

## *Solvent Selection*

A quotation of the Greek Philosopher Aristotle (384-322 B.C.) stated that - *Corpora non agunt nisi fluida seu solute* – which means Compounds that are not fluid or dissolved, do not react. Over the years, progress in organic chemistry has offered a huge range of synthetic methods that require solvents as reaction media. It is not surprising that volatile organic compounds (VOCs) are continuing to dominate process and products. However, as a result of the numerous fundamental breakthroughs made in the past decade, we can peer into the future with reasonable confidence that such drawbacks of VOCs will put into a life cycle context and will see many more potential new solvents derived from renewable resources.



Aristotle

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