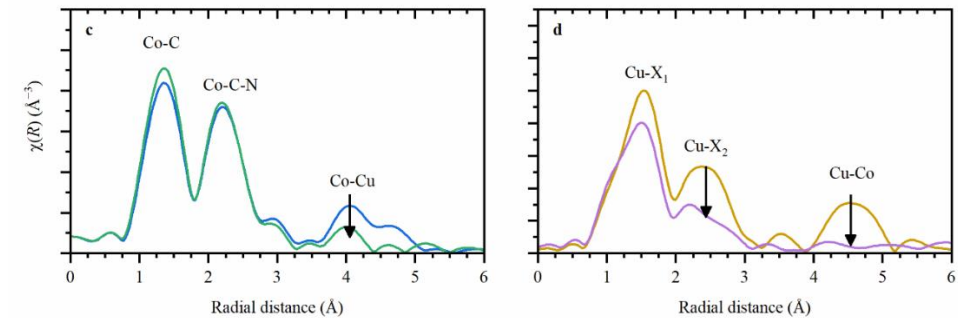
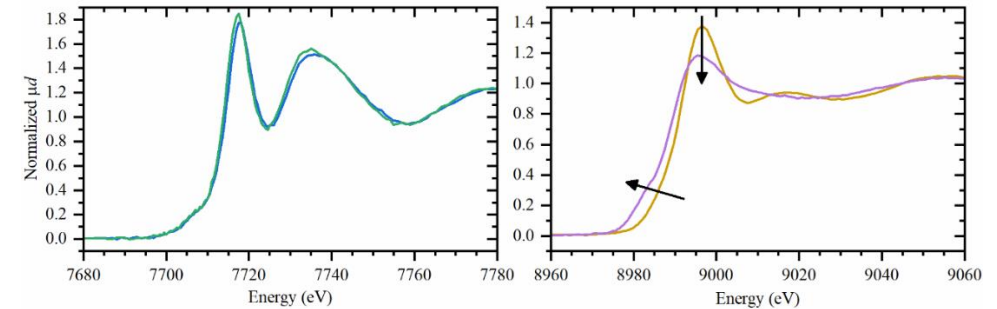
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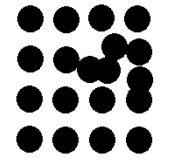
For the **spent** (just after reaction) Cu-Co DMC catalyst:

- Co atoms electronic and spatial structure was not changed
- However, Co-Cu long distance coordination was partially lost
  
- Cu appeared to exchange ligands
- Identifying this exact ligands is hard, possibly O and N atoms
- Cu adopts a newly square planar geometry



