

# Career of *Hisashi Yamamoto*



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### **EDUCATION**

1967                      Kyoto University, B. S. (Prof. H. Nozaki-advisor)  
1971                      Harvard University, Ph.D. (E. J. Corey-advsiors)

### **PROFESSIONAL**

2002-present            Professor, The University of Chicago-Arthur Holly Compton Distinguished Professor  
1997-1999                Councilor of Nagoya University  
1983-2002                Professor, Nagoya University  
1980-1983                Associate Professor, Nagoya University  
1977-1980                Associate Professor, University of Hawaii  
1976-1977                Lecturer, Kyoto University  
1972-1976                Instructor, Kyoto University  
1971-1972                Toray Industries, Inc. (Prof. J. Tsuji-advisor)

### **PUBLICATIONS**

483 original papers, 107 reviews (50 in Japanese)  
148 invited lectures  
advisory board for 21 journals

### **NOTABLE AWARDS**

National Prize of Purple Metal (Japan )  
Yamada Prize  
Tetrahdron prize  
Japan Academy Award  
American Chemical Society Creativity Award



## *Hisashi Yamamoto*

*research interests*

### **1972-1977 @ Kyoto University**

Organoaluminum reagents for selective organic transformations

### **1977-1980 @ University of Hawaii**

Regioselective carbonyl amination using DIBAL-H

### **1980-2002 @ Nagoya University (*Tetrahedron*, 2007, 63, 8377.)**

Organoaluminum reagents for selective organic transformations

Development of designer Lewis acids

Bulky aluminum reagents for selective organic synthesis

Enantioselective synthesis using chiral Lewis acids

Development of designer Brønsted acids

### **2002-present @ The University of Chicago**

Combined acid catalysis of Lewis and Brønsted acids

Asymmetric transformation of esterification, amidation, halogenation using designer acid catalysis

Optically active silver complexes for catalytic asymmetric reactions

Metal and non-metal catalysts for asymmetric oxidation

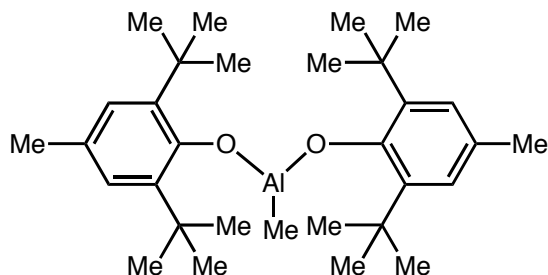
Super Silyl for one-flask reactions

Super Brønsted acid catalysis

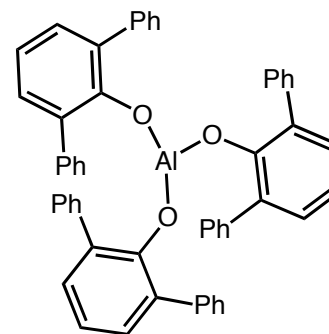
New metal catalysis using *cis*- $\beta$ -configuration

## Designer Lewis Acids

### ■ Bulky aluminum aryloxides



methylaluminum bis (2,6-di-*tert*-butyl-4-methylphenoxide)  
(MAD)



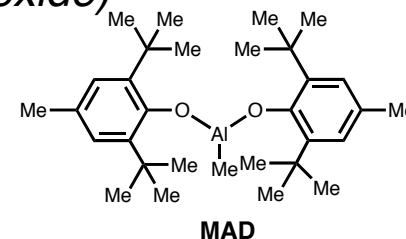
aluminum tris (2,6-diphenylphenoxide)  
(ATPH)

### ■ Properties

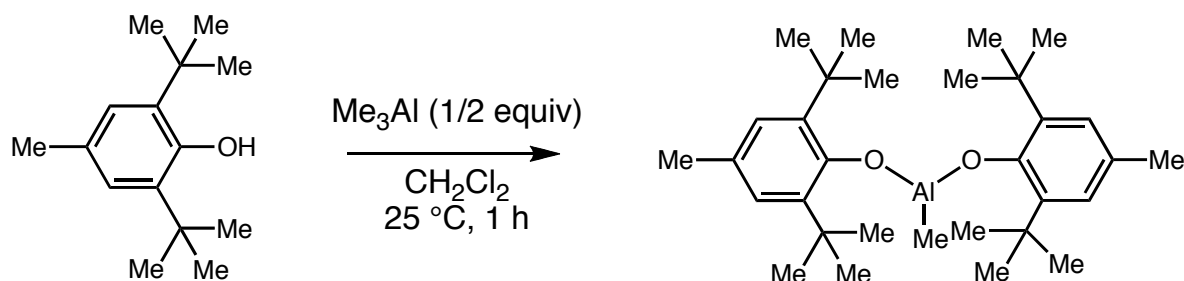
- Strong coordination to oxygen-containing substrates - similar to traditional LA
- Higher Lewis acidity and reactivity - monomeric in organic solvents
- *New (greater) selectivity* - molecular recognition  
stereoselective, regioselective, and chemoselective reactions  
-MAD or ATPH coordination to carbonyl increases NMR shifts: shielding

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## Methylaluminum bis (2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-methylphenoxide) (MAD)



### ■ Synthesis



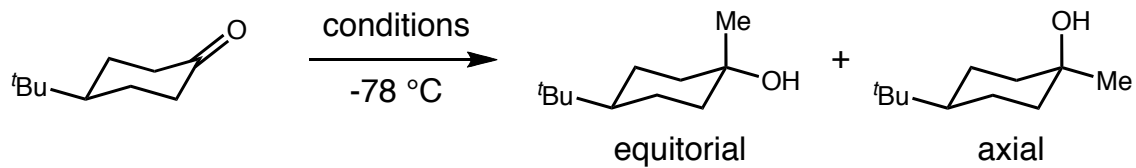
### ■ Synthetic utility

- Selective formation of equatorial alcohols
- Conjugate addition of organolithium reagents to unsaturated carbonyl systems
- Discrimination between two different ethers, ketones, and esters

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## Methylaluminum bis (2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-methylphenoxide) (MAD)

### ■ Selective ketone alkylation

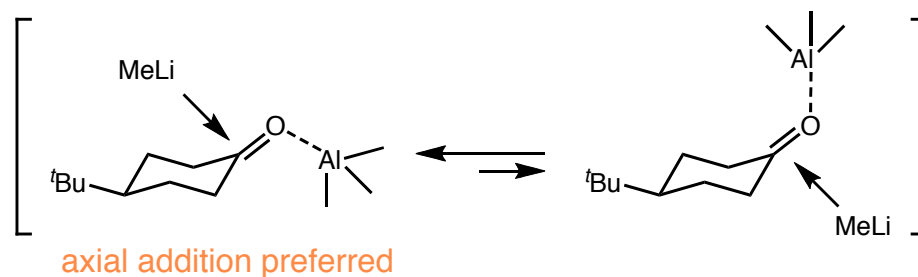
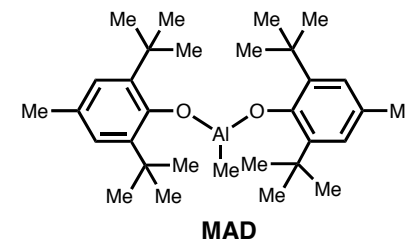


MeLi : (21 : 79)

MAD/MeLi : 84%, (99 : 1)

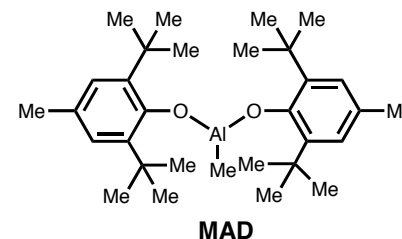
EtMgBr: 95%, (48 : 52)

MAD/EtMgBr: 91% (100 : 0)

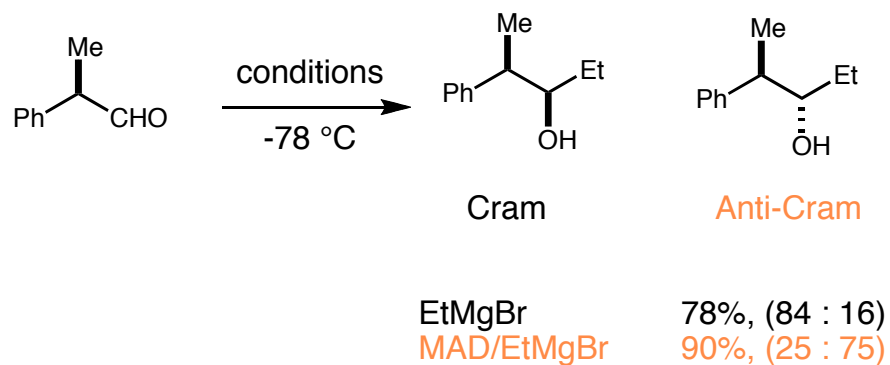


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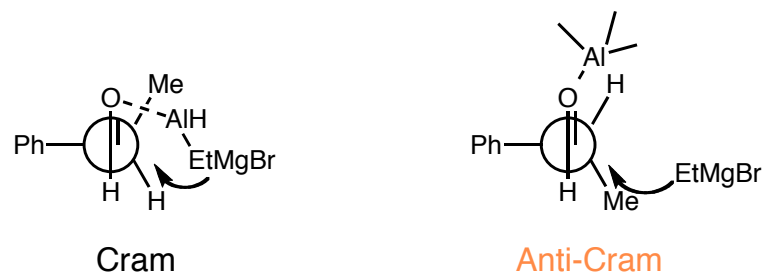
## Methylaluminum bis (2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-methylphenoxide) (MAD)



### ■ Selective aldehyde alkylation

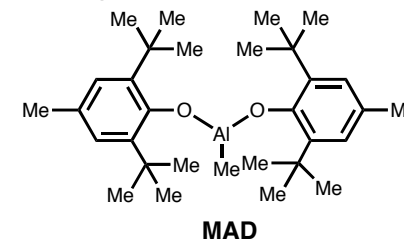


### ■ Anti-Cram selectivity in aldehyde alkylation

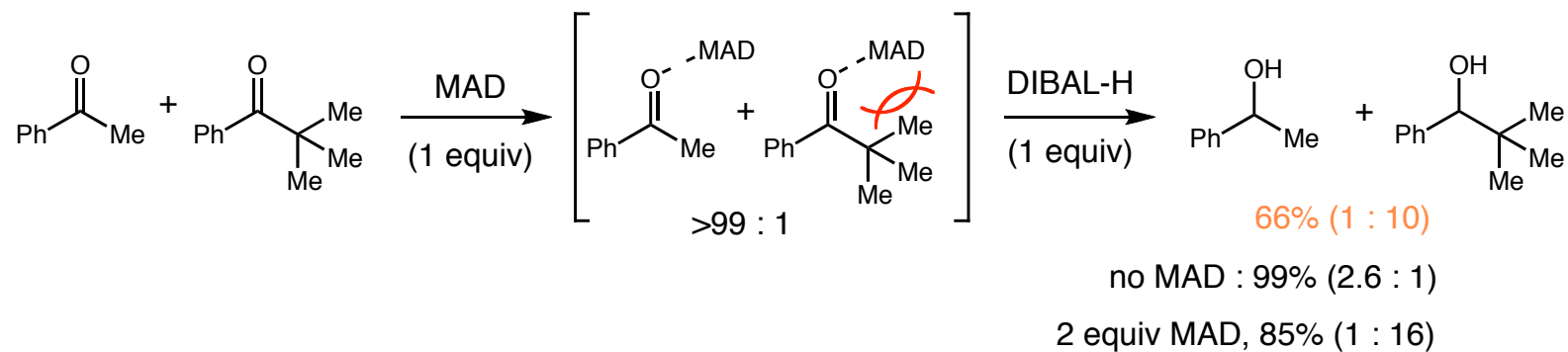


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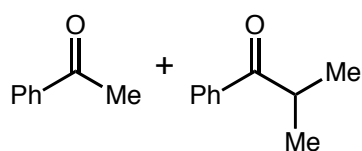
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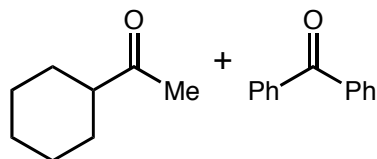
### ■ Selective for more hindered ketone



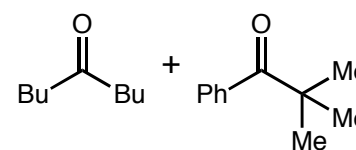
### ■ Examples



101% (1 : 6)



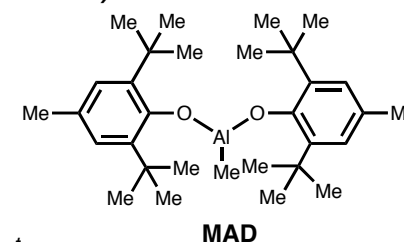
80% (1 : 15)



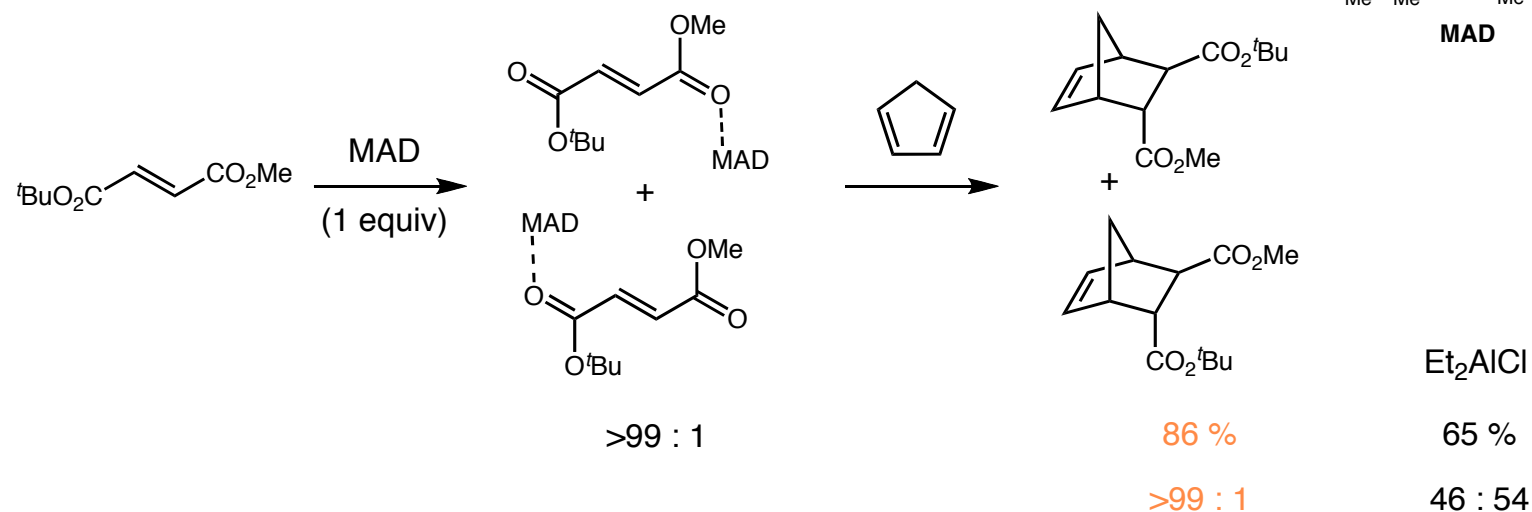
82% (1 : 8)



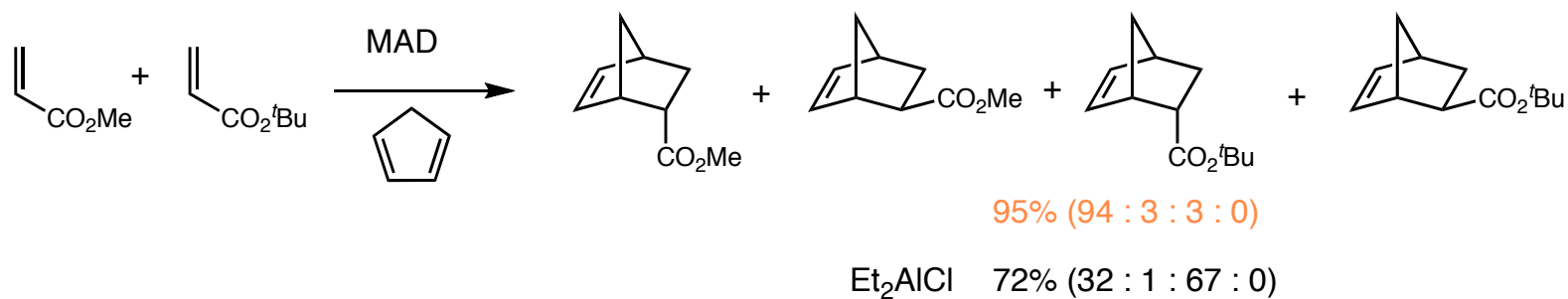
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### ■ Discrimination between two different esters



