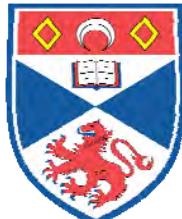


Boron Reagents for Asymmetric Synthesis

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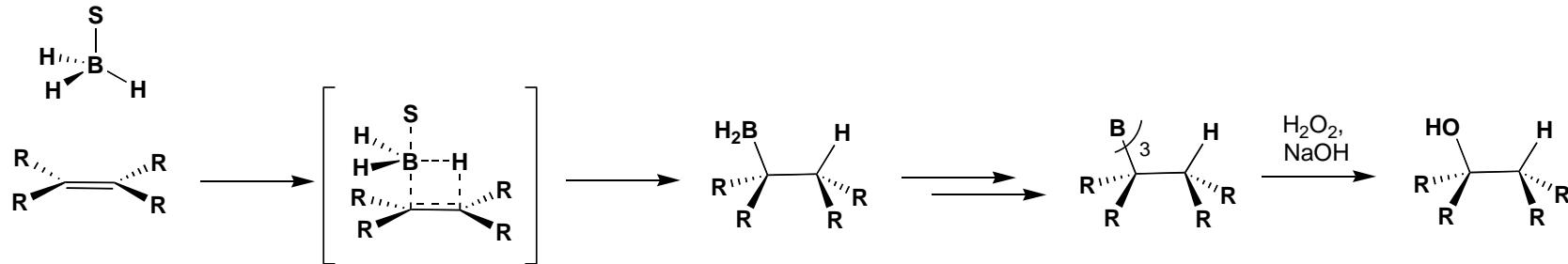
Overview

- 1) Hydroboration***
- 2) Reductions***
- 3) Aldol Reactions***
- 4) Allylboration Reactions***
- 5) Vinylations and Homologations***

Hydroboration

Hydroboration

The Starting Point



"In the course of investigating the facile conversion of olefins into trialkylboranes under the influence of the sodium borohydride-aluminum chloride reagent, we have discovered that in the presence of organic ethers diborane adds to olefins with remarkable ease and speed at room temperature to form the corresponding organoboranes in yields of 90-95%."

Brown and Rao, JACS 1956, 78, 5694
JOC 1957, 22, 1136
JOC 1957, 22, 1137

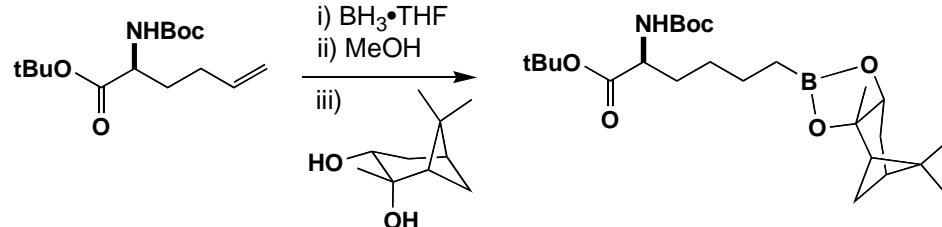
"At the time many individuals expressed scepticism as to the value of devoting so much research effort to this reaction. They took the position that hydroboration, while a clean, simple reaction, produces only organoboranes, compounds of no known use..... We bided our time."

Brown & Ramachandran Pure Appl. Chem, 1991, 63 307

Hydroboration

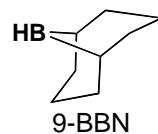
Common Reagents

Borane complexes

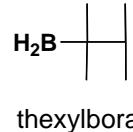
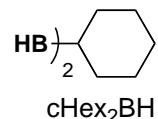


Christianson et al. JACS 1997, 119, 8107

Alkylboranes

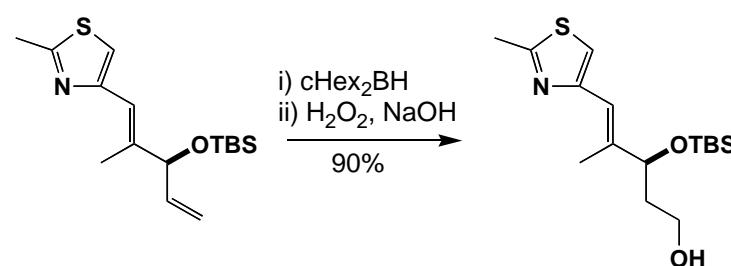


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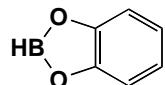
disiamylborane

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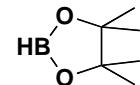


Panek et al. OL 2000, 2, 2575

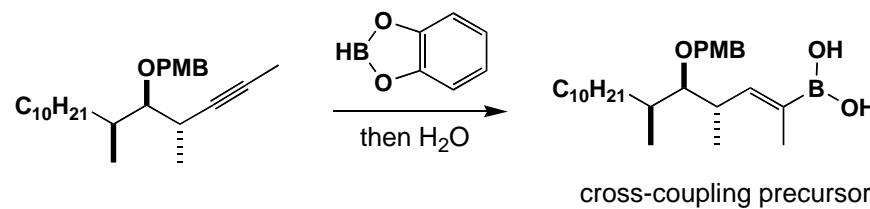
Dialkyloxyboranes



catecholborane



pinacolborane
pinBH

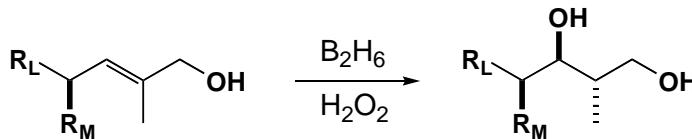


Kobayashi et al. JOC 2001, 66, 5580

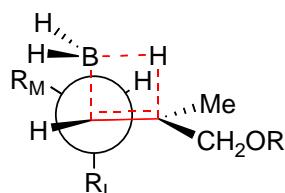
For a recent review, see: Buckhardt and Matos, Chem. Rev. 2006, 106, 2617

Diastereoselective Hydroboration - Acyclic Systems

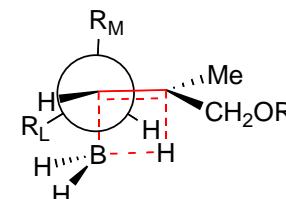
Hydroboration of trisubstituted olefins can be controlled by A(1,3) strain



- A(1,3) strain minimised
- Staggered transition state
- Sterics : R_L vs R_M



major

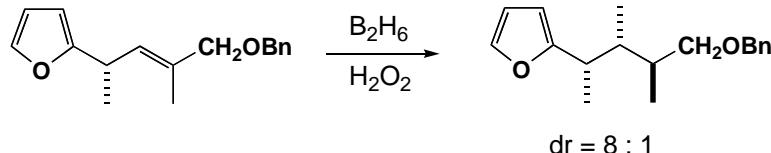


minor

For detailed TS calculations and discussion, see: Houk et al. *Tetrahedron* 1984, 40, 2257

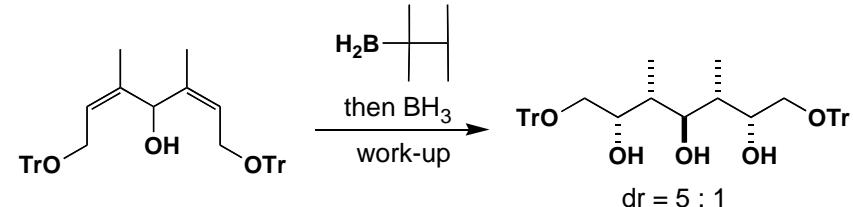
Representative Applications

E-olefins



Kishi et al. JACS 1979, 101, 259

Z-olefins

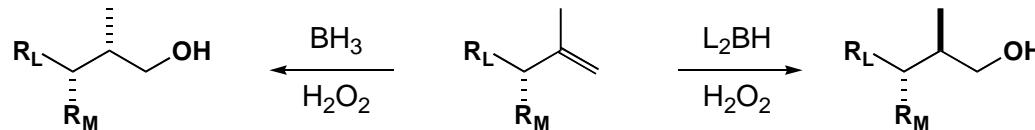


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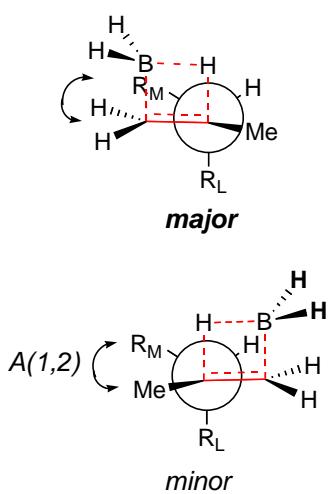
Hydroboration of acyclic 1,1-disubstituted olefins controlled by A(1,2) strain

In general - Houk's rules



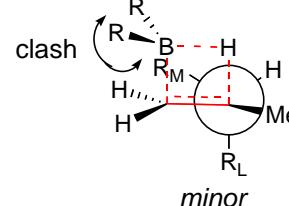
For boranes

- Small reagent
- Minimisation of A(1,2) strain favours TS1



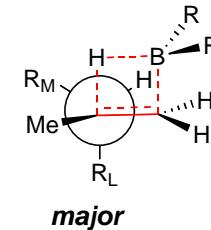
TS1

TS2



For dialkylboranes

- Bulky reagent
- Minimisation of steric interaction between boron ligand and R_M favours TS2

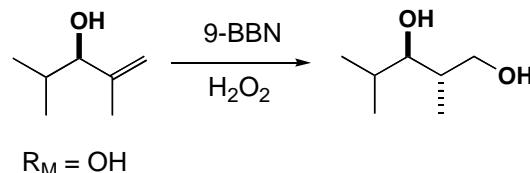


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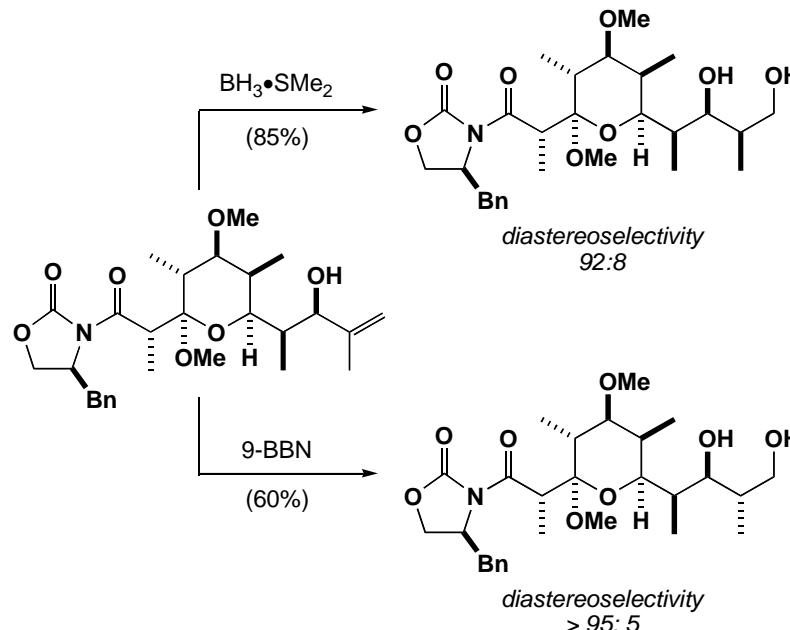
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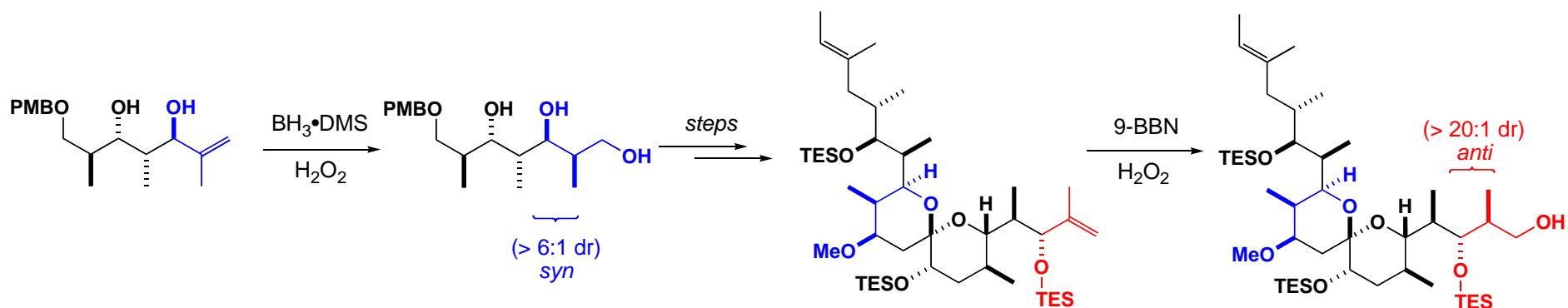
Applications



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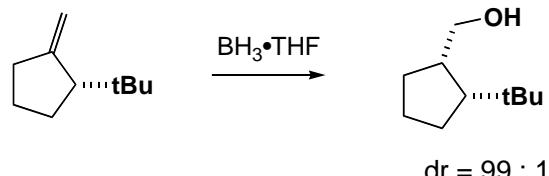
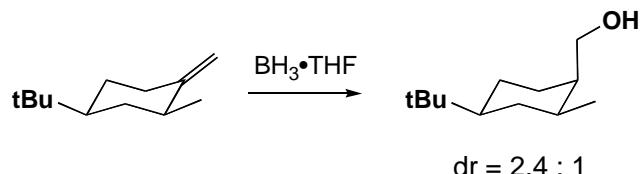
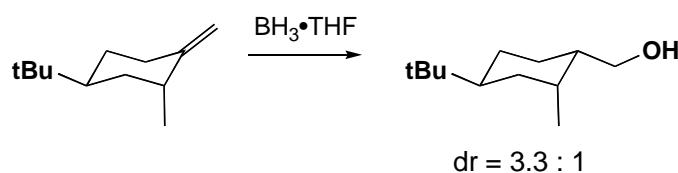
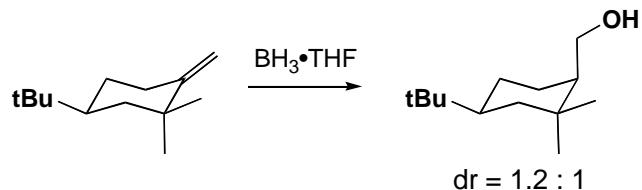
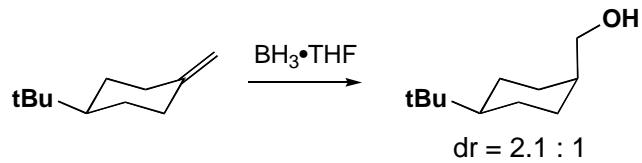
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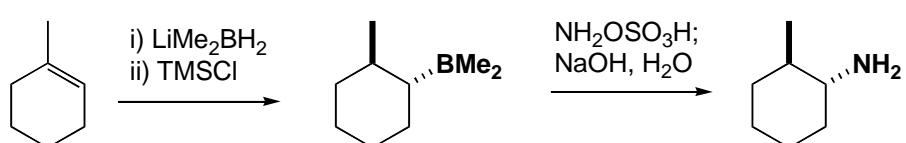
Diastereoselective Hydroboration - Cyclic Systems

substituted methylenecyclohexanes

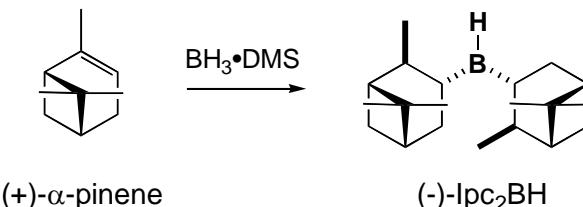


- Largely governed by steric interactions
- dr greater when 2-position substituent is axial

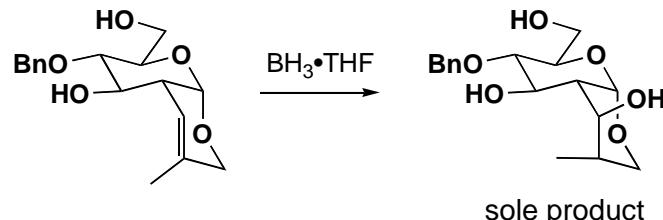
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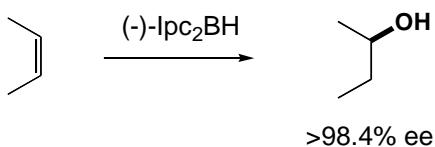
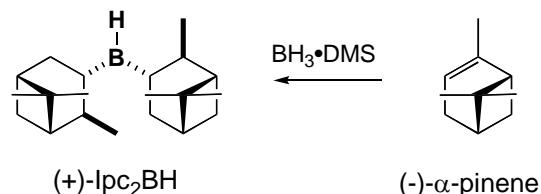
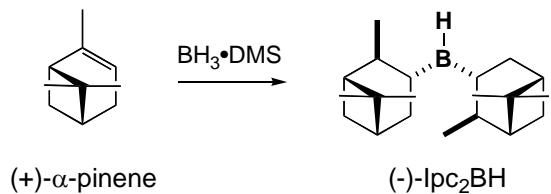


Brown & Zweifel *JACS* 1961, 83, 486

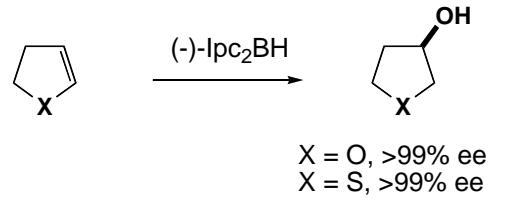
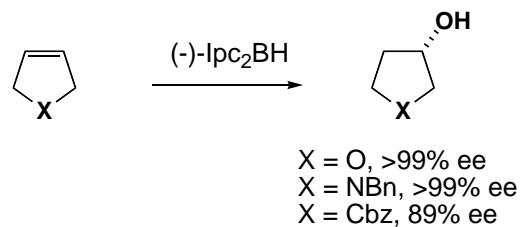


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Asymmetric Hydroboration - Brown's Ipc reagents

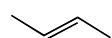


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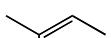


JOC 1986, 51, 4296; Heterocycles 1987, 25, 641

Limitations



14% ee



15% ee

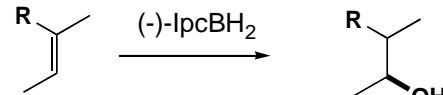


R = iPr, 32% ee
R = Ph, -

IpcBH₂ - alleviates E-olefin limitation

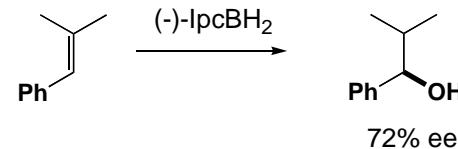


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NB: reversed sense of induction

R = H, 73% ee
R = Me, 53% ee

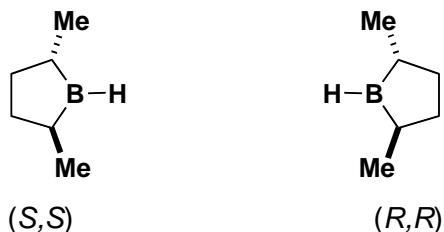


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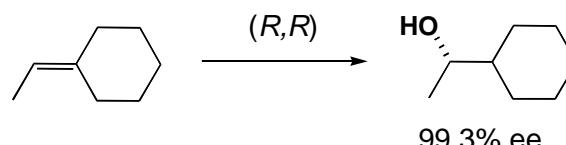
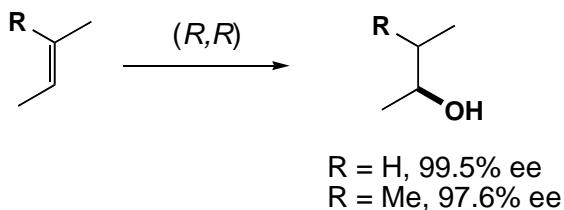
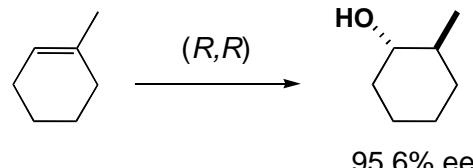
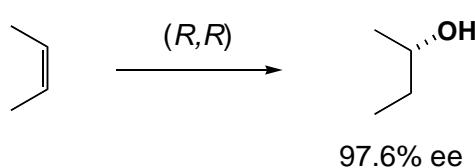
• For perspective reviews, see: Pure Appl. Chem. 1991, 63, 316; Pure Appl. Chem. 1987, 59, 879; Acc. Chem. Res. 1988, 21, 287

• Highlight on asymmetric hydroboration, see: Thomas & Aggarwal ACIEE 2009, 48, 1896

Asymmetric Hydroboration - Masamune's C₂-symmetric borolanes



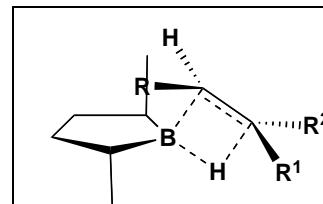
Advantages: Uniformly high enantioselectivities for all olefins apart from 1,1-disubstituted



Largely ignored due to one disadvantage:

Reagent prepared in seven steps, including:

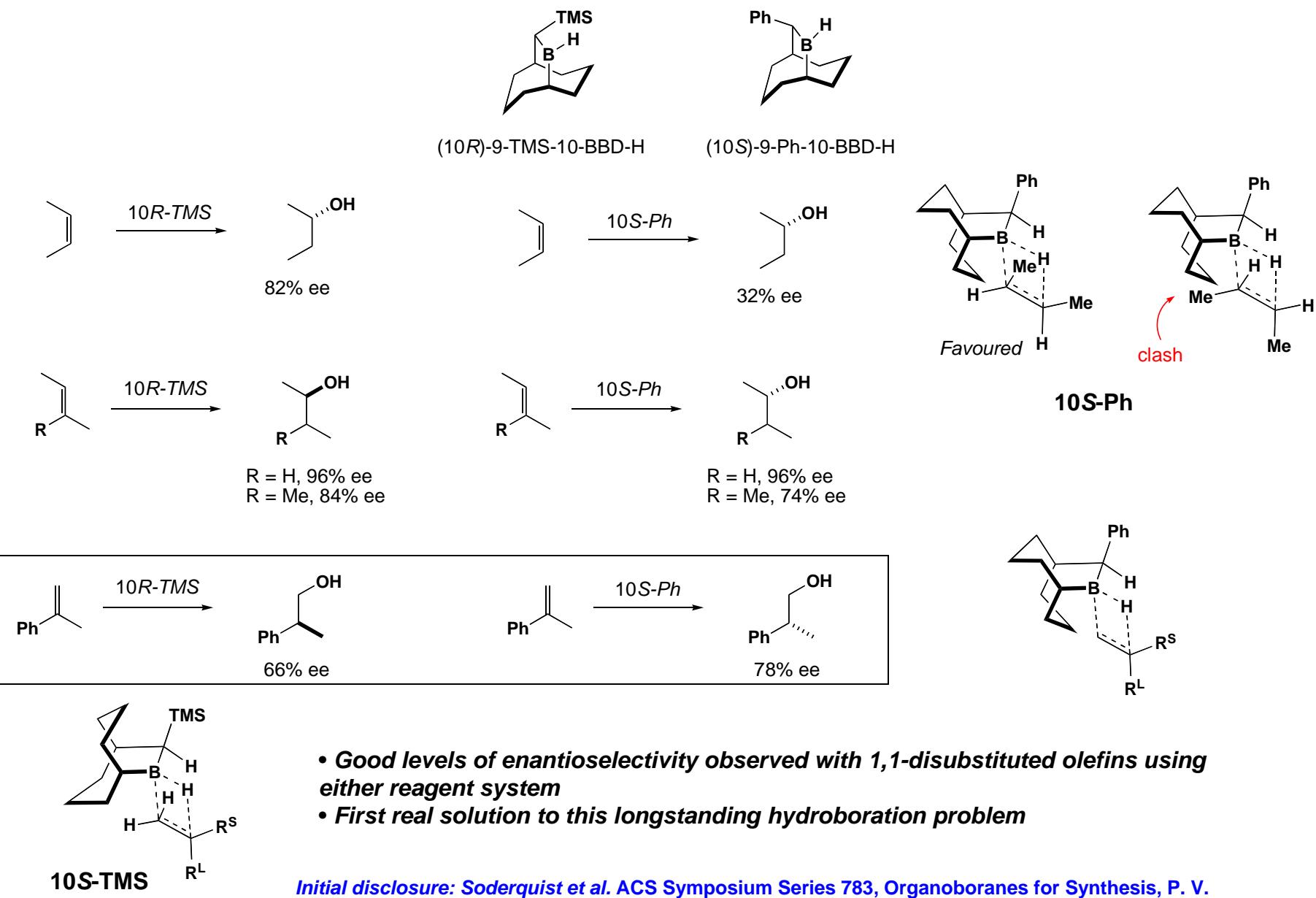
1. Separation of diastereomers
2. Resolution of racemic trans-borolane



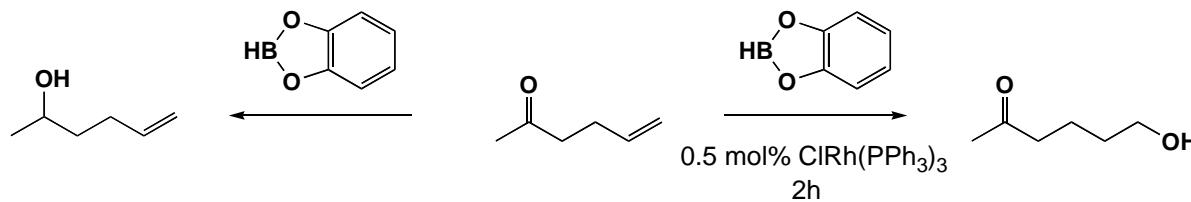
Selectivity rationalised by TS model:

- hydrogen occupies position closest to Me group of borolane
- loss of selectivity when R = H

Asymmetric Hydroboration: 10-TMS-9-BBD and 10-Ph-9-BBD



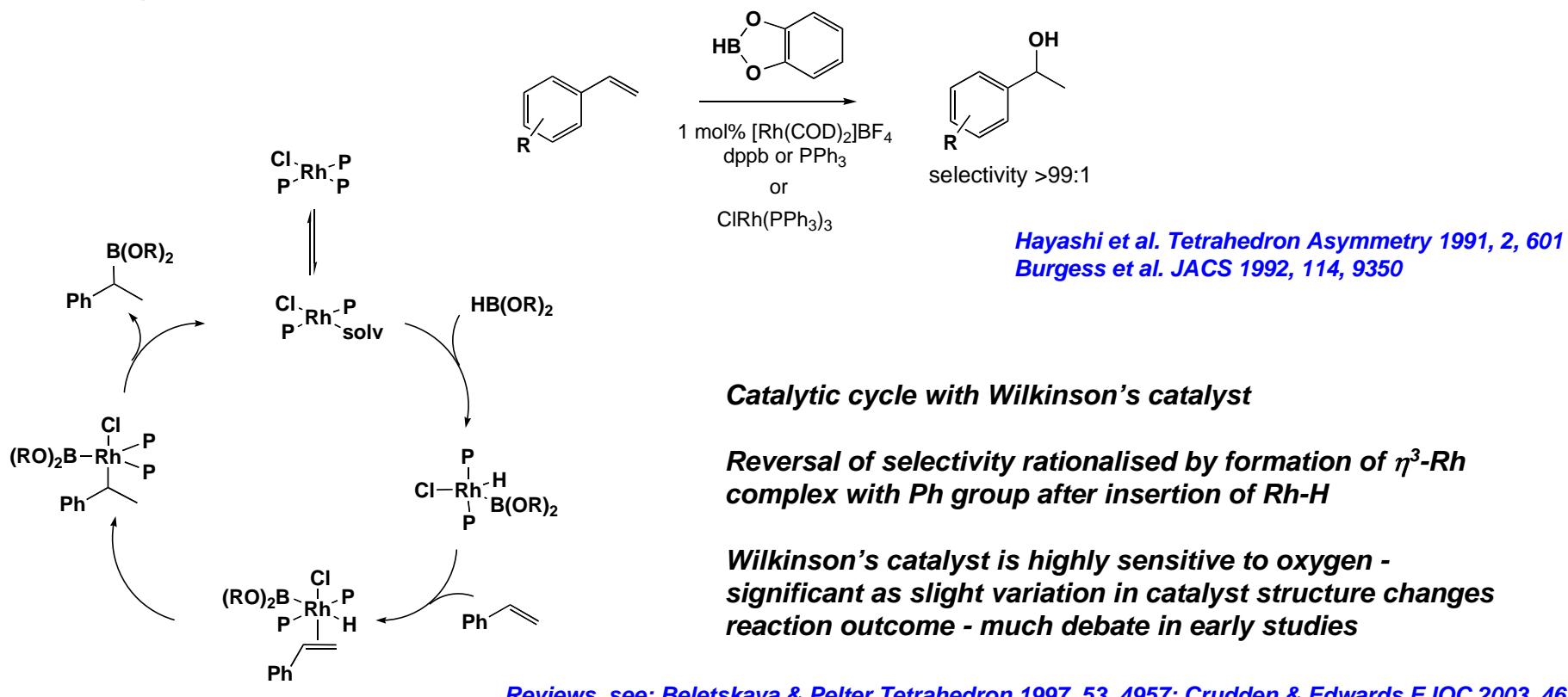
Catalytic Hydroboration



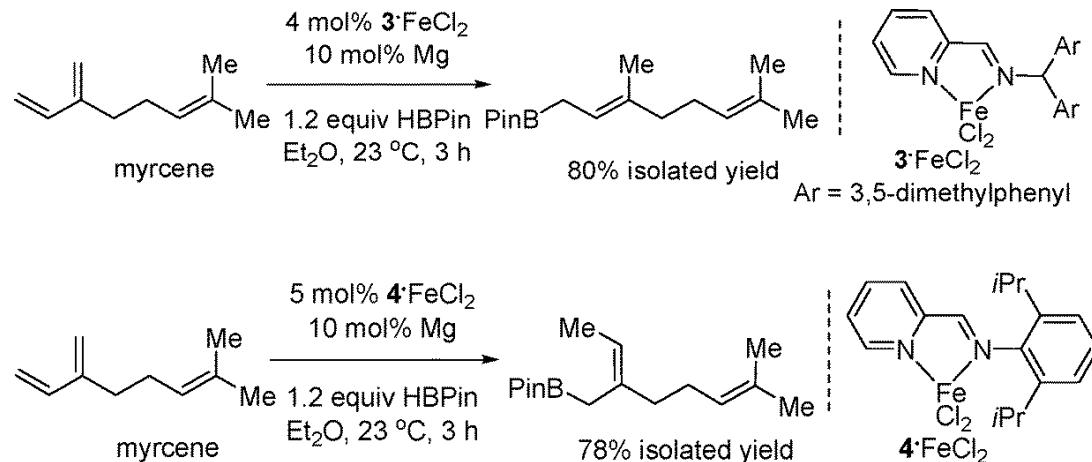
- need to use an unreactive dialkoxyboranes
- hydroboration is achieved over ketone reduction by use of Wilkinson's catalyst

