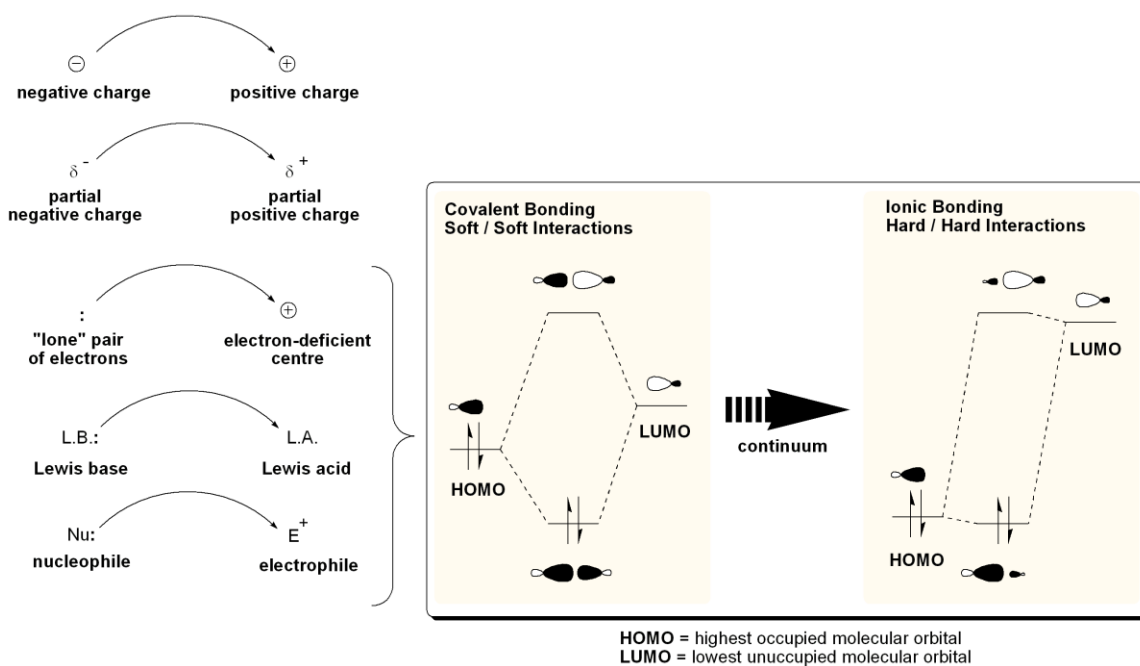


Course Organization: Things You Need to Know

1. Named Reactions and Reagents
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Nucleophiles and Electrophiles: The Basis of Organic Chemistry



## Synthesis 1: Strychnine

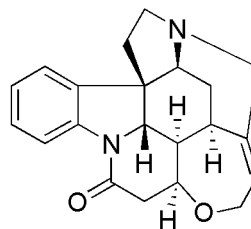
Woodward, 1954

- Nobel 1965

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Reactions:

- Fischer indole synthesis
- Indole addition
- Dieckmann condensation
- Allylic rearrangement



strychnine

Concepts:

- Retrosynthesis
- Substructure Recognition

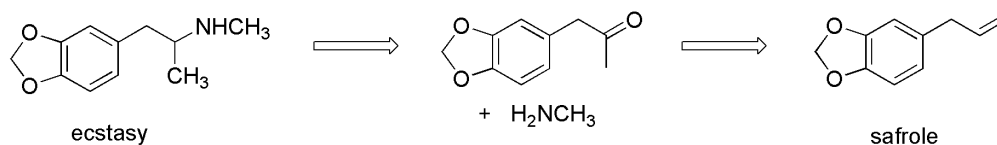
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Properties:

- A poison from Southeast Asian rainforests
- Known in Europe from the 16<sup>th</sup> century
- Isolation in 1818 (Pelletier and Caventou)
- Structure determined in 1946; X-ray in 1956
- 6 contiguous stereocentres!

**Definition:**

Retrosynthesis - A technique for transforming the structure of a synthetic target into a sequence of simpler structures, along a pathway which ultimately leads to known or commercially available starting materials.



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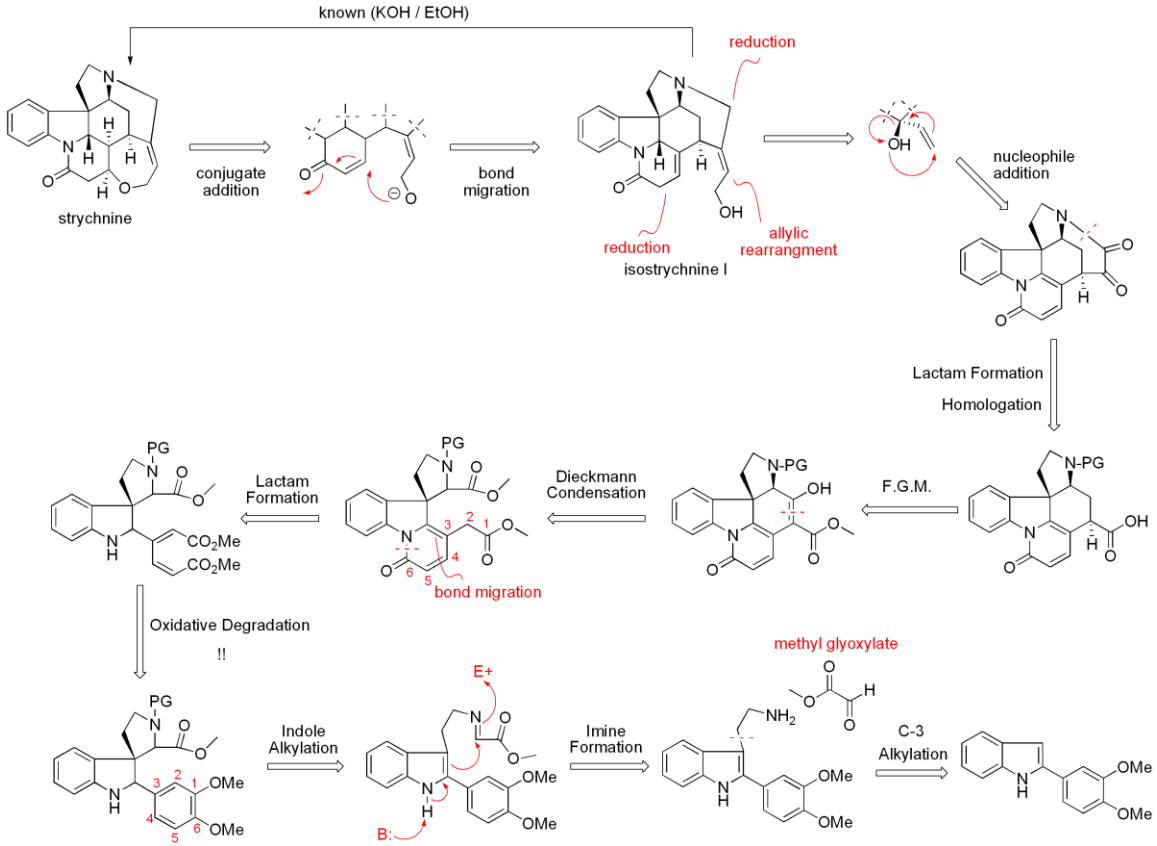
+ H<sub>2</sub>NCH<sub>3</sub>

safole

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- E.J. Corey, Nobel 1990

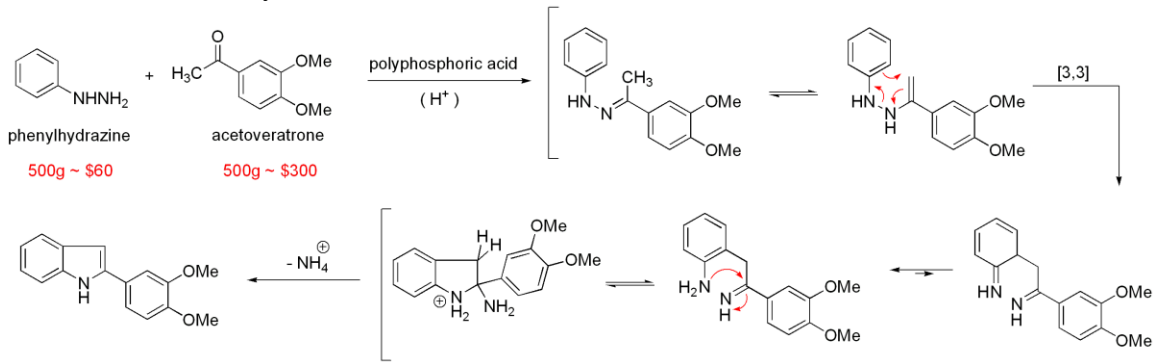
## Retrosynthesis:



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## Methodology:

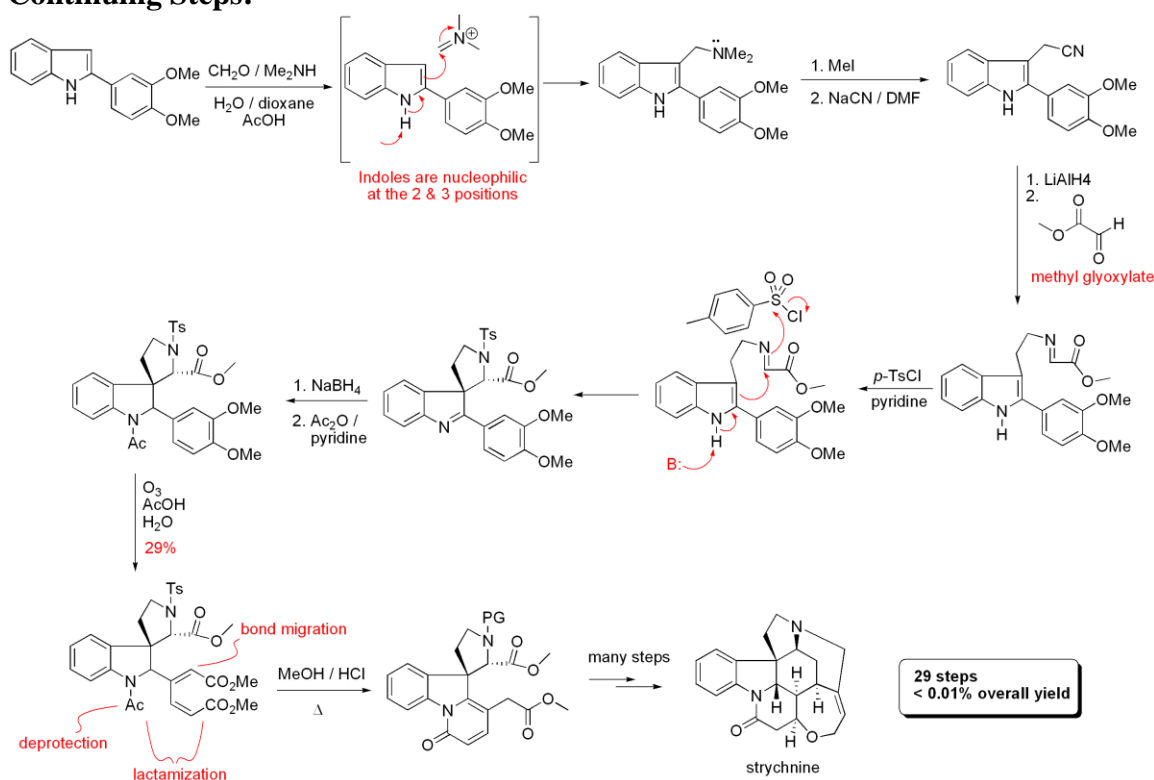
### 1.1 Fischer Indole Synthesis:



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- most commonly done with  $ZnCl_2$

## Continuing Steps:



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- How does the ozonolysis work here?
- Let's come back to that after the next section.

## Other Syntheses of Strychnine:

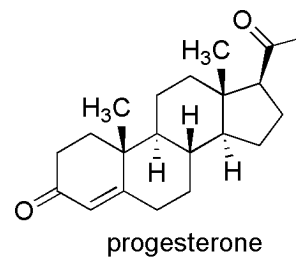
- Magnus, 1992 – *J.Am.Chem.Soc.* **1992**, 4403. - 38 years from 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> synthesis!
- Stork, 1992 – lecture (Ischia Porto, Italy).
- Kuehne, 1993 – *J.Org.Chem.* **1993**, 7490.
- Overman, 1993 – *J.Am.Chem.Soc.* **1993**, 9293. - 1<sup>st</sup> enantioselective synthesis
- Rawal, 1994 – *J.Org.Chem.* **1994**, 2685.
- Martin, 1996 – *J.Am.Chem.Soc.* **1996**, 9804.
- Bonjoch, 1999 – *Angew.Chem.Int.Ed.* **1999**, 395.
- Vollhardt, 2000 – *Org.Lett.* **2000**, 2479.
- Shibasaki, 2002 – *J.Am.Chem.Soc.* **2002**, 14546.
- Mori, 2002 – *Angew.Chem.Int.Ed.* **2002**, 1934.
- Bodwell, 2002 – *Angew.Chem.Int.Ed.* **2002**, 3261.
- Fukuyama, 2004 – *J.Am.Chem.Soc.* **2004**, 10246.
- Padwa, 2007 – *Org.Lett.* **2007**, 279.
- Andrade, 2010 – *J.Org.Chem.* **2010**, 3529.
- Vanderwal, 2010 – ACS abstracts
- MacMillan, 2010 – ACS abstracts
- Reissig, 2010 – *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2010**, 8021.
- ... and many others since! ...

## Synthesis 2: Progesterone

Marker, 1943

Reactions:

- Oxidative degradations
  - General metal oxide degradations
  - Lemieux-Von Rudloff oxidation
  - Ozonolysis
- Jones oxidation



Concepts:

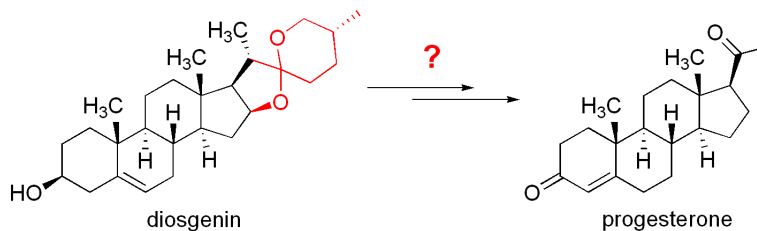
- Semisynthesis

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Properties:

- Steroid hormone involved in menstruation
- Orally available analogues administered along with estrogen as the birth-control pill.

The problem of access to progesterone for medical studies was solved by Marker's isolation of diosgenin in large quantities from a Mexican yam.



isolated from the roots of cabeza de negro  
(a giant mexican yam)

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## Methodology:

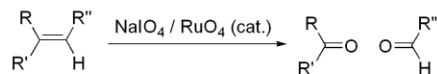
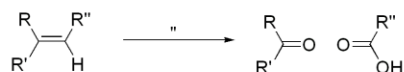
### 2.1 Oxidative Degradations:

### Handout #1: Oxidation

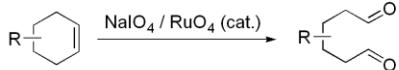


More modern conditions:  $\text{HIO}_4 / \text{MnO}_4^-$  (cat.) = Lemieux-Von Rudloff  
 $\text{NaIO}_4 / \text{RuO}_4$  (cat.)

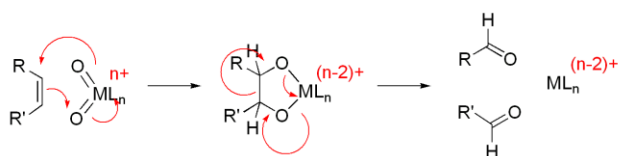
These allow you to stop at the aldehyde:



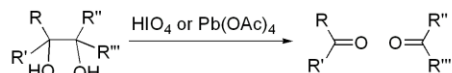
Cyclic precursors can be particularly useful:



A plausible mechanism:



Similarly...

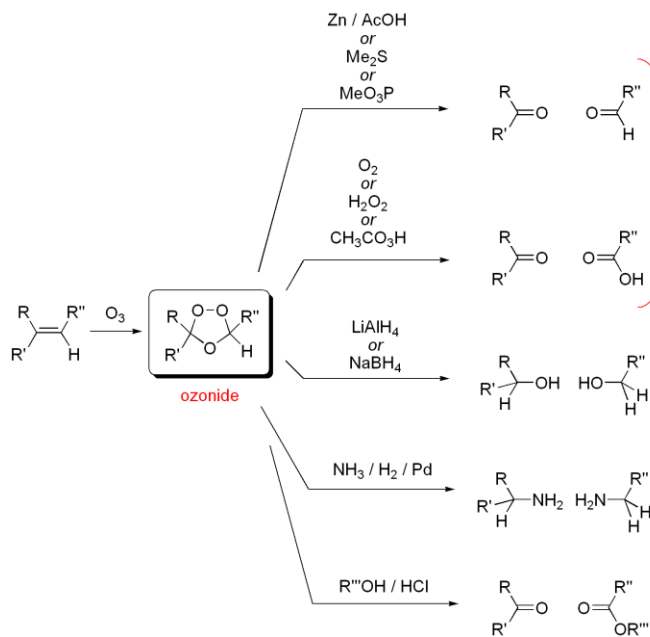


The above reactions are equivalent to a 'one pot' dihydroxylation / cleavage.

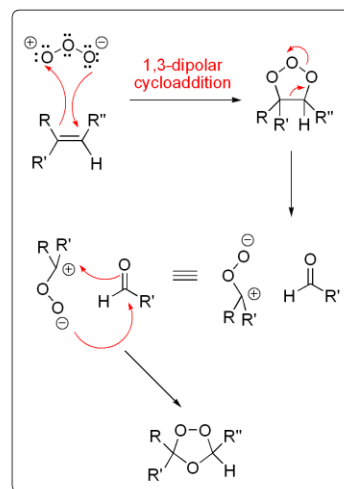
Once at the diol stage, compounds can be very sensitive to oxidizing conditions.

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### 2.2 Ozonolysis:

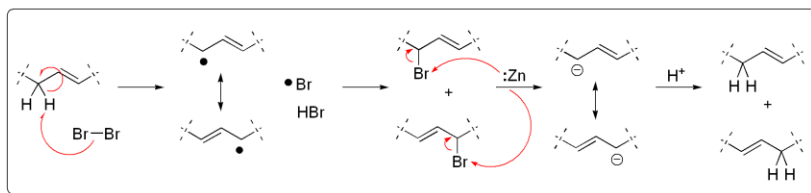
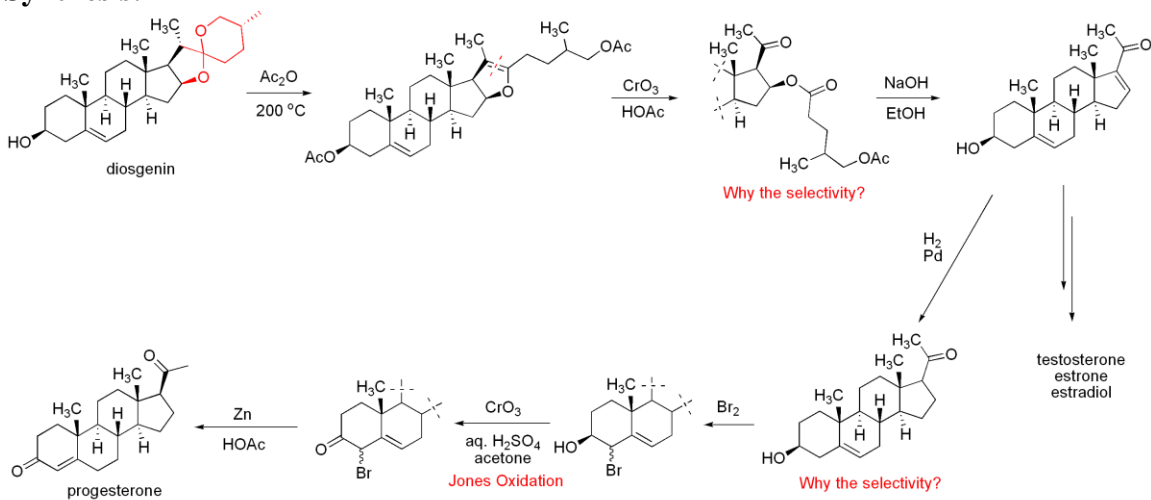


most significant transformations



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## Synthesis:



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## Synthesis 3: Prostaglandin E<sub>2</sub>

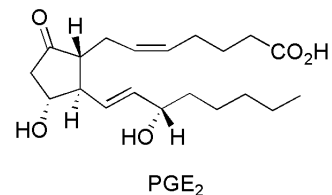
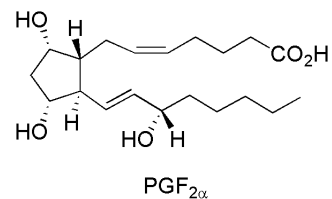
Corey, 1969 and onward

- Nobel 1990

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Reactions:

- General discussion of olefin-forming reactions:
  - Wittig reaction
  - Horner-Wadsworth Emmons reaction
  - Still-Gennari olefination
  - Julia olefination
  - Corey-Winter olefination
  - Peterson olefination
  - Barton-Kellogg extrusion reaction
- Asymmetric Diels-Alder reaction
- Baeyer-Villiger oxidation
- CBS reduction
- Iodolactonization



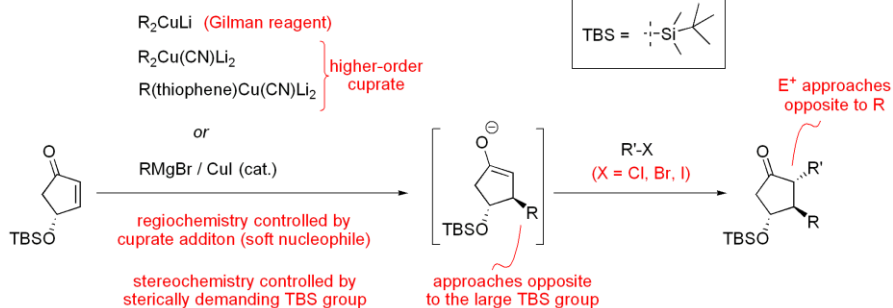
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## Properties:

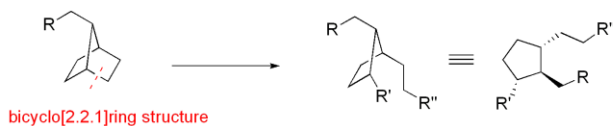
- The prostaglandins are a large family of lipophilic C-20 hormones.
- Isolated in the 1930's, structures in 1960's.
- Originate from action of COX1 and COX2 on arachidonic acid.  
(aspirin targets both enzymes, viox selectively targets COX2)
- Various prostaglandins may control:
  - cell growth
  - hormone regulation
  - inflammation
  - sensitivity to pain
  - constriction / dilation of muscle cells
- PGE<sub>2</sub> and PGF<sub>2</sub> are used to induce childbirth or abortion

## Synthetic Strategies:

### The most obvious approach:

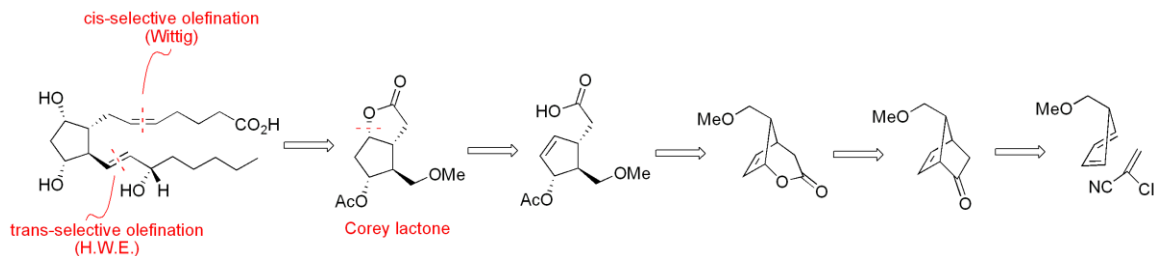


### Corey's approach:



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## Retrosynthesis:



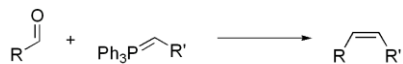
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## Methodology:

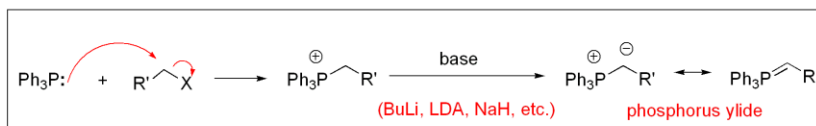
### 3.1 Olefination Reactions:

**Wittig olefination:** (George Wittig; Nobel 1979)

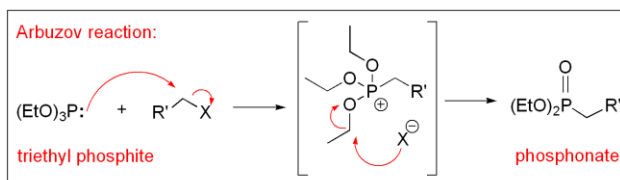
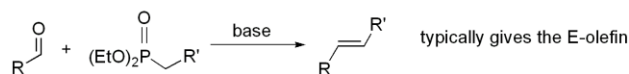


when R' is alkyl, typically gives the Z-olefin } tune by addition of  
 stabilized ylides typically give the E-olefin } salts or solvent  
 - but can bias to Z-selectivity in acid-free MeOH  
 "Kishi footnote" JACS 1982, 1109.