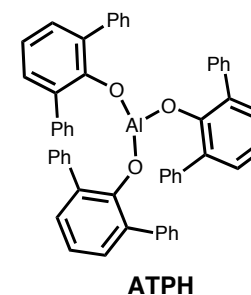
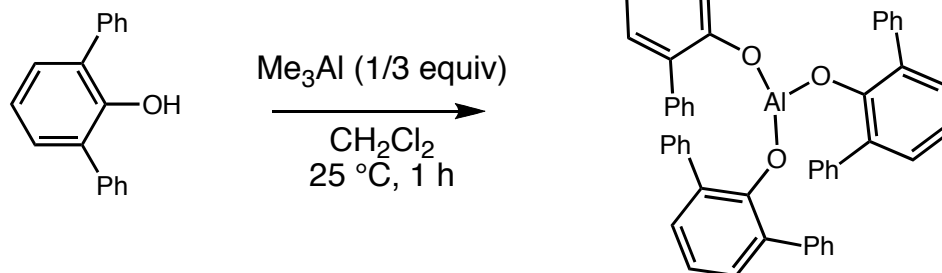
### ■ Discrimination between two different esters: intermolecular



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## Aluminum tris(2,6-diphenylphenoxide) (ATPH)

### ■ Synthesis



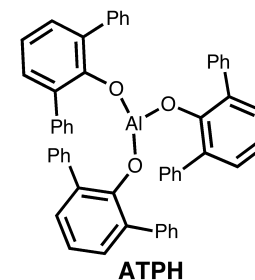
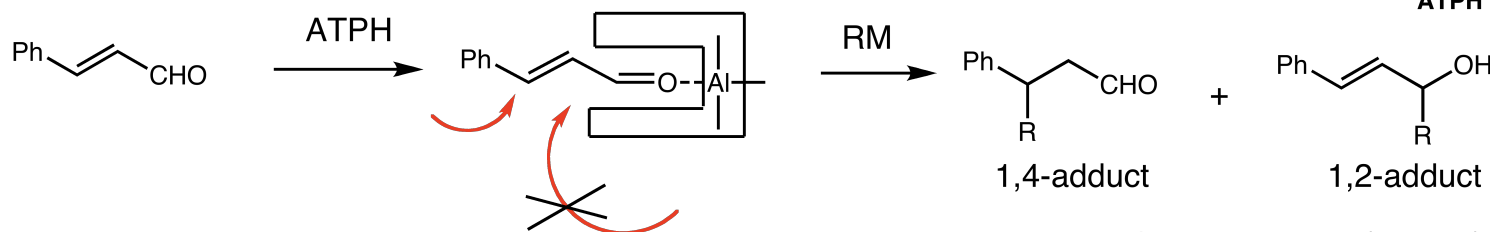
### ■ Synthetic utility

- Activates less-hindered aldehyde
- Conjugate addition to  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated carbonyl compounds
- *exo*-Selective Diels–Alder reaction
- Stereoselective and asymmetric Claisen rearrangement
- Selective alkylation at the  $\alpha$ -carbon of unsymmetrical ketones
- Directed aldol condensation
- Nucleophilic dearomatization functionalization

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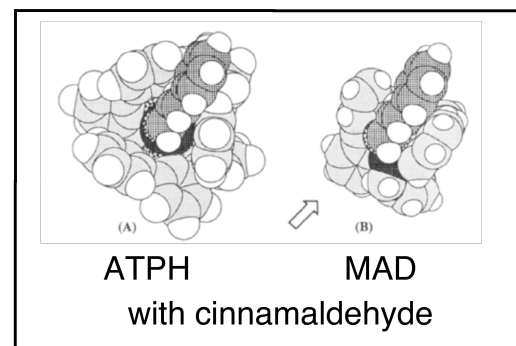
## Aluminum tris(2,6-diphenylphenoxide) (ATPH)

### Selective conjugate addition to $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated aldehydes



RM = BuMgCl	99%, (90 : 10)
BuCal	88%, (98 : 2)
BuSrl	60%, (95 : 5)
BuBal	97%, (97 : 3)
PhCCl <sub>2</sub>	99%, (93 : 7)
Me <sub>3</sub> SiCCl <sub>2</sub>	98%, (92 : 8)

- Without ATPH, 1,2-adduct only
- Also compatible with lithium carbenoids and lithium enolates
- First Mukaiyama–Michael using silyl ketene acetals
- Three-component coupling leading to jasmonates<sup>1</sup>
- Chiral molecular recognition: asymmetric 1,4-addition<sup>2</sup>

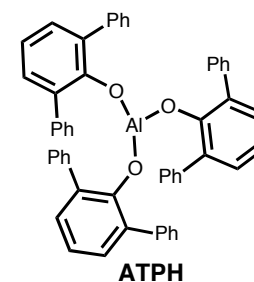


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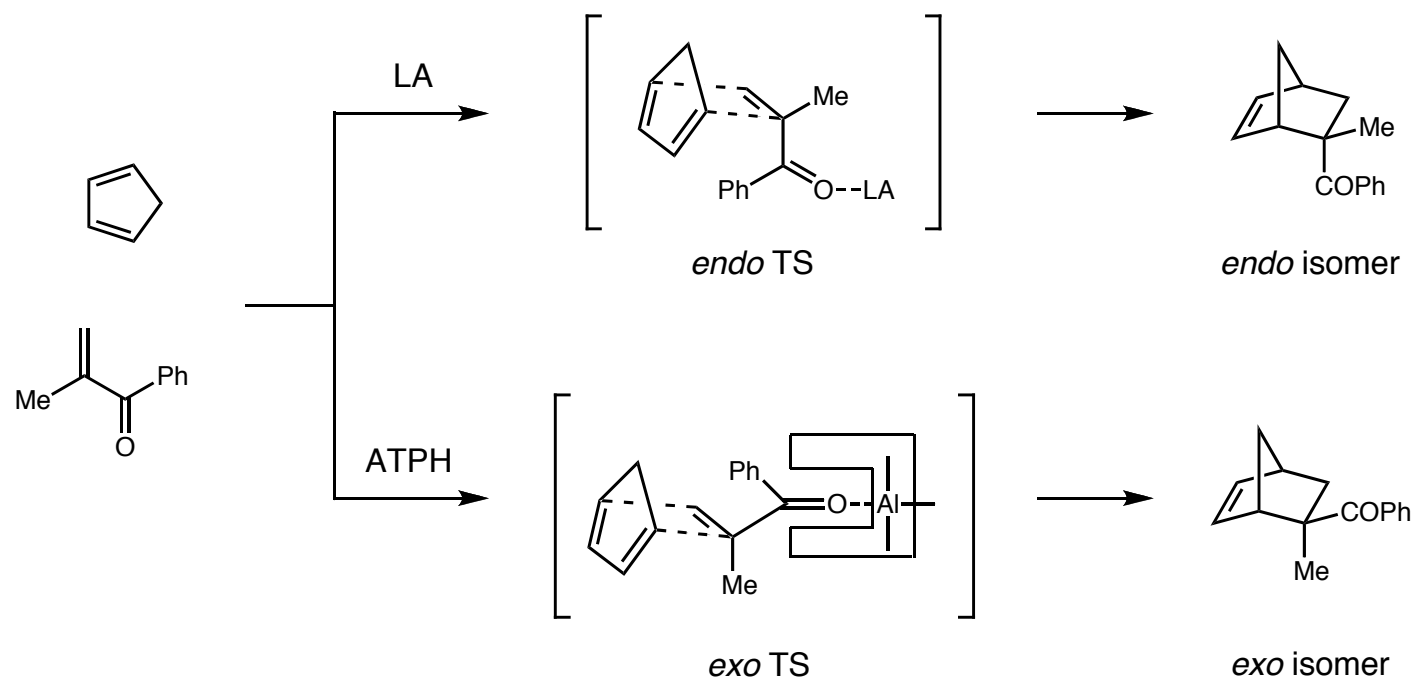
<sup>1</sup>Saito, S.; Yamazaki, S.; Yamamoto, H. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2001**, *40*, 3613.

<sup>2</sup>Ito, H.; Nagahara, T.; Ishihara, K.; Saito, S.; Yamamoto, H. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2004**, *43*, 994.

## Aluminum tris(2,6-diphenylphenoxide) (ATPH)



### ■ *Exo*-Selective Diels–Alder Reaction: Molecular Recognition Approach



removes secondary orbital interactions

81%

$\text{Me}_3\text{Al}$

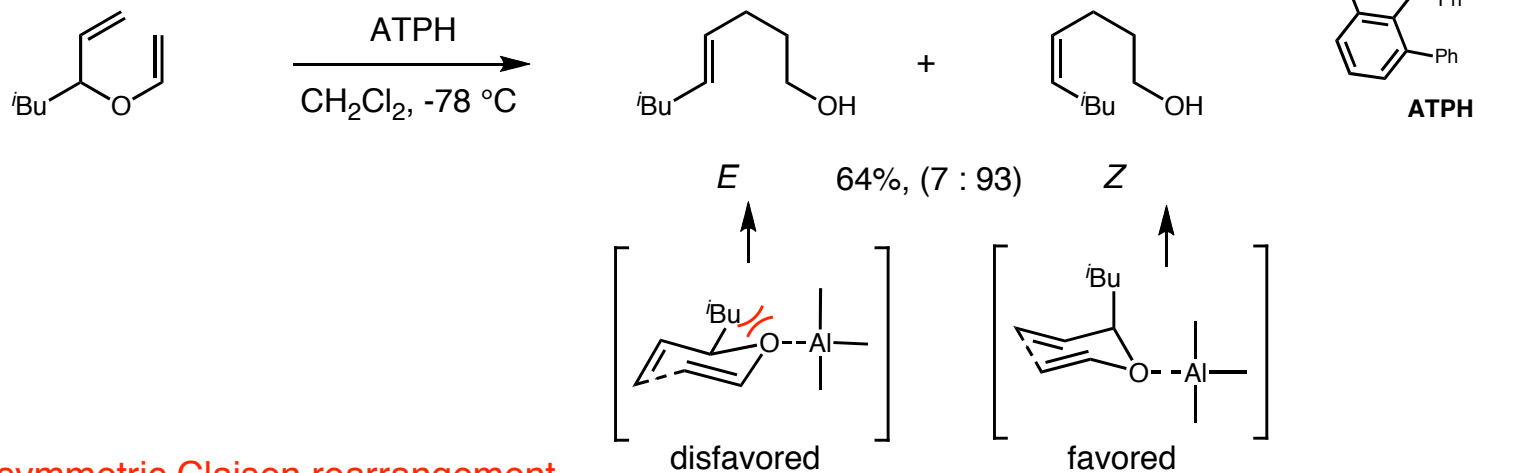
(4 : 96)

(37 : 63)

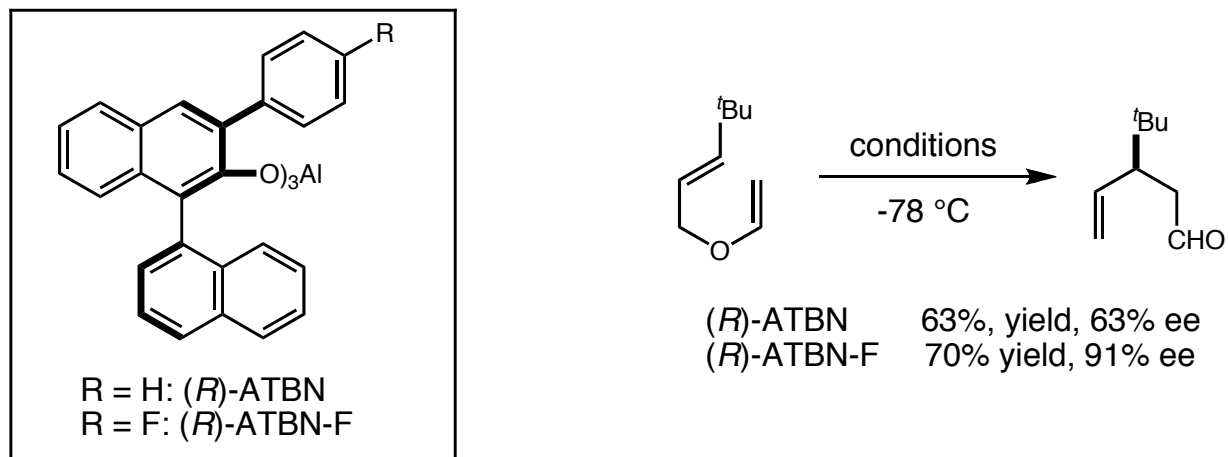
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## Aluminum tris(2,6-diphenylphenoxide) (ATPH)

### ■ Claisen rearrangement: (*Z*)-selective

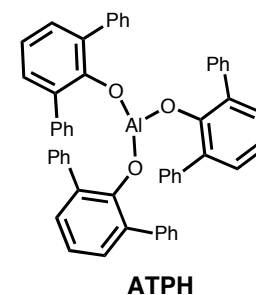


### ■ Asymmetric Claisen rearrangement

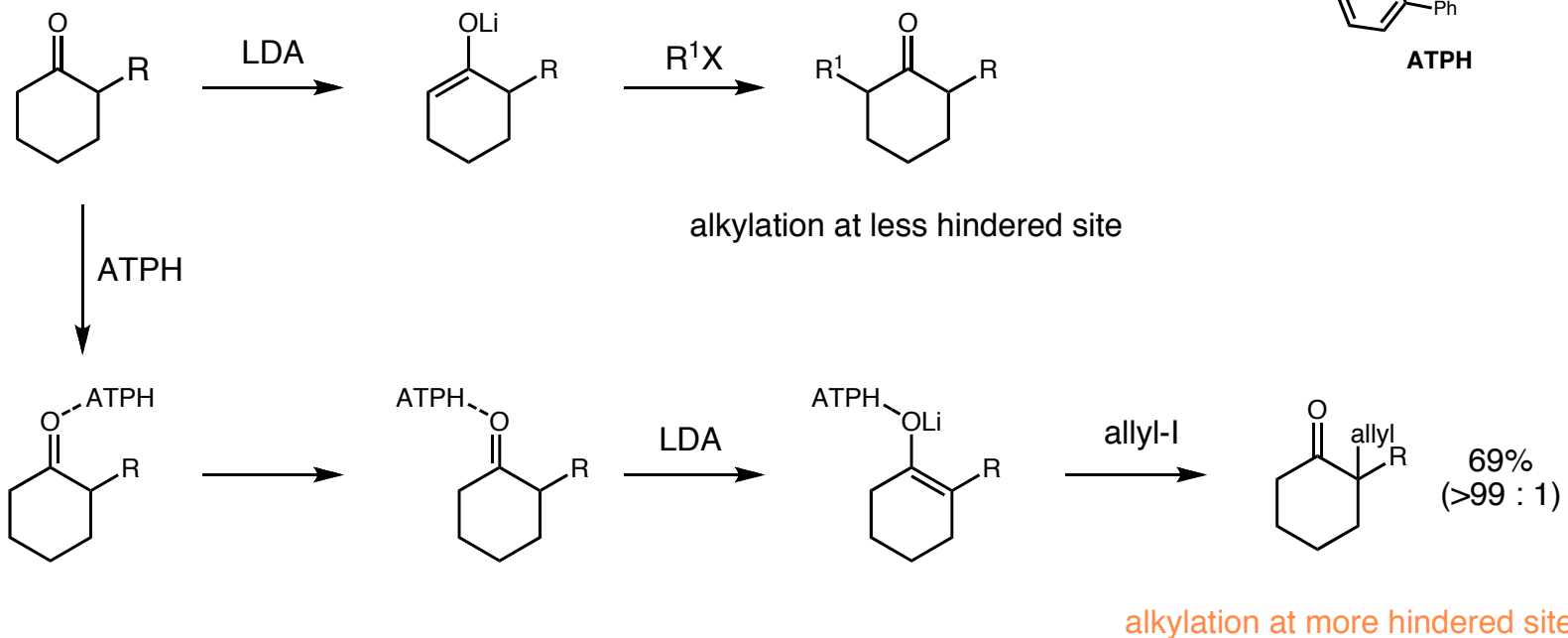


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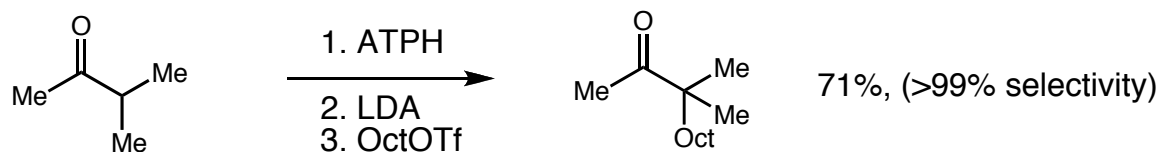
## Aluminum tris(2,6-diphenylphenoxide) (ATPH)



