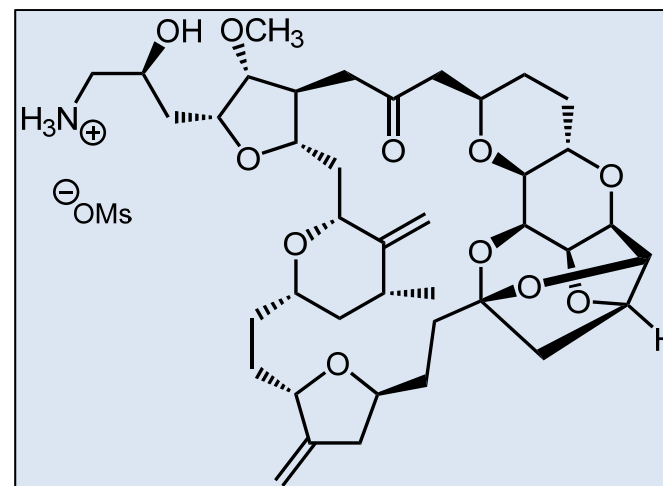


Prof. Dr. Thomas Lindel,  
TU Braunschweig, Institute of Organic Chemistry  
Class "*Strategies of Synthesis*"

- 1 Importance of Organic Synthesis
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- 5 Radical retrosynthesis



eribulin mesylate: a drug!

Wer nach Promotion und Auslands-Postdoktorat in der chemischen oder pharmazeutischen Industrie forschen will, beschäftige sich möglichst früh mit Organischer Synthese.

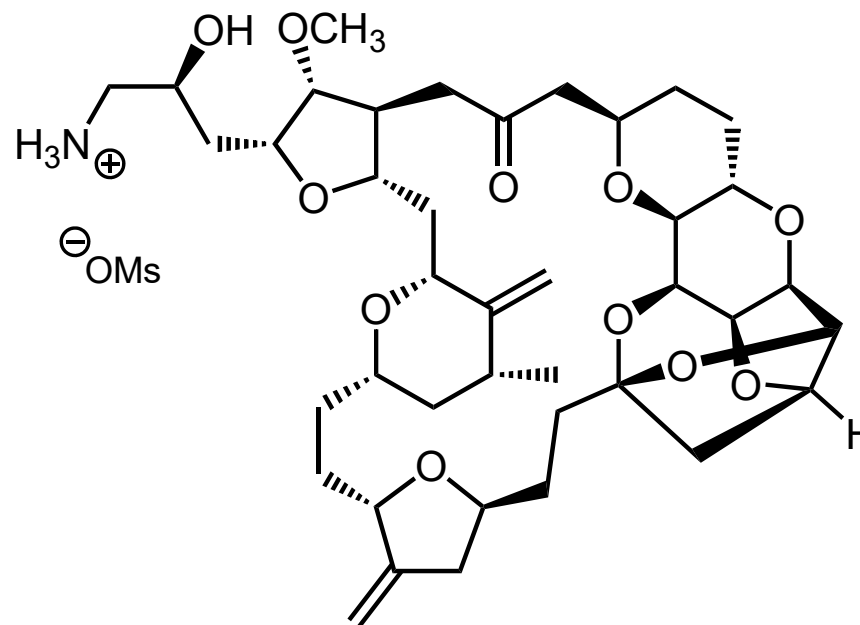
Wer Moleküle und deren Eigenschaften jenseits der Möglichkeiten lebender Systeme gezielt verändern möchte, der auch.

Ebenso der, der eigentlich lieber Architekt geworden wäre.

# 1 Importance of Organic Synthesis

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Eribulin mesylate, a microtubule destabilizing agent, has gained approval in the US for patients who have received at least two chemotherapeutic regimens for the treatment of metastatic breast cancer (MBC), with prior therapy including an anthracycline and a taxane.



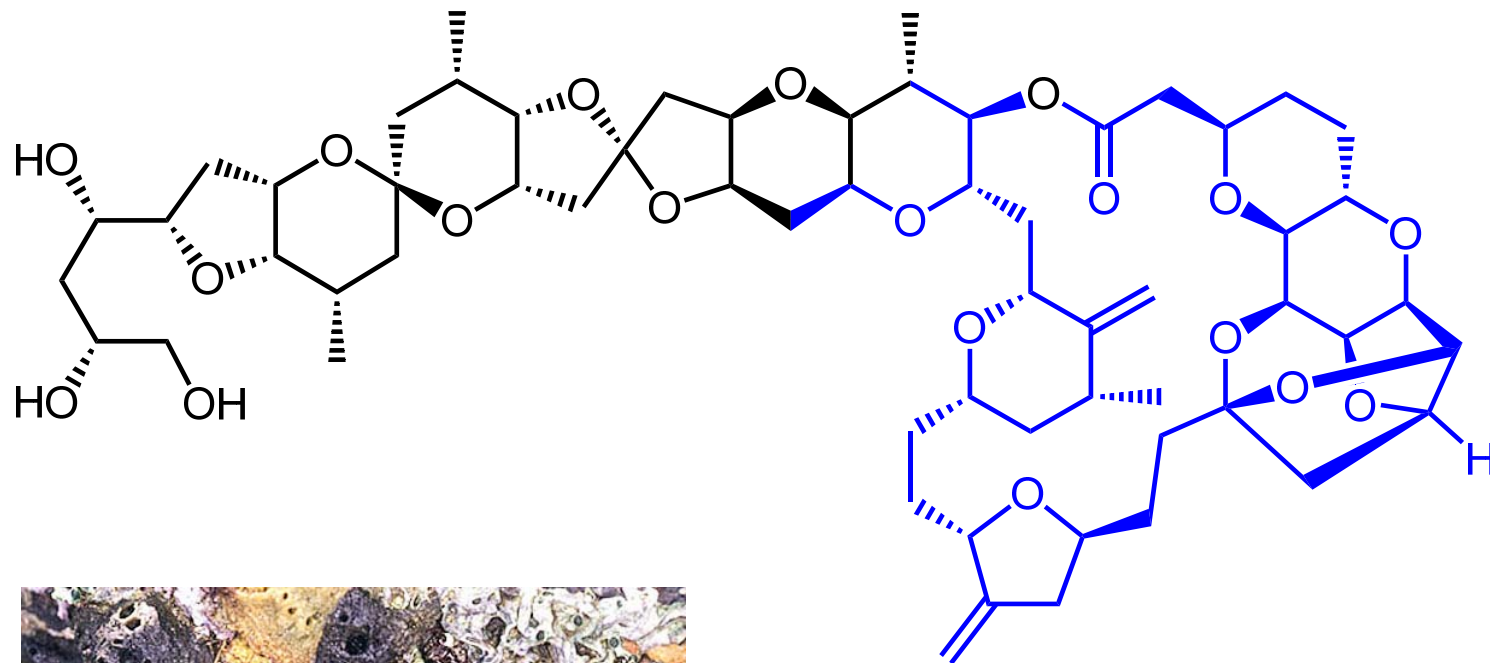
**Eribulin (E7389, Halaven)**  
antitumor

Mechanism:  
suppresses microtubule  
polymerization, but has no effect  
on microtubule depolymerization

eastern section of halichondrin B,  
made by Chemical Synthesis (62  
steps, based on Kishi's work, *JACS*  
**1992**, 3162)

# 1 Importance of Organic Synthesis

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**Halichondrin B**

from the sponge *Halichondria okadai*,  
isolation and structure elucidation: Uemura  
et al. 1985, cytotoxic ( $IC_{50} < 1$  nM)

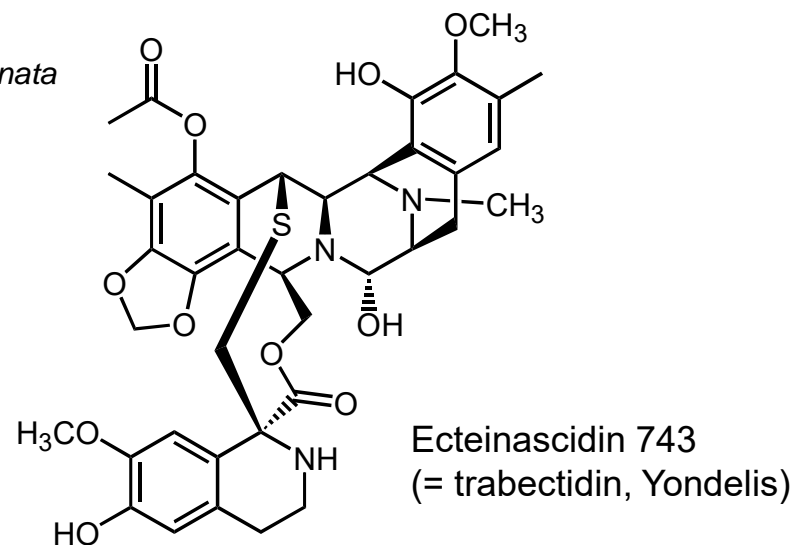


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ascidian  
*Ecteinascidia turbinata*  
(PharmaMar Inc., Madrid)



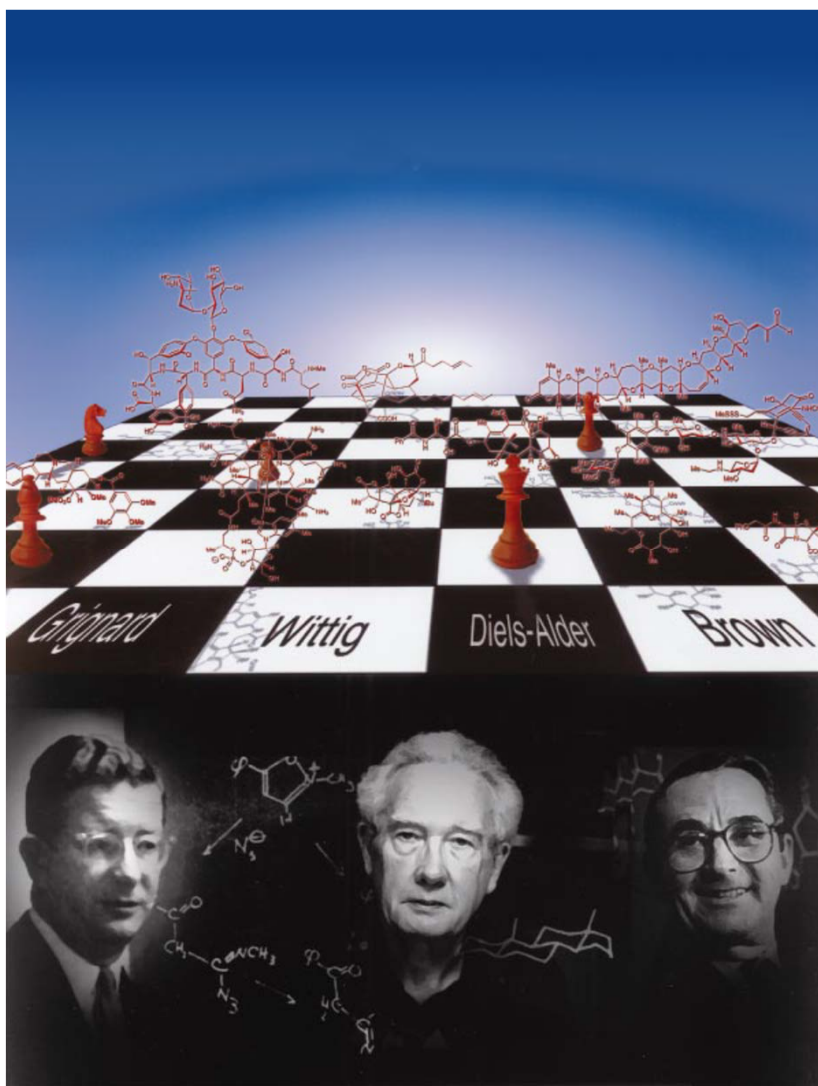
1986: isolation by Rinehart et al.

2007: EC approval for treatment of soft tissue sarcoma after failure of anthracyclines and ifosfamide

2009: EC approval for combination with pegylated liposomal doxorubicin for treatment of relapsed platinum-sensitive ovarian cancer

Review: D'Incalci and Galmarini, *Mol. Cancer Ther.* **2010**, 9, 2157

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Woodward

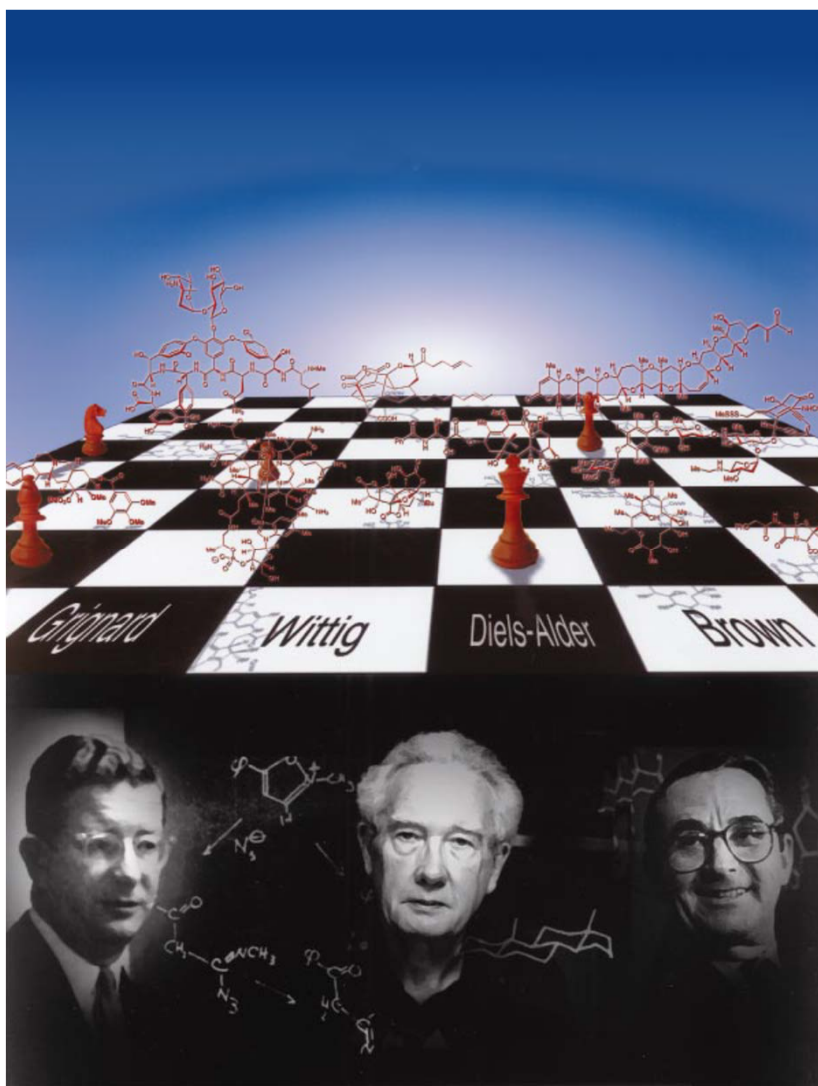
Barton

Corey

from: Nicolaou et al., *Angew. Chem.* **2000**, 46:  
"Der Stand der Totalsynthese zu Beginn des 21.  
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Total synthesis comprises the construction of natural products from commercially available starting materials.

# 1 Importance of Organic Synthesis



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## Why total synthesis?

Quantities of natural products

Structure elucidation

Access to derivatives

Isotopic labeling

Test of new synthetic methods

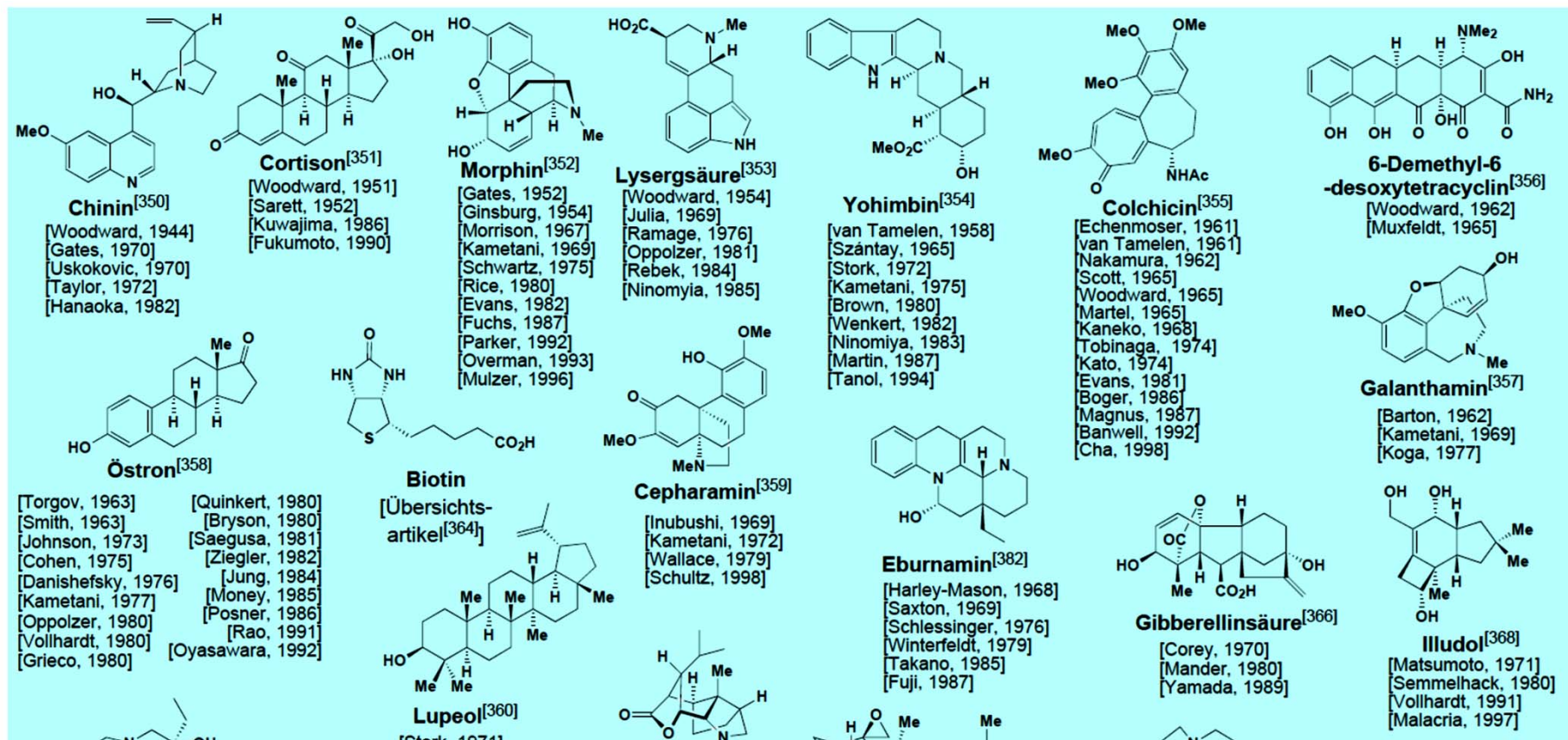
Inspiration for new chemistry

Fun

Education

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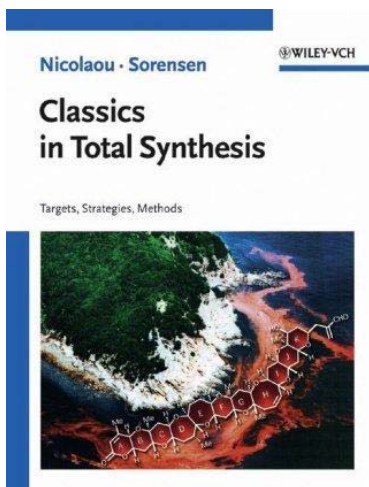
... there are more such Figures in the article ...



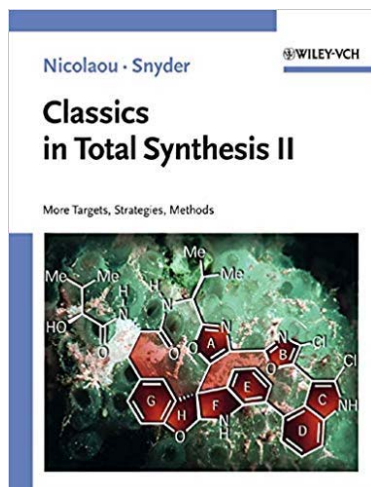
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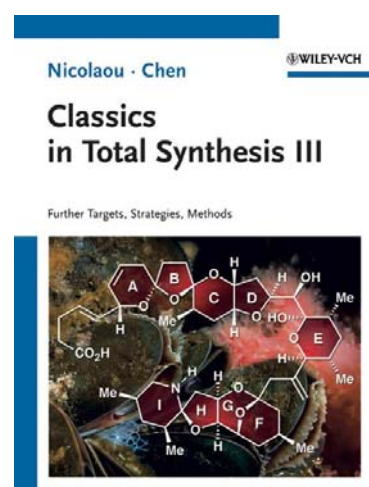
Recommended literature: as cited, but there are also good books on older beautiful examples:



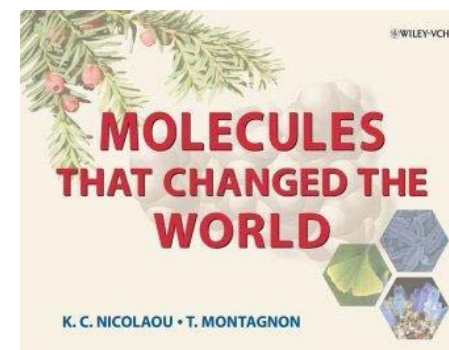
1996



2003



2011



Terpineol, Aspirin, Penicillin, Taxol(TM), D-Glucose, Urea, Camphor, Tropinone, Haemin, Morphine, Strychnine, Penicillin, Longifolene, Prostaglandins, Vitamin B12, Erythronolide, Monensin, Avermectin, Amphotericin, Ginkgolide, Cyclosporin, FK 506, Rapamycin, Calcheamicin, Palytoxin, Taxol, Mevacor, Zaragozic Acid, CP Molecules, Brevetoxin, Ecteinascidin, Epothilones, Resiniferatoxin, Vancomycin, Quinine

# 1 Importance of Organic Synthesis

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2007

1. Allgemeine Einleitung
2. Farbstoffe
  - 2.1 Indigo
  - 2.2 Purpur
  - 2.3 Alizarin
3. Riech- und Aromastoffe
  - 3.1 Damascon
  - 3.2 Jonon
  - 3.3 Jasminoide
  - 3.4 Menthol
  - 3.5 Vanillin
  - 3.6 Muscon
4. Aminosäuren
5. Pharmawirkstoffe
  - 5.1 ACE-Inhibitoren
  - 5.2  $\beta$ -Lactam-Antibiotika
  - 5.3 Opiate
  - 5.4 Tetrahydrocannabinol
  - 5.5 Aspirin
  - 5.6 Prostaglandine
  - 5.7 Tetrahydrolipstatin
  - 5.8 Coffein
6. Hormone
  - 6.1 Steroide
  - 6.2 Thyroxin
7. Vitamine
  - 7.1 Vitamin-A-Carotinoide
  - 7.2 Vitamin D
  - 7.3 Biotin
8. Pflanzenschutzmittel
  - 8.1 Aminosäureherbizide
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  - 8.3 Pyrethroide
  - 8.4 Pheromone

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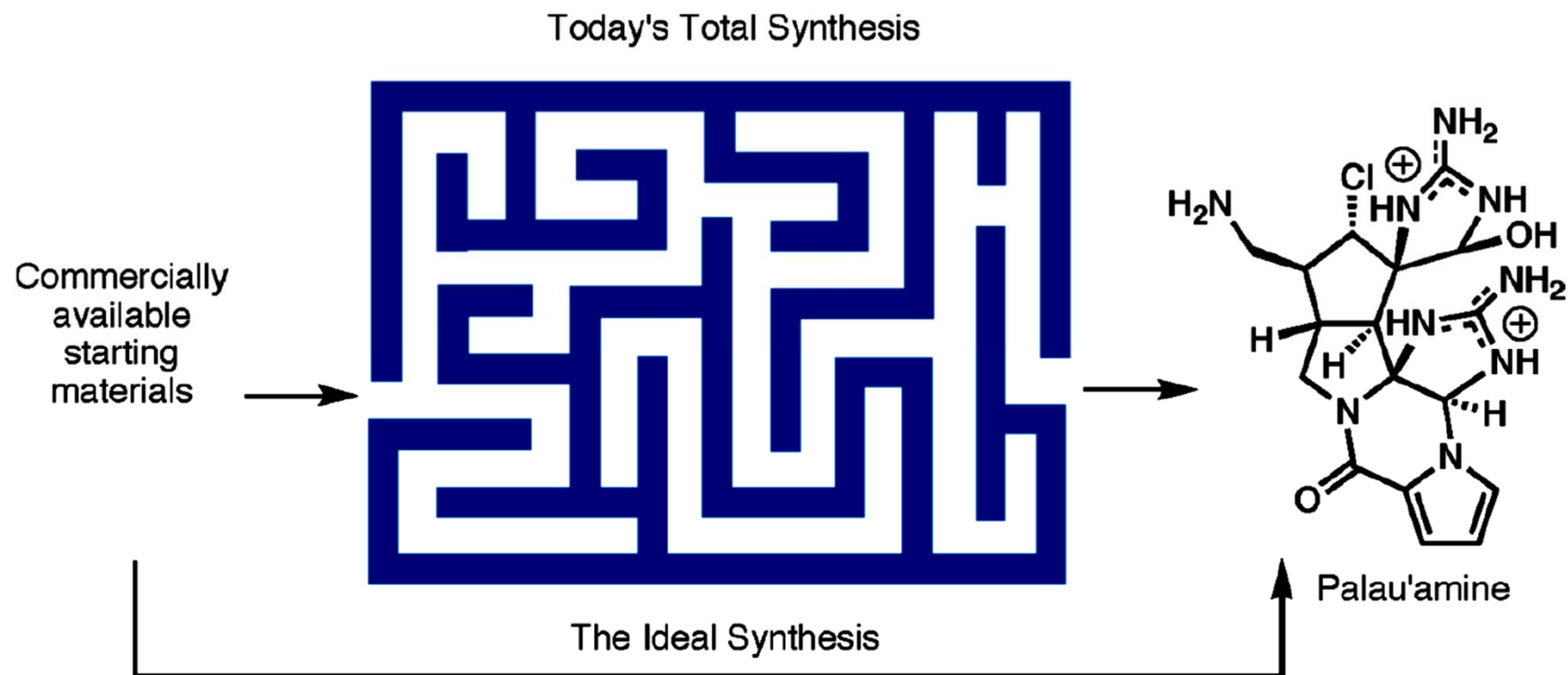
Name	Author	Year	Drugs	All
1-epiaustraline 3				
11-Gorgiacerol				
12R-ButenolideLabdane				
12R-DihydrofuranLabdane				
12R-Tetrahydrofrandiollabdane				
12R-ThiopheneoxideLabdane				
13-Desoxydelphonine				
18-epi-Latruncolol A				
19-Hydroxysarmentogenin				
2,18-Seco-Lankacidinol B				
2014				
205B				
3-Demethoxyerythratidinone				
4-Deacetyl Griseusin A				
6-Deoxyerythronolide B (2)				
6-epi-Ophiobolin N				
6-epo-Castanospermine				
7,20-Diisocyanoadociane				
7,8-epoxy-4-basmen-6-one				
7-Deoxyloganin				
7-Deoxypancratistatin (2)				
7-methyl Omuralide				
2032 sequences				

Background on methods is needed:  
training website "Chemistry by Design"

<http://chemistrybydesign.oia.arizona.edu/app.php>

## 2 Efficiency criteria

### Ideality of a synthesis



from Gaich, Baran, *JOC* **2010**, 4657; DOI: 10.1021/jo1006812

## 2 Efficiency criteria

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One way of defining the ideality of a synthesis:

$$\%ideality = \frac{[(\text{no. of construction rxns}) + (\text{no. of strategic redox rxns})]}{(\text{total no. of steps})} \times 100$$

*Construction reactions*, as defined by Hendrickson, are those which form skeletal bonds (C-C and C-heteroatom).

*Strategic redox reactions* [...] establish the correct functionality found in the final product, such as asymmetric oxidations and reductions or C-H oxidations.

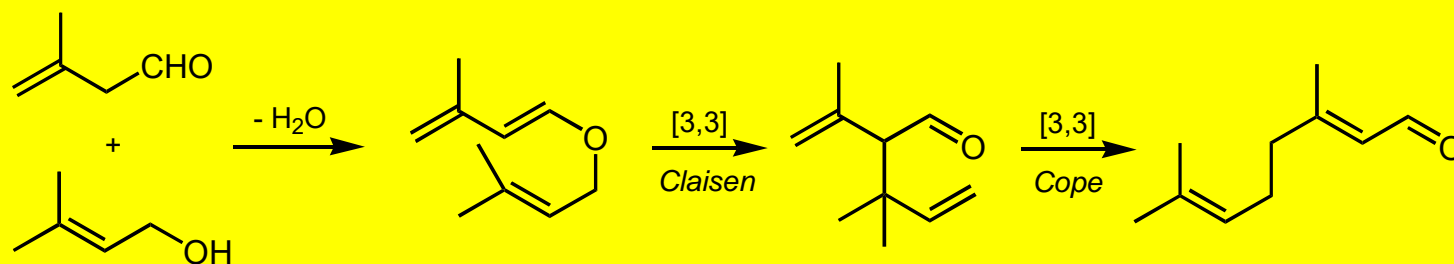
*Concession steps*: the rest (e. g. protecting group operations)

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## 2 Efficiency criteria

natural product	steps	non-strategic redox	PG manipulation	FGI	strategic redox	construction rxn.	% Ideality
palau'amine ( <b>16</b> )	25	6	4	7	1	7	32
axinellamines ( <b>18</b> )	25	5	5	6	2	7	36
massadines ( <b>17</b> )	25	5	4	7	2	7	36
sceptrin ( <b>19</b> )	11	2	2	3	1	3	36
stephacidin A ( <b>30</b> )	16	1	7	2	0	6	38
avrainvillamide ( <b>29</b> )	17	1	7	2	1	6	41
kapakahine F							
ageliferin ( <b>21</b> )							
nagelamide ( <b>22</b> )							
vinigrol ( <b>33</b> )							
stephacidin B							
chartelline C							
haouamine ( <b>34</b> )							
4- <i>epi</i> -ajanol (35)							
hydroxyeudesmanolide ( <b>36</b> )							
eudesmanetetraol ( <b>37</b> )	15	1	0	4	5	5	66
11- <i>epi</i> -eudesmanetetraol ( <b>37a</b> )	15	1	0	4	5	5	66
cortistatin A ( <b>32</b> )	15	1	2	2	6	4	66
fischerindole I ( <b>26a</b> )	8	0	0	2	2	4	75
hapalindole U ( <b>27a</b> )	4	0	0	1	1	2	75
psychotrimine ( <b>22</b> )	4	1	0	0	0	3	75
welwitindolinone A ( <b>25</b> )	9	0	0	2	3	4	78
ambiguine ( <b>27b</b> )	6	0	0	1	2	3	83

Industrial synthesis of citral (BASF):

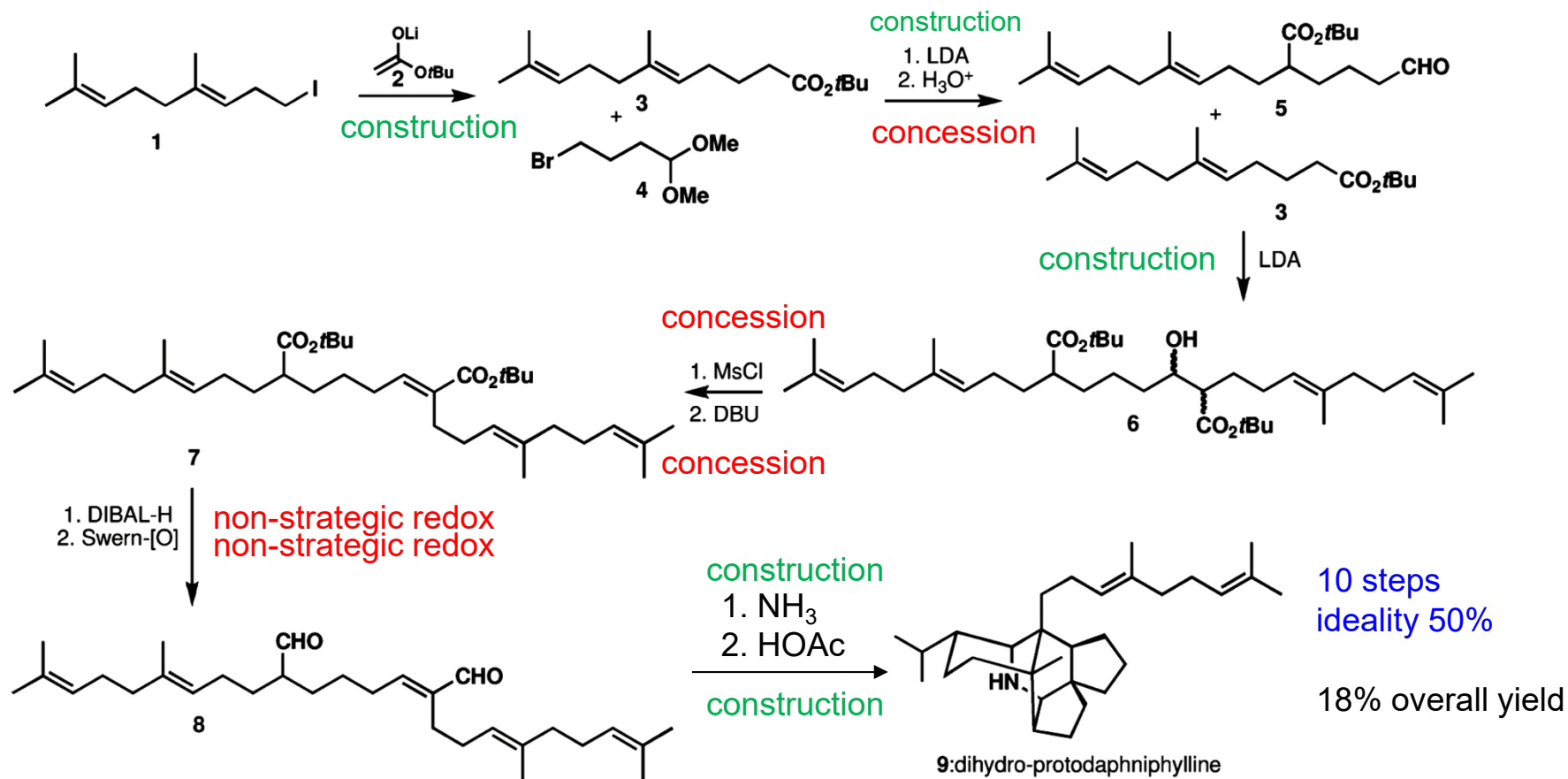


$$\% \text{ideality} = \frac{[(\text{no. of construction rxns}) + (\text{no. of strategic redox rxns})]}{(\text{total no. of steps})} \times 100$$

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## 2 Efficiency criteria

Heathcock et al., *Science* **1990**, 248, 1532: 50% Baran ideality

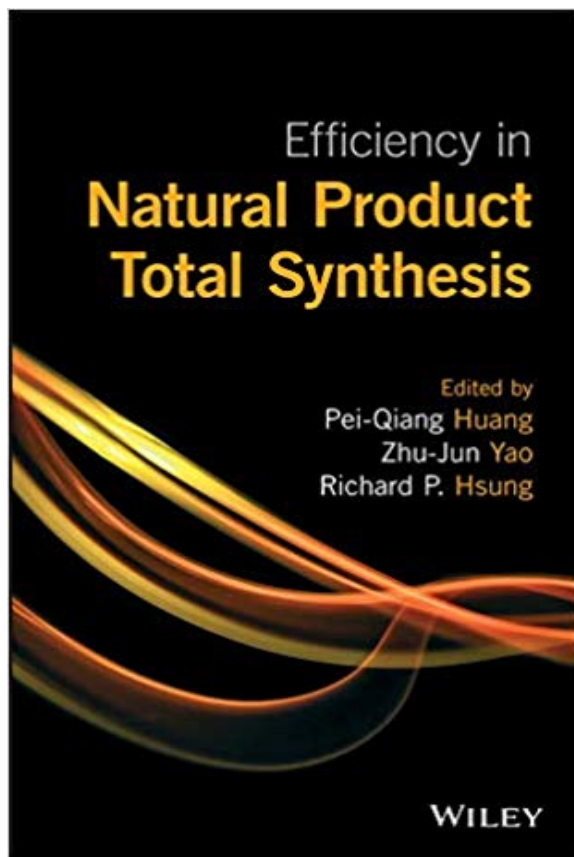


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## 2 Efficiency criteria

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Another way of defining the ideality of a synthesis: one step, 100%



2018

The key goal of research on the total synthesis of natural product is

**EFFICIENCY.**

("... to prevent the pursuit from being given up by society.")

Catalysis, no waste.

Utopy:

the ideal total synthesis comprises one step of 100% yield.



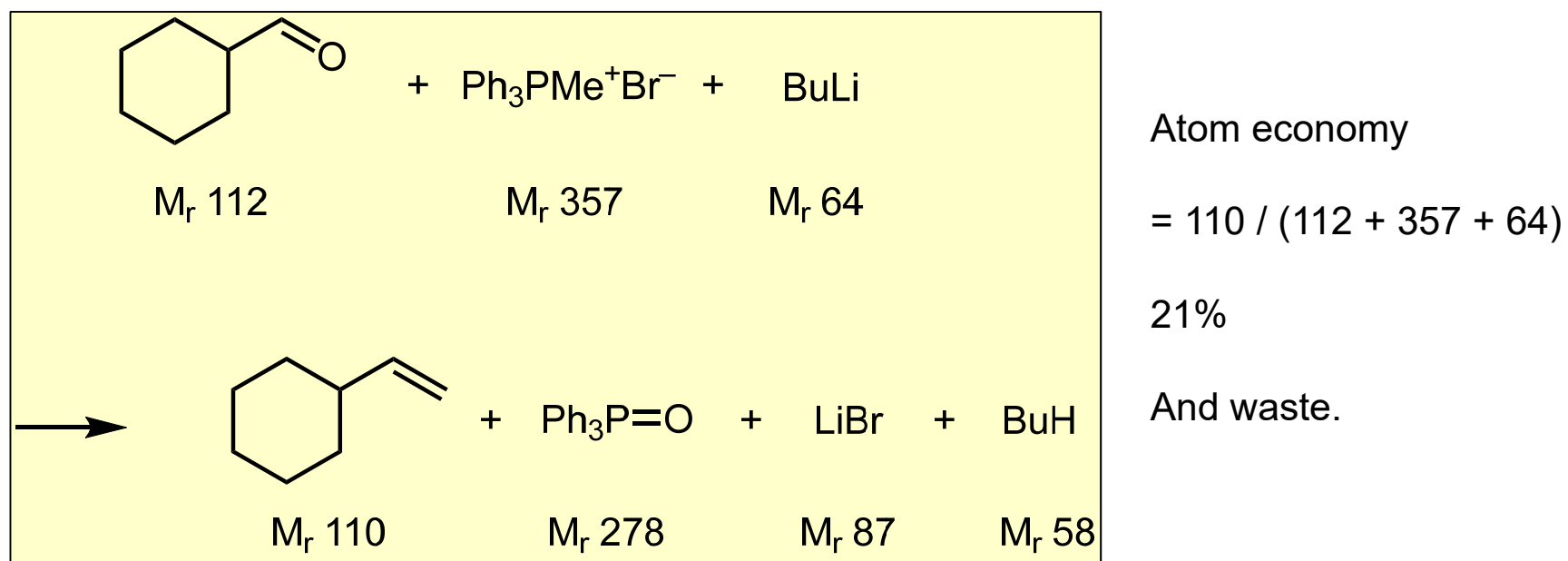
## 2 Efficiency criteria

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*Atom economy* = (molecular weight of desired product) / (molecular weight of all reactants)

Bad atom economy: Wittig olefination, Gabriel synthesis, Cannizzaro reaction, ...

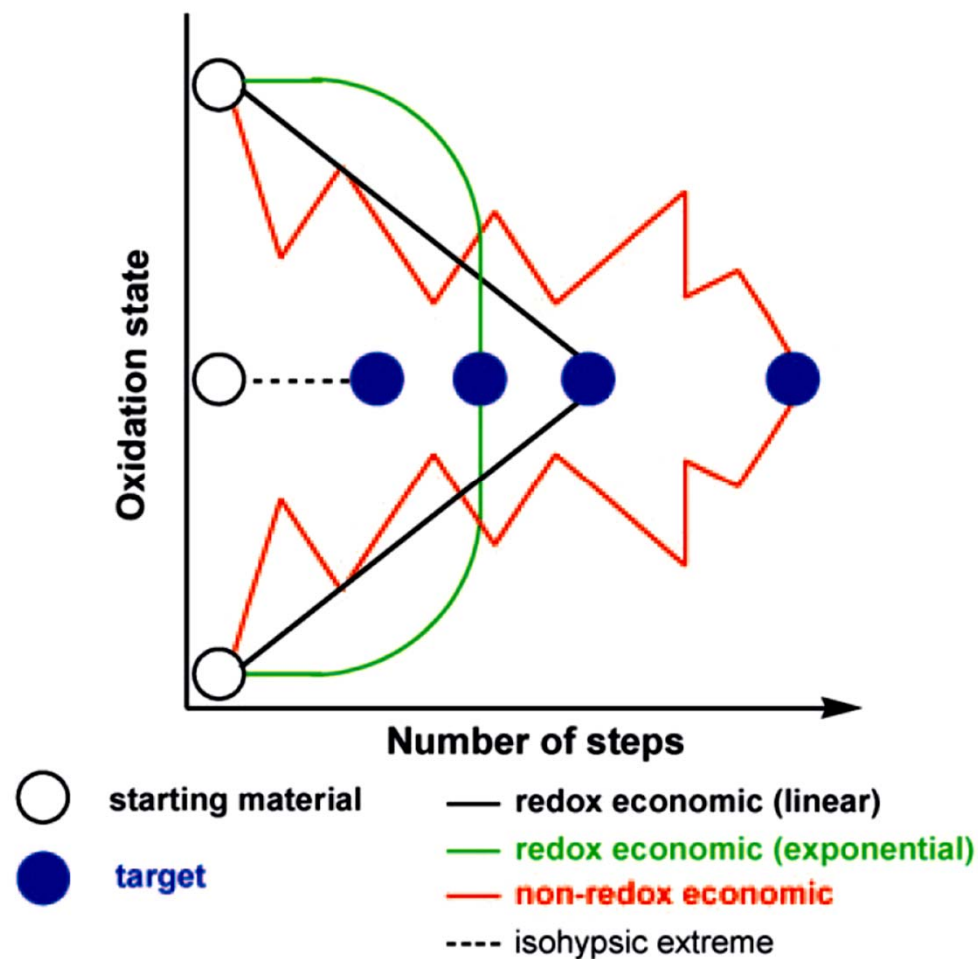
Good atom economy: pericyclic reactions, ...



## 2 Efficiency criteria

*redox economy*: "the overall oxidation level of intermediates should linearly escalate during assembly of the molecular framework."