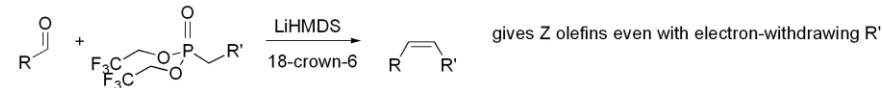
fast with aldehydes, slower with ketones (esp. hindered ketones)



**Horner-Wadsworth-Emmons olefination:**



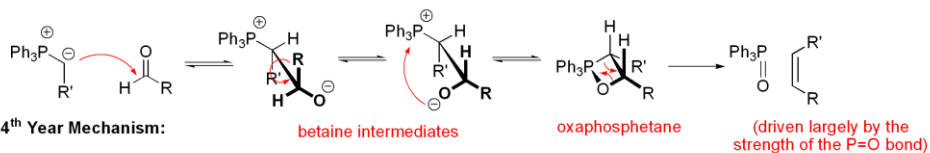
**Still-Gennari olefination:**



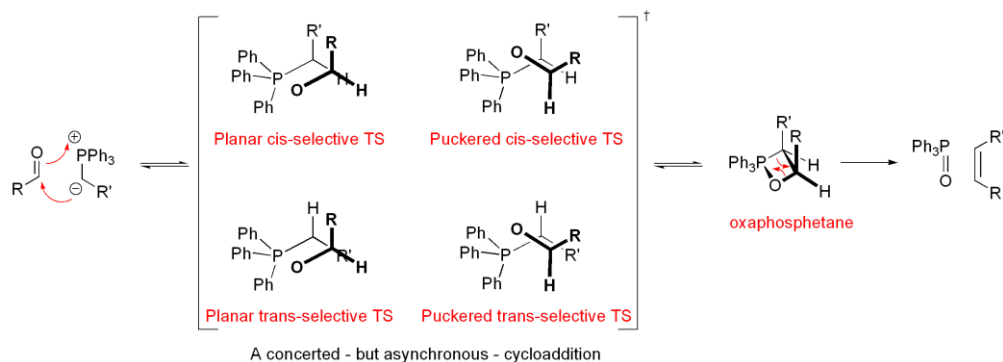
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**Origin of Z-selectivity in Wittig reactions :**

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Mechanism:**



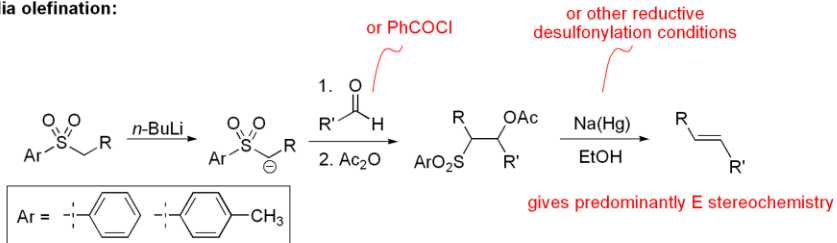
**The 4<sup>th</sup> Year Mechanism:**



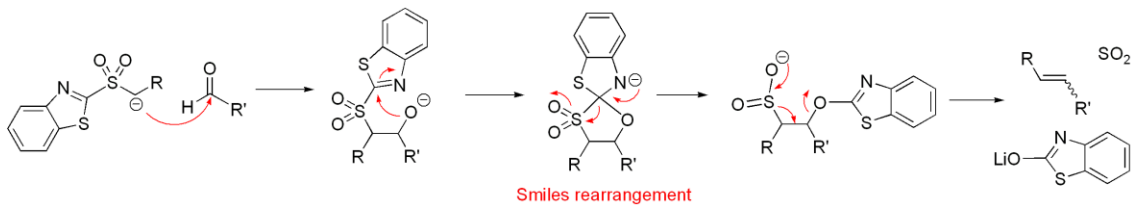
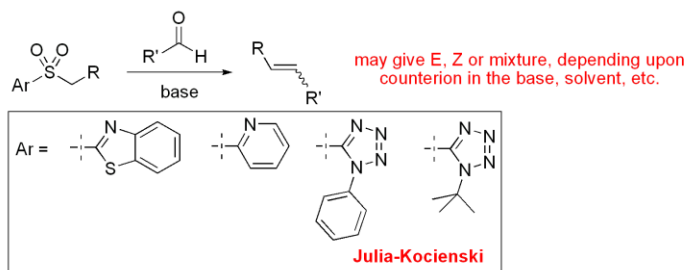
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Other notable ways to make olefins:

Julia olefination:

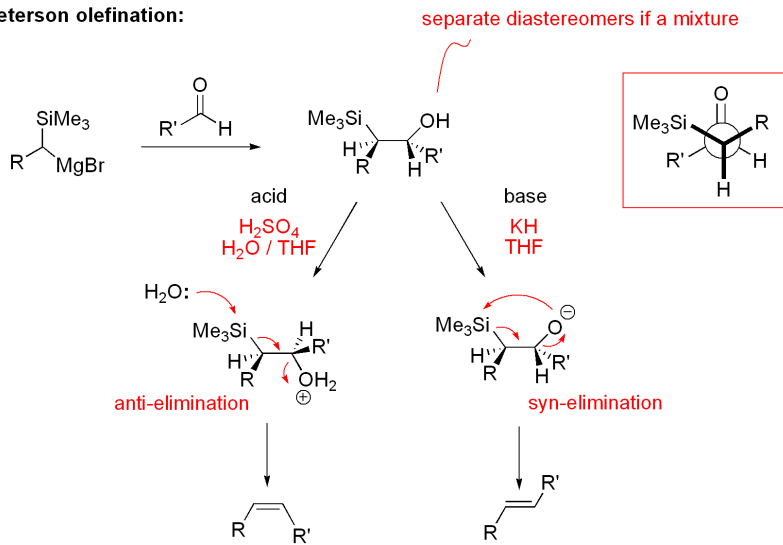


Heteroaryl variants for '1-pot' coupling:



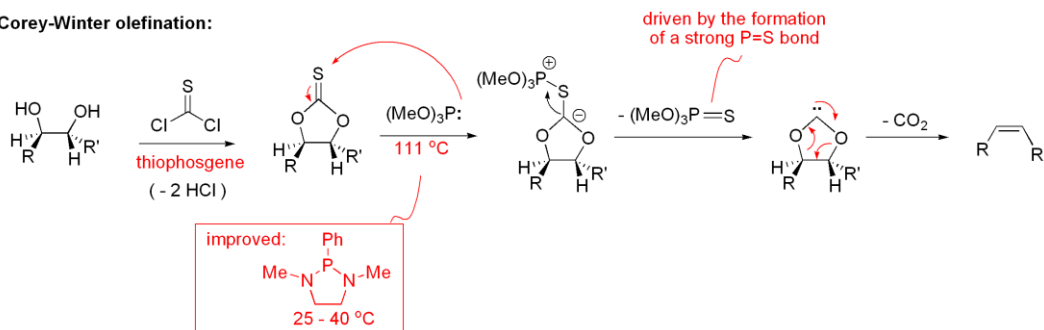
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Peterson olefination:

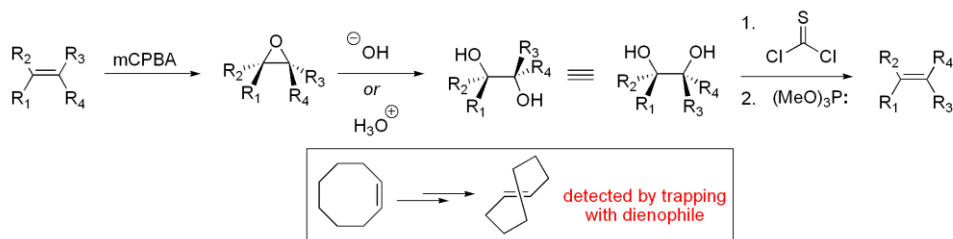


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### Corey-Winter olefination:



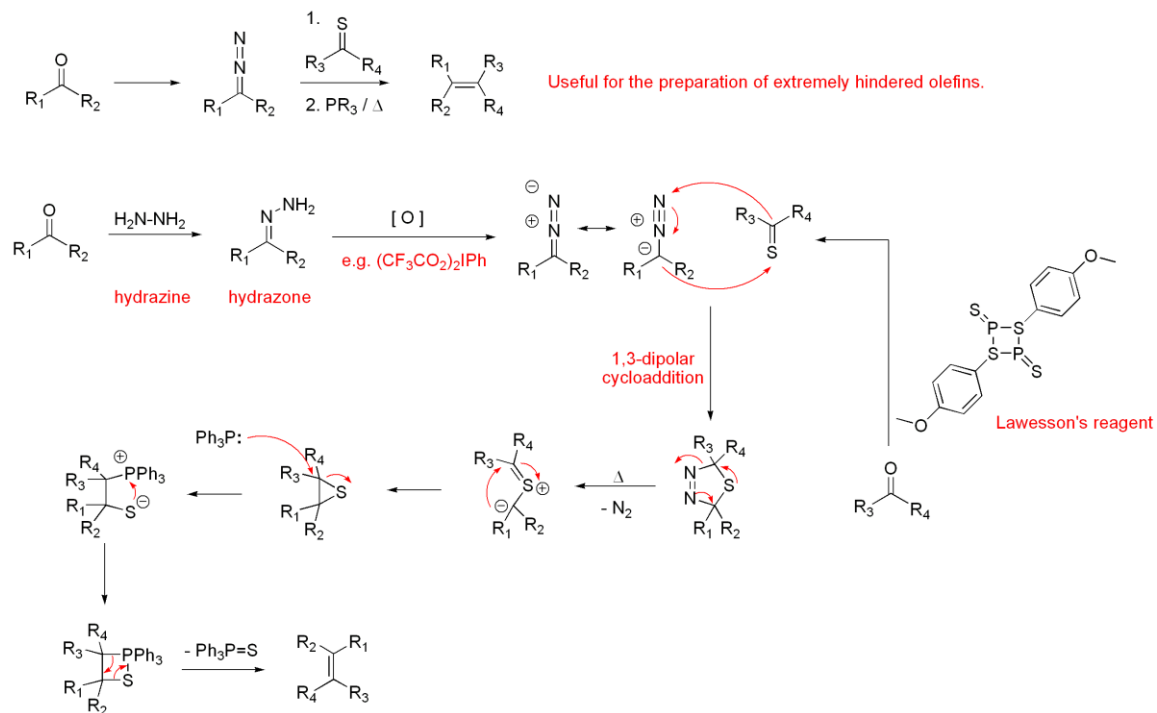
### A neat application:



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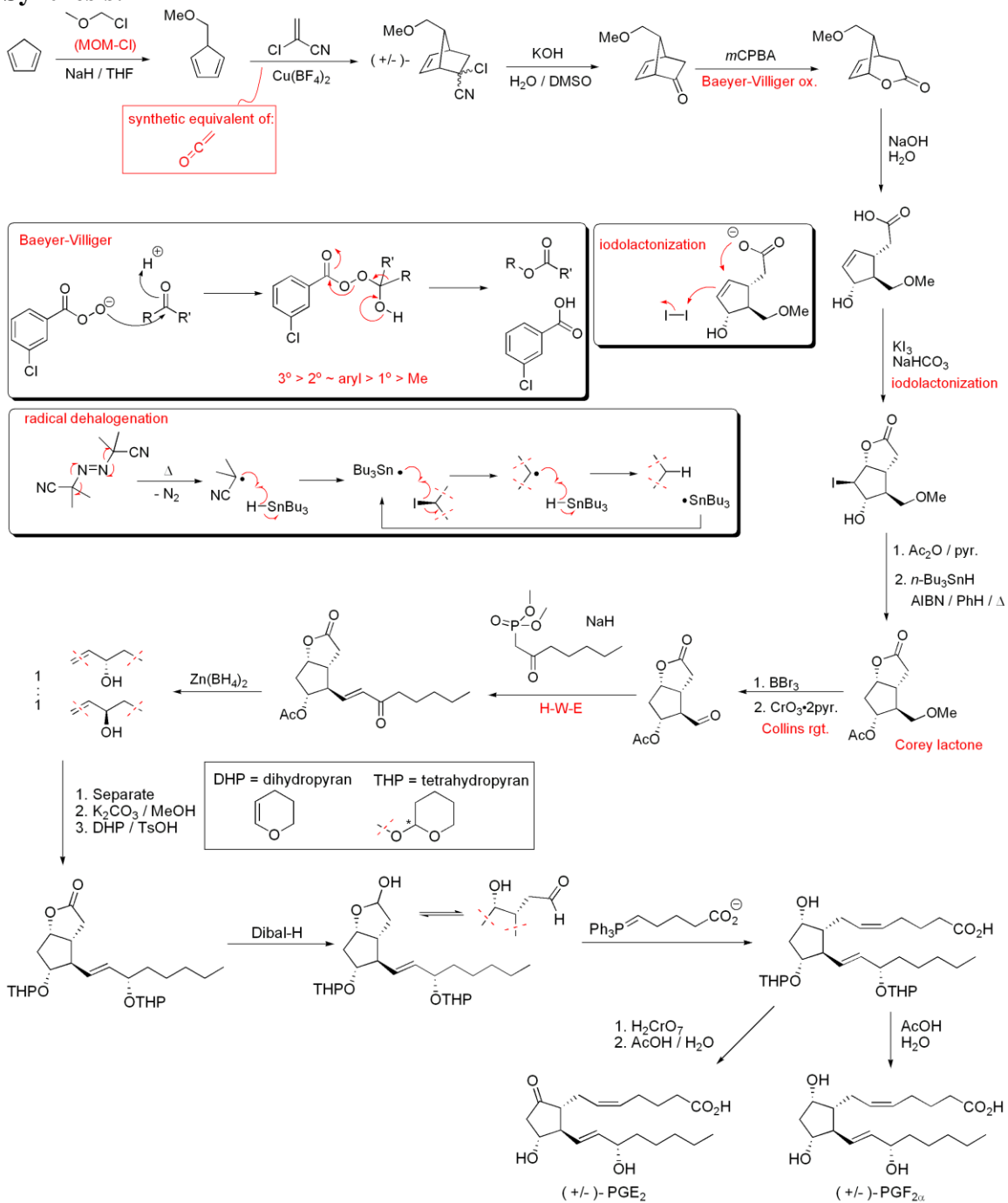
### Barton-Kellogg Extrusion Reaction:

(Derek Barton Nobel 1969)



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## Synthesis:



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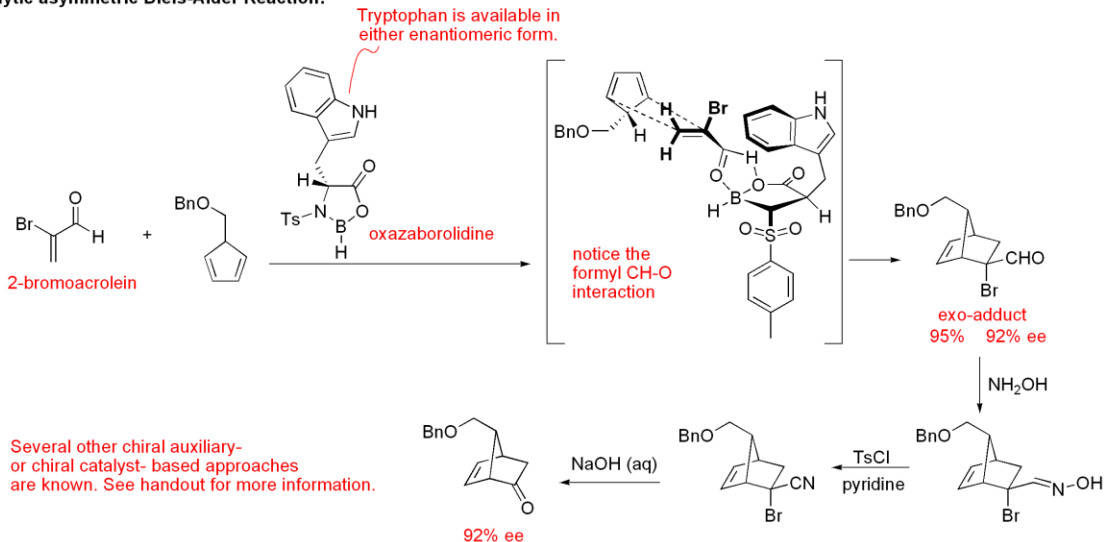
Problems with the synthesis:

- racemic
- $\text{Zn}(\text{BH}_3)_4$  reaction

## Methodology 3.2:

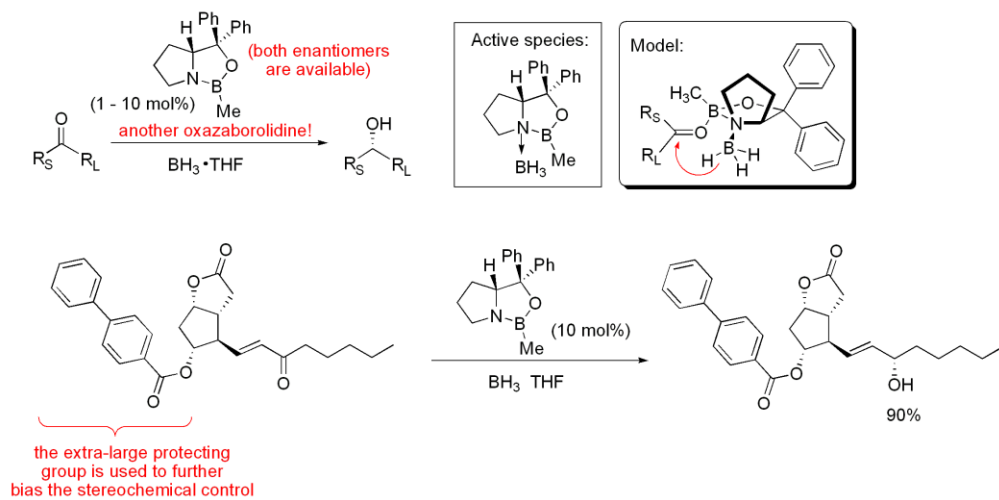
- Catalytic, asymmetric Diels-Alder reaction
- CBS reduction

**Catalytic asymmetric Diels-Alder Reaction:**



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**Corey-Bakshi-Shibata (CBS) reduction:**



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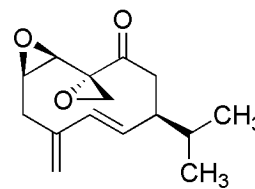
**Synthesis 4: Periplanone B**

Still, 1979 (largely credited with the invention of flash chromatography)

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Reactions:

- Anionic oxy-Cope
- Rubottom oxidation
- Selective epoxidations



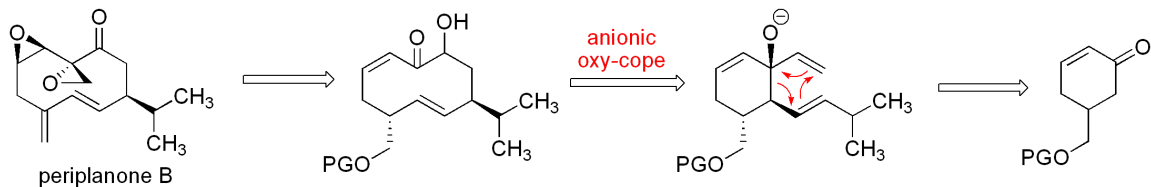
periplanone B

Concepts:

- Use of medium- or large-ring conformation to control stereochemistry

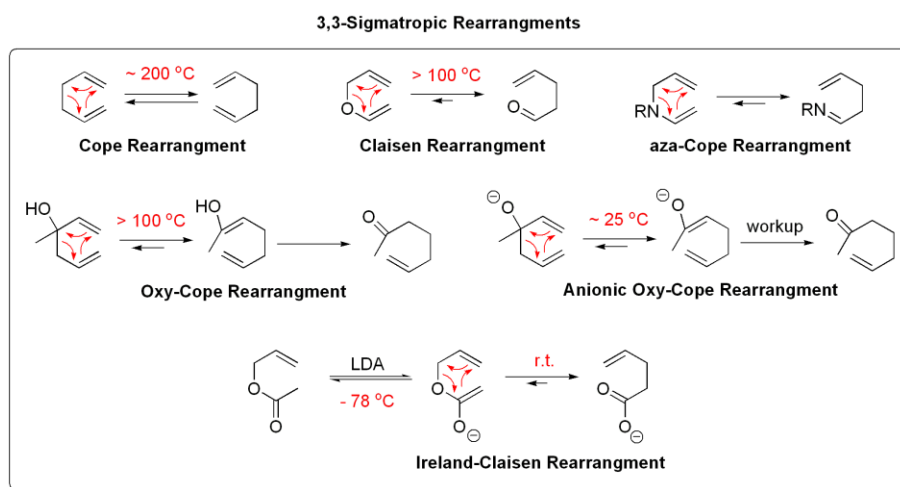
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## Retrosynthesis:

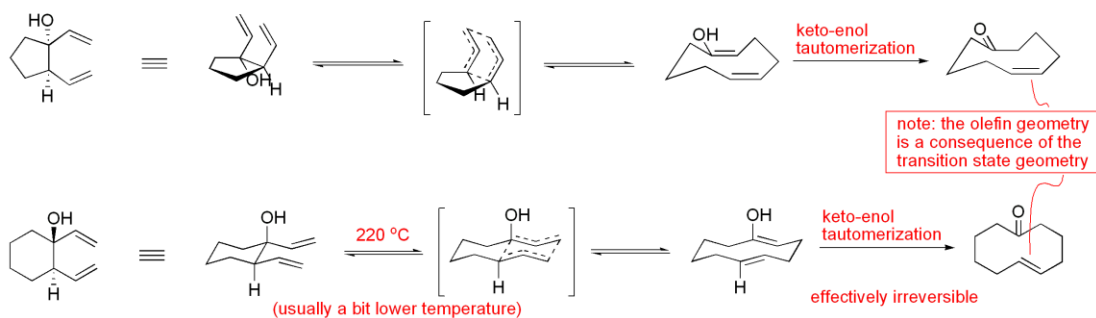


## Methodology:

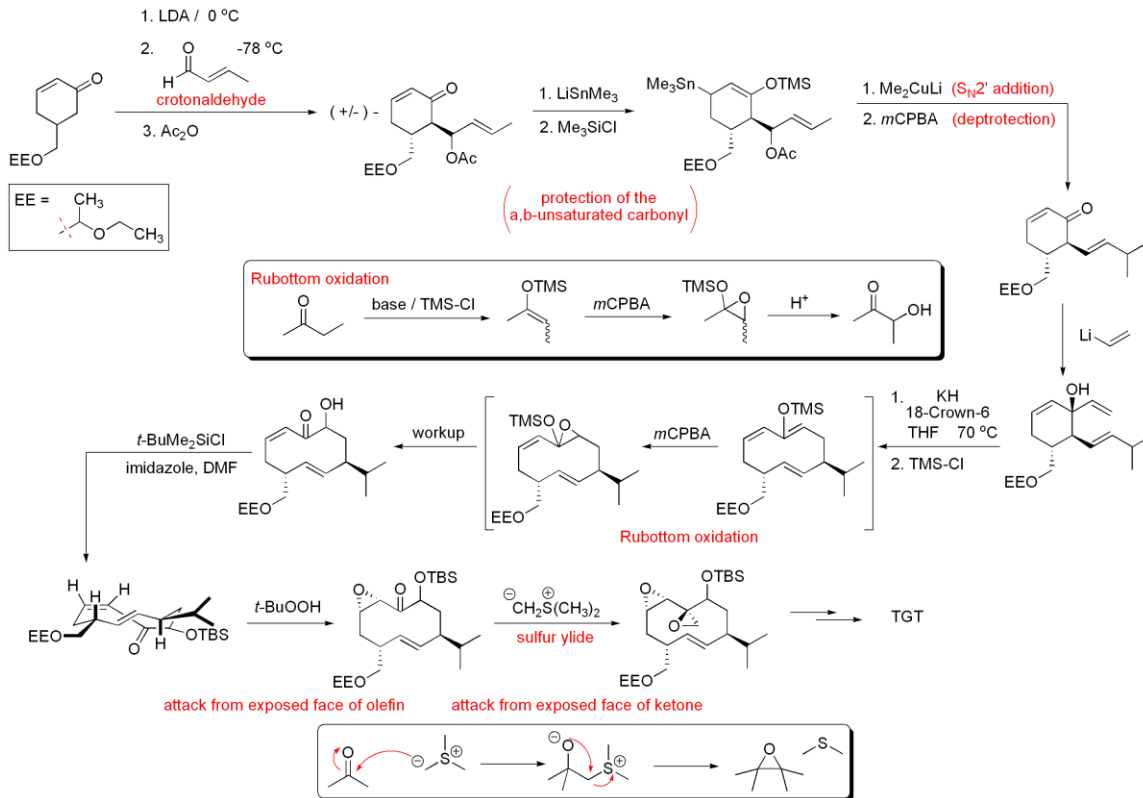
### 4.1 Cope-type reactions:



### Stereochemical Consequences:



## Synthesis:



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## Section 5: Palladium-Mediated Coupling Strategies

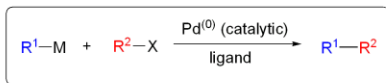
### Reactions:

- General discussion of:
  - Stille coupling
  - Heck coupling
  - Suzuki coupling
  - Sonogashira coupling
  - Negishi coupling
  - Tsuji-Trost coupling
  - Pd- Pt- & Au-mediated cycloisomerizations

### Concepts:

- Catalytic cycles – oxidative addition, reductive elimination, etc.
- Increased synthetic efficiency using organometallic coupling strategies.

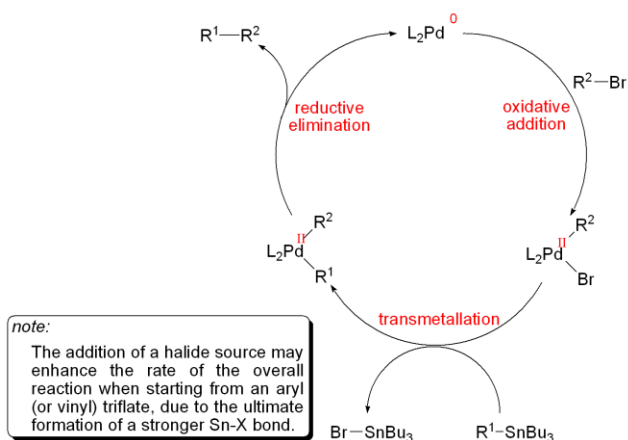
## Methodology 5.1. The Stille, Suzuki & Negishi reactions - Related Mechanisms



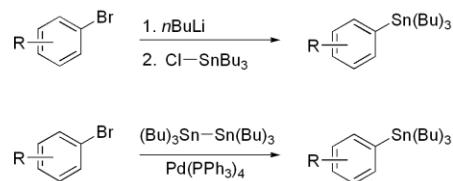
	M	X	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	Other Requirements
Stille	Sn(alkyl) <sub>3</sub>	I, Br, Cl, OTf,			
			(& sometimes alkyl)		
Suzuki		I, Br, Cl, OTf,			Base: Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> , B(OH) <sub>3</sub> , Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> , K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> , Ba(OH) <sub>2</sub> , TIOH, KF, CsF, NaOH, etc.
			and alkyl	and alkyl	
Negishi	ZnX	I, Br, Cl, OTf, OAc			
			and alkyl		

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### Catalytic Cycle: Stille Coupling



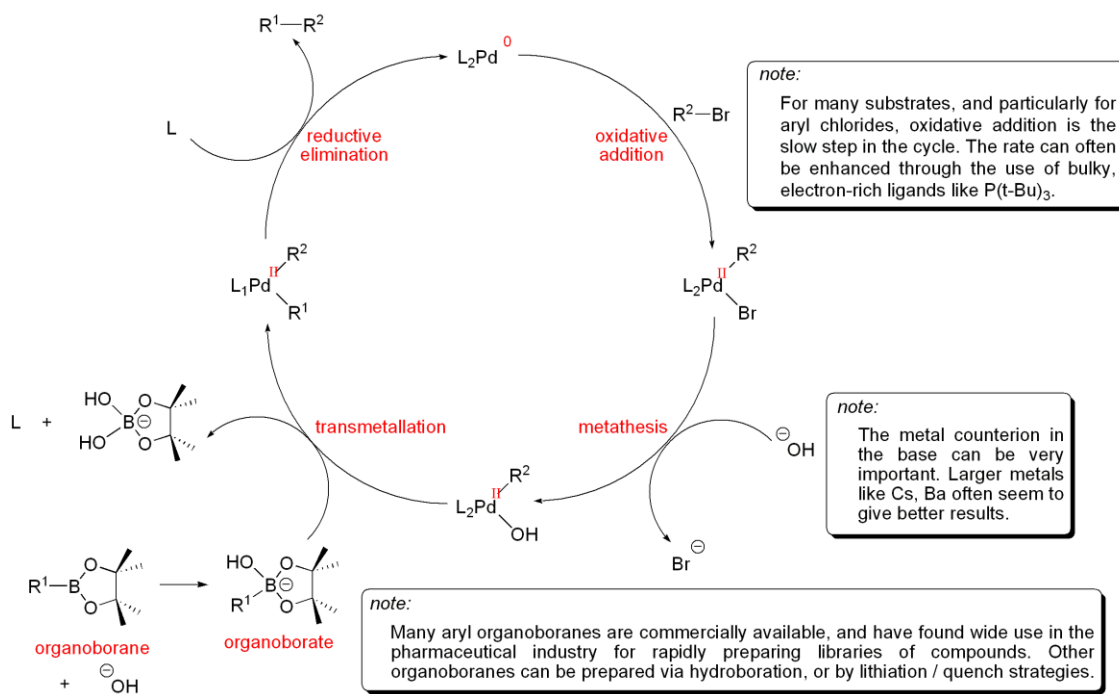
### Formation of alkyl stannanes:



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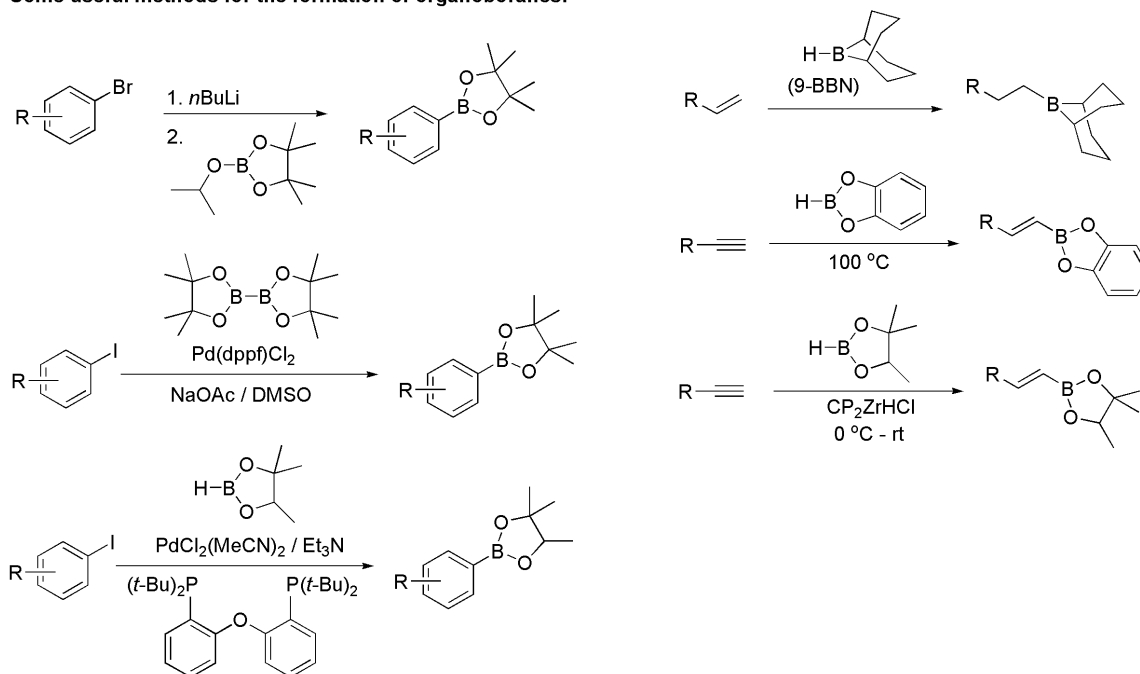


### Catalytic Cycle: Suzuki Coupling



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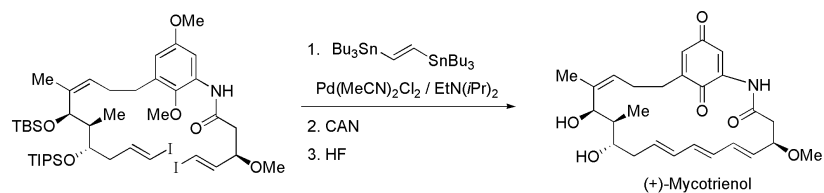
### Some useful methods for the formation of organoboranes:



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## Synthesis 5.1. Some illustrative syntheses:

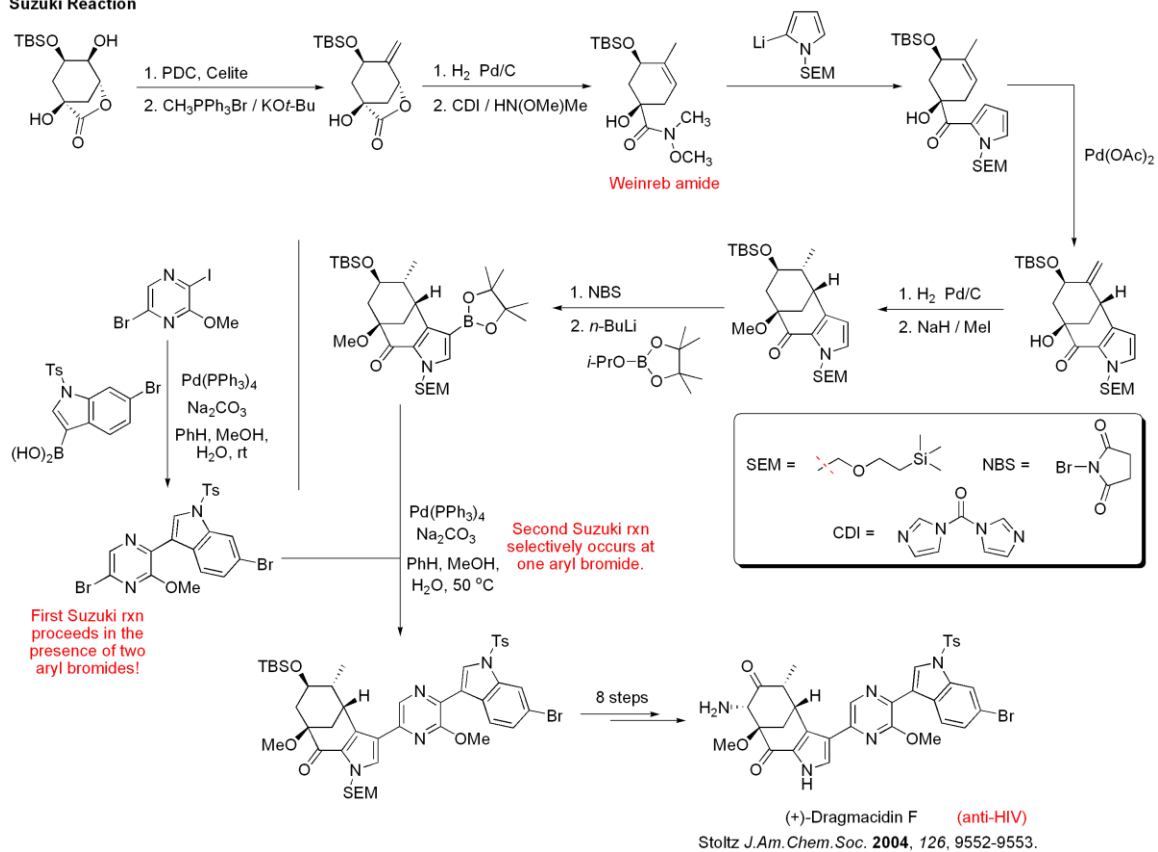
### Stille Reaction



Panek *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1998**, *120*, 4123-4134

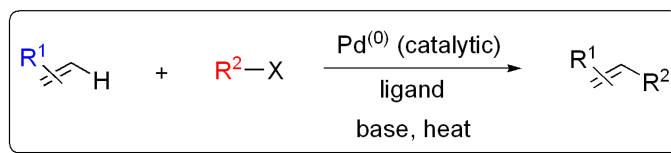
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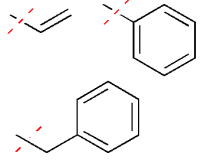
### Suzuki Reaction

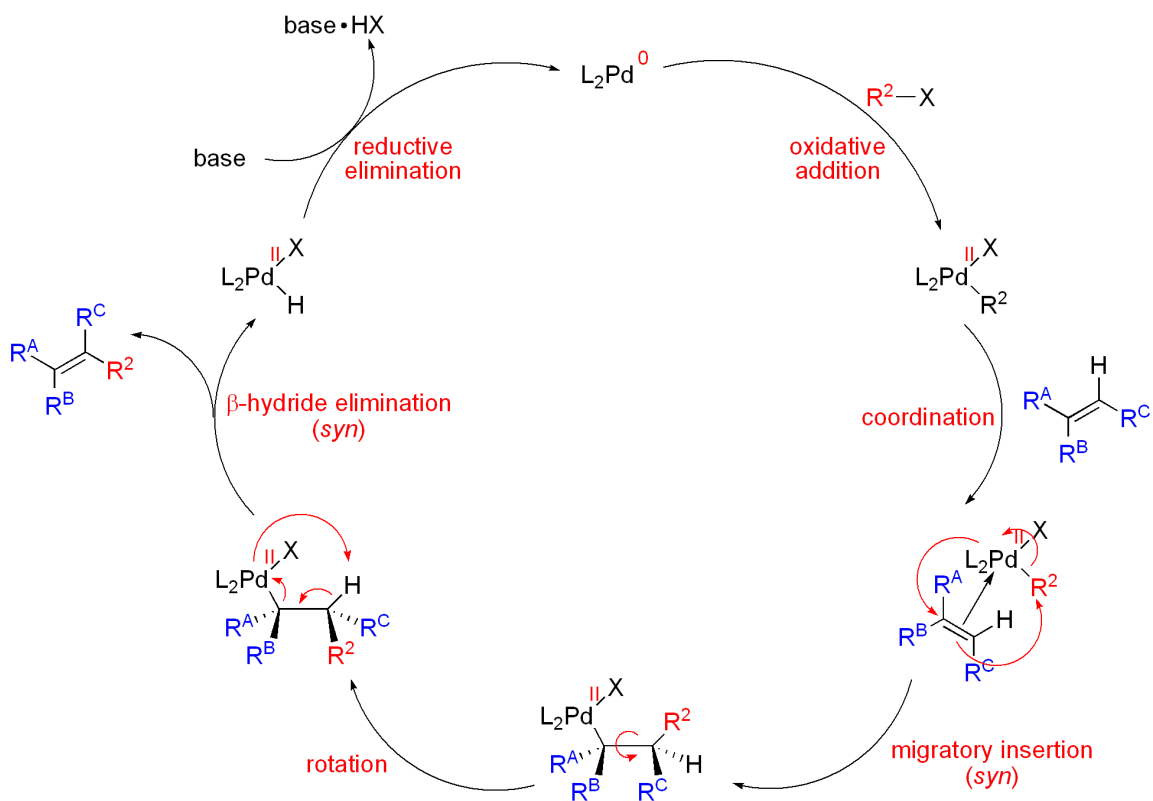


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## Methodology 5.2. The Heck reaction:

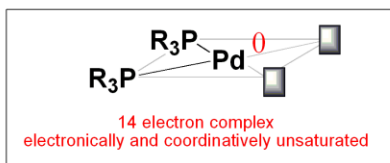


$\text{R}^2$	X	base
	I, Br, Cl, OTf, OTs, $\text{N}_2^+$	2° or 3° amine KOAc, NaOAc, $\text{NaHCO}_3$
or sometimes alkyl (w/ no $\beta$ -hydrogen)		

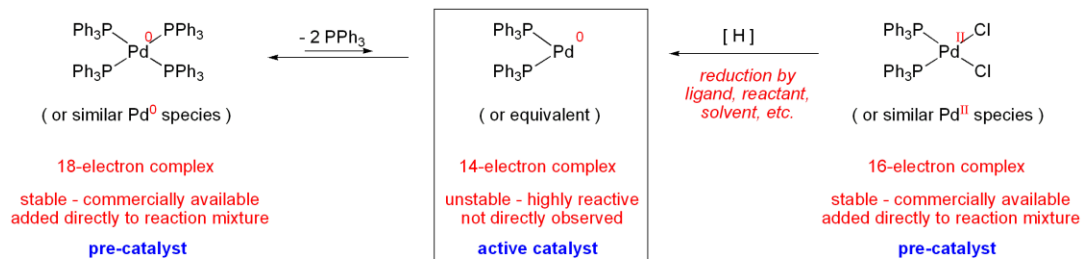


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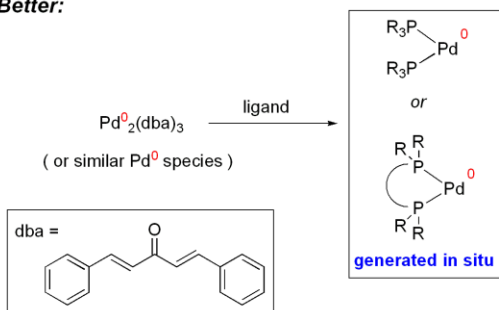
## On the nature of " L<sub>2</sub>Pd<sup>0</sup> "



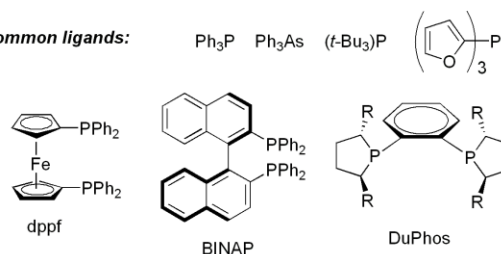
### Typical Formation:



### Even Better:



### common ligands:

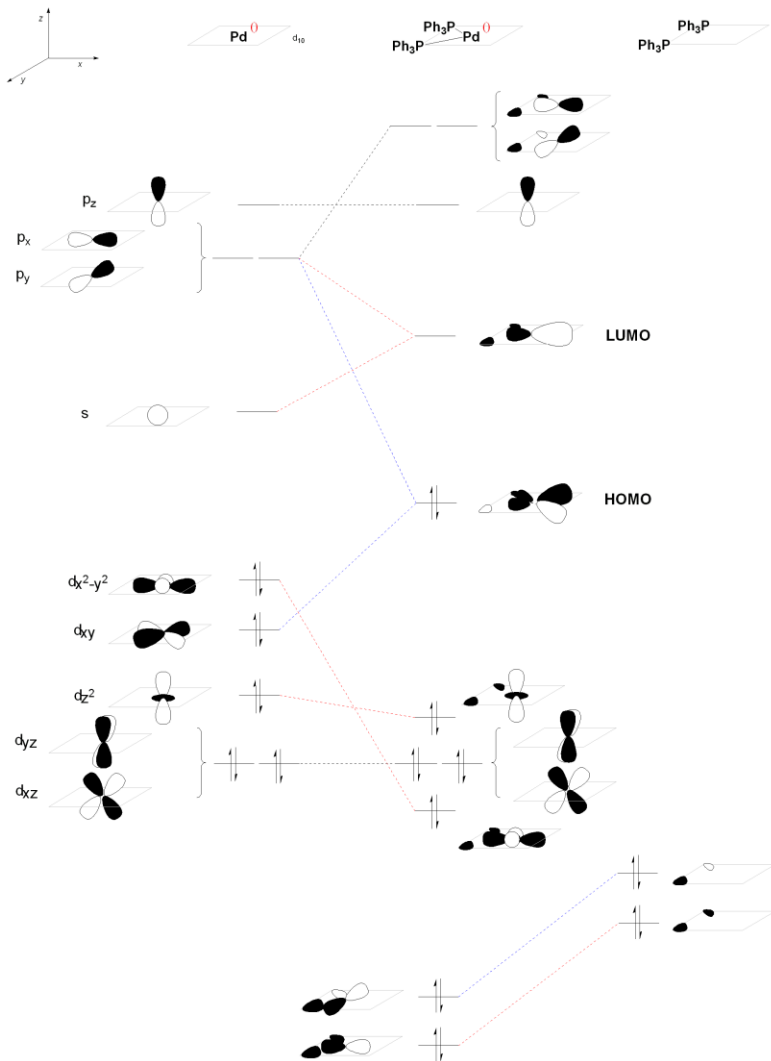


And many, many others!