### Regioselective ketone alkylation: selective for the more hindered site

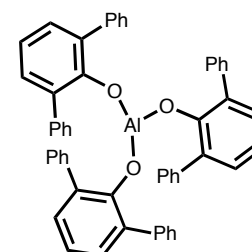


### Regioselective ketone alkylation: acyclic ketones



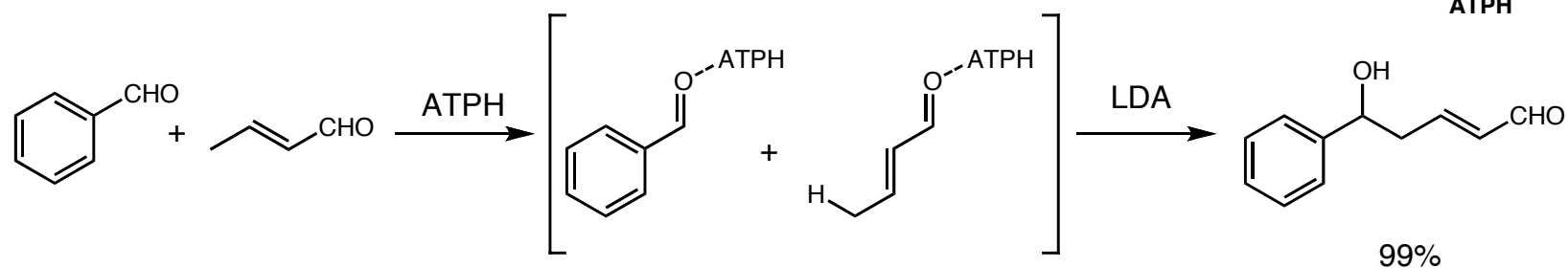
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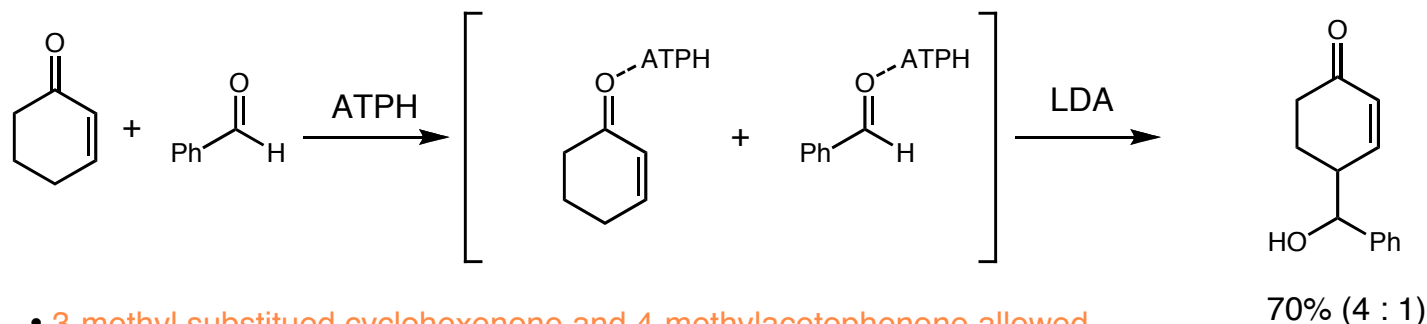
ATPH

### Directed aldol condensation: conjugated aldehydes with aldehydes



- 1,2- and 2,2<sup>1</sup>-disubstitued conjugated aldehydes, extended conjugation allowed
- tertiary, aliphatic, and unsaturated aldehydes are compatible partners

### Directed aldol condensation: conjugated ketones with aldehydes



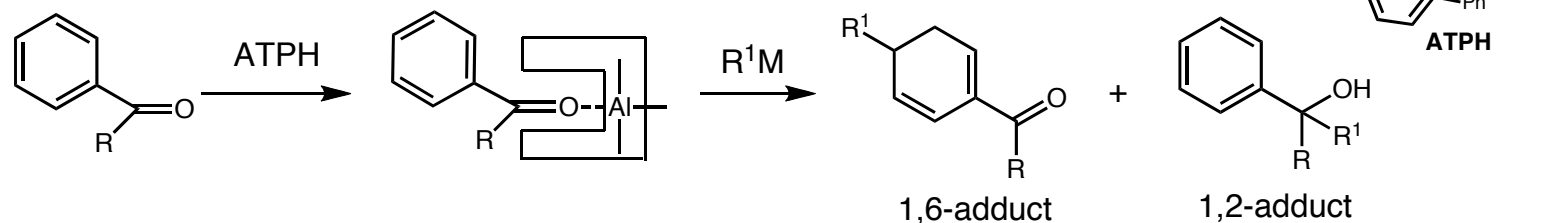
- 3-methyl substituted cyclohexenone and 4-methylacetophenone allowed
- tertiary, aliphatic, and unsaturated aldehydes are compatible partners

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<sup>1</sup>Saito, S.; Shiozawa, M.; Nagahara, T.; Nakadai, M.; Yamamoto, H. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2000**, *122*, 7847.

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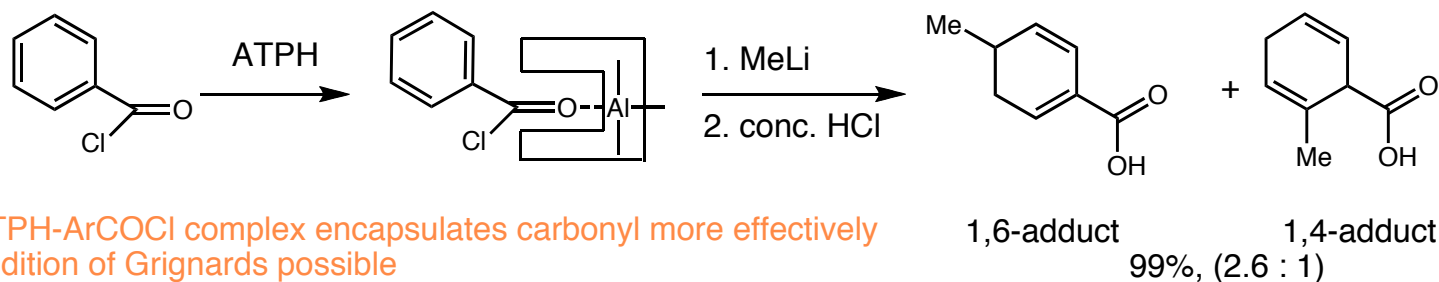
### Conjugate addition of organolithiums to aromatic aldehydes and ketones



R = H, R <sup>1</sup> M = <sup>t</sup> BuLi, no ATPH	92%, (0 : 100)
<sup>t</sup> BuLi	81%, (100 : 0)
<b>MeLi</b>	<b>99%, (1 : 99)</b>
R = Me, R <sup>1</sup> M = <sup>t</sup> BuLi	93%, (100 : 0)
<sup>s</sup> BuLi	80%, (100 : 0)
<sup>n</sup> BuLi	45%, (100 : 0)

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### ATPH-ArCOCl complex for nucleophilic dearomatic functionalization



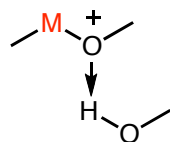
-ATPH-ArCOCl complex encapsulates carbonyl more effectively  
-addition of Grignards possible

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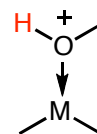


## Combined Acid Catalysis

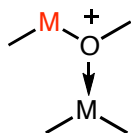
**B**rønsted acid assisted **L**ewis **a**cid catalyst  
(BLA)



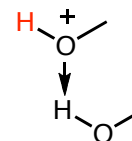
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(LBA)



**L**ewis acid assisted **L**ewis **a**cid catalyst  
(LLA)

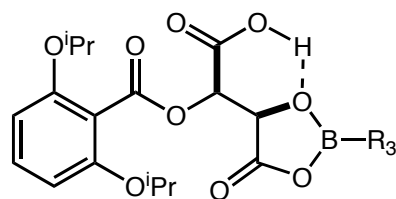
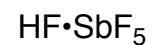
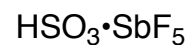
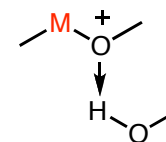


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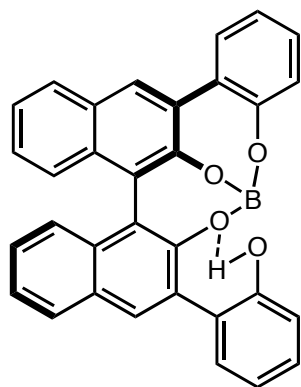


Enhances inherent reactivity  
Allows for higher structured asymmetric environments

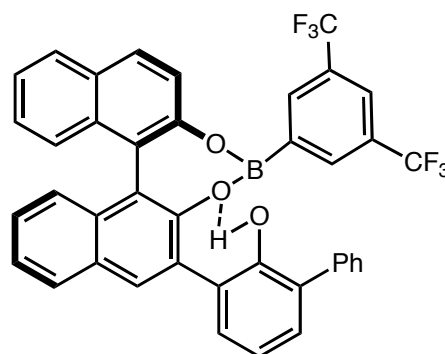
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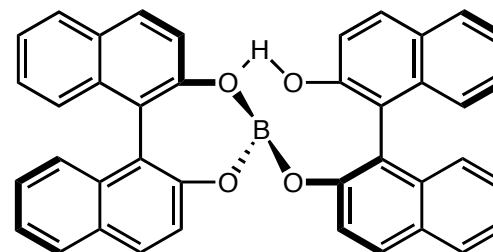
chiral (acyloxy) borane (CAB)



BLA (R)-1

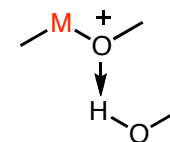


BLA (R)-2

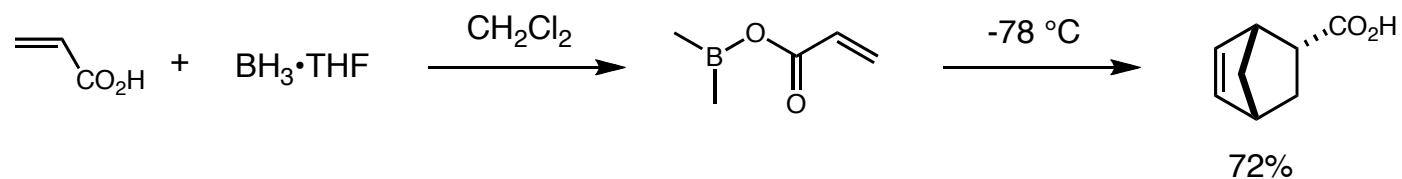


BLA (R)-3

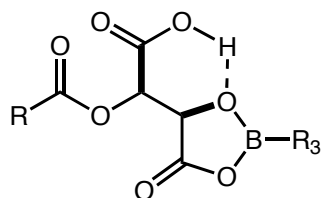
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### ■ Acyloxyborane: activating compound for carboxylic acids

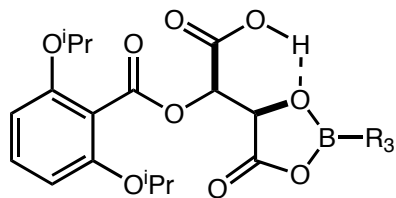


### ■ Chiral acyloxyborane: initial investigation



R = Me	66% yield, 34% ee
R = <sup>t</sup> Bu	68% yield, 51% ee
R = Ph	88% yield, 35% ee
R = 2,6-(MeO) <sub>2</sub> Ph	93% yield, 78% ee

### ■ Chiral (acyloxy) borane (CAB)

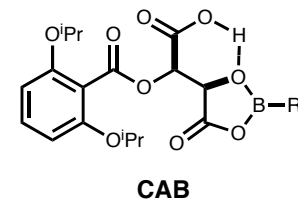
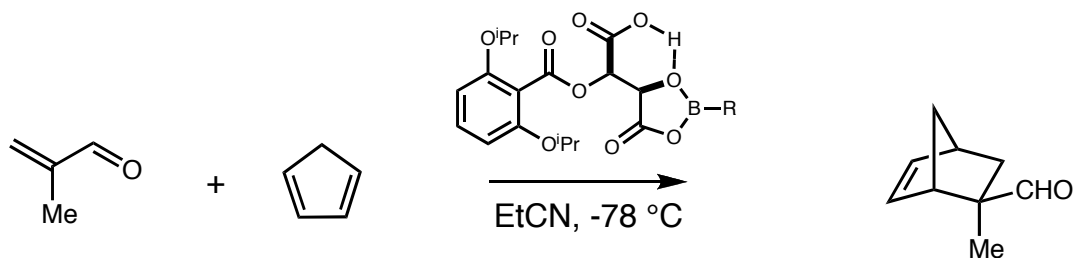


- Catalytic asymmetric Diels–Alder reaction
- Catalytic asymmetric aldol reaction
- Catalytic asymmetric allylation of aldehydes

Furuta, K.; Miwa, Y.; Iwanaga, K.; Yamamoto, H. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1988**, *110*, 6254.

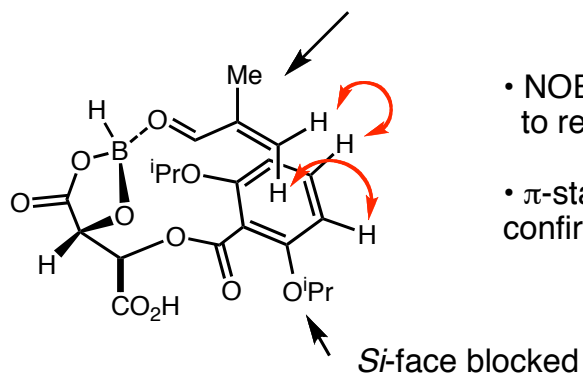
## Brønsted Acid Assisted Lewis Acid Catalysts (BLA)

### CAB-catalyzed asymmetric Diels–Alder reaction



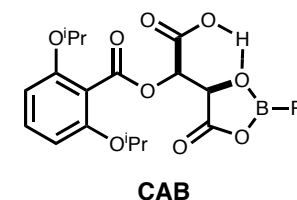
R = H	87% ee
R = Ph	80% ee
R = PhOC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	93% ee

addition to *Re*-face

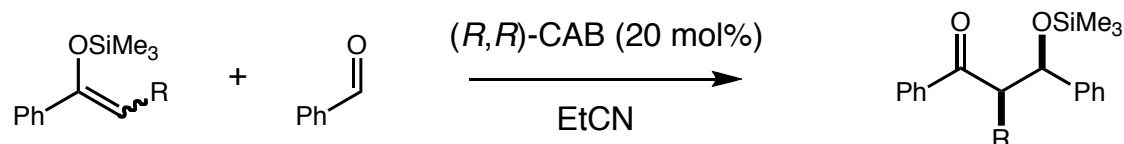


- NOE data confirms CAB enal complex to reside in the *S-trans* configuration
- $\pi$ -stacking between the phenyl ring of CAB and the unsaturated aldehyde is confirmed by NOE data between the hydrogens on the aryl ring and enal

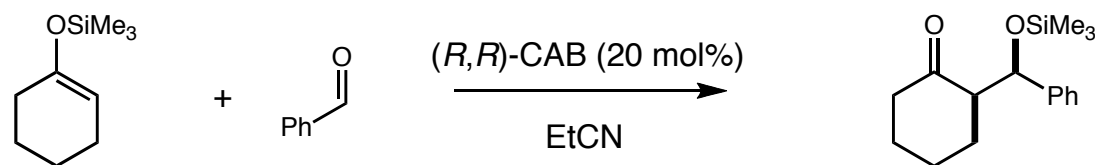
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*chiral (acyloxy) borane (CAB)*



■ **Catalytic asymmetric aldol reaction**

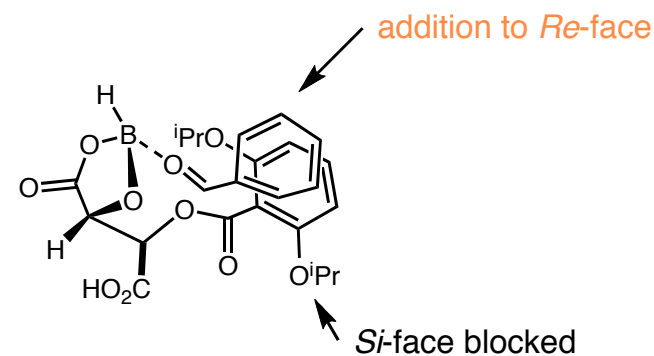
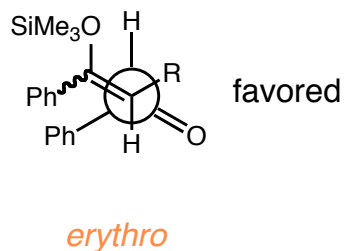
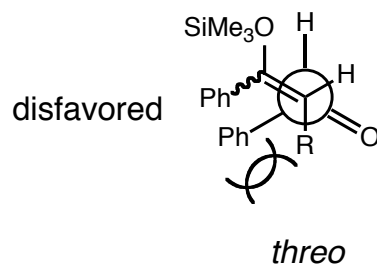


R = H 98% yield, 85% ee  
 R = Me 86% yield, 95% ee, (95 : 5) *erythro* : *threo*



57% yield, >95% ee, (>95 : 5) *erythro* : *threo*

■ **Erythro-selective**

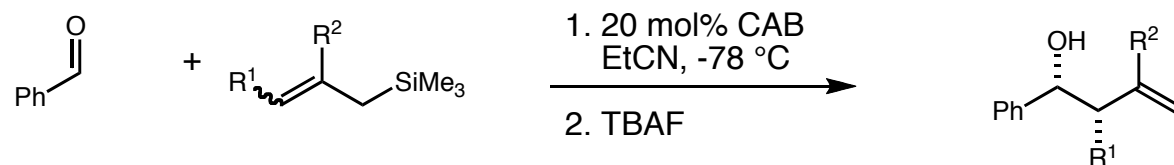
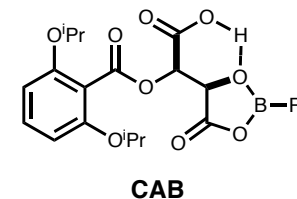


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### CAB-catalyzed asymmetric allylation of aldehydes

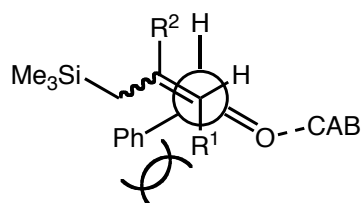
Sakurai-Hosomi allylation : homoallylic alcohols



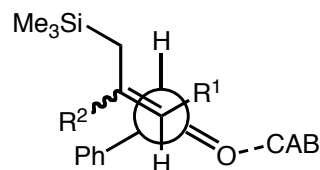
$R^1, R^2 = H$   
 $R^1 = H, R^2 = Me$   
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 $R^1 = Me, R^2 = Et$

