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**Section I. Advanced oxidation processes for the removal of priority pollutants in wastewaters**

## **RUTHENIUM AND PLATINUM SUPPORTED ON CARBON NANOSPHERES FOR THE DEGRADATION OF NAPROXEN BY CWAO: KINETICS, MECHANISM AND APPLICATION IN REAL MATRICES**

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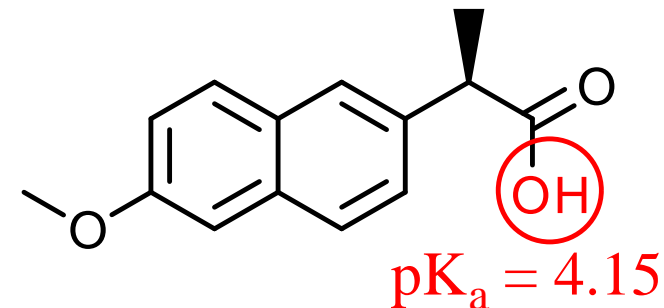
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## OBJECTIVE

### Degradation of NPR



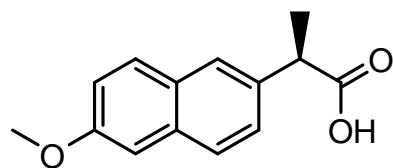
1. Group of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs)
2. Reduces levels of prostaglandins (chemicals responsible for pain, fever, and inflammation)
3. In 2016, 2<sup>nd</sup> NSAIDs after ibuprofen consumption in Spain (8.56 DHD/1000 inhabitants per day) according to the Spanish Ministry of Health
4. Pharmaceutical product detected in hospital effluents and surface waters because conventional WWTP does not degrade

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## WORK PLAN

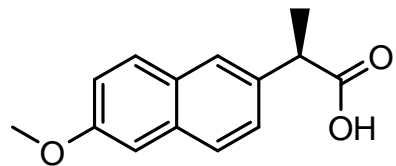
1. Catalyst synthesis (Ru supported on carbon nanospheres)
2. Catalyst characterization: SEM, TEM, TG, FT-IR, XRD
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4. Use of Pt at Ru optimal conditions
5. Reaction kinetic ( $E_a$ )
6. Reaction mechanism LC-MS
7. Application in real matrices

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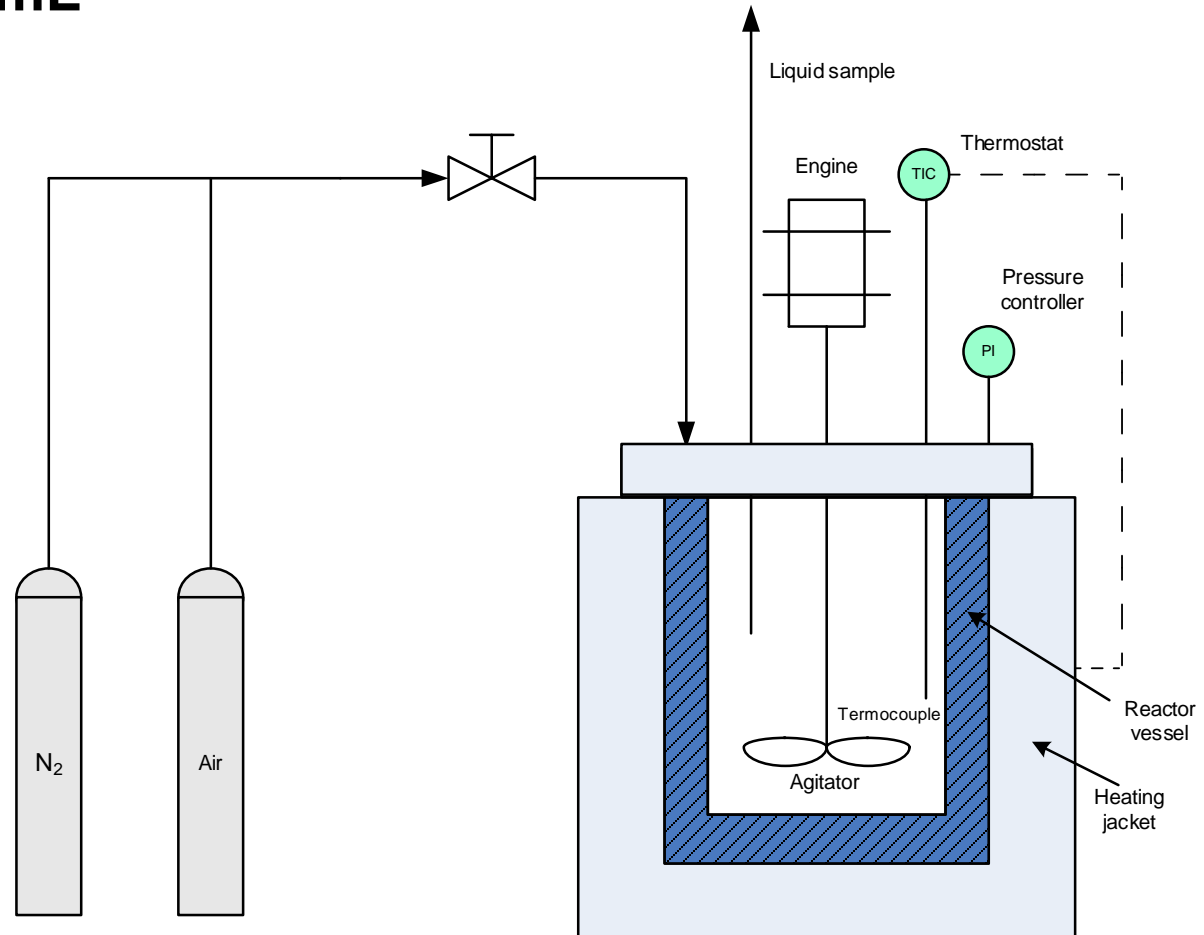
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## WAO/CWAO DISCONTINUOUS REACTOR

$V = 100 \text{ mL}$



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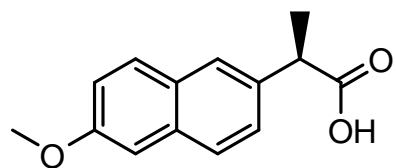
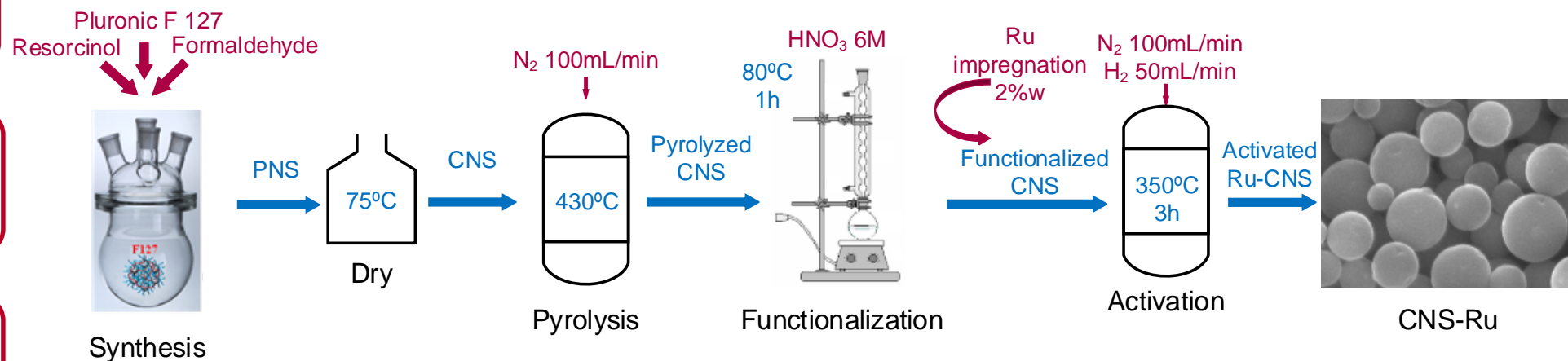
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## CATALYST SYNTHESIS

Modified method of Zhu et al., 2016

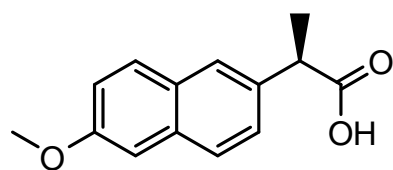


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## CWAO REACTION

1. Reaction time: 3h → optimization conditions (5 variables)
2. Loadings of Ru (1-10%) and catalyst reuse
3. Analysis by:
  - HPLC
  - ICP
  - Elemental analysis
  - TG
  - FT-IR

### Operating conditions:

- ✓ Volume = 100 mL
- ✓ Agitation speed = 700 r.p.m.

