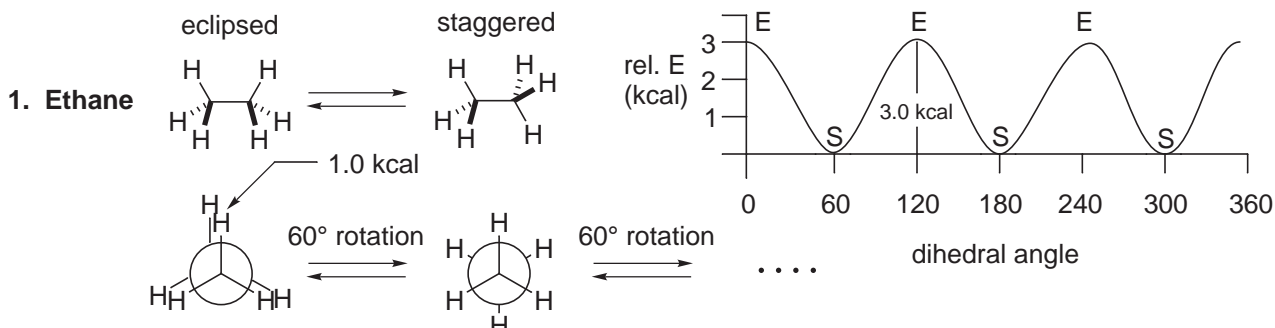
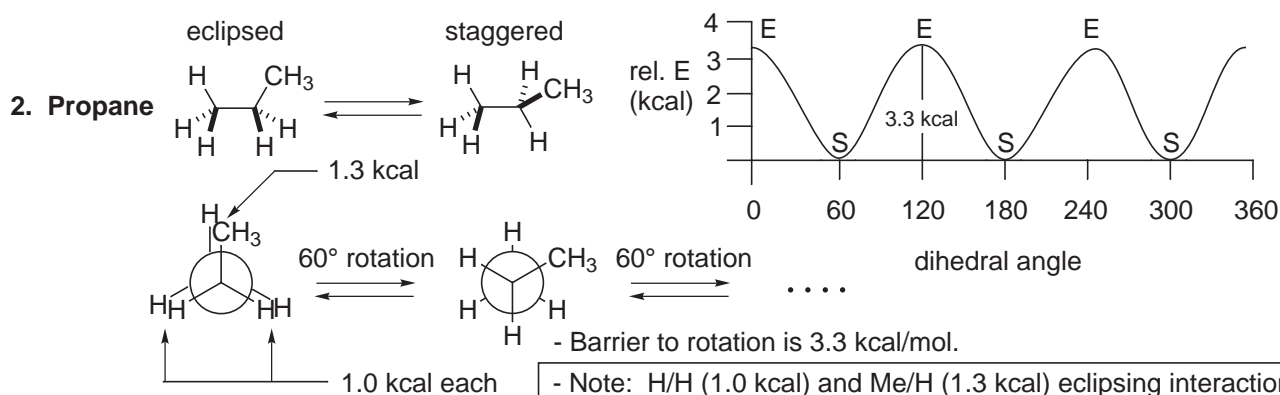


# I. Conformational Analysis

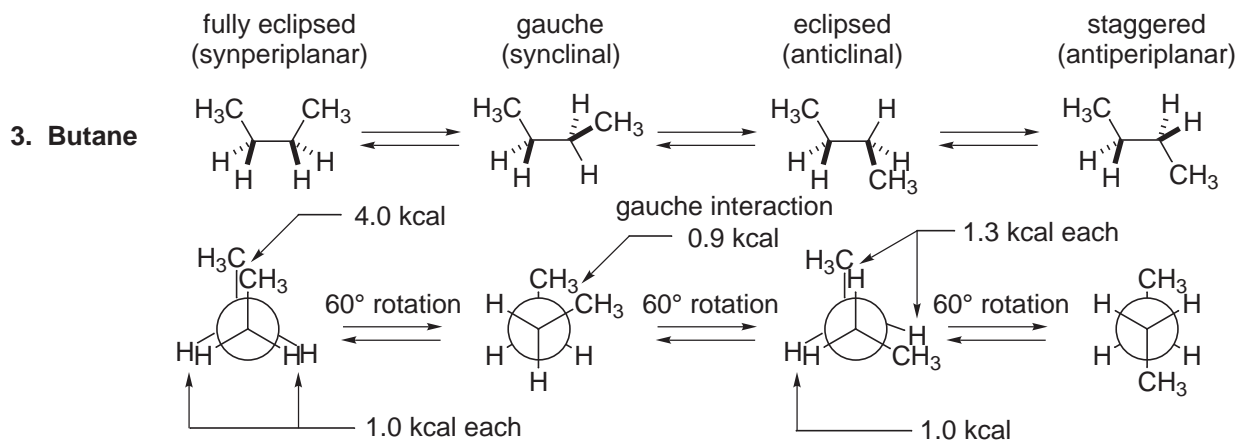
## A. Acyclic $sp^3$ - $sp^3$ Systems: Ethane, Propane, Butane



- Two extreme conformations, barrier to rotation is 3.0 kcal/mol.



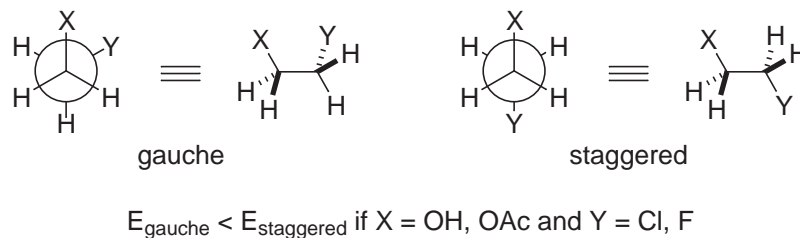
- Barrier to rotation is 3.3 kcal/mol.  
- Note: H/H (1.0 kcal) and Me/H (1.3 kcal) eclipsing interactions are comparable and this is important in our discussions of torsional strain.



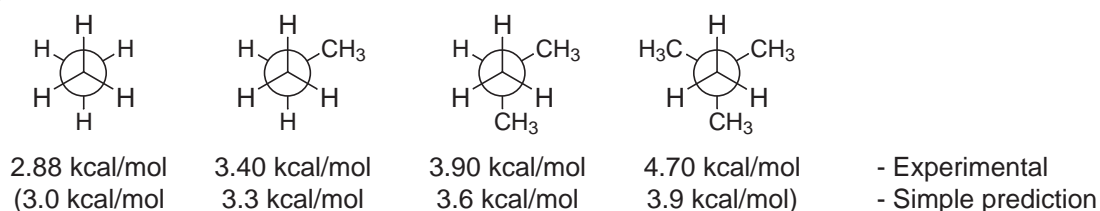
- Note: the gauche butane interaction and its magnitude (0.9 kcal) are very important and we will discuss it frequently.

#### 4. Substituted Ethanes

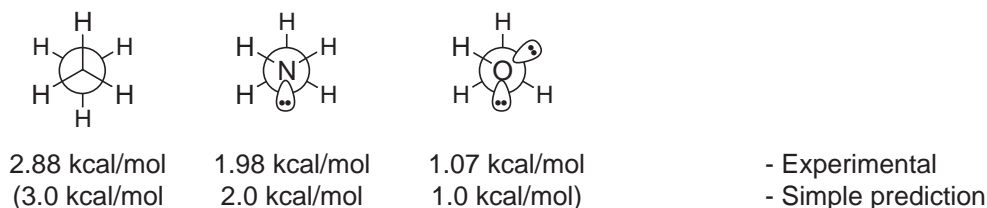
- There are some exceptions to the lowest energy conformation. Sometimes, a gauche conformation is preferred over staggered if X,Y are electronegative substituents.  
cf: Kingsbury *J. Chem. Ed.* **1979**, 56, 431.



#### 5. Rotational Barriers



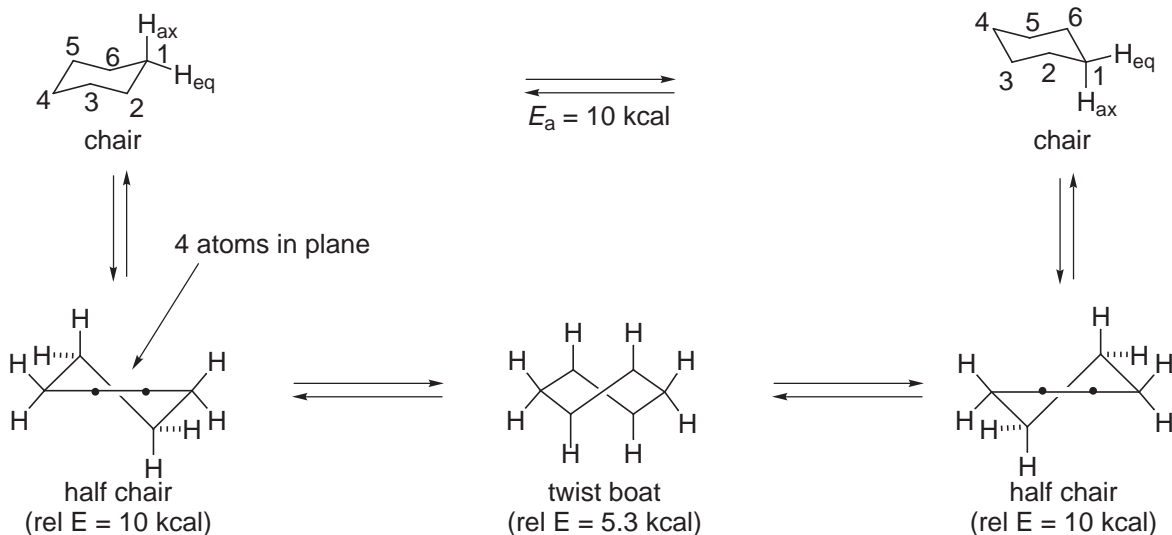
- The rotational barrier increases with the number of CH<sub>3</sub>/H eclipsing interactions.



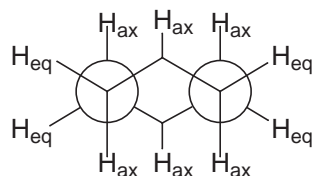
- The rotational barrier increases with the number of H/H eclipsing interactions.

## B. Cyclohexane and Substituted Cyclohexanes, A Values ( $\Delta G^\circ$ )

### 1. Cyclohexane

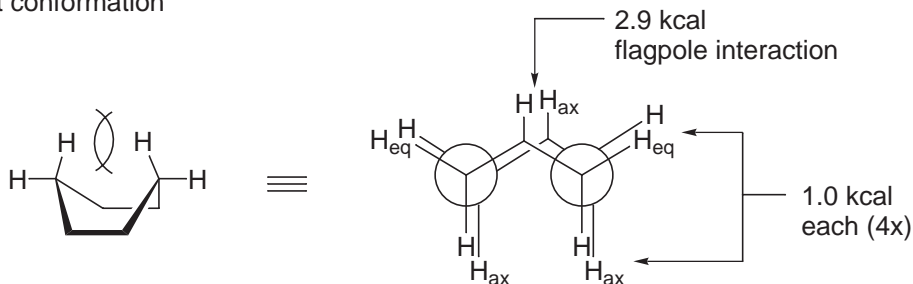


- Chair conformation (all bonds staggered)



- Rapid interconversion at 25 °C ( $E_a = 10$  kcal/mol, 20 kcal/mol available at 25 °C).
- $H_{ax}$  and  $H_{eq}$  are indistinguishable by  $^1H$  NMR at 25 °C.
- At temperatures  $< -70$  °C,  $H_{eq}$  and  $H_{ax}$  become distinct in  $^1H$  NMR.

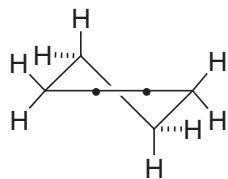
- Boat conformation



- Rel E = 6.9 kcal, not local minimum on energy surface.
- More stable boat can be obtained by twisting (relieves flagpole interaction somewhat).
- Twist boat conformation (rel E = 5.3 kcal) does represent an energy minimum.
- The boat conformation becomes realistic if flagpole interactions are removed, i.e.

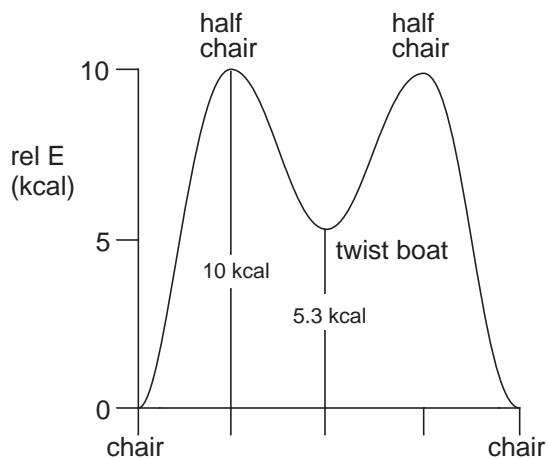


- Half chair conformation



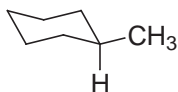
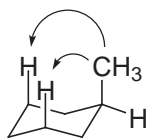
- Energy maximum (rel E = 10.0 kcal)

D.H.R. Barton received the 1969 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for his contributions to conformational analysis, especially as it relates to steroids and six-membered rings. Barton *Experientia* **1950**, 6, 316.



## 2. Substituted Cyclohexanes

- Methylcyclohexane

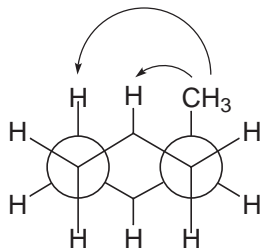


1.8 kcal more stable

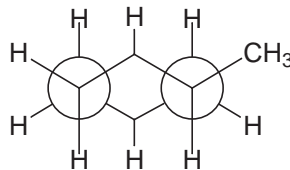
$$\Delta G^\circ = -RT(\ln K)$$

$$\frac{1.8 \times 1000}{1.99 \times 298} = -\ln K$$

- The gauche butane interaction is most often identifiable as 1,3-diaxial interactions.



2 gauche butane interactions  
2 x 0.9 kcal = 1.8 kcal  
(experimental 1.8 kcal)



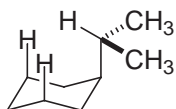
0 gauche butane interactions

- A Value ( $-\Delta G^\circ$ ) = Free energy difference between equatorial and axial substituent on a cyclohexane ring.

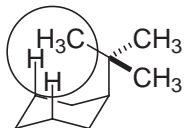
### Typical A Values

R	A Value (kcal/mol)		R	A Value (kcal/mol)	
F	0.25	] ca. 0.5 kcal	CN	0.2	] Small, linear groups
Cl	0.52		C≡CH	0.41	
Br	0.5-0.6		NO <sub>2</sub>	1.1	
I	0.46		CH=CH <sub>2</sub>	1.7	] 2 <sup>nd</sup> atom effect very small
OH	0.7 (0.9)	CH <sub>3</sub>	1.8		
OCH <sub>3</sub>	0.75	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	1.9 (1.8)		
OCOCH <sub>3</sub>	0.71	<sup>n</sup> C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub>	2.1		
NH <sub>2</sub>	1.8 (1.4)	<sup>n</sup> C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub>	2.1		
NR <sub>2</sub>	2.1	CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	2.1	] >4.5 (ca. 5.4)	
CO <sub>2</sub> H	1.2 (1.4)	C(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	>4.5 (ca. 5.4)		
CO <sub>2</sub> Na	2.3	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	3.1 (2.9)		
CO <sub>2</sub> Et	1.1				
SO <sub>2</sub> Ph	2.5				

- Note on difference between <sup>i</sup>Pr and <sup>t</sup>Bu A values.



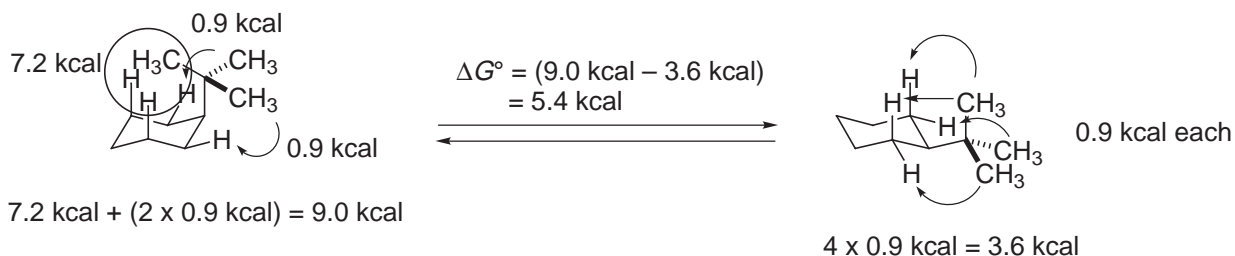
<sup>i</sup>Pr group can position H toward "inside,"



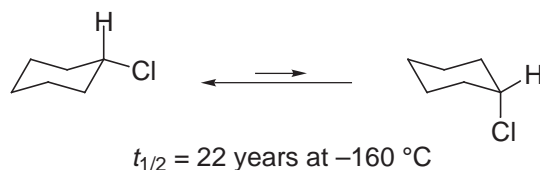
but <sup>t</sup>Bu group cannot.  
Very serious interaction, 7.2 kcal.



- Determination of A value for <sup>t</sup>Bu group.



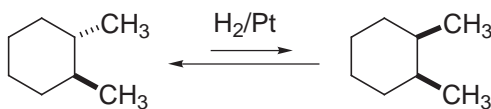
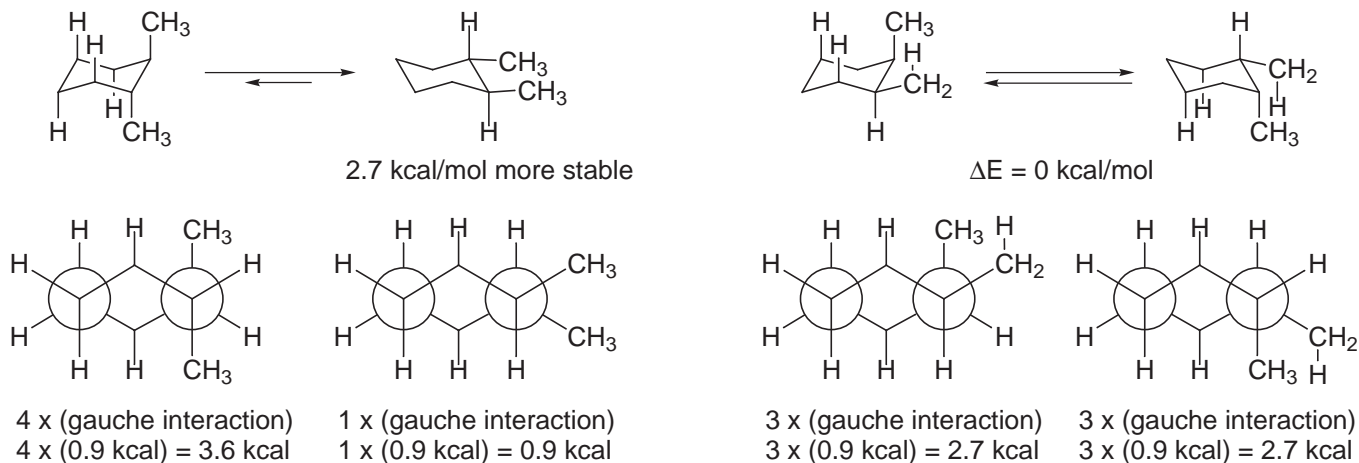
- Note on interconversion between axial and equatorial positions.



Even though Cl has a small A value (i.e., small  $\Delta G^\circ$  between rings with equatorial and axial Cl group), the  $E_a$  (energy of activation) is high (it must go through half chair conformation).

*trans*-1,2-dimethylcyclohexane

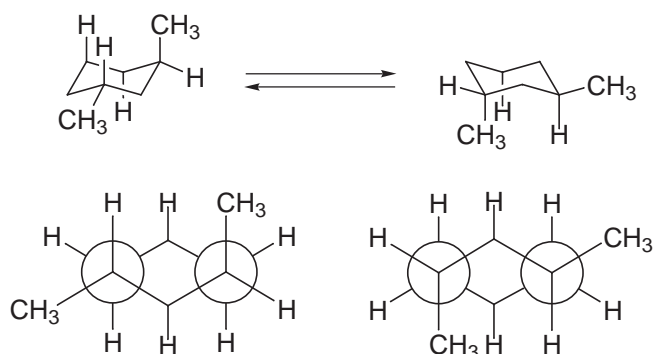
*cis*-1,2-dimethylcyclohexane



$\Delta G = 1.87 \text{ kcal/mol (exp)}$   
 $\Delta G = 1.80 \text{ kcal/mol (calcd)}$

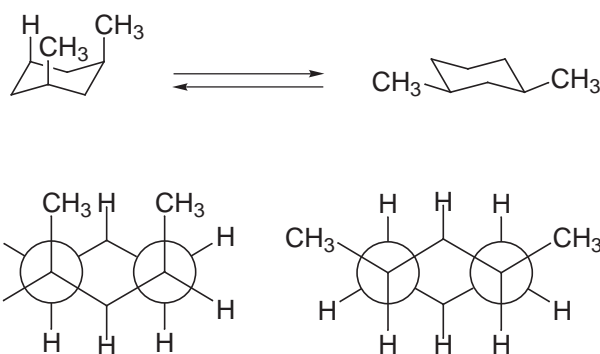
*trans*-1,3-dimethylcyclohexane

*cis*-1,3-dimethylcyclohexane



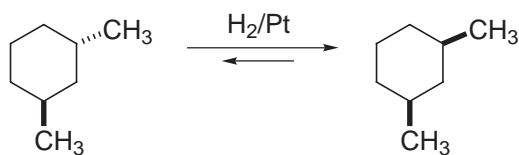
2 x (gauche interaction)  
2 x (0.9 kcal) = 1.8 kcal

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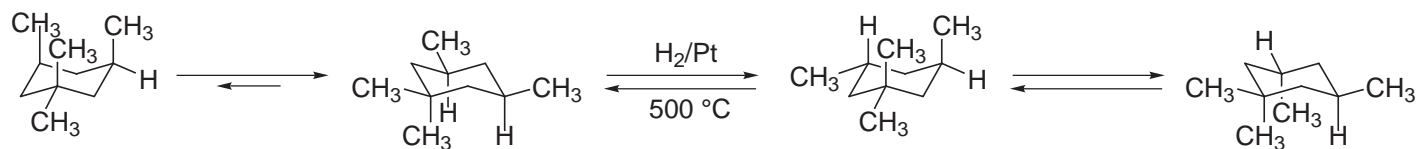
2 x (gauche interaction) +  
1 x (Me-Me 1,3 diaxial int)  
2 x (0.9 kcal) + 3.7 kcal  
= 5.5 kcal

0 x (gauche interaction)  
0 x (0.9 kcal) = 0 kcal



$\Delta G = 1.80$  kcal/mol (exp and calcd)

- Determination of energy value of Me-Me 1,3-diaxial interaction.



3 x Me-Me 1,3-diaxial  
interaction

2 x (gauche interaction)  
2 x (0.9 kcal) = 1.8 kcal

2 x (gauche interaction) +  
1 x (Me-Me 1,3 diaxial int) =  
2 x (0.9 kcal) + ?

2 x (gauche interaction) +  
1 x (Me-Me 1,3 diaxial int) =  
2 x (0.9 kcal) + ?

$\Delta G = 3.7$  kcal/mol (exp)

So, Me-Me 1,3-diaxial interaction = 3.7 kcal/mol.

**1,3-diaxial interactions**

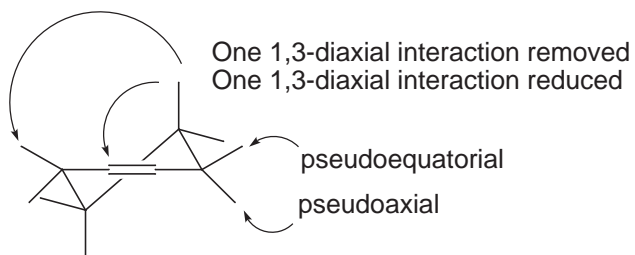
R/R	$\Delta G^\circ$
OH/OH	1.9 kcal
OAc/OAc	2.0 kcal
OH/CH <sub>3</sub>	2.4 (1.6) kcal
CH <sub>3</sub> /CH <sub>3</sub>	3.7 kcal

**$\Delta G^\circ$  of common interactions**

	ax OH	ax CH <sub>3</sub>	eq OH
ax H	0.45*	0.9	0.0
ax OH	1.9	1.6	0.35
eq OH	0.35	0.35	0.35
eq CH <sub>3</sub>	0.35	0.9	0.35

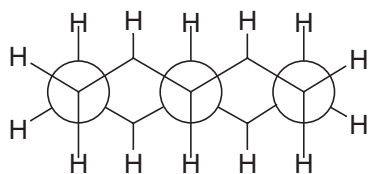
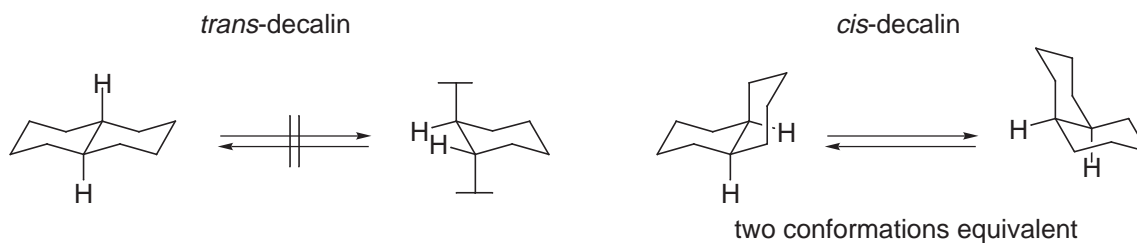
\*1/2 of A value

### C. Cyclohexene

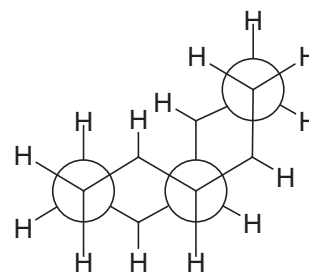


- half-chair
- $E_a$  for ring interconversion = 5.3 kcal/mol
- the preference for equatorial orientation of a methyl group in cyclohexene is less than in cyclohexane because of the ring distortion and the removal of one 1,3-diaxial interaction (1 kcal/mol)

### D. Decalins



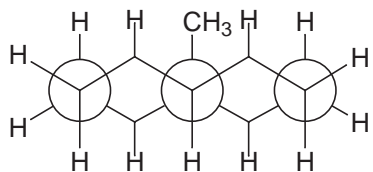
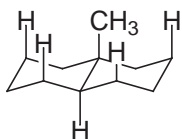
0.0 kcal



3 gauche interactions  
 $3 \times 0.9 \text{ kcal} = 2.7 \text{ kcal}$

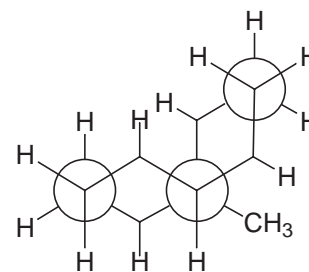
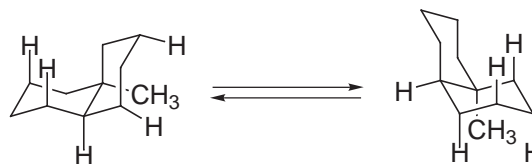
$\Delta E$  between *cis*- and *trans*-decalin = 2.7 kcal/mol

*trans*-9-methyldecalin



4 gauche interactions  
 $4 \times 0.9 = 3.6 \text{ kcal}$

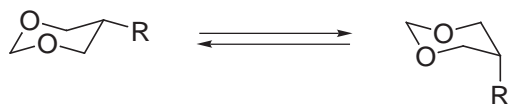
*cis*-9-methyldecalin



5 gauche interactions  
 $5 \times 0.9 = 4.5 \text{ kcal}$

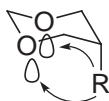
$\Delta E$  between *cis*- and *trans*-9-methyldecalin = 0.9 kcal/mol

## E. 1,3-Dioxanes



- Less preference for R group to be equatorial because the lone pair has a smaller steric requirement than a C-H bond ( $\Delta G^\circ$  lower).

- In fact, some polar substituents (i.e. F, NO<sub>2</sub>, SOCH<sub>3</sub>, <sup>+</sup>NMe<sub>3</sub>, etc) prefer axial position.



## F. Acyclic sp<sup>3</sup>-sp<sup>2</sup> Systems

- Key references

- Origin of destabilization for eclipsed conformations:

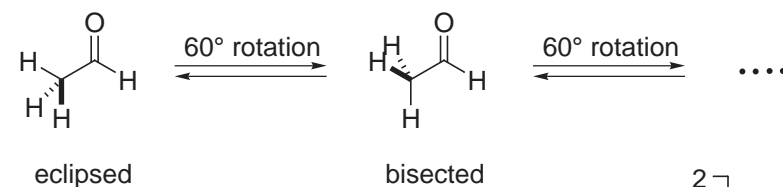
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	<i>Quat. Rev. Chem.</i> <b>1969</b> , 23, 301.
Brier	<i>J. Mol. Struct.</i> <b>1970</b> , 6, 23.
Lowe	<i>Science</i> <b>1973</b> , 179, 527.

- Molecular orbital calculations: Repulsion of overlapping filled orbitals:

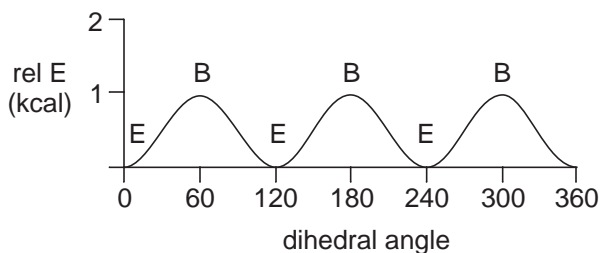
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- Propionaldehyde:	Butcher, Wilson Allinger, Hickey Allinger	<i>J. Chem. Phys.</i> <b>1964</b> , 40, 1671. <i>J. Mol. Struct.</i> <b>1973</b> , 17, 233. <i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> <b>1969</b> , 91, 337.
- Propene:	Allinger Herschbach	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> <b>1968</b> , 90, 5773. <i>J. Chem. Phys.</i> <b>1958</b> , 28, 728.
- 1-Butene:	Geise	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> <b>1980</b> , 102, 2189.
- Allylic 1,3-strain:	Houk, Hoffmann Hoffmann	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> <b>1991</b> , 113, 5006. <i>Chem. Rev.</i> <b>1989</b> , 89, 1841.

## 1. Acetaldehyde

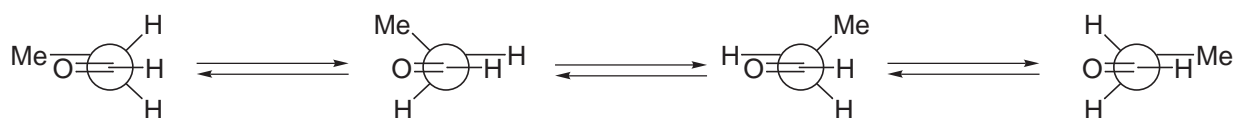
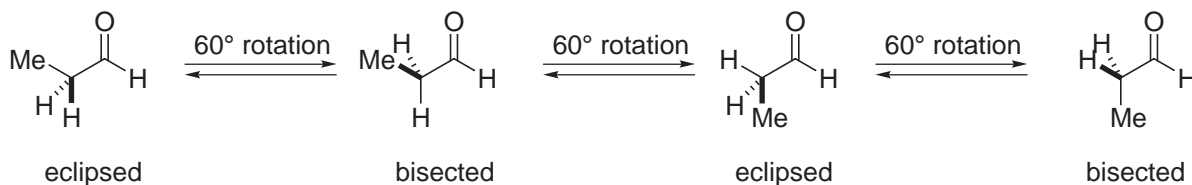


Exp	0.0	1.0
MM2	0.0	1.1–1.2

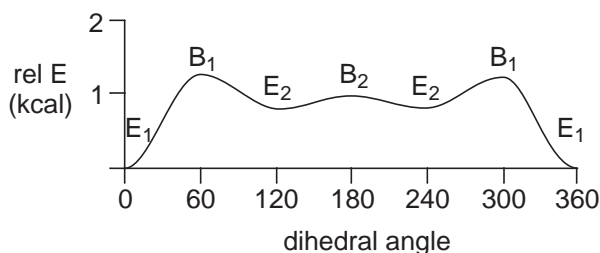


- Two extreme conformations.
- Barrier to rotation is 1.0 kcal/mol.
- H-eclipsed conformation more stable.

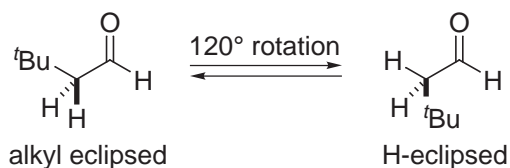
## 2. Propionaldehyde



Exp	0.0	1.25, 2.28	0.8, 0.9, 1.0	unknown
MM2	0.0	2.1	0.8, 0.9	1.0, 2.3–1.7, 1.5
Ab initio	0.0	1.7	0.4	0.7



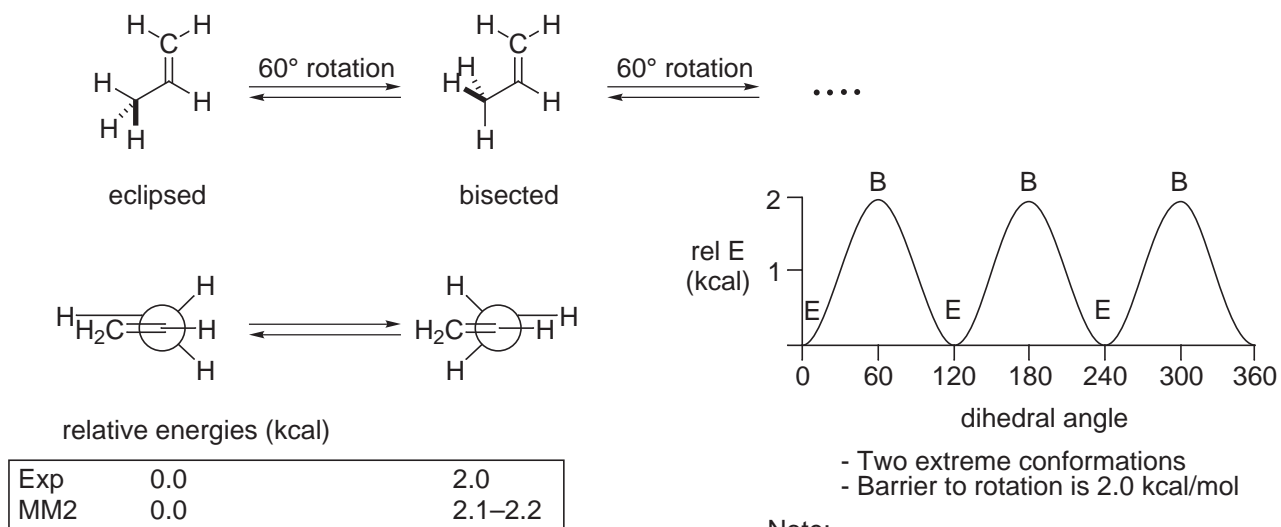
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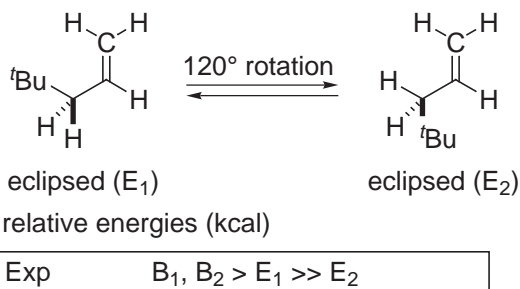
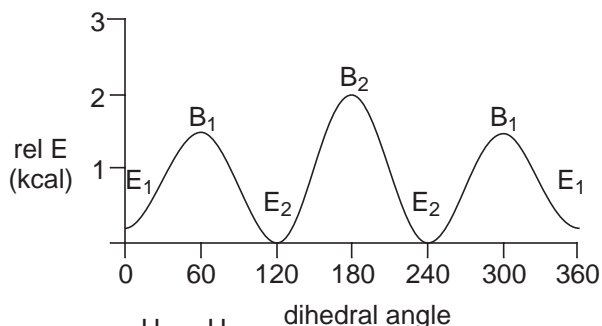
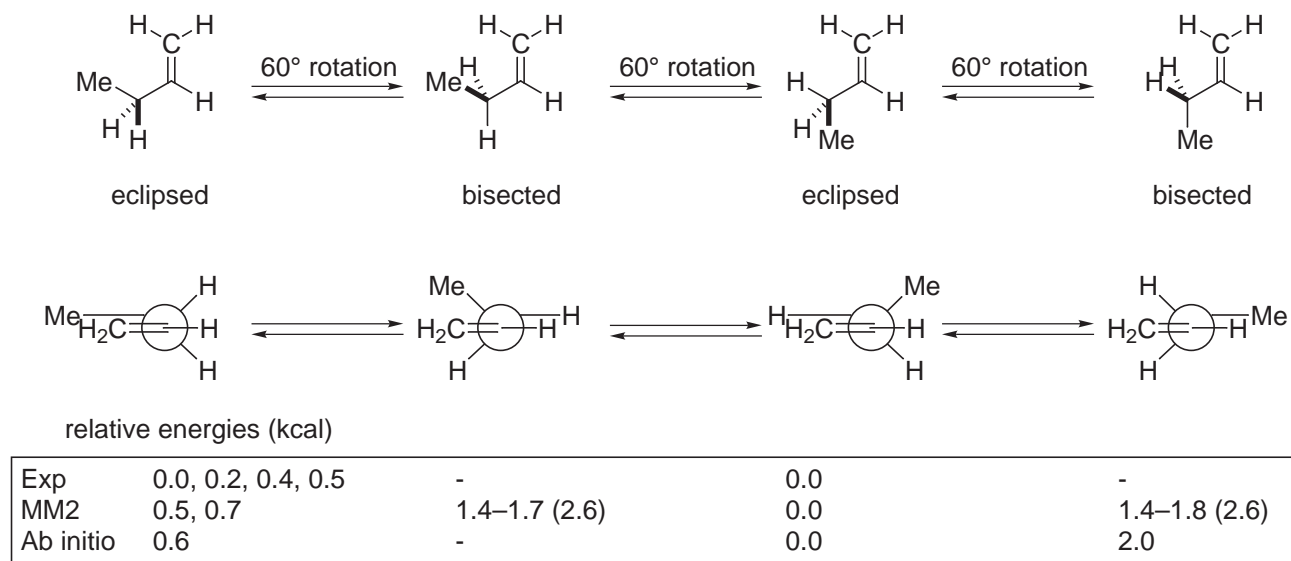
Exp	2.5	0.0
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- Alkyl eclipsed conformation more stable than H-eclipsed and exceptions occur only if alkyl group is very bulky (i.e., <sup>t</sup>Bu).
- Because E differences are quite low, it is difficult to relate ground state conformation to experimental results. All will be populated at room temperature.

### 3. Propene

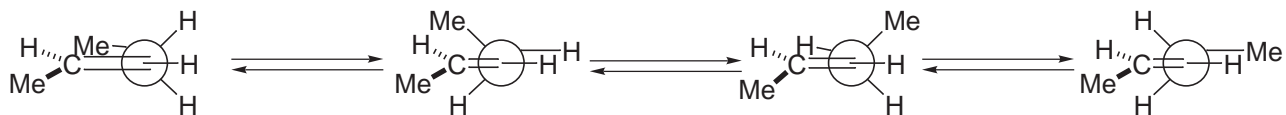
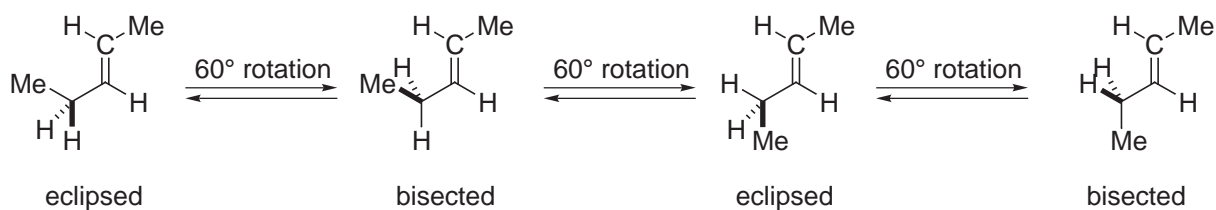


### 4. 1-Butene



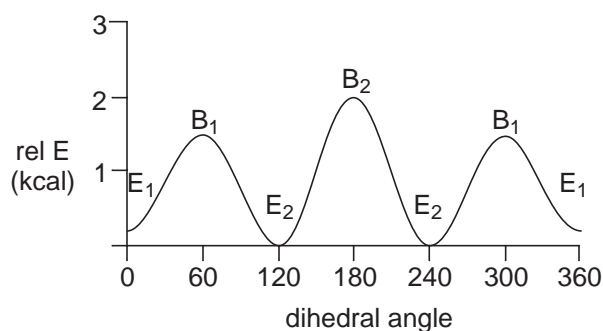
- There is an additional destabilization of placing the alkyl group eclipsed with C=C. This is due to the larger steric size of olefinic CH compared to carbonyl C=O.
- The eclipsed conformations (even with an  $\alpha$ -<sup>t</sup>Bu) are both more stable than the bisected conformations.

### 5. E-2-Pentene

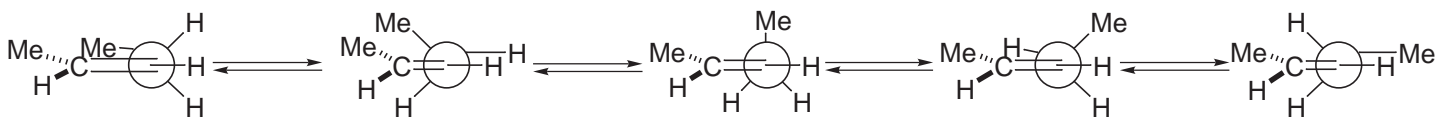
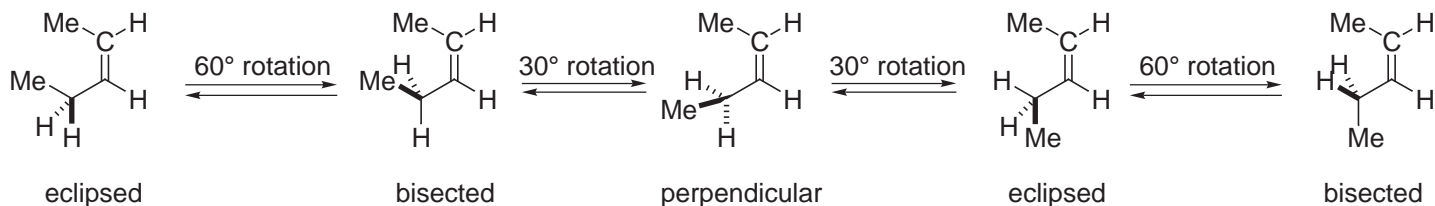


relative energies (kcal)

Exp	0.0 (0.0–0.4)	-	0.0	-
MM2	0.6	1.4–1.7 (2.6)	0.0	1.5–1.8 (2.6)

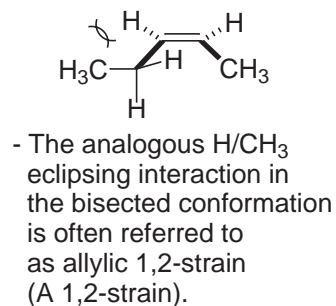
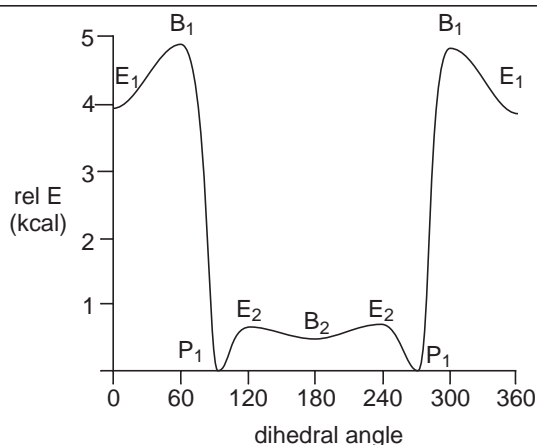
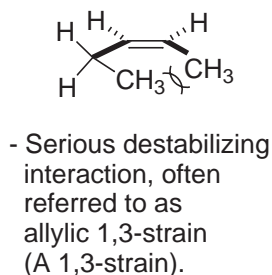


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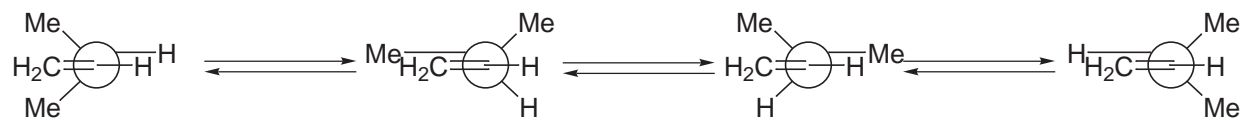
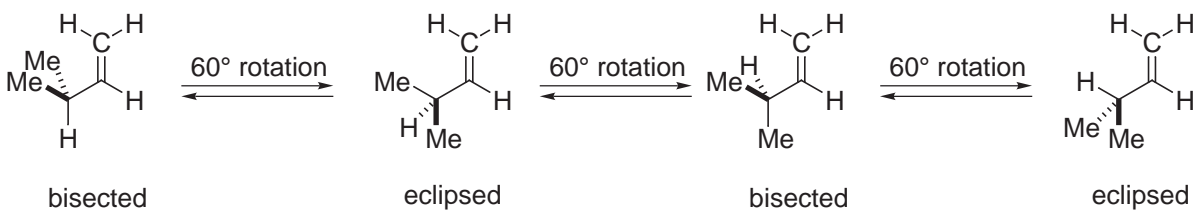


relative energies (kcal)

MM2	3.9	4.9	0.0	0.6	0.5
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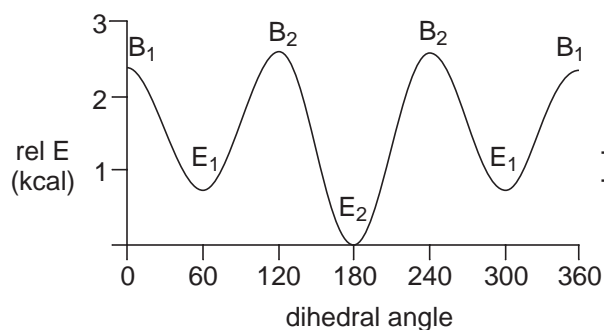


### 7. 3-Methyl-1-butene



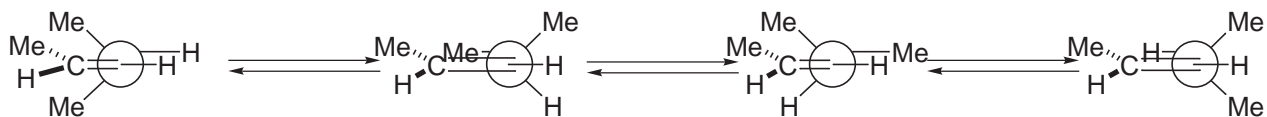
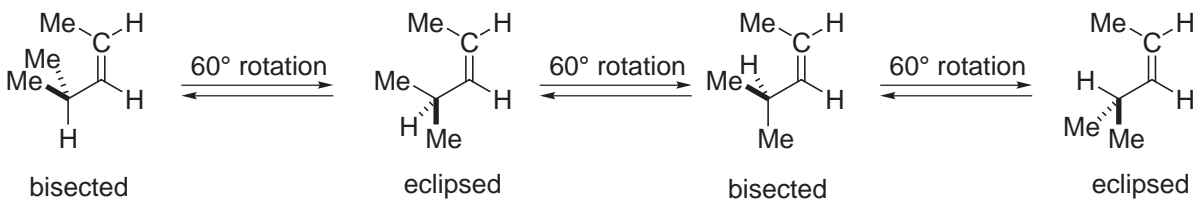
relative energies (kcal)

Ab initio	2.4–3.0	0.73–1.19	2.60–2.94	0.0
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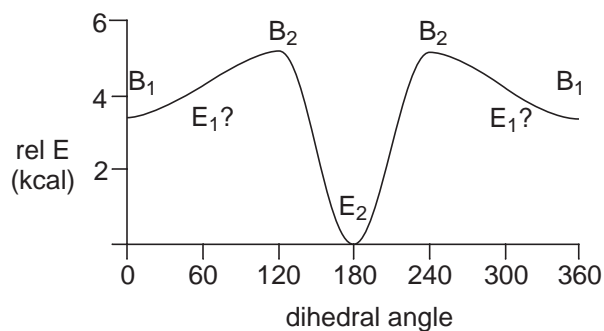
- *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1991**, *113*, 5006.  
- *Chem. Rev.* **1989**, *89*, 1841.

### 8. 4-Methyl-2-pentene



relative energies (kcal)

Ab initio	3.4–4.3	-	4.9–5.9	0.0
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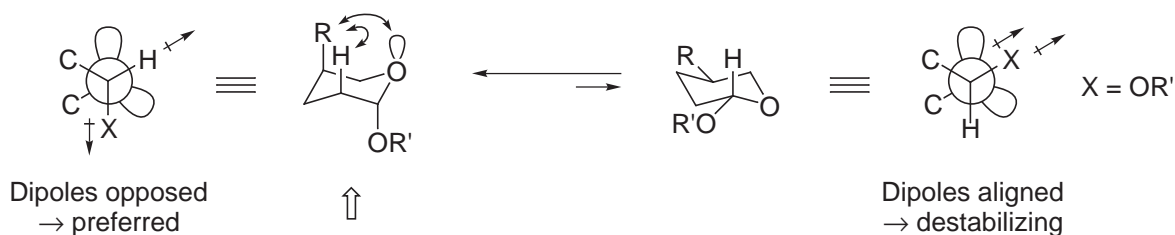


- Only H-eclipsed conformation is reasonable.



## G. Anomeric Effect

### 1. Tetrahydropyrans (e.g., Carbohydrates)



R = H, preferred conformation.  $\Delta G^\circ = 0.85$  kcal/mol

- generally 0–2 kcal/mol, depends on C2/C3 substituents
- effect greater in non-polar solvent

*Comprehensive Org. Chem.* Vol. 5, 695.

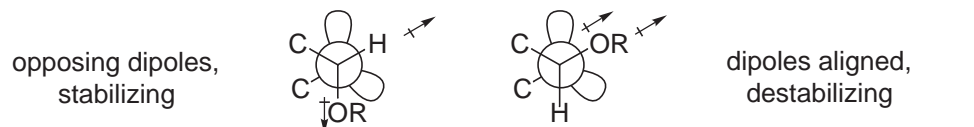
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Review: *Tetrahedron* **1992**, 48, 5019.

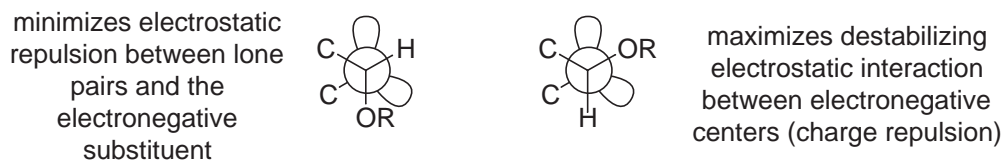
1. A value for R group will be smaller, less preference for equatorial vs axial C3 or C5 substituent since one 1,3-diaxial interaction is with a lone pair versus C–H bond.
2. Polar, electronegative group (e.g., OR and Cl) adjacent to oxygen prefers axial position.
3. Alkyl group adjacent to oxygen prefers equatorial position.
4. Electropositive group (such as  $^+NR_3$ ,  $NO_2$ ,  $SOCH_3$ ) adjacent to oxygen strongly prefers equatorial position.  $\Rightarrow$  Reverse Anomeric Effect

- Explanations Advanced:

#### 1. Dipole stabilization

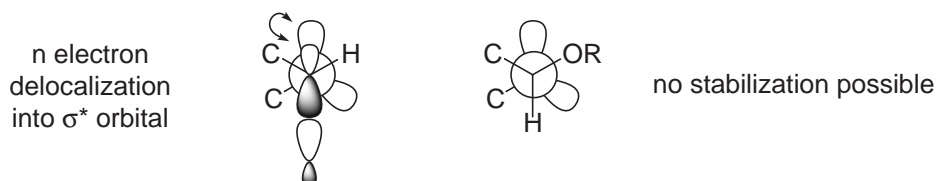


#### 2. Electrostatic repulsion

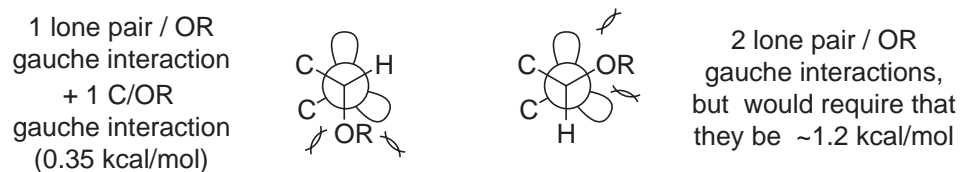


#### 3. Electronic stabilization

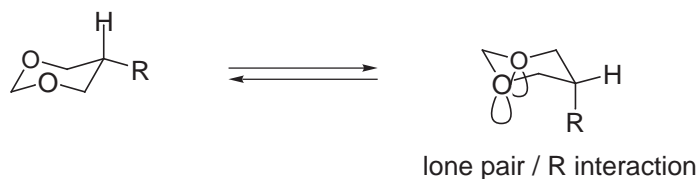
$\sigma^*$ -n orbital stabilizing interaction



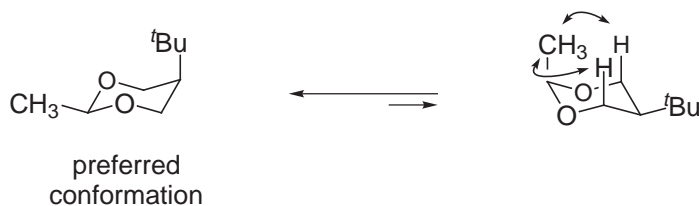
#### 4. Gauche interaction involving lone pairs is large (i.e. steric)



## 2. Anomeric Effect and 1,3-Dioxanes



1. Polar, electronegative C2/C4 substituents prefer axial orientation.
2. The lone pair on oxygen has a smaller steric requirement than a C–H bond.  
 $\Delta G^\circ$  is much lower, lower preference between axial and equatorial C5 substituent
3. Polar electropositive groups C2 equatorial position preferred:  
C5 axial position may be preferred for F, NO<sub>2</sub>, SOCH<sub>3</sub>, <sup>+</sup>NMe<sub>3</sub>.

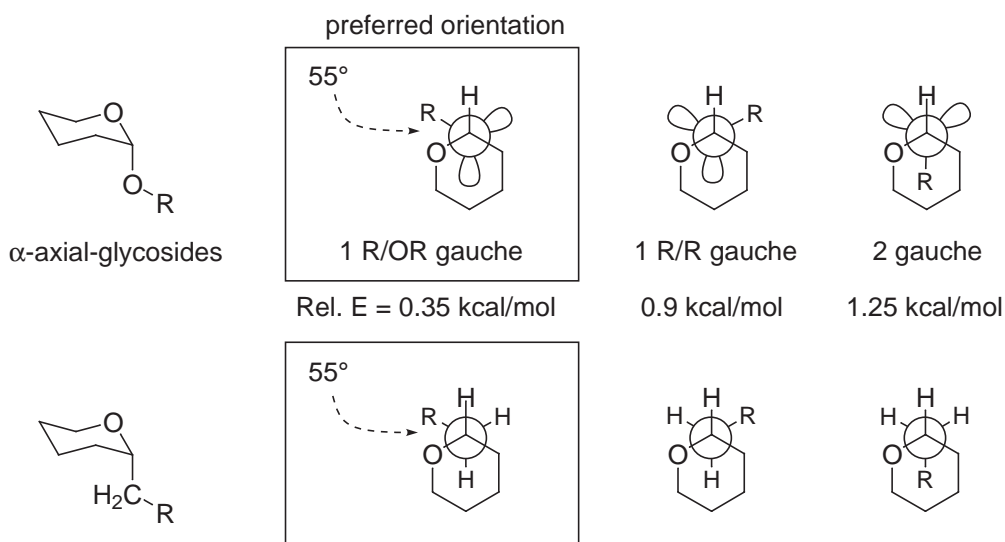


Elie J. *Am. Chem. Soc.* **1968**, *90*, 3444.

A Value (kcal/mol) for Substituents on Tetrahydropyran and 1,3-Dioxane versus Cyclohexane

Group	Cyclohexane	Tetrahydropyran C2	1,3-Dioxane C2	1,3-Dioxane C5
CH <sub>3</sub>	1.8	2.9	4.0	0.8
Et	1.8		4.0	0.7
<sup>i</sup> Pr	2.1		4.2	1.0
<sup>t</sup> Bu	>4.5			1.4

## 3. Exo Anomeric Effect



Kishi *J. Org. Chem.* **1991**, *56*, 6412.

## H. Strain

Cyclic Hydrocarbon, Heats of Combustion/Methylene Group (gas phase)			
Ring Size	$-\Delta H_c$ (kcal/mol)	Ring Size	$-\Delta H_c$ (kcal/mol)
3	166.3	10	158.6
4	163.9	11	158.4
5	158.7	12	157.8
strain free	6	13	157.7
	7	14	157.4
	8	15	157.5
	9	16	157.5

} largely strain free

### 1. Small rings (3- and 4-membered rings): small angle strain

▷ For cyclopropane, reduction of bond angle from ideal  $109.5^\circ$  to  $60^\circ$   
27.5 kcal/mol of strain energy.

▷ For cyclopropene, reduction of bond angle from ideal  $120^\circ$  to  $60^\circ$   
52.6 kcal/mol of strain energy.

To form a small ring in synthetic sequences, must overcome the energy barrier implicated in forming a strained high energy product.

### 2. Common rings (5-, 6-, and 7-membered rings):

- largely unstrained and the strain that is present is largely torsional strain (Pitzer strain).

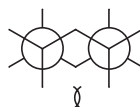
### 3. Medium rings (8- to 11-membered rings):

#### a. large angle strain

- bond angles enlarged from ideal  $109.5^\circ$  to  $115\text{--}120^\circ$ .  
- bond angles enlarged to reduce transannular interactions.

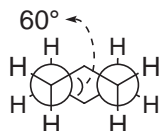
#### b. steric (transannular) interactions

- analogous to 1,3-diaxial interactions in cyclohexanes, but can be 1,3-, 1,4-, or 1,5- ...



#### c. torsional strain (Pitzer strain)

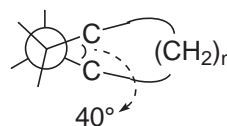
in cyclohexanes



just like gauche butane.

in medium rings

- deviation from ideal  $\phi$  of  $60^\circ$  and approach an eclipsing interaction.

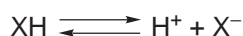


### 4. Large rings (12-membered and up):

- little or no strain.

## I. $pK_a$ of Common Organic Acids

Acid	$pK_a$	Acid	$pK_a$
cyclohexane	45	$(CH_3)_2CHOH$	18
ethane	42	$CH_3CH_2OH$	17
benzene	37	cyclic ketones	17
ethylene	36	e.g. cyclohexanone	17
$Et_2NH$	36	$CH_3OH$	16 (16–18)
$NH_3$ (ammonia)	35	$CH_3CONHCH_3$	16–17
toluene, propene	35	$PhCH_2COPh$	16
$(C_6H_5)_3CH$	28–33	$H_2O$	16
DMSO ( $CH_3S(O)CH_3$ )	31	cyclopentadiene	15
$C_6H_5NH_2$	27	$CH_2(CO_2Et)_2$	13
$HC\equiv CH$	25	$CH_2(CN)_2$	11
$CH_3CN$	25	$CH_3COCH_2CO_2Et$	11
$CH_3CO_2Et$	25	$CH_3NO_2$	10
$CH_3SO_2CH_3$	23–27	phenol	10
$CH_3CONMe_2$	25	$R_3NH^+Cl^-$	10
aliphatic ketones	20–23	$HCN$	9
$(CH_3)_3CCOCH(CH_3)_2$	23	$CH_3CH_2NO_2$	9
$(CH_3)_3CCOCH_3$	21	$CH_3COCH_2COCH_3$	9
$CH_3COCH_3$	20	$CH_2(CN)CO_2Et$	9
$CH_3COC_6H_5$	19	$CH_3CO_2H$	5
$(CH_3)_3COH$	19	$py\cdot HCl$	5
$C_6H_5C\equiv CH$	19	$C_6H_5NH_3^+Cl^-$	5



$$K_a = \frac{[H^+][X^-]}{[HX]}$$

$$pK_a = -\log K_a = -\log[H^+]$$

Increase in  $pK_a$  means decrease in  $[H^+]$  and acidity

Decrease in  $pK_a$  means increase in  $[H^+]$  and acidity

For more extensive lists, see:

*The Chemist's Companion*, p 584.

House, p 494.

Familiarity with these  $pK_a$ 's will allow prediction/estimation of acidities of other compounds. This is important, since many organic reactions have a  $pK_a$  basis (i.e., enolate alkylations).

## II. Kinetics and Thermodynamics of Organic Reactions

### A. Free Energy Relationships

$$\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S$$

The equilibrium for the reaction can be described by

$$\ln K_{\text{eq}} = - \frac{\Delta G}{RT}$$

To achieve a high ratio of two products (desired product and undesired product) in a thermodynamically controlled reaction (i.e. under reversible conditions) you need the following  $\Delta G$ 's:

$K$ (25 °C)		$\Delta G$ (kcal/mol)	$K$ (0 °C)		$\Delta G$ (kcal/mol)	$K$ (-78 °C)		$\Delta G$ (kcal/mol)
2	(67:33)	0.41	2.1	(68:32)	0.41	2.9	(75:25)	0.41
5	(83:17)	0.95	5.7	(85:15)	0.95	11.6	(92:8)	0.95
9	(90:10)	1.30	10.9	(92:18)	1.30	28.5	(97:3)	1.30
20	(95:5)	1.74	27.5	(96:4)	1.80	103.3	(99:1)	1.80
99	(99:1)	2.73						
999	(99.9:0.1)	4.09						

Hydrogenation reaction:



bonds broken

1	C=C	163 kcal/mol
1	H-H	104 kcal/mol
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		267 kcal/mol

bonds formed

1	C-C	88 kcal/mol
2	C-H	2 x 98 kcal/mol
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		284 kcal/mol

-Overall reaction is *exothermic* ->  $\Delta G = -17$  kcal/mol, so reaction is *favorable, spontaneous*.

-To calculate equilibrium constant:

$$\ln K_{\text{eq}} = - \frac{\Delta G}{RT}$$

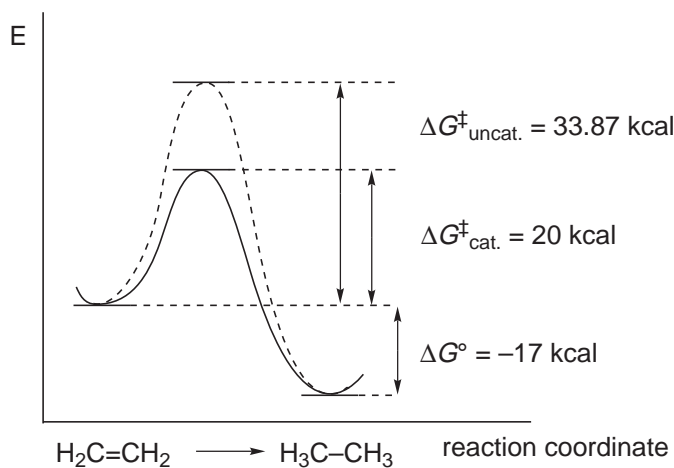
$$\begin{aligned} 2.303 \log K_{\text{eq}} &= 17 \text{ kcal} \times 1000 \text{ cal/mol} / (298 \text{ K}) \times 1.99 \\ \log K_{\text{eq}} &= 12.45 \\ K_{\text{eq}} &= 2.8 \times 10^{12} \end{aligned}$$

- But experimentally this reaction is very slow.

- Molecule rate (experimentally) =  $10^{12}$  molecules/sec

$$\text{mole rate} = \frac{6.023 \times 10^{23} \text{ molecules/mol}}{(10^{12} \text{ molecules/sec}) \times (60 \text{ sec/min}) \times (60 \text{ min/hour}) \times (24 \text{ hour/day}) \times (365 \text{ day/year})} = 2 \times 10^4 \text{ years}$$

i.e.,  $2 \times 10^4$  years to hydrogenate one mole of ethylene (without catalyst).



Transition State: A transition state (TS) possesses a defined geometry and charge delocalization but has no finite existence. At TS, energy usually higher and although many reactant bonds are broken or partially broken, the product bonds are not yet completely formed.

----- uncatalyzed reaction  
 ——— catalyzed reaction

## B. Transition State Theory

$$\Delta G^\ddagger = \Delta H^\ddagger - T\Delta S^\ddagger$$

- Free Energy of Activation ( $\Delta G^\ddagger$ )
- Enthalpy of Activation ( $\Delta H^\ddagger$ ): Difference in bond energy between reactants and the transition state.
- Entropy of Activation ( $-T\Delta S^\ddagger$ ):  $\Delta S^\ddagger$  usually negative, making the change more endothermic.

$$\text{From } \Delta G^\ddagger = \Delta H^\ddagger - T\Delta S^\ddagger, \quad \Delta G^\ddagger = -RT \ln K^\ddagger$$

$$\text{for uncatalyzed H}_2 \text{ reaction} \quad \Delta G^\ddagger = 33.9 \text{ kcal/mol}$$

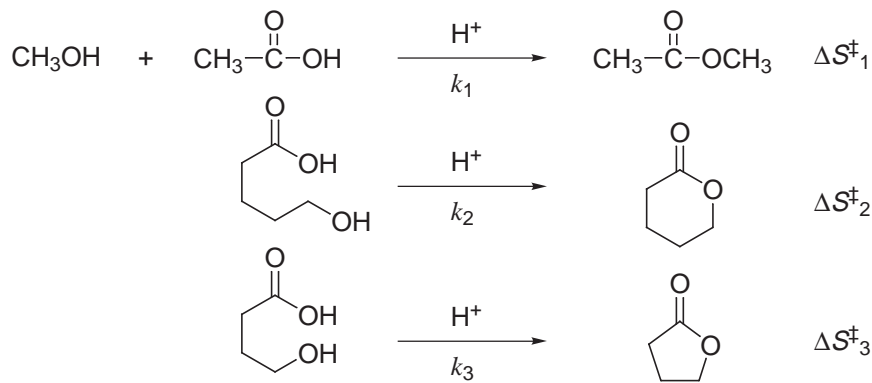
$$\text{catalyzed H}_2 \text{ reaction} \quad \Delta G^\ddagger = 20 \text{ kcal/mol}$$

and for the rate

$$\text{for uncatalyzed H}_2 \text{ reaction} \quad k = 1.0 \times 10^{12} \text{ mol/sec}$$

$$\text{catalyzed H}_2 \text{ reaction} \quad k = 1.0 \times 10^{22} \text{ mol/sec}$$

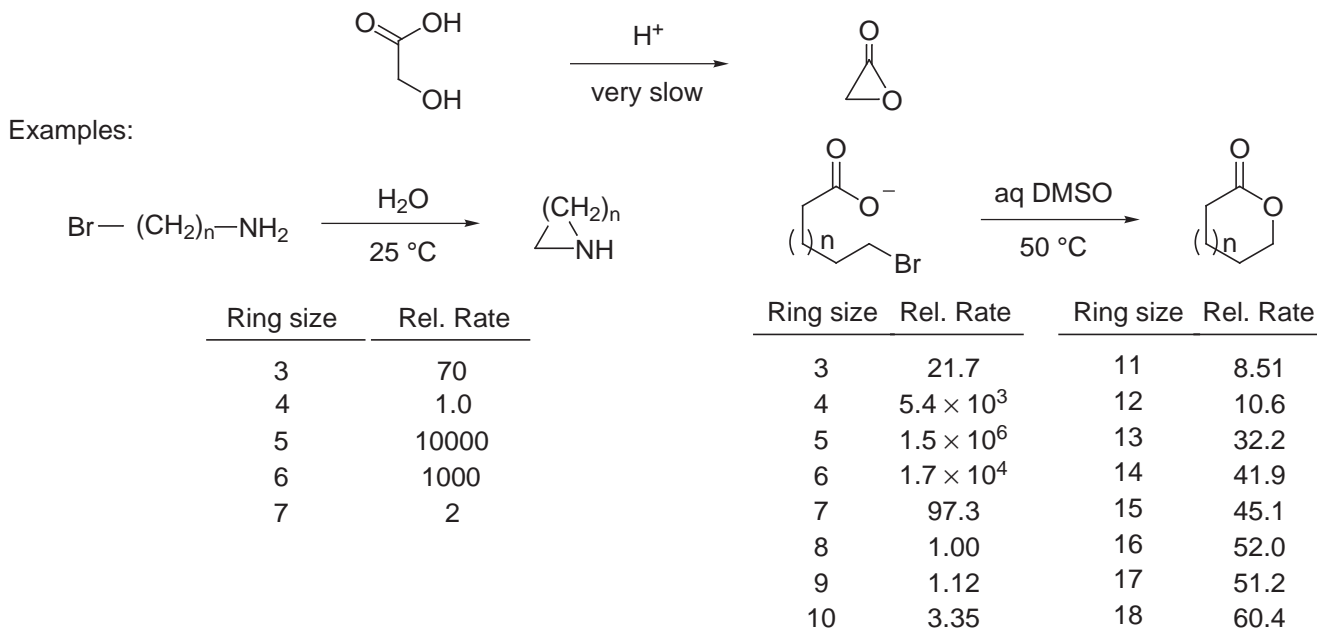
## C. Intramolecular Versus Intermolecular Reactions



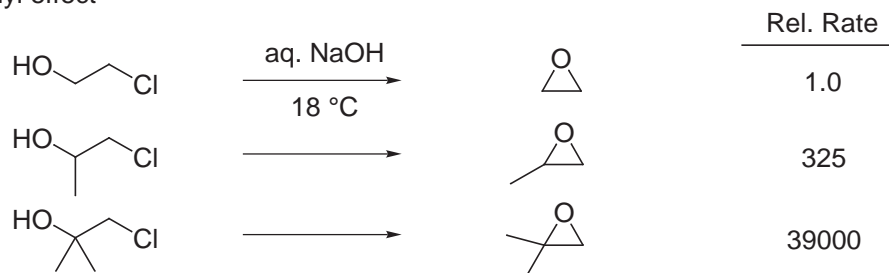
$$k_3 > k_2 > k_1$$

$$\begin{aligned} -T\Delta S^\ddagger_1 &> -T\Delta S^\ddagger_2 > -T\Delta S^\ddagger_3 > 0 \\ \Delta S^\ddagger_1 &< \Delta S^\ddagger_2 < \Delta S^\ddagger_3 < 0 \\ \Rightarrow \Delta G^\ddagger_3 &< \Delta G^\ddagger_2 < \Delta G^\ddagger_1 \end{aligned}$$

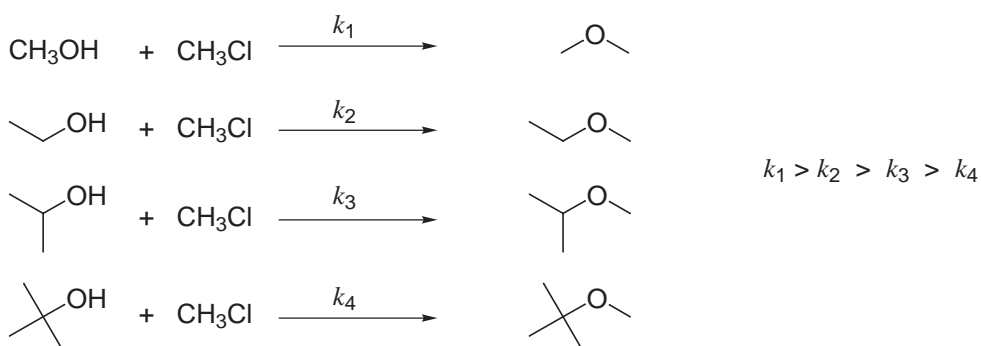
- Intramolecular versus intermolecular reactions benefit from a far more favorable entropy of activation ( $\Delta S^\ddagger$ ).
- In forming small rings, ring strain developing in the product decelerates the rate of reaction (large  $\Delta H^\ddagger$ ) and that can offset the favorable  $\Delta S^\ddagger$  rate acceleration.



- gem dimethyl effect



Compare to relative rates of intermolecular  $\text{S}_{\text{N}}2$  displacement where the more substituted alkoxide reacts slowest:



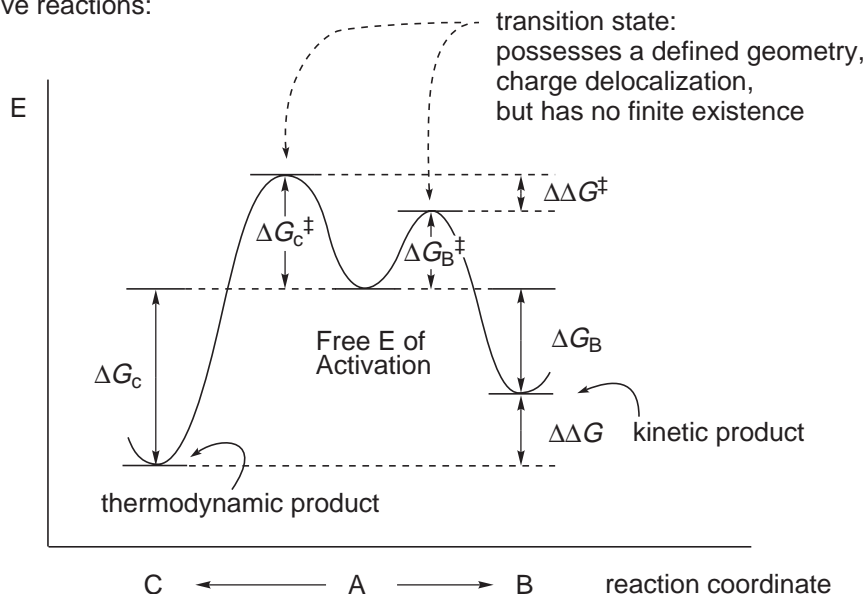
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Mandolini *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1978**, *100*, 550.  
Illuminati *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1977**, *99*, 2591.  
Mandolini, Illuminati *Acc. Chem. Res.* **1981**, *14*, 95.

For the intramolecular case:

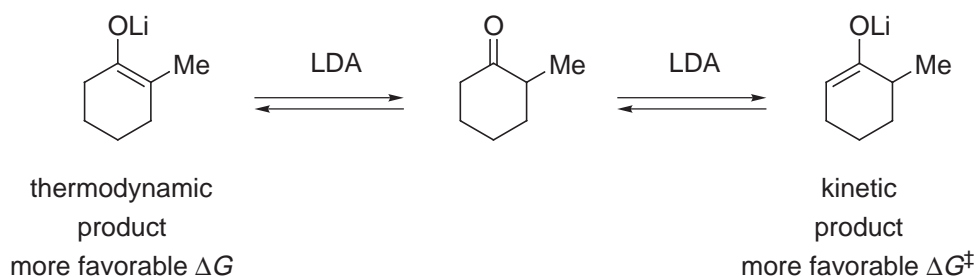
The reactive conformation is more favorable and populated to a greater extent in the more substituted case  
 $\Rightarrow$  One must consider both length of chain (i.e., ring size being formed) and nature of atoms in the chain (i.e., conformation, hybridization).

## D. Kinetic and Thermodynamic Control

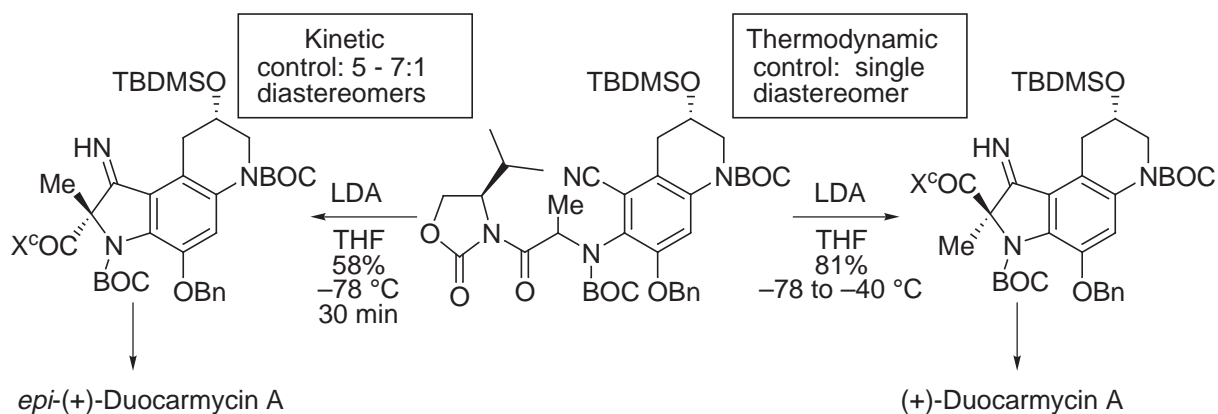
– For competitive reactions:



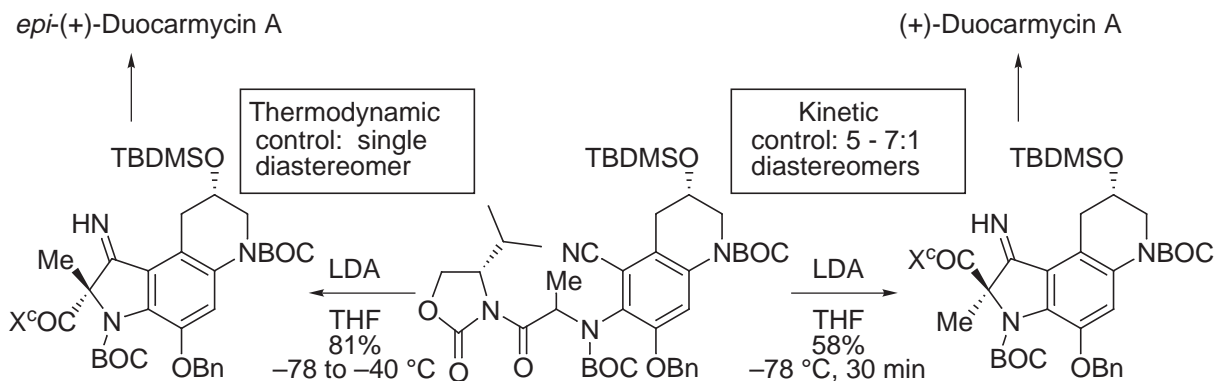
If this is an irreversible reaction, most of the reaction product will be B (kinetic product).  
If this is a reversible reaction, most will be C (more stable, thermodynamic product).



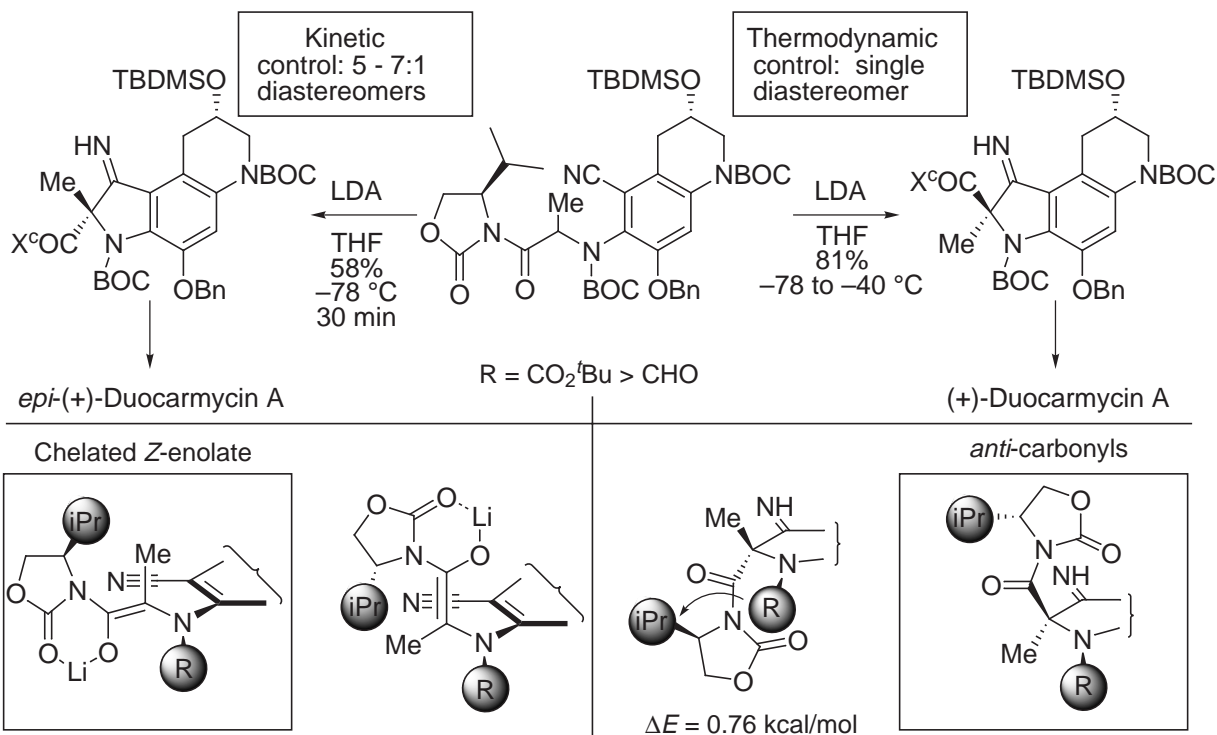
A beautiful example of this was observed in the kinetic versus thermodynamic asymmetric Dieckmann-like condensation illustrated below. The most stable product (lower  $\Delta G$ ) was observed upon conducting the reaction under equilibrating conditions for the reversible reaction while the alternative kinetic product (lower  $\Delta G^\ddagger$ ) was observed when the reaction was conducted under lower temperature and nonequilibrating conditions (kinetic conditions).







### Divergent Control of C6-Stereochemistry



Boger *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1997**, 119, 311.

## E. Hammond Postulate

The geometry of the transition state for a step most closely resembles the side (i.e., reactant or product) to which it is closer in energy.

Transition state can not be studied experimentally – has zero lifetime (transient species)

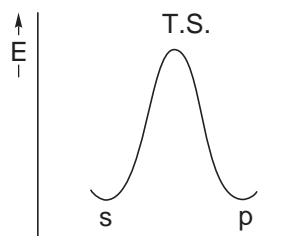
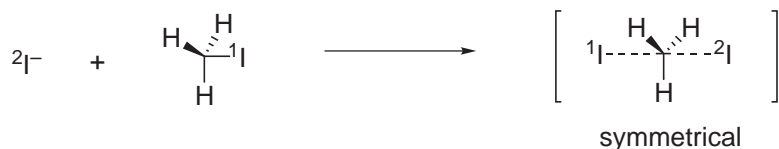
→ information obtained indirectly

⇒ Hammond postulate

Examples:

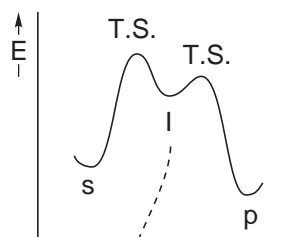
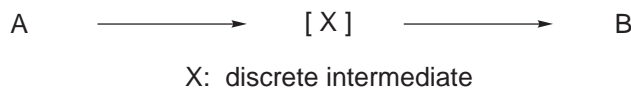
1) Thermoneutral reactions:





Thermoneutral reaction –  
transition state resembles both  
starting material and product equally

2) For reactions which proceed through an intermediate: solvolysis of tertiary alcohol



G. A. Olah received the 1994 Nobel Prize in  
Chemistry for his contributions to carbocation  
chemistry.

Resemble the geometry of the carbocation  
intermediate and not that of the reactant (alcohol)  
or product (alkyl chloride).

Intermediate (for this reaction it will be  $\text{C}^+$  so  $\text{T.S.} \Rightarrow \text{I}$ )

#### Notes

- 20 kcal/mol energy available at 25 °C for free energy of activation.
- Increase reaction temperature, increase the rate of reaction.
- Decrease reaction temperature, decrease the rate of reaction, but increase the selectivity of the reaction.

Hammond *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1955**, 77, 334.  
Casin *J. Chem. Ed.* **1975**, 52, 76.

## F. Principle of Microscopic Reversibility

The forward or reverse reactions, run under identical conditions, must proceed by the same mechanism  
i.e., if forward reaction proceeds via intermediate X

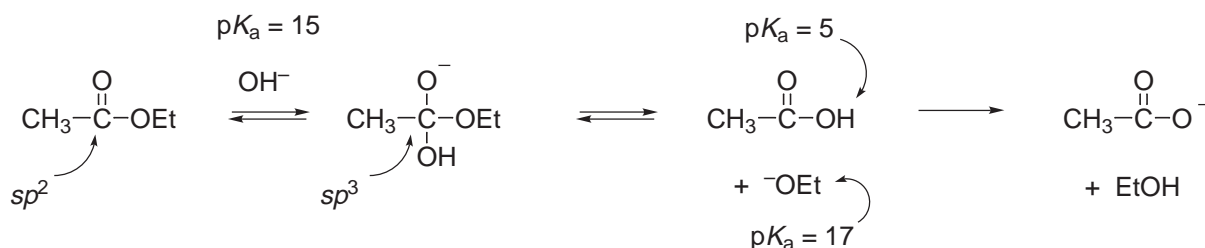


then reverse reaction also goes through X.

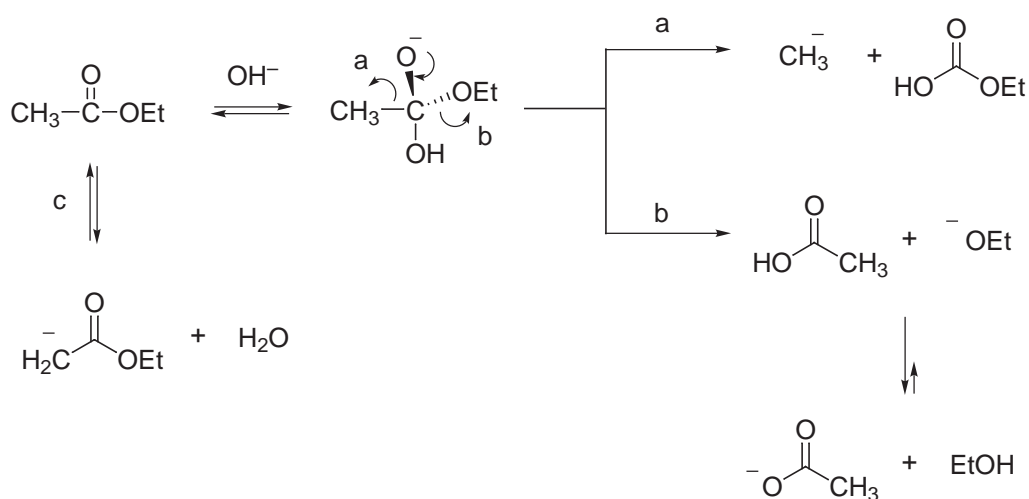


### III. Reaction Mechanisms and Conformational Effects on Reactivity

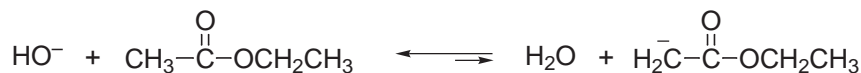
#### A. Ester Hydrolysis



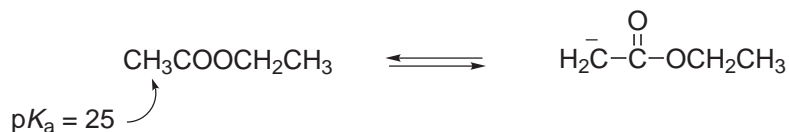
Reaction driven to completion by final, irreversible step (compare  $pK_a = 17$  to  $pK_a = 5$ ).



- So, possible competing reaction is  $\alpha$ -H removal, but  $pK_a$  difference means equilibrium strongly favors ester and  $\text{OH}^-$ , i.e.;

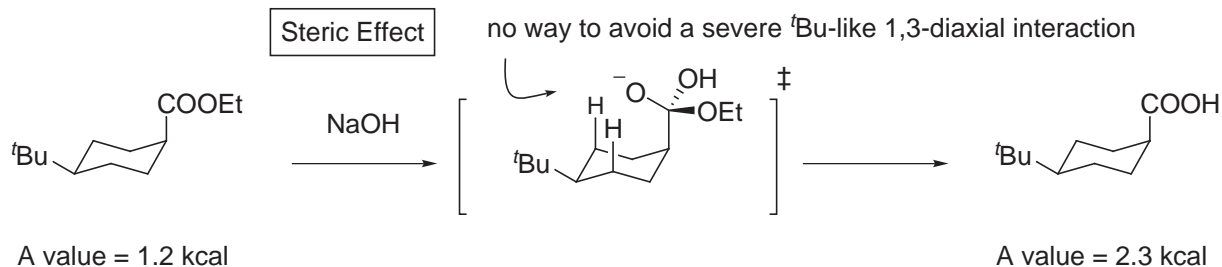
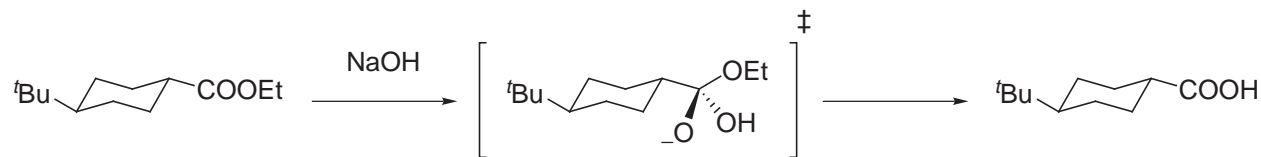


- To deprotonate an ester, must use a strong base which is non-nucleophilic, such as  $^t\text{BuOK}$  or LDA.



1.  $^t\text{BuOK}$  ( $pK_a$  of  $^t\text{BuOH} = 19$ )  $\rightarrow$  generates low concentration of anion, and a significant amount of ester always present  
 $\Rightarrow$  self (Claisen) condensation
2. LDA ( $pK_a$  of  $^i\text{Pr}_2\text{NH} = 36$ )  $\rightarrow$  generates a high concentration of enolate and thus is a good base to carry out stoichiometric alkylation of ester

### 1. Kinetics of Ester Hydrolysis (Stereochemistry and Rates of Reactions)



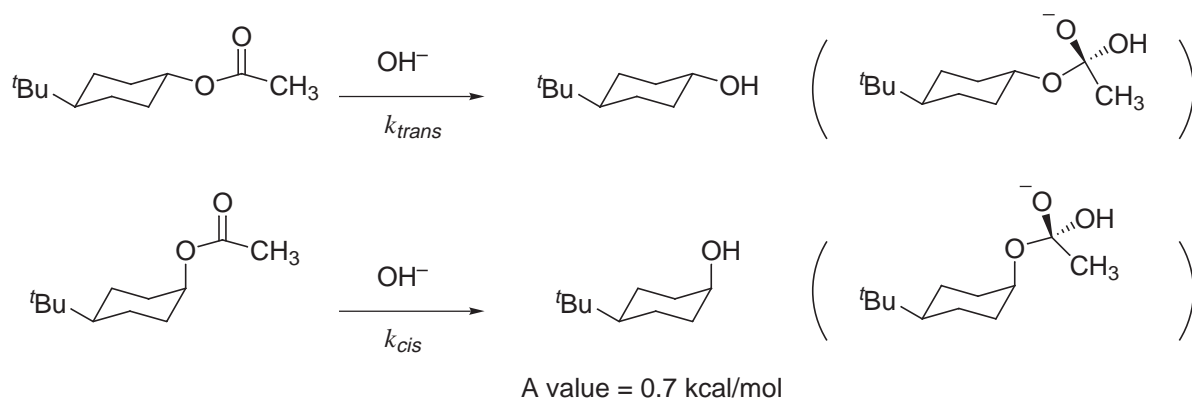
$$\frac{k_{trans}}{k_{cis}} = 19.8 \rightarrow 95 : 5$$

The rate determining step for ester hydrolysis is the formation of tetrahedral intermediate and the ratio of  $k_{trans}/k_{cis} \gg 1$ .

Eliel *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1961**, 83, 2351.

- Difference in rates much greater than expected if simply considering the difference in either the product or reactant A values.
- Reaction of axial ester decelerated due to more severe developing 1,3-diaxial interactions in transition state (i.e., an axial <sup>t</sup>Bu-like group).

### 2. Same effect is observed, but to a lesser extent with acetate hydrolysis



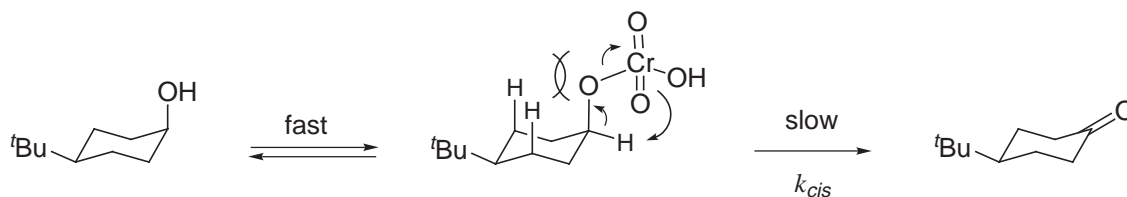
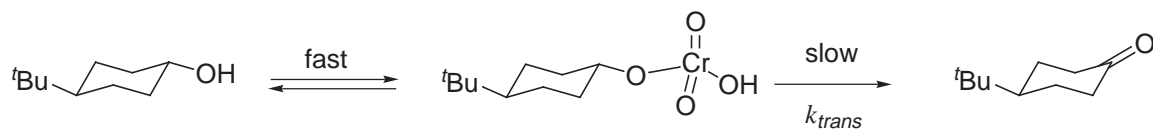
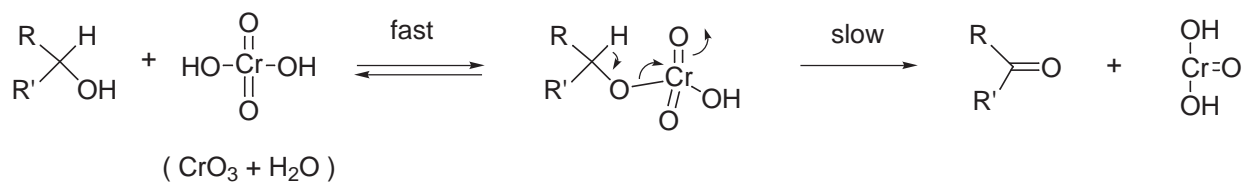
$$\frac{k_{trans}}{k_{cis}} = 6.65$$

effect is smaller because of the more remote distance of the steric interactions

Similarly, the rates of acetylation are  $k_{trans}/k_{cis} = 3.7$

Eliel *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1966**, 88, 3334.

## B. Alcohol Oxidations



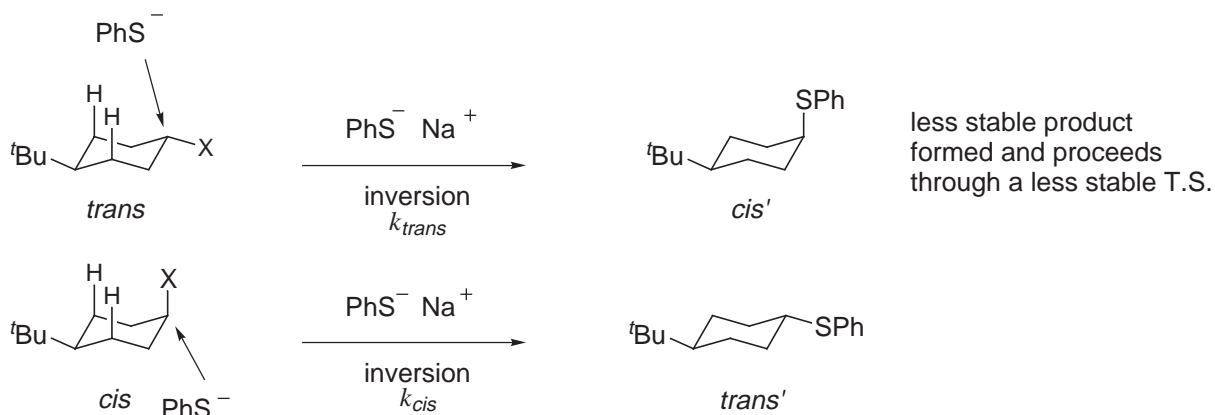
$$\frac{k_{cis}}{k_{trans}} = 4$$

The rate determining step for the alcohol oxidation is break down of the chromate ester with cleavage of C-H bond and O-Cr bond.

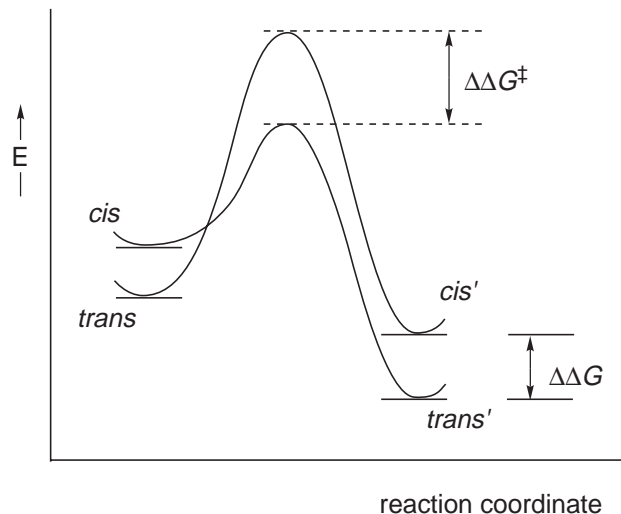
Destabilizing 1,3-diaxial interactions in *cis* chromate ester accelerate its breakdown to the ketone (would be slower if the slow step for the reaction were formation of chromate ester).

Eliel *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1966**, *88*, 3327.

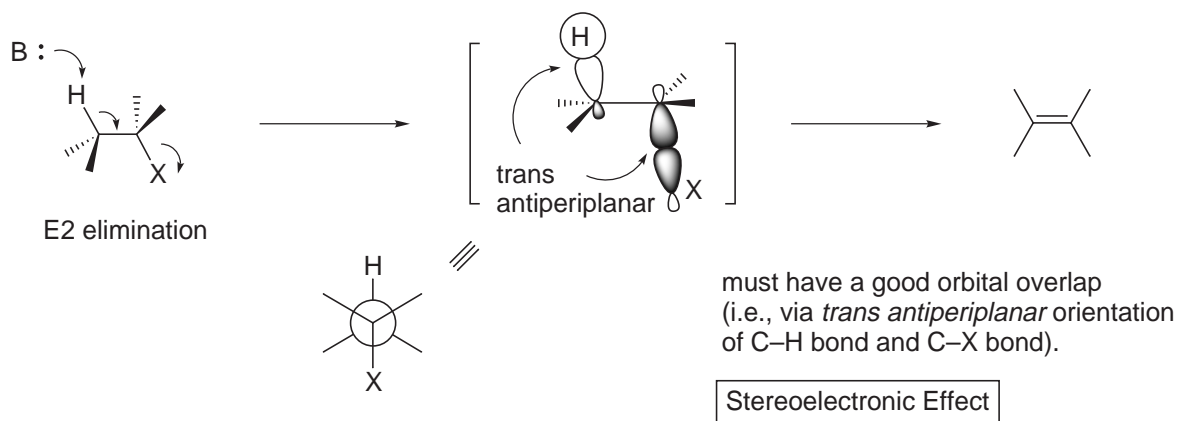
## C. S<sub>N</sub>2 Reactions



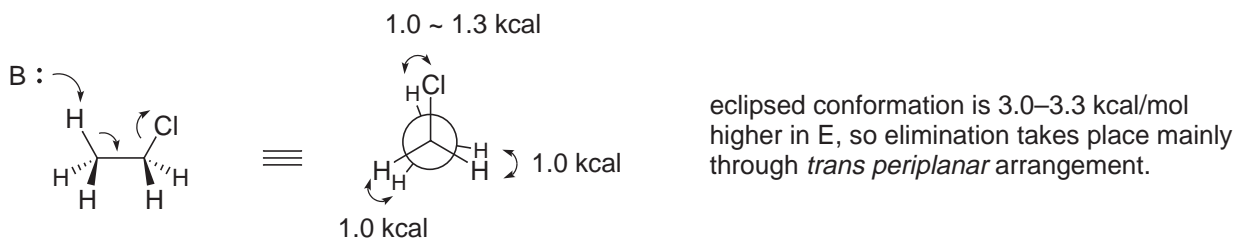
- The free energy of activation ( $E_a$ , or  $\Delta G^\ddagger$ ) for reaction of the *trans* isomer is higher due to steric interactions felt in the transition state (interactions of incoming nucleophile with axial H's).
- $k_{cis} > k_{trans}$
- $\Delta\Delta G^\ddagger$  greater than  $\Delta\Delta G$  of products.
- The reaction of the *trans* isomer is kinetically slower and thermodynamically less favorable.



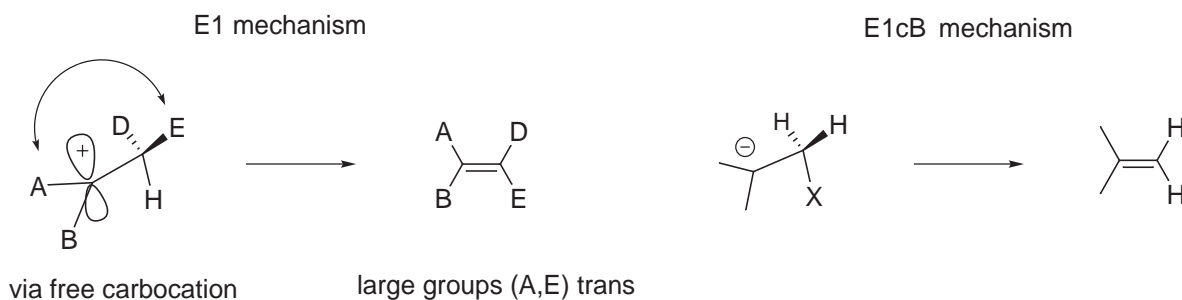
## D. Elimination Reactions



- Alternatively, if dihedral angle =  $0^\circ$  (i.e., eclipsed X and H), elimination can take place (orbital overlap good).

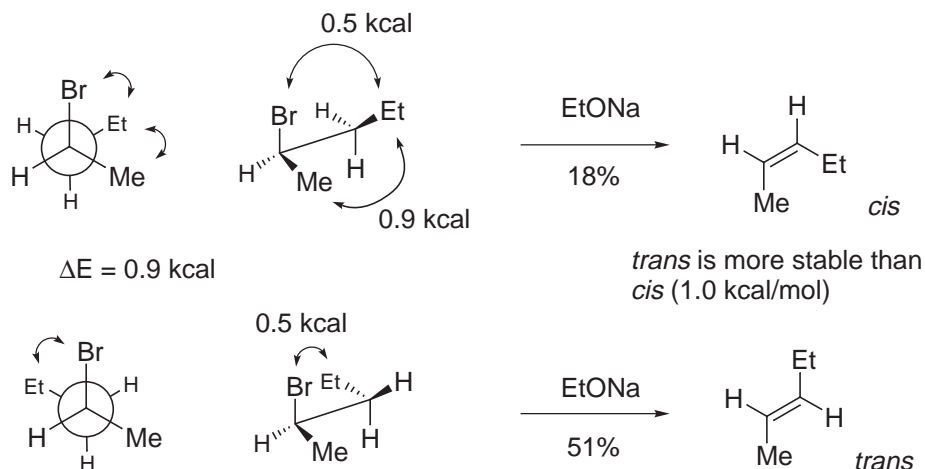
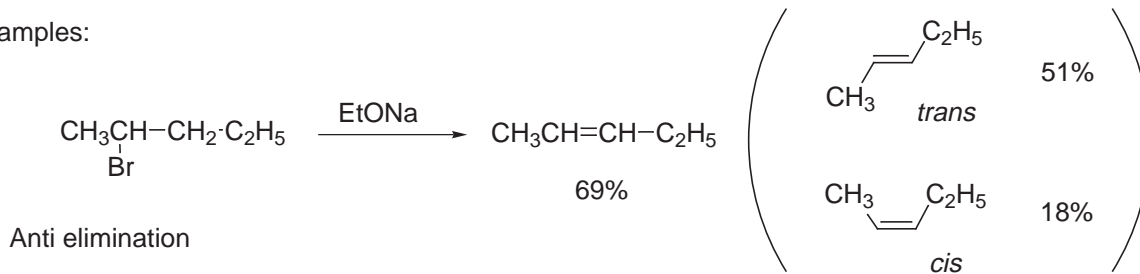


- Alternate mechanisms also possible:



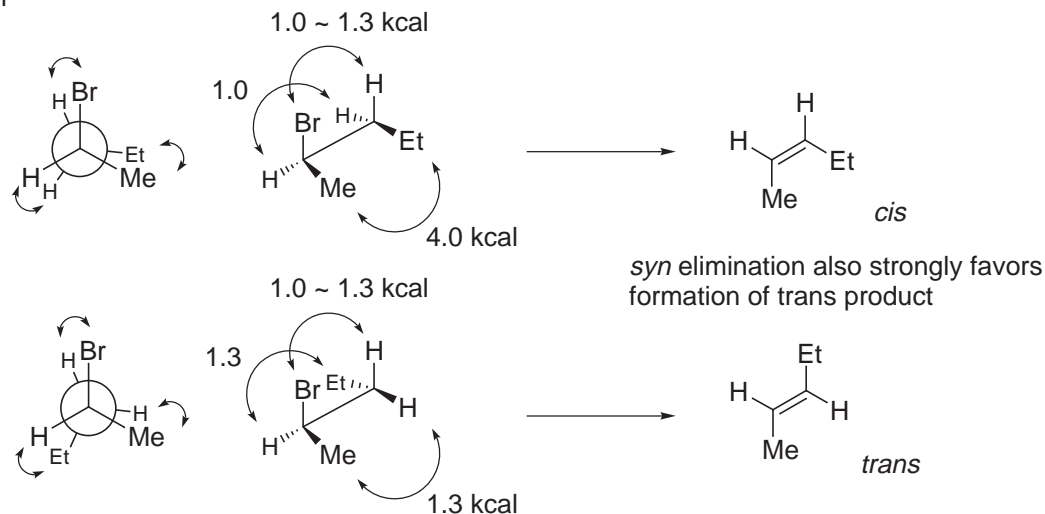
**Acyclic Substrate**

– Examples:



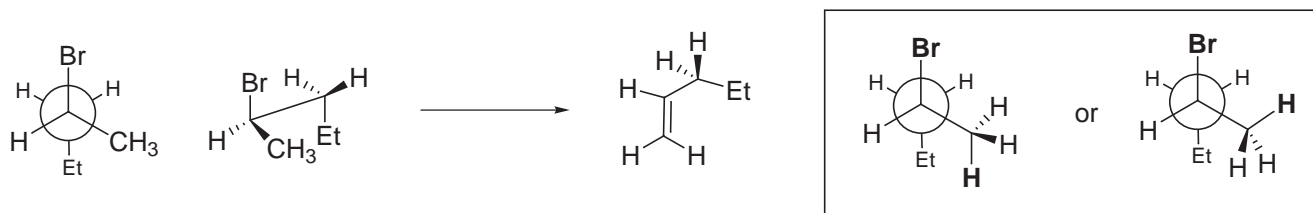
– For other possible mechanisms:

Syn elimination



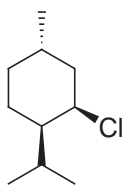
Both are very much destabilized relative to *anti*-elimination T.S. / conformations. Neither contribute to ground state conformation of bromide at room temperature.

And, there is another product formed:

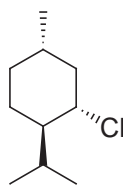


### Cyclic Substrate

Consider E2 elimination of

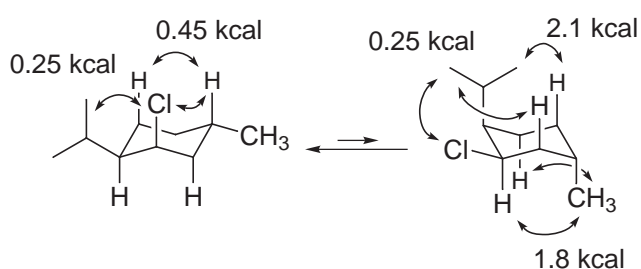


neomenthyl chloride



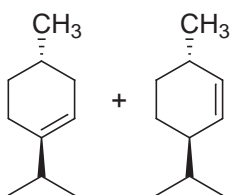
menthyl chloride

Look at all conformations of each:

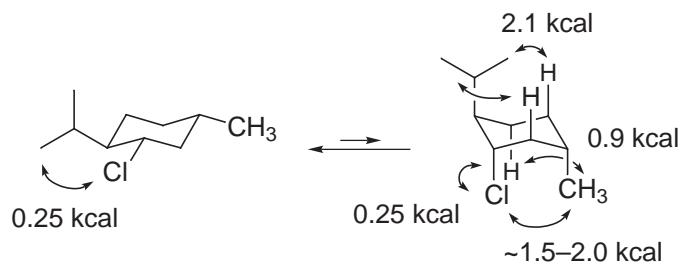


**A**  $\Delta E = \sim 3.4$  kcal/mol  
>99 :1 ratio for **A** : **B**

$k_1$



78 : 22

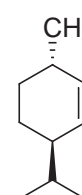


**C** 4.5–5 kcal/mol more stable

reactive conformer because it is the only one that can achieve a *trans antiperiplanar* relationship between the H atom and the Cl

> 4 kcal/mol energy difference between ground state conformation and the reactive conformation

$k_2$



only product !

The reaction of the neomenthyl chloride is much faster ( $k_1/k_2 = 193:1$ )

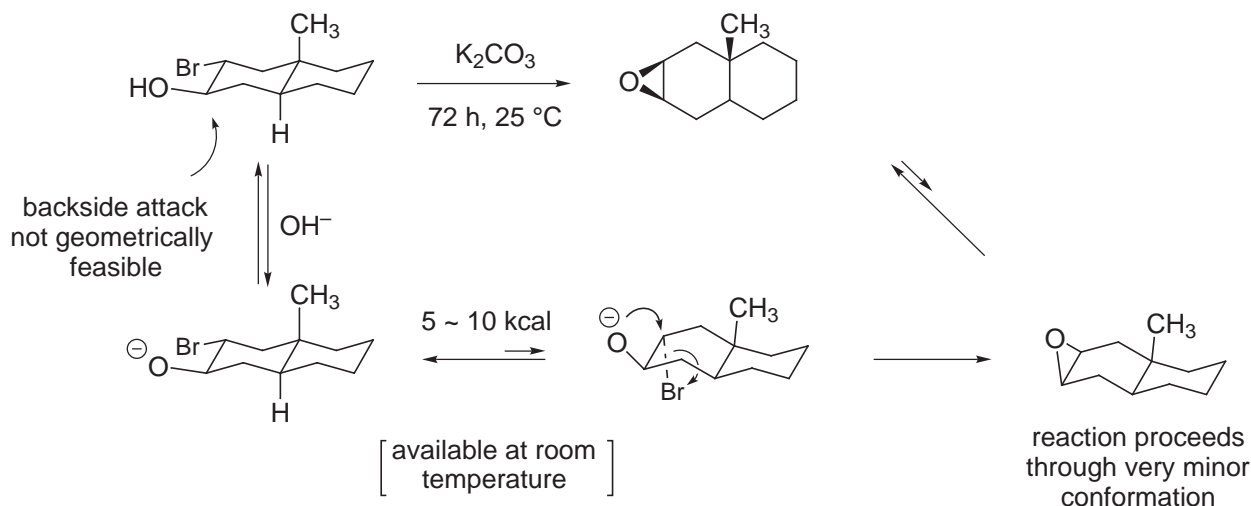
From **D** (menthyl chloride) – only one product is possible

**Curtin–Hammett principle** : Ground state conformation need not be decisive in determining product of a reaction.



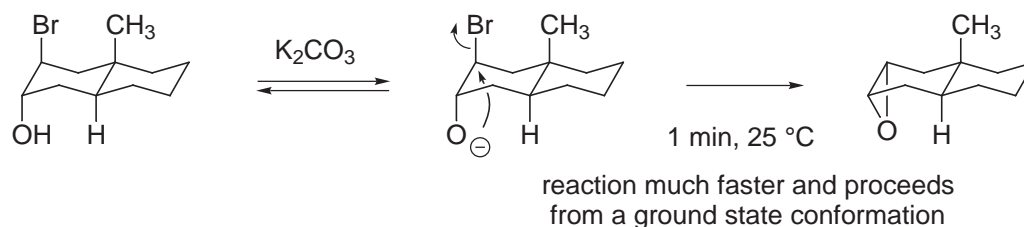
## E. Epoxidation by Intramolecular Closure of Halohydrins

– Must involve backside displacement → geometrical constraints !

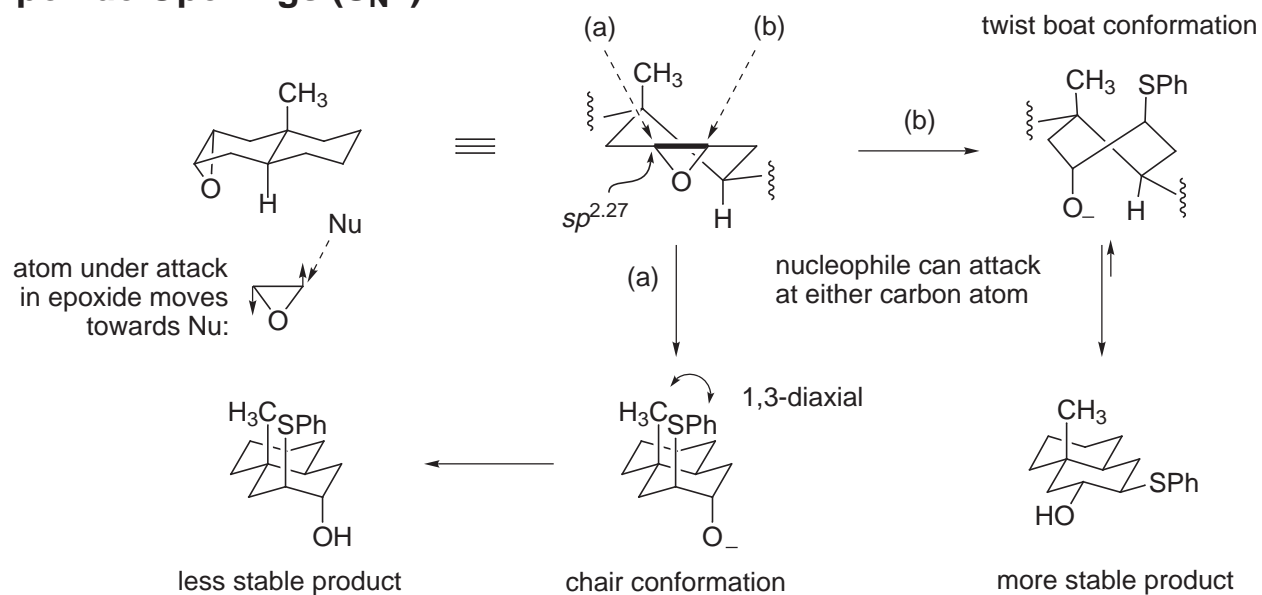


Again, ground state conformation of reactant is not a determinant in reaction product (Curtin–Hammett principle).

– Another example:



## F. Epoxide Openings ( $S_N2$ )



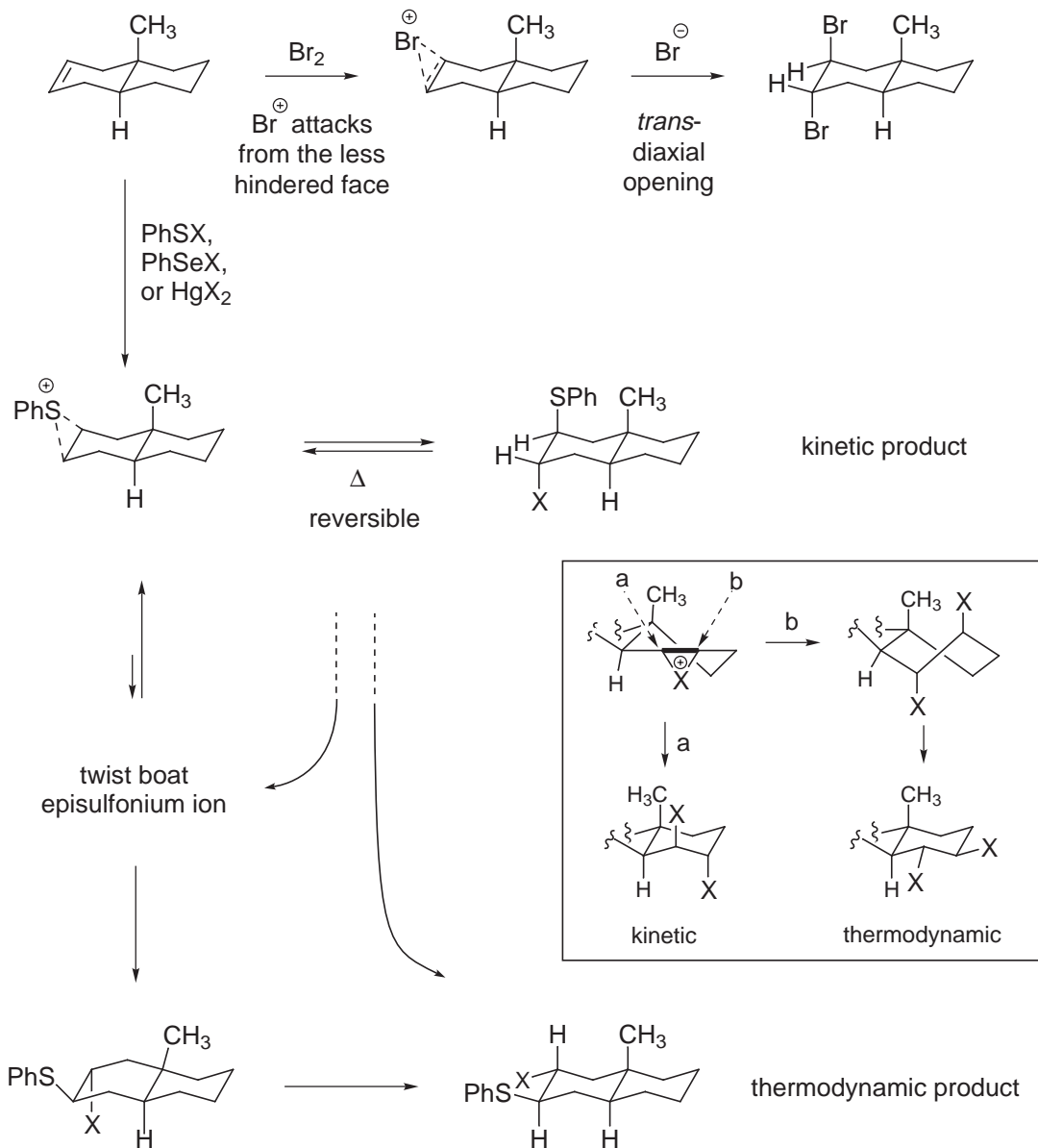
This is the only product formed!

⇒ Product ratio dependent on  $E_a$  (i.e., relative energy of two T.S.), route (a) proceeding through chair conformation and destabilizing 1,3-diaxial interaction is of lower energy than route (b) proceeding through twist boat T.S.

- Conformational effects determine regioselectivity

## G. Electrophilic Additions to Olefins

Follows same principles



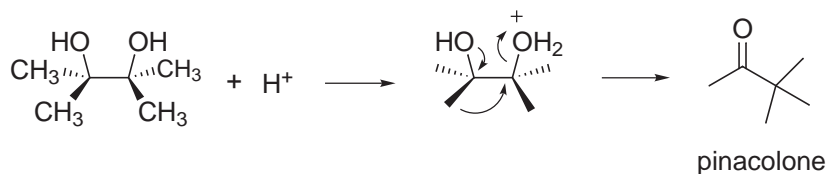
- Conformational effects control regioselectivity and stereochemistry

But, it is not always possible to obtain the thermodynamic product

⇒ must have the 20–30 kcal/mol of energy required and a mechanism to reverse the reaction.

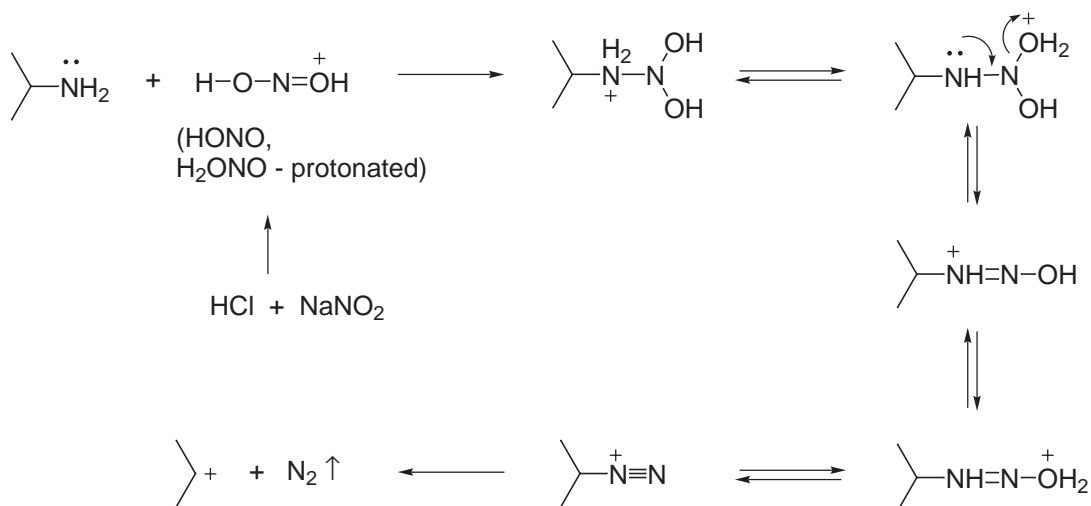
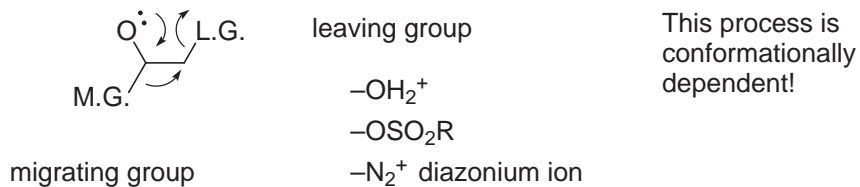
## H. Rearrangement Reactions

pinacol  $\rightarrow$  pinacolone rearrangement



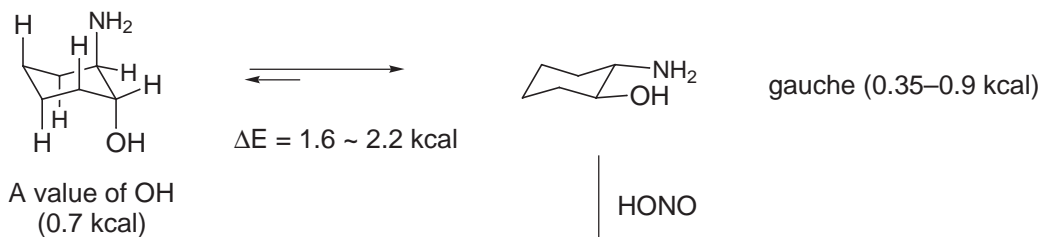
– Prototype of rearrangement:

heteroatom:

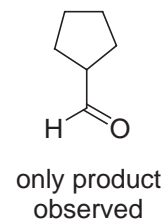
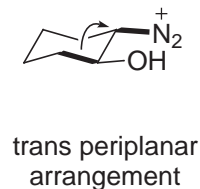
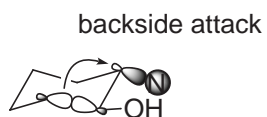


The course of rearrangement is conformationally dependent:

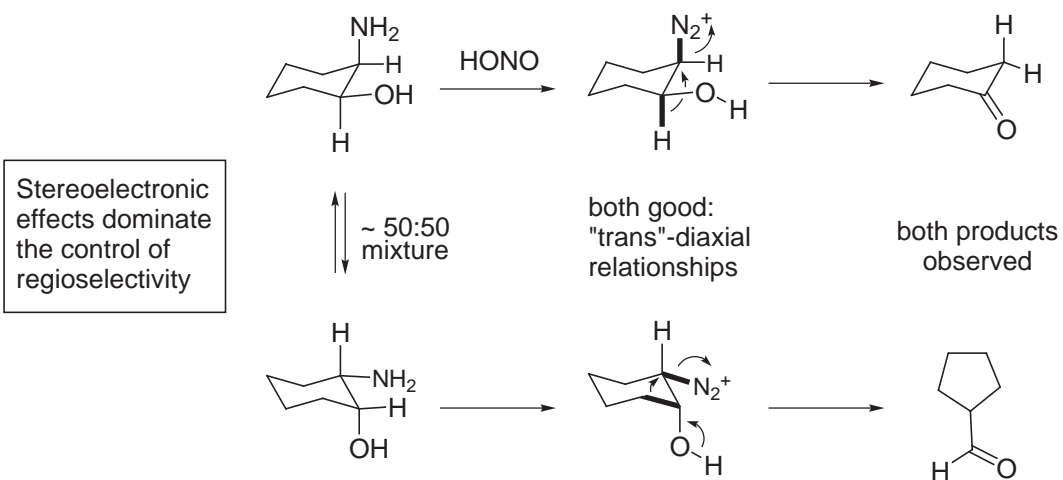
A value of  $NH_2/NH_3^+$  (1.8–1.4 kcal)



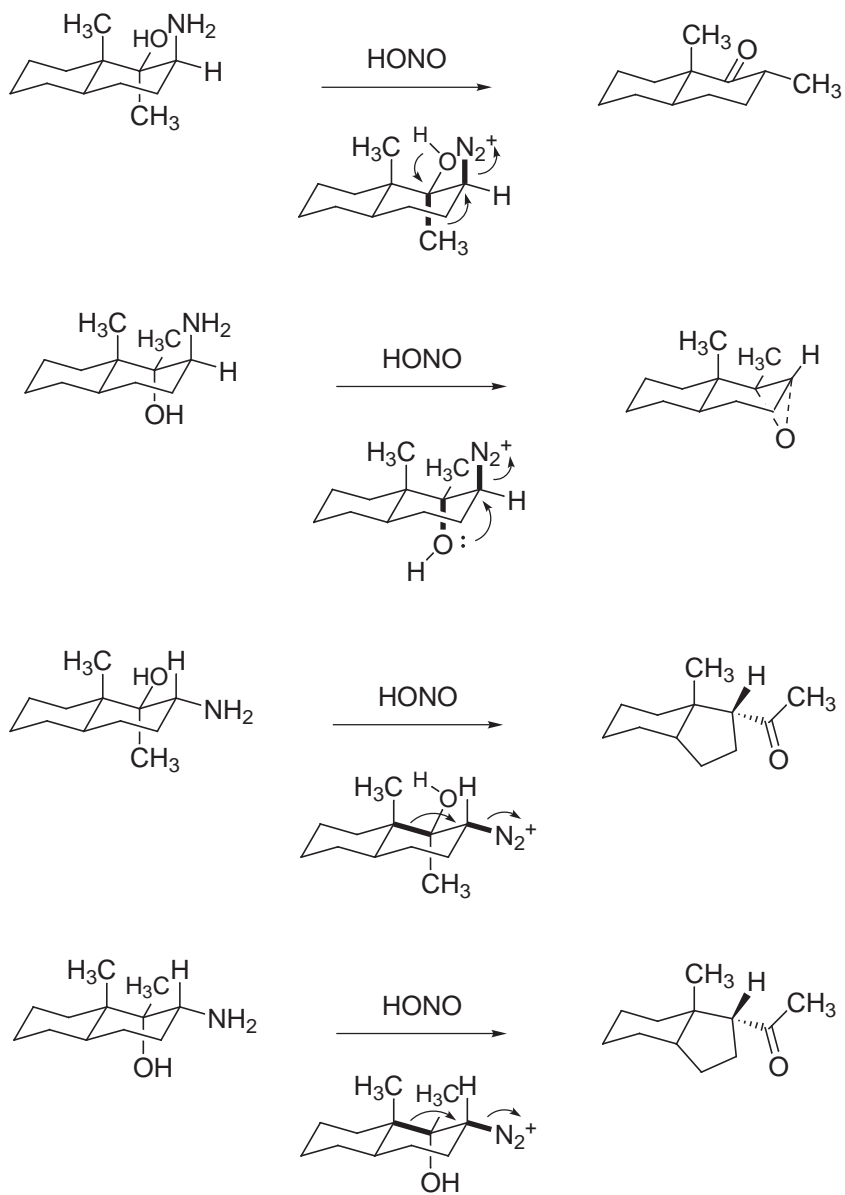
Stereoelectronic Effect



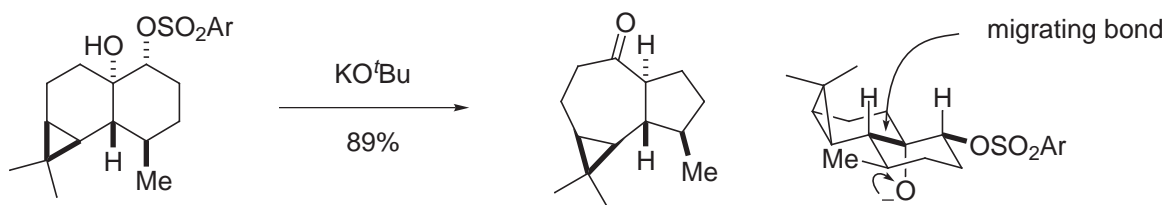
Compare to:



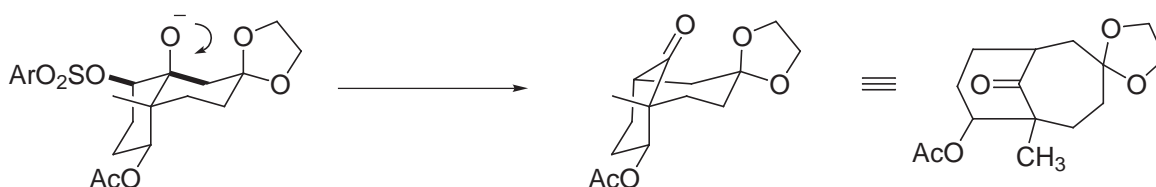
Explain the following results:



- Additional examples



Büchi *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1966**, *88*, 4113.



Heathcock *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1982**, *104*, 1907.

## I. Pericyclic Reactions

### 1. Conservation of Orbital Symmetry, FMO Analysis

- Concerted reactions where there is a single transition state and no intermediates proceed through cyclic transition states.
- Cyclic transition state corresponds to an allowed arrangement of participating orbitals that can maintain a bonding interaction between the reaction components throughout the course of the reaction. This dictates features of relative reactivity, regioselectivity, and diastereoselectivity.
- This also established and formalized the viability of utilizing Frontier Molecular Orbitals (FMO) composed of the Highest Occupied Molecular Orbital (HOMO) and Lowest Unoccupied Molecular Orbital (LUMO) to analyze pericyclic reactions.

Woodward, Hoffmann *The Conservation of Orbital Symmetry*, Academic: New York, 1970.  
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1965**, *87*, 395.

Fukui *Acc. Chem. Res.* **1971**, *4*, 57; *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Eng.* **1982**, *21*, 801.

Encouraged by E. J. Corey, Hoffmann began examining mechanistic problems in organic chemistry and, as a junior fellow at Harvard, entered into a collaboration with R. B. Woodward that combined his insights in MO theory with Woodward's knowledge of experimental pericyclic reactions. This led to five papers in 1965 before he was 30 years old, that were the foundation of what we now refer to as the **Woodward-Hoffmann rules**.

R. Hoffmann received the 1981 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for the launch and development of the concept of orbital symmetry conservation.

K. Fukui received the 1981 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for his Frontier Orbital theory of chemical reactivity.

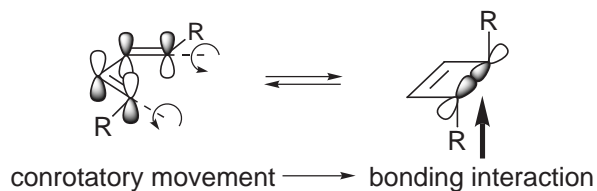
This followed and was not included in the 1965 Nobel Prize in Chemistry awarded to R. B. Woodward for his contributions to the "art of organic synthesis".

## 2. Electrocyclic Reactions

- This is composed of a series of reactions in which a ring closure occurs with formation of a single bond at the ends of a linear, conjugated system of  $\pi$  electrons and the corresponding reverse reaction with ring opening.

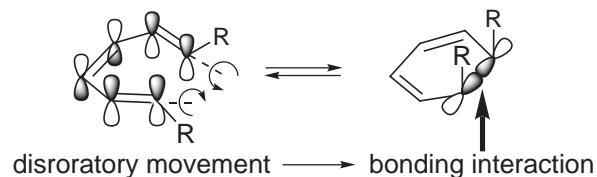
System	$\pi$ electrons	Thermal Reaction Ground State (HOMO)	$h\nu$ Reaction Excited State (LUMO)
	$4 \pi e^-$	conrotatory	disrotatory
	$6 \pi e^-$	disrotatory	conrotatory
	$8 \pi e^-$	conrotatory	disrotatory
	$2 \pi e^-$	disrotatory	conrotatory
	$4 \pi e^-$	conrotatory	disrotatory
	$4 \pi e^-$	conrotatory	disrotatory
	$6 \pi e^-$	disrotatory	conrotatory

$4 \pi e^-$  thermal reaction (ground state, HOMO)



- Stereochemistry dictated by orbital symmetry allowed reaction course

$6 \pi e^-$  thermal reaction (ground state, HOMO)



- Generalization:

No. of $\pi$ electrons	Thermal	$h\nu$
$4n \pi$ electrons ( $n = 0, 1, \dots$ )	conrotatory	disrotatory
$4n + 2 \pi$ electrons ( $n = 0, 1, \dots$ )	disrotatory	conrotatory

### 3. Cycloadditions and Cycloreversions

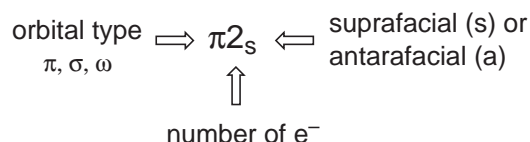
- These are discussed in terms of suprafacial or antarafacial addition to the ends of a  $\pi$  system.



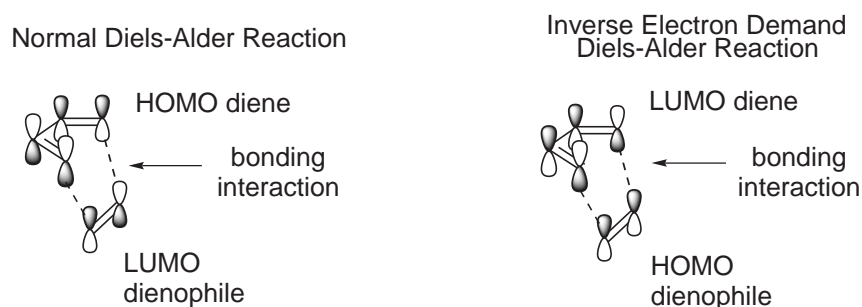
- Generalization:

Total $\pi$ electrons	Allowed in Ground State	Allowed in Excited State
$4n$	$m_s + n_a$	$m_s + n_s$
	$m_a + n_s$	$m_a + n_a$
$4n + 2$	$m_s + n_s$	$m_s + n_a$
	$m_a + n_a$	$m_a + n_s$

- Notations



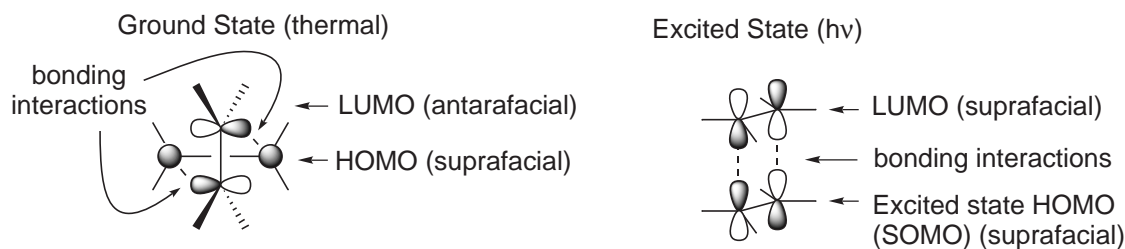
- Diels-Alder Reaction ( $6\pi e^-$ ), Ground State Thermal Reaction



$[\pi 4_s + \pi 2_s]$  cycloaddition

- Suprafacial with respect to both reacting components and this defines the orientation with which the two reactants approach, boat transition state.
- The FMO analysis may also be used to predict relative rates, regioselectivity, and diastereoselectivity (*endo* effect) and we will discuss this in detail along with the Diels-Alder reaction.

- $[2 + 2]$  Cycloaddition ( $4\pi e^-$ )



$[\pi 2_a + \pi 2_s]$  cycloaddition

- Antarafacial with respect to one olefin and suprafacial with respect to the second, dictates perpendicular approach to permit bonding.

$[\pi 2_s + \pi 2_s]$  cycloaddition

- Suprafacial with respect to both olefins.

#### 4. Sigmatropic Rearrangements

- Class of reactions characterized by migration of an allylic group from one end of a  $\pi$  system to the other.
- Generalization:

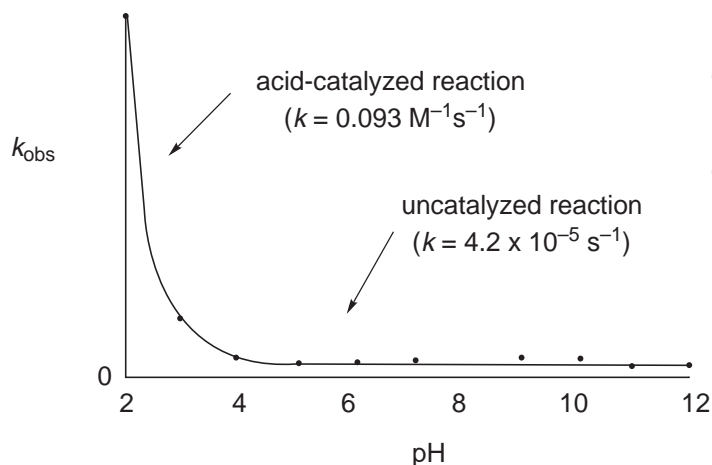
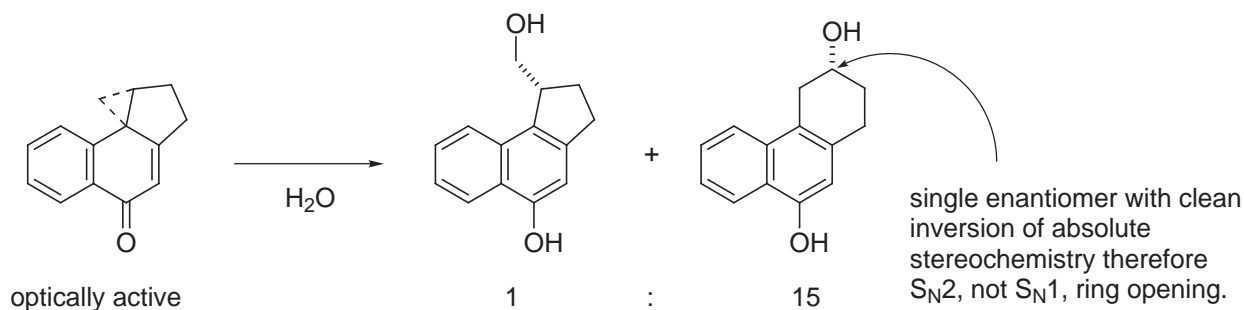
Total $\pi$ electrons	Ground State	Excited State
$4n$	antara - supra supra - antara	antara - supra supra - antara
$4n + 2$	supra - supra antara - antara	antara - supra supra - antara

- These include a wide range of rearrangements including [1,3]-, [1,5]-, [1,7]-, [3,3]-, and [2,3]-sigmatropic reactions which we will discuss in detail.

## J. Subtle Conformational and Stereoelectronic Effects on Reactivity and Reaction Regioselectivity

### 1. Kinetics, Stereochemistry, and Reaction Mechanisms

- Two of the cornerstones of defining a mechanism rest with the establishment of the stereochemistry of the reaction in conjunction with kinetic studies of the reaction.
- For example, for a reaction that might entail acid or base catalysis, it is common to examine the pH rate profile.



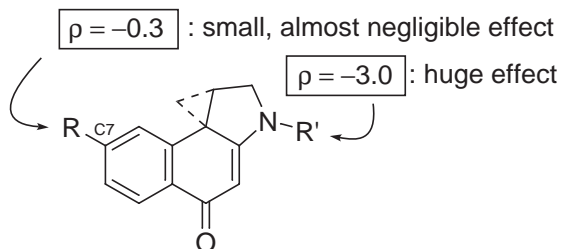
- Below pH 4,  $\text{H}^+$  catalyzed reaction dominates.
- Above pH 4 (pH 4–12), the uncatalyzed direct  $\text{S}_{\text{N}}2$  addition reaction dominates.

Boger *J. Org. Chem.* **1998**, *63*, 8004.



## 2. Substituent Effects

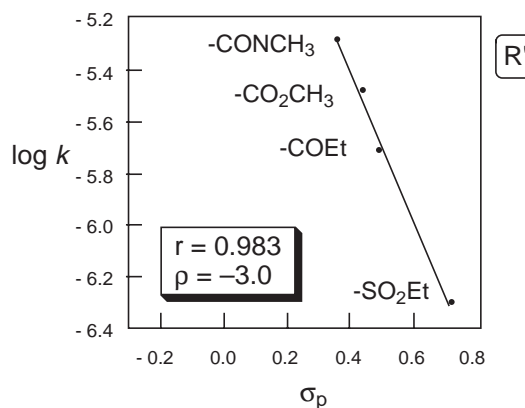
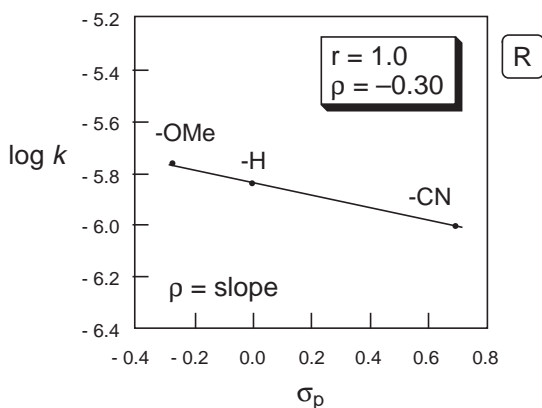
- These can be quantitated using a Hammett treatment and can provide insights into reaction mechanisms.



- C7 substituents (R) have little effect on reactivity
- N substituent (R') has a pronounced effect on reactivity and even subtle perturbations will change reactivity greatly (-SO<sub>2</sub>R → -CO<sub>2</sub>R, 10 x)

$\rho$  values are characterized in a log scale

- The negative  $\rho$  value indicates  $\delta^+$  charge buildup in the rate-determining step of the reaction.

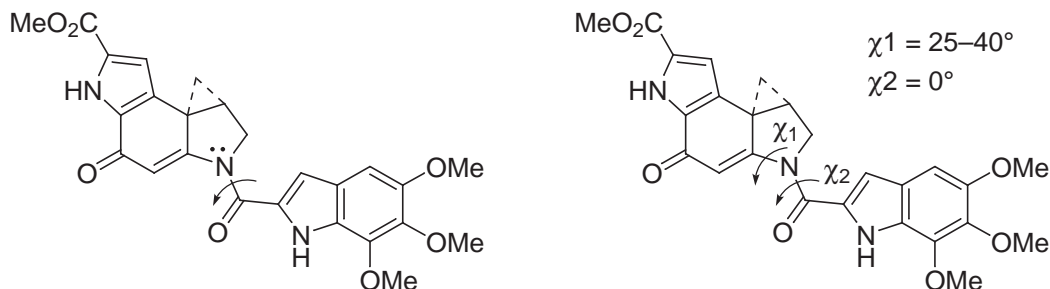


Boger *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1994**, *116*, 5523.  
*J. Org. Chem.* **1996**, *61*, 1710 and 4894.

## 3. Structure versus Reactivity and Reaction Regioselectivity

- Structure can have a pronounced effect on reactivity and reaction regioselectivity. One nice example of this can be illustrated with a series of analogues related to CC-1065 and the duocarmycins which are potent antitumor antibiotics that derive their biological properties from a sequence-selective DNA alkylation reaction. The reactivity changes that one sees as a consequence of the loss of the vinylogous amide stabilization are related to the source of DNA alkylation catalysis.

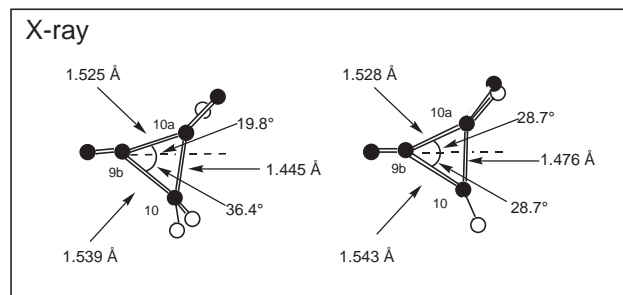
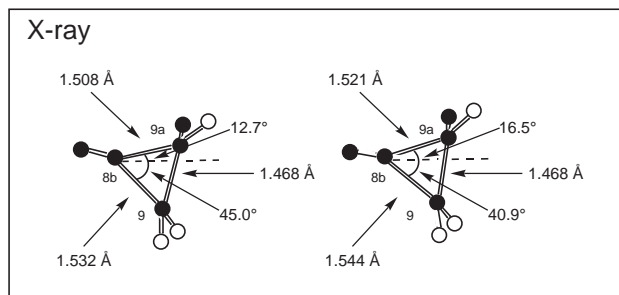
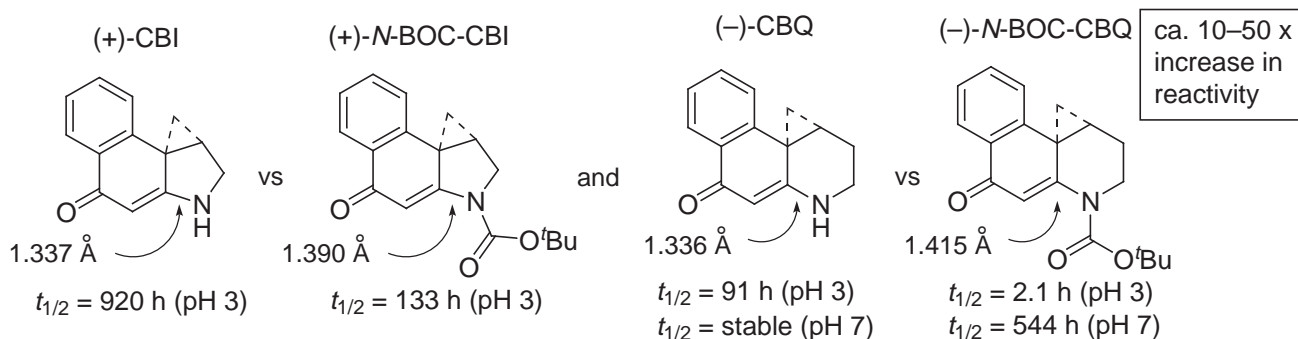
Binding-induced conformational change: shape-selective catalysis



- DNA bound agent adopts helical conformation, twist adjusted at linking amide.
  - DNA bound agent maintains full amide. ( $\chi_2 = 0^\circ$ )
  - Vinylogous amide stabilization diminished. ( $\chi_1 = 25-40^\circ$ )
  - Cyclohexadienone structure destabilized.
- **Shape-dependent catalysis:** Preferential activation in AT-rich minor groove. Binding induced twist greatest in the narrower, deeper AT-rich minor groove.
- **Shape-selective recognition:** Preferential binding in AT-rich minor groove.

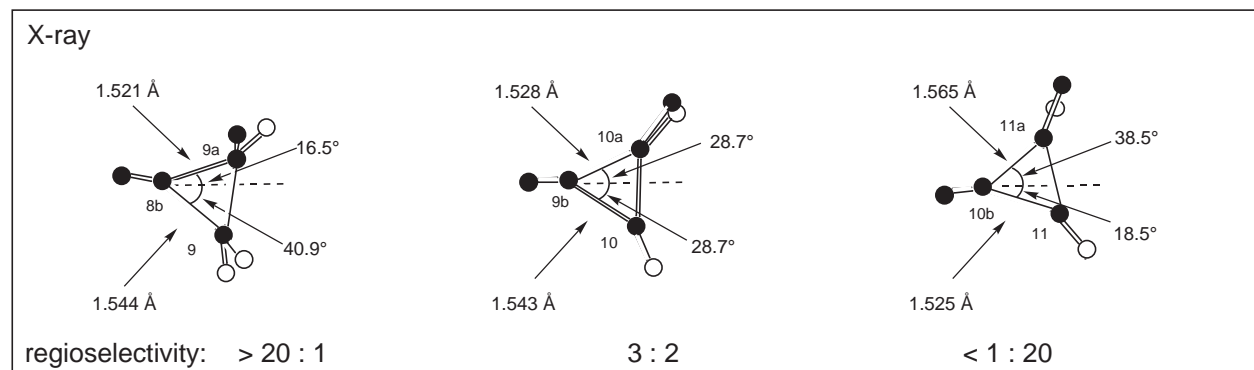
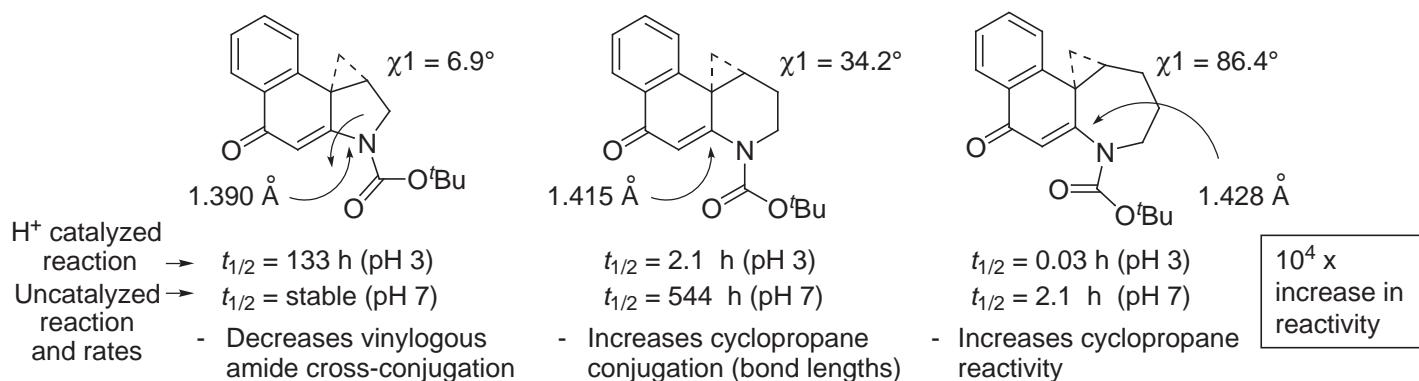
Boger *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1997**, *119*, 4977 and 4987.  
Boger, Garbaccio *Bioorg. Med. Chem.* **1997**, *5*, 233.

- N-Acylation and its effect on vinylogous amide and cyclopropane conjugation.



- N-acylation decreases the cross-conjugated vinylogous amide conjugation, increases the cyclopropane conjugation and bond lengths, and increases cyclopropane reactivity. This can be observed in the corresponding X-ray crystal structures.

- Amide twist effect on the vinylogous amide and cyclopropane conjugation.



- Note the change in solvolysis regioselectivity where the stereoelectronically aligned cyclopropane bond is the bond which is cleaved. The stereoelectronically aligned bond is that which is positioned to best overlap with the developing  $\pi$ -system of the product phenol.

complete  
reversal of  
reaction  
regioselectivity

- In each case, the ring expansion occurred with generation of a single enantiomer by a S<sub>N</sub>2 mechanism.

Boger *J. Org. Chem.* **1997**, *62*, 5849; *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1997**, *119*, 4977.

## K. Methods for the Synthesis of Optically Active Materials

Morrison *Asymmetric Syntheses*, Academic: New York, 1983; Vol. 1–5.

Note:

A summary of approaches which will be highlighted throughout the following material.

### 1. Partial Synthesis

- From readily available, naturally-derived optically active materials, examples include
  - a. Progesterone from sapogenin diosgenin.
  - b. Synthetic penicillins from the fermentation product 6-aminopenicillanic acid (6-APA).
  - c. Vitamin D<sub>3</sub> (1-hydroxycholecalciferol) from cholesterol.

### 2. Resolution

- a. Diastereomeric salts and selective crystallization.
- b. Diastereomeric derivatization and chromatography or selective crystallization.
- c. Direct chromatographic resolution of enantiomers on an optically active stationary support.
- d. Enzymatic resolution.
- e. Kinetic resolution with selective production of desired enantiomer or selective consumption of undesired enantiomer.

Advantage: Both enantiomers are made available.

Disadvantage: 1/2 of the material is wasted if only one enantiomer is desired.

Ambiguous assignment of absolute configuration.

See: Jacques, Collet, Wilen *Enantiomers, Racemates, and Resolutions*, Wiley: New York, 1981.

### 3. Synthesis from Chiral Pool

- Readily available, abundant or naturally occurring starting materials.
  - a. Carbohydrates
  - b. Amino acids
  - c.  $\alpha$ -Hydroxy carboxylic acids
  - d. Terpenes
  - e. Readily available, abundant natural products

O. Wallach, a colleague and collaborator of A. Kekule, received the 1910 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for his work on essential oils that converted the field of natural products from a disorganized collection of confusing observations into a complete, organized and integrated field. He established the isoprene rule.

### 4. Asymmetric Synthesis

- a. Optically active reagent (Stoichiometric)
- b. Optically active chiral auxiliary incorporated into substrate (Stoichiometric)
- c. Optically active catalyst (Catalytic)

See: Koskinen *Asymmetric Synthesis of Natural Products*; Wiley: New York, 1993.

Gawley, Aube *Principles of Asymmetric Synthesis*; Elsevier: Amsterdam, 1996.

### 5. Microbial, Enzymatic, or Catalytic Antibody Transformation

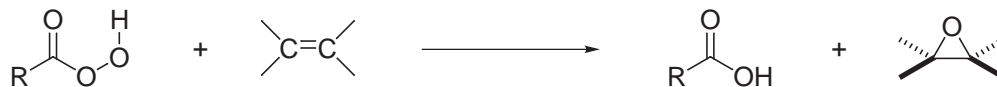
See: Wong, Whitesides *Enzymes in Synthetic Organic Chemistry*; Pergamon: Oxford, 1994.



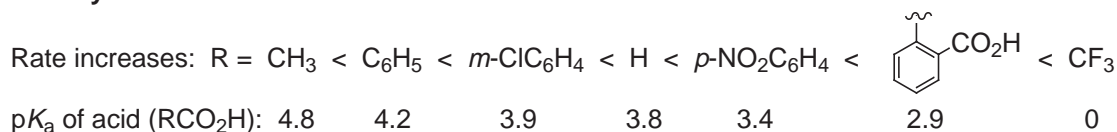
## IV. Oxidation Reactions

## A. Epoxidation Reactions: Oxidation of Carbon-Carbon Double Bonds

*Comprehensive Org. Syn.*; Vol. 1, 819; Vol. 7, pp. 357 and 390 (asymmetric).

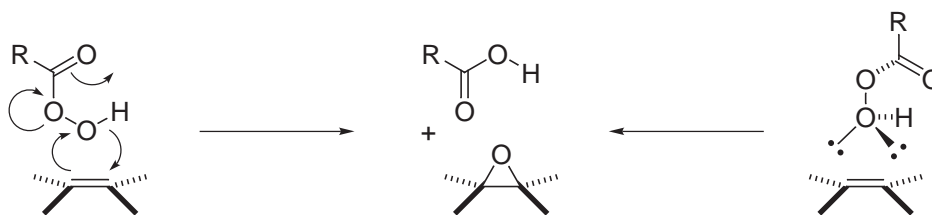


## 1. Peracid Reactivity



The lower the pK<sub>a</sub>, the greater the reactivity (i.e., the better the leaving group).

## 2. Mechanism



Butterfly mechanism  
(usual representation)

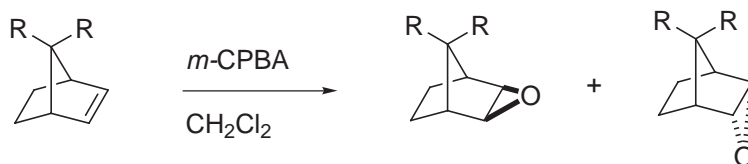
Bartlett *Rec. Chem. Prog.* **1950**, 11, 47.

Refined representation:  
trans antiperiplanar arrangement of O-O  
bond and reacting alkene, n-π\* stabilization  
by reacting lone pair in plane.

The synchronicity of epoxide C-O bond formation and an overall transition state structure postulated using *ab initio* calculations and experimental kinetic isotope effects. Singleton, Houk *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1997**, 119, 3385.

## 3. Stereochemistry

- Stereochemistry of olefin is maintained: diastereospecific.
- Reaction rate is insensitive to solvent polarity implying concerted mechanism without intermediacy of ionic intermediates.
- Less hindered face of olefin is epoxidized.



R = H            20 min, 25 °C  
R = CH<sub>3</sub>        24 h, 25 °C

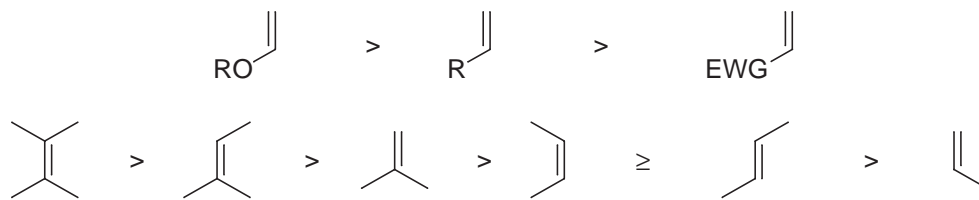
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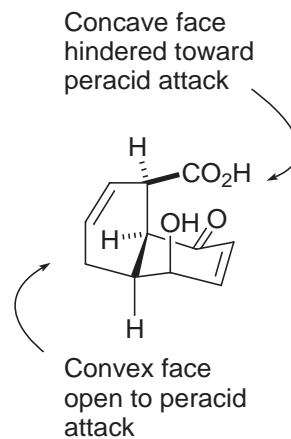
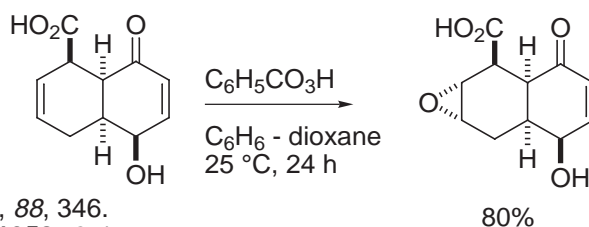
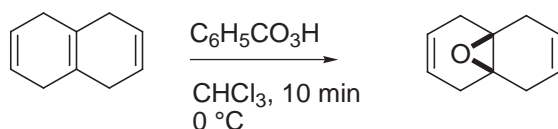
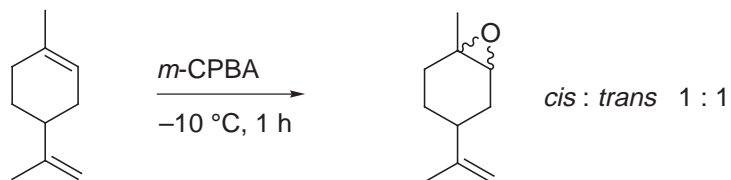
Brown *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1970**, 92, 6914.

#### 4. Chemoselectivity

- Electrophilic reagent: most nucleophilic C=C reacts fastest.



- Examples

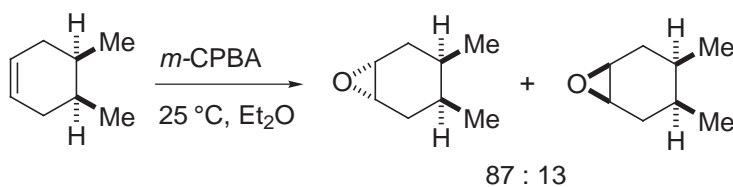


Hückel *Chem. Ber.* **1955**, *88*, 346.  
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Tamm, C. *Helv. Chim. Acta* **1975**, *58*, 1162.

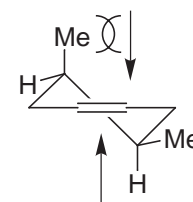
#### 5. Diastereoselectivity

a. Endocyclic Olefins

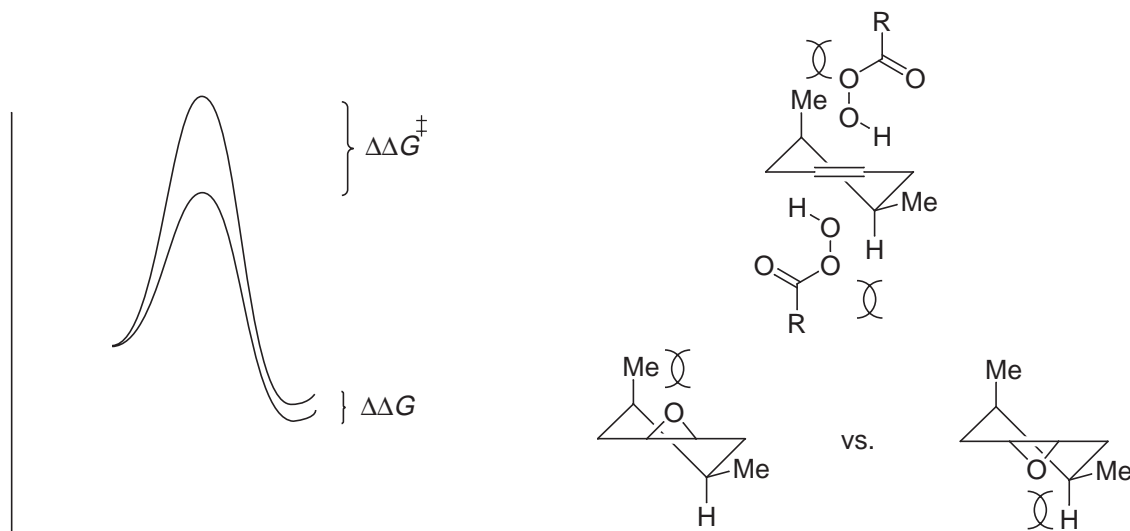
Rickborn *J. Org. Chem.* **1965**, *30*, 2212.



Destabilizing steric interaction between reagent and axial Me

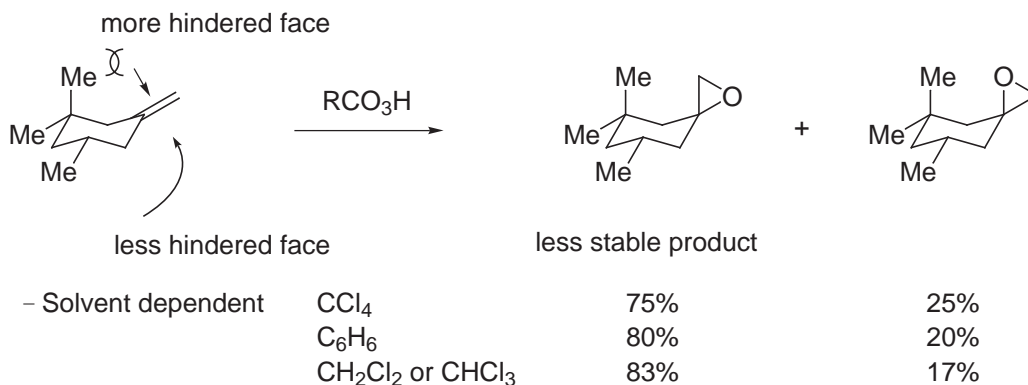


Attack principally from this face



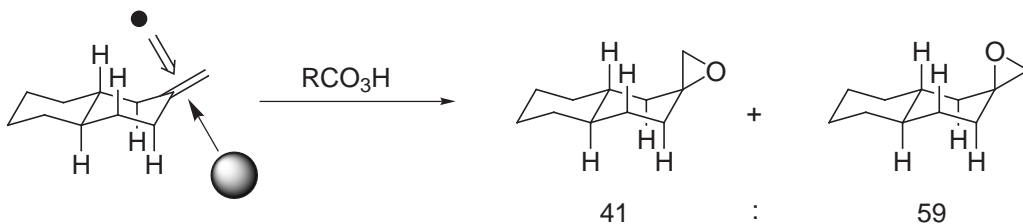
Small difference for products: but larger difference for reagent approach in transition state.

b. Exocyclic Olefins



Henbest *J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.* **1967**, 1085.

- The effective size of the reagent increases with increasing solvent polarity, i.e. the solvation shell of the reagent increases in size.
- Small reagent preference: axial attack and 1,3-diaxial interactions vary with size of the reagent

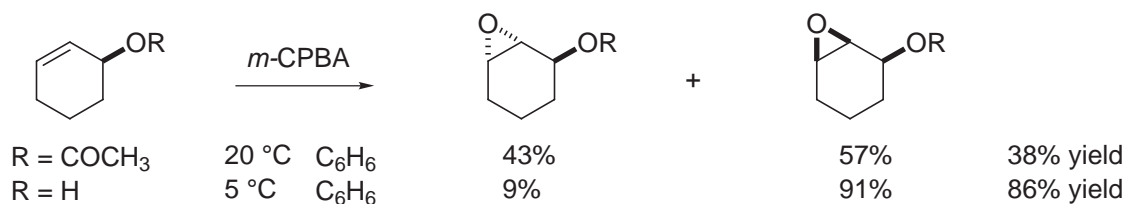


- Large reagent preference: equatorial attack and 1,2-interactions (torsional strain) are relatively invariant with the size of the reagent

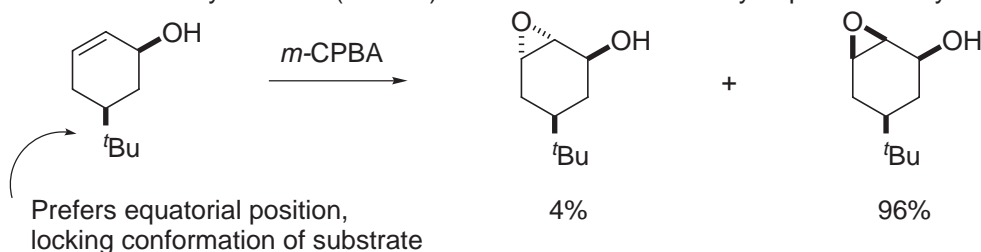
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c. Allylic Alcohols (endocyclic)

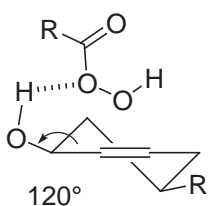
Henbest *J. Chem. Soc.* **1957**, 1958; *Proc. Chem. Soc.* **1963**, 159.



- Diastereoselectivity and rate (ca. 10x) of reaction accelerated by unprotected allylic alcohol.

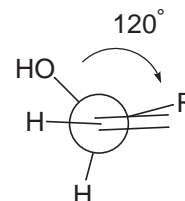


- Original proposal for the origin of selectivity:



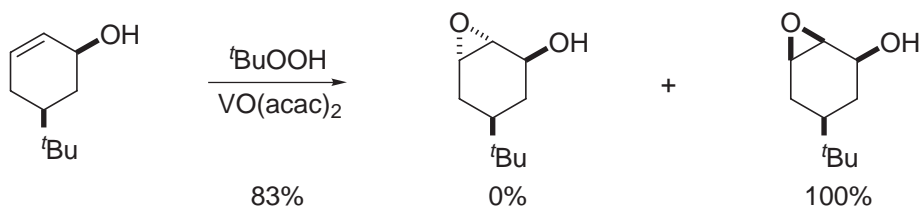
H-bonding to proximal peroxide oxygen directs epoxidation to the same face as OH group and accelerates/facilitates the reaction.

R = H, <sup>t</sup>Bu



- Equivalent to the ground state eclipsed conformation of acyclic allylic alcohols:

- Metal-catalyzed epoxidations of allylic alcohols exhibit a more powerful directing effect and rate acceleration (ca. 1000x). Metal bound substrate (as an alkoxide) delivers olefin to metal bound peroxide (tighter association than H-bonding).

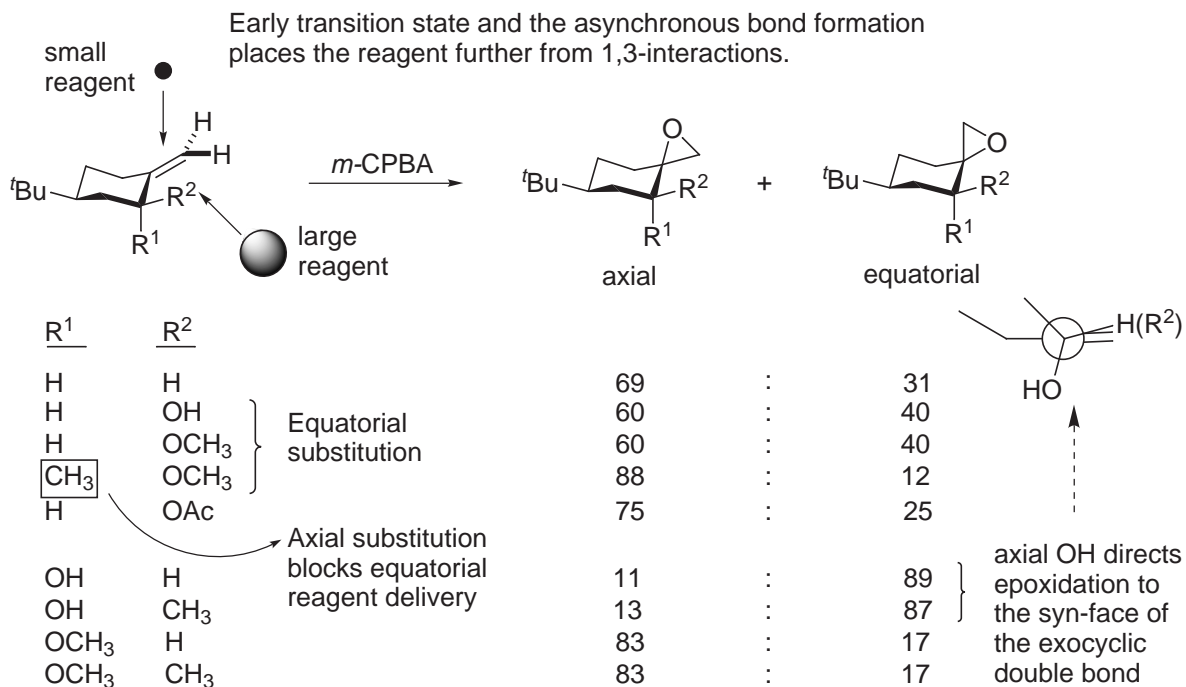


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- This may also be utilized to chemoselectively epoxidize an allylic alcohol vs. unactivated olefin.



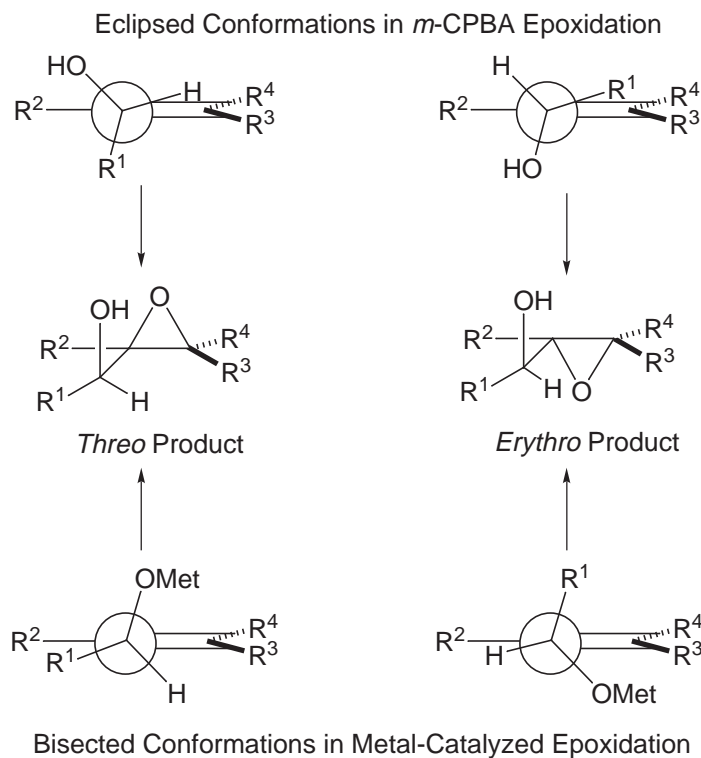
d. Allylic Alcohols (exocyclic)



Vedejs and Dent *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1989**, *111*, 6861.

e. Acyclic Allylic Alcohols

Generalizations:



-Examples



R<sup>1</sup> = Me      *m*-CPBA      60  
VO(acac)<sub>2</sub>, <sup>t</sup>BuOOH      20

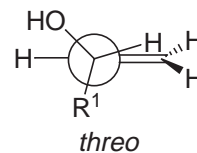
= Et      *m*-CPBA      61  
VO(acac)<sub>2</sub>, <sup>t</sup>BuOOH      20

= <sup>i</sup>Pr      *m*-CPBA      58  
VO(acac)<sub>2</sub>, <sup>t</sup>BuOOH      15

*threo*

*erythro*

H vs. alkyl eclipsing interaction with double bond has little to no effect on selectivity. H eclipsing interaction slightly more stable.



*threo*



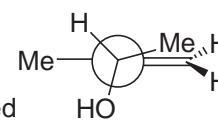
R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup> = Me      *m*-CPBA      45  
VO(acac)<sub>2</sub>, <sup>t</sup>BuOOH      5

R<sup>1</sup> = Me      *m*-CPBA      41  
R<sup>2</sup> = <sup>n</sup>Bu      VO(acac)<sub>2</sub>, <sup>t</sup>BuOOH      2

*threo*

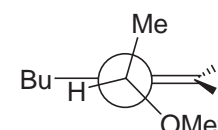
*erythro*

*Erythro* slightly favored due to Me,Me gauche interaction in *threo* T.S.



*erythro*

H,Bu eclipsing in *erythro* T.S. favored over Me,Bu eclipsing in *threo* T.S.



*erythro*

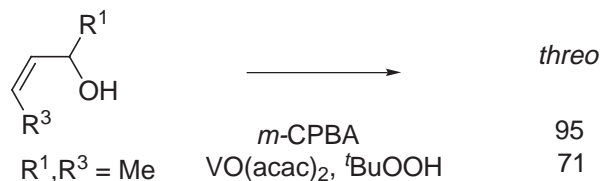


R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> = Me      *m*-CPBA      64  
VO(acac)<sub>2</sub>, <sup>t</sup>BuOOH      29

*threo*

*erythro*

Similar to R<sup>4</sup> = H. R<sup>4</sup> does not sterically influence either T.S. The R<sup>1</sup> steric effect predominates.

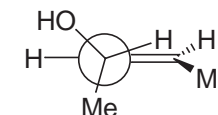


R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> = Me      *m*-CPBA      95  
VO(acac)<sub>2</sub>, <sup>t</sup>BuOOH      71

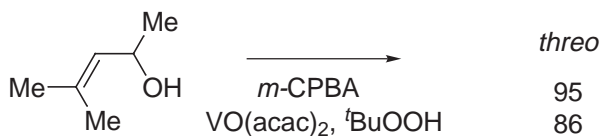
*threo*

*erythro*

Large 1,3-allylic strain avoided.



*threo*

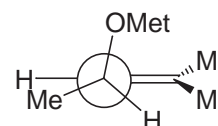


Me      *m*-CPBA      95  
Me      VO(acac)<sub>2</sub>, <sup>t</sup>BuOOH      86

*threo*

*erythro*

Large 1,3-allylic strain avoided.

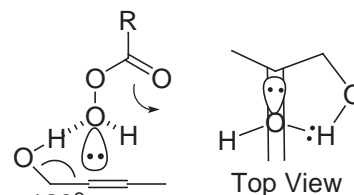


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f. Refined Models for Directed Epoxidation of Acyclic Allylic Alcohols

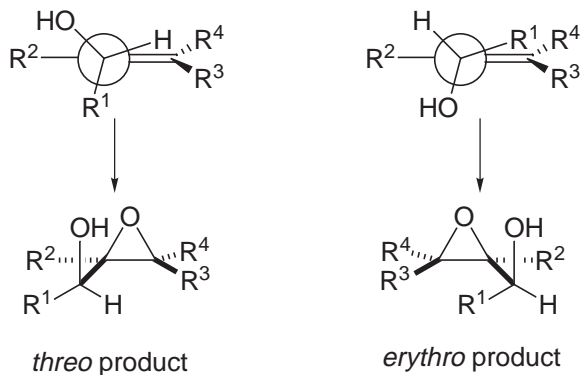
- Peracid Mediated Epoxidation Sharpless *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1979**, 4733.

1. *Trans* antiperiplanar arrangement of O-O bond with alkene C=C.
2. H-bonding to distal oxygen of peroxide through the lone pair out of the plane of reaction.
3. Lone pair in plane of reaction provides  $\pi^*$ -lone pair ( $n-\pi^*$ ) stabilization.
4. Secondary isotope effect suggests that the formation of the C-O bonds is asynchronous.



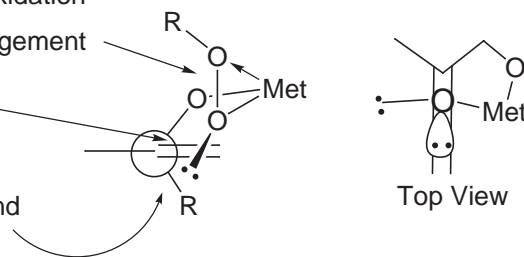
- Eclipsed Conformations in *m*-CPBA Epoxidation

Sharpless *Aldrichimica Acta* **1979**, 12, 63.



- Transition-metal Catalyzed Epoxidation

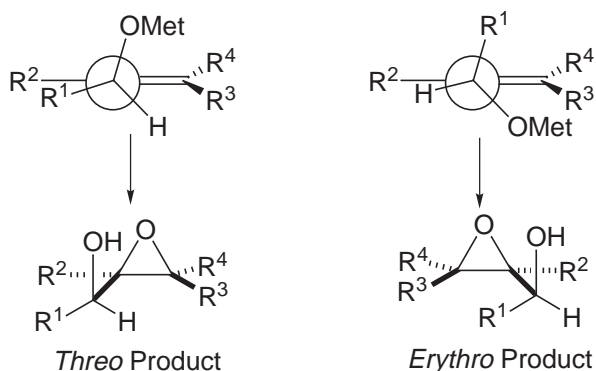
1. *Trans* antiperiplanar arrangement
2. 50° dihedral angle
3. In-plane lone pair
4. Lone pair bisects C=C bond



- Curtin-Hammett Principle:

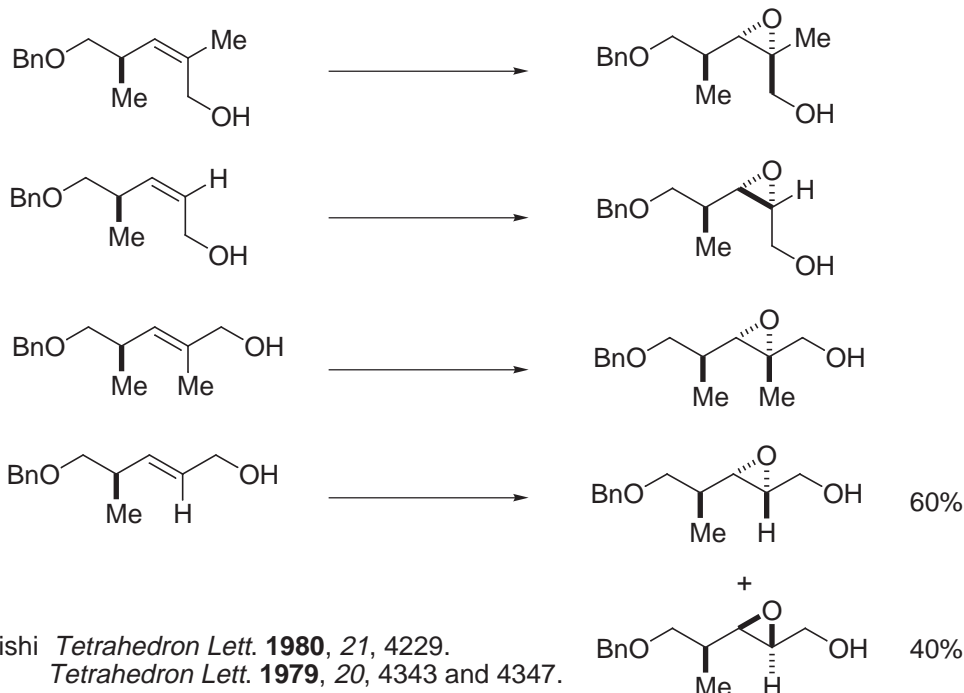
- The reactive conformation is not necessarily related to the ground state conformation.
- The substrate is forced into a non-ground state conformation due to the geometrical constraints of the reaction.

- Bisected Conformations in Metal-Catalyzed Epoxidation



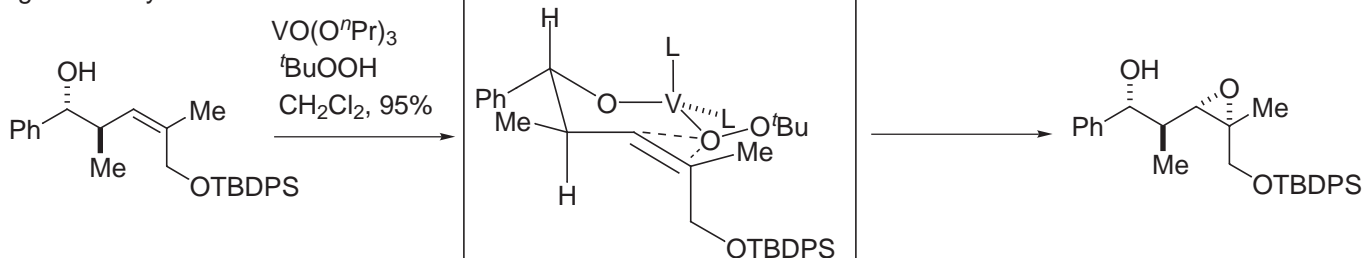
Take Home Problem

Epoxidation of 3 of the 4 olefins below is diastereoselective; the fourth is not. Why?



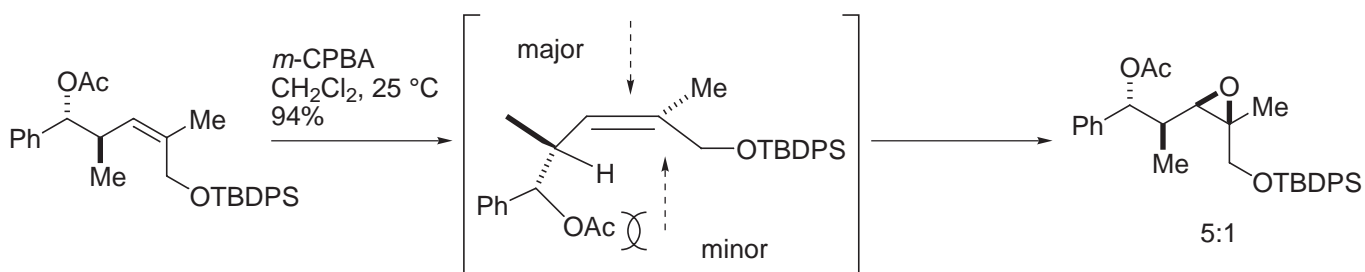
references: Kishi *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1980**, 21, 4229.  
*Tetrahedron Lett.* **1979**, 20, 4343 and 4347.

g. Homoallylic Alcohols



- Alternative chair has two axial substituents.
- Intramolecular oxygen delivery occurs through most stable chair-like transition state.

VS.

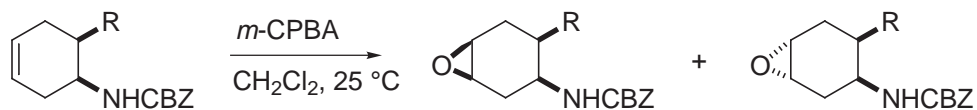


- H-Eclipsed conformation
- Epoxidation from least hindered face
- Not a directed epoxidation!
- Diastereoselectivity still good and through H-eclipsed conformation.

Schreiber *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1990**, 31, 31.  
Hanessian *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1990**, 112, 5276.

h. Other Directed Epoxidations

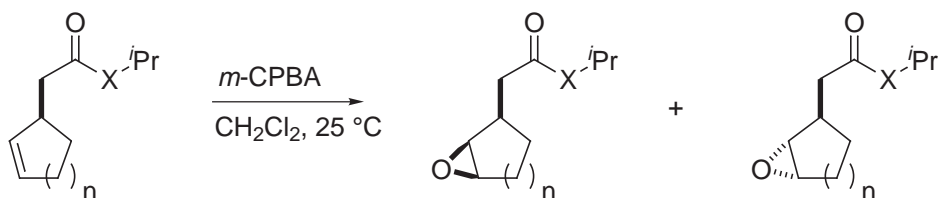
- Studies suggest axial -NHCBZ delivers syn epoxide while equatorial does not.



R = NHCBZ	86%	100	0
= CH <sub>2</sub> OH	83%	100	0
= CH <sub>2</sub> OAc	72%	100	0
= CO <sub>2</sub> Me	59%	100	0
= CH <sub>2</sub> OTBDMS	54%	0	100

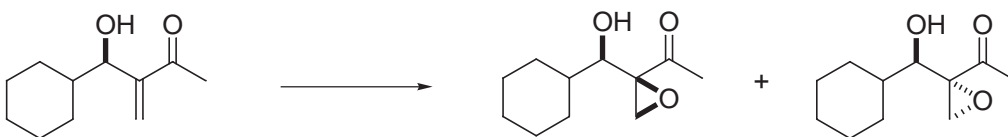
Presence of H-bonding, directing substituent enhances rate and yield of reaction.

Witiak *J. Med. Chem.* **1989**, 32, 214.  
Rotella *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1984**, 30, 1913.



n = 1, X = NH	80%	20	1
X = O			
n = 2, X = NH		20	1
X = O			
		3	1

Mohamadi *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1989**, 30, 1309.



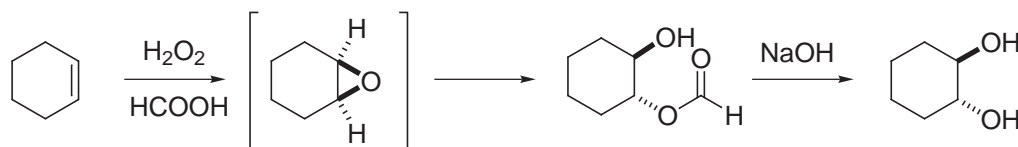
H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> / NaOH / MeOH / 0 °C	40	:	60
Ti(iPrO) <sub>4</sub> / <sup>t</sup> BuOOH / CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> / -15 °C	>99	:	1

Ollis *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1991**, 32, 2687.

## 6. Scope and Limitations



- Olefin geometry is maintained.
- Reaction is **diastereospecific**: the stereochemistry of the reactant and product bear a definite relationship to one another.
- Reaction can be buffered to prevent epoxide opening. The  $pK_a$  of parent acid is much lower than that of the peracid, and the peracid is not nearly as acidic. Reaction requires the protonated peracid so the buffer must not deprotonate the peracid but should deprotonate the product carboxylic acid.



$Na_2CO_3 / NaHCO_3$   
 $CH_3COOH / NaOAc$   
 $CF_3CO_3H / Na_2HPO_4 - NaH_2PO_4$

These reagents can be used as a buffer when the peracids are used as epoxidation reagents.

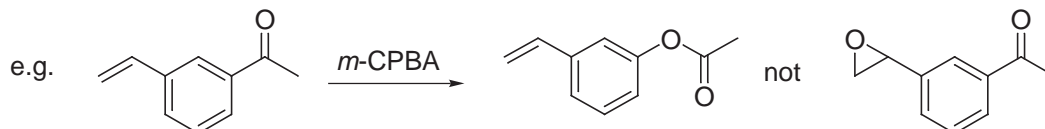
e.g.  $HCOOH$   $pK_a$  3.6       $CH_3COOH$   $pK_a$  4.8  
 $HCO_3H$   $pK_a$  7.1       $CH_3CO_3H$   $pK_a$  5.2

– So, choose bases ( $Na_2CO_3$ ,  $NaHCO_3$ ,  $Na_2HPO_4$ ) to deprotonate only the  $RCOOH$  formed.

d. Also, at higher temperatures, a free radical scavenger may be used to avoid peracid decomposition.

### e. Common Side Reactions

#### 1. Baeyer-Villiger reactions of ketones (and aldehydes)



- When peracids are used to oxidize olefins to epoxides in the presence of carbonyl functionality (ketones or aldehydes), protection of the carbonyl group may be necessary.
- One may choose to select a reagent which attacks olefins preferentially.

#### 2. Oxidation of amines

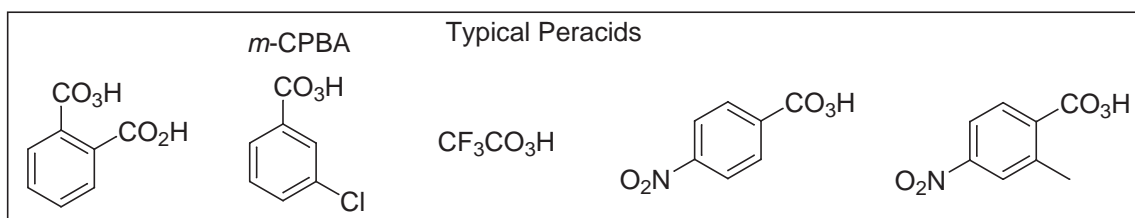
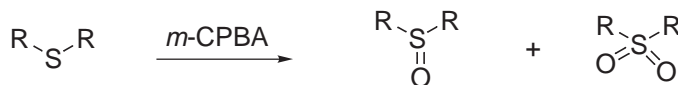


- Nitrogen must be protected (e.g., as amide) or another reagent selected.

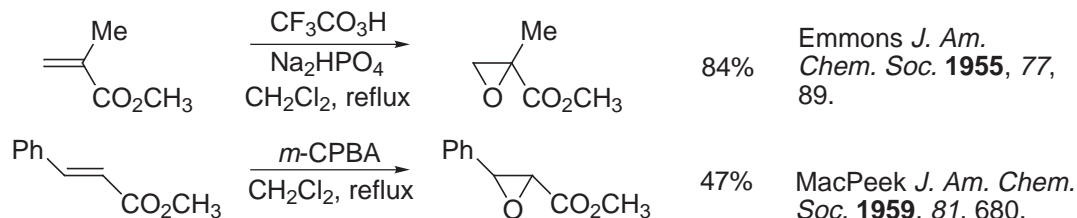
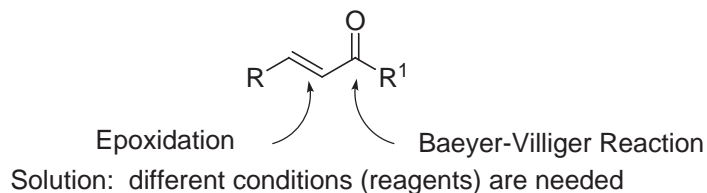
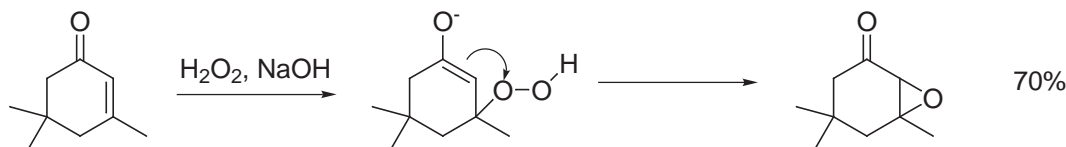
#### 3. Imine oxidation



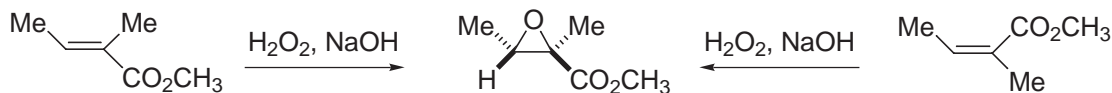
#### 4. Sulfur oxidation



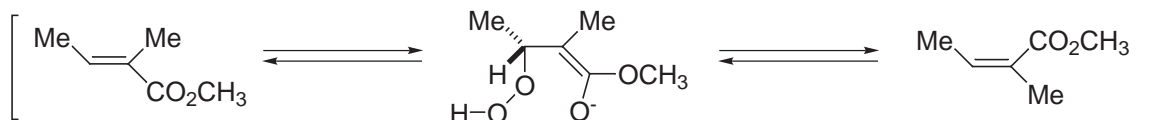
**7. Epoxidation of Electron-Deficient Olefins**

 a.  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated esters: can choose a strong peracid or vigorous reaction conditions

 b.  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ketones: Baeyer-Villiger competes with epoxidation

**B. Additional Methods for Epoxidation of Olefins**
**1.  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ , NaOH**


- The following reaction is **diastereoselective** (but not diastereospecific): a single stereoisomer of the product is formed which bears no relationship to the reactant.



The reaction occurs via a reversible process:

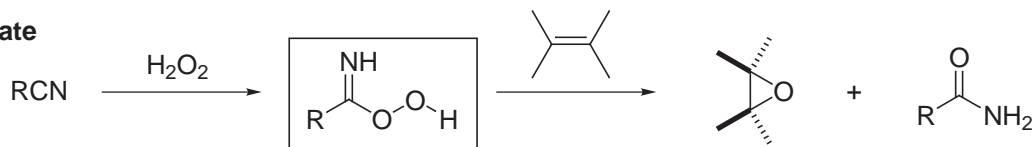


Similarly,

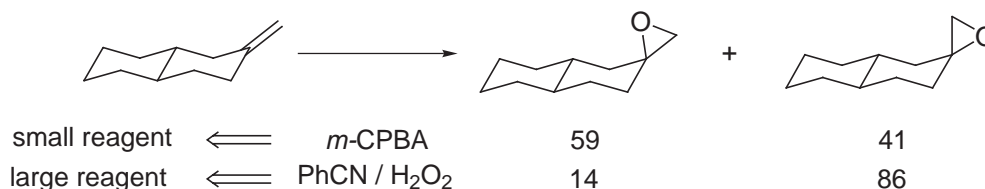
$^t\text{BuOOH}$ /Triton B Payne *J. Org. Chem.* **1961**, 26, 651.

$\text{Ph}_3\text{COOH}$ / $\text{R}_4\text{NOH}$  Corey *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1988**, 110, 649.

$^t\text{BuOOH}$ / $^n\text{BuLi}$  Clegg *Tetrahedron* **1988**, 29, 4889.

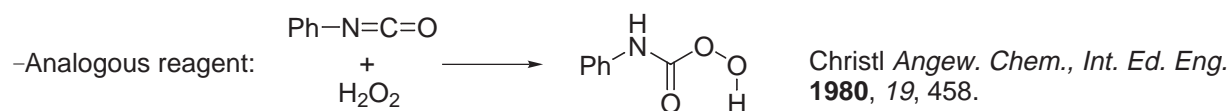
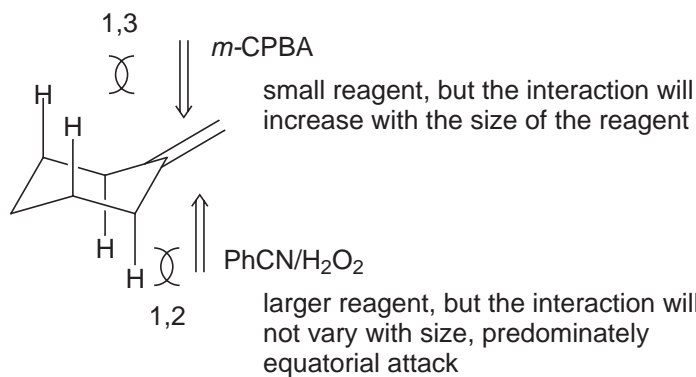
**2. Peroxyimide**


- This reagent permits the use of neutral reaction conditions. Unlike *m*-CPBA, the reagent behaves as a large reagent and thus approaches from the equatorial face of an exocyclic double bond.



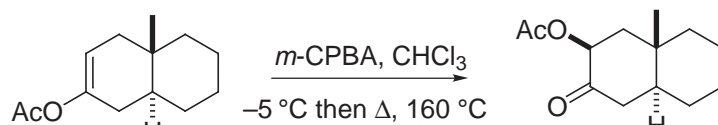
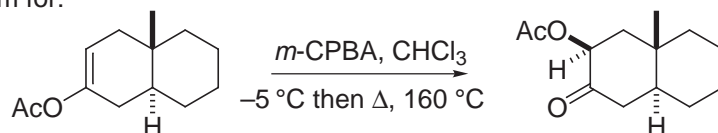
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(*m*-CPBA & PhCN/H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>)

Vedejs *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1989**, 111, 6861.  
(*m*-CPBA)



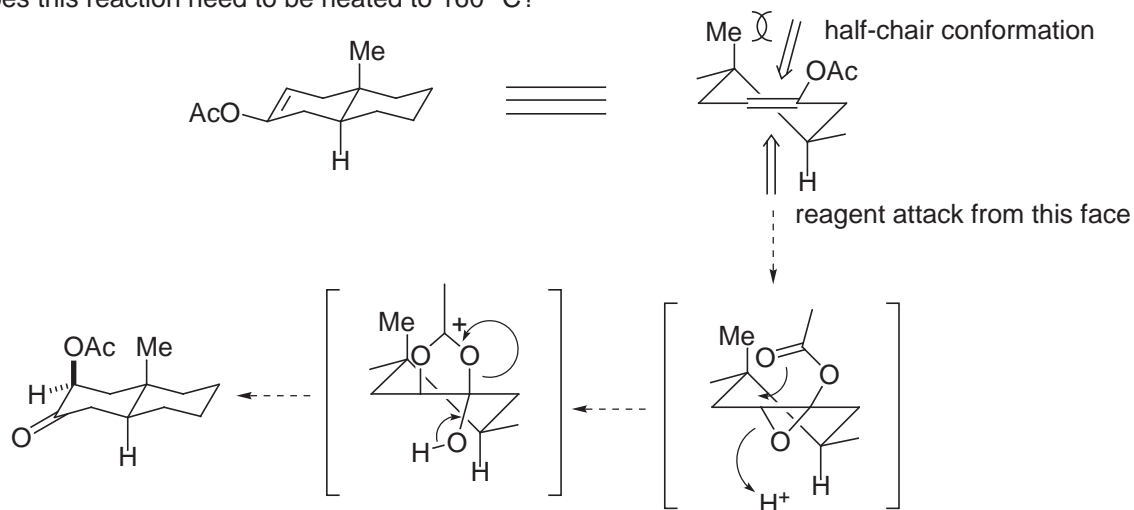
### Mechanism Problem

Provide mechanism for:



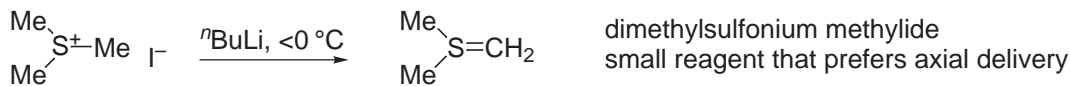
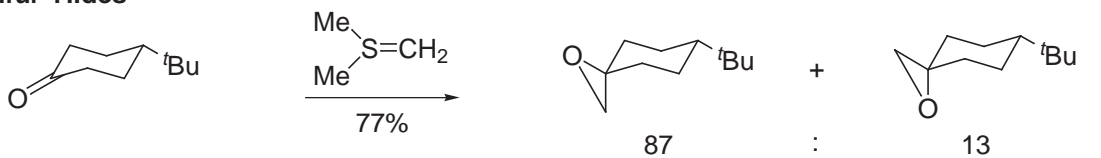
Johnson *J. Org. Chem.* **1961**, 26, 4563.

Why does this reaction need to be heated to 160 °C?

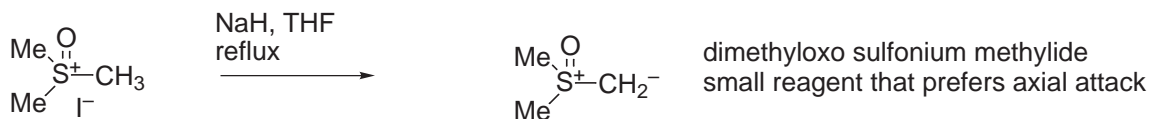
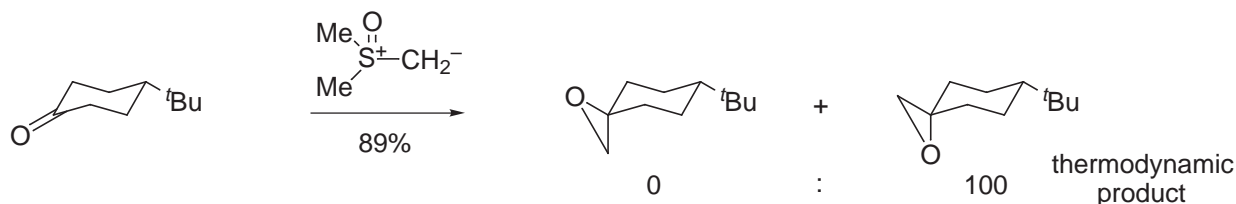
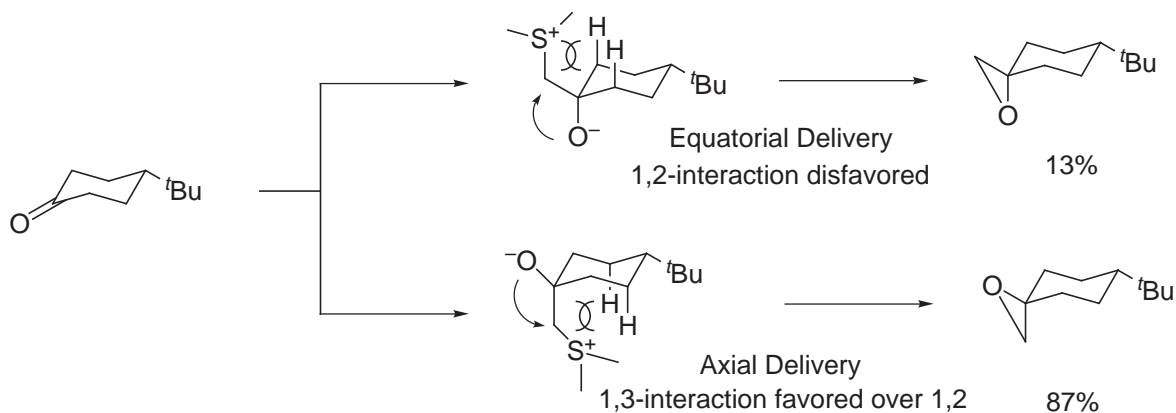




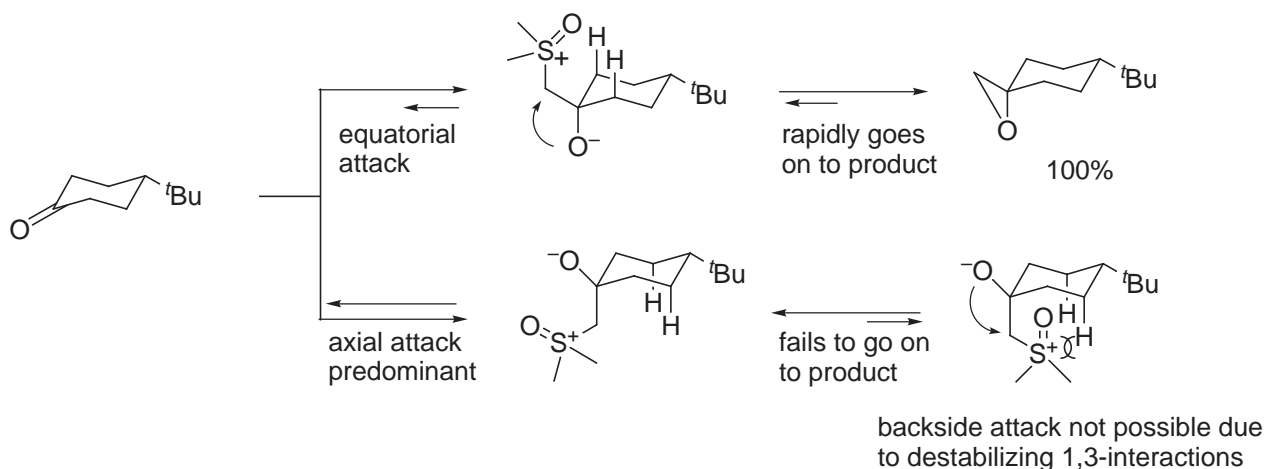
### 3. Sulfur Ylides



- This is kinetic control: reaction gives the thermodynamically less stable epoxide product.



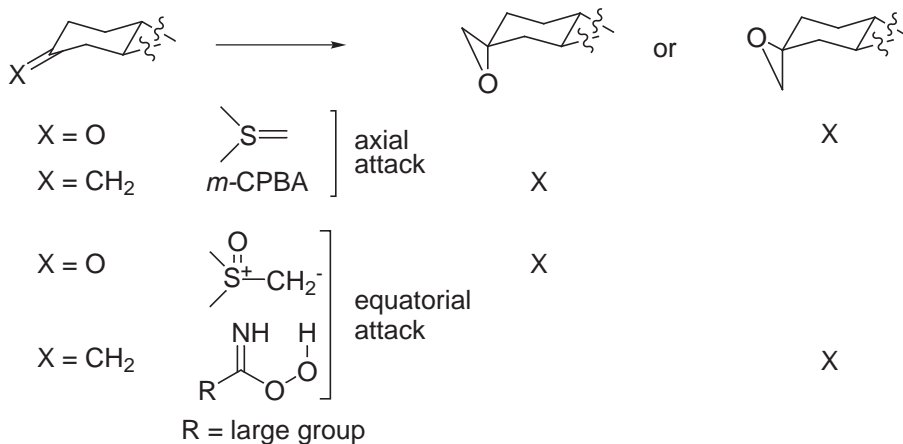
Corey, Chaykovsky *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1965**, *87*, 1353.



For this reaction: Initial reaction is reversible and is not capable of generating the axial delivery product because of the destabilizing 1,3-interactions in the transition state required for epoxide closure.

### Summary of Exocyclic Epoxide Formation

Note: defined conformation of 6-membered ring required for comparisons



Sulfur ylides deliver "CH<sub>2</sub>"  
Peroxides deliver "O"

Learn reagents by:

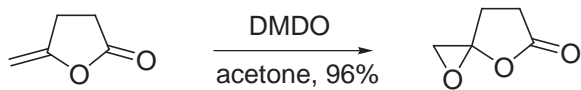
- 1) Conditions required
- 2) Advantages and disadvantages
- 3) Competitive reactions
- 4) Stereochemistry limitations / highlights

#### 4. Dimethyl Dioxirane (DMDO)



A mild neutral reagent

Murray *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1986**, 108, 2470.  
*Acc. Chem. Res.* **1989**, 22, 205.

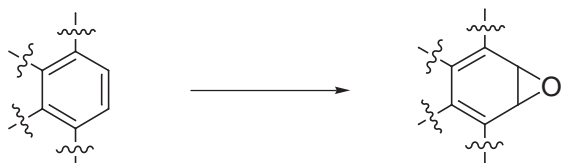


Peracid reaction suffers from H<sup>+</sup>  
catalyzed epoxide opening

Adam *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1989**, 30, 4223.



Curci *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1989**, 30, 257.

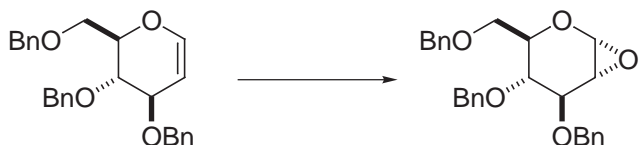


Excellent for oxidation of  
highly substituted enol ethers

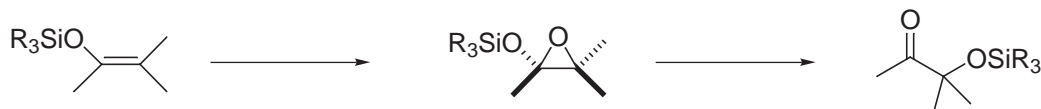
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Crandall *J. Org. Chem.* **1988**, 53, 1338.  
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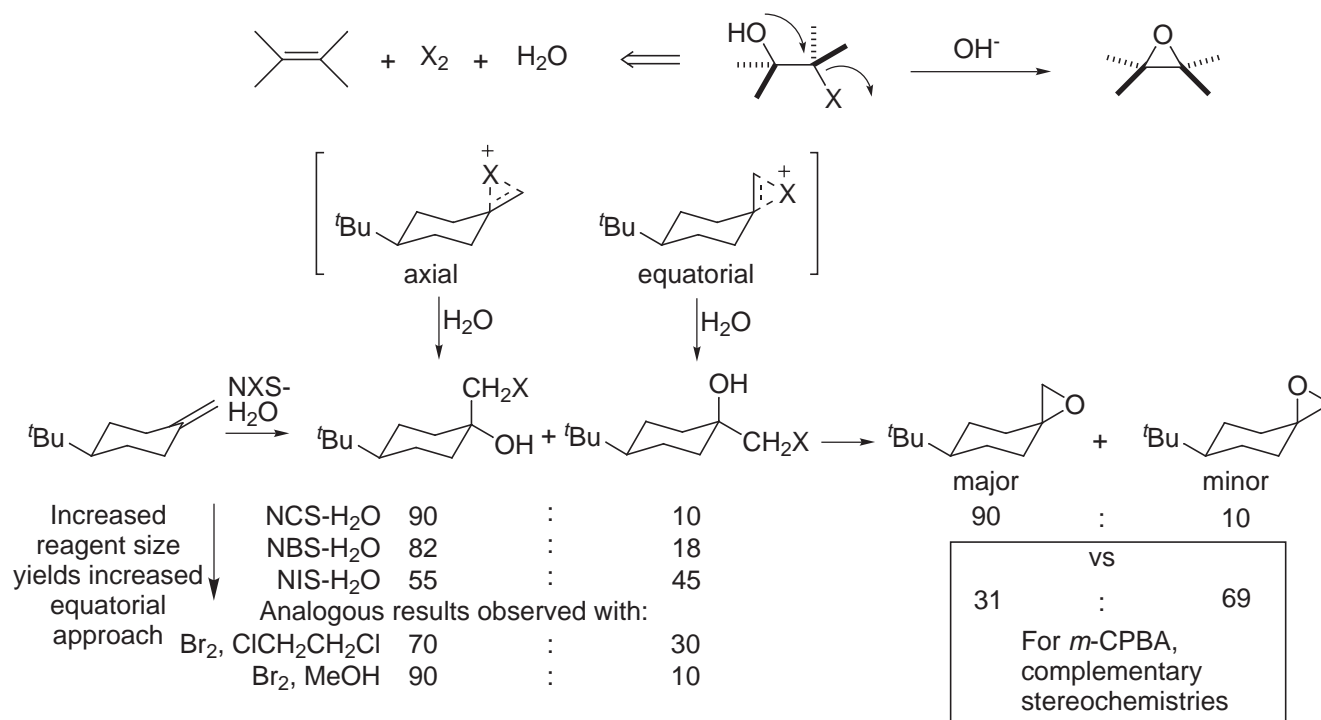
Danishefsky *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1989**, 111, 6661.  
Useful for glycosidation reactions.



stable and characterizable  
Danishefsky *J. Org. Chem.* **1989**, 54, 4249.

## 5. Summary of Other Methods of Epoxide Formation

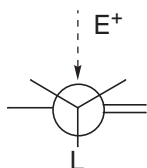
## a. Cyclization of Halohydrins



-The electrophilic reagents behave as small reagents and approach from the axial direction

Chiappe *J. Org. Chem.* **1995**, 60, 6214.

-For acyclic systems:

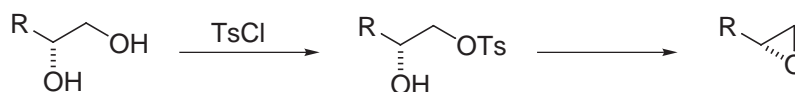


LUMO electrophile  
HOMO alkene

Houk *Acc. Chem. Res.* **1990**, 23, 107.

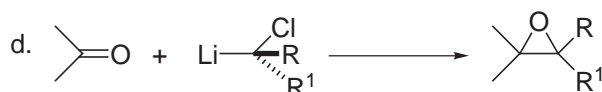
-Large or electropositive group

## b. Cyclization of 1,2-diols

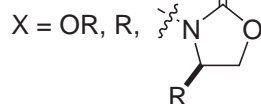
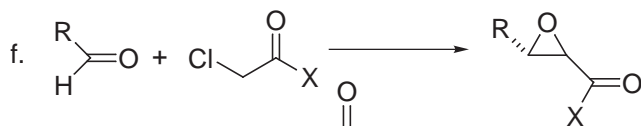
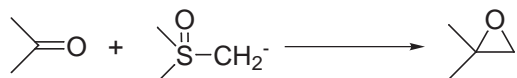
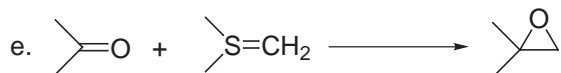


- primary alcohol > secondary alcohol for tosylation reaction

## c. Epoxides from carbonyl compounds



Kobrich *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Eng.* **1972**, 11, 473.



Darzen's Condensation:

First Example: Erlenmeyer *Ann.* **1892**, 271, 161.

Generalized by Darzen through years 1904–1937  
*Compt. rend.* **1904**, 139, 1214.

*Comprehensive Org. Syn.*, Vol. 2, pp. 409.

Newman, Magerlein *Org. React.* **1968**, 5, 413.

Asymmetric variants -

Evans Chiral Oxazolidinone

Lantos *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1986**, 108, 4595.

## C. Catalytic Asymmetric Epoxidation

### 1. Sharpless Catalytic Asymmetric Epoxidation (AE Reaction)

Key references: *Asymmetric Synthesis*: Vol. 5, Morrison, J.D. Ed., Acad. Press, Chapters 7 and 8.

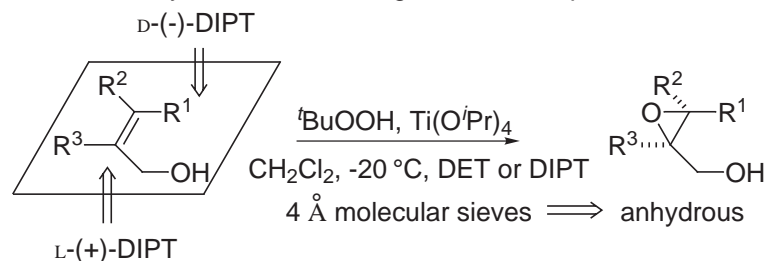
Reviews: Katsuki, *Martin Org. React.* **1996**, *48*, 1.

*Comprehensive Org. Syn.*; Vol. 7, pp. 389-436.

Sharpless *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1980**, *102*, 5974; **1987**, *109*, 5765; **1981**, *103*, 6237;

**1984**, *106*, 6430; **1991**, *113*, 106, 113; **1987**, *109*, 1279.

1. The enantiofacial selectivity of the reaction is general and dependable for assignments.



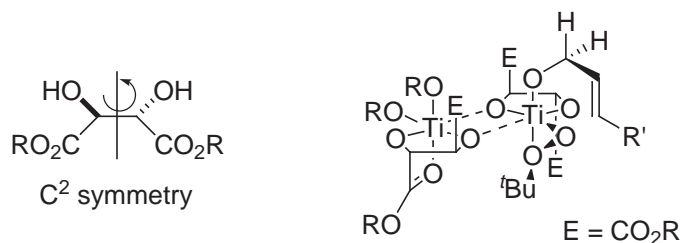
2. Selectivity is catalyst dependent

Ti(O <sup>i</sup> Pr) <sub>4</sub>	95% ee	Zr(O <sup>i</sup> Pr) <sub>4</sub>	10% ee
Al(O <sup>t</sup> Bu) <sub>3</sub>	5% ee	Hf(O <sup>i</sup> Pr) <sub>4</sub>	3% ee
MoO <sub>2</sub> (acac) <sub>2</sub>	15% ee	Nb(OEt) <sub>3</sub>	5% ee
VO(O <sup>i</sup> Pr) <sub>3</sub>	17% ee	Ta(O <sup>i</sup> Pr) <sub>5</sub>	39% ee
Sn(O <sup>i</sup> Pr) <sub>4</sub>	NR		

3. Chemical Conversion

			yield
unsubstituted	R <sup>1</sup> = R <sup>2</sup> = R <sup>3</sup> = H	95% ee	15% (isolation problematic)
<i>trans</i> -disubstituted	R <sup>1</sup> , R <sup>3</sup> = H	>95% ee	70-90%
<i>cis</i> -disubstituted	R <sup>2</sup> , R <sup>3</sup> = H	85-95% ee	70-90%
1,1-disubstituted	R <sup>1</sup> = R <sup>2</sup> = H	85-95% ee	70-90%
<i>trans</i> -1,1,2-trisub.	R <sup>1</sup> = H	>95% ee	70-90%
<i>cis</i> -1,1,2-trisub.	R <sup>2</sup> = H	>90% ee	70-90%
1,2,2-trisubstituted	R <sup>3</sup> = H	>95% ee	70-80%

4. Sharpless asymmetric epoxidation is one of the best known and practical asymmetric reactions utilized in organic synthesis. Discovered in 1980, this catalytic process utilizes an optically active ligand to direct a transition metal catalyzed reaction. Epoxidation from a single face of a prostereogenic allylic alcohol:



(Useful in ligand design- predictable and repetitive structural units which reduce number of diastereomeric transition states)

- a. Match of Ti / Tartrate such that a single complex dominates the chemistry.

The concentration of each complex in the mixture of complexes is dictated by thermodynamic considerations. However, it could not be predicted that a single species would dominate the Ti-tartrate equilibrium mixture and that this species would be so kinetically active. The tartrate-Ti complex is perfectly matched and slight deviations in the ligand structure or change in the metal alkoxide reduces the effectiveness of the reaction.

- b. Ligand acceleration of reaction.

This is not essential but extremely beneficial. It ensures that the enantioselective version of the reaction (the one in which the auxiliary ligand is present) will be the most viable kinetic pathway.

- c. Steric and stereoelectronic features of reaction control enantioselectivity.

Stereoelectronic:

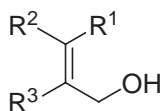
1. Alkyl peroxide is activated by bidentate coordination to the Ti(IV) center.
2. The olefin is constrained to attack the coordinated peroxide along the O-O bond axis. (stereoelectronic effect)
3. The epoxide C-O bonds are formed simultaneously.

Steric factors:

1. Bulky hydroperoxide is forced to adopt a single orientation when bound in a bidentate fashion.
2. The allylic alkoxide is thereby restricted to reaction at a single coordination site on the metal center. Steric interactions of the bound substrate with the catalyst framework provide for the kinetic resolution patterns.
3. Efficient catalytic turnover provided by the labile coordinated ester, permitting rapid alkoxide-alcohol exchange.

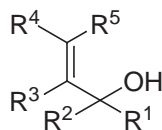
**Scope**

Epoxidation with Titanium-Tartrate Catalysts



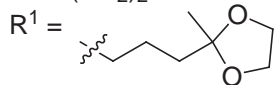
Substitution Pattern	Substituents	ee	yield
unsubstituted	$R^1 = R^2 = R^3 = H$	95% ee	15%
<i>trans</i> -disubstituted	$R^1 = R^3 = H$		
	$R^2 = CH_3$	>95% ee	45%
	$R^2 = n-C_{10}H_{21}$	>95% ee	79%
	$R^2 = (CH_2)_3CH=CH_2$	>95% ee	80%
	$R^2 = Me_3Si$	>95% ee	60%
	$R^2 = tBu$	>95% ee	
	$R^2 = Ar$	$\geq 95\%$ ee	0-90%
	$R^2 = CH_2OBn$	98% ee	85%
	$R^2 =$	>95% ee	78-85%
	$R^2 =$	>95% ee	70%
$R^2 =$	>99% ee	76%	
$R^2 =$	>99% ee	70%	
$R^2 =$	>93% ee	70-88%	
<i>cis</i> -disubstituted	$R^2 = R^3 = H$		
	$R^1 = n-C_{10}H_{21}$	90% ee	82%
	$R^1 = CH_2Ph$	91% ee	83%
	$R^1 = CH_2OBn$	92% ee	84%
$R^1 =$	96% ee	55%	
1,1-disubstituted	$R^1 = R^2 = H$		
	$R^3 = -cyclohexyl$	>95% ee	81%
	$R^3 = n-C_{14}H_{29}$	>95% ee	51%
$R^3 = tBu$	85% ee		
<i>trans</i> -1,1,2-trisubstituted	$R^1 = H$		
	$R^3 = R^2 = Ph$	>95% ee	87%
	$R^3 = Me, R^2 = Et$	>95% ee	79%
	$R^3 = Me, R^2 =$	>95% ee	70%
$R^3 = Me, R^2 =$	>95% ee	92%	
<i>cis</i> -1,1,2-trisubstituted	$R^2 = H$		
$R^3 = CH_3, R^1 = Bn$	91% ee	90%	
1,2,2-trisubstituted	$R^3 = H$		
	$R^2 = (CH_2)_2CH=C(CH_3)_2, R^1 = CH_3$	>95% ee	77%
$R^2 = CH_3, R^1 = (CH_2)_2CH=C(CH_3)_2$	94% ee	79%	
tetrasubstituted			
	$R^3 = CH_3, R^2 = Ph, R^1 = Bn$	94% ee	90%
		94% ee	90%

Allylic Alcohols Undergoing Kinetic Resolution  
with Relative Rates >15 at -20 °C

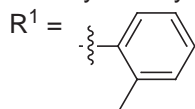


$R^1 = n\text{-C}_6\text{H}_{13}$

$R^1 = (\text{CH}_2)_2\text{Ph}$



$R^1 = \text{cyclohexyl}$



$R^1 = n\text{-C}_4\text{H}_9$ ,  $R^3 = \text{CH}_3$

$R^1 = \text{cyclohexyl}$ ,  $R^3 = \text{CH}_3$

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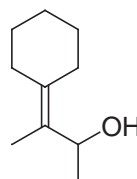
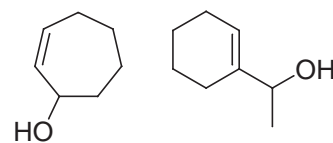
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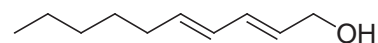
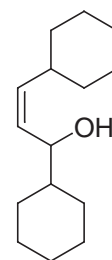
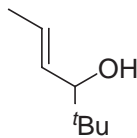
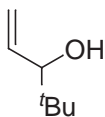
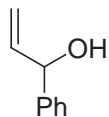
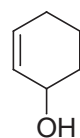
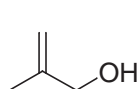
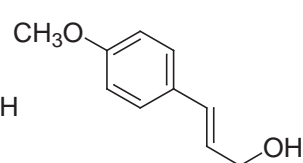
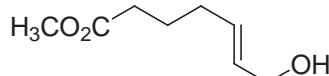
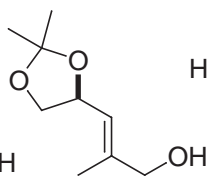
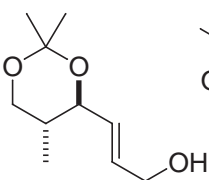
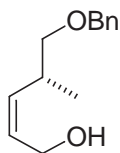
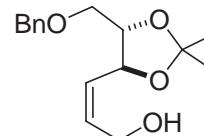
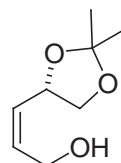
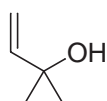
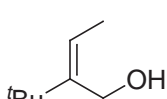
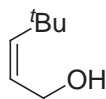
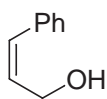
$R^1 = \text{CH}_2\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ,  $R^4 = \text{CH}_3$

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$R^1 = \text{Et}$ ,  $R^4 = n\text{-C}_6\text{H}_{13}$



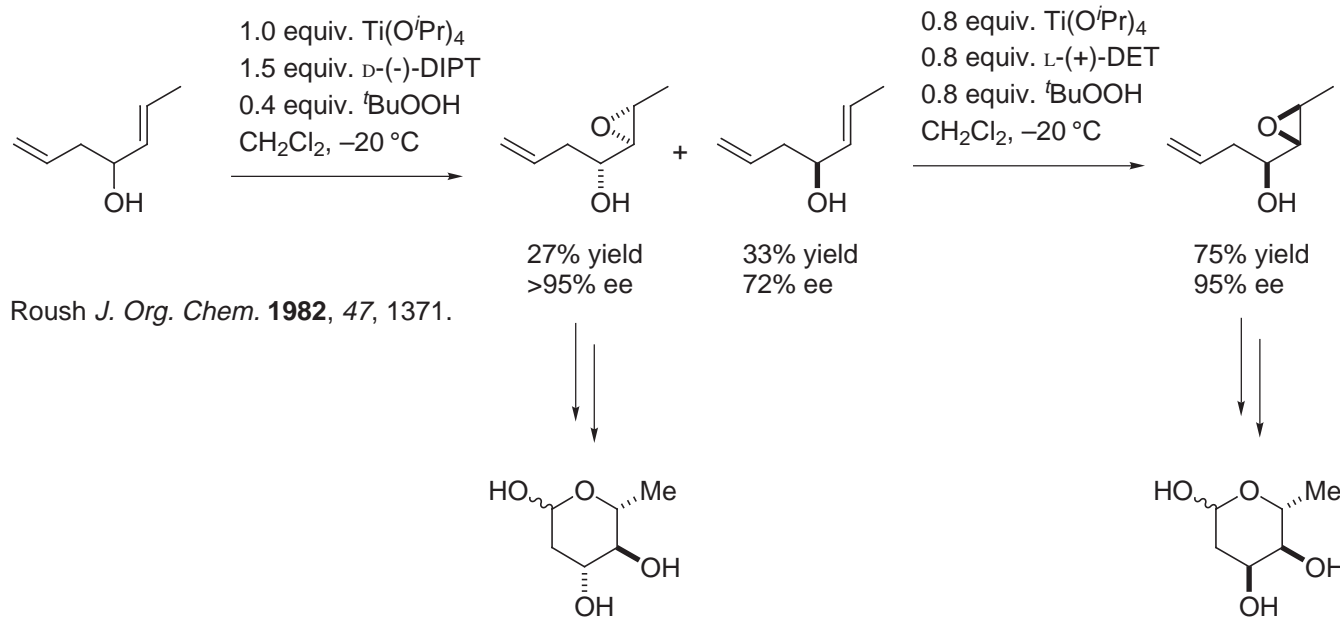
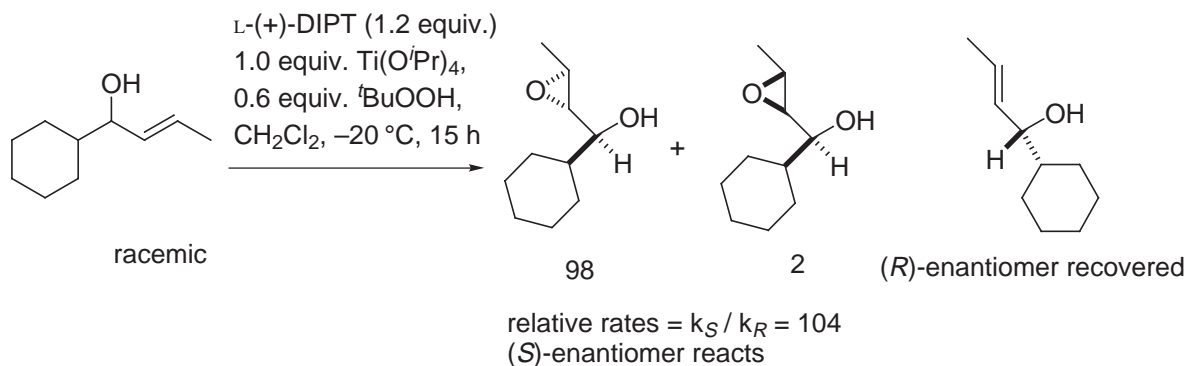
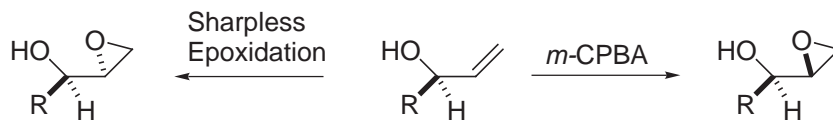
Poor Substrates for Asymmetric Epoxidation or  
Kinetic Resolution Catalyzed by Titanium-Tartrates



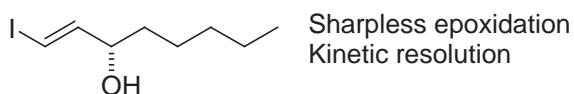
## 5. Kinetic Resolution

Sharpless *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1981**, *103*, 6237.  
*Pure Appl. Chem.* **1983**, *55*, 589.

- Sharpless epoxidation product is different from the directed oxidation of allylic alcohols by peracids (*m*-CPBA).



Sato *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1987**, *28*, 6351.





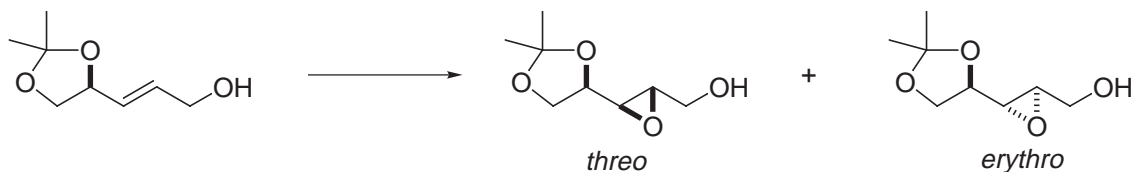
## 6. Total Synthesis of the L-Hexoses

Sharpless, Masamune *Science* **1983**, *220*, 949.  
*Tetrahedron* **1990**, *46*, 245.

"Reagent-Control" Strategy: selection of reagent dictates ultimate absolute stereochemistry of reaction products irrespective of stereofacial bias of substrate.