# Catalyst characterization: Cu-Co DMC

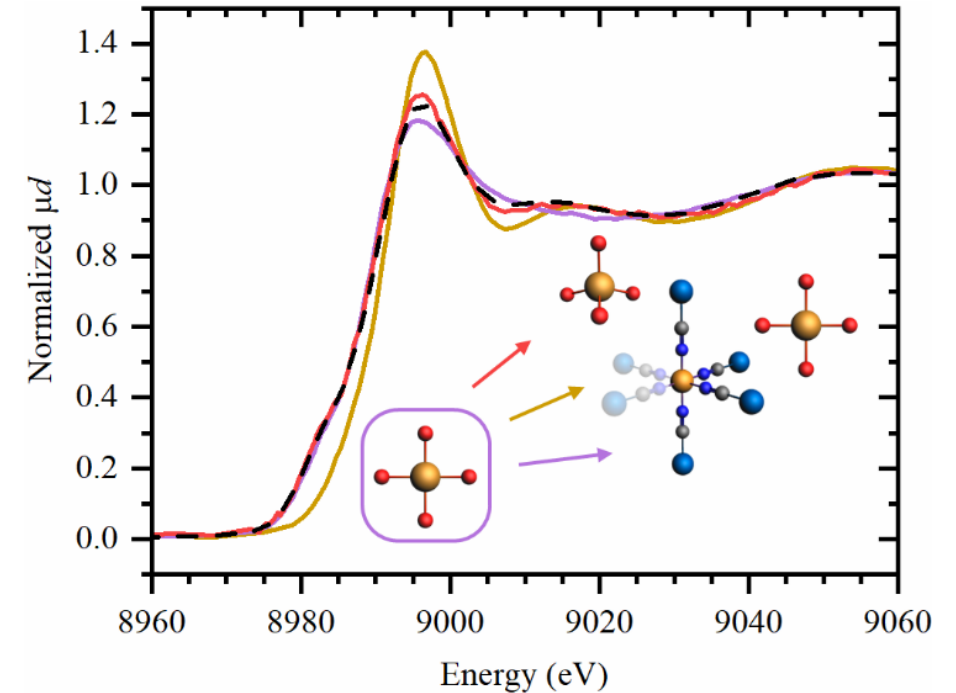
Partial recovery  
of crystallinity



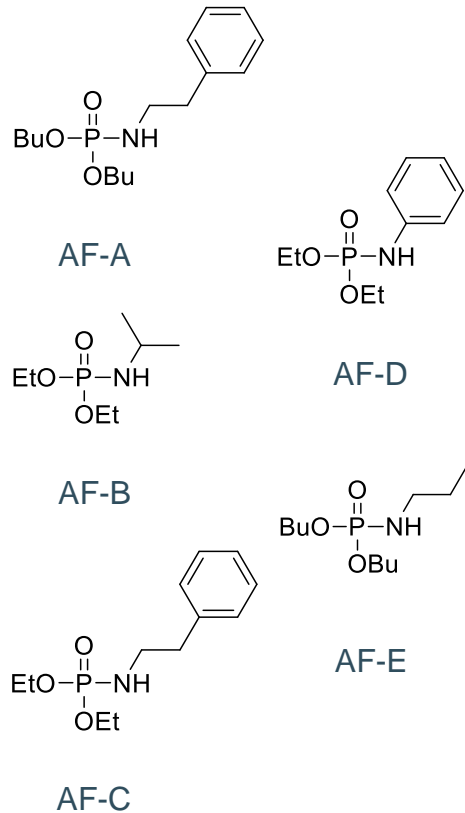
XAS spectroscopy → Allows us to know what atoms are near the metallic centers (Cu and Co) and their disposition in space

For the **recovered** Cu-Co DMC catalyst:

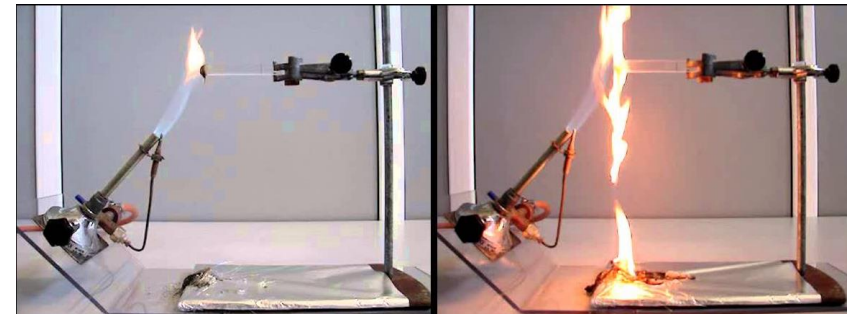
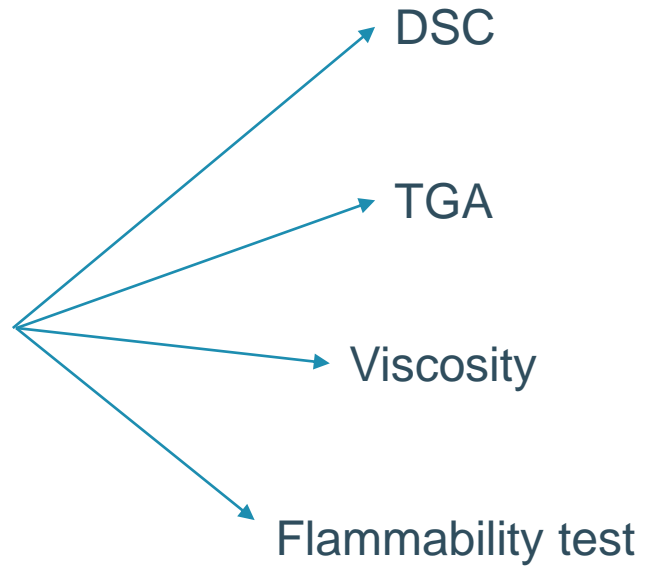
- Co atoms remain unchanged, but this time Co-Cu coordination was recovered
- Part of Cu atoms returned to their octahedral geometry
- Part of the Cu atoms stayed in the square planar geometry
- Part of the Cu atoms adopted a new tetrahedral geometry!



