

2.4. Activation of electrophiles other than carbonyl/imines

2.4.1 Epoxidation

2.4.2 Aziridination

2.4.3 Cyclopropanation

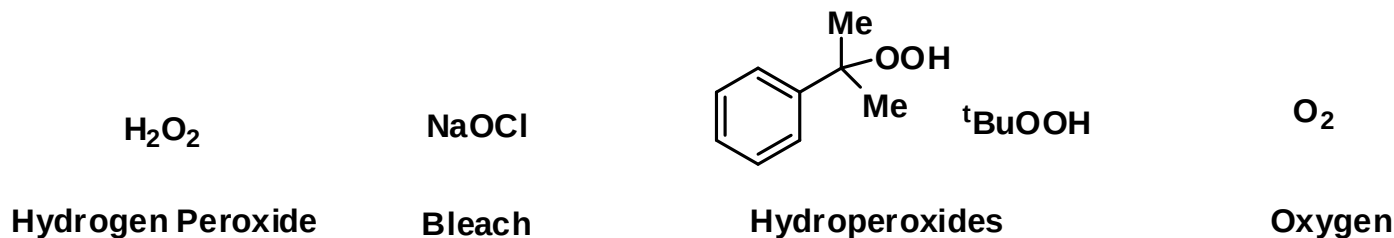
2.4.4 Dihydroxylation

2.4.5 C-H/X-H Functionalization

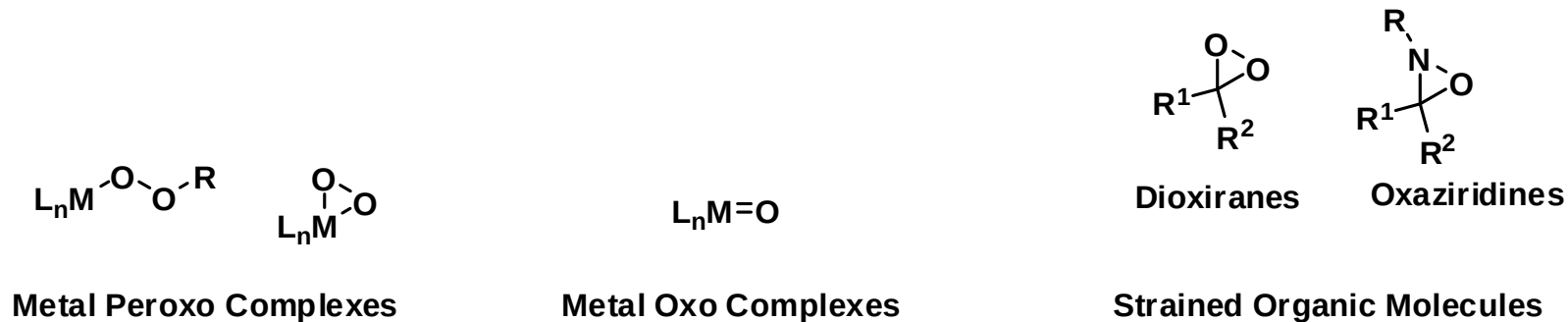
2.4.6 Other Reactions

2.4.1 Epoxidation: Introduction

Often Used (Ep)Oxidation Reagents

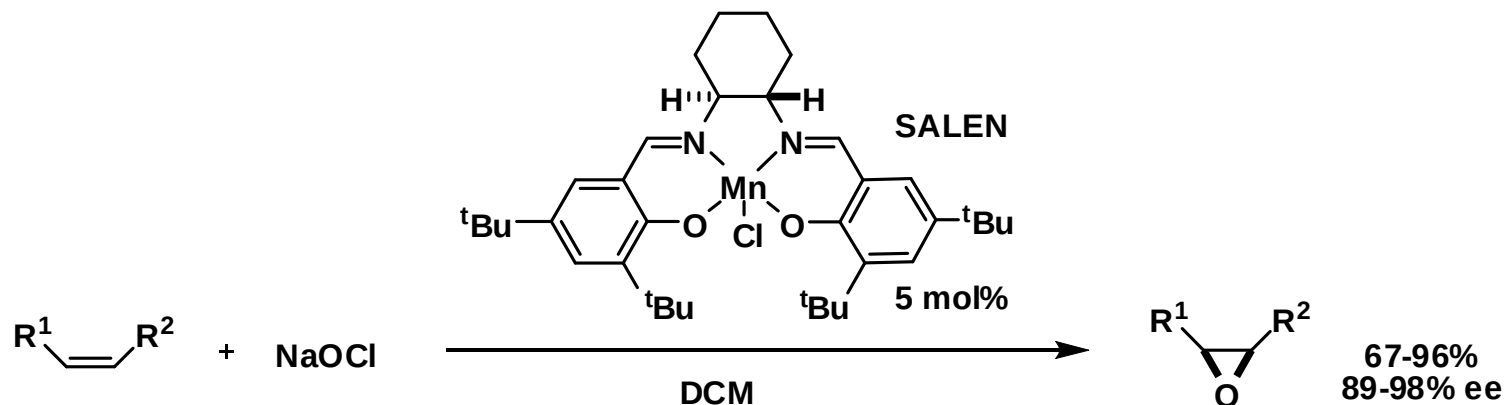


Principles for Catalytic Activation via Lowering of the LUMO of the Reagent

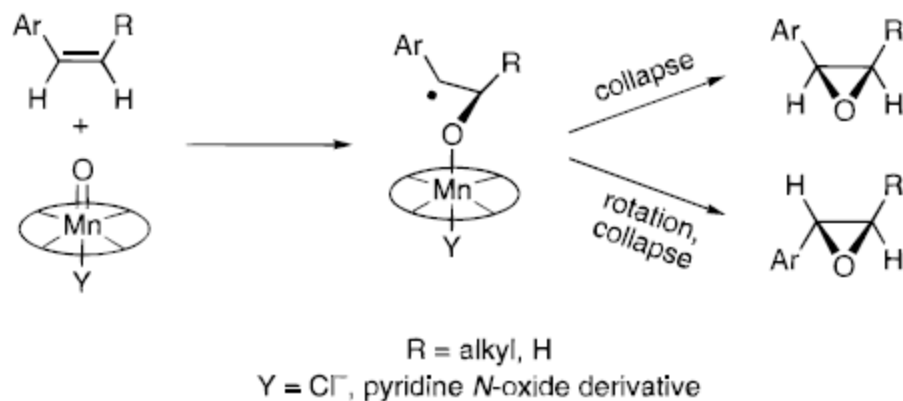


2.4.1 Epoxidation: Jacobsen

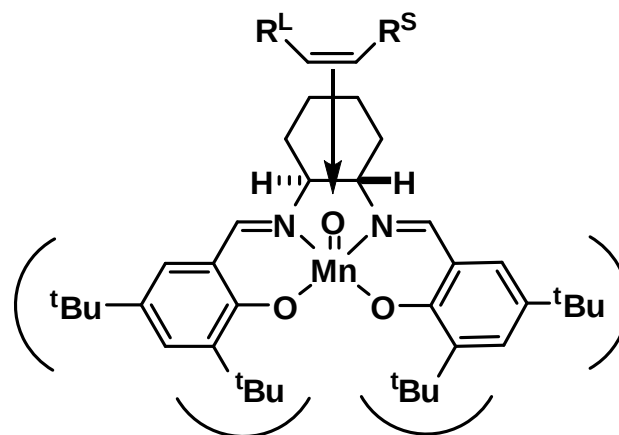
The Classical Jacobsen Epoxidation for Cis Olefins



Mechanism

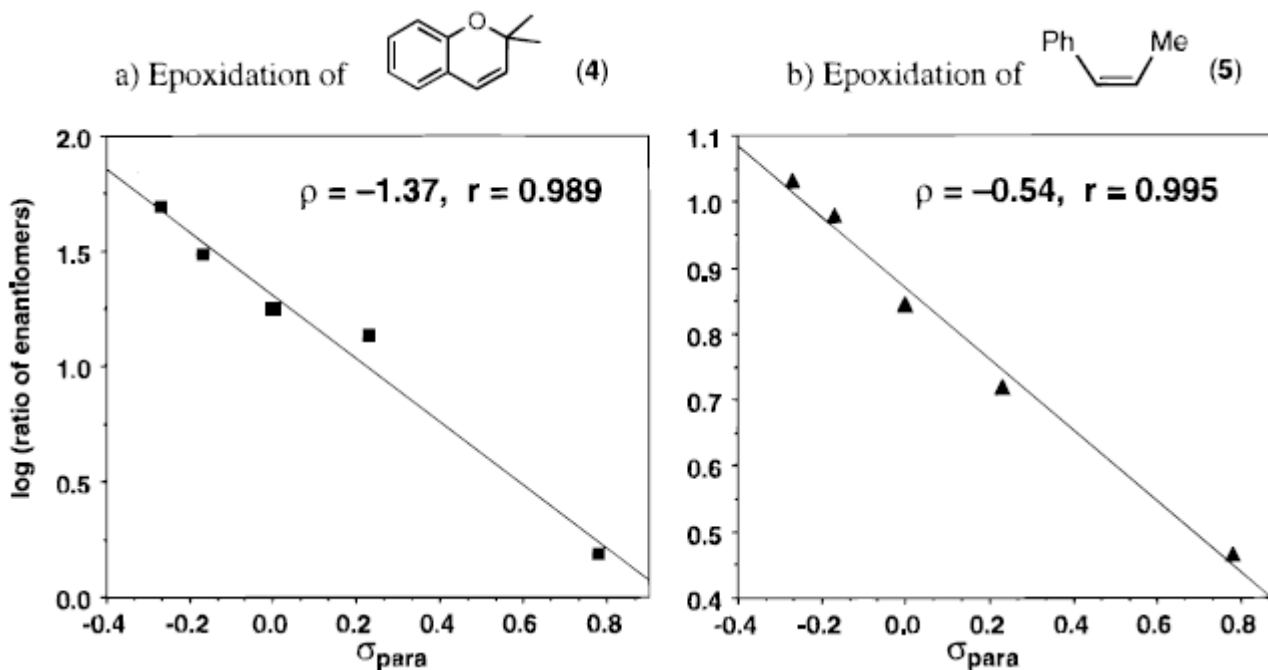
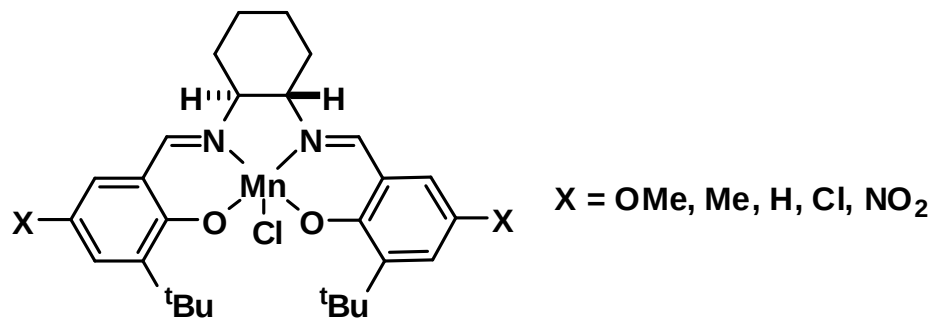


Model for Selectivity



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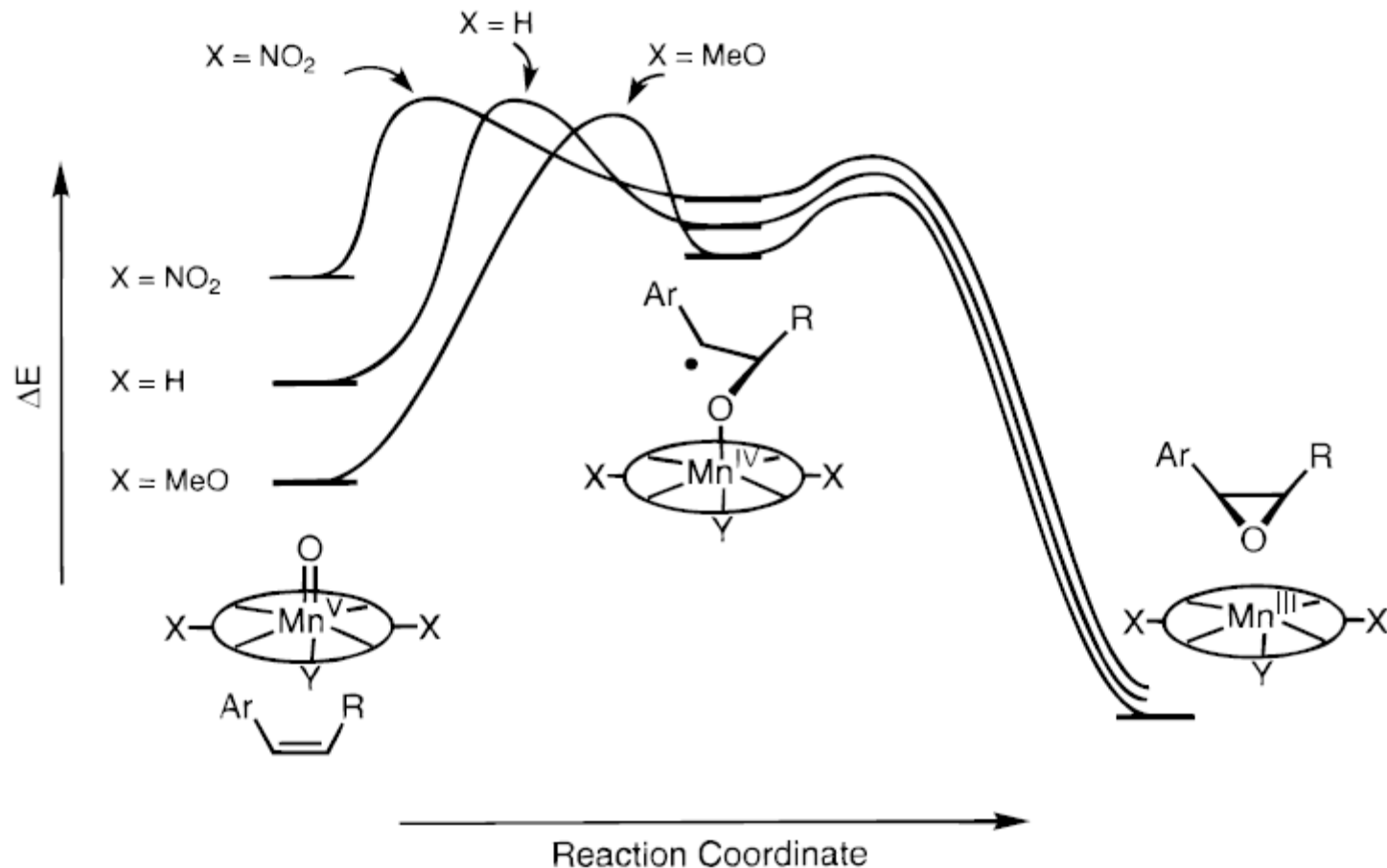
Electronic Influence on Selectivity



σ_{para} = Hammet parameter = strenght of electron-withdrawing effect

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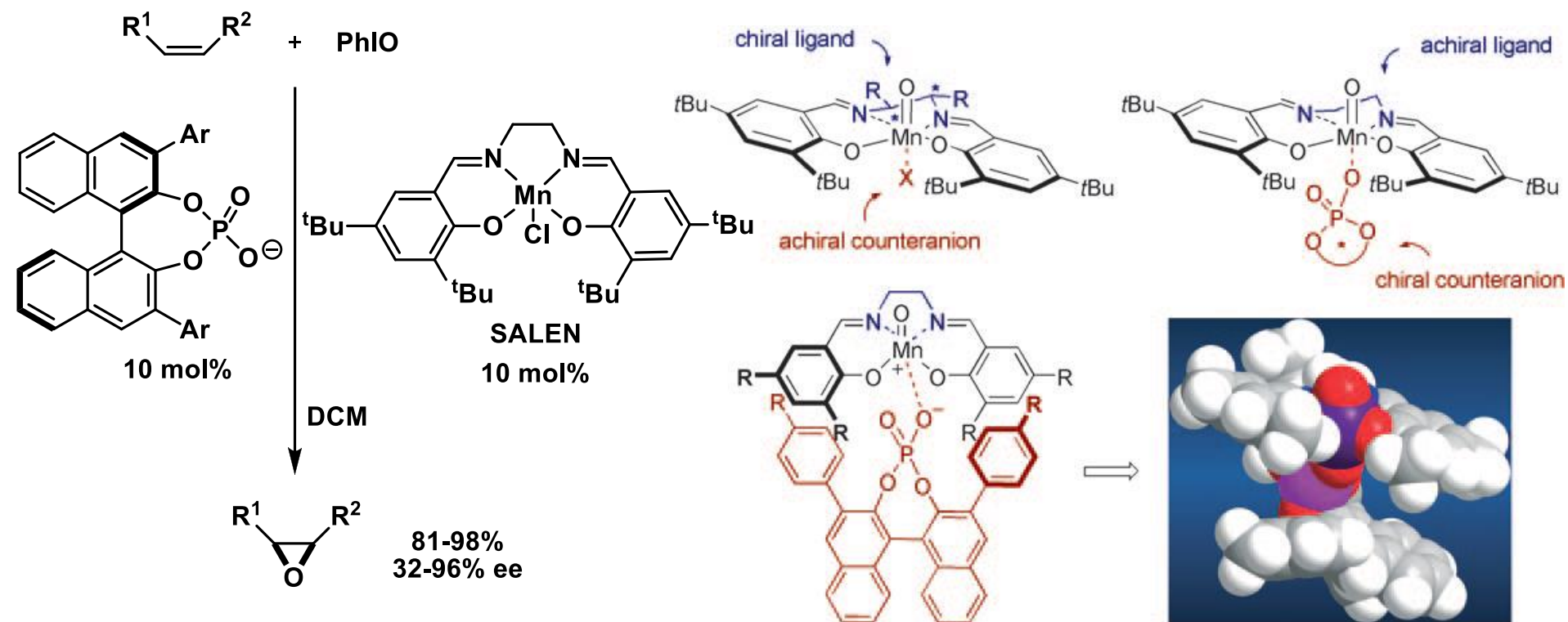
Electronic Influence on Selectivity



Hammond Postulate: structure of transition state similar to reactive intermediate

2.4.1 Epoxidation: Counter Anion directed

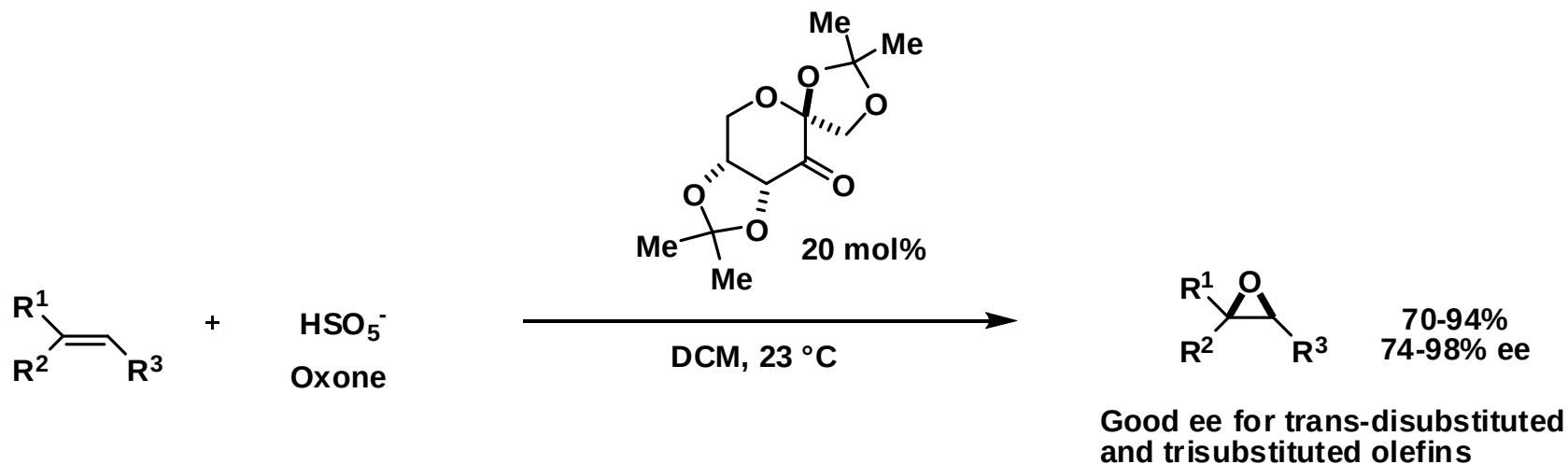
List: achiral salen complex with chiral counteranion¹



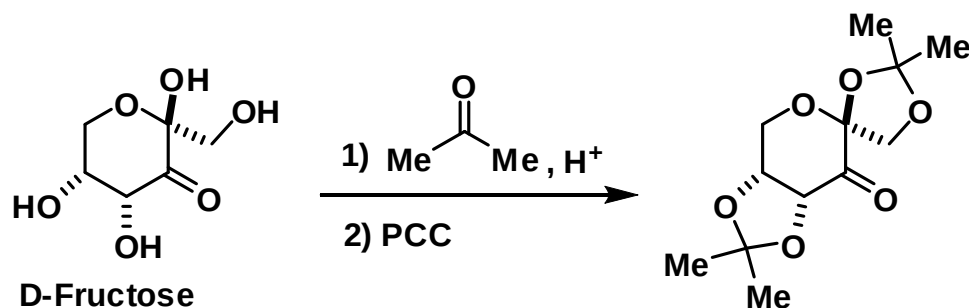
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2.4.1 Epoxidation: Ketones as Catalysts

Shi: Use of Chiral Ketones as Catalysts

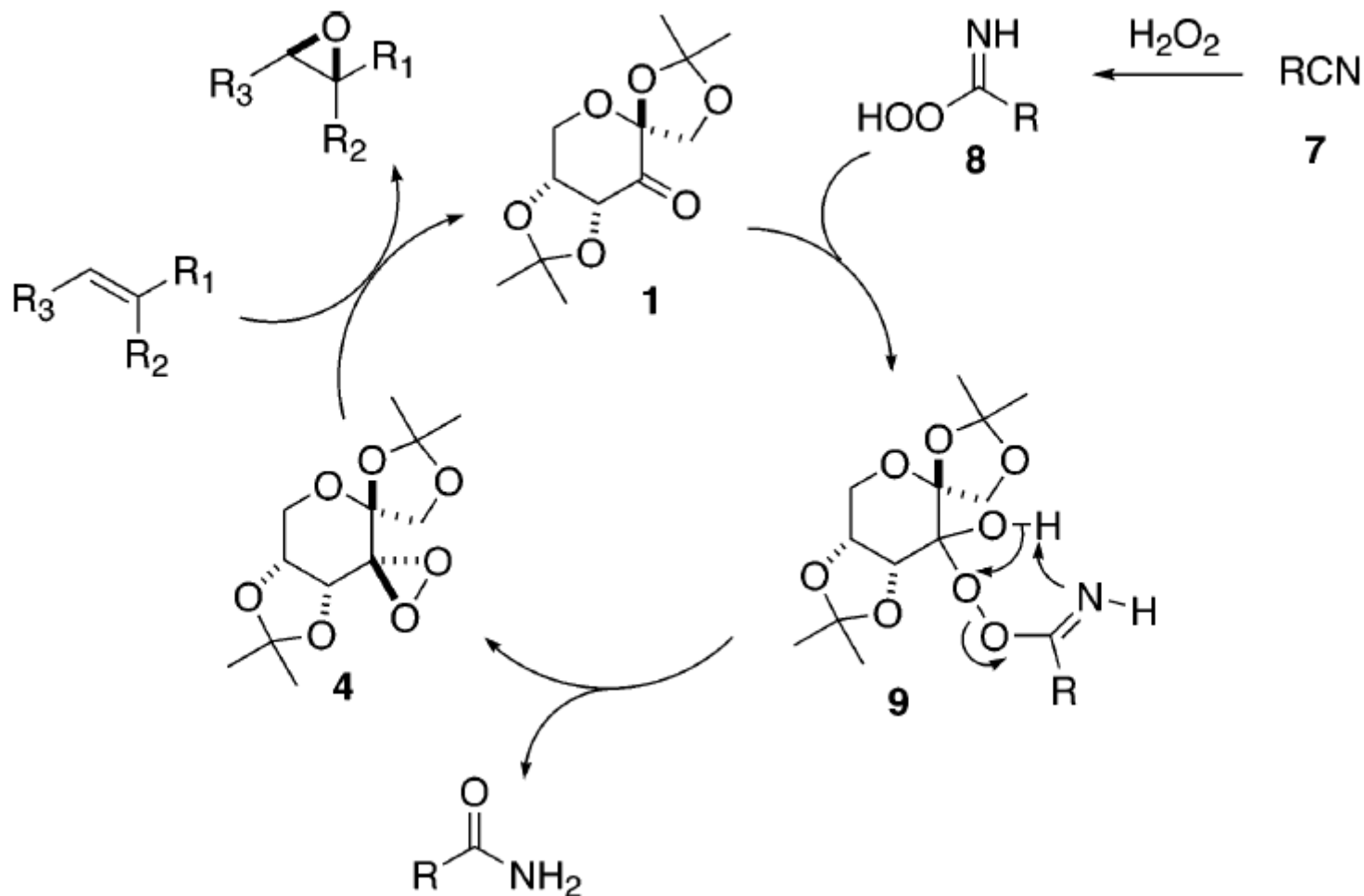


Synthesis of Catalyst



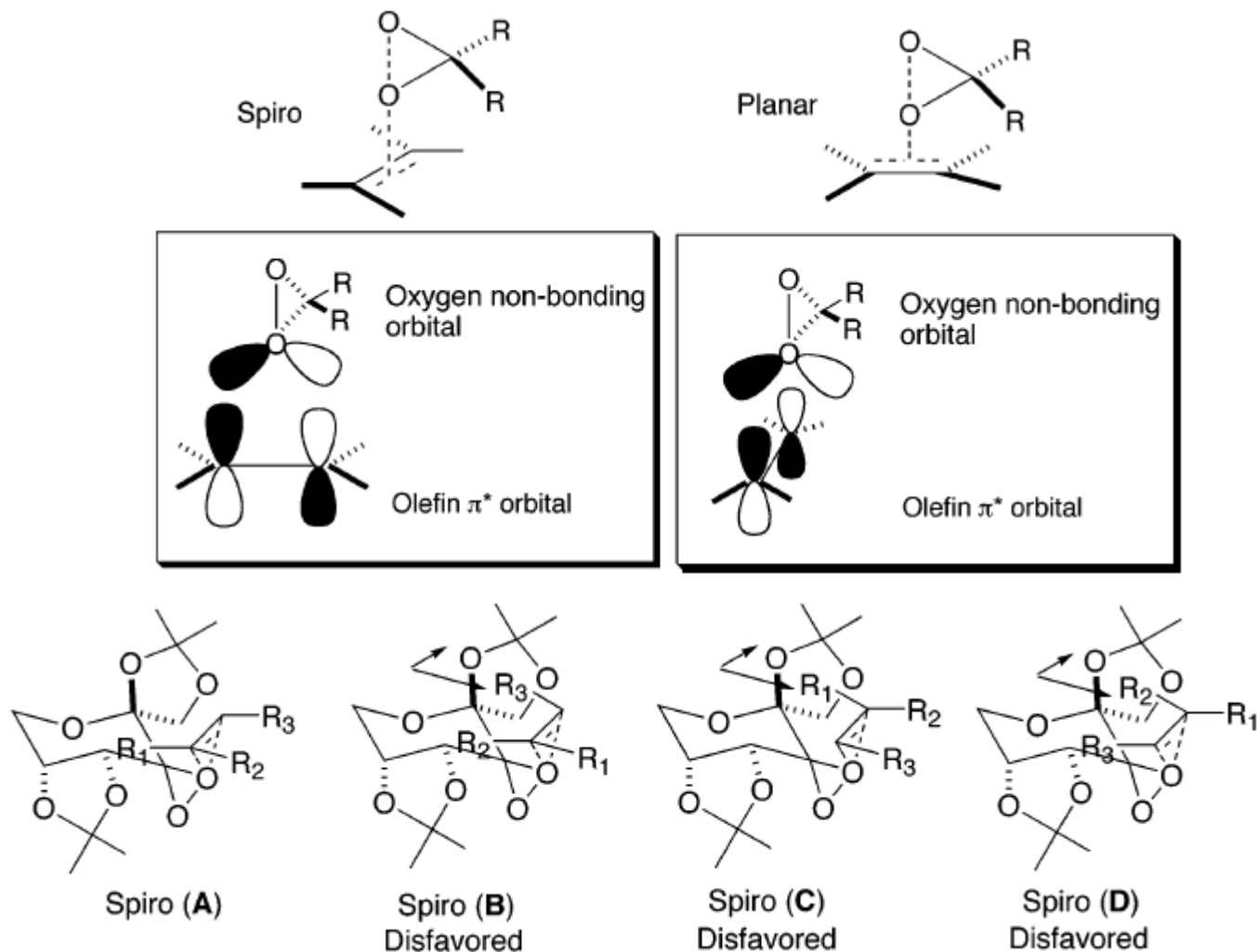
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Use of Acetonitrile/Hydrogen Peroxide as Oxidant