Männig & Nöth ACIEE, 1985, 24, 878

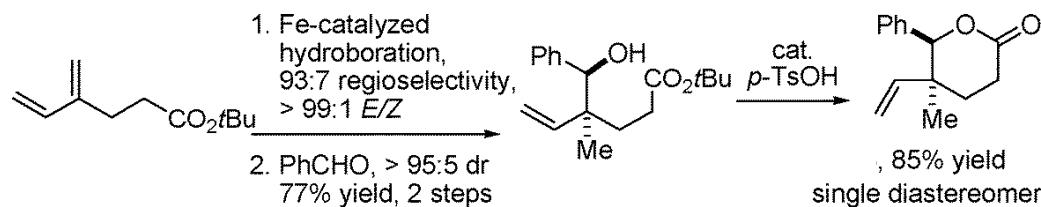
Styrene gives reversal of selectivity



Catalytic Hydroboration of 1,3-dienes

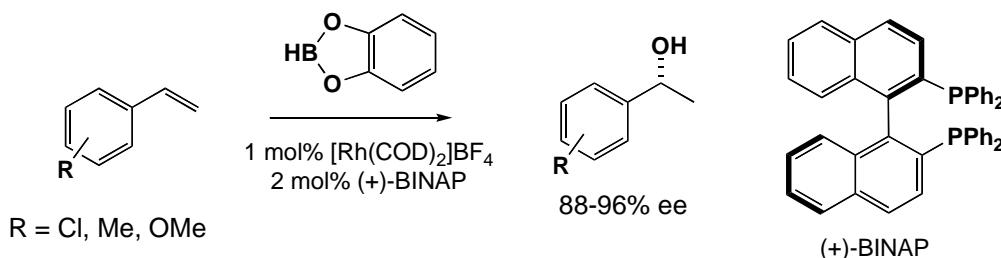


- *Regioselective hydroboration of 1,3-diene by choice of Fe(II)-ligand*



- *Sequential hydroboration/crotylation*

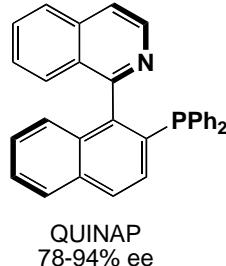
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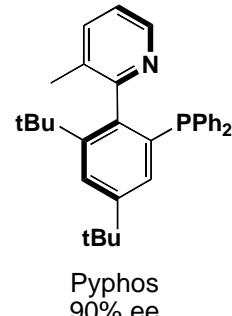
*Hayashi et al. JACS 1989, 111, 3426
Tetrahedron Asymmetry 1991, 2, 601*

**Hayashi was first to report catalytic asymmetric hydroboration of styrene with high ee
To date, BINAP remains one of the best ligand systems**

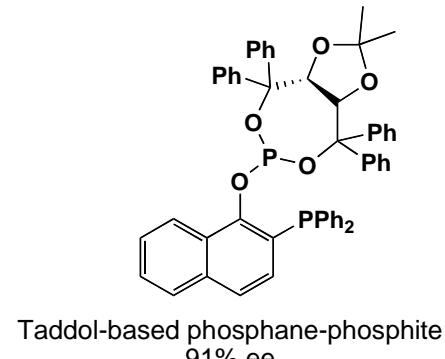
Notable ligand systems



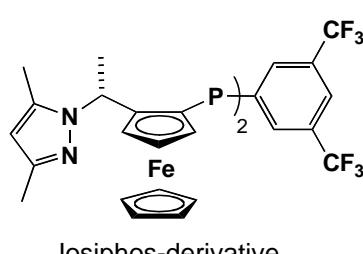
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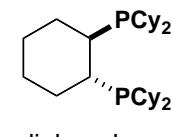
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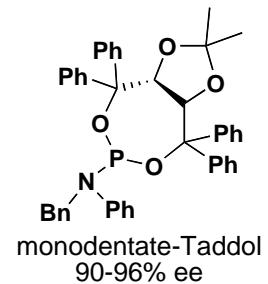
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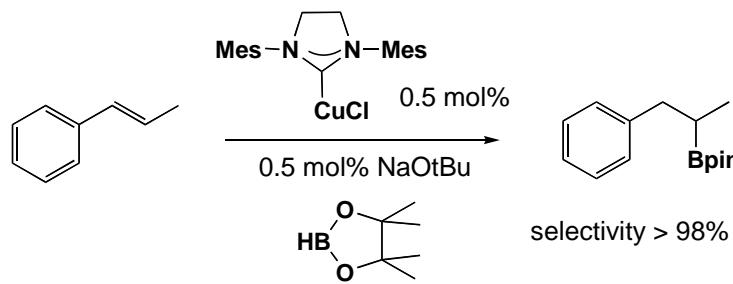
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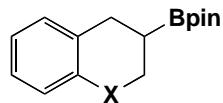
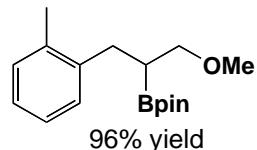
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Asymmetric Catalytic Hydroboration

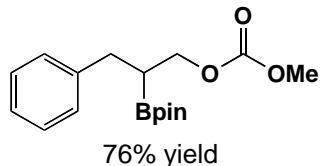


*Hoveyda has recently established the catalytic hydroboration of 1,2-disubstituted olefins
Use Cu-NHC complex and pinacolborane for regioselective hydroboration*

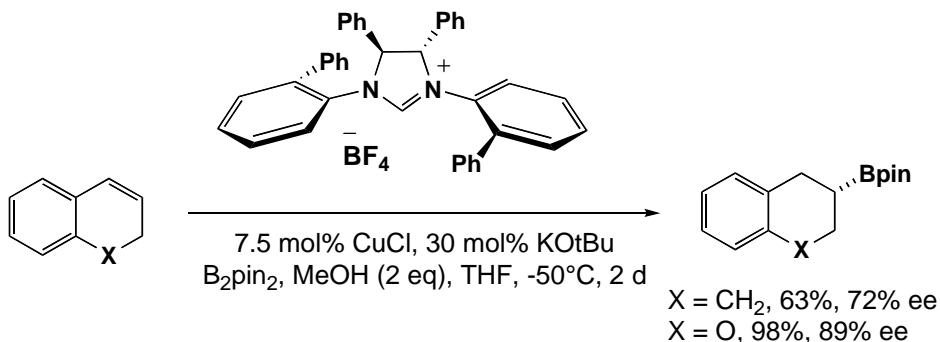
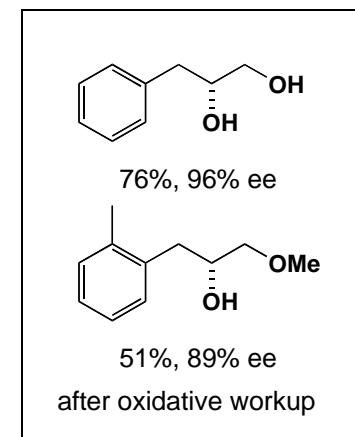
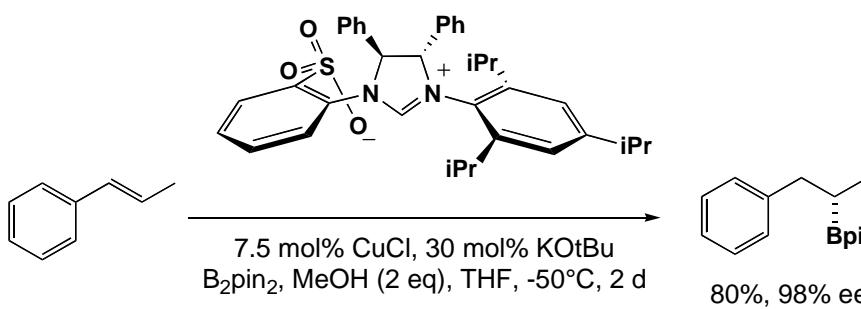
Substrate Scope



X = CH₂, 97%
X = O, >98%



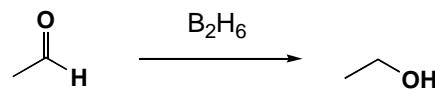
Enantioselective variant



Hoveyda et al. JACS 2009, 131, 3160

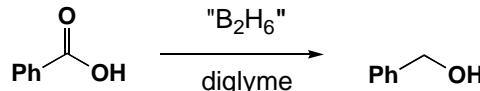
Reductions

Reductions with Borane Reagents

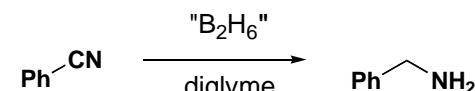


H. C. Brown PhD thesis, University of Chicago

Brown, Schlesinger & Burg JACS 1939, 61, 673



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Brown & Rao JOC 1957, 22, 1135

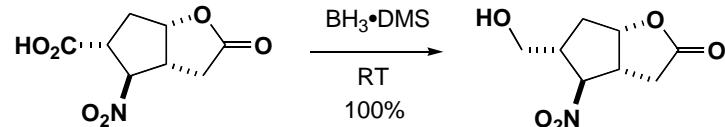
Commercial Boranes

Primary Applications

BH₃•THF

Carboxylic acid reduction
Amide reduction

BH₃•DMS



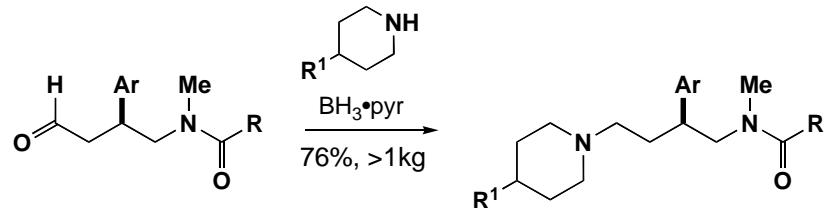
Hoffman-La Roche: US Patent 4112225, 1978

BH₃•pyr

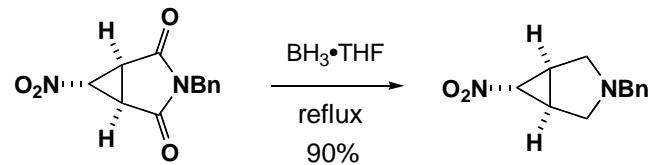
BH₃•NEt₃

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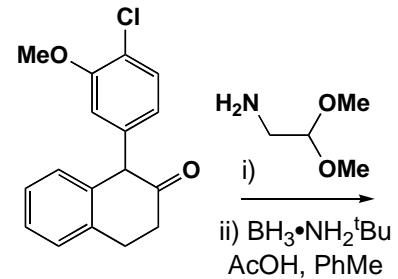
Reductive amination
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Parker et al. Org. Proc. Res. Dev. 2003, 7, 67



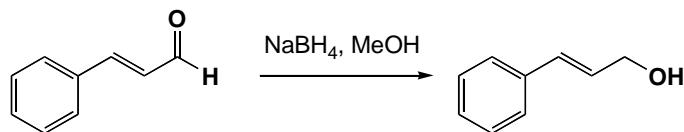
Pfizer: US Patent 5256791, 1993



Draper et al. Org. Proc. Res. Dev. 1998, 2, 175

For review, see: Buckhardt & Matos Chem. Rev. 2006, 106, 2617

Reductions with Borohydride Reagents



Chaikin & W. C. Brown JACS 1949, 71, 122
H.C. Brown, Mead & Rao JACS 1955, 77, 6209

A selection of some commercial borohydrides and applications

NaBH₄

ketone/aldehydes
acid chlorides

LiBH₄

+ esters
directed ketone reductions

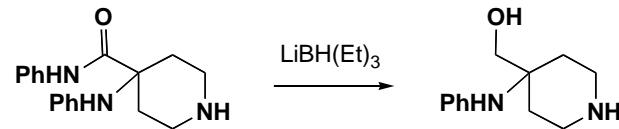
LiBH(Et)₃

Hindered ketones
 S_N2 - Ts/Ms displacement
Amide to alcohol

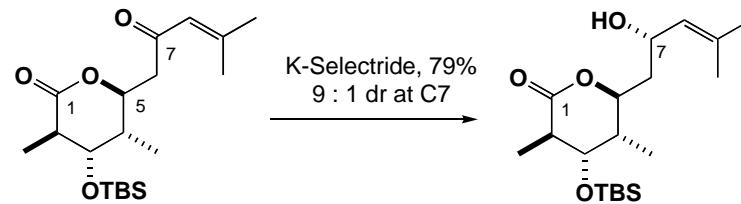
Met-BH(sBu)₃

Met = Li, Na, K
Met-Selectride

Stereoselective reductions of ketones
Enone reductions - 1,2 or 1,4
Lactones to lactols



Killigore et al. WO Appl. 0140184, 2001



Smith et al. JACS 2000, 122, 8654

NaBH₃(CN)

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reductive amination

NaBH(OAc)₃

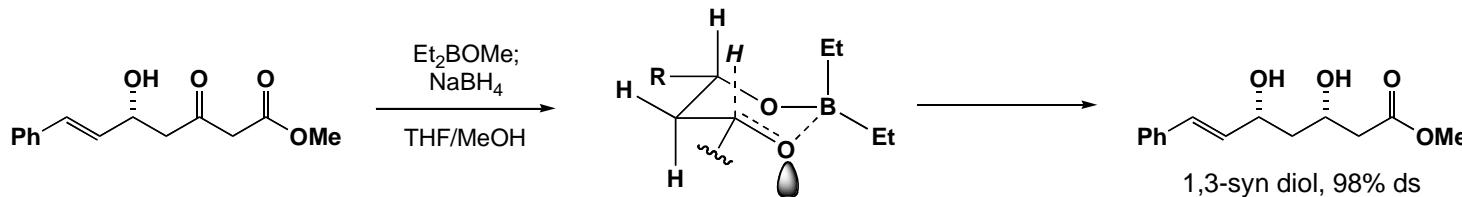
Me₄NBH(OAc)₃

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directed ketone reductions

Directed Reductions of β -Hydroxy Ketones

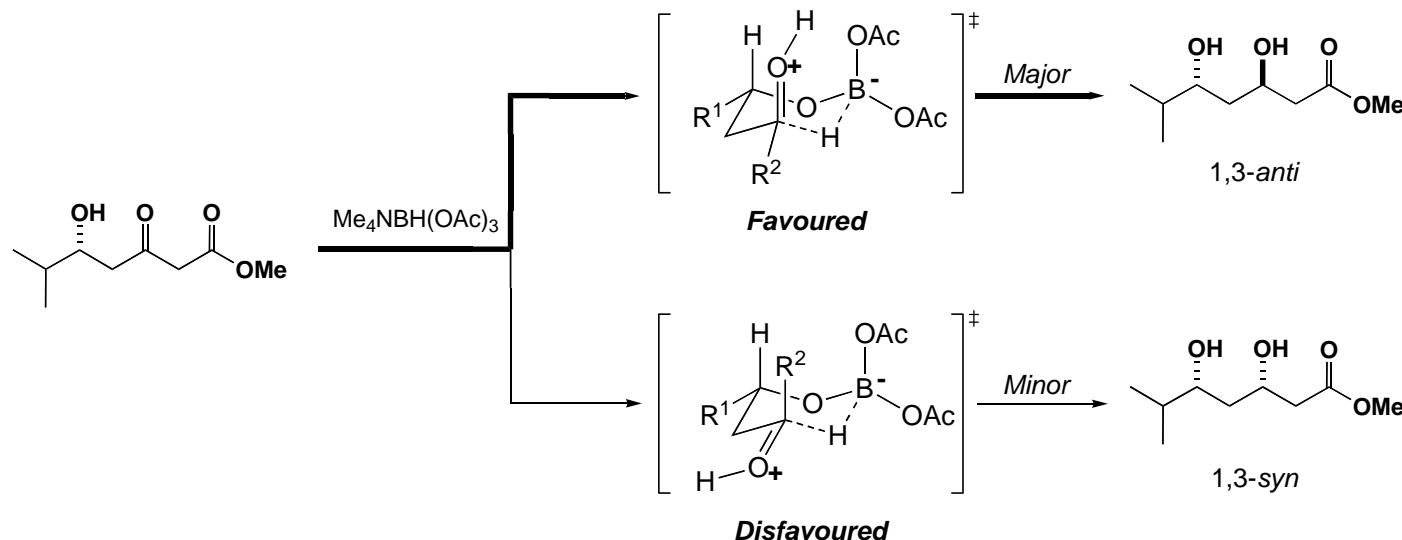
1,3-syn reduction - Narasaka-Prasad



- Formation of intermediate boron aldolate
- Axial addition of hydride from lowest energy half-chair
- Reaction can be done *in situ* following boron aldol reaction

With trialkylboranes: Narasaka & Pai *Tetrahedron* 1984, 40, 2233
Modification with alkoxyboranes: Prasad et al. *TL* 1987, 28, 155

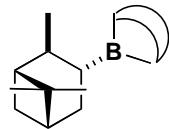
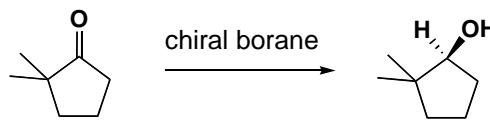
1,3-anti reduction of β -hydroxy ketones - Evans-Saksena Reduction



1,3-directed reductions with NaBH_4 / AcOH : Saksena & Mangiaracina *TL* 1983, 24, 273
Optimisation and utility in polyketide synthesis: Evans et al. *JACS* 1988, 110, 3560

Asymmetric Borane Reductions

Brown's Ipc-based Boranes

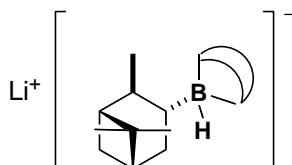


Alpine-Borane

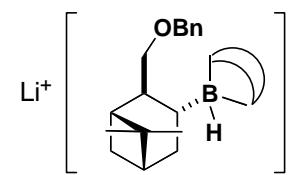
Brown et al. JOC 1977, 42, 2534
20% ee

effective for yrones (99% ee)

Midland et al. JACS 1980, 102, 867



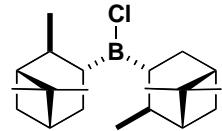
Alpine-Hydride



NB-Enantride

Midland et al. JOC 1982, 47, 2495
1% ee

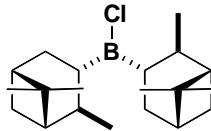
effective for straight chain ketones (68-79% ee)



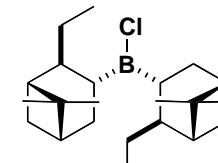
(-)Ipc₂BCl

Brown et al. JACS 1988, 110, 1539

98% ee



(+)-Ipc₂BCl

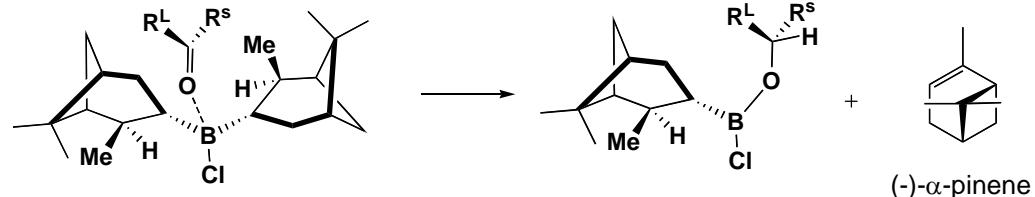


Eap₂BCl

Brown et al. Pure. Appl. Chem. 1991, 63, 307

>99% ee

(+)-Ipc₂BCl reduction

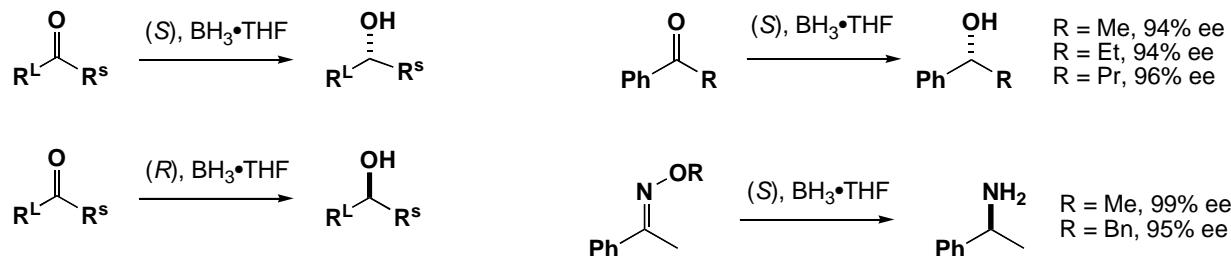
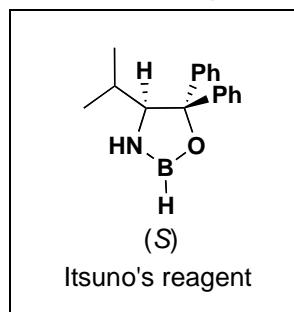


- boron chloride reagents work by dehydroboration and loss of pinene

For a comparative study with various classes of ketones prior to CBS, see: *Brown et al. J. Org. Chem. 1987, 52, 5406*

Asymmetric Borane Reductions

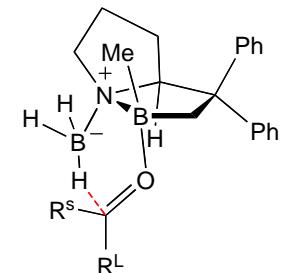
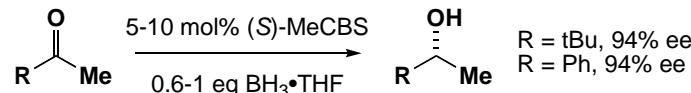
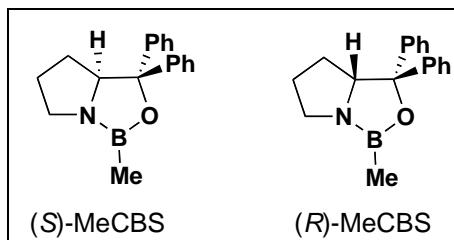
Itsuno's Reagent



- reagent and $BH_3 \cdot THF$ mixed *in situ* to form diborane complex
- stoichiometric reagent system works well for ketones with defined large and small groups
- catalytic version developed by Corey (see below)
- oxime ether reduction gives reversal of facial selectivity

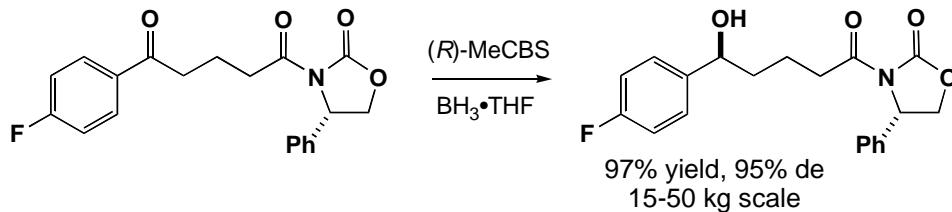
Itsuno et al. J. Chem. Soc. Chem. Comm. 1983, 469
J. Chem. Soc. Perkin Trans. 1, 1985, 2039

Corey's CBS Reagent



- Corey proposed mechanistic rationale for observed selectivity
- Optimised catalytic version of reaction
- Both (R)- and (S)-MeCBS commercially available

Corey et al. JACS 1987, 109, 5551



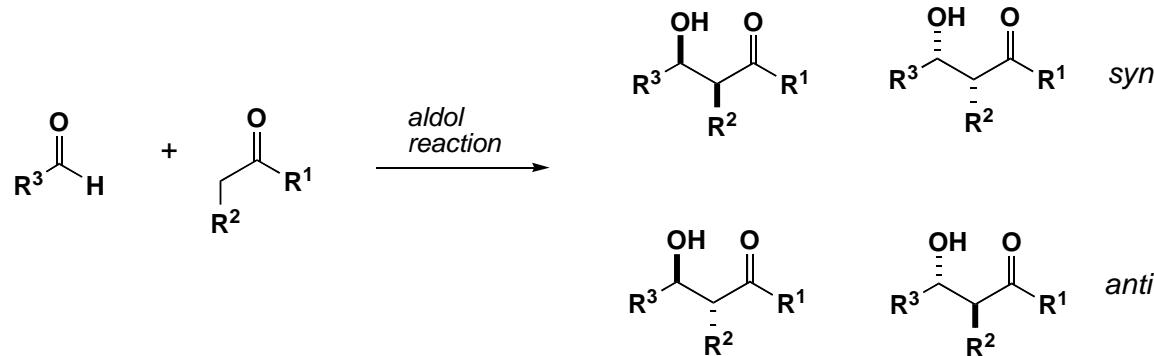
- Utility has been demonstrated in process chemistry - 50 kg scale
- Remains a go to reagent for many total synthesis campaigns for tricky reductions

Schering-Plough: Fu et al. TL 2003, 44, 801; Wu et al. JOC 1999, 64, 3714

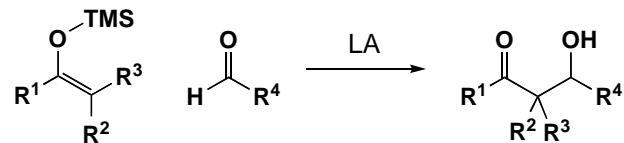
Aldol Reactions

Boron Reagents for Aldol Reactions

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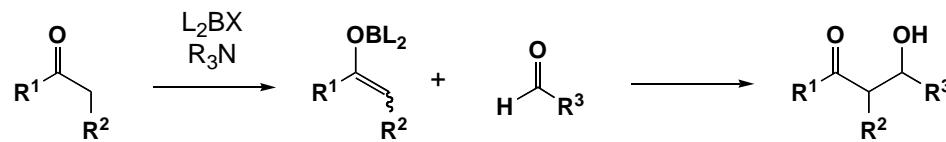


1) Mukaiyama



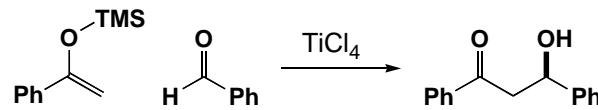
Lewis acid promoted (e.g. $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{OEt}_2$)

2) Boron-mediated



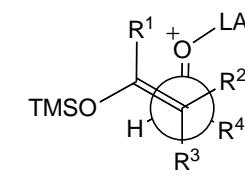
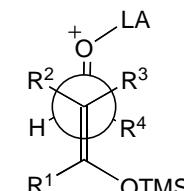
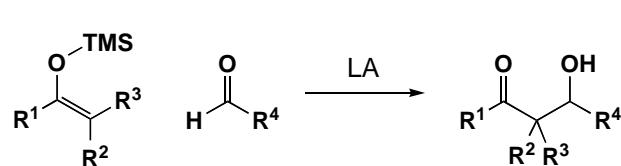
Formation of boron enolate and reaction with aldehyde

Mukaiyama Aldol Reactions



Mukaiyama et al.
Chem. Lett. 1973, 1011
JACS 1974, 96, 7503
 Reviews: *Org. React.* 1994, 46, 1

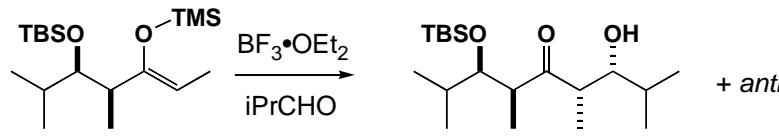
- Reaction of silyl enol ether and aldehyde in presence of Lewis acid promoter (e.g. TiCl_4 , $\text{BF}_3\bullet\text{OEt}_2$)
- Proceeds via open transition state



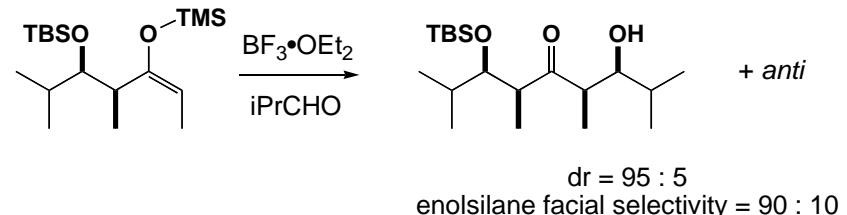
Possible to control relative and absolute stereochemistry by use of:

- Chiral silyl enol ether (limited application)
- Chiral aldehydes
- Chiral Lewis acid

1) Chiral silyl enol ether



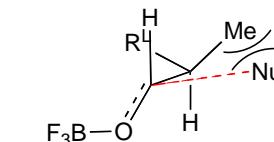
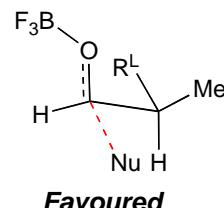
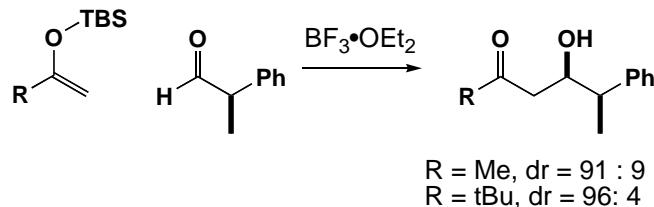
Evans: *JACS* 1995, 117, 9598