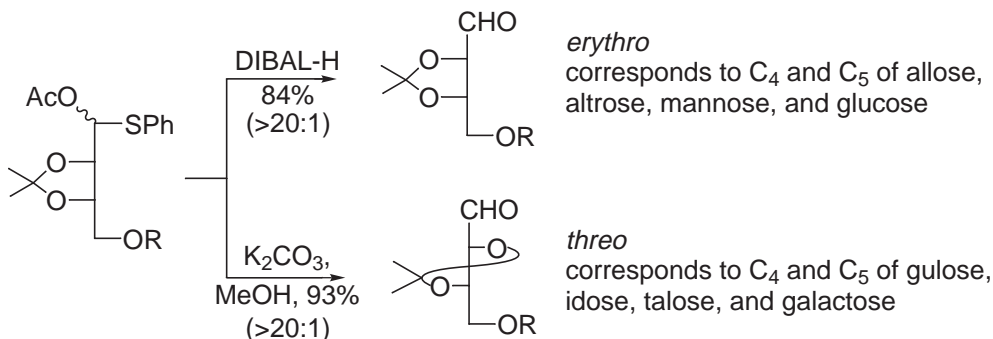
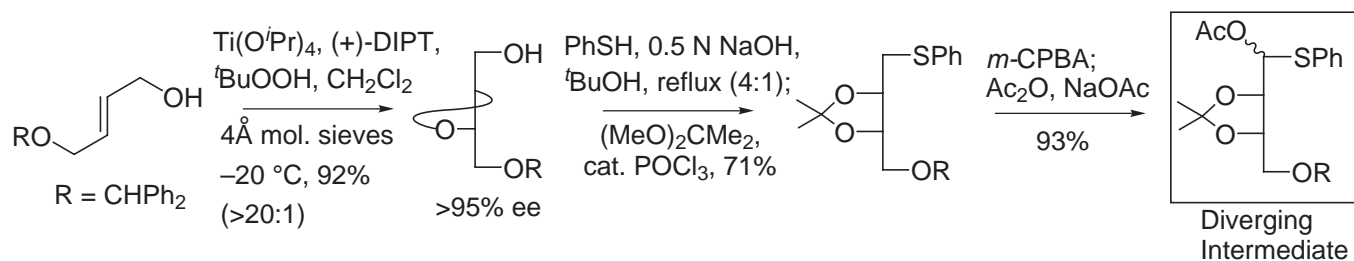
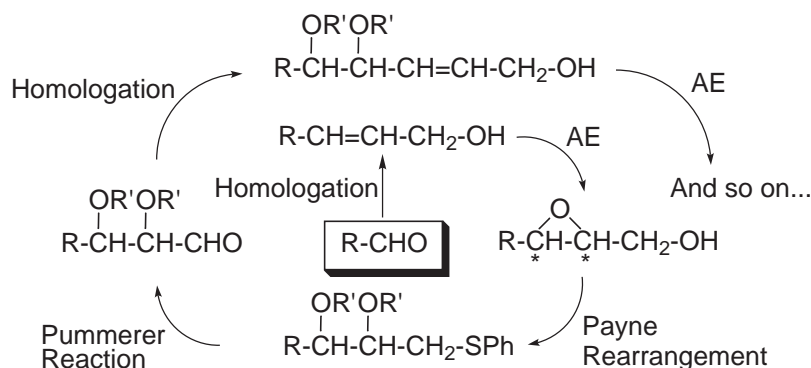
"Substrate-Control" Strategy: stereochemistry of reaction products dictated by the inherent stereofacial bias of the substrate.

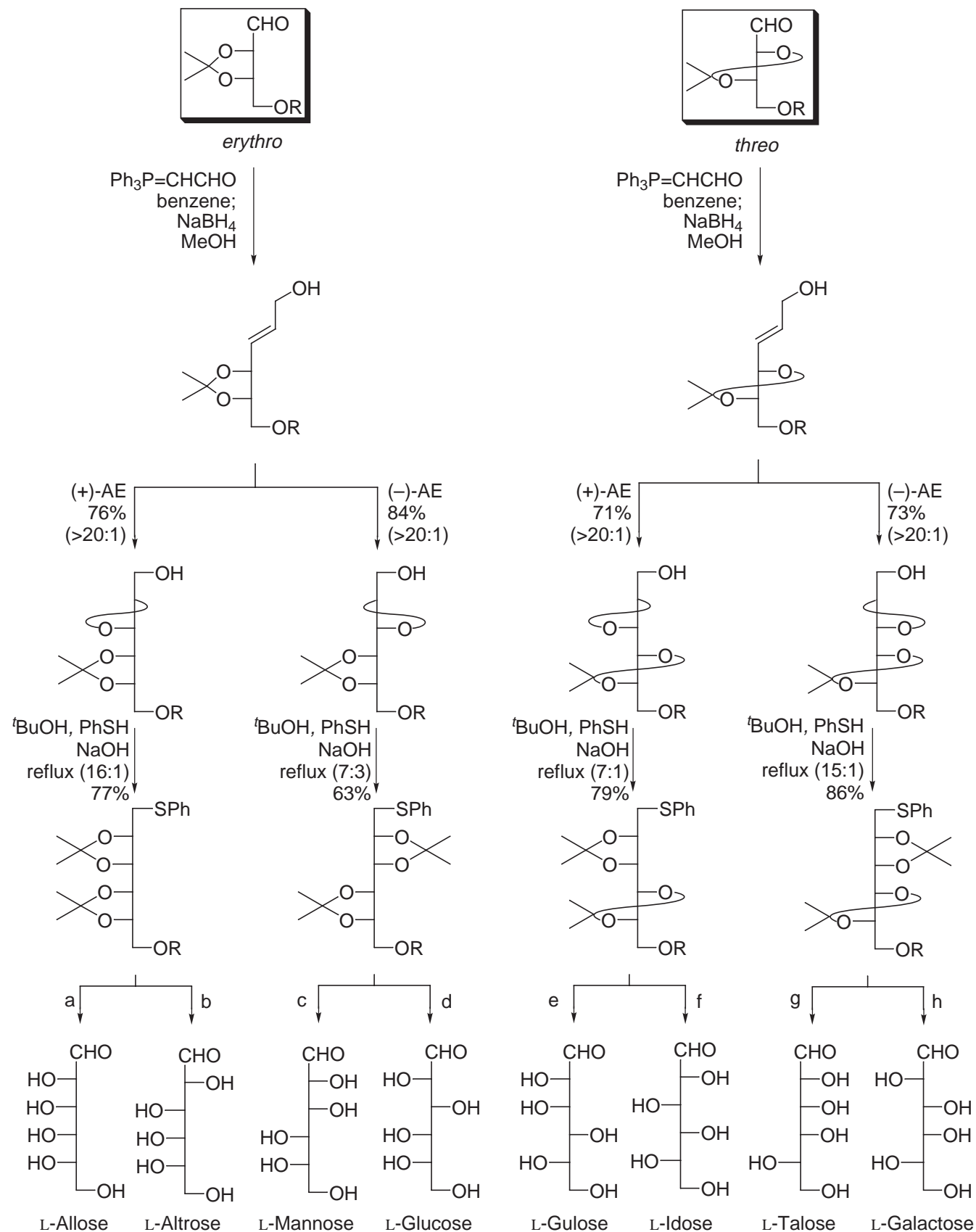
Masamune *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Eng.* **1985**, *97*, 1.  
Sharpless *Chemica Scripta* **1985**, *25*, 71.



Reagent	Product Ratio ( <i>threo</i> : <i>erythro</i> )	
<i>m</i> -CPBA	1 : 1.4	} achiral reagents
VO(acac) <sub>2</sub> -TBHP	1 : 1.8	
Ti(O <sup><i>i</i></sup> Pr) <sub>4</sub> -TBHP	1 : 2.3	} "substrate control"
Ti(O <sup><i>i</i></sup> Pr) <sub>4</sub> -(-)-tartrate-TBHP	1 : 90	
Ti(O <sup><i>i</i></sup> Pr) <sub>4</sub> -(+)-tartrate-TBHP	22 : 1	"mismatched pair"
		"reagent control"

-Reiterative two-carbon extension cycle employed for the synthesis of all L-hexoses:

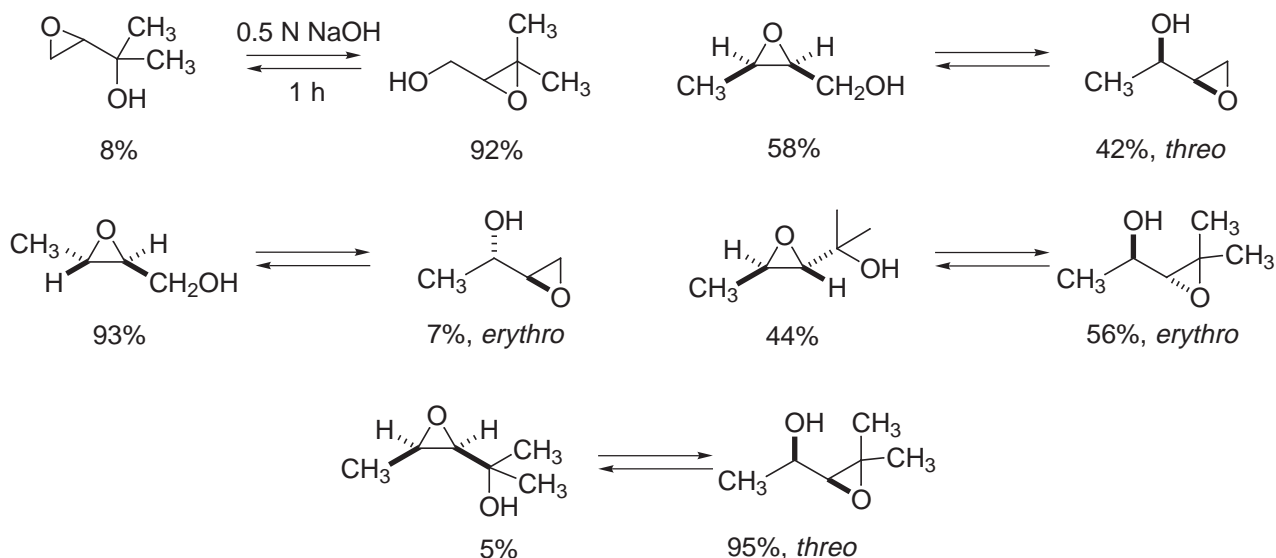




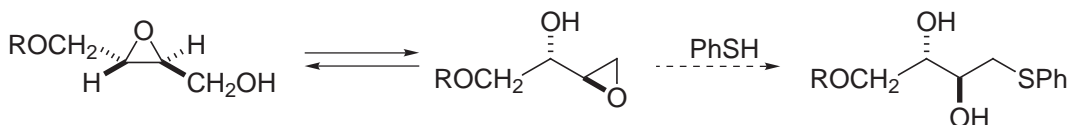
For a, c, e, and g: 1. Pummerer reaction, 2. DIBAL-H, 3. Deprotection.

For b, d, f, and h: 1. Pummerer reaction, 2.  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3/\text{MeOH}$ , 3. Deprotection.

## -Payne Rearrangement

Payne *J. Org. Chem.* **1962**, *27*, 3819.Base-catalyzed (aq. NaOH) migration of  $\alpha,\beta$ -epoxy alcohols:

1. In general, the more substituted epoxide is favored as the reaction product.
2. However, steric factors and relative alcohol acidities ( $1^\circ > 2^\circ > 3^\circ$ ) are additional factors which determine the ultimate composition of the equilibrium mixture.
3. The more reactive epoxide can be trapped by strong nucleophiles (e.g., PhSH).



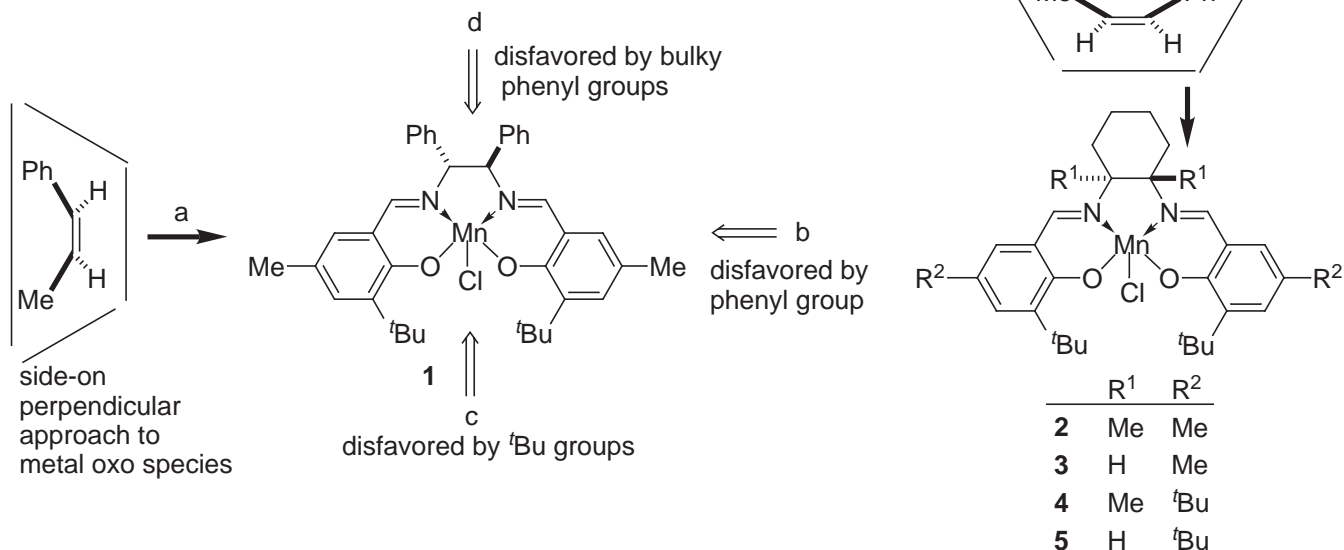
Emil Fischer attended the lectures of A. Kekule, worked with A. Baeyer as a student and received the 1902 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for his work on carbohydrate and purine syntheses. Discoverer of the Fischer indole synthesis using arylhydrazones, he utilized phenylhydrazine to derivatize carbohydrates as crystalline solids for characterization that enabled him to elucidate their chemistry and structure. From the work of Le Bel and van't Hoff he knew glucose must have 16 stereoisomers and in the now classic studies synthesized most of them and established the correct configuration of glucose. He proposed structures for uric acid, caffeine, theobromide, xanthine, and guanine and later synthesized theophylline and caffeine (1895), uric acid (1897), and coined the term purine. By 1900 he prepared more than 130 derivatives including hypoxanthine, xanthine, theobromide, adenine, and guanine. In 1914, he made glucose derivatives and from them the nucleosides. He is responsible for the "lock and key" analogy for describing enzyme-substrate interactions, prepared the D- and L-amino acids with fractional crystallization resolution and made a peptide of 18 amino acids. He is also among the first to implement safety precautions (ventilation) and designed the first exhaust system put into general use.

W. Haworth received the 1937 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for his investigations on the structure determination of carbohydrates (cyclic-monosaccharides, disaccharides, and polysaccharides) including their derivitization as methyl ethers and vitamin C. The latter was accepted with wide acclaim and Haworth was also one of the first to prepare vitamin C, the first vitamin to be prepared by synthesis. This made it available to the world population for the treatment of scurvy, eliminating the need for treatment with fresh limes or lemons.

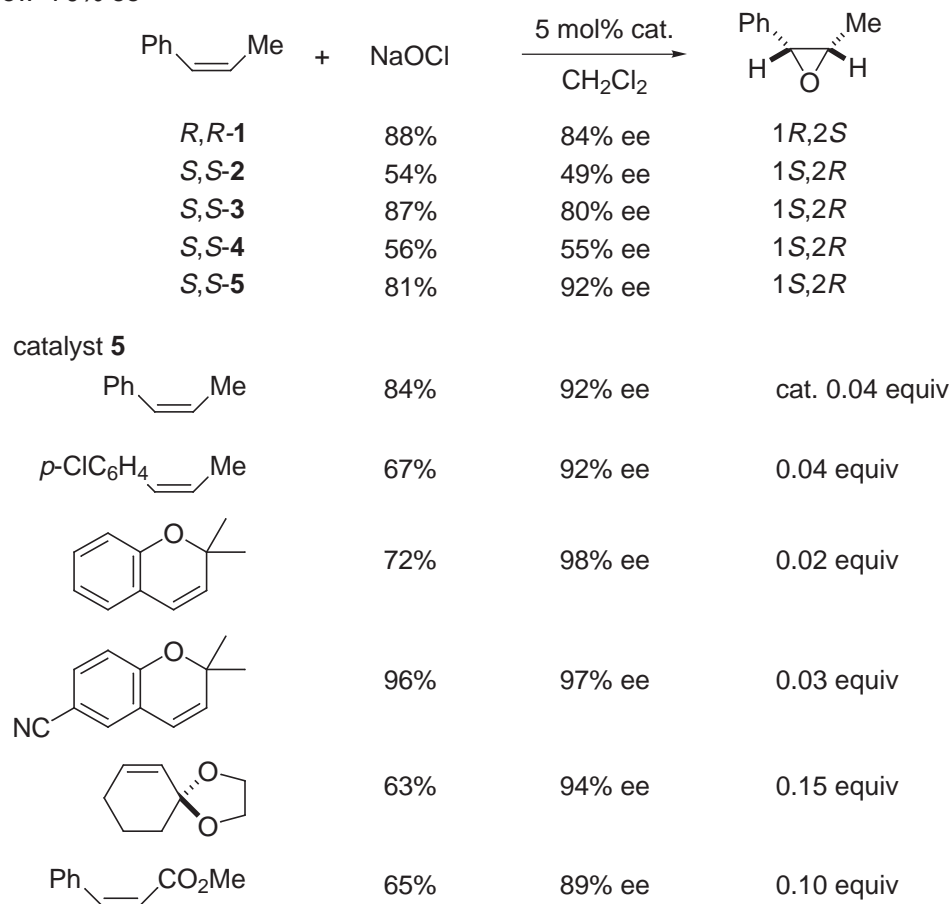
## 2. Jacobsen Epoxidation

-Unactivated alkenes

Jacobsen *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1991**, *113*, 7063.



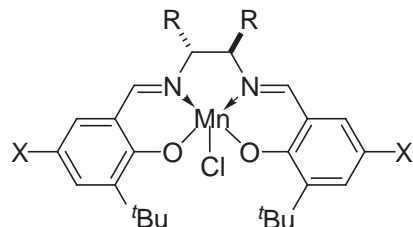
Styrene still low 70% ee



The above studies focused on steric effects of the catalyst.

- Electronic effects of the catalyst

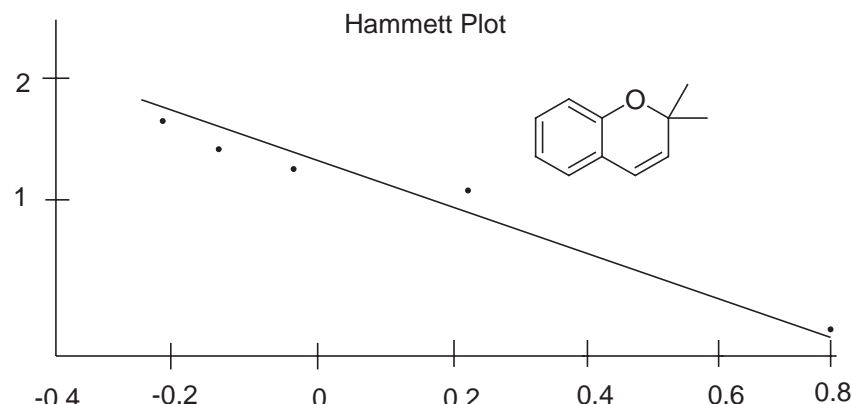
Jacobsen *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1991**, *113*, 6703.



- 1** R = Ph  
**2** R = (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub>

- 1a** X = OMe 96% ee  
**1b** X = Me  
**1c** X = H  
**1d** X = Cl  
**1e** X = NO<sub>2</sub> 22% ee

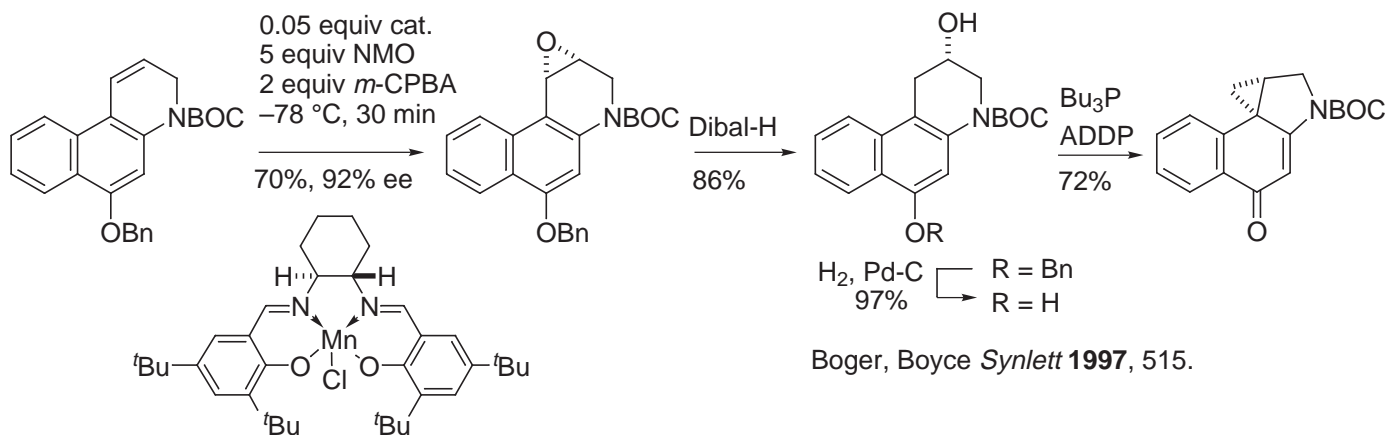
log enant. ratio



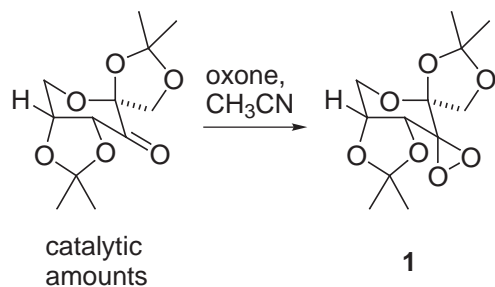
1.  $\Delta\Delta G^\ddagger$  2.0 kcal/mol  
2. **1e** / **1a**  $k_{rel} = 4$

- $\sigma$  (para substituent)  
- conformational effects on catalyst?  
- provoke changes in Mn-oxo bond length?  
- reactivity vs transition state structure: the less reactive catalyst providing a tighter, more product-like T.S.

-Example

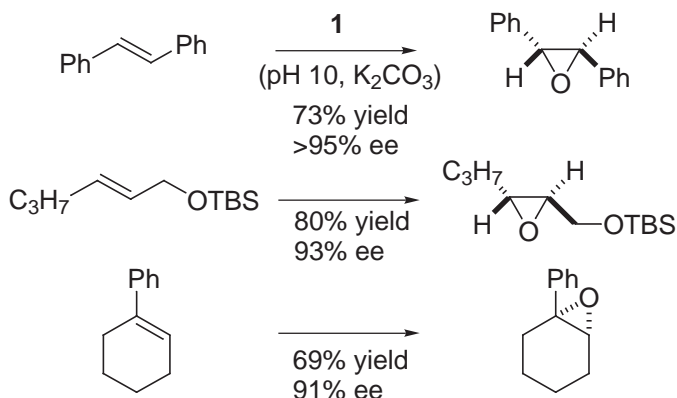


### 3. Chiral Dioxiranes

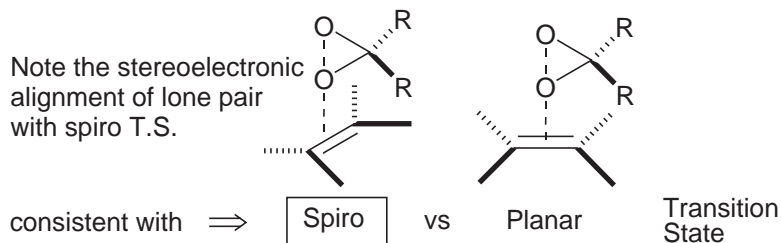


Shi *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1996**, *118*, 9806.  
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*J. Org. Chem.* **1997**, *62*, 2328.

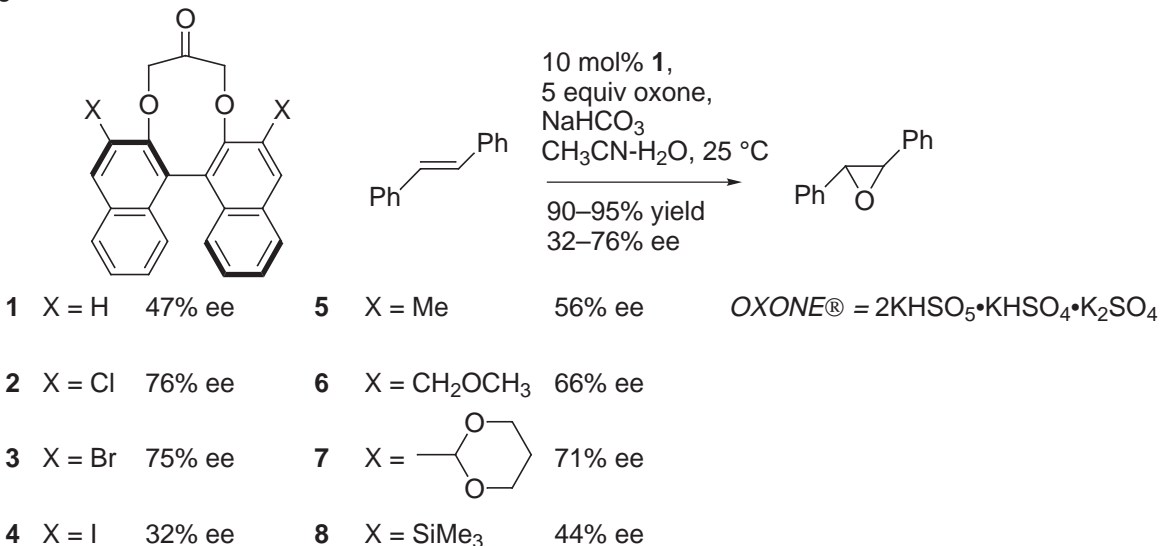
- Examples of *trans* and trisubstituted olefins



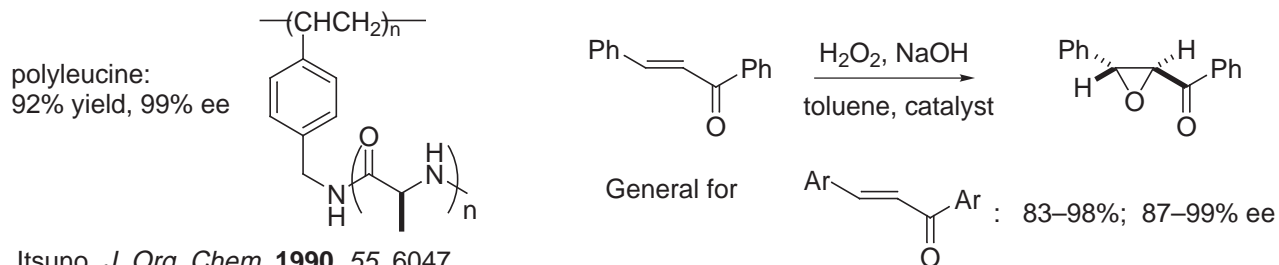
- pH 10 (K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>) suppresses Baeyer-Villiger reaction of ketone precursor.



Yang *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1996**, *118*, 11311; **1998**, *120*, 5943.



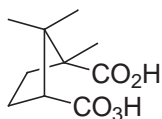
#### 4. Polymer Supported Poly Amino Acids



Itsuno *J. Org. Chem.* **1990**, *55*, 6047.  
Vega *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Eng.* **1980**, *19*, 929.

## D. Stoichiometric Asymmetric Epoxidation

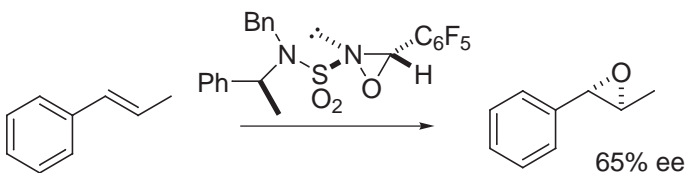
### 1. Chiral Peracids



- To date, ee's are modest (<10%)
- Not catalytic, but rather stoichiometric reagent

Ewins *J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.* **1967**, 1085.  
Montanari *J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.* **1969**, 135.  
Rebek *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1980**, *102*, 5602.  
Curci *J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.* **1984**, 155.

### 2. Chiral N-sulfamyloxaziridines



- Good ee's
- Stoichiometric reagent

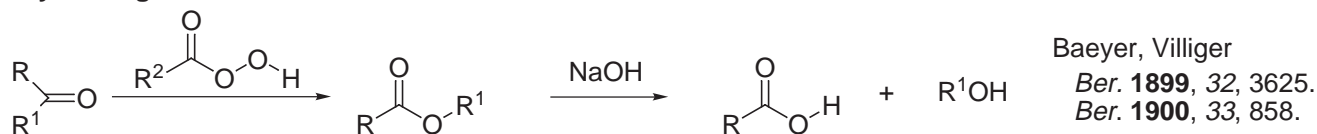
Davis *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1983**, *105*, 3123.  
*Tetrahedron Lett.* **1986**, *27*, 5079.  
*Tetrahedron* **1989**, *45*, 5703.

## E. Baeyer-Villiger and Related Reactions

*Comprehensive Org. Syn.* Vol. 7, pp 671-688.  
*Org. React.* 1957, 9, 73; 1993, 43, 251.

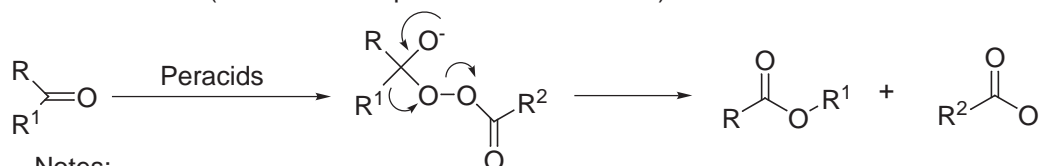
A. Baeyer received the 1905 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for his work on dyes (indigo). He also discovered barbituric acid and named it after his girlfriend Barbara.

### 1. Baeyer-Villiger Reaction



Note: Sometimes the Baeyer-Villiger reaction is used not only for preparing carboxylic acids or esters, but also for ROH.

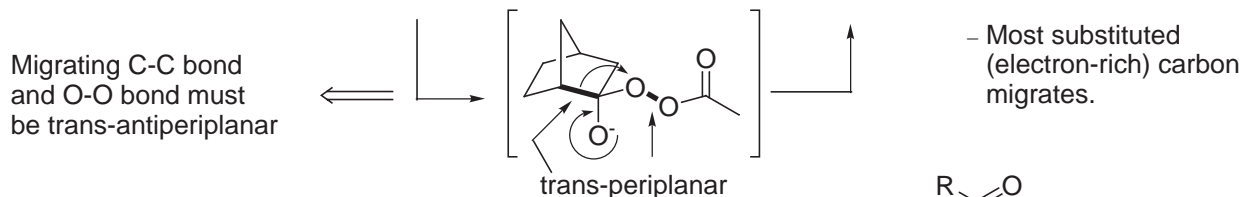
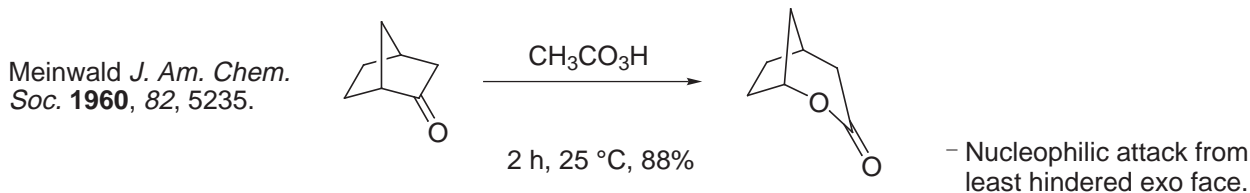
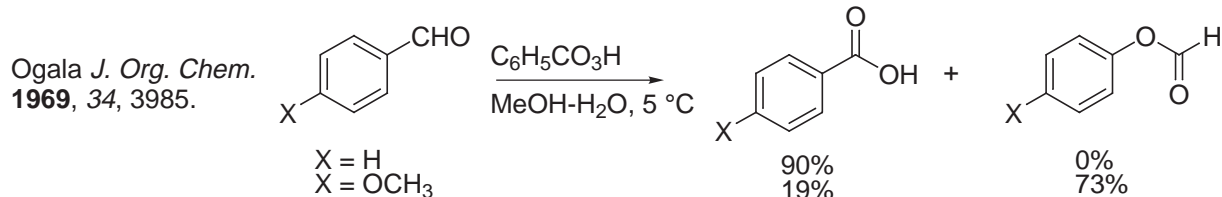
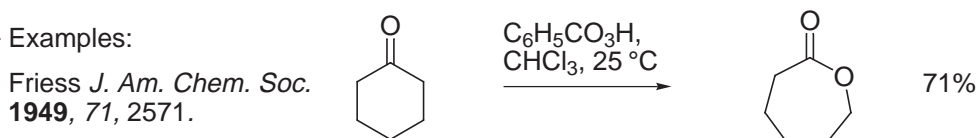
- Mechanism: (Peracid nucleophilic addition reaction)



- Notes:

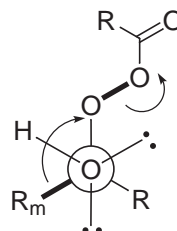
1. Alkyl group that migrates does so with retention of configuration.
2. The more electron-rich (most-substituted) alkyl group migrates in preference (in general).  
 $^t\text{alkyl} > ^s\text{alkyl} > \text{benzyl} > \text{phenyl} > ^n\text{alkyl} > \text{methyl}$   
Thus, methyl ketones invariably provide acetates.

- Examples:

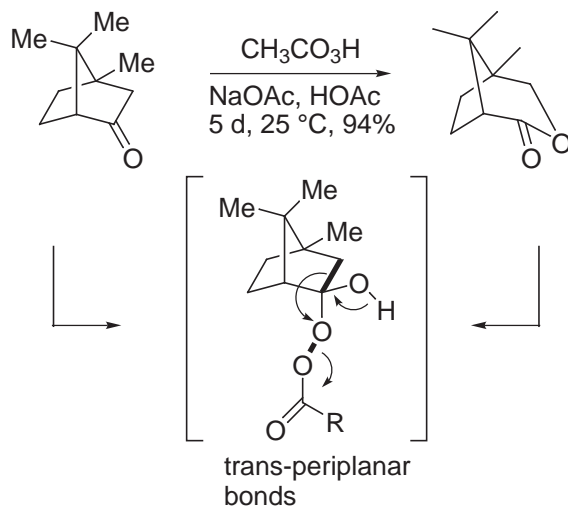


- Antiperiplanar arrangement of C-R<sub>m</sub> bond and the breaking O-O bond (stereoelectronic requirement).

- Hydroxyl lone pair or O-H bond antiperiplanar to the migrating C-R<sub>m</sub> bond.



Sauers *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*  
**1961**, *83*, 2759.

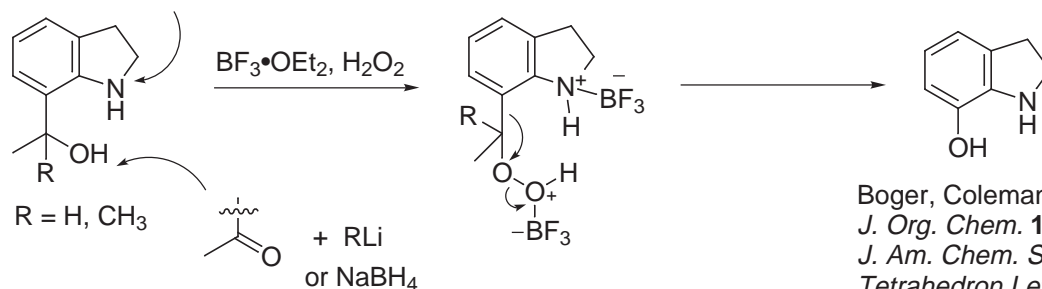


- In contrast to simple expectations, the less electron-rich bond migrates due to stereoelectronic considerations.
- Nucleophilic attack from endo face, exo face blocked by Me's.
- Reaction much slower than norbornone.

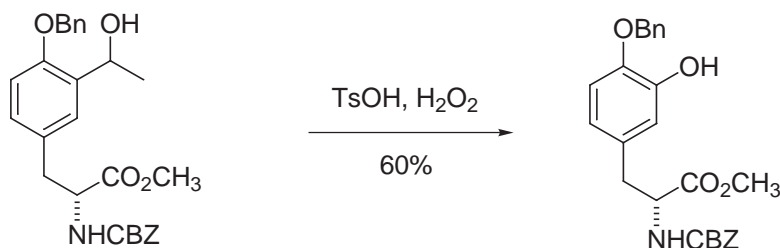
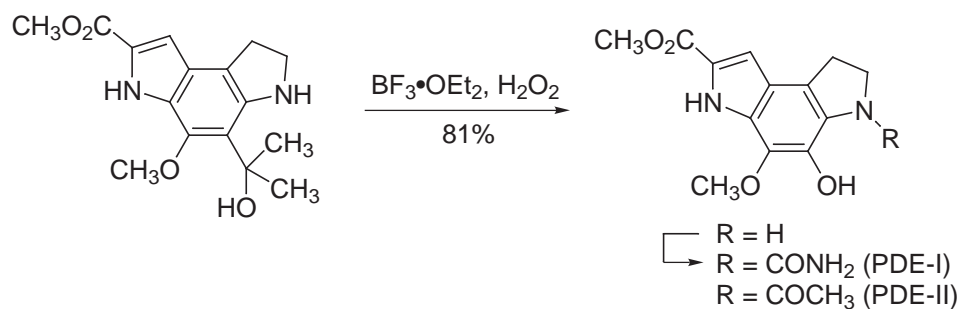
## 2. Benzylic Hydroperoxide Rearrangement

- Alternative to Baeyer-Villiger Reaction

Would be oxidized by peracid

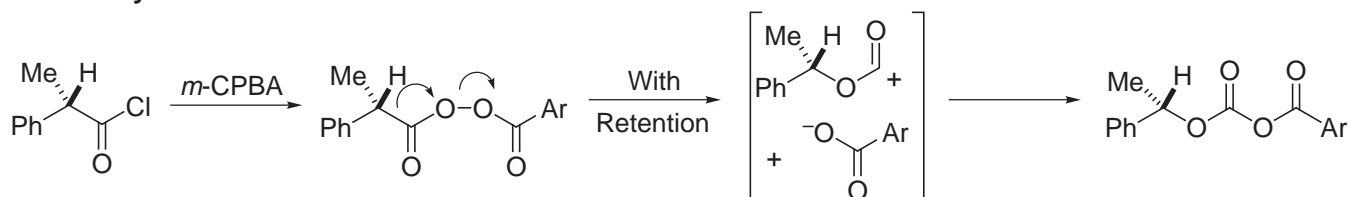


Boger, Coleman  
*J. Org. Chem.* **1986**, *51*, 5436.  
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1987**, *109*, 2717.  
*Tetrahedron Lett.* **1987**, *28*, 1027.



Boger, Yohannes  
*J. Org. Chem.* **1987**, *52*, 5283.

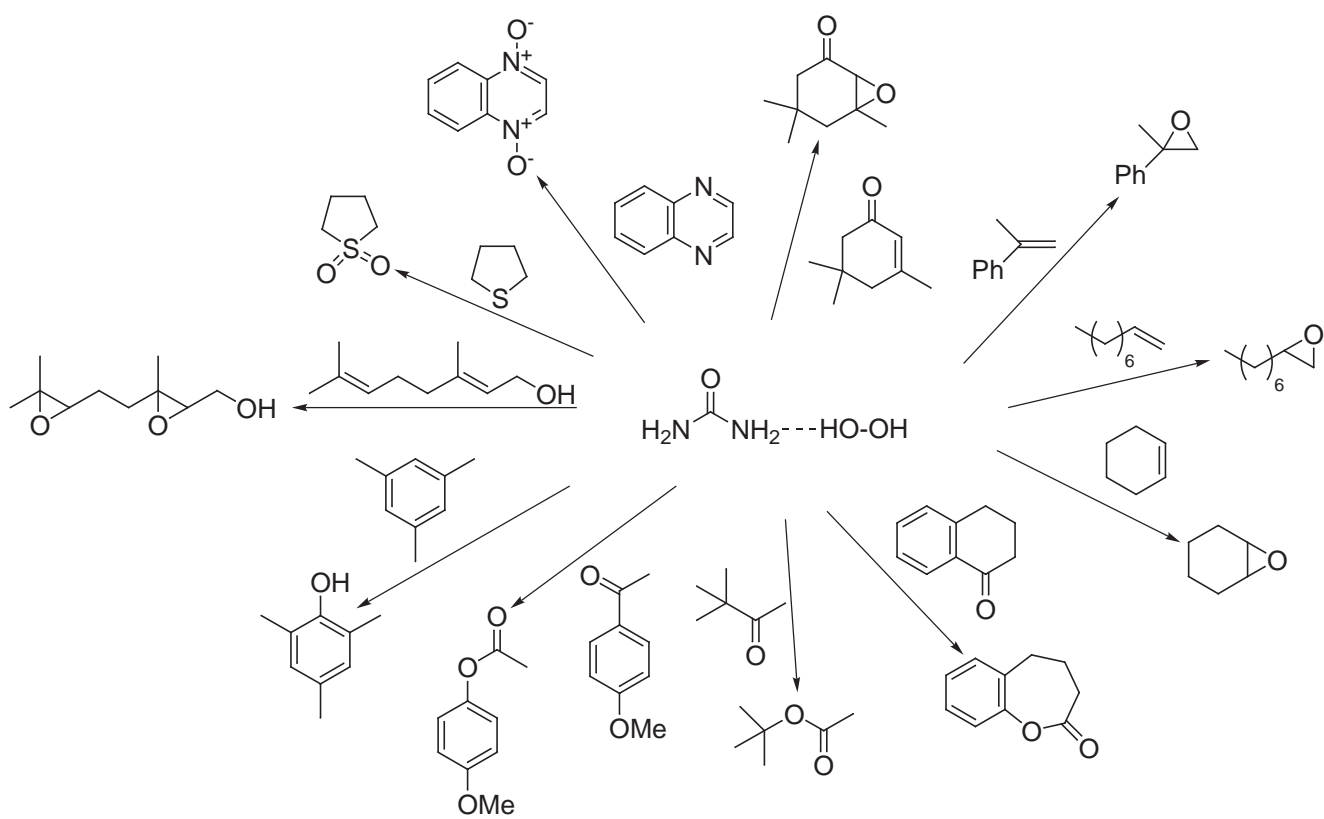
## 3. Carboxy Inversion Reaction





4. Urea- $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ : a safe alternative to  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$

Heaney *Synlett* 1990, 533.

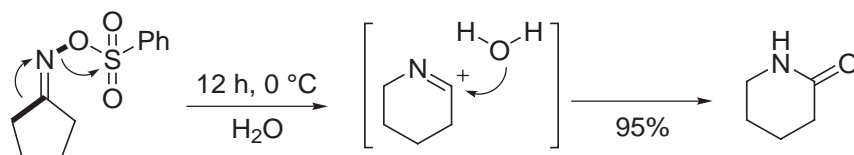


## F. Beckmann Rearrangement and Related Reactions

- An analogous rearrangement reaction can be utilized to prepare lactams and amides.

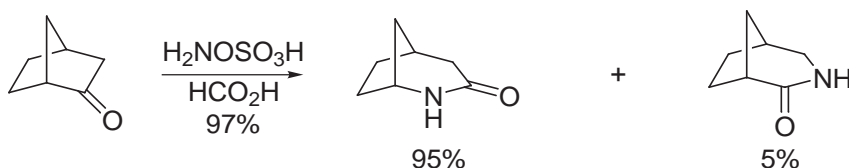
### 1. Beckmann Rearrangement

Heldt *Org. React.* **1960**, 11, 1  
Gawley *Org. React.* **1988**, 35, 1.  
*Comprehensive Org. Syn.*, Vol. 7, pp 689-702.

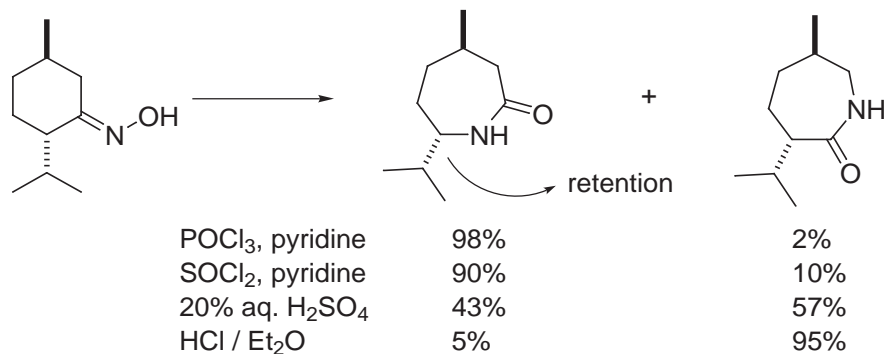


- Prepared from the oxime. Beckmann *Ber.* **1886**, 89, 988.
- A wide range of leaving groups and catalysts have been utilized.

1. Group anti to oxime leaving group migrates.
2. The alkyl group migrates with retention of configuration.



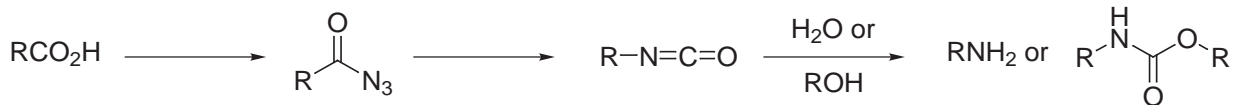
Note: Isomerization of oxime or its activated derivative may occur under the reaction conditions and fragmentation to a nitrile may compete when the migrating center is 3°.



### 2. Curtius Rearrangement

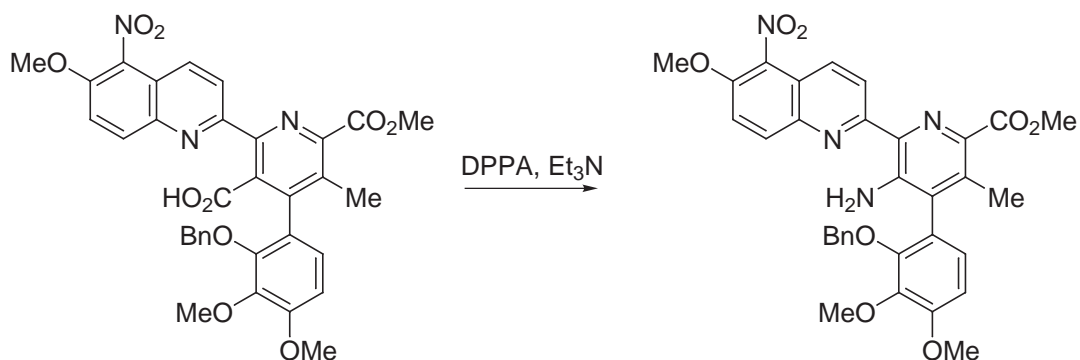
Smith *Org. React.* **1946**, 3, 337.  
*Comprehensive Org. Syn.*, Vol. 6, pp 806-816.

Curtius *Ber.* **1890**, 23, 3023. (initially not recognized)

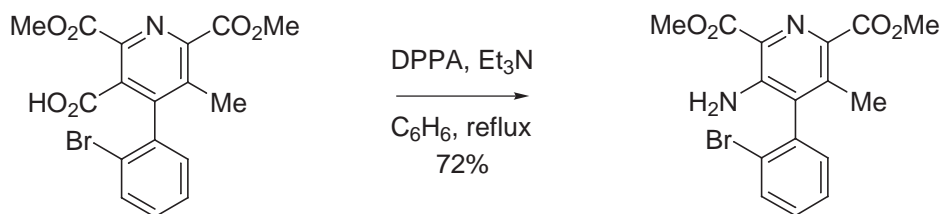


- (PhO)<sub>2</sub>P(O)N<sub>3</sub> (DPPA) is a useful reagent for the direct conversion of carboxylic acids to acyl azides under *in situ* conditions for the rearrangement. Shiori, Yamada *Tetrahedron* **1974**, 30, 2151.
- R group migrates with retention of configuration.

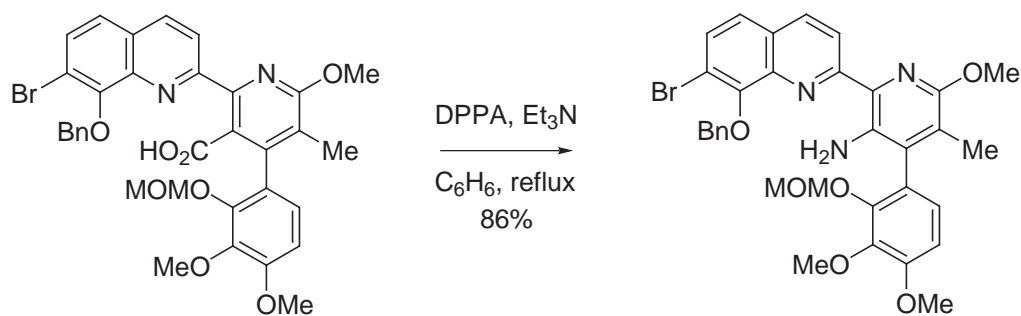
-Examples



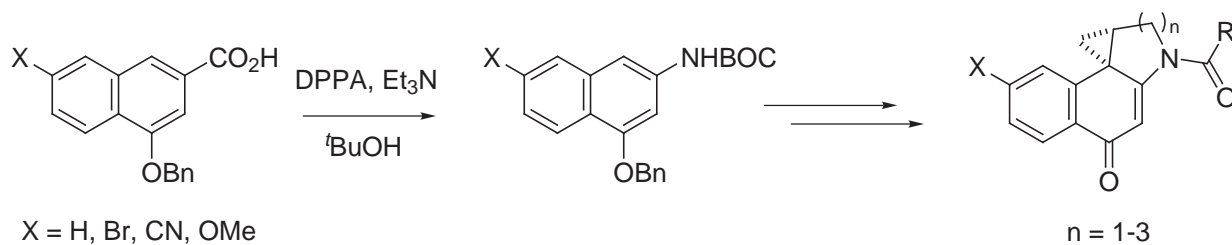
Boger, Panek  
(streptonigrin)  
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.*  
**1985**, 107, 5745.



Boger  
(lavendamycin)  
*J. Org. Chem.*  
**1985**, 50, 5782.



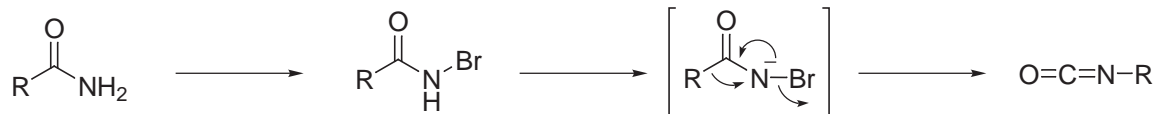
Boger  
(streptonigrone)  
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.*  
**1993**, 115, 10733.



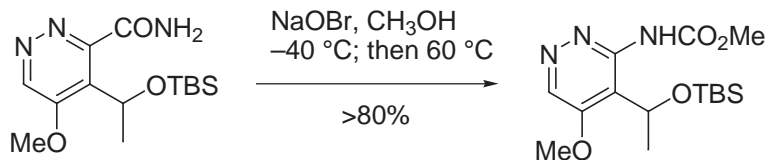
Boger *J. Org. Chem.* **1995**, 60, 1271;  
**1996**, 61, 1710 and 4894;  
**1997**, 62, 5849.  
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1994**, 116, 11335.  
*Synlett* **1997**, 515.

### 3. Hofmann Rearrangement

Lane *Org. React.* **1946**, 3, 267.  
*Comprehensive Org. Syn.*, Vol. 6, pp 806-816.



Hofmann *Ber.* **1881**, 14, 2725.



Boger, Coleman  
(PDE-I, PDE-II, CC-1065)  
*J. Org. Chem.* **1986**, 51, 3250.  
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1987**, 109, 2717.

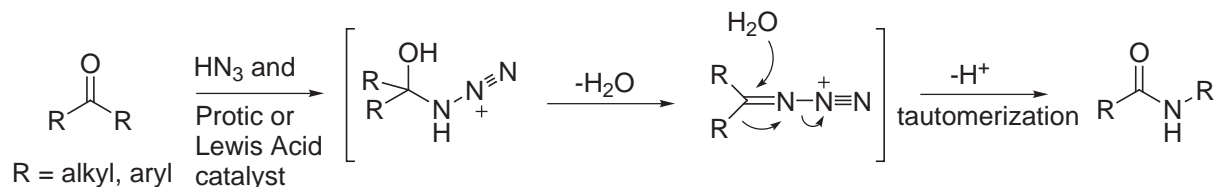
- Reagents employed include basic hypohalides,  $Pb(OAc)_4$ ,  $PhI(OCOCF_3)_2$ ,  $PhIO$ .
- R group migrates with retention of configuration.

### 4. Schmidt Reaction

Schmidt *Angew. Chem.* **1928**, 36, 511.  
Wolff *Org. React.* **1946**, 3, 307.  
*Comprehensive Org. Syn.*, Vol. 6, pp 817-821.

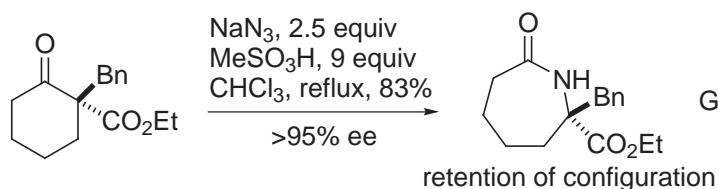
The Schmidt Reaction is a general name for what are three individual reactions:

#### A. Conversion of Ketones to Amides

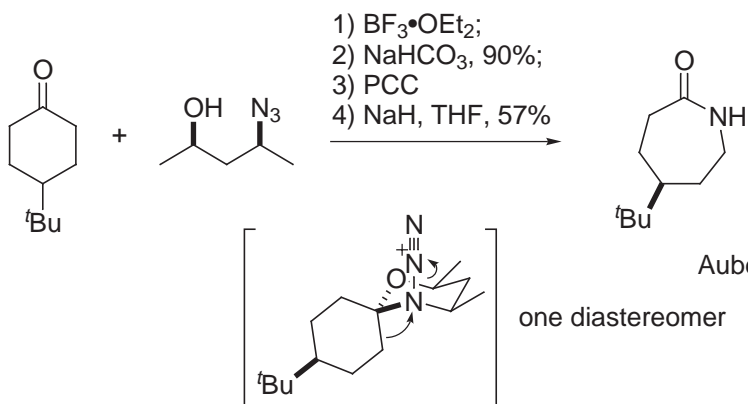


R = alkyl, aryl

- Most studied of Schmidt variants, similar to Beckmann Rearrangement.
- Asymmetric variant (Aube) utilizes chiral alkyl azide donors which provide products in high diastereoselectivity.
- Bicyclic ketones slightly favor migration of less substituted group, opposite of Beckmann.
- Reactivity: dialkyl ketone  $>$  alkyl,aryl ketone  $>$  diaryl ketone  $>$  carboxylic acid or alcohol.

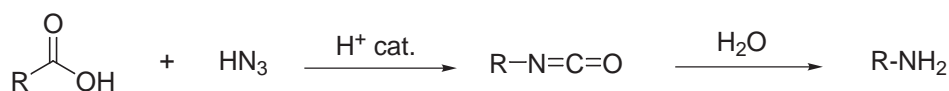


Georg *Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett.* **1991**, 1, 125.

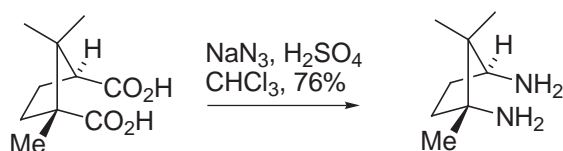
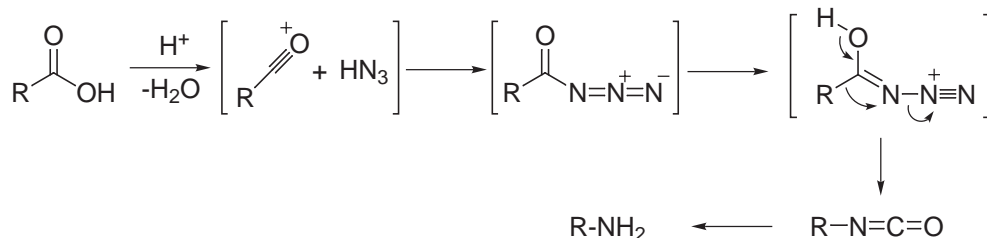


Aube *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1995**, 117, 8047.

## B. Conversion of Carboxylic Acids to Amines



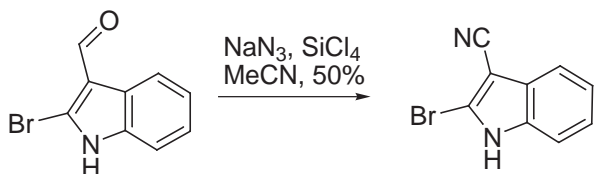
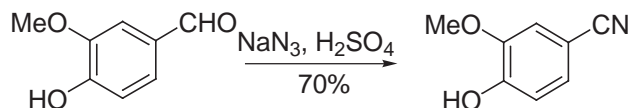
- Acid catalyst usually  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , PPA, TFA-TFAA, or sometimes Lewis acid.
- Good results when R = alkyl, hindered alkyl or aryl.
- Advantage in process length over Hofmann and Curtius Rearrangements, but more drastic conditions.
- Mechanism controversy.

Hayes *J. Org. Chem.* **1979**, 44, 3682.Koldobskii *Russ. Chem. Rev.* **1978**, 47, 1084.Sato *Tetrahedron: Asymmetry* **1992**, 3, 5.

## C. Conversion of Aldehydes to Nitriles



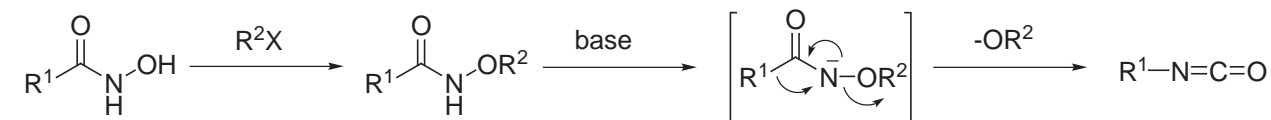
- Acid catalyst usually  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , can be Lewis acid.
- Schmidt reaction is the usual byproduct under these conditions to provide formamide.
- More common method is to convert aldehyde to oxime with hydroxylamine, followed by dehydration.
- Aromatic aldehydes are good substrates.

Elmorsy *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1995**, 36, 2639.Houff *J. Org. Chem.* **1957**, 22, 344.

## 5. Lossen Rearrangement

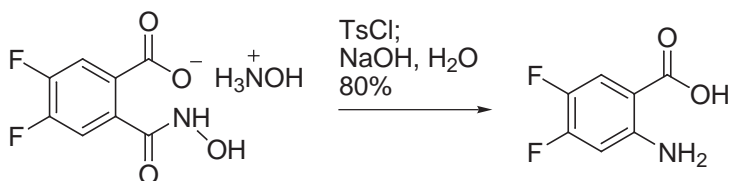
Lane *Org. React.* **1946**, 3, 269 and 366.  
*Comprehensive Org. Syn.*, Vol. 6, pp 821-823 (basic conditions)  
pp 824-825 (neutral/acidic)

Lossen *Liebigs Ann. Chem.* **1872**, 161, 347.

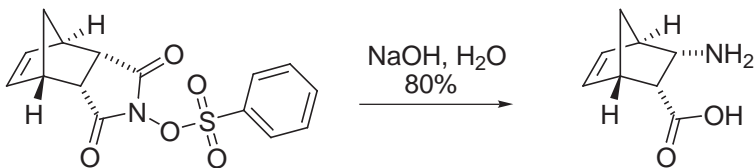


Hydroxamic acid  
-prepared readily from  
carboxylic acids, esters  
or acyl halides

- R<sup>2</sup>X usually AcCl, ArSO<sub>2</sub>Cl, RPO<sub>2</sub>Cl
- rate of reaction proportional to the acidity of leaving group conjugate acid
- R<sup>1</sup> migrates with retention of configuration

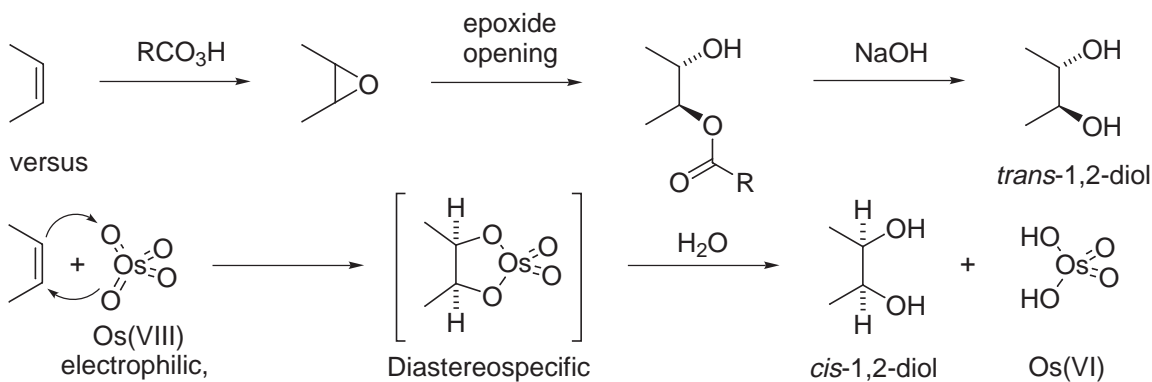


Braish *Syn. Commun.* **1992**, 22, 3067.



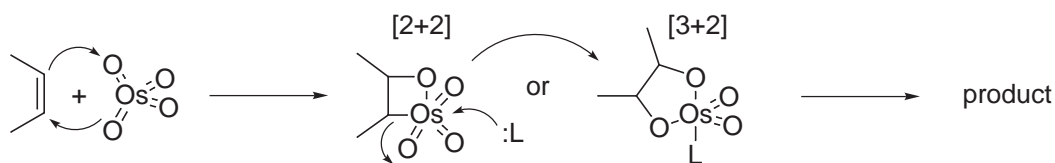
Bauer *J. Org. Chem.* **1959**, 24, 1293.

## G. Olefin Osmylation (Dihydroxylation)



First use: Criegee *Justus Liebigs Ann. Chem.* **1936**, 522, 75.  
Milas *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1936**, 58, 1302.

### 1. Mechanism



[2 + 2] Mechanism:

Sharpless *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1977**, 99, 3120.  
Jorgensen *Chem. Rev.* **1990**, 90, 1483.  
Sharpless *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Eng.* **1993**, 32, 1329.

[3 + 2] Mechanism:

Böseken *Recl. Trav. Chim.* **1922**, 41, 199.  
Criegee *Angew. Chem.* **1938**, 51, 519.  
Criegee *Justus Liebigs Ann. Chem.* **1942**, 550, 99.

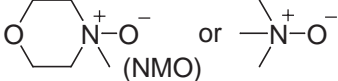
**2. Scope** *Comprehensive Org. Syn.*, Vol. 7, pp 437-448. *Chem. Rev.* **1980**, 80, 187.

1.  $\text{OsO}_4$  is an electrophilic reagent, and it behaves as a large reagent.
2. Strained, unhindered olefins react faster than unstrained, sterically hindered olefins.
3. Electron-rich olefins react faster than electron-deficient olefins.
4. Diastereospecific, with attack on the C=C from the least hindered face.

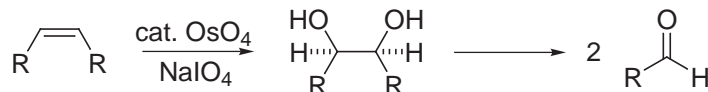
-but  $\text{OsO}_4$  is expensive, volatile, and toxic

-various improvements: 1) only catalytic amount of  $\text{OsO}_4$  used  
2) use of an equivalent osmium salt ( $\text{K}_2\text{OsO}_2(\text{OH})_4$ )

Examples:

$\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ , cat.  $\text{OsO}_4$  *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1936**, 58, 1302; **1937**, 59, 2345; *Synthesis* **1989**, 295.  
 $t\text{BuOOH}$ , cat.  $\text{OsO}_4$  Sharpless *J. Org. Chem.* **1978**, 43, 2063.  
 *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1976**, 1973;  
*Tetrahedron Lett.* **1980**, 21, 449.

Note: Johnson-Lemieux Oxidation ( $\text{NaIO}_4$  and catalytic  $\text{OsO}_4$  cleaves C=C bonds, forms diol and then aldehyde: *J. Org. Chem.* **1956**, 21, 478).



-Alternative reagents to  $\text{OsO}_4$ :

$\text{KMnO}_4$ : *Synthesis* **1987**, 85.

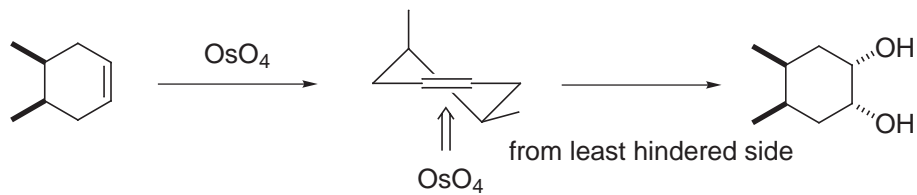
Yields rarely as high as  $\text{OsO}_4$  but less hazardous and less expensive especially for large scale

$\text{RuO}_4$  or  $\text{RuO}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{RuCl}_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  + cooxidant

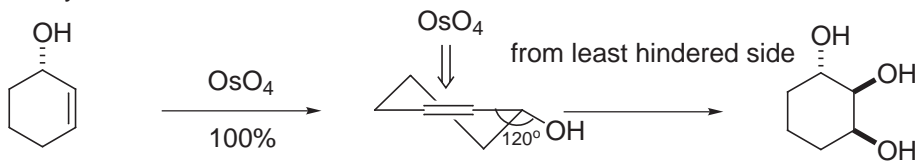
More vigorous than  $\text{OsO}_4$  and olefin cleavage is observed

### 3. Diastereoselectivity

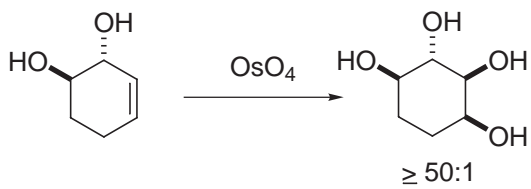
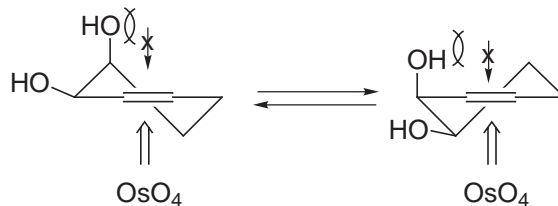
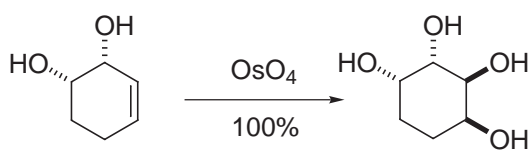
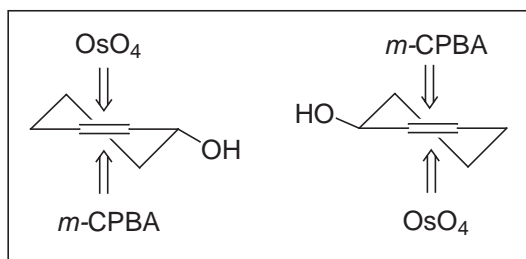
#### a. Endocyclic Olefins



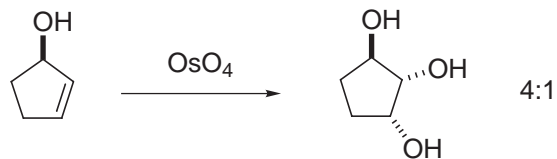
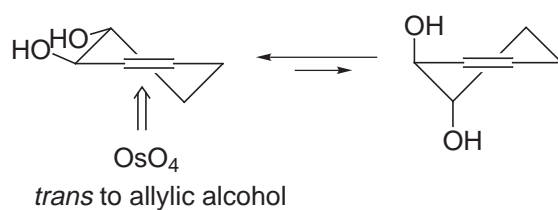
#### -endocyclic allylic alcohols



Note: *m*-CPBA comes in *cis* to the allylic  $\text{OH}$ , but  $\text{OsO}_4$  comes in *trans* to the allylic  $\text{OH}$ . So, we obtain:



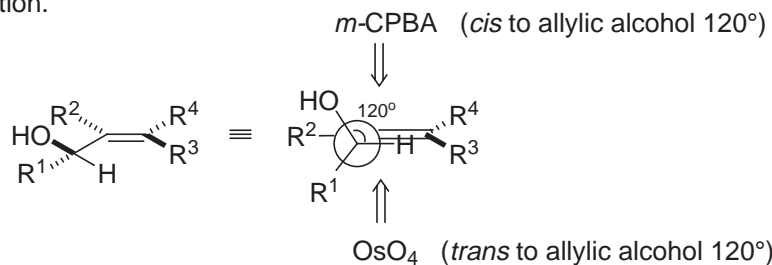
Predominant conformation at 25 °C





## b. Acyclic Systems

- OsO<sub>4</sub> is delivered from face opposite the allylic hydroxyl group in the preferred (H-eclipsed) ground state conformation.

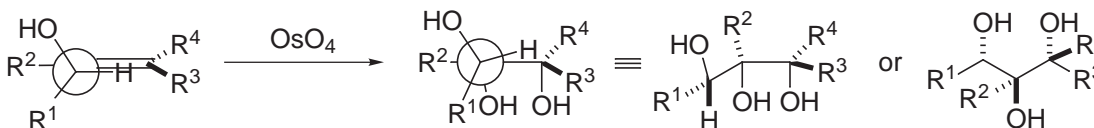


- Kishi model (empirical model).

So, for the OsO<sub>4</sub> oxidation:

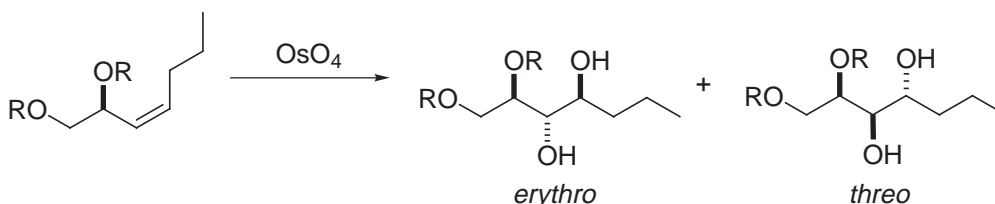
*Tetrahedron Lett.* **1983**, *24*, 3943, 3947.

*Tetrahedron* **1984**, *40*, 2247.



- Preferred ground state conformation (higher diastereoselection when R<sup>3</sup> is not H).

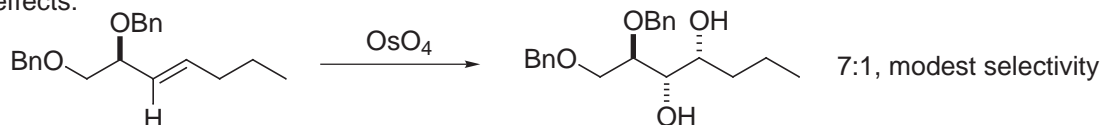
- Also observed with allylic ethers



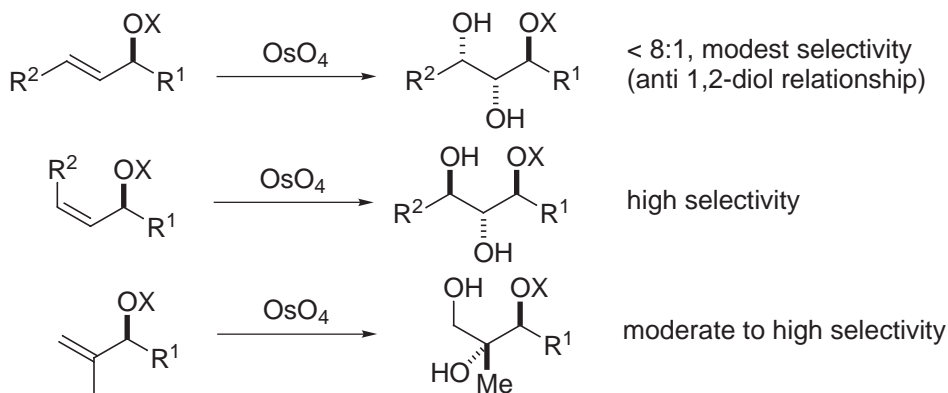
1) electronic effects:	R = Bn	8.9	:	1
	R = CO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	2	:	1
	R = COC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> -NO <sub>2</sub>	1	:	1

electronic effect of alkoxy substituent directs osmylation to reverse face

- 2) steric effects:



- Higher diastereoselectivity of *Z* vs. *E* isomer implies eclipsed conformation important.

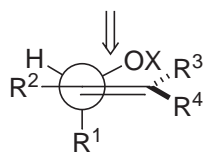


- As R<sup>1</sup> increases in size relative to OX, the selectivity increases.

- X-effect (steric effect): smaller X provides better selectivity.

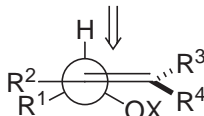
- There are two additional empirical models used to explain the acyclic allylic alcohol induced diastereoselectivity:

1. Houk Model (inside alkoxy model):  
*Science* **1981**, 231, 1108.



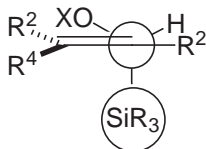
non ground state conformation

2. Vedejs Model:  
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1989**, 111, 6861.



OsO<sub>4</sub> is large reagent; steric effects between reagent & allylic substituent are important factors

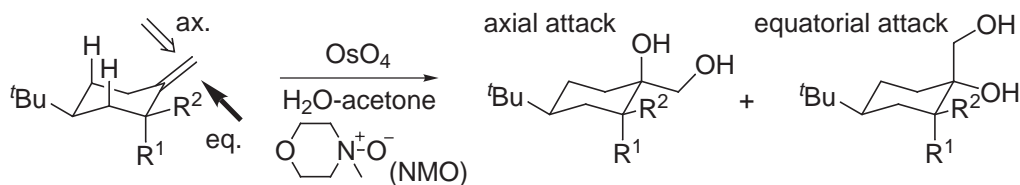
3. Panek:  
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1990**, 112, 4873.



selectivity increases:

- OH > OR
- now *E* > *Z*
- with very large R<sup>1</sup>: inside alkoxy or anti Si

c. Exocyclic Olefins: Vedejs *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1989**, 111, 6861.

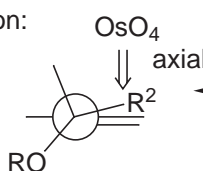


OsO<sub>4</sub> is a large reagent,  
prefers equatorial attack

R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	ax.	eq.
H	H	14	86
H	OH	<5	95
H	OCH <sub>3</sub>	<5	95
CH <sub>3</sub>	OCH <sub>3</sub>	20	80
H	OAc	8	92
H	SCH <sub>3</sub>	<5	95
OH	H	33	67
OH	CH <sub>3</sub>	14	86
OCH <sub>3</sub>	H	88	12
OCH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	90	10
OAc	CH <sub>3</sub>	67	33
SCH <sub>3</sub>	H	92	8

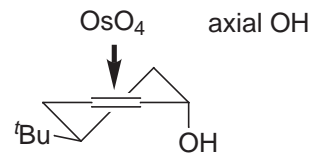
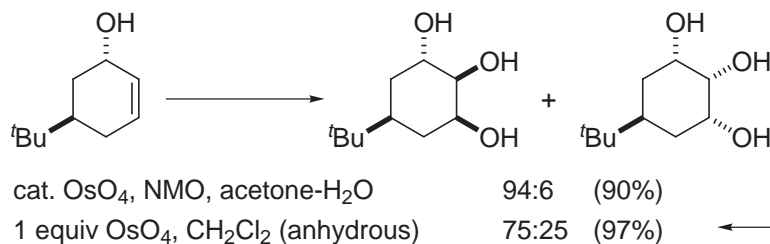
Consistent with Kishi empirical model  
Inconsistent with Houk model

Exception:

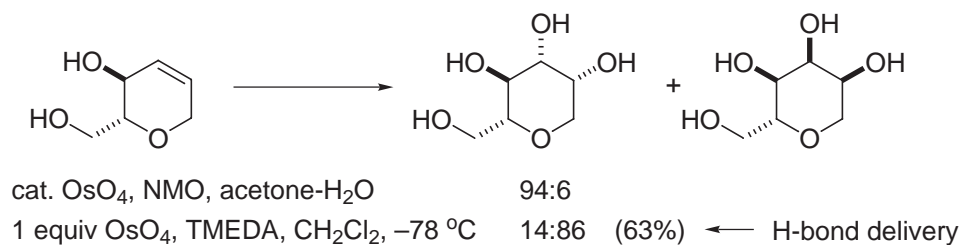
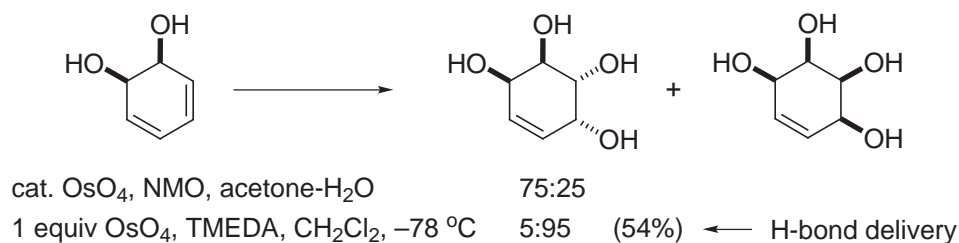
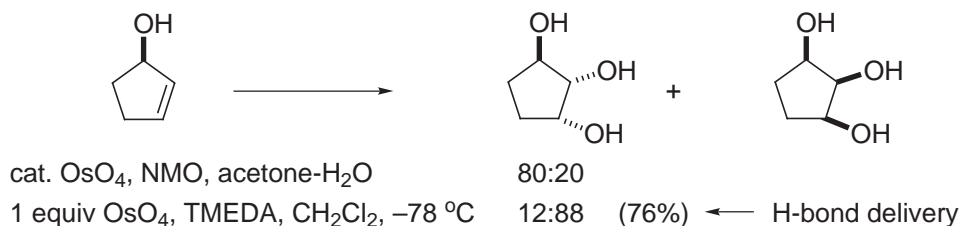
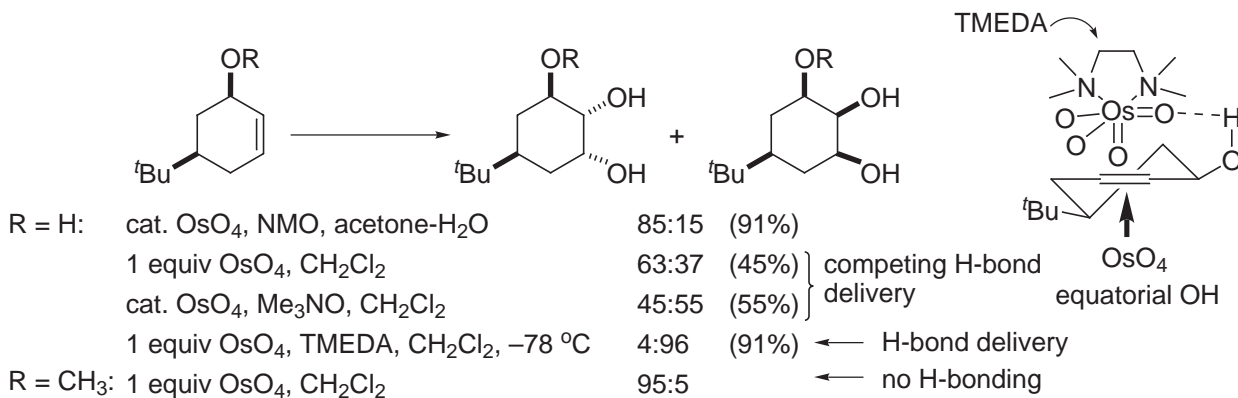


H-bonding?  
Equatorial attack predominates,  
except with axial OCH<sub>3</sub>, OAc, SMe:  
In these cases, equatorial attack further  
retarded and proceeds at even slower  
rate (kinetic studies)

d. H-Bonding and Directed Dihydroxylation



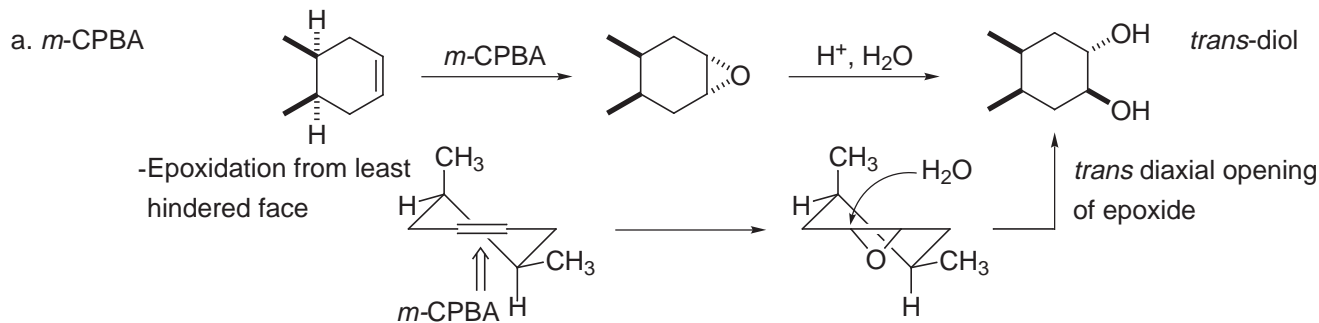
competing H-bonding delivery  
reduces diastereoselectivity



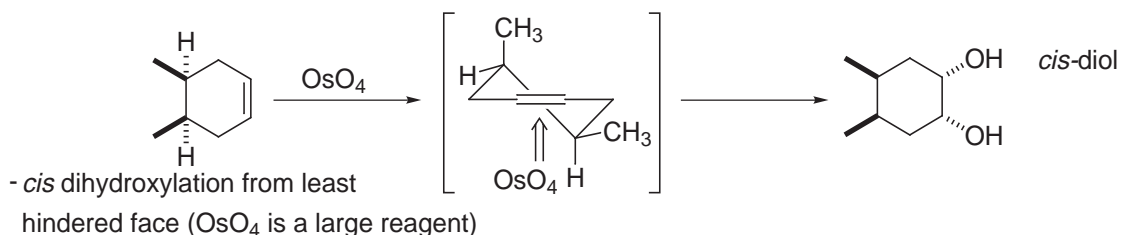
- $\text{OsO}_4$ -TMEDA can also be utilized to effect chemoselectivity by preferentially oxidizing allylic alcohols over unactivated (non allylic -OH) double bonds.

Donohue *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1996**, 37, 3407; *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1997**, 38, 5027.

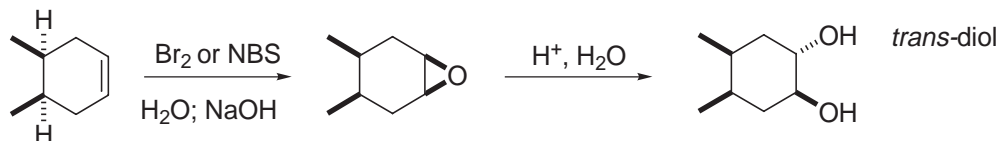
#### 4. Comparison of Diol Stereochemistry Generated by Different Methods



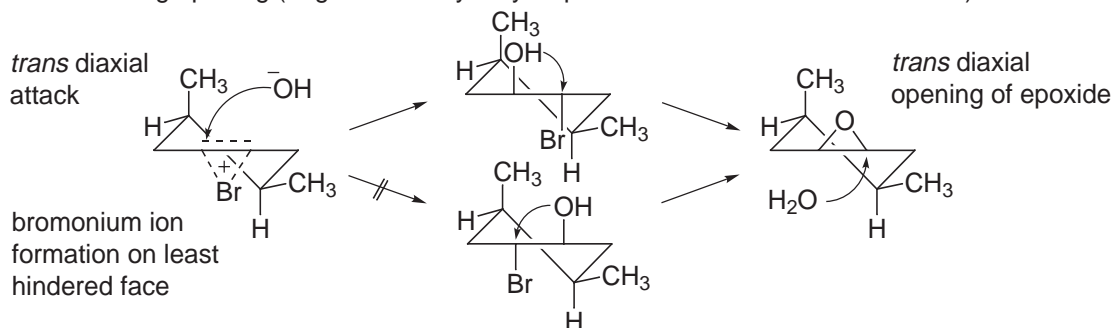
b. OsO<sub>4</sub>



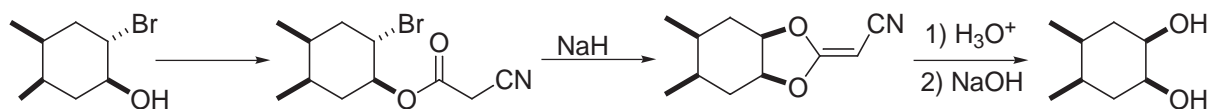
c. Via Bromohydrin



-Epoxidation on most hindered face of olefin (to give different epoxide from *m*-CPBA oxidation),  
*trans* diaxial ring opening (to give same hydrolysis product as from *m*-CPBA oxidation)

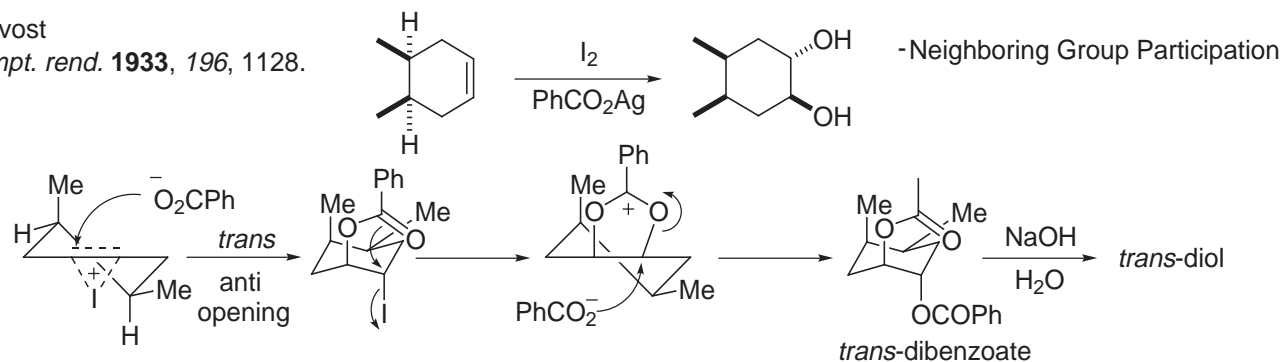


-Corey *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1982**, 23, 4217: *cis* dihydroxylation from most hindered olefin face.



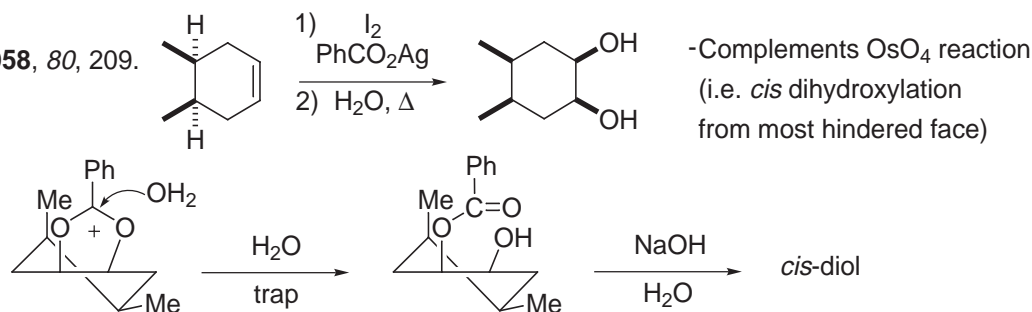
d. Prevost

*Compt. rend.* **1933**, 196, 1128.



e. Woodward

*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1958**, 80, 209.



-Same intermediate as Prevost, but different conditions (+ H<sub>2</sub>O)

## H. Asymmetric Dihydroxylation Reaction Catalyzed by OsO<sub>4</sub> and Related Reagents

### 1. Catalytic Methods

Sharpless Catalytic Asymmetric Dihydroxylation (AD) Reaction, Review: *Chem. Rev.* **1994**, 94, 2483.

*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1980**, 102, 4263.

*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1988**, 110, 1968.

*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1989**, 111, 1123.

*Tetrahedron Lett.* **1989**, 30, 2041.

*Tetrahedron Lett.* **1990**, 31, 2833, 2999, 3817.

*J. Org. Chem.* **1991**, 56, 4585.

*J. Org. Chem.* **1992**, 57, 2768.

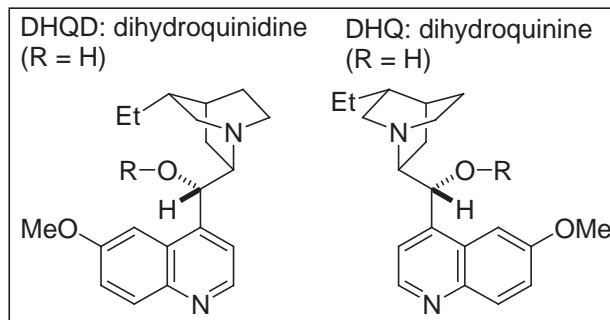
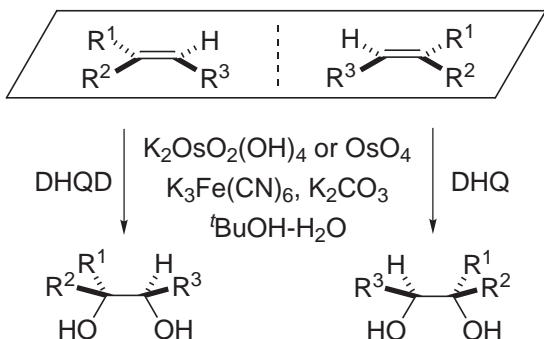
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1992**, 114, 7568, 7570.

*Tetrahedron Lett.* **1993**, 34, 7375.

*J. Org. Chem.* **1993**, 58, 3785

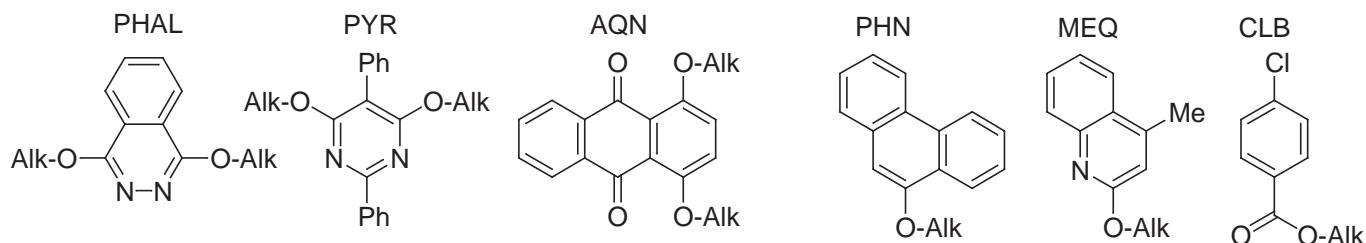
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1994**, 116, 1278.

*Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Eng.* **1996**, 35, 448.



Second Generation Ligands (Alk = DHQ or DHQD)

First Generation Ligands (Alk = DHQ or DHQD)



Catalyst: OsO<sub>4</sub> (1.25 mol%) or K<sub>2</sub>OsO<sub>2</sub>(OH)<sub>4</sub> (0.05 mol%, nonvolatile)

Solvent: <sup>t</sup>BuOH or cyclohexane, H<sub>2</sub>O, K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>

Ligands: DHQD or DHQ (0.2 to 0.004 mol%)

Oxidant to recycle OsO<sub>4</sub>: K<sub>3</sub>Fe(CN)<sub>6</sub>

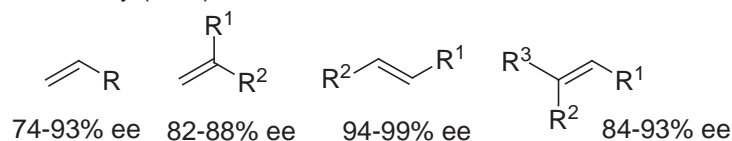
Note: **Ligand accelerated catalysis**, Sharpless *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Eng.* **1995**, 34, 1059.

-Addition of pyr led to marked increase in rate of formation of cyclic osmate ester from alkene and OsO<sub>4</sub>. First noted by Criegee *Justus Liebigs Ann. Chem.* **1936**, 522, 75; **1940**, 550, 99.

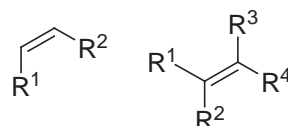
-The "Criegee effect" (or the facilitation of osmylation step by nitrogen donor) has been examined with quinuclidine and cinchona alkaloid ligands: Sharpless *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1994**, 116, 1278, 8470.

-Results:

Good to excellent selectivity (ee%) for:

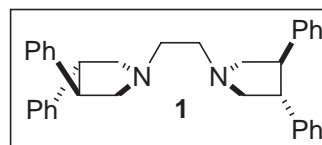


Poor selectivity for:

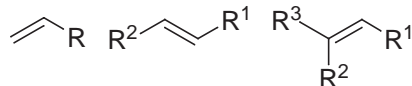


## 2. Stoichiometric methods

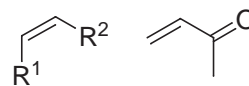
-Tomioka *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1987**, *109*, 6213.



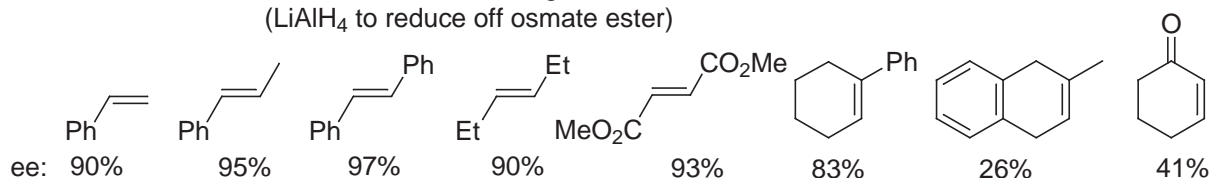
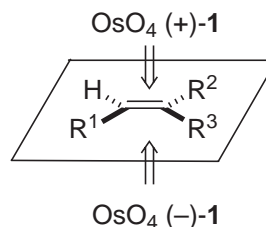
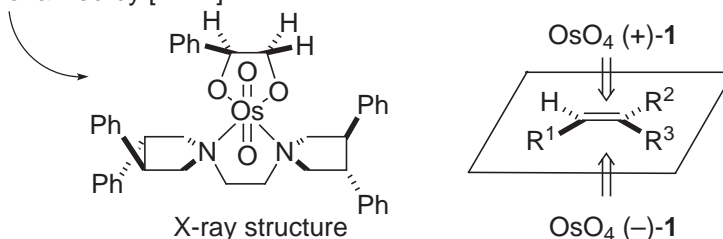
Using **1** as a chiral ligand, good selectivity for:



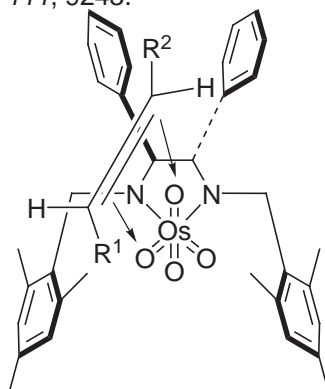
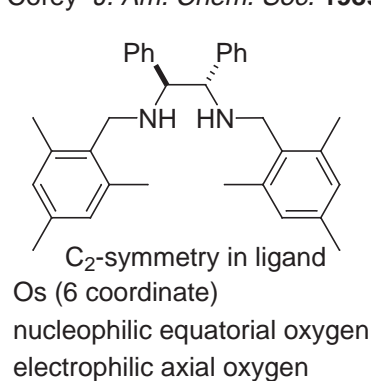
Poor selectivity for:



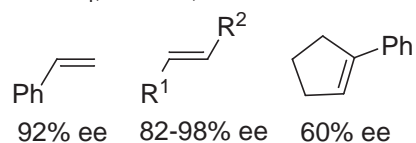
-Product does not seem to reflect most favorable steric approach for [3 + 2] cycloaddition but is more easily rationalized by [2 + 2].



-Corey *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1989**, *111*, 9243.



Ligand accelerated reaction  
OsO<sub>4</sub>, -90 °C, 2 h



-Other stoichiometric reagents: *Chem. Lett.* **1986**, 131.

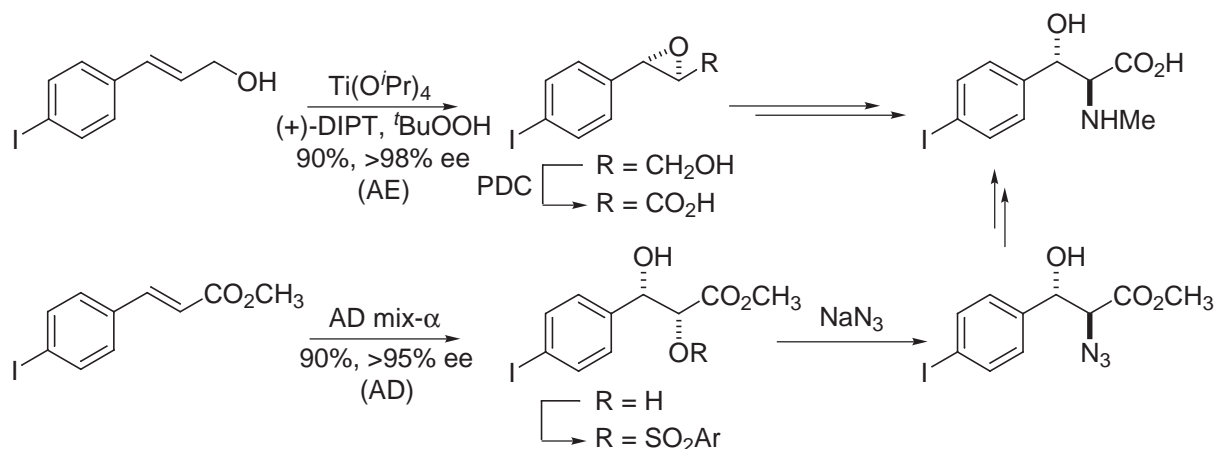
*Chem. Commun.* **1989**, 665.

*Tetrahedron Lett.* **1986**, *27*, 3951.    *J. Org. Chem.* **1989**, *54*, 5834.

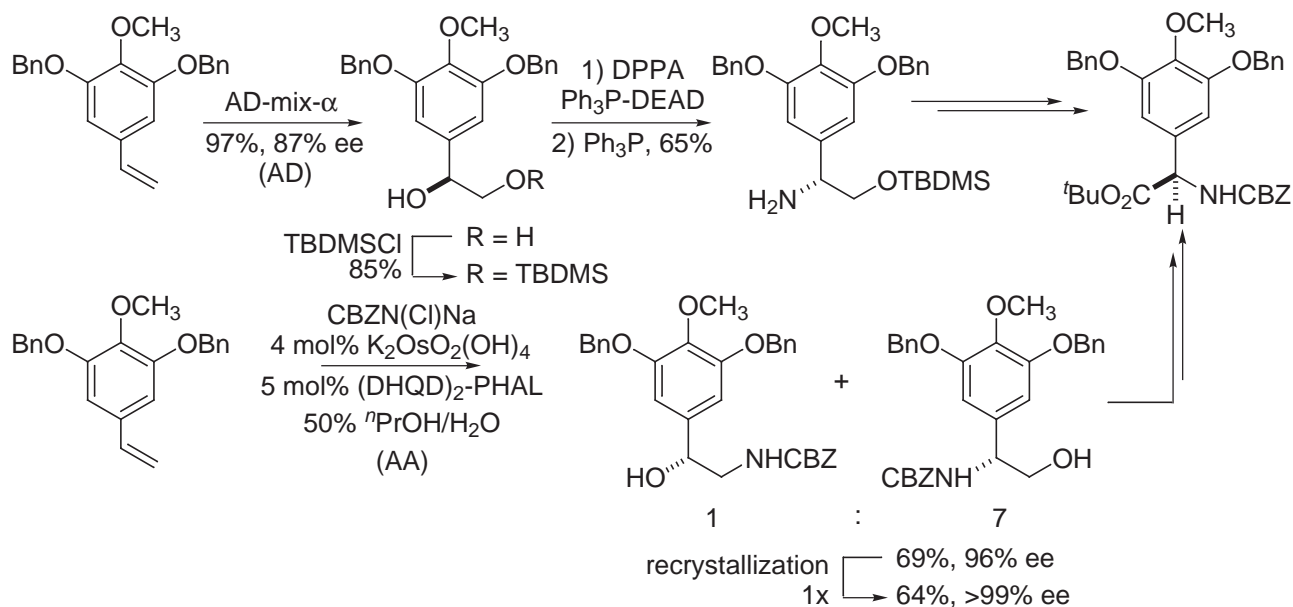
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## 3. Examples

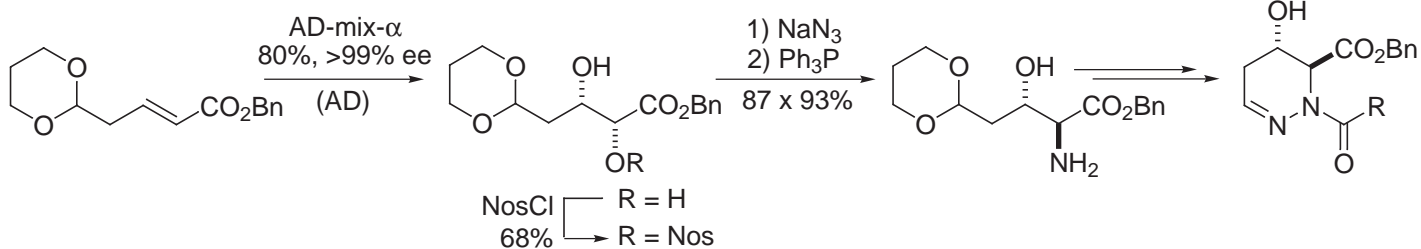
-Total synthesis of Bouvardin and RA-VII: Boger *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1994**, *116*, 8544.



-Vancomycin central amino acid: Boger *J. Org. Chem.* **1996**, 61, 3561; *J. Org. Chem.* **1997**, 62, 4721.



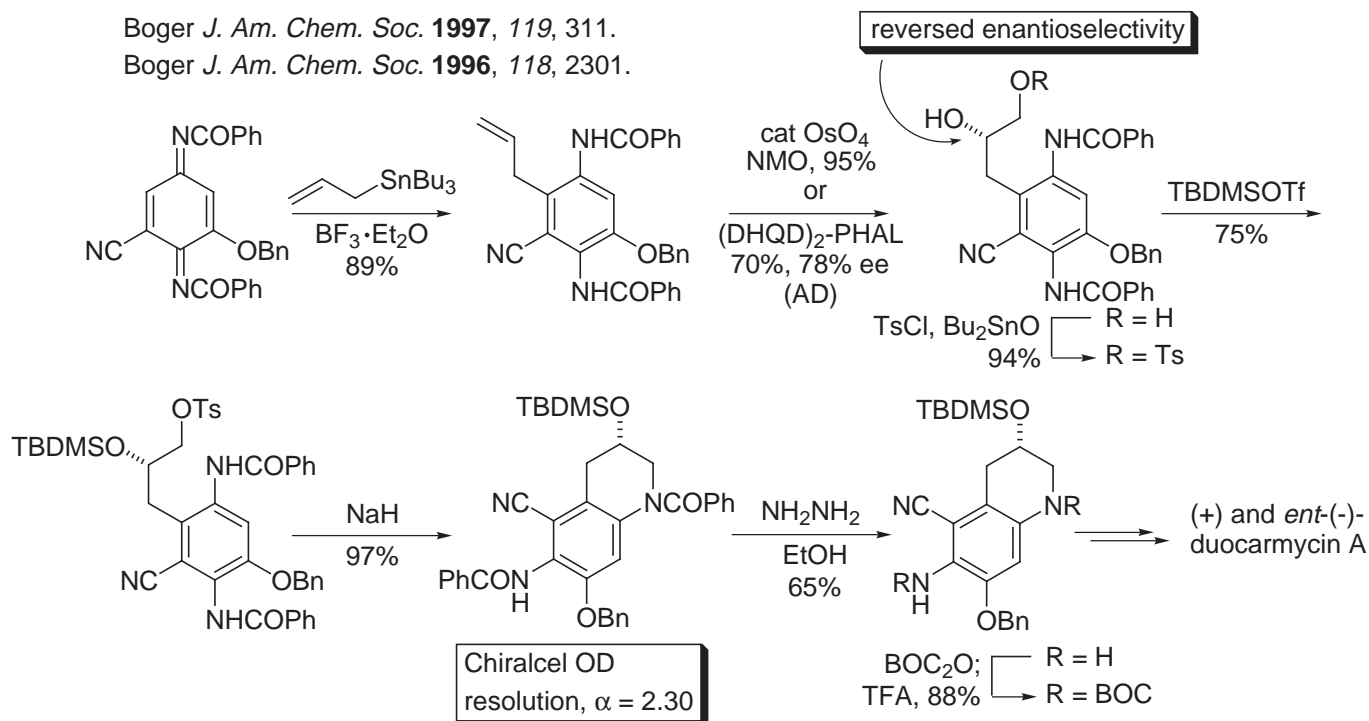
-Luzopeptin Htp amino acid: Boger *J. Org. Chem.* **1998**, 63, 6421; *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1999**, 121, 1198.



-Prediction of absolute stereochemistry is so firmly documented that it may be used to assign absolute stereochemistry. However, there are a few rare exceptions to be aware of, for example:

Boger *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1997**, 119, 311.

Boger *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1996**, 118, 2301.



-Appears to be general for the class of olefins  $\text{ArCH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$

## I. Sharpless Catalytic Asymmetric Aminohydroxylation (AA)

- Reviews: *Transition Metals for Fine Chemicals and Organic Synthesis*; Beller, M., Bolm, C., Eds.; Wiley-VCH: Weinheim, 1998.

*Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Eng.* **1996**, 35, 451, 2810 and 2813.

*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1998**, 120, 1207.

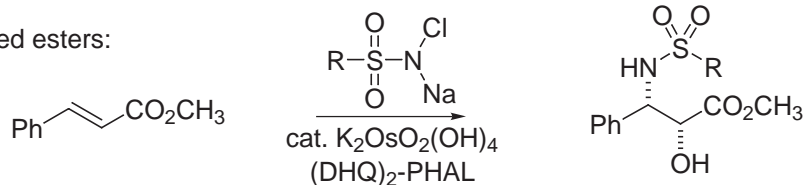
*Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Eng.* **1997**, 36, 1483 and 2637.

*Tetrahedron Lett.* **1998**, 39, 2507 and 3667.

- Development of AA reaction (reactions generally run with 4 mol% catalyst ( $K_2OsO_2(OH)_4$ ) and 5 mol% ligand ((DHQ)<sub>2</sub>-PHAL or (DHQD)<sub>2</sub>-PHAL): *in situ* generation and reactions of  $RN=OsO_3$ .

### a. Sulfonamide variant

- $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated esters:



R = *p*-Tol 1:1 CH<sub>3</sub>CN-H<sub>2</sub>O 81% ee (64%)

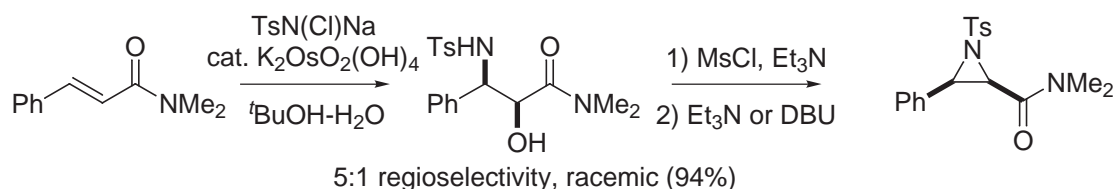
Me 1:1 *n*PrOH-H<sub>2</sub>O 95% ee (65%)

Me<sub>3</sub>Si-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>- 1:1 *n*PrOH-H<sub>2</sub>O 70% ee (48%)

Reductive cleavage of sulfonamides requires harsh conditions (Birch reduction, Red-Al, or 33% HBr/AcOH).

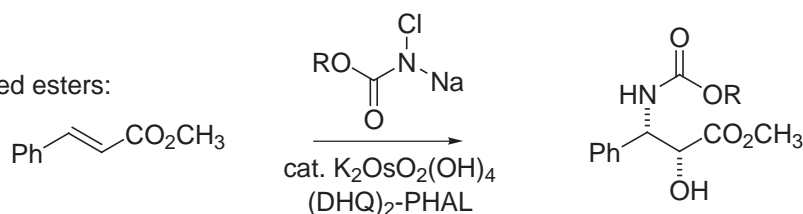
← Sulfonamide cleaved with Bu<sub>4</sub>NF in CH<sub>3</sub>CN 83:17 regioselectivity

- $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated amides: no enantioselection, AA gives racemic products.  
-reaction works well without a ligand.



### b. Carbamate variant

- $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated esters:



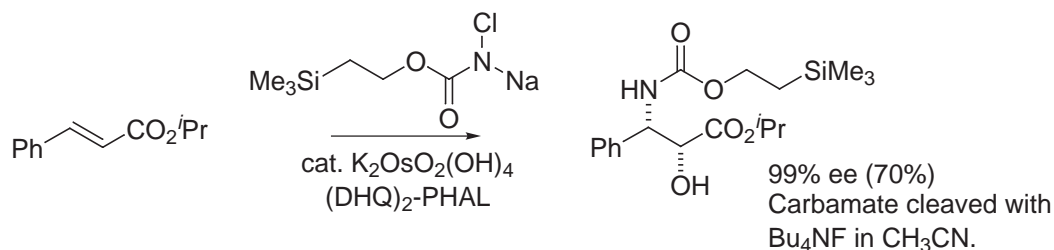
R = Bn 1:1 *n*PrOH-H<sub>2</sub>O 94% ee (65%)

Et 1:1 *n*PrOH-H<sub>2</sub>O 99% ee (78%)

*t*Bu 2:1 *n*PrOH-H<sub>2</sub>O 78% ee (71%)

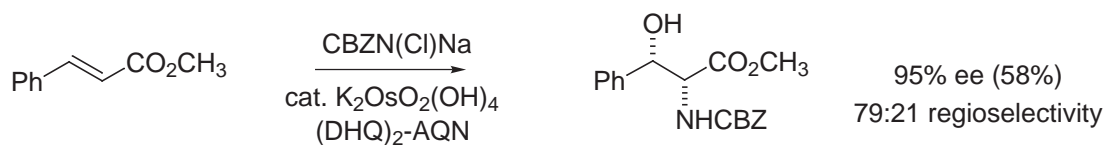
← Amine can be deprotected by hydrogenolysis.

← Amine can be deprotected by acid.

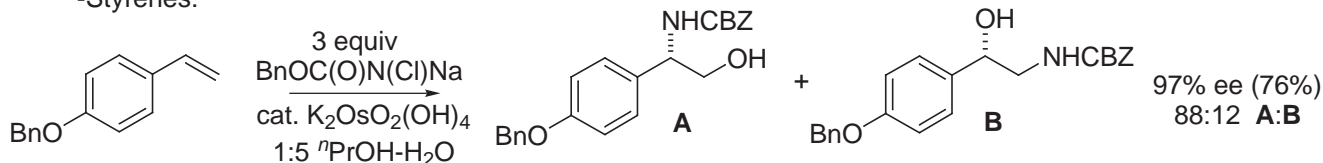




-Reversal of regioselectivity using (DHQ)<sub>2</sub>-AQN ligand



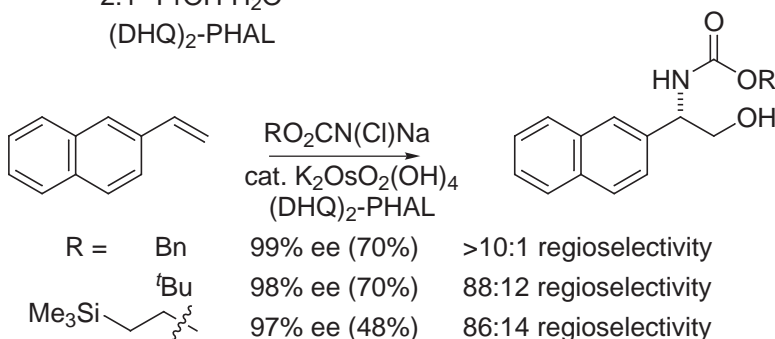
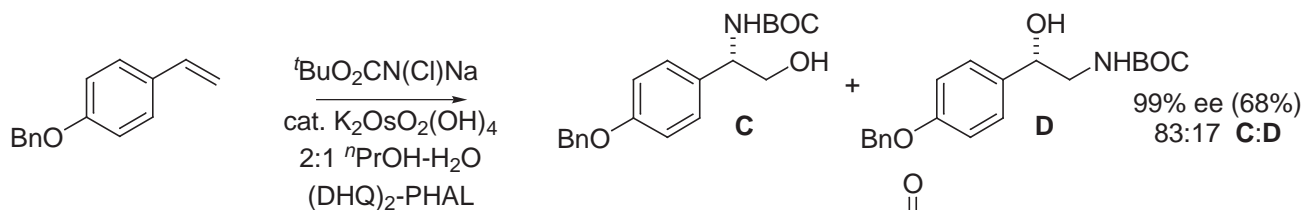
-Styrenes:



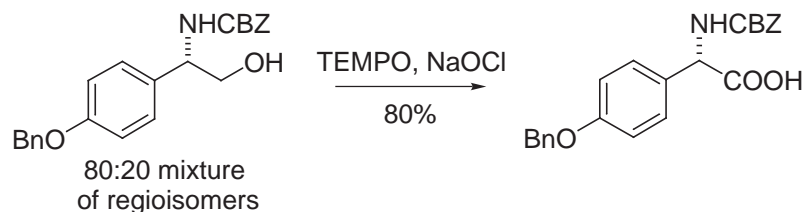
-Influence of ligand and solvent on regioselectivity:

ligand	solvent	A:B	
(DHQ) <sub>2</sub> -PHAL	<i>n</i> PrOH-H <sub>2</sub> O	88:12	- However, enantioselectivities for B regioisomers are poor (0-80% ee).
(DHQ) <sub>2</sub> -AQN	CH <sub>3</sub> CN-H <sub>2</sub> O	25:75	

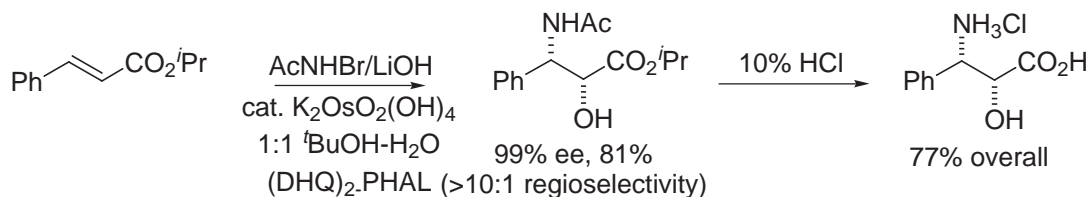
-<sup>t</sup>Bu carbamate based AA affords slightly poorer regioselectivities and yields compared to benzyl carbamate series, but enantioselectivities approach 100% in both cases:



-Oxidation of  $\alpha$ -arylglycinols to corresponding  $\alpha$ -arylglycines, see: Boger *J. Org. Chem.* **1996**, *61*, 3561.



c. Amide variant





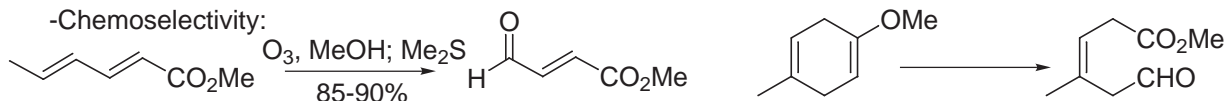
## J. Ozonolysis

*Comprehensive Org. Syn.*, Vol. 7, pp 541-591.

P. Crutzen, M. Molina, and F. S. Rowland shared the 1995 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for their work in atmospheric chemistry, particularly concerning the formation and decomposition of the protective ozone layer.

-Electrophilic reagent, rate: electron-rich > neutral > electron-deficient olefin

-Chemoselectivity:



-O<sub>3</sub> exhibits very light blue color, ozonolysis complete when color persists

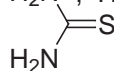
-Controlled ozonolysis (very reactive agent): KI-starch: characteristic blue color

O<sub>3</sub> sensitive dyes with varying reactivities and detect color disappearance: Mitscher *Synthesis* **1980**, 807.

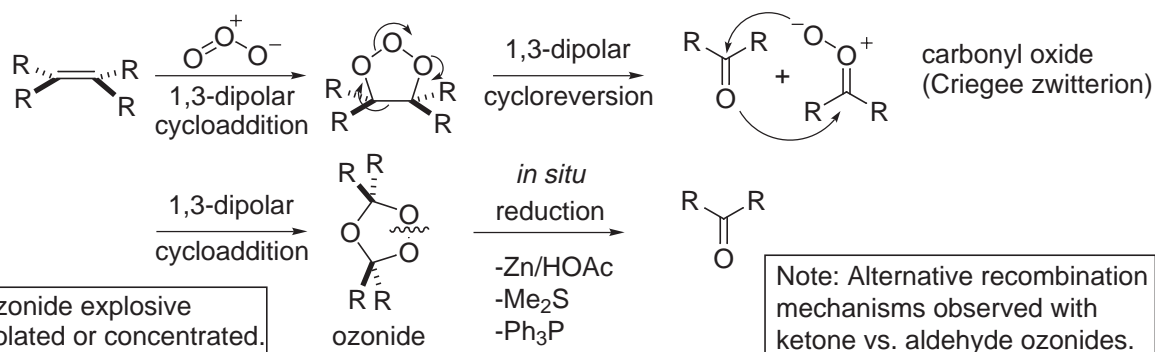
-Oxidative workup: H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, KMnO<sub>4</sub>, Cr(VI), RuO<sub>4</sub> → ketones, carboxylic acids

-Reductive workup: NaBH<sub>4</sub>, LiBH<sub>4</sub> → alcohols

Me<sub>2</sub>S, Ph<sub>3</sub>P, Zn/HOAc, H<sub>2</sub>N, H<sub>2</sub>, Pd/CaCO<sub>3</sub> → aldehydes, ketones



-Mechanism, Review: Criegee *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Eng.* **1975**, 14, 745.



## V. Oxidation of Alcohols

*Comprehensive Org. Syn.*, Vol. 7, pp 251-327.

Stoichiometries:



### A. Chromium-based Oxidation Reagents

**1. Collins Reagent:** Collins *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1968**, 3363; *Org. Syn.* **1972**, 52, 5.

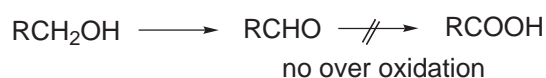
-CrO<sub>3</sub>-pyr<sub>2</sub>, alkaline oxidant

-Hygroscopic, red crystalline complex

-Can also be isolated and stored, but usually generated *in situ* by CrO<sub>3</sub> + pyr (**Sarett Reagent**)  
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1953**, 75, 422. Note: Add CrO<sub>3</sub> to pyr, not pyr to CrO<sub>3</sub> (inflames)

-Good for acid sensitive substrates

-**Radcliffe modification:** *in situ* preparation and use in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, *J. Org. Chem.* **1970**, 35, 4000.

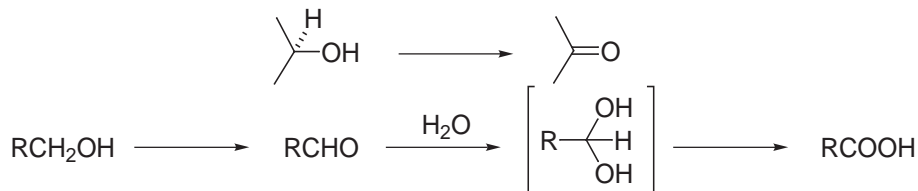


**2. Jones Reagent:** Jones *J. Chem. Soc.* **1953**, 2548; *J. Chem. Soc.* **1946**, 39.



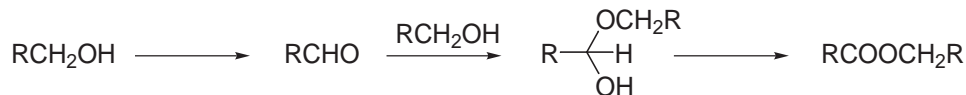
-Acetone solvent serves to protect substrate from over oxidation

-Not good for oxidations of acid sensitive substrates



-Acidic oxidation conditions, H<sup>+</sup> catalyzed reactions possible

-Another common side reaction for primary alcohol oxidation:



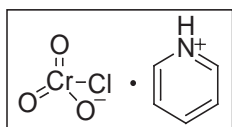
Solution: run under dilute reaction conditions to circumvent esterification

hemiacetal ester

-**Brown oxidation:** run under two phase reaction conditions, Et<sub>2</sub>O-H<sub>2</sub>O, *J. Org. Chem.* **1971**, 36, 387.

-[R<sub>4</sub>N]<sub>2</sub>Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> *Synth. Commun.* **1980**, 75. Oxidation of allylic/benzylic alcohols under neutral conditions.

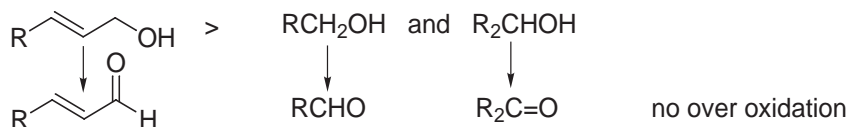
**3. Pyridinium Chlorochromate (PCC):** Corey and Suggs *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1975**, 2647.



-Chloride facilitates formation of chromate ester (slow step in oxidation reaction)  
-Stable, commercially available reagent

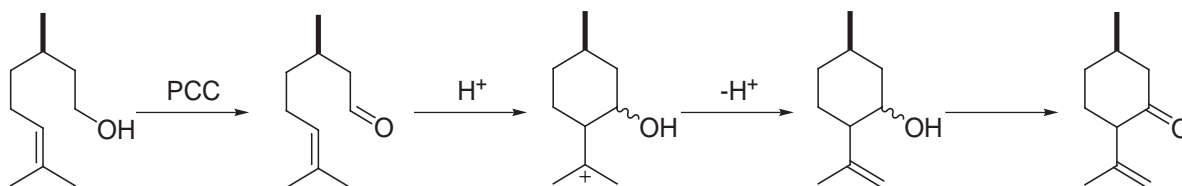
-Reaction usually carried out in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>

-Rates:

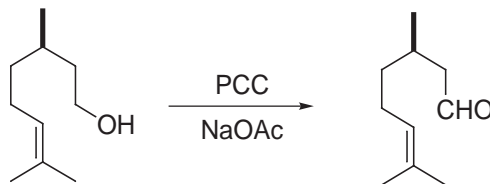


-Usually only need 1-2 equiv of Cr(VI) reagent (Jones & Collins usually require 6 equiv)

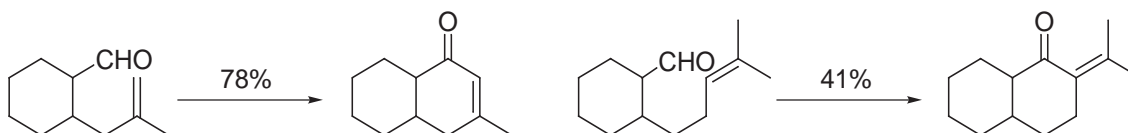
-PCC slightly acidic which can cause side reactions, for example:

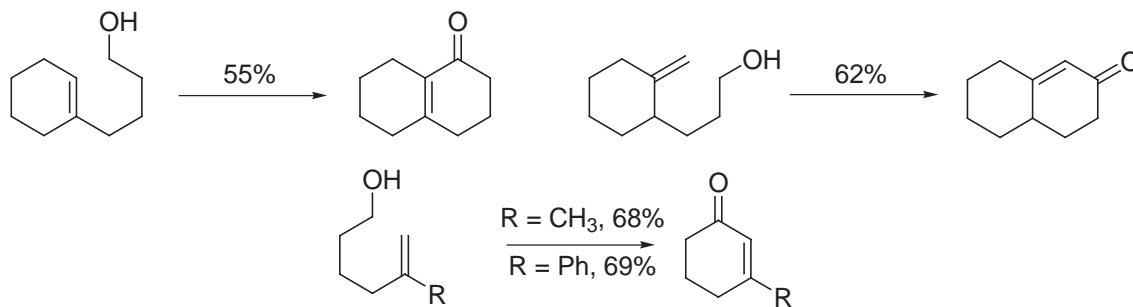


-To avoid H<sup>+</sup> catalyzed side reaction, use sodium acetate buffer:

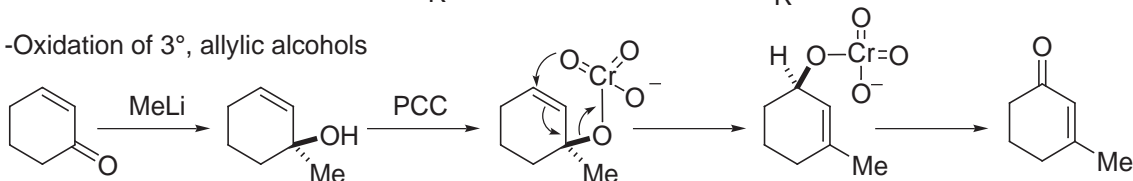


-Can take advantage of acidity in PCC reaction (Boger and Corey *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1978**, 2461):





-Oxidation of 3°, allylic alcohols



[3,3]-sigmatropic rearrangement, Dauben *J. Org. Chem.* **1977**, 42, 682.

-Aromatic amine effect: dampens reactivity so only selective oxidation of allylic alcohols may be observed

PCC, pyr (2%) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$

*Chem. Phys. Lipids* **1980**, 27, 281.

PCC, 3,5-dimethylpyrazole (2%) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$

*J. Org. Chem.* **1983**, 48, 4766.

PCC, benzotriazole (2%) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$

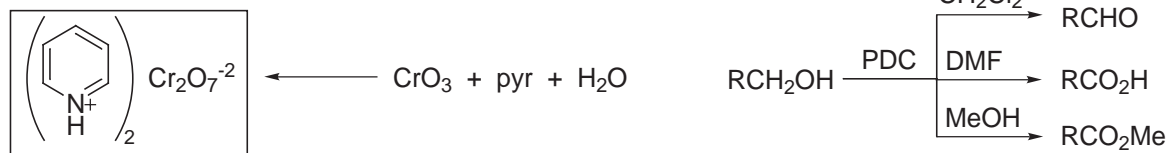
*Synth. Commun.* **1985**, 15, 393.

-3 Å MS accelerate rate of oxidation (PCC and PDC) *J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans. 1* **1982**, 1967.

-**Pyridinium fluorochromate**, related stable reagent that is slightly less acidic (Corey and Suggs)

-Other related reagents include bipyridinium chlorochromate (BPCC), DMAP chlorochromate, quinolinium chlorochromate, and pyrazinium chlorochromate.

#### 4. Pyridinium Dichromate (PDC): Corey *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1979**, 399.



-Stable, commercially available reagent

-Not as acidic as PCC

-Oxidations slower than PCC or other oxidation reagents

-Can selectively oxidize 1° alcohols to aldehyde or carboxylic acid depending on solvent

-2° alcohols oxidize only slowly- sometimes require an acid catalyst (pyridinium trifluoroacetate or 3 Å MS)

-Note: Original reagent made in search of more acidic reagent, attempted preparation of pyridinium trifluoroacetyl chromate (Boger, Ph.D. dissertation, Harvard Univ., 1980).

-Other related reagents include nicotinium dichromate, quinolinium dichromate, and imidazolium dichromate

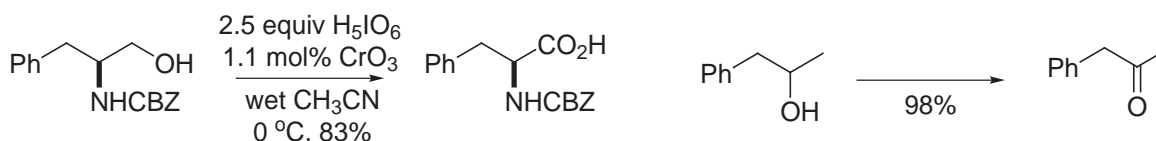
-Note: Cr based reagents will oxidize amines and sulfides. Substrates with these functional groups must be oxidized with other reagents (PDC will sometimes leave sulfides unaffected).

#### 5. $\text{CrO}_3\text{-H}_5\text{IO}_6$ : Zhao and Reider *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1998**, 39, 5323.

-Catalytic in  $\text{CrO}_3$  (1-2%, Industrial scale chromium-based oxidations)

-1° alcohols  $\longrightarrow$  carboxylic acids with no racemization

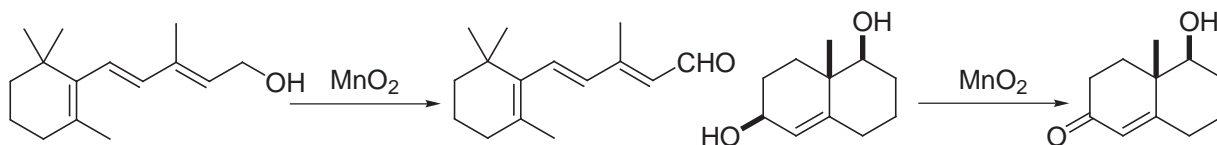
-2° alcohols  $\longrightarrow$  ketones



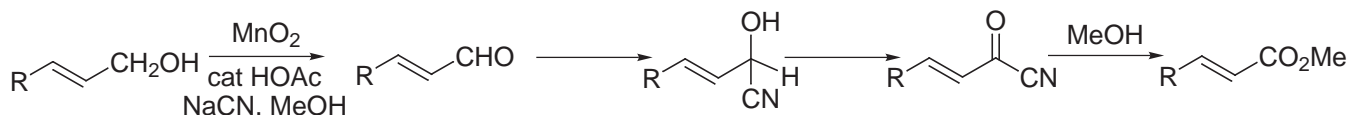
## B. Manganese-based Oxidation Reagents

### 1. Manganese Dioxide (MnO<sub>2</sub>)

- Very mild oxidizing reagent, special "activated" MnO<sub>2</sub> preparation required
- Selectively oxidizes allylic and benzylic alcohols to aldehyde or ketone
- Requires nonpolar solvent (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, pentane, benzene, etc.)
- Oxidizing reagent : substrate = 10:1 (10 wt. equiv)



- No isomerization of conjugated double bond. Cr-based reagent will cause problem due to H<sup>+</sup> catalysis
- NiO<sub>2</sub>: alternative reagent that behaves similar to MnO<sub>2</sub>
- Oxidize alcohol to ester, no isomerism of C=C bond (Corey and Ganem *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1968**, *90*, 5616)



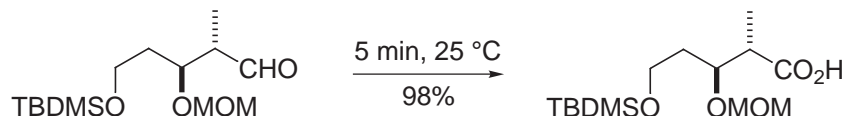
### 2. KMnO<sub>4</sub>

#### a. KMnO<sub>4</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>

- Good for RCH<sub>2</sub>OH → RCOOH
- Reaction runs in aqueous solution because of the insolubility of KMnO<sub>4</sub> in organic solvents

#### b. KMnO<sub>4</sub> in <sup>t</sup>BuOH-5% NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> aqueous buffer (Masamune *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1986**, *27*, 4537).

- For highly oxygenated systems where multiple side reaction pathways are present with other oxidants



### 3. R<sub>4</sub>NMnO<sub>4</sub>

- Same capabilities as KMnO<sub>4</sub> but soluble in organic solvents

### 4. Cu(MnO<sub>4</sub>)-6H<sub>2</sub>O and BaMnO<sub>4</sub>



Lee *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1983**, *105*, 3188; *J. Org. Chem.* **1982**, *47*, 2790.

Hauser *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1984**, *106*, 1862.

Jefford *J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.* **1988**, 634.

Hahn *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1989**, *30*, 2559.

## C. Other Oxidation Reagents

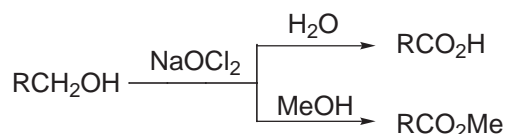
### 1. RCH<sub>2</sub>OH or R<sub>2</sub>CHOH oxidation

a. Sodium Hypochlorite (NaOCl): Used primarily to oxidize alcohols or aldehydes to carboxylic acids.



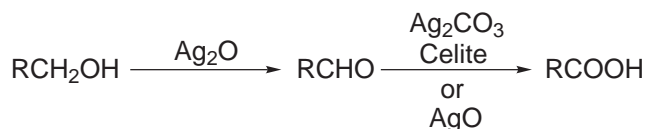
b. Sodium Chlorite (NaOCl<sub>2</sub>) Pinnick *Tetrahedron* **1981**, 37, 2091.

Also Calcium Hypochlorite (Ca(OCl)<sub>2</sub>):  
McDonald *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1993**, 34, 2741.

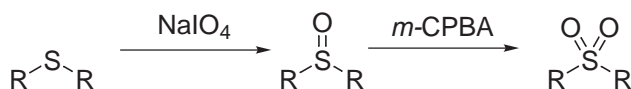


-Good for oxidation of sensitive aldehydes to carboxylic acids

c. Ag<sub>2</sub>O and Ag<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>



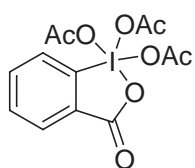
### 2. *m*-CPBA and NaIO<sub>4</sub> (Amine and sulfide oxidation)



### 3. TPAP, [Pr<sub>4</sub>NRuO<sub>4</sub>]



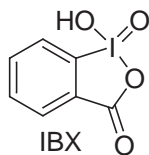
4. Dess-Martin Oxidation: Dess and Martin *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1978**, 100, 300; *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1979**, 101, 5294; *J. Org. Chem.* **1983**, 48, 4155; *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1991**, 113, 7277.



-periodinane  
-CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 25 °C

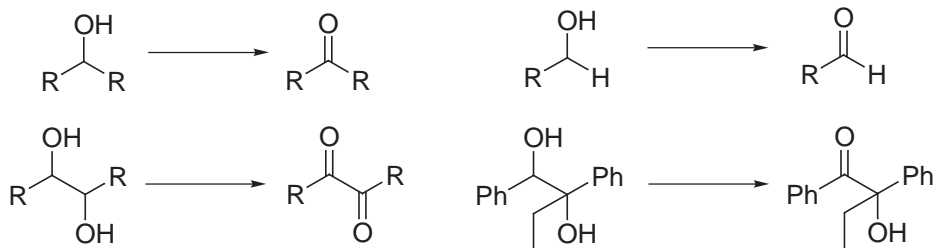


Danishefsky, Coleman *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1991**, 113, 3850.

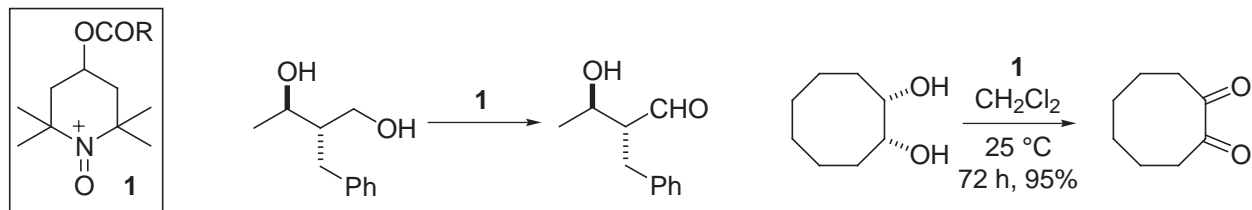


-Precursor to Dess-Martin reagent

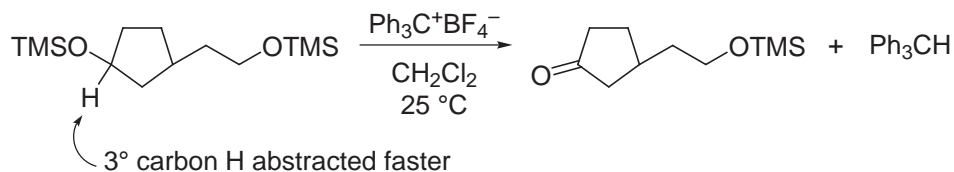
-Insoluble in almost all organic solvents but is soluble in DMSO and oxidations in this solvent work effectively (25 °C): Frigerio *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1994**, 35, 8019.



**5. Nitroxide:** Torii *J. Org. Chem.* **1990**, *55*, 462; Skarzewski *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1990**, *31*, 2177.

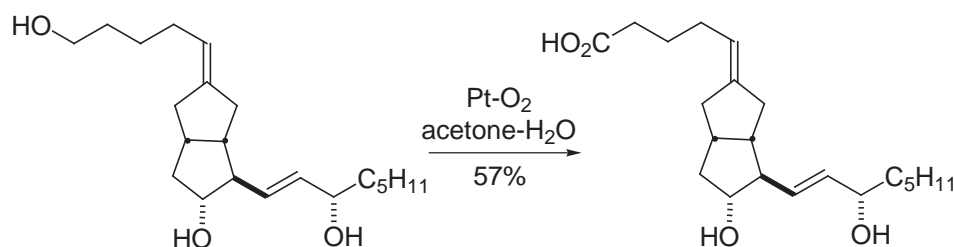


**6. Trityl Cation:** Jung *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1976**, *98*, 7882.



**7. Pt-O<sub>2</sub>:** Fuchs and Hutchinson *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1987**, *109*, 4755.

-Good for oxidation of 1° alcohols directly to carboxylic acids



**8. Via Hypohalite**

Just *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1980**, *21*, 3219.

Hannessian *Synthesis* **1981**, 394.

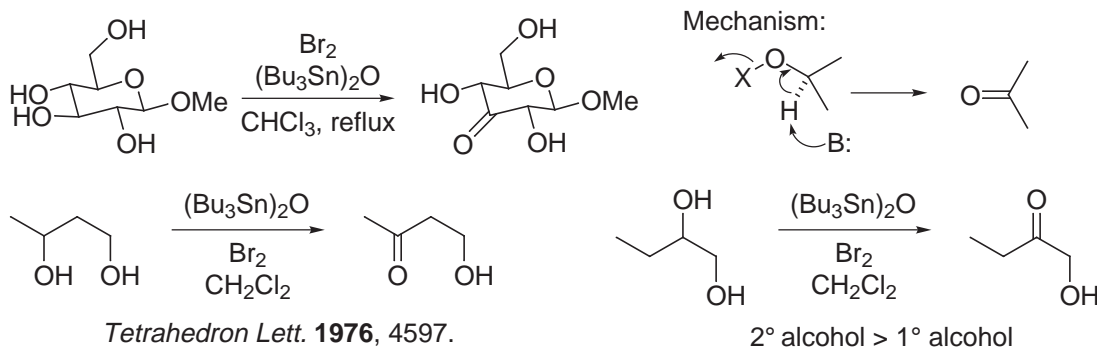
Doyle *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1980**, *21*, 2795.

Kanemitsu *Chem. Pharm. Bull.* **1989**, *37*, 2394.

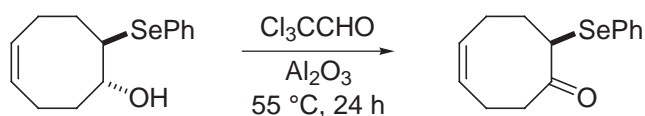
Nozaki *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1982**, *23*, 539.

Stevens *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1982**, *23*, 4647.

-For example: (Bu<sub>3</sub>Sn)<sub>2</sub>O, Br<sub>2</sub>, NiBr<sub>2</sub>, (PhCO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, NIS, Bu<sub>4</sub>NI, NaBrO<sub>3</sub>, CAN, NaOCl, HOAc

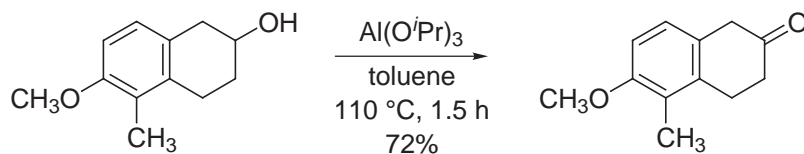


**9. Oppenauer Oxidation:** see Meerwein-Ponndorf-Verley reduction, Review: *Org. React.* **1951**, *6*, 207.



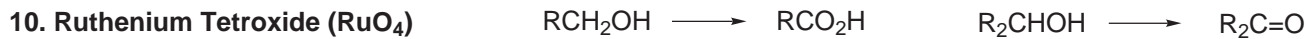
-Suitable for oxidation of 2° alcohol in the presence of 1° alcohol which do not react  
-Good for oxidation of substrates containing easily oxidized functional groups

Posner *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Eng.* **1978**, *17*, 487; *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1977**, 3227; **1976**, 3499.



Boger *J. Org. Chem.* **1984**, *49*, 4045.





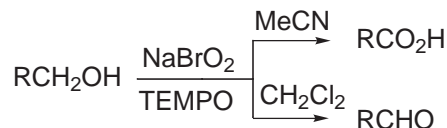
-in situ generation from RuO<sub>2</sub>-NaIO<sub>4</sub> or RuO<sub>2</sub>-NaOCl: *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1970**, 4003.  
*J. Org. Chem.* **1987**, 52, 1149.  
from RuCl<sub>3</sub>-H<sub>5</sub>IO<sub>6</sub>: Sharpless *J. Org. Chem.* **1988**, 53, 5187.  
*J. Org. Chem.* **1981**, 46, 3936.

-Note: RuO<sub>4</sub> attacks C=C bonds and will cleave 1,2-diols.

**11. TEMPO**

-with cat. NaOCl or NaBrO<sub>2</sub>:

*J. Org. Chem.* **1985**, 50, 1332.  
*J. Org. Chem.* **1987**, 52, 2559.  
*J. Org. Chem.* **1990**, 55, 462.



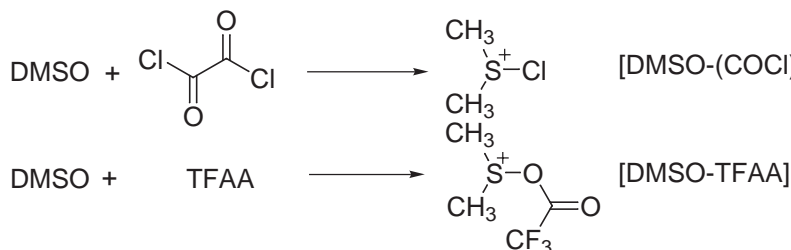
-with cat. Ca(OCl)<sub>2</sub>:

Dess and Martin *J. Org. Chem.* **1983**, 48, 4155.  
Corey *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1996**, 118, 1229.  
Smith *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1989**, 111, 5761.  
*Tetrahedron Lett.* **1982**, 2335.

**D. Swern Oxidation and Related Oxidation Procedures**

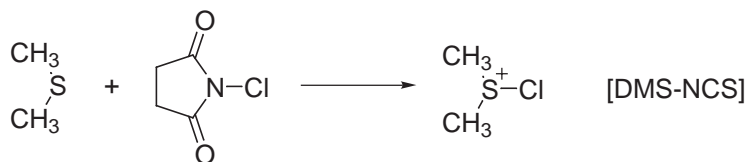
**1. Swern Oxidation:** *J. Org. Chem.* **1976**, 41, 957 and 3329.

Reviews: *Chem. Rev.* **1967**, 67, 247.  
*Tetrahedron* **1978**, 34, 1651.  
*Synthesis* **1981**, 165.  
*Org. React.* **1990**, 34, 297.

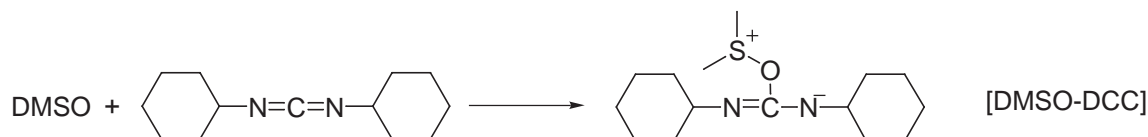


-Also DMSO-Ac<sub>2</sub>O, DMSO-SO<sub>3</sub>/pyr, DMSO-SOCl<sub>2</sub>, DMSO-Cl<sub>2</sub>

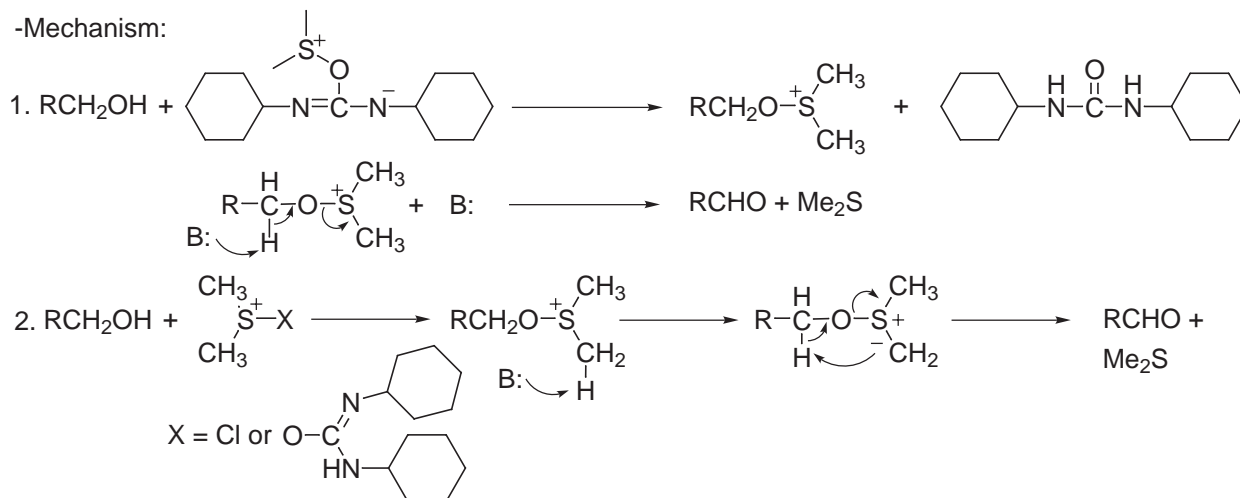
**2. Corey-Kim Oxidation:** *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1974**, 287; *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1972**, 94, 7586.



**3. Moffatt-Pfitzner Oxidation (DCC-DMSO):** *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1963**, 85, 3027; *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1965**, 87, 5670.

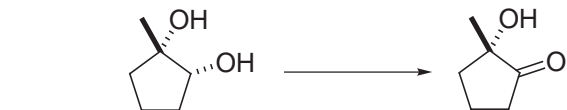


-Mechanism:

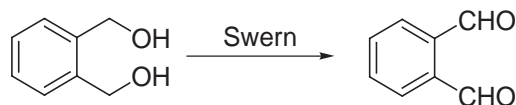
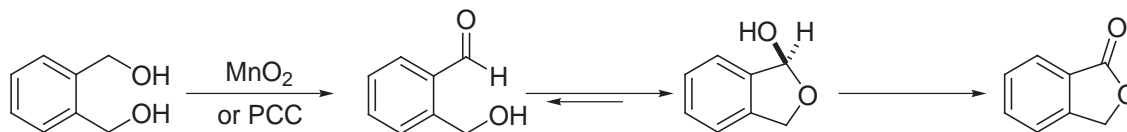


-All Swern type complexes react with alcohols, in presence of base, to give "activated alcohol complexes".

-Examples:

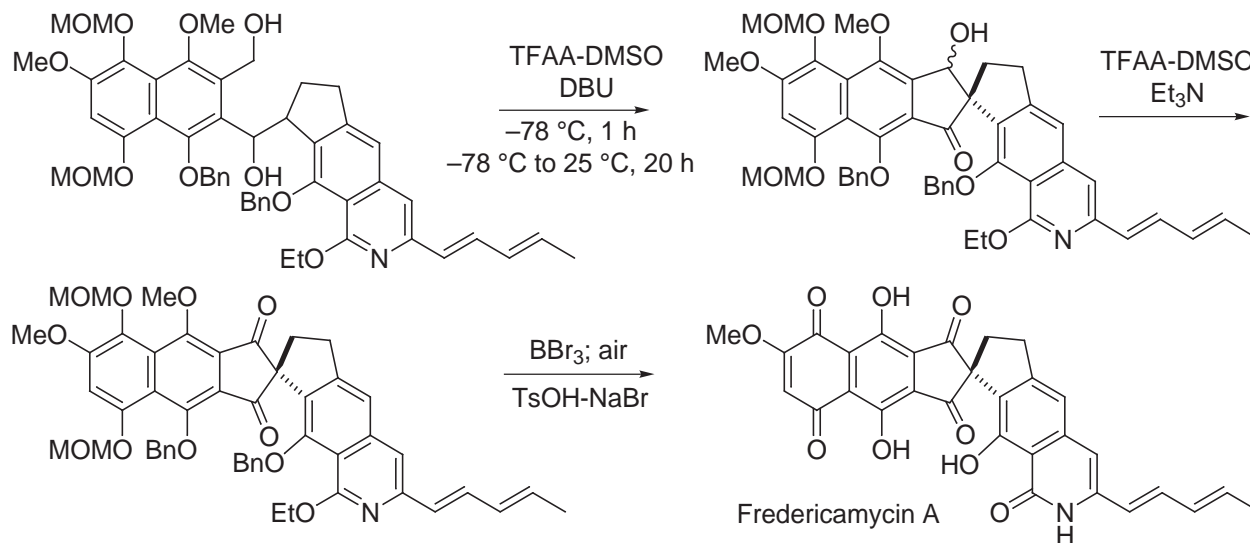


-Other oxidants cleave diol C-C bond  
-Swern oxidation run under very mild conditions (usually  $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $-50\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ )



Boger *J. Org. Chem.* **1990**, *55*, 1519.  
Boger *J. Org. Chem.* **1991**, *56*, 2115.  
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-Fredericamycin A: Boger *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1995**, *117*, 11839.

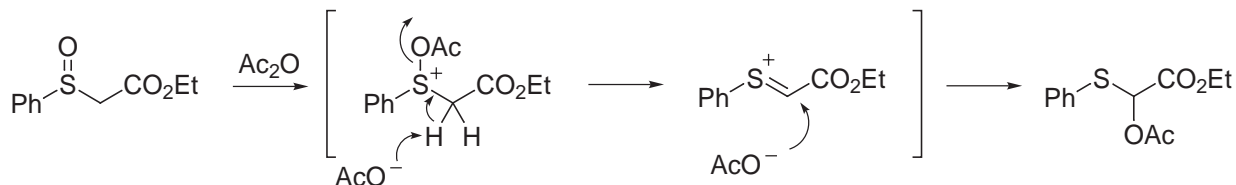


Note: **Kornblum oxidation**, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1957**, *79*, 6562 via DMSO oxygen based displacement of halide (usually activated: benzylic or  $\alpha$ -keto halide) to provide aldehyde or ketone.

-Common byproducts of Swern oxidations are (methylthio)methyl ethers and the amount varies with DMSO coactivator and reaction temperature. It is derived from alcohol trap of a Pummerer rearrangement intermediate:  $\text{CH}_2=\text{S}^+\text{CH}_3$ .

Note: **Pummerer rearrangement** is also a formal oxidation reaction

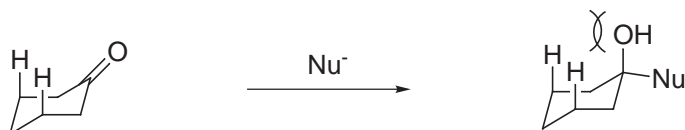
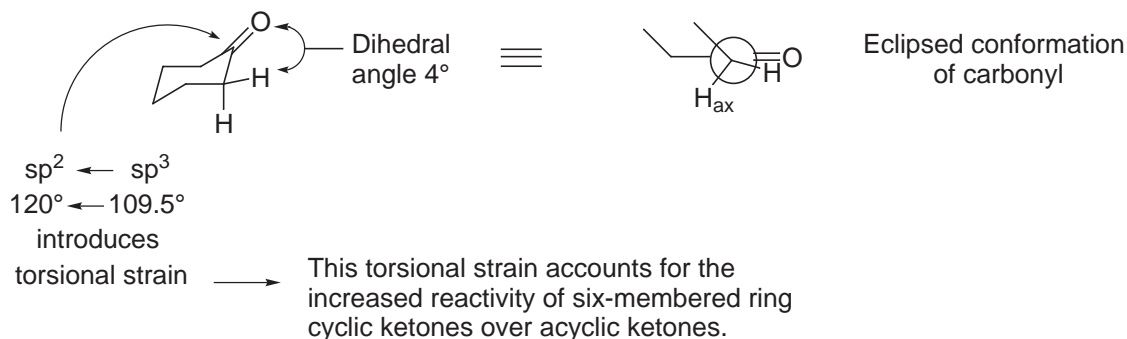
Pummerer *Chem Ber.* **1909**, *42*, 2282; *Chem Ber.* **1910**, *43*, 1401.



Reviews: *Org. React.* **1991**, *40*, 157. *Comprehensive Org. Syn.*, Vol. 7, pp 194-206.

## VI. Reduction Reactions

### A. Conformational Effects of Carbonyl Groups on Reactivity

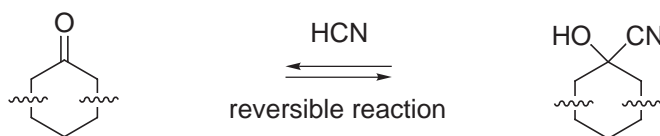


Overall, the addition to cyclohexanones is favorable:

1. gain 1,3-diaxial interactions (A value = 0.7 kcal/mol for OH)
2. lose the torsional strain (~3-5 kcal/mol)

- So, additions to cyclic ketones are thermodynamically and kinetically favorable.

#### 1. Reversible Reactions



$$K_{eq} \text{ for } \frac{\text{cyclohexanone}}{\text{acyclic ketone}} \approx 70$$

- Thermodynamically more favorable for cyclohexanone due to the loss of torsional strain.
- Thermodynamic effect of  $sp^2$  hybridization: the strain free acyclic system does not suffer the strain destabilization of the ground state, so little gain going from  $sp^2 \rightarrow sp^3$ .

#### 2. Irreversible Reactions (kinetic effect is pertinent)

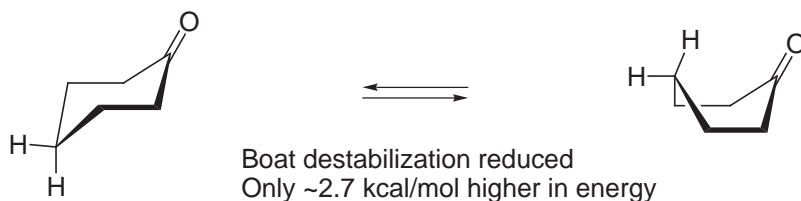


$$\text{Rate (k) for } \frac{\text{cyclohexanone}}{\text{acyclic ketone}} \approx 335$$

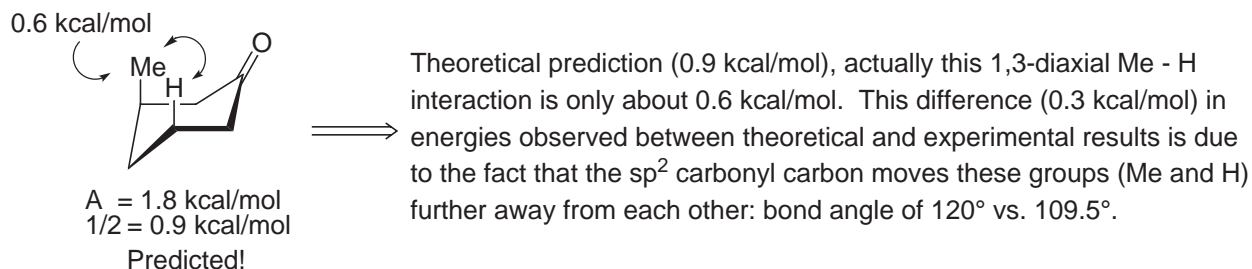
\*Implication: One can selectively reduce a cyclic carbonyl in the presence of an acyclic carbonyl: under kinetic or thermodynamic conditions.

- Synthetic consideration: may not have to protect acyclic ketone.

### 3. Additional Conformational Effects



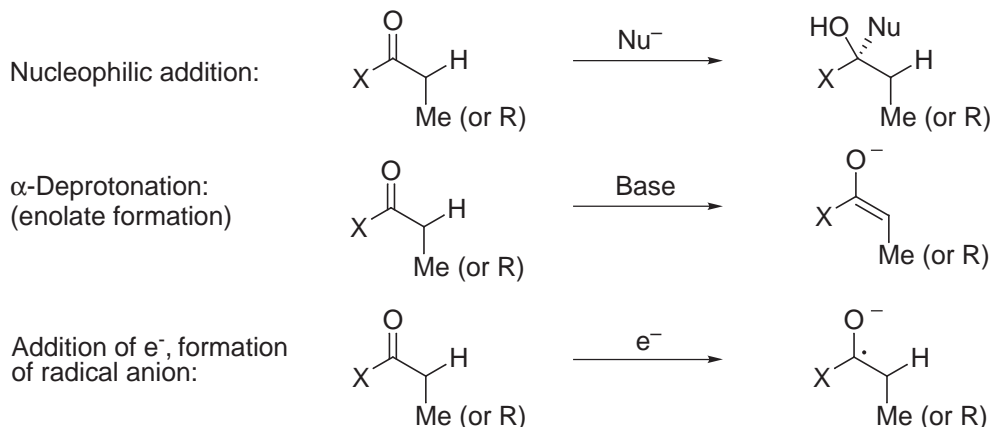
-Cyclohexanones potentially have more accessible conformations available.



- Substituents on the ring benefit from a reduced A value since one axial substituent is removed and the opened bond angle of the carbonyl further reduces the remaining 1,3-diaxial interaction (greater distance).

## B. Reactions of Carbonyl Groups

- Three primary reactions which we will discuss relative to nucleophilic addition:

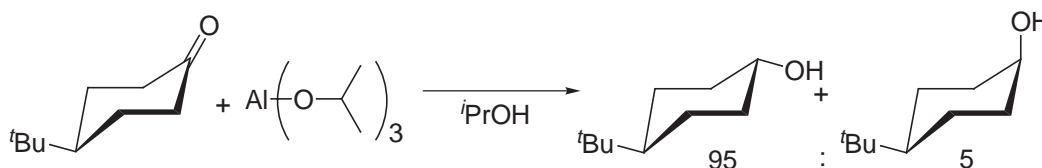


- Each reagent will display competitive reactions among the three primary pathways. Nature of each reagent and the nature of X will determine the course.

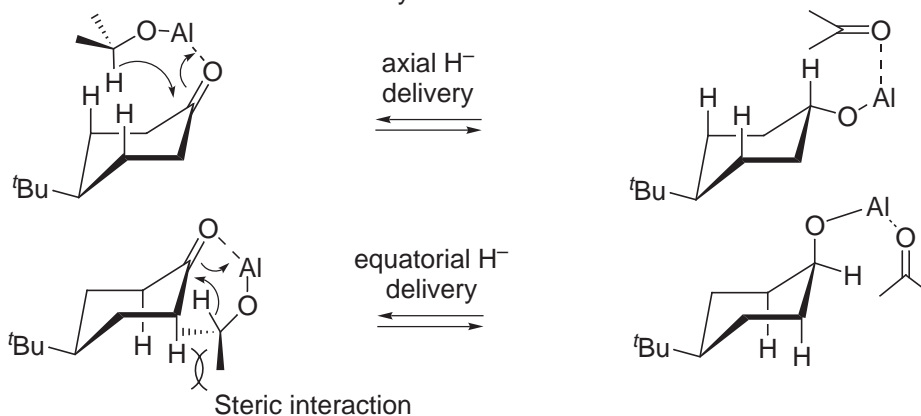
## C. Reversible Reduction Reactions: Stereochemistry

- Meerwein-Ponndorf-Verley Reduction  $\rightleftharpoons$  Reversible Reduction  
(the reverse reaction is the Oppenauer Oxidation).

Review: Djerassi *Org. React.* **1951**, 6, 207.



- Mechanism: Reversible Intramolecular Hydride Transfer.



- Since it is freely reversible, one obtains the most stable alcohol from the reduction. The reaction is driven to completion by use of excess reagent and by distilling off the acetone formed in the reaction.

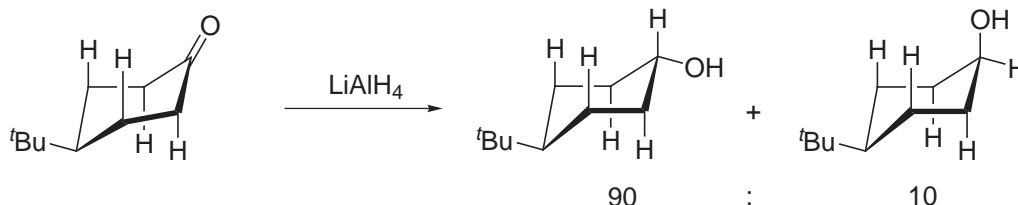
- But, the A value of OH = 0.7 kcal/mol and  $K = e^{-\Delta G/RT}$  would predict a 72:28 ratio. Why does the experimental result give better selectivity than the prediction (95:5 > 72:28)?

- We must not only consider the A value, but the larger 1,2-destabilizing steric interactions of the isopropoxy group in the transition state for the equatorial delivery of the hydride: that is, the larger  $\Delta E$  in the transition state.

## D. Irreversible Reduction Reactions: Stereochemistry of Hydride Reduction Reactions and Other Nucleophilic Additions to Carbonyl Compounds

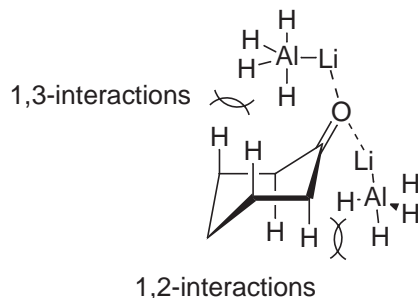
### 1. Cyclic Ketones

#### a. Examples



Nearly the same ratio obtained under these kinetic and the above thermodynamic conditions.

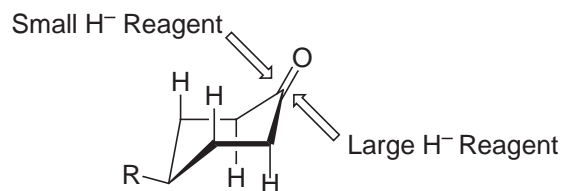
Why?



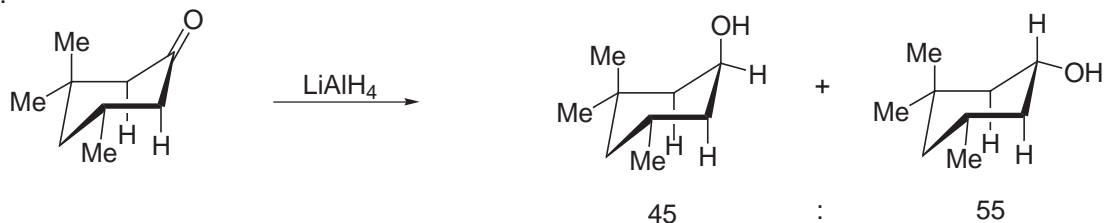
- Difference in the relative rates: 1,2-interactions slow the equatorial addition by a factor of ~ 10
- $\text{LiAlH}_4$  = small reagent  $\Rightarrow$  favor axial hydride delivery

- 1,3-interactions are more remote (i.e., smaller), when compared to the 1,2-interactions (larger).
- The destabilizing 1,3-interactions increase as the size of the reagent increases or with the size of the 1,3-diaxial substituents while the 1,2-interactions are not nearly so sensitive to the size of reagents or the size of the substituents.

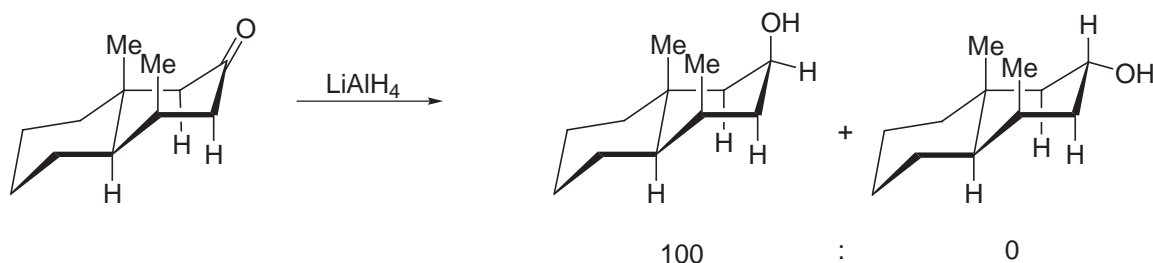
- For the reduction of cyclohexanone and derivatives, we see the following generalizations:



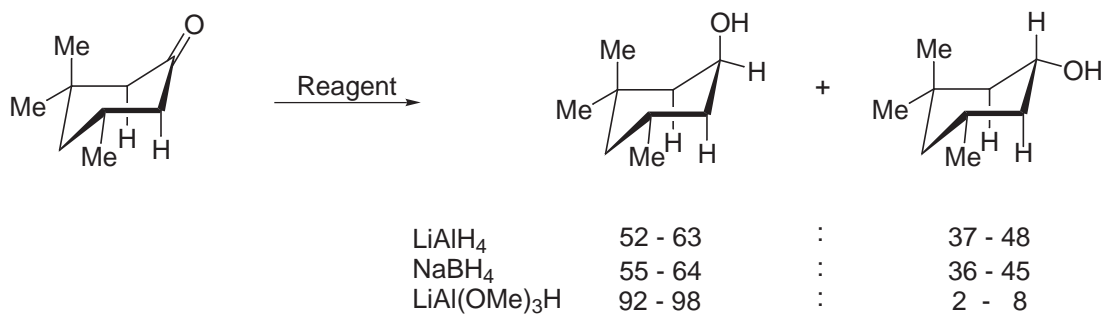
Examples:



Increased steric hindrance of the 1,3-diaxial interactions (Me/reagent) make axial hydride delivery more difficult.

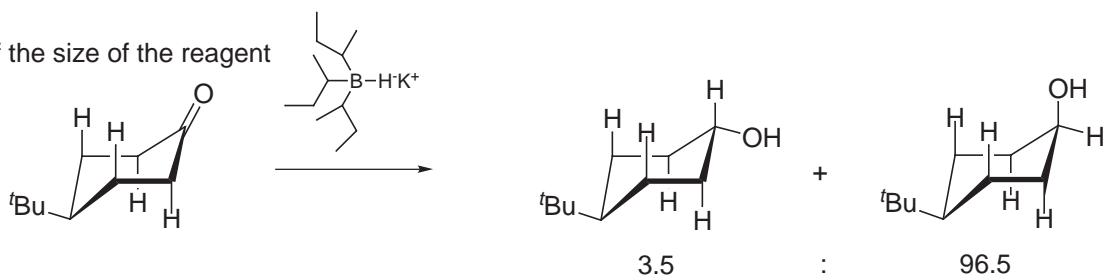


Serious 1,3-interactions preclude axial delivery of the hydride, but the axial Me's have no effect on the 1,2-interactions.



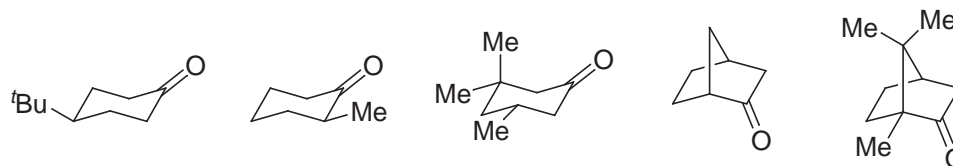
Larger reagent: greater selectivity for equatorial H<sup>-</sup> delivery.

Effect of the size of the reagent



Much larger reagent! Now, even the 1,3-H/reagent interactions are large while the 1,2-torsional interactions are not affected. Brown *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1972**, *94*, 7154.

- Comparison of Diastereoselectivity of Hydride Reducing Reagents.



Reagent	% axial OH	% axial OH	% axial OH	% endo OH	% endo OH
NaBH <sub>4</sub>	20	25	58	86	14
LiAlH <sub>4</sub>	8	24	63	89	8
LiAl(OMe) <sub>3</sub> H	9	69	92-98	98	1
LiAl(O <sup>t</sup> Bu) <sub>3</sub> H	9	36	95	94	6
( <sup>s</sup> Bu) <sub>3</sub> BHLi	93	98	99.8	99.6	0.4
(Me <sub>2</sub> CHCHMe) <sub>3</sub> BHLi	>99	>99	-	>99	no reaction
LiMeBH <sub>3</sub>	2	13	66	-	-

Brown *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1970**, 92, 709; **1972**, 94, 7159; **1976**, 98, 3383.

- Stereochemistry of Other Representative Nucleophilic Additions to Cyclohexanones.



Reagent	% axial OH	% axial OH	% axial OH
MeLi/Et <sub>2</sub> O	65	85	100
MeMgI/Et <sub>2</sub> O	53	84	100
EtMgBr/Et <sub>2</sub> O	71	95	100
PhMgBr/Et <sub>2</sub> O	49	91	100
PhLi	58	88	-

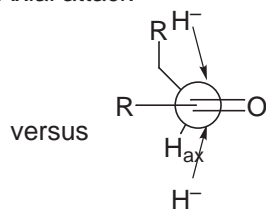
Note: Typically alkyl lithium reagents behave as large nucleophiles and approach from the equatorial direction

Ashby *Chem. Rev.* **1975**, 75, 521.

V. Grignard received the 1912 Nobel prize in Chemistry for his discovery of the role of organomagnesium halides in organic synthesis which he made as a graduate student working with P. A. Barbier.

### b. Origin of Diastereoselectivity

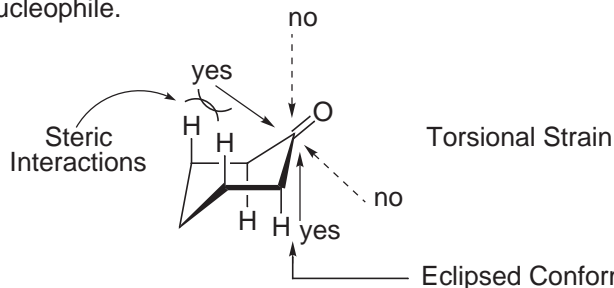
Axial attack



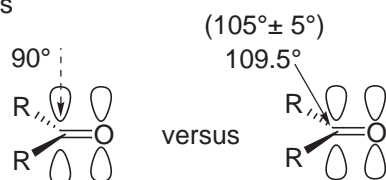
versus

Felkin - equatorial attack (largely torsional strain - when R = H, worse than axial attack mode)

Note: The direction of attack is not from the axial or equatorial vector, but with a 109.5° approach of the nucleophile.

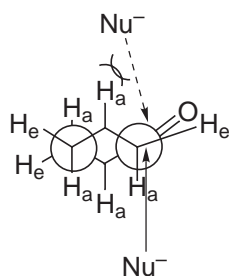


- Stereoelectronic effects



Dunitz angle: *Tetrahedron* **1974**, 30, 1563.  
Good overlap and ~ approaches bond angle required of sp<sup>3</sup> hybridization. Better σ - π\* overlap (FMO) for nucleophilic addition.

- Cyclic Ketones: Steric vs. Torsional Interactions.



- As the nucleophile gets larger, this steric interaction with the C<sub>3</sub> - axial H gets worse - equatorial approach becomes the preferred line of attack.

- For C<sub>3</sub> and C<sub>5</sub>-H substituents, this torsional interaction is worse than the steric interaction of Nu<sup>-</sup> / C<sub>3</sub> and C<sub>5</sub>-H's (for small, unhindered Nu<sup>-</sup>).

- All H<sup>-</sup> reductions have transition states that resemble reactant geometry.
- Diastereoselectivity is influenced by:
  - 1) Steric interactions (1,3-diaxial interactions)
  - 2) Torsional strain (1,2-interactions)
  - 3) Remote electronic effects (electrostatic interactions)
- In contrast to early theories of "product development control" / late transition state vs "steric approach control" / early transition state.

**c. Baldwin's Rules and Dunitz Angle of Attack**

Recent review: *Acc. Chem. Res.* **1993**, 26, 476.

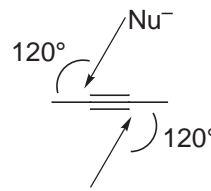
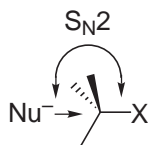
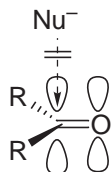
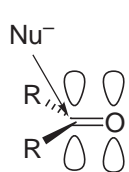
Dunitz angle of attack: *Tetrahedron* **1974**, 30, 1563.

- Nucleophile addition to carbonyl compound takes place not at 90° (perpendicular) to the C=O, but at an angle of ~105° ± 5°

$sp^2 = 105^\circ \pm 5^\circ$

$sp^3 = 180^\circ$

$sp = 120^\circ$

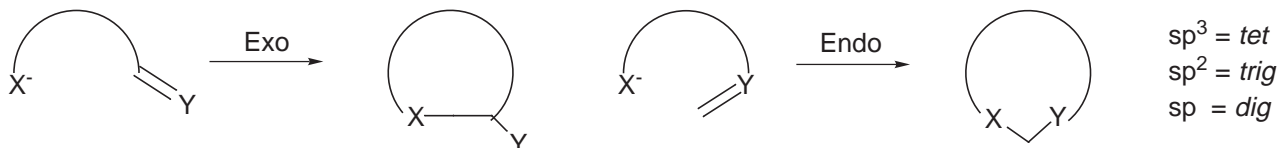


- First detailed by Eschenmoser *Helv. Chem. Acta* **1970**, 53, 2059.

- Expanded and elaborated to: Baldwin's Rules for Ring Closure  
*J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.* **1974**, 734, 736.

- Vector analysis and approach trajectory on sp<sup>2</sup>, sp, and sp<sup>3</sup> systems.

- For intramolecular reactions the favored pathways are those where the length and nature of the linking chain enables the terminal atoms to achieve proper geometry for reaction.



**Baldwin's Rules**

**Rule 1:** tetrahedral (sp<sup>3</sup>) systems

(a) 3 to 7-*exo-tet* are favored

(b) 5 to 6-*endo-tet* are disfavored

**Rule 2:** trigonal (sp<sup>2</sup>) systems

(a) 3 to 7-*exo-trig* are favored

(b) 3 to 5-*endo-trig* are disfavored

(c) 6 to 7-*endo-trig* are favored

**Rule 3:** digonal (sp) systems

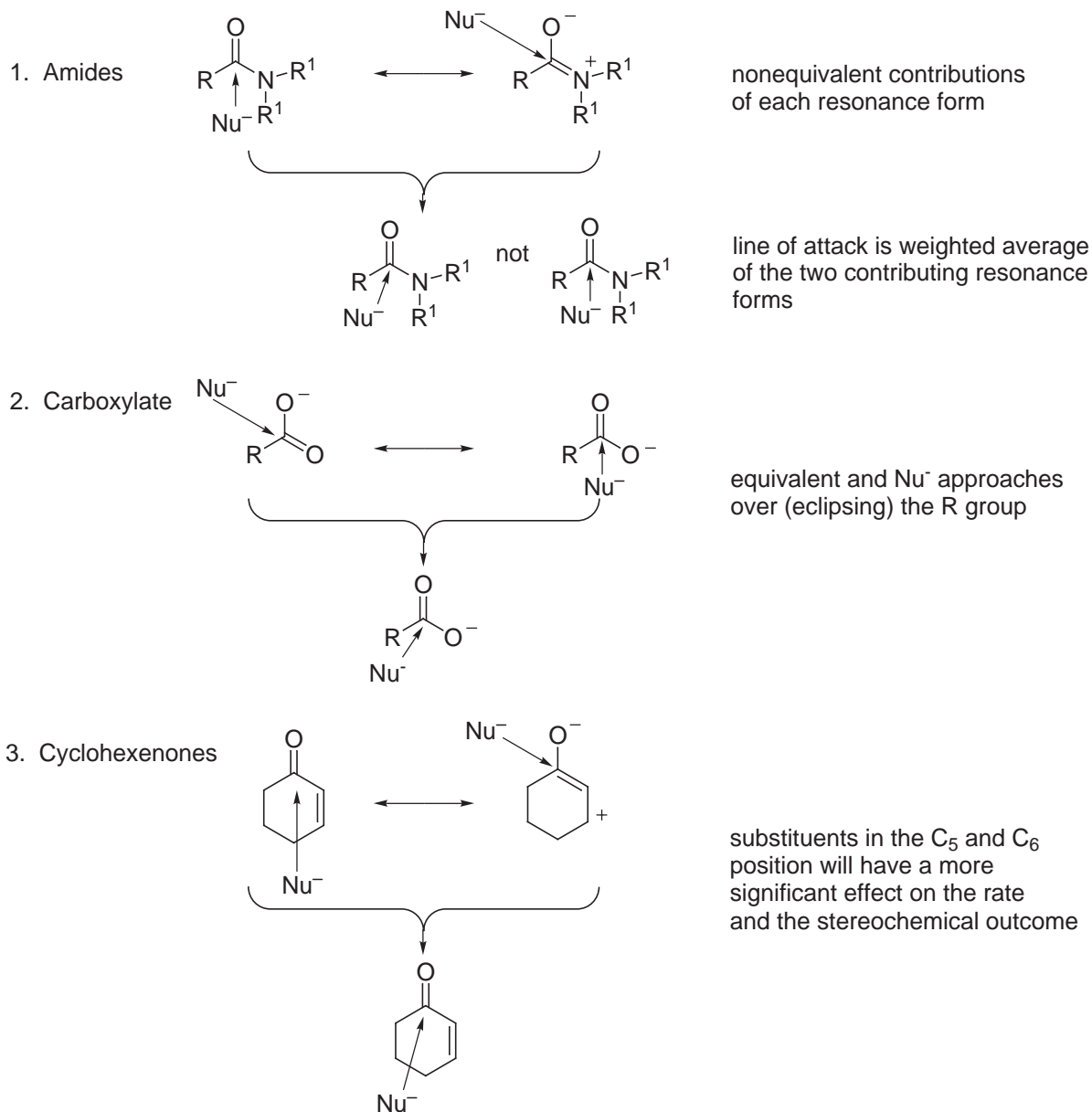
(a) 3 to 4-*exo-dig* are disfavored

(b) 5 to 7-*exo-dig* are favored

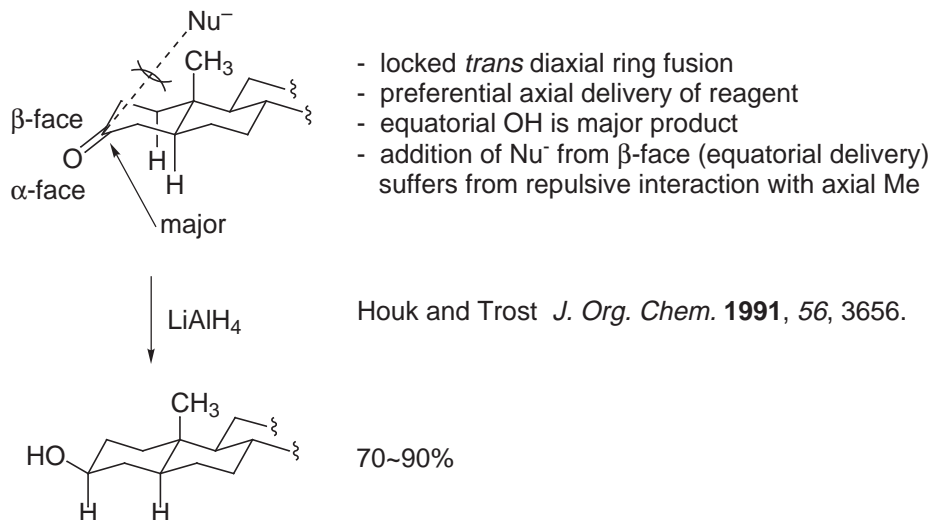
(c) 3 to 7-*endo-dig* are favored



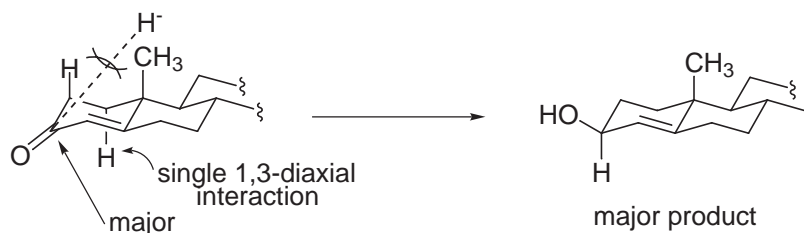
-Baldwin: Approach Vector Analysis (Vector Sum establishes the approach of reagent).



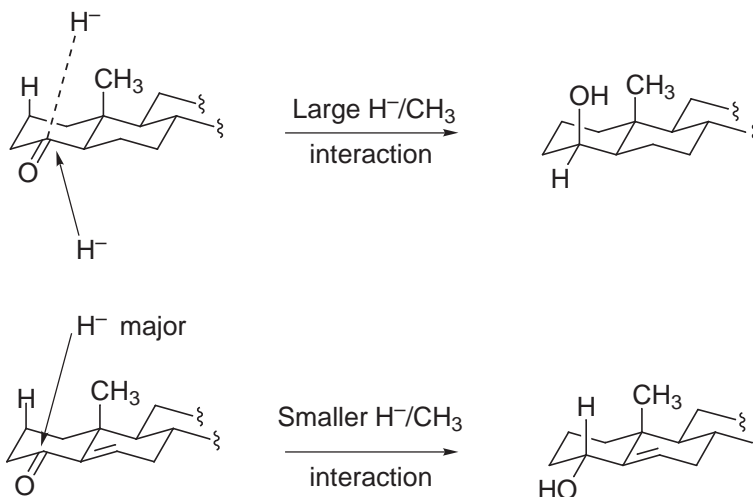
Examples:



- vs.



- but



- With enones, the substituents in the 5,6-positions play a more dominant role in determining stereochemical outcome of nucleophilic addition to the carbonyl.

## 2. Acyclic Carbonyl Groups

Review: *Comprehensive Org. Syn.*, Vol. 1, pp 49-75.

D. J. Cram was awarded the 1987 Nobel prize in Chemistry for his "host - guest" complex studies.

- Cram's Rule

*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1952**, 74, 5828.

Empirical and no mechanistic interpretation is imposed on model  
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1959**, 81, 2748. (chelation-controlled addition)

- Prelog

*Helv. Chim. Acta* **1953**, 36, 308. (1,3-induction)

- Felkin model:  
(or Felkin-Ahn)

*Tetrahedron Lett.* **1968**, 2199, 2205.

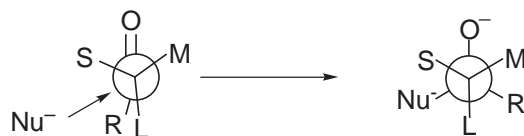
*Tetrahedron Lett.* **1976**, 155, 159.

*Nouv. J. Chim.* **1977**, 1, 61.

V. Prelog received the 1975 Nobel prize in Chemistry for his research into stereochemistry of organic molecules and reactions.

### a. Cram's Rule

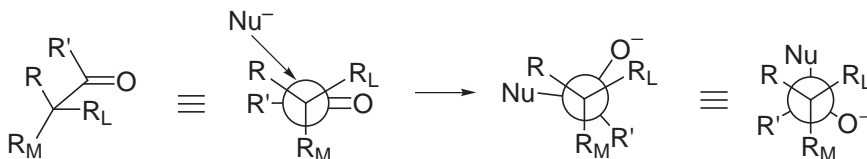
- Empirical Model



- Large group L eclipsed with R and not the carbonyl, Nu<sup>-</sup> approach from side of small (S) group.

- Stereoselectivity observed usually modest.

- But, most populated (most stable) conformation of acyclic ketone would be the eclipsed carbonyl conformation.

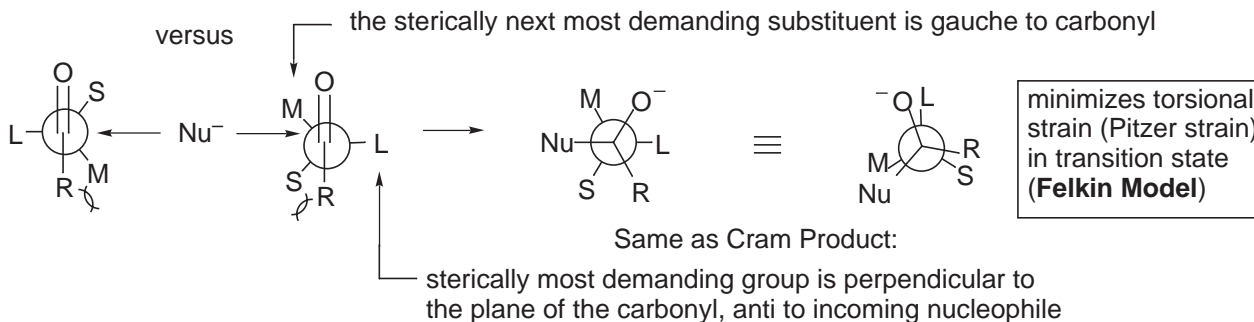


This is not the observed stereochemistry!

Note: Reaction is not from the ground state carbonyl eclipsed  $R_L$  conformation, i.e., the ground state conformation is not the reactive conformation (Curtin-Hammett Principle).

### b. Felkin (-Ahn) Model

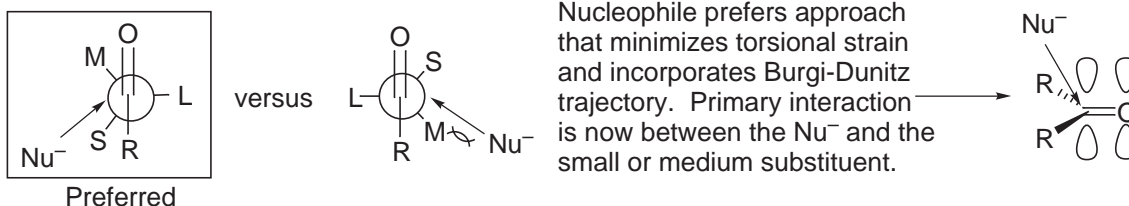
- Large group (L) *trans* antiperiplanar to forming bond



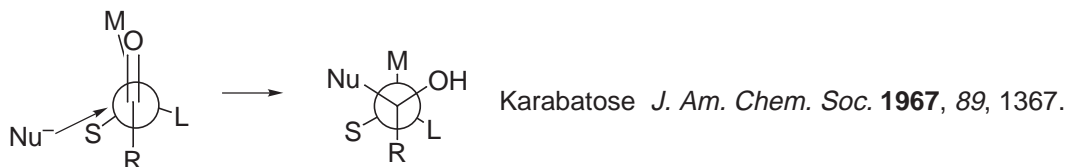
- Here, L is either the largest group (sterically) or the group whose bond to the  $\alpha$ -carbon provides the greatest  $\sigma$ - $\pi^*$  overlap (e.g. halide, alkoxy groups).

- Computational studies of Ahn confirmed this is the most stable transition state and extended it to  $\alpha$ -chloroketones. In the latter case, this minimizes destabilizing electrostatic interactions between the halogen (electronegative group) and the incoming nucleophile.

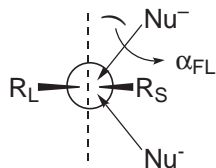
Ahn further refined the Felkin Model, i.e., **Felkin-Ahn Model**, as shown below



Note: Karabatos proposed a similar model as an alternative to the original Cram empirical rationalization based on computational studies that suggested the most favored conformation would have the medium-sized group eclipsing the carbonyl and addition of  $H^-$  occurs from the side of the small substituent.

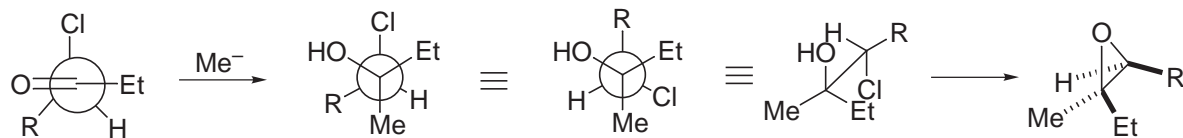
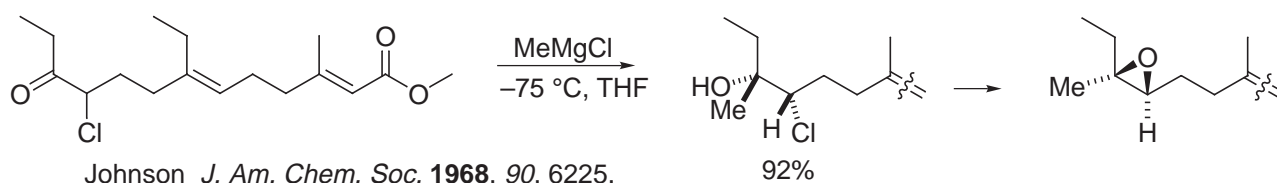


The model incorporating the Burgi-Dunitz angle has been even further refined to reflect the impact of substantially different sized R groups on the carbonyl. As the size difference between the two substituents increases, the incoming nucleophile would try to avoid the larger one and the approach vector would be tilted away from the normal plane by an angle referred to as the Flippin-Lodge angle ( $\alpha_{FL}$ ).



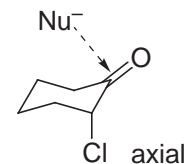
Heathcock *Aldrichchim. Acta* **1990**, *23*, 99.

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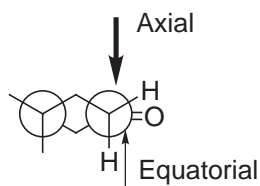


-First observed in cyclic systems: Cornforth  
*J. Chem. Soc.* **1959**, 112 and 2539.  
*J. Chem. Soc.* **1957**, 158.

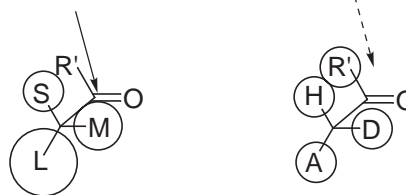
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-For cyclic ketones

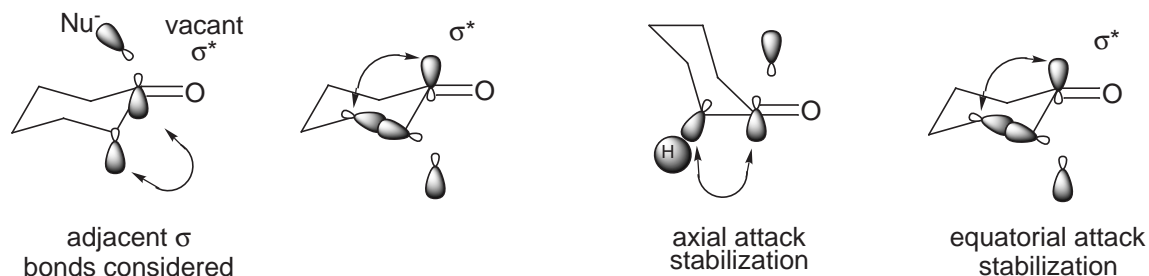


-For acyclic ketones



Allylic bonds prefer to be staggered (axial attack) with respect to the incoming nucleophile rather than eclipsing (equatorial attack).

**c. Cieplak Model** *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1981**, 103, 4540.



1. C-H bond is more electron-rich, better  $\sigma$  e-donation in stabilization of the developing  $\sigma^*$  of bond formation than C-C bond, therefore axial approach preferred.

2.  $\sigma$  C-O >  $\sigma$  C-H >  $\sigma$  C-C >  $\sigma$  C-S.

3. Nucleophile can affect intensity of effect,  $\sigma^*$  (LUMO of developing bond).

↑ LUMO, ↓ effect, ↓ overlap/stabilization

(a) Electron donation of solvent (polarity) will increase  $\sigma^*$ , ↑ LUMO, ↓ overlap,

↑ equatorial attack, i.e. preferentially ↓ axial attack

(b) Counterion effect: its ability to complex/stabilize  $\sigma^*$ , lower  $\sigma^*$  ↑ effect, ↑ axial attack.

(c) Electron-rich  $\text{Nu}^-$ : ↑  $\sigma^*$  nucleophile, ↓ overlap/effect, ↓ axial attack ↑ equatorial attack.

4. Heteroatom at 4-position exhibits preference for axial attack: n -  $\sigma^*$  stabilization.

#### d. Additional Models

- Product development/steric approach control  
Dauben: *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1956**, 78, 2579.
- Torsional strain (preference for staggered conformation in the transition state)  
Felkin: *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1968**, 2199, 2205.  
Houk: *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1987**, 109, 908.  
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1988**, 110, 3228.  
*Science* **1986**, 231, 1108.  
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1991**, 113, 5018.  
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1993**, 115, 10992.  
*Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Eng.* **1992**, 31, 1019.  
cf. *Chemtracts: Org. Chem.* **1988**, 1, 65.  
Houk-Trost: *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1987**, 109, 5560.
- Principles of least motion  
Yates: *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1974**, 96, 3141.
- Stereoelectronic control and smallest change in conformation  
Toromanoff: *Tetrahedron* **1980**, 36, 2809.
- Electrostatic model  
Kahn, Hehre, Chamberlin: *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1987**, 109, 650, 663, 666.  
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1986**, 108, 7396, 7399.
- Electronic nonequivalence of carbonyl faces  
Klein: *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1973**, 23, 4307.  
*Tetrahedron* **1974**, 30, 3349.
- Dissymmetric  $\pi$ -electron clouds  
Fukui: *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1976**, 98, 4054.  
Burgess, Liotta: *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1984**, 106, 4849.
- Antiperiplanar approach of Nu<sup>-</sup> to other bonds
  - Preferential attack antiperiplanar to the best electronic acceptor  
Ahn: *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1976**, 155, 159.  
*Nouv. J. Chem.* **1977**, 1, 61.  
*Top. Curr. Chem.* **1980**, 88, 145.  
Dunitz, Eschenmoser: *Helv. Chim. Acta* **1980**, 63, 1158.
  - Preferential attack antiperiplanar to the best electronic donor  
Cieplak Model: *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1981**, 103, 4540.  
*J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans. 1* **1997**, 530.
- Others  
Ashby: *J. Org. Chem.* **1976**, 41, 2890.  
Wigfield: *J. Org. Chem.* **1976**, 41, 2396; **1977**, 42, 1108.
- Bent bond or Tau-bond model  
Vogel, Eschenmoser: *Chem. Lett.* **1987**, 215.  
Winter: *J. Chem. Educ.* **1987**, 64, 587.
- Hyperconjugation  
Coxon, Luibrand: *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1993**, 34, 7097.

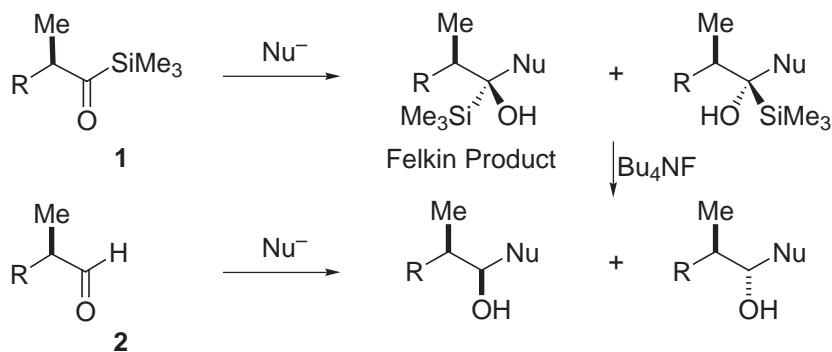
higher level calculations than Ahn or Cieplak: C-C > C-H electron donation.

remote-through space electrostatics and torsional effects account for Cieplak observations.

### e. Comparative Examples of Diastereoselection

- Diastereoselection depends on the size of the ketone substituent.

Kobayashi, Ohno *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1988**, *110*, 4826.

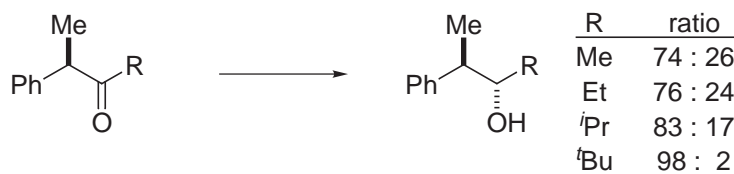
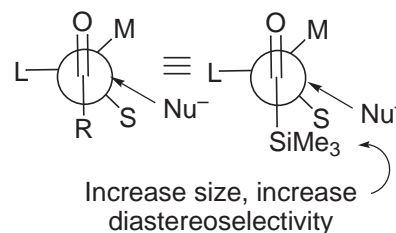


Note: Desilylation proceeds with complete retention (>99:1): Hudrlik *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1982**, *104*, 6809.

		From 1	From 2
R = Ph	<sup>n</sup> BuLi	> 100:1	5:1
R = Ph	MeLi	> 40:1	4:1
R = Ph	$\text{CH}_2=\text{CHSiMe}_3$	> 100:1	2:1
R = Ph	$\text{CH}_2=\text{CHMgBr}$	11:1	1.7:1
R =	<sup>n</sup> BuLi	> 30:1	1.6:1
	MeLi	> 100:1	1.9:1
	$\text{CH}_2=\text{CHSiMe}_3$	> 30:1	1:1
	$\text{CH}_2=\text{CHMgBr}$	11:1	2.5:1
R =	<sup>n</sup> BuLi	15:1	3.5:1
	MeLi	21:1	2:1
	$\text{CH}_2=\text{CHSiMe}_3$	> 100:1	1.5:1
	$\text{CH}_2=\text{CHMgBr}$	3.5:1	2:1

Note: Typical Felkin diastereoselection is modest.

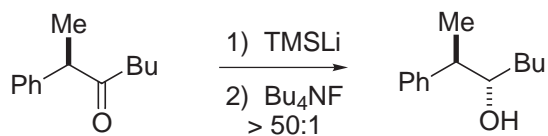
Note: Diastereoselection is increased dramatically with very large ketone substituent.



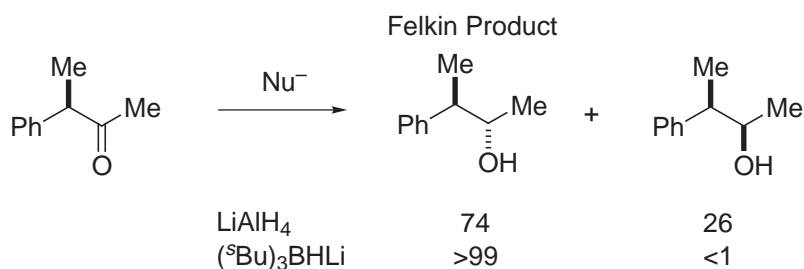
Felkin *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1968**, 2199 and 2205.  
Diastereoselectivity for reduction with  $\text{LiAlH}_4$

$R = \text{tBu} > \text{iPr} > \text{Et} > \text{Me}$

- Diastereoselectivity depends on size of nucleophile.



Complementary stereochemistry to that illustrated with acylsilanes.



Yamamoto *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1988**, *110*, 4475.

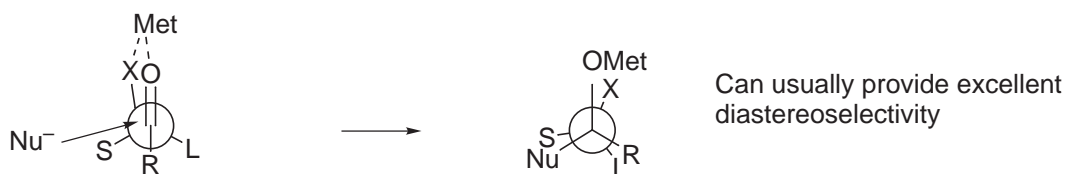
### f. Chelation-controlled Addition

- Review: *Acc. Chem. Res.* **1993**, 26, 462.

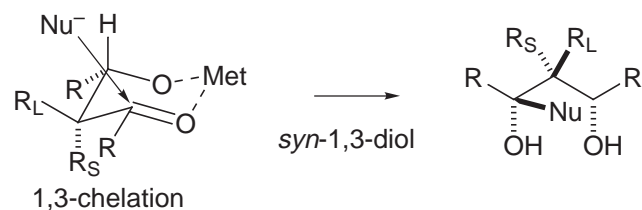
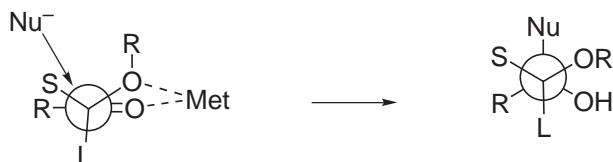
- 1,2-chelation-controlled additions ( $\alpha$ -chelation-controlled additions)

also formulated by Cram: *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1959**, 81, 2748.

*So please do not refer to as anti-Cram addition as many have!*



1,2-chelation X = OH, OR

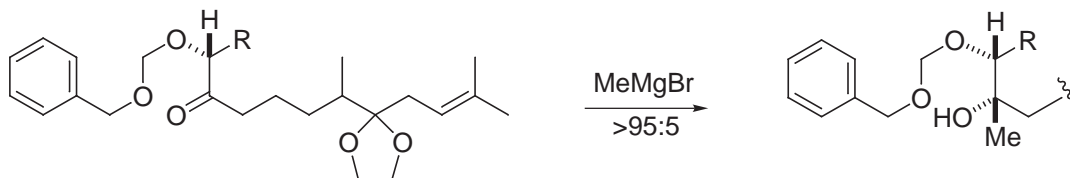


Axial delivery on most stable chair-like transition state

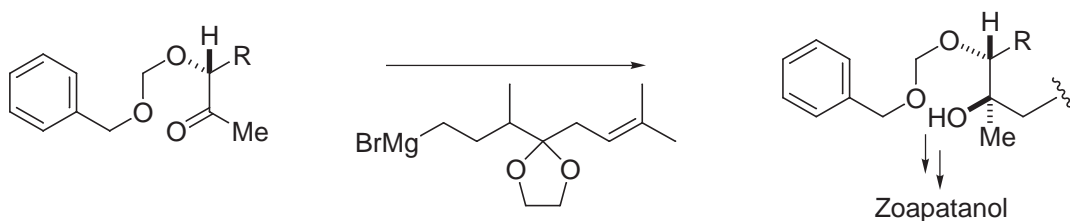
*Asymm. Syn.* Vol. 2, 125.

- Examples of 1,2-chelation-control

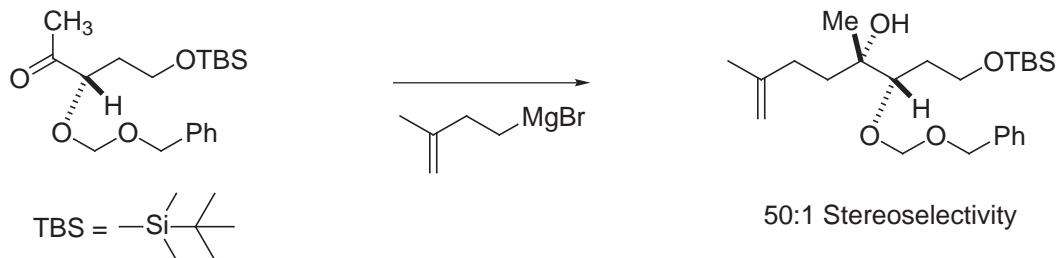
- Nicolaou *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1980**, 102, 6611.  $\implies$  Zoapatanol synthesis



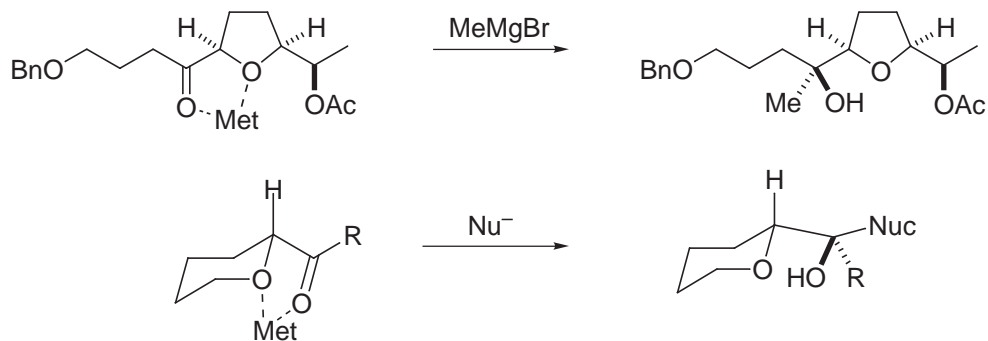
-But to invert the stereochemistry



- Still *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1980**, 102, 2117, 2118 and 2120.  $\implies$  Monensin synthesis

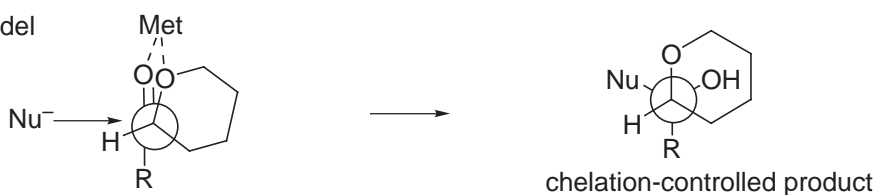


- Note that non chelation-controlled additions exhibit relatively modest stereoselectivities, but chelation-controlled additions can exhibit very good stereocontrol.



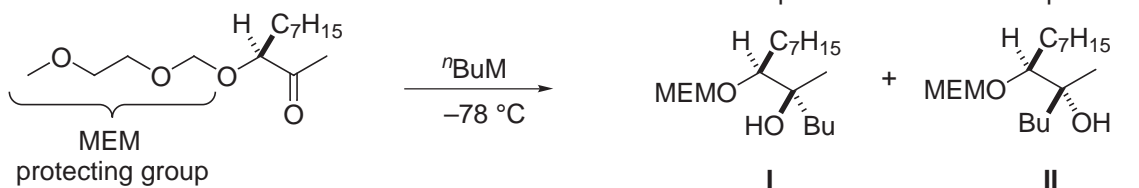
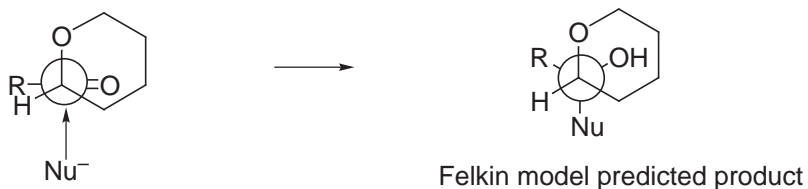
R = CH <sub>3</sub>	Nu <sup>-</sup> = PhMgI	100:0
Ph	MeMgBr or MeLi	100:0
Ph	LiAlH <sub>4</sub>	84:16
Ph	( <sup>s</sup> Bu) <sub>3</sub> BHLi	100:0
CH <sub>3</sub>	( <sup>s</sup> Bu) <sub>3</sub> BHLi	78:22

- Chelation Model



- Felkin Model

Note: here Felkin model will predict wrong product

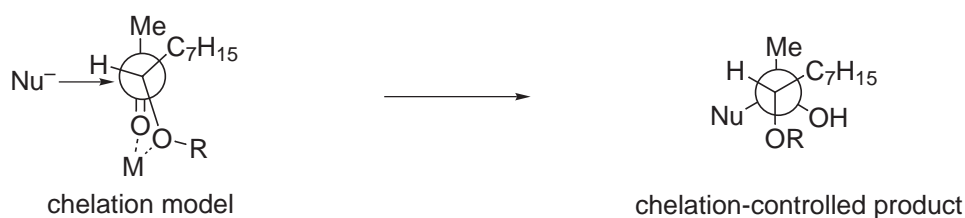


	solvent	I	II
M = MgBr	pentane	90	10
"	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	93.5	6.5
"	Et <sub>2</sub> O	90	10
"	THF	100	0

	solvent	I	II
M = Li	pentane	67	33
"	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	75	25
"	Et <sub>2</sub> O	50	50
"	THF	41	59

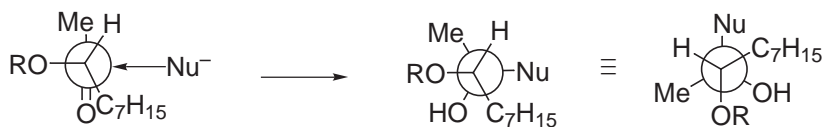
Still *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1980**, 21, 1031.

Note: Li is less able to coordinate to two O atoms and THF has good solvation capabilities (ie., removes Li<sup>+</sup>; no α-chelation control)



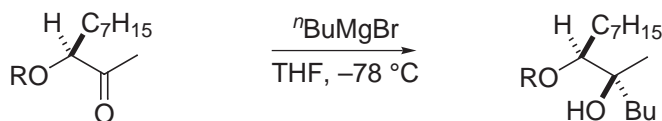


Two models provide different products



Felkin model

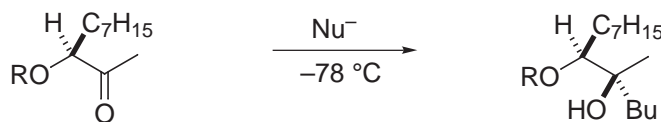
Felkin model predicted product



R = MEM	> 99:1
= MOM	> 99:1
= MTM	> 99:1
= CH <sub>2</sub> Ph	99.5:0.5
= CH <sub>2</sub> OCH <sub>2</sub> Ph	99:1
= THP	75:25

Note: THP poor for chelation-control.

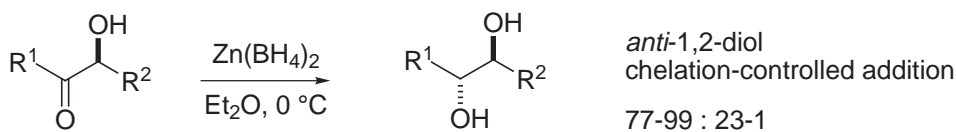
Still *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1980**, 21, 1031.



R = CH <sub>2</sub> Ph	MeMgCl	Et <sub>2</sub> O	> 99:1	← chelation-controlled
	MeLi	THF	60:40	
R = TBS	MeMgCl	Et <sub>2</sub> O	60:40	
	$\text{CH}_2\text{=CHMgCl}$	THF	10:90	← Felkin addition

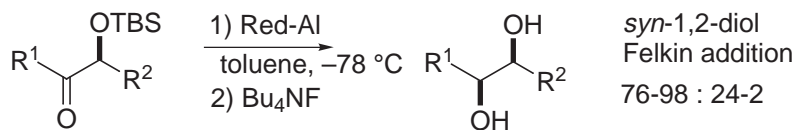
Note: Silyl ether poor for chelation-control.

Reetz *J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.* **1986**, 1600.

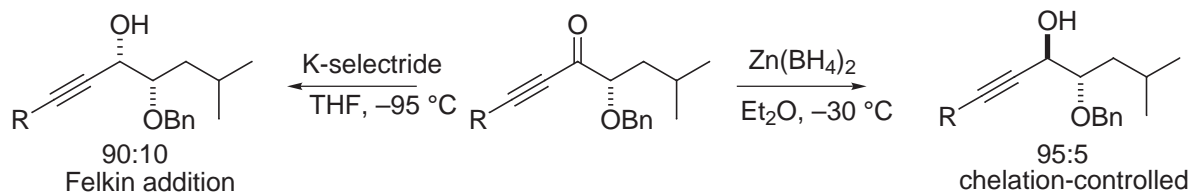


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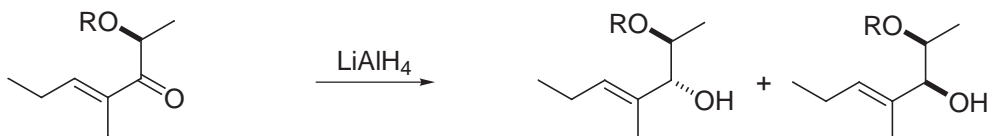
Note: TBS very good at suppressing chelation.



Nakata *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1983**, 24, 2653 and 2661.



Note: Red-Al was *anti* selective due to coordination of OBn  
Tsuji *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1985**, 26, 5139.



Note: OTBS  
does not chelate

R = Bn	Et <sub>2</sub> O, -10 °C	98	:	2	← chelation-controlled
R = TBS	THF, -20 °C	5	:	95	← Felkin addition

Overman *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1982**, *23*, 2355.

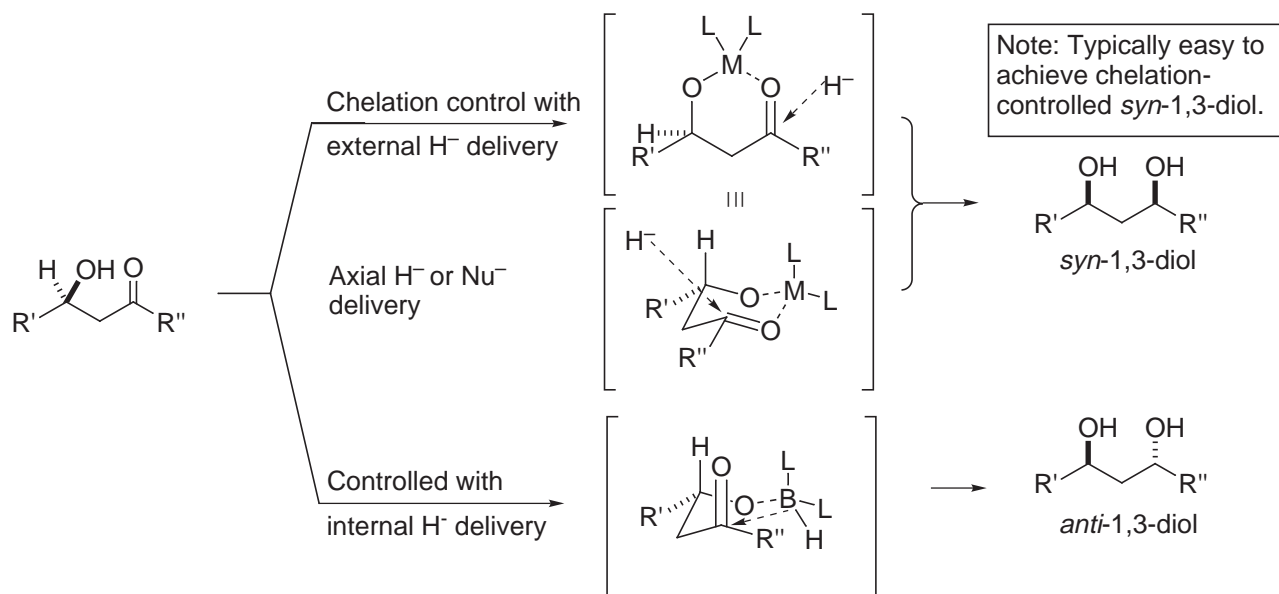
-1,3-Chelation-Controlled Additions ( $\beta$ -chelation-controlled additions):

- First highly selective method was developed with R<sub>3</sub>B/NaBH<sub>4</sub> and later with Et<sub>2</sub>BOCH<sub>3</sub>-NaBH<sub>4</sub> in THF-MeOH:

Pai *Tetrahedron* **1984**, *40*, 2233.

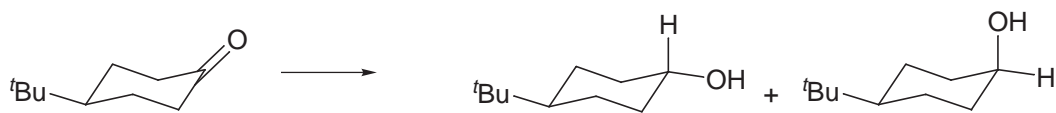
Shapiro *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1987**, *28*, 155. (*syn:anti* 98:2)

- Dibal-H (> 92:8 *syn:anti*) Kiyooka *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1986**, *27*, 3009.

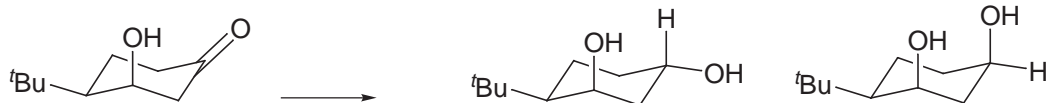


- Examples of *anti*-1,3-diol preparation:

Evans, Carreira, Chapman *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1988**, *110*, 3560.



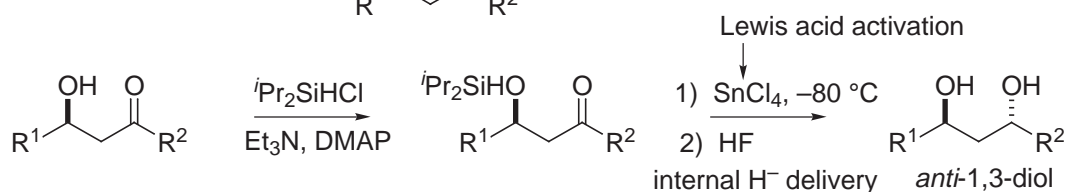
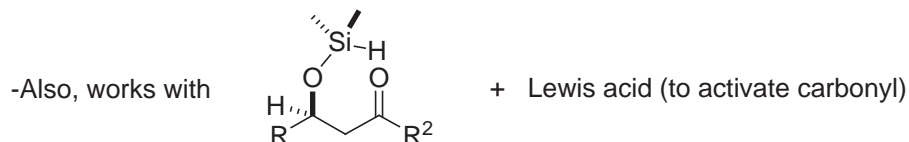
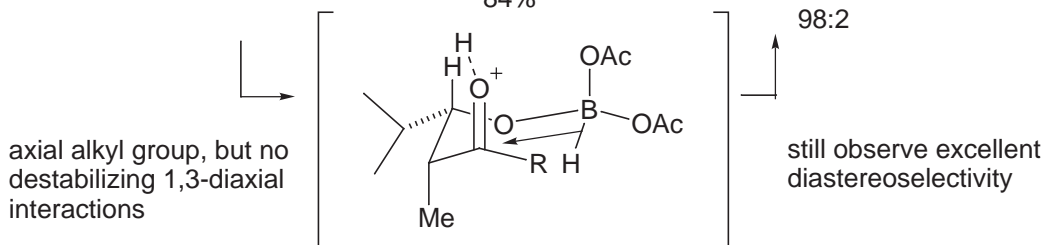
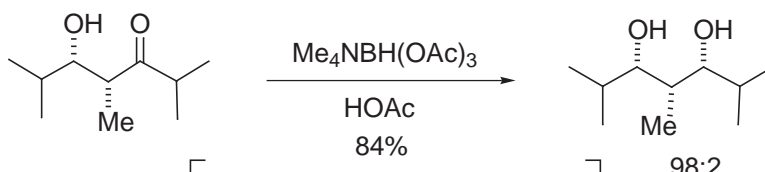
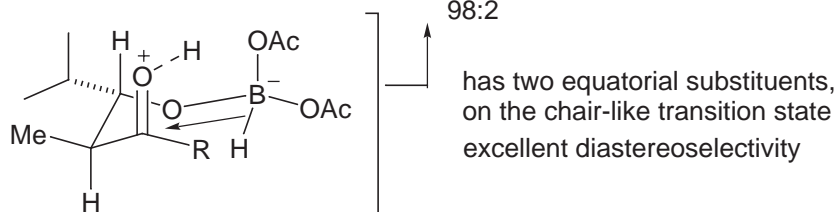
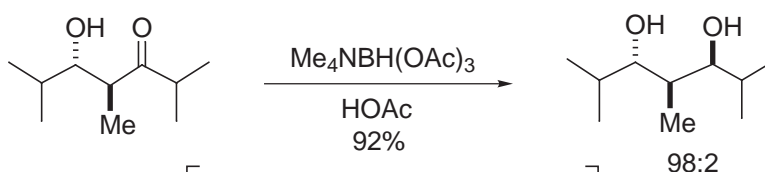
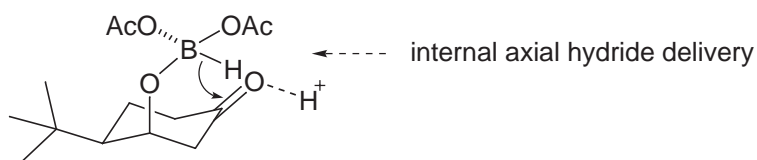
NaBH <sub>4</sub>	90	:	10
Me <sub>4</sub> NBH(OAc) <sub>3</sub>	no reaction		



NaBH <sub>4</sub>	1	:	1
Me <sub>4</sub> NBH(OAc) <sub>3</sub>	300	:	1

HOAc, low temperature protonates carbonyl,  
activation for reduction, no reduction without HOAc

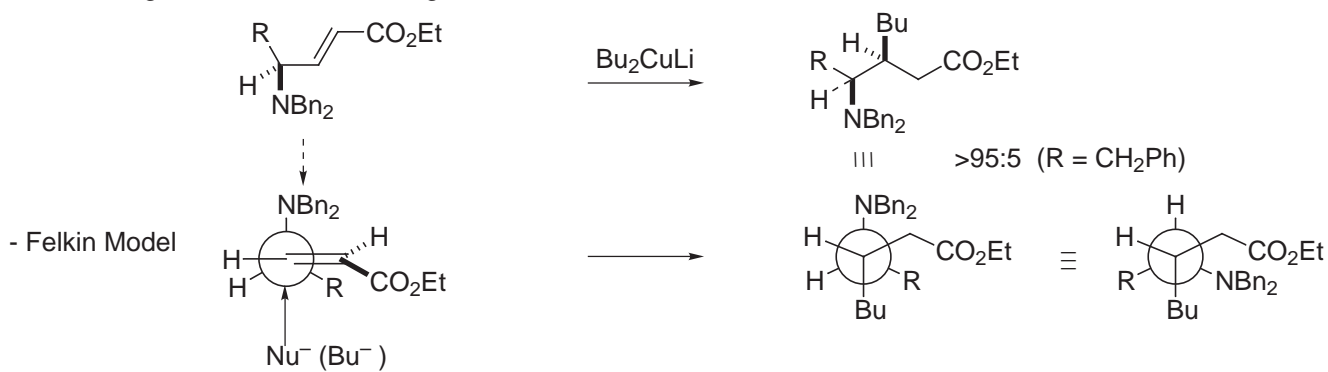
- Note that Me<sub>4</sub>NBH(OAc)<sub>3</sub> is unreactive toward carbonyl unless carbonyl oxygen is protonated.
- The key to success is the lack of reactivity of the reagent in the intermolecular reaction, which permits formation of complex:



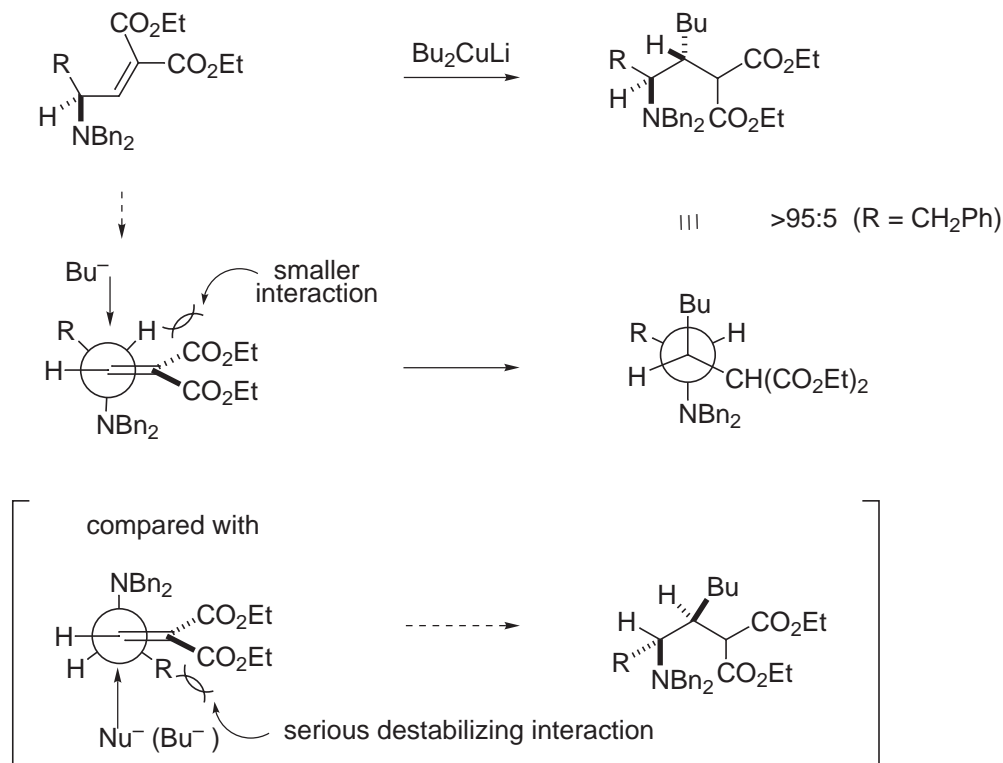
Davis *Tetrahedron* **1988**, *44*, 3761.

### g. Felkin Addition to Other $\pi$ -Systems

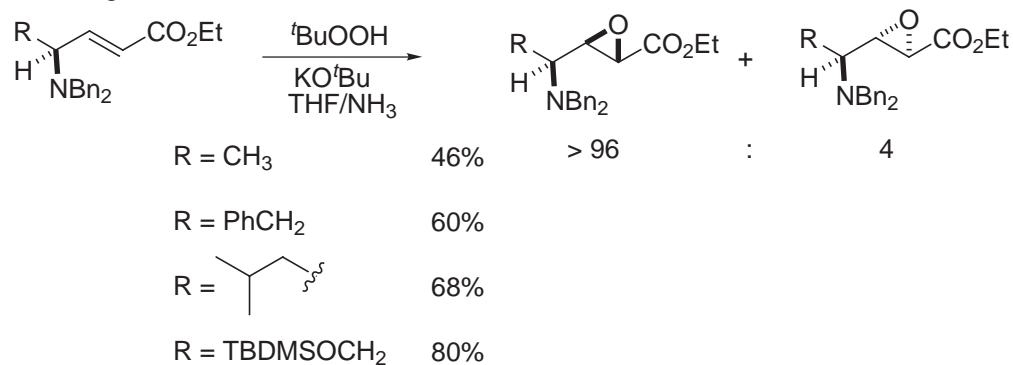
- Reetz *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Eng.* **1989**, *28*, 1706.



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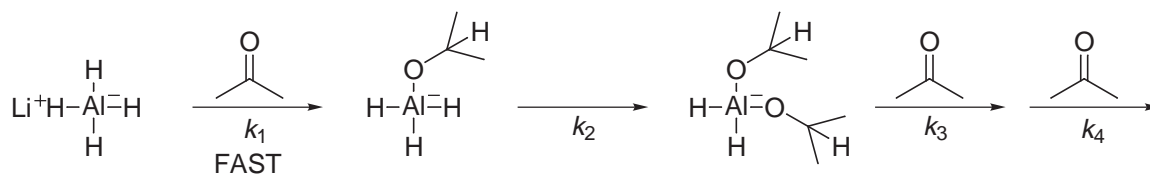


- Rationalize the following results:



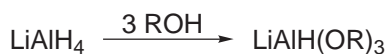
## E. Aluminum Hydride Reducing Agents

- $\text{LiAlH}_4$  coordinates with carbonyl oxygen and activates it towards reduction.



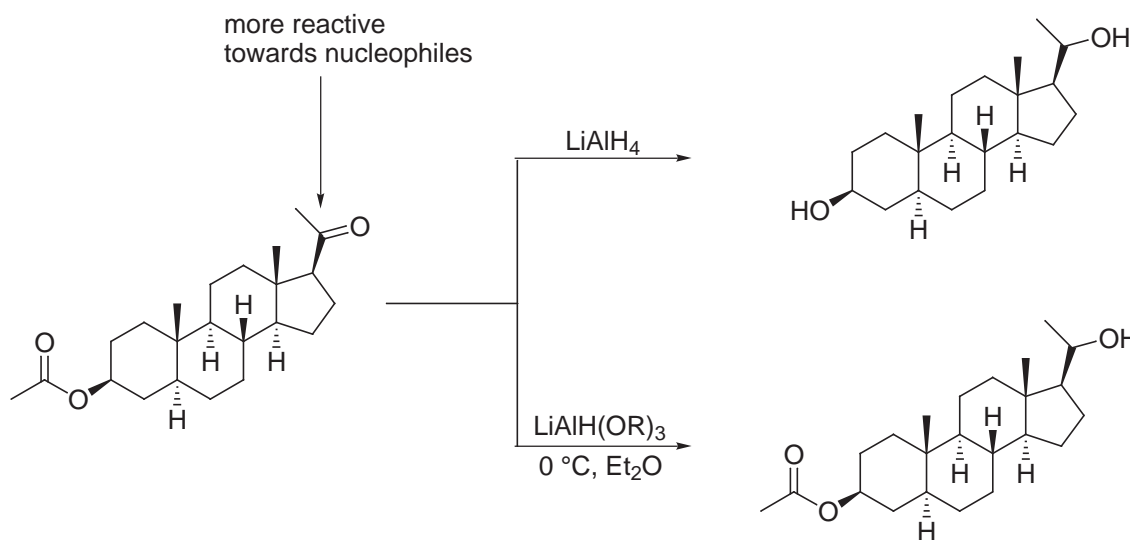
- Rate of addition decreases as additional alkoxy groups are placed on Al:  $k_1 > k_2 > k_3 > k_4$ , especially for hindered ketones.
- The aluminum alkoxide hydrides are stable in that they do not disproportionate.
- Reagents have been designed which are less reactive, thus more selective:

- Reactivity:  $\text{LiAlH}_4 > \text{LiAl(OR)H}_3 > \text{LiAl(OR)}_2\text{H}_2 > \text{LiAl(OR)}_3\text{H}$



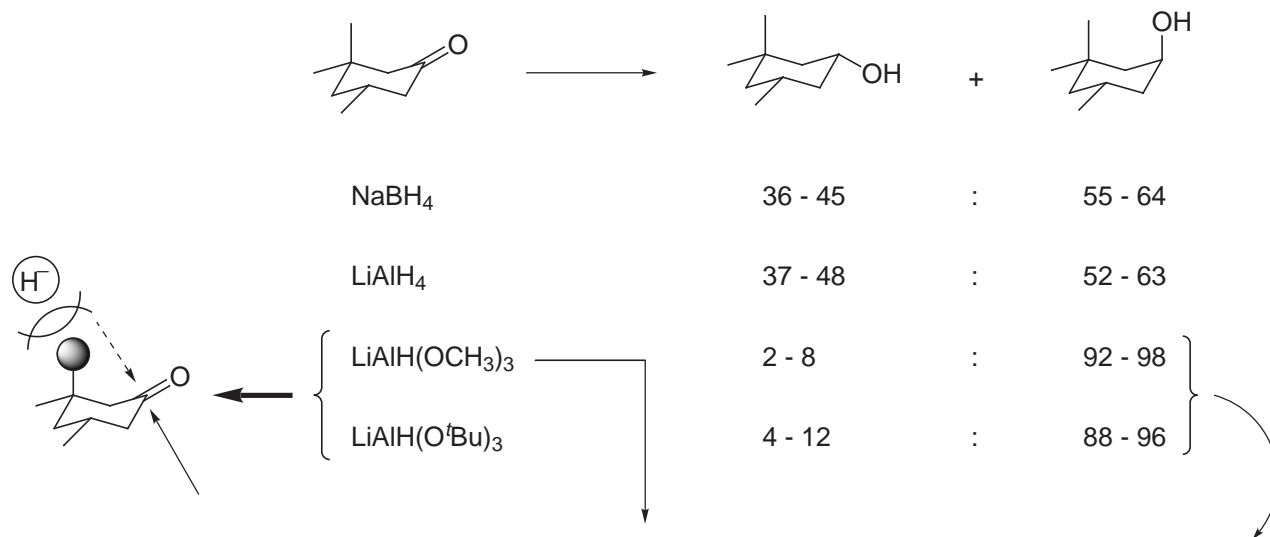
- Most common are  $\text{LiAlH(OCH}_3)_3$  and  $\text{LiAlH(O}^t\text{Bu)}_3$

- Examples:



Chemoselectivity: differentiation between competitive functional groups  
vs.  
Regioselectivity: differentiate between orientations.

- Lithium trialkoxyaluminumhydrides can be chemoselective.