Chiral ligands allow asymmetric control of reactions.

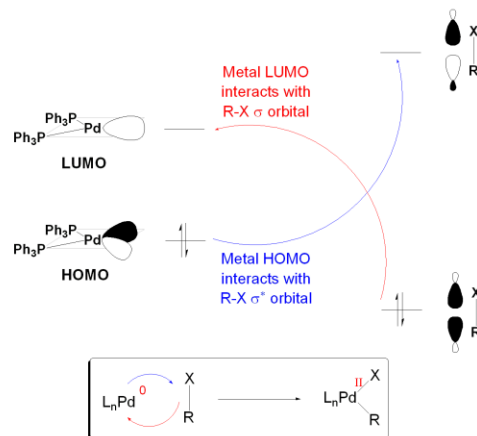
A closer look at what those curved arrows are doing:

### A Frontier MO Diagram for $(\text{Ph}_3\text{P})_2\text{Pd}$

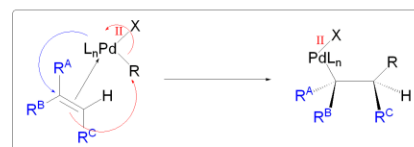


### What You Need to Remember

Somewhere in the  $(\text{Ph}_3\text{P})_2\text{Pd}^0$  frontier MO's is a filled orbital of the right symmetry for interacting with the R-X antibonding orbital ( $\sigma^*$ ) and an empty orbital of the right symmetry for interacting with the R-X bonding orbital ( $\sigma$ ).



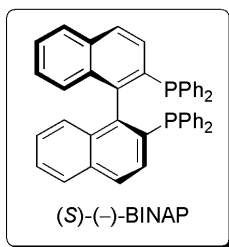
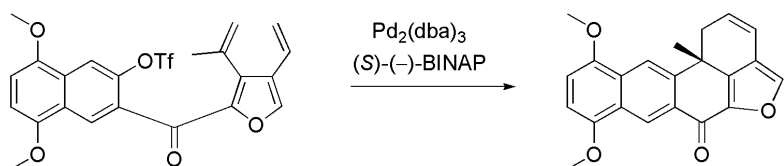
Something similar happens in the case of the subsequent addition of the olefin.



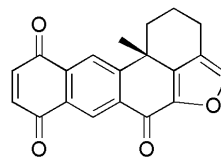
For arrow-pushing purposes, the Pd acts simultaneously as a nucleophile and an electrophile.

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An example of an asymmetric “double” Heck reaction



1.  $\text{H}_2$  Pd/C  
2. CAN

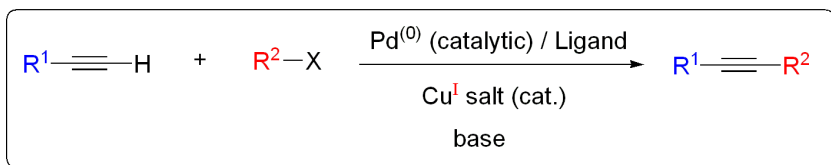




Keay *J.Am.Chem.Soc.* **1996**, *118*, 10766

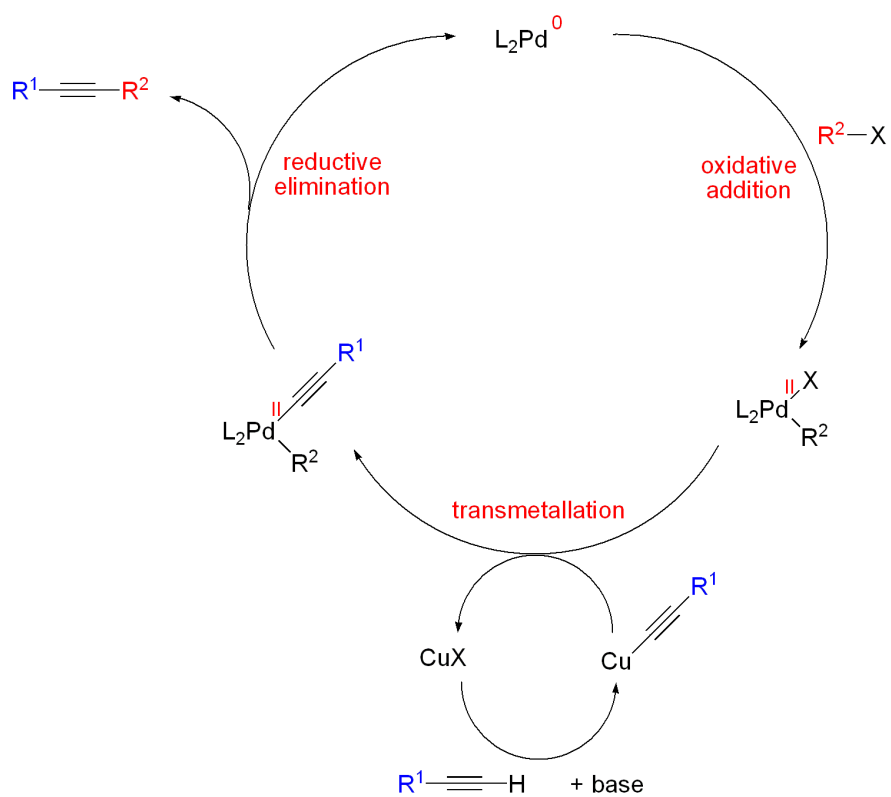
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Some other noteworthy Pd-coupling strategies:

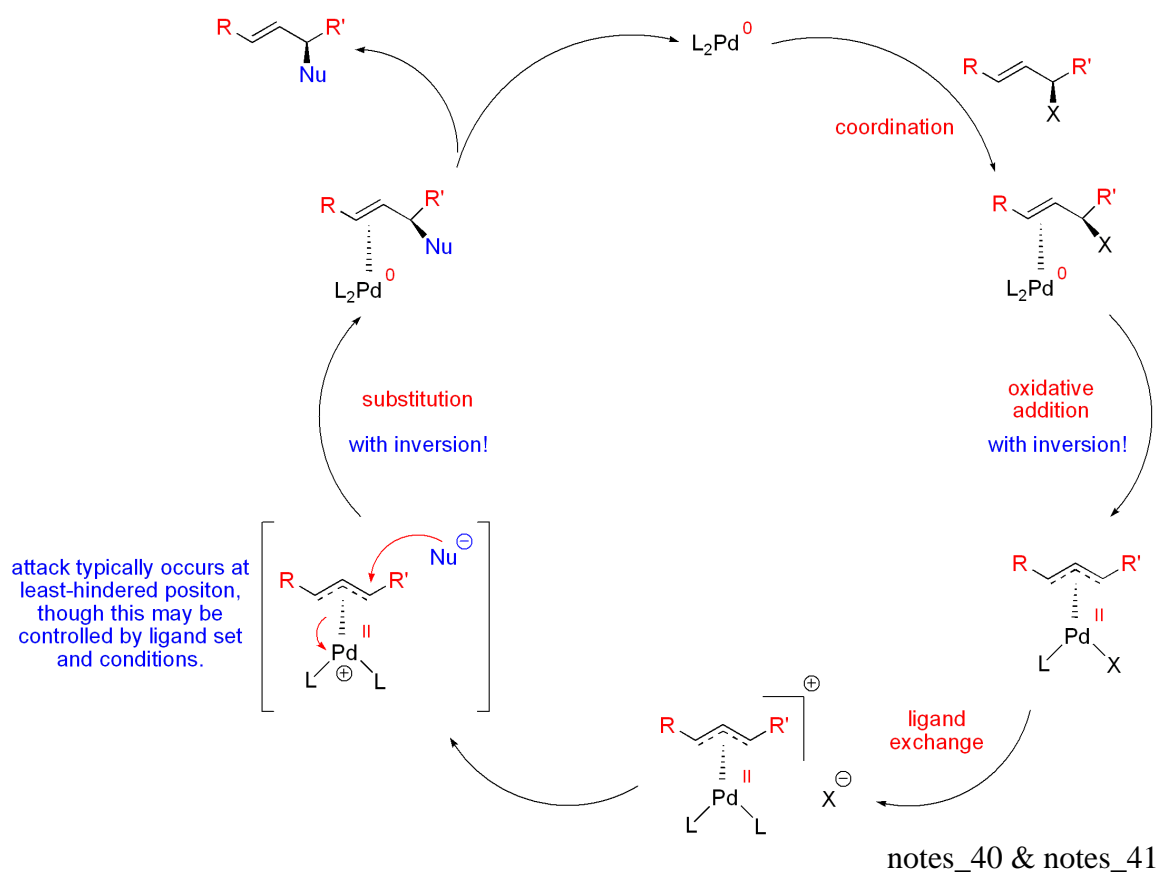
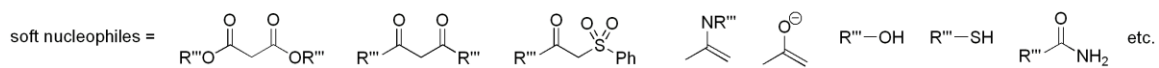
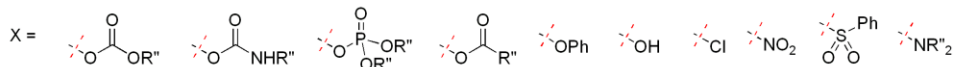
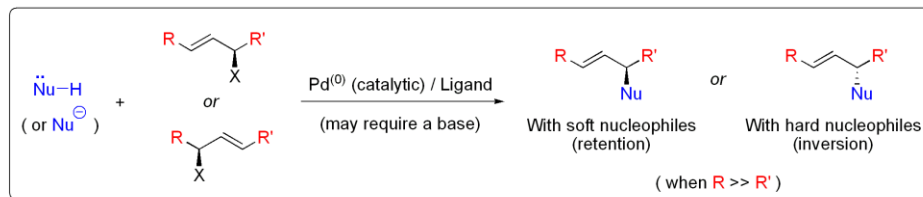
**Methodology 5.3. Sonogashira coupling:**



$\text{R}^2$	X	$\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}$ salt	base
 	I, Br, Cl, OTf	CuI, CuBr	2° or 3° amine

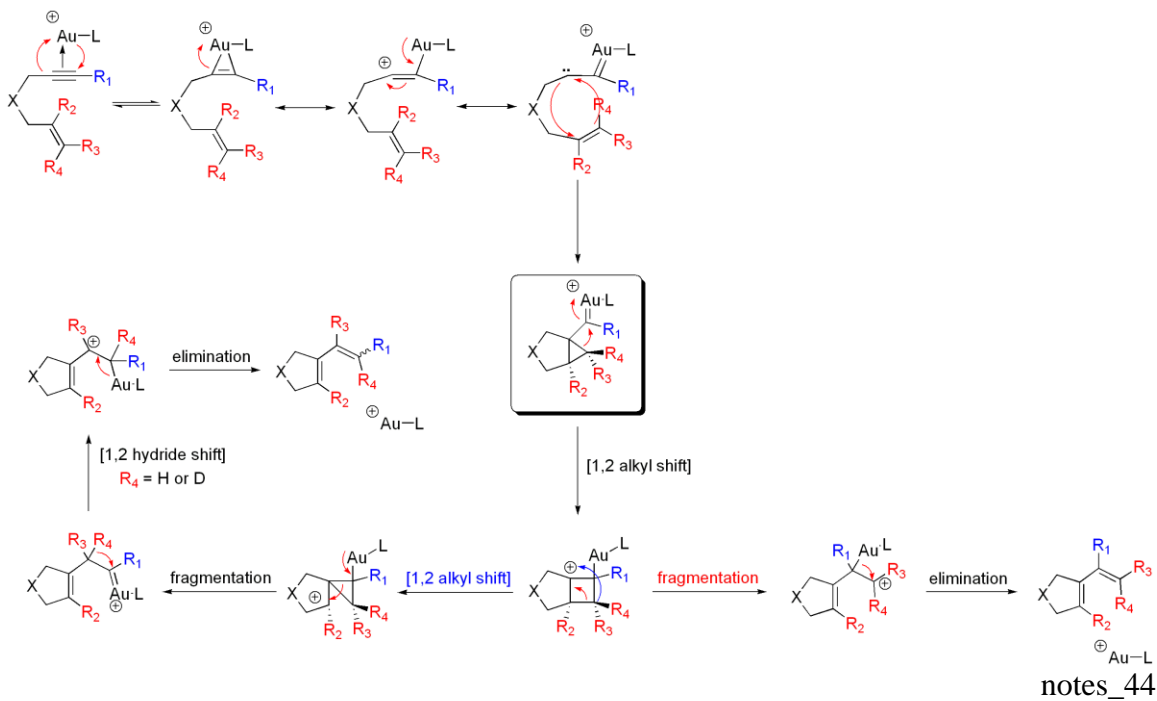
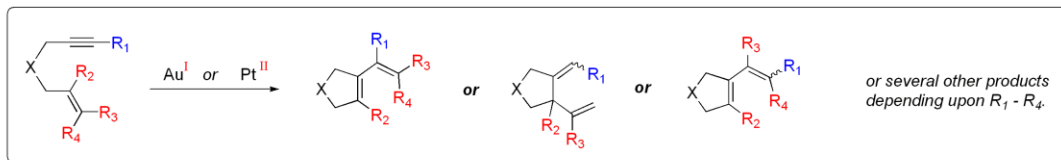


## Methodology 5.4. Tsuji-Trost coupling:





## Methodology 5.5. Au- and Pt-Catalyzed Cyclizations of Eneynes:



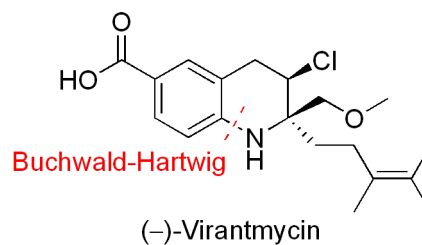
## Synthesis 6: Virantmycin

Back, 2004

*Angew. Chemie Int. Ed.* **2004**, *43*, 6493.

Reactions:

- Buchwald-Hartwig coupling
- Acid chloride / fluoride formation
- Curtius rearrangement
- Krapcho decarboxylation
- Enzyme-mediated reactions



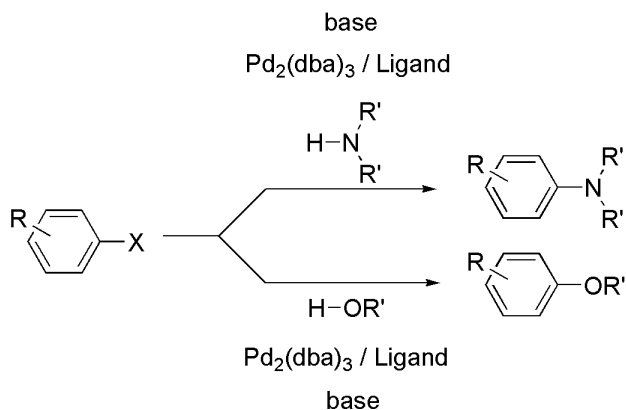
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Concepts:

- Desymmetrization
- Stereodivergent synthesis

### Methodology:

#### 6.1 Buchwald-Hartwig coupling:

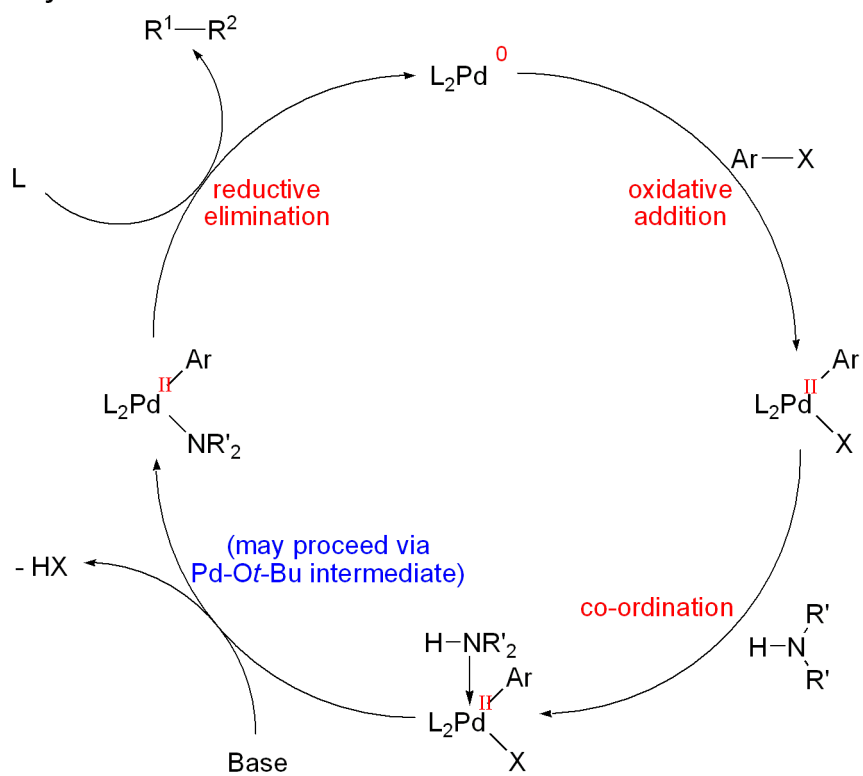


(Ligand = BINAP, DPPF, etc.)

