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* extensive use of chemical schemes with annotated mechanistic explanations
* cross-referencing to emphasize links and similarities
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