- this is actually dimeric in solution, so effective bulk greater than  $\text{LiAlH}(\text{O}^t\text{Bu})_3$

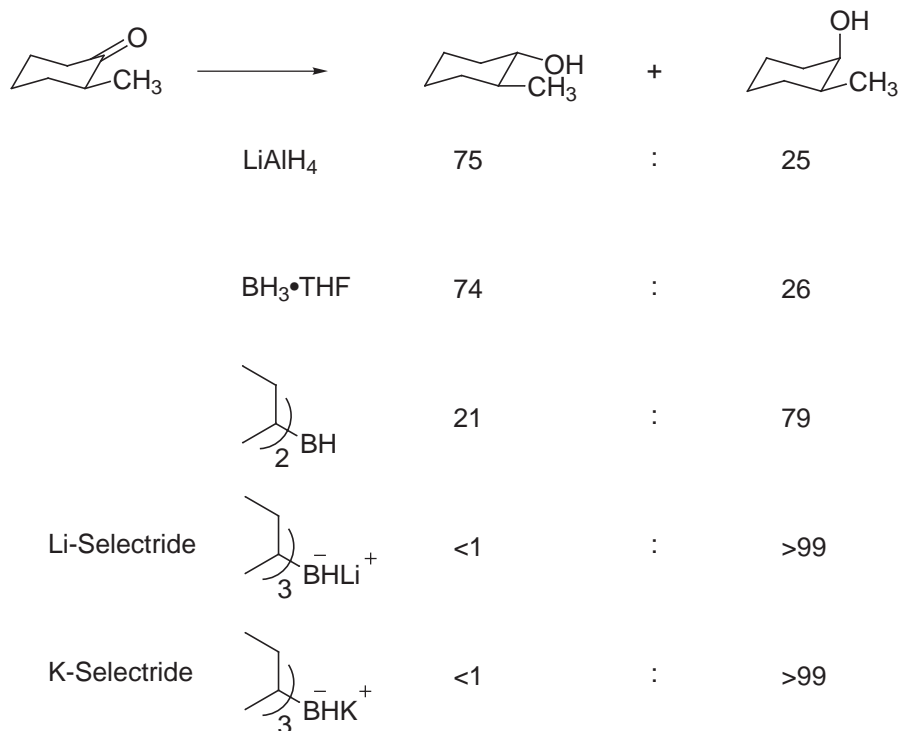
- degree of stereocontrol is concentration dependent with  $\text{LiAlH}(\text{OCH}_3)_3$  (dimer and higher aggregates) but not  $\text{LiAlH}(\text{O}^t\text{Bu})_3$  (monomeric)

## F. Borohydride Reducing Agents

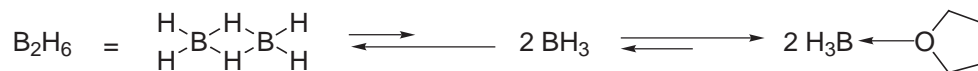
- Borohydrides ( $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{Li}^+$ ,  $\text{K}^+$ ,  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$ ) are nucleophilic  $\text{H}^-$  sources.
- Alkoxyborohydrides  $(\text{RO})_3\text{B}^- \text{H}$  tend to disproportionate.



- Therefore,  $k_1 \sim k_2 \sim k_3 \sim k_4$  for the stepwise reactions and you can't typically moderate the reactivity (electronically) by introducing alkoxy substituents.
- However, substitution with bulky alkyl groups on boron will moderate reactivity and diastereoselectivity.

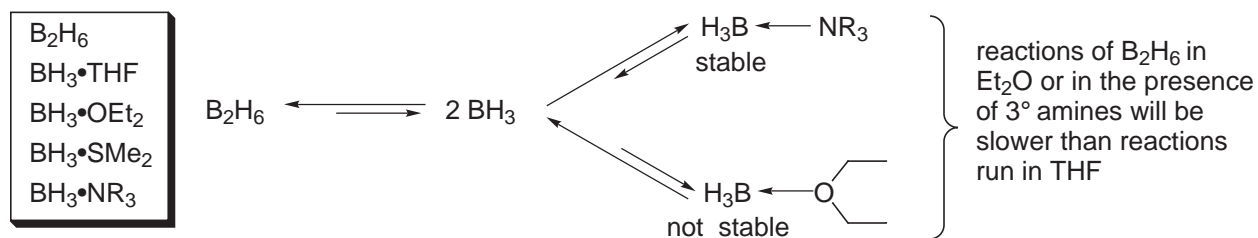


- NOTE: on diborane

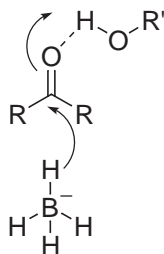


- THF optimally provides uncomplexed, monomeric  $\text{BH}_3$  available for reduction (or other reactions).

- In ether ( $\text{B}_2\text{H}_6$ ), or in the presence of amines ( $\text{BH}_3 \cdot \text{NR}_3$ ), less reactive borane-complexes are formed.

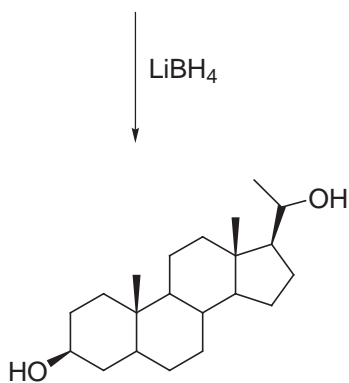
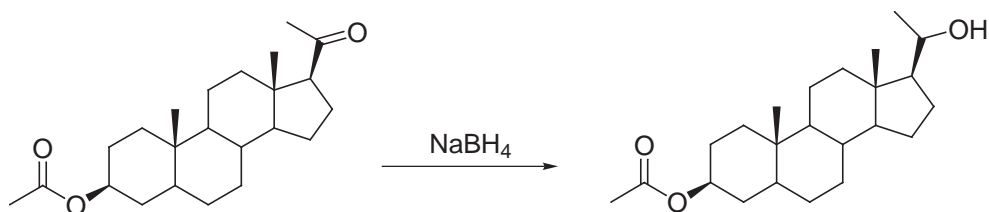


-  $\text{NaBH}_4$  requires activation of the carbonyl by hydrogen-bonding with alcoholic solvent for reductions. Therefore the reactions are run in alcoholic solvents. The reagent slowly reacts with solvent:  $\text{MeOH}$  (30 min) >  $\text{EtOH}$  (slow) >  $i\text{PrOH}$  (stable) >  $t\text{BuOH}$  (stable).



- But trialkylborohydrides ( $\text{R}_3\text{B}^- \text{HM}^+$ ) are reactive enough to use in ethereal solvents (e.g., THF) and don't require this activation of  $\text{C}=\text{O}$  by solvent.

- $\text{LiBH}_4$  is also more reactive than  $\text{NaBH}_4$  ( $\text{Li}^+$  coordinates better to carbonyl oxygen, activating the carbonyl toward attack by  $\text{H}^-$ ).
- Differences in reactivity can give rise to Chemoselectivity:



House, pp 71-105 (discussion of reducing agent choice)  
pp 1-44 (catalytic hydrogenation)  
pp 107-144 ( $\text{BH}_3$ )  
pp 145-227 ( $\text{Li}/\text{NH}_3$ )  
pp 228-256 ( $\text{NH}_2\text{NH}_2$ )

#### Carbonyl Reduction Reagents:

Larock pp. 528-552.

*Chem. Soc. Rev.* **1976**, 5, 23.

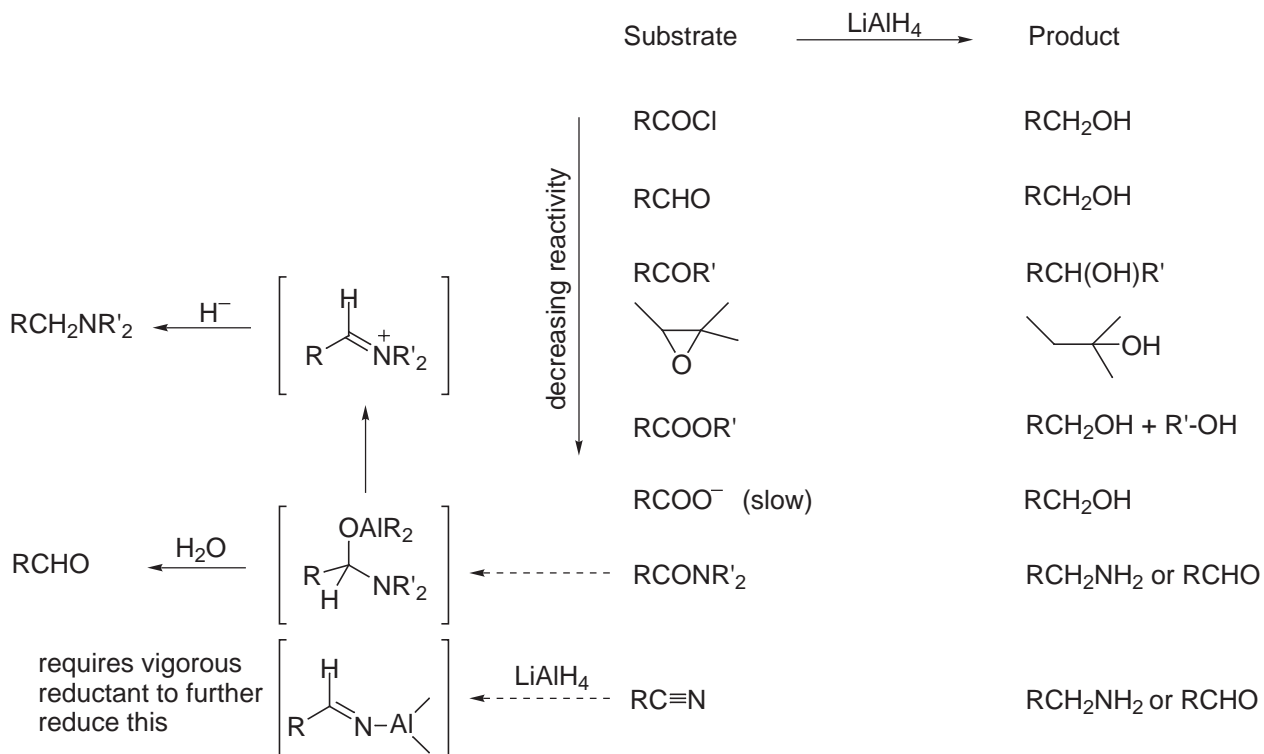
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*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1981**, 103, 4540.

*J. Org. Chem.* **1991**, 56, 4718.

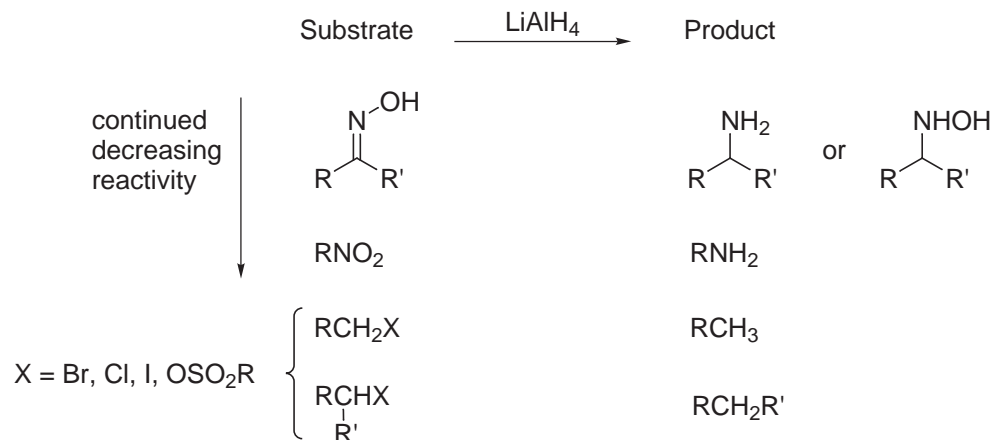
*Top. Stereochem.* **1979**, 11, 53.

## G. Hydride Reductions of Functional Groups

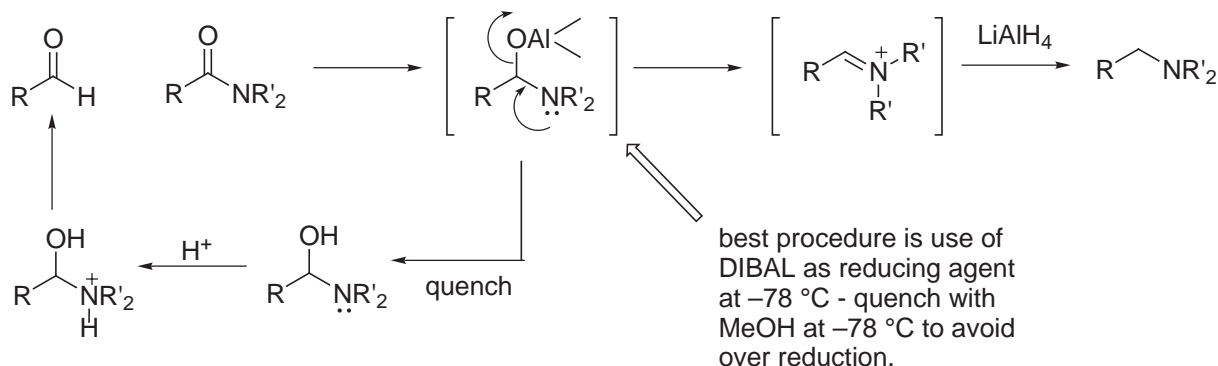


- DIBAL-H +  $\text{RC}\equiv\text{N}$  (at 0 °C) gives good yields of  $\text{RCHO}$

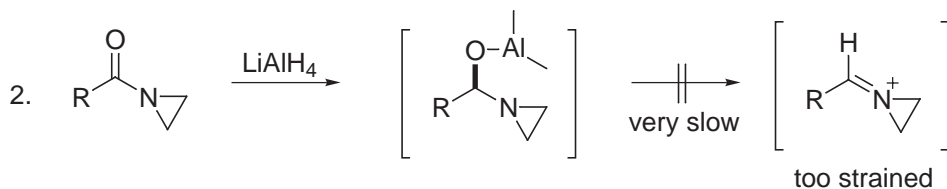
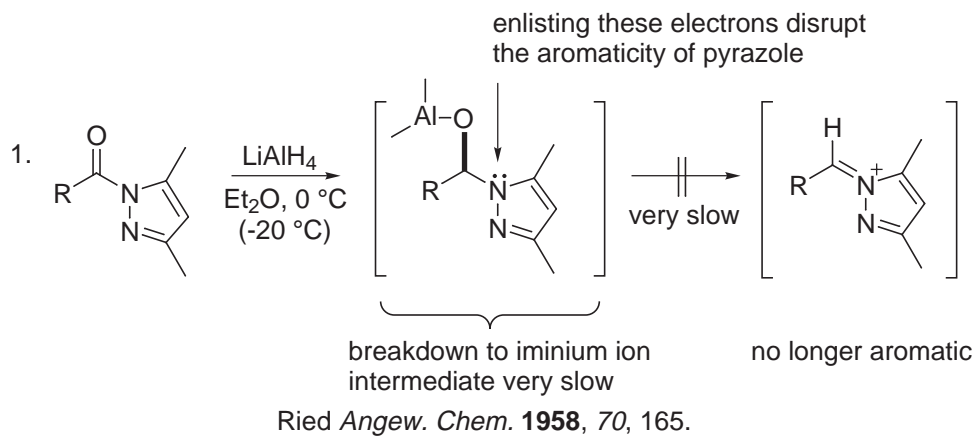




- Reductions of



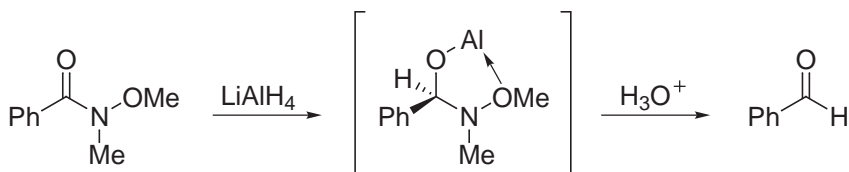
- or other specially selected amides will cleanly give aldehyde:



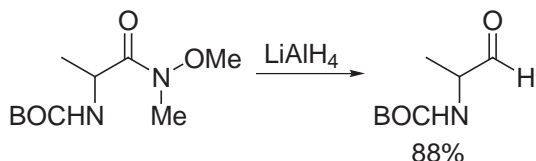
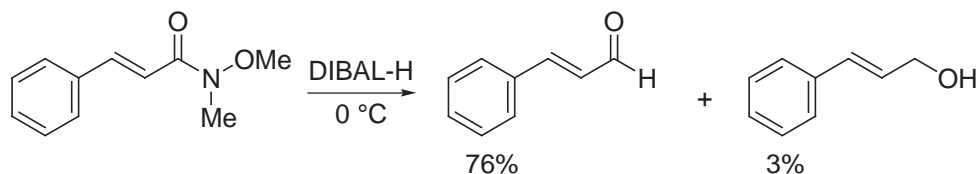
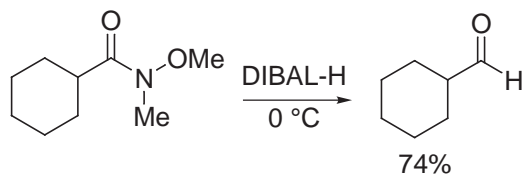
Brown *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1961**, *83*, 2016 and 4549.

### 3. Weinreb amide

- A more recent and now widely employed method for controlled reduction and nucleophilic addition (i.e. RLi) to carboxamides was introduced by Weinreb (*Tetrahedron Lett.* **1981**, 22, 3815).



Chelation stabilizes intermediate which does not breakdown during the reaction, but only upon workup.



Castro *Synthesis* **1983**, 676.

- The Rosenmund reduction is a much older method that may be utilized to convert carboxylic acids to aldehydes via the acid chloride.

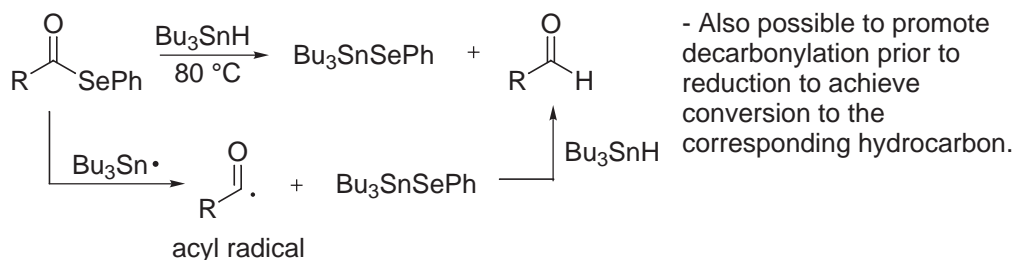


Rosenmund *Chem. Ber.* **1921**, 54, 425.

Review: *Org. React.* **1948**, 4, 362.

Burgstahler *Synthesis* **1976**, 767.

- $\text{Bu}_3\text{SnH}$  will selectively reduce selenoesters to aldehydes without further reduction by a free radical mechanism.

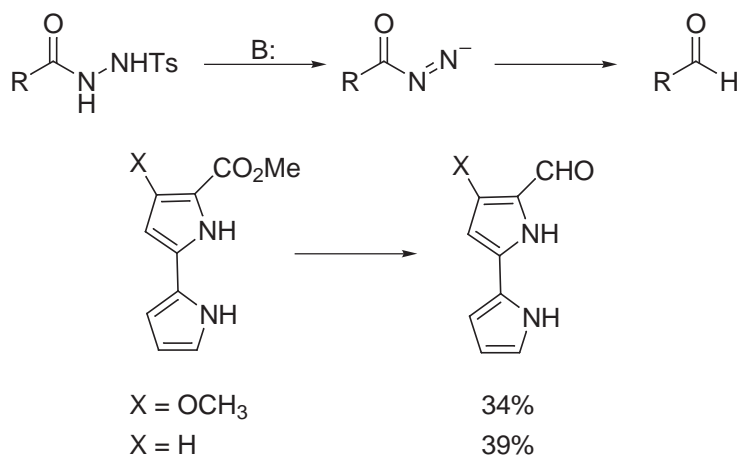


- Also possible to promote decarbonylation prior to reduction to achieve conversion to the corresponding hydrocarbon.

Pfenninger *Helv. Chim. Acta* **1980**, 63, 2328.

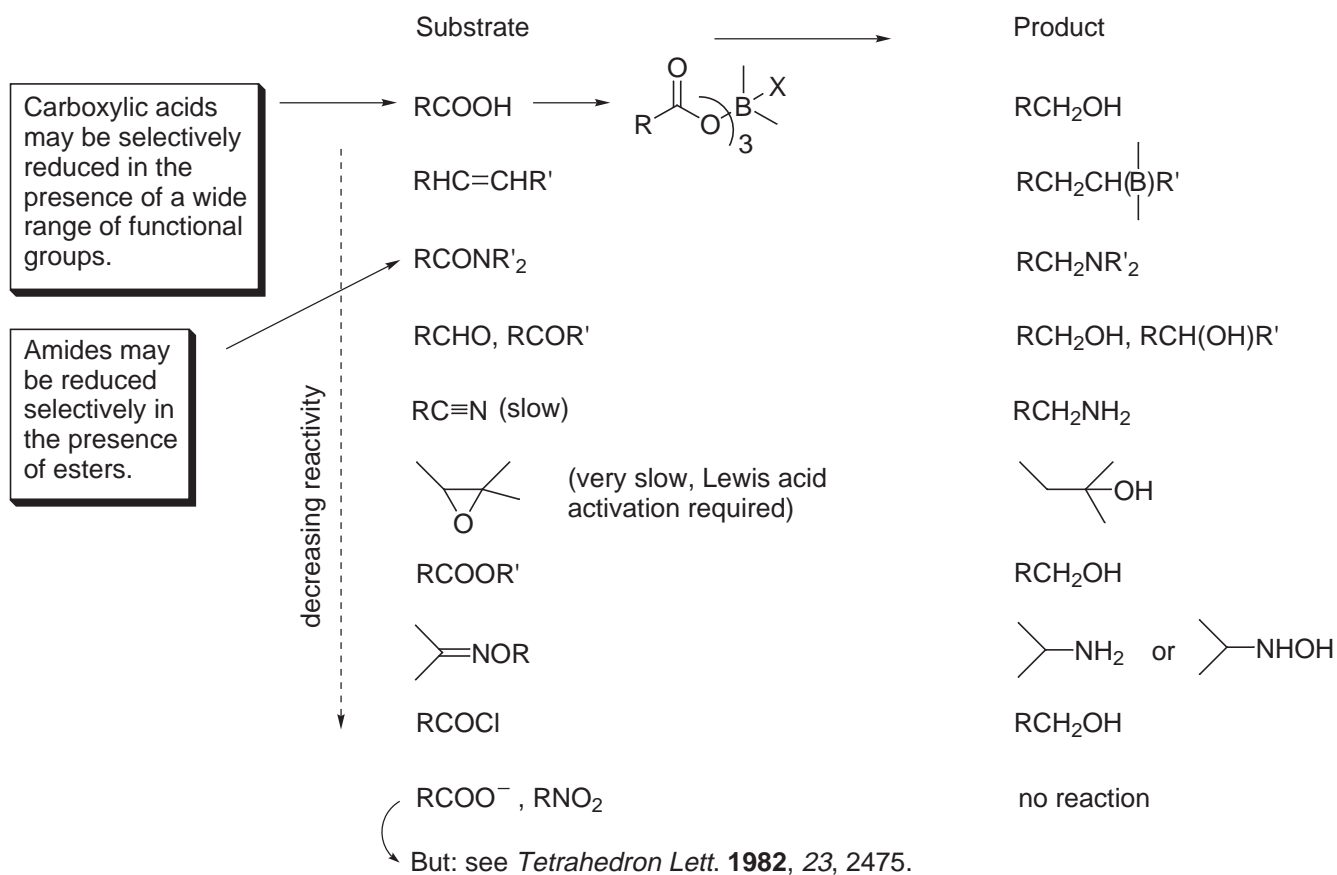
- Review of RCOX  $\longrightarrow$  RCHO: *Comprehensive Org. Syn.*, Vol. 8, pp. 259 and 283.

6. McFadyen-Stevens reduction: *J. Chem. Soc.* **1936**, 584.



Boger *J. Org. Chem.* **1988**, 53, 1405. (Prodigiosin)

- Reactions of Borane (BH<sub>3</sub>)  $\dashrightarrow$  an electrophilic reagent



## H. Characteristics of Hydride Reducing Agents

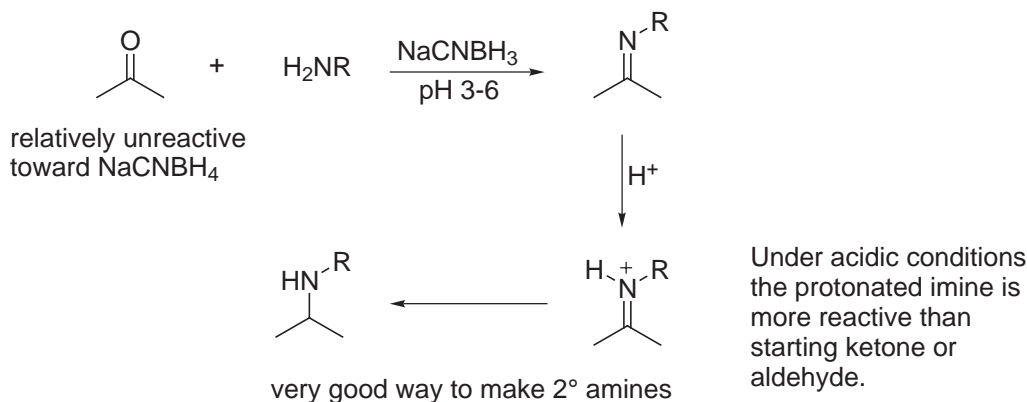
### Borohydrides

#### 1. NaBH<sub>4</sub>

- Review: *Aldrichim. Acta* **1979**, 12, 3.
- Mild reducing agent used primarily for the reduction of aldehydes and ketones.
- Also available as NaBD<sub>4</sub>, NaBT<sub>4</sub> (although somewhat less reactive) for labelling.
- H<sup>+</sup> workup of NaBH<sub>4</sub> reductions may form BH<sub>3</sub> (if excess NaBH<sub>4</sub> used)  
-----> might react with other functional groups (this is the origin of the discovery of BH<sub>3</sub> and its hydroboration of alkenes).
- NaBH<sub>4</sub> reacts with H<sub>2</sub>O, CH<sub>3</sub>OH at 25 °C → ca. 30 min  
reacts only slowly with EtOH (good solvent), is stable in <sup>i</sup>PrOH or <sup>t</sup>BuOH and can also be used in diglyme but the reduction is very slow.

#### 2. NaCNBH<sub>3</sub>

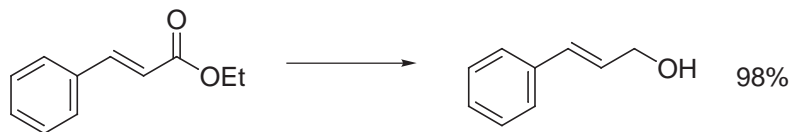
- Less reactive than NaBH<sub>4</sub>.
- Stable in aqueous solutions - at pH > 3 (permits activation of C=O by protonation).
- Can be used in CH<sub>3</sub>OH.
- Can be used in THF but reduction very slow.
- Reductive amination:



- Review: *Comprehensive Org. Syn.*, Vol. 8, pp 25-78. This review also discusses the diastereoselectivity of cyclic/acyclic imine/iminium reductions with comparisons to the corresponding ketone. Many similarities but also many important distinctions.

### 3. $\text{LiBH}_4$

- More reactive than  $\text{NaBH}_4$  ( $\text{Li}^+$  activates  $\text{C}=\text{O}$  by coordination).
- Can be used in THF, diglyme and non protic solvents.
- Excellent reagent for mild reductions.



- clean 1,2-reduction!

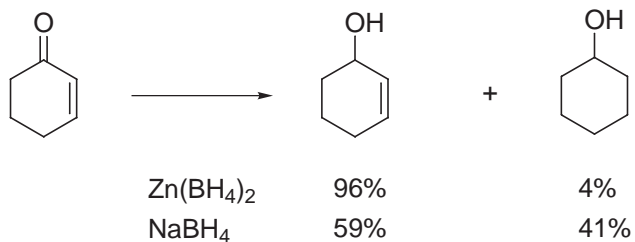
-  $\text{NaBH}_4$  does not typically reduce esters

### 4. $\text{Me}_4\text{NBH}_4$ , $\text{Et}_4\text{NBH}_4$

- Soluble in nonpolar aprotic solvents (e.g., THF, benzene).

### 5. $\text{Zn}(\text{BH}_4)_2$

- Good in instances of potential competing 1,4-reduction.
- $\text{Zn}^{+2}$  coordinates to and activates carbonyl.
- Good for chelation-controlled reductions.

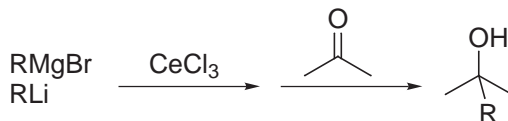


- Review: Narasimhan *Aldrichim. Acta* **1998**, 31, 19.

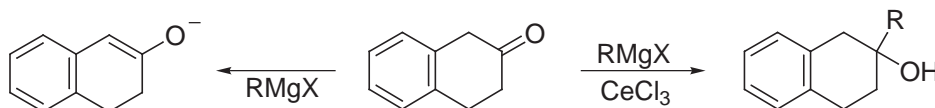
### 6. $\text{NaBH}_4/\text{CeCl}_3$ (catalytic amount (0.1 equiv))

- Luche *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1981**, 103, 5454; **1978**, 100, 2226.
- Readily enolizable carbonyl can be reduced.

- also true of other nucleophiles



- clean addition, no enolization



Imamoto *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1989**, 111, 4392.

- No conjugate reduction: clean 1,2-reduction.

- Reagent comparisons for 1,2- vs. 1,4-reduction

Reagent	1,2 : 1,4	1,2 : 1,4	
LiAlH <sub>4</sub>	85 : 15 (100%)	94 : 6 (97%)	
NaBH <sub>4</sub>	0 : 100 (100%)	59 : 41 (90%)	
NaBH <sub>4</sub> /CeCl <sub>3</sub>	97 : 3 (100%)	>99 : 1 (100%)	← !!!
LiAlH <sub>4</sub> /CeCl <sub>3</sub>	64 : 36 (99%)	98 : 2 (100%)	
DIBAL-H	98 : 2 (81%)	98 : 2 (100%)	← Masamune <i>J. Chem. Soc., Chem Commun.</i> <b>1970</b> , 213.
DIBAL-H/ <i>n</i> BuLi	99 : 1 (83%)	94 : 6 (96%)	
9-BBN	>99 : 1 (85%)	>99 : 1 (85%)	← Brown <i>J. Org Chem.</i> <b>1977</b> , 42, 1197.
LiAlH(O <sup>t</sup> Me) <sub>3</sub>	90 : 10	95 : 5	
LiAlH(O <sup>t</sup> Bu) <sub>3</sub>	0 : 100	22 : 78	

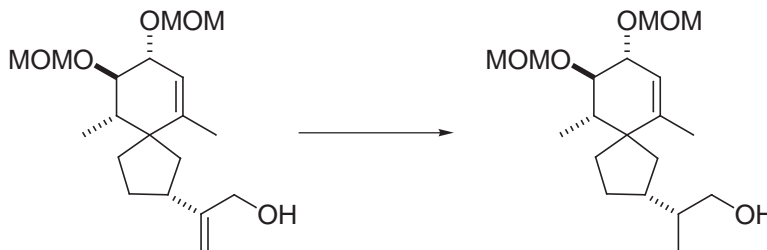
## 7. NaBH<sub>4</sub>-CoCl<sub>2</sub>

- Selective reduction of nitriles.



Ganem *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1982**, 104, 6801

- But will also reduce olefins, allylic alcohols, and ketones.



Swato *Chem. Pharm. Bull.* **1990**, 33, 361.

## 8. Me<sub>4</sub>NBH(OAc)<sub>3</sub> and NaBH(OAc)<sub>3</sub>

- Unreactive, no intermolecular ketone reductions.

- OAc can exchange with substrate alcohol and provides opportunity for intramolecular reductions (CH<sub>3</sub>CN-HOAc). Used to form *anti*-1,3-diols from acyclic β-hydroxyketones.

## 9. KBH(O<sup>i</sup>Pr)<sub>3</sub>

- Stable (does not undergo disproportionation reaction as with other alkoxy BH), mild reagent.

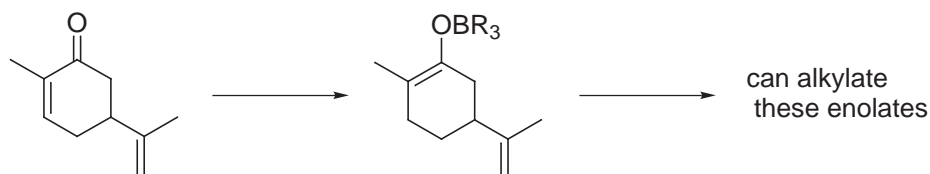
- Used in THF and only reduces aldehydes and ketones; bulky reagent so it gives equatorial attack on cyclohexanones.



- Stable solid; more stable and less reactive/more selective.
- Gives good 1,2- vs. 1,4-reduction selectivity.
- Very selective reagent.



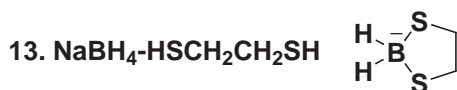
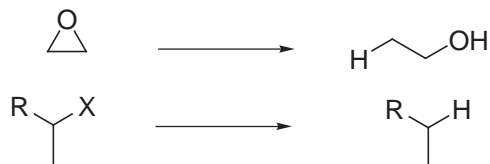
- Large reagents, near exclusive cyclohexanone equatorial H<sup>-</sup> delivery.
- Very bulky.
- Very reactive and give preferential 1,4-reduction.



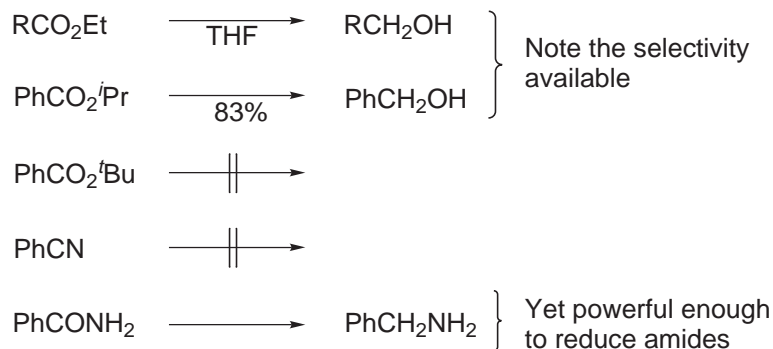
Ganem *J. Org. Chem.* **1976**, *41*, 2194.

12. LiBHET<sub>3</sub> (Super Hydride)

- Very powerful (stronger than LiAlH<sub>4</sub>), so good for reductions which are otherwise slow.



- Used in THF.
- Guida *J. Org. Chem.* **1984**, *49*, 3024.



## Aluminum Hydrides

### 14. LiAlH<sub>4</sub>

- LiAlD<sub>4</sub> and LiAlT<sub>4</sub> are also available for labelling.
- Reductions can be conducted in ether, THF, DME, diglyme.
- Workup best conducted by 1,2,3 method:

for 1.0 g LiAlH<sub>4</sub> used, add 1 mL H<sub>2</sub>O (slowly)  
then 2 mL of 10% aqueous NaOH, then 3 mL  
H<sub>2</sub>O → Al salts are now easily filtered

### 15. NaAlH<sub>4</sub>

- Not quite as reactive as LiAlH<sub>4</sub>, but still quite strong reducing agent.
- THF, DME, diglyme solvents.

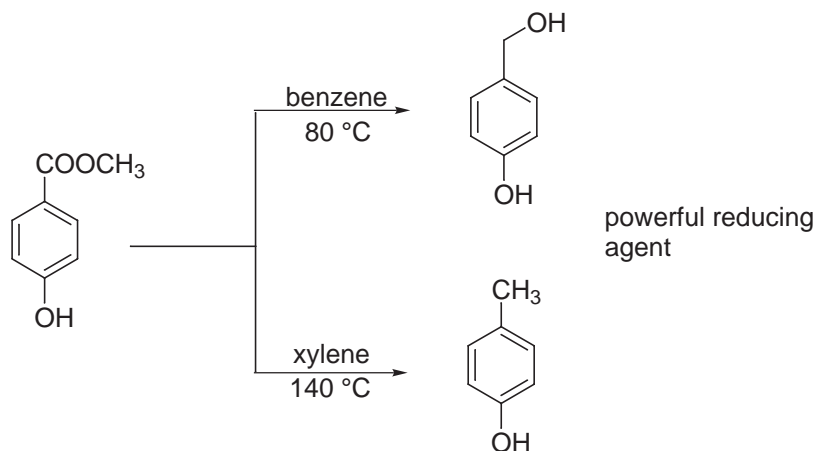
### 16. LiAlH(O<sup>t</sup>Bu)<sub>3</sub>

LiAlH(OEt)<sub>3</sub>

LiAlH(OMe)<sub>3</sub> → this is the largest reagent (due to aggregation) of the three

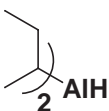
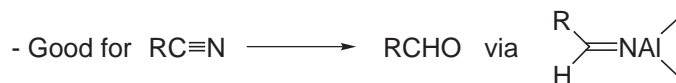
- Use in THF, diglyme.
- Review on alkoxyaluminum hydrides: *Org. React.* **1985**, 34, 1; **1988**, 36, 249.

### 17. NaAlH<sub>2</sub>(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OMe)<sub>2</sub> = REDAL-H



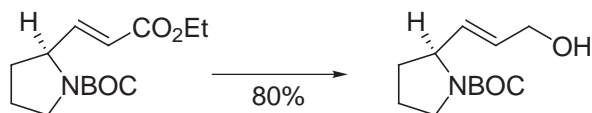
- Xylene, benzene, toluene good solvents.
- Good for epoxide openings (especially if able to be directed by proximal OH), halide and sulfonate reduction.



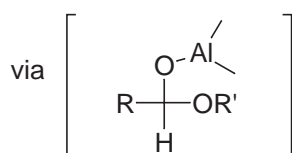
18.  = DIBAL-H

- Because there is no metal cation ( $\text{Li}^+$ ,  $\text{K}^+$ , etc.) in the reagent, very good for directed reductions (i.e., chelation-controlled reductions).

- Good for 1,2- vs. 1,4-reduction.



- Also good for  $\text{RCOOR}' \longrightarrow \text{RCHO}$



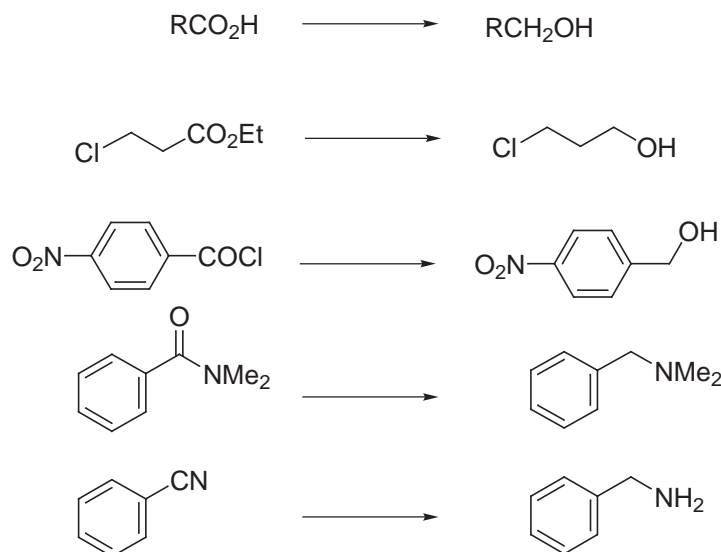
stable at  $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  but breaks down at higher temperatures to give alcohol (upon further reduction)

to get RCHO, quench must be conducted at  $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  (use MeOH or HOAc as proton source,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  freezes into a solid) then warm to  $25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$

- Also, use of noncoordinating hydrocarbon solvent (toluene) provides better control than THF for reductions to RCHO.

19.  $\text{AlH}_3$   
 $\text{AlH}_3\text{-NR}_3$ 

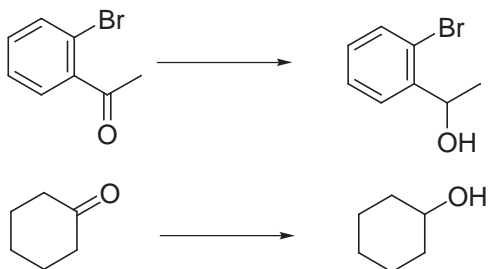
- Park *J. Org. Chem.* **1990**, *55*, 2968.



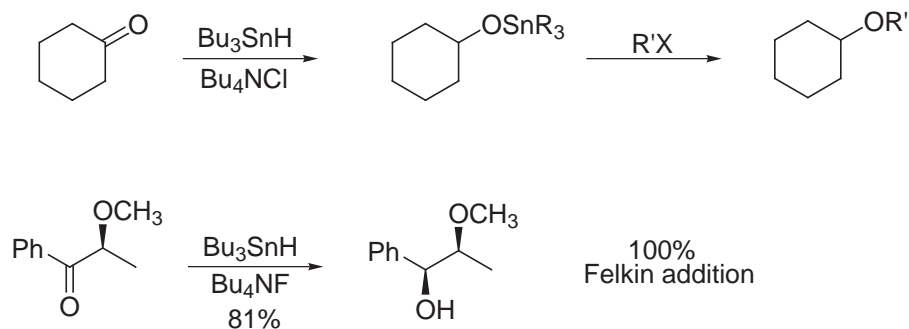
20.  $\text{Bu}_3\text{SnH}-\text{Bu}_4\text{NX}$ , X = Cl, F



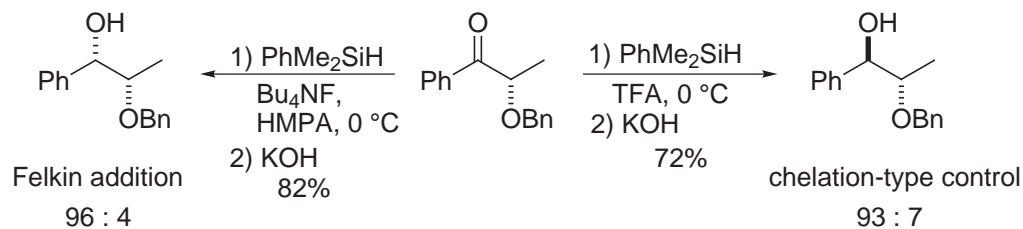
- Shibata *Chem. Lett.* **1991**, 307.



- Can alkylate intermediate directly:



21.  $\text{PhMe}_2\text{SiH}$



Fujita *J. Org. Chem.* **1988**, 53, 5405 and 5415.

22.  $(\text{EtO})_3\text{SiH}/\text{catalytic Ti}(\text{O}^i\text{Pr})_4$

- No solvent, stable to air.

- Reduces esters to alcohols in the presence of a wide variety of functional groups.



- Buchwald *J. Org. Chem.* **1992**, 57, 3751.

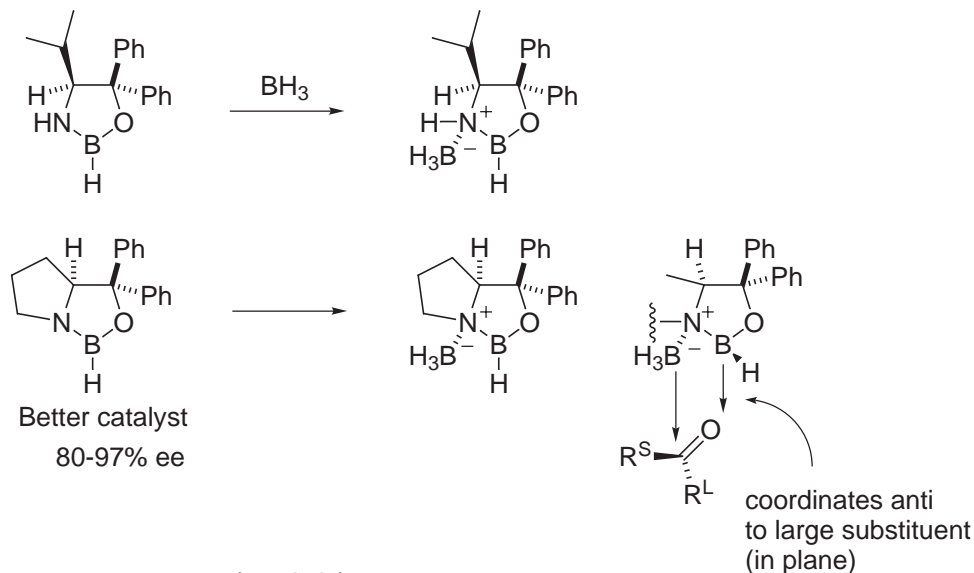
## I. Asymmetric Carbonyl Reductions

- Review: *Comprehensive Org. Syn.*, Vol. 3, pp 159.

- Itsuno *Org. React.* **1998**, 52, 395.

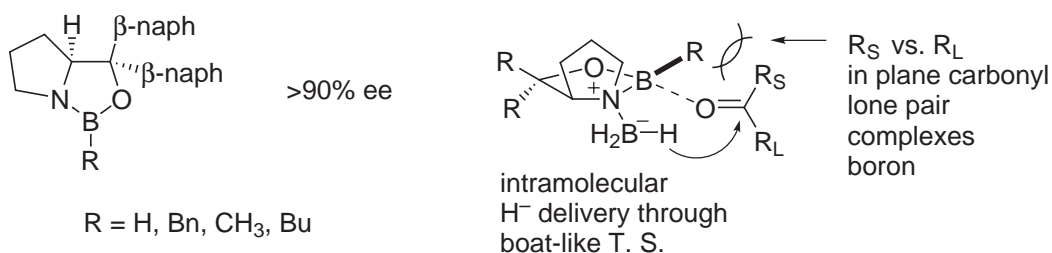
### 1. Catalytic Asymmetric Reduction

- Corey *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1987**, 109, 5551.

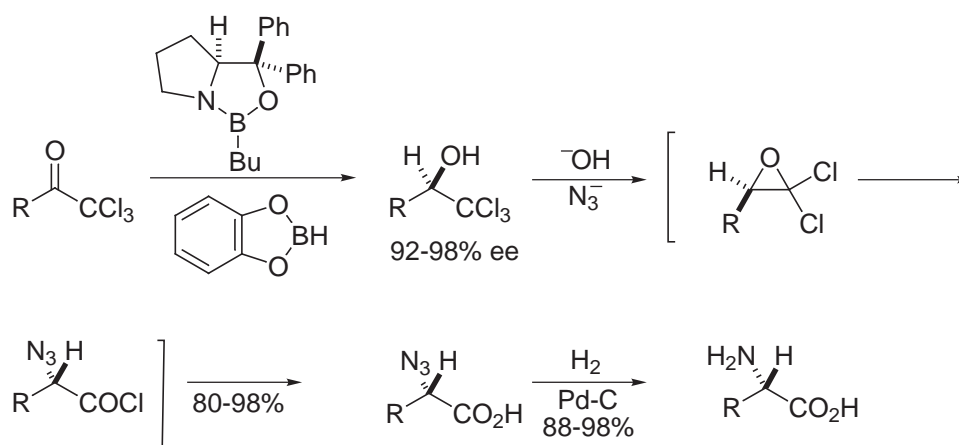


- Corey *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1987**, 109, 7925. (catalytic)

- Corey *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1989**, 30, 6275.



- Corey *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1994**, 116, 8516.



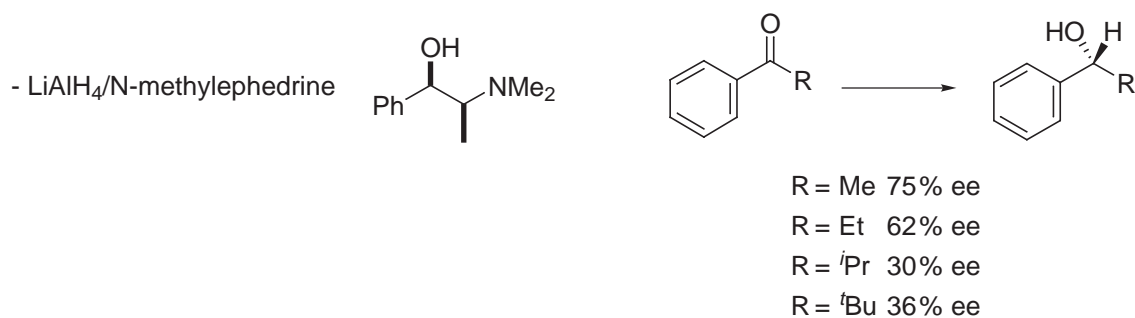
- General, catalytic, enantioselective synthesis of  $\alpha$ -amino acids.

- Corey *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1992**, 114, 1906; *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1992**, 33, 3431, 3435.

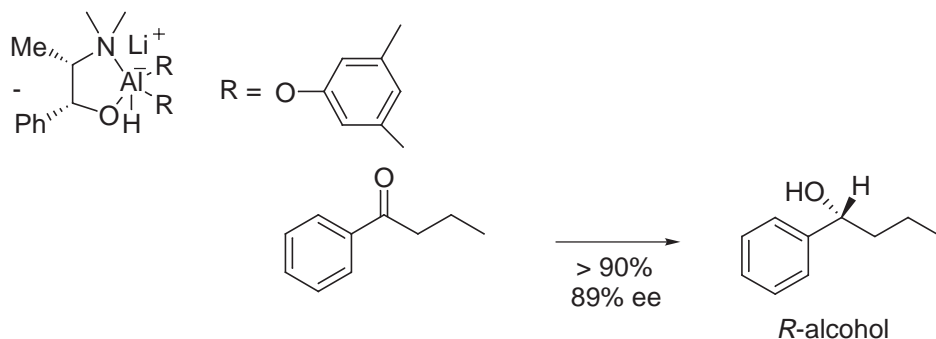
- Review: Corey *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Eng.* **1998**, 37, 1985.

## 2. Stoichiometric Reagents for Asymmetric Carbonyl Reductions

- Bothner-By *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1951**, *73*, 846 (camphor ligand and first report of an asymmetric reduction with optically active reagent). Most subsequent efforts have used chiral modified  $\text{LiAlH}_4$ .

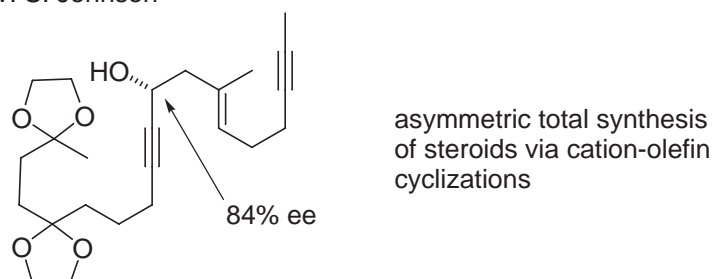


Mosher *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1972**, *94*, 9254; *J. Org. Chem.* **1973**, *38*, 1870.

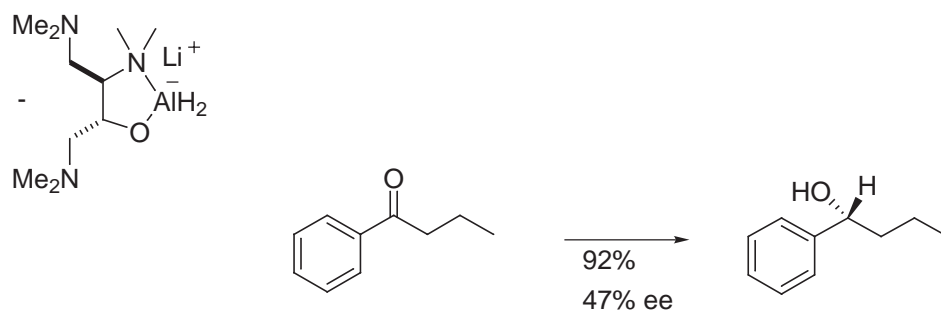


- Vigneron *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1974**, 2065; **1979**, 2683; *Tetrahedron* **1976**, *32*, 939; used in cationic cyclization approach to steroids.

- Early work with acetylenic ketones, W. S. Johnson



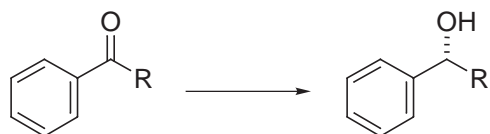
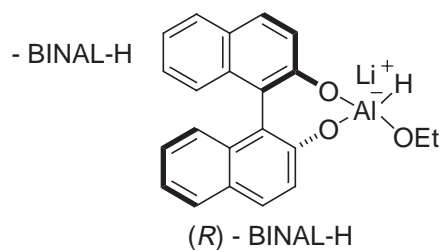
Johnson *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1977**, *99*, 8339.



Seebach *Chem. Ber.* **1974**, *107*, 1748.

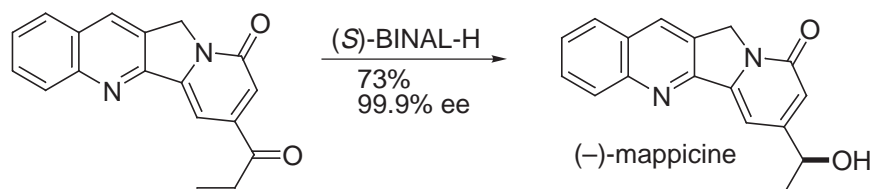
- $\text{LiAlH}_4/\text{N-methylephedrine}/\text{N-ethylaniline}$  or *N*-ethyl 2-pyridylamine (high ee's for enones: >90% ee)

- Koga *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1980**, *21*, 2753.

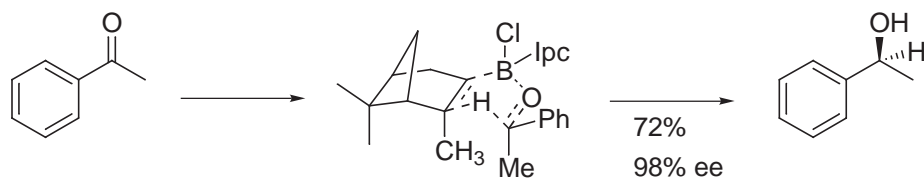
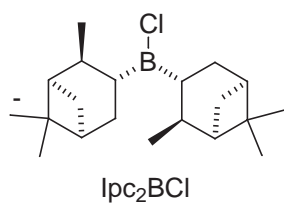


R = Me	95% ee	R = <sup>n</sup> Bu	100% ee
R = Et	98% ee	R = <sup>i</sup> Pr	71% ee
R = <sup>n</sup> Pr	100% ee	R = <sup>t</sup> Bu	44% ee

Noyori *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1984**, *106*, 6709.



Boger *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1998**, *120*, 1218.



Midland *J. Org. Chem.* **1989**, *54*, 159.

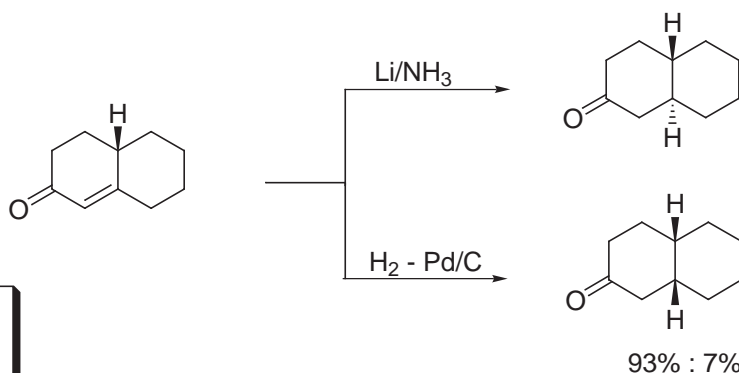
Brown *J. Org. Chem.* **1989**, *54*, 4504.

### 3. Enzyme-catalyzed Ketone Reductions have been extensively used in organic synthesis

- Review: *Comprehensive Org. Syn.*, Vol. 3, pp 183.

## J. Catalytic Hydrogenation

- Amine and sulfur-containing groups will tend to poison catalysts (especially Pd/C).



- *Comprehensive Org. Syn.*  
Vol. 8, 479.

- *Comprehensive Org. Syn.*  
Vol. 8, 524.

Solvent    *cis* : *trans*

EtOH-HCl    93 : 7

EtOH        53 : 47

DMF        79 : 21

EtOAc      57 : 43

Et<sub>2</sub>O        58 : 42

hexane     48 : 52

MeOH      41 : 59

<sup>n</sup>PrOH      68 : 32

<sup>t</sup>BuOH      91 : 9

P. Sabatier  
received the 1912  
Nobel Prize in  
Chemistry for his  
contributions to  
catalysis, especially  
the hydrogenations  
of unsaturated  
organic compounds.

- *Comprehensive Org. Syn.*, Vol. 8, pp. 417 and 533.

- *Comprehensive Org. Syn.*, Vol. 8, pp. 471.

1. H<sub>2</sub> delivery from least hindered face of double bond.

2. *Cis* - H<sub>2</sub> delivery

- activity of catalysts toward C=C: Pd > Rh > Pt > Ni > Ru

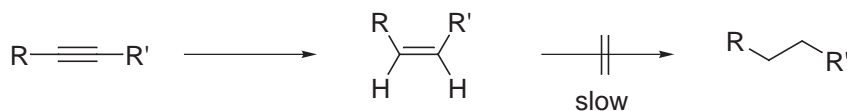
3. Increasing substitution on olefin decreases reactivity.

- note potential isomerization of olefin and H-migration/allylic exchange  
in D<sub>2</sub>/T<sub>2</sub> hydrogenations

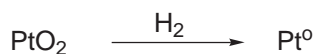
4. Alkynes are more reactive than alkenes. Reagents have been developed to selectively prepare olefins from alkynes without over reduction:

- Lindlar catalyst: Pd(BaSO<sub>4</sub>)

- only reduce alkyne to alkene (*cis*)



5. Many kinds of catalyst, but most common are 5% ~ 10% Pd/C or PtO<sub>2</sub>



- PtO<sub>2</sub> is particularly good for imine reduction to amines.



- Amines will poison Pd/C catalyst, but not Pt(0).

- Raney-Ni (Ra-Ni) also useful (especially for removing sulfide groups).

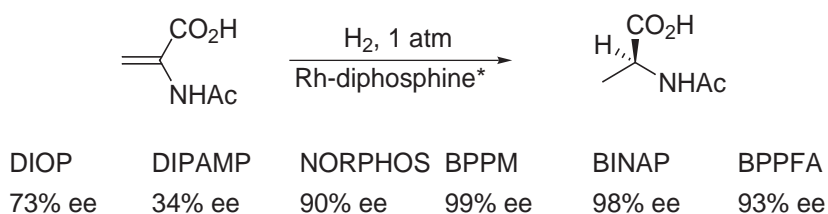
- (Ph<sub>3</sub>P)<sub>3</sub>RhCl Wilkinson's catalyst (homogeneous).

- a homogeneous catalyst (e.g., dissolve in organic solvent for reaction).

- Review: *Org. React.* **1976**, 24, 1.

- One of the earliest, successful examples of catalytic asymmetric synthesis entailed the homogeneous hydrogenation of enamides to provide amino acid derivatives

G. Wilkinson received the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1973 for deducing the structure of metallocenes.



Kagan *J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.* **1971**, 481.

Knowles (Monsato) *J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.* **1972**, 10;  
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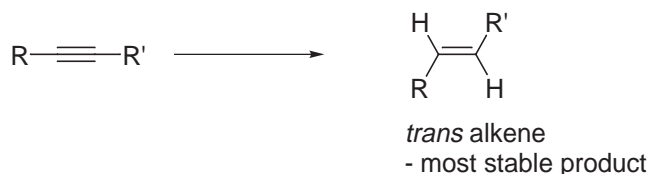
## K. Dissolving Metal Reductions

### 1. Birch Reduction

- Reviews: *Comprehensive Org. Syn.*, Vol. 8, 489.

*Org. React.* **1992**, 42, 1 (aromatic ring reduction).

*Org. React.* **1984**, 23, 1 (carbonyl and enone reductions).



- First reported by Wooster *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1937**, 59, 596.

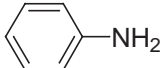
- Extensively developed by Birch *Quart. Rev., Chem. Soc.* **1950**, 4, 69.

### b. Solvent system

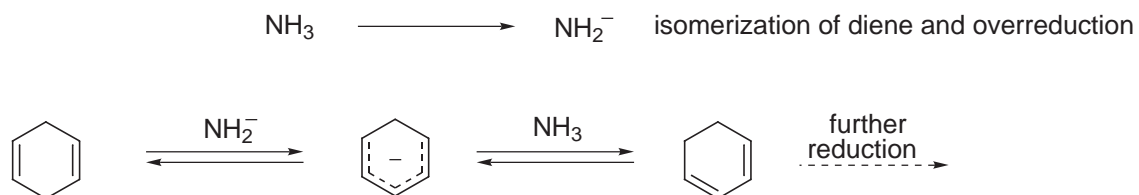
- Typical solvent system



- Liquid  $\text{NH}_3$  (bp  $-33\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ) is used to dissolve metal, ether cosolvent ( $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  or THF) is used to dissolve

substrate, and a proton source  $\text{tBuOH}$ ;  $\text{EtOH}$ ;  $\text{MeOH}$ ;  is used to quench the reaction.

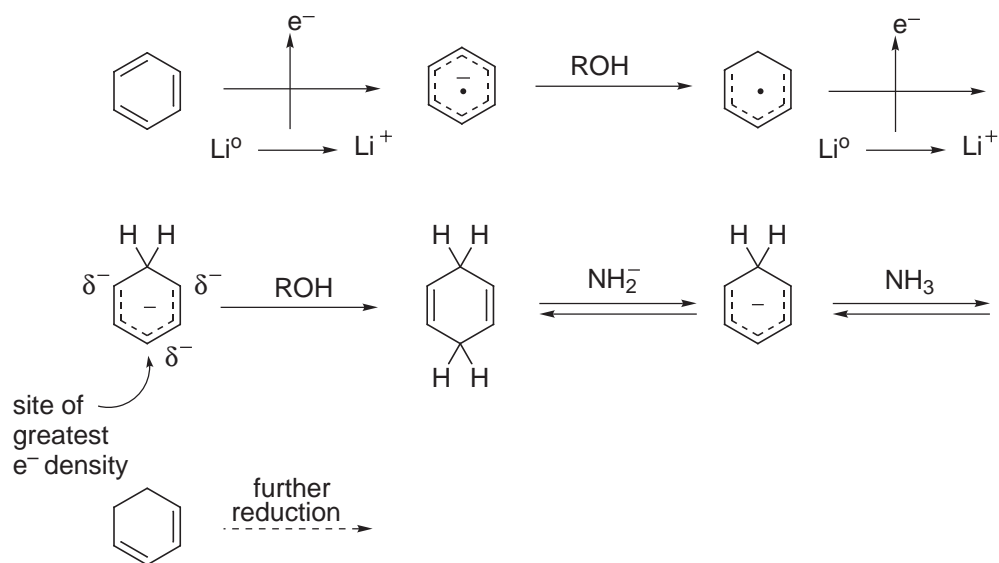
- If proton source is absent:



- Be sure to use an argon atmosphere, **not**  $\text{N}_2$  which forms lithium nitrides.

### c. Mechanism

- Molecular Orbital Calculations: Radom *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1980**, *102*, 6430.

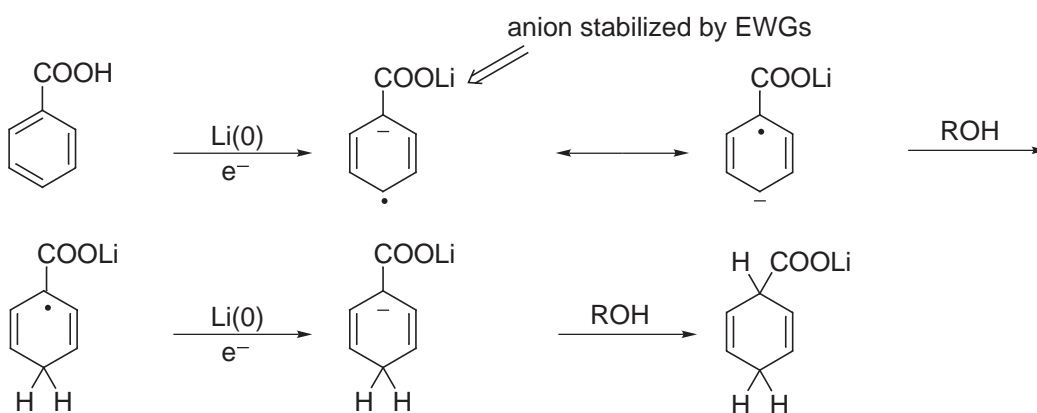
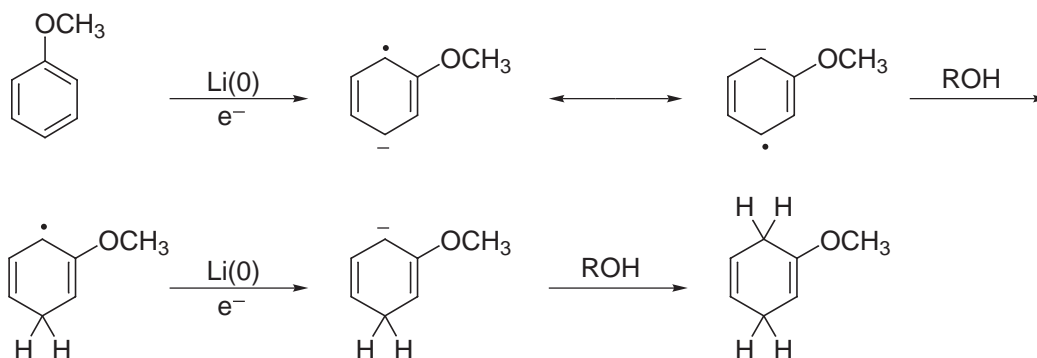




d. Regioselectivity

- Site of protonation of the radical anion is determined by site of maximum  $e^-$  density.

- Radom *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1980**, *102*, 4074.



D = OH, OR,  $\text{NR}_2$ , SR,  $\text{PR}_2$  (electron-donating groups)

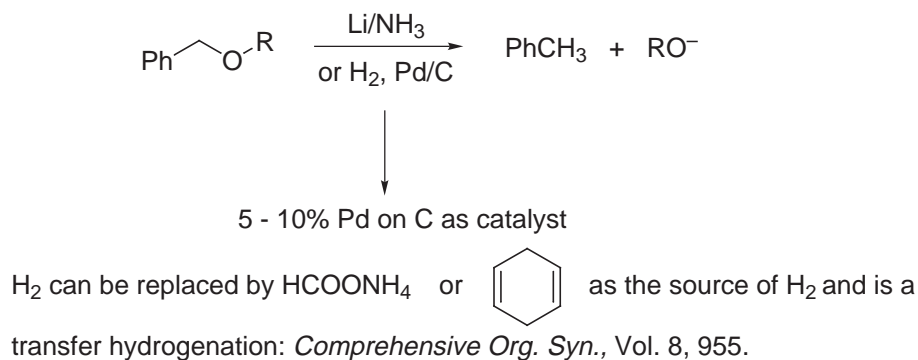


W = COOH  $\curvearrowright$   $\text{COO}^-$

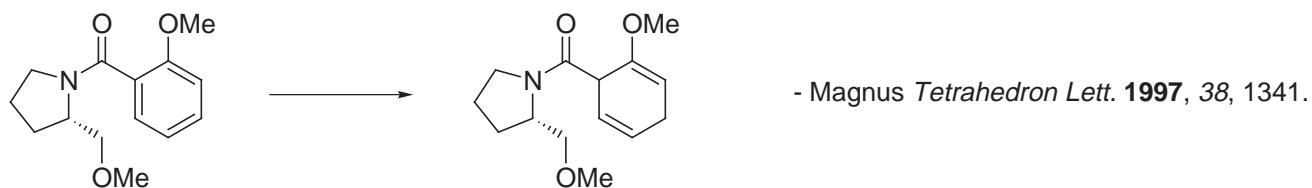
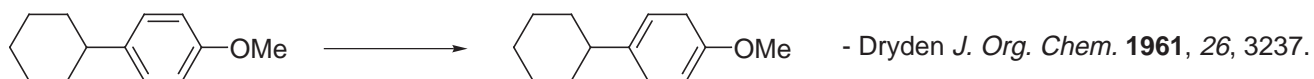
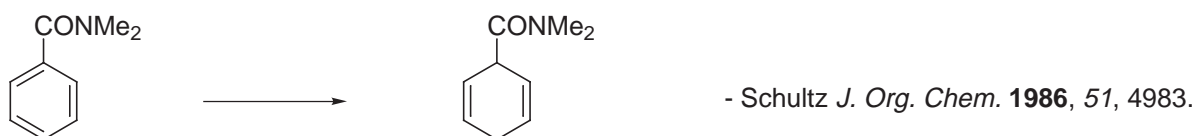
$\text{CONR}_2$ ,  $\text{SiMe}_3$ , Ar (electron-withdrawing groups)

- but  $\text{CO}_2\text{R}$ , COR, CHO  $\xrightarrow{\text{Li}/\text{NH}_3}$   $-\text{CH}_2\text{O}^-$ , so they are part of donor (D) grouping.

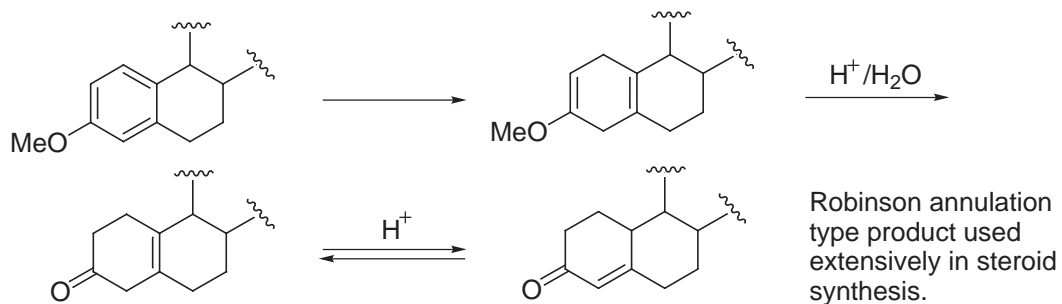
e. Common application: hydrogenolysis

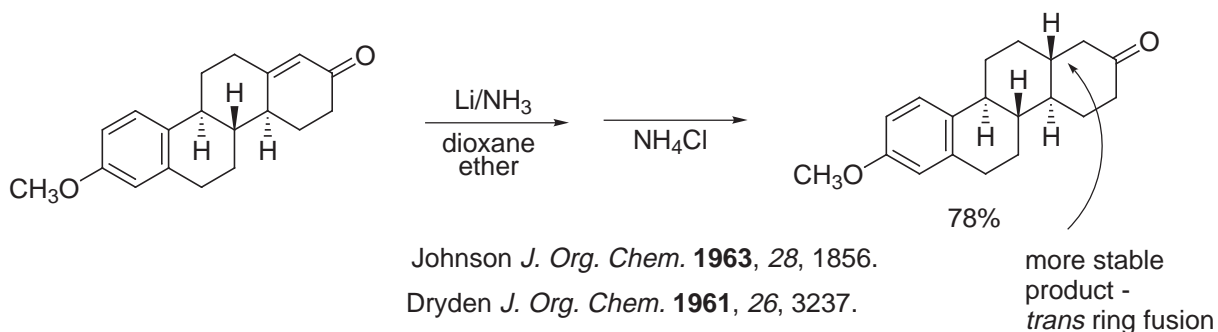


f. Examples

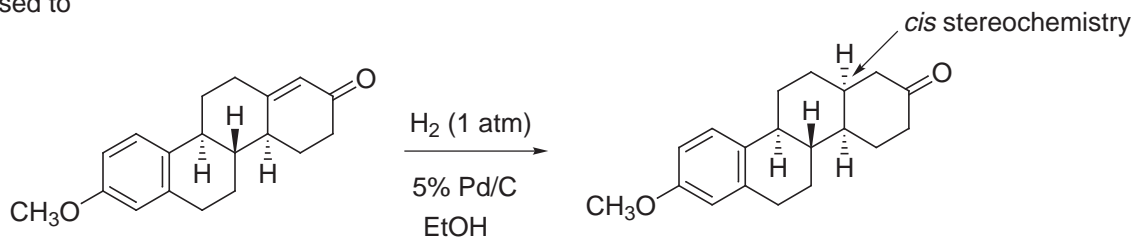


- can also be used for enone reduction and/or reductive alkylation with alkylative trap of the final enolate

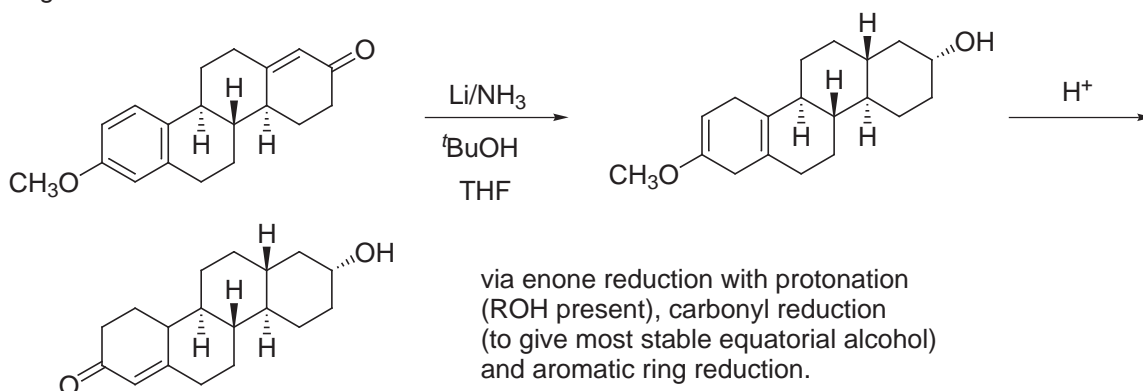




- As opposed to



- or more vigorous Birch conditions:

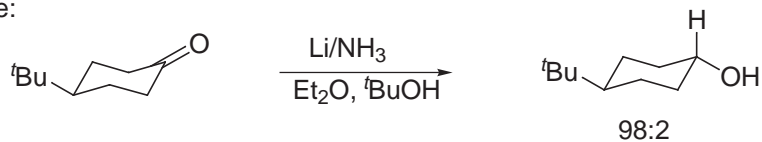


## 2. Dissolving Metal Carbonyl Reduction

### a. Ketone Reduction

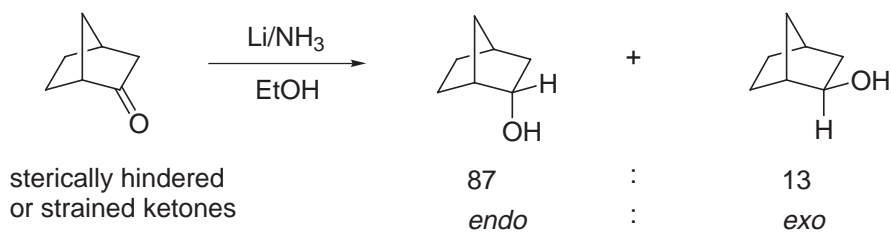
- Review: *Comprehensive Org. Syn.*, Vol. 8, 107.

- Rule:

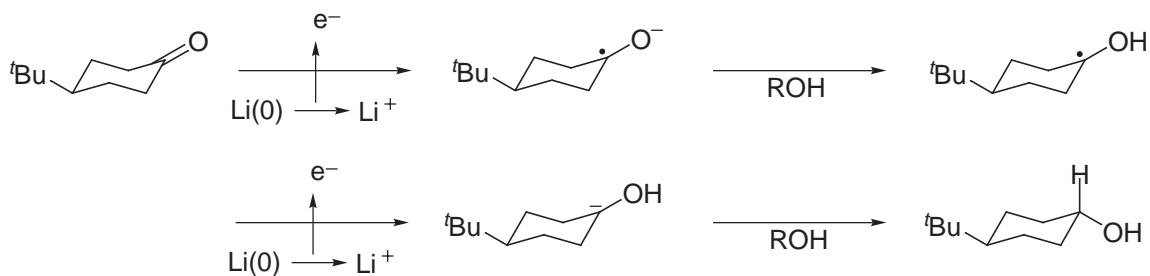


Birch reduction forms the most stable product.

- Exception:

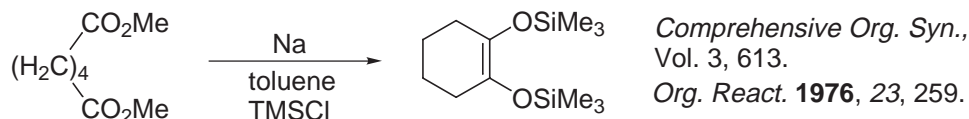


- Mechanism:

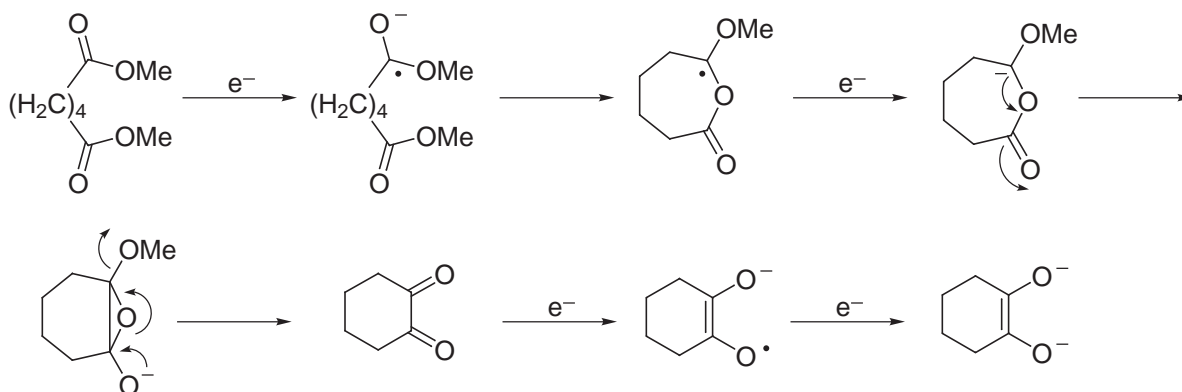


Special variants of this reaction include the:

### b. Acyloin Condensation



- Mechanism: diketyl generation and diradical coupling or:



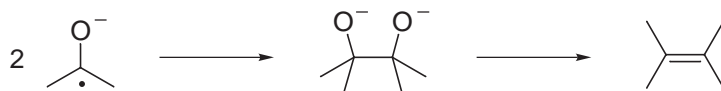
- Sheehan *J. Am. Chem. Chem.* **1950**, 72, 3376.

- Bloomfield *J. Org. Chem.* **1975**, 40, 393.

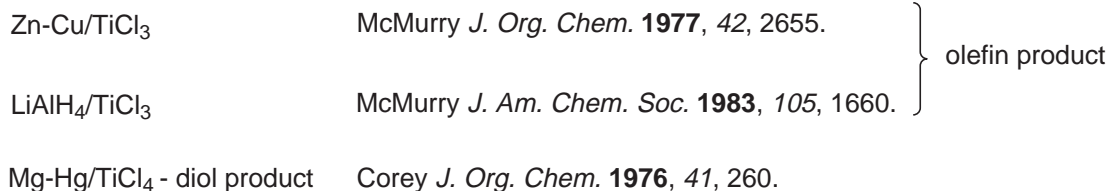
- Bloomfield *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1968**, 591.

### c. Pinacol Coupling

- Review: *Comprehensive Org. Syn.*, Vol. 3, 563.



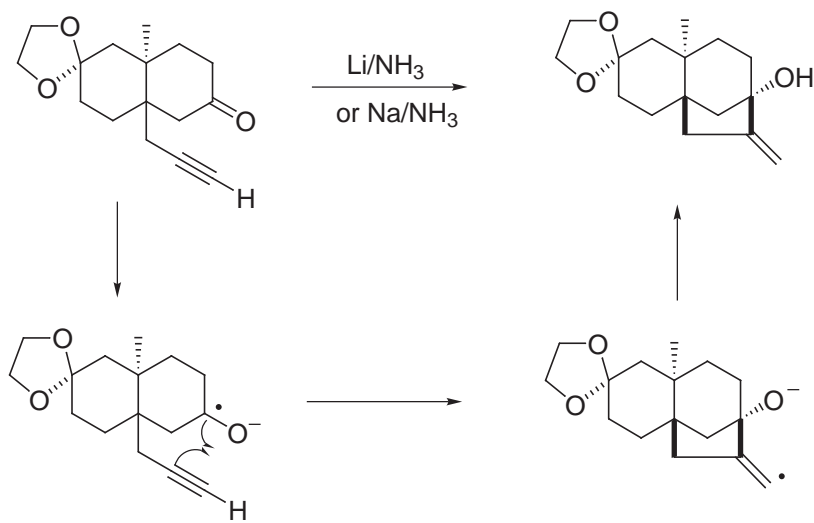
### d. McMurry Coupling



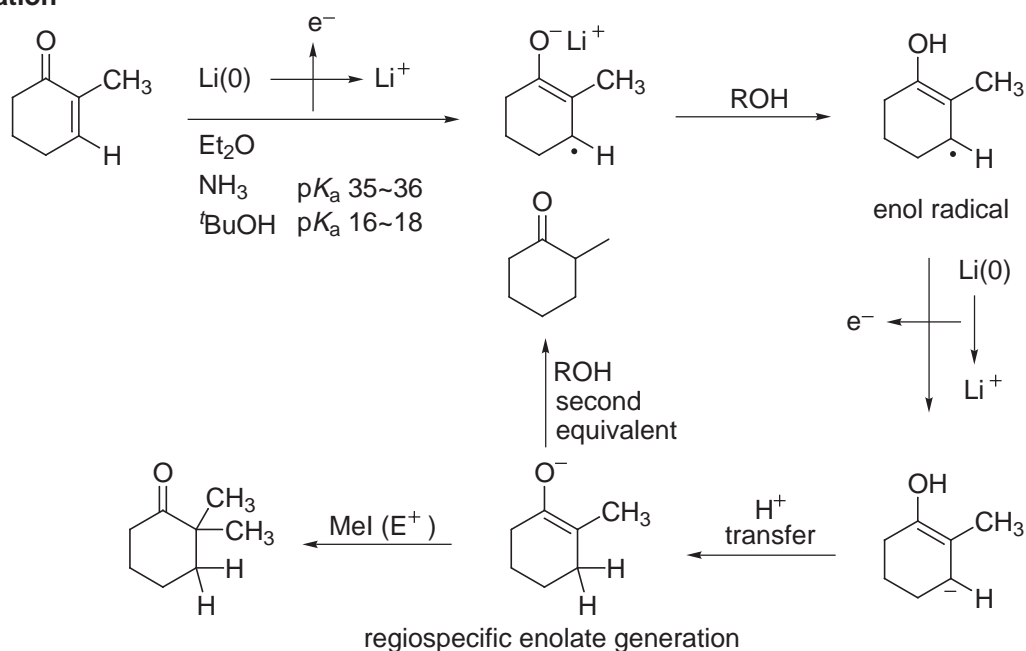
## e. Radical-Alkyne/Alkene Addition

- The ketyl (radical anion) can be trapped in intramolecular reactions:

- Stork *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1979**, *101*, 7107.



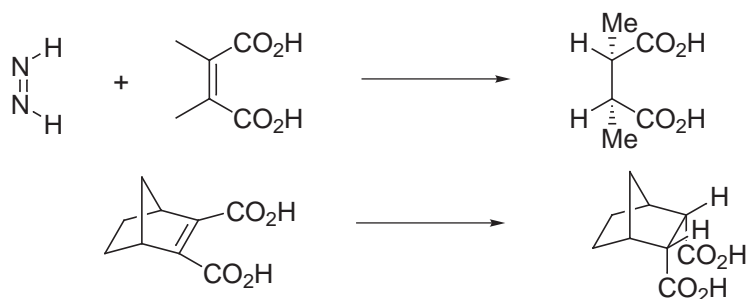
## f. Reductive Alkylation



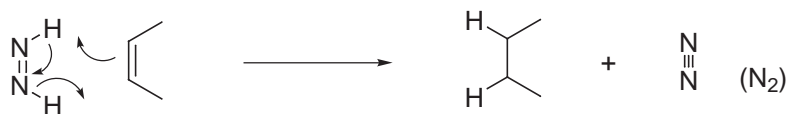
## L. Other Reduction Methods

## 1. Diimide Reduction

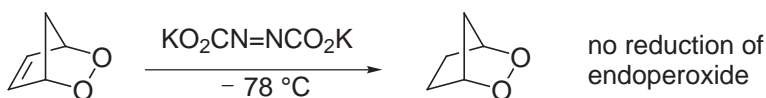
- Review: *Org. React.* **1991**, *40*, 91.



- Mechanism:

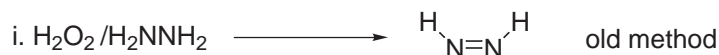


- *Cis* delivery of H<sub>2</sub>
  - From least hindered face of olefin
  - *trans* > *cis* olefin (rate)
  - Rate decreases with substitution of olefin
  - C=O, NO<sub>2</sub>, CN,  $\text{S}=\text{O}$ ,  $\text{—S—S—}$  stable
- } complements H<sub>2</sub>/cat.  
} same results but:  
} many functional groups are  
} stable to conditions/reagent

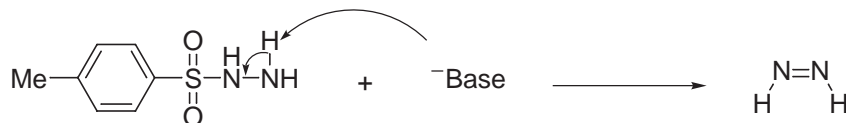


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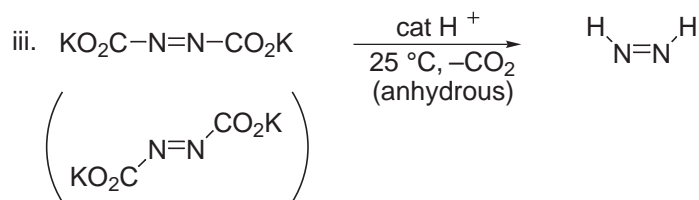
- Formation (generation) of reagents (diimide)



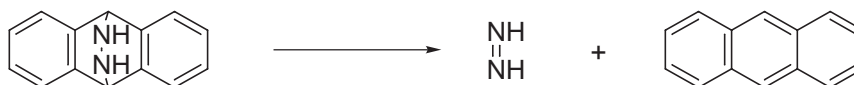
ii. recent method



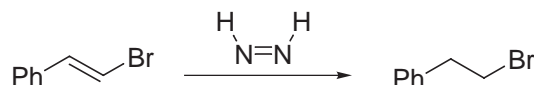
- related to McFadyen-Stevens Reduction.



iv. retro Diels Alder reaction



- Example of use:

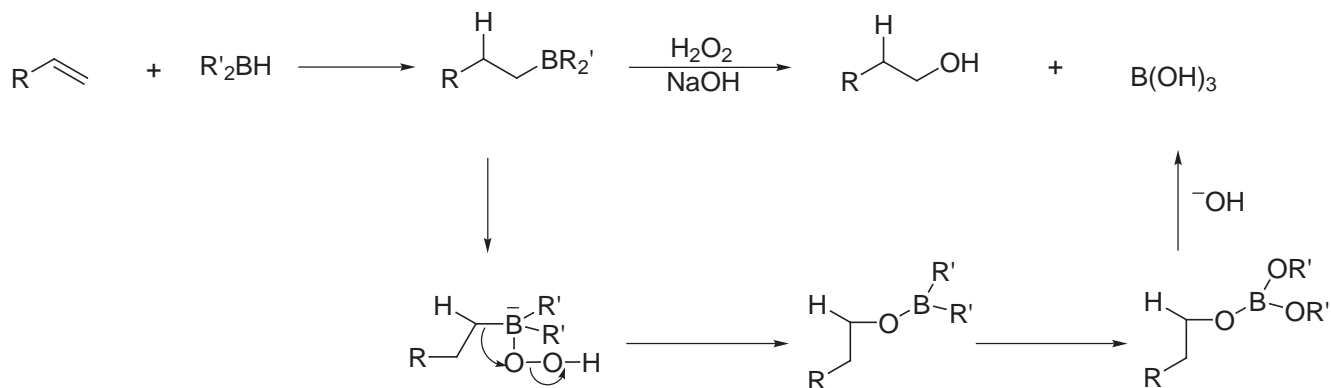


- Other reduction methods would give substantial debromination.

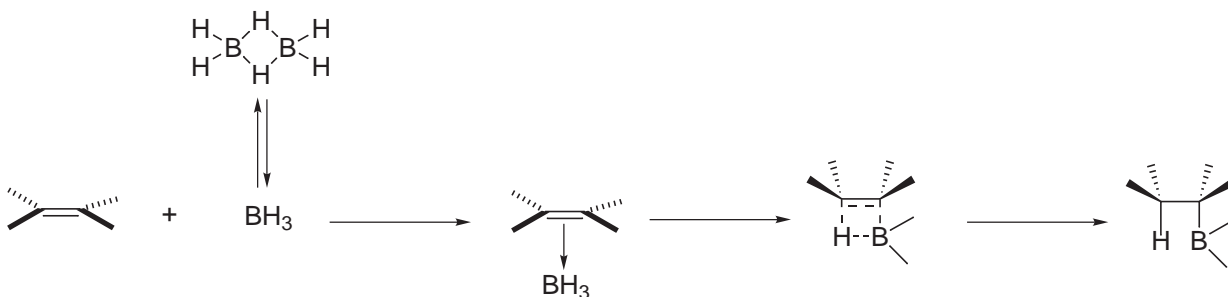
## VII. Hydroboration - Oxidation (Reduction - Oxidation)

- Review: *Comprehensive Org. Syn.*, Vol. 8, pp. 703-732.

### A. Mechanism



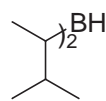
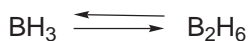
- anti-Markovnikov addition of H<sub>2</sub>O to C=C



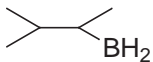
- rate

- Increased by electron-donating substituents on olefins.
- Increased by strain of olefins.
- Increased by decreased steric hinderance of olefins.

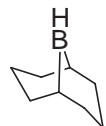
The reaction is characterized by a slight tendency for H (H<sup>-</sup>) to add to carbon most capable of stabilizing a δ<sup>+</sup> charge or, in other words, for the nucleophilic carbon to attack the electrophilic B. However, it is also characterized by a nonpolar transition state where the rate of reaction and regioselectivity are determined principally by steric factors with unsymmetrical olefins.



diisooamylborane (Sia<sub>2</sub>BH)



thexylborane (ThxBH<sub>2</sub>)



9-BBN

H. C. Brown (Purdue University) received the Nobel Prize in Chemistry (1979) for the discovery and development of the hydroboration reaction.

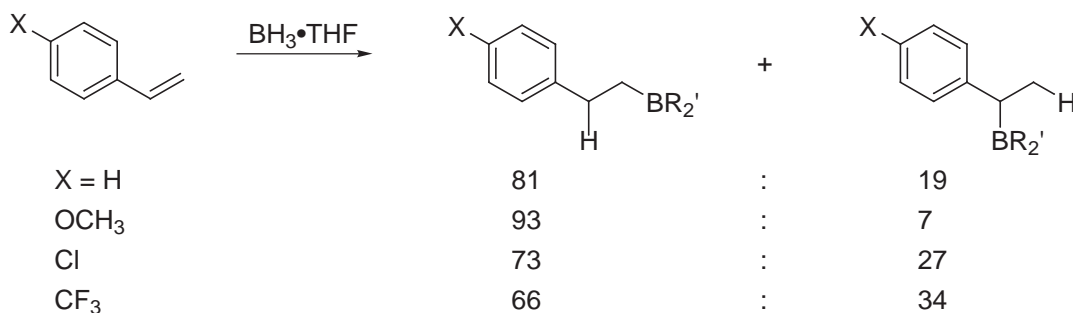
## B. Regioselectivity

### 1. Steric Effects

	$\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \quad \text{H} \\   \quad   \\ \text{C}=\text{C}-\text{CH}_3 \\   \quad   \\ \text{---} \quad \text{---} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \text{C}=\text{CH}_2 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \text{C}=\text{C} \\   \quad   \\ \text{---} \quad \text{---} \end{array}$
$\text{BH}_3 \cdot \text{THF}$	6 : 94	19 : 81	43 : 57	<1 : >99	2 : 98
$\text{Sia}_2\text{BH}$	1 : 99	2 : 98	5 : 95		
9-BBN	0.1 : 99.9		0.2 : 99.8		

- diisoamylborane  $\implies$  larger than  $\text{BH}_3 \cdot \text{THF}$  and more selective.

### 2. Electronic Effects

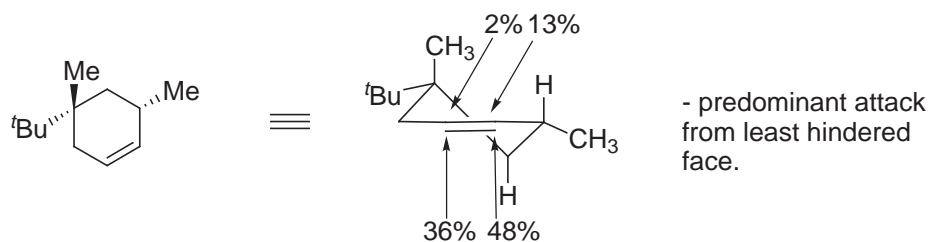


$\begin{array}{c} \text{R}^1 \\   \\ \text{C}=\text{C}-\text{OEt} \\   \quad   \\ \text{R}^2 \quad \uparrow \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{CH}_3 \\   \\ \text{C}=\text{C} \\   \quad   \\ \text{Me}_3\text{Si} \quad \text{CH}_3 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{R} \\   \\ \text{C}=\text{C}-\text{CH}_3 \\   \quad   \\ \uparrow \quad \uparrow \end{array}$	
100 : 0	95 : 5	43 : 57	$\text{BH}_3$
$\text{R}^1 = \text{R}^2 = \text{Me}$		5 : 95	$\text{Sia}_2\text{BH}$
$\text{R}^1 = \text{R}^2 = \text{Et}$		95 : 5	$\text{BH}_3$
			R = <i>i</i> Pr
			R = $\text{SiMe}_3$

$\begin{array}{c} \text{Me}_3\text{Si} \\   \\ \text{C}=\text{C} \\   \quad   \\ \uparrow \quad \uparrow \end{array}$	vs	$\begin{array}{c} \text{Bu} \\   \\ \text{C}=\text{C} \\   \quad   \\ \uparrow \quad \uparrow \end{array}$
50 : 50	( $\text{BH}_3$ )	6 : 94
5 : 95	( $\text{Sia}_2\text{BH}$ )	1 : 99
0 : 100	(9-BBN)	0.1 : 99.9

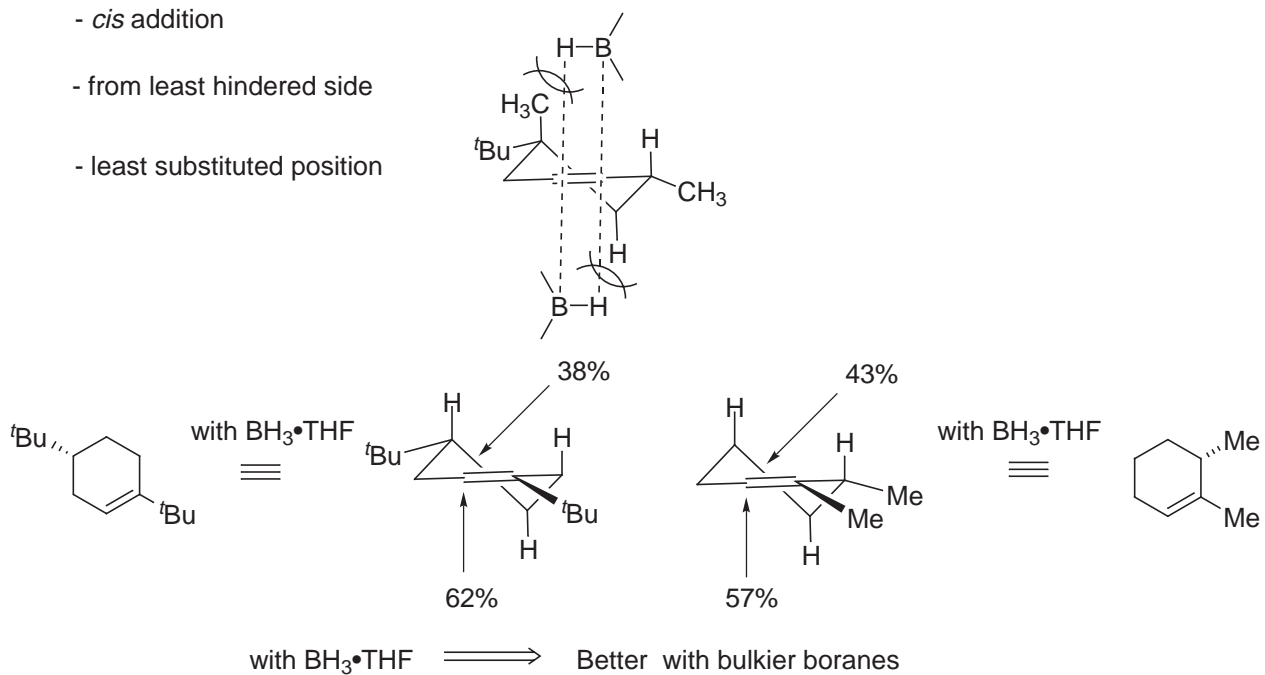
## C. Diastereoselectivity

### 1. Endocyclic Olefins

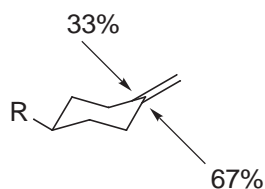




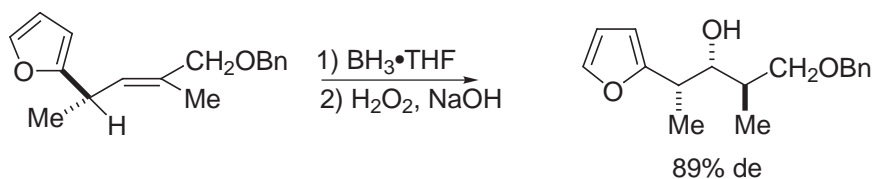
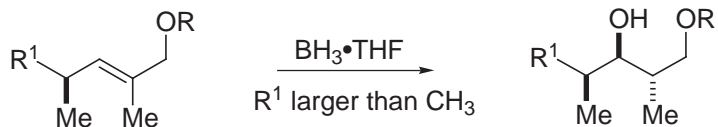
- *cis* addition
- from least hindered side
- least substituted position



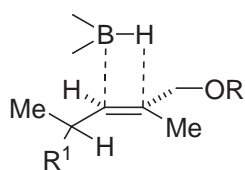
## 2. Exocyclic Olefins



## 3. Acyclic Olefins



Kishi *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1979**, *101*, 259. (Monensin)



Considering the top case:  
attack on least hindered  
face of H-eclipsed conformation

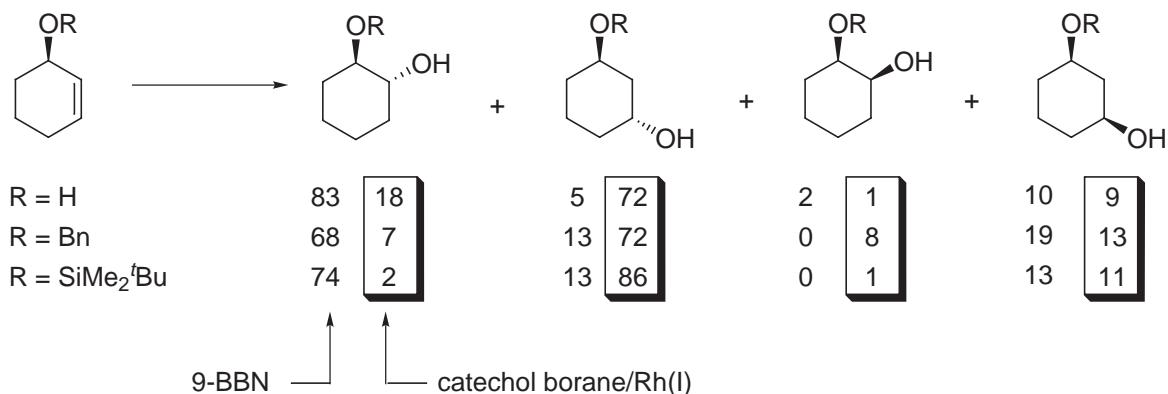
$\text{R}^1/\text{BH}_2$  interactions are worse  
than  $\text{Me}/\text{BH}_2$  interactions

Kishi *Aldrichim. Acta* **1980**, *13*, 23.

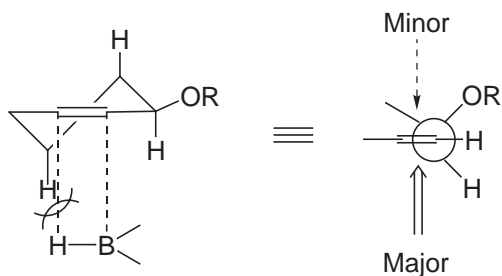
Burgess *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1989**, *30*, 395.

#### 4. Allylic Alcohols and Ethers

- Cyclic allylic alcohols and ethers.



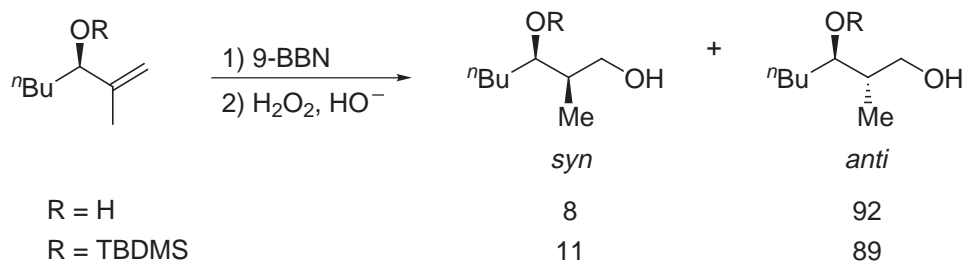
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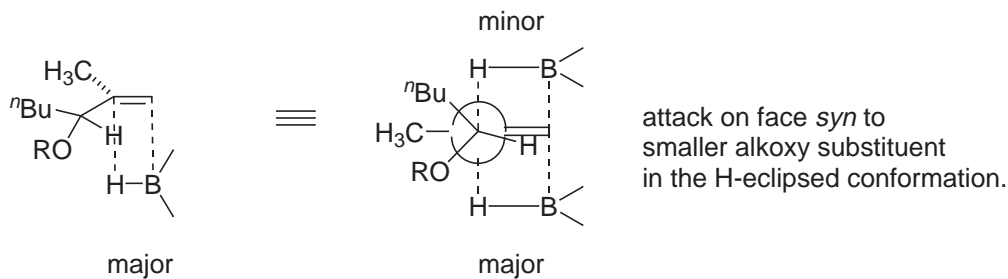
9-BBN reaction:

- Least hindered face opposite alkoxy group.
- Regioselectivity avoids a R<sub>2</sub>B/H 1,3-diaxial interaction.

- Acyclic allylic alcohols and ethers

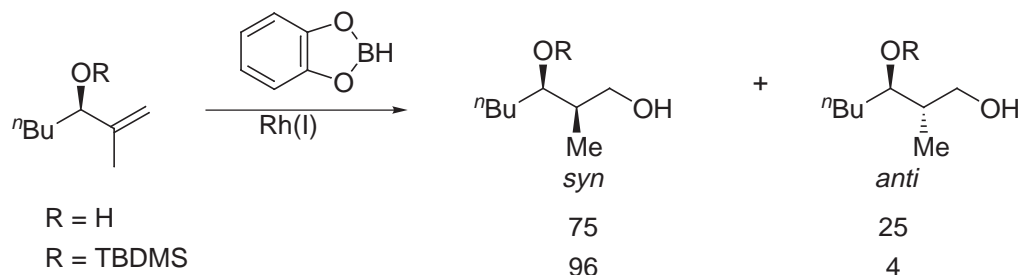


- Reaction takes place from H-eclipsed conformation and *cis* to the smaller OR group.

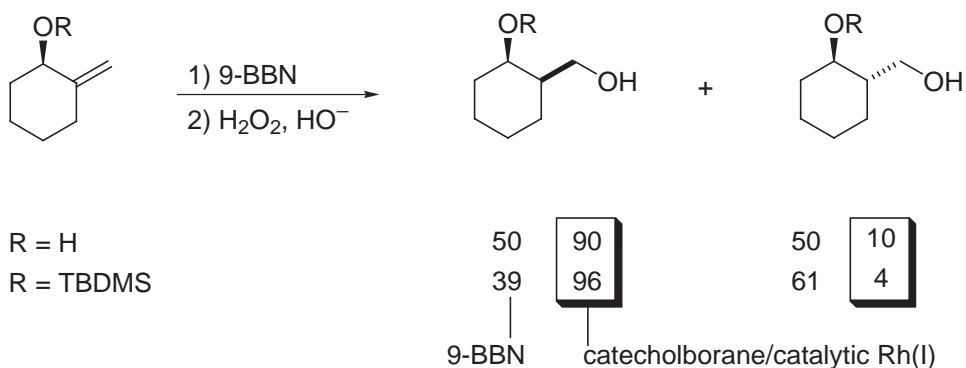


## D. Metal-Catalyzed Hydroboration

- Diastereoselectivity can be reversed with catecholborane and Rh(I) catalyst (i.e., Wilkinson's catalyst).



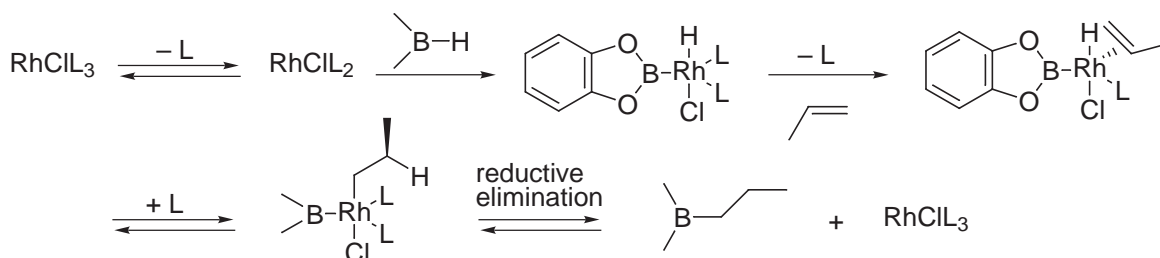
- Exocyclic allylic alcohols and ethers



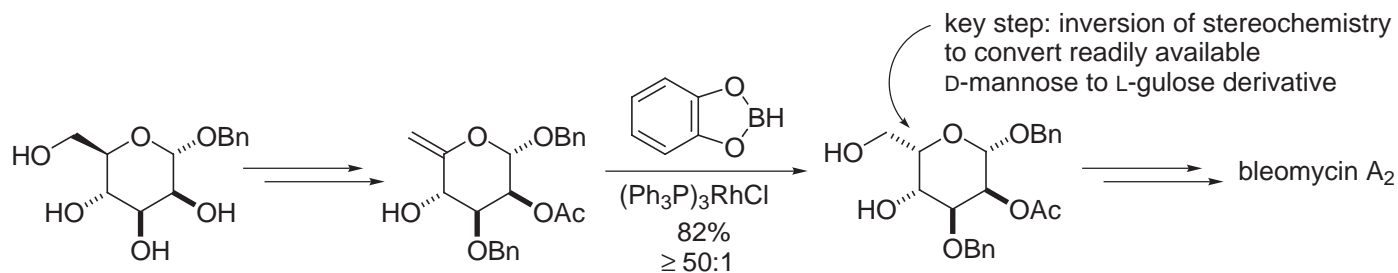
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-Review of transition metal-catalyzed hydroboration: Beletskaya and Pelter *Tetrahedron* **1997**, 53, 4957.

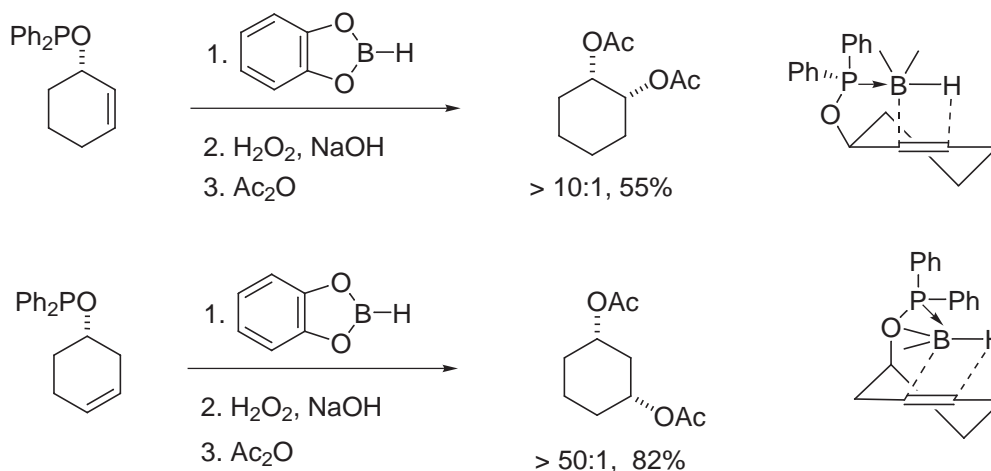


- This was utilized in the synthesis of the unusual L-gulose sugar found in the disaccharide of bleomycin A<sub>2</sub>



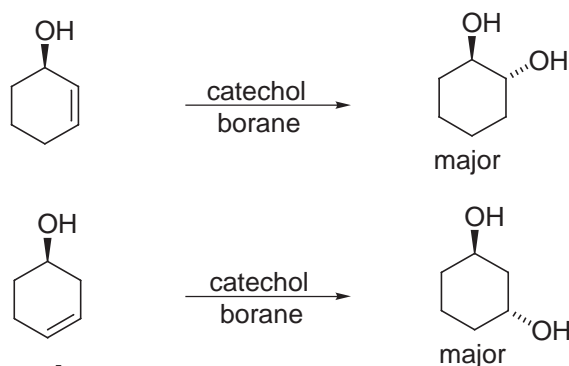
Boger *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1994**, 116, 5647.

## E. Directed Hydroboration

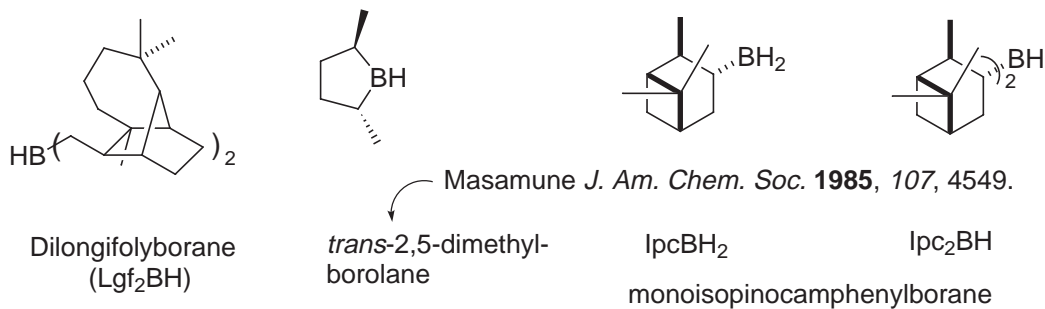


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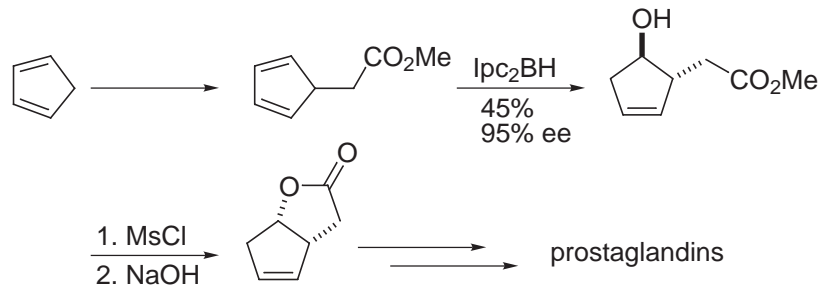
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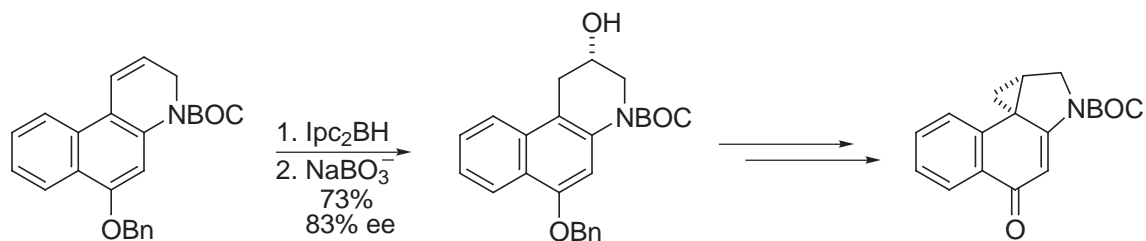
## F. Asymmetric Hydroboration



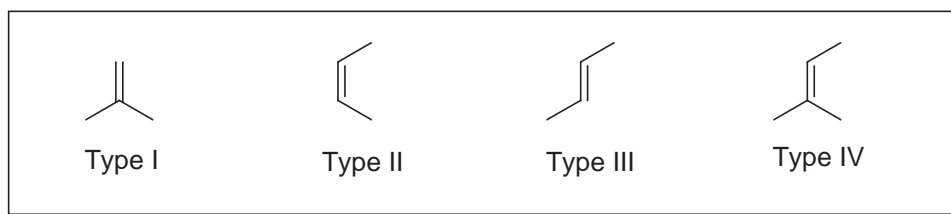
- Brown *Tetrahedron* **1981**, *37*, 3547; *J. Org. Chem.* **1981**, *46*, 2988; **1982**, *47*, 5065.



Partridge *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1973**, *95*, 7171.



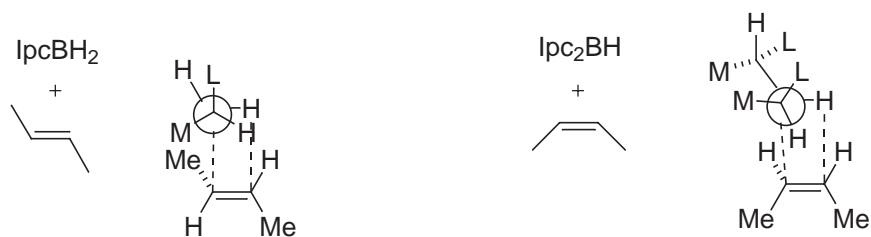
Boger *Synlett* **1997**, 515.



% ee for Asymmetric Hydroboration

	Type	$\text{Ipc}_2\text{BH}$	$\text{IpcBH}_2$	$\text{Lgf}_2\text{BH}$	borolane
	I	30	1.5	-	1.4
	II	98	24	78	95
	III	13	73	-	97
	IV	14	53	70	94
	IV	22	66	62	97

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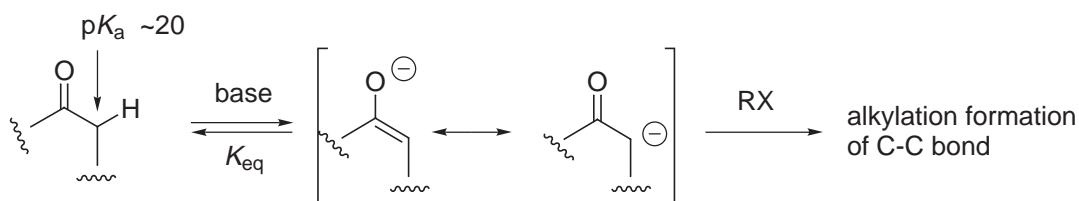


## VIII. Enolate Chemistry

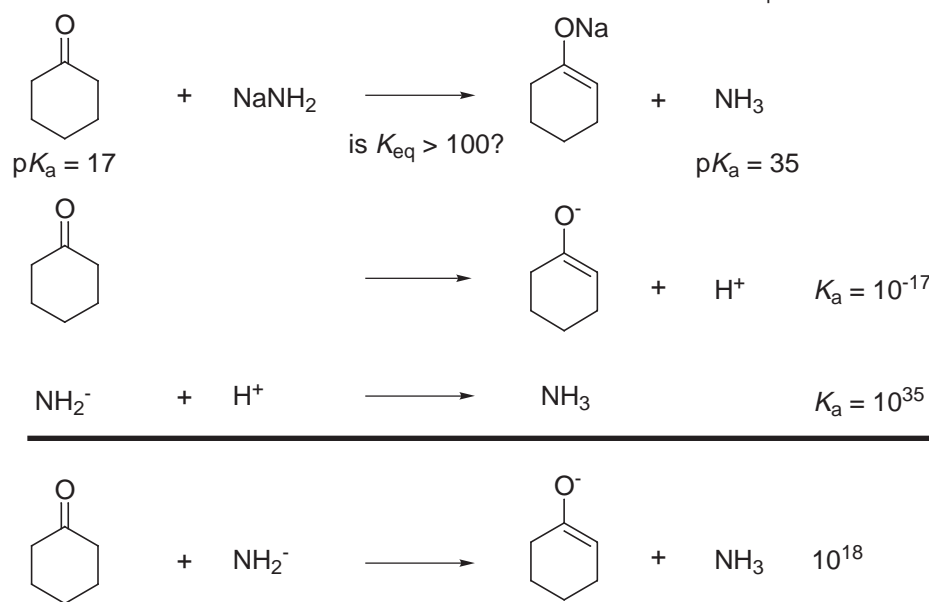
- Enolate Alkylations: *Comprehensive Org. Syn.*, Vol. 3, 1.  
 Formation of Enolates: *Comprehensive Org. Syn.*, Vol. 2, 99.  
 Aldol Condensation: *Comprehensive Org. Syn.*, Vol. 2, 133, 181 and 239.  
 Reformatsky Reaction: *Comprehensive Org. Syn.*, Vol. 2, 277.  
 Acylation of Enolates: *Comprehensive Org. Syn.*, Vol. 2, 796.  
 Enol Ethers: *Comprehensive Org. Syn.*, Vol. 2, 595 and 629.  
 Metalloenamines: *Comprehensive Org. Syn.*, Vol. 2, 475.  
 Hydrazones: *Comprehensive Org. Syn.*, Vol. 2, 503.

### A. Acidic Methylene Compounds (i.e., Malonates)

-  $\alpha$ -Deprotonation

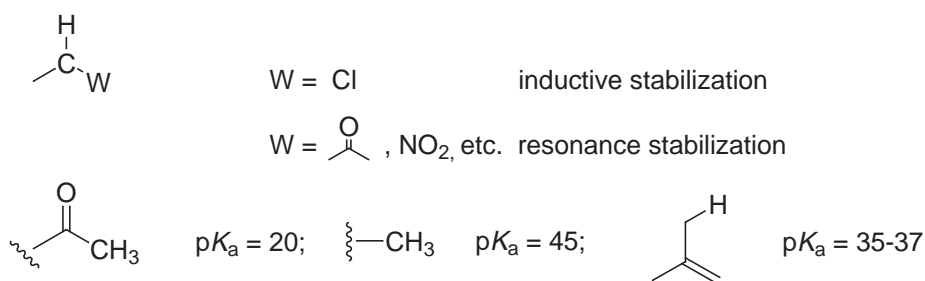


- Use of a base which stoichiometrically deprotonates the ketone completely: (i.e.  $K_{eq} > 100$ )


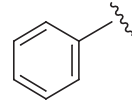


Therefore, a good deprotonation (essentially all ketone deprotonated)  
 Note: need to have  $pK_a$  difference of 2  $pK_a$  units to get  $K_{eq} = 100$ .

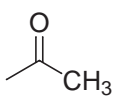
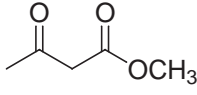
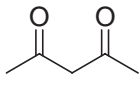
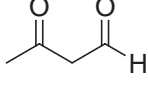
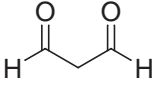
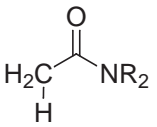
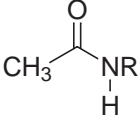
### 1. Estimation of $pK_a$



- an increase in acidity of H results in a *faster* deprotonation (kinetic effect) as well as a stabilization of anion formed (thermodynamic effect).

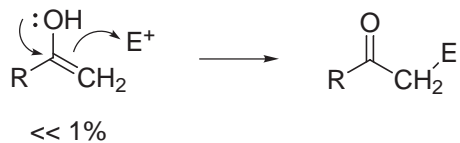
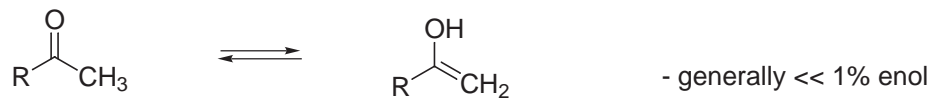
Group (-W)	$pK_a$ effect (units)	Note
alkyl	$\sim 1-2 \uparrow$ (decrease in acidity)	} both due to inductive effects
halogen	$\sim 1-2 \downarrow$	
	$\sim 5-7 \downarrow$	} both depend on favorable orbital overlap to allow resonance stabilization
	$\sim 5-7 \downarrow$	
RS—	$\sim 3-5 \downarrow$	

Others:  $\text{NO}_2 > \text{COR} > \text{SO}_2\text{R} > \text{CO}_2\text{R}, \text{CN} > \text{SOR}, \text{Ph}$

Compound	$pK_a$	Note
	20	} ketone better enolate stabilizer than ester
	13	
	11	
	9	
	5	~same as acetic acid
$\text{H}_2\text{O}$	14	
	25	
	15	

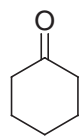

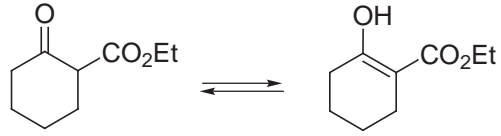
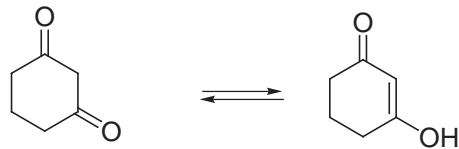
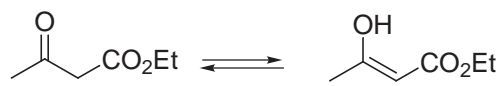

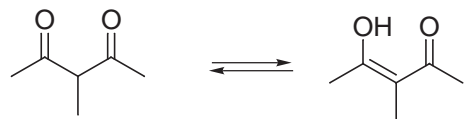


## 2. Ketone-Enol Tautomerism



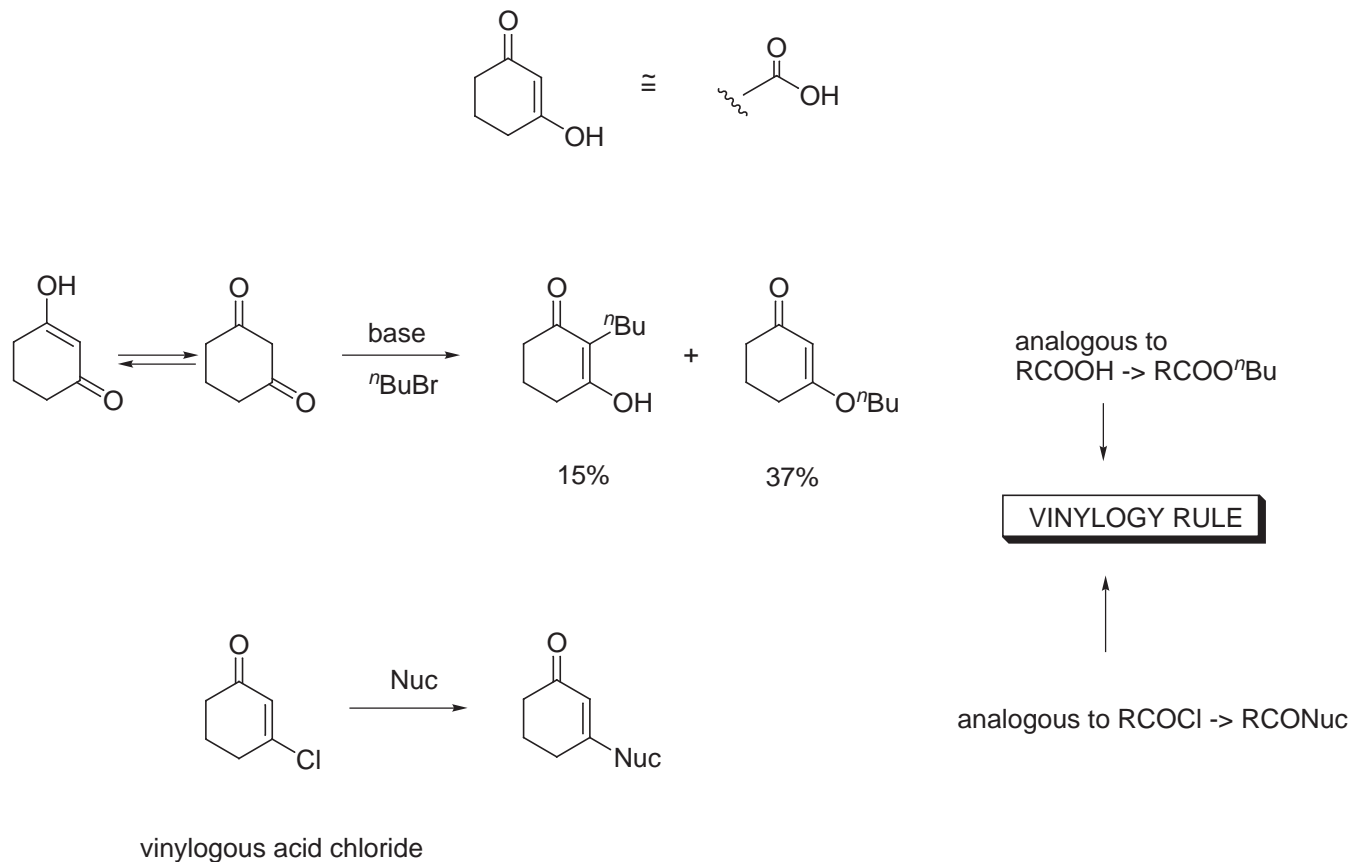
- Usually not likely to form a bond with an electrophile since not present in high concentration

- However, some ketones do exist in high enol concentration and react via enol

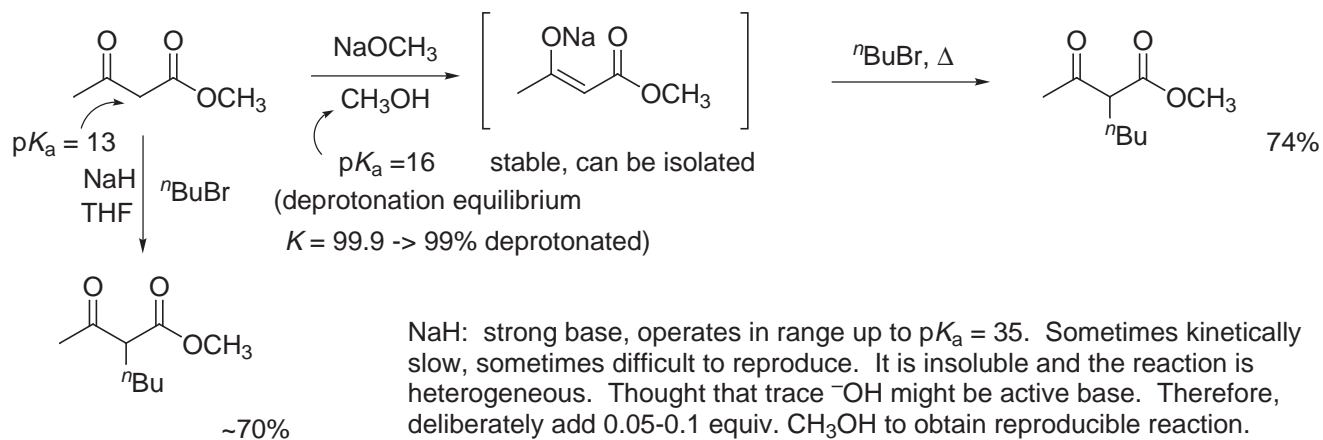
Compound	Enol content
	0.0004%
	< 0.002%
	40% (neat) 60% (EtOH)
	100% (neat) 95% (H <sub>2</sub> O) 2-14% (cyclohexane)
	10-13% (EtOH) 50% (cyclohexane) ← intramolecular H-bond
	16% (H <sub>2</sub> O) 63% (EtOH) 92% (cyclohexane) ← intramolecular H-bond
	3% (H <sub>2</sub> O) 31% (EtOH) 55% (cyclohexane) ← intramolecular H-bond

- If a compound has a vinyl spacer, the reactivity parallels that of the parent compound.

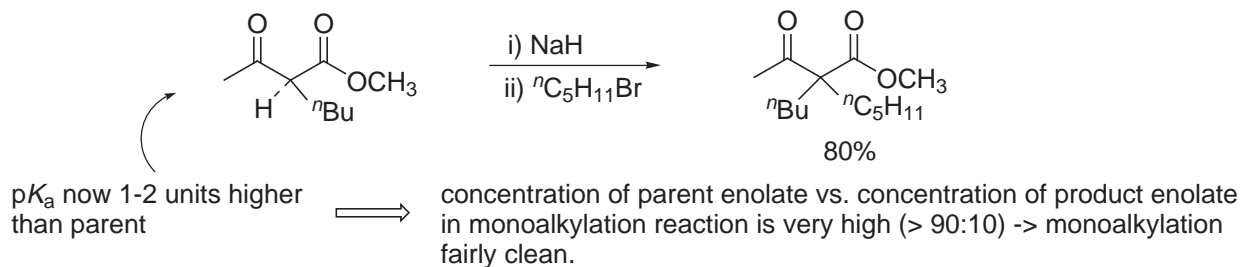
1,3-Cyclohexadione in its enol form is a vinylogous carboxylic acid and it exhibits many properties of a RCOOH, including low  $pK_a$ , O-alkylation.



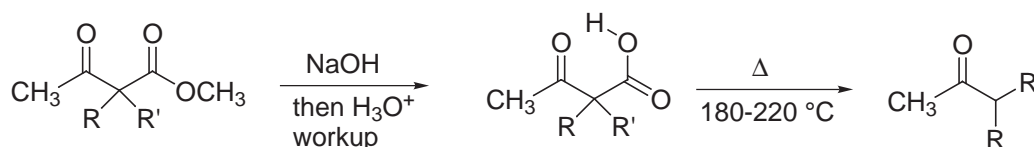
### 3. Acetoacetic Ester Synthesis



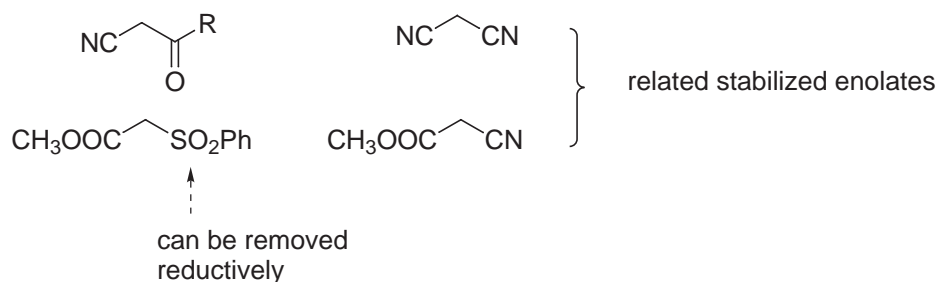
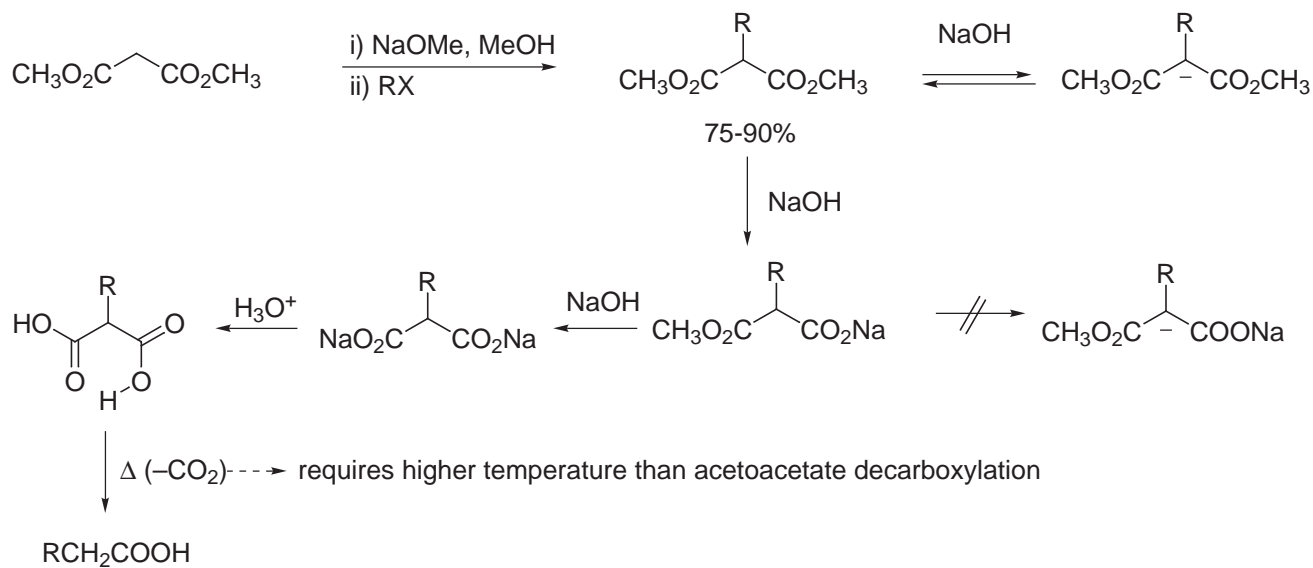
- The product can be further alkylated:

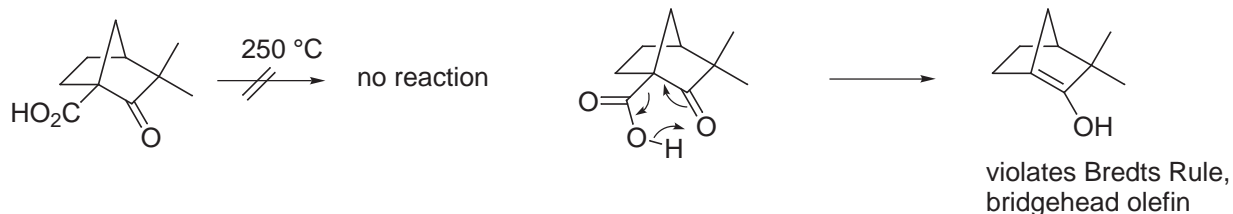


- Hydrolysis and decarboxylation gives  $\alpha$ -substituted ketones:



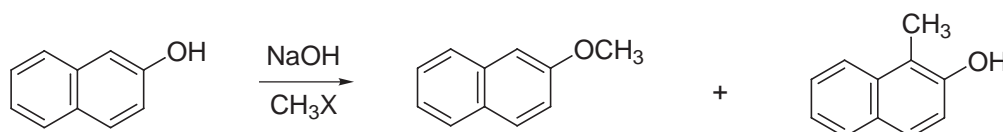
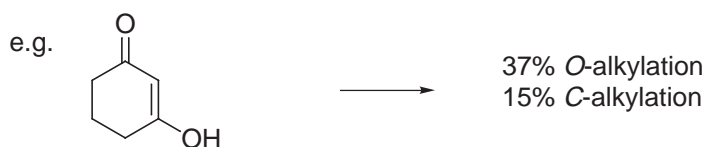
#### 4. Malonic Ester Alkylation





## 5. Enolates: C- vs. O-Alkylation

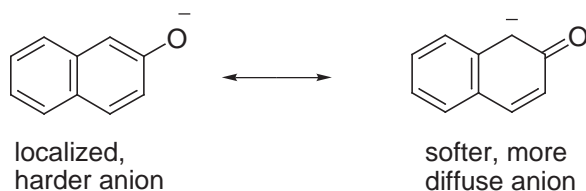
- Ketones which are more acidic tend to give more O-alkylation.



- The more reactive the alkylating agent,  
the more O-alkylation observed

X = I	66	:	33
X = OTs	100	:	0

- Rarely see O-alkylation of ketone enolates  
often see O-alkylation of stabilized enolates  
e.g., β-diketones and β-keto esters



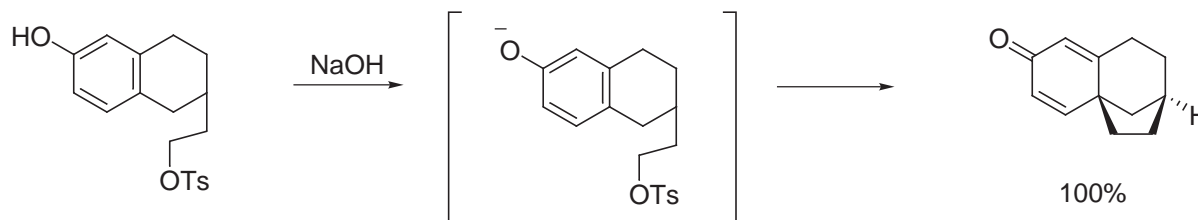
- tends to react with harder electrophiles  
(CH<sub>3</sub>OTs, Me<sub>3</sub>OBF<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>)

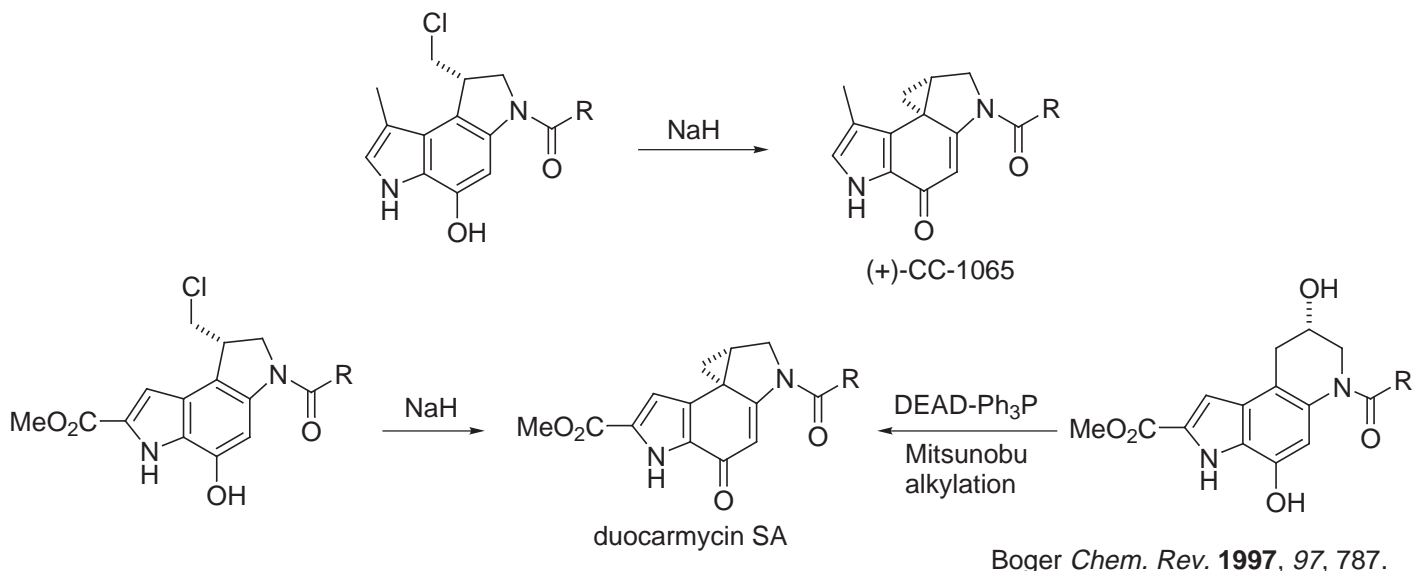
reacts with softer alkylating  
agents (RI, RBr)

Meerwein's salt

more reactive or more ionized = harder

- Intramolecular constraints can affect course of C- vs. O-alkylation





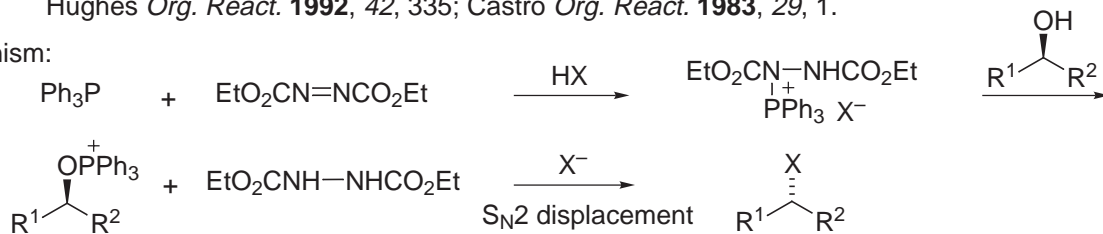
- Mitsunobu alkylation

Mitsunobu, Yamada, Mukaiyama *Bull. Chem. Soc., Jpn.* **1967**, *40*, 935.

Review: Mitsunobu *Synthesis* **1981**, 1.

Hughes *Org. React.* **1992**, *42*, 335; Castro *Org. React.* **1983**, *29*, 1.

- Mechanism:

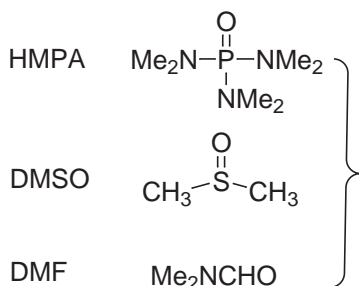


HX:  $pK_a$  typically <15 (RCO<sub>2</sub>H, phenols, imides, malonates,  $\beta$ -keto esters)

Related reagents including Ph<sub>3</sub>P/CCl<sub>4</sub>, Ph<sub>3</sub>P/NXS are used to convert an alcohol to the corresponding halide.

- Factors which favor O-alkylation

1. Polar solvent:

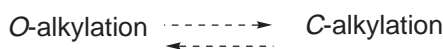
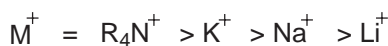
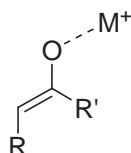


polar, aprotic solvents:

- separate metal cation from enolate oxygen, making oxygen more free to react
- coordinate electrophile, activate and increase their reactivity
- increase rate of reaction

2. Large, noncoordinating metal cation:

- again, frees up oxygen to react



rate of reaction

ion pair  
separation of charge, harder  
more reactive anion

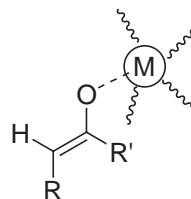
lithium essentially covalently  
coordinated to O

### 3. Aggregation/Solubility:

Homogeneous, monomeric enolates  $\longrightarrow$  O-alkylation

Heterogeneous, aggregate enolates  $\longrightarrow$  C-alkylation

Li enolates tend to be more aggregated



hard for RX to get to O atom, so reacts at C

### 4. Structure of alkylating agent

#### a. Leaving group:

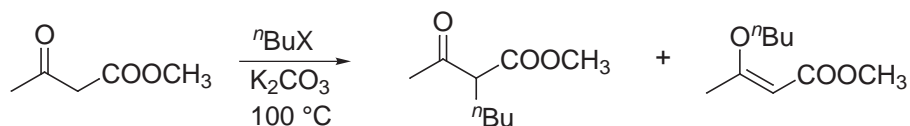
(hard alkylating agents)

(soft alkylating agents)

for R-X:

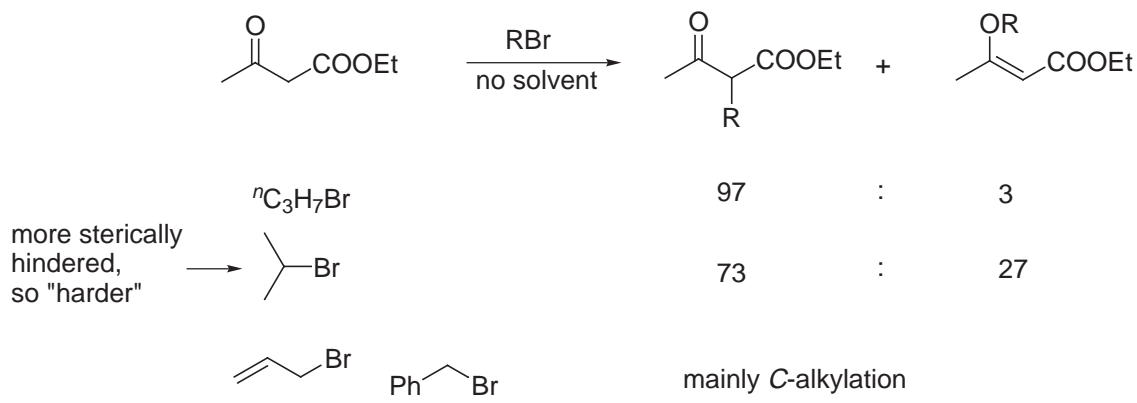


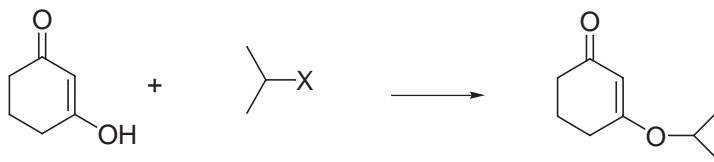
O-alkylation  $\dashrightarrow$  C-alkylation



		Solvent	X	C- : O-alkylation rel % products
O-alkylation $\downarrow$	Polarity of solvent $\downarrow$	acetone	Cl	90 : 10
		CH <sub>3</sub> CN	Cl	81 : 19
		DMSO	Cl	53 : 47
For C-alkylation: I > Br > Cl		DMF	Cl	54 : 46
		DMF	Br	67 : 33
		DMF	I	>99 : 1

#### b. Degree of substitution of alkylating agent:





works well in polar, aprotic solvents (ie., HMPA, DMSO),  
or even  $K_2CO_3$ , acetone will work

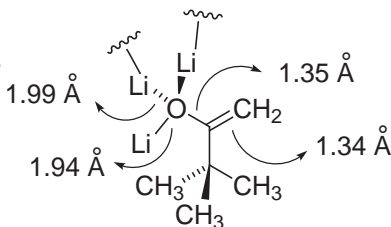
## B. Enolate Structure

- Actually exist as higher aggregates in solution: dimer-tetramer.
- Originally suggested by House *J. Org. Chem.* **1971**, *36*, 2361.
- Supported by NMR studies: Jackman *Tetrahedron* **1977**, *33*, 2737.
- Confirmed by X-ray: Dunitz *Helv. Chim. Acta* **1981**, *64*, 2617.

see also:

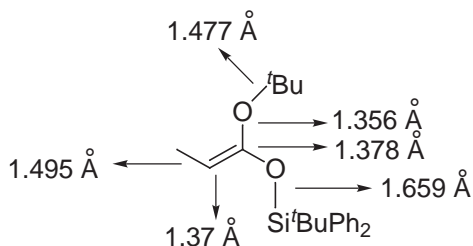
Seebach *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1985**, *107*, 5403.

Lynch *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1989**, *30*, 447.

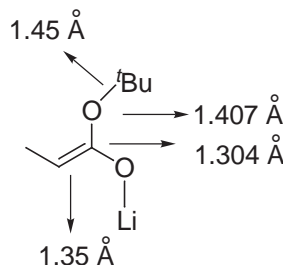


tetramer aggregates

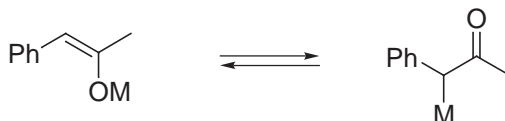
bond lengths, angles much  
like those of enol ether.



vs



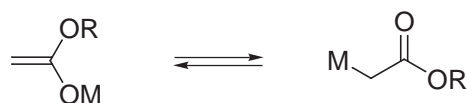
Ketone Enolates:



Note: not really an equilibrium;  
these are resonance structures.

$K_{eq} < 1$  for most metals (Li, Na, K, MgX, ZnX)  $\longrightarrow$  negative charge,  $M^+$  on oxygen.  
 $> 1$  for  $M = HgI$

Ester Enolates:



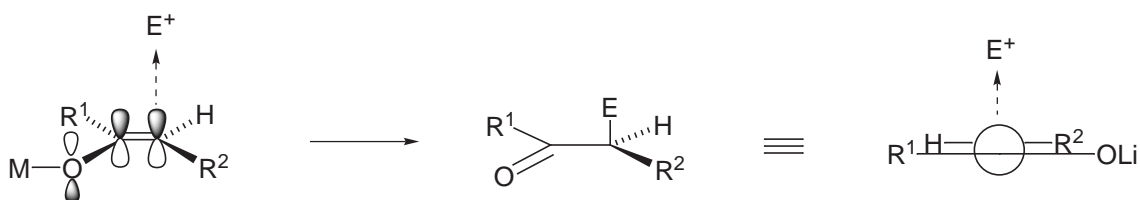
$K_{eq} < 1$  for Li

$K_{eq} > 1$  for ZnBr (Reformatsky reagents)

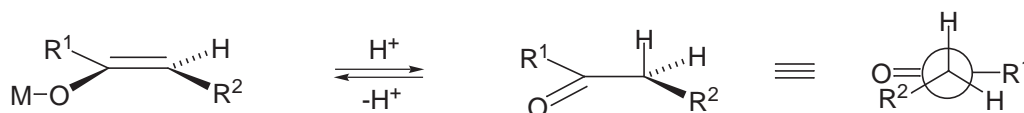
## C. Enolate Alkylations: $\pi$ -Facial Stereoselectivity

### 1. Stereoelectronic Effects

- The attacking electrophile must obey the principle of maximum overlap of the participating orbitals by perpendicular approach to the plane of atoms which constitute the enolate (enol) function.



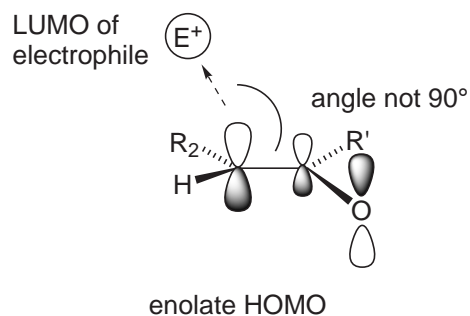
- Also applies to protonation in reprotonation reaction:



- Nucleophilic addition to carbonyl compound takes place not at  $90^\circ$  (perpendicular) but at an angle of  $105 \pm 5^\circ$

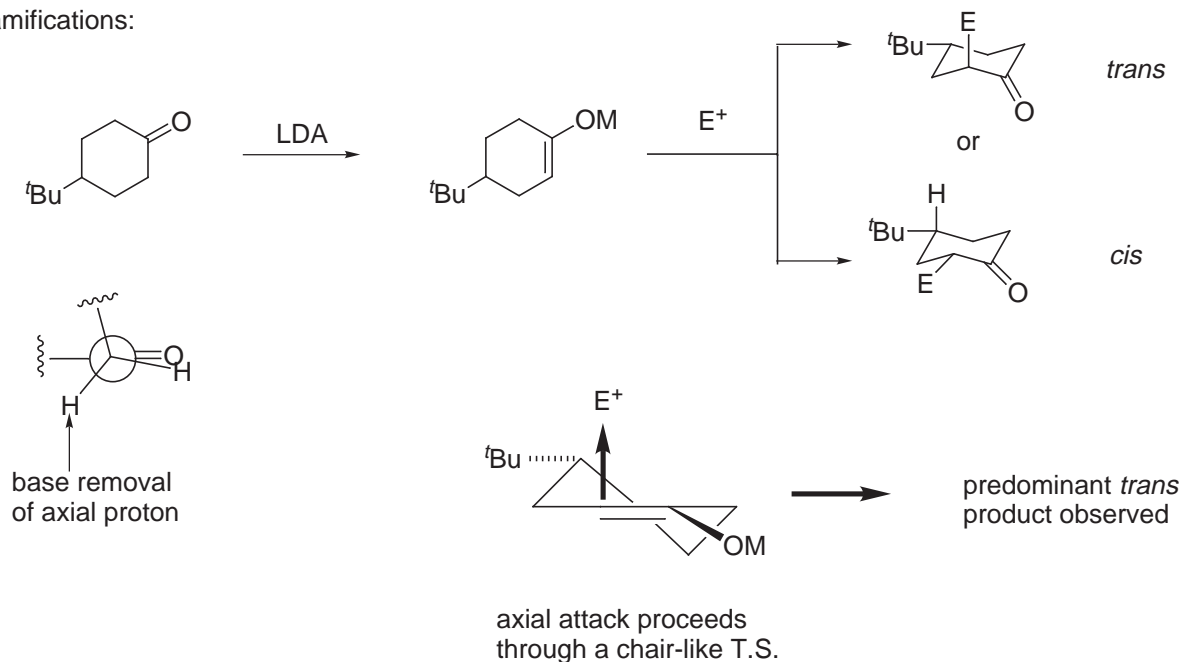
Dunitz *Tetrahedron* **1974**, *30*, 1563.

- Same applies to enolate alkylations

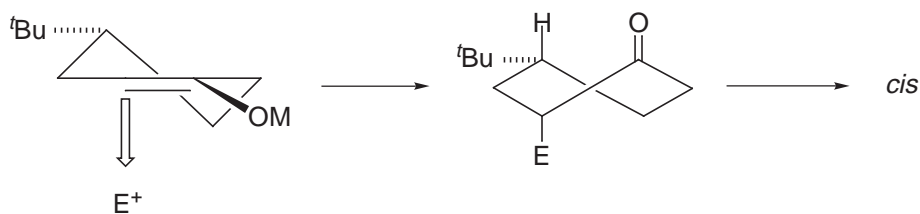




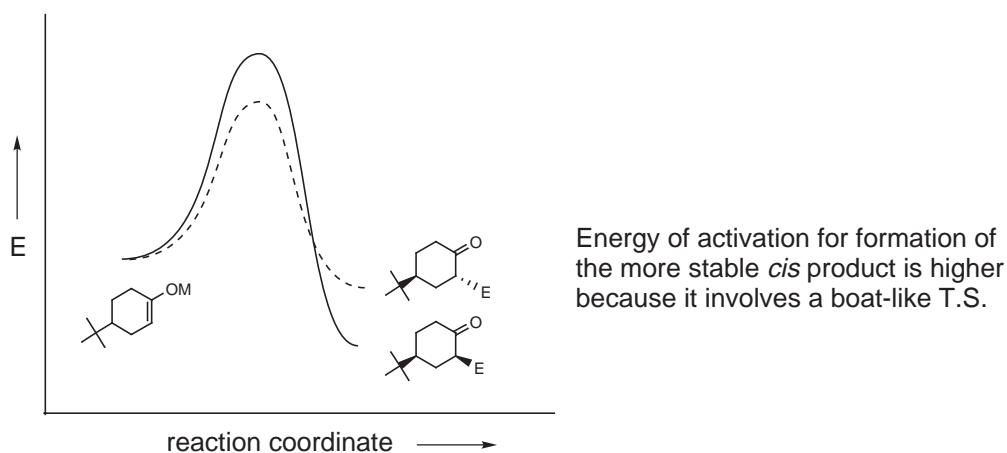
- Ramifications:



- In order to get *cis*, must proceed through a boat-like T.S.!



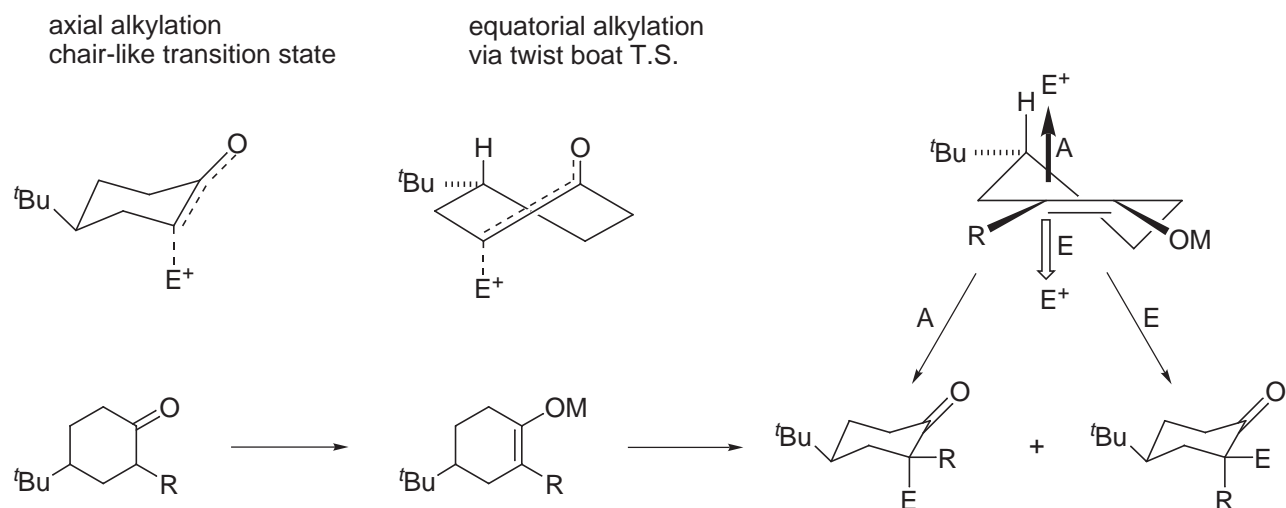
- Therefore



Corey, Sreen *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1956**, *78*, 6269 (origin of axial alkylation).  
They also introduced the term stereoelectronic effect to describe this behavior.

This was the pioneering work that led to the now widespread predictions about reactions and reaction products based on orbital alignment or overlap and provided the term "stereoelectronic" effect.

- Examples of stereoelectronic control



House *J. Org. Chem.* **1968**, 33, 935.  
Caine *J. Org. Chem.* **1969**, 34, 3070.

M	R	E	axial	equatorial
Li	H	Et <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup> BF <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	51	: 49
Li	H	EtI	54	: 46
Li	H	MeI	55	: 45
Li	H	DOAc	70	: 30
Li	Et	HOAc	80	: 20
Li	Me	CD <sub>3</sub> I	70	: 30
Li	CN	CH <sub>3</sub> I	77	: 23
Li	COOCH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> I	83	: 17

less reactive enolates  
(so more selective)

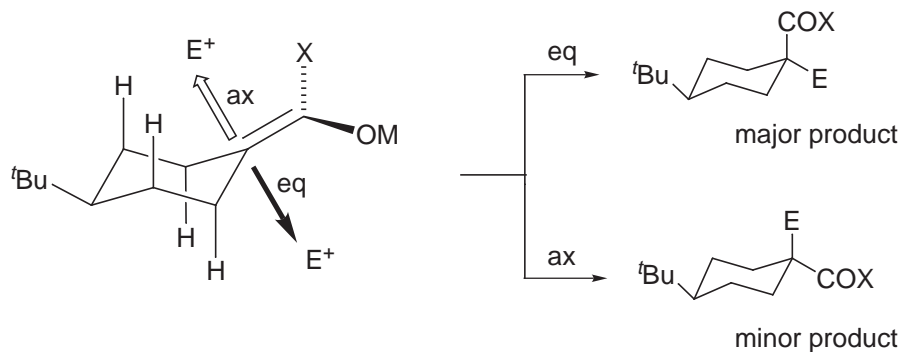
Kuehne *J. Org. Chem.* **1970**, 35, 161, 171.

## 2. Steric Effects

- Stereoelectronic effects equivalent for exocyclic enolates.
- Relatively insensitive to alkylating agent and conditions.

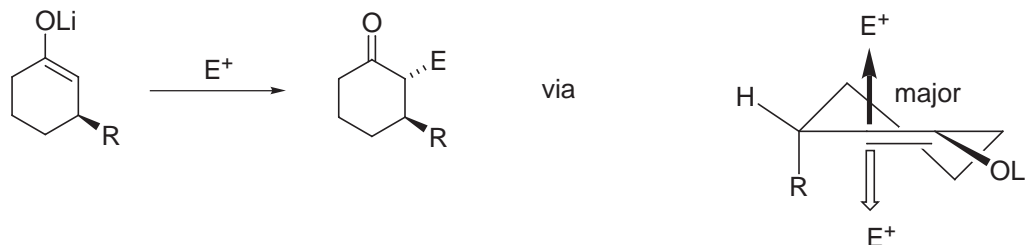
Behavior as a large reagent  
preferring equatorial delivery.

- Transition states for enolate alkylations are thought to be REACTANT-LIKE.



X	E		eq : ax
CH <sub>3</sub>	MeI	25 °C	85 : 15
OCH <sub>3</sub>	MeI	-78 °C	84 : 16
OCH <sub>3</sub>	<sup>n</sup> BuBr	-78 °C	87 : 13

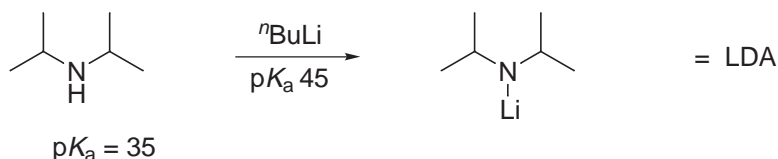
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## D. Enolate Generation

### 1. Soluble Bases

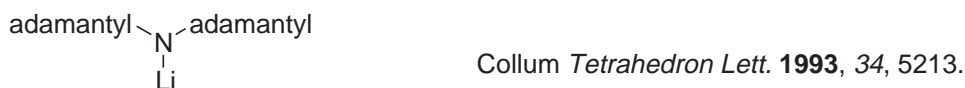
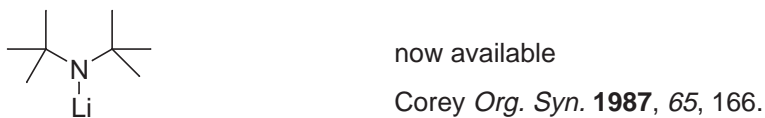
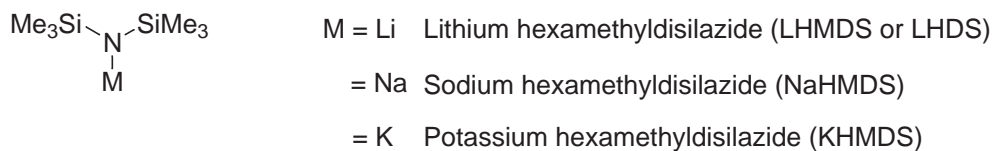
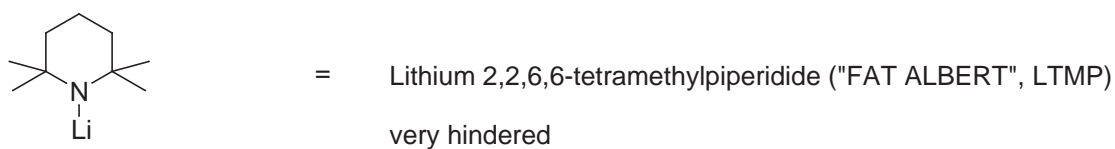
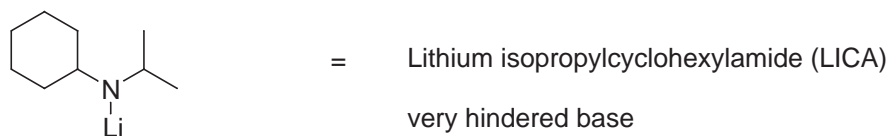
- $\text{NaNH}_2$ ,  $\text{LiNH}_2$ ,  $\text{KNH}_2$   $\longrightarrow$  strong bases, but insoluble in conventional organic solvents
- Soluble secondary amine derived bases



readily available, soluble; amine byproduct is low MWt, volatile, and easily removed. The anion is also nonnucleophilic (relatively hindered)

- Aggregates: Williard *J. Org. Chem.* **1993**, 58, 1.

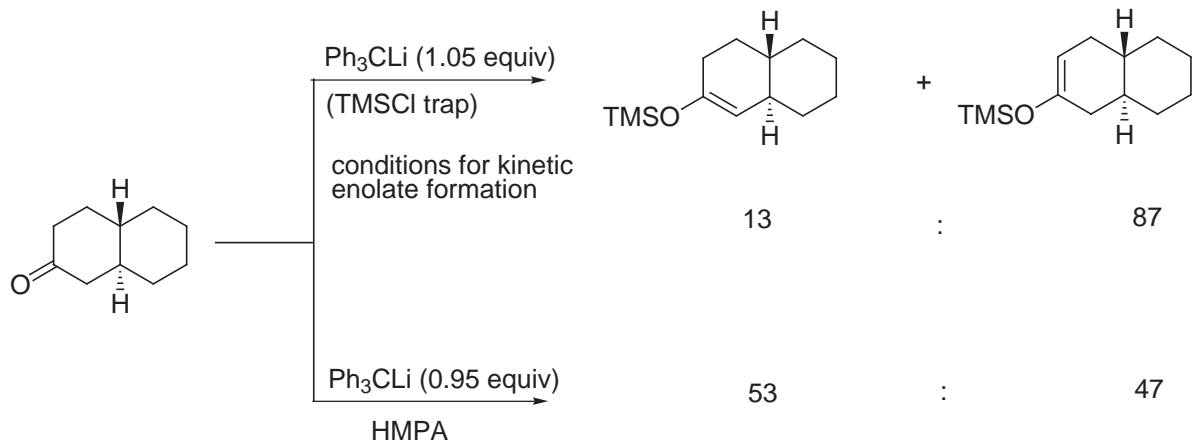
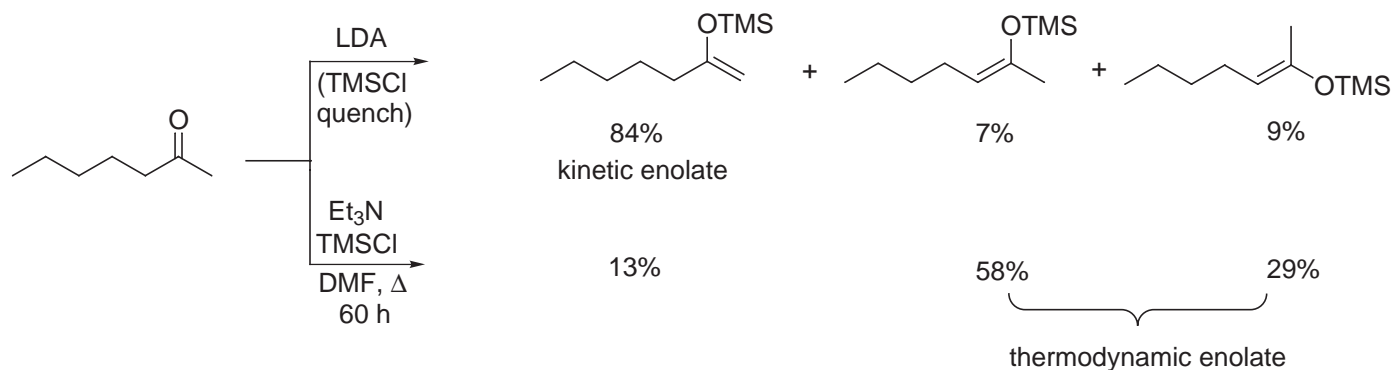
- Other widely used bases:



Reviews:

- Conia *Rec. Chem. Prog.* **1963**, 24, 43.  
 House *Rec. Chem. Prog.* **1967**, 28, 99.  
 Fleming *Chimica* **1980**, 34, 265.  
 Fleming *Synthesis* **1982**, 521.  
 Fleming *Synthesis* **1977**, 509.  
 d'Angelo *Tetrahedron* **1976**, 32, 2979 (Methods for regiospecific enolate generation).  
 Evans *Asymm. Synthesis*, Morrison, Ed., Vol. 3, 1.

## 2. Kinetic and Thermodynamic Enolates

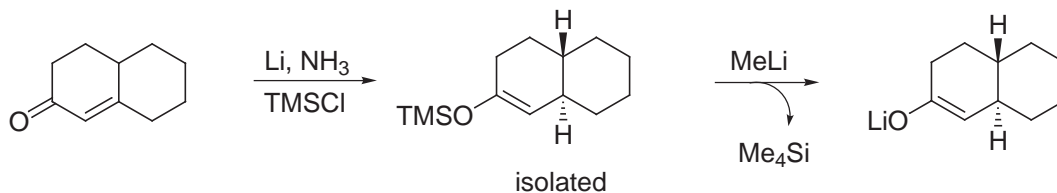


some ketone always present, so  
deprotonation-reprotonation equilibrium

conditions for thermodynamic enolate formation

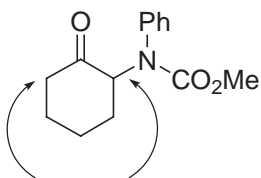
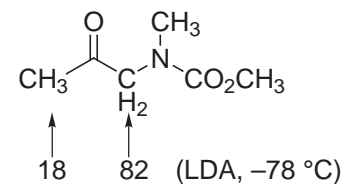
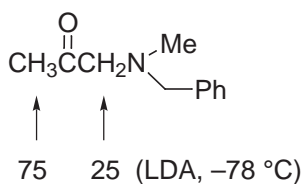
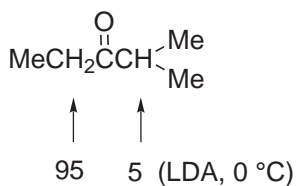
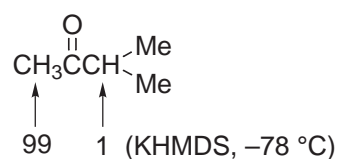
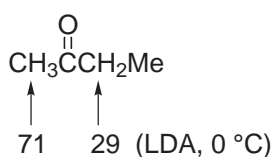
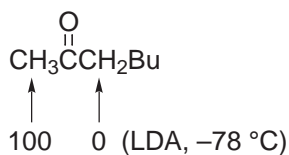
## 3. Regiospecific Enolate Generation

- In the above case, the  $\Delta^{2,3}$  enolate cannot be cleanly obtained directly, but other approaches to this have been developed.

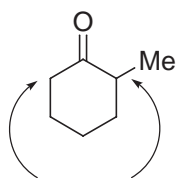


See: Stork *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1961**, 83, 2965; **1965**, 87, 275.

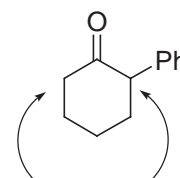
- Representative enolate selectivities:



LDA: 33 : 67 (kinetic)  
LHMDS: 2 : 98 (thermodynamic)

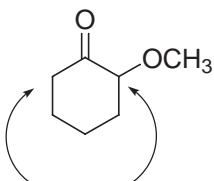


99 : 1 (LDA, 0 °C)

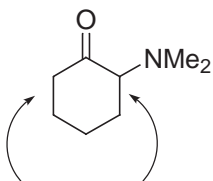


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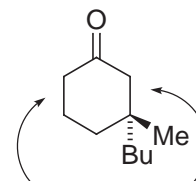
Albizati *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1990**, *112*, 6965.



85 : 15 (LDA, -78 °C)

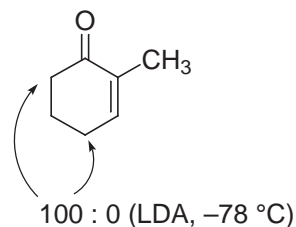
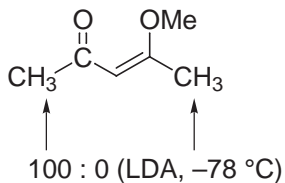
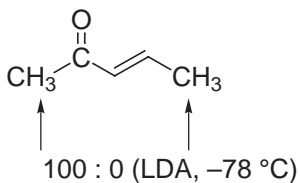


98 : 2 (LDA, -78 °C)  
98 : 2 (LHMDS, thermodynamic)

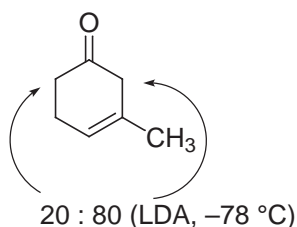


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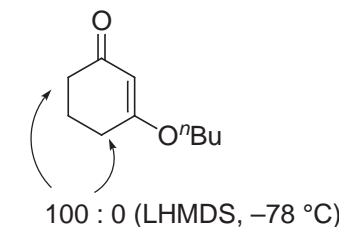
Albizati *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1990**, *112*, 6965.



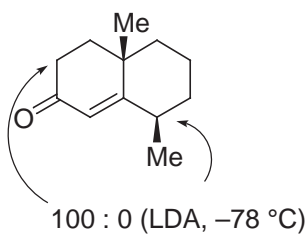
100 : 0 (LDA, -78 °C)



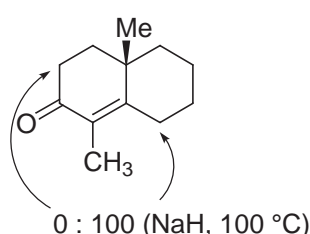
20 : 80 (LDA, -78 °C)



100 : 0 (LHMDS, -78 °C)



100 : 0 (LDA, -78 °C)



0 : 100 (NaH, 100 °C)

thermodynamic enolate formation

Taken from: *Evans Asymm. Synthesis*, Morrison, Ed., Vol. 3, 1.

- Enantio- or diastereoselective protonation of ketone enolates

deprotonation:

Majewski *Can. J. Chem.* **1994**, *72*, 1699.

Simpkins *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1992**, *33*, 8141.

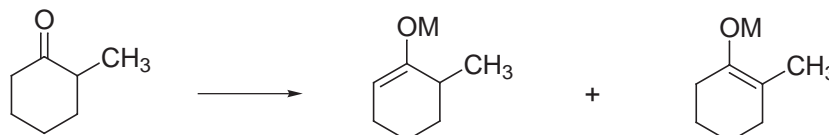
**1989**, *30*, 7241.

protonation:

Fehr *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Eng.* **1994**, *33*, 1764.

#### 4. Cyclic Carbonyl Compounds

- site of deprotonation
- enolate geometry fixed

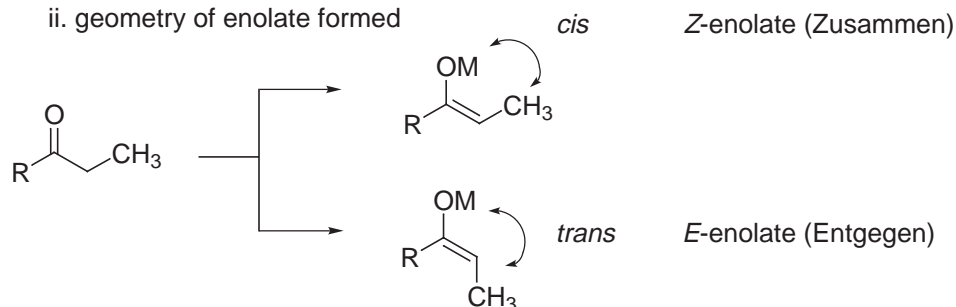


Base	Control	Selectivity
LDA (0 °C, THF)	kinetic	99 : 1
KHMDS (-78 °C)	"	95 : 5
Ph <sub>3</sub> CLi (-78 °C)	"	90 : 10
-----> Ph <sub>3</sub> CK (-78 °C)	"	67 : 33
potassium bases not as effective for kinetic enolate generation.	thermodynamic	10 : 90
Ph <sub>3</sub> CLi	"	26 : 74
NaH	"	38 : 62
Ph <sub>3</sub> CK	"	

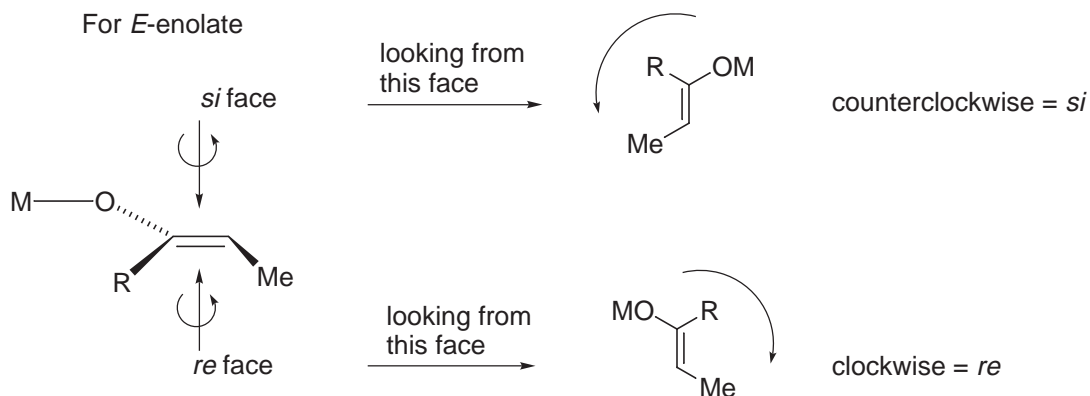
#### 5. Acyclic Carbonyl Compounds

- Two issues: i. site of deprotonation

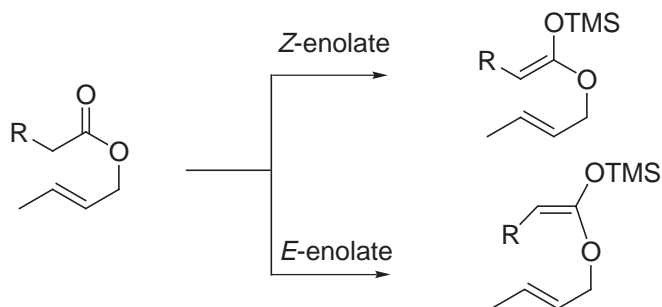
ii. geometry of enolate formed



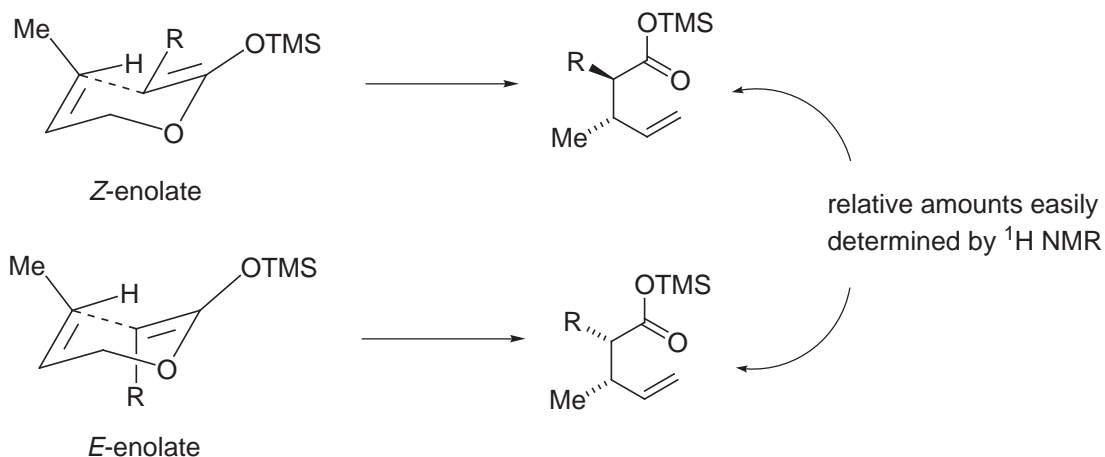
- Also: the enolate has two diastereotopic faces:



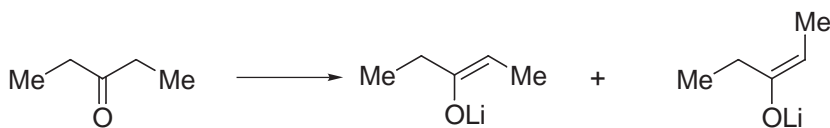
- ASIDE: Geometry of enolate can be determined by Claisen rearrangement:



- Claisen rearrangement known to proceed through *chair-like* T.S.:

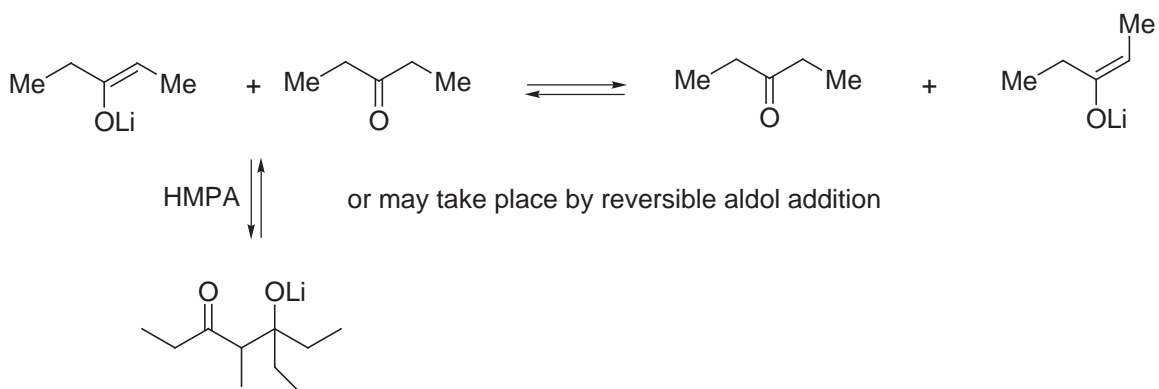


### A. Acyclic Ketones

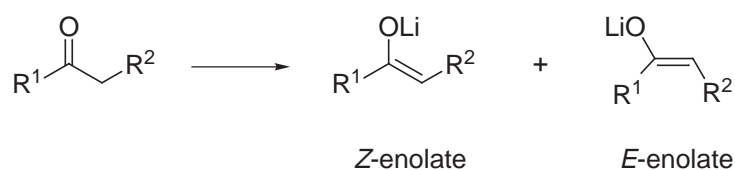


	Base	Z	:	E	
very hindered amide base ----->	LTMP (-78 °C)	14	:	86	← kinetic enolate
	LTMP/HMPA	92	:	8	← thermodynamic enolate
	LDA	23	:	77	
	LICA	35	:	65	
	LHMDS	66	:	34	
	(PhMe <sub>2</sub> Si) <sub>2</sub> NLi	100	:	0	

- Thermodynamic enolate formation



Rathke *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1980**, *102*, 3959.



R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>		Z	E
Et	Me	LDA	23	77
Et	Me	LTMP	14	86
Et	Me	LTMP-LiBr	2	98
<i>i</i> Pr	Me	LDA	37	63
<i>i</i> Pr	Me	LTMP	33	67
<i>i</i> Pr	Me	LTMP-LiBr	5	95
<i>t</i> Bu	Me	LDA	98	2
<i>t</i> Bu	Me	LTMP	95	5
<i>t</i> Bu	Me	LTMP-LiBr	95	5
Me	Ph	LDA	7	93
Me	Ph	LTMP	8	92
Me	Ph	LTMP	3	97

Note: As R<sup>1</sup> becomes sterically more demanding, Z-enolate increases or predominates even under kinetic conditions.

← best conditions for E-enolate (kinetic)

Note: As R<sup>2</sup> becomes sterically more demanding, E-enolate selectivity increases under kinetic conditions: Ph > Me.

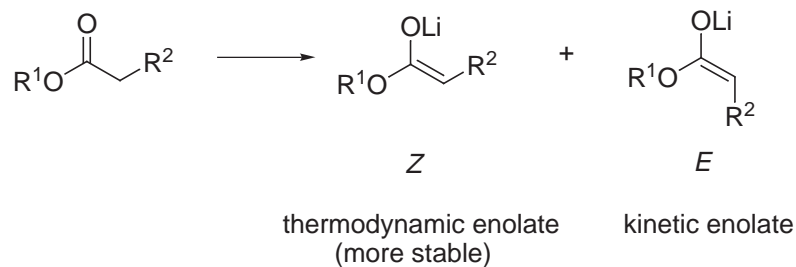
← Z-enolate only very large R<sup>1</sup>

Collum *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1991**, *113*, 9571.



B. Acyclic Esters

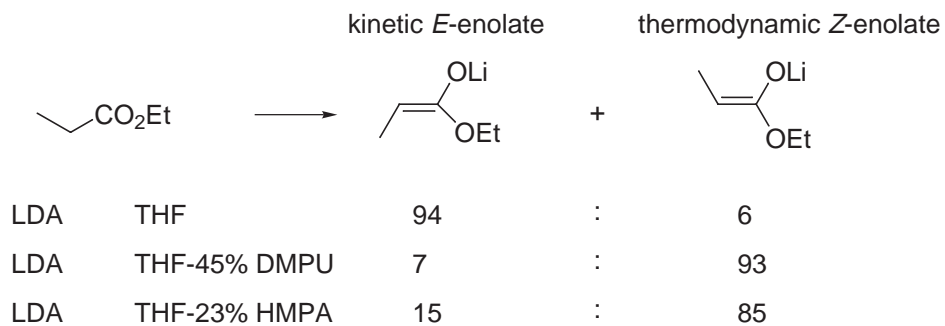
- Similar to ketones:



R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	base	Z	:	E	
Me	Me	LDA	5	:	95	
<sup>t</sup> Bu	Me	LDA	5	:	95	
Me	Et	LDA	9	:	91	← kinetic
Me	Et	LDA/HMPA	84	:	16	← thermodynamic
<sup>t</sup> Bu	Et	LDA	5	:	95	
<sup>t</sup> Bu	Et	LDA/HMPA	77	:	23	

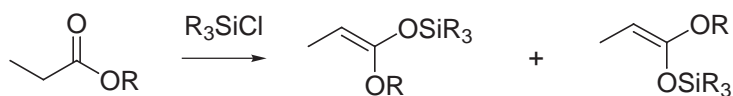
Role of HMPA: increase rate of equilibration, break up enolate aggregation

Ireland *J. Org. Chem.* **1991**, 56, 650 and 3572.



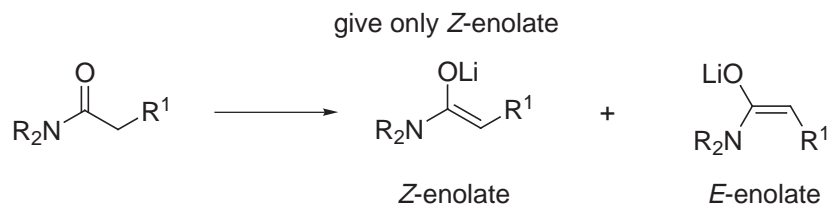
- Silyl Ketene Acetals

Otera *Synlett* **1994**, 213.



R = <sup>t</sup> Bu	LDA	>99	:	1
EtMe <sub>2</sub> C	LDA	97	:	3
Ph <sub>3</sub> C	LDA	>99	:	1
	LDA	99	:	1
<sup>i</sup> Pr	LDA	83	:	17
bornyl	LDA	83	:	17
Et	LDA	84	:	16
Me	LDA	87	:	13
Me	LDA-HMPA or DMPU	4	:	96
Et	"	3	:	97
bornyl	"	13	:	87
<sup>i</sup> Pr	"	13	:	87
EtMe <sub>2</sub> C	"	26	:	74
<sup>t</sup> Bu	"	28	:	72

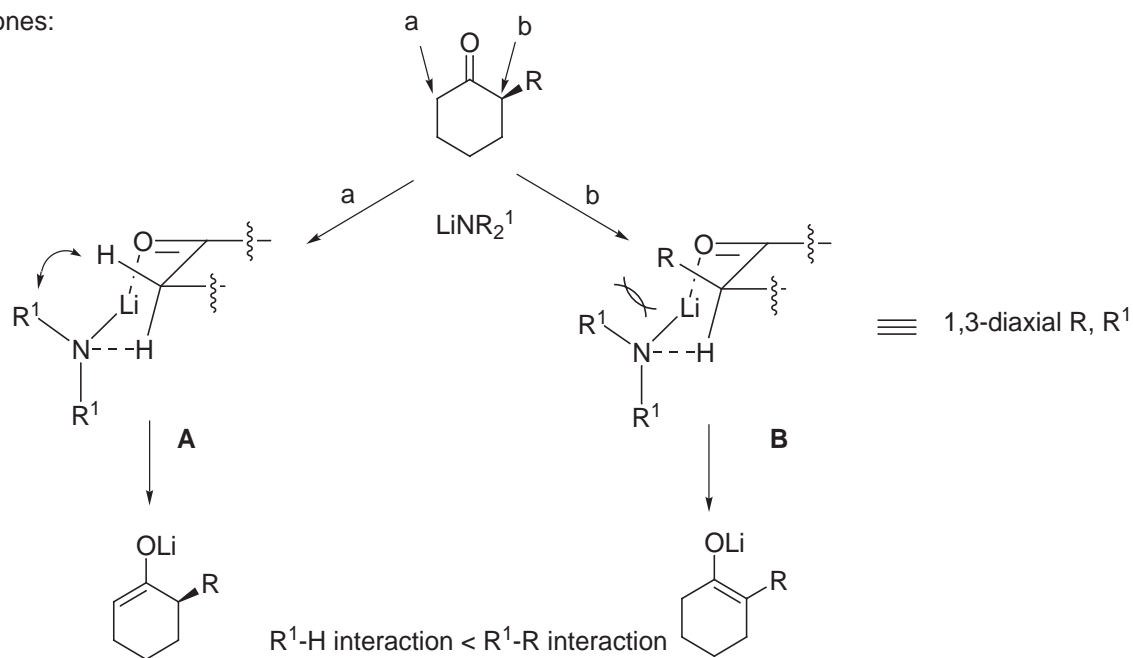
C. Acyclic Amides



R	R <sup>1</sup>	base	Z	:	E
Et	CH <sub>3</sub>	LDA	>97	:	3
(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	LDA	>97	:	3

6. Ireland Transition State Model for Deprotonation *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1976**, *98*, 2868.

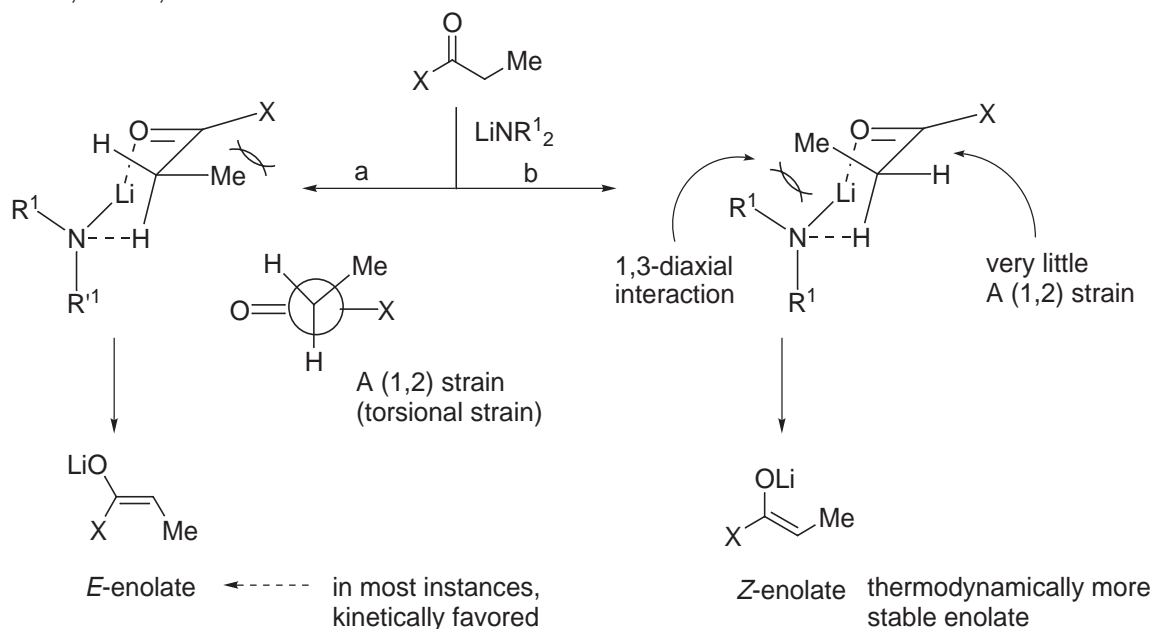
- For Cyclic Ketones:



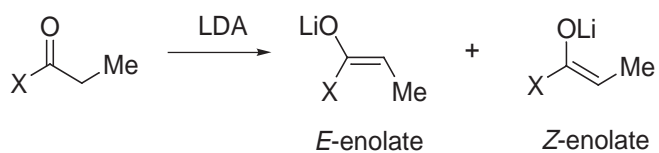
ketone	base	A vs. B	1,3-diaxial interaction
R = CH <sub>3</sub>	LDA	99 : 1	<sup>t</sup> Pr, CH <sub>3</sub>
Ph	LDA	>99 : 1	<sup>t</sup> Pr, Ph
OCH <sub>3</sub>	LDA	85 : 15	<sup>t</sup> Pr, OCH <sub>3</sub>
NMe <sub>2</sub>	LDA	98 : 2	<sup>t</sup> Pr, NMe <sub>2</sub>

- More hindered bases (<sup>t</sup>Bu<sub>2</sub>NLi, LiHMDS, LTMP) would increase selectivity for kinetic enolate formation (1,3-diaxial interactions even larger in T.S. for thermodynamic enolate formation)

- For Acyclic Ketones, Esters, and Amides:



- Example:



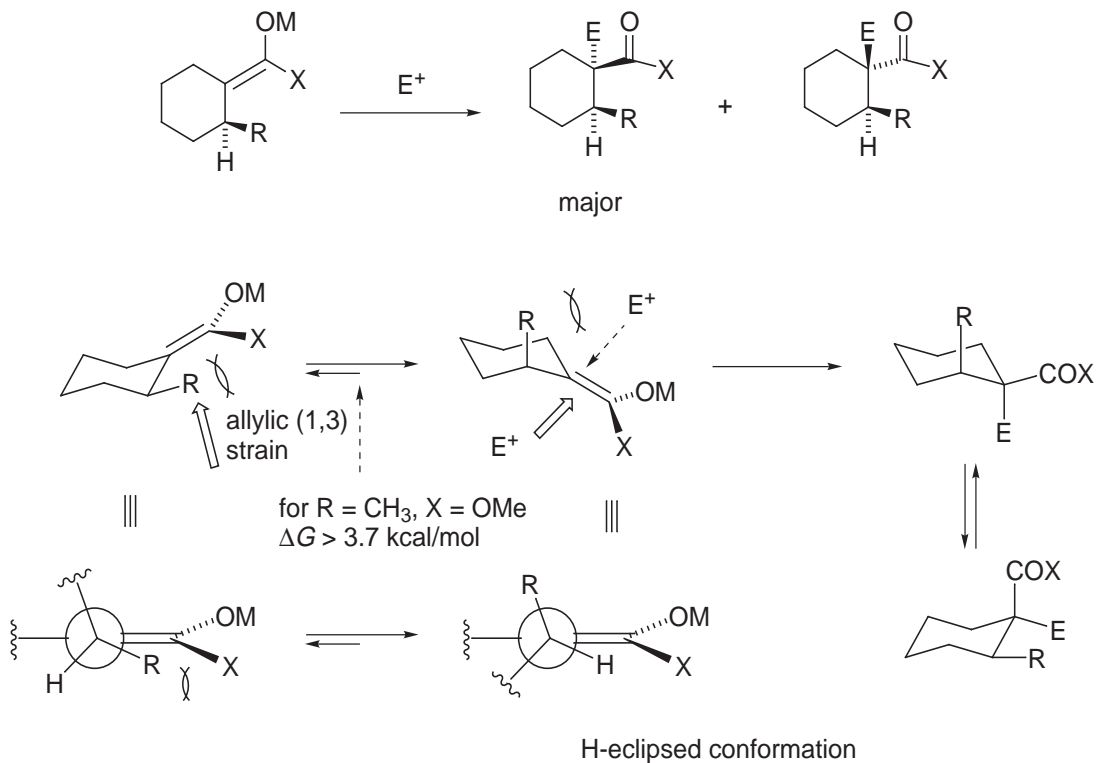
X	LDA	<i>E</i> : <i>Z</i>	
OCH <sub>3</sub>		95 : 5	} Me/R <sup>1</sup> 1,3-diaxial interaction worse than Me/X A (1,2) interaction
O <sup>t</sup> Bu		95 : 5	
Et		77 : 23	
<sup>i</sup> Pr		40 : 60	} X getting larger, so A (1,2) steric interaction outweighs the Me/R <sup>1</sup> 1,3-diaxial interaction
<sup>t</sup> Bu		0 : 100	
Ph		0 : 100	
NEt <sub>2</sub>		0 : 100	

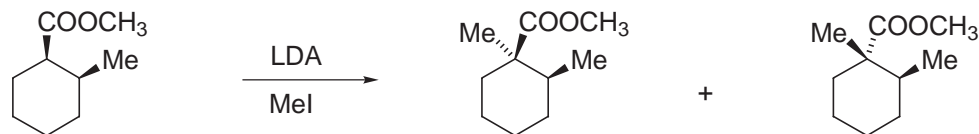
- NOTE: model only applicable for conditions which would promote coordination of base (Li cation) with carbonyl. It breaks down with polar solvents, crown ether, HMPA conditions for deprotonation.

## E. Alkylation Reactions: Stereochemistry

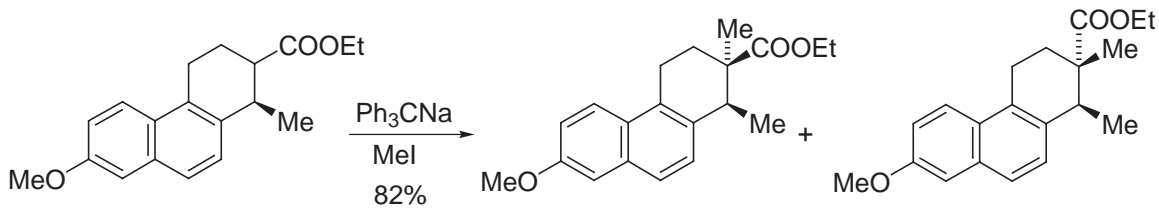
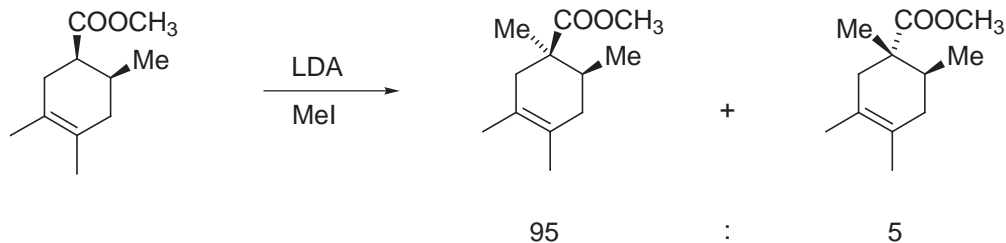
### 1. Exocyclic Enolates

#### i. 1,2-Stereocontrol in Exocyclic Enolates



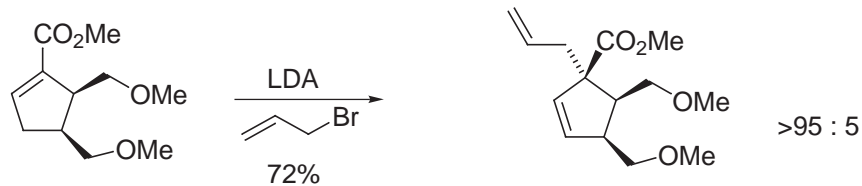


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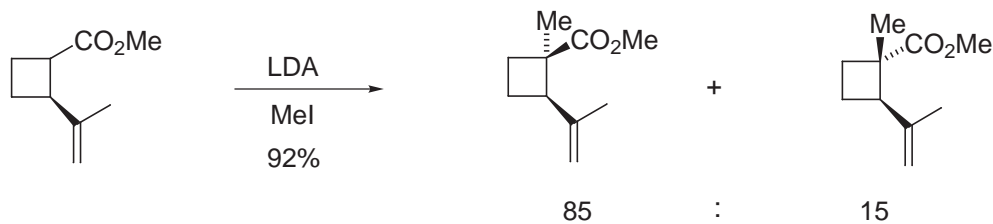


Hogg *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1948**, *70*, 161.

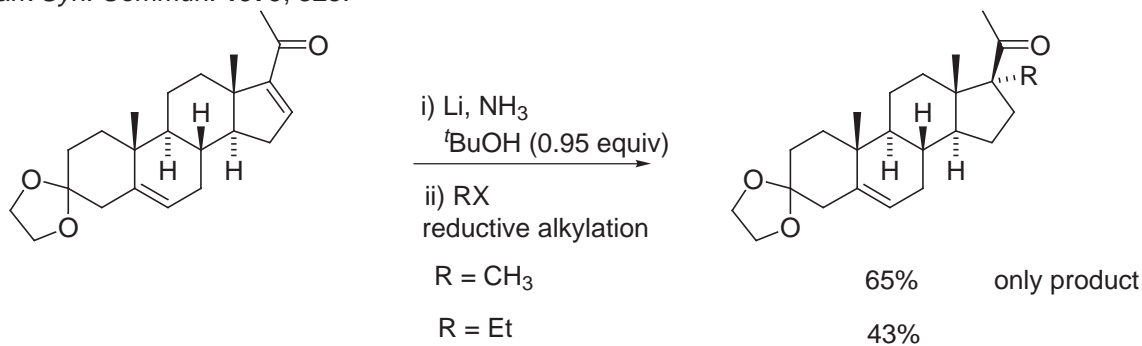
- Also true for other common ring sizes:



Heathcock *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1979**, 2115.

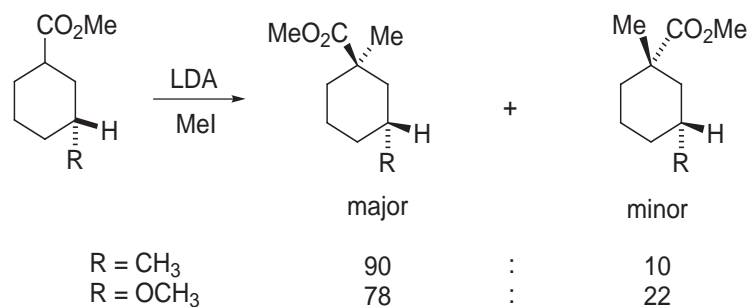


Clark *Syn. Commun.* **1979**, 325.

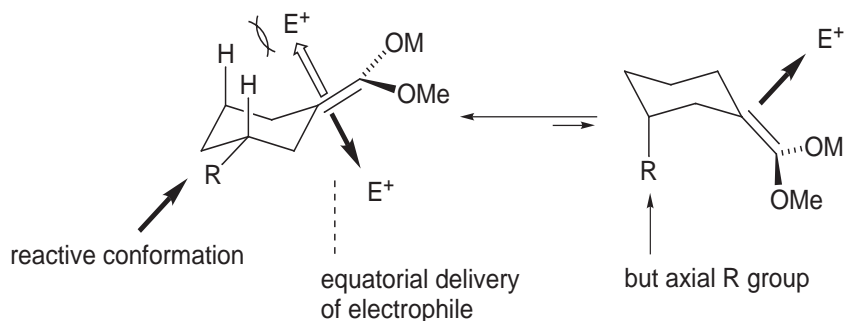


Weiss, Coscia *Tetrahedron* **1964**, *20*, 357.

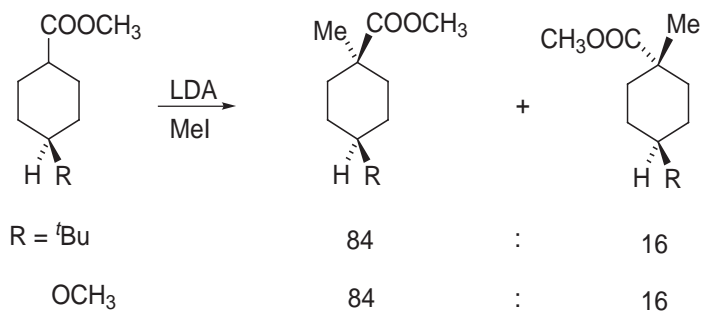
ii. 1,3-Stereocontrol



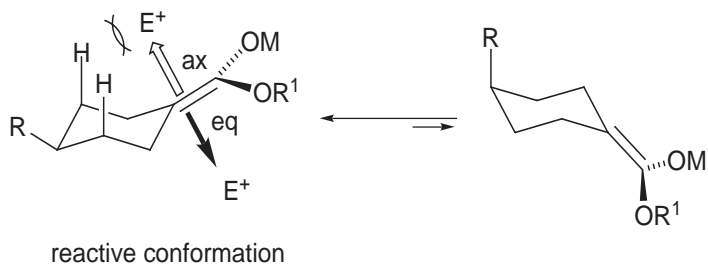
Krapcho *J. Org. Chem.* **1980**, *45*, 3236.



iii. 1,4-Stereocontrol

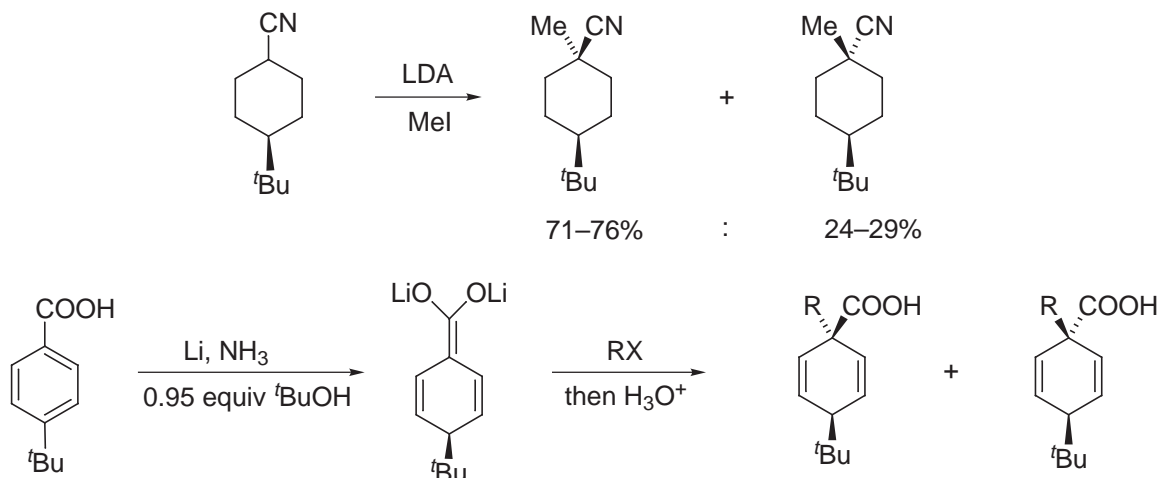


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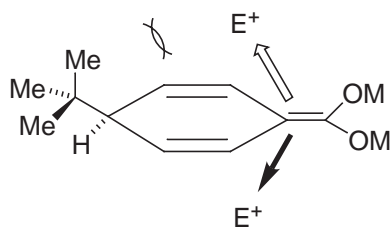


Again, equatorial attack predominates due to destabilizing steric interactions for axial approach of electrophile.

House *J. Org. Chem.* **1968**, 33, 943.  
Ziegler, Wender *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1971**, 93, 4318.



Van Bekkum *Recl. Trav. Chim. Pays-Bas* **1971**, 90, 137.



RX			
Mel	45	:	55
EtBr	88	:	12
$i\text{PrBr}$	93	:	7

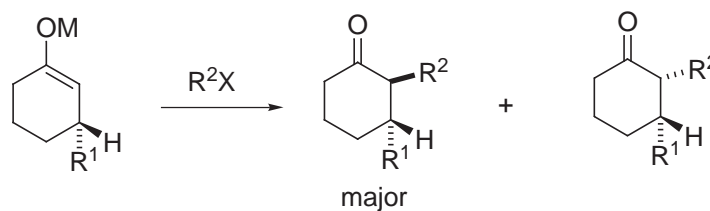
Surprising given the distance, but Schöllkopf subsequently put such observations to effective use.

Steric Effects?

pronounced effect of size of alkylating agent on stereoselectivity.

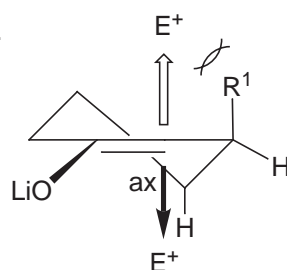
## 2. Endocyclic Enolates

### a. 1,2-Stereocontrol



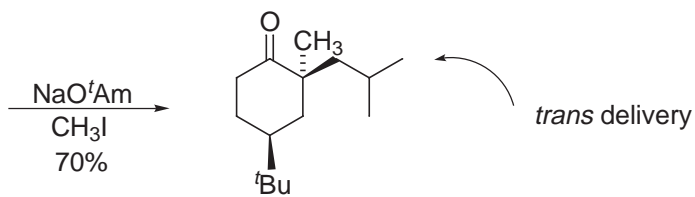
	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup> X		
vinyl group sterically smaller, so stereoselectivity lower	$n\text{Bu}$	Mel	88	: 12
	$\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$	Mel	75	: 25
	Me	<chem>CC=CCBr</chem>	89	: 11

Posner *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1975**, 97, 107.  
Coates *J. Org. Chem.* **1974**, 39, 275.



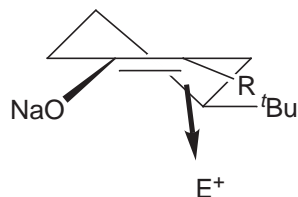
axial attack preferred on stereoelectronic and steric grounds

b. 1,3-Stereocontrol



Conia *Bull. Soc. Chim., Fr.* **1966**, 3881 and 3886.

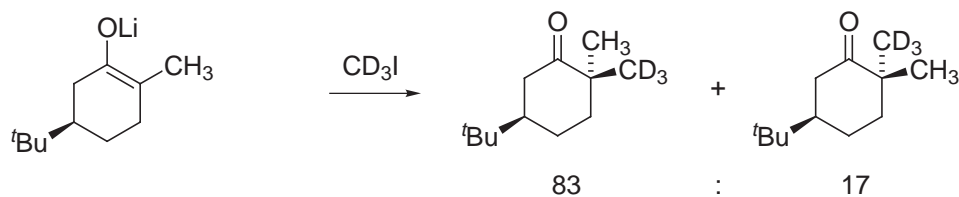
73 : 27



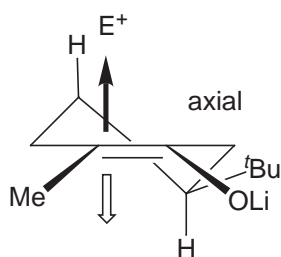
- <sup>t</sup>Bu group in preferred equatorial position

- axial attack favored on stereoelectronic basis  
no steric bias for either face

c. 1,4-Stereocontrol

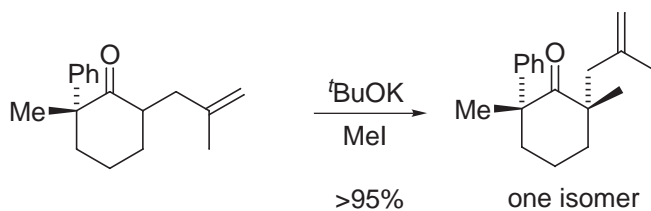


House *J. Org. Chem.* **1973**, 38, 1000.

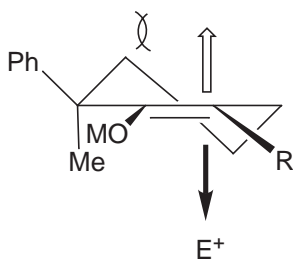


preferred stereoelectronic approach from most stable conformation with <sup>t</sup>Bu equatorial

d. 1,5-Stereocontrol



Ireland *J. Org. Chem.* **1970**, 35, 570.



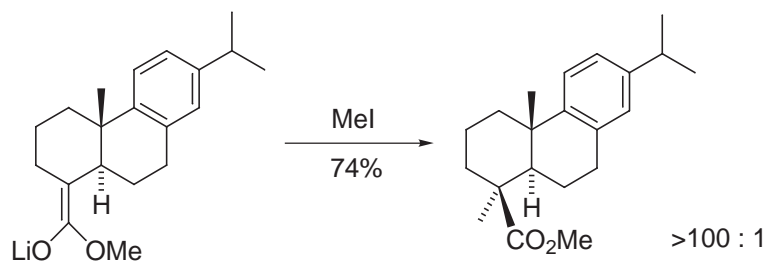
reaction from preferred conformation where Me group vs Ph adopts pseudo axial position

preferred stereoelectronic approach



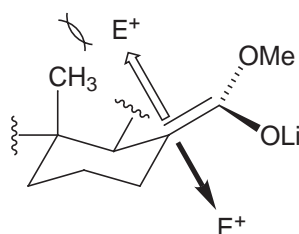
### 3. Other Conformationally Inflexible Systems

- Exocyclic Enolates of a Fixed Conformation



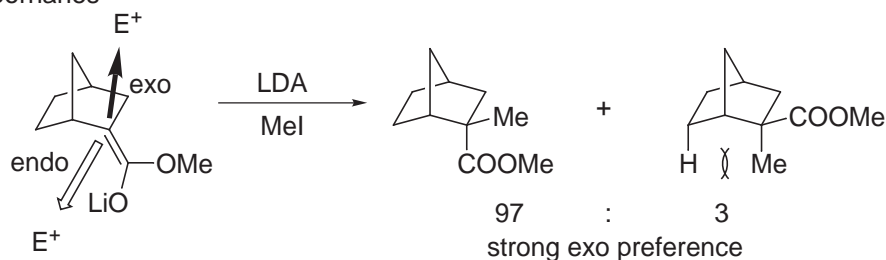
more severe 1,3-diaxial interaction

Welsch *J. Org. Chem.* **1977**, *42*, 2879;  
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1977**, *99*, 549.

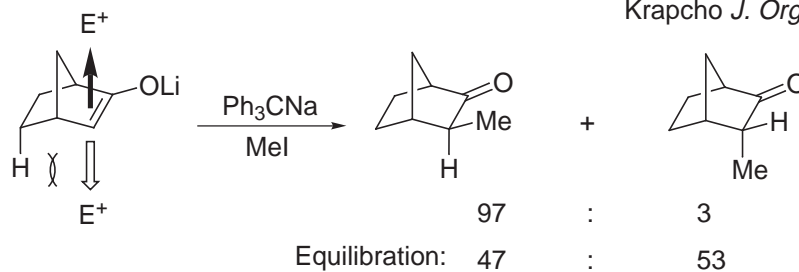


This leads to a further enhancement of the preferred equatorial delivery of electrophile.

- Exocyclic Norbornanes

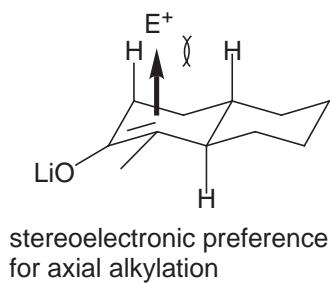
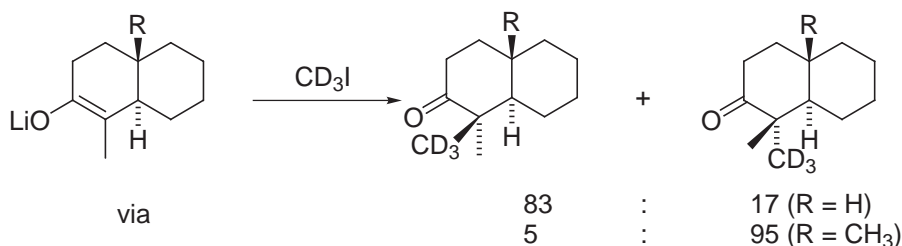


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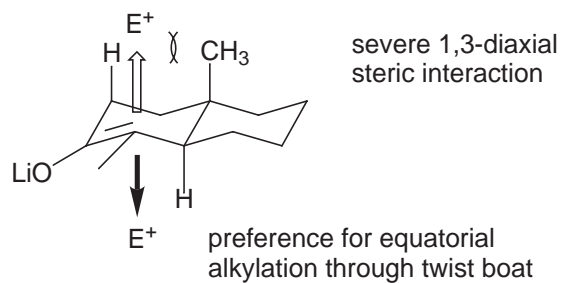


Corey *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1962**, *84*, 2611.

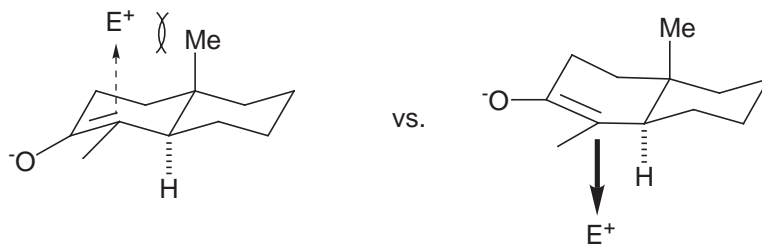
- Confined Endocyclic Enolates



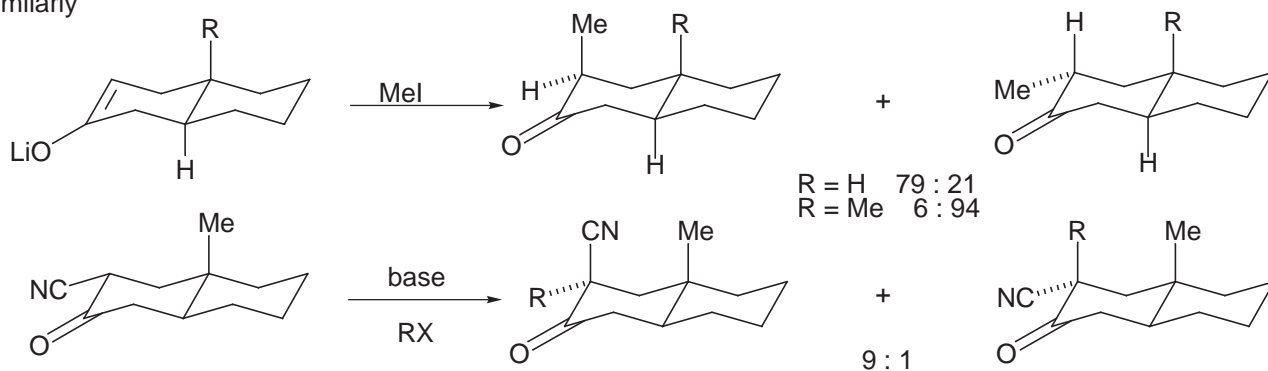
But



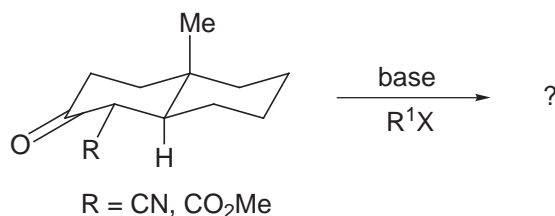
Matthews *J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.* **1970**, 38 and 708.



- Similarly



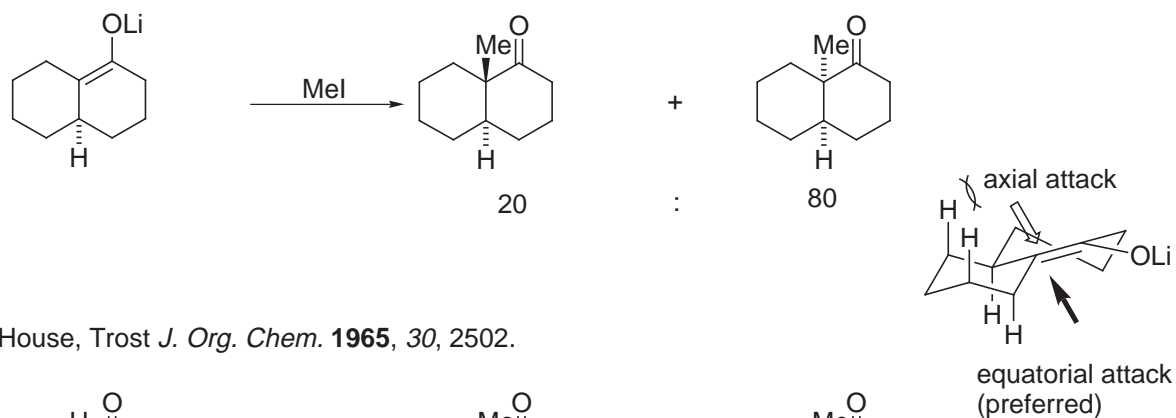
- Predict the major product for



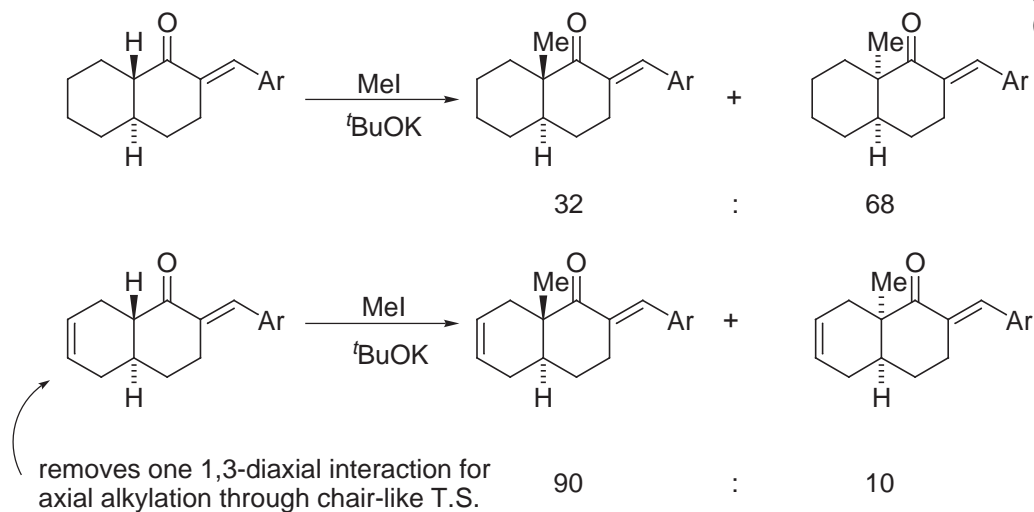
Kuehne *J. Org. Chem.* **1970**, *35*, 161.

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Morris *J. Org. Chem.* **1972**, *37*, 789.

Stork *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1961**, *83*, 2965; **1965**, *87*, 275.

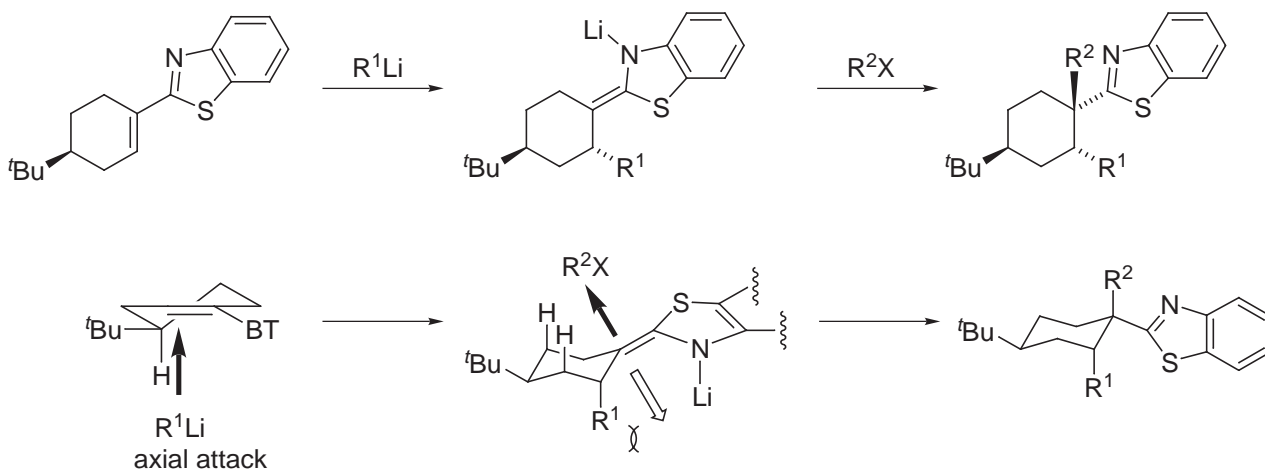


House, Trost *J. Org. Chem.* **1965**, *30*, 2502.



#### 4. Conjugate Addition/Alkylation: Stereochemistry

- There are also many examples of tandem conjugate addition/alkylation reactions and conjugate reduction/alkylation reactions that combine elements of both the conjugate addition or reduction with the subsequent alkylation.

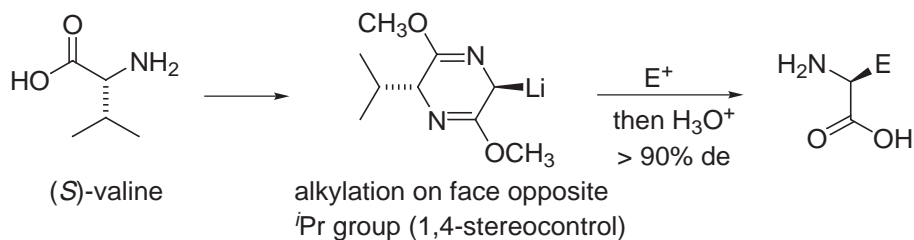


Corey and Boger *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1978**, 5, 9, and 13.

## F. Asymmetric Alkylations

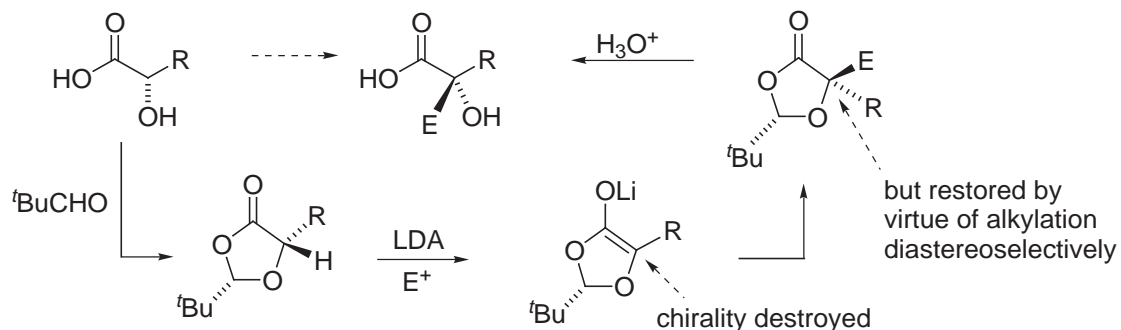
### Conformational or Intraannular Chirality Transfer

1. Schöllkopf asymmetric amino acid synthesis:



*Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Eng.* **1979**, 18, 863; **1981**, 20, 798 and 977.  
*Liebigs Ann. Chem.* **1981**, 696 and 2407.  
*Synthesis* **1981**, 966 and 969.

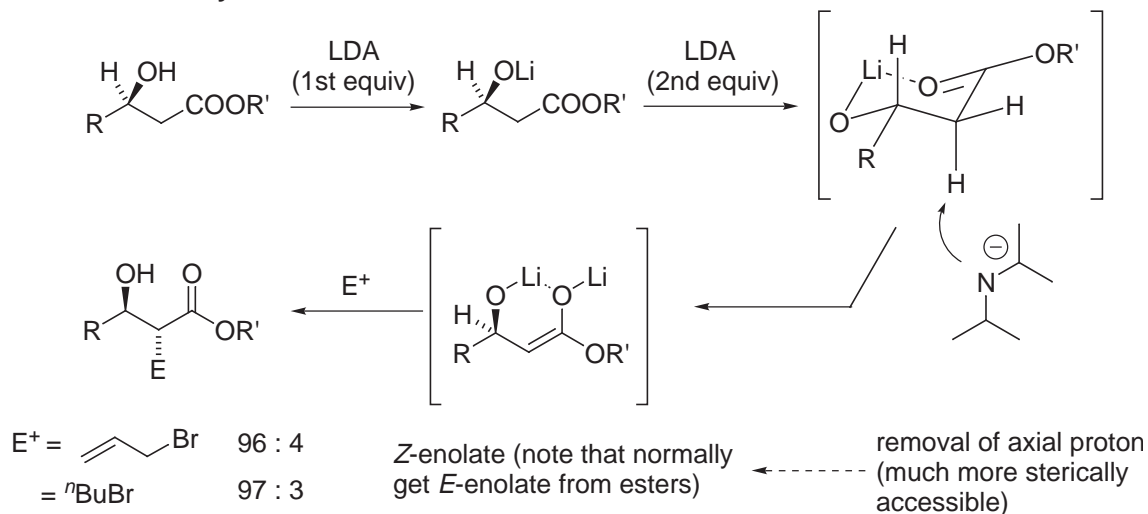
2. Seebach:



Seebach *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1983**, 105, 5390.  
Fráter *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1981**, 22, 4221.

### Chelation Enforced Chirality Transfer

3.



Seebach *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Eng.* **1981**, *20*, 971.

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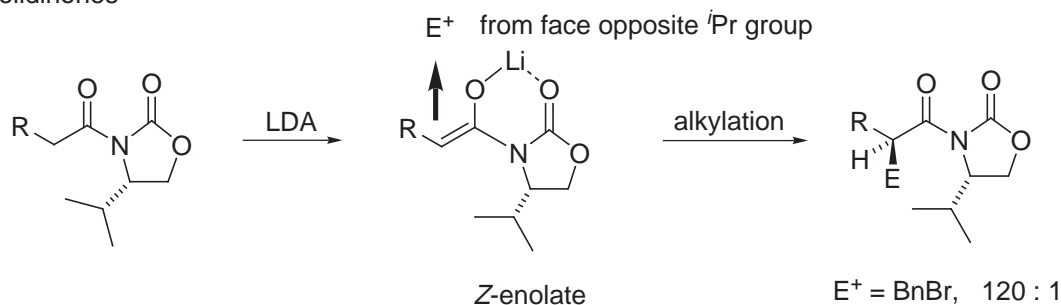
Fráter *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1981**, *22*, 425.

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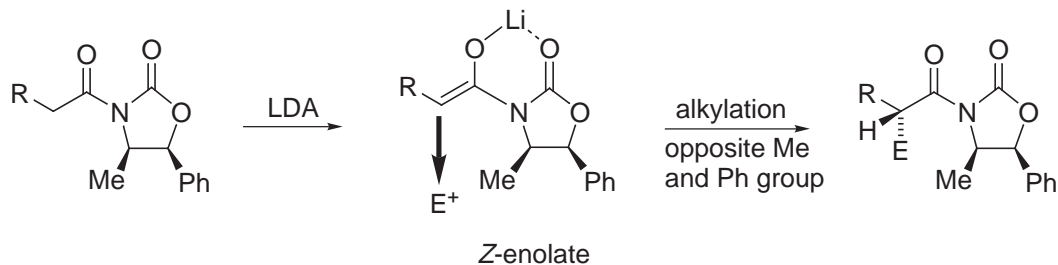
Kraus *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1977**, *18*, 4575.

4. Evans' chiral imide auxiliaries: *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1982**, *104*, 1737.

N-acyl oxazolidinones



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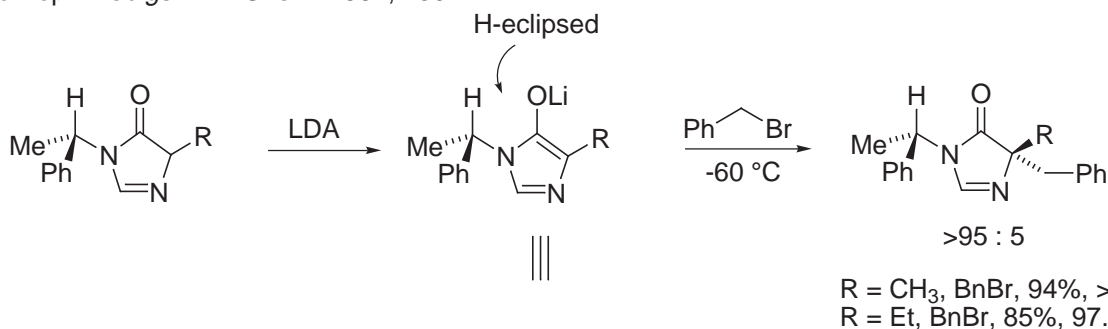
Access to either enantiomer  $\longleftrightarrow$  new chiral centers created which have opposite absolute configuration.