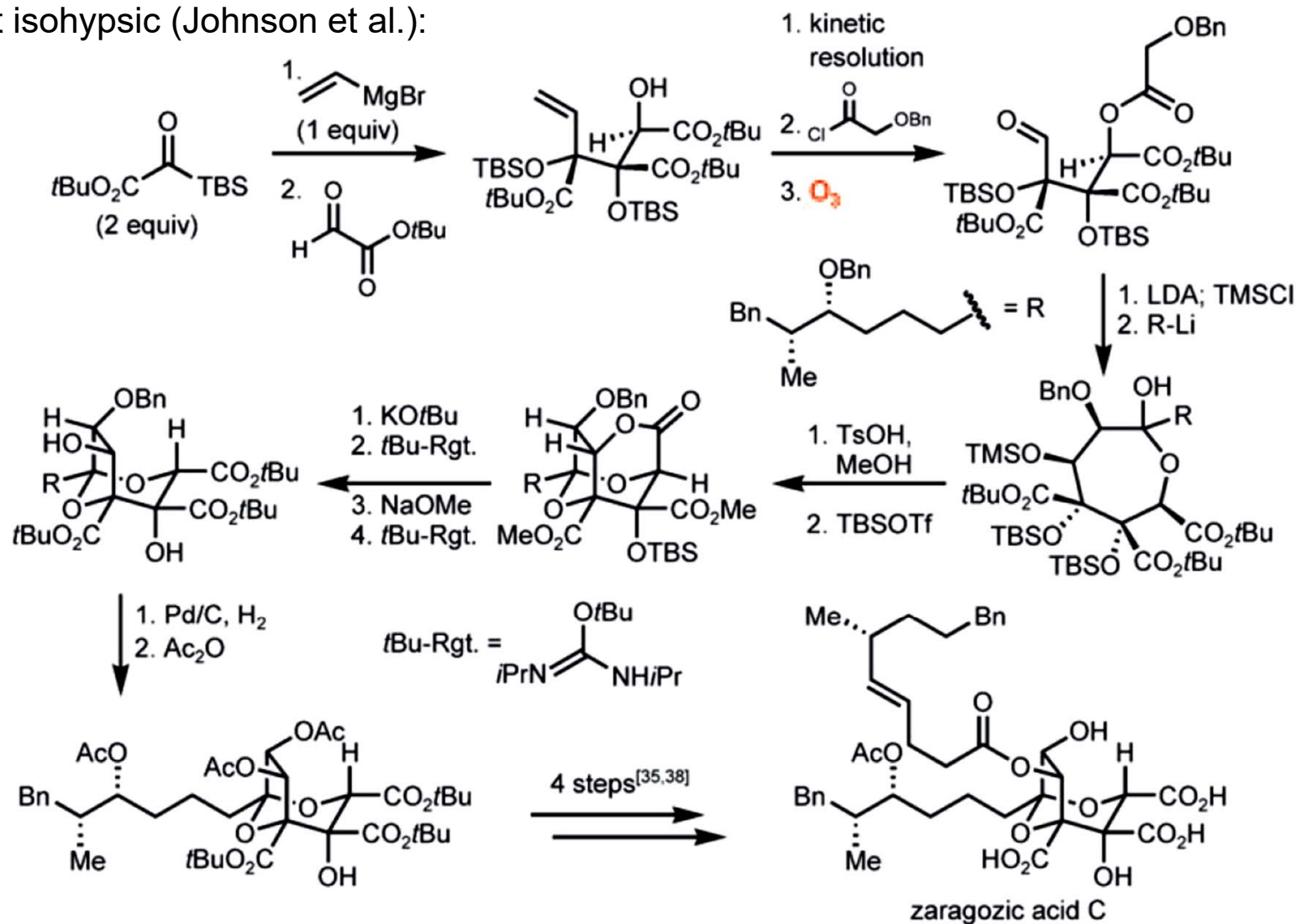
isohypsic = redox neutral



from Hoffmann, Baran, *ACIE* **2009**, 2854; DOI: 10.1002/anie.200806086

## 2 Efficiency criteria

Almost isohypsic (Johnson et al.):



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### 3 Non-radical retrosynthesis – 3.1 Basic cuts

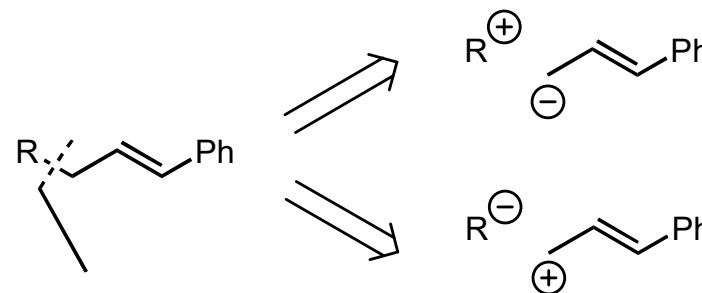
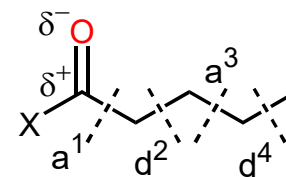
Natürliche Polung: Alternierende Partialladungen, ausgehend von einer polarisierten Bindung.

z. B.

Carbonyl-O-,  $\alpha$ -,  $\gamma$ -Position: neg. Partialladung (Donor-Synthon, "d")

Carbonyl-C-,  $\beta$ -,  $\delta$ -Position: pos. Partialladung (Akzeptor-Synthon, "a")

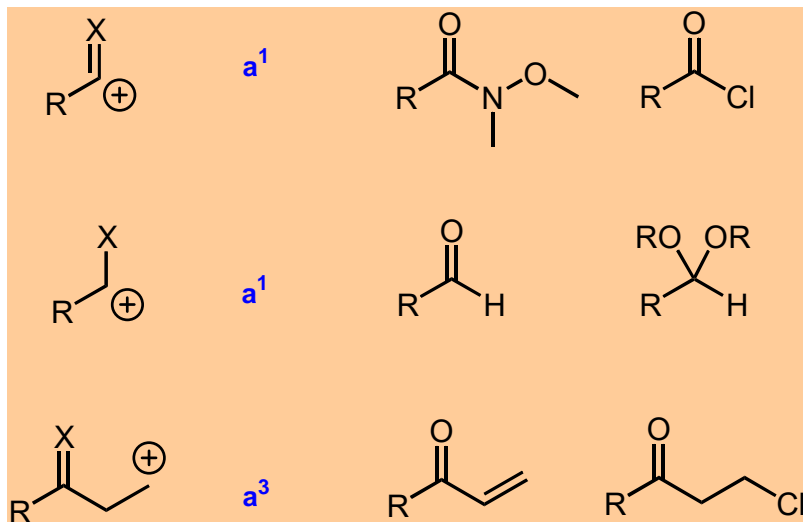
Polare Bindungsknüpfung: HOMO des Nucleophils + LUMO des Elektrophils (also 2 Möglichkeiten)



**Synthon:** Verallgemeinerter, durch Retrosynthese erhaltener Synthesebaustein, der ein Reaktionsprinzip verkörpert (Corey).

$d^n$  und  $a^m$ , (**d**: Donor, **a**: Akzeptor), wobei n und m den Abstand der reaktiven Stelle vom Heteroatom bezeichnen (Seebach). Das Synthon-Konzept beschränkt sich auf  $1 \leq n \leq 4$  und  $1 \leq m \leq 3$ .

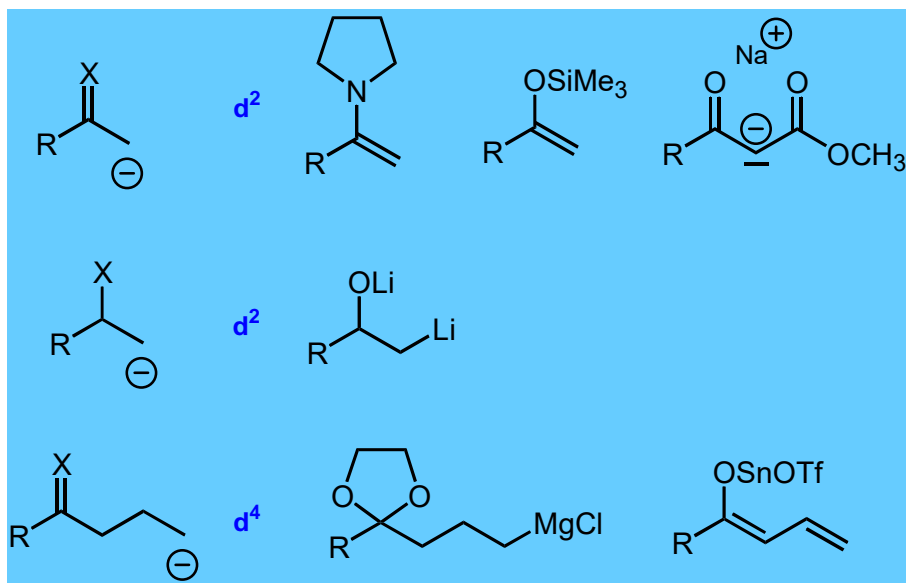
### 3 Non-radical retrosynthesis – 3.1 Basic cuts



e. g., Weinreb amides, acid chlorides

e. g., aldehydes, acetals

e. g.,  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated carbonyl cpds



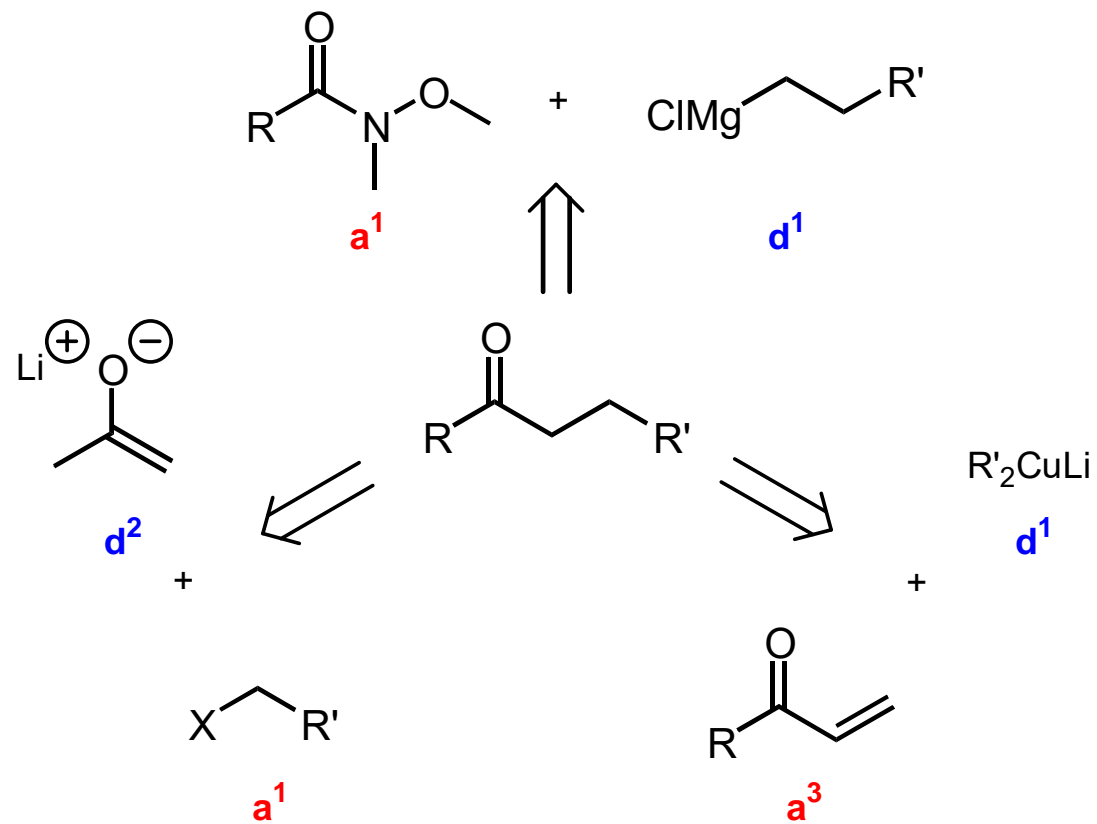
e. g., enamines, silyl enol ethers,  
 $\beta$ -ketoenolates

e. g., doubly deprotonated alcoholates

e. g., vinylogous metal enolates

### 3 Non-radical retrosynthesis – 3.1 Basic cuts

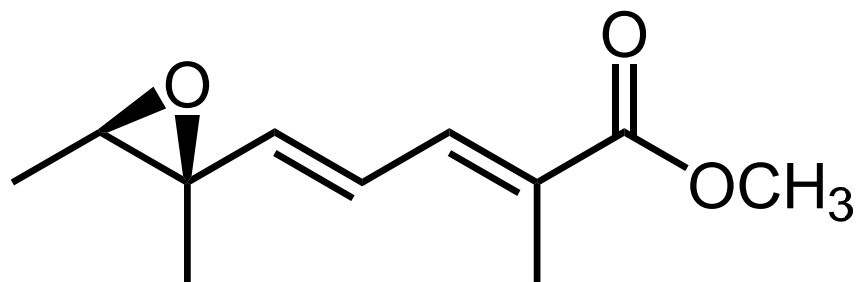
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### 3 Non-radical retrosynthesis – 3.1 Basic cuts

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How would you make this?



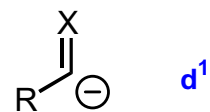
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Umpolung:

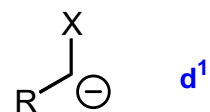
Umwandlung eines Donor-Synthons in ein Akzeptor-Synthon und umgekehrt

Ziel der Verknüpfung eines Donor-Akzeptor-Synthonpaars in geradem Bindungsabstand

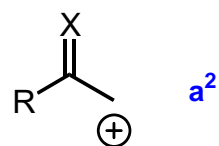
Häufigste Redoxumpolung ist die Einführung bzw. Entfernung zweier Elektronen (s. rechts).



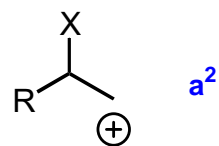
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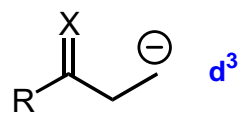
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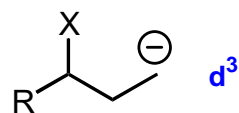
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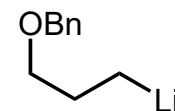
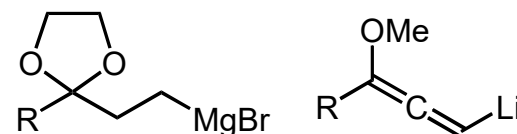
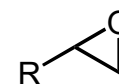
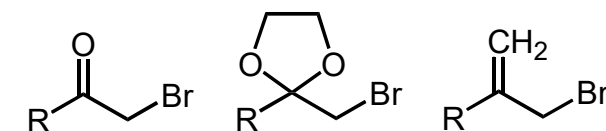
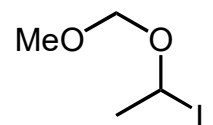
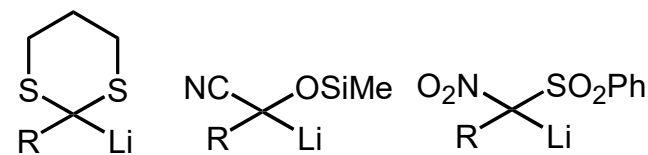
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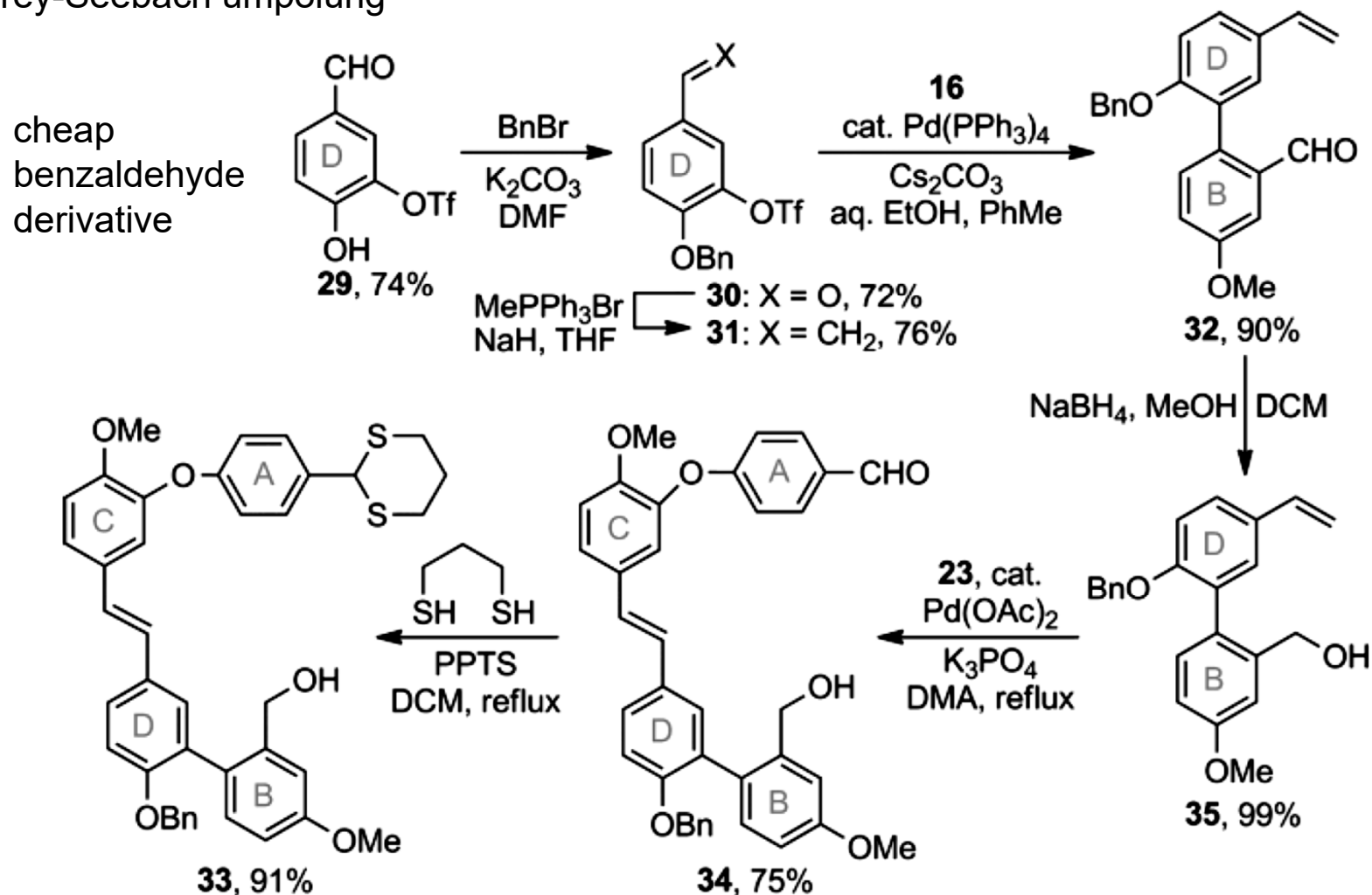
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### 3 Non-radical retrosynthesis – 3.1 Basic cuts

#### Corey-Seebach umpolung

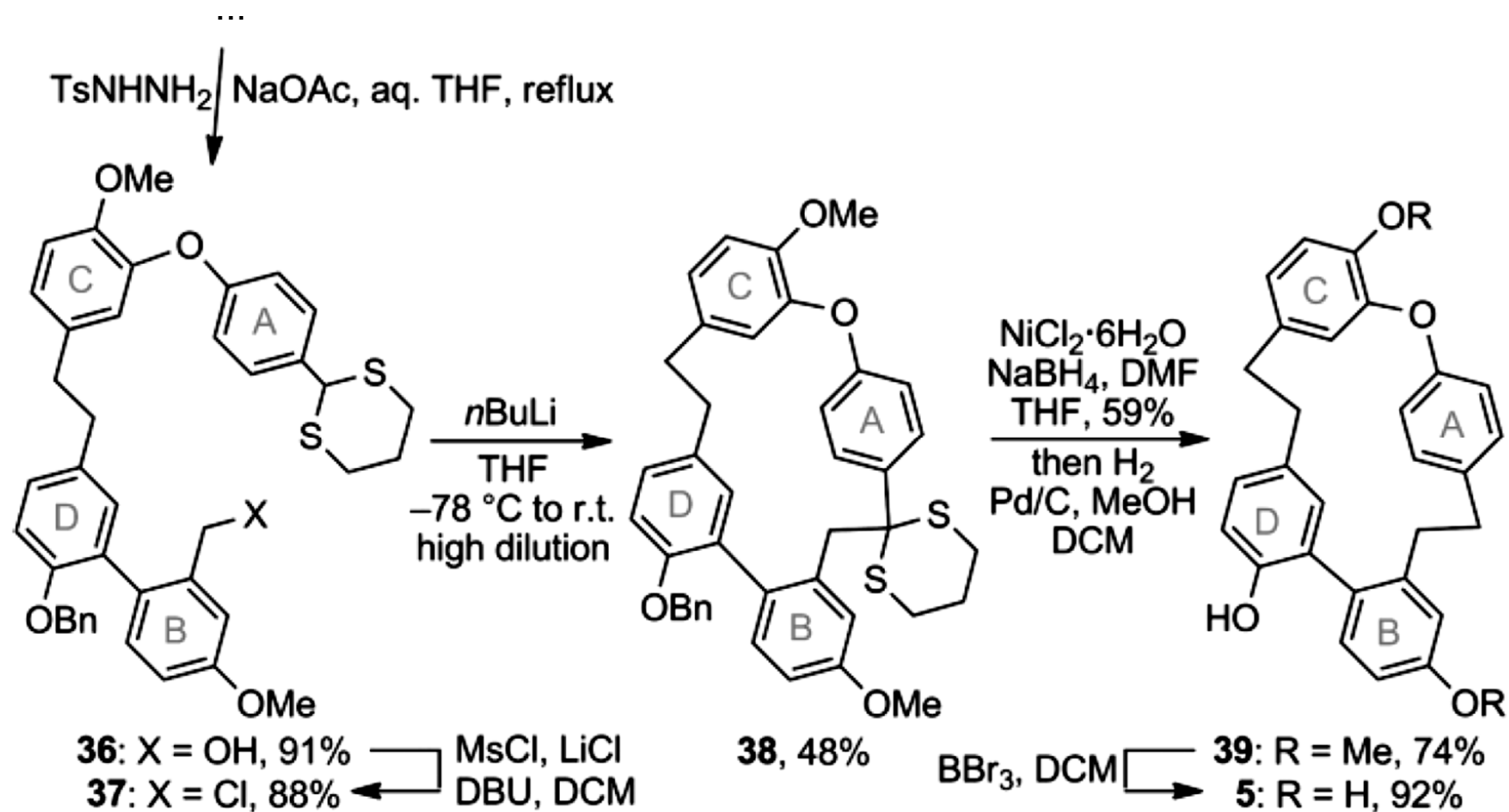


still not outdated ...

from: Harrowven et al., *EurJOC* **2016**, 5738

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Corey-Seebach umpolung: an old horse

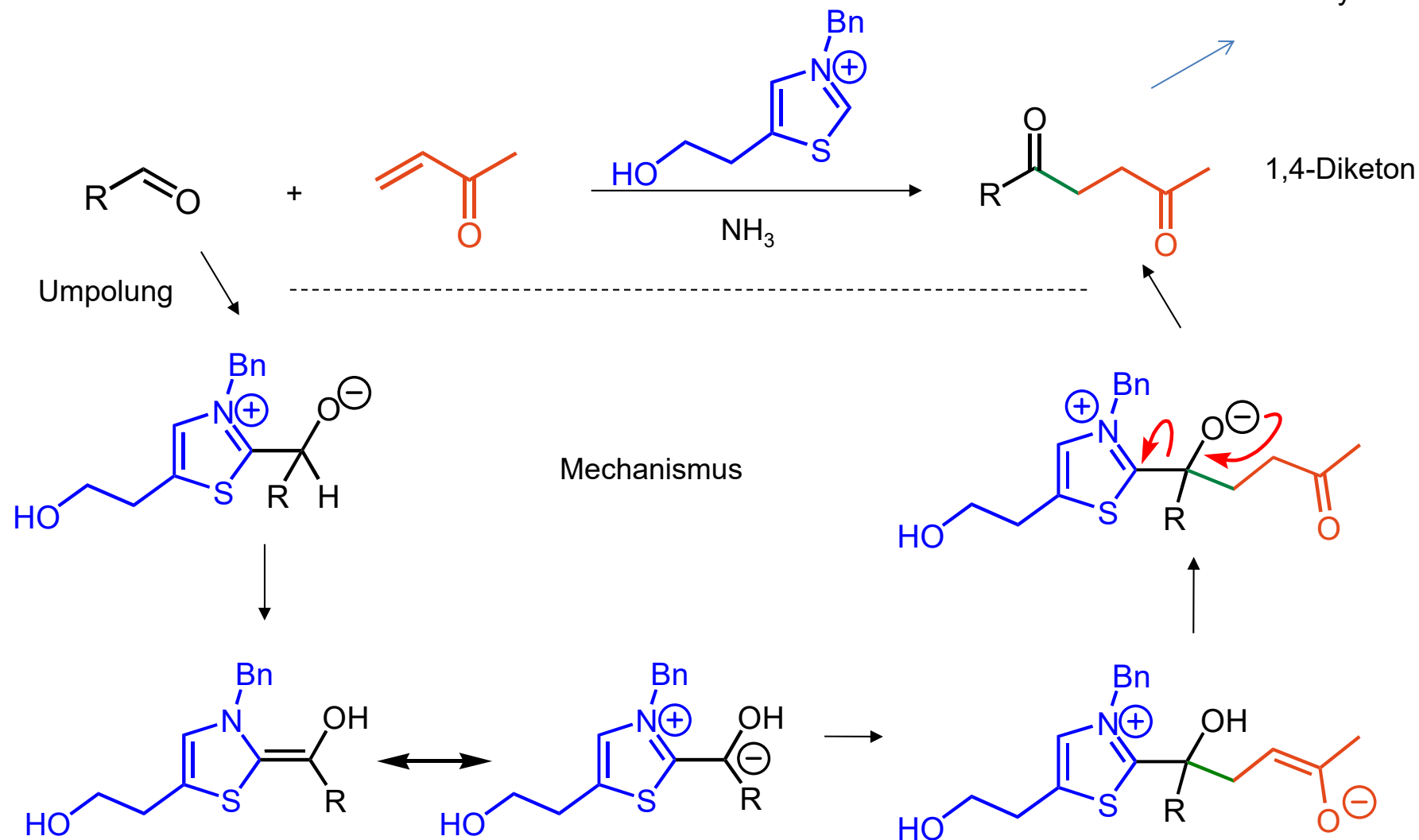


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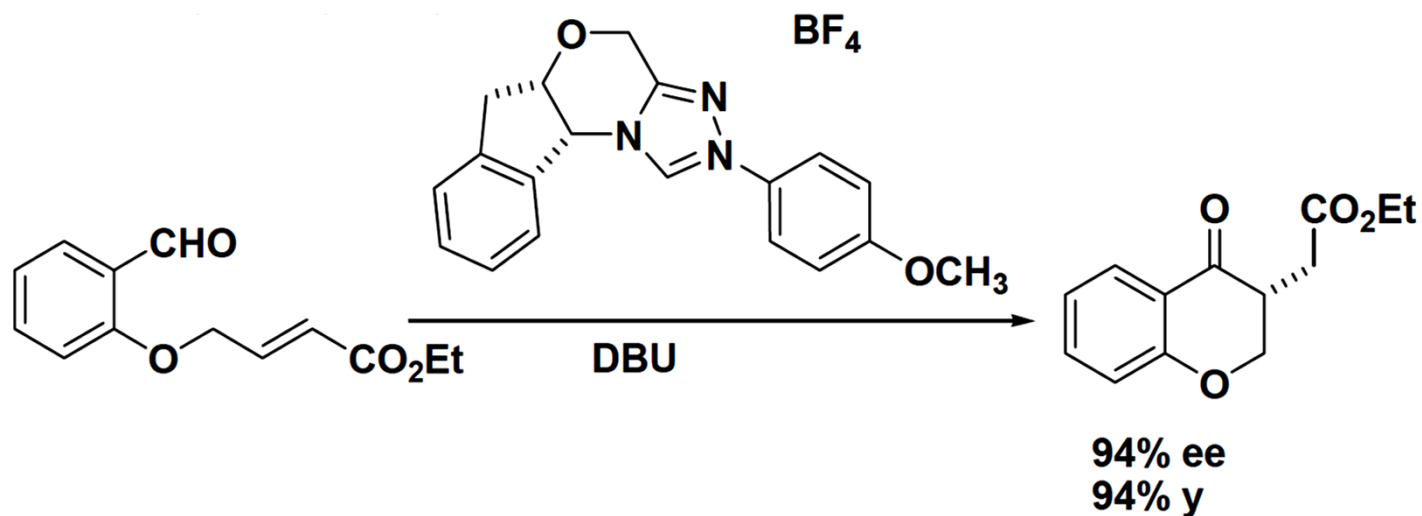
Two electron umpolung: *Stetter-Reaktion* catalyzed by N-heterocyclic carbenes

z. B. Pyrrole



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Two electron umpolung: *Stetter*-Reaktion catalyzed by N-heterocyclic carbenes

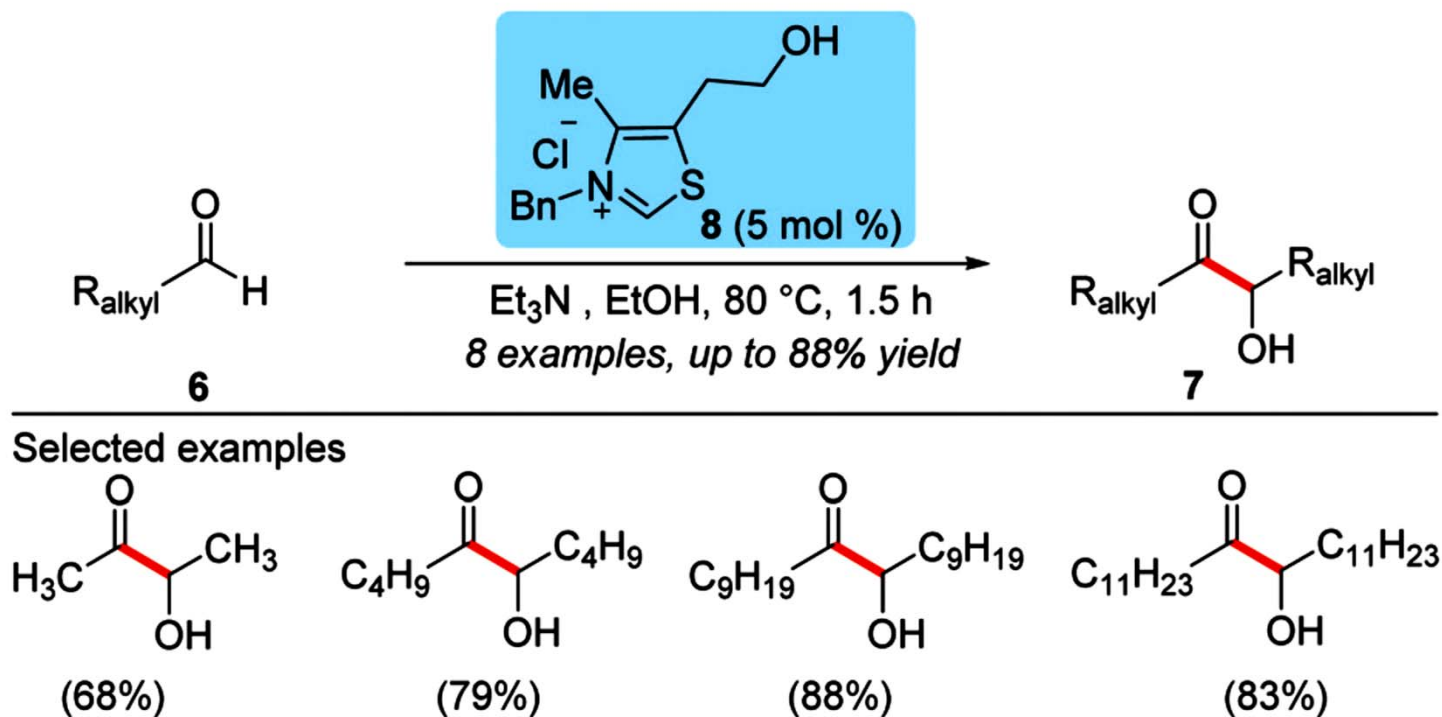


The formally  $\delta^+$  aldehyde and  $\beta$  carbons are coupled.

Rovis et al., *JACS* **2002**, 10298

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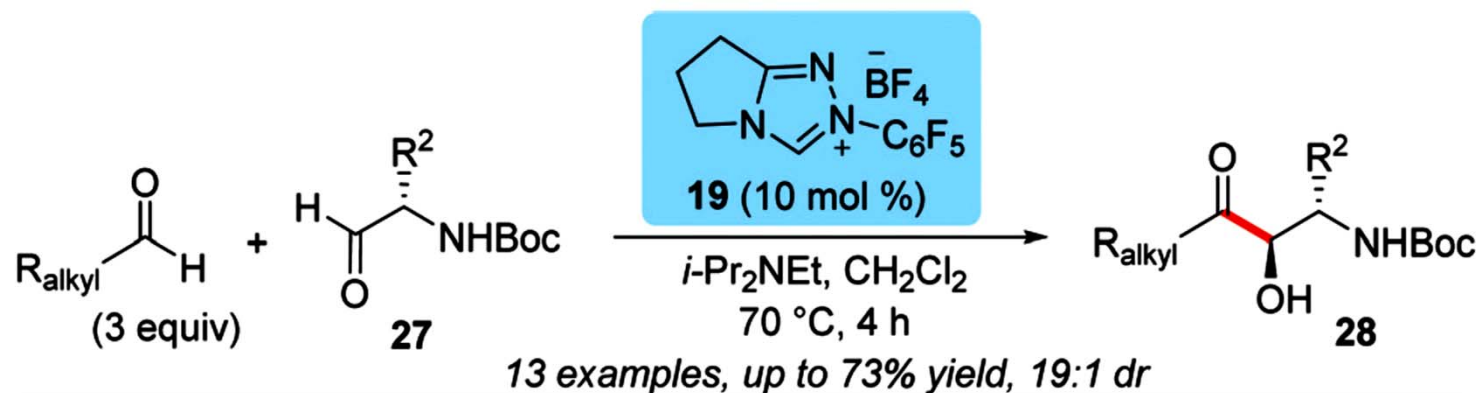
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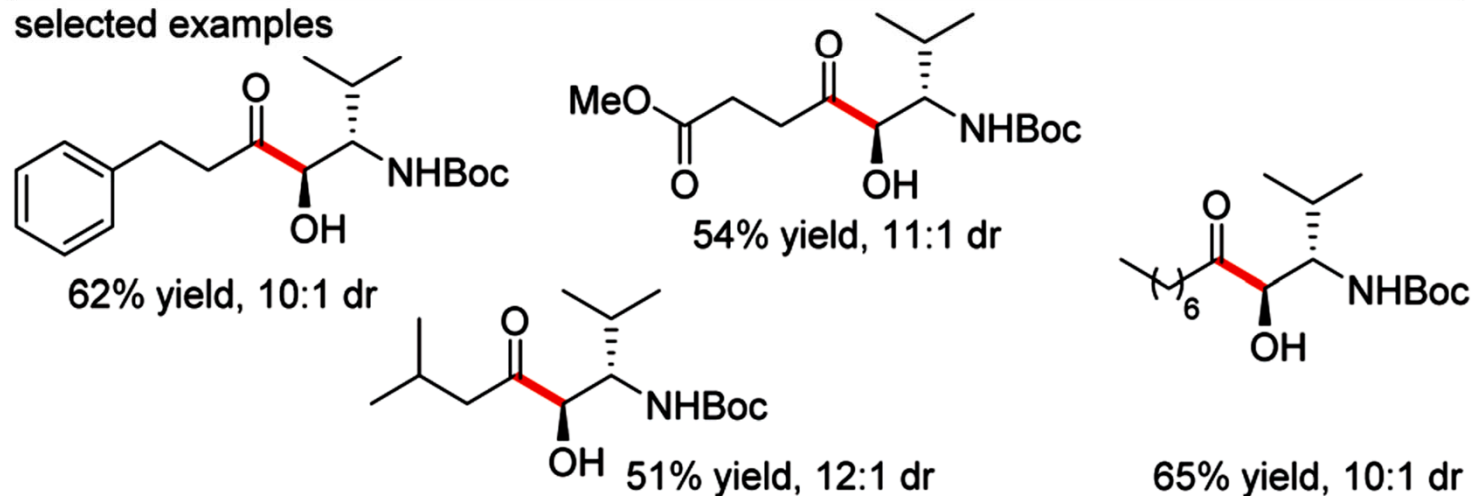
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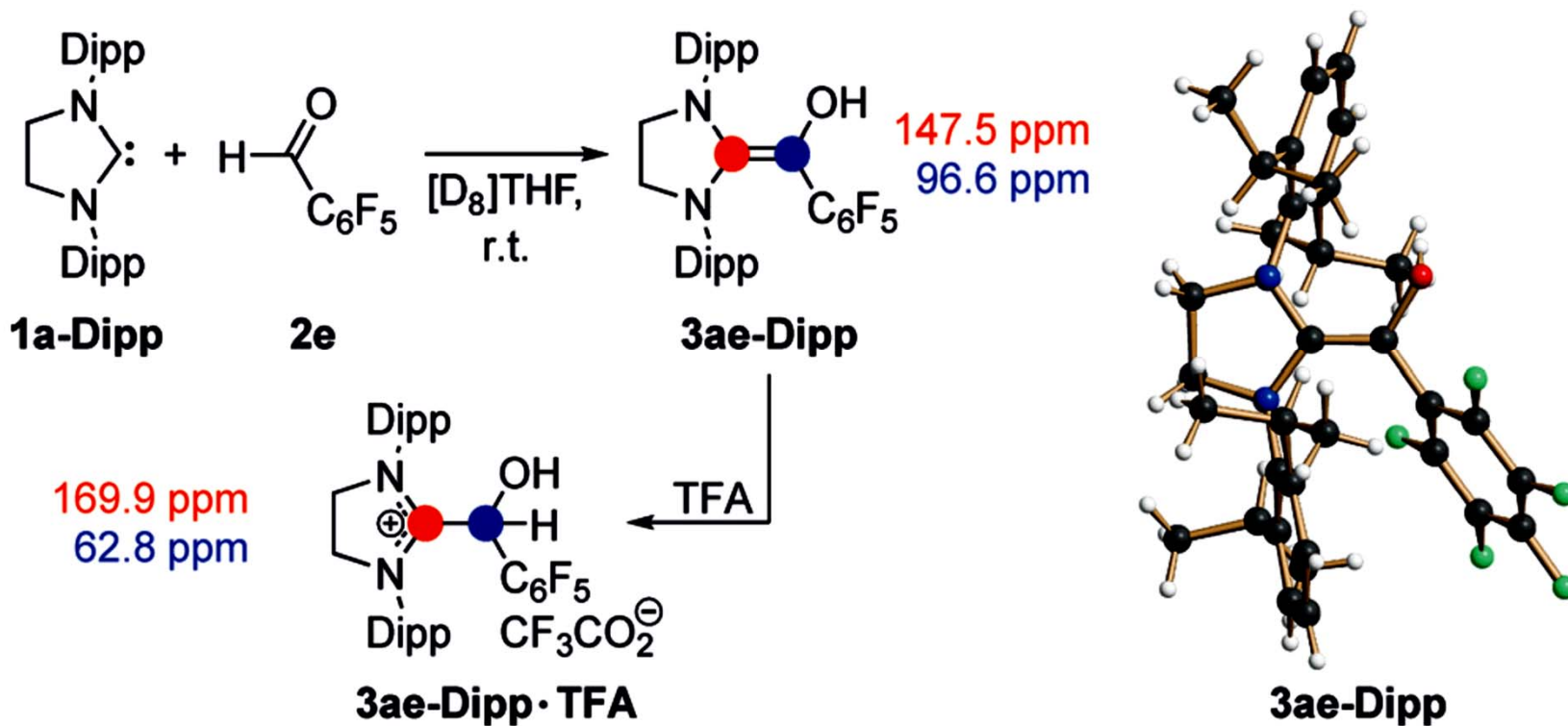
selected examples



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### 3 Non-radical retrosynthesis – 3.1 Basic cuts

The Breslow intermediate (postulated in 1958) has been crystallized in 2018!

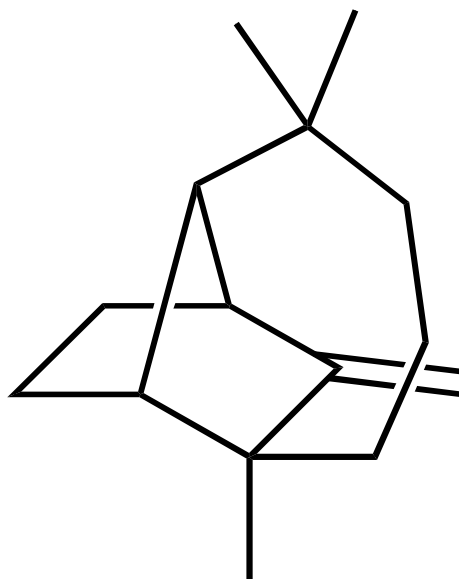


Dipp: 2,6-diisopropylphenyl

from: Berkessel et al., *ACIE* **2018**, 8310

### 3 Non-radical retrosynthesis – 3.2 Oligocycles

Sesquiterpene (+)-longifolene from *Pinus ponderosa*, one of Corey's early target molecules (1961/4)



Nobel Prize 1990 to Elias James Corey for the development of theory and methodology of Organic Synthesis, in particular of retrosynthesis.

**Caveat.** Currently, retrosynthetic analysis will suggest methods and building blocks known to the literature.



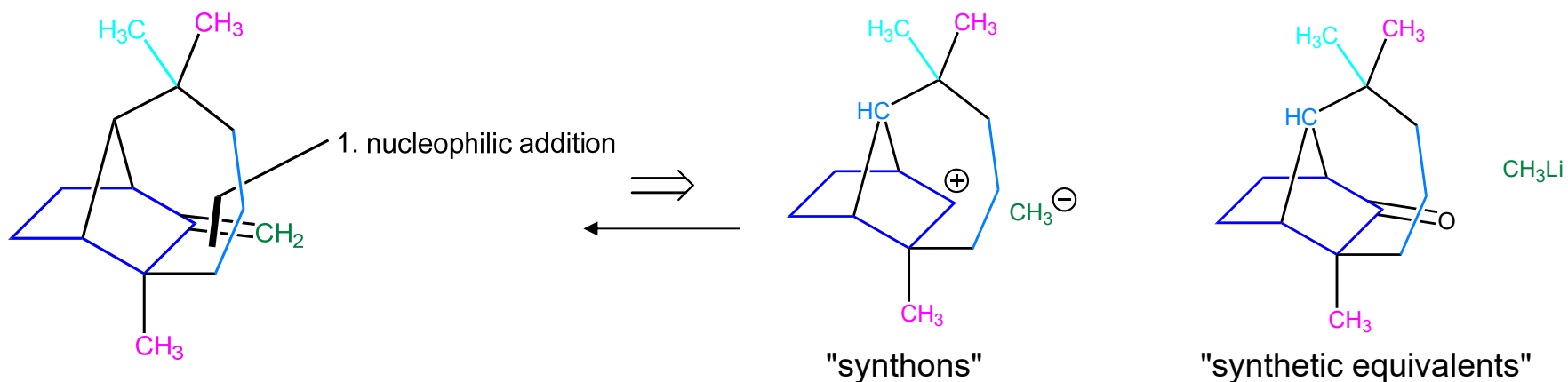
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*“If a definitive history of twentieth century science is ever written, one of the highlights may well be a chapter on the chemical synthesis of complex molecules, especially the total synthesis of naturally occurring substances.”*

E. J. Corey



### 3 Non-radical retrosynthesis – 3.2 Oligocycles



*Retrosynthese*: Mehrstufige Rückführung einer Verbindung auf verfügbare Synthesebausteine.

*Retrosynthetische Transformation*: Einstufige Rückführung einer Verbindung auf Synthesevorstufen.

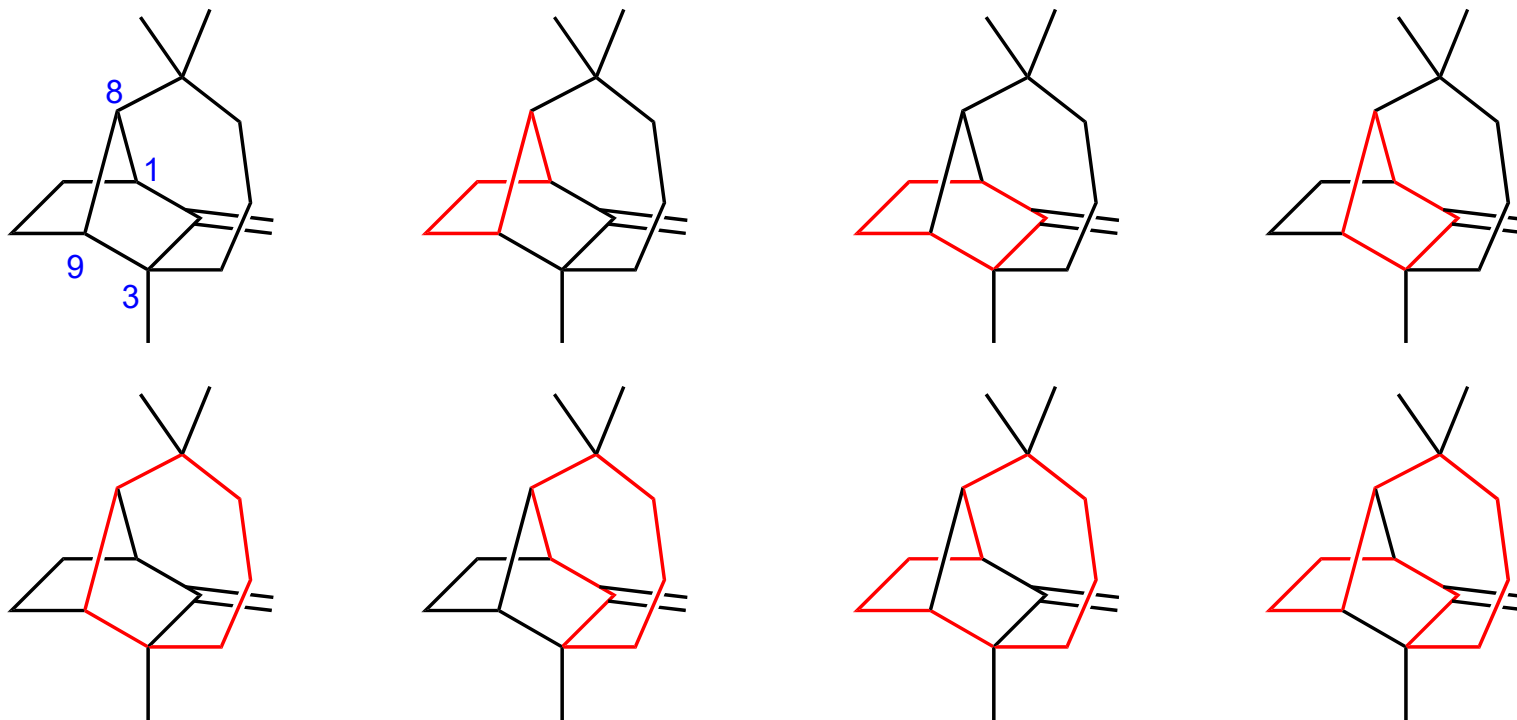
*Synthon*: Verallgemeinerter, durch Retrosynthese erhaltener Synthesebaustein, der ein Reaktionsprinzip verkörpert (Corey).

