

Master Course
in Organic Chemistry

2018-19

methods and design
in organic synthesis



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Pere Romea

Rubik's cube



4.2. Single & Double Bonds

Non functional group

R--R disconnection

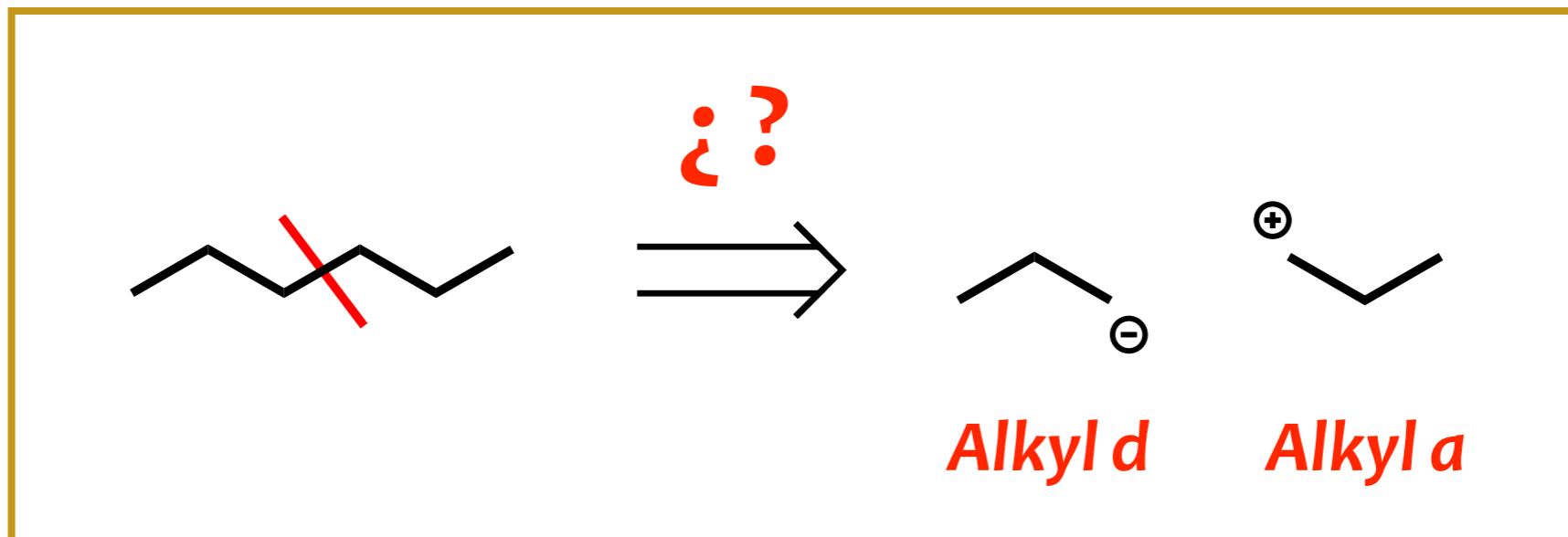


Carbon-a

R^{\oplus}

Carbon-d

R^{\ominus}



Potential precursors



Alkyl lithium



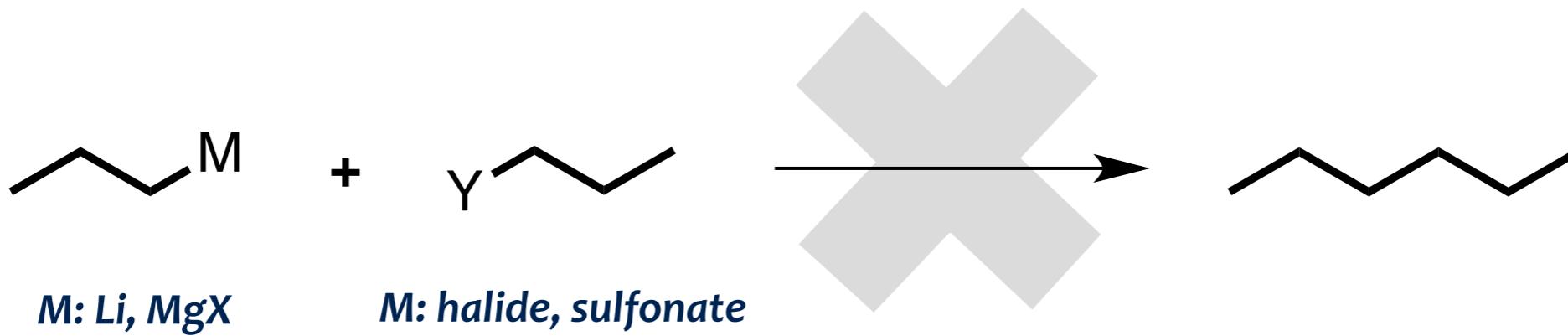
Alkyl halide, X: Cl, Br, I



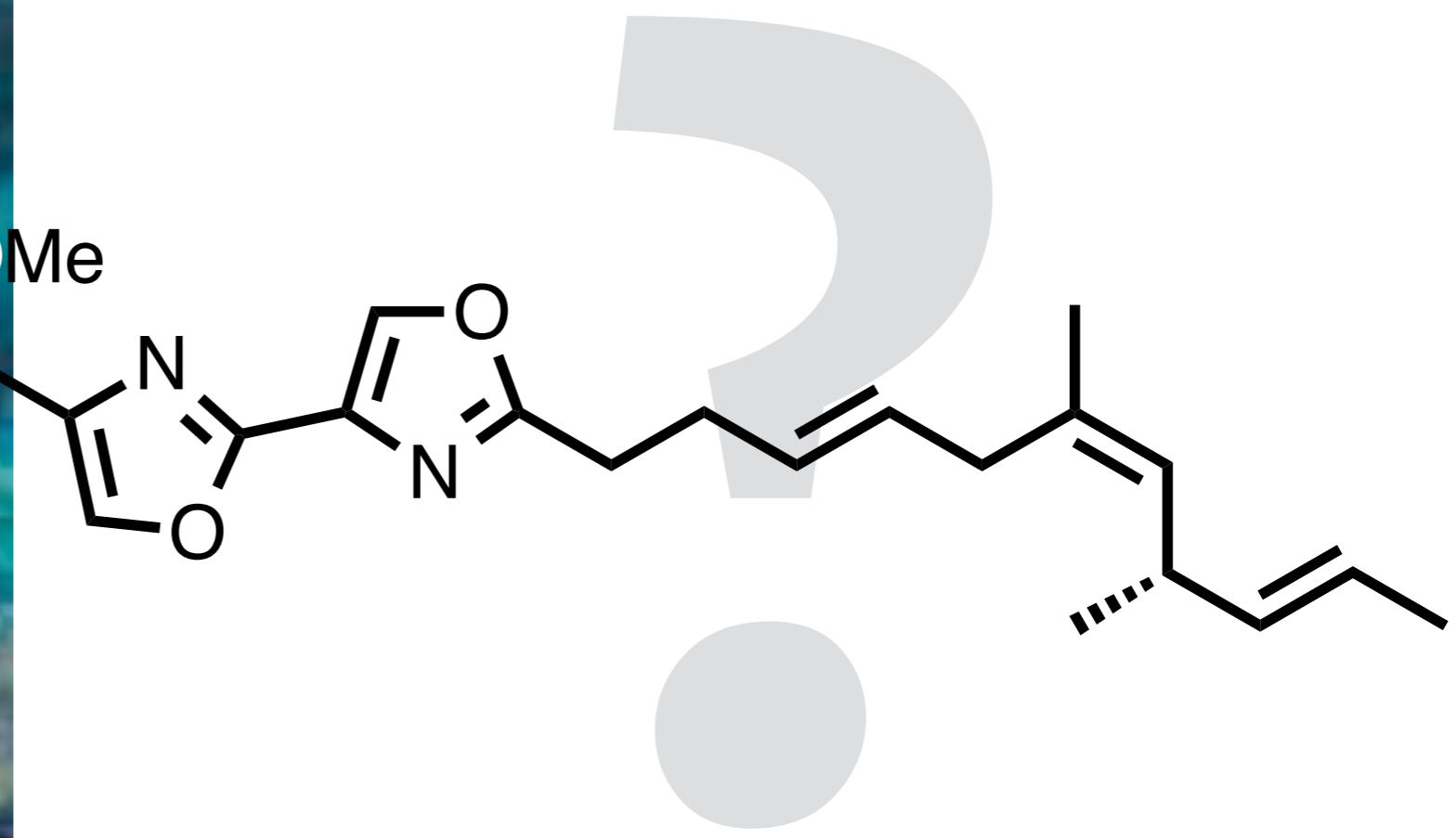
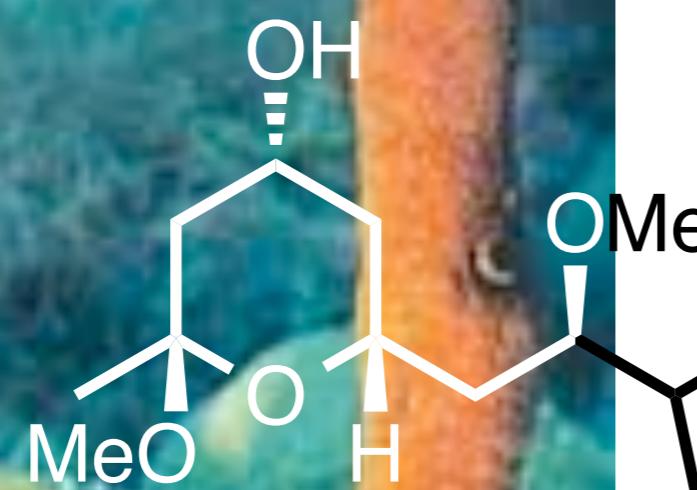
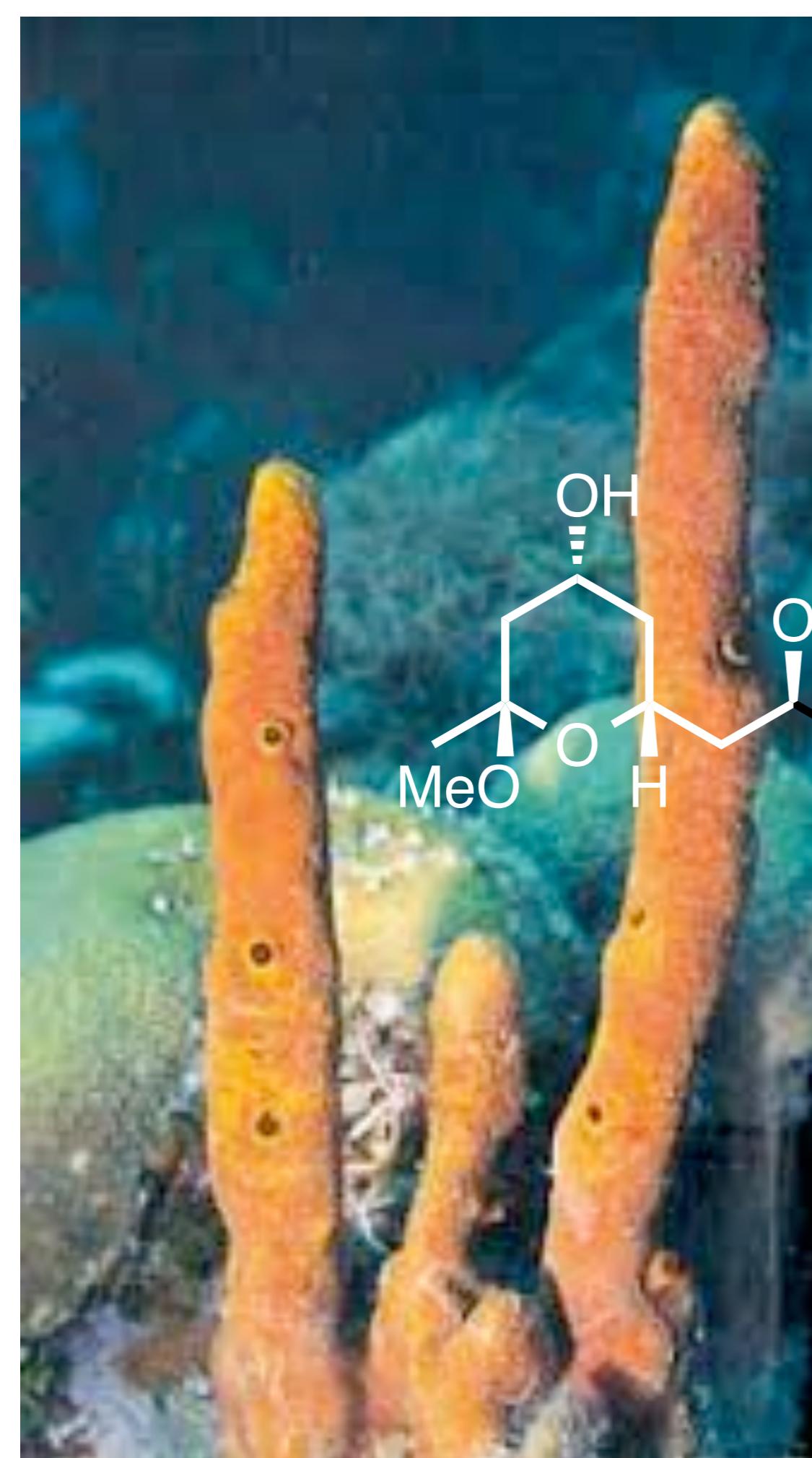
Alkyl magnesium halide



Alkyl sulfonates



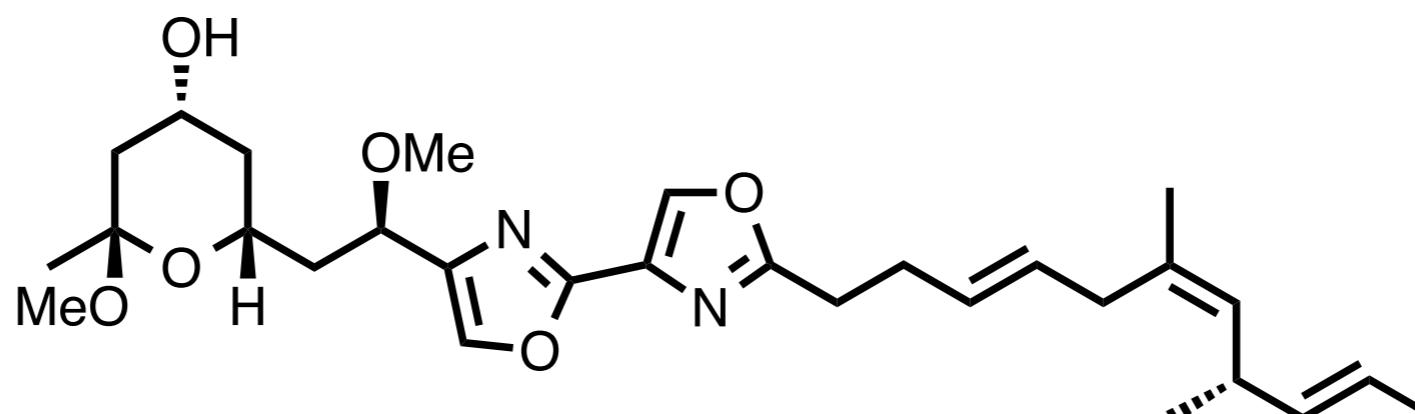
The reaction is plagued by many side reactions due to high pK_a of Alkyl-d (pK_a 45–50)



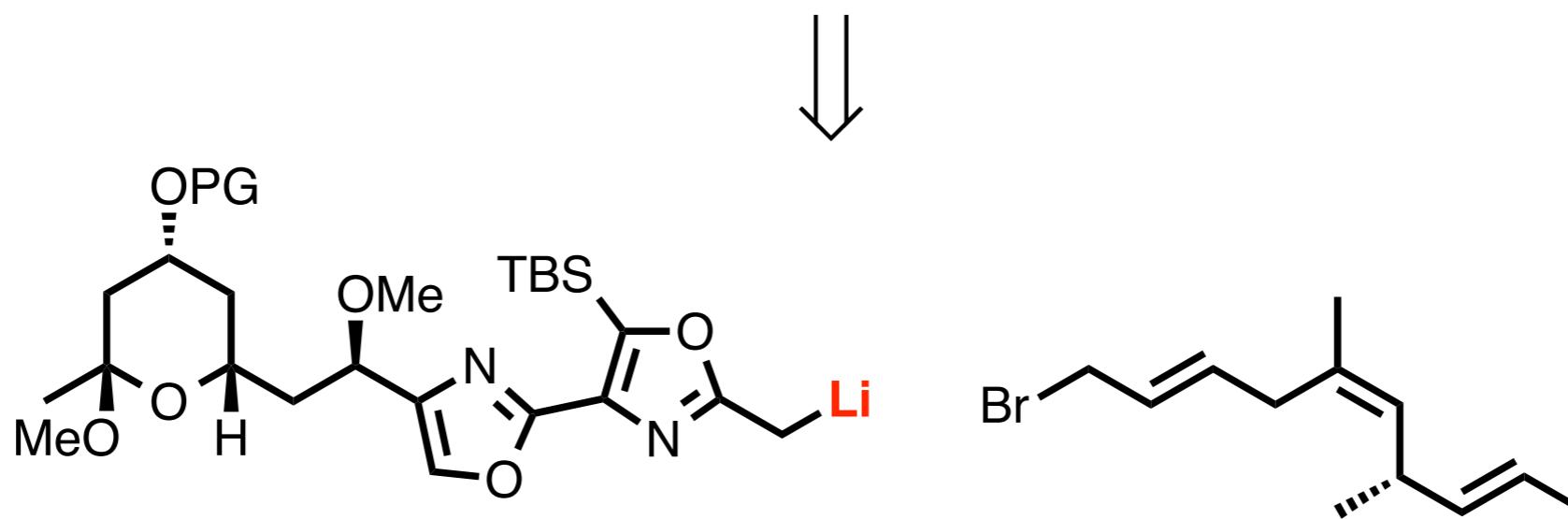
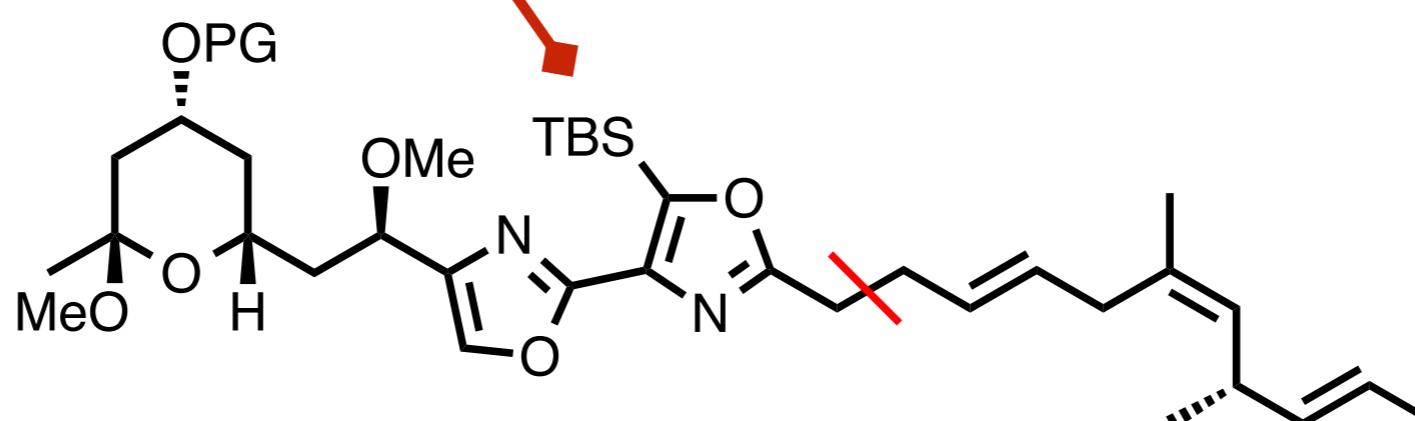
($-$) *Hennoxazole A*
antiviral

Smith, T. E. JOC 2008, 73, 142

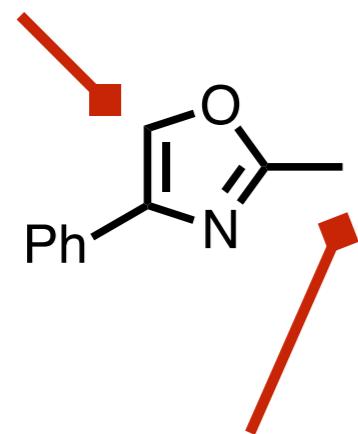
Polyfibrospongia



|| i FGA ?

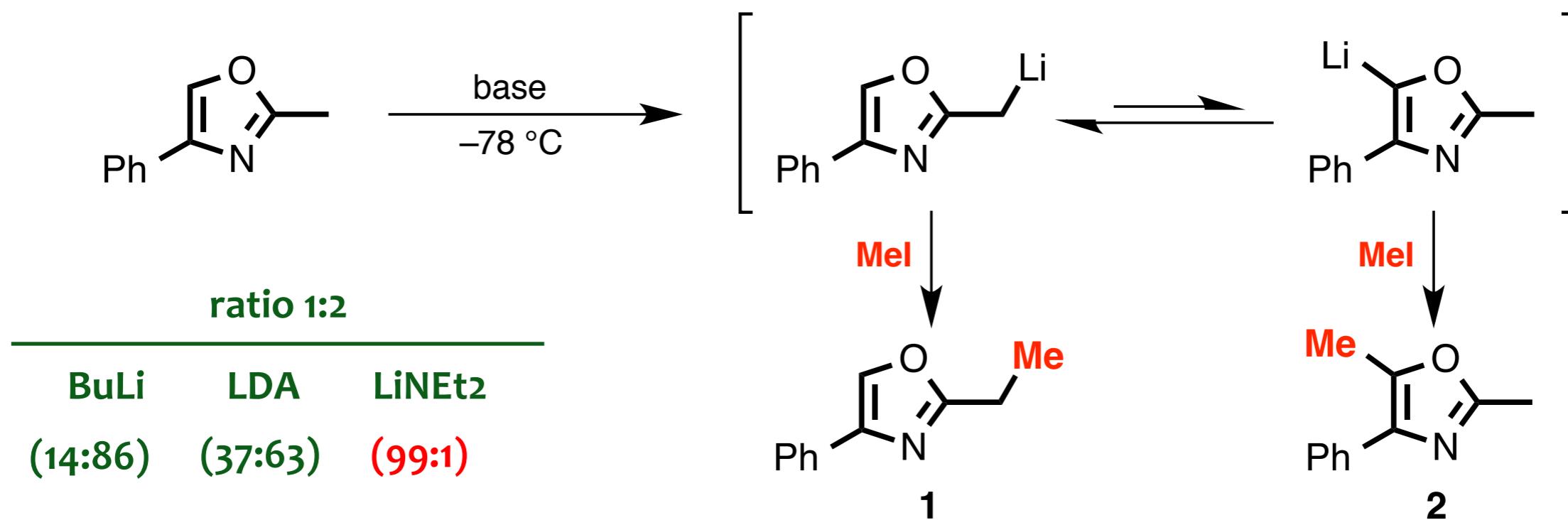


Oxazole alkylation studies



two potential
reacting sites

Oxazole alkylation studies

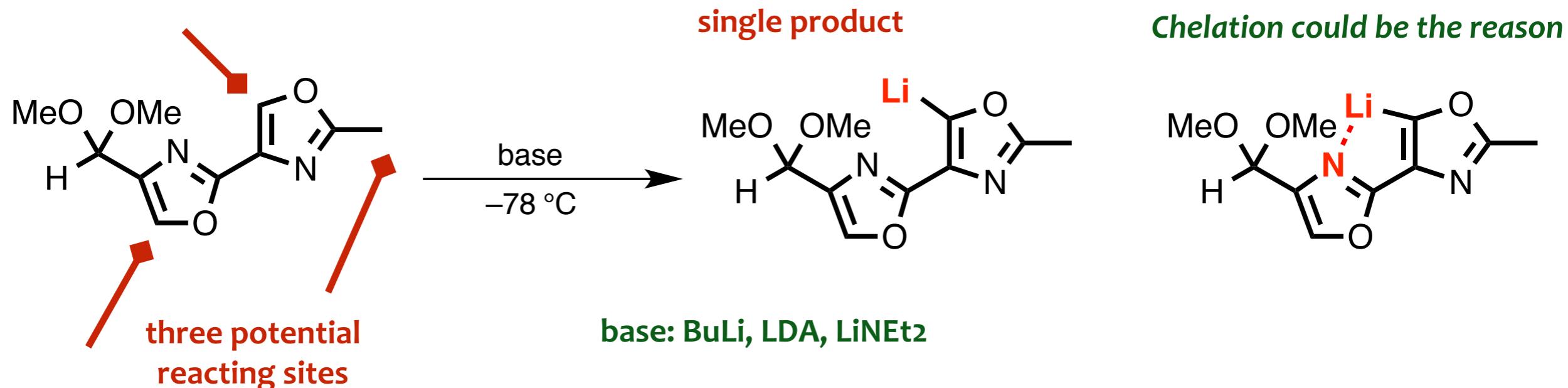


This reversal of **regioselectivity** is thought to arise from the ability of Et₂NH to mediate the low-temperature equilibration of a kinetic mixture of otherwise noninterconverting lithiated intermediates

However, such a situation was dramatically modified in a model close to the TGT structure

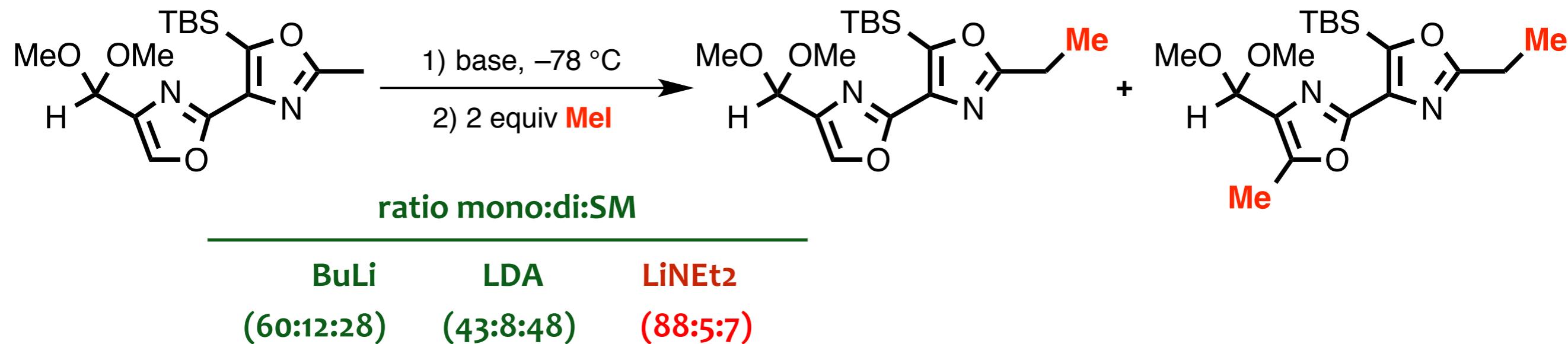
TAKE-HOME MESSAGE: the model should be as similar as possible to the real system

Oxazole alkylation studies

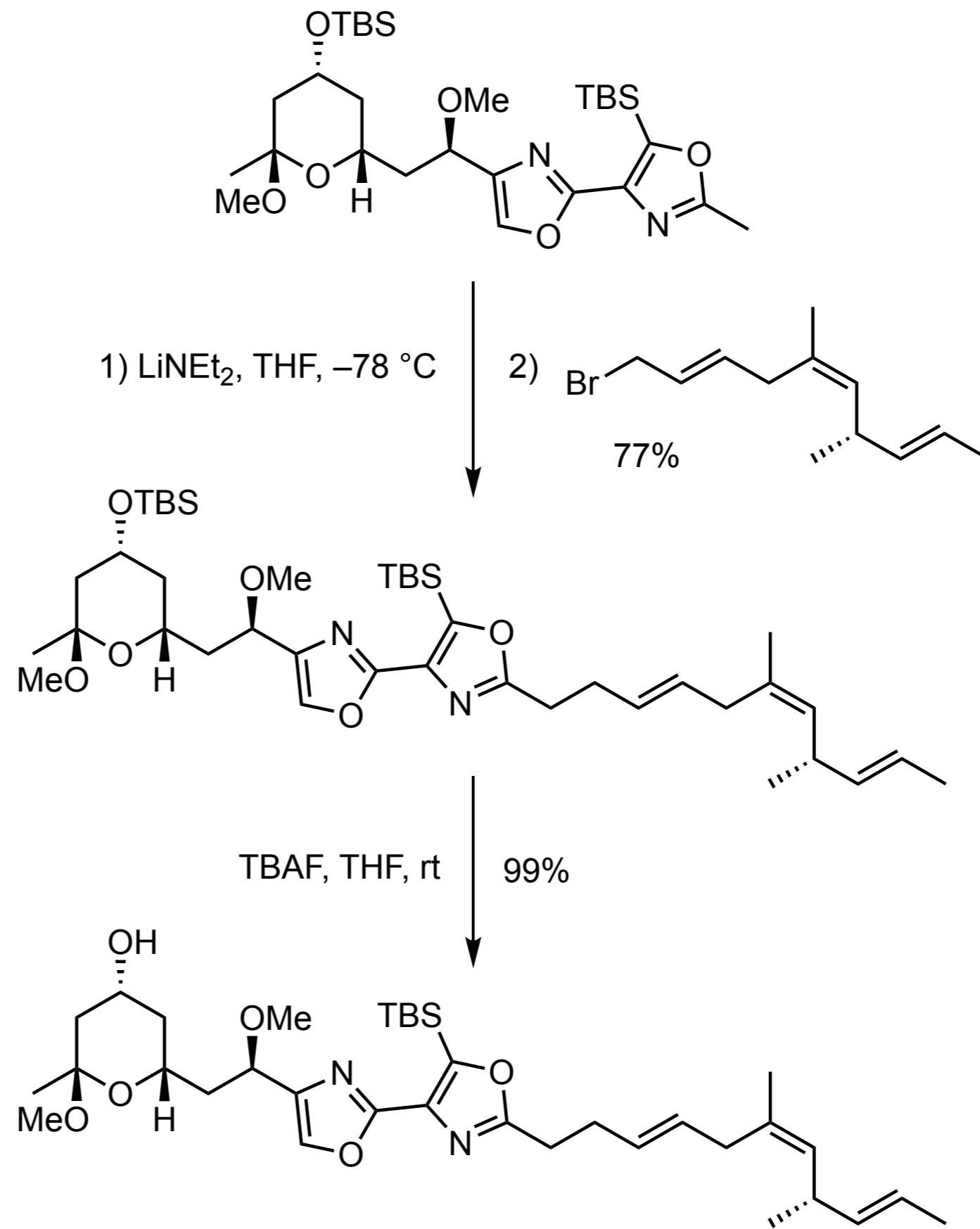


These results suggest that deprotonation at the heterocycle is **thermodynamically as well as kinetically favored**

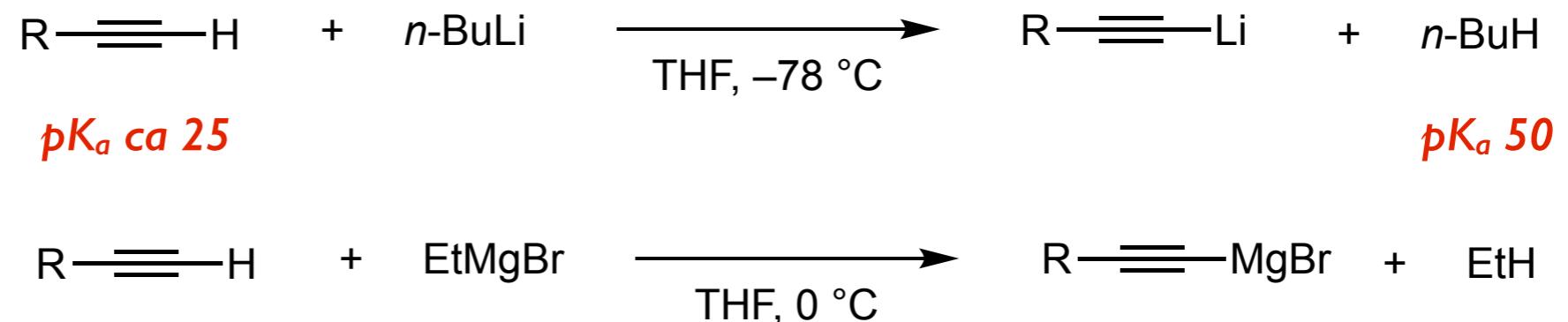
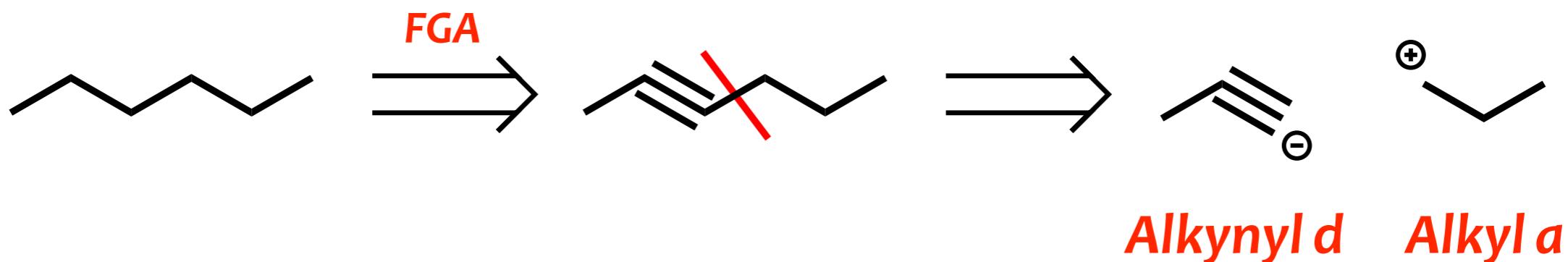
SOLUTION: BLOCKING THAT POSITION?