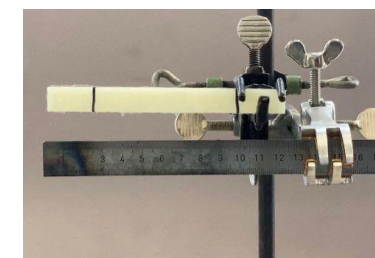
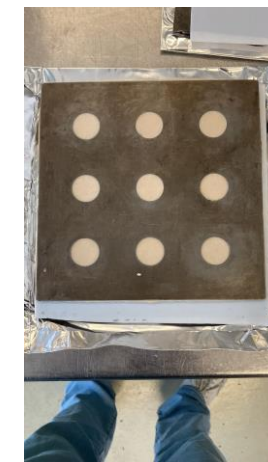
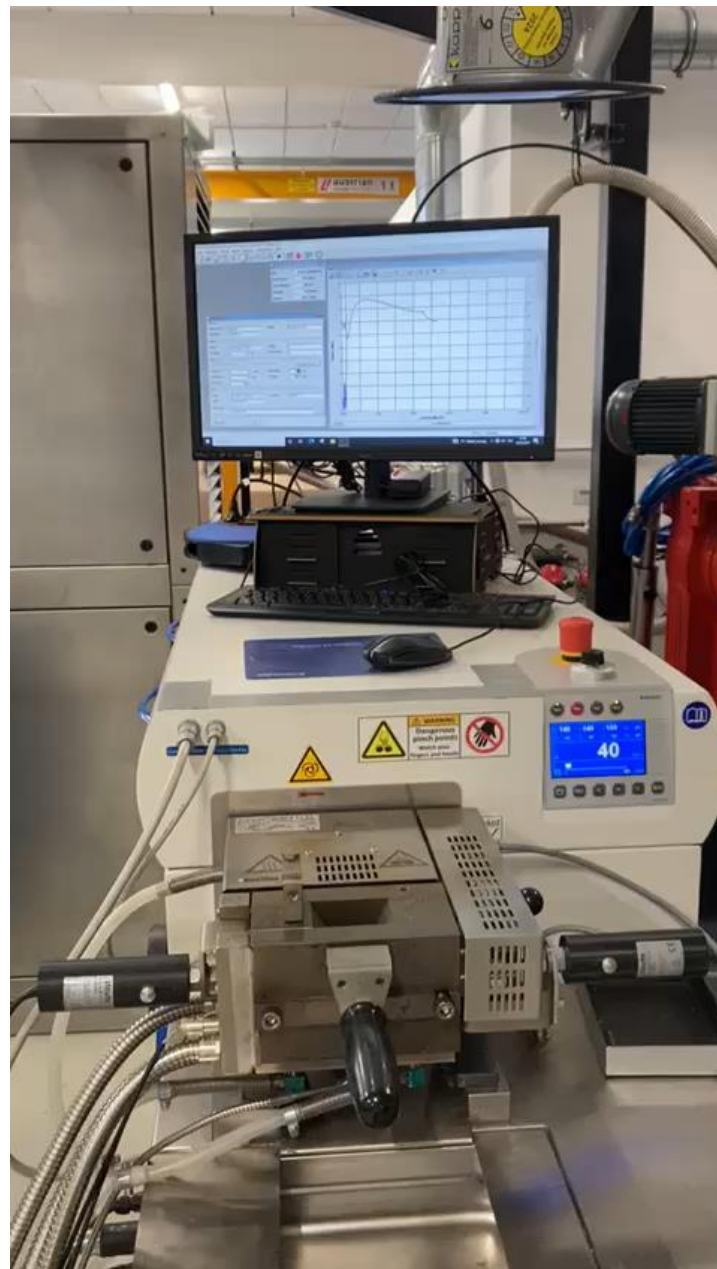
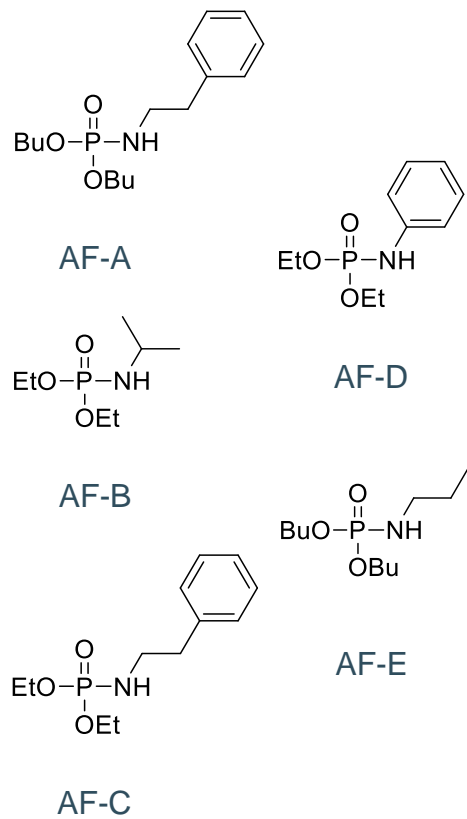