*Syntheseäquivalent*: Realer Baustein mit der durch ein Synthon geforderten Reaktivität, auch mehrvalent (conjunctive reagent, multiple coupling reagent).

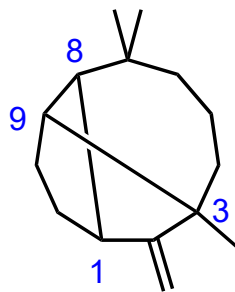
*FGI (dt. FGU)*: functional group interchange, Umwandlung einer funktionellen Gruppe in eine andere.

### 3 Non-radical retrosynthesis – 3.2 Oligocycles

Synthesis of complex carbocyclic skeletons: rings in longifolene



Where to cut first?



4,8,8-trimethyl-9-methylenedecahydro-1,4-methanoazulene (IUPAC)

3,7,7-trimethyl-2-methylenetricyclo[6.3.0.0<sup>3,9</sup>]undecane ("tricyclo name")

### 3 Non-radical retrosynthesis – 3.2 Oligocycles

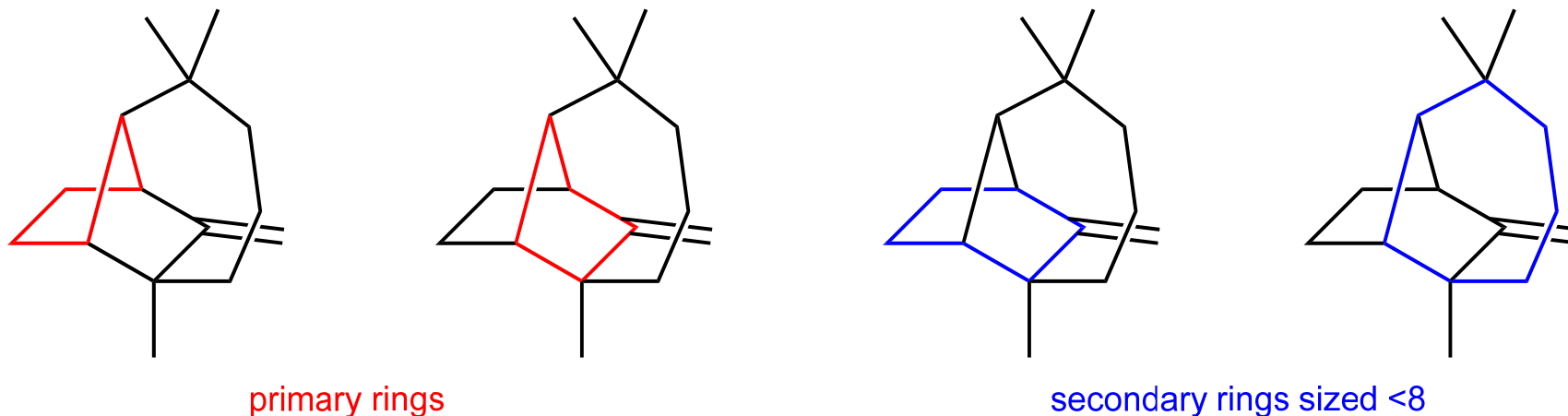
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#### Synthesis of complex carbocyclic skeletons: strategies

Corey et al., *JACS* **1975**, 6116: *General Methods of Synthetic Analysis. Strategic Bond Disconnections for Bridged Polycyclic Structures*

"A **primary ring** is one which cannot be expressed as the envelope of two or more smaller rings bridged or fused to one another."

**Secondary rings**: all other

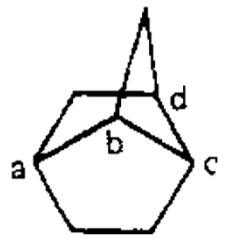


"strategically significant rings"

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vintage



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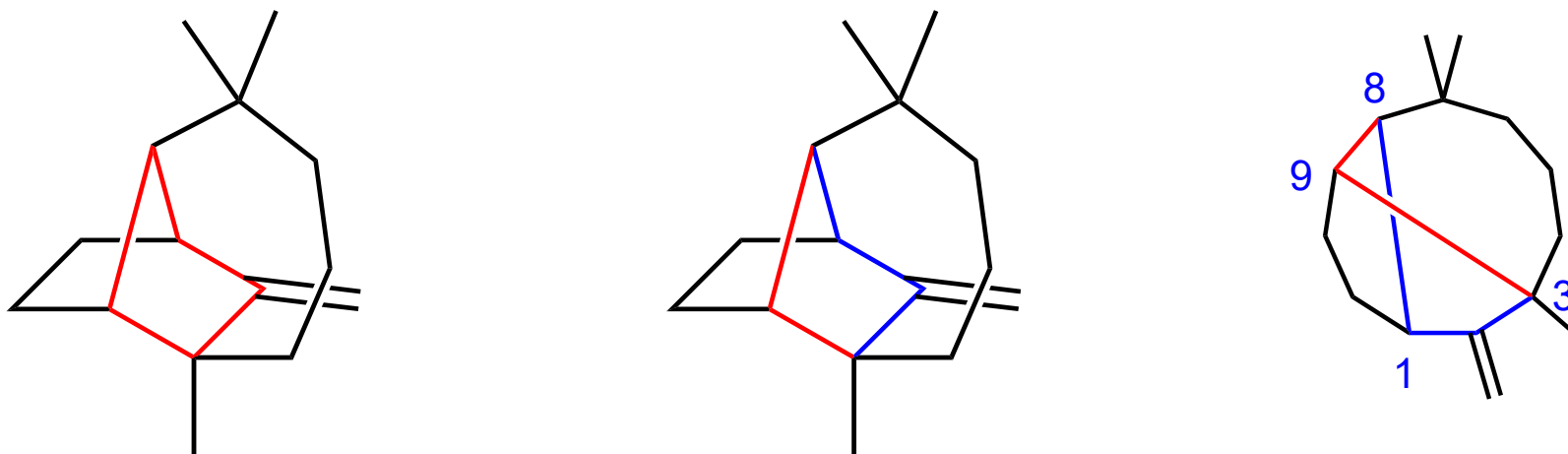
		Ring 1	Ring 2	Ring 3	Ring 4	Ring 5	Ring 6
Times Bridged	Rings Bridged To	4[2, 4, 5, 6]	4[1, 3, 4, 5]	1[5]	2[1, 2]	4[1, 2, 3, 6]	1[5]
Bridgehead Sites	(●)	3	4	3	3	3	4
Sites Bridged At	(◇)	3	4	2	2	3	2

"Of the six synthetically significant rings comprising structure **10** (primary rings 1-4 and secondary rings 5 and 6), ring 2 is bridged at more sites (four) than any other ring and hence is defined as the maximal bridging ring. Ring 6, which contains as many bridgehead sites as ring 2, is not a maximal bridging ring since it itself is bridged to other rings only at two of these sites (a and d). The above analysis further shows that the number of times a ring is bridged is not a valid criterion for determining maximal bridging character. For example, although ring 5 of structure **10** is bridged by as many other rings as ring 2, it is not a maximal bridging ring since it is bridged at one less site than ring 2."

Corey et al., *JACS* **1975**, 6116: *General Methods of Synthetic Analysis. Strategic Bond Disconnections for Bridged Polycyclic Structures*

"Strategically significant rings": primary rings, secondary rings sized  $< 8$

Among them, selection of the "maximum bridging ring" (maximal number of bridgeheads of non-zero bridges):



maximal number (4) of heads of bridges  $> 0$

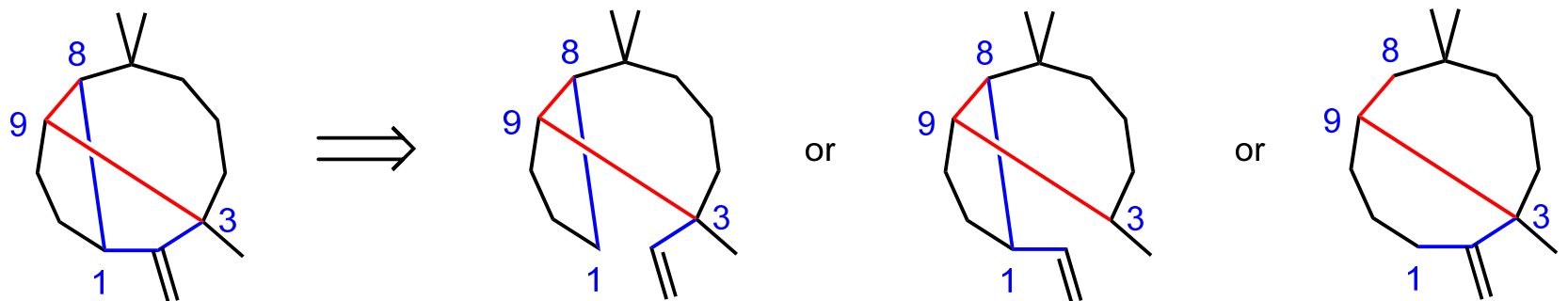
red: core bonds (no retrosynthetic cleavage)

blue: strategic bonds (retrosynthetic cleavage recommended)

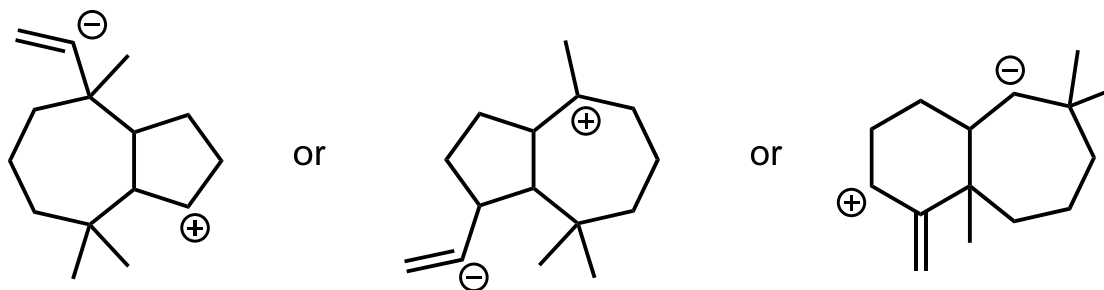
Cleavage of a core bond would generate a primary ring sized  $> 7$ .

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The first retrosynthetic cut, according to Corey's rules:



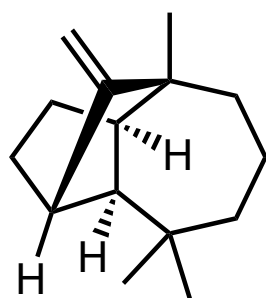
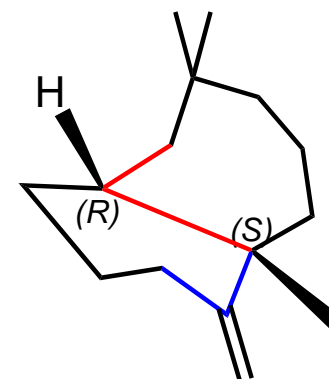
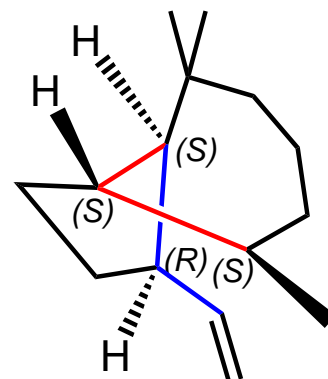
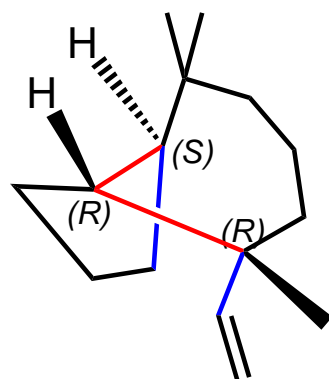
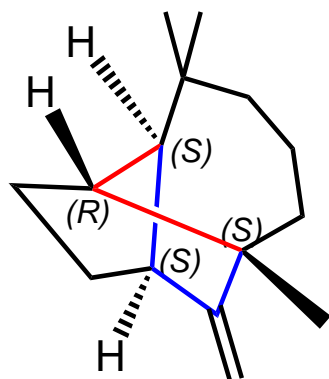
ChemDraw:  
use ctrl-alt-c,  
then ctrl-alt-p  
(SMILES code)



synthons, charges arbitrary

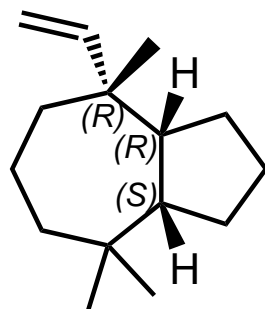
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The first retrosynthetic cut, including stereochemistry

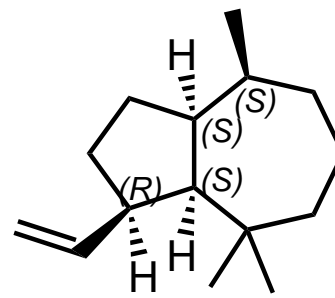


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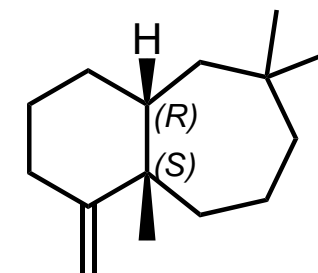


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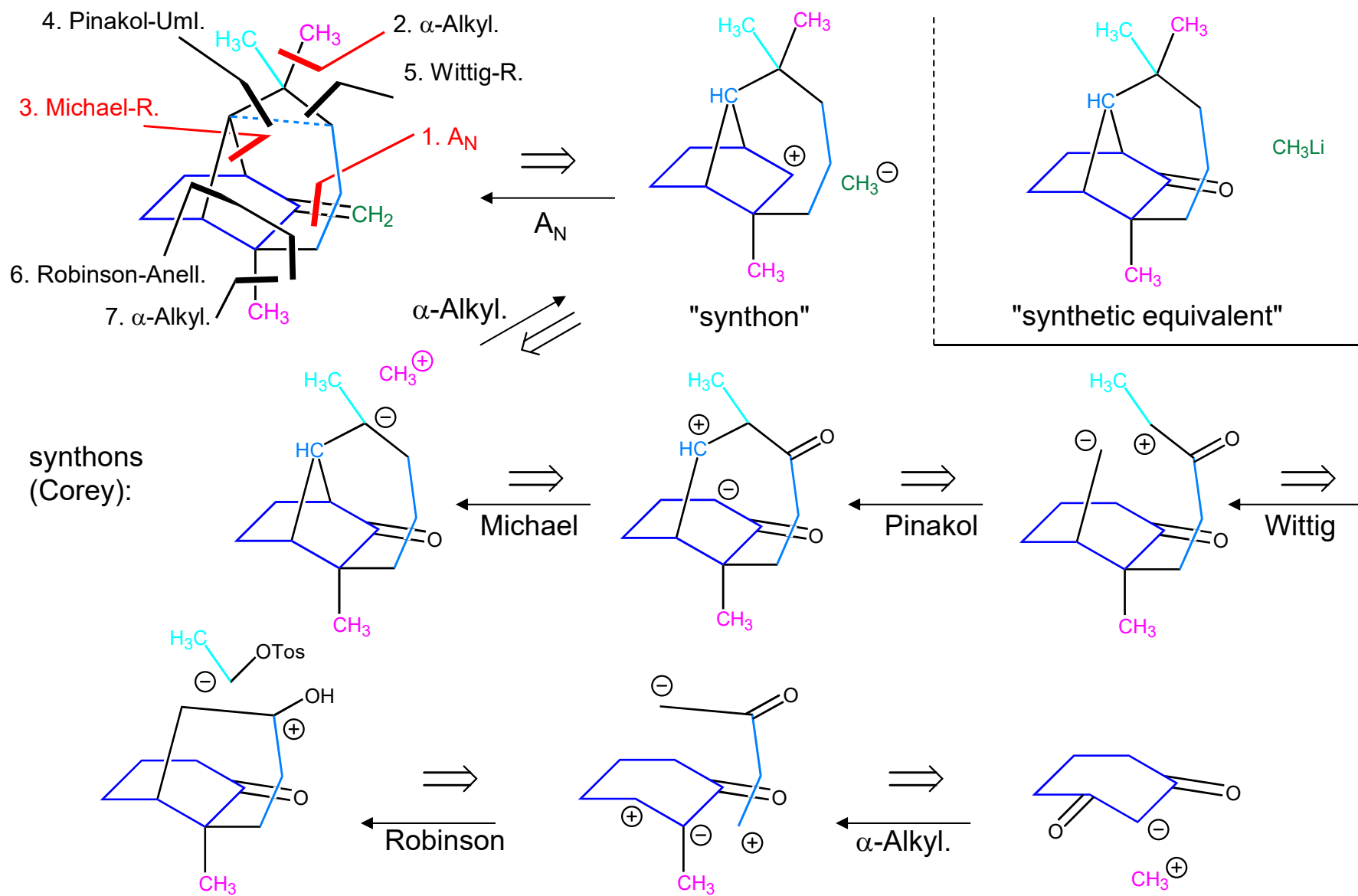
"cut + 2 H"



33.4

MM2 energies [kcal/mol]

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Steps from the basic courses

"Ur-Pinakol": 2,3-Dimethyl-2,3-butandiol (Pinakol).

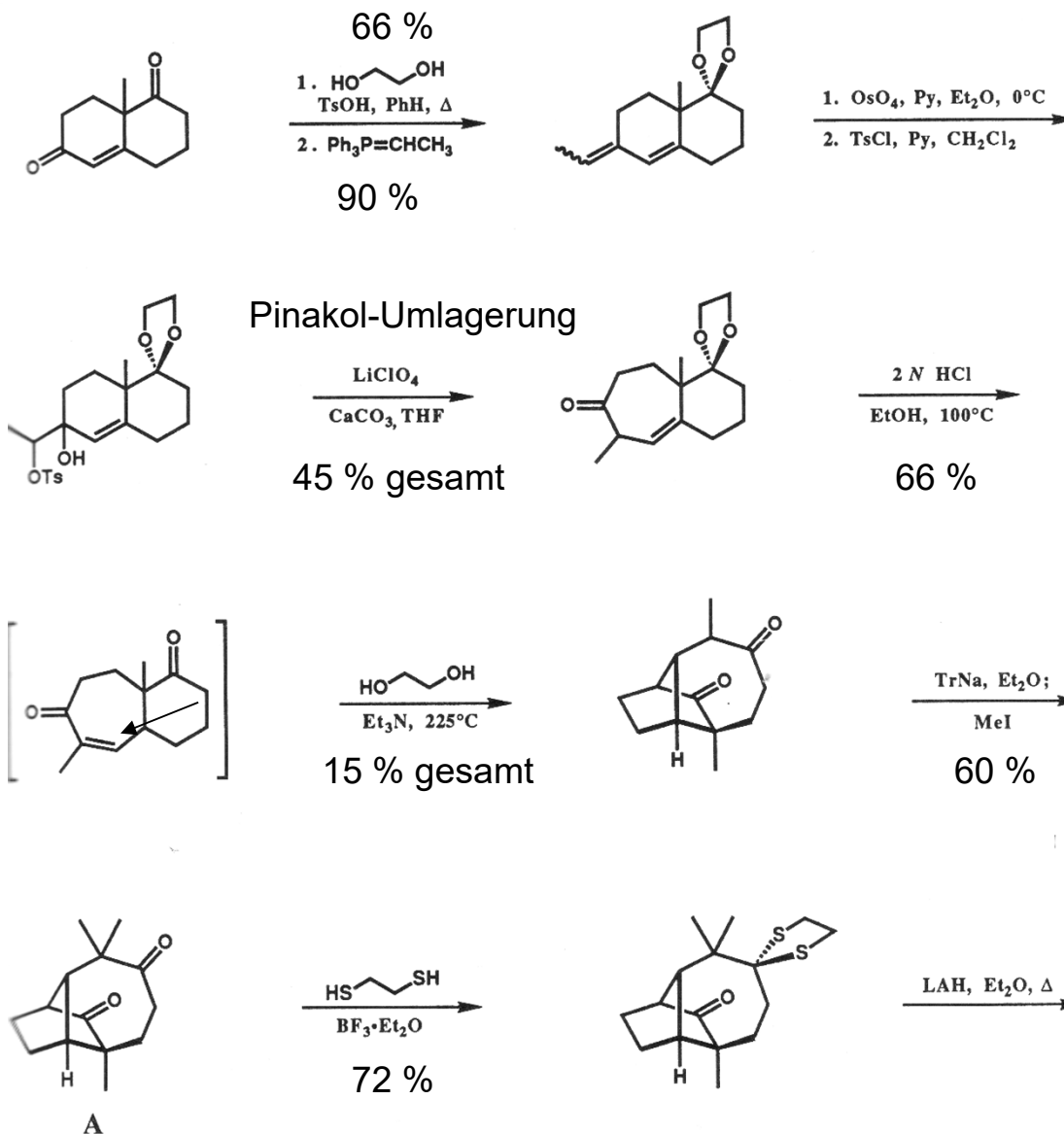
hier: Pinakol-Umlagerung verläuft über das stabilere Allylkation.

0.1 M  $\text{LiClO}_4$  beschleunigt in Ether die Ionisierung v. Alkyltosylaten um  $10^5$ !

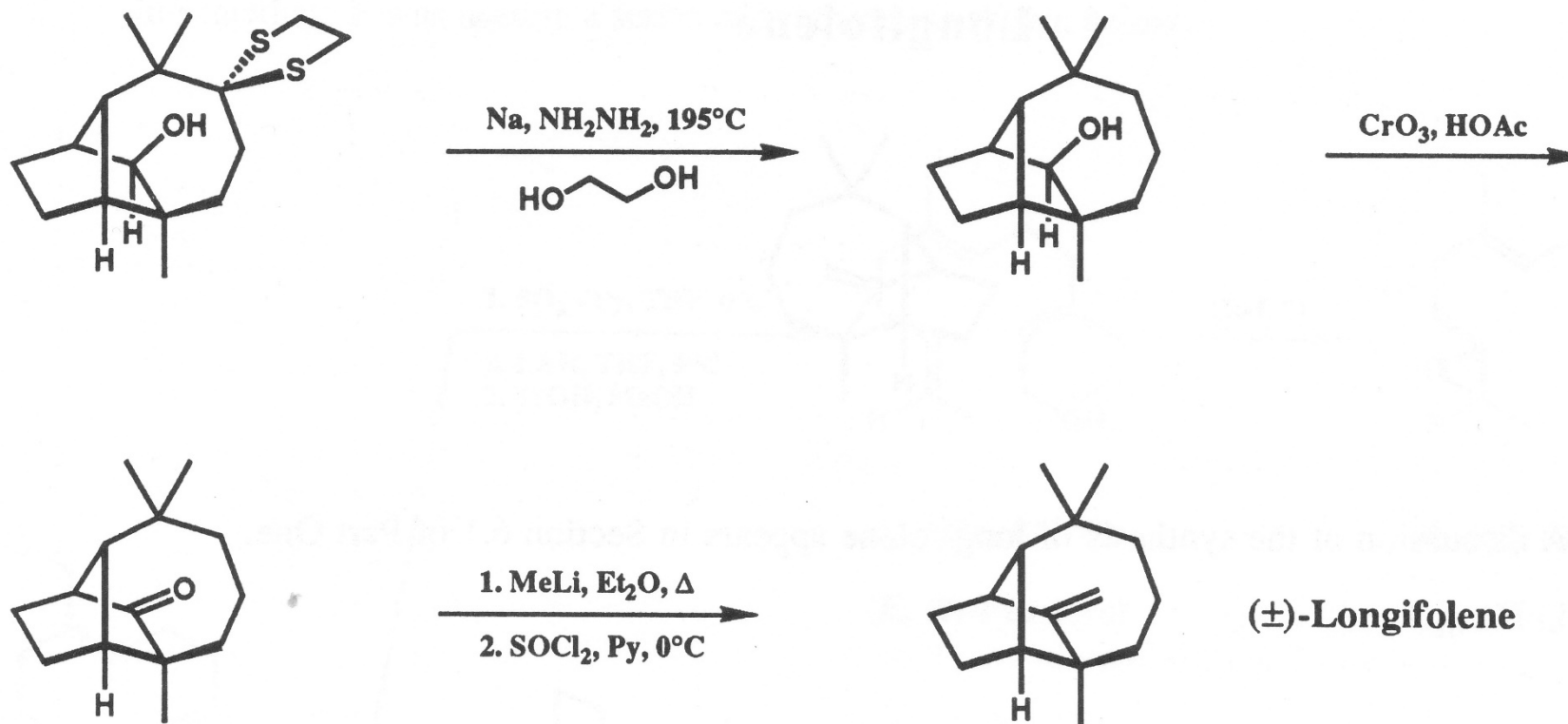
0.36 M  $\text{LiClO}_4$  in  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  ionisiert so schnell wie reine HOAc.

Winstein et al., *JACS* **1959**, 5511.

Corey et al.,  
*JACS* **1961**, 1251; *ibid.* **1964**, 478.



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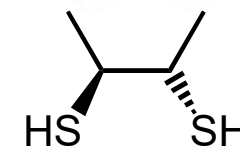
Bredtsche Regel: keine Eliminierung zum Brückenkopf.

70 % gesamt

E. J. Corey et al., *JACS* **1961**, 1251; *ibid.* **1964**, 478.

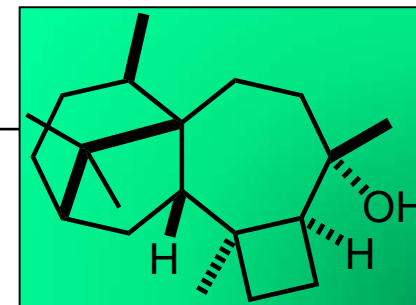
(+)-Longifolene, wenn

(Diastereomerentrennung)

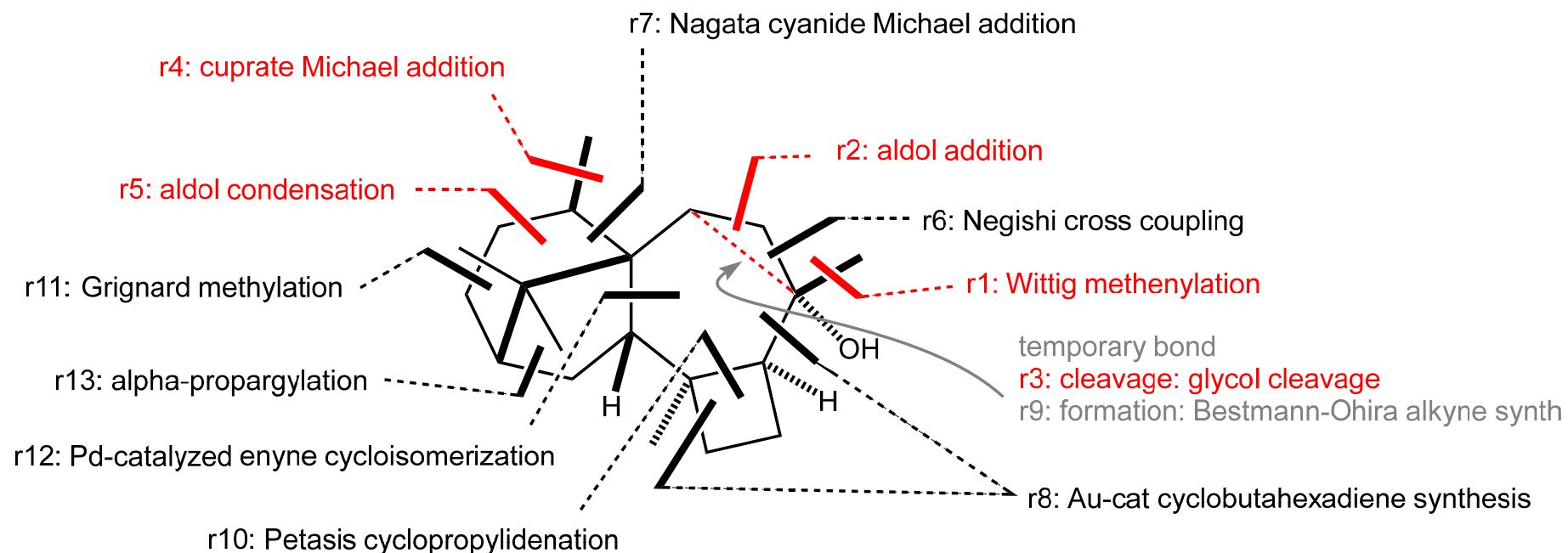


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13 carbon-carbon bonds formed, 1 broken:



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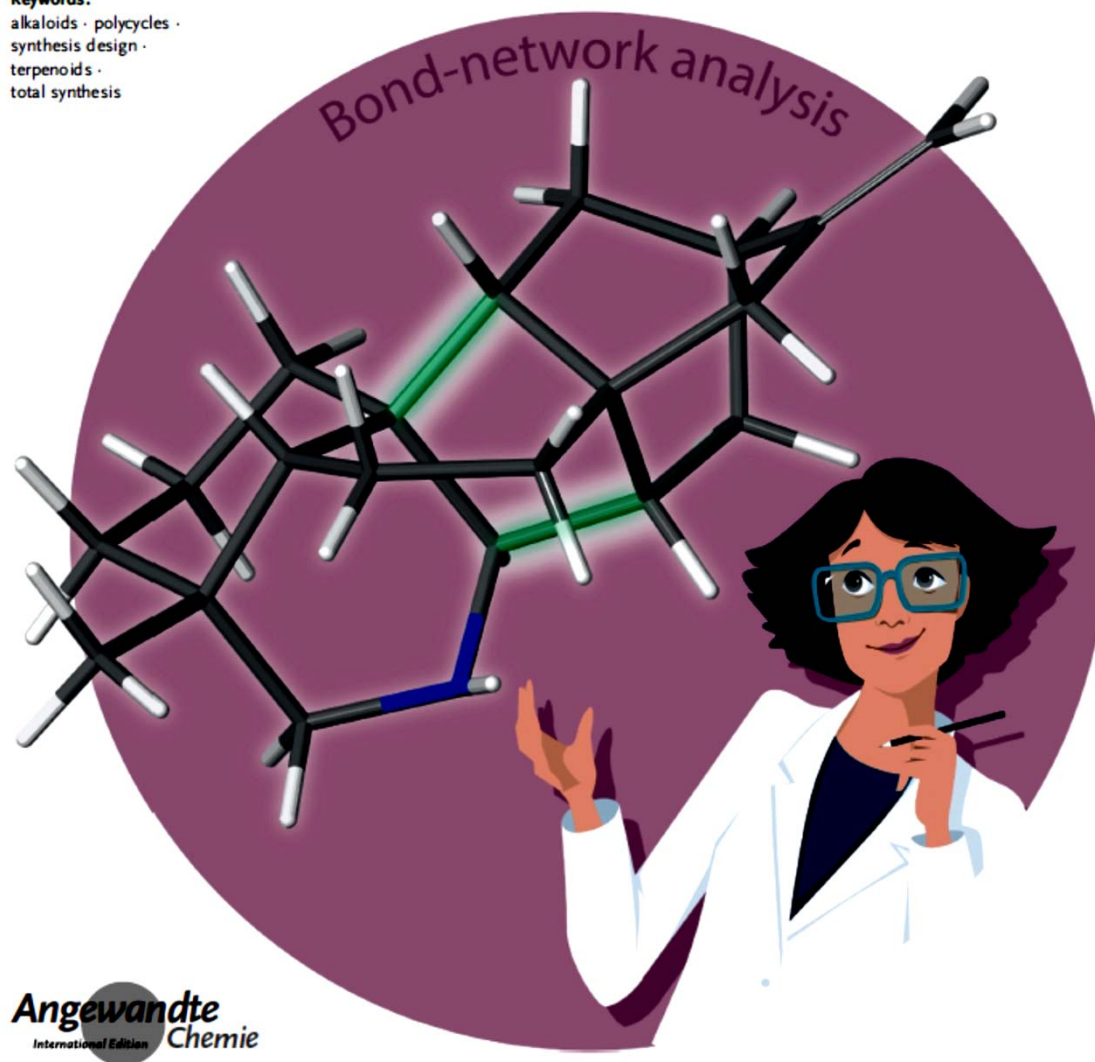
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The Corey retrosynthetic analysis of polycyclic systems cuts one bond at a time.

For heterocyclic systems, selection of strategic bonds must be modified.

Reality often sees simultaneous cuts of two or even more bonds (e. g., "retro DAR").

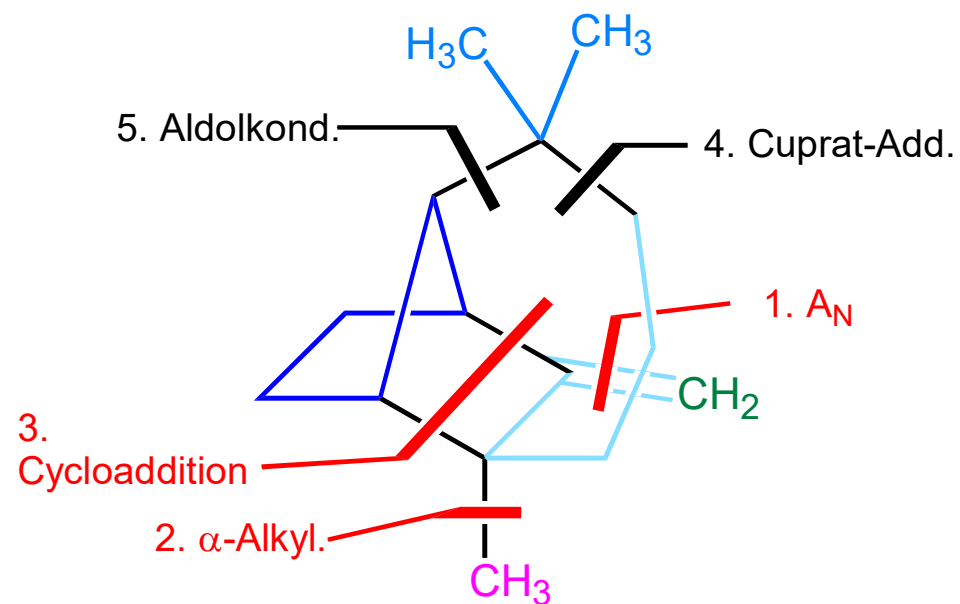
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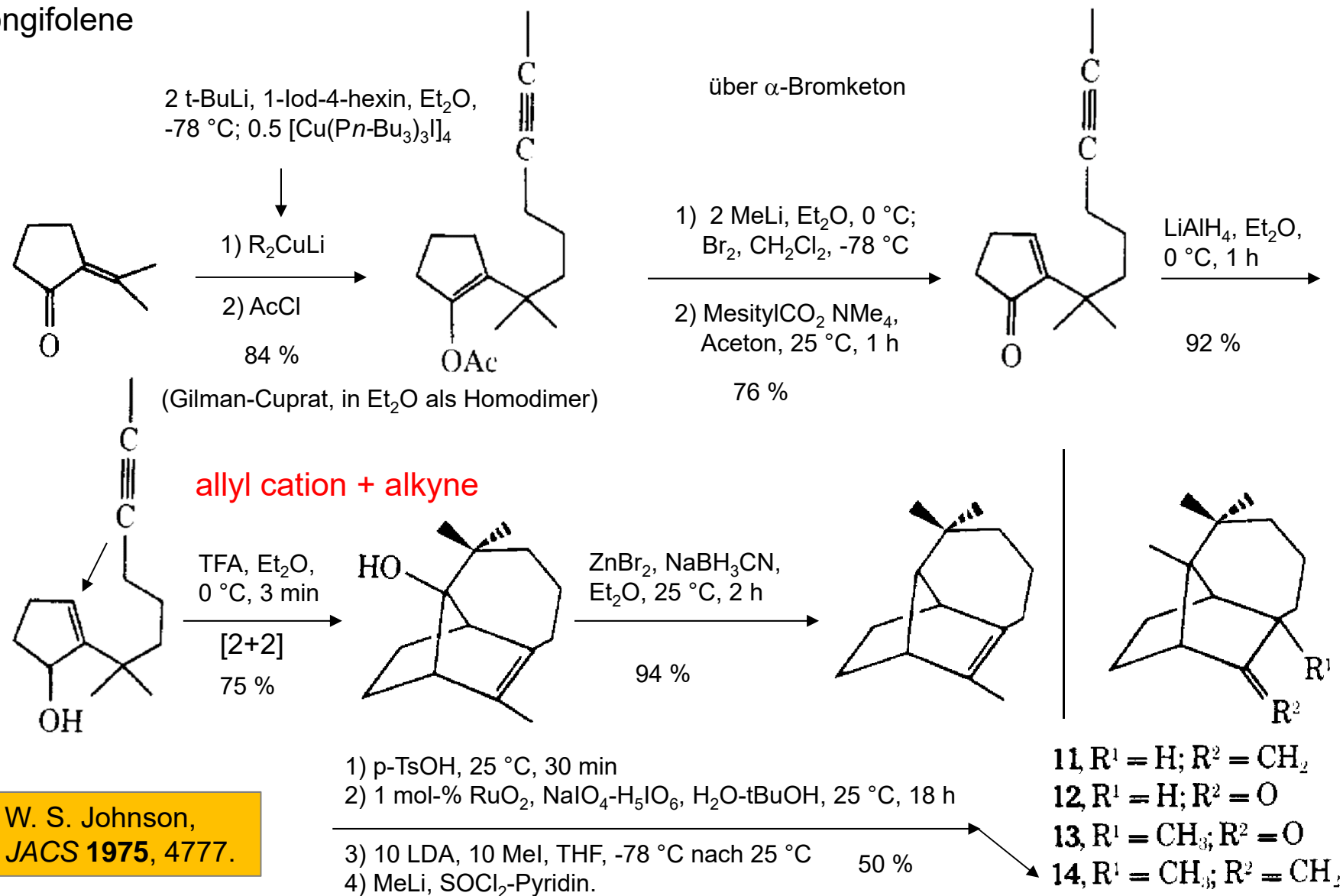
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Retrosynthese nach *Johnson*

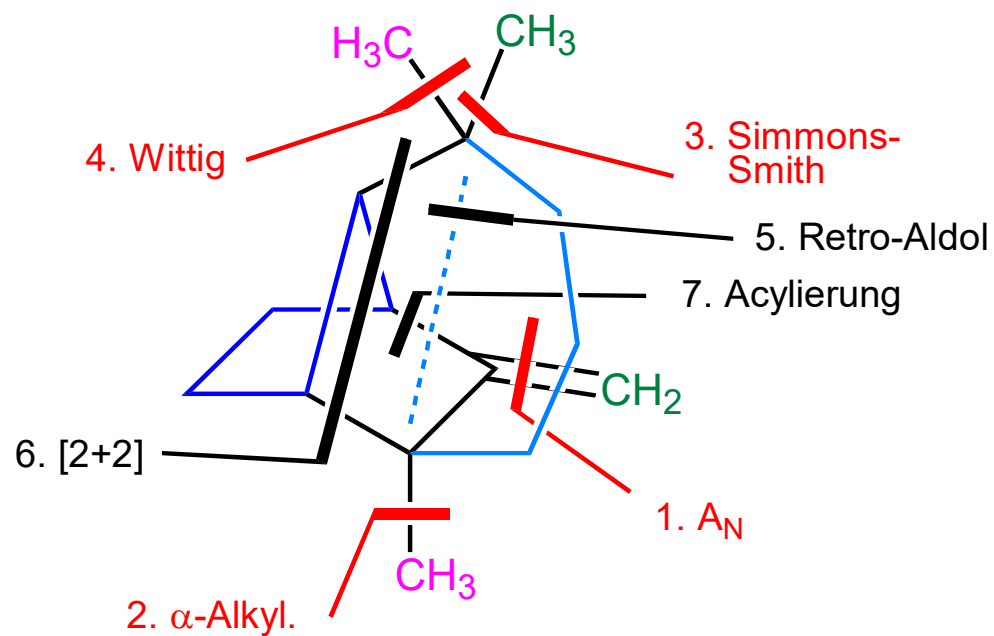
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#### Longifolene



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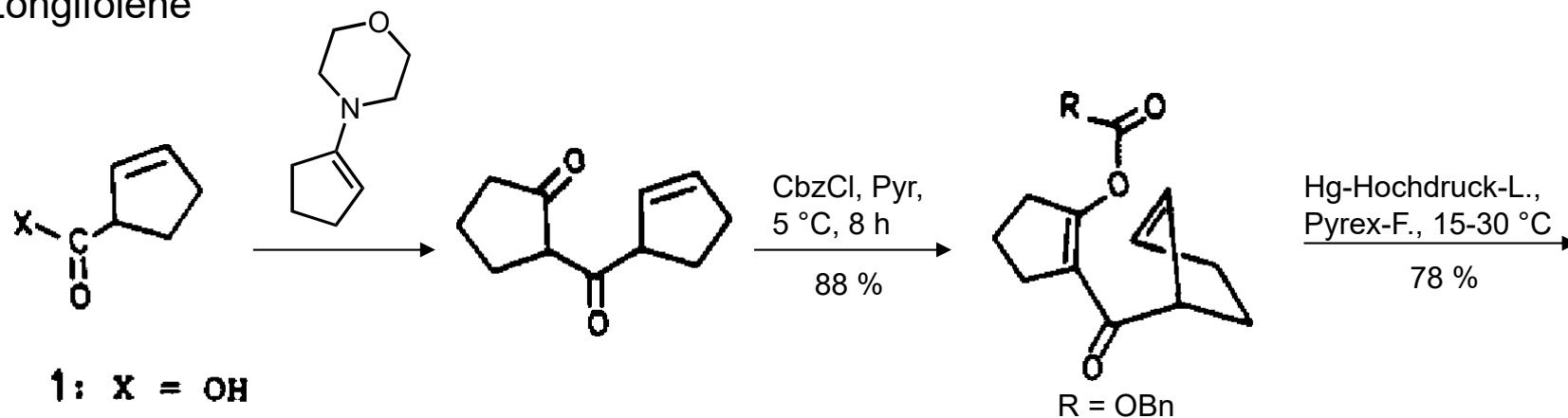
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Retrosynthese nach *Oppolzer*

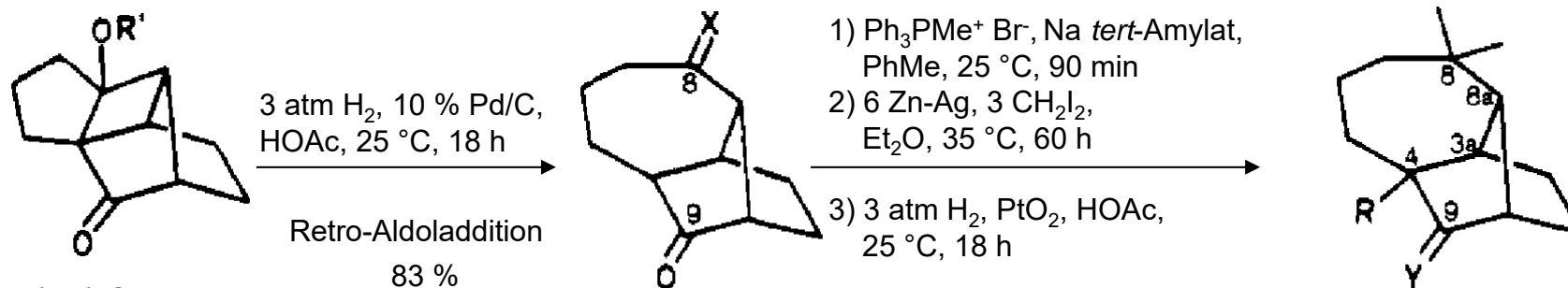
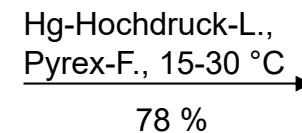
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#### Longifolene



1: X = OH

2: X = Cl



(1:3)-Gemisch

R' = Cbz

6: X = O

7: X = CH<sub>2</sub> Endgame wie Johnson.