### Variables to optimize:

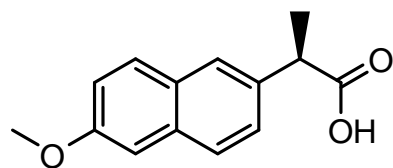
1. Temperature: 110 - 160 °C
2. Pressure: 20 - 50 bar
3.  $m_{\text{CNS-Ru}}$ : 50 - 150 mg
4.  $[\text{NPR}]_0$ : 5 - 30 mg / L
5. Initial pH: 4 - 9

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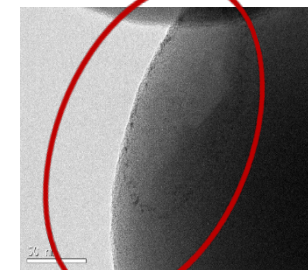
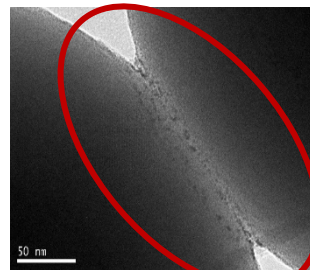
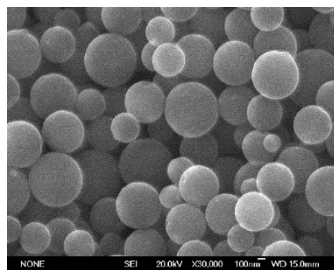
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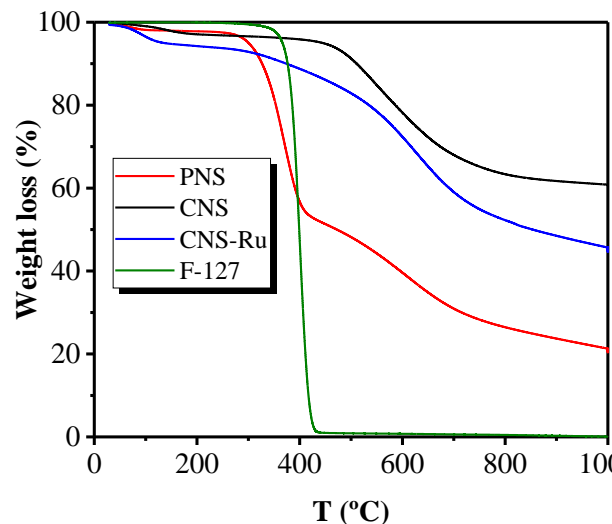


## CHARACTERIZATION OF THE CATALYST

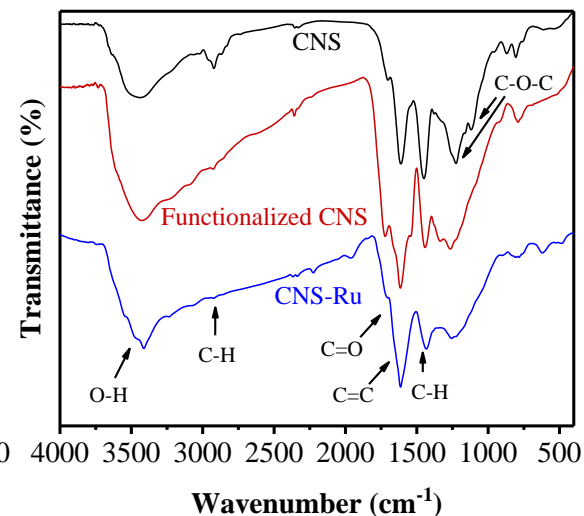
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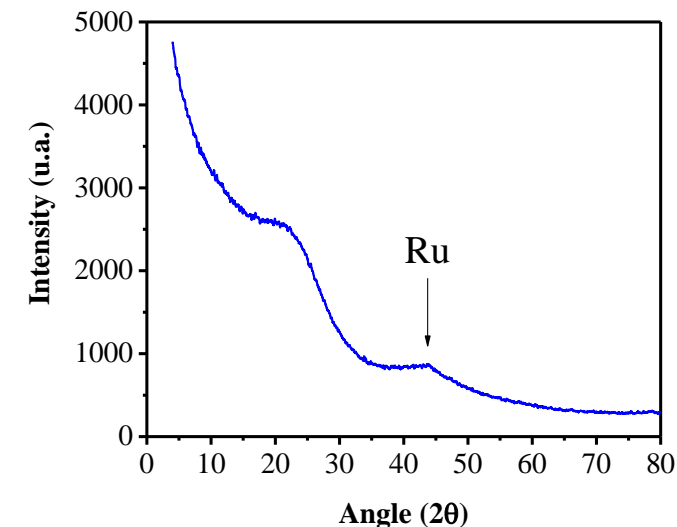
### 2.TG



### 3. FT-IR



### 4. XRD



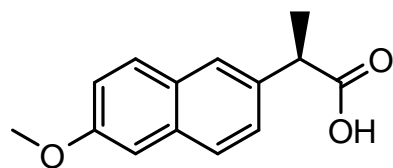


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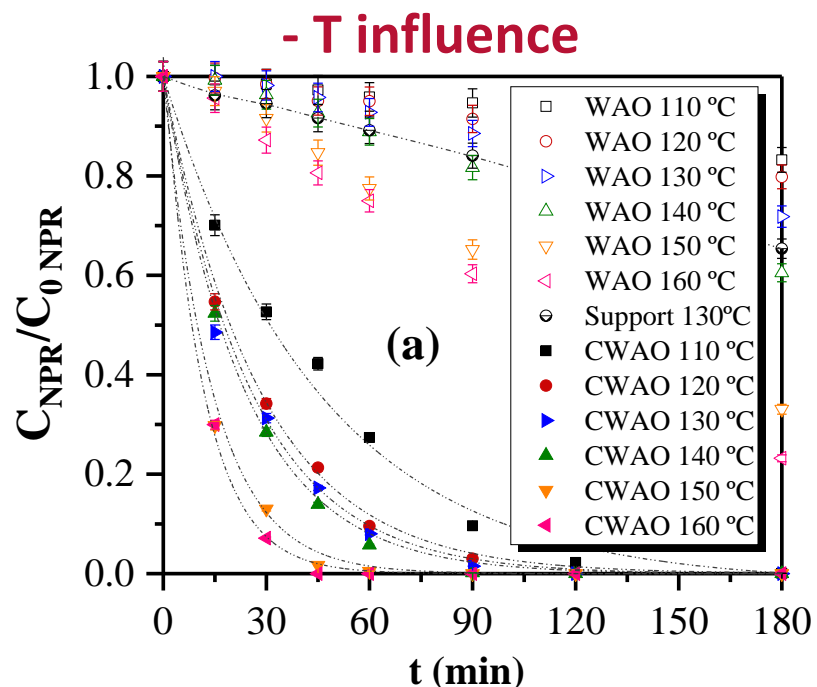
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## CWAO REACTION: OPTIMIZATION VARIABLES