46% yield, 55% ee  
 68% yield, 82% ee  
 63% yield, 92% ee, (96 : 4) *erythro* : *threo*  
 74% yield, 96% ee, (97 : 3) *erythro* : *threo*

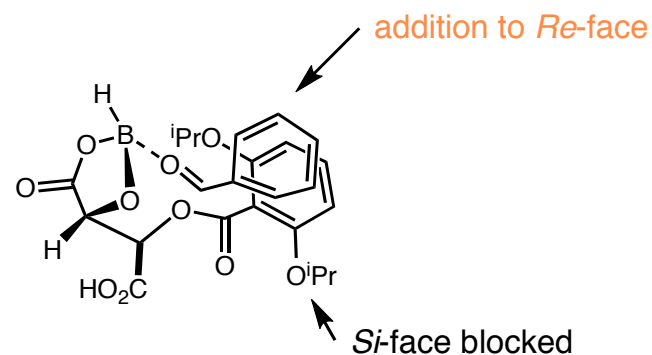
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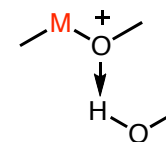
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disfavored



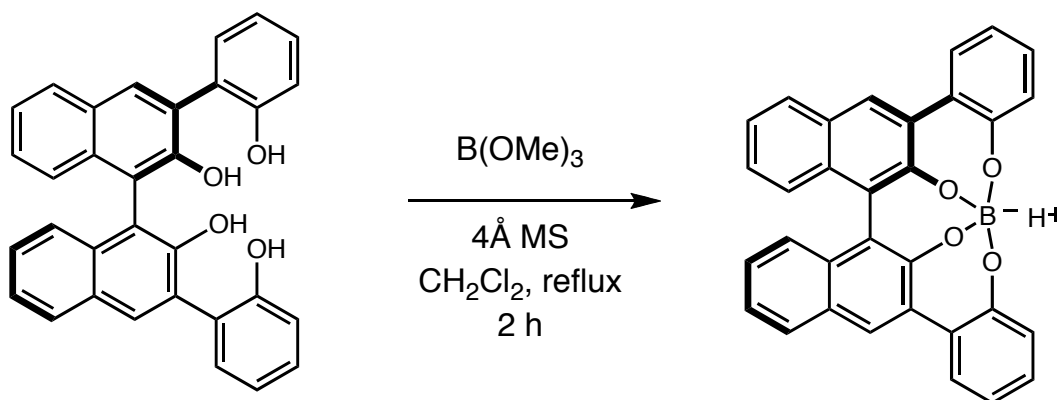
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## Brønsted Acid Assisted Lewis Acid Catalysts (BLA) boron binol derivative

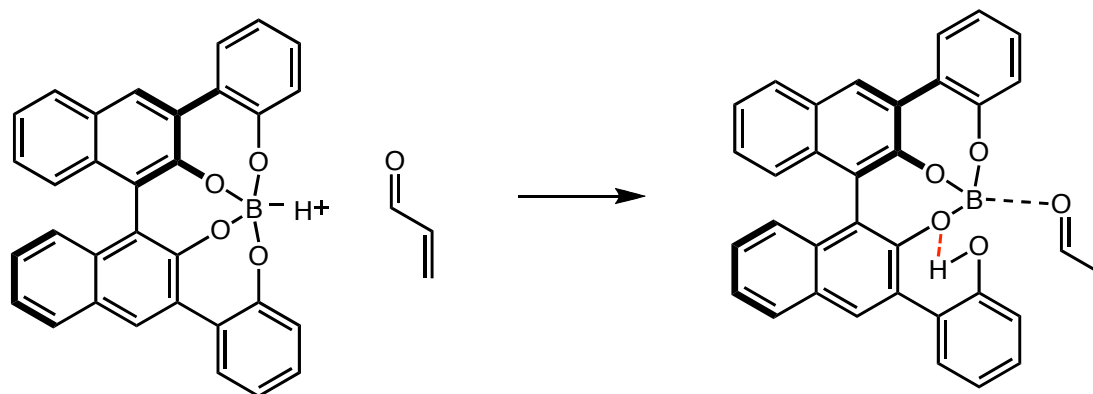


### Synthesis of BLA catalyst



- asymmetric DA
- asymmetric aldol-type reaction with imines
- aza-DA

### Properties



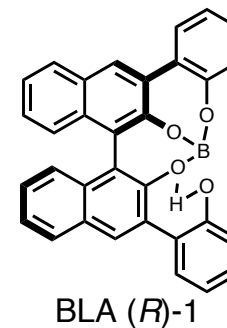
intramolecular  
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$\pi$ - $\pi$  donor-acceptor  
interaction

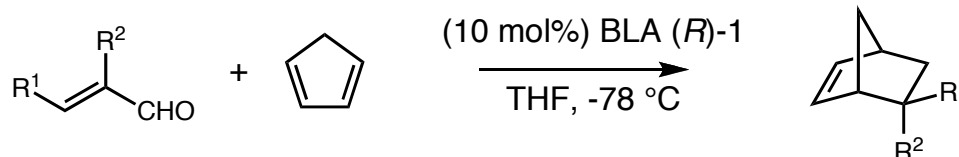
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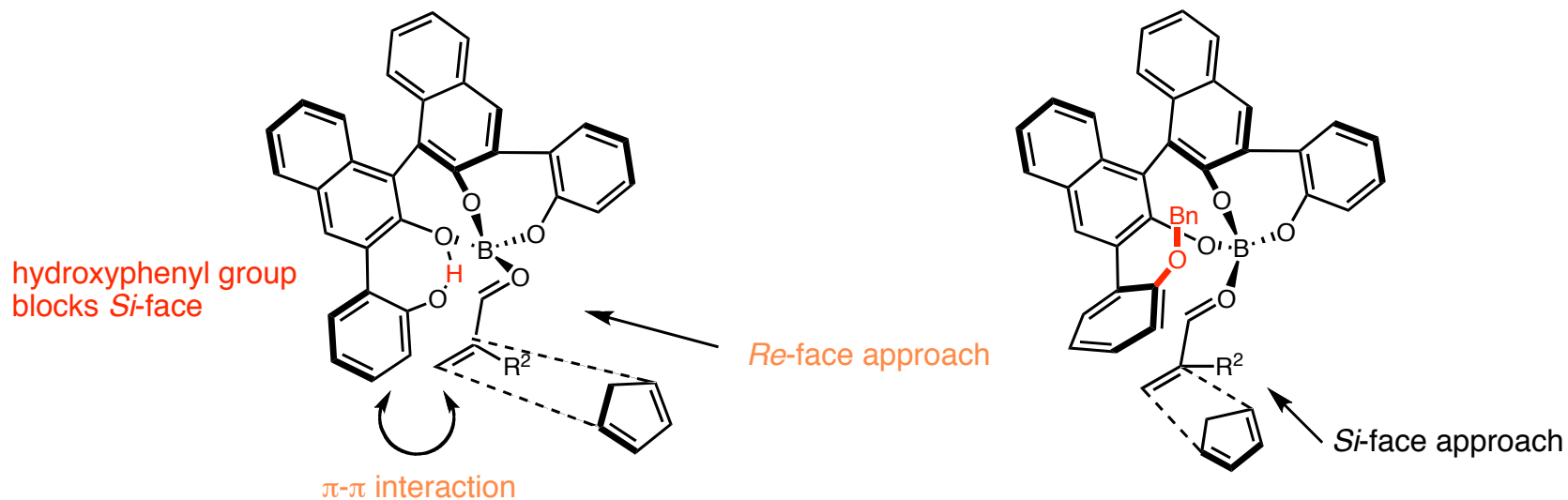


### ■ BLA catalyst for asymmetric Diels–Alder reaction



$R^1 = H, R^2 = Br$   
 $R^1 = H, R^2 = Me$   
 $R^1 = Me, R^2 = Me$   
 $R^1 = R^2 = -CH_2CH_2CH_2-$

$>99\%$  yield, 99% ee, ( $>99 : 1$ ) *exo* : *endo*  
 $>99\%$  yield, 99% ee, ( $>99 : 1$ ) *exo* : *endo*  
 $>99\%$  yield, 98% ee, ( $>99 : 1$ ) *exo* : *endo*  
 $>99\%$  yield, 93% ee, ( $98 : 2$ ) *exo* : *endo*



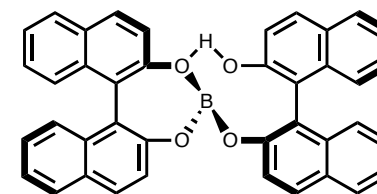
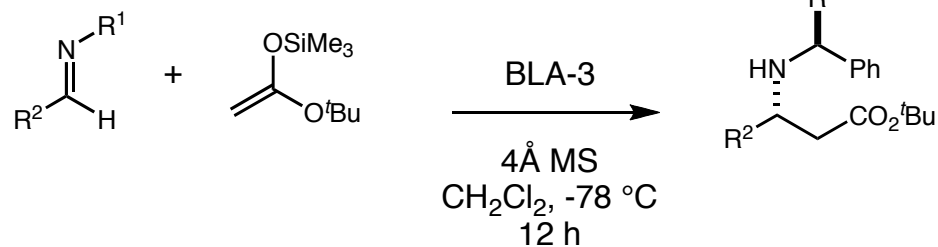
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# Brønsted Acid Assisted Lewis Acid Catalysts (BLA)

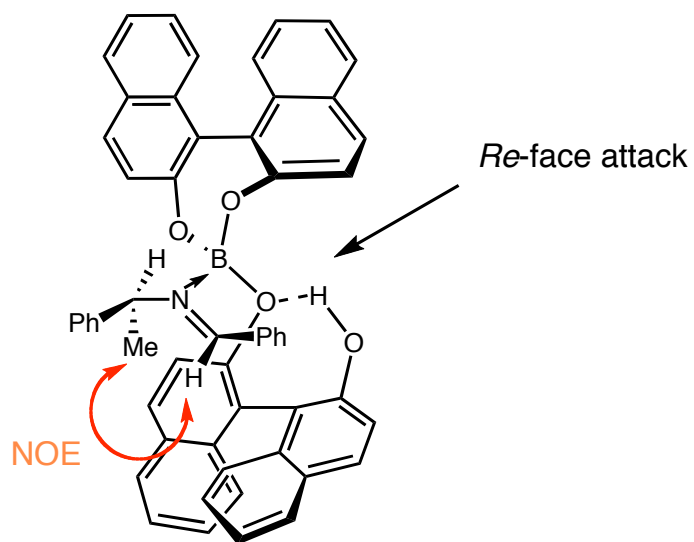
boron binol derivative

## ■ BLA promoter for asymmetric Aldol-type reaction



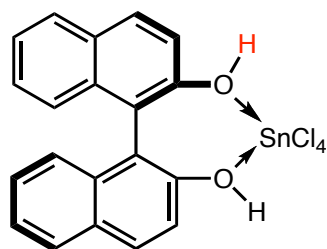
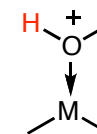
BLA-3

R <sup>1</sup> = Me, R <sup>2</sup> = Ph	63%, 94% de
Ph      Ph	58%, 96% de
Ph <i>p</i> -MeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	35%, 97% de
Ph <i>p</i> -ClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	45% 98% de



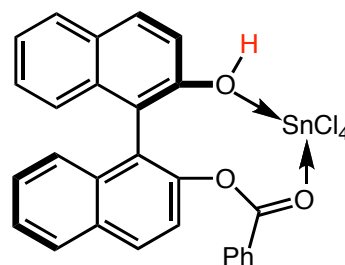
upon deprotection,  $\beta$ -aryl- $\beta$ -amino acids

*Lewis Acid Assisted Brønsted Acid Catalysts (LBA)*  
"unique proton"



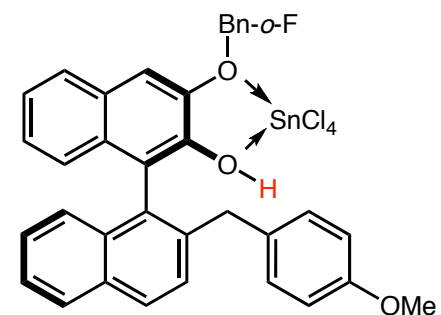
**LBA (R)-1**

Enantioselective protonations



**LBA (R)-2**

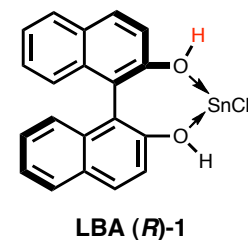
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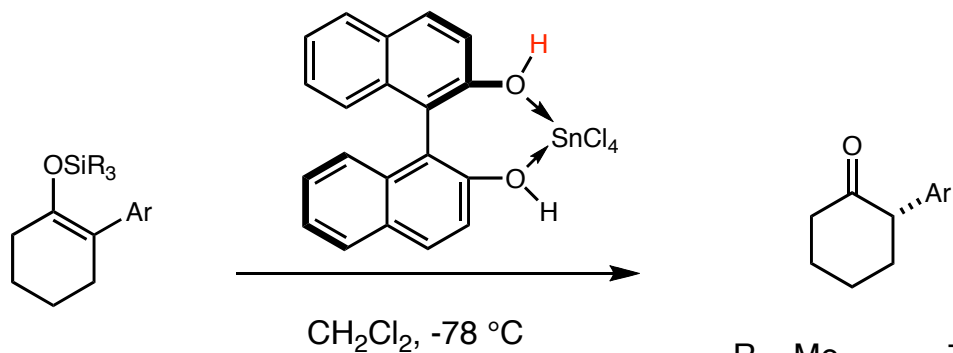
**LBA (R)-3**

Artificial cyclase II

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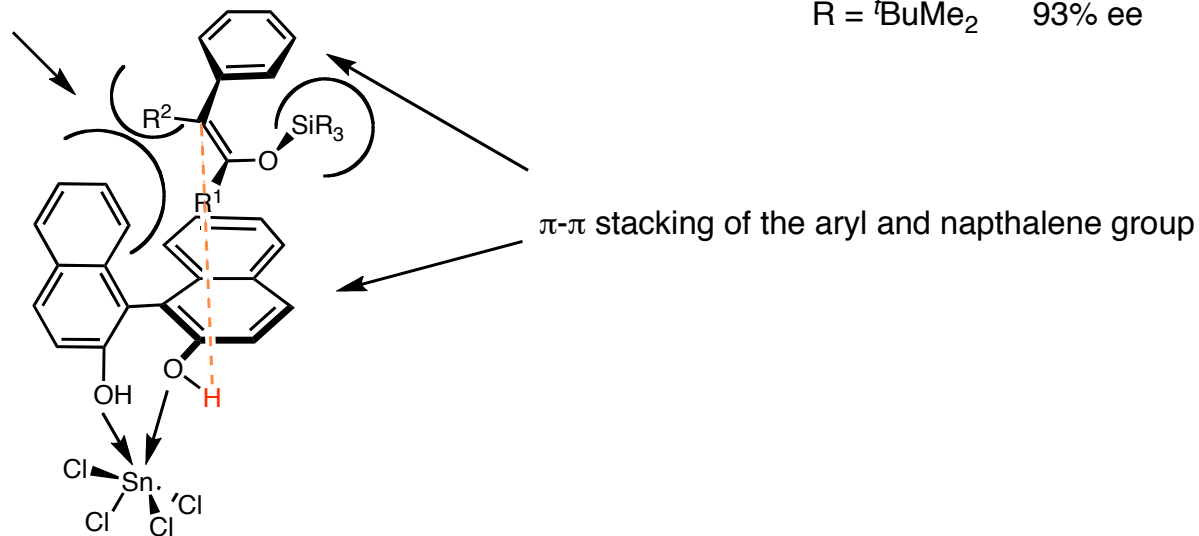


## ■ LBA for enantioselective protonation of silyl enol ethers



R = Me	79% ee
R = Et	91% ee
R = <sup>t</sup> BuMe <sub>2</sub>	93% ee

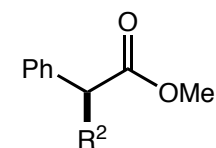
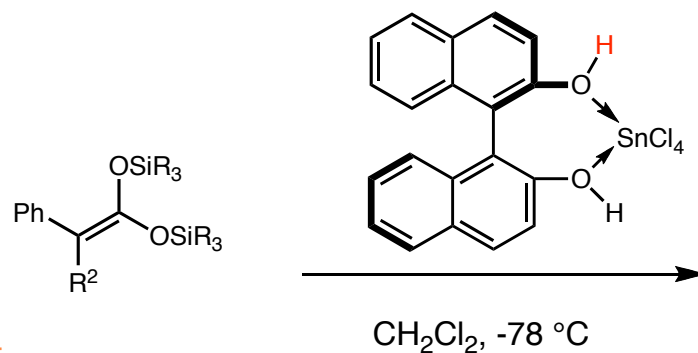
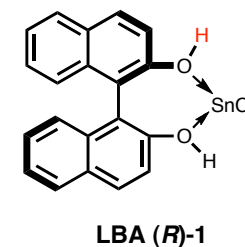
steric repulsion if  
 $\text{R}^2$  is big