- Factors responsible for high diastereoselectivity:

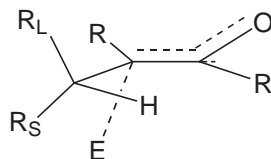
- formation of Z-enolate (exclusively).
- chelation results in formation of rigid template, single conformation.
- $\pi$ -facial selectivity results from sterics of alkylation.

### Extraannular Chirality Transfer

5. Schöllkopf *Liebigs Ann. Chem.* **1981**, 439.



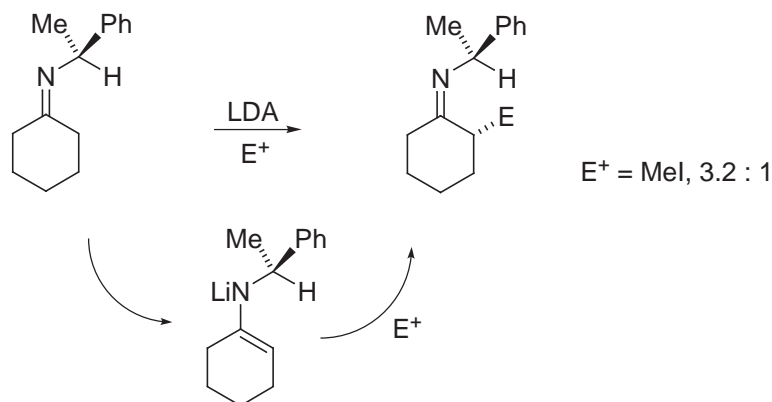
	R <sub>S</sub>	R <sub>L</sub>	(E <sup>+</sup> = D <sub>2</sub> O)
Stereoelectronic	Me	OEt	10 : 1
	Me	OPh	10 : 1
Steric	Me	<sup>t</sup> Bu	9 : 1
	Me	O <sup>t</sup> Bu	8 : 1
	Me	S <sup>t</sup> Bu	7.5 : 1
	Me	OMe	7 : 1
	Me	CF <sub>3</sub>	5 : 1
	Me	Ph	3 : 1
	Me	<sup>i</sup> Pr	2.3 : 1
	Me	Et	1.4 : 1



with control of enolate geometry available, reaction via H-eclipsed conformation might be facially selective. To date, this has not been extensively examined with acyclic systems.

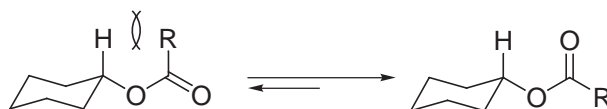
See: Mohrig *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1997**, 119, 479.

6. Schöllkopf *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1979**, 20, 3929.



### Through Space Interactions/Blocking Groups

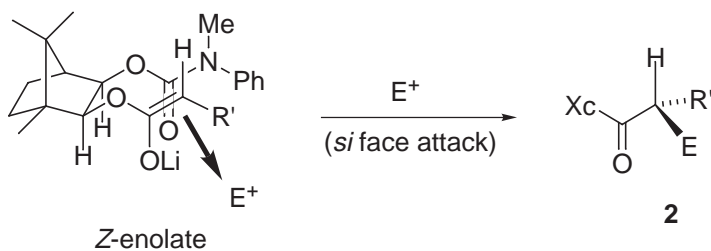
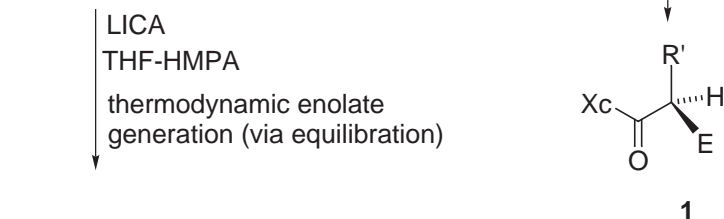
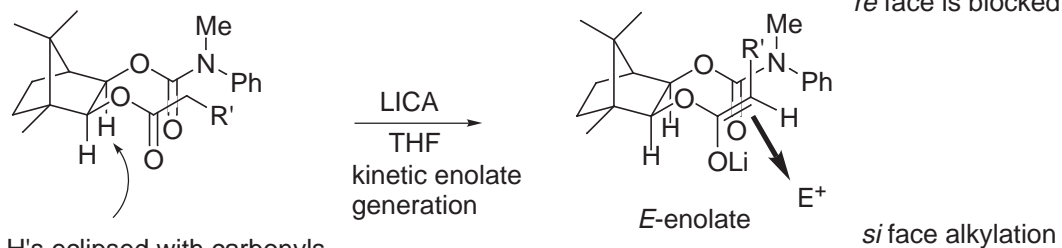
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with certain esters of chiral alcohols, could see enantioselectivity via conformational control



H and carbonyl are eclipsed in much preferred conformation

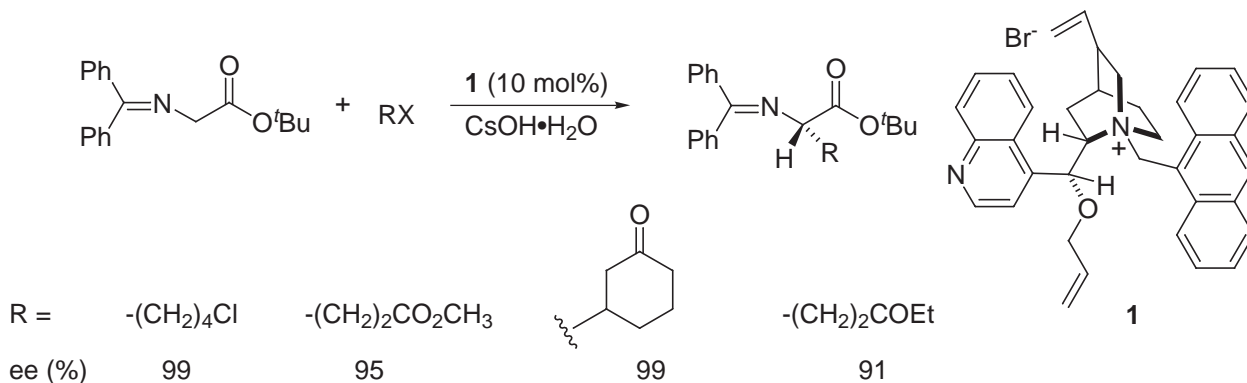


R'	solvent	$E^+$	1 : 2	yield
CH <sub>2</sub> Ph	THF	Mel	95 : 5	95%
Me	THF	BnBr	94 : 6	96%
Me	THF-HMPA	BnBr	30 : 70	96%

lower diastereoselectivity due to inability to generate exclusively the *Z*-enolate (70:30 = *Z* : *E* formed)

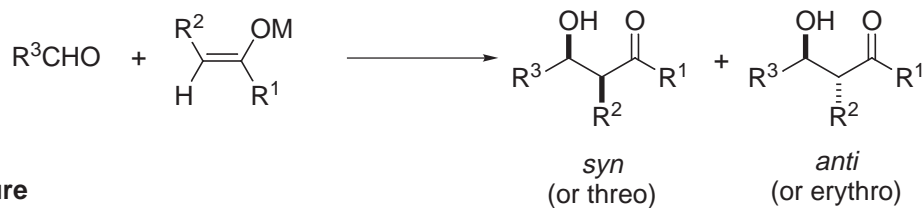
Helmchen *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Eng.* **1981**, *20*, 207.  
*Tetrahedron Lett.* **1980**, *21*, 1137.

8. Catalytic asymmetric alkylation: Corey *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1998**, *39*, 5347.



Additional examples of asymmetric alkylations may be found in the sections discussing enolate equivalents.

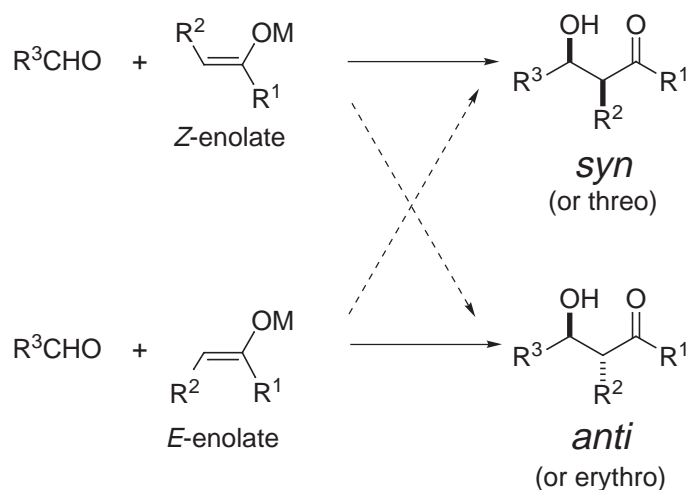
## G. Aldol Addition (Condensation)



### 1. Nomenclature

<i>syn/anti</i>	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> <b>1981</b> , 103, 2106. (supercedes erythro/threo nomenclature)
erythro/threo	<i>Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Eng.</i> <b>1980</b> , 19, 557.
Summary	<i>Asymm. Synth.</i> Vol. 3, pp. 111-212. (Review of aldol diastereoselection)
IUPAC	<i>Pure. Appl. Chem.</i> <b>1976</b> , 45, 11.
Others	<i>Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Eng.</i> <b>1966</b> , 5, 385. (based on Cahn, Ingold, Prelog) <i>Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Eng.</i> <b>1982</b> , 21, 654. (Seebach, Prelog) <i>J. Org. Chem.</i> <b>1982</b> , 47, 3811. (Carey, Kuehne)

### 2. Generalizations



1. Z-enolates give predominantly *syn* (or threo) aldol products (thermodynamic enolates).
2. E-enolates give predominantly *anti* (or erythro) aldol products (kinetic enolates).

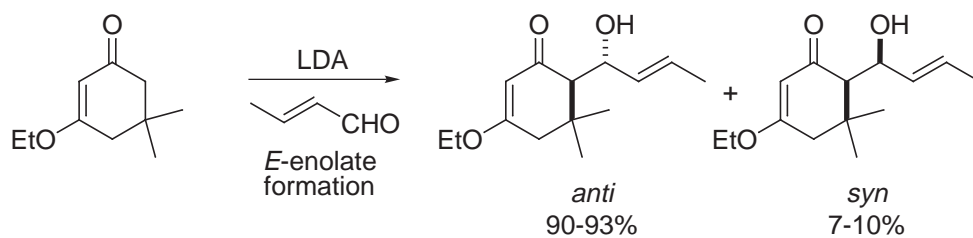
and

3. Diastereoselectivity (for *syn* aldol) of Z-enolates is greater than that of E-enolates (for *anti*).
4. Correlation for E or Z-enolate is greater when R<sup>1</sup> is sterically demanding.
5. Correlation is stronger when R<sup>3</sup> is large (most important for boron enolates).
6. Correlation is reversed when R<sup>2</sup> is sterically demanding (very large).

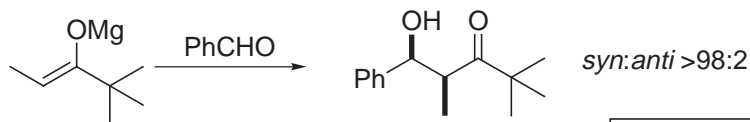
- Advances in <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR permitted detection, quantification and identification.
- Issue of equilibration addressed.

R. R. Ernst received the 1991 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for the development of the methodology of high resolution NMR spectroscopy.

### 3. Examples

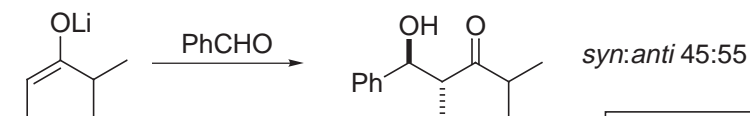
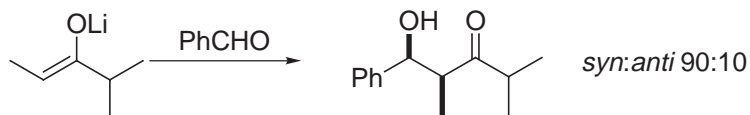


- Steric size of  $\text{R}^1$  affects diastereoselectivity

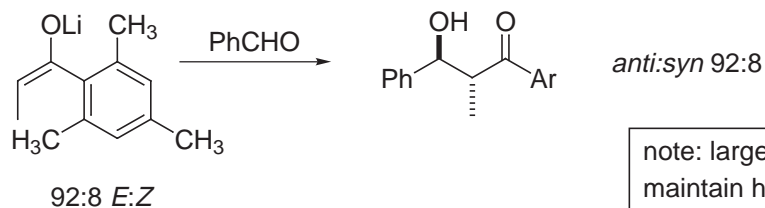
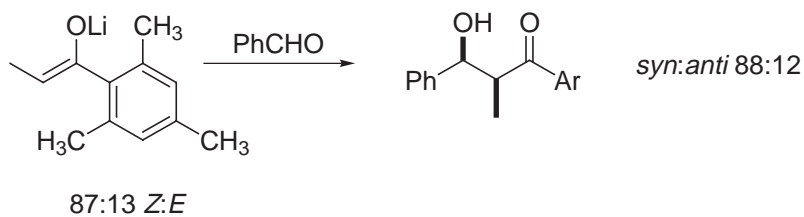
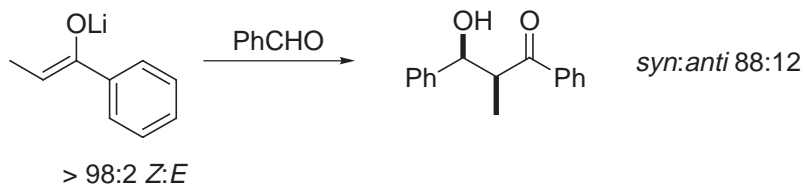


note:  $\text{R}^1 = \text{tBu} > \text{tPr}$

- *Z*-enolate



note: *Z* > *E*, stereoselectivity much lower with *E*-enolate



note: larger  $\text{R}^1$  helps maintain high selectivity dictated by enolate geometry and substantially enhances *E*-enolate diastereoselectivity

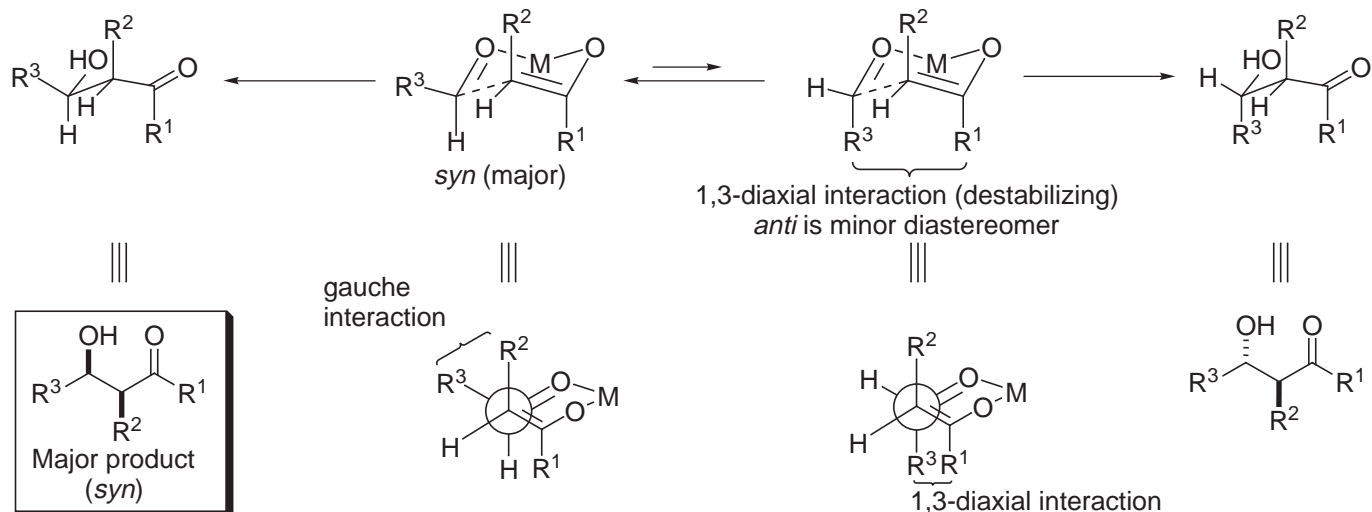
Heathcock *J. Org. Chem.* **1980**, *45*, 1066.



#### 4. Origin of Diastereoselectivity

- Zimmerman-Traxler Model (*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1957**, 79, 1920)
- Chair-like, closed transition state: metal coordination to both carbonyls

##### a. Z-enolates

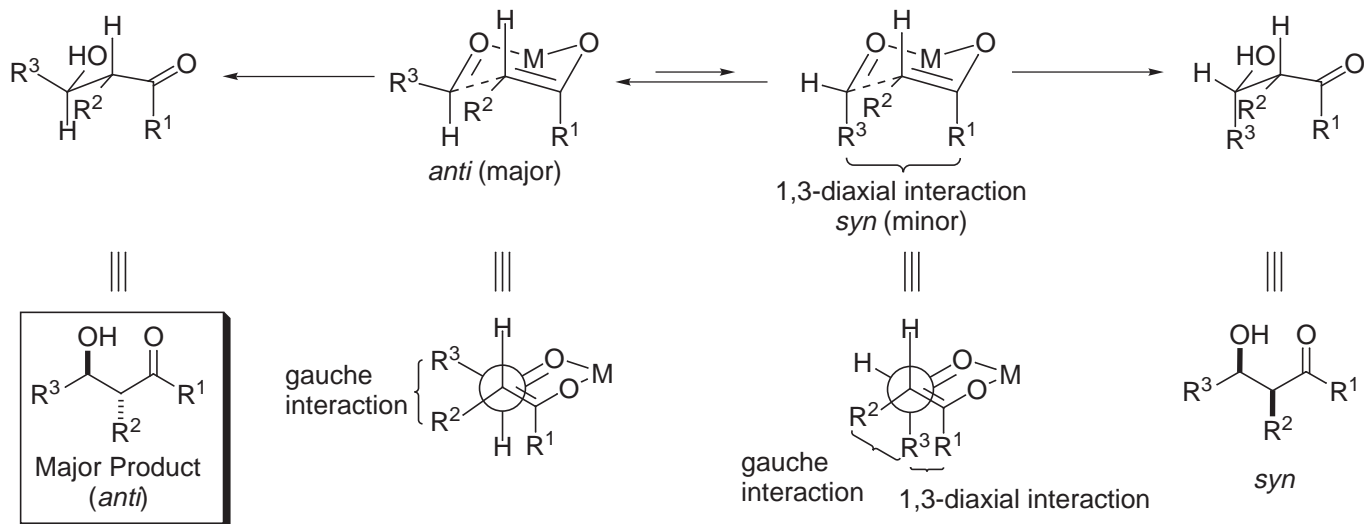


1. Diastereoselectivity for Z-enolate (giving *syn* aldol product) is maximized when R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are sterically demanding (R<sup>1</sup>/R<sup>3</sup> interaction is maximized).
2. Diastereoselectivity also increases as metal is changed to boron. This is attributed to a tighter T.S. (B–O bond shorter, so R<sup>1</sup>/R<sup>3</sup> steric interactions are magnified in T.S. for *anti* product).
3. When R<sup>2</sup> is very large the R<sup>3</sup>/R<sup>2</sup> gauche interaction > R<sup>1</sup>/R<sup>3</sup> 1,3-diaxial interaction (Why?).

Li–O	1.92–2.00 Å
Mg–O	2.01–2.03 Å
Zn–O	1.92–2.16 Å
Al–O	1.92 Å
<b>B–O</b>	<b>1.36–1.47 Å</b>
Ti–O	1.62–1.73 Å
Zr–O	2.15 Å

Diastereoselection: B > Li > Na > K

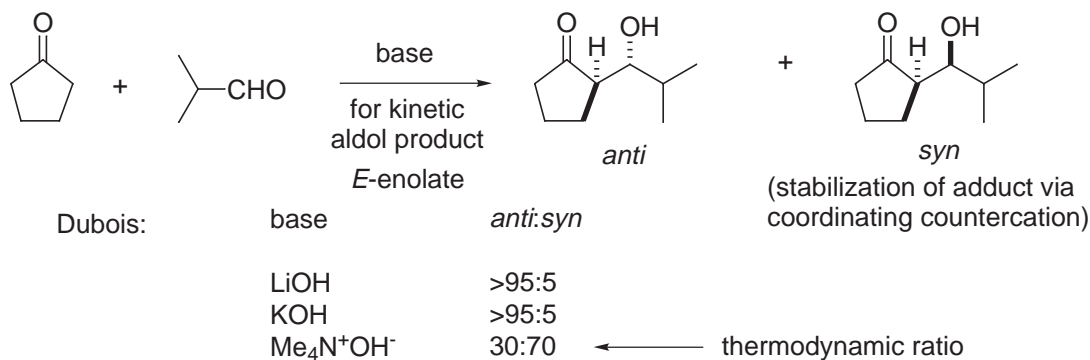
##### b. E-enolates



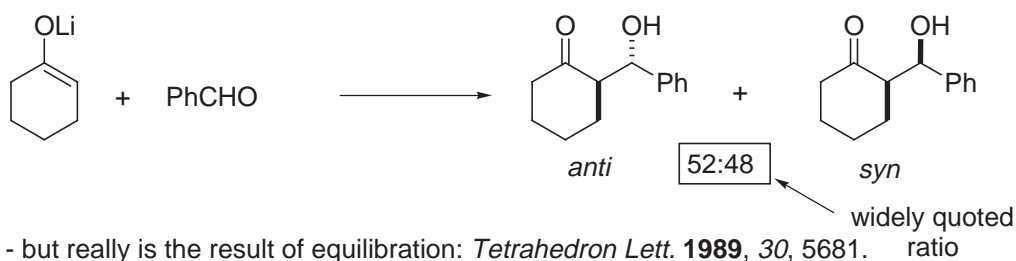
1. Diastereoselectivity increases as R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> become sterically large, and a switch to the boron enolate will increase selectivity.
2. Diastereoselectivity may switch when R<sup>2</sup> is very large (Why?).

## 5. Cyclic Ketones

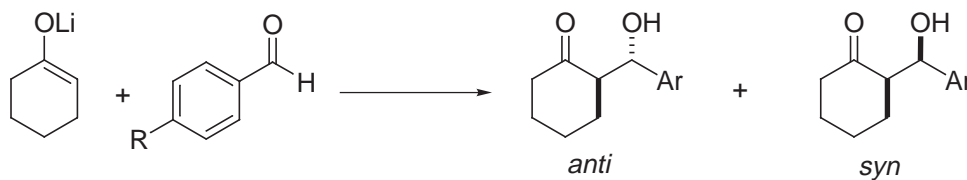
- Only *E*-enolate and therefore *anti* aldol.
- Aldol addition is reversible, can get very different stereoselectivity by allowing reaction products to equilibrate (and equilibration can be very fast).



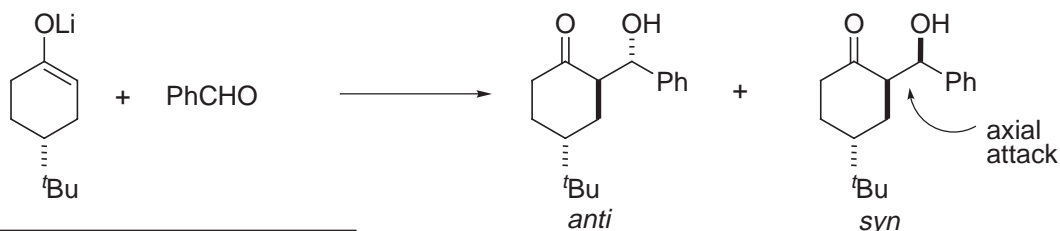
- Instructive examples: Majewski *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1989**, 30, 5681.  
House *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1973**, 95, 3310.  
Heathcock *J. Org. Chem.* **1980**, 45, 1066.



- but really is the result of equilibration: *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1989**, 30, 5681. ratio



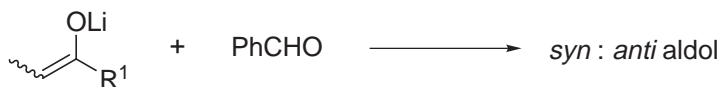
THF > DME	R = H	THF	84	:	16	75%
		DME	72	:	28	50%
		Et <sub>2</sub> O	76	:	24	84%
	R = NMe <sub>2</sub>	THF	73	:	27	68%
	R = OCH <sub>3</sub>	THF	78	:	28	68%
	R = Ph	THF	94	:	6	67%
	R = CF <sub>3</sub>	THF	74	:	26	80%



1. <i>E</i> -enolate → <i>anti</i> aldol. 2. Axial attack of enolate (stereoelectronic control).	THF	81	:	19	63%
	Et <sub>2</sub> O	75	:	25	61%
	Et <sub>2</sub> O-HMPA	68	:	32	68%

## 6. Acyclic Enolates

- Effect of R<sup>1</sup>



**syn : anti ratio**

R <sup>1</sup>	Z-enolate	E-enolate
OMe	-	1.5
O <sup>t</sup> Bu	-	1.0
H	1.0	1.5
Et	9.0	1.5
<sup>i</sup> Pr	9.0	1.0
Ph	7	-
<sup>t</sup> Bu	70	-
mesityl	>50	<0.02

typically:  
Z > E diastereoselection

diastereoselection  
increases as size  
of R<sup>1</sup> increases

## 7. Refined and Alternative Models

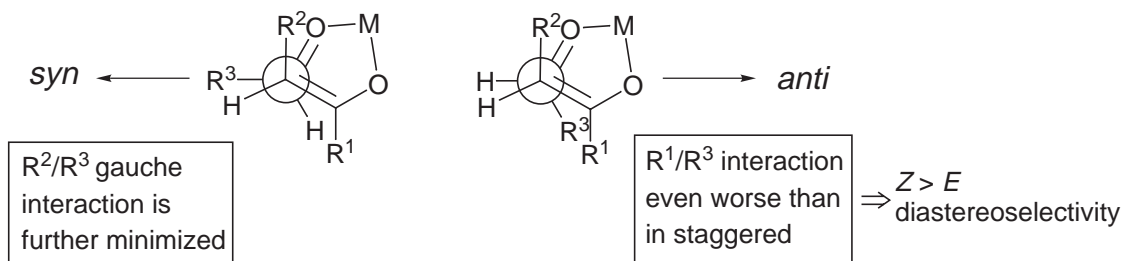
- Idealized closed, chair transition state does not account for Z > E diastereoselectivity nor does it explain the switch in diastereoselectivity when R<sup>2</sup> is sterically demanding.

- Transition state for addition more closely resembles eclipsed conformation.

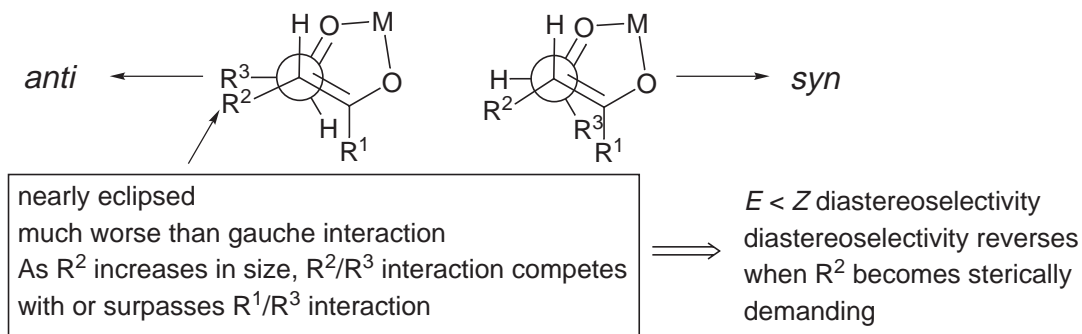
- Dubois, Fellmann *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1975**, 1225; *Tetrahedron* **1978**, 34, 1349.

- Heathcock *J. Org. Chem.* **1980**, 45, 1066.

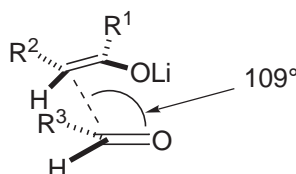
- For Z-enolate



- For E-enolate



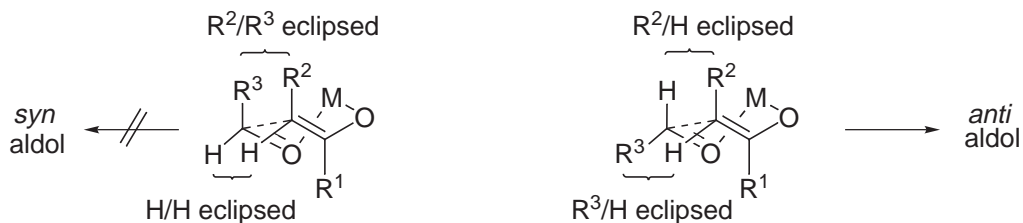
- Burgi-Dunitz approach angle -skewed approach - R<sup>2</sup>/R<sup>3</sup> come closer together than R<sup>1</sup>/R<sup>3</sup>



- An additional alternative explanation considers the boat transition states  
Evans *Top. Stereochem.* **1982**, 13, 1.

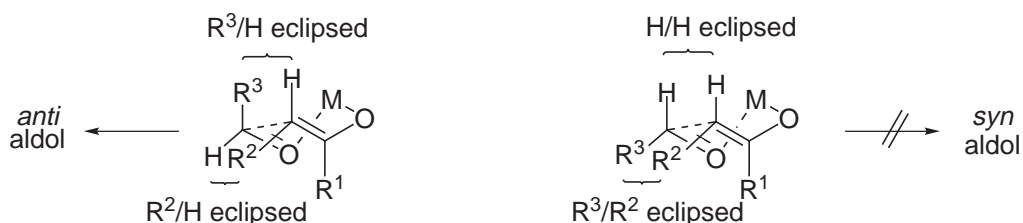
- In addition to the four idealized closed chair transition states, four closed boat transition states must be considered as well.

- Z-enolate



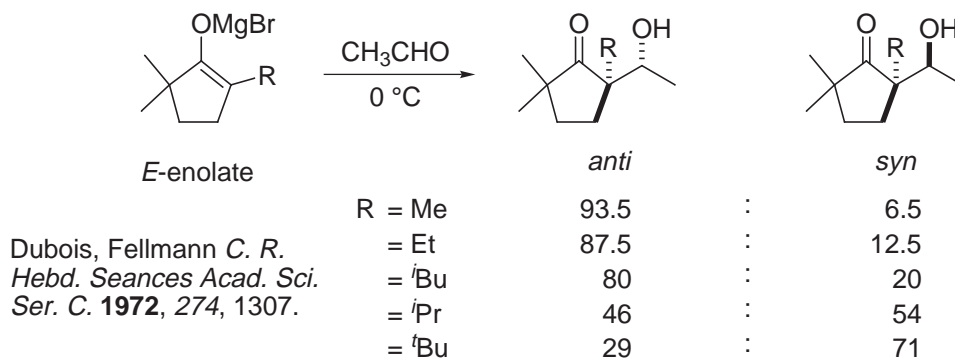
- when the R<sup>2</sup>/R<sup>3</sup> gauche interaction is large in chair TS, Z-enolate boat TS might become competitive leading to the *anti* aldol

- E-enolate

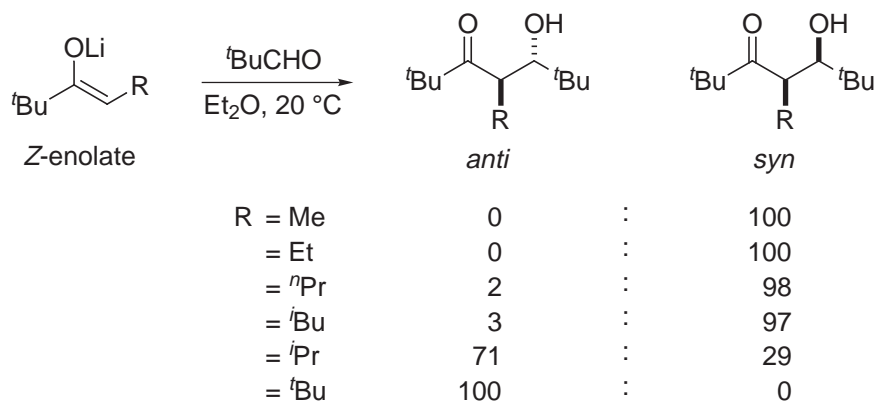


- However, the boat transition state alternative does not explain the *E*-enolate switch from *anti* to *syn* aldol when R<sup>2</sup> becomes sterically more demanding.

- Examples

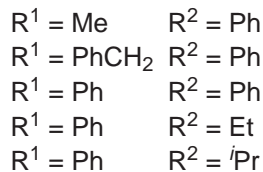
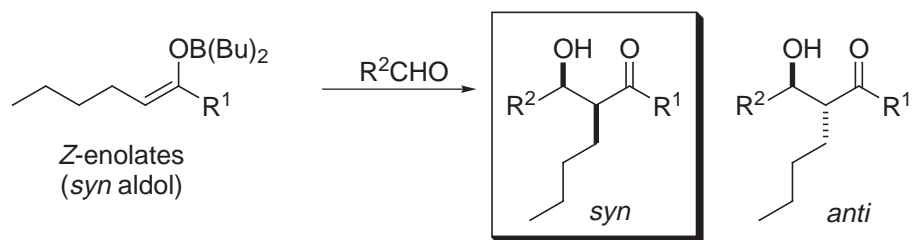


*anti:syn* ratio decreases smoothly as R becomes larger (R<sup>2</sup> in models above)

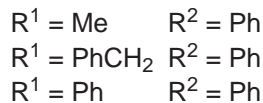
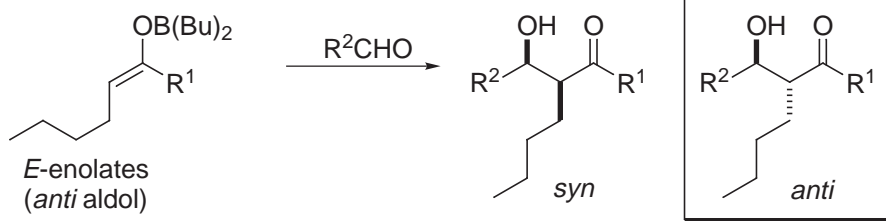


## 8. Boron Enolates

- Often much more diastereoselective in their aldol addition reactions
- This results from a shorter B-O bond length, tighter transition state



>95:5 for all cases



25:75

20:80

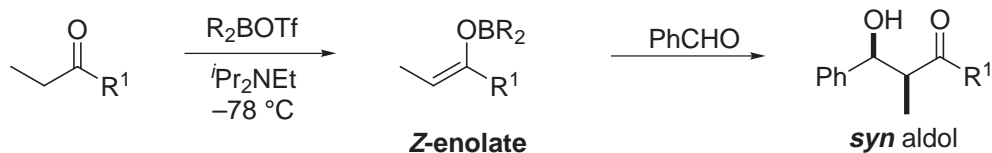
25:75

**Z > E diastereoselection**

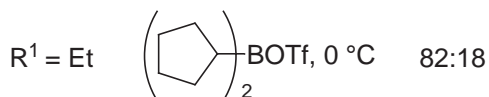
E-enolates give lower diastereoselectivity

Masamune *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1979**, 1665.

### a. Z-enolate Preparation and Reactions



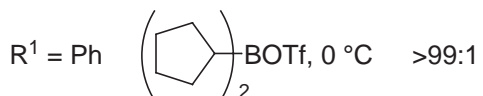
$>97:3 \quad \text{syn/anti}$



$84:16 \quad \text{syn/anti}$

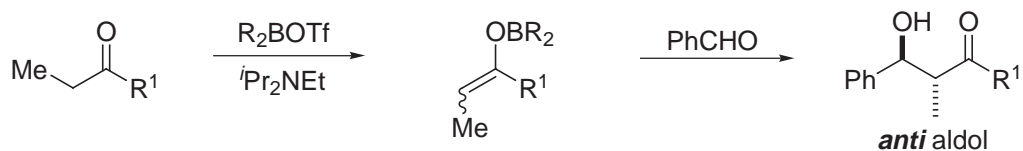


$>97:3 \quad \text{syn/anti}$



$>95:5 \quad \text{syn/anti}$

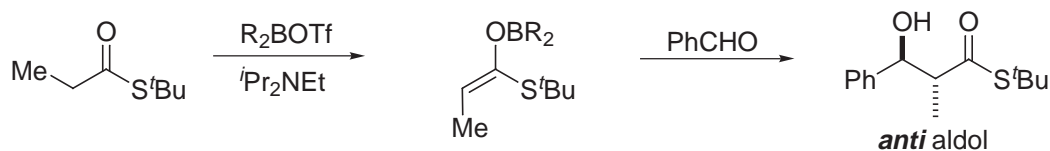
b. *E*-enolate Preparation and Reactions



$R^1 = iPr$   $Bu_2BOTf, -78^\circ C$  45:55 *Z:E* 44:56 *syn/anti*

$R^1 = iPr$   $(\text{cyclopentane})_2BOTf, 0^\circ C$  19:81 *Z:E* 18:82 *syn/anti*

- originally difficult to control but:



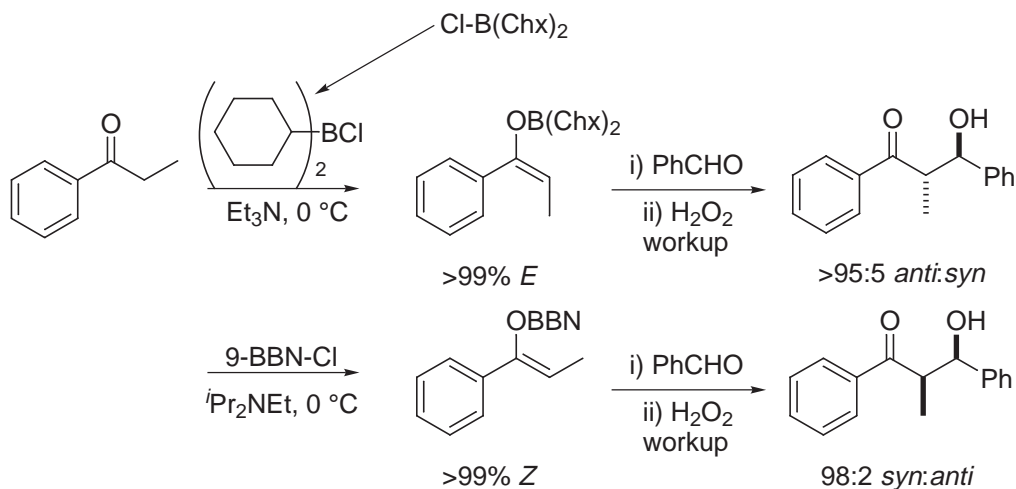
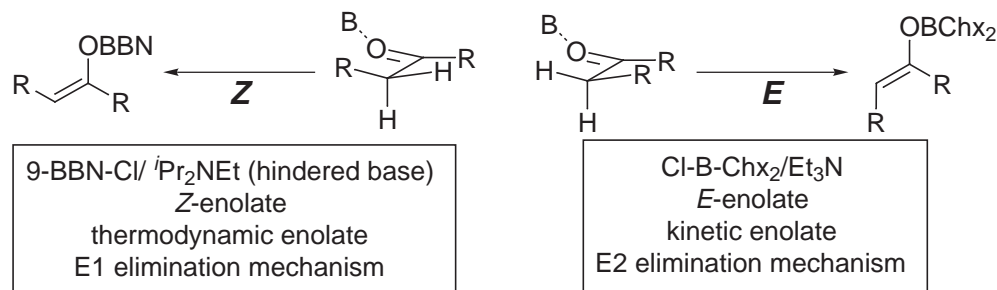
Masamune *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1979**, 2225. *E*-enolate

$Bu_2BOTf, 0^\circ C$  >95:5 10:90 *syn/anti*

$(\text{cyclopentane})_2BOTf, 0^\circ C$  >95:5 5:95 *syn/anti*

*E*-enolates very accessible using *t*butylthiol esters

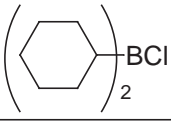
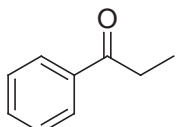
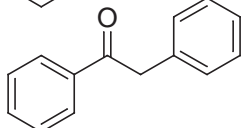
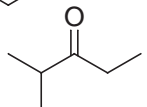
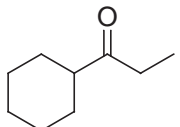
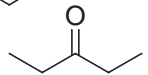
c. Examples of more recent methods to control boron enolate geometry



-These results are difficult to achieve with boron triflates

Brown *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1989**, 111, 3441.

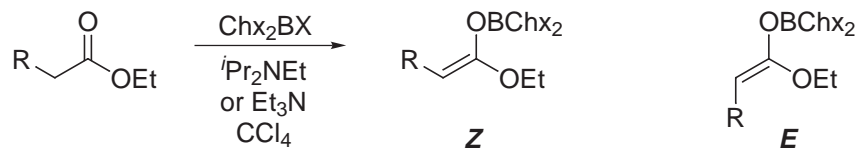
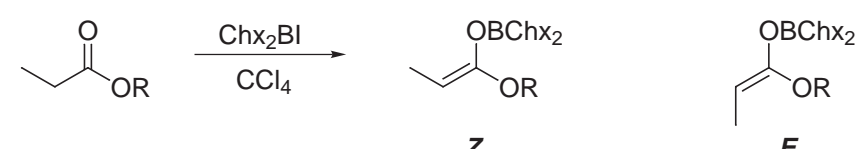
- Examples

	9-BBN-Cl	
	99:1 (Z:E)	<1:99 (Z:E)
	>99:1	15:85
	98:2 (via equilibration)	<1:99
	96:4 (via equilibration)	<1:99
	99:1 (via equilibration)	21:79

Z-enolate is easy to access: thermodynamic enolate  
E-enolate is less stable, more difficult to generate without equilibration  
(also still difficult to prepare unless alkyl groups are bulky).

- see also Brown *J. Org. Chem.* **1992**, 57, 499 and 2716.

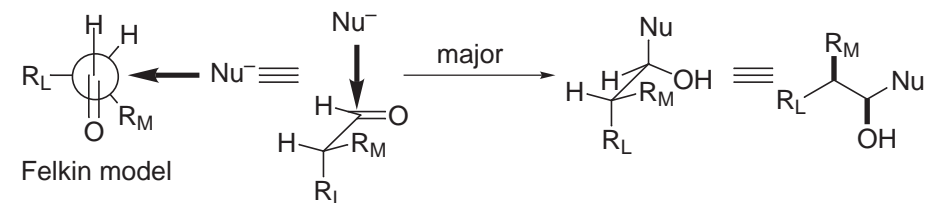
Brown *J. Org. Chem.* **1994**, 59, 2336.

				
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R = CH <sub>3</sub>	X = Br	84	:	17
R = Et	X = I	95	:	5
R = <sup>i</sup> Pr	X = I	<3	:	>97
R = <sup>t</sup> Bu	X = I	<3	:	>97
R = Ph	X = I	<3	:	>97
				
R = CH <sub>3</sub>	Et <sub>3</sub> N	>97	:	<3
	<sup>i</sup> Pr <sub>2</sub> NEt	>97	:	<3
R = Et	Et <sub>3</sub> N	>97	:	<3
	<sup>i</sup> Pr <sub>2</sub> NEt	>97	:	<3
R = <sup>i</sup> Pr	Et <sub>3</sub> N	86	:	14
	<sup>i</sup> Pr <sub>2</sub> NEt	64	:	36
R = <sup>t</sup> Bu	Et <sub>3</sub> N	59	:	41
	<sup>i</sup> Pr <sub>2</sub> NEt	3	:	97

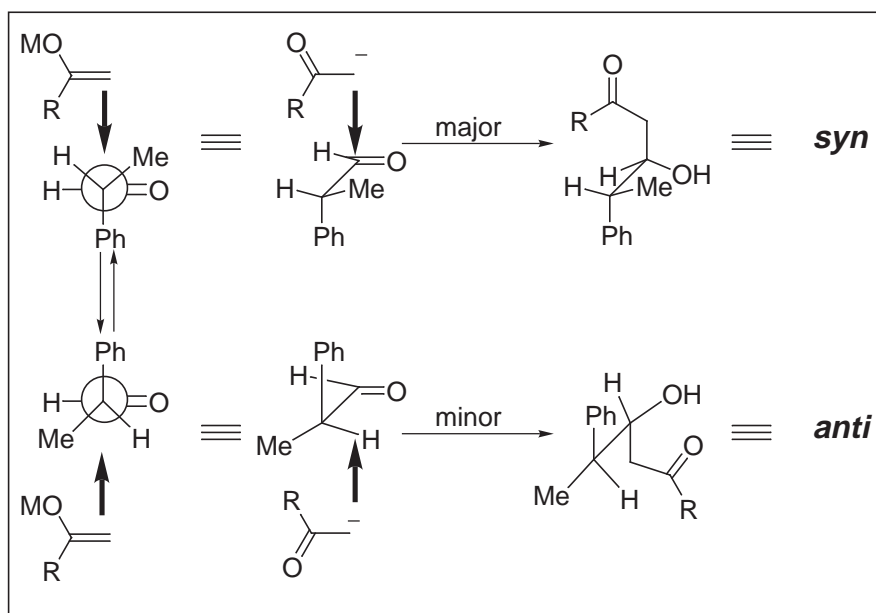
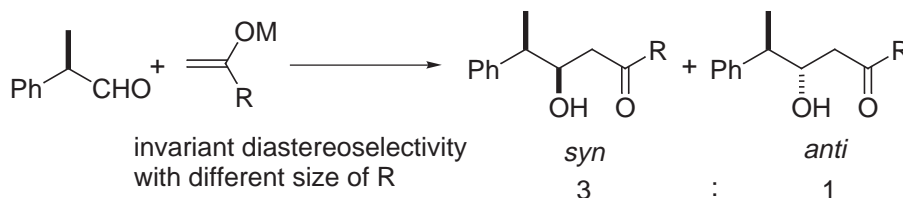
## 9. Aldol Condensation with Chiral Aldehydes

### a. Felkin Addition

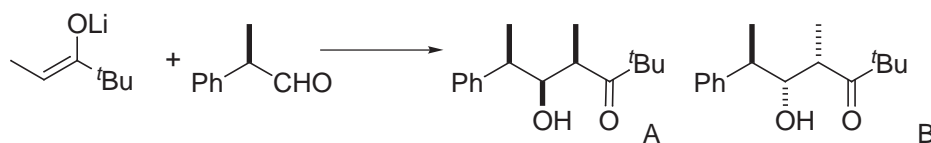
- Two faces of aldehyde are diastereotopic.
- Nucleophilic addition of enolate follows Cram's empirical generalization (Felkin-Ahn addition).



- Example:

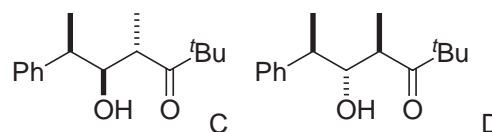


- Can combine all selectivities to give 3 contiguous chiral centers, if the chiral aldehyde and enolate partners are both highly diastereoselective.



- A & B represent 2,3 *syn* products  
(from *Z*-enolate with large R group)

- A & C represent 3,4 *syn* products  
(from Cram/ Felkin-Ahn addition to aldehyde)



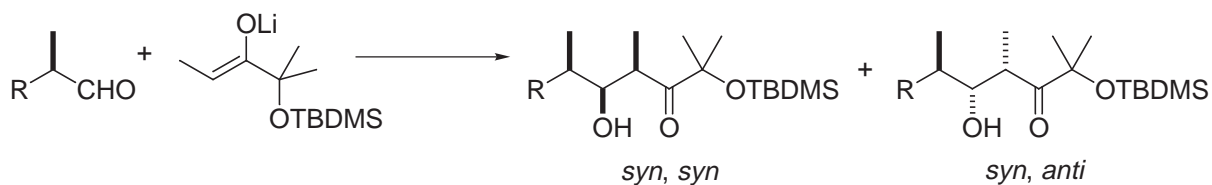
experimental: A:B:C:D = 86:14:0:0

Heathcock *J. Org. Chem.* **1980**, *45*, 1066.

- *syn* aldol reaction proceeds with >98% *syn* selectivity
- Cram/Felkin-Ahn addition proceeds with 86:14 *syn* selectivity



b. Chelation Control



R = Ph

Z-enolate (with large R group) gives clean syn aldol product for both.

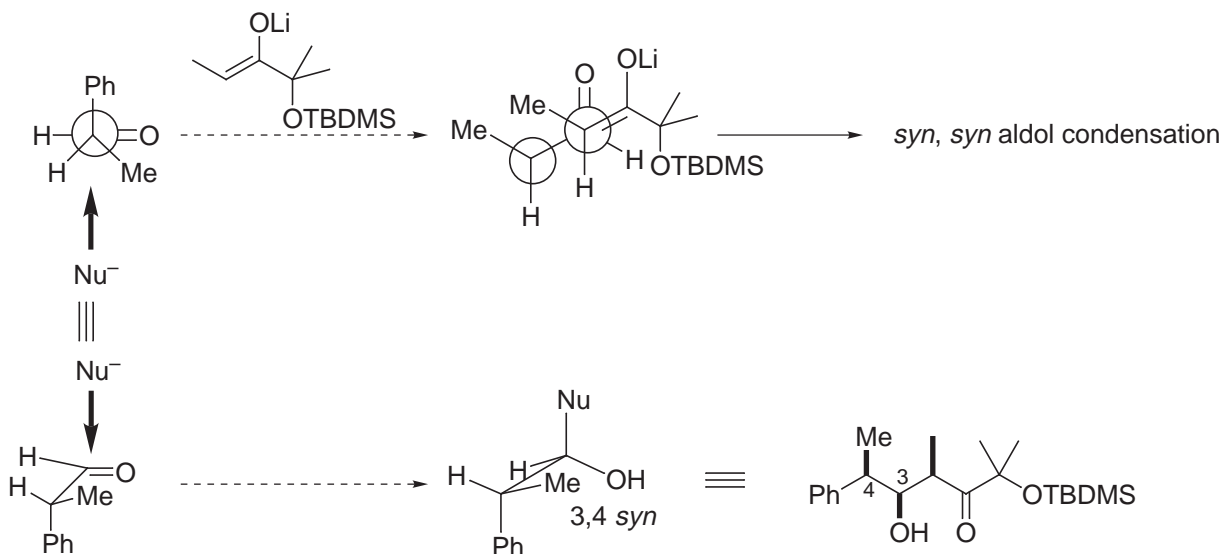
81 : 19  
 >98% syn aldol, 81:19 Cram addition

R = CH<sub>2</sub>OTBDMS

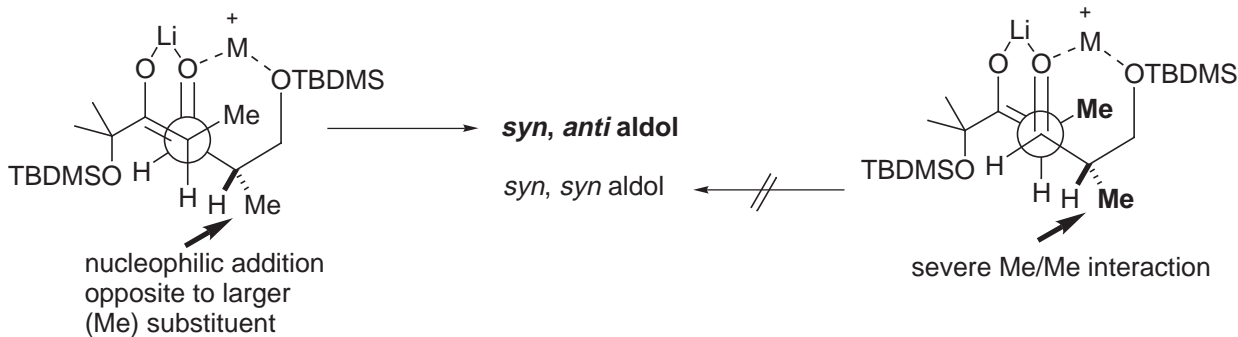
21 : 79  
 >98% syn aldol, 79:21 chelation-controlled addition to RCHO

Explanation of Chelation Control

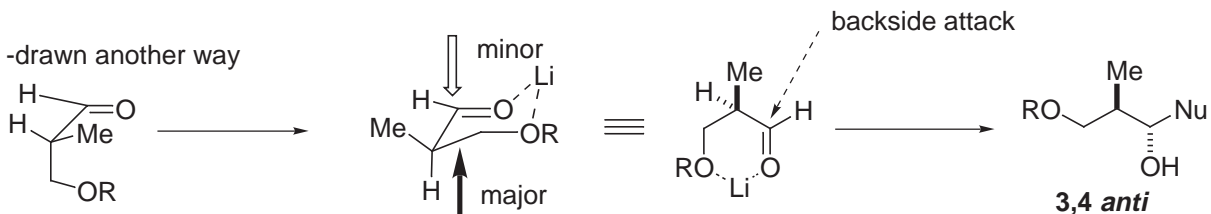
1. without chelation control



2. with chelation control

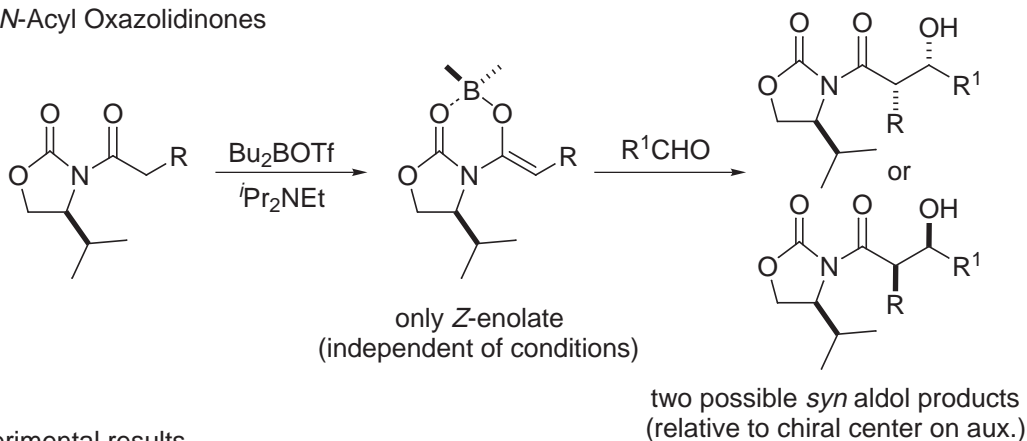


-drawn another way

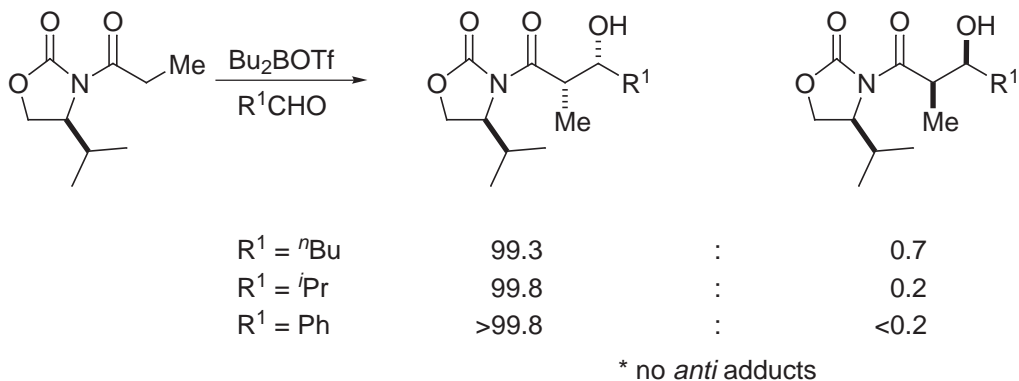


## 10. Aldol Condensation with Chiral Enolates

Evans' Chiral *N*-Acyl Oxazolidinones

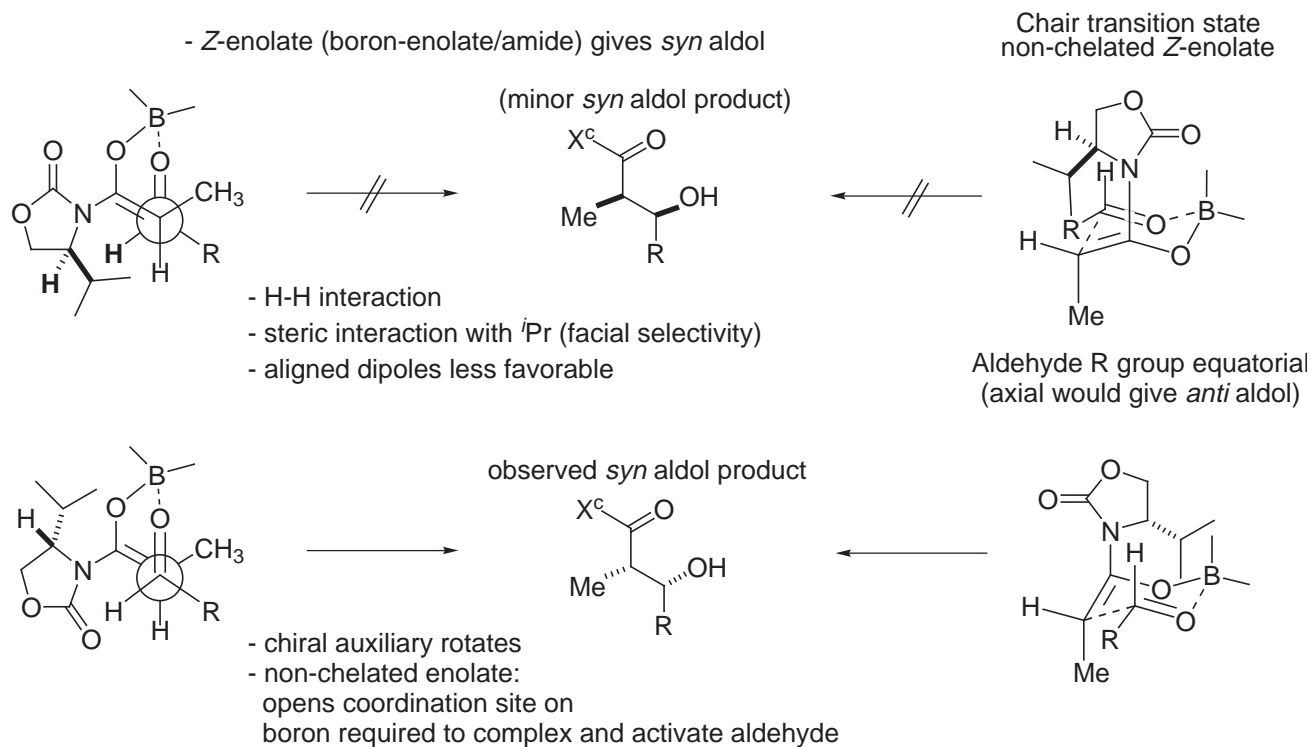


### 1. Experimental results

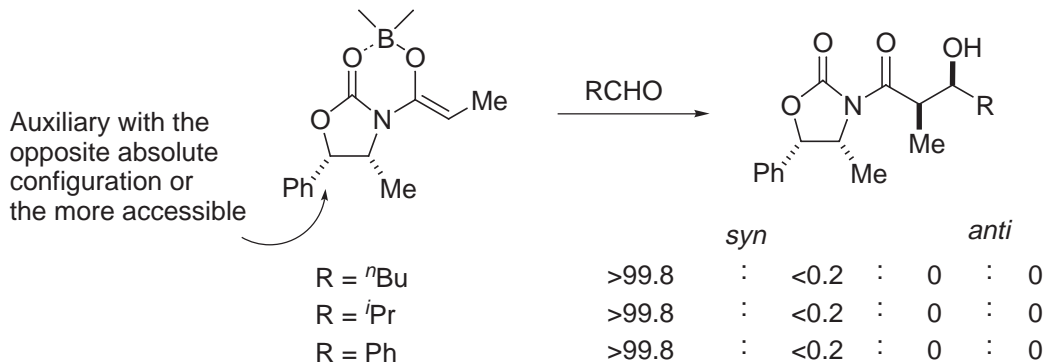


Evans *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1981**, *103*, 2876 and 3099.

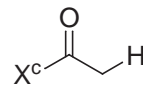
### 2. Origin of diastereoselectivity



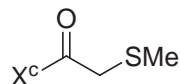
3. For the alternative enantiomer



- Note: selectivity not good for

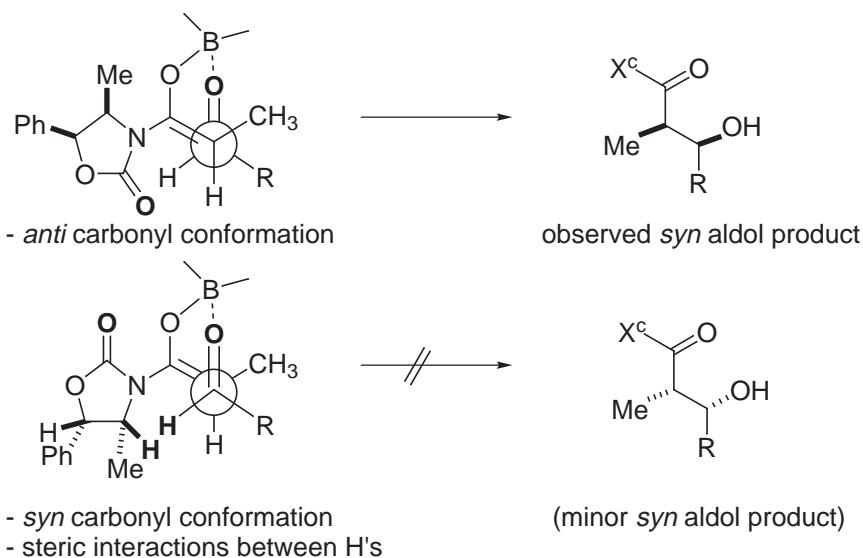


- Solution: use removable substituent



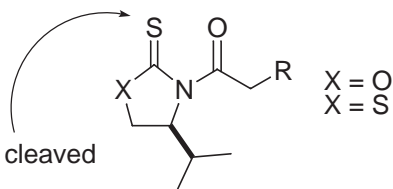
Evans aldol overrides any chiral aldehyde directing preference:  
*i.e.* Felkin-Ahn preference.

As before - two possible transition states for *syn* aldol product formation

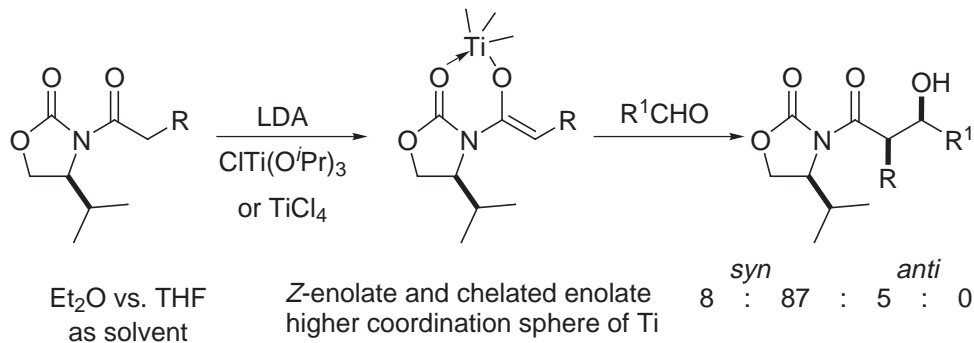


Note: Availability of oxazolidinone alternatives  
Fujita *J. Org. Chem.* **1986**, 51, 2391.  
Crimmins *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1997**, 119, 7883.

Advantages: S > O for chelation and more readily cleaved



4. Ti enolate promoted Evans aldol (non-Evans *syn* aldol)



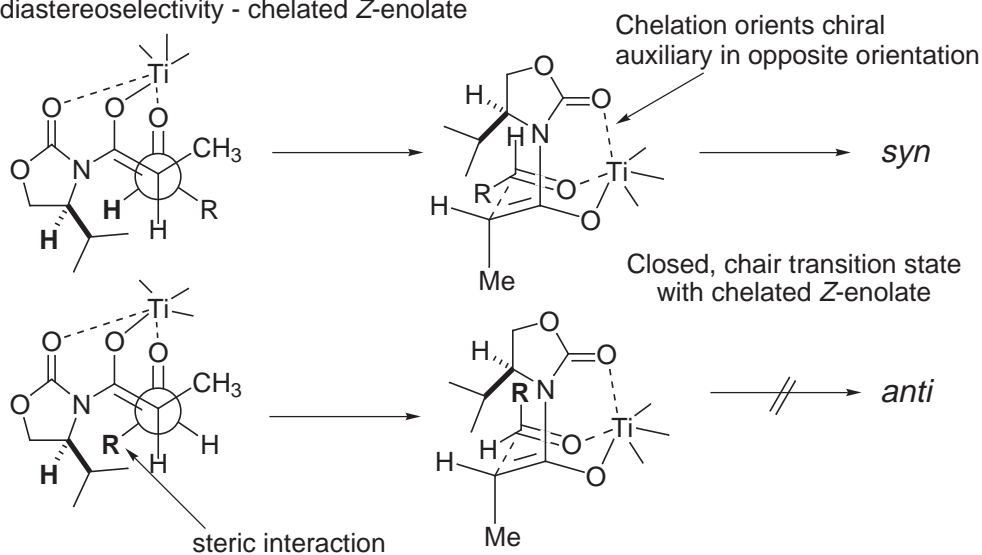
Thornton *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1989**, *111*, 5722; **1991**, *113*, 1299.

Evans *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1991**, *113*, 1047.

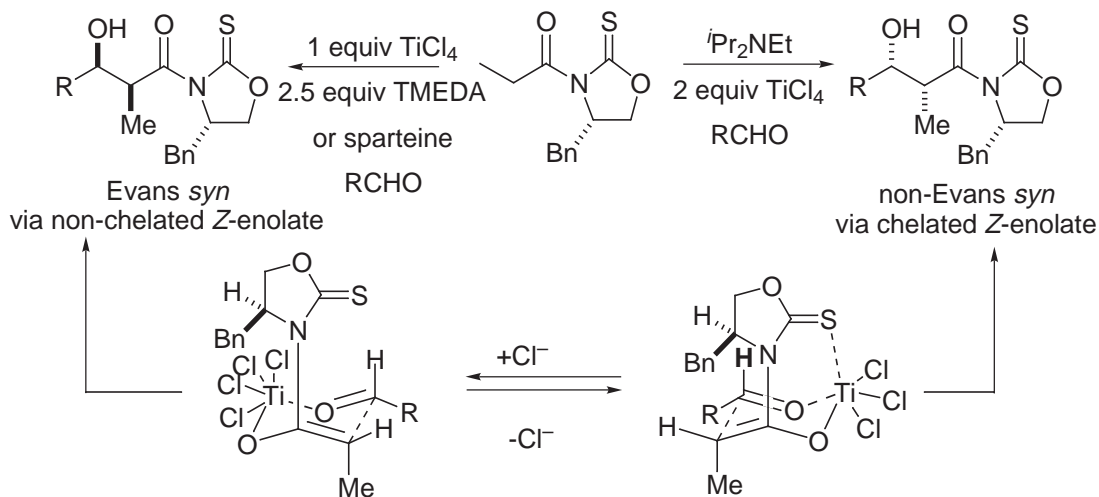
Thornton *J. Org. Chem.* **1991**, *56*, 2489.

*syn* aldol product but opposite absolute stereochemistry (non-Evans *syn* aldol).

5. Origin of diastereoselectivity - chelated Z-enolate



6. Chelated and non-chelated Ti enolates



Crimmins *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1997**, *119*, 7883.

7. Anti-selective additions

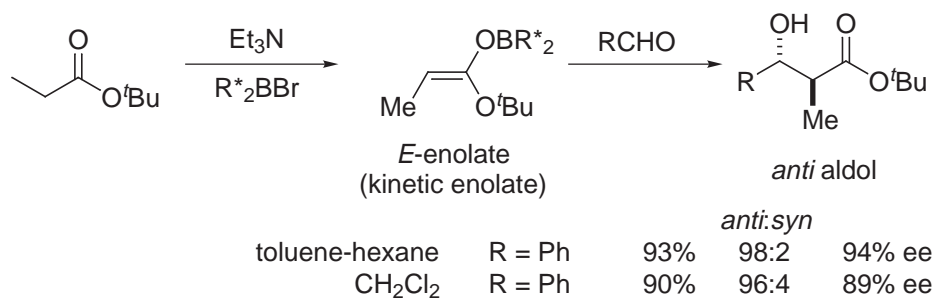
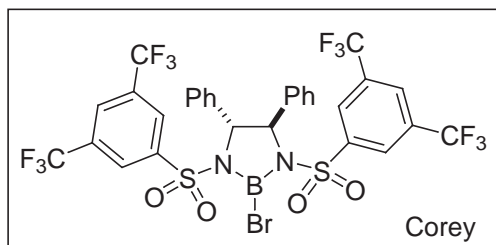
- see also *Aldrichchimica Acta* **1990**, *23*, 99; *J. Org. Chem.* **1991**, *56*, 5747.

## 11. Asymmetric Aldol Reactions

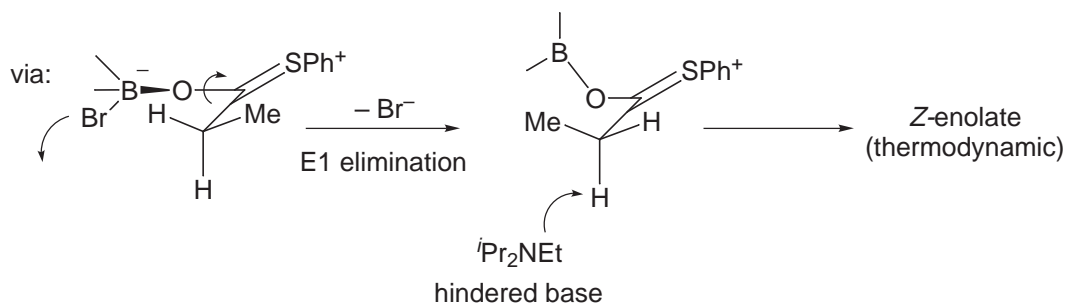
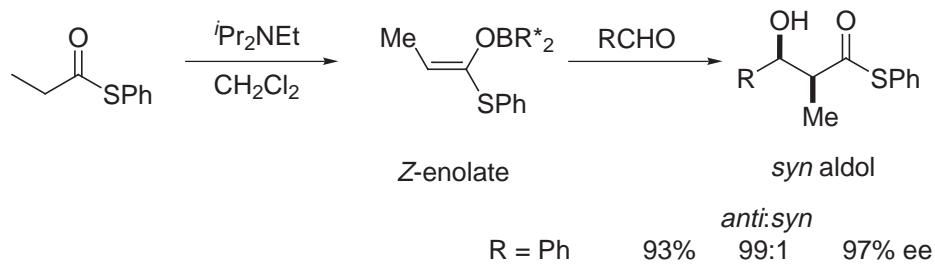
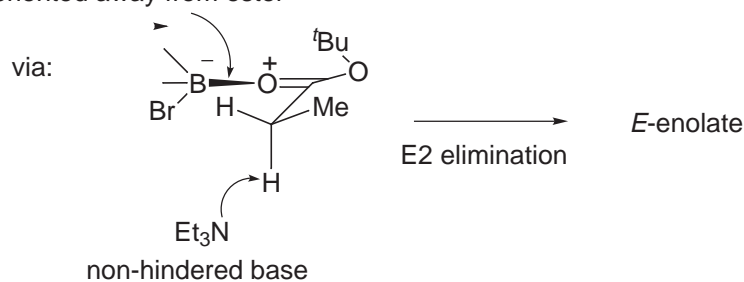
- Review: Paterson *Org. React.* **1997**, *51*, 1.

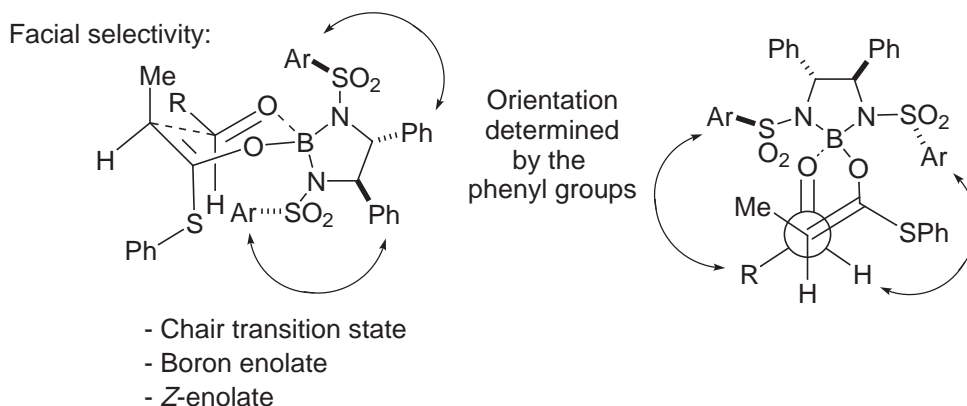
Corey *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1990**, *112*, 4976.

Corey *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1989**, *111*, 5493.



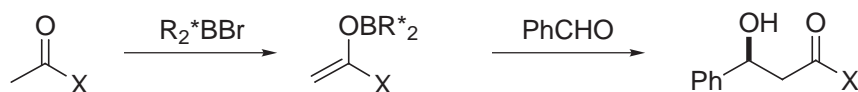
in plane lone pair  
oriented away from ester



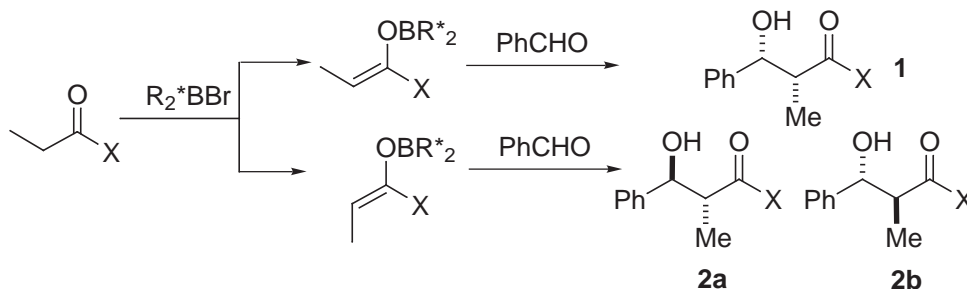


### Examples

Corey *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1993**, *34*, 1737.



X	Conditions	Yield	Config.	ee
X = SPh	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> , <sup>i</sup> Pr <sub>2</sub> NEt	82%	S	64%
X = O <sup>t</sup> Bu	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> , <sup>i</sup> Pr <sub>2</sub> NEt	78%	S	80%
X = S <sup>t</sup> Bu	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> , <sup>i</sup> Pr <sub>2</sub> NEt	82%	S	73%
X = S <sup>t</sup> Bu	toluene, Et <sub>3</sub> N	94%	S	52%

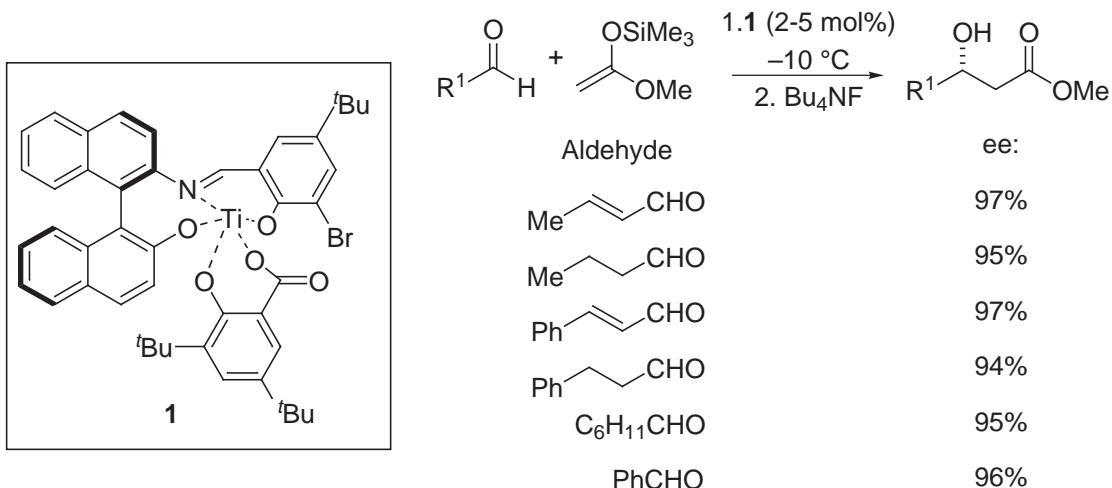


X	Conditions	Yield	syn:anti	Major Prod.		ee
				1	2a	
X = SPh	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> , <sup>i</sup> Pr <sub>2</sub> NEt	90%	99:1	<b>1</b>		97%
X = SPh	toluene, Et <sub>3</sub> N	78%	94:6	<b>1</b>		95%
X = O <sup>t</sup> Bu	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> , <sup>i</sup> Pr <sub>2</sub> NEt	89%	4:96	<b>2a</b>		94%
X = O <sup>t</sup> Bu	toluene, Et <sub>3</sub> N	64%	2:98	<b>2a</b>		94%
X = OBn	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> , <sup>i</sup> Pr <sub>2</sub> NEt	73%	84:16	<b>1</b>		97%
X = OBn	toluene, Et <sub>3</sub> N	78%	15:85	<b>2a</b>		97%
X = SBn	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> , <sup>i</sup> Pr <sub>2</sub> NEt	79%	70:30	<b>1</b>		81%
X = SBn	toluene, Et <sub>3</sub> N	84%	9:91	<b>2a</b>		94%
X = S <sup>t</sup> Bu	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> , <sup>i</sup> Pr <sub>2</sub> NEt	73%	71:29	<b>1</b>		50%
X = S <sup>t</sup> Bu	toluene, Et <sub>3</sub> N	86%	6:94	<b>2b (+ 2a)</b>		46%

Note:  
Z-enolate →  
E-enolate →

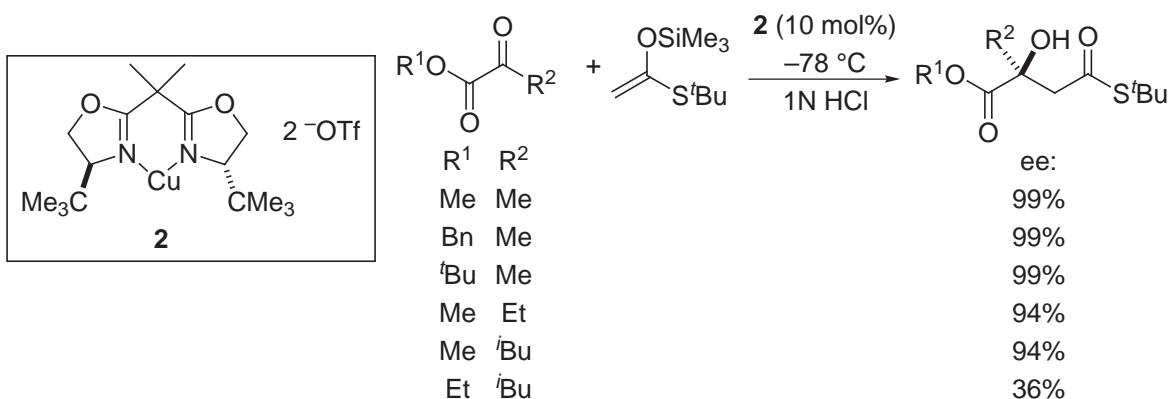
see also- Corey *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1992**, *33*, 6735.

- Mukaiyama *Chem. Lett.* **1973**, 1011; review *Org. React.* **1982**, 28, 203.
- Carreira's catalytic asymmetric aldol

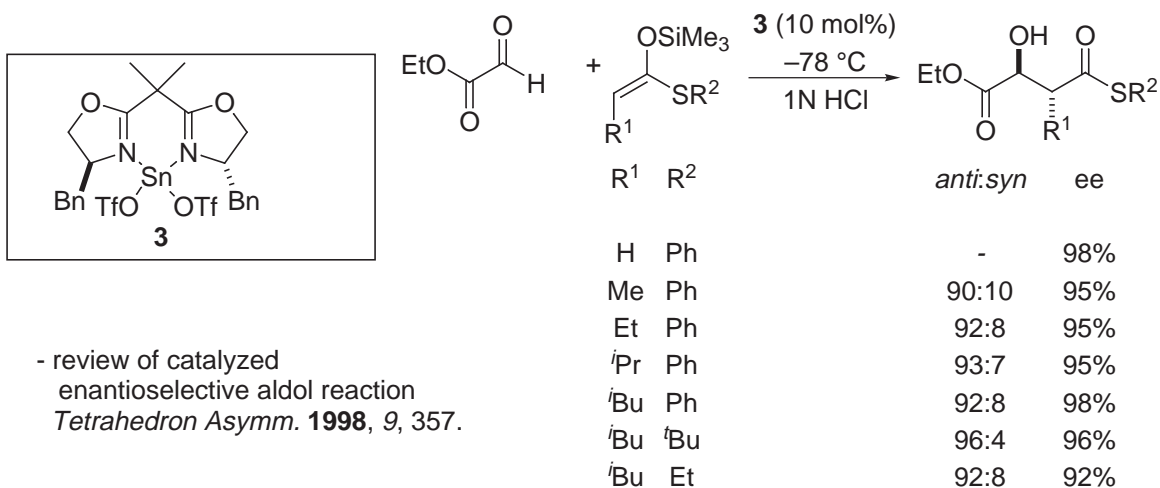


Carreira *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1994**, 116, 8837.

- Evans C2-symmetric bisoxazoline catalysts



Evans *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1997**, 119, 7893.



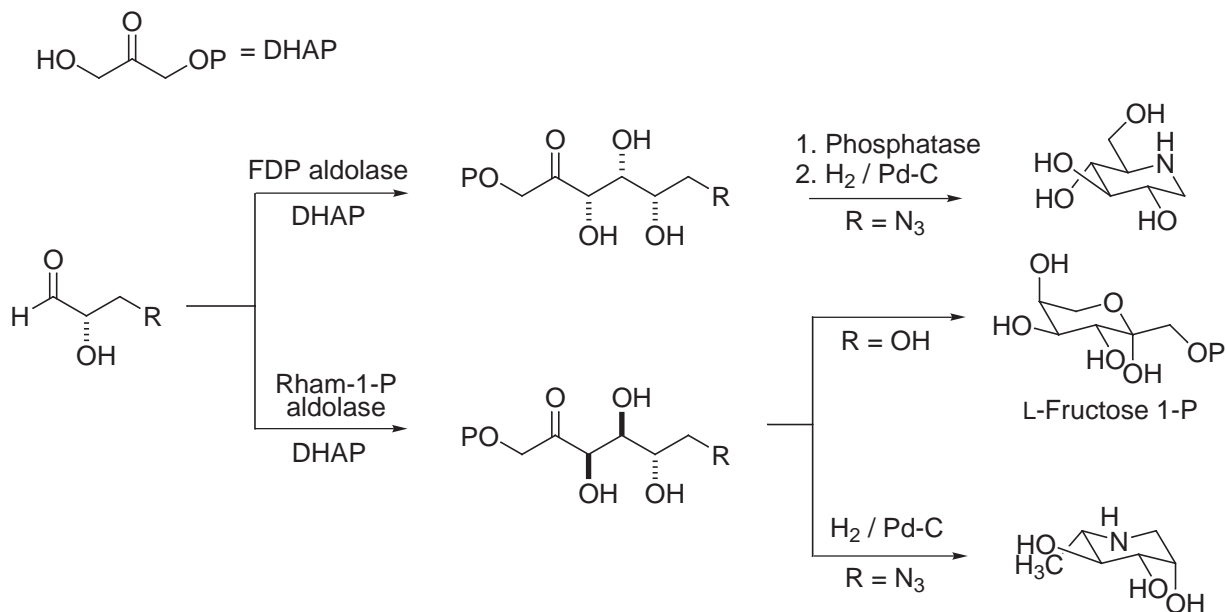
- review of catalyzed enantioselective aldol reaction  
*Tetrahedron Asymm.* **1998**, 9, 357.

Evans *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1997**, 119, 10859.

## 12. Enzyme-Catalyzed Aldol

- see: *Comprehensive Org. Syn.*, Vol. 2, 455.

- Wong aldolase based synthesis of carbohydrates and aza-sugars



- Review: *Wong Pure Appl. Chem.* **1993**, 65, 803.

- Lerner catalytic antibodies

- wide range of donors and acceptors utilized
- commercially available

Acceptor	Donor	Product	38C2 ee	33F12 ee
			>99%	>99%
			>98%	89%
			>95%	>95%

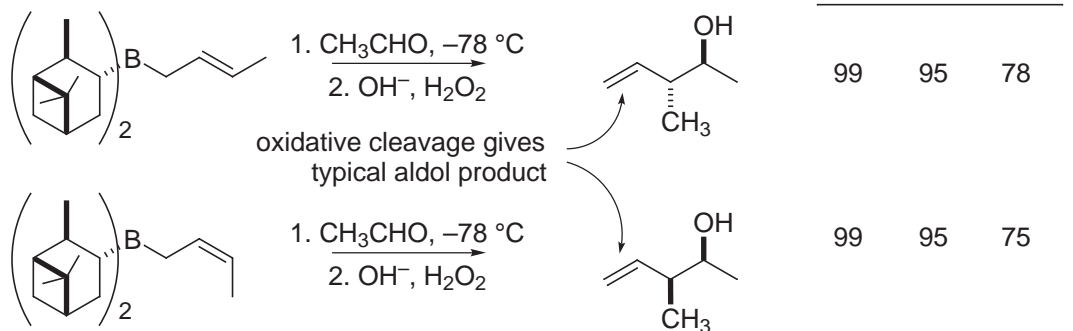
Lerner *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1998**, 120, 2768.



## H. Aldol Equivalents

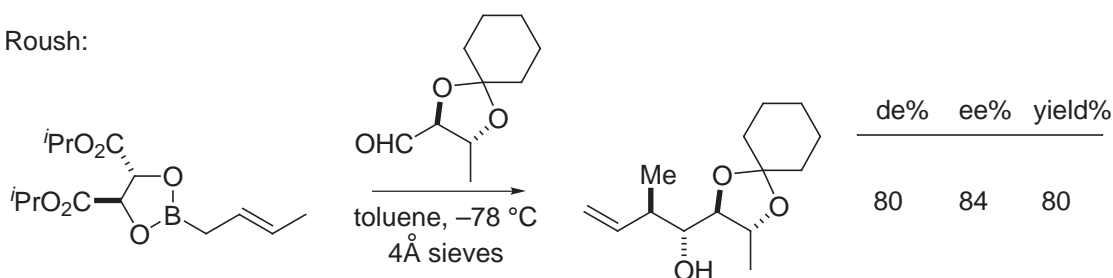
### 1. Chiral Organoboranes

Brown:

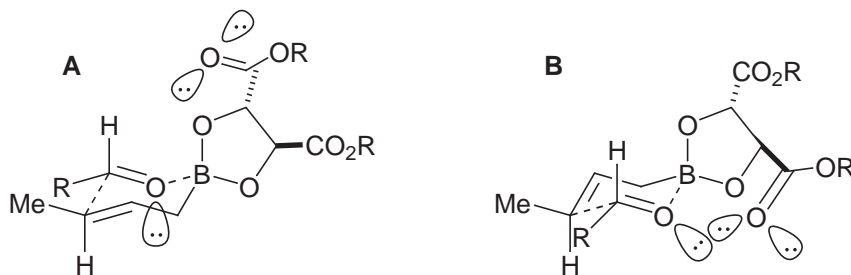


Brown *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1986**, *108*, 293.

Roush:



Roush and Halterman *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1986**, *108*, 294.

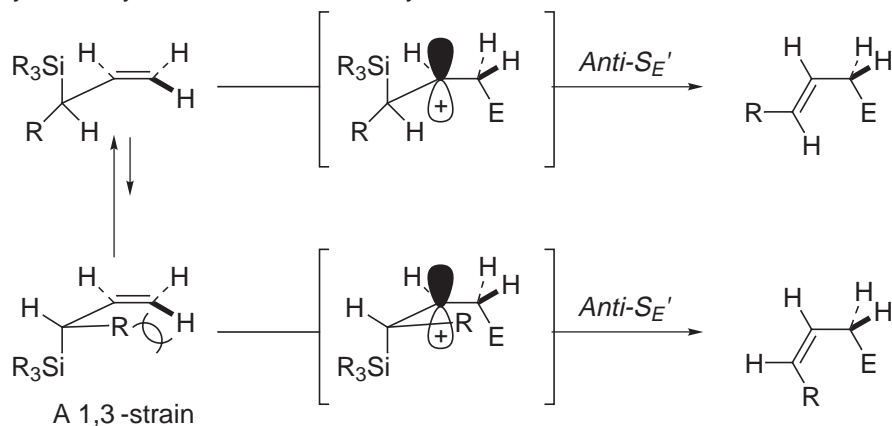


- asymmetric induction is a consequence of n/n electronic repulsive interactions disfavoring transition state B relative to transition state A

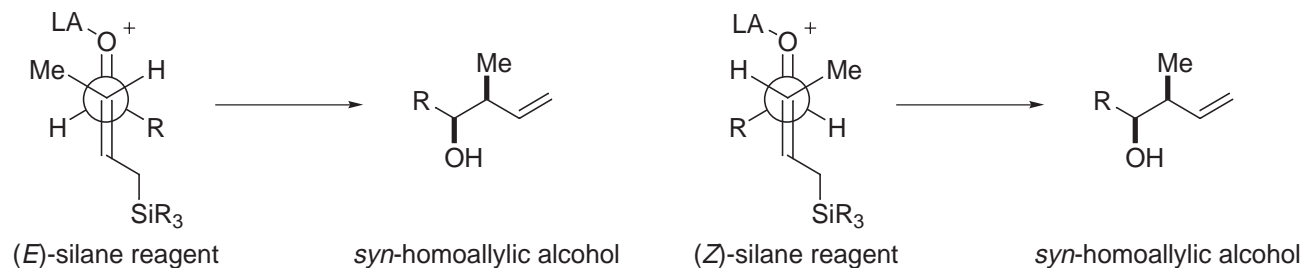
### 2. Allylsilanes

Reviews: Fleming *Org. React.* **1989**, *37*, 57.  
Panek *Chem. Rev.* **1995**, *95*, 1293.

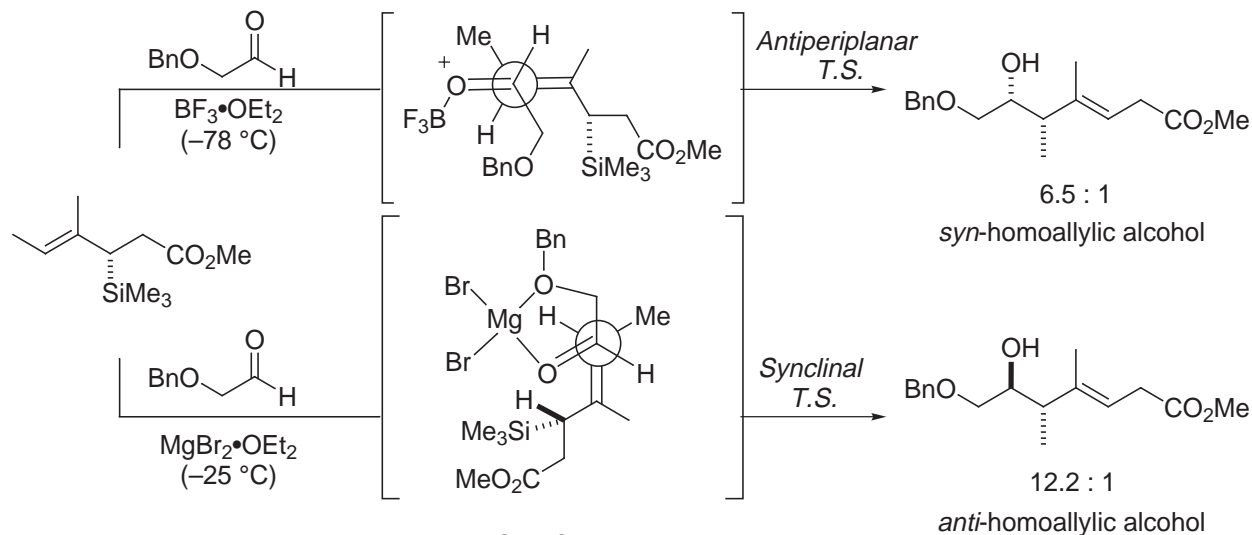
A. Chiral allylsilanes yield *E*-olefins selectively



- Chiral allylsilanes add to carbonyls in *syn* fashion (either synclinal or antiperiplanar T.S.)  
(Unless chelation control is utilized)

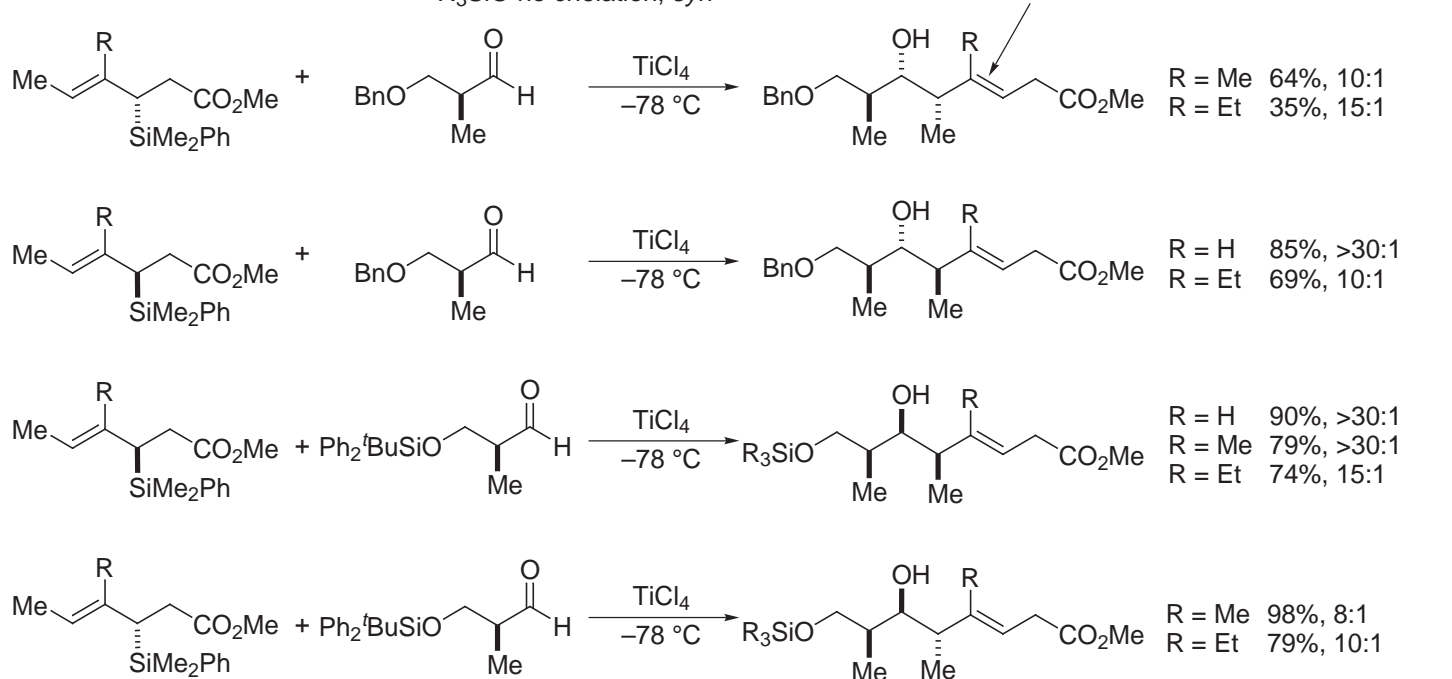


B. Additions to Aldehydes (Opposite face of silane)



Panek *J. Org. Chem.* **1994**, *59*, 5130.

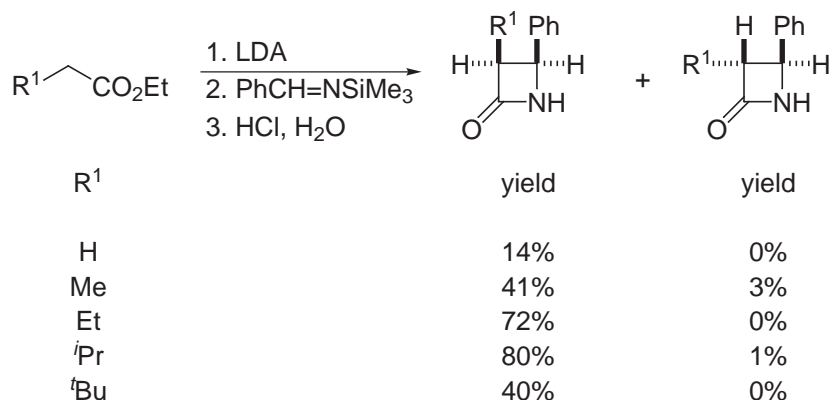
C. Additions to Chiral Aldehydes - BnO chelation, *anti*  
 $R_3SiO$  no chelation, *syn*



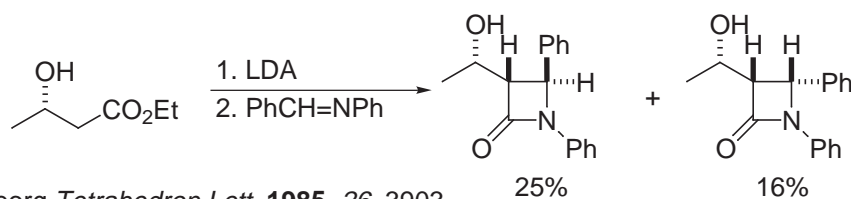
Jain and Panek *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1996**, *118*, 12475.

## I. Enolate-imine Addition Reactions

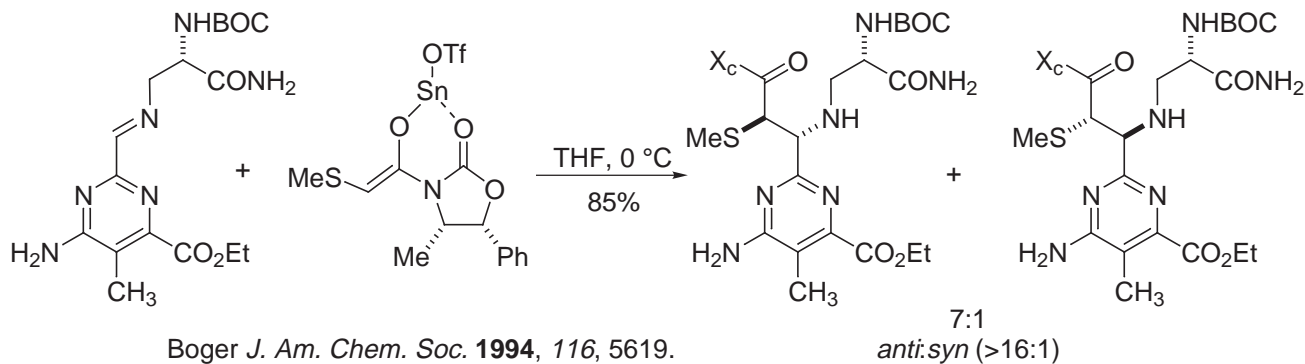
- Review: Hart *Chem. Rev.* **1989**, *89*, 1447.



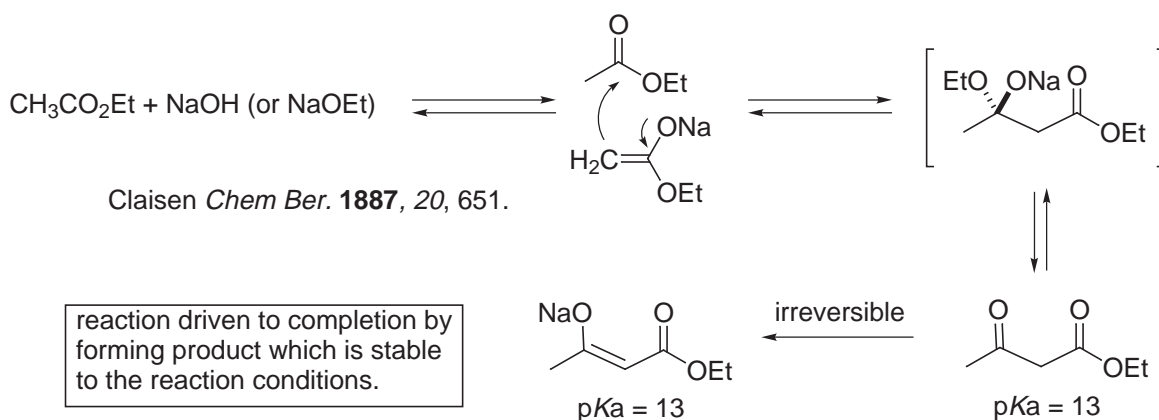
Hart *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1984**, *106*, 4819.



Georg *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1985**, *26*, 3903.

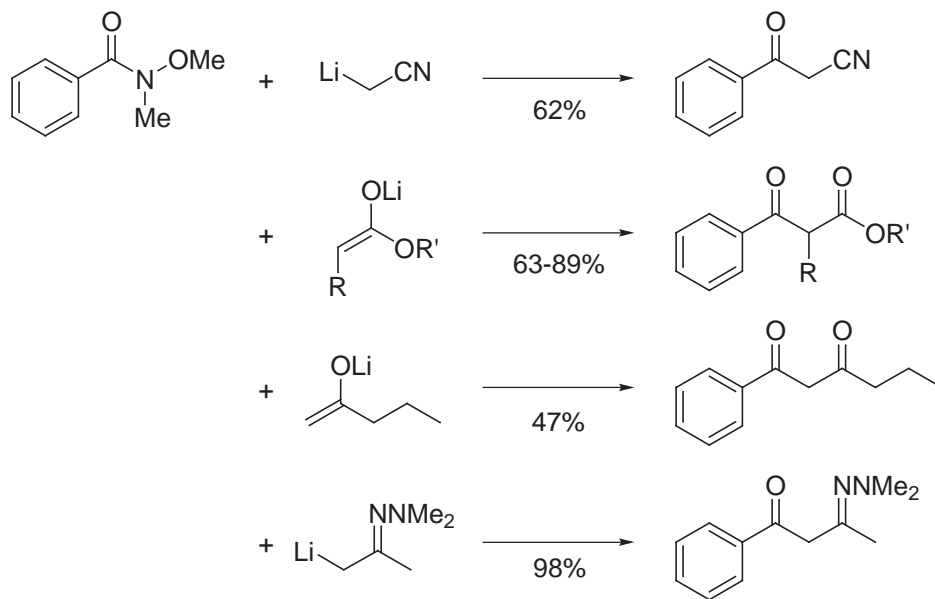


## J. Claisen Condensation

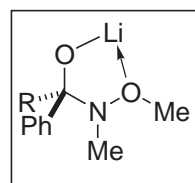


- Weinreb Amide

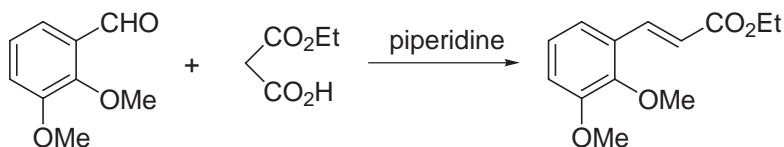
Turner *J. Org. Chem.* **1989**, *54*, 4229.



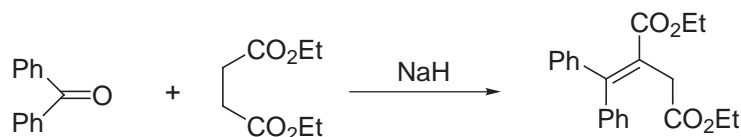
- Tetrahedral intermediate is stabilized
- Breaks down upon workup, not in reaction
- Generality of Weinreb amide
- Weinreb *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1981**, *22*, 3815.



- Knoevenagel-Doebner and Stobbe Condensation

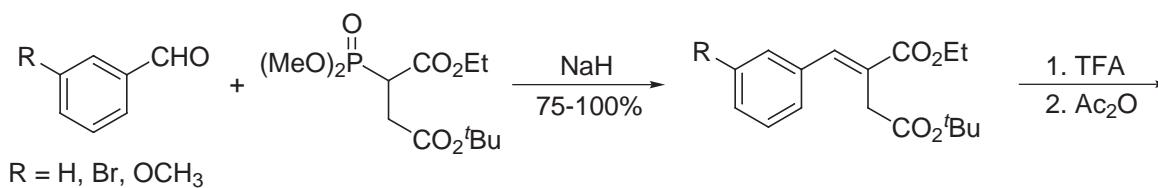


Knoevenagel-Doebner condensation  
Knoevenagel *Chem. Ber.* **1896**, *29*, 172.  
Doebner *Chem. Ber.* **1900**, *33*, 2140.  
Review: *Org. React.* **1967**, *15*, 204.

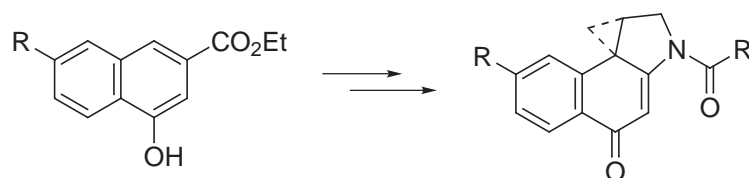


Stobbe condensation  
Stobbe *Chem. Ber.* **1893**, *26*, 2312.  
Review: *Org. React.* **1951**, *6*, 1.

- Example



R = H, Br, OCH<sub>3</sub>

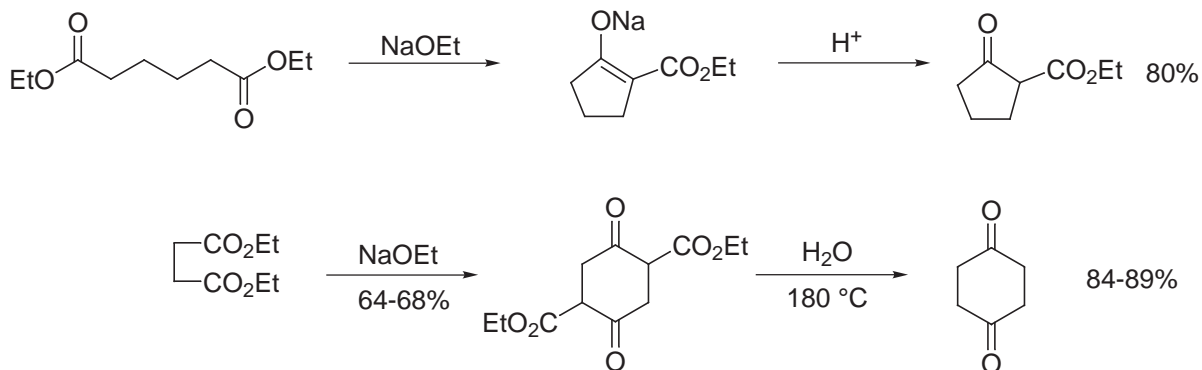


Boger *J. Org. Chem.* **1996**, *61*, 1710.  
**1996**, *61*, 4894.

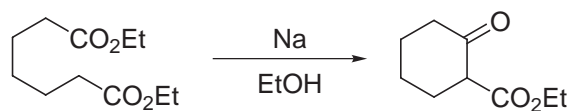
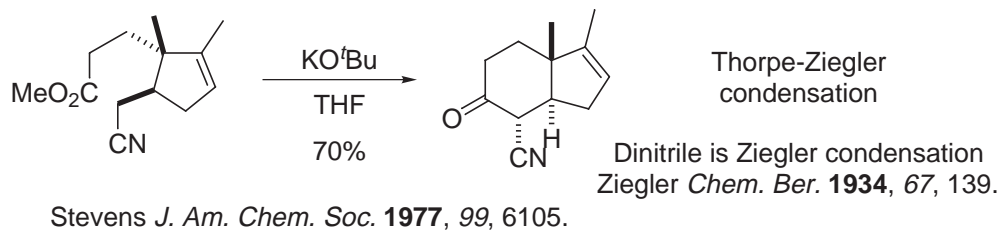
## K. Dieckmann Condensation

- *Org. React.* **1967**, *15*, 1.

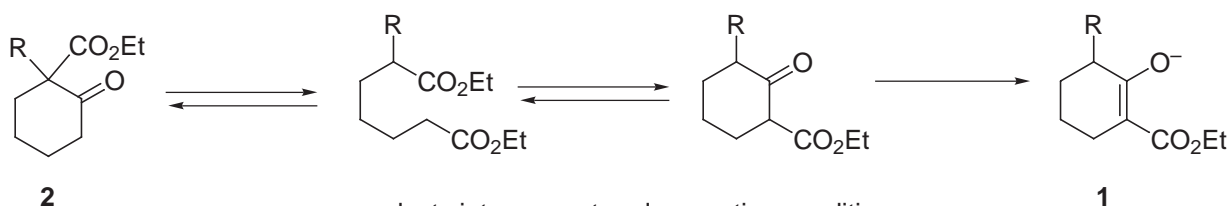
- Examples



- *Org. Syn. Coll. Vol.* **2**, 288.

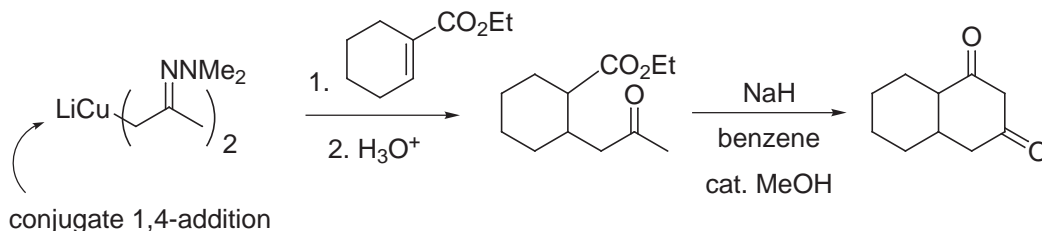


Dieckmann *Ber.* **1894**, *27*, 965.  
Fehling *Ann.* **1844**, *49*, 192.  
(1st example - product not identified)

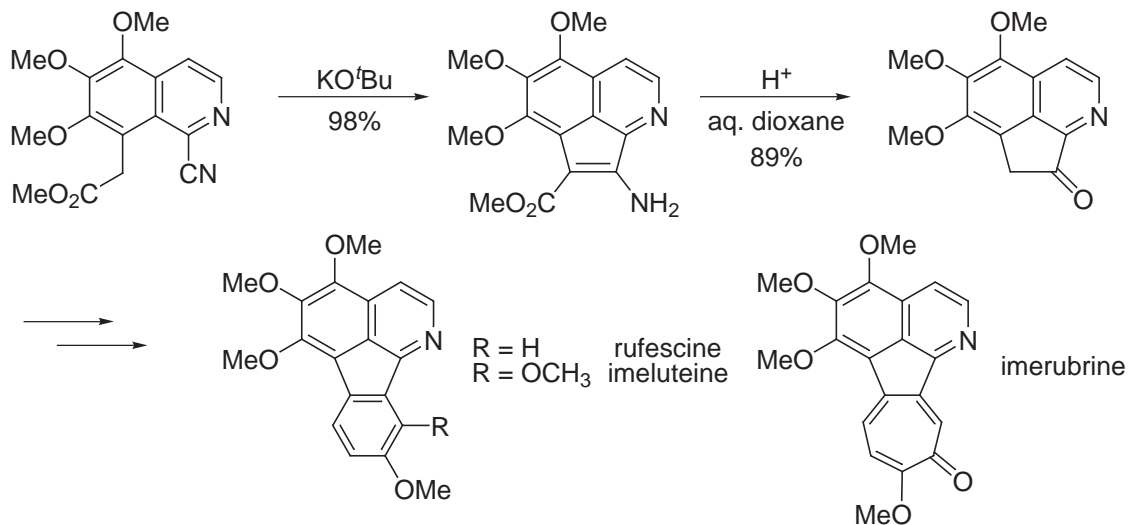


- products interconvert under reaction conditions  
equilibration driven to **1** by formation of enolate.

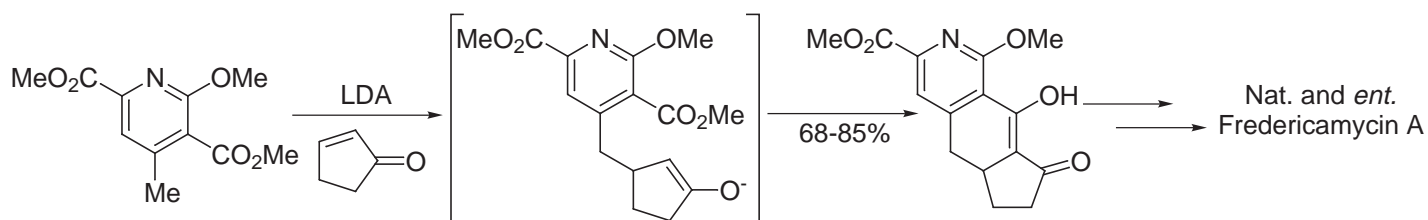
The analogous intramolecular keto ester condensation may be described as "occurring under Dieckmann conditions"  
see: *Org. React.* **1959**, *8*, 79.



Boger and Corey *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1978**, 4597.

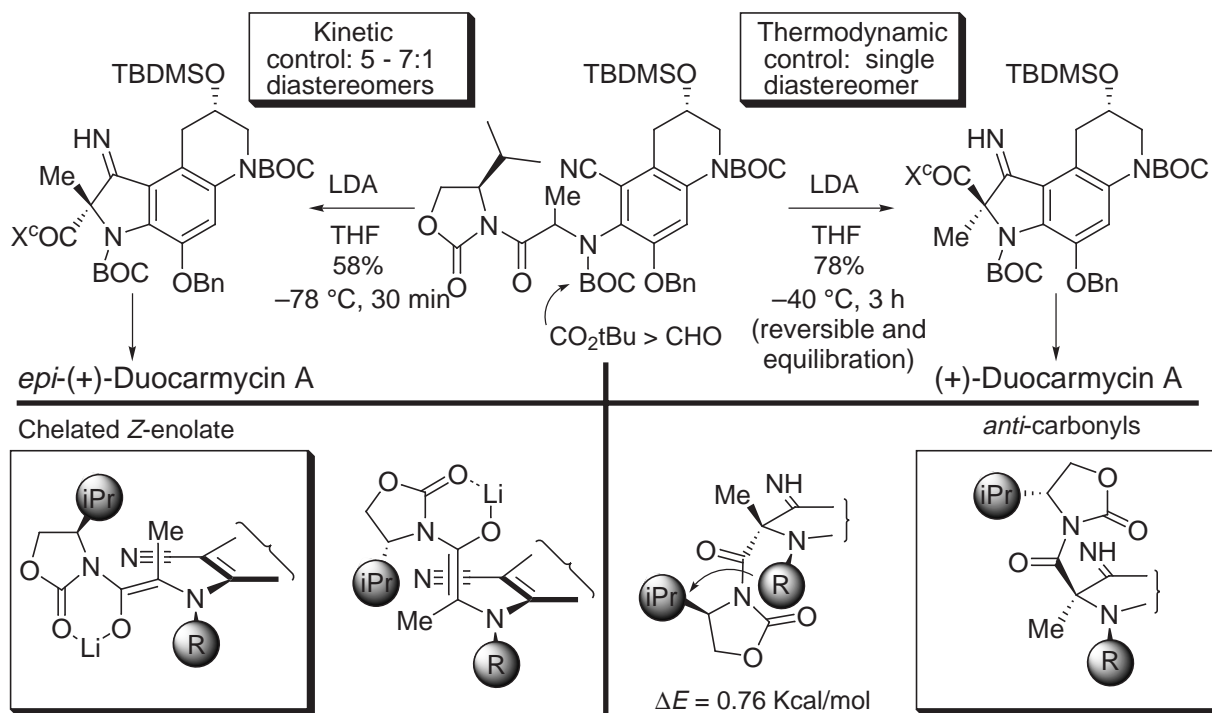


Boger and Brotherton *J. Org. Chem.* **1984**, *49*, 4090.  
Boger and Takahashi *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1995**, *117*, 12452.



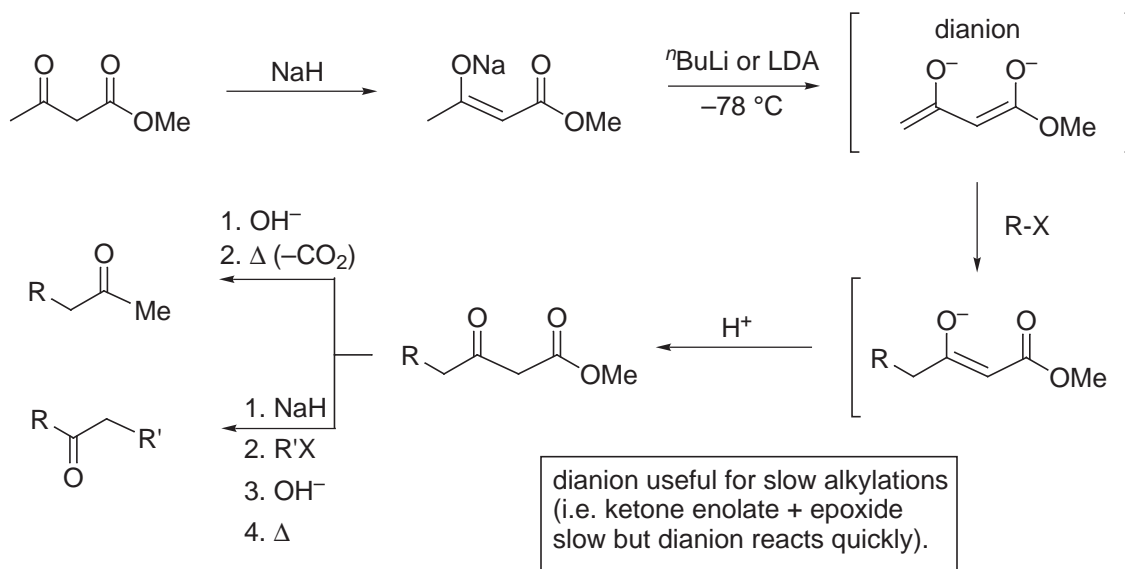
Boger *J. Org. Chem.* **1992**, *57*, 3974.  
Boger *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1995**, *117*, 11839.

- Asymmetric Dieckmann-like condensation



Boger *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1997**, *119*, 312.

## L. Enolate Dianions



Weiler *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1974**, *96*, 1082.

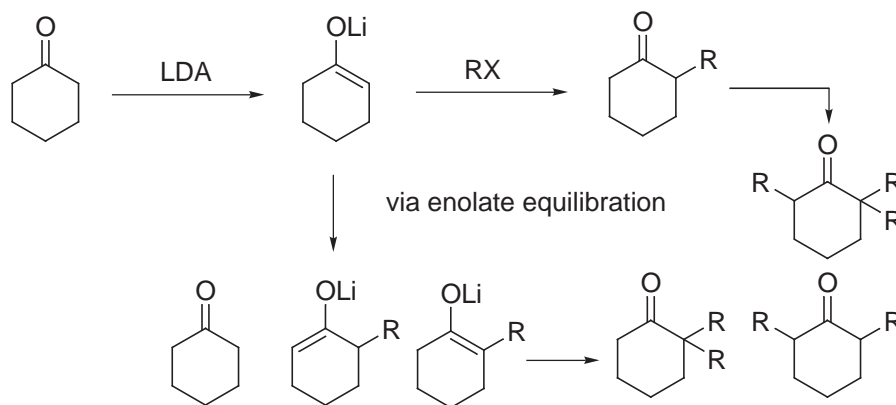
Weiler *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1983**, *24*, 253.

Harris *Org. React.* **1969**, *17*, 155-212.

(review)

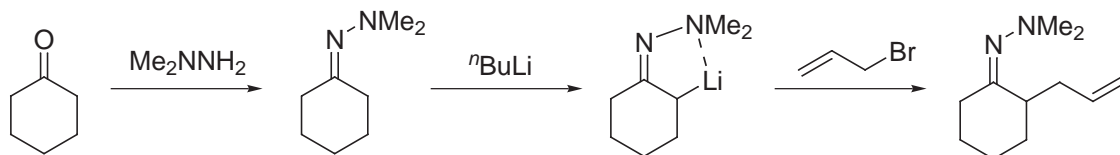
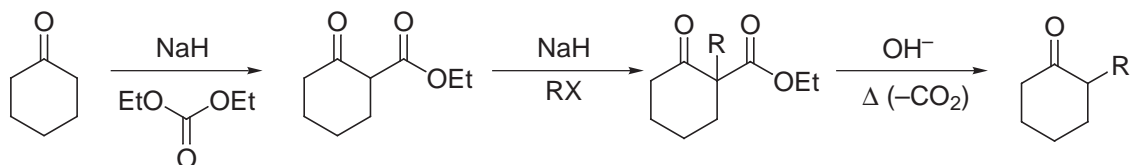
## M. Metalloimines, Enamines and Related Enolate Equivalents

- Corey, Enders *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1976**, *3*.  
(Dimethylhydrazones)



- Simple alkylation of enolates not always straightforward.
- Can get polyalkylation mixtures.

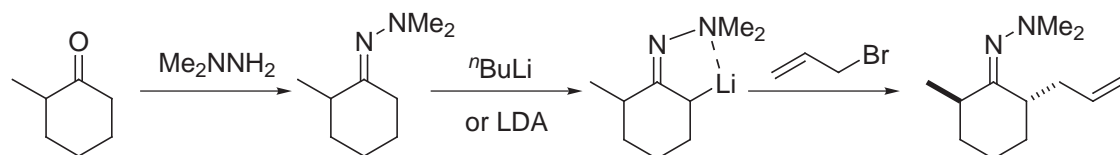
- Solutions



$pK_a = 20$

$pK_a = 30$

- Higher  $pK_a$  so anion is more reactive
- Alkylation much faster and polyalkylation is not a problem

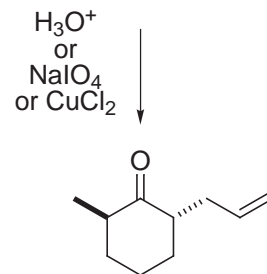


$pK_a = 20$

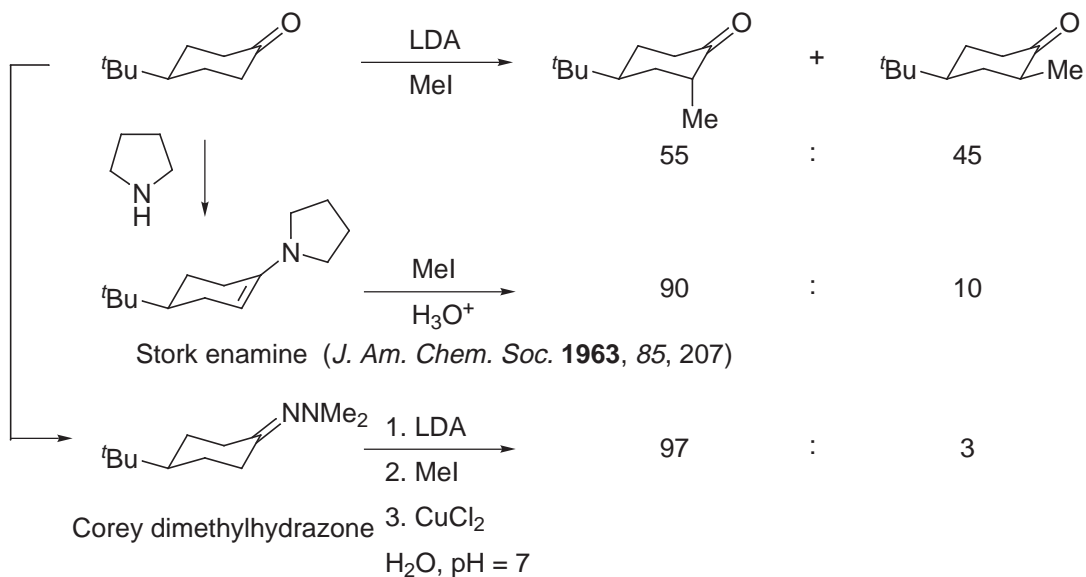
$pK_a = 30$

Advantages:

- monoalkylation (more reactive than ketone enolate).
- no enolate anion equilibration.
- regioselective (deprotonation at least substituted site).
- alkylation is in axial mode (diastereoselective).

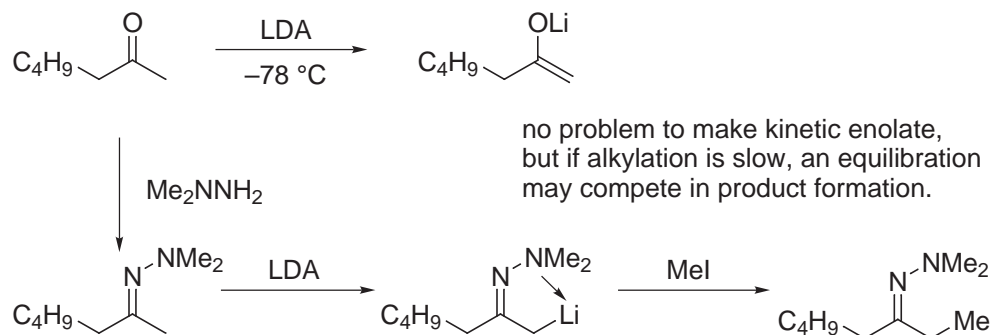


- Examples:

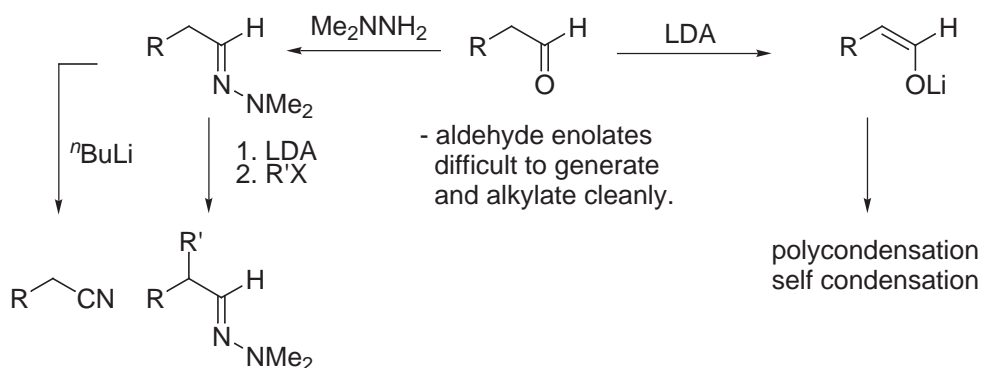




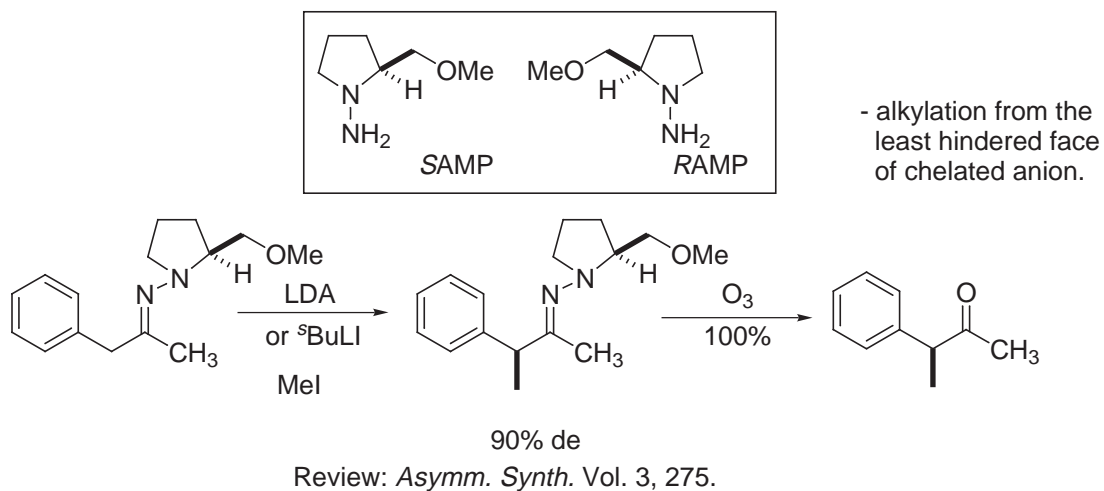
-also useful in acyclic cases



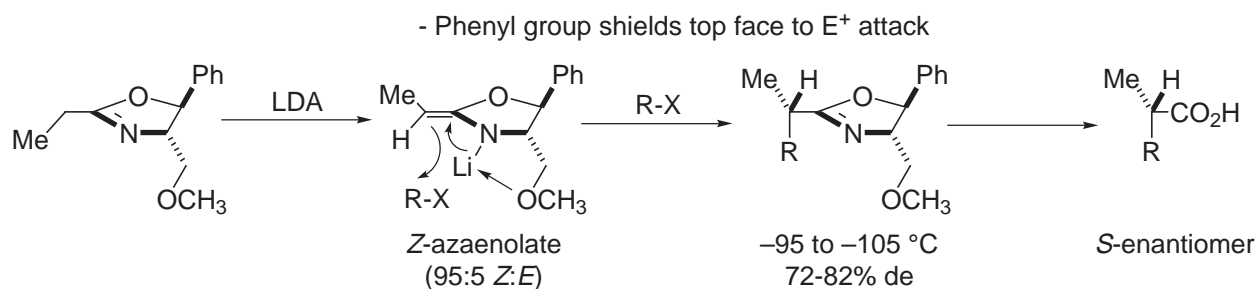
- very good as aldehyde enolate equivalents



- Enders chiral hydrazones (SAMP and RAMP)

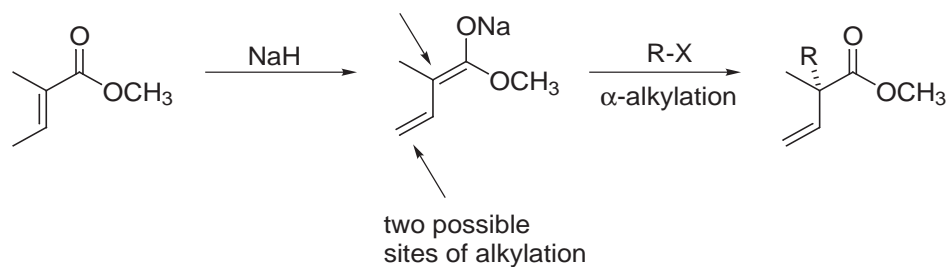


- Meyers chiral oxazolines

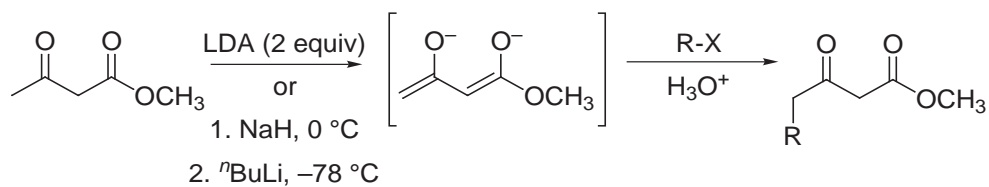


Review: *Asymm. Synth.* Vol. 3, 213.

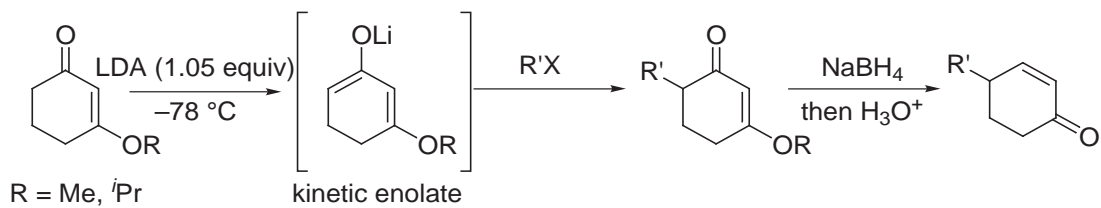
## N. Alkylation of Extended Enolates



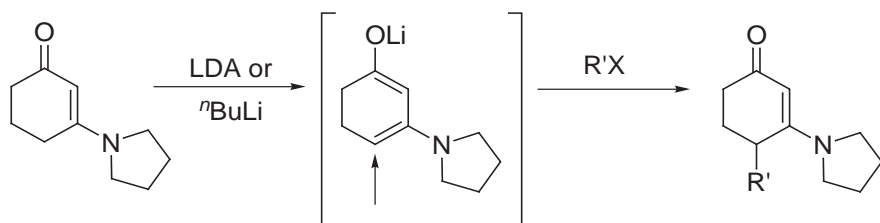
- For alkylation in the  $\gamma$  position - can use a dianion



- In cyclic systems



Danheiser, Stork *J. Org. Chem.* **1973**, *38*, 1775.  
Cargill *J. Org. Chem.* **1973**, *38*, 2125.

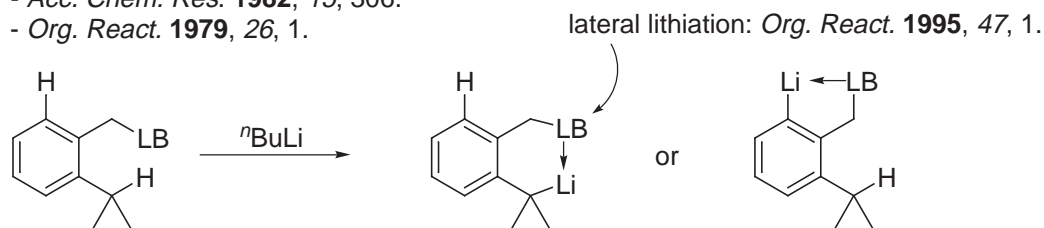


Yoshimoto, Ishida, Hiraoka *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1973**, 39.  
Bryson, Gammill *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1974**, 3963.

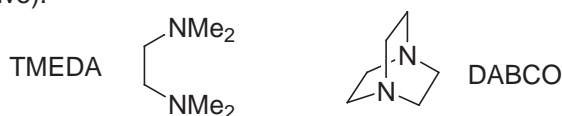
## IX. Metalation Reactions

### A. Directed Metalation

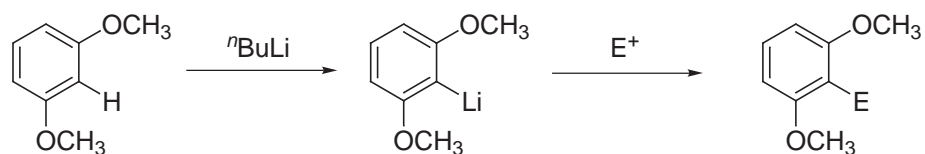
- Kinetic acceleration of deprotonation of a relatively non-acidic site.
- *Synthesis* **1983**, 95.
- *Acc. Chem. Res.* **1982**, 15, 306.
- *Org. React.* **1979**, 26, 1.



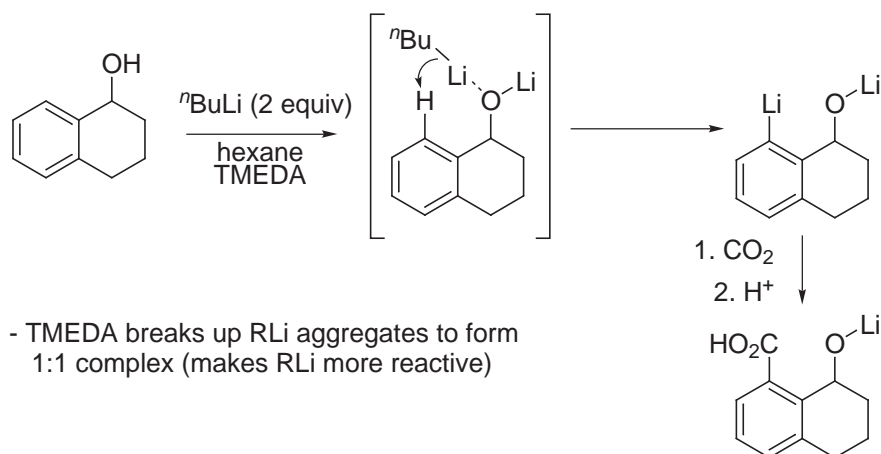
- Usually requires very strong base ( $n\text{BuLi}$ ,  $s\text{BuLi}$  or  $t\text{BuLi}$ , sometimes LDA).
- Sometimes requires additives (TMEDA, DABCO) to break up Li aggregates (make bases more reactive).



- Examples:

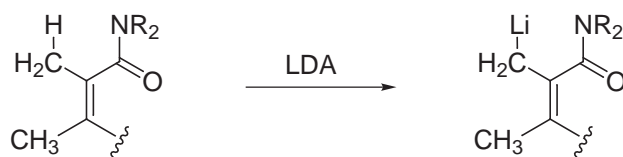


- All aromatic H's have approximately the same  $pK_a$



- TMEDA breaks up RLi aggregates to form 1:1 complex (makes RLi more reactive)

- Not limited to aromatic substrates

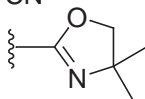


- Kinetic acceleration of deprotonation even in the presence of a more acidic proton.

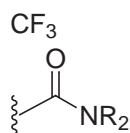
- Directed Metalation Groups

carbon based

Strong: CON<sup>-</sup>R  
CSN<sup>-</sup>R  
CONR<sub>2</sub>  
CON(R)CH(Z)TMS, Z = H, TMS  
CH=NR  
(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>NR<sub>2</sub>, n = 1, 2  
CH(OH)CH<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>2</sub>  
CN

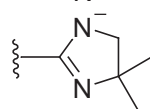
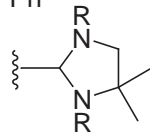


Moderate:



Weak:

C(OTMS)=CH<sub>2</sub>  
CH(OR)<sub>2</sub>  
C≡C<sup>-</sup>  
Ph



heteroatom based

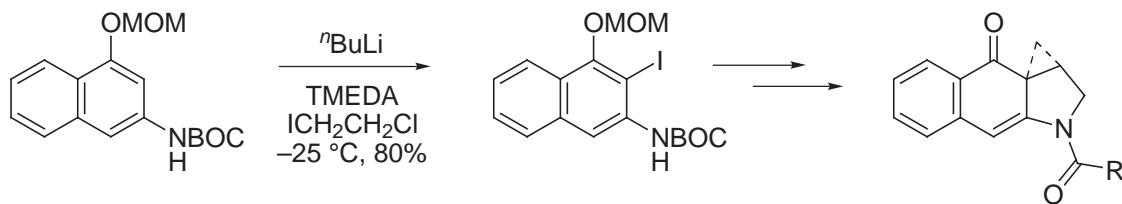
Strong: N<sup>-</sup>COR  
N<sup>-</sup>CO<sub>2</sub>R  
OCONR<sub>2</sub>  
OPO(NR)<sub>2</sub>  
OCH<sub>2</sub>OMe  
OTHP  
OPh  
SO<sub>3</sub>R  
SO<sub>2</sub>N<sup>-</sup>R  
SO<sub>2</sub>NR  
SO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>  
SO<sub>2</sub><sup>t</sup>Bu  
SO<sup>t</sup>Bu

Moderate: NR<sub>2</sub>  
N≡C  
OMe  
OCH=CH<sub>2</sub>  
OPO(OR)<sub>2</sub>  
O(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>X, X = OMe, NR<sub>2</sub>  
F  
Cl  
PO(NR)<sub>2</sub>  
PS(Ph)NR<sub>2</sub>

Weak: O<sup>-</sup>  
S<sup>-</sup>

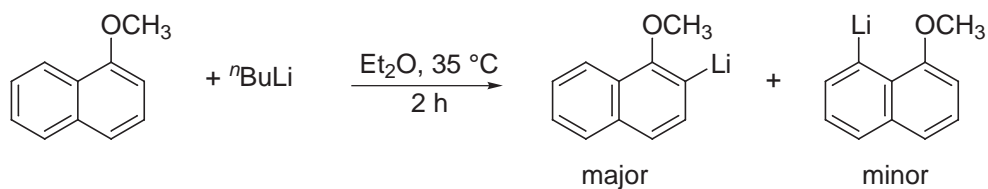
Snieckus *Chem. Rev.* **1990**, *90*, 879.

- Examples (cooperative effect)

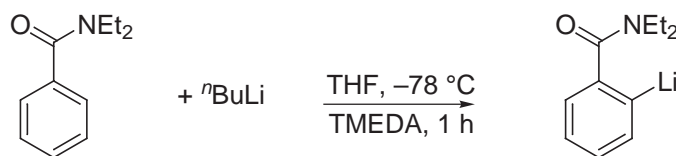


Boger and Garbaccio, *J. Org. Chem.* **1997**, *62*, 8875.

- Representative Organolithium Compounds by Directed Metalation

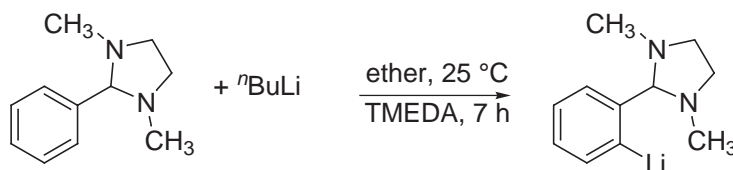


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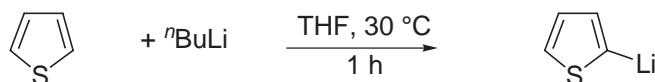


Beak *J. Org. Chem.* **1977**, *42*, 1823.

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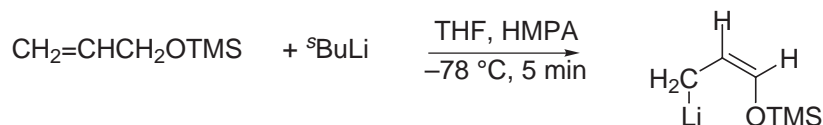
Harris *J. Org. Chem.* **1979**, *44*, 2004.



Jones and Moodie *Org. Synth.* **1988**, *6*, 979.



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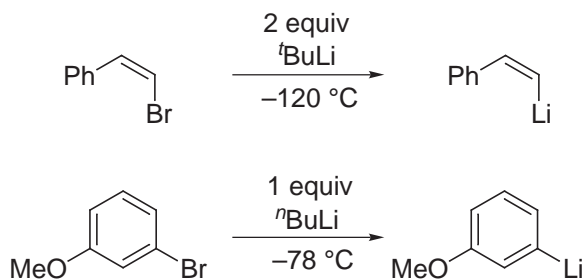
Still *J. Org. Chem.* **1976**, *41*, 3620.



Eisch *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1976**, *98*, 4646.

## B. Organolithium Compounds by Metal-Halogen Exchange

Jones and Gilman *Org. React.* **1951**, 6, 339.



Seebach *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1976**, 4839.

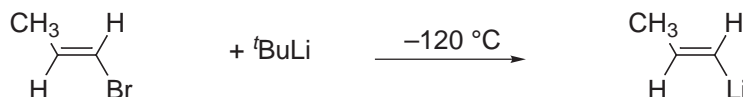
Hoye *J. Org. Chem.* **1982**, 47, 331.

Note: 2 equiv of reagent are required



${}^n\text{BuLi} \rightarrow {}^n\text{BuBr}$  - slower elimination but such products may still compete with desired electrophile for reaction with the generated organolithium reagent.

- Additional examples



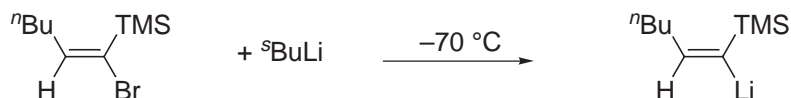
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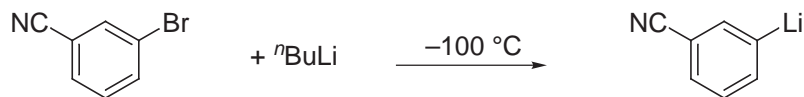
Linstrumelle *Synthesis* **1975**, 434.



Corey *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1975**, 3685.

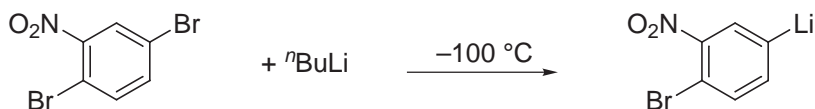


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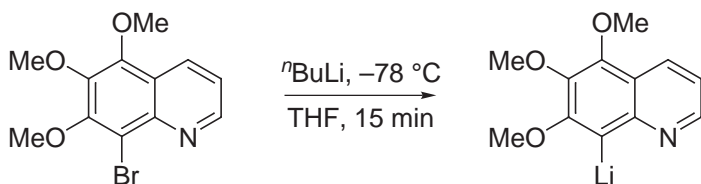
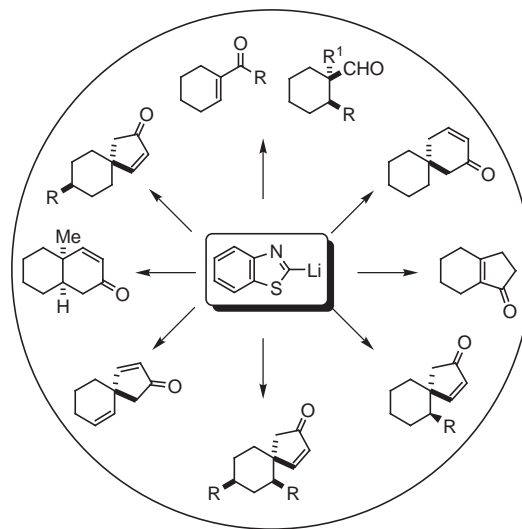
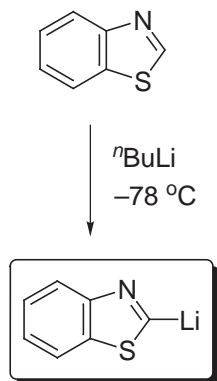
Parham *J. Org. Chem.* **1976**, 41, 1187.

note: metalation in presence of reactive groups.

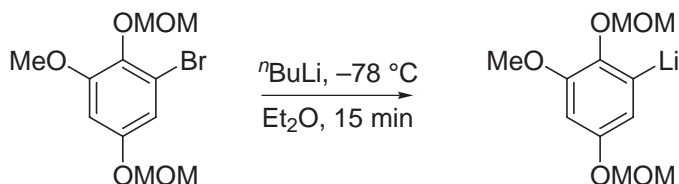


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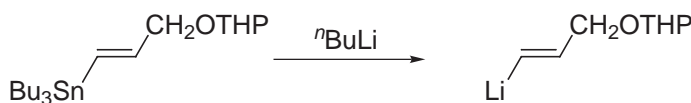
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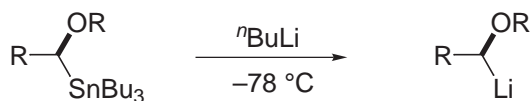
### C. Organolithium Compounds by Metal-Metal Exchange

- Reactions of organotin reagents with alkyllithium reagents are particularly significant

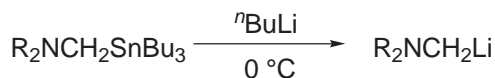


Corey *J. Org. Chem.* **1975**, 40, 2265.

Proceeds in direction of placing the more electropositive metal on the more electronegative (acidic) carbon.



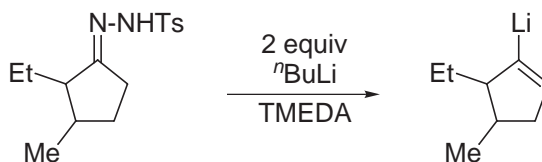
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Macdonald



Peterson *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1971**, 93, 4027.

- transmetalation with retention and maintenance of configuration

### D. Organolithium Compounds from the Shapiro Reaction



Shapiro *Org. React.* **1976**, 23, 405.  
Bond *J. Org. Chem.* **1981**, 46, 1315.  
Chamberlin *Org. React.* **1990**, 39, 1.





## X. Key Ring Forming Reactions

### A. Diels-Alder Reaction

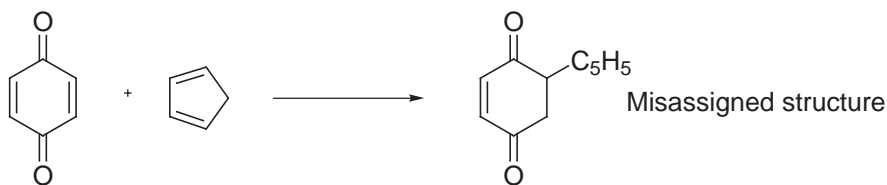
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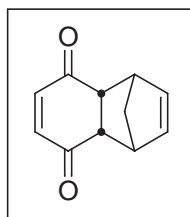
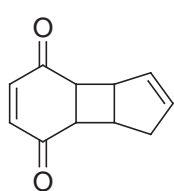
## 2. Discovery

Wieland (*Ber.* **1906**, 39, 1492) described the 1:1 dimerization of conjugated dienes in what was probably the first report of a Diels-Alder reaction.

Albrecht (Thiele) Reaction:  
*Ann.* **1906**, 348, 31.



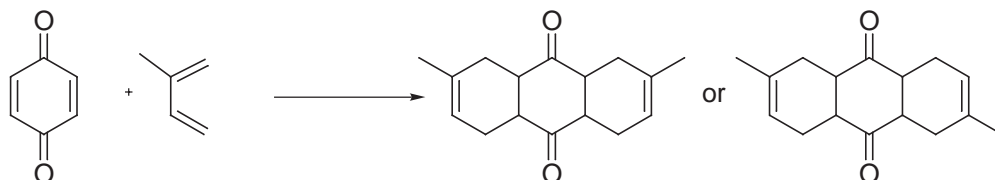
Staudinger Structure:  
*Die Ketene*, Stuttgart  
**1912**, 59.



Structure established by Diels and Alder, and they went on to define scope and mechanism of the reaction. For this, they received the 1950 Nobel Prize in Chemistry.

Diels and Alder *Ann.* **1928**, 460, 98.

In fact, von Euler had correctly, but tentatively, identified the 2:1 adduct of isoprene with *p*-benzoquinone before Diels and Alder's work. von Euler, Josephson *Ber.* **1920**, 53, 822.



von Euler received the 1929 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for his investigations on fermentations of sugars and the fermentative enzymes. He had trained with Landolt, Nernst, van't Hoff, Arrhenius, Hantzsch, and Thiele and was remarkable in his scientific pursuits. By 1910, he had already initiated his monumental studies of enzyme structure, kinetics, and mechanism and his occasional forays into pure organic chemistry were just as remarkable.

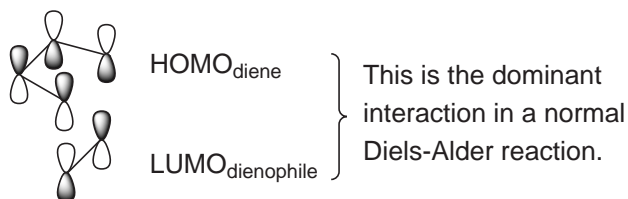
For an engaging description of the discovery of the Diels-Alder reaction, the competition for its exploration and applications, and the missed opportunities, see: Berson *Tetrahedron* **1992**, 48, 3.

Even in their first disclosure, Diels and Alder recognized the potential the reaction might hold for synthesis: "Thus, it appears to us that the possibility of synthesis of complex compounds related to or identical with natural products such as terpenes, sesquiterpenes, perhaps also alkaloids, has moved to a near prospect." They also felt this could be reserved: "We explicitly reserve for ourselves the application of the reaction discovered by us to the solution of such problems." Fortunately, their claims were ignored and an extraordinary group of investigators helped define the scope and mechanism of the Diels-Alder reaction.

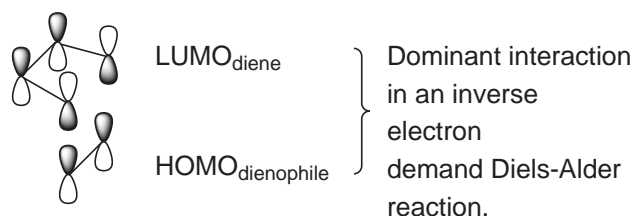
The first applications in total synthesis include: Cortisone by Woodward, Sondheimer *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1951**, 73, 2403; Sarett (Merck) *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1952**, 74, 4974. Cantharidin by Stork, Burgstahler, van Tamelen *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1951**, 73, 4501.

## 3. Mechanism, FMO Treatment

$[\pi^2s + \pi^4s]$  Cycloaddition



Alternatively:



1. Large  $E_a$  for the reactions.
2. Driving force is formation of two new  $\sigma$  bonds accompanying the loss of two  $\pi$  bonds.

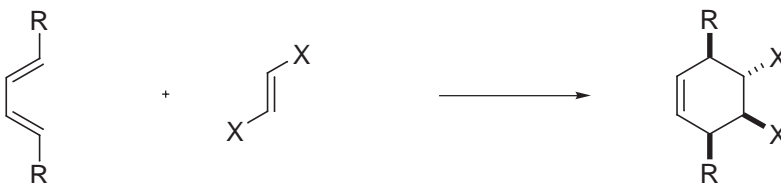
#### 4. Diastereoselectivity

a. *cis* Principle: Geometry of dienophile and diene are maintained in the [4 + 2] cycloadduct.

e.g.



Stereospecific

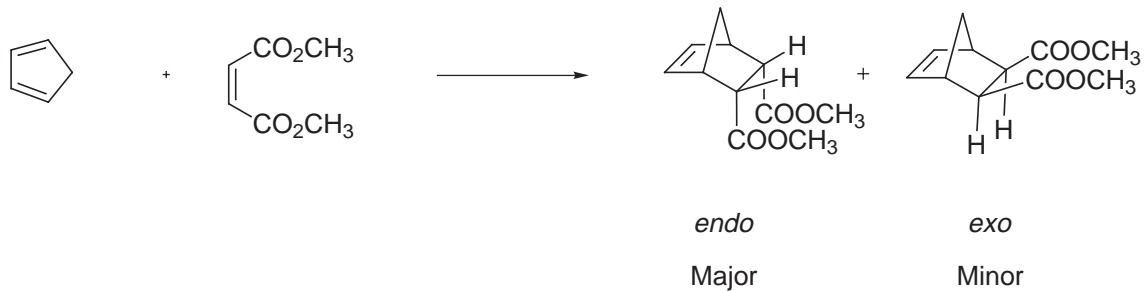


b. Alder's Endo Rule:

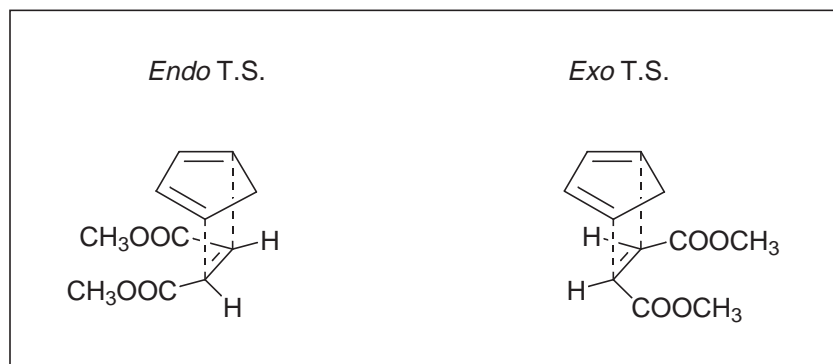
Stereoselective

*Endo* product and *endo* transition state predominate even though *exo* products are usually more stable; *endo* is the kinetic product.

e.g.

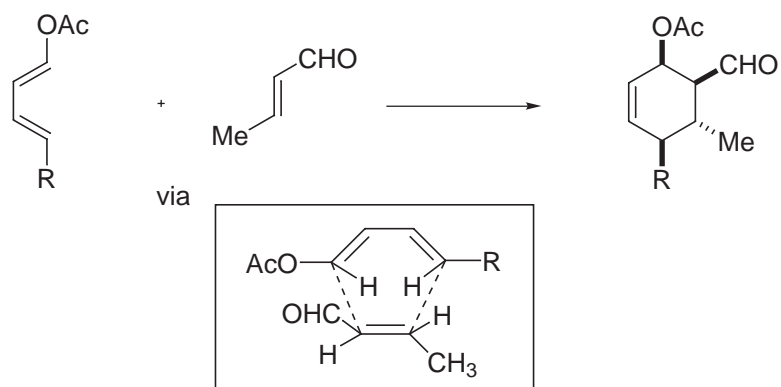


*Endo*, boat transition state

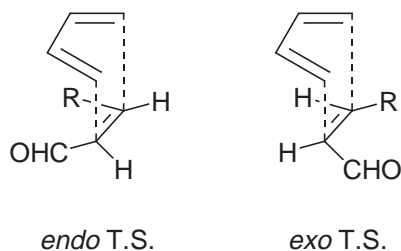
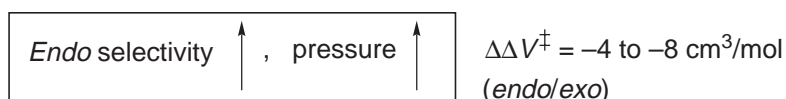


Result: Both *cis* rule and *endo* rule  $\implies$  Diels-Alder reaction very useful, diastereoselective

c. Factors influencing *endo* selectivity of the Diels-Alder reaction



- i. *Endo* transition state is favored by stabilizing secondary orbital interactions.
- ii. *Endo* selectivity often increases with the use of Lewis acid catalysis.
- iii. *Endo* selectivity often increases with increase in pressure of reaction.



Raistrick *J. Chem. Soc.* **1939**. 1761, 1770.  
 Jones *Tetrahedron* **1962**, 18, 267.  
 Dauben demonstrated pressure-promoted reactions are viable:  
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1974**, 96, 3664.  
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1976**, 98, 1992.  
*J. Org. Chem.* **1977**, 42, 282.

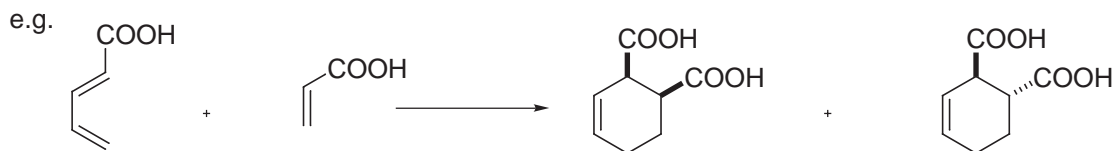
$-\Delta V^\ddagger$  is negative ( $-25 \text{ to } -38 \text{ cm}^3/\text{mol}$ ). So increase pressure, increase rate of reaction.

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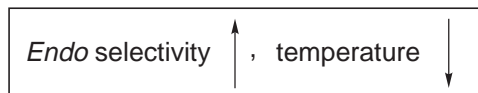
-And *endo* T.S. is more compact, so  $\Delta\Delta V^\ddagger$  for *endo:exo* also negative.  
 (i.e., diastereoselectivity increases)

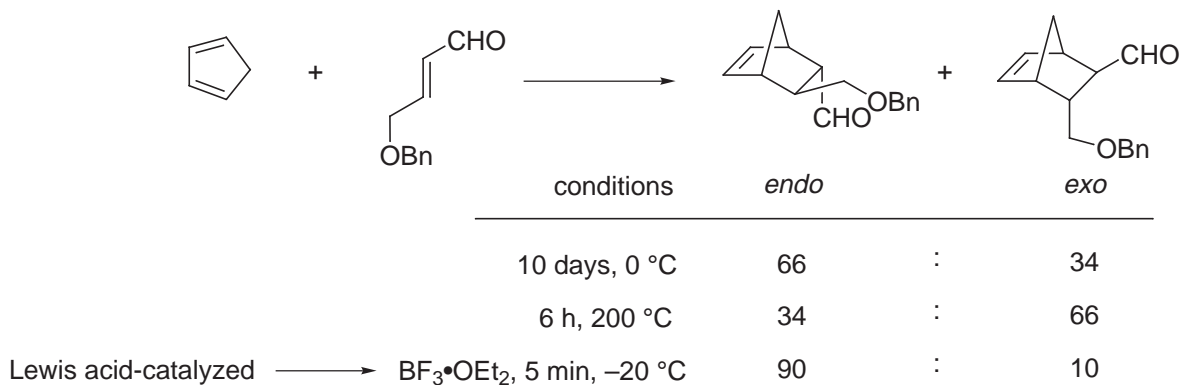


- iv. *Endo* selectivity also increases with decreases in temperature at which the reaction is conducted

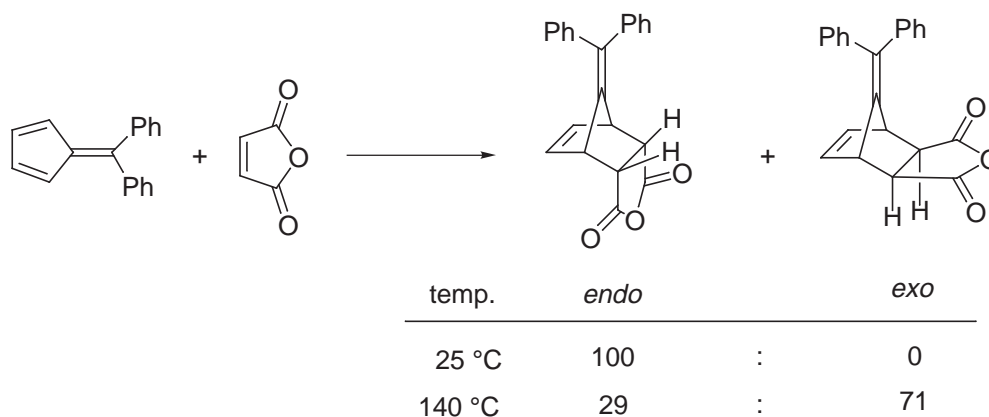


temp.	<i>endo</i>	:	<i>exo</i>
75 °C	only <i>endo</i>		
90 °C	7	:	1
100 °C	4.5	:	1
110 °C	2	:	1
130 °C	1	:	1

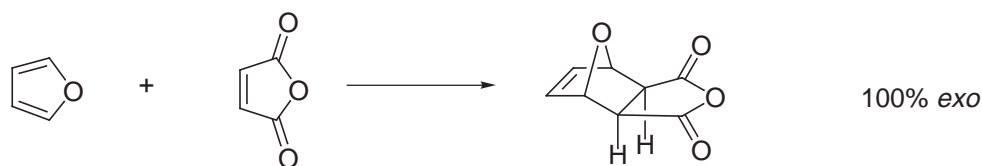




Furukawa *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1970**, *92*, 6548.



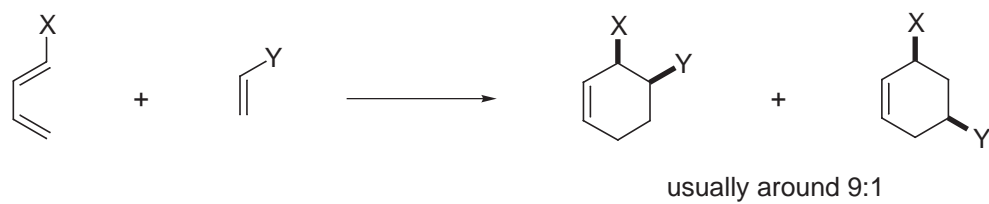
Some Diels-Alder adducts are thermally unstable (reversible) and subject to equilibration via retro Diels-Alder reaction to provide the most stable product: Ripoll *Tetrahedron* **1978**, *34*, 19.



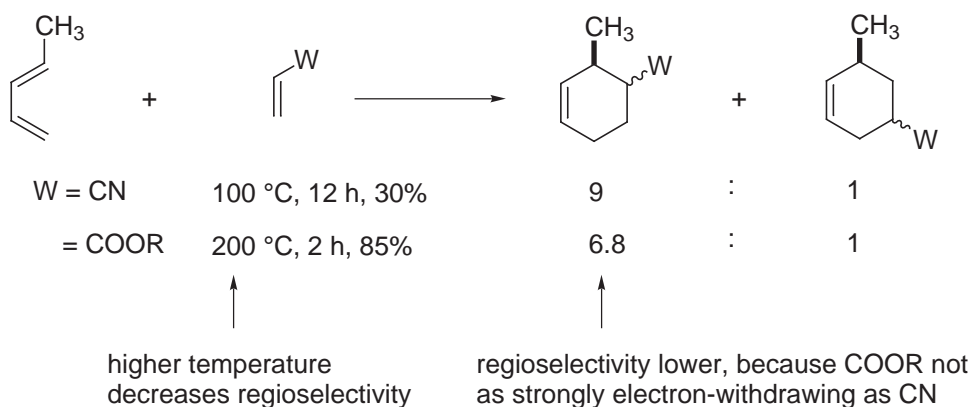
see also: Rickborn *Org. React.* **1998**, *52*, 1.

## 5. Regioselectivity

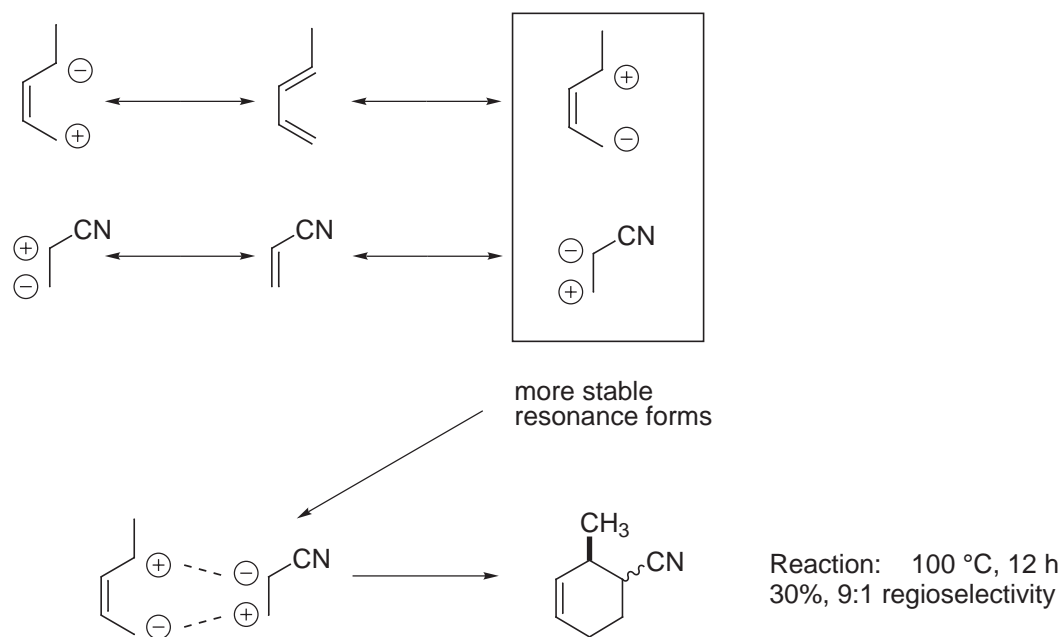
a. 1-Substituted dienes react with substituted dienophiles to give the *ortho* product:



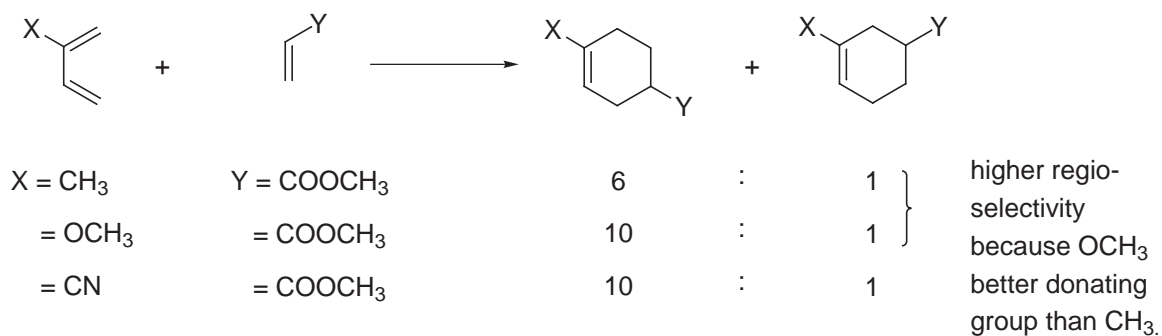
For example:



-Device for predicting regioselectivity: draw out "zwitterionic" representations (resonance structures) for the reactants.



b. 2-Substituted dienes give predominantly the *para* product:



c. Complementary substitution usually provides even greater regioselectivity

-1,3-Disubstituted Dienes



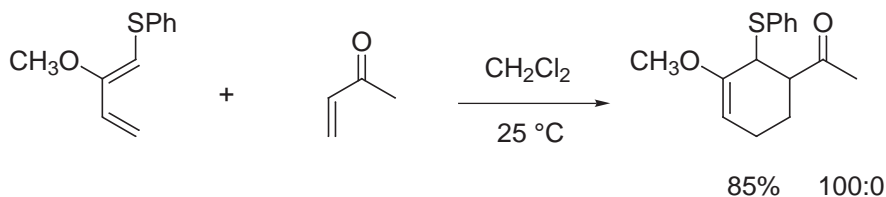
But noncomplementary substitution may cause problems (lower regioselectivity)

-1,2-Substituted Dienes

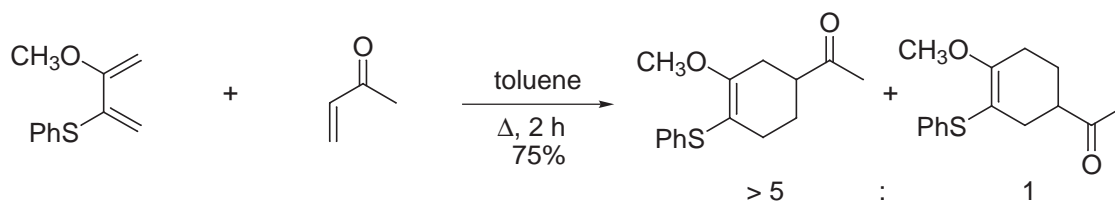


relative amounts of each depend on electron donating strength of substituents X and X'

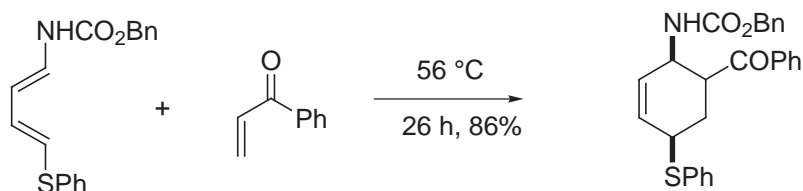
NHCO<sub>2</sub>R > SR > OR > alkyl > H



Cohen *J. Org Chem.* **1982**, 47, 4005.



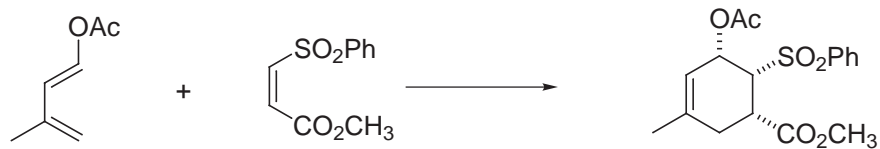
Trost *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1980**, 102, 3548.



Overman *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1983**, 105, 6335.

d. Apparent regioselectivity can be altered by adding a controlling group that is subsequently removed

-Dienophile



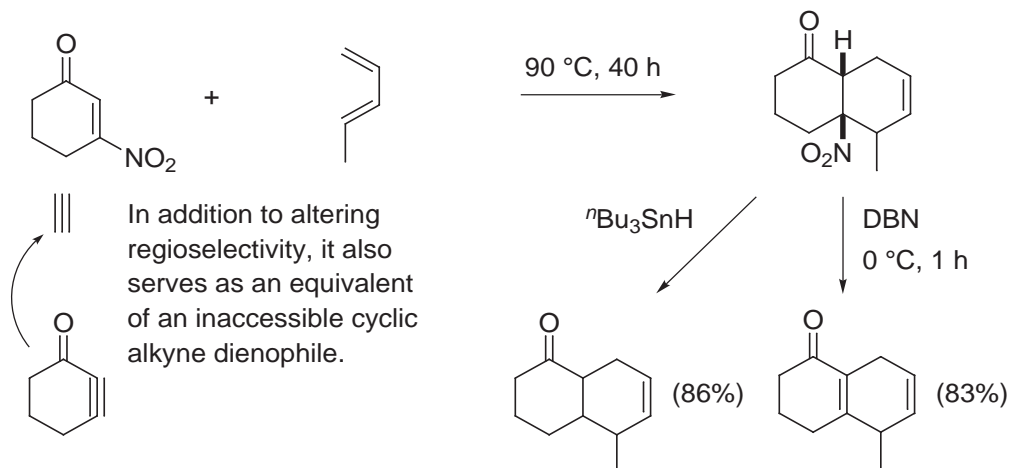
-endo addition

-CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub> is in *meta* position

-SO<sub>2</sub>Ph > CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub> in controlling regioselectivity

Bass *J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.* **1987**, 1836.

- Diene



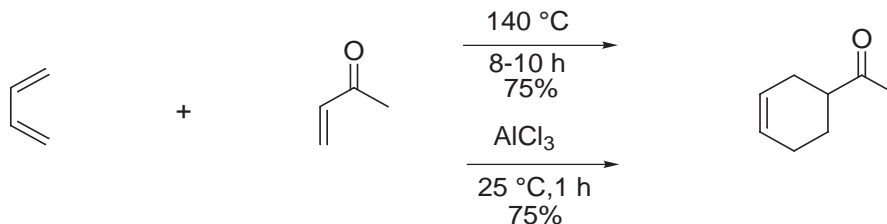
Corey *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1981**, 22, 603.

Ono *J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans. 1* **1987**, 1929.

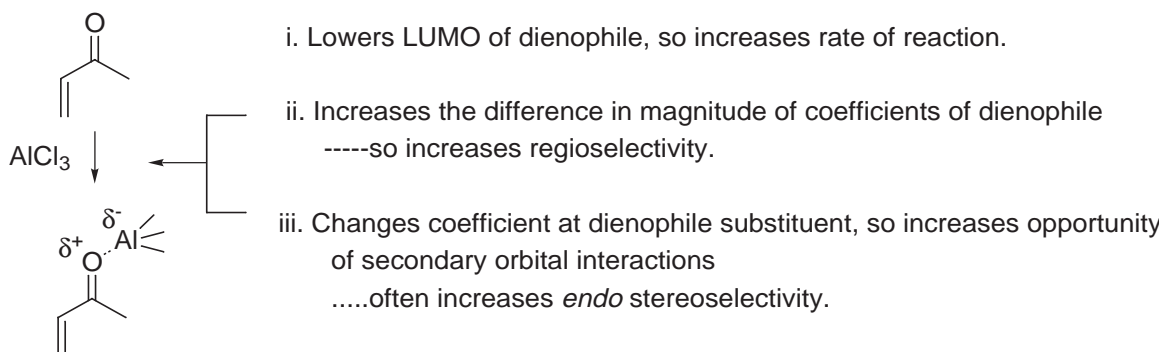
Tanis *Syn. Commun.* **1986**, 16, 251.

Rate of reaction generally insensitive to solvent polarity, but...

## 6. Lewis Acid Catalysis



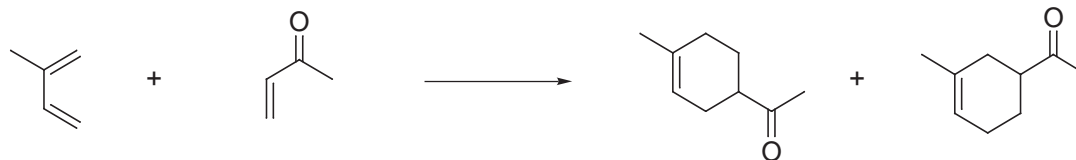
Addition of Lewis Acid Catalysts:



Increases: 1. Reaction Rate  
2. Reaction Regioselectivity  
3. Reaction *Endo* Diastereoselectivity



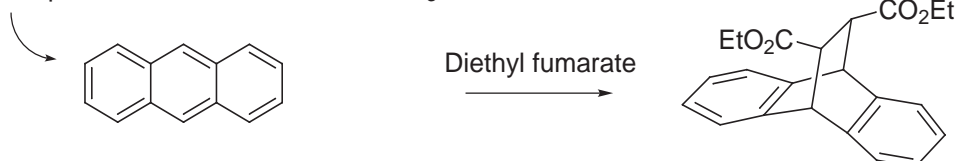
-Examples



Lutz *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1964**, *86*, 3899. toluene, 120 °C, 24 h 71 : 29

Yates *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1960**, *82*, 4436. SnCl<sub>4</sub>, benzene, 25 °C, 1 h 93 : 7

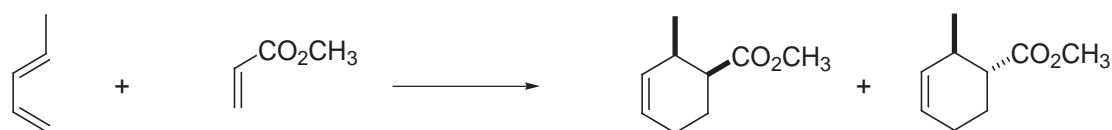
1st example: 100 °C, 3 d, dioxane vs AlCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C, 5 min



AlCl<sub>3</sub>:  $\Delta G^\ddagger$  9.3 kcal/mol lower than uncatalyzed reaction

Inukai, Kojima *J. Org. Chem.* **1967**, *32*, 872.

$\Delta E$  endo/exo:

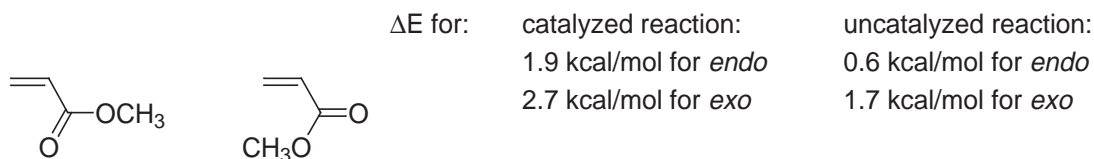


uncat. reaction: 0.2 kcal/mol; AlCl<sub>3</sub> cat. reaction: 1.8 kcal/mol

Spellmeyer, Houk *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1988**, *110*, 3412.

Jensen, Houk *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1987**, *109*, 3139.

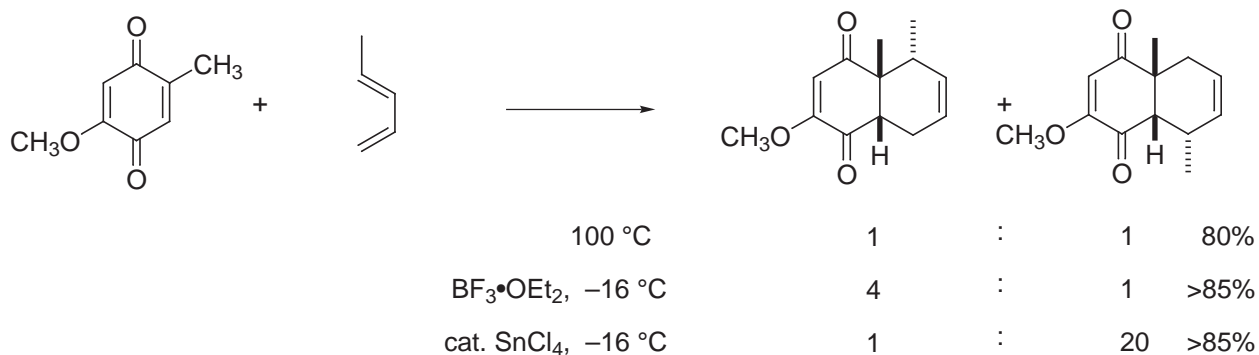
Calculations: s-cis > s-trans



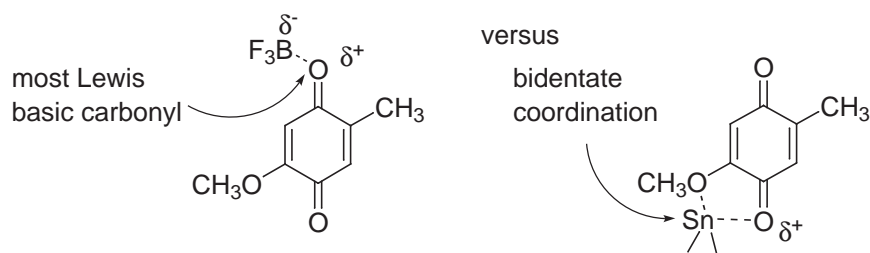
$\Delta E$  for: catalyzed reaction: 1.9 kcal/mol for endo  
2.7 kcal/mol for exo  
uncatalyzed reaction: 0.6 kcal/mol for endo  
1.7 kcal/mol for exo

Birney, Houk *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1990**, *112*, 4127.

-Lewis Acid catalysis can also alter regioselectivity



Rationalization: monodentate vs. bidentate coordination



-Hydrophobic effect: H<sub>2</sub>O solvent acceleration:

Breslow *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1980**, *102*, 7816.

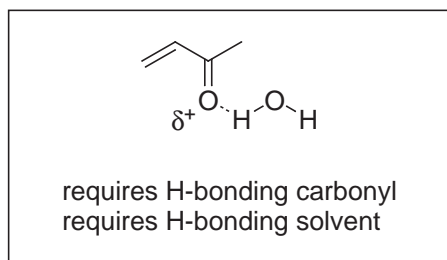
Rideout *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1983**, *24*, 1901.

also:

Sternbach *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1982**, *104*, 5853.

Grieco *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1983**, *24*, 1897.

Jorgensen - Hydrogen-bonding of H<sub>2</sub>O serves in the same capacity as a mild Lewis acid.



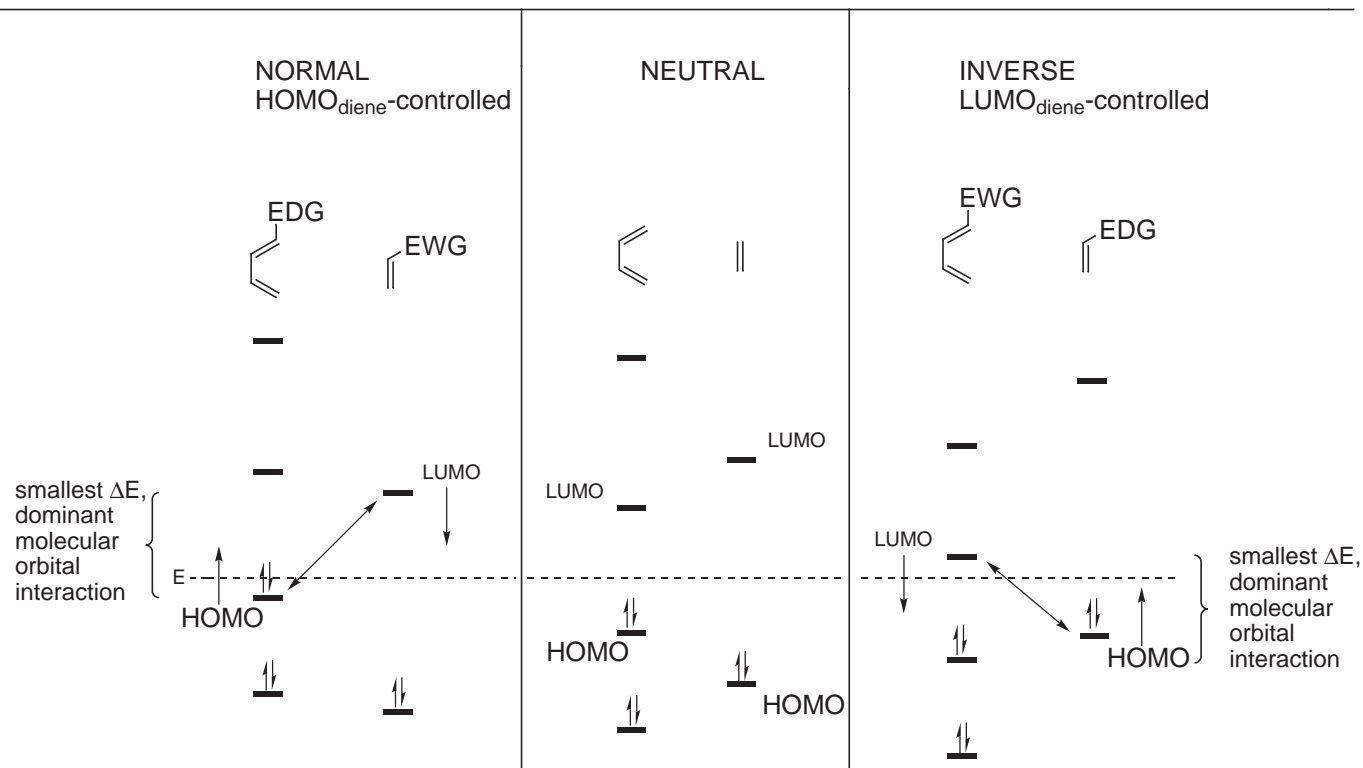
Jorgensen *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1991**, *113*, 7430.

*J. Org. Chem.* **1994**, *59*, 803.

## 7. Detailed FMO Analysis

-Using simple computational tools now available, one can quickly and easily predict regioselectivity and comparatively assess rate and diastereoselectivity of a Diels-Alder reaction by examining the frontier molecular orbitals (FMO). Each of the calculations that follow took < 1 min to run.

### Classification of Diels-Alder Reactions.



J. A. Pople (computational methods in quantum chemistry) and W. Kohn (density-functional theory) received the 1998 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for their pioneering contributions to theoretical and computational methods for defining properties and chemical behavior.

#### Common Computational Tools:

##### Semiempirical

MNDO: Dewar *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1977**, *99*, 4899.

AM1: Dewar *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1985**, *107*, 3902.

##### Ab Initio

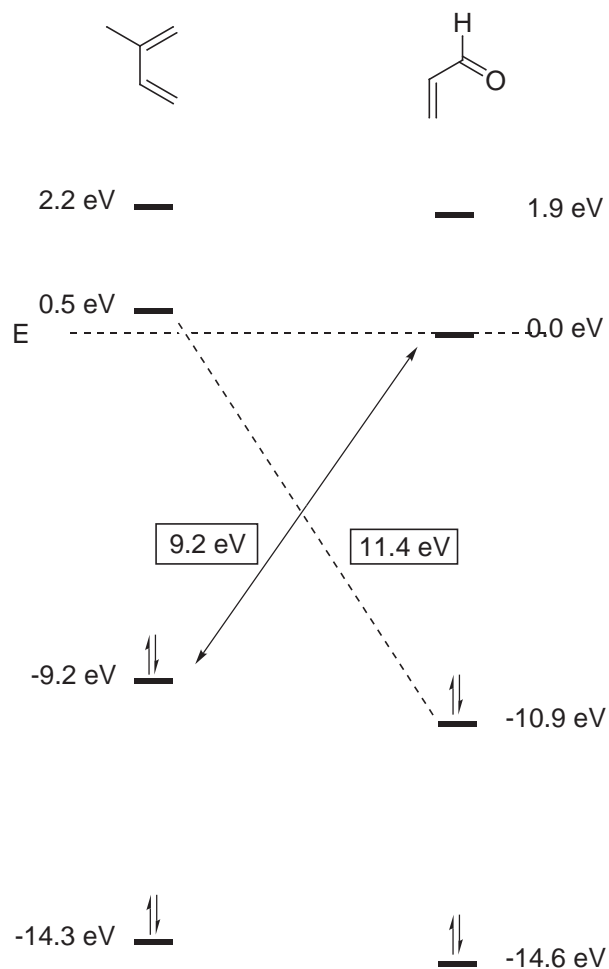
Gaussian: Pople, Carnegie-Mellon Quantum Chem. Pub. Unit, Pittsburgh, PA.

AM1 Theoretical Highest Occupied  $\pi$  Orbital (HOMO) and Lowest Unoccupied  $\pi$  Orbital (LUMO)

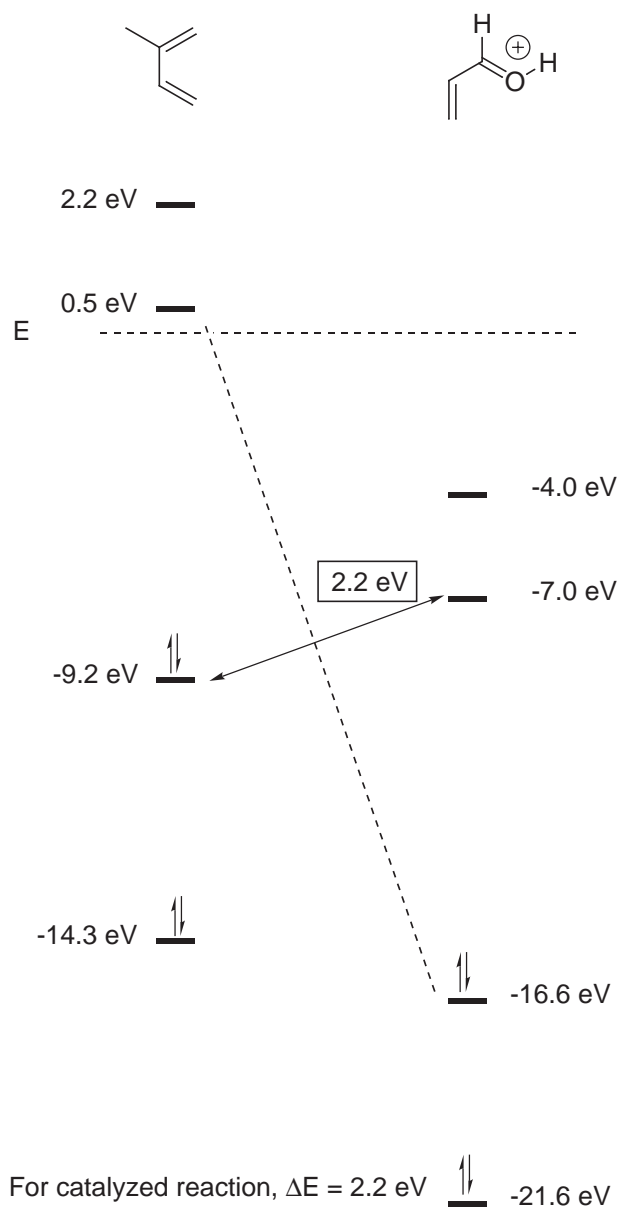
$\pi$ system	E		Coefficients			
$\text{H}_2\text{C}=\text{CH}-\text{CH}=\text{O}$			<u>O-1</u>	<u>C-2</u>	<u>C-3</u>	<u>C-4</u>
E LUMO	0.0 eV	LUMO:	0.42	-0.50	-0.43	0.63
E HOMO	-10.9 eV	HOMO:	0.35	0.05	-0.68	-0.65
$\text{H}_2\text{C}=\text{CH}-\text{CH}=\text{OH}^+$						
E LUMO	-7.0 eV	LUMO:	0.36	-0.73	-0.03	0.58
E HOMO	-16.6 eV	HOMO:	0.36	0.23	-0.73	-0.53
$\text{H}_2\text{C}^4=\text{CH}-\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)=\text{C}^1\text{H}_2$			<u>C-1</u>	<u>C-2</u>	<u>C-3</u>	<u>C-4</u>
E LUMO	0.5 eV	LUMO:	0.57	-0.43	-0.37	0.51
E HOMO	-9.2 eV	HOMO:	0.60	0.45	-0.41	-0.55
$\text{H}_2\text{C}^4=\text{CH}-\text{C}(\text{OCH}_3)=\text{C}^1\text{H}_2$						
E LUMO	0.4 eV	LUMO:	0.51	-0.41	-0.44	0.58
E HOMO	-9.1 eV	HOMO:	0.67	0.42	-0.28	-0.41
$\text{H}_2\text{C}^2=\text{CH}-\text{OCH}_3$			<u>C-1</u>	<u>C-2</u>	<u>OCH<sub>3</sub></u>	
E LUMO	1.4 eV	LUMO:	0.72	-0.66	0.21	
E HOMO	-9.5 eV	HOMO:	0.48	0.69	-0.51	

AM1  $\pi$ -MO's

Thermal reaction



Model for Lewis acid-catalyzed reaction



HOMO<sub>diene</sub> - LUMO<sub>dienophile</sub> energy difference is controlling factor for normal Diels-Alder reaction - making this E difference smaller will increase rate of reaction. For uncatalyzed reaction,  $\Delta E = 9.2$  eV

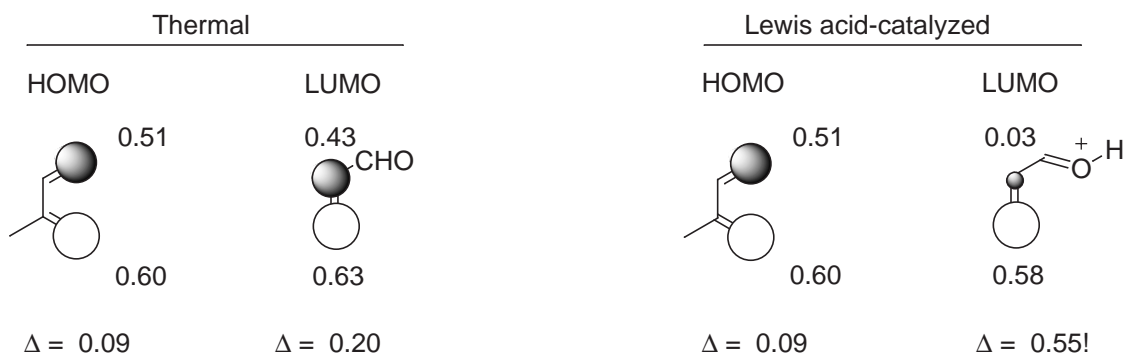
For catalyzed reaction,  $\Delta E = 2.2$  eV

Rate:

- Lewis acids catalyze reaction by lowering energy of  $\pi$  MO's of dienophile.
- Importantly, the LUMO of the dienophile becomes much lower in energy.

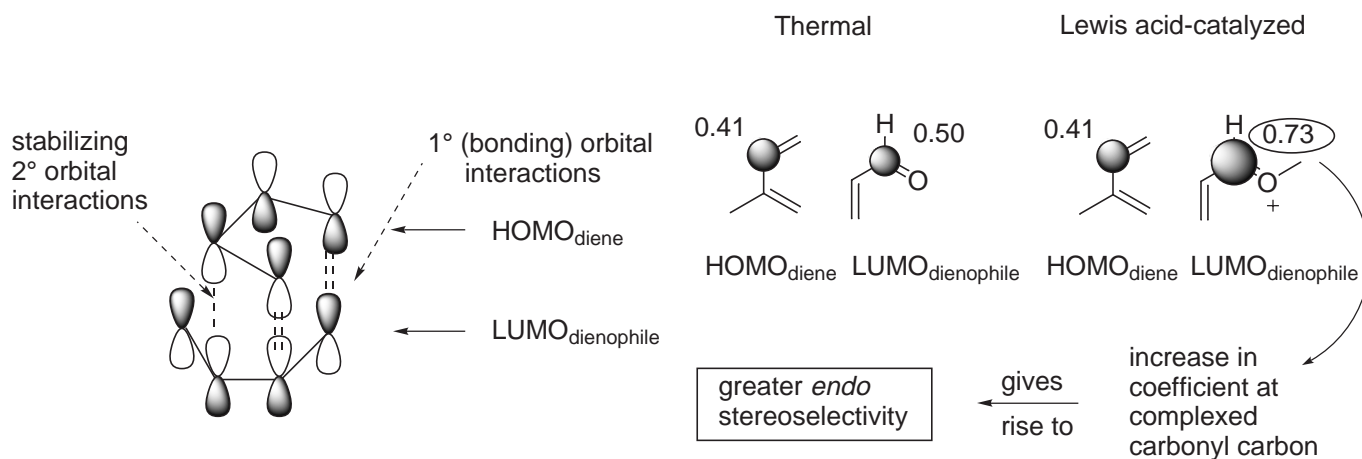
Rate increase by Lewis acid catalysis due to lowering of E of LUMO<sub>dienophile</sub>.

Regioselectivity:

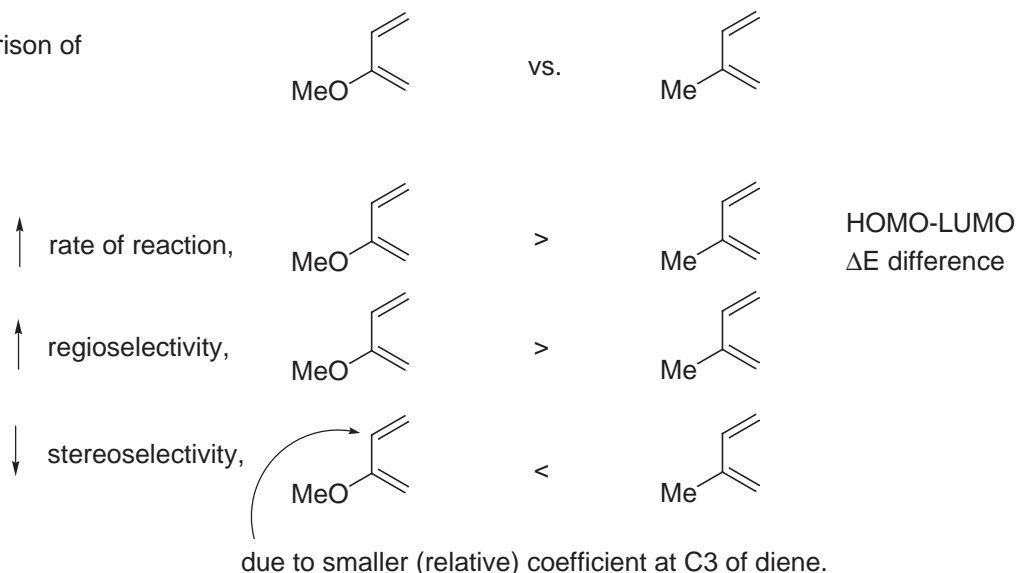


Enhanced polarization of dienophile leads to enhanced regioselectivity.

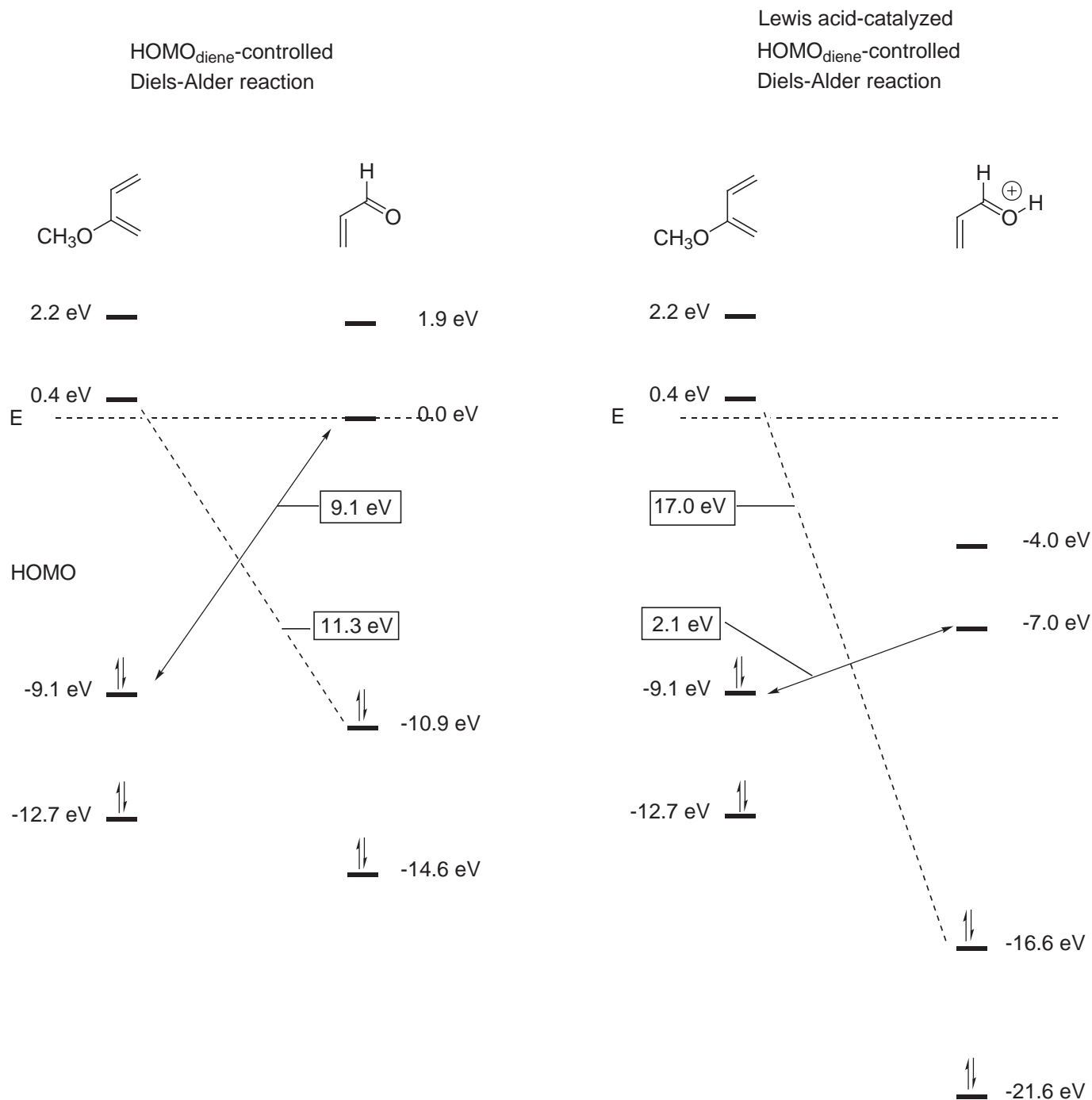
Diastereoselectivity (*endo* cycloaddition):



NOTE comparison of



AM1 Results



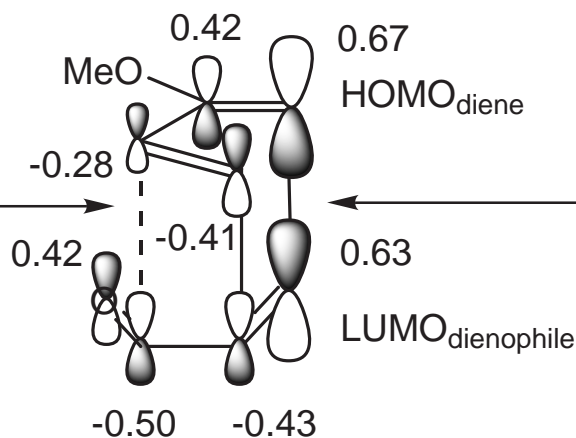
Note: 1 eV = 23.06 kcal/mol, so difference of 0.1 eV is 2.3 kcal/mol and is significant in  $\Delta\Delta G^\ddagger$ .

Rate:

$$\Delta E (E \text{ LUMO}_{\text{dienophile}} - E \text{ HOMO}_{\text{diene}}) = 9.1 \text{ eV}$$

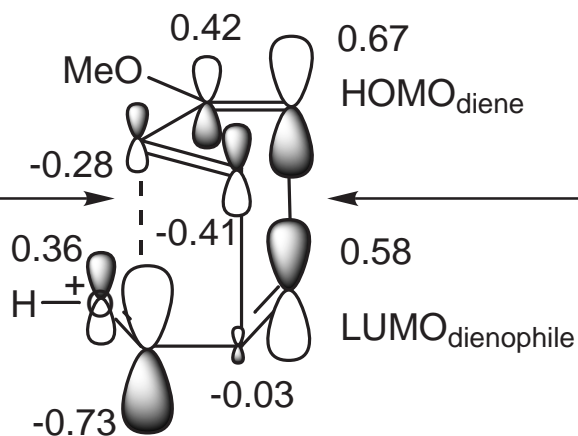
versus

$$\Delta E (E \text{ LUMO}_{\text{diene}} - E \text{ HOMO}_{\text{dienophile}}) = 11.3 \text{ eV}$$



stabilizing secondary orbital interaction: **endo selectivity**

dominant  $\text{HOMO}_{\text{diene}}\text{-LUMO}_{\text{dienophile}}$  orbital interaction: **regioselectivity**



Rate:

$$\Delta E (E \text{ LUMO}_{\text{dienophile}} - E \text{ HOMO}_{\text{diene}}) = 2.1 \text{ eV}$$

versus

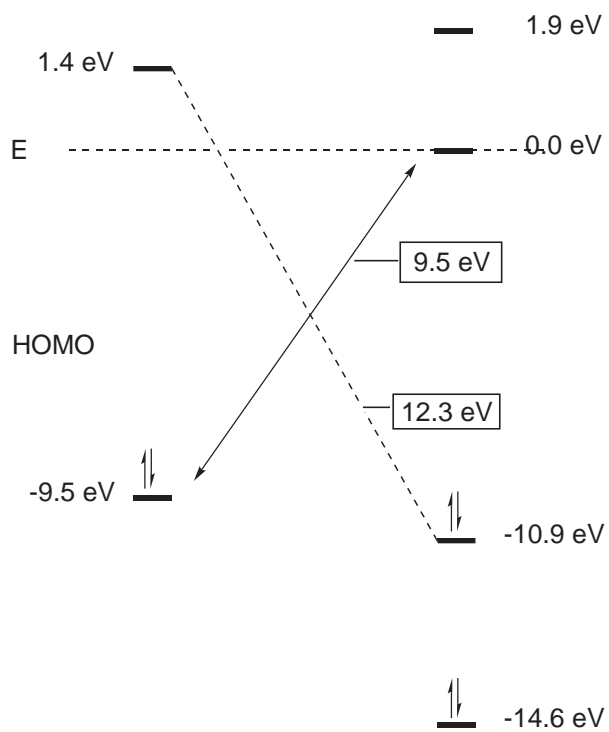
$$\Delta E (E \text{ LUMO}_{\text{diene}} - E \text{ HOMO}_{\text{dienophile}}) = 17.0 \text{ eV}$$

Thermal and (Lewis) acid-catalyzed  $\text{HOMO}_{\text{diene}}$ -controlled Diels-Alder reaction of acrolein and 2-methoxybutadiene, AM1 results

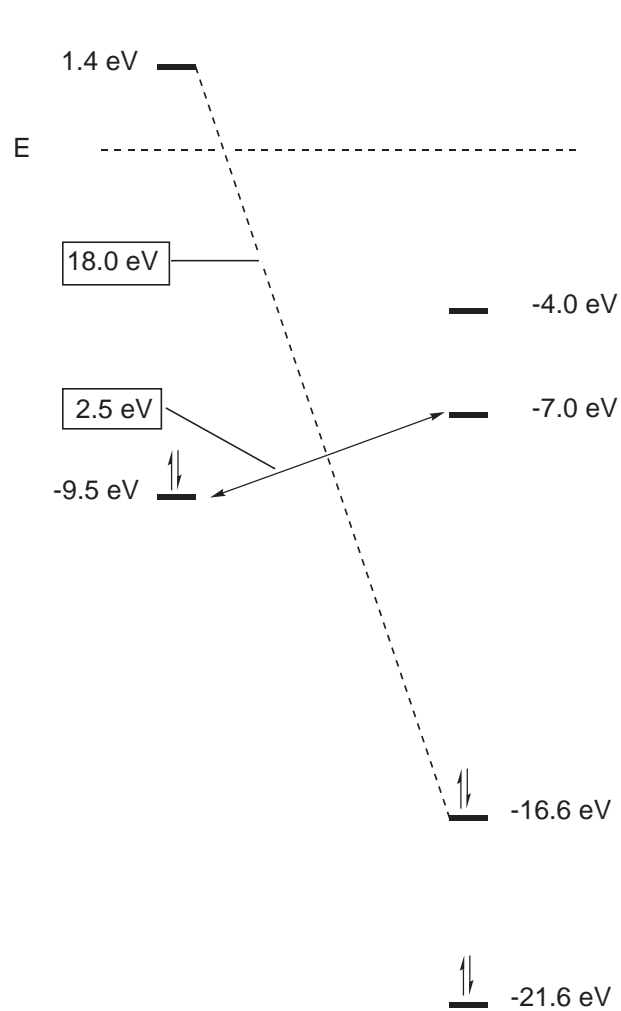


AM1 Results

LUMO<sub>diene</sub>-controlled  
Diels-Alder reaction



Lewis acid-catalyzed  
LUMO<sub>diene</sub>-controlled  
Diels-Alder reaction

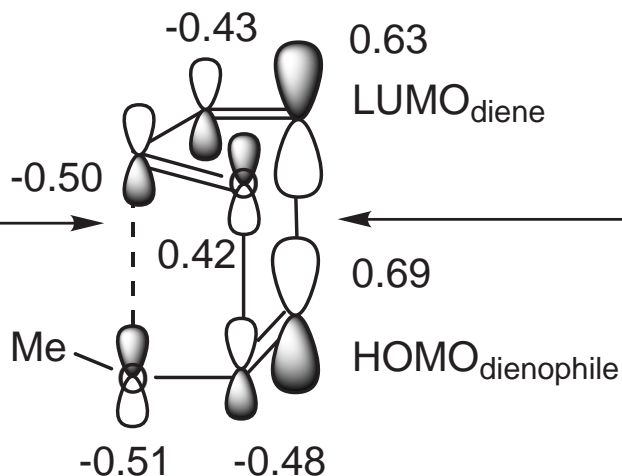


Rate:

$$\Delta E (E \text{ LUMO}_{\text{dienophile}} - E \text{ HOMO}_{\text{diene}}) = 12.3 \text{ eV}$$

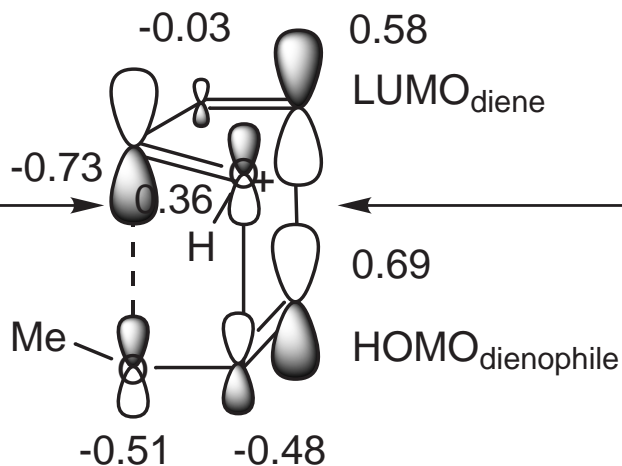
versus

$$\Delta E (E \text{ LUMO}_{\text{diene}} - E \text{ HOMO}_{\text{dienophile}}) = 9.5 \text{ eV}$$



stabilizing secondary orbital interaction: **endo selectivity**

dominant LUMO<sub>diene</sub>-HOMO<sub>dienophile</sub> orbital interaction: **regioselectivity**



Rate:

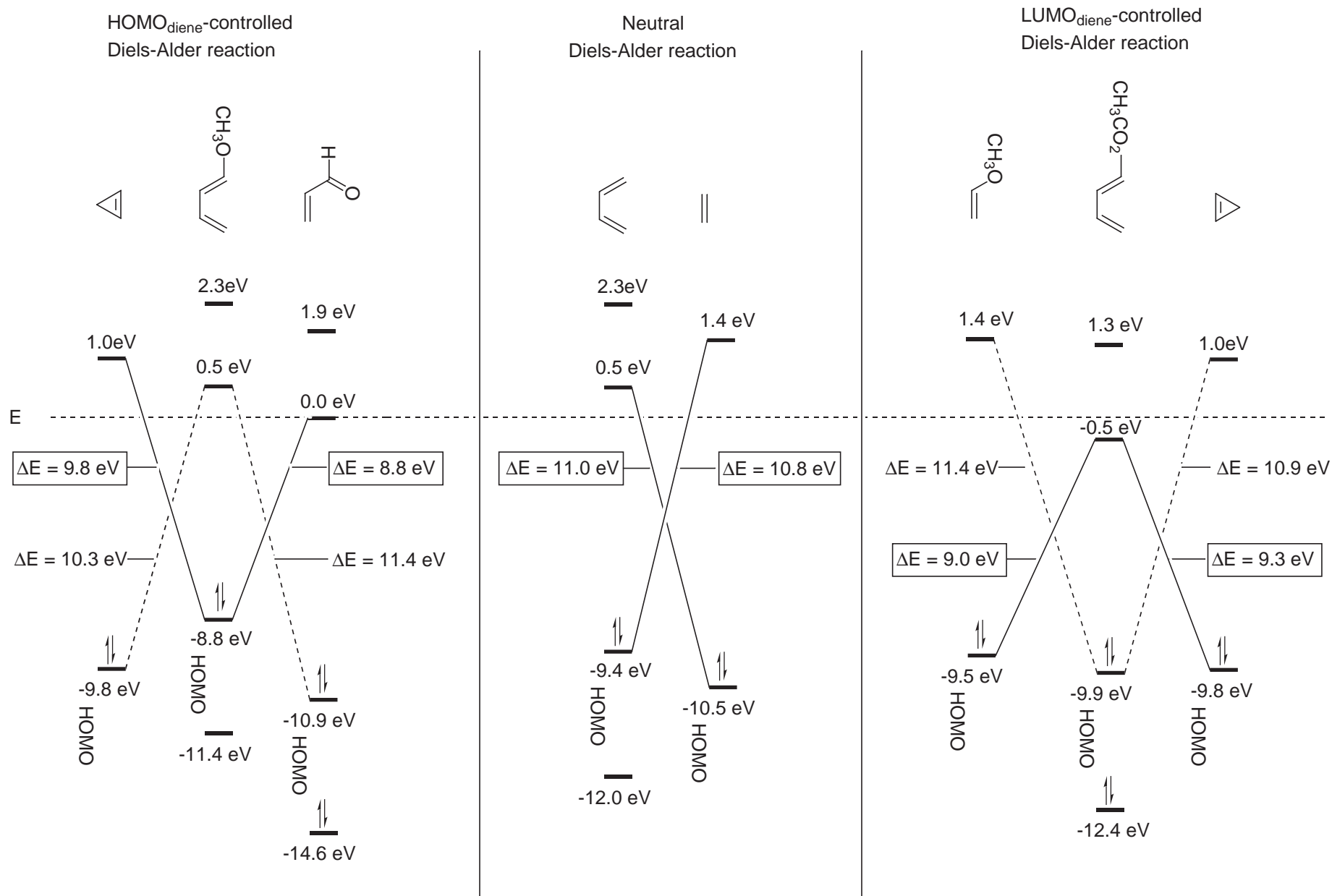
$$\Delta E (E \text{ LUMO}_{\text{dienophile}} - E \text{ HOMO}_{\text{diene}}) = 18.0 \text{ eV}$$

versus

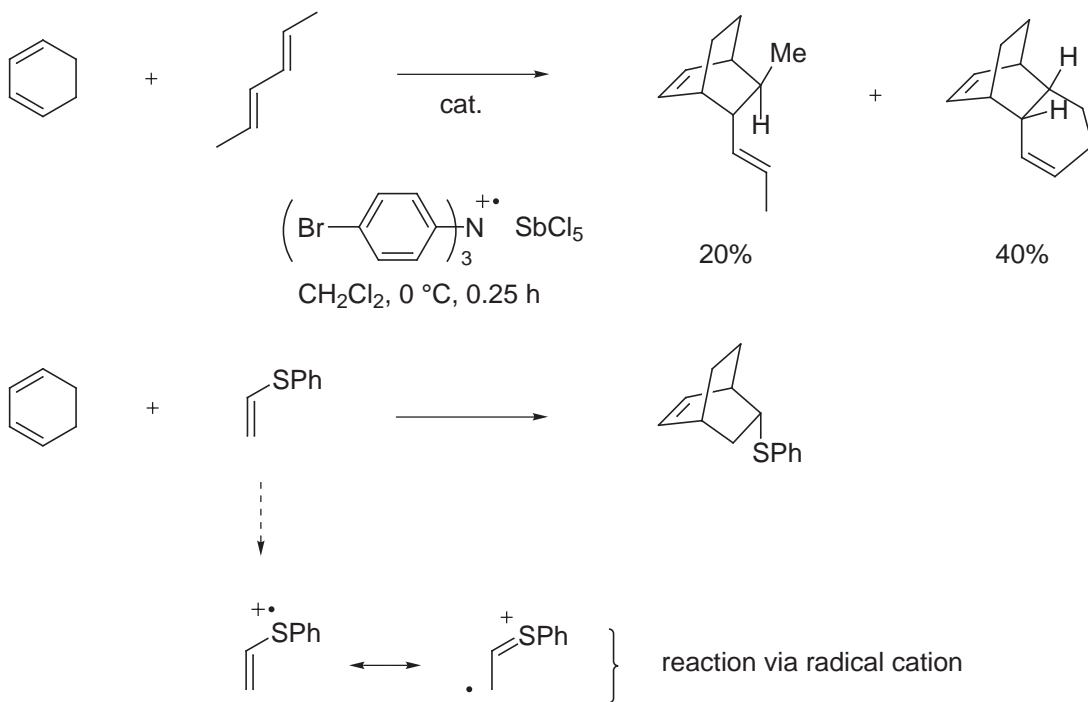
$$\Delta E (E \text{ LUMO}_{\text{diene}} - E \text{ HOMO}_{\text{dienophile}}) = 2.5 \text{ eV}$$

Thermal and (Lewis) acid-catalyzed LUMO<sub>diene</sub>-controlled Diels-Alder reaction of acrolein and methyl vinyl ether, AM1 results

Strained Olefins Participate in Accelerated Normal or Inverse Electron Demand Diels-Alder Reactions: FMO Basis

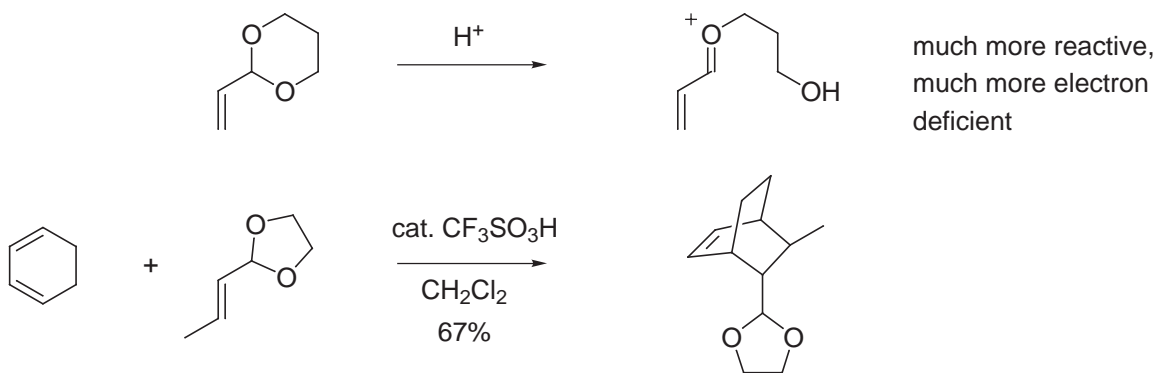


### 8. Cation-Radical Diels-Alder Reaction



Bauld *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1981**, *103*, 718; **1982**, *104*, 2665; **1983**, *105*, 2378.

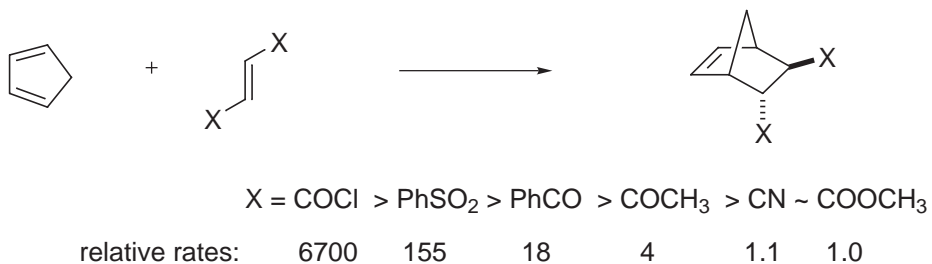
### 9. Ionic Diels-Alder Reaction



Gassman *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1987**, *109*, 2182.  
*J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.* **1989**, 837.

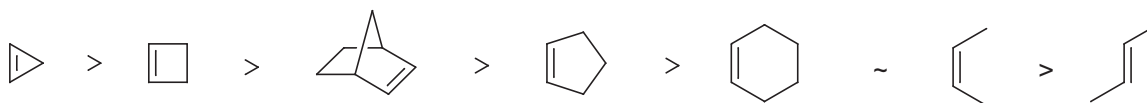
### 10. Dienophiles

#### a. Effect of electron-withdrawing group



b. Alkyl groups on dienophile can slow Diels-Alder reaction (steric effect)

c. Strain in dienophile



benzyne



bridgehead olefins  
Keese, Krebs *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Eng.* **1972**, 11, 518.

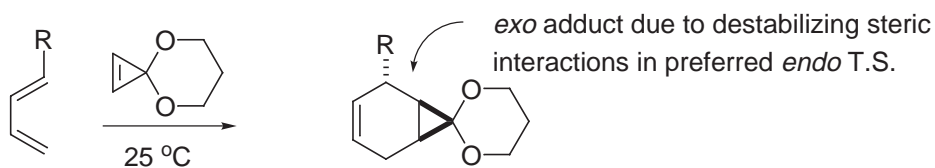


Wiberg  
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1960**, 82, 6375.



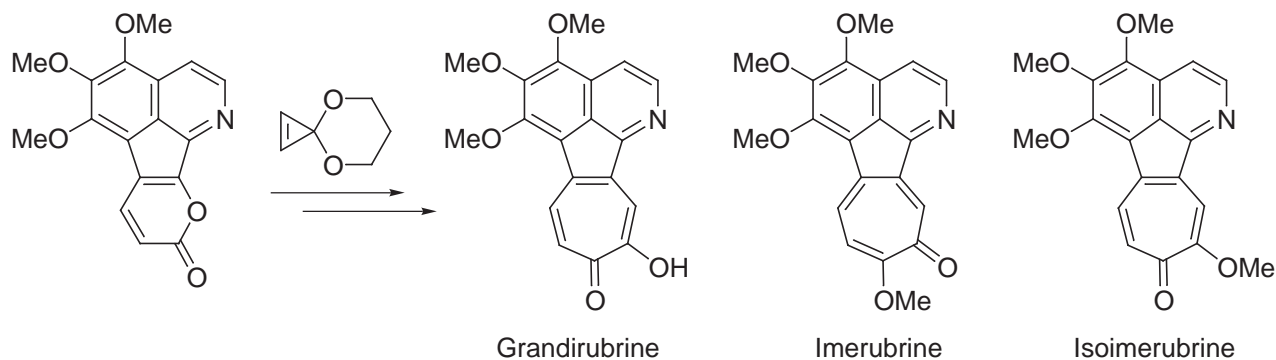
Corey  
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1965**, 87, 934.

-Normal and inverse electron demand Diels-Alder reactions of cyclopropenone ketals



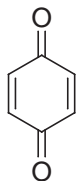
72% R = OMe  
69% R = H  
65% R = CO<sub>2</sub>Me

Boger *Tetrahedron* **1986**, 42, 2777.  
Boger *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1986**, 108, 6695.



Boger *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1995**, 117, 12452.

d. Quinones are outstanding dienophiles

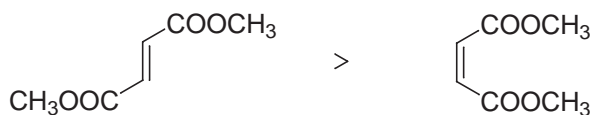


e. Number and position of electron-withdrawing groups

dienophile	+		or		$\xrightarrow{\text{Diels-Alder Reaction}}$
Dienophile			Relative Rates		
		$1.3 \times 10^9$		$4.3 \times 10^7$	
		$5.9 \times 10^5$		$4.8 \times 10^5$	
		$1.3 \times 10^4$		$4.5 \times 10^4$	NOTE: large increase in rate by addition of one more complementary EWG
		0.09		1	
		215		74	NOT as large an increase upon addition of one more noncomplementary EWG
		140		31	

f. *cis* vs. *trans* Dienophiles

-In polar (or radical) processes, *cis* isomer reacts faster than *trans*, but in Diels-Alder reaction:



Due to

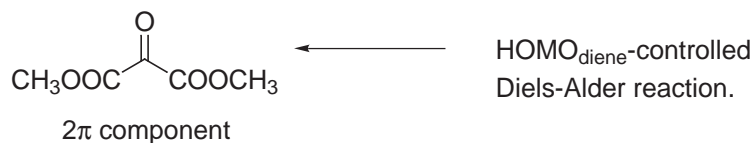


one additional destabilizing steric interaction

-The relative rates of such *cis* vs. *trans* reactions are sometimes used to distinguish between concerted cycloadditions vs. nonconcerted stepwise reactions.

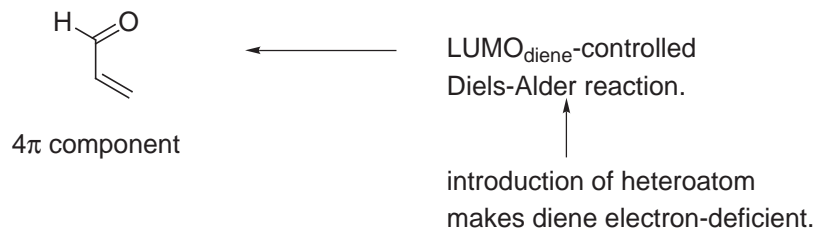
g. Heterodienophiles: typically electron-deficient

e.g.



h. Heterodienes: typically electron-deficient

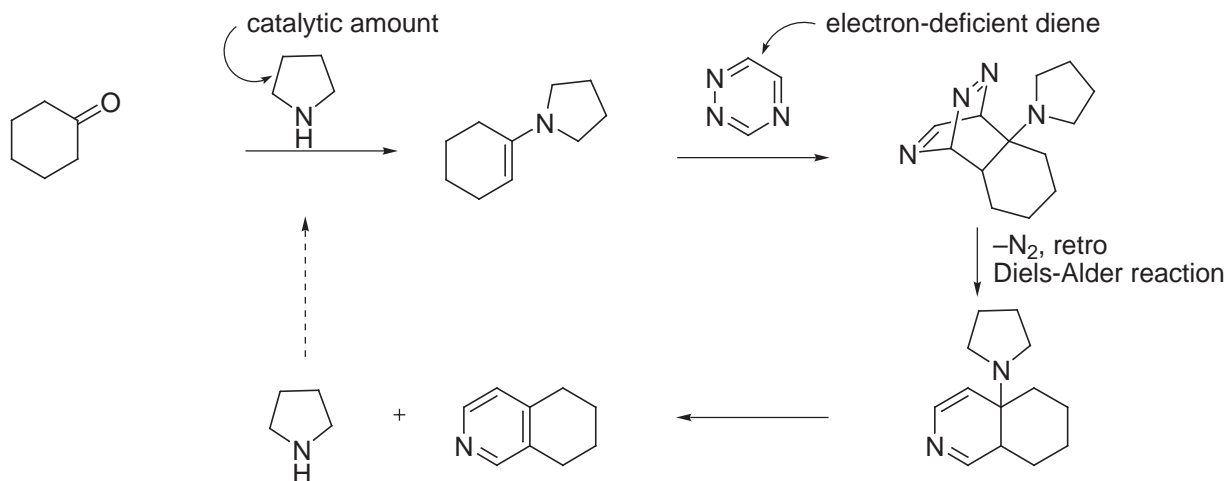
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Note: Dienophiles can also be generated *in situ*:



Boger *J. Org. Chem.* **1984**, 49, 4050.

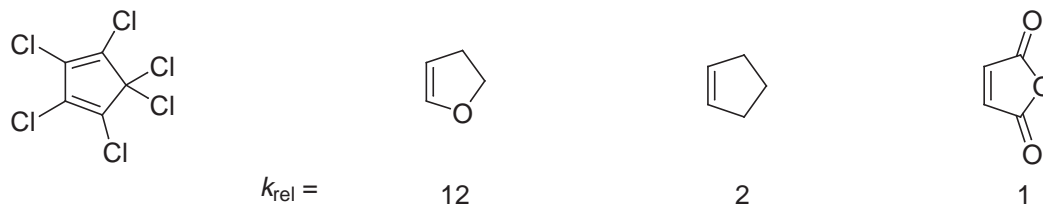


Catalytic Diels-Alder reaction

Boger *J. Org. Chem.* **1982**, 47, 895.

i. Dienophiles which are not electron-deficient

(1) Participate in inverse electron demand Diels-Alder reactions:



McBee *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1954**, 77, 3858.

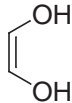
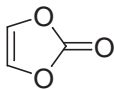
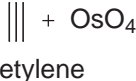
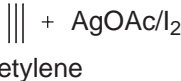
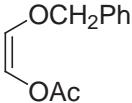
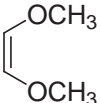
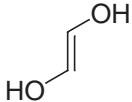
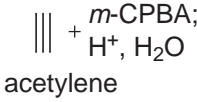
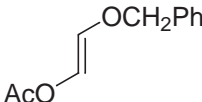
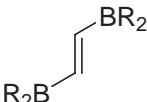
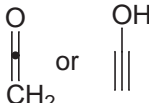
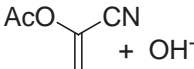
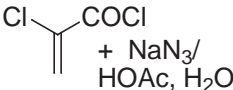
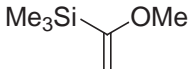
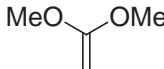


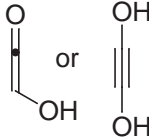
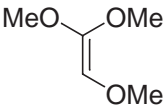
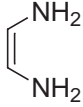
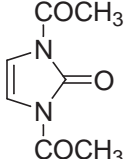
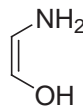
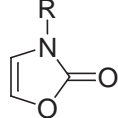

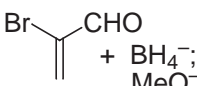
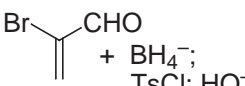
Jung *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1977**, 99, 5508.

(2) Can be used in cation-radical Diels-Alder reactions.

(3) Also include the behavior of strained olefins.

j. Dienophile equivalents

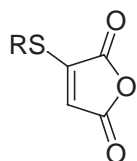
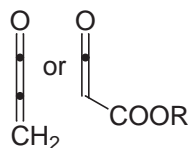
-Many specialized dienophiles have been developed which react well in the Diels-Alder reaction and which serve to indirectly introduce functionality not otherwise directly achievable.

inaccessible dienophile	equivalent dienophile
	  acetylene  acetylene  
	<p><i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> <b>1958</b>, 80, 209.  <i>J. Org. Chem.</i> <b>1988</b>, 53, 5793.  <i>J. Org. Chem.</i> <b>1984</b>, 49, 4033.</p>
	 acetylene  
	<p><i>Chem. Ber.</i> <b>1964</b>, 97, 442.  <i>J. Org. Chem.</i> <b>1988</b>, 53, 5793, 3373.  <i>Tetrahedron Lett.</i> <b>1994</b>, 35, 509.</p>
	     
	<p><i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> <b>1956</b>, 78, 2473.  <i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> <b>1971</b>, 93, 4326.  <i>Tetrahedron Lett.</i> <b>1979</b>, 4438.  <i>J. Org. Chem.</i> <b>1977</b>, 42, 4095.            Review: <i>Synthesis</i> <b>1977</b>, 289.</p>
	
	<p><i>J. Org. Chem.</i> <b>1984</b>, 49, 4033.</p>
	
	<p><i>Tetrahedron Lett.</i> <b>1981</b>, 2064.</p>
	 <p>R = H, COCH<sub>3</sub></p>
	<p><i>Tetrahedron Lett.</i> <b>1977</b>, 3115.  <i>Ann.</i> <b>1976</b>, 1319.</p>
	 
	<p><i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> <b>1972</b>, 94, 2549.</p>

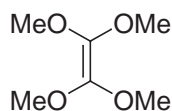
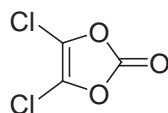


inaccessible  
dienophile

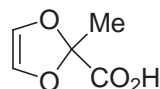
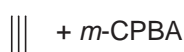
equivalent  
dienophile



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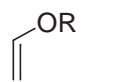
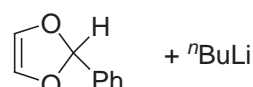
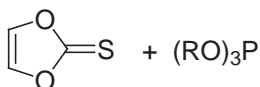
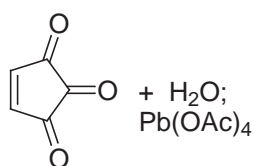


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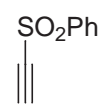
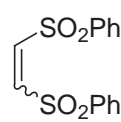
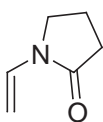
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R = Et, Ac



enamines

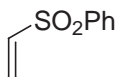


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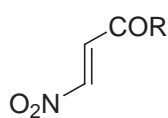


R = H, R

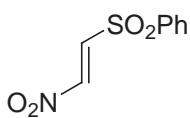


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reversed regioselectivity



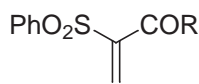
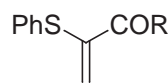
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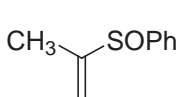
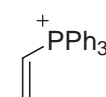
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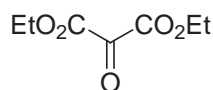
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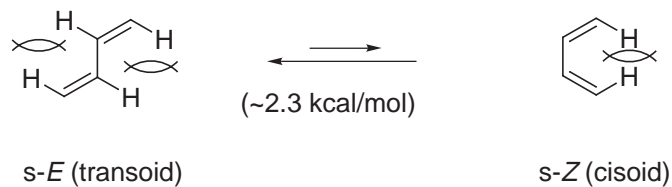
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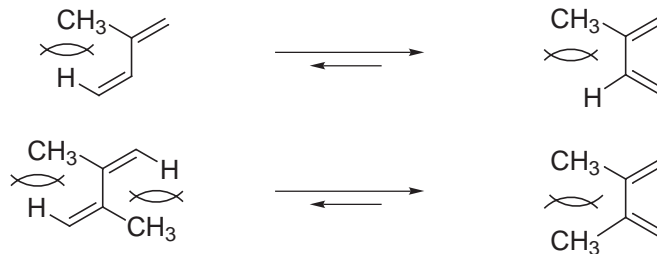
## 11. Diene

-Dienes must adopt an s-cisoid (s-Z) conformation to react.