Alkylation of the real system



Alternative (I): Terminal Alkynes

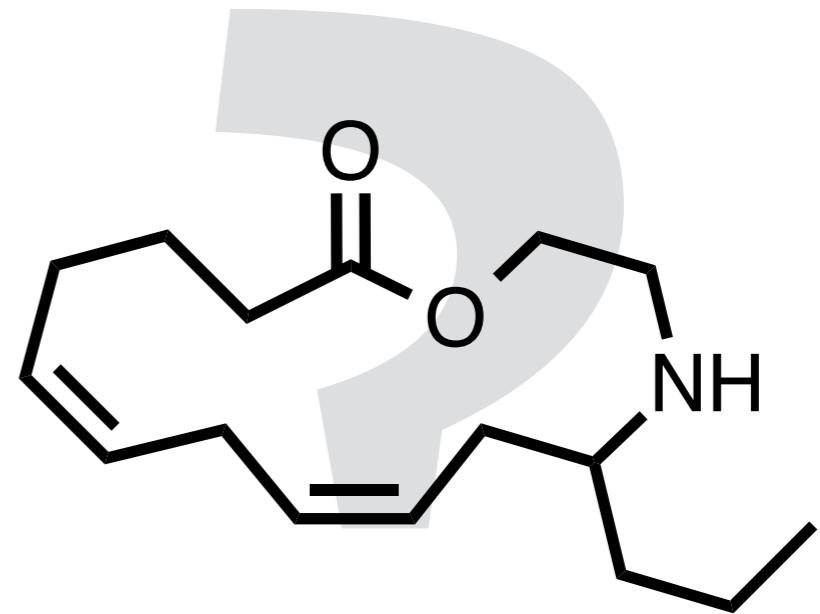


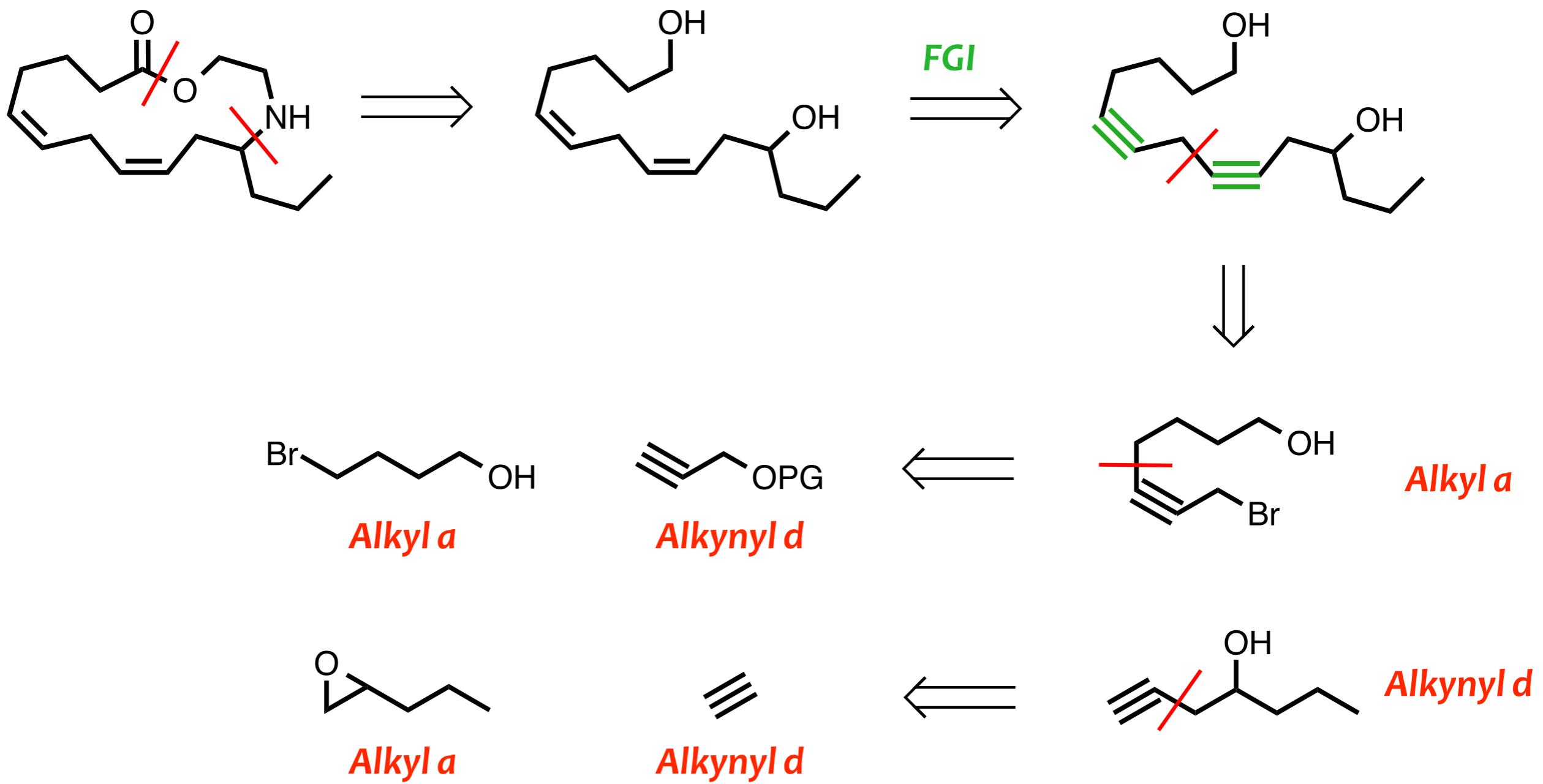


Larva of Mexican bean beetle

Epilachnadiene
defense against ants

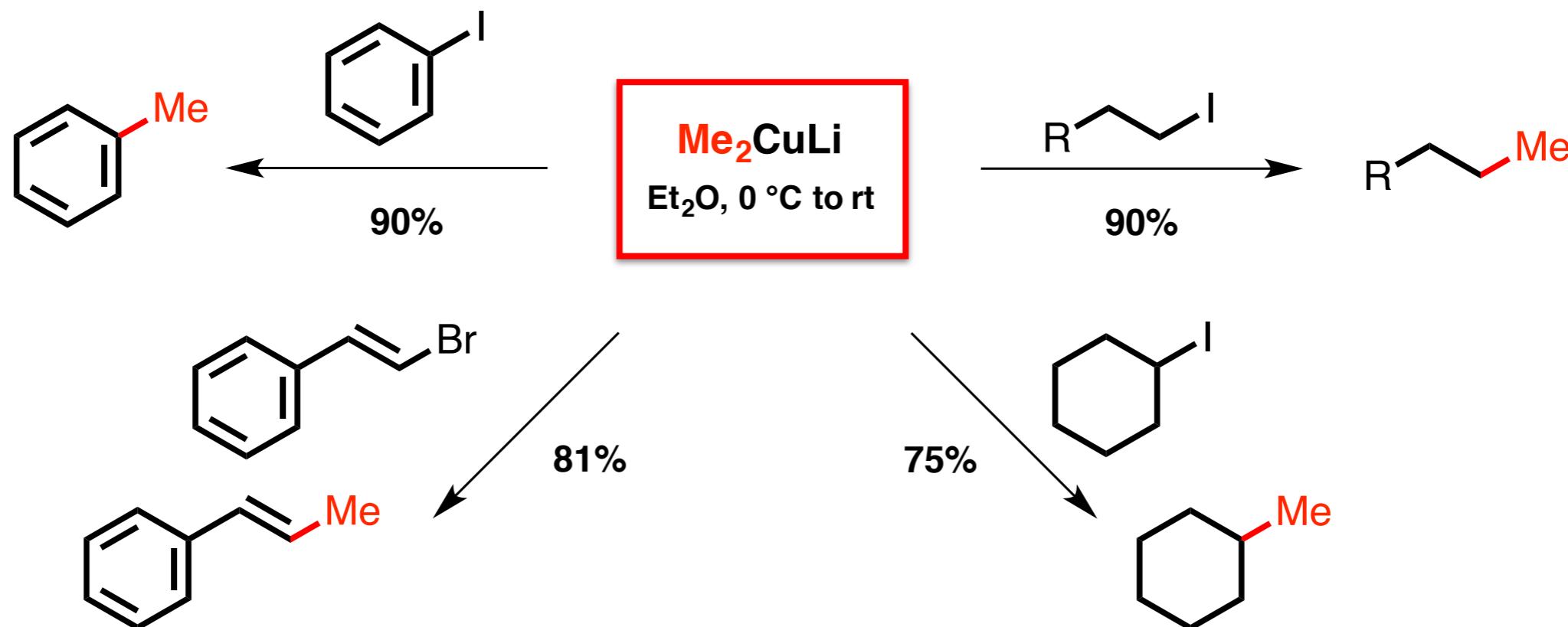
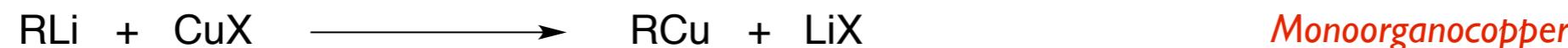
Rao, B. V. TL 1995, 36, 147





Alternative (II): Organocuprates

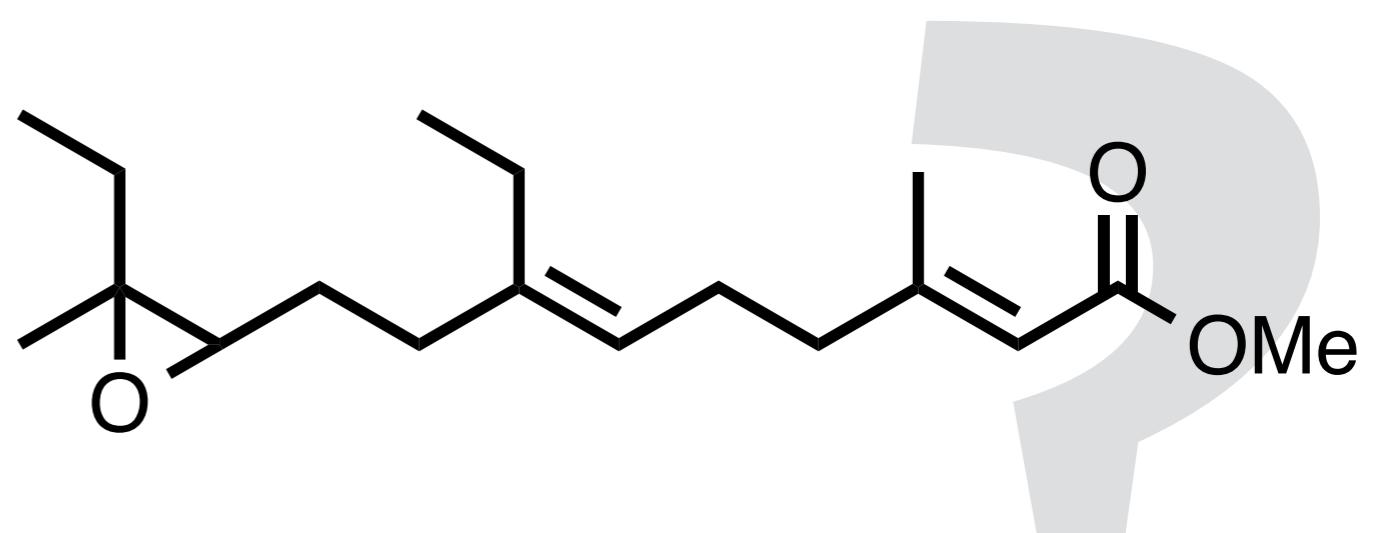
ORGANOCOPPER REAGENTS, easily prepared by transmetallation, are very selective



Cecropia moth

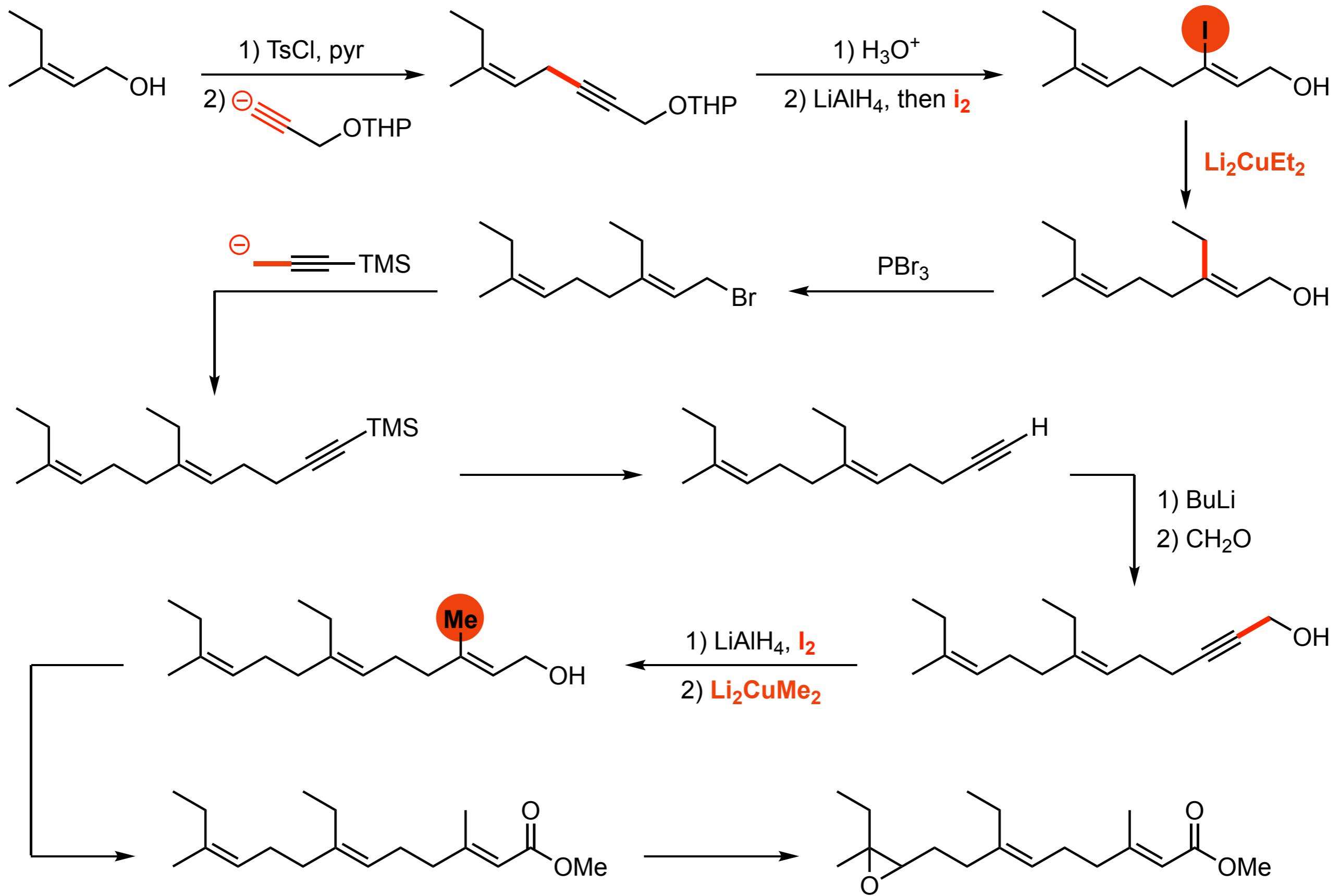


A classical synthesis

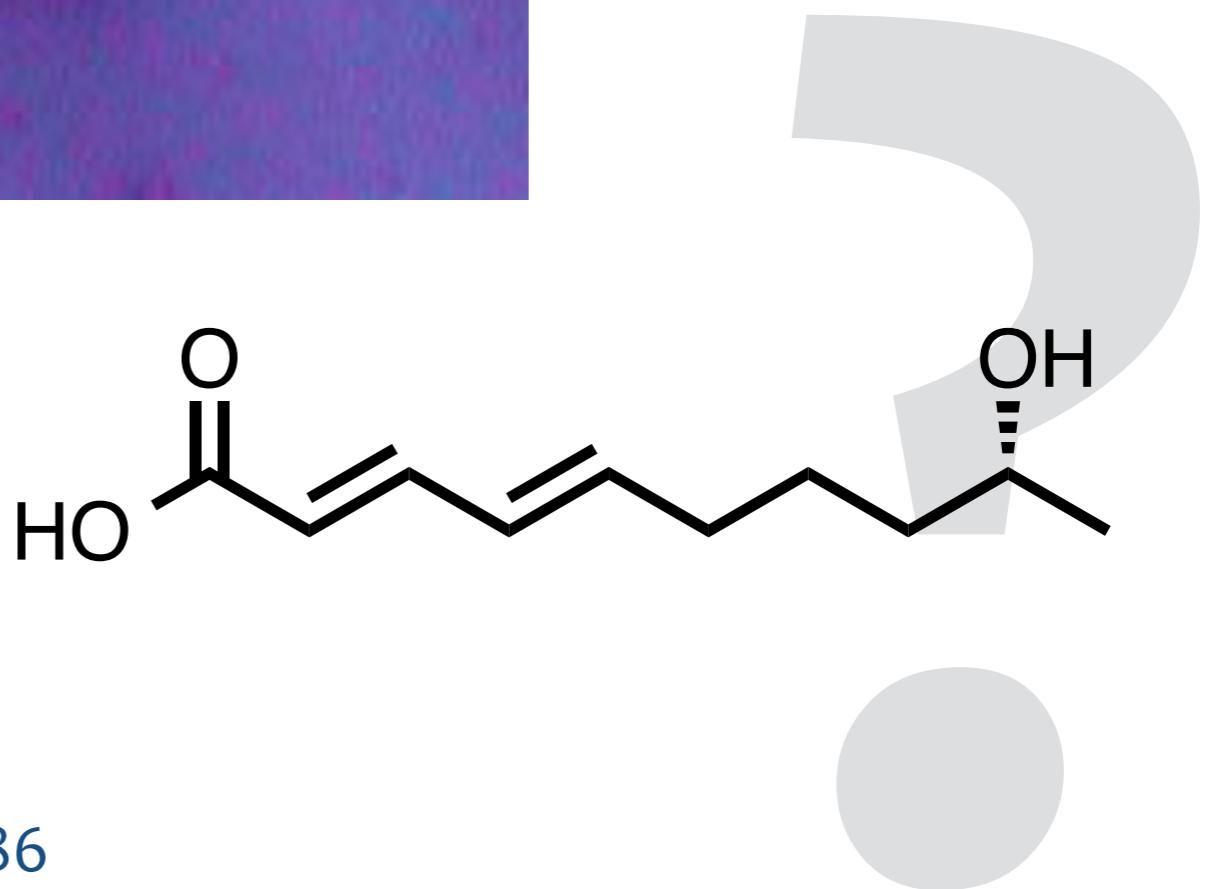


(±) *Cecropia Juvenile Hormone*
Hormone involved in the development of larvae

Corey, E. J. JACS 1968, 90, 5618



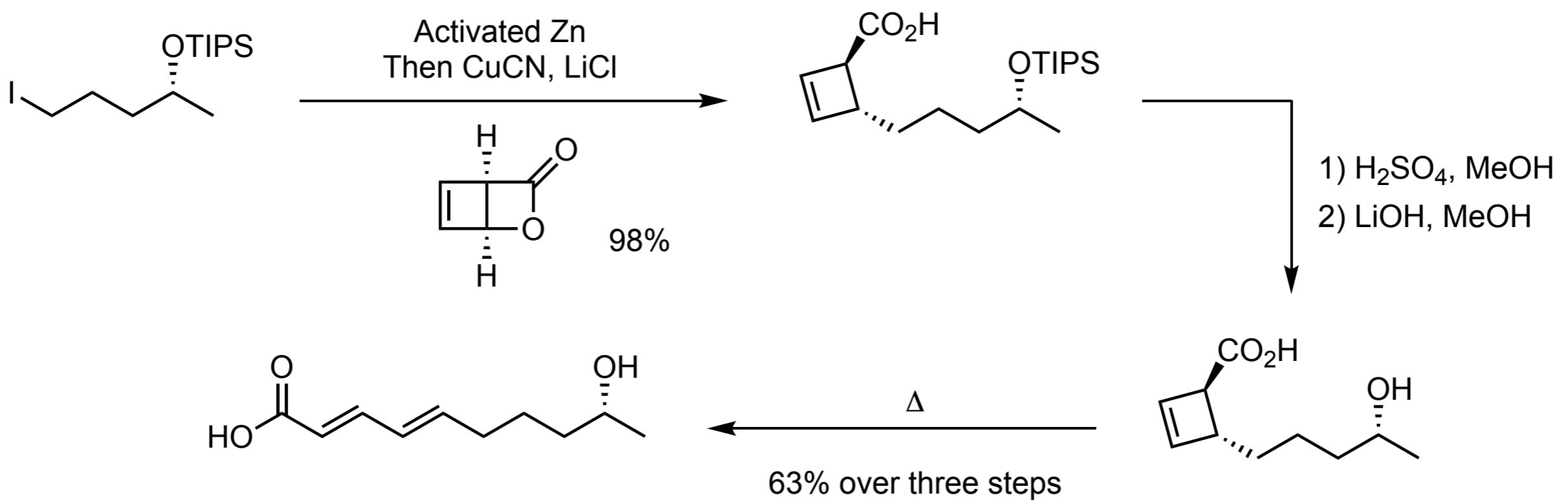
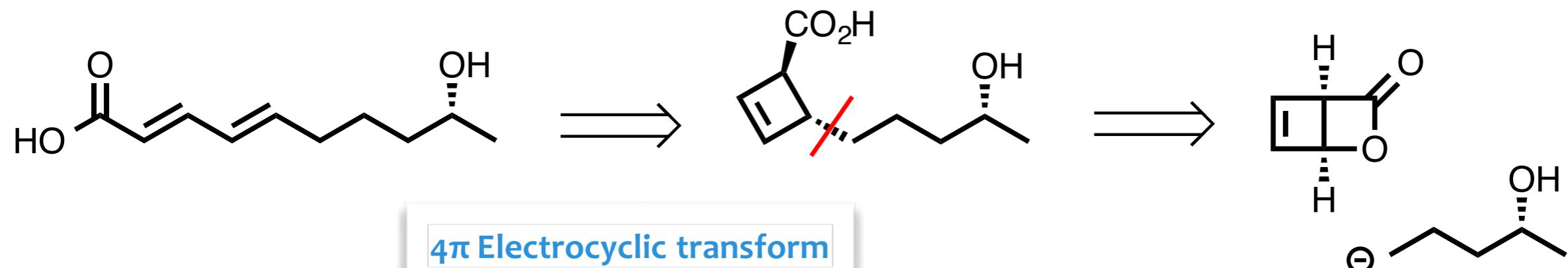
Bacillus species



Iedomycin D

Maulide, N. OL 2015, 17, 4486

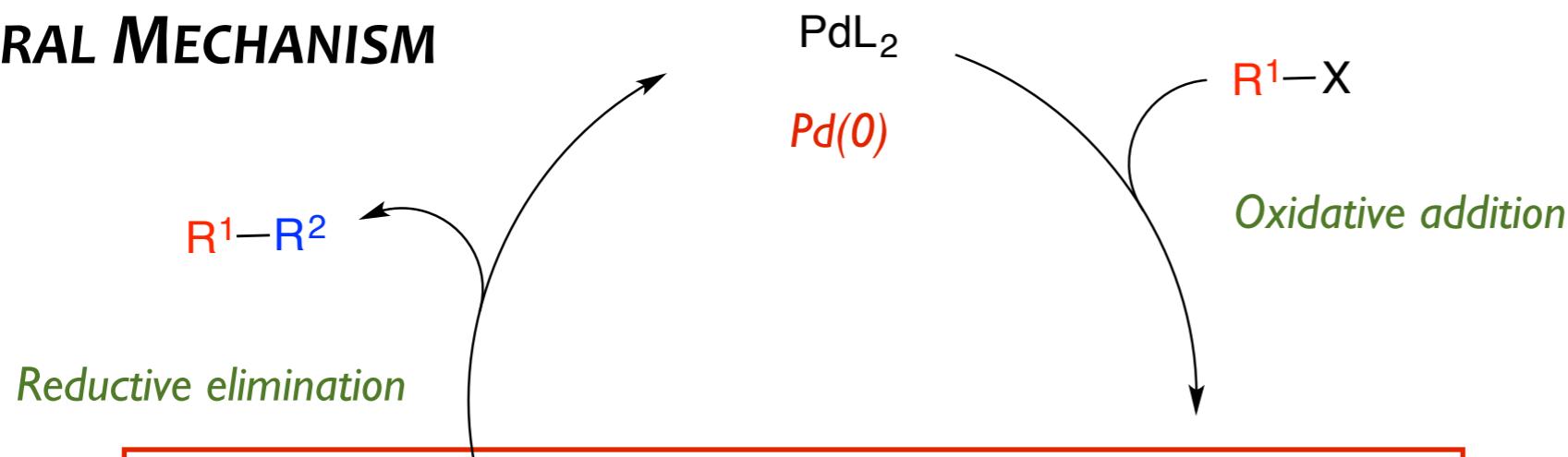
Strained bicyclic



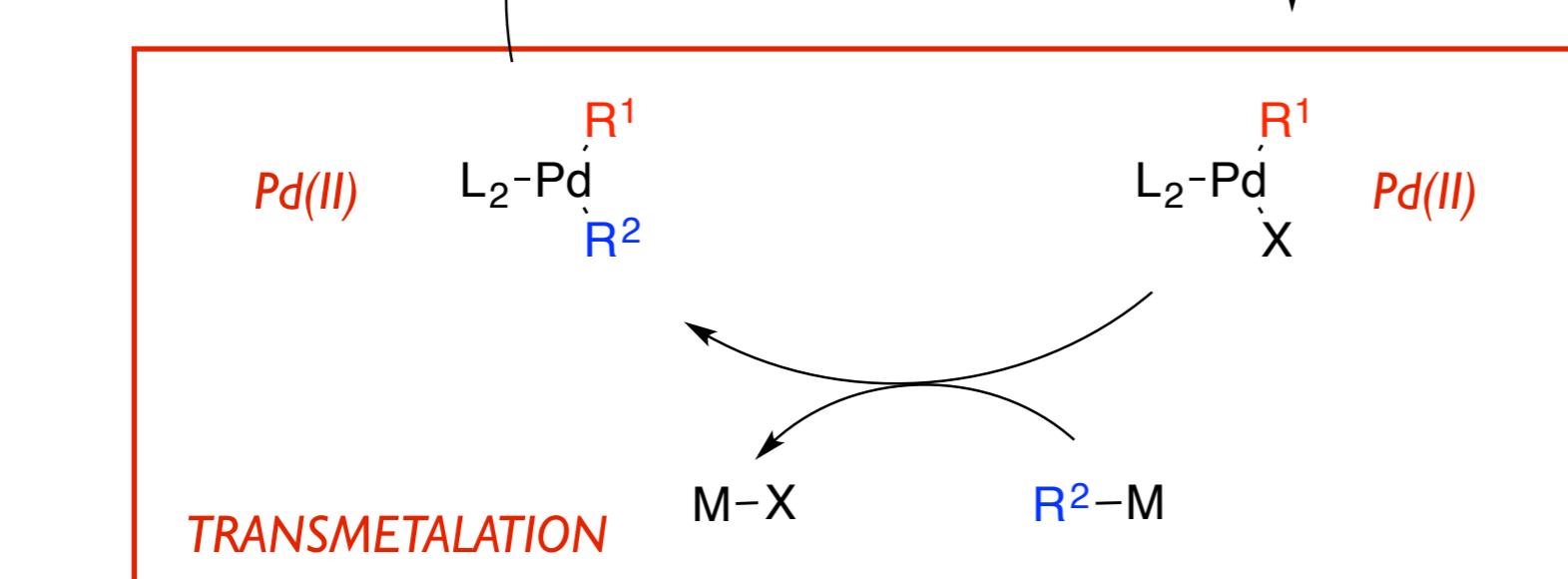
Alternative (III): Pd-Mediated Cross-Coupling Reactions



GENERAL MECHANISM



R^1 : better no β -H
 X : I, Br, (Cl), OTf



R^2 : alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl

TRANSMETALATION

Transfer of an organic group from one metal center to another.

The process involves **no formal change in oxidation state** for either metal.