Reviews, see: Mahrwald, *Chem. Rev.* 1999, 99, 1095; Nelson, *Tetrahedron: Asymmetry* 1998, 9, 357

Mukaiyama Aldol Reaction: Chiral Aldehydes

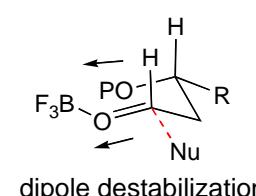
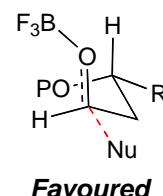
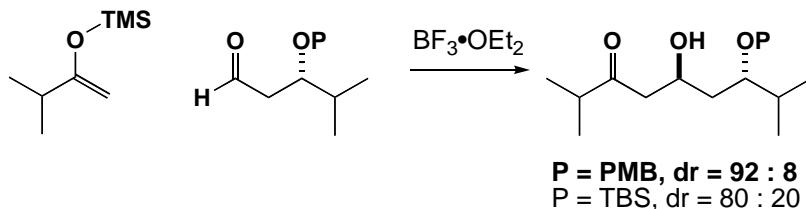
α -chiral aldehydes



Anh & Eisenstein Noveau J. Chim. 1977, 1, 61

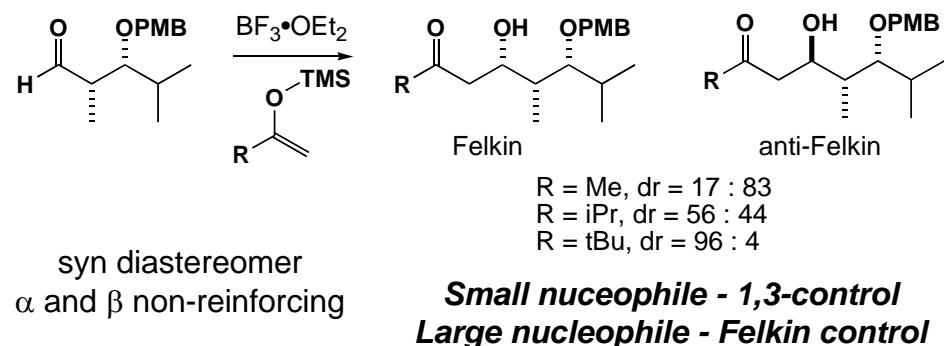
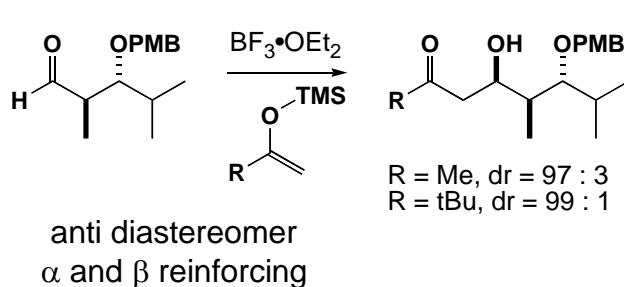
- Mukaiyama aldol reactions with α -chiral aldehydes proceed with high levels of Felkin-Anh induction
- Increasing size of nucleophile leads to increased selectivity for Felkin-Anh product

β -oxygenated aldehydes



- Mukaiyama aldol reactions with β -OPMB proceed with high levels of 1,3-anti induction (also OBn), according to Evans' 1,3-polar model

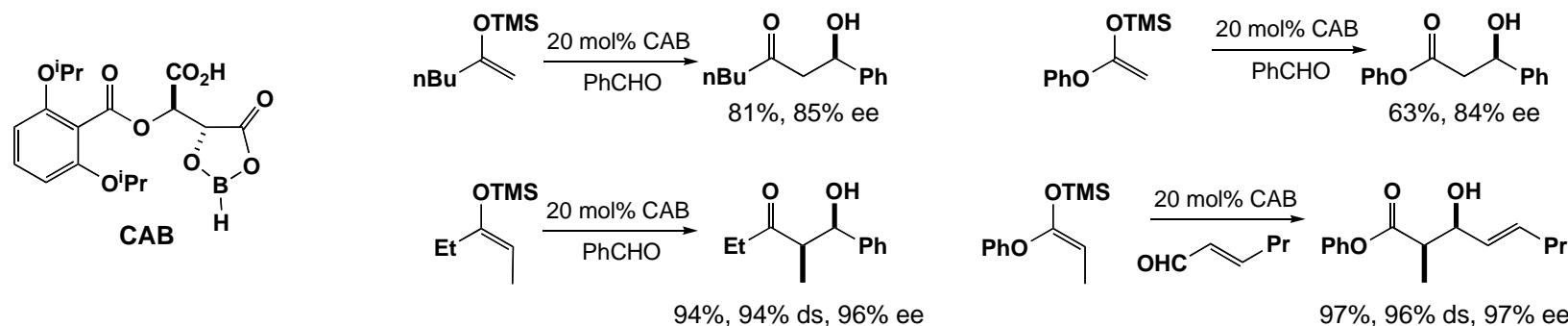
Merging stereochemical models



Evans et al. JACS 1996, 118, 4322; JACS 2001, 123, 10840

Mukaiyama Aldol Reaction: Chiral Boron Lewis Acids

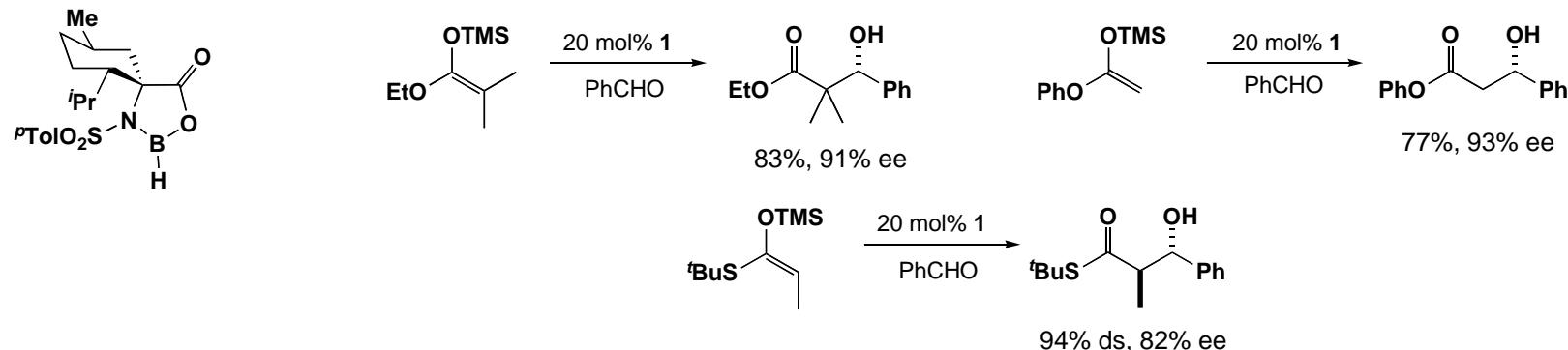
Yamamoto's Chiral (Acyloxy)Boranes



- Yamamoto's tartrate-derived CAB give high levels of ee
- substituted silyl enol ethers/ketene acetals give syn adduct regardless of starting geometry

Yamamoto et al. JACS 1991, 113, 1041; Synlett 1991, 439; Bull. Chem. Soc. Jpn. 1993, 66, 3483; JACS 1993, 115, 10412

Masamune's Oxaborolidine Catalysts

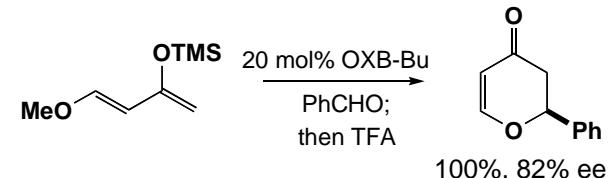
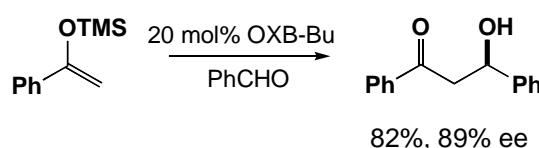
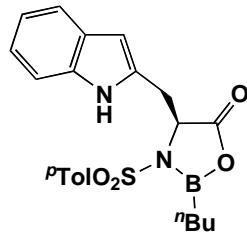


Masamune et al. JACS 1991, 113, 9365; TL 1992, 33, 1729

Reviews, see: Mahrwald, *Chem. Rev.* 1999, 99, 1095; Nelson, *Tetrahedron: Asymmetry* 1998, 9, 357

Mukaiyama Aldol Reaction: Chiral Boron Lewis Acids

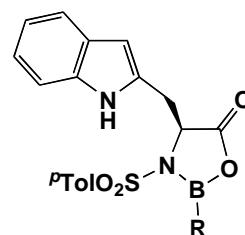
Corey's Oxaborolidine Catalyst:



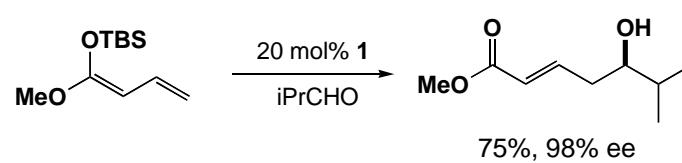
aldol - cyclisation: formal hetero-Diels Alder

Corey: *TL* 1992, 33, 6907

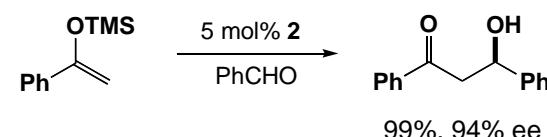
Derivatives and related applications



1: R = Ph,
2: R = 3,5-(CF₃)₂C₆H₃

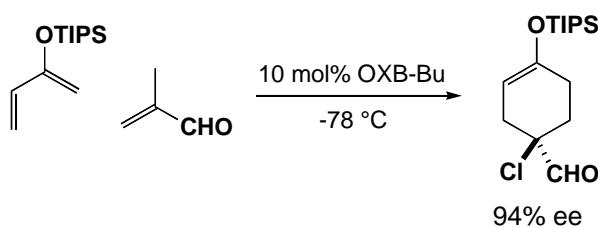


vinylogous aldol reaction:
Kalesse et al. *OL* 2007, 9, 5637



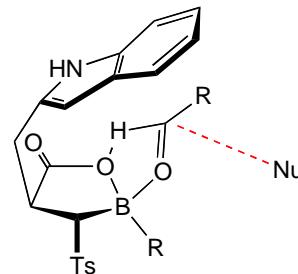
Yamamoto et al. *JOC*, 2000, 65, 9125

Diels-Alder reactions



Corey: *JACS* 1994, 116, 3611
JACS, 1991, 113, 8966; *JACS* 1992, 114, 8290

Origin of facial selectivity

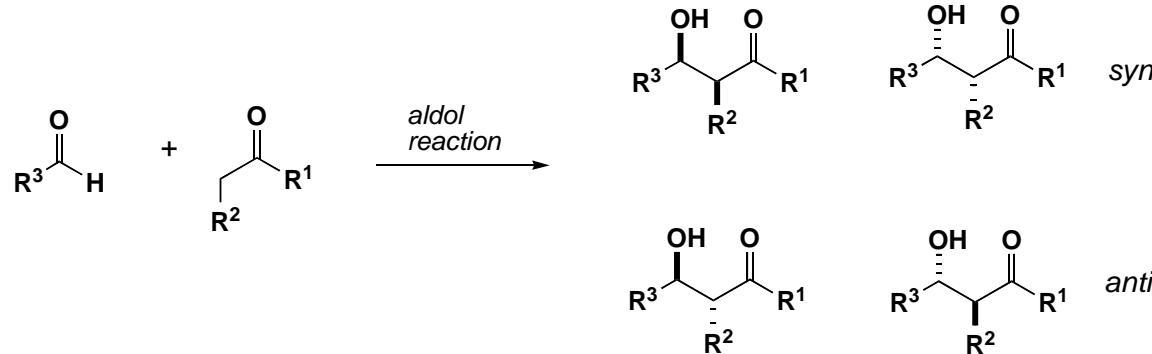


□ $\pi-\pi$ interaction between carbonyl of aldehyde and indole ring of catalyst

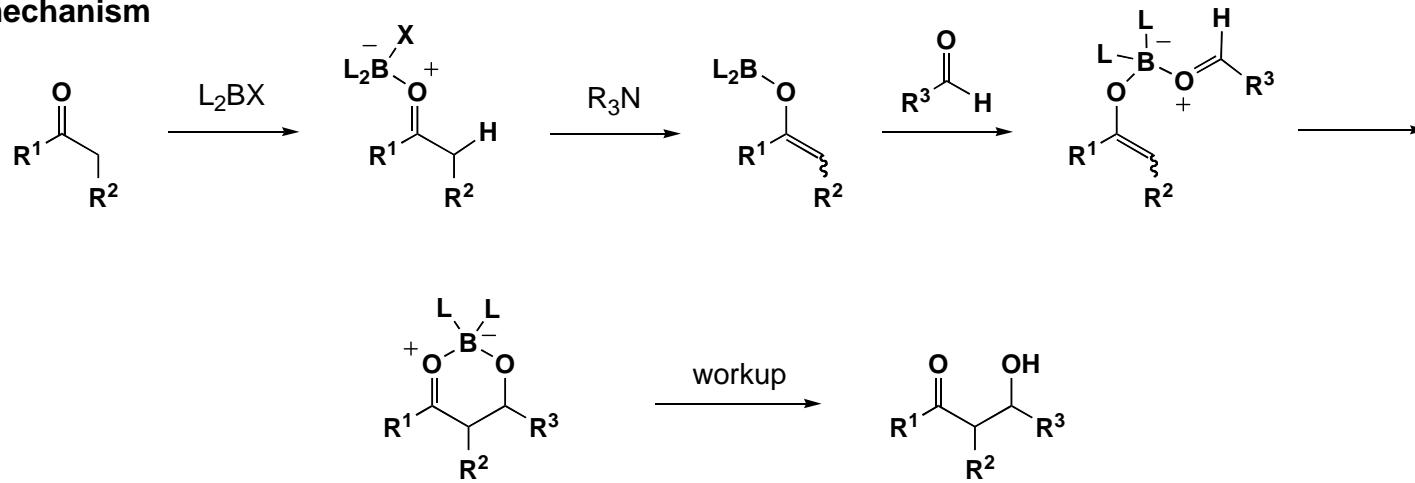
- Only re-face exposed for nucleophile addition

Boron-mediated Aldol Reaction

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General mechanism

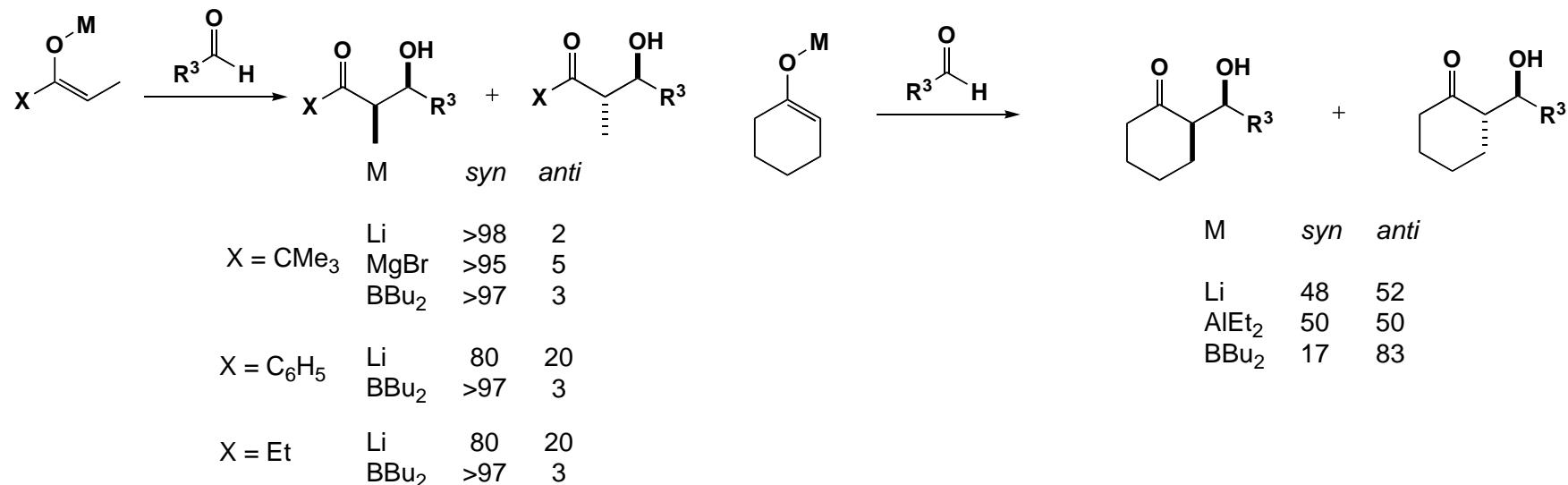


Stereochemical issues to consider:

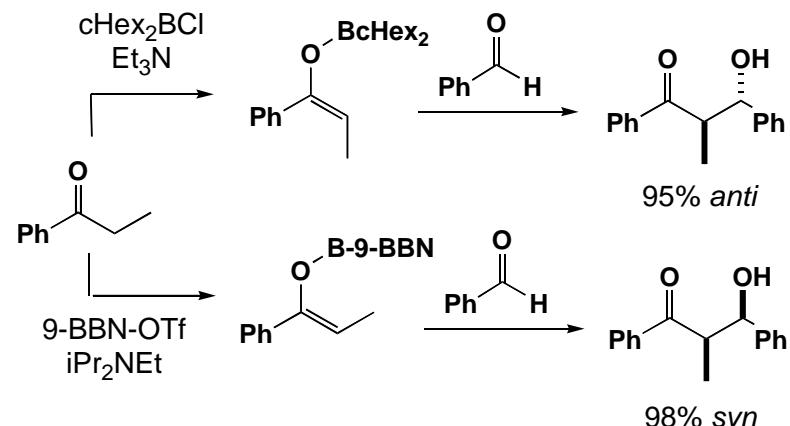
- 1) relative stereocontrol - selective enolization
- 2) absolute stereocontrol - π -facial selectivity

Why Boron?

Comparison of Group I, II and III enolates



- stereocontrol with Li- and Mg-enolates optimal with “large” X
- high levels of selectivity maintained with use of B-enolates
- B–O bond length < M–O bond length - tighter transition state - higher levels of stereocontrol from metal centre



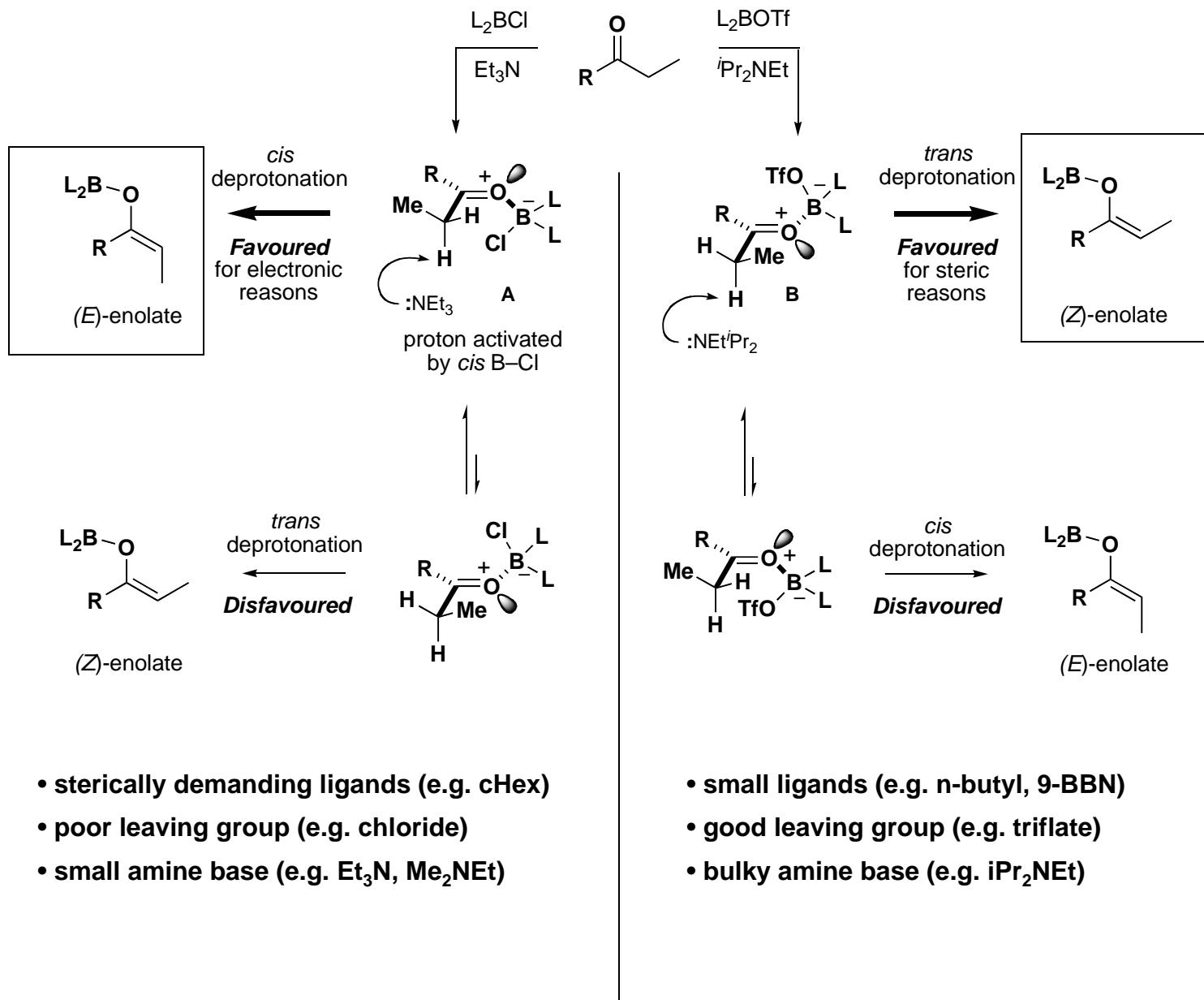
$\text{M}-\text{O} \longrightarrow \text{B}-\text{O}$	$\text{M}-\text{C} \longrightarrow \text{B}-\text{C}$
$1.9\text{--}2.2 \text{ \AA}$	$1.4\text{--}1.5 \text{ \AA}$

In general

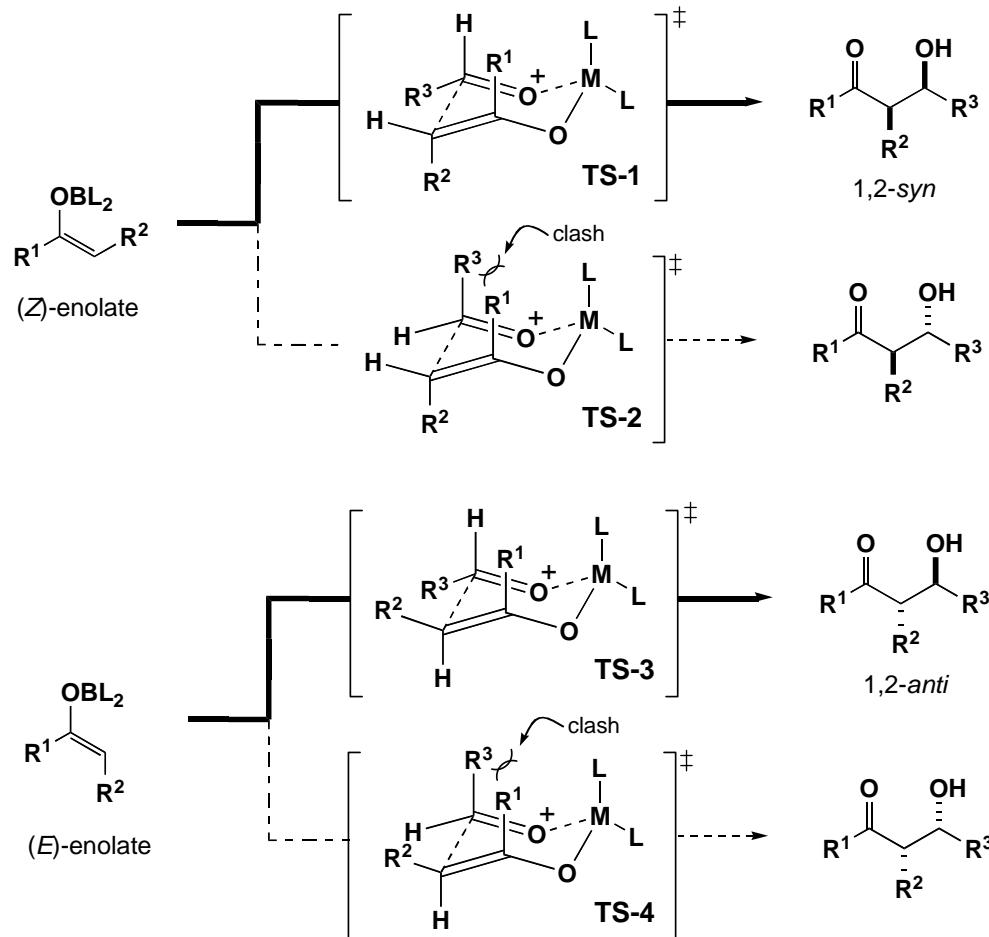
Boron chloride \rightarrow (E)-enolate \rightarrow anti aldol

Boron triflate \rightarrow (Z)-enolate \rightarrow syn aldol

Controlling Enolate Geometry



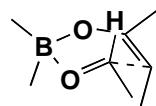
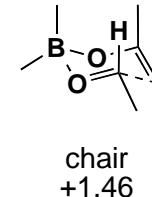
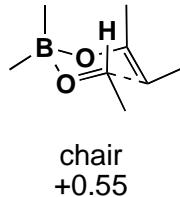
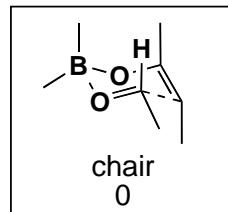
Relative Stereocontrol



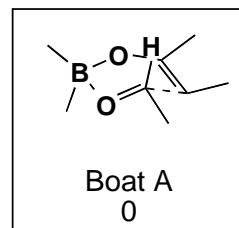
- enolate geometry faithfully transferred by 6-membered Zimmerman-Traxler TS (for R² ≠ H)
- rationalizes observed relative stereochemistry
- widely accepted but is this really the case?

