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« Copper-catalysed transformations of acylsilanes»

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Acylsilanes are an intriguing class of organic compounds that display unique reactivity modes. For several years, innovative methodologies have been developed using their key features for the synthesis of valuable organic molecules. Yet, the copper chemistry of acylsilanes is underdeveloped in the literature. Furthermore, when this PhD work was initiated, no copper-catalysed reaction of acylsilane had been reported.

Our research groups being active in the fields of copper chemistry and silicon chemistry, it was decided to take a look in the copper chemistry of acylsilanes with the goal of discovering copper-catalysed transformations.

The first project was devoted to the development of a copper-catalysed domino reaction with acylsilanes as electrophilic partners. These investigations led us to work on various subprojects related to copper-catalysis, acylsilanes and silicon chemistry.

The second project led us to the discovery of an intriguing copper-catalysed 1,2-selective hydroborylation reaction of acylsilanes. The resulting α-hydroxysilanes are obtained with great typical yield, enantioselectivity and regioselectivity. These optically active products were further derivatised with excellent chiral transfer.

Finally, every section of this thesis is concluded with a summary of the developed reactions, their advantages and limitations. Additionally, suggestions of new related research topics are given.