For palladium-mediated cross-coupling reactions



R^1Li , R^1MgY

Kumada

$\text{R}^1\text{B}(\text{OR})_2$

SUZUKI

R^1CuL_n

SONOGASHIRA

R^1ZnY

Negishi

R^1SnR_3

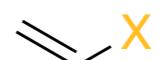
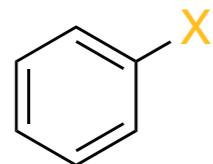
STILLE

Mignani, G. CR 2006, 106, 2651

Magano, J.; Dunetz, J. R. CR 2011, 111, 2177

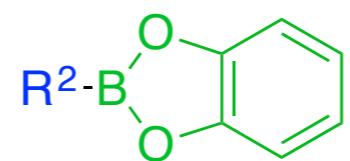
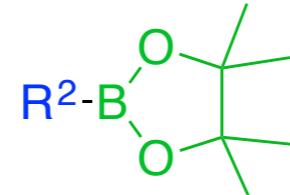
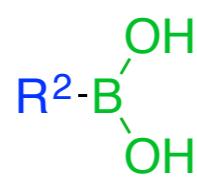
Suzuki Cross-Coupling Reaction

C_{sp2}



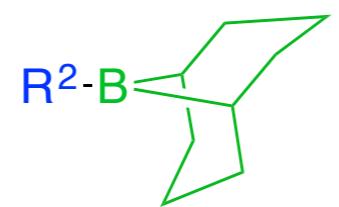
X: I > Br > OTf >> Cl

C_{sp2}



R²: alkenyl, aryl

C_{sp3}

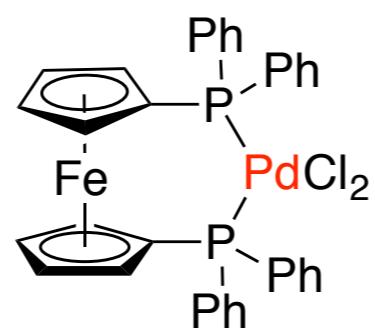


[R²-9-BBN]

R²: alkyl

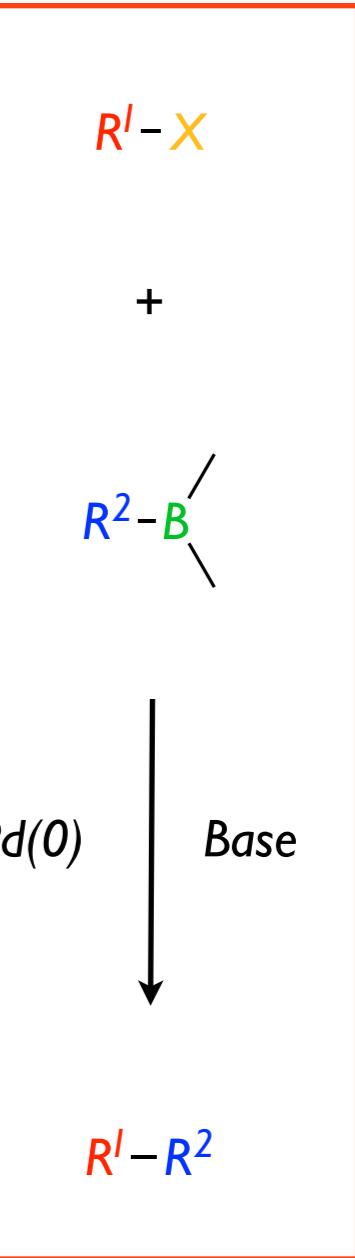
Pd(o): Pd(PPh₃)₄

Pd(II): Pd(OAc)₂ / PR₃ or AsR₃

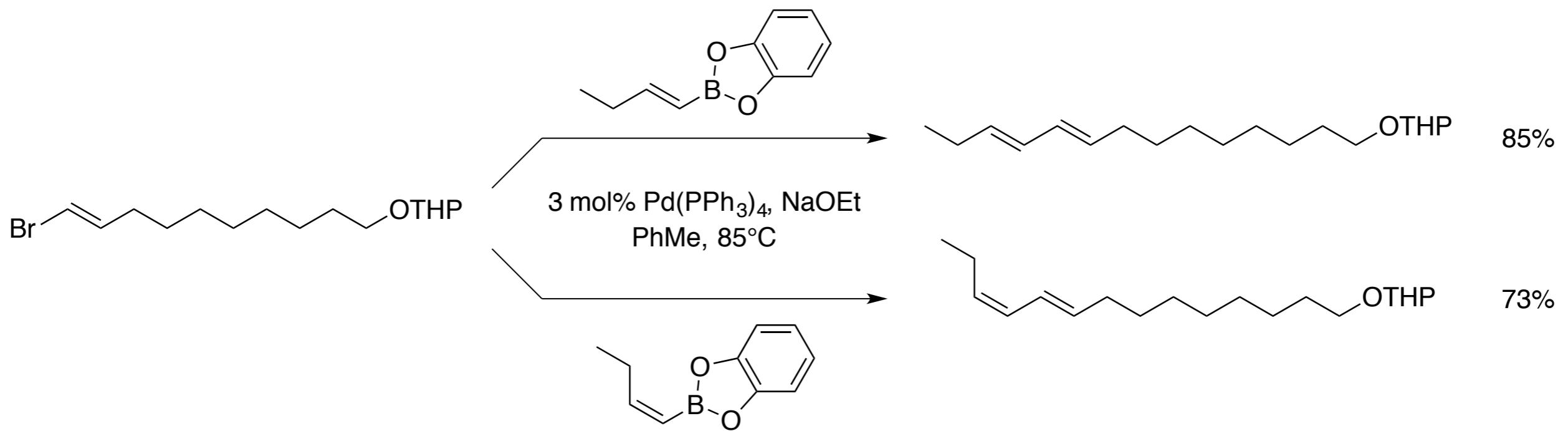
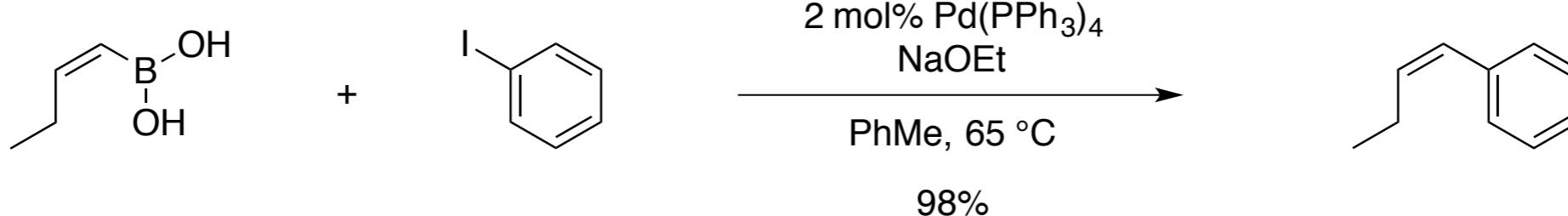
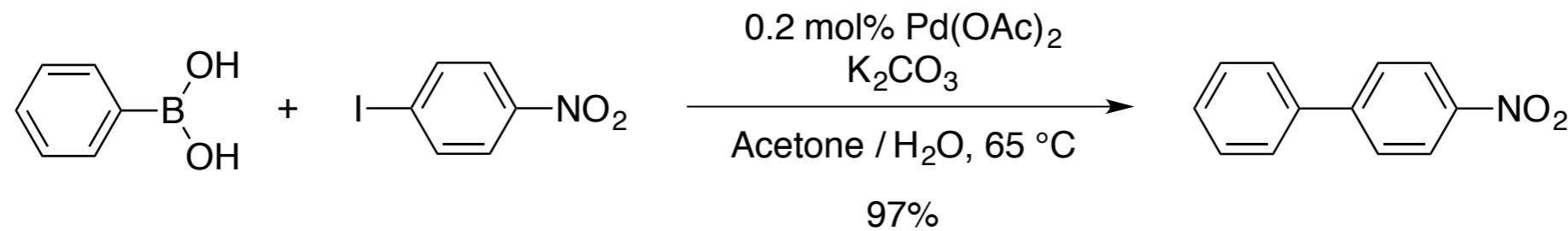


for $C_{sp3}-C_{sp2}$

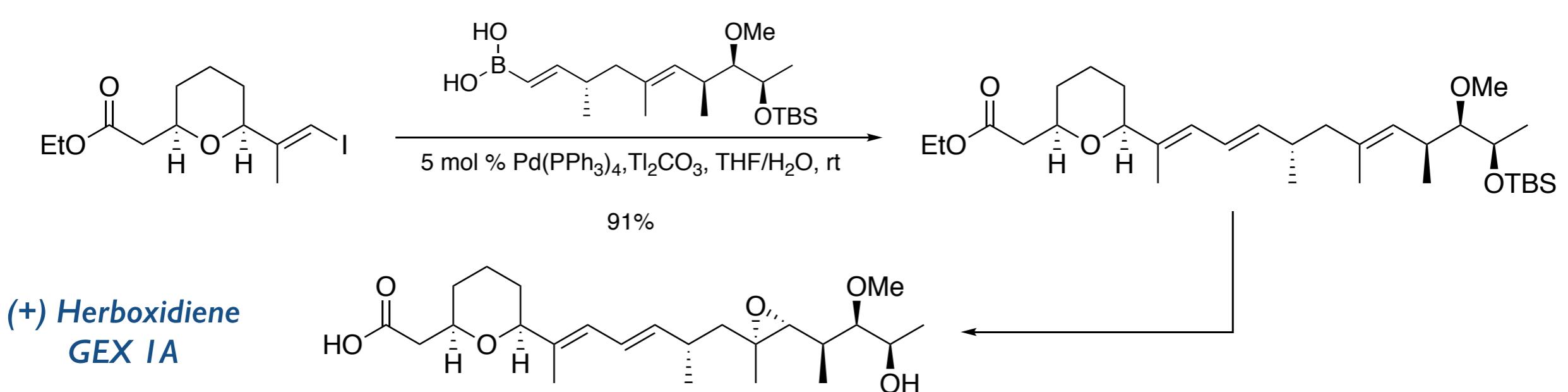
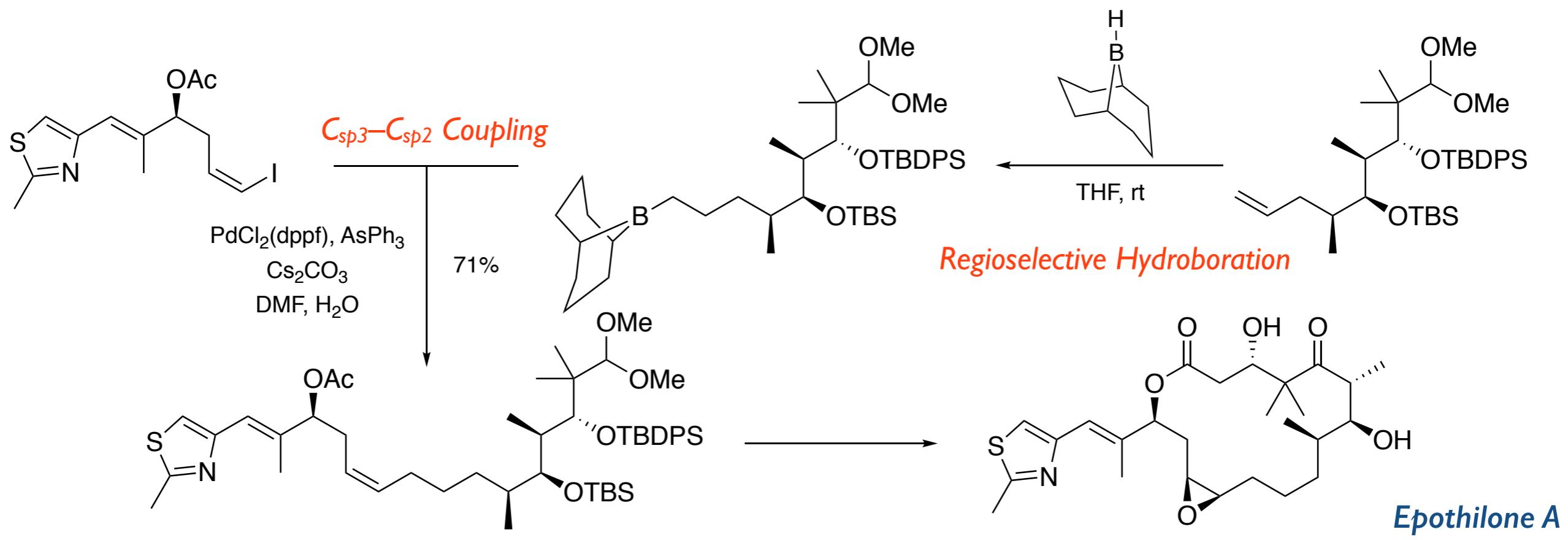
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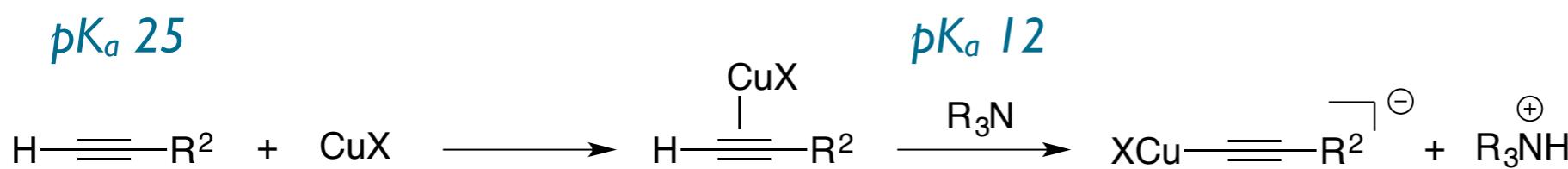
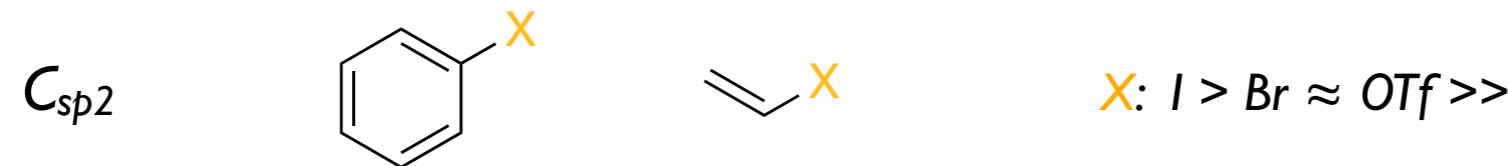
Suzuki Cross-Coupling Reactions



Suzuki Cross-Coupling Reactions



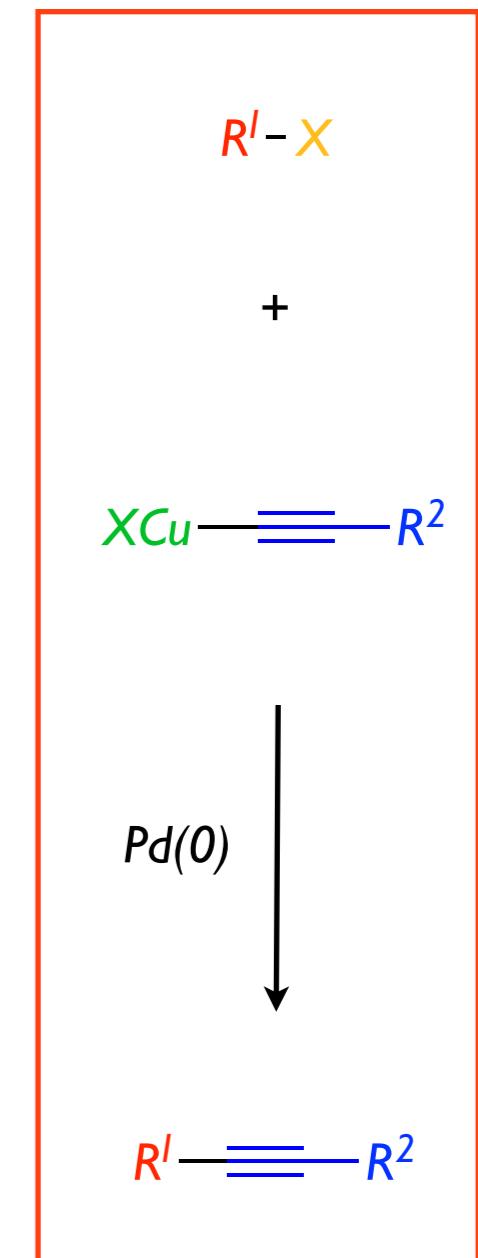
Sonogashira Cross-Coupling Reaction



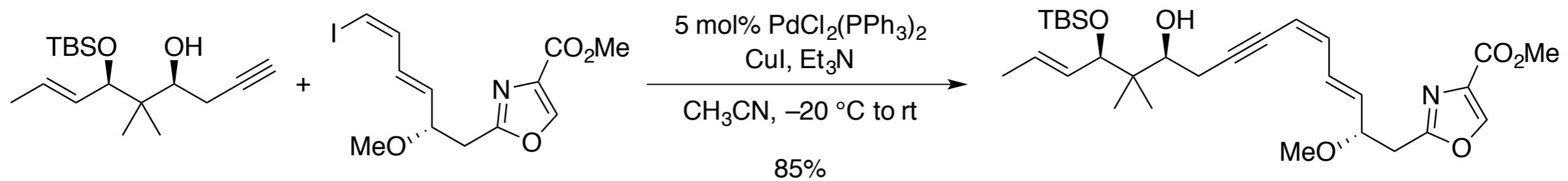
The acidity of $C_{sp}-H$ is enhanced via π -complexation

$Pd(0): Pd(PPh_3)_4$

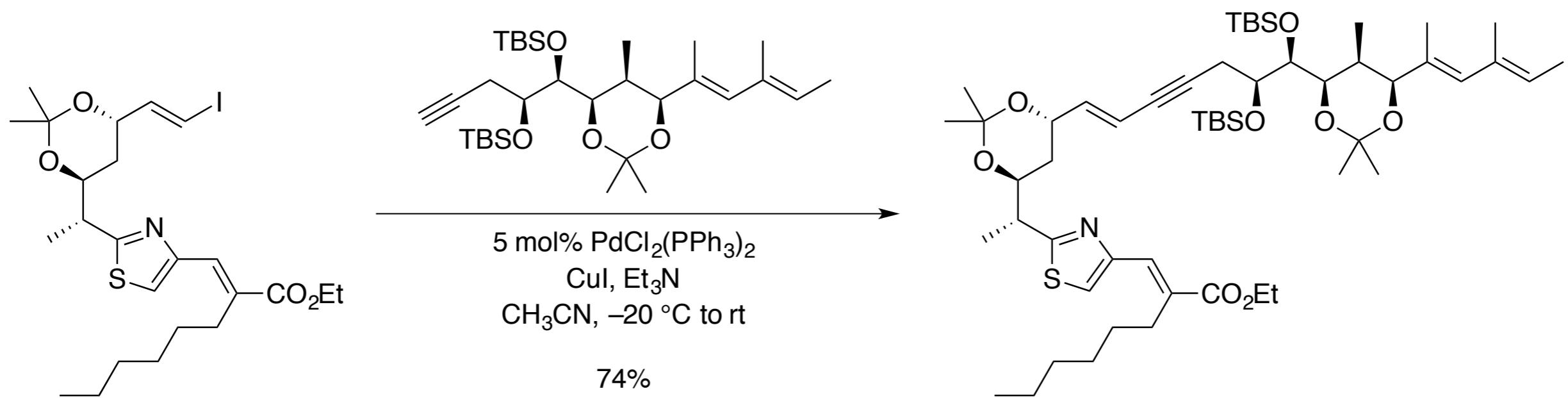
$Pd(II): PdCl_2(PPh_3)_2$



Sonogashira Cross-Coupling Reactions

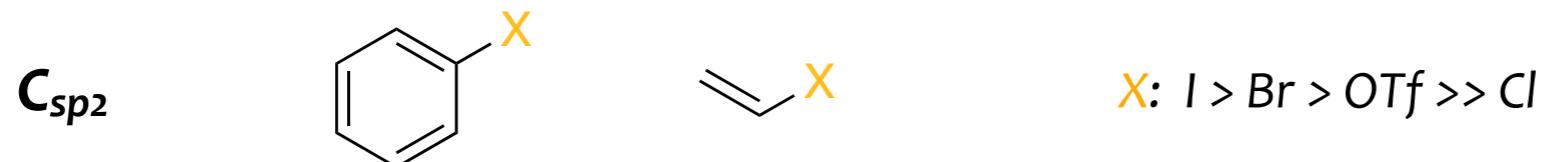


Meyers, A. I. *JOC* 2001, 66, 6037



Kirschning, A. *ACIE* 2008, 47, 9134

Stille Cross-Coupling Reaction

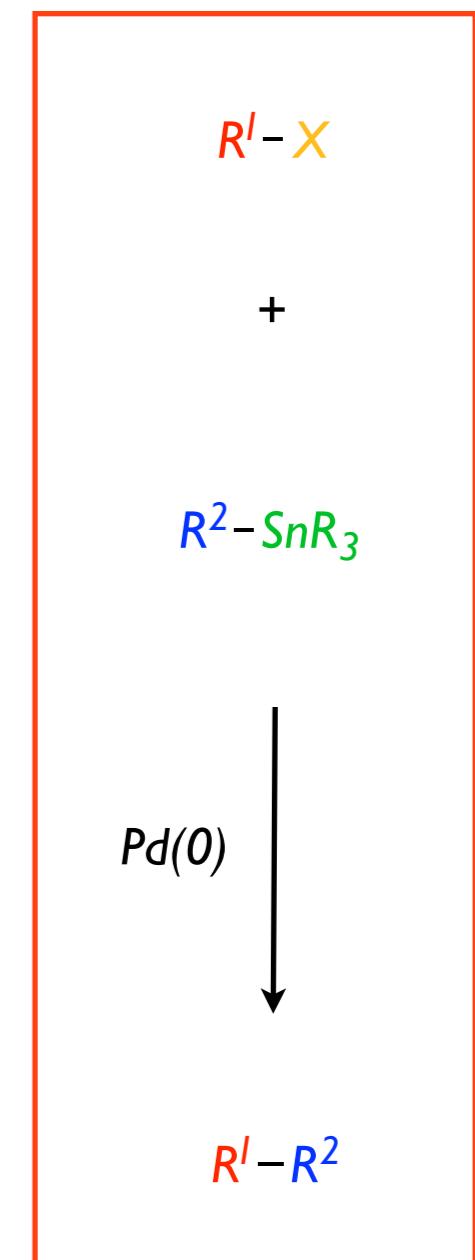


$X: I > Br > OTf >> Cl$

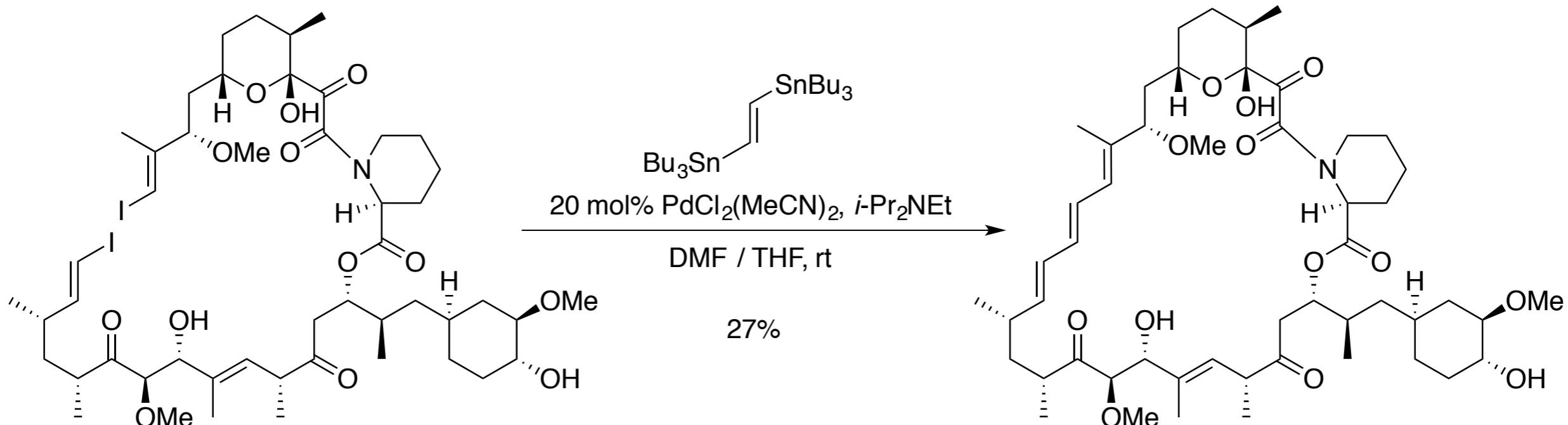
$R^2:$ alkynyl > alkenyl > aryl > benzyl \approx allyl > alkyl

$Pd(0): Pd(PPh_3)_4, Pd_2(dba)_3 / PR_3 \text{ or } AsR_3$

$Pd(II): Pd(OAc)_2 / PR_3 \text{ or } AsR_3$

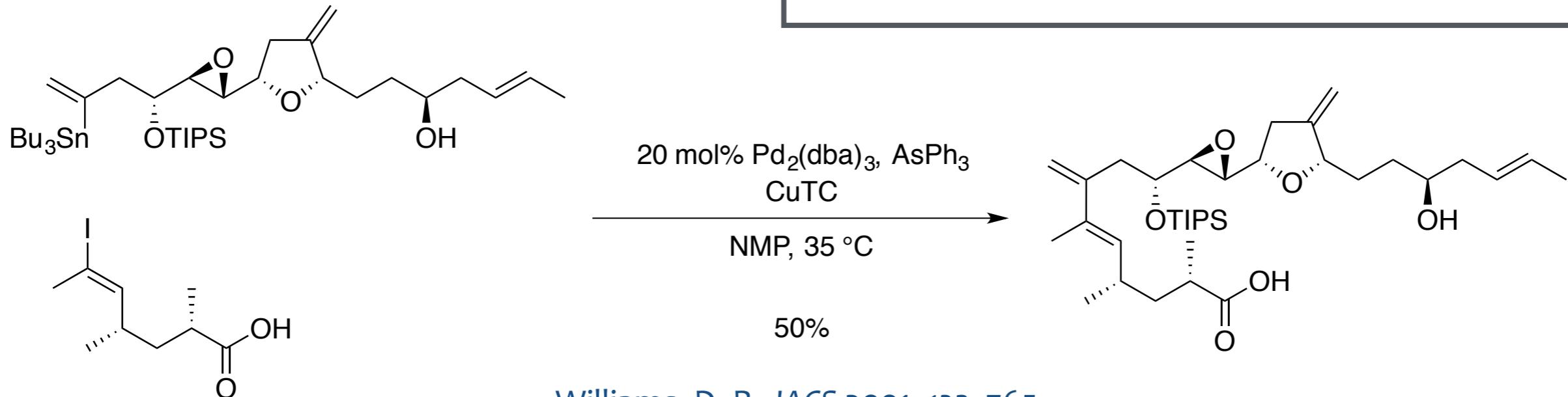


Stille Cross-Coupling Reactions



Nicolaou, K. C. JACS 1993, 115, 4419

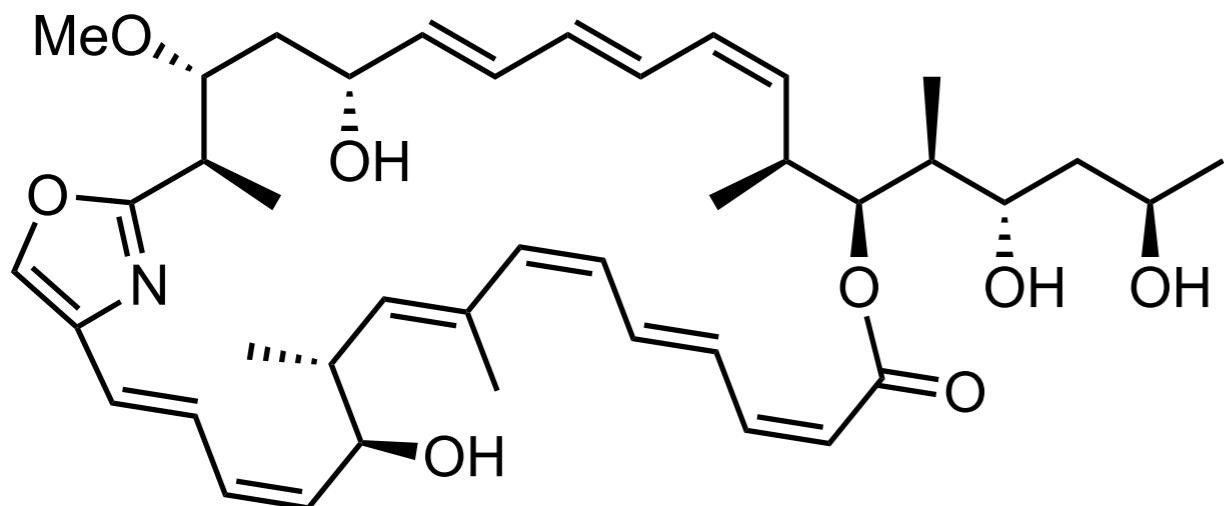
Extraordinary Functional Group Tolerance



Williams, D. R. JACS 2001, 123, 765

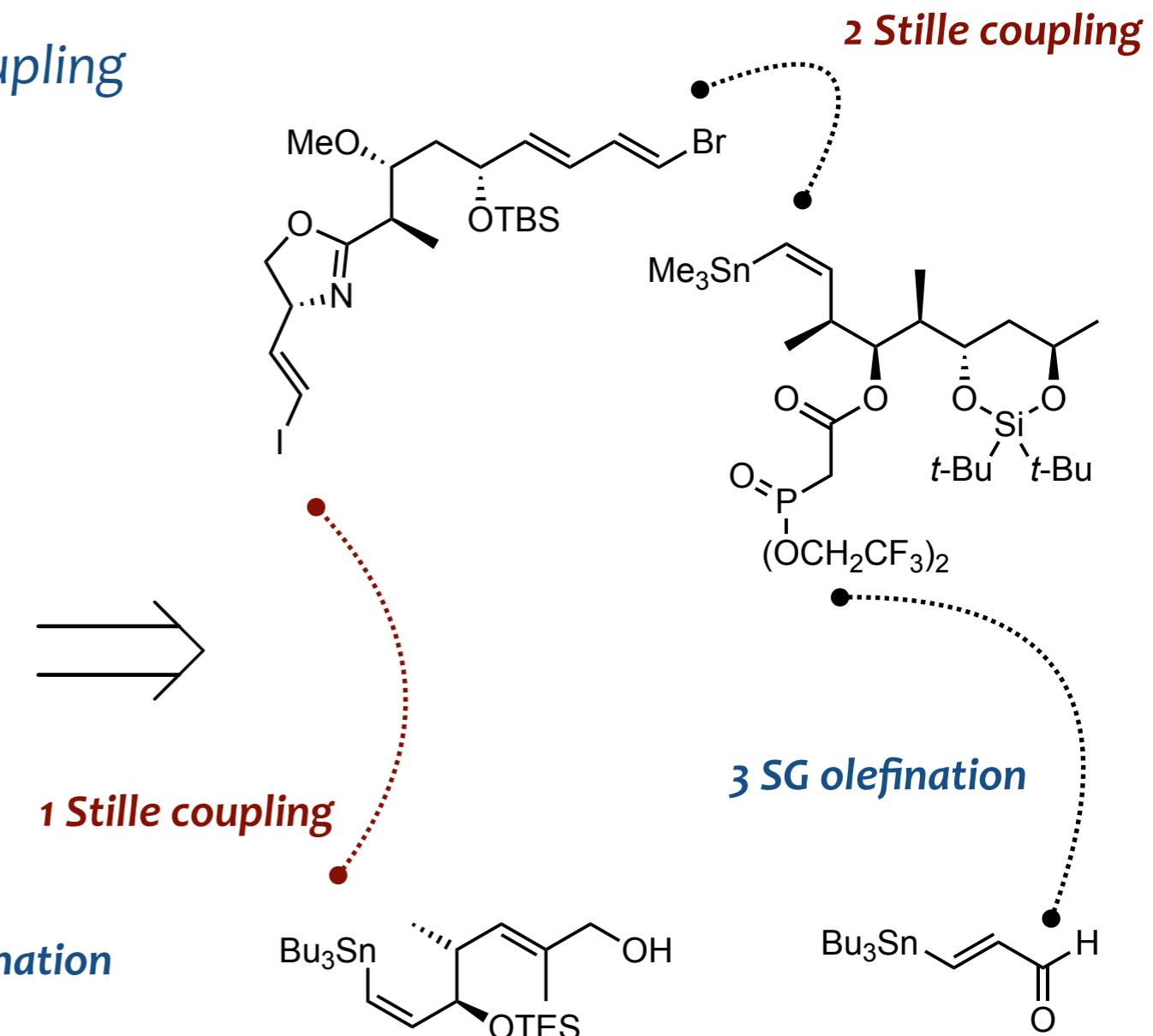
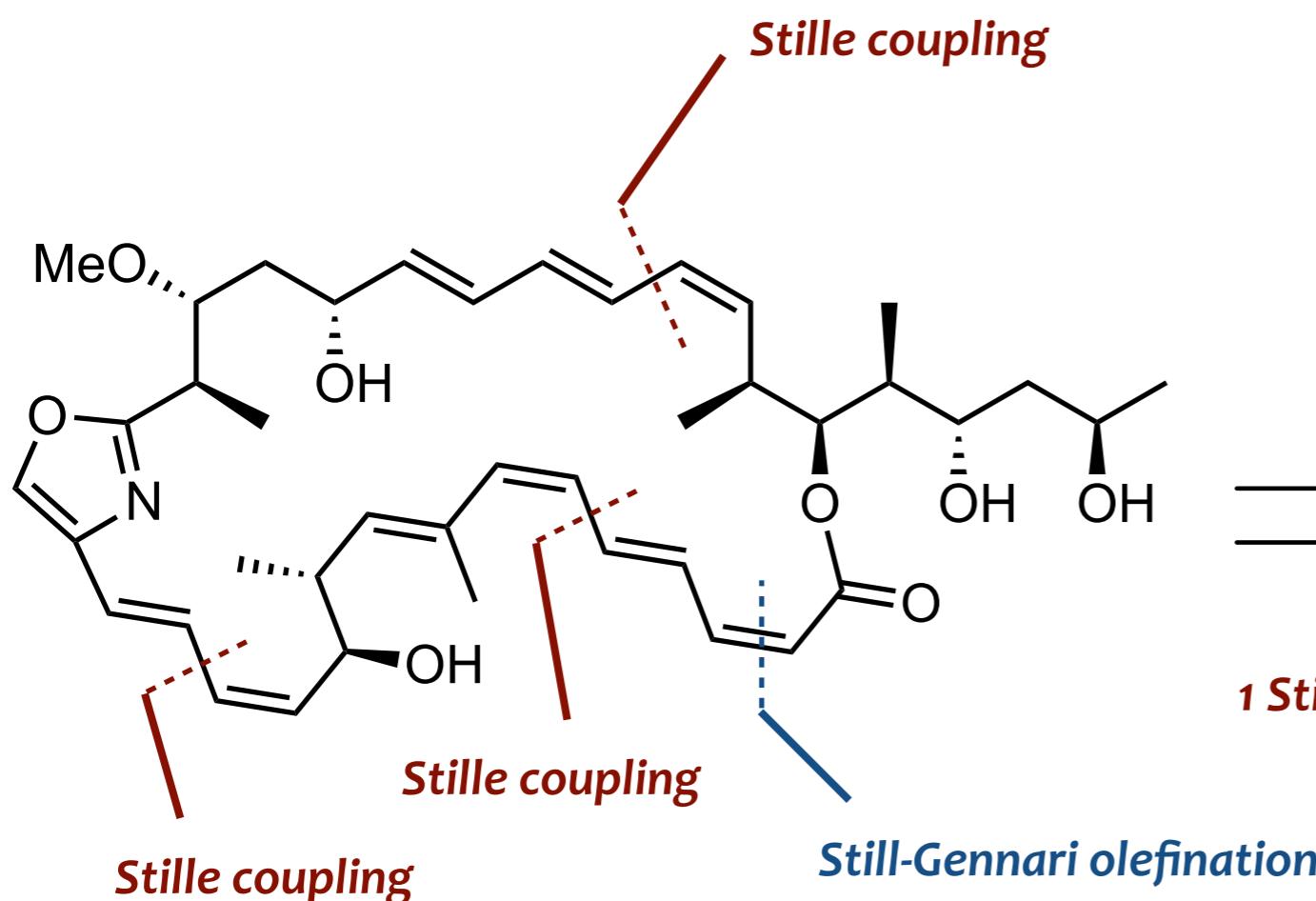
*A total synthesis of Chivosazole F
shows the tremendous potential of the Stille coupling*