Relative Stereocontrol: Revised

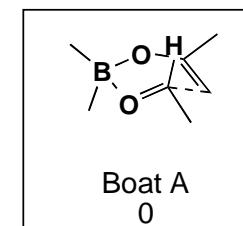
DFT Transition state calculations - Jaguar v4.2, 6-31G** basis set, B3LYP



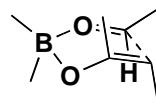
Boat A
+1.30



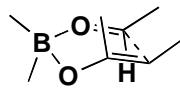
Boat A
0



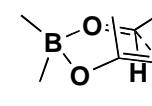
Boat A
0



Boat B
+3.37



Boat B
+0.67



Boat B
+0.93

relative energies in kcal mol⁻¹

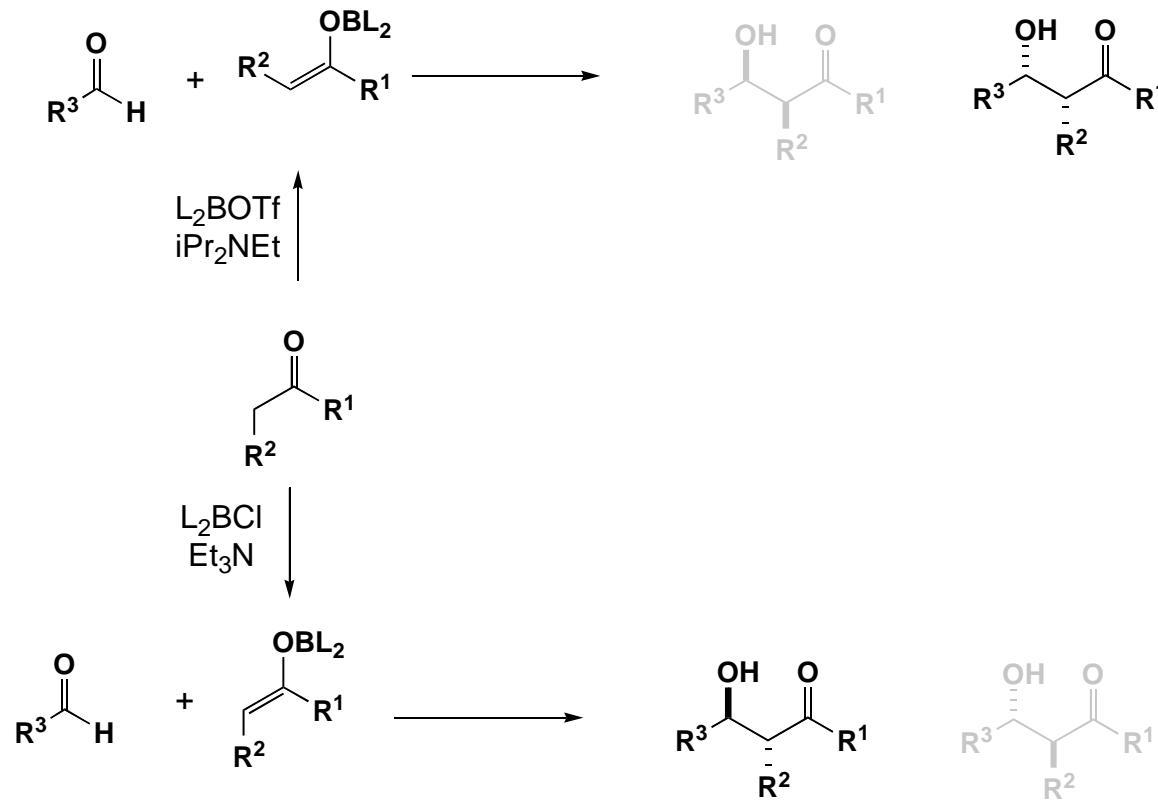
For *Z*-enolborinates - boat A and B destabilized by 1,4-steric interactions between Me and ligand - **Chair favoured**

For *E*-enolborinates - chair destabilized by 1,3-diaxial repulsion (ligand \leftrightarrow enolate sidechain) - **Boat A favoured**

For unsubstituted enolborinate - chair disfavoured strongly (ligand \leftrightarrow enolate sidechain) - **Boat A favoured**

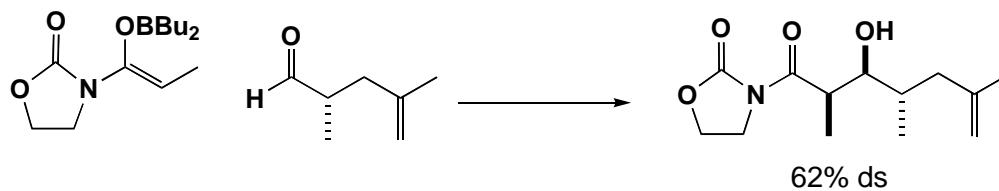
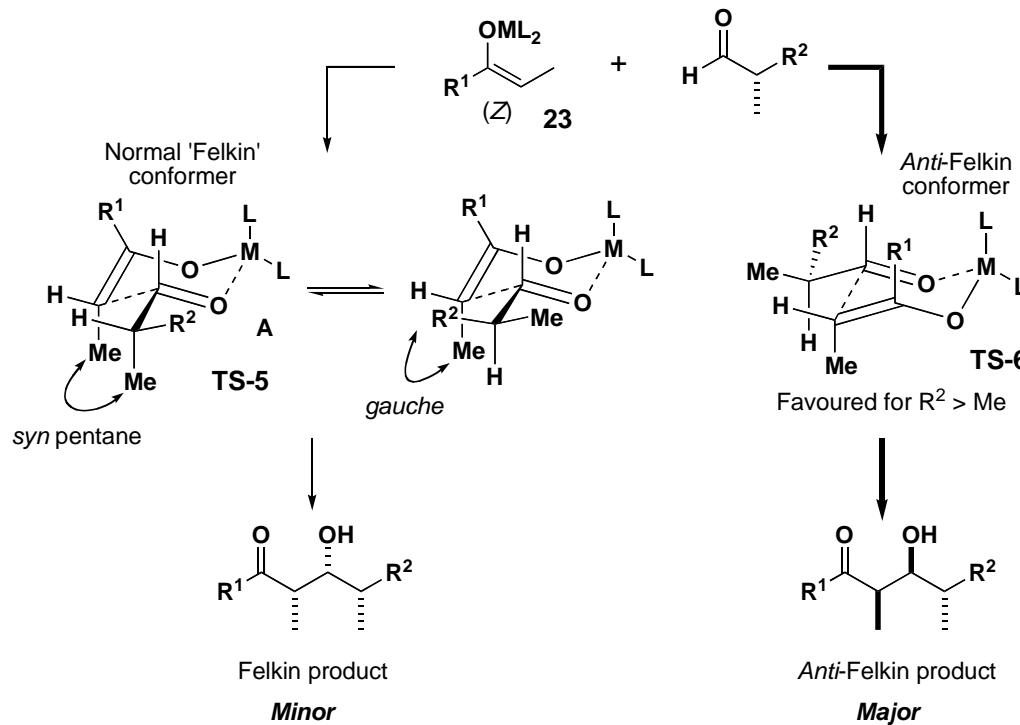
Absolute Stereocontrol in Boron Aldol Reactions

Selection of one diastereomer over an other



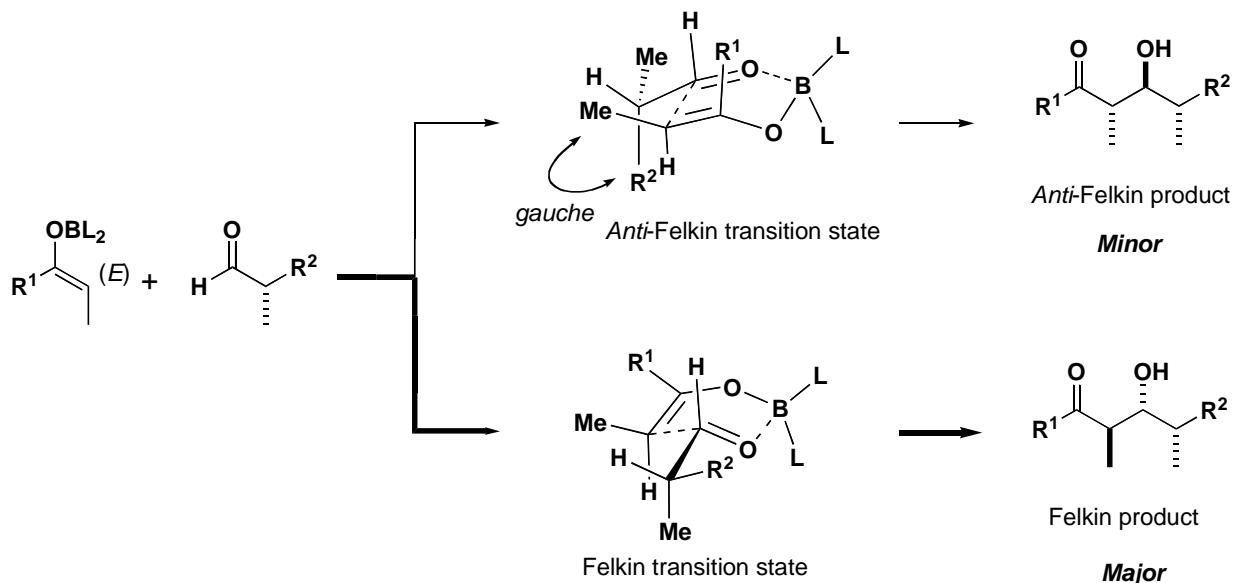
- Use of chiral aldehydes where R^3 is a stereogenic group
- Use of auxillary control where R^1 is a stereogenic group and is subsequently removed
- Use of substrate control where R^1 is a stereogenic group which is retained
- Use of reagent control by using chiral boron reagents

α -chiral aldehydes and (*Z*)-enolates

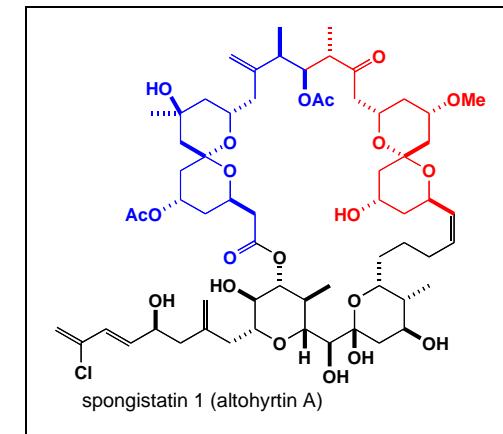
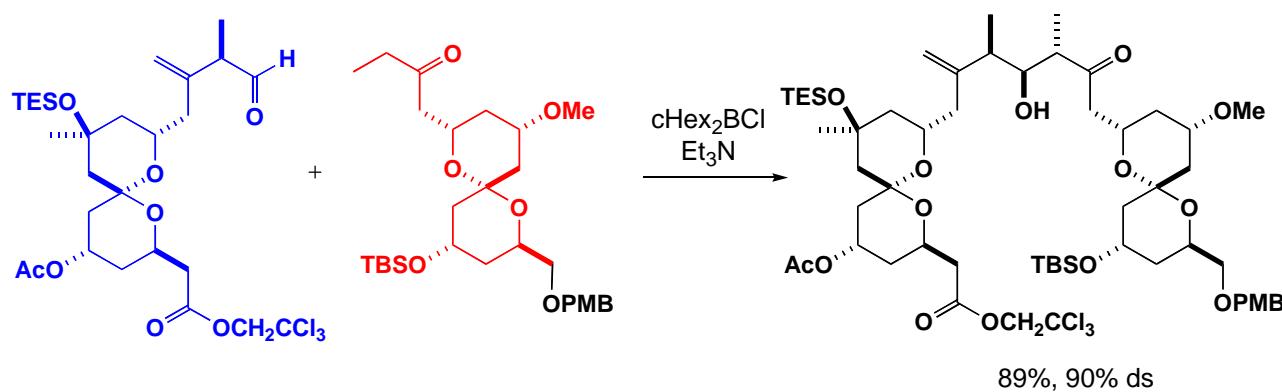


Evans & Bartoli TL 1982, 23, 807

α -chiral aldehydes and *E*-enolates

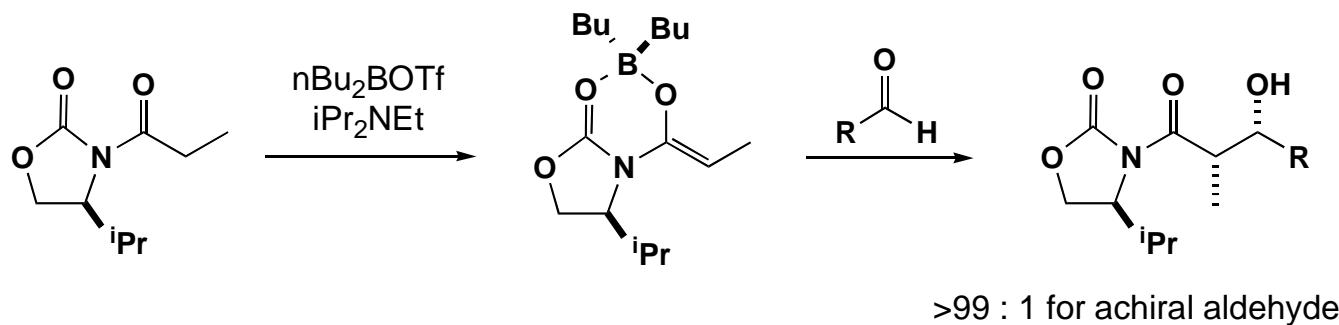


Example: Spongistatin C15-C16 bond construct



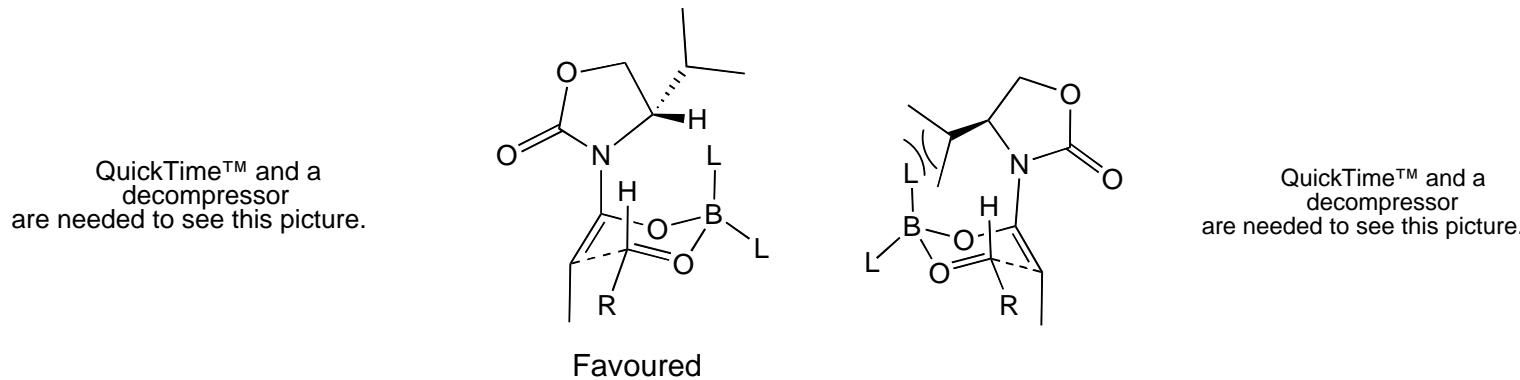
Paterson: ACIEE, 2001, 40, 4055
See also: Evans: Tetrahedron 1999, 55, 8671 (Spongistatin 2)

Chiral Auxiliaries: Evans' Oxazolidinones



- **The benchmark** - reliable 1,2-syn aldol product via Z-enolate
- Facial bias of enolate overrides any inherent selectivity of chiral aldehydes
- Auxillary readily available from parent amino acid (or Aldrich)
- Readily removed by hydrolysis, formation of Weinreb amide

Transition states

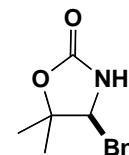
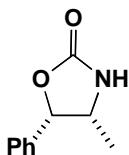
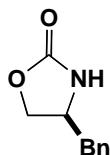
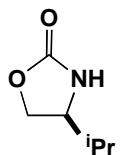


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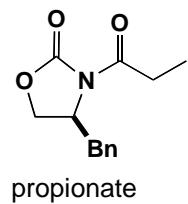
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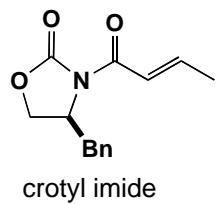
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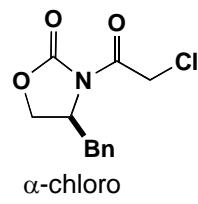
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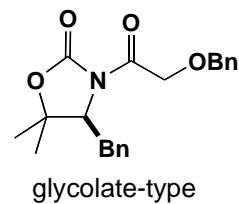
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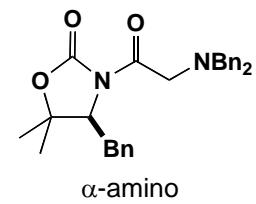
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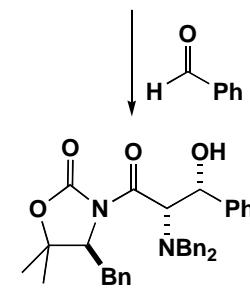
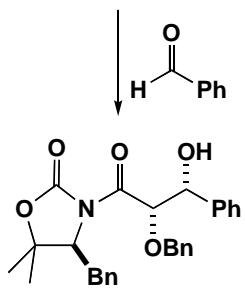
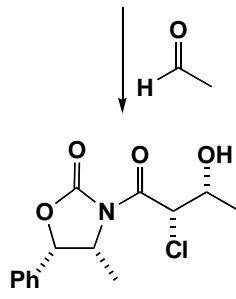
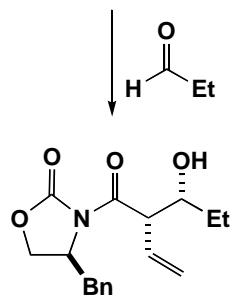
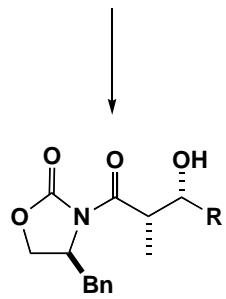
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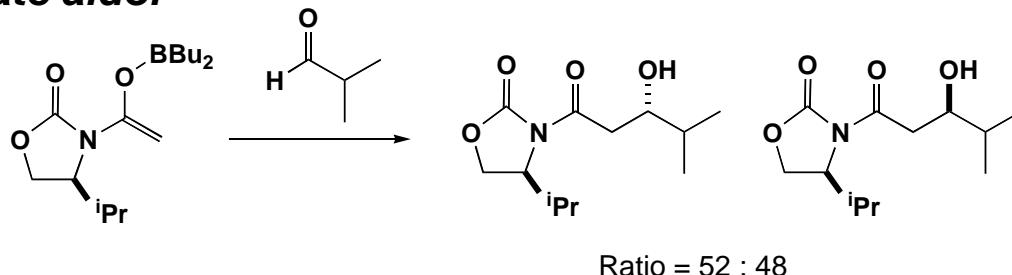
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Chiral Auxiliaries: Evans' Oxazolidinones

Limitations - the acetate aldol



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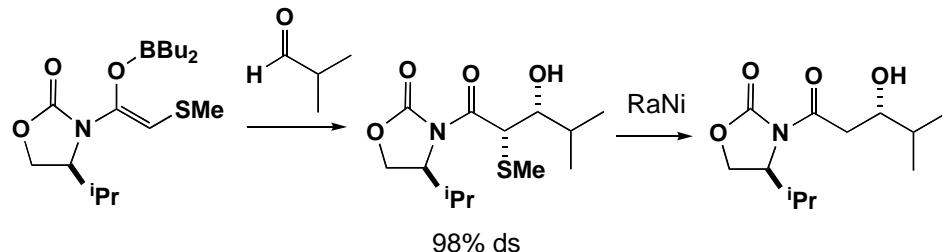
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- Competing boat transition states

- TS1 - iPr group occupies position pointing away from TS
- TS2 - iPr group occupies position pointing towards TS
- Energy difference between TSs is negligible
- No selectivity

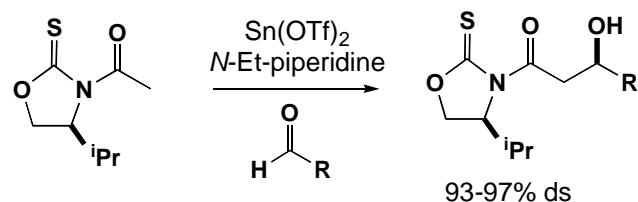
Auxiliary-based Solutions

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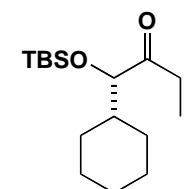
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2. Nagao Sn(II) acetate aldol

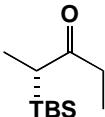


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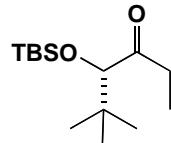
Chiral Auxiliaries: α -oxygenated ketones



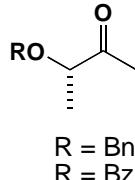
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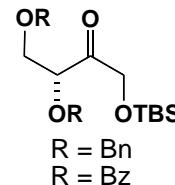
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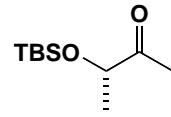
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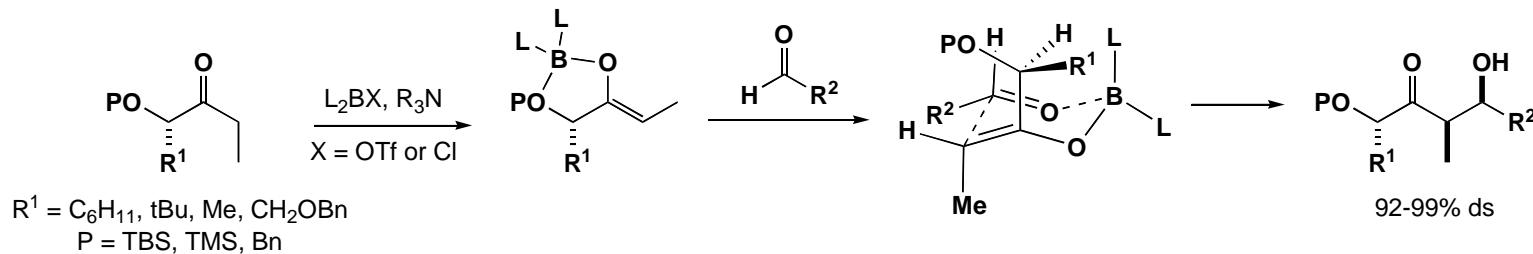
Cardo, Marco
TL 1999, 40, 6845



Romea
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- Simple chiral ketones
- Use α -substituent to dictate π -facial selectivity
- Aldol products are manipulated to excise directing group

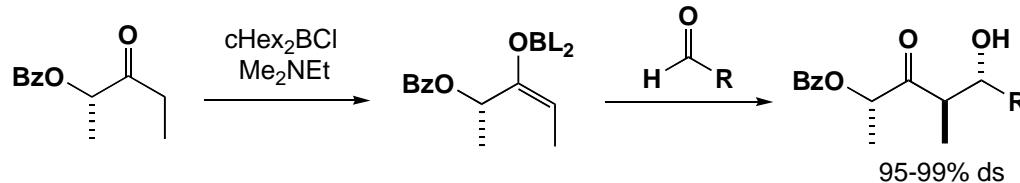
Syn aldols



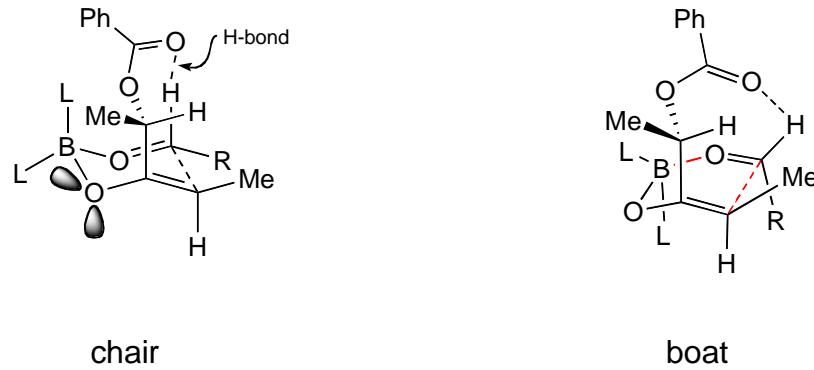
- Preferential formation of (*Z*)-enolate due to chelation of reagent with α -alkoxy/siloxy group, independent of reagent
- Chair TS, in which alkoxy group aligned to oppose dipole of enolate oxygen and alkyl group is positioned to avoid steric congestion

Chiral Auxiliaries: α -oxygenated ketones

Paterson anti aldols



- selective *E*-enolisation - α -oxygen of benzoate unable to chelate boron reagent
- high levels of selectivity for anti-anti diastereomer
- Enolate induction normally overrides any other stereodifferentiating factors



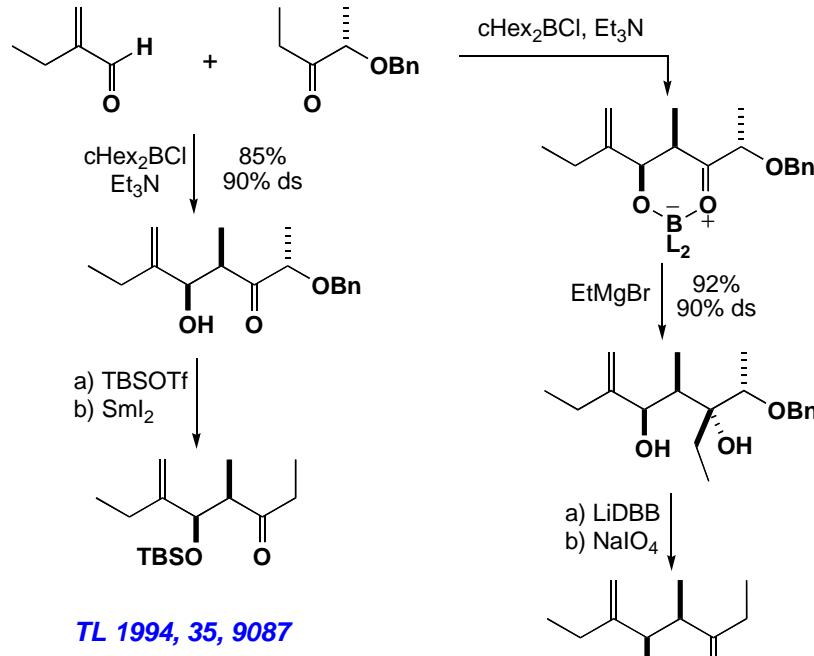
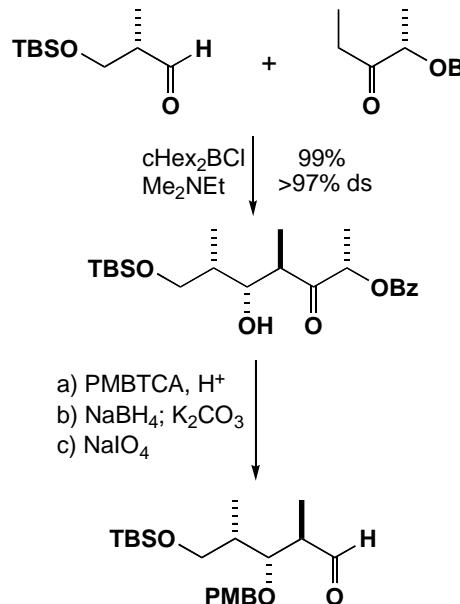
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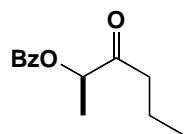
- Both chair and revised boat TSs account for π -facial selectivity
- Boat TS - significantly less congested
- A13 strain minimised between Me of enolate and α -stereocentre
- Contrasteric - large OBz directed in to TSs
- Electronic effect - lone pair repulsion between n(O) enolate and Bz group minimised and TS stabilised by H-bonding of C=O to formyl H,

Chiral Auxiliaries: α -oxygenated ketones

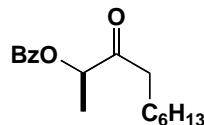
Manipulation of α -oxygenated aldol adducts



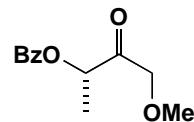
- useful tool to incorporate *anti*-aldol motif
- complimentary to Evans *syn*-aldol
- products readily manipulated to remove superfluous stereodirecting group
- ketones readily available from cheap (*R*)- and (*S*)-lactate esters
- not limited to ethyl ketones



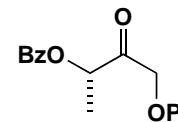
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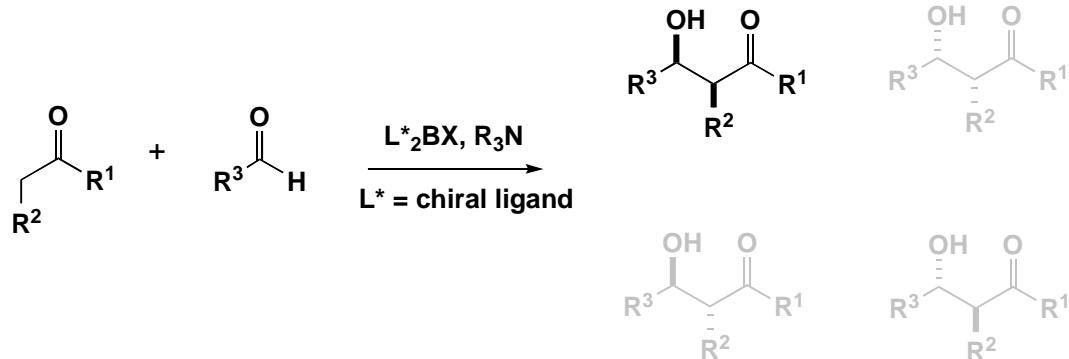


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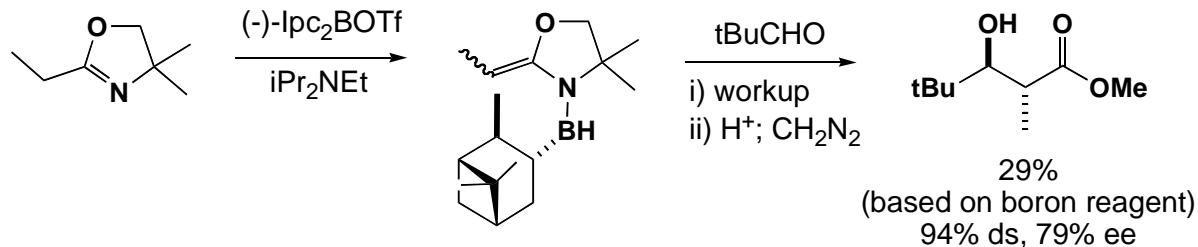
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Reagent Control

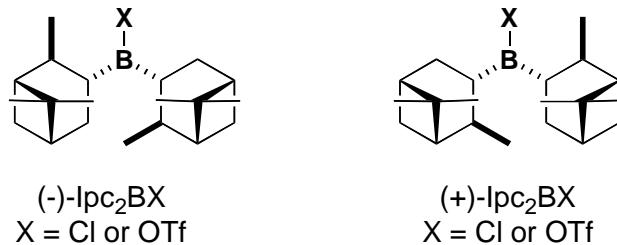
Concept : Control absolute configuration by using chiral ligands on boron



First example - Meyers and Yamamoto JACS 1981, 103, 4278

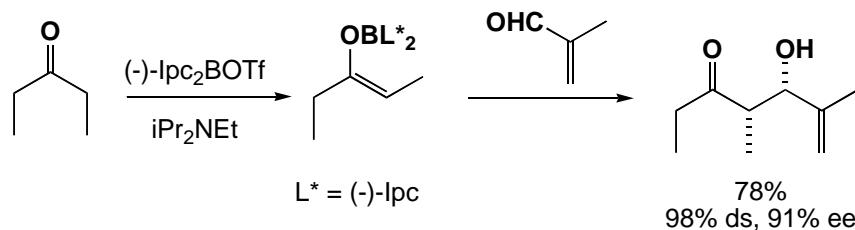


Reagent Control: Isopinocampheyl Boron Reagents



- Most common chiral reagents for asymmetric boron aldols
- Ipc_2BCl introduced by Brown for asymmetric reduction of ketones in 1985
- Reagents readily prepared from $(+)$ - or $(-)$ - α -pinene by hydroboration
- Ipc_2BCl is commercially available from Aldrich, $(+)$ - or $(-)$ -DIPCI
- Ipc_2BOTf prepared *in situ* from the corresponding Ipc_2BH