9: Y = O, R=H

10: Y = O, R=CH<sub>3</sub>

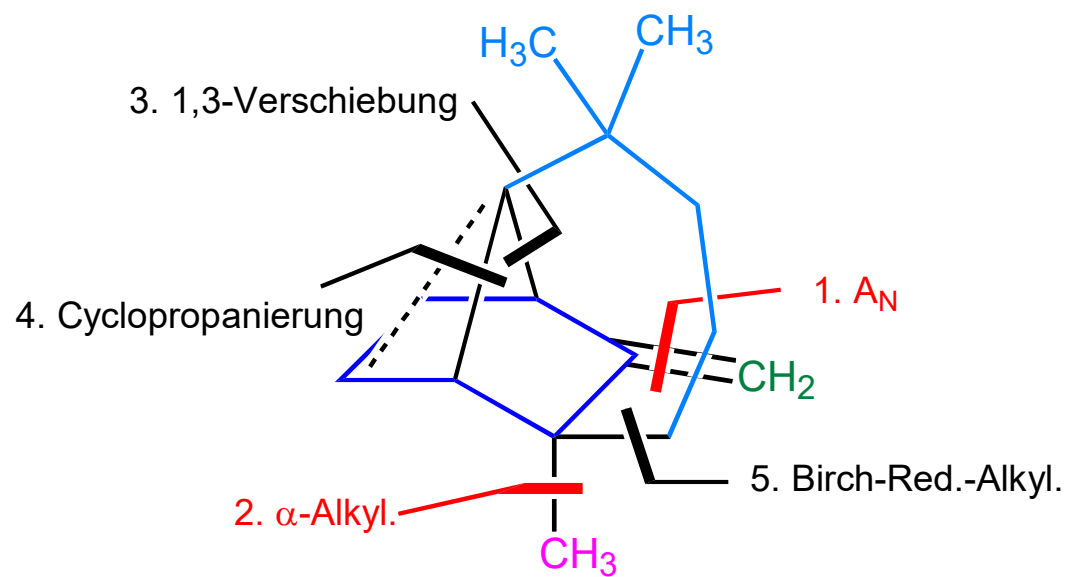
11: Y = CH<sub>2</sub>, R=CH<sub>3</sub>

Oppolzer, *JACS* 1978, 2583.



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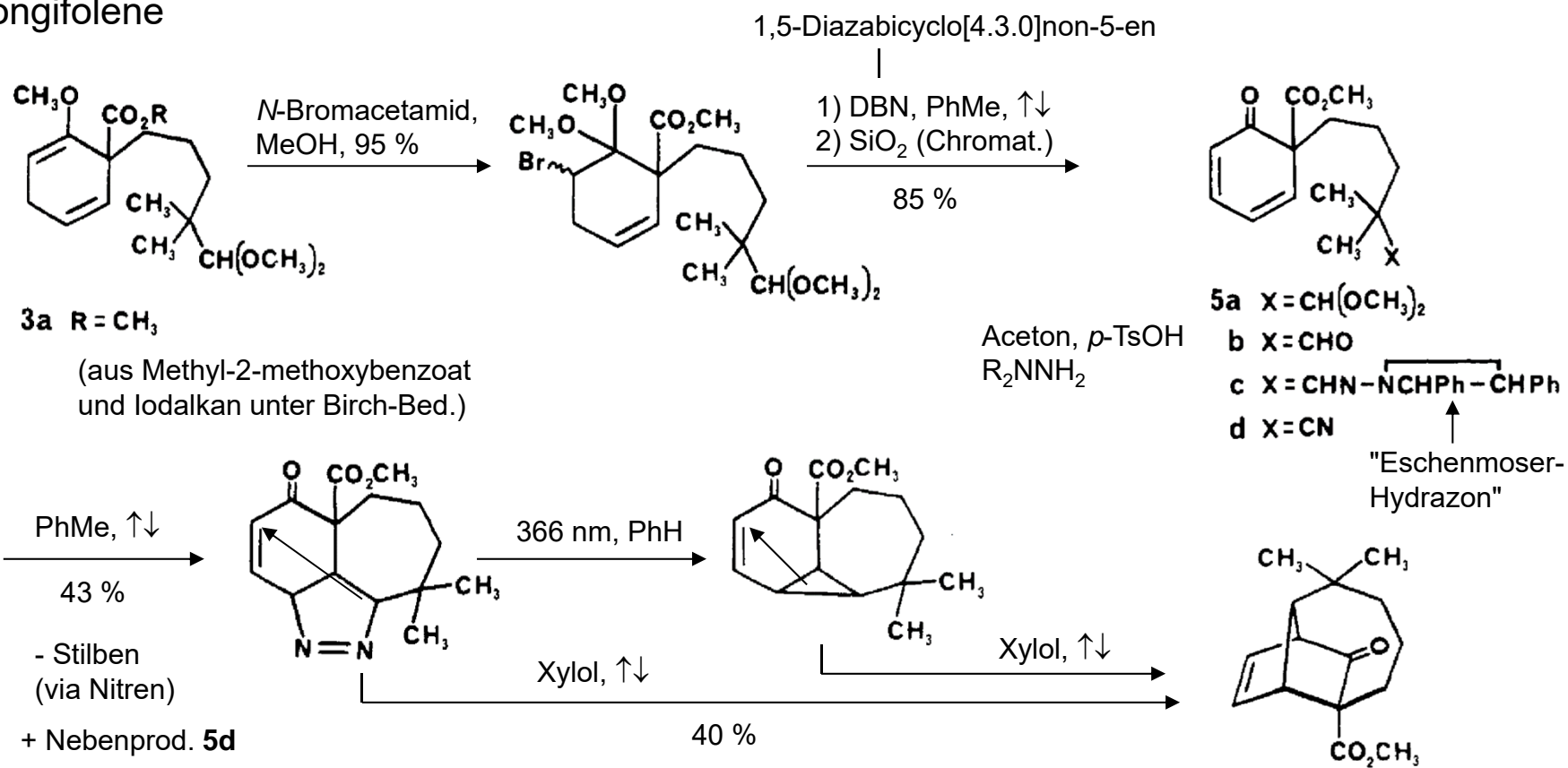
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Retrosynthese nach *Schultz*

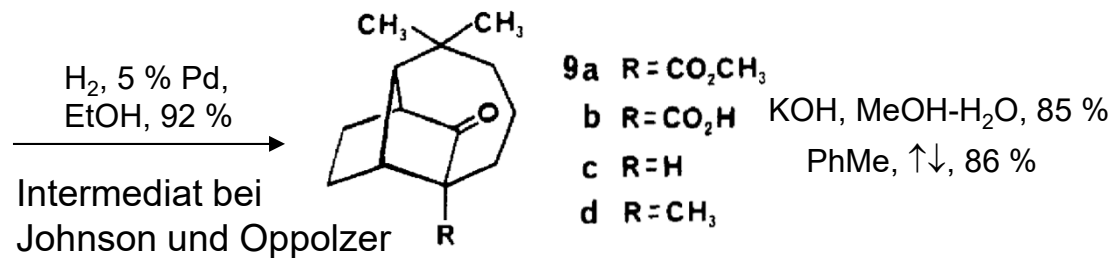
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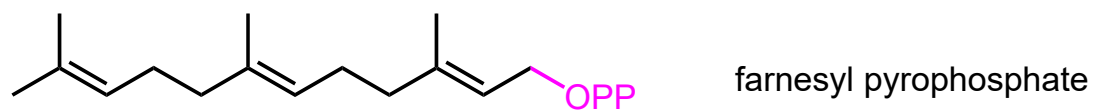
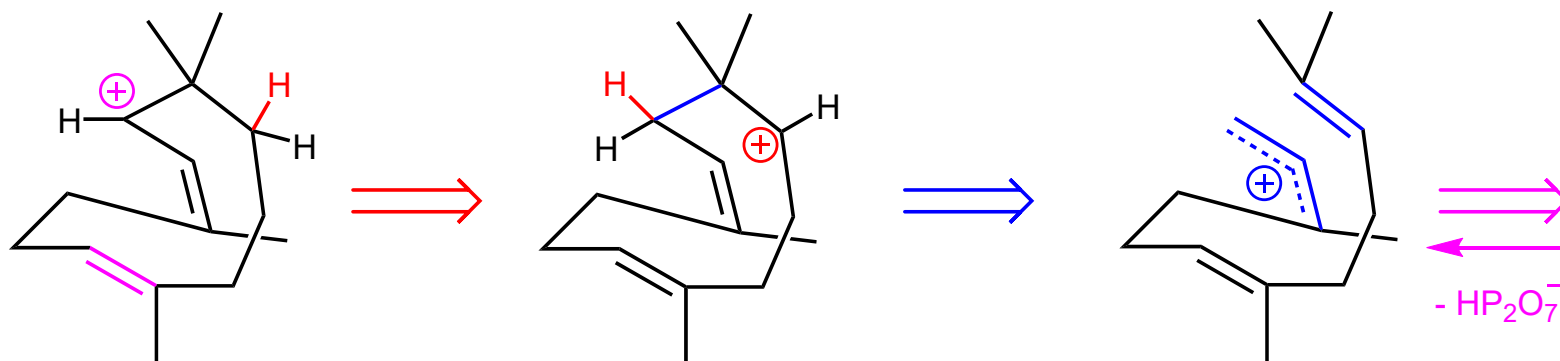
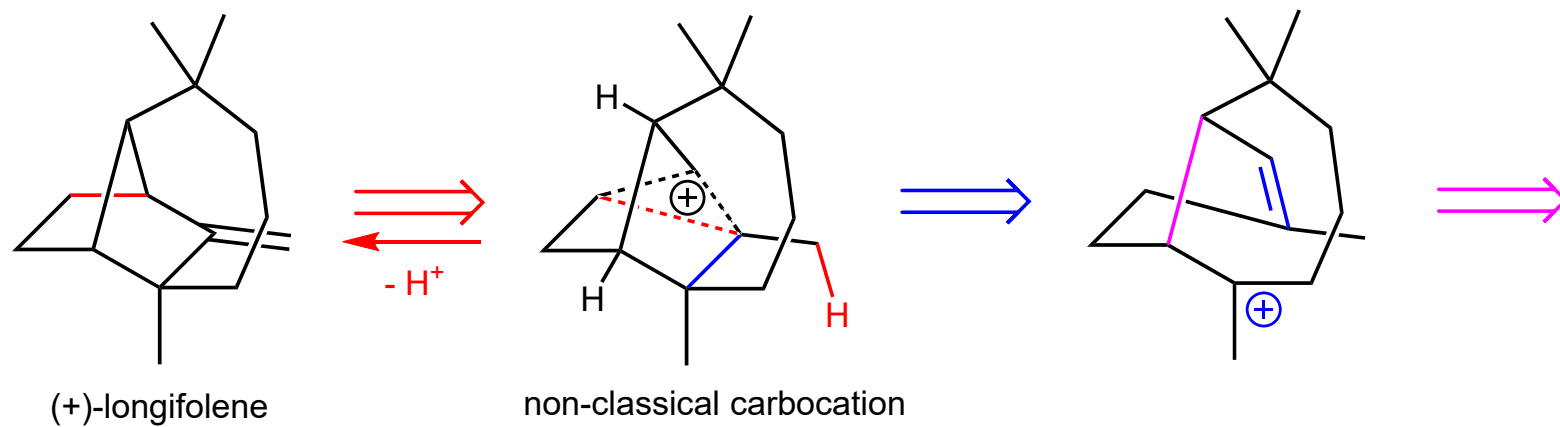
Schultz, *JOC* 1985, 915.

(7) CAUTION! After preparation of 1-amino-2-phenylaziridinium acetate (approximately 10-g scale) by the known procedure (Muller, R. K.; Joos, R.; Felix, D.; Schreiber, J.; Wintner, C.; Eschenmoser, A. *Org. Synth.* 1976, 55, 114), it exploded during storage at room temperature, causing minor injuries. The cause of the explosion is unclear at present. Thus, it is desirable to use a pentane solution of 1-amino-2-phenylaziridine for the preparation of *N*-aziridinyl imines.



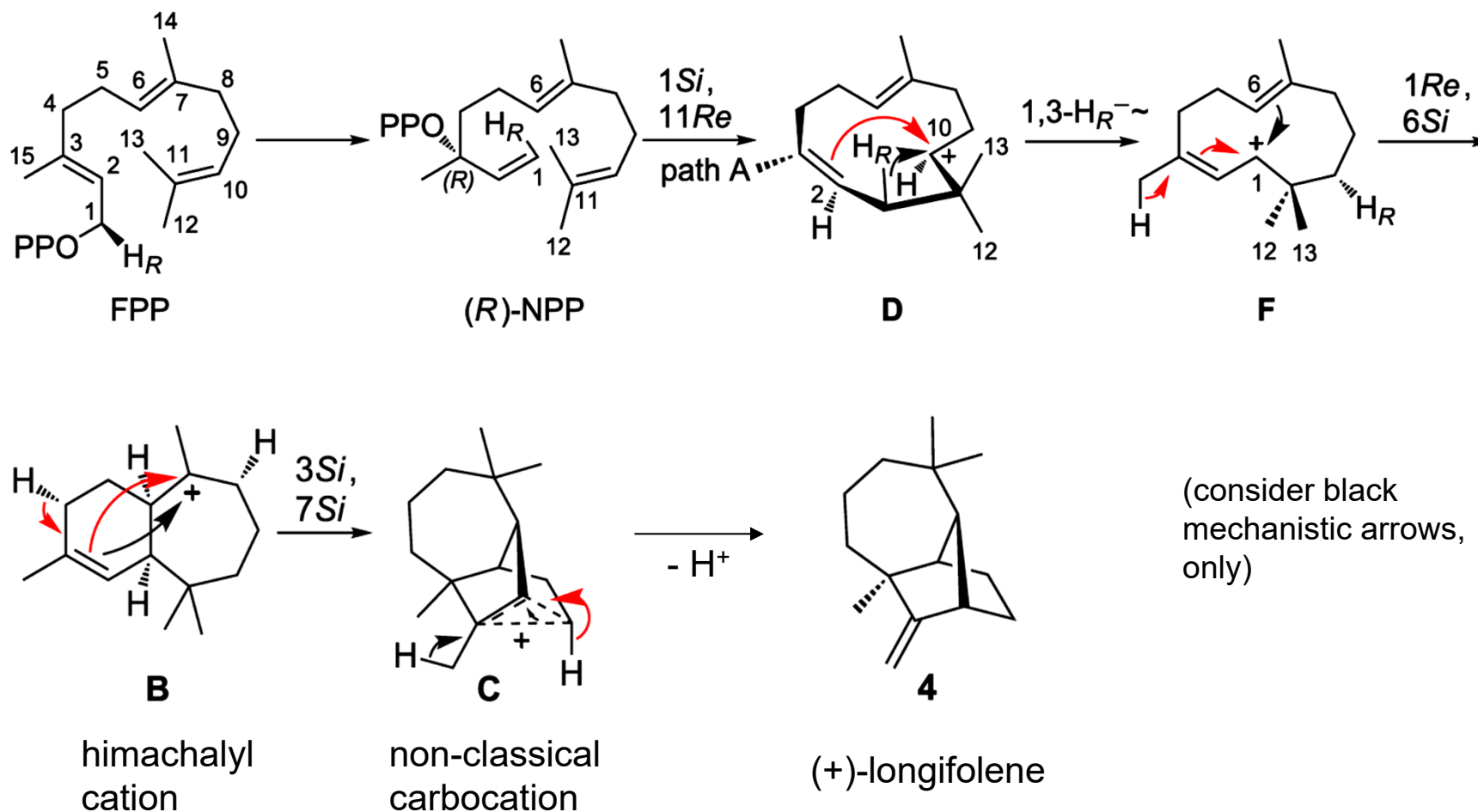
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Analysis of the putative or proven biosynthesis



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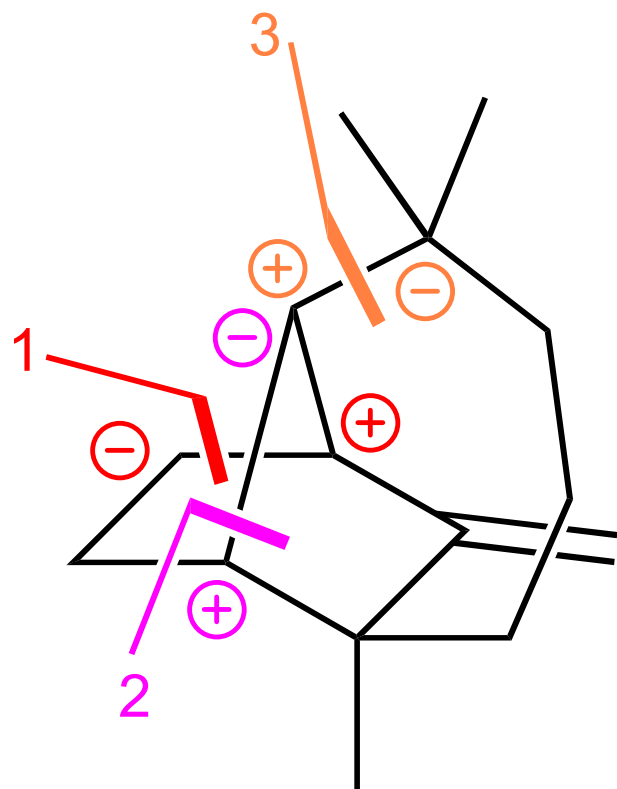
Biosynthesis of longifolene: done by a single cyclase ...



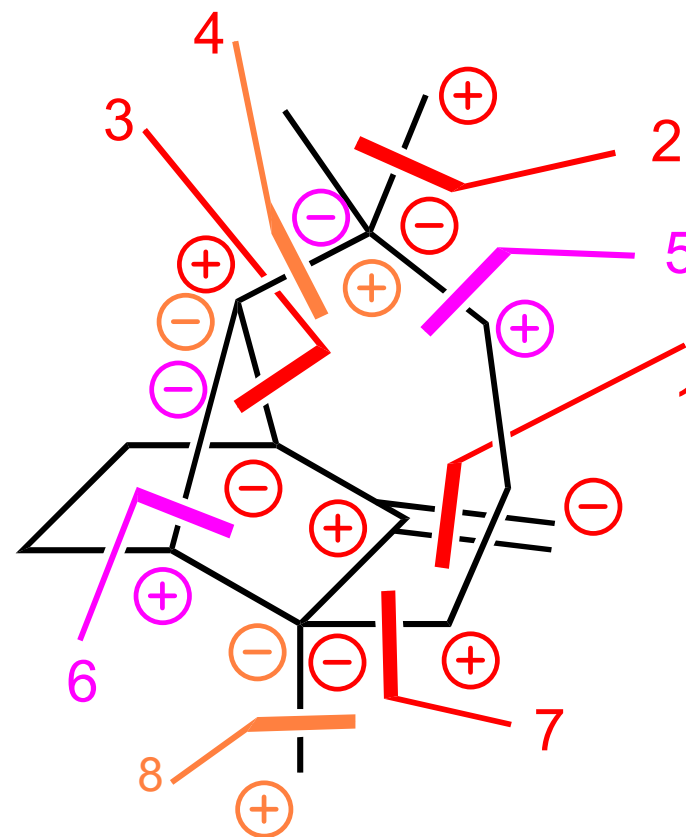
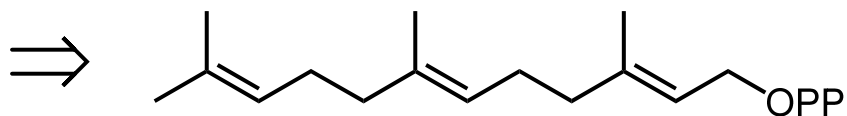
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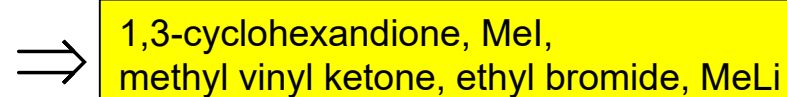
Polar retrosynthesis (charges indicate the polarity of the retrocut and forward direction)



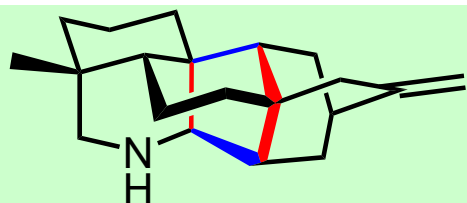
*Pinus ponderosa*



Corey, *JACS* 1961, 1251.

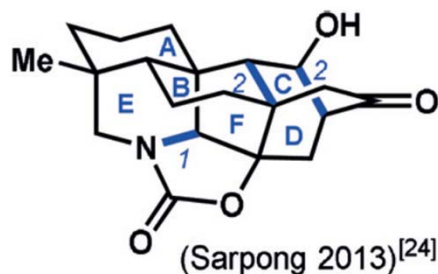


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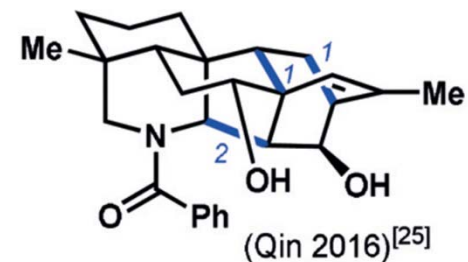


diterpenoid alkaloid hetidine

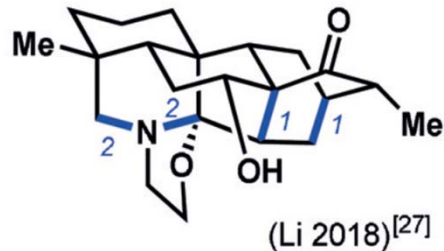
red: "Corey's core bonds"  
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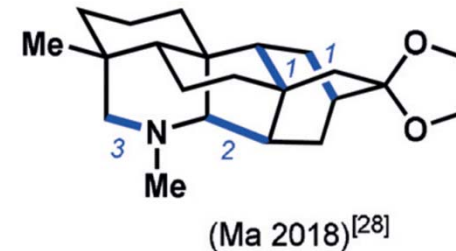
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Closure 2)	B, C, F



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Only one of currently known syntheses of hetidine-type compounds exploits Corey's retrosynthetic approach.

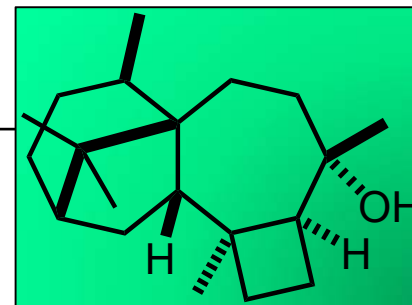
In all of the syntheses, at least one two-bond formation is involved.

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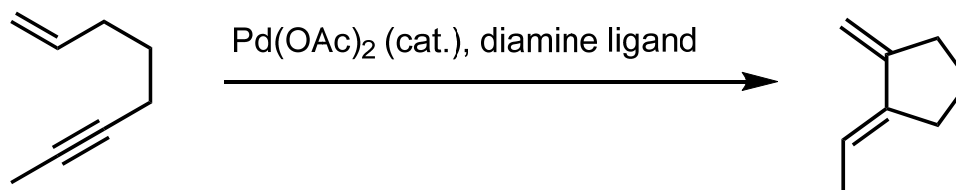
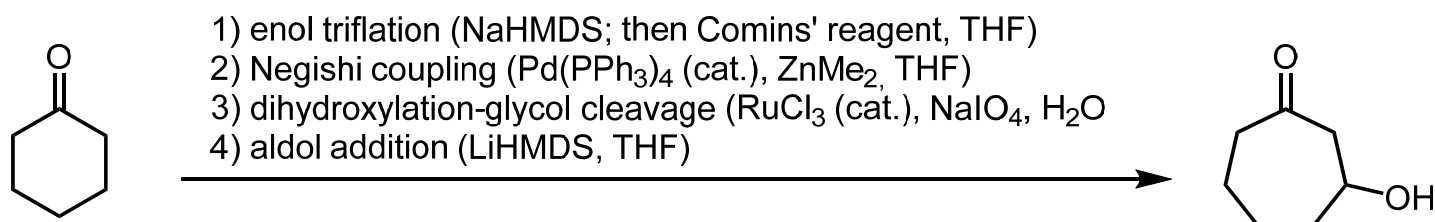
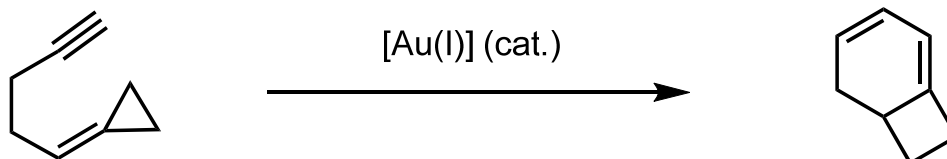
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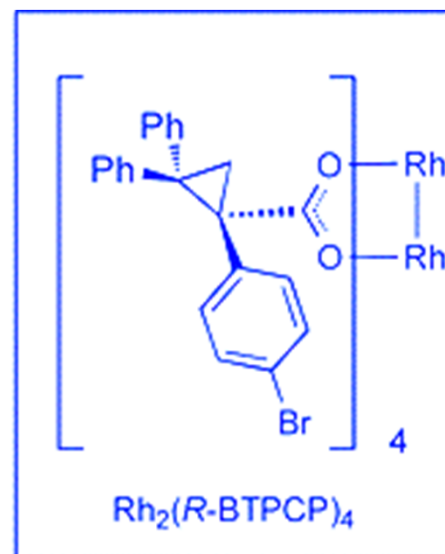
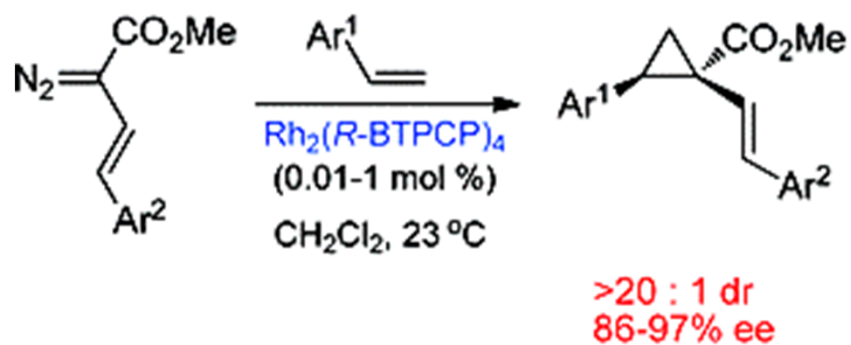
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Synthesis of carbocycles (for heterocycles, see class "Heterocycles")

Cyclopropane derivatives

already discussed: Corey-Chaykovsky, Simmons-Smith, Kulinkovich, Wurtz

Rh(II)-catalyzed cyclopropanation of alkenes with  $\alpha$ -diazooesters, e. g.:



an alkyl cyclopropanecarboxylate

... and many more ...

from Davies et al., *JACS* **2011**, 19198; doi.org/10.1021/ja2074104



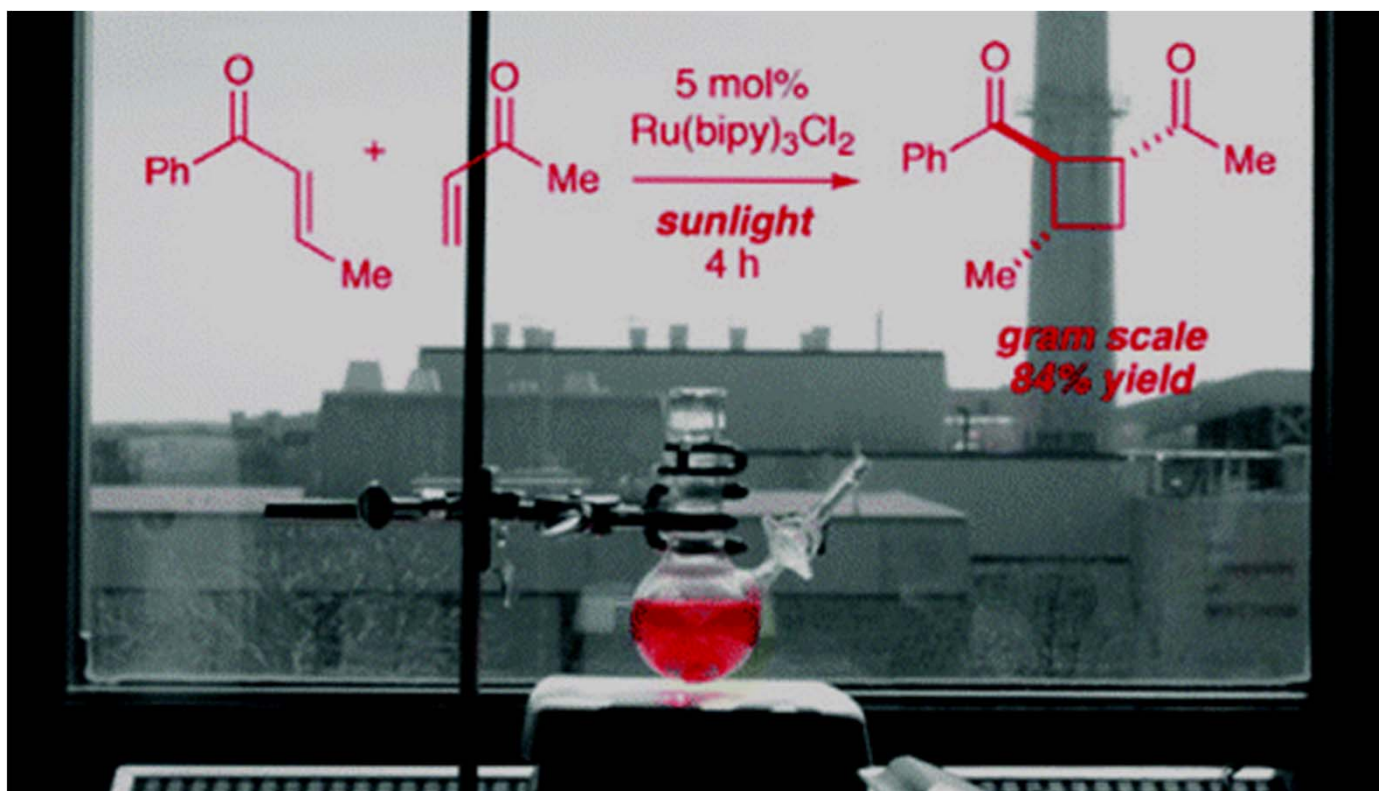
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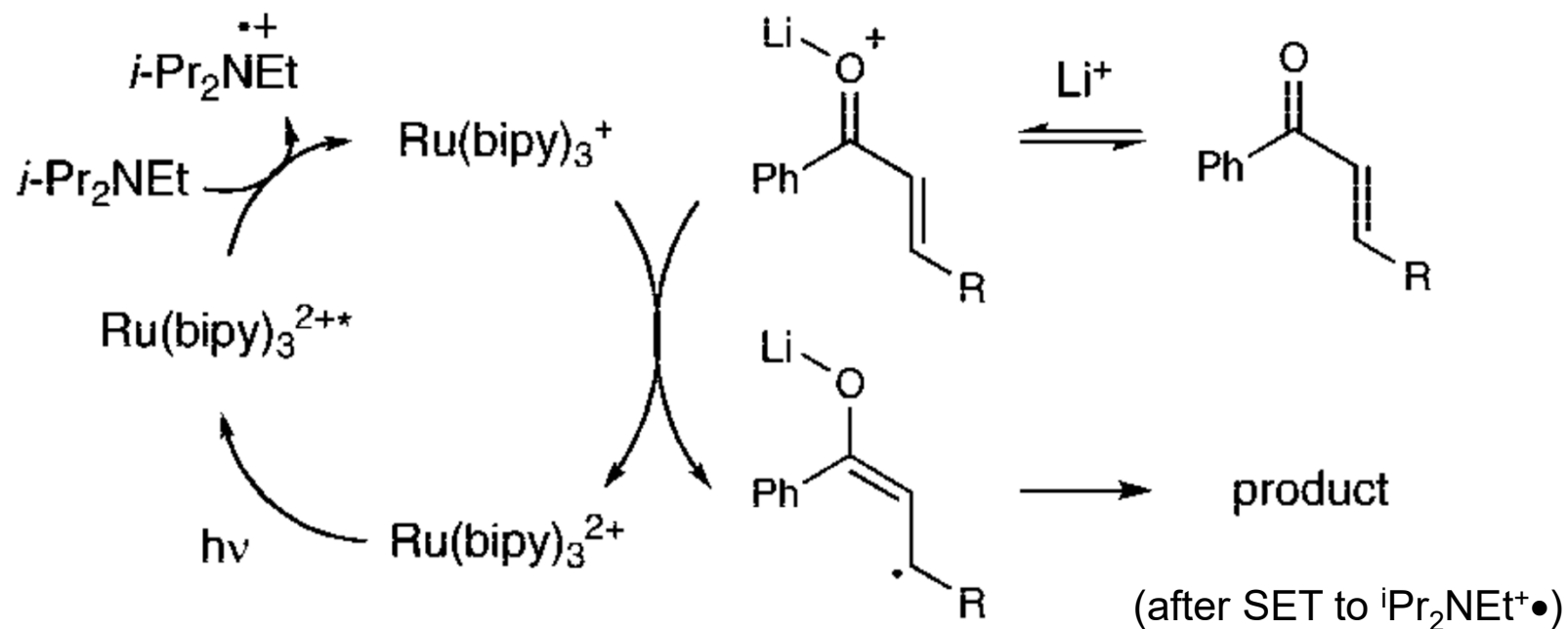
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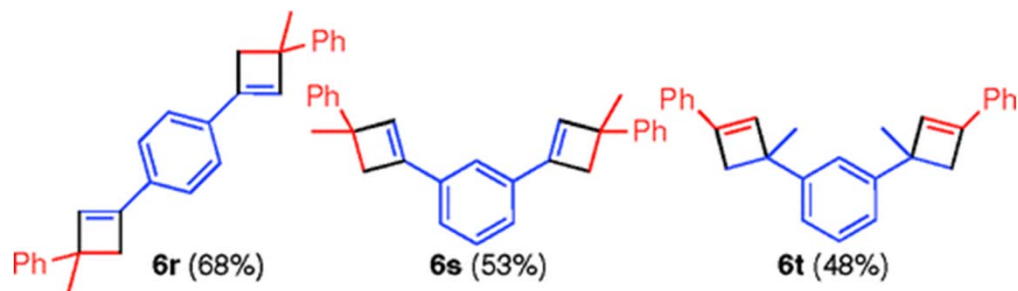
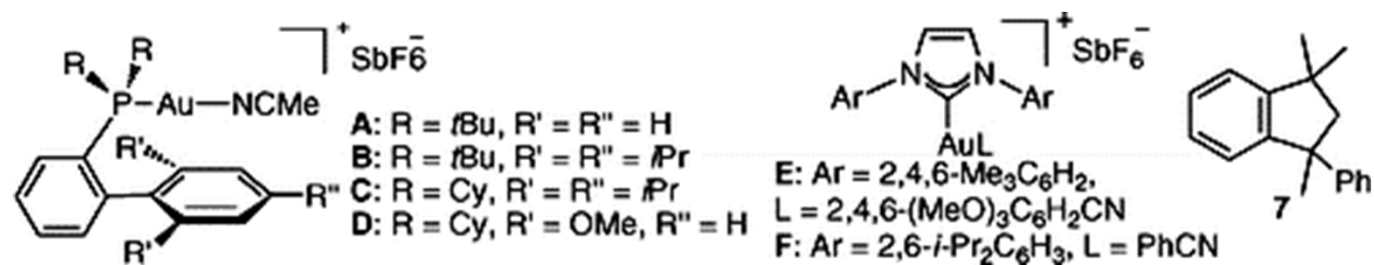
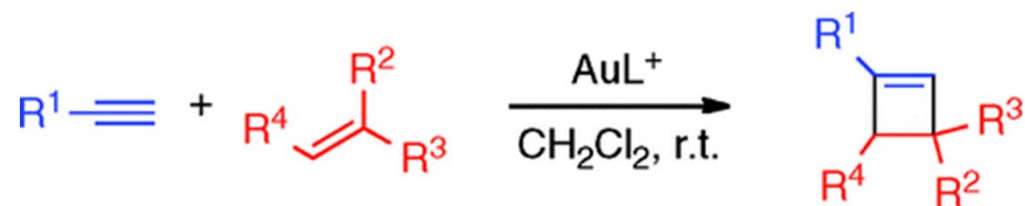


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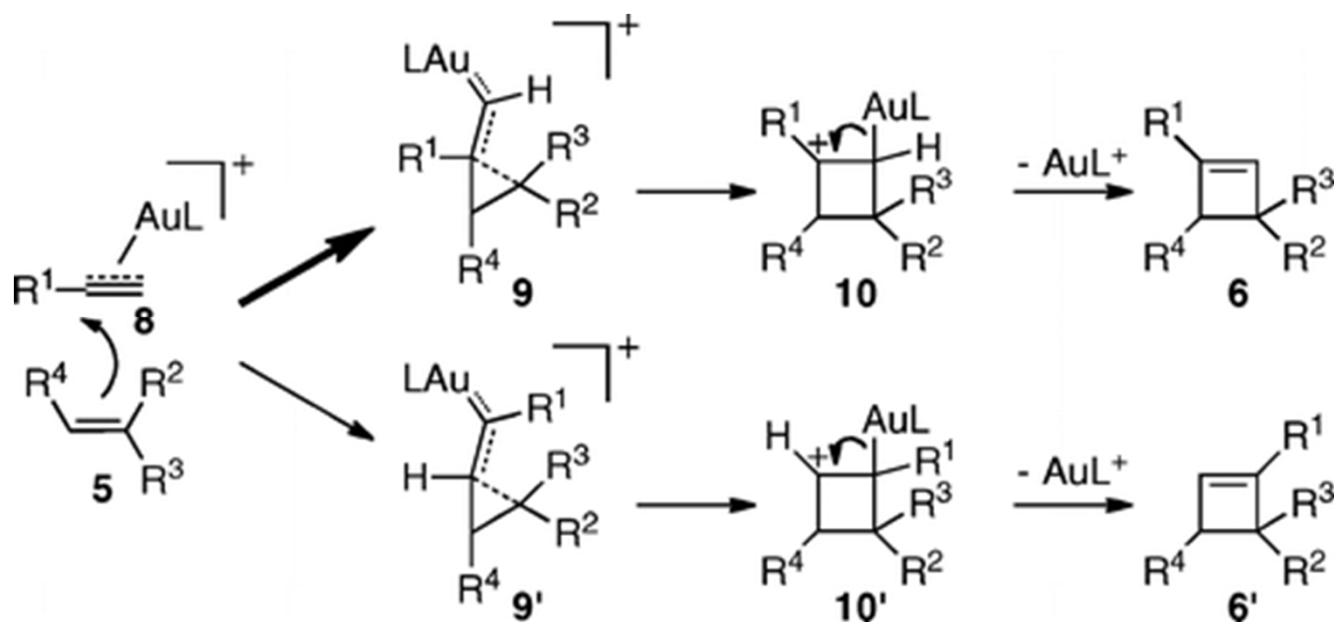


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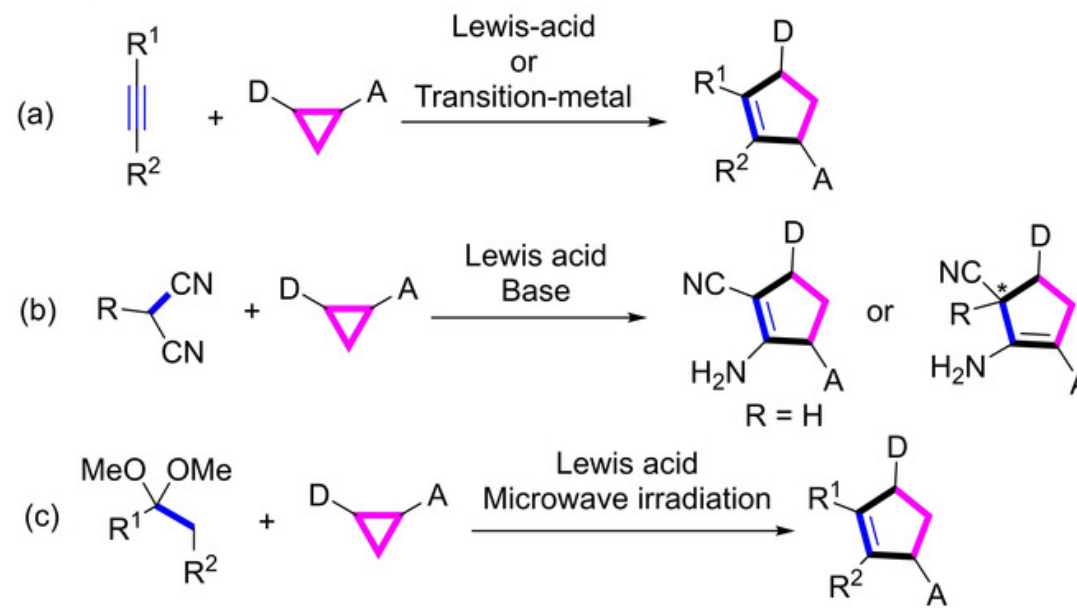
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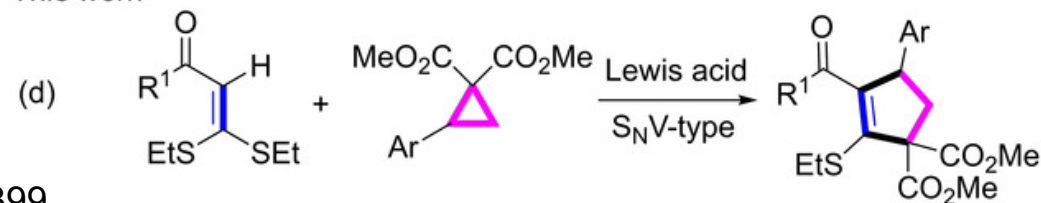
### Cyclopentene derivatives

already discussed: olefin metathesis, enyne metathesis

from donor-acceptor cyclopropanes: *Previous work*



*This work*

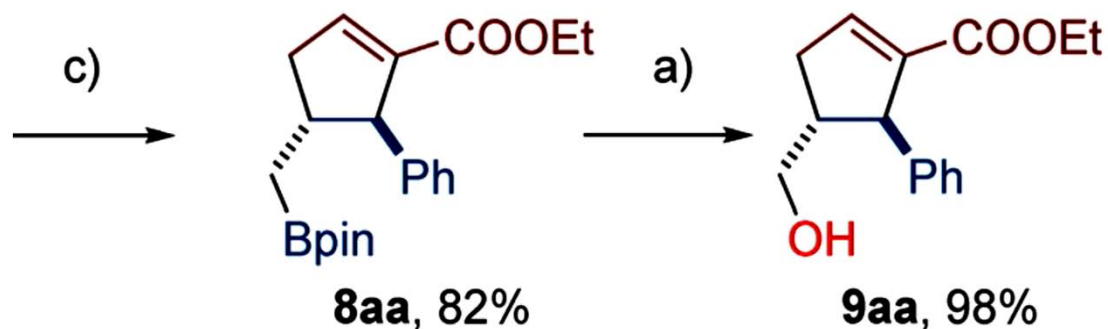
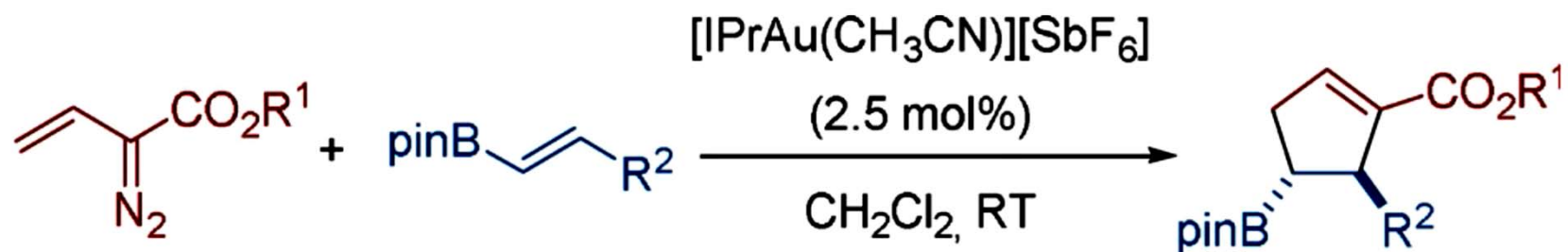