Chivosazole F



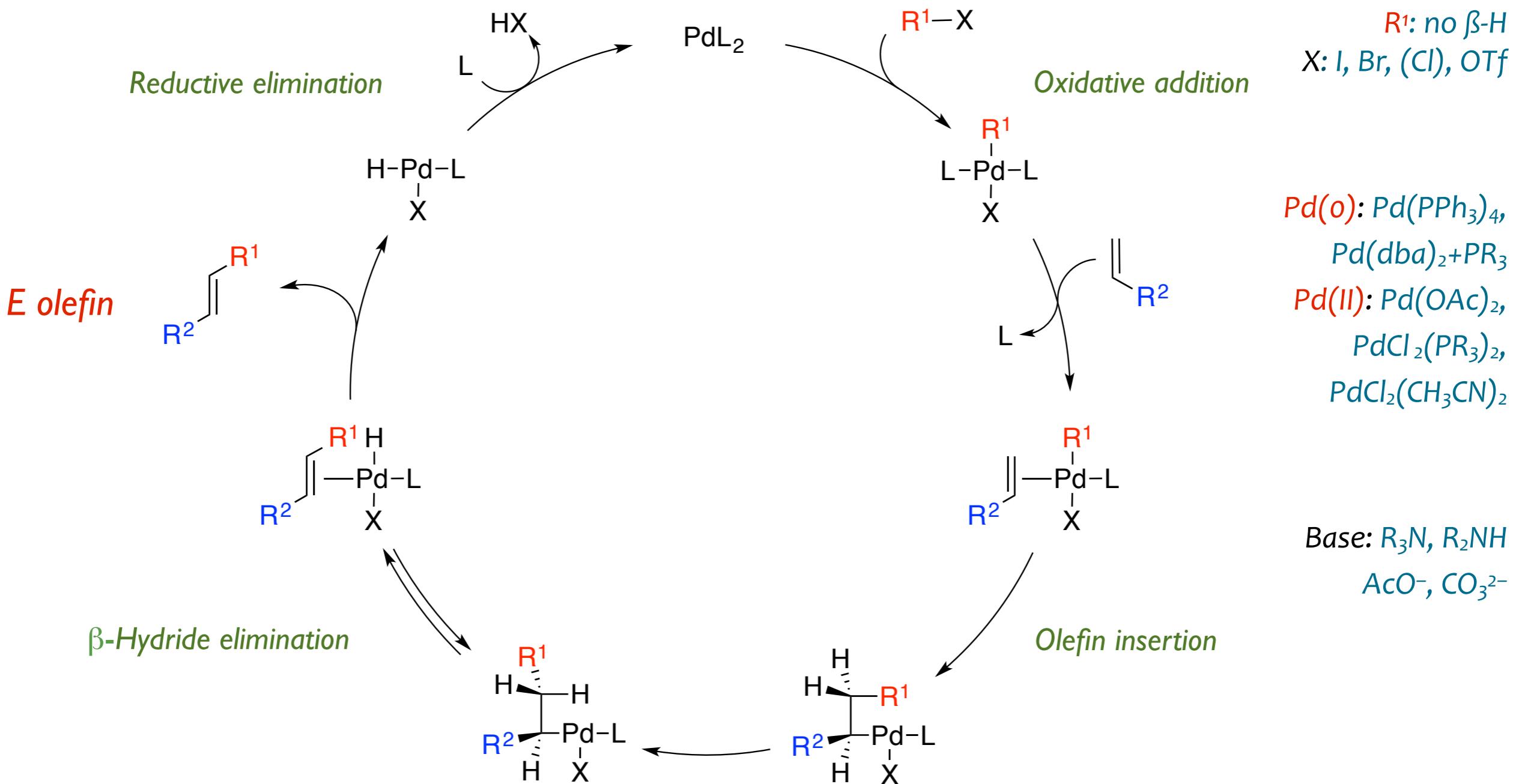
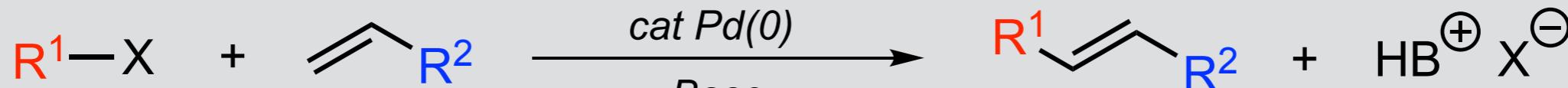
Stille Cross-Coupling Reactions

A total synthesis of Chivosazole F
shows the tremendous potential of the Stille coupling



The Stille coupling were carried out using $Pd(PPh_3)_4$ and CuTC [copper thiophene-2-carboxylate]
See Fürstner, A. Chem Commun. 2008, 2873

Heck Reaction



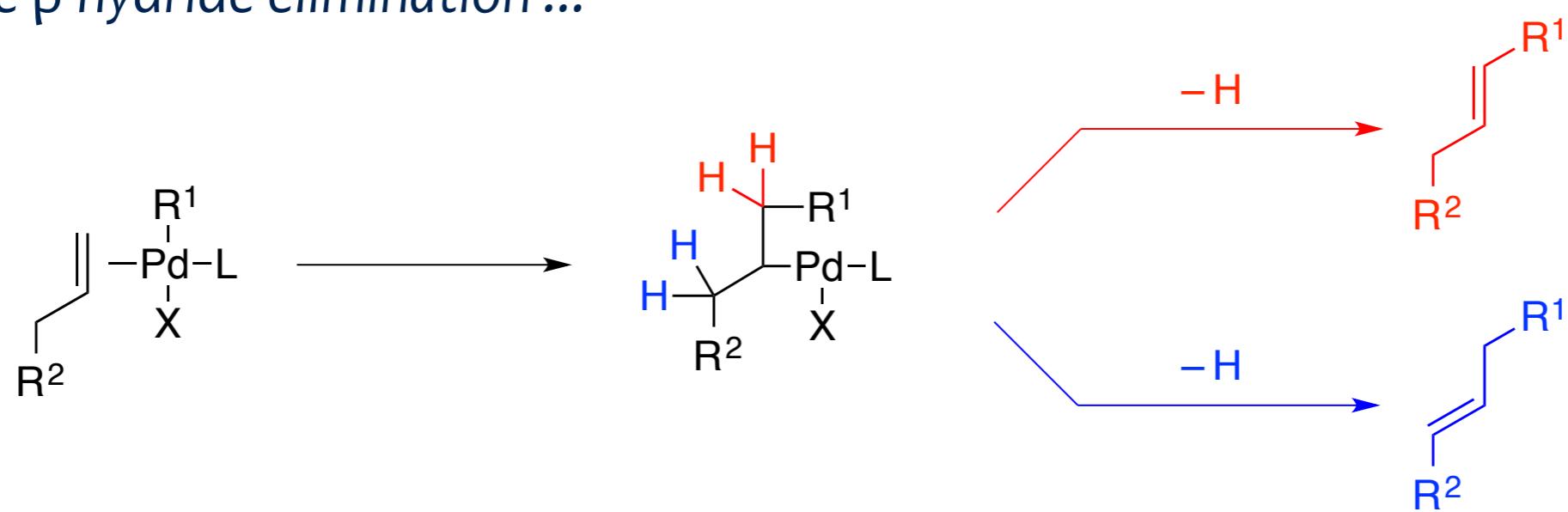
The **regioselectivity** of the Heck reaction is not completely defined.

Two pathways are available for the olefin insertion ...

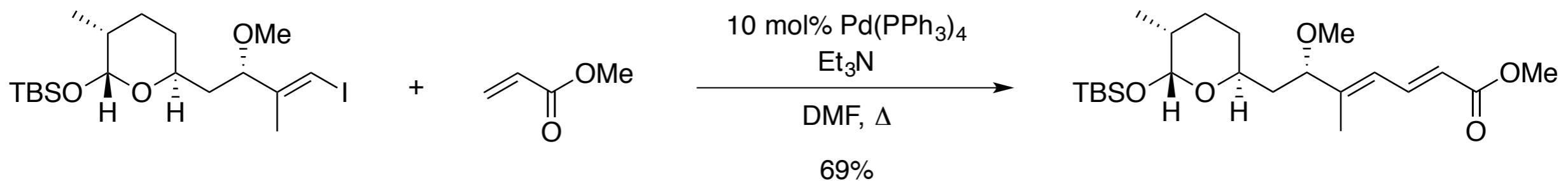
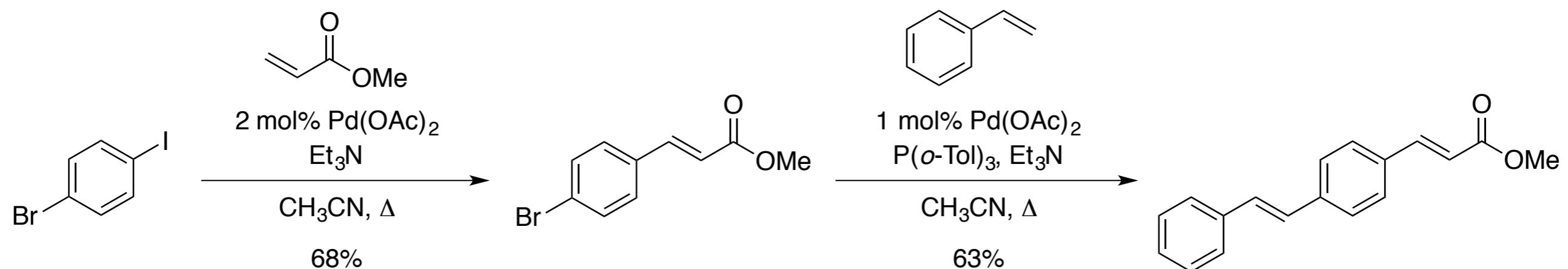
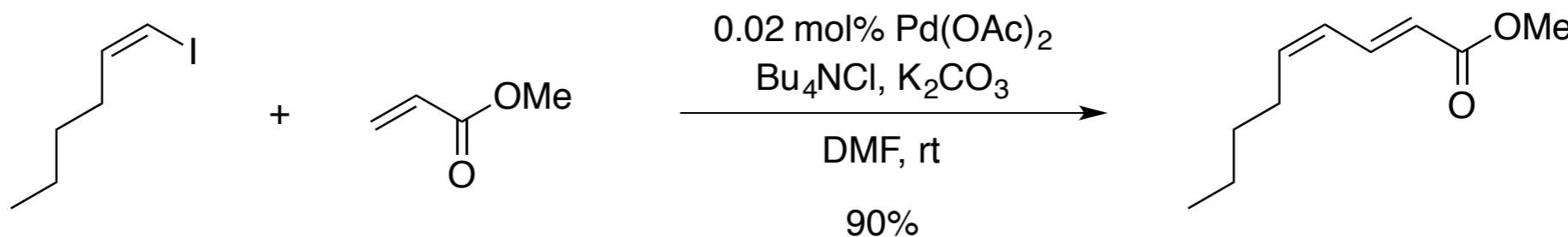


Particularly important when R^2 : EDG

or the β -hydride elimination ...

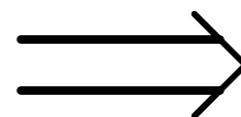
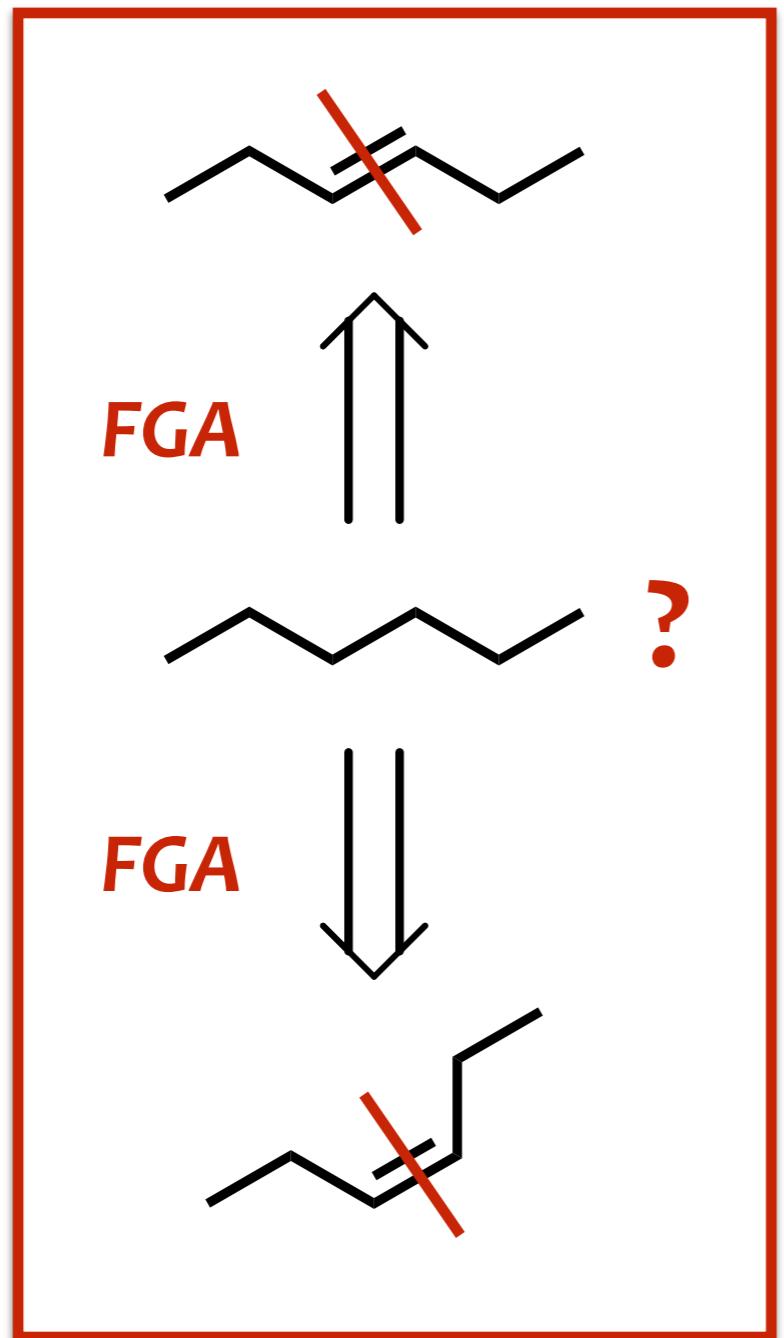


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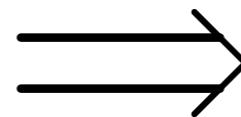
Alternative (IV): C=C Bond Forming Reactions

E-Alkene



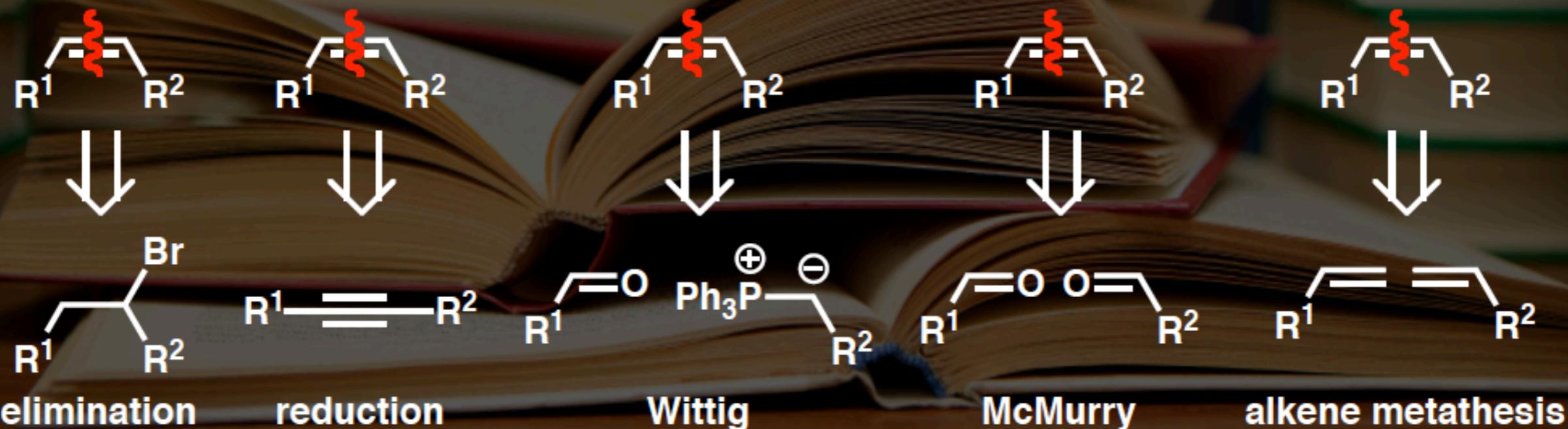
Wittig (stabilized ylides)
HWE
Julia-Kocienski
Metathesis

Z-Alkene

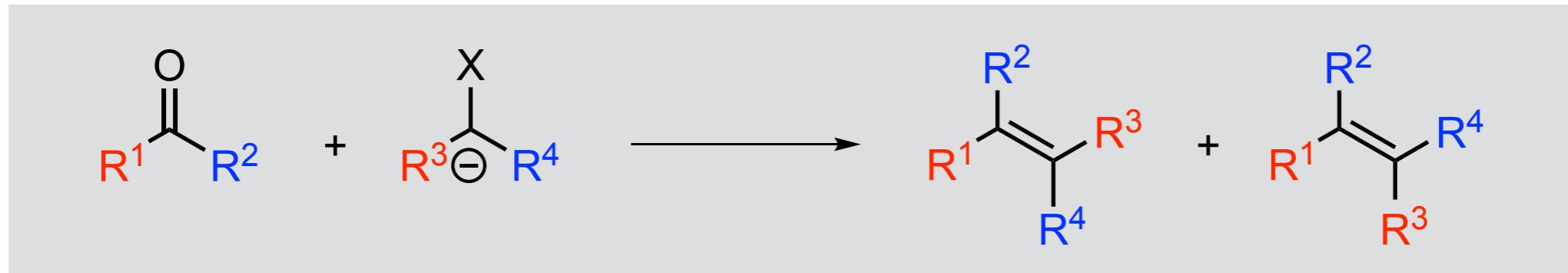


Peterson olefination
Tebbe olefination
Takai olefination

Wittig (non-stabilized ylides)
Still-Gennari, Ando



C=C Forming Reactions: Carbanions and Carbonyls



Regioselectivity is not a problem ... The only concern is stereoselectivity!

C	N	O
Si	P	S

■ X: Si, *Peterson Reaction*

■ X: P, *Wittig Reaction and variants*

R_3P^+ , *Wittig Reaction*

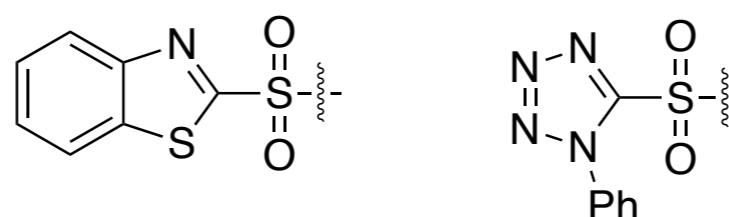
$\text{R}_2\text{P}=\text{O}$, *Horner-Wittig*

$(\text{RO})_2\text{P}=\text{O}$, *Horner-Wadsworth-Emmons (HWE)*

■ X: S, *Julia-Kocienski Reaction*

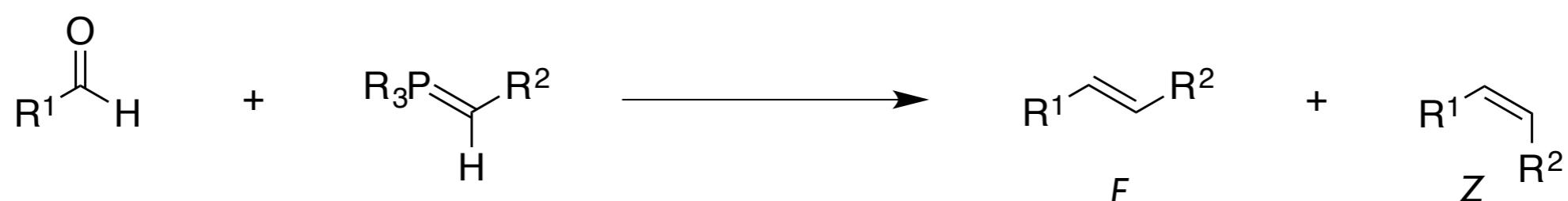
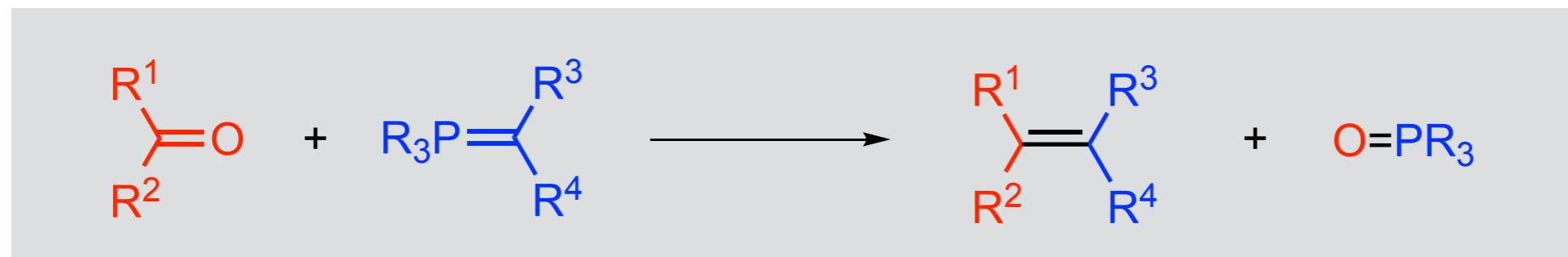


Georg Wittig
Nobel Prize in Chemistry 1979



... for the development of the use of phosphorus-containing compounds into important reagents in organic synthesis

■ Wittig reaction: addition of a phosphorus ylide to a carbonyl



Thermodynamically favored

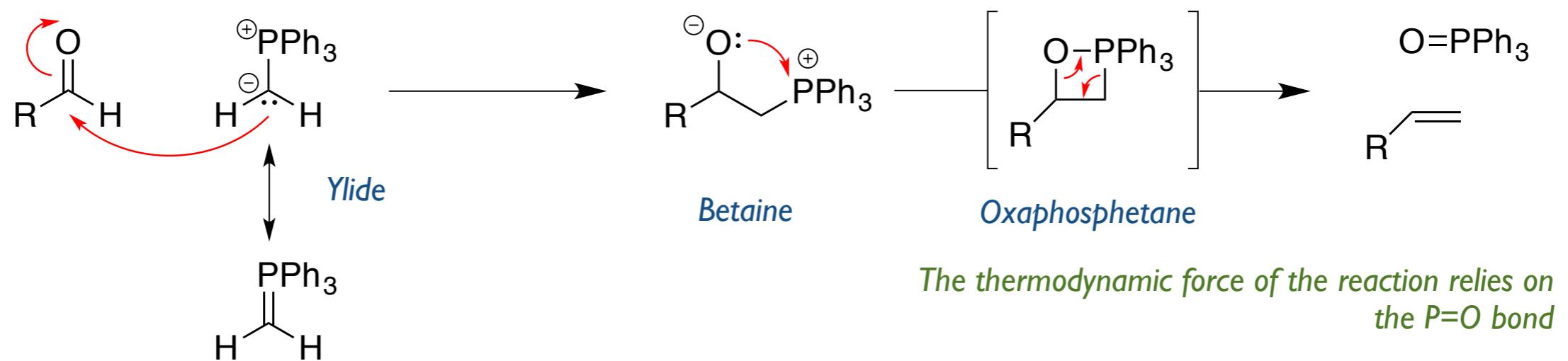
Non-stabilized ylides	$\text{R}^2:$ alkyl	minor	MAJOR
Semi-stabilized ylides	$\text{R}^2:$ aryl	mixtures ($E > Z$)	
Stabilized ylides	$\text{R}^2: \text{CO}_2\text{R}, \text{CN}$	MAJOR	minor

Maryanoff, B. E. CR 1989, 89, 863

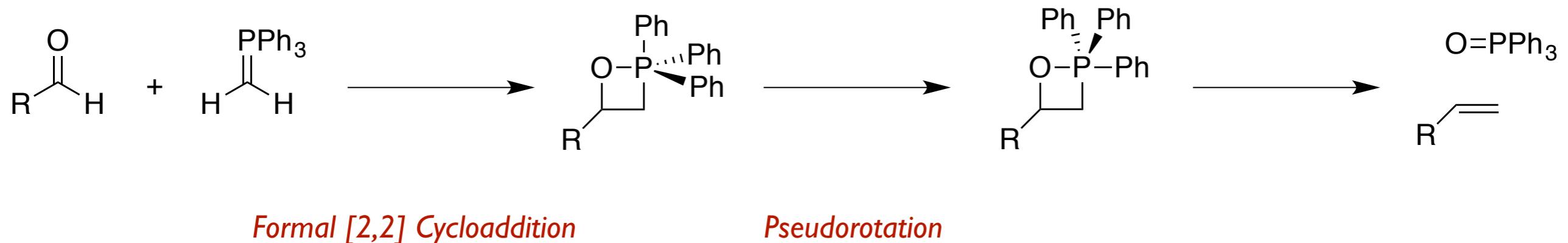
Nicolaou, K. C. Liebigs Ann. 1997, 7, 1283

Wittig Reaction: Mechanism

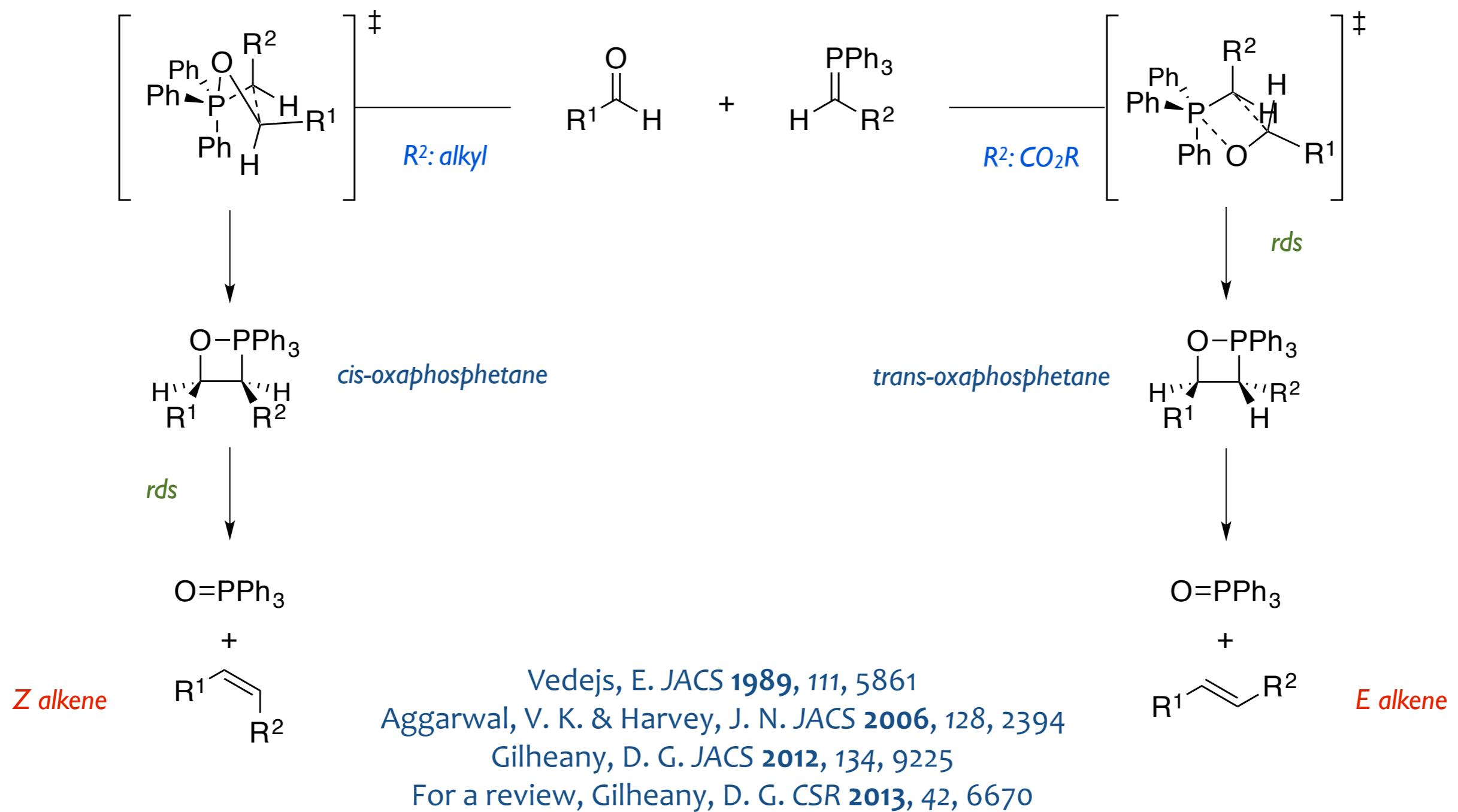
The mechanism of the Wittig reaction has been the subject of much debate. Initially, Wittig described this reaction as an addition to a carbonyl...