Application of Ipc -reagents for aldol reactions by Paterson

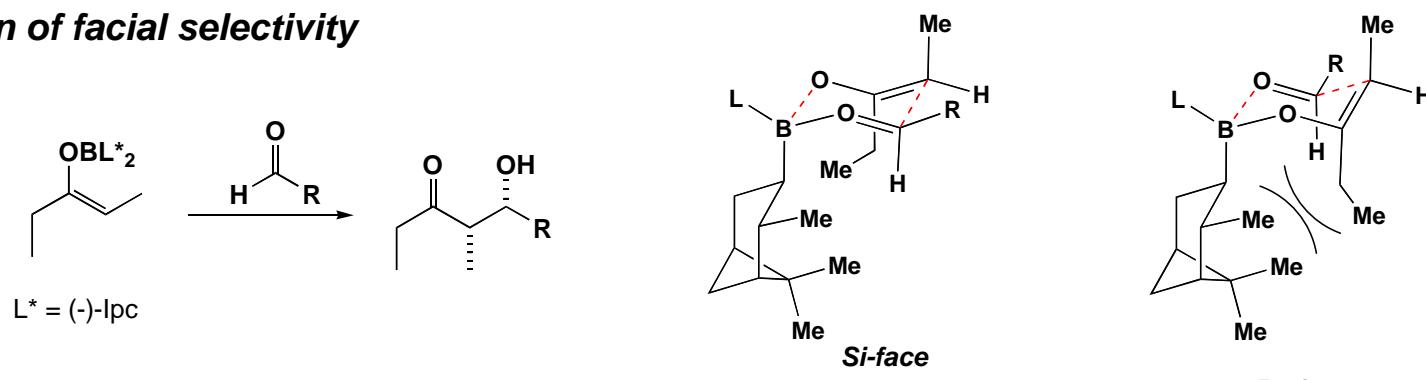


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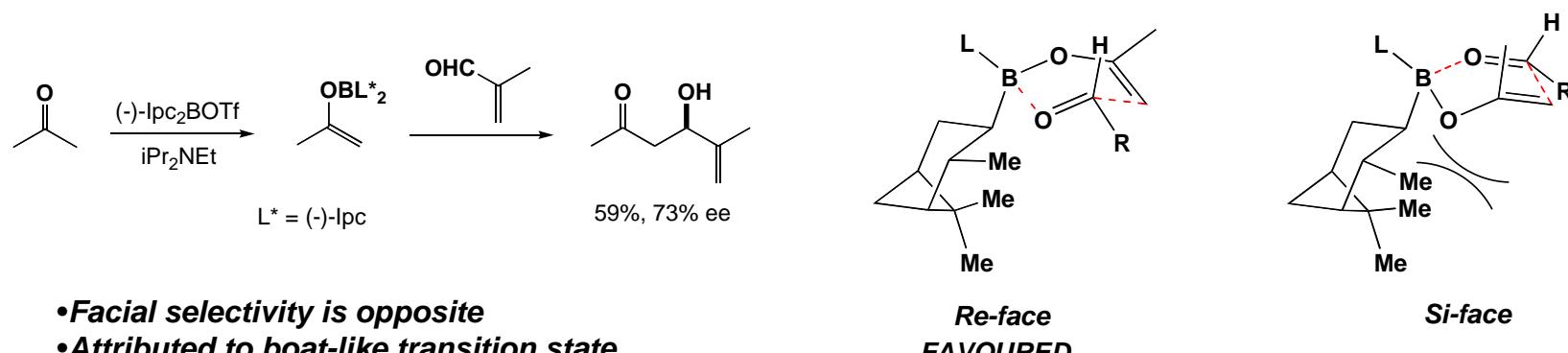
Reagent Control: Isopinocampheyl Boron Reagents

Origin of facial selectivity



- Competing chair transition states
- Attack on Re-face leads to unfavourable interaction between enolate sidechain and Me of pseudoaxial lpc ligand
- Calculations predict Si-face addition (88% ee) - consistent with experimental observations (66-93% ee)

Methyl ketones

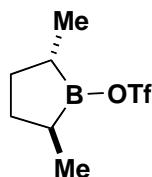


- Facial selectivity is opposite
- Attributed to boat-like transition state
- Confirmed by calculations

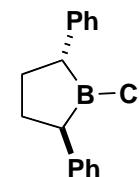
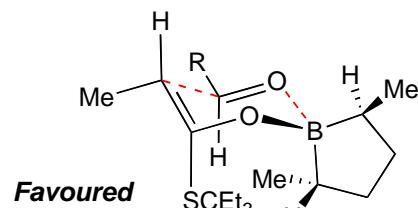
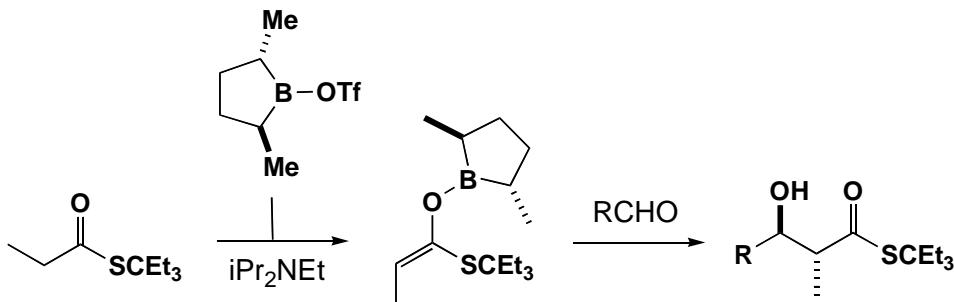
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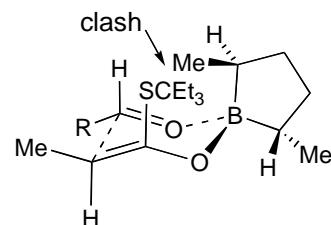
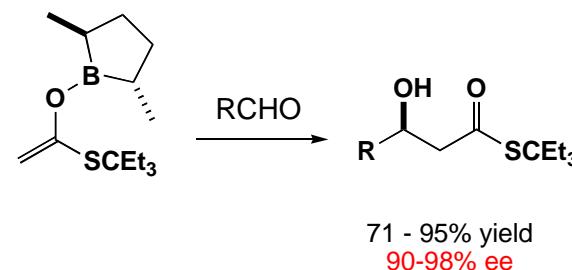
Reagent Control: C₂-symmetric borolanes



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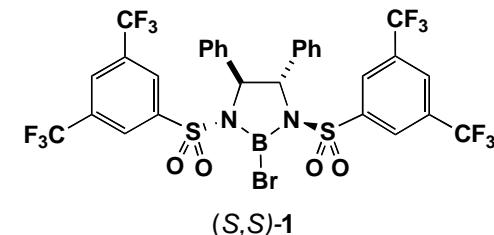
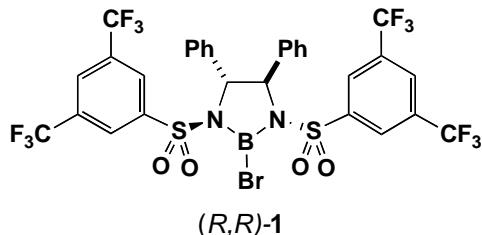
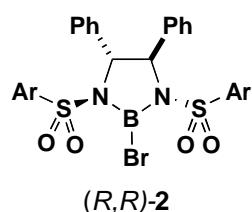


- Enolisation of alkylthioester gives *E*-enolate, exclusively
- Selectivity rationalised by chair transition state
- Essentially perfect stereocontrol in *anti*-aldol products
- Comparable levels of stereocontrol are achieved in thioacetate aldol reaction

Why is this reagent overlooked?

Practicality: Advantage of high ee outweighed by the 7-step reagent synthesis (including diastereomer separation and a resolution)

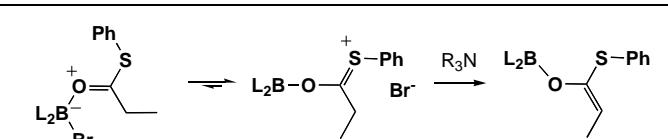
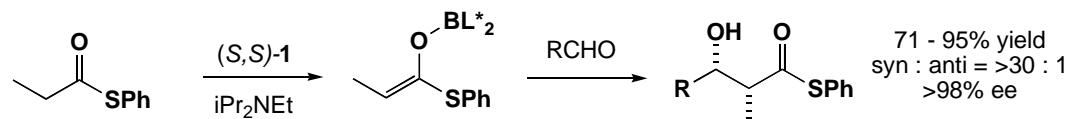
Reagent Control: C₂-symmetric diazaborolidines



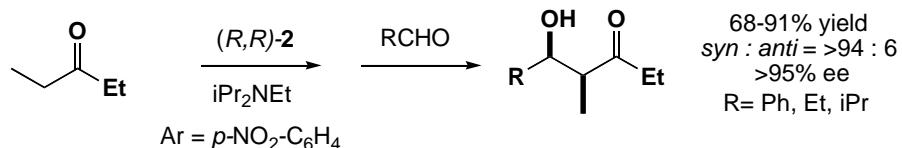
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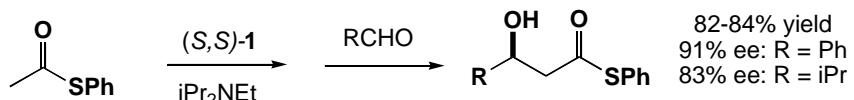


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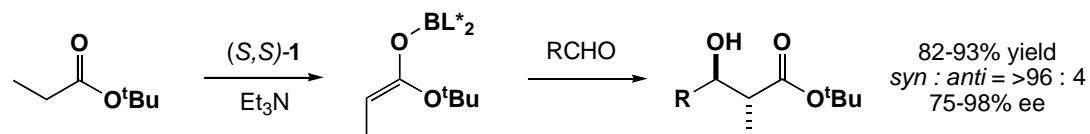
- enolisation of aryllithiopropionate/diethylketone gives Z-enolates, attributed to dissociation of bromide following ate formation

thioacetate



- high levels of induction
- acetate gives reverse sense of induction with high ee
- t-butyl propionate enolisation gives “expected” E-enolate

t-butyl-propionate

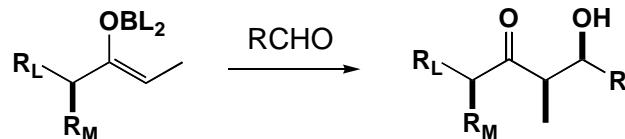


All propionate diastereomers are accessible simply by choice of starting ester and ligand

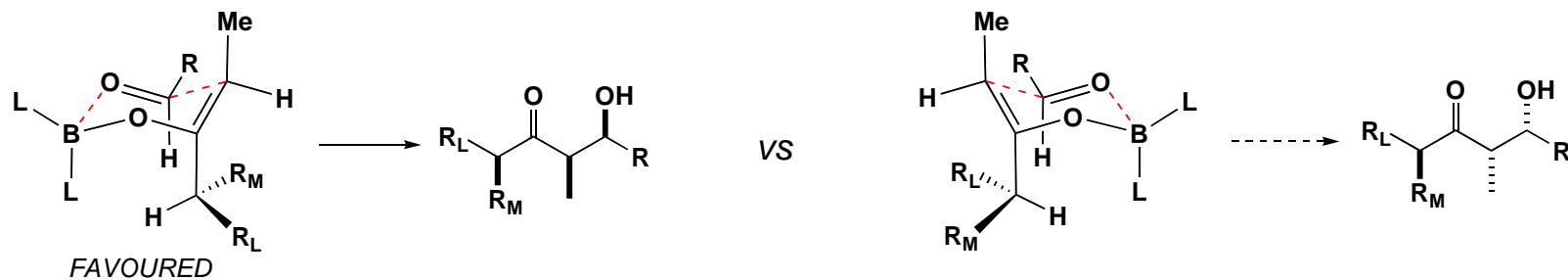
Substrate Control: Syn aldol reactions of α -chiral ethyl ketones

Substrate Control: Use stereogenic centre in a chiral ketone to control facial selectivity, which is then retained in subsequent steps

Syn aldol reactions



R_L = large group, R_M = medium group

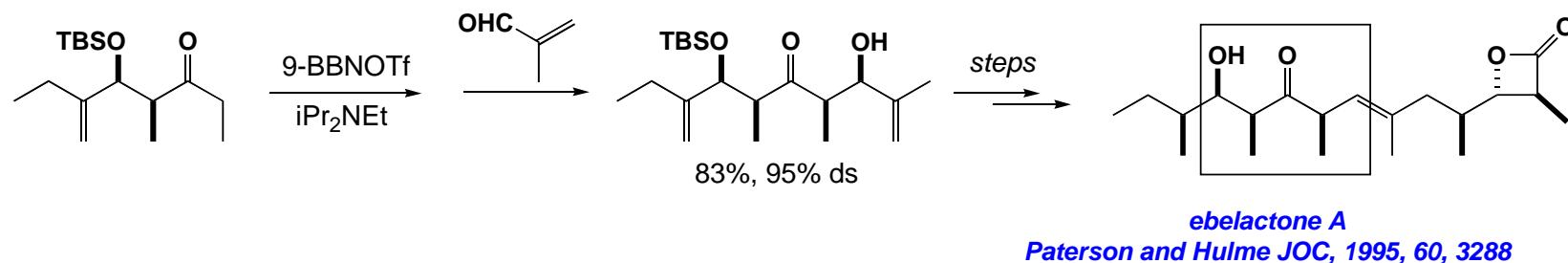
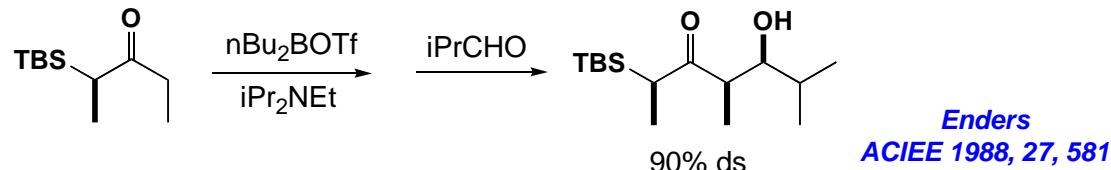


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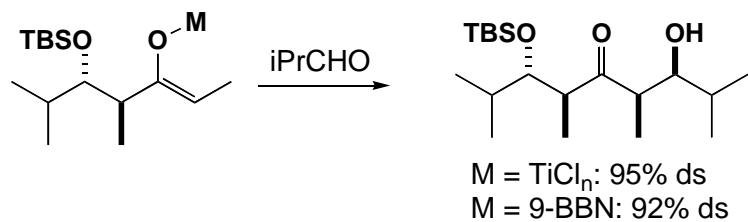
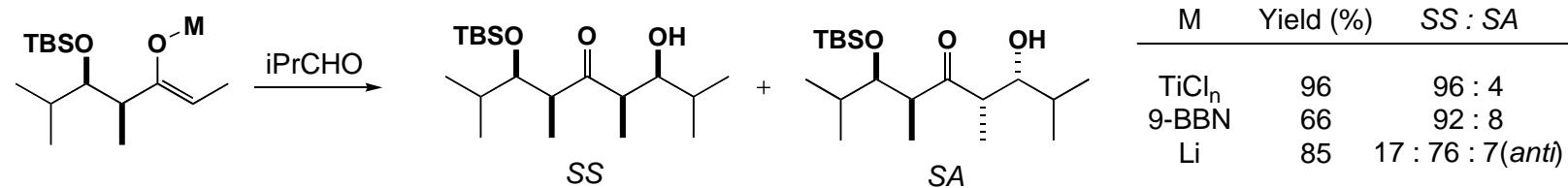
- reaction of α -chiral (*Z*)-boron enolates governed by sterics to give *syn-syn* adduct
- favoured TS, A(1,3) strain and steric interactions are minimised by R_L pointing away from chair TS
- also applicable to titanium aldols (TiCl₄, Hunig's base)

Substrate Control: Syn aldol reactions of α -chiral ethyl ketones

Examples



Comparison of metal (*Z*)-enolates

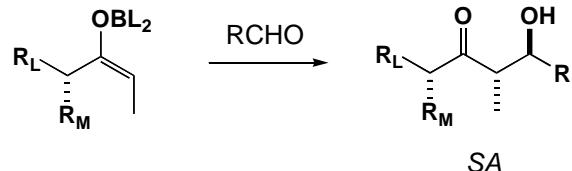


• configuration of β -silyloxy has limited effect on selectivity

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Boron: Evans TL, 1995, 36, 9245
Lithium: McCarthy JOC 1987, 52, 4681

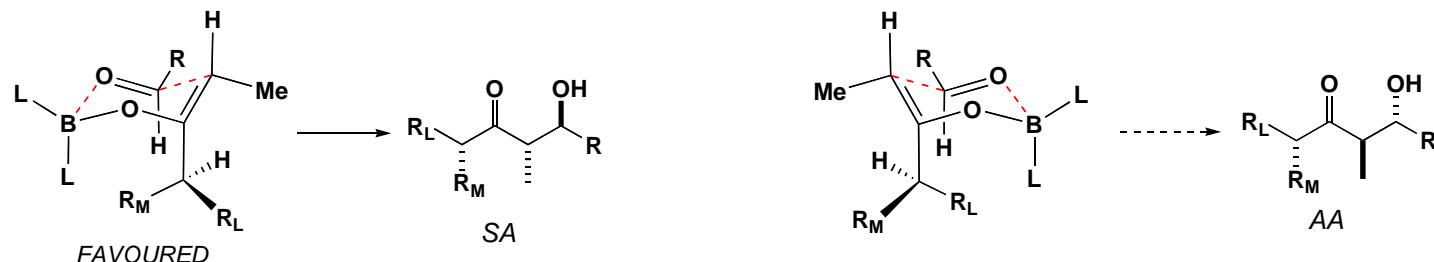
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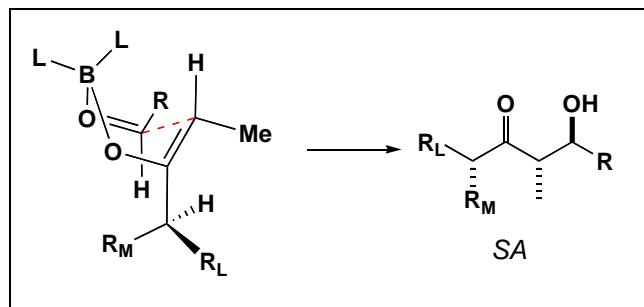


R_L = large group, R_M = medium group

Anti aldol with (*E*)-enolate under steric control gives syn-anti diastereomer



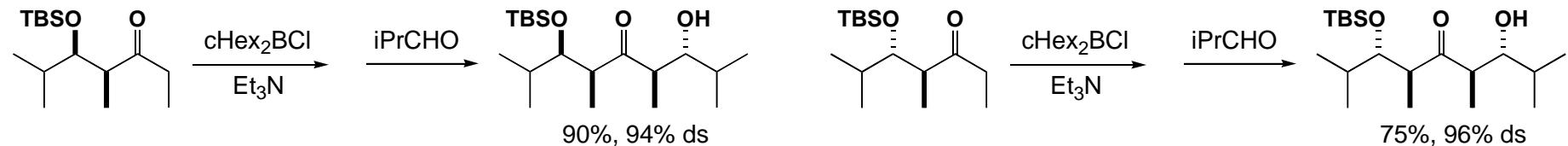
- A(1,3) strain is minimised between α -substituent and Me group of enolate in proposed chair TSs
- large group orientated away in favoured TS (chair)
- Boat-type TS can also be envisaged - same stereochemical outcome



Evans: *Tetrahedron* 1992, 48, 2127; *JACS* 1995, 117, 6619

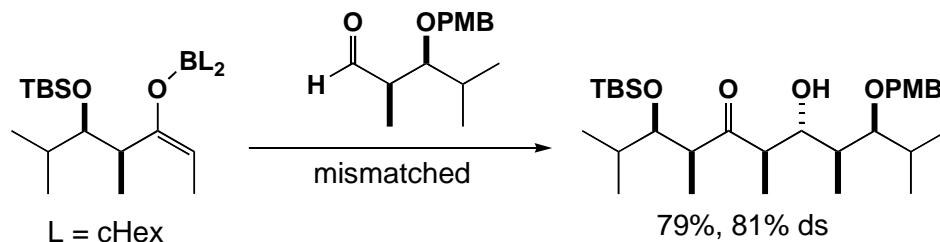
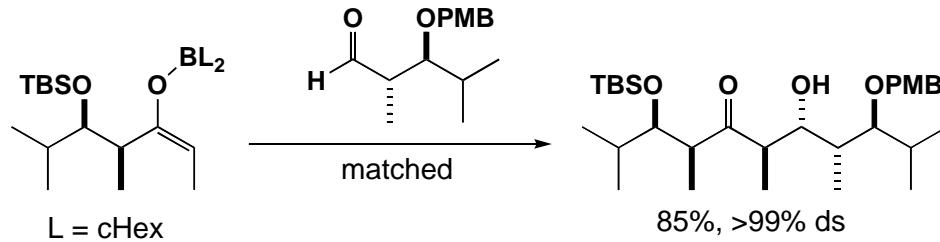
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Examples: Steric Control



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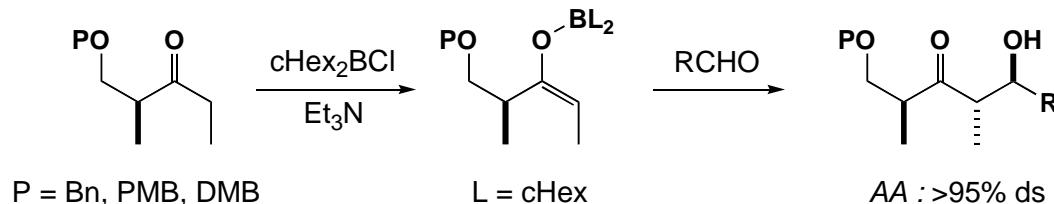
With α -chiral aldehydes



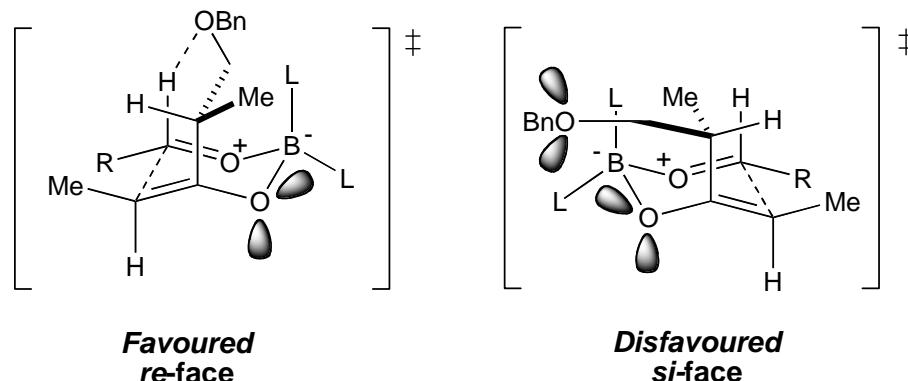
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Substrate Control: Anti aldol reactions of α -chiral ethyl ketones

Paterson's α -chiral ethyl ketone building blocks

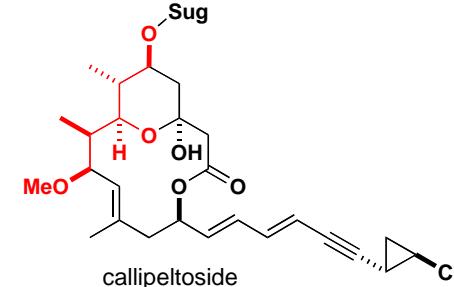
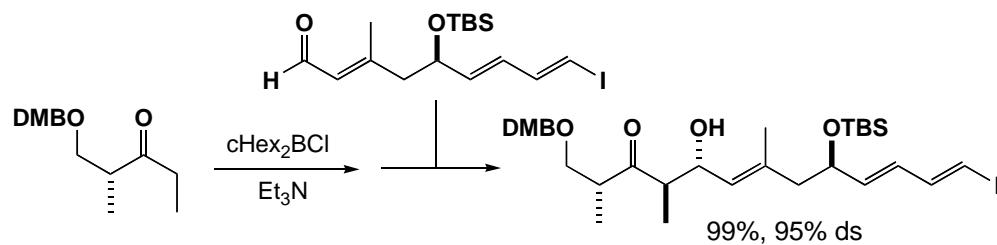


- Anti-anti diastereomer formed with high selectivity
- Proven building block for assembly of polypropionate units in natural products
- Both enantiomers readily available from commercial (R)- or (S)-Roche ester
- Does not follow steric TS model - electronic effect



Substrate Control: Anti aldol reactions of α -chiral ethyl ketones

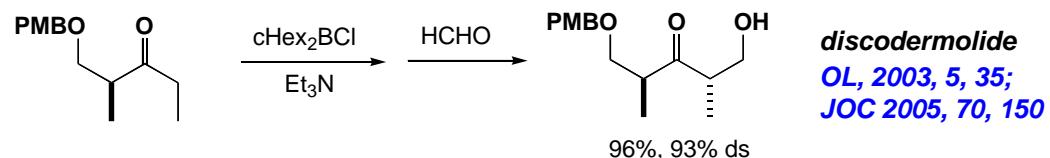
Applications in synthesis



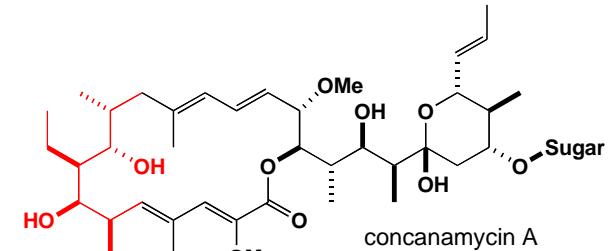
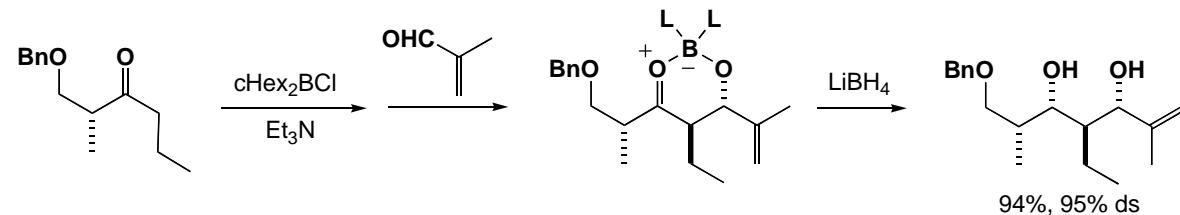
OL 2003, 5, 4477

Pure Appl. Chem. 2008, 80, 1773

Formaldehyde aldol



Propyl ketone with *in-situ* reduction

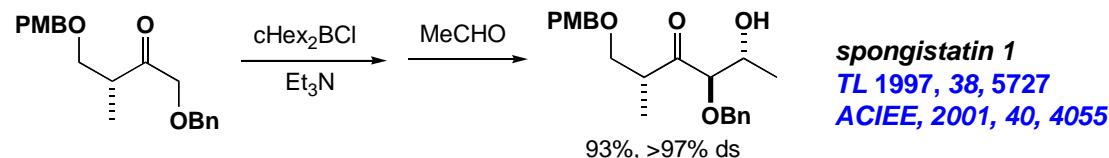


TL 1997, 38, 4183

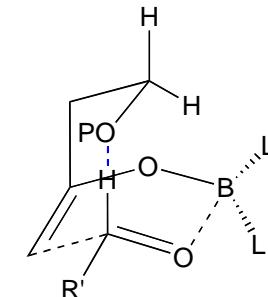
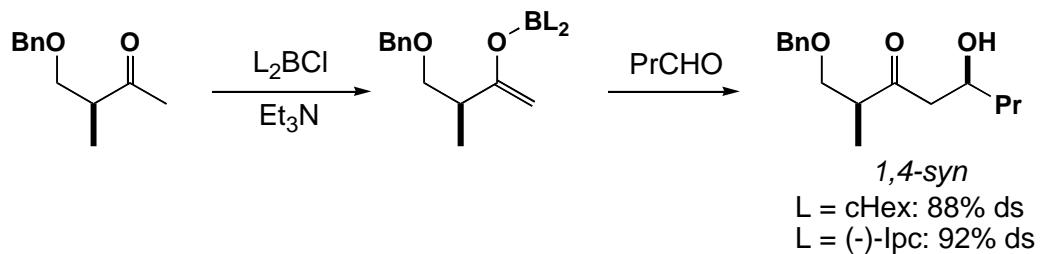
ACIEE 2000, 39, 1308

In situ reduction: TL 1992, 33, 801; Tetrahedron 1996, 52, 811

Benzylloxymethyl-ketone



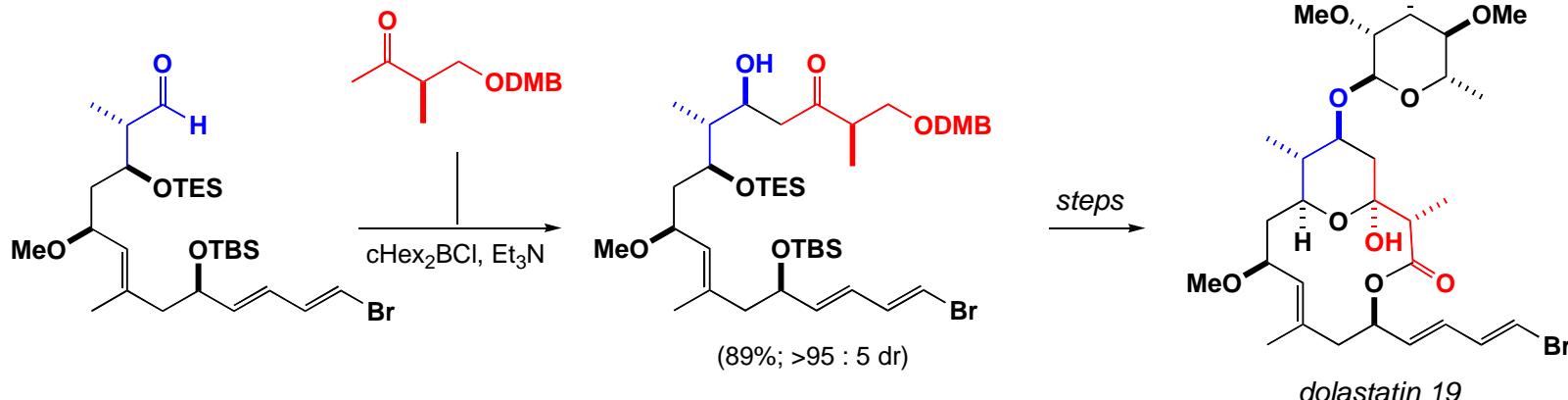
Substrate Control: Aldol reactions of α -chiral methyl ketones



