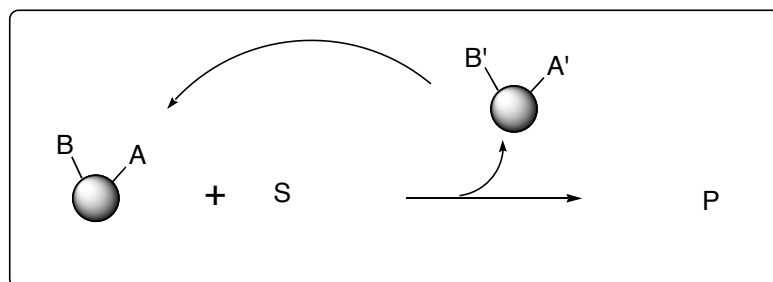
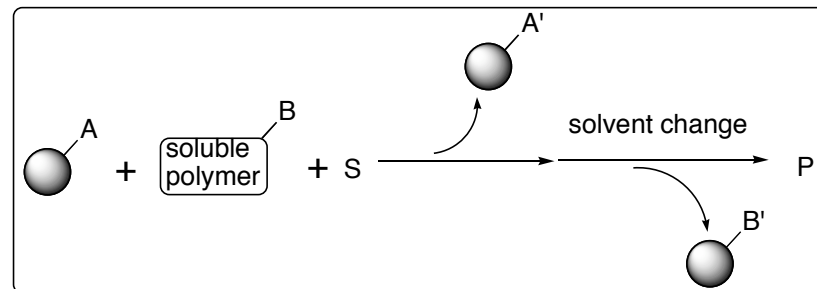
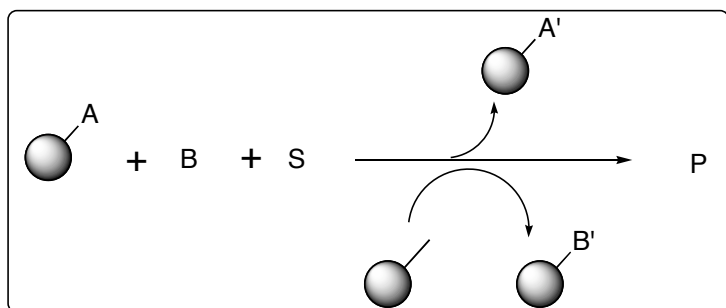
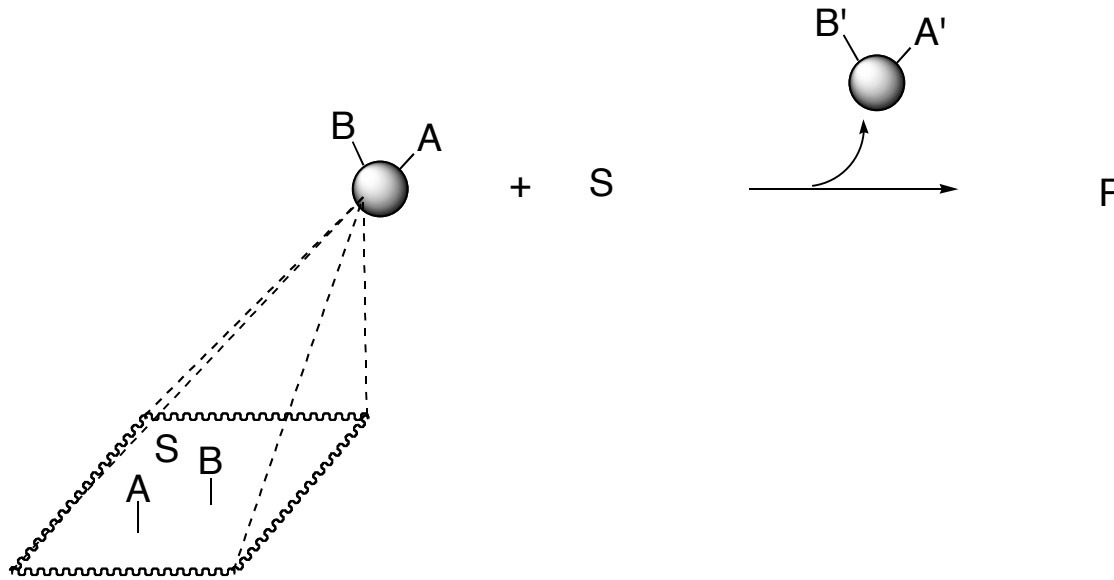