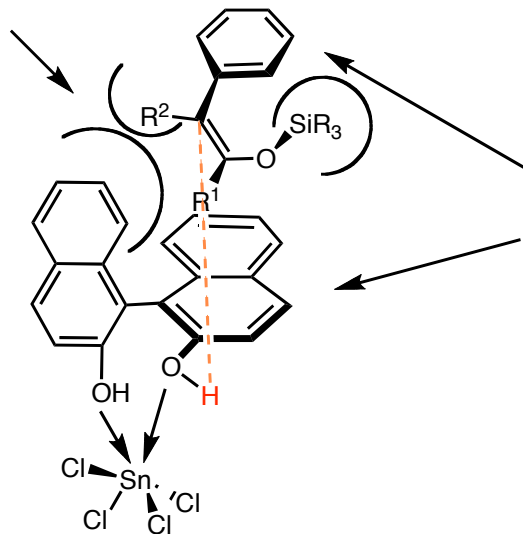
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### ■ LBA for enantioselective protonation of ketene bis(trialkylsilyl) acetals



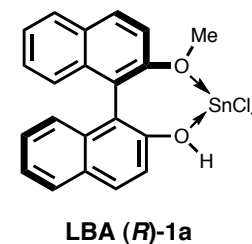
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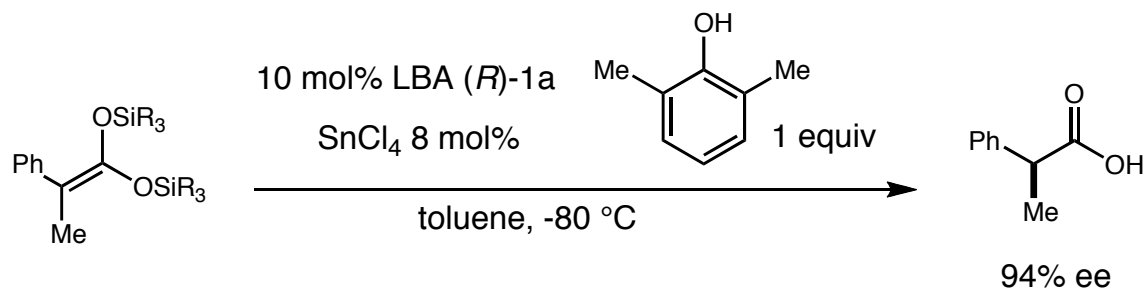
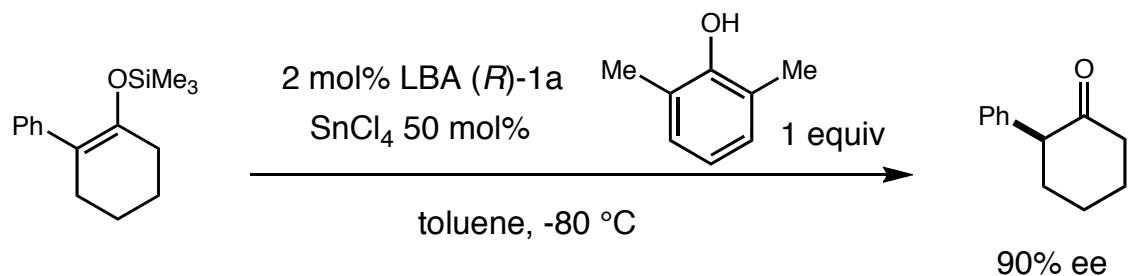
$\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking of the aryl and naphthalene group

R = Me, R <sup>2</sup> = Me	92% ee
R = Et, R <sup>2</sup> = Me	95% ee
R = Me, R <sup>2</sup> = Et	60% ee

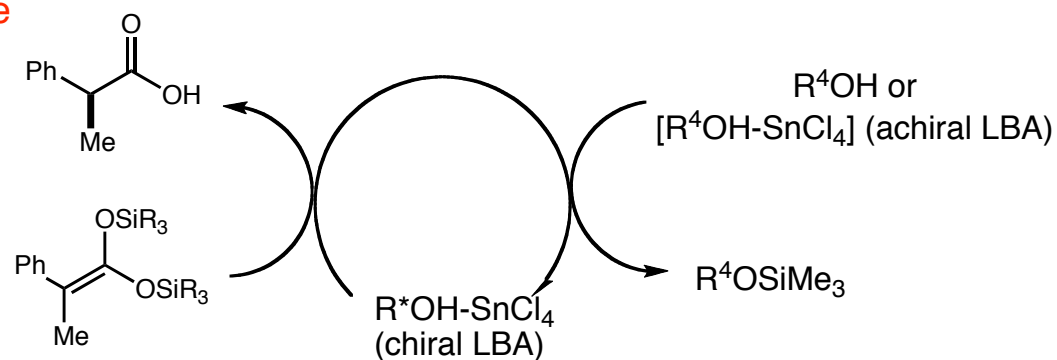
## Lewis Acid Assisted Brønsted Acid Catalysts (LBA) "unique proton"



### ■ LBA for catalytic enantioselective protonation



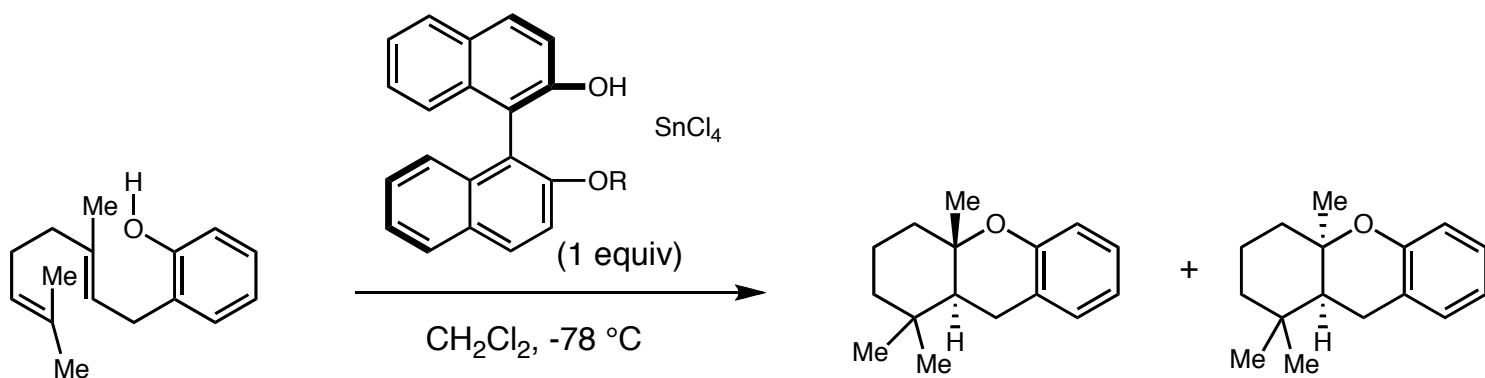
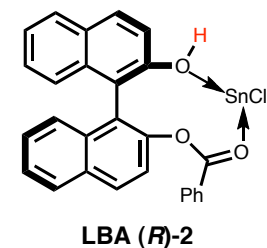
### ■ Catalytic cycle



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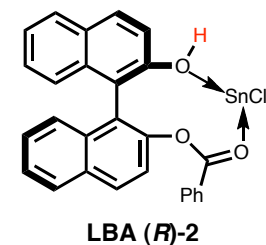
■ LBA as artificial cyclases



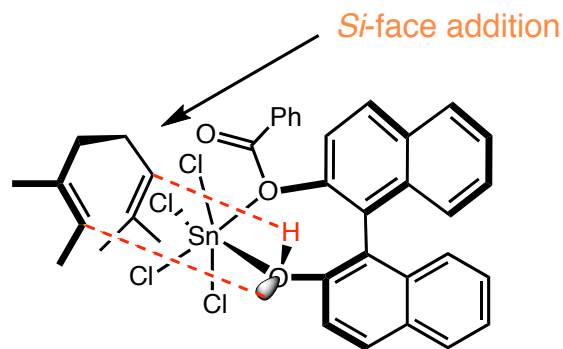
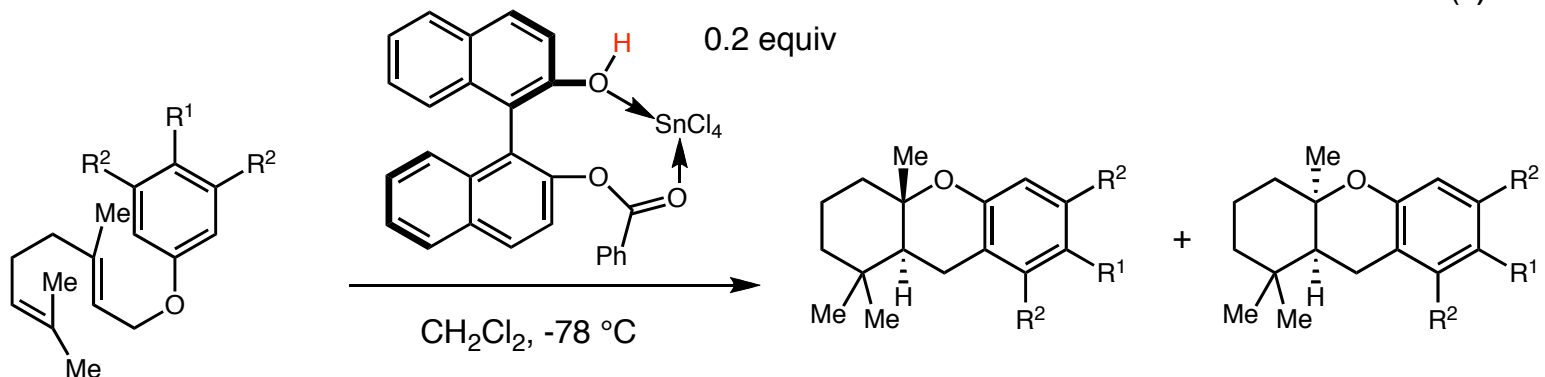
R = H	84% (36% ee), 16% (32% ee)
R = <i>i</i> Pr	>70%, (50% ee), >20% (34% ee)
R = C(=O)Ph	95% (54% ee)

low enantioselectivity is attributed to coordination of phenol to catalyst

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■ LBA for enantioselective biomimetic cyclization of isoprenoids

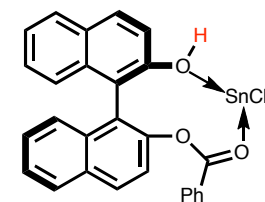


R <sup>1</sup> , R <sup>2</sup> = H	98% GCY, 77% ee, (98 : 2)
R <sup>1</sup> = F	72% GCY, 79% ee, (70 : 30)
R <sup>1</sup> = Cl	97% GCY, 82% ee, (97 : 3)
R <sup>1</sup> = Br	94% GCY, 90% ee, (95 : 5)
R <sup>1</sup> = Me	94% GCY, 67% ee, (97 : 3)
R <sup>1</sup> = OMe	92% GCY, 42% ee, (94 : 6)

$n-\pi^*$  interaction between oxygen lone pair and LUMO of the olefin

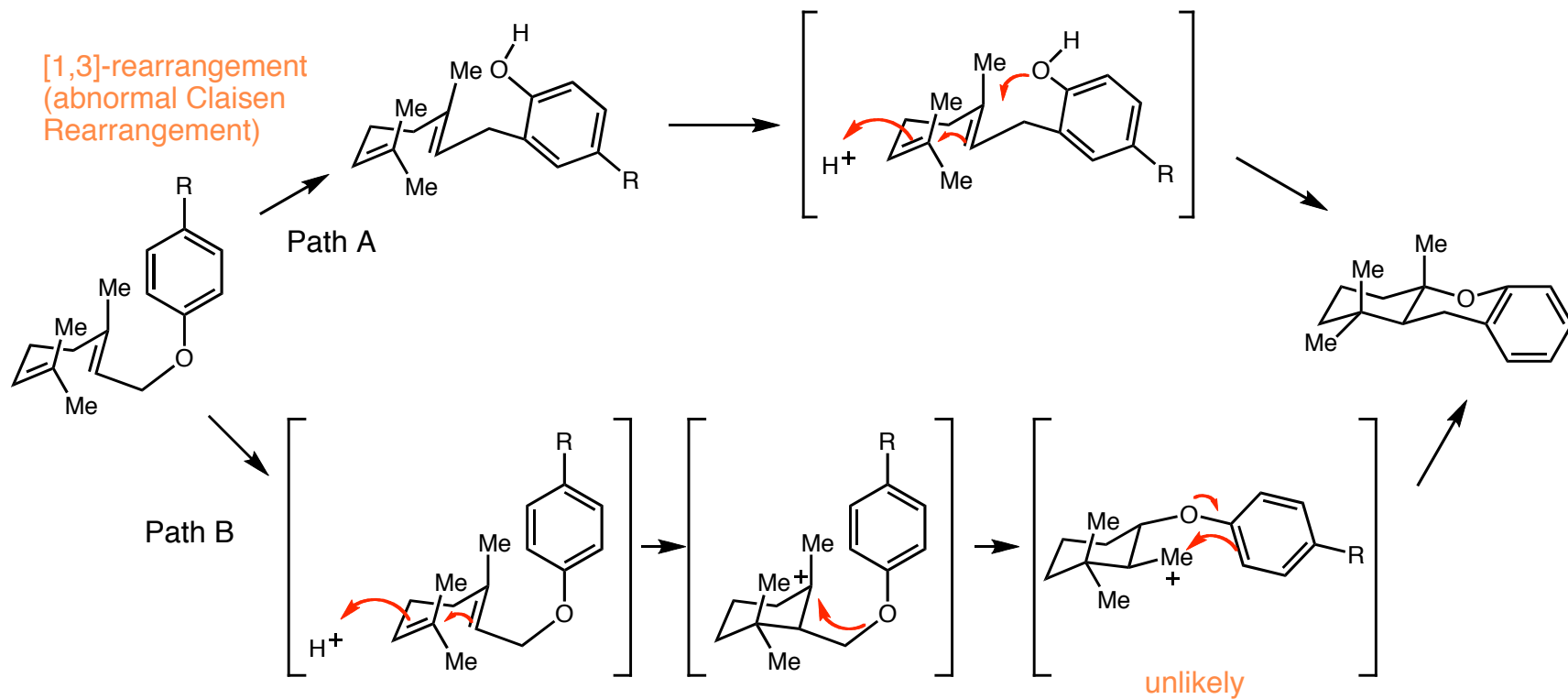
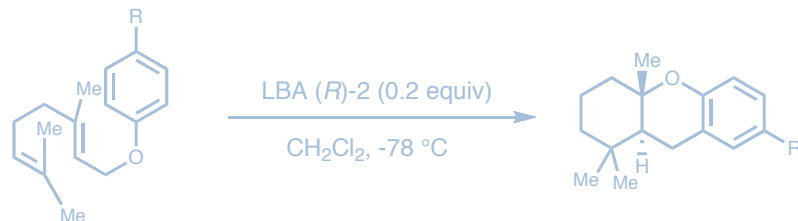
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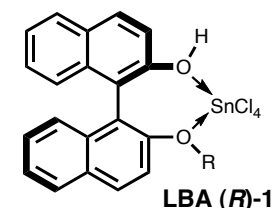
**LBA (R)-2**

■ Mechanism of biomimetic cyclization of isoprenoids

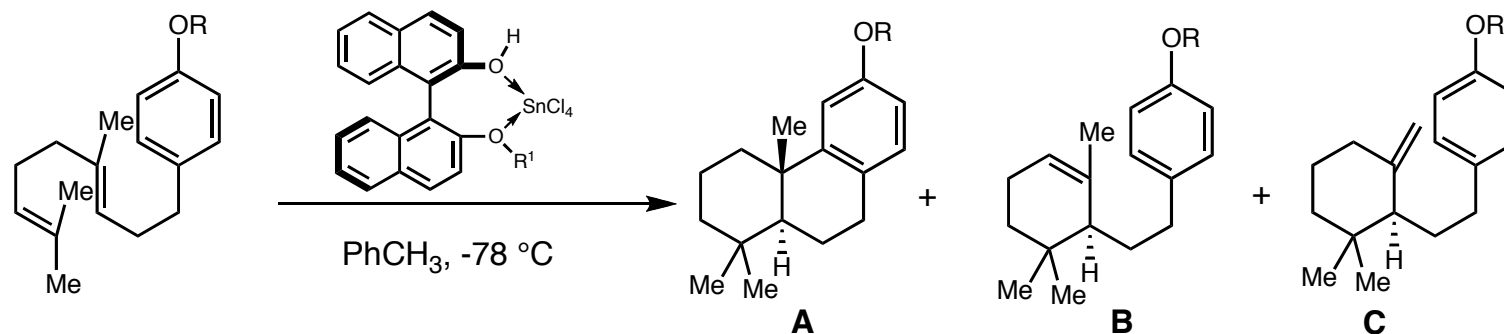




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■ LBA for first enantioselective cyclization of homo(polyprenyl)arenes