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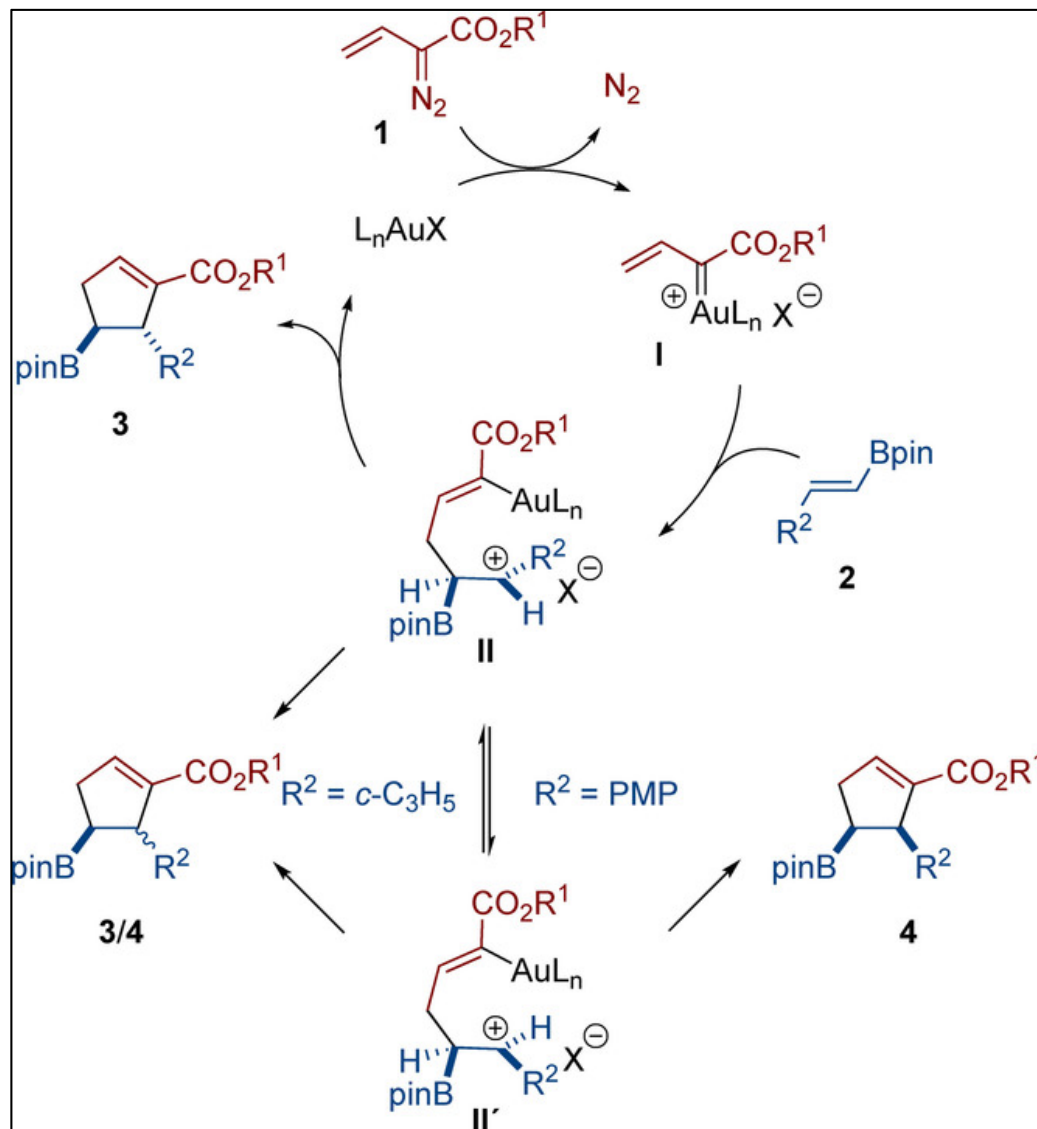


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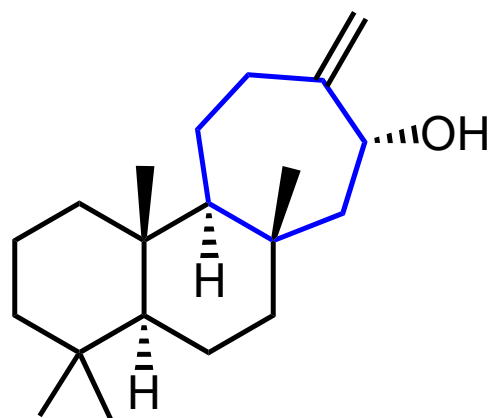
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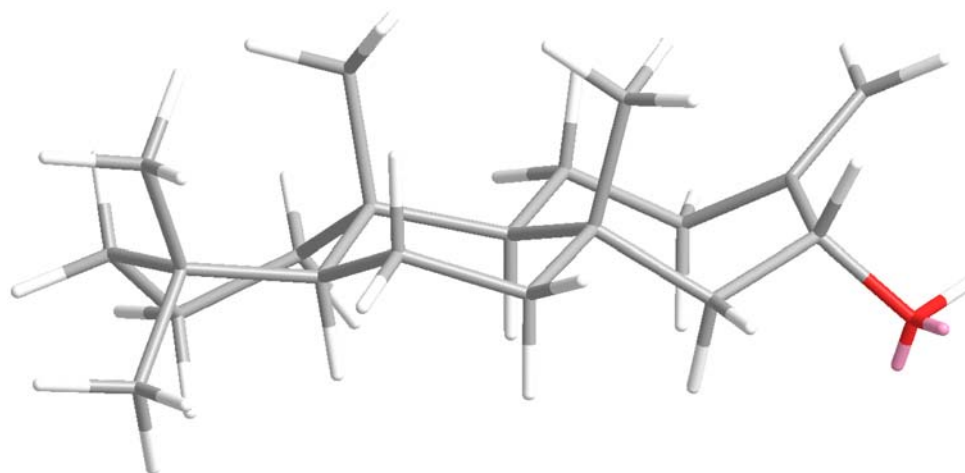
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### Cycloheptadiene derivatives by [4+3] cycloaddition



(-)-barelol

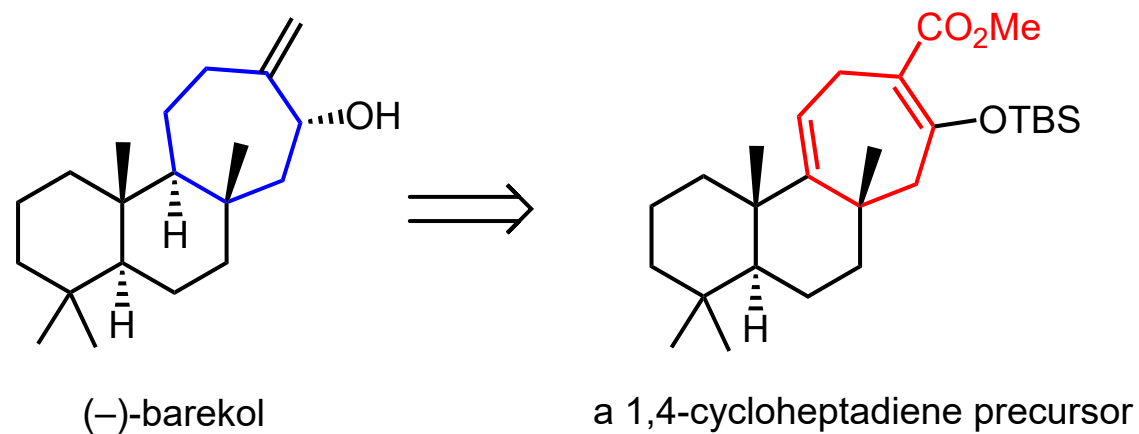


This is no cycloheptadiene.



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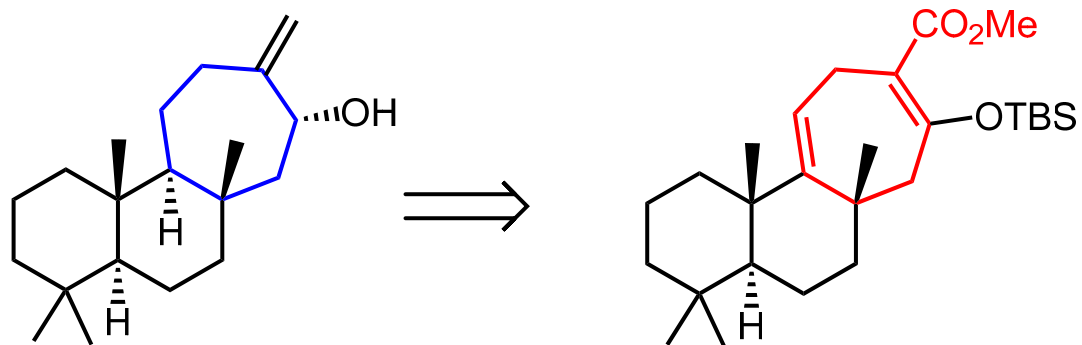
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Sarpong, Davies, et al., *JACS* **2010**, 12422

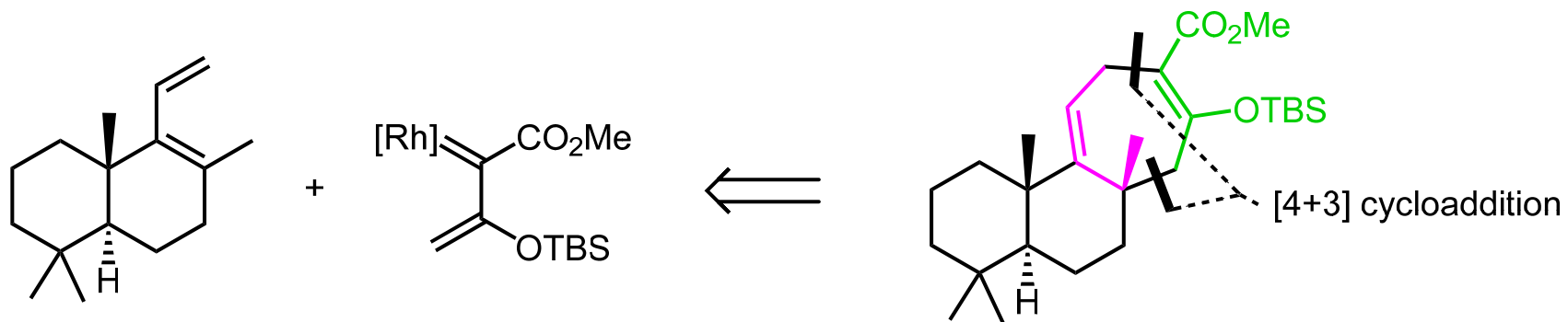
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### Cycloheptadiene derivatives by [4+3] cycloaddition



(-)-barekol

a 1,4-cycloheptadiene precursor



what the master may have to look up

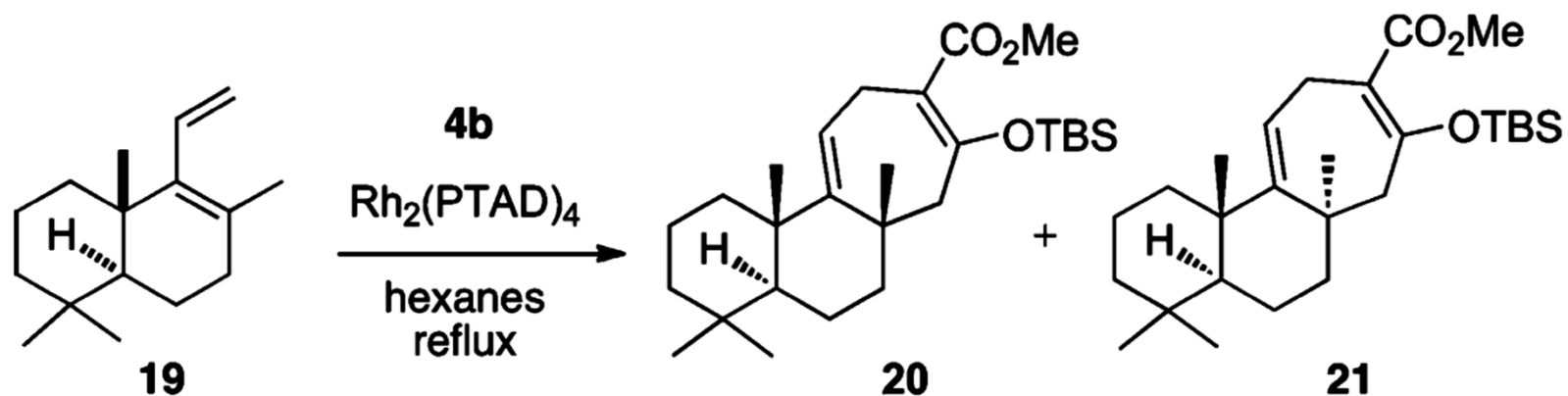
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## 4 Selected carbocycles

Cycloheptadiene derivatives by [4+3] cycloaddition

via the divinylcyclopropane and [3,3]



catalyst	ratio (4b/19)	dr (20/21)	yield (20 + 21, %)
Rh <sub>2</sub> ( <i>R</i> -PTAD) <sub>4</sub>	5:1	6:1	65 (47 <sup>a</sup> )
Rh <sub>2</sub> ( <i>S</i> -PTAD) <sub>4</sub>	3:1	1:9	63

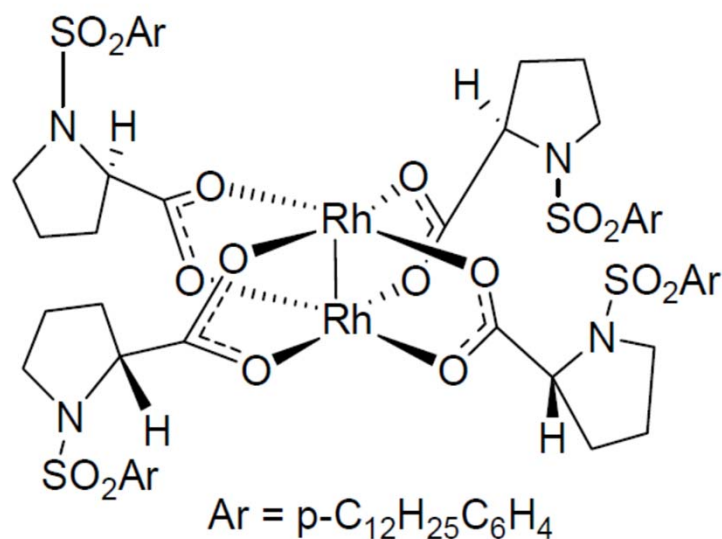
<sup>a</sup> Isolated yield of pure **20**.

what the master still has to investigate

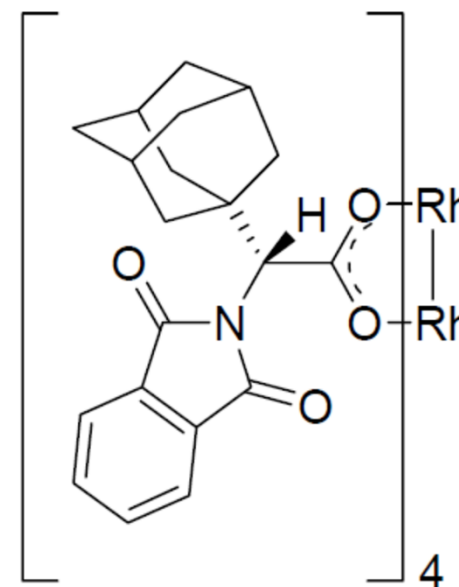
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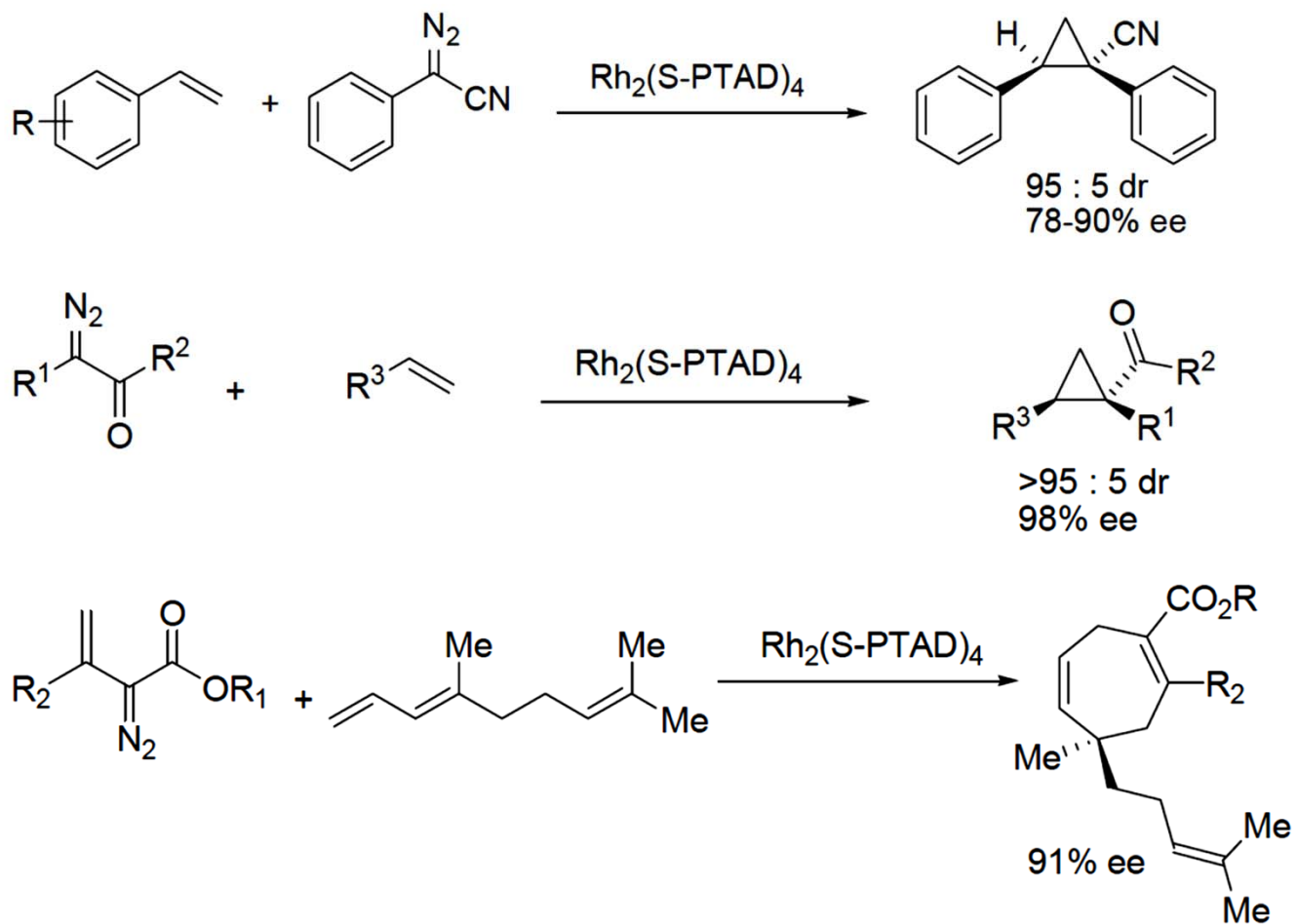
Tetrakis[(*R*)-(+)-*N*-(*p*-dodecylphenylsulfonyl)prolinato]dirhodium(II)  
 $\text{Rh}_2(\text{R-DOSP})_4$



Tetrakis[(*R*)-(-)-(1-adamantyl)-(1*N*-phthalimido)acetato]dirhodium(II)  
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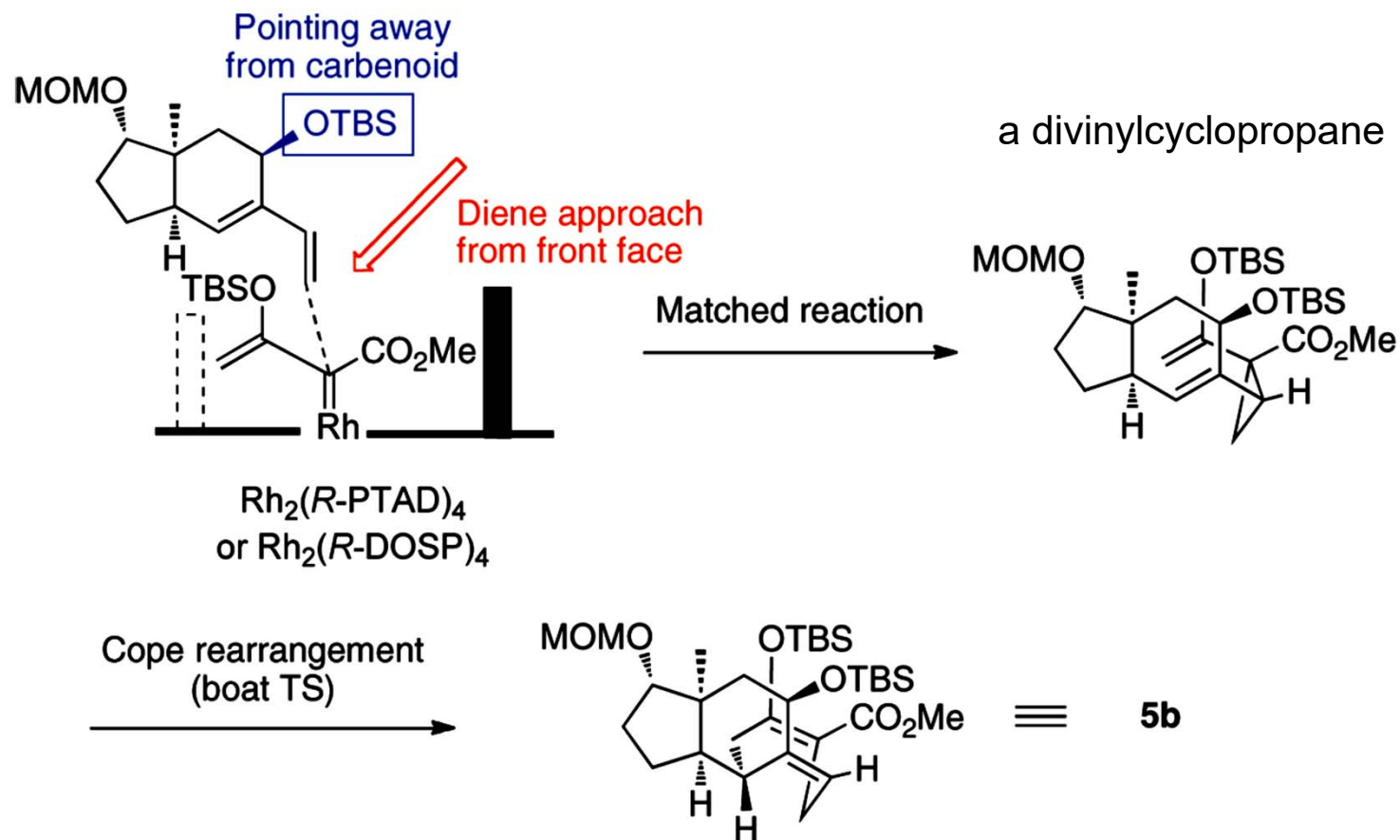
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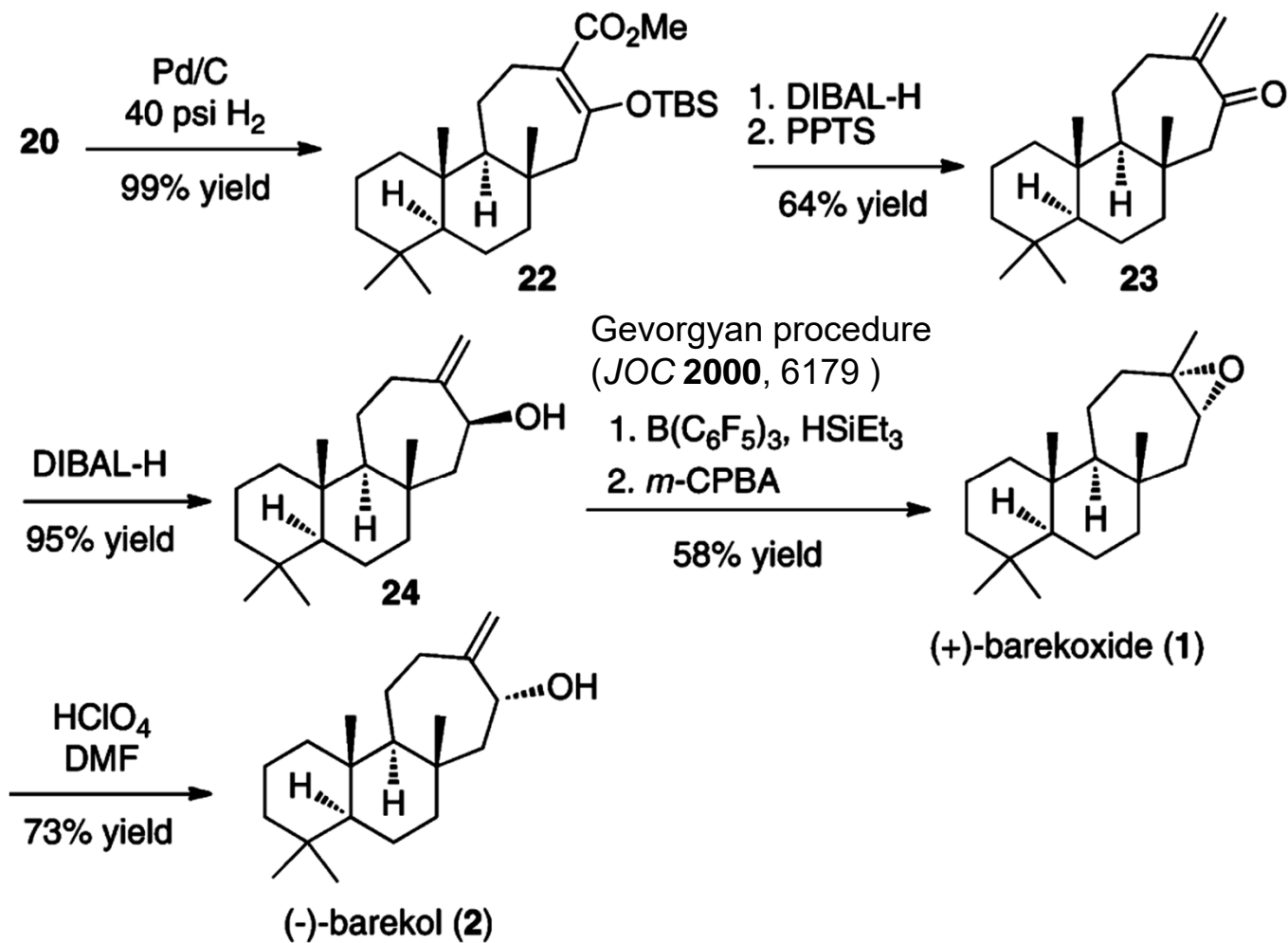
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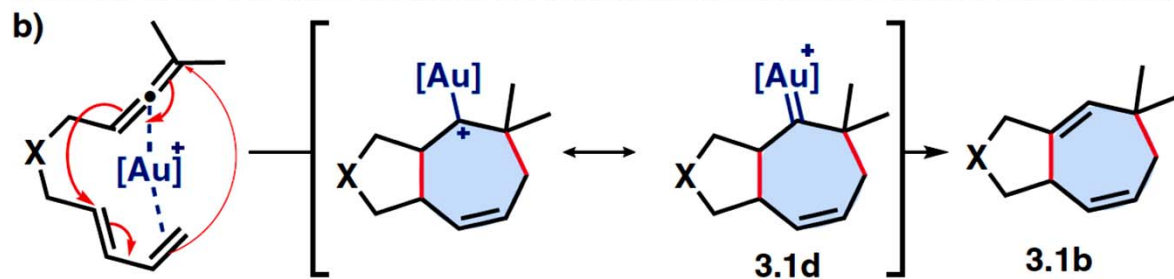
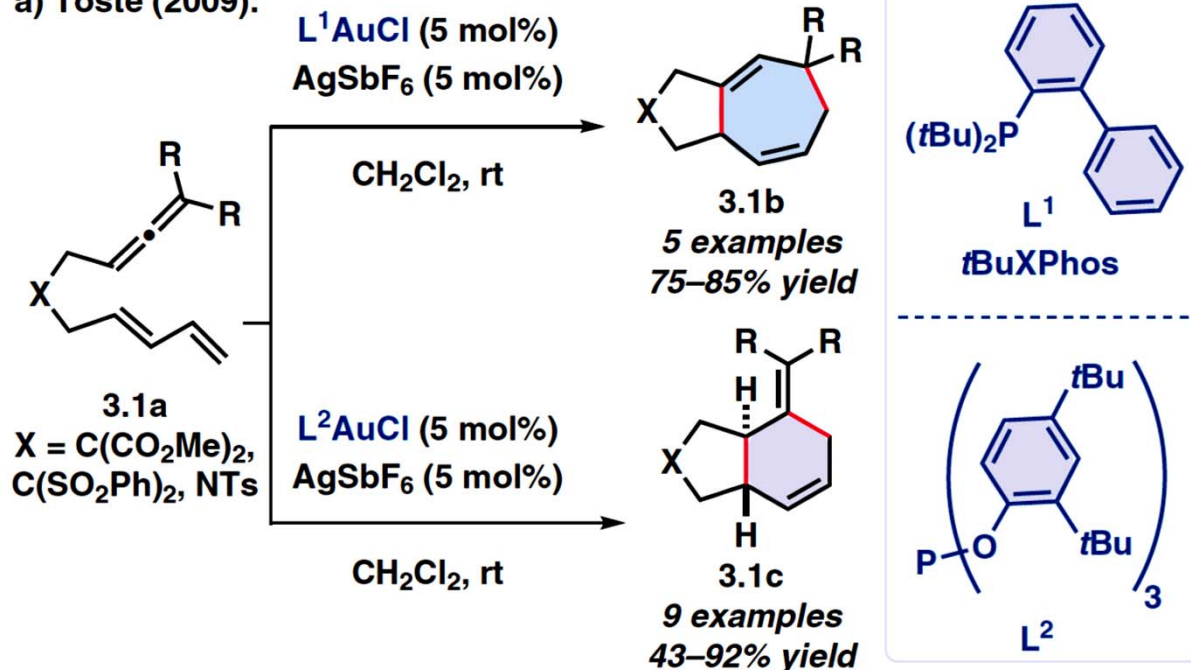


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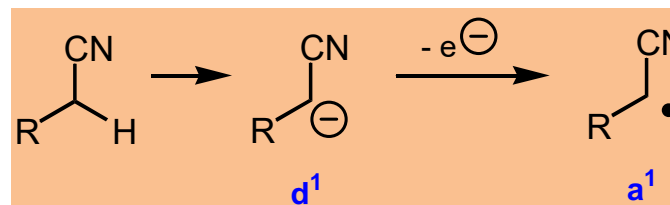
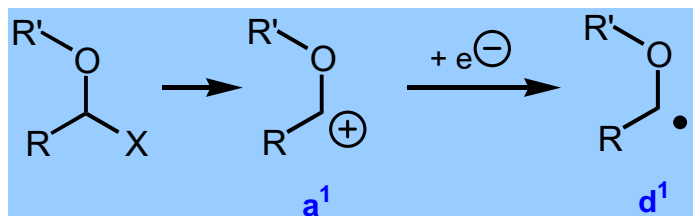
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## 5 Radical retrosynthesis – 5.1 One-electron umpolung

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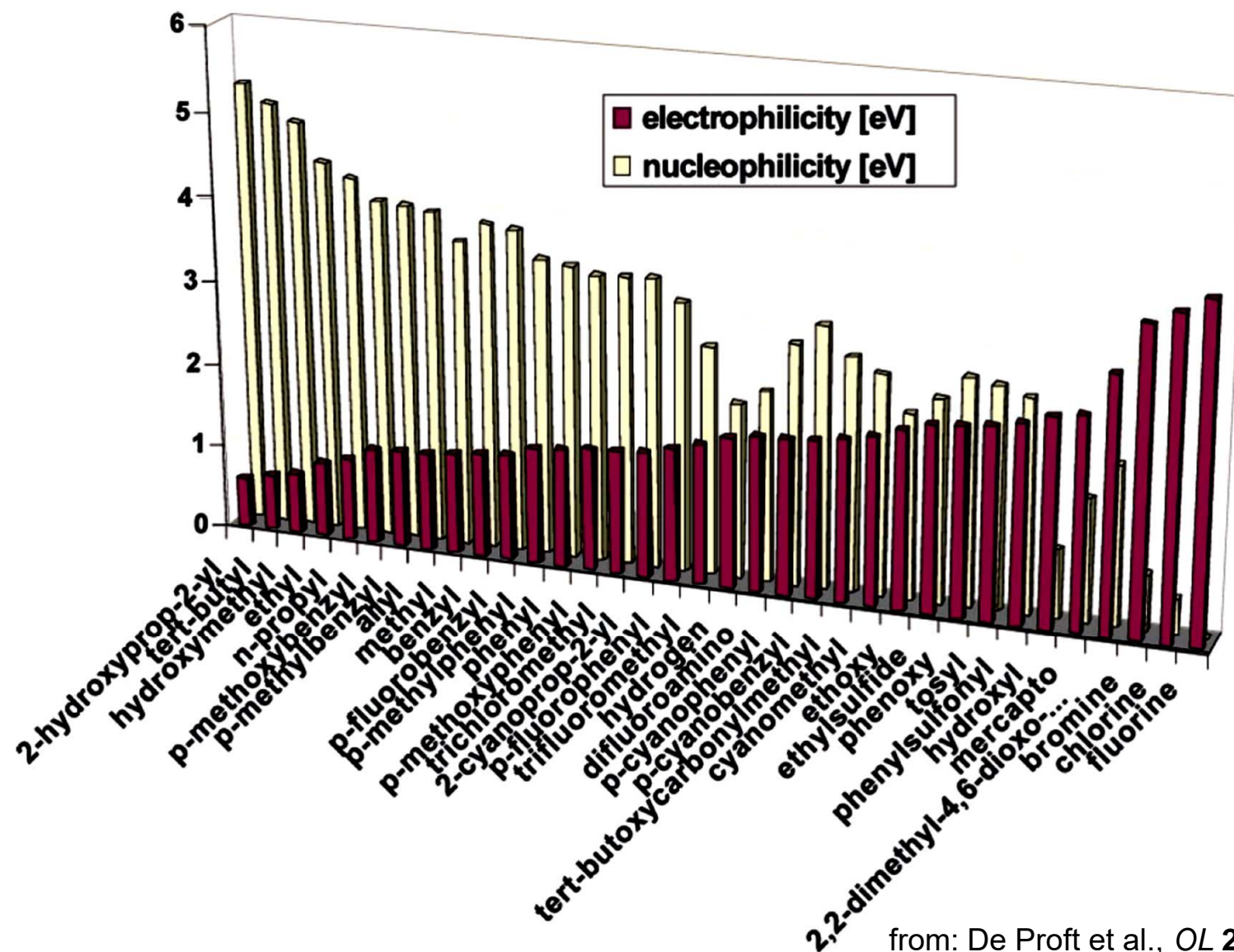
It is sufficient to introduce or remove one electron, which leads to the formation of nucleophilic radicals from electrophiles or of electrophilic radicals from nucleophiles (one-electron polarity reversal).



### A qualitative approach to determining the "philicity" of a radical

1. Consider the oxidized (cationic) and reduced (anionic) forms of  $A^{\bullet}$
2. Determine which of the forms is more stable
3. Assign the "philicity" of the radical:
  - a. If  $A^+$  is more stable,  $A^{\bullet}$  is a nucleophilic radical because it wants to lose an  $e^-$
  - b. If  $A^-$  is more stable,  $A^{\bullet}$  is an electrophilic radical because it wants to gain an  $e^-$

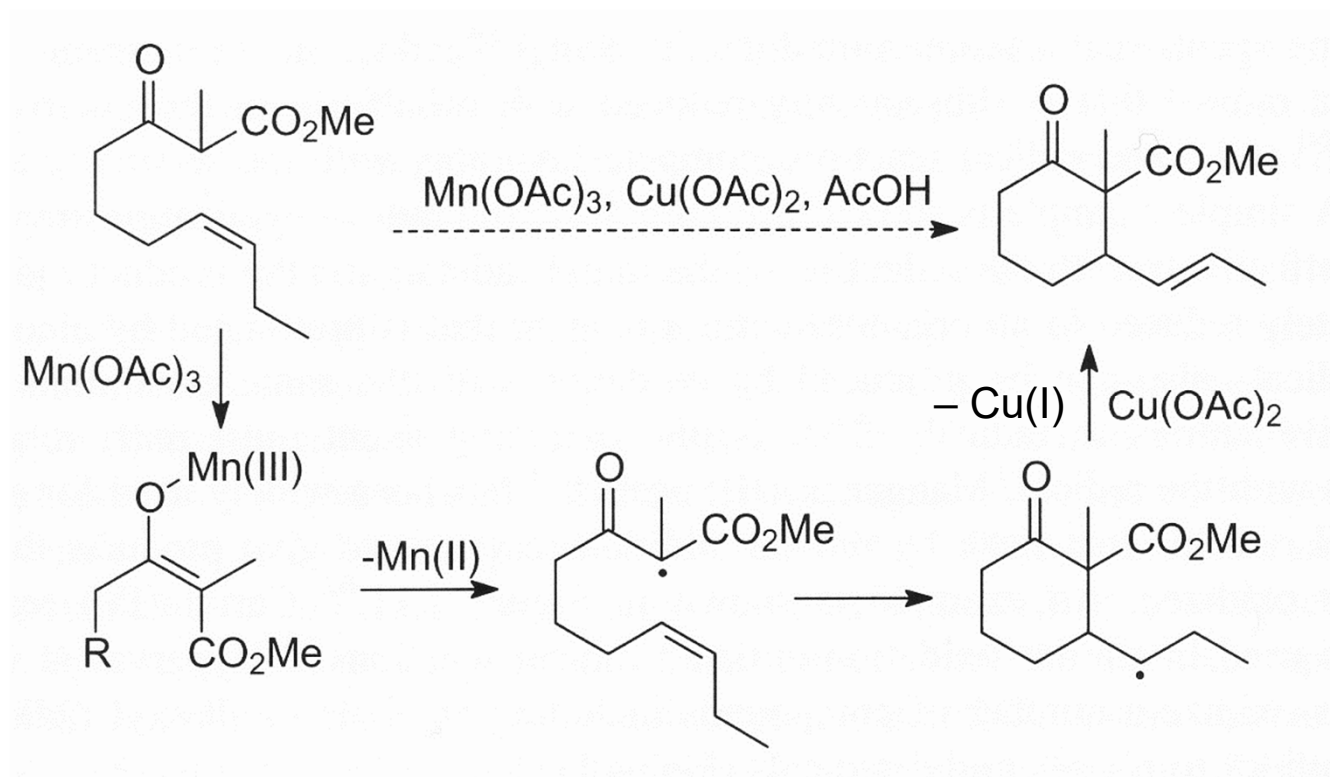
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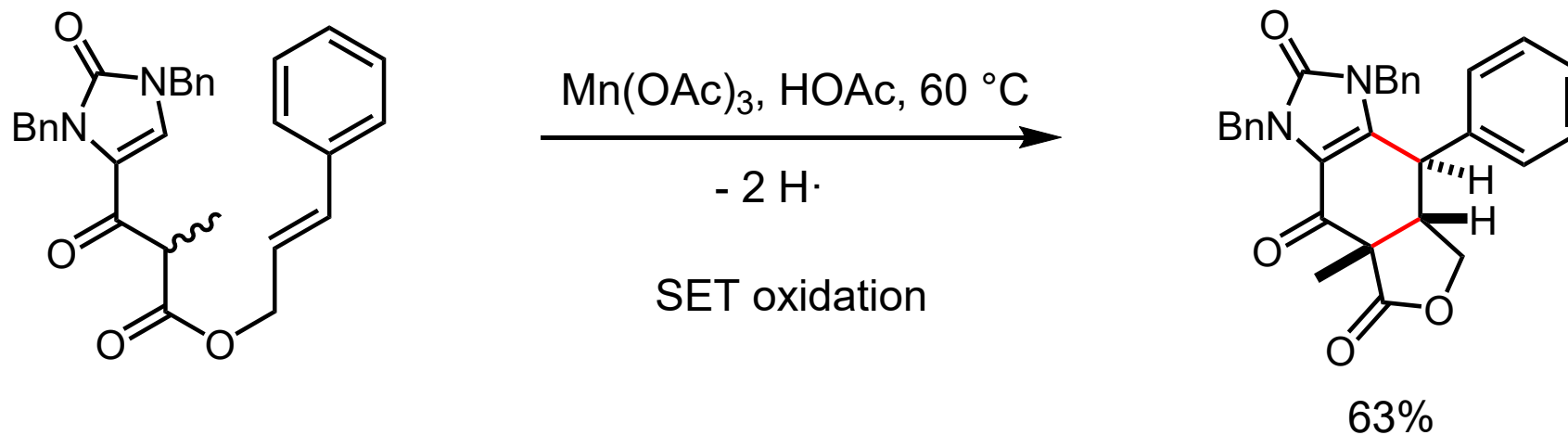


*nucleophilic enolate*

*electrophilic enoyl radical*

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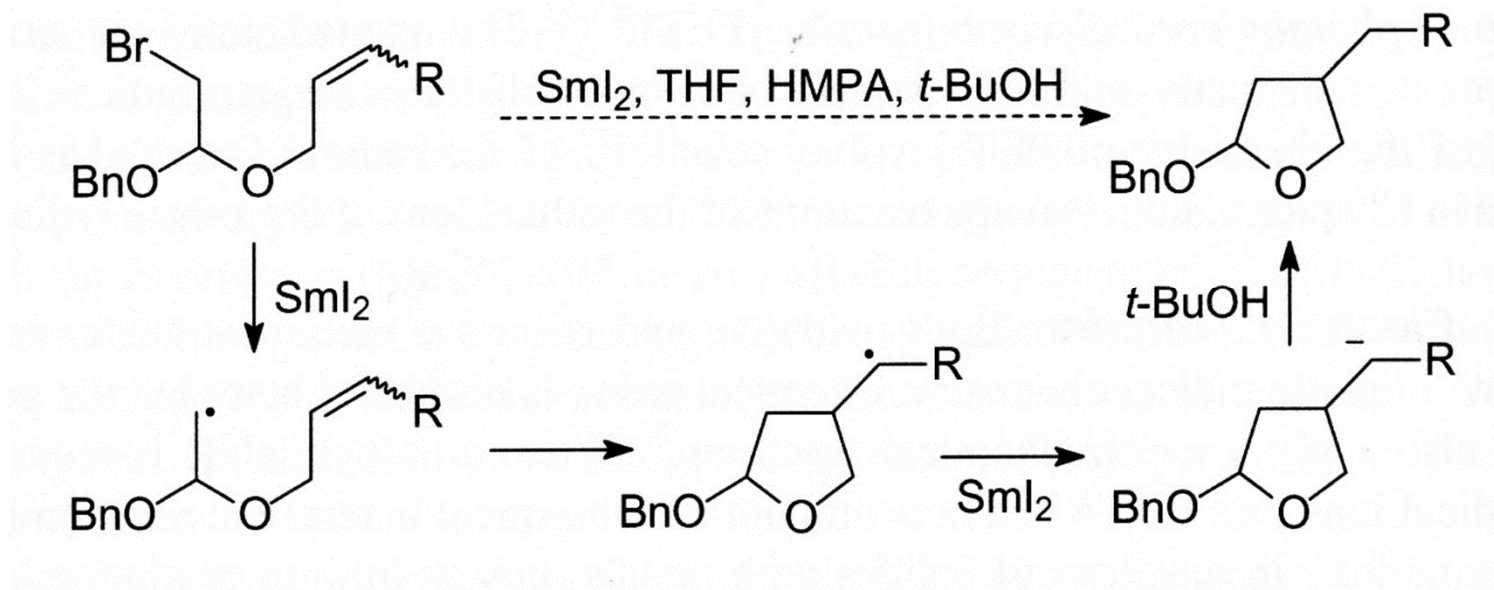
Mechanism?