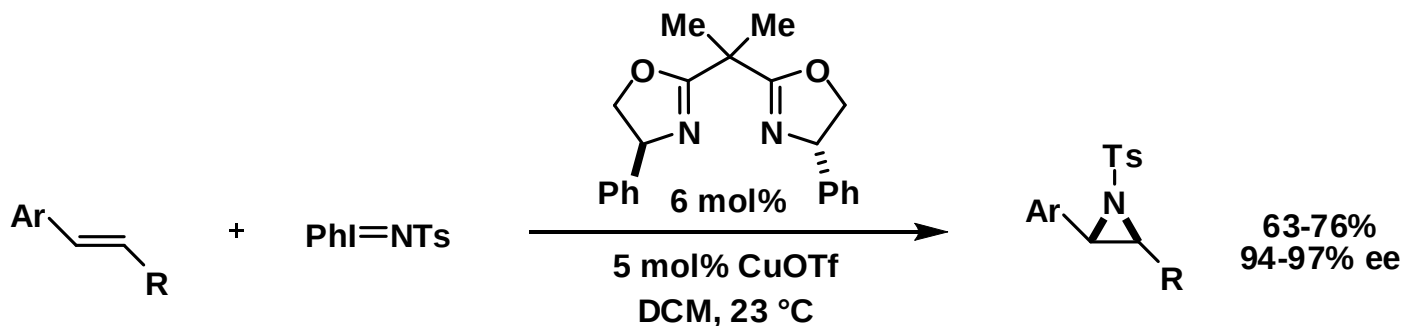
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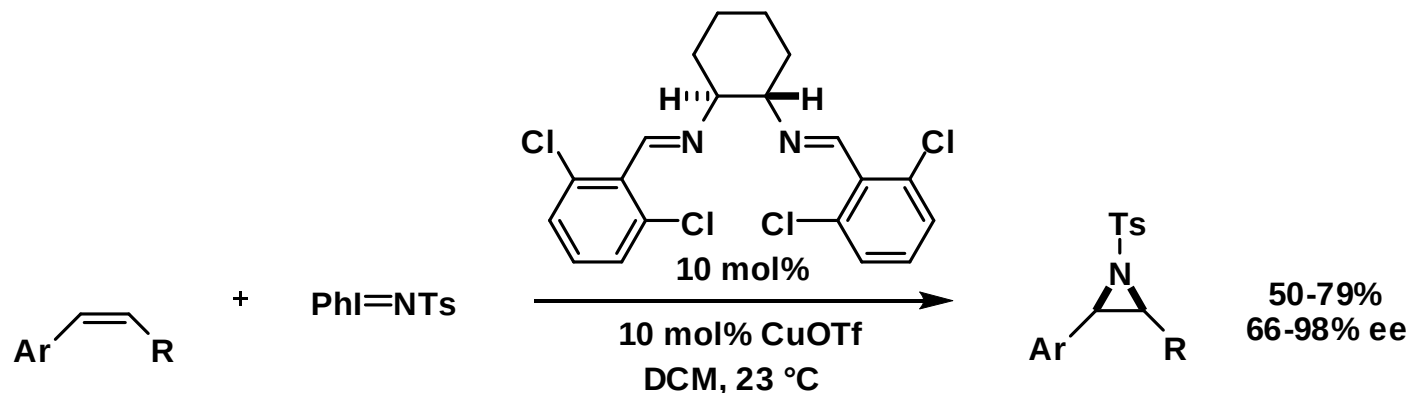


2.4.2 Aziridination

Evans Copper Catalyst with BOX Ligands¹



Jacobsen Copper Catalyst with Diimine Ligands²

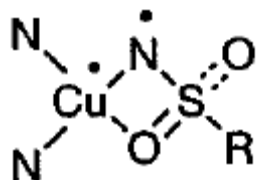
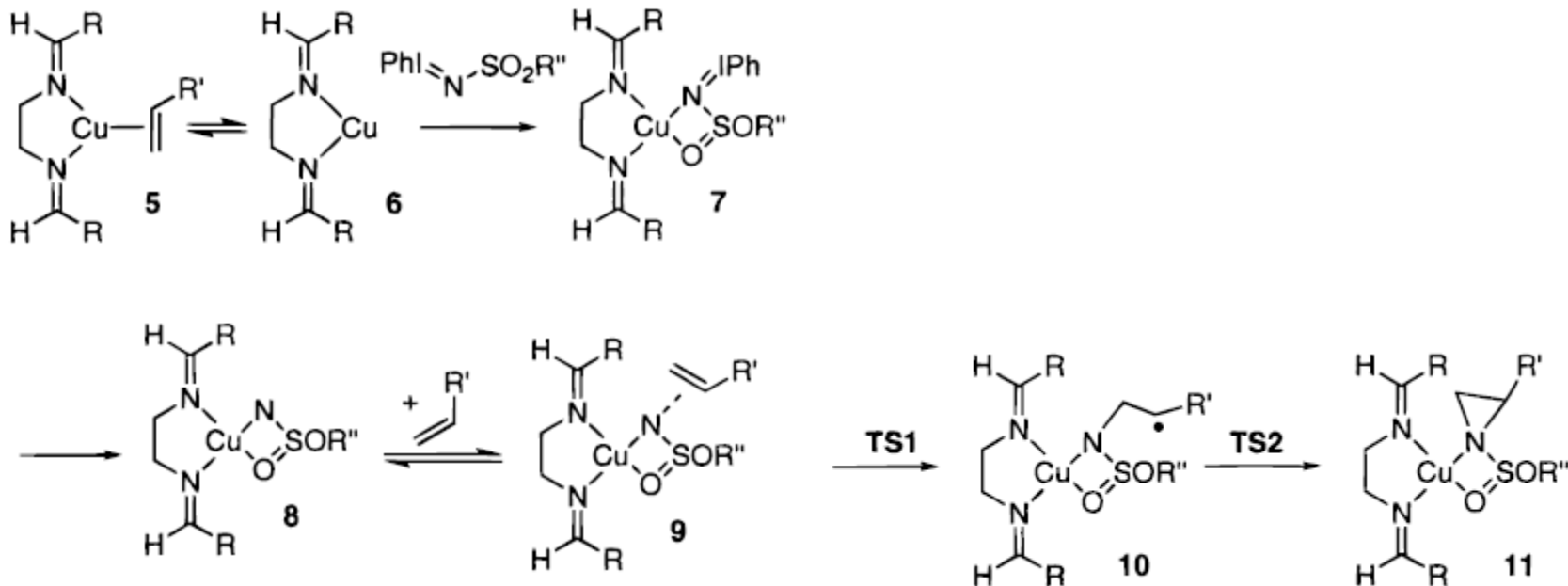


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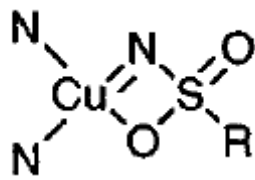
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2.4.2 Aziridination

Possible Mechanism



Triplet Intermediate

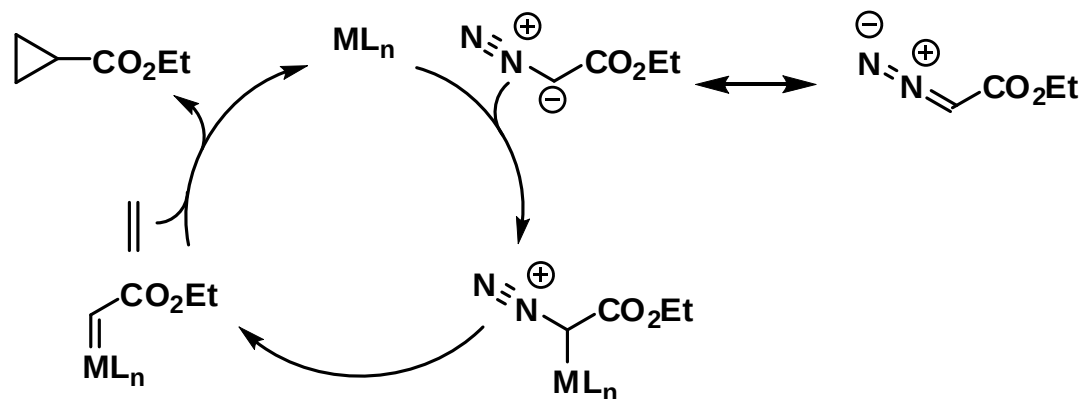


Singlet Intermediate

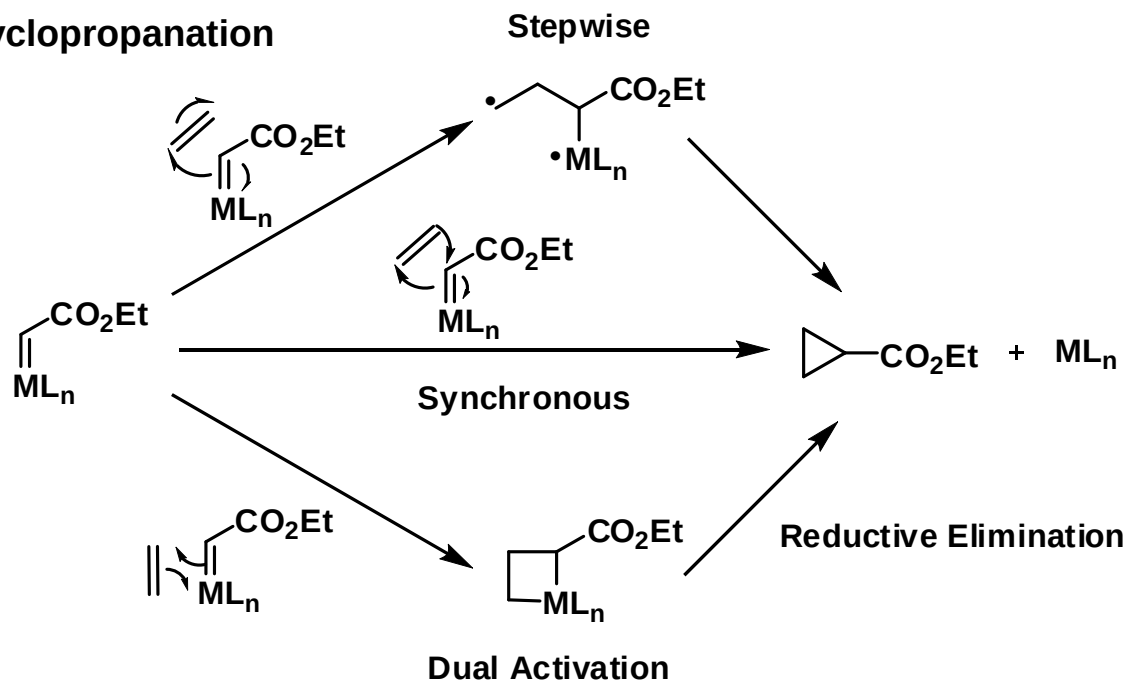
Singlet and Triplet are very close in energy

2.4.3 Cyclopropanation: Introduction

Cyclopropanation with Diazo Compounds

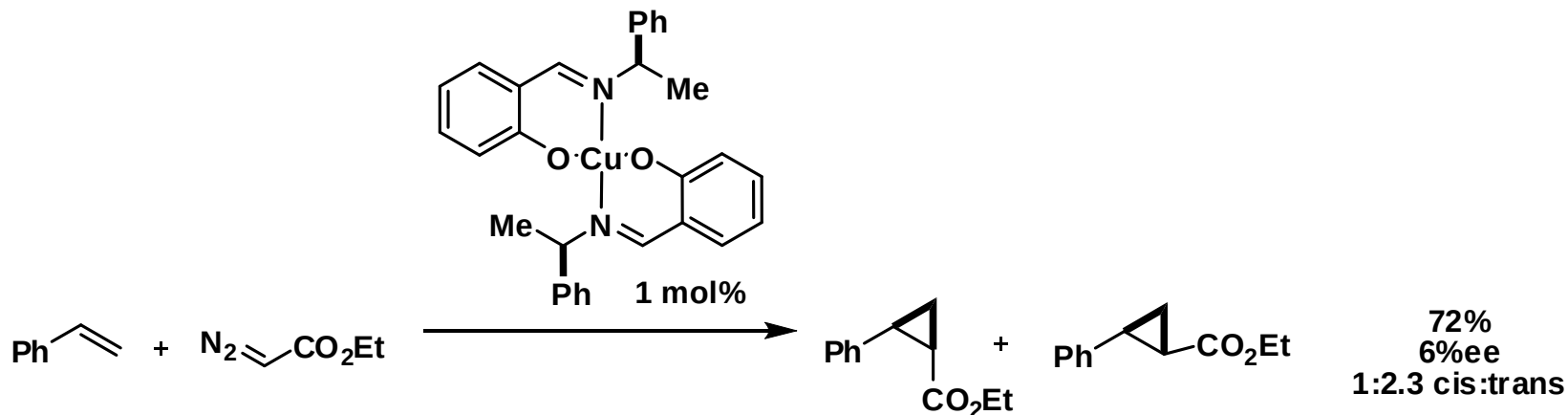


Several Pathways for Cyclopropanation

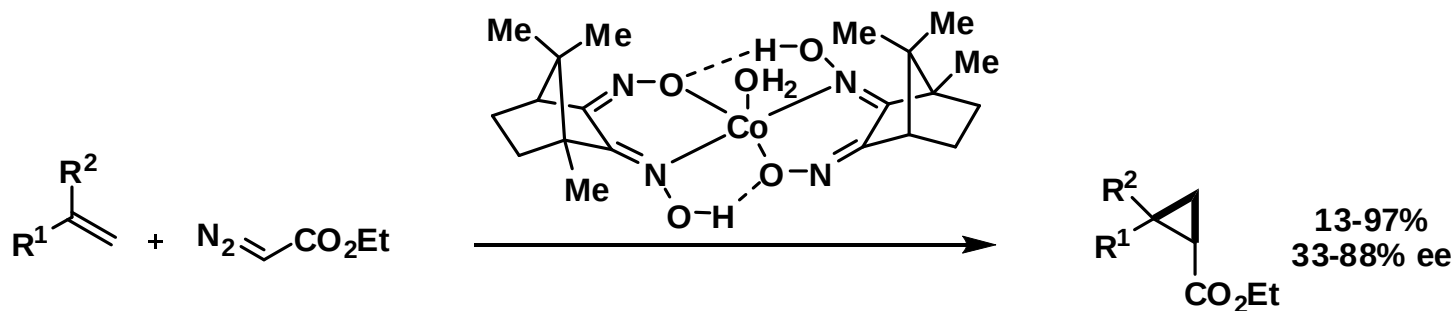


2.4.3 Cyclopropanation: Early Examples

Cyclopropanation of Styrene: One of the First Catalytic Asymmetric Reaction¹



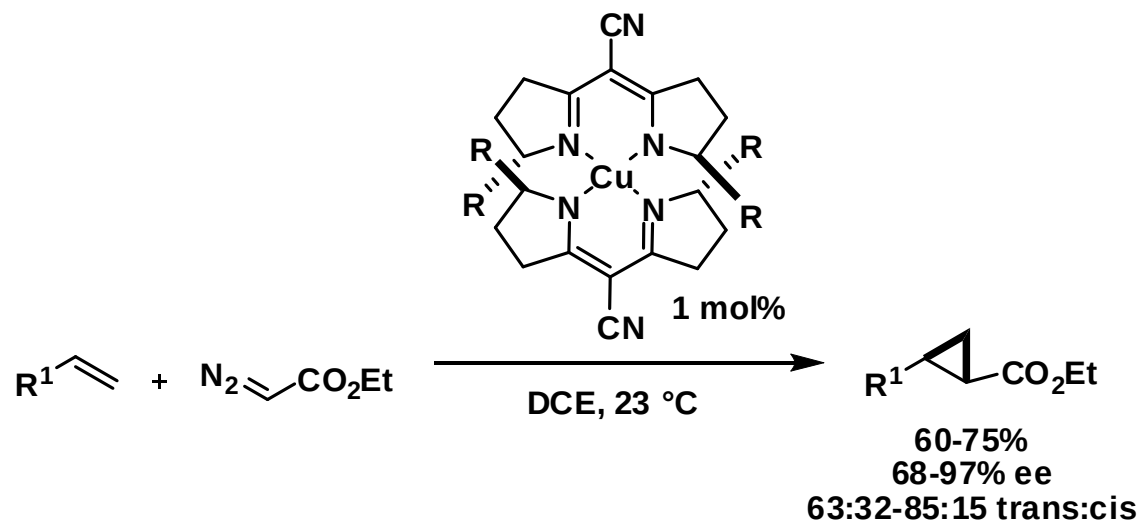
Nakamura: Towards Useful Enantioselectivity^{2,3}



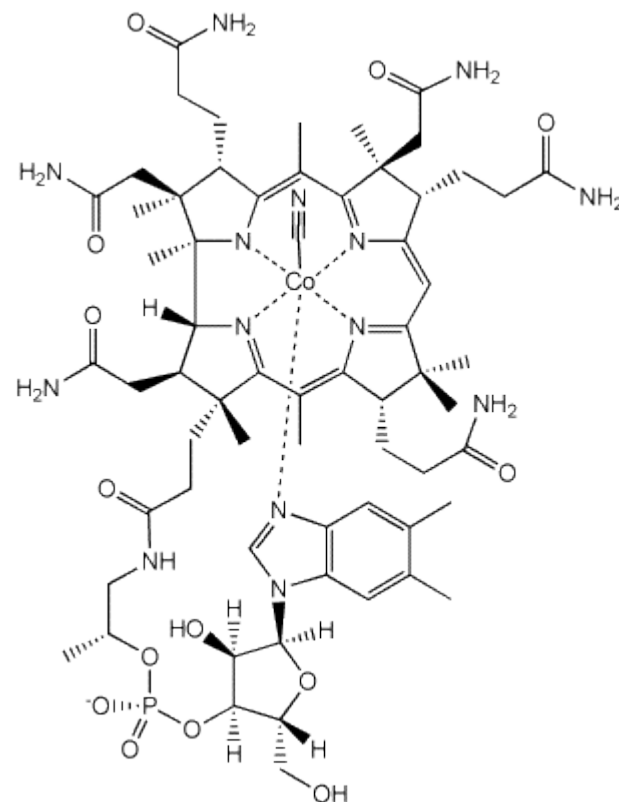
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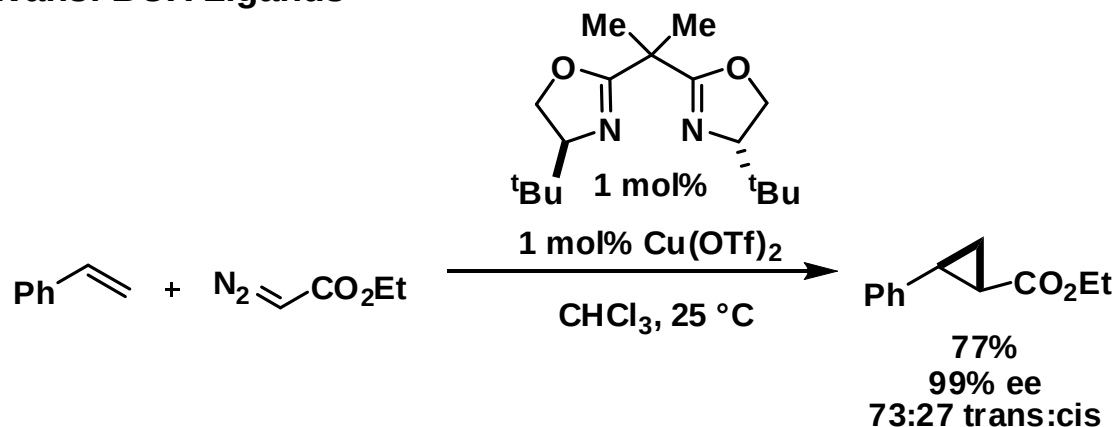
Pfaltz: Vitamin B₁₂ Inspired Semicorrin Ligands¹



Vitamin B₁₂



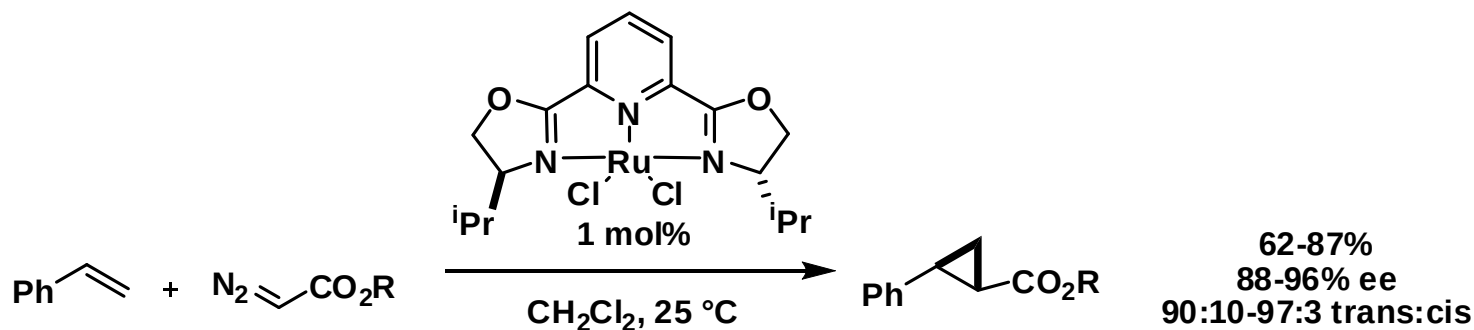
Evans: BOX Ligands²



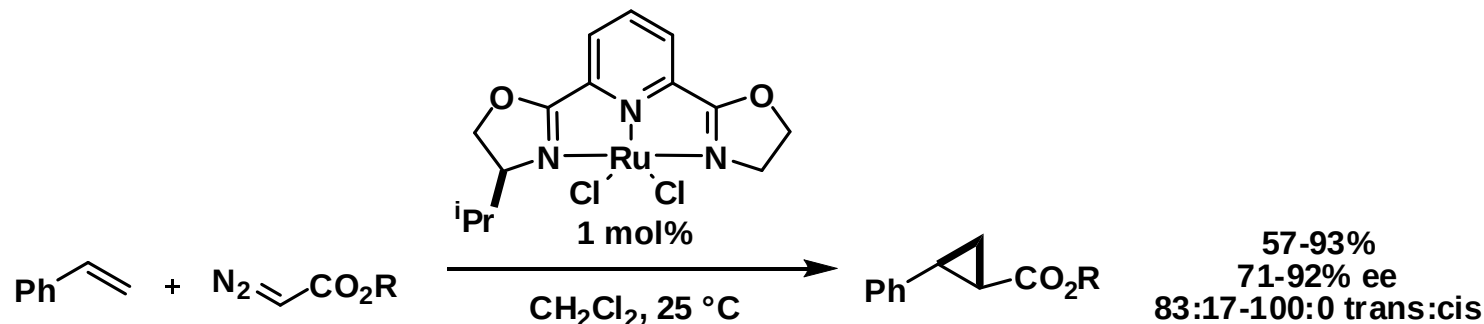
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Nishiyama: Ru-Pybox Catalyst¹