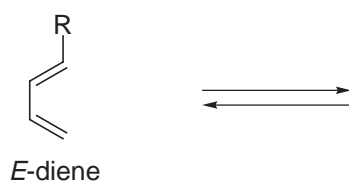


Cisoid conformation of diene is favored with:

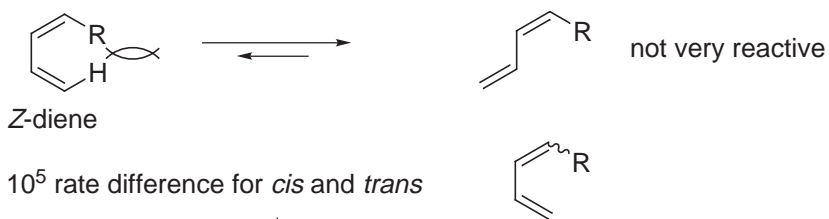
(a) 2- and/or 3-substitution



(b) 1-Substituted dienes

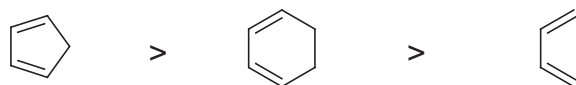


But

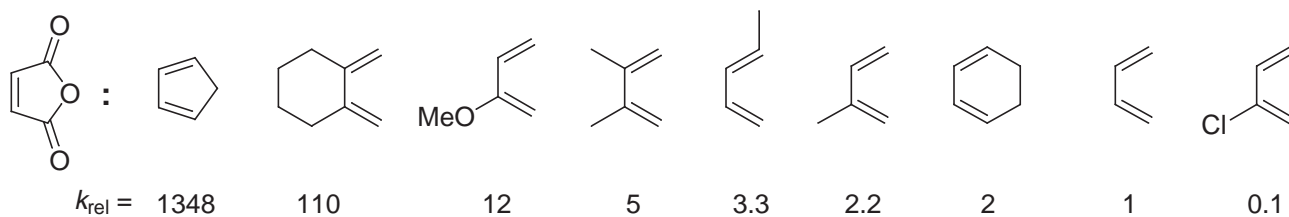


can be used to separate *cis* and *trans* isomers of dienes

(c) And, by locking the diene into cisoid conformation



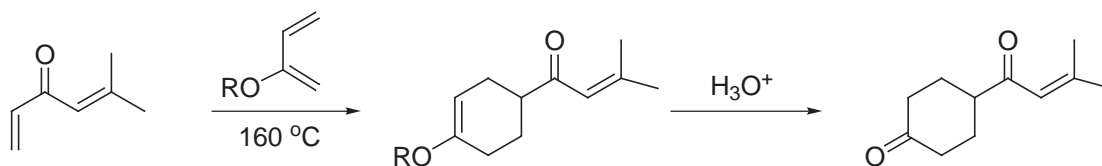
reaction rates for cyclic dienes are faster



## 12. Functionalized Dienes

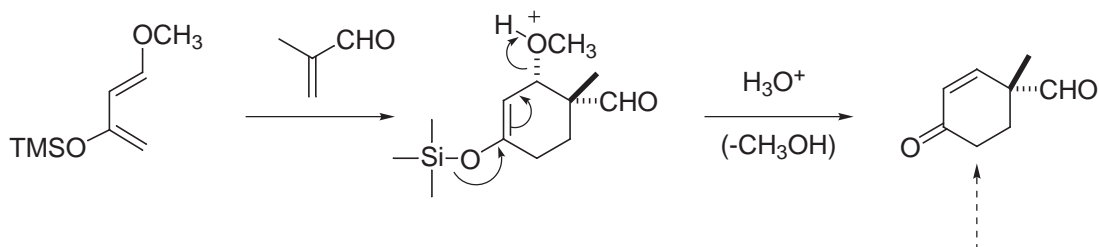
Review: Petrzilka, Grayson *Synthesis* **1981**, 753.

-Diels-Alder reaction with introduction of useful functionality



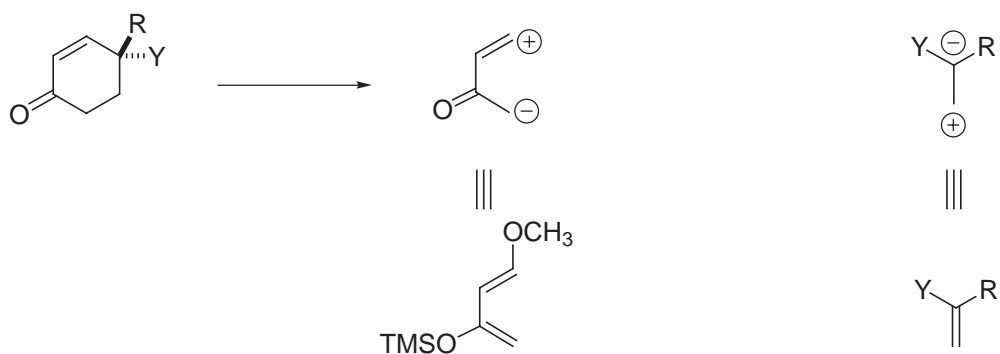
Danishefsky *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1979**, 101, 6996.

-Danishefsky:

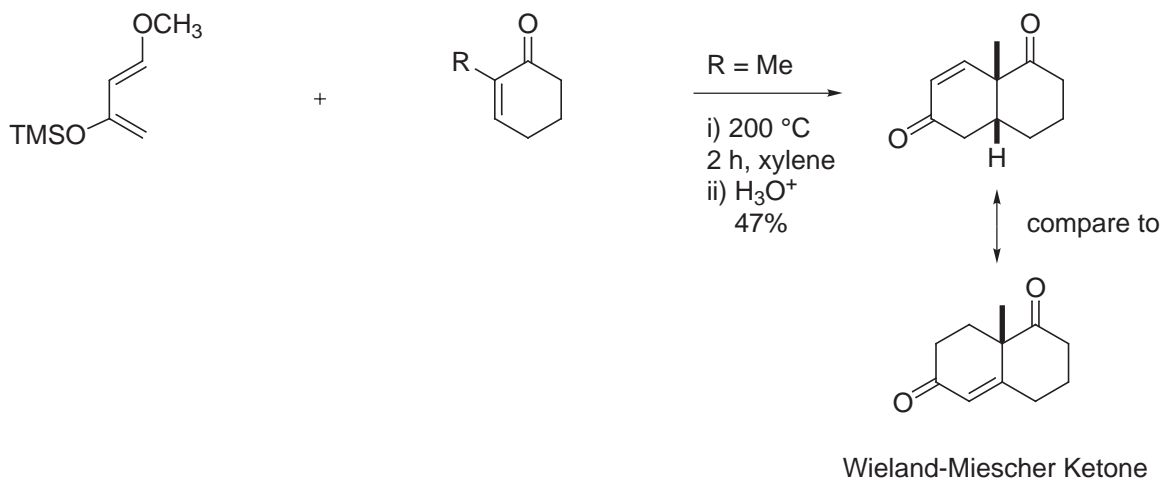


So an alternative disconnection for  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated enones

looks like a Robinson annulation product

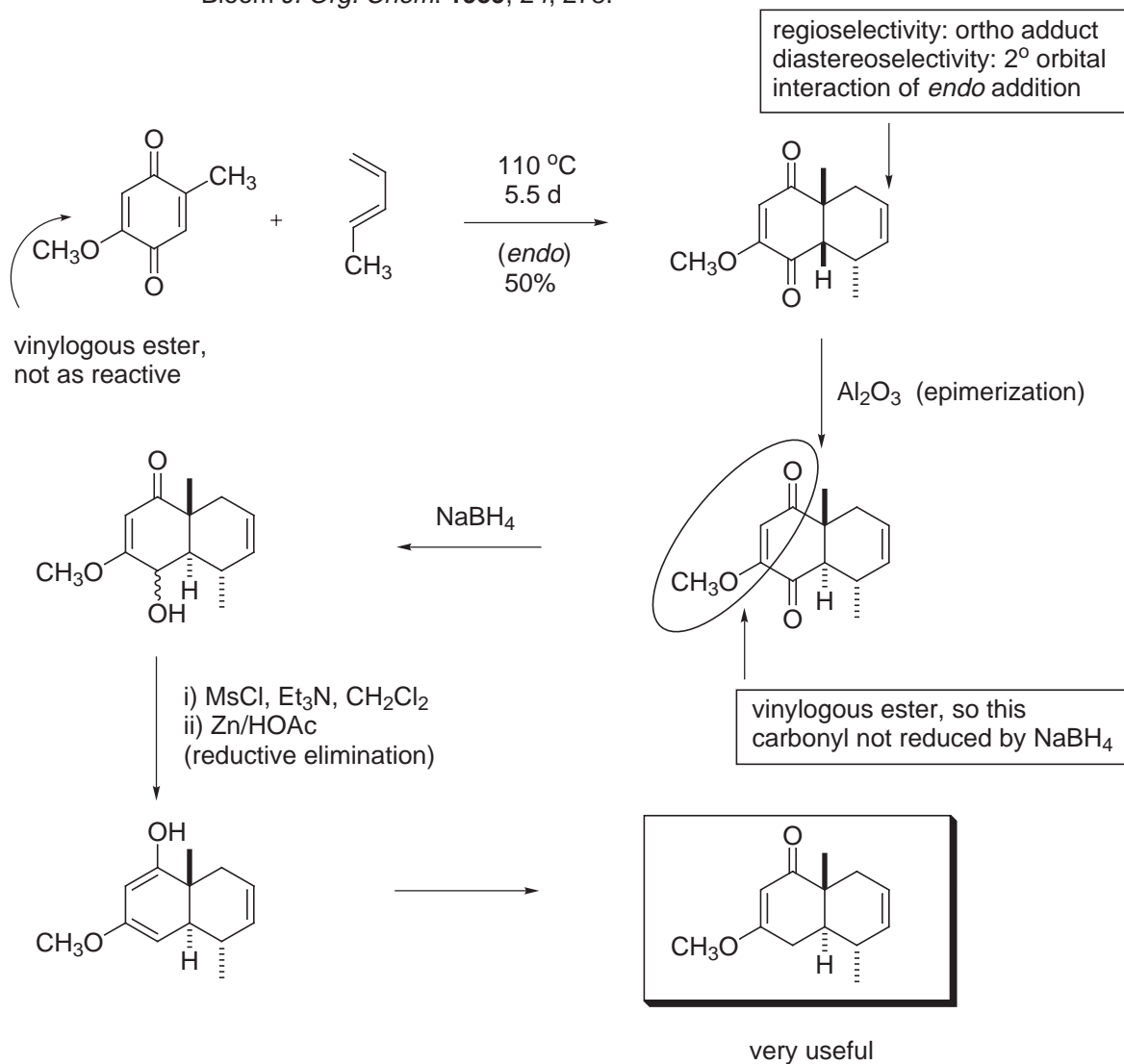


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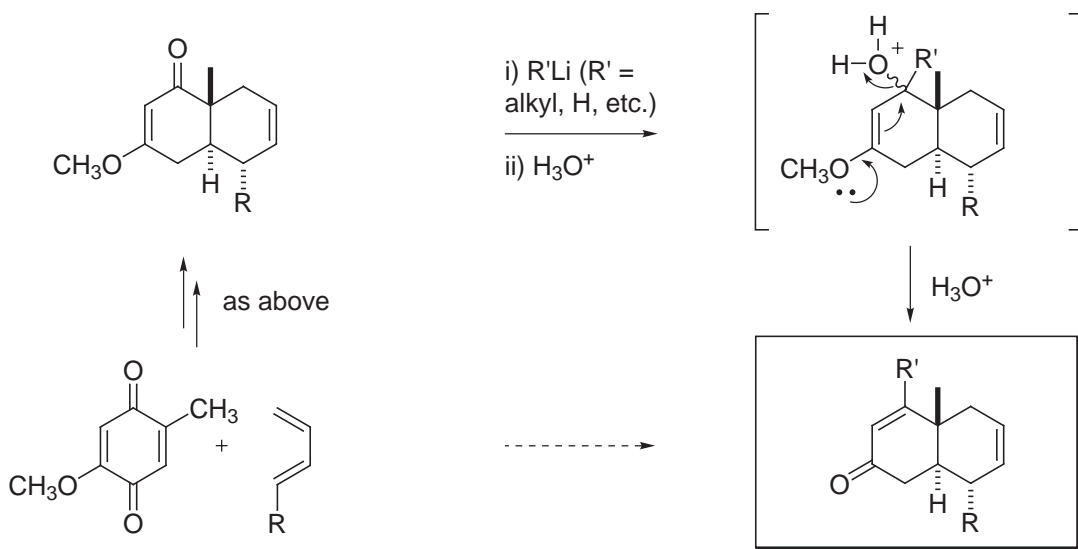
see also: Danishefsky *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1979**, 101, 6996, 7001, 7009, 7013.

**Companion Strategy:** Woodward *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1952**, 74, 4223;  
Bloom *J. Org. Chem.* **1959**, 24, 278.

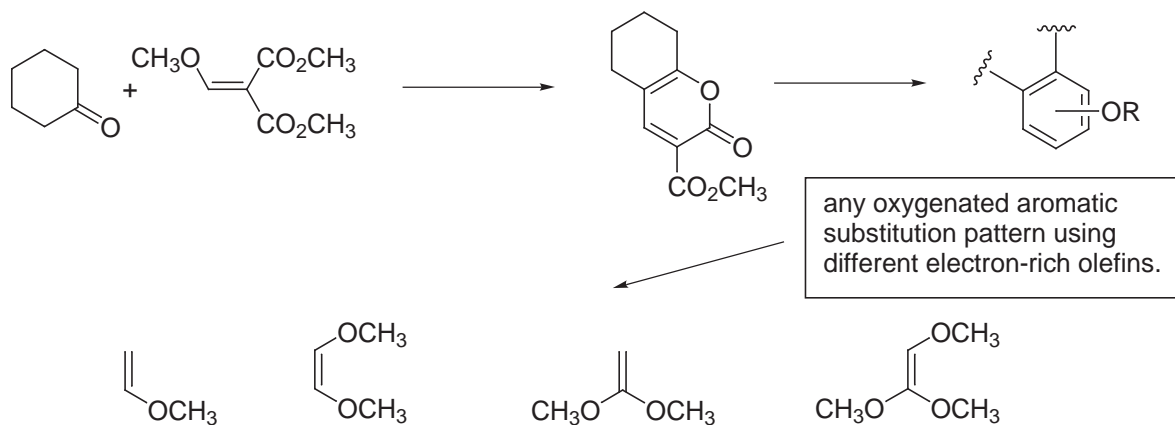


See also: Robinson *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1961**, 83, 249.  
Orchin, Butz *J. Org. Chem.* **1943**, 8, 509.  
Kishi *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1970**, 5127.  
Kakushima *Can. J. Chem.* **1976**, 54, 3304.

Can also add nucleophiles (RLi, H<sup>-</sup>) to the "vinylogous ester" carbonyl:

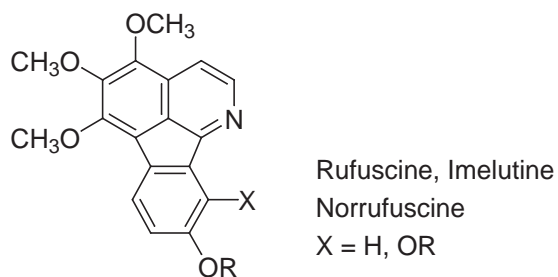
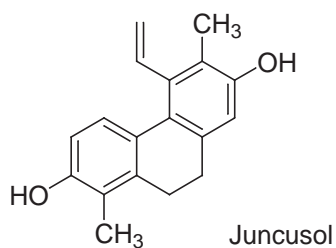


-Aromatic Annulation

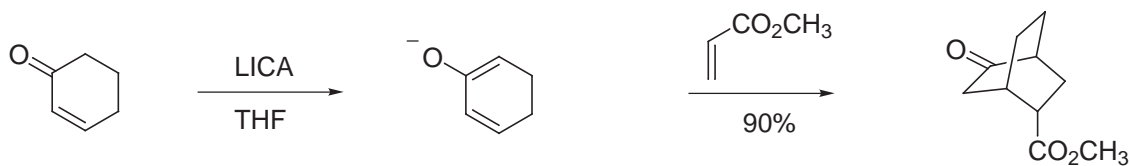


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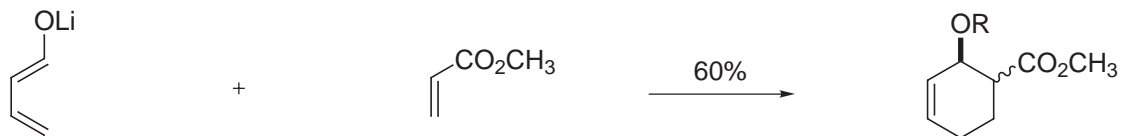
Use of aromatic annulation in total synthesis:



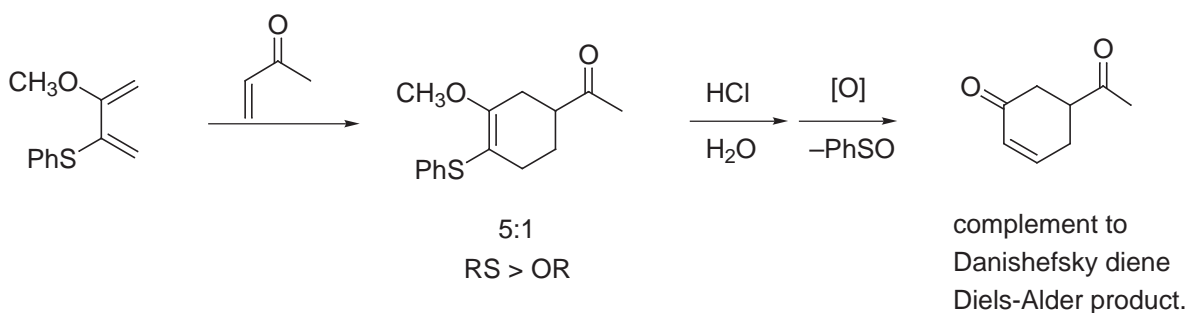
Heteroatom Substituted Dienes:



Diels-Alder or Michael-Michael Reaction  
Lee *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1973**, 3333.

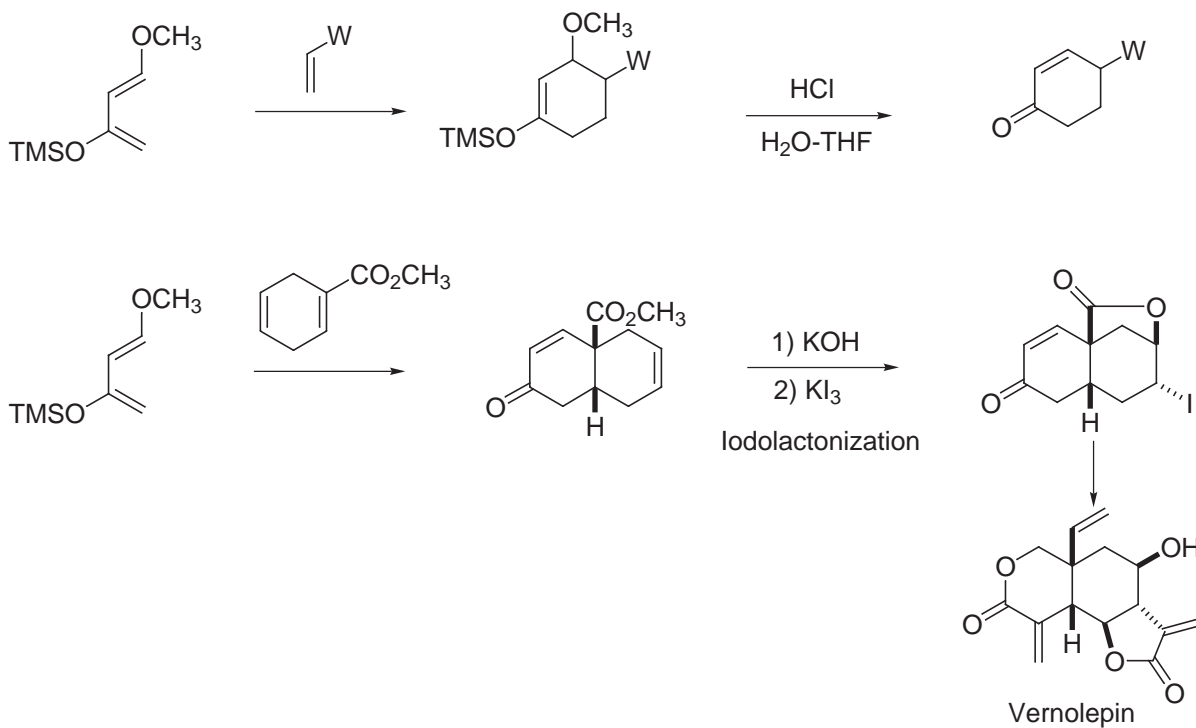


Kraus *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1977**, 3929.

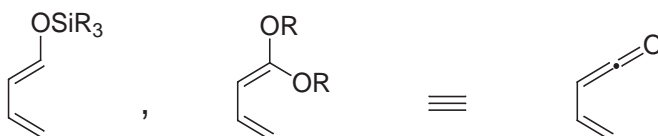


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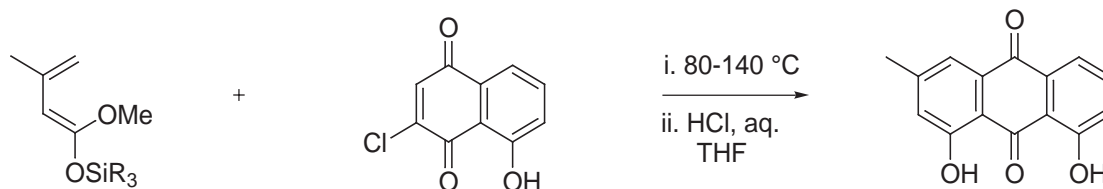
Danishefsky Diene: (see summary list)



Danishefsky *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1977**, 99, 6066.



Note the dienophile and diene equivalency list



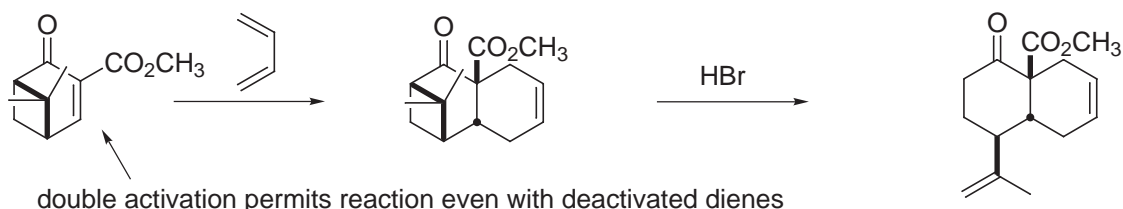
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### Danishefsky Applications

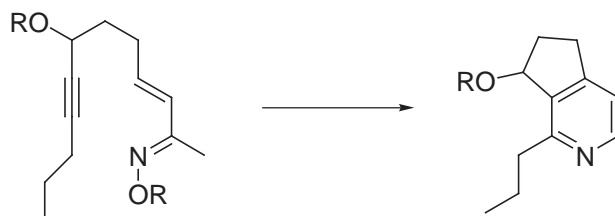
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prephenate	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> <b>1979</b> , 101, 7013.
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pentalenolactone	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> <b>1980</b> , 102, 1974.
vernolepin	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> <b>1977</b> , 99, 6066.
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papulacandin aglycon	<i>Carbohydr. Res.</i> <b>1987</b> , 171, 317.
vineomycinone	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> <b>1985</b> , 107, 1285.
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6a-deoxyerythronolide	<i>Silicon Chem.</i> <b>1988</b> , 25 (Ellis Horwood Ltd.)

-Unactivated dienes



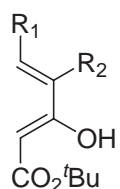
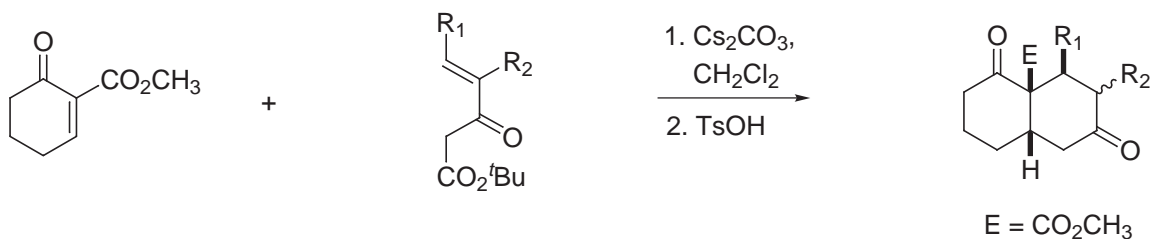
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intramolecular reaction permits use of unactivated diene or dienophile

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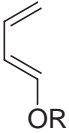
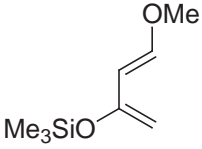
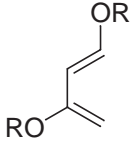
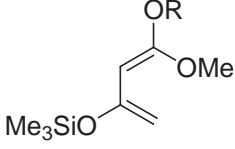
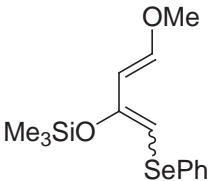


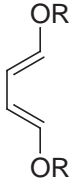
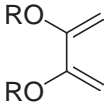
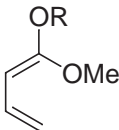
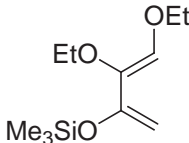
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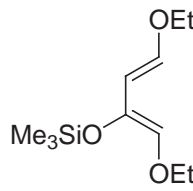
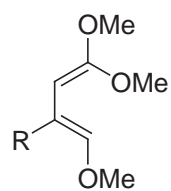
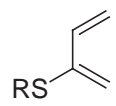
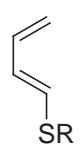
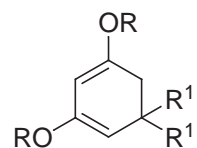
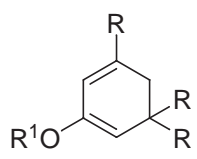
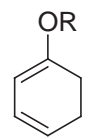
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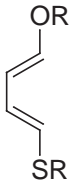
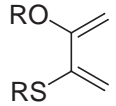
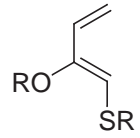
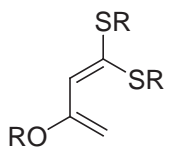
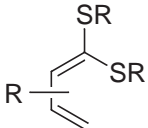
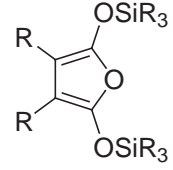
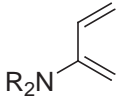
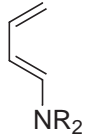
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R = Et	<i>Tetrahedron Lett.</i> <b>1976</b> , 1967.
R = Ac	<i>Helv. Chim. Acta</i> <b>1979</b> , <i>62</i> , 442; <i>Synthesis</i> <b>1981</b> , 756.
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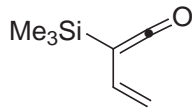
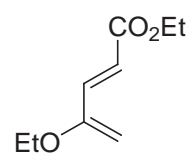
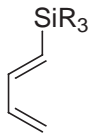
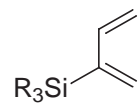
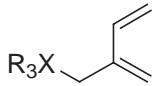


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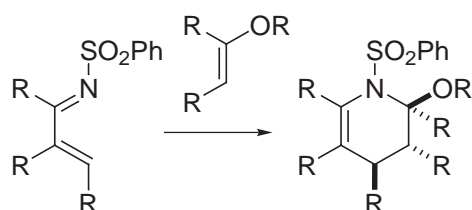
### 13. Heterodienes

-Typically, heterodienes are electron-deficient and participate in inverse electron demand Diels-Alder reaction

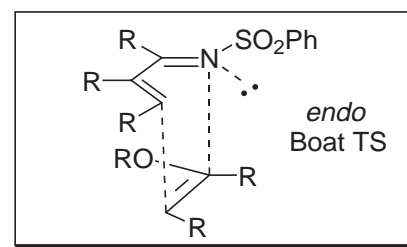
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-Acyclic azadienes, *N*-sulfonyl-1-azadienes:



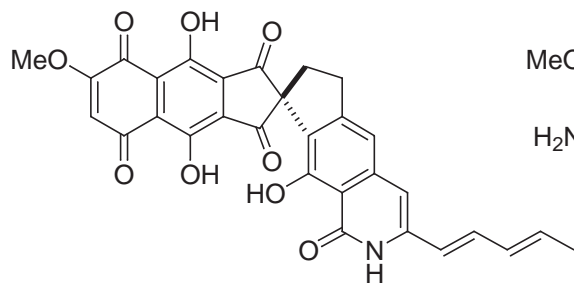
\* Regiospecific and Diastereospecific



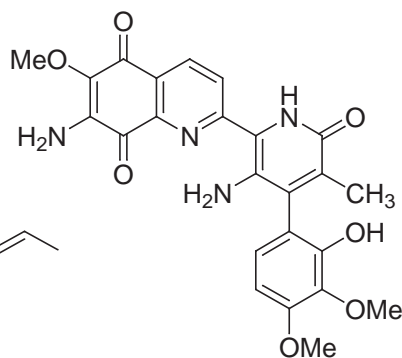
- \* Secondary orbital interaction (C-2 diene/OR)
- \*  $n - \sigma^*$  stabilization (T.S. anomeric effect)
- \* Solvent independent rate
- \* Dienophile geometry conserved

- \* Pressure-induced *endo* diastereoselectivity
- \*  $k(\text{trans}) > k(\text{cis})$
- \* C-3 EWG accelerates reaction (25 °C)
- \* And C-2 or C-4 EWG accelerate reaction
- \* C-3 > C-2 or C-4 (25 °C)

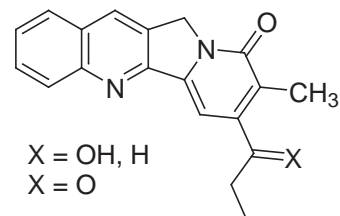
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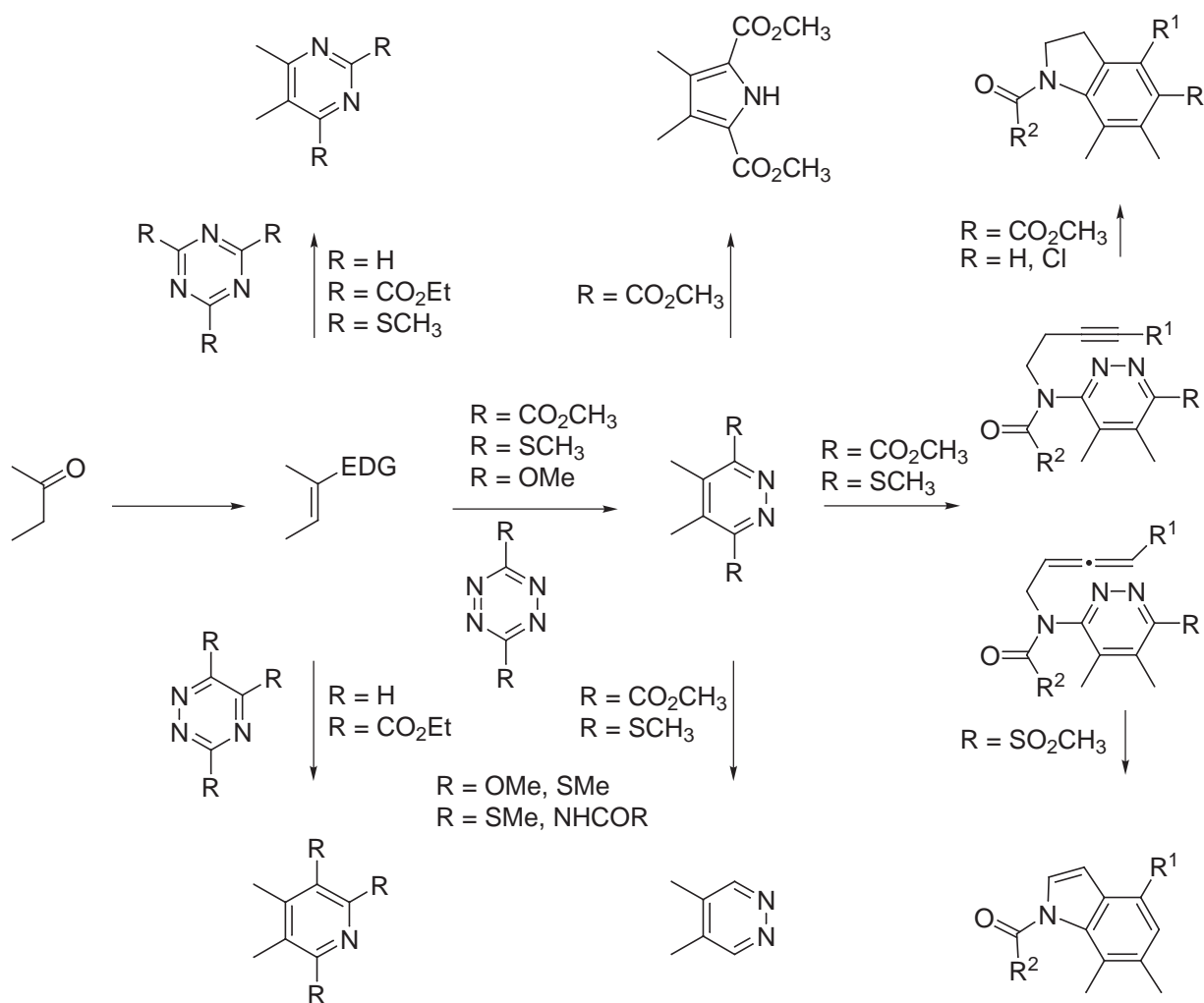


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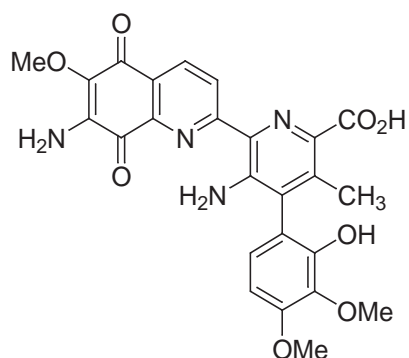
-Representative heteroaromatic azadiene Diels-Alder reactions taken from the work of Boger



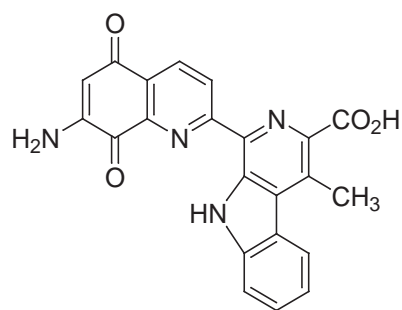
Reviews: Boger *Tetrahedron* **1983**, 34, 2869.  
*Chem. Rev.* **1986**, 86, 781.  
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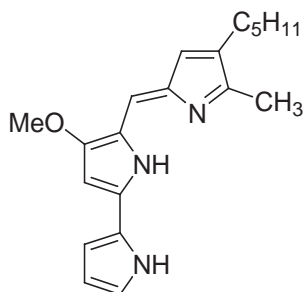
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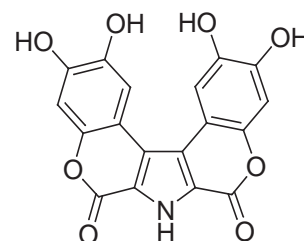
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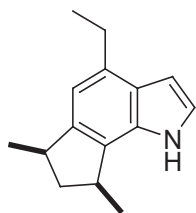
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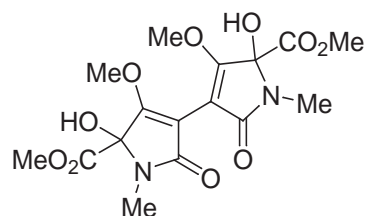
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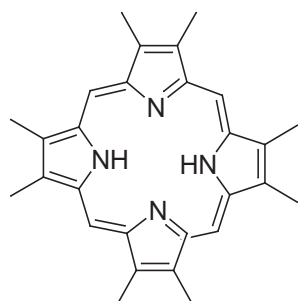
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*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1999**, *121*, 54.



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*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1991**, *113*, 4230.

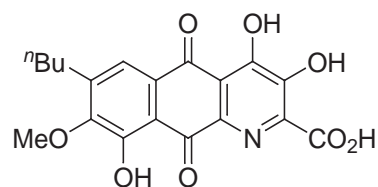


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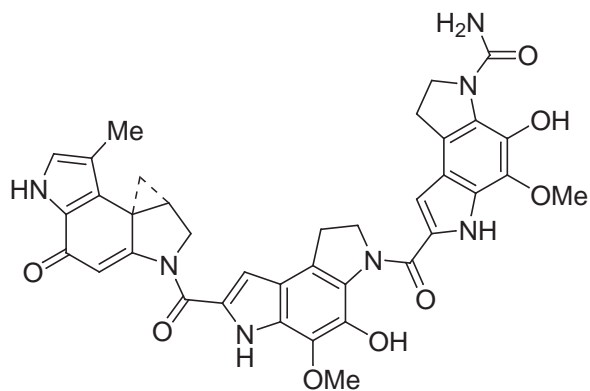


OMP  
*J. Org. Chem.* **1984**, *49*, 4405.

H. Fischer received the 1930 Nobel Prize in Chemistry on the structure of haemin and chlorophyll and the subsequent synthesis of haemin. By many, this is regarded as a milestone accomplishment for the field of organic synthesis.

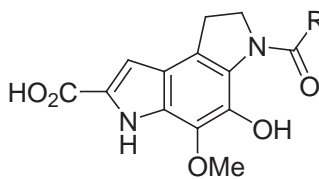


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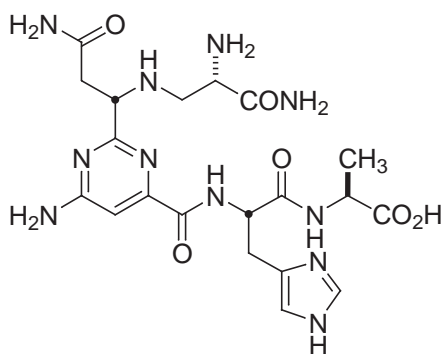
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*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1988**, *110*, 4796.



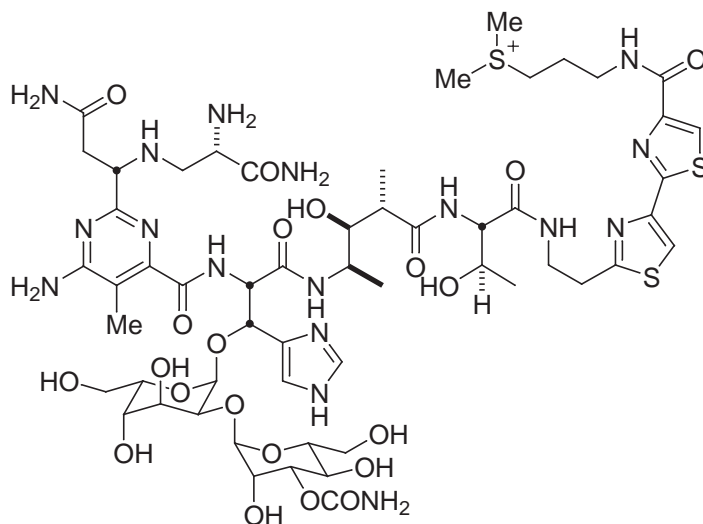
PDE-I R = NH<sub>2</sub>  
PDE-II R = CH<sub>3</sub>

*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1987**, *109*, 2717.



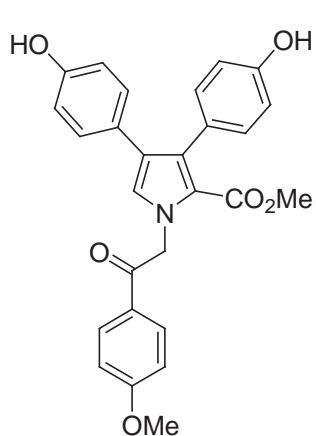
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*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1994**, *116*, 82.



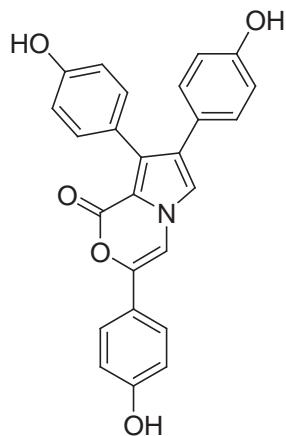
Bleomycin A<sub>2</sub>

*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1994**, *116*,  
5607, 5619, 5631, 5647.

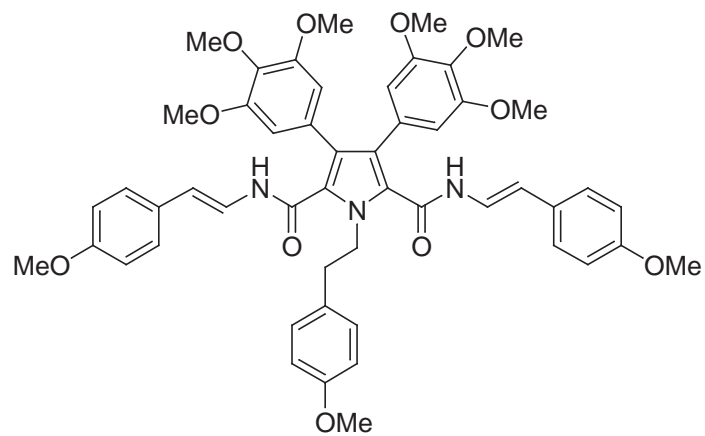


Lamellarin O

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Lukianol A



Permethyl Storniamide A

*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1999**, *121*, 54.

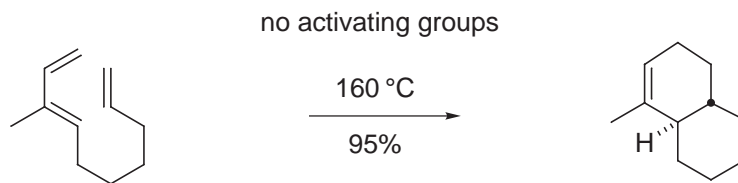


## 14. Intramolecular Diels-Alder Reactions

Review: Ciganek *Org. React.* **1984**, 32, 1.  
 Jung *Synlett* **1990**, 186.  
 Thomas *Acc. Chem. Res.* **1991**, 24, 229.  
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 Oppolzer *Comprehensive Organic Synthesis*, Vol. 5; 315.

### A. General Considerations:

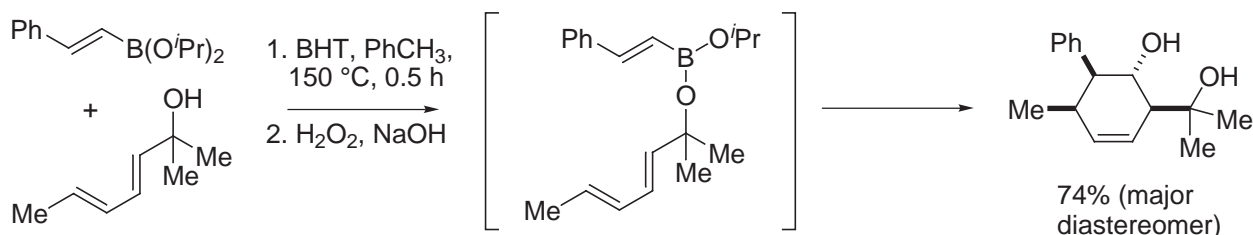
- less negative  $\Delta S^\ddagger$ , which accelerates reaction and results in milder reaction conditions.
- naturally affects regioselectivity and diastereoselectivity.
- extends Diels-Alder reaction to include systems which are normally unreactive.



Wilson *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1978**, 100, 6289.

### B. Notable applications in synthesis:

- tethered intramolecular Diels-Alder reactions

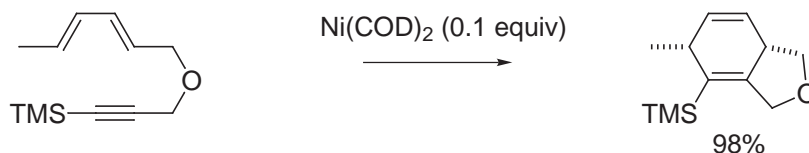


Batey *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1999**, 121, 450.

- metal-catalyzed intramolecular Diels-Alder reactions

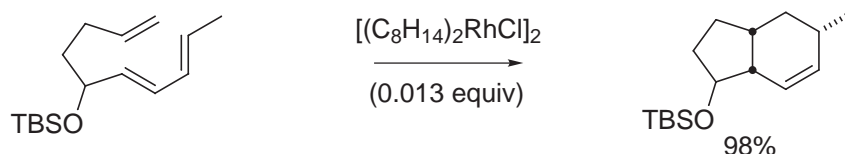
An emerging group of transition-metal mediated [4 + 2] cycloadditions are under development.

#### Ni-catalyzed



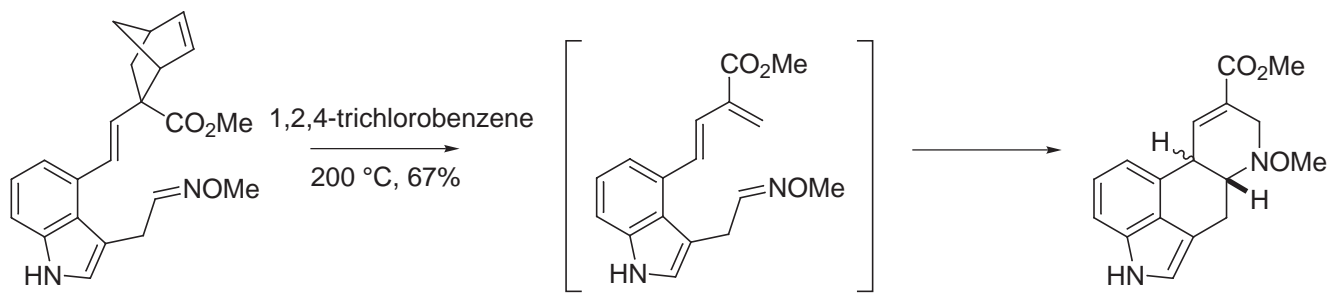
Wender *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1989**, 111, 6432.

#### Rh-catalyzed

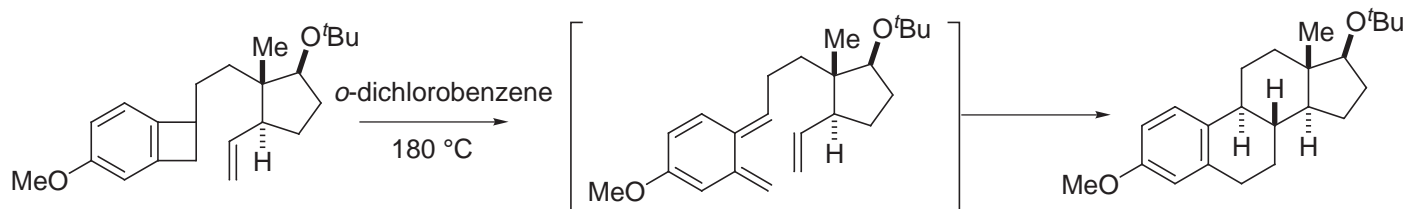


Livinghouse *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1990**, 112, 4965.

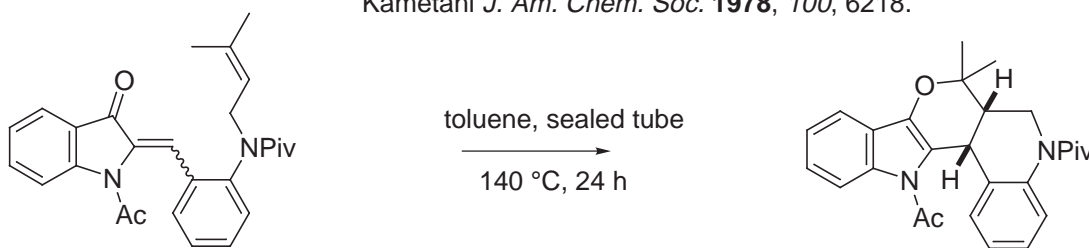
-applications in total synthesis



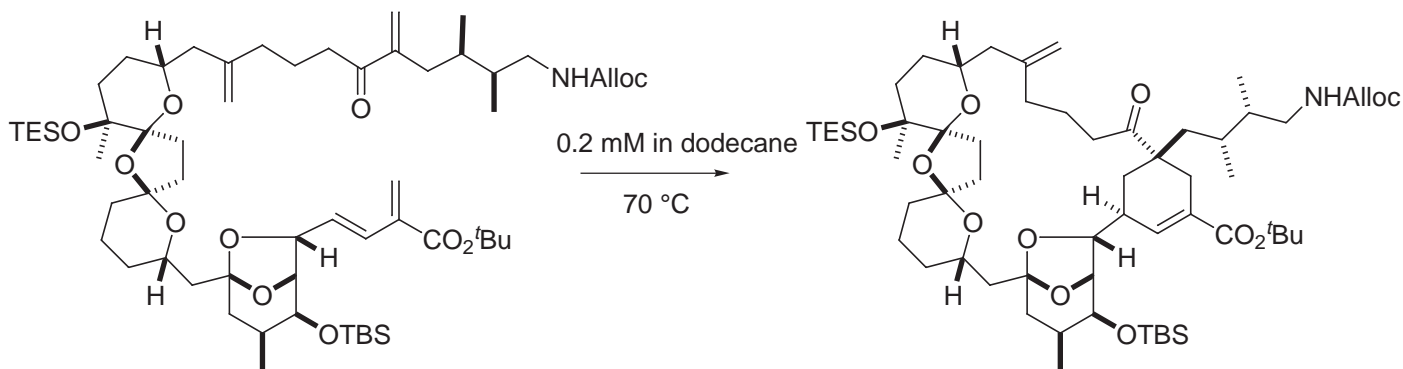
Oppolzer *Helv. Chim. Acta* **1981**, 64, 478.



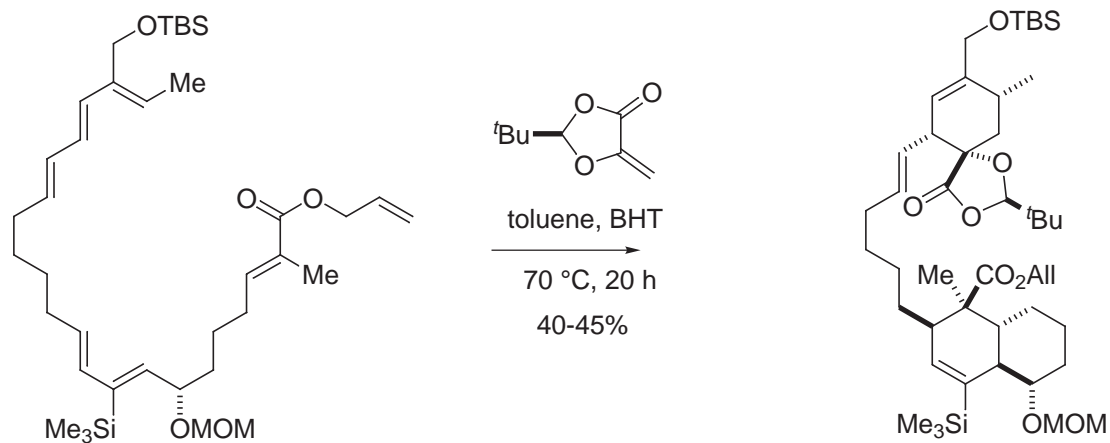
Kametani *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1978**, 100, 6218.



Merour *Synlett* **1998**, 1051.



Kishi *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1998**, 120, 7647.

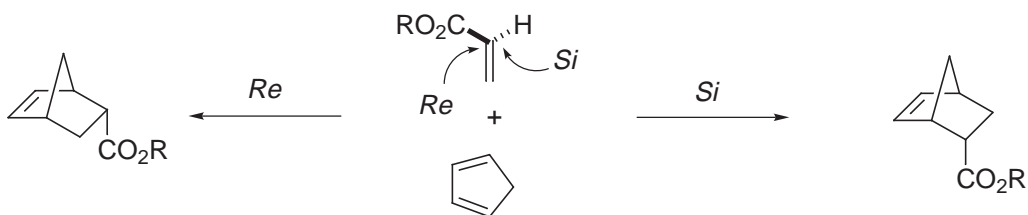


Roush *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1998**, 120, 7411.

## 15. Asymmetric Diels-Alder Reaction

## A. General considerations

-Unsymmetrically substituted dienes or dienophiles have enantiotopic faces. Even with exclusive *cis-endo* addition and regioselectivity, products occur as a pair of enantiomers.



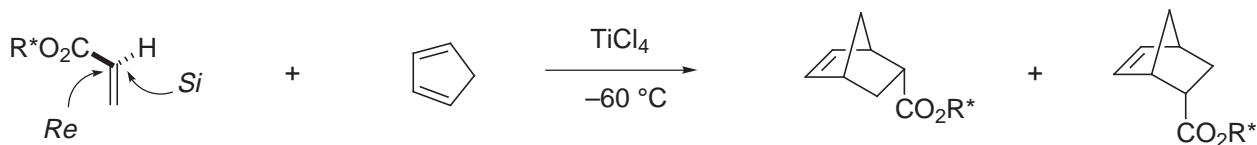
-There are three possible ways to obtain one of the enantiomers in excess:

- using chiral dienes.
- using chiral dienophiles.
- using chiral Lewis acid catalysts.

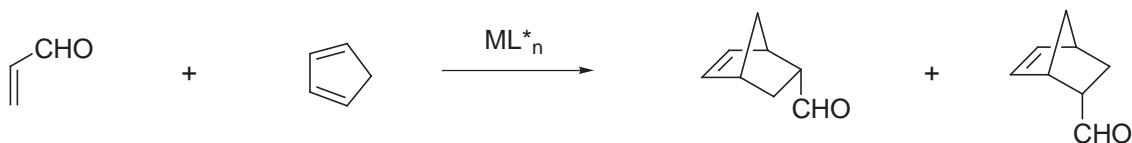
In addition, double stereoselection can be realized in many situations.

-Comparison of chiral substrate vs. chiral catalyst

use of a chiral substrate (chiral diene or dienophile): a stoichiometric amount of chiral auxiliary R\* is needed and its introduction before and removal after the Diels-Alder reaction are necessary.



use of a chiral catalyst: usually 0.1 equiv. is enough to introduce chirality and the catalyst can be recovered from the reaction mixture and reused.



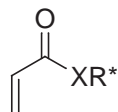
## B. Chiral dienophiles

Review: Oppolzer *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Eng.* **1984**, 23, 876.

Ager and East *Asymmetric Synthetic Methodology*, CRC Press: New York, 1996.

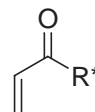
-Chiral dienophiles provide the vast majority of the examples of asymmetric Diels-Alder reactions.

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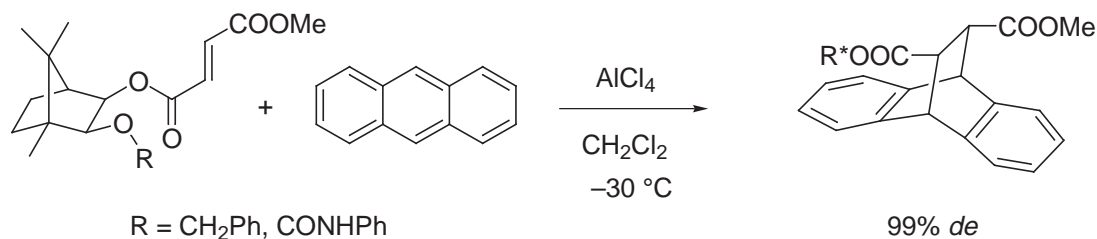
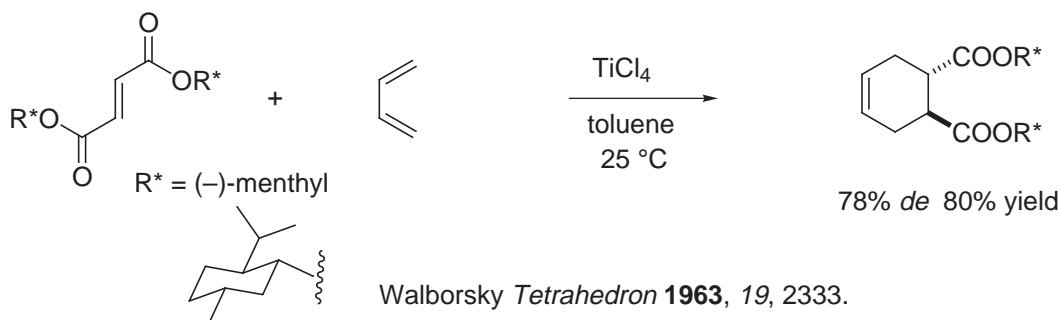


X = O, NR\*

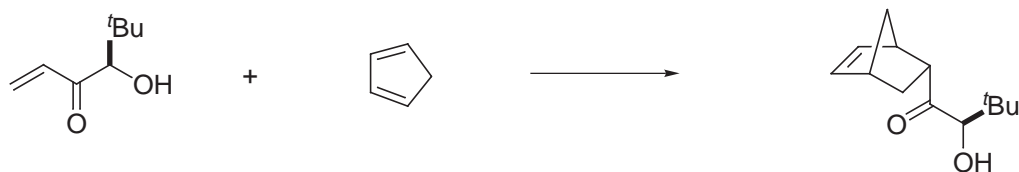
Type II



First example:

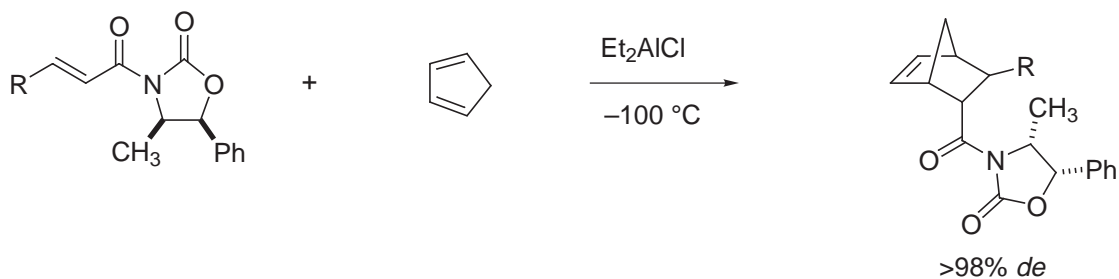
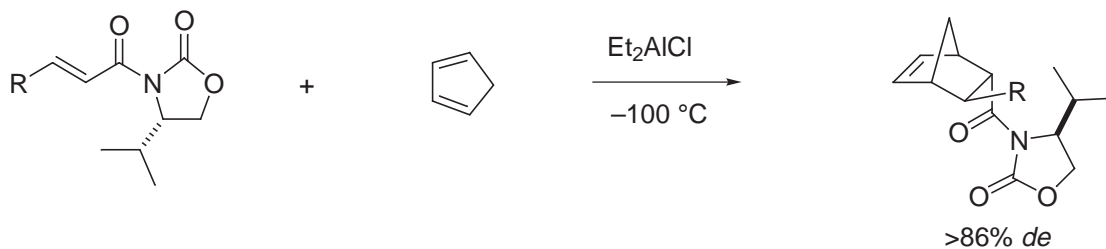


Helmchen *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Eng.* **1981**, *20*, 205.



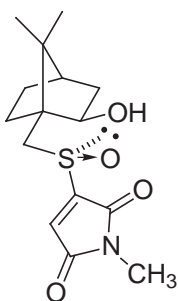
conditions	<i>endo</i>	<i>de</i>	yield
-20 °C, 24 h	89%	99%	90%
ZnCl <sub>2</sub> , -43 °C, 1 h	94%	>99%	95%

Masamune *J. Org. Chem.* **1983**, *48*, 1139, 4441.

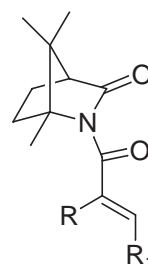


Evans *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1984**, *106*, 4261; **1988**, *110*, 1238.

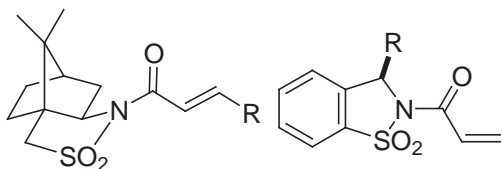
other notable chiral dienophiles:



Arai *J. Org. Chem.* **1991**, *56*, 1983.



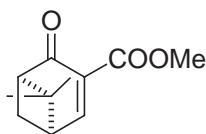
Boeckman *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1992**, *114*, 2258.



Oppolzer *Helv. Chim. Acta* **1989**, *72*, 123.  
Oppolzer *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1990**, *31*, 5015.



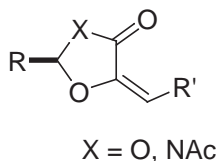
Inverse electron demand Diels-Alder reaction  
Posner *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1986**, *108*, 7373.



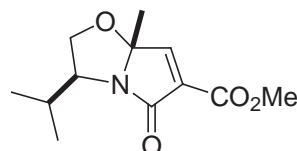
Liu *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1991**, *32*, 2005.  
Boger *J. Org. Chem.* **1985**, *50*, 1904.



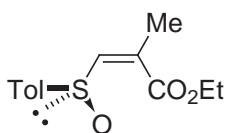
Feringa *Tetrahedron: Asymmetry* **1991**, *2*, 1247.



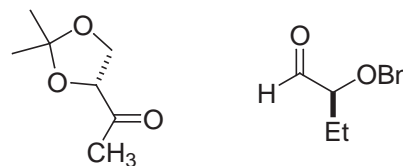
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Kneer *Synthesis* **1990**, 599.



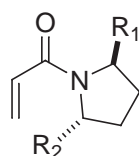
Meyers *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1989**, *30*, 6977.



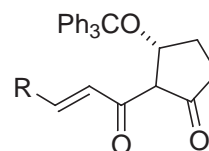
Koizumi *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1984**, *25*, 87.



Danishefsky *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1982**, *104*, 6457.  
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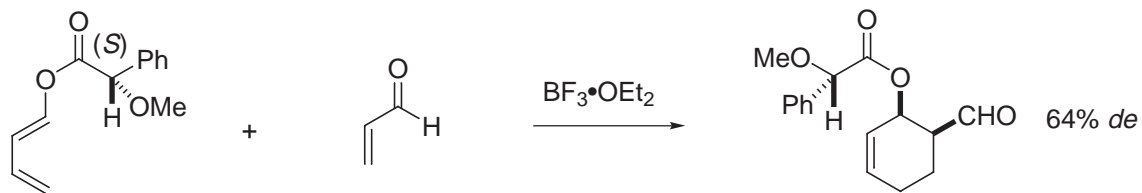
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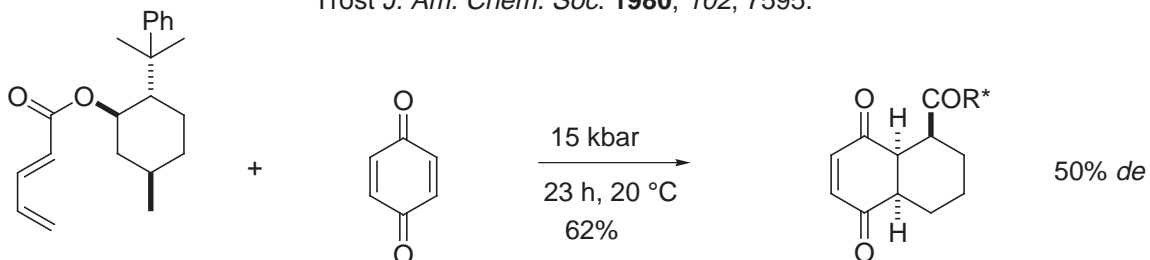
Koga *J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans. 1* **1990**, 426.

C. Chiral dienes

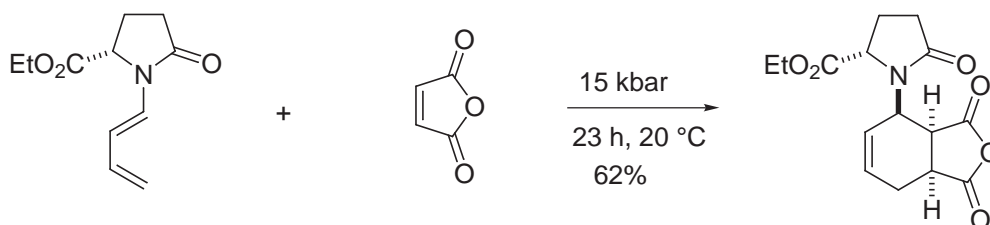
-These have been much less extensively studied.



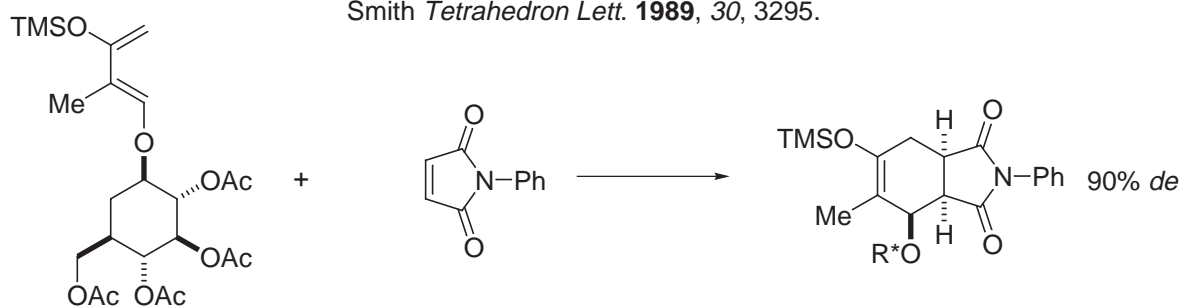
Trost *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1980**, *102*, 7595.



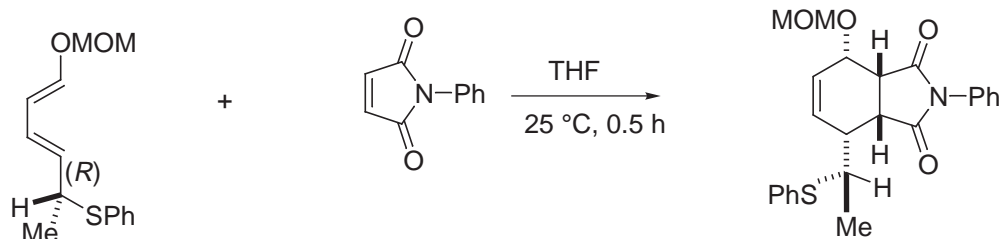
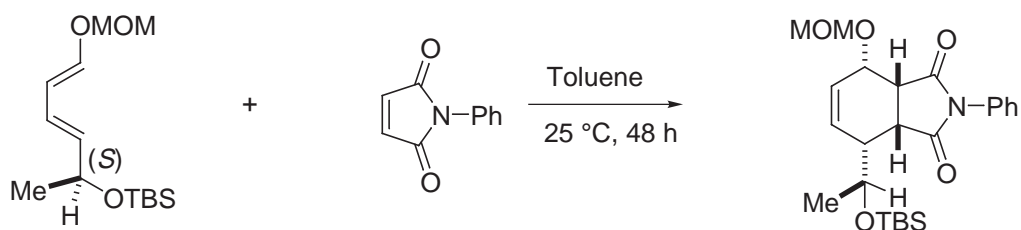
Dauben *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1982**, *23*, 4875.



Smith *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1989**, *30*, 3295.



Stoodley *J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans. 1* **1990**, 1339.



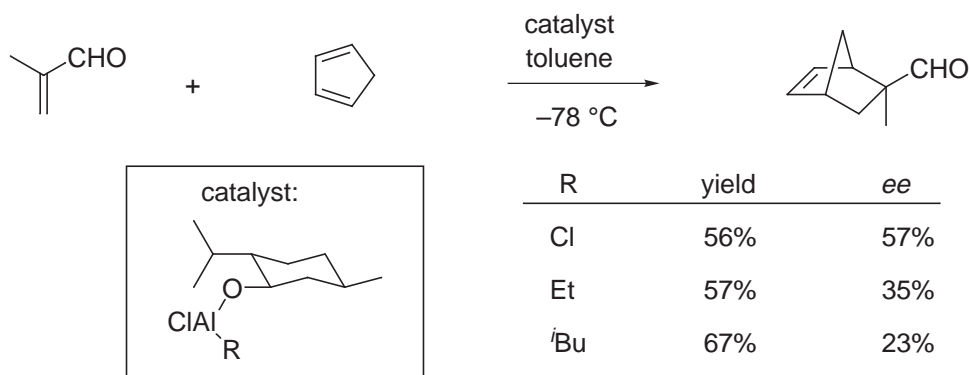
McDougal *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1989**, *30*, 3897.

D. Chiral Lewis acid catalysts

Review: *Oh Org. Prep. Proced. Int.* **1994**, 26, 129.

Age and East *Asymmetric Synthetic Methodology*; CRC Press: New York, 1996.

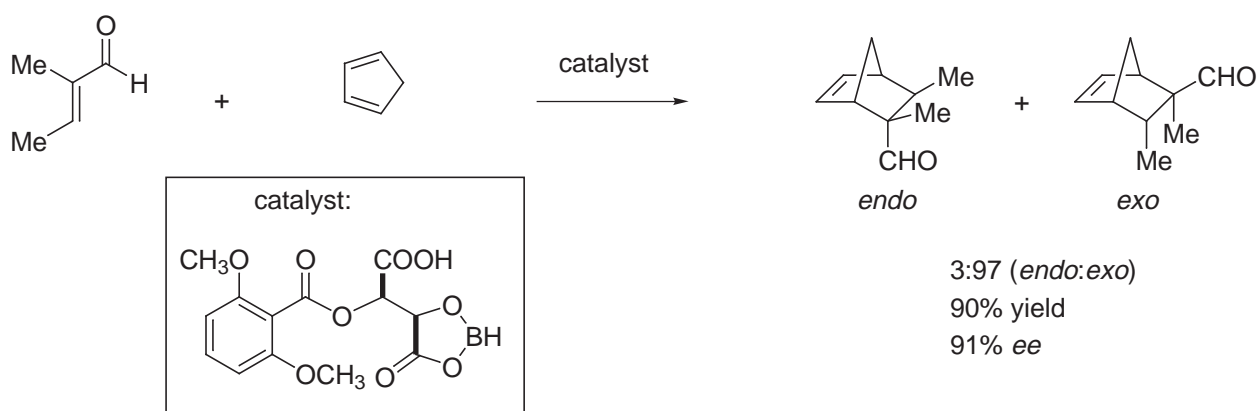
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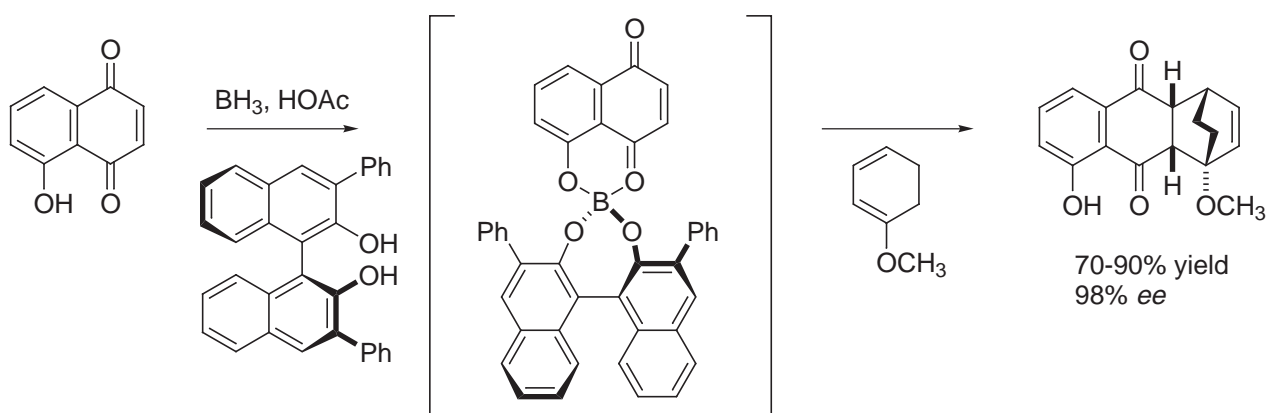
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*Tetrahedron Lett.* **1987**, 28, 5687.

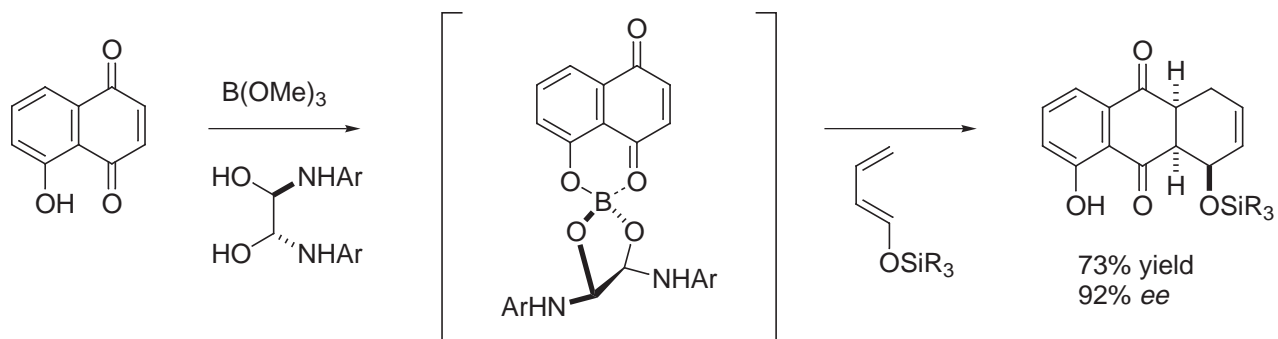
a. Boron-based Lewis acids



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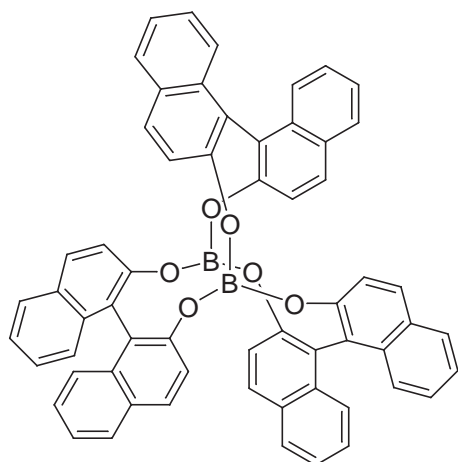


Kelly *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1986**, 108, 3510.



Yamamoto *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1986**, 27, 4895.

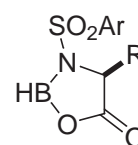
other boron-based catalysts



C<sub>3</sub>-symmetric

Kaufmann *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Eng.* **1990**, 29, 545.

See also: Yamamoto *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1998**, 120, 6920.



R = Et

R = *i*Pr

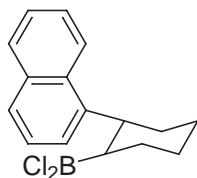
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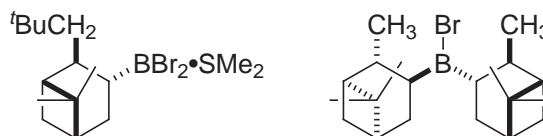
Helmchen *Synlett* **1990**, 197.

Mukaiyama *Chem. Lett.* **1991**, 1341.

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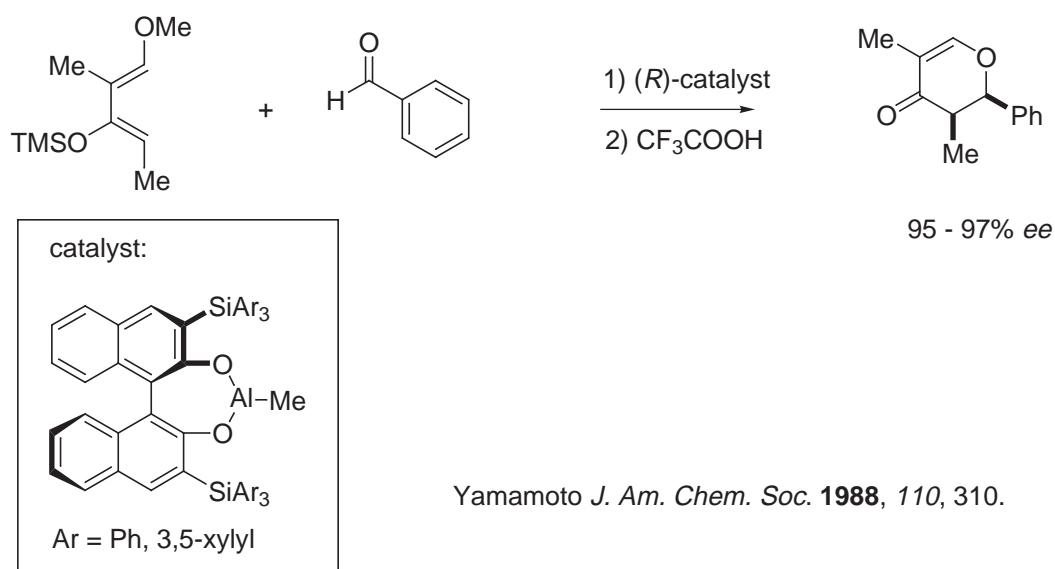
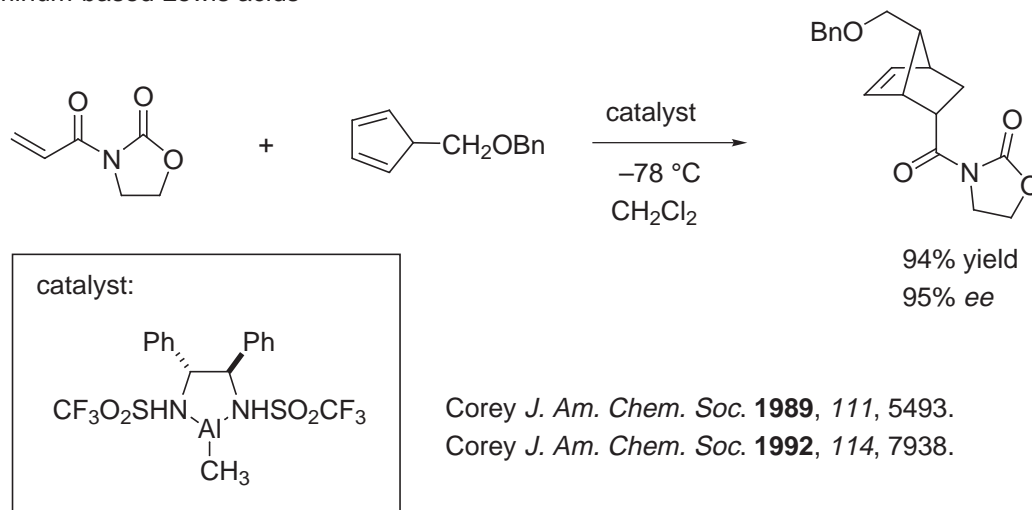


Kaufmann *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1987**, 28, 777.

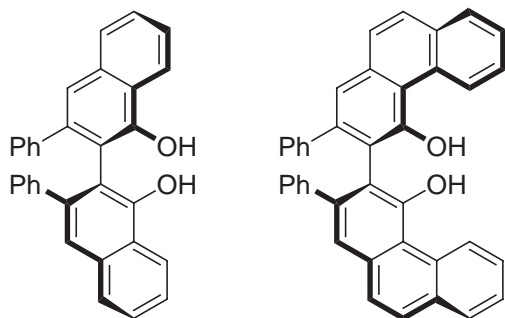
Kaufmann *J. Organomet. Chem.* **1990**, 390, 1.



b. Aluminum-based Lewis acids



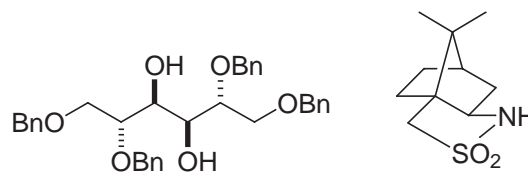
other chiral ligands used for chiral aluminum-based Lewis acids:



Wulff, Rhenigold *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1993**, *115*, 1814.

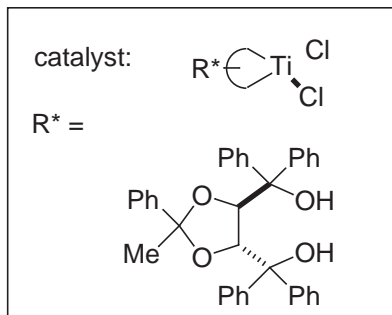
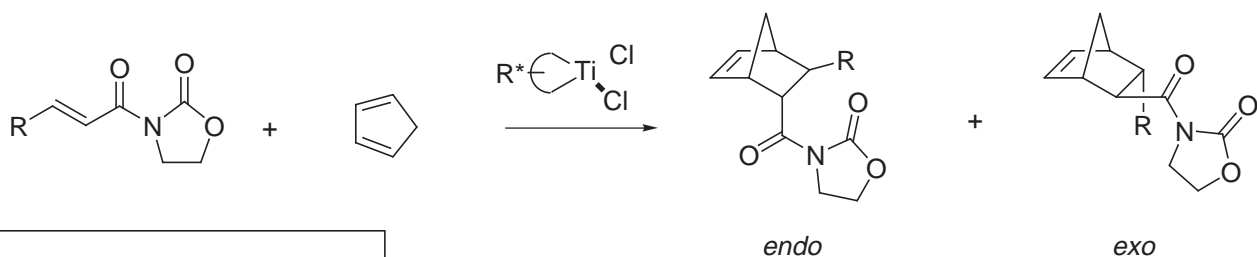


Kagan *Tetrahedron: Asymmetry* **1990**, *1*, 199.



Chapuis *Helv. Chim. Acta* **1987**, *70*, 436.

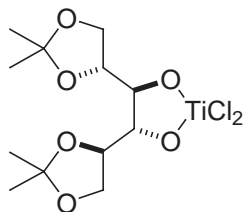
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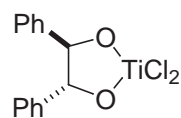
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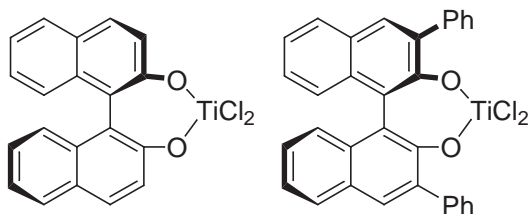
Other Titanium catalysts:



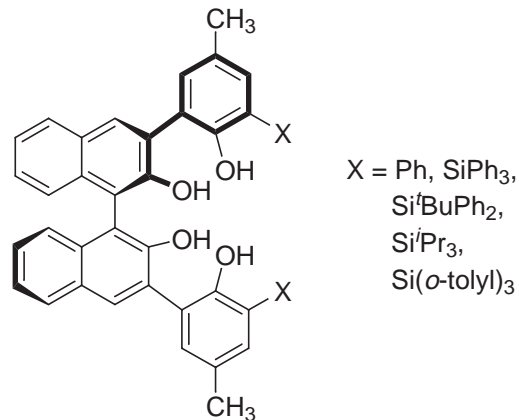
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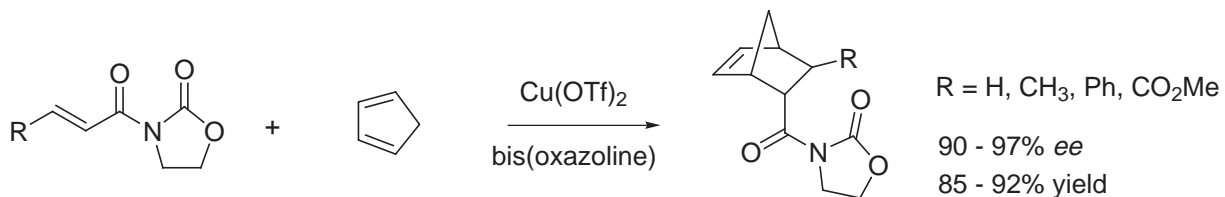


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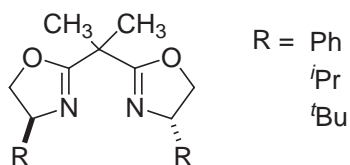


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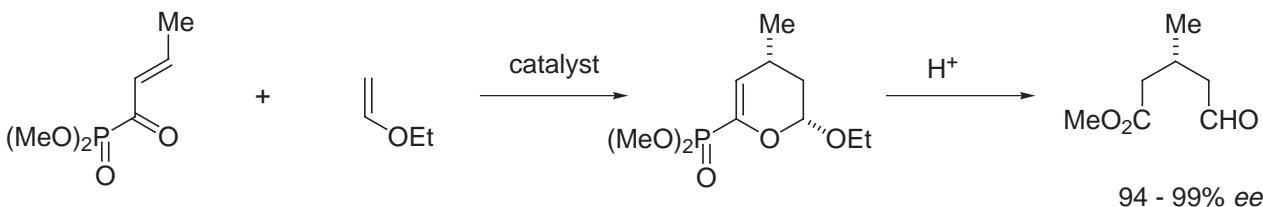


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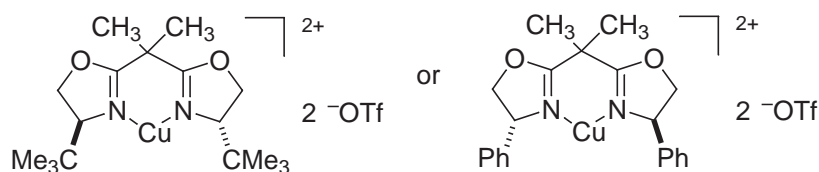


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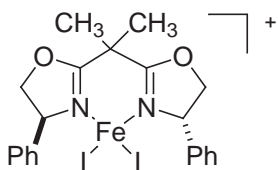


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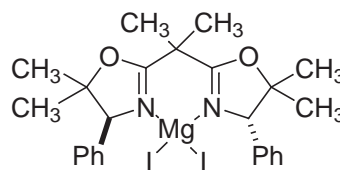


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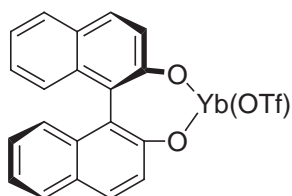


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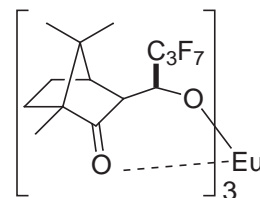


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f. Miscellaneous chiral Lewis acids



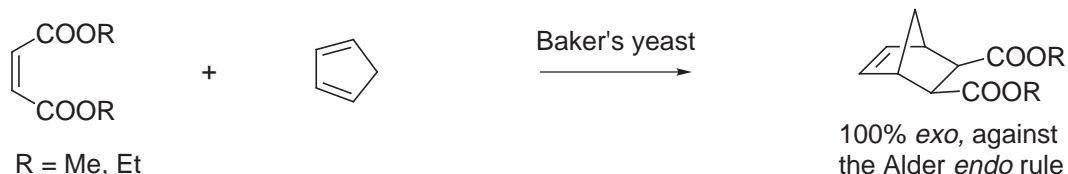
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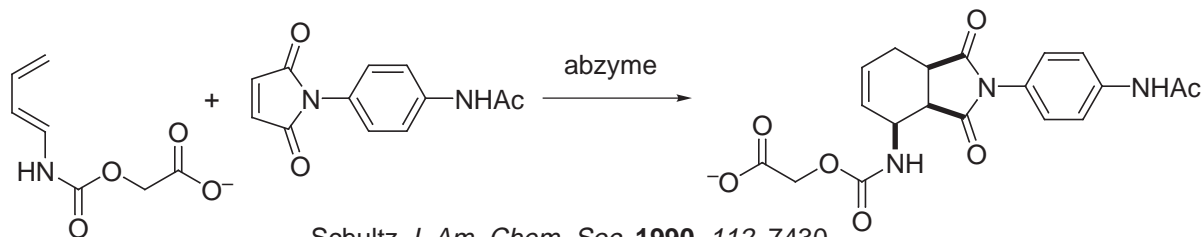
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E. Biological catalysts



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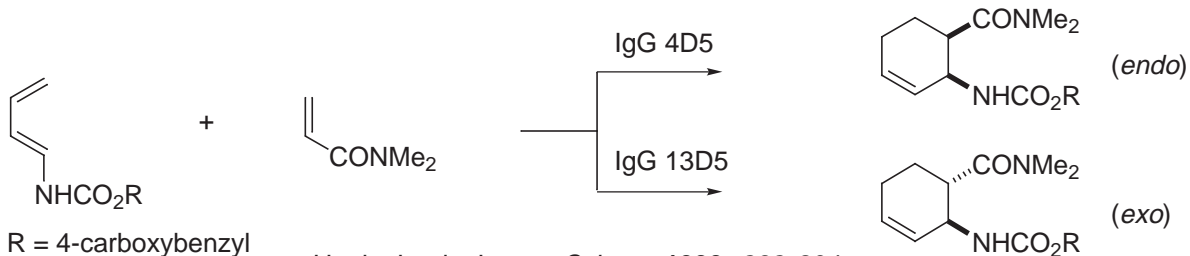
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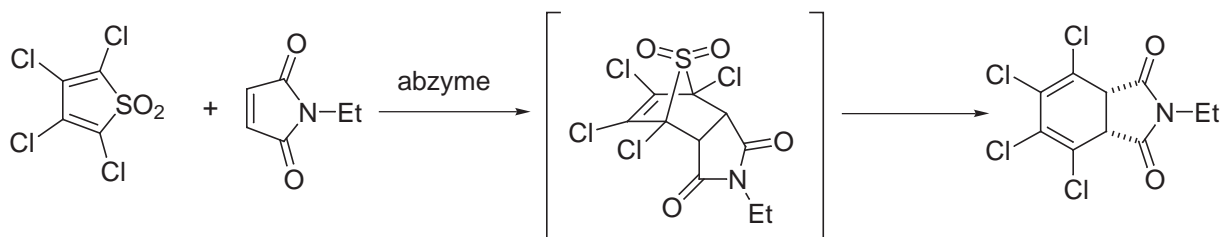
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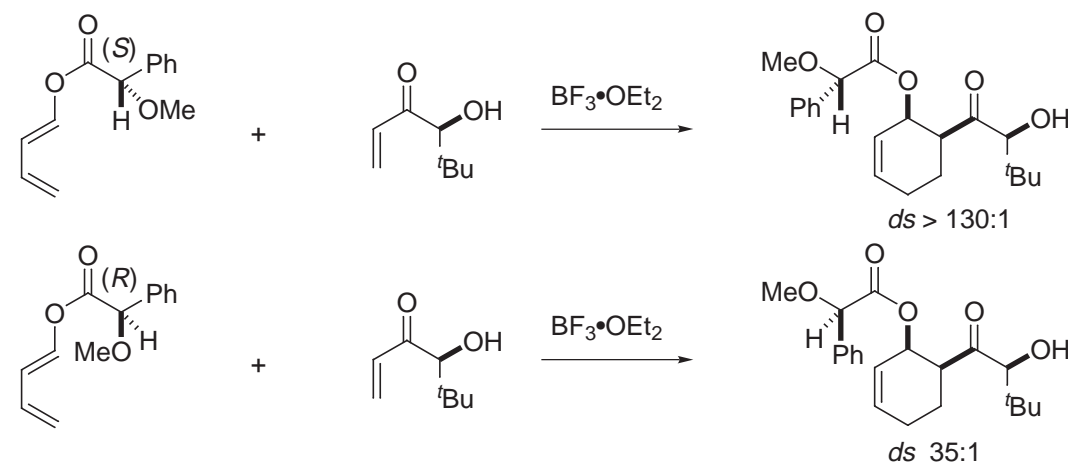
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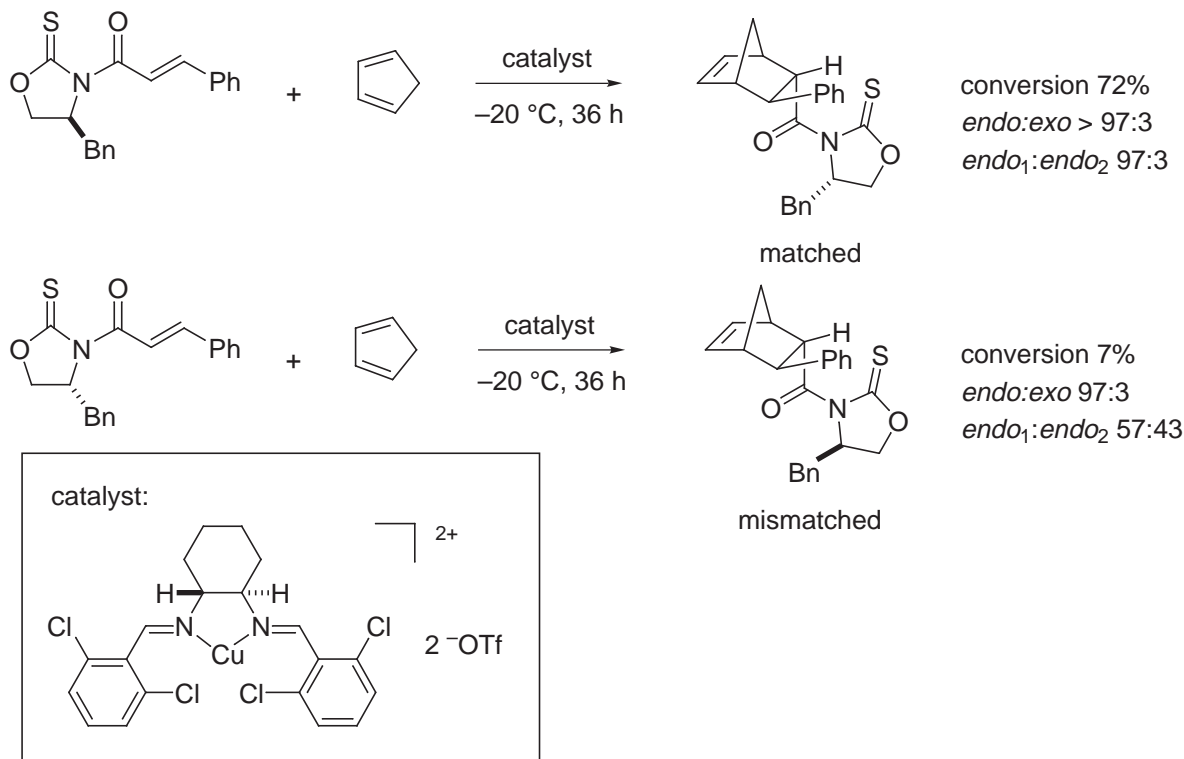


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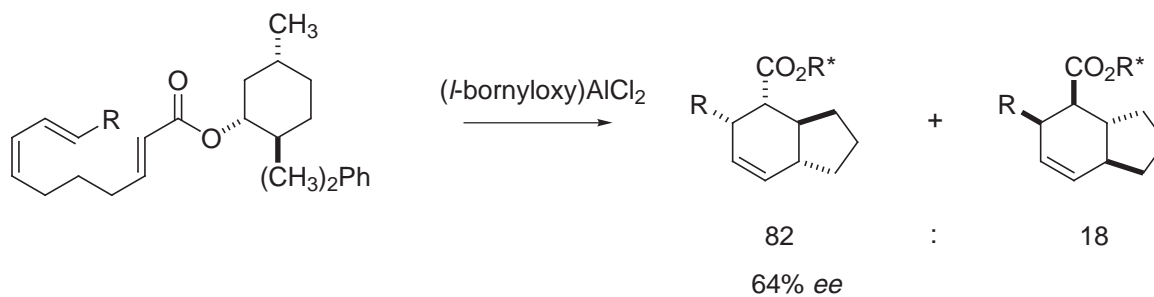


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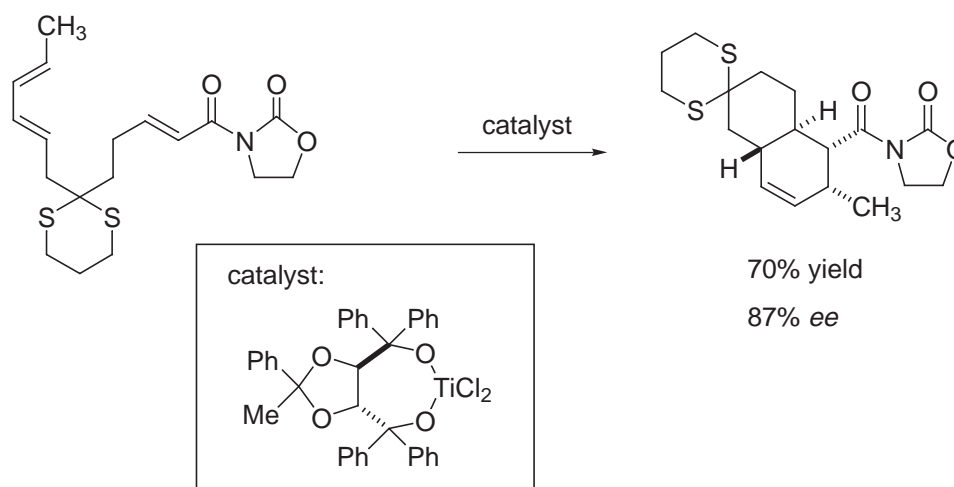


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G. Intramolecular Diels-Alder reactions

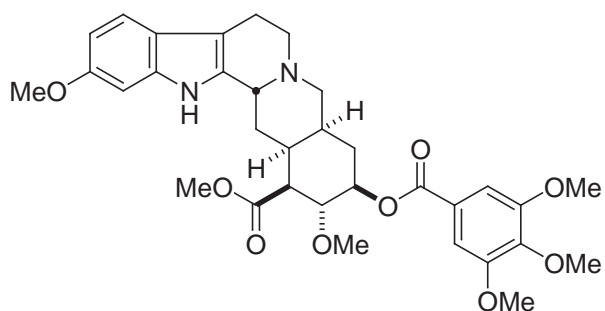


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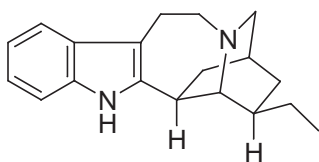


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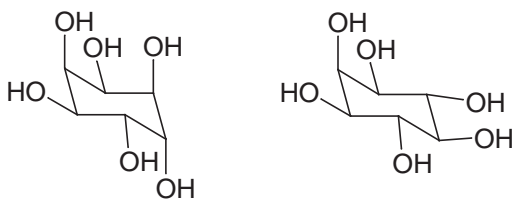
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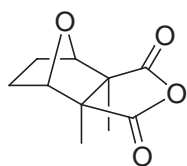
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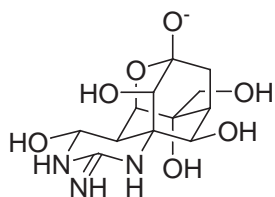
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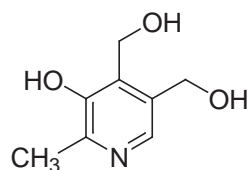
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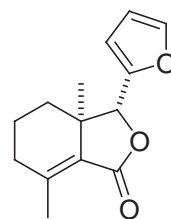
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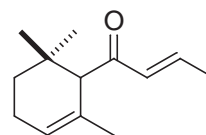
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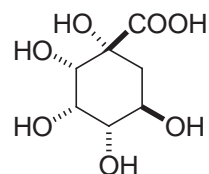
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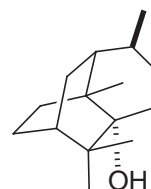
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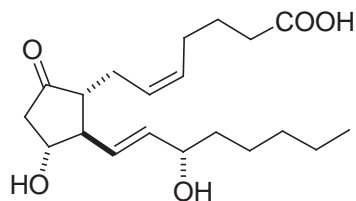
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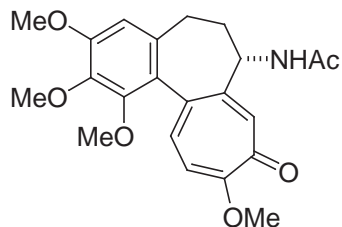


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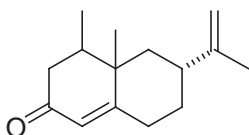
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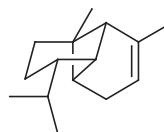
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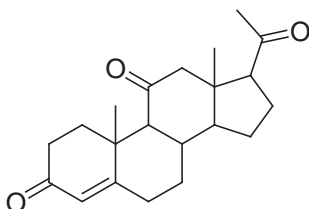
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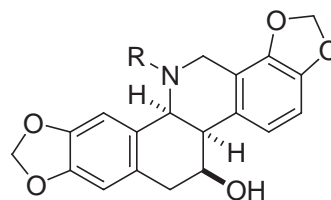
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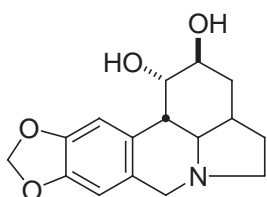
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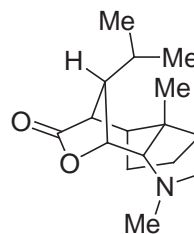
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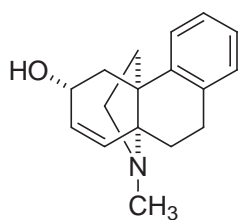
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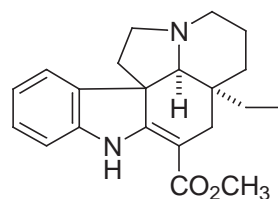
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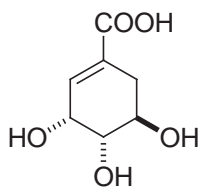
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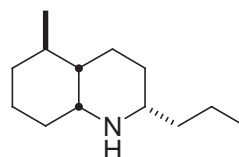
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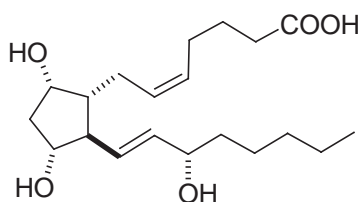
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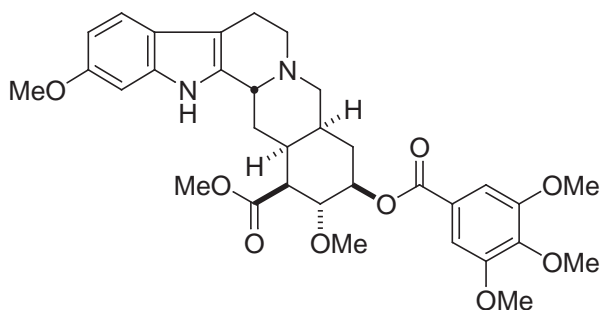
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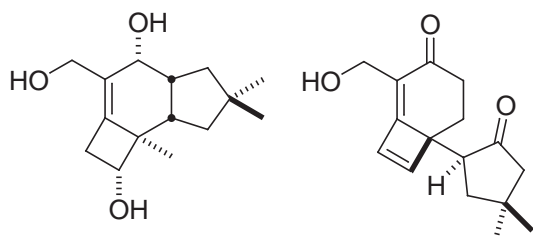
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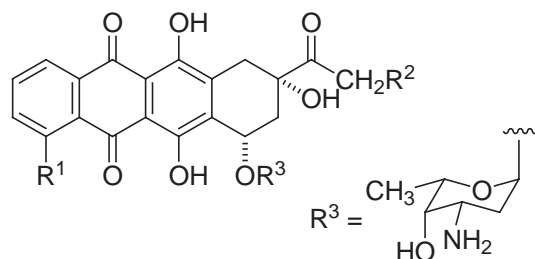
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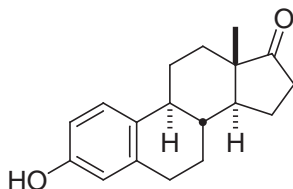
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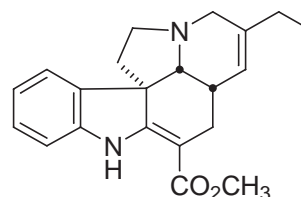
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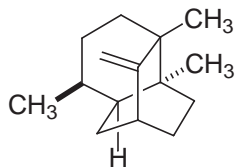
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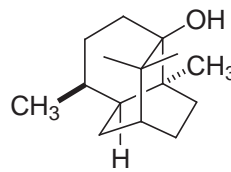
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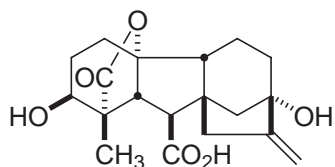




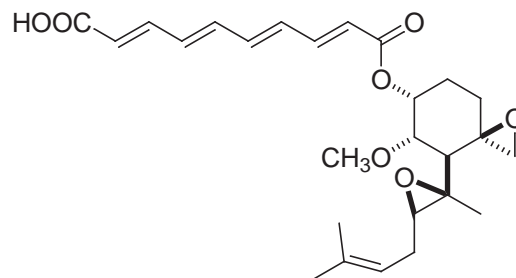
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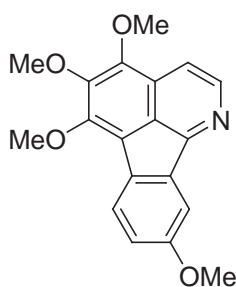
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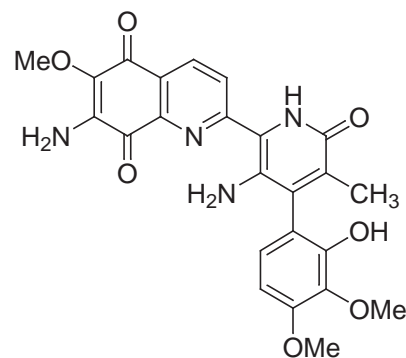
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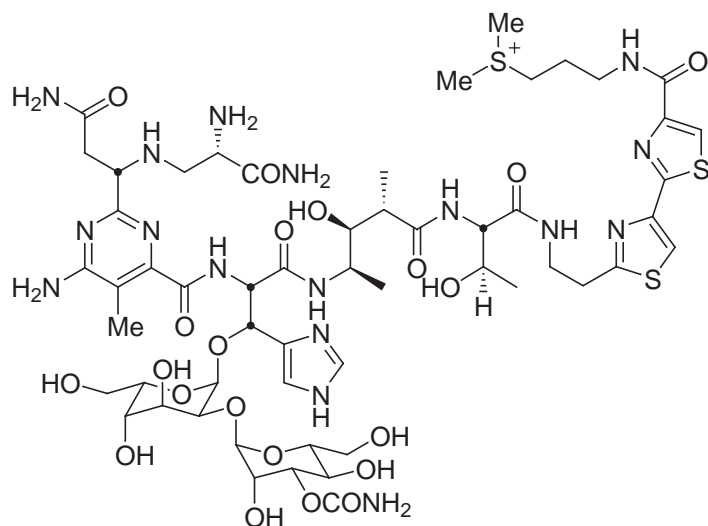
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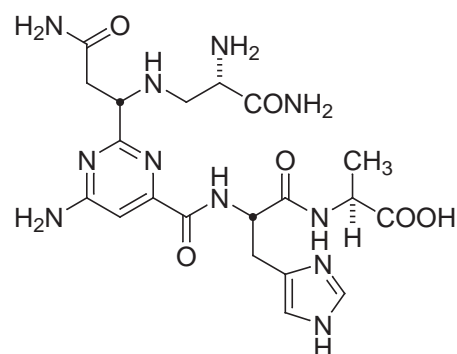
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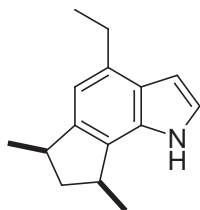
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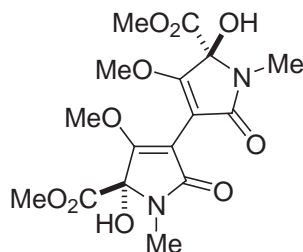
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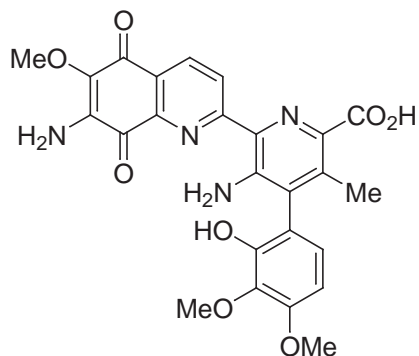
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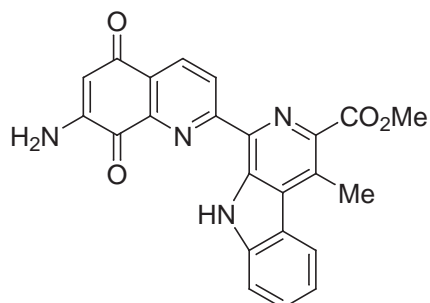
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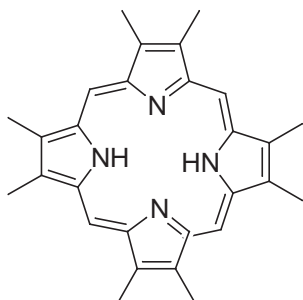
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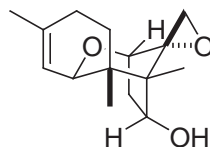
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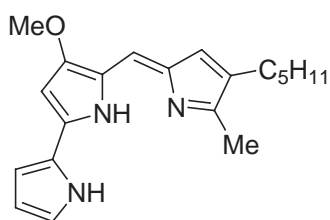
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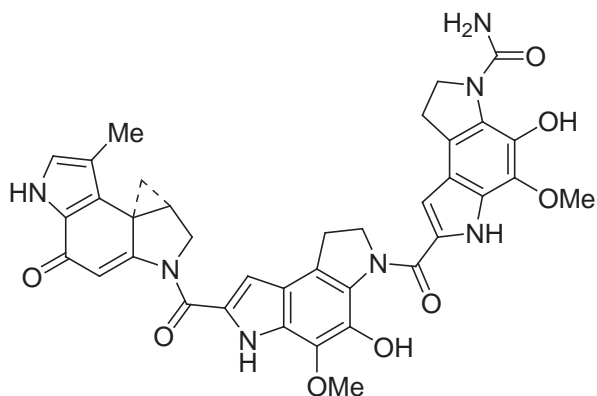
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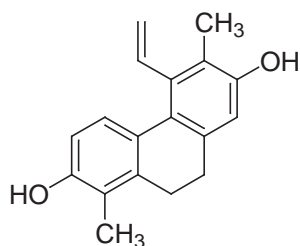
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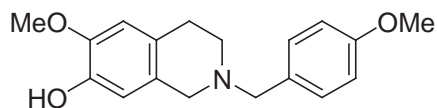
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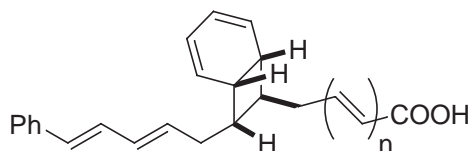
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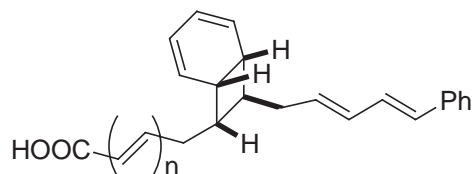
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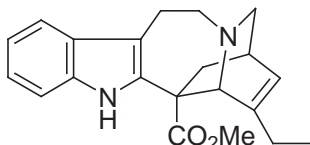
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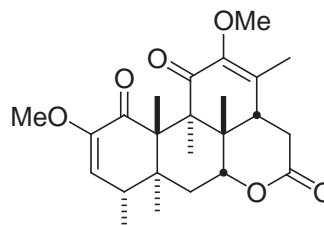
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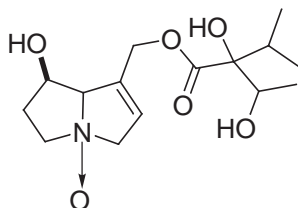
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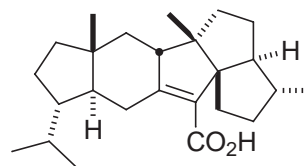
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Trost *J. Org. Chem.* **1979**, 44, 2052.



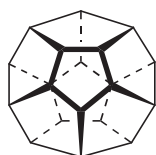
Quassin and Quassinoids  
Grieco *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1980**, 102, 7586.



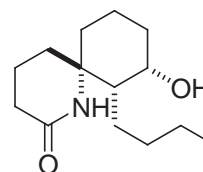
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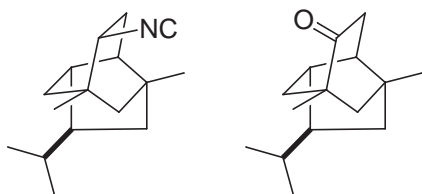
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Corey *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1985**, 107, 4339.



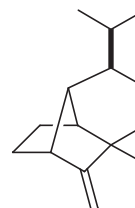
Dodecahedrane  
Paquette *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1982**, 104, 4503.



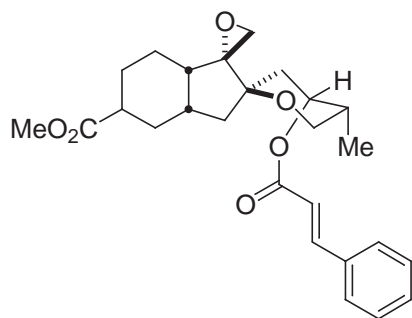
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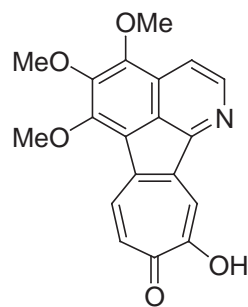
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Yamamoto *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1979**, 101, 1609.  
White *J. Org. Chem.* **1980**, 45, 1864.



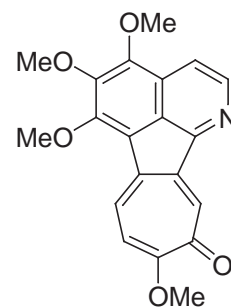
Sativene  
Snowden *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1981**, 22, 97, 101.



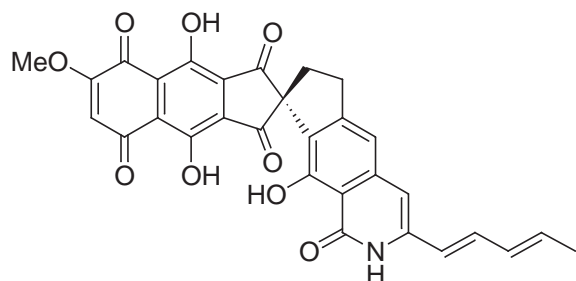
Phyllanthocin  
Burke *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1986**, 27, 4237.



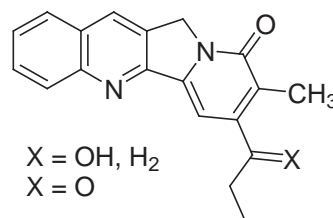
Grandirubrine  
Boger *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1995**, 117, 12452.



Imerubrine  
Boger *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1995**, 117, 12452.



Fredericamycin A  
Boger *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1995**, 117, 11839.



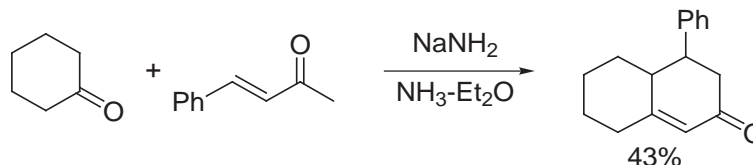
(-)-Mappicine and Nothapodytine B  
Boger *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1998**, 120, 1218.

## B. Robinson Annulation

Reviews House pp. 606-613.  
M. Jung, *Tetrahedron* **1976**, 32, 3.  
*Org. React.* **1959**, 10, 179.  
*Org. React.* **1968**, 16, 3.  
*Synthesis* **1976**, 777.  
*Synthesis* **1969**, 49.

R. Robinson was awarded the 1947 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for his work on the synthesis of natural products, especially steroids and alkaloids. Notably, he was also the first to address the issue of reaction mechanisms with applications of valence theory to reaction mechanisms, and is credited with the first use of the curved arrow to indicate electron movement. His synthesis of tropinone (1917) is viewed by many to represent the first natural product total synthesis from simple precursors (succindialdehyde, acetone, and methylamine).

Robinson *J. Chem. Soc.* **1917**, 762. (tropinone)

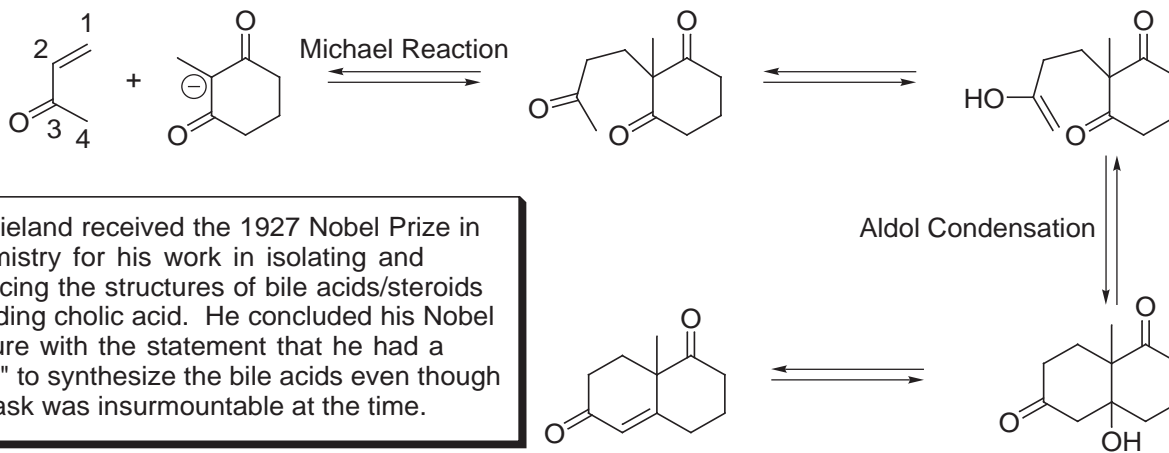


Robinson *J. Chem. Soc.* **1935**, 1285.

Generated a great deal of interest and subsequent work because of relationship to steroid synthesis.

### 1. Scope

- Formally, a [4 + 2] condensation approach

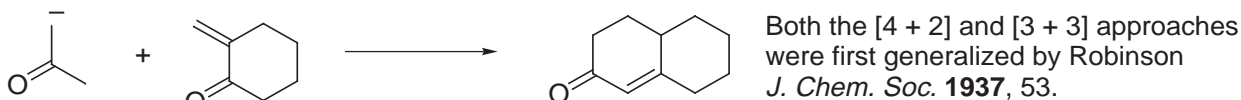


H. Wieland received the 1927 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for his work in isolating and deducing the structures of bile acids/steroids including cholic acid. He concluded his Nobel Lecture with the statement that he had a "duty" to synthesize the bile acids even though the task was insurmountable at the time.

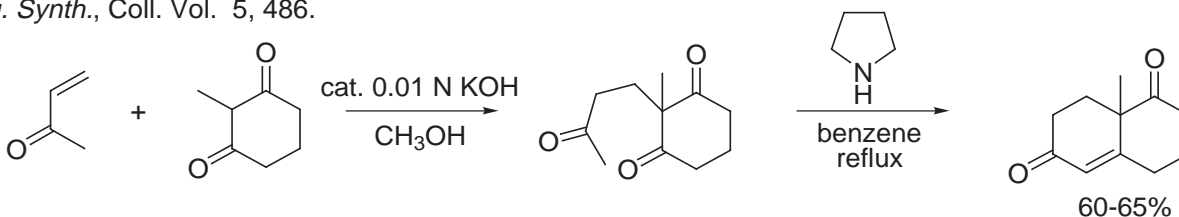
Wieland-Miescher ketone

Wieland and Miescher *Helv. Chim. Acta* **1950**, 33, 2215.

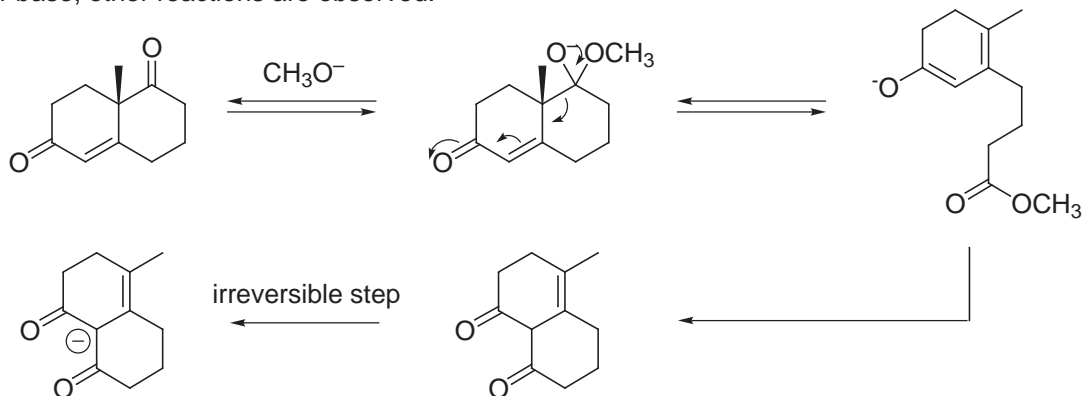
- Alternative "[3 + 3] Robinson Annulation"



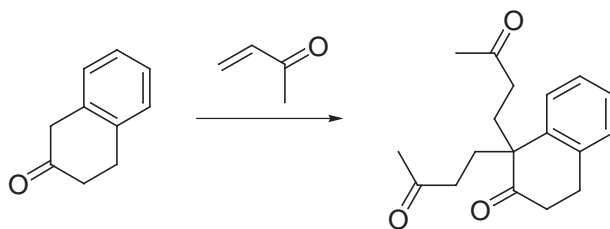
- *Org. Synth.*, Coll. Vol. 5, 486.



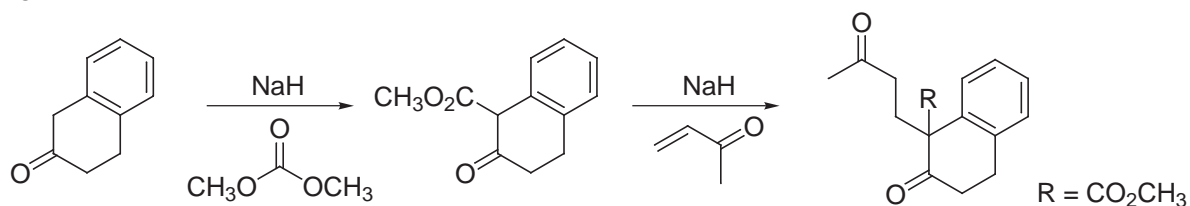
- With stronger base, other reactions are observed:



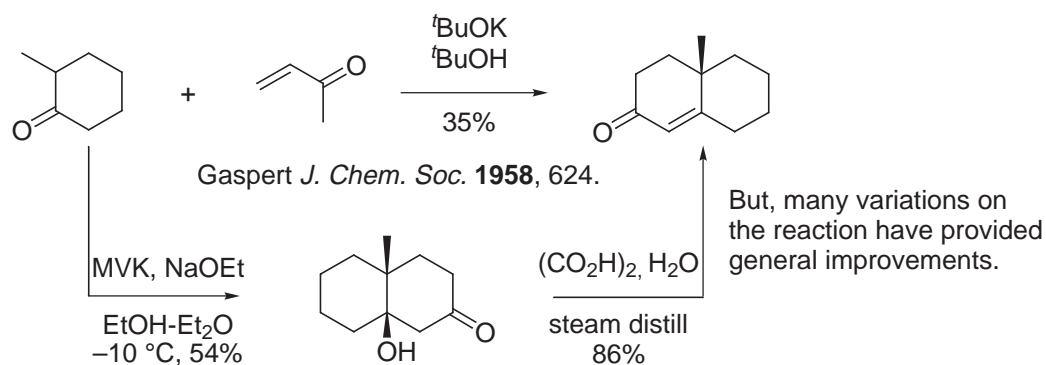
- Double addition of MVK sometimes a problem, especially at more acidic sites.



-Solutions

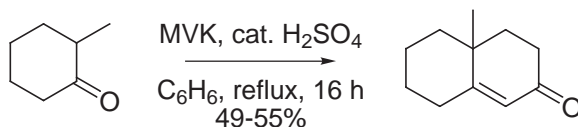


- For the preparation of the useful octalone derivative, the low yield is acceptable since it is prepared from readily available materials.



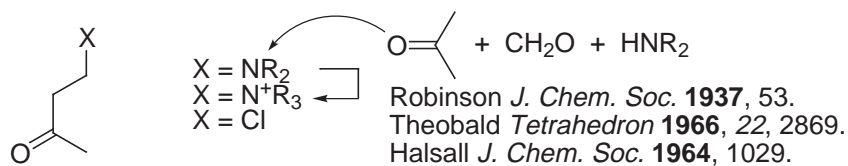
Marshall *J. Org. Chem.* **1964**, 25, 2501.

At low temperature, MVK polymerization is slow and Michael reaction OK, but not sufficiently vigorous for elimination, so the reaction is conducted in two steps.

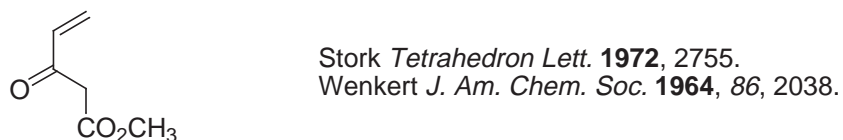
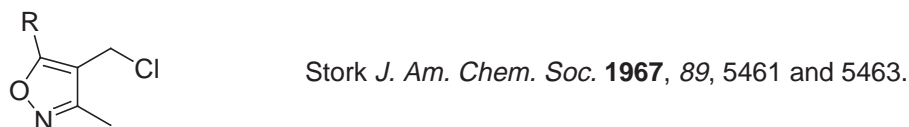
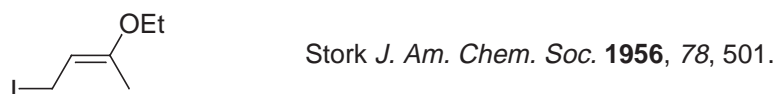
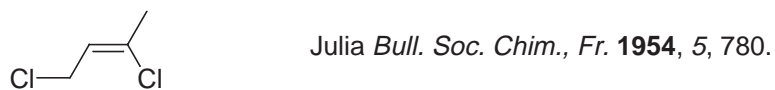


Heathcock and McMurry *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1971**, 4995.

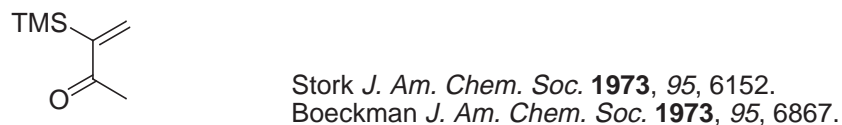
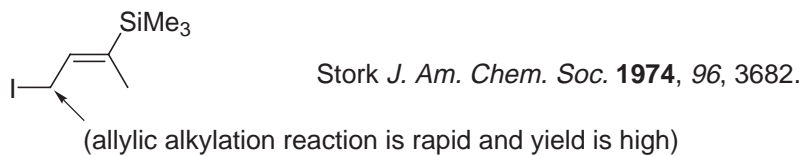
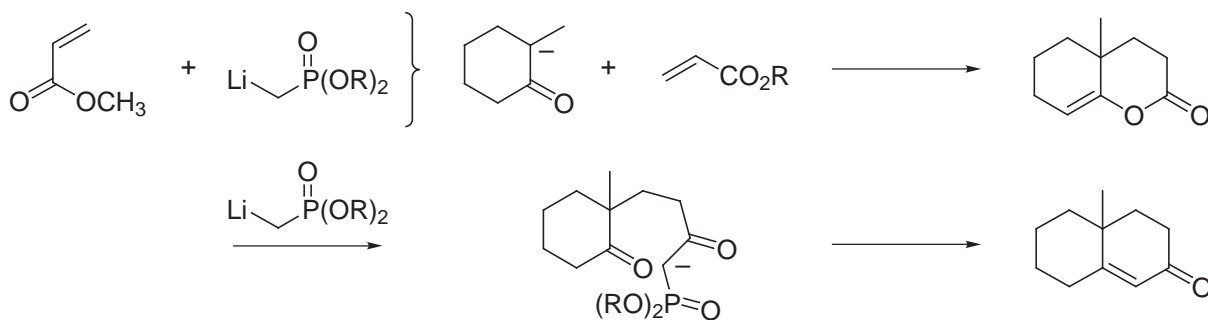
- Alternatives to methyl vinyl ketone: MVK difficult to employ due to tendency to polymerize



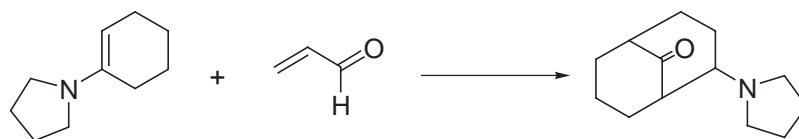
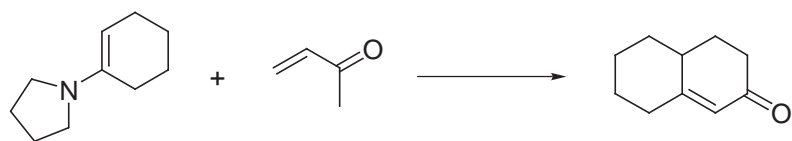
- Other equivalents



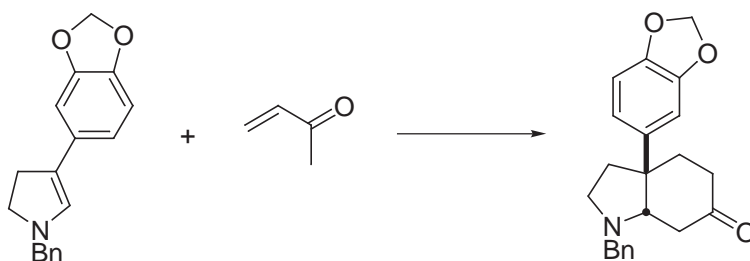
*Fried J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1968**, 90, 5926.



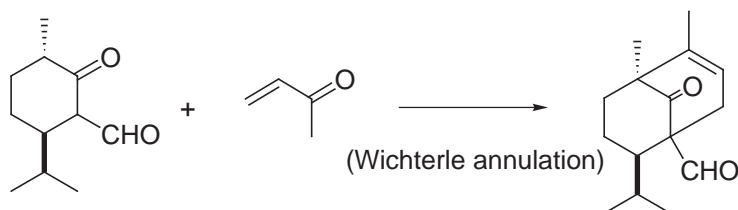
### Enamine Annulations



Stork *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1956**, *78*, 5129.  
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1963**, *85*, 207.  
 Henderickson *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1971**, *93*, 1307.

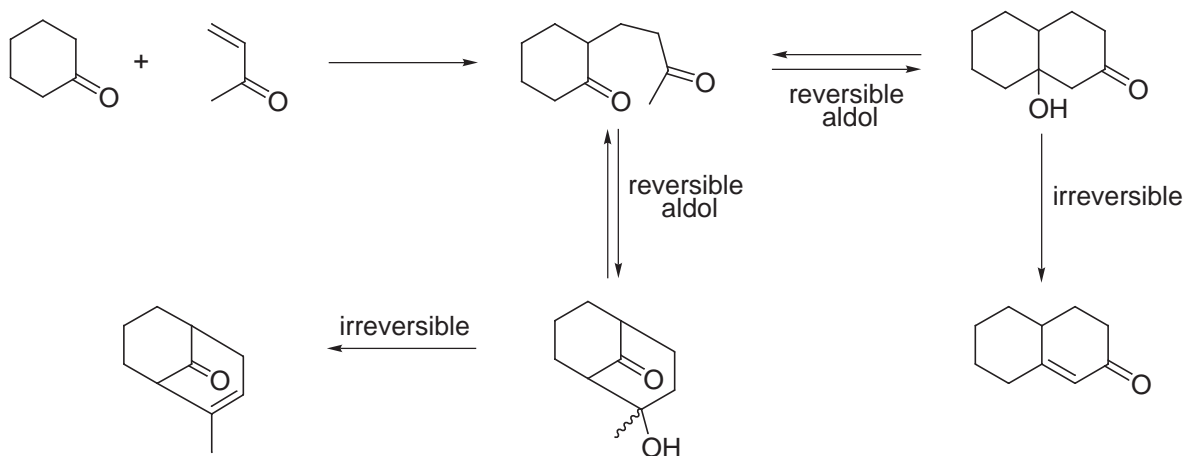


Stevens *J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.* **1970**, 1585.  
 Evans *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1969**, 1573.  
 Evans *J. Org. Chem.* **1970**, *35*, 4122.



Corey *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1963**, *85*, 3527.

- The bridged annulation



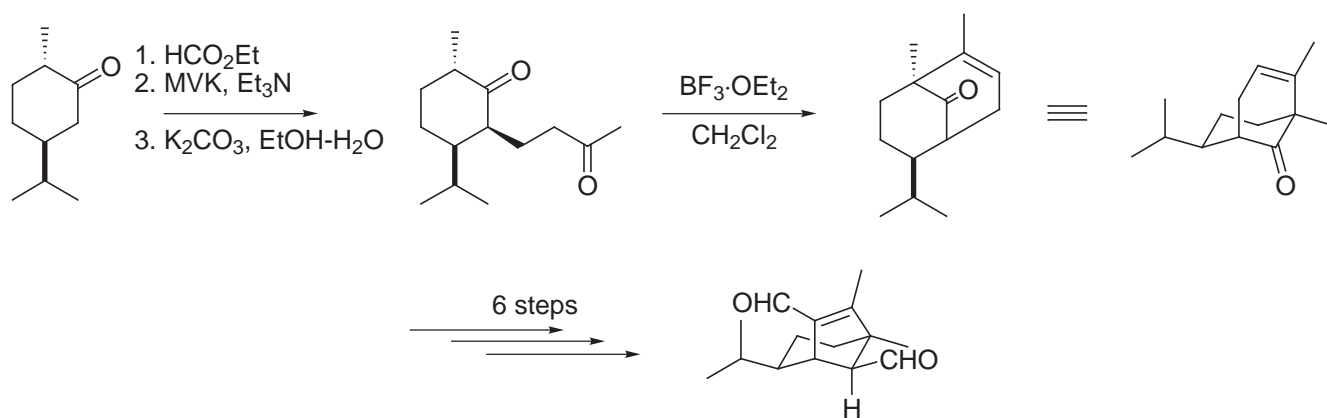
slow, difficult  $-H_2O$ : requires vigorous  $H^+$  conditions

usually kinetic aldol product but formed reversibly

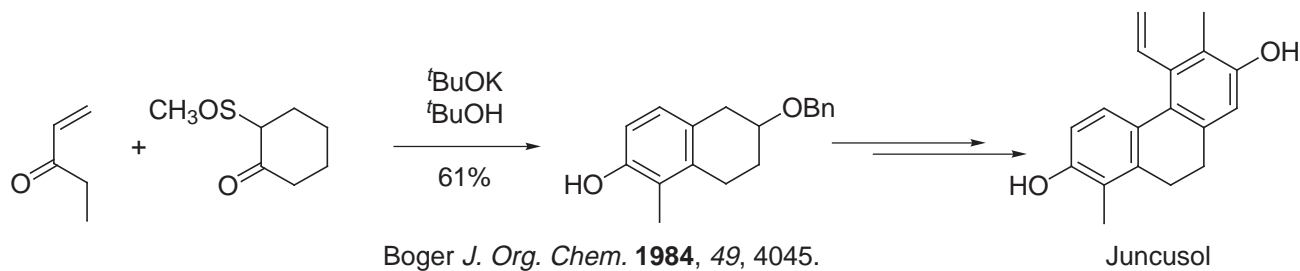
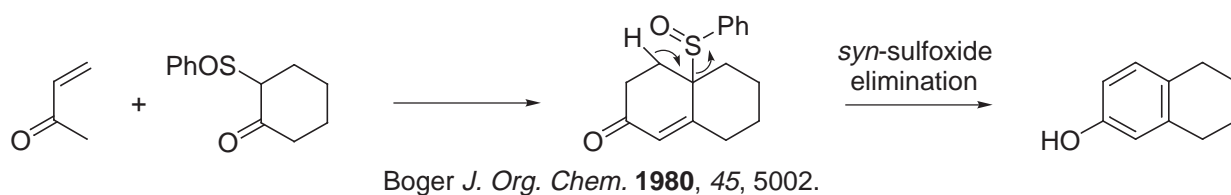
elimination especially effective under basic conditions



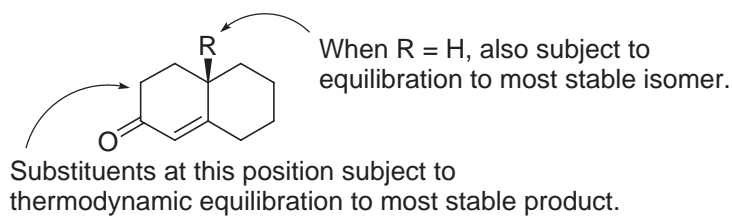
- Helminthosporal synthesis, Corey *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1963**, *85*, 3527.



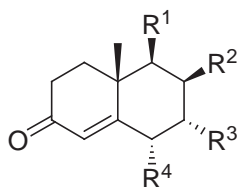
### Aromatic Annulation



### 2. Diastereoselectivity



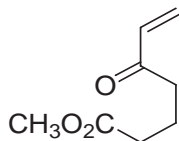
General Observations:



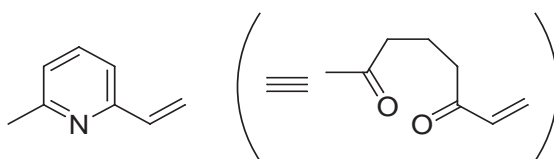
### 3. Tandem Robinson Annulation

(Incorporation of more than four carbons from MVK for more convergent syntheses)

- Examples



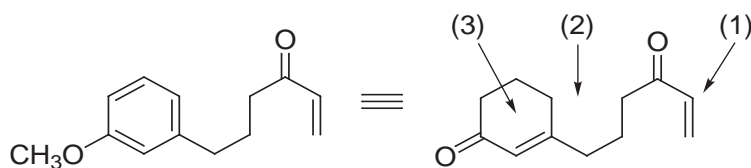
Karady *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1976**, 2401.  
Velluz *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Eng.* **1965**, 4, 181.



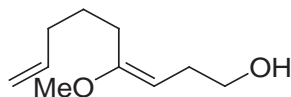
via Michael addition to vinyl pyridine  
Birch reduction to dihydropyridine, and hydrolysis to diketone

Danishefsky *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1968**, 90, 520.  
Danishefsky *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1975**, 97, 380.

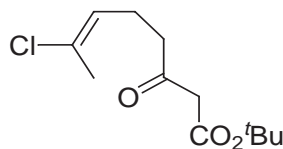
Elements of three sequential Robinson annulations



via Birch reduction of aromatic ring, followed by hydrolysis

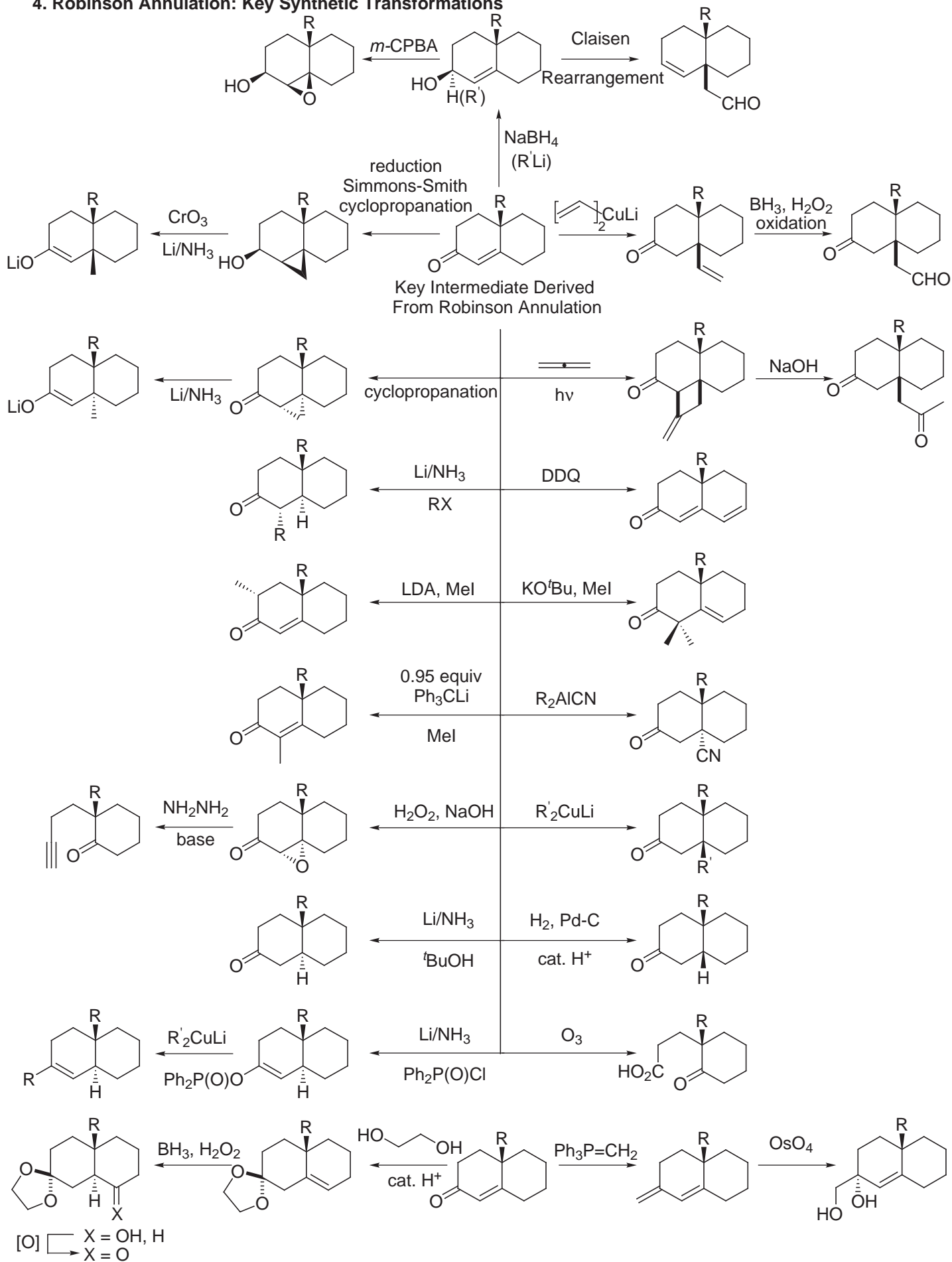


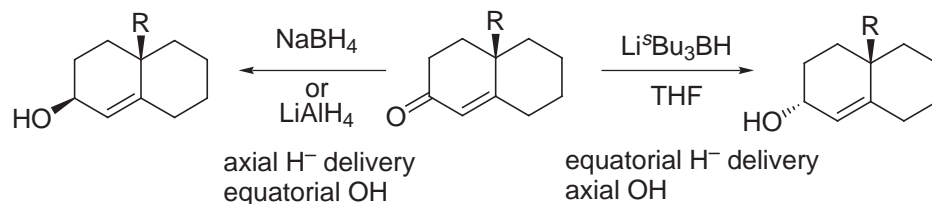
Poirier *Tetrahedron* **1989**, 45, 4191.



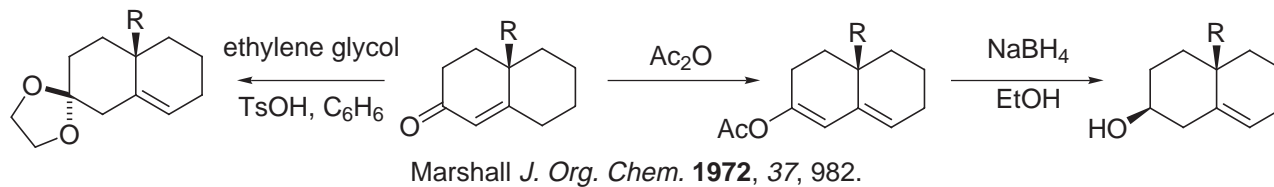
Danishefsky *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1971**, 93, 2356.

#### 4. Robinson Annulation: Key Synthetic Transformations



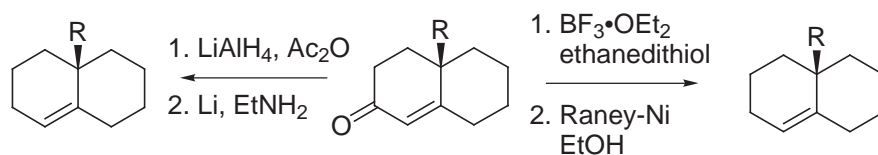


- Deconjugation with ketalization or reduction

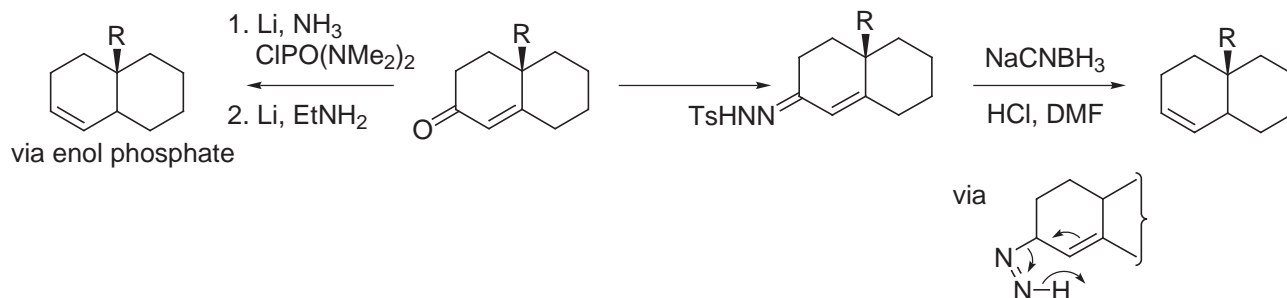


- Reductive deoxygenation:

- without double bond migration

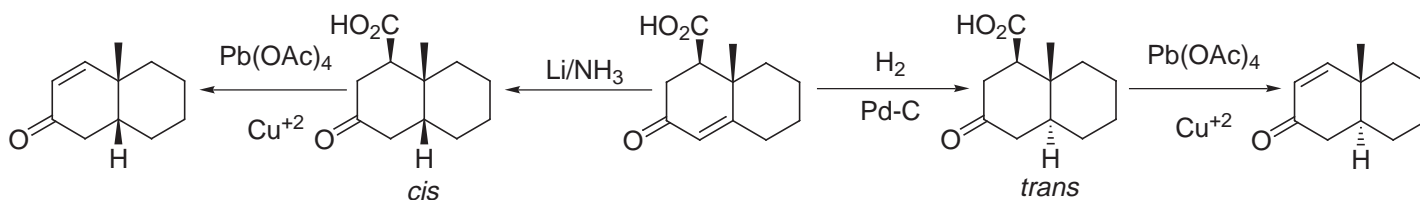


- with double bond migration



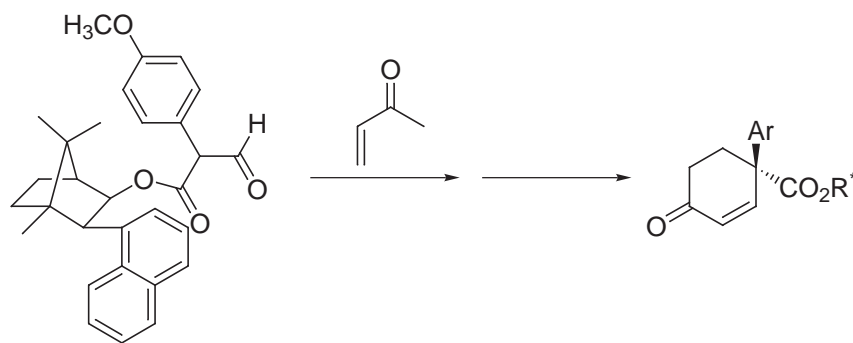
Hydrogenation: McMurry *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1968**, 90, 6821; *Can. J. Chem.* **1972**, 50, 336.

Birch reduction: For exceptions to generalizations which can exist-see Boger *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1978**, 17.



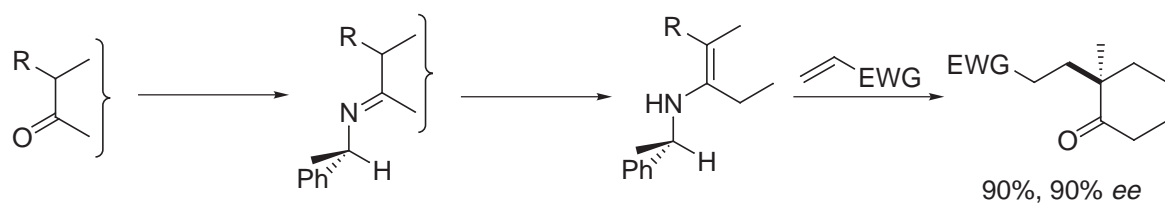
## 5. Asymmetric Robinson Annulation and Related Reactions

Taber *J. Org. Chem.* **1989**, 54, 3831.

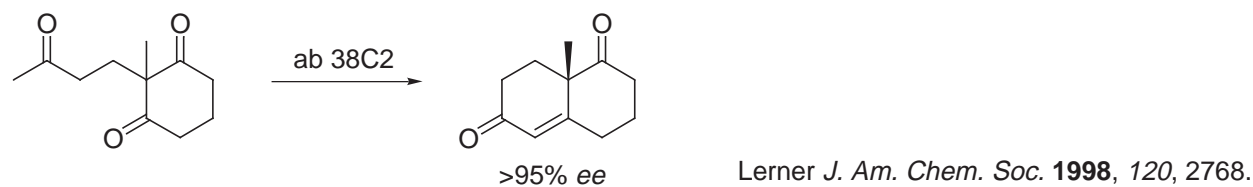
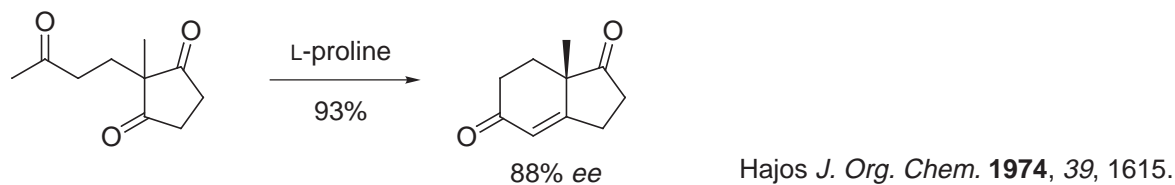
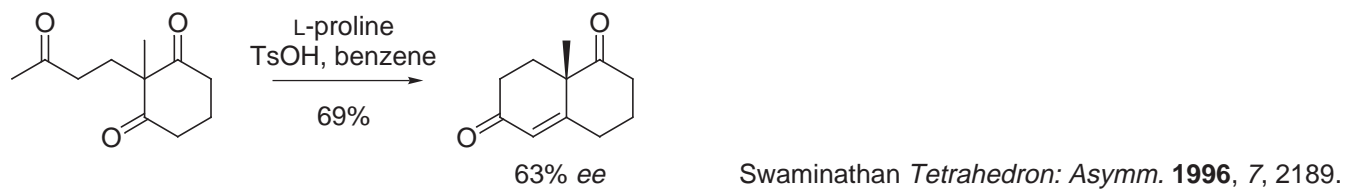
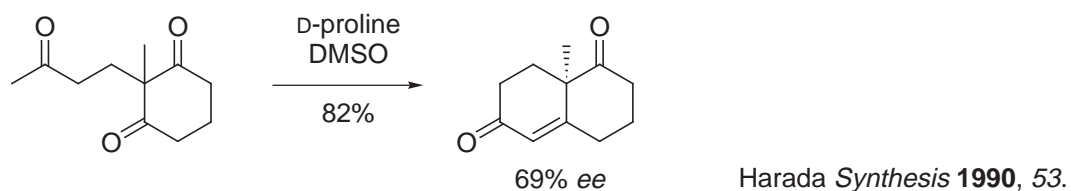
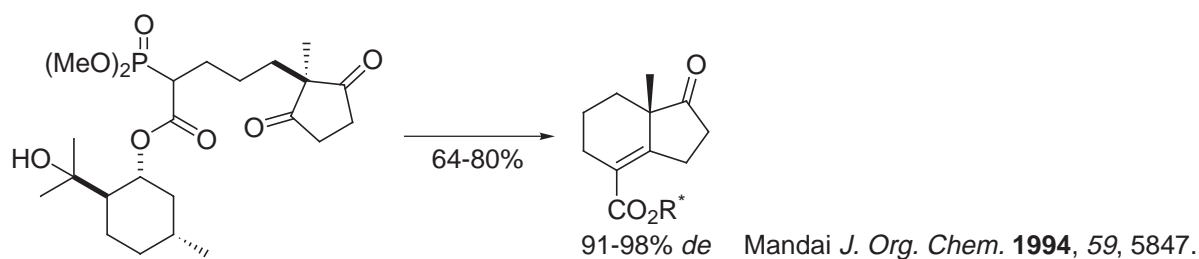


### Asymmetric Michael

Reviel *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1989**, 30, 4121.  
d'Angelo *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1985**, 107, 273.  
Guingant *Tetrahedron: Asymm.* **1993**, 4, 25.



### Asymmetric Aldol

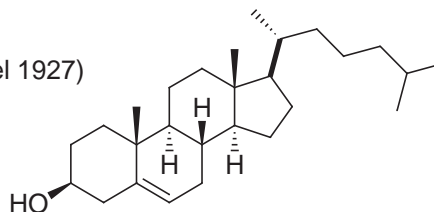


## 6. Steroid Synthesis

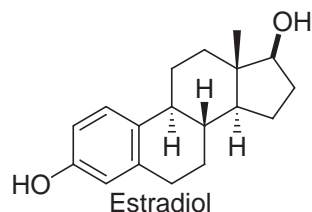
Steroid synthesis: Woodward (Nobel 1965), Robinson (Nobel 1947)  
Isolation methods: Chromatography  
Conformational analysis: Barton (Nobel 1969)  
UV spectroscopy: Woodward, Fieser  
ORD: Djerassi  
Biosynthesis theory: Bloch and Lynen (Nobel in Med. 1964), Cornforth (Nobel 1975)

### 1. Cholesterol

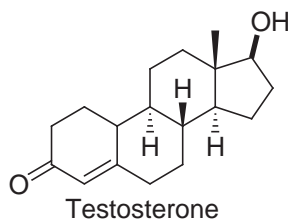
Isolation: 1812  
Structure, wrong!, Windaus (Nobel 1928) and Wieland (Nobel 1927)  
1932, correct planar connectivity (Wieland)  
1947, stereochemistry  
1952, absolute stereochemistry



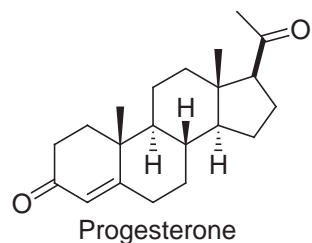
### 2. Sex Hormones



The hormone responsible for female development and maintenance of reproductive organs and secondary sex characteristics.  
Pure material isolated 1929, E. Doisy (St. Louis Univ.) and A. Butenandt (Göttingen, Nobel 1939)  
4 tons of sow ovaries: 25 mg

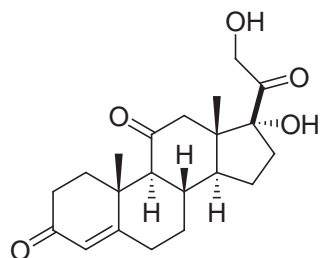


The male sex hormone  
1931, Butenandt isolated androsterone (metabolite of testosterone)  
15,000 L of men's urine: 15 mg  
1935, testosterone isolated from 100 kg bull testicles: 10 mg, E. Laquer  
1939, planar structure elucidated by Butenandt, Ruzicka (Nobel 1939)



The pregnancy hormone: maintains proper uterine environment for development of fetus, inhibits further ovulation, nature's contraceptive.  
1934, isolation and planar structure, Butenandt  
50,000 sows to provide 625 kg ovaries: 20 mg

### 3. Cortisone

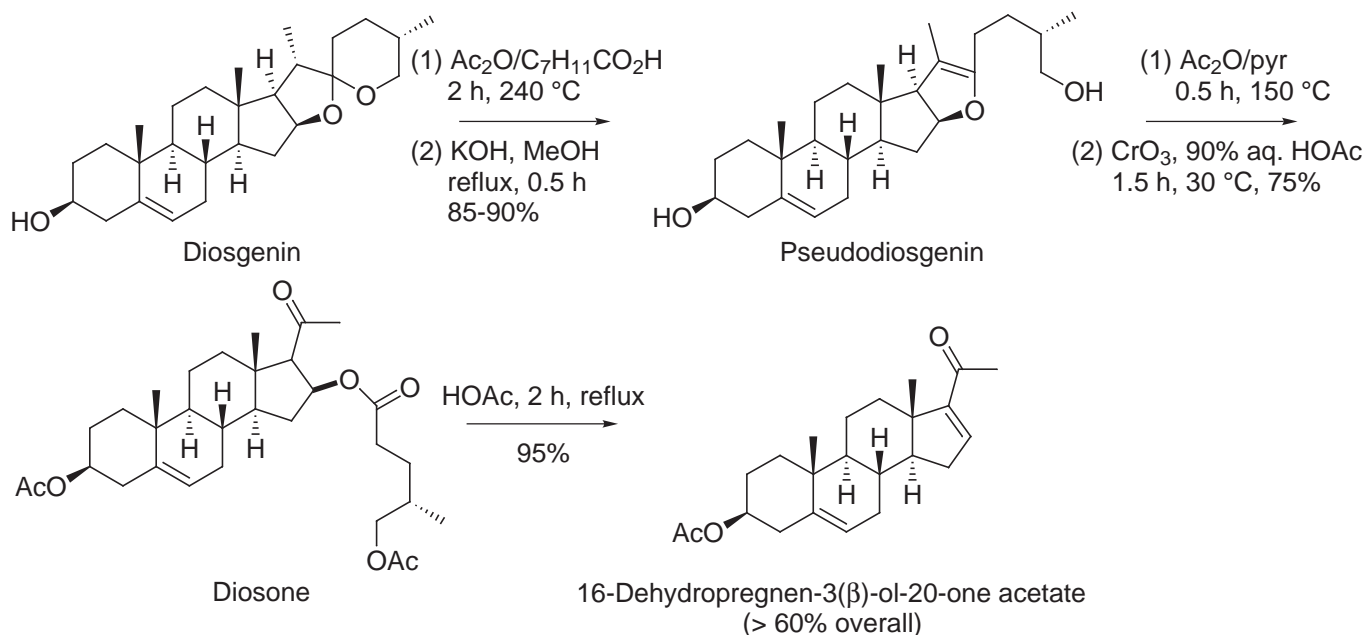


Structure: 1935-38, Kendall, Reidstein, Wintersteiner  
from adrenal cortex of 1.25 million cattle  
1952, 36 step synthesis via degradation of bile acids (Sarett, Merck)  
1949, Hench and Kendall (Mayo Clinic), 1950 Nobel with Reinstein for anti-arthritis activity  
1951, Djerassi (Syntex), synthesis from Mexican yam steroid  
1951, Upjohn microbial process for C11 oxidation of progesterone

Natural steroid hormones are present in such trace amounts in mammals that it is not a practical source. Synthetic steroids, e.g. 19-nor steroids, became commercially important.

Russell E. Marker (Syntex, Penn. State)  
Degradation of sapogenins and other plant products  
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1947**, *69*, 2167.

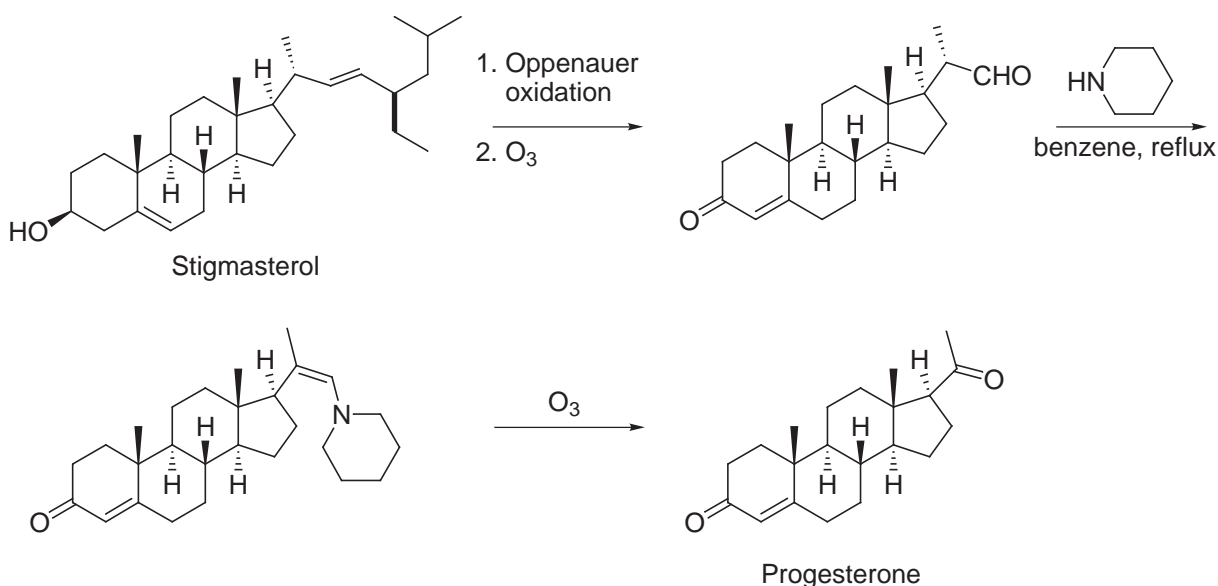
Diosgenin is obtained from the Mexican diocorea plant (Mexican yams).

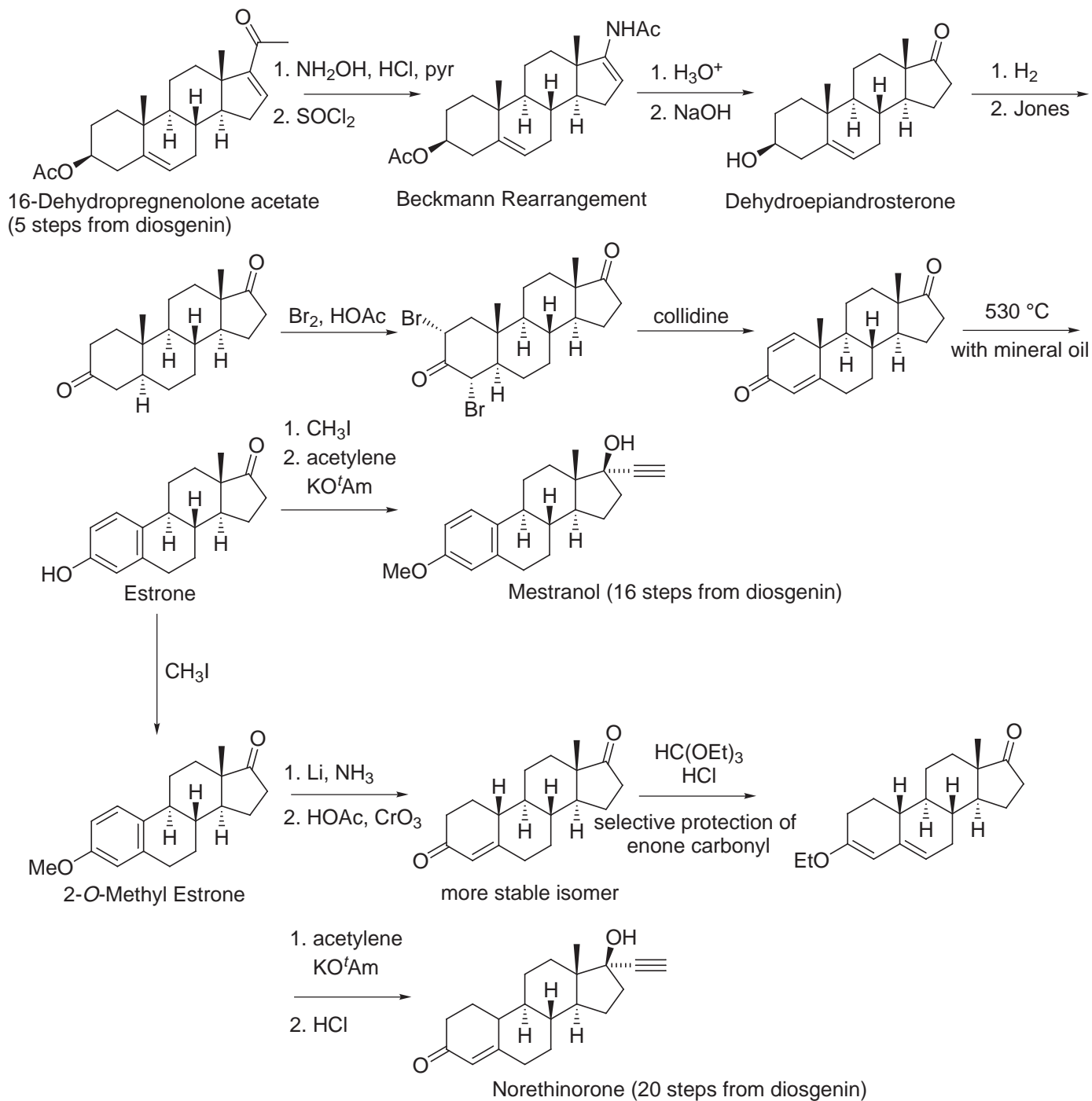


Dehydropregnenolone is easily transformed to progesterone in 3 steps:

(1)  $\text{H}_2$ , Pd-C (2) hydrolysis (3) Oppenauer oxidation: cyclohexanone,  $\text{Al}(\text{O}^i\text{Pr})_3$

Upjohn avoided attempted monopoly by use of stigmasterol obtained from soybeans:





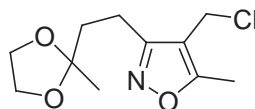
## The Total Synthesis Of Steroids

Representative strategies employing the Robinson and related annulations

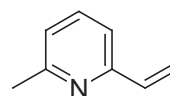
The Velluz Approach (Roussel-Uclaf, Paris)  
*Compt. rend.* **1960**, 250, 1084, 1511.  
*Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Eng.* **1965**, 4, 181.



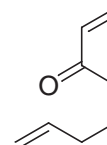
Stork isoxazoles, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1967**, *89*, 5464.



S. Danishefsky vinyl pyridines, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1975**, *97*, 380.



J. Tsuji via Wacker oxidation of terminal double bonds, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1979**, *101*, 5070.



Comparison of strategies employing the intramolecular Diels-Alder reaction:

First applications of this strategy were developed independently in laboratories of T. Kametani and W. Oppolzer.

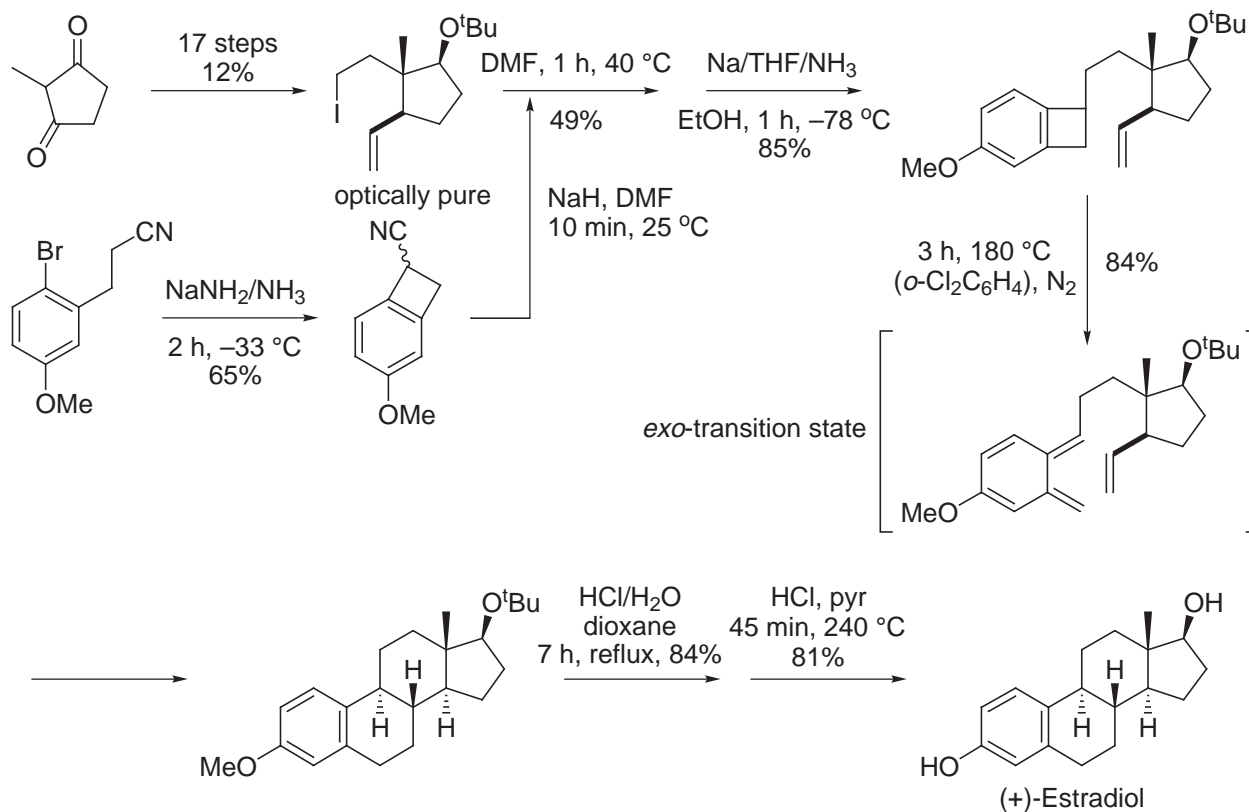
Examples

T. Kametani, *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1978**, 2425.

*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1976**, *98*, 3378.

*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1977**, *99*, 3461.

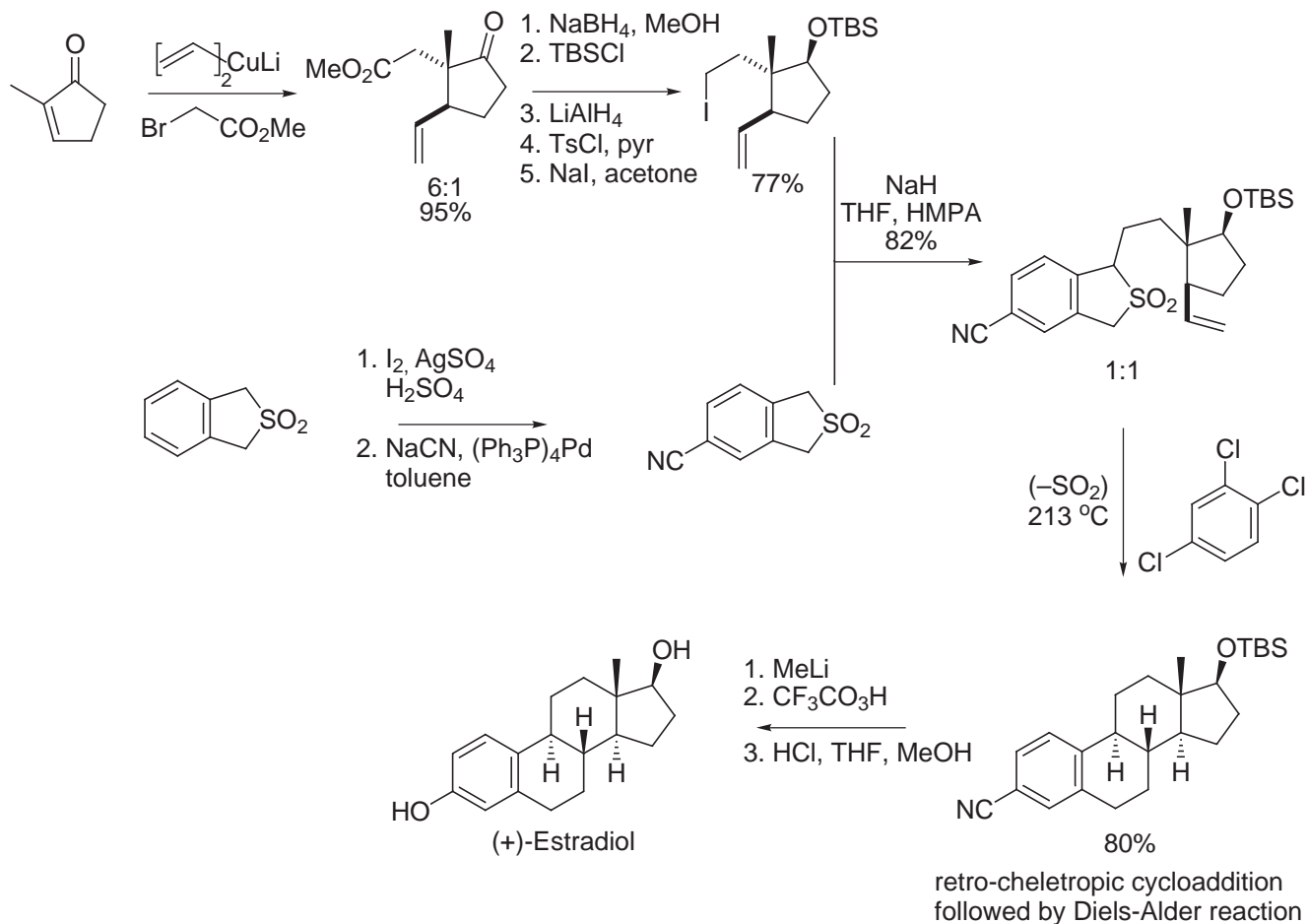
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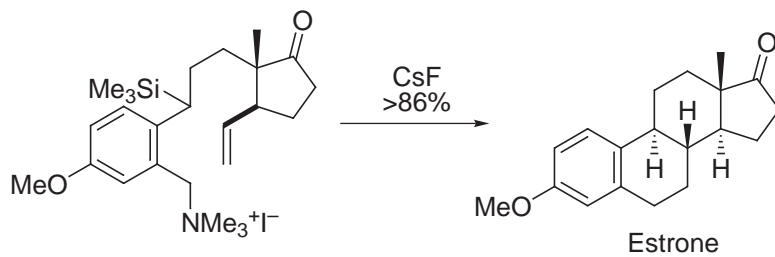
Oppolzer *Helv. Chim. Acta* **1977**, *60*, 2964.

Oppolzer *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Eng.* **1977**, *16*, 10.

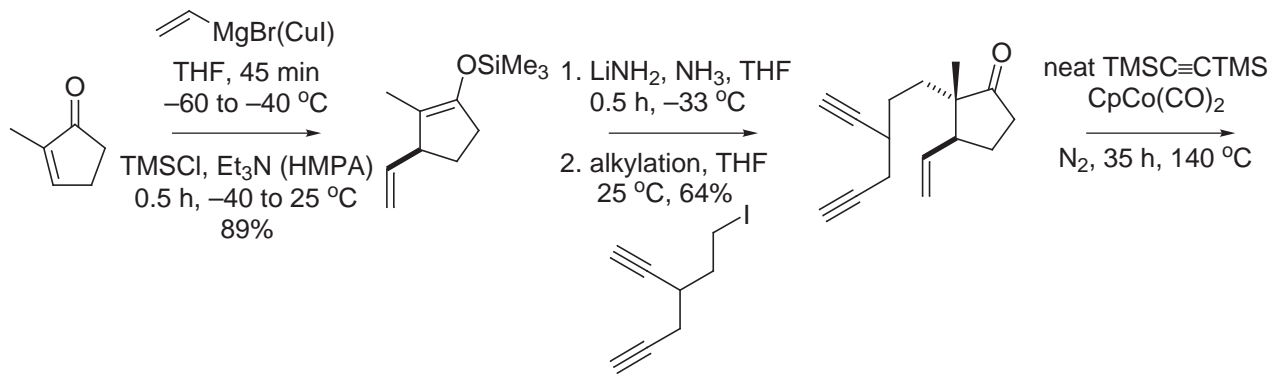
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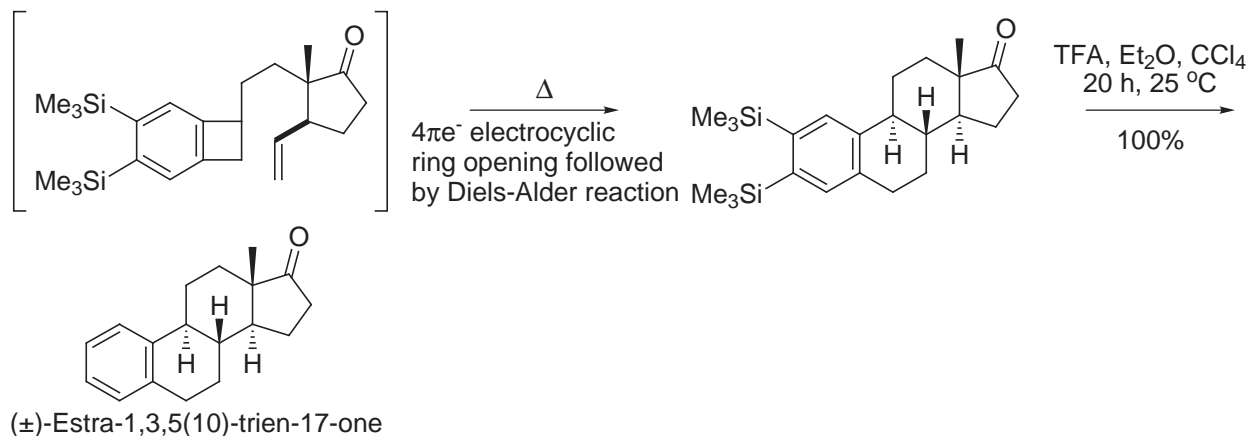


T. Saegusa *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1981**, *103*, 476.

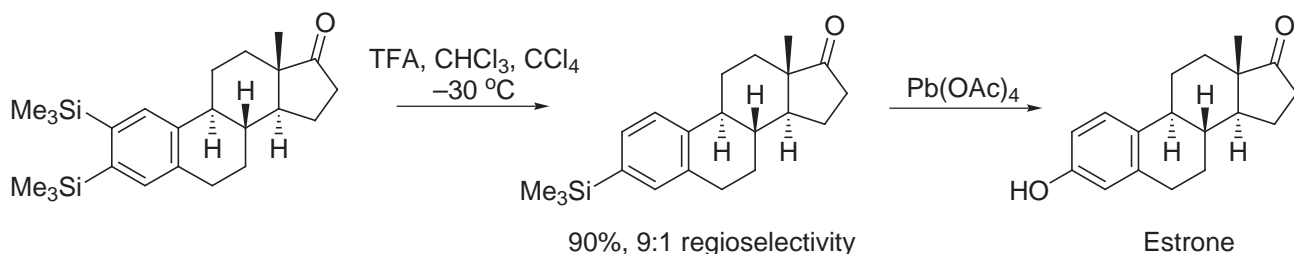


K. P. C. Vollhardt and R. Funk *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1977**, *99*, 5483.





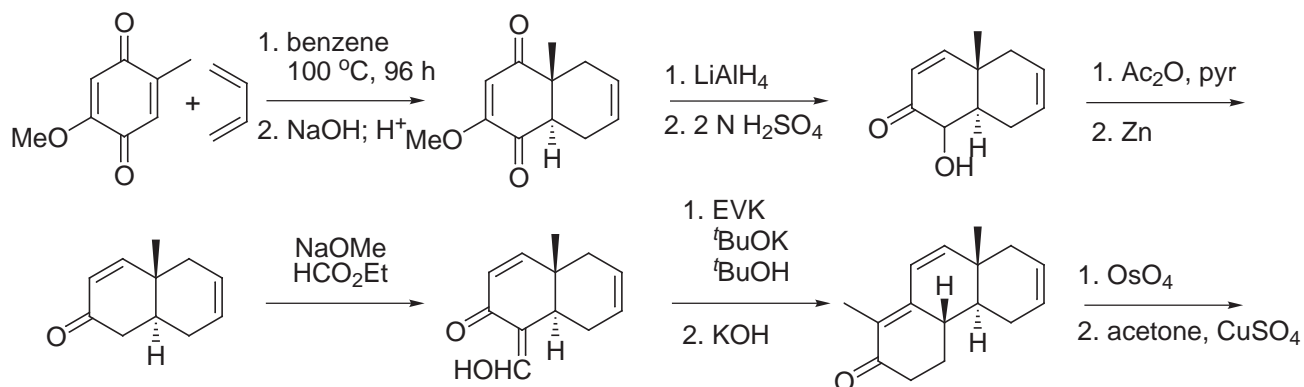
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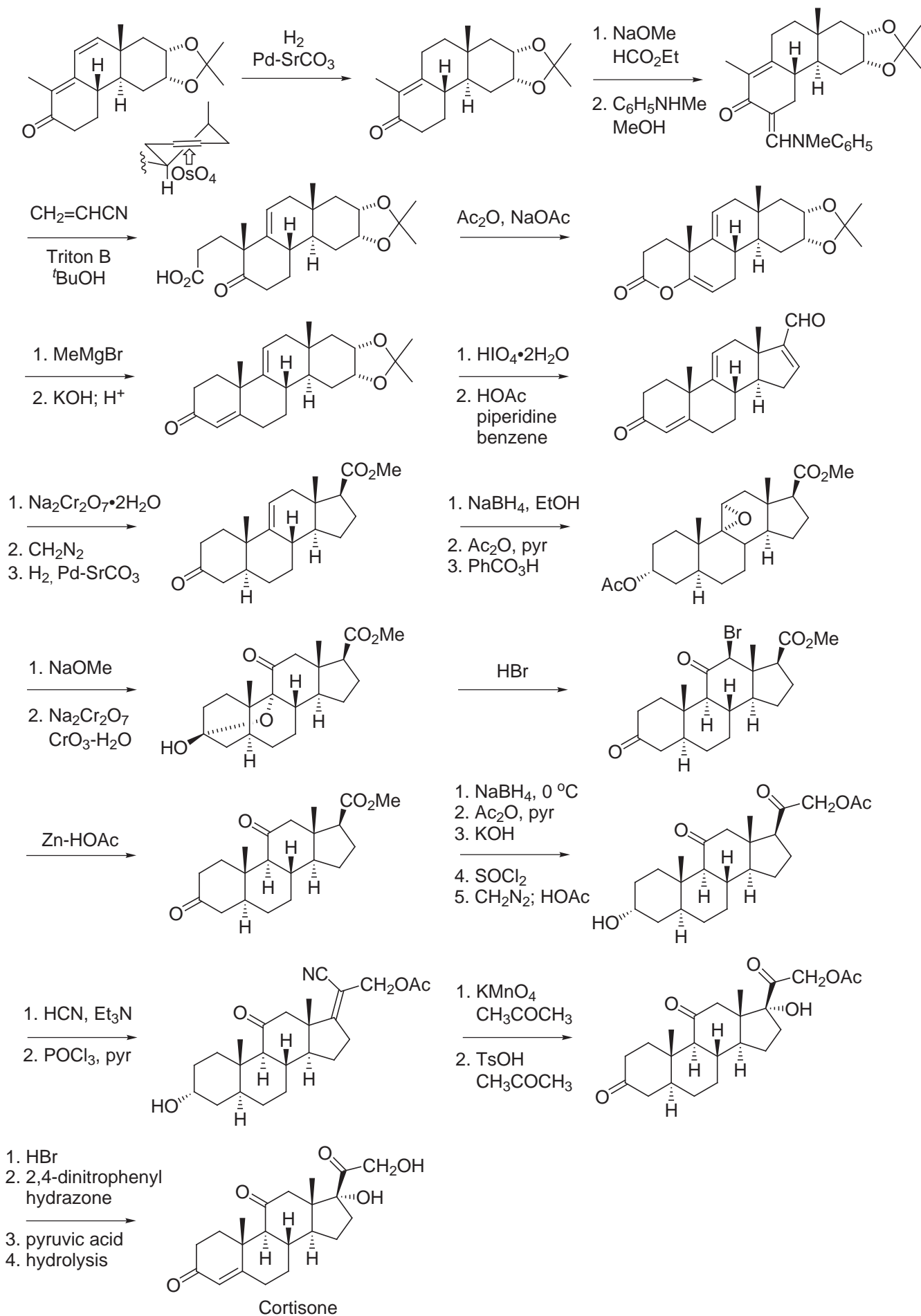


#### Total Synthesis of Cortisone

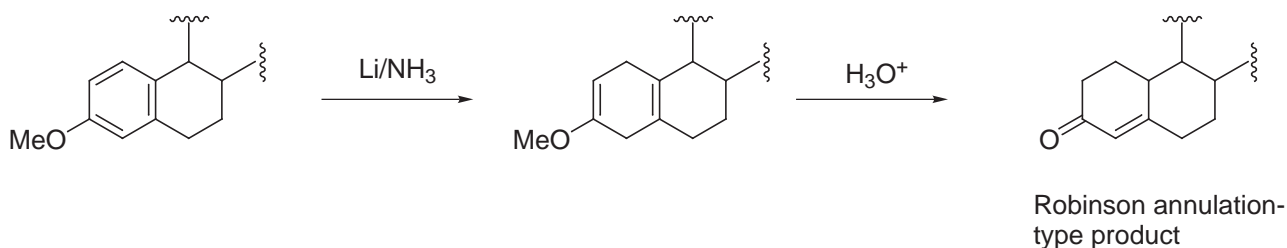
R. B. Woodward received the 1965 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for "Contributions to the Art of Organic Synthesis" and the award preceded the total synthesis of vitamin B<sub>12</sub> carried out in collaboration with Eschenmoser, the principles of orbital symmetry conservation (Hoffmann Nobel Prize in 1981), the Wilkinson structure determination of ferrocene (Nobel 1973) carried out with Woodward, and the collaborative delineation of the steroidal biosynthesis involving stereoselective cation-olefin cyclizations in collaboration with Bloch (Nobel 1964). Woodward changed synthesis from application of empirical reactions to a mechanistic foundation for predicting substrate reactivity (rates, stereoselectivity) and designed this rationale into the preplanned synthesis. The results were stunning with unattainable objectives falling one after another: quinine (1944), patulin (1950), cholesterol (1951), cortisone (1951), lanosterol (1954), lysergic acid (1954), strychnine (1954), reserpine (1956), chlorophyll (1960), tetracyclines (1962), colchicine (1963), cephalosporin C (1966), most before the wide spread usage of <sup>1</sup>H NMR. Breathtaking natural product structure determinations: penicillin (1945), strychnine (1948), patulin (1949), terramycin (1952), aureomycin (1952), cervine (1954), magnamycin (1956), gliotoxin (1958), oleandomycin (1960), streptonigrin (1963), and tetrodotoxin (1964) also preceded the reliance on <sup>1</sup>H NMR. The formal total synthesis of vitamin B<sub>12</sub> was completed in 1972 in collaboration with A. Eschenmoser (>100 postdoctoral fellows) and synthetic cobyrinic acid was converted to vitamin B<sub>12</sub> in 1976.

R. B. Woodward  
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1951**, *73*, 2403, 3547, 4057.  
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1952**, *74*, 4223.





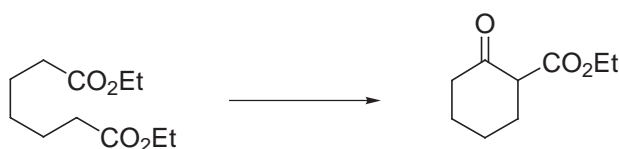
## C. Birch Reduction



- See the discussion in the sections on the Birch reduction and the Robinson annulation.
- Allows an aromatic ring to be incorporated into a synthesis and converted into a useful, nonaromatic ring system.

## D. Dieckmann Condensation

- An intramolecular Claisen condensation, see enolate section for a more detailed discussion.

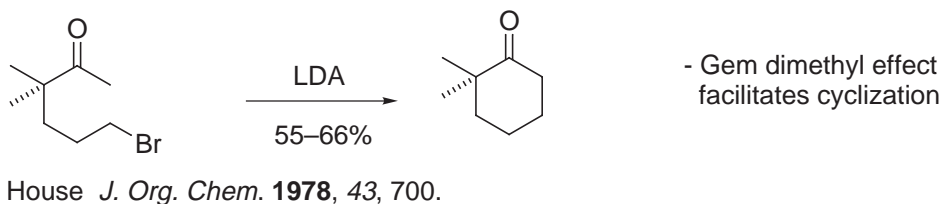


## E. Intramolecular Nucleophilic Alkylation

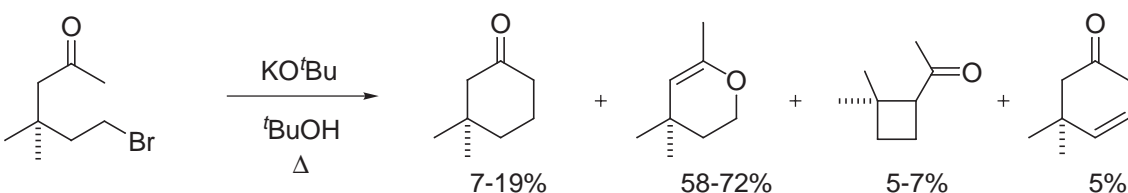
- Powerful approach to closure of rings

Examples:

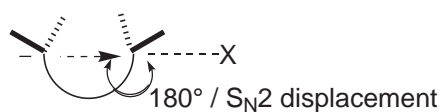
- Kinetic enolate generation (Note: *O*-alkylation may compete).



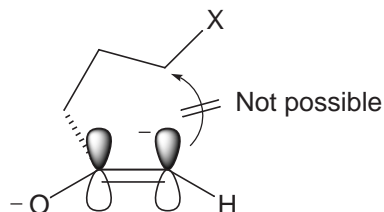
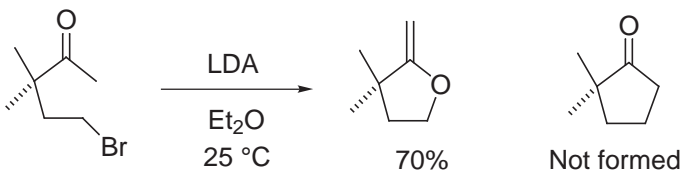
- Versus thermodynamic enolate generation (Note: *O*-alkylation may compete).



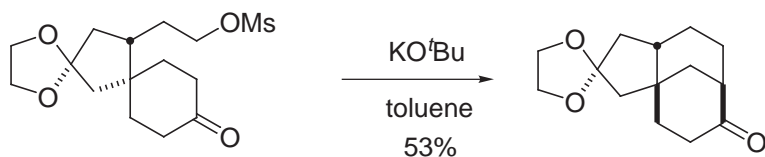
- Closure subject to stereoelectronic control.



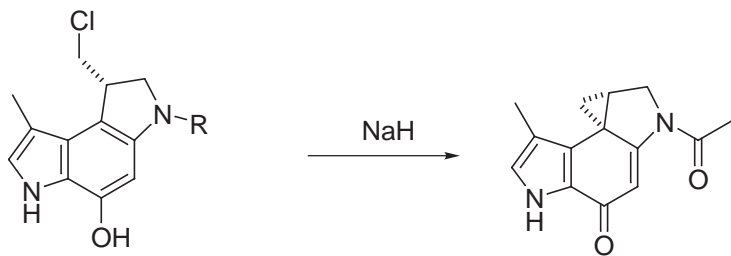
- Note Baldwin's Rules  
Preceded by Eschenmoser  
*Helv. Chim. Acta* **1970**, 53, 2059.



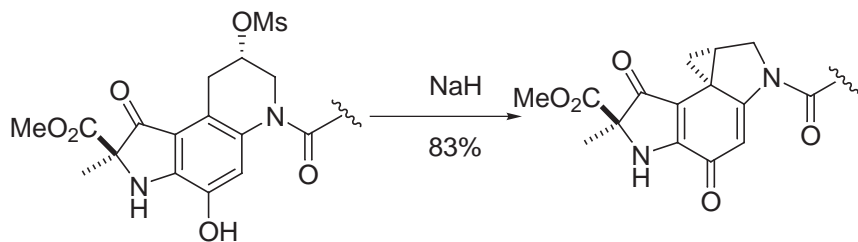
- Examples



Gibberelic Acid, Corey  
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1979**, 101, 1038.



CC-1065, Boger  
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1988**, 110, 4796.



Duocarmycin SA, Boger  
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1992**, 114, 10056.  
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1993**, 115, 9025.

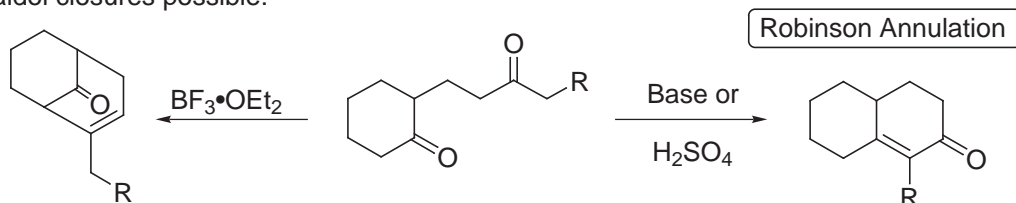
Duocarmycin A, Boger  
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1996**, 118, 2301.  
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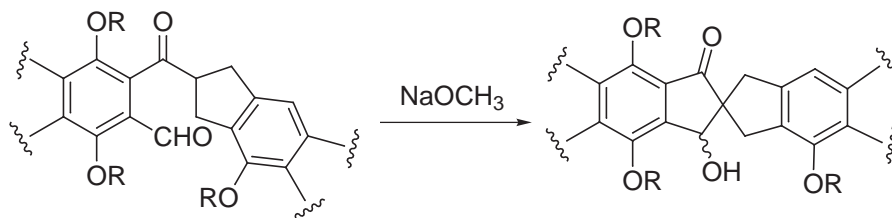
## F. Intramolecular Aldol Condensation

- The intramolecular aldol condensation has been used extensively to close or form rings.

Representative Examples:

- Two aldol closures possible:



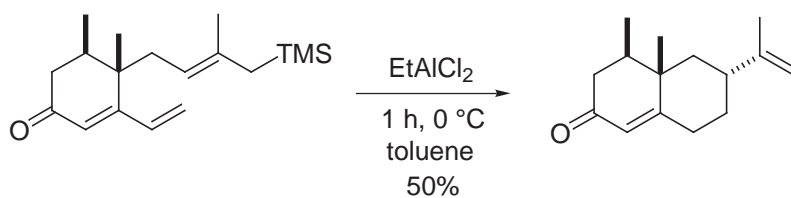


Fredericamycin A

Boger *J. Org. Chem.* **1991**, *56*, 2115.

*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1995**, *117*, 11839.

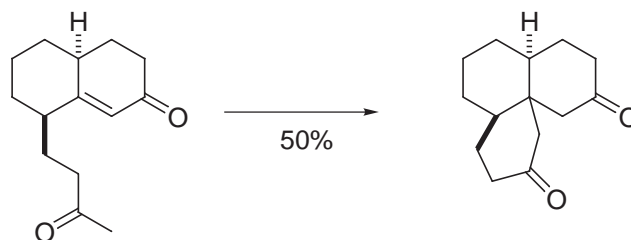
## G. Intramolecular Michael Reaction



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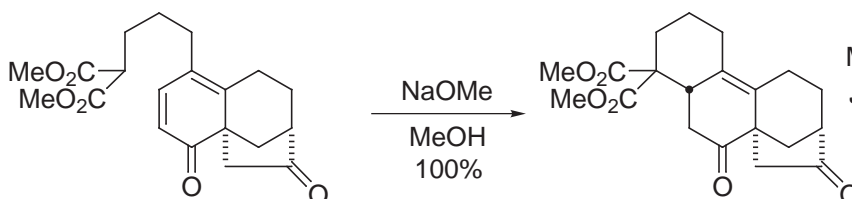
*J. Org. Chem.* **1985**, *50*, 3615.

*Tetrahedron Lett.* **1989**, *29*, 2773.



House

*J. Org. Chem.* **1965**, *30*, 2513.



Mander

*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1979**, *101*, 3373.

## H. Cation-Olefin Cyclization

### 1. Reviews

Johnson *Acc. Chem. Res.* **1968**, *1*, 1 .

*Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Eng.* **1976**, *15*, 9.

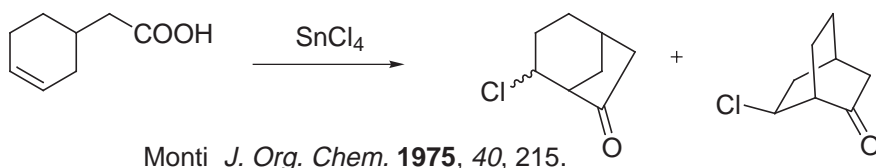
*Bioorg. Chem.* **1976**, *5*, 51.

Harding *Bioorg. Chem.* **1973**, *2*, 248.

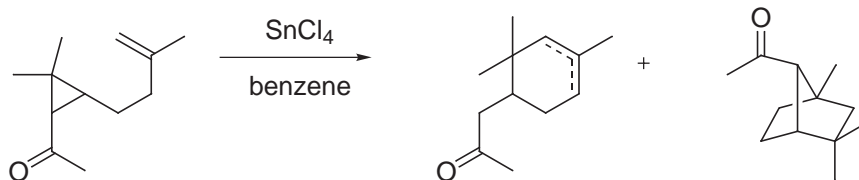
Goldsmith *Fortschr. Chem. Org. Nat.* **1972**, *29*, 363.

Lansbury *Acc. Chem. Res.* **1972**, *5*, 311.

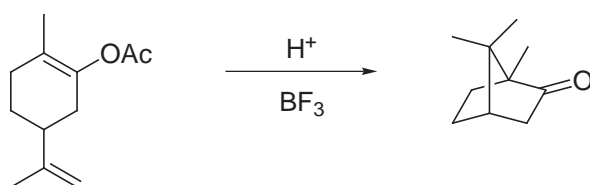
## 2. Representative Cation-Olefin Cyclizations



Monti *J. Org. Chem.* **1975**, *40*, 215.

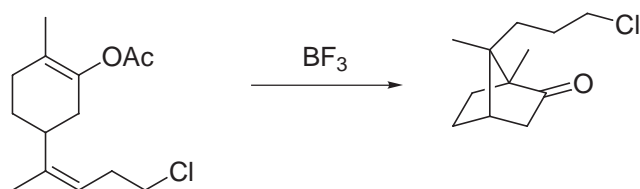


Grieco *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1974**, 527.

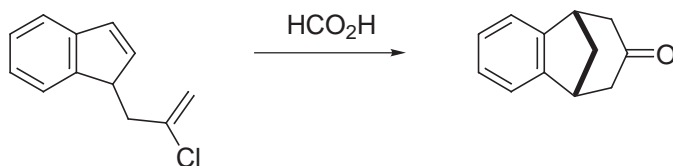


Money *J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.* **1969**, 1196.

Goldsmith *J. Org. Chem.* **1970**, *35*, 3573.

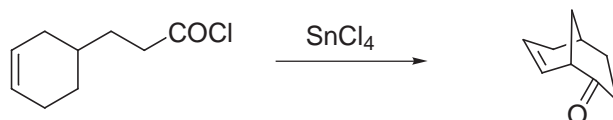


Money *J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.* **1971**, 766.



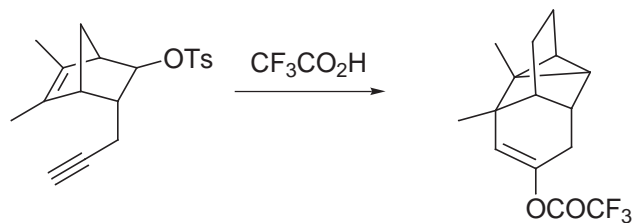
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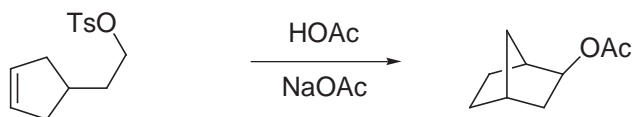


Marvell *J. Org. Chem.* **1970**, *35*, 391.

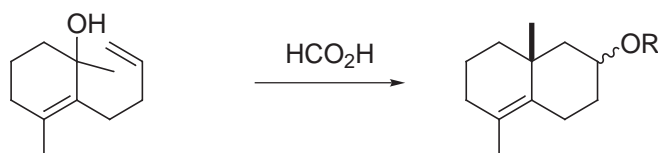




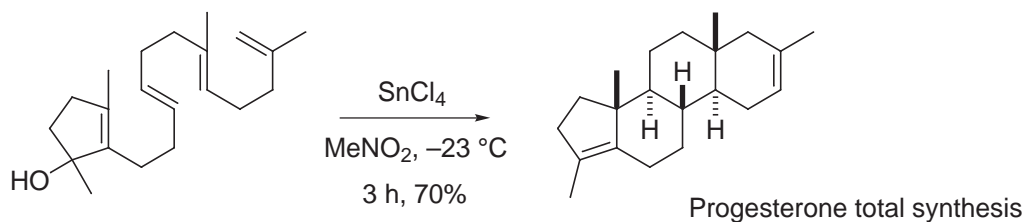
Baldwin *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1975**, 1055.



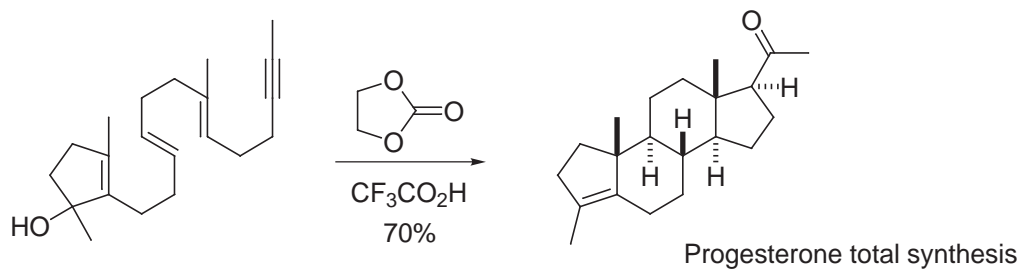
Bartlett *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1965**, 87, 1288.  
Johnson *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1964**, 86, 5593.



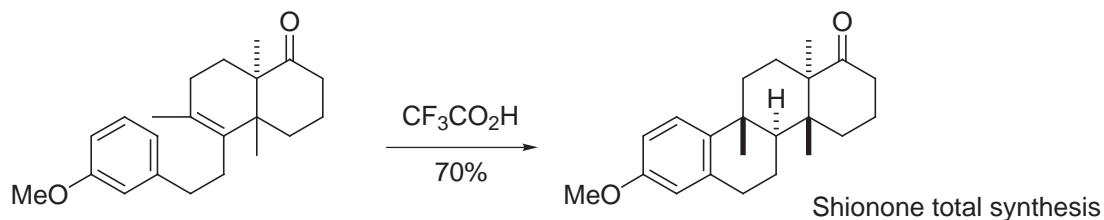
Marshall *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1965**, 87, 2773.  
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1966**, 88, 3408.



Johnson *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1968**, 90, 2994.



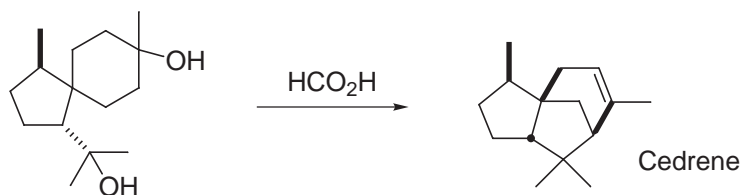
Johnson *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1970**, 92, 4461.  
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1980**, 102, 7800.



Ireland *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1974**, *96*, 3333.

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*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1970**, *92*, 2568.

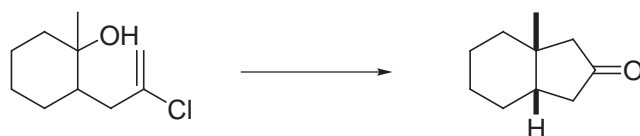


Corey *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1969**, *91*, 1557.

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Stork *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1955**, *77*, 1072.

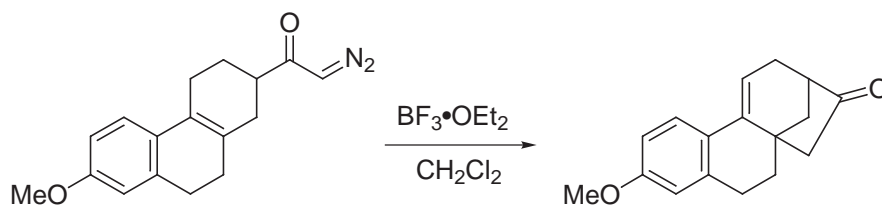
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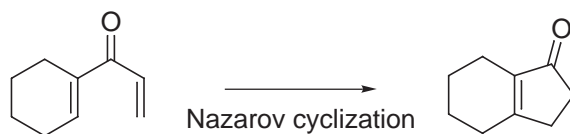
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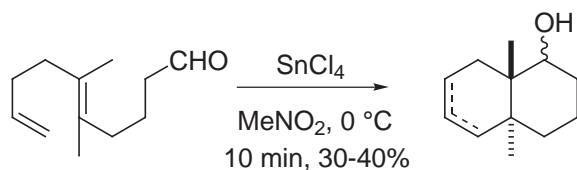


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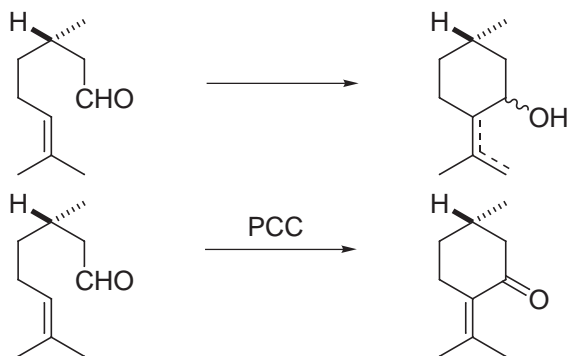
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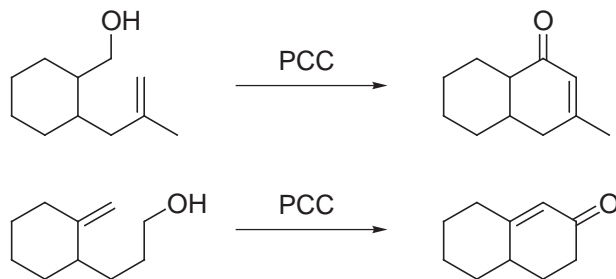
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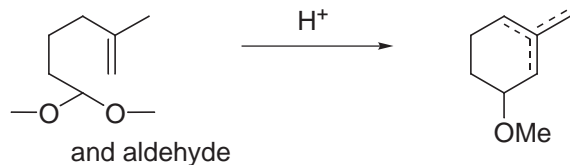


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Corey *J. Org. Chem.* **1976**, 41, 380.

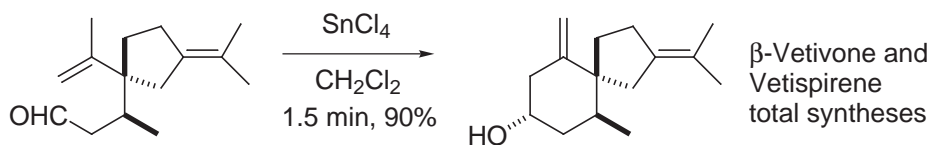


Corey, Boger *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1978**, 2461.



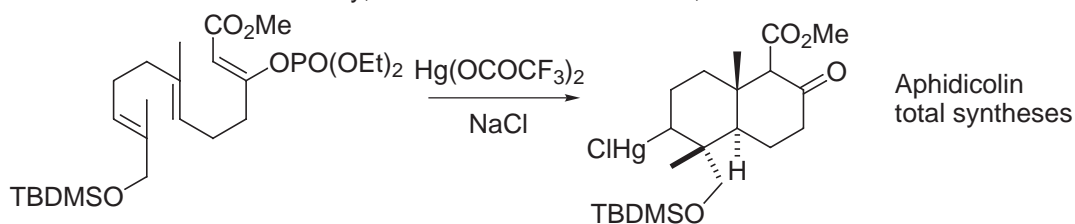
Johnson *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1967**, 89, 170.

*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1973**, 95, 2656.



$\beta$ -Vetivone and  
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total syntheses

McCurry, Jr. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1973**, 3325.

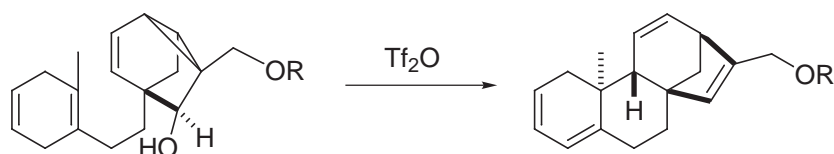


Aphidicolin  
total syntheses

Corey, Tius *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1980**, 102, 1742. (Aphidicolin)

*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1980**, 102, 7612. (Stemodinone)

*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1982**, 104, 5551. (K-76)



Corey *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1987**, 109, 6187. (Atractyligenin)

*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1987**, 109, 4717. (Cafestol)

### 3. Background

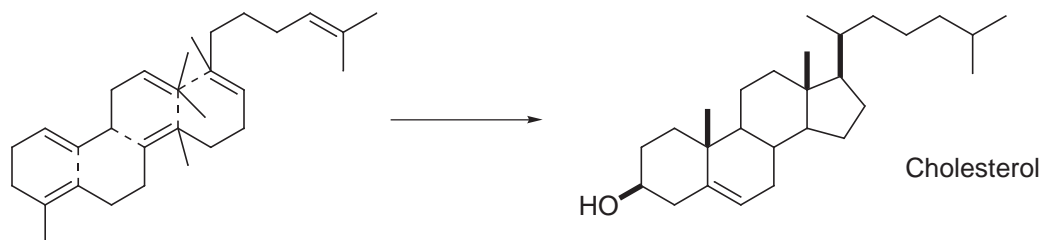
Squalene cyclization first suggested as a biosynthetic precursor to cholesterol

Heilbrow, Kann, and Owens *J. Chem. Soc.* **1926**, 1630.

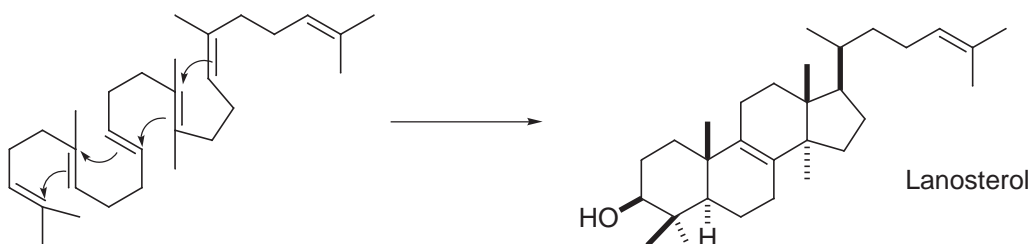
Robinson *Chem. Ind.* **1934**, 53, 1062.

J. L. Goldstein and M. S. Brown received the 1985 Nobel Prize in Medicine for their discoveries concerning the regulation of cholesterol metabolism.

- Robinson's proposal



- Correct cyclization scheme



- Lanosterol was proposed in 1953 by Woodward and Block.

- Experimental verification that cholesterol is biosynthesized from squalene was developed independently by

Block *J. Biol. Chem.* **1953**, 200, 129.

Cornforth *Biochem. J.* **1954**, 58, 403.

*Biochem. J.* **1957**, 65, 94.

K. Block received the 1964 Nobel Prize in Medicine for his discoveries concerning the mechanism and regulation of the cholesterol and fatty acid metabolism.

J. W. Cornforth received the 1975 Nobel Prize in Chemistry jointly with V. Prelog for outstanding intellectual achievement on the stereochemistry of reactions catalyzed by enzymes.

- Stork-Eschenmoser hypothesis: the *trans-anti-trans* stereochemistry of the steroids and many terpenoids is a consequence of a concerted polyene cyclization.

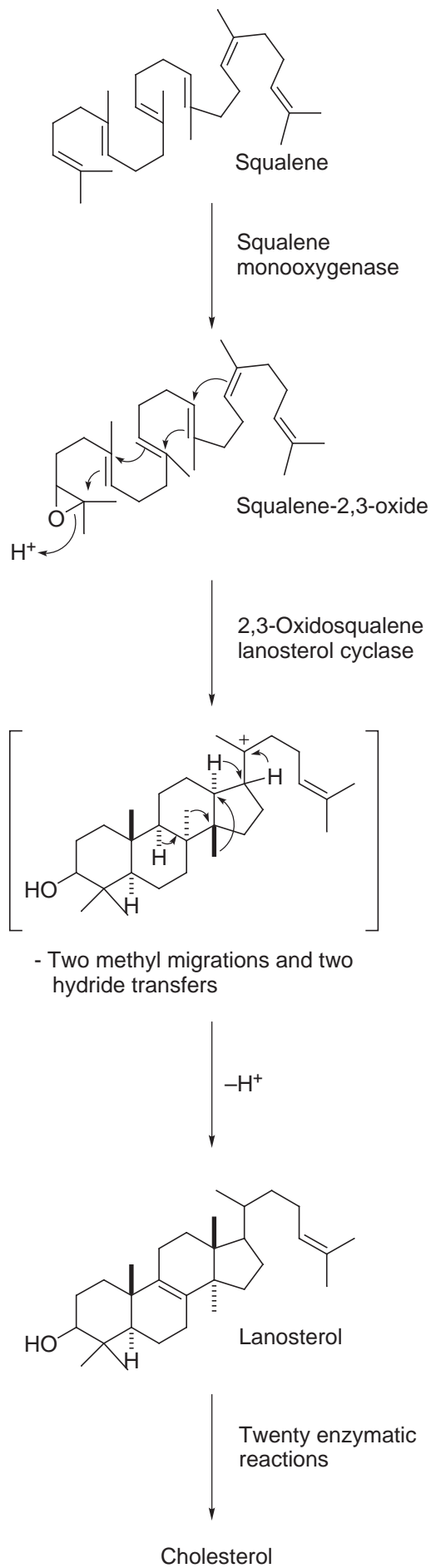
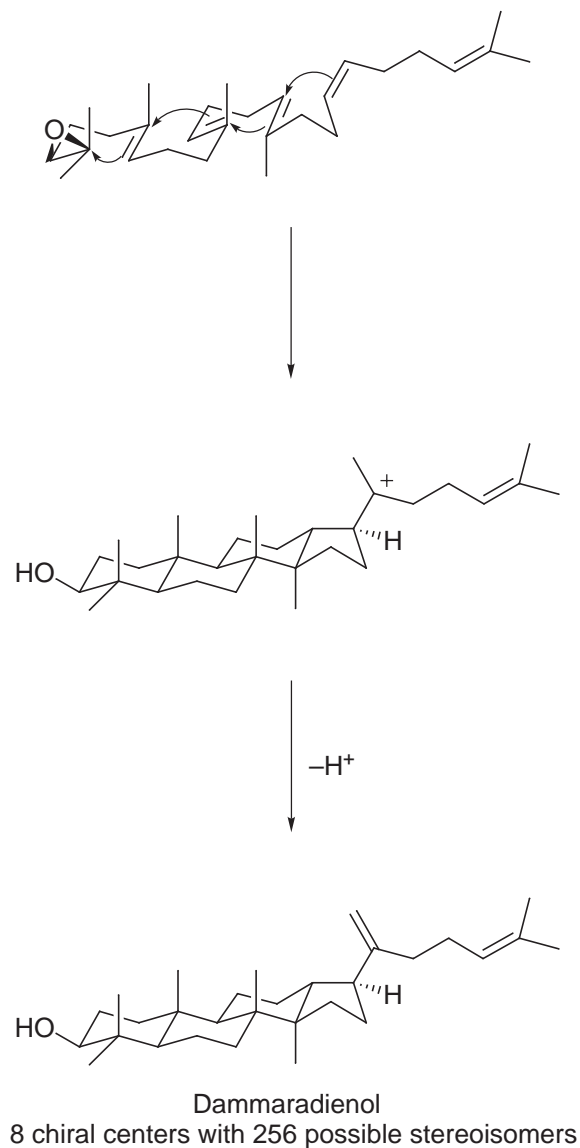
Cyclization about a *trans* olefin



Cyclization about a *cis* olefin



- Anti addition of a carbocation and nucleophilic olefin on opposite faces of a  $\pi$ -bond analogous to *trans* electrophilic addition to alkenes. Therefore, cyclization of a *trans* olefin leads to a *trans* ring fusion and cyclization of a *cis* olefin leads to a *cis* ring fusion.



#### 4. Key Publications

- Initial experimental demonstrations of multiple cascade cyclizations and the Stork-Eschenmoser steroid-type cyclizations:

Stork and Burgstahler *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1955**, 77, 5068.

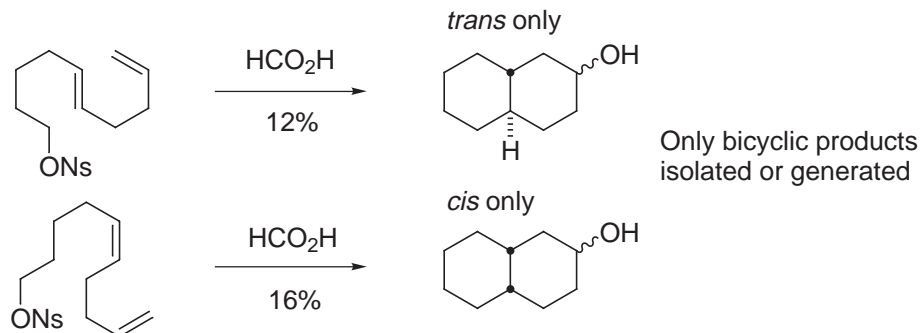
Eschenmoser and Arigoni *Helv. Chim. Acta* **1955**, 38, 1890.

First disclosed in lectures and proposals as early as 1950, but experimental verification was difficult.

- First clear verification of Stork-Eschenmoser hypothesis.

Johnson *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1964**, 36, 1959.

*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1965**, 30, 1735.



#### 5. Three Stages of Reaction

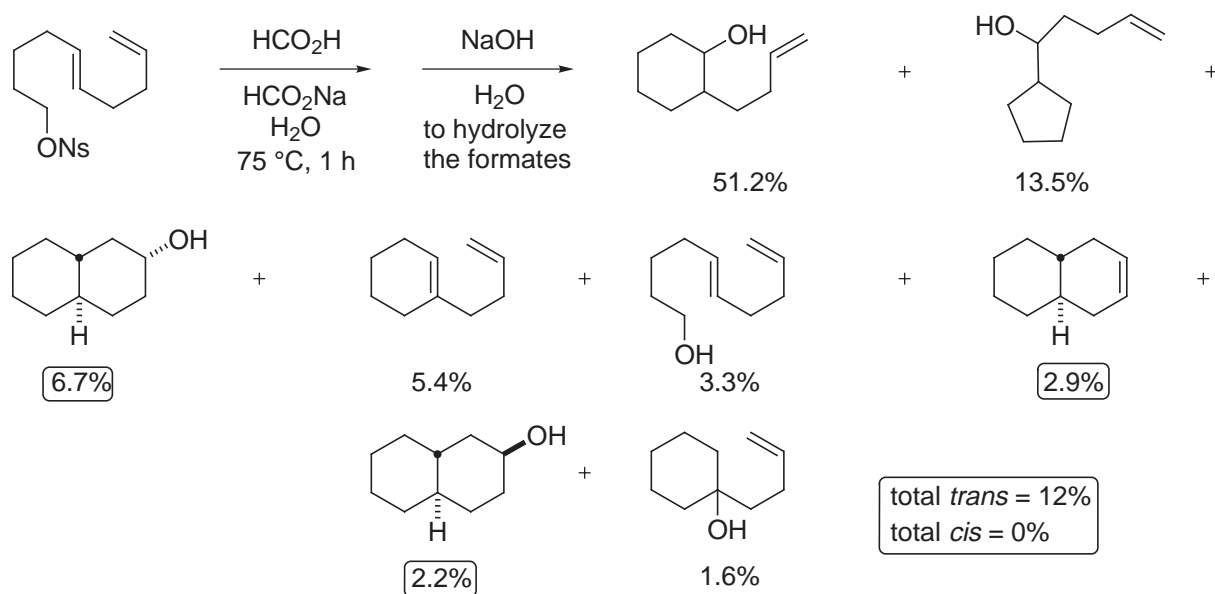
- Initiation
- Cyclization
- Termination

- Mechanistically all three may take place simultaneously or stepwise paths may be involved.

- Depends on the nature of the substrate and the reaction medium.

- Without careful control, the formation of many products will result in a complex mixture.

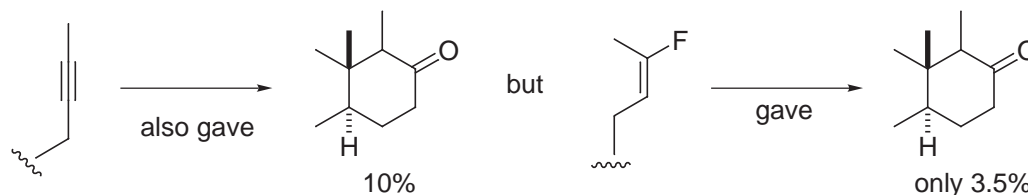
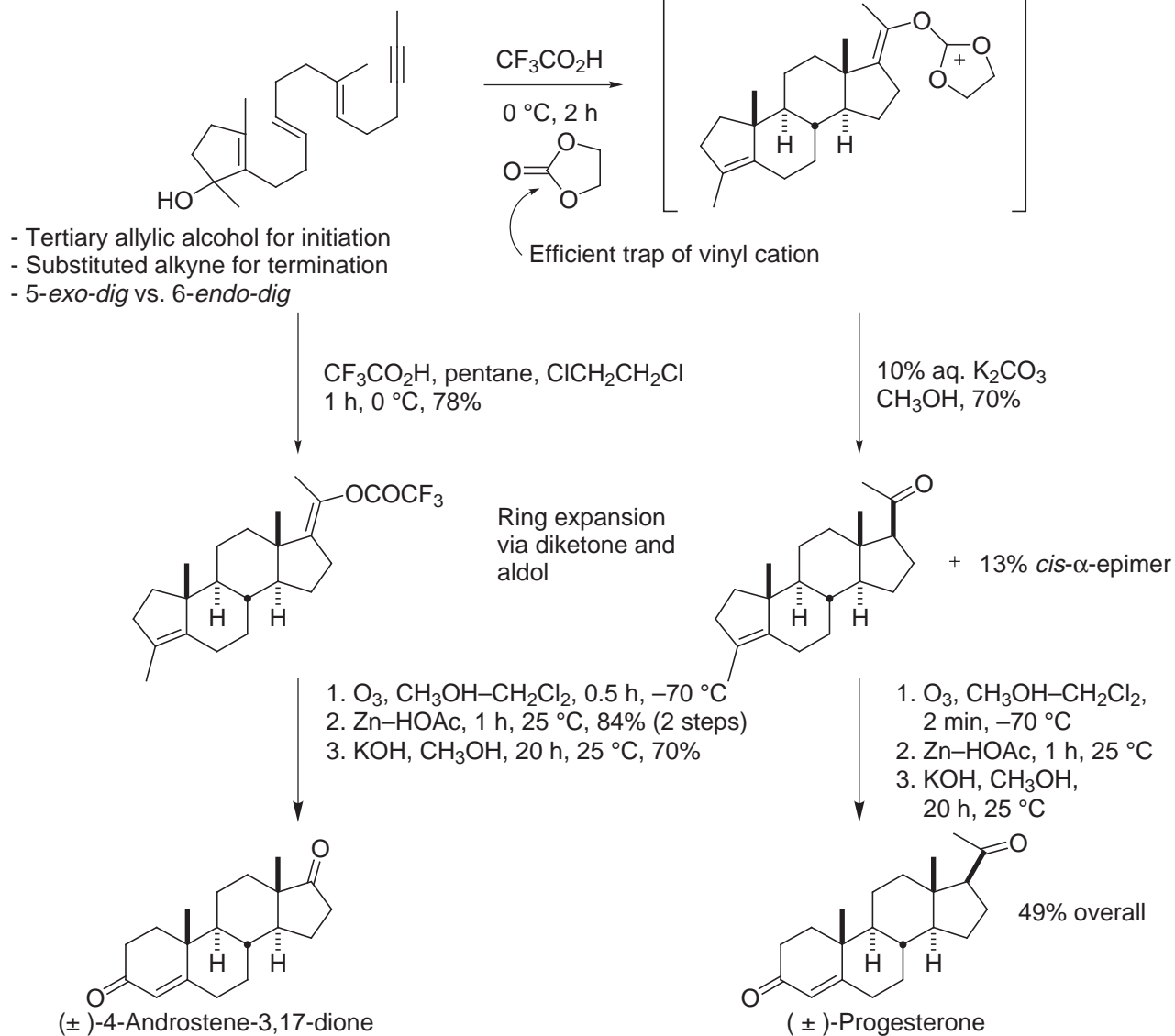
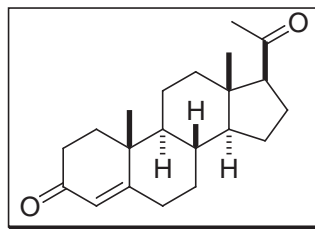
- For example: Johnson verification of Stork-Eschenmoser hypothesis.



- Much effort expended to control the reaction through mild, selective and efficient initiation and termination.

## 8. Synthesis of Progesterone

Johnson  
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1971**, *93*, 4332.  
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1978**, *100*, 4274.



- More recent efforts have reduced this to the synthesis of optically active agents.
- How would you imagine doing this?
- Remember chair-like transition states for the cyclization.

## I. Free Radical Cyclizations

### 1. Reviews

Acyloin Condensation: Bloomfield, J. J.; Owsley, D. C.; Nelke, J. M. *Org. React.* **1976**, *23*, 259.

McMurry Coupling: McMurry, J. E. *Acc. Chem. Res.* **1983**, *16*, 405.

Julia Free Radical Cyclization: Julia, M. *Acc. Chem. Res.* **1971**, *4*, 386.

*Pure App. Chem.* **1967**, *15*, 167.

#### - General Reviews

Beckwith, A. L. J.; Ingold, K. U. *Rearrangements in Ground State and Excited States*, Vol. 1.; de Mayo, P., Ed.; Academic: NY, 1980, pp. 182-220.

Beckwith, A. L. J. *Tetrahedron* **1981**, *37*, 3037. (Regioselectivity of ring cyclization)

Giese, B. *Radicals in Organic Synthesis: Formation of Carbon-Carbon Bonds*, Pergamon: Oxford, 1986.

Symposium-in-print: *Tetrahedron* **1985**, *41*, no. 19.

Curran, D. P. *Synthesis* **1988**, 417 and 489.

Hart, D. J. *Science* **1984**, *223*, 883.

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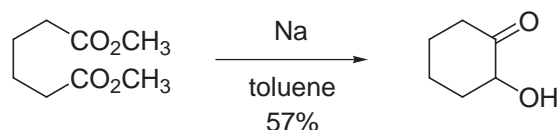
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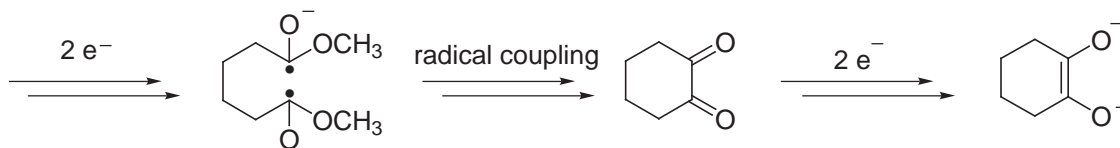
### 2. Reductive Coupling of Carbonyl Compounds

#### a. Acyloin Condensation

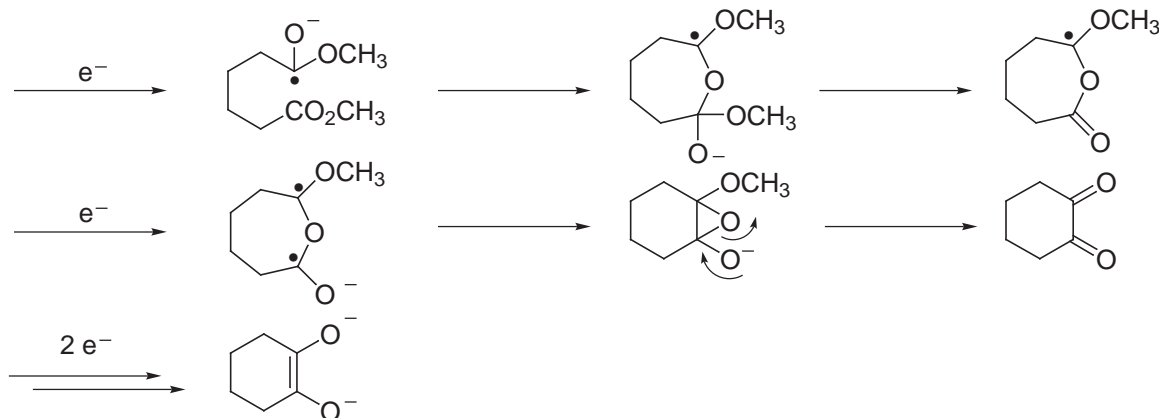


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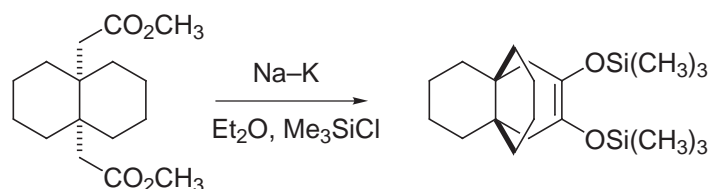
#### - Mechanism



#### - Alternative



#### b. Rühlmann Modification with Me<sub>3</sub>SiCl

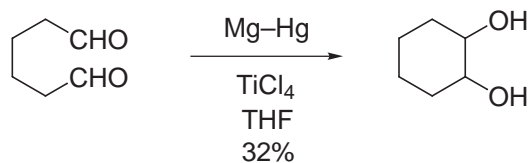
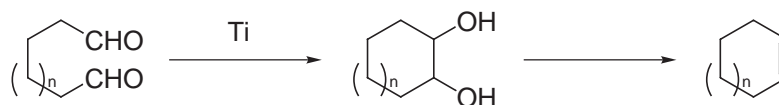


*Tetrahedron Lett.* **1968**, 591.