Base =  $\text{NaO}t\text{-Bu}$ , LHMDS,  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$ ,  $\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$

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Catalytic Cycle:





## Synthesis 7: Xanthatin

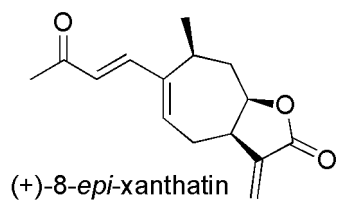
Martin, 2006

Tetrahedron 2006, 62, 11437

Reactions:

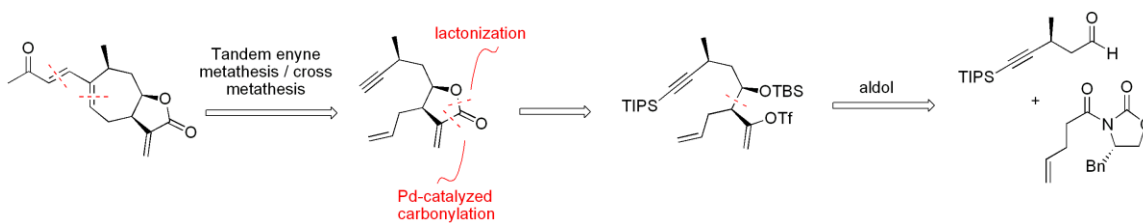
· General discussion of olefin metathesis:

- Ring-opening metathesis polymerization
- Ring-closing metathesis
- Cross metathesis
- Ene-yne metathesis



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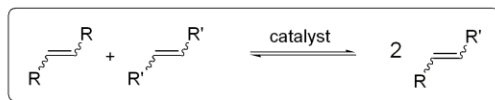
## Retrosynthesis:



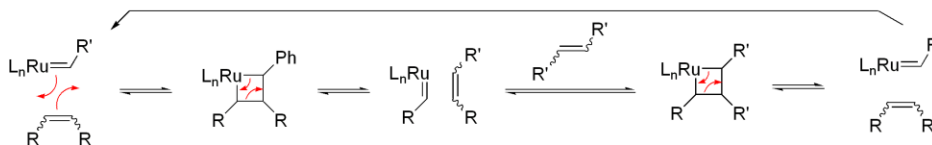
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## Methodology:

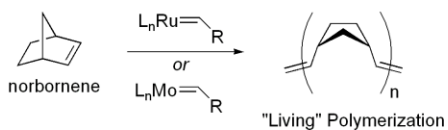
### 7.1 Olefin Metathesis: (Nobel 2005)



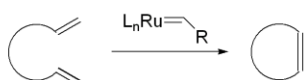
#### General Mechanism:



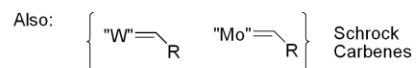
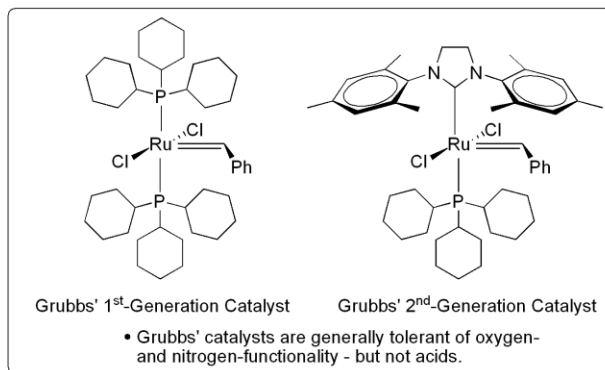
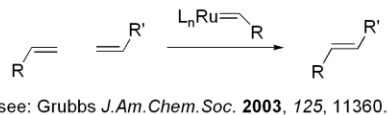
#### Ring-Opening Metathesis Polymerization:



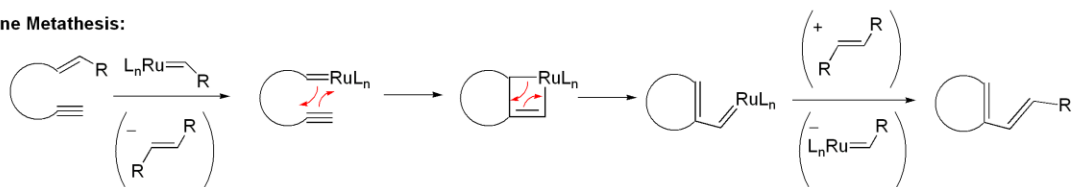
#### Ring-Closing Metathesis:



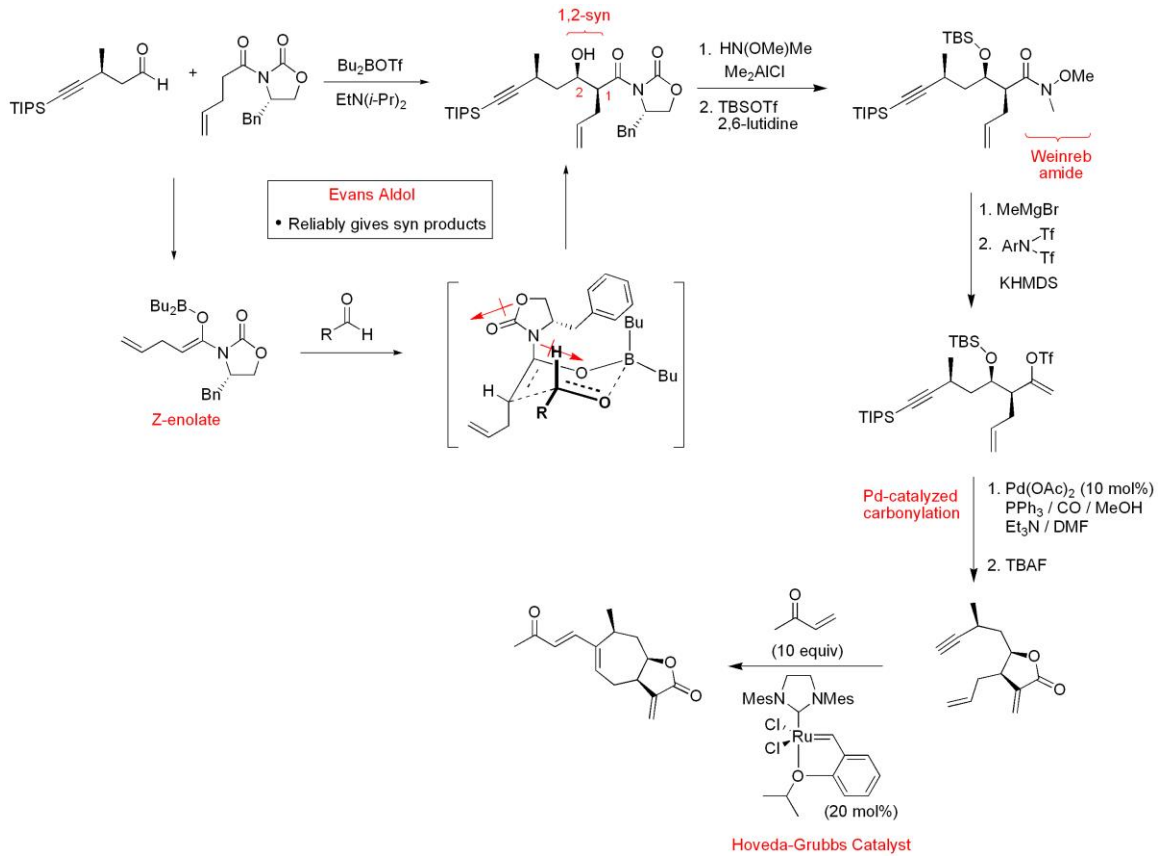
#### Cross Metathesis:



#### Enyne Metathesis:



# Synthesis:



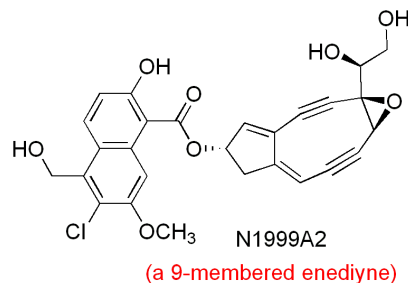
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## Synthesis 8: N1999A2

Myers, 2006 – *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2006**, 128, 14825.

Reactions:

- Bergman cycloaromatization
- Swern-type oxidations
- Asymmetric epoxidations
- Asymmetric dihydroxylations
- Amide couplings with DCC / EDC / HATU etc.
- Corey-Fuchs reaction
- Glaser reaction

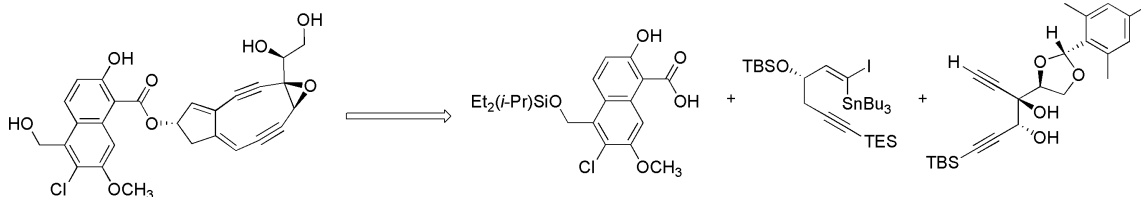


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Concepts:

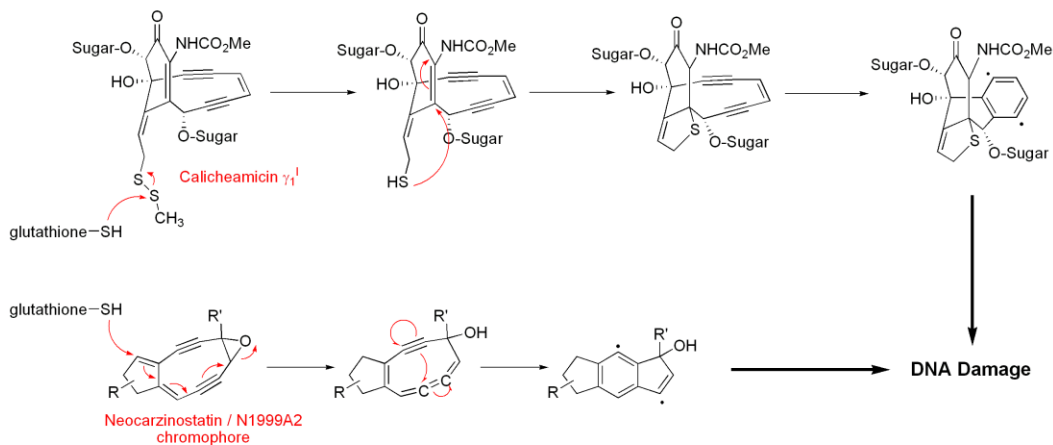
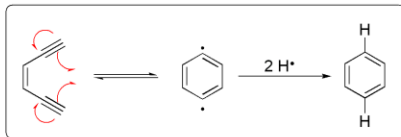
- Synthetic planning

## Retrosynthesis:

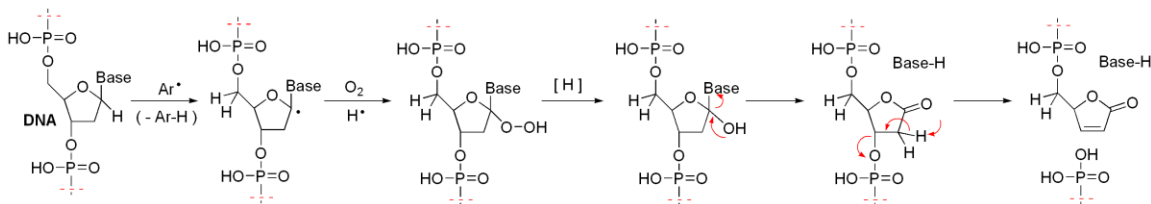


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## Bergman Rearrangement:



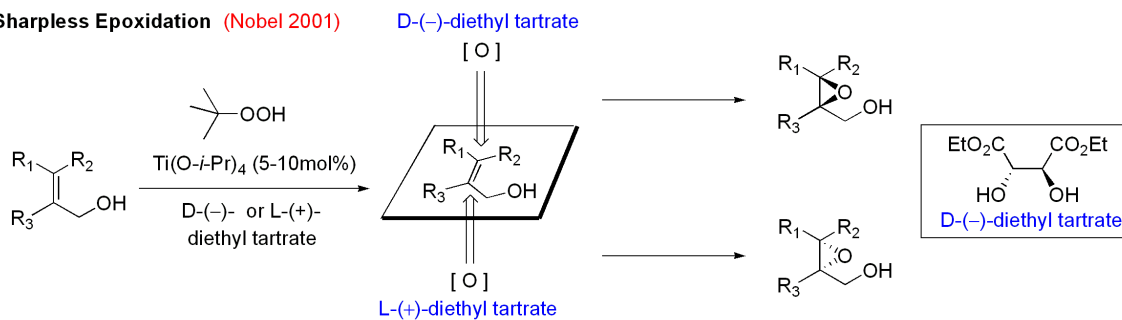
## Mechanism of DNA Cleavage:



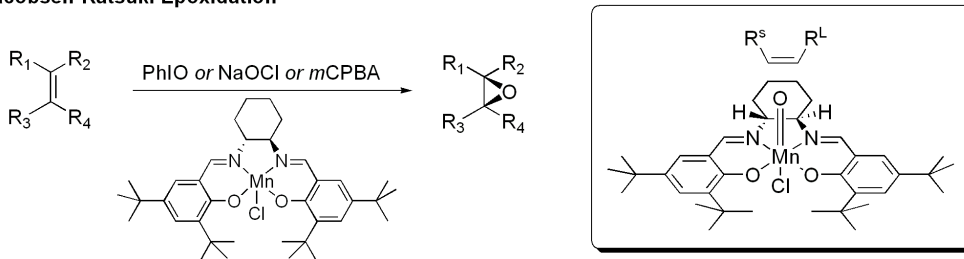


## Methodology 8.1: Asymmetric Epoxidation

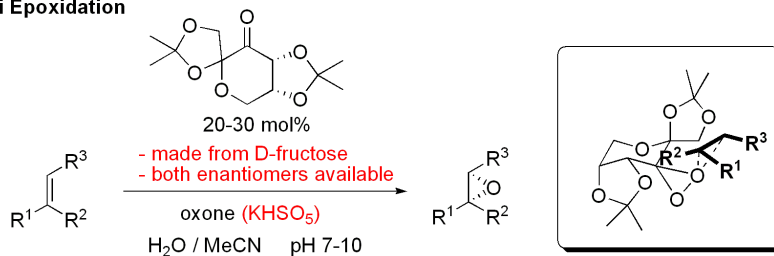
### Sharpless Epoxidation (Nobel 2001)



### Jacobsen-Katsuki Epoxidation

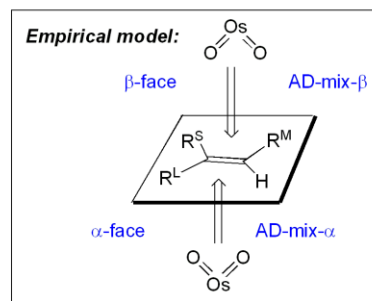
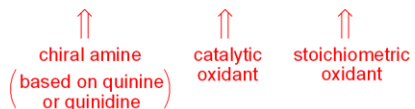


### Shi Epoxidation

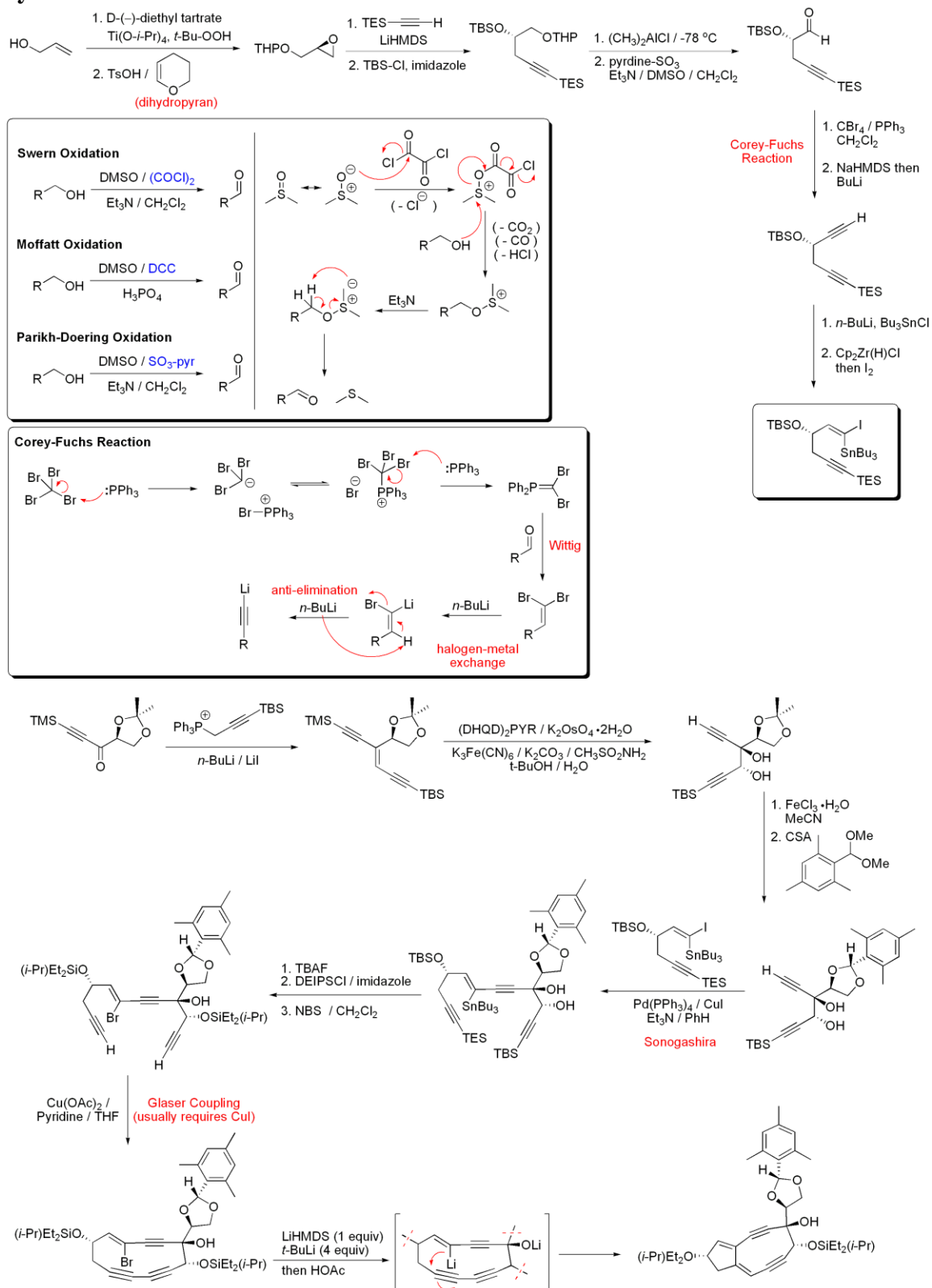


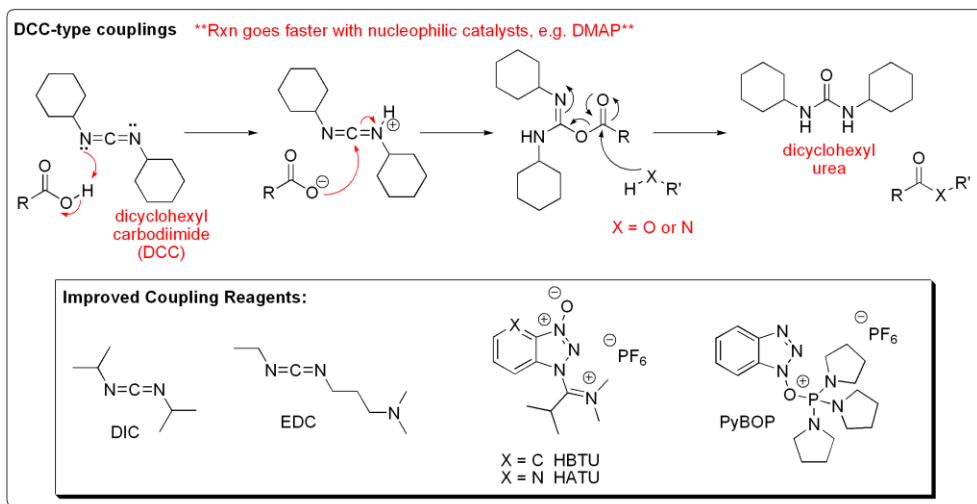
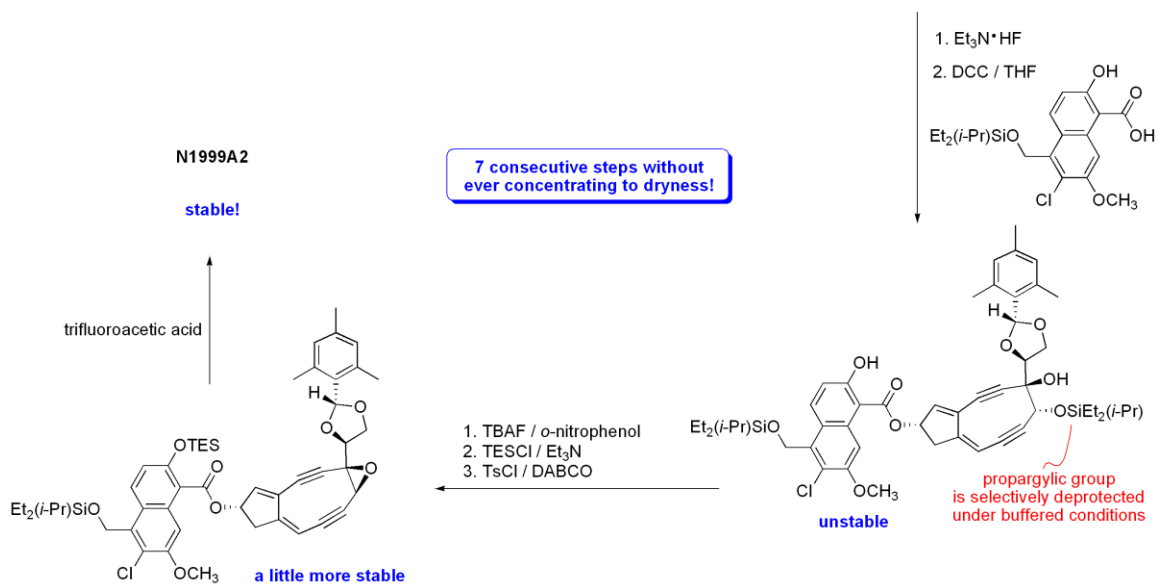
## Methodology 8.2: Asymmetric Dihydroxylation