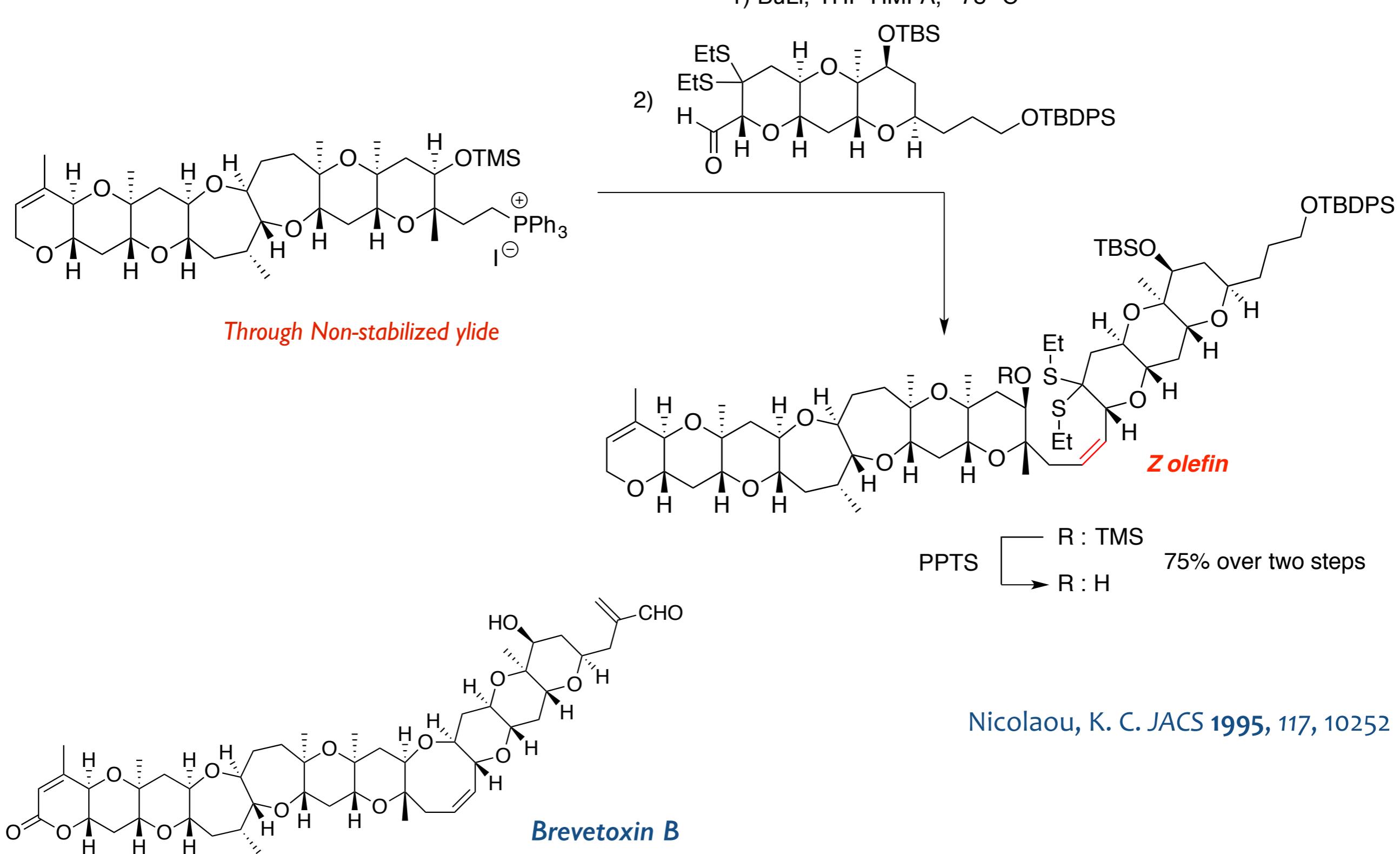
... but the accepted picture **in the absence of lithium salts** is rather different nowadays



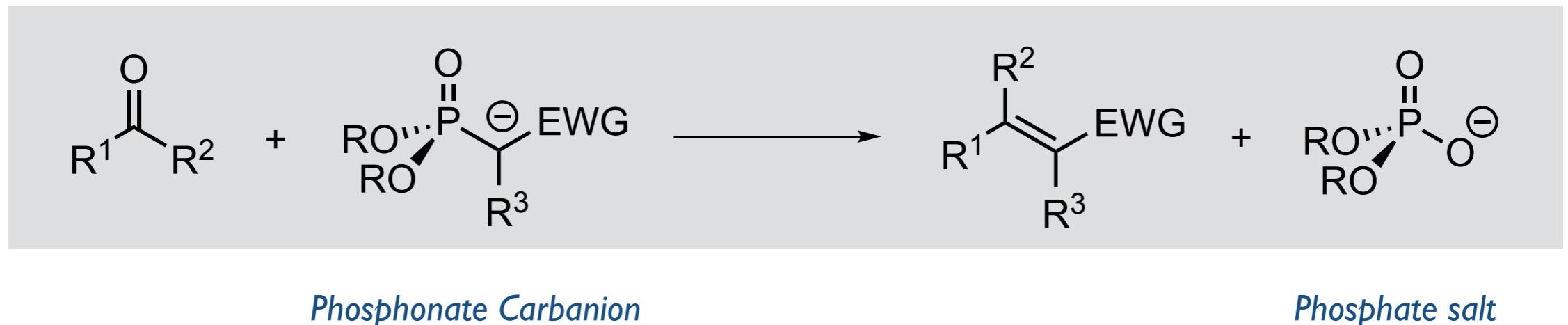
Wittig reactions carried out in the absence of lithium salts (**salt-free Wittig reactions**) are described as kinetically-controlled transformations...



Wittig Reaction in Synthesis



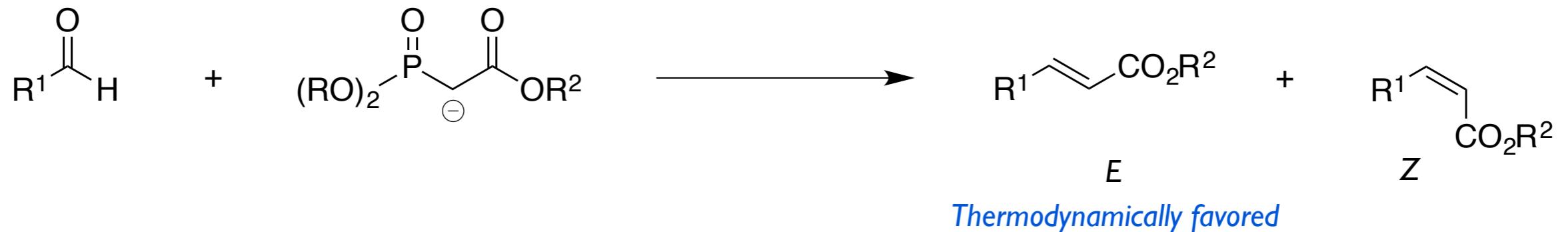
■ Wittig variants: addition of phosphonate carbanions to carbonyls



Phosphonate

$(\text{AlkylO})_2\text{POCH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{R}^2$	Horner-Wadsworth-Emmons
$(\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{O})_2\text{POCH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{R}^2$	Still-Gennari
$(\text{ArylO})_2\text{POCH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{R}^2$	Ando

HWE, Still-Gennari & Ando Reactions: Stereoselectivity

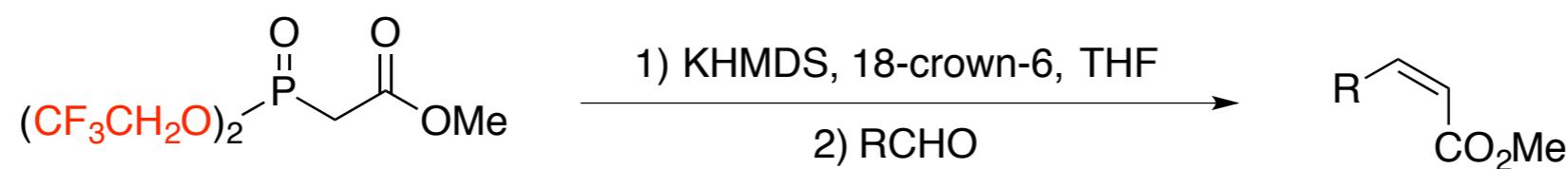


Phosphonate

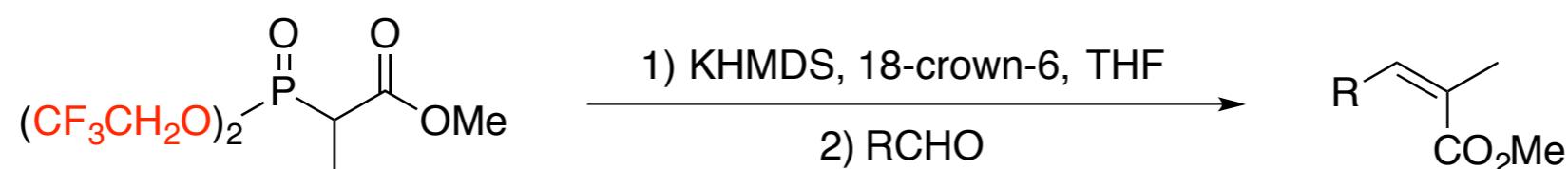
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Still-Gennari	$(\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{O})_2\text{POCH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{R}^2$	minor	MAJOR
Ando	$(\text{ArylO})_2\text{POCH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{R}^2$	minor	MAJOR

Still-Gennari Reaction: Stereoselectivity

Still-Gennari reaction provides a reliable entry to Z olefines ...



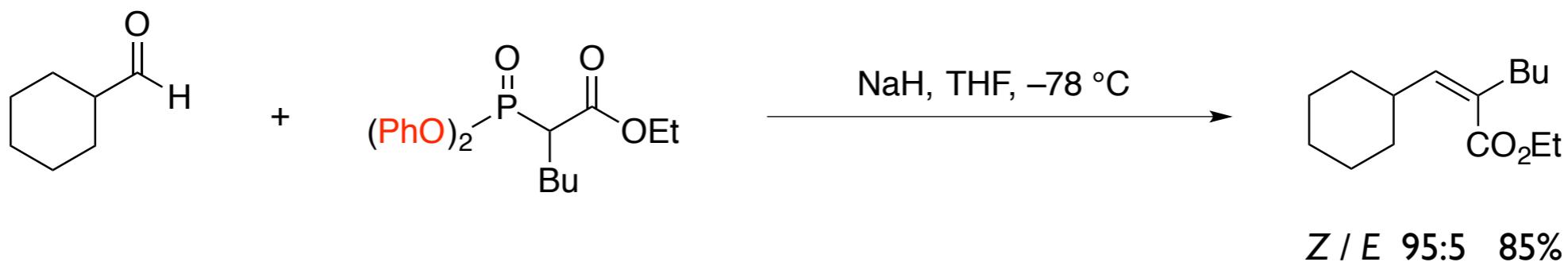
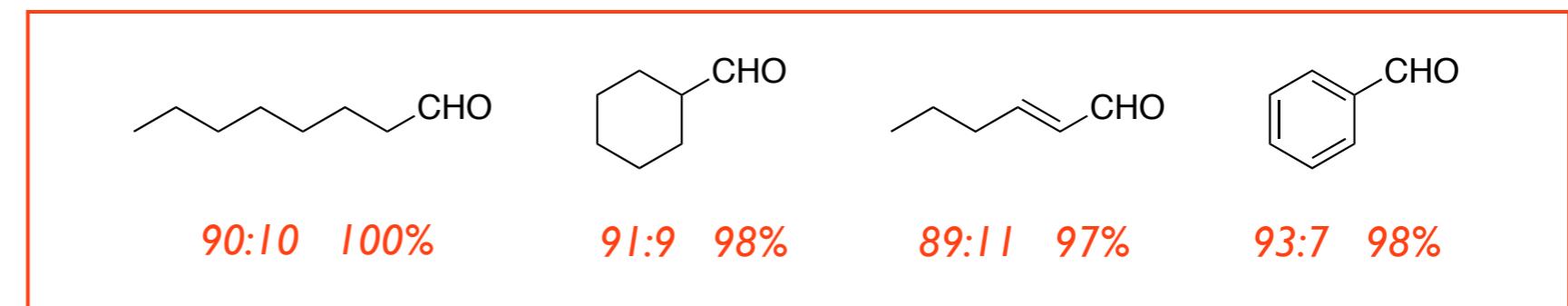
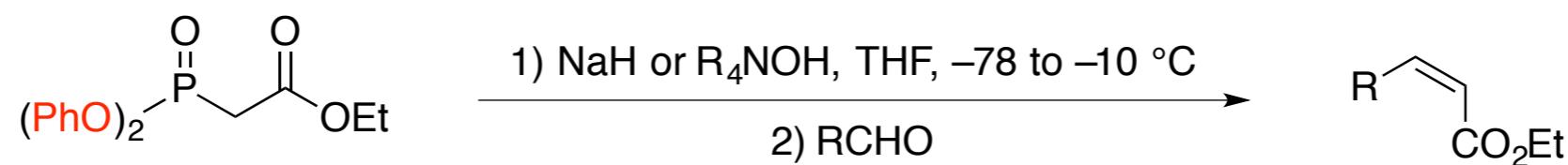
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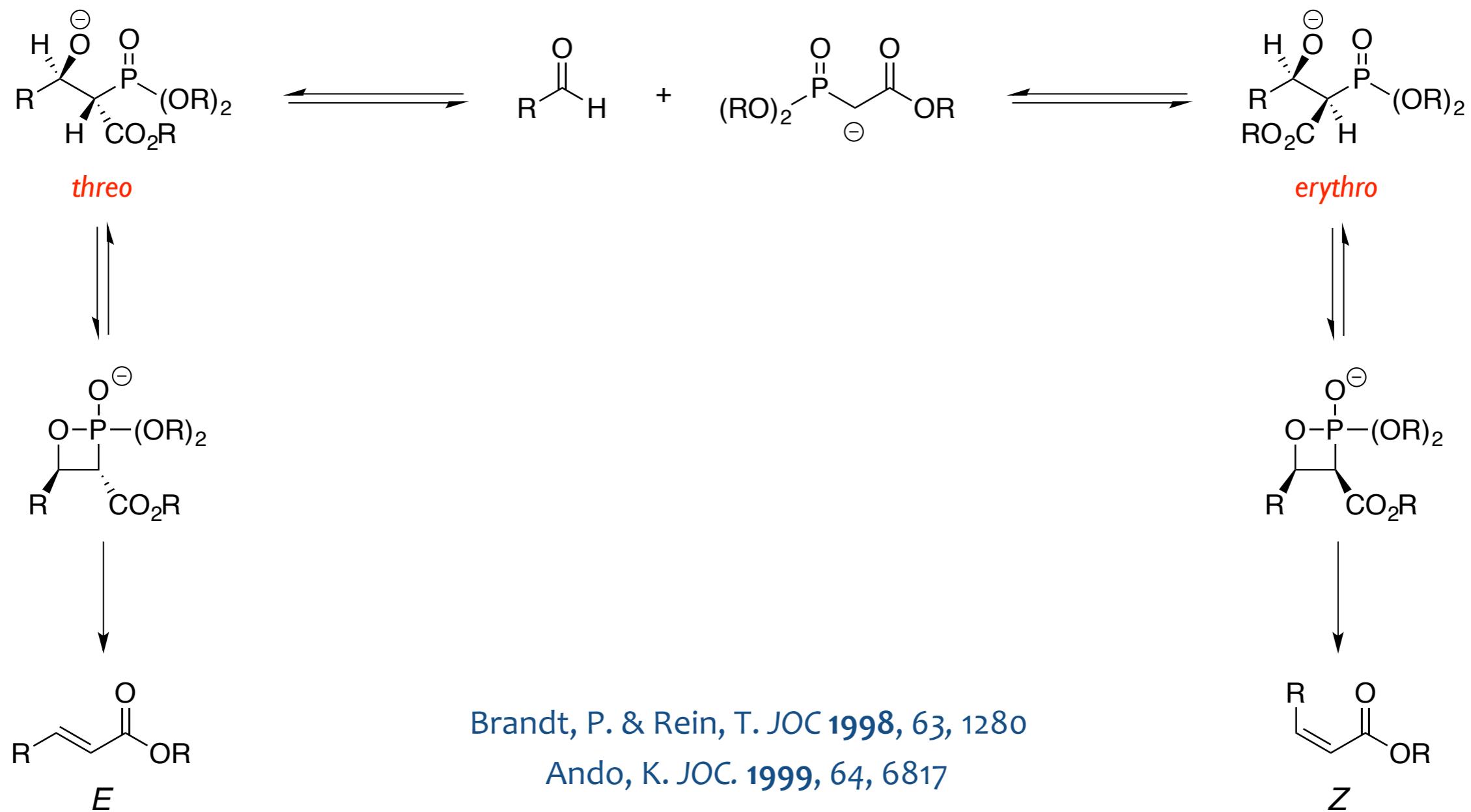
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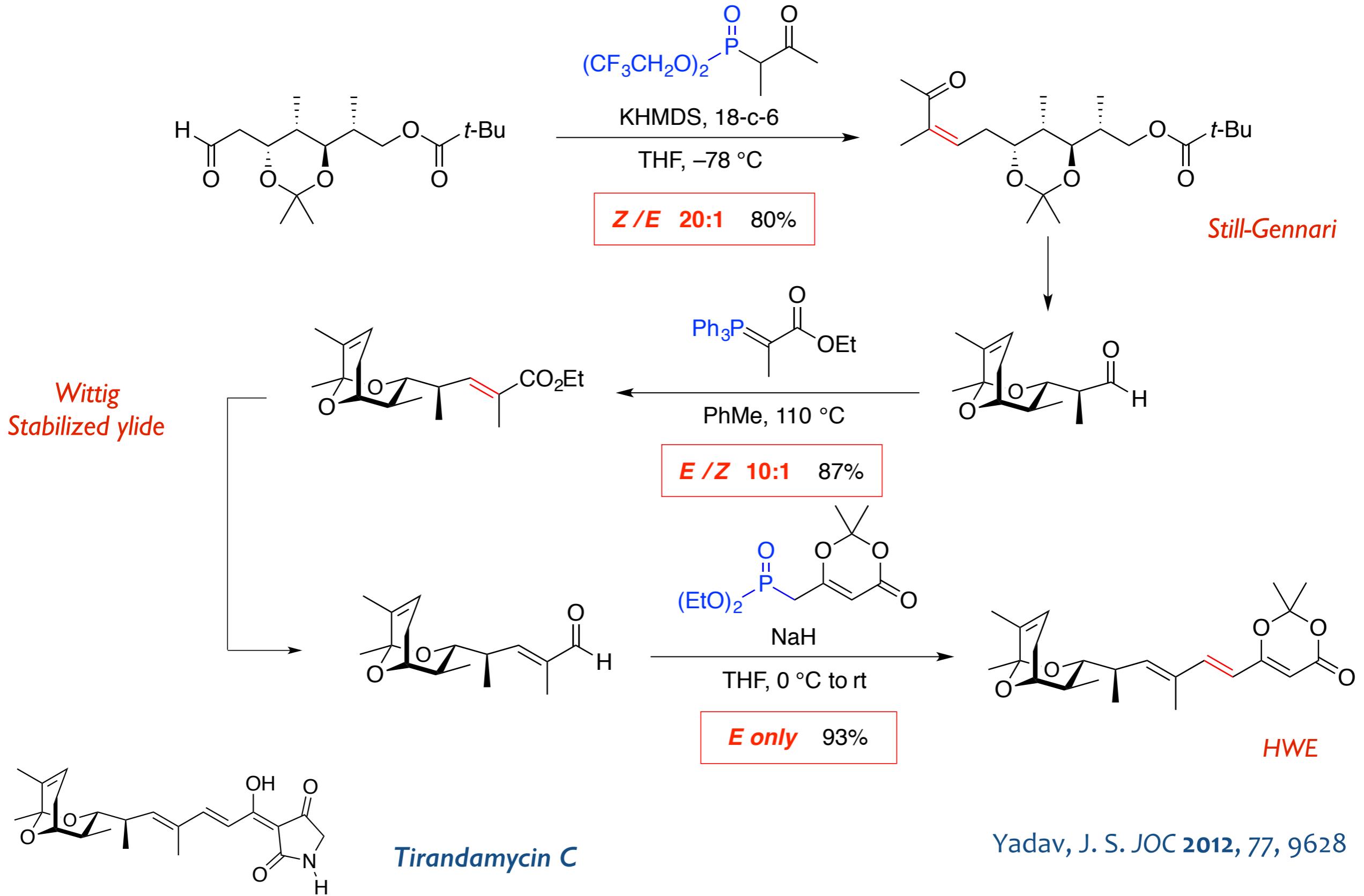
Ando Reaction: Stereoselectivity

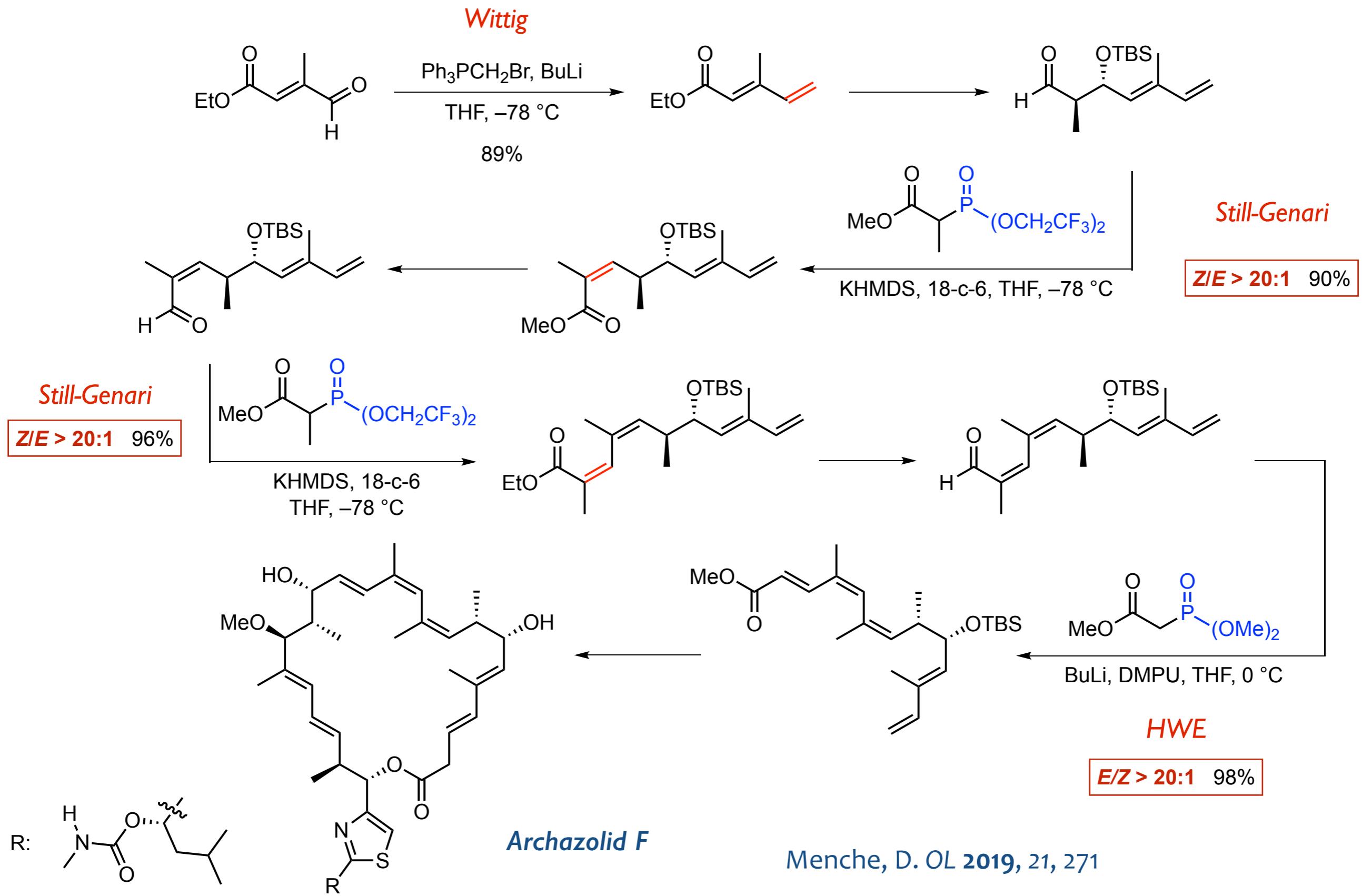
Ando reaction also gives Z olefins ...



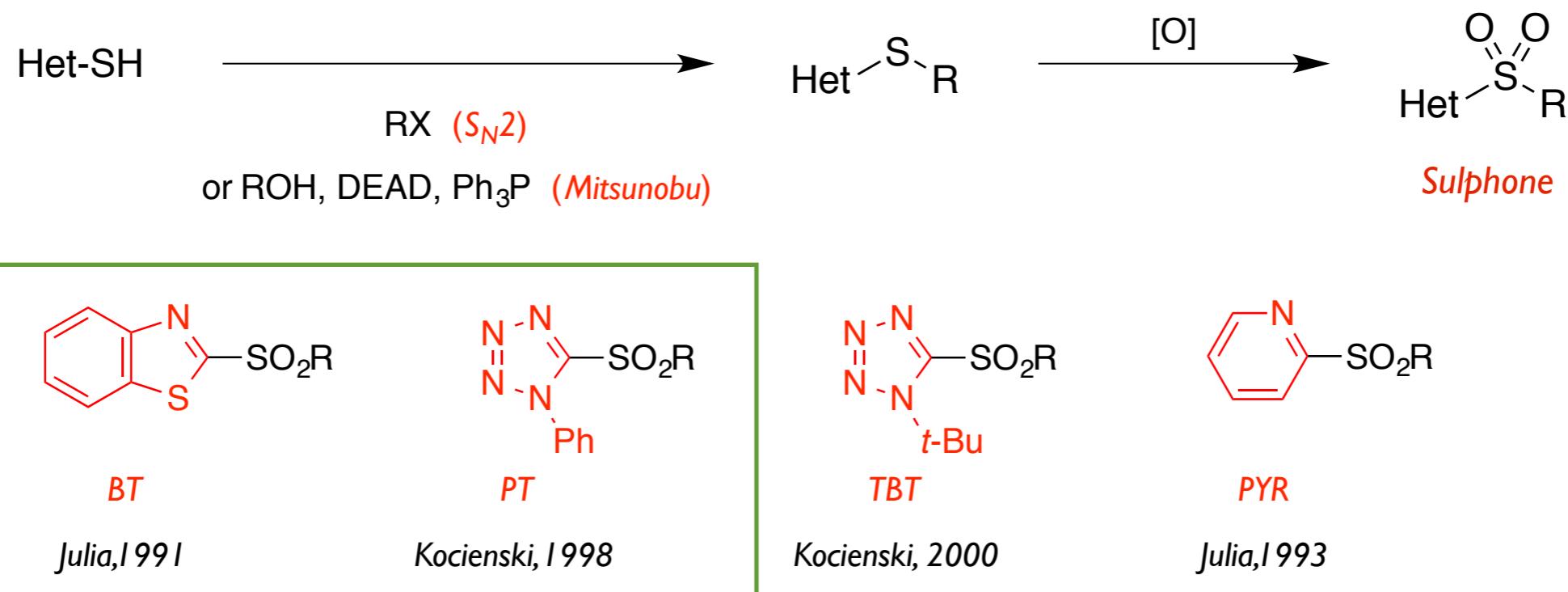
It is generally accepted that the stereoselectivity of the HWE reaction is a result of both kinetic and thermodynamic control upon the reversible formation of the erythro and threo adducts followed by the oxaphosphetane formation, pseudorotation, and decomposition to olefins.