Conditions:

P = 20 bar

$m_{\text{CNS-Ru}} = 100 \text{ mg}$

$[\text{NPR}]_0 = 20 \text{ mg/L}$

$\text{pH}_0 = \text{neutral}$

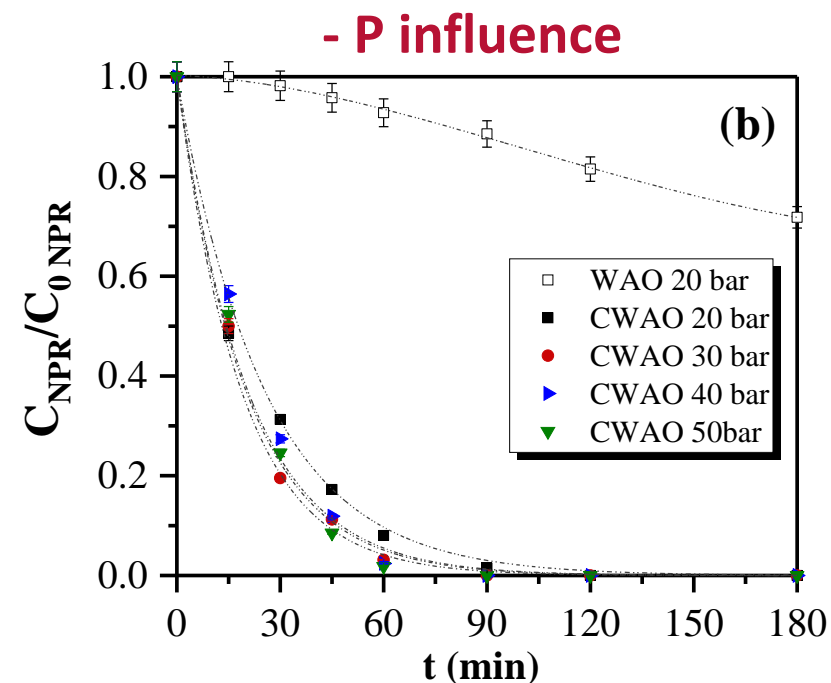
110 °C

160 °C

Toxicidad

4,0 UT (5min)

2,1 UT (5min)



Conditions:

T = 130 °C

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$[\text{NPR}]_0 = 20 \text{ mg/L}$

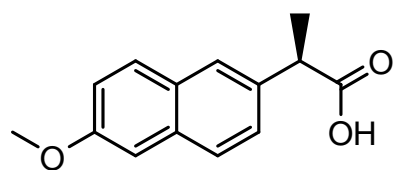
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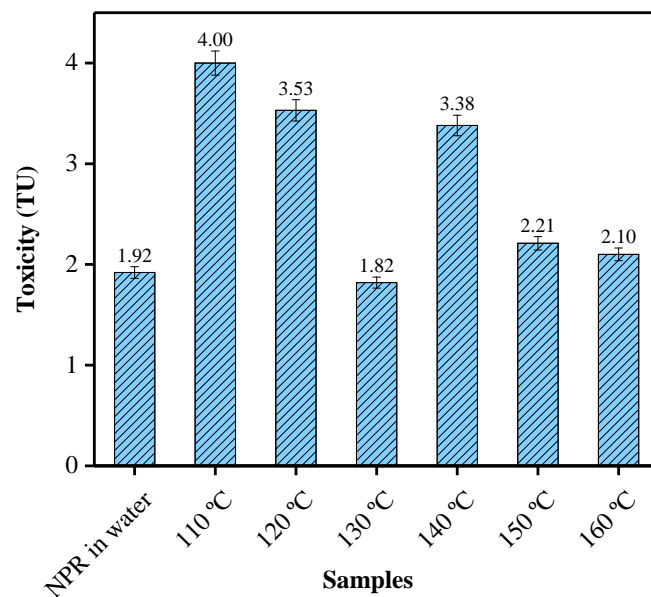
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## CWAO REACTION: OPTIMIZATION VARIABLES

- T influence



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110 °C

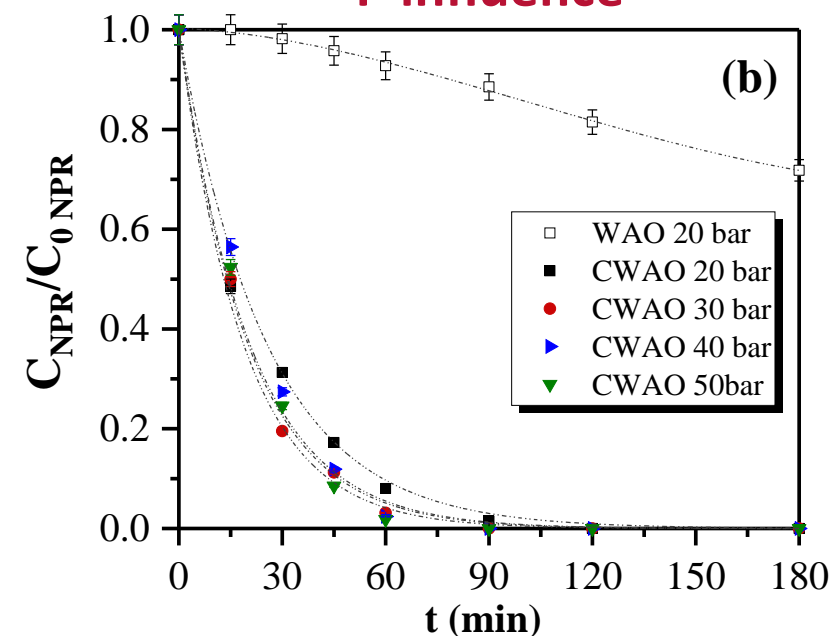
160 °C

Toxicidad

4,0 UT (5min)

2,1 UT (5min)

- P influence



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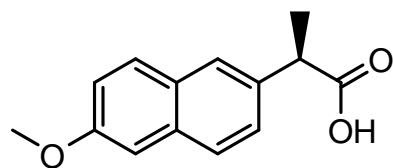
$\text{pH}_0 = \text{neutral}$

