

REQUIMTE - CQFB

## Heterogeneous Catalysis

Chemical Reaction Engineering and Catalysis



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## Objectives

The main objective of this work is to prepare and fully characterized new heterogeneous catalysts and study them in selected organic reactions, within the scope of green chemistry concepts. We aim at increased selectivity, lower waste and higher energetic efficiency.

In particular, Activated carbon materials are themselves very environmental friendly, which make them specially appropriated for this application.

## Methodology

**Syntheses of porous solids**



- Activated Carbon from Biomass waste
- Activated Carbon from Sol-Gel syntheses
- Meso structure silicates – MCM41, SBA 15

**Surface and textural modification** – Surface oxidation, Covalent bonding, ...

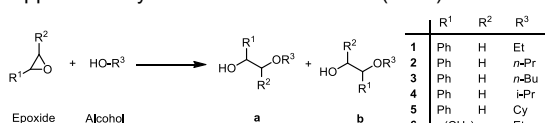


## Expected Results

Some recent results:

Reaction of epoxides with alcohols in the presence of Activated Carbon.

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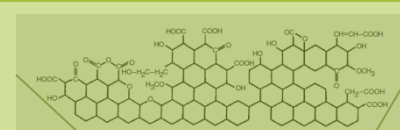


Acetoxylation of α-pinene with acetic acid in the presence of SBA-15.  
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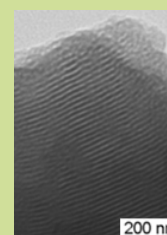
{ Optimized reaction conditions; - Reusable catalysts; - Catalytic versatility }

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Activated carbon



MCM 41