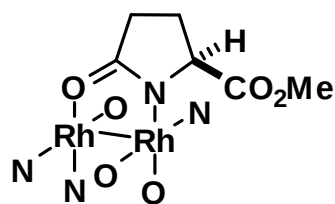
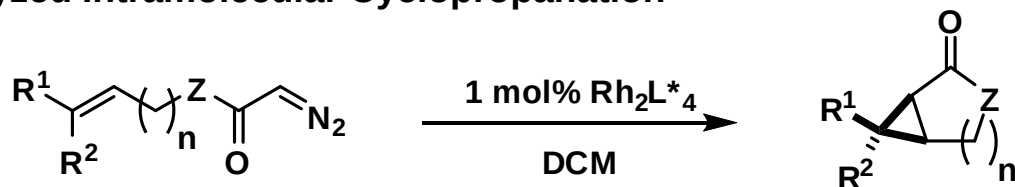
Also ligands with C1 symmetry can be successful²



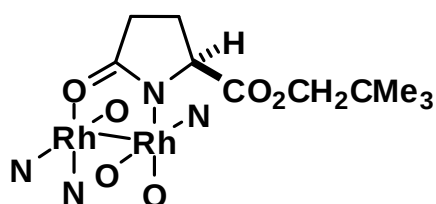
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2.4.3 Cyclopropanation: Rh Catalysis

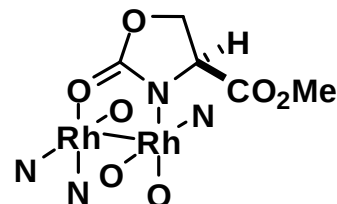
Doyle: Rh-Catalyzed Intramolecular Cyclopropanation



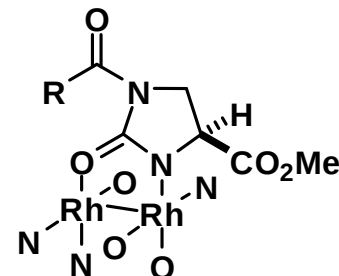
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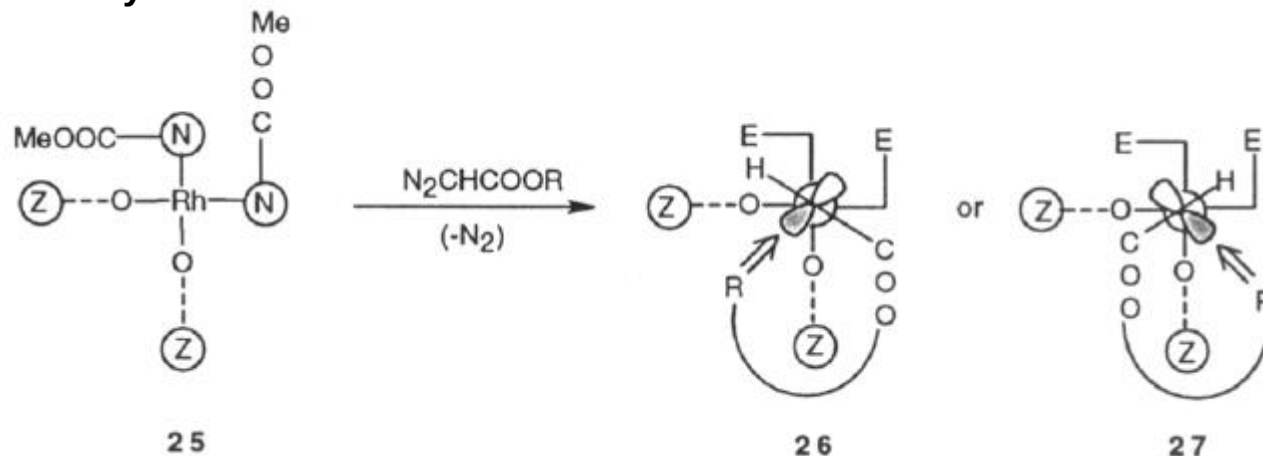


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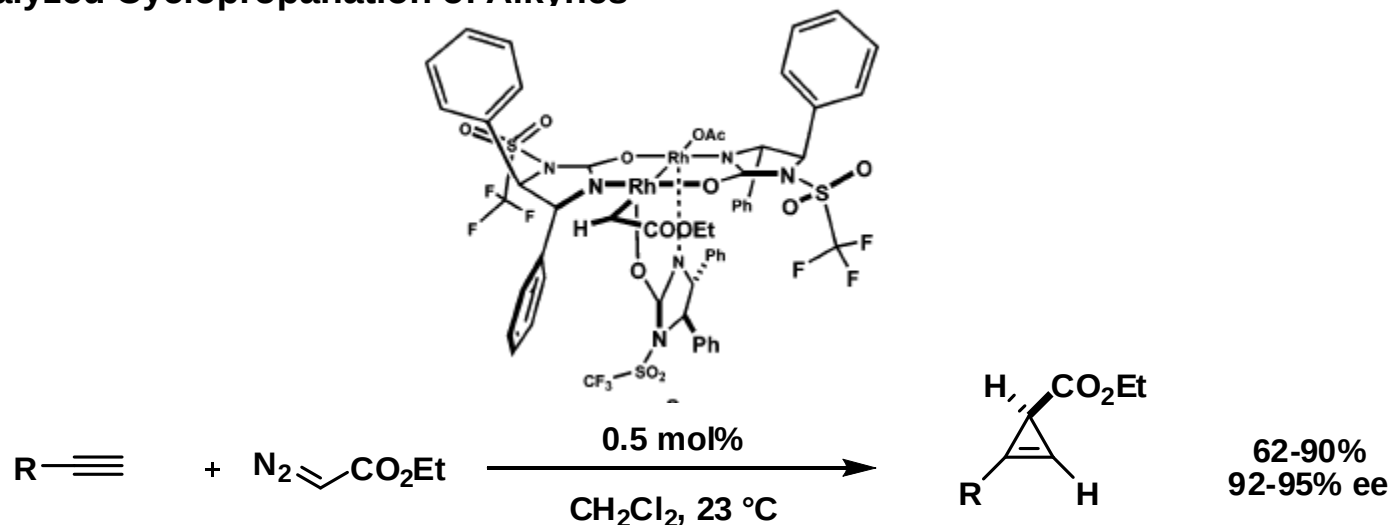
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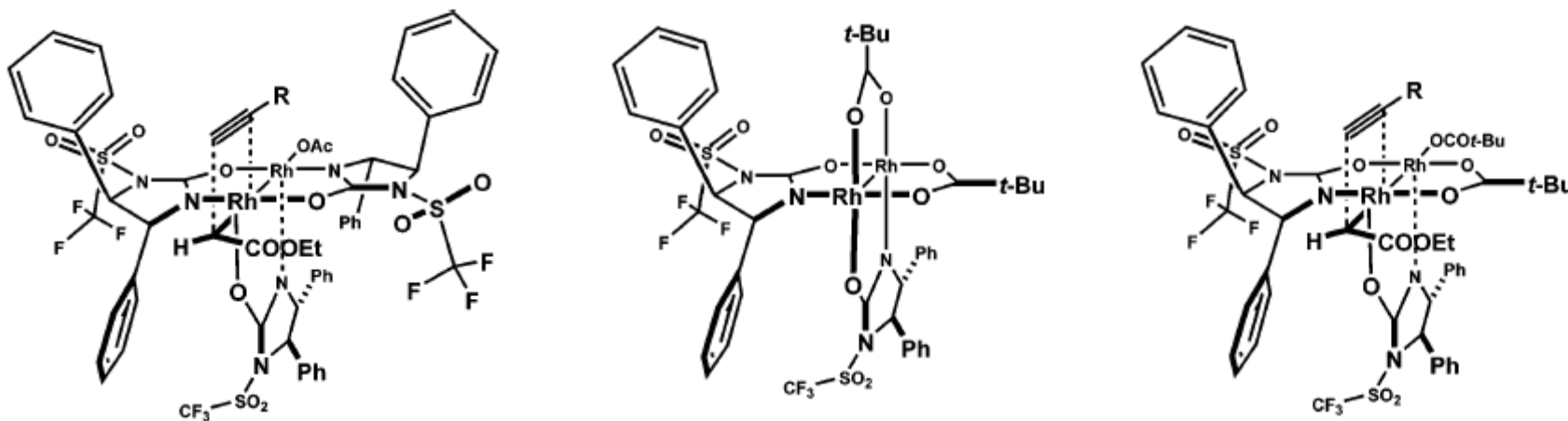
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Corey: Rh-Catalyzed Cyclopropanation of Alkynes



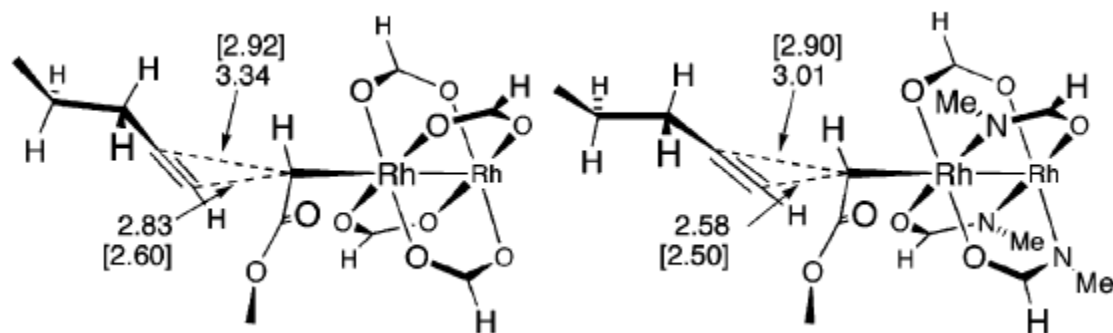
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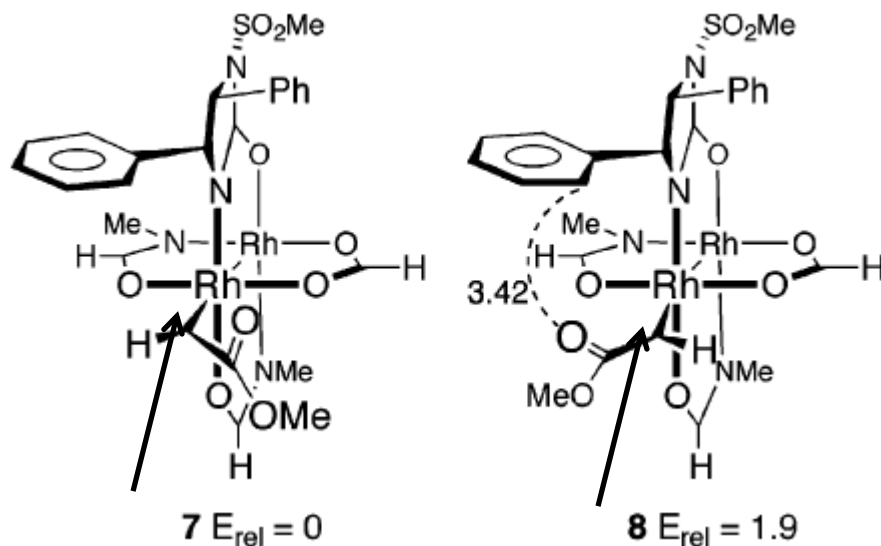
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Calculation: Tetrabridged Structures and Direct Cyclopropanation are Favored

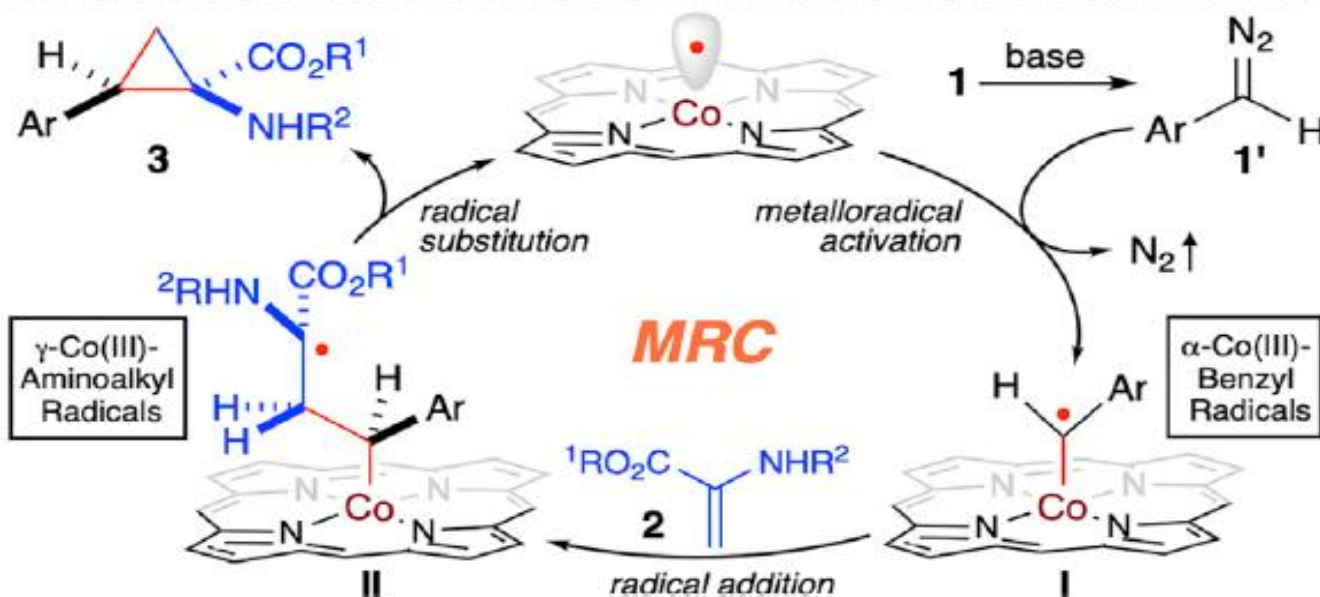
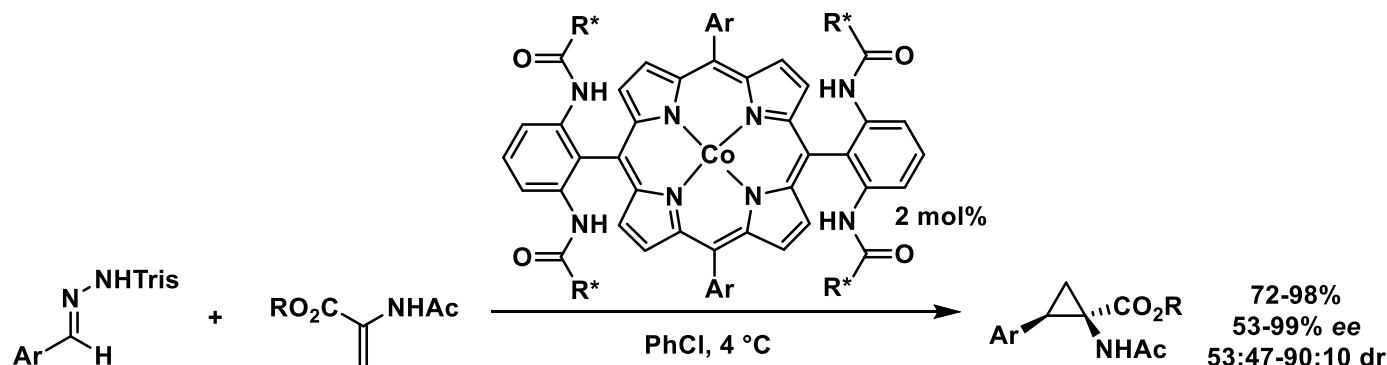


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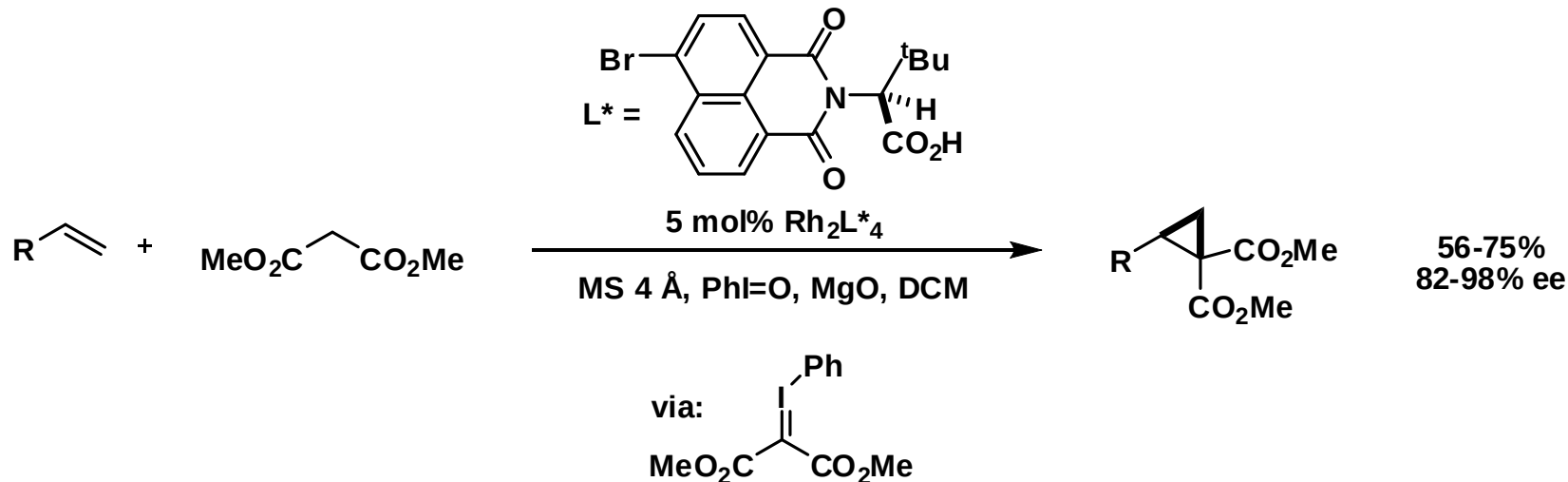
2.4.3 Cyclopropanation: Alternative Radical Mechanism

Zhang: Cobalt porphyrin catalysts favoring a radical rebound mechanism

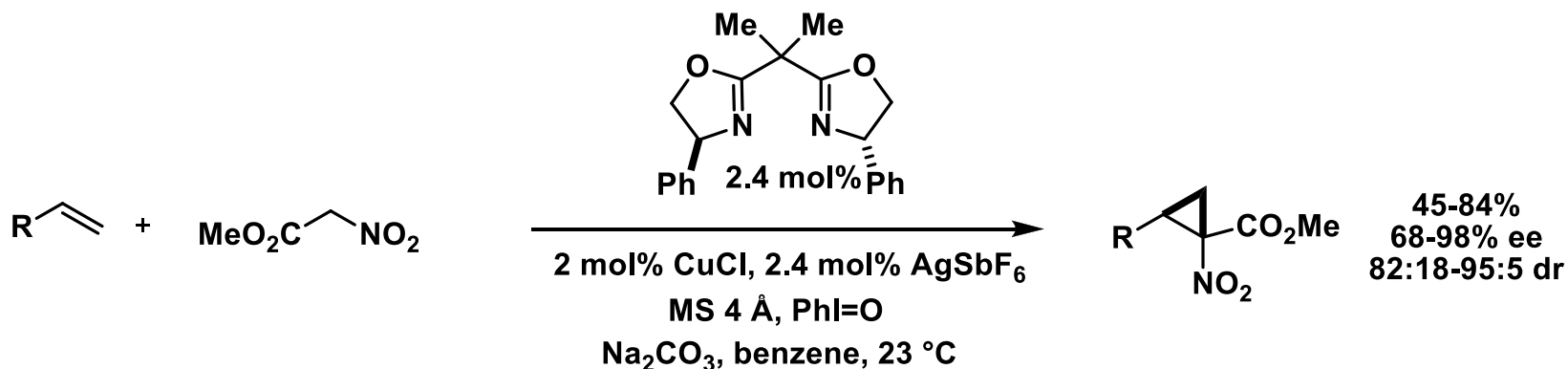


2.4.3 Cyclopropanation: Alternative to Diazo Compounds

Hypervalent Iodine as Carbene Precursor: Rh Catalyst¹



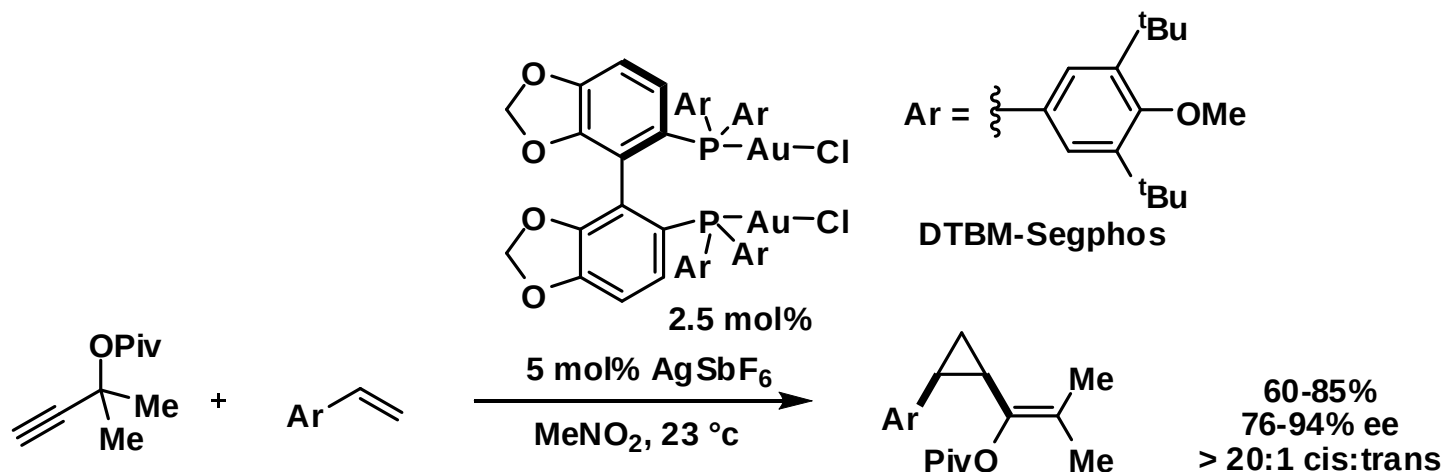
Hypervalent Iodine as Carbene Precursor: Cu Catalyst²



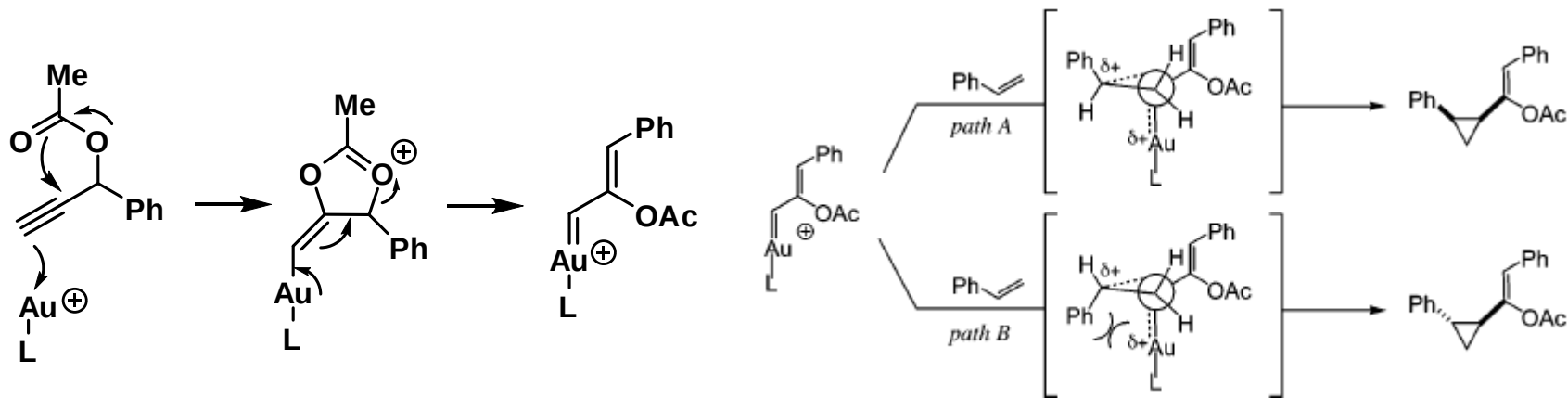
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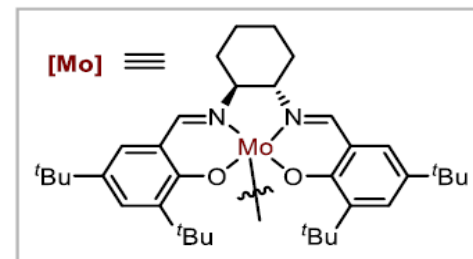
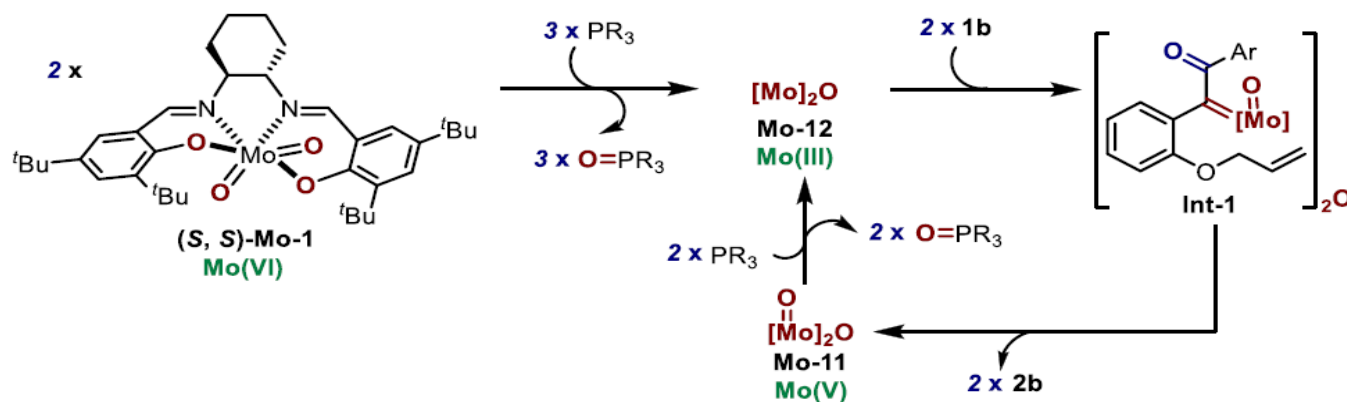
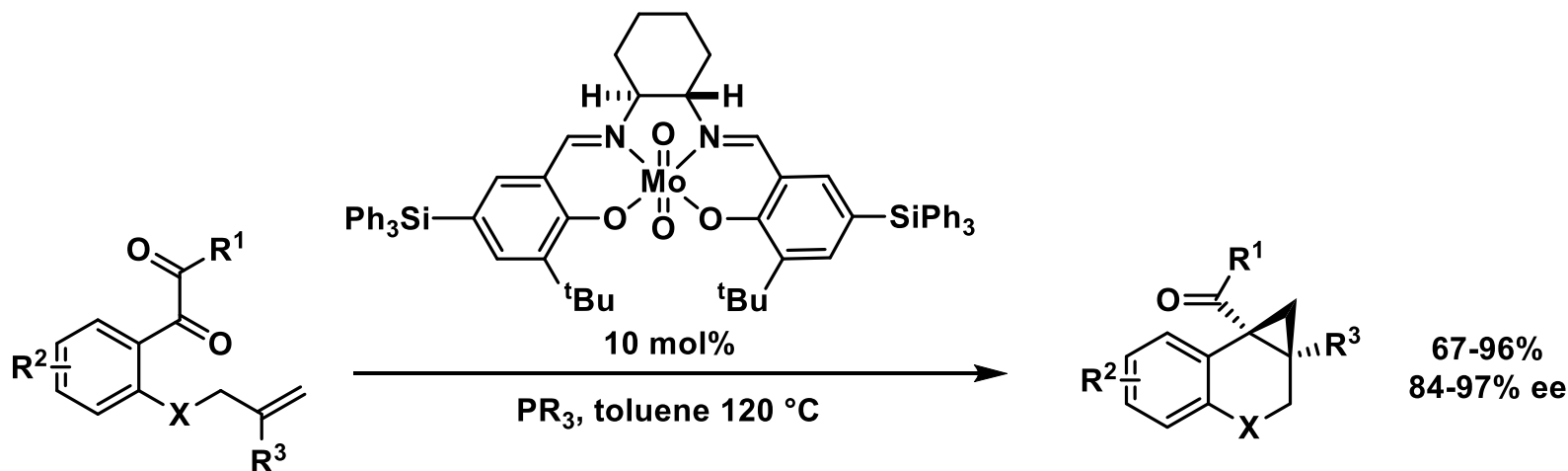