### Sharpless Dihydroxylation (Nobel 2001)

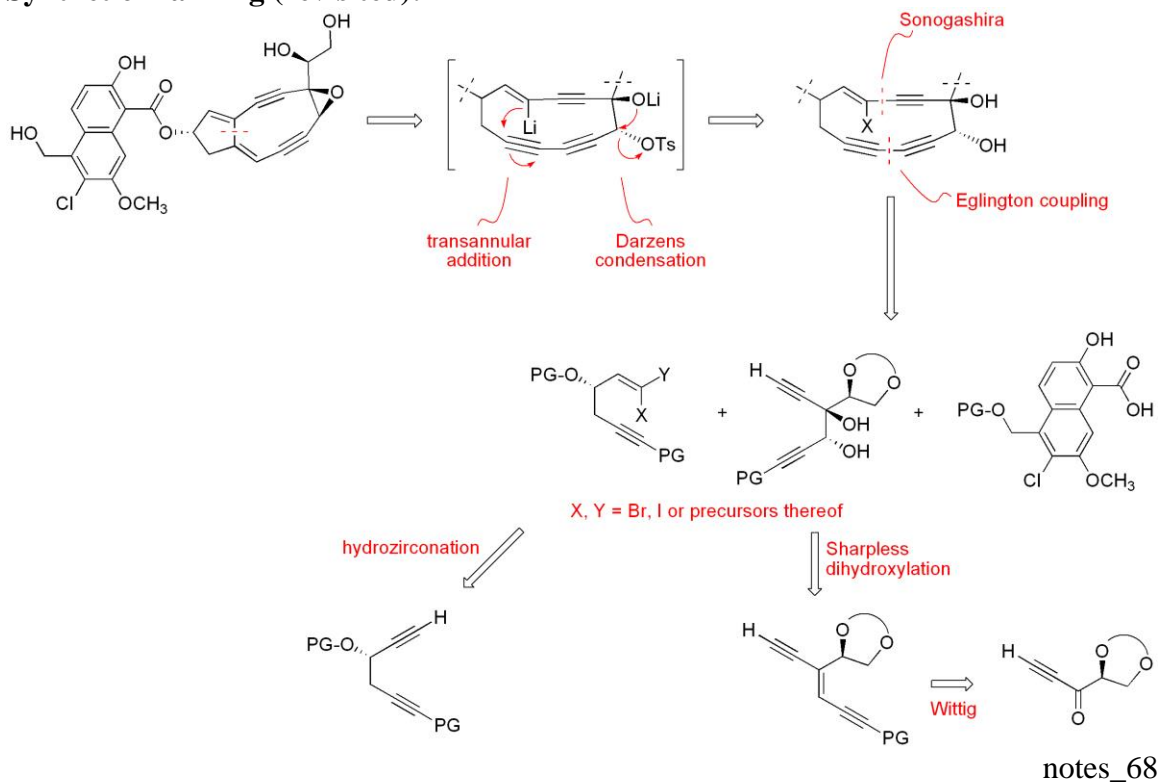


# Synthesis:

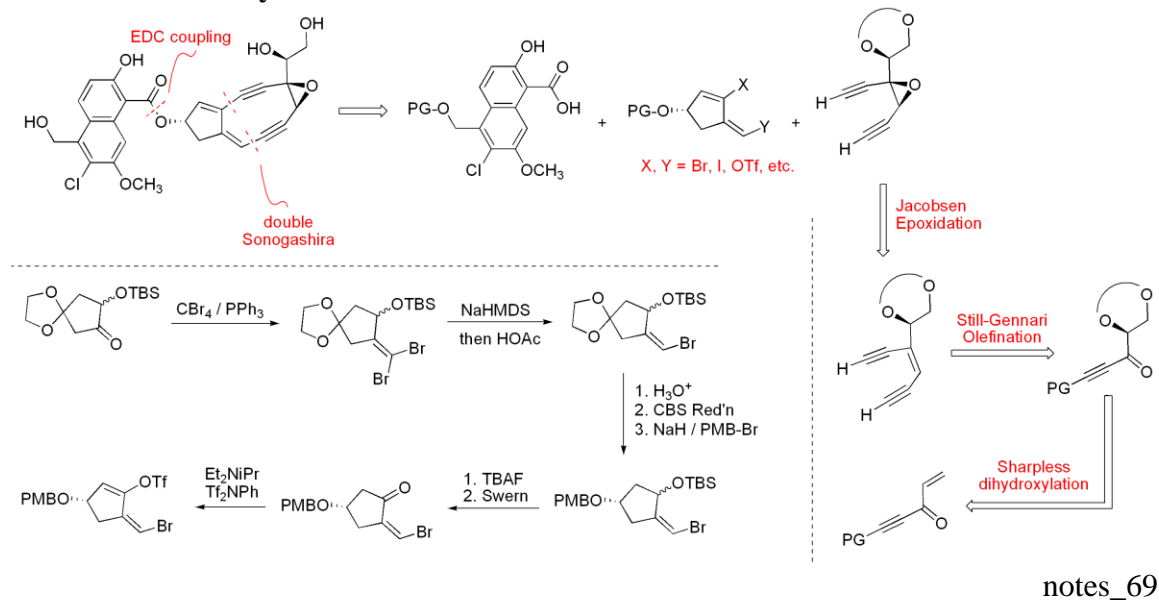




## Synthetic Planning (revisited):



## Alternative Retrosynthesis:



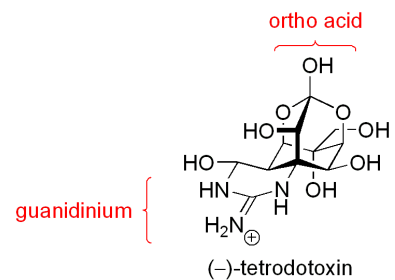
## Synthesis 9: Tetrodotoxin

Du Bois, 2003

*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2003**, *125*, 11510

Reactions:

- Carbene insertion reactions
- Oxidative degradations
- Methylene-forming reactions
- Selenoxide elimination
- TPAP/NMO oxidations
- Allylic oxidations

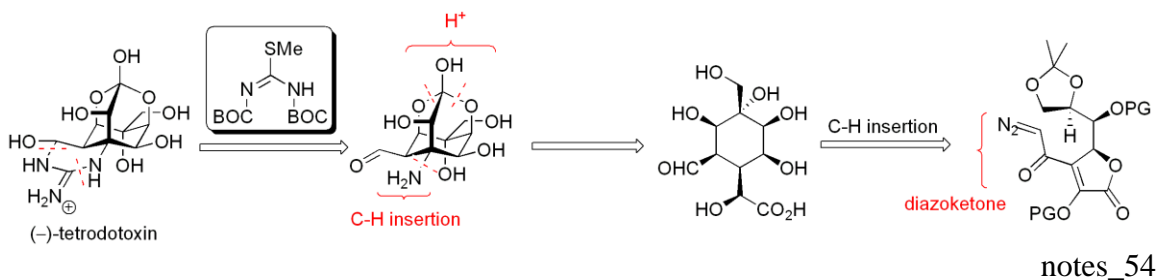


(-)-tetrodotoxin

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Also see: Kishi *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1972**, *94*, 9217, 9219.

### Retrosynthesis:



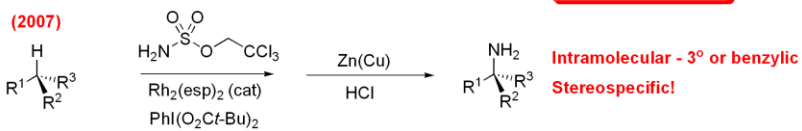
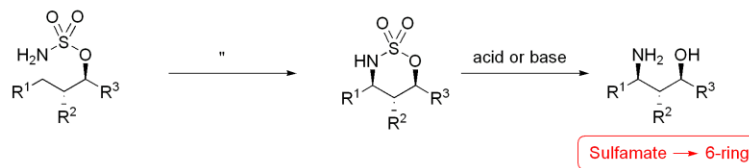
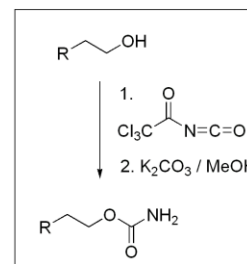
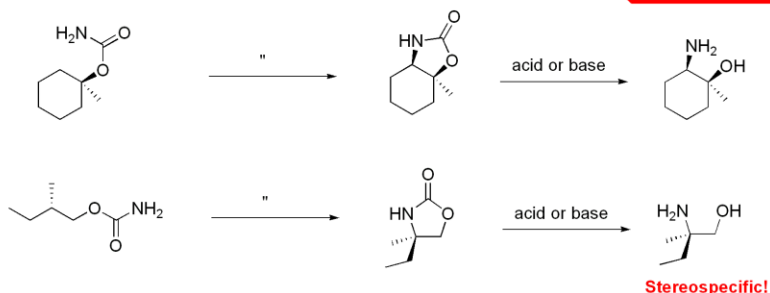
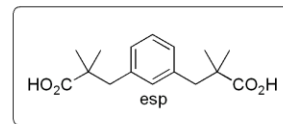
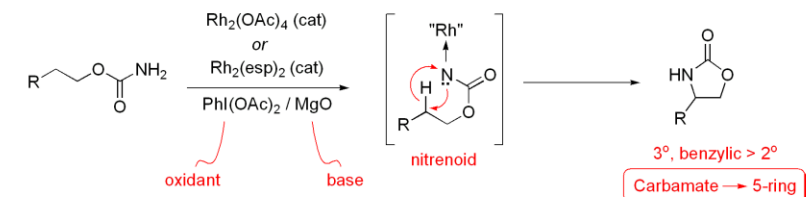
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# Methodology 9.1: C-H insertion reactions

(Justin Du Bois, Stanford)

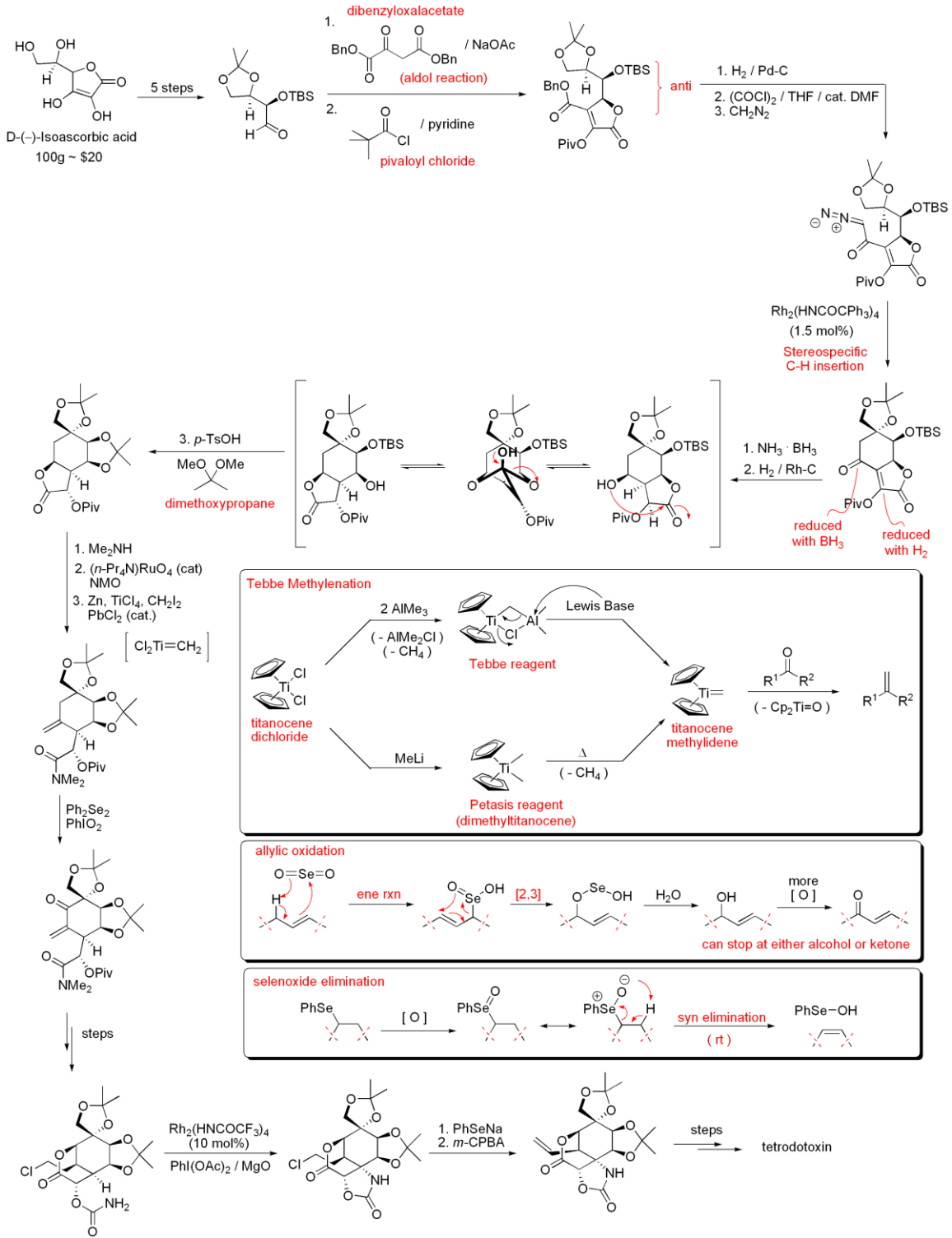
## C-N Bond Formation:

(2001)



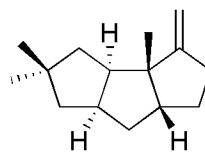
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# Synthesis:



## Synthesis 10: Hirstutene

Curran, 1986  
Classics I, 382



hirstutene

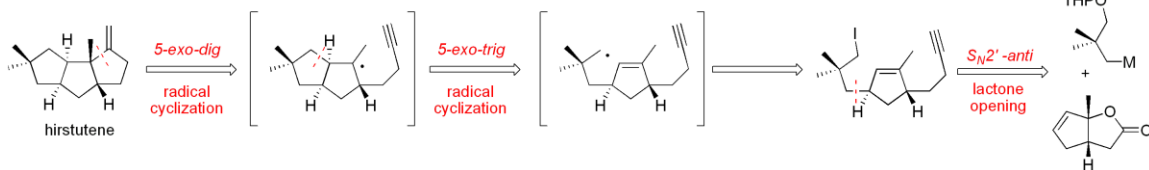
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Reactions:

- General discussion of Radical Cyclizations
- Luche reduction
- Stryker reduction
- Ireland-Claisen rearrangement
- Selenolactonization
- Radical deoxygenations & decarboxylations
  - Barton-McCombie deoxygenation
  - Tin-free variant of the Barton-McCombie
  - Barton decarboxylation
  - Diazene-mediated deoxygenation

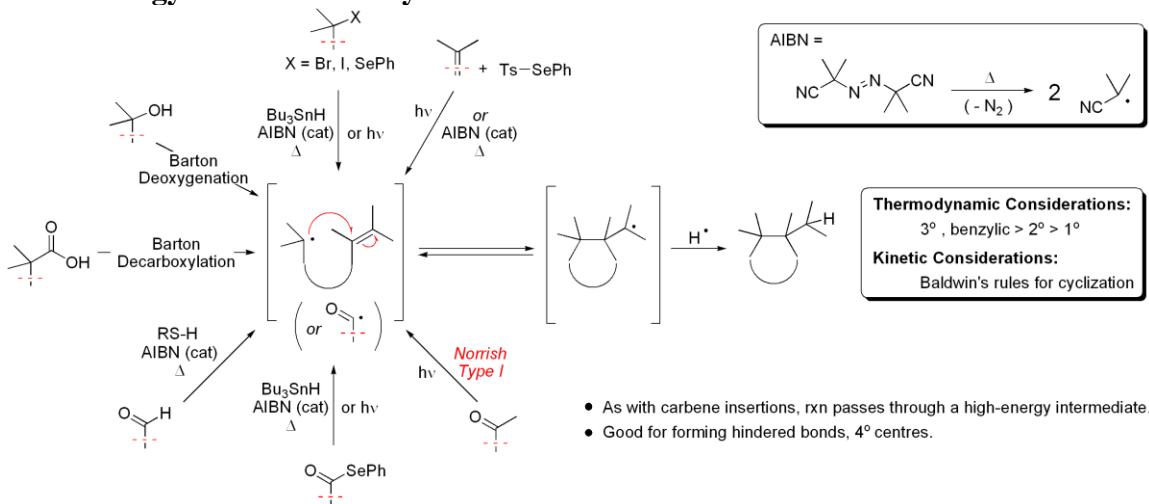
Concepts:

- Baldwin's rules for cyclization



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## Methodology 10.1: Radical Cyclizations

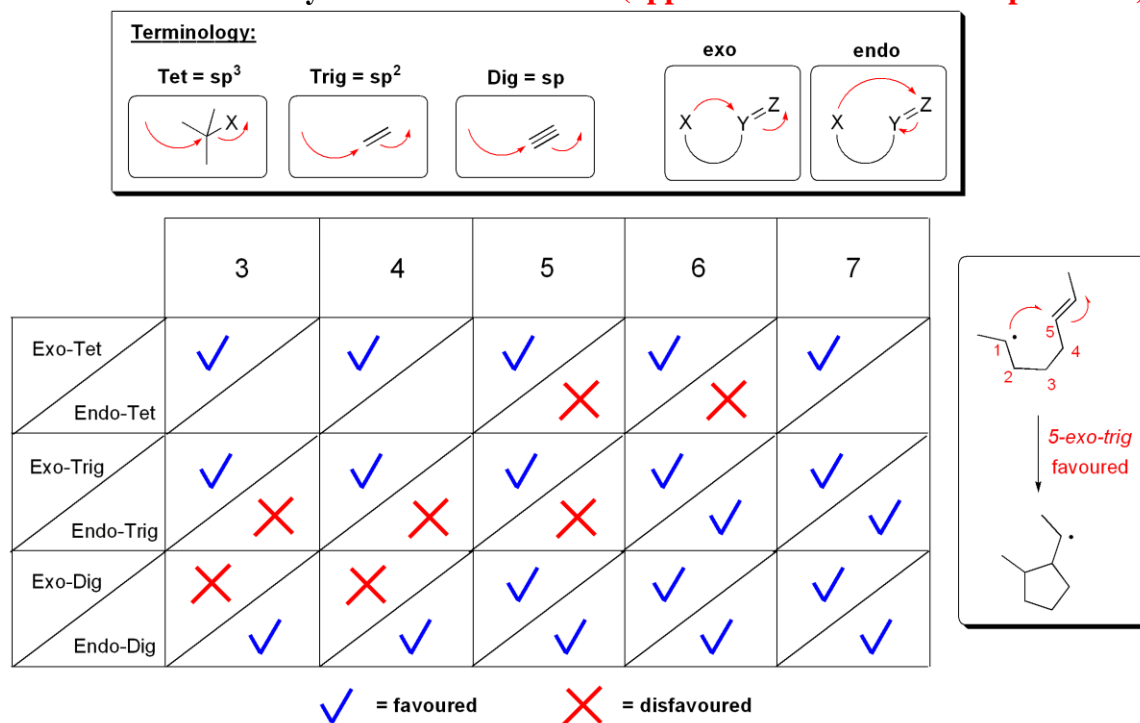


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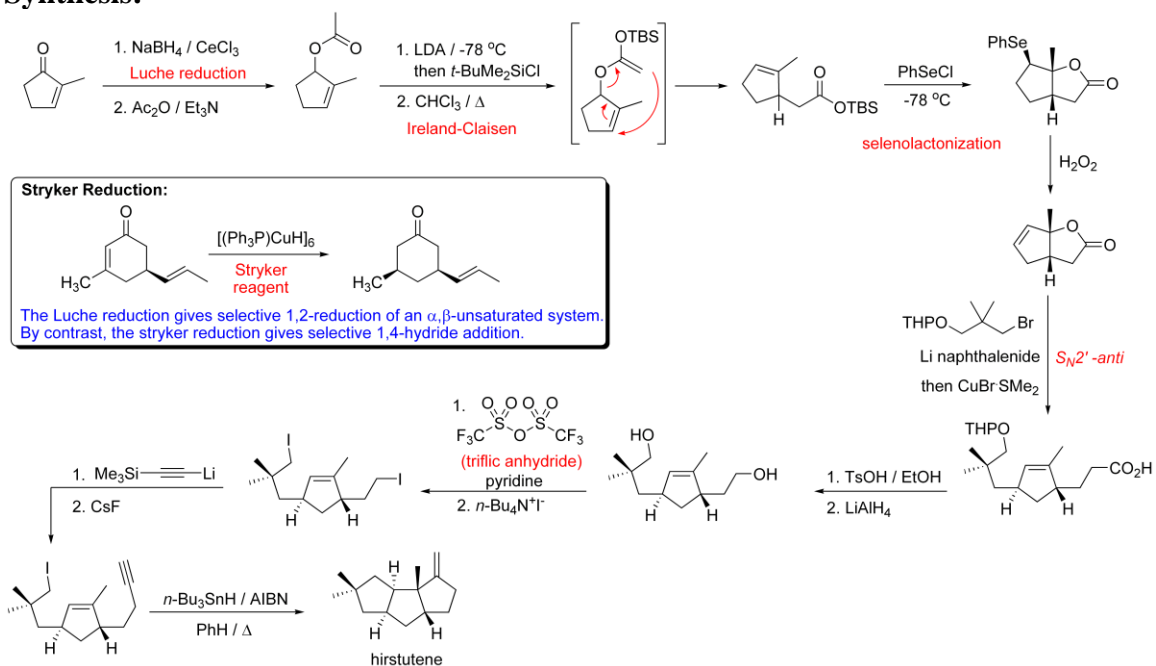
# Baldwin's Rules for Cyclization

(applies to 1- and 2-electron processes)



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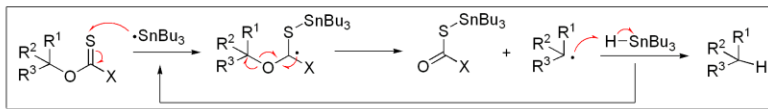
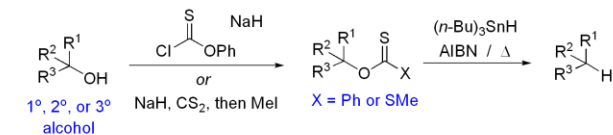
## Synthesis:



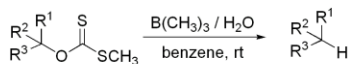
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## Methodology 10.2: Radical Deoxygenations & Decarboxylations

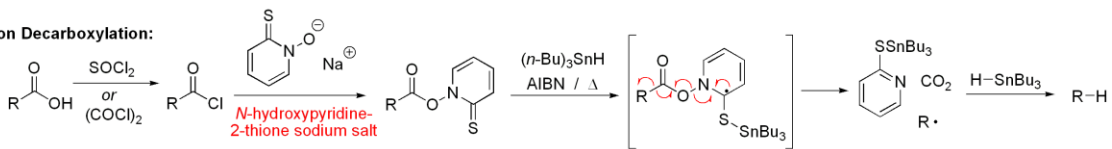
### Barton-McCombie Deoxygenation:



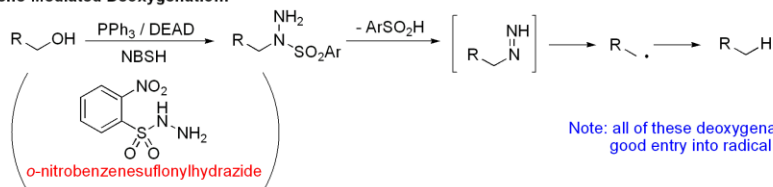
### Tin-Free Variant:



### Barton Decarboxylation:



### Diazeno-Mediated Deoxygenation:

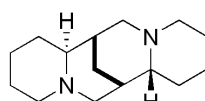


Note: all of these deoxygenation / decarboxylations also provide good entry into radical cyclization / oxygenation reactions.

## Synthesis 11: *ent*-Sparteine

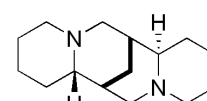
Aubé, 2002

*Org. Lett.* **2002**, 4, 2577.