# Cooperative Catalysis by General Acid and Base Bifunctionalized Mesoporous Silica Nanospheres

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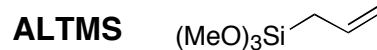
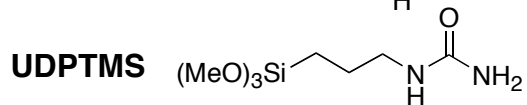
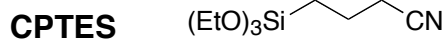
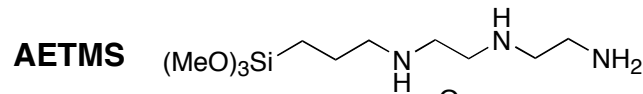
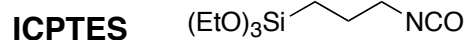
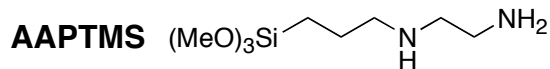
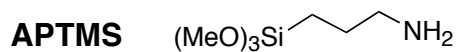
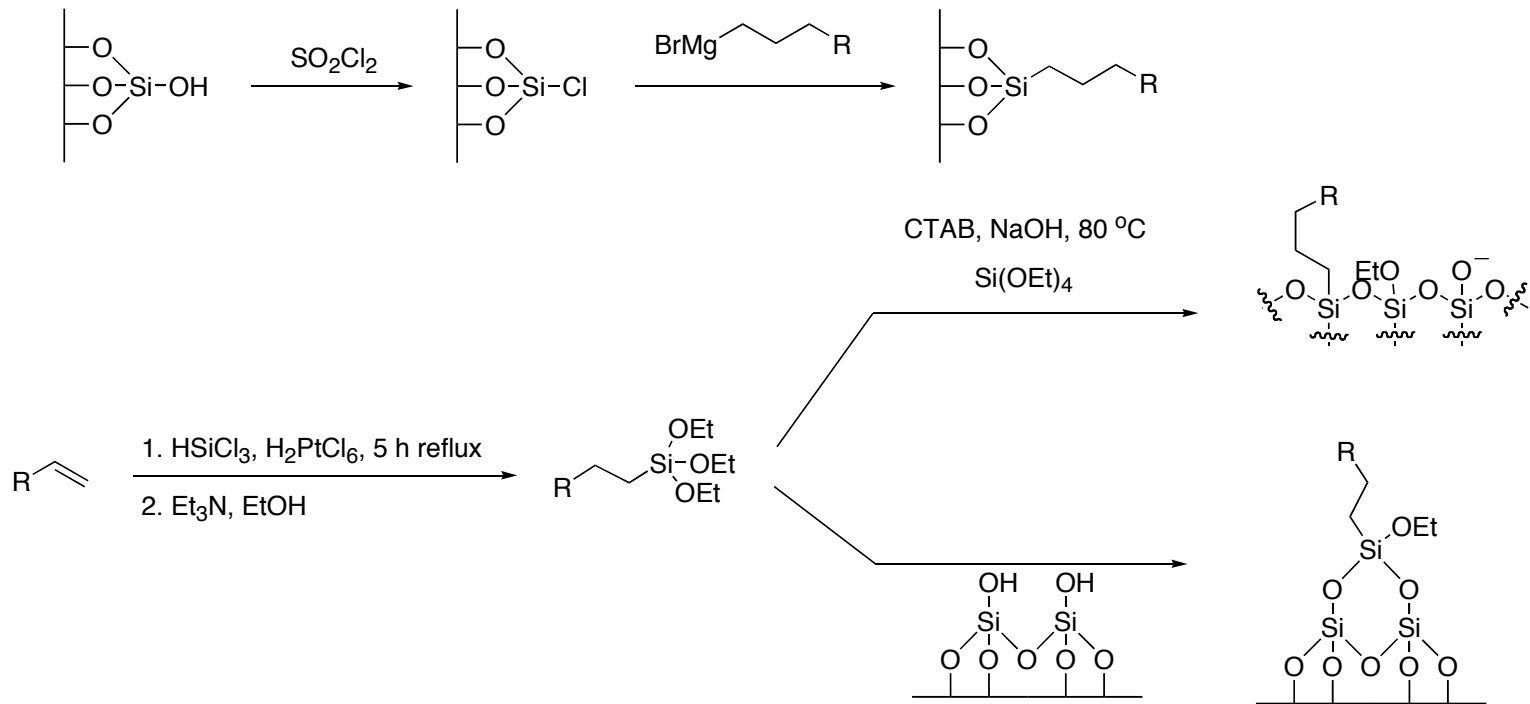
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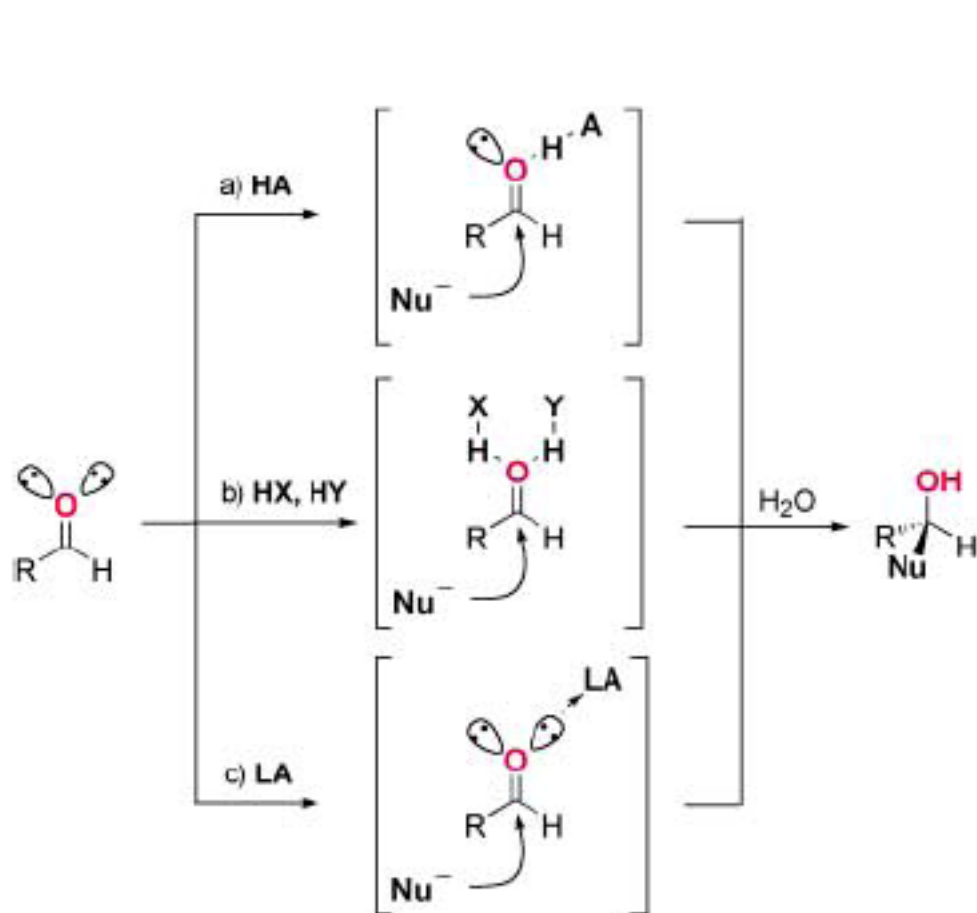
- with control of the relative concentration and proper spatial arrangements between these functional groups.
- Mesoporous materials are porous materials with regularly arranged, uniform mesopores (2 nm to 50 nm in diameter).
- Large specific surface areas because of their numerous pores.
- Mesoporous silica nanosphere materials.