Mechanism



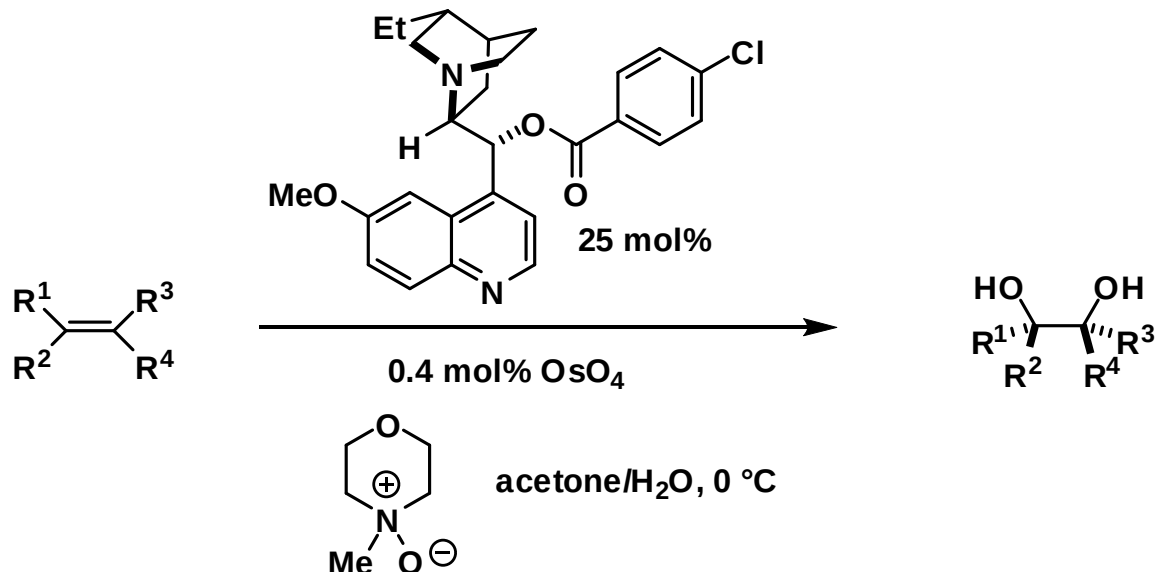
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Zhuo: From carbonyl groups using a Mo catalyst and phosphine as reductant

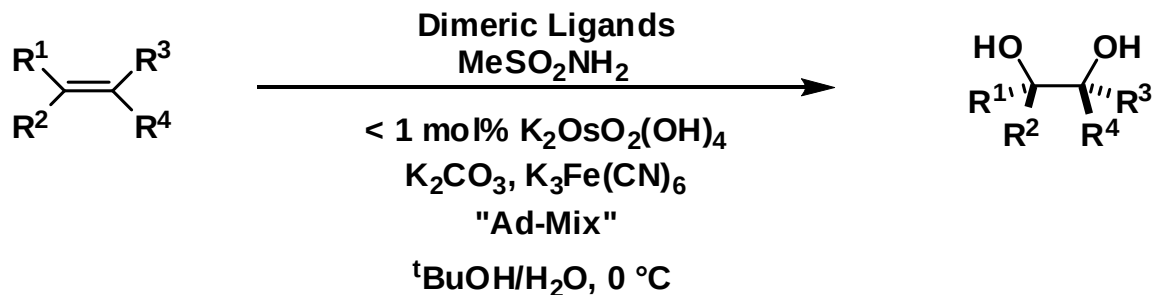


2.4.4 Dihydroxylation: Sharpless

1. Generation Sharpless Dihydroxylation¹



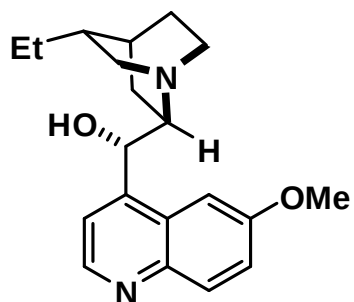
2. Generation Sharpless Dihydroxylation: Dimeric Ligands and Ad-Mix^{2,3}



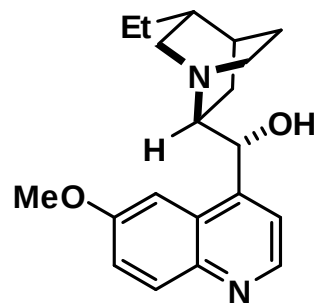
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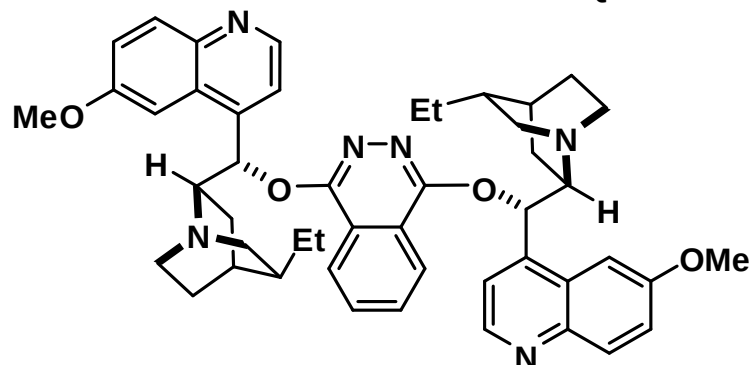
Ligands for Asymmetric Dihydroxylation



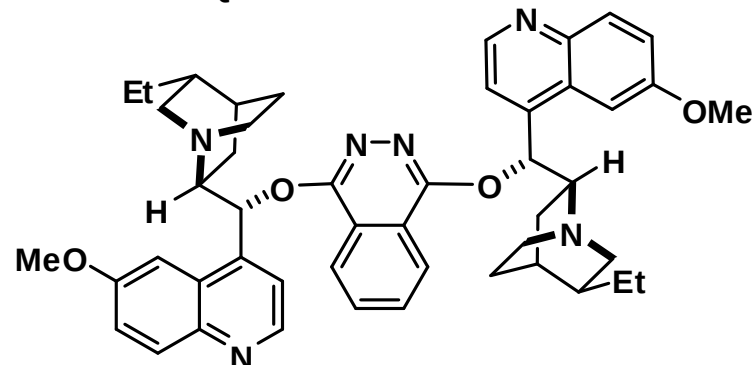
Dihydroquinidine
DHQD



Dihydroquinine
DHQ

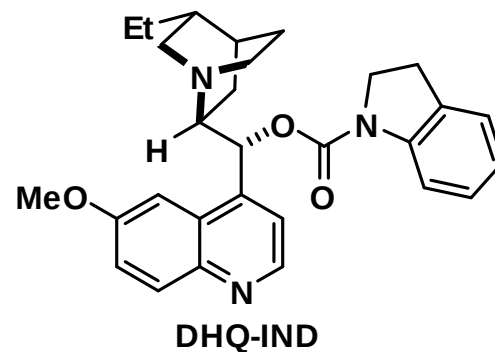
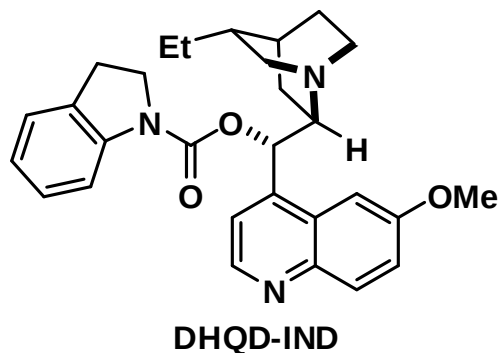
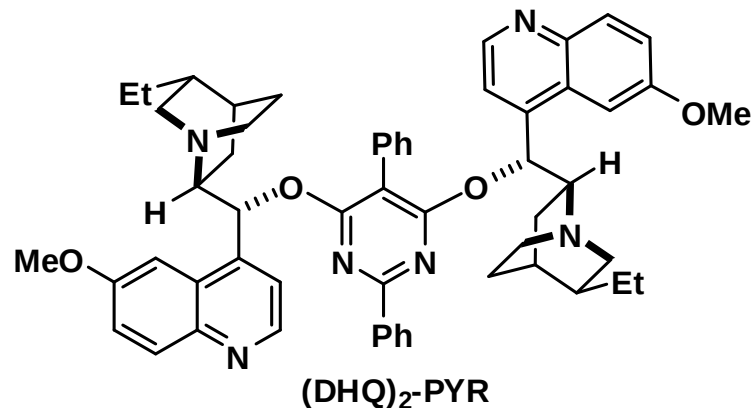
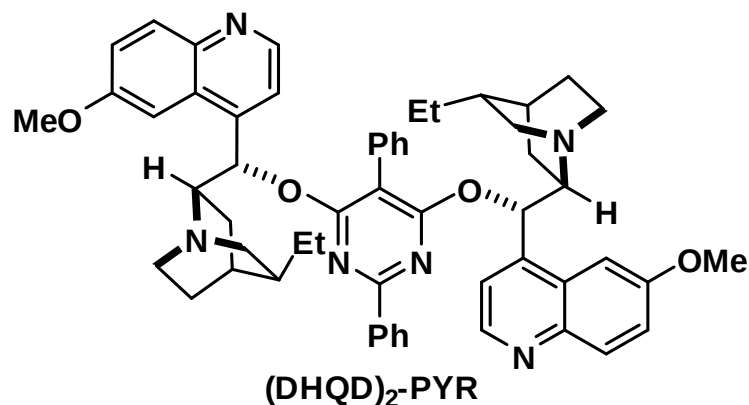


(DHQD)₂-PHAL



(DHQ)₂-PHAL

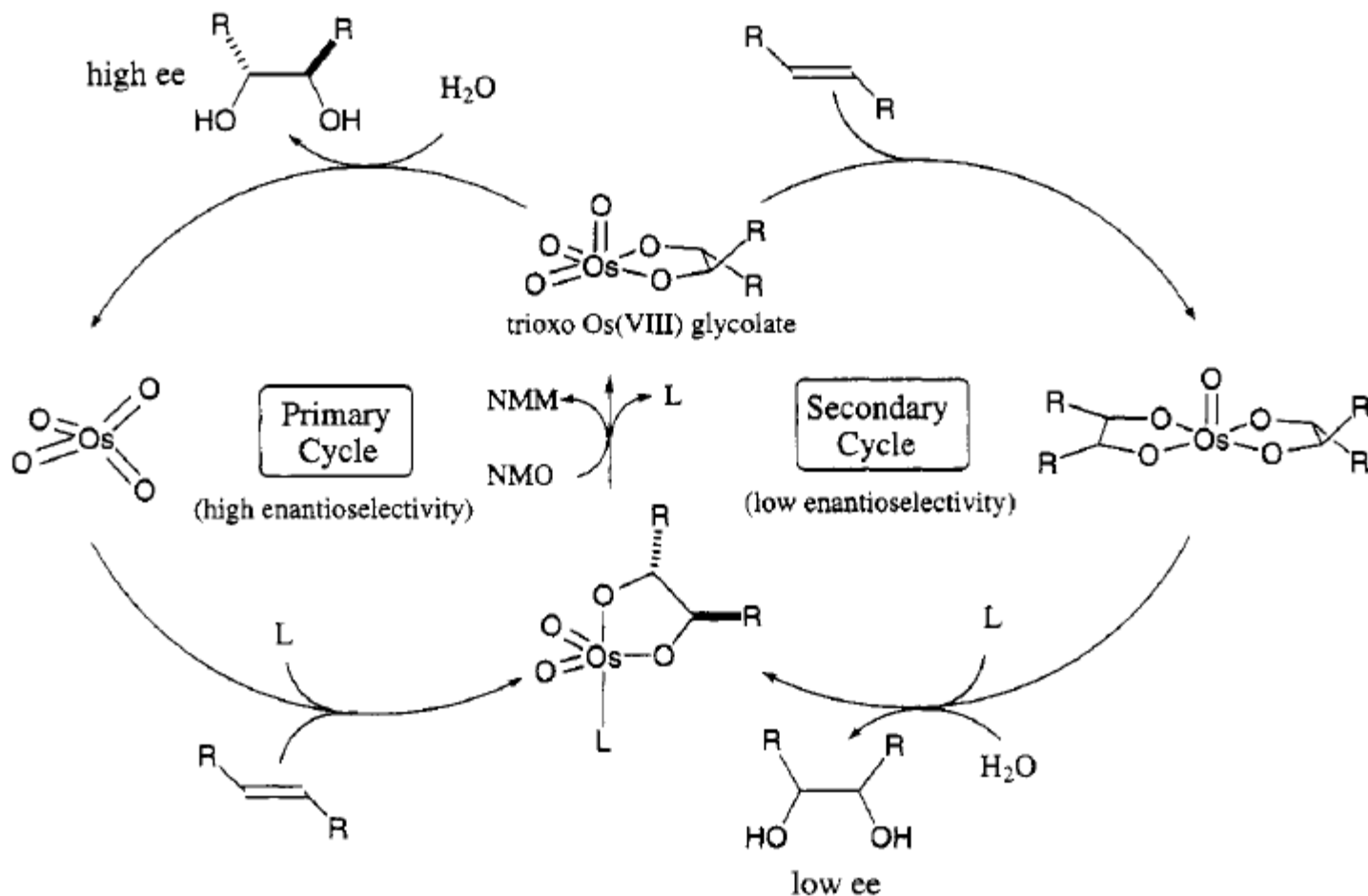
2.4.4 Dihydroxylation: Sharpless



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Preferred ligand	PYR PHAL	PHAL	IND	PHAL	PHAL	PYR PHAL
ee range	30-97 %	70-97 %	20-80 %	90-99.8 %	90-99 %	20-97 %

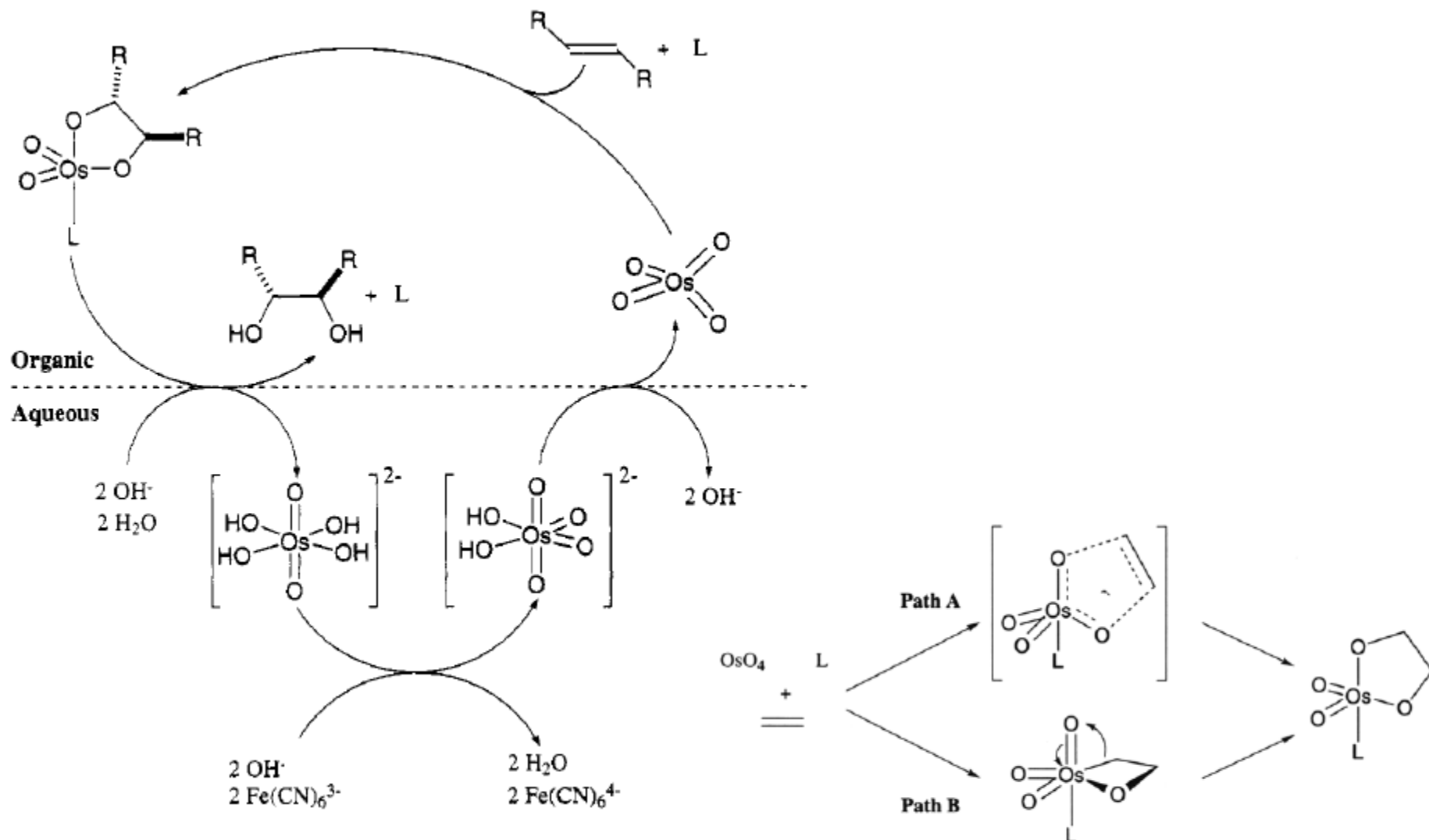
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Mechanism for Dihydroxylation Using NMO



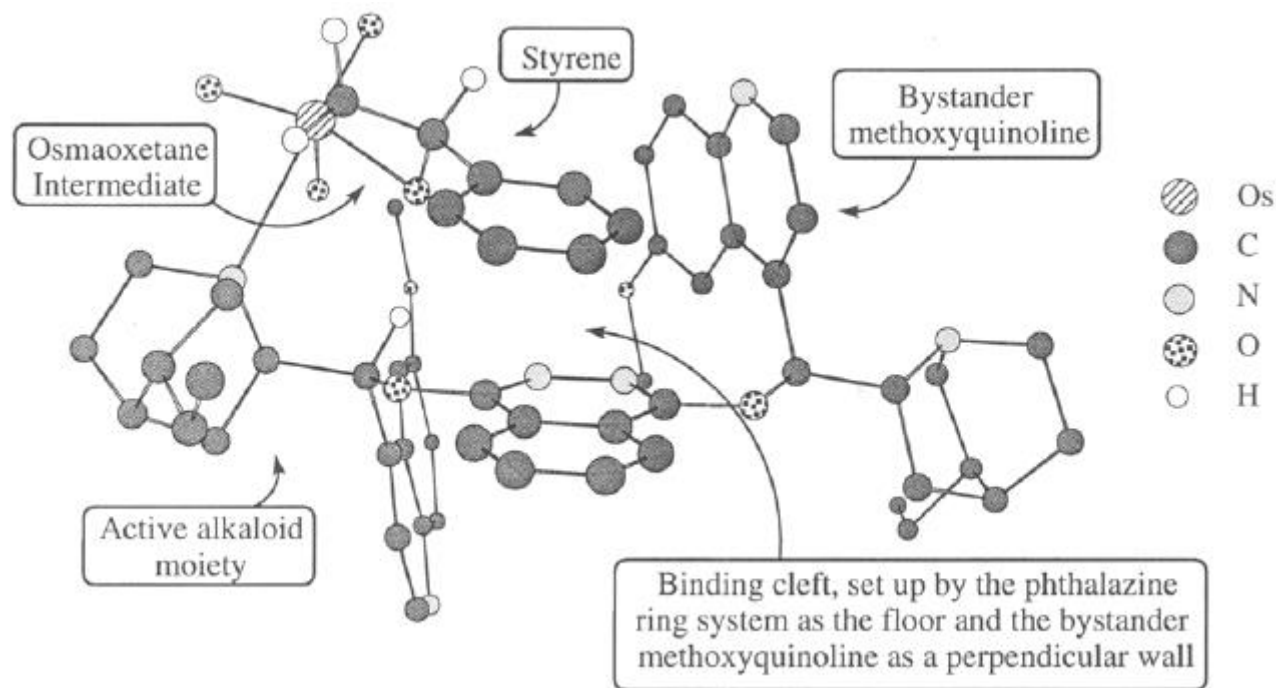
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Mechanism for Dihydroxylation Using Add Mix

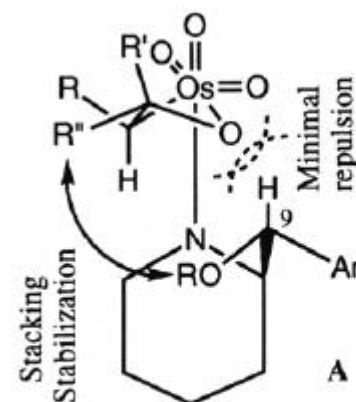


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Origin of Enantioselectivity

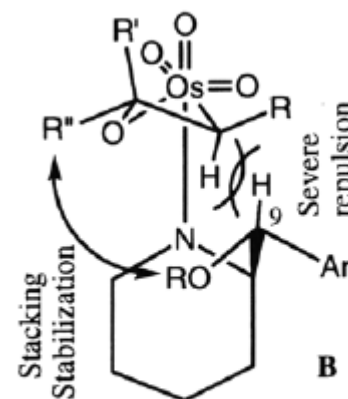


Major pathway



Best isomer (A), leads to (*R*)-diol, good attractive stabilization and minimal repulsion

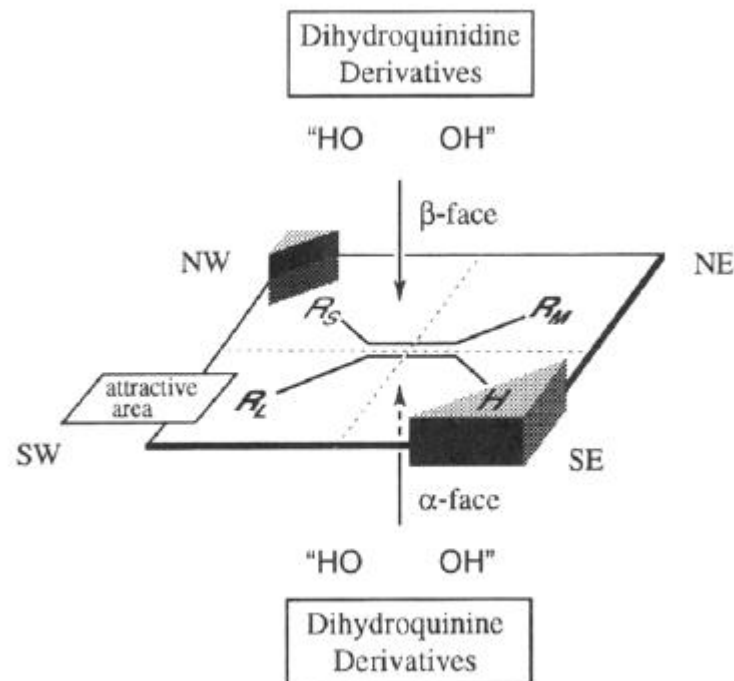
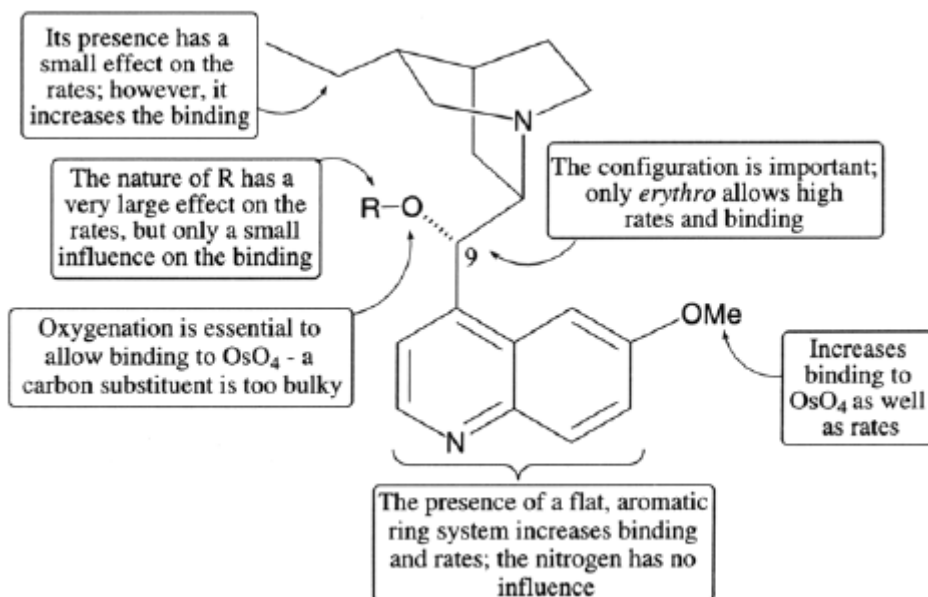
Minor pathway