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*E. g.*,  $\text{SmI}_2 + \text{alkyl bromide} \rightarrow \text{Sm(III)} + \text{nucleophilic radical}$

*electrophilic alkyl bromide*

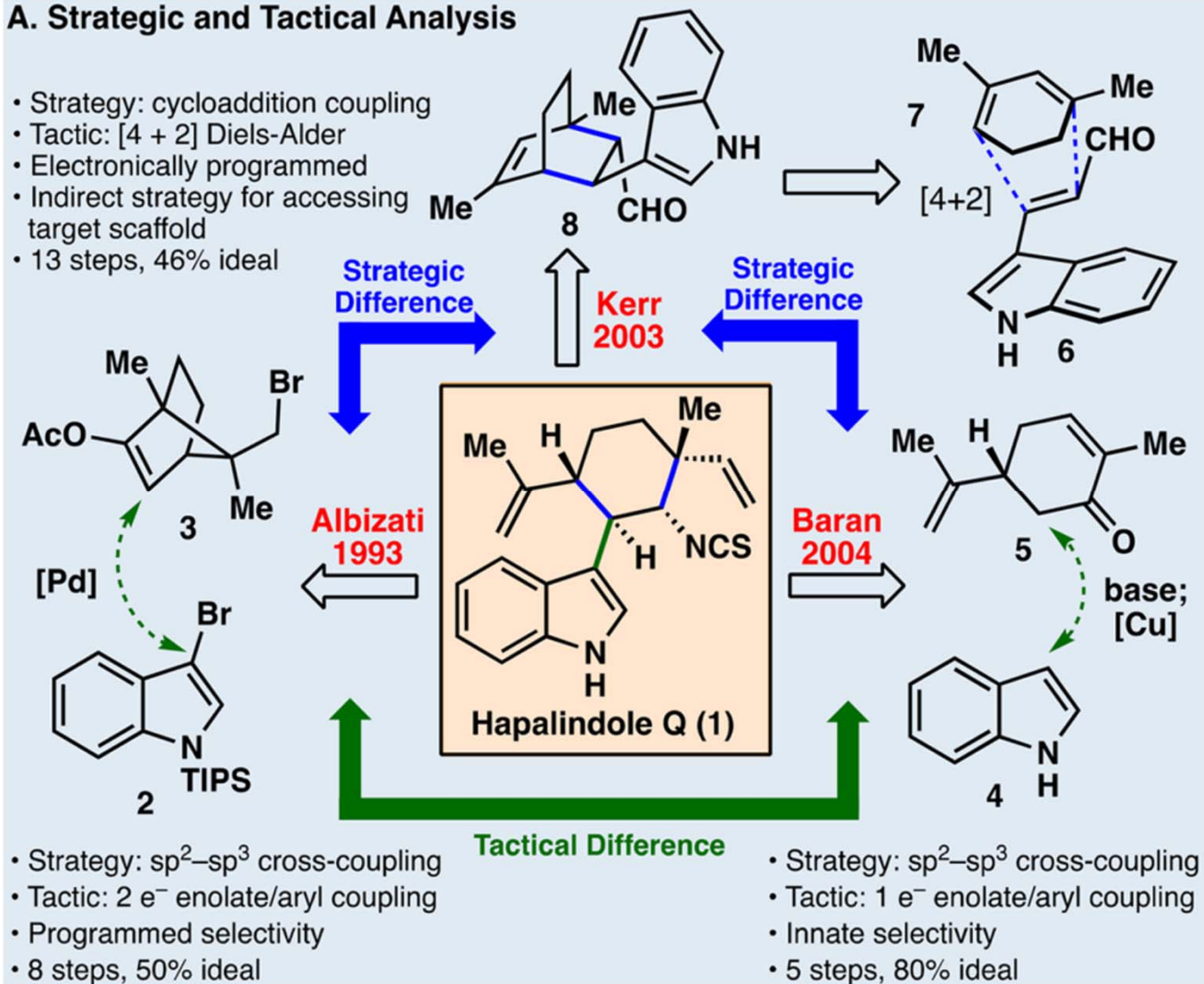


*nucleophilic alkyl radical*

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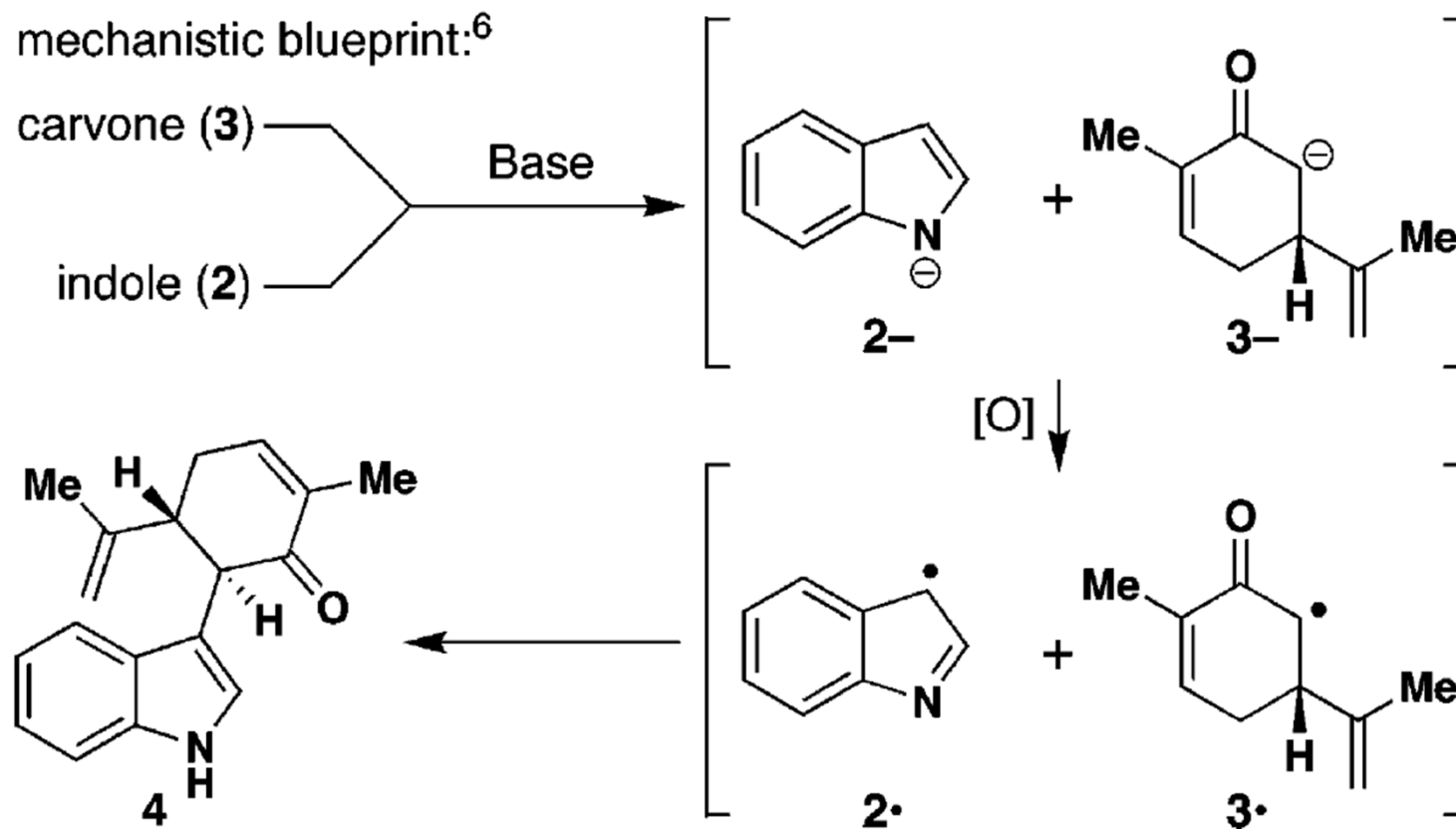
### A. Strategic and Tactical Analysis

- Strategy: cycloaddition coupling
- Tactic: [4 + 2] Diels-Alder
- Electronically programmed
- Indirect strategy for accessing target scaffold
- 13 steps, 46% ideal



from: Baran et al., *Acc. Chem. Res.* **2018**, 1807

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Baran et al., *JACS* **2004**, 7450

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**Table 1.** Selected Optimization Results of **2** + **3** → **4**

indole (**2**)  
+  
carvone (**3**)

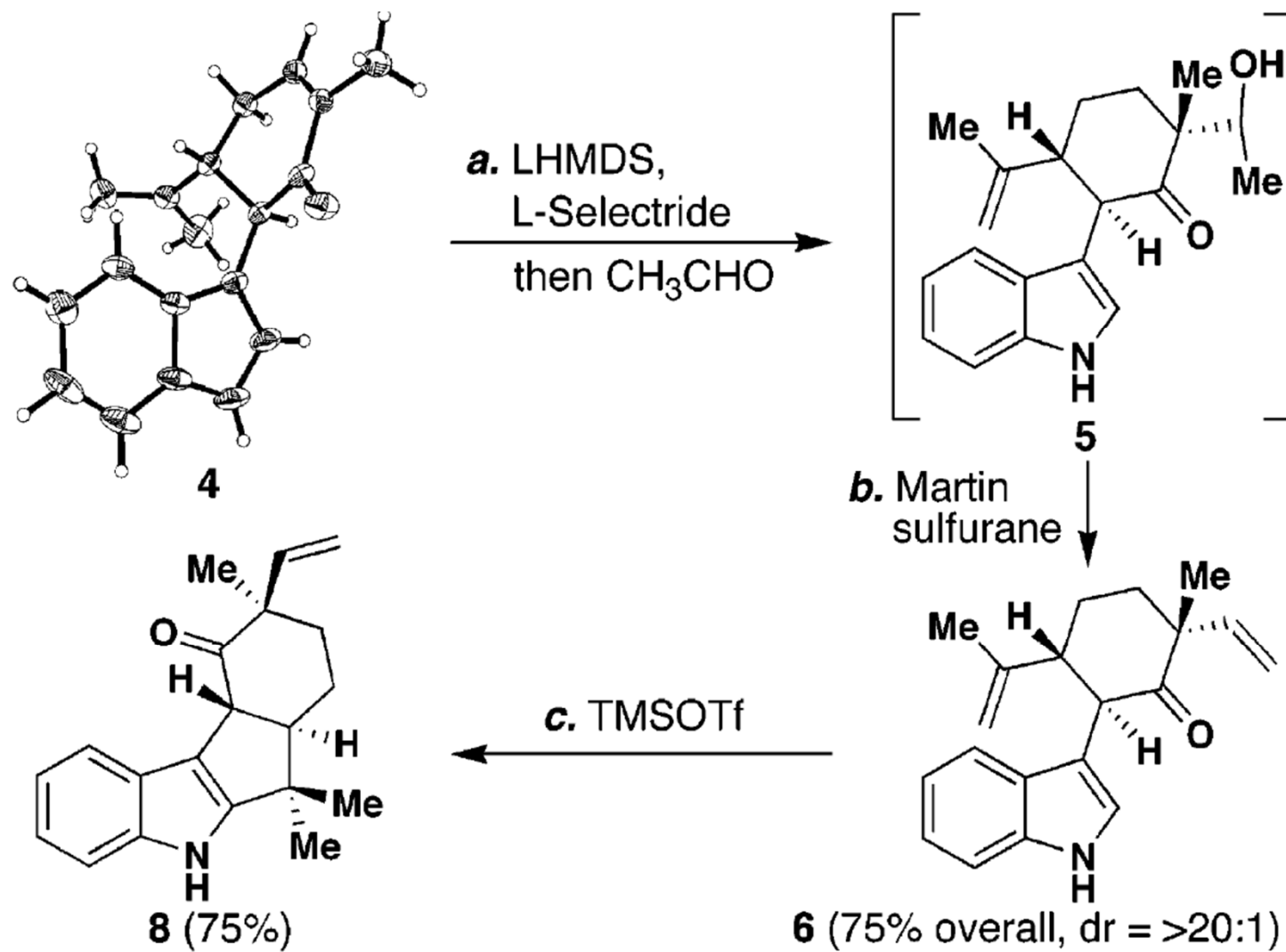
THF, Base, then [O] → **4**  
[O] = FeCl<sub>3</sub>/DMF (Fe) or  
Copper(II)2-ethylhexanoate (Cu)

Entry	Conditions	Yield (%) <sup>a</sup>
1	<b>2</b> (1.0 eq), <b>3</b> (3.0 eq), LDA (4.0 eq), Fe (4.0 eq), -78 to 23 °C	ca 15
2	<b>2</b> (1.0 eq), <b>3</b> (3.0 eq), LDA (4.0 eq), Cu (4.0 eq), -78 to 23 °C	24
3	<b>2</b> (1.0 eq), <b>3</b> (1.0 eq), LDA (2.0 eq), Cu (2.0 eq), -78 to 0 °C	24
4	<b>2</b> (3.0 eq), <b>3</b> (1.0 eq), LDA (4.0 eq), Cu (4.0 eq), -78 to 0 °C	32
5	<b>2</b> (2.0 eq), <b>3</b> (1.0 eq), LHMDS (3.0 eq), Cu (1.5 eq), -78 °C	53 (70) <sup>b</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Isolated yield after chromatography. <sup>b</sup> Yield based on recovered sm.



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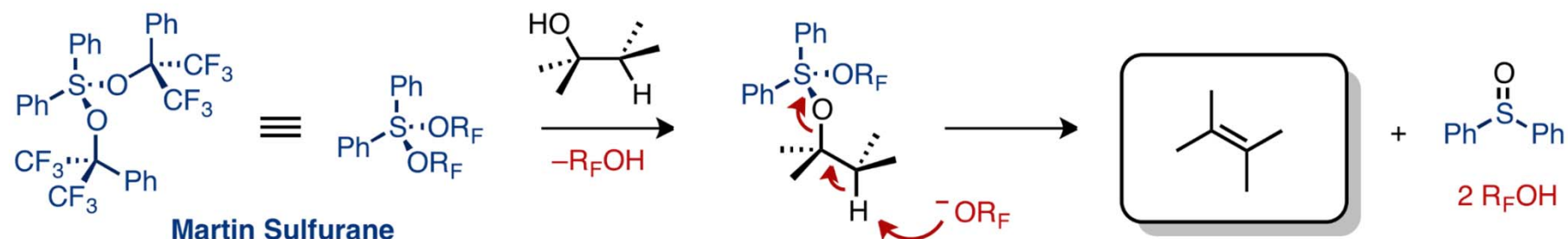


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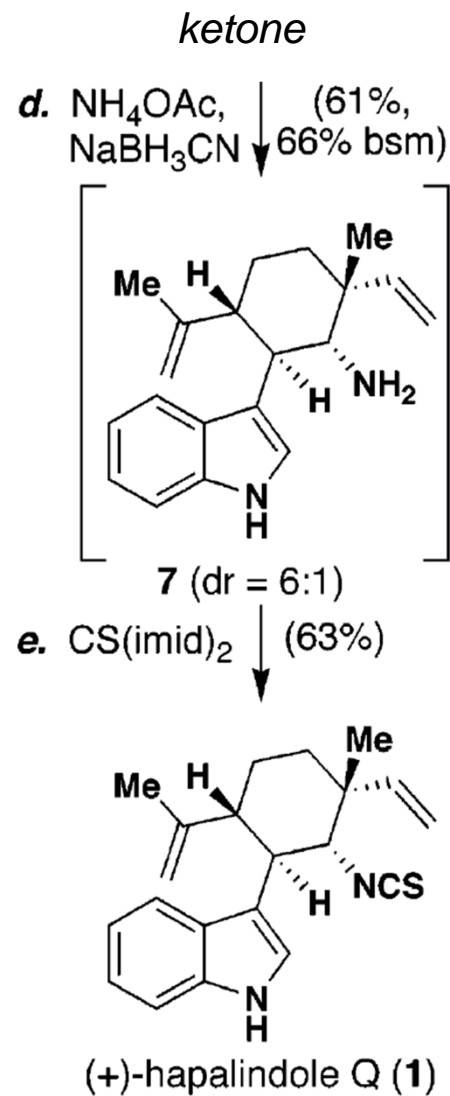
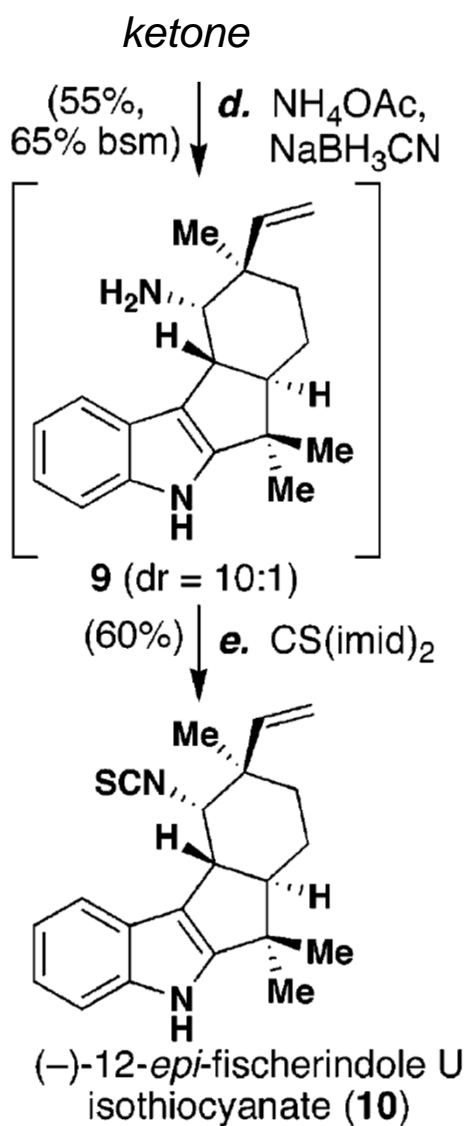
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Dehydration of alcohols and of *trans*-diols to epoxides



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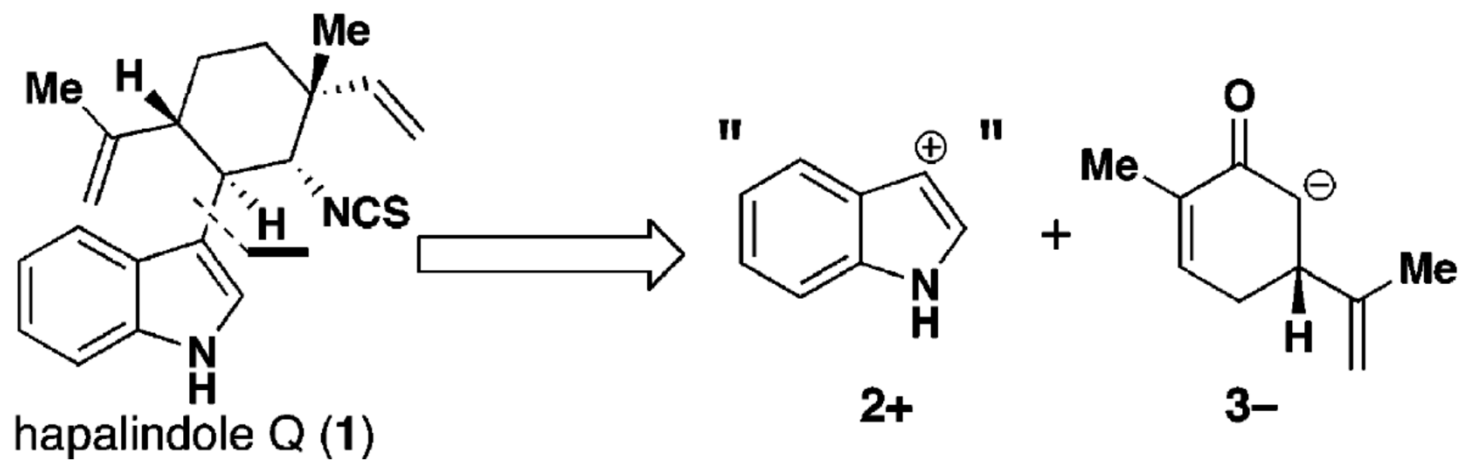
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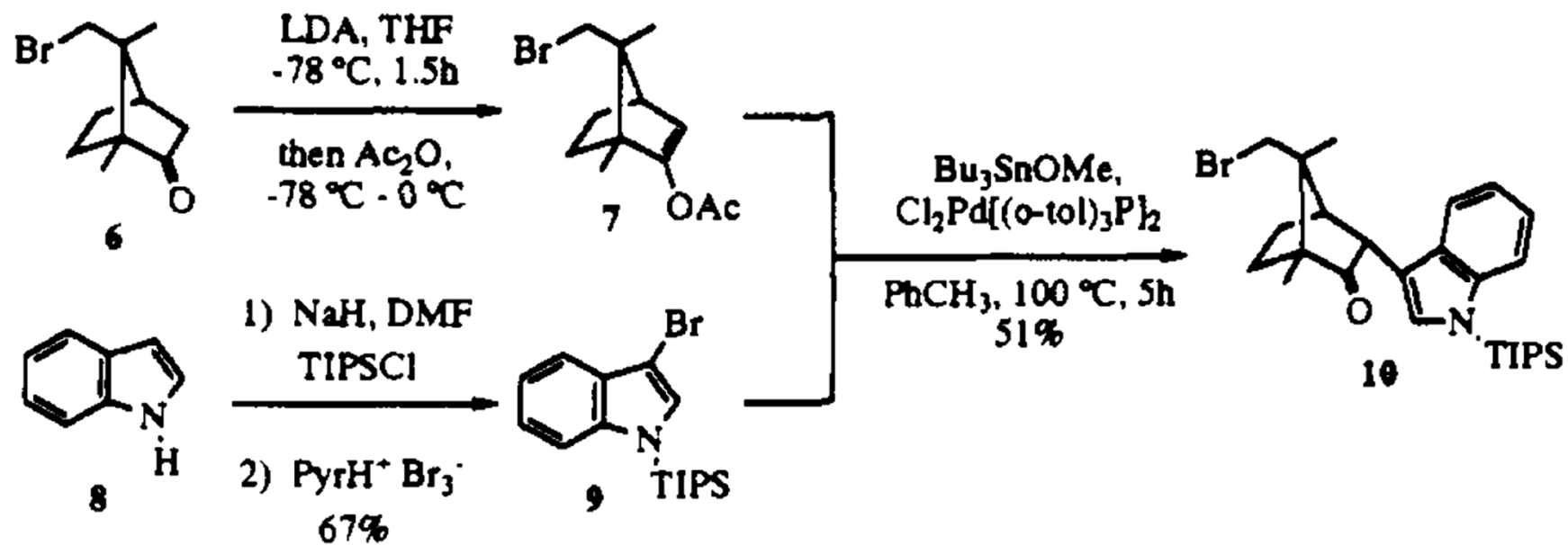
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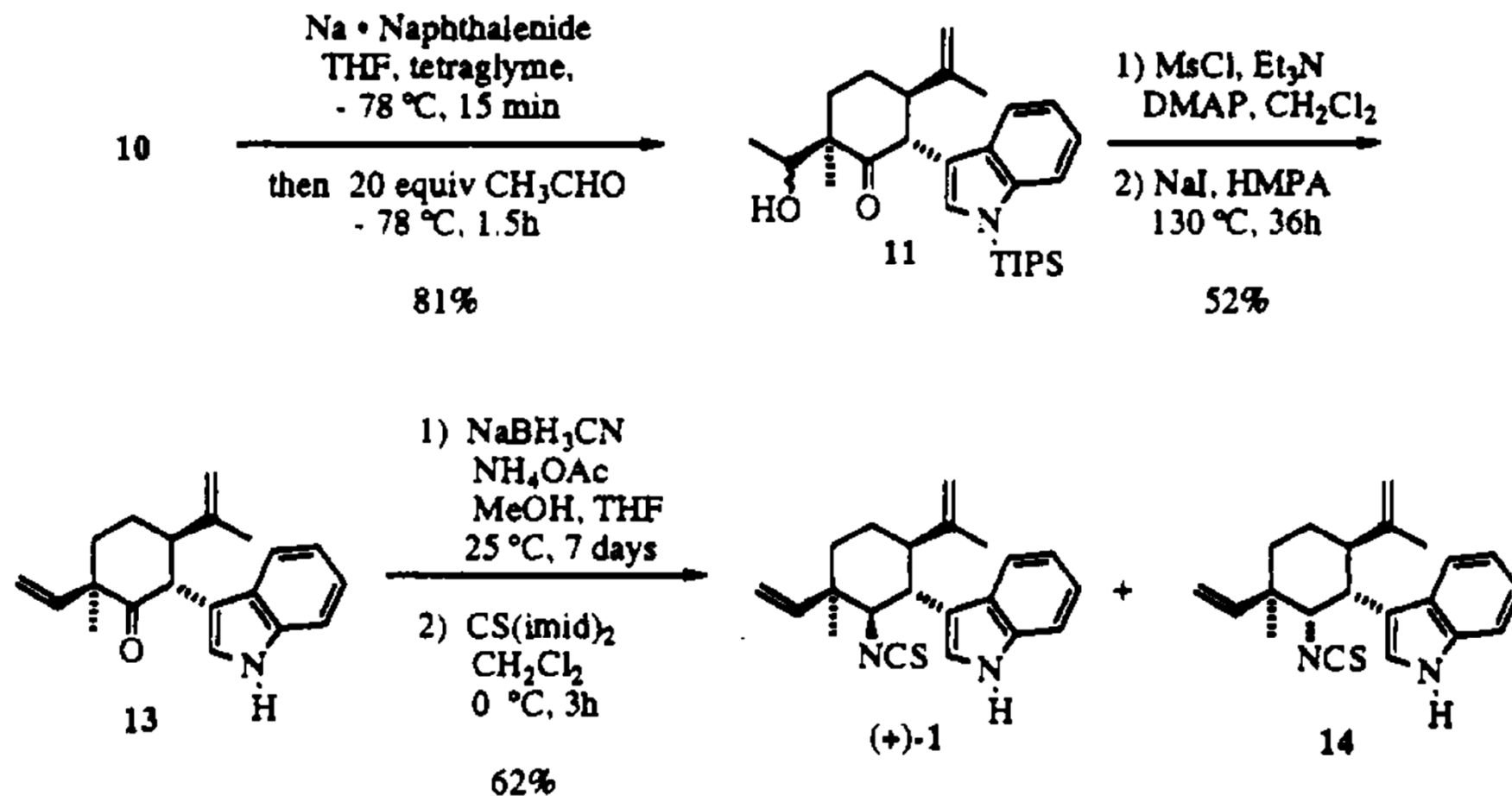
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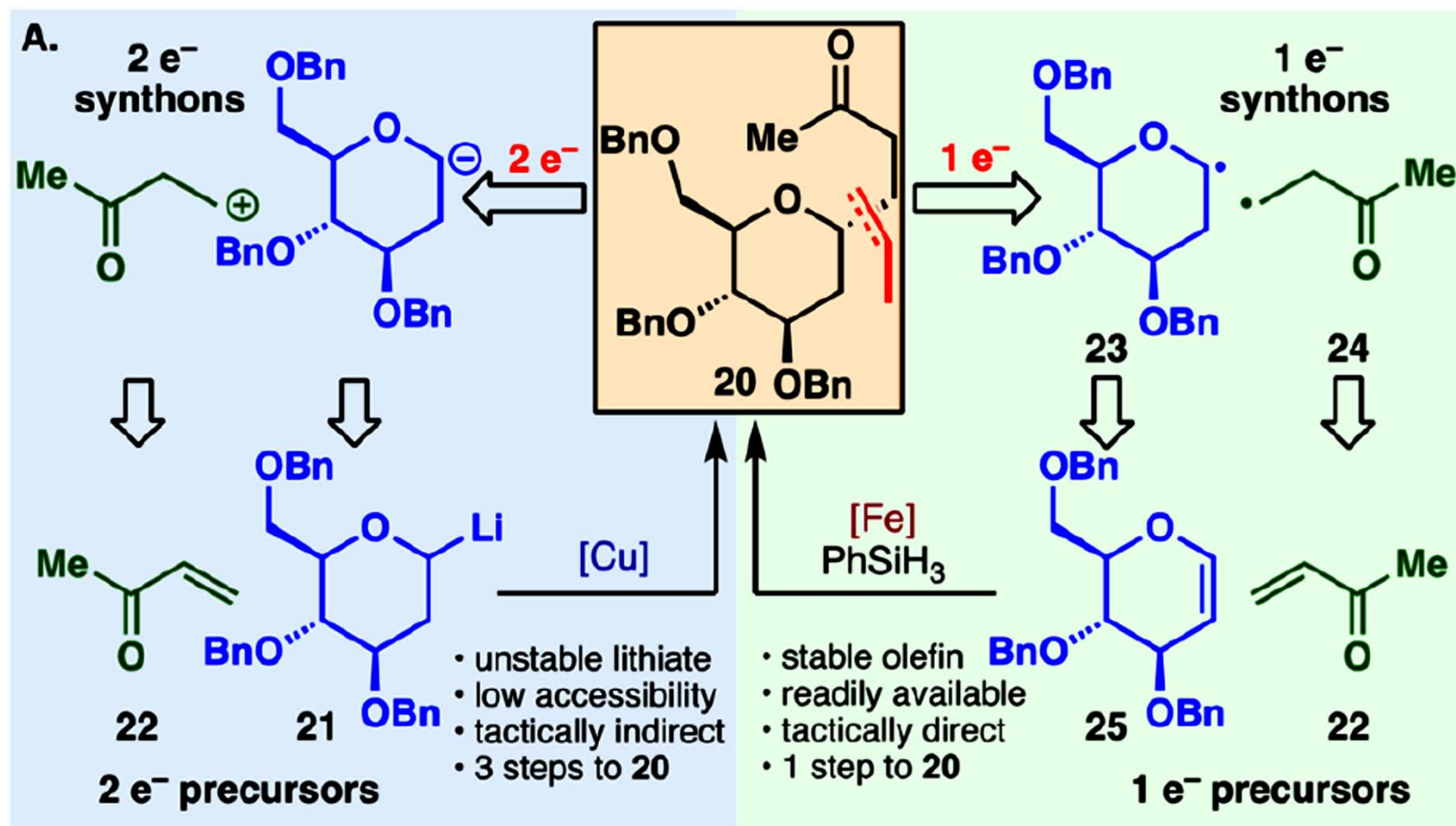
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## 5 Radical retrosynthesis – 5.2 HAT radical cross coupling

Functionalized olefin cross coupling via **hydrogen atom transfer**



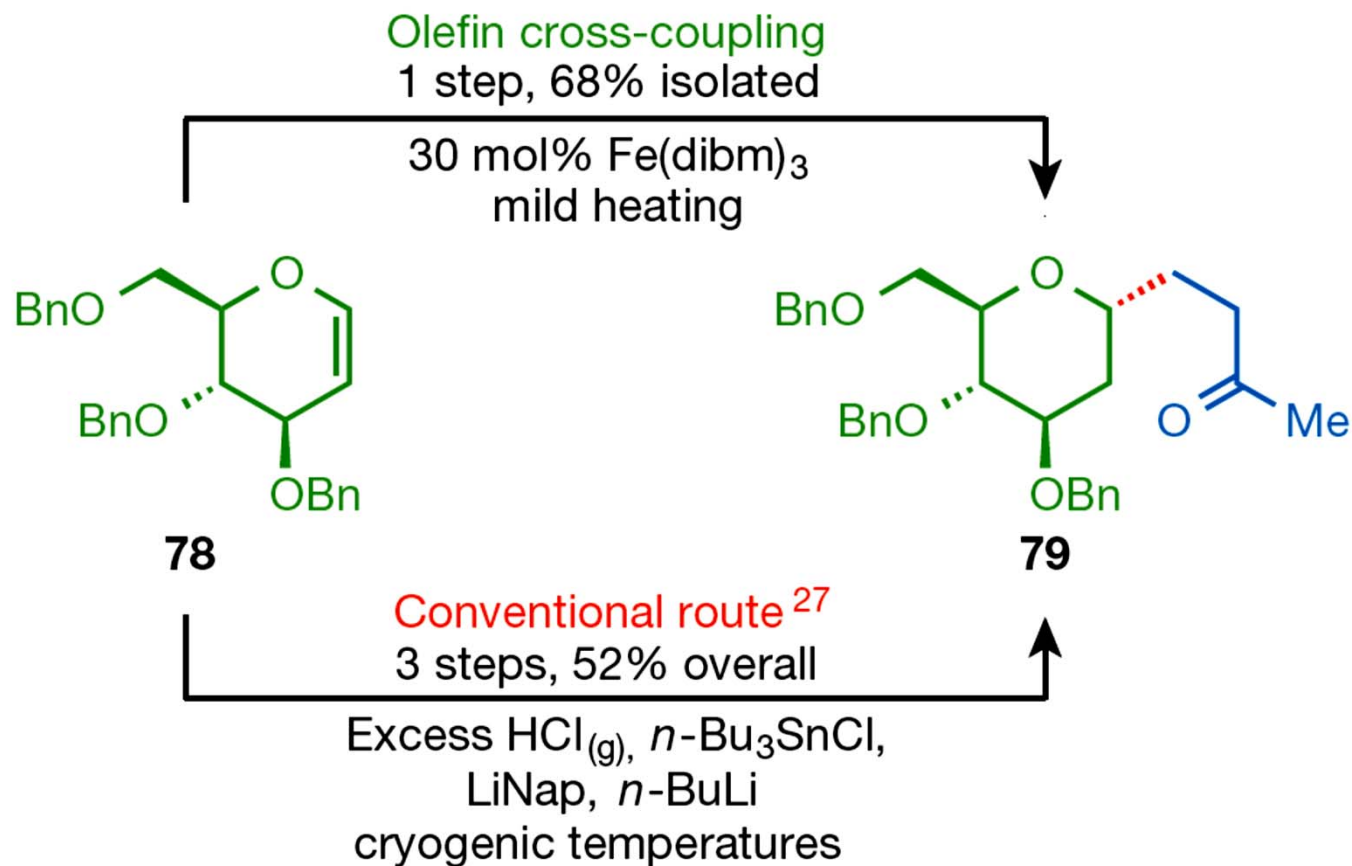
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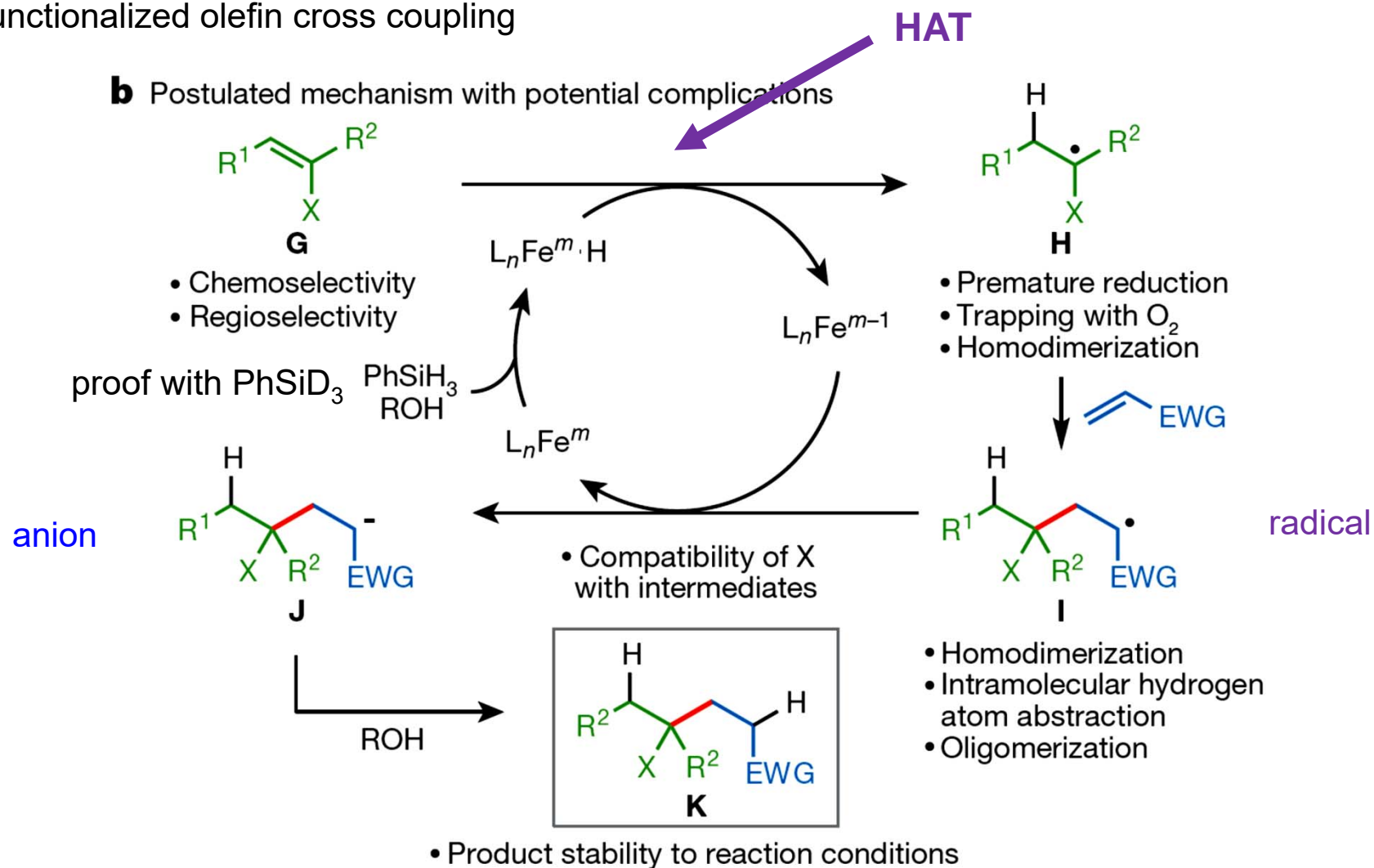


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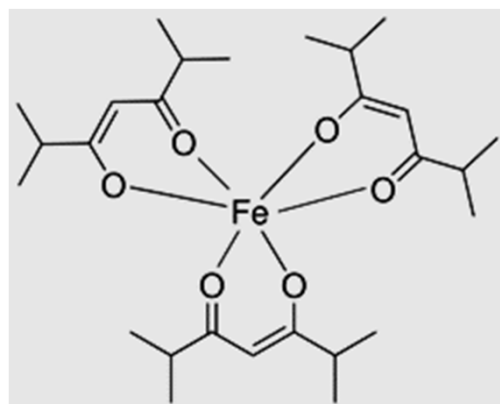
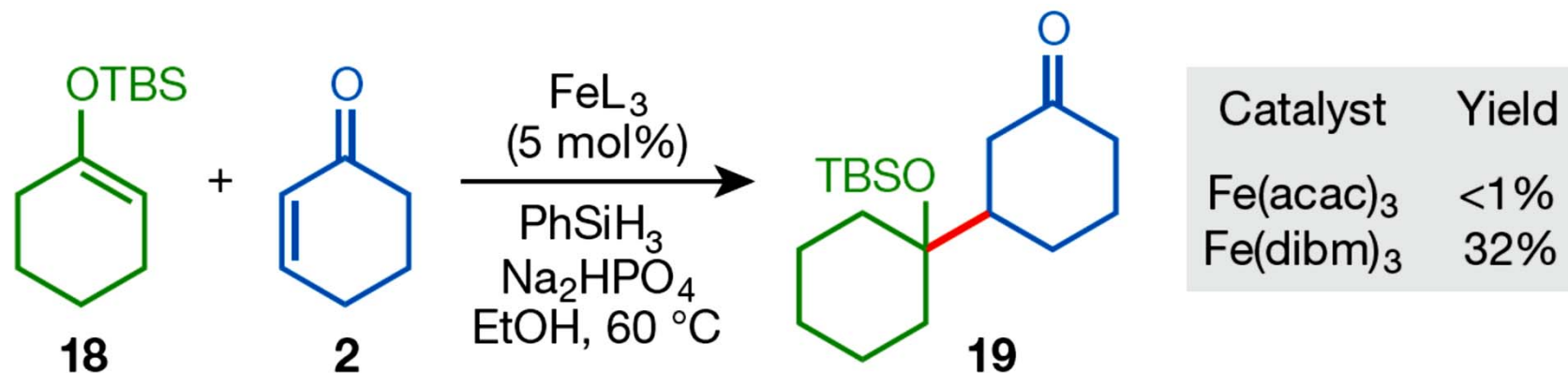
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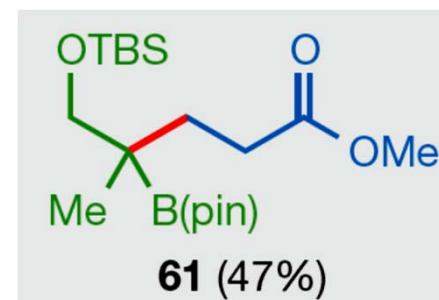
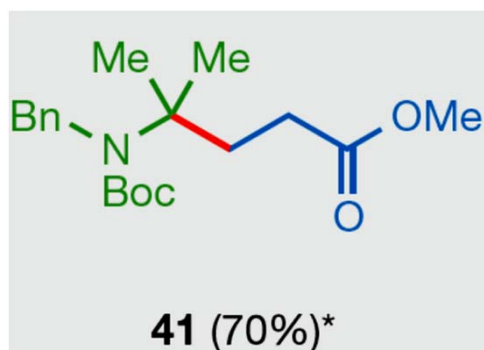
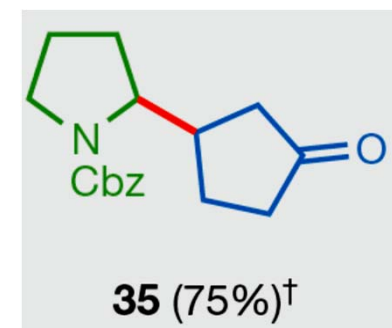
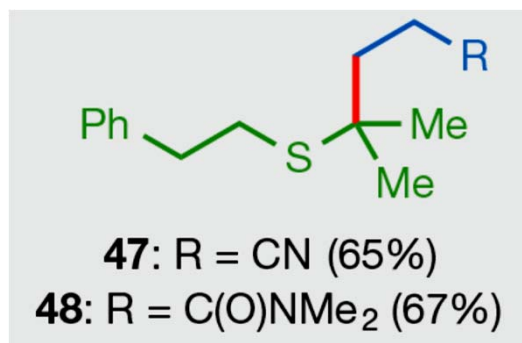
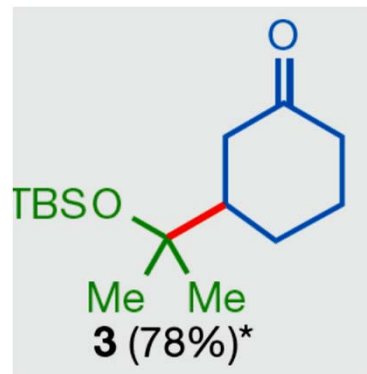


dibm: diisobutyrylmethane

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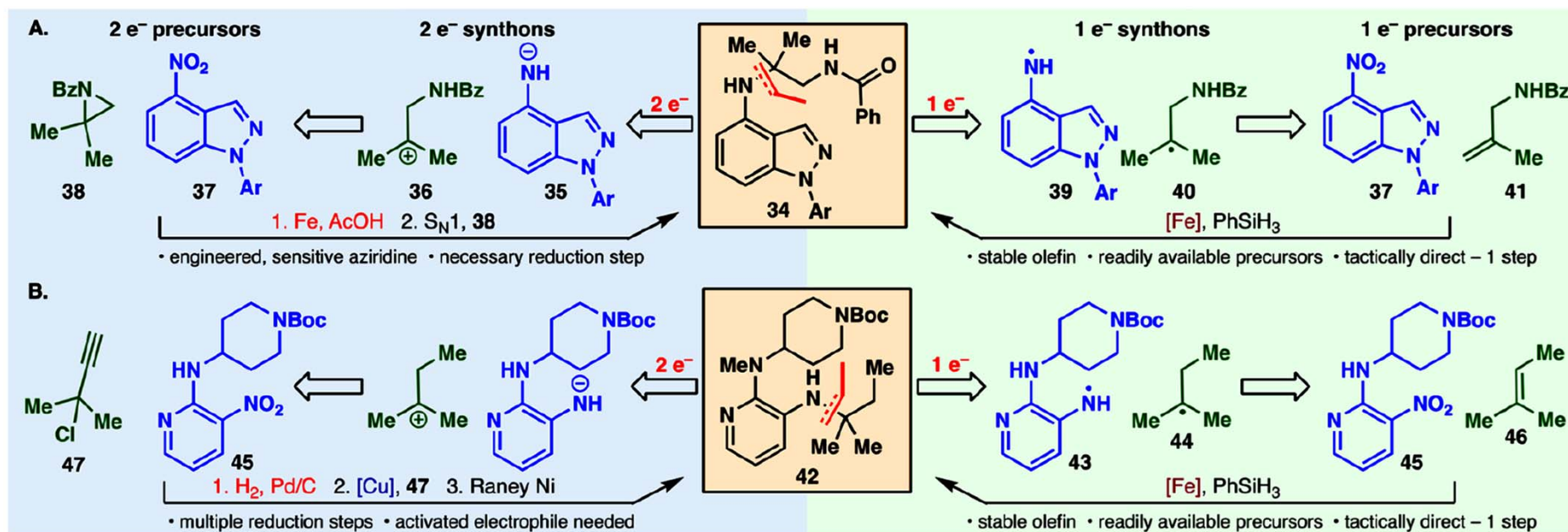
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### Olefin hydroamination with nitroarenes