# Grafting organosilanes onto a silanol-containing surface

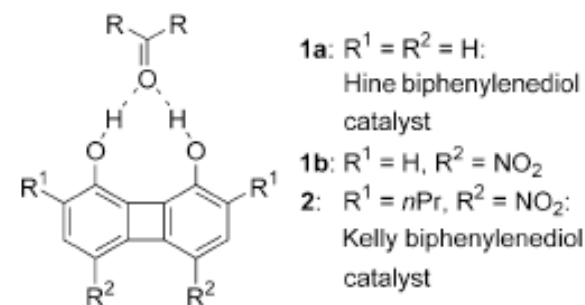


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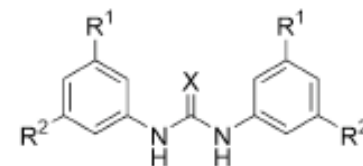
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**Scheme 2.** Three modes of carbonyl activation by coordination: a) single hydrogen bond (e.g. preassociation or hydrogen bonding by a general acid HA), b) double hydrogen bonding, c) Lewis acid (LA) activation.

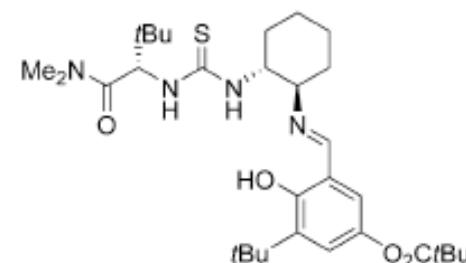


**1b:**  $R^1 = H, R^2 = NO_2$   
**2:**  $R^1 = nPr, R^2 = NO_2$ :  
Kelly biphenylenediol catalyst



**3a:**  $R^1 = NO_2, R^2 = H$ :  
Etter urea catalyst

**3b:**  $R^1 = R^2 = CF_3$ :  
Schreiner thiourea catalyst

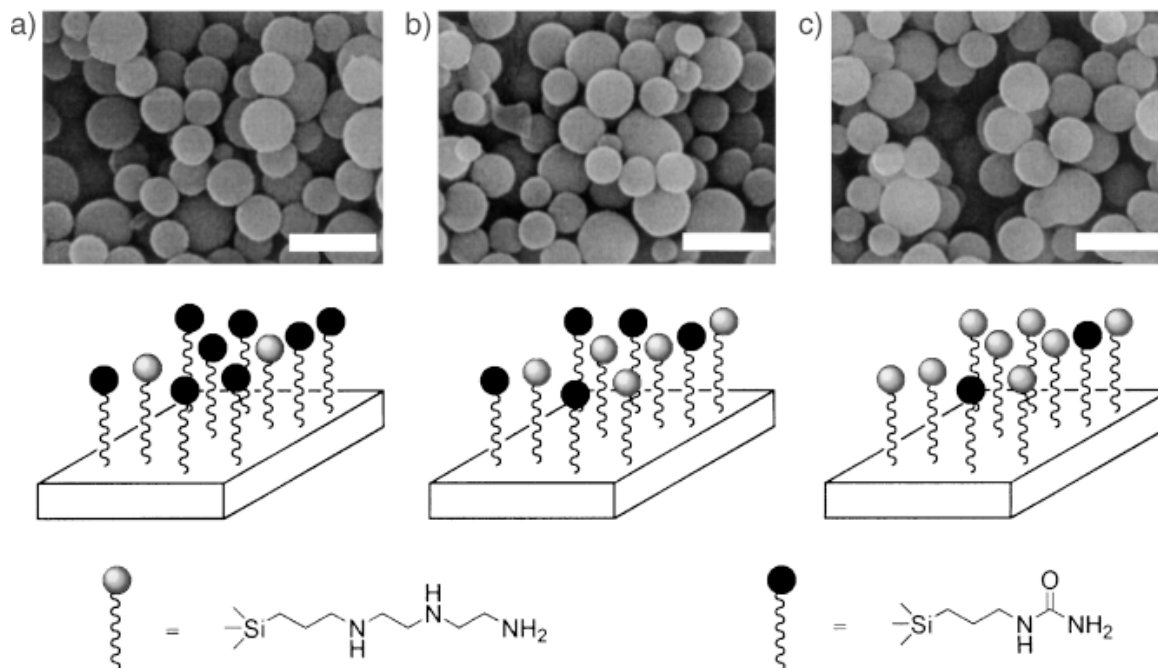


**4:** Jacobsen thiourea catalyst

**Scheme 1.** Carbonyl activation by organic catalysts capable of double-hydrogen-bonding activation.

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## Schematic drawings of bifunctional MSNs



a) 2/8 AEP/UDP-MSN, b) 5/5 AEP/UDP-MSN, and c) 8/2 AEP/UDP-MSN.  
Scale bar: 2.0  $\mu\text{m}$ .