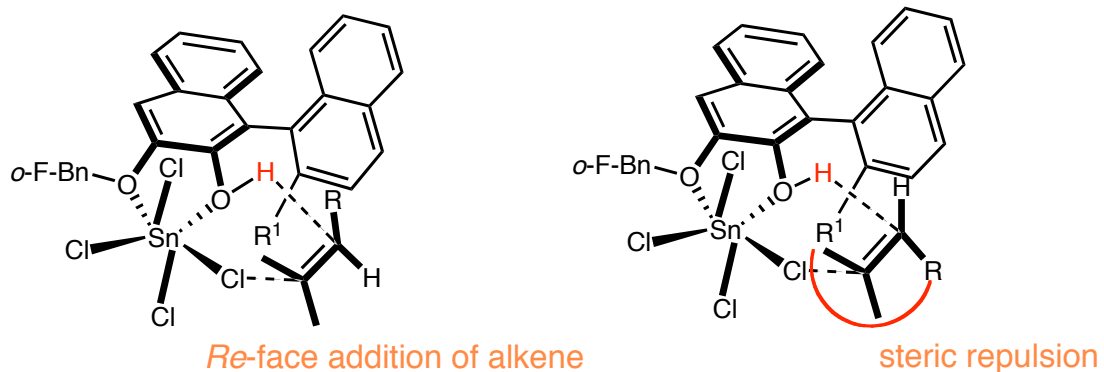
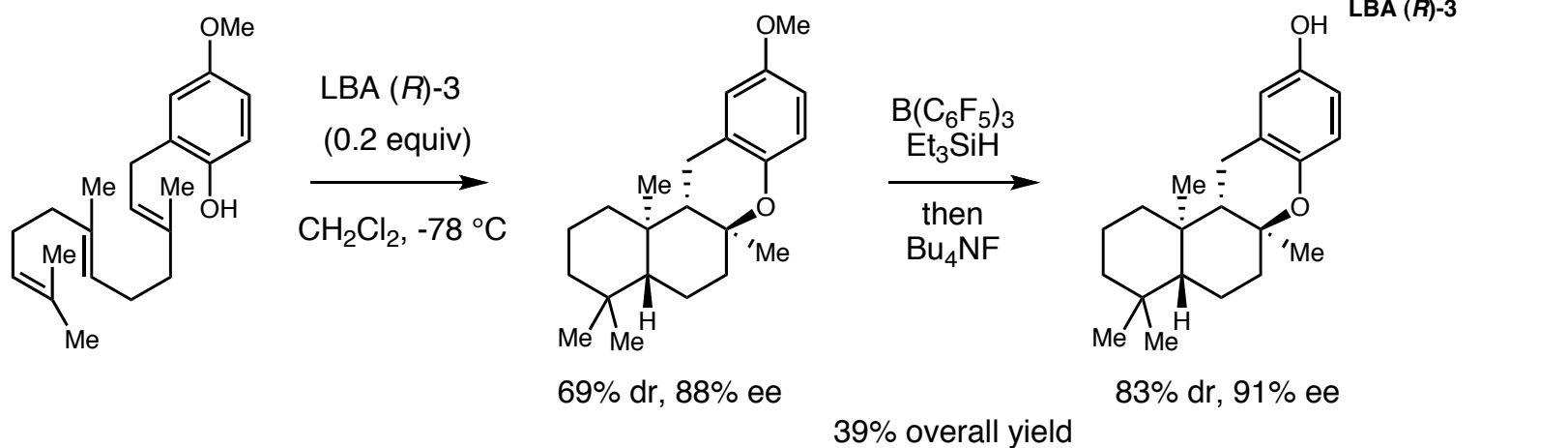


entry	cat (R <sup>1</sup> )	substrate (R)	solvent/time (h)	% yield <b>A</b> (%ee)	% yield <b>B</b>	% yield <b>C</b>	SM
1	Me	H	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> , 14	87 (38)	6	7	0
2	Me	H	PhCH <sub>3</sub> , 14	28 (49)	40	32	0
3	Me	Me	PhCH <sub>3</sub> , 19	10 (59)	36	36	18
4	Bn	Me	PhCH <sub>3</sub> , 24	13 (61)	33	32	22
5	Me	<sup>t</sup> BuPh <sub>2</sub> Si	PhCH <sub>3</sub> , 24	13 (72)	35	35	17
6	<i>o</i> -FC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	<sup>t</sup> BuPh <sub>2</sub> Si	PhCH <sub>3</sub> , 48	9 (81)	44	47	0
7	Ph <sub>3</sub> SiCCCH <sub>2</sub>	<sup>t</sup> BuPh <sub>2</sub> Si	PhCH <sub>3</sub> , 96	19 (80)	40	41	0

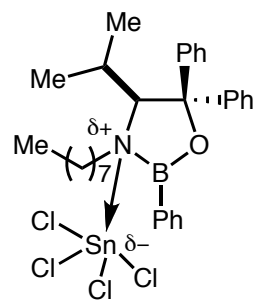
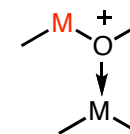
-subjecting **B** and **C** to achiral LBA lead to **A**, entry 3, 86% yield, 62% ee  
 -desilylating products from entry 6, 94% yield, 78% ee

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"unique proton"

■ LBA for enantioselective total synthesis of (-)-chromazonarol

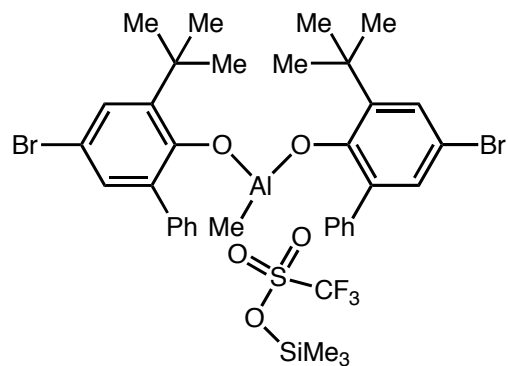


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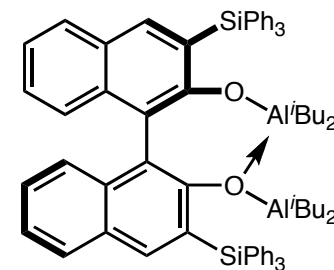
**oxazaborolidine**

enantioselective DA



**MABR/Me<sub>3</sub>SiOTf**

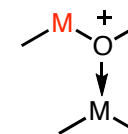
Mukaiyama aldol reaction



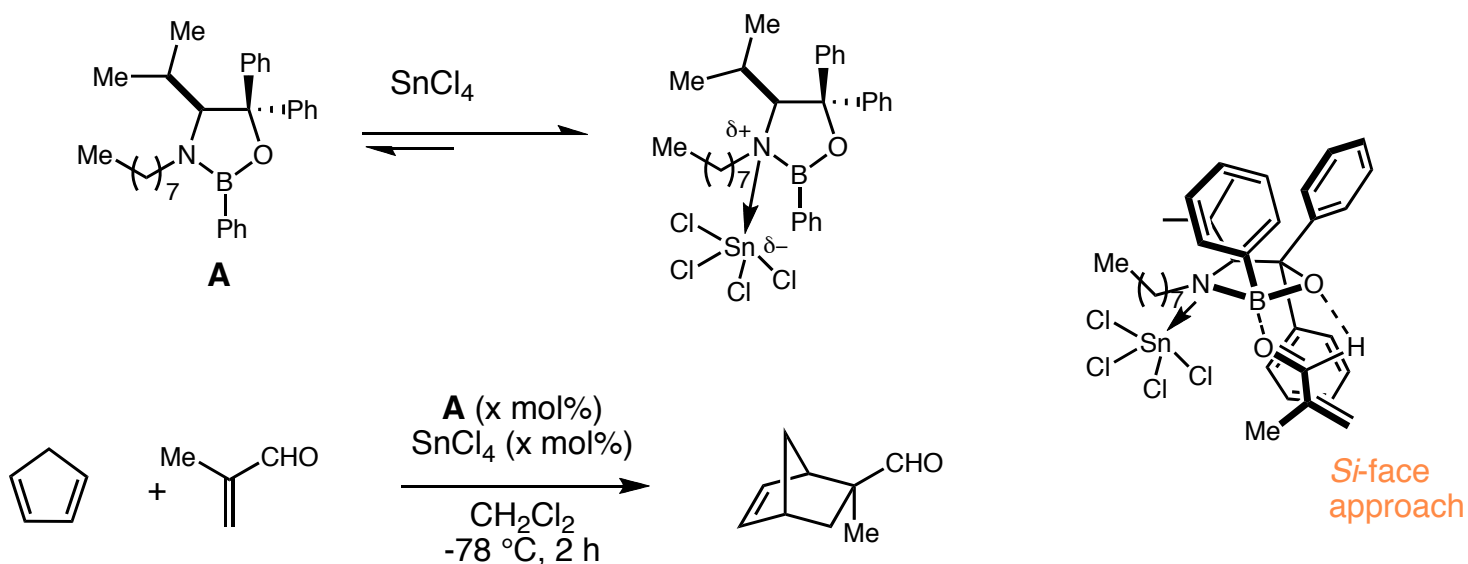
**dialuminum binol complex**

enantioselective DA

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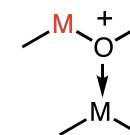
### ■ Oxazaborolidine promoted enantioselective Diels–Alder reaction



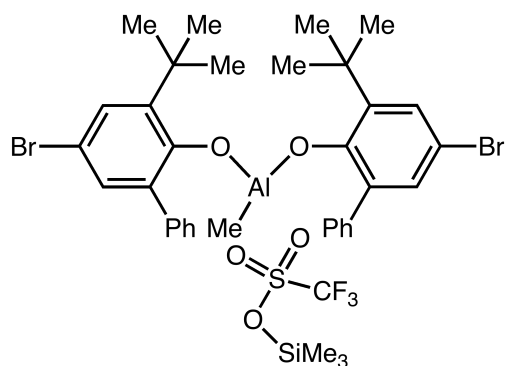
1 mol% <b>A</b> , 1 mol% $\text{SnCl}_4$	95%, (75 : 25) <i>exo</i> : <i>endo</i> , 84% ee ( <i>exo</i> ), 96% ee ( <i>endo</i> )
2 mol% <b>A</b> , 0.5 mol% $\text{SnCl}_4$	86%, (75 : 25) <i>exo</i> : <i>endo</i> , 85% ee ( <i>exo</i> ), 96% ee ( <i>endo</i> )

-since only small amounts of  $\text{SnCl}_4$  is required to maintain high yield and ee,  
 excess  $\text{SnCl}_4$  can coordinate  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (other deactivators for LA) to maintain reactivity and selectivity  
 therefore, ideal conditions are possible: non-purified LA, reagent-grade solvents, air

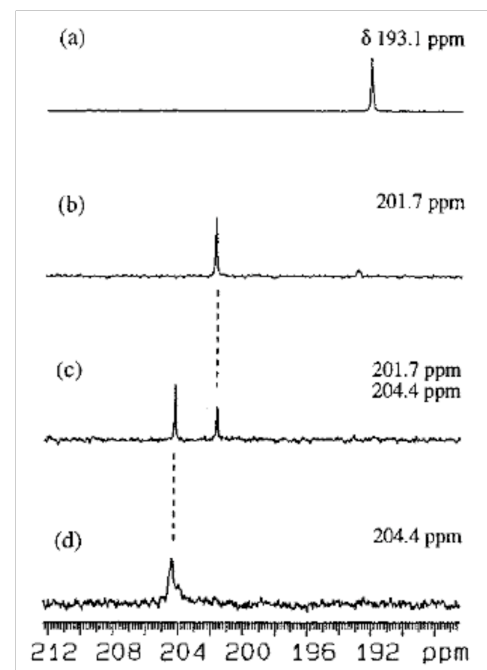
## Lewis Acid Assisted Lewis Acid Catalysts (LLA)



### ■ LLA for the generation of naked silylium cation

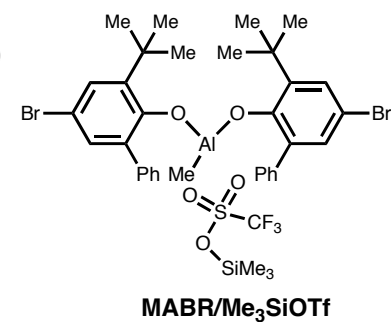
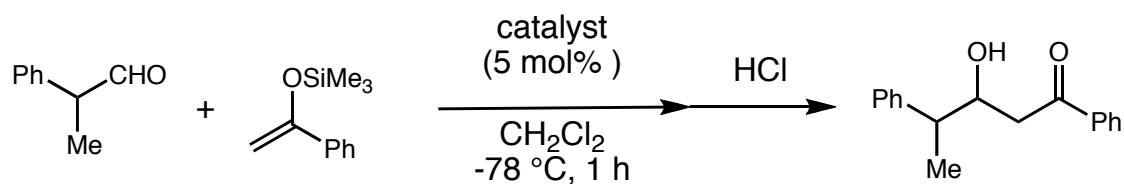


MABR/Me<sub>3</sub>SiOTf



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### ■ LLA for the enhancement of the Mukaiyama Aldol reaction

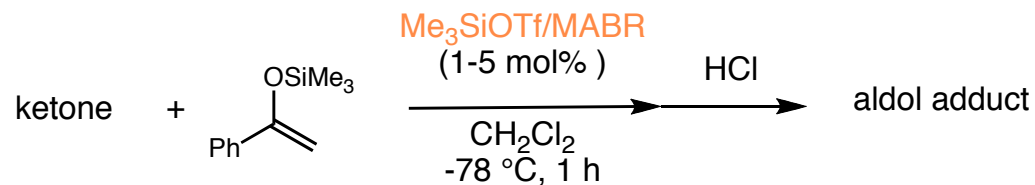
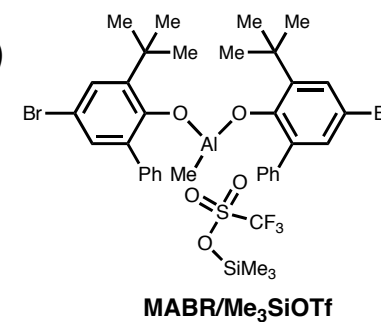


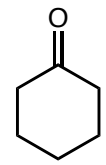
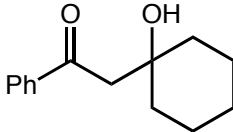
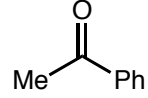
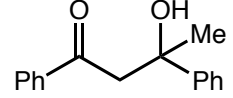
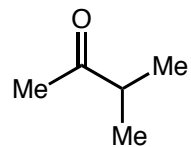
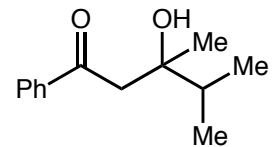
Entry	catalyst	% yield	<i>syn</i> : <i>anti</i>
1	B(OTf) <sub>3</sub>	41	89 : 11
2	Me <sub>3</sub> SiOTf/B(OTf) <sub>3</sub>	43	90 : 10
3	Me <sub>3</sub> SiOTf	15	75 : 25
4	Me <sub>3</sub> SiOTf/MAD	62	91 : 1
5	Me <sub>3</sub> SiOTf/MABR	76	89 : 11

unsubstituted and neopentyl aldehydes are compatible

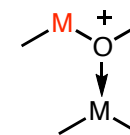
## Lewis Acid Assisted Lewis Acid Catalysts (LLA)

### ■ LLA enhancement of the Mukaiyama Aldol reaction: Substrate scope

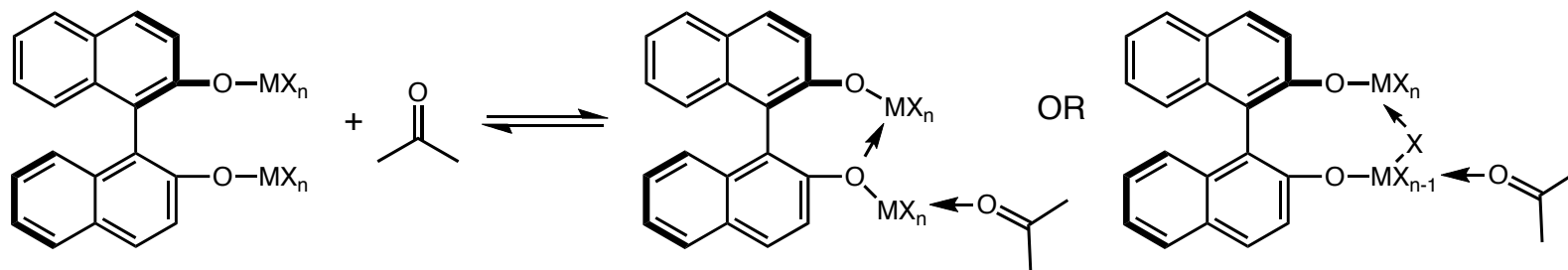


entry	ketone	aldol adduct	% yield
1			90
2			60
3			91

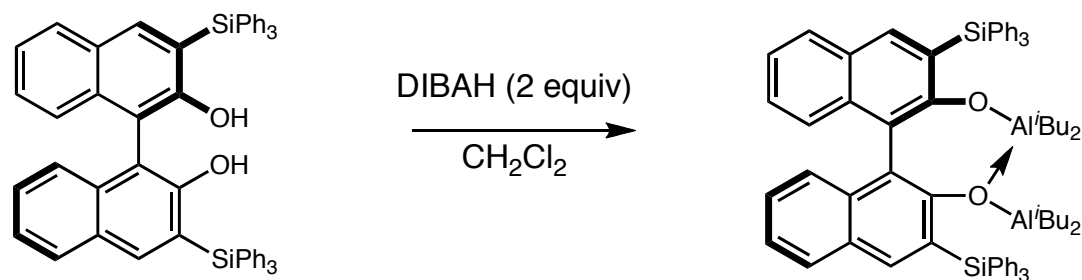
## Lewis Acid Assisted Lewis Acid Catalysts (LLA)



### ■ Multinuclear chiral organoaluminum complexes: Binaphthol derivatives



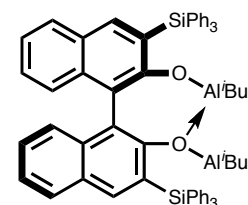
### ■ Synthesis of chiral dialuminum binol complex