- Boron aldol reaction of methyl ketone gives 1,4-syn adduct
- Level of selectivity can be increased by using chiral ligand system
- Sense of induction in line with analogous ethyl ketone
- Rationalised by boat TS- formyl H-bond stabilises favoured TS

Paterson, Goodman, Isaka, TL 1989, 30, 7121
 TS Calculations: Goodman and Paton OL, 2006, 8, 4299

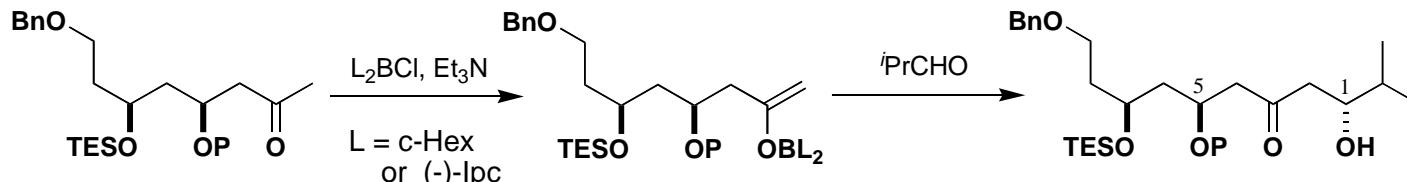
Application



OL, 2006, 8, 2131; Tetrahedron 2007, 63, 5806
 Pure Appl. Chem. 2008, 80, 1773

Substrate Control - β -oxygenated methyl ketones

1,5-anti induction

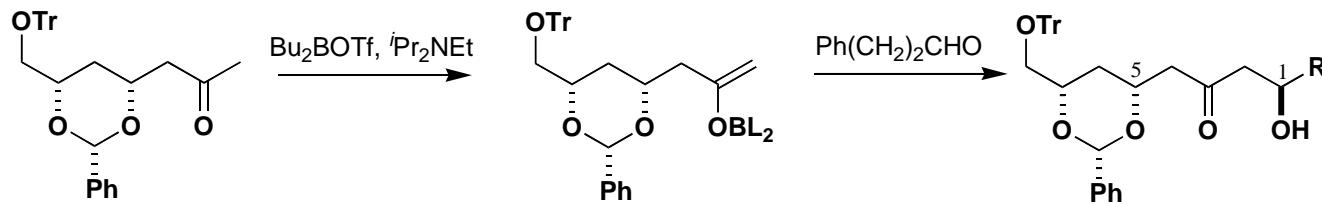


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2 : P = TBS

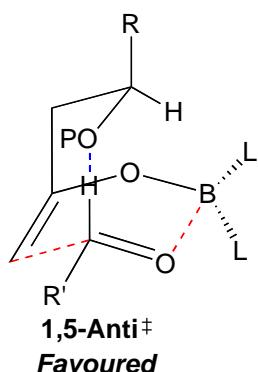
entry	ketone	L	ds ^a (yield)
1	1	c-Hex	92 (78)
2	1	(-)-Ipc	96 (71)
3	2	c-Hex	77 (80)
4	2	(-)-Ipc	95 (84)

P = PMB
P = TBS

Paterson et al. TL 1996 37, 8585



R = $(CH_2)_2Ph$
(70%, >95% ds)



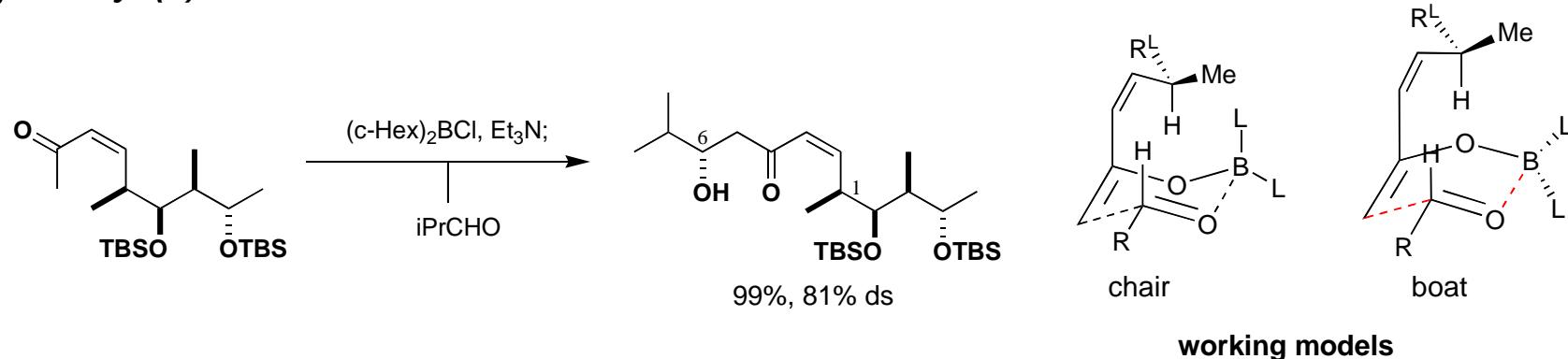
- High levels of 1,5-anti induction from methyl ketones with bearing β -alkoxy group
- Numerous applications in polyacetate natural products since discovery
- Rationalised by boat TS - formyl H-bond and R group points away

Goodman and Paton OL, 2006, 8, 4299

Evans et al. JOC 1997, 62, 788; JACS 2003, 125, 10893

Substrate Control: 1,6-induction - the limit of induction?

γ -methyl-(Z)-enones

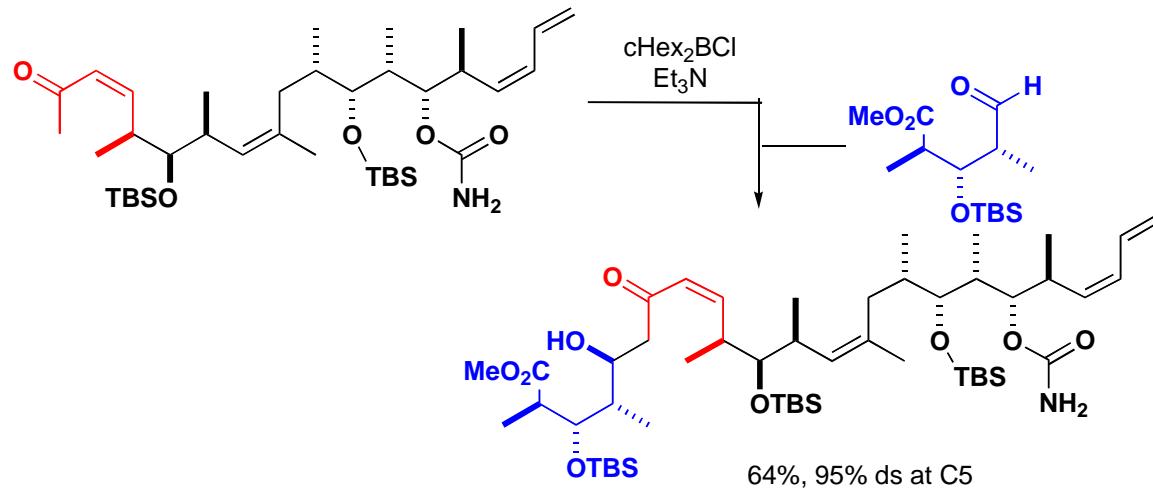


dienolate in *s-trans* conformation

A(1,3) strain minimised

sterics control facial selectivity

Application

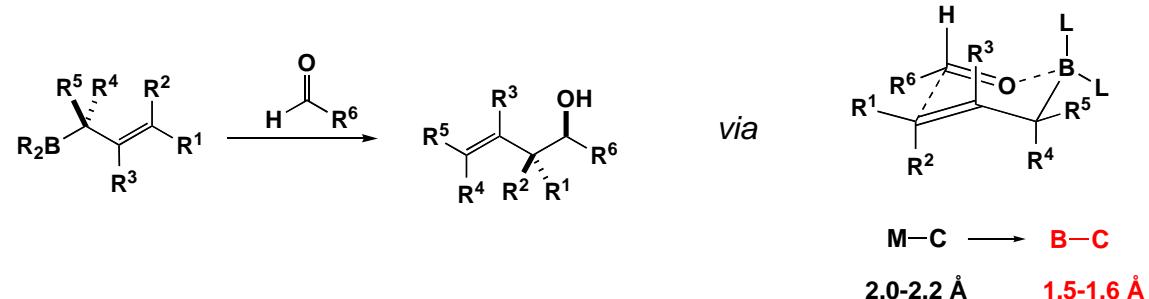


Paterson et al. OL 2003, 5, 35; JOC, 2005, 70, 160

Allylboration Reactions

Allylboration and Crotylboration: Introduction

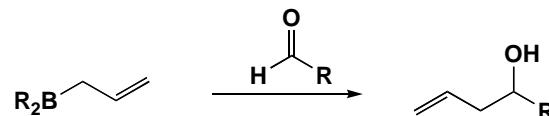
General process



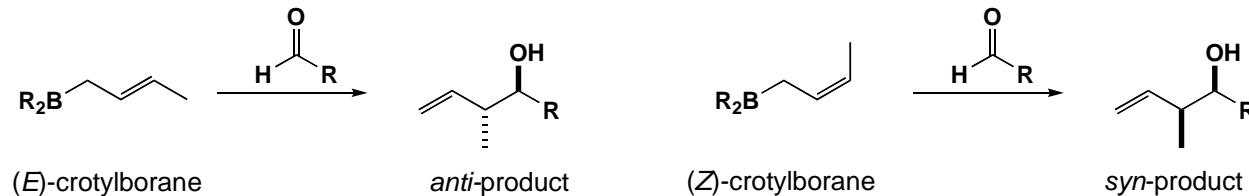
- Transfer of allyl group to an aldehyde via highly ordered cyclic TS
- Reaction proceeds via 6-membered Zimmerman-Traxler transition state
- High levels of relative stereocontrol from tight TS - short B-C bonds
- Control of absolute stereochemistry typically by using chiral boron ligands

Typical applications

Allylation



Crotylation



First examples reported by R. W. Hoffmann in late 70's

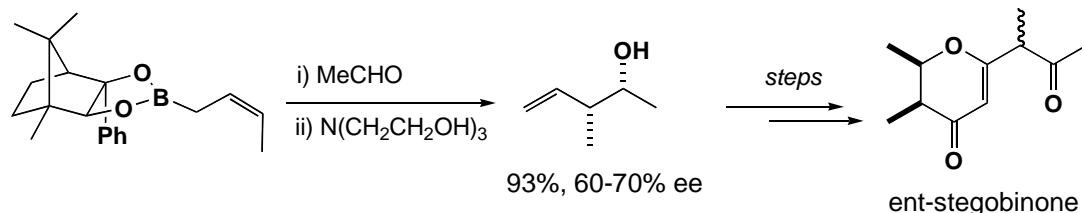
Developments through 80's - 90's paralleled those in asymmetric aldol methodology and continue today

Resulting terminal olefin can then be elaborated or retained as a masked functionality to be revealed at a later point

Using pinacol-based reagents: Hoffmann & Zeiß ACIEE 1979, 18, 306; JOC 1981, 46, 1309

Asymmetric Allylboration: Chiral Boronic Esters

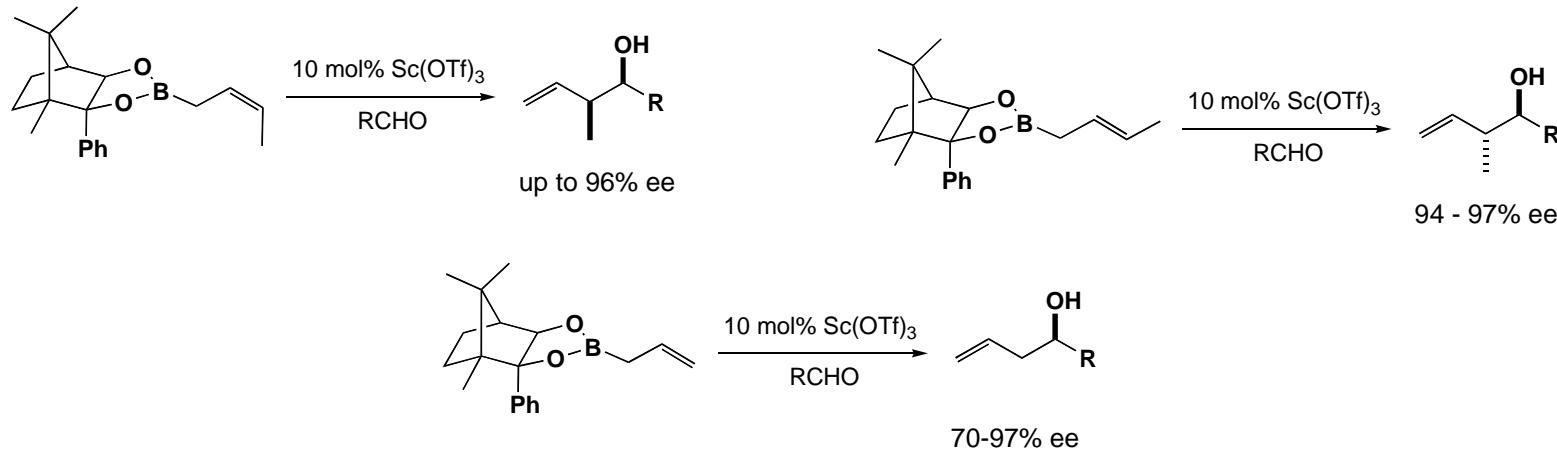
Hoffmann - 1979



First example of asymmetric allylboration using camphor-based scaffold

Hoffmann et al. ACIEE 1978, 17, 768; TL 1979, 48, 4653

Hall redesign - 2003

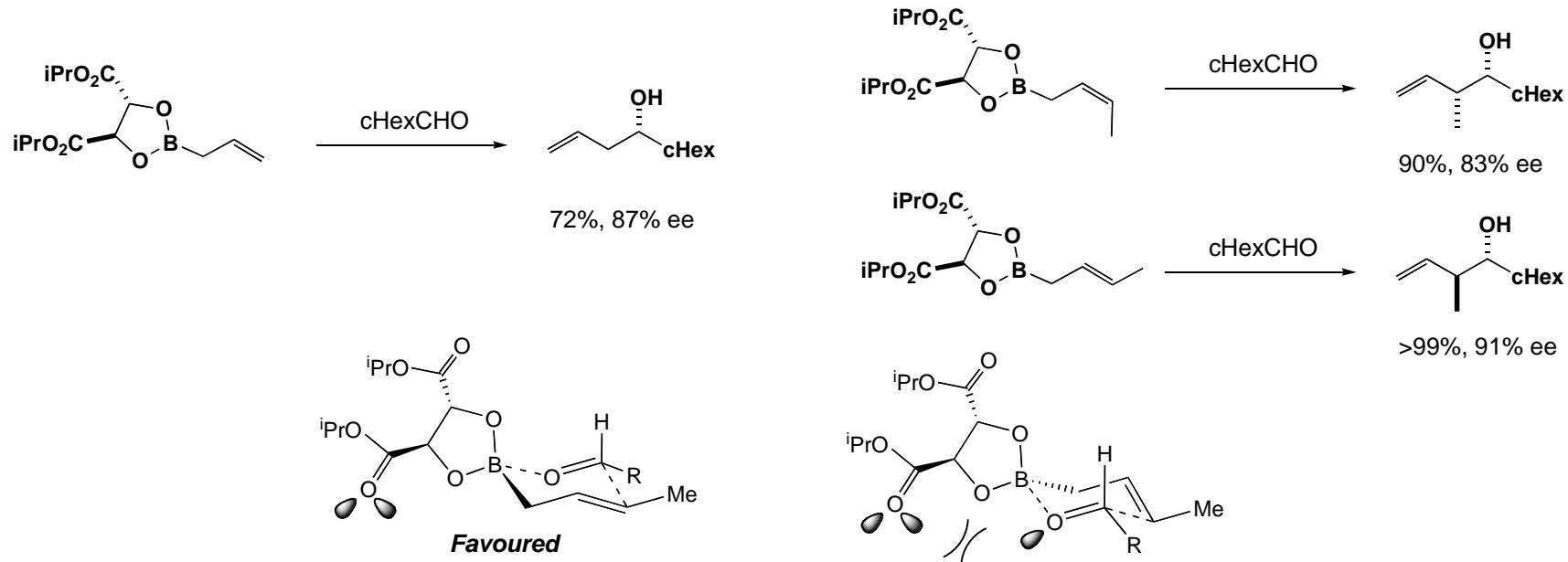


- Subtle redesign of original Hoffmann system
- Movement of Ph-group and use of catalytic scandium triflate boosts ee

Hall et al. JACS 2003, 125, 10160; Synthesis 2004, 1290

Asymmetric Allylboration: Chiral Boronic Esters

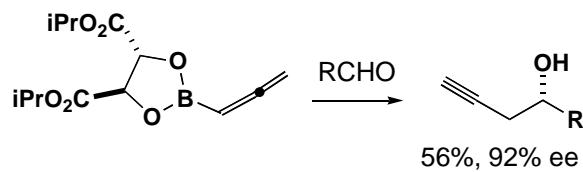
Roush's tartrate-derived systems - 1985



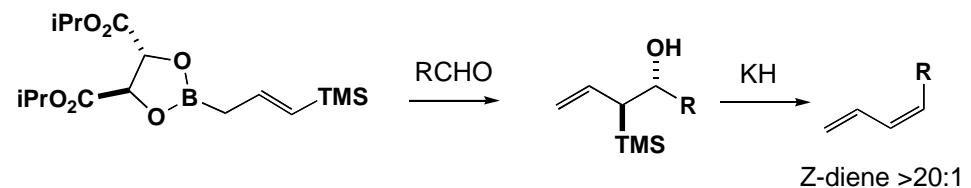
- Practical and predictable system using tartrate ester derivatives
- available in either enantiomeric form
- Favoured transition state minimises interaction of aldehyde and ester lone pairs

Roush et al. JACS 1985, 107, 8186; TL 1988, 29, 5579

Variations



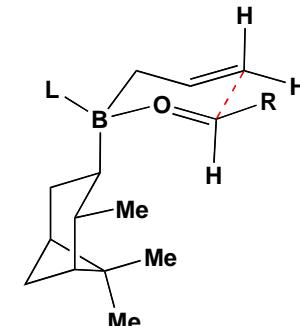
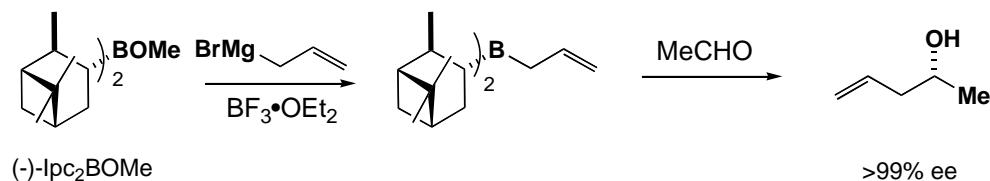
Yamamoto et al. JACS 1982, 104, 7667



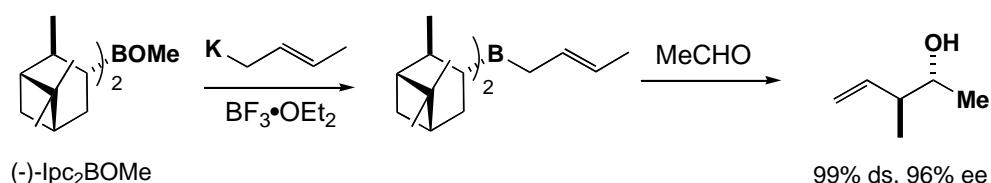
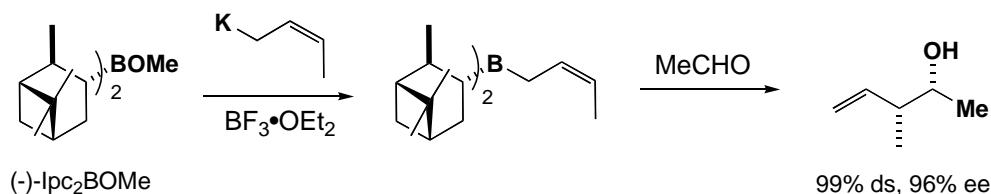
Roush et al. TL 1990, 31, 7563; TL 1992, 48, 1981
Myles et al. JOC 2003, 68, 6646

Asymmetric Allylboration: Brown's Ipc₂-Reagents

Allylation



Crotylation



- Deprotonation of (Z)- or (E)-2-butene with Schlosser's base at -78 °C gives respective anion

- Formation of reagent by addition of Ipc₂BOMe, followed by BF₃•OEt₂ to break-up ate complex

- Reaction with aldehydes proceeds with high selectivities

- Ipc₂BOMe commercially available from Aldrich in either enantiomeric form

Brown et al.

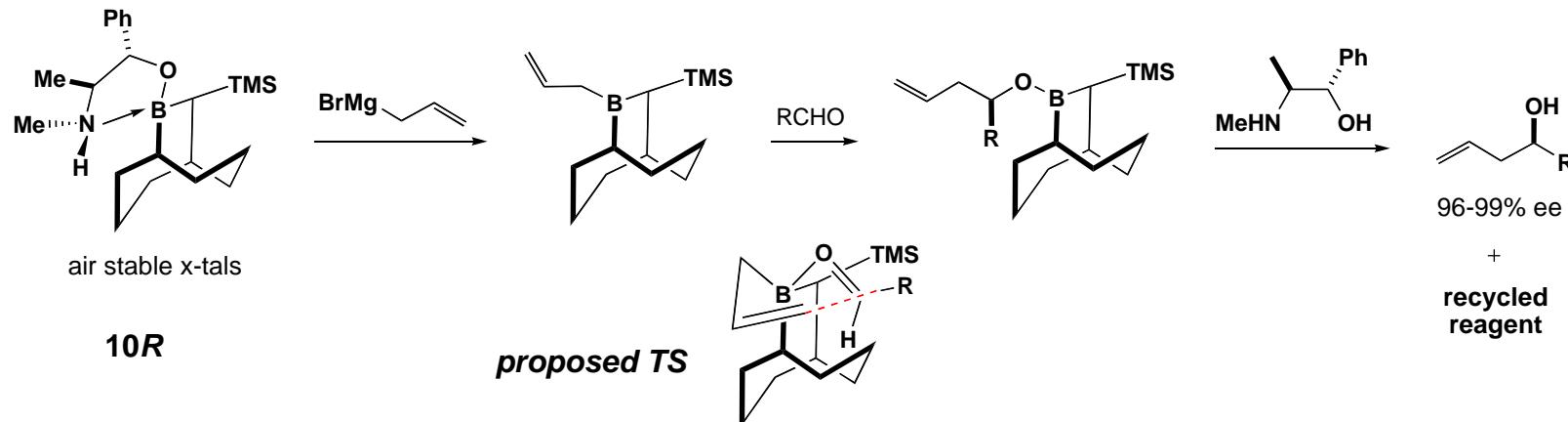
Allylation: JACS 1983, 105, 2092; JOC 1991, 56, 401

Crotylation: JACS 1986, 108, 293; JACS 1988, 110, 1535

Full paper: JOC 1986, 51, 432

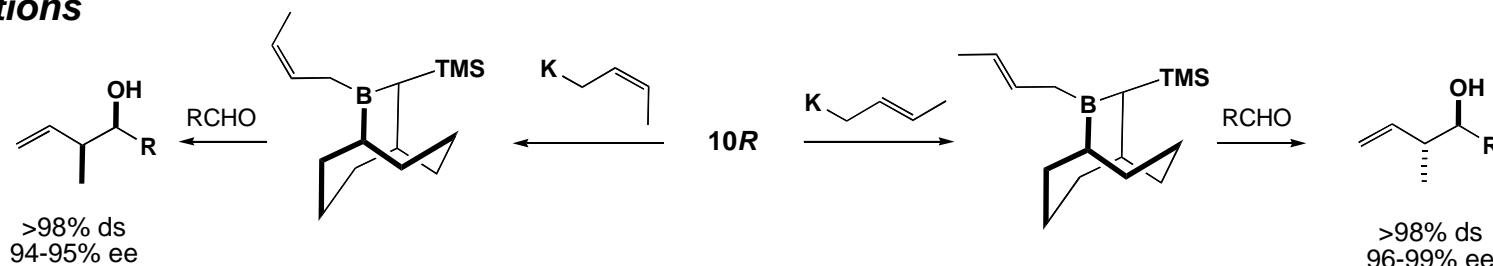
Asymmetric Allylboration: Soderquist's 10-TMS-9-BBD Reagents

Allylations



- Treatment of precursor **10R** with allylMgBr generates allylborane reagent *in situ*
- allylation of aldehyde proceeds through proposed TS
- allyl group points away from 10-TMS group
- R group of aldehyde minimises steric interaction with BBD ring system
- **10R** recovered by refluxing with (S,S)-pseudoephedrine

Crotylations



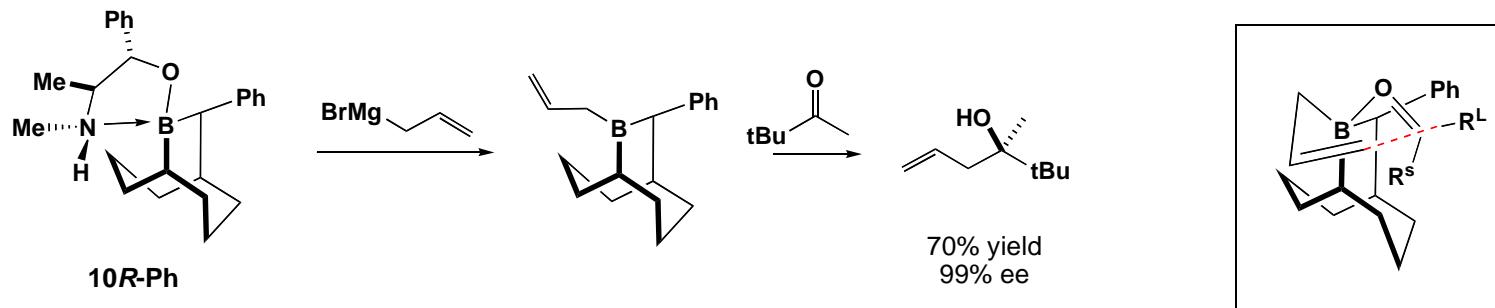
Using (S,S)-pseudoephedrine reagent recovery

Initial disclosure: Soderquist et al. ACS Symposium Series 783, Organoboranes for Synthesis, P. V. Ramachandran, H. C. Brown, Ed., Ch 13, pp 176-194, American Chemical Society, Washington, DC, 2000.