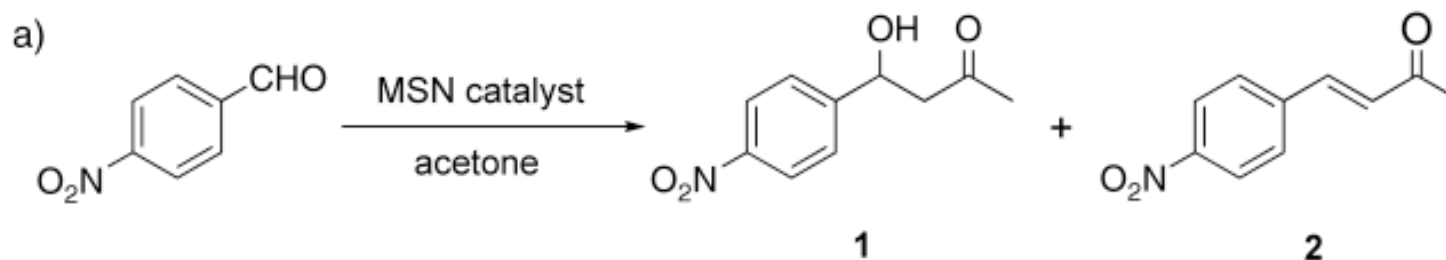
Solid state  $^{13}\text{C}$  CP MAS and  $^{29}\text{Si}$  MAS NMR.

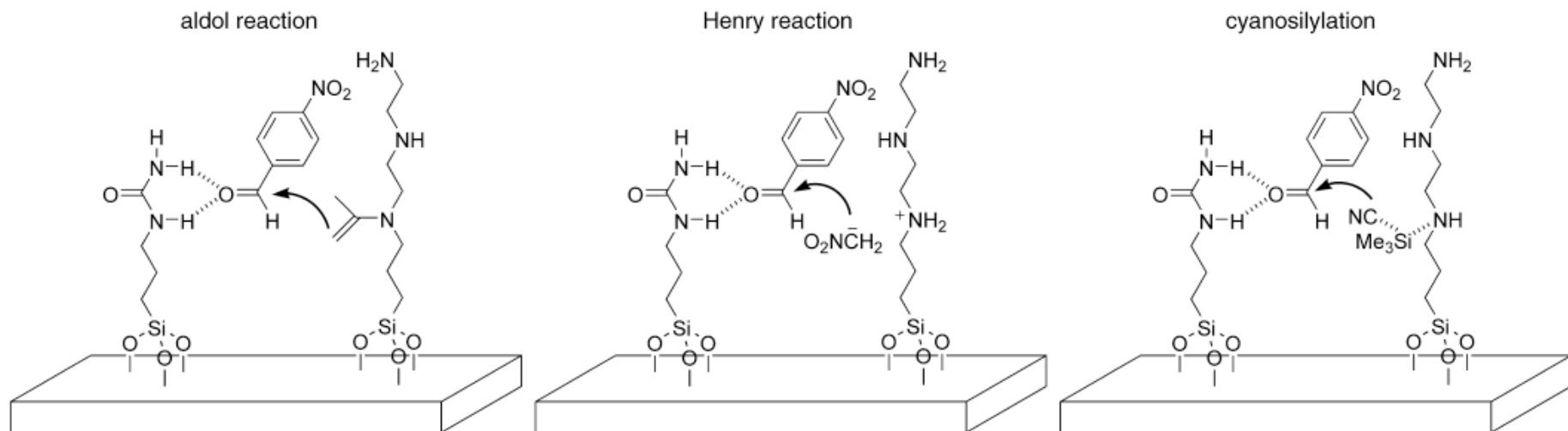
By field-emission scanning electron microscopy, transmission electron microscopy, thermogravimetric analysis, and nitrogen adsorption and adsorption studies.

Total surface concentration of organic groups: a) 1.3, b) 1.0, c) 1.5  $\text{mmol/g}$ .

Concentration ratio of AEP/UDP: a) 2.5/7.5, b) 5.4/4.6, c) 6.7/3.3.