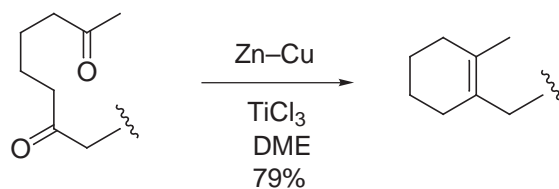
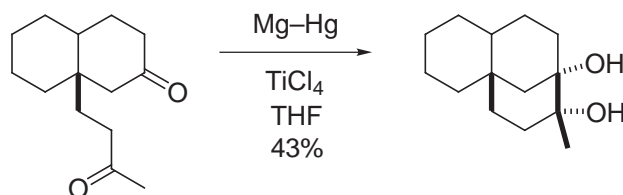


### 3. Reductive Coupling of Ketones and Aldehydes (Pinacol Coupling and McMurry Reaction)

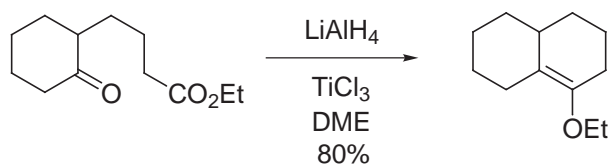
- Low valent Ti reagents used to generate ketyl radicals and chosen to permit generation of either the pinacol or olefin product.



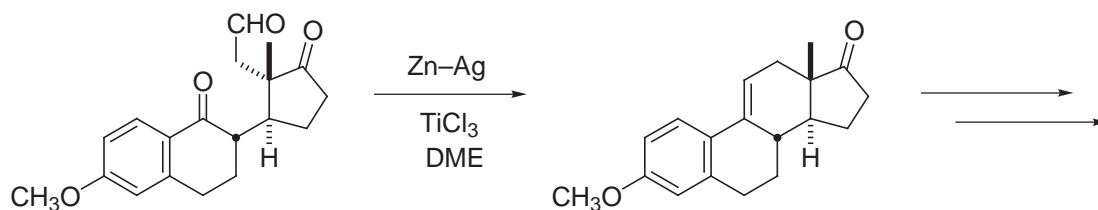
Corey, Danheiser *J. Org. Chem.* **1976**, *41*, 260.



McMurry *J. Org. Chem.* **1977**, *42*, 2655.

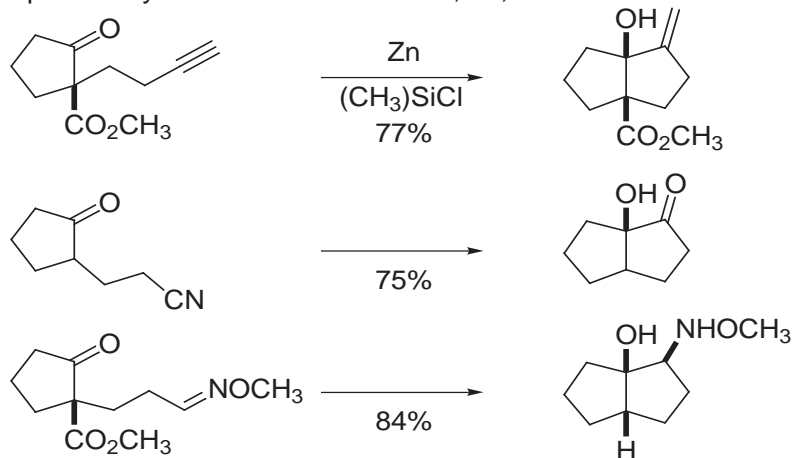


McMurry *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1983**, *105*, 1660.



Estrone Synthesis: Ziegler *J. Org. Chem.* **1982**, *47*, 5229.

- Other Functional Groups: Corey *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1983**, 24, 2821.



#### 4. SmI<sub>2</sub> Promoted Reductive Coupling Reactions (Radical Mechanisms)

- Lanthanide chemistry reviews

Molander *Chem. Rev.* **1992**, 92, 29.

Molander in *Chemistry of the Carbon Metal Bond*, Hartley, F. R.; Patai, S., Eds.; Wiley: NY, 1989, Vol 5

Molander in *Comprehensive Org. Syn.*, Vol. 1, p. 262.

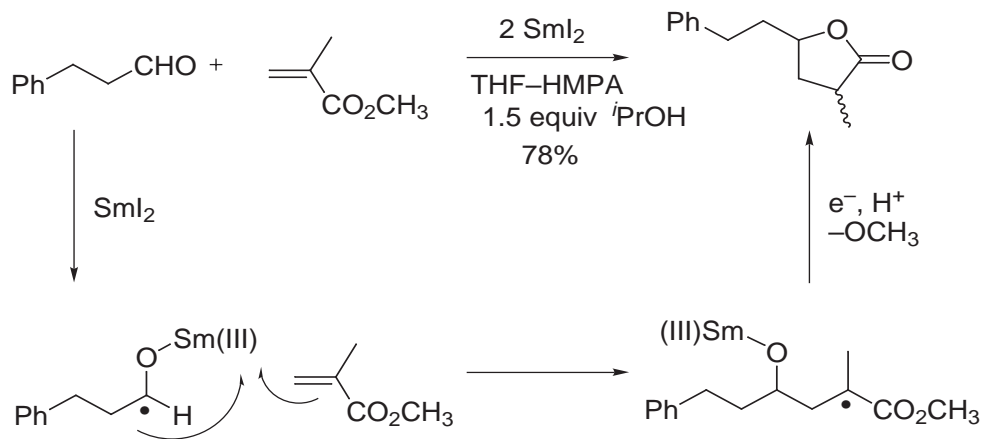
Kagan *Nouv. J. Chem.* **1990**, 14, 453.

Kagan *Tetrahedron* **1986**, 42, 6573.

Soderquist *Aldrichim. Acta* **1991**, 24, 15.

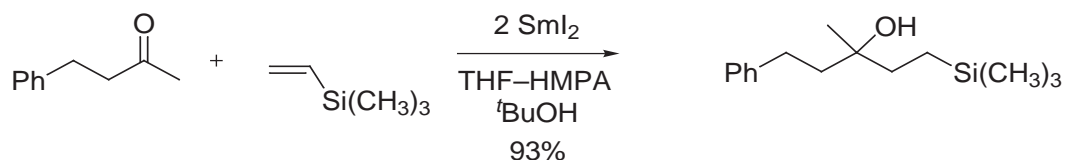
##### a. Ketyl-Olefin Coupling Reactions

- Intermolecular (Only effective for "activated" olefins)

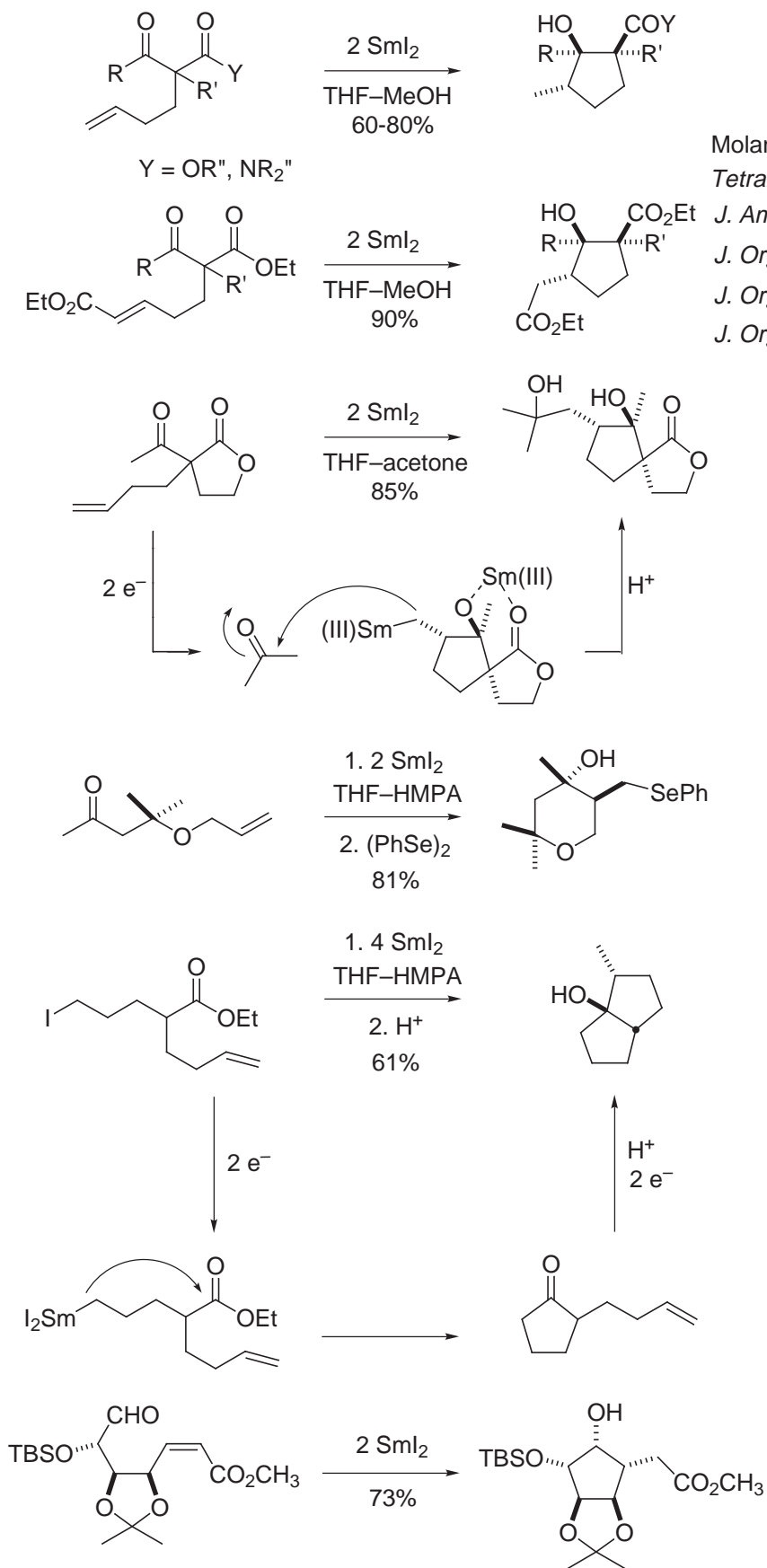


Inanaga *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1986**, 27, 5763.

*Tetrahedron Lett.* **1989**, 30, 2837.



- Intramolecular



Molander

*Tetrahedron Lett.* **1987**, 28, 4367.

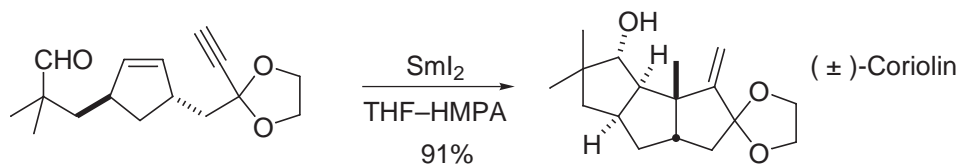
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*J. Org. Chem.* **1991**, 56, 1439.

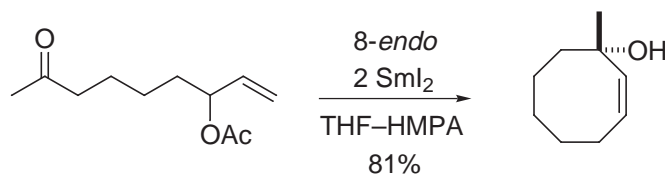
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Enholm *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1989**, 111, 6463.

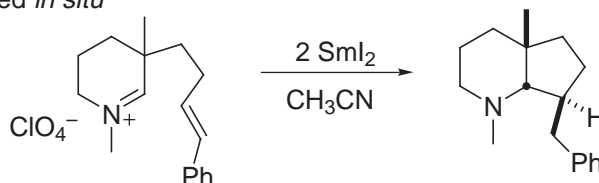


Curran *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1988**, *110*, 5064.



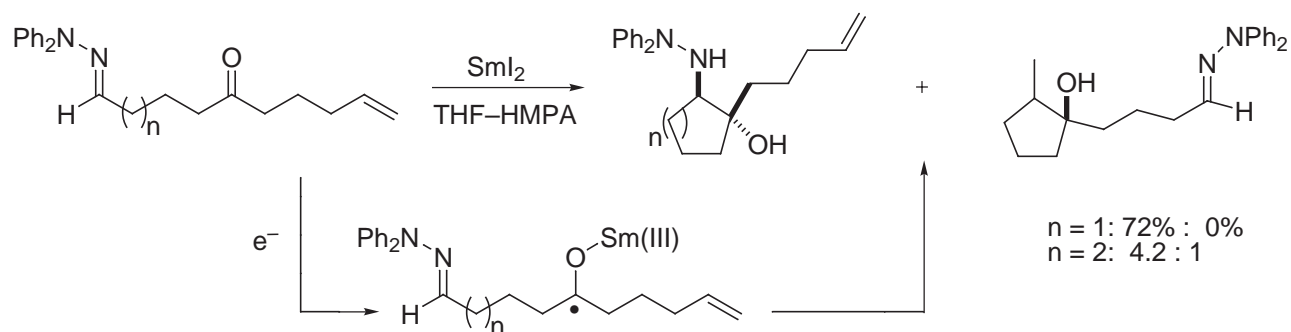
Molander *J. Org. Chem.* **1994**, *59*, 3186.

- Imminium ion generated *in situ*



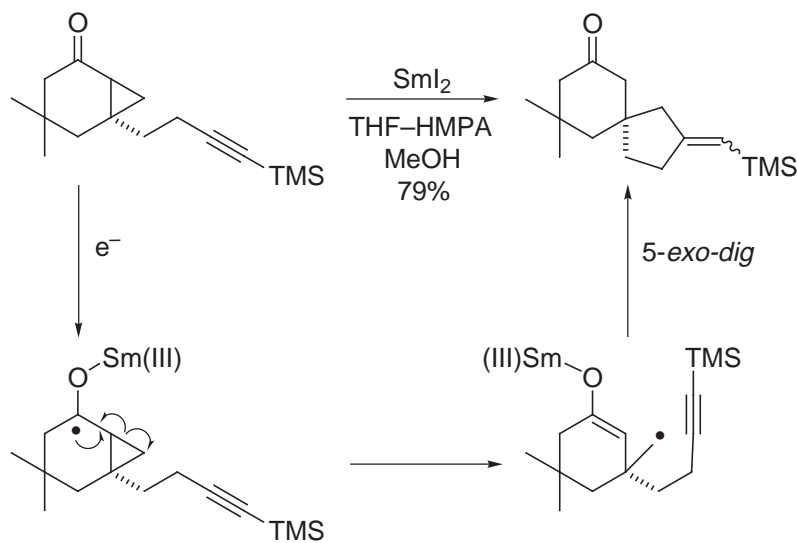
Martin *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1988**, *24*, 6685.

- Hydrazone (5-*exo* hydrazone  $\gg$  5-*exo* alkene; 6-*exo* hydrazone  $>$  5-*exo* alkene)



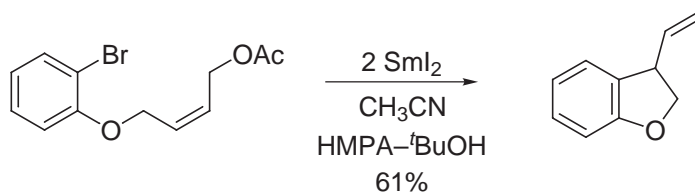
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*J. Org. Chem.* **1994**, *59*, 6514.

- Fragmentation-cyclization

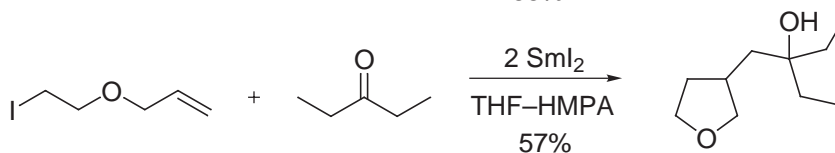
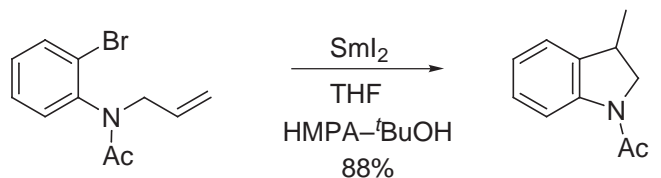
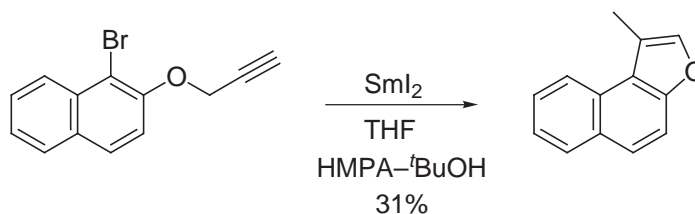


Motherwall *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1991**, *32*, 6649.

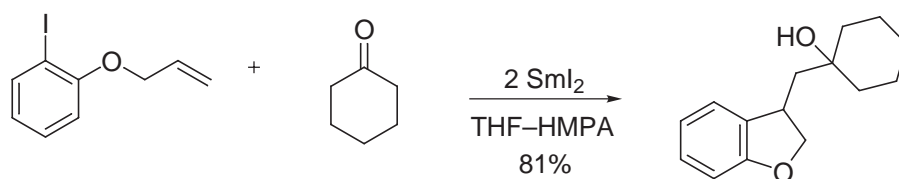
b. Alkyl/Aryl Radical Cyclizations



Inanaga *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1991**, 32, 1737.



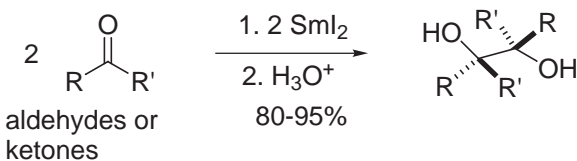
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Curran *Synlett* **1990**, 773.

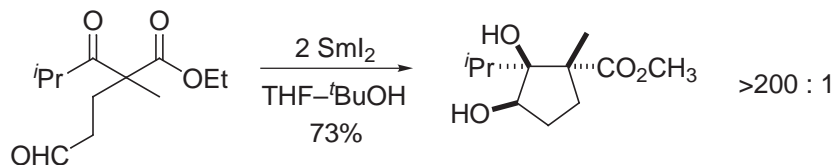
c. Pinacol-type Coupling Reactions

- Intermolecular

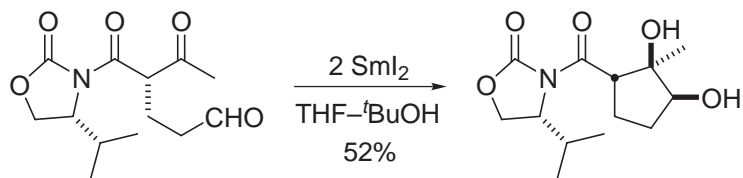


Kagan *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1983**, 24, 773.

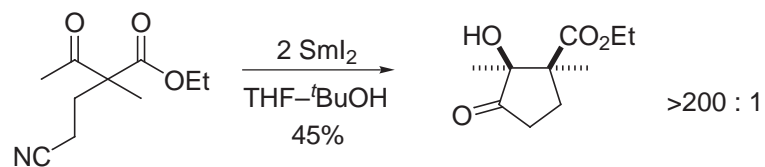
- Intramolecular



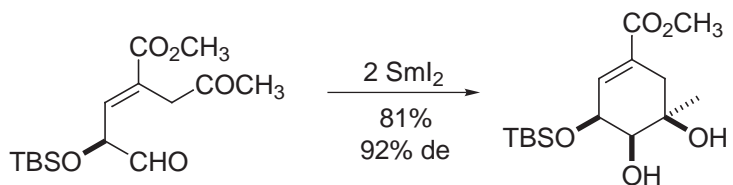
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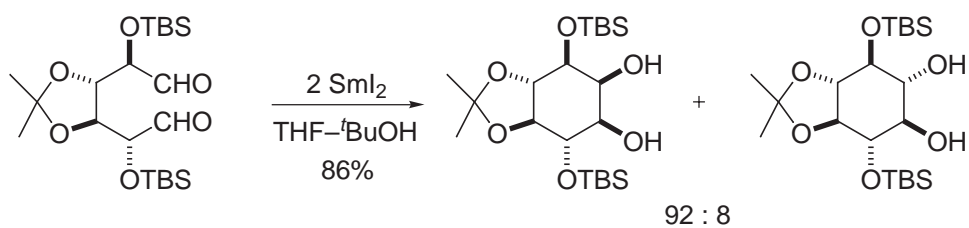
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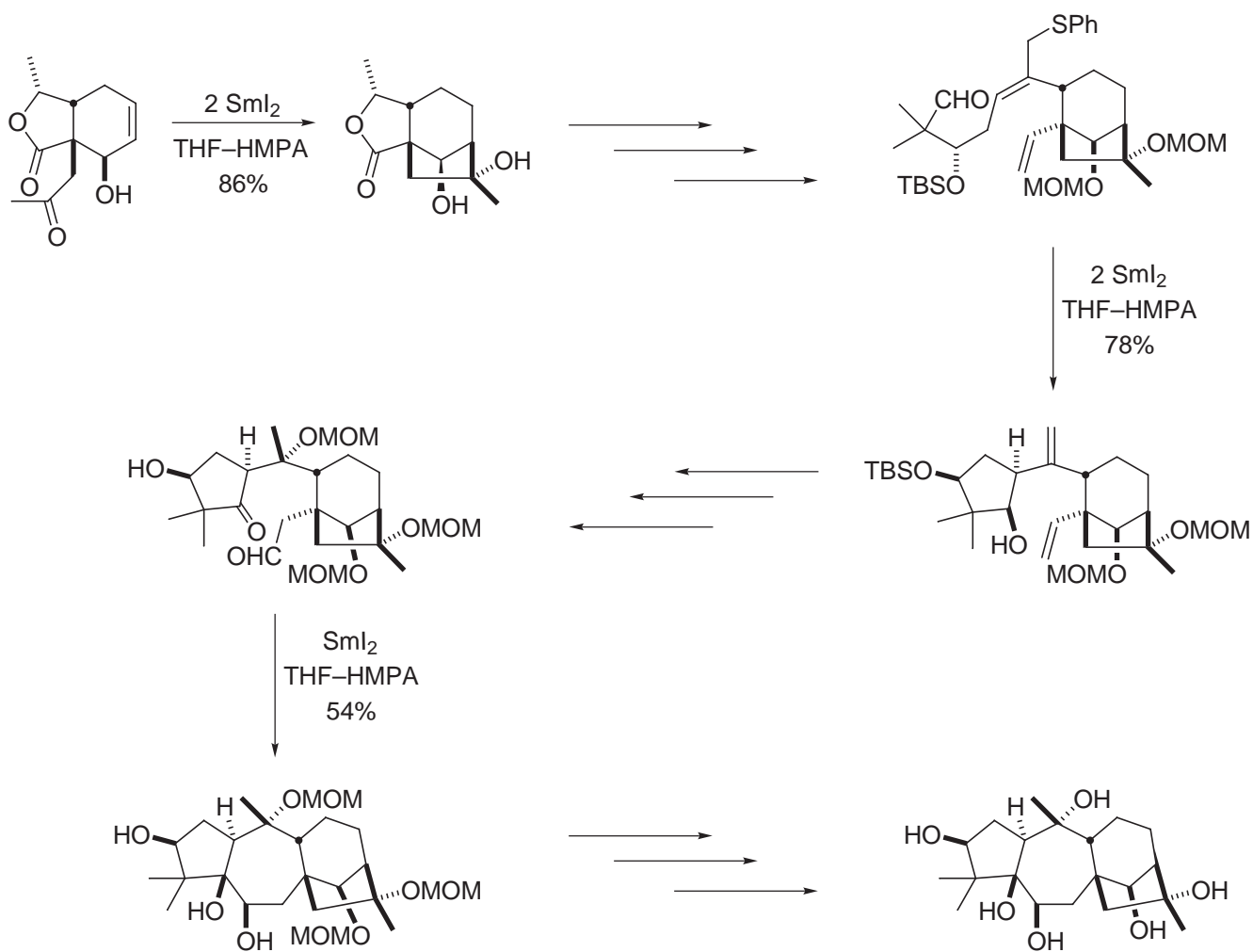
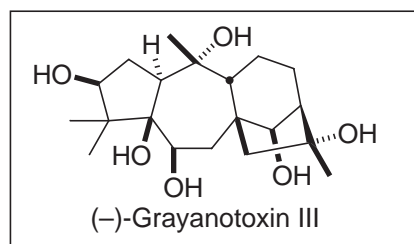


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Chiara *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1994**, 35, 2969.

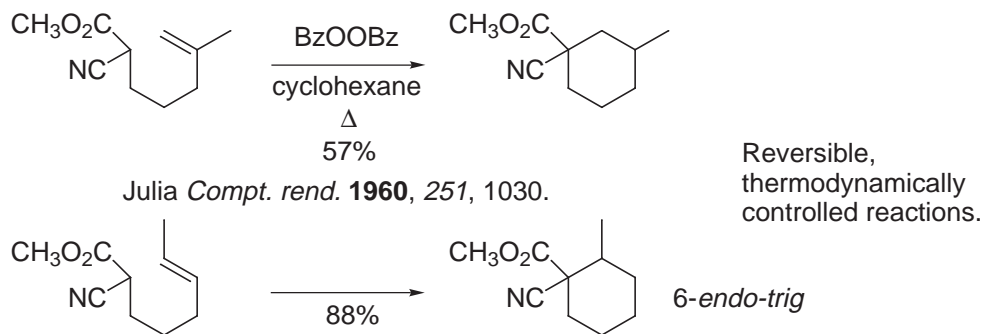
- A recent total synthesis of (-)-Grayanotoxin III incorporated two ketyl-olefin cyclization reactions and a pinacol coupling reaction ( $\text{SmI}_2$ -promoted).
- Shirahama *J. Org. Chem.* **1994**, *59*, 5532.



## 5. Radical-Olefin Cyclizations

### a. Representative Examples

- Concurrent with Johnson's investigation of cation-olefin cyclizations, Julia initiated radical-olefin cyclization studies.



### b. Reactivity and Regioselectivity

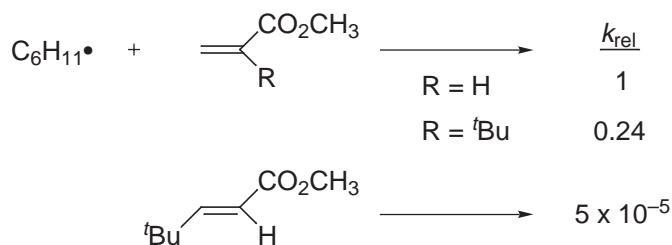
- Relative rates of addition to  $\text{CH}_2=\text{CH-PO(OEt)}_2$ : typical electron-deficient olefin.

	$\text{CH}_3^\bullet$	$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2^\bullet$	$\text{CH}_3\text{OCH}_2^\bullet$	$(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}^\bullet$	$(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{C}^\bullet$
$k_{\text{rel}} =$	1	1	2.7	4.8	24

- Alkyl radicals are regarded as nucleophilic.

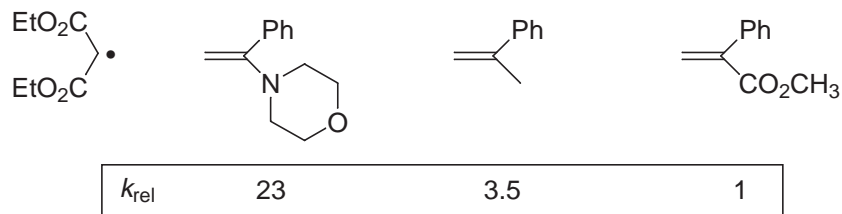
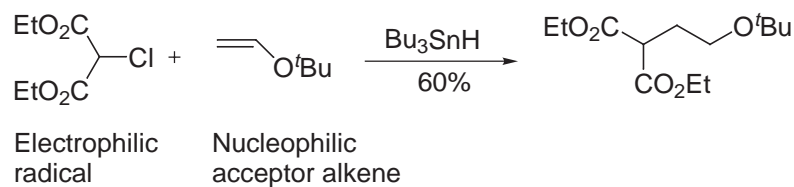
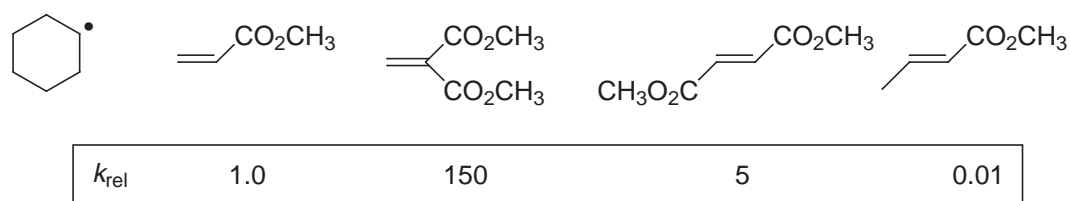
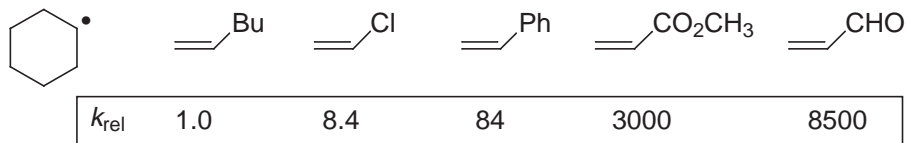
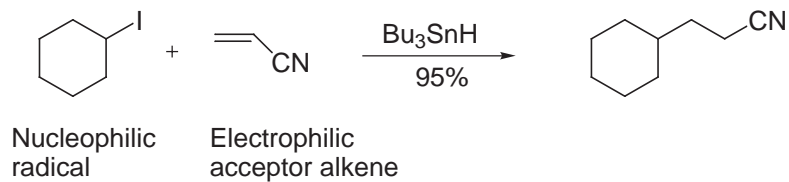
Steric Effects on Addition Regioselectivity

olefin	% addition to:		$k_{\text{rel}}$
	Ca	Cb	
	>95	<5	1.16
	>95	<5	18.4
	>95	<5	2 x 136
	50	50	2 x 0.50
	50	50	2 x 0.63
	>95	5	15
	<5	>95	13.9

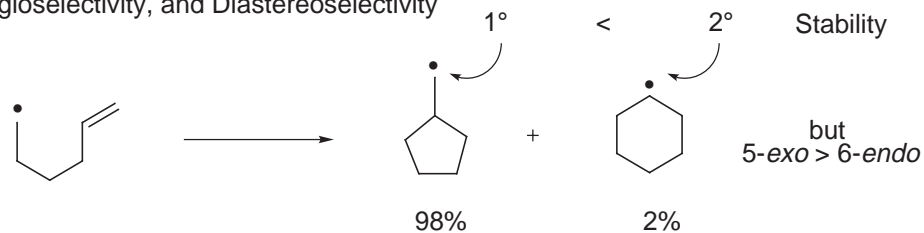


$\beta$ -substitution strongly decelerates intermolecular addition with activated acceptors



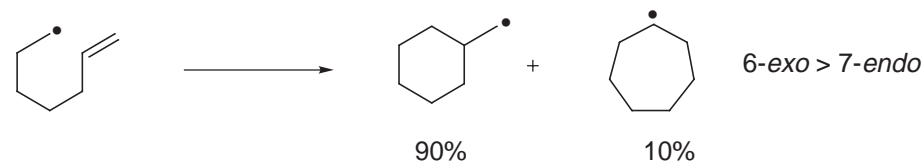


c. Cyclization Rates, Regioselectivity, and Diastereoselectivity



Beckwith *J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.* **1974**, 472.

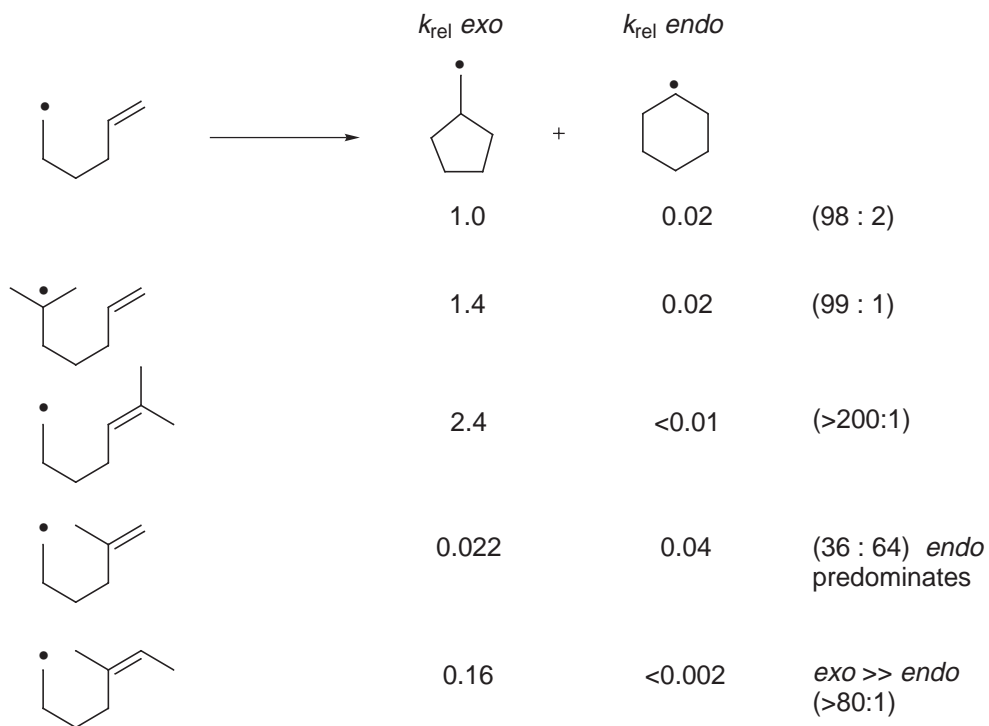
Beckwith *J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.* **1980**, 484.



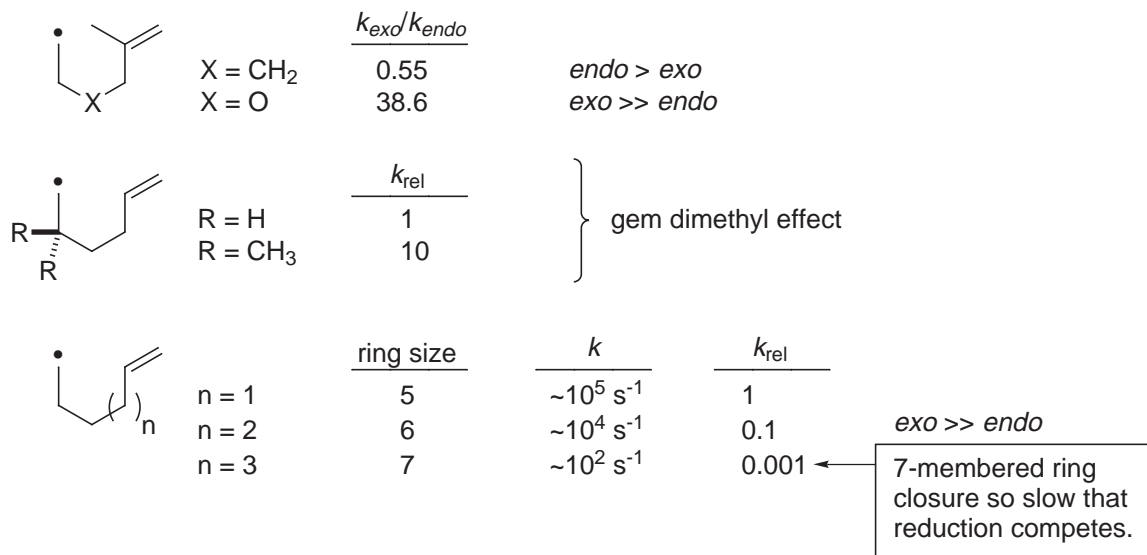
- Chair-like transition state subject to stereoelectronic and kinetic control rather than thermodynamic control.



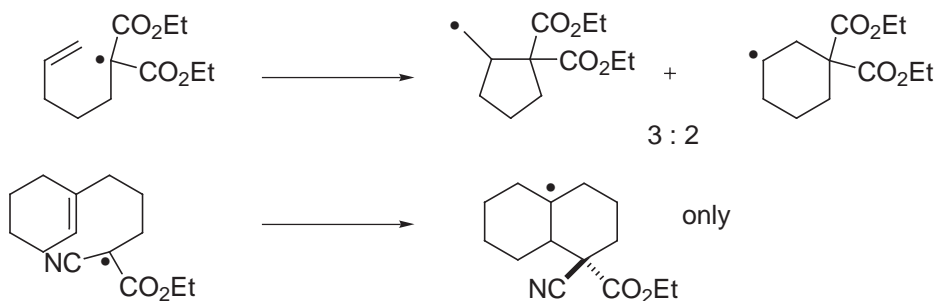
Stereochemical features of substitution can be rationalized and predicted based on these models.



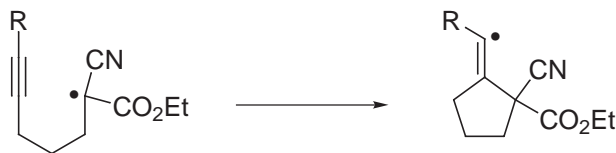
- Linker chain effects



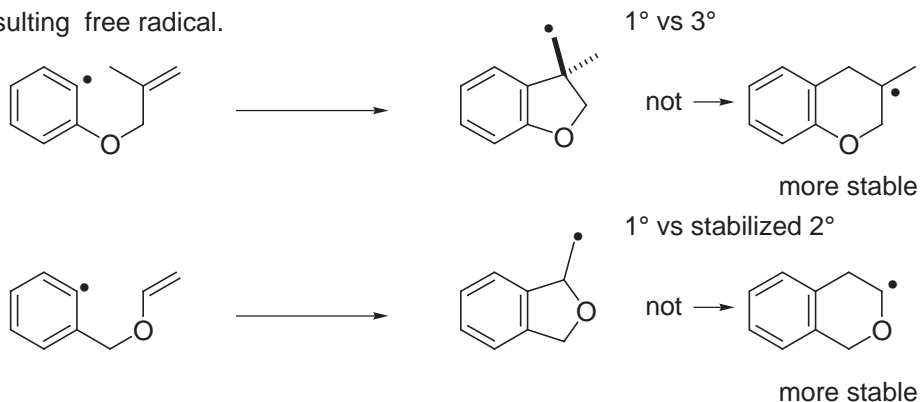
- Stabilized radicals participate in reversible cyclizations and the thermodynamic product is observed.



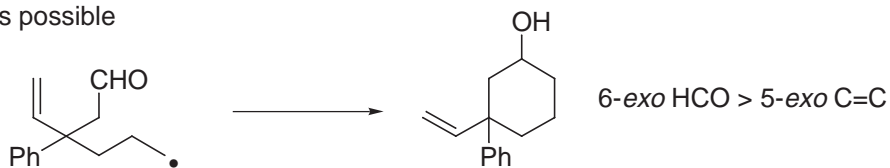
- Alkynyl radicals give 5-*exo* closure (stereoelectronic) even with stabilized radicals.



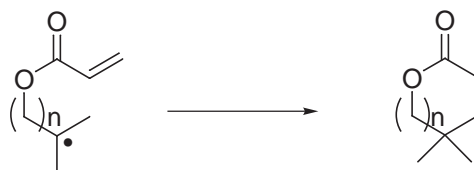
- Note effect of additional sp<sup>2</sup> centers in the linking chain: 5-*exo* closure takes precedence over the overall stability of the resulting free radical.



- Closure onto carbonyls possible

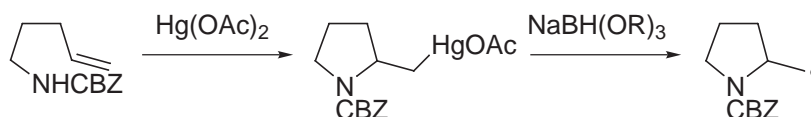
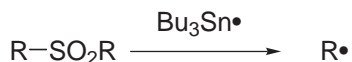
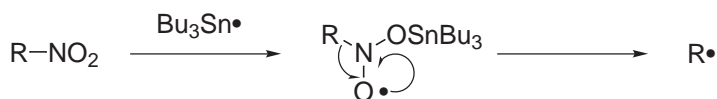
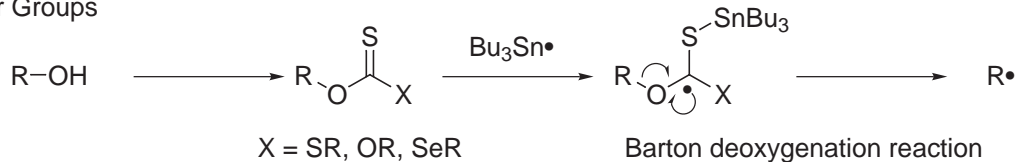


- Macrocyclizations are very facile



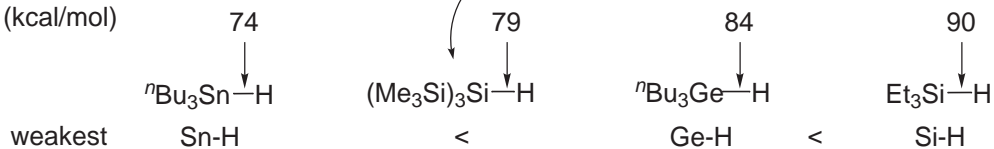
Porter *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1987**, *109*, 4976.

d. Initiator Groups



- Different Initiators

M-H Bond  
strength (kcal/mol)

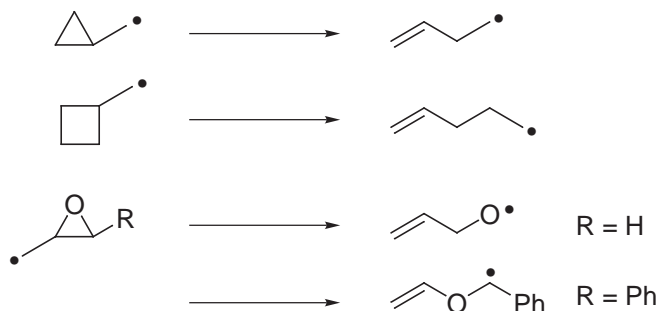


More competitive reduction by H• abstraction from reagent

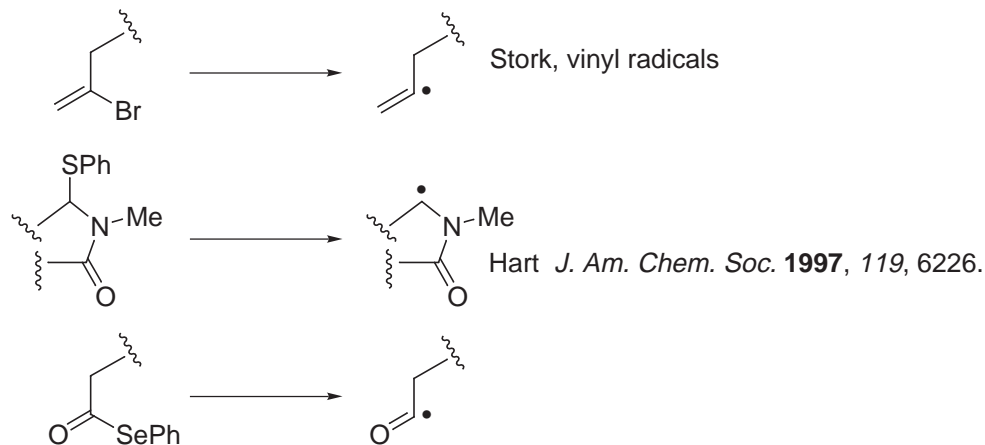
Giese *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1989**, *30*, 681.

Ingold *Int. J. Chem. Kinet.* **1969**, *7*, 315.

e. Rearrangements are possible



f. Functionalized Free Radicals



Boger, acyl radicals

*J. Org. Chem.* **1988**, 53, 3377. Intramolecular

*J. Org. Chem.* **1989**, 54, 1777. Intermolecular

*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1990**, 112, 4003. Tandem cyclization

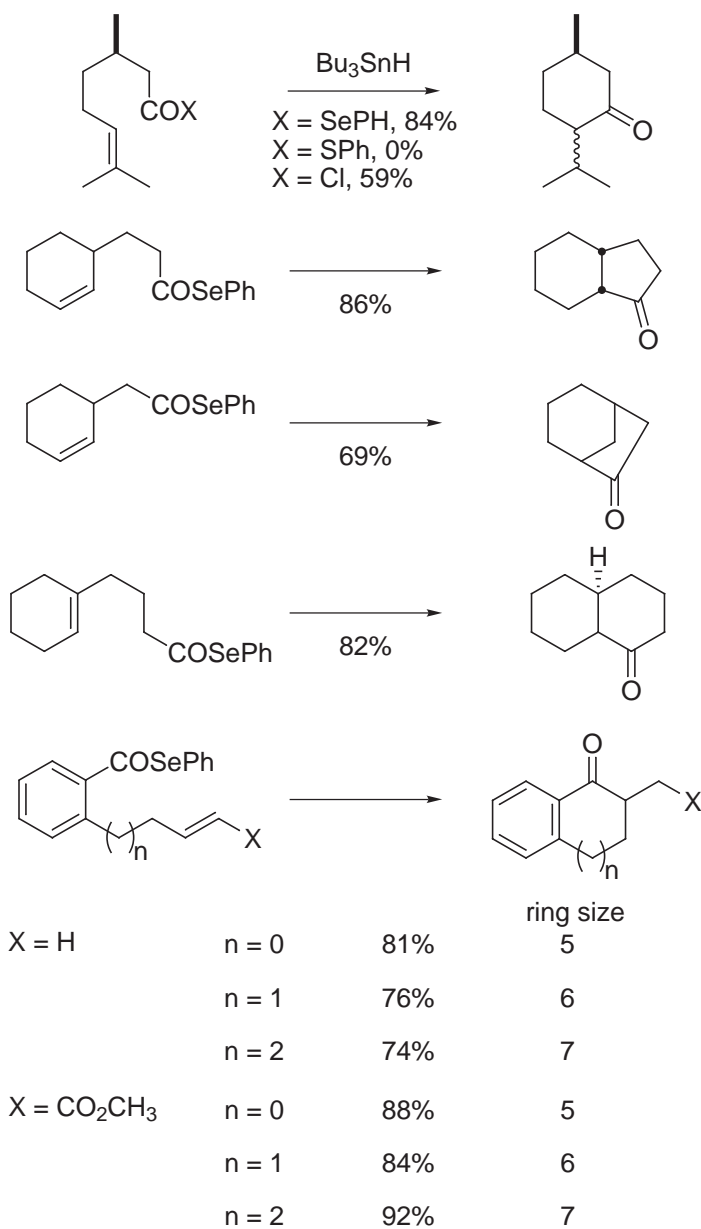
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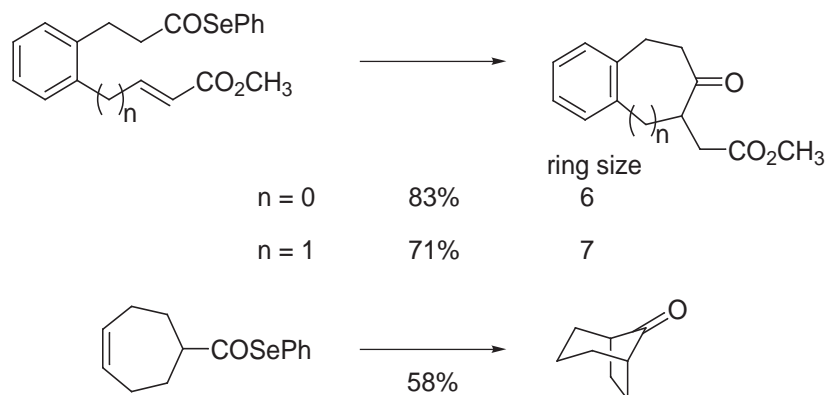
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*Israel J. Chem.* **1997**, 37, 119. Review

- Examples

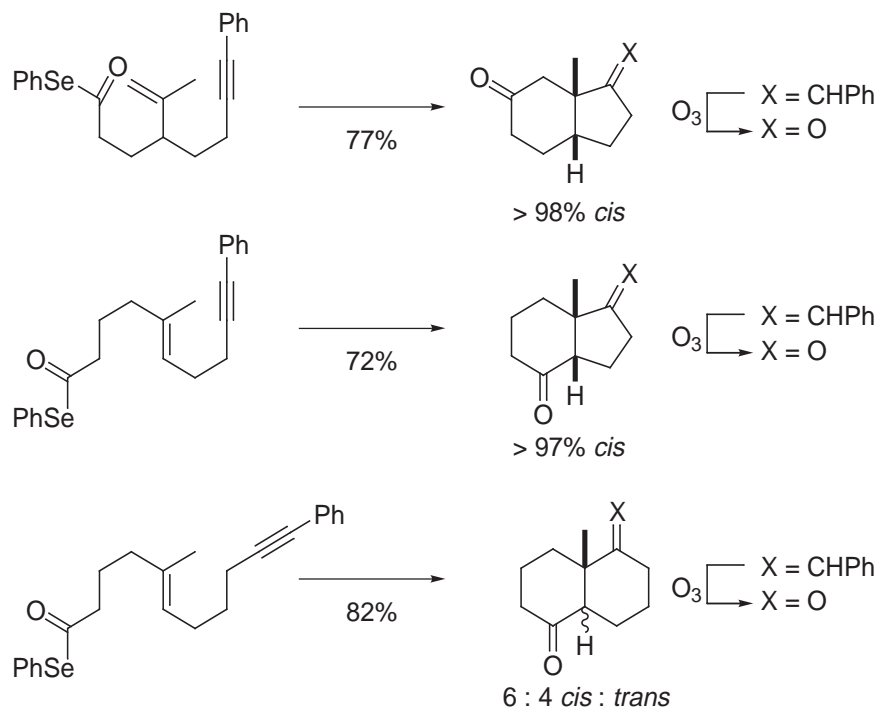




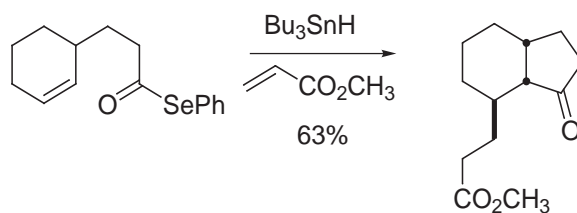
Note: Alkyl and vinyl radicals are subject to faster reduction. Cyclizations such as the above example or those for the formation of 7-membered rings are not very successful, but acyl radicals are much more stable and not subject to competitive reduction.



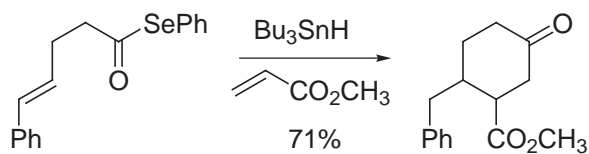
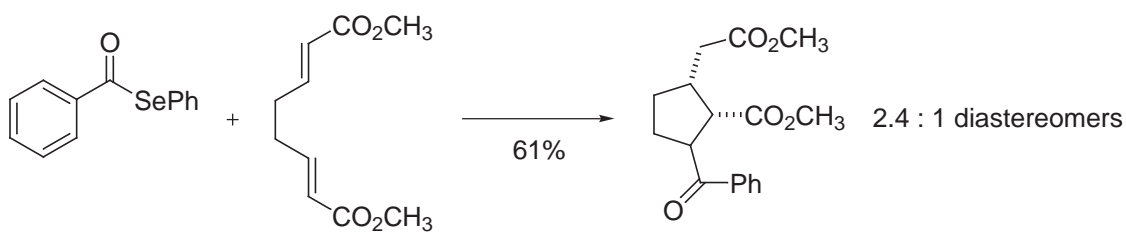
- Tandem Cyclizations



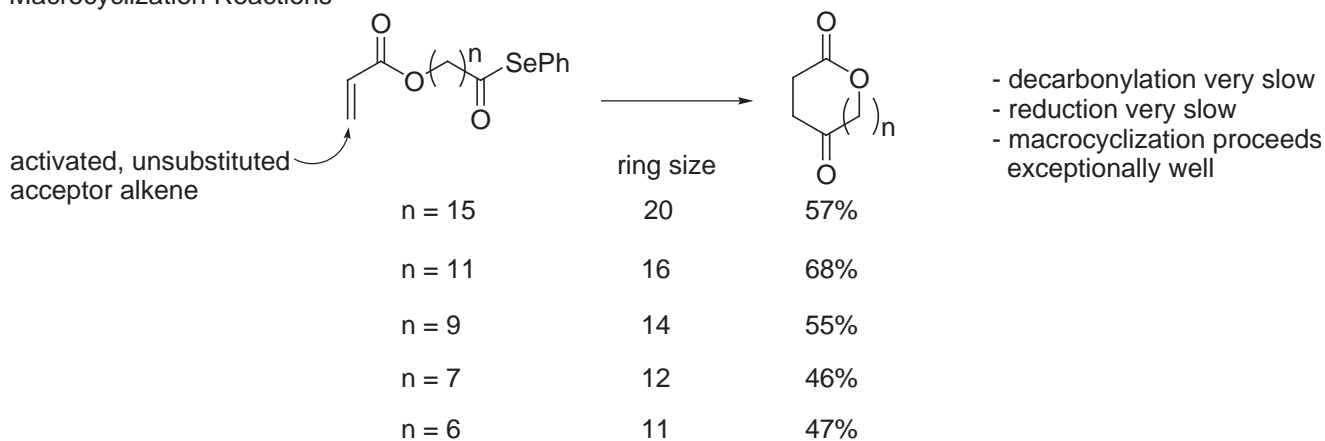
- Cyclization-Addition Reactions



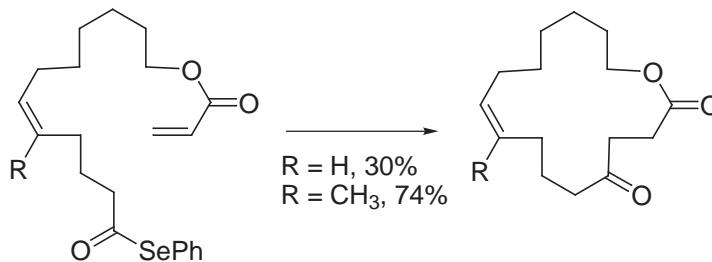
- Addition-Cyclization Reactions



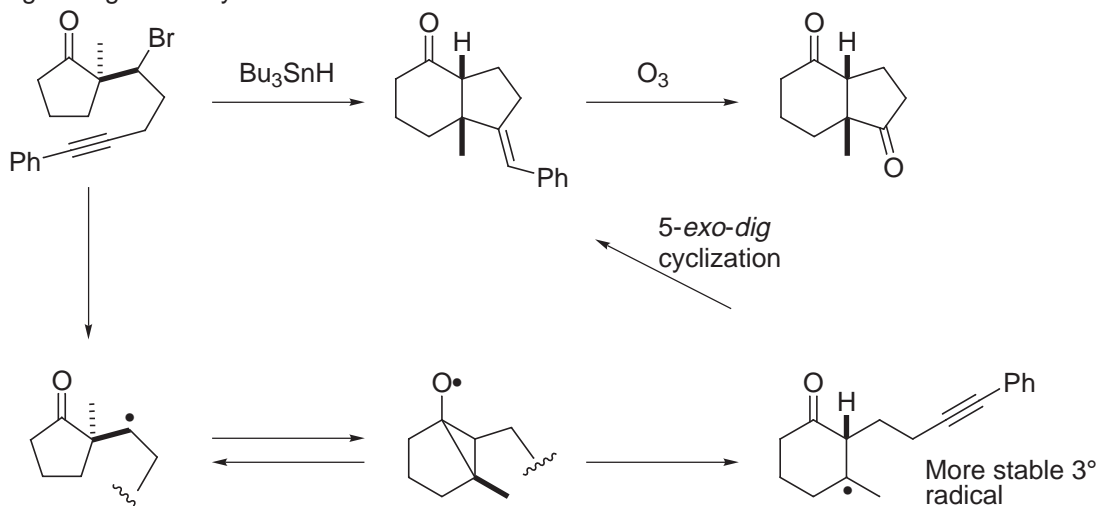
- Macrocyclization Reactions

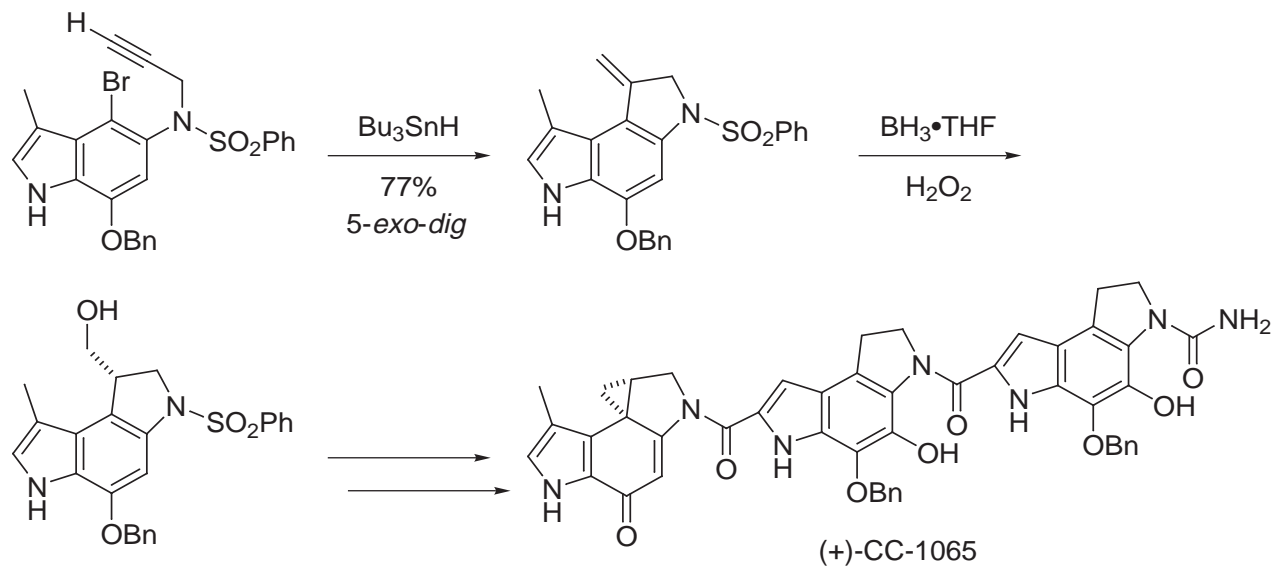


- Macrocyclization onto activated acceptor is faster than 6-*exo*, 7-*exo* or 6-*endo* closure.
- Competitive with 5-*exo* closure.

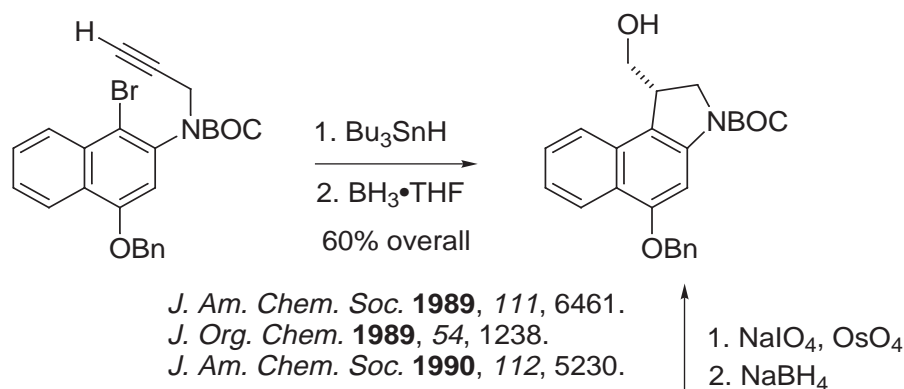


- Rearrangement/Ring-enlargement Cyclization

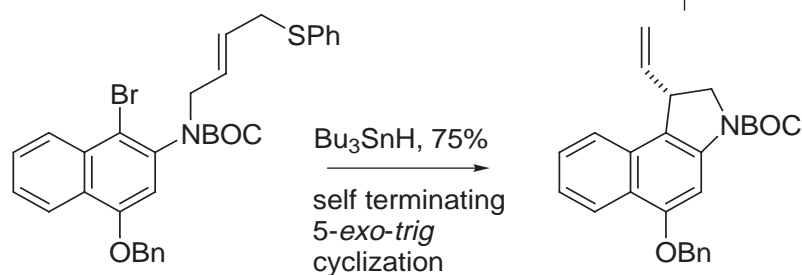




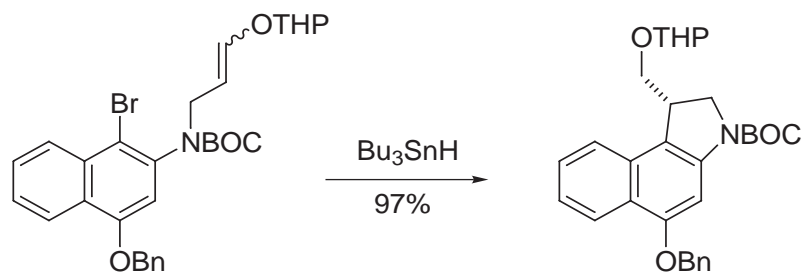
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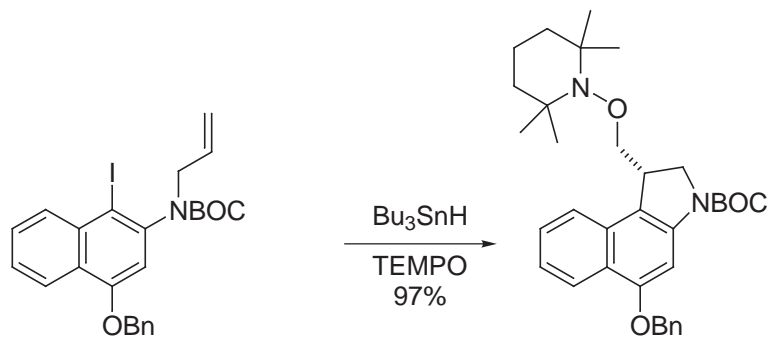


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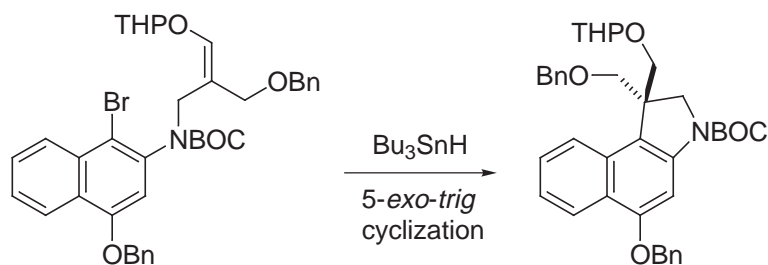


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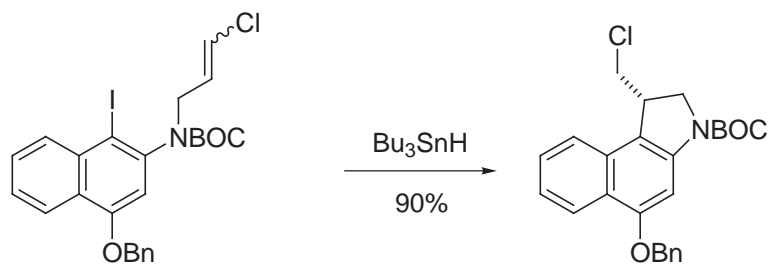




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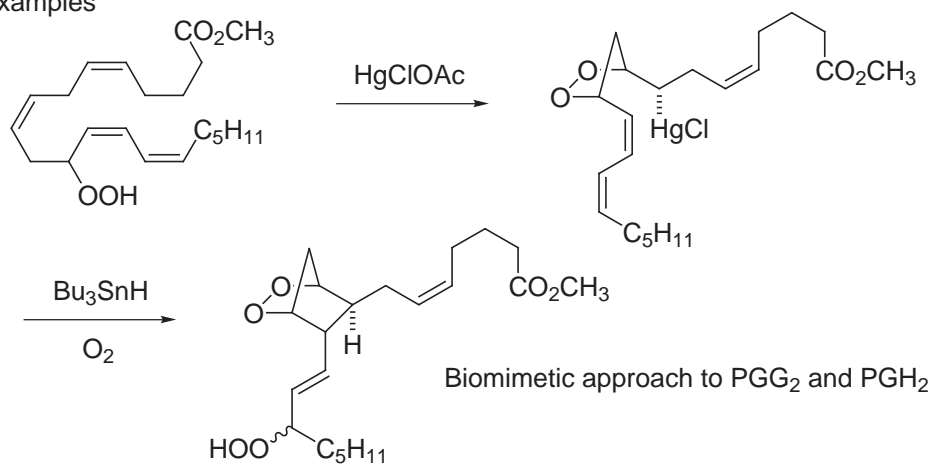


*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1992**, *114*, 9318.

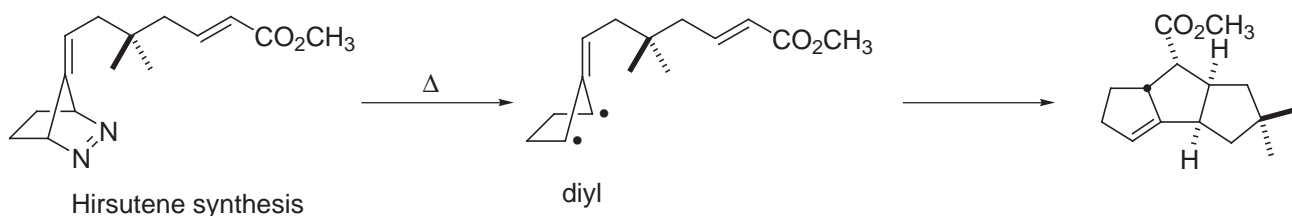


*Tetrahedron Lett.* **1998**, *39*, 2227.

G. Further Notable Examples



Corey *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1984**, *25*, 5013.  
For a more successful alternative see  
Corey *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1994**, *35*, 539.

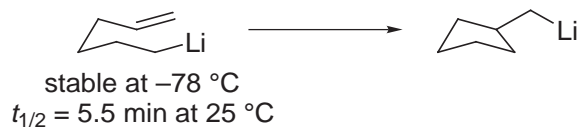


Hirsutene synthesis

diyl

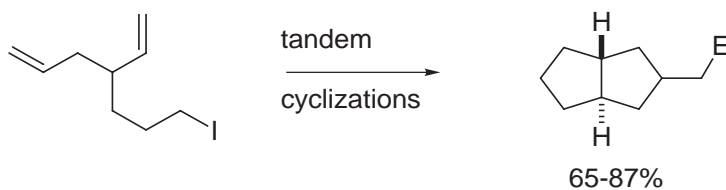
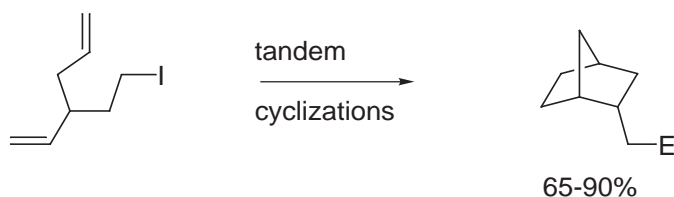
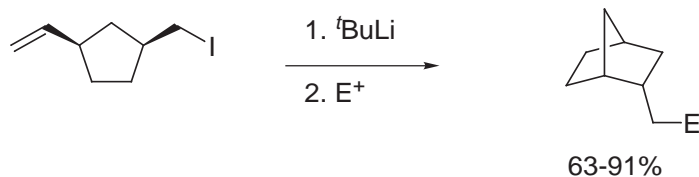
Little *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1981**, *103*, 2744.

## J. Anionic Cyclizations



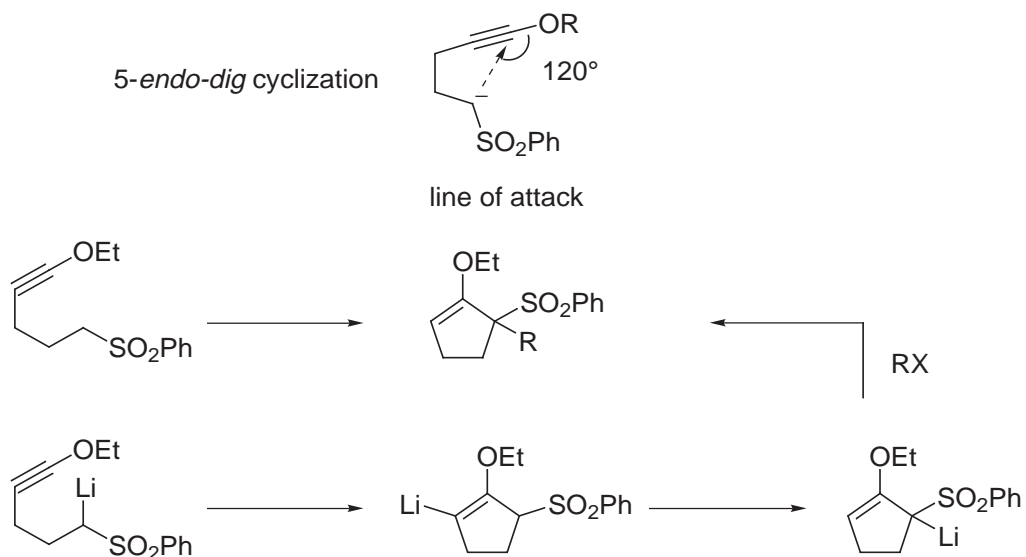
Bailey *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1992**, *114*, 8053.  
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1991**, *113*, 5720.  
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Intramolecular carbometalation, review:  
*Comprehensive Org. Syn.*, Vol. 4, 871.

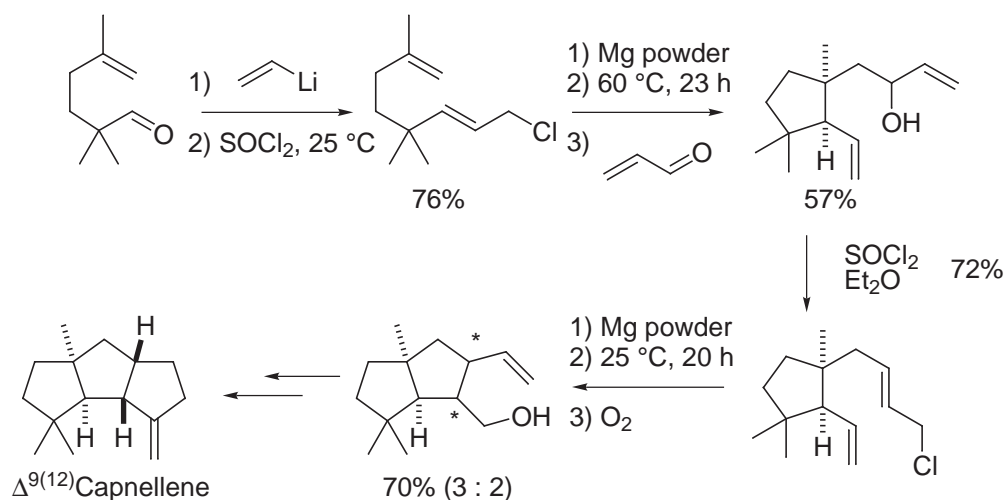


Stereochemistry and comparison with radical cyclizations: Cooke *J. Org. Chem.* **1992**, *57*, 1495.

Funk *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1993**, *115*, 7023.



Synthetic aspects of magnesium (Grignard) carbometalation have been studied in detail. For a review see: Oppolzer *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Eng.* **1989**, *28*, 38.



Oppolzer *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1982**, *23*, 4669.

## K. 1,3-Dipolar Cycloadditions

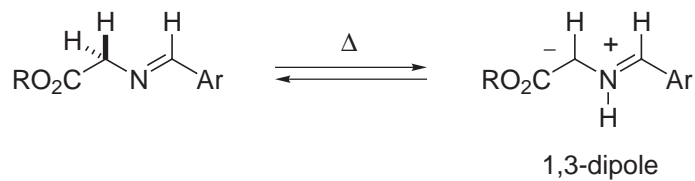
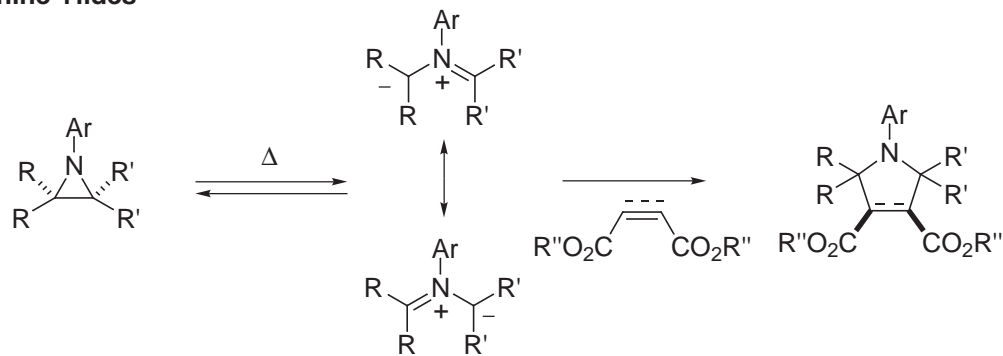
Review: *1,3-Dipolar Cycloaddition Chemistry*, Padwa, A., Ed., Wiley: New York, 1984.

- $2\pi^s + 4\pi^s$  Cycloaddition
- Subject to FMO control: can predict regioselectivity and reactivity.

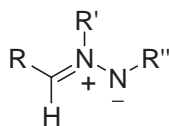
### - FMO Control:

- Reactivity:  $\Delta E$  (HOMO/LUMO) and the reactivity of the system is related to the magnitude of the smallest energy gap of the pair of HOMO-LUMO combinations.
- Regioselectivity: depends on the magnitude of the orbital coefficients and is determined by the orbital coefficients on the predominant HOMO-LUMO interaction. The largest coefficient on the 1,3-dipole binds to the largest coefficient on the dipolarophile.
- Diastereoselectivity: influenced by stabilizing secondary orbital interactions and subject to an endo effect.
- Olefin geometry is maintained in the course of the cycloaddition reaction -> concerted reaction.
- No solvent effect on the reaction rate -> concerted.
- No rearrangement products from postulated zwitterion or biradical.
- Trans*-1,2-disubstituted olefins react faster than *cis*-1,2-disubstituted olefins. *cis* olefins are generally more reactive than *trans* olefins in ionic or radical addition reactions.

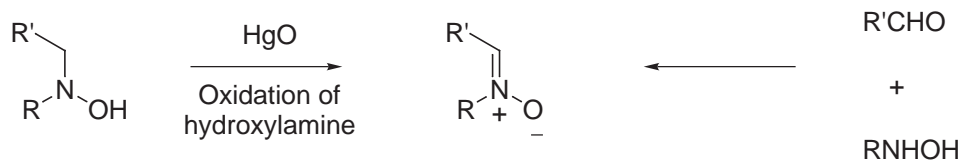
### 1. Azomethine Ylides



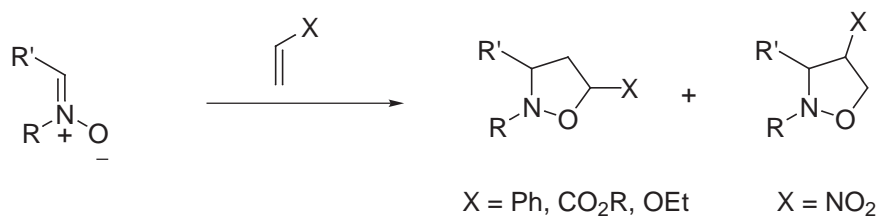
### 2. Azomethine Imines



### 3. Nitrones



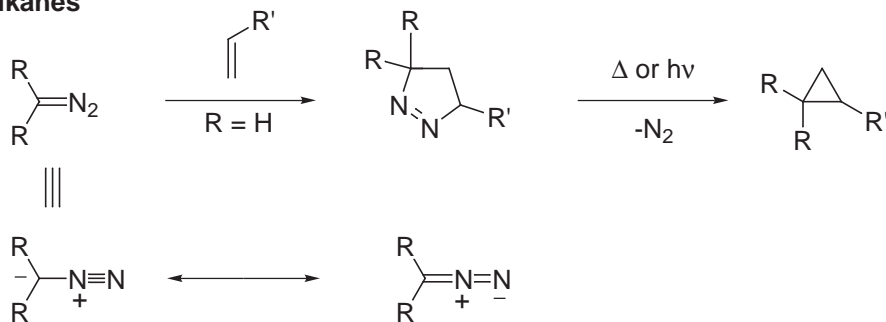
- Symmetrical precursor or a precursor with one adjacent oxidizable center.



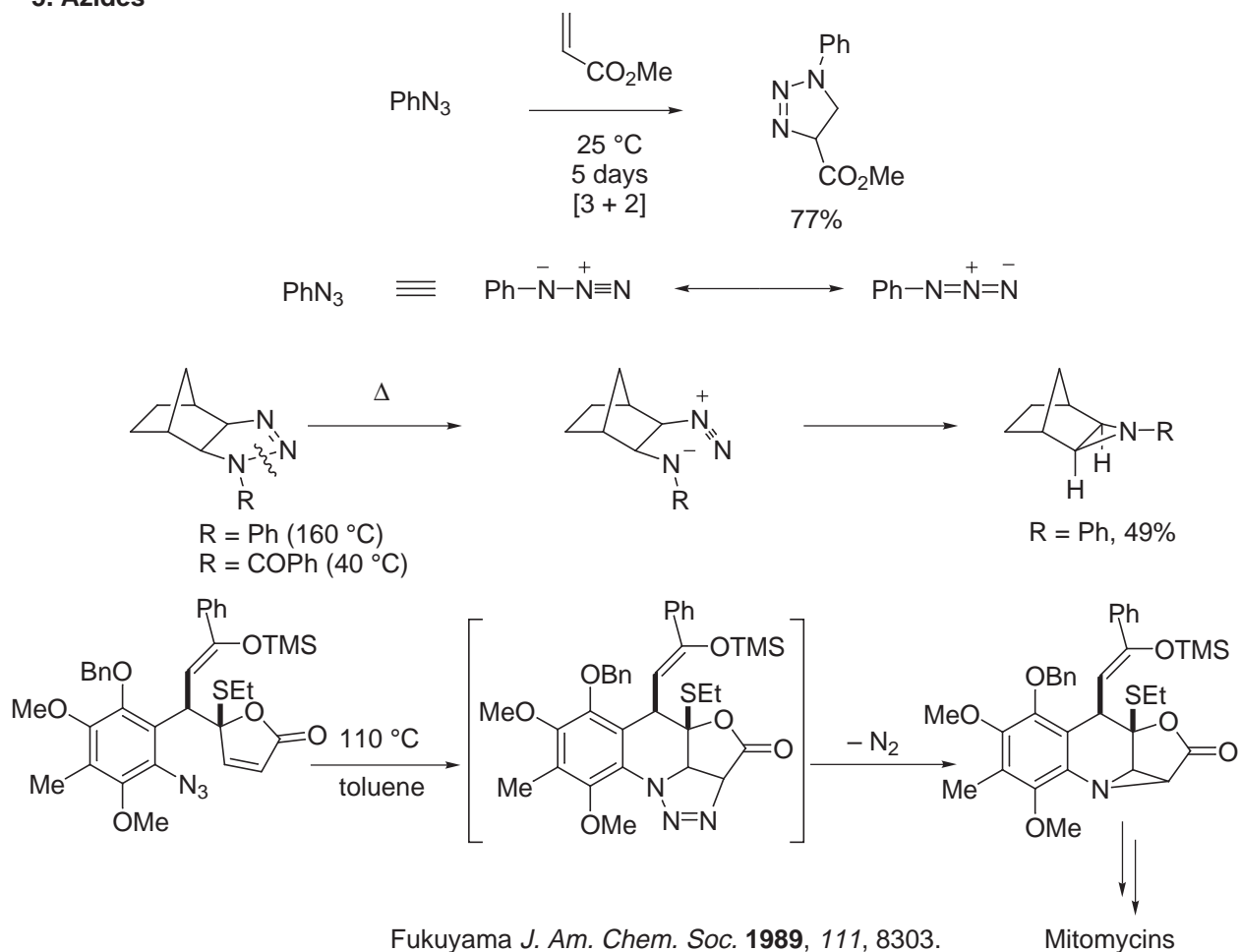
- The regioselectivity depends on X and the substitution pattern of the nitron.

- Review: Confalone *Org. React.* **1988**, 36, 1.

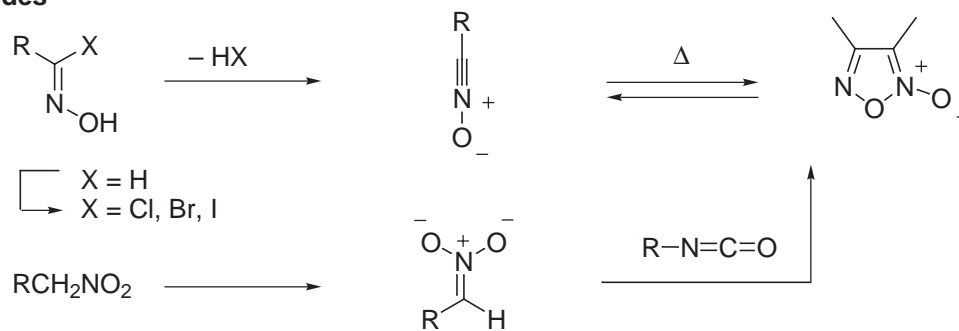
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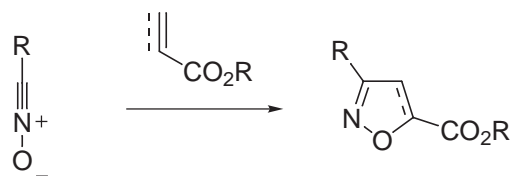


#### 5. Azides

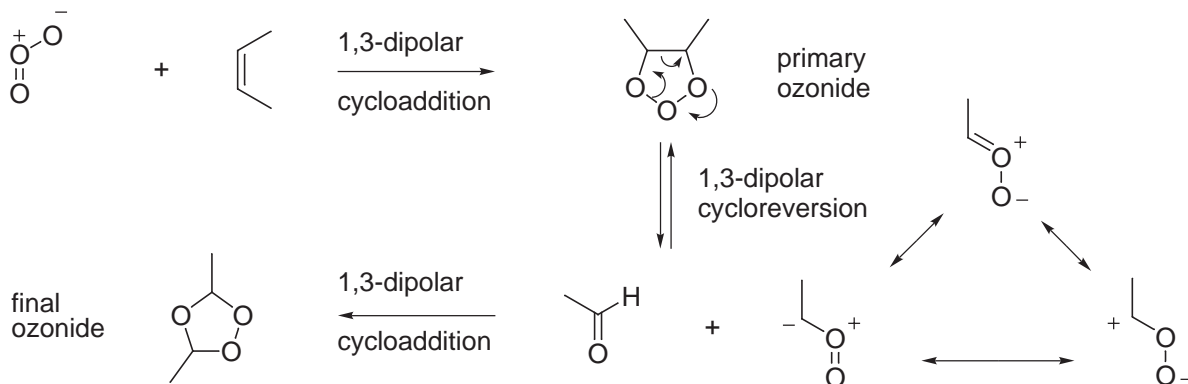


#### 6. Nitrile Oxides

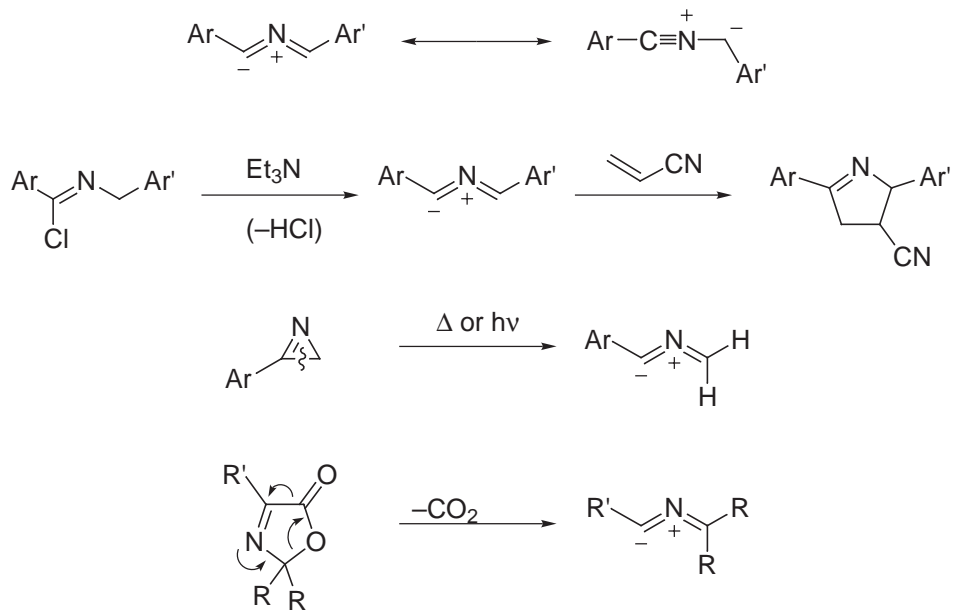




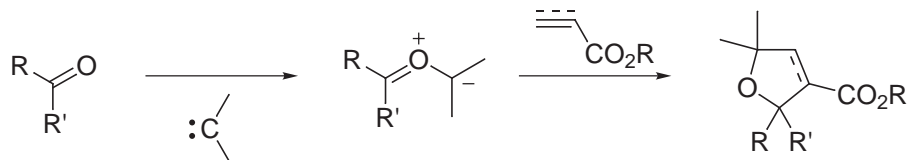
### 7. $\text{O}_3$ / Carbonyl Oxides



### 8. Nitrile Ylides

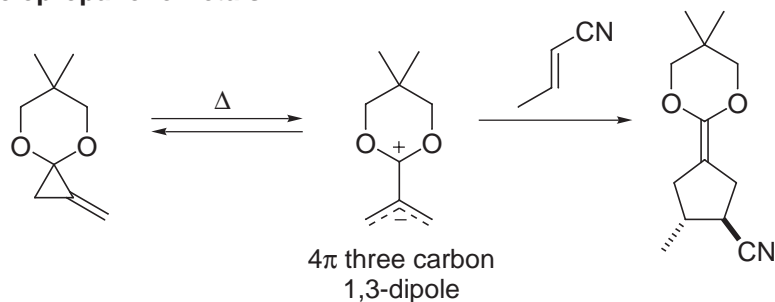


### 9. Carbonyl Ylides



- problem: collapse of the carbonyl ylide to the epoxide

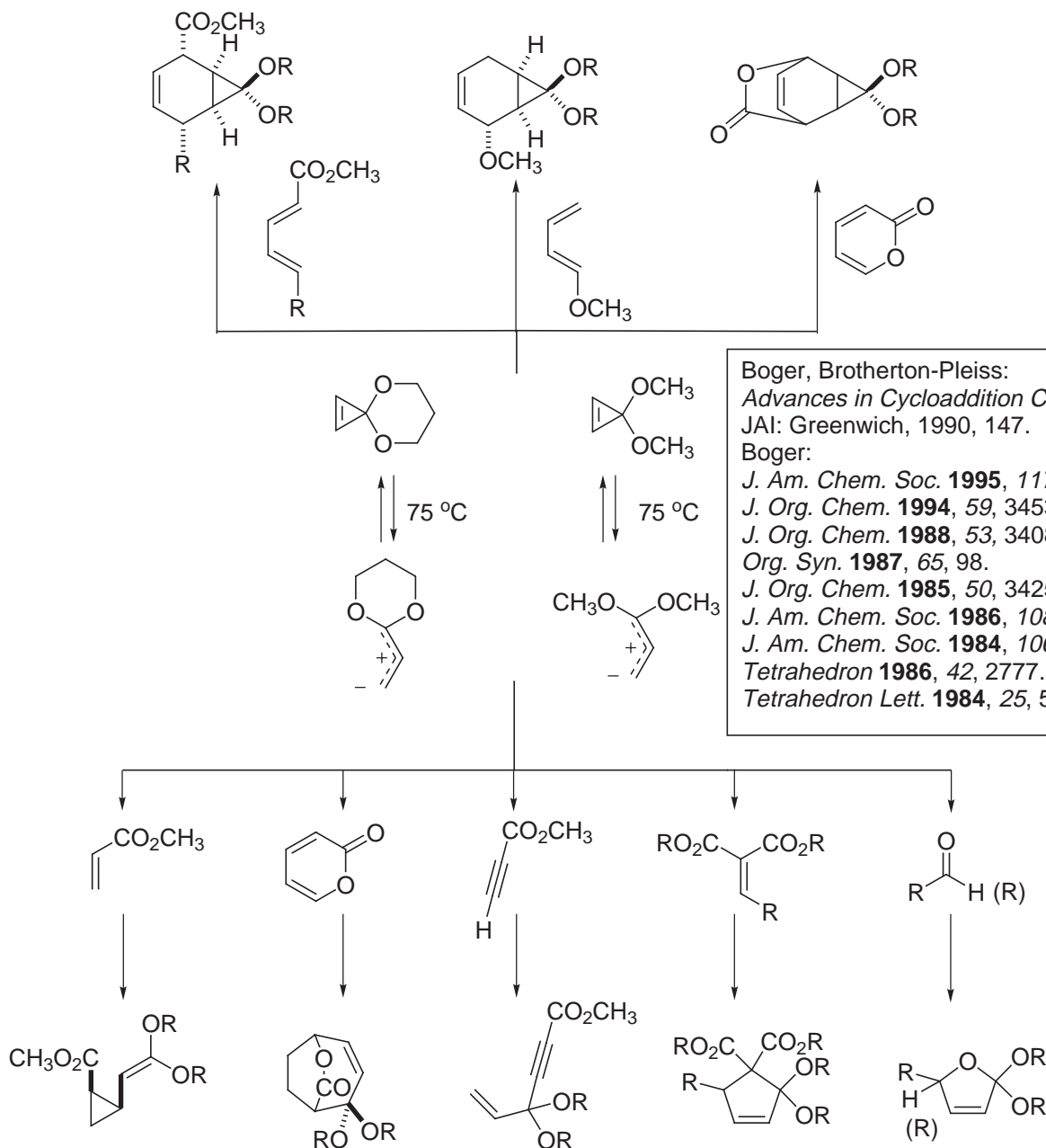
### 10. Methylene Cyclopropanone Ketals



Nakamura *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1989**, *111*, 7285.  
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1991**, *113*, 3183.

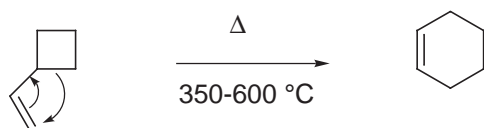
Key: reversible ring opening generation of the 4π component

### 11. Cyclopropanone Ketal (CPK) Diels-Alder/Dipolar Cycloadditions

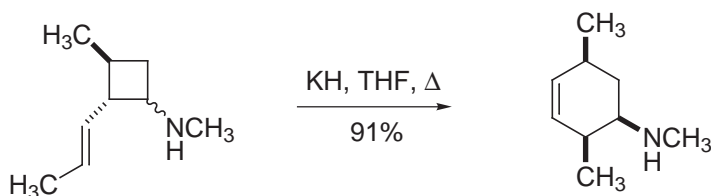


## L. 1,3-Sigmatropic Rearrangement

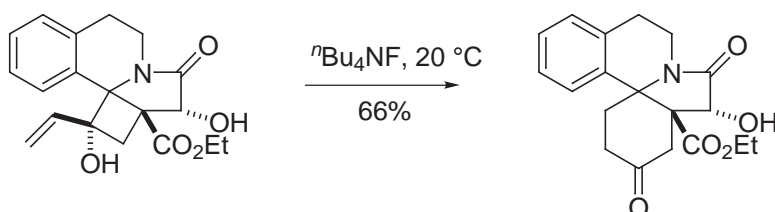
### 1. Vinylcyclobutane rearrangement



Overberger *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1960**, *82*, 1007.



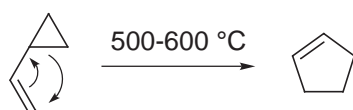
Bauld *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1988**, *110*, 8111.



Sano *Chem. Pharm. Bull.* **1992**, *40*, 873.

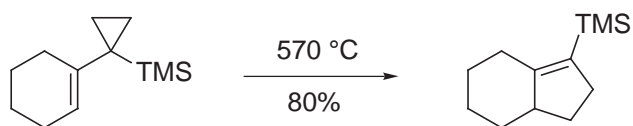
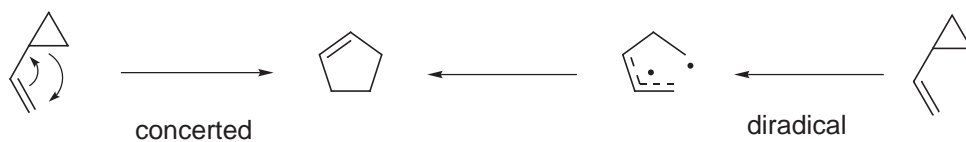
### 2. Vinylcyclopropane rearrangement

Review: Hudlicky *Chem. Rev.* **1989**, *89*, 165.



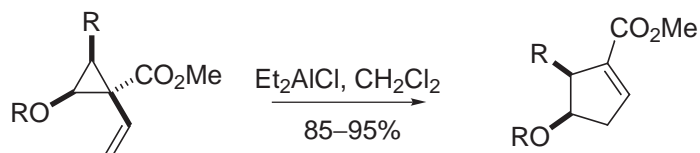
*Org. React.* **1985** *33*, 247.

Mechanism:

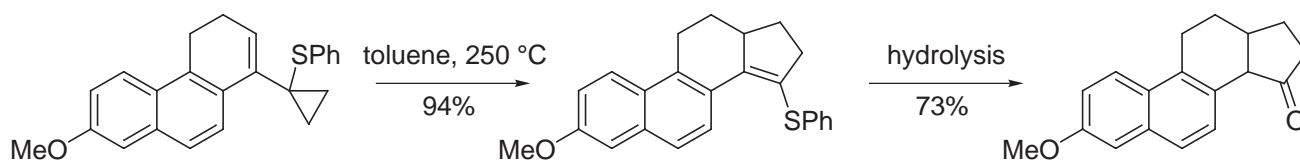


Paquette *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1982**, *23*, 263.

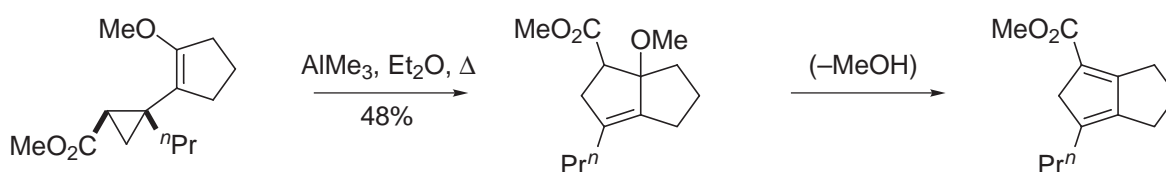




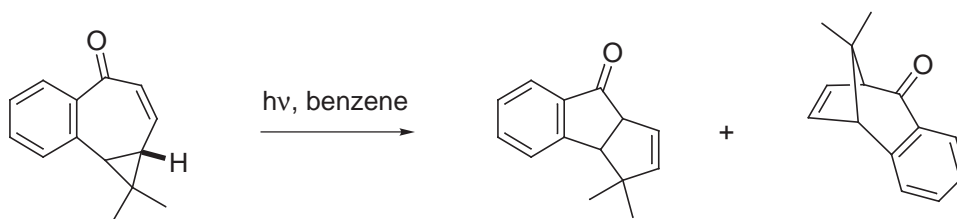
Davies *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1992**, 33, 453.



Trost *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1976**, 98, 248.

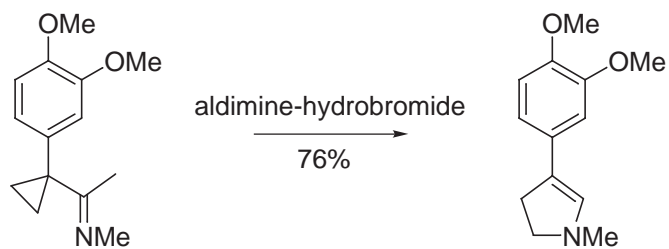


Harvey *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1991**, 32, 2871.

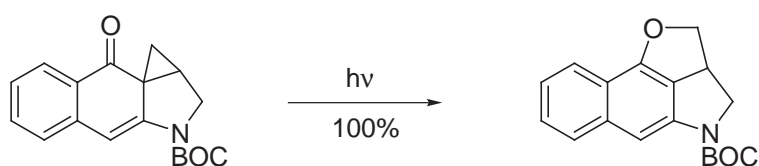


Wood, Smith *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **192**, 114, 10075.

### 3. Carbonyl/Imine cyclopropane rearrangement



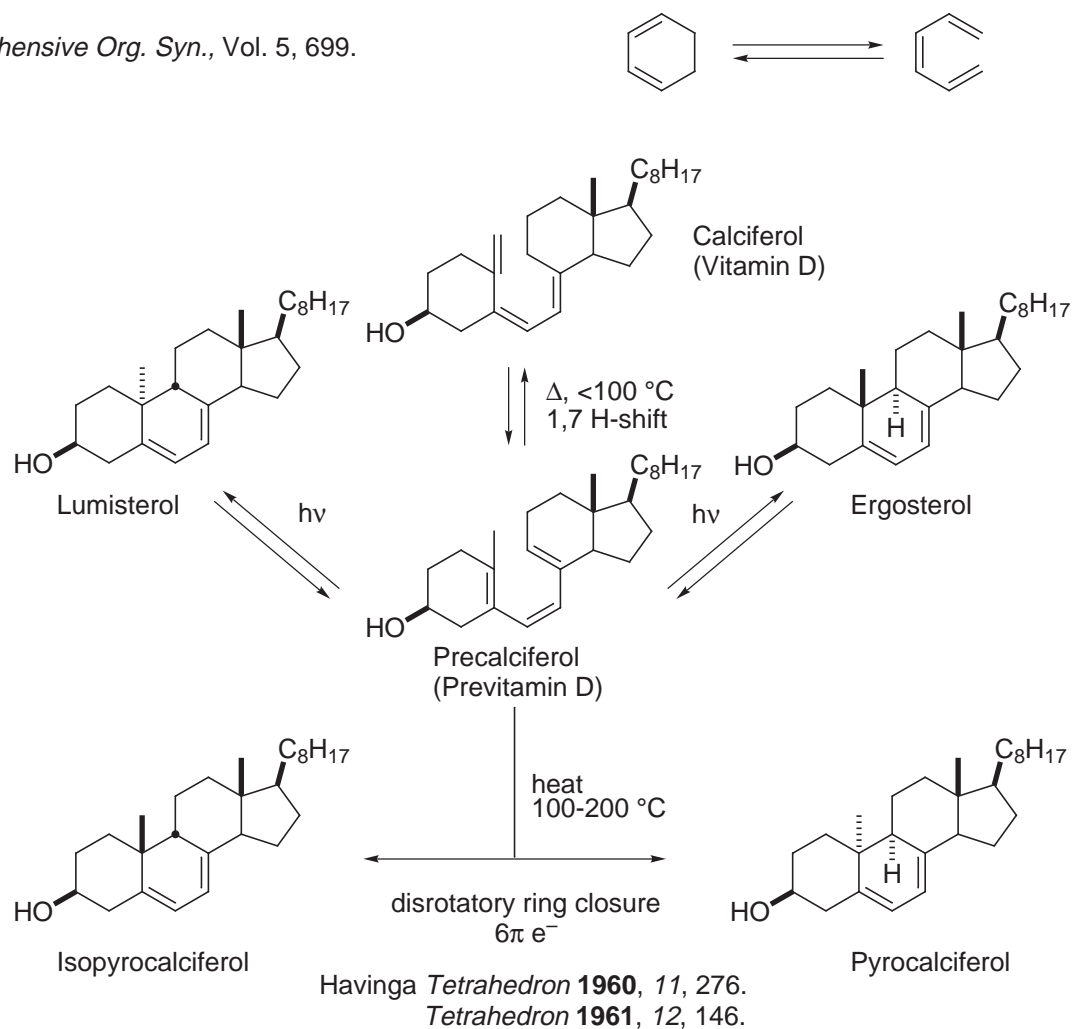
Stevens *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1968**, 90, 5580.



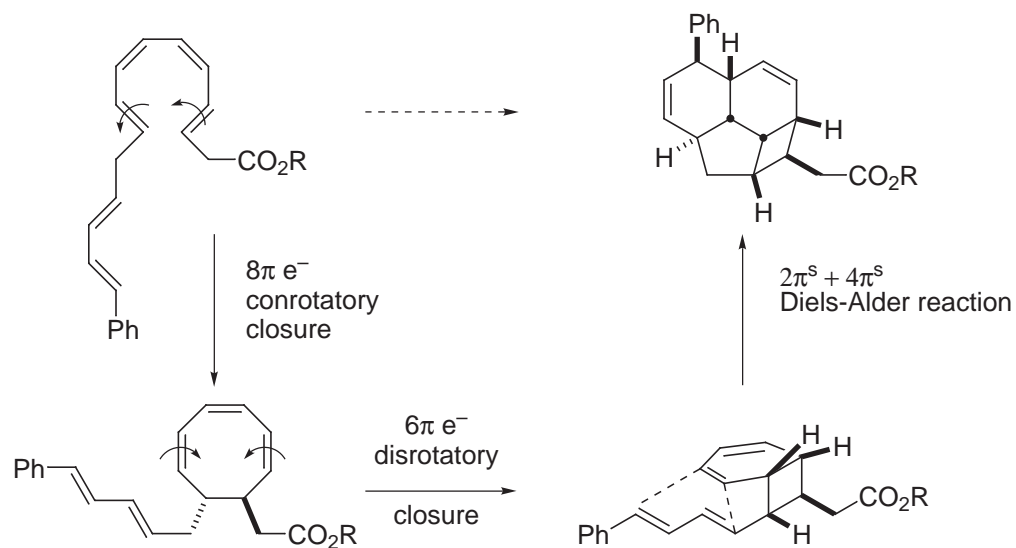
Boger, Gabaccio *J. Org. Chem.* **1997**, 62, 8875.

## M. Electrocyclic Reactions

Comprehensive Org. Syn., Vol. 5, 699.



Provided the impetus for the Woodward-Hoffmann rules

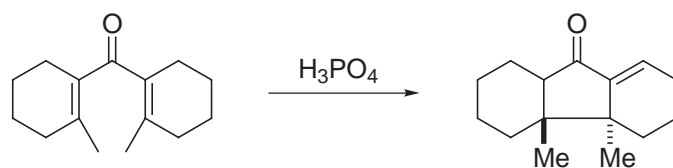
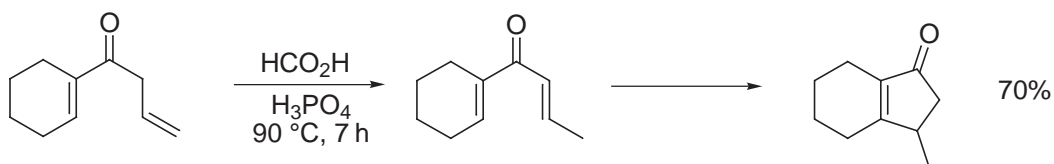
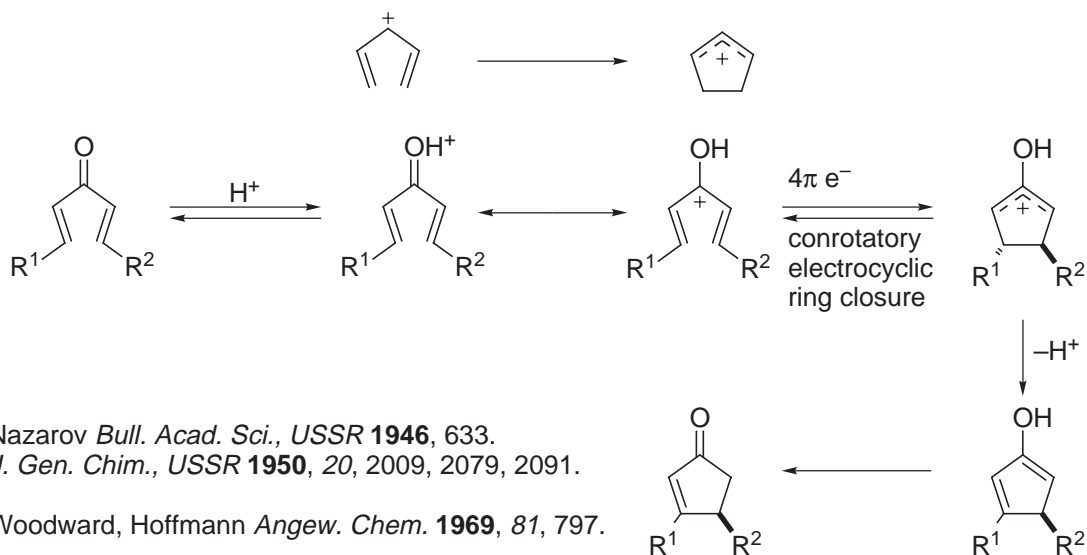


Nicolaou *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1982**, 104, 5555, 5557, 5558 and 5560.

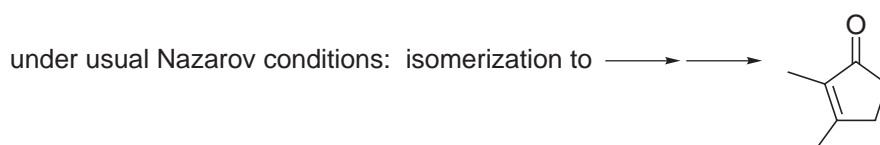
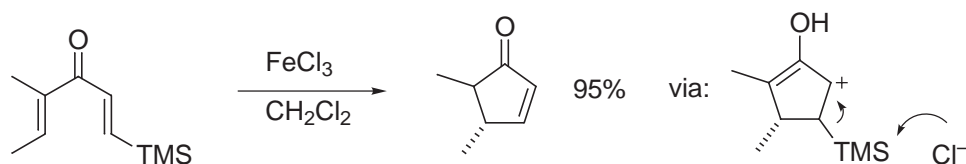
## N. Nazarov Cyclization

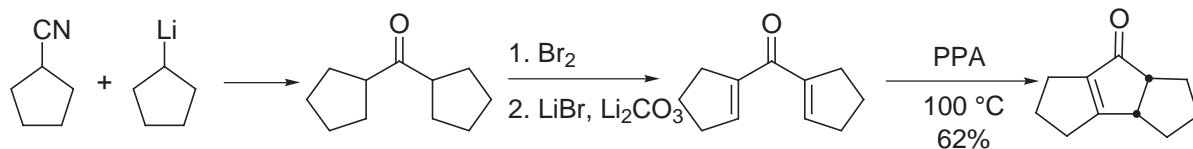
$4\pi e^-$  Conrotatory electrocyclic ring closure

Review: Santelli-Rouvier, C.; Santelli, M. *Synthesis* **1983**, 4295.  
Nazarov *Usp. Khim.* **1949**, *18*, 377.; *Usp. Khim.* **1951**, *20*, 71.  
Denmark *Org. React.* **1994**, *45*, 1-158.  
Denmark *Comprehensive Org. Syn.*, Vol. 5, pp. 751-784.



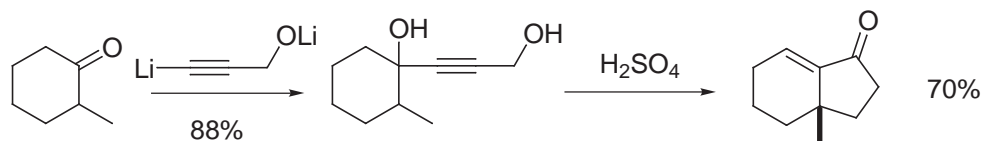
- Silicon-directed Nazarov cyclization.





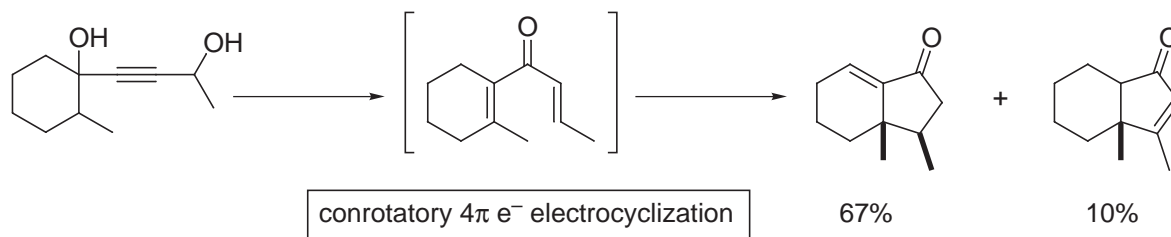
Eaton *J. Org. Chem.* **1976**, *41*, 2238.

- Extensions to annulation procedures.



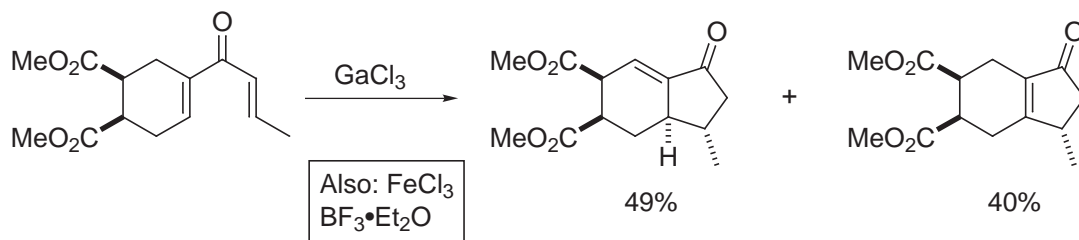
Raphael *J. Chem. Soc.* **1953**, 2247.  
*J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans. 1* **1976**, 410.

- Stereochemical course of the reaction: via Nazarov cyclization.



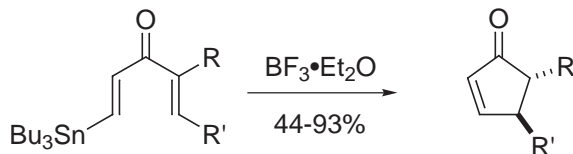
Hiyama *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1979**, *101*, 1599.  
*Bull. Chem. Soc. Jpn.* **1981**, *54*, 2747.

- Lewis acid-catalyzed reactions.



Tsuge *Bull. Chim. Soc. Jpn.* **1987**, *60*, 325.

- Tin-directed Nazarov cyclization.



Johnson *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1986**, *27*, 5947.

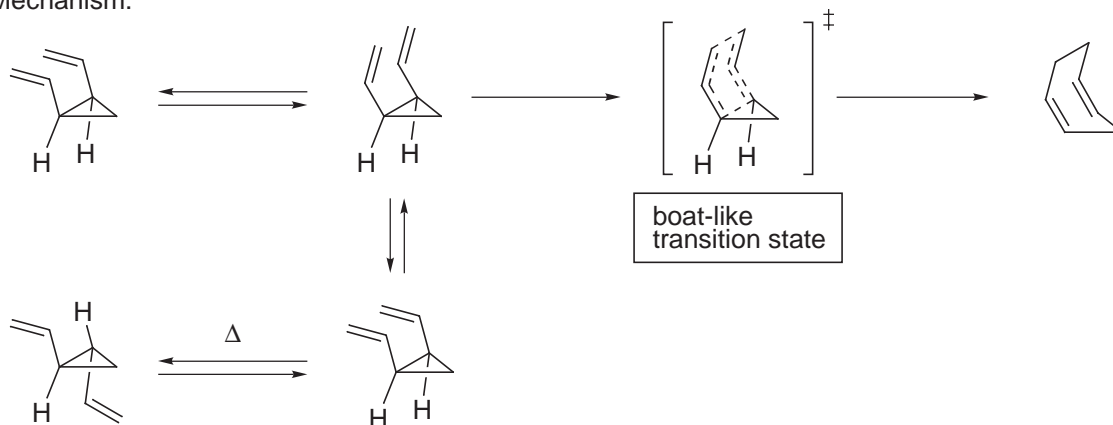
## O. Divinylcyclopropane Rearrangement

*Comprehensive Org. Syn.*, Vol. 5, 971.  
*Org. React.* **1992**, 41, 1.

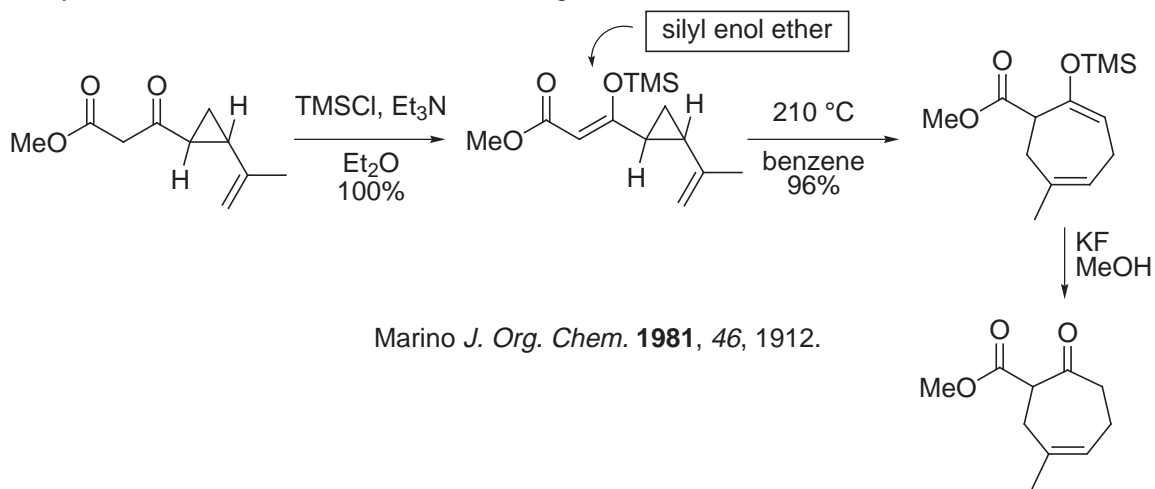
( $2\sigma^s + 2\pi^s + 2\pi^s$ )



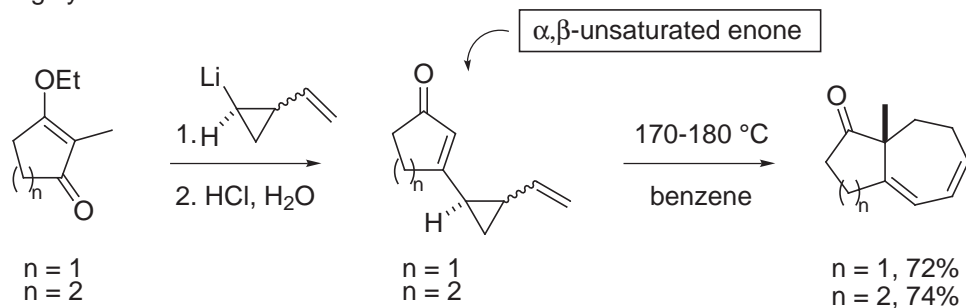
- Mechanism:



- Synthesis of functionalized 7-membered rings:



- Fused ring systems:



## P. Carbene Cycloaddition to Alkenes

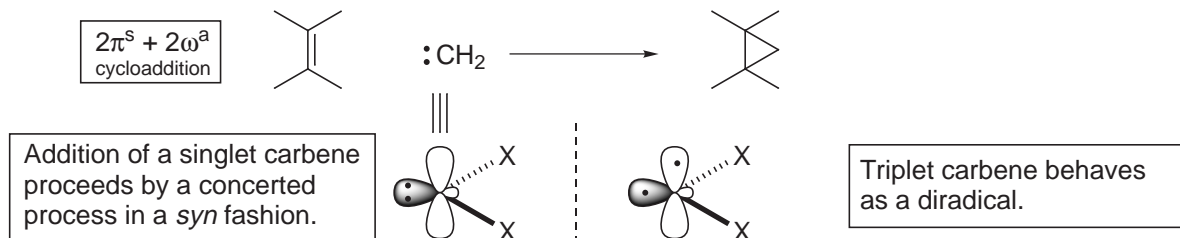
### 1. Halocarbenes

Parman, Schweizer *Org. React.* **1963**, 13, 55.

Moss *Acc. Chem. Res.* **1989**, 22, 15.

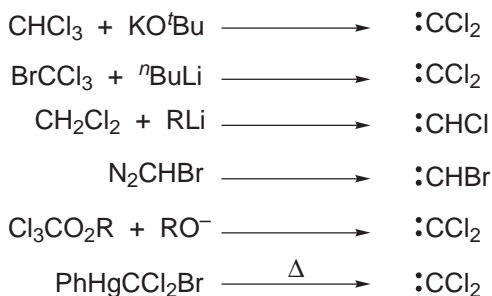
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Kostikov, Molchanov, Khlebnikov *Russ. Chem. Rev.* **1989**, 58, 654.



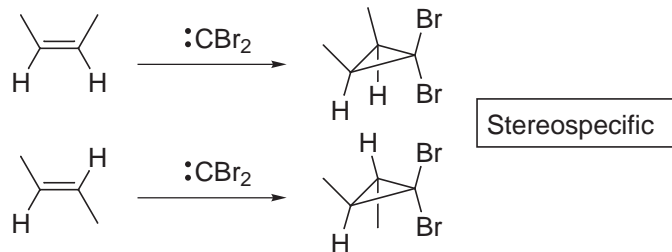
- Methods for generating halocarbenes:

For a comprehensive list see: Kirmse *Carbene Chemistry*, 1971, 313.



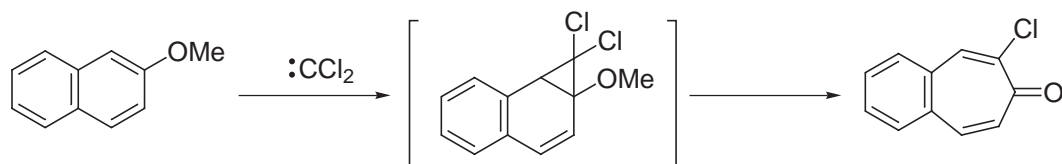
reactivity of carbenes  
 $\text{CH}_2 > \text{CHCl} > \text{CCl}_2 > \text{CBr}_2 > \text{CF}_2$

- Reaction with alkenes:

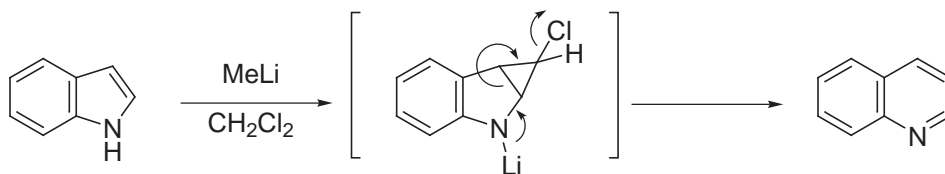


Doering *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1956**, 78, 5447.

- Reaction with aromatic C=C bonds (cyclopropanation followed by rearrangement):



Parman, Schweizer *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1961**, 83, 603.



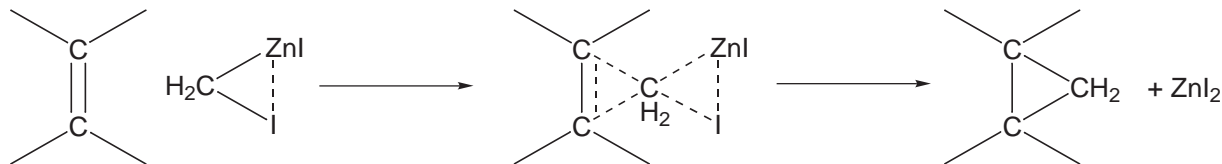
Closs, Schwartz *J. Org. Chem.* **1961**, 26, 2609.

## 2. Simmons-Smith Reaction

Simmons *Org. React.* **1973**, *20*, 1.  
Simmons, Smith *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1958**, *80*, 5323.

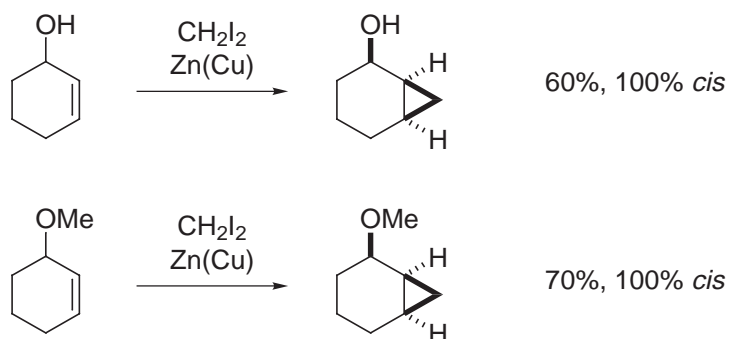


- Mechanism:



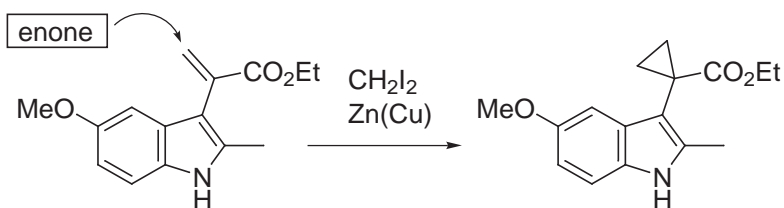
- 1) concerted mechanism likely (above)
- 2) reaction is stereospecifically *syn*
- 3) alkenes with higher alkyl substitution react faster
- 4) electron donating substituents accelerate reaction  
i.e., enol ethers, enamines...

- Addition can be directed by a hydroxyl group or ether functionality:

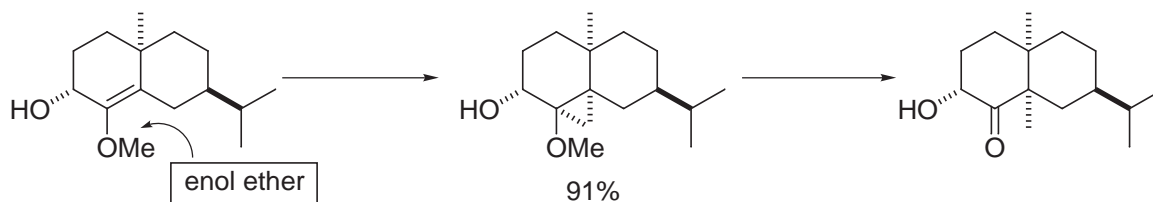


Rickborn *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1968**, *90*, 6406.  
*J. Org. Chem.* **1972**, *37*, 738.

- Examples:



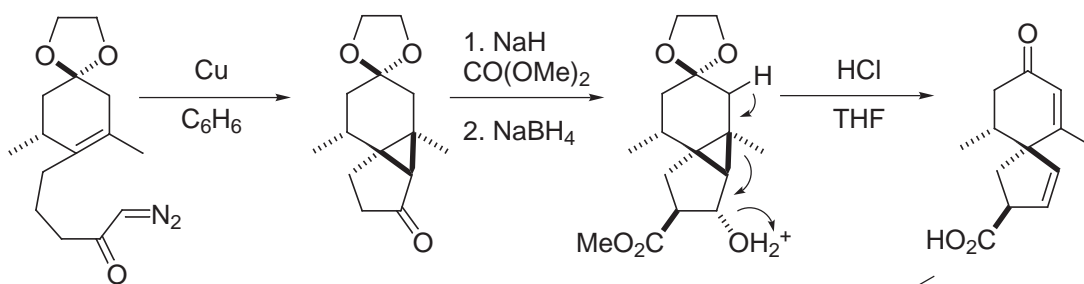
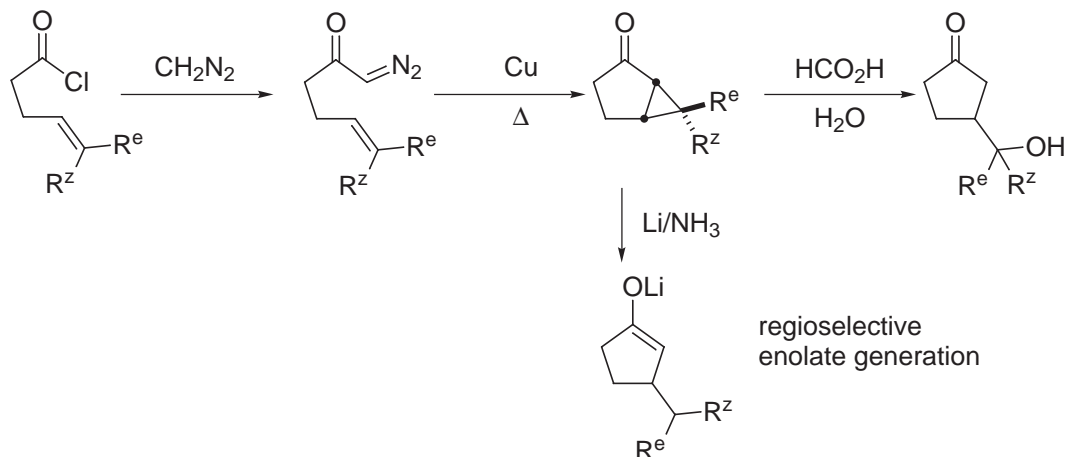
Shen *Chem. Abstr.* **1967**, *67*, 108559m.



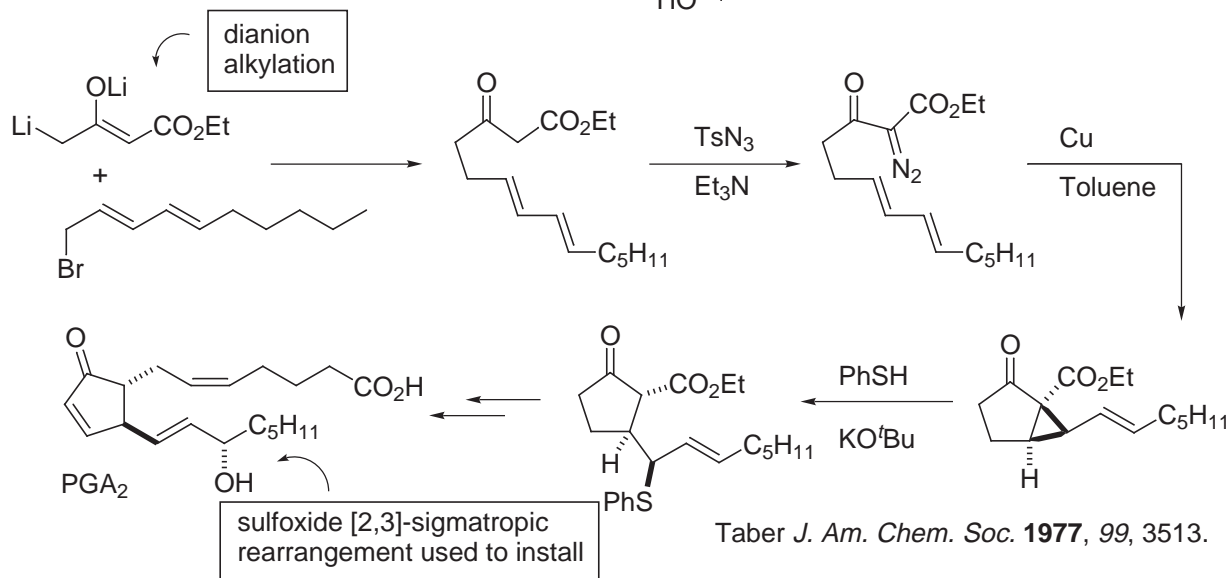
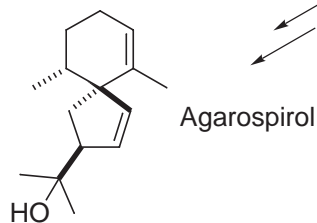
Wenkert, Berges *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1967**, *89*, 2507.

### 3. Diazocarbene Addition - Rearrangement

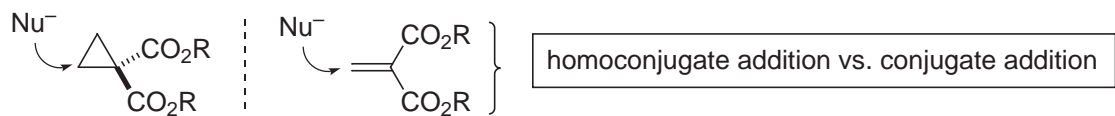
Review: Burke and Grieco *Org. React.* **1979**, 26, 361.



Delongchamps *Can. J. Chem.* **1970**, 48, 3273.  
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Taber *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1977**, 99, 3513.





#### 4. Metal-Carbene Cycloaddition Reactions

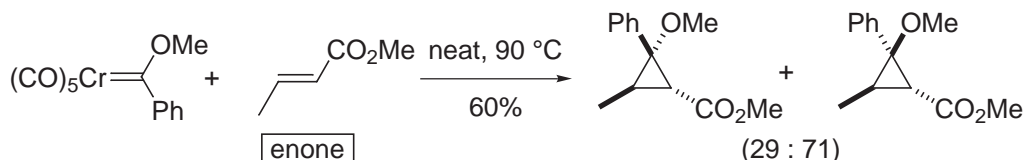
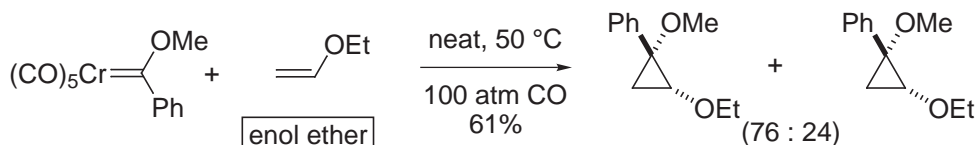
*Comprehensive Org. Syn.*, Vol. 5, pp. 1065.

- Three-membered ring [2 + 1]

Bookhart, Studabaker *Chem. Rev.* **1987**, 87, 411.

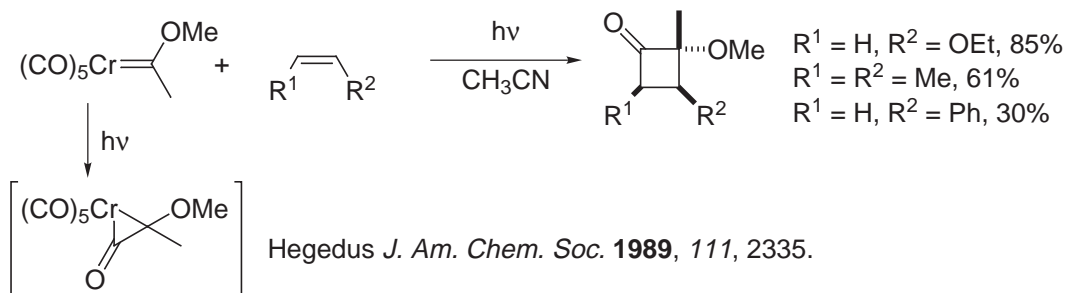
Doyle *Chem. Rev.* **1986**, 86, 919.

Reaction works well for electron-rich, electron-poor and unactivated C=C bonds.



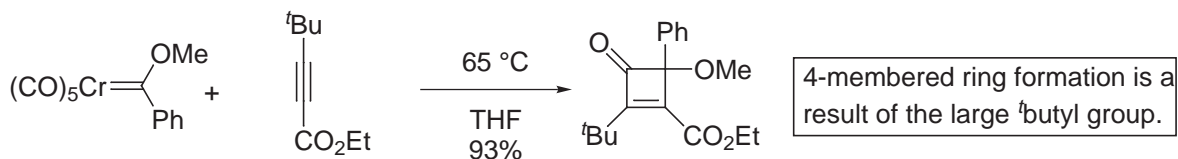
Fischer, Dötz *Chem. Ber.* **1972**, 105, 3966.  
*Chem. Ber.* **1972**, 105, 1356.

- Four-membered rings [2 + 1 + 1]



Hegedus *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1989**, 111, 2335.

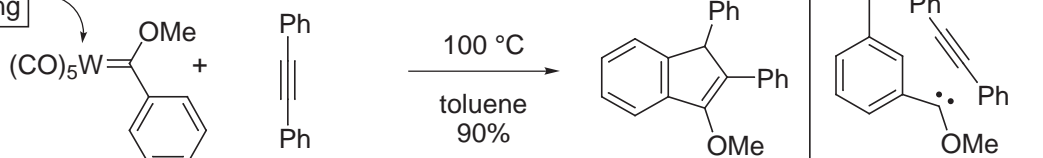
- Fischer carbene addition to alkynes typically leads to 6-membered ring, 4- and 5-membered rings form only under special circumstances.



4-membered ring formation is a result of the large <sup>t</sup>butyl group.

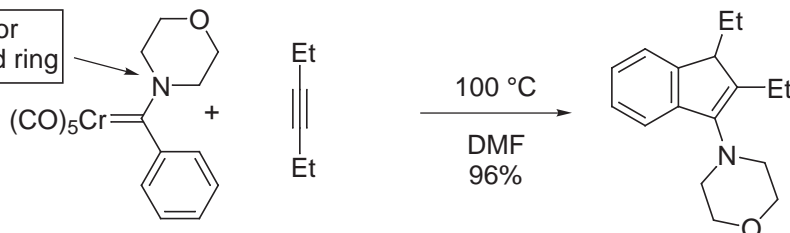
Yamashita *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1986**, 27, 3471.

Cr leads to 6-membered ring



Foly *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1983**, 105, 3064.

N required for 5-membered ring



Yamashita *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1986**, 27, 5915.

E. O. Fischer received the 1973 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for his work in organometallic chemistry with transition metal complexes including metallocenes and his stabilized carbene complexes.

- Six-membered rings [3 + 2 + 1] (Fischer carbene addition to alkynes)

Dötz, Fischer *Transition Metal Carbene Complexes*, VCH: Deerfield Beach, FL, 1983.

Dötz *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Eng.* **1984**, *23*, 587.

Casey in *Transition Metal Organometallics in Organic Synthesis*, Academic Press: New York, 1976, Vol. 1.

Dötz *Pure Appl. Chem.* **1983**, *55*, 1689.

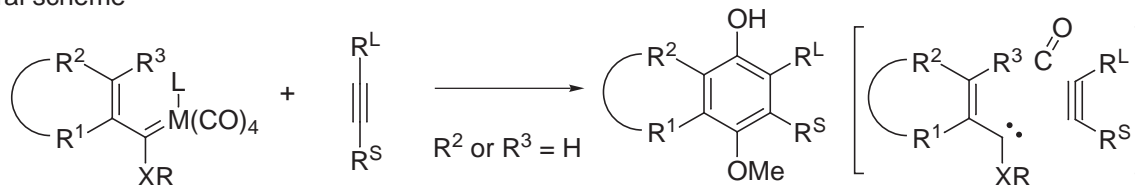
Casey in *Reactive Intermediates*, Wiley-Interscience: New York, 1982, Vol. 2, and 1985, Vol. 3.

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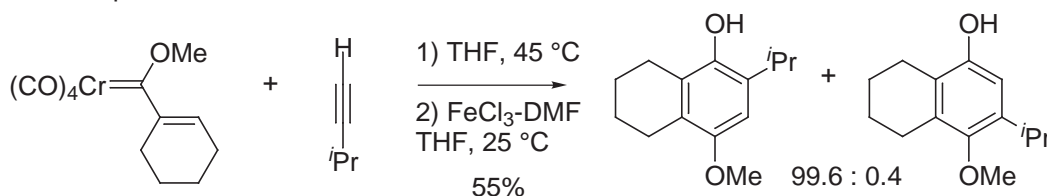
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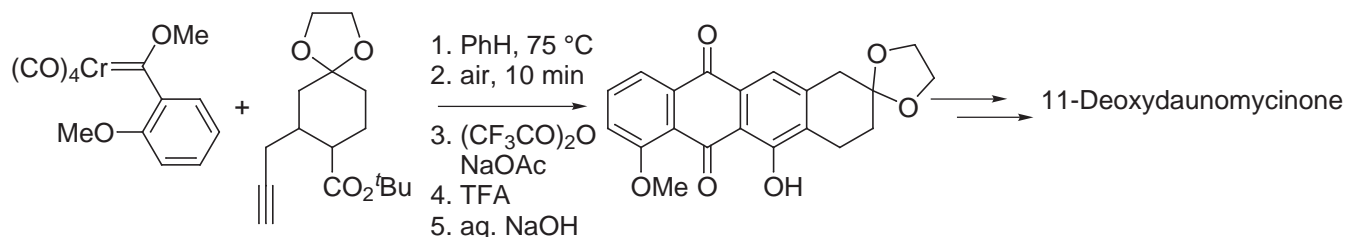
- General scheme



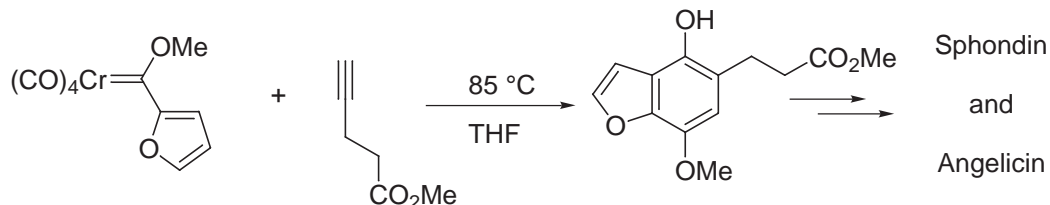
- Most widely studied after cyclopropanation of Fischer carbenes. Extensively applied in natural product synthesis. Examples:



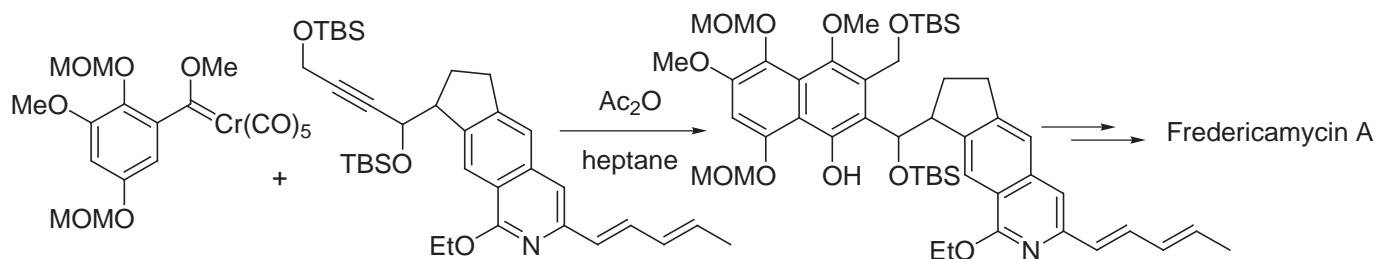
Wulff in *Advances in Metal-Organic Chemistry*, JAI Press: Greenwich, CT, 1989, Vol. 1.



Wulff *Tetrahedron* **1985**, *41*, 5797.



Wulff *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1988**, *110*, 7419.



Boger *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1995**, *117*, 11839.

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*J. Org. Chem.* **1990**, *55*, 1919.

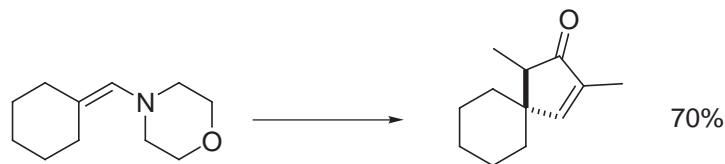
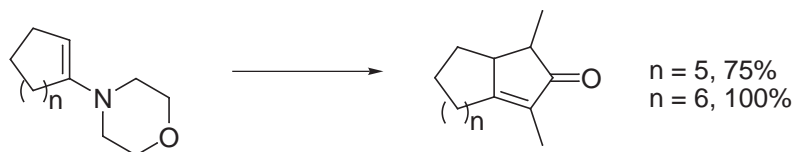
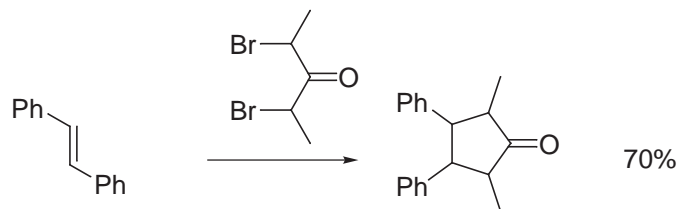
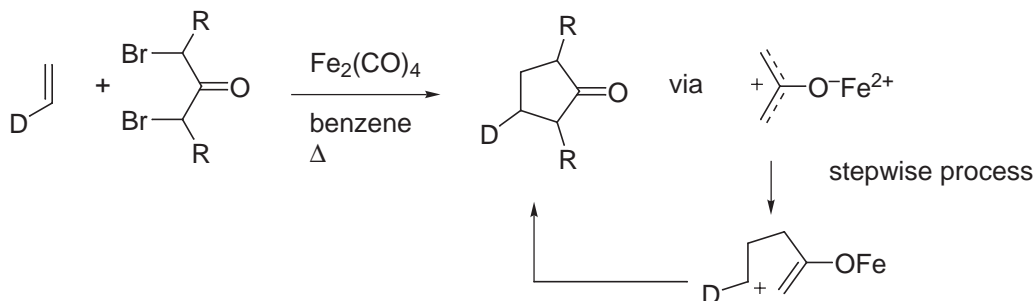
## Q. [2 + 3] Cycloadditions for 5-Membered Ring Formation

Review: *Comprehensive Org. Syn.*, Vol. 5, 239.

### 1. ( $2\pi + 2\pi$ )

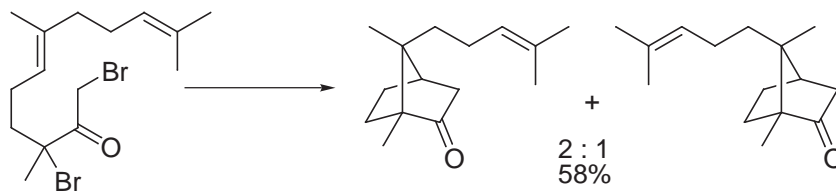


- Noyori reaction: *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1972**, *94*, 1772.  
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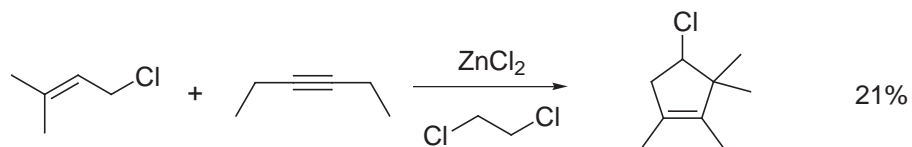


Cuparenone  
Noyori *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1978**, 493.

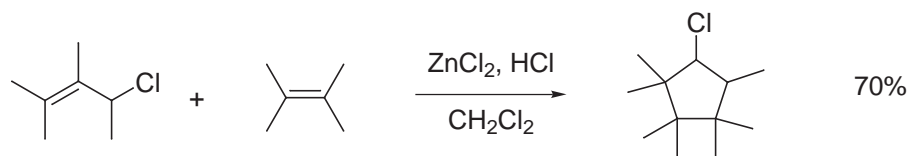
- Intramolecular version: Yamamoto *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1979**, *101*, 220.



- Reviews: *Acc. Chem. Res.* **1979**, *12*, 61.  
*Org. React.* **1983**, *29*, 163.

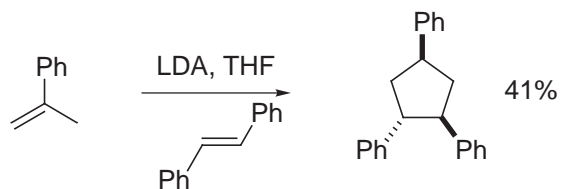
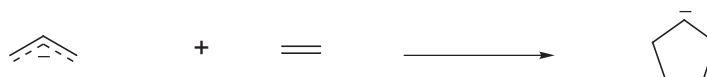


Miller *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1980**, 577.

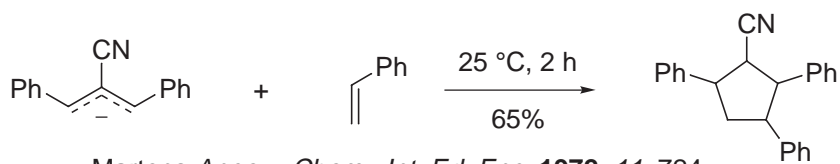


Mayr *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Eng.* **1981**, 20, 1027.

2. ( $2\pi + 4\pi$ )



Kauffman *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Eng.* **1972**, 11, 292.

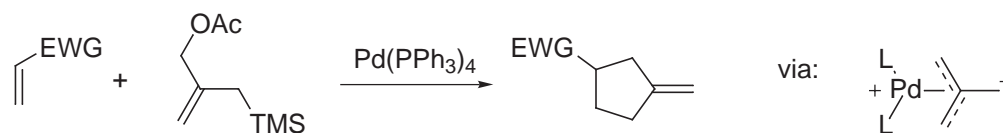


Martens *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Eng.* **1972**, 11, 724.

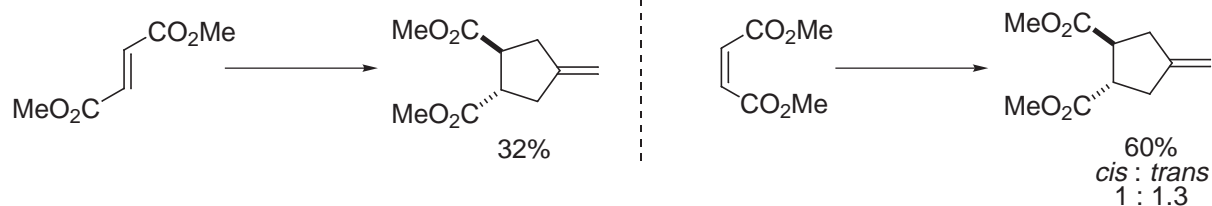
- Trost trimethylenemethane equivalent:

*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1979**, *101*, 6429.

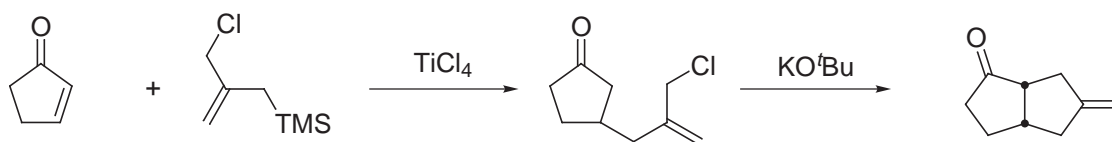
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1983**, *105*, 2315.



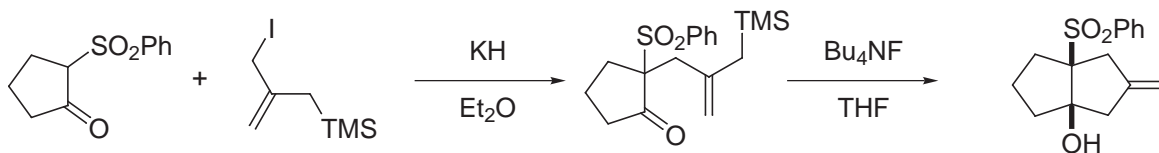
Stepwise mechanism:



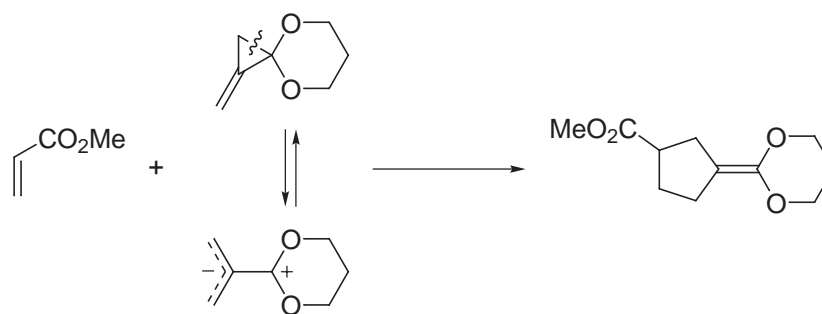
Related equivalents:



1,4-addition of allylsilane: Knapp *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1980**, 4557.



Trost *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1980**, *102*, 5680.



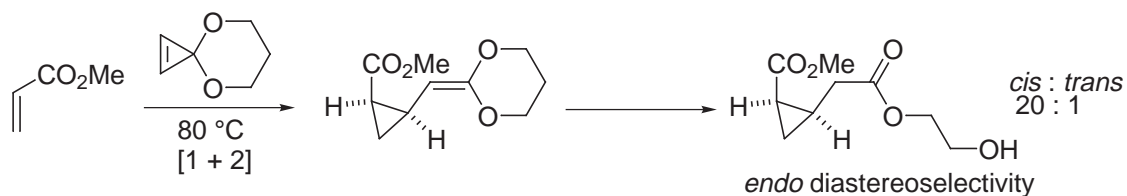
Nakamura *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1989**, *111*, 7285.

*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1991**, *113*, 3183.

## R. Cyclopropenone Ketal Cycloadditions

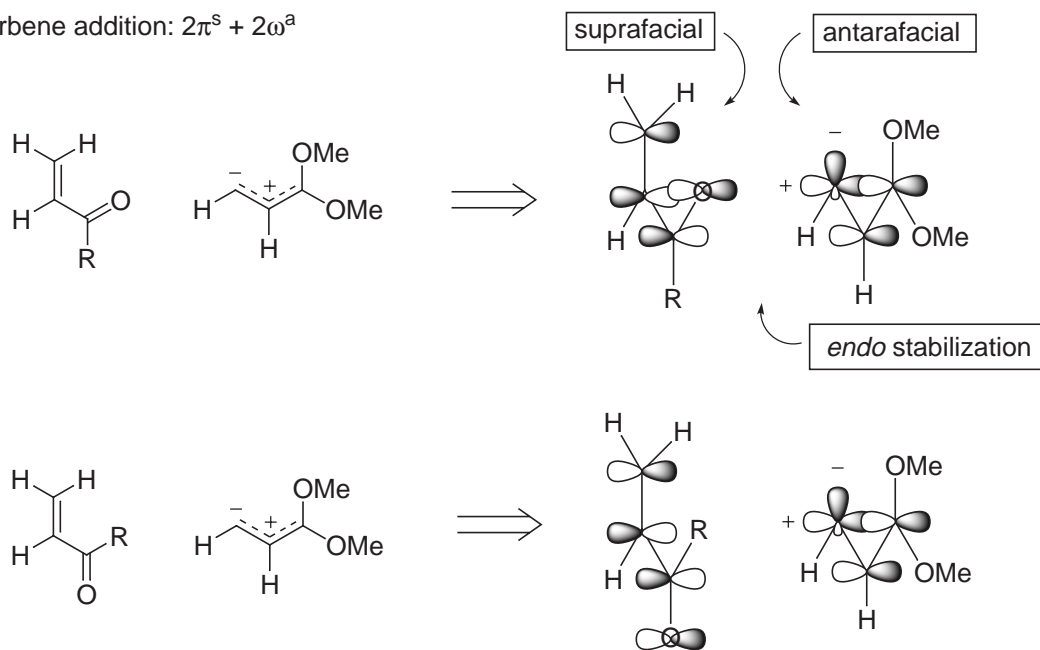
Review: Boger *Adv. Cycloaddition Chem.*, JAI Press: Greenwich, CT, Vol. 2, 1990, pp. 147-219.

### 1. [2 + 1] Cycloaddition

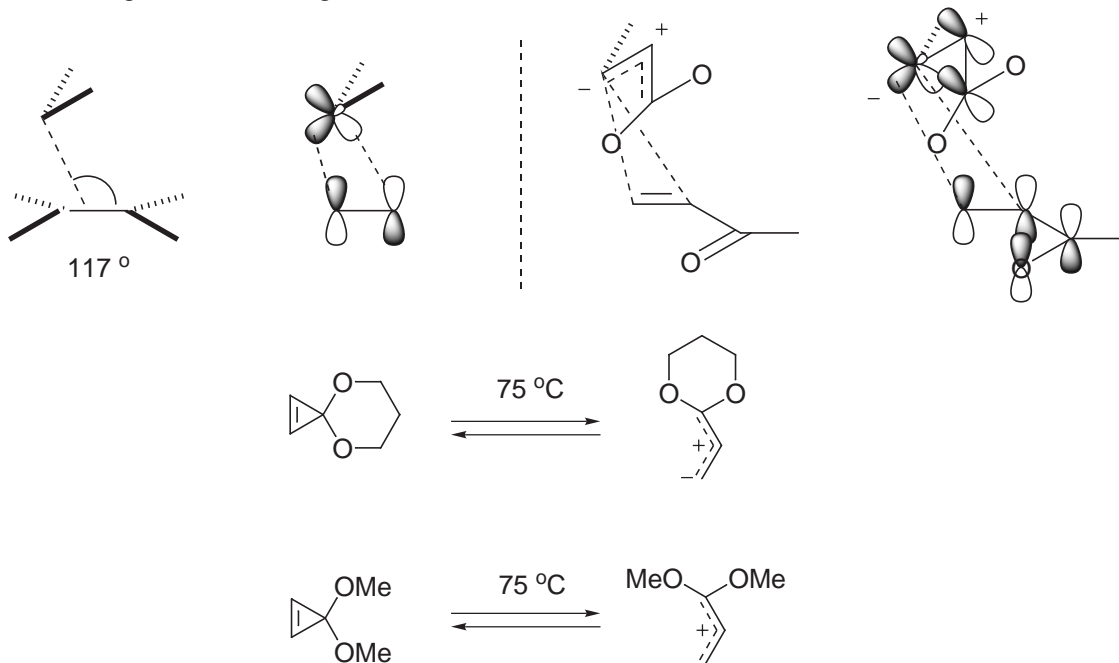


Boger *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1986**, *108*, 6895.

- Carbene addition:  $2\pi^S + 2\omega^A$

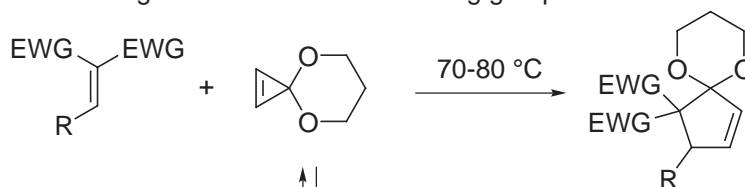


- Carbene angle of attack: Jorgensen *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1989**, *111*, 1919.



## 2. [3 + 2] Cycloaddition

- Substrates that contain two geminal electron-withdrawing groups.



[4 + 2] *Tetrahedron* **1986**, 42, 2777.

[1 + 2] *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1984**, 25, 5611.

[3 + 4] *J. Org. Chem.* **1985**, 50, 3425.

*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1986**, 108, 6713.

(total synthesis of Colchicine)

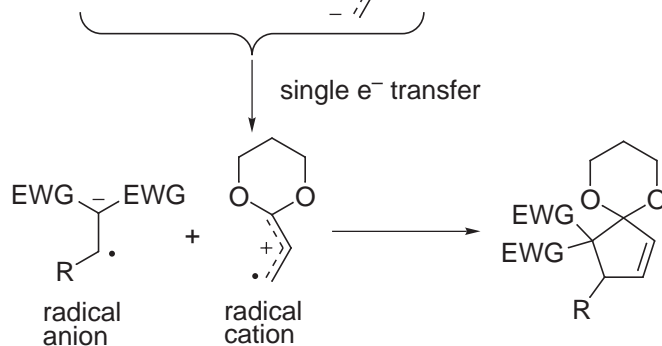
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1984**, 106, 805.

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*J. Org. Chem.* **1988**, 53, 3408.

*Advances in Cycloaddition Chemistry* Vol. 2, JAI:

Greenwich, CT, 1990, pp. 147-219.



Note: For substrates that may react via this pathway ( $e^-$  transfer), [3 + 2] > [1 + 2], [4 + 2], or [3 + 4] cycloadditions

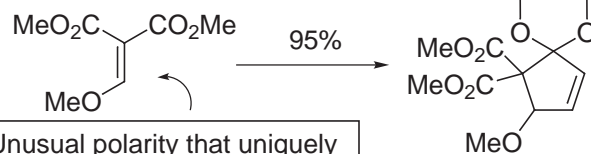
1. Solvent independent rate.

2. No addition-elimination or addition-rearrangement products.

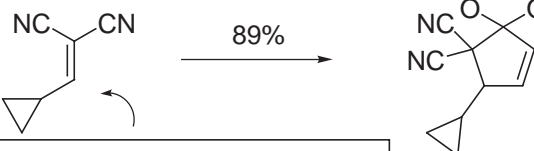
3. No inhibition by free radical traps.

4. Putative carbene addition product (a cyclopropane ketene acetal) does not undergo vinylcyclopropane rearrangement to the product.

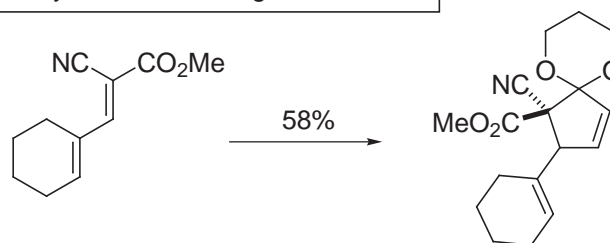
5. Little or no loss of olefin stereochemistry and this diastereospecific nature of the reaction increases, not decreases, in polar solvents.



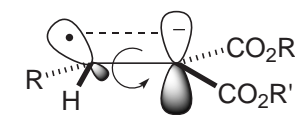
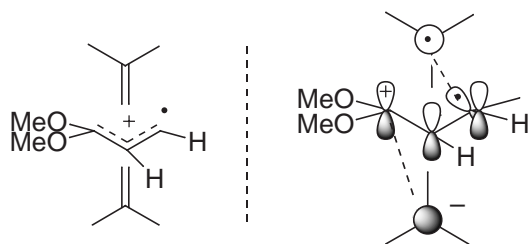
Unusual polarity that uniquely stabilized radical anion.



Cycloaddition faster than cyclopropyl-carbinyl radical rearrangement.

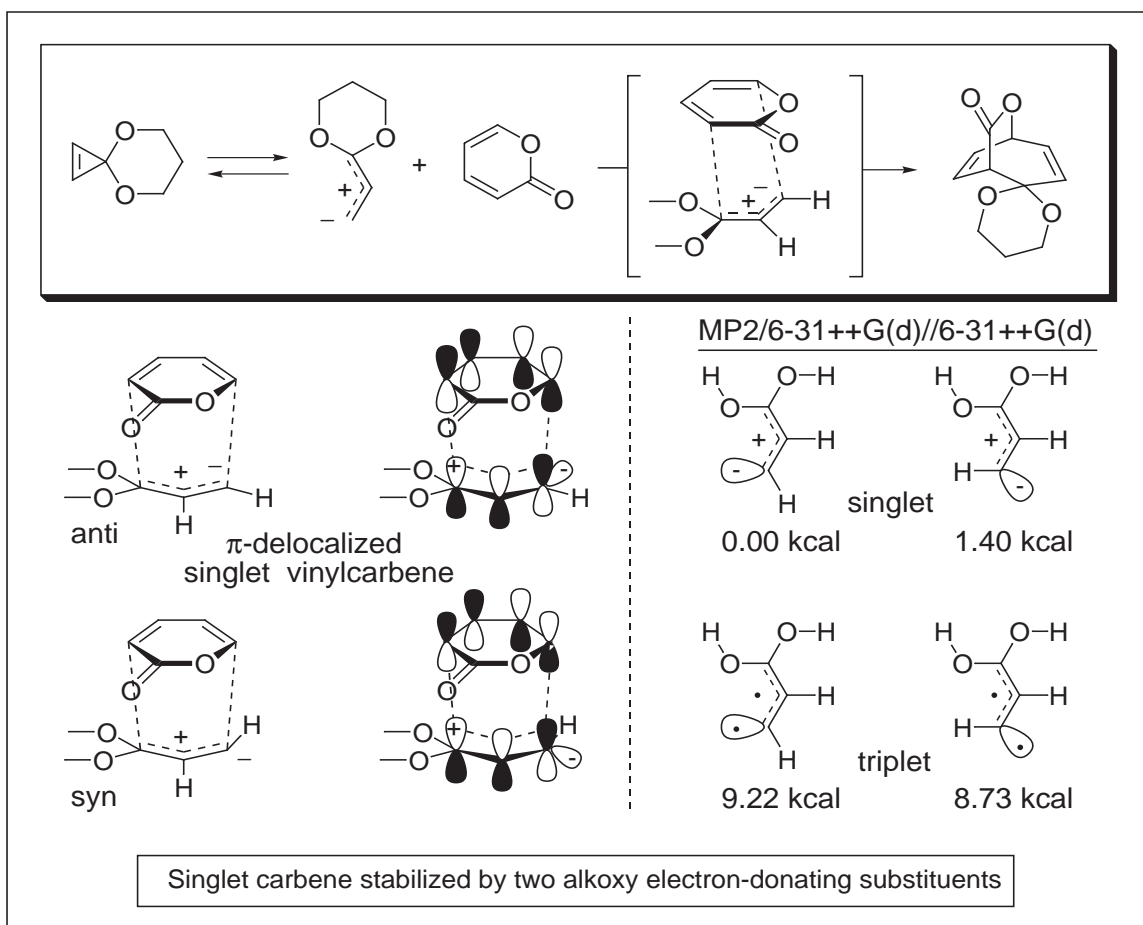


- ( $2\pi^s + 2\pi^a$ ) Cycloaddition

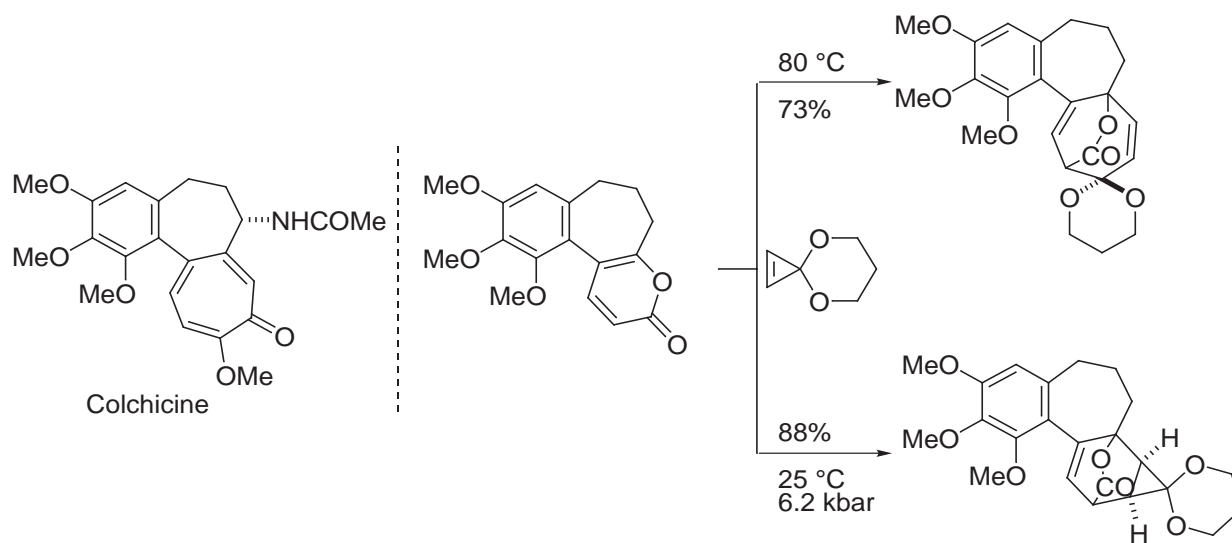


$3\pi e^-$  bond, little loss of stereochemistry due to bond rotation

### 3. [4 + 3] Cycloaddition



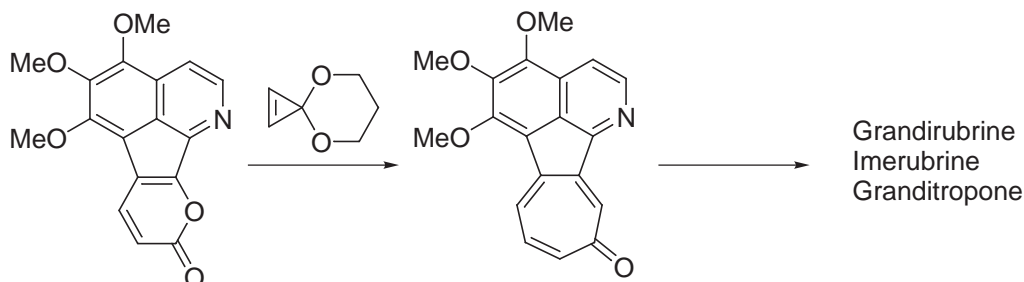
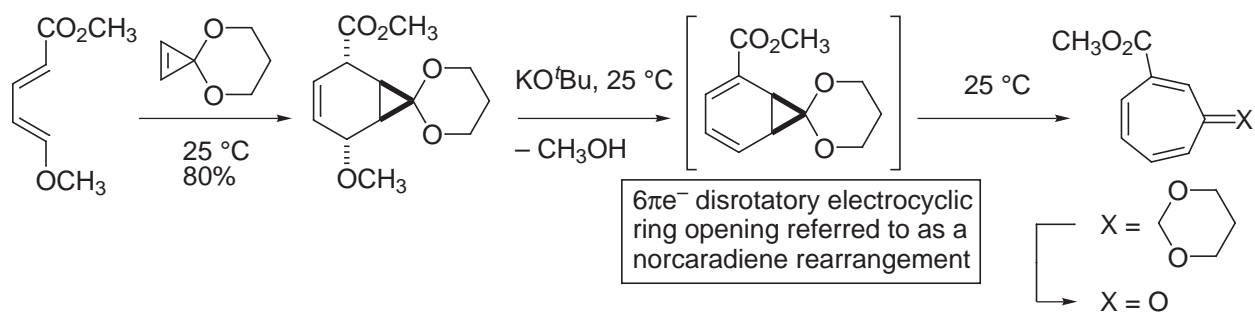
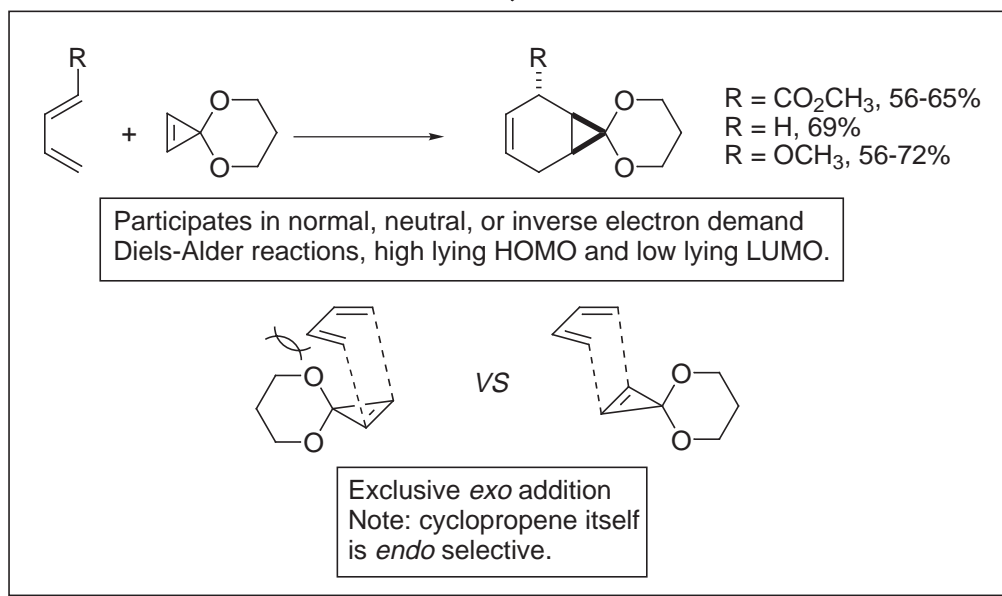
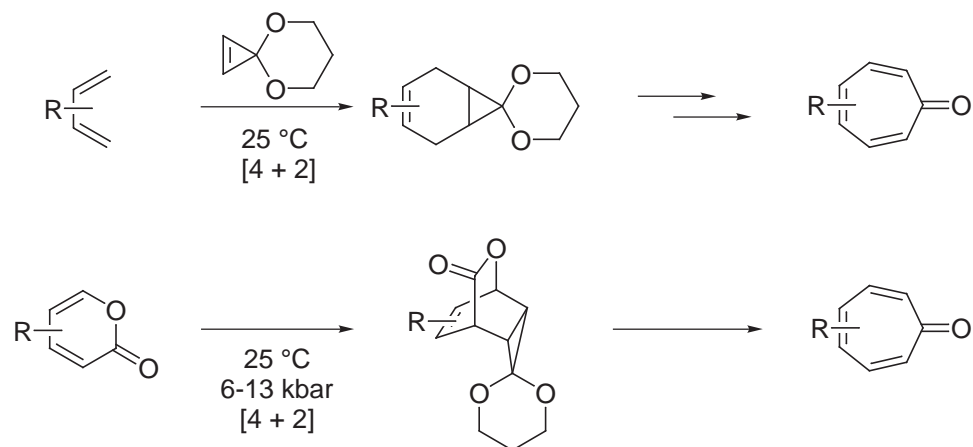
-  $2\pi^s + 4\pi^s$  Cycloaddition or Diels-Alder but via a  $2\pi$  three carbon dienophile.



Boger *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1986**, *108*, 6713.



4. [4 + 2] Cycloaddition (standard Diels-Alder reaction)

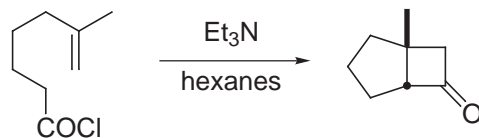
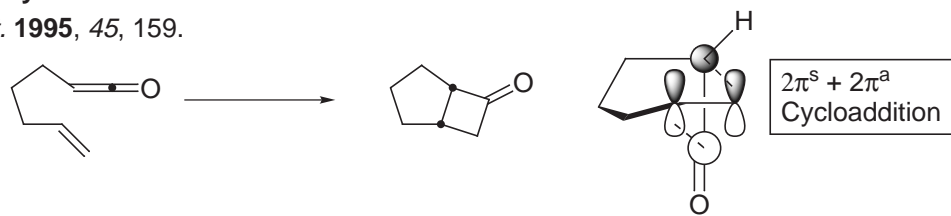


Boger *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1995**, *117*, 12452.

## S. [2 + 2] Cycloadditions

### 1. Ketene [2 + 2] cycloadditions

*Org. React.* **1995**, 45, 159.

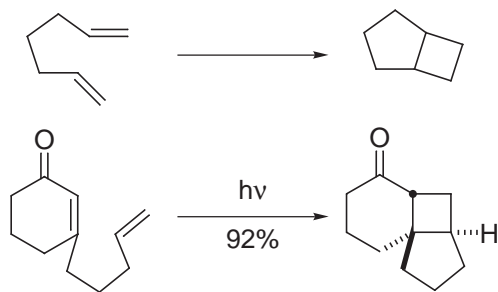


Baldwin *J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.* **1972**, 1337.

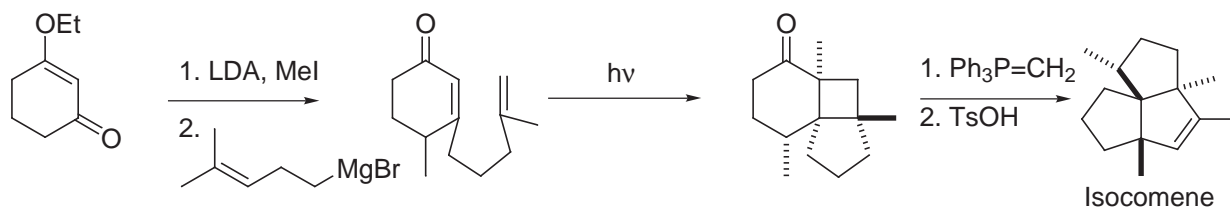
### 2. Photochemical [2 + 2] cycloaddition

*Comprehensive Org. Syn.*, Vol. 5, 123.

*Org. React.* **1993**, 44, 297.

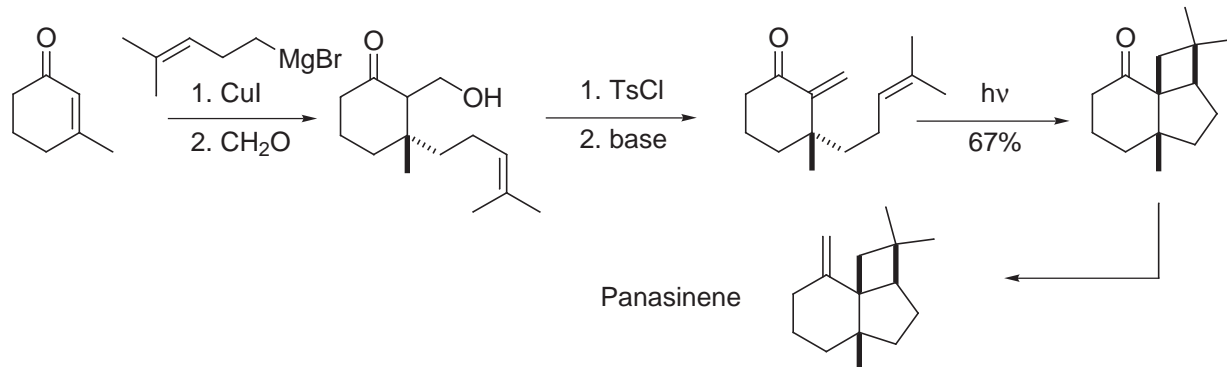


Cargill *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1978**, 4465.

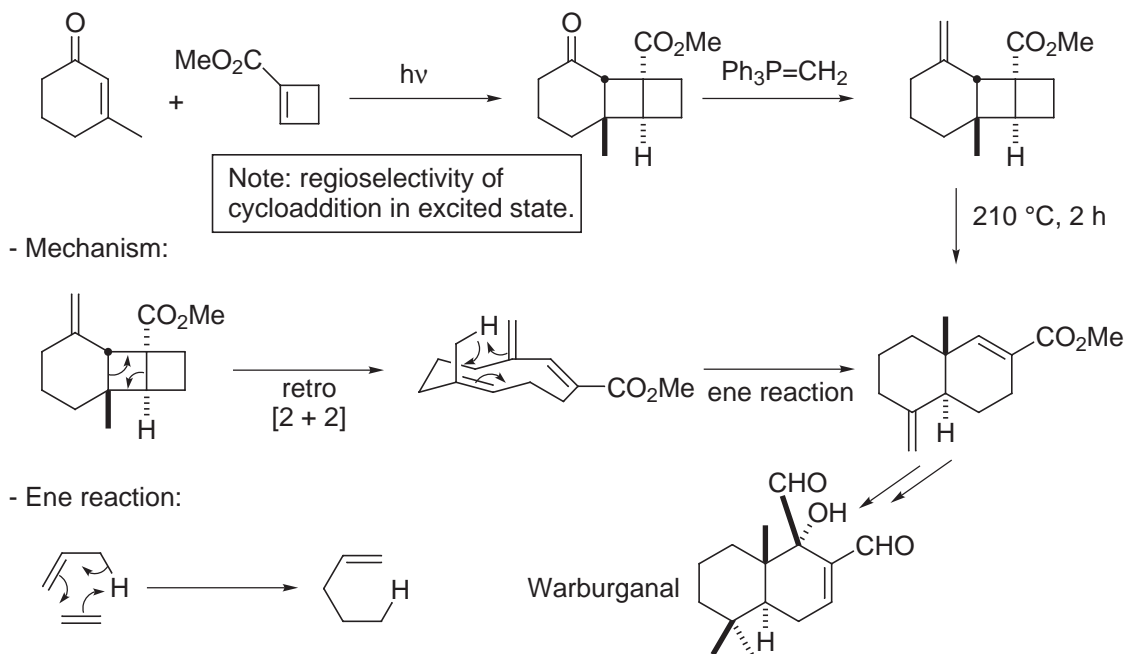
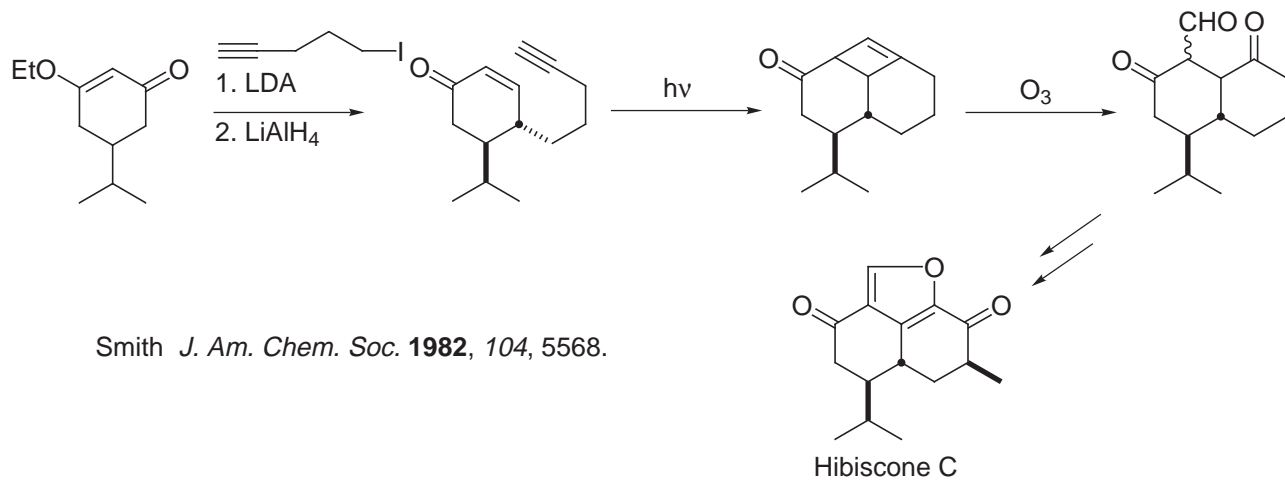


Pirrung *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1979**, 101, 7130.

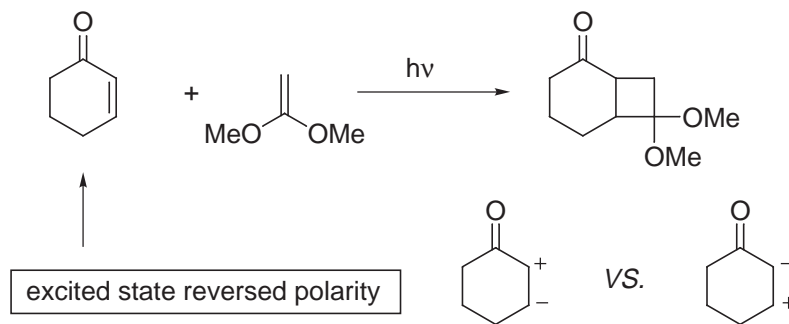
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1981**, 103, 82.



C. R. Johnson *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1981**, 103, 7667.



- Note regioselectivity:

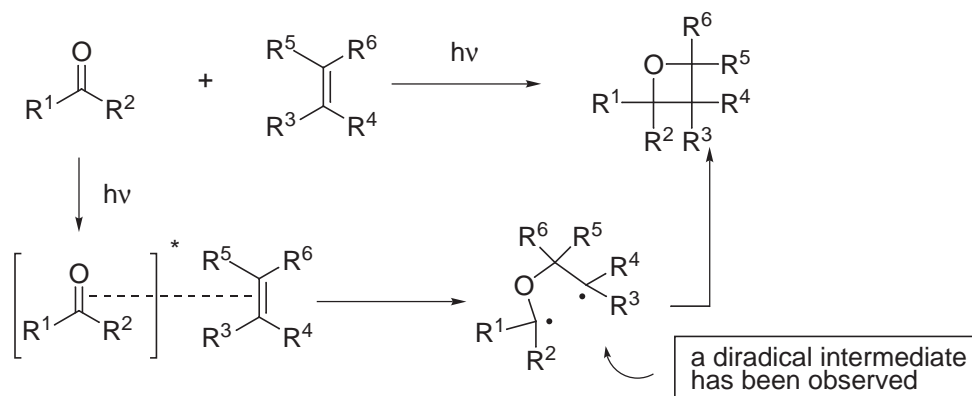


### 3. Paterno-Buchi Reaction

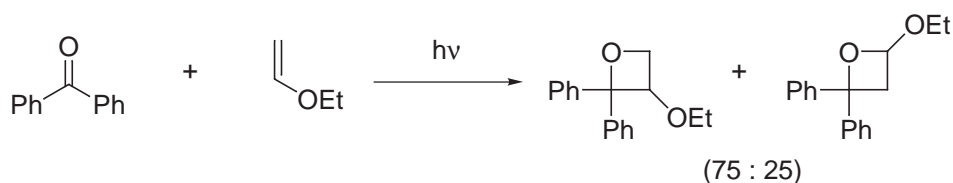
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*Dermuth Synthesis* **1989**, 152.

First studied in detail by Buchi *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1954**, 76, 4327.

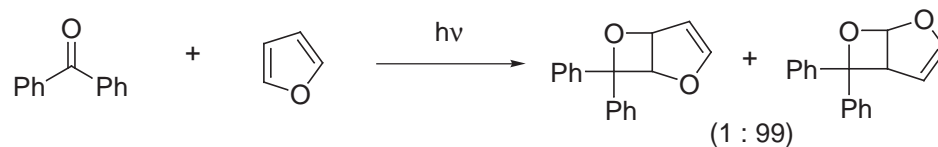


-Addition to enol ether occurs with only moderate selectivity ...



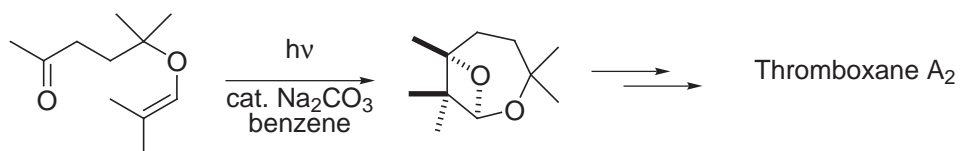
Schroeten *J. Org. Chem.* **1969**, 34, 1181.

... while addition of the carbonyl to a furan occurs with high selectivity.



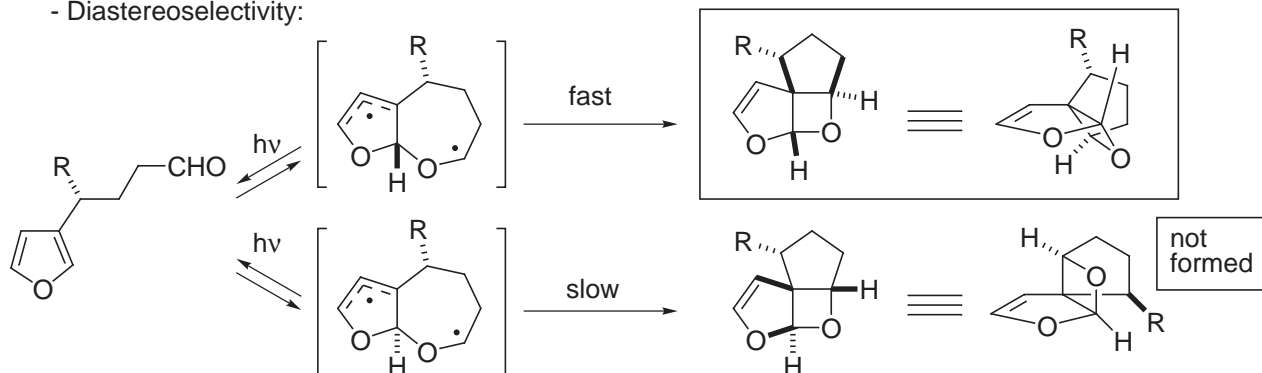
Schenk *Chem. Ber.* **1963**, 96, 498.

- Intramolecular variant:



Carless *J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.* **1984**, 667.

- Diastereoselectivity:



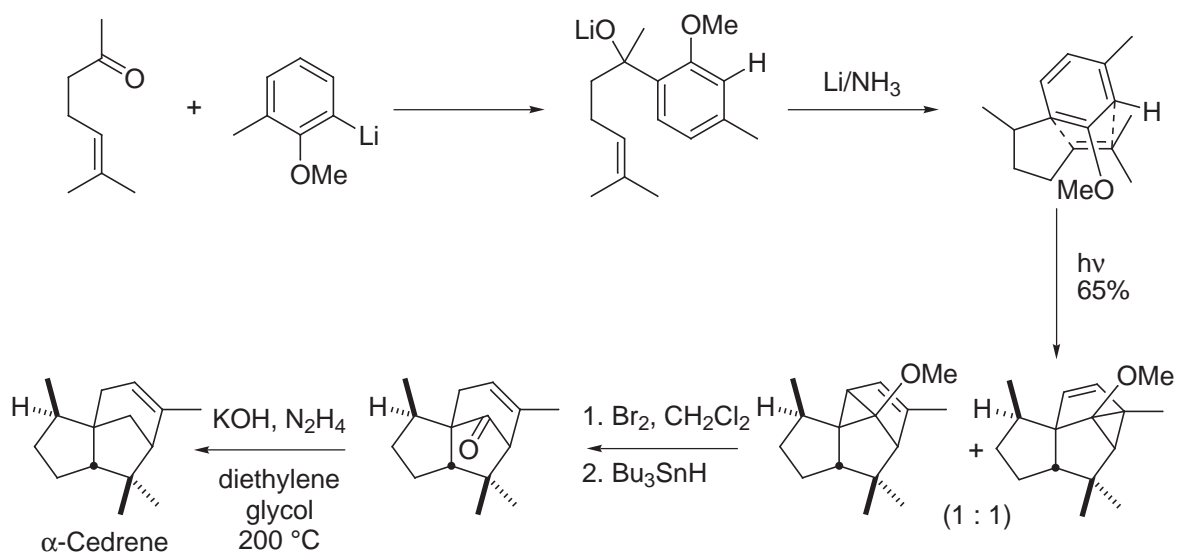
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Pattenden *J. Chem. Soc., Chem Commun.* **1980**, 1195.

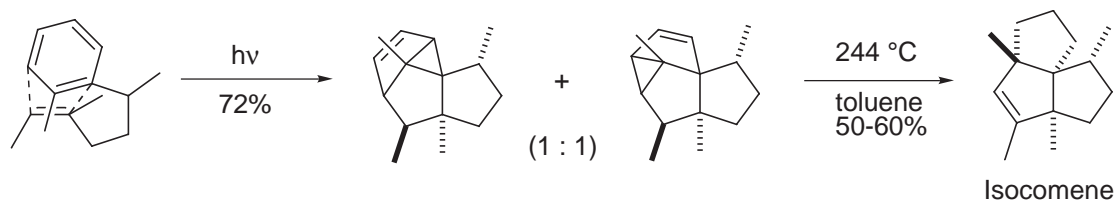
*J. Chem. Soc., Chem Commun.* **1979**, 235.

## T. Arene-Olefin Photoadditions

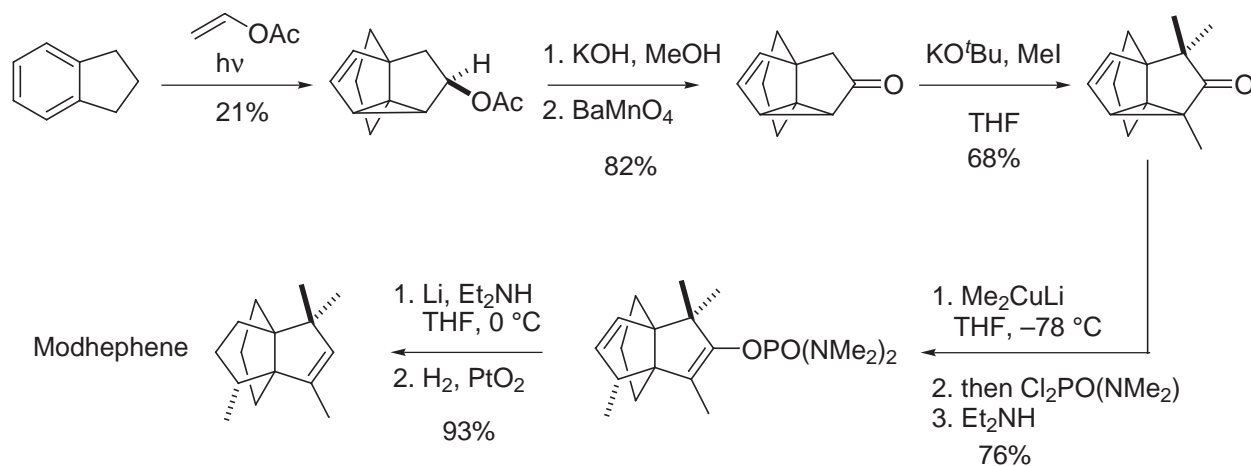
- Discovery in 1966: Wilzbach *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1966**, 88, 2066.  
Bryce-Smith *J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.* **1966**, 512.  
*Comprehensive Org. Syn.*, Vol. 5, 645.



Wender *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1981**, 103, 688.



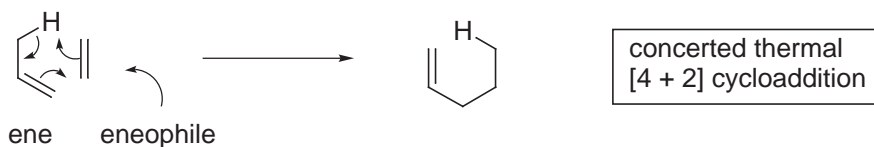
Wender *Tetrahedron* **1981**, 37, 4455.



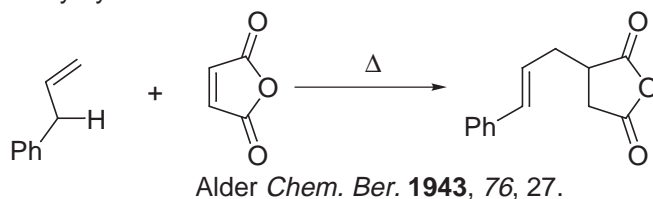
Wender *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1982**, 104, 5805.

## U. Intramolecular Ene Reaction

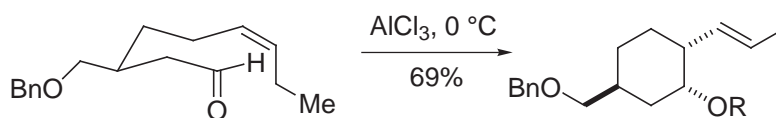
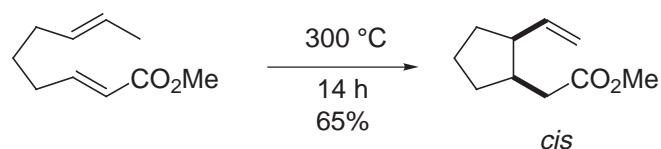
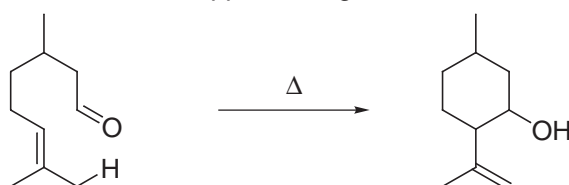
Review: H. M. R. Hoffmann *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Eng.* **1969**, *8*, 556.  
*Comprehensive Org. Syn.*, Vol. 5, pp. 9.



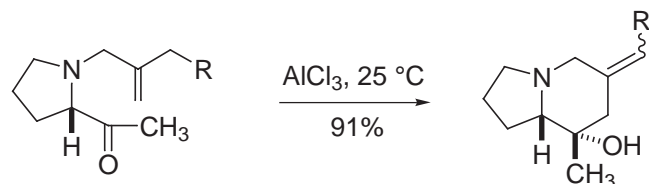
- First systematic study by Alder:



- First intramolecular versions: review: Oppolzer *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Eng.* **1978**, *17*, 476.



Smith *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1991**, *113*, 2071.



Overman *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1985**, *35*, 4167.

Note the Sharpless mechanism for  $\text{SeO}_2$  oxidation of olefins: allylic oxidation involves an ene reaction.



Sharpless *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1972**, *94*, 7154.  
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1973**, *95*, 7917.

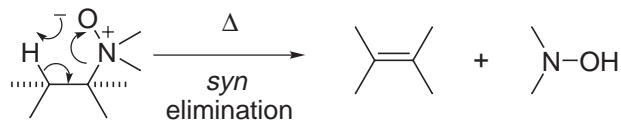
Amine Oxide Elimination (Cope Elimination)

*Org. React.* **1960**, 11, 361.

*Org. Syn.* **1963**, 4, 612.

*Cope J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1954**, 81, 2799.

*Zutter J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1986**, 108, 1039.



Sulfoxide Elimination

Trost *Chem. Rev.* **1978**, 78, 363.

*Acc. Chem. Res.* **1978**, 11, 453.

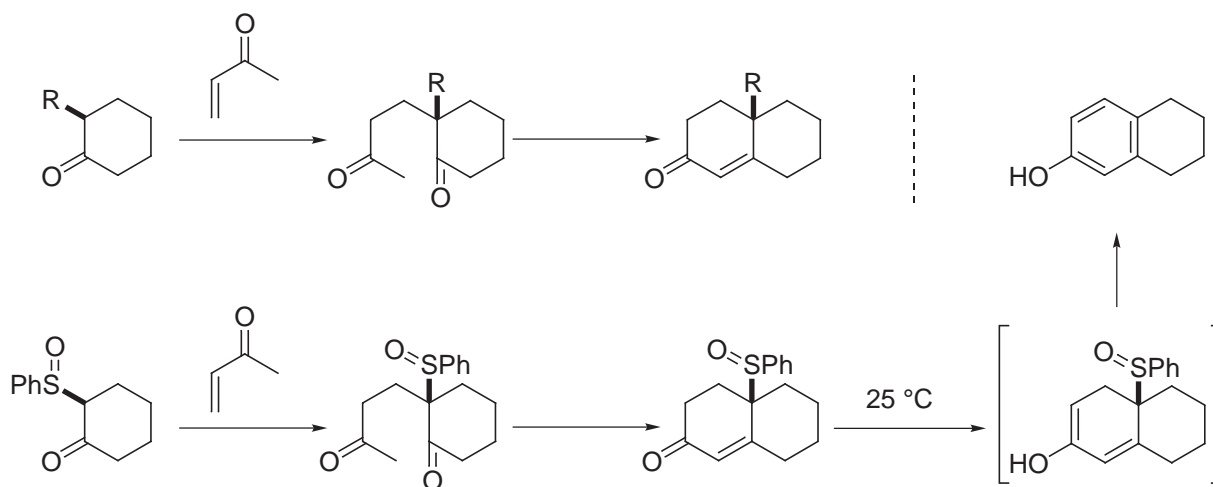
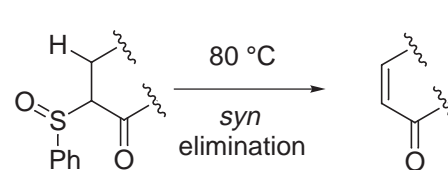
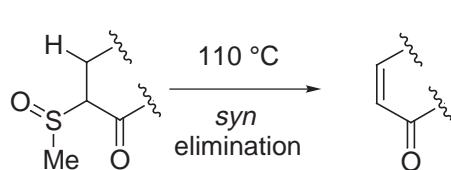
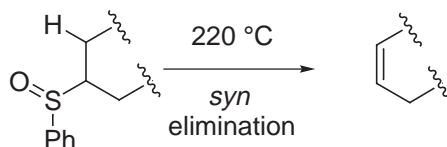
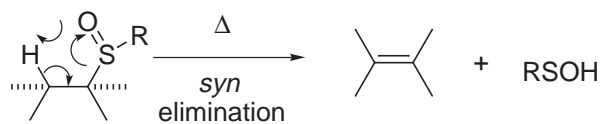
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1973**, 95, 6840.

*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1976**, 98, 4887.

Ziegler *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1984**, 106, 721.

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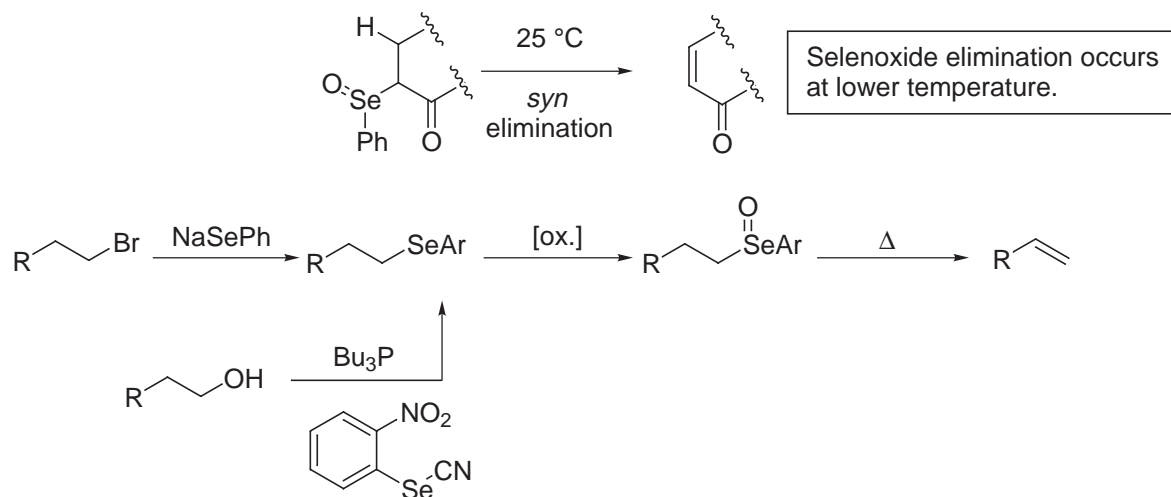


Boger, Mullican *J. Org. Chem.* **1980**, 45, 5002.

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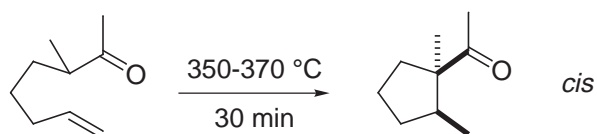
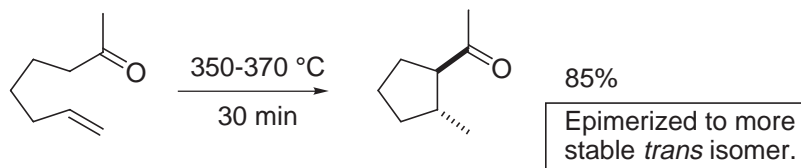
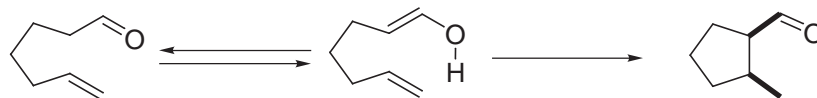
- Selenoxide Elimination

Clive *Tetrahedron* **1978**, *34*, 1049.  
Reich *Acc. Chem. Res.* **1979**, *12*, 22.

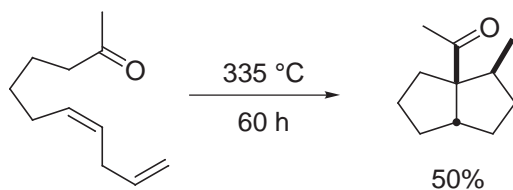


**V. Oxy-Ene Reaction: Conia Reaction**

*Comprehensive Org. Syn.*, Vol. 5, 20.  
Review: J. M. Conia *Synthesis* **1975**, 1.



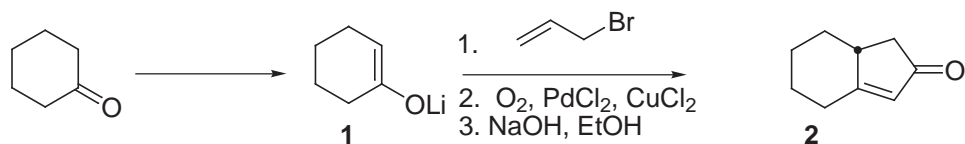
Conia *Bull. Chim. Soc., Fr.* **1969**, 818.



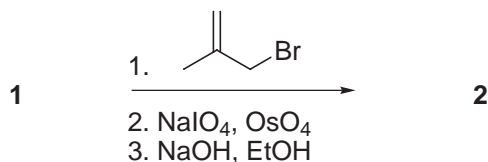
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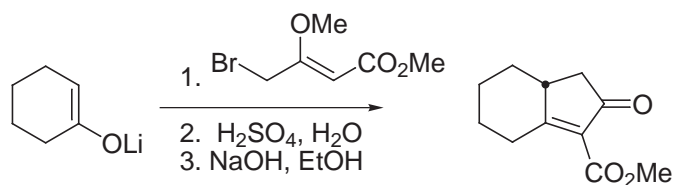
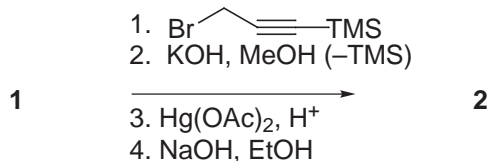
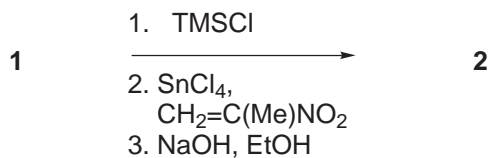
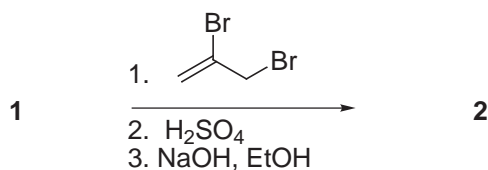
## W. Cyclopentenone Annulation Methodology



Wacker oxidation, review: Tsuji *Synthesis* **1984**, 369.  
Wayner *J. Org. Chem.* **1990**, 55, 2924.



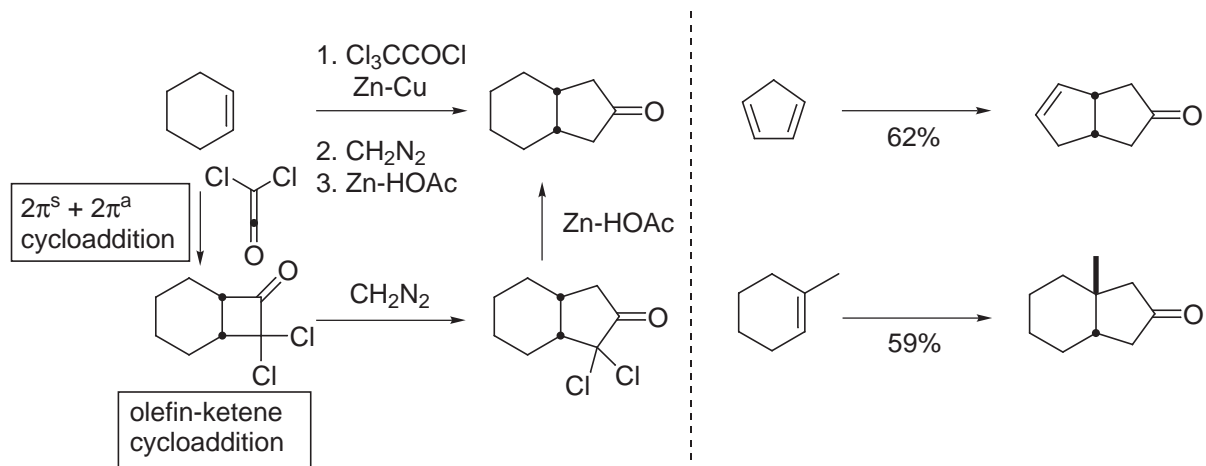
McMurry *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1979**, 101, 1330.



Used in Quadrone total synthesis:  
Helquist *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1981**, 103, 4647.

Piers *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1979**, 3279. Altenbach *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Eng.* **1979**, 18, 940.

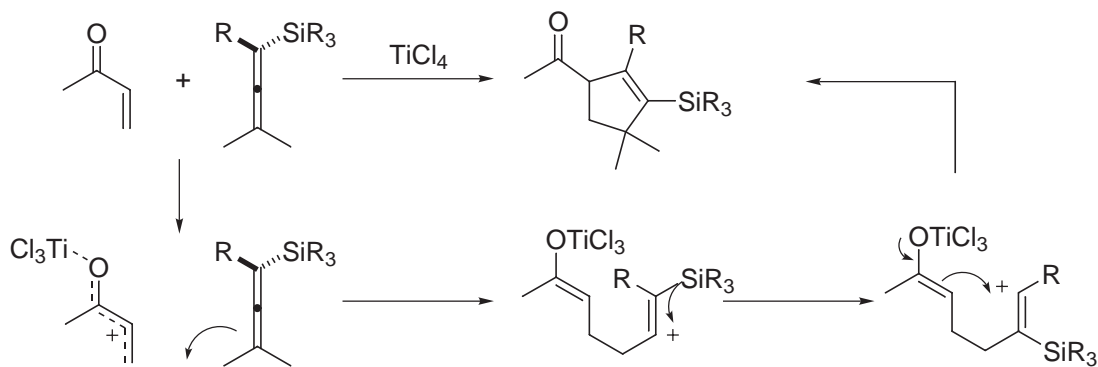
- Fleming-Greene Annulation:



Loganin: Fleming *J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.* **1977**, 81.

Hirsutene: Greene *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1980**, 3059.

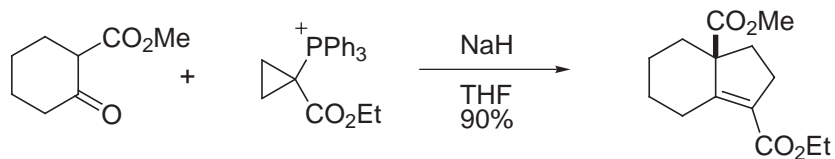
Hirsutic Acid: Greene *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1983**, 105, 2435.



Danheiser *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1981**, 103, 1604.

*Tetrahedron* **1983**, 39, 935.

- Cyclopropylphosphonium salts:

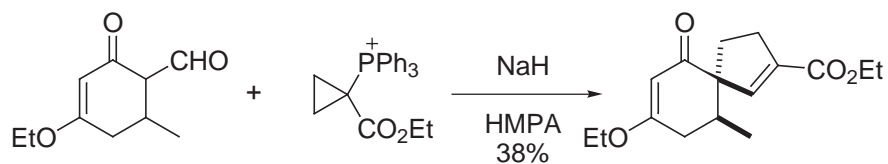


Fuchs *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1974**, 96, 1607.

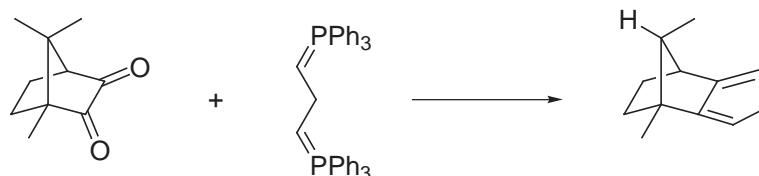


Marino *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1975**, 4531.

-  $\beta$ -Vetivone synthesis:

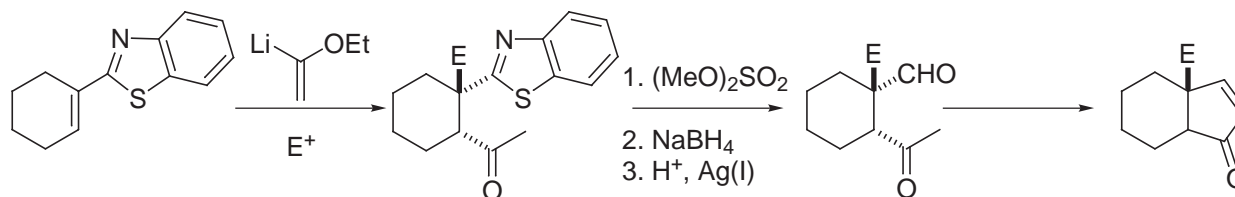


Dauben *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1975**, *97*, 1622.

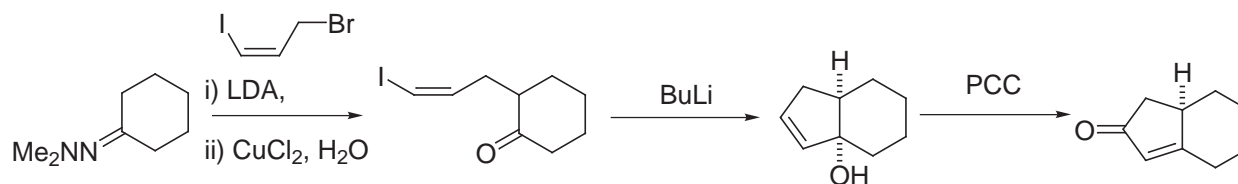


Burgstahler, Boger *Tetrahedron* **1976**, *32*, 309.

- Benzothiazoles as carbonyl equivalents:



Corey, Boger *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1978**, *5*, 9, 13 and 4557.



Piers *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1994**, *35*, 8573.

- Additional reviews: Denmark *Org. React.* **1994**, *45*, 1.  
Hudlicky *Chem. Rev.* **1989**, *89*, 1467.  
Sehore *Chem. Rev.* **1988**, *88*, 1085.  
Ramarah *Synthesis* **1984**, 529.

## X. Pauson-Khand Reaction

[2 + 2 + 1]

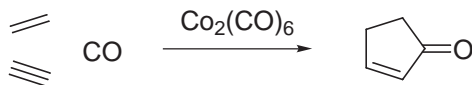
*Comprehensive Org. Syn.*, Vol. 5, pp. 1037-1064.

*Org. React.* **1991**, 40, 1.

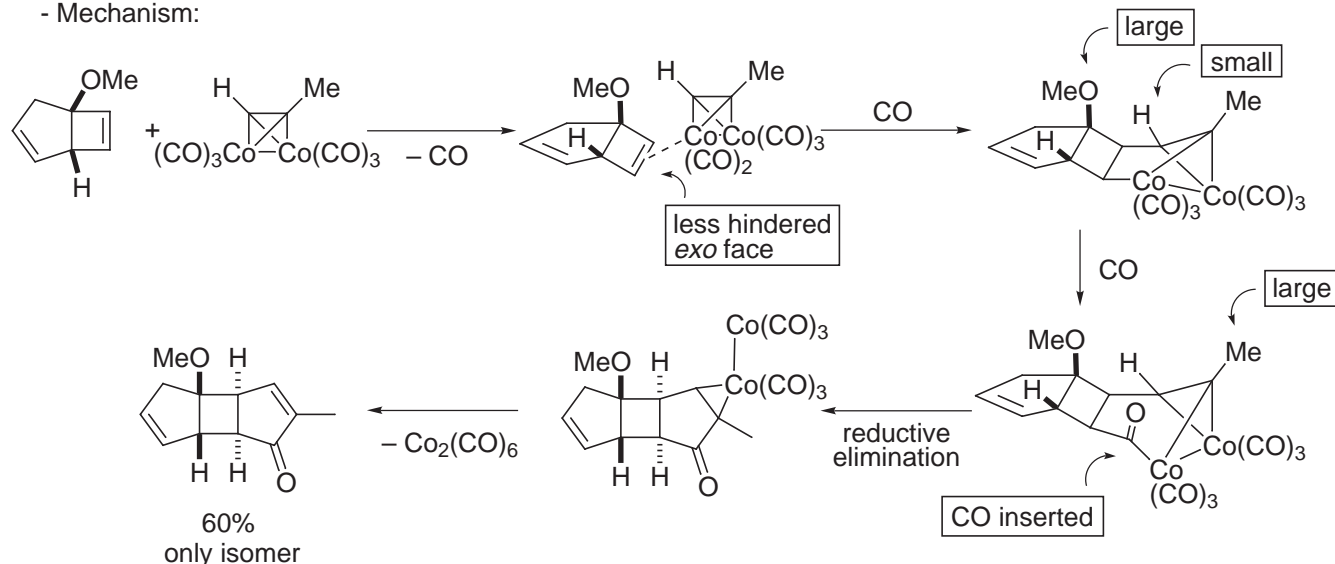
*Pauson Tetrahedron* **1978**, 41, 5855.

*Schore Chem. Rev.* **1988**, 88, 1081.

First detailed study: Khand *J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans. 1* **1973**, 977.

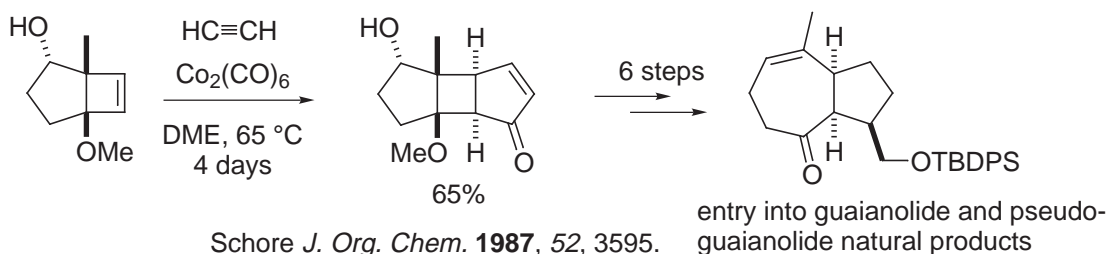


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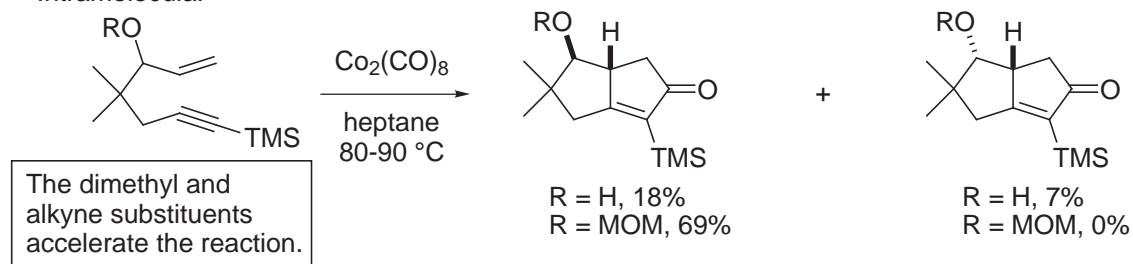


1. Regio- and stereochemistry are controlled by steric factors.
2. Complexation of alkene and insertion into Co-C bond occurs from less hindered face.
3. Insertion of the alkene carbon bearing the largest allylic substituent to form the first C-C bond occurs at the alkyne carbon bearing the smallest substituent.
4. Subsequent CO insertion occurs next to the largest alkyne substituent.
5. Reductive elimination followed by decomplexation gives the final product.

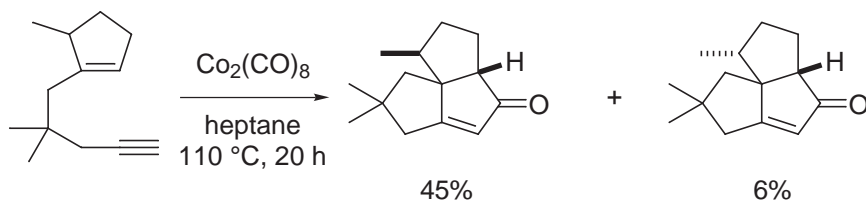
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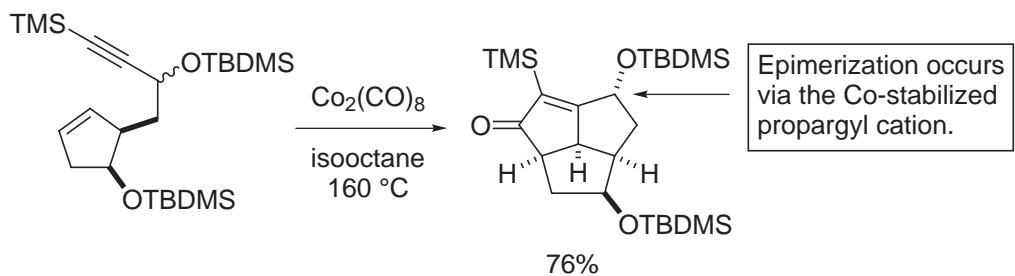
- Intramolecular



Magnus *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1983**, 105, 2477.

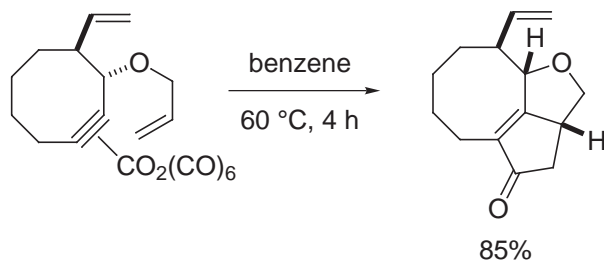


Schore *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1988**, *110*, 5224.

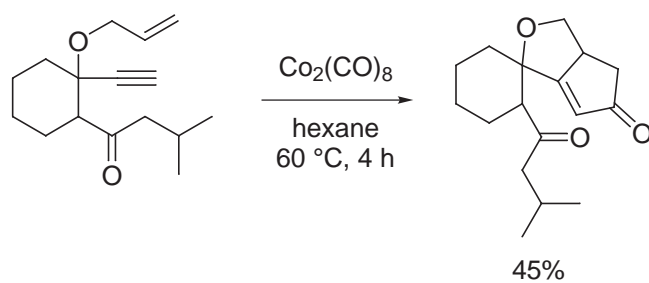


Serratos *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1985**, *26*, 2475.  
*Tetrahedron* **1986**, *42*, 1831.

-Heterosubstituted systems:



Schreiber *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1986**, *108*, 3128.

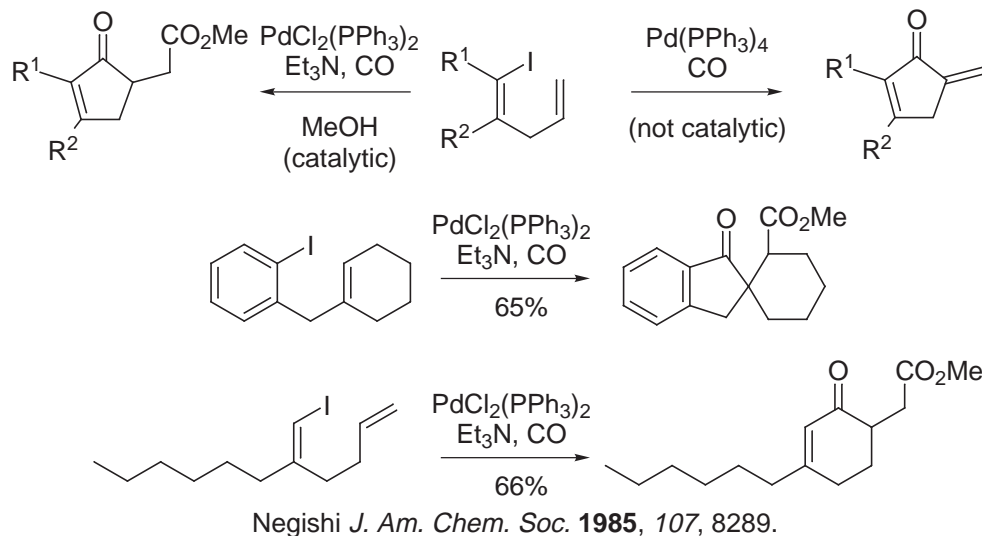


Smith *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1986**, *27*, 1241.

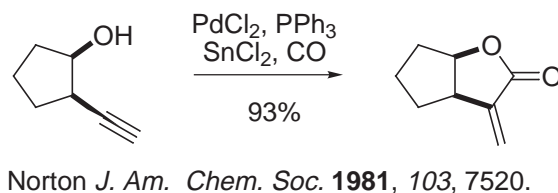
## Y. Carbonylation Cyclizations

*Comprehensive Org. Syn.*, Vol. 4, 1015.  
*Alper Acc. Chem. Res.* **1995**, *28*, 414.

- Pd mediated carbonylation

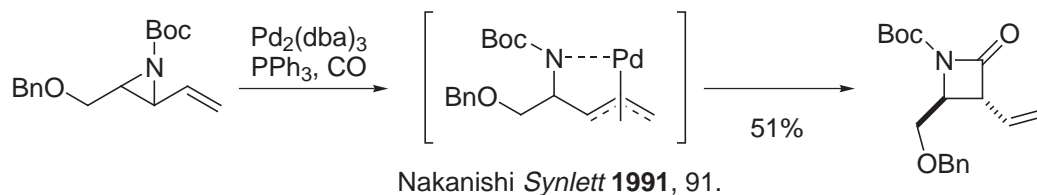
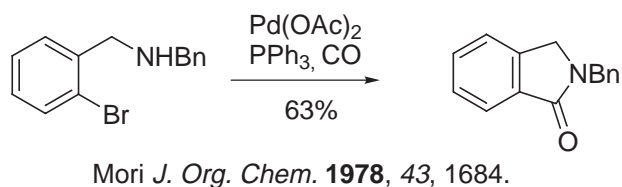


- Formation of lactones

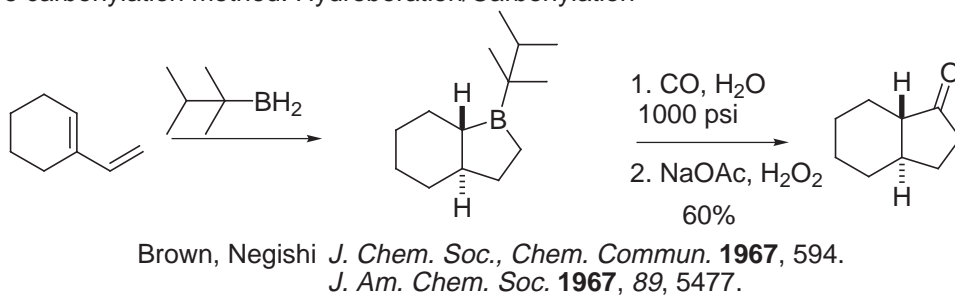


- Formation of amides

Heck *J. Org. Chem.* **1975**, *40*, 2667.



- Alternative carbonylation method: Hydroboration/Carbonylation



## Z. Olefin Ring Closing Metathesis

Grubbs *Comprehensive Org. Syn.*, Vol. 5, 1115.

*Acc. Chem. Res.* **1995**, 28, 446.

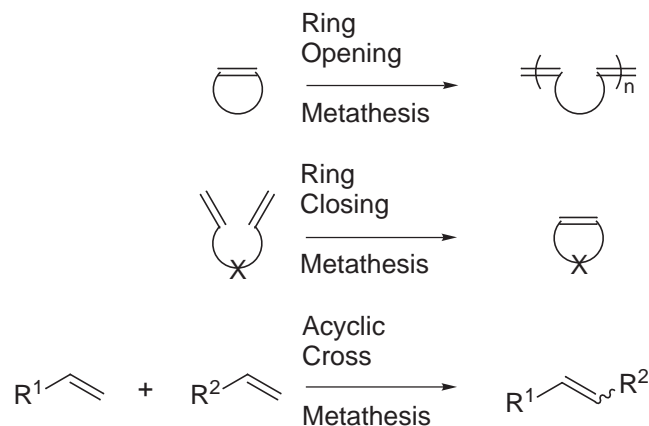
*Tetrahedron* **1998**, 54, 4413.

Schrock *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1990**, 112, 3875 and 8378.

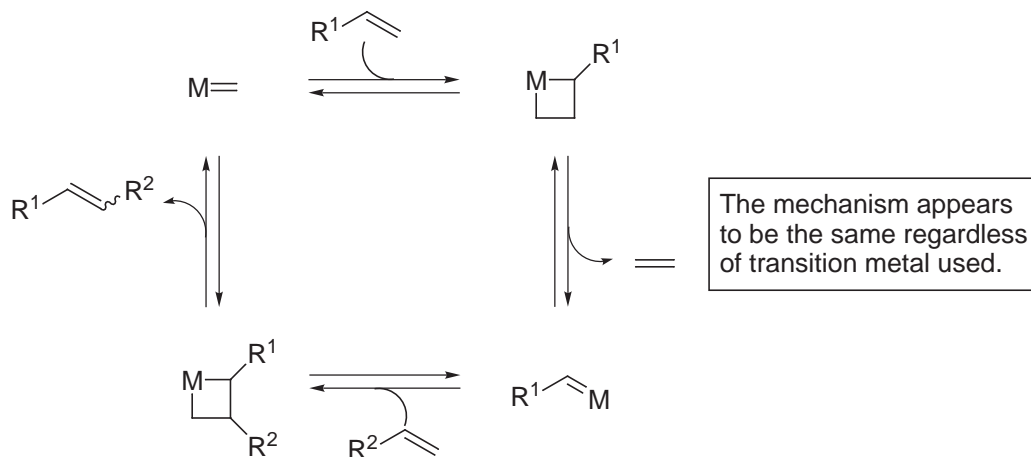
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1991**, 113, 6899.

K. Ziegler and G. Natta shared the 1963 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for their discovery and development of transition metal catalyzed preparation of polyethylene and stereoregular polymers including polypropylene.

-General concept:



- Mechanism:

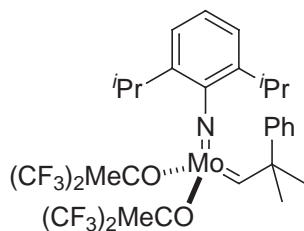


Grubbs *Comprehensive Organometallic Chem.*, Vol. 8, 1982, 499.

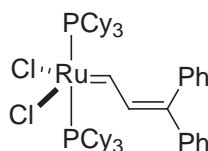
Sehrer *J. Sci. Ind. Res.* **1983**, 42, 250.

- Defined Catalysts

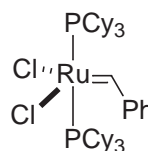
1. Early catalysts were poorly defined and incompatible with basic functionality.
2. Development of well-defined catalysts lead to high catalytic activity and compatibility with a wide variety of functionalities.
3. Catalysts are based on variety of transition metals including: Mo, Ru, W, Re, Ti and Ta.
4. The mechanism appears the same for all transition metals.
5. The most widely used catalysts are:



**1**  
Schrock



**2**  
Grubbs



**3**  
Grubbs

- Applications to organic synthesis

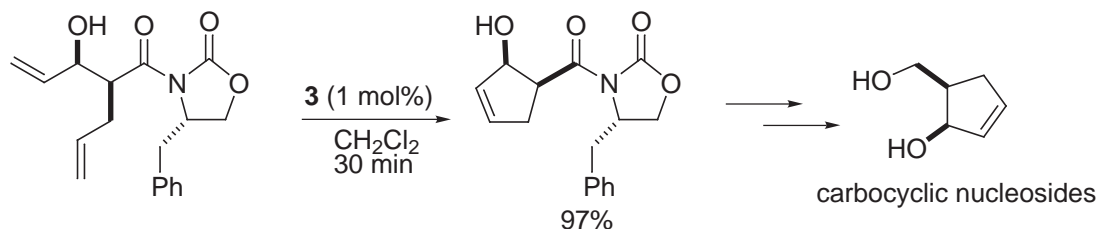
Ring closing metathesis is rapidly becoming one of the more powerful methods for preparing medium and large rings.

Modern use of ring closing metathesis traced back to:

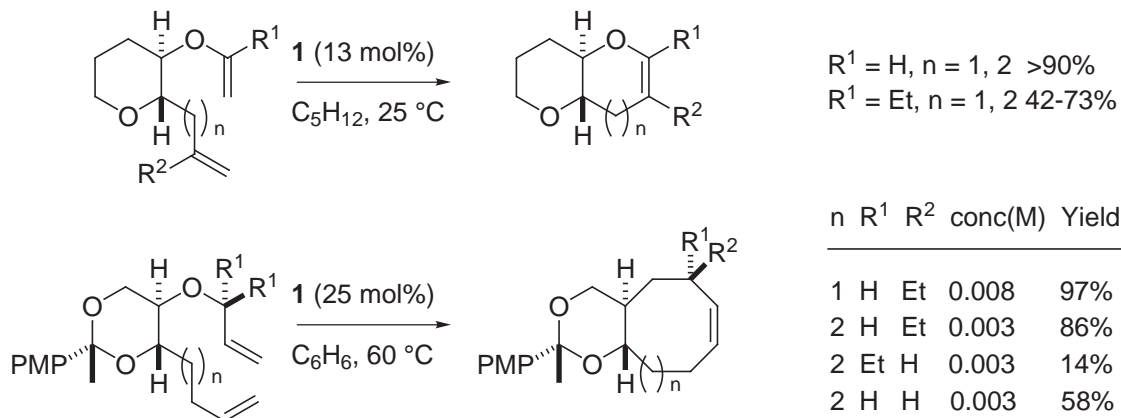


Grubbs, R. H.; Fu, G. C. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1992**, *114*, 5426, 7324.  
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1993**, *115*, 3800.

Recent examples:

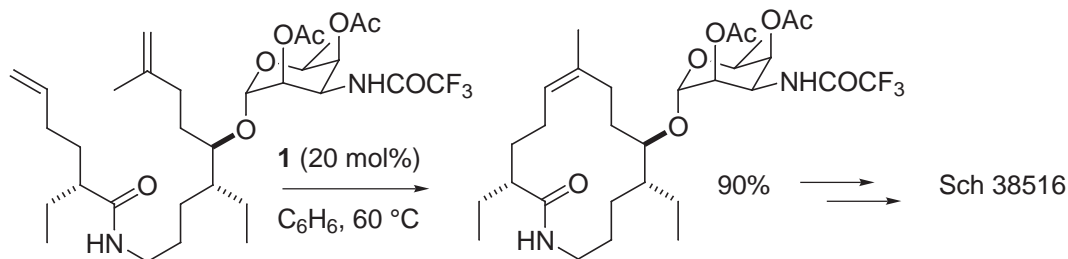


Crimmins *J. Org. Chem.* **1996**, *61*, 4192.  
Jacobsen *J. Org. Chem.* **1996**, *61*, 7963.



note dependence on conformation  
between two diastereomers.

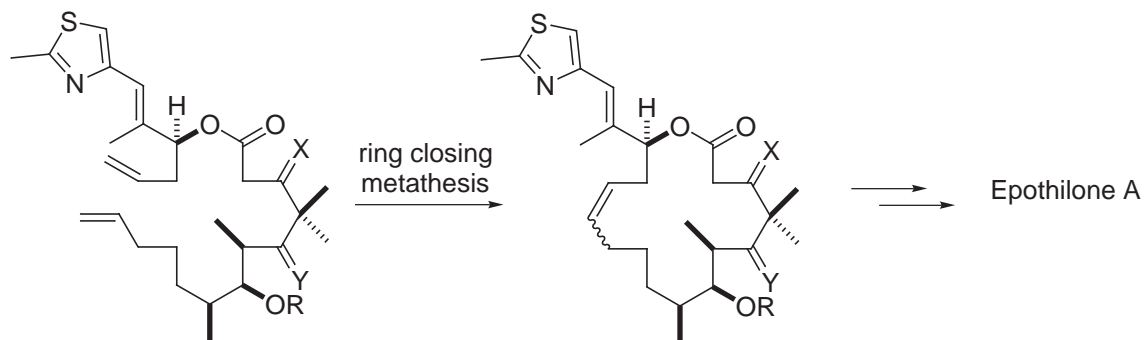
Clark, Kettle *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1997**, *38*, 123 and 127.



Hoveyda *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1995**, *117*, 2943.  
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1996**, *118*, 10926.

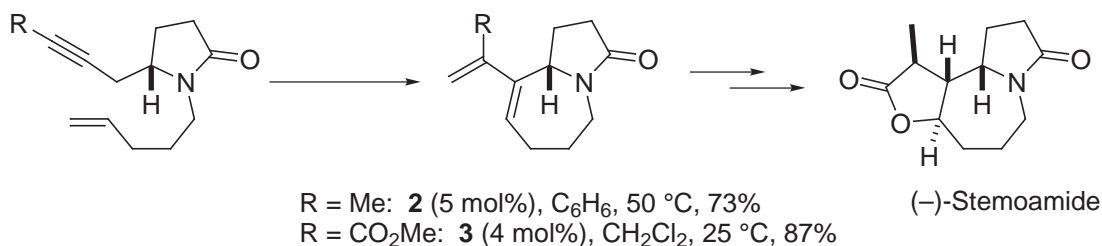


- Danishefsky, Nicolaou and Schinzer have all prepared Epothilone A using ring closing metathesis as the key cyclization step.



