Research Grants for PhD students from the China Scholarship Council

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Supervisor's name : Poisson | Given names : Thomas

Status (prof., assistant prof., ...) : Professor of Chemistry

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Scientific competence of the supervisor:

Our research group is interested in the development of new methodologies for the construction of relevant fluorinated and non-building blocks. In that context, we mainly focus on the design of metal catalyzed or mediated reaction. Since the last 5 years, we devoted lots of efforts to achieve new transformation by using inexpensive and powerful copper catalysts with a strong emphasis on the elucidation of the reaction mechanism to get a fundamental overview. In additon, we established a strong research topic on single electron transfer based reation using copper photocatalyst and electrochemistry.

Two major publications in the field proposed for the PhD :

1. Ivanova, M. V.; Bayle, A.; Besset, T.; Pannecoucke, X.; Poisson, T. Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2016, 55, 14141.
2. Zhong, M.; Gagné, Y.; Hope, T. O.; Pannecoucke, X.; Frenette, M.; Jubault, P.; Poisson, T. Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2021, 60, 14498.

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Description of the research work proposed for a PhD | ***Topic # (see list) :*** II-13

Title : New electrochemical transformations to synthesize organoboron species and mechanism understanding

Subject :

Nowadays, the quest for new methodologies and reagents to efficiently synthesize valuable boron- containing building block is very important and very appealing for scientists. In addition, the understanding of these transformations is still important to push the contemporary boundaries of knowledge.
Besides, electrochemistry, although known for years is a powerful tool to develop new transformations, impossible so far. Thanks to the newly developed commercially available set-up, which are worldwide supplied, electrochemistry is in its renewal.
Aiming at taking benefit from our home expertise and willing to push beyond the boundaries of knowledge in organoboron chemistry, we intend to develop new electrochemical transformations to develop more efficient transformations in terms of yield and environmental footprint. The addition of boryl radical, a species which has been largely ignored for decades, on cyclic, aromatic, and original scaffold will be achieved. A strong emphasis will be devoted to the fundamental understanding of the reaction mechanisms to share with the whole community these new insights.
To support this research program, we are looking for an outstanding and highly motivated candidate to pursue his PhD within our group.

Keywords :

Organoboron Chemistry ; Synthetic methodology ; Electrochemistry ; Reaction Mechanism

Expected collaborations :

Background required from the applicant :

A Master degree in Organic Chemistry, good knowledge of the analytical methods (NMR, MS…)

Existence of a PDF file detailing the proposal ("yes" or "no") : YES

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