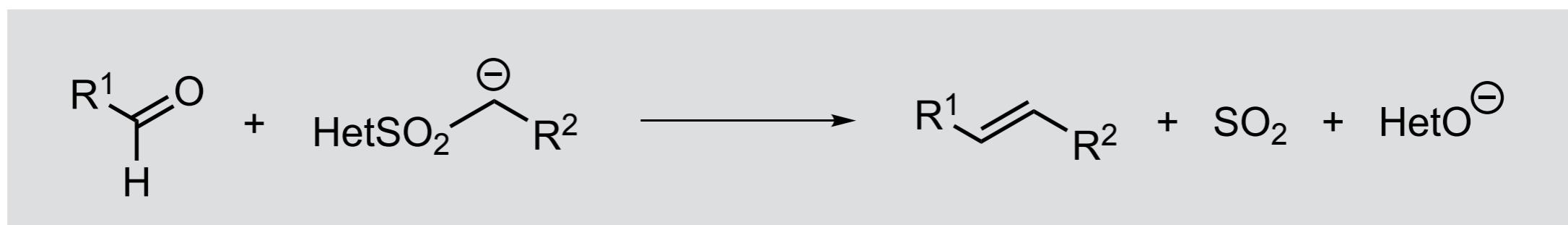




Julia-Kocienski Reaction: Concept



■ *Julia-Kocienski reaction: addition of sulfone carbanions to aldehydes*

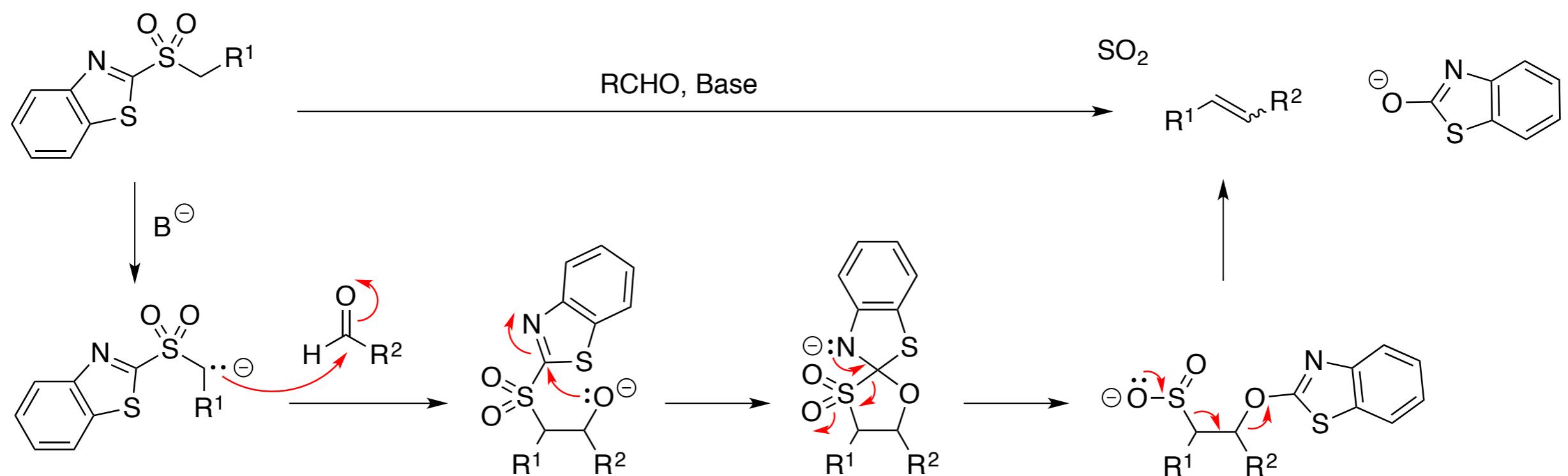


Blakemore, P. R. *JCS Perkin Trans 1* 2002, 2563; Aïssa, C. *EJOC* 2009, 1831

Julia-Kocienski Reaction: Mechanism

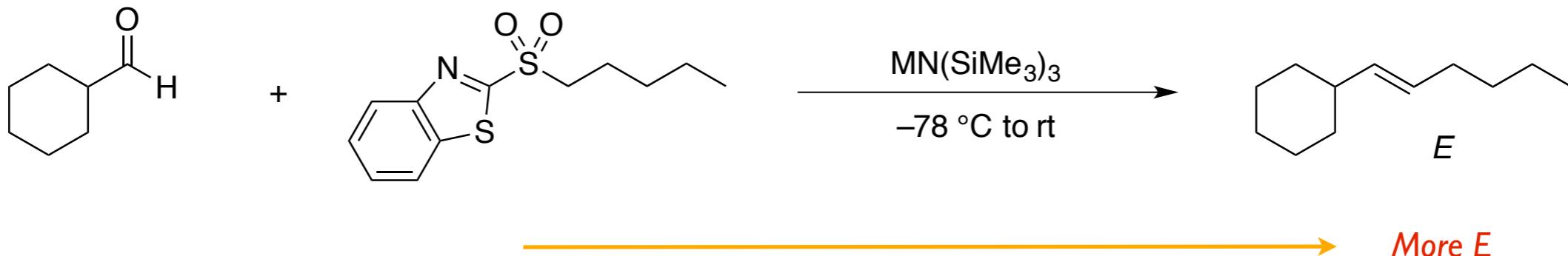
Sulfone acidity

$\text{Ph}-\text{S}(=\text{O})_2-\text{R}$	R	H	Me	$t\text{-Bu}$	Ph
	pK_a	29.0	31.0	31.2	23.4

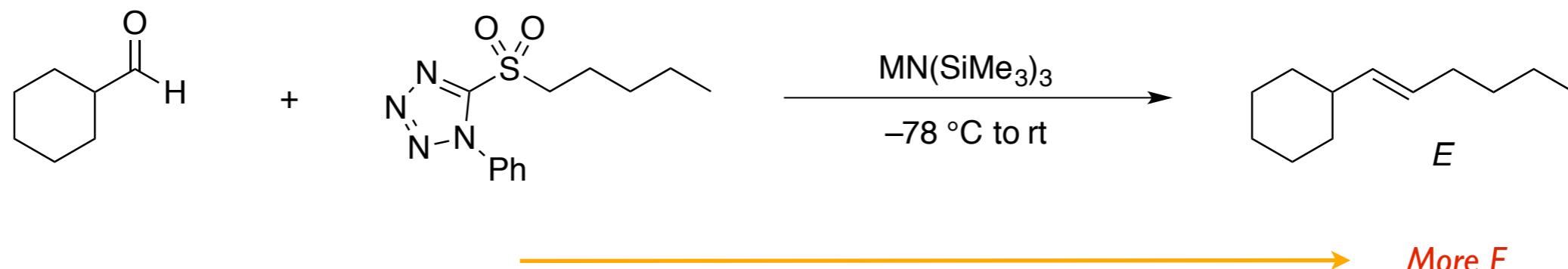


For a computational analysis of the Julia Kocienski reaction, see
 Legnani, L.; Vidari, G. *JOC* **2015**, *80*, 3092

Julia-Kocienski Reaction: Stereoselectivity

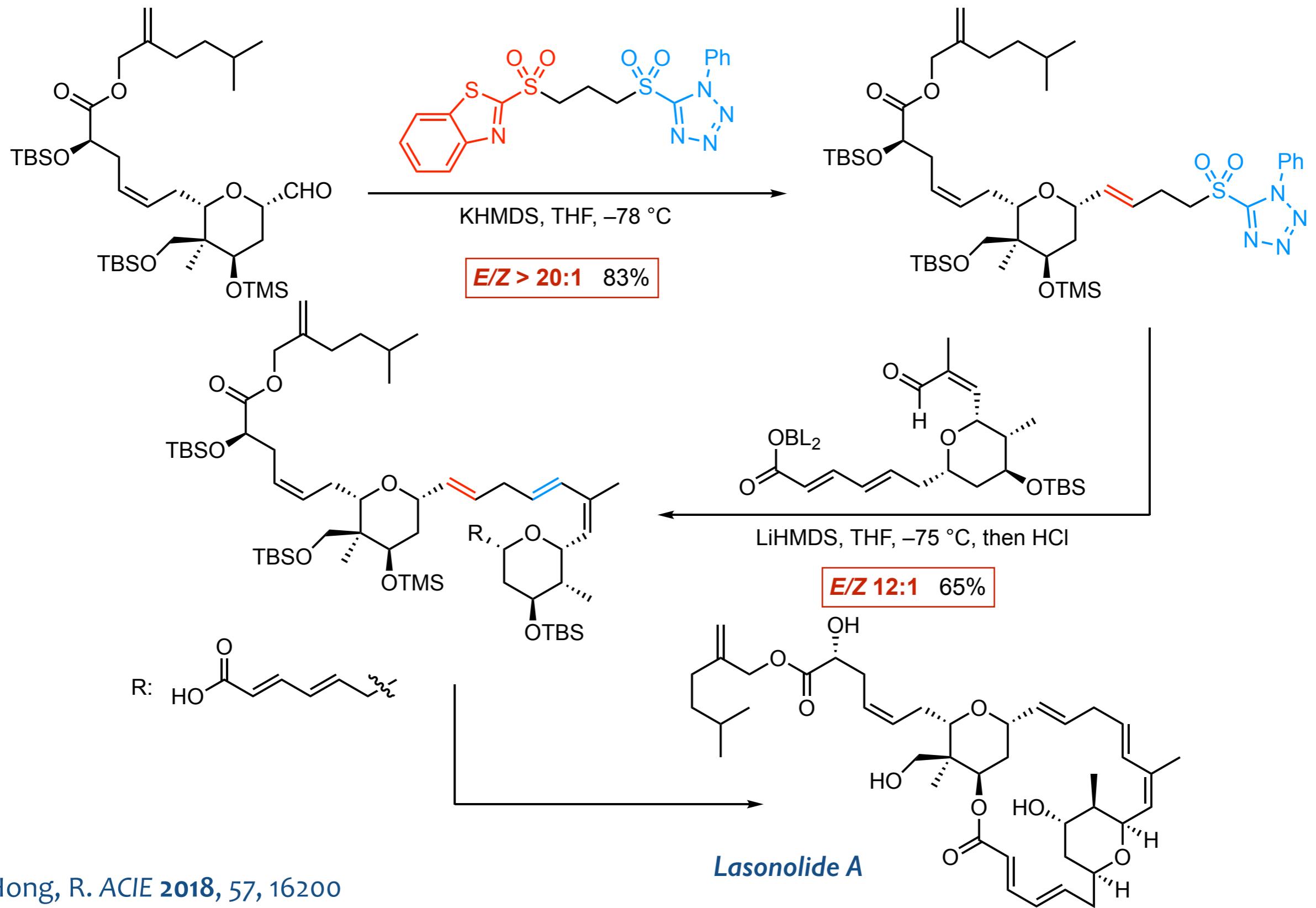


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<i>Li</i>	50 : 50	50 : 50	66 : 34	70 : 30
<i>Na</i>	54 : 46	50 : 50	62 : 38	75 : 25
<i>K</i>	54 : 46	50 : 50	54 : 46	76 : 24



M	<i>PhMe</i>	<i>Et₂O</i>	<i>THF</i>	<i>DME</i>
<i>Li</i>	51 : 49	61 : 39	69 : 31	72 : 28
<i>Na</i>	65 : 35	65 : 35	73 : 27	89 : 11
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Julia-Kocienski Reaction: Stereoselectivity



Stereoselectivity of Wittig, HWE & Variants

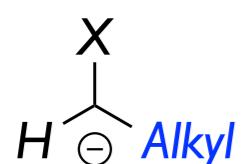


Regioselectivity ✓

Stereoselectivity (*Z* versus *E*) ?

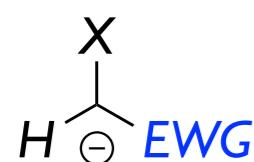
Z olefin

E olefin



Wittig

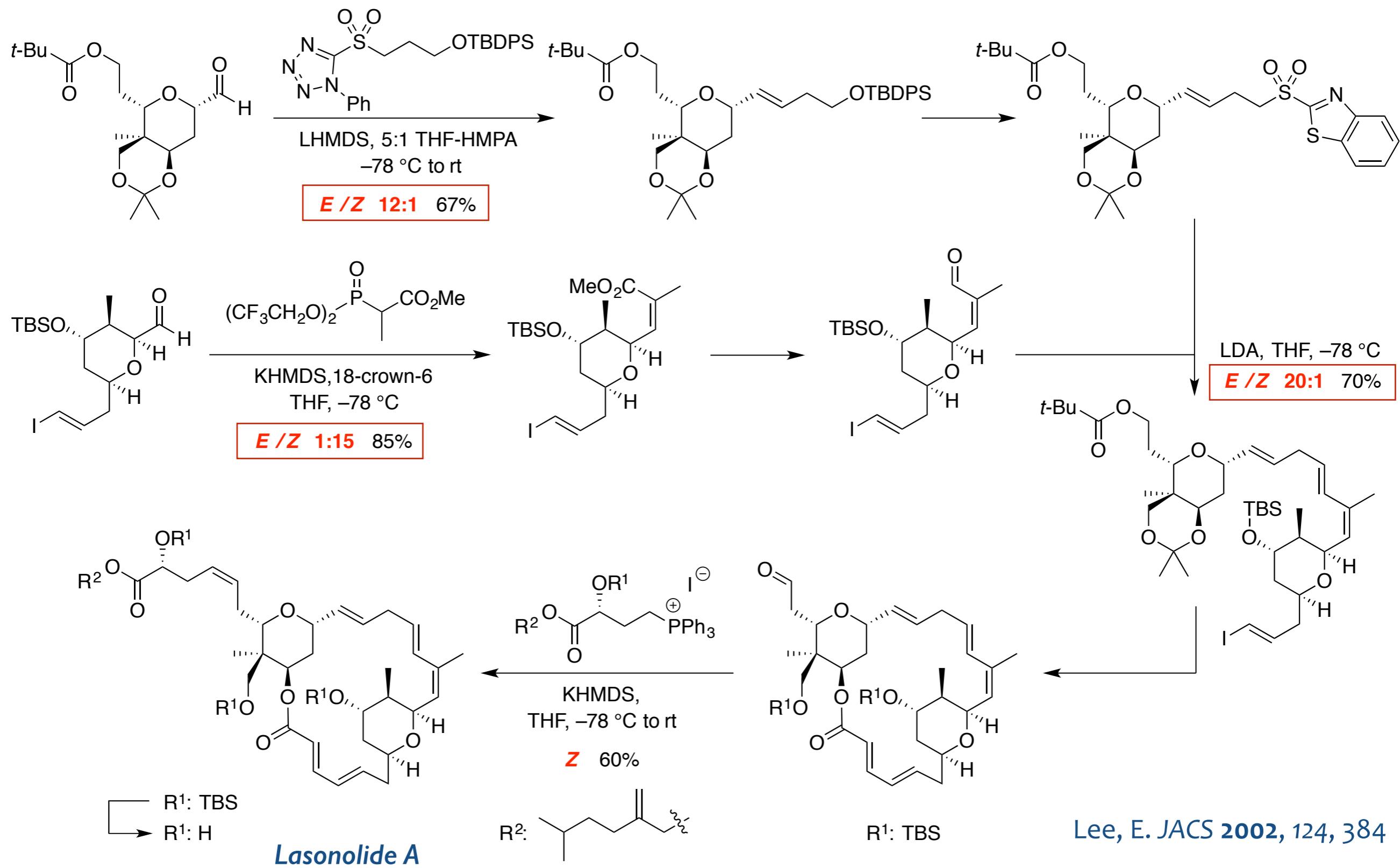
Julia-Kocienski



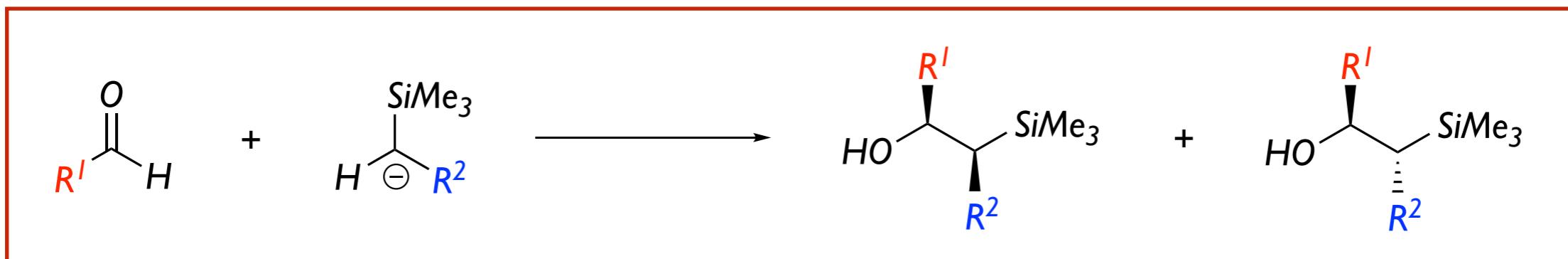
Still-Gennari & Ando

Wittig & HWE

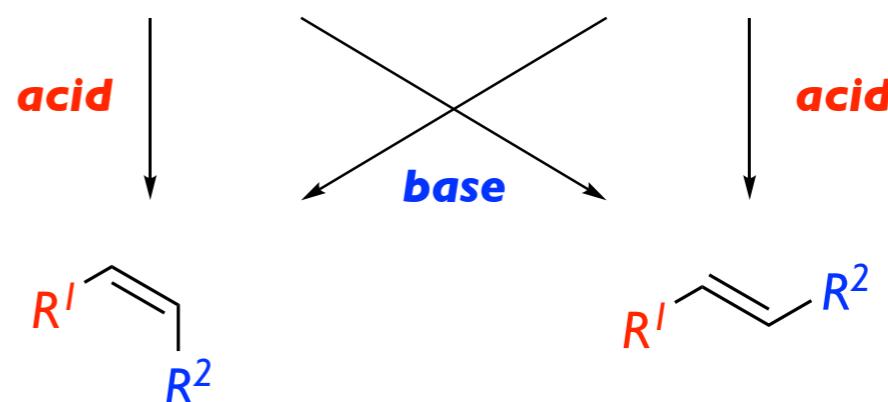
Synthesis of Natural Products



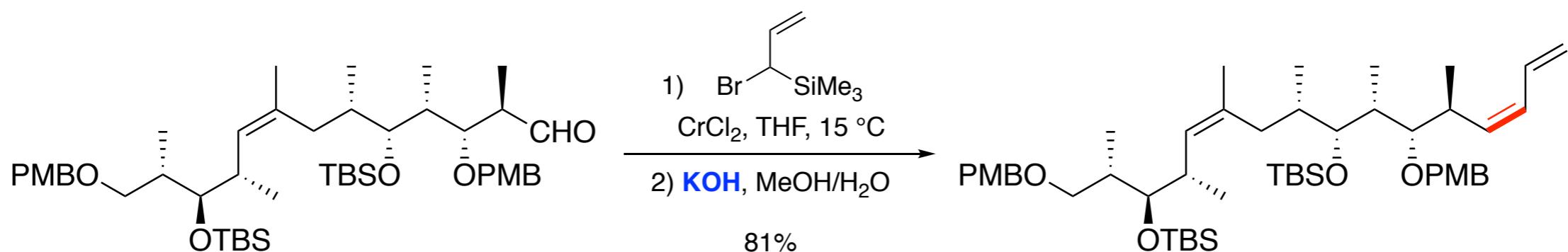
Other C=C Bond Forming Reactions: Peterson Olefination



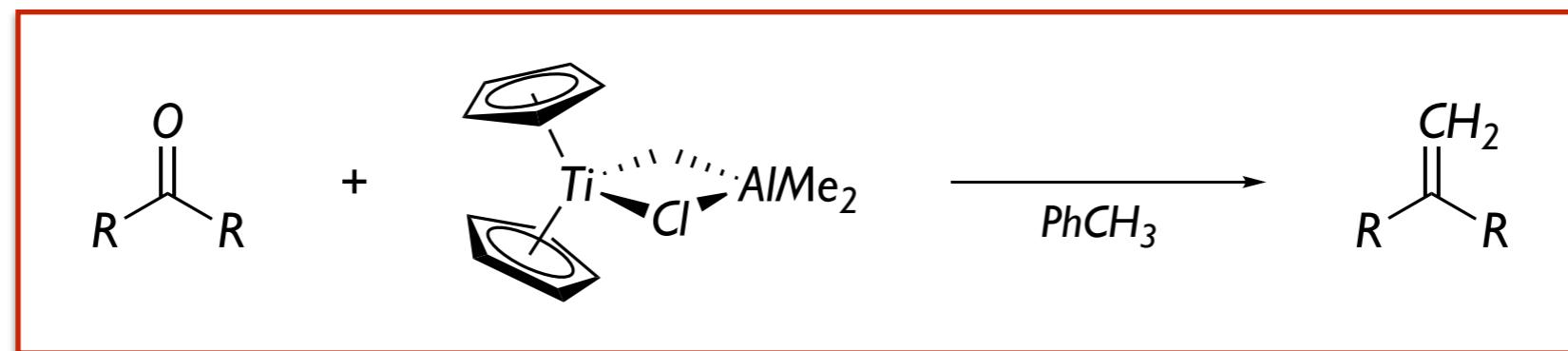
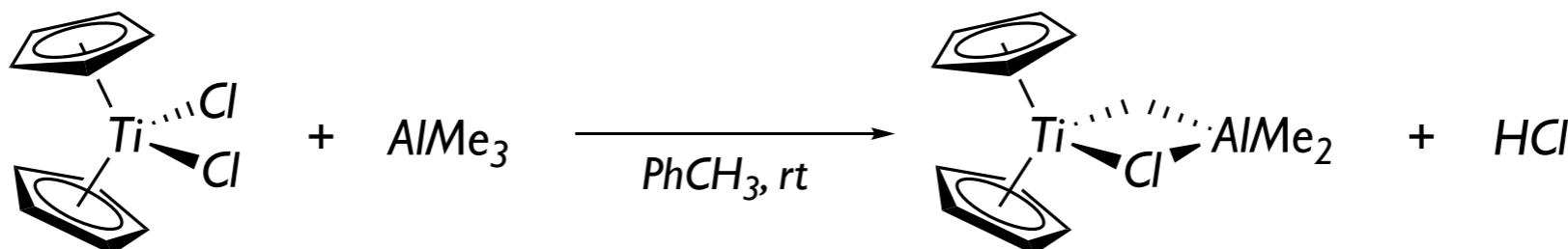
Remember elimination reactions
to understand the mechanism



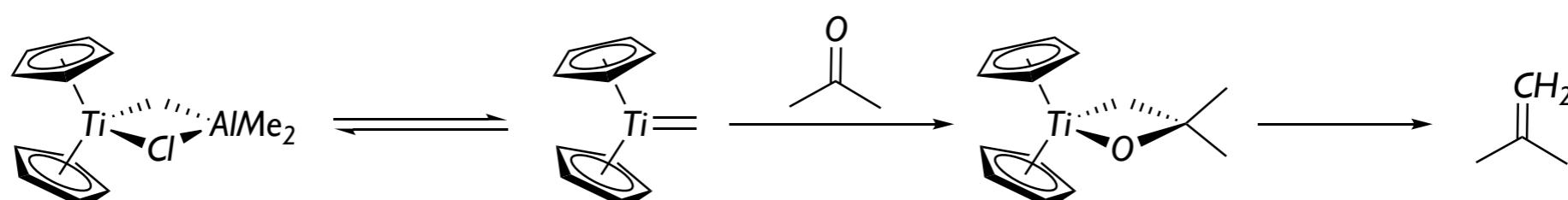
Nozaki-Hiyama-Kishi-type coupling



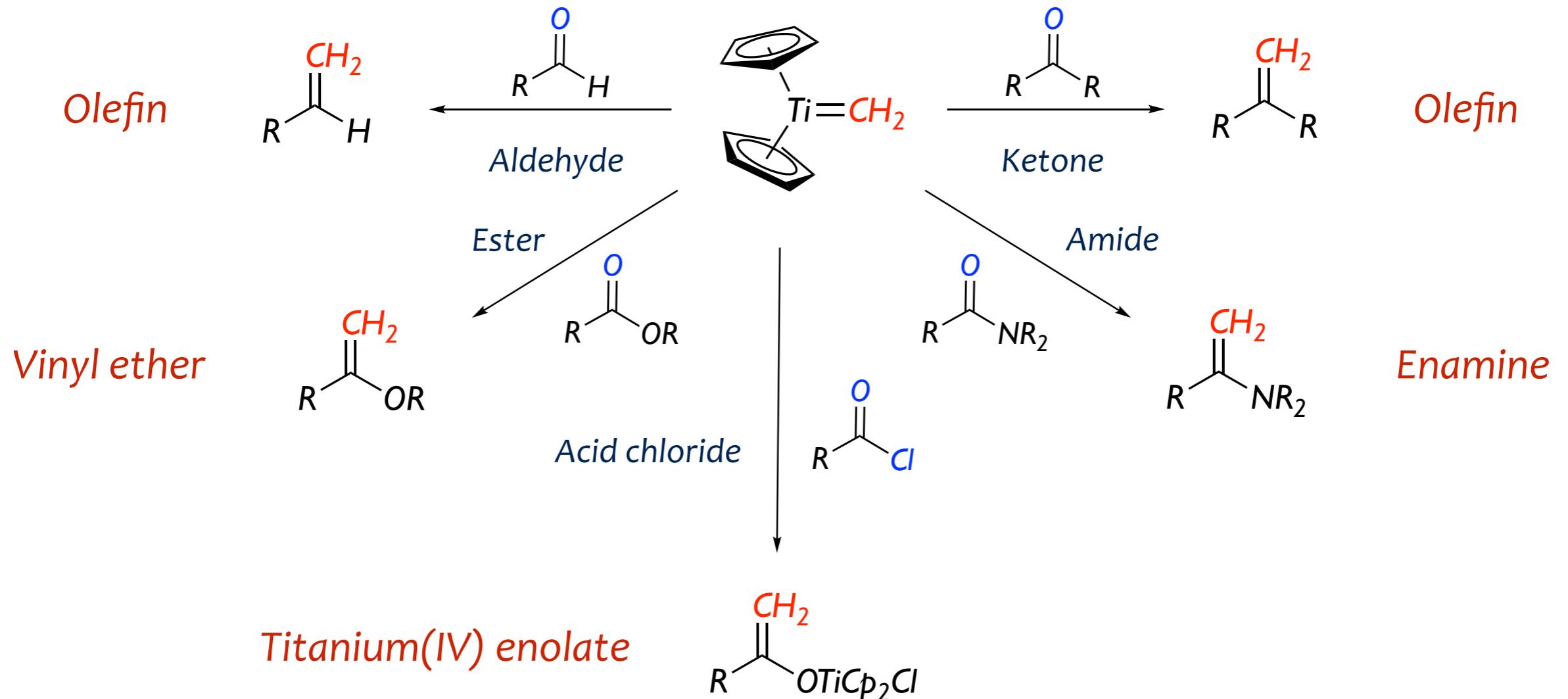
Other C=C Bond Forming Reactions: Tebbe Olefination



From a mechanistic point of view, it looks like a metathesis



Other C=C Bond Forming Reactions: Tebbe Olefination

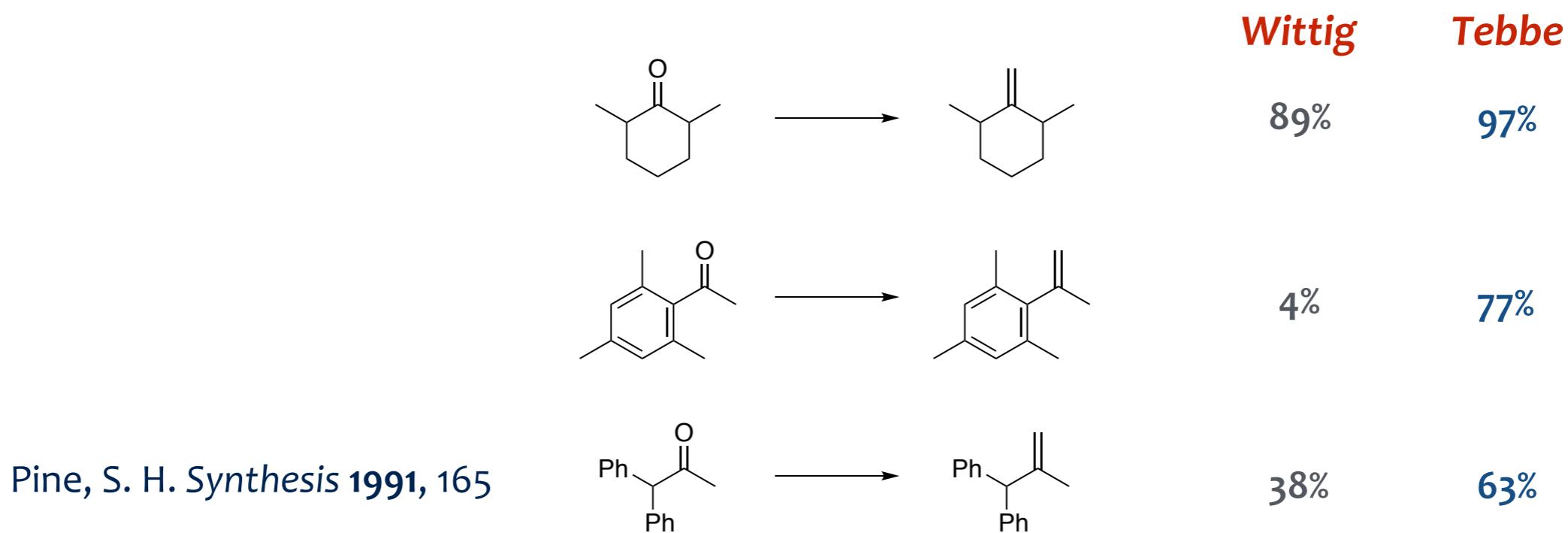


The Tebbe-Petasis variant utilizes Cp_2TiMe_2



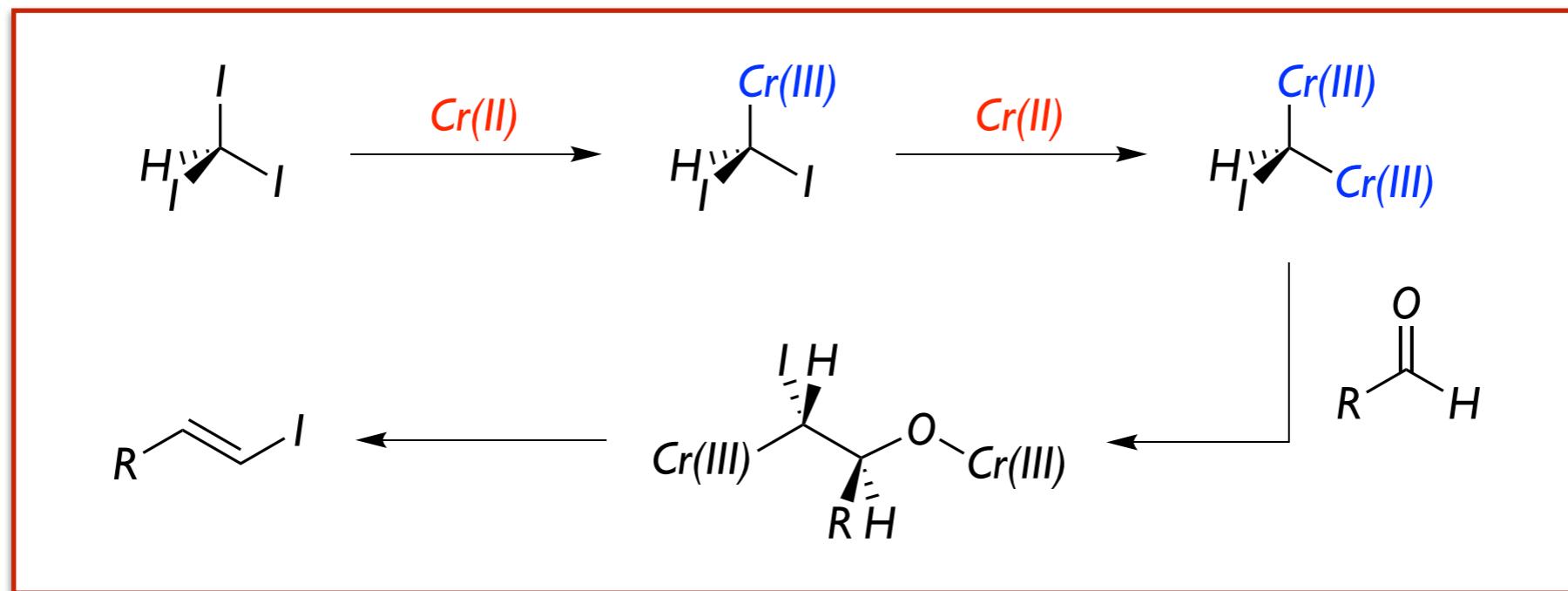
Other C=C Bond Forming Reactions: Tebbe Olefination

- The Tebbe reagent is a non-basic reagent
- Highly reactive in front of sterically hindered carbonyl groups



- The Tebbe reagent is generated and reacts at low temperature
- The Tebbe reagent is a Lewis acid sensitive to moist and oxygen
- The Tebbe reagent is limited to methylenation

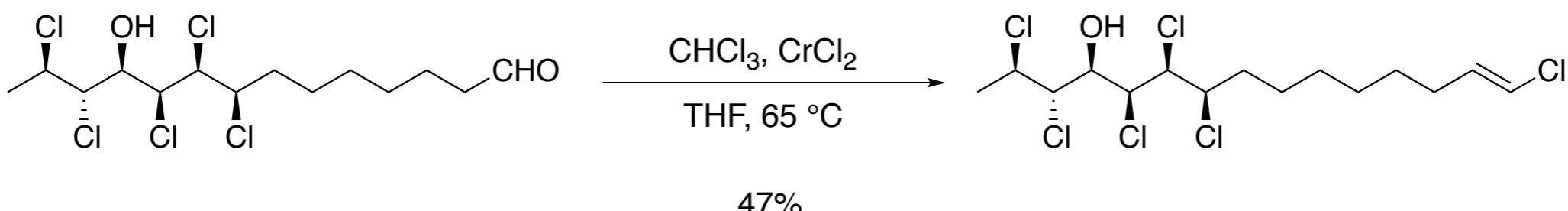
Other C=C Bond Forming Reactions: Takai Olefination



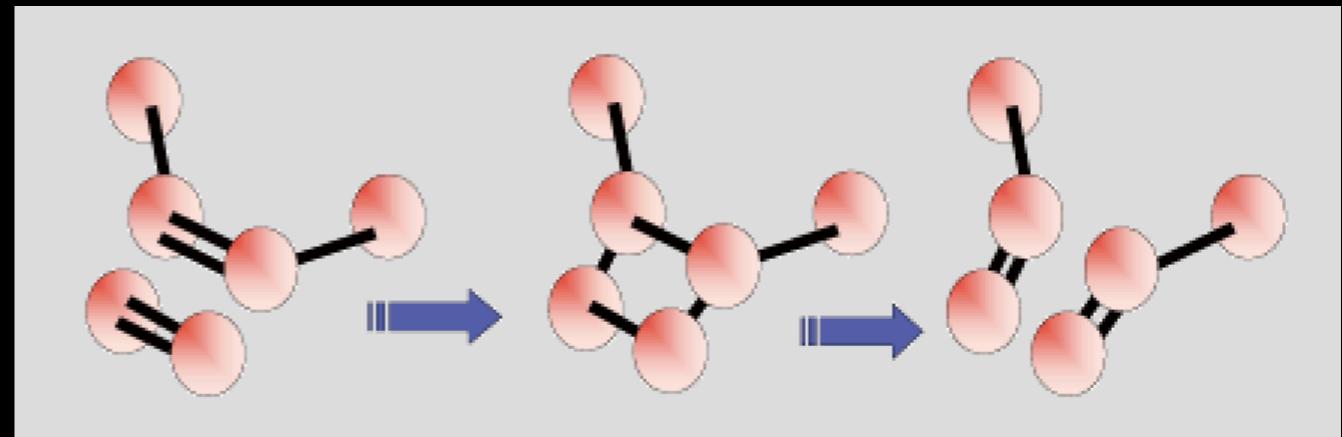
Iodoolefins are very useful intermediates for Pd-mediated couplings

For an insightful analysis of the mechanism, see Anwander, R. JACS 2018, 140, 14334

Occasionally, it can be applied to bromo and chloroderivatives

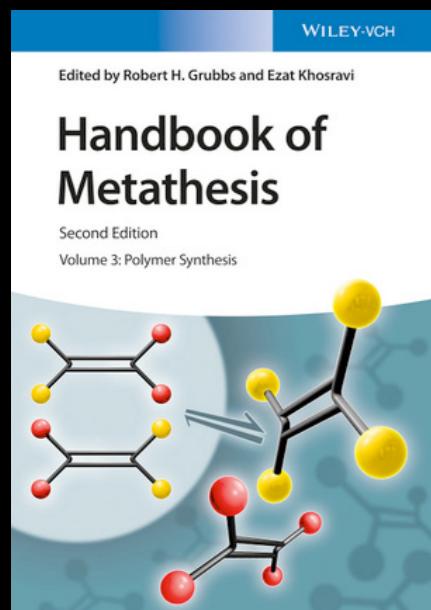


Carreira, E. M. Nature 2009, 457, 573



Metathesis

a key reaction beyond ionic analysis



Olefin Metathesis: the reaction of the 90s?