Steric repulsion destabilizes this isomer (B), an (*S*)-diol precursor

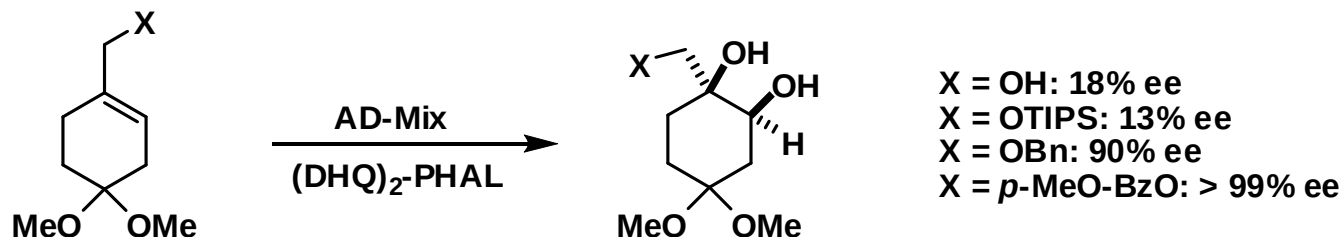
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Importance of Structure and Mnemotechnic Model

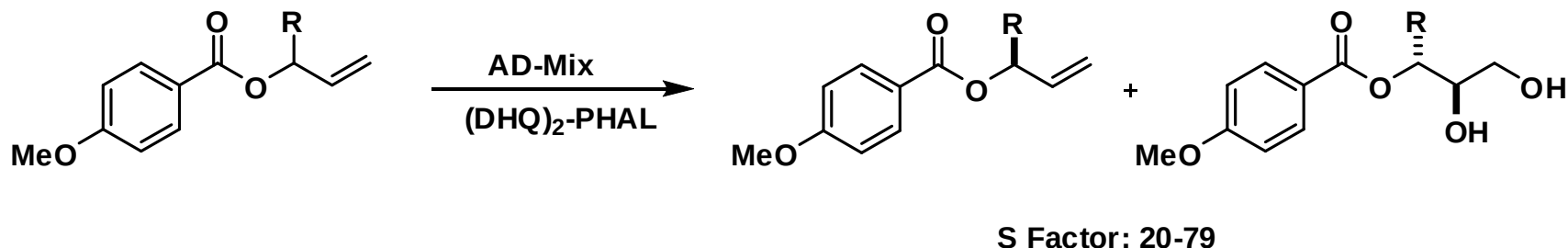


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Corey: The Importance of π - π Interactions for Selectivity

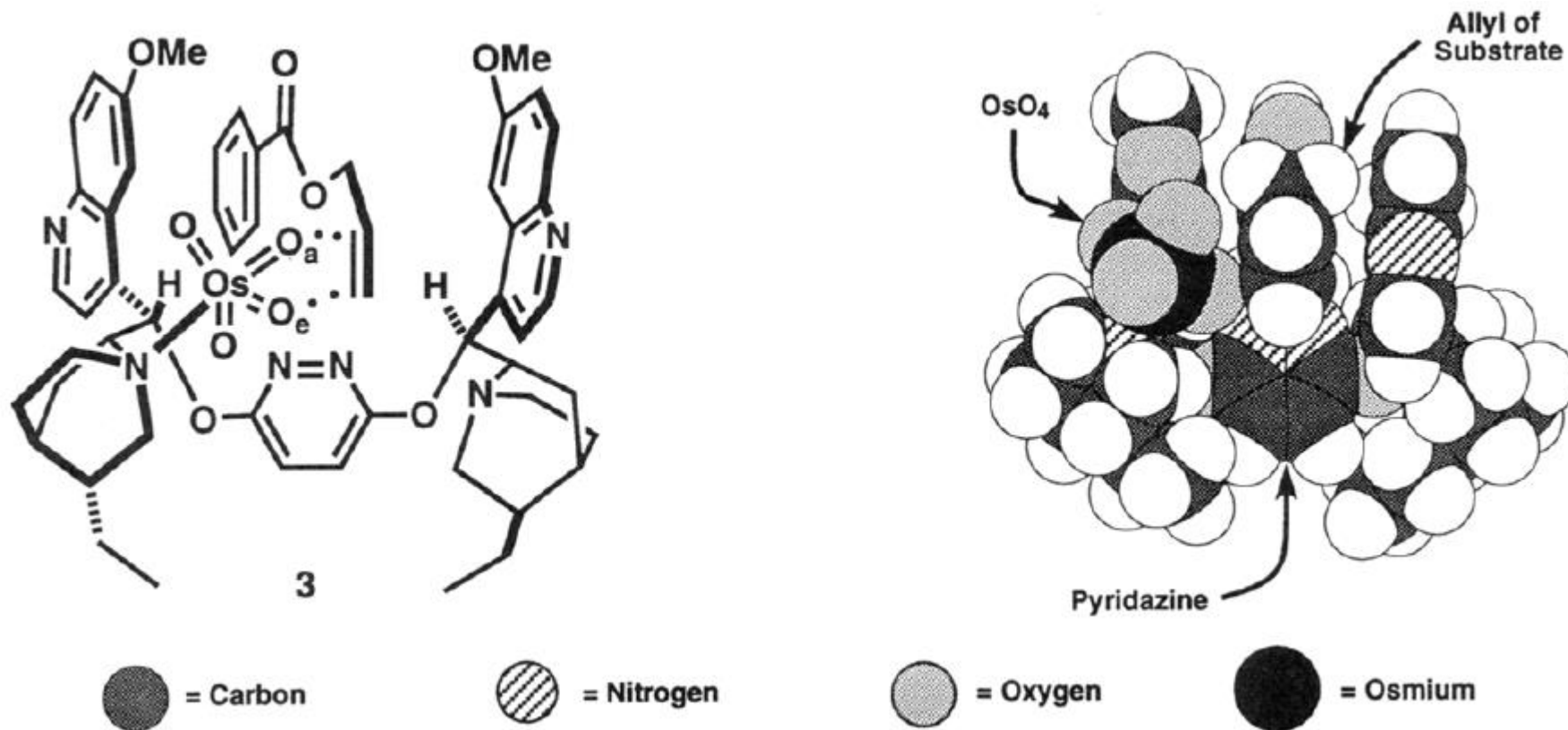


Kinetic Resolution Using Sharpless Dihydroxylation



2.4.4 Dihydroxylation: Sharpless

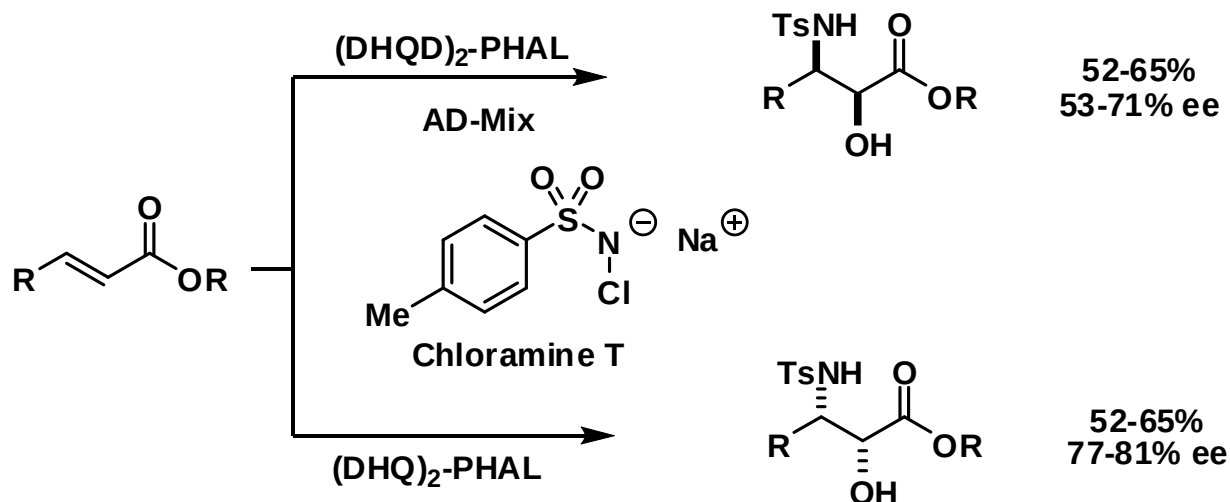
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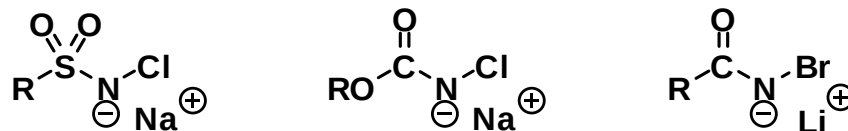
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2.4.4 Aminohydroxylation: Sharpless

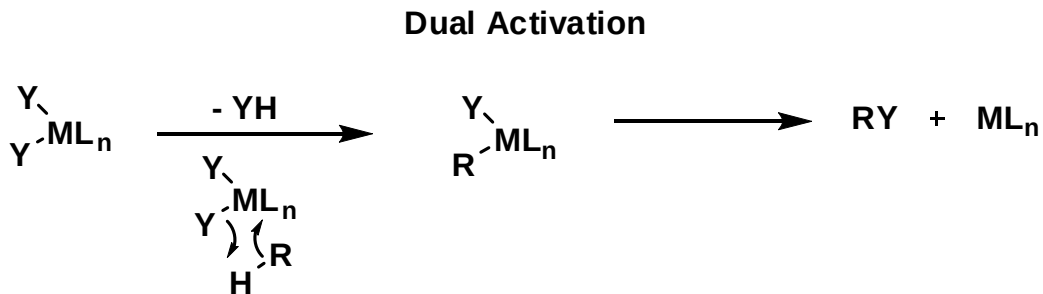
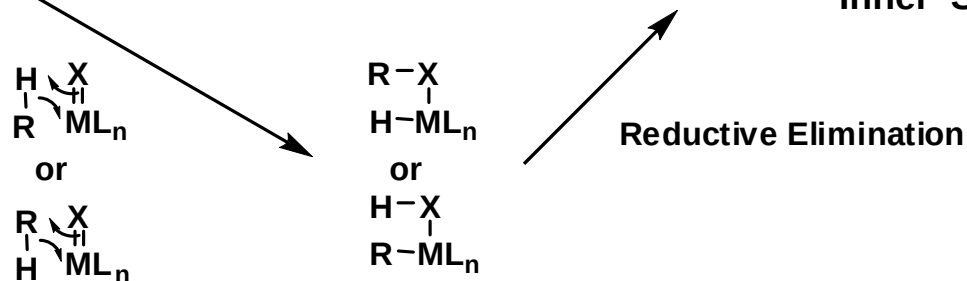
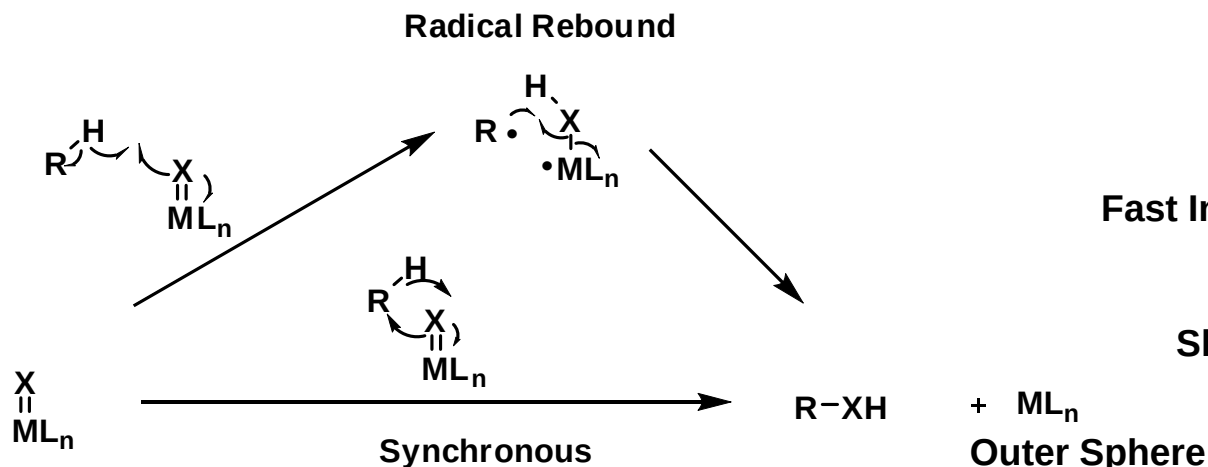
Sharpless: Asymmetric Aminohydroxylation



Best Nitrogen Sources



2.4.5 C-H/X-H Functionalization: Introduction



CH Functionalization



Fast Introduction of Functional Groups



Short and Efficient Synthesis

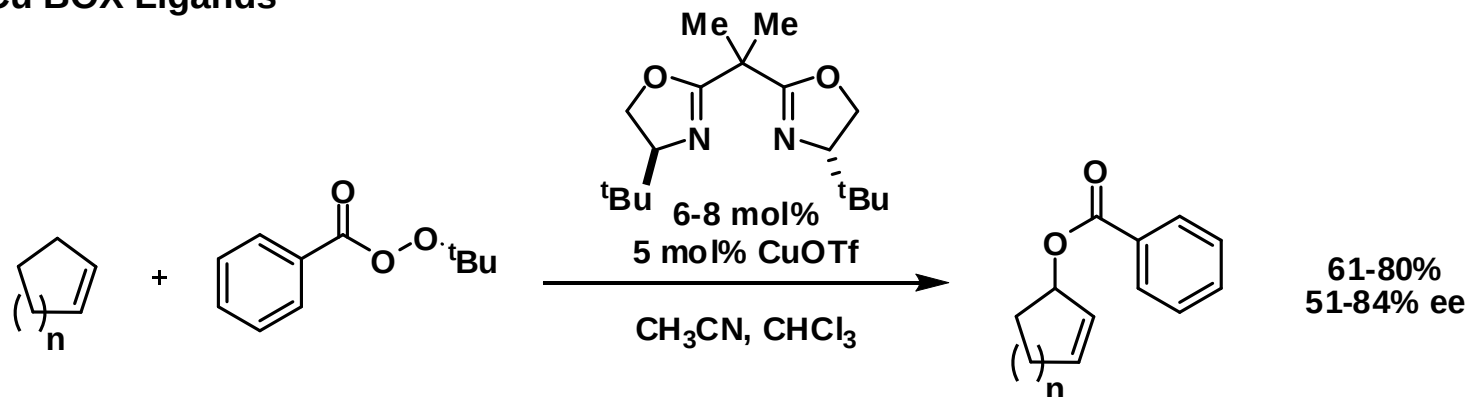


Less Waste

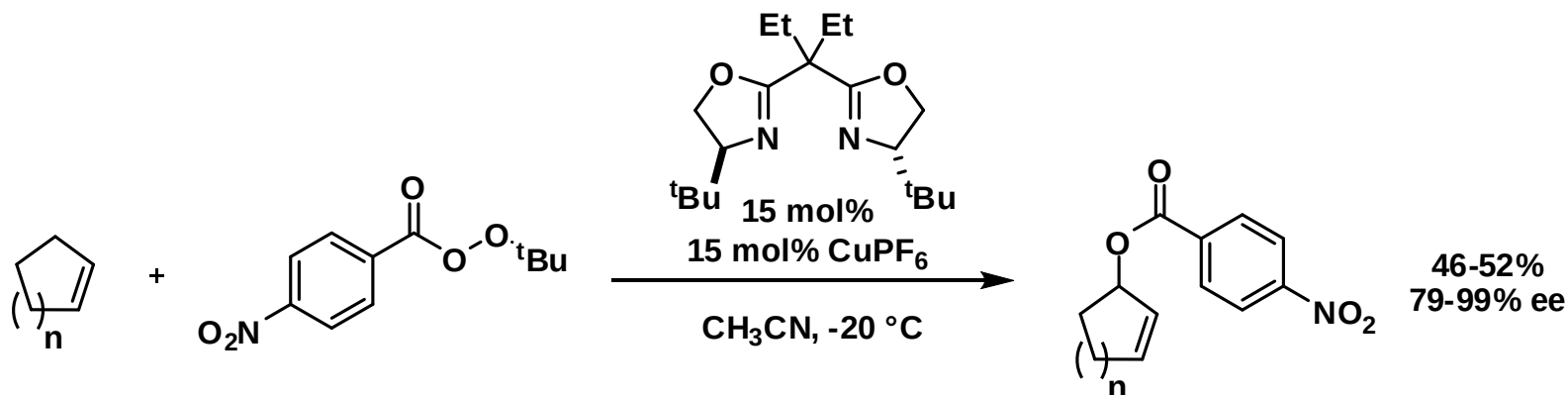
2.4.4 C-H Functionalization: Oxygen Transfer

Karasch-Sosnovsky Allylic Oxidation

Pfaltz: Cu BOX Ligands¹



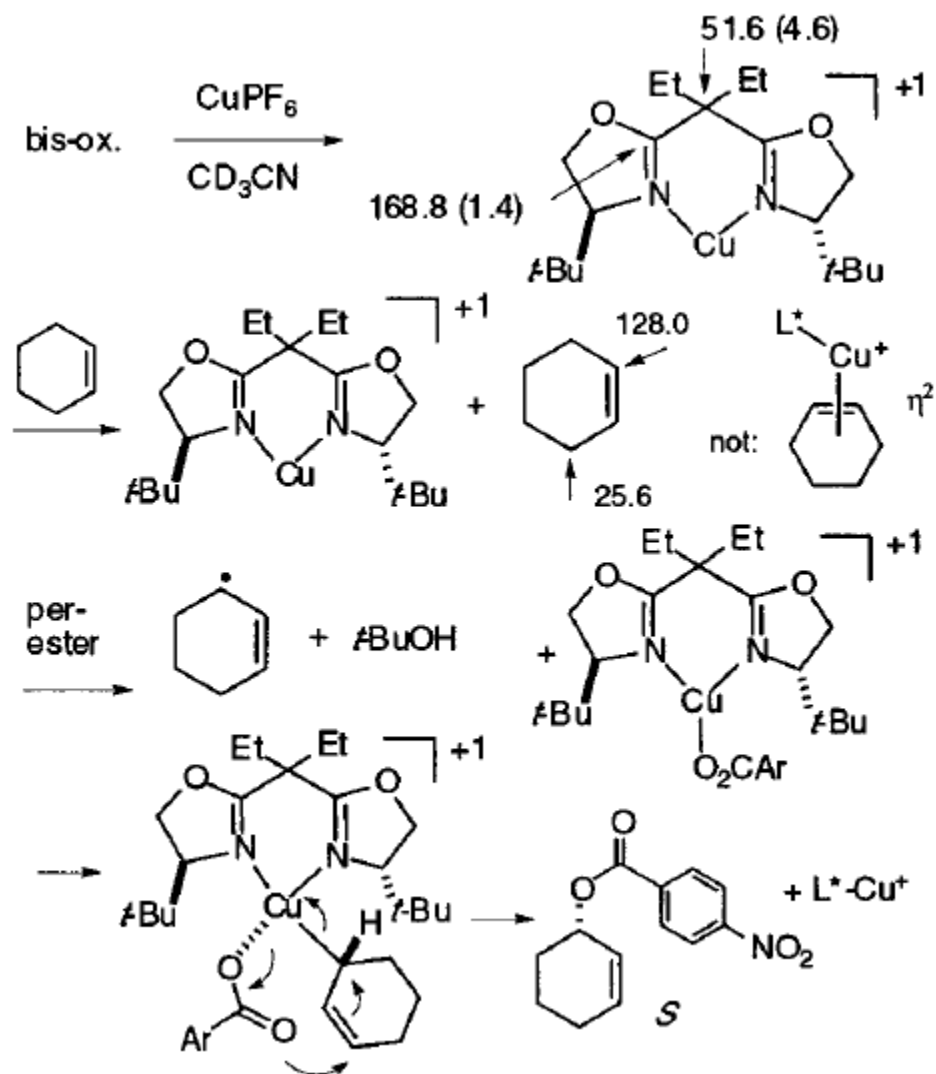
Andrus: Minor Improvements²



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2.4.4 C-H Functionalization: Oxygen Transfer

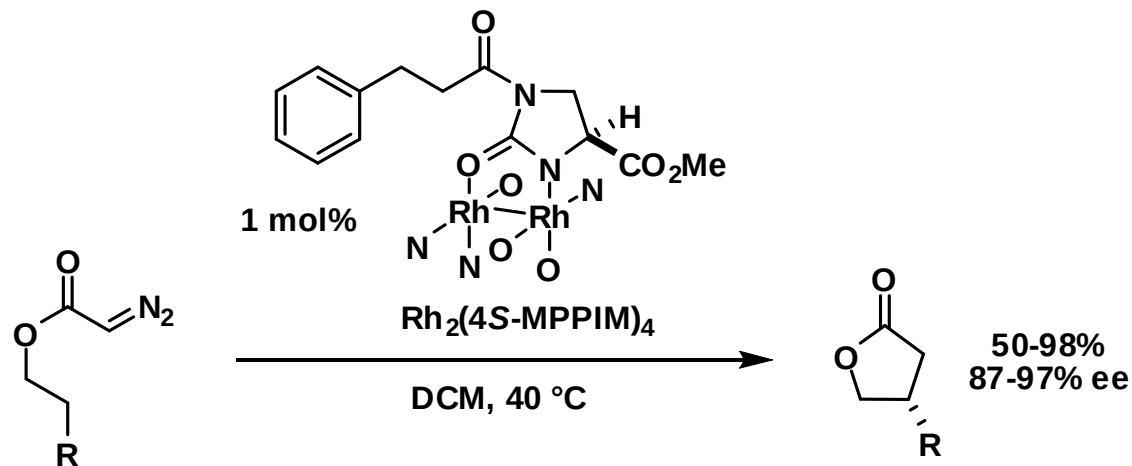
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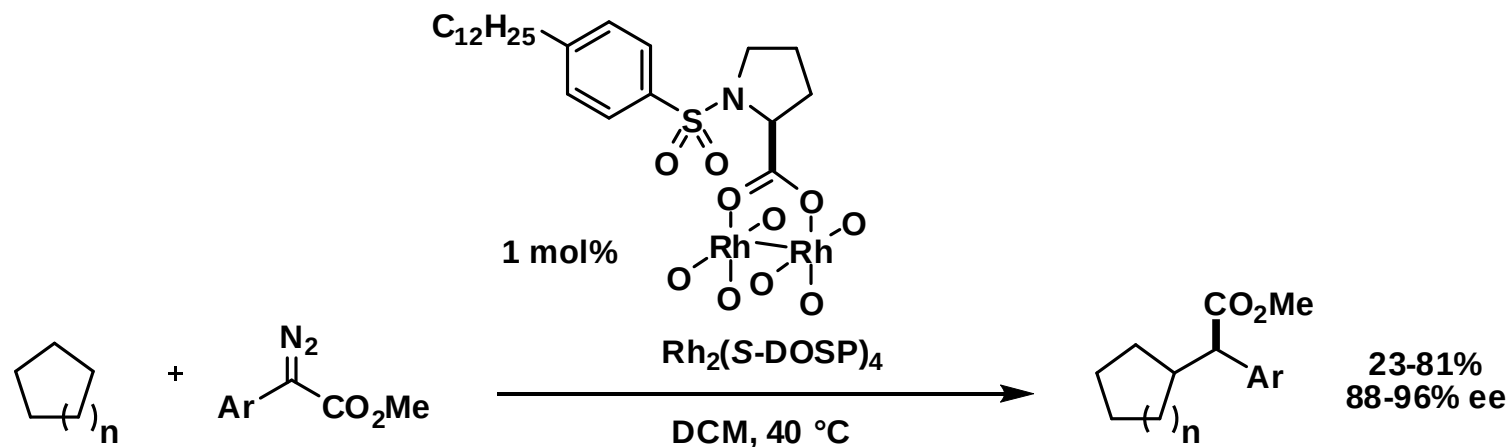
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2.4.4 C-H Functionalization: Carbenes

Doyle: Intramolecular C-H Insertion¹



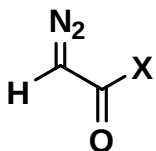
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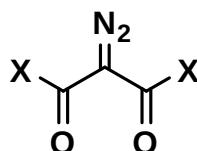
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2.4.4 C-H Functionalization: Carbenes