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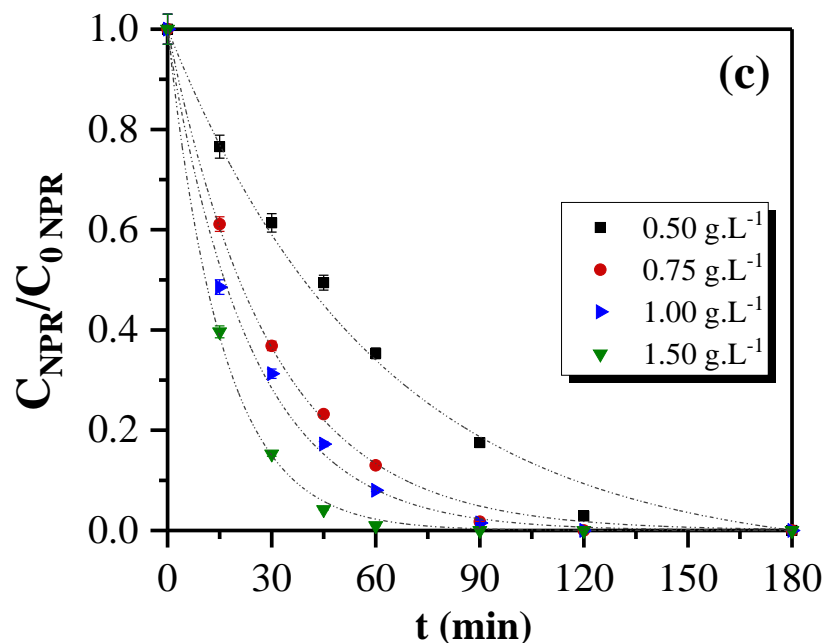
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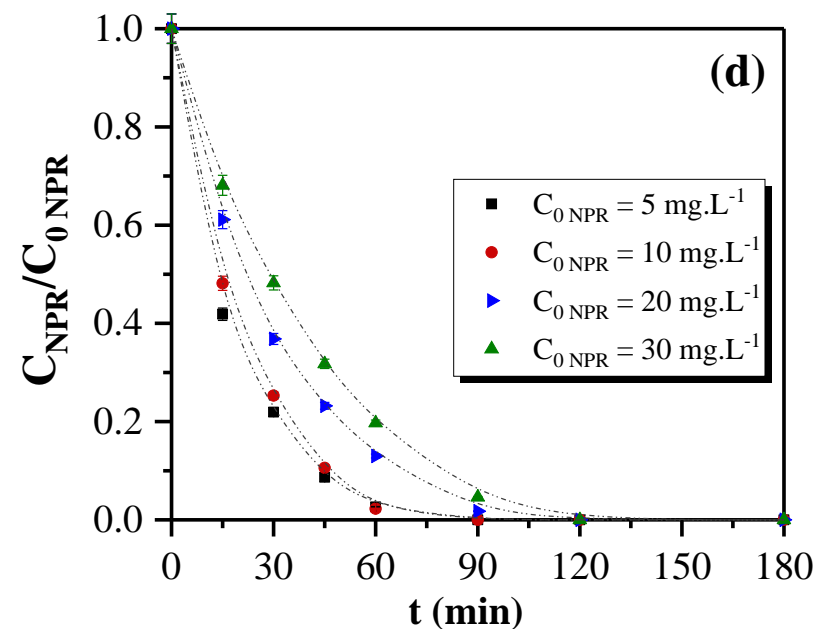
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-  $m_{\text{CNS-Ru}}$  influence



Conditions:  
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P = 20 bar  
[NPR]<sub>0</sub> = 20 mg/L  
pH<sub>0</sub> = neutral

- [NPR]<sub>0</sub> influence



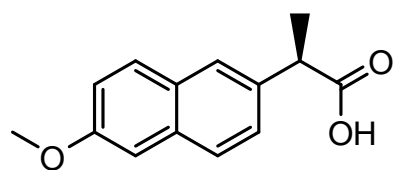
Conditions:  
T = 130 °C  
P = 20 bar  
 $m_{\text{CNS-Ru}} = 75$  mg  
pH<sub>0</sub> = neutral

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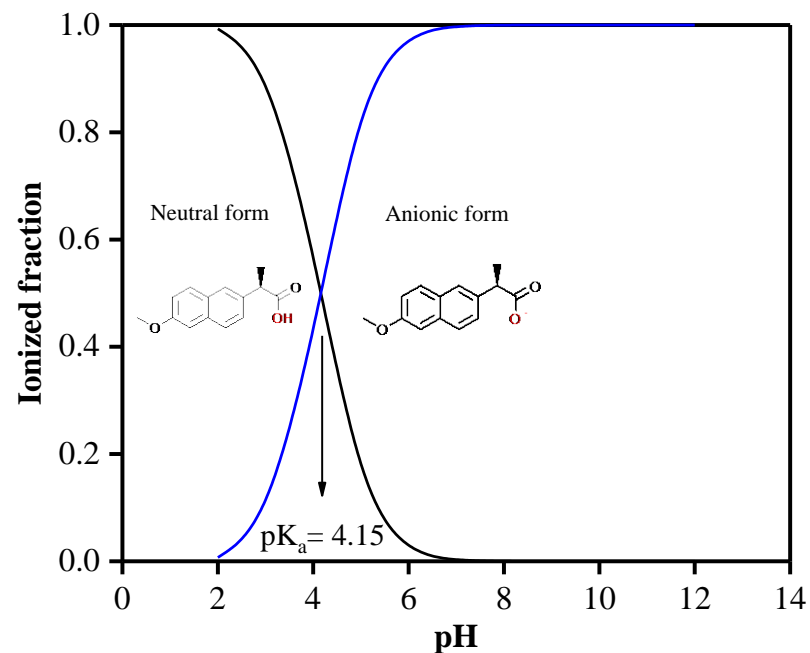
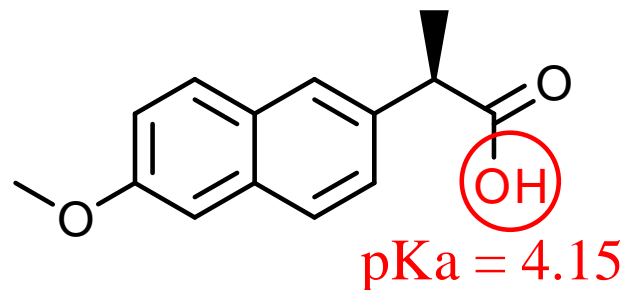
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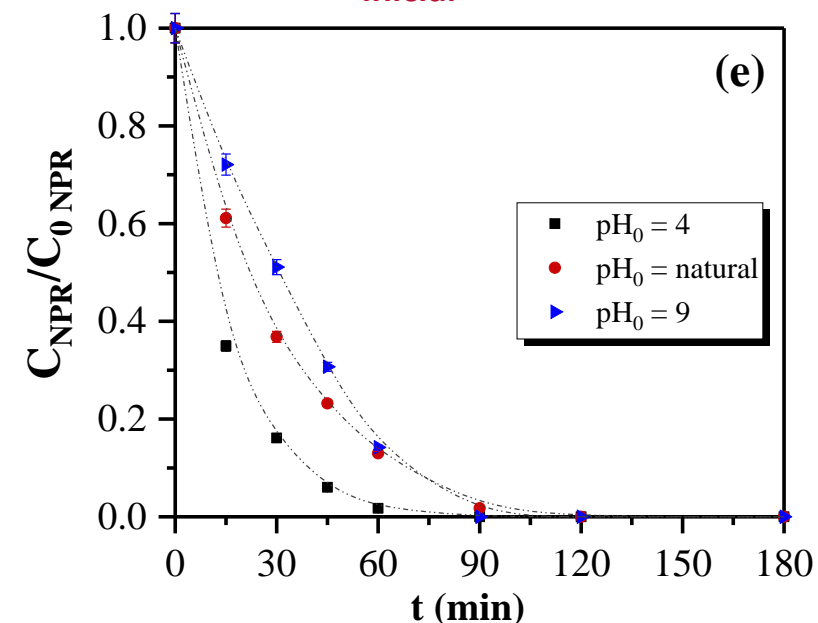
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## CWAO REACTION: OPTIMIZATION VARIABLES



- pH<sub>inicial</sub> influence



Conditions:

