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Mapping the catalytic landscape of triphenylborane (BPh₃)-catalyzed CO₂-epoxide coupling to carbonates: an *in silico* approach to solve substrate-dependent selectivity

This study explores the triphenylborane (BPh $_3$)-catalyzed coupling of CO $_2$ with epoxides, a reaction yielding either cyclic carbonates or polycarbonates depending on the substrate. Using density functional theory (DFT), the catalytic landscape is mapped to uncover the origin of substrate-dependent selectivity and identify the key steps and interactions that govern product formation.

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