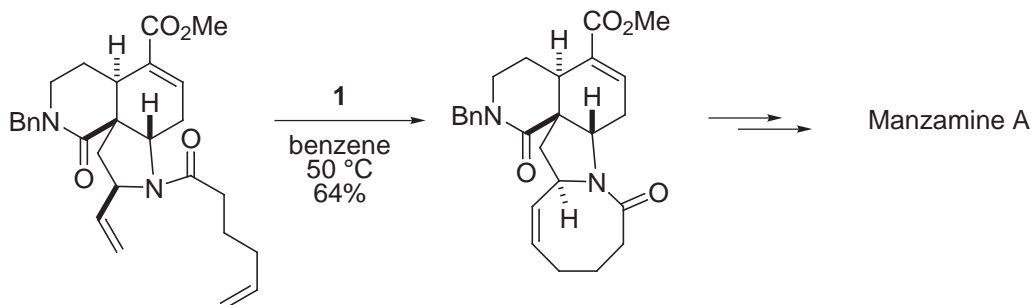
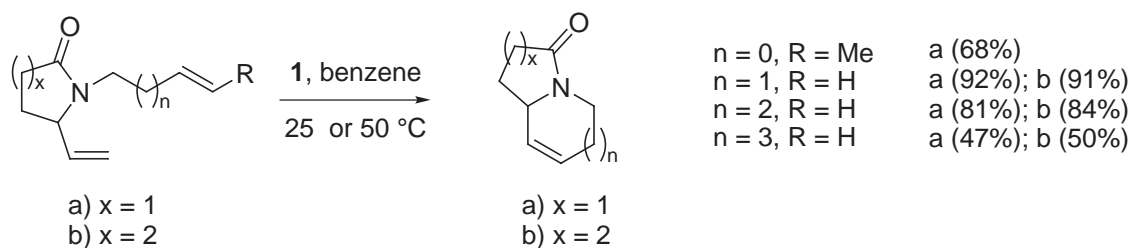
Danishefsky *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1997**, *119*, 2733.  
Nicolaou *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Eng.* **1997**, *36*, 166.  
Schinzer *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Eng.* **1997**, *36*, 523.

- Application to ring closing metathesis of enynes:



Kinoshita, Mori *J. Org. Chem.* **1996**, *61*, 8356.

- Application to the synthesis of fused nitrogen heterocycles:



Martin *Tetrahedron* **1996**, *52*, 7251.



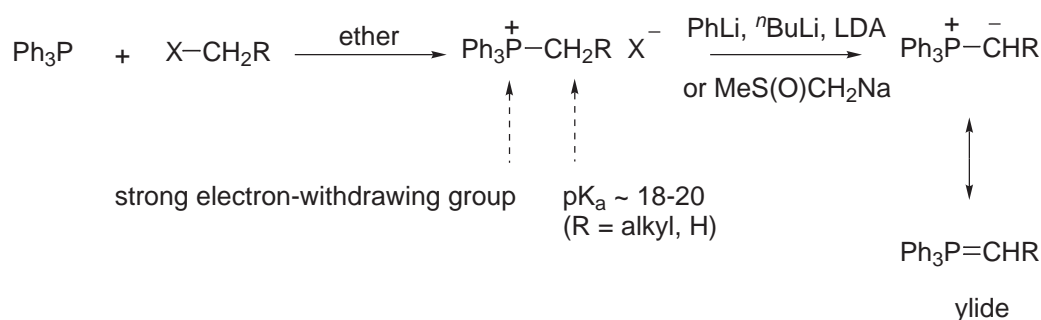
# XI. Olefin Synthesis

## A. Wittig Reaction

G. Wittig received the 1979 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for "many significant contributions to Organic Chemistry" which included not only the Wittig reaction, but also PhLi prepared by metal-halogen exchange, benzyne, and the Wittig rearrangement.

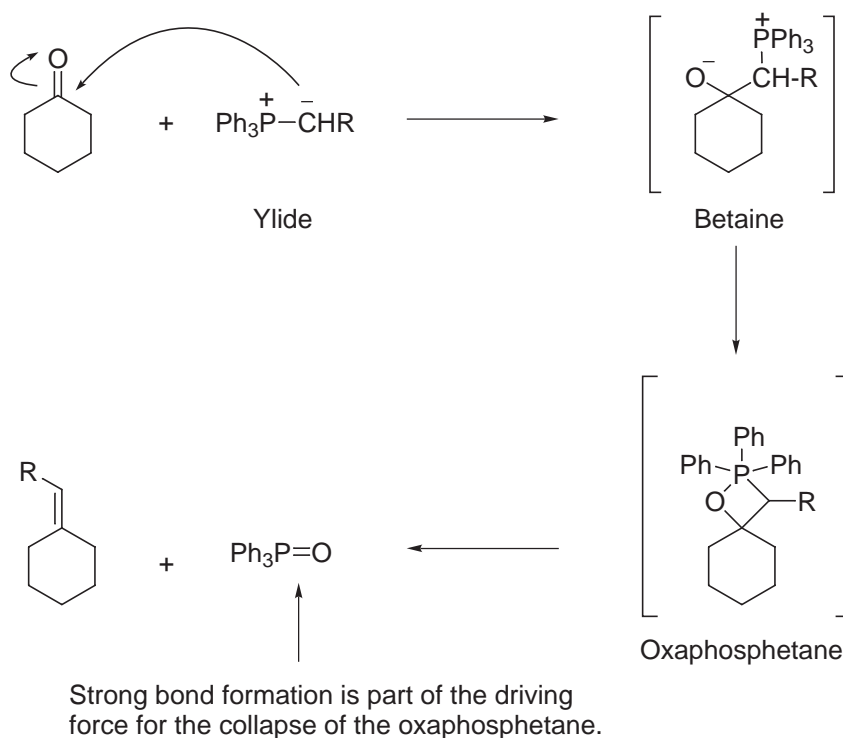
Reviews: *Comprehensive Org. Syn.*, Vol. 1, 755.  
*Org. React.* **1965**, 14, 270.  
*Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Eng.* **1964**, 3, 250.  
*Top. Stereochem.* **1970**, 5, 1.  
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*Chem. Rev.* **1989**, 89, 863.

### 1. Formation of Ylides



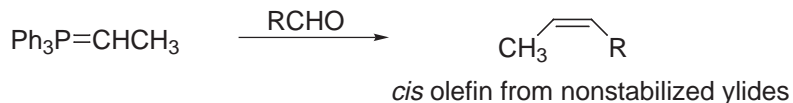
- Unstabilized ylides are sensitive to H<sub>2</sub>O, O<sub>2</sub>

### 2. Reaction of Ylides with Ketones

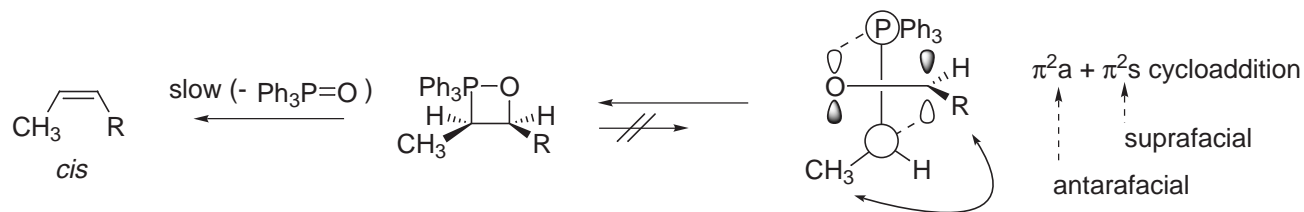


Wittig and Schöllkopf *Chem. Ber.* **1954**, 87, 1318.

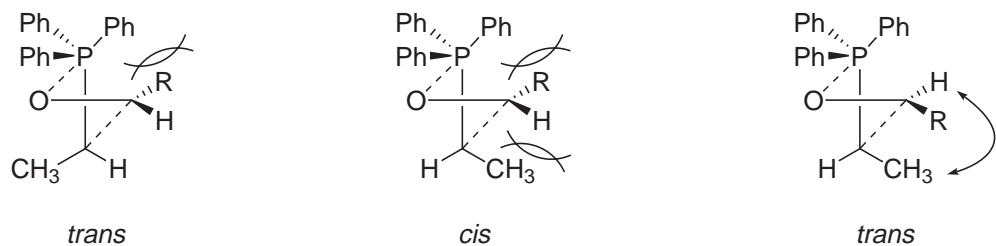
### 3. Mechanism and Stereoselectivity of the Wittig Reaction



- Stereoselectivity increases as the size of the R group increases.
- Accepted mechanism today: irreversible and concerted [2 + 2] cycloaddition.



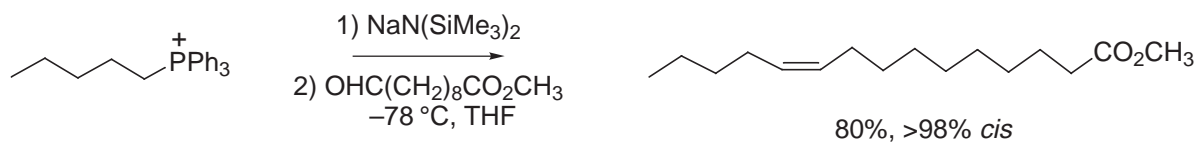
- The three alternative [2 + 2] cycloaddition transition states suffer destabilizing steric interactions:



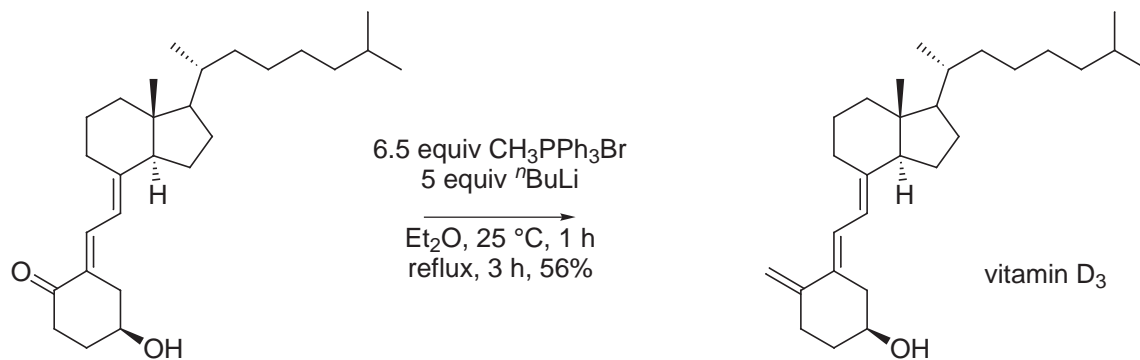
Not bad, probably gives rise to *trans* product

- So, the mechanism involves fast, irreversible [2 + 2] cycloaddition (usually occurs at  $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ) followed by slow decomposition of oxaphosphetane (frequently requires warming to  $0\text{-}25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ).
- Nonpolar solvents facilitate the initial addition.
- Polar solvents facilitate the final elimination reaction.

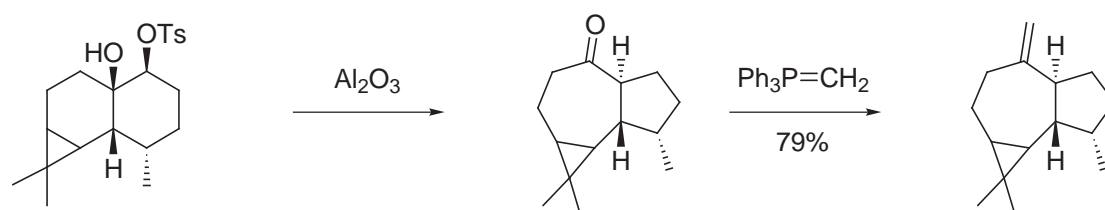
#### 4. Representative Examples



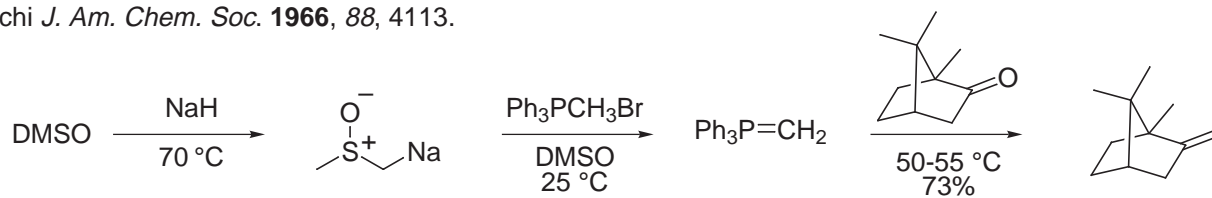
Besterman *Chem. Ber.* **1976**, *109*, 1694.



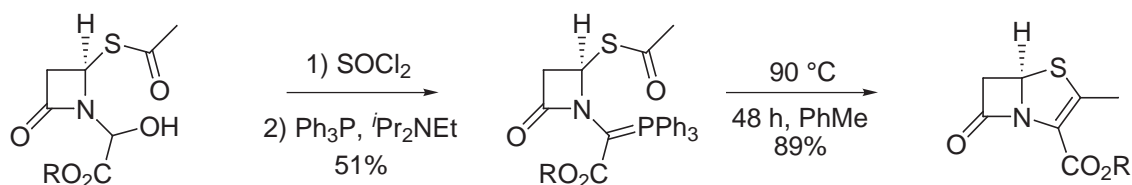
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Büchi *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1966**, *88*, 4113.

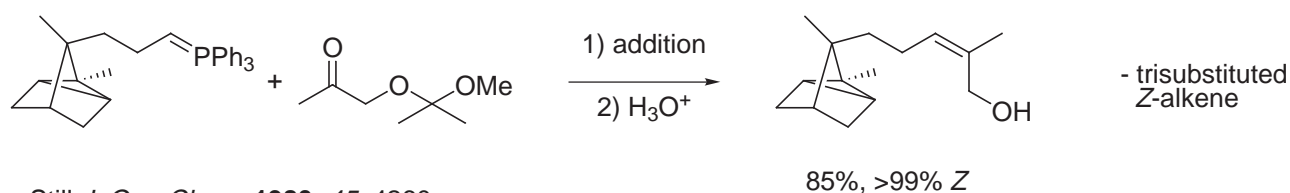


Corey *J. Org. Chem.* **1963**, *28*, 1128.



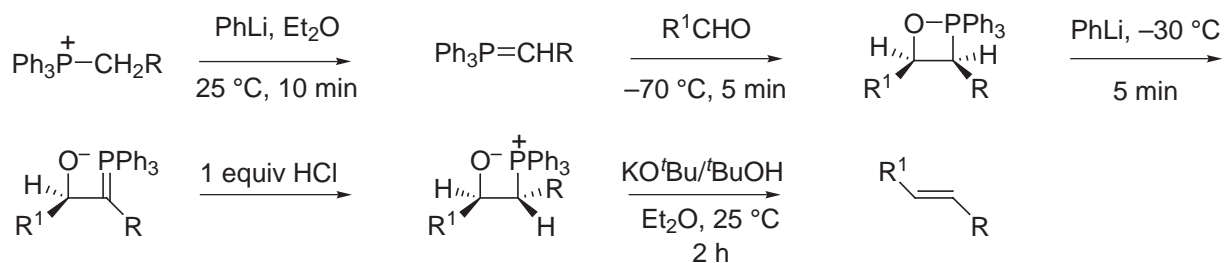
Woodward *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1979**, *101*, 6301.

-  $\alpha$ -oxygenated substrates



Still *J. Org. Chem.* **1980**, *45*, 4260.

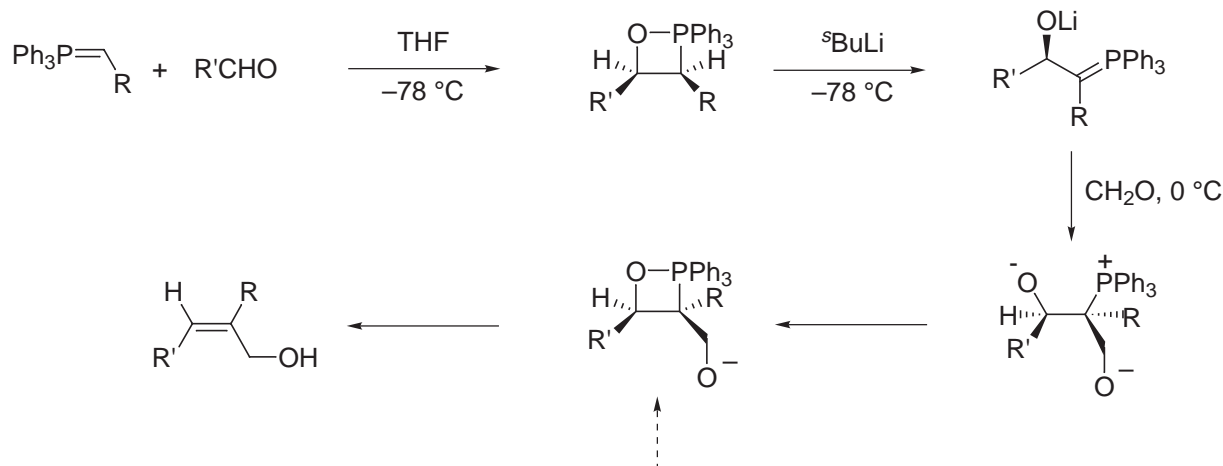
- Schlösser modification: allows the preparation of *trans* vs. *cis* olefins.



R	R <sup>1</sup>	% yield	<i>trans</i> : <i>cis</i>
CH <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>11</sub>	70	99:1
C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>11</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	60	96:4
C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub>	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub>	72	98:2
CH <sub>3</sub>	Ph	69	99:1
C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	Ph	72	97:3

Schlösser *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Eng.* **1966**, 5, 126.

- β-Oxido Phosphonium Ylide Reaction: adaptation of the Schlösser modification for the stereoselective preparation of trisubstituted allylic alcohols.



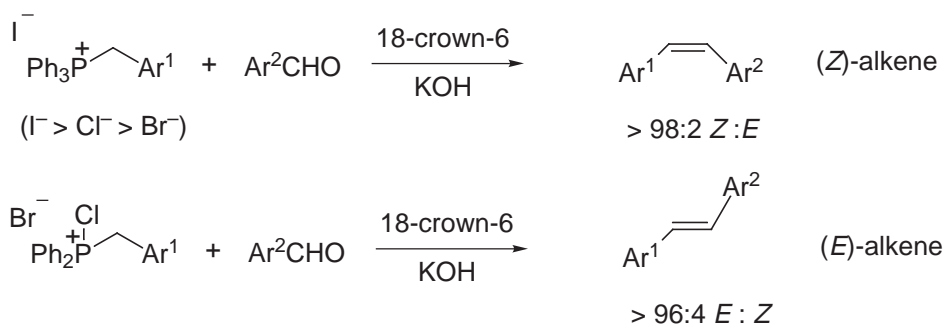
Only 2° alkoxide forms oxaphosphetane that eliminates to form the olefin.

Corey, Katzenellenbogen and Posner *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1967**, 89, 4245.

Corey and Yamamoto *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1970**, 92, 226.

Corey and Yamamoto *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1970**, 92, 6636.

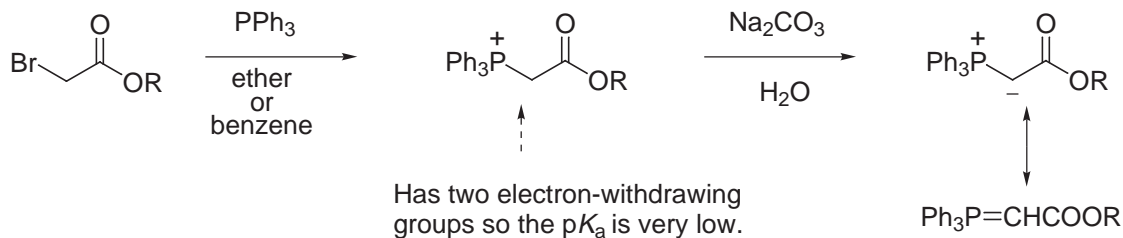
Corey and Yamamoto *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1970**, 92, 6637.



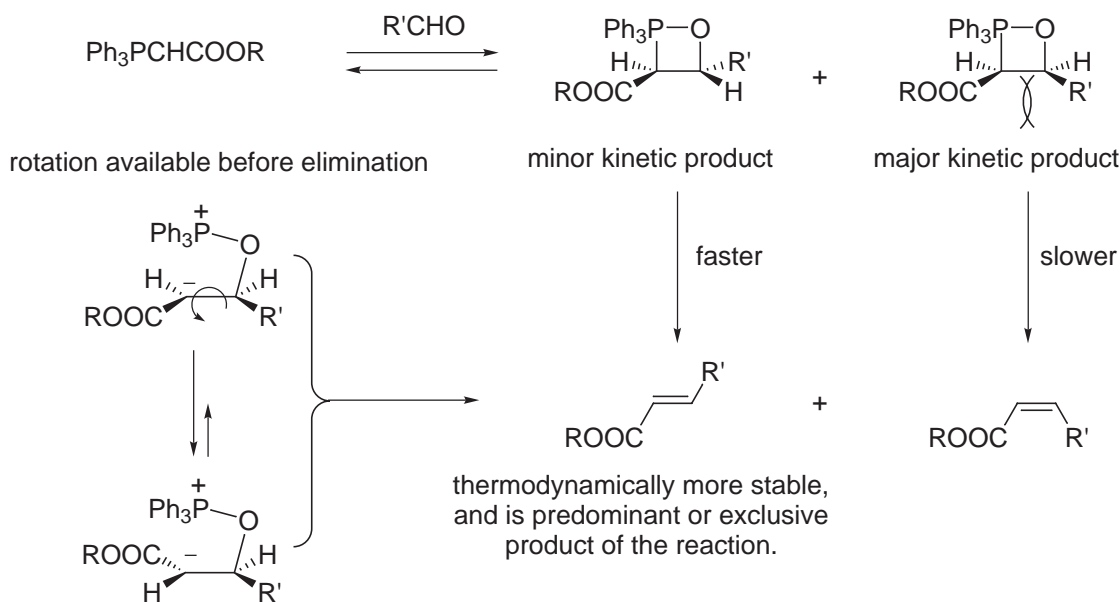
C. J. Peterson (DuPont) received the 1987 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for his discovery and development of crown ethers.

Chiappe *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1996**, 37, 4225.

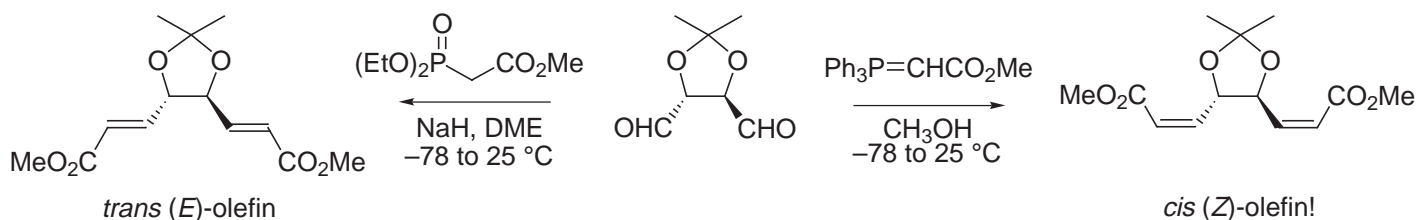
## 5. Stabilized Ylides



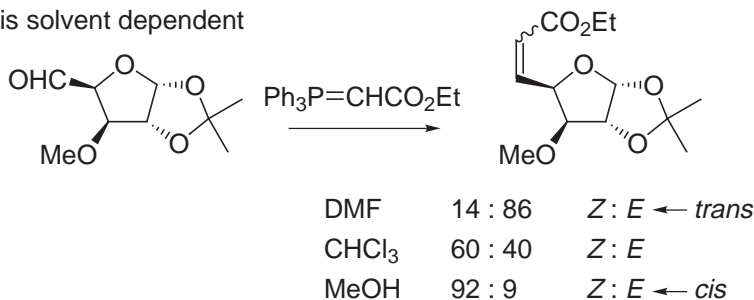
- Stabilized ylides are solid; stable to storage, not particularly sensitive to moisture, and can even be purified by chromatography.
- Because they are stabilized, they are much less reactive than alkyl ylides. They react well with aldehydes, but only slowly with ketones.
- The first step, involving the addition to the aldehyde, is slow and reversible with stabilized ylides.



- It is also possible that elimination occurs in a stepwise manner via stabilized zwitterionic intermediate that may simply afford the more stable product.
- $\alpha$ -oxygenated substrates
- The exception to the generation of *E*-alkenes with stabilized ylides is their reaction with  $\alpha$ -alkoxy aldehydes.

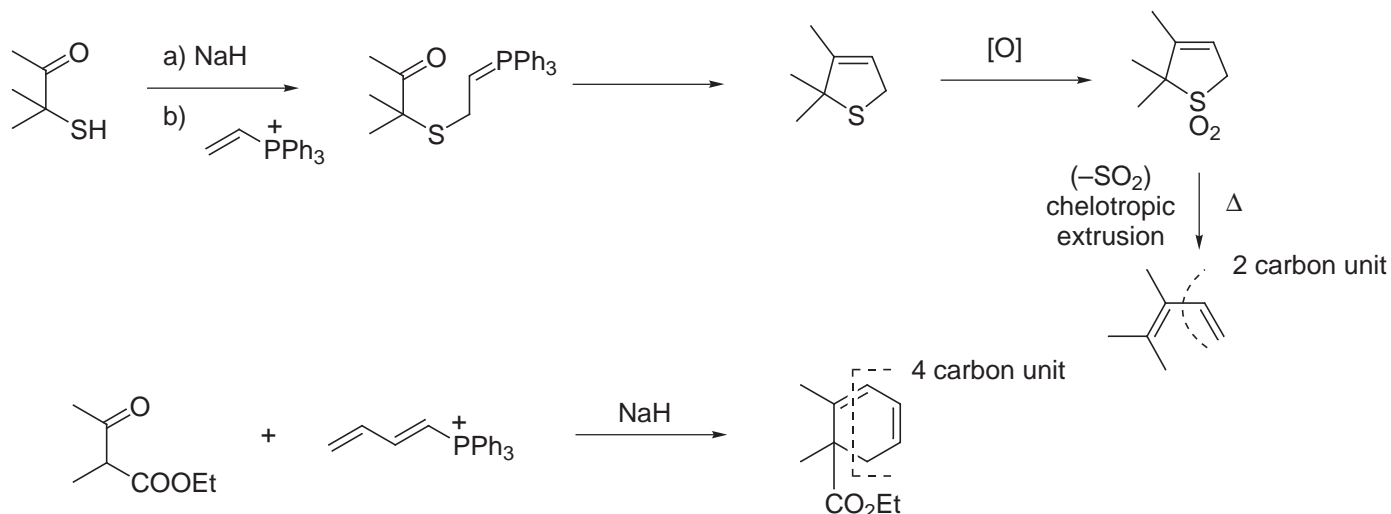
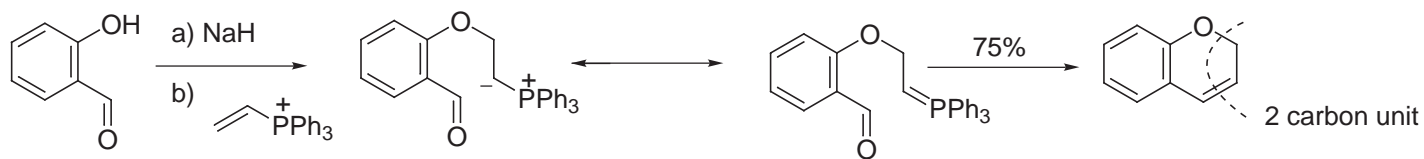


- And, this departure is solvent dependent

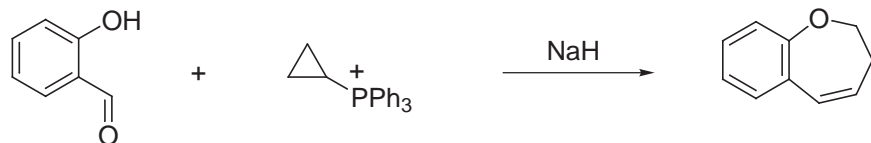


Tronchet, Bentzle *Helv. Chim. Acta* **1979**, 62, 2091.

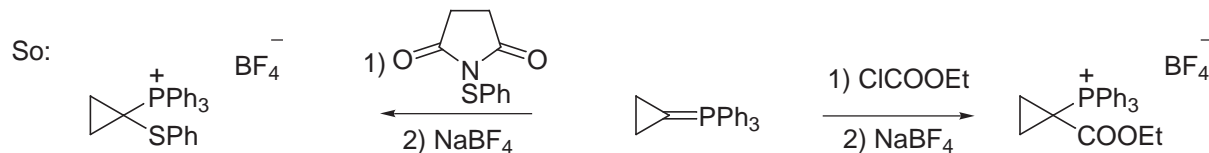
## 6. Annulation Applications of the Wittig Reaction



- Homoconjugate addition:

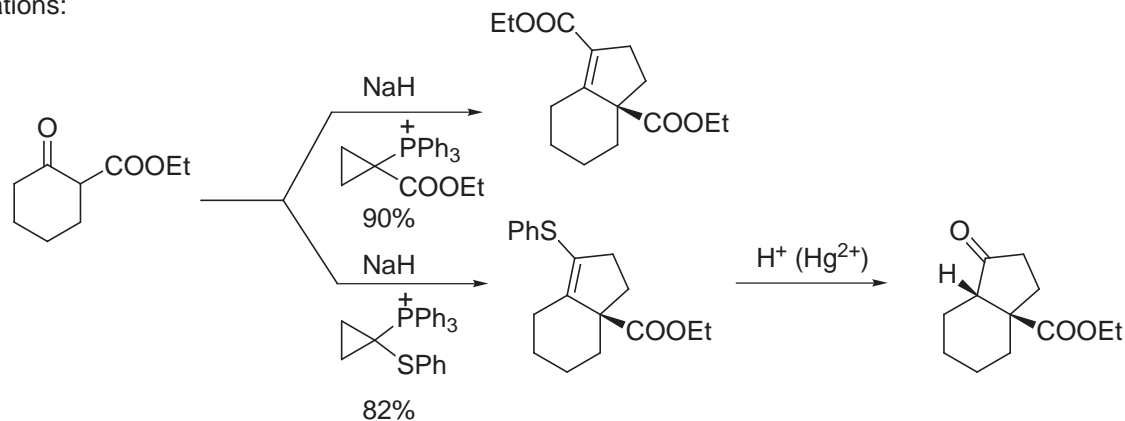


- Modest yields because one electron-withdrawing group is not sufficient to activate the cyclopropane ring to nucleophilic ring opening.



Dauben *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1975**, 97, 1622.

- Applications:

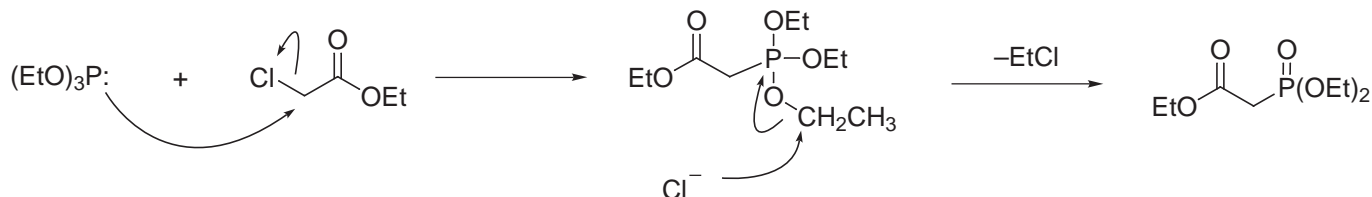
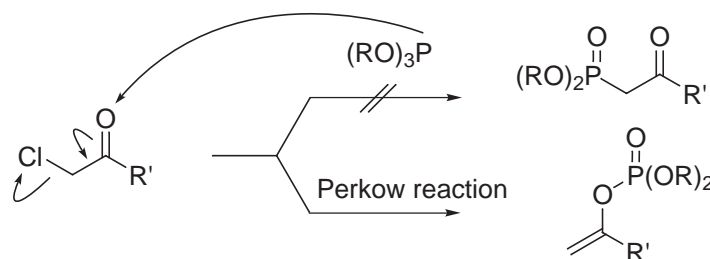




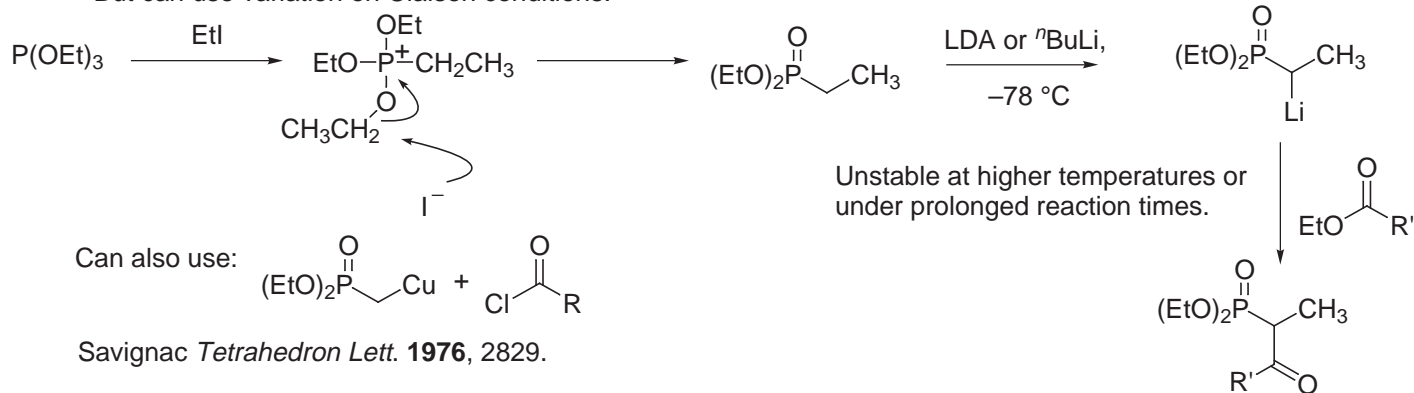
## B. Wadsworth-Horner-Emmons Reaction

Horner *Chem. Ber.* **1958**, *91*, 61; **1959**, *92*, 2499.Wadsworth, Emmons *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1961**, *83*, 1733.Wadsworth, Emmons *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1966**, *88*, 5654.Reviews: *Org. React.* **1977**, *25*, 73-253.  
*Comprehensive Org. Syn.*, Vol. 1, 761.

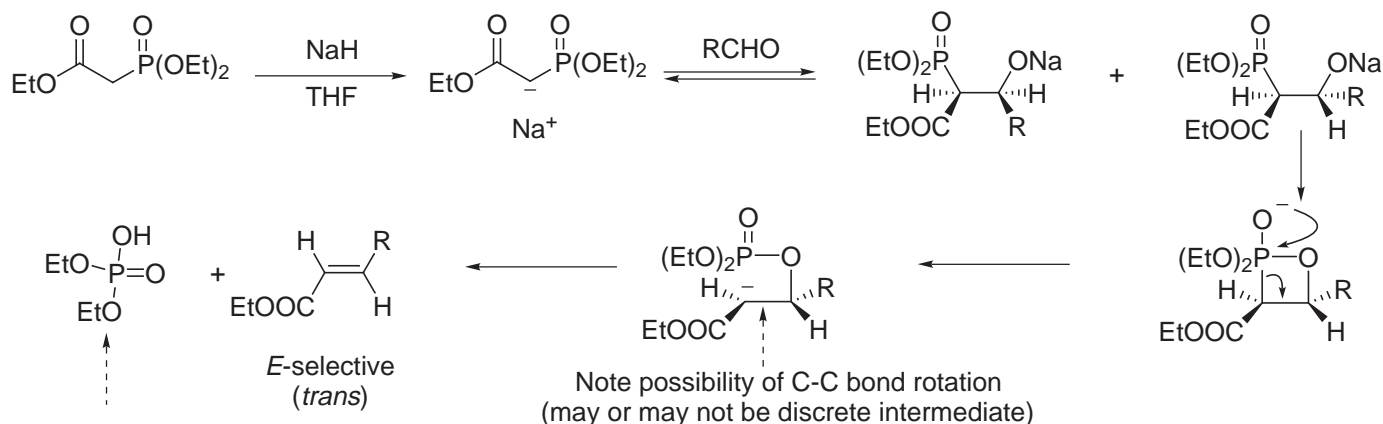
### 1. Arbuzov Reaction - Preparation of Phosphonate Esters

- The same approach to the preparation of  $\beta$ -ketophosphonates is not successful:

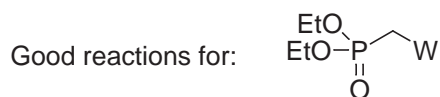
- But can use variation on Claisen conditions:



### 2. Mechanism and Stereoselectivity



Water soluble (easily removed through aqueous workup)

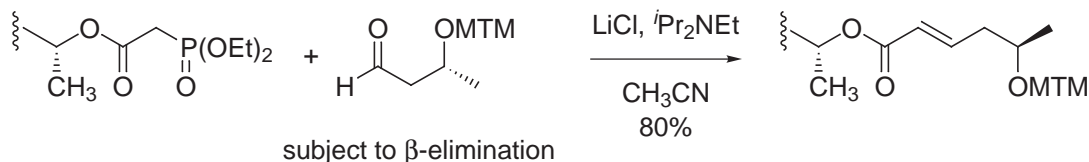
W = CN, COOR, C(O)R, CHO, SO<sub>2</sub>Ph, Ph  
But not W = alkyl, H

### 3. Modifications and Scope

- LiCl/tertiary amines (DBU, <sup>i</sup>Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt, Et<sub>3</sub>N)

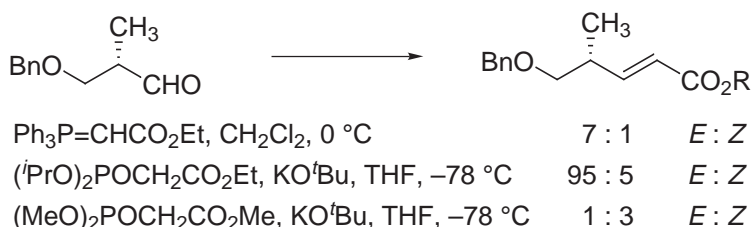
Masamune, Roush *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1984**, 25, 2183.

Can substitute for conventional conditions and is especially good for base sensitive substrates (epimerization, elimination).



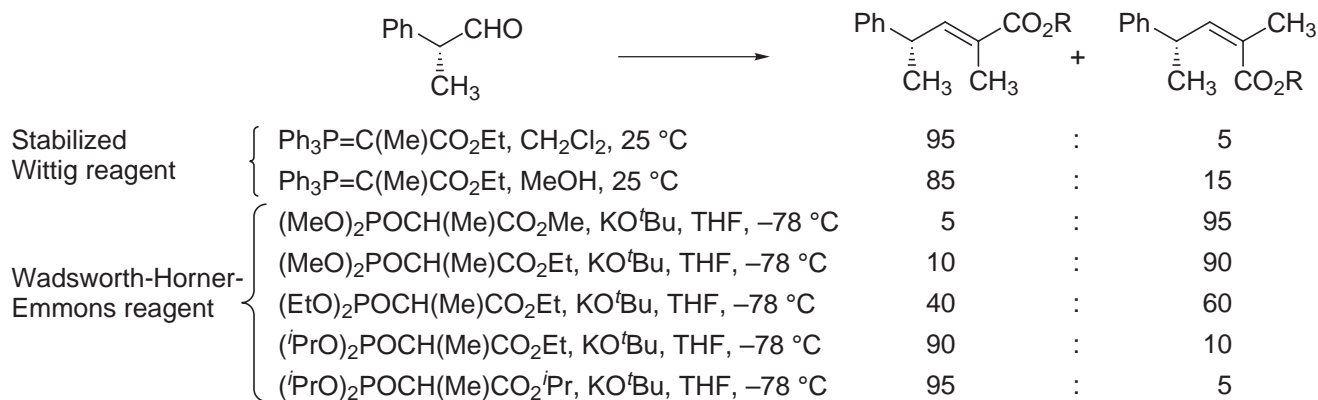
Keck *J. Org. Chem.* **1989**, 54, 896. (thioester was also stable to these conditions)

- Hindered phosphonates and hindered aldehydes increase *E*-selectivity (*trans*).

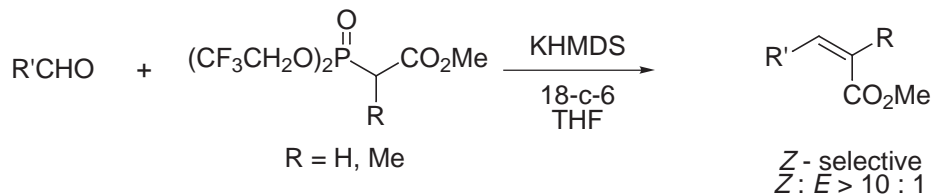


Kishi *Tetrahedron* **1981**, 37, 3873.

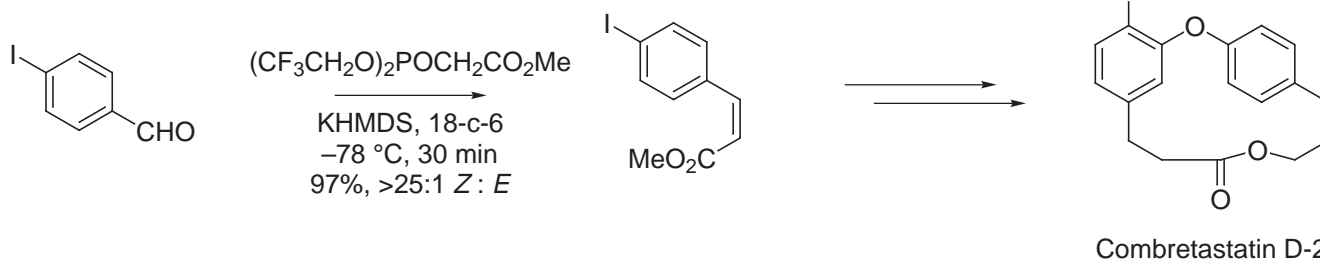
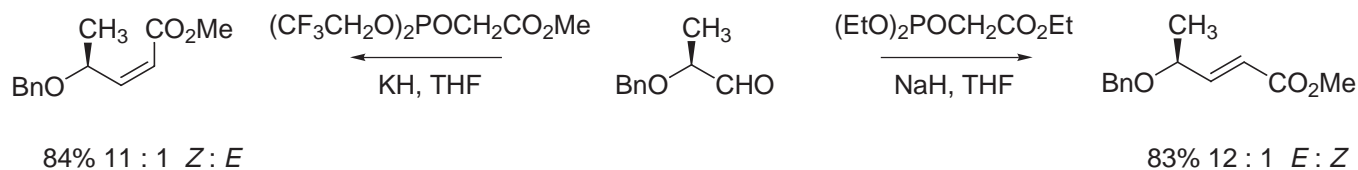
- The use of a nonhindered phosphonate, low temperatures, and a strongly dissociating base (KO<sup>t</sup>Bu) can give increased or high *Z*-selectivity (*cis*).
- Coordinating counteractions slow the rate of elimination relative to equilibration.



- Still-Gennari modification selective for *Z*-alkenes (*cis*):



Still *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1983**, 24, 4405.

Ando *J. Org. Chem.* **1997**, 62, 1934.Selected diarylphosphonates  
provide high (Z)-selectivity as well

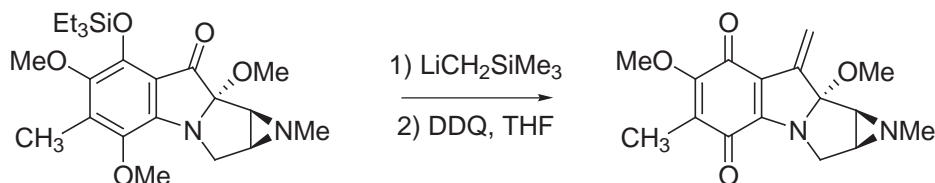
## C. Peterson Olefination

Peterson *J. Org. Chem.* **1968**, 33, 781.Reviews: *Org. React.* **1990**, 38, 1.

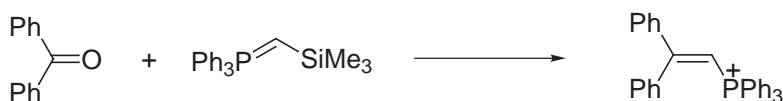
### 1. Nonstabilized Peterson Reagents

- Me<sub>3</sub>SiCH<sub>2</sub>Met, Met = Li, Mg, offer an alternative to Wittig or Tebbe procedures. They are more reactive and sterically less demanding than a Wittig reagent and the volatile byproduct (Me<sub>3</sub>SiOH/ Me<sub>3</sub>SiOSiMe<sub>3</sub>) is simpler to remove than Ph<sub>3</sub>PO. It does, however, require a second step to promote elimination of the β-hydroxysilane.

- Example

Danishefsky *J. Org. Chem.* **1988**, 53, 3391.

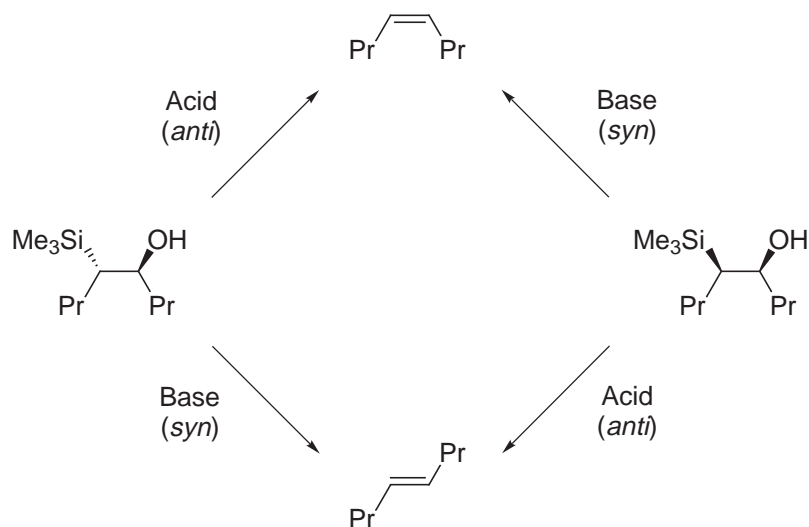
- TMS eliminates in preference to Ph<sub>3</sub>P or P(O)(OR)<sub>2</sub>:



Peterson. *J. Org. Chem.* **1968**, 33, 780.

Note: this is the origin of its discovery

- Modifications include: Me<sub>3</sub>SiCH<sub>2</sub>MgBr/ TiCl<sub>4</sub> (direct production of olefin), and Me<sub>3</sub>SiCH<sub>2</sub>Li/ CeCl<sub>3</sub> (enolizable ketones and aldehydes, while esters and acid chlorides give allylsilanes via addition 2x).
- The elimination is stereospecific: acid-promoted being *anti* and base-promoted being *syn*.

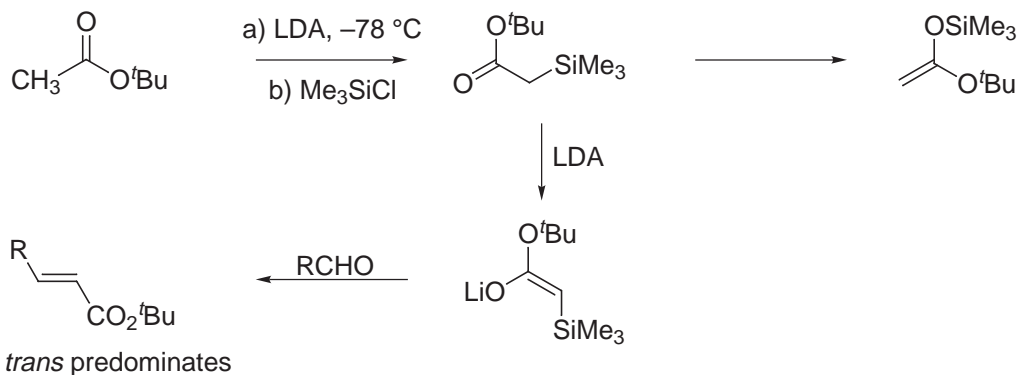


Hudrlik, Peterson *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1975**, 97, 1464.

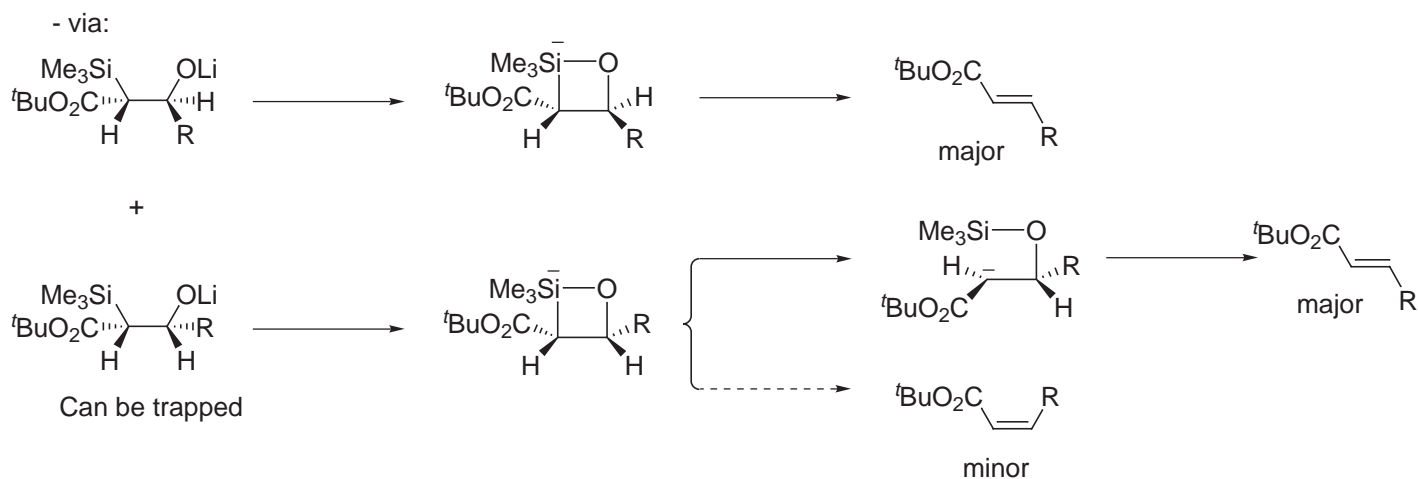
- Unstabilized Peterson reagents add to ketones and aldehydes irreversibly with little diastereoselectivity. Therefore, mixtures of *cis* and *trans* olefins are obtained and the reactions are not yet as useful as the Wittig reaction.

## 2. Stabilized Peterson Reagents

- The stabilized Peterson reagents give predominantly the most stable *trans* olefins (*E*) although this has been studied far less than the Wittig or Wadsworth-Horner-Emmons reactions. The origin of this diastereoselection has not been extensively explored with regard to enolate geometry, reversible/irreversible addition, or mechanism of elimination. In this case, the elimination takes place under the reaction conditions.

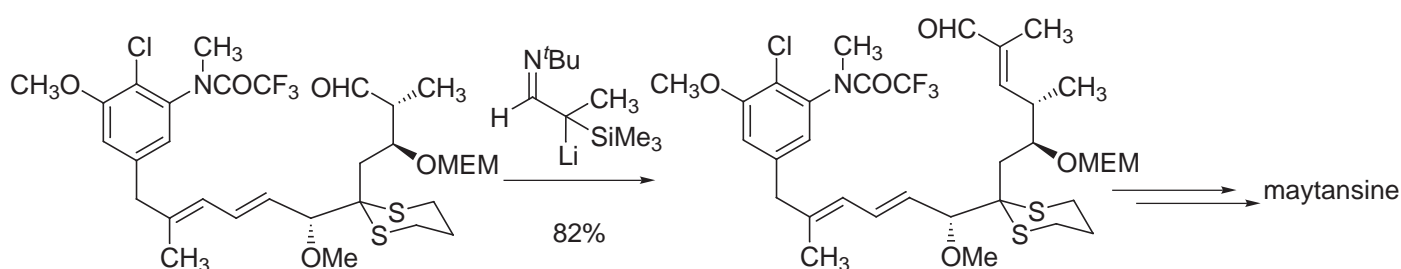


Rathke *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1974**, 1403.  
Yamamoto *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1974**, 96, 1620.

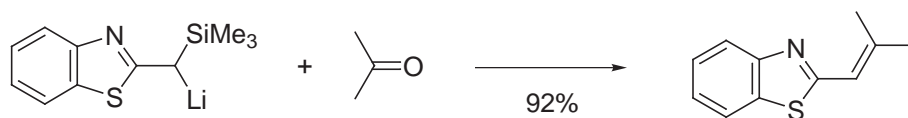


- Both single step and two-step elimination via an equilibration have been proposed.

- Additional examples:



Corey, Weigel, Chamberlin, Lipshutz *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1980**, 102, 1439.  
Corey, Enders, Bock *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1976**, 3 and 7.



Corey and Boger *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1978**, 5.

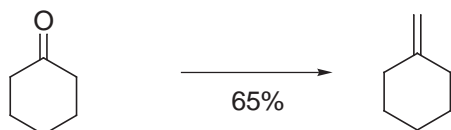
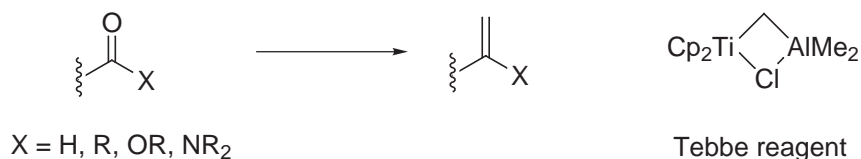
## D. The Tebbe Reaction and Related Titanium-stabilized Methyleneations

reviews: *Org. React.* **1993**, 43, 1.  
*Comprehensive Org. Syn.*, Vol. 1, 743.

- The Wittig, Wadsworth-Horner-Emmons, and Peterson olefination do not convert esters or amides to the corresponding olefin, but rather fail to react or result in the cleavage of the ester or amide bond.
- Schrock discovered that Ta and Nb *tert*-butyl alkylidene complexes behave analogous to phosphorous ylides and, notably, react with esters and amides to provide the corresponding *t*-butylalkenes.

Schrock *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1976**, 98, 5399.

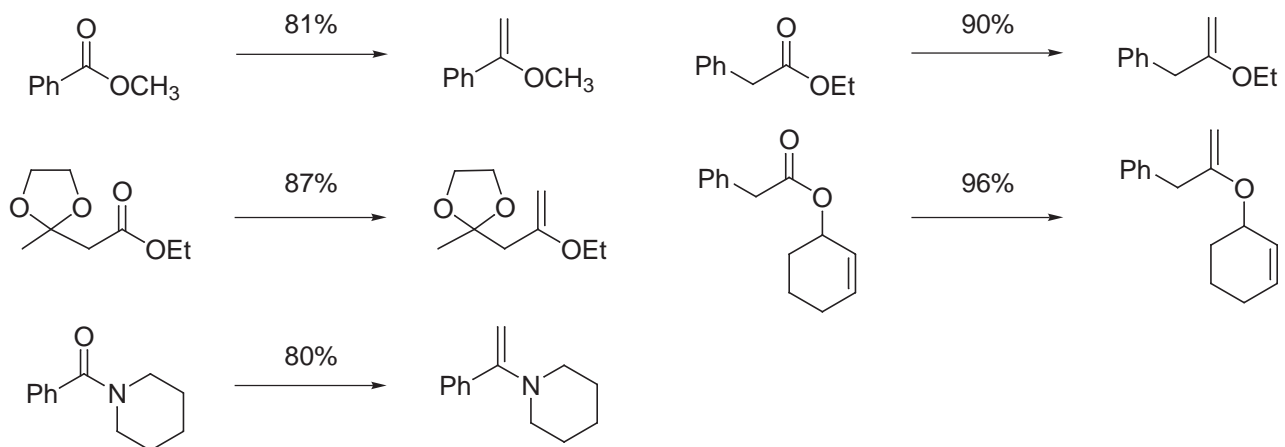
- The Tebbe reagent was introduced in 1978 and was shown to react with aldehydes, ketones, esters, and lactones to produce the methylene derivatives.



Tebbe *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1978**, 100, 3611.

- Tolerates ketal and alkene derivatives.

Scope defined by Evans and Grubbs *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1980**, 102, 3270.  
Extended to tertiary amides by Pine *J. Org. Chem.* **1985**, 50, 1212.



Use of Cp<sub>2</sub>TiMe<sub>2</sub>: Petasis *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1990**, 112, 6392.

## E. Representative Other Methods for Terminal Methylene Formation

## Reagents

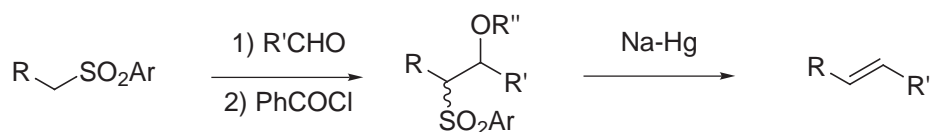
$R_2CO$ ,  $CH_2Cl_2$ , Mg  
 $R_2CO$ ,  $LiCH_2PO(NMe_2)_2$   
 $R_2CO$ ,  $LiCH_2SPh$ ;  $CH_3SO_2Cl$ ;  $Li/NH_3$   
 $R_2CO$ ,  $LiCH_2SPh$ ;  $(RO)_2PCl$ ; heat  
 $R_2CO$ ,  $LiCH_2S(O)Ph$

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Cainelli *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1967**, 5153.  
 Corey *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1966**, *88*, 5653.  
 Ghatak *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1972**, *94*, 4758.  
 Kuwajima *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1972**, 737.  
 Kuwajima *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1972**, 649.

- Julia Olefination

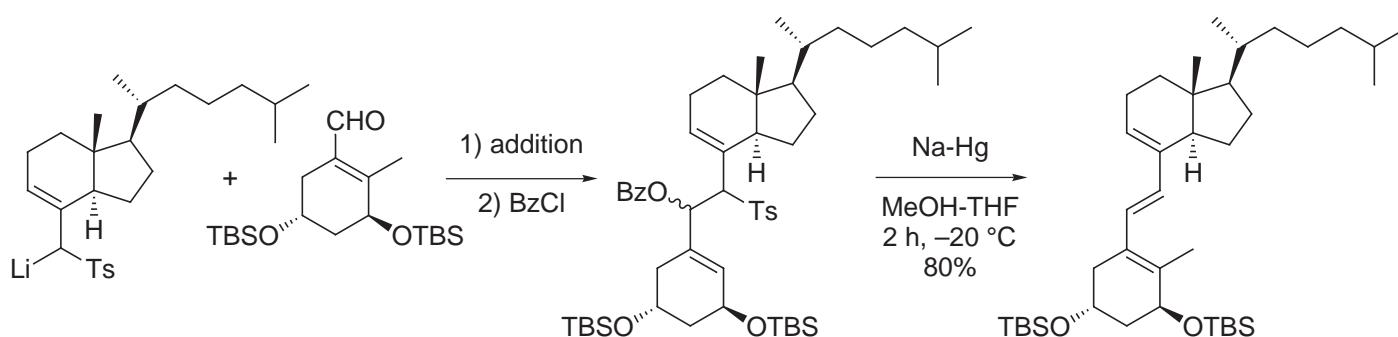
Review: *Comprehensive Org. Syn.*, Vol. 1, 792.



$R'' = Ms, Ts, Ac, CPh$

exclusively or predominantly  
the more stable *trans* isomer

- Example:

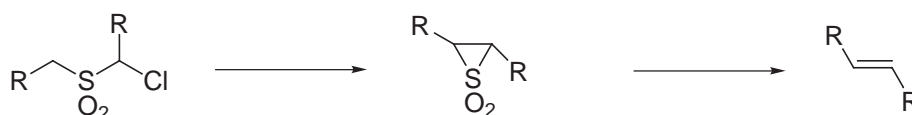


*Julia Tetrahedron Lett.* **1973**, 4833.

$R_2CO$ ,  $LiCH_2S(O)Bu$ ;  $SOCl_2-CH_2Cl_2$   
 $-CH(OH)CH_2CO_2H$ ,  $HC(OMe)_2NMe_2$ , heat  
 $RC\equiv CH$ ,  $RCu \longrightarrow R_2C=CH_2$   
 $RCO_2CH_3$ ,  $Ph_3P=CH_2 \longrightarrow R(CH_3)C=CH_2$   
 $R_2CO$ ,  $PhS(O)(NCH_3)CH_2Li$   
 $RCH_2SO_2CH_2Cl$ ,  $HO^-$

Durst *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1973**, *95*, 3420.  
 Hara *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1975**, 1545.  
 Normant *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1971**, 2583.  
 van der Gen *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1975**, 1439.  
 Johnson *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1973**, *95*, 6462.  
 Doomes and Corfield *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1970**, *92*, 2581.

- Ramberg-Backlund reaction



*Org. React.* **1977**, *25*, 1.

Reagents

RC≡CH, H<sub>2</sub>/ Lindlar catalyst  
R<sub>2</sub>CHCH<sub>2</sub>OAc, Δ (pyrolysis)  
Also: xanthates  
R<sub>2</sub>CHCH<sub>2</sub>NMe<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, Δ

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*Org. Syn.* **1969**, 46, 89.  
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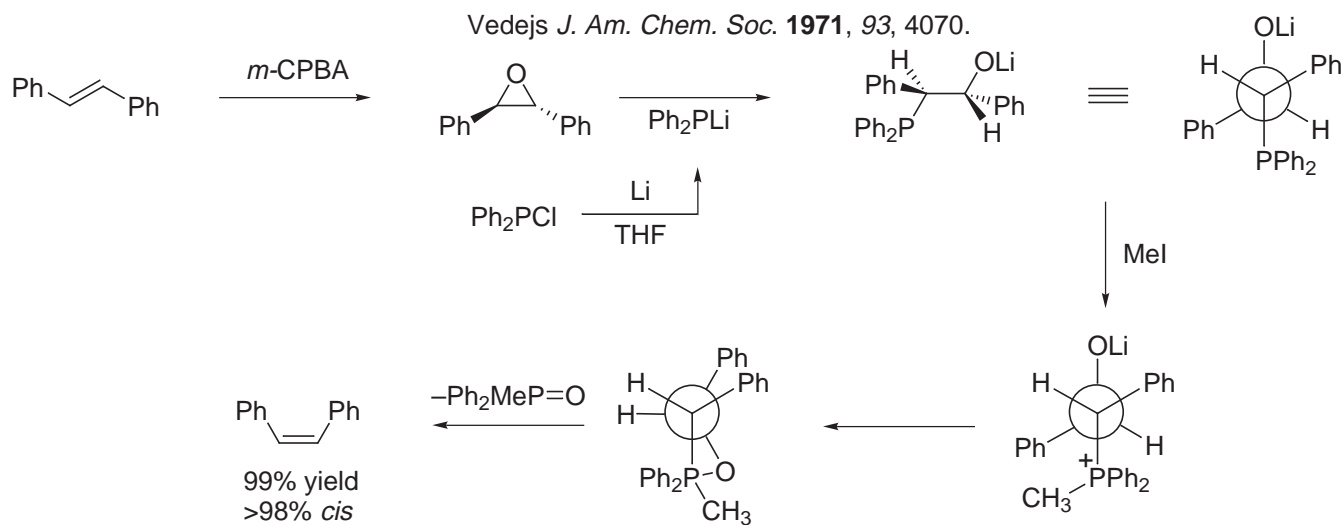
- Cope Elimination

- it is related to the Hofmann elimination reaction (-NMe<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>)
- Both the acetate pyrolysis and the Cope elimination have been superseded by the related *syn* elimination reactions of sulfoxides and selenoxides.

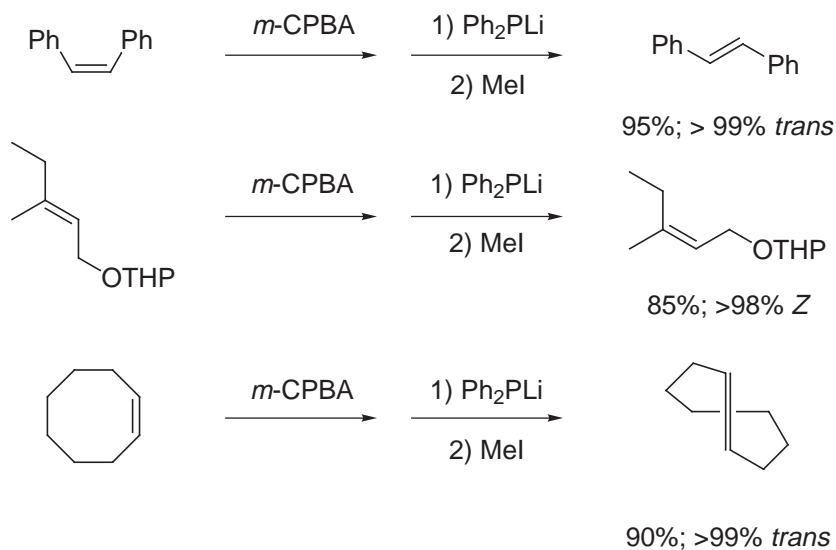
R<sub>2</sub>C(Hal)CH<sub>3</sub>, <sup>t</sup>BuOK

*J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.* **1968**, 305.

## F. Olefin Inversion Reactions

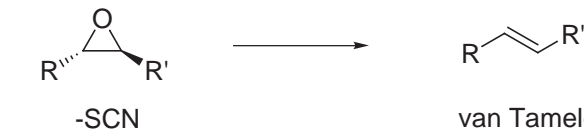


-Other examples:

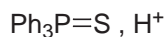




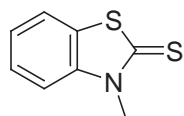
-Deoxygenation of epoxides (with retention of geometry)



van Tamelen *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1951**, 73, 3444.



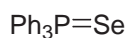
Chan *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1972**, 94, 2880.



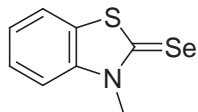
Stojnac *Can. J. Chem.* **1975**, 621.



Johnstone *J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans. 1* **1975**, 1216.



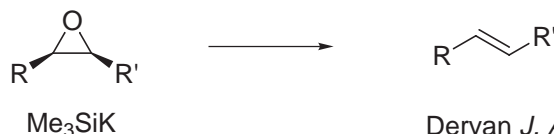
Clive *J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.* **1973**, 253.



Chan *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1974**, 2091.

Calo *Synthesis* **1976**, 200.

-Deoxygenation of epoxides (with inversion of geometry)



Dervan *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1976**, 98, 1265.

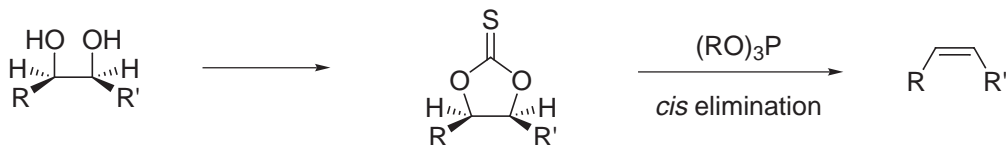


Reetz *Synthesis* **1976**, 199.

-Diol  $\longrightarrow$  Alkene

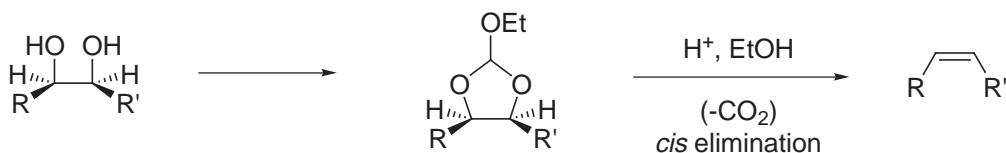


Review: *Org. React.* **1984**, 30, 457.



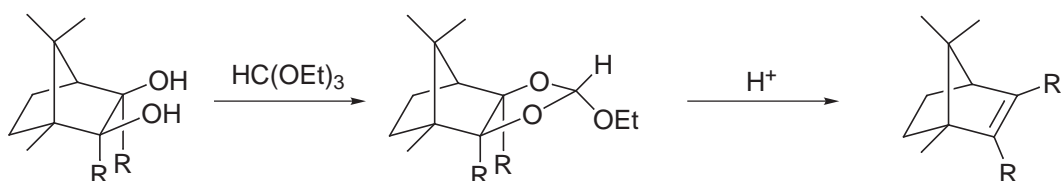
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Corey *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1965**, 87, 934.



Eastwood *Aust. J. Chem.* **1964**, 17, 1392.

Eastwood *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1970**, 5223.



Burgstahler, Boger *Tetrahedron* **1976**, 32, 309.

## G. [3,3]-Sigmatropic Rearrangements

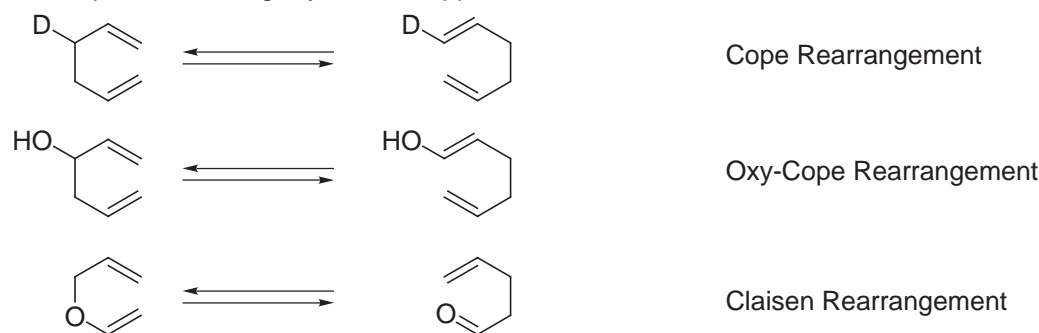
### 1. Claisen and Cope Rearrangement

*Org. React.* **1975**, 22, 1.

*Synthesis* **1977**, 589.

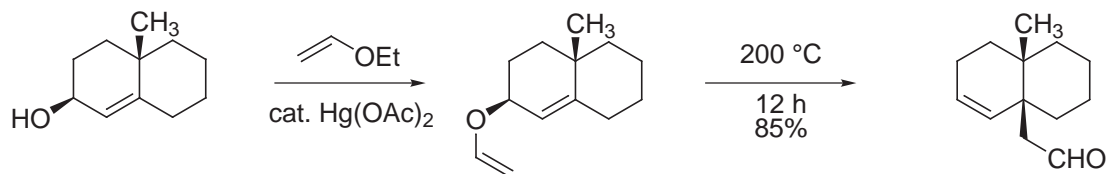
*Acc. Chem. Res.* **1977**, 10, 227.

*Comprehensive Org. Syn.*, Vol. 5, pp. 785.



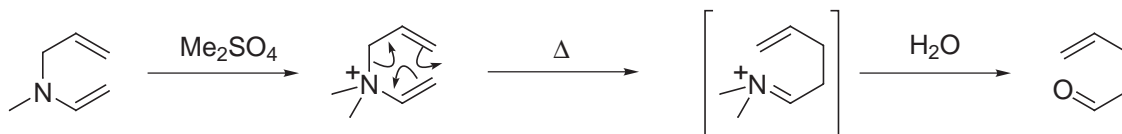
Introduction of C=O is the driving force of the reaction

- Originally conducted on aryl allyl ethers.
- Most useful variant established when extended to nonaromatic substrates.
- First example of an acyclic Claisen rearrangement:



Burgstahler *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1961**, 83, 198.

### 2. Amino-Claisen Rearrangement

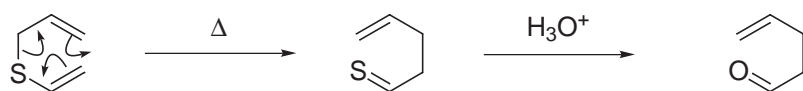


- This reaction occurs best when nitrogen is converted to the ammonium salt.

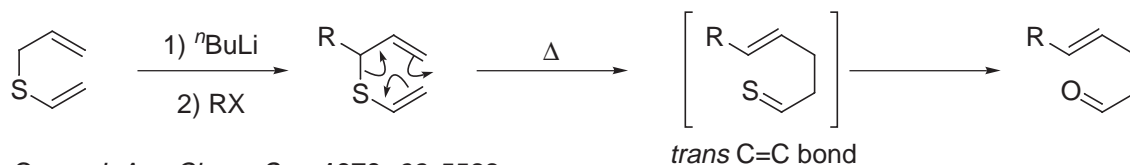
Gilbert *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1984**, 25, 2303.

Stille *J. Org. Chem.* **1991**, 56, 5578.

### 3. Thio-Claisen Rearrangement



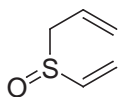
- This reaction is often run with a reagent that will convert sulfur to oxygen following the reaction.
- An advantage of the thio-Claisen rearrangement is that the precursor can be deprotonated and alkylated.



Corey *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1970**, 92, 5522.

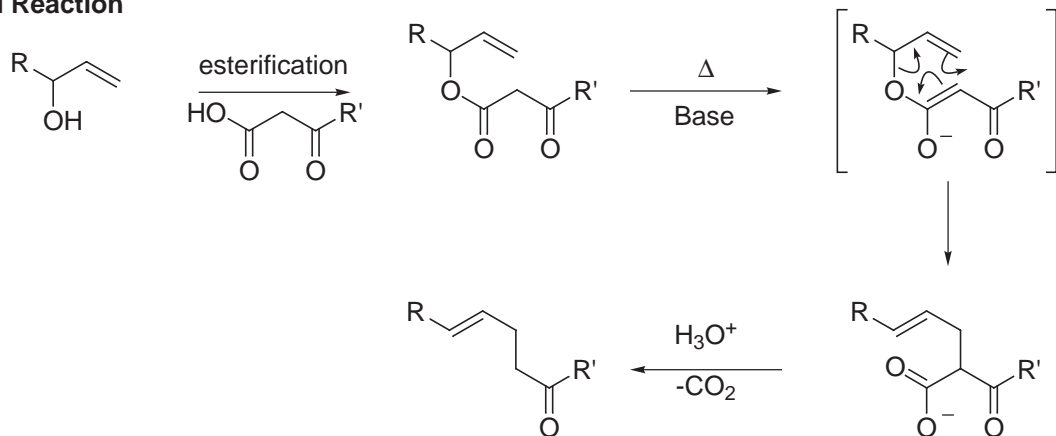
Yamamoto *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1973**, 95, 2693 and 4446.

- Also can be conducted with the corresponding sulfoxide.



Block *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1985**, 107, 6731.

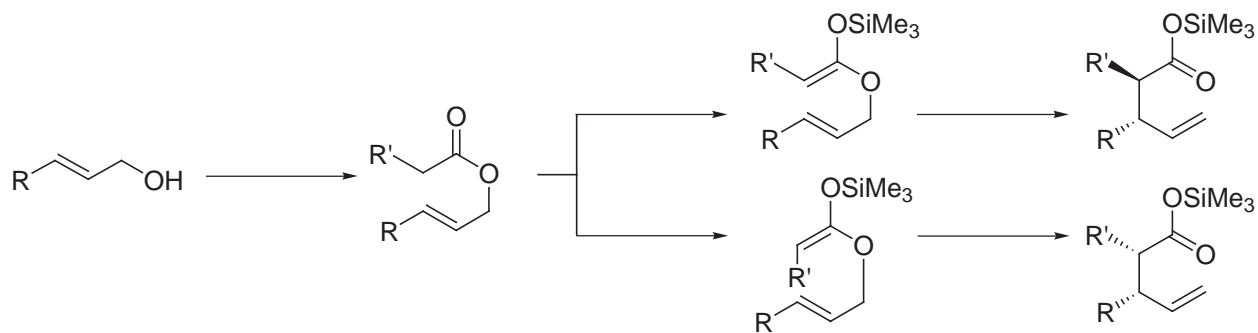
#### 4. The Carroll Reaction



Carroll *J. Chem. Soc.* **1940**, 704, 1266.  
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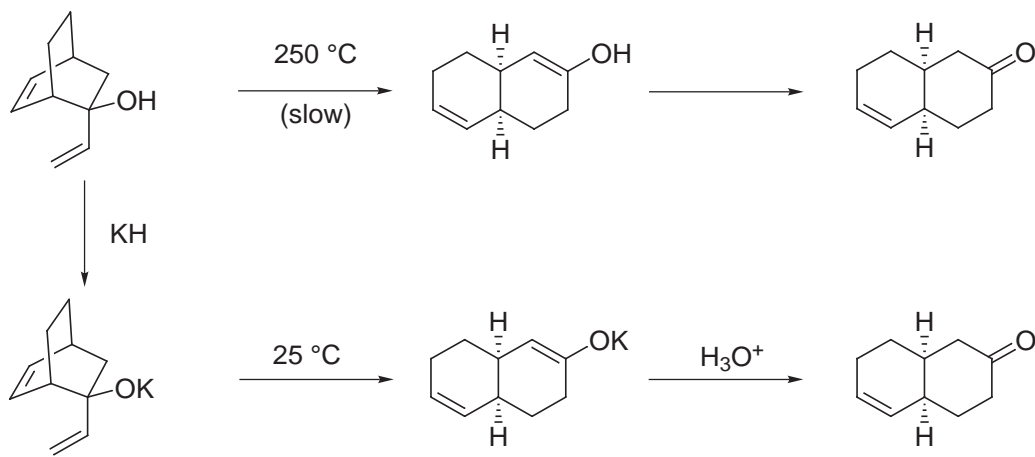
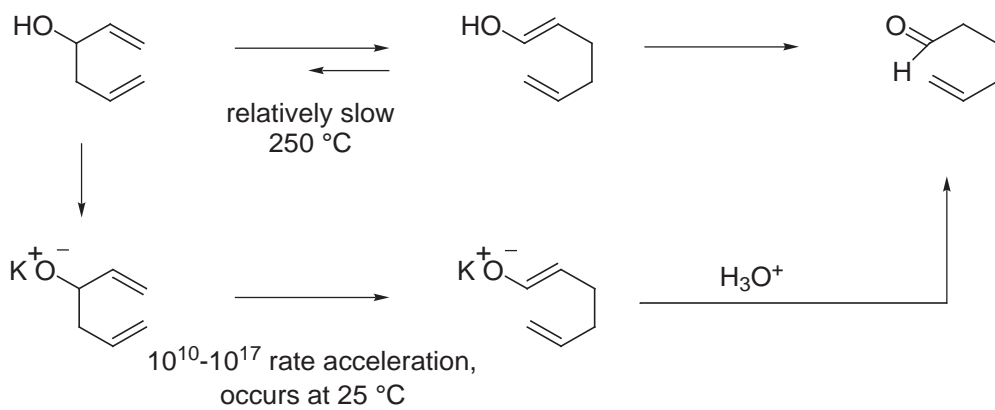
#### 5. Ireland Ester Enolate Claisen Rearrangement

- The most useful of all Claisen rearrangements. The enolate may be trapped with TMSCl or the enolate may be used directly.
- The reaction works well with the free enolate and actually allows for a faster rearrangement that will occur at 25 °C (anion accelerated).

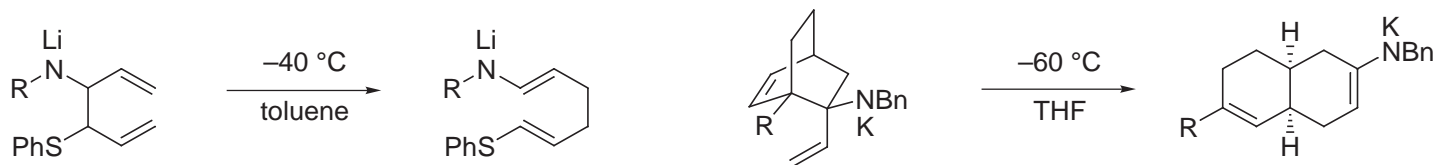


Ireland *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1972**, 94, 5897.  
Larock *Comprehensive Org. Trans.*, pp. 935.

## 6. Oxy-Cope Rearrangement



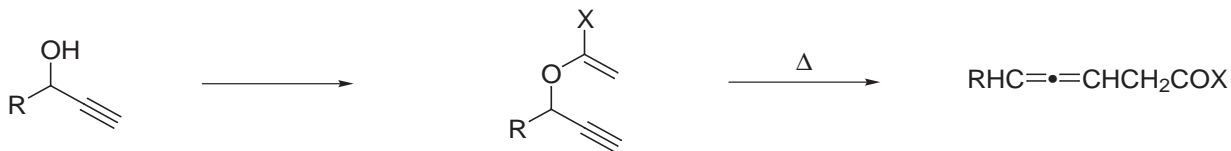
Evans *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1975**, 97, 4765.



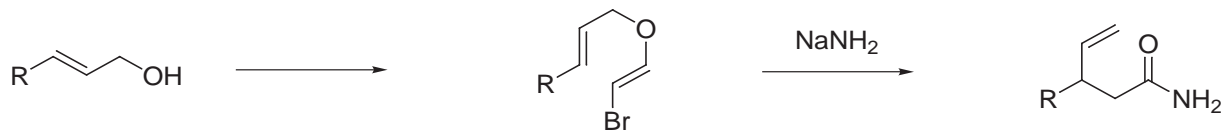
Macdonald *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1993**, 34, 247.

- For a review of anion accelerated sigmatropic rearrangements: *Org. React.* **1993**, 43, 93.

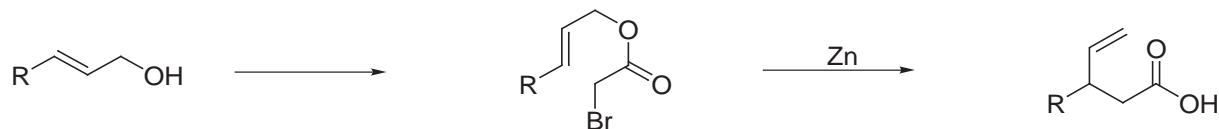
## 7. Representative [3,3]-Sigmatropic Rearrangement Routes to Olefins



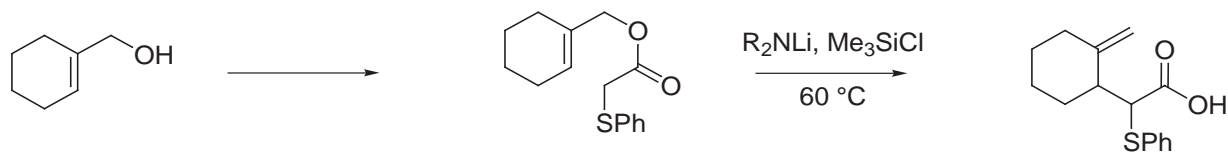
Lumbroso-Bader *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1968**, 4139; **1966**, 3203.



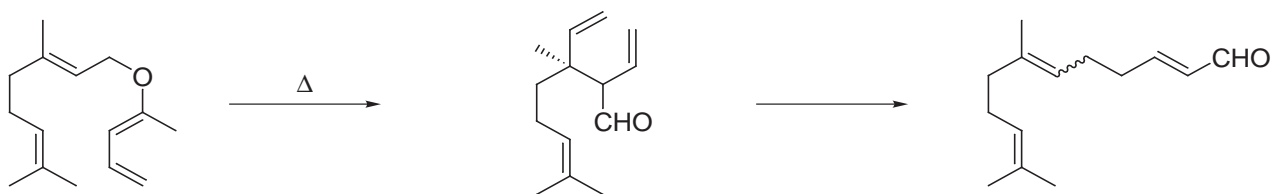
Katzenellenbogen *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1975**, 3275.



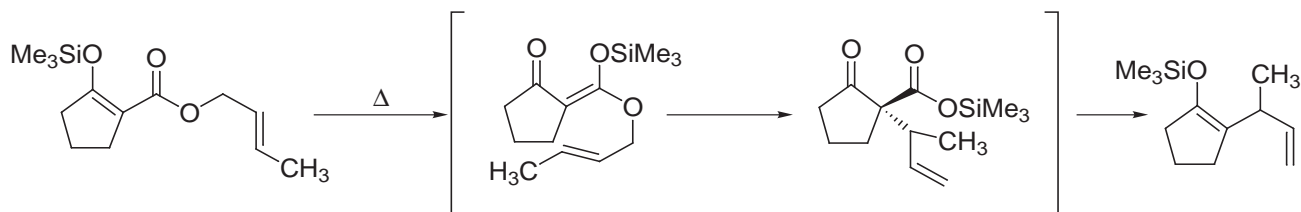
Baldwin *J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.* **1973**, 117.



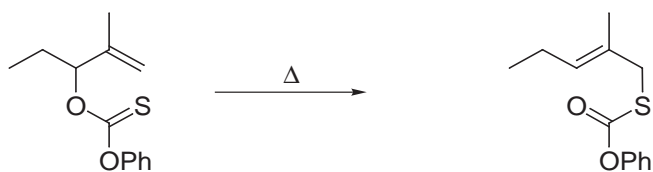
Lythgoe *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1975**, 2593.



Carnduff *J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.* **1967**, 606.



Coates *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1975**, 97, 1619.



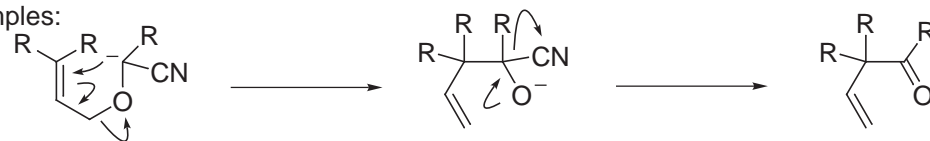
Faulkner *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1973**, 95, 553.

## H. [2,3]-Sigmatropic Rearrangements

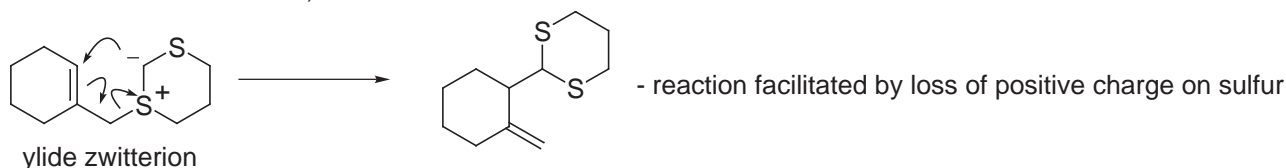
Review: *Comprehensive Org. Syn.*, Vol. 6, pp. 834, 873-908.  
*Org. React.* **1994**, 46, 105-209.

- Analogous to [3,3]-sigmatropic rearrangement except it enlists a localized charge (anion) in place of a double bond.
- Often times the reaction is referred to as a Wittig [2,3]-rearrangement in honor of Wittig's discovery of the related 1,2-alkyl shift of oxycarbanions (Wittig Rearrangement). The reactant is simply a [2,3]-sigmatropic version of the Wittig rearrangement.

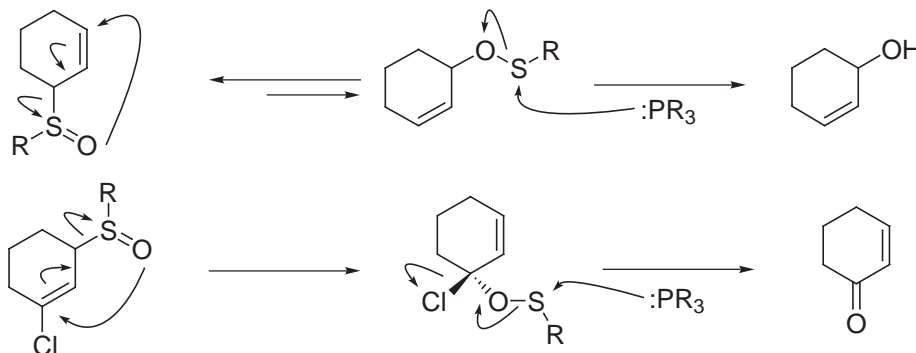
- Examples:



Julia *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1974**, 2077. more stable anion

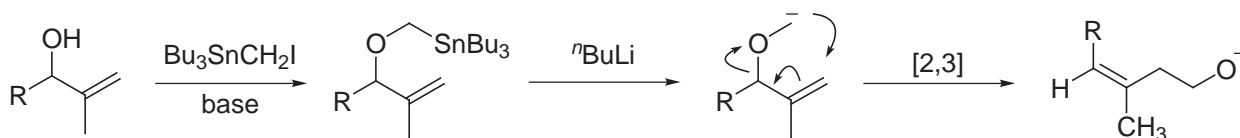


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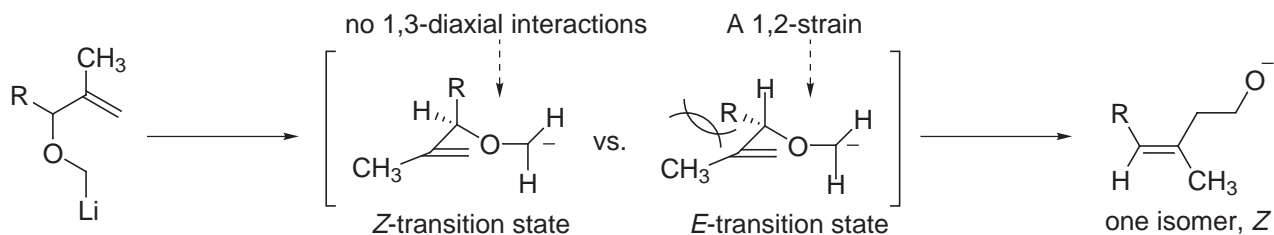


Evans *Acc. Chem. Res.* **1974**, 7, 147.

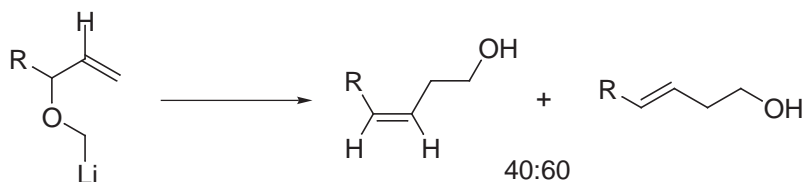
- Still's use of the [2,3]-sigmatropic rearrangement:

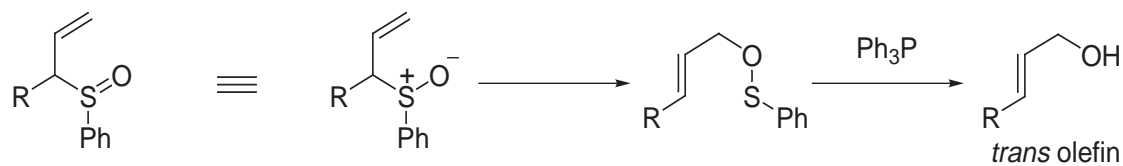


Still *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1978**, 100, 1927.

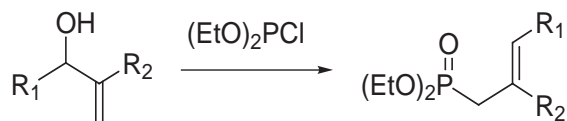
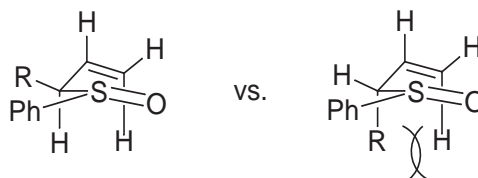


- R prefers the axial versus equatorial position:
- Selectivity is lost when A 1,2-strain is removed



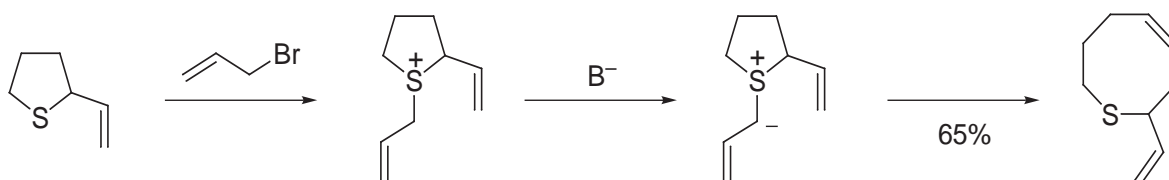


via the transition state:



Bodalski *Synthesis* **1990**, 799.

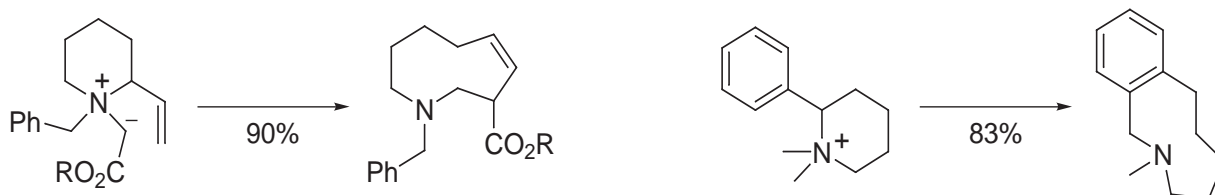
- Ring expansion:



Vedejs *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1975**, 97, 6878.

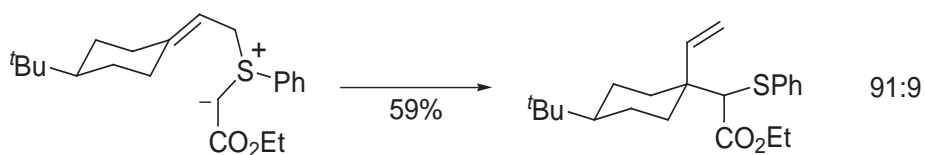
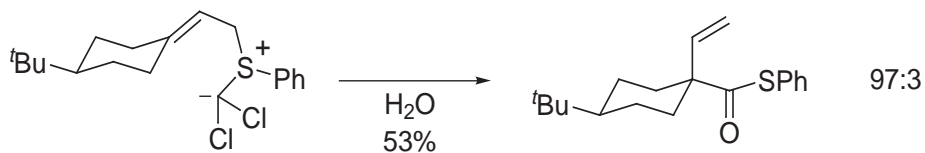
Vedejs *J. Org. Chem.* **1978**, 43, 1185.

Vedejs *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1978**, 523, 519.

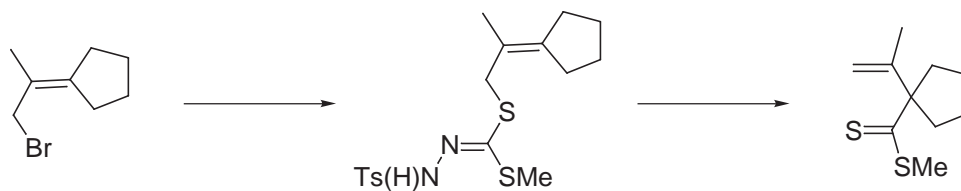


Jones *J. Org. Chem.* **1962**, 27, 3572.

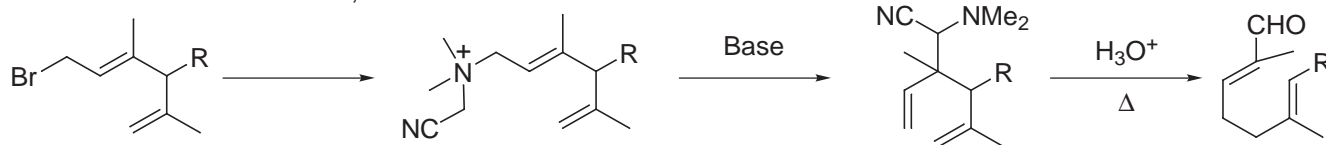
- Diastereoselectivity:



Evans *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1972**, 5121.

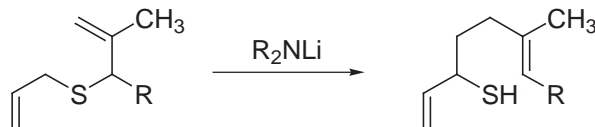


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Büchi *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1974**, 92, 7573.

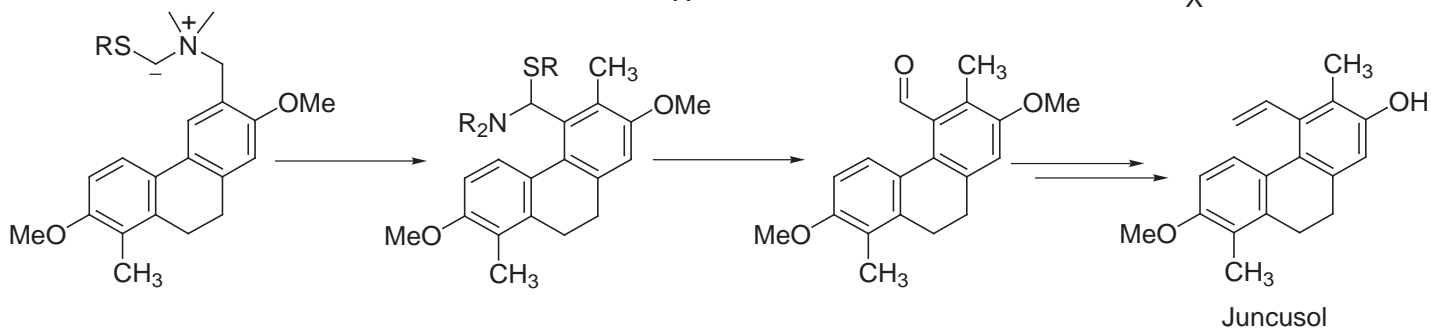
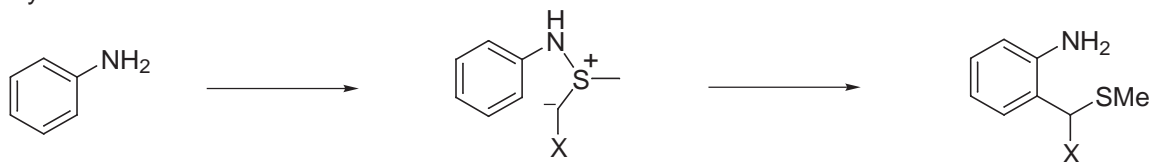


Kreiser *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1975**, 1669.

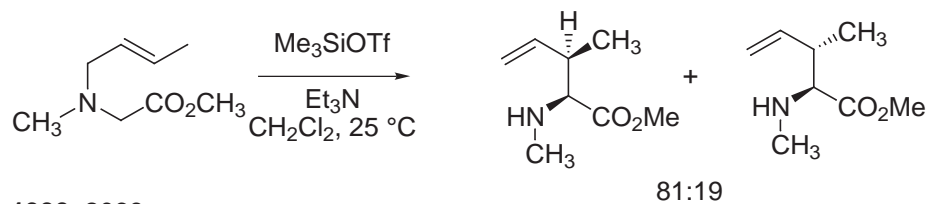
Stork *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1974**, 96, 6774.

*o*-formylation of anilines:

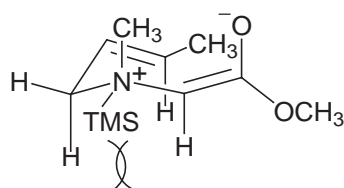
Prostaglandin synthesis; sulfenate/sulfoxide rearrangement.  
note olefin inversion.



Boger *J. Org. Chem.* **1984**, 49, 4045.

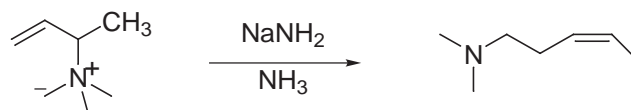


Nakai *Chem. Lett.* **1990**, 2069.



See Also:

Sato *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1990**, 112, 1999- 2001.



di- and trisubstituted olefins



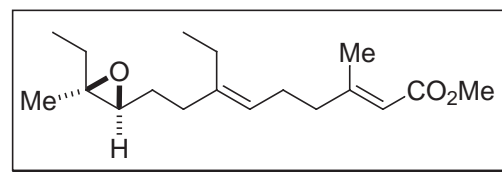
## I. Olefin Synthesis Exemplified with Juvenile Hormone

**1. Trost Synthesis:** *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1967**, *89*, 5292.

Wadsworth-Horner-Emmons Reaction

**2. Syntex Synthesis:** *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1968**, *90*, 6224.

Robinson Annulation  
Alkylation Diastereoselectivity  
Fragmentation Reaction  
Directed Epoxidation Reaction



**3. Corey Synthesis:** *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1968**, *90*, 5618.

Dissolving Metal Reductions: Cyclic Precursors to Trisubstituted Olefins  
Oxidative Cleavage of Enol Ethers  
LiAlH<sub>4</sub> Reduction of Propargyl Alcohols  
Cuprate Coupling Reactions  
Allylic Alcohol Oxidation

**4. Johnson Synthesis:** *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1968**, *90*, 6225.

Julia Olefin Synthesis  
Cornforth Nucleophilic Addition

**5. Corey Synthesis:** *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1970**, *92*, 6635, 6636, 6637.

Lindlar Catalyst Alkyne Reduction  
1,5-Hydrogen Migration  
 $\beta$ -Oxido Ylide Reaction  
Diimide Reduction

**6. Johnson Synthesis:** *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1970**, *92*, 4463.

3,3-Sigmatropic Rearrangements  
Claisen Reaction  
Cope Reaction  
Oxy-Cope Reaction

**7. Stotter-Kondo Synthesis:** *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1973**, *95*, 4444.  
*J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.* **1972**, 1311.

Dihydrothiopyran Strategy: Cyclic Precursors to Trisubstituted Olefins  
Stabilized Allylic Anions, Desulfurization (Benkeser Dissolving Metal Reduction)  
Sulfur Ylides  
Cyclopropane Synthesis  
Epoxide Synthesis

**8. Still Synthesis:** *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1979**, 593.

2,3-Sigmatropic Rearrangement

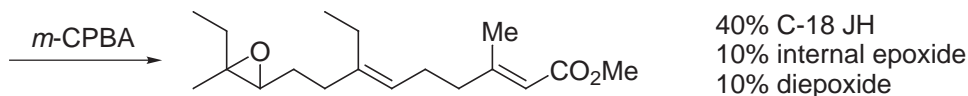
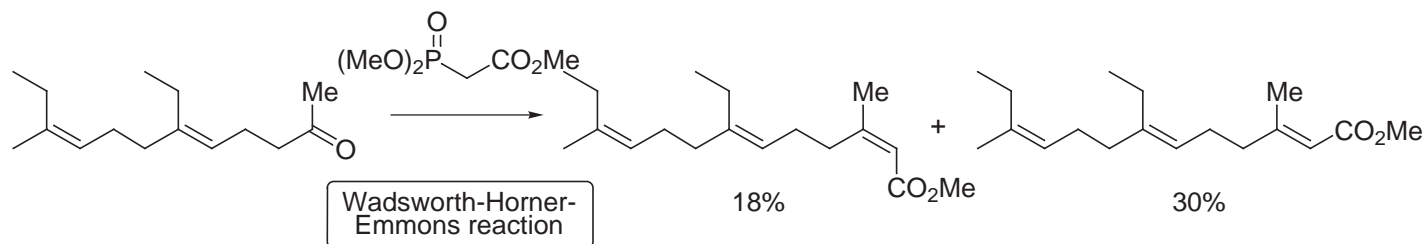
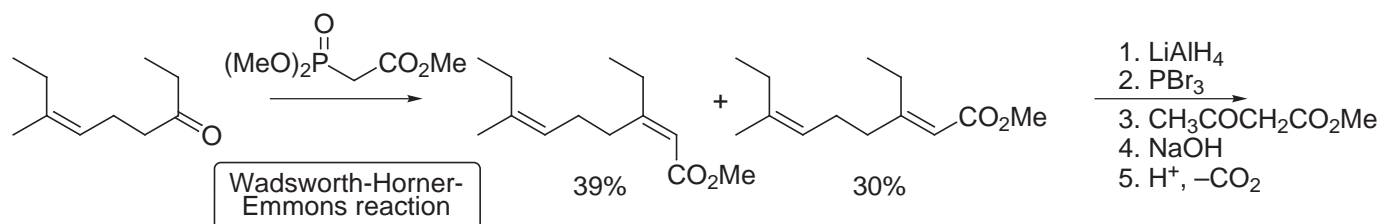
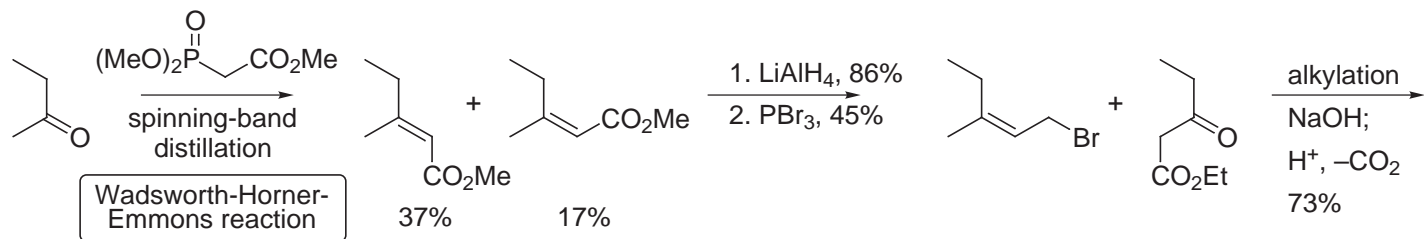
**9. Other Syntheses:**

Beltsville Synthesis: *J. Econ. Entomol.* **1968**, *61*, 866.  
Mori Synthesis: *Tetrahedron* **1969**, *25*, 1667.  
MacKay Synthesis: *J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.* **1969**, 733.  
Schering Synthesis: *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Eng.* **1969**, *8*, 271. (Farnesol  $\rightarrow$  C-18 JH)  
Zoecon Synthesis: *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1970**, *92*, 735.  
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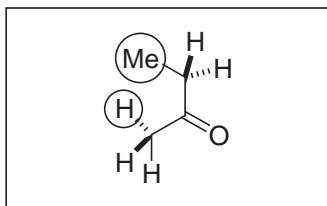
Wadsworth-Horner-Emmons Reaction



Relative Activity	
nat. C-18 JH	1
syn. C-18 JH	1
<i>t-t-t</i> (epoxide)	0.4
<i>c-t-t</i> (triene)	0.1
<i>t-t-t</i> (triene)	0.04
<i>c-t-t</i> (epoxide)	8
ethyl ester	

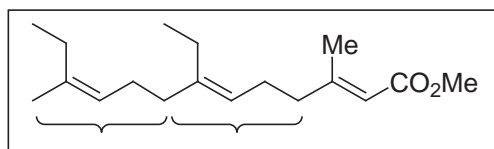
Synthesis was relatively non-stereospecific

- structural assignment
- structure-activity studies
- prevents adult development from pupa
- more potent analog found



Stereoselectivity

- not much difference between Me and H (second atom steric effect)
- both isomers obtained from the Wadsworth-Horner-Emmons reaction (Modern improvements now available)



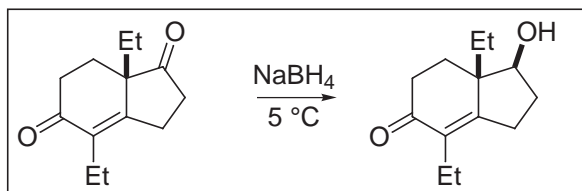
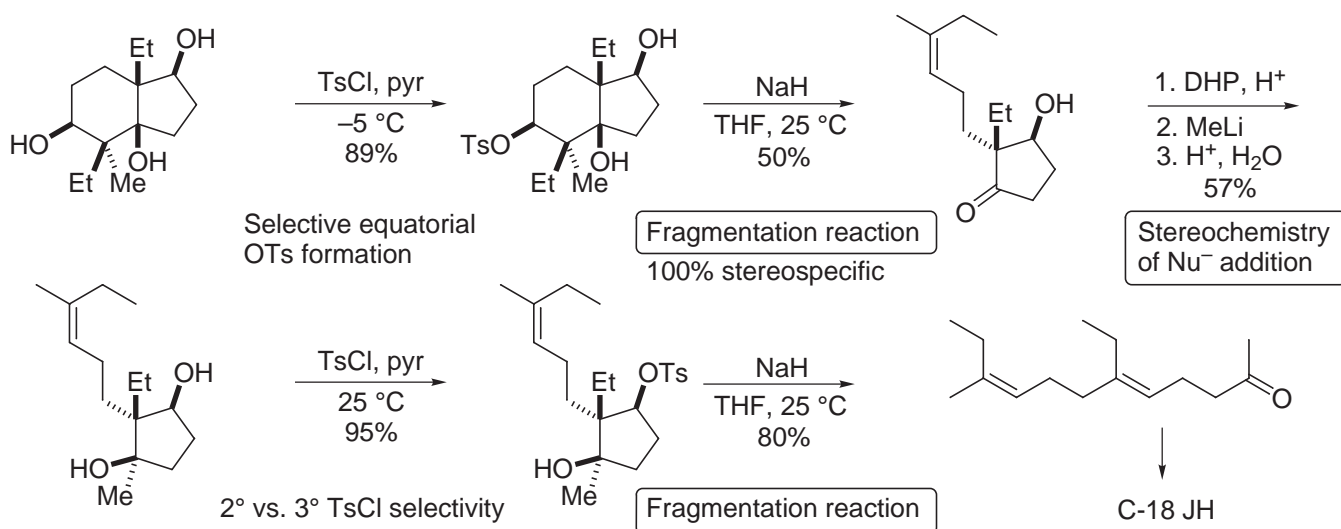
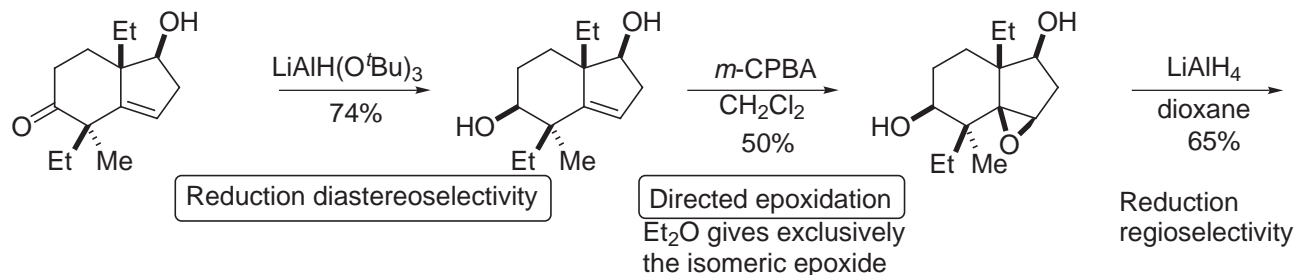
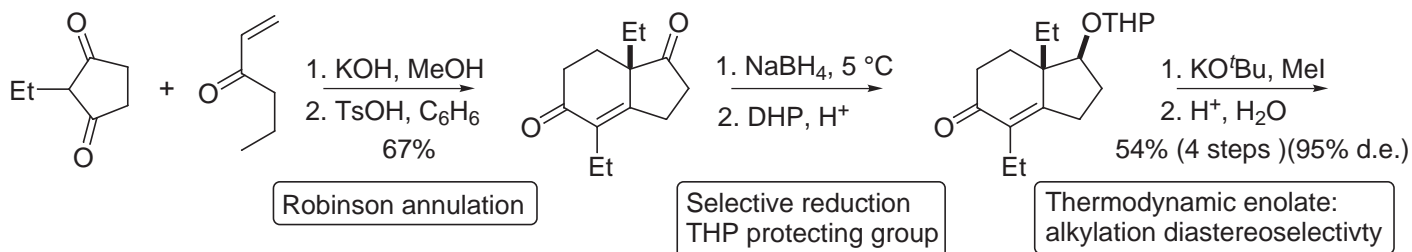
Retrosynthetic Analysis

- repeating subunits recognized
- repeating reactions utilized

2. Syntex Synthesis:

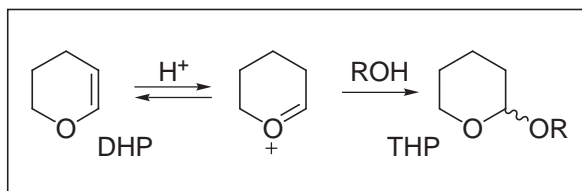
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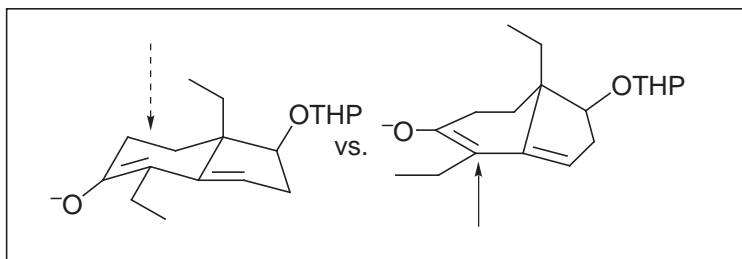
Selective Reduction

- saturated vs.  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated carbonyl
- ring strain associated with 5-membered ring carbonyl released on reduction
- attack from least hindered face



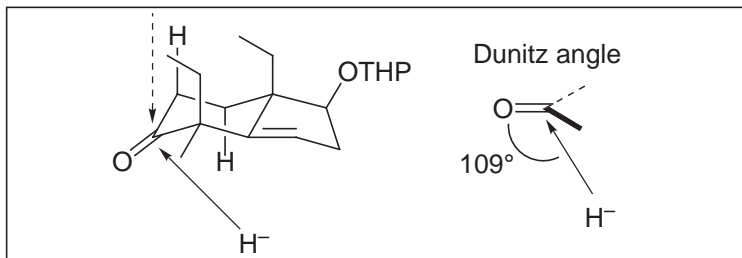
THP Protecting Group

- if R group contains chiral centers, diastereomers result
- removed by mild acid



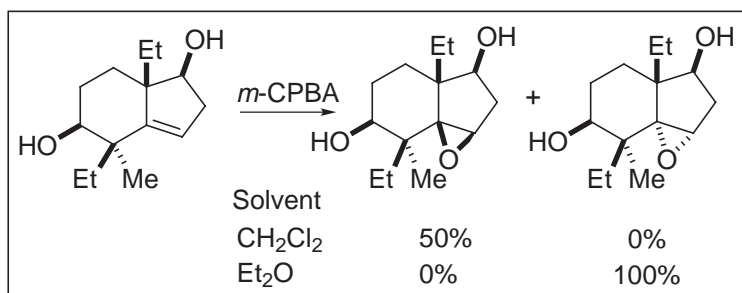
### Thermodynamic Enolate

- severe 1,3-diaxial interaction in chair-like T.S. axial alkylation
- no steric incumberance to axial alkylation on least hindered face of twist boat T.S.



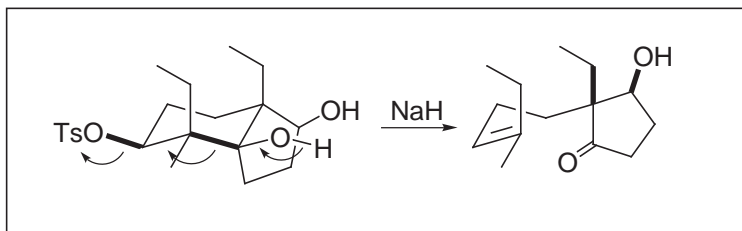
### LiAlH(O<sup>t</sup>Bu)<sub>3</sub> Reduction

- large reagent, usually equatorial H<sup>-</sup> delivery
- 1,2-interaction (torsional strain) relatively invariant to Nu<sup>-</sup> size
- 1,3-steric interaction highly dependent on Nu<sup>-</sup> size
- due to absence of axial C(3)-H, large reagent now gives axial delivery



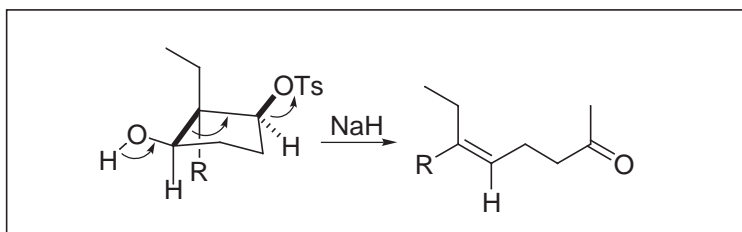
### Epoxidation

- in Et<sub>2</sub>O, coordination of peracid to solvent gives delivery from the least hindered α-face
- in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, coordination of peracid to OH provides delivery to the less accessible β-face
- Teranishi *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1979**, 101, 159.



### 1st Fragmentation

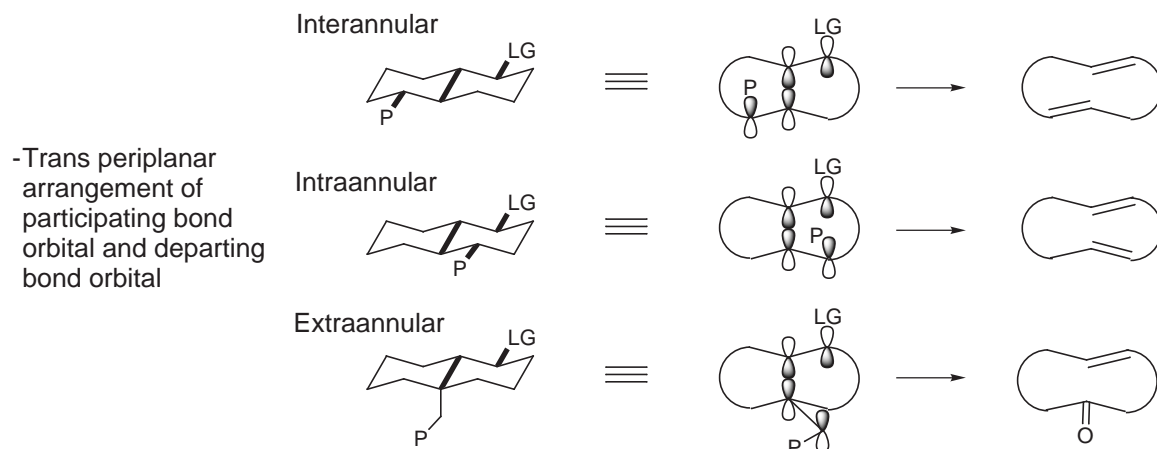
- utilized to control C=C bond stereochemistry
- *trans* periplanar orientation of breaking bonds
- dictates *Z* olefin geometry in product



### 2nd Fragmentation

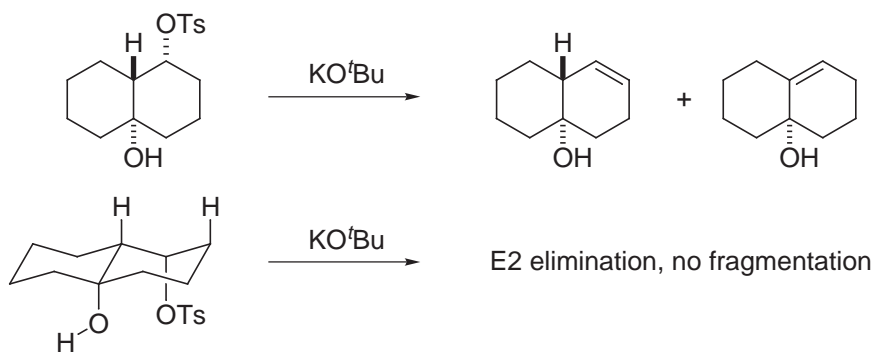
- utilized to control C=C bond stereochemistry
- *trans* periplanar orientation of breaking bonds
- dictates *E* olefin geometry in product

Fragmentation Reactions Grob *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Eng.* **1969**, 8, 535.  
*Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Eng.* **1967**, 6, 1.

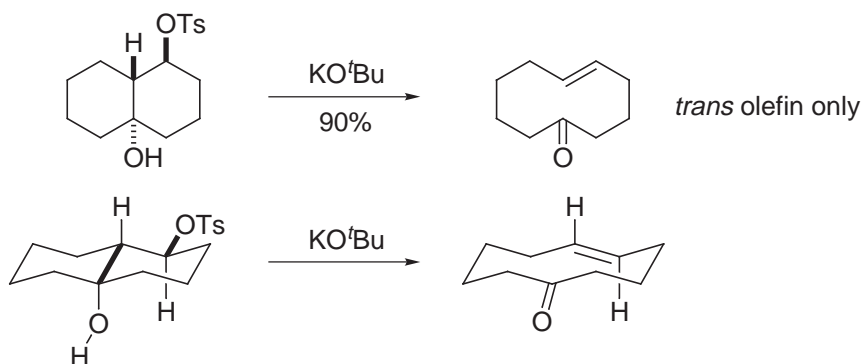


- Wharton *J. Org. Chem.* **1965**, *30*, 3254.
- Fuchs *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1979**, *101*, 3567.

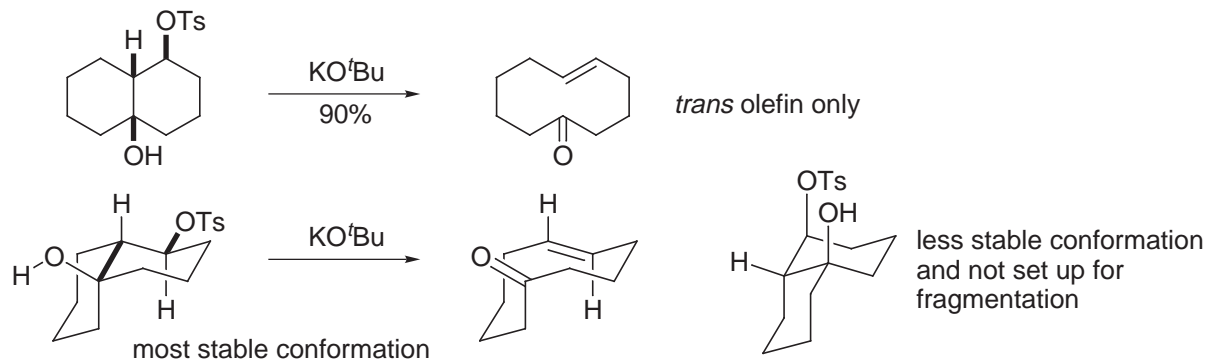
- Case A



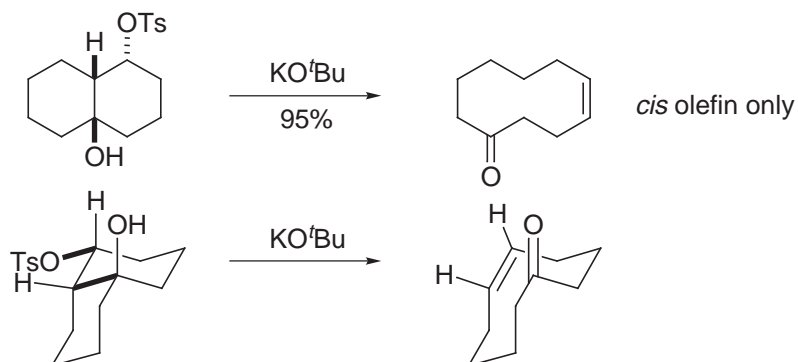
- Case B



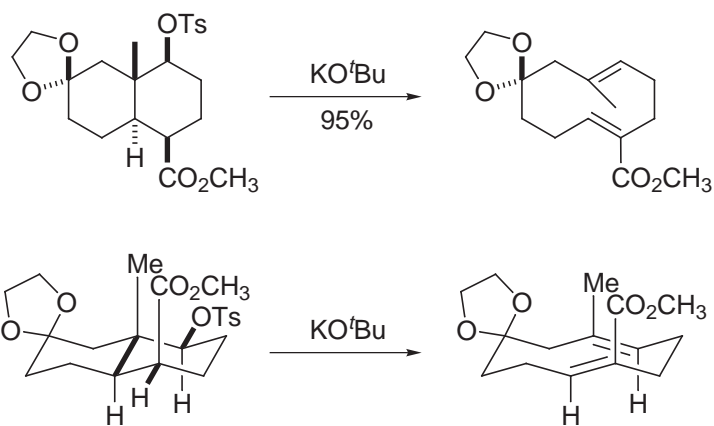
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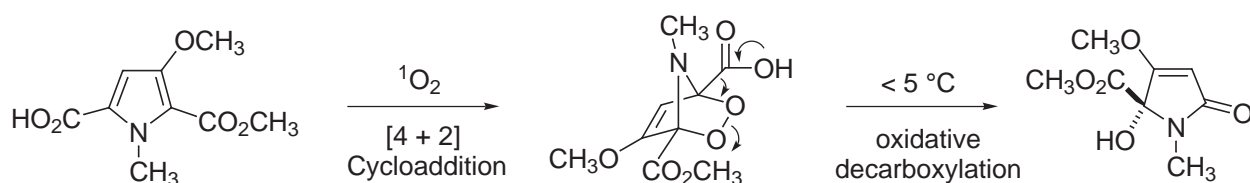
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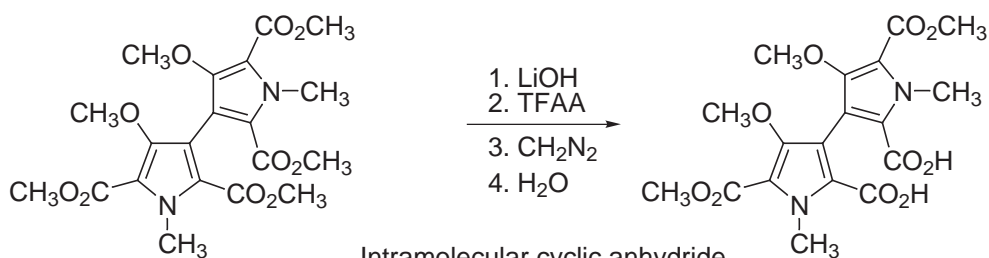
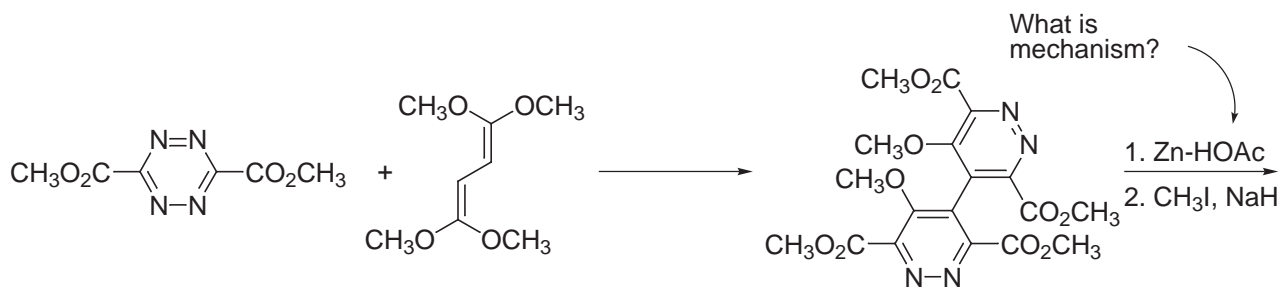
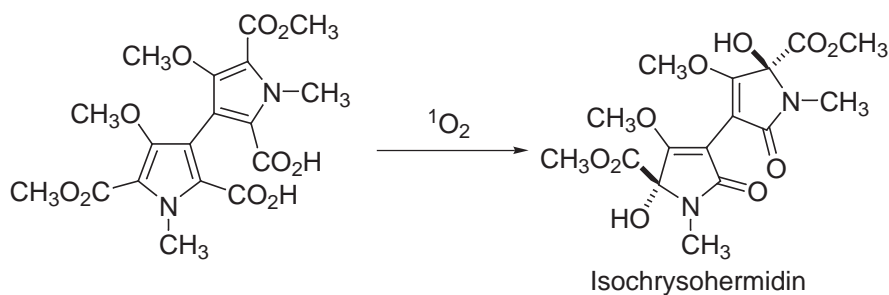
- Other groups at "promoter" site can be used



- Many other types of fragmentation reactions



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*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1993**, *115*, 11418.

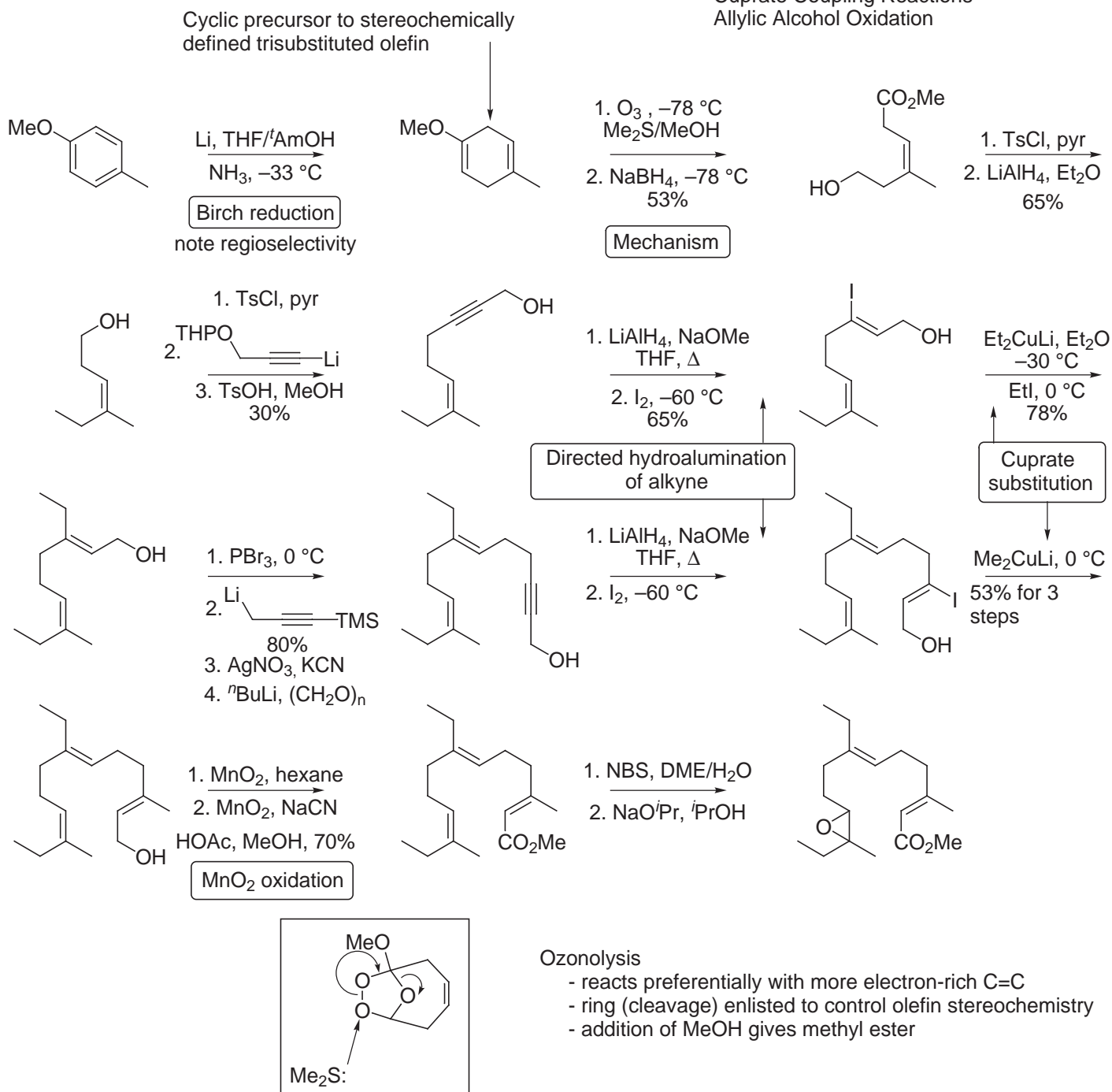


Intramolecular cyclic anhydride formation utilized to differentiate internal acids of tetraacid.

### 3. Corey Synthesis:

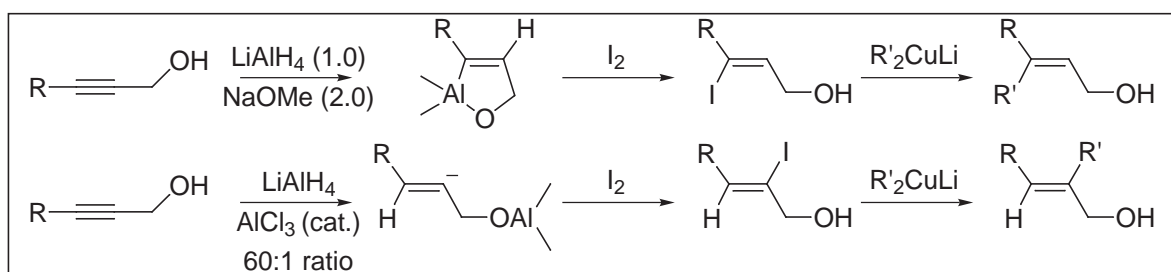
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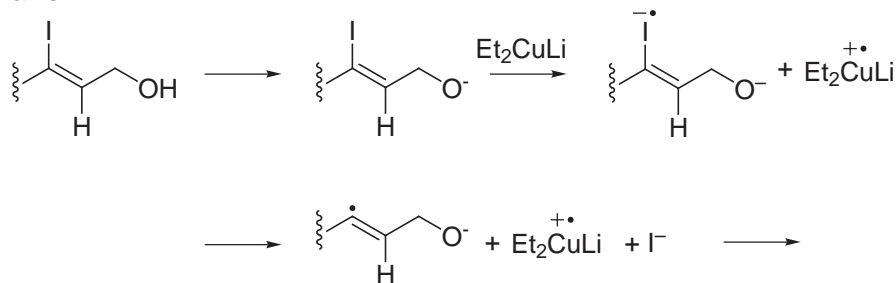


#### Stereospecific Synthesis of Trisubstituted Olefins

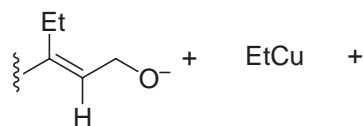
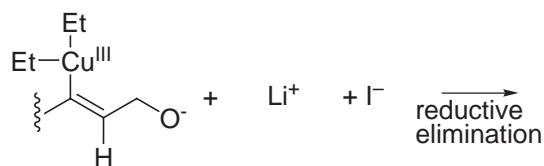
- propargylic alcohols can be reduced with LiAlH<sub>4</sub> to give an allylic alcohol



- Cuprate Mechanism

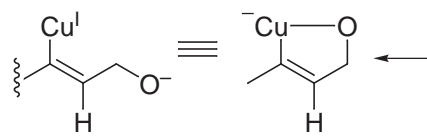


- Posner *Org. React.* **1975**, 22, 253.  
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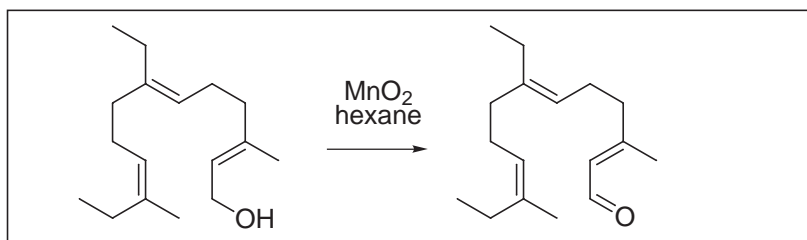
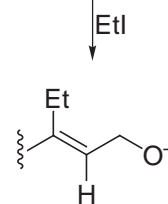


$\text{Et-Et} +$

competitive reductive elimination product

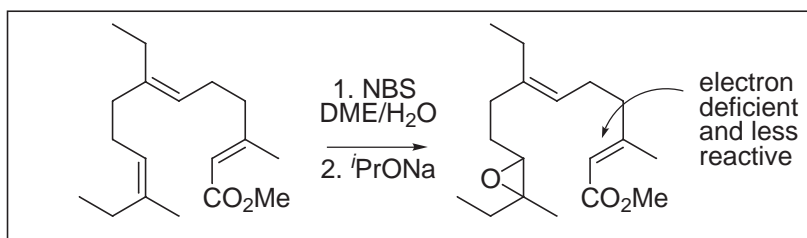
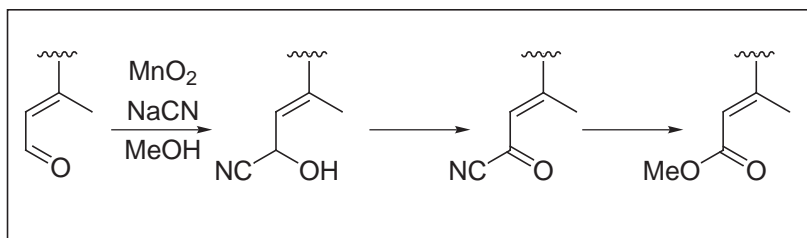


origin for requirement for use of  $\text{EtI}$



$\text{MnO}_2$  Oxidation

- mild oxidation of allylic alcohols
- direct, mild method for oxidation to a methyl ester



Epoxidation

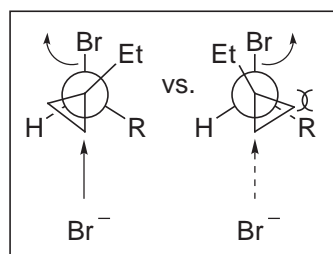
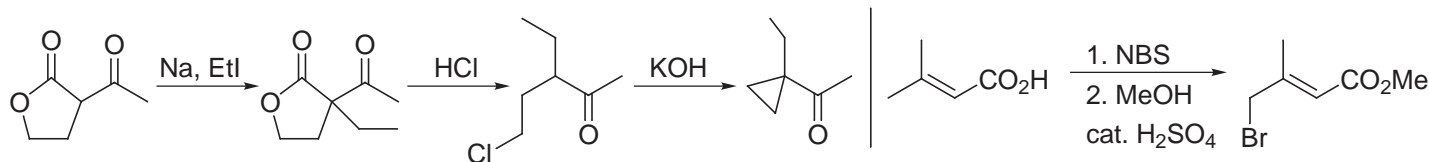
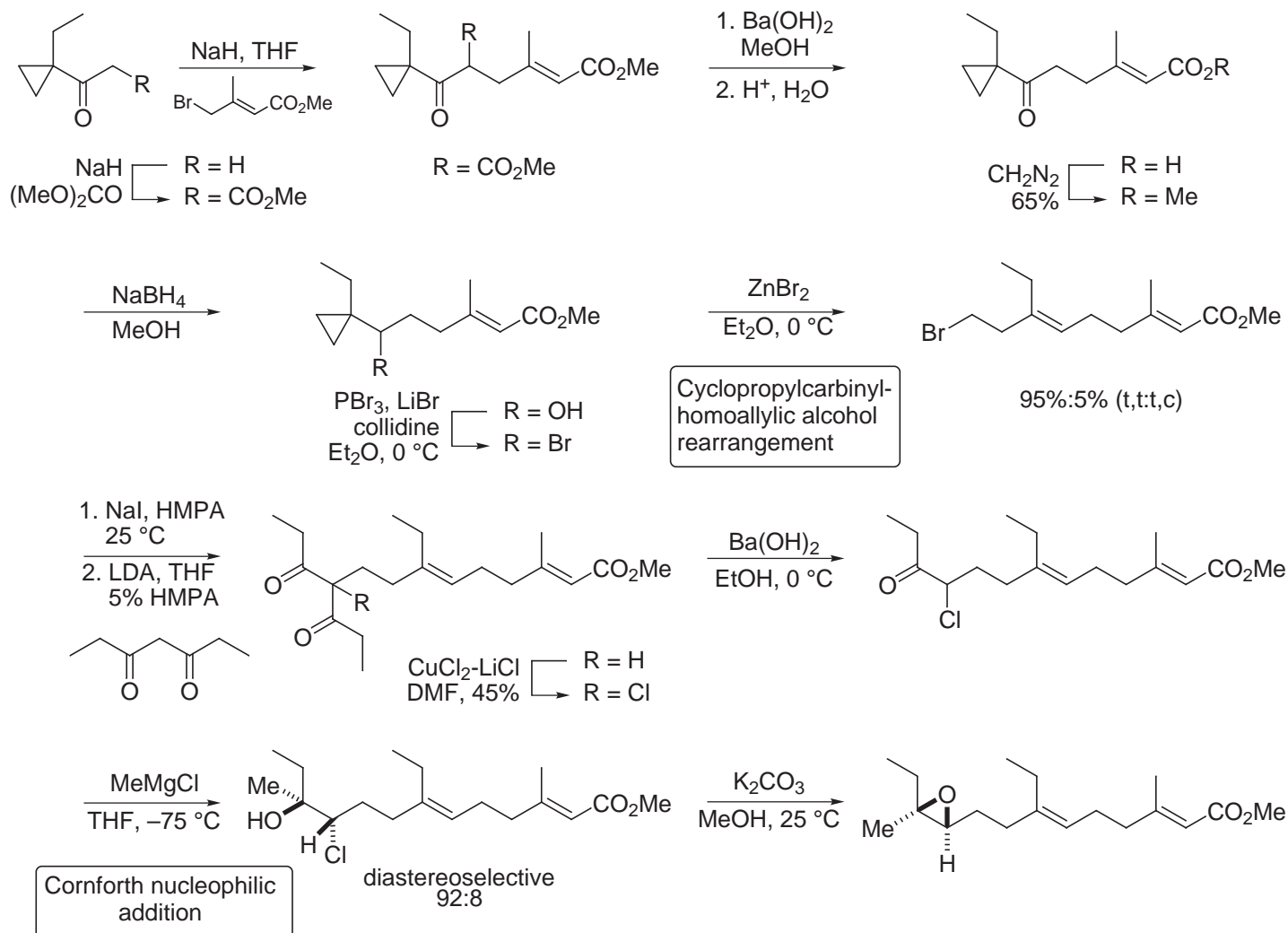
- selective
- in polar solvent the molecule folds up such that the terminal  $\text{C}=\text{C}$  is more accessible



4. Johnson Synthesis:

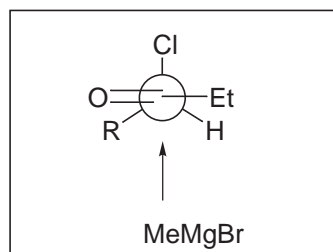
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1968**, *90*, 6225.

Julia Olefin Synthesis  
Cornforth Nucleophilic Addition



Cyclopropylcarbinyl Bromide Rearrangement

- highly stereoselective modification of Julia olefin synthesis
- Johnson *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1968**, *90*, 2882
- Julia *Bull. Soc. Chim., Fr.* **1960**, 1072.
- ring opening concomitant with ionization
- antiperiplanar arrangement of the C-Br and cleaved cyclopropane bond is necessary



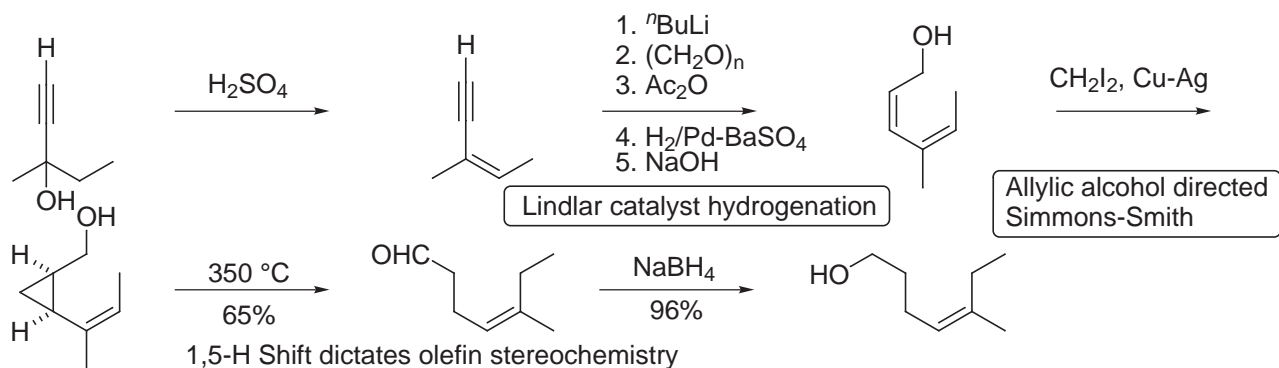
Cornforth Nucleophilic Addition

- *J. Chem. Soc.* **1959**, 112, 2539.
- earliest generalization of the Felkin model of nucleophilic addition to a carbonyl group in acyclic systems

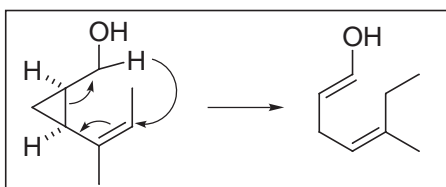
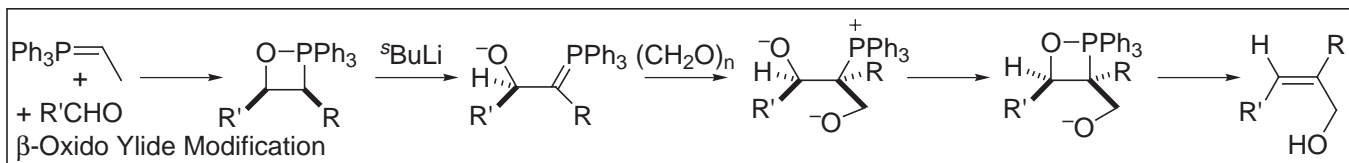
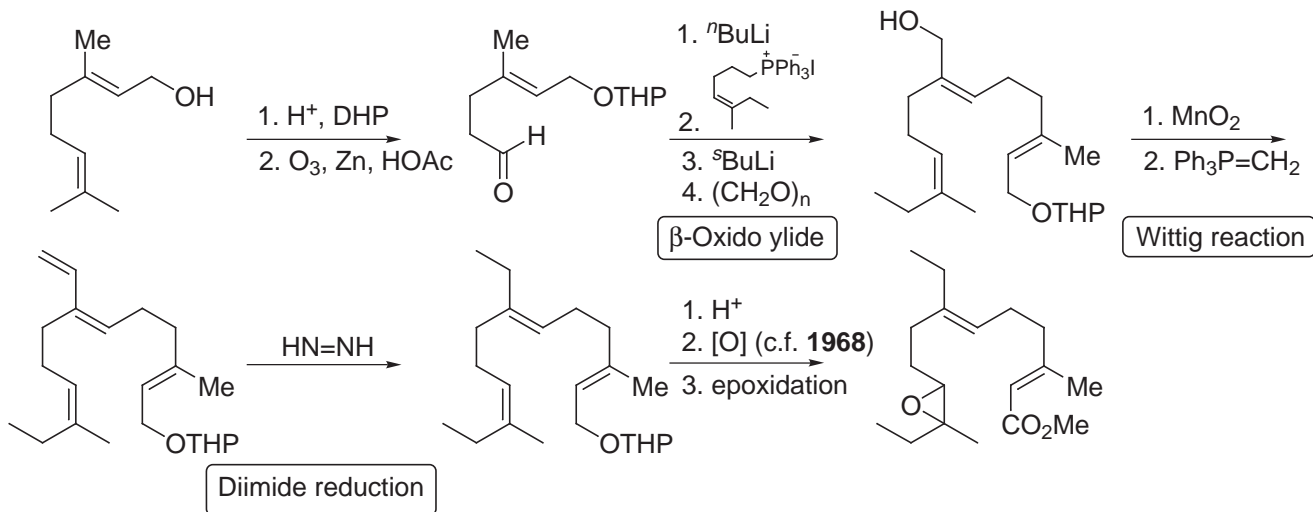
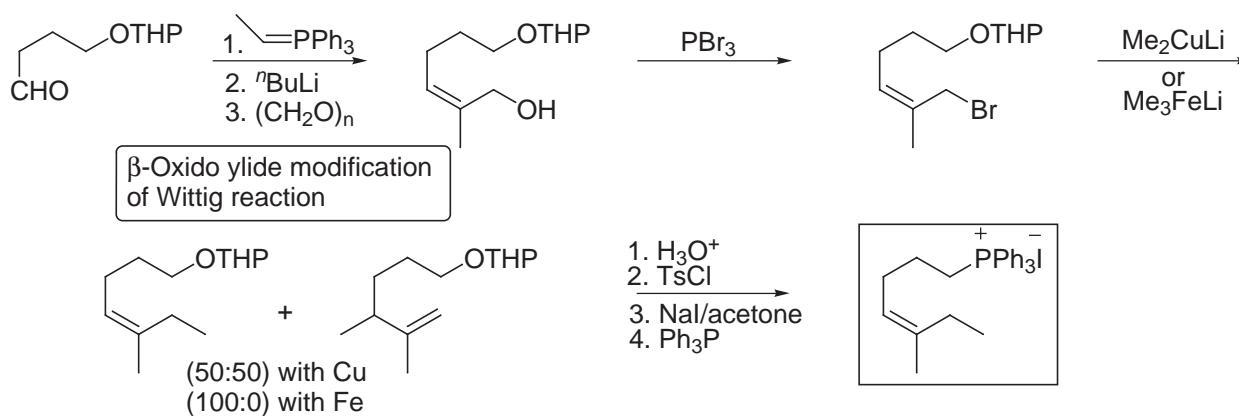
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J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1970, 92, 6635, 6636.

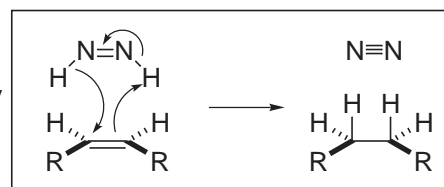
Lindlar Catalyst Alkyne Reduction  
1,5-Hydrogen Migration  
 $\beta$ -Oxido Ylide Reaction  
Diimide Reduction



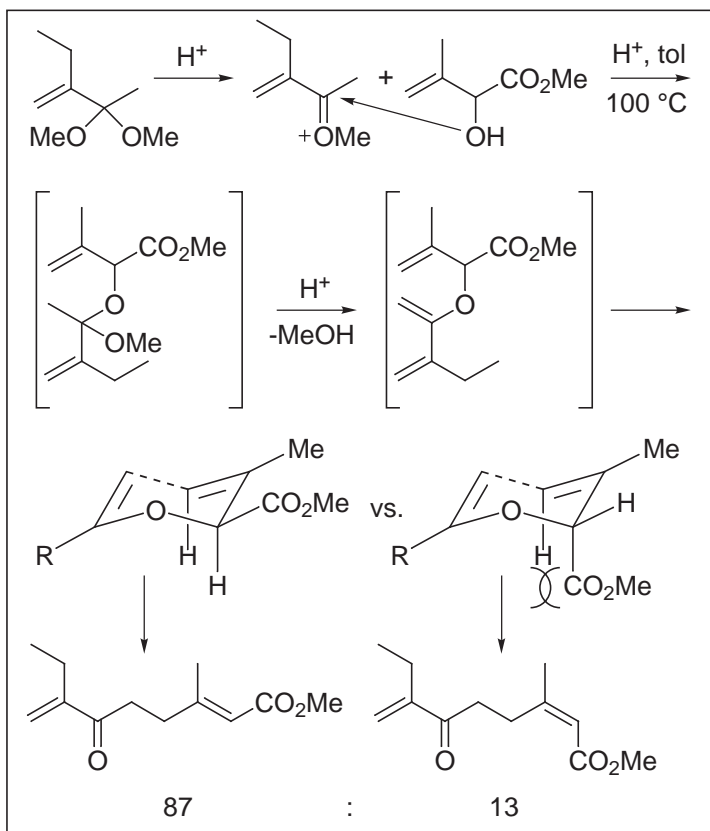
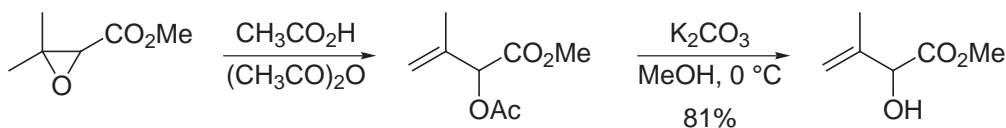
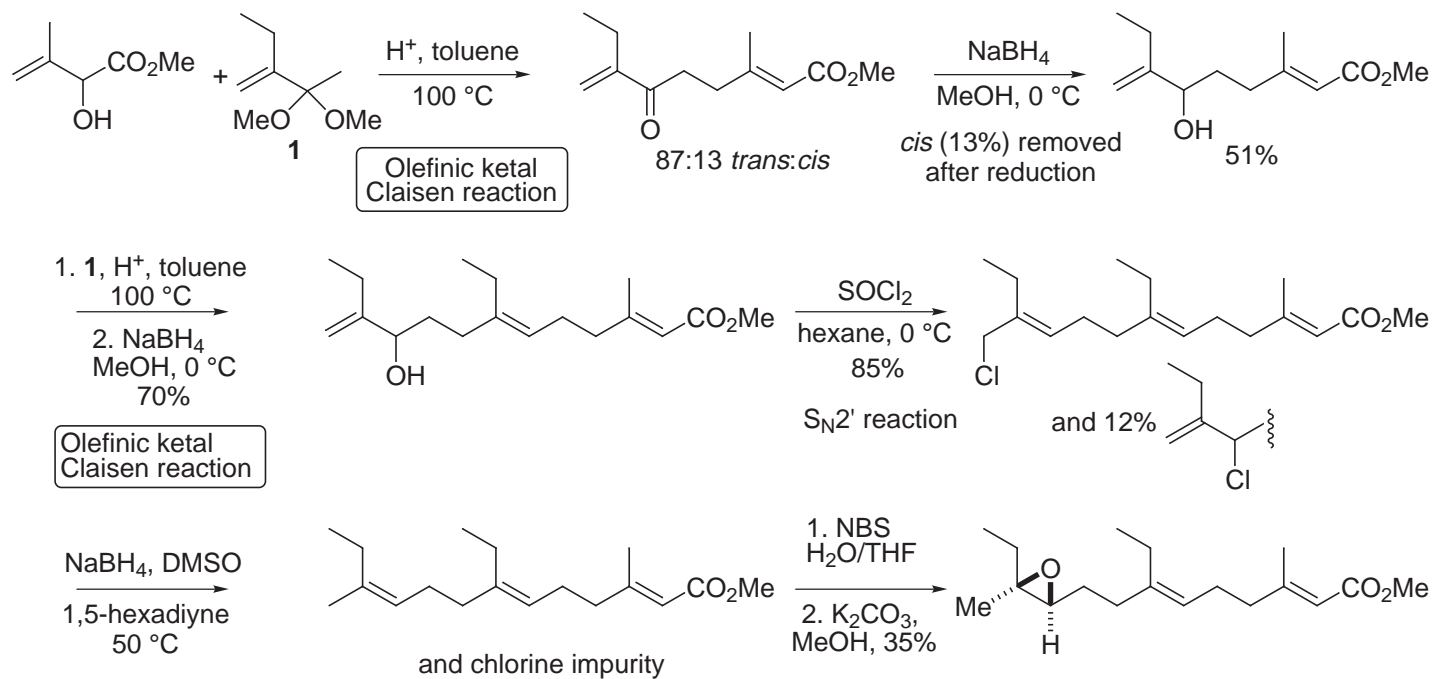
- Alternatively



Diimide Reduction  
- less substituted C=C reduced more rapidly  
- generated *in-situ*  
- no dehalogenation



## 6. Johnson Synthesis:

J. Am. Chem. Soc. **1970**, 92, 4463.3,3-Sigmatropic Rearrangements  
Claisen Reaction  
Cope Reaction  
Oxy-Cope Reaction

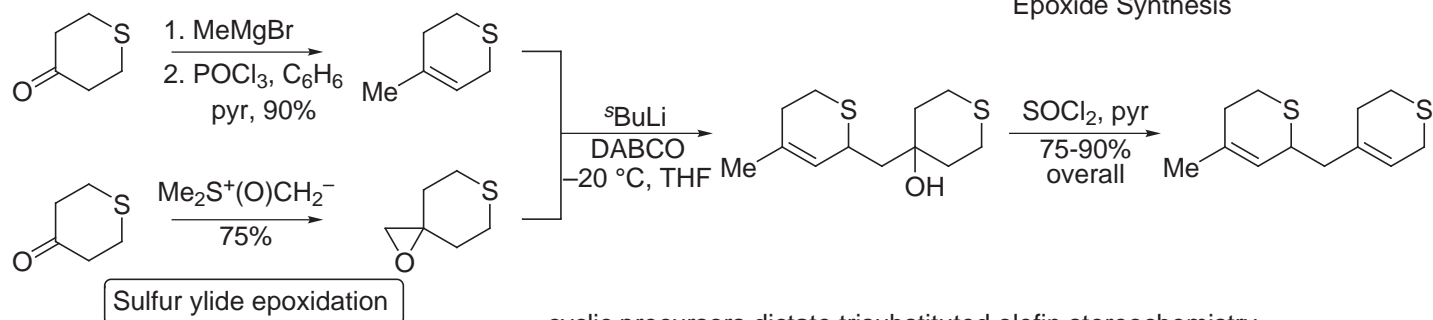
Olefinic Ketal Claisen Reaction

- selectivity dependent on 1,3-interaction in chair-like T.S.
- second Claisen more selective due to larger R group vs.  $\text{CO}_2\text{Me}$

**7. Stotter-Kondo Synthesis:**

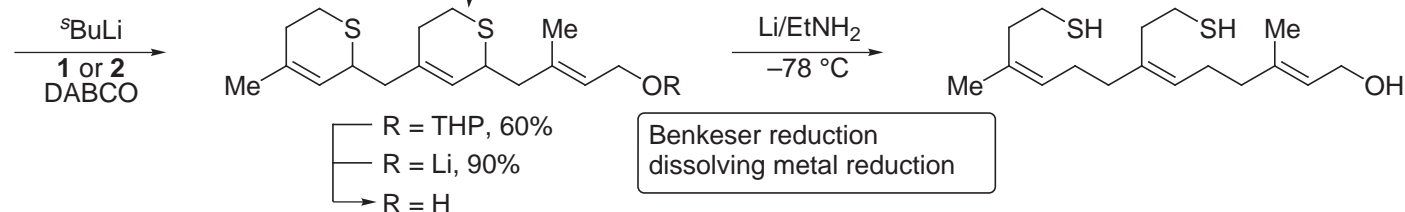
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1973**, *95*, 4444.  
*J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.* **1972**, 1311.

Dihydrothiopyran Strategy:  
Cyclic Precursors to Trisub. Olefins  
Stabilized Allylic Anions  
Desulfurization, Benkeser Red.  
Sulfur Ylides  
Cyclopropane Synthesis  
Epoxide Synthesis

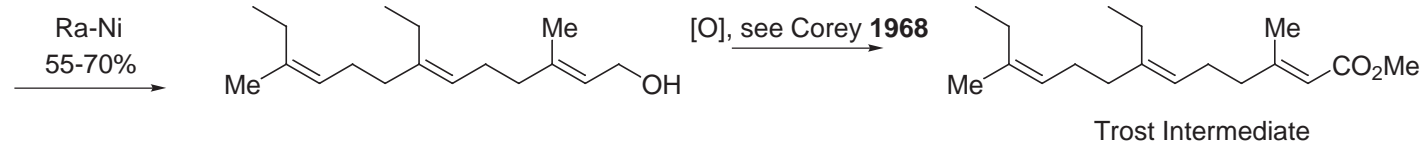


Sulfur ylide epoxidation

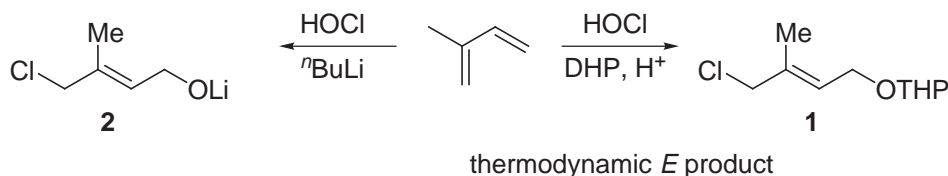
cyclic precursors dictate trisubstituted olefin stereochemistry



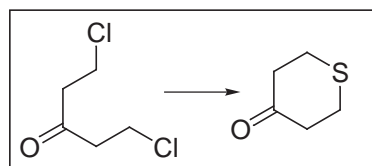
Benkeser reduction  
dissolving metal reduction



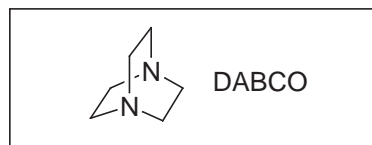
Trost Intermediate



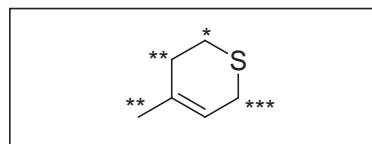
thermodynamic *E* product



Convergent Route  
- symmetrical intermediate



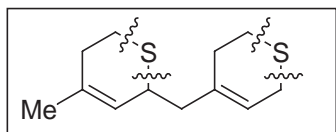
DABCO  
- accelerates slow deprotonation  
- breaks up Li aggregates



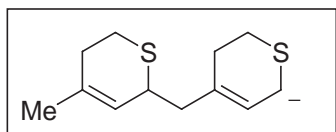
Site of Deprotonation  
- at carbon activated by both S  
and vinyl

Sulfur Ylides: Trost, Melvin *Sulfur Ylides: Emerging Synthetic Intermediates*, Academic Press, 1975.  
House, pp. 709.

Benkeser Reduction *Synthesis* **1972**, 391.

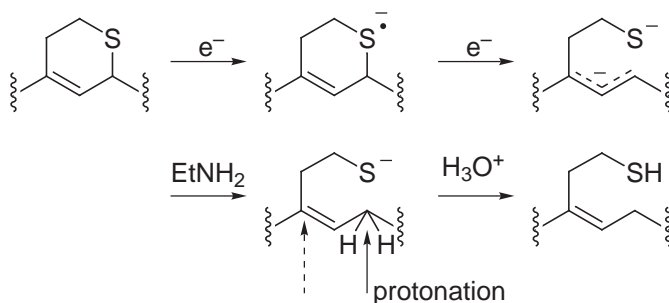


Use of Cyclic Precursors  
- control olefin geometry  
- insert S, remove with Ra-Ni



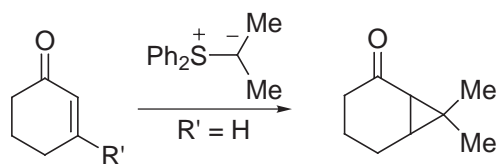
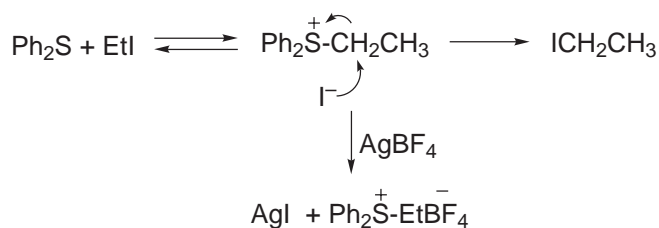
Specific Deprotonation Site  
- kinetically preferred site due to sterics  
- the thermodynamic and kinetic product  
- alkylation occurs cleanly  $\alpha$ , not  $\gamma$ , to heteroatom (a well established trend)

- Li/NH<sub>3</sub> Birch Reduction (blue solution), -33 °C at refluxing NH<sub>3</sub> temperatures
- Li/EtNH<sub>2</sub> or MeNH<sub>2</sub> Benkeser Reduction (more strongly reducing because of higher reaction temperature)

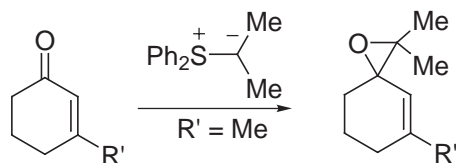


no protonation,  
more hindered,  
olefin geometry maintained  
restricted rotation of allyl  
anion  $\pi$ -system

- 1,4-Addition of sulfur ylides -> cyclopropanes



- This reaction is sensitive to substitution pattern on the  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated carbonyl

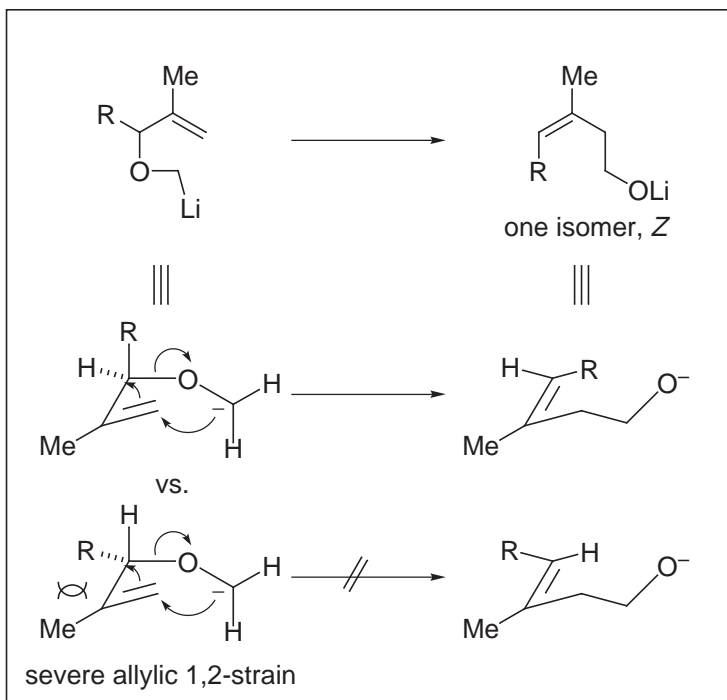
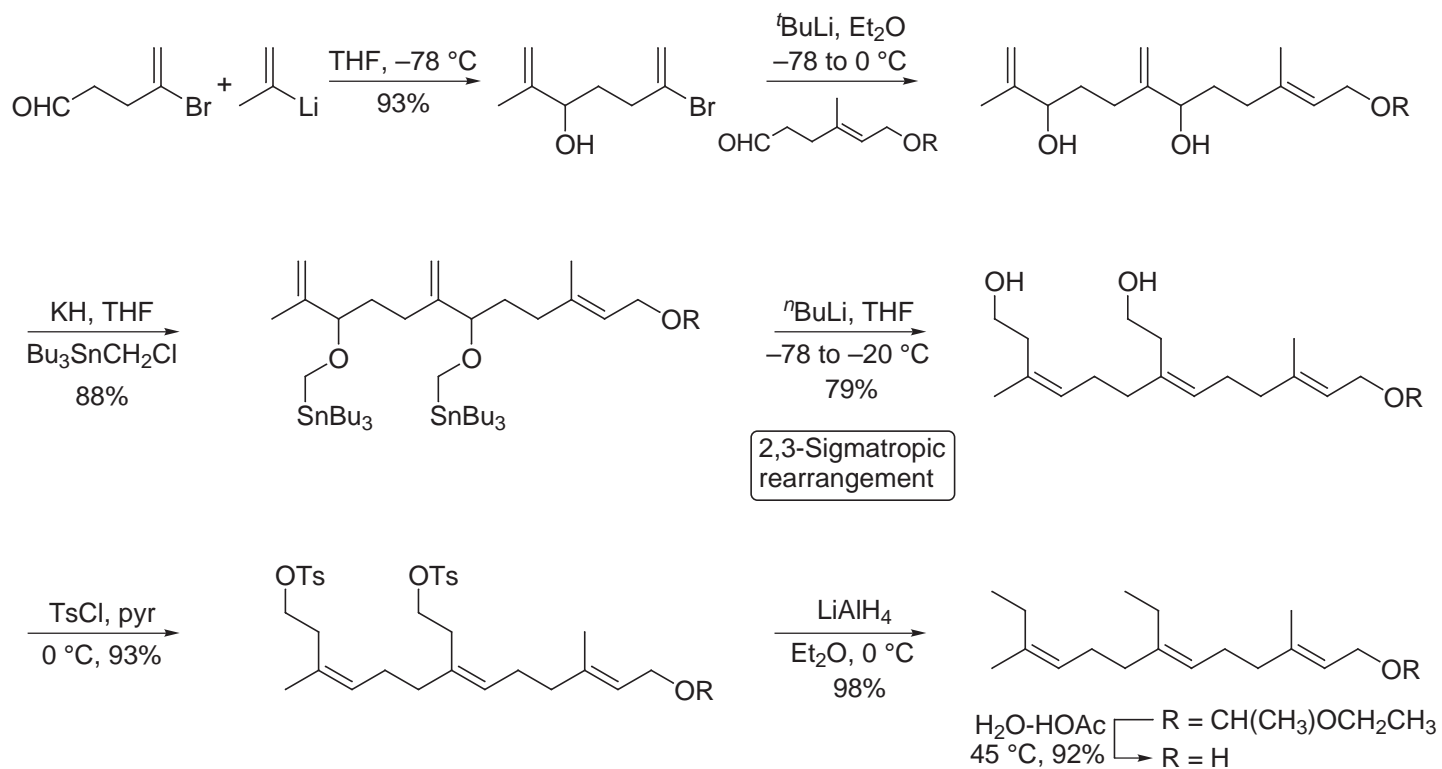


- In addition, a substituted sulfur ylide increases propensity for epoxide formation over cyclopropane formation

8. Still Synthesis:

Tetrahedron Lett. 1979, 593.

2,3-Sigmatropic Rearrangement



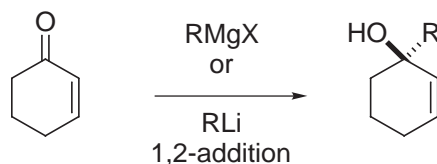
J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1978, 100, 1927.

Note: Me substitution on olefin provides *Z* selectivity.

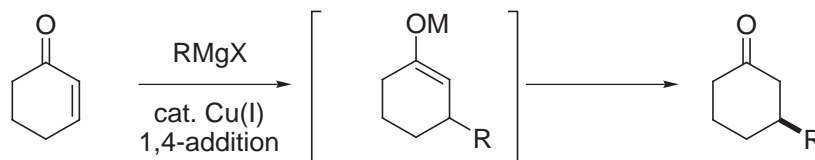
## XII. Conjugate Additions: Organocuprate 1,4-Additions

Reviews: House *Acc Chem Res.*, **1976**, 9, 59.  
Ashby *Chem Rev.*, **1975**, 75, 521.  
*Comprehensive Org. Syn.*, Vol. 4, 164.

Review: Lipshutz *Org. React.* **1992**, 41, 135.  
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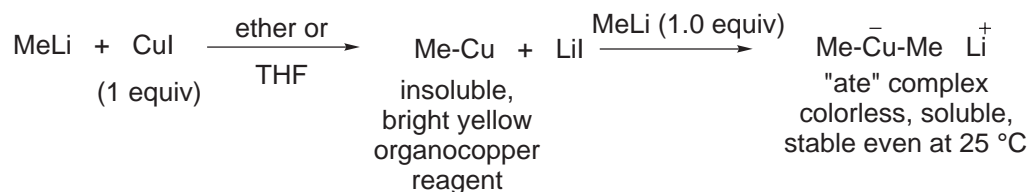


- But Kharasch observed 1,4-addition with added Cu(I) salt:



Kharasch *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1941**, 63, 2308.

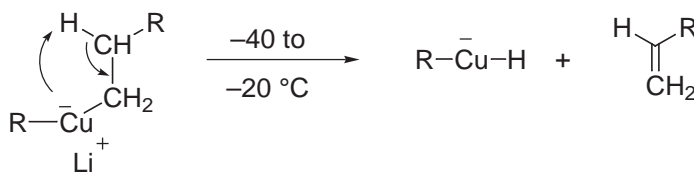
- This led to the development of stoichiometric organocuprate reagents:



House, Whitesides *J. Org. Chem.* **1966**, 31, 3128.

- "ate" complexes incorporating Li<sup>+</sup> were first described by Gilman (*J. Org. Chem.* **1952**, 17, 1630) and consequently such reagents are often referred to as "Gilman reagents".

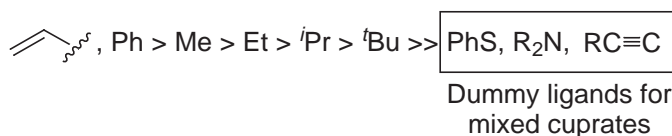
- Most organometallics, including organocuprates, are susceptible to β-elimination:



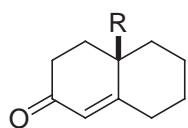
- So most organocuprates are best handled at temperatures lower than ca. -40 °C.

### 1. Scope

-Relative ease of ligand transfer from Cu follows the order:

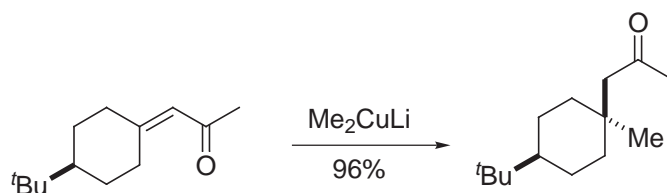
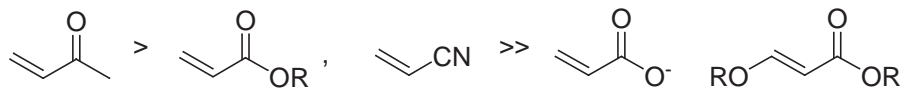


- In addition, the size of the migrating group also affects the conversion:



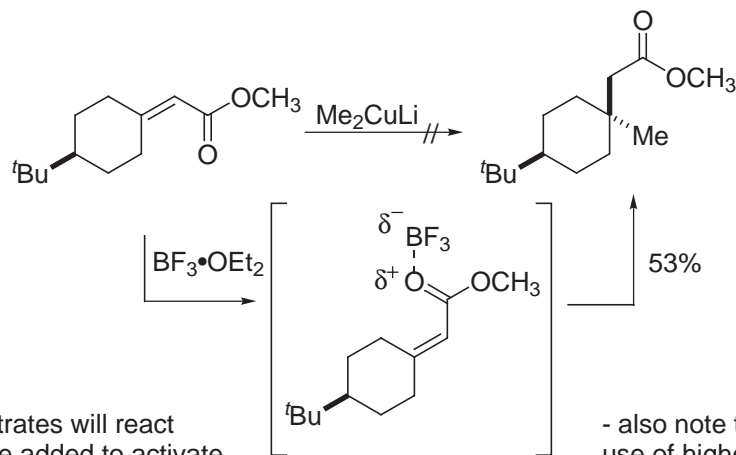
R = H	Me <sub>2</sub> CuLi	60–80%
R = H	Ph <sub>2</sub> CuLi	25%
R = CH <sub>3</sub>	Et <sub>2</sub> CuLi	55–65%
R = CH <sub>3</sub>	<sup>i</sup> Pr <sub>2</sub> CuLi	58%
R = CH <sub>3</sub>	<sup>t</sup> Bu <sub>2</sub> CuLi	40%
R = CH <sub>3</sub>	Ph <sub>2</sub> CuLi	0%
R = CH <sub>3</sub>	( $\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}$ ) <sub>2</sub> CuLi	0% 1,2-addition observed

- Effect of substrates:



- Unsaturated esters are less reactive than enones.

-  $\beta,\beta$ -Disubstitution slows reaction.



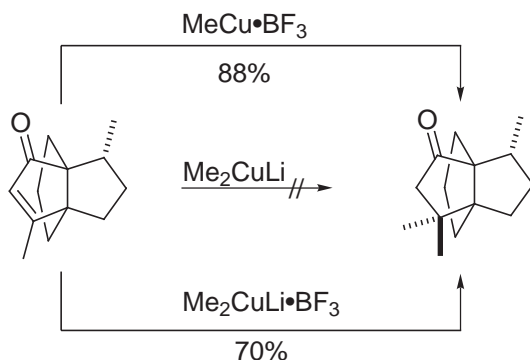
- unreactive substrates will react if Lewis acids are added to activate substrate toward nucleophilic addition.

- also note the alternative use of higher order cuprates [R<sub>2</sub>CuCN]Li<sub>2</sub>.

Maruyama *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1977**, *99*, 8068.  
Yamamoto *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1978**, *100*, 3240.

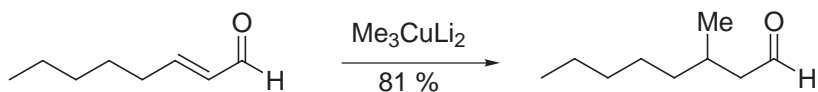


$\text{RCu}\cdot\text{BF}_3$   
Yamamoto *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1980**, *102*, 2318.  
Yamamoto *J. Org. Chem.* **1979**, *44*, 1745.



Review: Yamamoto *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Eng.* **1986**, *25*, 947.

- Conjugate addition to  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated aldehydes is typically problematic but successful examples have been reported.

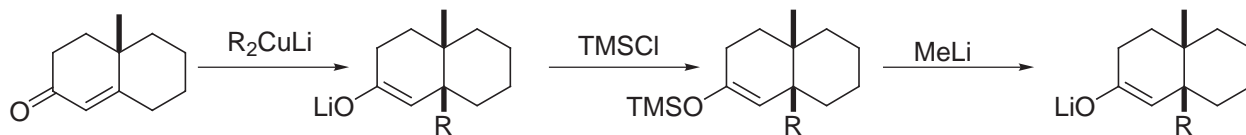


Still *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1976**, 2659.  
Meyer *Org. Prep. Proceed.* **1979**, *11*, 97.  
Clive *J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.* **1981**, 643. ( $\text{Me}_5\text{Cu}_3\text{Li}_2$ )  
Clive *J. Org. Chem.* **1982**, *47*, 2572.

Conjugate Addition/Alkylation (stereochemistry)  
Posner *J. Org. Chem.* **1979**, *44*, 3661.  
Review: *Comprehensive Org. Syn.*, Vol. 4, pp. 237-268.

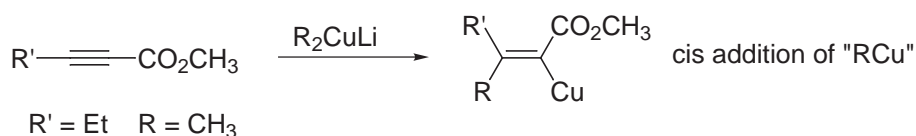
Conjugate Addition/Aldol  
Heng *Tetrahedron* **1979**, *35*, 425.

- Cuprates can also be prepared from other organometallic reagents which have greater compatibility with reactive groups:  
e.g. activated  $\text{Cu}^{(0)}/\text{RBr}$ ,  $\text{RZnI}$ ,  $\text{RSnBu}_3/\text{Me}_2\text{Cu}(\text{CN})\text{Li}_2$ ,  $\text{RCH}=\text{CH}_2/\text{Cp}_2\text{Zr}(\text{H})\text{Cl}$  then  $\text{CuBr}\cdot\text{SMe}_2$
- Useful in the regiospecific trap and subsequent generation of enolates.



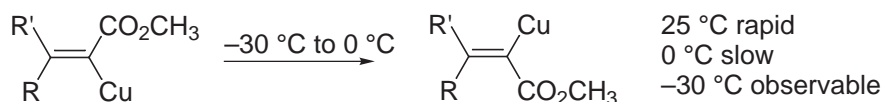
Stork *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1974**, *96*, 7114.  
Stork *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1961**, *83*, 2965.  
Horiguchi *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1989**, *30*, 7087.

- Additions to acetylenes



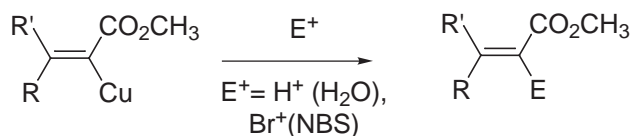
THF at $-100^\circ\text{C}$	97:3	} lower stereoselectivity due to configurational instability of alkenyl copper reagent
THF at $-78^\circ\text{C}$	92:8	
toluene (3 h)	92.5:7.5	
ether (3 h)	24:76	

see also: Alexakis *Bull. Chim. Soc., Fr.* **1977**, 693.  
Cahiez *Synthesis* **1976**, 245.  
Alexakis *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1976**, 2313.  
Truce *J. Org. Chem.* **1978**, 43, 2252.  
Marfat *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1977**, 99, 2513.

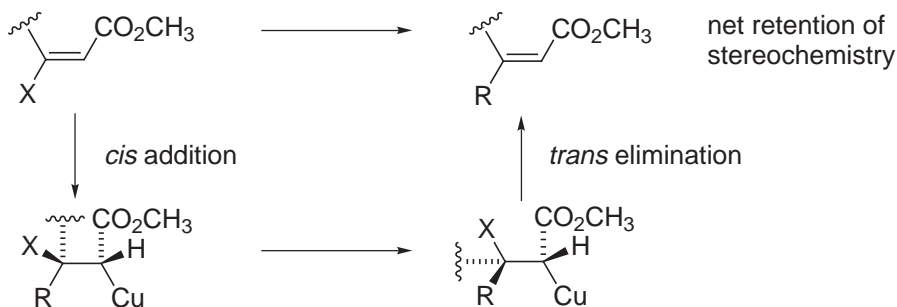
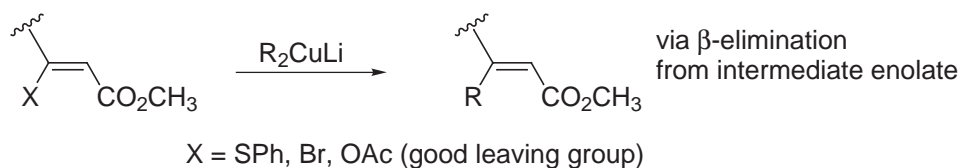


Corey, Katzenellenbogen *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1969**, 91, 1851.  
Fried *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1969**, 91, 1853.  
Klein *J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans. 2* **1973**, 1971.

- Alkenyl copper intermediates can be subsequently trapped:

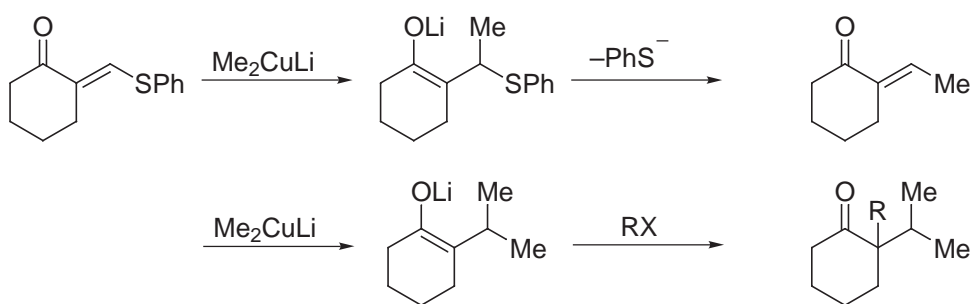
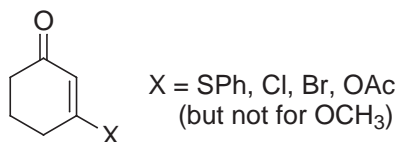
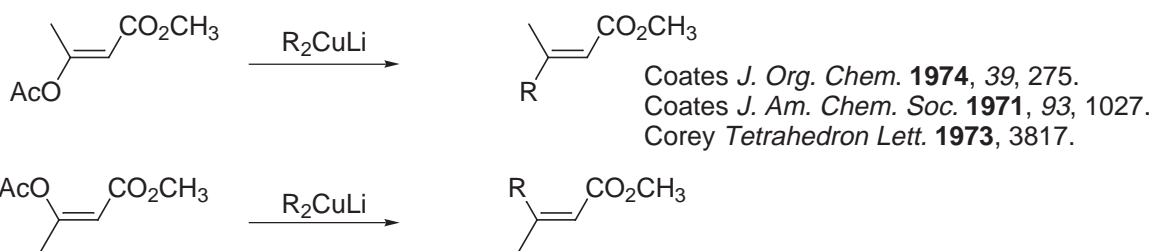


- Also, used in displacement of leaving groups (addition/elimination reactions).

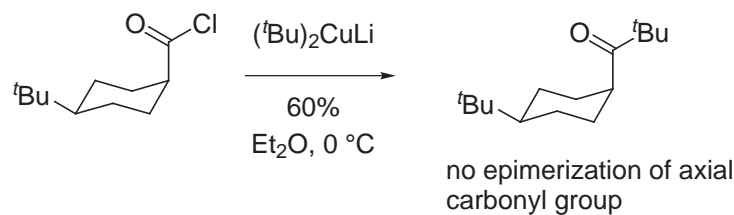
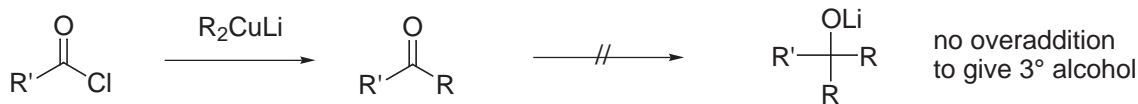


$X = \text{SPh}$   
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Casey *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1974**, 925.  
Mukaiyama *Chem Lett.* **1974**, 705.

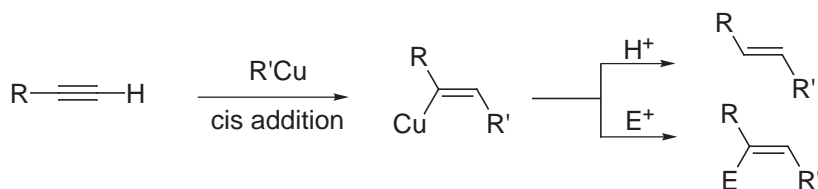
- Examples:



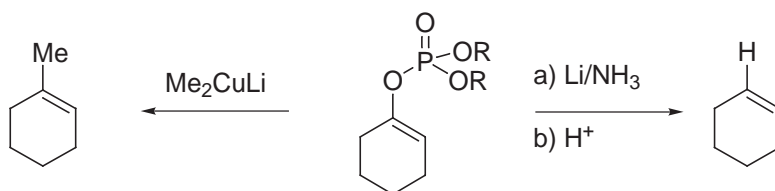
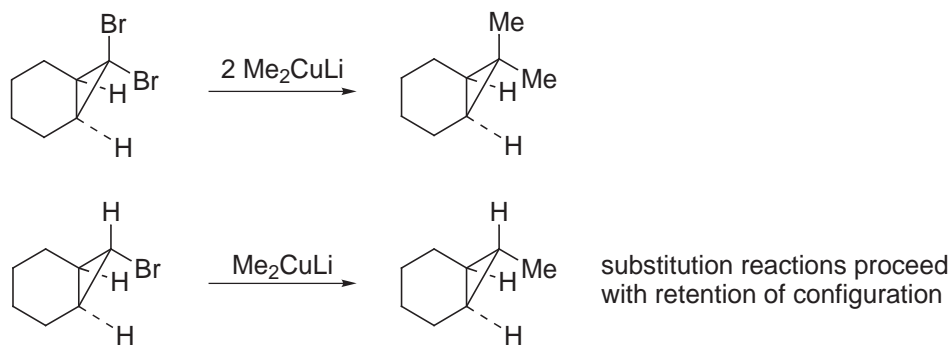
- Selective preparation of ketones from carboxylic acid derivatives.



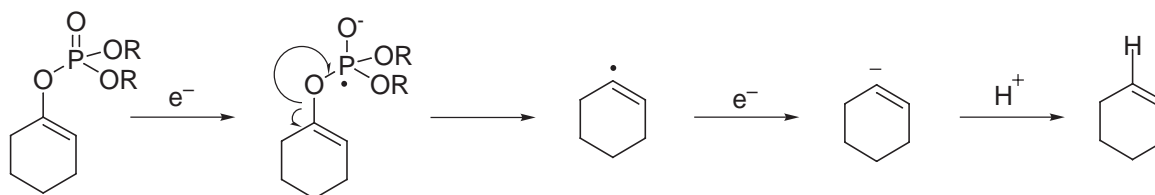
- Additions to terminal alkynes.



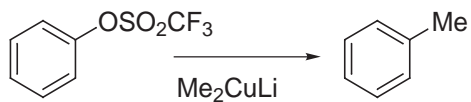
- Alkylation reactions



- Mechanism:

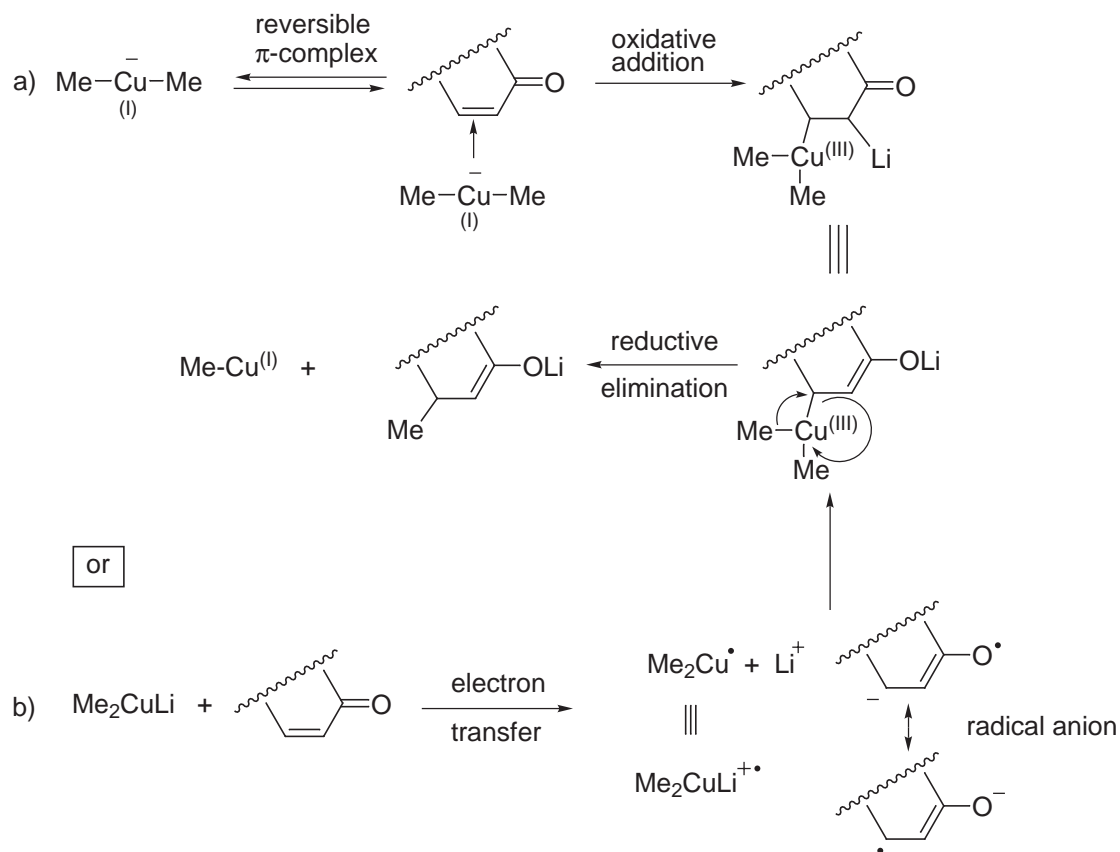


- Also can be conducted with aryl and enol triflates



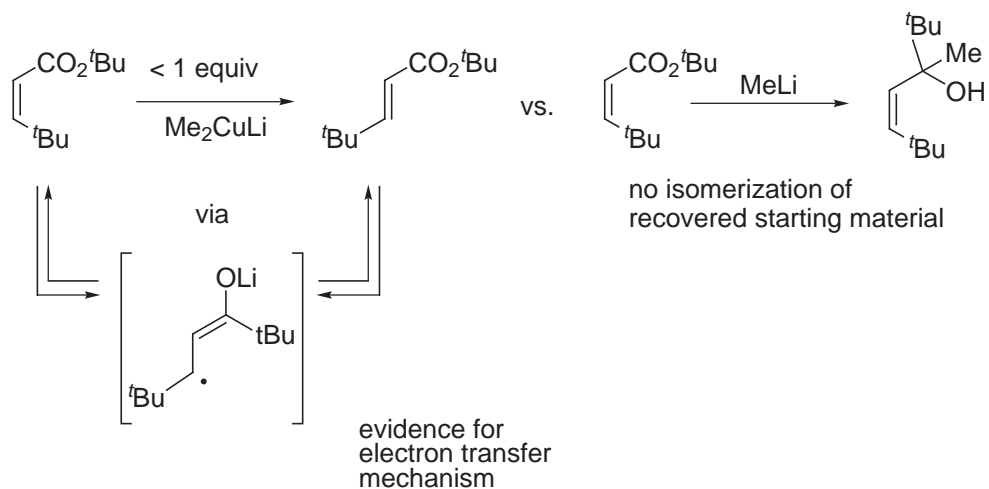
functional group reactivity~  $\text{RCOCl} > \text{CHO} > \text{tosylates} > \text{epoxides} > \text{bromides} > \text{ketones} > \text{esters} > \text{nitriles}$

## 2. Mechanism



-Evidence for mechanism b)

i. Isomerization and recovery of substrates without 1,4-addition



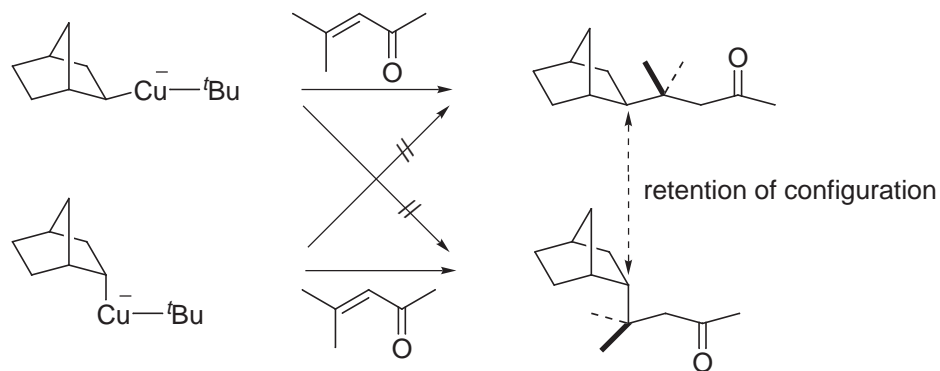
ii. Cation is essential for the reaction  $\text{Me}_2\text{Cu}(\text{Li})$

- if crown ethers are added to reaction mixture, reaction is slowed or prevented

-  $\text{Li}^+$  complexes with carbonyl oxygen and activates substrate to conjugate addition  
(Ouannes *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1977**, 815.)

iii. Retention of stereochemistry of cuprate alkyl group that is transferred

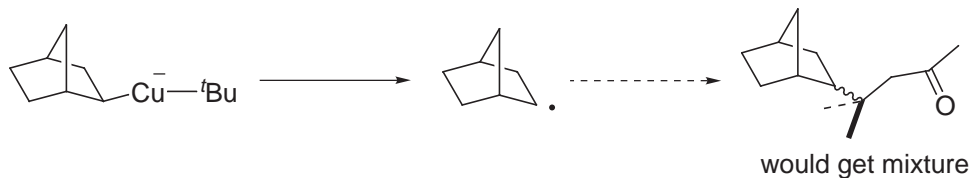
e.g.



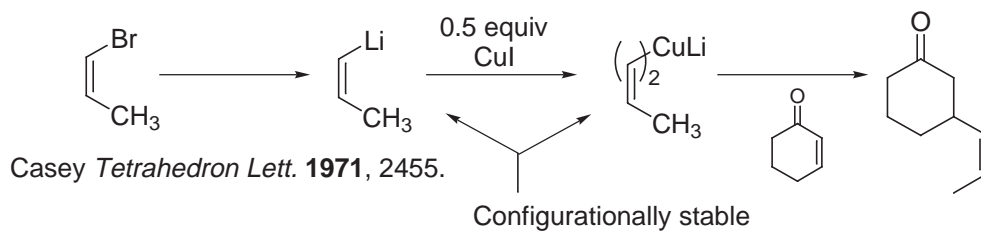
Whitesides *J. Org. Chem.* **1972**, 37, 3718.

Whitesides *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1969**, 91, 6542.

- So reaction cannot be proceeding through a free-radical

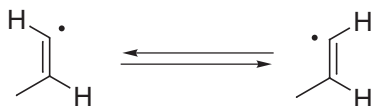


- Retention also observed for alkenyl cuprates:

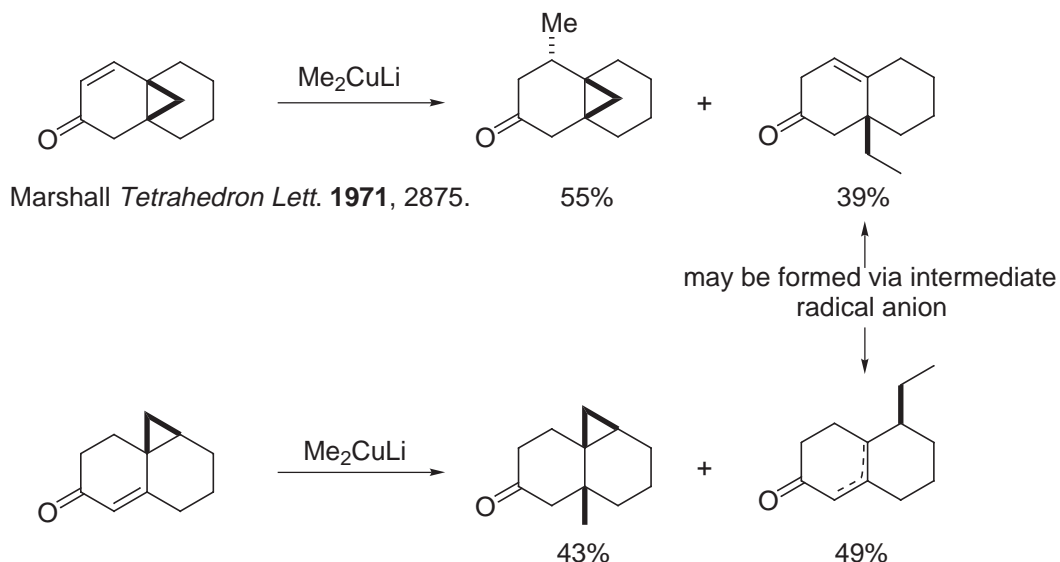


Casey *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1971**, 2455.

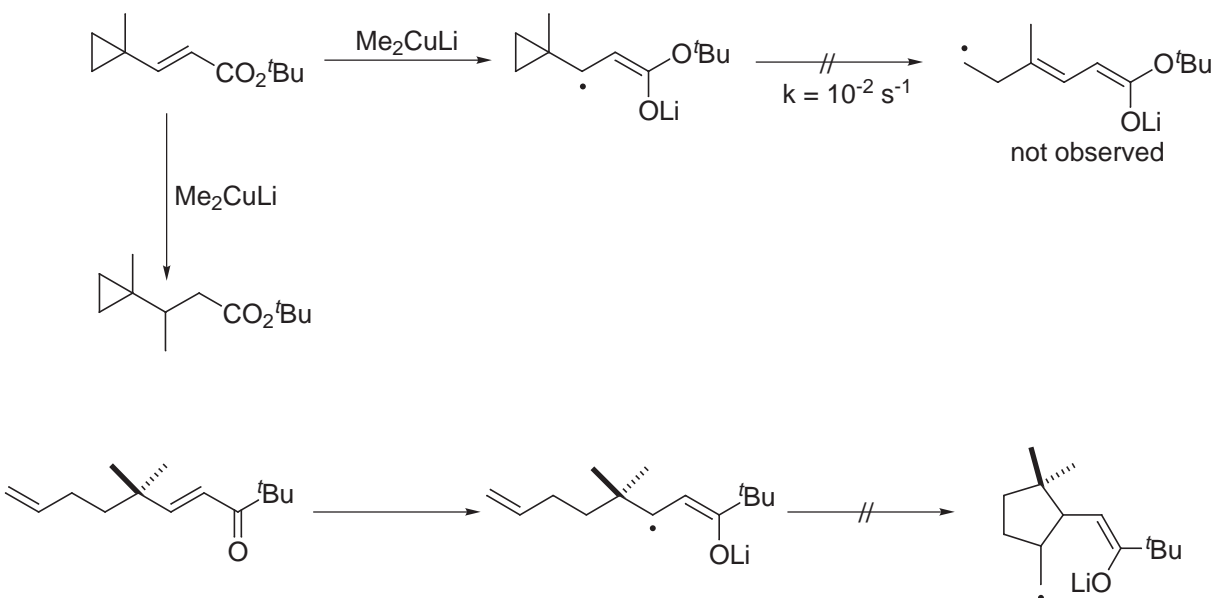
- Not true for free radical



- Additional evidence for radical anion mechanism:

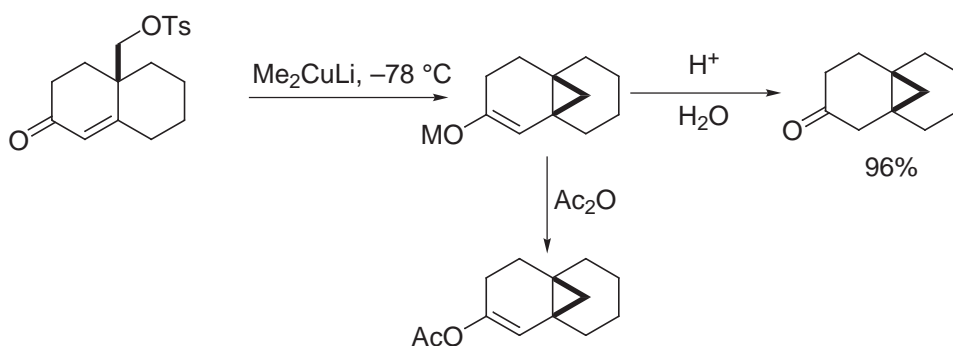


- but



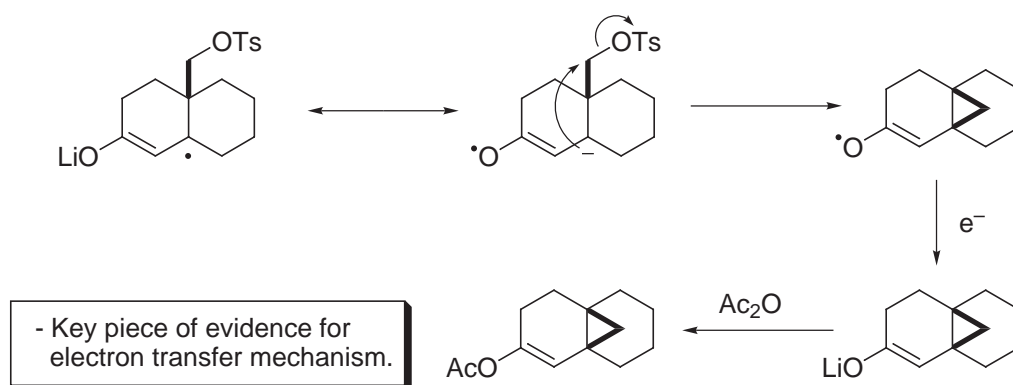
- So half-life of intermediate radical anion is very short.
- Subsequent coupling with cuprate reagent (after  $e^-$  transfer) is faster than other radical reactions in some cases.
- However, competitive single electron reductions with cuprates have been observed and they may be used to effect reductive elimination reactions in manner analogous to dissolving metal or Zn reductions.

iv. Trap of intermediate radical anion



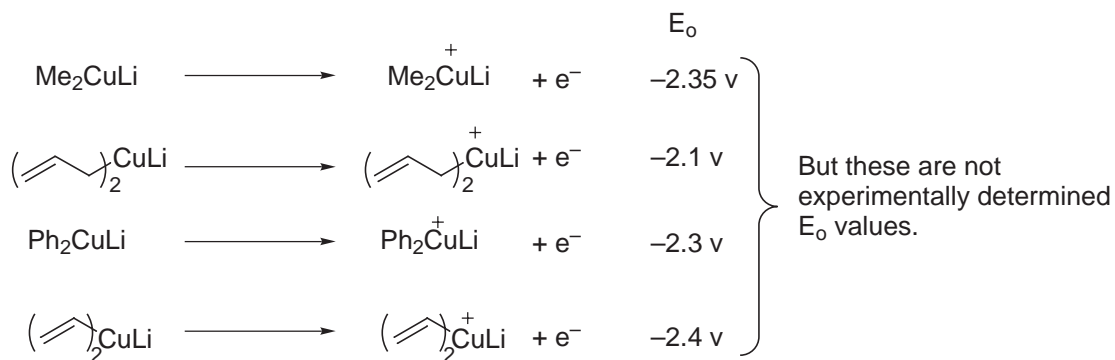
- no conjugate or homo-conjugate addition observed, only intramolecular trap of intermediate radical anion

Hannah *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1975**, 187.



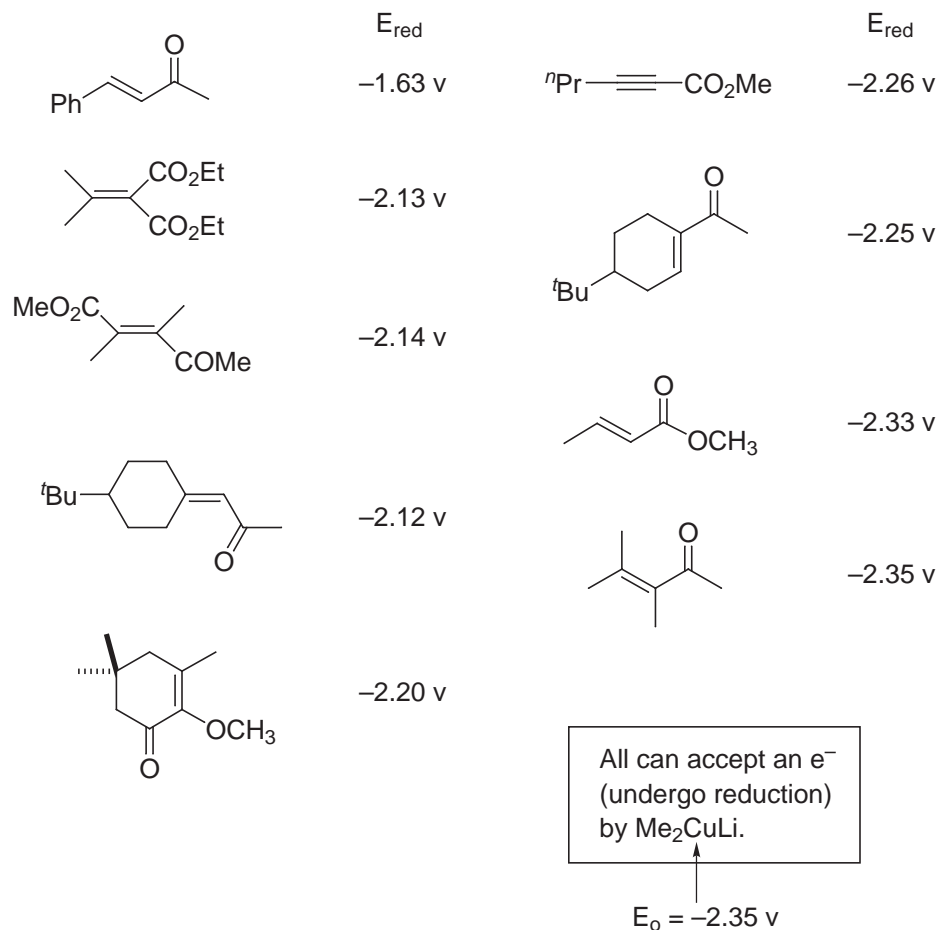
v. House *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1972**, 94, 5495.

- Rate and ease of conjugate addition to the substrate correlate with the polarographic reduction potential while they do not always correlate with propensities for Michael addition.

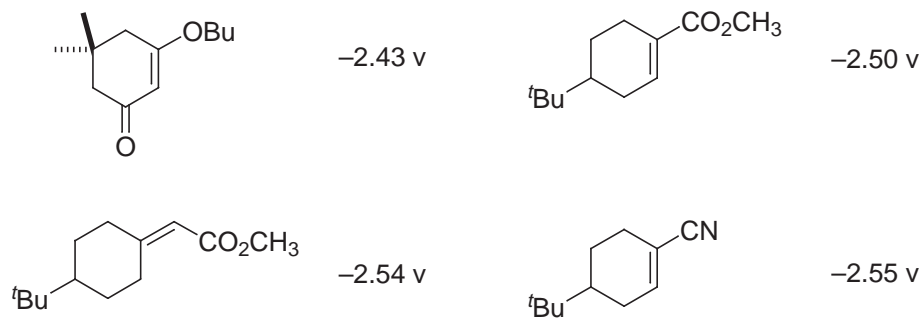




- And for conjugate addition with  $\text{Me}_2\text{CuLi}$



- But these substrates do not react with  $\text{Me}_2\text{CuLi}$ :

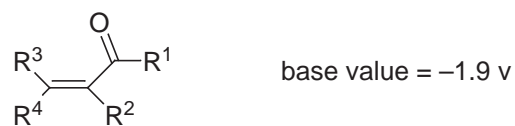


Note that for the ease of organocuprate conjugate addition decreases in the order:

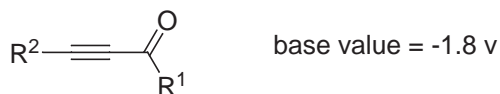


House *Acc. Chem. Res.* **1976**, *9*, 59.

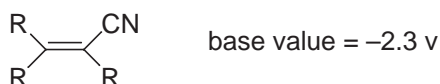
-House estimation of



substituent	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup> /R <sup>4</sup>
alkyl	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
alkoxy	-0.3	0	-0.3
phenyl	+0.4	+0.1	+0.4



substituent	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>
alkyl	-0.1	-0.1
alkoxy	-0.3	---

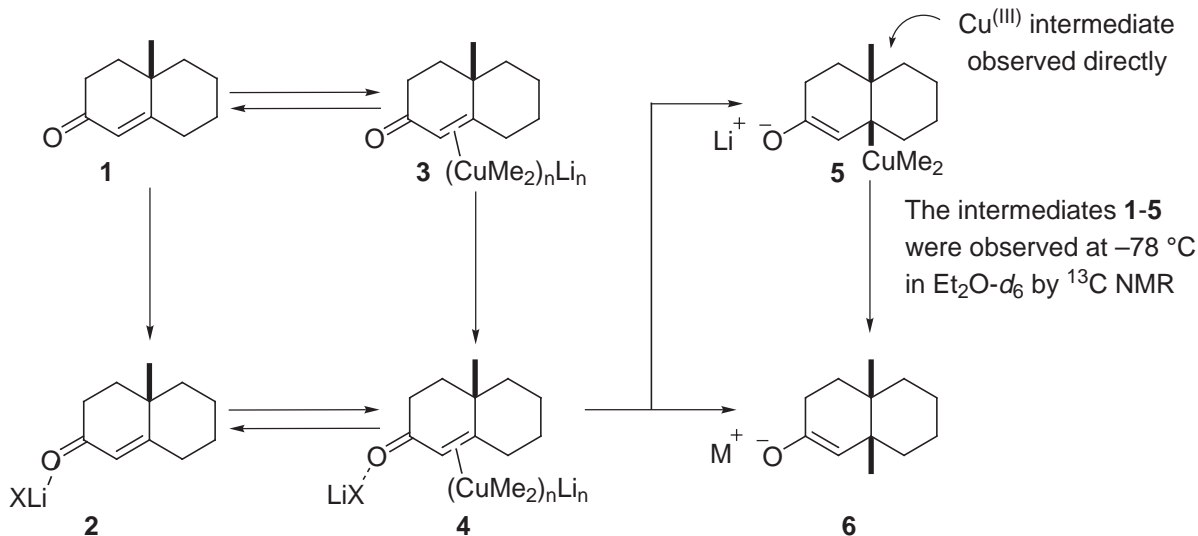


- vi. Kinetic preference for 1,2-addition for standard organometallic (and other) nucleophiles suggests something unique about 1,4-addition of organocuprates



- vii. <sup>13</sup>C NMR detection of reaction intermediates

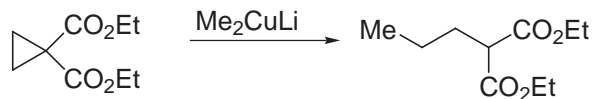
- Mechanism of organocuprate conjugate addition: observation of cuprate-olefin complexes and Li-coordinated intermediates in the reaction of lithium dimethyl cuprate with 10-methyl- $\Delta^{1,9}$ -2-octalone. Robin and Smith *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1989**, *111*, 8276.



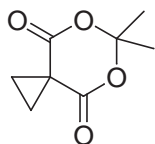
See also: Corey *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1990**, *31*, 1393.

- viii. Isolation of the  $\pi$ -complex and conversion on to product  
Corey *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1985**, *26*, 6015.

### 3. Homoconjugate Addition

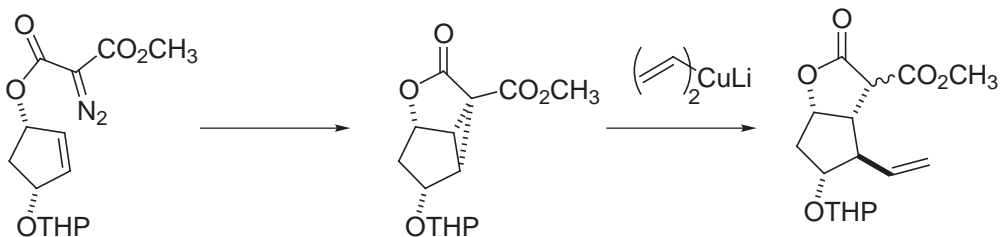


- Can also use



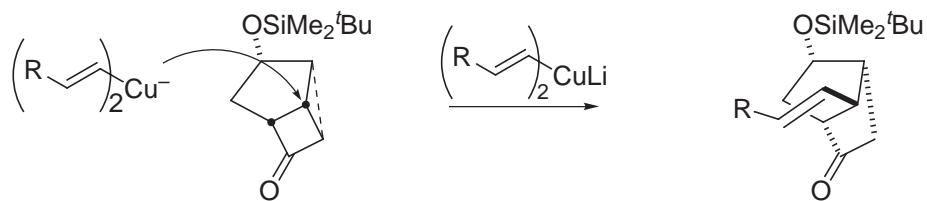
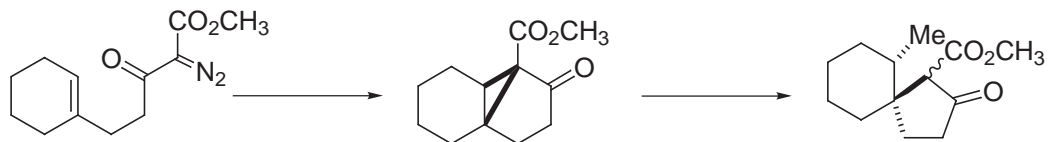
-These reactions work well with  $\text{Me}_2\text{CuLi}$ , and probably vinyl cuprates and aryl cuprates (no problem with  $\beta$  elimination) but not as well for simple alkyl cuprates (less stable-must keep  $< -30^\circ\text{C}$ )

- Application to prostaglandin synthesis:



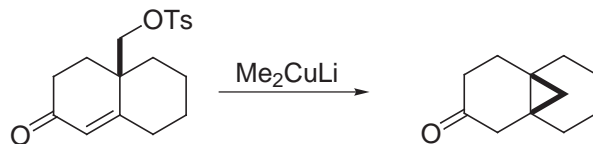
Corey *J. Am Chem. Soc.* **1972**, *94*, 4014.

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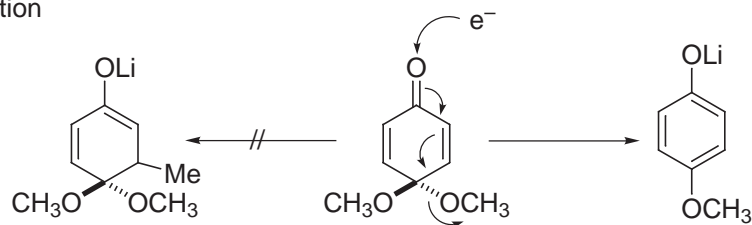


#### 4. Competitive Reduction and Rearrangement

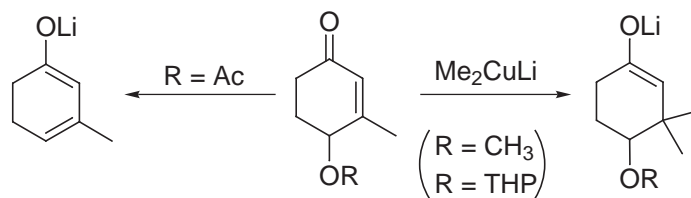
a) Interception of radical-anion intermediate



b) Reduction



Also observed with  $\gamma$ -acyloxy enones:

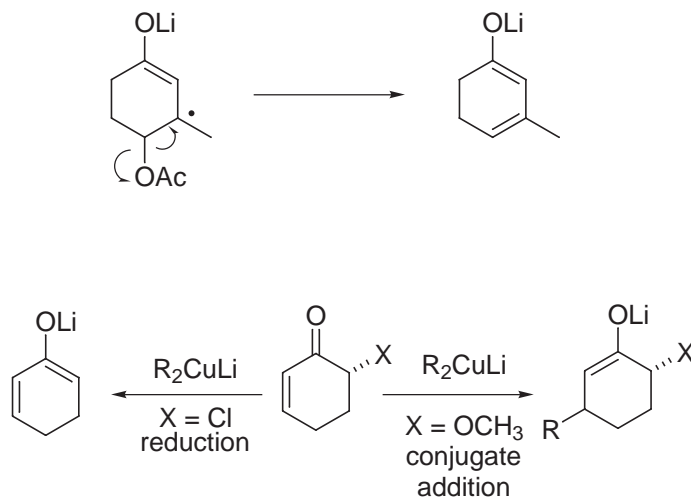


Ruden *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1975**, 2043.

poorer leaving groups

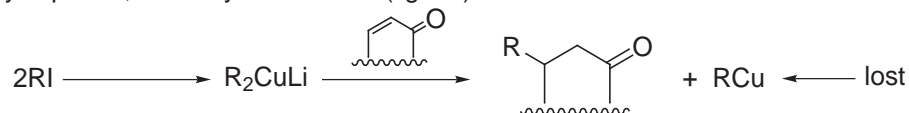
Note: This is cited as further support of the electron transfer mechanism.

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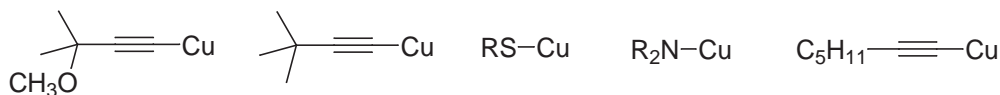


## 5. Mixed Organocuprates

- For dialkylcuprates, one alkyl substituent (ligand) is lost:



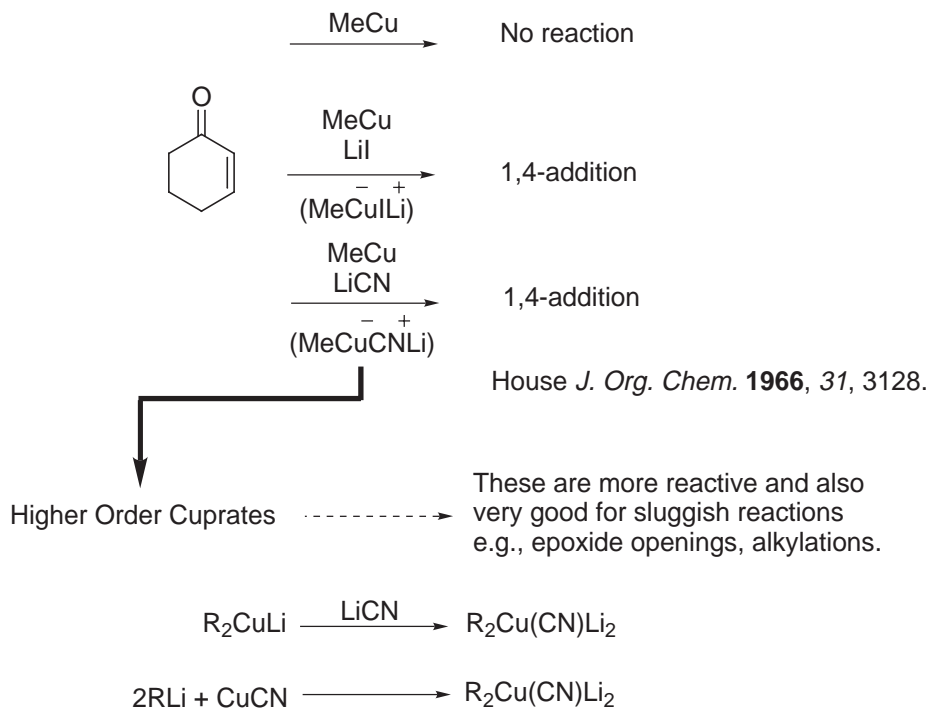
- Mixed cuprates have been developed in which one ligand will not transfer:  
Corey *J. Org. Chem.* **1978**, 43, 3419.



- With these reagents, only the non-transferable reagent is lost



- Also: addition of Li salts forms cuprate reagents from alkyl copper reagents ("ate" complexes)



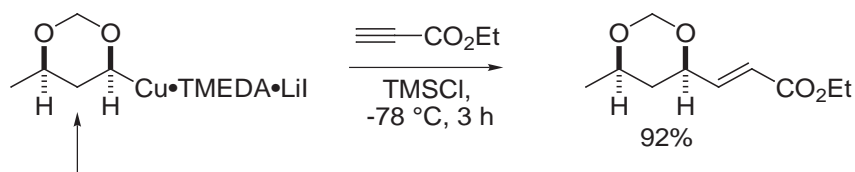
See: Lipshutz *Org. React.* **1992**, 41, 135.  
Lipshutz *Synthesis* **1987**, 325.  
Lipshutz *Tetrahedron* **1984**, 40, 5005.

- Representative Mixed Cuprates

RLi, CuI, R <sub>3</sub> P (1:1:2)	Suzuki <i>Tetrahedron Lett.</i> <b>1980</b> , 1247.
(COD)RCuMgX	Leyendecker <i>Tetrahedron Lett.</i> <b>1980</b> , 1311.
RCu(SPh)Li, RCu(O <sup>t</sup> Bu)Li, RCu(NMe <sub>2</sub> )Li	Posner <i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> <b>1973</b> , 95, 7788.
RCu(SPh)Li	Alexakis <i>Tetrahedron Lett.</i> <b>1976</b> , 3461. <i>Org. Prep. Proc. Int.</i> <b>1976</b> , 8, 13
RCu(C≡C <sup>t</sup> Bu)Li and RCu(CN)Li	Boeckman <i>J. Org. Chem.</i> <b>1977</b> , 42, 1581. Marino <i>J. Org. Chem.</i> <b>1976</b> , 41, 3213.
RCu(CN)Li	Acker <i>Tetrahedron Lett.</i> <b>1977</b> , 3407. Miyaura <i>Tetrahedron Lett.</i> <b>1977</b> , 3369.
RCu(C≡CPr)Li	Corey <i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> <b>1972</b> , 94, 7210.
RCu(C≡CC(OMe)Me <sub>2</sub> )Li	Corey <i>J. Org. Chem.</i> <b>1978</b> , 43, 3418.

## 6. Functionalized Organocuprate Reagents

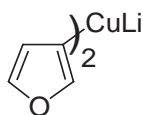
- Examples



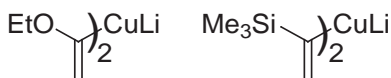
Configurationaly stable (better than higher order cyano cuprate):  
prepared from the corresponding Bu<sub>3</sub>Sn reagent/<sup>n</sup>BuLi then CuI/TMEDA.

Linderman *J. Org. Chem.* **1991**, 56, 5491.

- Other representative functionalized organocuprate reagents



Kojima, Wakita and Kato *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1979**, 4577.



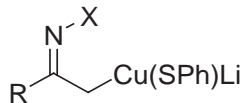
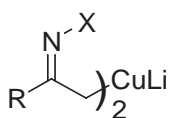
Doyle and West *J. Org. Chem.* **1975**, 97, 3821.  
Nordlander and Haky *J. Org. Chem.* **1979**, 45, 4780.  
Schollkopf and Haenssle *Justus Liebigs Ann. Chem.* **1972**, 763, 208.  
Baldwin, Hofle and Lever *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1974**, 96, 7125.  
Huyhn and Linstrumelle *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1979**, 1073.



R = <sup>n</sup>Bu, Ph, CH<sub>2</sub>=CH, <sup>s</sup>Bu

R = <sup>t</sup>Bu, Me, CH<sub>2</sub>=CHCH<sub>2</sub>

House and Wilkins *J. Org. Chem.* **1978**, 43, 2443.

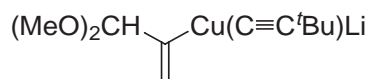


X = NMe<sub>2</sub>, OCH<sub>3</sub>

Corey and Enders *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1976**, 11.  
Corey and Boger *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1978**, 4597.  
Gawley, Termine, and Aube *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1980**, 21, 3115.



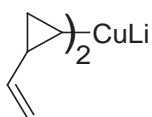
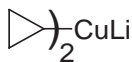
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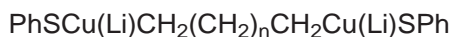
Depezay and Le Merrer *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1974**, 2751.  
Boeckman and Rammaiah *J. Org. Chem.* **1977**, 42, 1581.  
Cyano cuprate: Marino and Farina *J. Org. Chem.* **1976**, 41, 3213.  
Thiophenyl cuprate: Grieco, Wang, and Majetich  
*J. Org. Chem.* **1976**, 41, 726.



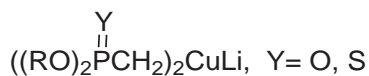
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Mathey and Savignac *Synthesis* **1976**, 766.



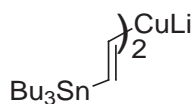
Wender and Filosa *J. Org. Chem.* **1976**, 3490.  
Marino and Browne *J. Org. Chem.* **1976**, 3629.  
Piers, Lau and Nagakura *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1976**, 3233.  
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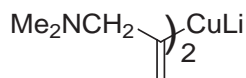
Wender and Eck *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1977**, 1245.



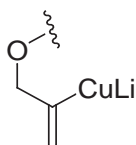
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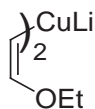
Fargeas *Tetrahedron* **1996**, 52, 6613; **1994**, 35, 7767.



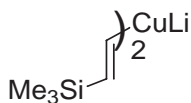
Corey, Cane and Libit *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1971**, 93, 7016.



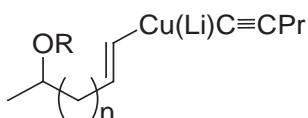
Ireland *J. Org. Chem.* **1975**, 40, 975.



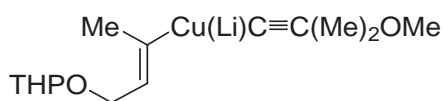
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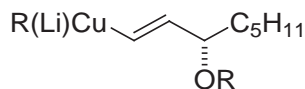
Linstrumelle *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1979**, 1073.



(n = 1, R = THP) Corey *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1976**, 98, 222.  
(n = 3, R = TBDMS) Corey *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1976**, 4701 and 4705 .



Corey *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1978**, 1051.  
Corey *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1978**, 100, 2916.



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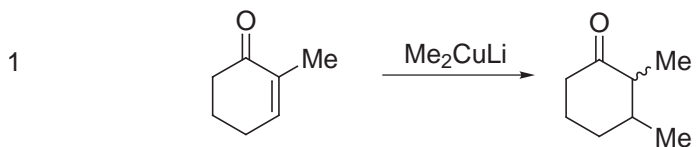


## 7. Stereochemistry of Organocuprate Conjugate Addition Reactions

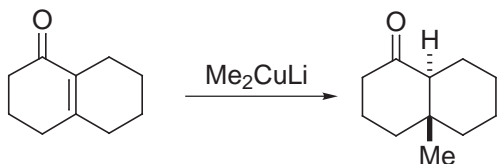
### A. Cyclic Substrates

Cyclic enones: intraannular diastereoselectivity

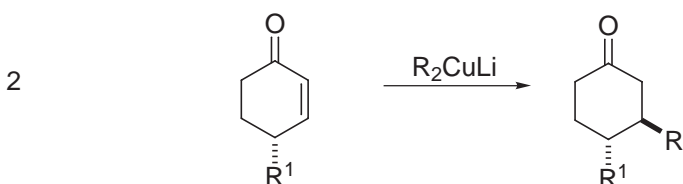
Ref. 2,3-diastereoselectivity



condition dependent:  
*cis* preferred, but isomerization  
to *trans* is facile.