T = 130 °C

P = 20 bar

$m_{CNS-Ru} = 75\ mg$   
 $[NPR]_0 = 20\ mg/L$

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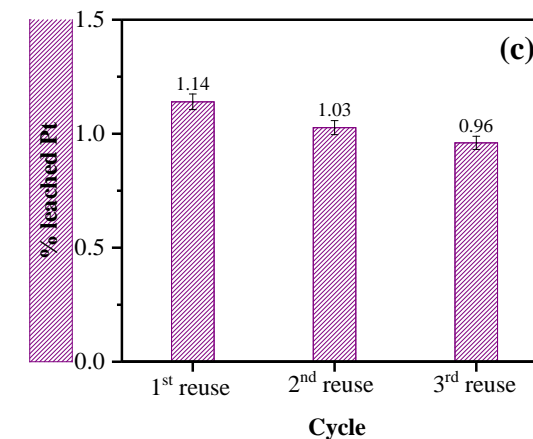
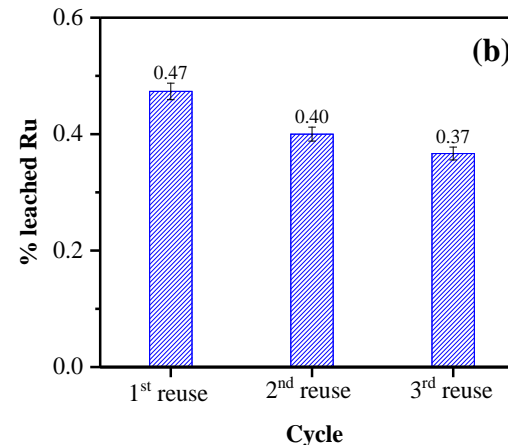
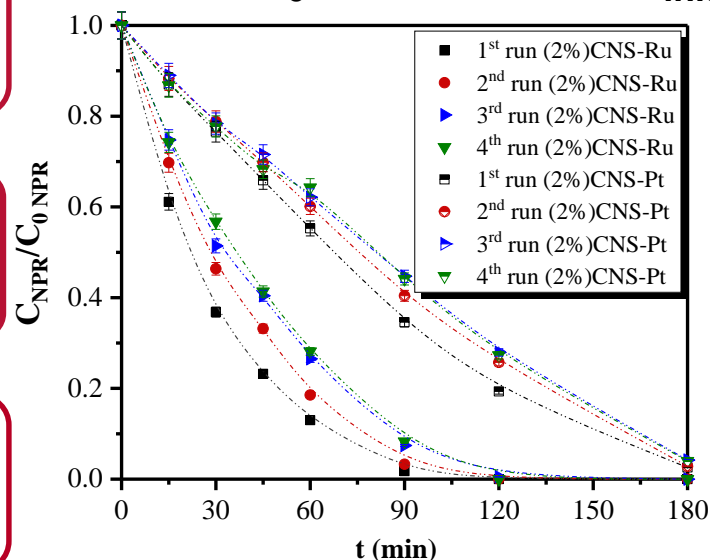
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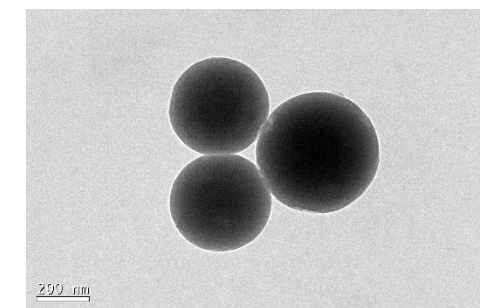
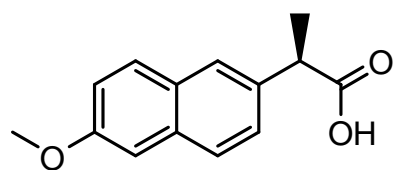
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## CWAO REACTION: CATALYST REUSE

Optimized conditions:  $T = 130\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $P = 20\text{ bar}$ ,  $m_{\text{CNS-Ru}} = 75\text{ mg}$ ,  
 $[\text{NPR}]_0 = 20\text{ mg/L}$ ,  $\text{pH}_{\text{initial}} = \text{neutral}$



- Carbon deposits are not formed (confirmed by elemental analysis)
- Morphology and structure of the catalyst is not altered after reuse
- Leaching of Ru and Pt in liquid final phase: less than 2% detected – ICP analysis

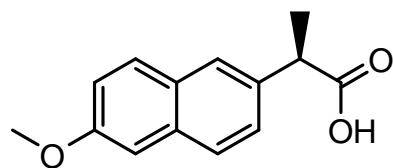


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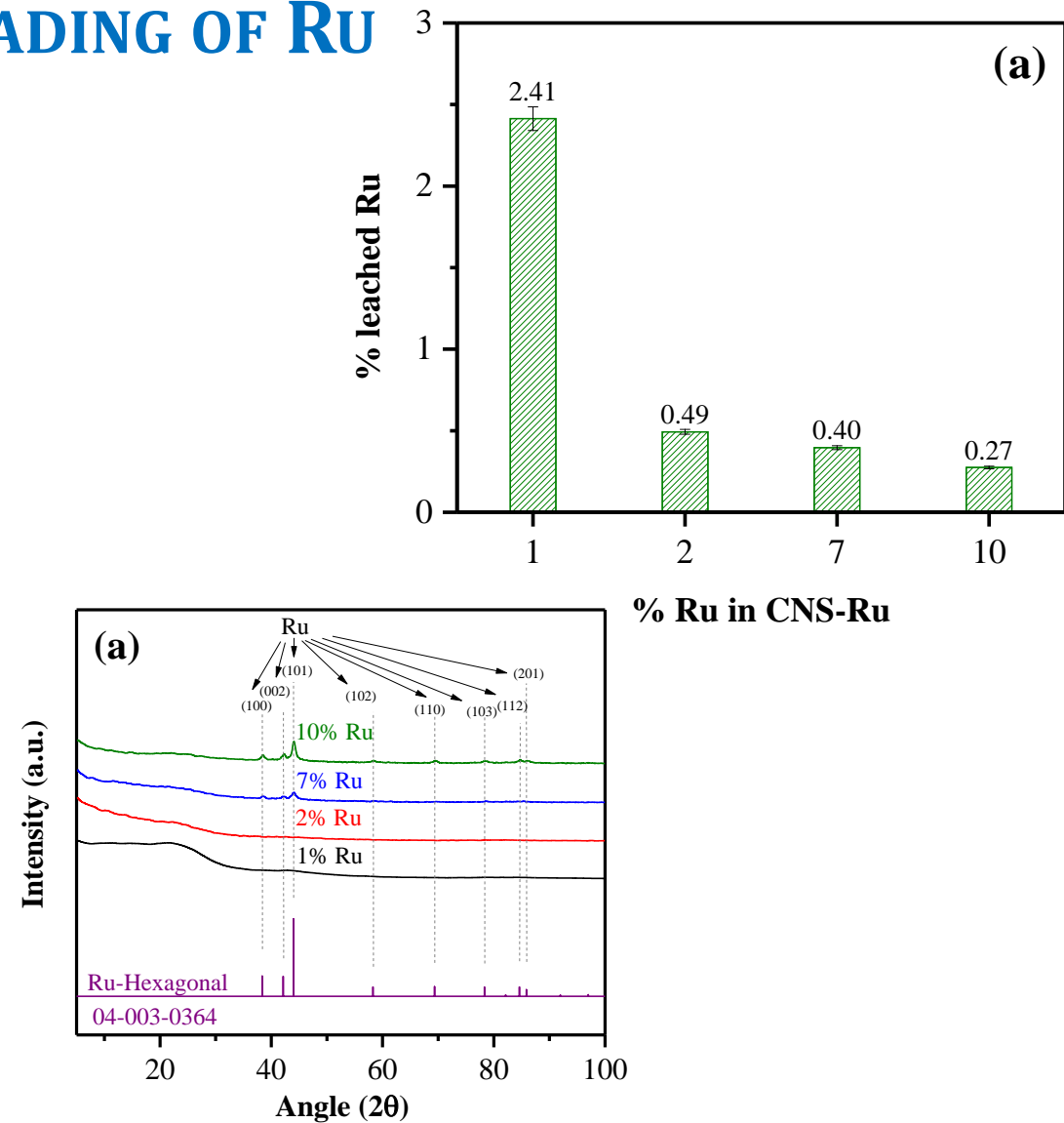
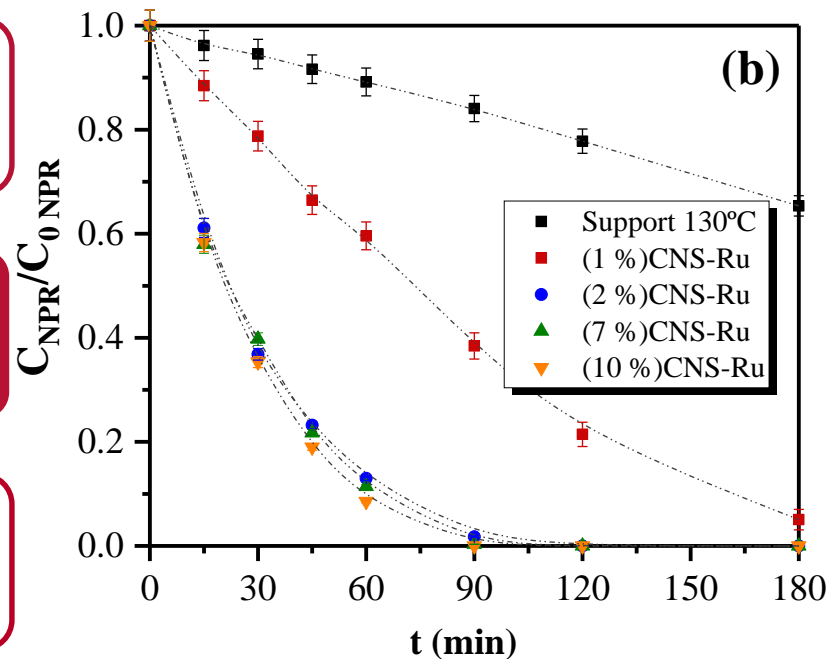
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## CWAO REACTION: LOADING OF RU