(-)-sparteine

useful ligand for  
asymmetric catalysis



(+)-sparteine

hard to get

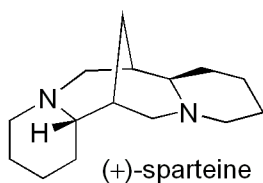
( \$158 / 100g  
as the sulfate pentahydrate )

### Reactions:

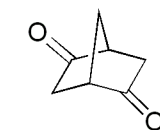
- General discussion of ring expansions and contractions:
  - Beckmann rearrangement
  - Favorskii rearrangement
  - Tiffeneau-Demjanov rearrangement
  - Schmidt reaction
- Finkelstein reaction
- Mitsunobu reaction

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### Retrosynthesis:



(+)-sparteine

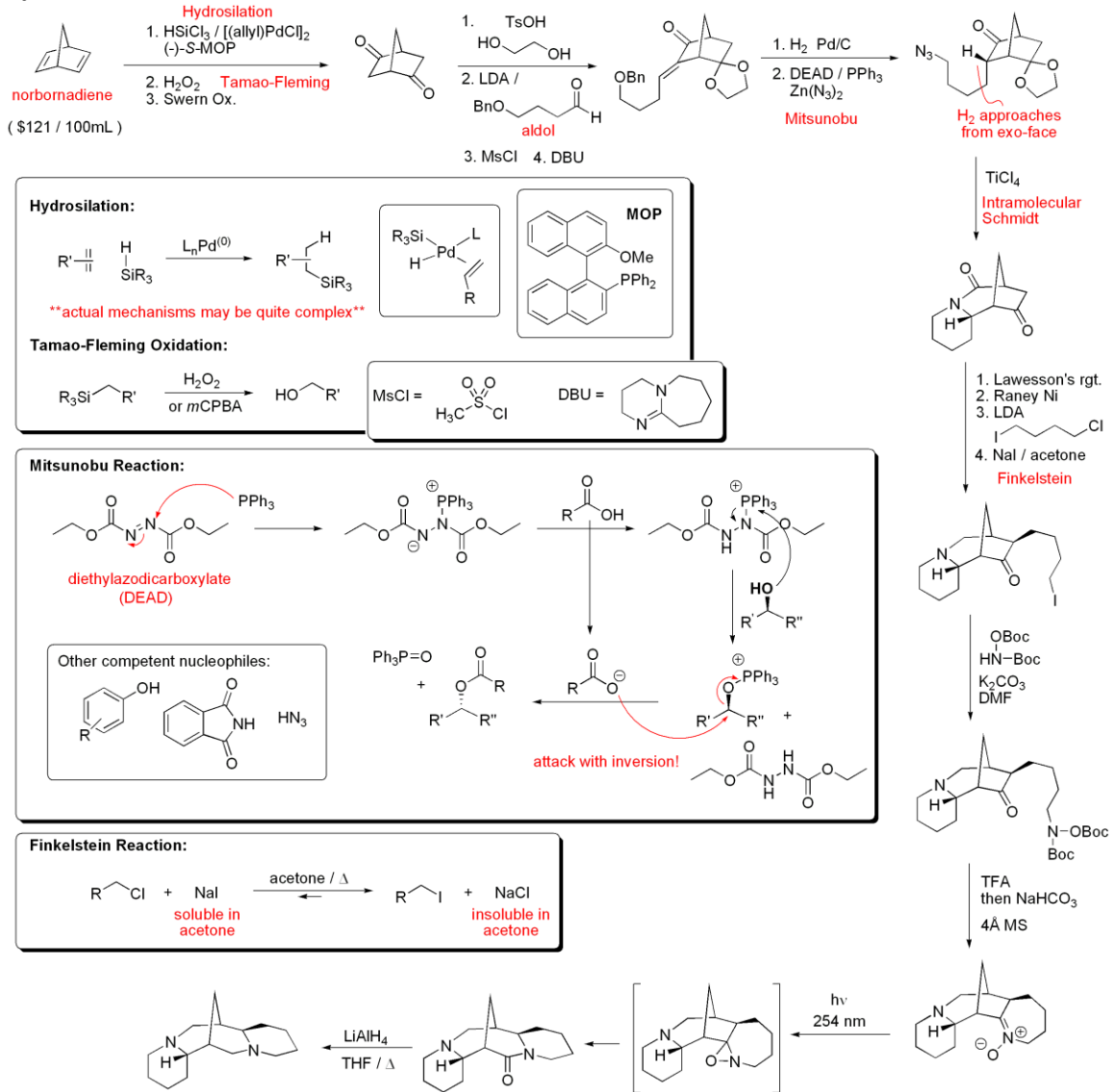


( C2-symmetric )

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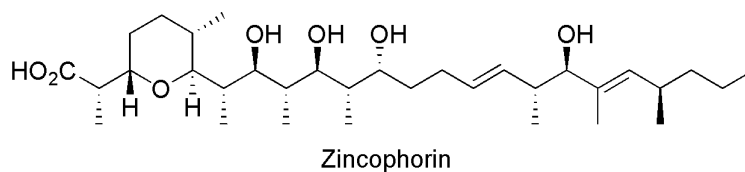


# Synthesis:



## Synthesis 12: Zincophorin

Meyer and Cossy, 2004  
*J. Org. Chem.* **2004**, 69, 4626.

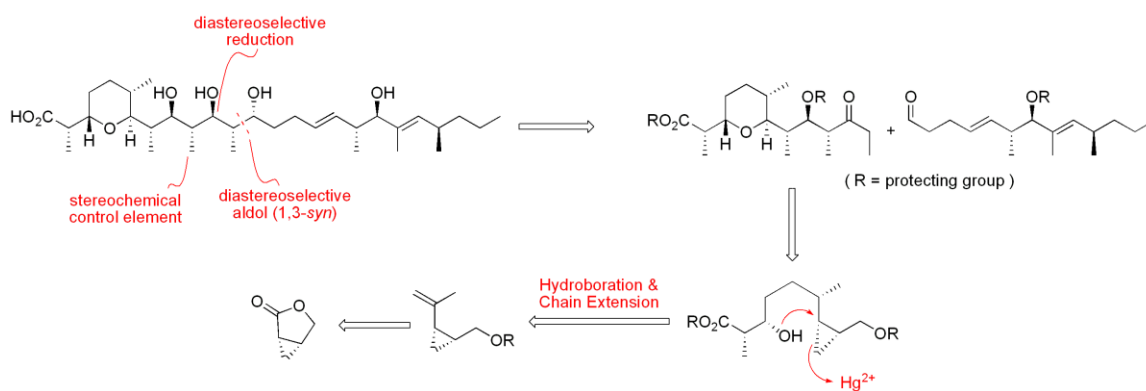


Reactions:

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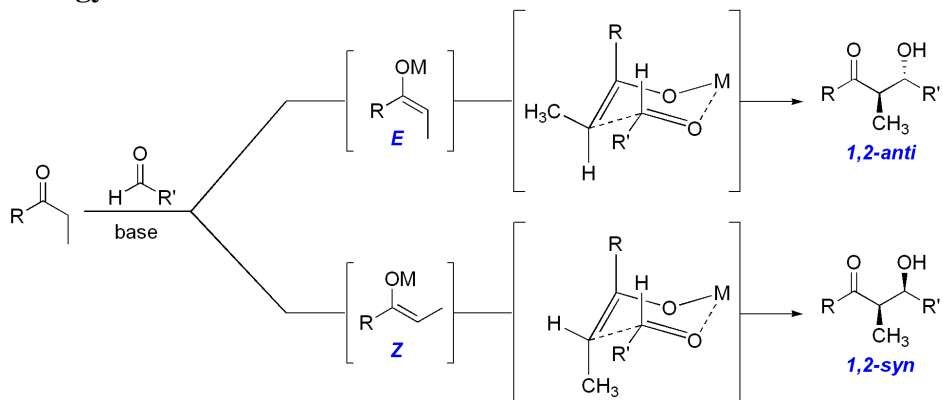
- Diastereoselective aldol reactions (Review)
- General discussion of hydroborations
- General discussion of cyclopropanation strategies
- Allylations and Crotylations

Retrosynthesis:

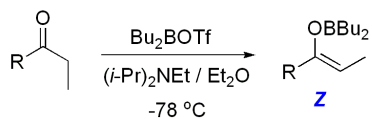
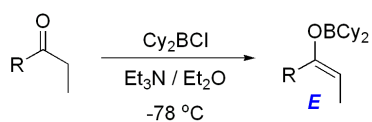


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## Methodology 12.1: Diastereoselective Aldol Reactions

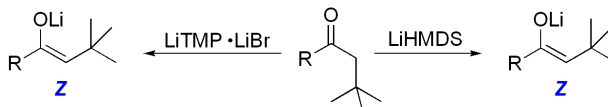
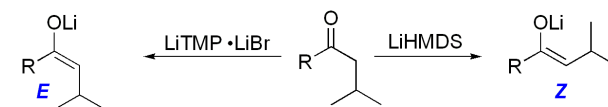


### Boron Enolates: control of enolate geometry



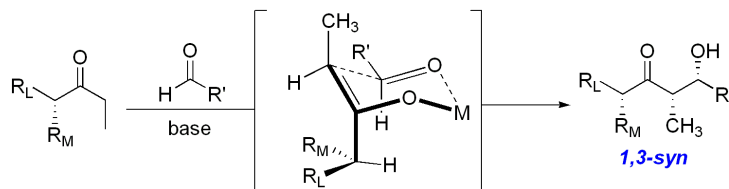
B-OTf bond is more dissociated than B-Cl

### Lithium Enolates: also controllable, but harder to predict



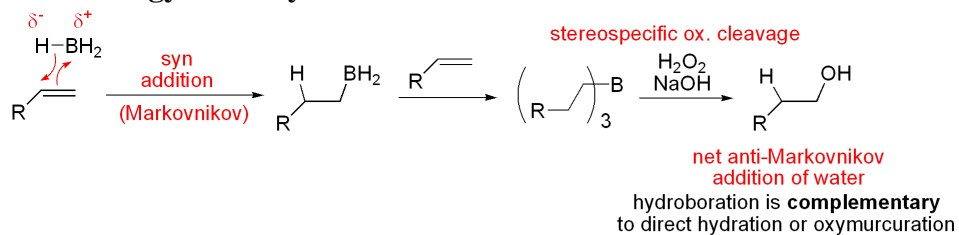
Boron enolates give "tighter" transition states anyway

### With an $\alpha$ -Stereocentre:

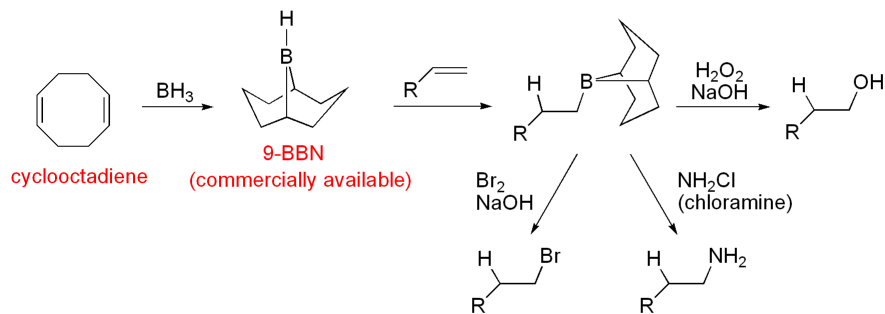


Same outcome for *E*-enolates (for a slightly different reason)  
Though *1,3-syn* addition is the "typical" result, tuning of conditions can afford *1,3-anti*

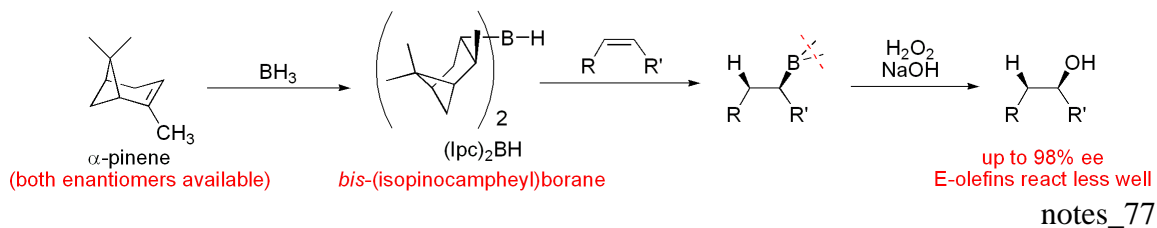
## Methodology 12.2: Hydroborations



More hindered boranes are more selective



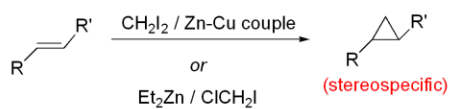
Chiral boranes allow control of enantioselectivity as well as diastereoselectivity and regioselectivity!



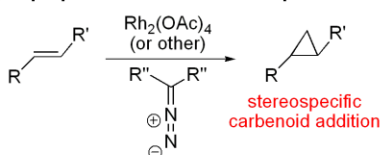


## Methodology 12.3 Cyclopropanations

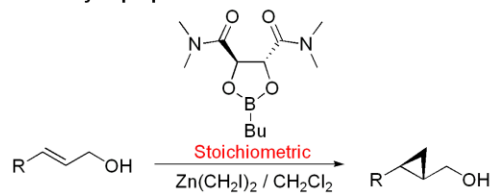
### Simmons-Smith Reaction



### Cyclopropanation with Diazo Compounds

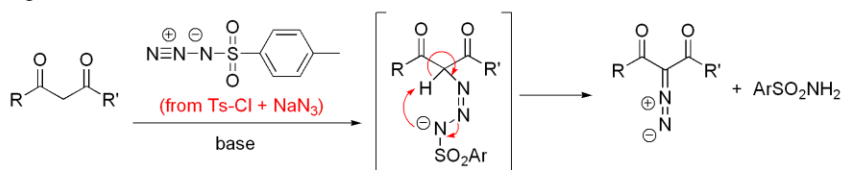


### Charette Cyclopropanation

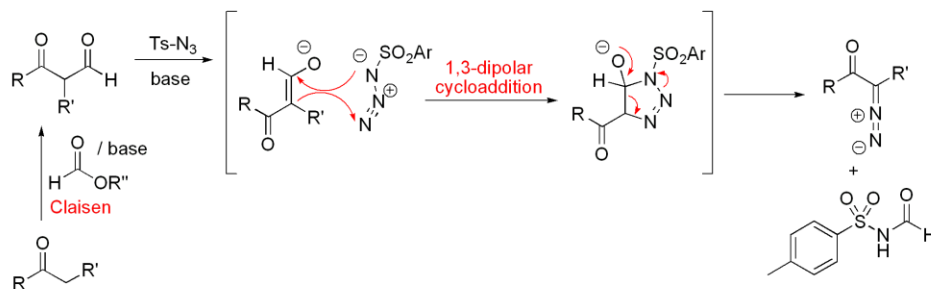


Diazo ketones are available by hydrazone oxidation, diazomethane addition, or Regitz reaction.

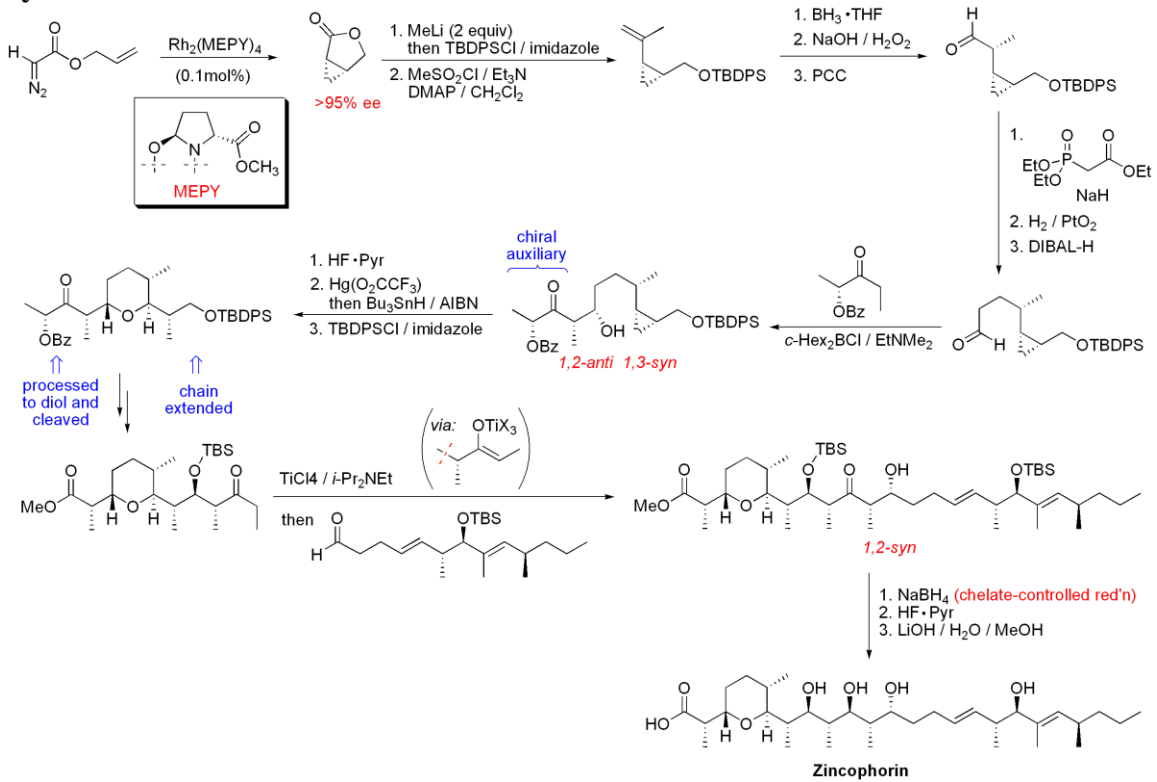
### Regitz Diazo Transfer



### Deformylative Regitz Diazo Transfer



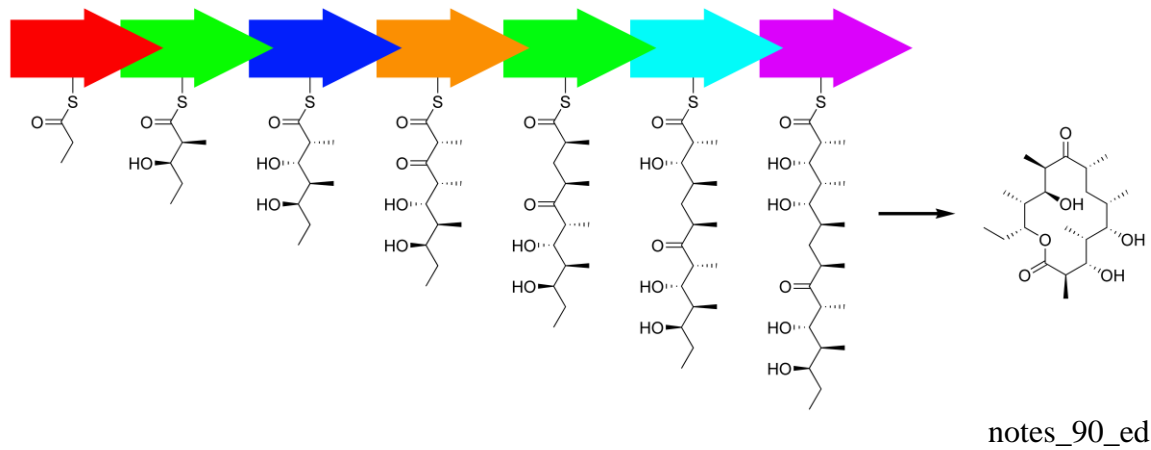
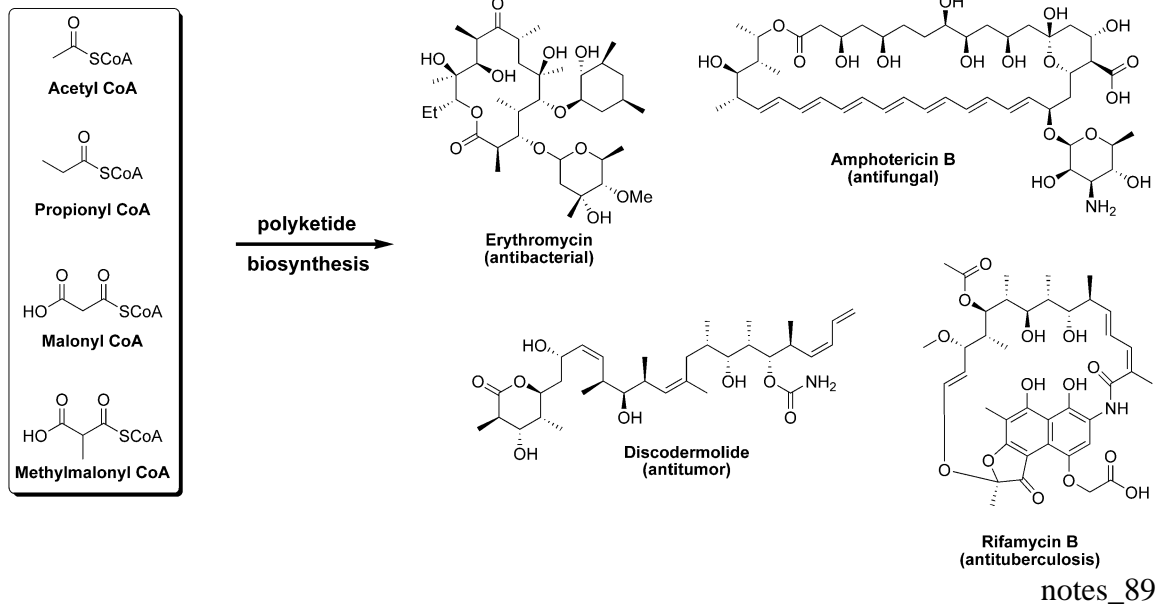
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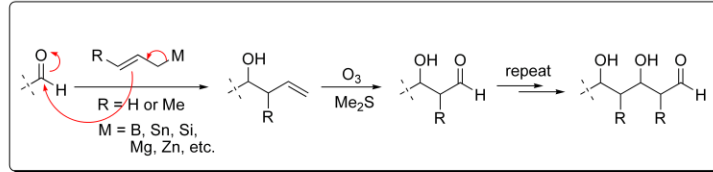
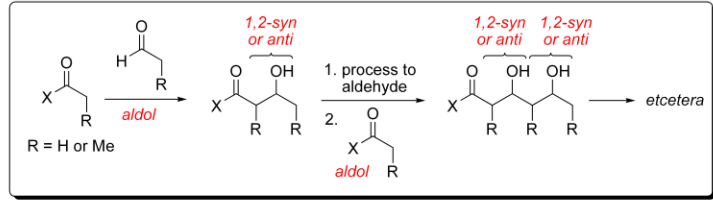
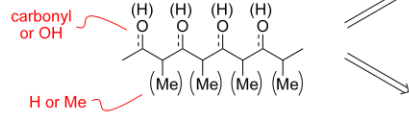
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## Methodology 12.4 Allylations and Crotylations

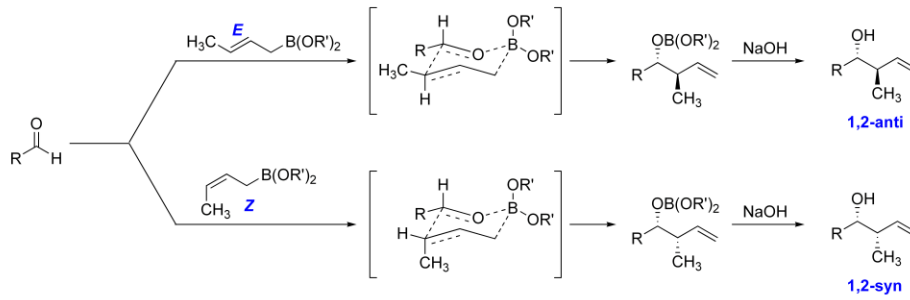
### Polyketides & Their Biosynthesis



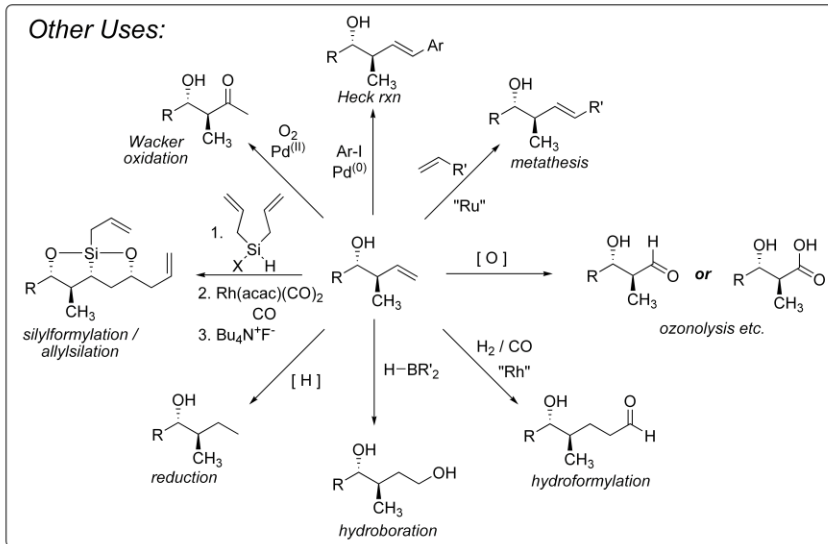
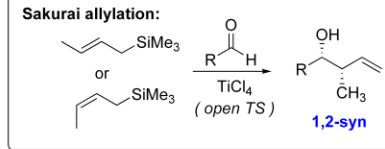
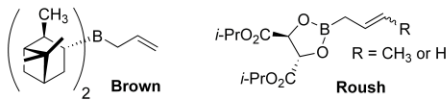
There are lots of important polyketide-derived natural products containing the structure:



Can control 1,2-relationship (syn, anti)...