Soderquist et al. JACS 2005, 127, 8044

Asymmetric Allylboration: Soderquist's 10-Ph-9-BBD Reagents

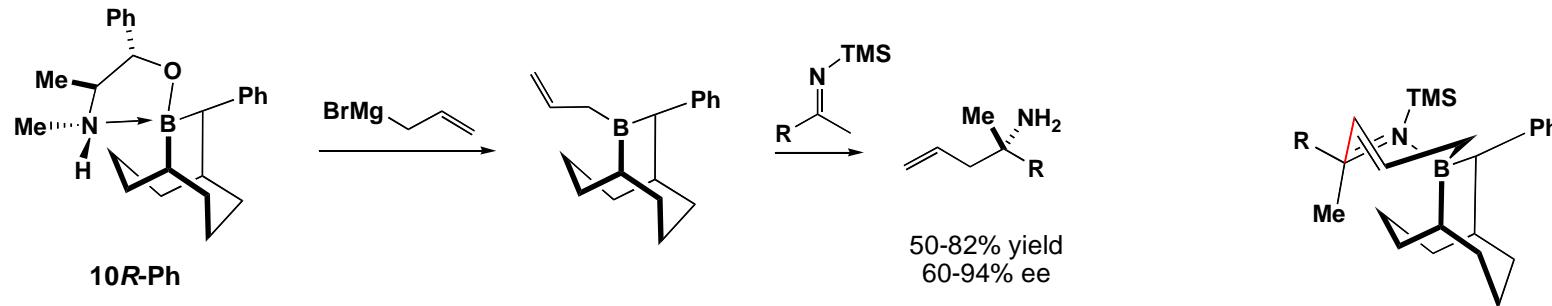
Ketone Allylations



- 10R-Ph adopts chair-like conformation on side of Ph-group - larger chiral pocket for small group of ketone
- Allows ketone allylation- phenyl group is smaller than corresponding 10R-TMS
- 10R recovered by refluxing with (S,S)-pseudoephedrine

Soderquist et al. JACS 2005, 127, 11572

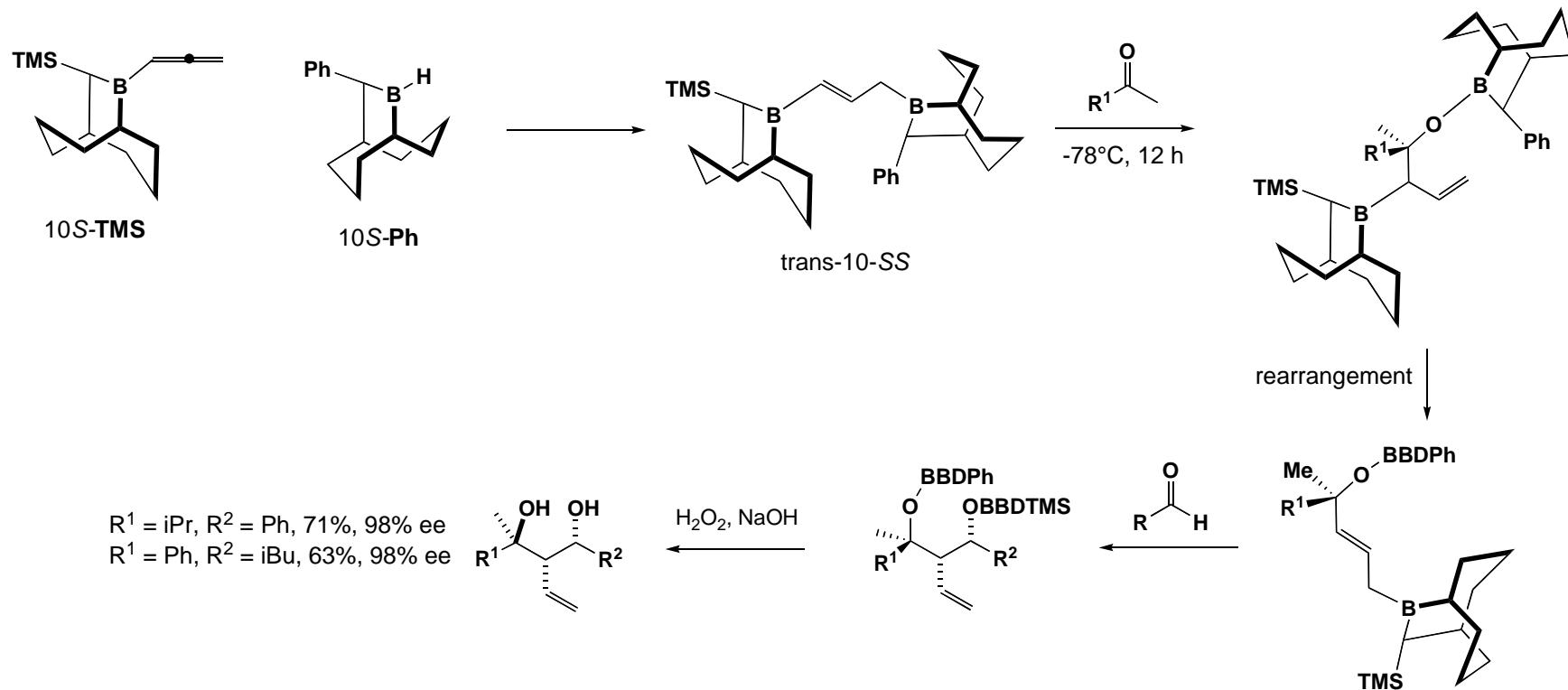
Ketimine allylation



- 10R-Ph allylation used to prepare series of enantiomeric enriched 3° carbamines
- Powerful solution to access rare motif
- NB - sense of induction opposite to carbonyl additions
- Ketimine approaches trans to Ph group

Soderquist et al. JACS 2006, 128, 8712

Asymmetric Allylboration: Soderquist's Double Allylation

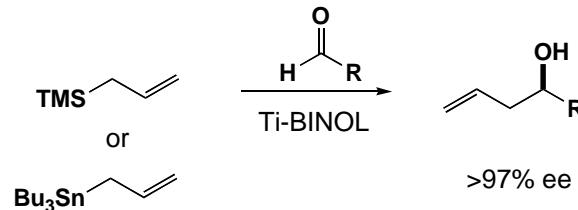


- Hydroboration of 10S-TMS with 10S-Ph gives diboron reagent
- Ketone allylation followed by borotropic rearrangement
- Subsequent aldehyde allylation and oxidative work-up gives 1,3-diols with essentially complete *ds* and *ee*
- Variation of reagent configuration gives access to further diastereomers by design

Catalytic Asymmetric Ketone Allylboration

Last decade has seen significant advances in catalytic asymmetric protocols

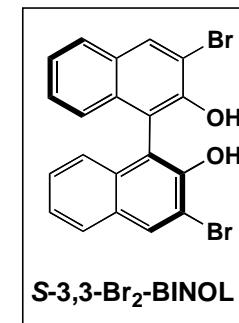
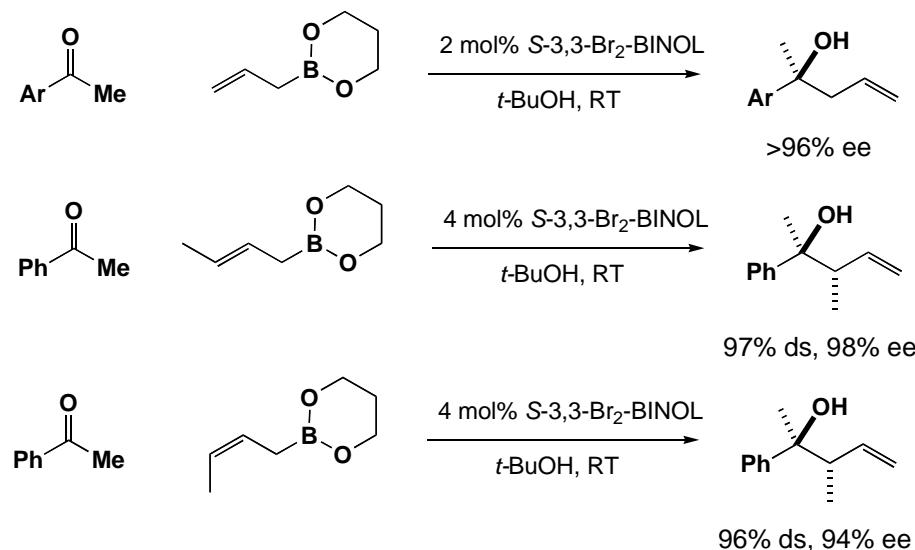
Aldehyde allylation dominated by use of Ti-BINOL-type catalysis with allylsilanes or allylstannanes



Tagliavini et al. Org Lett 1999, 1, 1061
Maruoka et al. TL 2001, 42, 1935

Ketone allylation remained a significant hurdle until 2006:

Schaus's organocatalytic allylboration

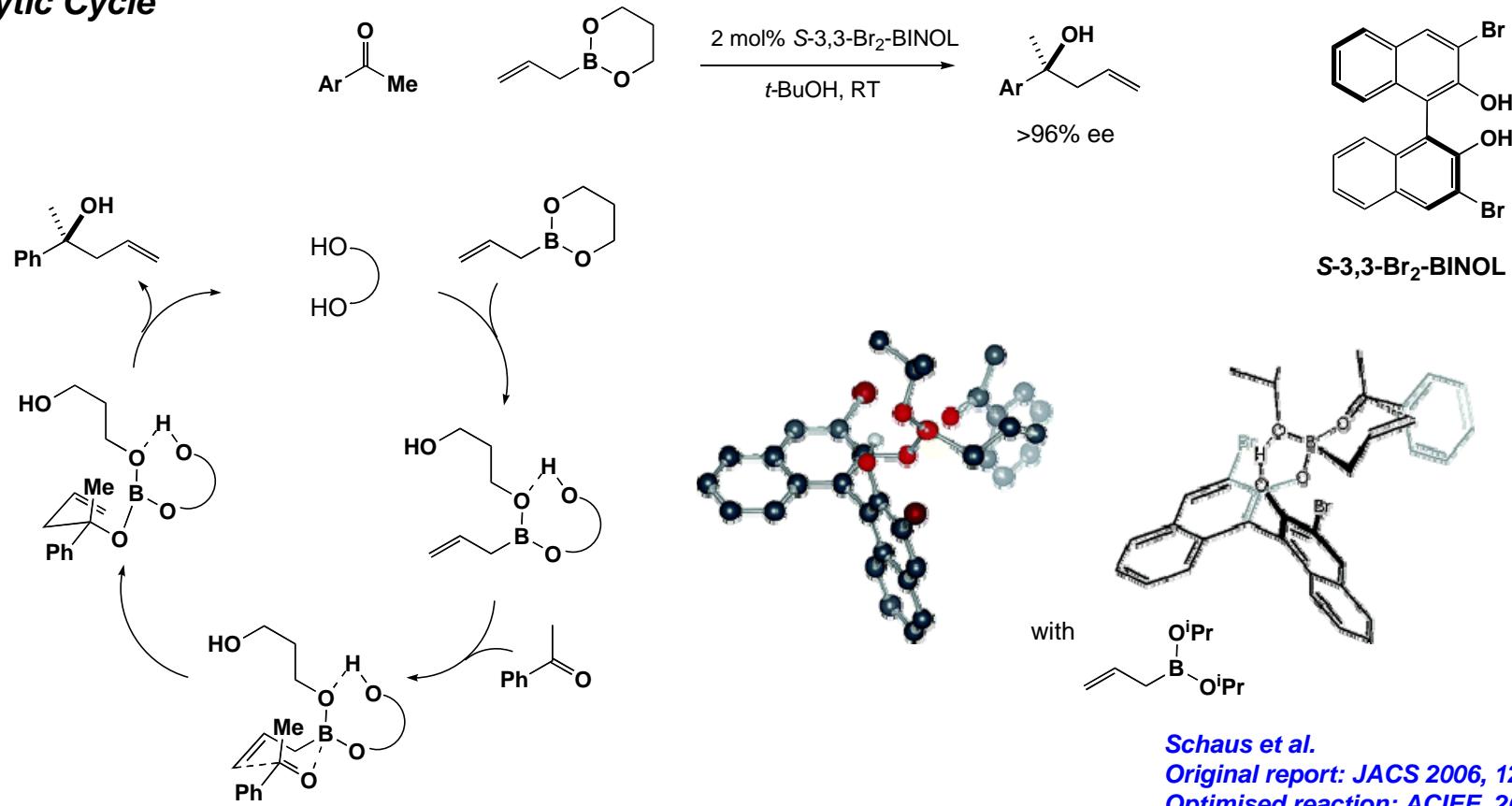


Shibasaki reported CuF₂-DUPHOS system in 2004 (~80% ee)
JACS 2004, 126, 8910; For review, see: Chem. Rev. 2008, 108, 2853

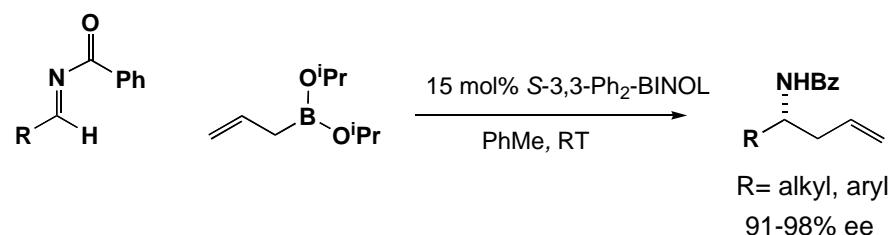
Schaus et al.
Original report: JACS 2006, 128, 12660
Optimised reaction: ACIEE, 2009, 48, 1

Schaus's organocatalytic allylboration

Catalytic Cycle



With acyl imines

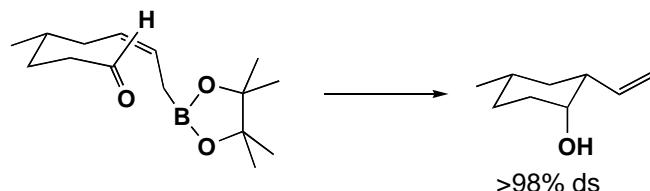


- NB - reversal of facial selectivity
- High ee's
- Crotylations also very efficient

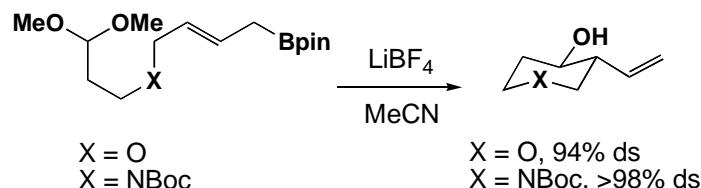
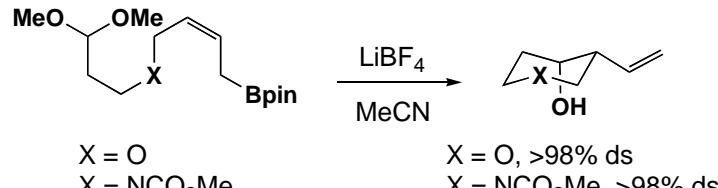
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Substrate-directed allylborations

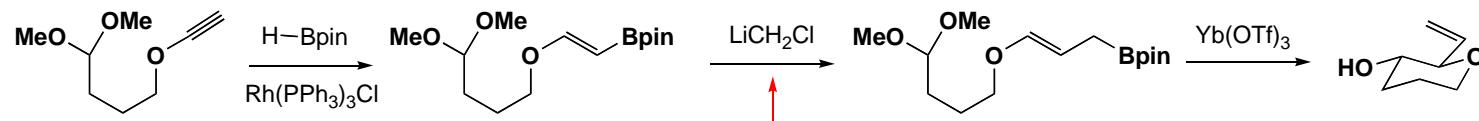
R. W. Hoffmann intramolecular allylations



Liebigs Ann. Chem. 1993, 1185

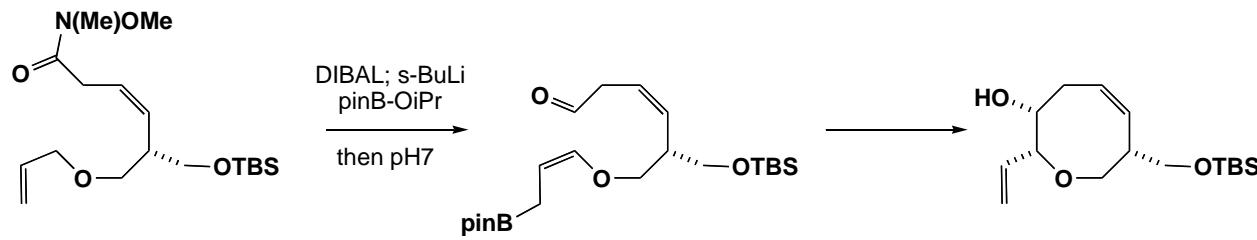


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Matteson: Organometallics 1985, 4, 1687
Brown: JOC 1986, 51, 3150

Synthesis of medium ring ethers



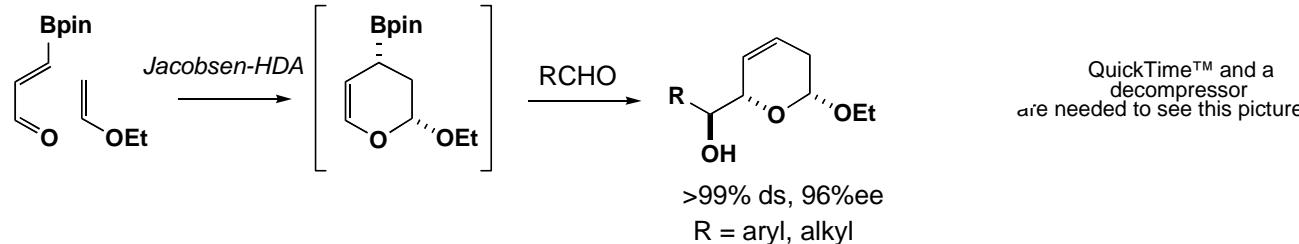
laurencin core

JACS 1997, 119, 7499

For an overview, see: Hoffmann et al. ACS Symposium Series 783, Organoboranes for Synthesis, P. V. Ramachandran, H. C. Brown, Ed., Ch 12, pp 160-175, American Chemical Society, Washington, DC, 2000

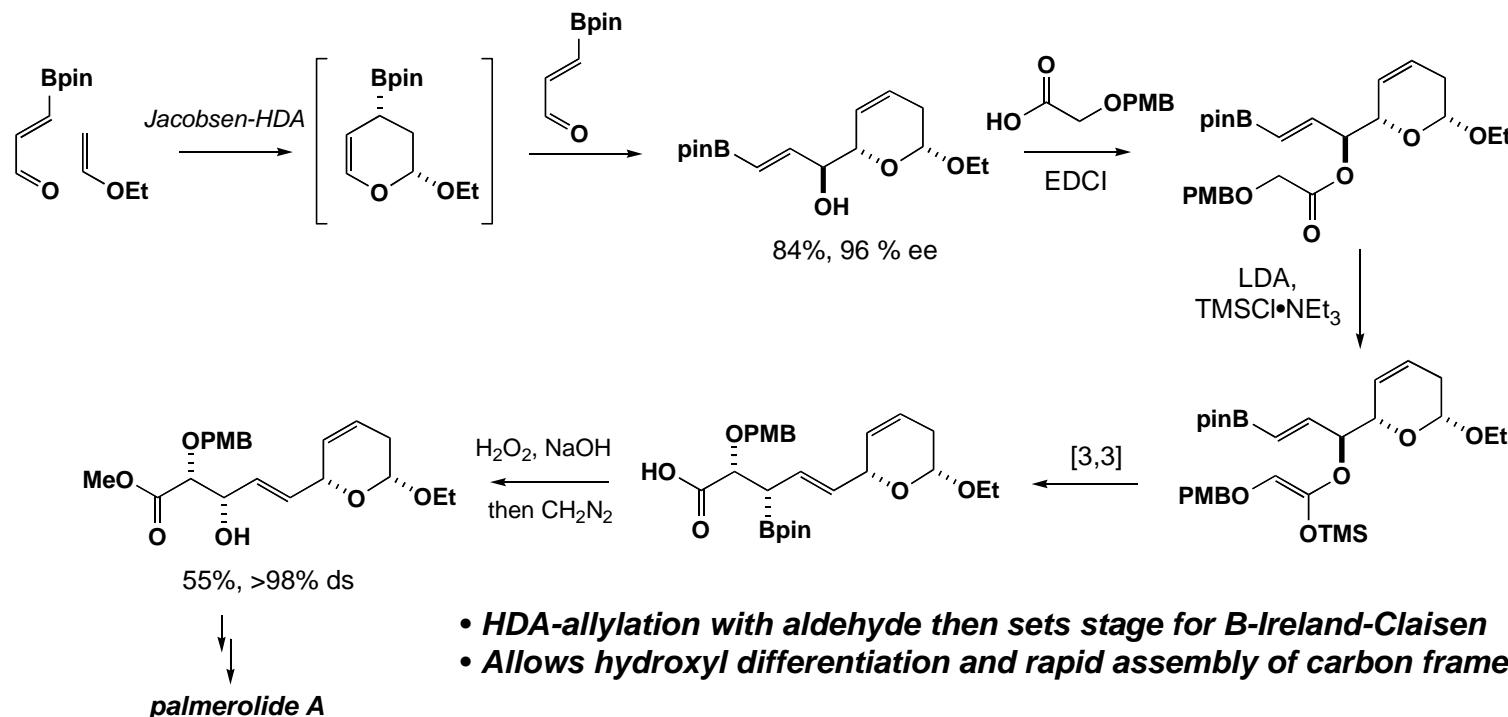
Substrate-directed allylborations

Hall's sequential HDA-allylation



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 Jacobsen HDA, see: ACIEE 2002, 41, 3059

Application in Synthesis

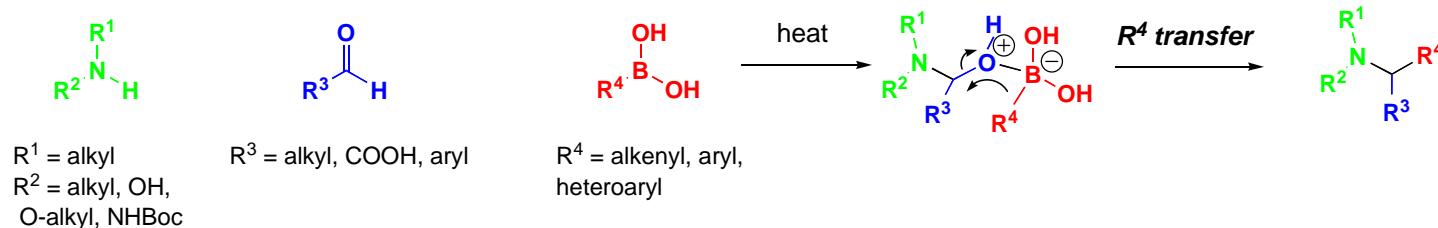


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Vinylations and Homologations

Petasis Reaction

General Scheme

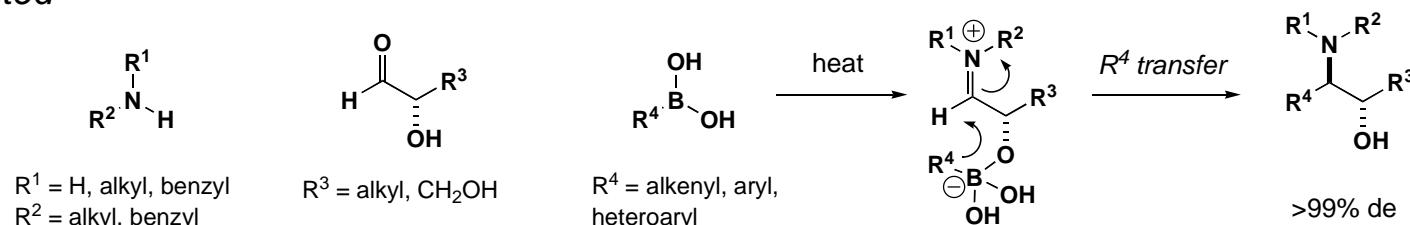


- Formation of hemiaminal, followed by ate formation
- Transfer of alkenyl or aryl group from intermediate ate complex gives allylic/benzylic amine products
- Mechanism remains a point of discussion

TL, 1993, 34, 583; Tetrahedron 1997, 53, 16463; JACS 1997, 119, 445

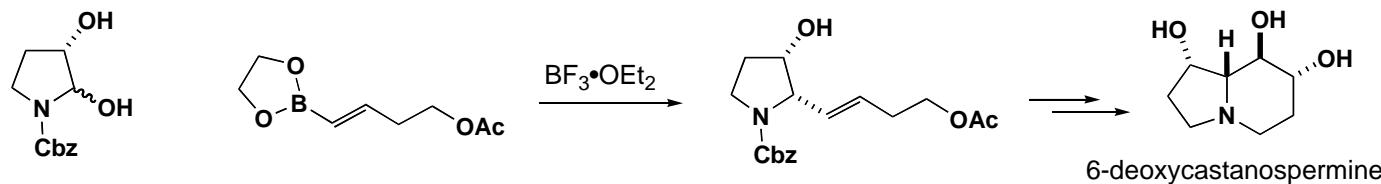
Modifications

Hydroxyl-Directed



JACS 1998, 120, 11798

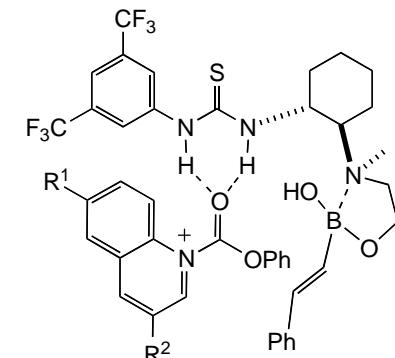
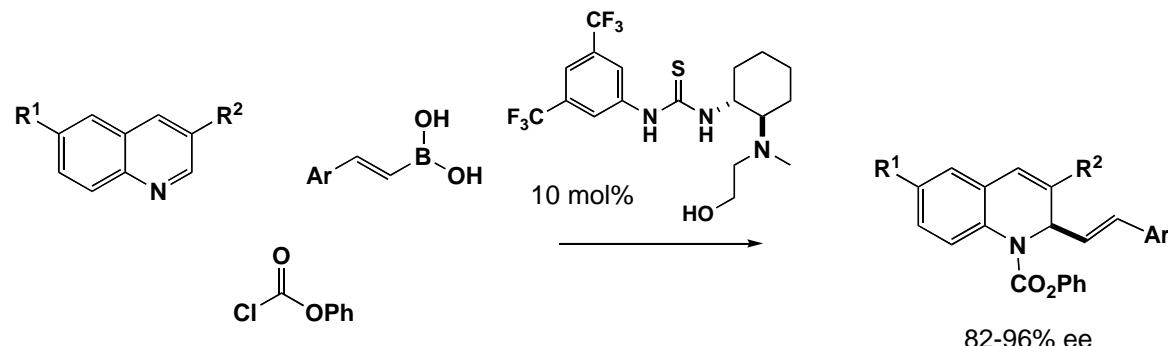
Cyclic N-acyliminium



Batey et al. JACS 1999, 121, 5075; TL 2000, 41, 9935

Asymmetric Petasis Reactions

Takemoto - 2007

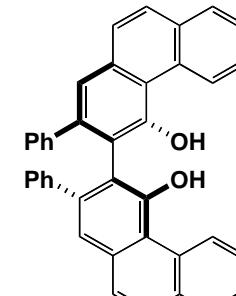
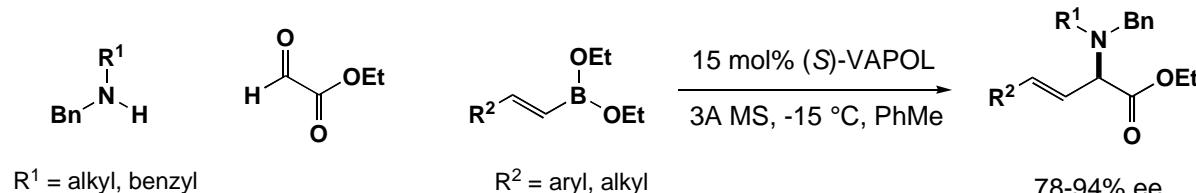


TS-concept

- *Vinylation of N-acylated quinolines catalysed by isothiourea*

[Takemoto et al. JACS 2007, 129, 6687](#)

Schaus - 2008

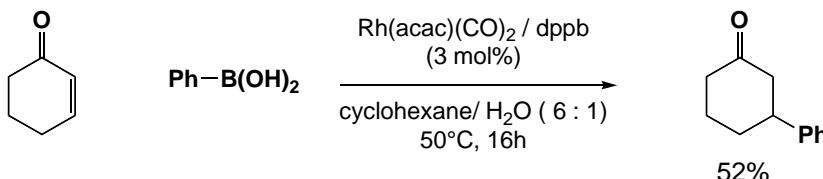


- *First asymmetric variant of classical Petasis reaction catalysed by chiral biphenol*
- *Need to use ethyl glyoxalate to achieve high ee's*
- *Tolerates range of FGs in both amine and vinyl boronate*

[Lou & Schaus JACS 2008, 130, 6922](#)

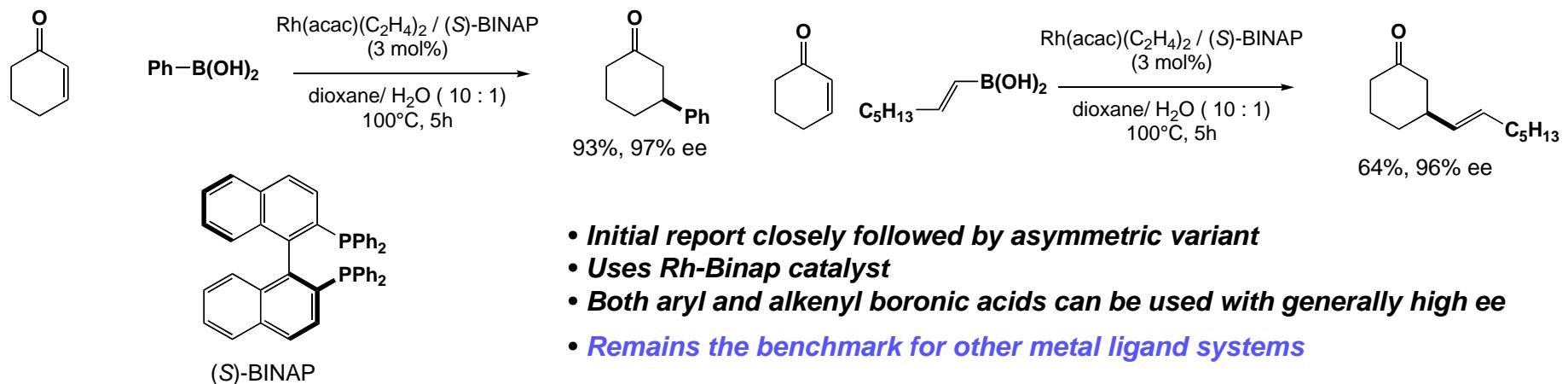
Rh-mediated 1,4-addition of Boronic Acids

Miyaura-Hayashi 1997



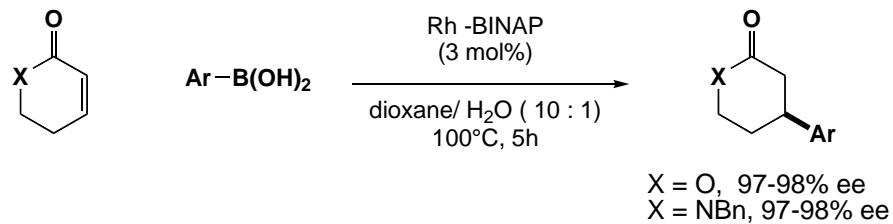
Asymmetric: Miyaura-Hayashi 1998

Miyaura, Hayashi et al. Organometallics 1997, 16, 4229



Miyaura, Hayashi et al. JACS 1998, 120, 5579

Esters and amides



- High ee's for cyclic lactone/lactams
- Comparable ee's for acyclic systems under same conditions

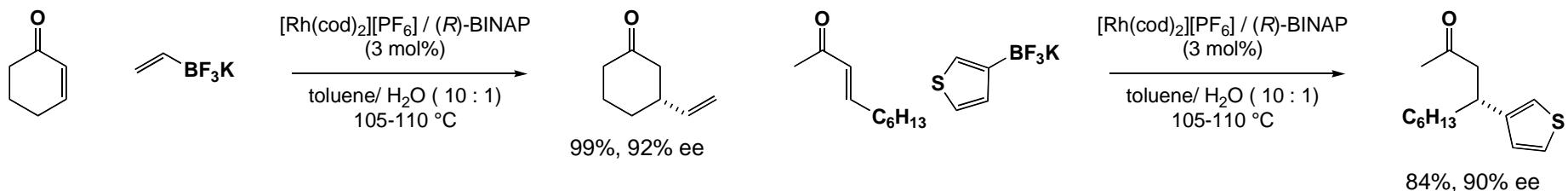
Esters: Hayashi et al. Tetrahedron: Asymmetry 1999, 10, 4047