The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2005 ...
for the development of the metathesis method in organic synthesis



Yves CHAUVIN



Robert H. GRUBBS



Richard R. GRUBBS

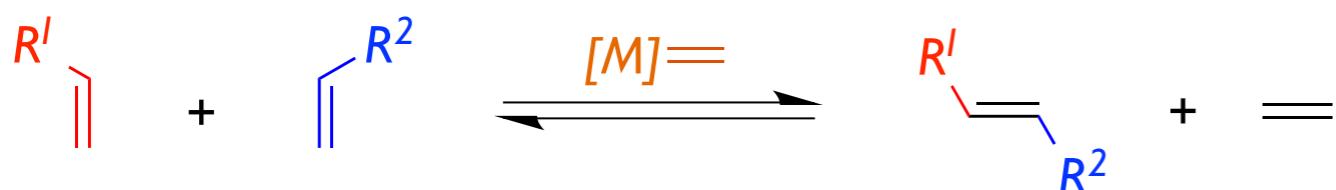
**Alkene metathesis in all its various guises has arguably influenced and shaped
the landscape of synthetic organic chemistry
more than any other single process over the last 15 years**

Nicolaou, K. C. ACIE 2005, 44, 4490

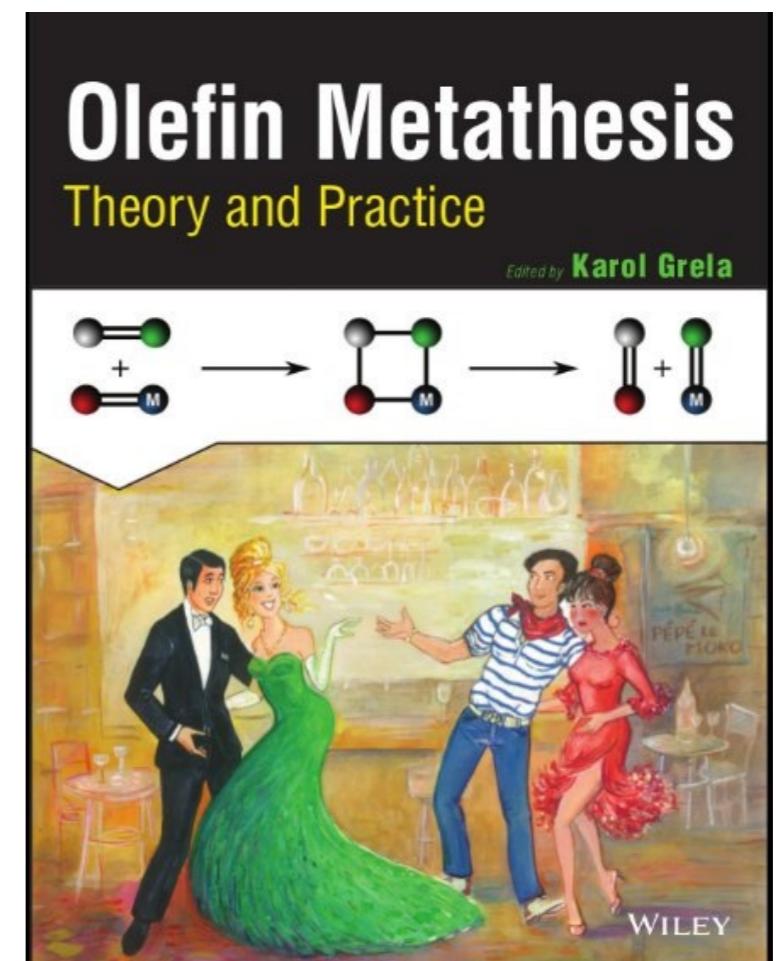
Metathesis = Meta (change) & **thesis** (position)



Olefin metathesis can be formally described as the intermolecular mutual exchange of alkylidene fragments between two olefins promoted by metal-carbene complexes



Nicolaou, K. C. *Classics in Total Synthesis II.* p. 162



Grela K. *Olefin Metathesis. Theory and Practice.* Wiley
For an analysis, see ACIE 2015, 54, 3856

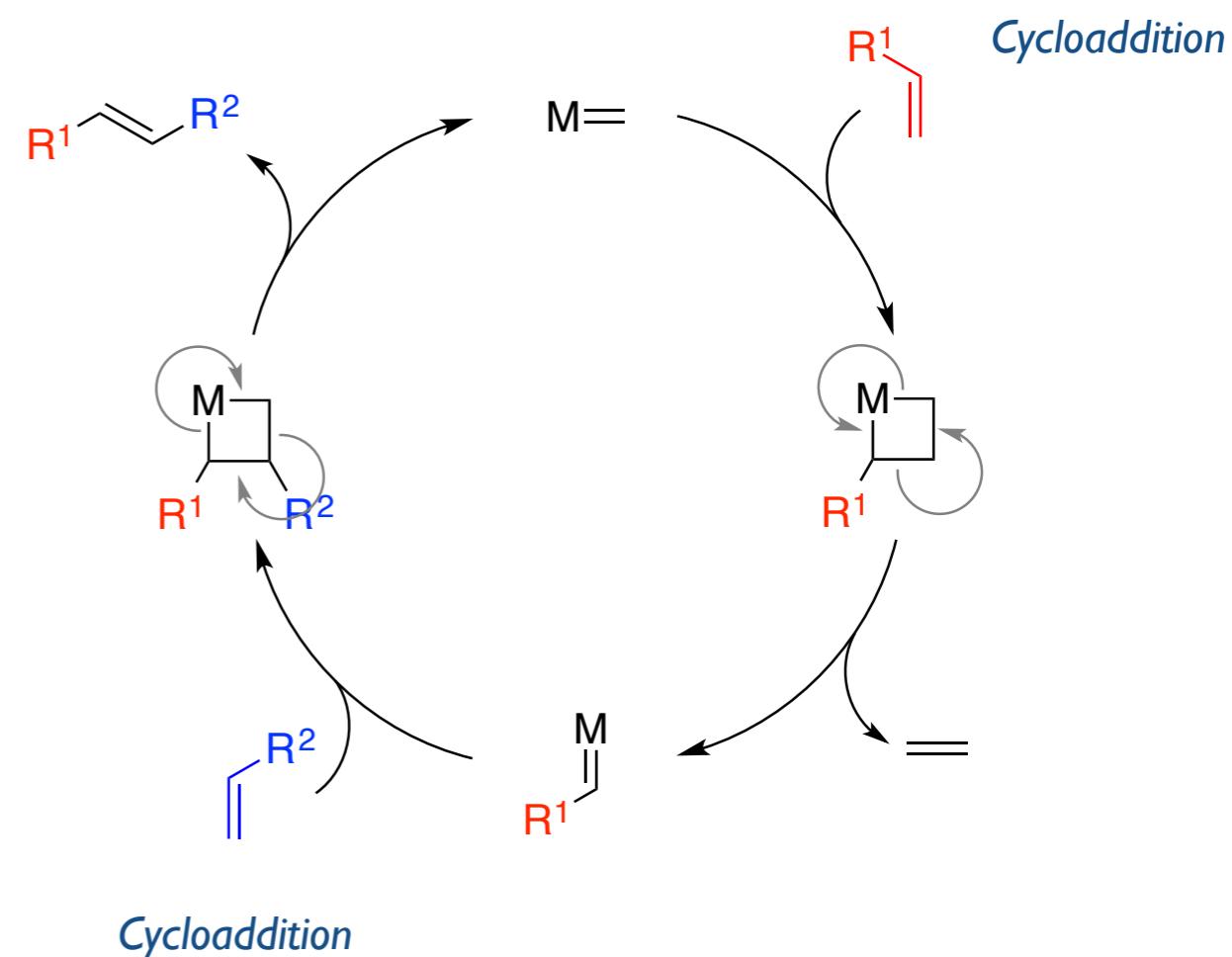
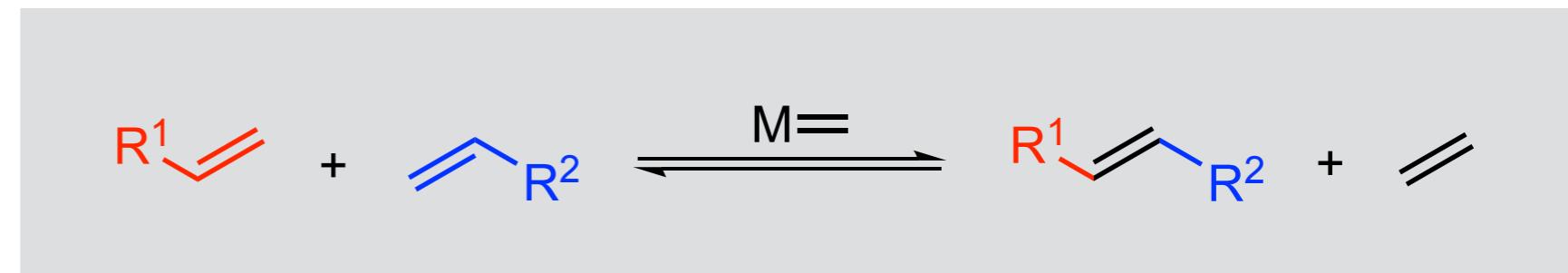
Olefin Metathesis: Features & Mechanism

Olefin metathesis is a reversible, catalytic process (1–5 mol%), with high levels of chemo-, regio-, and stereoselectivity

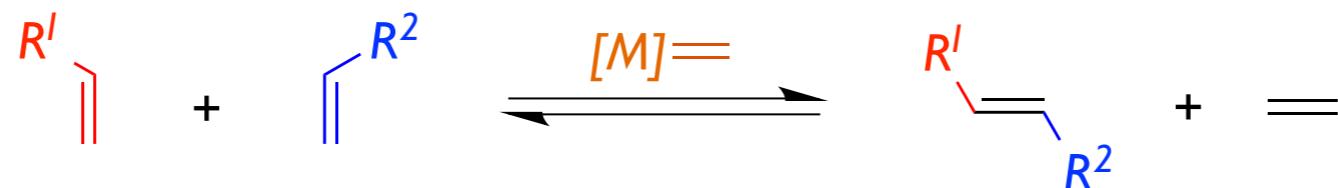
Except for the synthesis of small cycles, the reversible character of olefin metathesis usually results in the formation of the thermodynamically most favorable *E* product.

CURRENT CHALLENGE: KINETIC STEREOCONTROL

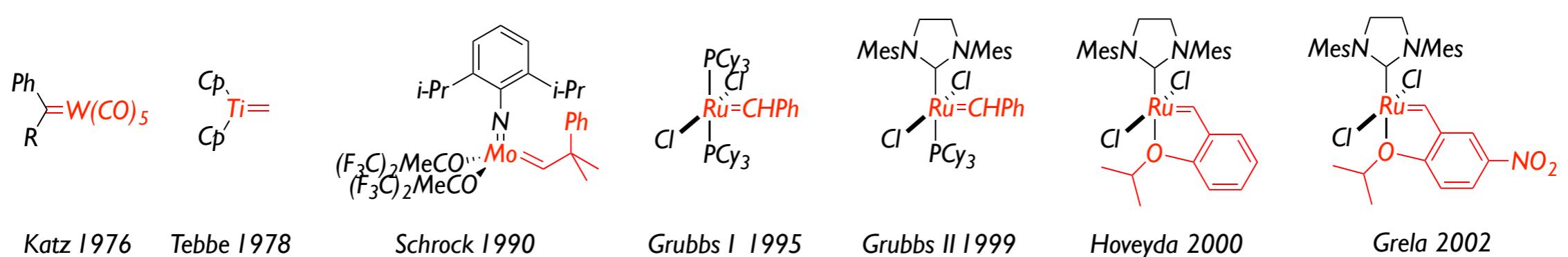
Fürstner, A. *Science* **2013**, *341*, 1357
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Olefin Metathesis: Catalysts



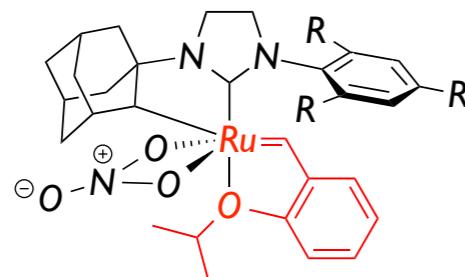
Ruthenium carbenes, $[M]=$, the most common catalysts used in olefin methathesis so far



Nicolaou, K. C. *Classics in Total Synthesis II.* p. 162

For an account of different ruthenium catalysts, Grela, K. *ASC 2013*, 355, 1997

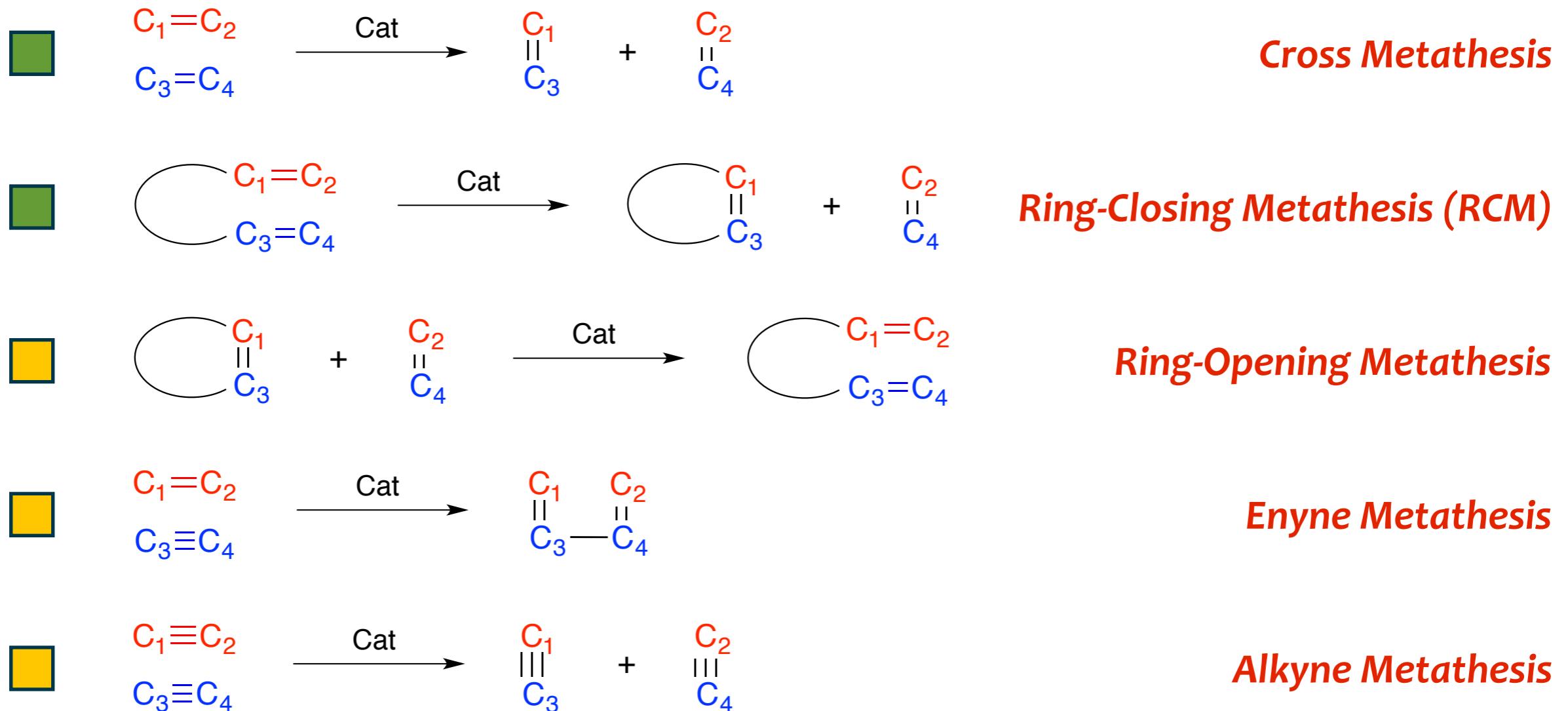
For a perspective on Olefin Metathesis, Hoveyda, A. H. *JOC 2014*, 79, 4763



More complex ruthenium based complexes are being developed
to achieve high Z stereoselectivity

Olefin Metathesis: A Powerful Synthetic Tool

Metathesis is widely considered as one of the most powerful synthetic tools in organic synthesis



Nicolaou, K. C. *Classics in Total Synthesis II.* p. 162

Blechert, S. *ACIE* **2003**, 42, 1900; Nicolaou, K. C. **2005**, 44, 4490

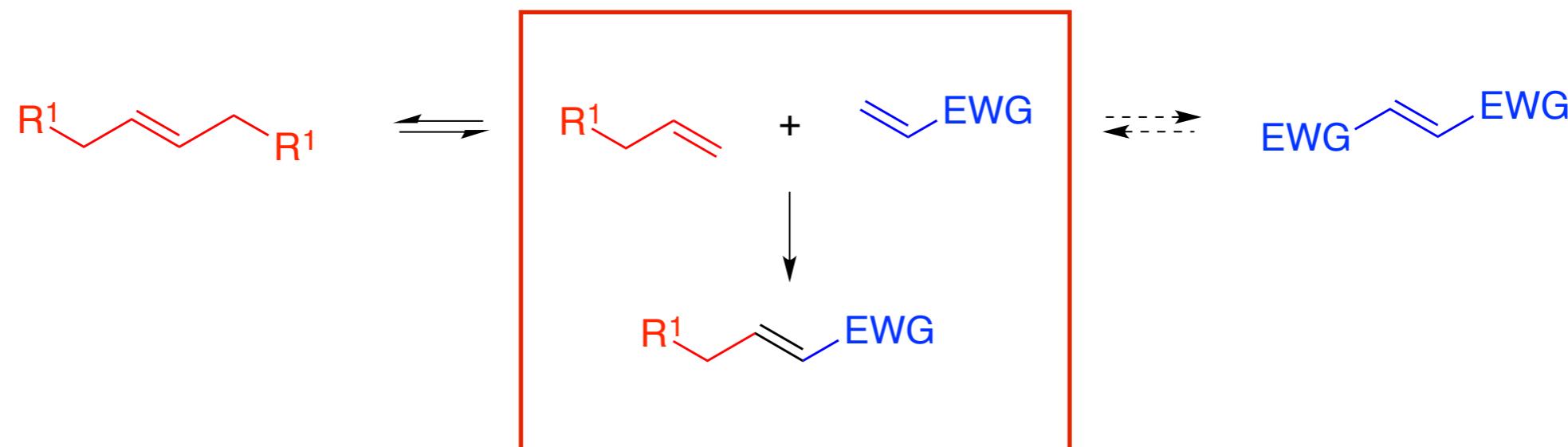
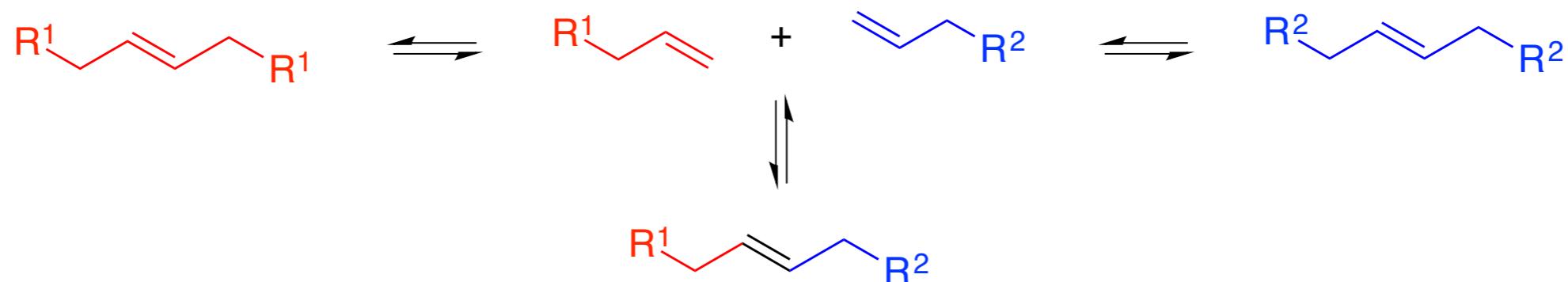
Schrodi, Y. & Pederson, R. L. *Aldrichimica Acta* **2007**, 40, 45

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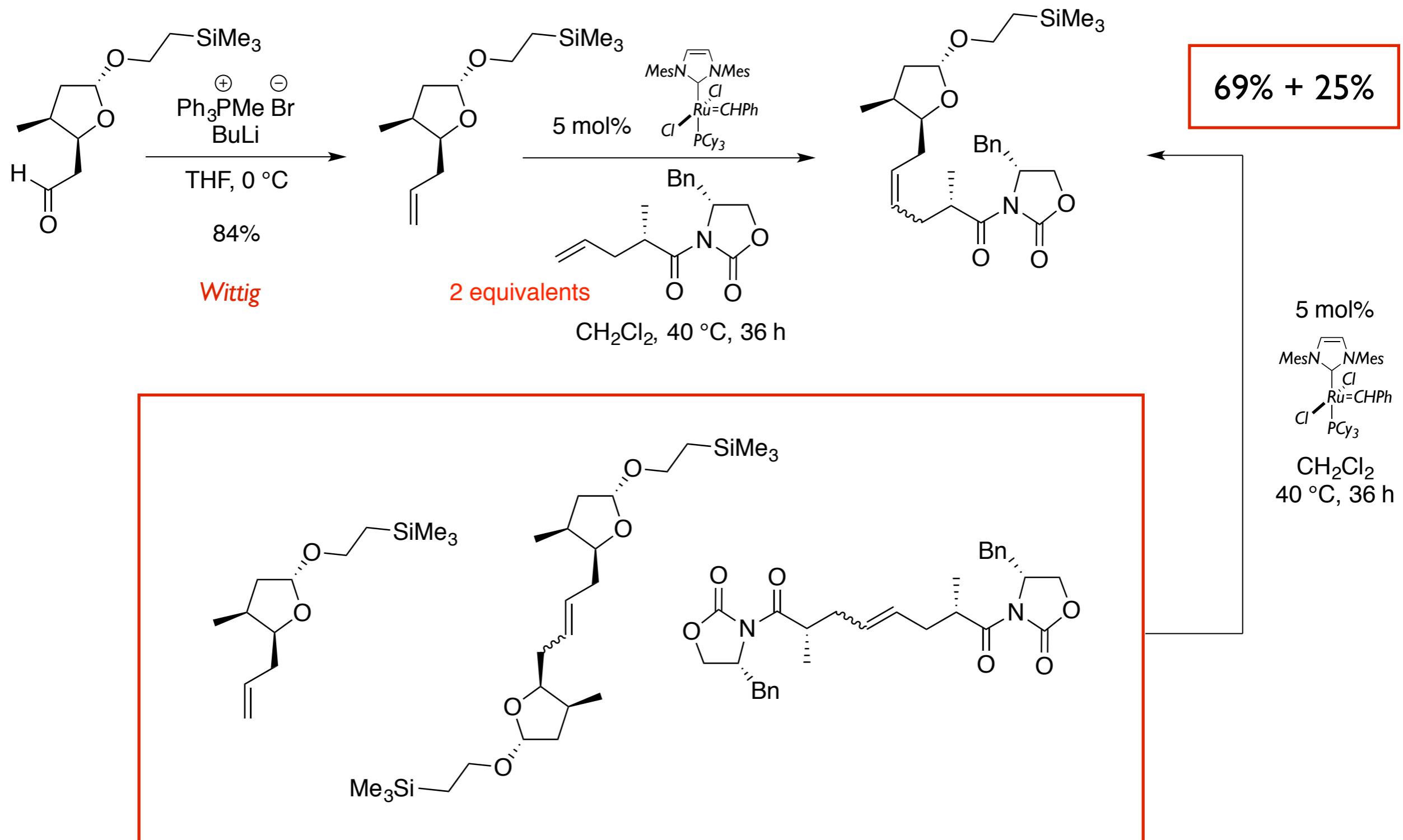
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Cross Metathesis has to face non-selective couplings ...

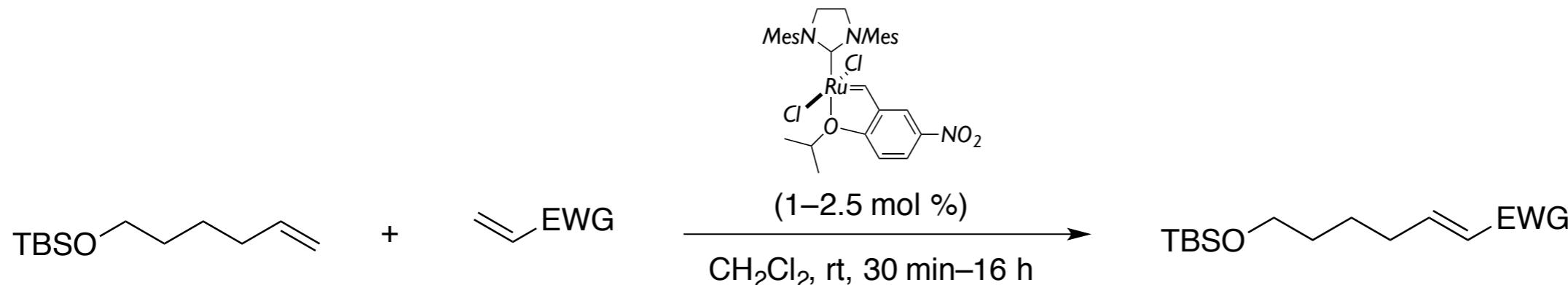


The geometry of the resultant olefin turns to be *E*,
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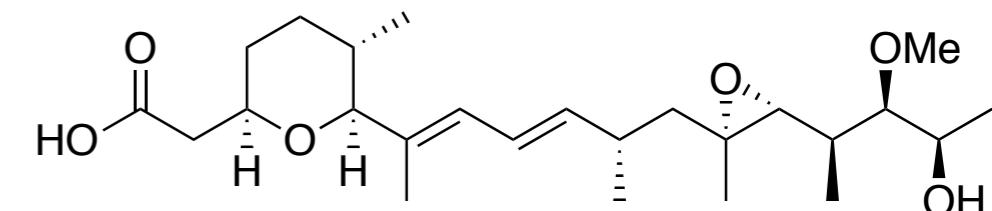
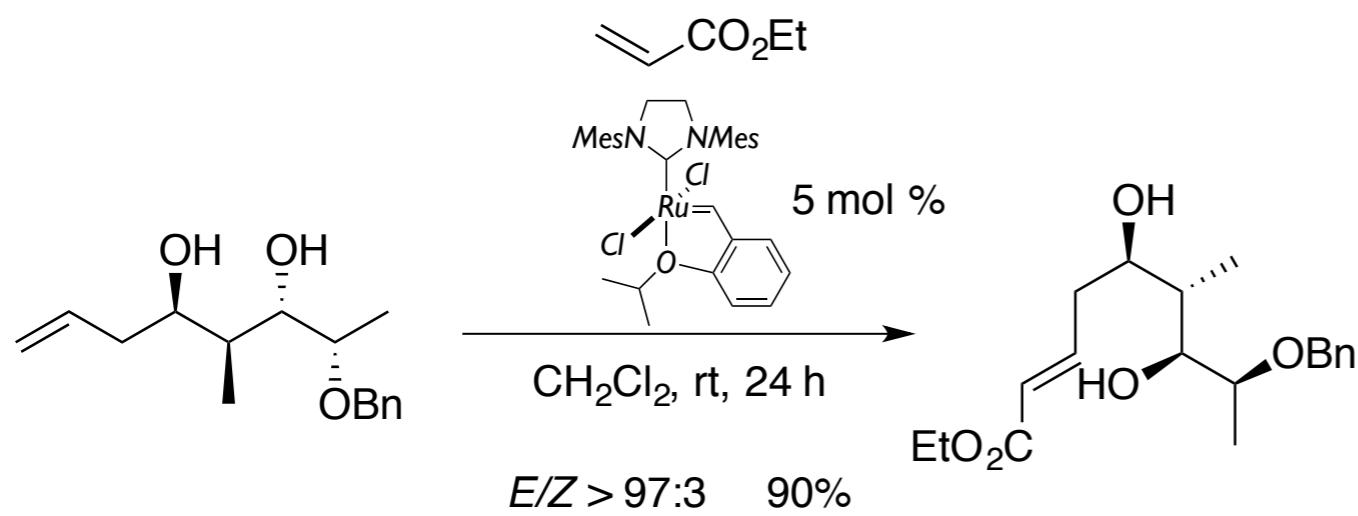
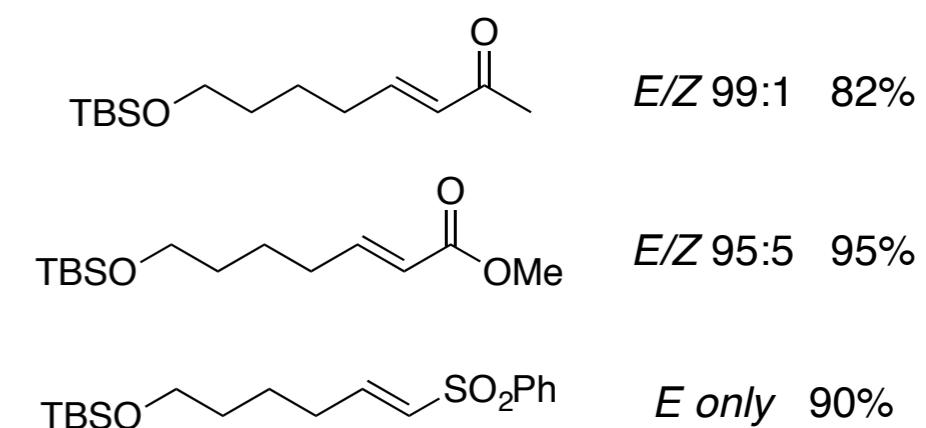
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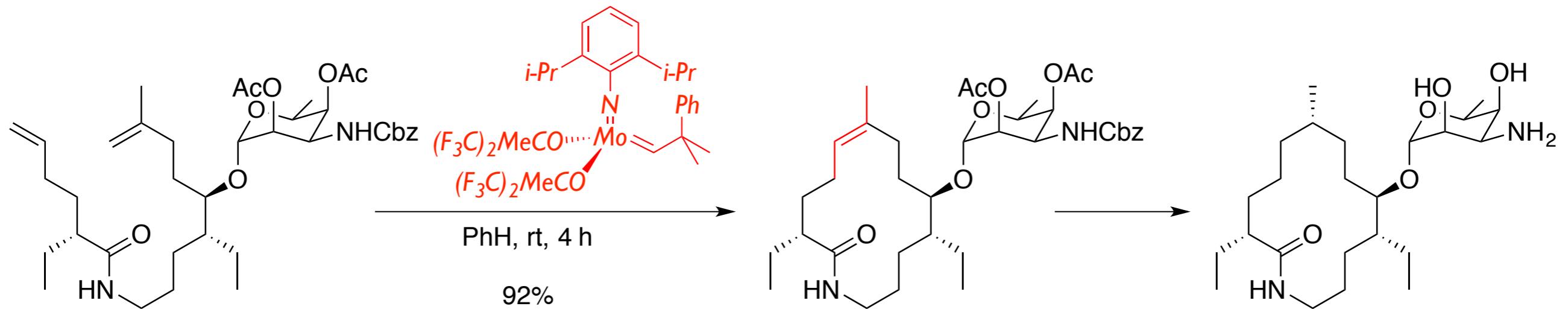
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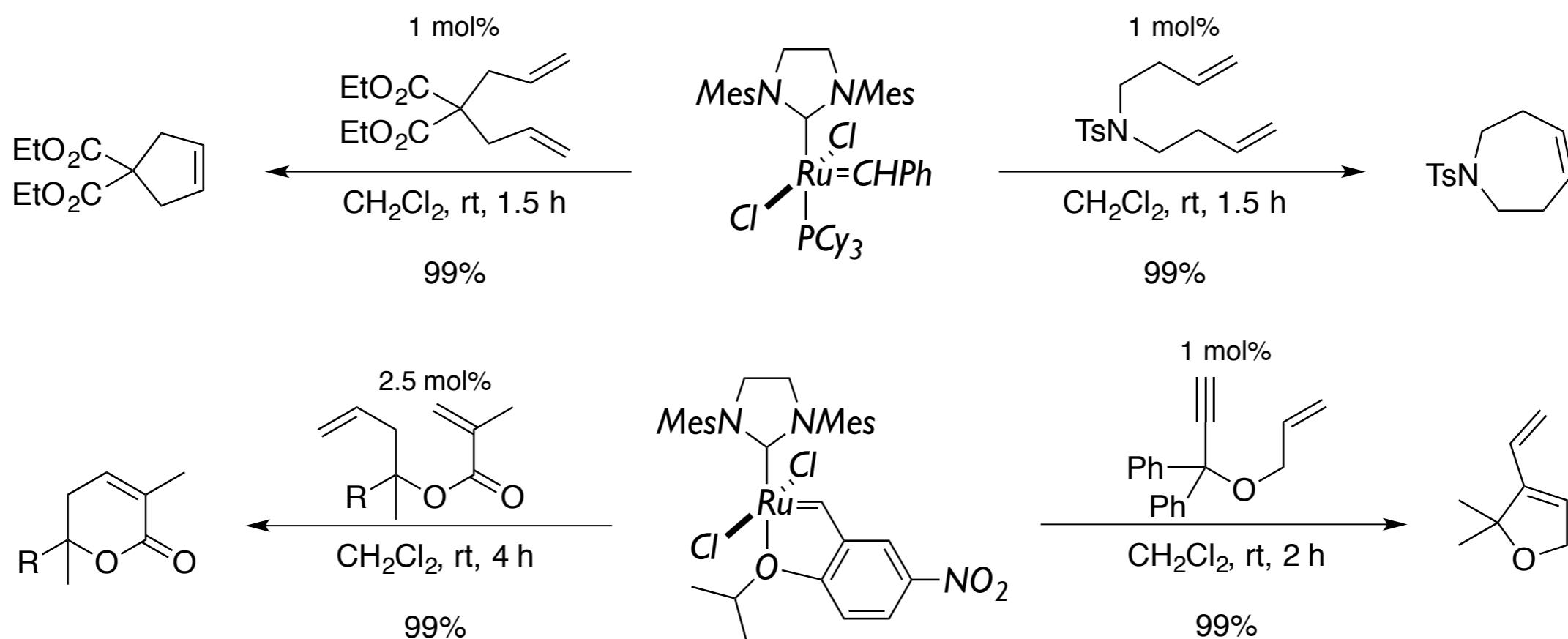
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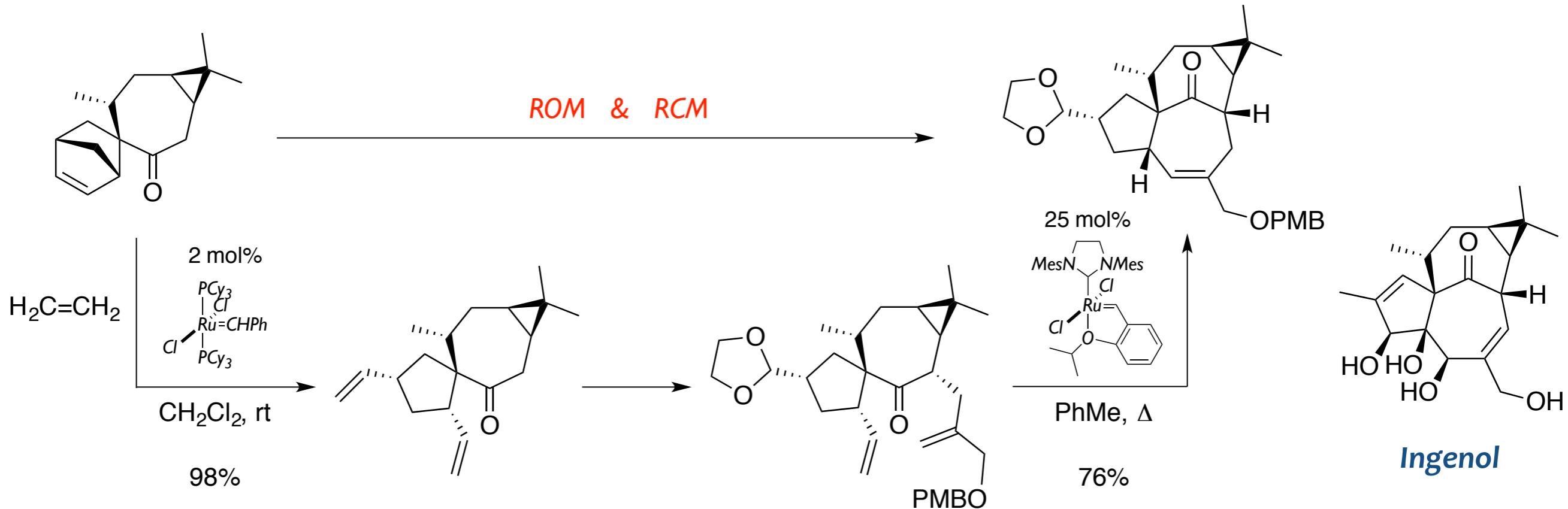