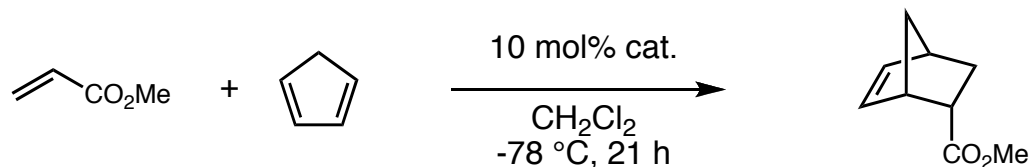
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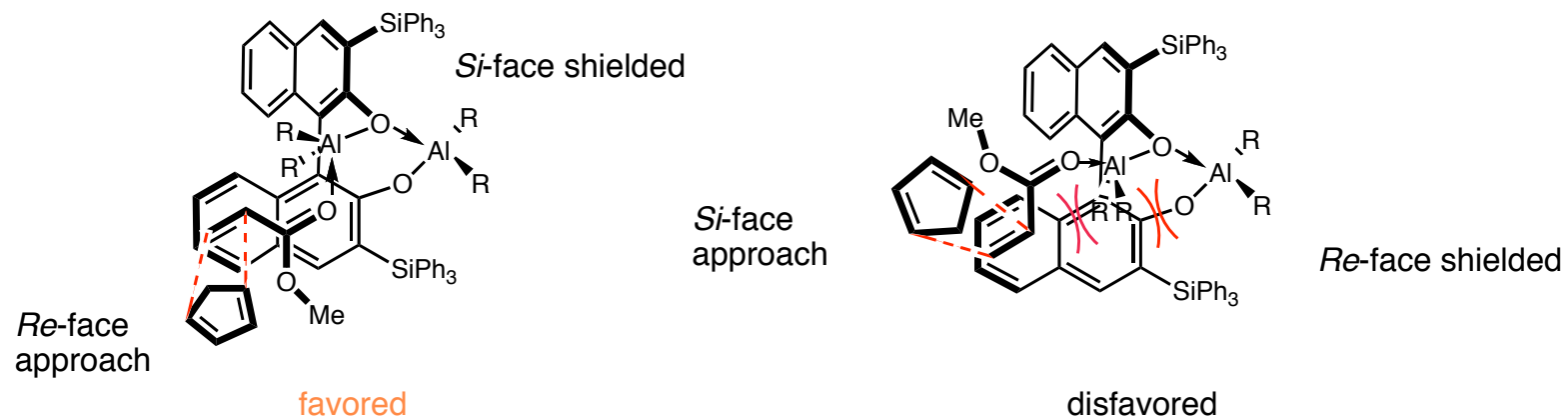
### Enantioselective Diels–Alder reaction



46%, 86% ee, 97 : 3 (*endo* : *exo*)  
\*99%, 80% ee, 97 : 3 (*endo* : *exo*)

\* -78 to -40 °C, 42 h

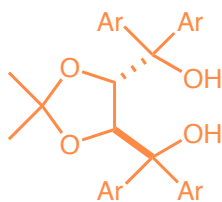
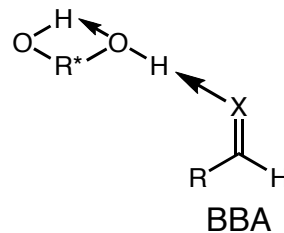
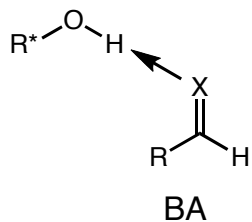
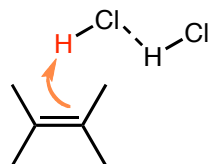
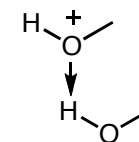
### Model for selectivity



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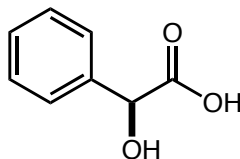
# Brønsted Acid Assisted Brønsted Acid Catalysts (BBA)

enzyme-like

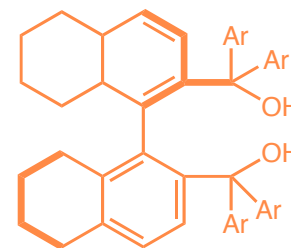


**TADDOL**

hetero Diels–Alder  
enantioselective *N*-nitroso aldol



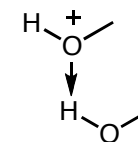
enantioselective *O*-nitroso aldol



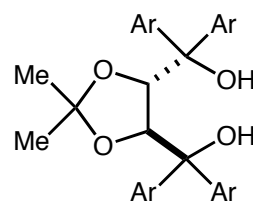
**BAMOL**

hetero Diels–Alder

*Brønsted Acid Assisted Brønsted Acid Catalysts (BBA)*  
enzyme-like

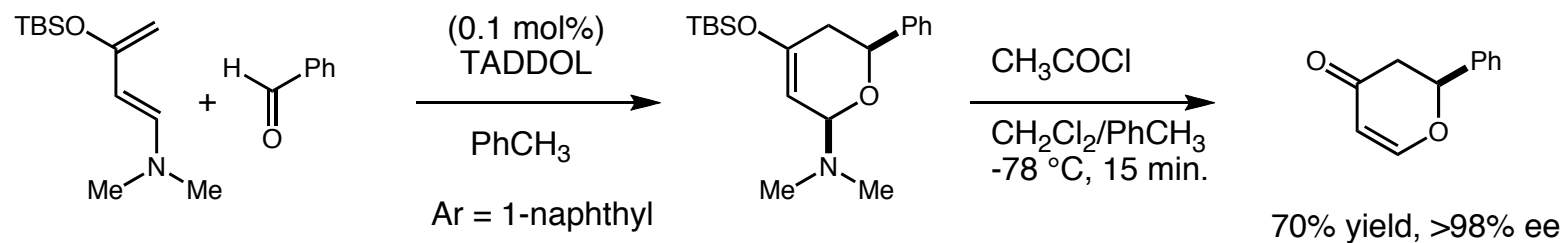


■ BBA: TADDOL



**TADDOL**

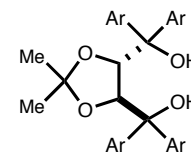
■ TADDOL for enantioselective hetero Diels–Alder reactions



various aromatic groups participate well  
cyclohexyl lower ee

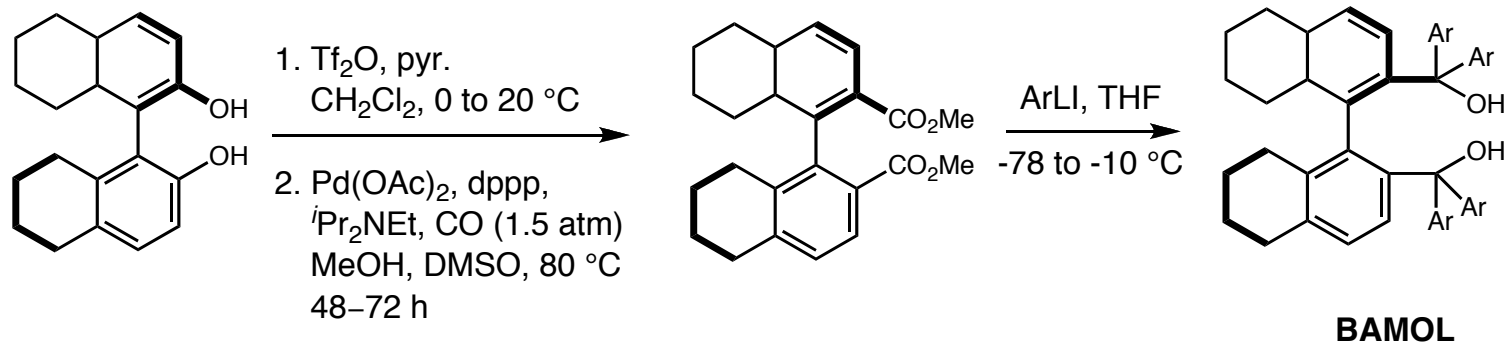
Huang, Y.; Unni, A. K.; Thadani, A. N.; Rawal, V. H. *Nature* **2003**, 424, 146.  
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enzyme-like

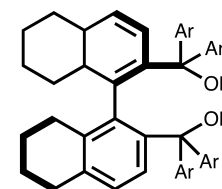


**TADDOL**

■ **Synthesis of BAMOL**

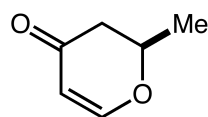
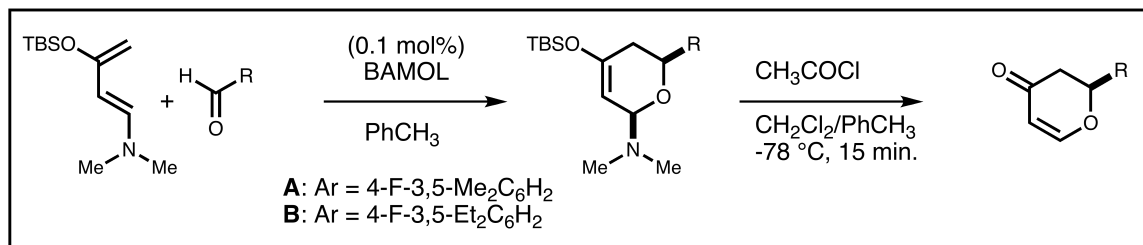


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enzyme-like

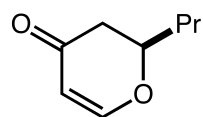


**BAMOL**

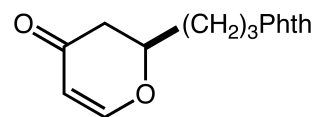
■ **BAMOL** for enantioselective hetero Diels–Alder reactions



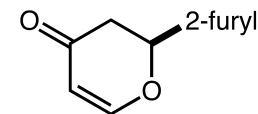
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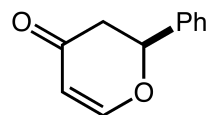
**A:** 76%, 94% ee



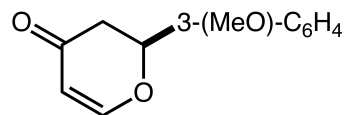
**A:** 67%, 92% ee



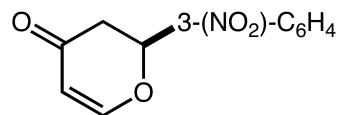
**B:** 96%, 99% ee  
TADDOL: 67%, 92% ee



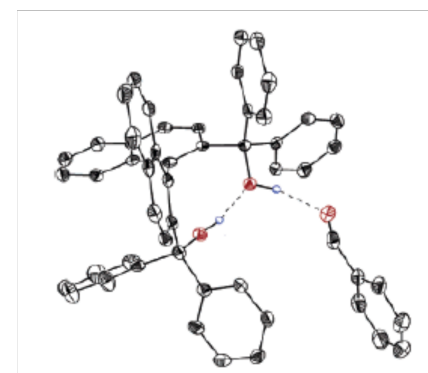
**B:** 84%, 98% ee  
TADDOL: 70%, 98% ee



**B:** 86%, 98% ee  
TADDOL: 68%, 94% ee

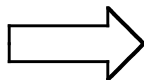


**B:** 93%, 98% ee



*Super Acids*  
*strong*

HOTf



HNTf<sub>2</sub>

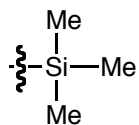
Super Brønsted acid

Mukaiyama aldol

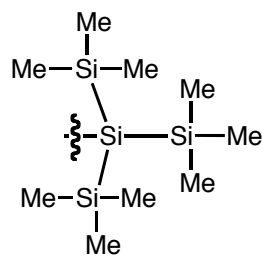
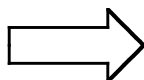
cascade Mukaiyama aldol

ketone Mukaiyama aldol

tertiary carbinols



TMS

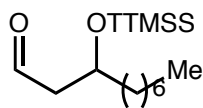
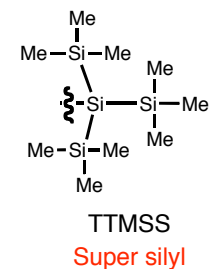
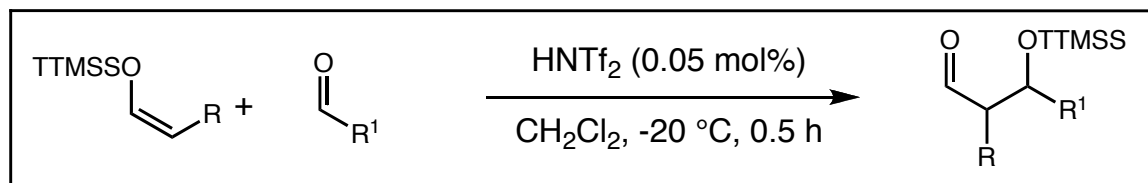


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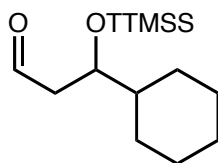
Super silyl

## Super Silyl - TTMSS

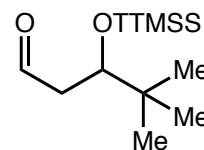
### ■ Mukaiyama Aldol reaction



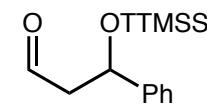
87% yield  
w/ TBS, <10% yield



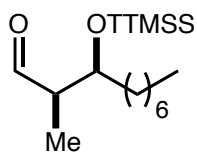
89% yield



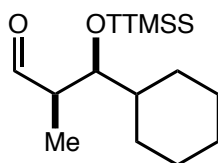
90% yield



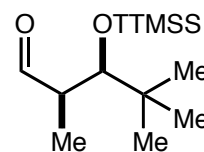
83% yield



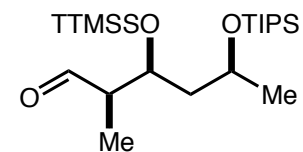
82% yield  
80/20 *syn/anti*



72% yield  
85/15 *syn/anti*



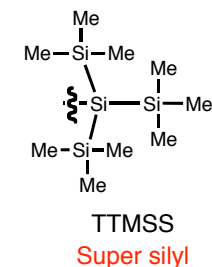
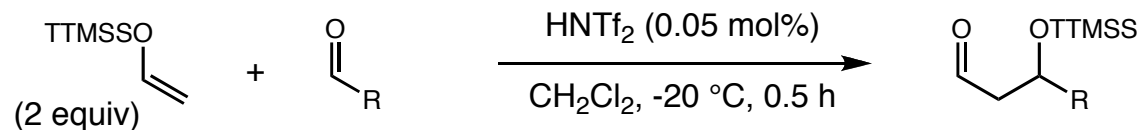
78% yield  
95/5 *syn/anti*



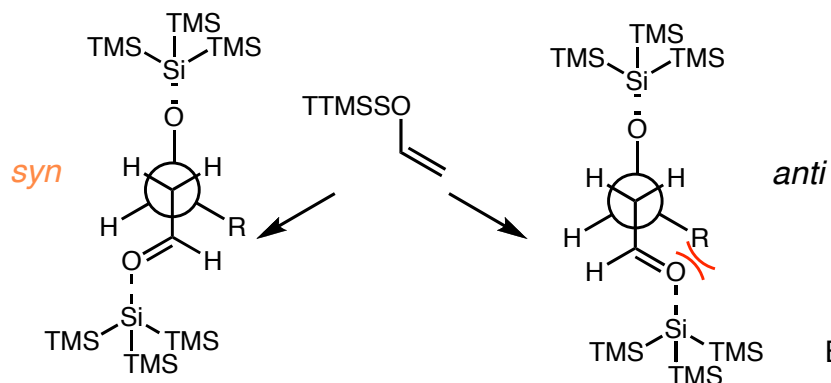
88% yield  
85/15 *syn/anti*

## Super Silyl - TTMSS

### ■ Cascade Mukaiyama aldol reaction



Entry	R	major product	% yield	<i>syn</i> : <i>anti</i>
1	<sup>t</sup> Bu		75%	>99 : 1
2	<i>c</i> -hexyl		72%	95 : 5
3	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>		68%	90 : 10

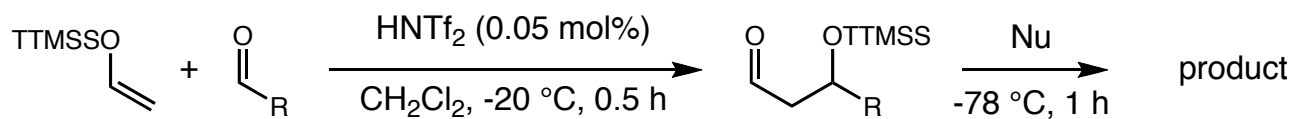
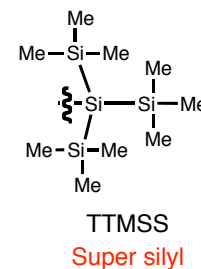