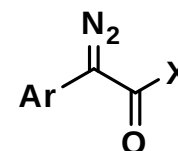
Different Kinds of Carbenoids



Acceptor Carbenoid
Fast Dimerization
Tendence Towards Cyclopropanation

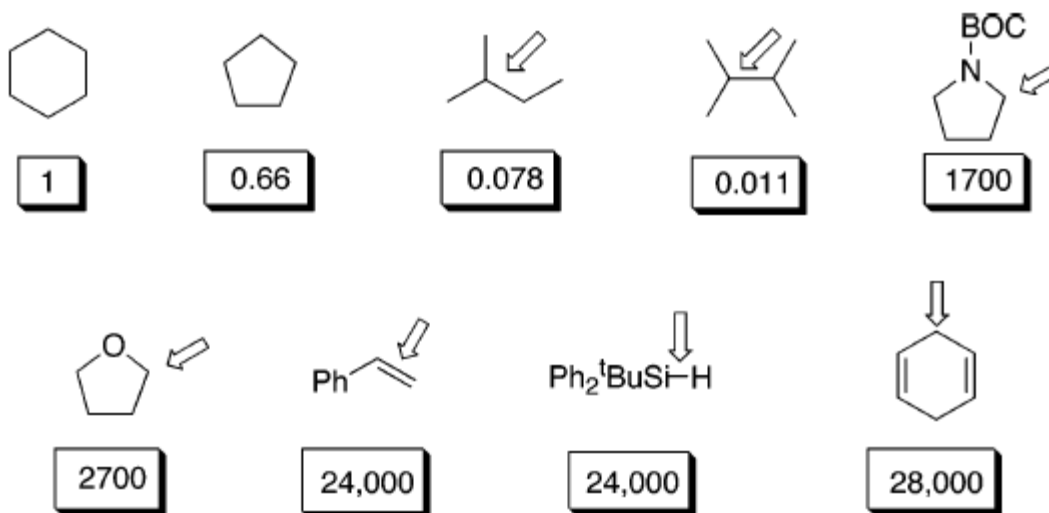


Acceptor-Acceptor Carbenoid
Dimerization
Tendence Towards Cyclopropanation



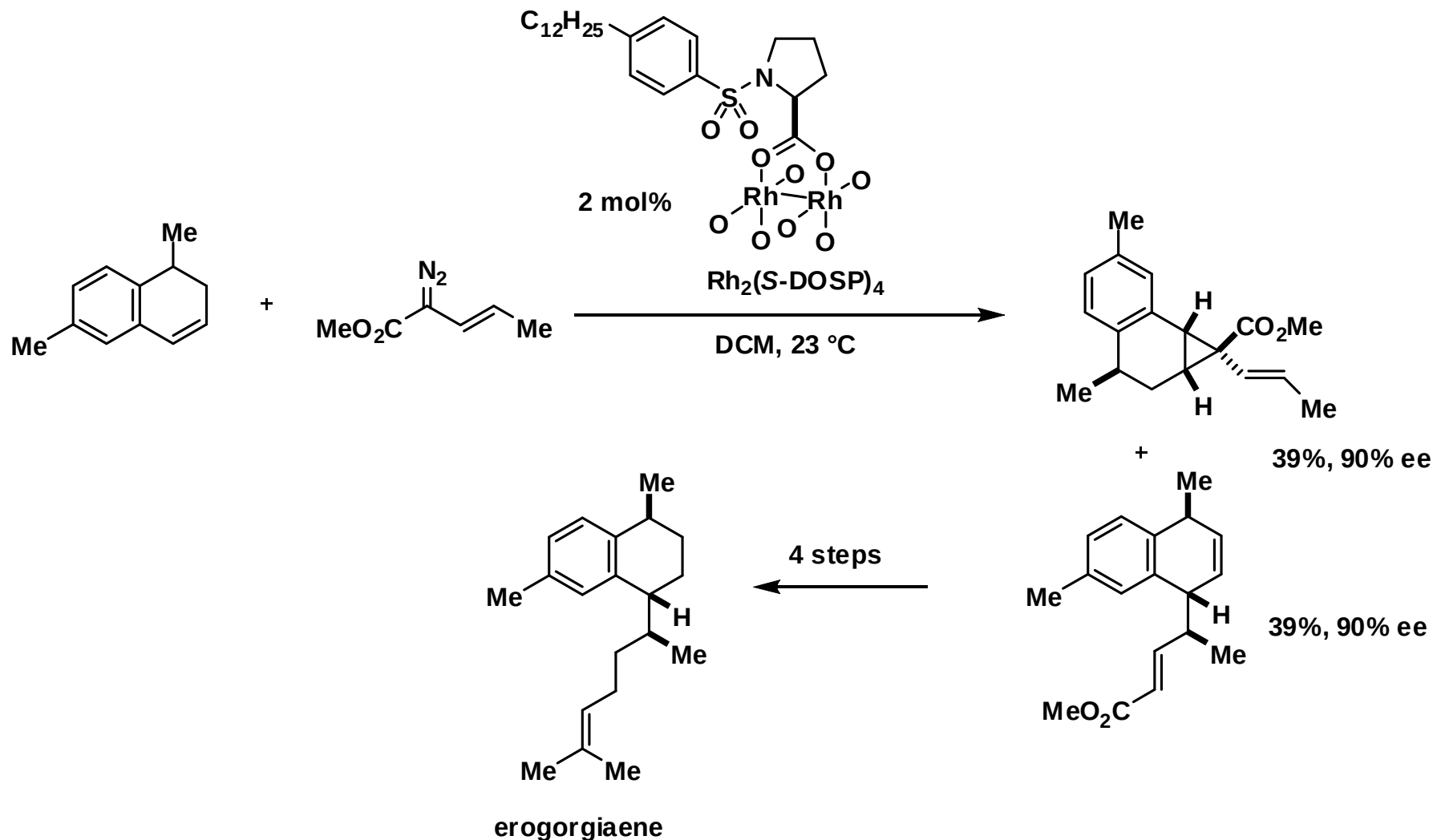
Donor-Acceptor Carbenoid
Slow Dimerization
Tendence Towards Insertion

Compared Reactivity of Substrates with $\text{Rh}_2(\text{S-DOSP})_4$ and Donor-Acceptor Carbenoids



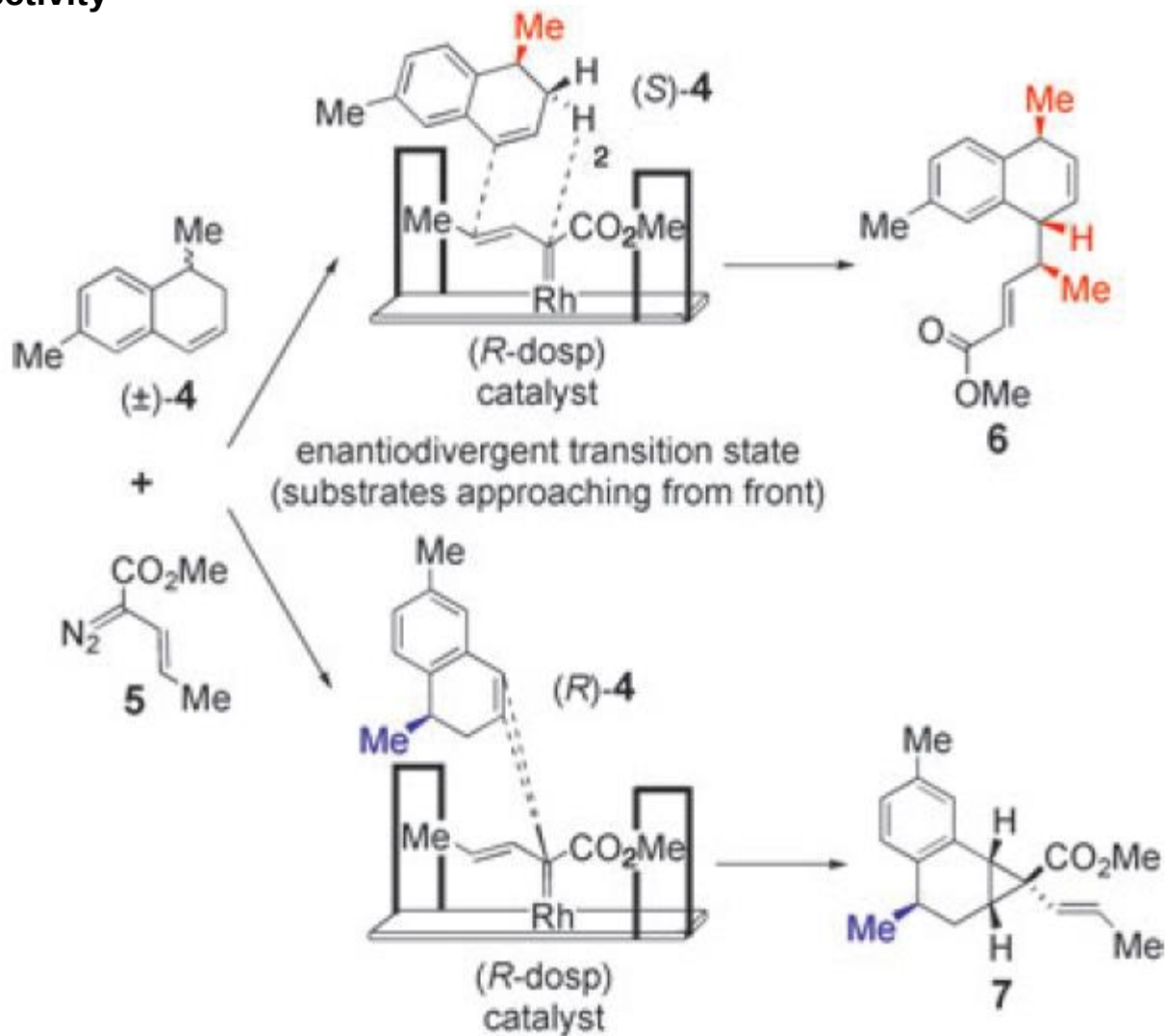
2.4.4 C-H Functionalization: Carbenes

Davies: Asymmetric Synthesis of Erogorgiaene



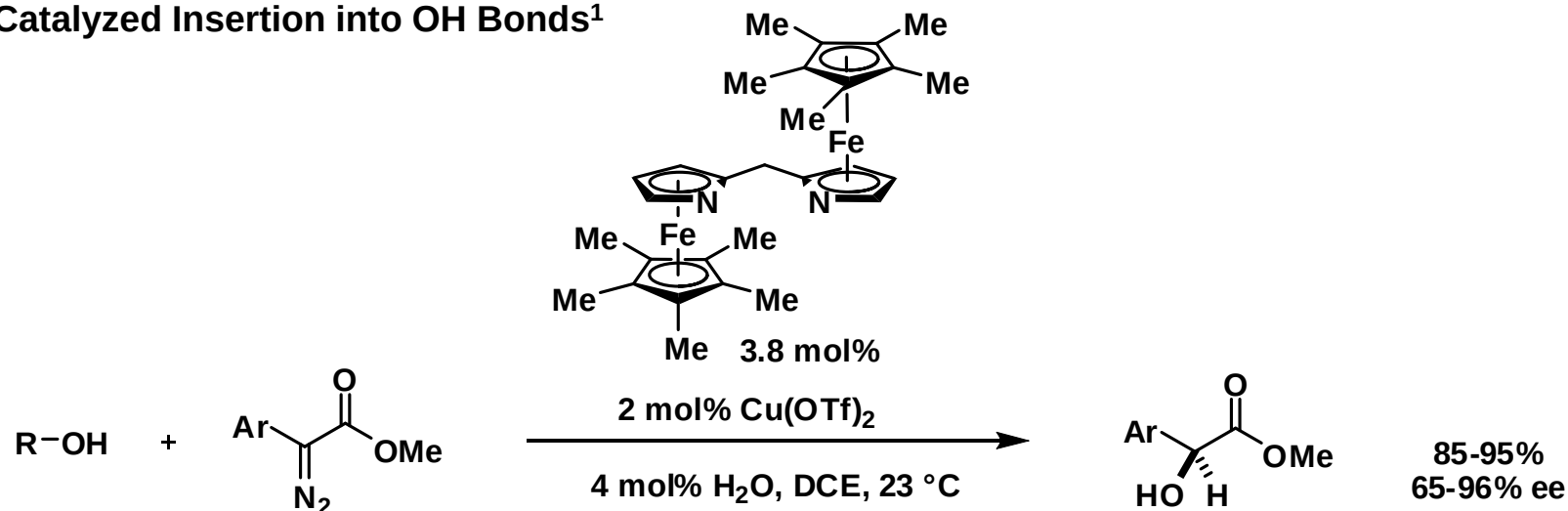
2.4.4 C-H Functionalization: Carbenes

Model for Selectivity

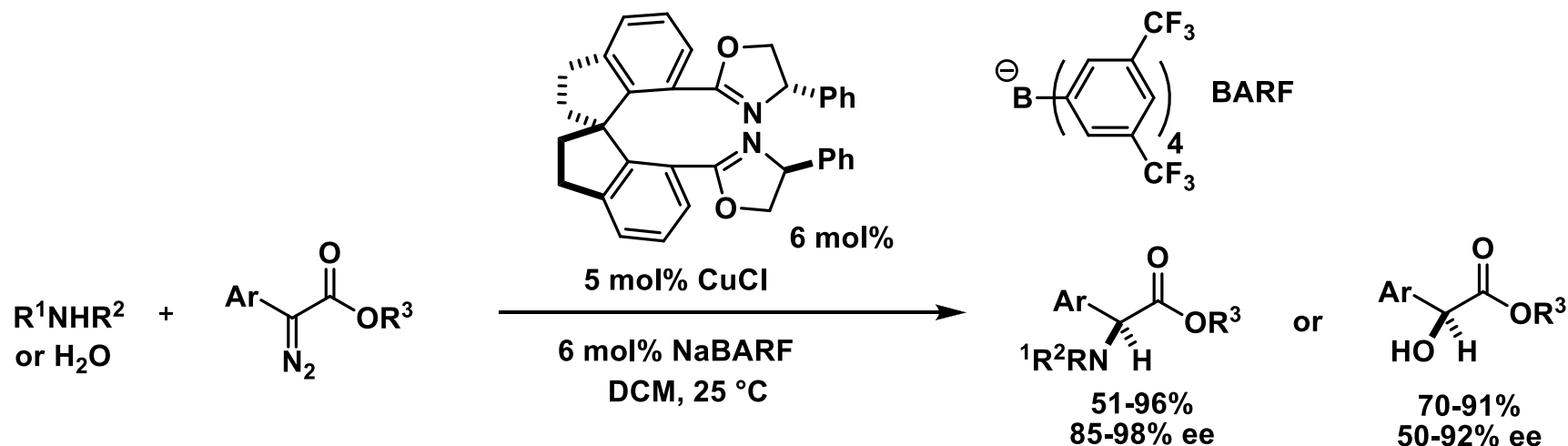


2.4.4 X-H Functionalization: Carbenes

Fu: Cu-Catalyzed Insertion into OH Bonds¹



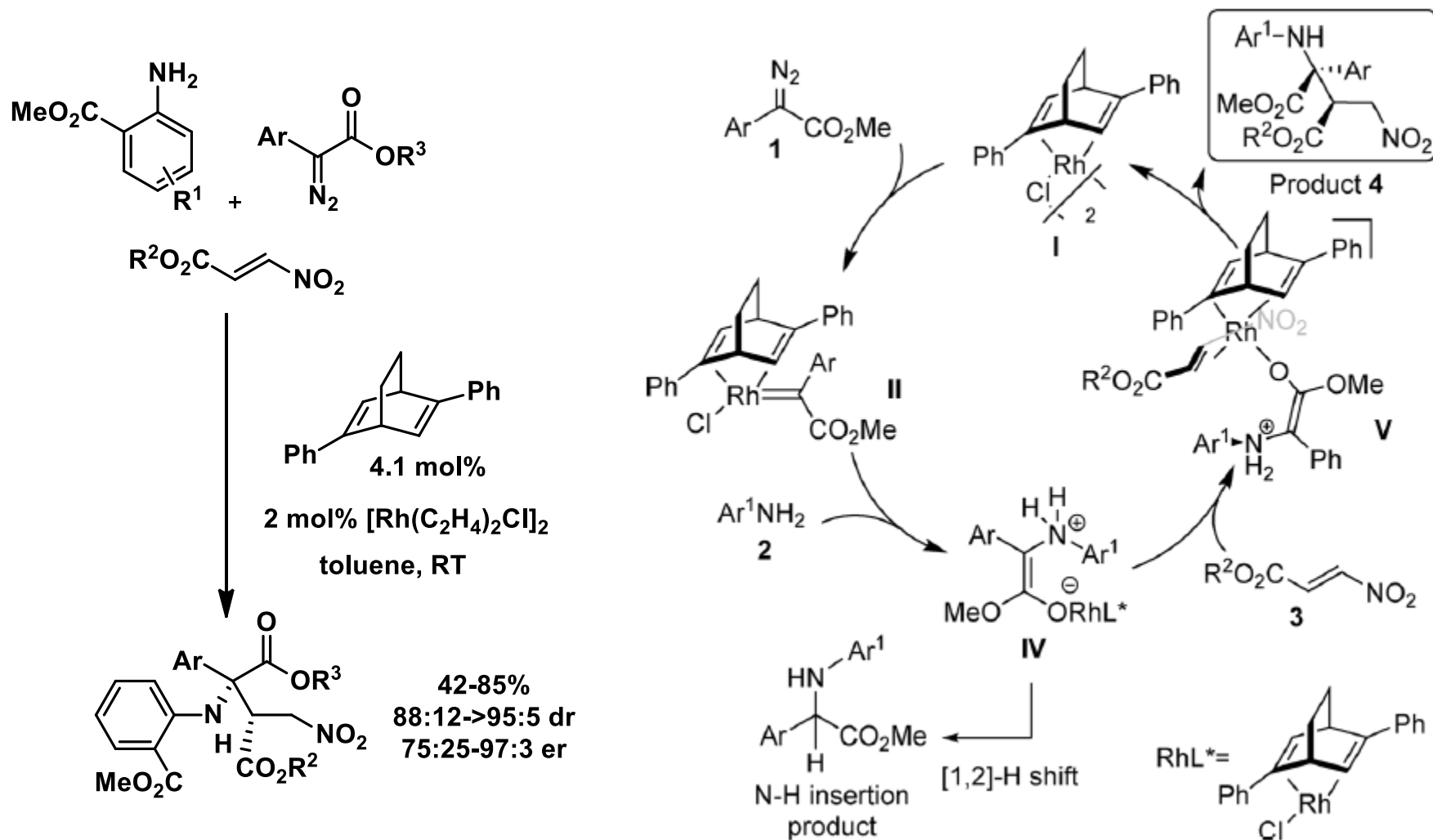
Zhou: Cu-Catalyzed Insertion into NH Bonds² or water³



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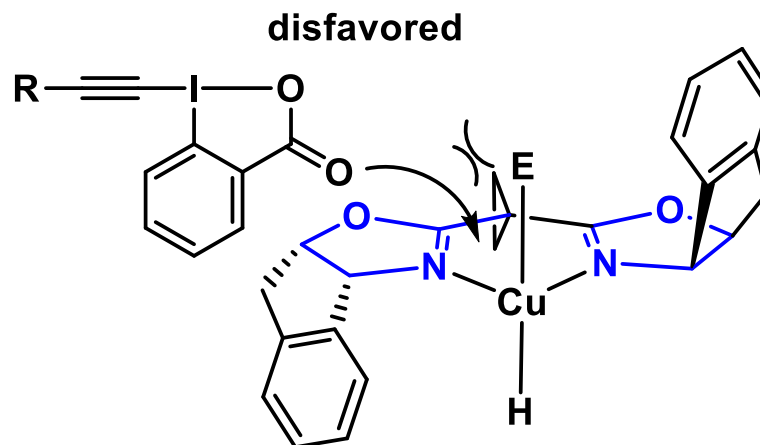
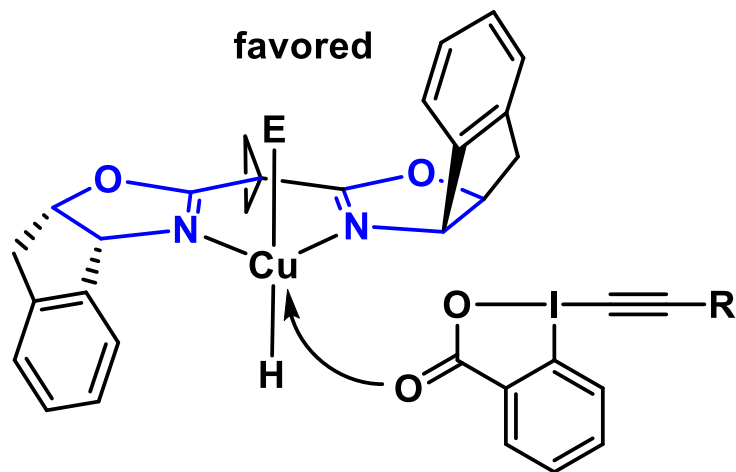
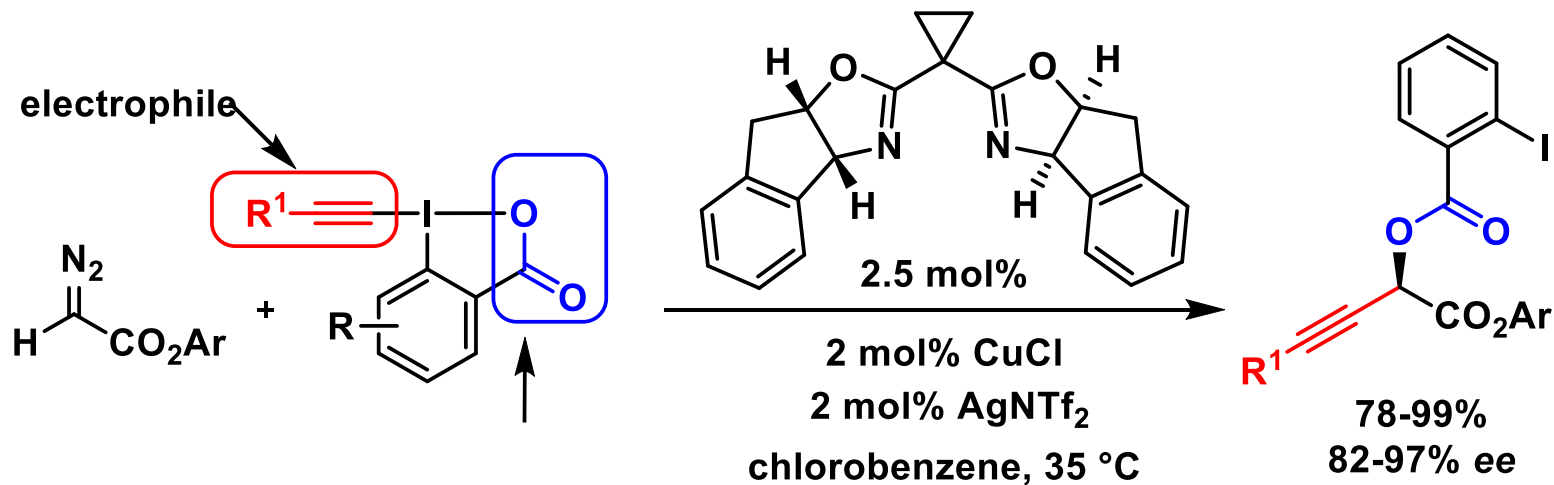
2.4.4 Carbene multi-functionalization

Hu: Rh-Catalyzed multi-functionalization cascade



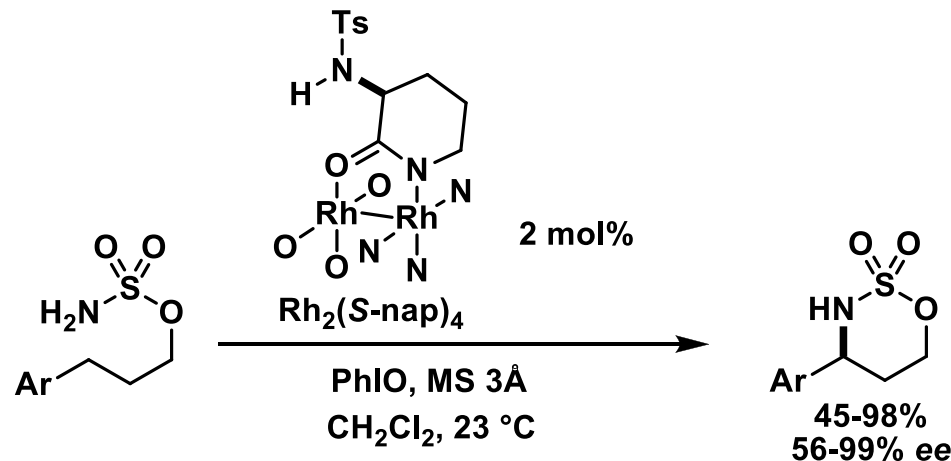
2.4.4 Carbene multi-functionalization

Waser: Multi-functionalization with EBX (Ethynylbenziodoxolone) hypervalent iodine reagents