### XRD analysis

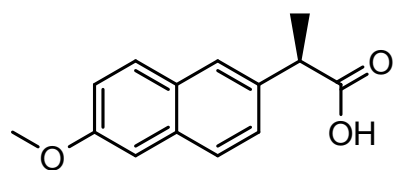


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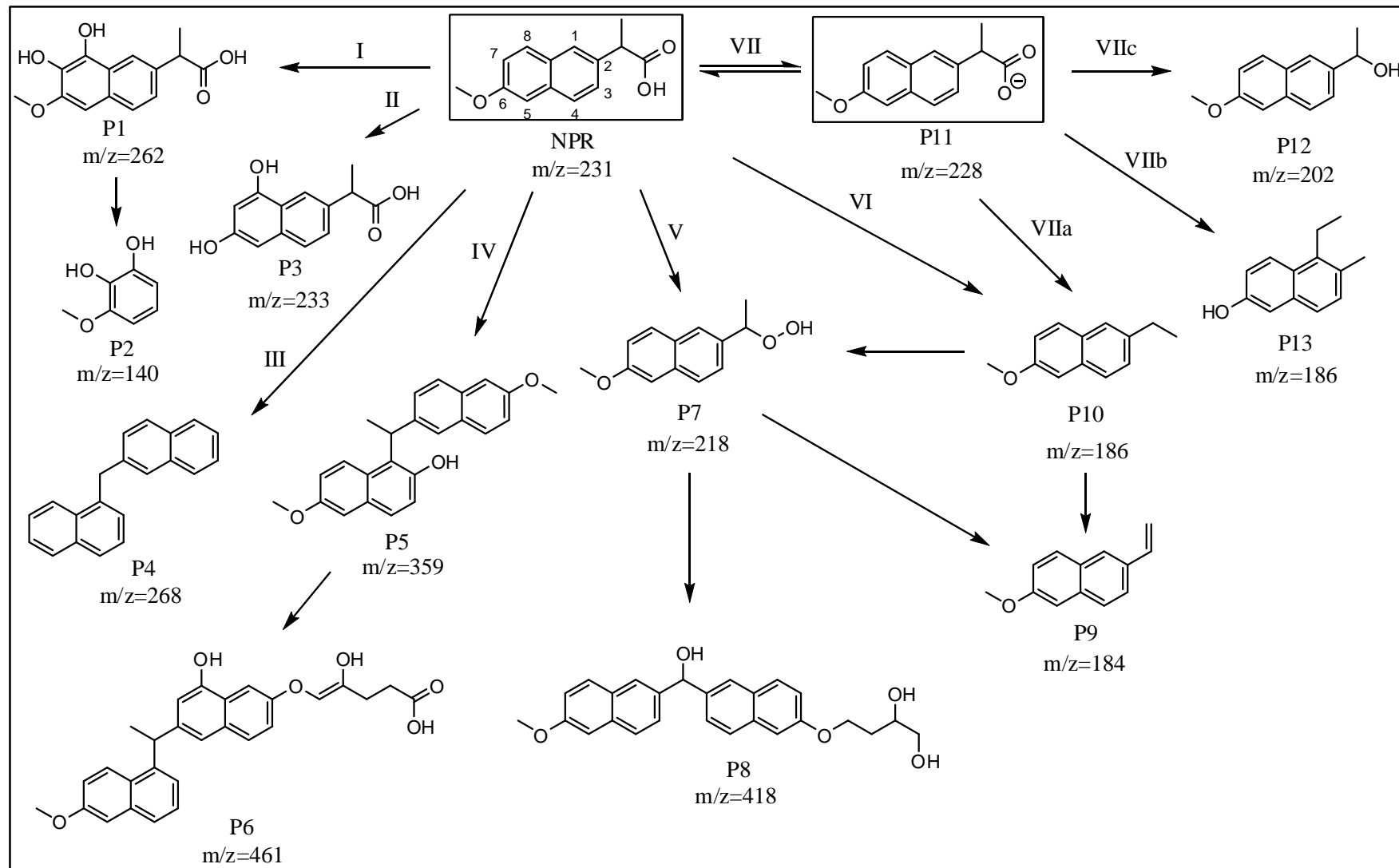
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## REACTION MECHANISM

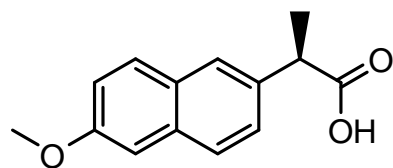


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## ACTIVATION ENERGY DETERMINATION AND KINETIC MODELS

$$r = k(T) \cdot C_{NPR}^a$$

$$r_{WAO} = \frac{R_{NPR}}{V_{NPR}} = \frac{dn_{NPR}}{V_{NPR} \cdot V \cdot dt} = \frac{-dC_{NPR}}{dt}$$

$$r_{CWAO} = \frac{R_{NPR}}{V_{NPR}} = \frac{dn_{NPR}}{V_{NPR} \cdot W \cdot dt} = \frac{V}{W} \left( \frac{-dC_{NPR}}{dt} \right)$$

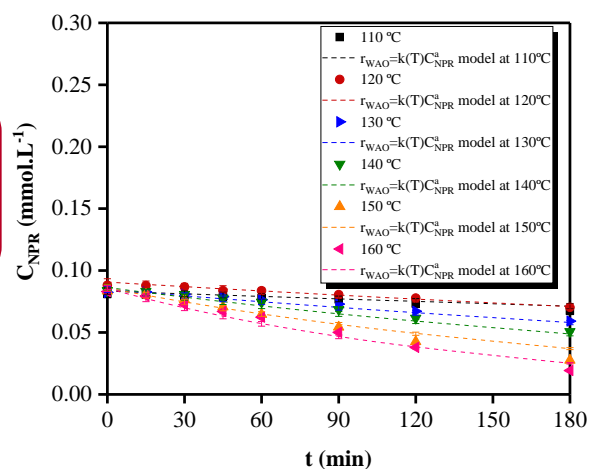
**WAO**

WAO reaction	Value
$k_0$ ( $\text{mmol}^{1-a} \cdot \text{L}^{a-1} \cdot \text{min}^{-1}$ )	$4.298 \times 10^4$
$E_a$ ( $\text{kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$ )	$56.48 \pm 3.91$
$a$	$0.988 \pm 0.003$
$R^2$	0.966