... and absolute configuration!



## Synthesis 13: Saframycin A

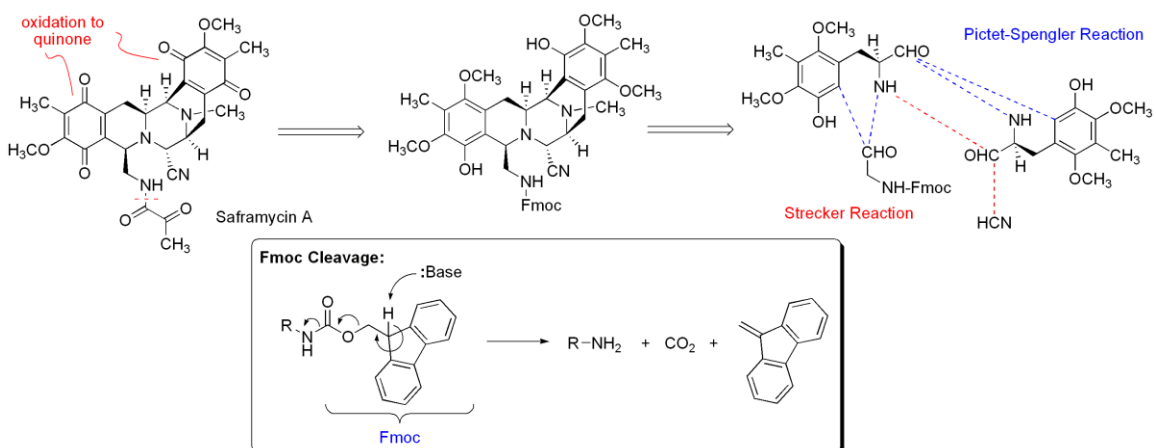
Myers, 1999

*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1999**, *121*, 10828.

Reactions:

- General discussion of auxiliary-controlled additions:
  - Evans' aldol
  - Carreira aldol
  - Pseudoephedrine glycinamide alkylation
- Pictet-Spengler reaction
- Strecker reaction
- Reductive amination

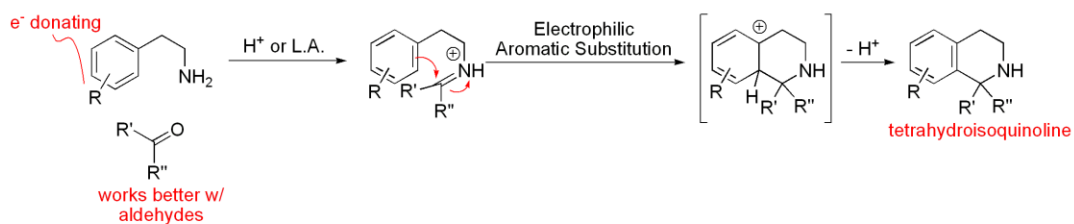
Retrosynthesis:



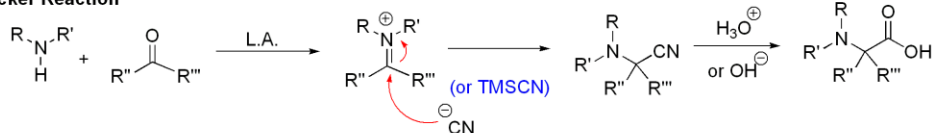
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## Methodology 13.1: Pictet-Spengler and Strecker Aminations Oxidation to Quinones

### Pictet-Spengler Reaction

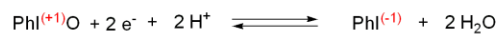
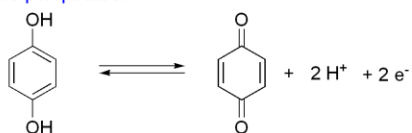


### Strecker Reaction

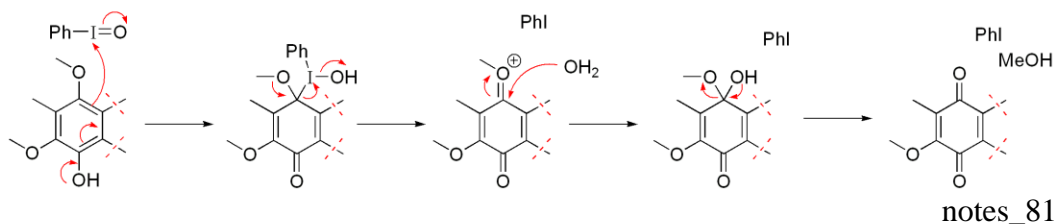


### Oxidation to Quinones

The electrochemist's perspective:

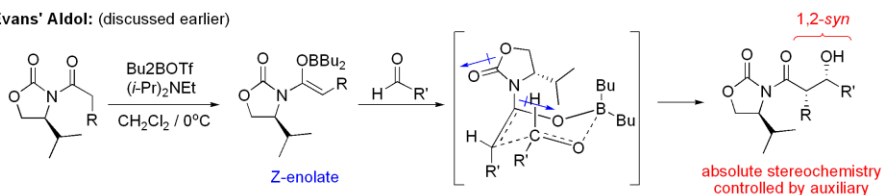


The organic chemist's perspective:



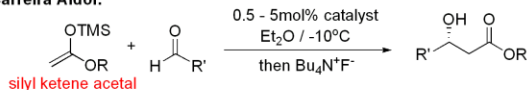
## Methodology 13.2 Asymmetric Acylations and Alkylations

Evans' Aldol: (discussed earlier)

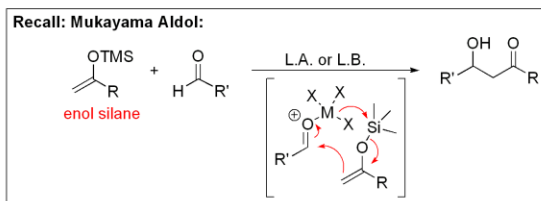


More Modern Asymmetric Aldol Reactions:

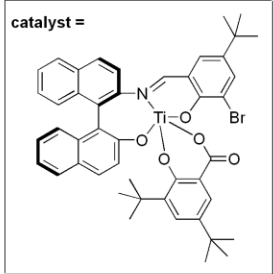
Carreira Aldol:



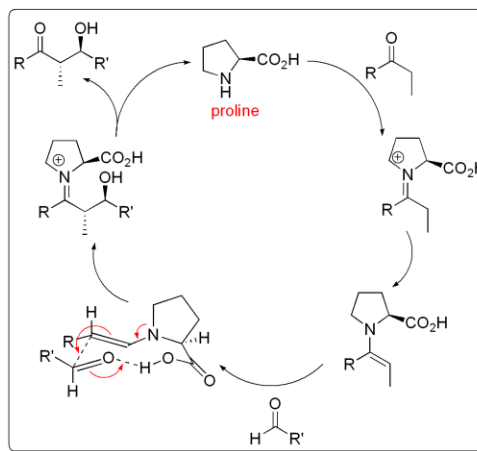
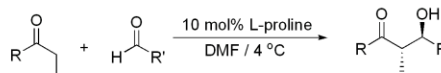
Recall: Mukayama Aldol:



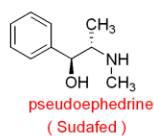
catalyst =



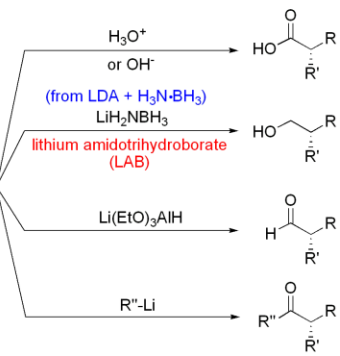
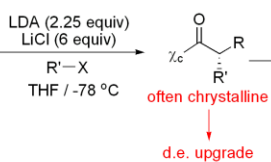
Organocatalytic Aldol:



Pseudoephedrine-Controlled Alkylation:

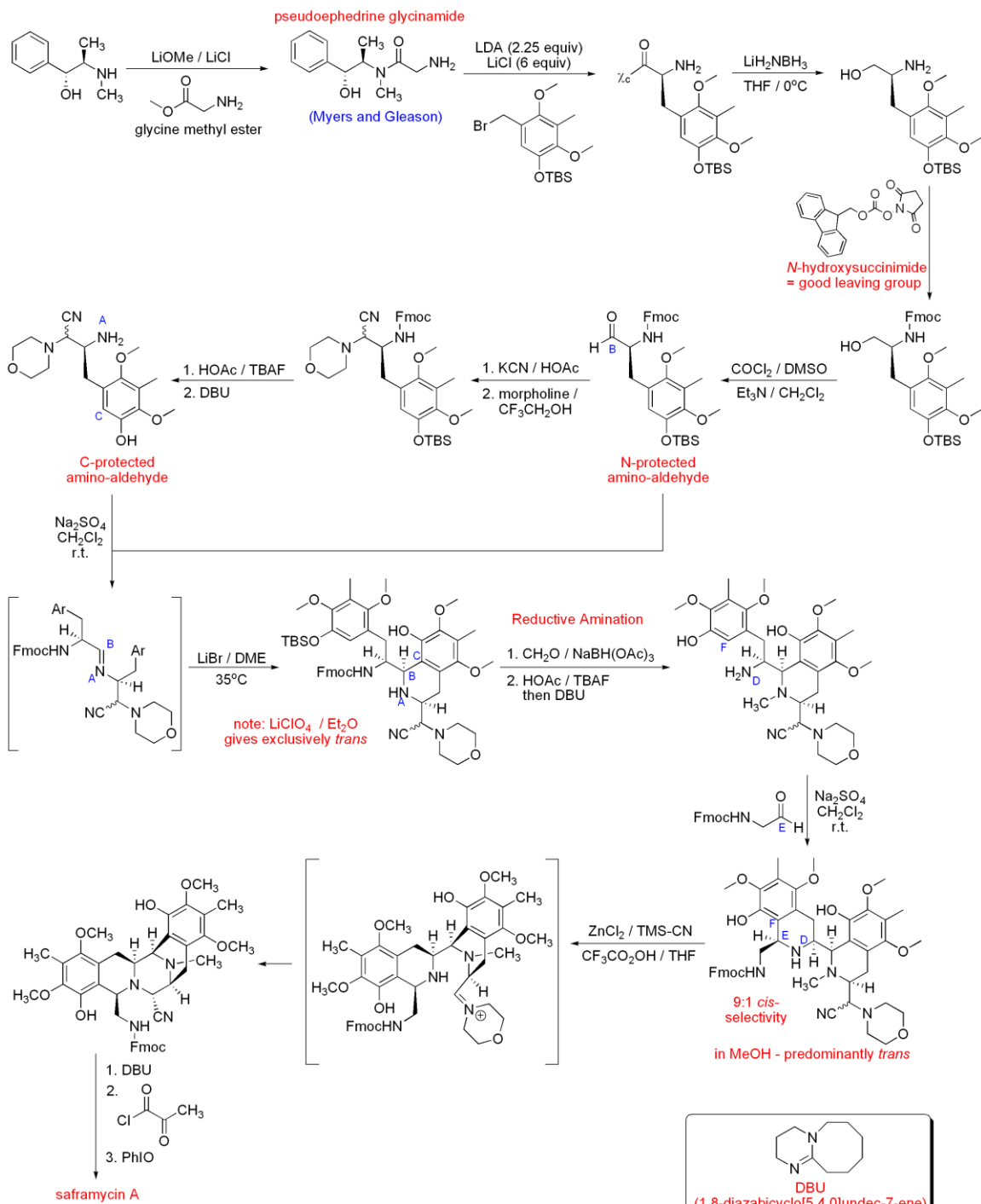


-diastereomer of ephedrine  
-both enantiomers are available, inexpensive



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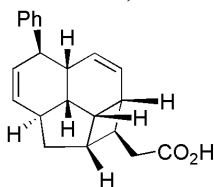
# Synthesis:





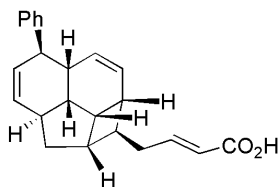
## Synthesis 14: Endriandric Acids

Nicolaou, 1982  
Classics I, 264.

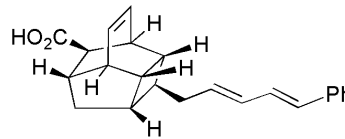


Endriandric Acid A

· isolated as racemates



Endriandric Acid B



Endriandric Acid C

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Reactions:

- Electrocyclic Ring-Closing reaction

Concepts:

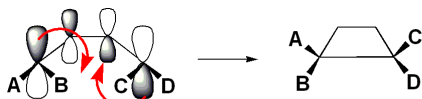
- Woodward-Hoffmann rules

**The Rules:**

(Nobel 1981: Hoffmann & Fukui)

“In an open chain system with  $4n$  electrons, orbital symmetry requires *conrotatory* rotation during ring closure / opening.”

“In an open chain system with  $4n+2$  electrons, orbital symmetry requires *disrotatory* rotation during ring closure / opening.”



4n electrons : *conrotatory* rotation

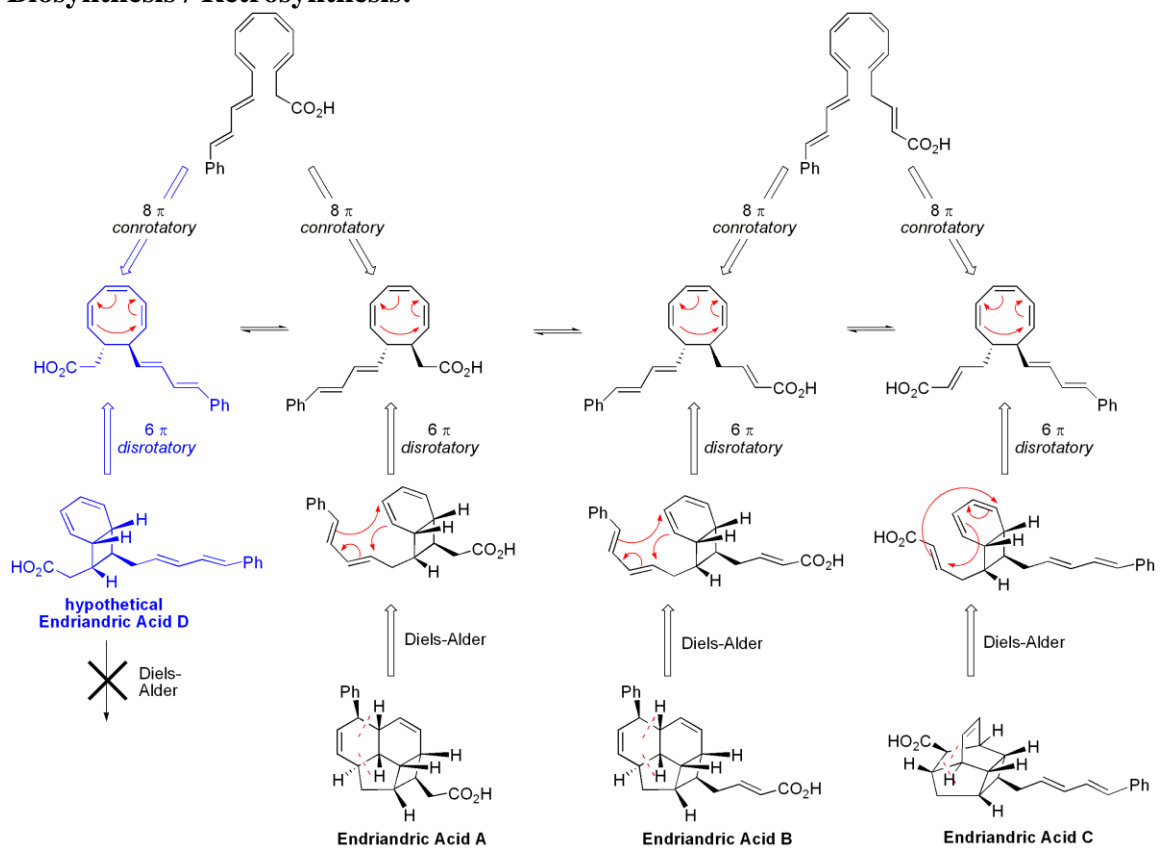


4n+2 electrons : *disrotatory* rotation

“In an photochemical reaction, the effects are reversed.”

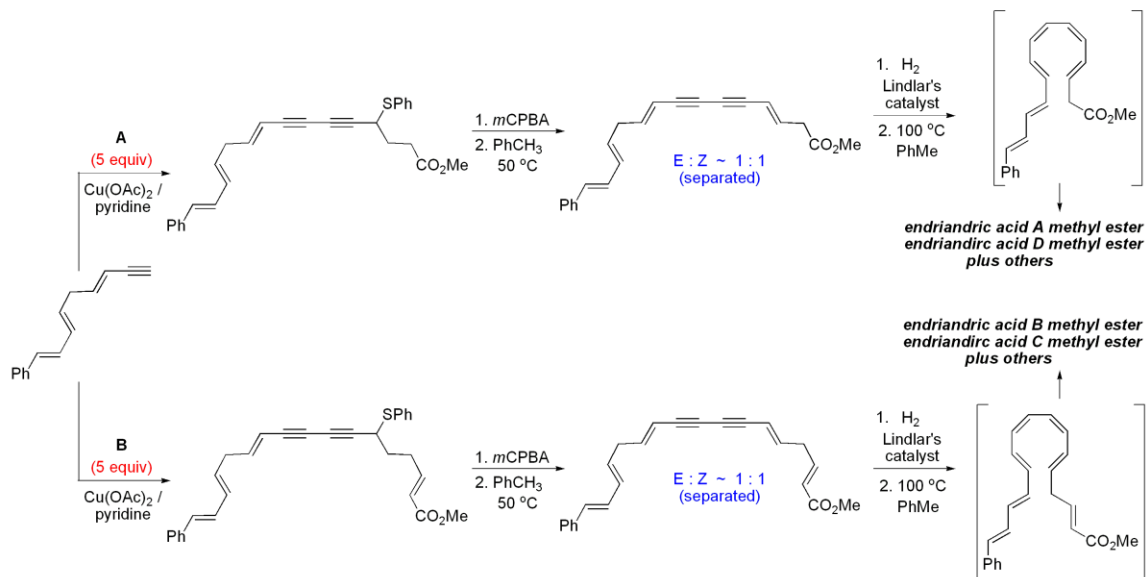
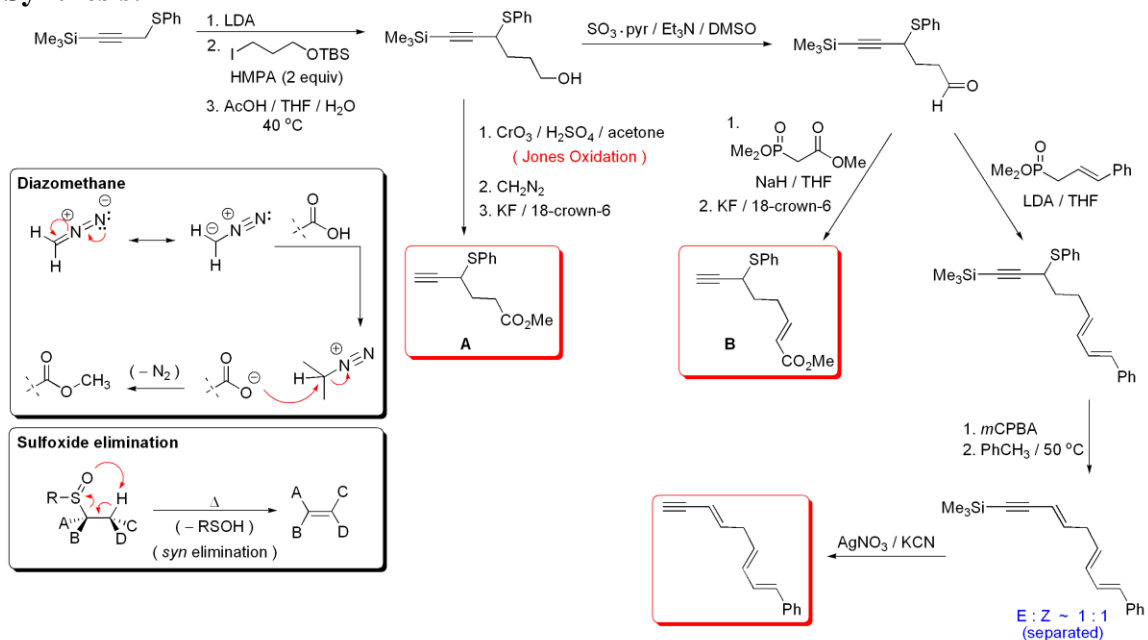
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# Biosynthesis / Retrosynthesis:



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## Synthesis:



The natural product endriandric acid D was eventually isolated in 1982, shortly after it was prepared through synthesis.

see: Aust. J. Chem. **1982**, 35, 2247,  
Aust. J. Chem. **1983**, 36, 627.