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## Super Silyl - TTMSS

### Complex chiral architecture



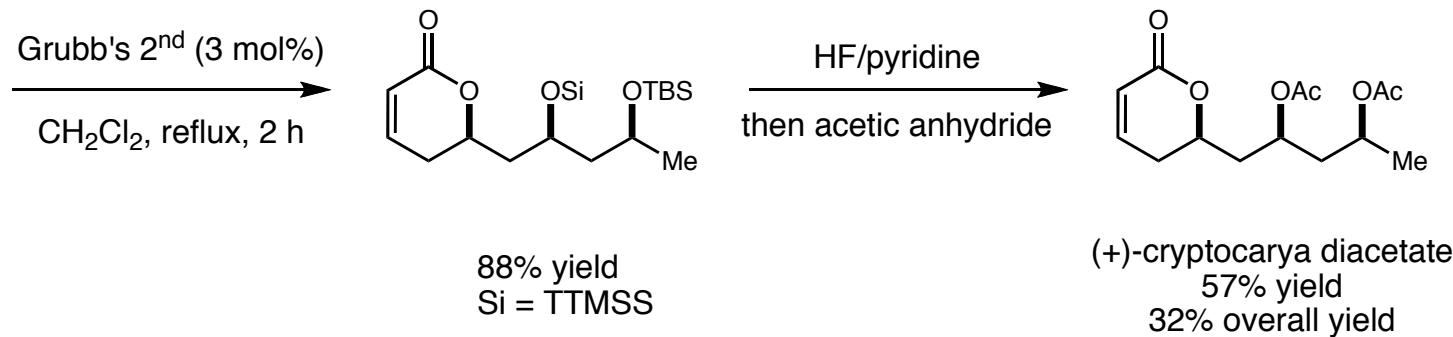
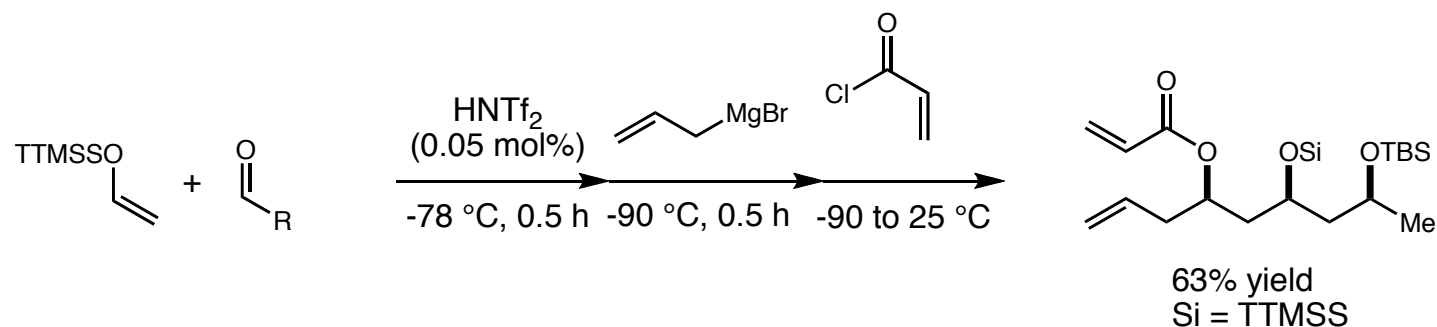
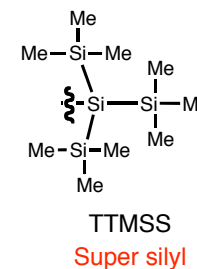
entry	R	nucleophile	major product	% yield	dr
1	CH(Me)Ph			80%	97/2/<1/<1
2	CH(Me)Ph			79%	86/13/<1/<1
3	CH(Me)Ph			63%	95/4/<1/<1
4				85%	74/18/<5/<5

Si = TTMSS

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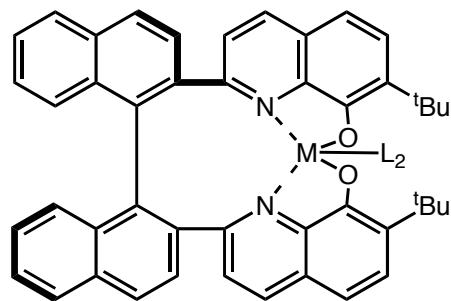
## Super Silyl - TTMSS

### ■ Three-step synthesis of (+)-cryptocarya diacetate

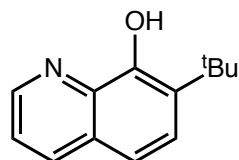


## Tethered Bis(8-quinolinolato) Metal Complexes

### ■ Properties of tethered bis(8-quinolinolato) metal complexes



**TBOxM**



8-hydroxyquinoline

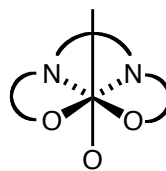
#### **TBOxCrCl**

Pinacol coupling  
Nozaki-Hiyama allylation  
allenylation reaction

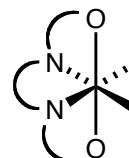
#### **TBOxAgSbF<sub>6</sub>**

conjugate addition  
indole Friedel-Crafts alkylation  
Pudovik reaction

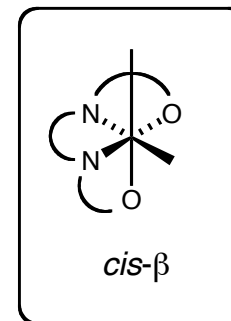
three possible geometric isomers



*trans*



*cis-α*



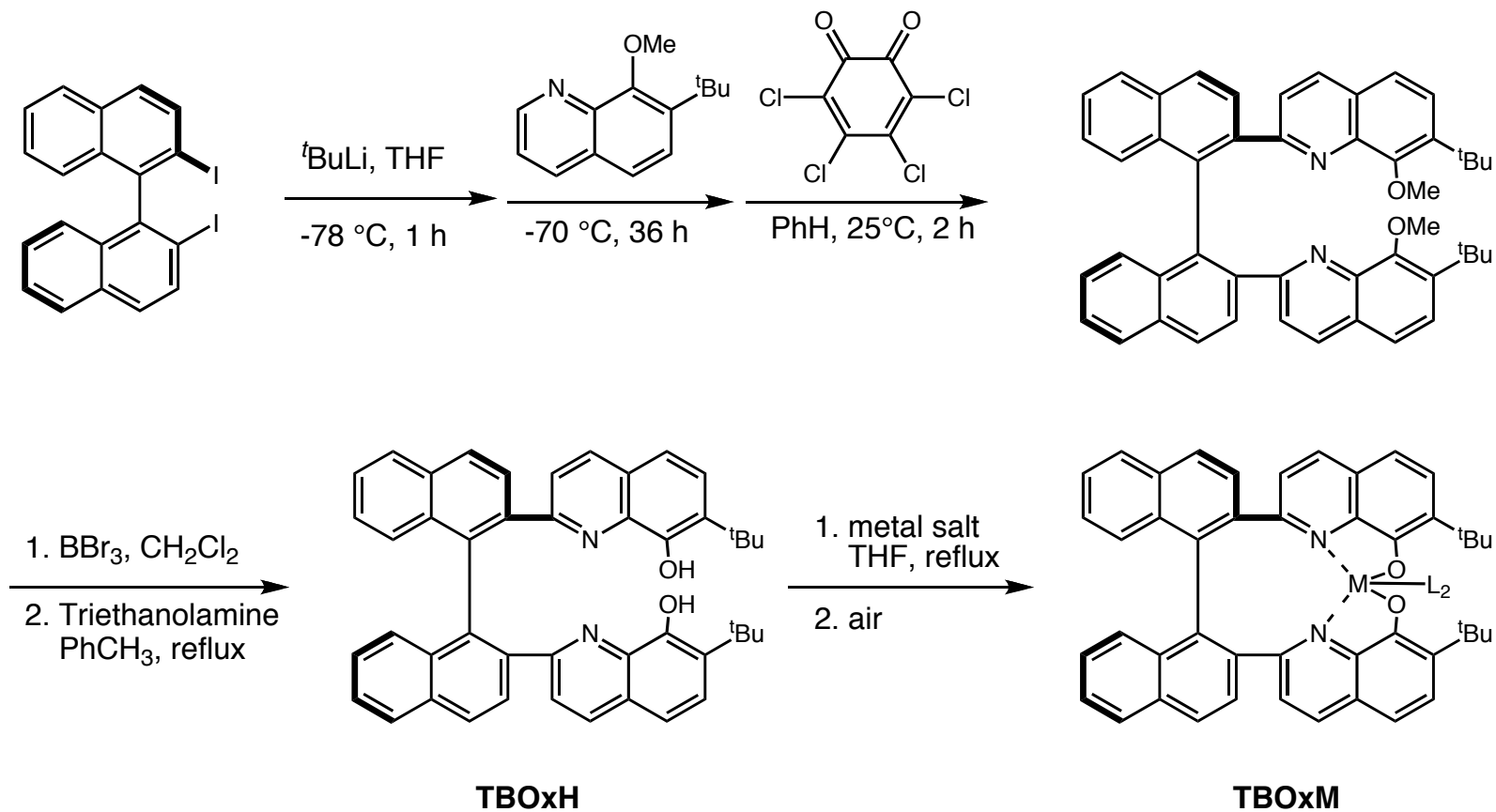
X-ray

versatile ligand for a myriad of metal ions  
forms stable complexes with most metals

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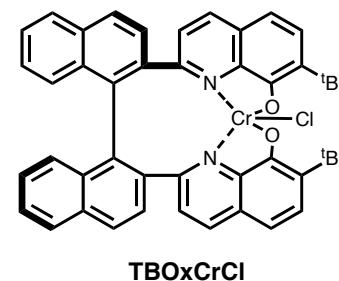
## Tethered Bis(8-quinolinolato) Metal Complexes

### ■ Synthesis of tethered bis(8-quinolinolato) metal complexes

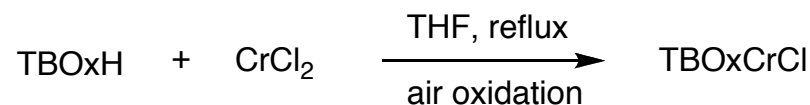


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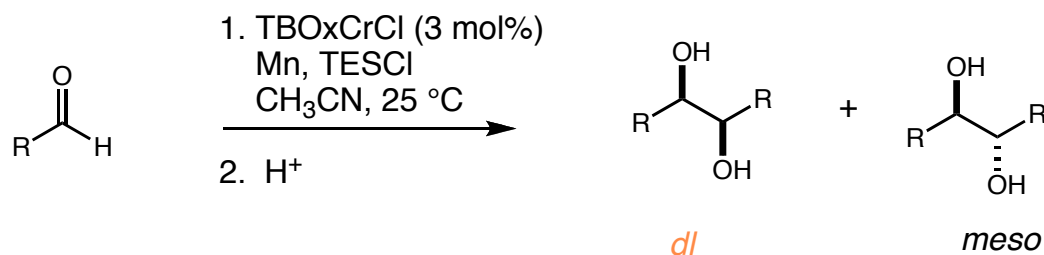
## Tethered Bis(8-quinolinolato) Metal Complexes



### Synthesis of TBOxCrCl

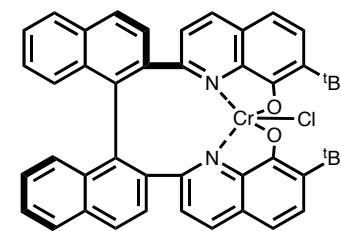


### Enantio- and diastereoselective Pinacol coupling with TBOxCrCl



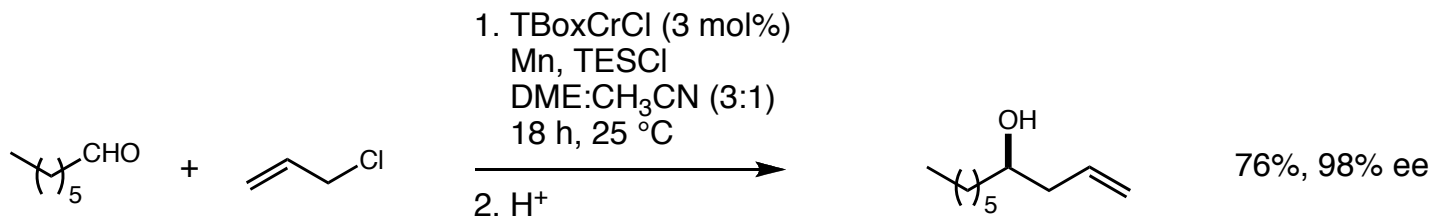
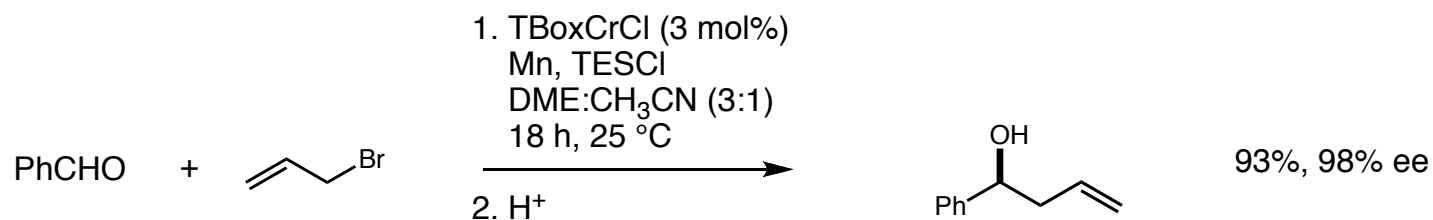
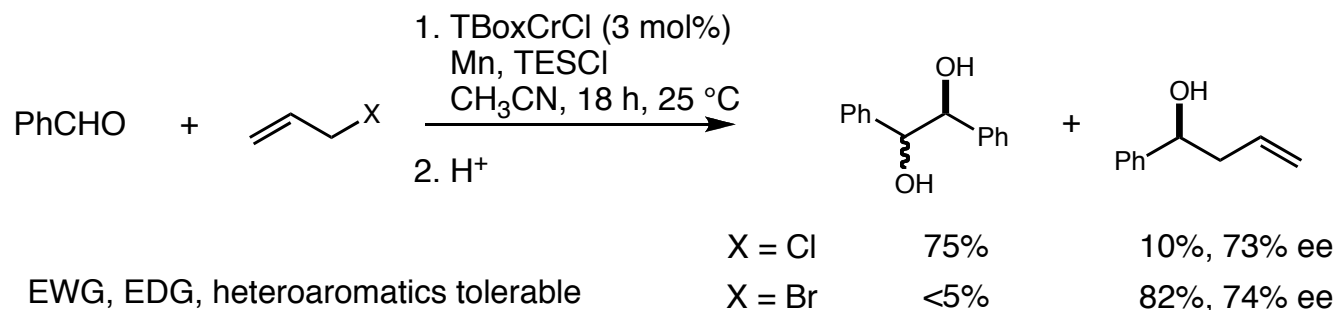
R = Ph	94%, (98 : 2) <i>dl</i> : <i>meso</i> , 97% ee
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<i>p</i> -MePh	93%, (97 : 3) <i>dl</i> : <i>meso</i> , 97% ee
<i>m</i> -MePh	92%, (98 : 2) <i>dl</i> : <i>meso</i> , 97% ee
<i>p</i> -BrPh	91%, (97 : 3) <i>dl</i> : <i>meso</i> , 98% ee
1-naph	92%, (96 : 4) <i>dl</i> : <i>meso</i> , 98% ee
<i>c</i> -hexyl	44%, (93 : 7) <i>dl</i> : <i>meso</i> , 84% ee

## Tethered Bis(8-quinolinolato) Metal Complexes

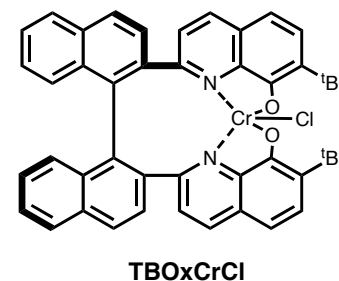


TBoxCrCl

### Enantioselective Nozaki-Hiyama allylation reaction with TBoxCrCl

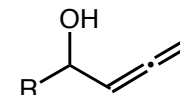
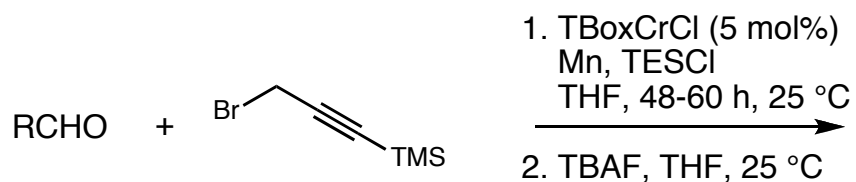


## Tethered Bis(8-quinolinolato) Metal Complexes



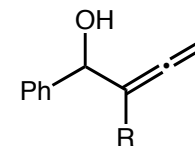
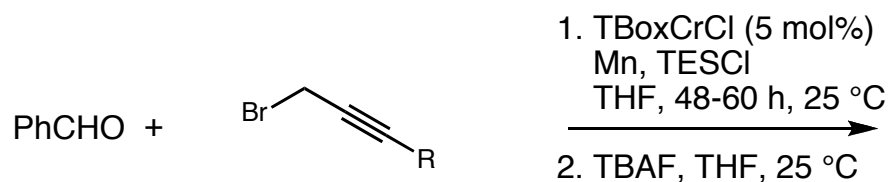
### ■ Enantioselective allenylation reaction with TBoxCrCl

#### ■ Aldehyde scope



R = 4-(MeO)-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	81%, 95% ee
4-Br-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	57%, 92% ee
2-furyl	79%, 97% ee
n-hexyl	72%, 90% ee
(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>7</sub>	75%, 85% ee

#### ■ Alkyne scope



R = Me	84%, 97% ee
Et	87%, 95% ee
Ph	58%, 88% ee

"If a molecule used to be made in 20 steps,  
but you can now make it in three then that changes the world."

-H. Yamamoto