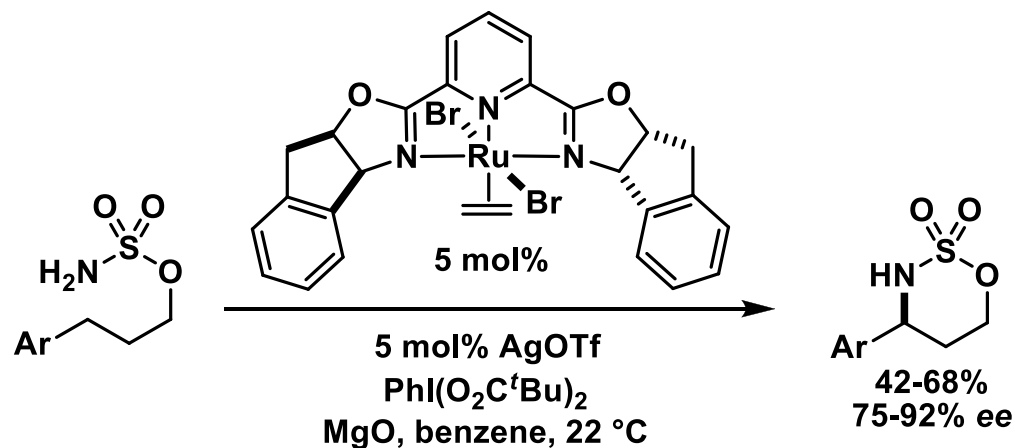


2.4.4 C-H Functionalization: Nitrenes

Du Bois: Rh-catalyzed nitrene insertion with hypervalent iodine¹



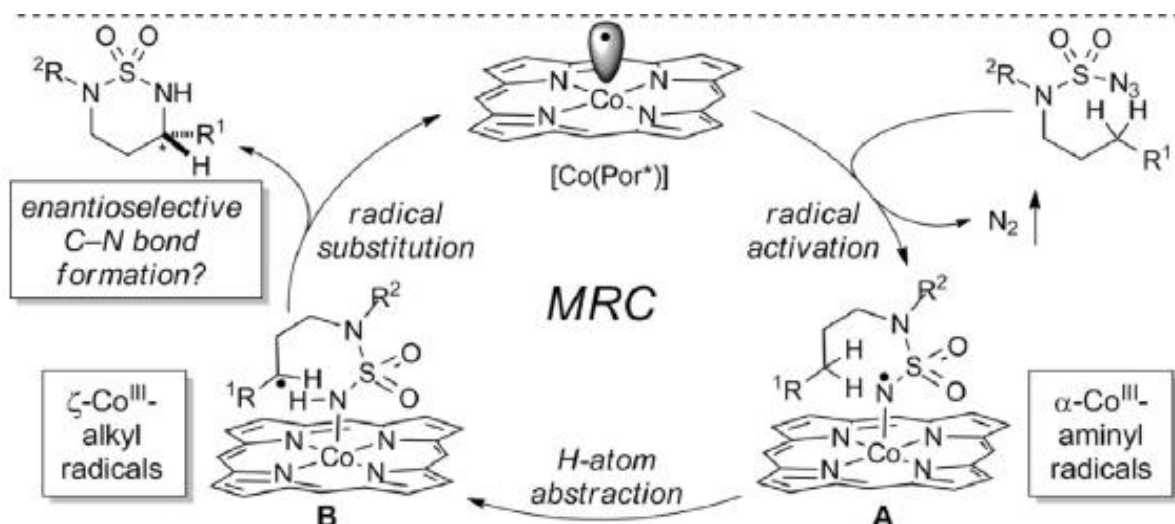
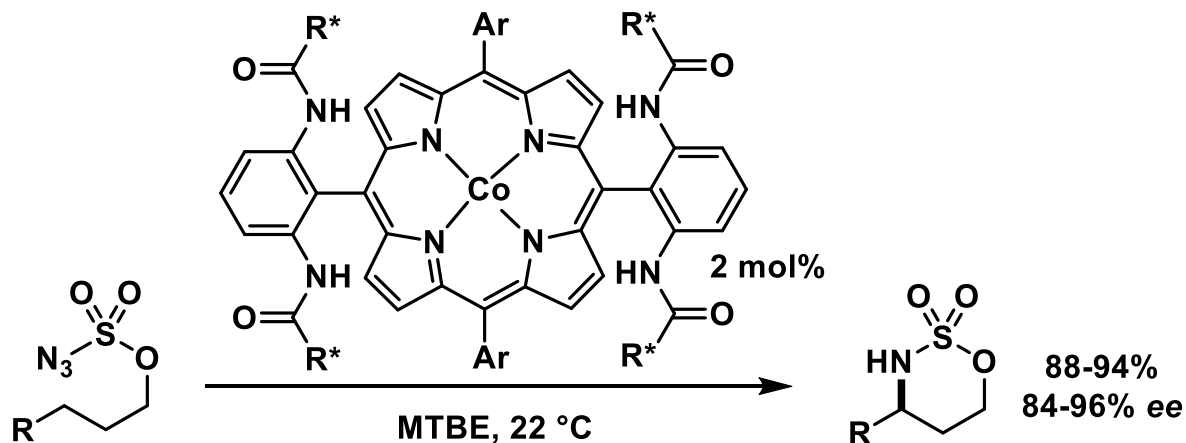
Blakey: Ru-catalyzed nitrene insertion with hypervalent iodine²



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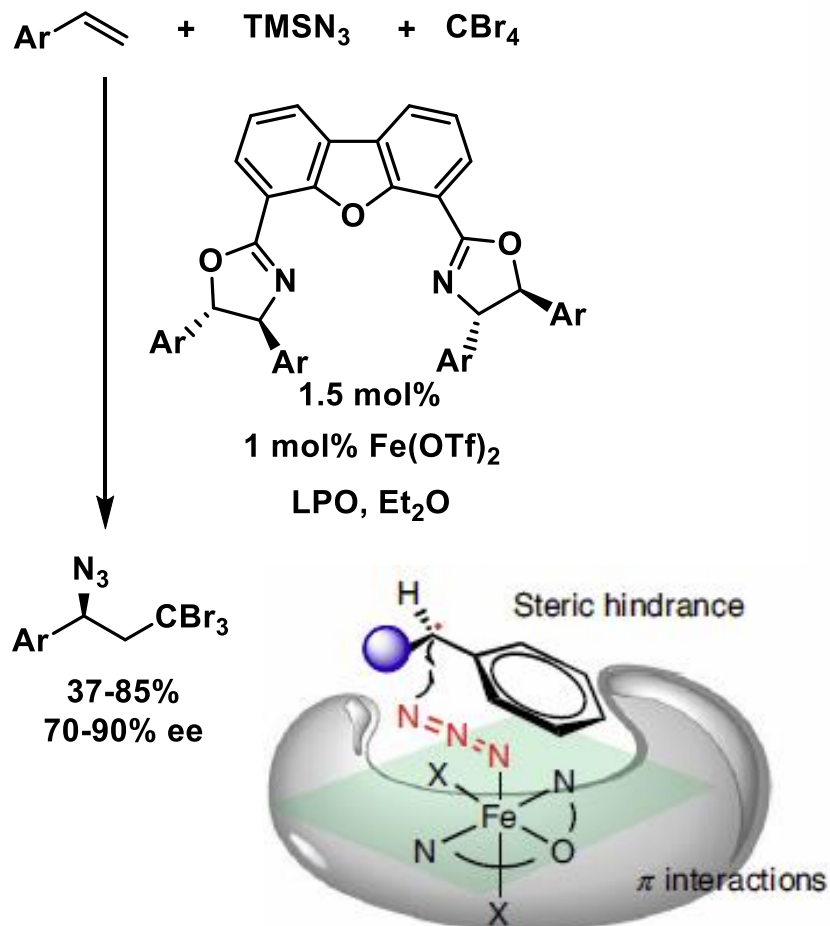
2.4.4 C-H Functionalization: Nitrenes

Zhang: Co-catalyzed nitrene insertion via radicals¹

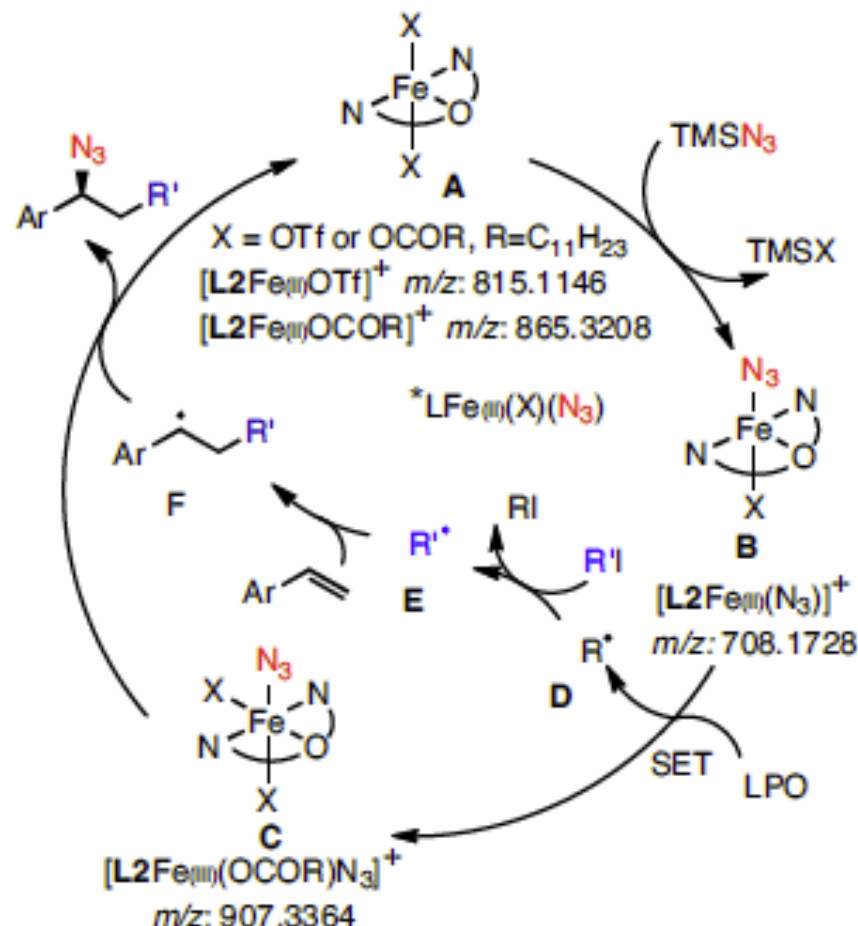


2.4.5 Other Reactions: Azidation of Radicals

Bao: Iron-catalyzed carboazidation¹



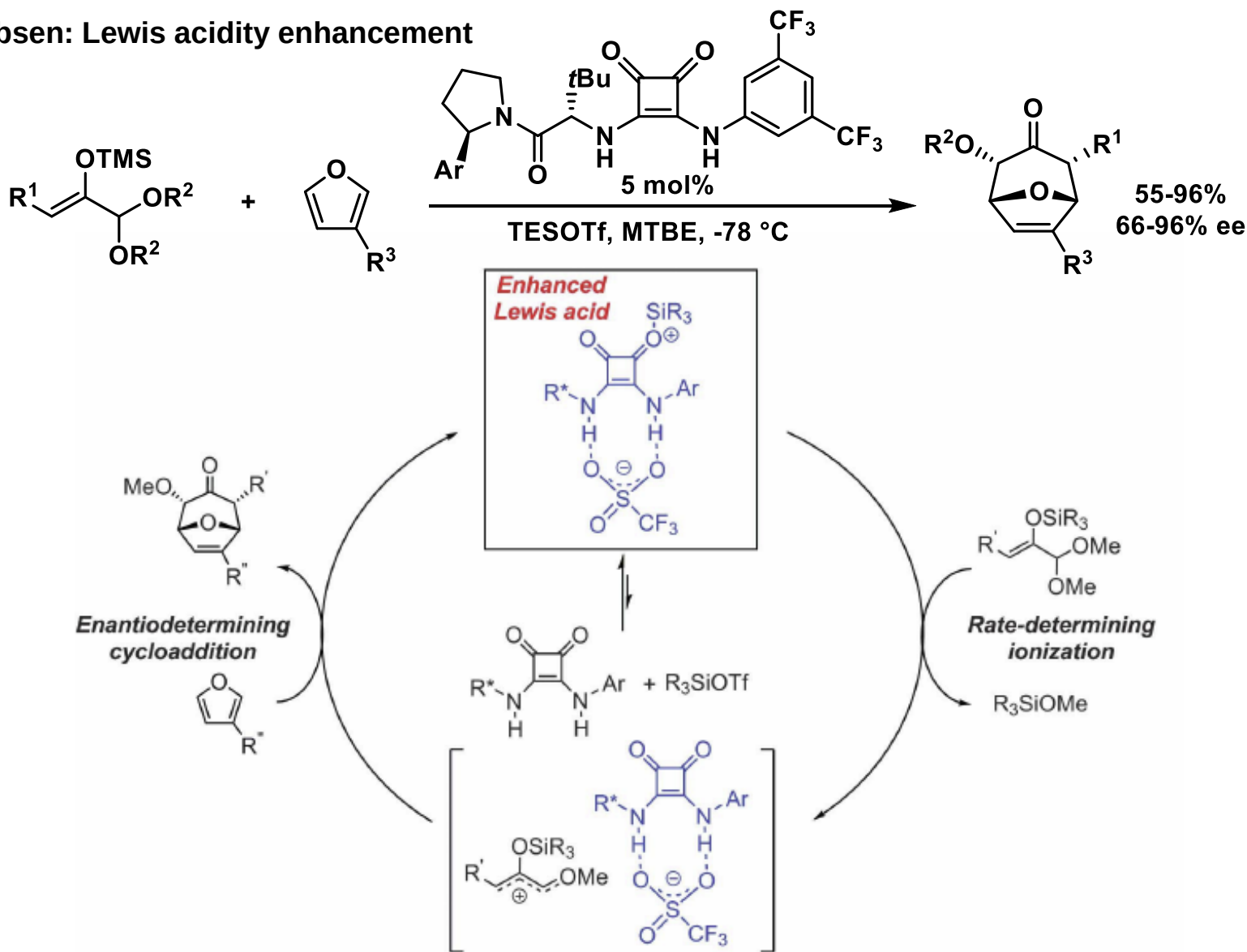
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Also possible starting from benzylic C-H bonds²

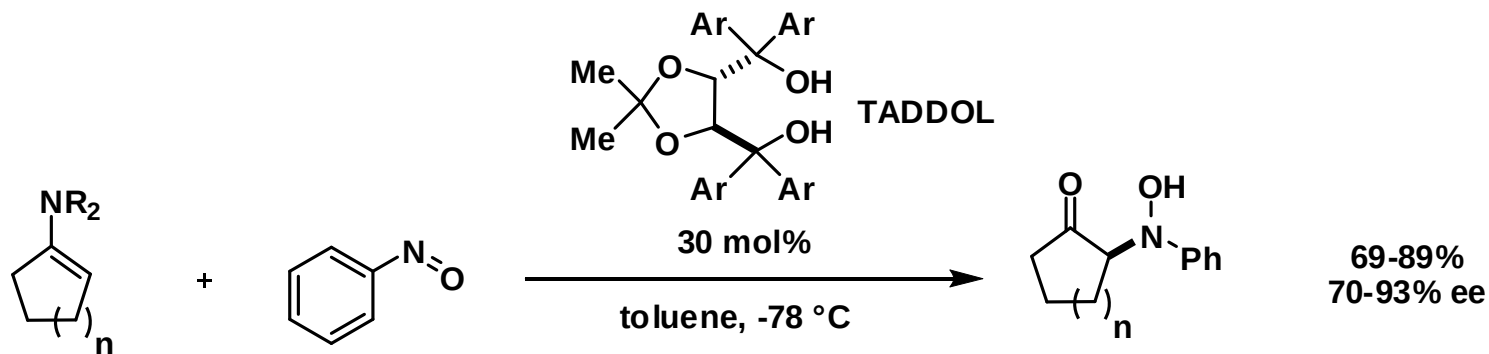
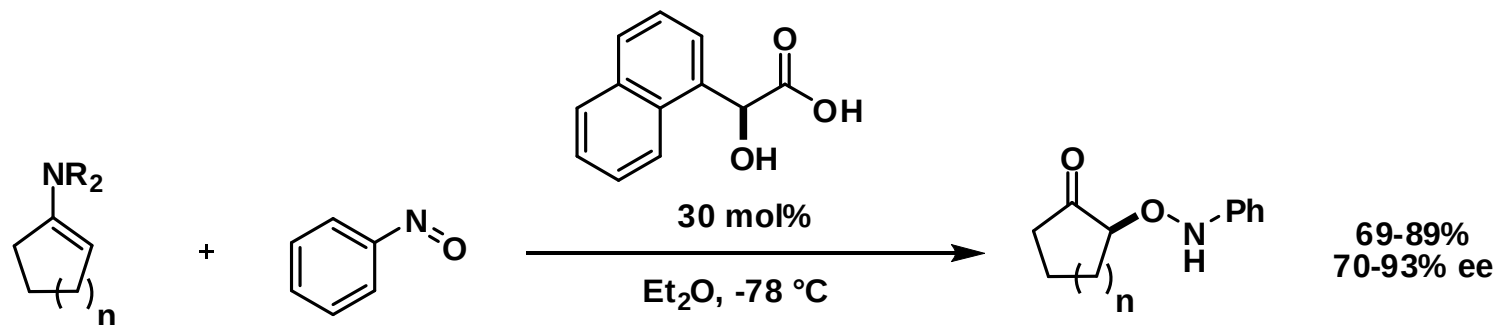
2.4.5 Other Reactions: Reaction of Oxy-Allyl Cation

Jacobsen: Lewis acidity enhancement



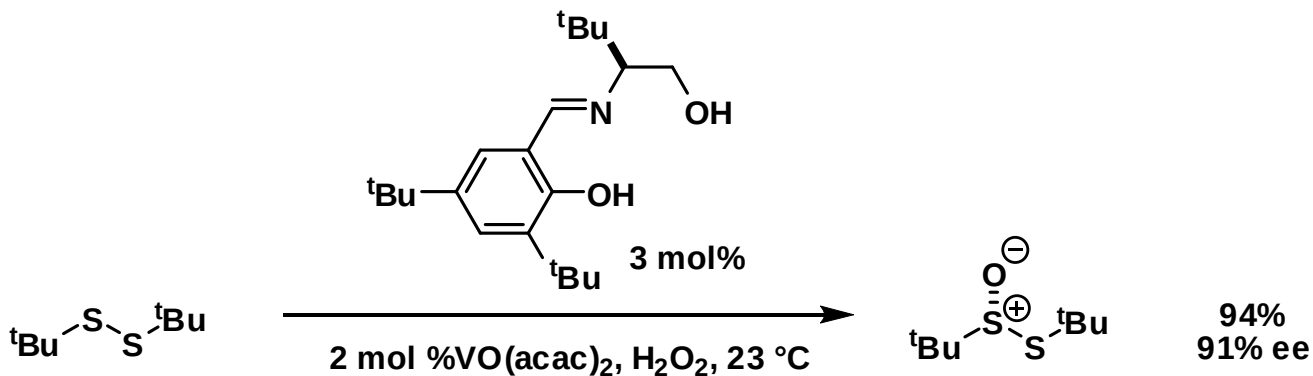
2.4.5 Other Reactions: Amination of Enolates

Yamamoto: Acid-Catalyzed Nitroso-Aldol Reaction with Enamines:
Amination or Hydroxylation Depending on Catalyst

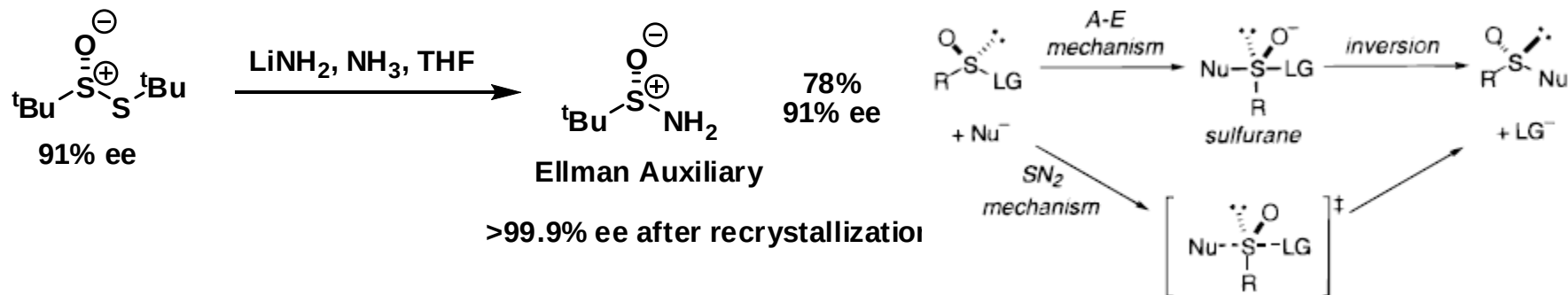


2.4.5 Other Reactions: Sulfide Oxidation

Ellman: Asymmetric Oxidation of Disulfide

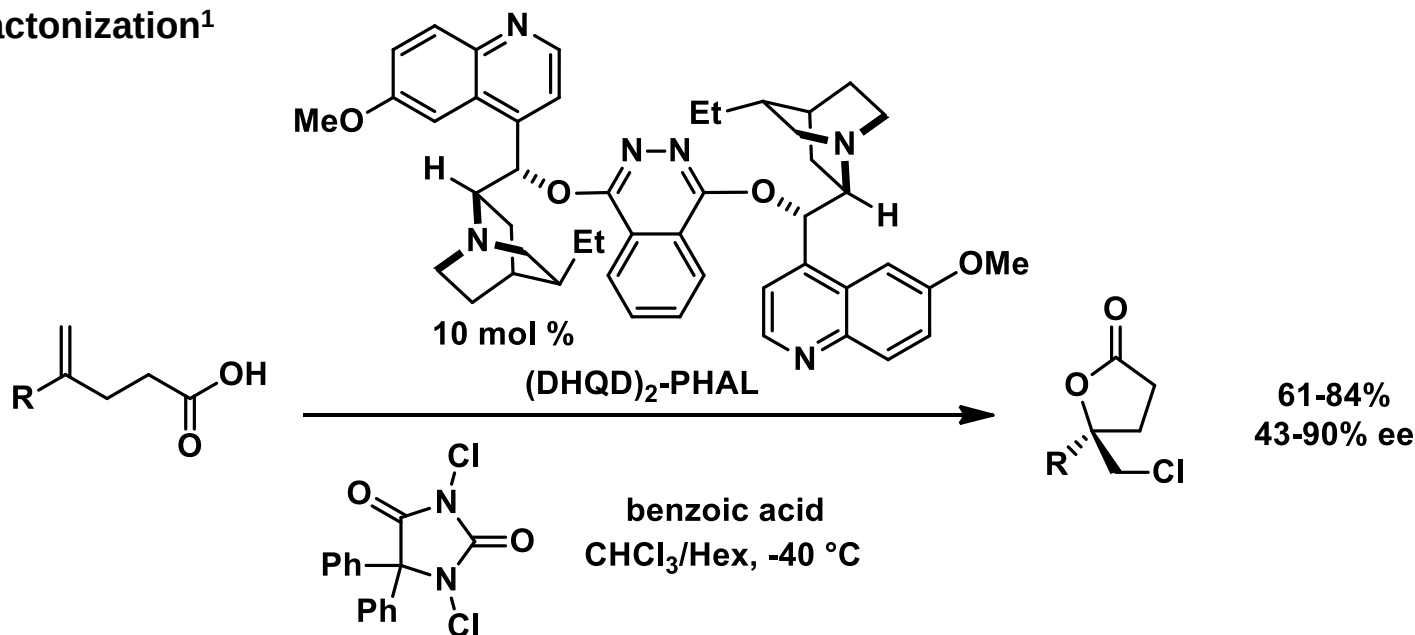


Synthesis of Ellman's Auxiliary

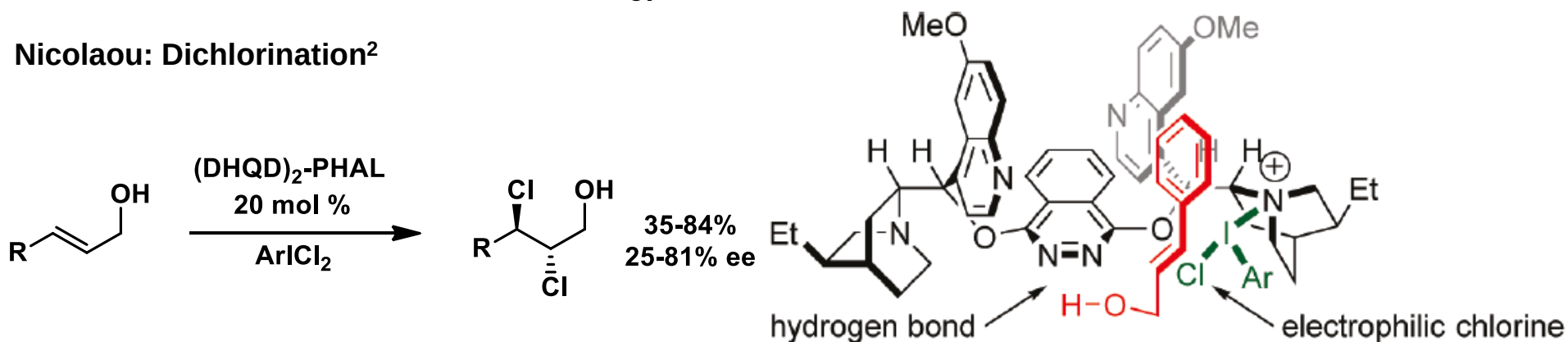


2.4.5 Other Reactions: Asymmetric Chlorination

Bohran: Chlorolactonization¹



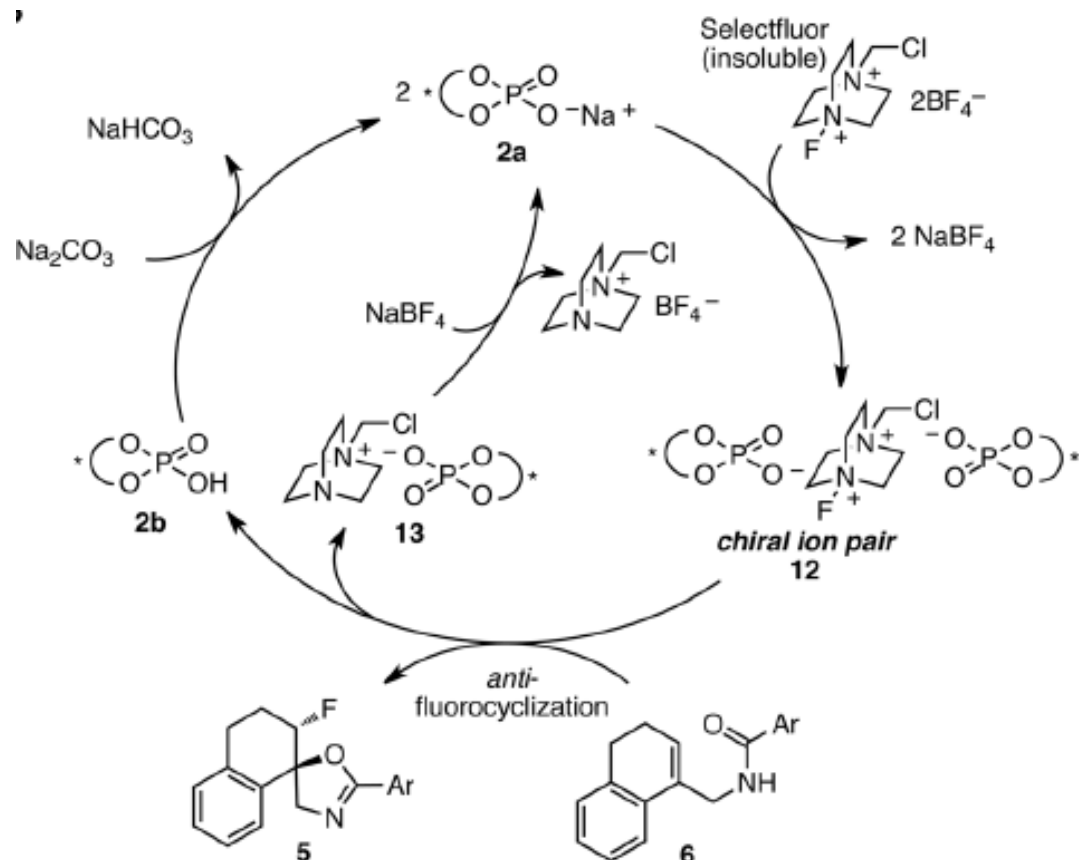
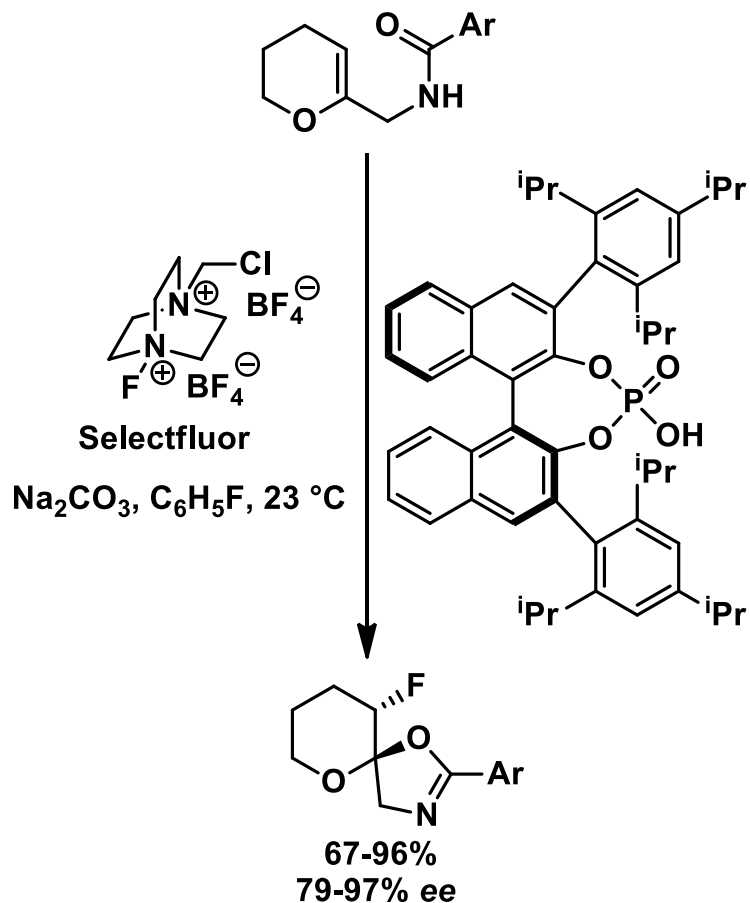
Nicolaou: Dichlorination²