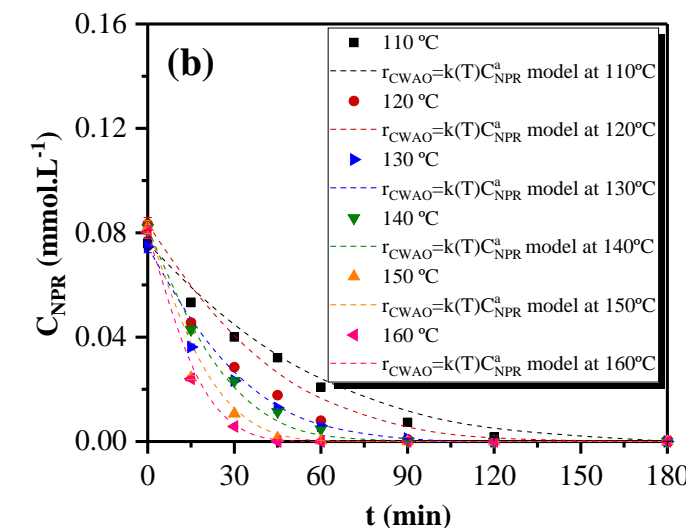
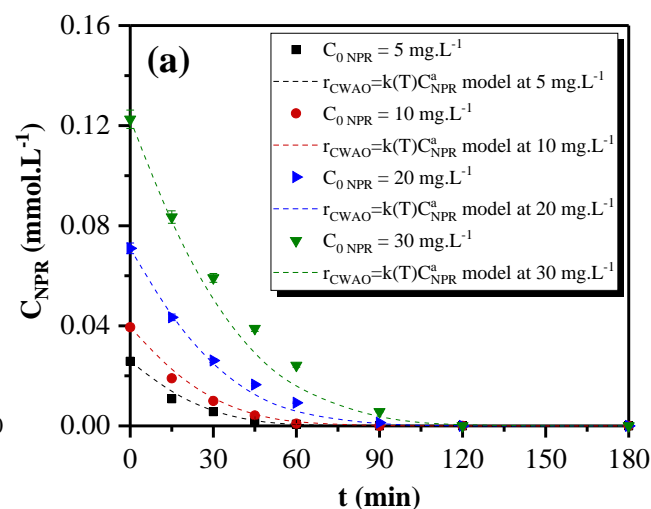
**CWAO**

CWAO reaction	Value
$k_0$ ( $\text{mmol}^{1-a} \cdot \text{L}^a \cdot \text{g}_{Ru}^{-1} \cdot \text{min}^{-1}$ )	$9.233 \times 10^4$
$E_a$ ( $\text{kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$ )	$39.33 \pm 2.08$
$a$	$0.72 \pm 0.06$
$R^2$	0.981

**WAO: simulation  $\neq T$**



**CWAO: simulation  $\neq T$  y  $\neq C_0$**



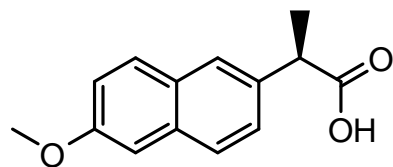


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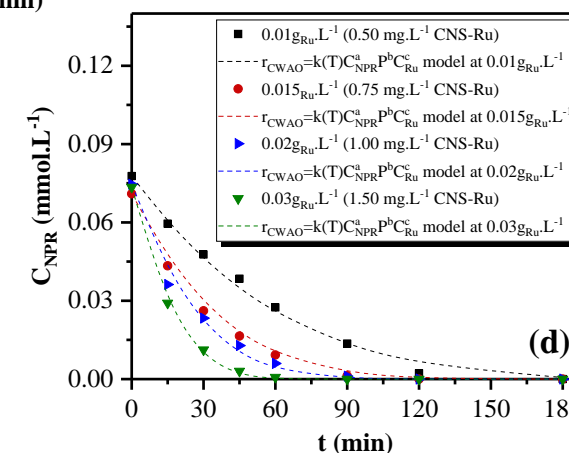
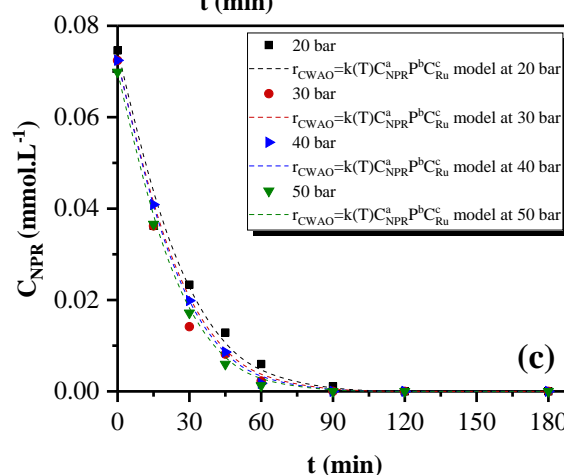
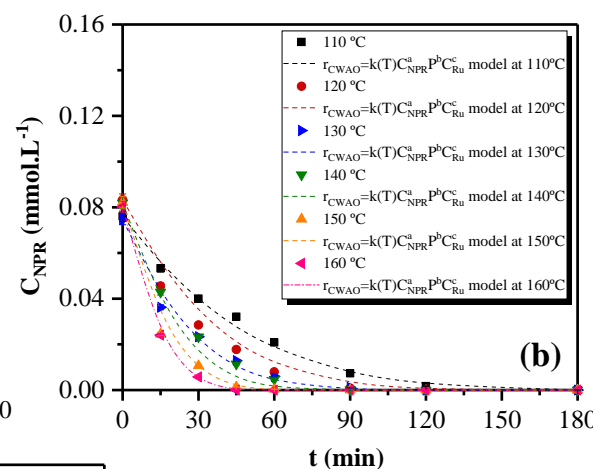
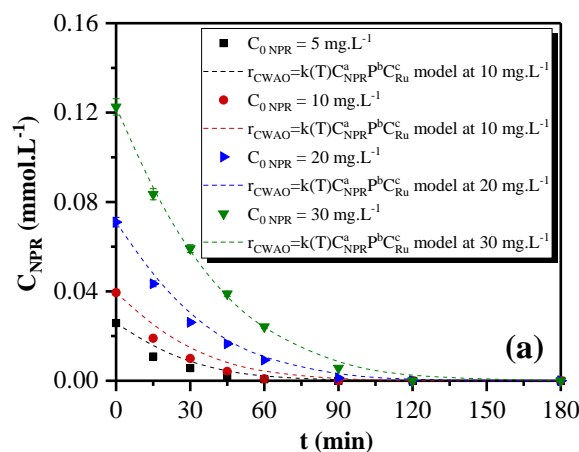
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$$r = k(T) \cdot C_{NPR}^a \cdot P_{O_2}^b \cdot C_{Ru}^c$$

CWAO: simulation  $\neq T$ ,  $\neq C_0$ ,  $\neq P$  and  $\neq m_{CNS-Ru}$  ( $g_{Ru}/L$ )