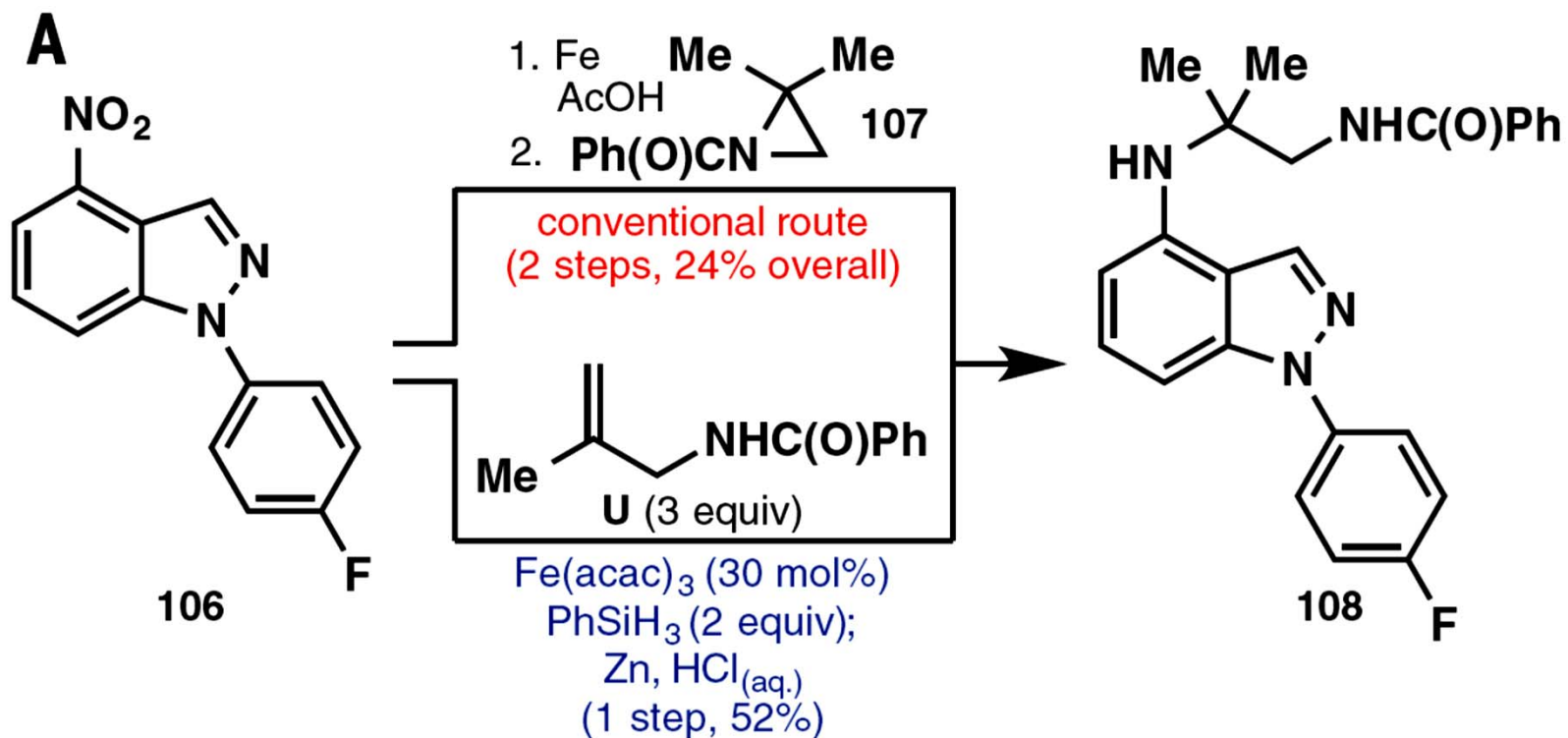
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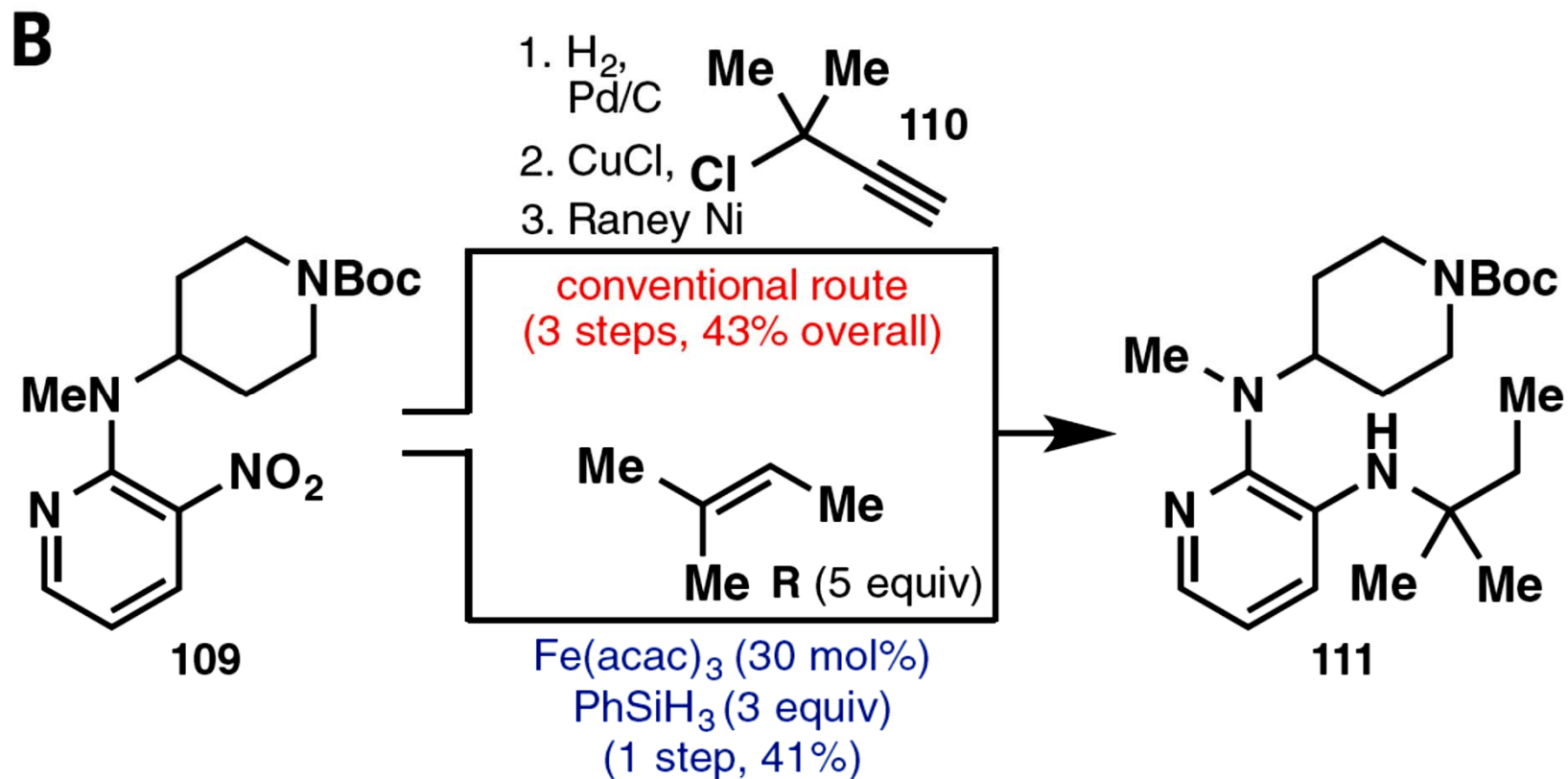
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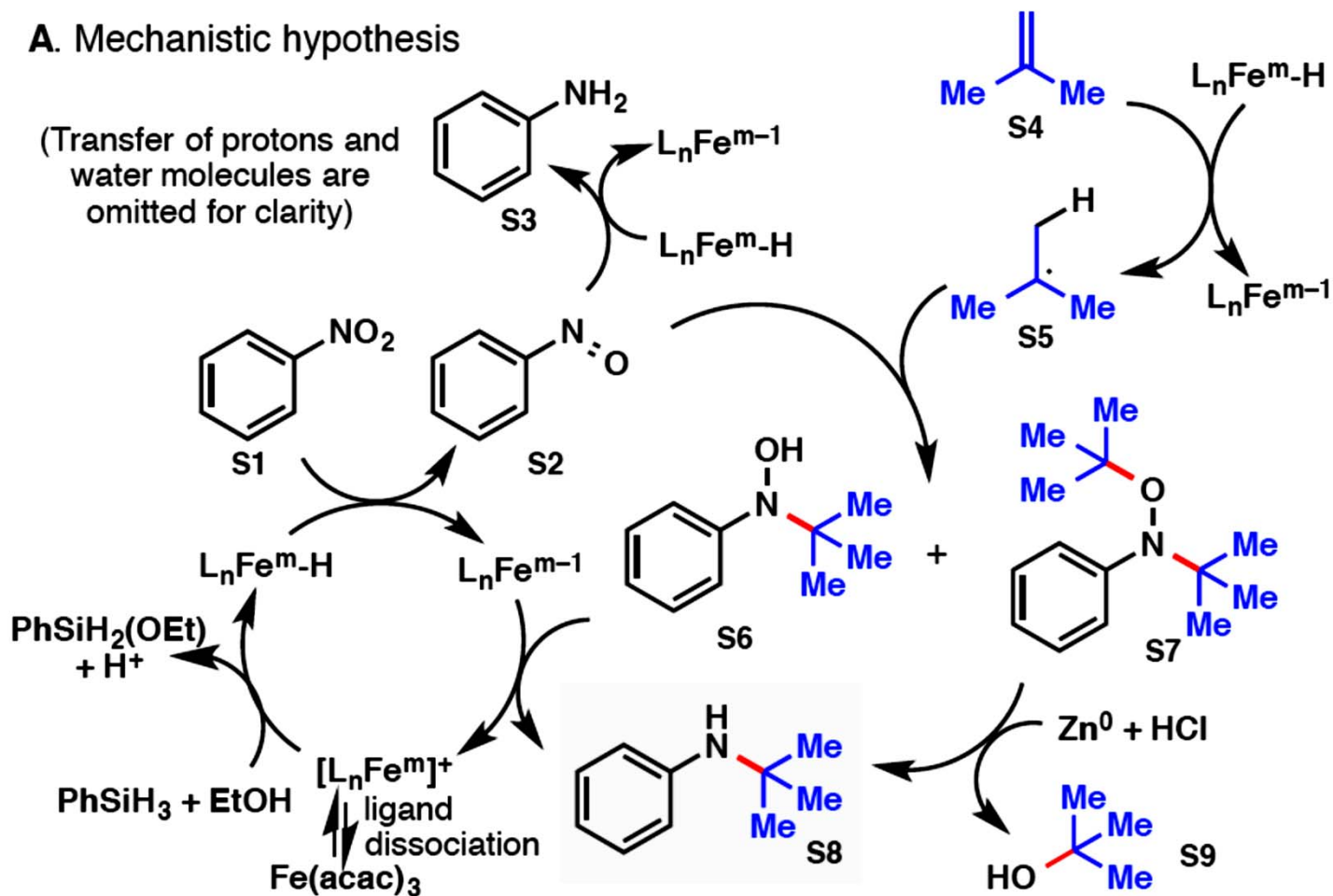
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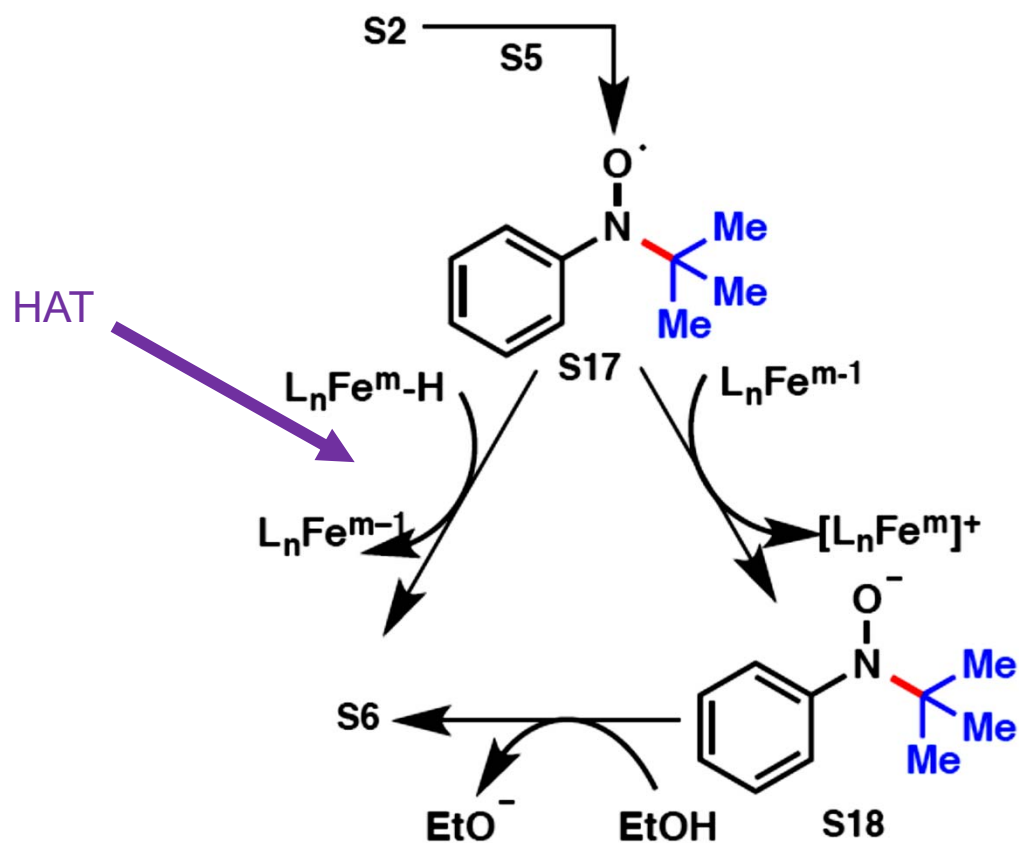


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#### B. Proposed pathways for S6 from S2

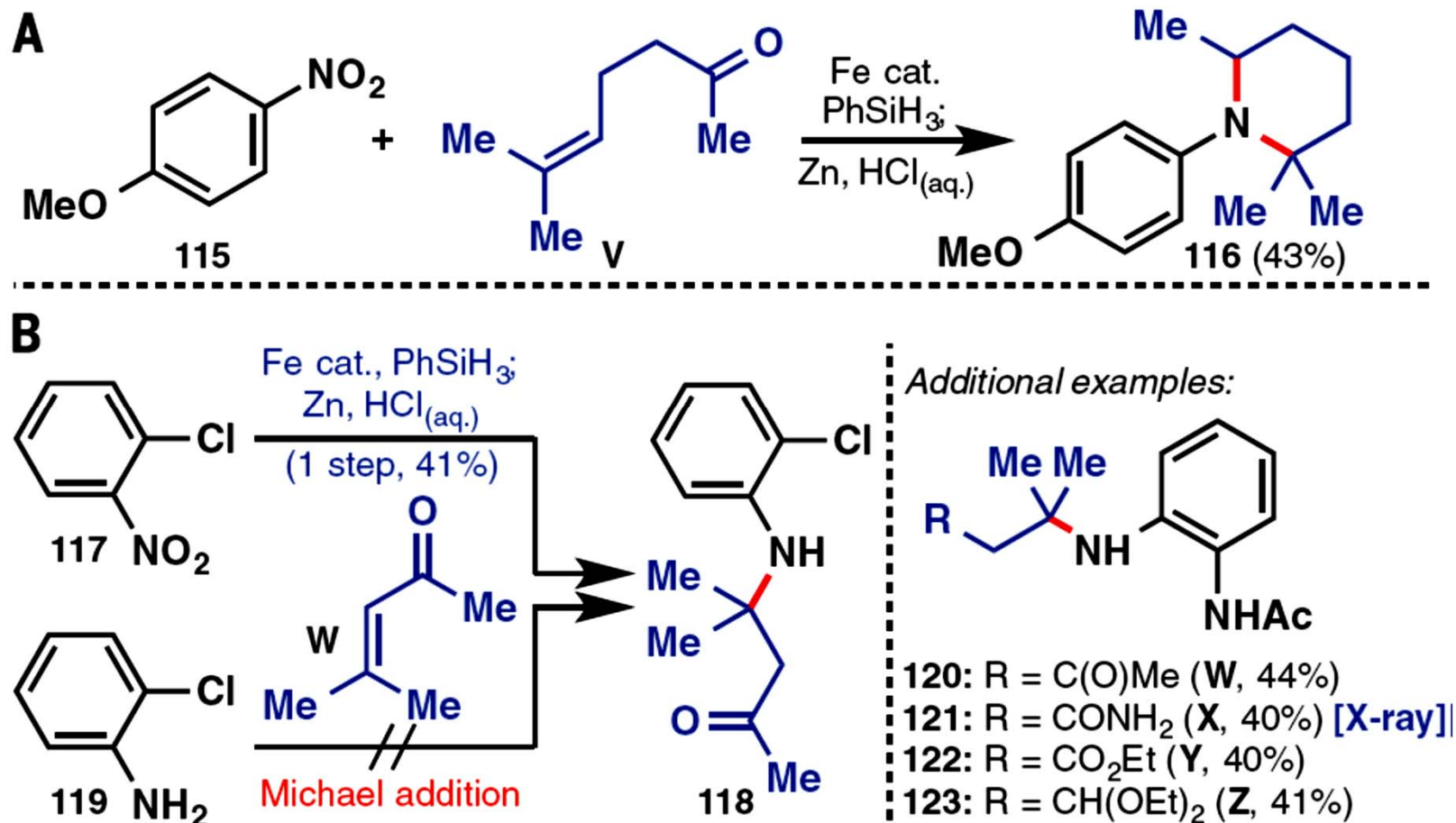


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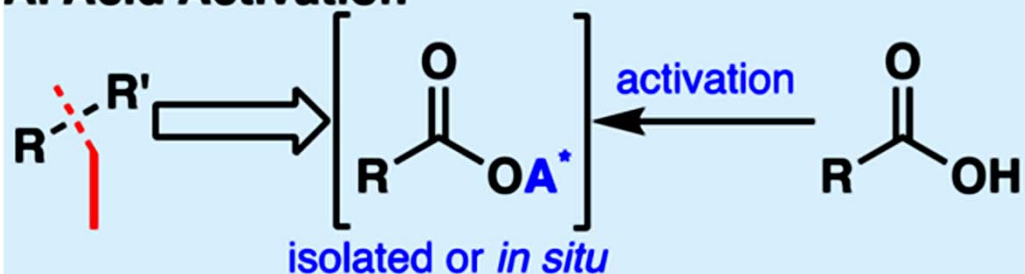
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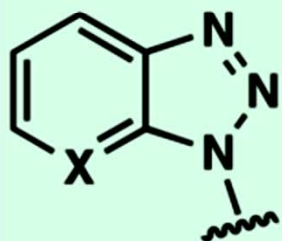
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### A. Acid Activation

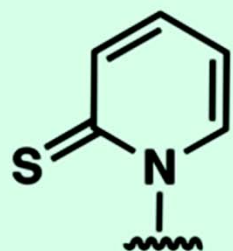


- ubiquitous
- stable
- easy to purify

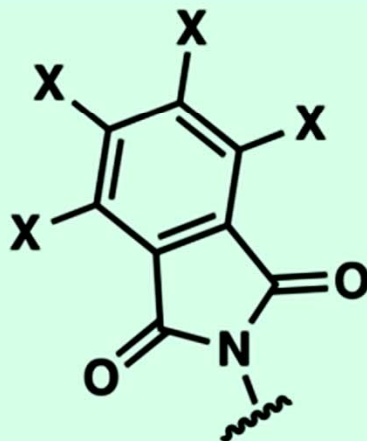
$A^* =$



$X = N$ ; HOAt  
 $X = C$ ; HOBt

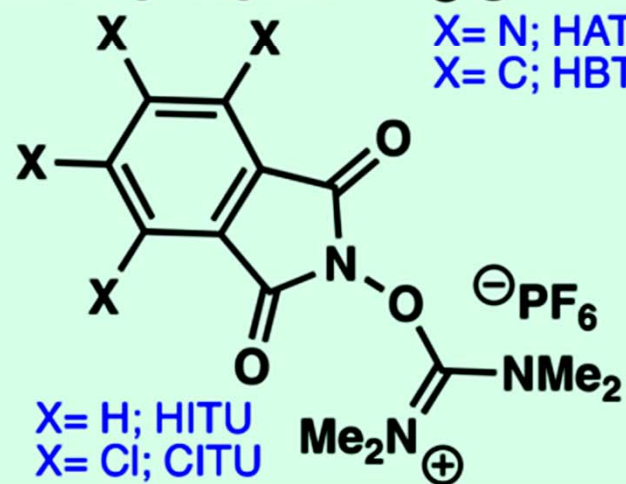


Barton ester



$X = H$ ; NHPI  
 $X = Cl$ ; TCNHPI

Activating reagents



$X = H$ ; HATU  
 $X = Cl$ ; HBTU

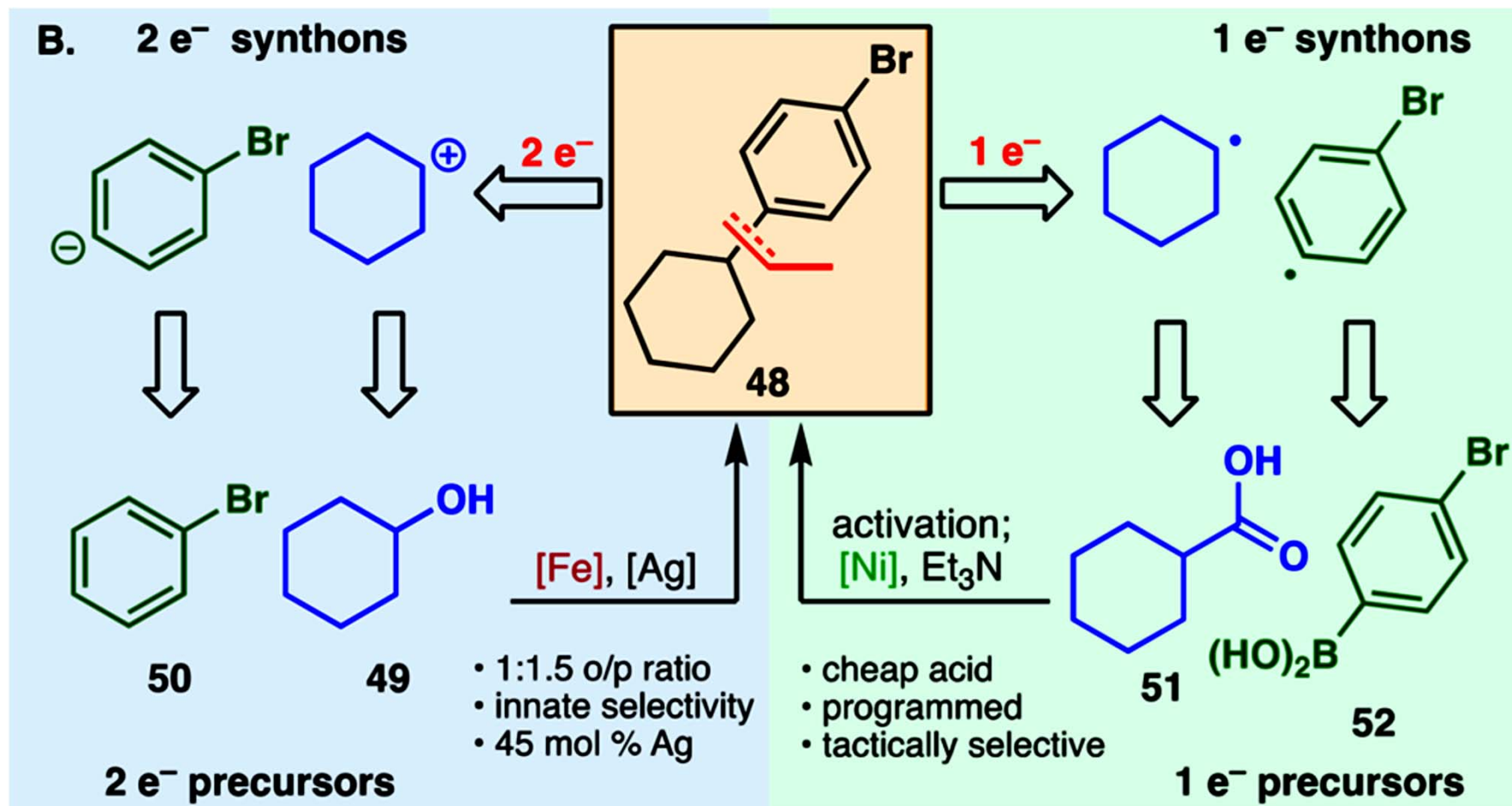


$X = N$ ; HATU  
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TCNHPI: *N*-Hydroxytetrachlorophthalimide

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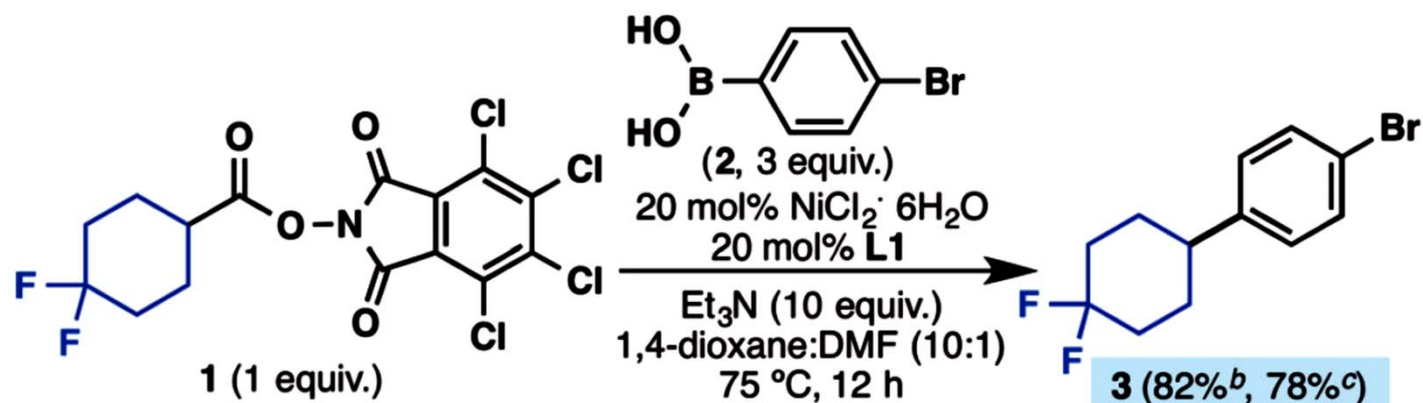
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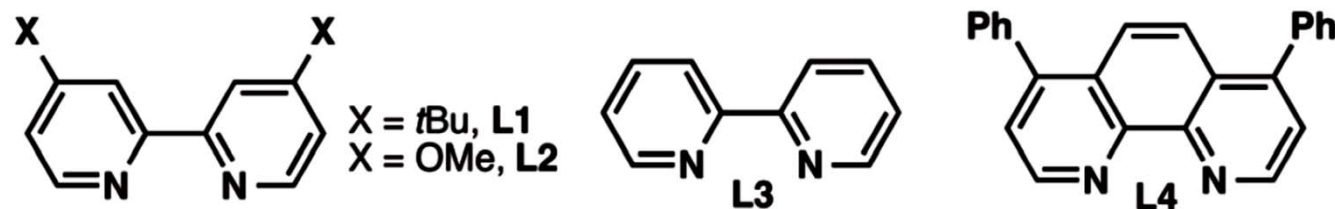
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## 5 Radical retrosynthesis – 5.3 Redox-active ester radical cross coupling



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1	1,4-dioxane	20 <sup>c</sup>	8	L2	64
2	THF:DMF (10:1)	10	9	L3	58
3	DIPEA	68	10	L4	82
4	Bu <sub>3</sub> N	43	11	NHPI ester	<5
5	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	<5	12	w/o L1	<5
6	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	<5	13	w/o NiCl <sub>2</sub> ·6 H <sub>2</sub> O	<5
7	40 mol% L1	44	14	w/o Et <sub>3</sub> N	40

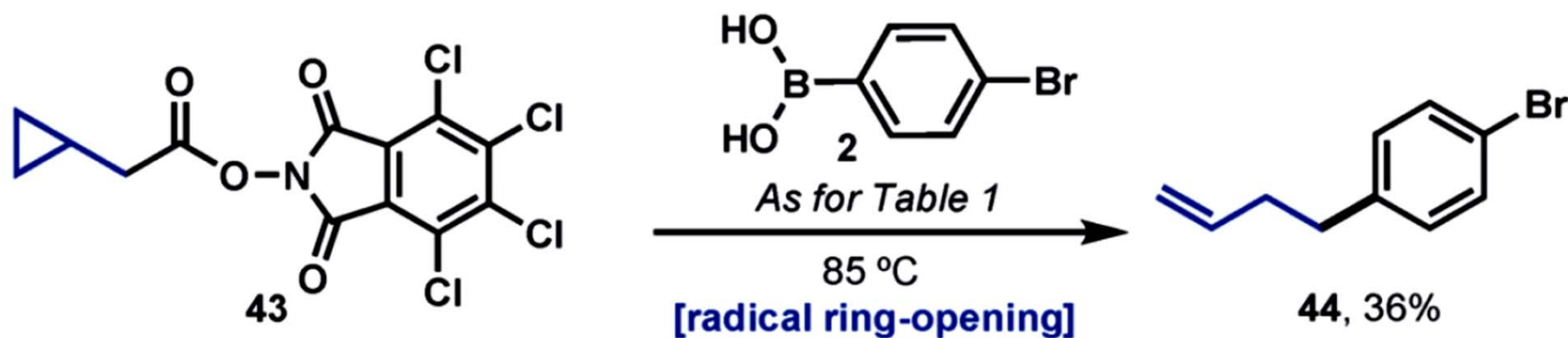


<sup>a</sup> 0.1 mmol. <sup>b</sup> Yield determined by GC using dodecane as internal standard. <sup>c</sup> Isolated yield.

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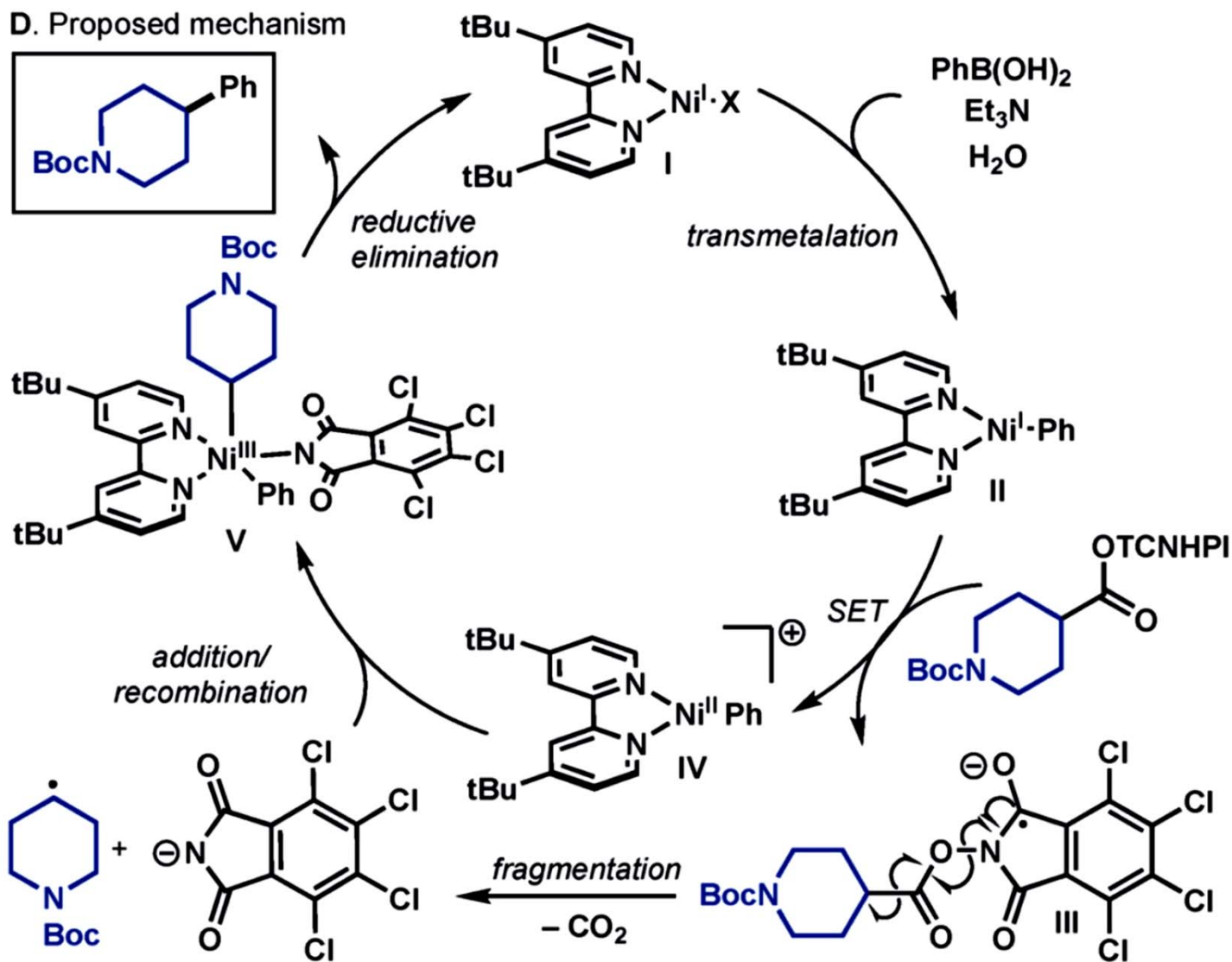
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### C. Cyclopropyl opening experiment



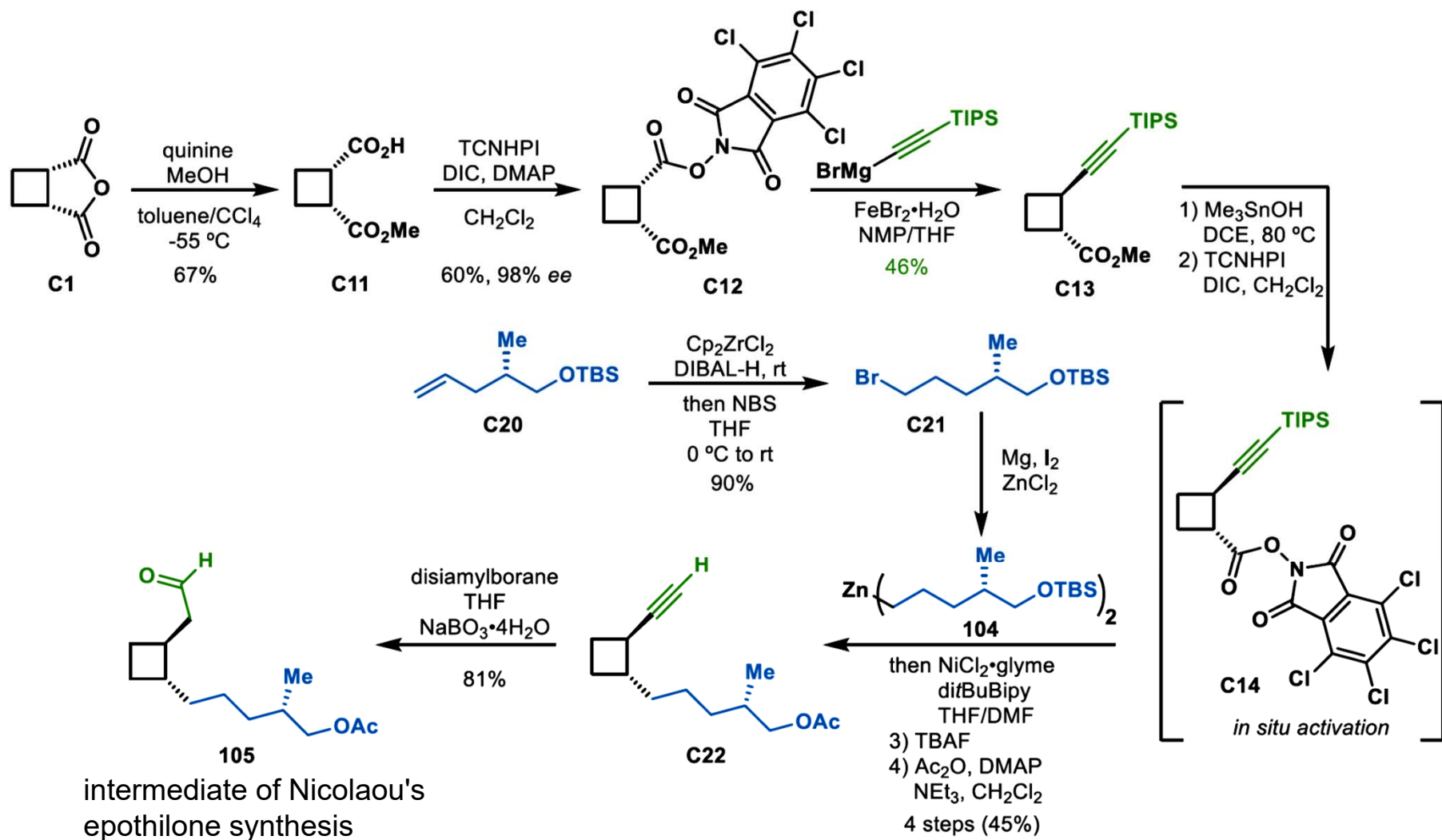
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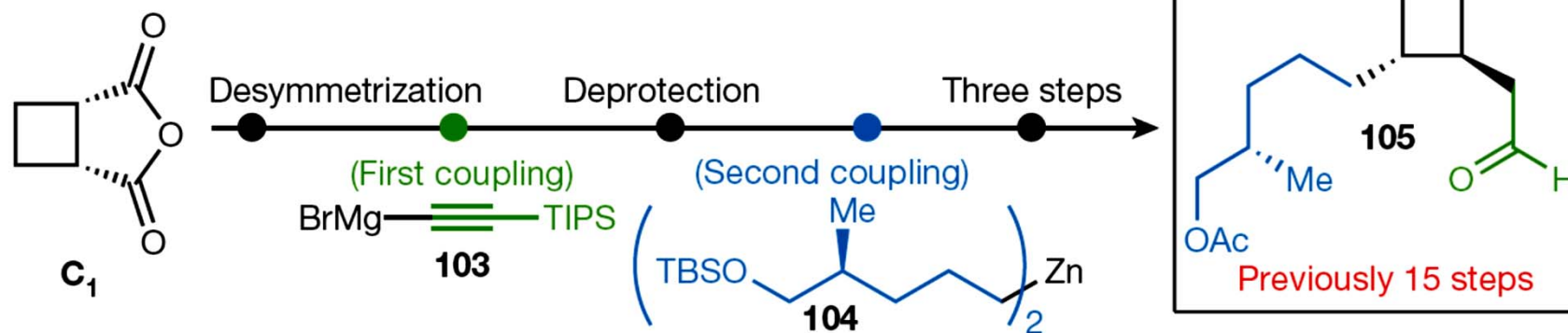
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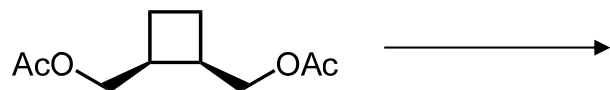
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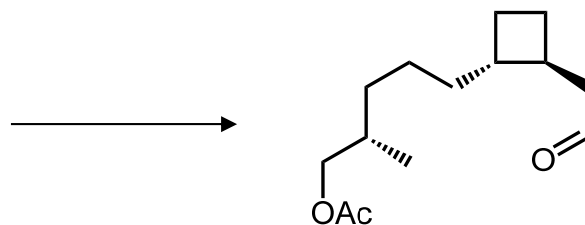
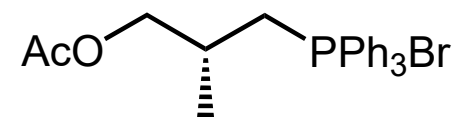


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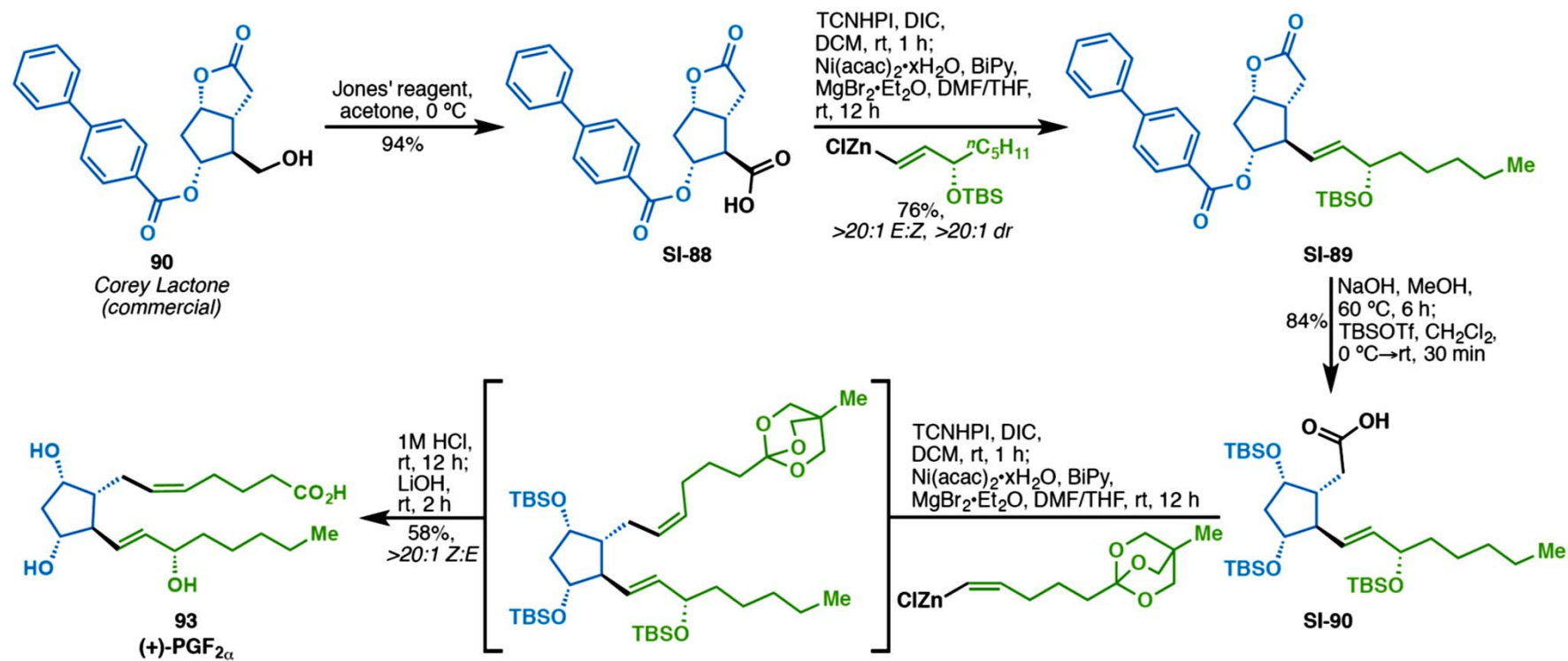
- (a) lipase
- (b)  $(\text{COCl})_2$  (1.1 equiv), DMSO (2.2 equiv),  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  (5.0 equiv), DCM,  $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ; then  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ ,  $25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , 5 d, 88% (2 steps)
- (c)  $\text{MeOCH}_2\text{PPh}_3\text{Cl}$  (1.15 equiv), NaHMDS (1.10 equiv), THF,  $-78$  to  $25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , 89%
- (d) 0.12 N HCl (aq):acetone (1:9), rf, 1 h, 94%
- (e) **Wittig salt** (2.0 equiv), NaHMDS (3.8 equiv), THF,  $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , 2 h; then TMSCl (2.0 equiv),  $25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , 20 min; then **sm**, THF,  $-78$  to  $25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , 20 h, 83%
- (f)  $(\text{NCO}_2\text{K})_2$  (20 equiv), AcOH (40 equiv), py:MeOH (5: 1),  $25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , 48 h; then  $\text{PtO}_2$  (0.05 equiv),  $\text{H}_2$  (1 atm), MeOH,  $25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , 20 min, 82%
- (g) 10 wt % Pt/C (0.02 equiv),  $\text{H}_2$  (1 atm), EtOAc,  $25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , 8 h, 96%
- (h) TBSOTf (1.0 equiv), 2,6-lutidine (2.5 equiv), DCM,  $-78$  to  $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , 20 min
- (i) DIBAL (2.0 equiv), DCM,  $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , 5 min, 90% for 2 steps
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- (l) 0.12 N HCl (aq):acetone (1:9), rf, 1 h
- (m)  $\text{Ac}_2\text{O}$  (1.1 equiv),  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  (2.5 equiv), 4-DMAP (0.02 equiv), DCM,  $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , 20 min, 62% (3 steps)



detail the steps!