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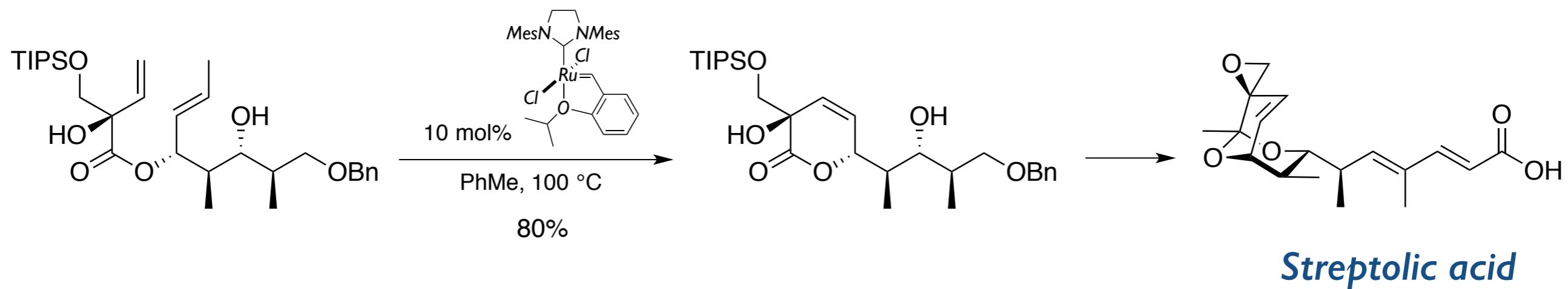
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Ring-Closing Metathesis



Wood, J. L. *JACS* 2004, 126, 16300



Kozmin, S. *JACS* 2011, 133, 12172

For an insightful overview of the impact of
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Ring-Closing Metathesis in Pharmaceutical Development: Fundamentals, Applications, and Future Directions

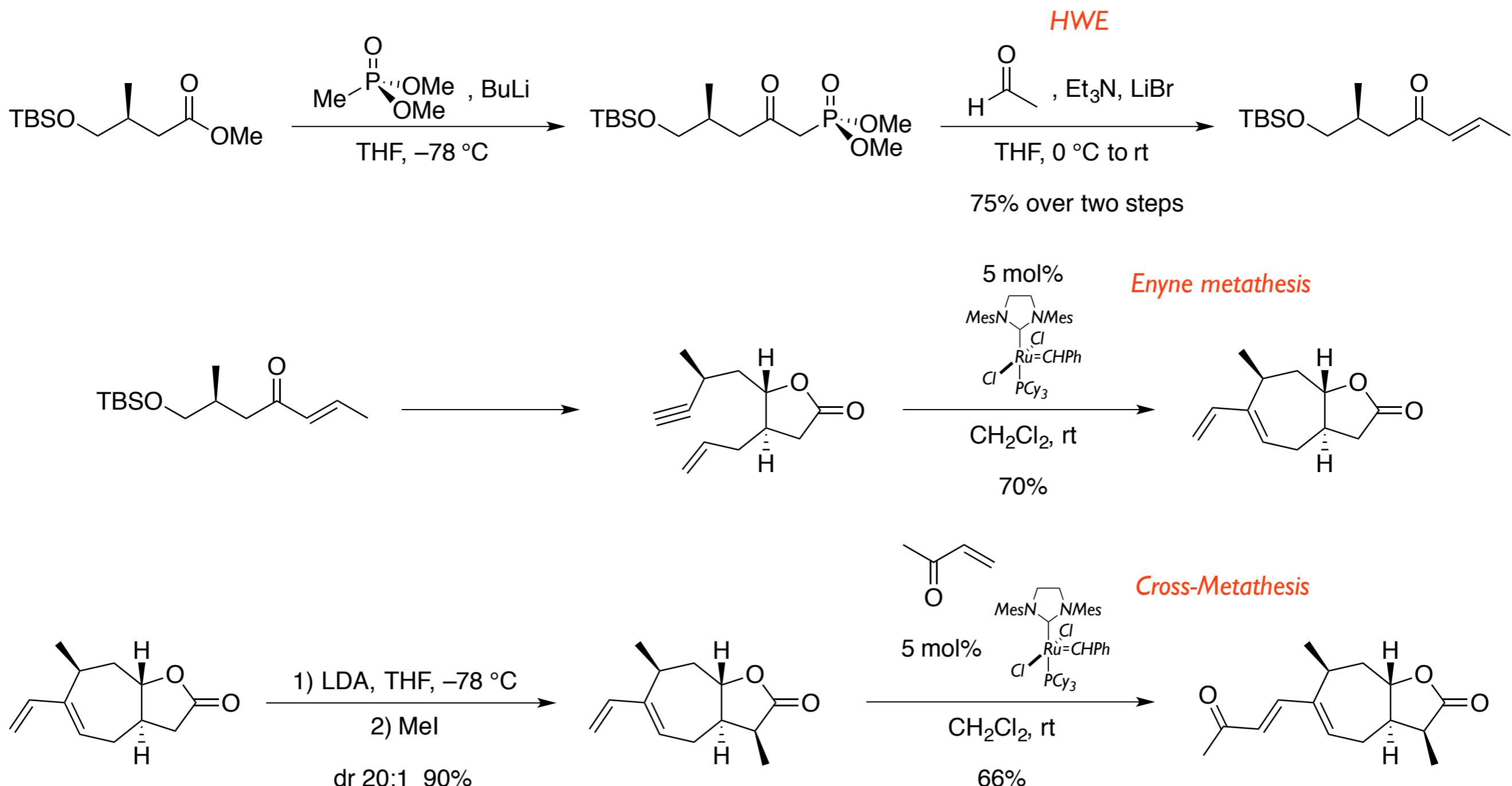
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ABSTRACT: Ring-closing metathesis (RCM) has become indispensable in organic synthesis for both academic investigations and industrial applications. This review provides an overview of RCM reactions, focusing on the practical aspects that researchers in an industrial environment may find of interest. Key elements of reaction design and lessons learned from these applications are discussed to help those considering implementing RCM reactions on scale, particularly in manufacturing active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs). Advances in the development of more effective catalysts and new methodologies, such as enantioselective RCM and stereoselective macrocyclic RCM, are also briefly discussed.

KEYWORDS: *ring-closing metathesis, industrial application, process development, reaction scale-up, pharmaceutical manufacturing*

TOTAL SYNTHESIS of DIHYDROXANTHAIN: synthesis of C=C in action



Cross Metathesis: E/Z Diastereoselectivity



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Olefin Cross Metathesis

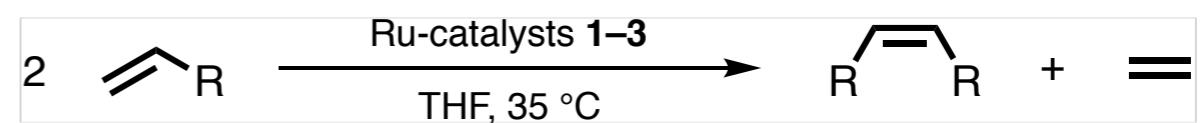
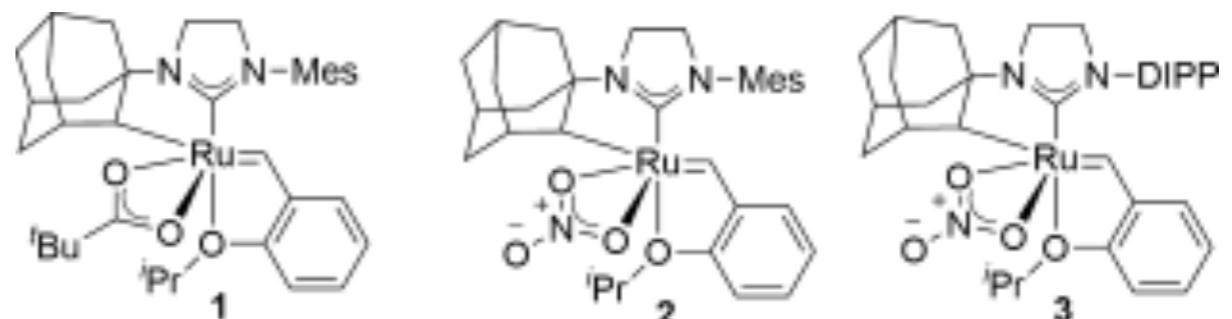
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Z-Selective Cross Metathesis with Ruthenium Catalysts: Synthetic Applications and Mechanistic Implications

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Z-Selective olefin cross metathesis can be achieved
by using a new generation of ruthenium catalysts



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Thermodynamically disfavoured alkyl chlorides can also be prepared through cross metathesis

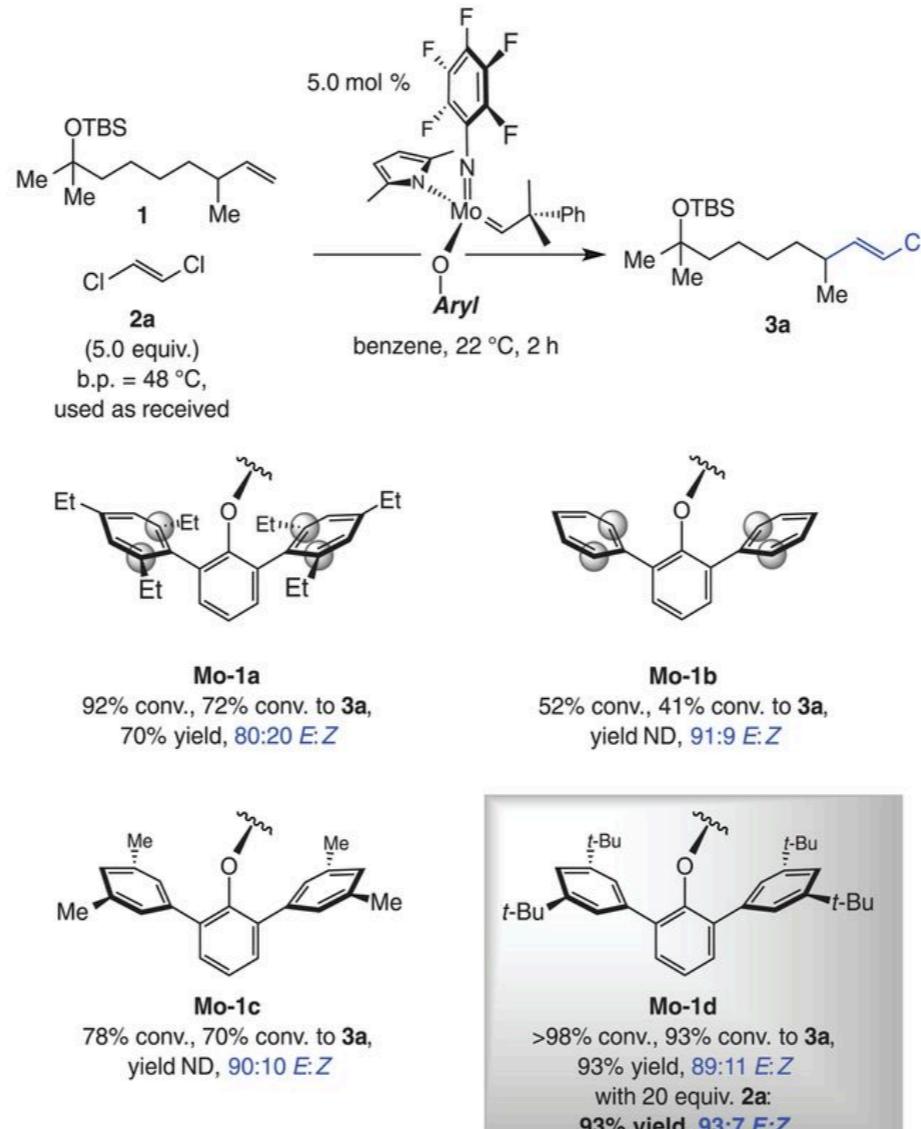
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Kinetically controlled *E*-selective catalytic olefin metathesis

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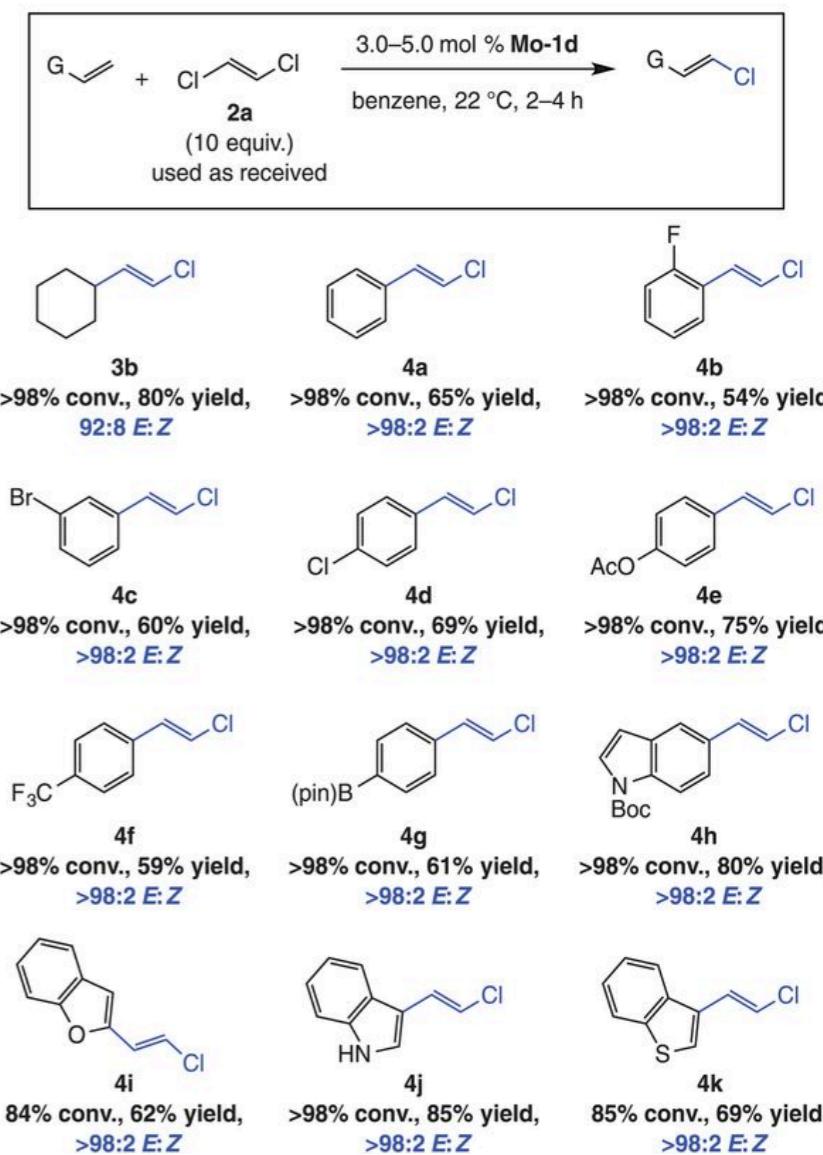
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Testing the hypothesis and identification of an effective catalyst:



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Synthesis of alkenyl chlorides by kinetically *E*-selective cross-metathesis:



Cross Metathesis: E/Z Diastereoselectivity



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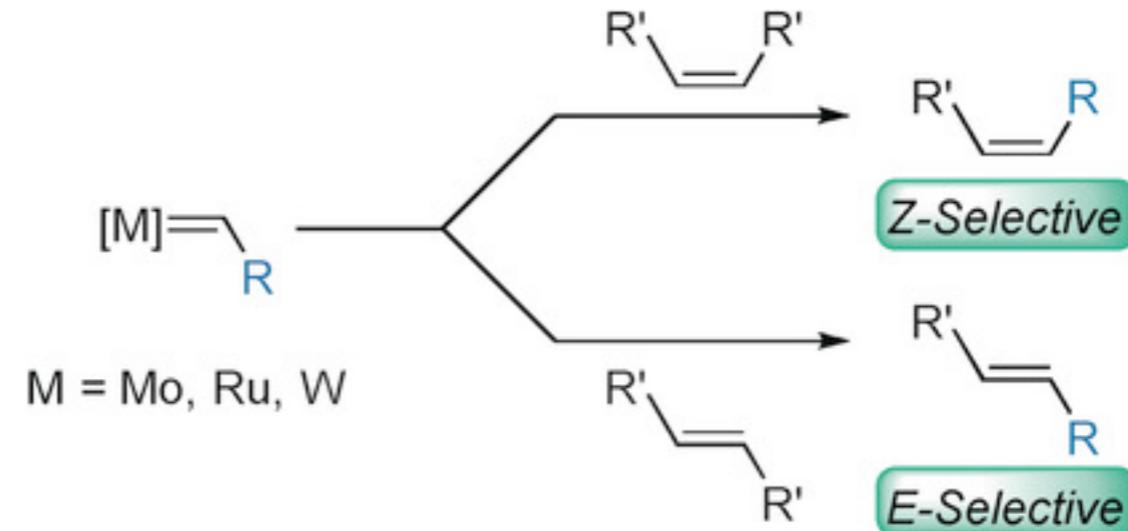
Olefin Metathesis

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Stereoretentive Olefin Metathesis: An Avenue to Kinetic Selectivity

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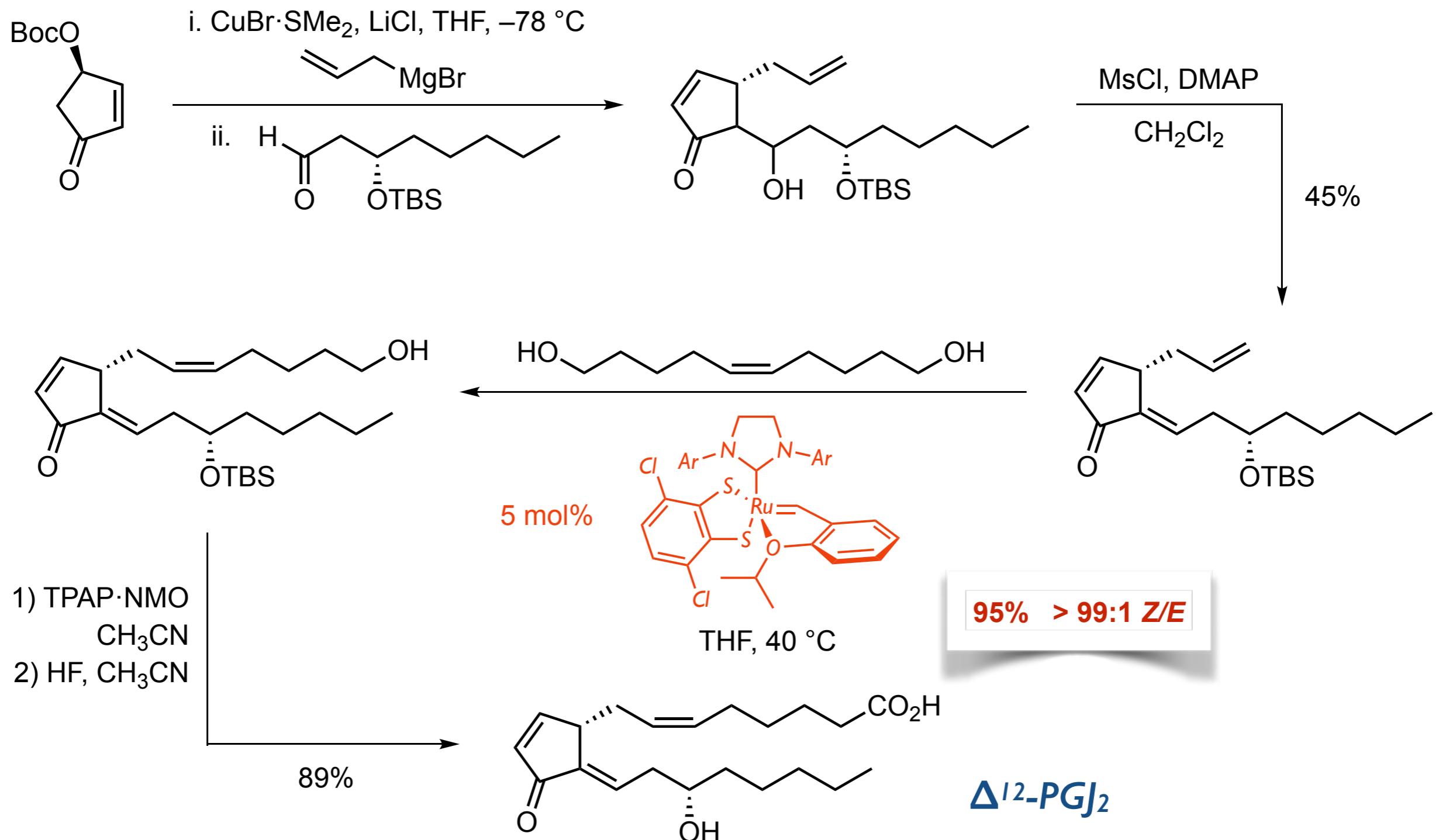


Kinetic Selectivity via Stereoretention!

Catalysts can nowadays provide
kinetically controlled *E* and *Z* olefin metathesis

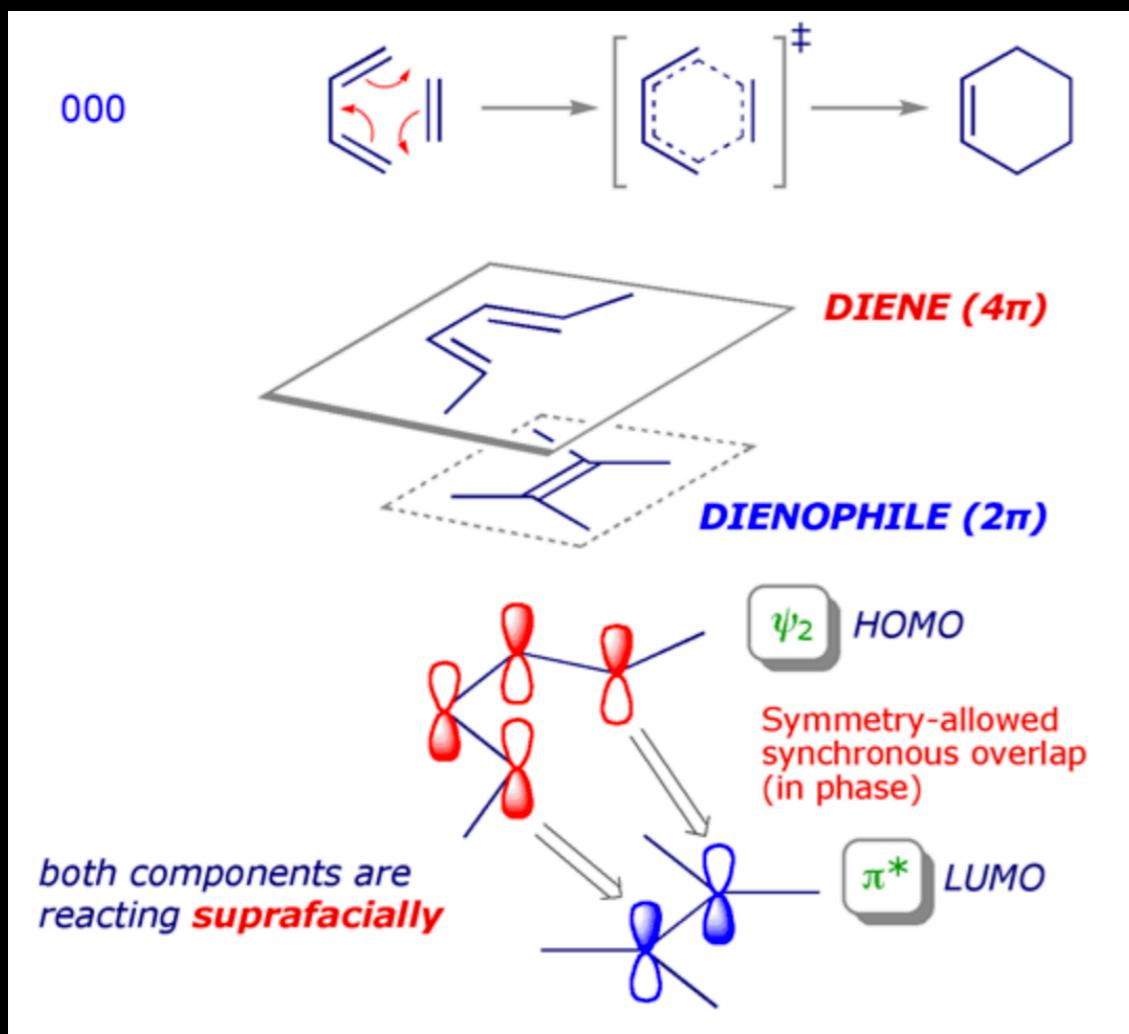
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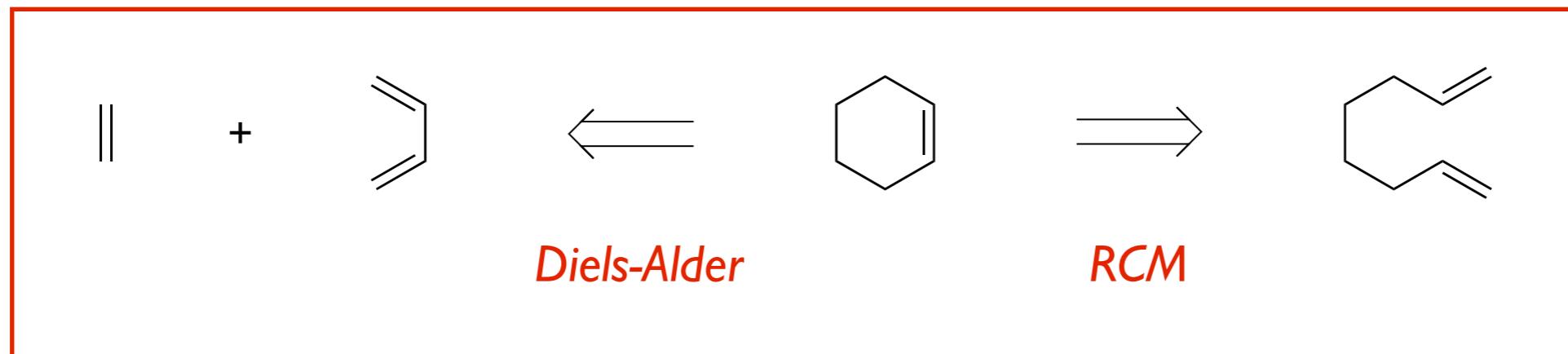
Diels-Alder

a key reaction beyond ionic analysis



See Chapter 6 & 7

Diels-Alder and Ring-Closing Metathesis: two approaches to cyclohexenes



+ 2 C–C & – 1 C=C

(Catalytic) process

Inter or intramolecular process

Reversible

Up to four new stereocenters

0 C–C & 0 C=C

Catalytic process

Intramolecular process

Reversible

No new stereocenters