**CWAO**

Variable	Value
$k_0$ ( $mmol^{1-a} \cdot L^{a+c} \cdot g_{Ru}^{-1-c} \cdot min^{-1} \cdot bar^{-b}$ )	$7.30 \times 10^4$
$E_a$ ( $kJ \cdot mol^{-1}$ )	$36.88 \pm 1.37$
$a$	$0.77 \pm 0.03$
$b$	$0.11 \pm 0.05$
$c$	$1.13 \pm 0.05$
$R^2$	0.992



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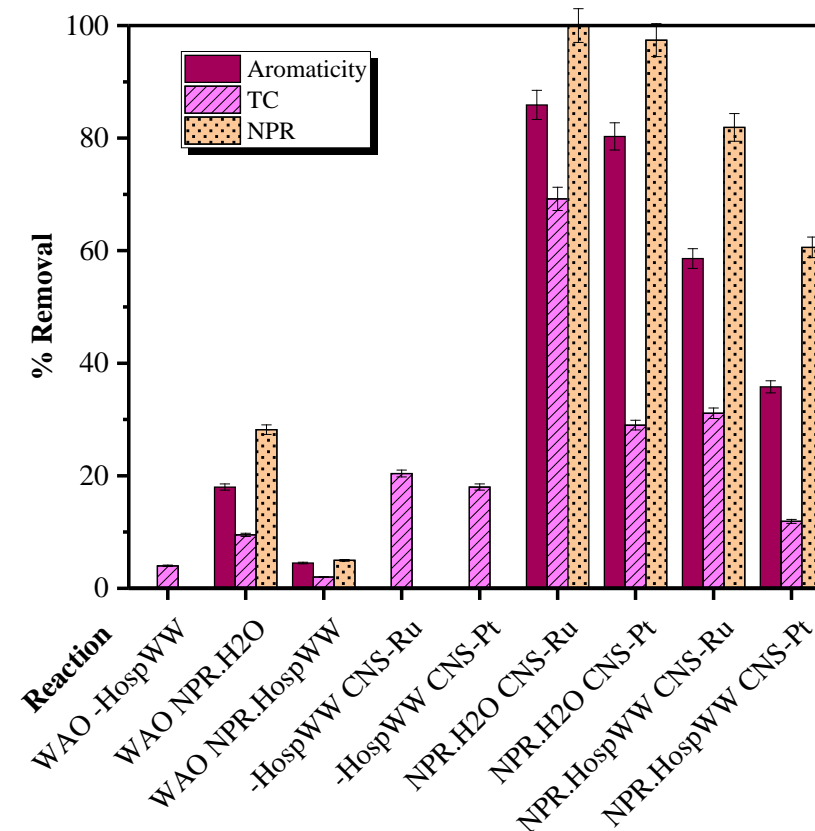
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## APPLICATION IN REAL MATRICES

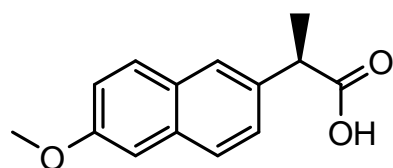
Parameter	Value
pH	8.5
TC (mg·L <sup>-1</sup> )	60
TN (mg·L <sup>-1</sup> )	40
Conductivity at 20°C (mS·cm <sup>-2</sup> )	1.17
Aromaticity, A <sub>254 nm</sub>	0.17
NH <sup>4+</sup> (mg·L <sup>-1</sup> )	75
NO <sup>3-</sup> (mg·L <sup>-1</sup> )	0.64
COD (mg·L <sup>-1</sup> )	365
Suspended solids concentration (mg·L <sup>-1</sup> )	138
Phenolic compounds (mg·L <sup>-1</sup> )	8.9



**Aromaticity** measured at 230 nm

**NPR degradation** in 180 min reaction time trend: *H<sub>2</sub>O CNS-Ru* > *H<sub>2</sub>O CNS-Pt* > *HospWW CNS-Ru* (82%) > *HospWW CNS-Pt* (61%) > *WAO H<sub>2</sub>O* > *WAO HospWW*

**TC removal:** *NPR.H<sub>2</sub>O CNS-Ru* > *NPR.HospWW CNS-Ru* (31.1%) > *NPR.H<sub>2</sub>O CNS-Pt* (29%) > *-HospWW CNS-Ru* (20.4%) > *-HospWW CNS-Pt* (18%) > *NPR.HospWW CNS-Pt* (11.9%) > *WAO NPR.H<sub>2</sub>O* (9.5%) > *WAO -HospWW* (4%) > *WAO NPR.HospWW* (2%)

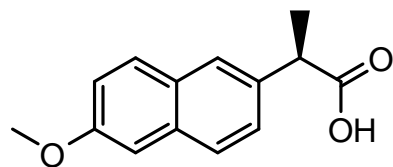


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## CONCLUSIONS

❖ **Temperature:** the **highest influence** on the NPR degradation process.

❖ **Optimal conditions:** 130 °C, 20 bar and 75 mg of catalyst, being 20 mg / L the initial concentration of NPR and initial pH around the neutrality.



**Complete elimination of NPR in 90 min reaction time**

❖ The **reuse of the catalyst**

❖ **Leaching** less than 2% and **formation of carbonaceous deposits** on the surface of the catalyst under the experimental conditions carried out.



**High stability CNS-Ru**

❖ **Better activity CNS-Ru vs. CNS-Pt**

❖ **Applicability to real matrices**

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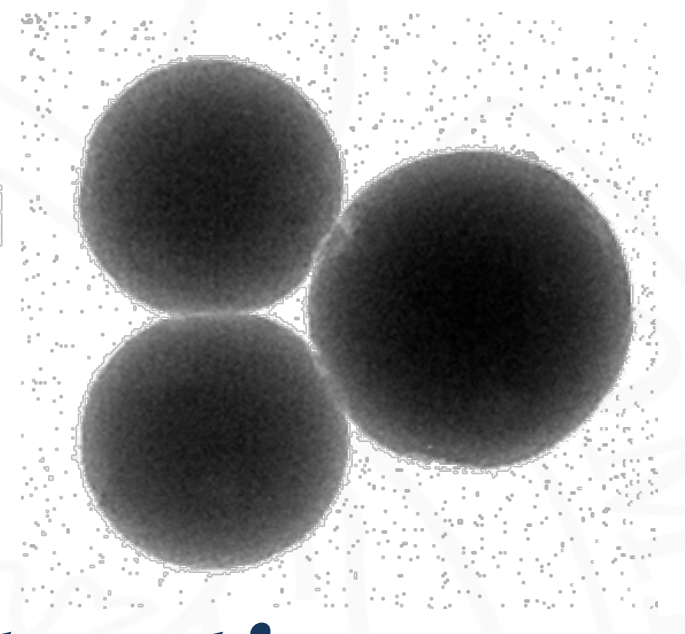
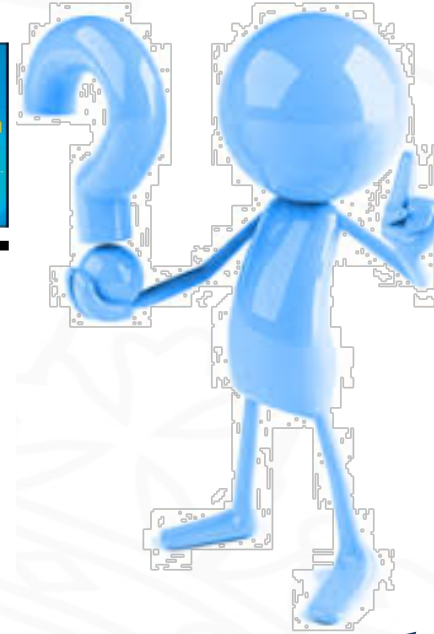


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Effective removal of naproxen from aqueous solutions by CWAQ process using noble metals supported on carbon nanospheres catalysts

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