## Model reactions: a) aldol, b) Henry, c) cyanosilylation

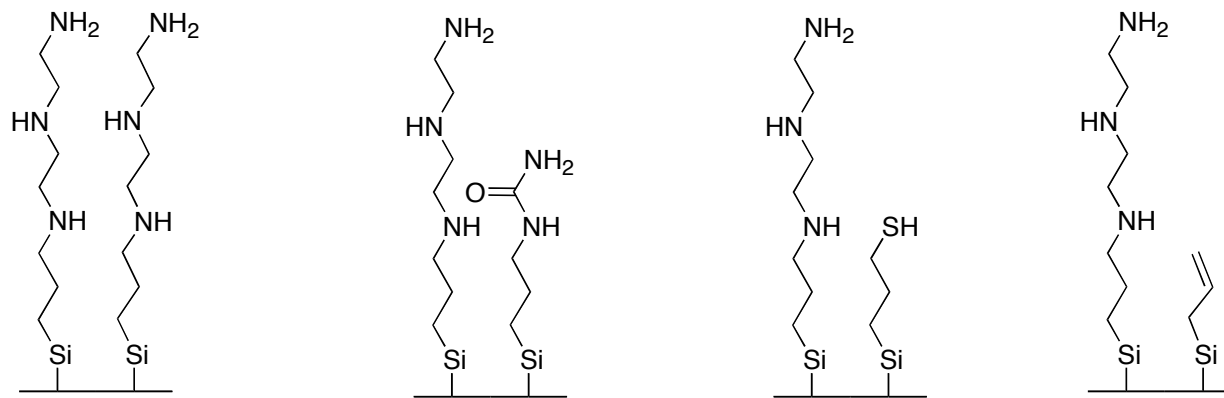




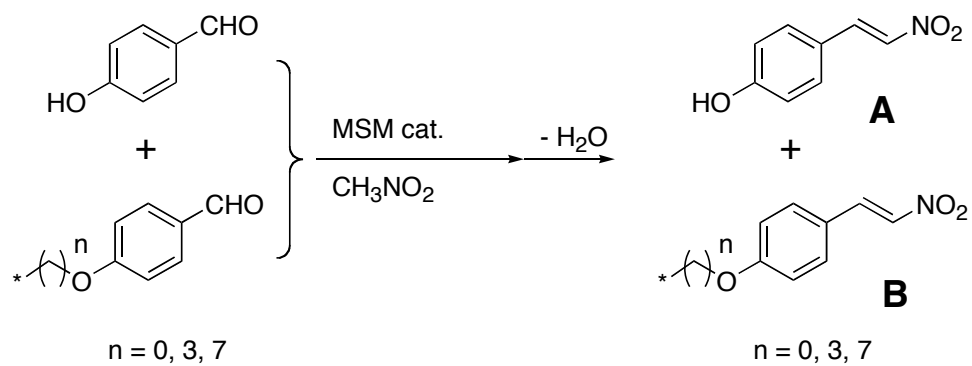
**Table 1:** TONs for the MSN-catalyzed reactions.<sup>[a]</sup>

Reaction	MSN catalyst	T [°C]	Product	TON
aldol	2/8 AEP/UDP	50	1, 2	22.6
	5/5 AEP/UDP	50	1, 2	11.9
	8/2 AEP/UDP	50	1, 2	8.6
	AEP	50	1, 2	5.4
	physical mixture <sup>[b]</sup>	50	1, 2	6.4
	UDP	50	1, 2	0.0 <sup>[d]</sup>
	pure MSN <sup>[c]</sup>	50	1, 2	0.0 <sup>[d]</sup>
	2/8 AEP/CP	50	1, 2	12.4
	5/5 AEP/CP	50	1, 2	9.3
Henry	2/8 AEP/UDP	90	3	125.0
	5/5 AEP/UDP	90	3	91.1
	8/2 AEP/UDP	90	3	65.8
	AEP	90	3	55.9
	physical mixture <sup>[b]</sup>	90	3	79.2
	UDP	90	3	5.8
	pure MSN <sup>[c]</sup>	90	3	0.0 <sup>[d]</sup>
	2/8 AEP/CP	90	3	78.0
	5/5 AEP/CP	90	3	71.0
cyanosilylation	2/8 AEP/UDP	50	4	276.1
	5/5 AEP/UDP	50	4	170.5
	8/2 AEP/UDP	50	4	109.4
	AEP	50	4	111.4
	physical mixture <sup>[b]</sup>	50	4	126.9
	UDP	50	4	45.9
	pure MSN <sup>[c]</sup>	50	4	43.0 <sup>[d]</sup>





$n = 7$ (B/A)	0.92	1.10	2.21	2.58
Turnover for <b>A</b>	26.0	37.0	10.4	14.2
<b>B</b>	24.0	40.7	23.0	5.5



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- Bifunctionalized mesoporous silica nanosphere was demonstrated as cooperative catalytic system.
- Various reactions were tested.
- These catalysts can be recycled.
- By fine-tuning the relative concentration and proper spatial arrangement of different functional groups, the multifunctionalized MSMs can serve as new solid-supported reagents.

|—solvent-like molecule  
|—substrate

|—solvent-like molecule  
|—reagent

|—reagent A  
|—reagent B