Nicolaou et al., *JACS* **2001**, 9313

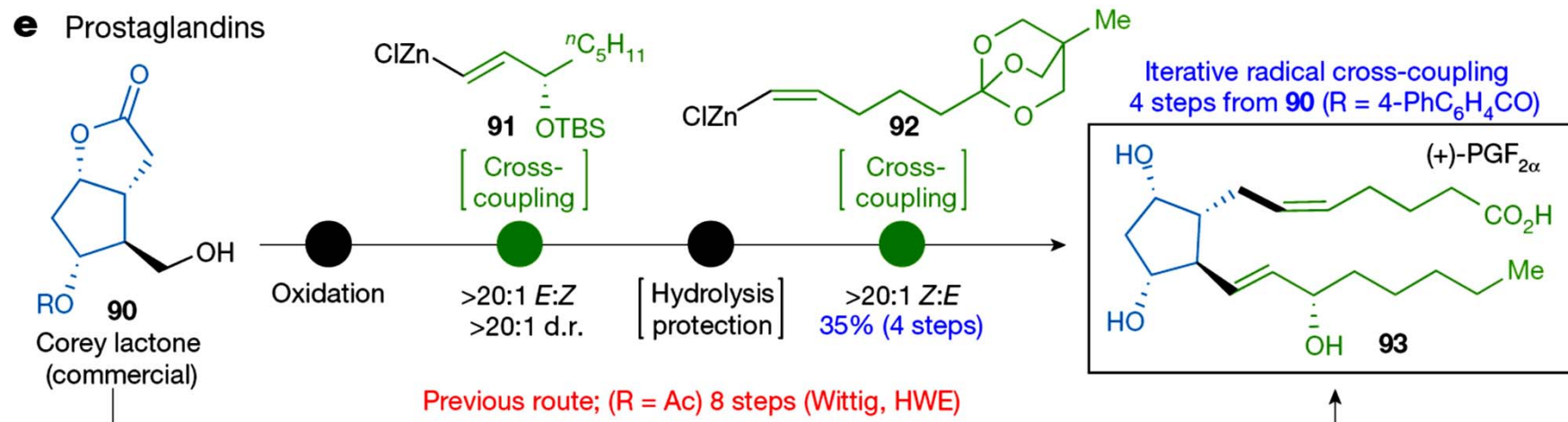
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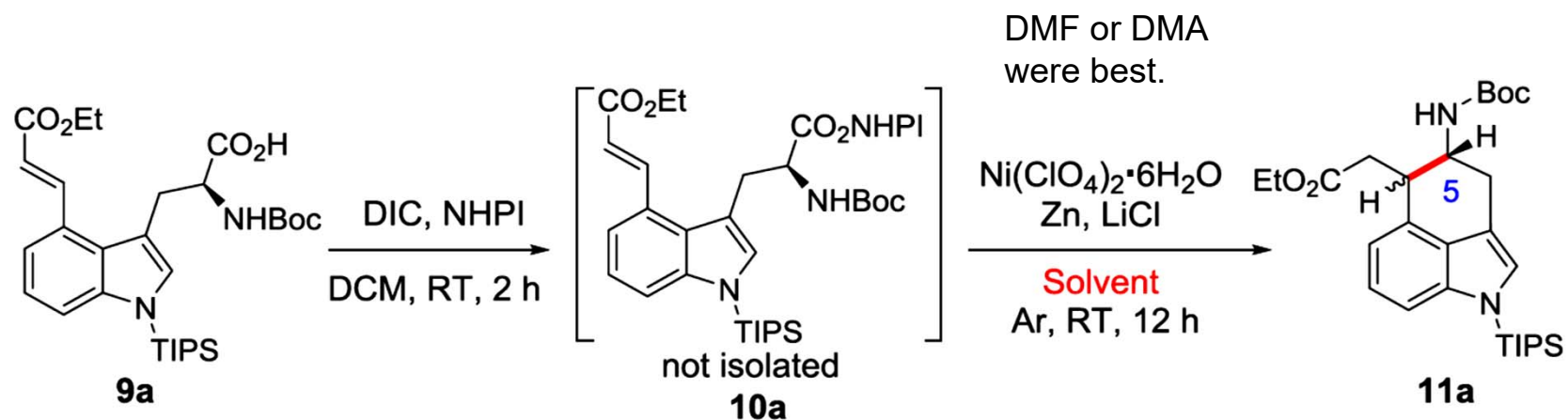
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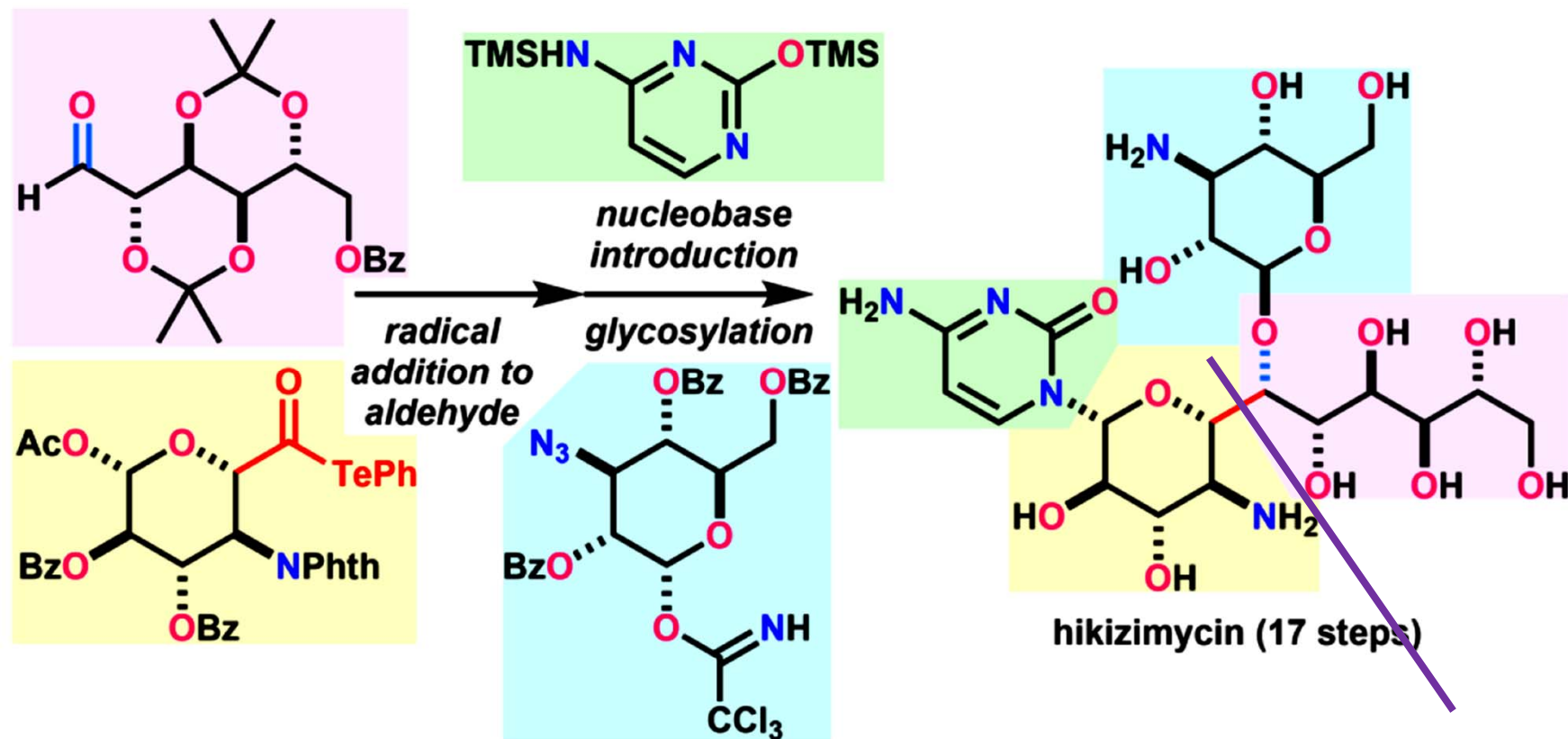


DIC: diisopropylcarbodiimide; NHPI: N-hydroxyphthalimide

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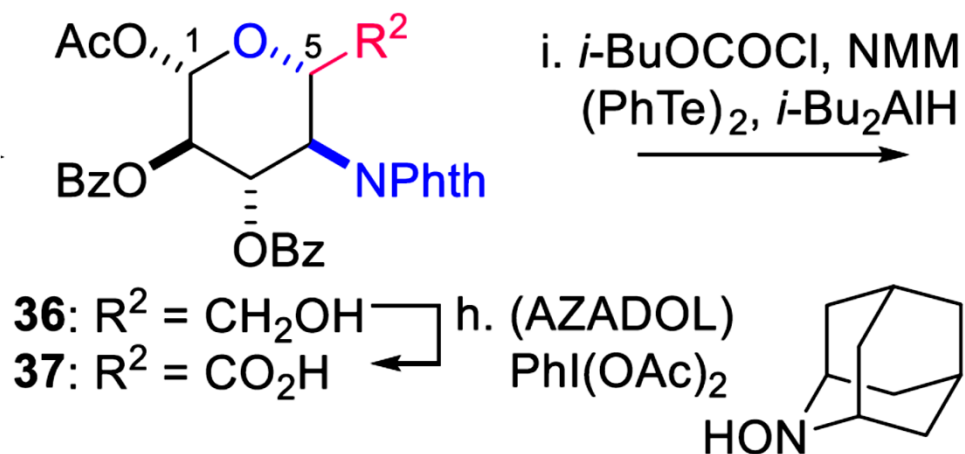
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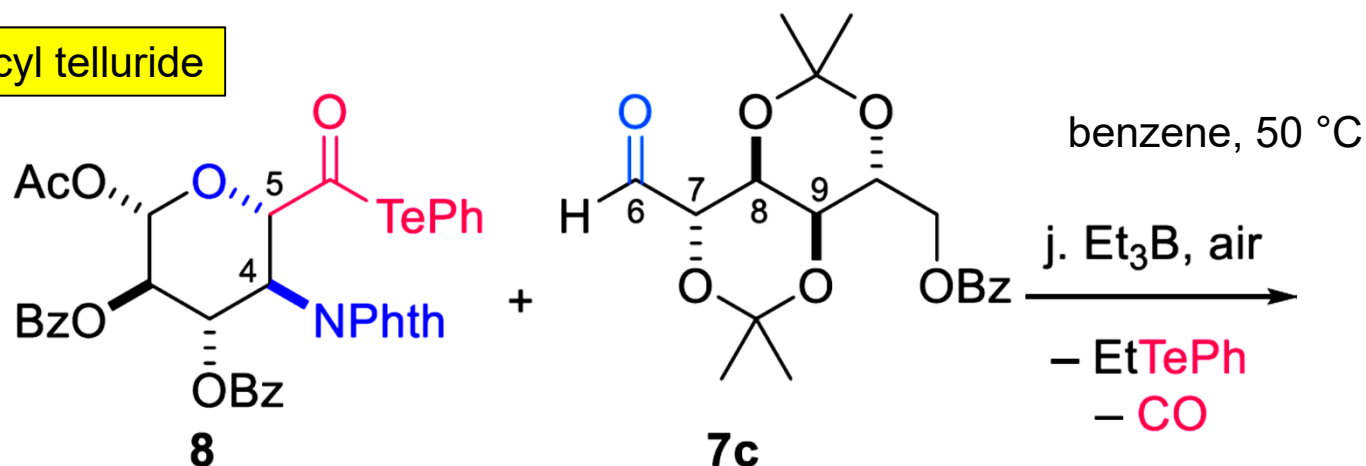
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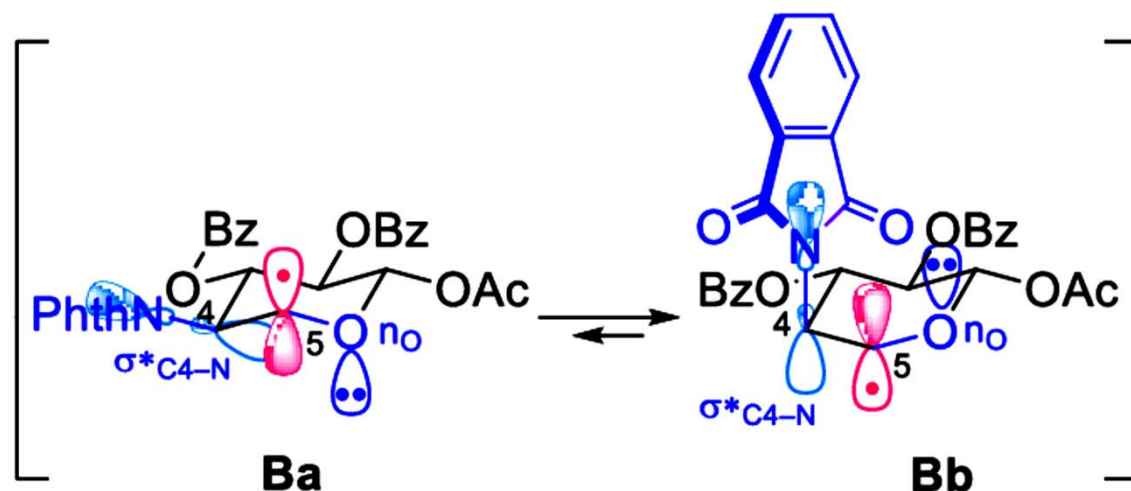
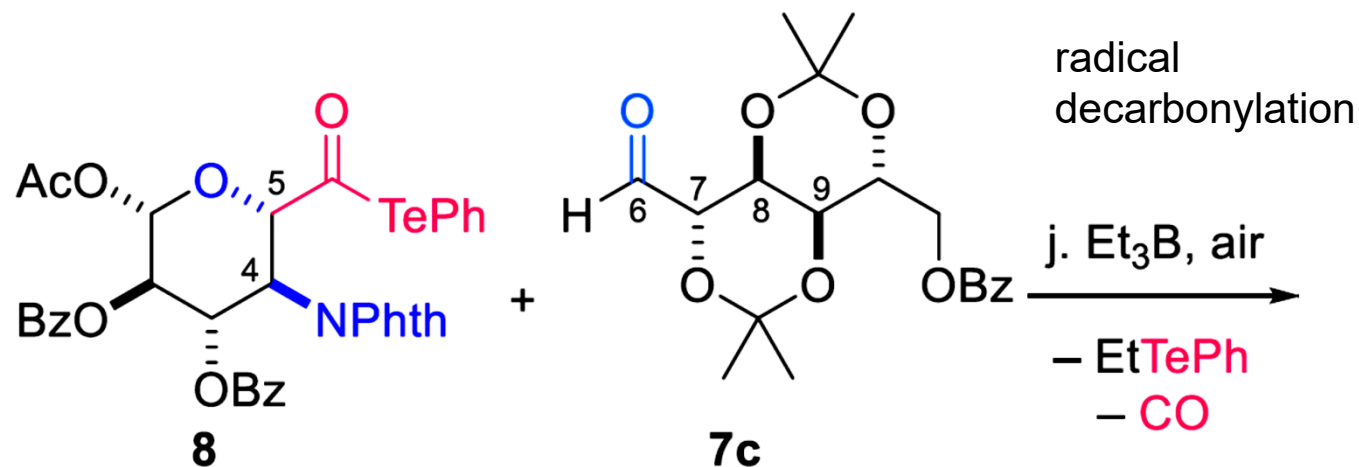
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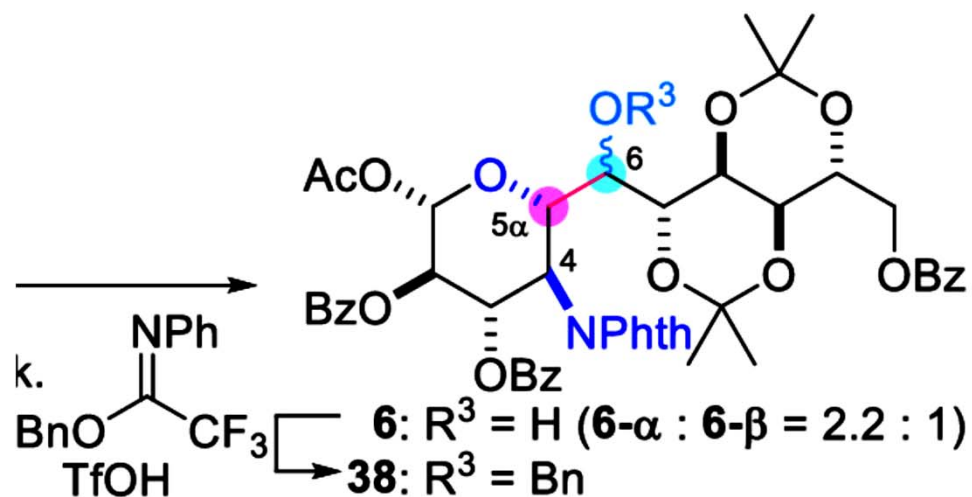
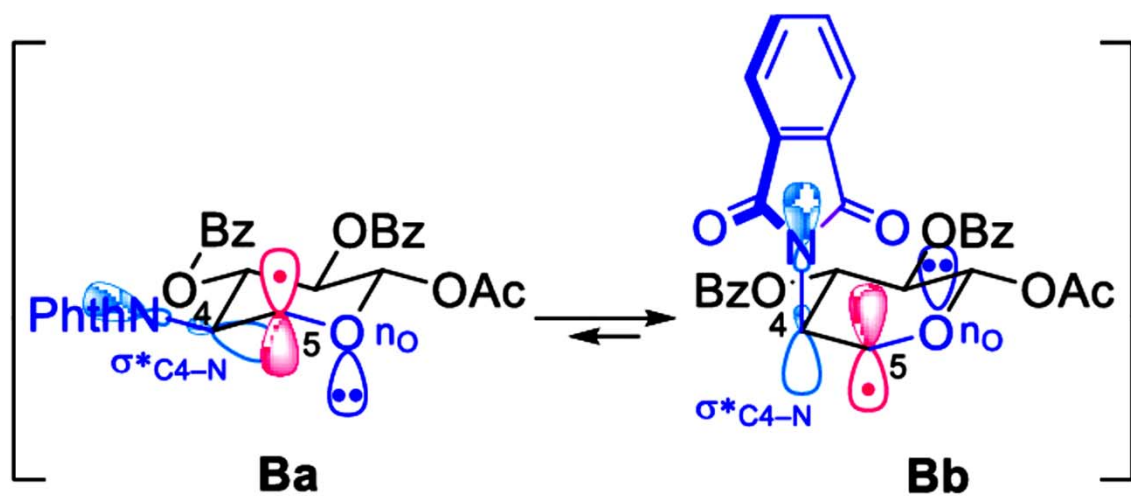
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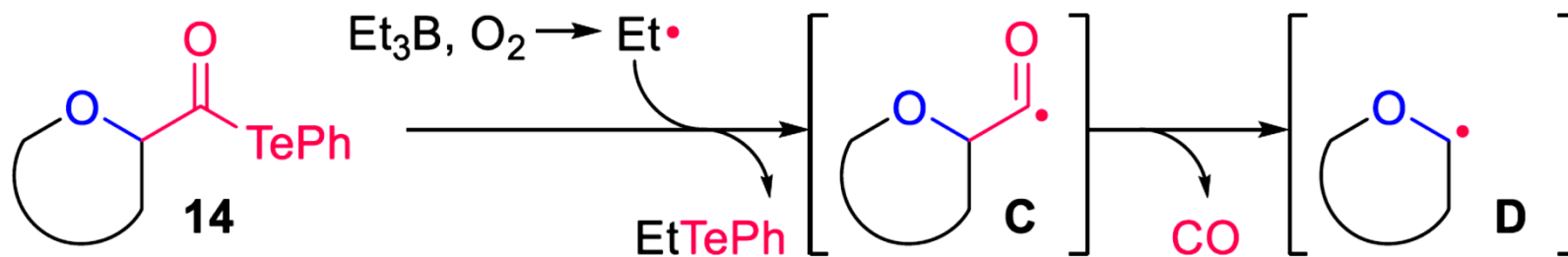


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### Radical decarbonylation



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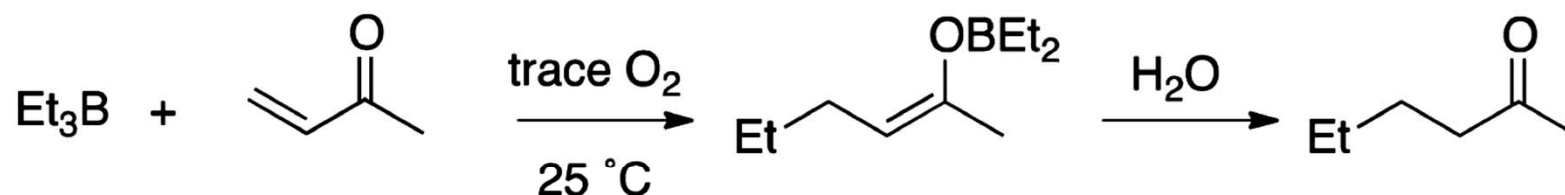
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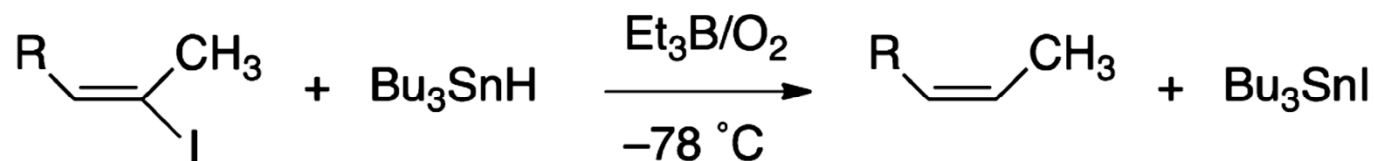
Triethylborane liberates ethyl radicals (and  $\text{Et}_2\text{BOO}\cdot$ ) in the presence of air oxygen.

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(a) *Brown,  $\text{Et}_3\text{B}$  initiates its own reactions* 1960s



(b) *Utimoto,  $\text{Et}_3\text{B}$  initiates other reactions* 1980s



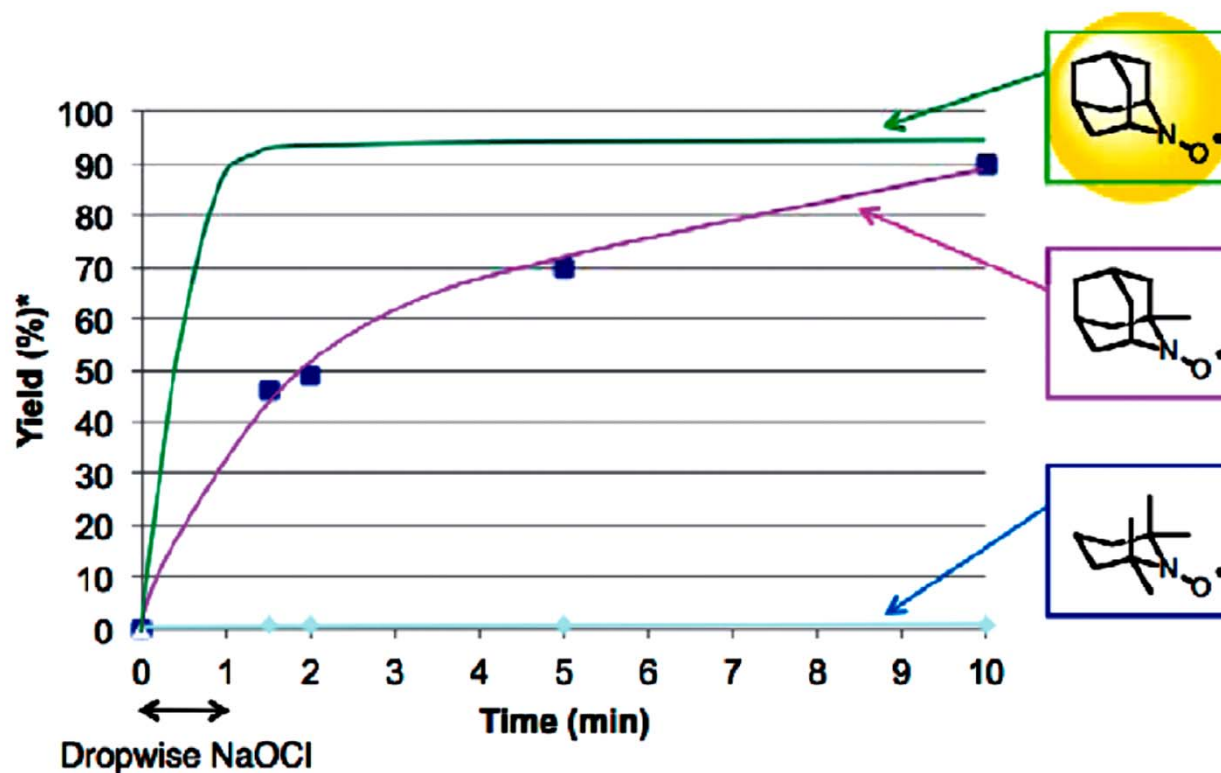
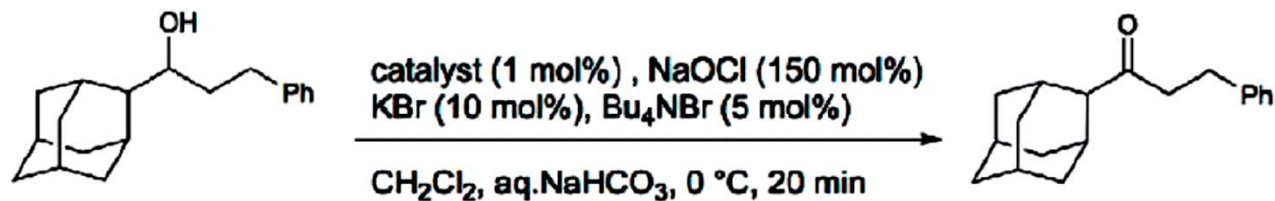
**Figure 1.** Key early contributions in the preparative radical chemistry of triethylborane.

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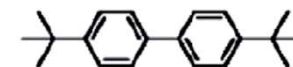
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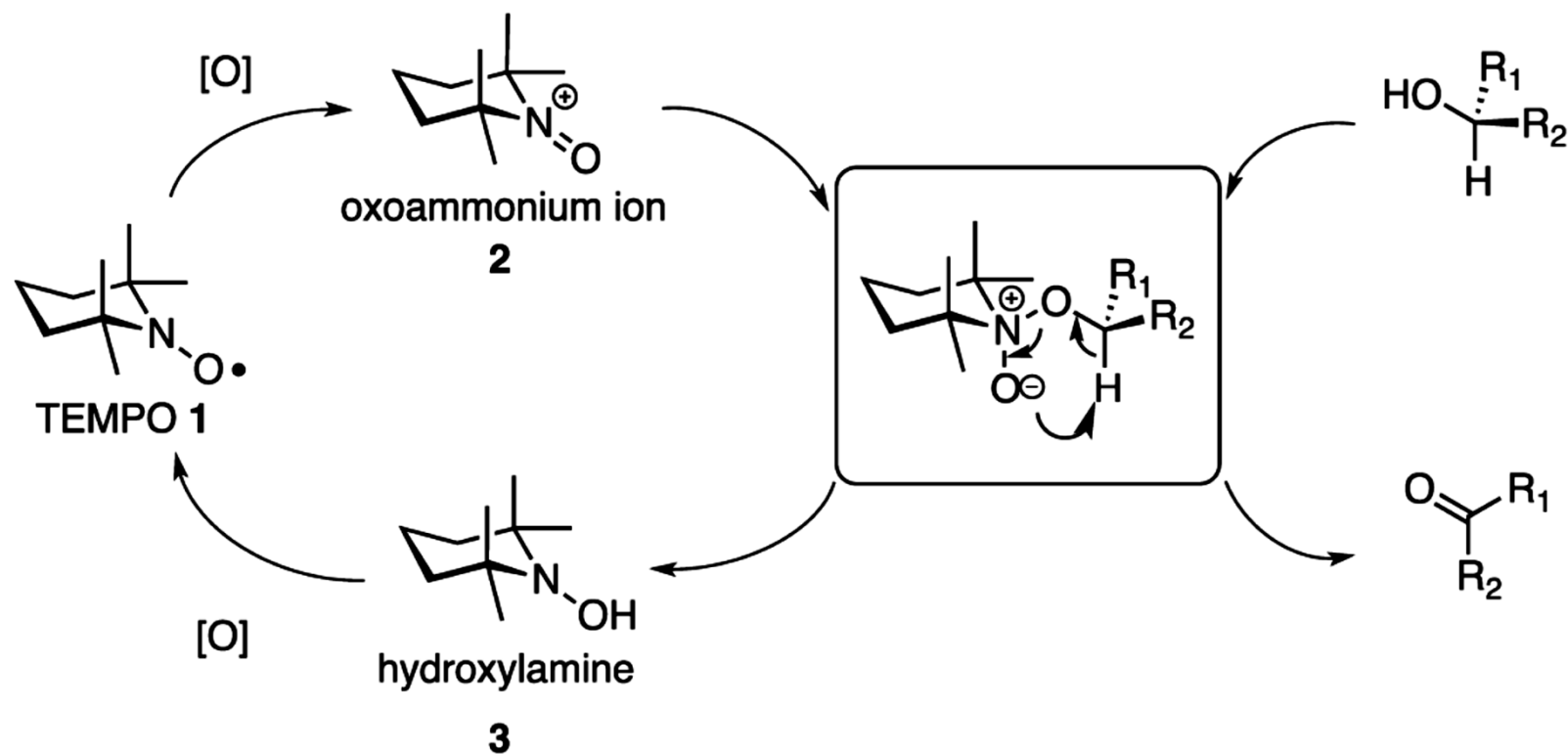
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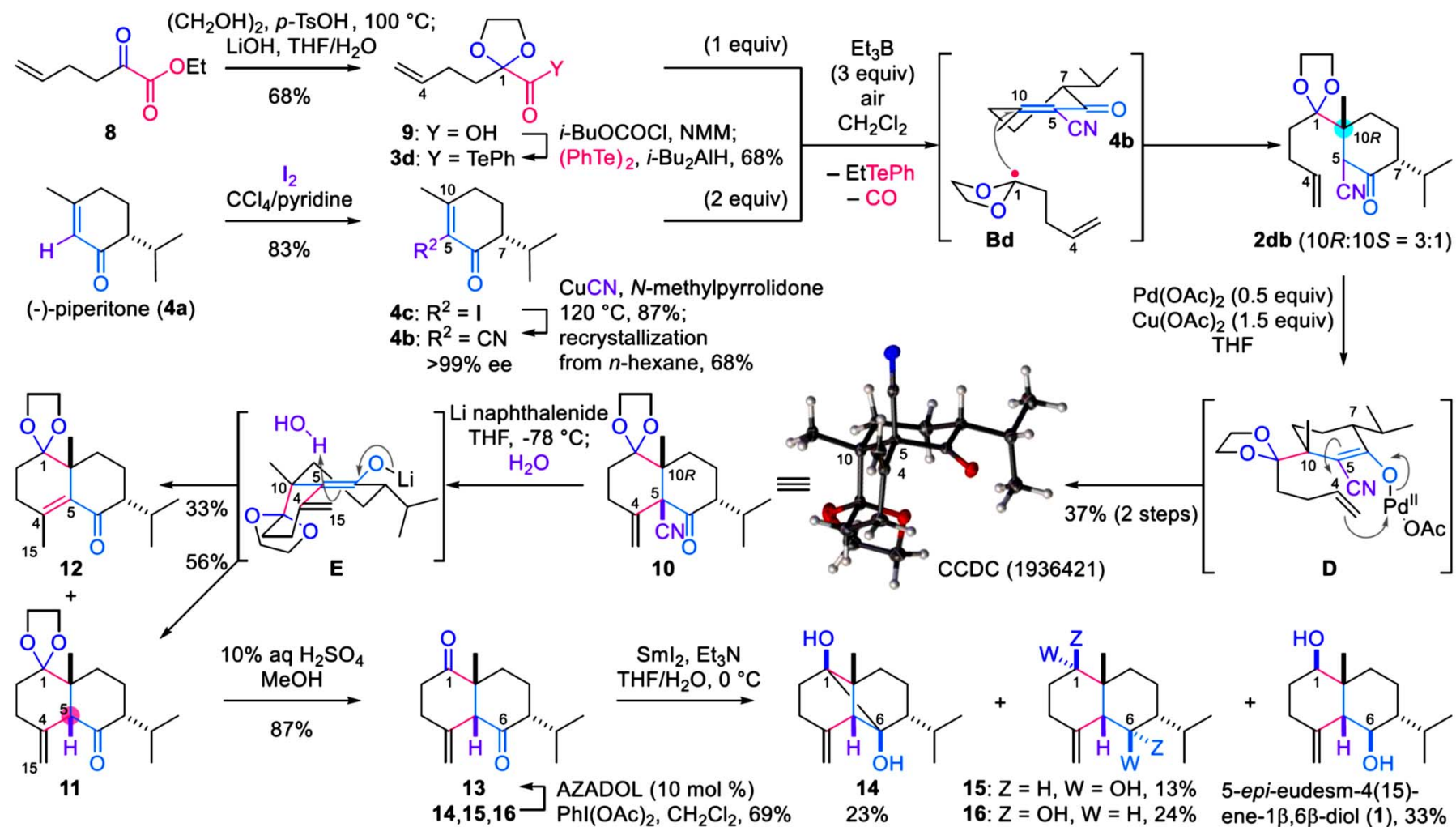
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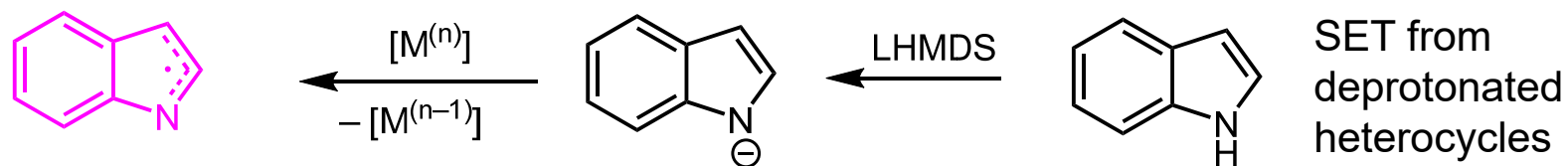
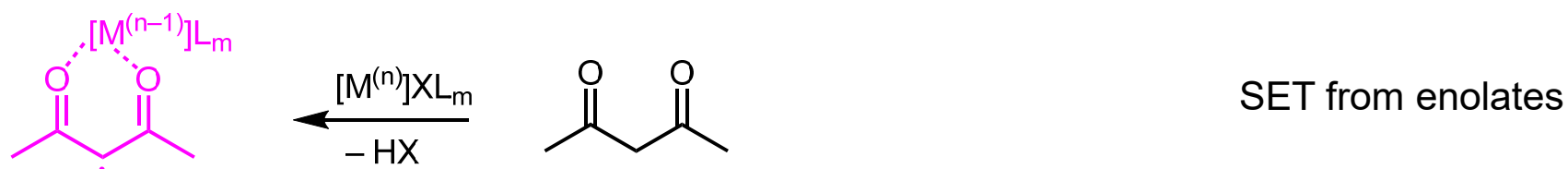
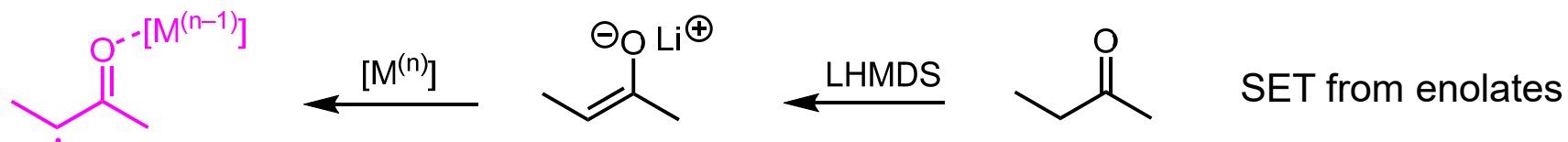
### Intermolecular decarbonylative radical addition to a cyclohexenone



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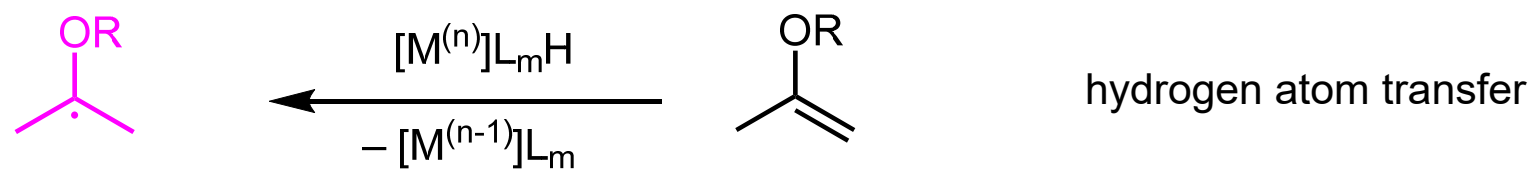
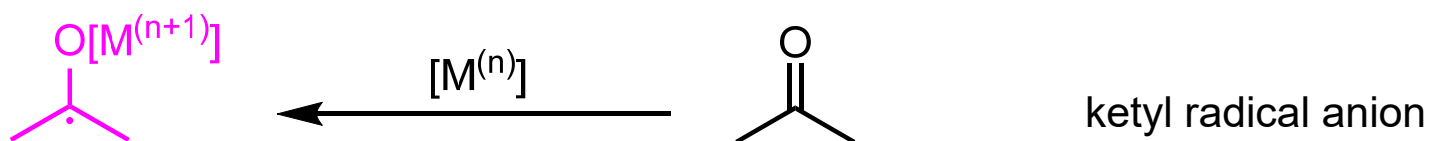
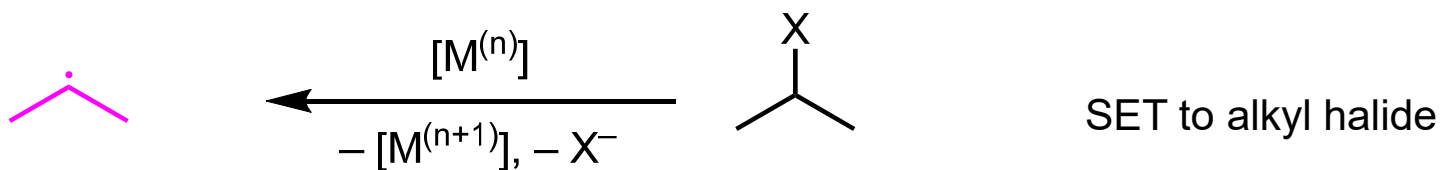
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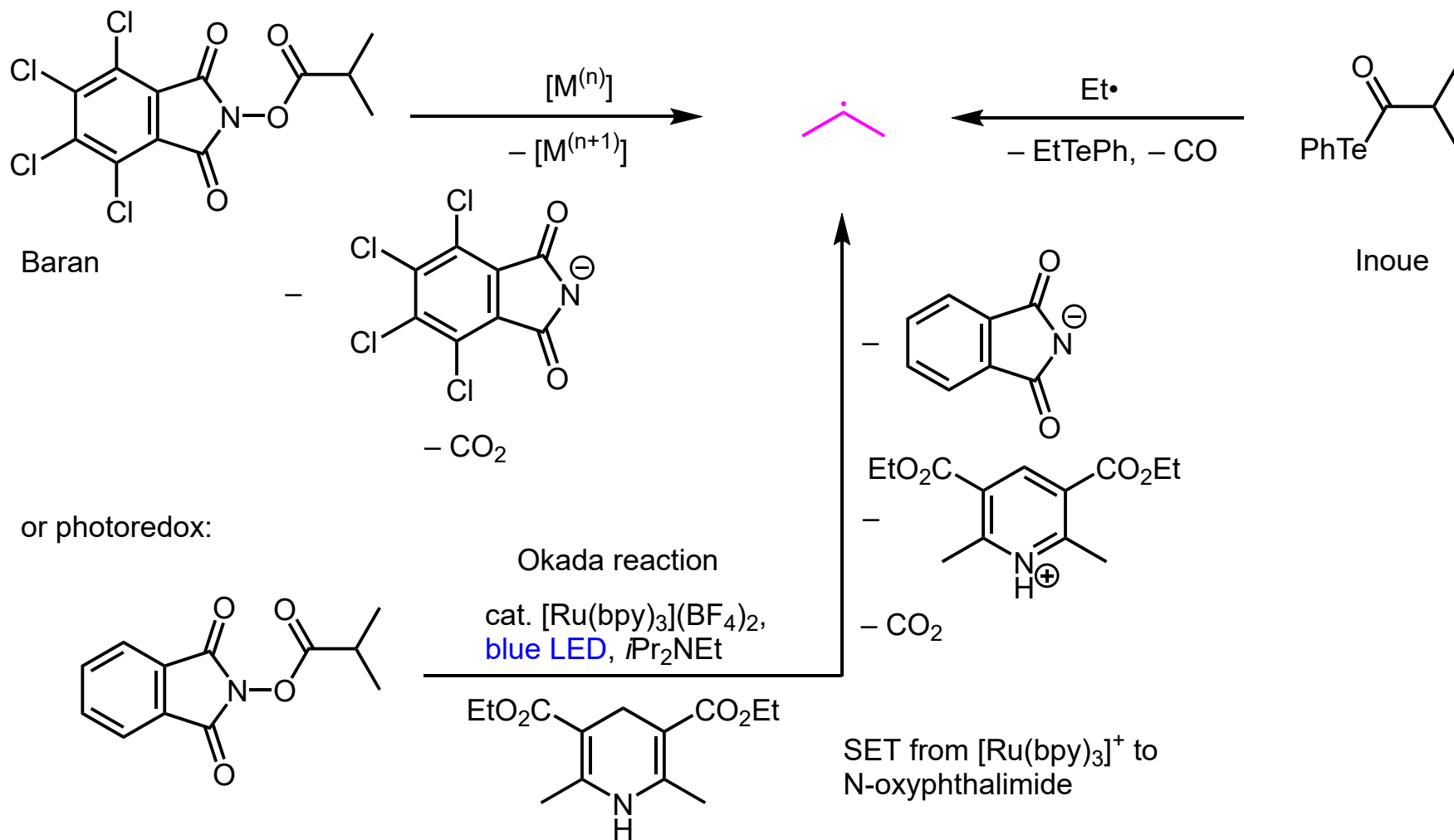


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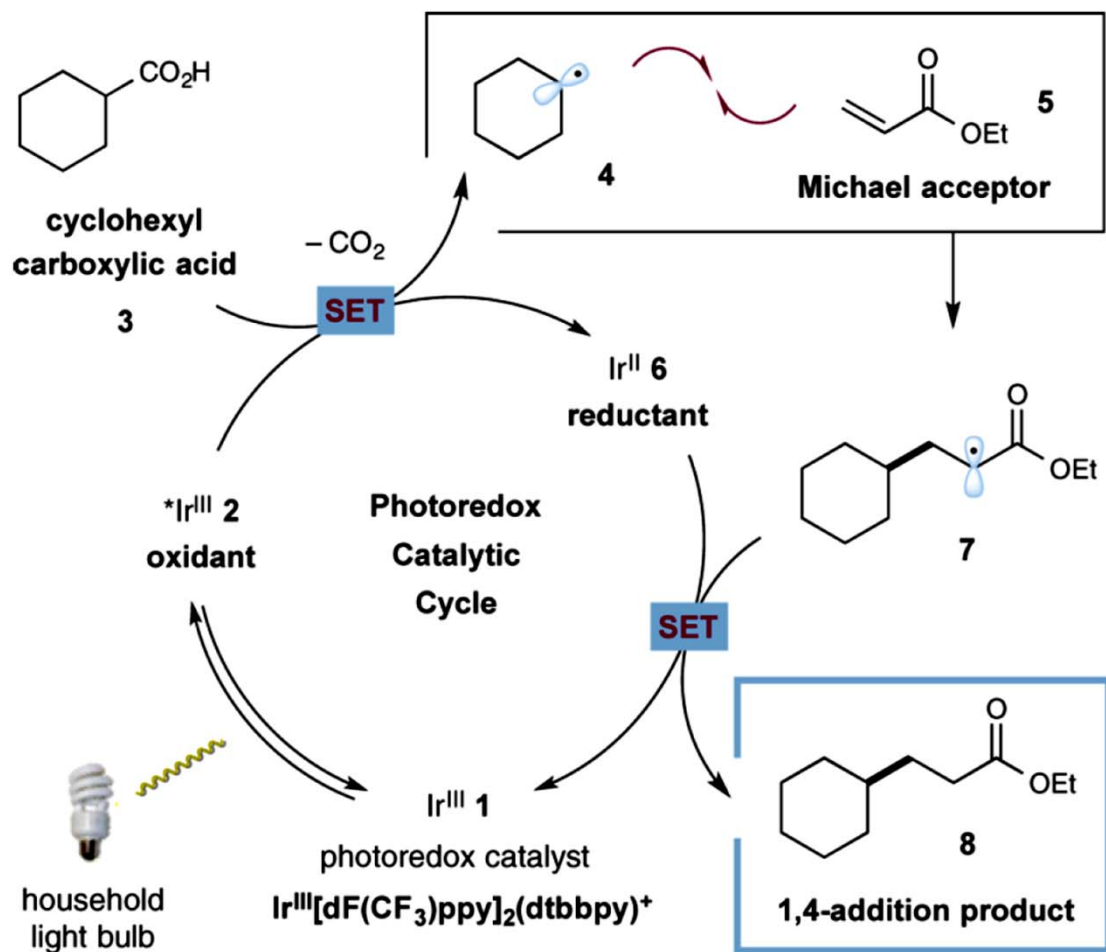
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