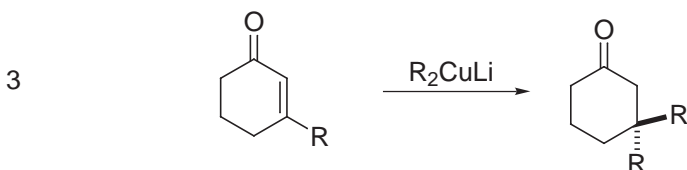


3,4-diastereoselectivity

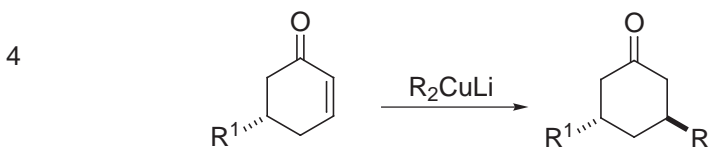


R <sup>1</sup>	R	<i>trans</i> : <i>cis</i>	R <sup>1</sup>	R	<i>trans</i> : <i>cis</i>
Me	Me	72:28	Et	Me	77:23
	Et	78:22	Ph		89:11
	<sup>i</sup> Pr	88:12	<sup>i</sup> Pr	Me	89:11
	Ph	96:4 (87:13)	Et		92:8

3-substituted enones

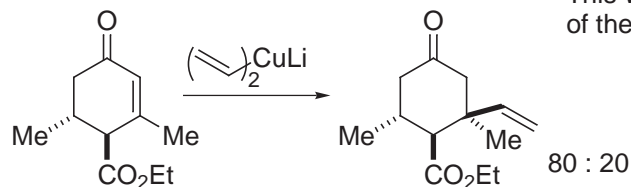
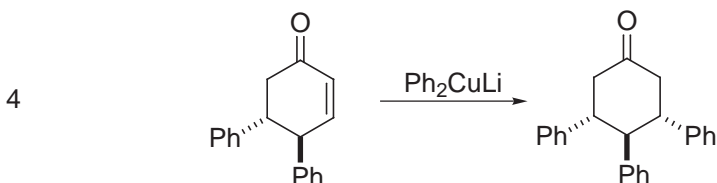


3,5-diastereoselectivity



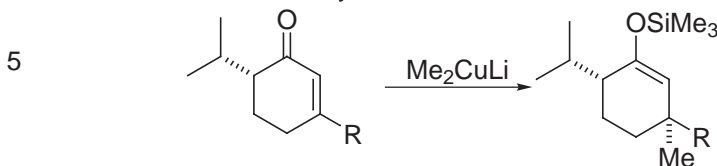
R <sup>1</sup>	R	<i>trans</i> : <i>cis</i>
Me	Me	98:2 (99:1) (93:7)
Me	CH <sub>2</sub> Ph	<i>trans</i> only

3,4-diastereoselectivity vs 3,5-diastereoselectivity

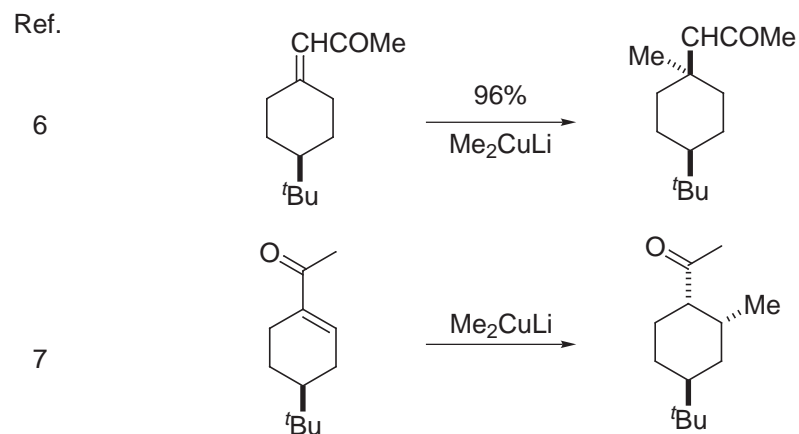


This will be dependent on the relative size  
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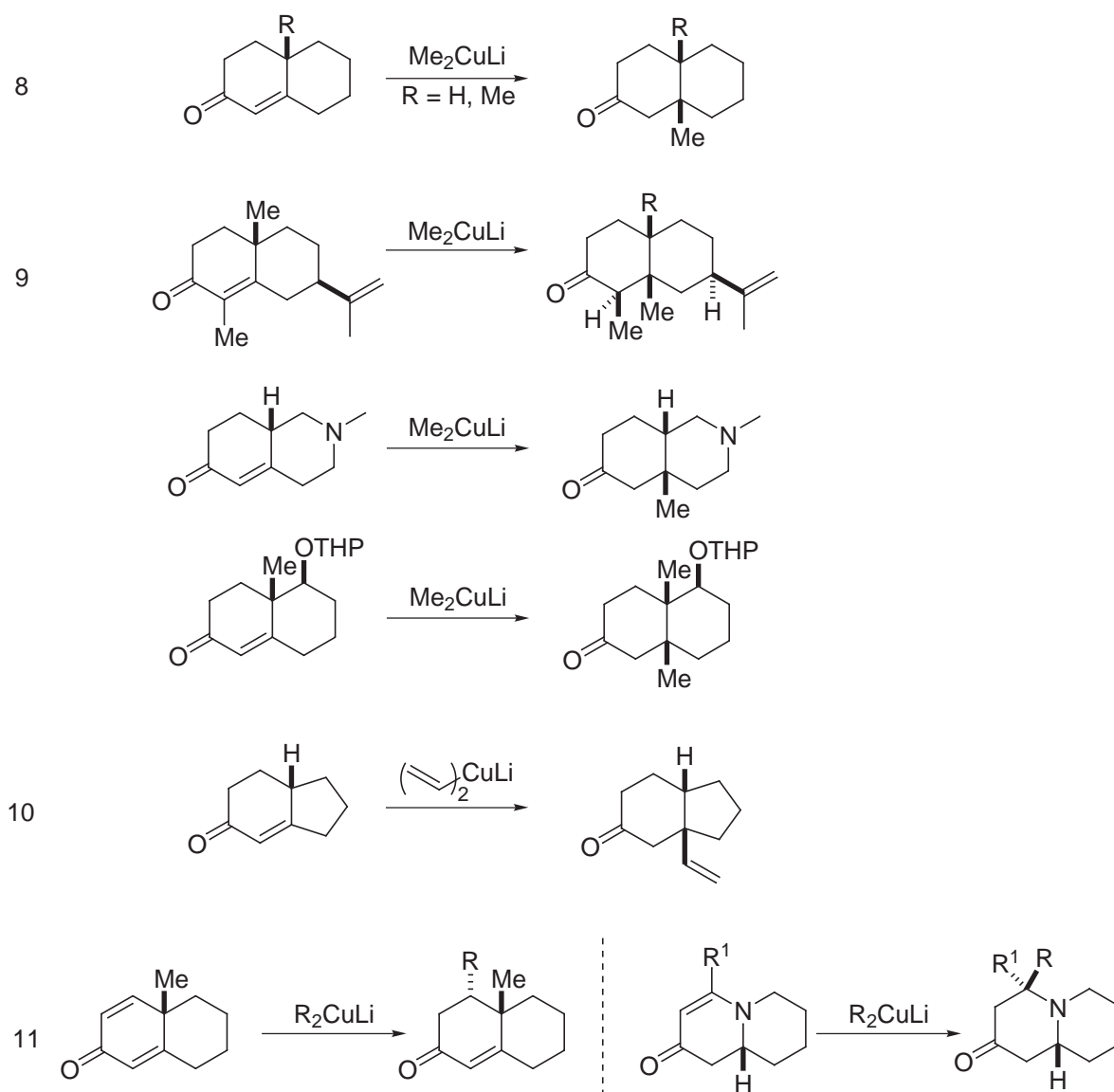
3,6-diastereoselectivity

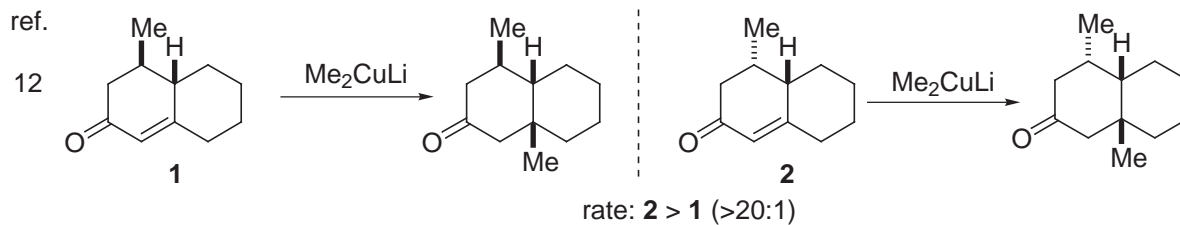


Exocyclic enones and esters

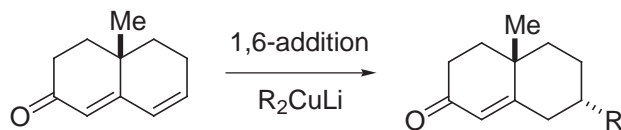


Bicyclic enones and related substrates



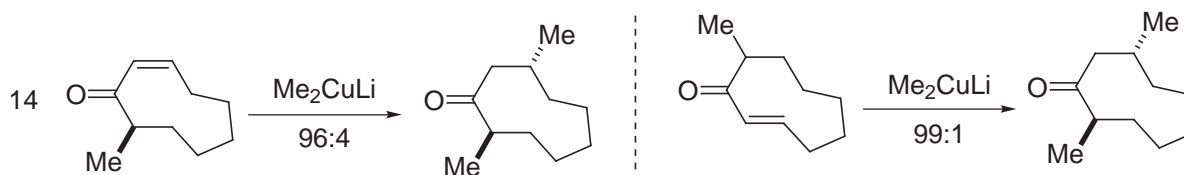
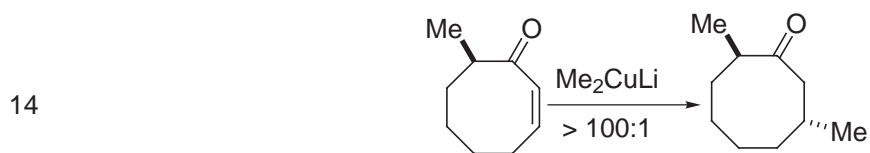


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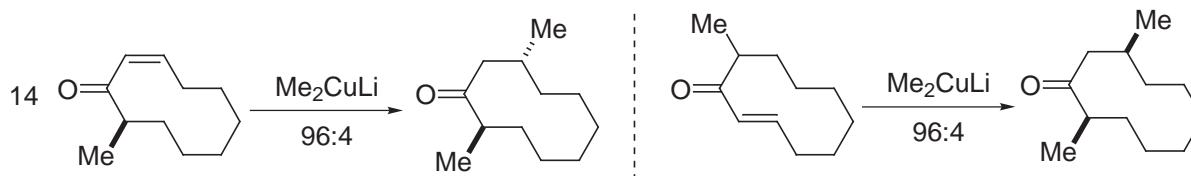


R	<i>trans:cis</i>
Me	93:7
Et	98:2
<i>i</i> Pr	100:0
<i>t</i> Bu	100:0

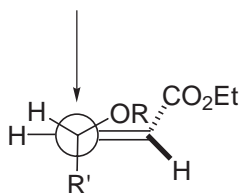
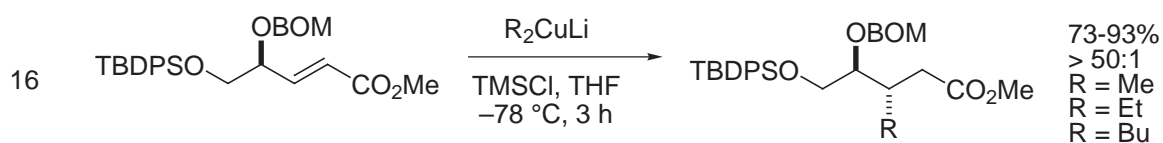
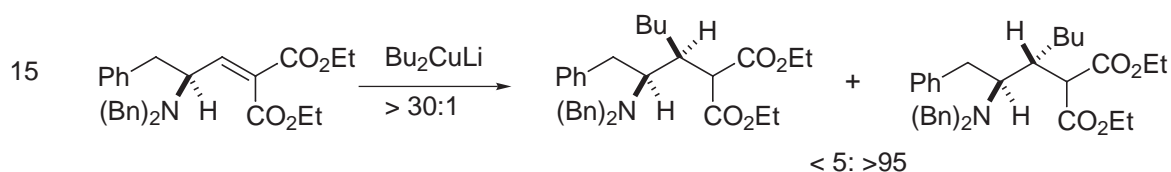
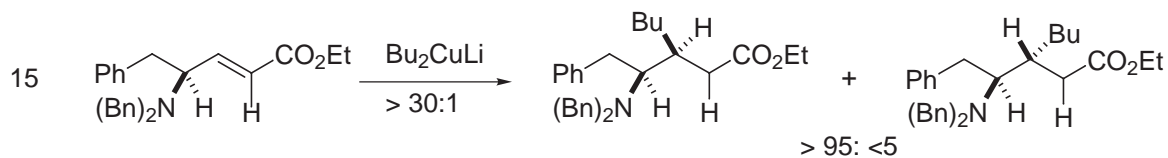
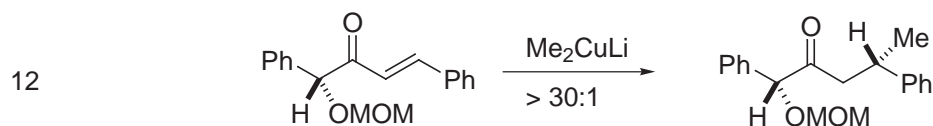
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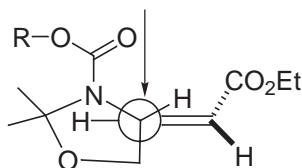
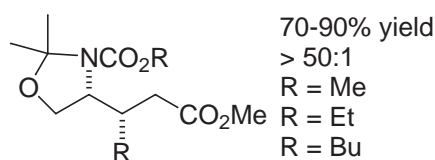
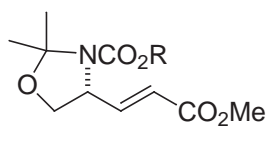
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B. Acyclic Substrates



- favorable interaction between alkoxy and  $\pi$  system.
- free of 1,2-allylic strain.
- increased stabilization of the  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated system via interaction between low-level  $\pi^*$  orbital and high-level  $\sigma\text{R}'$  - C orbital..



- favorable interaction between parallel  $\sigma\text{C} - \text{R}$  and  $\sigma^*\text{C} - \text{Cu}$  orbitals.
- possibility of chelation between carbamate and ester may override 1,2-allylic strain as well as bulk of  $\gamma$ -substituent.

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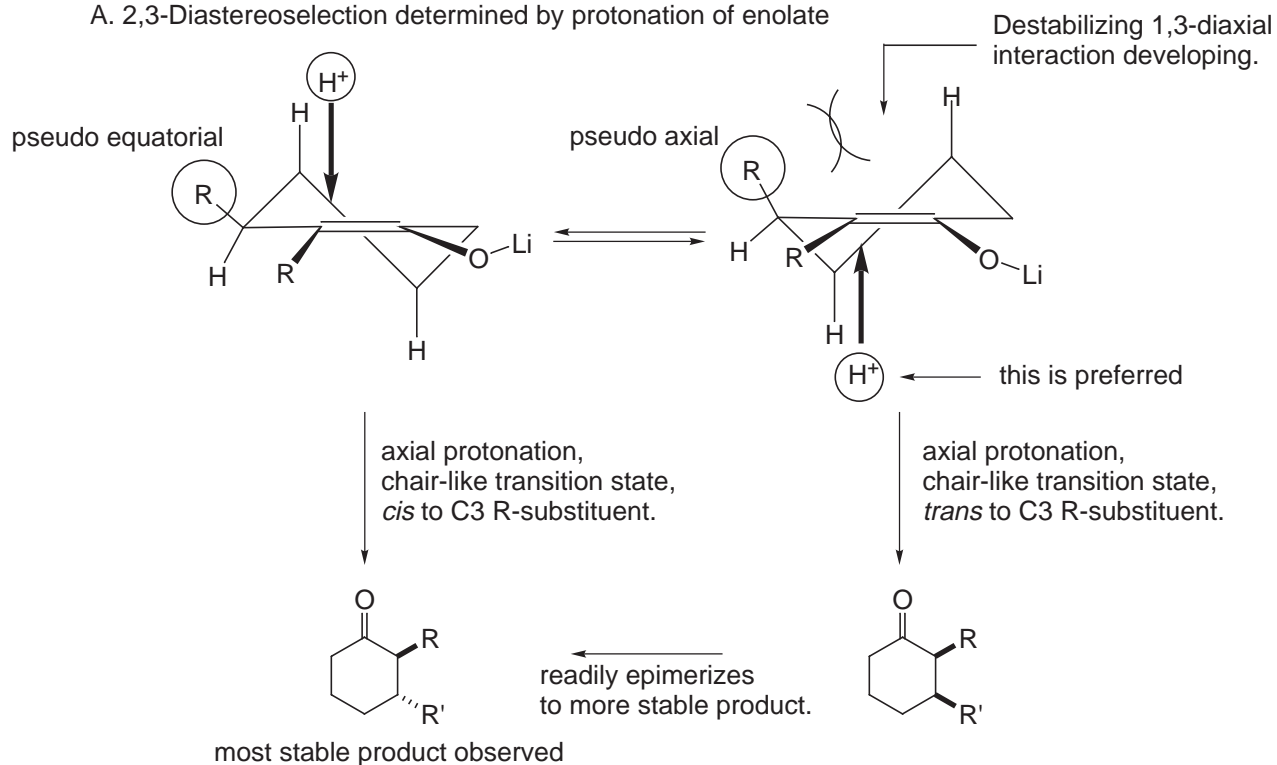
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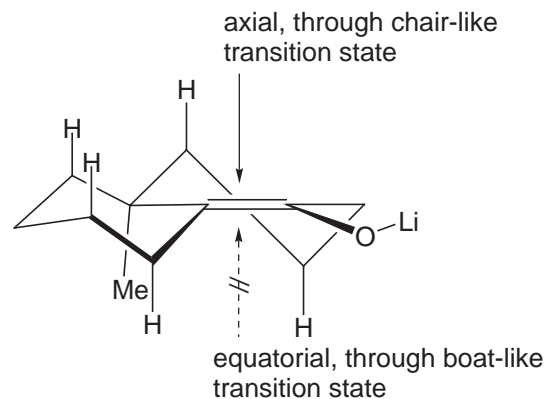
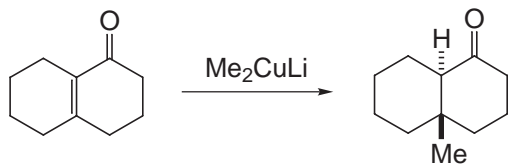
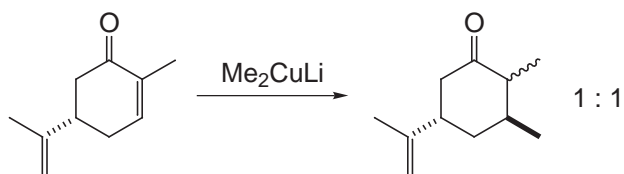
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## 8. Origin of Diastereoselectivity

### A. 2,3-Diastereoselection determined by protonation of enolate

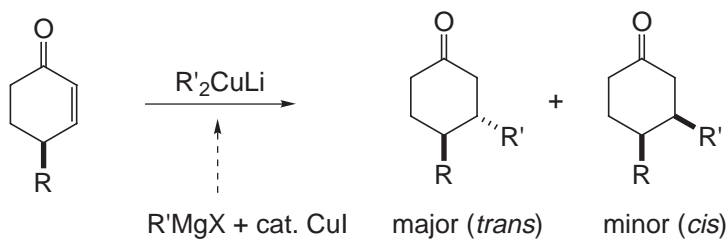


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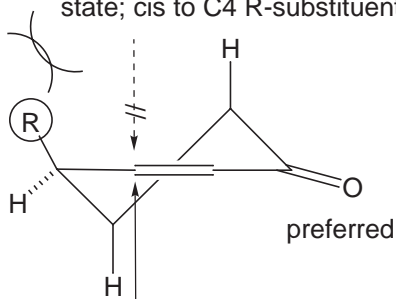
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B. 3,4-Diastereoselection



R = Me	<u>R'</u>	<u>Ratio</u>	
	Me	72:28	↓ increasing size of R' increasing amount of <i>trans</i>
	Et	78:22	
	<i>i</i> Pr	88:12	
	Ph	87:13 (75%) 96:4 (PhCu)	
R = Et	<u>R'</u>	<u>Ratio</u>	
	Me	77:23	increasing size of R increasing amount of <i>trans</i>
	Et	89:11	
R = <i>i</i> Pr	<u>R'</u>	<u>Ratio</u>	
	Me	89:11	
	Et	92:8	

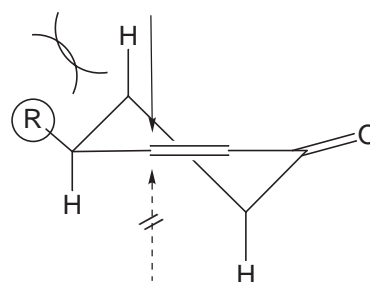
equatorial delivery, boat-like transition state; *cis* to C4 R-substituent



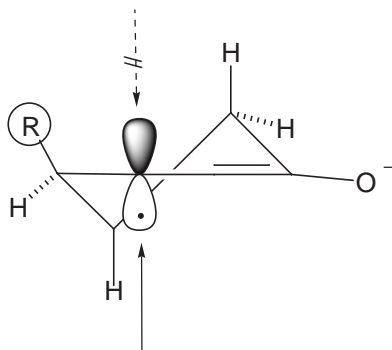
axial delivery, chair-like transition state; *trans* to C4 R-substituent

vs.

axial delivery, chair-like transition state; *cis* to C4 R-substituent

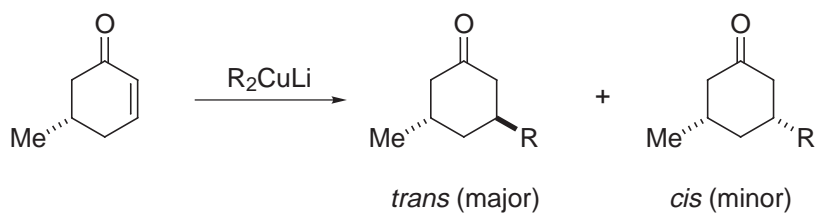


but remember: reactive intermediate is radical anion





C. 3,5-Diastereoselectivity



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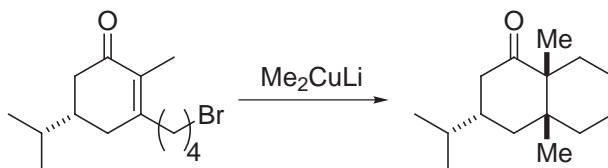
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	98	:	2	(Me <sub>2</sub> CuLi)
	99	:	1	(Me <sub>2</sub> CuLi + LiI)

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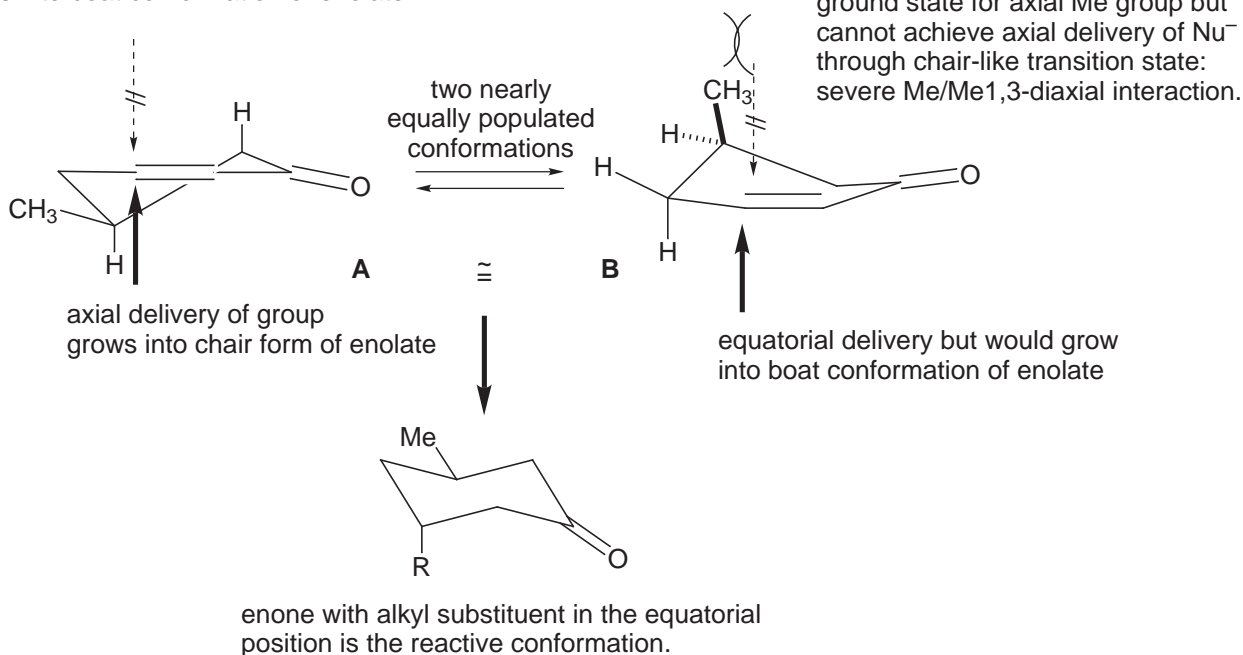
R = CH<sub>2</sub>Ar    *trans* only

unaffected by C-3 substitution

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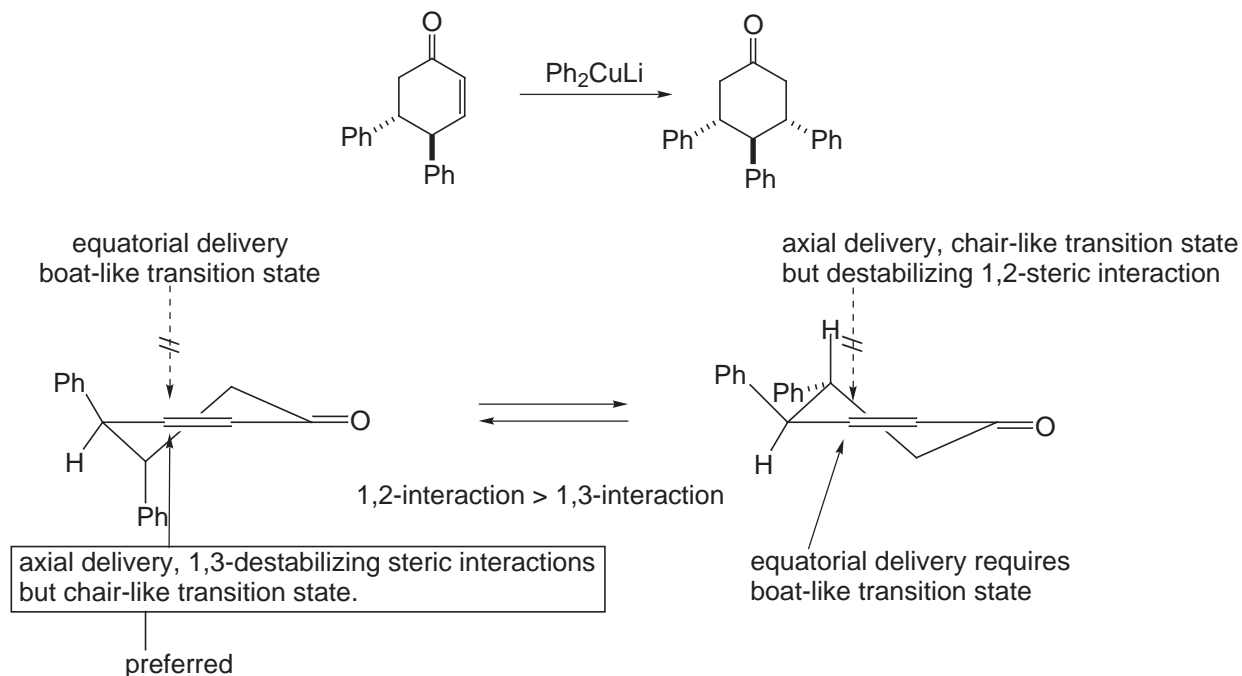


- equatorial delivery of group,  
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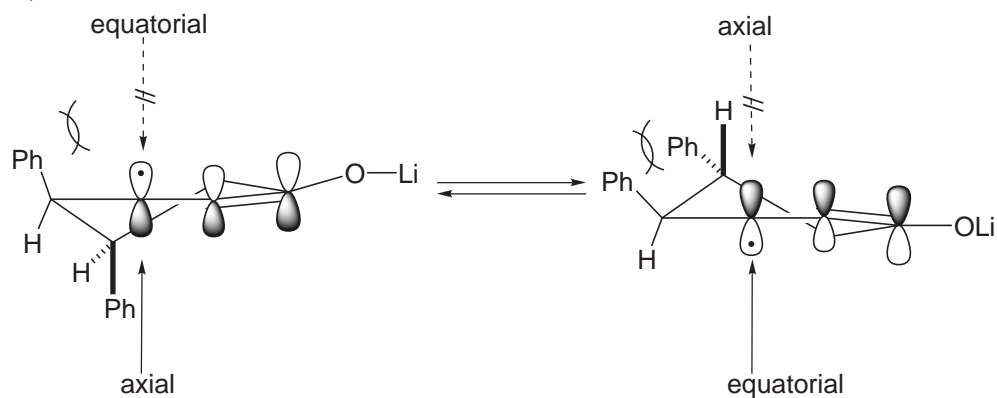


D. 3,4- vs 3,5-Diastereoselectivity

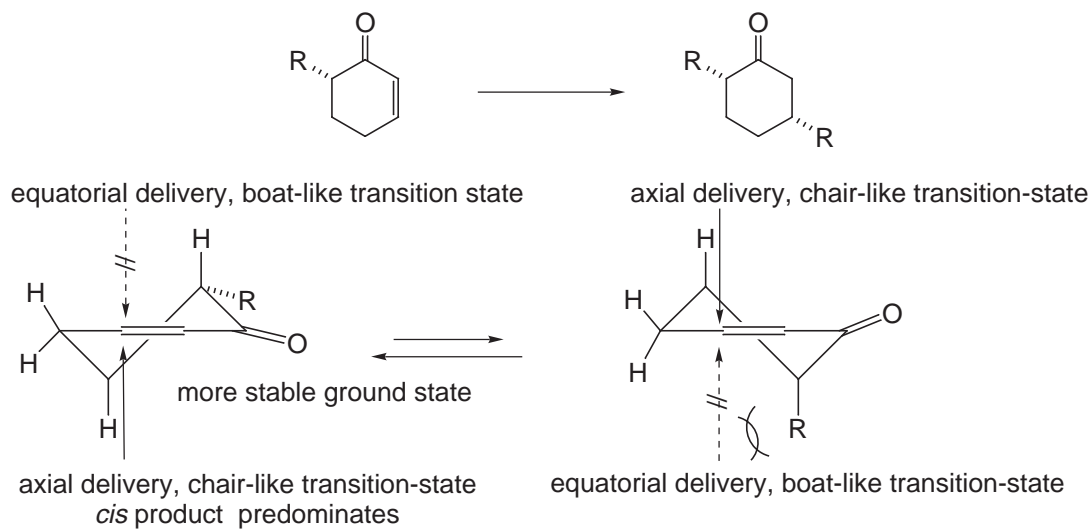
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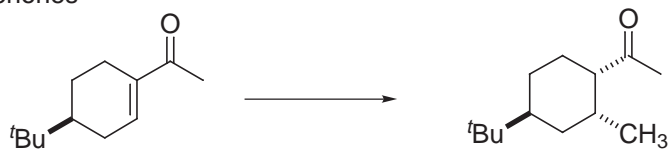
again, it is anion radical



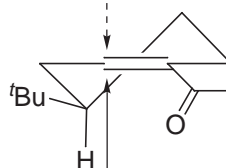
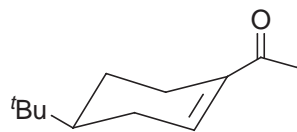
E. 3,6-Diastereoselectivity



F. Exocyclic enones

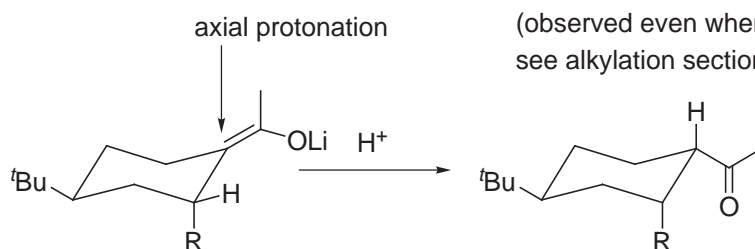


equatorial attack would require boat-like transition state

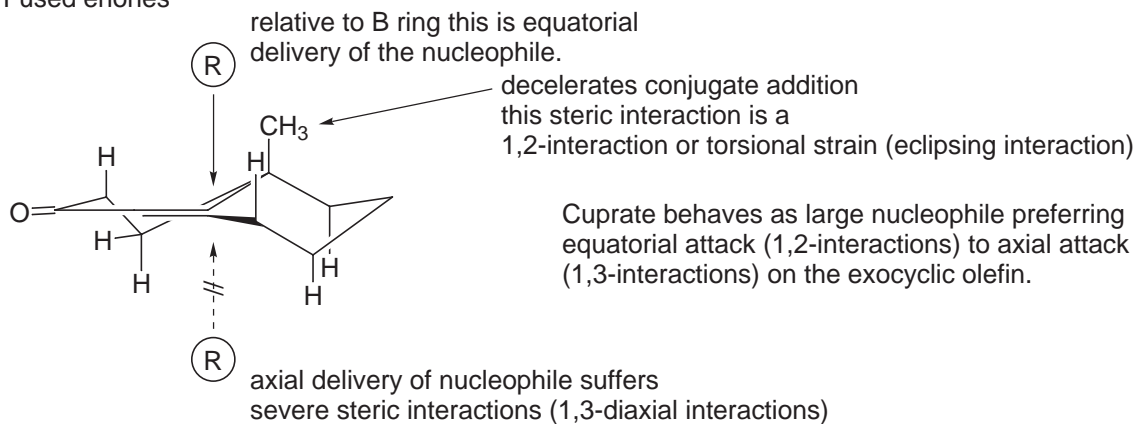


axial attack proceeds through chair-like transition state

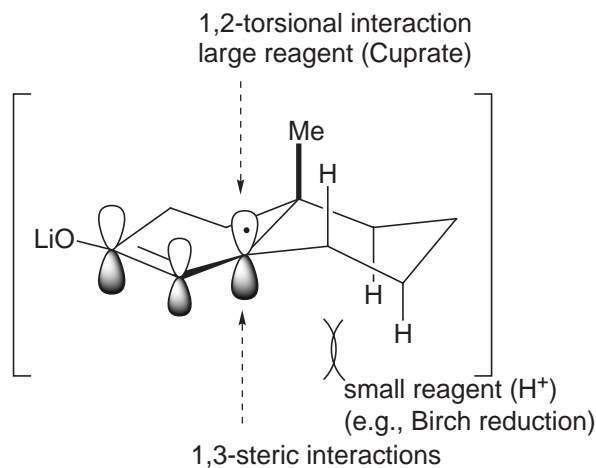
(observed even when <sup>t</sup>Bu replaced with H, see alkylation section).

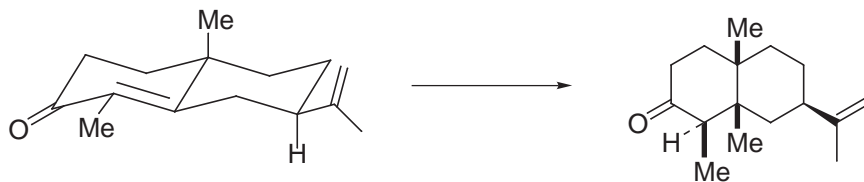


G. Fused enones



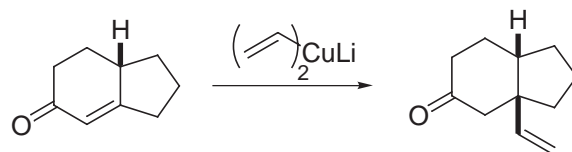
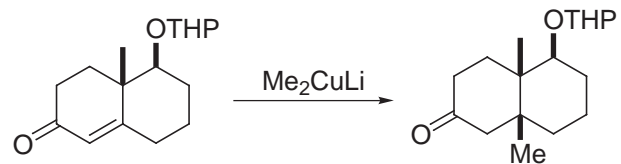
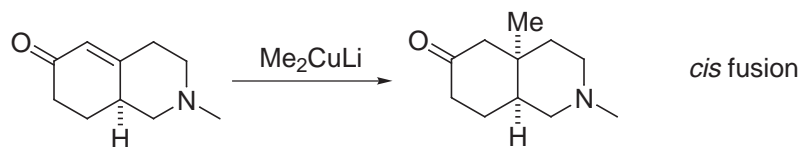
-May really want to consider radical-anion conformation





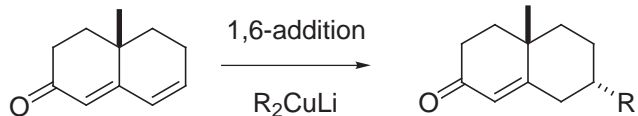
- *cis* ring fusion.
- protonation from least hindered face of enolate, also most stable product.

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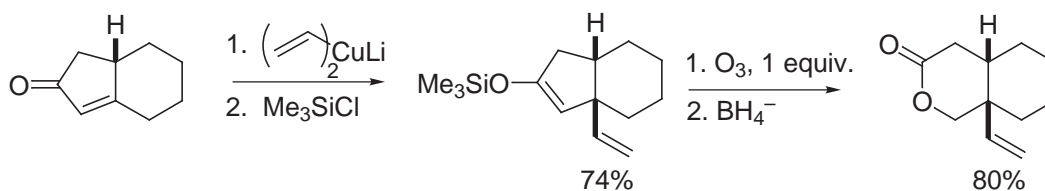
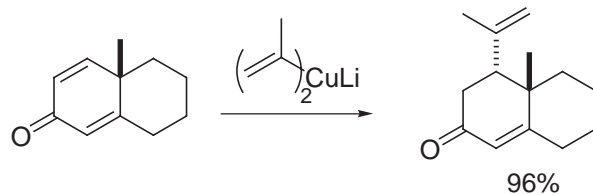
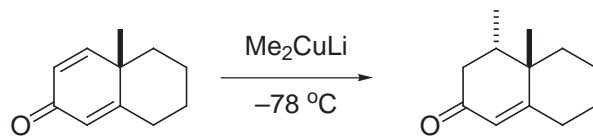
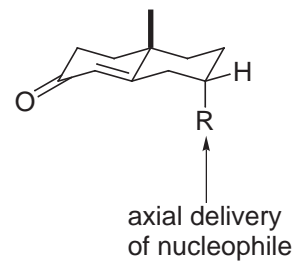


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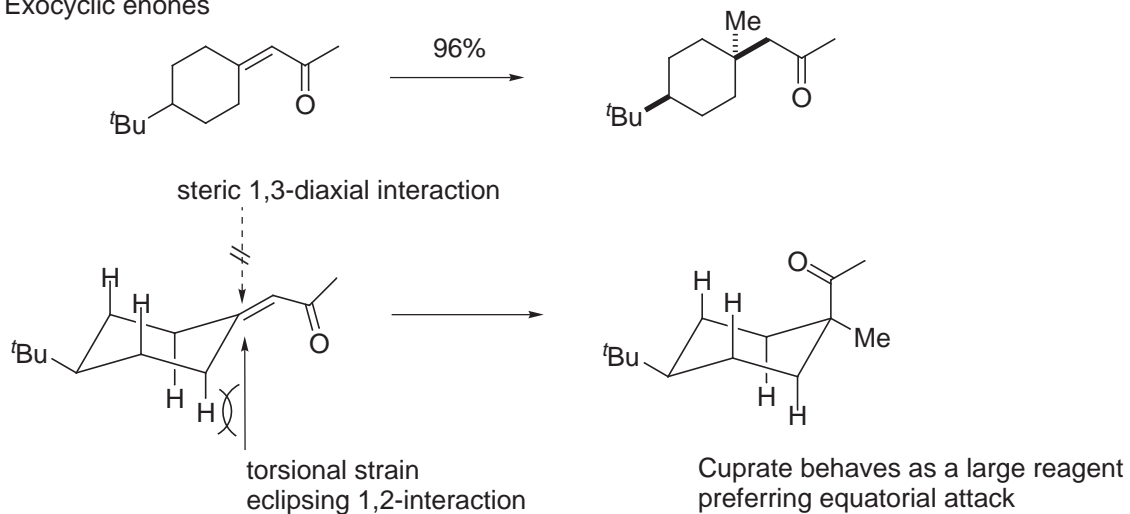


R = Me	93:7
Et	98:2
<sup>i</sup> Pr	100:0
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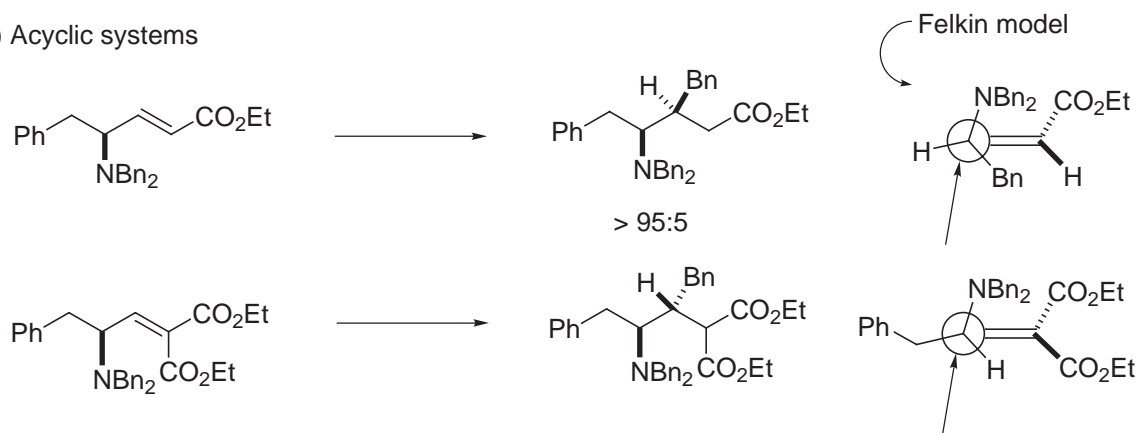


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H. Exocyclic enones



i) Acyclic systems





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E. J. Corey received the 1990 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for his development of the theory and methodology of organic synthesis. His development and systemization of retrosynthetic analysis transformed organic synthesis from inspired recognition of a route into a precise and logical science. As the modern techniques of structure determination emerged (NMR, IR, X-ray), Corey applied his retrosynthetic analysis to some of the most challenging syntheses of the time. The application of computer analysis with LHASA (Logic and Heuristics Applied to Synthetic Analysis), the development of practical synthetic methodology for individual transformations based on clear mechanistic rationales, and the more than 100 natural product total syntheses that followed transformed modern organic synthesis.

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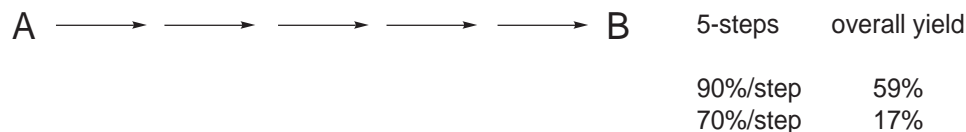
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## A. Classifications

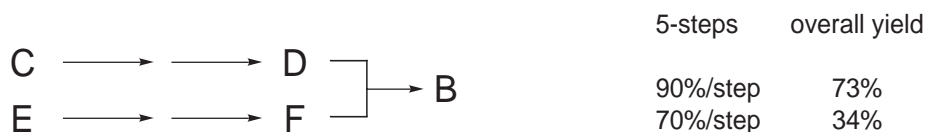
### 1. Linear Synthesis

- The target compound is made through a series of linear transformations.



### 2. Convergent Synthesis

- Individually prepared compounds are convergently brought together to make the target compound.

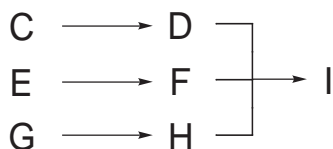


Advantages of a convergent synthesis

- shorter
- simpler to execute
- higher overall yields
- better material balance and supply

- Triply Convergent Synthesis

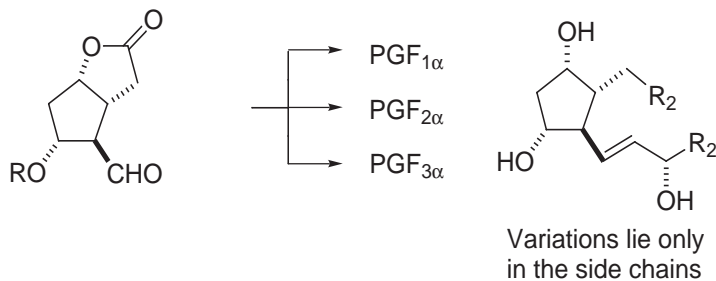
- three major components are brought together in a single step to make the target compound.



### 3. Divergent Synthesis

- For a class of compounds, it is advantageous to prepare a common intermediate and use this common intermediate to prepare all members of the class of agents.

- Examples: prostaglandins

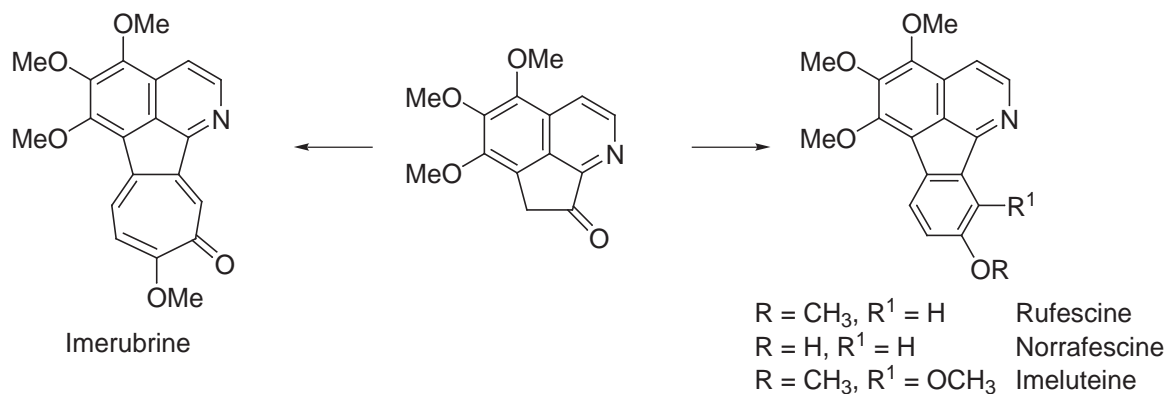


- Rather than use a linear synthesis for all agents, a divergent synthesis allows the use of a common intermediate to prepare structurally related products.
- The divergent synthesis is a very good strategy if structure-activity studies are the ultimate goal.



Note: Though widely used, the discussion of this strategy was first formally presented in the literature along with a disclosure of a strategy for divergent aromatic annulation in conjunction with the total synthesis of a series of azafluoranthene alkaloids. Today, the divergent introduction of diversity is the basis of most combinatorial chemistry methods.

Boger *J. Org. Chem.* **1984**, *49*, 4050; see also *J. Org. Chem.* **1984**, *49*, 4033 and 4045.



Boger *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1995**, *117*, 12452.

Boger *J. Org. Chem.* **1984**, *49*, 4050.

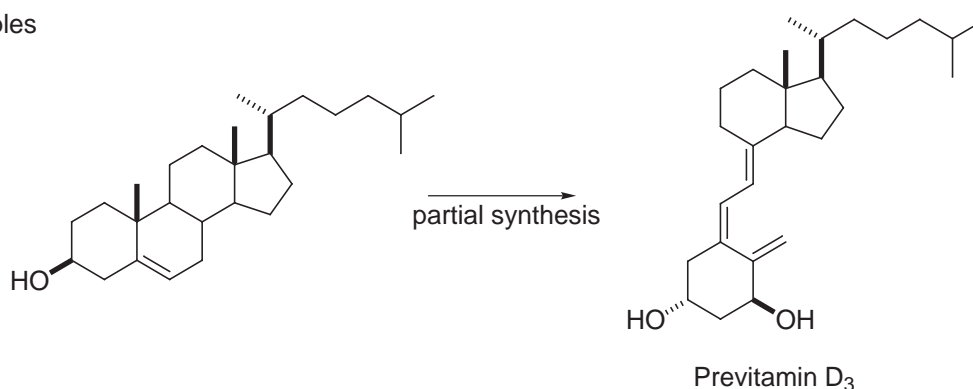
#### 4. Total Synthesis

- Start with readily available materials and build up to the target molecule from simple, common materials.

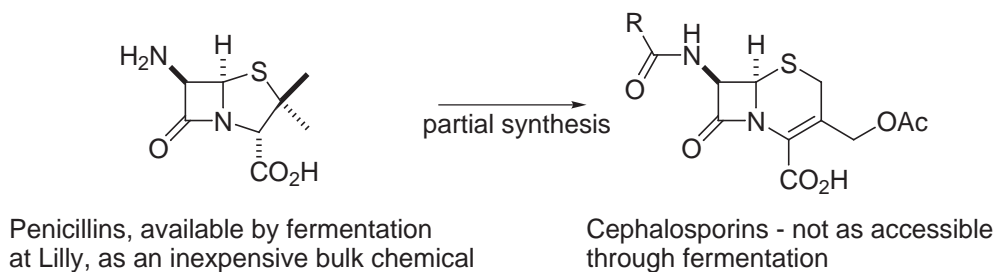
#### 5. Partial Synthesis

- This is technically not a total synthesis.
- Start with a naturally occurring compound or an advanced intermediate and independently convert that to the target molecule.

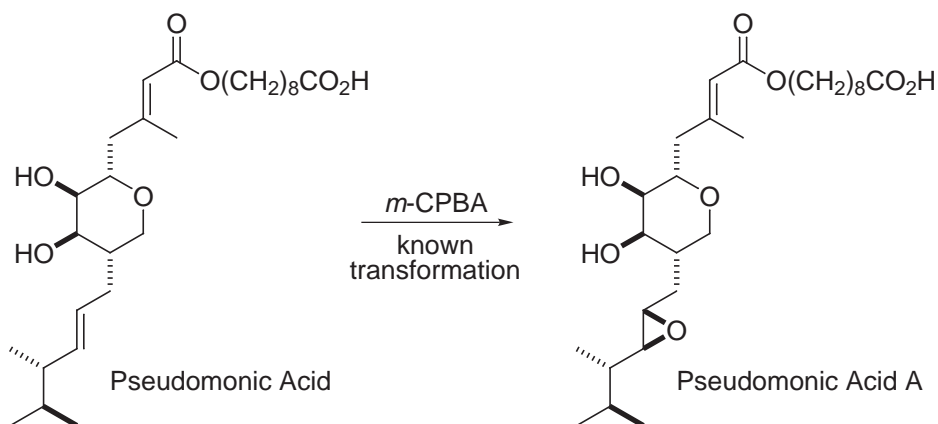
- Examples



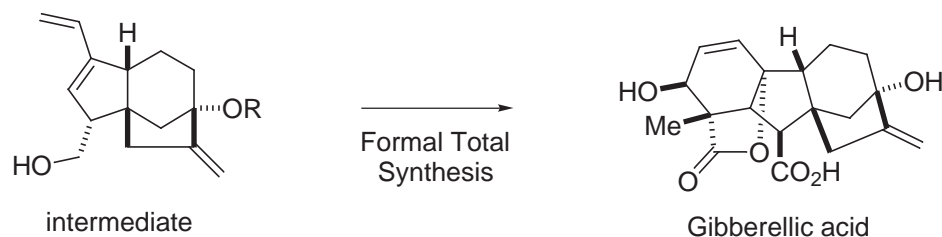
- For commercialization, it would be hard to match the synthesis starting with cholesterol.



## 6. Formal Total Synthesis vs. Total Synthesis



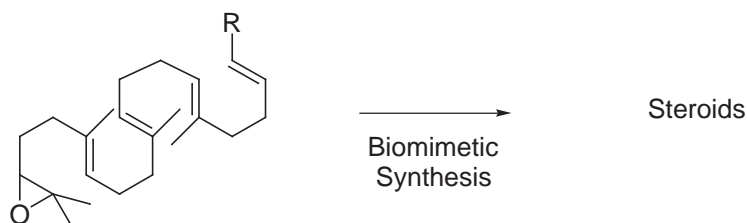
Rogers *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1980**, 881.  
Kozikowski *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1980**, 102, 6577.



Independent synthesis of this precursor would constitute a formal total synthesis of gibberellic acid since the conversions have been previously accomplished. In this case, the key intermediate is so far from the final target that most would not "claim" such an accomplishment unless the final conversions were also developed within their own laboratories.

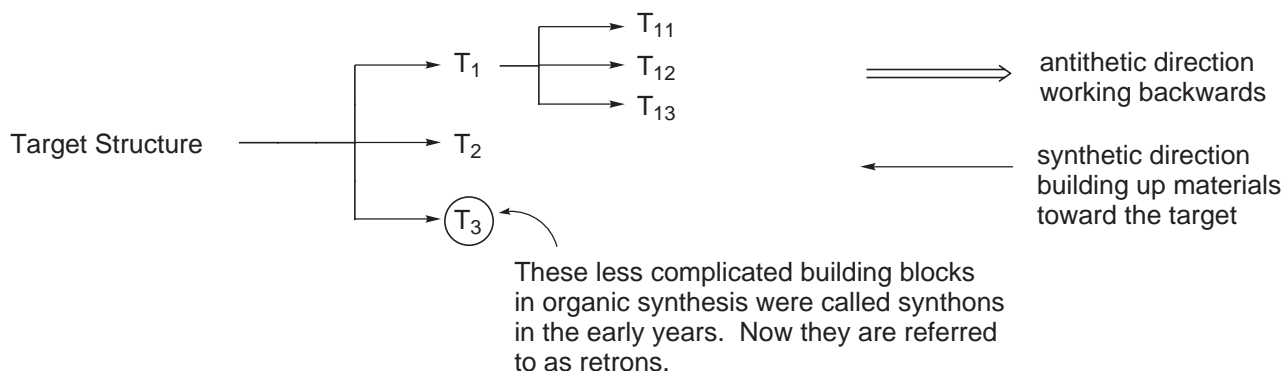
## 7. Biomimetic (Total) Synthesis

- Presumably, nature will not be using a process that is intrinsically difficult or impossible. It is believed that one can effectively mimic the conditions provided by nature, and conduct the same reaction in a flask.
- Two important considerations
  - 1 - The reaction must be capable of occurring
  - 2 - The biogenetic process is under a great deal of control (enzymatic) and a similar level of control in lab may be difficult, but necessary
- Classic example : Steroid synthesis  
Extensively studied and many good chemists failed before the experimental parameters were sufficiently defined to mimic the cation-olefin cyclization.



## B. Retrosynthetic Analysis

- Work backwards from the target compound to generate a set of intermediates which can be made from available starting materials.



### Objectives:

1. Generate a large number of potential approaches in order to obtain an optimal route.
2. Strive to generate simpler, less complex intermediates which can be obtained from readily available materials.
3. All steps are subject to reevaluation - this allows for design of a better or optimized synthesis.

### Steps in Design and Execution of a Synthesis

1. Selection of a problem
2. Selection of goals to be achieved through synthesis
3. Simplification
4. Generation of synthetic pathways
5. Evaluation of synthetic pathways --> assignment of merit
6. Selection of specific reactions and reagents for each step
7. Selection of specific reaction conditions and design of experiments
8. Execution and analysis of results

more time is or should be devoted to steps 1 and 2 than most may realize

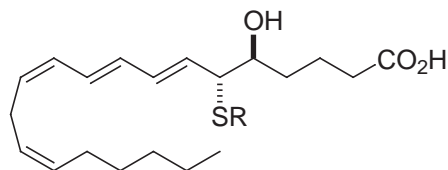
steps 3 and 4 constitute retrosynthetic analysis

Because of the amount of time and effort involved in the execution, it is important to be meticulous in evaluating the potential synthetic pathways.

### 1. Selection of a problem

- One of the most important considerations.
- Should be the first consideration, independent of all others. This assures that it is a problem that you want to address.
- Recognize the time and effort involved in the actual conduct of the synthesis.
- This will depend on the setting, circumstances and interests of the individual.

### 2. Selection of goals



SRS-A (Slow Reacting Substance of Anaphylaxis)

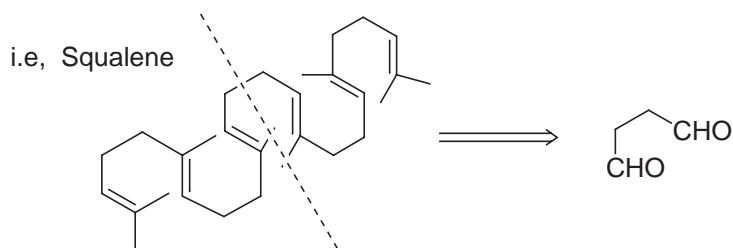
- a. Structure determination of SRS-A: the initial intent. The R group on the thiol was not known, so the first synthesis was designed to facilitate the introduction of different R groups permitting a comparison with the endogenous product to confirm the structure.
- b. Once the structure was determined, objectives included providing sufficient material for biological testing.
- c. Determination of absolute configuration - the chiral centers were unambiguously established through synthesis.
- d. Development of a route amenable to analogue preparation: want to inhibit the action of SRS-A (an antagonist development).
- e. Biomimetic synthesis (follows the biosynthetic generation of materials) - might constitute a simplification.

- f. Development of commercially viable processes.
- g. Demonstration of improvements in current methodology.
- h. Novel, interesting structures.
- i. Common intermediate for a class of structures (divergent synthesis).
- j. Mechanism of action of a class of compounds - devise partial structures of the parent compound to define the mechanism of action.
- k. Chemistry of a class of compounds.
- l. Properties of a class of compounds.

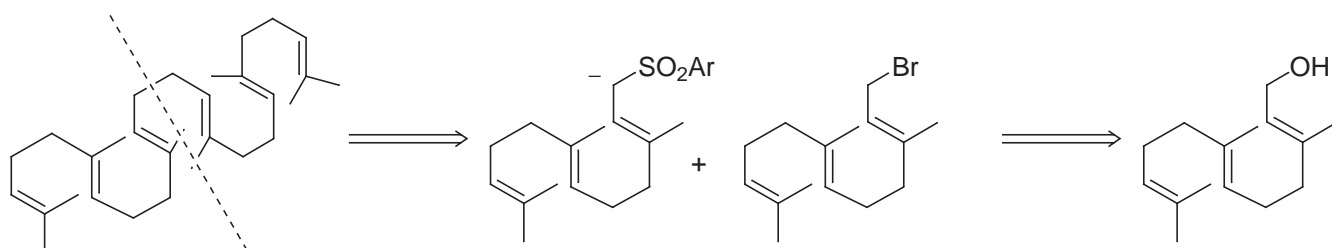
The specific goals are established prior to the generation of the retrosynthetic pathway. The goals will play an important role in the assignment of relative merit of each potential pathway in the retrosynthetic analysis.

### 3. Simplification and Background Chemistry

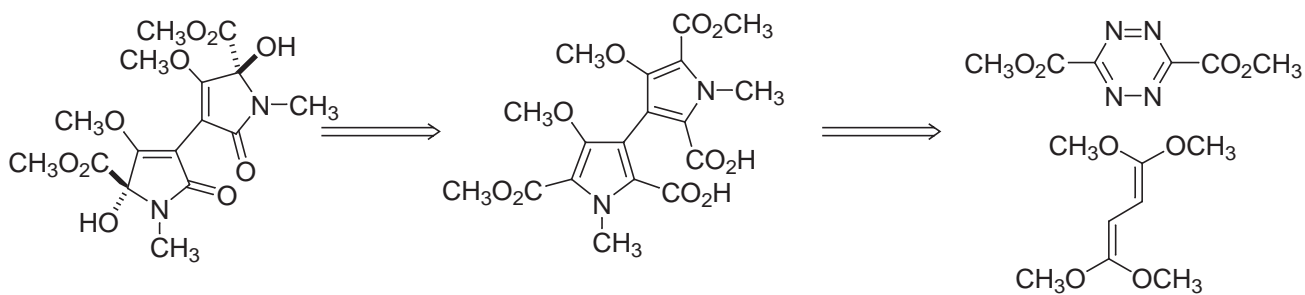
- a. Recognition of symmetry elements present in a structure.



- two identical halves
- build out from a central core by conducting each of the steps twice and simultaneously
- Johnson *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1970**, *92*, 741.



- combines two halves prepared from a common intermediate at the end of the synthesis.
- Grieco *J. Org. Chem.* **1974**, *39*, 2135.

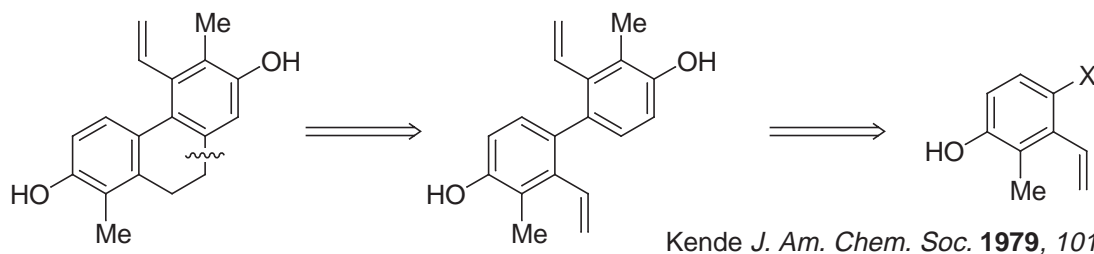


Isochrysohermidin

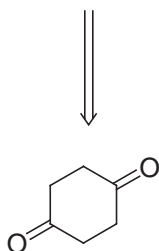
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- The recognition of symmetry elements is not always so obvious by initial examination of the agent.

e.g., Juncusol

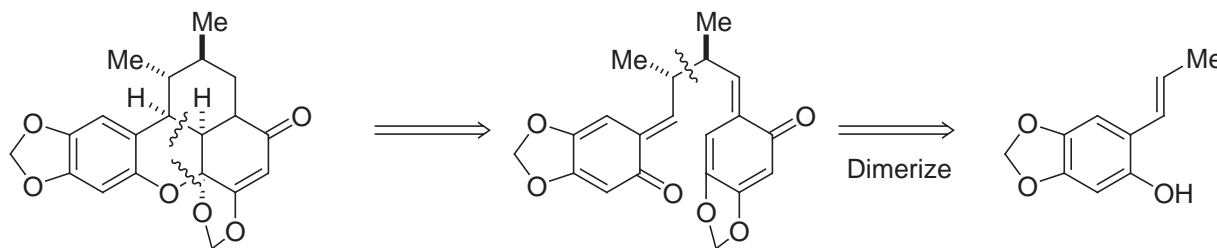


now symmetrical - simplification  
of the synthetic problem



or start with the central ring and build out in a similar symmetrical fashion  
Boger *J. Org. Chem.* **1984**, *49*, 4045.

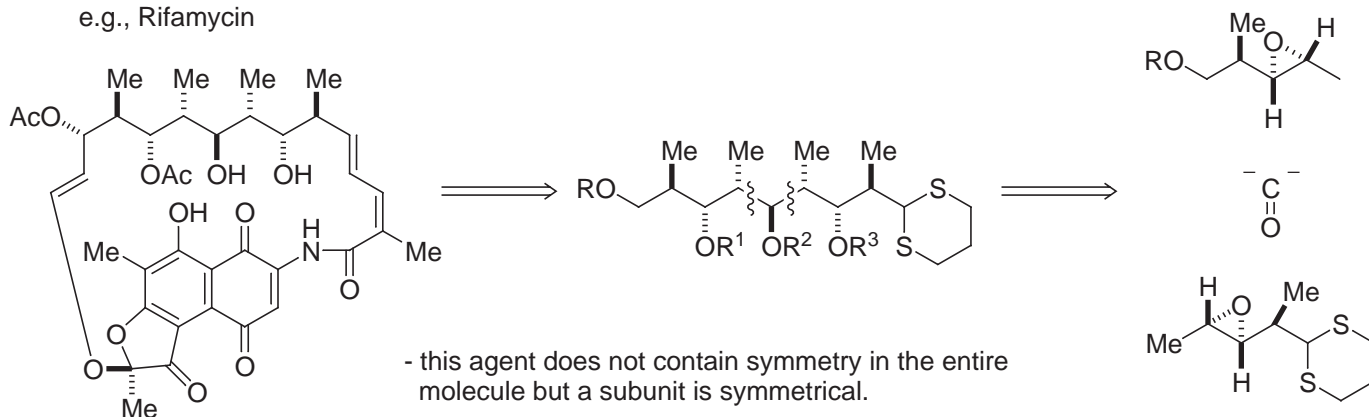
e.g., Carpanone



Chapman *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1971**, *93*, 6696.

- biomimetic synthesis of this agent allows for simplification.  
- this is a very good example where the symmetry elements  
are not obvious by looking at the agent.

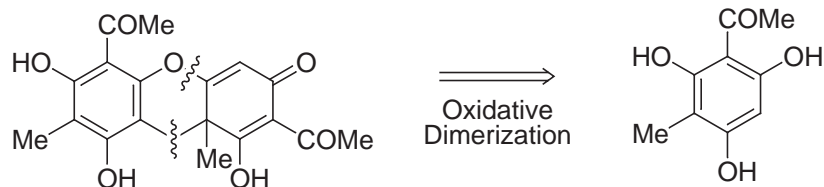
e.g., Rifamycin



- this agent does not contain symmetry in the entire  
molecule but a subunit is symmetrical.

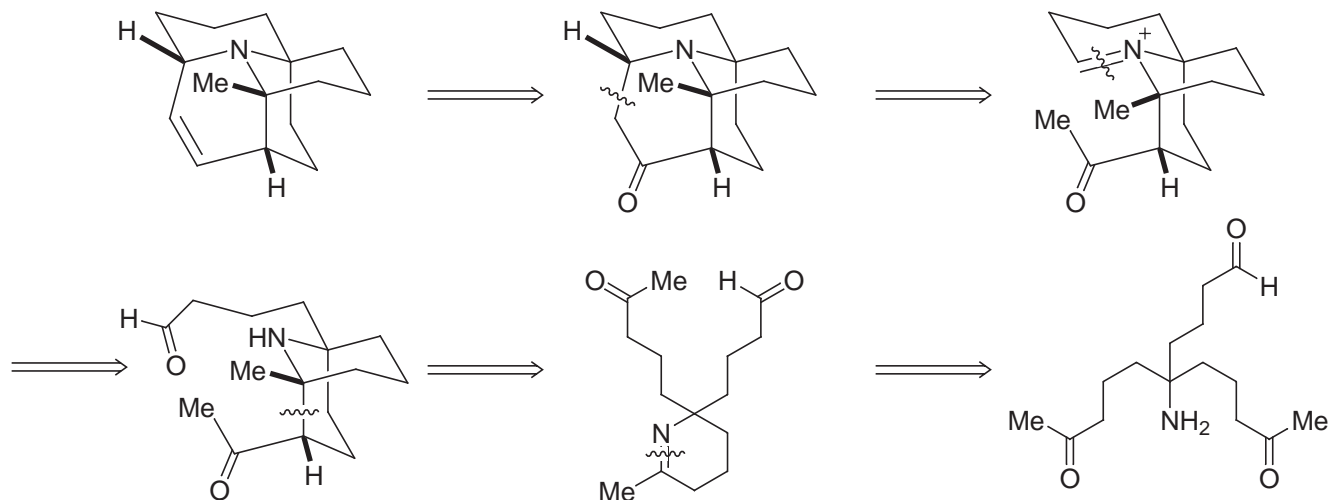
Corey *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1979**, 335.

e.g., Usnic Acid



Barton *J. Chem. Soc.* **1956**, 530.

e.g., Porantherine



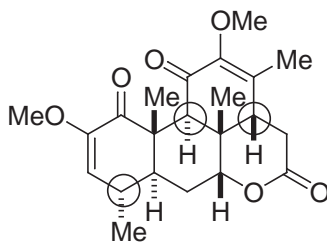
Corey *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1974**, 96, 6516.

- the symmetry elements are tucked more deeply into the structure

#### b. Background Chemistry

- Information available in the literature will provide very important insights required to effectively design a synthesis.

e.g., Quassin



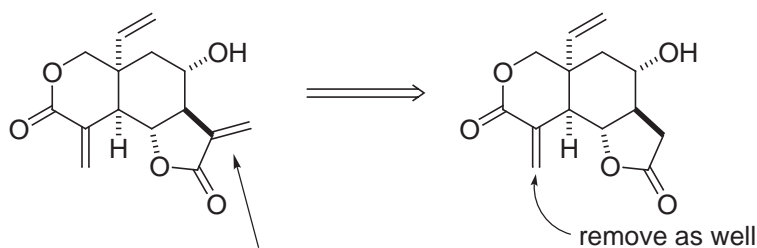
Grieco *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1980**, 102, 7586.

- 7 stereocenters but 3 are epimerizable centers and the natural product possesses the most stable configuration, so a synthesis without stereocontrol of these 3 centers can be used (epimerize later). Need only worry about control of 4 of the 7 stereocenters.

c. Recognize and Remove Reactive Functionality

- Another key to simplification derived from background chemistry

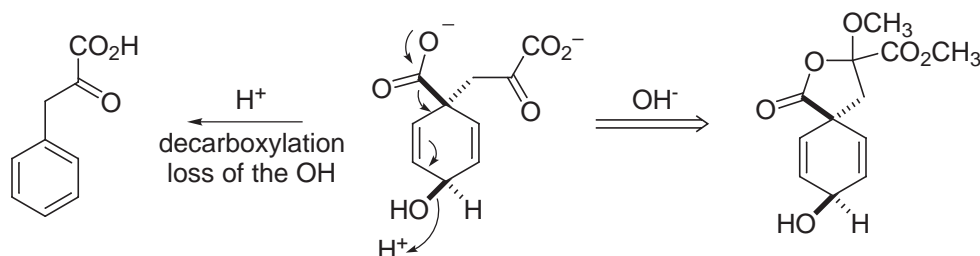
e.g., Vernolepin



- $\alpha$ -Methylene lactone in a *trans*-fused 5-membered ring  
This is extraordinarily reactive to nucleophiles (Michael).  
It will not stand up to many synthetic steps/reagents.
- the final step should be introduction of the reactive group.

Danishefsky *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1976**, *98*, 3028.  
Grieco *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1976**, *98*, 1612.  
Danishefsky *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1977**, *99*, 6066.

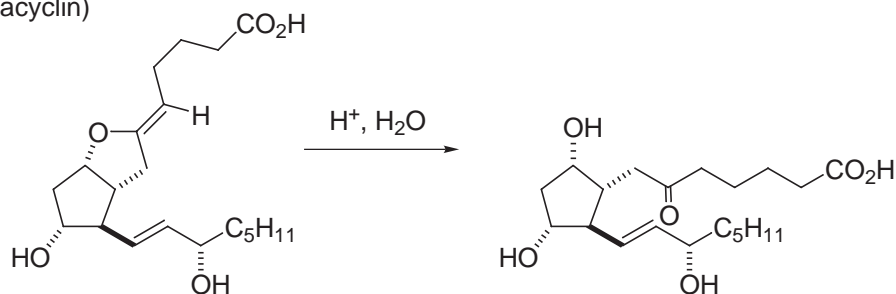
e.g., Precursor to aromatic amino acids



- acid sensitive (derived from background chemistry).
- a successful approach must involve generation under basic conditions.

Danishefsky *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1977**, *99*, 7740.

e.g., PGI<sub>2</sub> (prostacyclin)



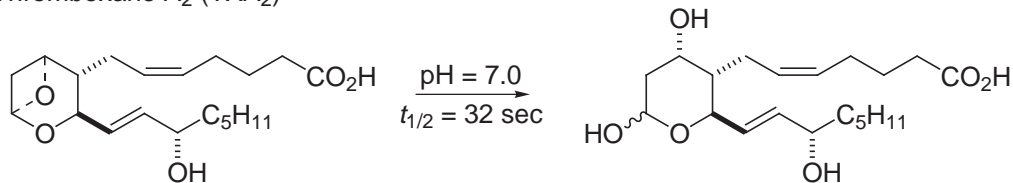
- enol ether sensitive to acid-catalyzed hydrolysis.

Corey *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1977**, *99*, 2006.

U. von Euler received the 1970 Nobel Prize in Medicine for the discovery of hormonal transmitters in the nerve terminals and the mechanism for their storage, release, and inactivation.

S. K. Samuelsson and J. R. Vane shared the 1982 Nobel Prize in Medicine for their discovery of the prostaglandins and related biologically active substances.

e.g., Thromboxane A<sub>2</sub> (TXA<sub>2</sub>)

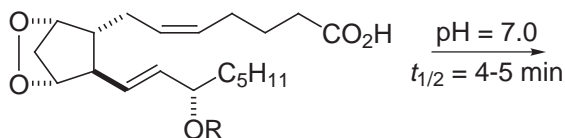


The strained acetal should be introduced late in the synthesis

TXB<sub>2</sub>

e.g., PGH<sub>2</sub> (R = H)  
PGG<sub>2</sub> (R = OH)

Still *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1985**, 107, 6372.

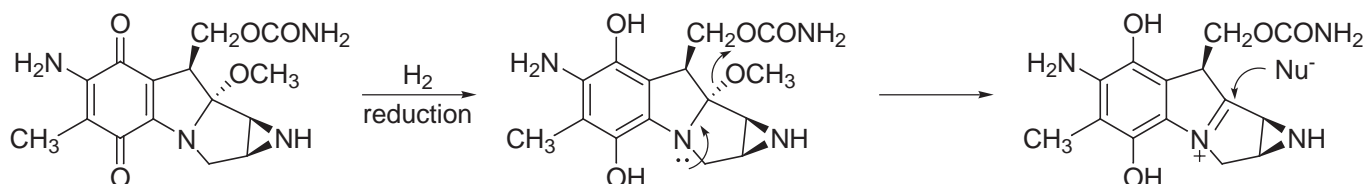


Reduction / Acid-catalyzed Rearrangement

Reactive cyclic peroxide is sensitive to nucleophilic attack - introduce late in the synthesis

Porter *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1980**, 102, 1183.  
Salomon *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1979**, 101, 4290.  
Porter *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1979**, 101, 4319.

e.g., Mitomycin C - stable as the quinone



note vinylogous amide

hydroquinone - basic, nucleophilic  
free amine - intermediate less stable

steer clear of such synthetic intermediates

There are only two total syntheses of mitomycin C to date

Kishi *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1977**, 99, 8115.  
Fukuyama *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1989**, 111, 8303.

Absolute configuration established in *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1967**, 89, 2905 by a single crystal X-ray structure (INCORRECT).

But in the early 1980's, additional X-ray structures on related agents gave the opposite and correct absolute configuration. Take home message: Evaluate the quality of the background chemistry and assess the level of confidence and commitment you want to place on it. The earlier X-ray was not on a heavy atom derivative and preceded the advances in direct methods we take for granted today.

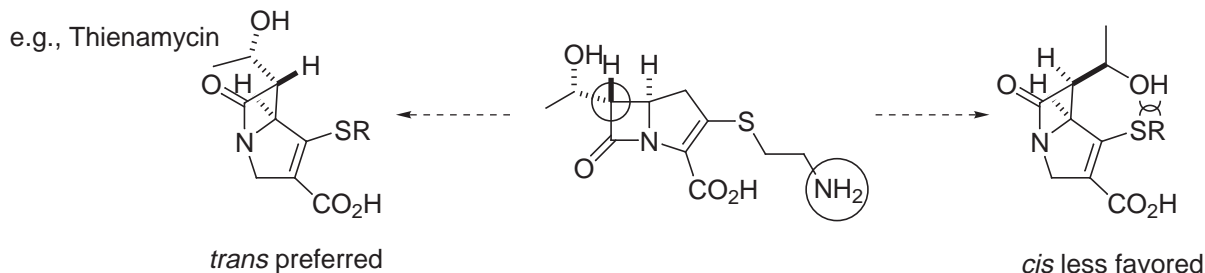
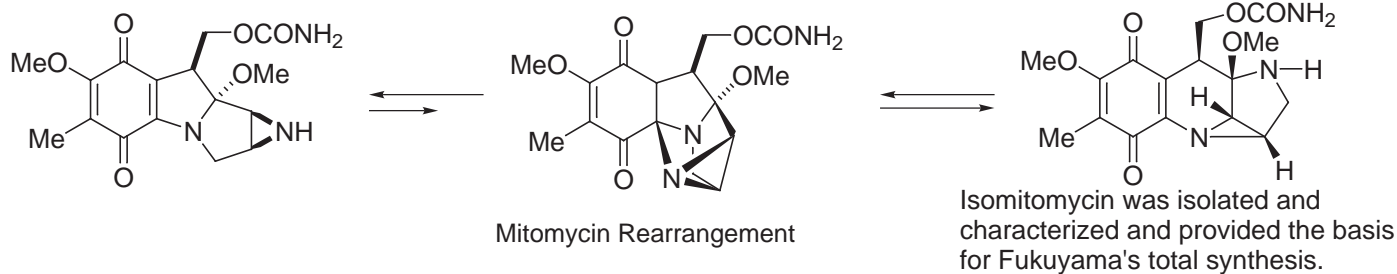
Hirayama *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1983**, 105, 7199.

A number of Nobel Prizes have chronicled the achievements of X-ray crystallography including the contributions of:

- J. Kendrew and M. Perutz (1962, heavy atoms and structure of hemoglobin).
- D Hodgkin (1964, X-ray structure determinations including vitamin B-12, penicillin and insulin).
- O. Hassel (1969, chair conformation of cyclohexane reported in 1930).
- W. N. Lipscomb (1976, borane structures and chemical bonding).
- A. Klug (1982, elucidation of nucleic acid-protein complexes).
- H. A. Hauptman and J. Karle (1985, direct methods).



- The background chemistry can provide keys to the design of a synthetic strategy.



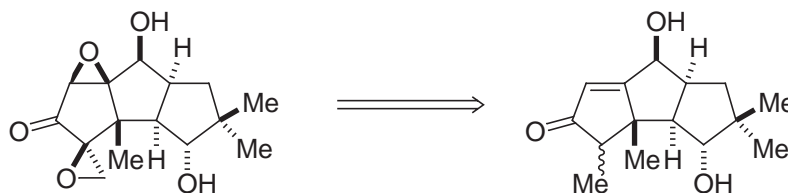
A. Fleming and H. W. Florey received the 1945 Nobel Prize in Medicine for the discovery of penicillin and its curative effects in various infectious diseases.

must protect the amine throughout the synthesis.  
unusual *trans* H-H relationship - easily epimerizable center  
and fortunately, *trans* is most stable configuration.

Grieco *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1984**, *106*, 6414.  
Georg *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1987**, *109*, 1129.

Yet - almost all the early syntheses went to great length to control this relative stereochemistry and it often, unnecessarily, added to their length.

e.g., Coriolin



introduce reactive  
functionality last

Danishefsky *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1981**, *103*, 3460.

4. Generation of Synthetic Pathways (Retrosynthesis) (General strategies employed in working backwards)  
Covered in detail in Corey *The Logic of Chemical Synthesis*, Wiley: New York, 1989, pp. 1-98.

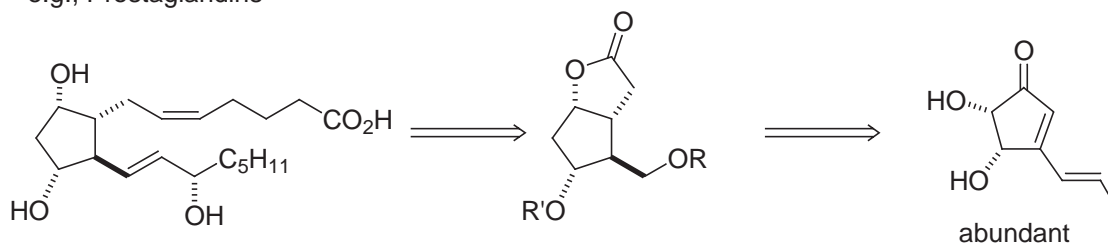
a. Transform-based strategies

- powerful, simplifying transformation that reduces complexity.
- usually very key reactions in the synthesis that dominate the approach - formation of a key intermediate (i.e., the Diels-Alder transform, the aldol transform).

b. Structure-goal strategies

- oldest approach.
- in working backwards from the target molecule to the various intermediates, an intermediate may actually be located that is already in the literature or commercially available.

e.g., Prostaglandins



c. Topological strategies

- strategic bond disconnections (*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1975**, *97*, 6116).
- recognize strategic bonds and remove them in the retrosynthetic direction.

d. Stereochemical strategies

- strategies which remove the stereocenters.
- simplifying the stereochemistry of the product may be related to:
  1. substrate - features of the substrate will permit you to solve the stereochemical problems.
  2. mechanism - reaction mechanism will permit relative or absolute stereocontrol.

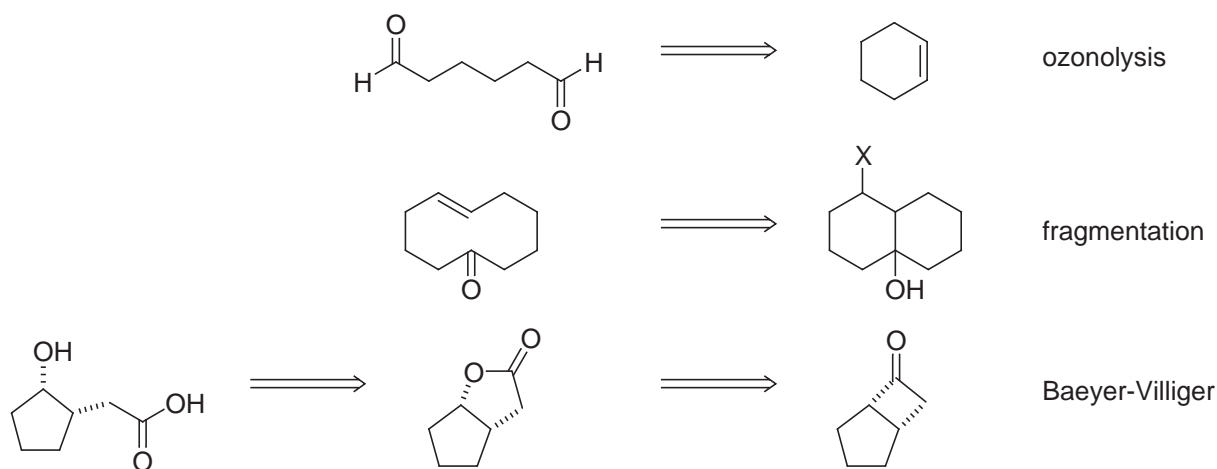
e. Functional group strategies

1. Functional group interconversion (FGI)

- don't gain much but it permits you to get from one point to another.

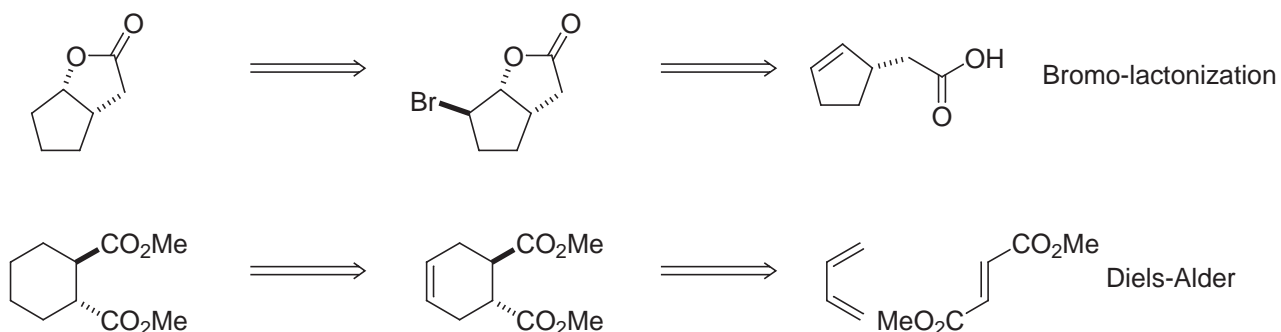
2. Functional group combination (FGC)

- combine pairs of functional groups.
- usually a ring forming reaction in the retrosynthetic direction to give you one FG rather than two.

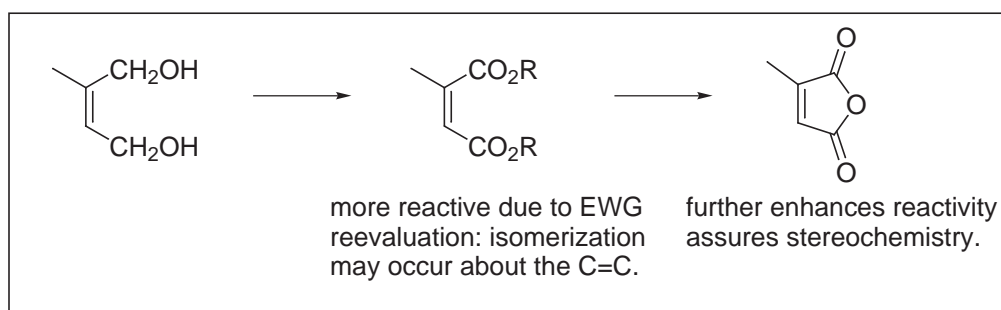
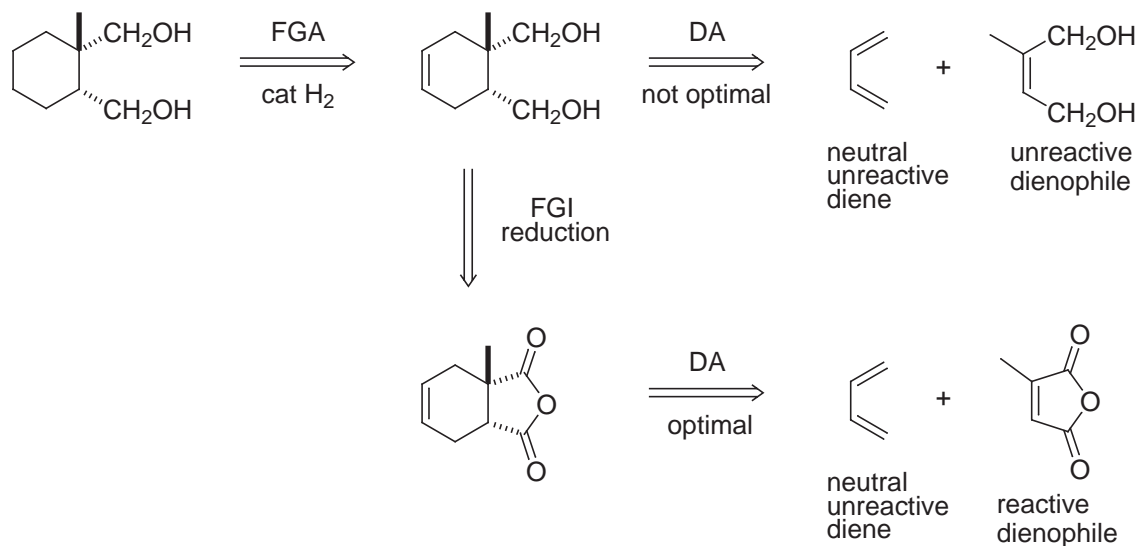


3. Functional group addition (FGA)

- hard to recognize while working in the reverse direction.
- introduce a double bond which then may key the recognition of a Diels-Alder reaction.

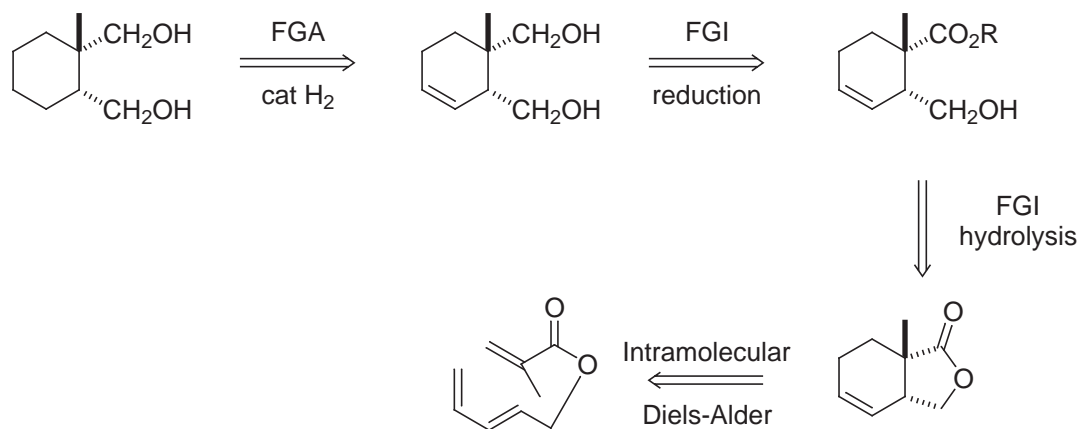


i.e., Diels-Alder reaction



But:

There is an alternative and still better Diels-Alder pathway that most would miss without careful consideration.



5. Evaluation of Pathways and Assignment of Merit
  - a. excellent knowledge of organic chemistry
  - b. suspect reactions must be recognized - only one poor step can ruin the synthesis
  - c. control of stereochemistry is clear
  - d. want opportunity for alternatives - reactions that look good on paper aren't always successful in lab
  
6. Selection of Specific Reactions and Reagents
  - a. this also requires an excellent knowledge of organic chemistry
  - b. check the literature for alternative reagents - it is wiser to change reagents than to change the entire synthesis if problems arise
  - c. many reference texts are available

Larock                      *Comprehensive Organic Transformations*  
Fieser and Fieser        *Reagents for Organic Synthesis* Vol. 1-18  
Paquette                    *Encyclopedia of Reagents for Organic Synthesis*  
Computer Databases    CLF, Reaccs, Scifinder, Beilstein, Isis
  
7. Selection of Reaction Conditions
  - a. reaction temperature
  - b. solvent
  - c. knowledge of reaction mechanism
  - d. consult current and background literature
  
8. Execution of the synthesis - most difficult and time consuming element of work
  - a. easy: setting up and conducting the reaction
  - b. difficult: interpreting the results from the reaction

## C. Strategic Bond Analysis

- For bridged ring systems Corey *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1975**, *97*, 6116.
- Most desirable bond disconnections in the antithetic direction minimize:

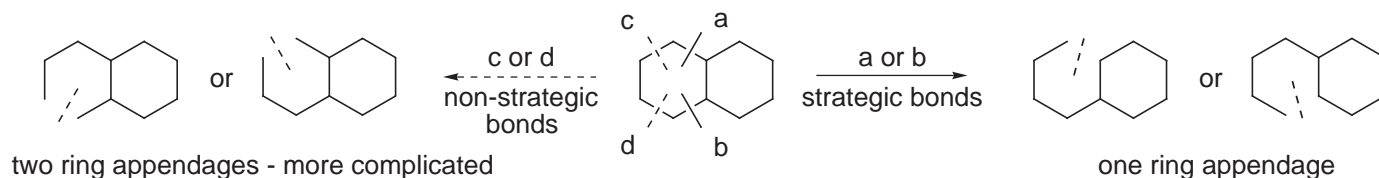
1. appendages
2. appendage chiral centers
3. medium or large size rings
4. bridged rings

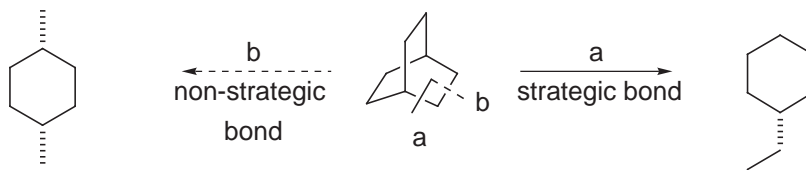
**Rule 1:** Because it is easy to form common size rings, a strategic bond must be in a 4-7 membered primary ring. A primary ring is one which cannot be expressed as an envelope or two or more smaller rings. This is restricted to primary rings because ring forming reactions are strongly affected by the size of the smallest ring containing the newly forming bond.



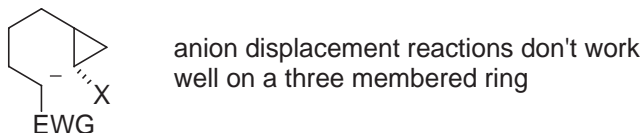
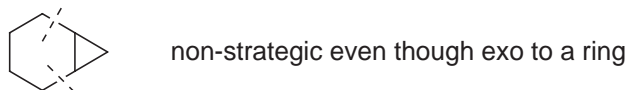
The six membered ring is not primary because it contains two smaller rings.

**Rule 2a:** A strategic bond must be directly attached to another ring (i.e. exo to another ring). This is because a ring disconnection which produces two functionalized appendages is harder to utilize than one which produces one or no functionalized appendages.

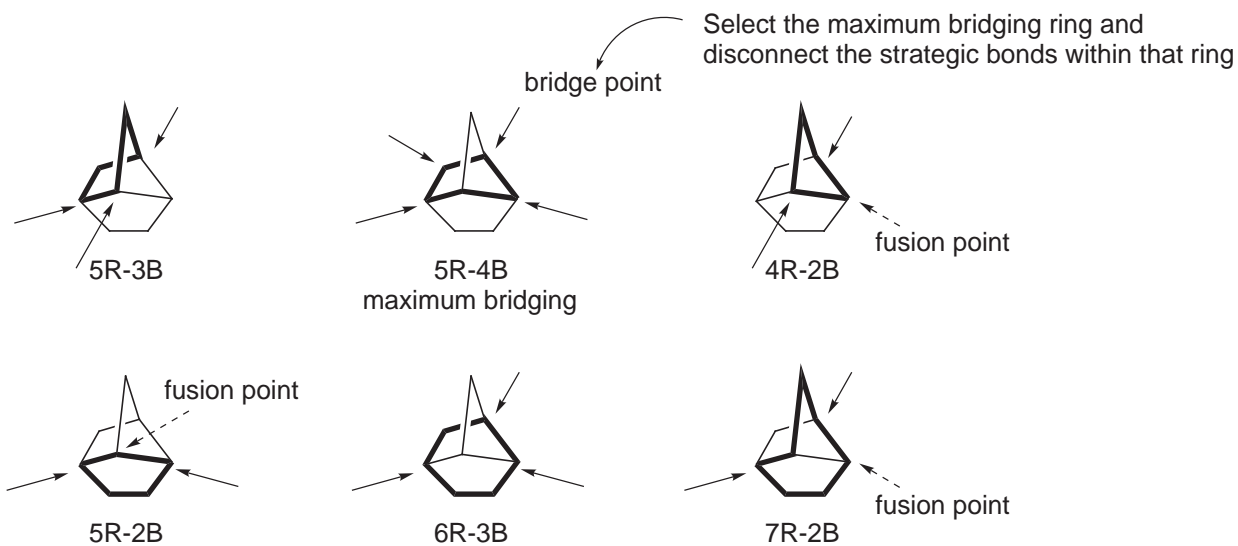




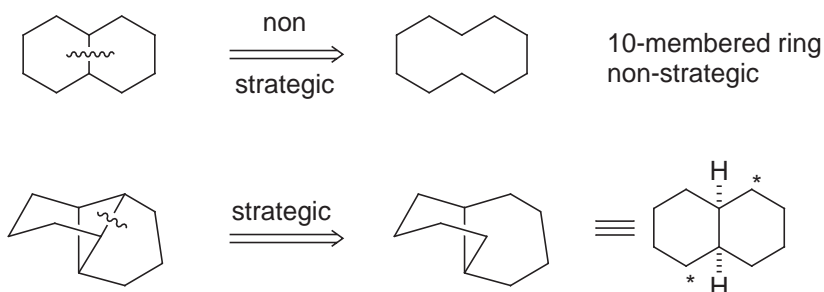
**Rule 2b:** A strategic bond may not be exo to a preexisting 3-membered ring.



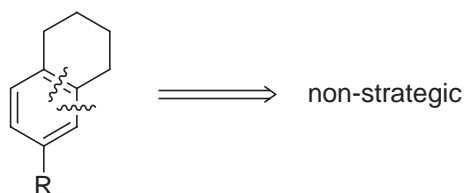
**Rule 3:** Strategic bonds should be in ring(s) which exhibit the greatest degree of bridging. The maximum bridging ring is selected from the set of synthetically significant rings which is defined as the set of all primary rings plus all secondary rings which are less than 8-membered. The maximum ring is that which is bridged, not fused at the greatest number of sites.



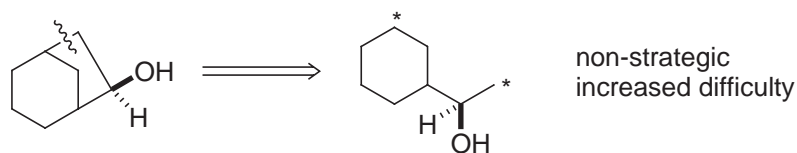
**Rule 4:** To avoid formation of >7-membered rings during the antithetic bond cleavage, any bond common to a pair of rings whose envelope is >7 is not strategic.



**Rule 5:** Bonds within aryl rings cannot be strategic.

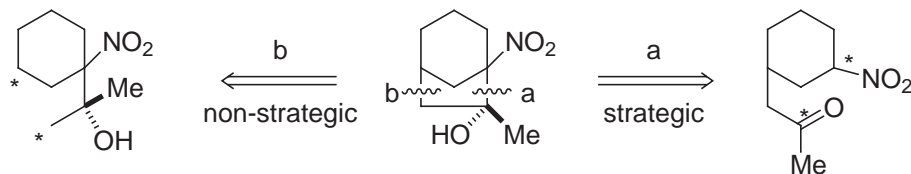


**Rule 6a:** If a disconnection leaves chiral atoms on the remaining arc then the disconnections cannot be strategic.



The stereochemistry is much harder to control on the acyclic precursor than on the cyclic precursor

**Rule 6b:** Chiral atoms may be allowed if they appear directly at the point of attachment.

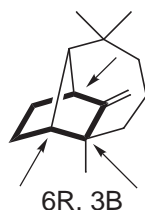
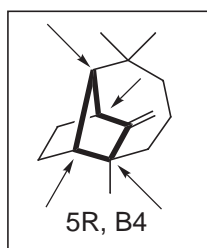
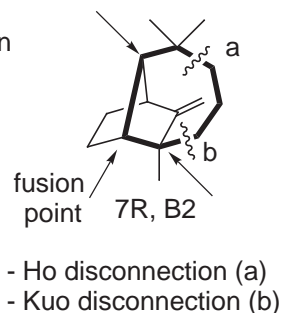
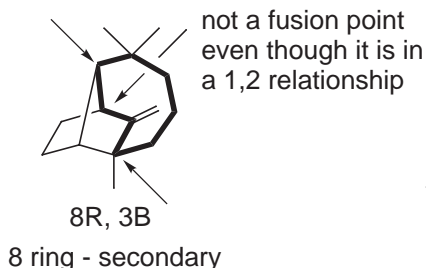
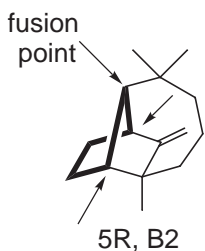
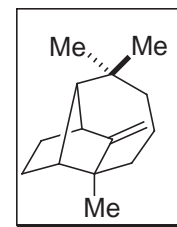


**Rule 7:** C-X Bonds (X = heteroatom) in rings will be strategic.

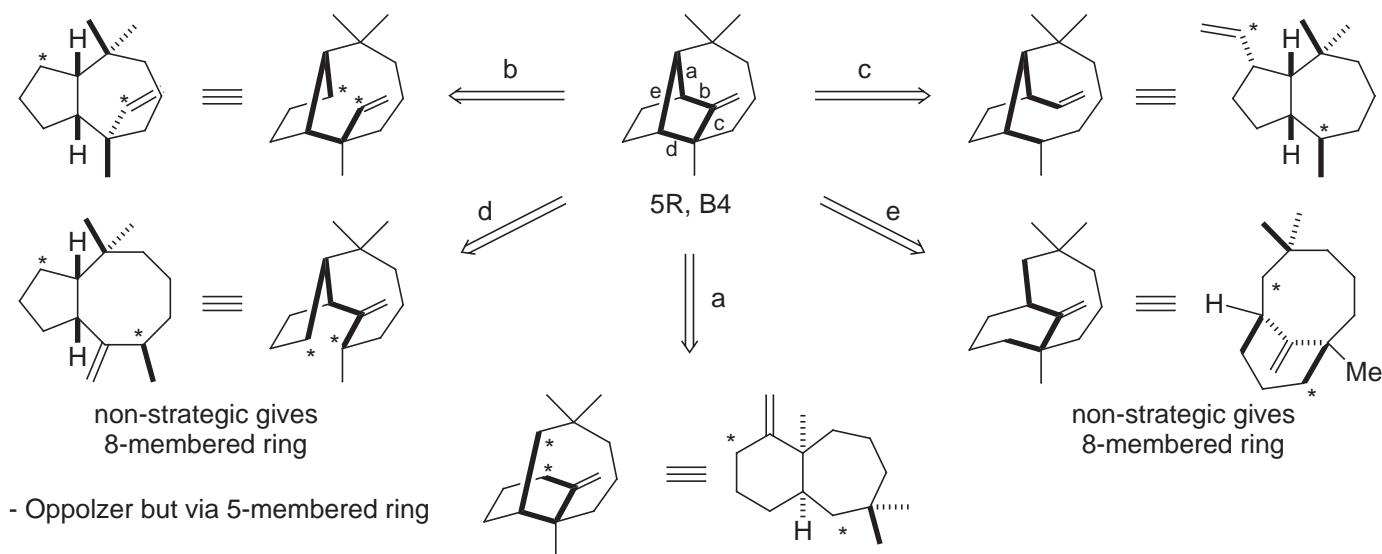
C-X bonds are easier to form than C-C

## D. Total Synthesis Exemplified with Longifolene

### 1. Strategic Bond and Retrosynthetic Analysis



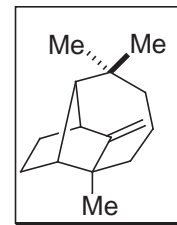
Fusion vs. bridge points:  
there must be at least one  
carbon (not in the ring in  
question) between the  
carbon in question and  
another carbon in the ring  
for it to be a bridgepoint.



- Corey and McMurry disconnection
- Schultz disconnection

- Simultaneous or sequential b/d bond disconnection: Brieger, Fallis (Diels-Alder), Johnson (cation-olefin).
- Simultaneous a/e bond disconnection: Schultz (indirect via vinylcyclopropane rearrangement).

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- Intramolecular Michael Addition (Santonin-Santonin Acid)
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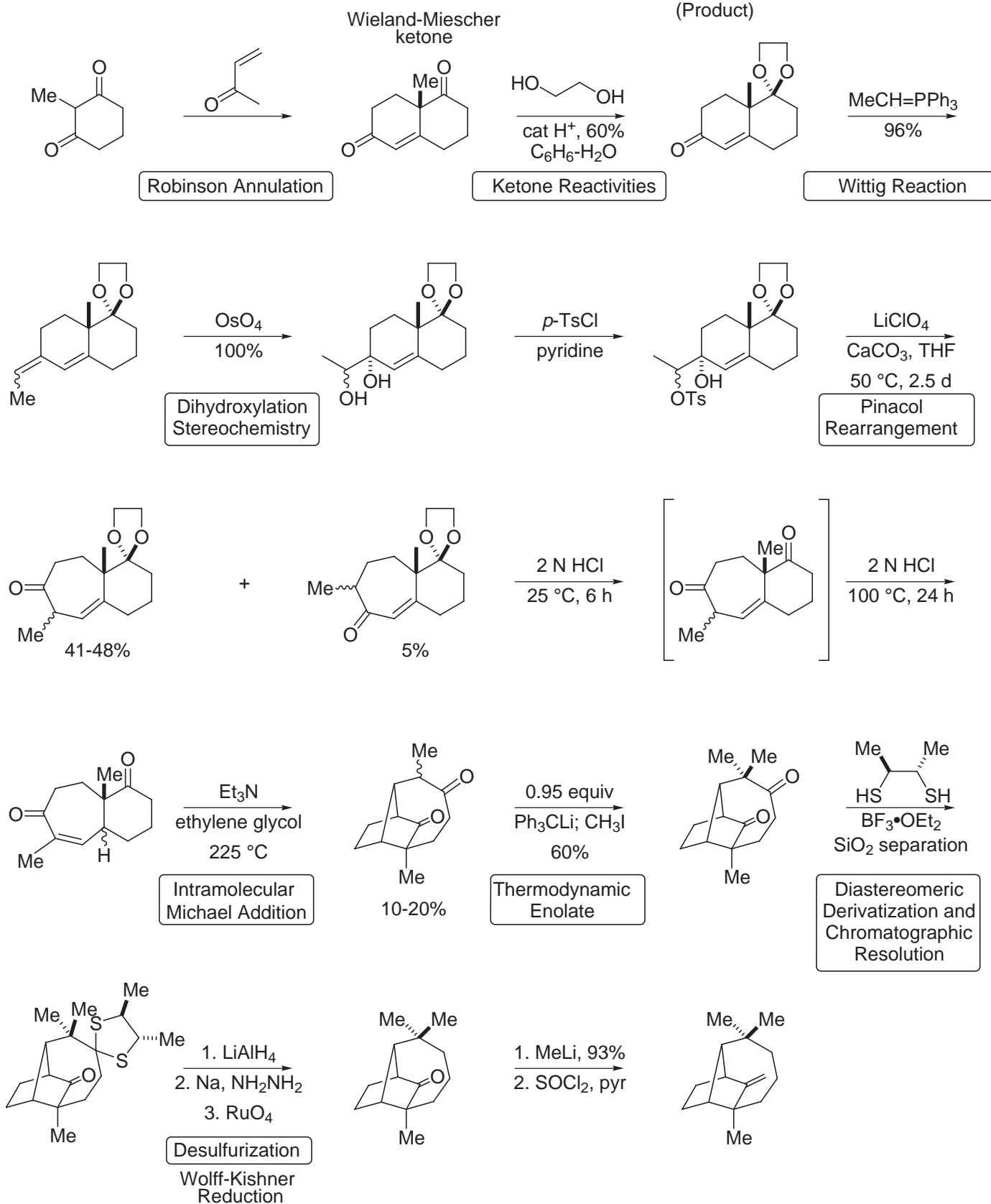
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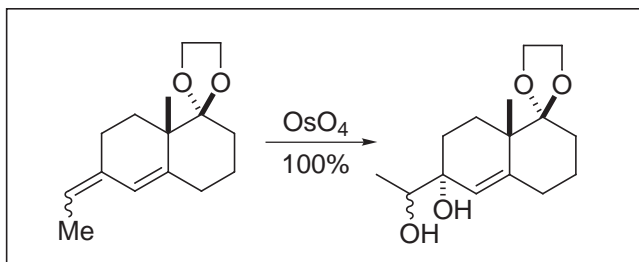


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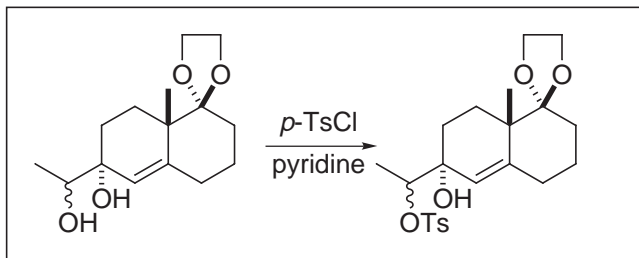
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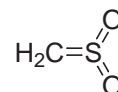
### Osmylation

- large reagent reacts preferentially with more accessible double bond and from the least hindered face. Typically, this is from the equatorial direction but one 1,3-diaxial H is removed and axial approach now observed

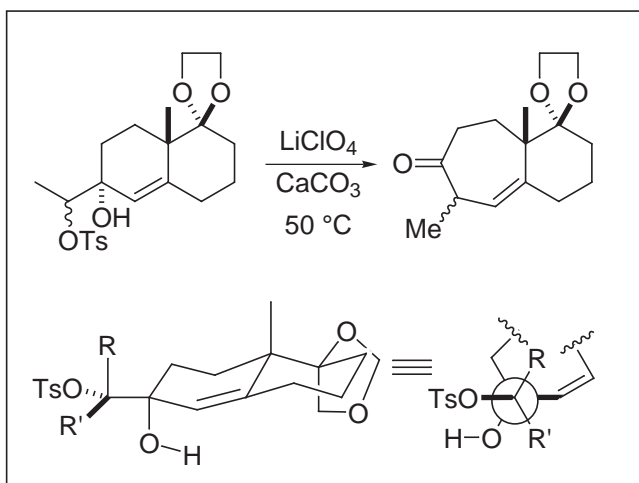
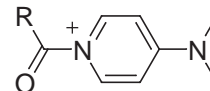


### Selective Tosylation

- rates: 1° > 2° > 3°
- 3° alcohols react very slowly
- MsCl and Et<sub>3</sub>N generates sulfene which will react with 1°, 2°, 3° OH to give the mesylate

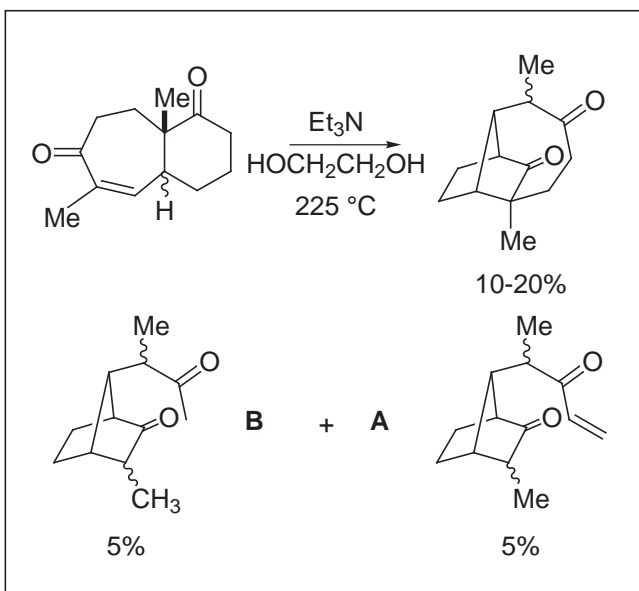


- Also note the use of DMAP to acylate 3° alcohols via



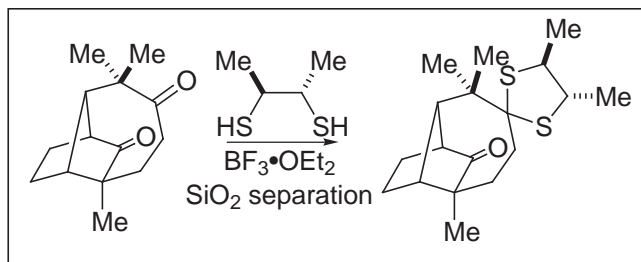
### Pinacol Rearrangement

- LiClO<sub>4</sub> used for free Li<sup>+</sup> ion to accelerate solvolytic loss of TsO group
- migration of unsaturated alkyl group observed preferentially
- *trans* antiperiplanar arrangement



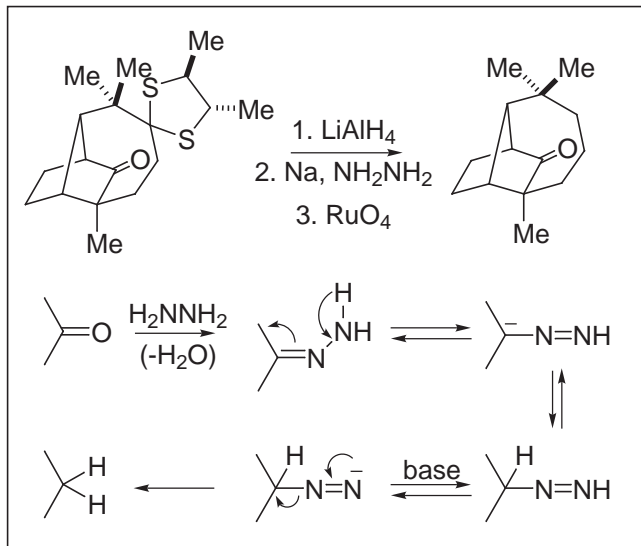
### Intramolecular Michael Addition

- only *cis* product undergoes Michael
- side products include the retro-Michael product **A** and the OH<sup>-</sup> addition and retro aldol product **B**



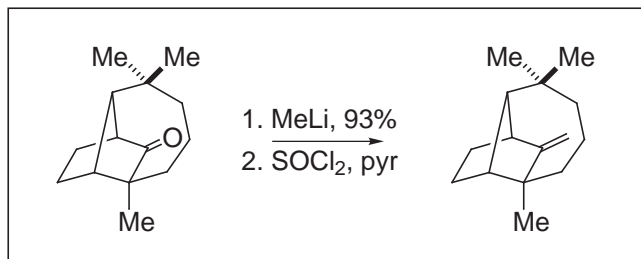
#### Thio-ketalization (Derivatization)

- other carbonyl much more hindered
- diastereomers arise that are separable by conventional chromatography



#### Desulfurization

- direct Wolff-Kishner failed
- $\text{LiAlH}_4$  protects ketone from reduction
- today:  $\text{Ra-Ni}$  better for desulfurization and would avoid need to protect ketone
- Wolff-Kishner reduction of dithiane



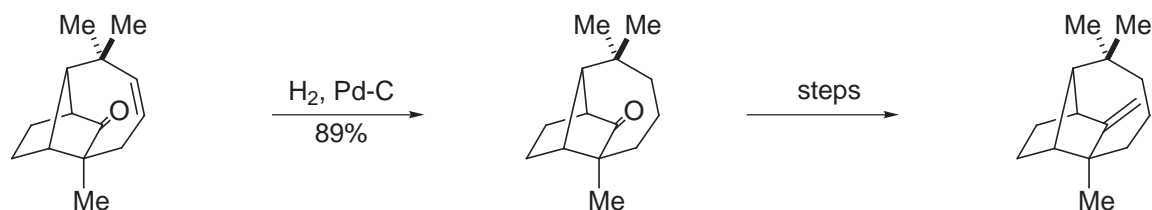
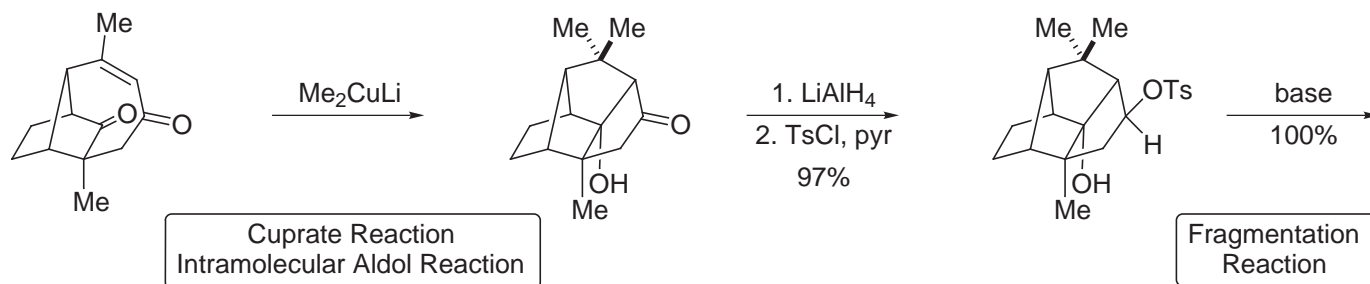
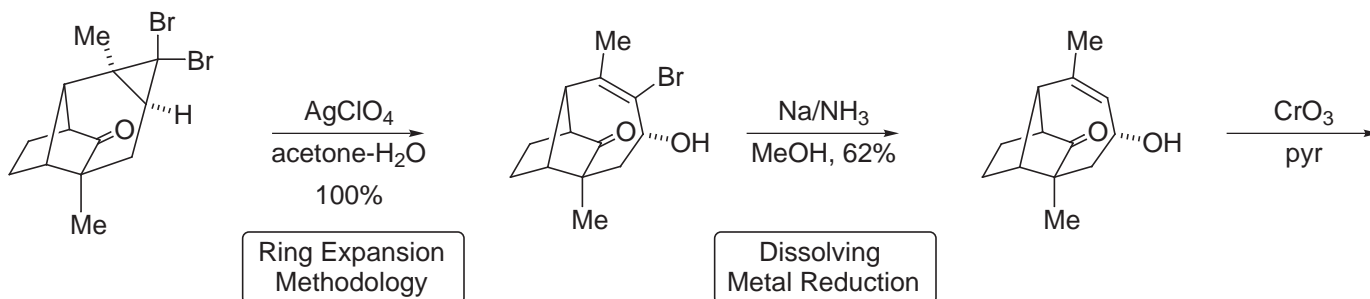
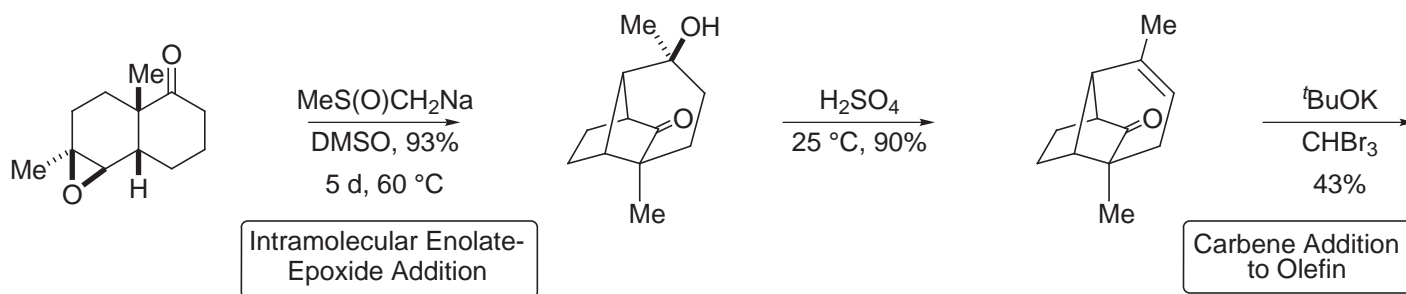
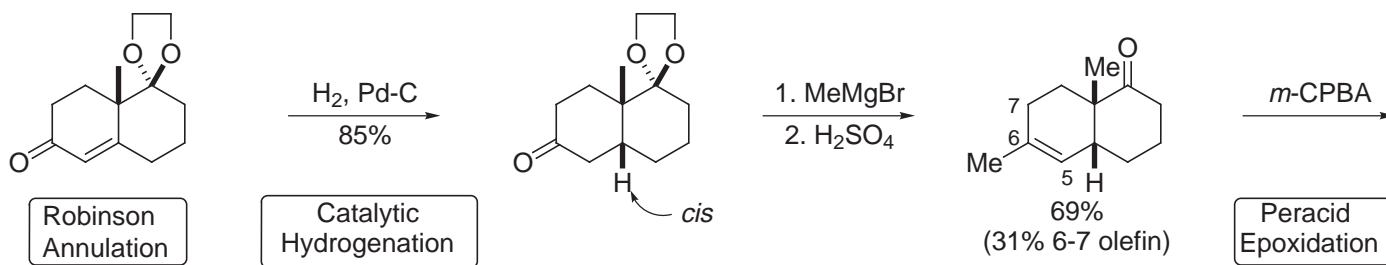
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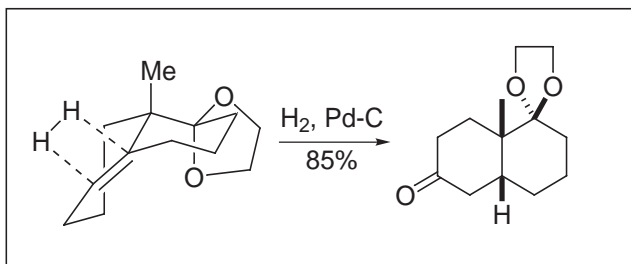
- Wittig reaction unsuccessful, ketone too hindered
- two-step procedure adopted

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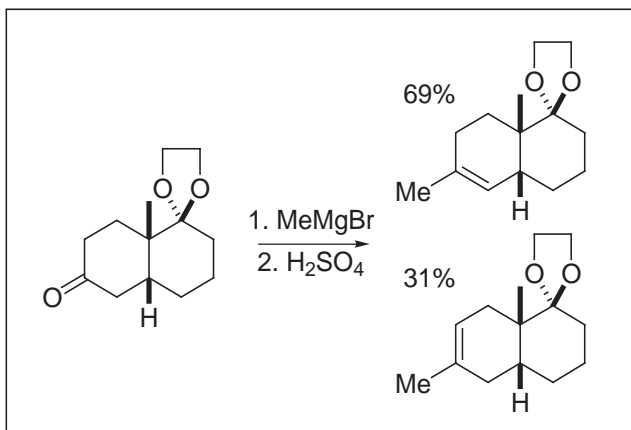
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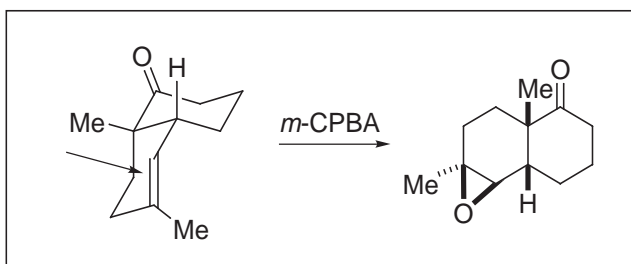
#### Hydrogenation

- known conditions to give *cis* stereochemistry
- H<sub>2</sub> comes in from less hindered face
- heteroatoms can also direct H<sub>2</sub> to their face



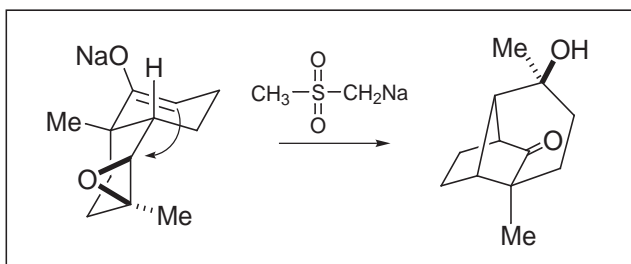
#### Acid-catalyzed Elimination

- *cis*-ring fusion prefers  $\Delta^{2,3}$  double bond
- *trans*-ring fusion prefers  $\Delta^{3,4}$  double bond
- known from steroid chemistry



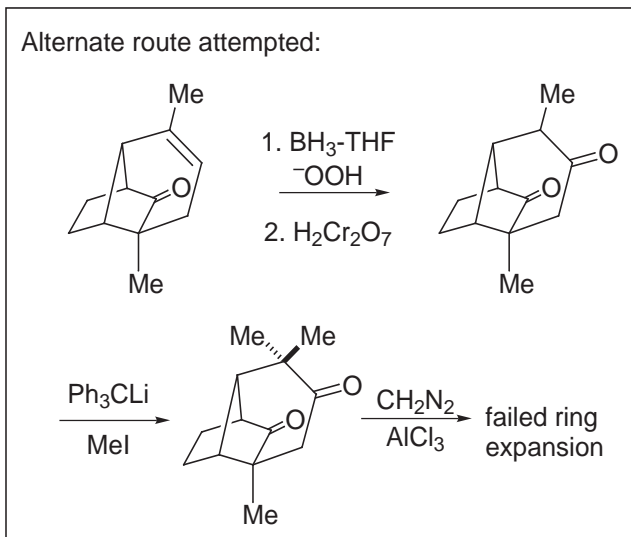
#### Epoxidation

- epoxidation from the least hindered face
- no competitive Baeyer-Villiger at ketone
- trisubstituted olefin more reactive than ketone



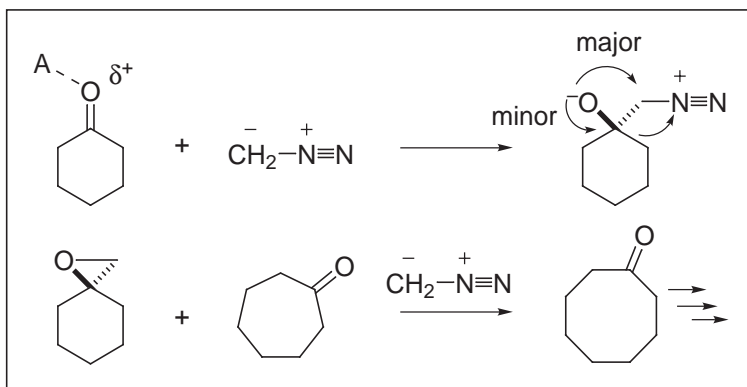
#### Intramolecular Epoxide Addition

- very slow epoxide opening due to steric encumbrance of Me group
- benefits from irreversible nature of epoxide opening



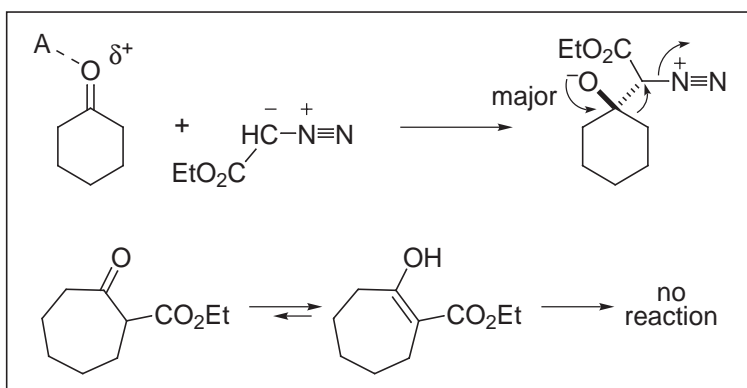
#### Alternate Route

- hydroboration-oxidation gave ketone
- methylation conditions specifically employed to avoid over-methylation
- ring expansion with CH<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> did not proceed



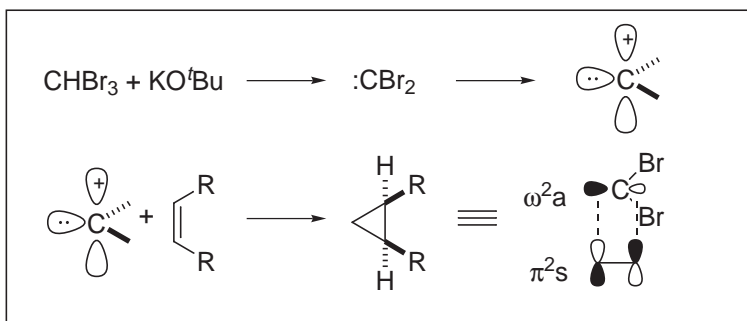
#### Diazomethane Ring Expansion

- $\text{CH}_2\text{N}_2$  poor nucleophile
- $\text{AlCl}_3$  added to activate carbonyl
- many side reactions possible
- $\text{CH}_2\text{N}_2$  explosive, difficult to use
- products equally reactive toward additional expansions/epoxidations



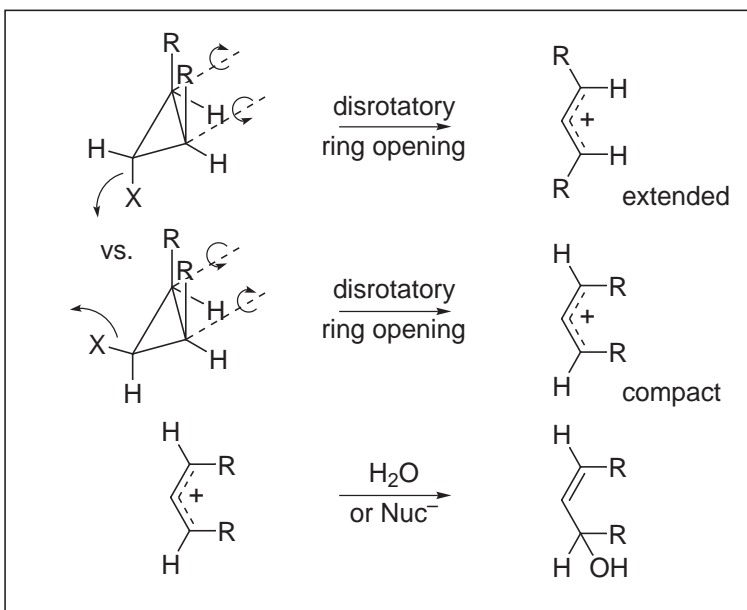
#### Diazoacetate Ring Expansion

- improvement over diazomethane
- product in enol form and will not further react with reagent
- reagent stable, transportable and readily available
- ultimately employed in the later Ho synthesis



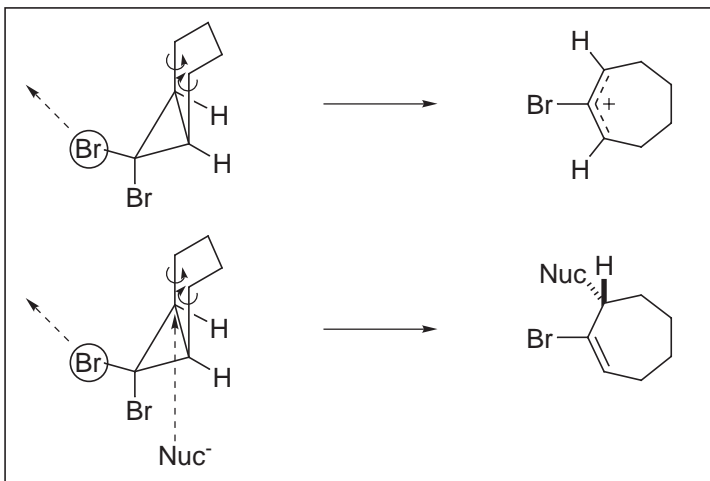
#### Carbene Addition and Ring Expansion

- singlet carbene has electrophilic character, and undergoes stereospecific reaction with olefins (no scrambling as observed with triplet carbene)
- Br can donate electrons into the empty p-orbital, thus stabilizing the singlet carbene
- cheletropic cycloaddition occurs with olefin geometry maintained via a  $\pi^2s + \omega^2a$  cycloaddition



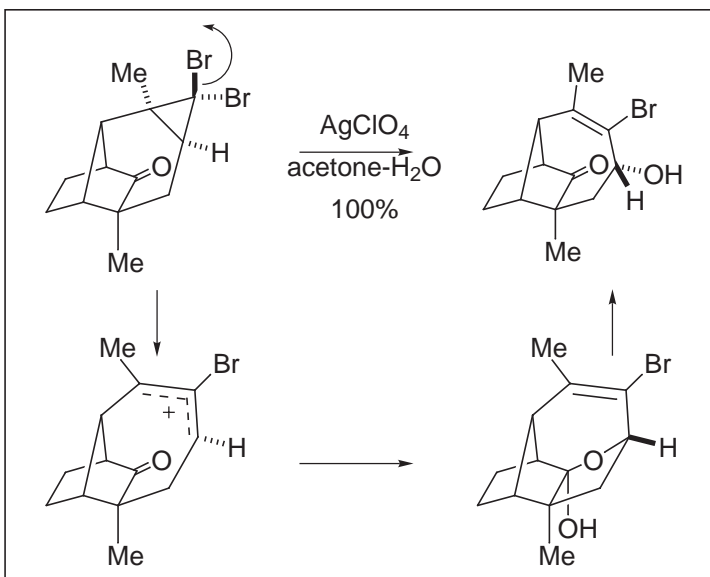
#### Disrotatory Ring Opening of Halocyclopropanes

- leaving group will influence direction of ring opening
- departure of LG simultaneous with disrotatory ring opening
- substituents *syn* to the departing group will move towards one another while they move away from each other if *anti* leaving group. Since this system is confined to a 7-membered ring, the  $\text{R}$  groups must move toward each other to give the compact alkyl cation and it is the *syn* bromide that is lost



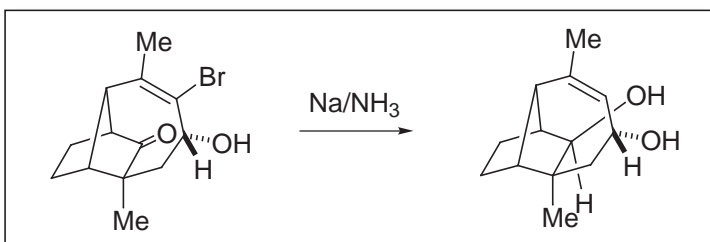
#### In Fused Bicyclic Systems

- imposed geometry of ring controls opening and directs leaving group
- nucleophile comes in *trans* to departing Br<sup>-</sup>
- exception: bicyclo[5.1.0]octane can give the *trans* double bond via outward rotation
- *Chem. Commun.* **1967**, 294.
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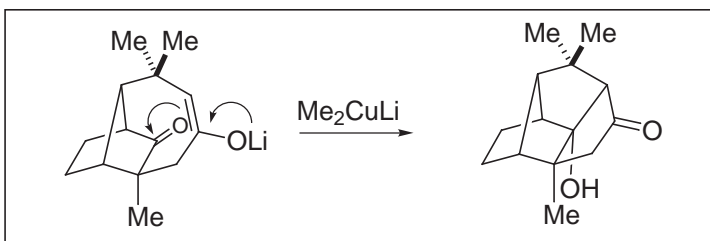
#### McMurry Application

- ring controls geometry of ring opening, thus only one bromine departs
- nucleophile (OH<sub>2</sub>) enters *trans* to leaving Br
- no trap at other end of allyl cation - possible assistance of C=O



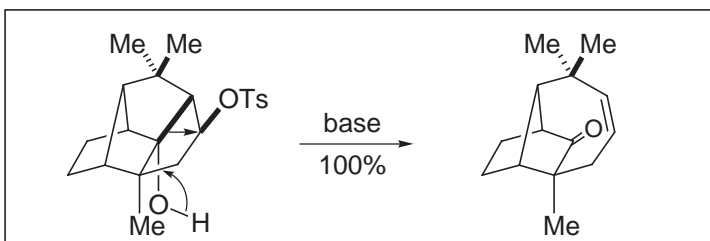
#### Dissolving Metal Reduction

- stereochemistry of reduced OH - most stable product
- reduction of the vinyl halide



#### Cuprate Addition - Intramolecular Aldol Reaction

- cuprate adds in Michael fashion to generate enolate
- enolate then attacks carbonyl in intramolecular fashion

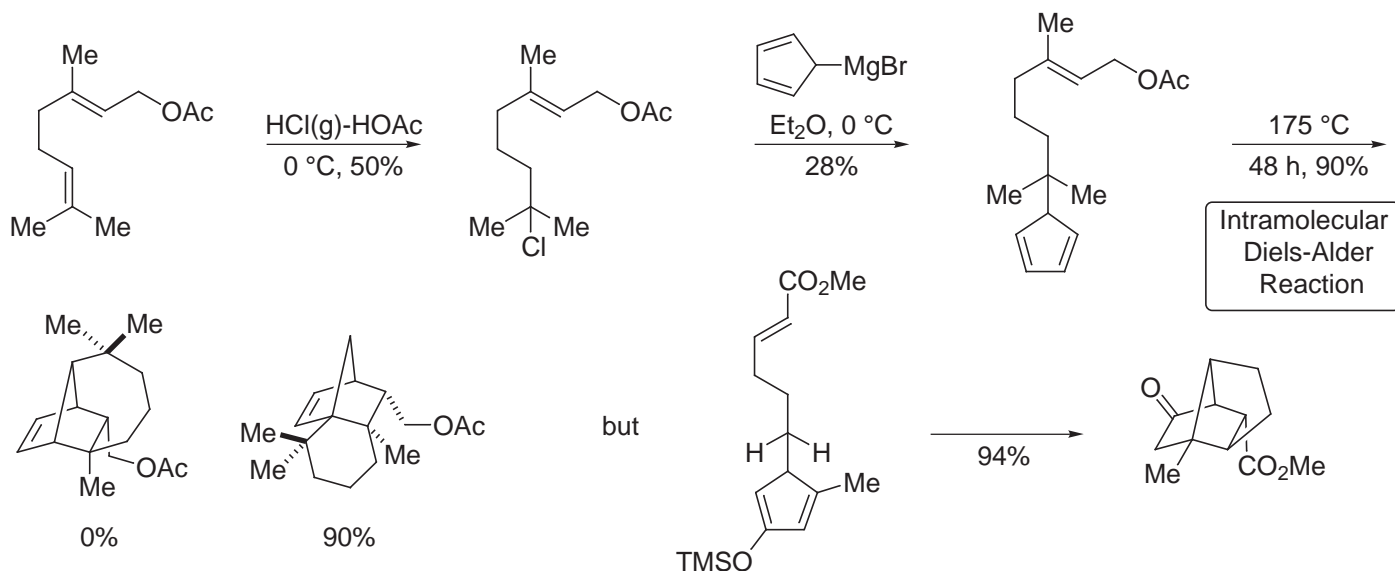


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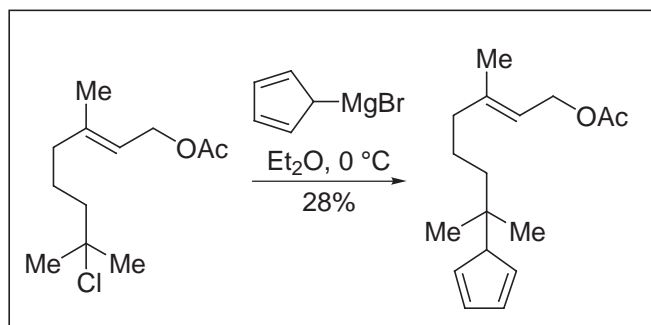
- reduction occurs from least hindered face
- tosylation selective for 2° > 3°

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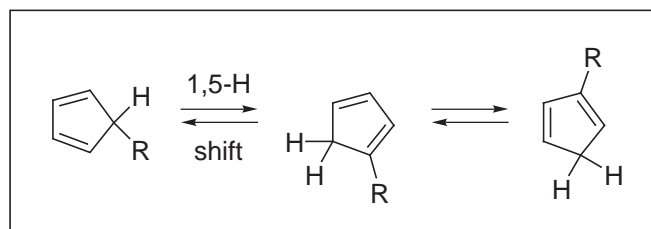
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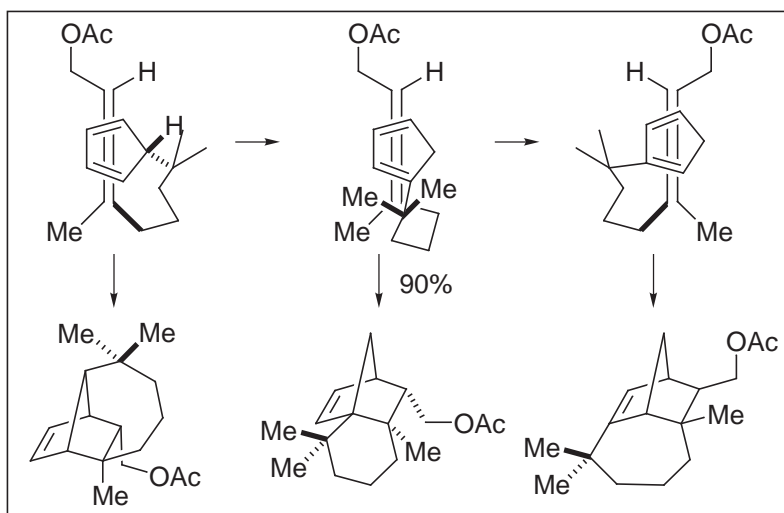
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Grignard Addition  
- alkylation at 3° center!  
- nonbasic reagent, E2/E1 elimination not observed



1,5 H-Shift  
- proceeds at 0 °C  
- causes failure of desired [4 + 2] cycloaddition for longifolene above



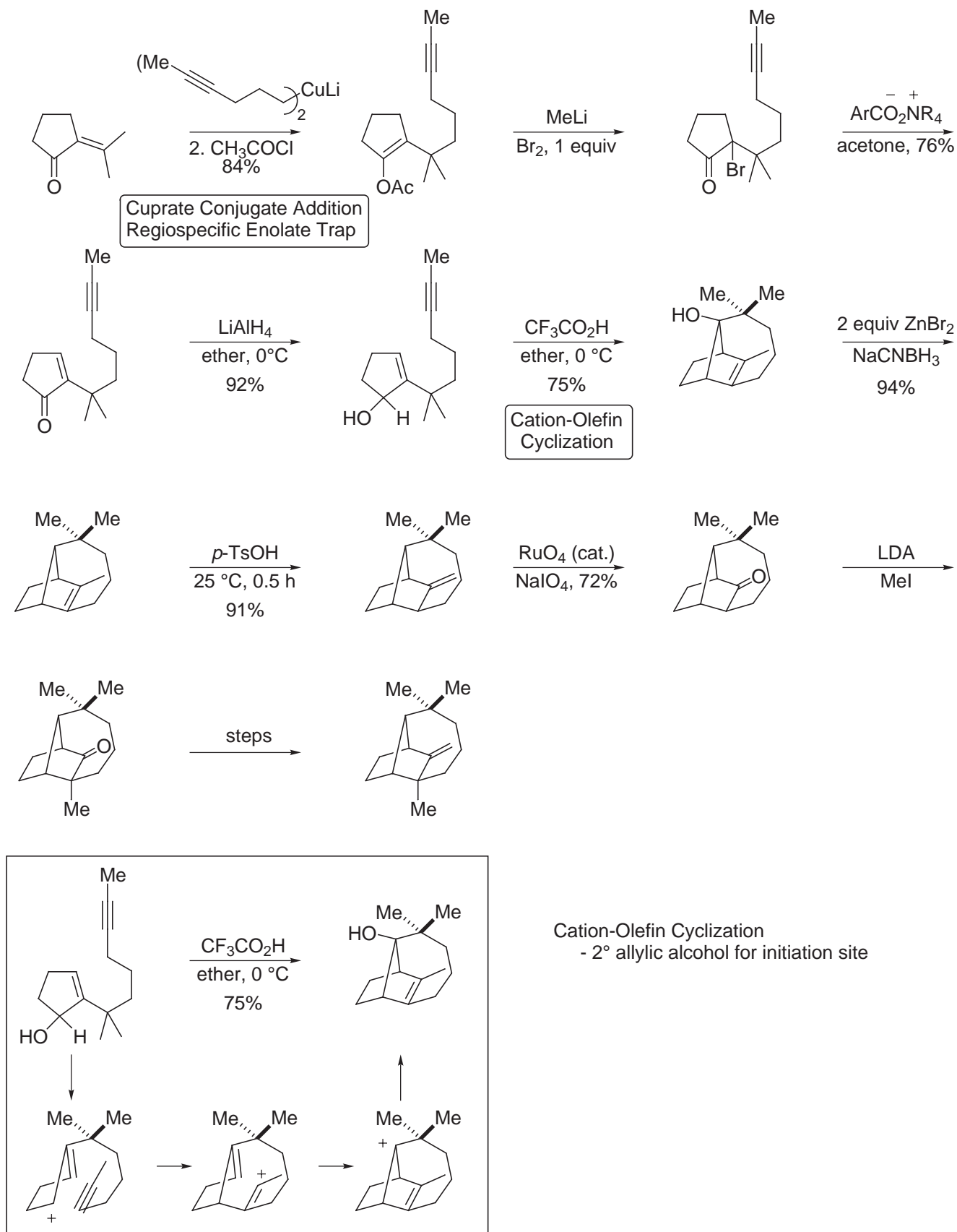
Intramolecular Diels-Alder  
- at 175 °C, all three 1,5-H shift products present  
- provide three different possible products  
- only one product observed



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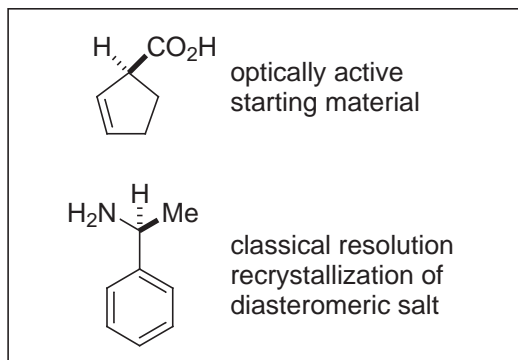
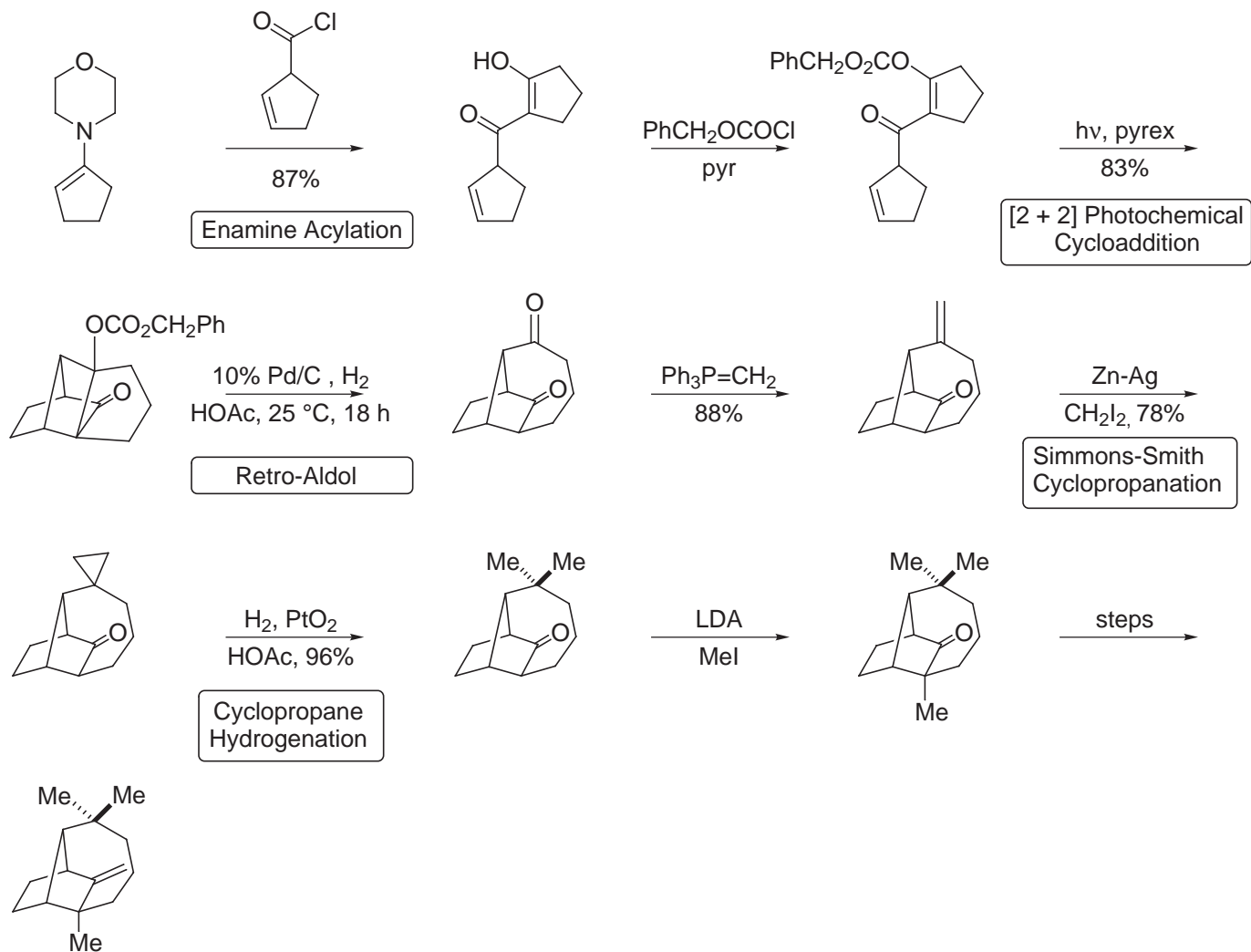
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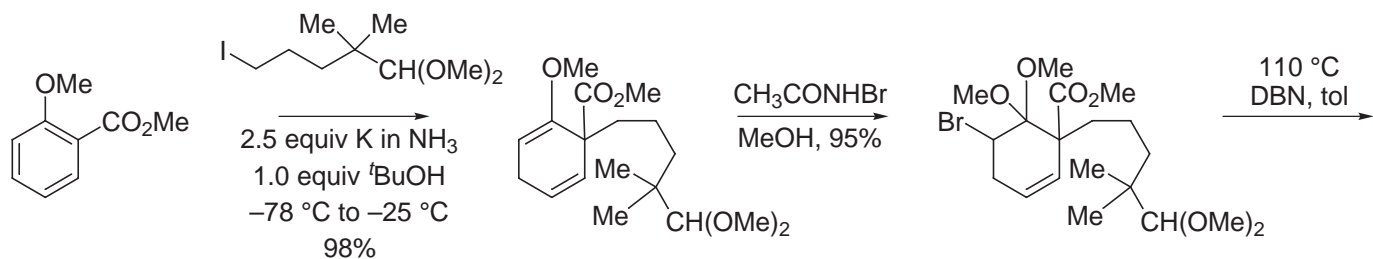
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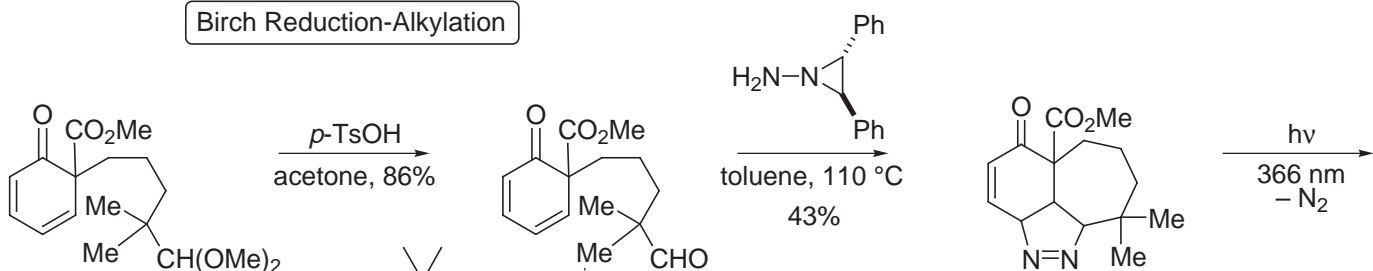
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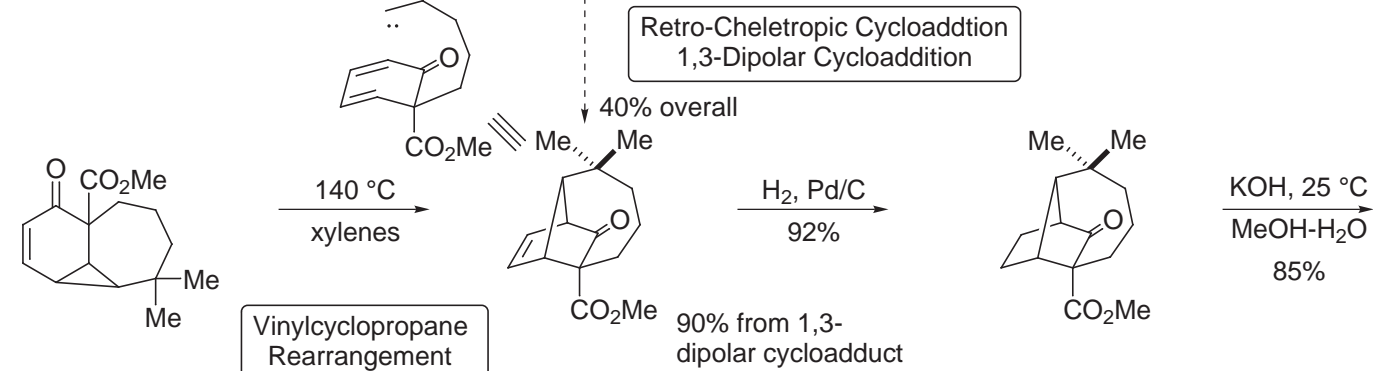
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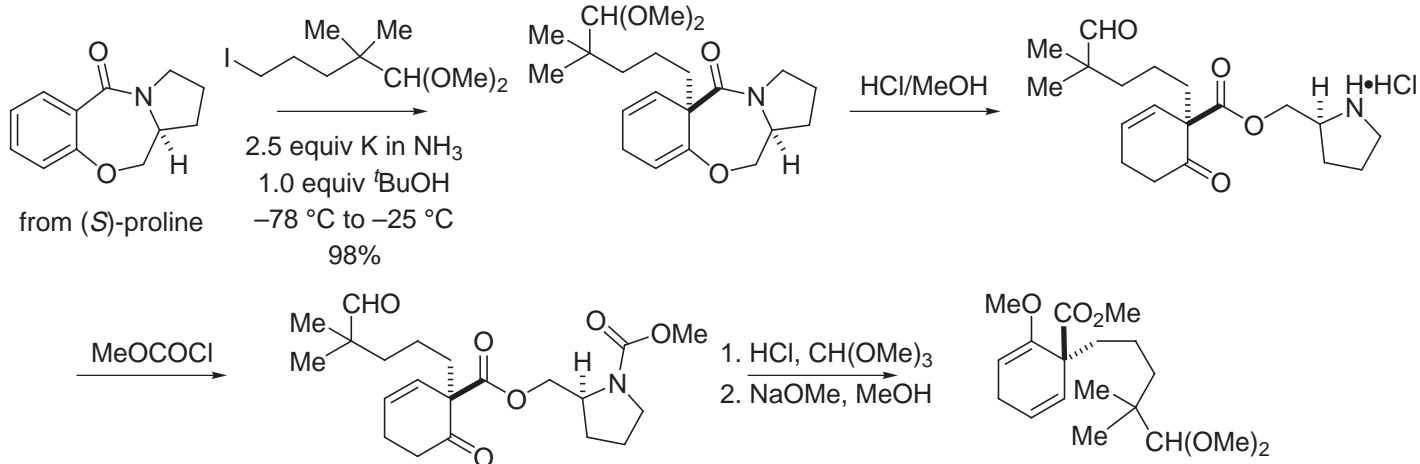
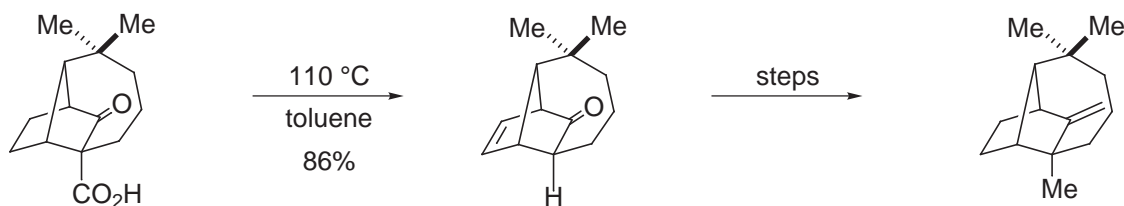
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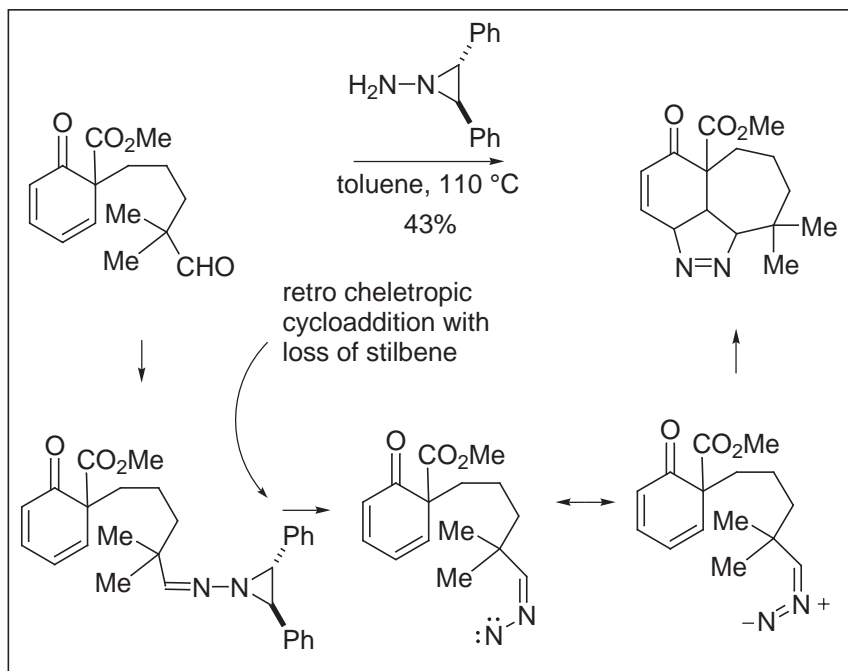


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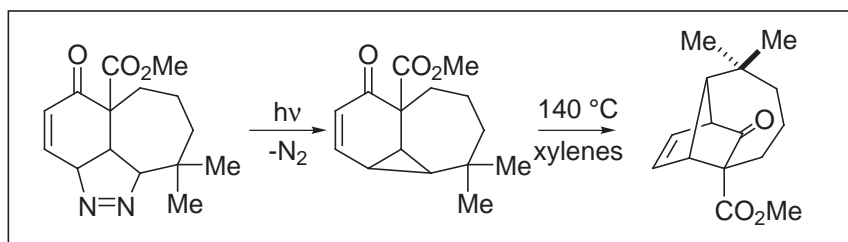


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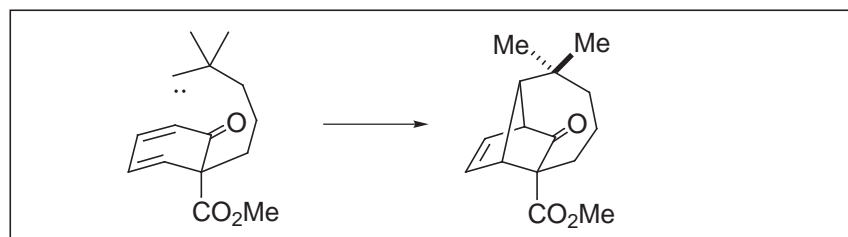




Retro Cheletropic Cycloaddition  
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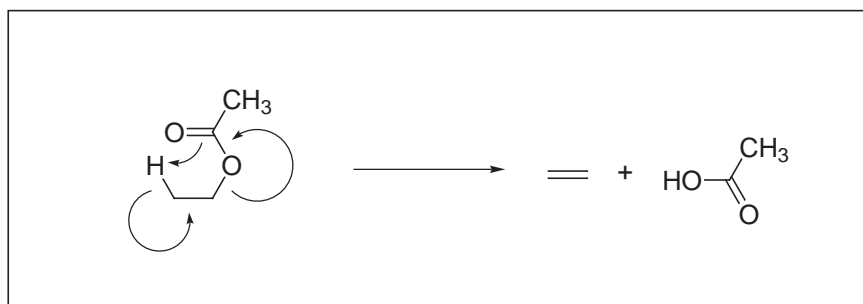
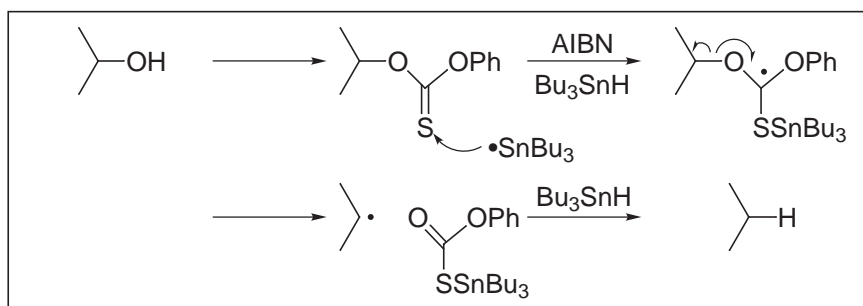
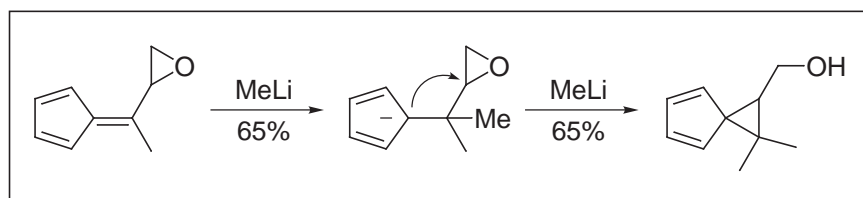
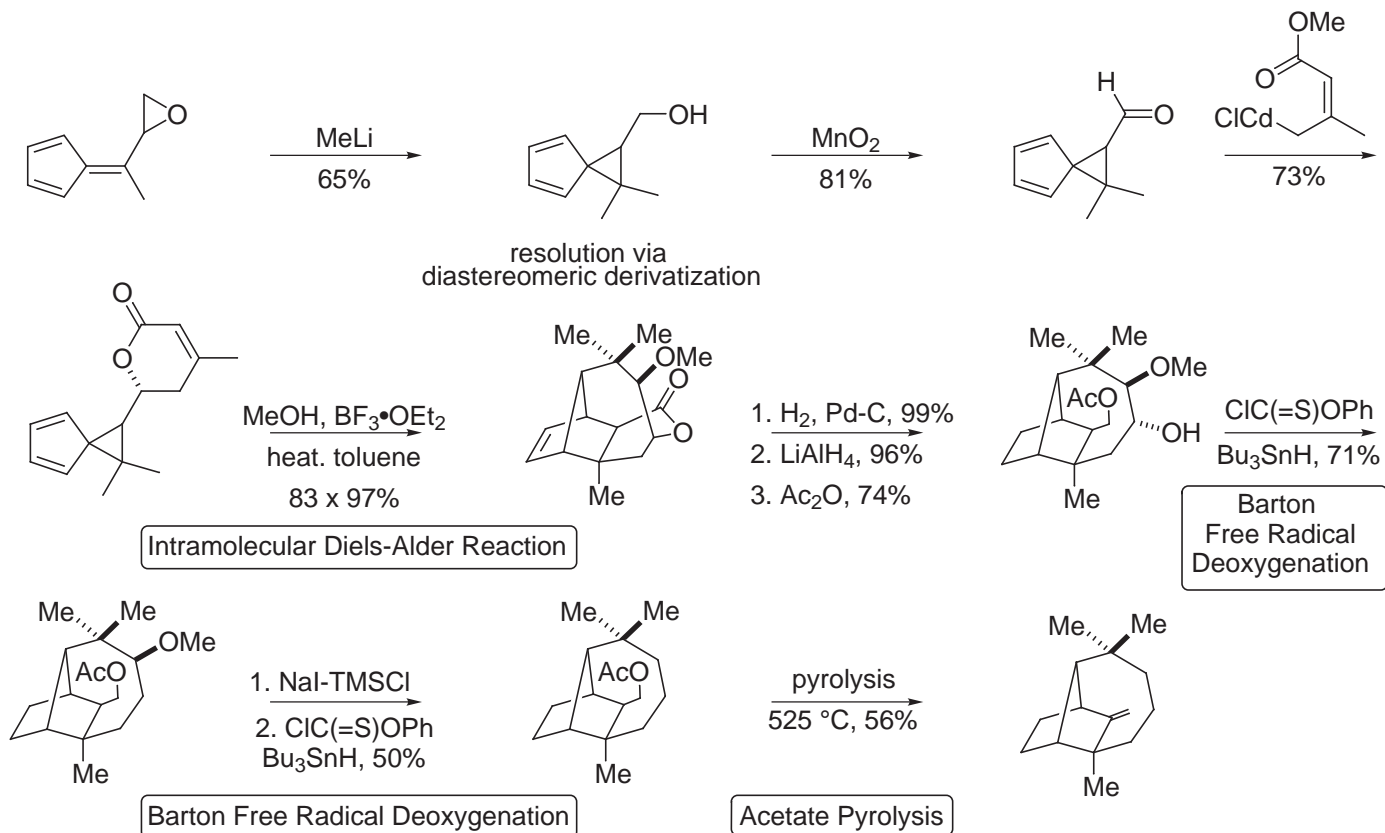


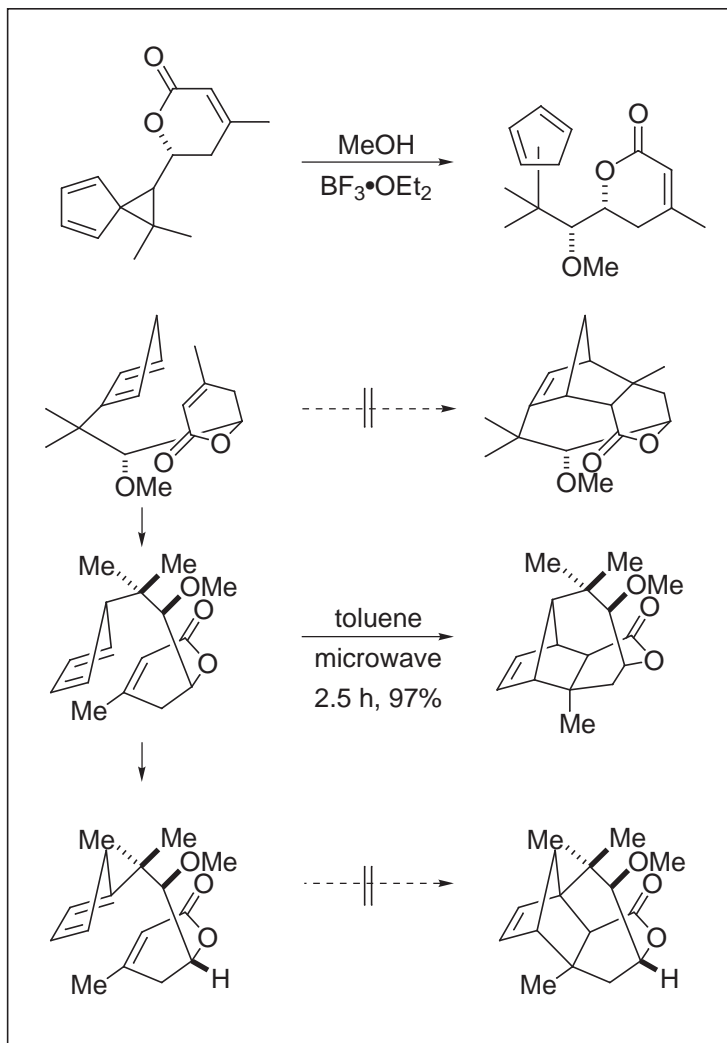
- This sequence is equivalent to adding the elements of a carbene 1,4 across a diene
- Is this  $4e^- + 2e^-$  cycloaddition possible? Consider the Woodward-Hoffmann rules.

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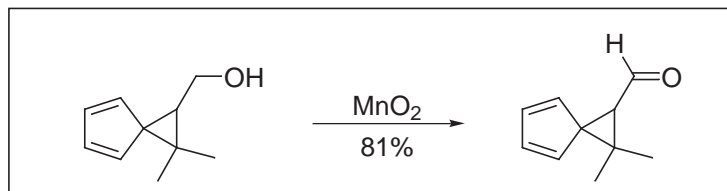
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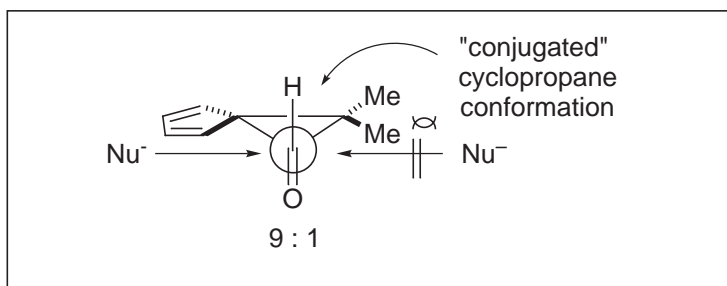




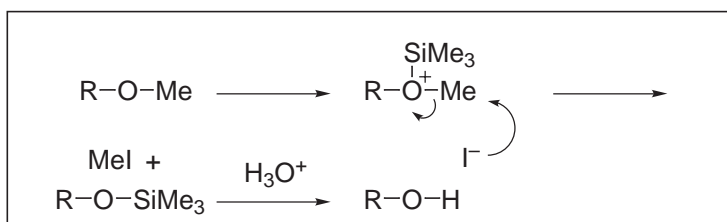
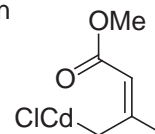
Intramolecular Diels-Alder Reaction  
- constraints of the 6-membered ring precludes reaction from the other cyclopentadiene isomers and lactone stereochemistry dictates  $\pi$ -facial selectivity



-  $\text{MnO}_2$  serves to oxidize cyclopropyl alcohol analogous to allylic alcohol oxidation



- Cadmium reagent for  $\alpha$ -versus  $\gamma$ -enolate reaction  
- Diastereoselective addition

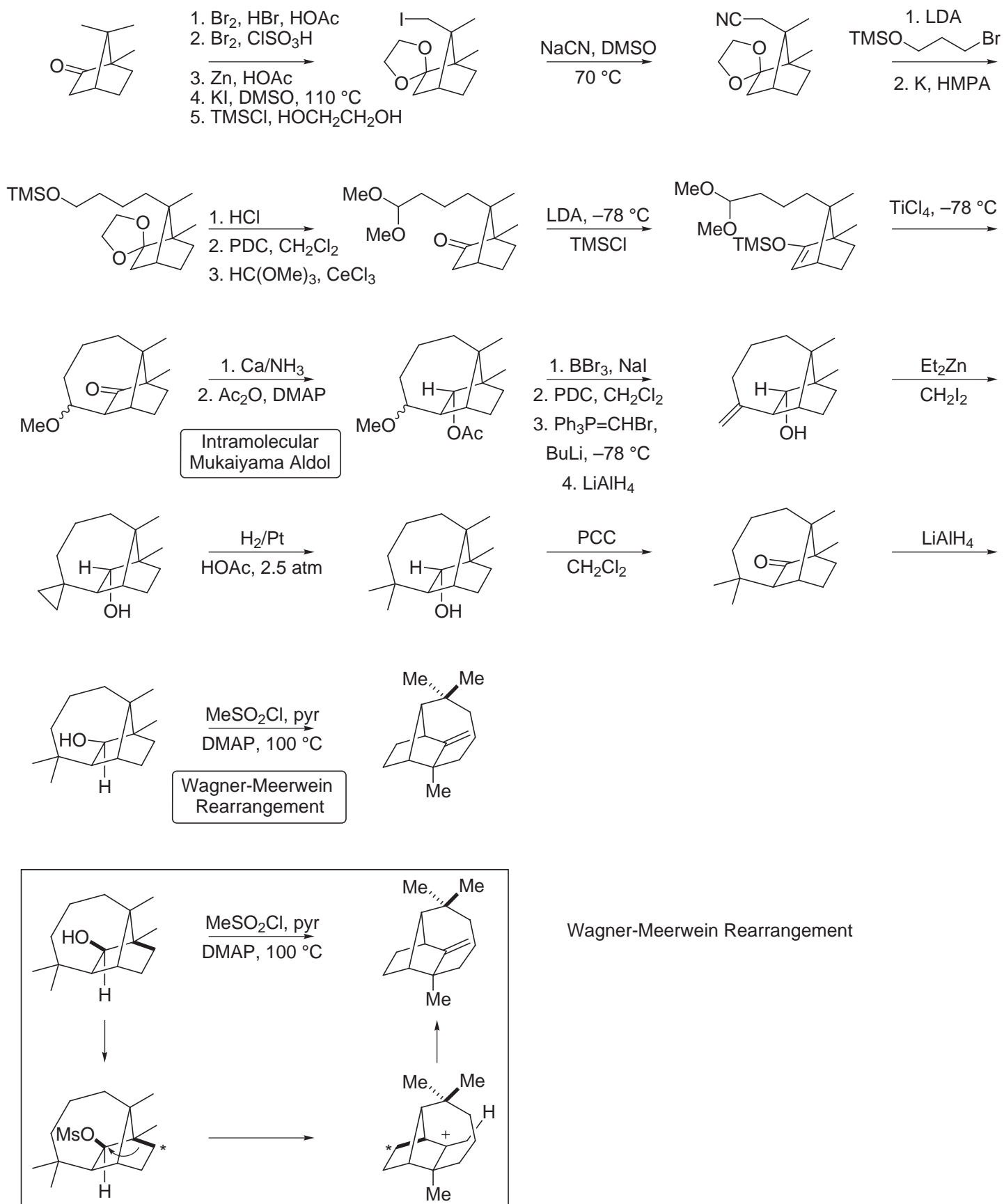


NaI-TMSCI deprotection  
- dealkylative  $\text{S}_{\text{N}}2$  methyl ether deprotection

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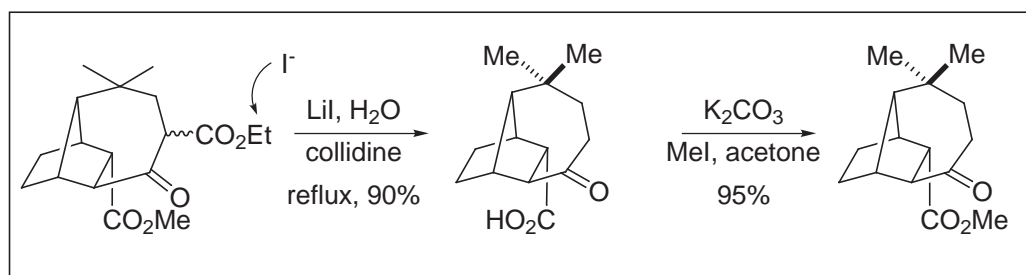
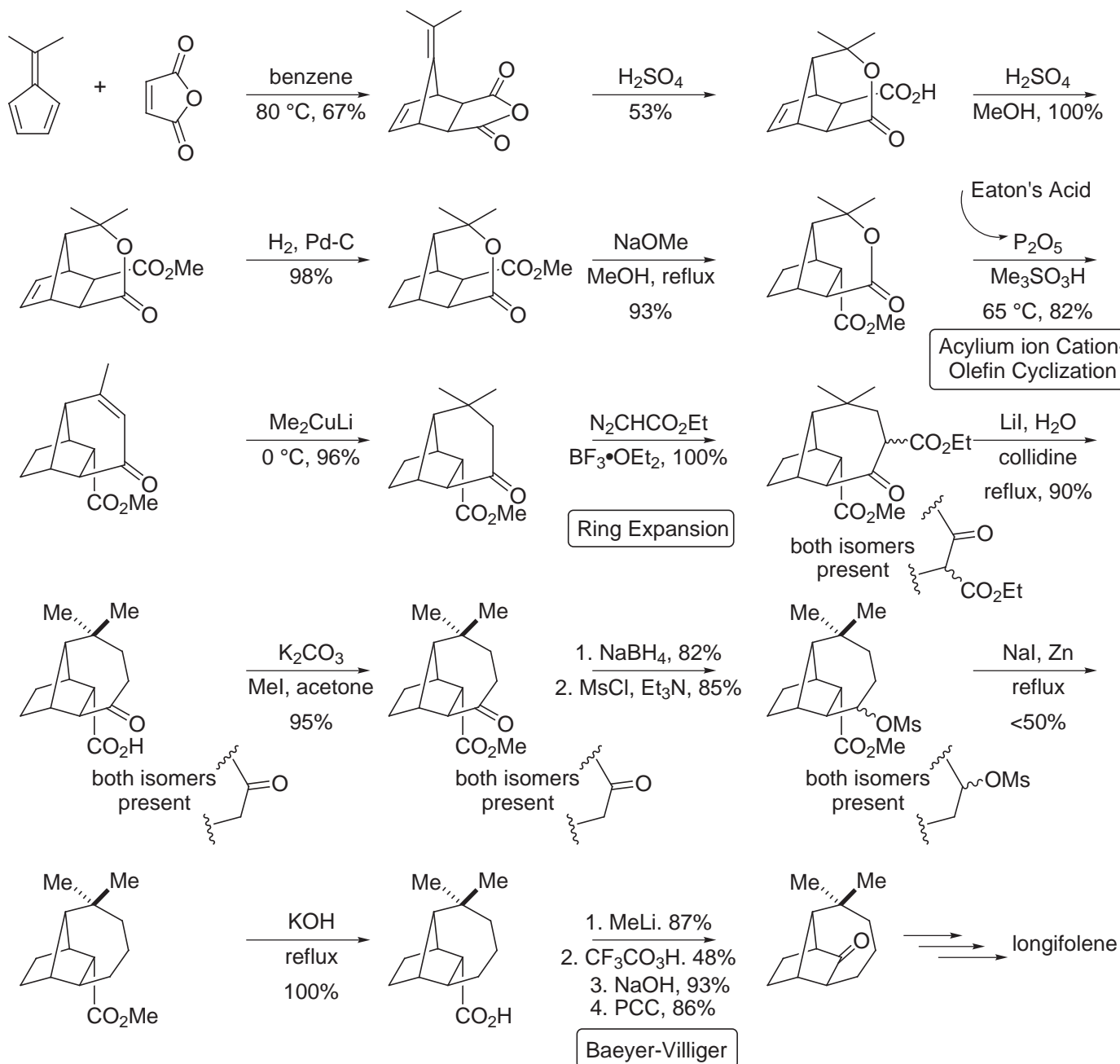
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Ethyl Diazoacetate Ring Expansion  
Alkylative Esterification



- S<sub>N</sub>2 Dealkylative  
Deesterification followed  
by decarboxylation of the  
β-keto acid  
- Alkylative Esterification

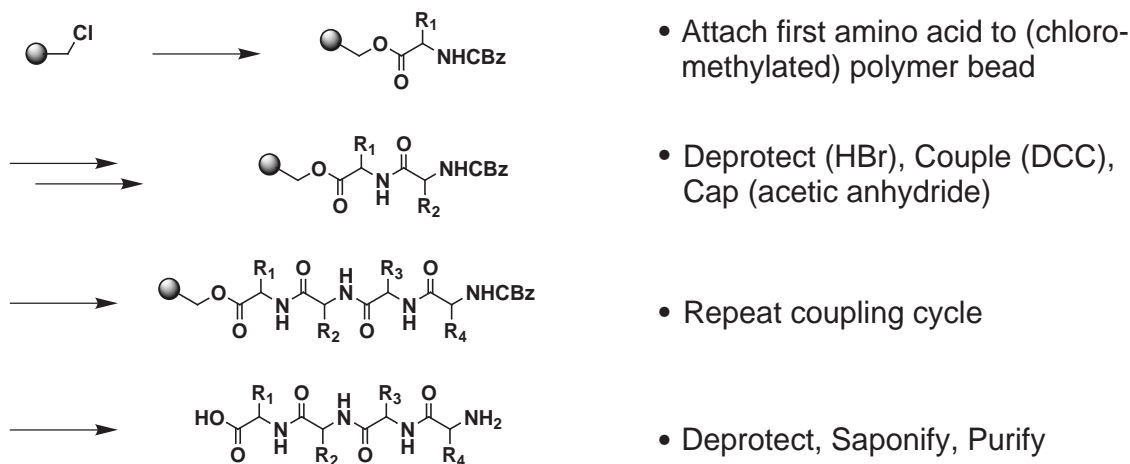


## XIV. Combinatorial Chemistry

### Combinatorial Chemistry Reviews

- **A Practical Guide to Combinatorial Chemistry**; Czarnik, A. W. and DeWitt, S. H., Eds.; ACS: Washington, D. C., 1997.
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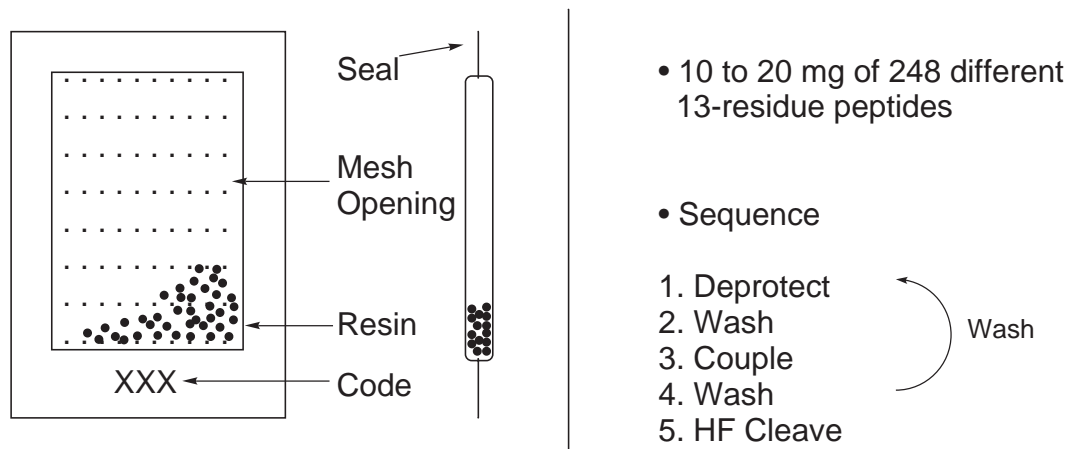
### Solid Phase Peptide Synthesis



- Allows excess of reagents and reactants to force reaction to completion
- Removal of reagents, reactants and byproducts by filtration

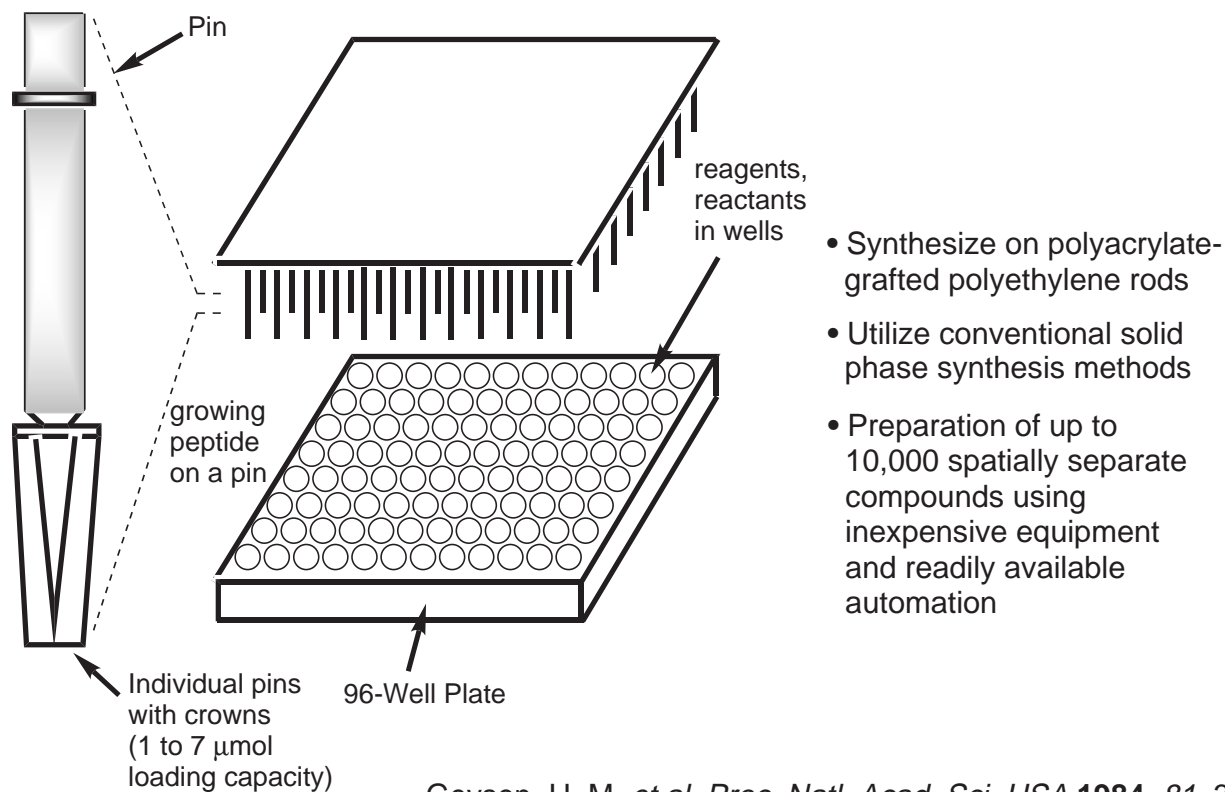
Merrifield, R. B. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1963**, *85*, 2149.  
Nobel Prize, 1984 "for his development of methodology for chemical synthesis on a solid matrix"

## Tea-Bag Method



Houghten, R. A. *et al. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* **1985**, *82*, 5131.

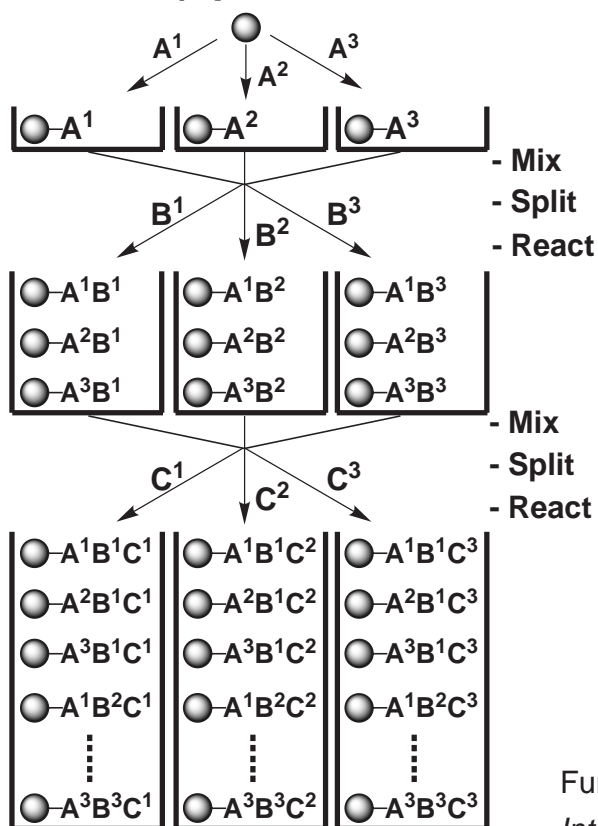
## Multipin Peptide Synthesis



Geysen, H. M. *et al. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* **1984**, *81*, 3998.

Zuckermann, R. N. *et al. Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett.* **1993**, *3*, 463.

## Split and Mix Solid Phase Synthesis (Split-Method, Portioning-Mixing Method)



- Solid support is divided before each coupling cycle
- Equimolar mixtures of peptides
- Cannot conduct direct mixture synthesis on solid phase due to differential reaction rates
- One unique peptide on each bead

$$N = n_1 \times n_2 \times n_3 \times \dots \times n_m$$

$N$  = number of products after each cycle

$n$  = number of reactants in each cycle

Furka, A. *et al. Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett.* **1993**, 3, 413;  
*Int. J. Peptide Prot. Res.* **1991**, 37, 487.

## Generation of Combinatorial Antibody Libraries

Use of bacteriophage lambda vector to express in *E. coli* a combinatorial library of Fab fragments

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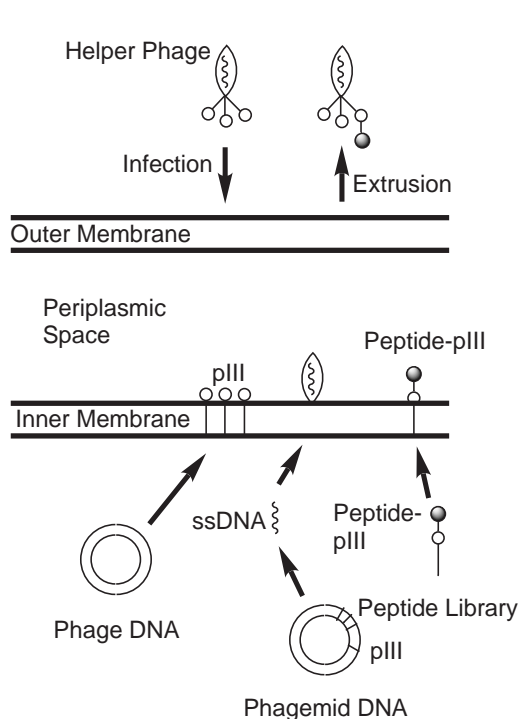
First step: Separation of heavy and light chain libraries which are constructed in  $\lambda$ Hc2 and  $\lambda$ Lc1

Second Step: Combination of two libraries are combined at the antisymmetric *Eco* R sites present in each vector

This results in a library of clones each of which potentially coexpresses a heavy and a light chain

Lerner, R. A. *et al. Science* **1989**, 246, 1275.

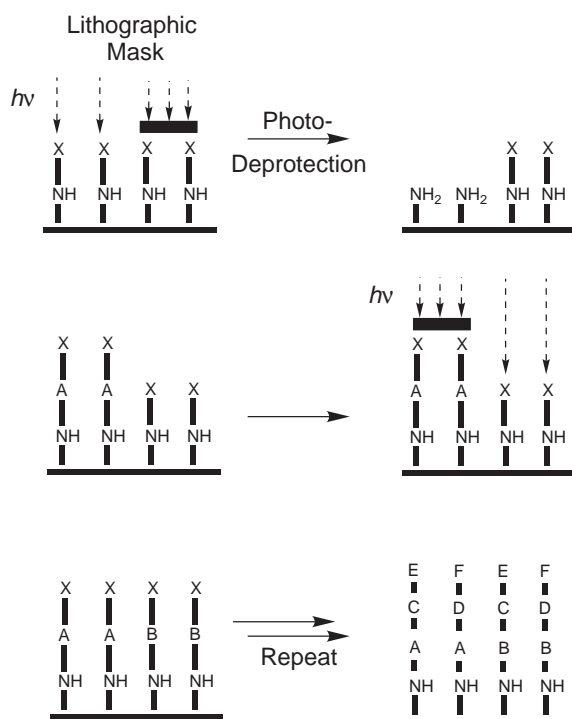
## Phage Display



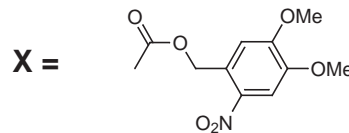
- The general concept is one in which a library of peptides is presented on the surface of a bacteriophage such that each phage displays a unique peptide and contains within each genome the corresponding DNA sequence
- Introduction of randomized DNA into gene III of filamentous phage  $\longrightarrow$  Expression of the corresponding peptides at the N terminus of the absorption peptide (pIII)
- Very quick and efficient generation of large combinatorial libraries of peptide fragments
- Screen by panning and enrichment
- Identify by DNA sequence

Smith, G. P. *et al. Science* **1990**, 249, 386.

## Very Large Scale Immobilized Polymer Synthesis (VLSIPS)



- Light-directed spatially addressable parallel chemical synthesis
- Nitroveratryloxycarbonyl (NVOC) as a photolabile protecting group

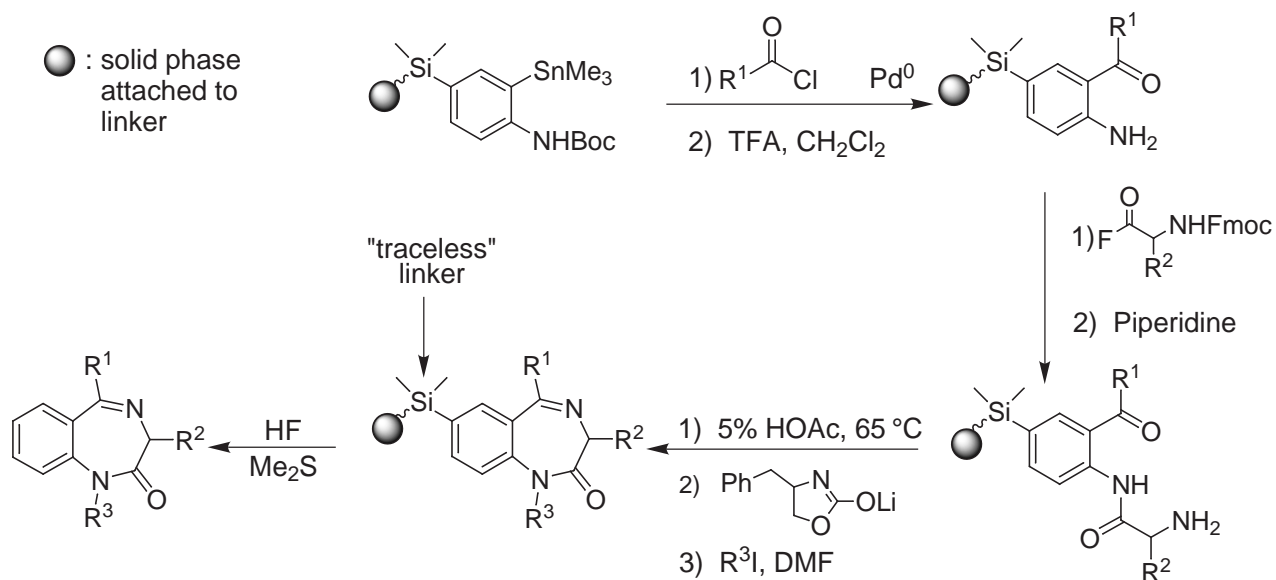


- Binary masking yields  $2^n$  compounds in  $n$  chemical steps

Fodor, S. P. A.; Pirrung, M. C. *et al. Science* **1991**, 251, 767.

## Solid Phase Synthesis of 1,4-Benzodiazepines

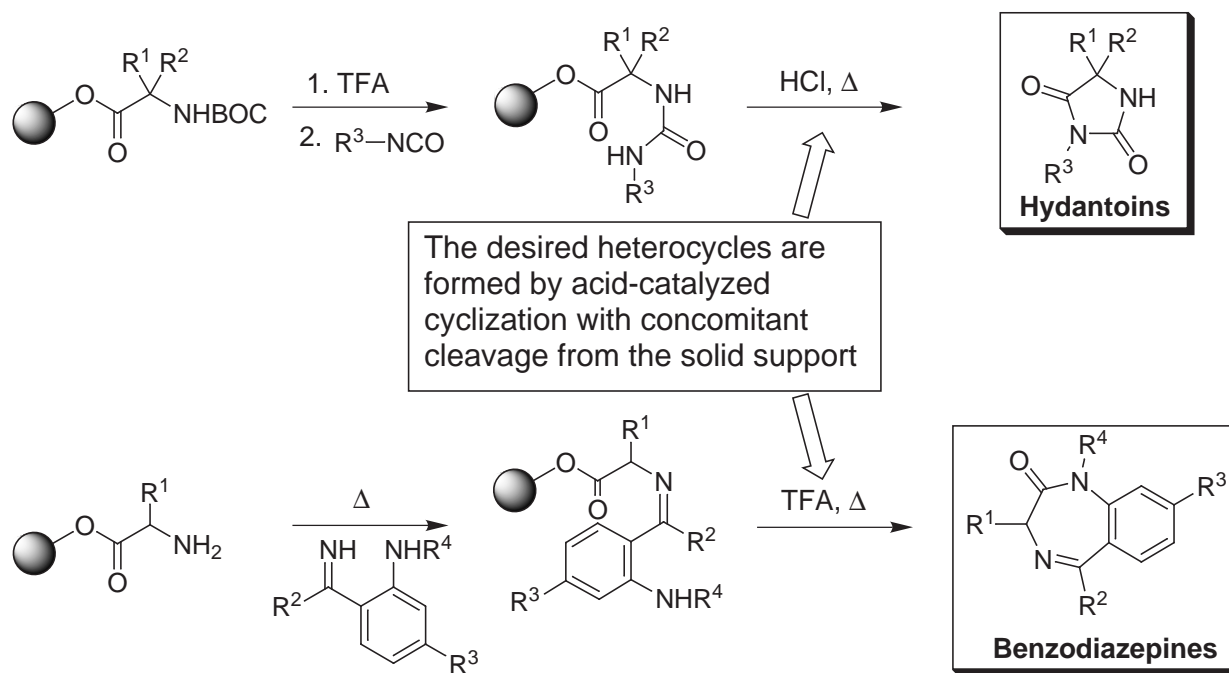
- Application of solid-phase combinatorial synthesis to non-oligomeric compounds



Ellman, J. A. *et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1992**, *114*, 10997.

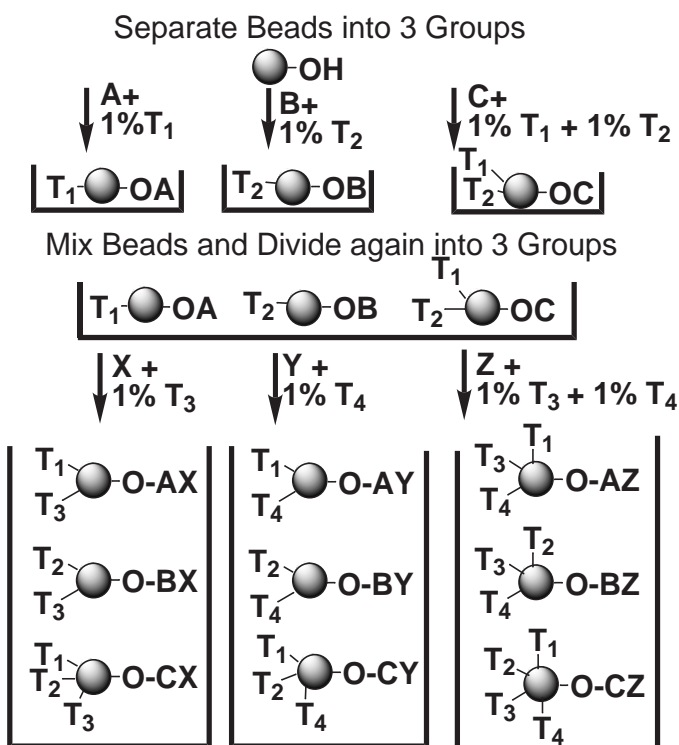
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## Resin Release Only of Product

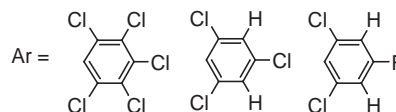
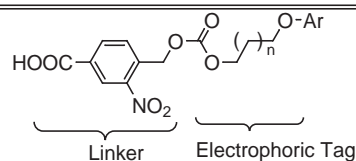
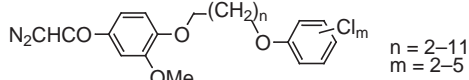


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## Split Synthesis ENCODED with Tagging Molecules (T<sub>1</sub>-T<sub>4</sub>)

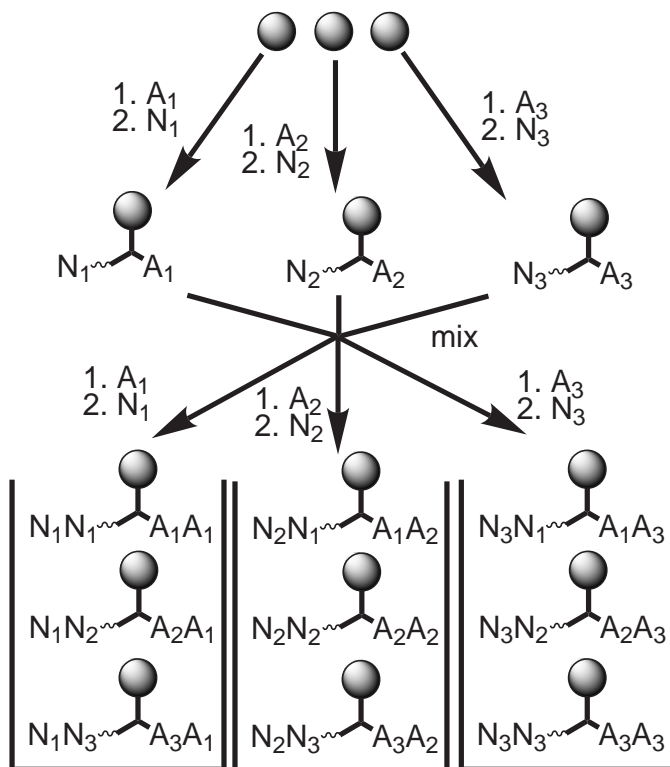


- Tagging Molecules
1. Chemically inert
  2. Encoding by attachment to the beads
  3. After release, analyzed by Capillary Gas Chromatography using Electron Capture Detection (ECGC) on femtomolar scales from single beads
  4. Identity only



Still, W. C. *et al.* *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* **1993**, *90*, 10922; *Acc. Chem. Res.* **1996**, *29*, 155.

## Nucleotide Encoding



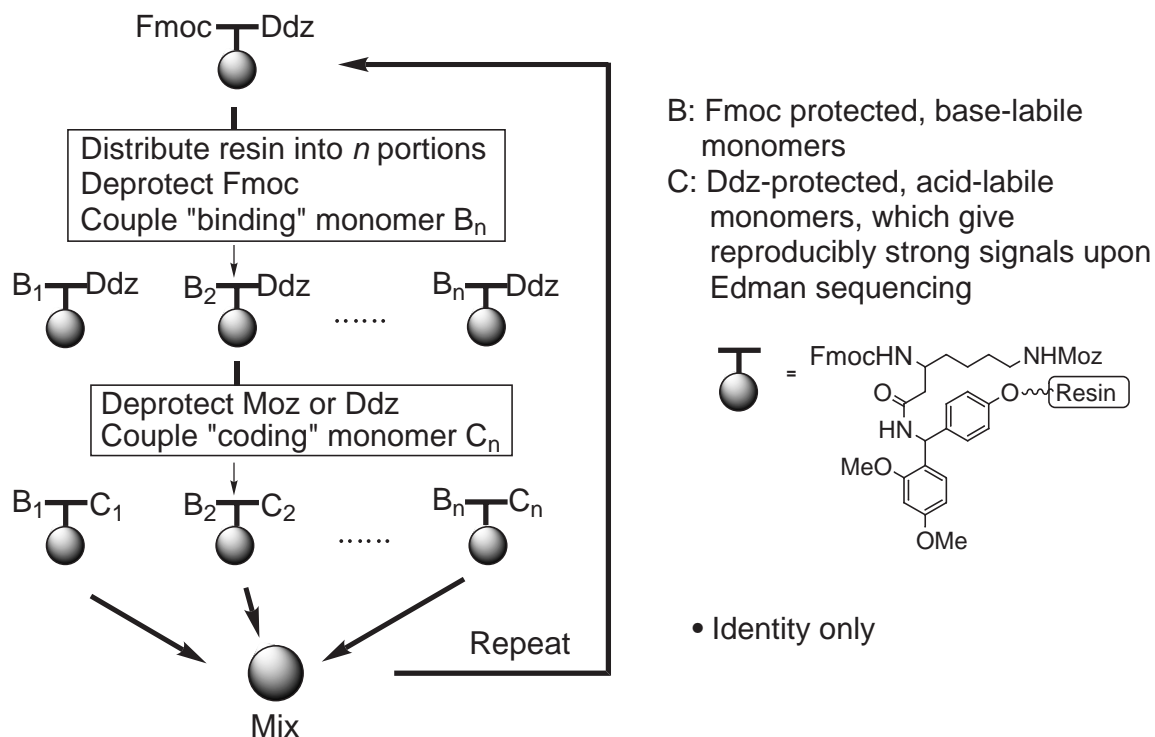
- CPG beads
- └ Linker Unit
- ~ PCR Primer
- A<sub>1</sub>, A<sub>2</sub>, A<sub>3</sub>: Amino Acids
- N<sub>1</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>3</sub>: Encoding Nucleotides

- Tag attached to molecule, not bead
- PCR enrichment: sensitivity and screening by panning and enrichment
- Bonus: nucleotide tagging could be used for identification as well

Janda, K. D. *et al.* *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1993**, *115*, 9812.

Brenner, S.; Lerner, R. A. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA*. **1992**, *89*, 5381.

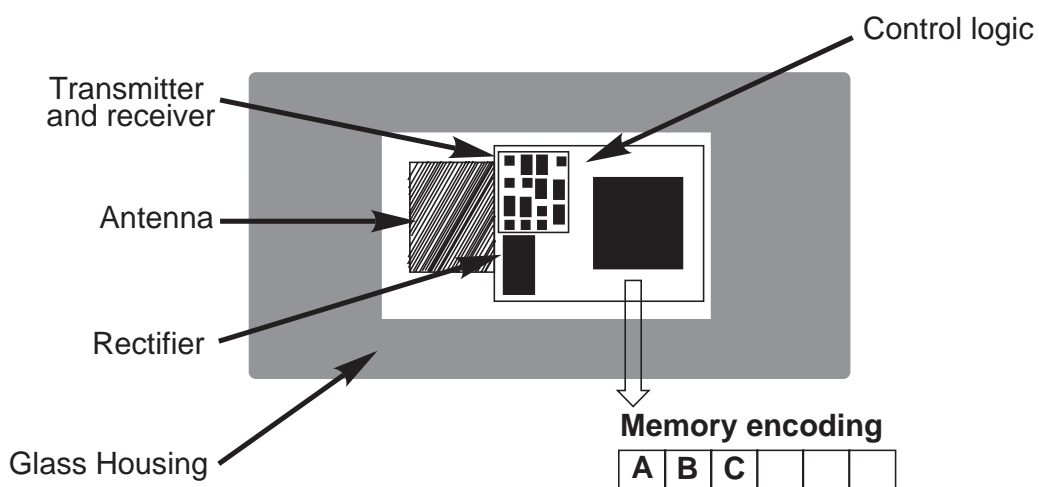
## Peptide Encoding



Zuckermann, R. N. *et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1993**, *115*, 2529.

## Electronic Encoding

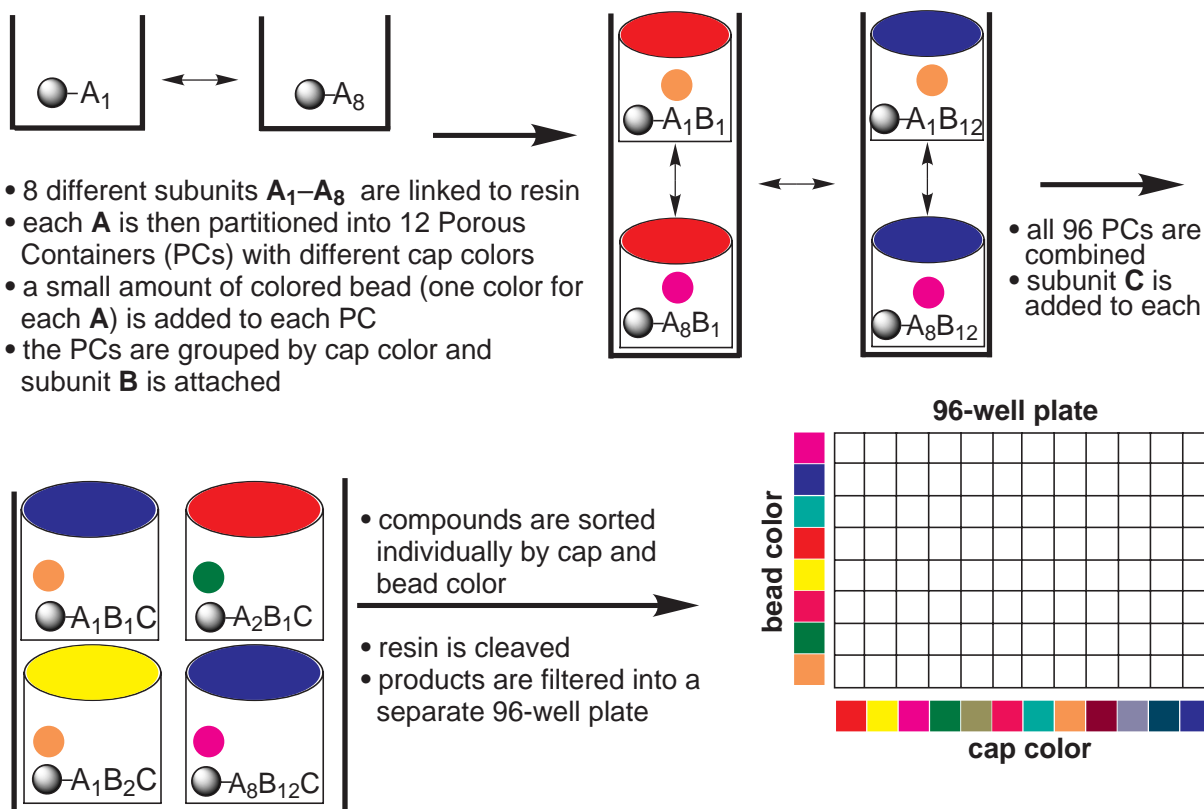
- Radiofrequency memory chips allow libraries to be tagged in a machine-readable form
- The chips (8 x 1 mm) can be incorporated into various reaction platforms (e.g. beads, tubes, bags, pins or cans)



Nova, M.; Nicolau, K. C. *et al. Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Eng.* **1995**, *34*, 2289.

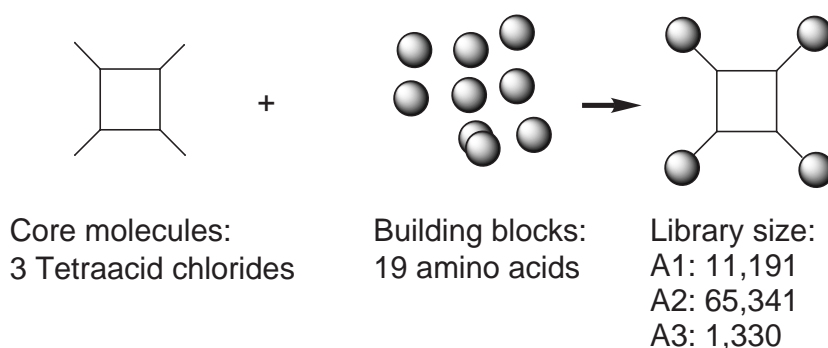
Armstrong, R. W. *et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1995**, *117*, 10787.

## Noncovalent Color-Coding Strategy



Guiles, J. W. *et al. Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Eng.* **1998**, *37*, 926.

## One-Step Mixture Synthesis and Deconvolution "Activated Core Approach"



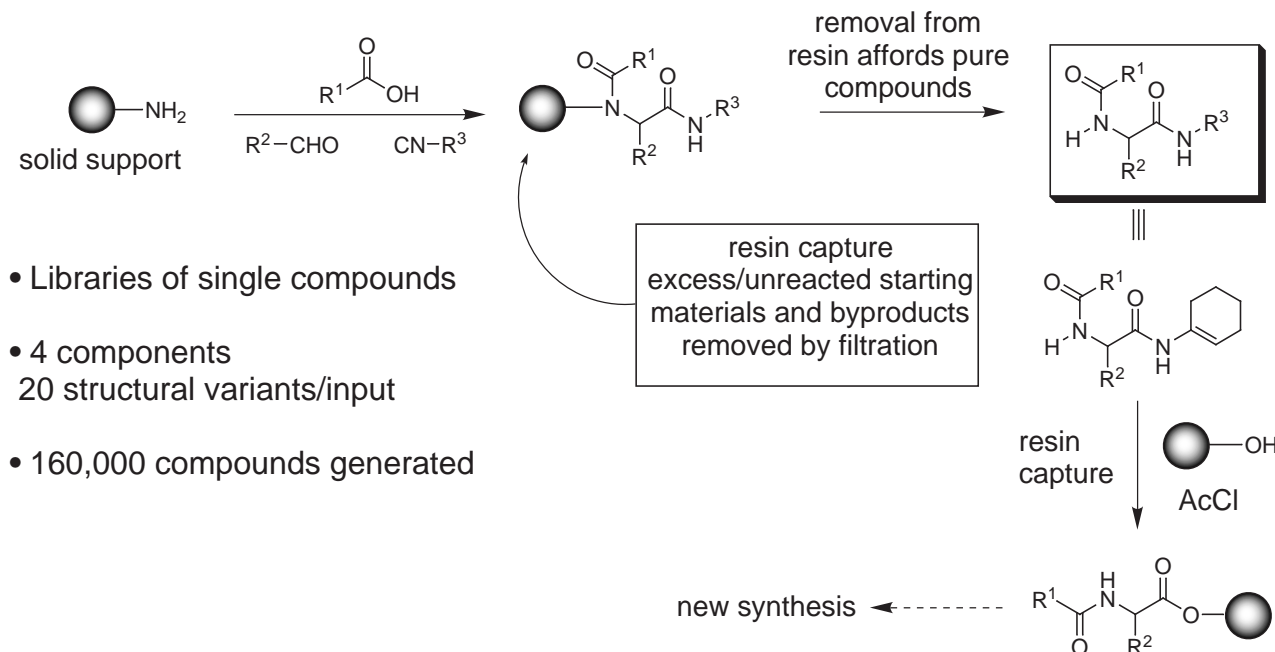
### Deconvolution by Omission Resynthesis

1. Libraries A1–A3 to find best core molecule
2. Sublibraries B1–B6 to find best 9 building block amino acids (AA)
3. Sublibraries C1–C7 to check if the selected 9 AA are the best combination
4. Sublibraries D1–D9 to find the best 5 AA
5. Sublibraries E1–E7 to find the best 3 or 4 groupings of the 5 AA
6. Sublibraries F1–F6 to find the best relative position of the 4 AA on the core
7. Single compounds G1–G3 synthesized and the best inhibitor of trypsin determined

Rebek, J. Jr., *et al. Chem. Biol.* **1995**, *2*, 171.

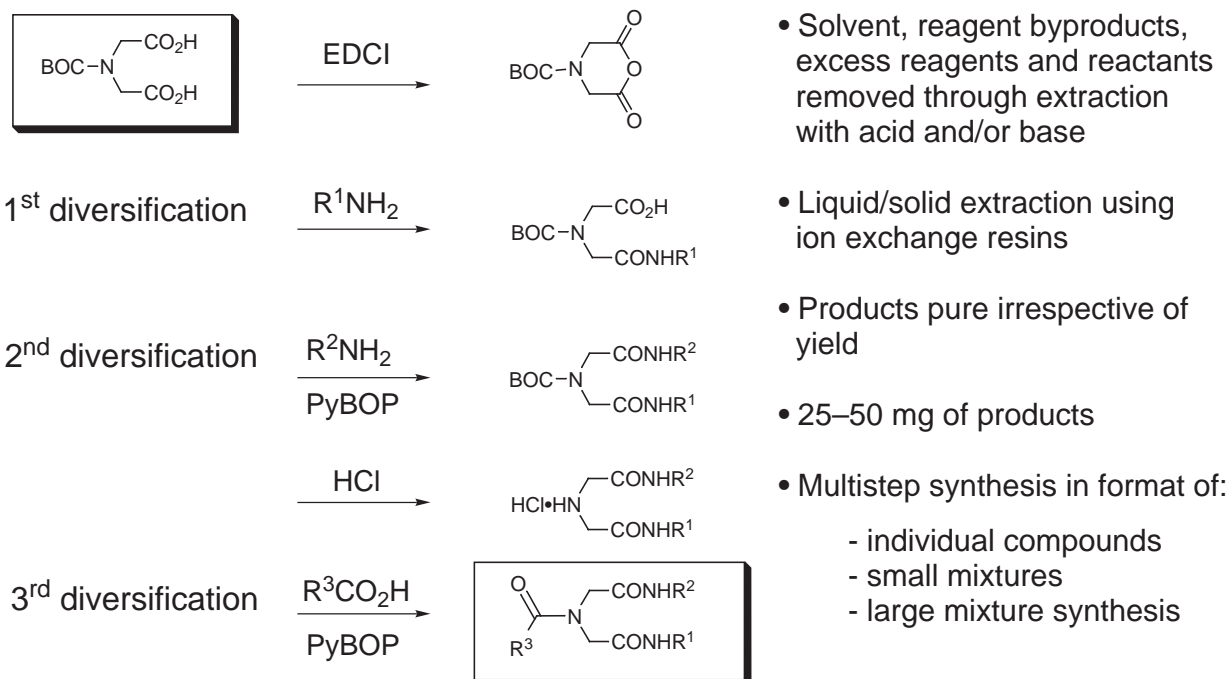


## Multicomponent One-Step Mixture Synthesis



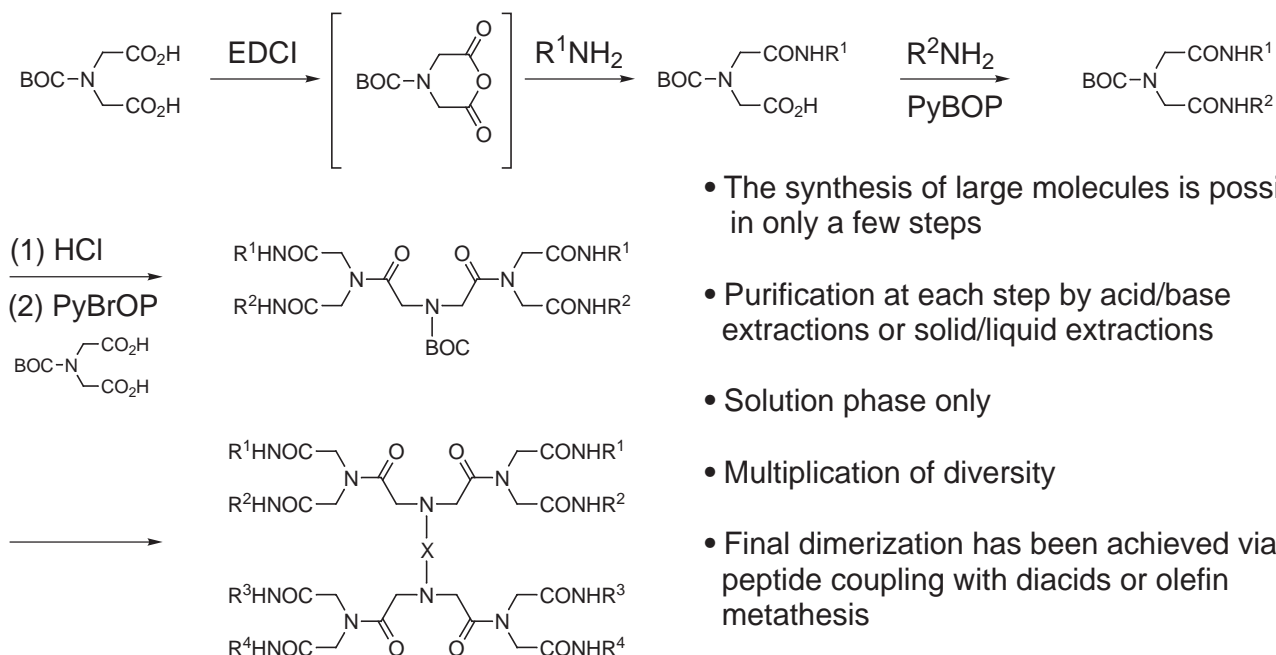
Armstrong, R.W. *et al. Acc. Chem. Res.* **1996**, *29*, 123.  
Ugi, I. *et al. Endeavour* **1994**, *18*, 115.

## Multistep Solution Phase Synthesis of Combinatorial Libraries Purification via Liquid/Liquid or Liquid/Solid Extraction



Boger, D. L. *et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1996**, *118*, 2567.

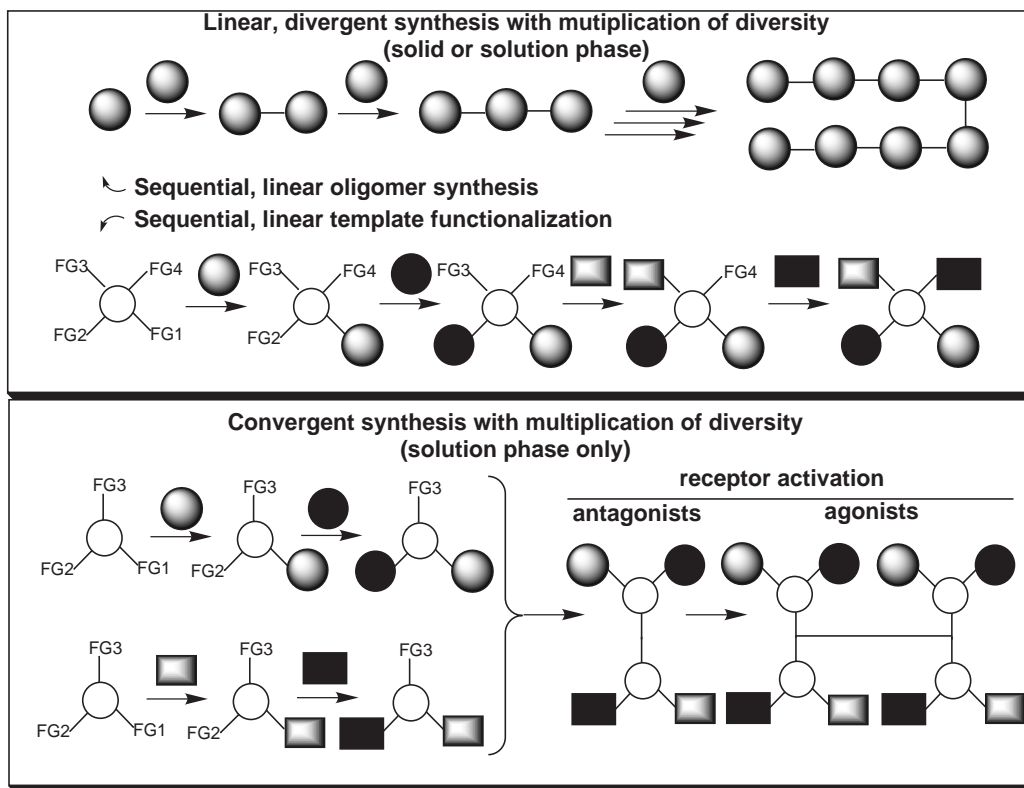
## Multistep Convergent Solution Phase Combinatorial Synthesis



- The synthesis of large molecules is possible in only a few steps
- Purification at each step by acid/base extractions or solid/liquid extractions
- Solution phase only
- Multiplication of diversity
- Final dimerization has been achieved via peptide coupling with diacids or olefin metathesis

Boger, D. L. *et al. Tetrahedron* **1998**, *54*, 3955.

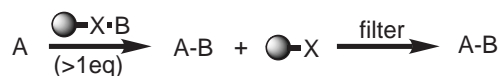
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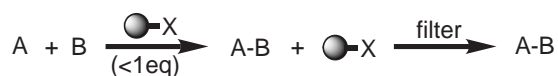
## Polymer Supported Scavenging Reagents

### I. polymer-supported stoichiometric reagents



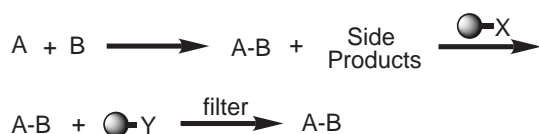
- Solve the purification problem in mixture synthesis

### II. polymer-supported catalytic reagents



- Entrain impurities upon completion of solution-phase reactions, either covalently or ionically

### III. polymer-supported scavenging reagents (excess reagents, starting materials)

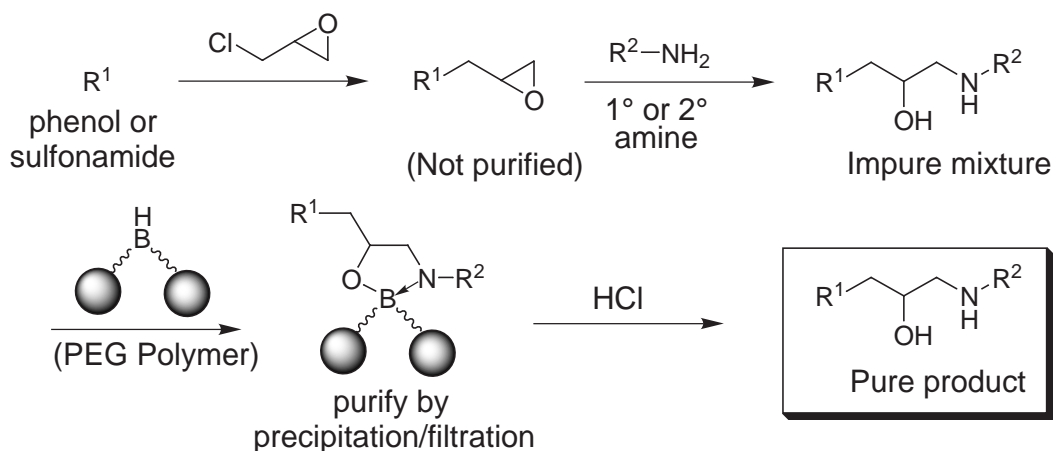


- Covalent scavengers: nucleophile-electrophile
- Ionic scavengers: a series of anion and cation exchange resins (liquid-solid extraction)

Boger, D. L. *et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1996**, *118*, 2567.  
Flynn, D. L. *et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1997**, *119*, 4874.  
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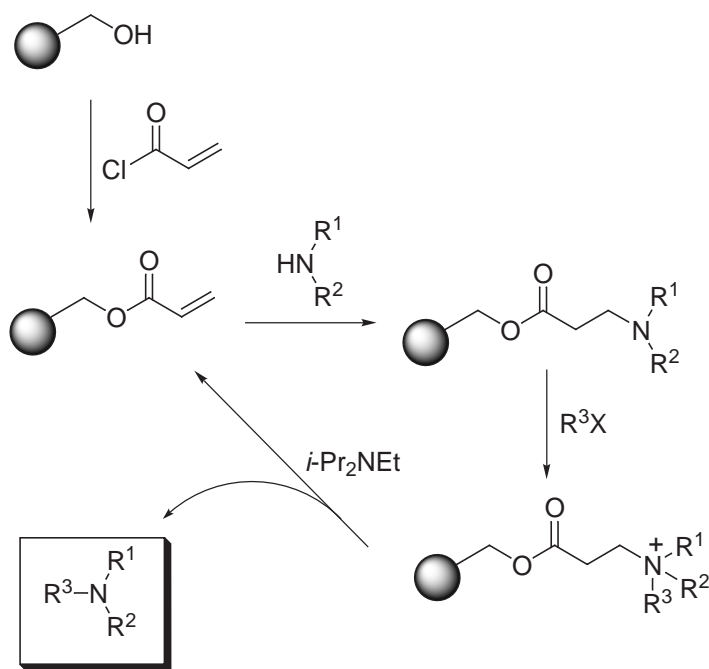
## Resin Capture of Product ("Fishing Out" Principle)

- Libraries of  $\beta$ -amino alcohols are synthesized by parallel synthesis in solution
- Purification is achieved by "fishing out" the desired products with a PEG-bound dialkylborane
- Precipitation of the polymer-bound product allows the removal of unreacted starting materials and any byproducts
- Treatment with HCl releases the product from the polymer support in high purity



Janda, K. D. *et al. J. Org. Chem.* **1997**, *63*, 889.

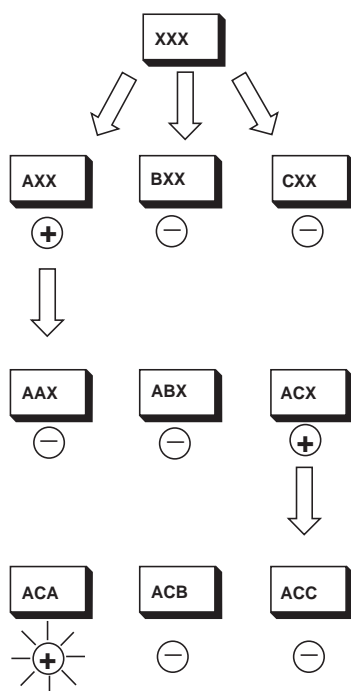
## Resin Release Only of Product



- A wide range of 3° amines can be synthesized on solid support
- The product is released via  $\beta$ -elimination
- Only the activated (quaternary) product is released, ensuring purities >95%
- After cleavage of product, the resin is regenerated and can be reused

Morphy, J. R. *et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1997**, 119, 3288.

## Iterative Deconvolution



## SURF Deconvolution (Synthetic Unrandomization of Randomized Fragments)

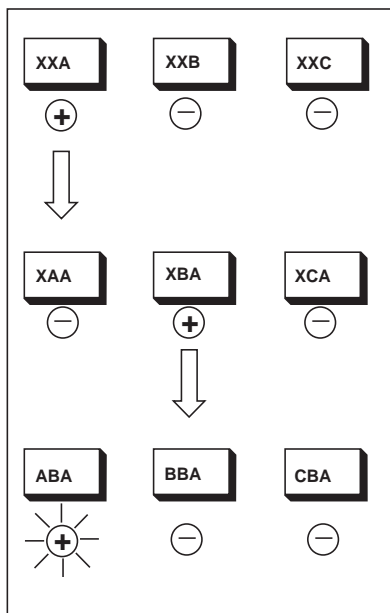
- Iterative deconvolution was first applied to peptide libraries
- The SURF procedure was described for nucleotide libraries
- Libraries are synthesized on solid phase by split synthesis
- Repetitive synthesis and screening of increasingly simplified sets.
- At each step of the deconvolution an additional position is known
- Activity increases at each step, enhancing the accuracy of identification
- Most potent library member guaranteed to be found and multiple hits lead to multiple parallel deconvolutions
- Time between synthesis of libraries and hit identity long and cumbersome

Houghten, R. A. *et al. Nature* **1991**, 354, 84.

Ecker, D. J. *et al. Nucleic Acids Res.* **1993**, 21, 1853.

## Recursive Deconvolution

- The library (XXX) is synthesized by split synthesis
- At each stage 1/3 of the material is stored and labeled as a partial library
- These stored partial libraries are used to deconvolute the full library



Test 3 pools for activity

Couple **A** to saved and catalogued **XA**, **XB**, and **XC**

Test 3 pools for activity

Couple **BA** to saved and catalogued **A**, **B** and **C**

Test 3 pools for activity

Janda, K. D. *et al. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA*  
1994, 91, 11422.

## Positional Scanning of Synthetic Peptide Combinatorial Libraries

- Deconvolution libraries produced upfront for testing
- Identifies most active residue at each position in one round of testing
- Screen looking for increases in activity
- This combination is not always the most potent (ca. 20–40% of time)
- Best for identifying multiple hits in a library including weak activities
- Requires mixture synthesis, not suited for solid phase

O1	X	X	X	X	X-NH <sub>2</sub>
X	O2	X	X	X	X-NH <sub>2</sub>
X	X	O3	X	X	X-NH <sub>2</sub>
X	X	X	O4	X	X-NH <sub>2</sub>
X	X	X	X	O5	X-NH <sub>2</sub>
X	X	X	X	X	O6-NH <sub>2</sub>

**O = individual component**

**X = mixture**

Houghten, R. A. *et al. Nature* 1991, 354, 84.

## Deletion Synthesis Deconvolution

- Deconvolution libraries produced upfront for testing
- Identifies most active residues at each position in one round of testing
- Screen library for loss of activity versus full mixture
- Best at identifying potent hits in a library, poor at identifying weak or multiple hits
- Requires mixture synthesis, not suited for solid phase
- Also suited for symmetrical libraries not capable of being addressed by scanning deconvolution

<b>dA1</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>dC1</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>dA2</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>dC2</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>dA3</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>dC3</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>dA4</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>dC4</b>	<b>X</b>

<b>X</b>	<b>dB1</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>dD1</b>
<b>X</b>	<b>dB2</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>dD2</b>
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<b>X</b>	<b>dB4</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>dD4</b>

**dA1** = mixture minus A1 (delete A1)

**X** = mixture

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## Solid Phase or Solution Phase Combinatorial Synthesis?

### Solid Phase

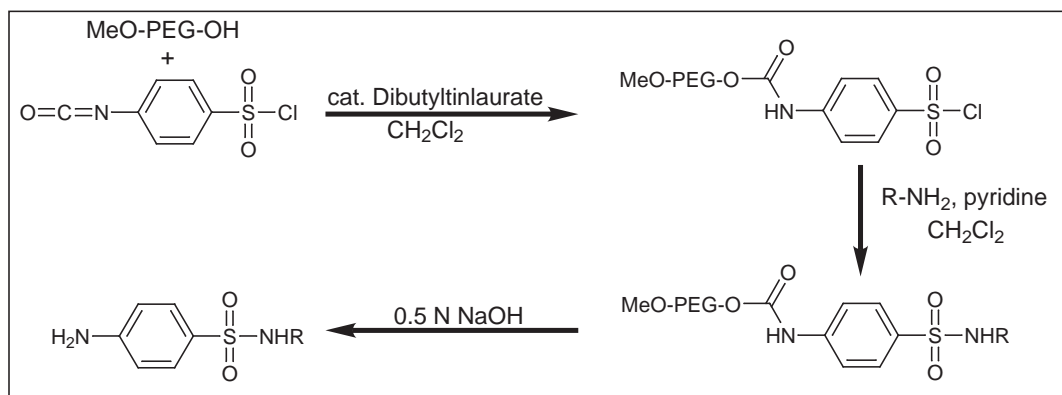
- + Simple removal of excess reagents and reactants
- + Automation straightforward
- + Split and mix synthesis
- + Pseudo-dilution effects
- Adapt chemistry to solid phase and develop linking/cleaving strategies
- Reaction monitoring difficult
- No purification possible
- Linear, cannot conduct convergent synthesis
- Limited scale
- Cannot conduct mixture synthesis

### Solution Phase

- + Chemistry not limited by support or linker
- + Monitor by traditional techniques
- + Purification possible after each step
- + Unlimited amounts (scales) available
- + Avoids extra steps for linking, etc
- + Automation by liquid-liquid techniques
- + Mixture or parallel synthesis
- + Convergent or linear synthesis
- Removal of excess reagents and reactants limits scope

## Combinatorial Synthesis Using Soluble Polymers

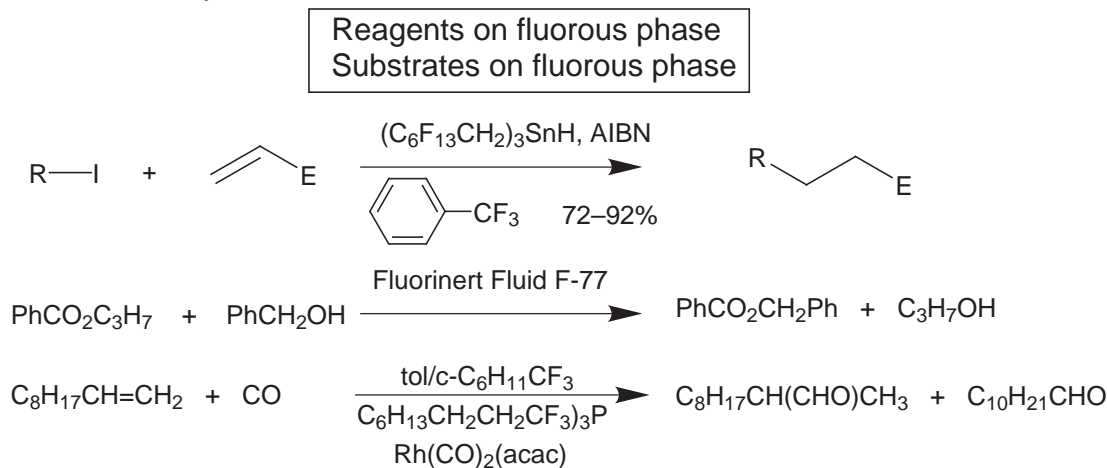
- Reactions were performed in the homogeneous liquid-phase solution using soluble polymer (MeO-PEG: polyethylene glycol monomethyl ether)
- Homogeneous reaction conditions overcome the difficulties of solid-phase combinatorial synthesis
- Isolation can be accomplished by precipitation at each stage
- Intermediates can be purified by conventional means (e.g. chromatography)
- Analysis of intermediates is possible by conventional means (e.g. NMR)



Janda, K. D. *et al. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* **1995**, *92*, 6419.

## Fluorous Phase Combinatorial Synthesis

- Fluorous liquids: Immiscible with both water and organic solvents
- Simple purification of products by three-phase liquid-liquid extraction
- Accomplishment of a series radical addition by homogeneous fluorous-phase combinatorial synthesis



Curran, D. P. *et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1996**, *118*, 2531; *Chemtracts, Org. Chem.* **1996**, *9*, 75.  
*Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Eng.* **1998**, *37*, 1175.

## A Combinatorial Approach to Materials Discovery

Application of the combinatorial approach to the discovery of new solid-state materials with novel physical or chemical properties such as magnetoresistance or high-temperature superconductance.

Substrates: polished MgO or LaAlO<sub>3</sub> single crystals

Sputtering Targets: CuO, Bi<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, CaO<sub>3</sub>, PbO, SrCO<sub>3</sub>, Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, and BaCO<sub>3</sub>

Generation of a 128-member binary library using 7 deposition-masking steps

Superconducting materials: BiSrCaCuO<sub>x</sub> and YBa<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>O<sub>x</sub>



(Binary masks used for library synthesis)

Schultz, P. G. *et al. Science* **1995**, *268*, 1738.

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## Comparison of Combinatorial Chemistry Techniques

Technique	Single compound /mixture	Speed of synthesis	SAR retrieval	Utility
parallel synthesis	single	slow	fast	lead optimization
mixture synthesis (scanning/deletion deconvolution)	mixture	fast	slow (fast)	lead identification
parallel arrayed mixture	mixture	moderate	moderate	lead identification
split and mix	mixture (one compound per bead)	moderate	slow	lead identification lead optimization
chemically encoded mix and split	mixture (one compound per bead)	moderate	moderate	lead identification lead optimization
mix and sort (microreactors)	single	moderate	fast	lead optimization lead identification

Guiles, J. W. *et al. Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Eng.* **1998**, *37*, 926.