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Electrochemical thiocyanation of aromatic and alkene derivatives

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The anodic thiocyanation of aromatic compounds [1, 2] showed both regio- and isomer- selectivity. For example, the parathiocyanate isomer was formed exclusively:

$$SCN--e \rightarrow SCN.$$

$$2SCN. \rightarrow (SCN)2$$

$$OCH_3$$

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$$(SCN)_2$$

$$+ polymer (SCN)_n$$

$$SCN$$

The one-pot anodic thiocyanation and isothiocyanation of alkenes in both acidic two-phase (water-dichloromethane) and homogeneous one-phase (water-acetonitrile) media will be described too [3, 4]. A selected example of type of products obtained is illustrated in the scheme below:

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