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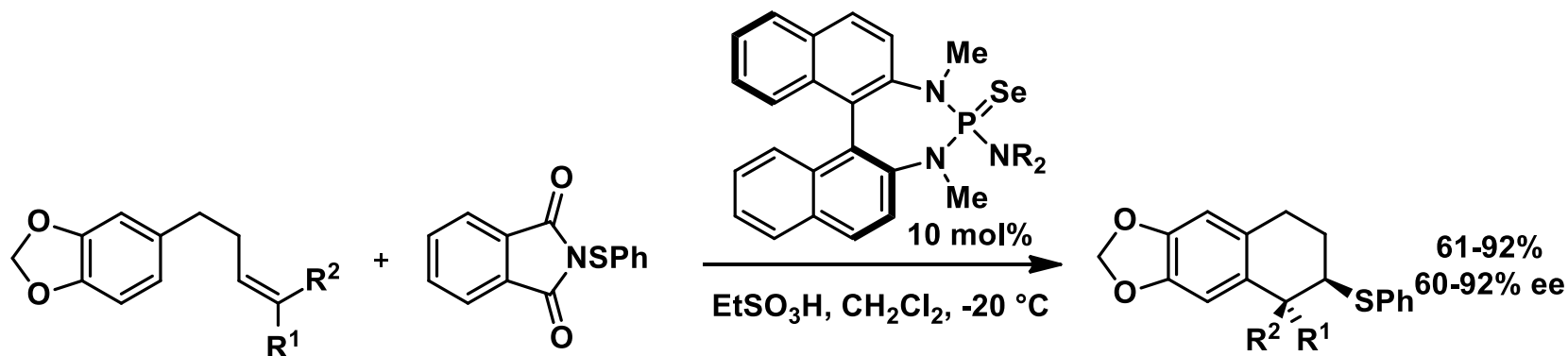
2.4.5 Other Reactions: Asymmetric Fluorination

Toste: Enantioselective oxyfluorination based on phase-transfer of the cation!

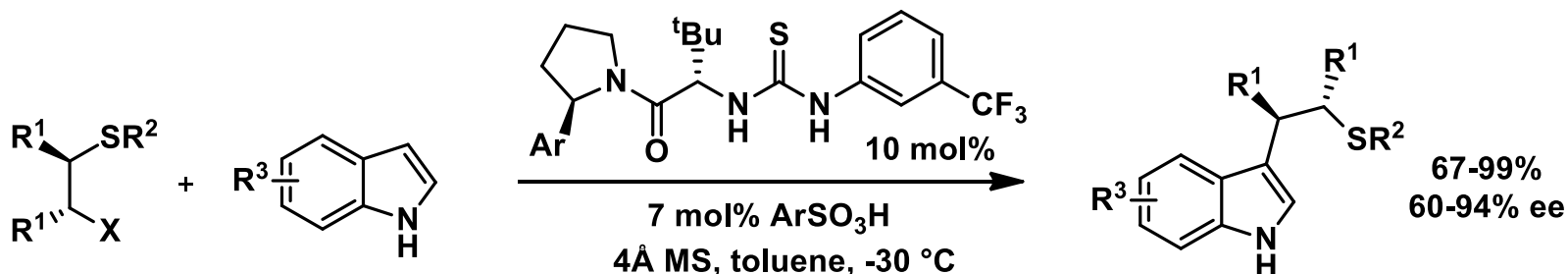


2.4.5 Other Reactions: Via Sulfonium

Denmark: intermolecular sulfonium formation¹

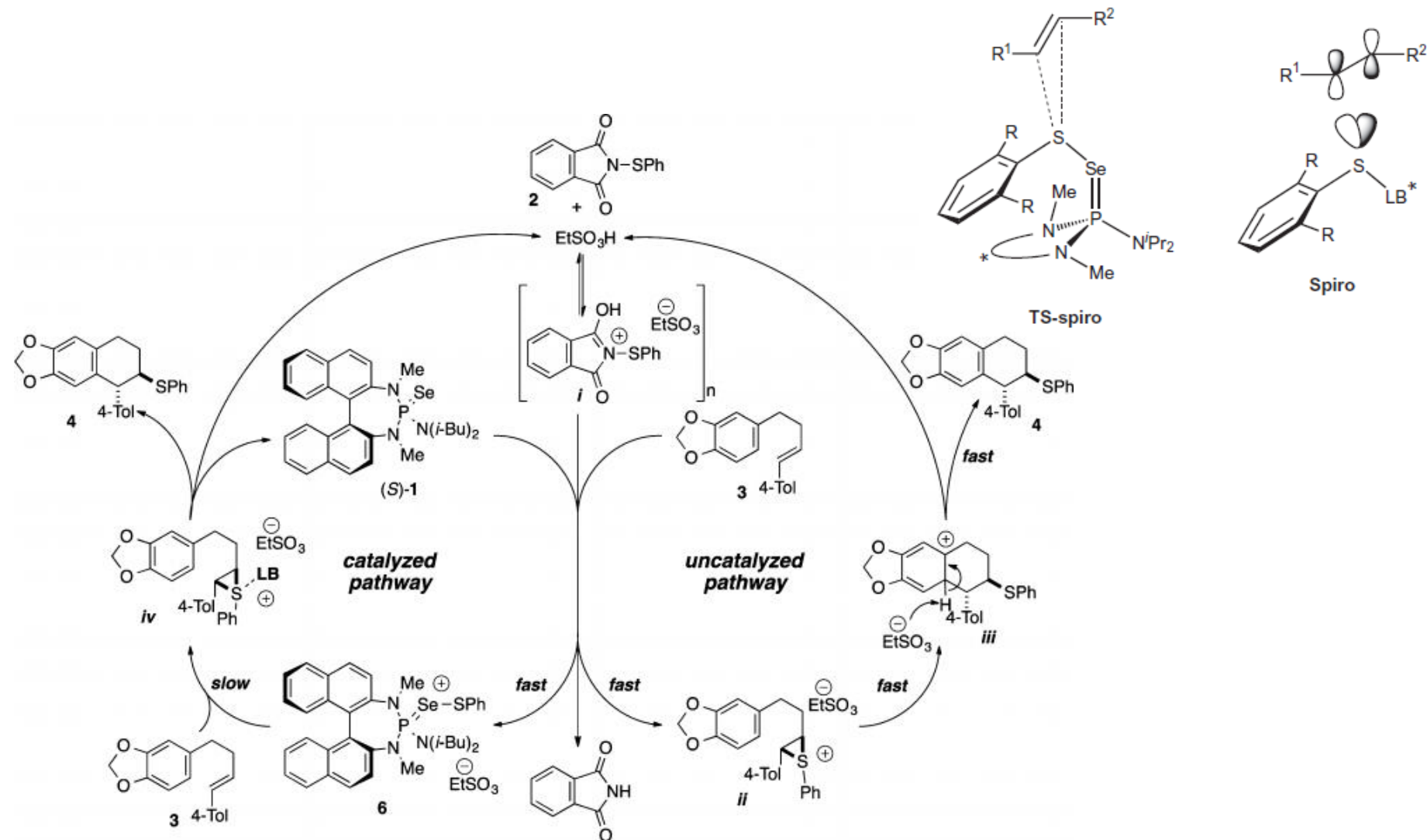


Jacobsen: intramolecular sulfonium formation²



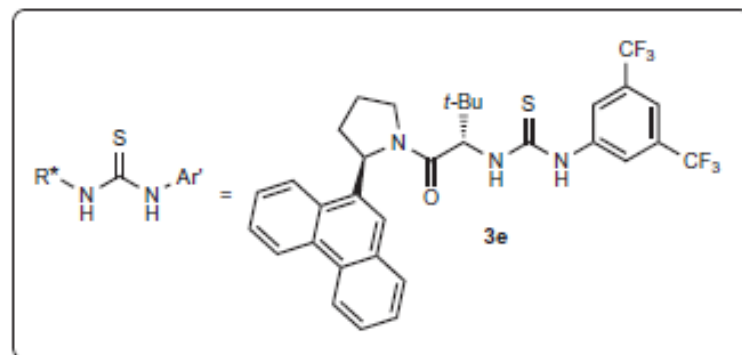
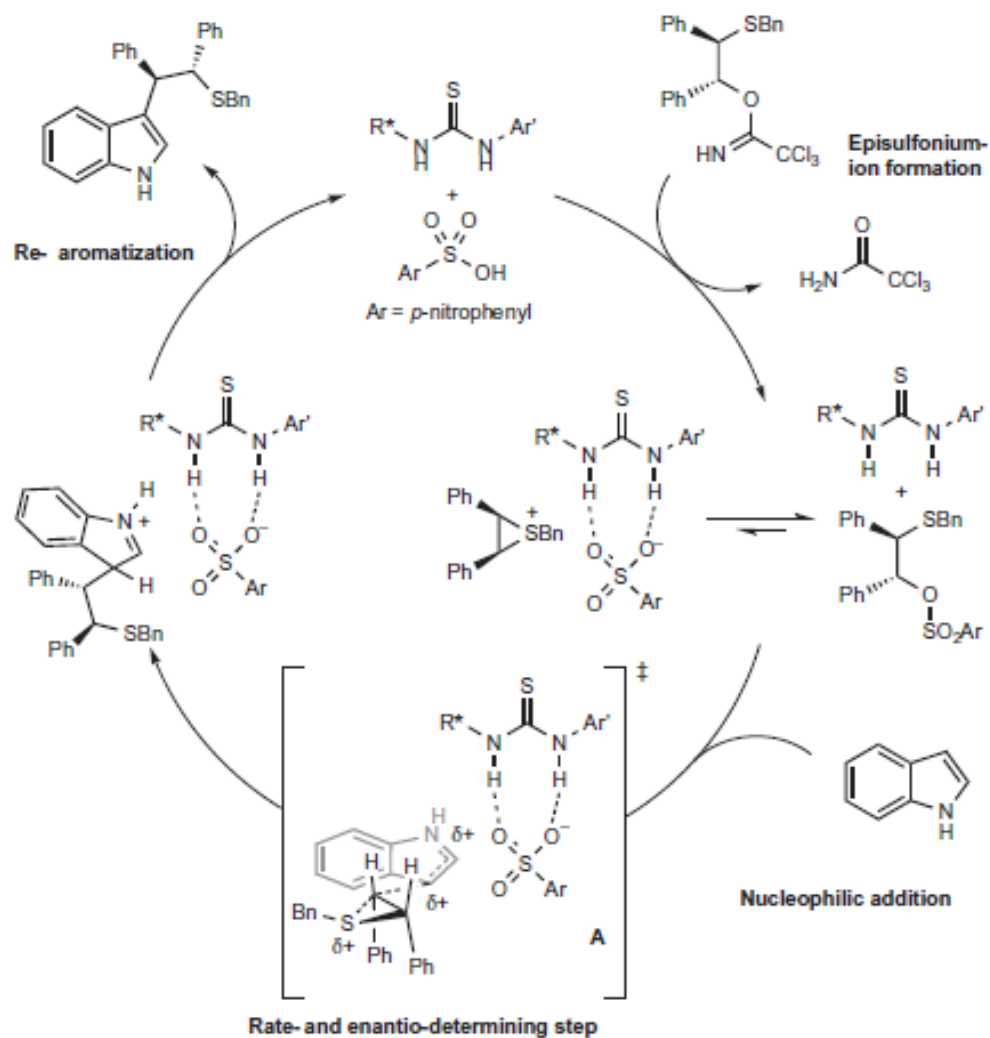
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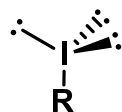


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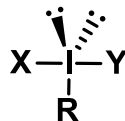
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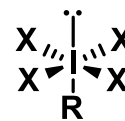
2.2.4 Other Reactions: Hypervalent Iodine



Iodane
Iodine(I)
8 electrons

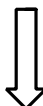
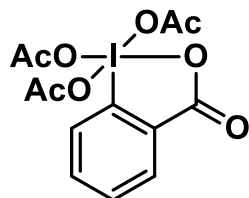


λ^3 -iodane
Iodine(III)
10 electrons



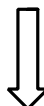
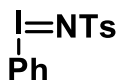
λ^5 -iodane
Iodine(V)
12 electrons

- Hypervalent with involvement of 5p orbitals
- Only partial bond character (4 electrons-3 centres bond)
- Exceptional reactivity



Oxidant

Dess-Martin



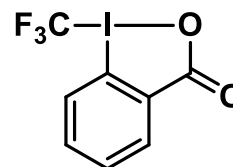
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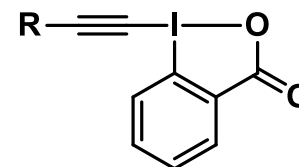
Ph^+

Gaunt, Sanford



CF_3^+

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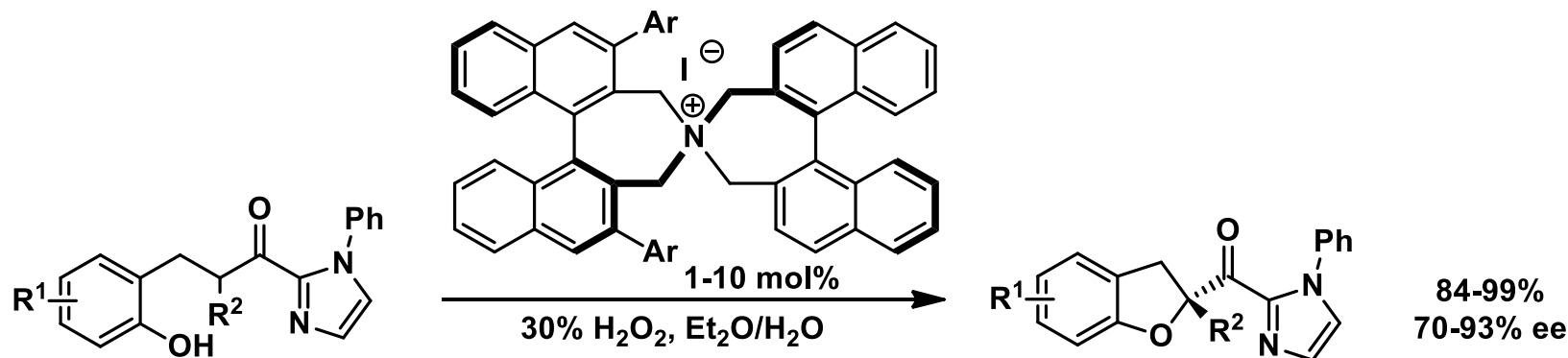


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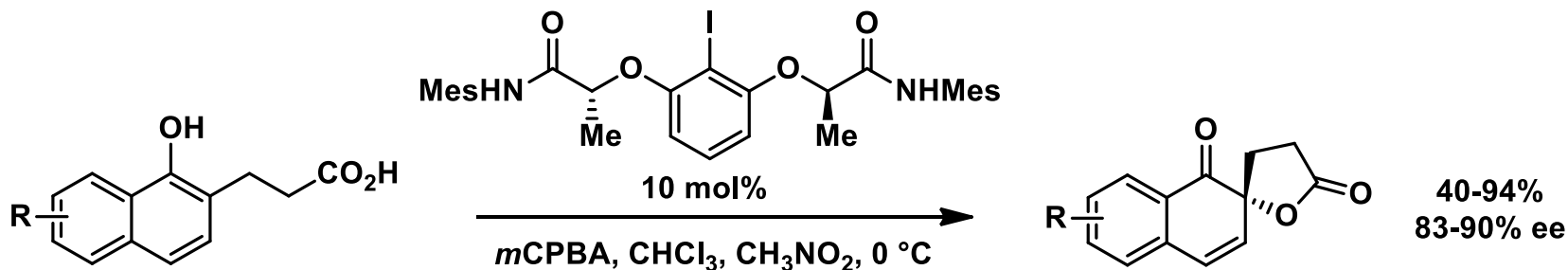
Zhdankin, Waser

2.4.5 Other Reactions: Hypervalent Iodine

Ishihara: Oxidative cyclization with inorganic hypervalent iodine¹⁻²



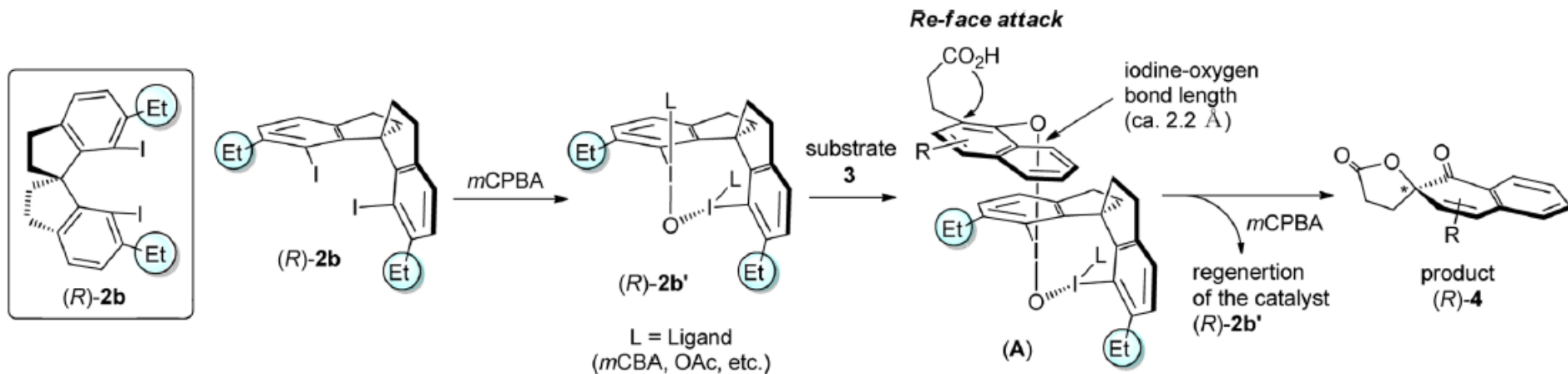
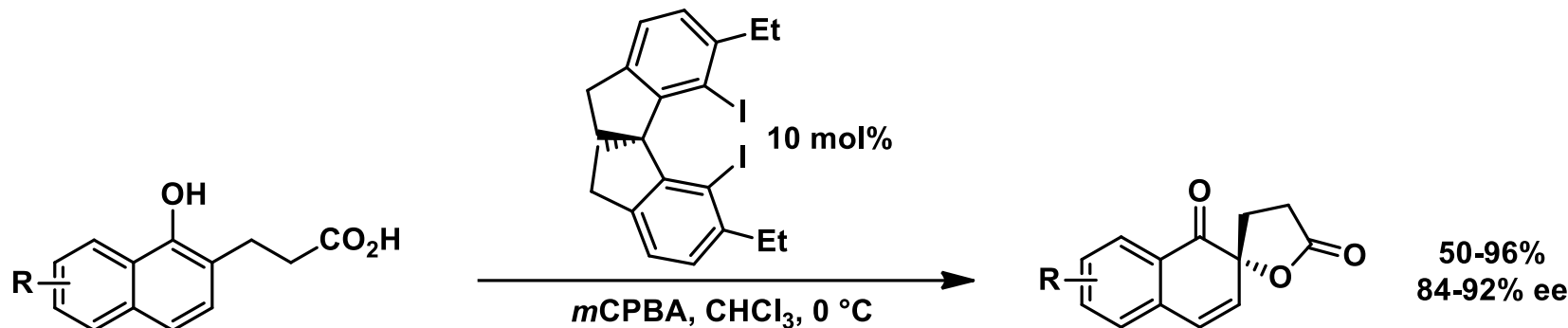
Ishihara: Oxidative Spirolactonization³



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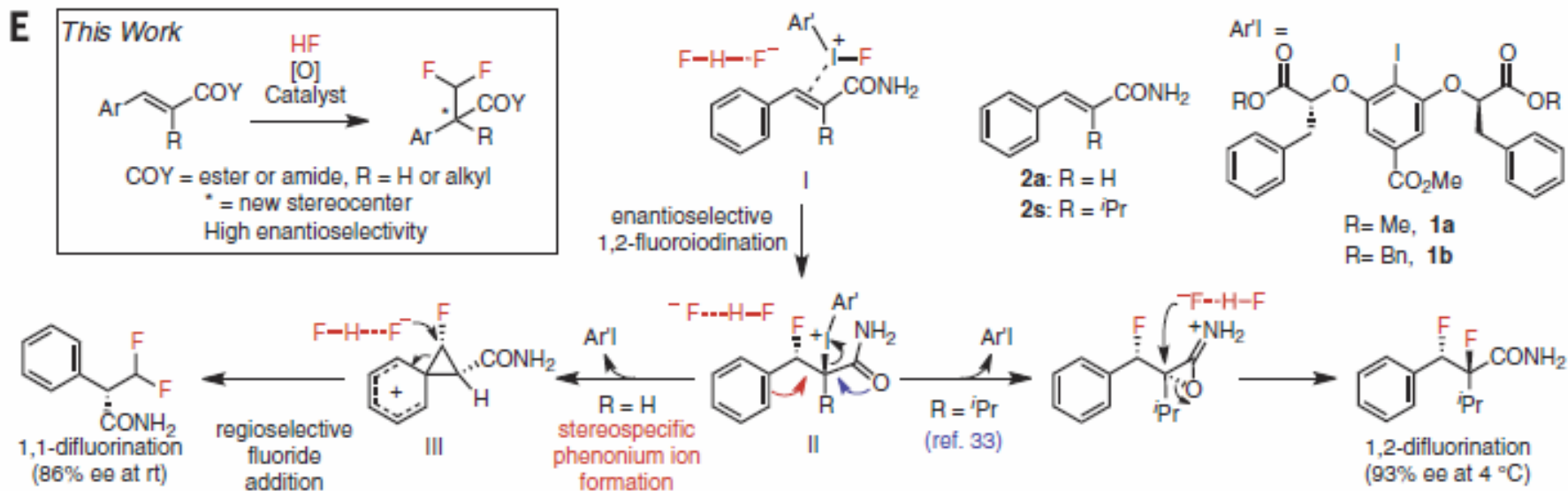
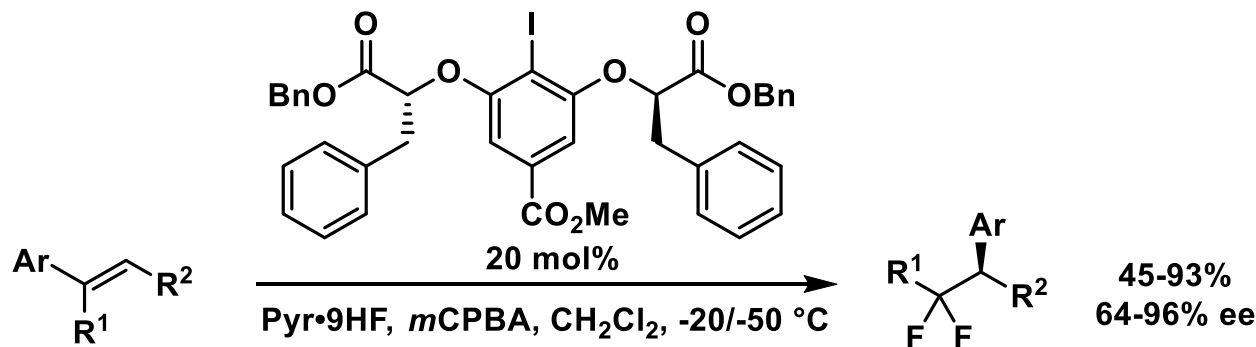
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2.4.5 Other Reactions: Hypervalent Iodine

Jacobsen/^{1,2} Gilmour:³ enantioselective difluorination.



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2.4.5 Other Reactions: Hypervalent Iodine

Jacobsen/Houk: Calculated best transition states