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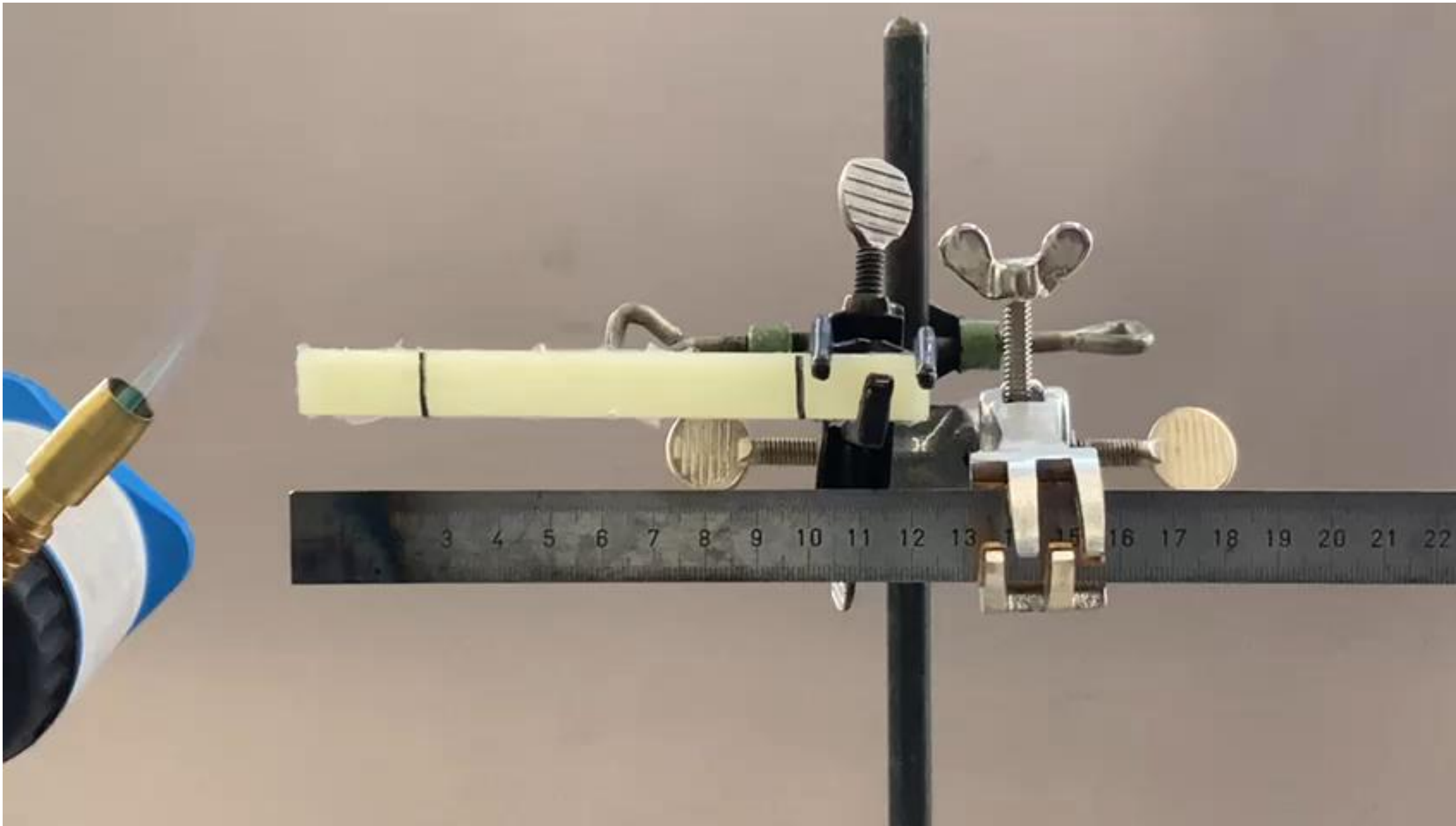


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