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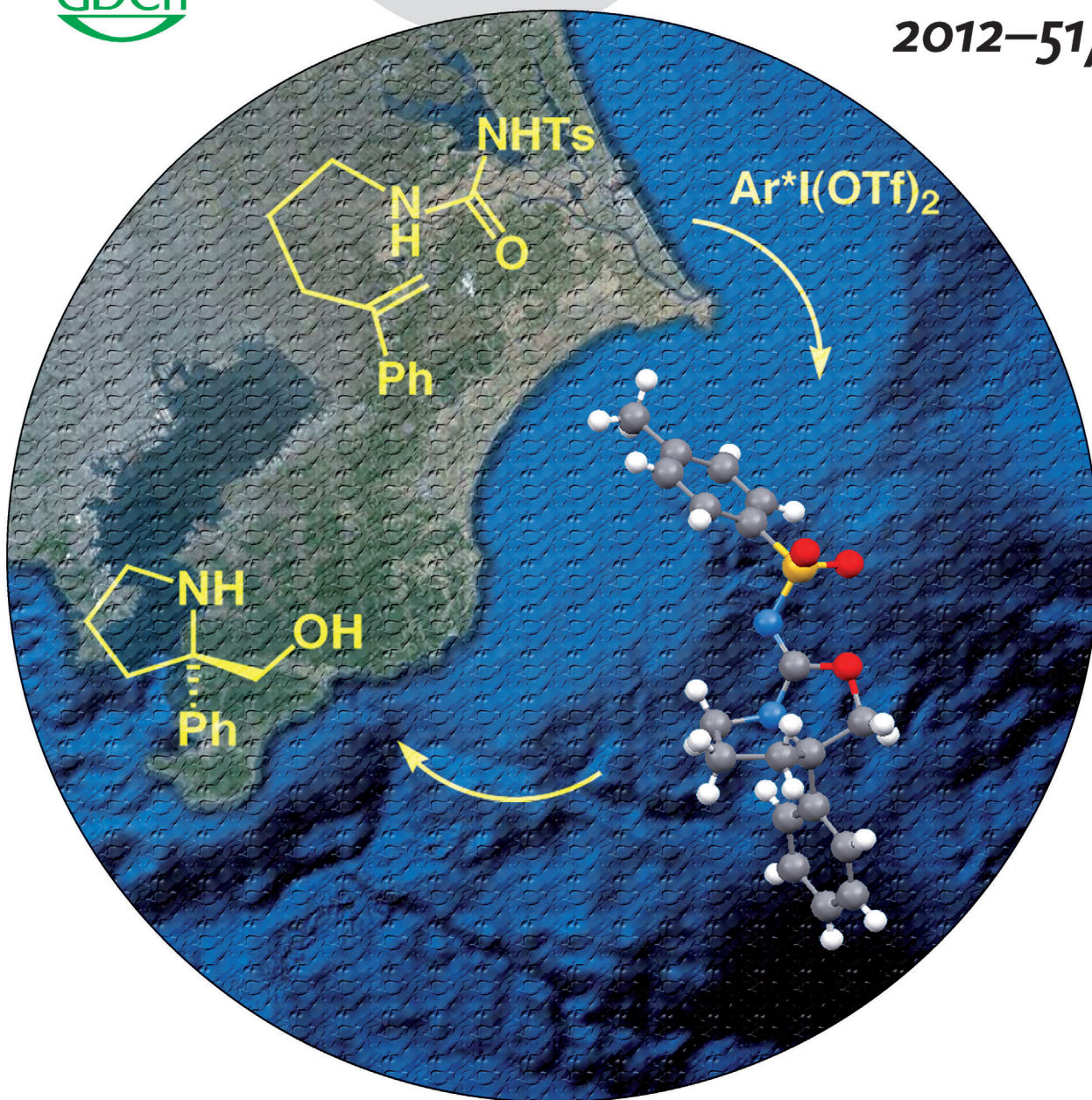
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About 30% of the world's iodine ...

... production comes from the Chiba area in Japan, shown in the background of the picture (Map data ©2012 ZENRIN Imagery ©2012 TerraMetrics). Enantiomerically pure hypervalent iodine compounds are the key for metal-free, highly stereoselective oxyaminations of alkenes. In their Communication on page 3462 ff., T. Wirth and U. Farid report the use of the reaction for the facile synthesis of 2-arylprolinols.

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