Amides: Hayashi et al. JOC 2001, 66, 6852

For review, see: Chem. Rev. 2003, 103, 2829

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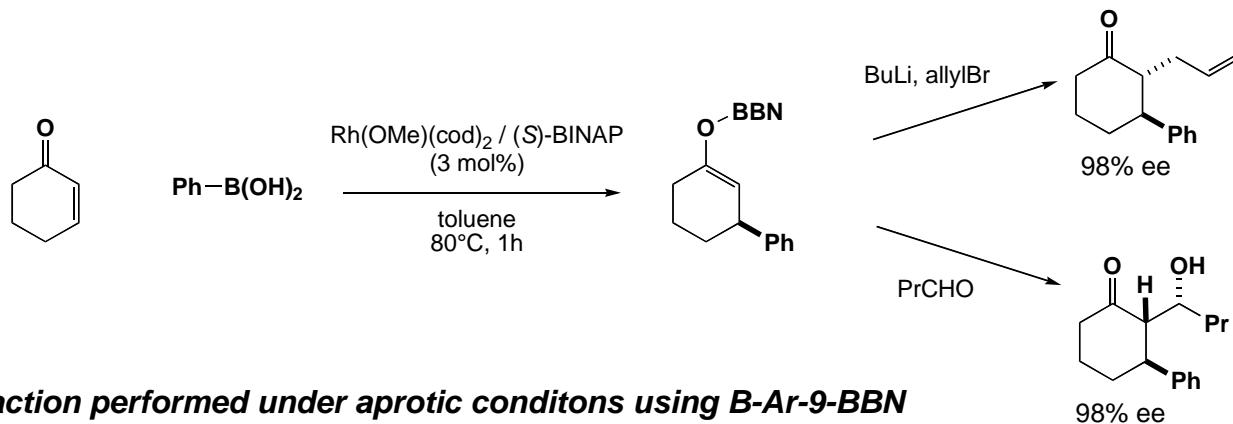
Addition of organotrifluoroborates



- Extended to include organotrifluoroborates (easier to handle, greater stability)
- Addition of vinyl group - not possible with vinyl boronic acid

Genet et al. TL 2002, 43, 6155; EJOC 2002, 3552

Tandem 1,4-additon - alkylation/aldol reaction



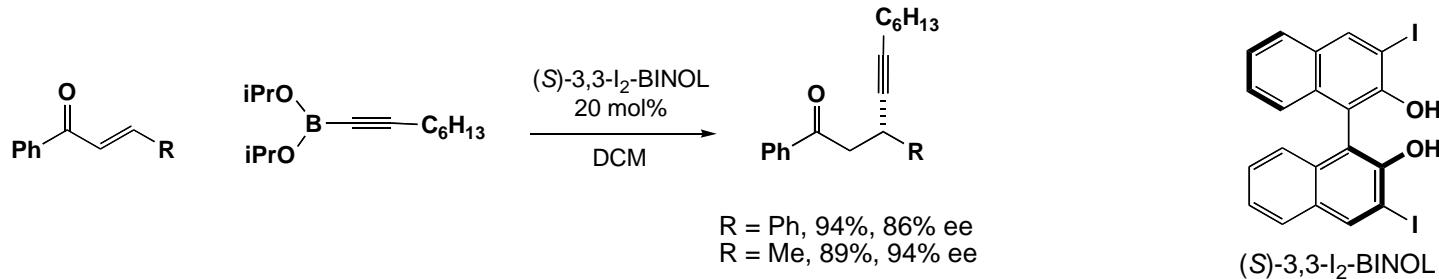
Reaction performed under aprotic conditions using B-Ar-9-BBN
 Intermediate Rh-enolate transmetallates back to 9-BBN-enolate
 Followed by direct aldol addition
 Or further transmetallation with BuLi enables alkylation

Hayashi et al. JOC 2003, 68, 1901

For review, see: *Chem. Rev. 2003, 103, 2829*

Organocatalytic 1,4-additions of Boronic Esters

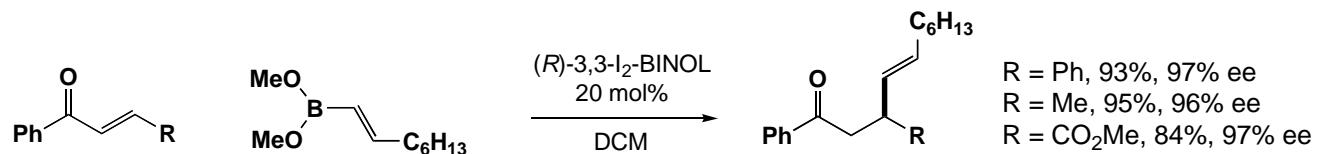
Asymmetric Alkylation: Chong 2005



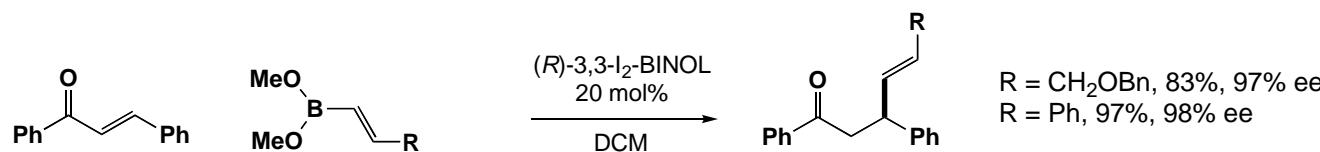
- Asymmetric addition of alkynylboronic ester to enones
- Enone must contain aryl group to achieve high ee
- Chong proposes complete ligand exchange with catalyst- see Schaus allylation for alternative view

Wu & Chong JACS 2005, 127, 3244

Asymmetric Alkenylation: Chong 2007



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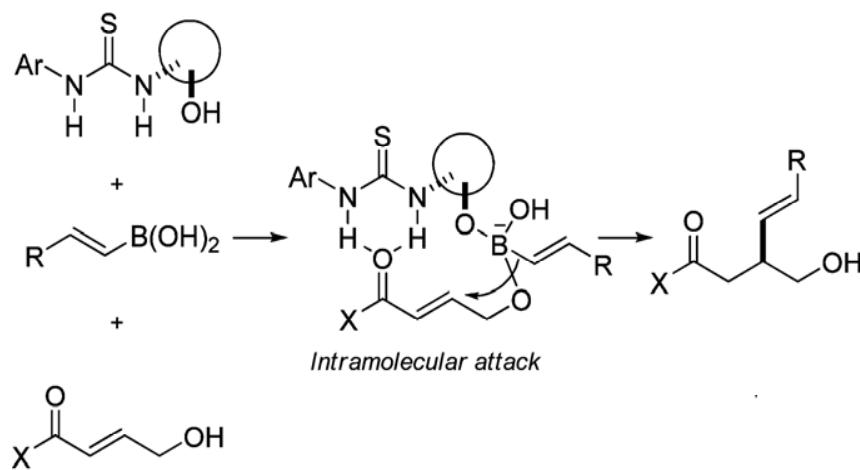
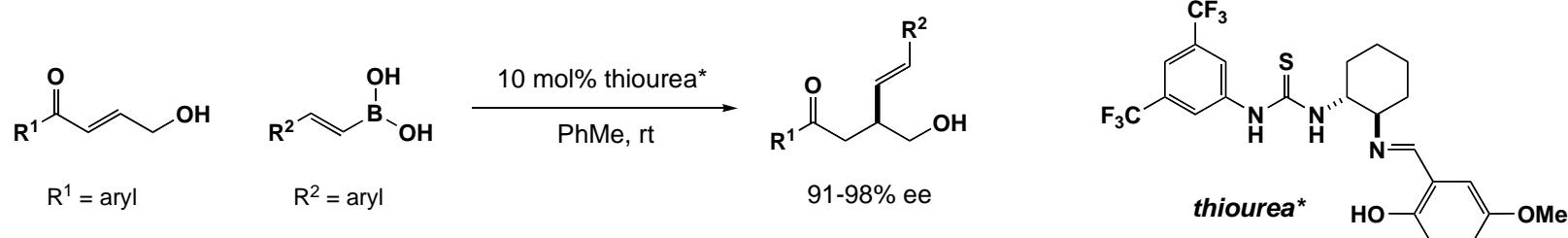
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- Analogous alkenylation also proceeds with high ee
- Trisubstituted alkenylboronic esters can also be used
- Possible TS's shown for (R)-3,3-I₂-BINOL

Wu & Chong JACS 2007, 129, 4908

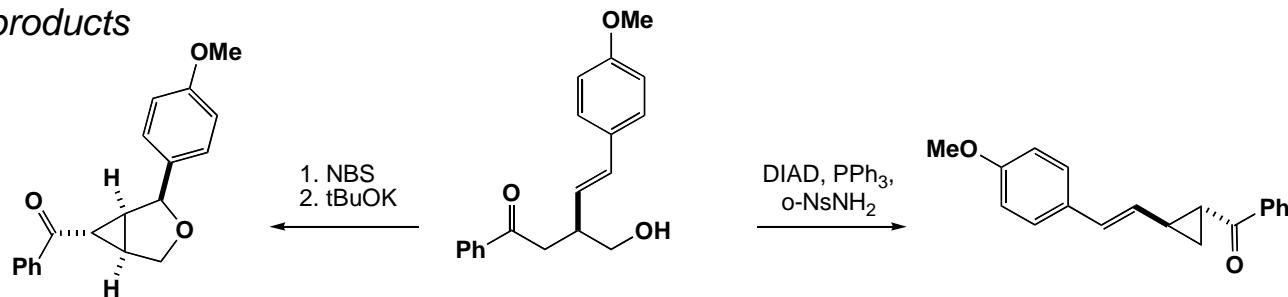
Organocatalytic 1,4-additions of Boronic Acids

Takemoto 2009

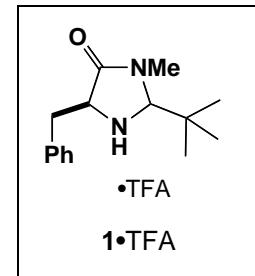
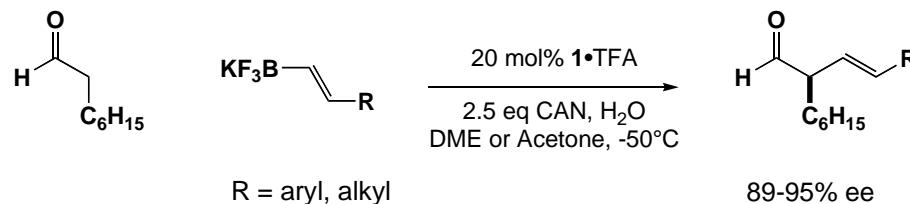


- Combination of hydrogen bonding to isothiourea and formation of ate complex between substrate, boronic ester and catalyst prior to intramolecular transfer

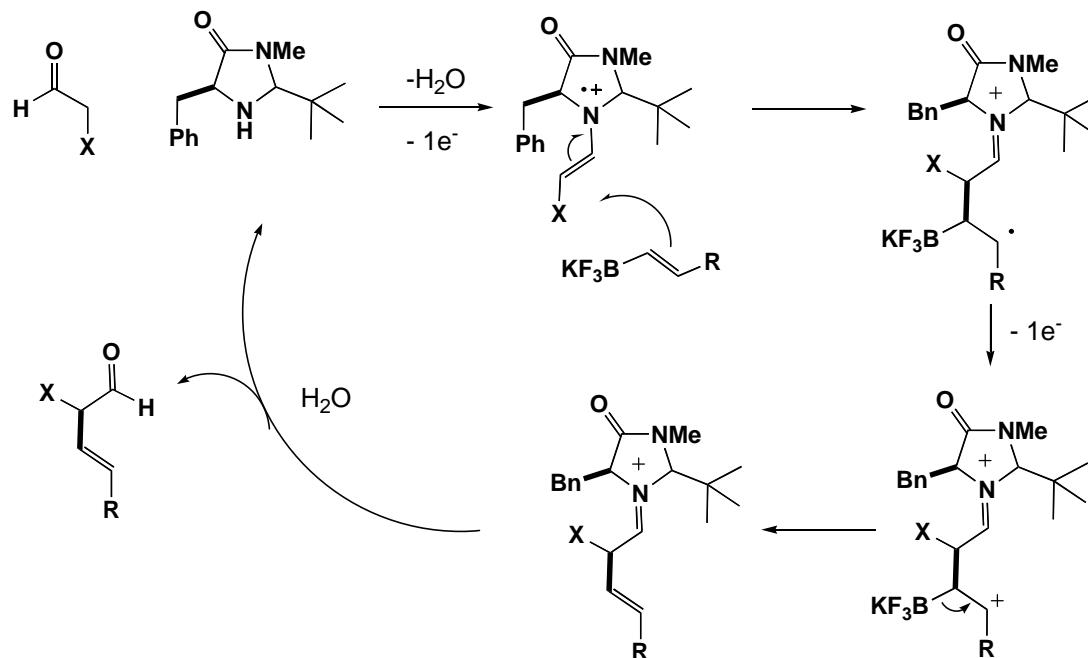
Derivitisation of products



MacMillan's α -vinylation of aldehydes

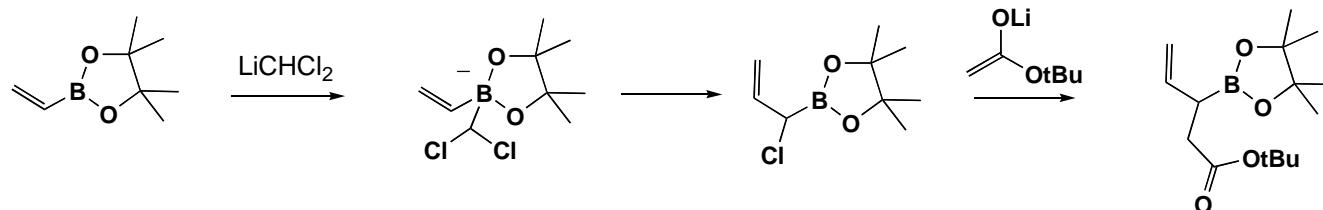


- *Organo-SOMO catalysis -*
- *Applicable to range of aliphatic aldehydes with high selectivity*



- *Single electron oxidation of intermediate enamine*
- *Radical cation then undergoes reaction with alkene*
- *Further single electron oxidation of intermediate radical*
- *Dicationic species then undergoes Peterson-like trans-elimination of boron trifluoride*

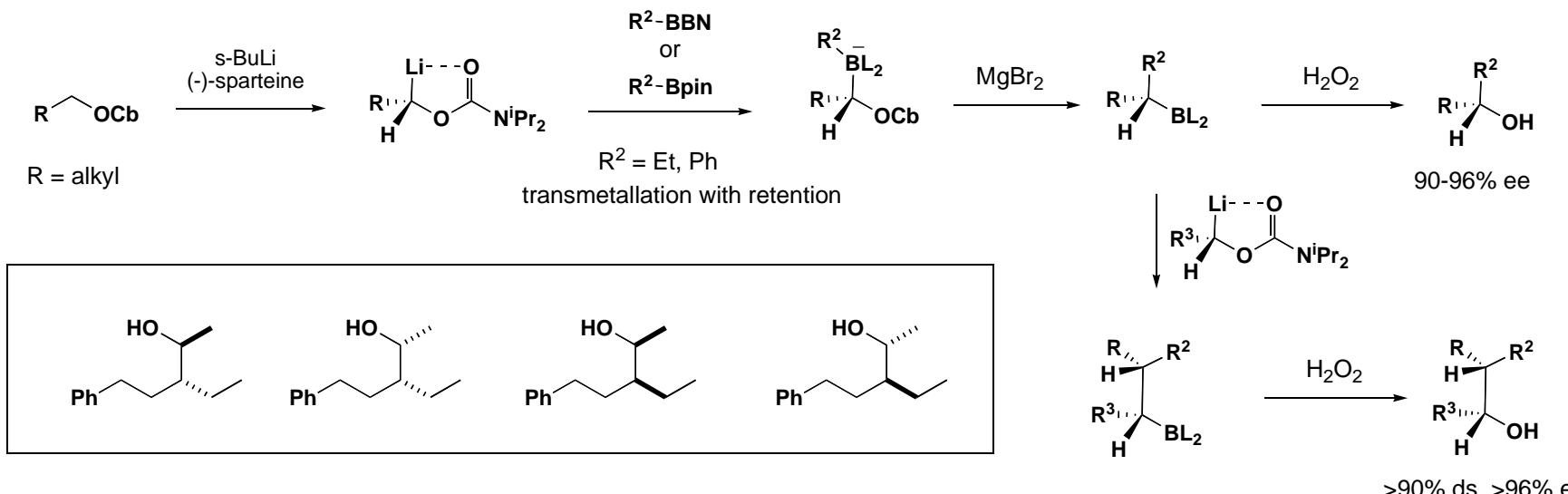
Aggarwal's Homologation of Boranes and Boronic Esters



- Matteson reported the homologation of boronic esters in 1980 using LiCHCl_2
- Use of chiral pinane diol ester enabled asymmetric version - though applications limited

Matteson et al. JACS, 1980, 102, 7588 & 7590

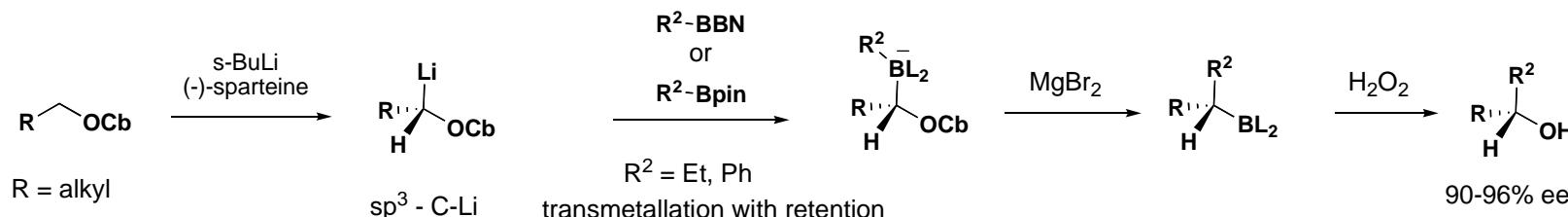
- Alternative would be to use chiral deprotonation - Aggarwal 2007



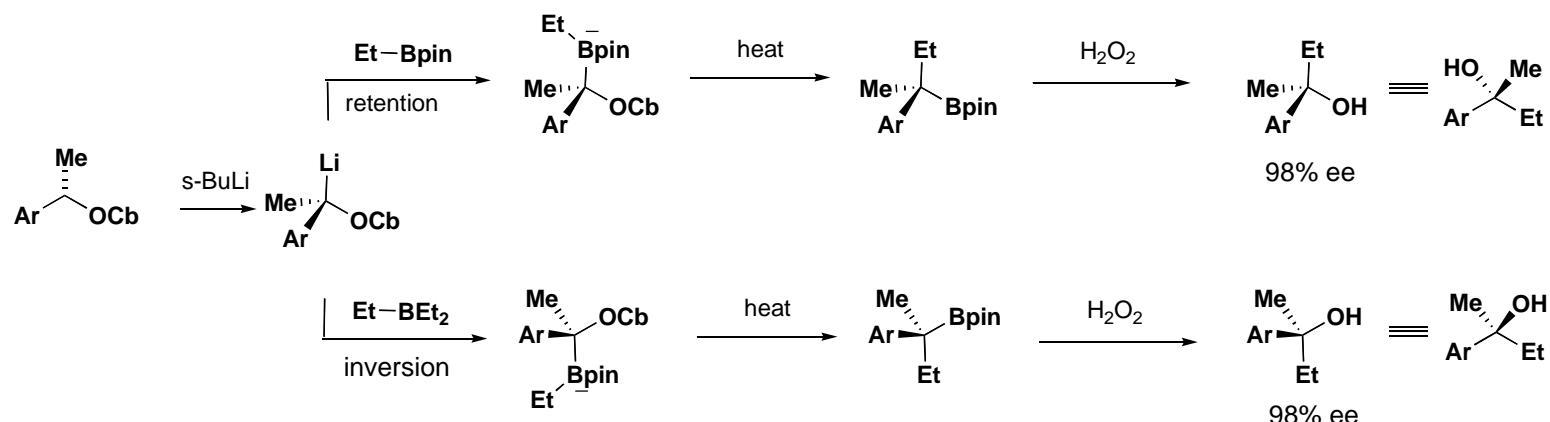
- Utilises Hoppe's chiral deprotonation to give stabilized lithiated carbamates
- Reaction with alkyl/aryl boranes or boronates proceeds with retention
- Migration of alkyl/aryl group from B to C -
- Further iterations possible by sequential addition of lithiated carbamate/migration process
- Either enantiomer of lithiated carbamate available by use of appropriate sparteine/ sparteine surrogate

Aggarwal et al. ACIEE 2007, 46, 7491

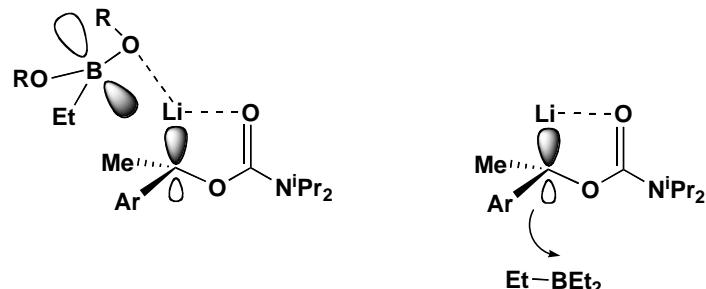
Aggarwal's Homologation of Boranes and Boronic Esters



- For R = alkyl: transmetallation occurs with retention- C-Li sp³ hybridised



- With substituted benzylic-type carbamates - lithiated carbamate has more sp² character, resulting in flatter anion - interaction with Ar group

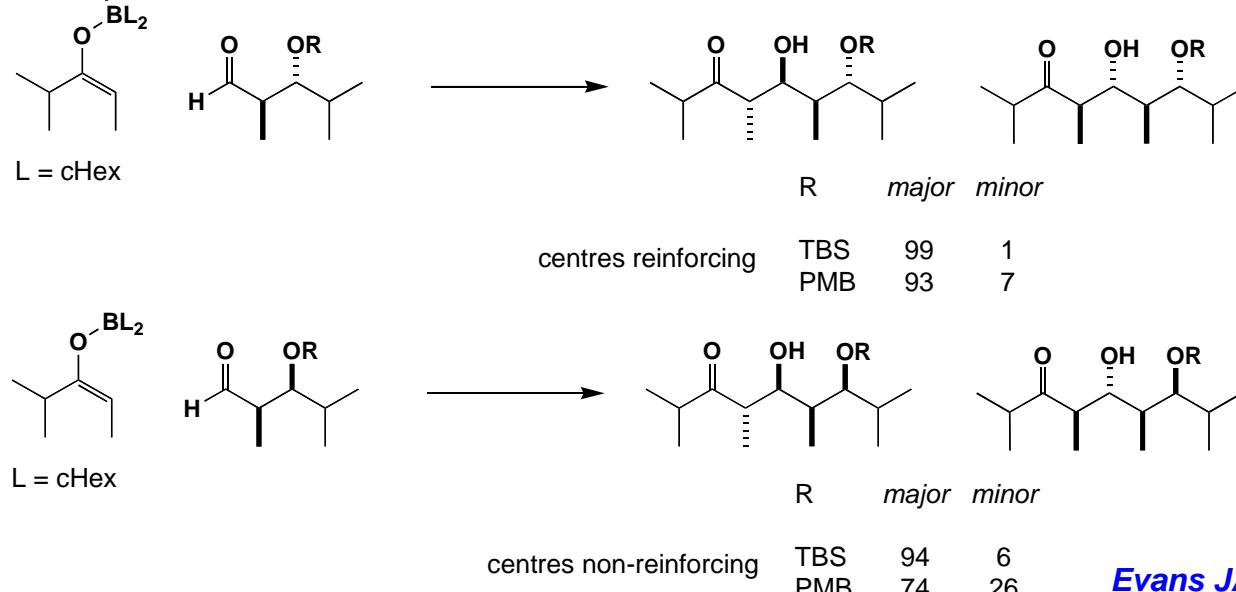


- For boronic ester- interaction with Li and OR group of boronic ester delivers on same face as metal -retention
- For borane- no complexation and significant electron density on opposite face - inversion

Extras

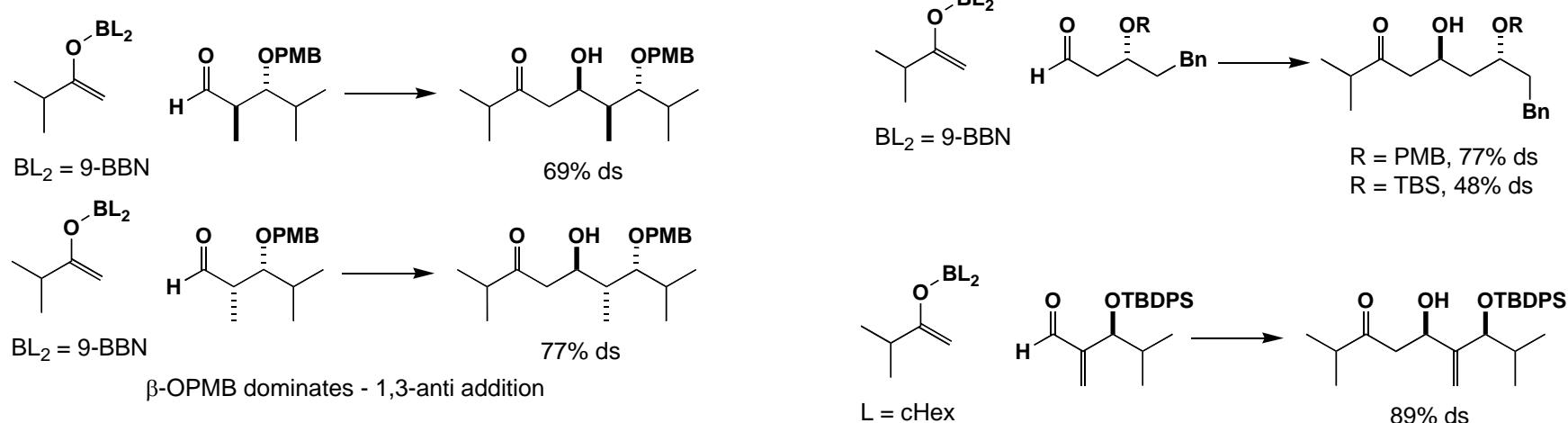
β -alkoxy aldehydes

For E-enolates - effect of β -oxygen is moderate, Felkin adduct predominates

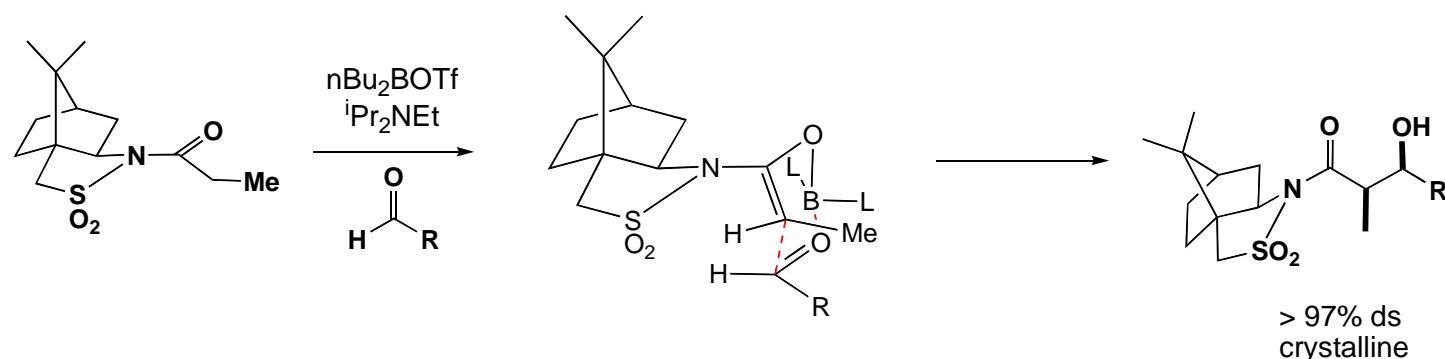


Evans JACS 1995, 117, 9073

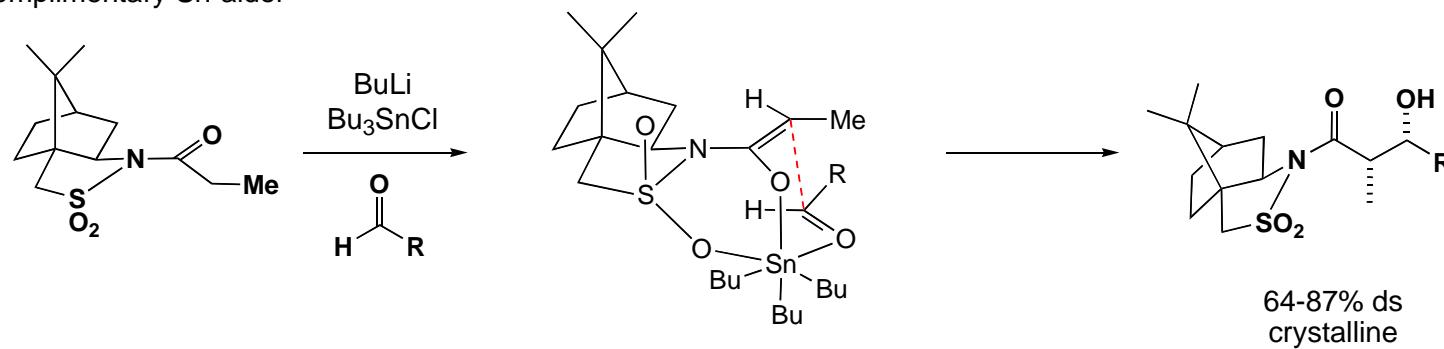
For methyl ketones - effect of β -oxygen is not so predictable



Chiral Auxiliaries: Oppolzer's Sultam

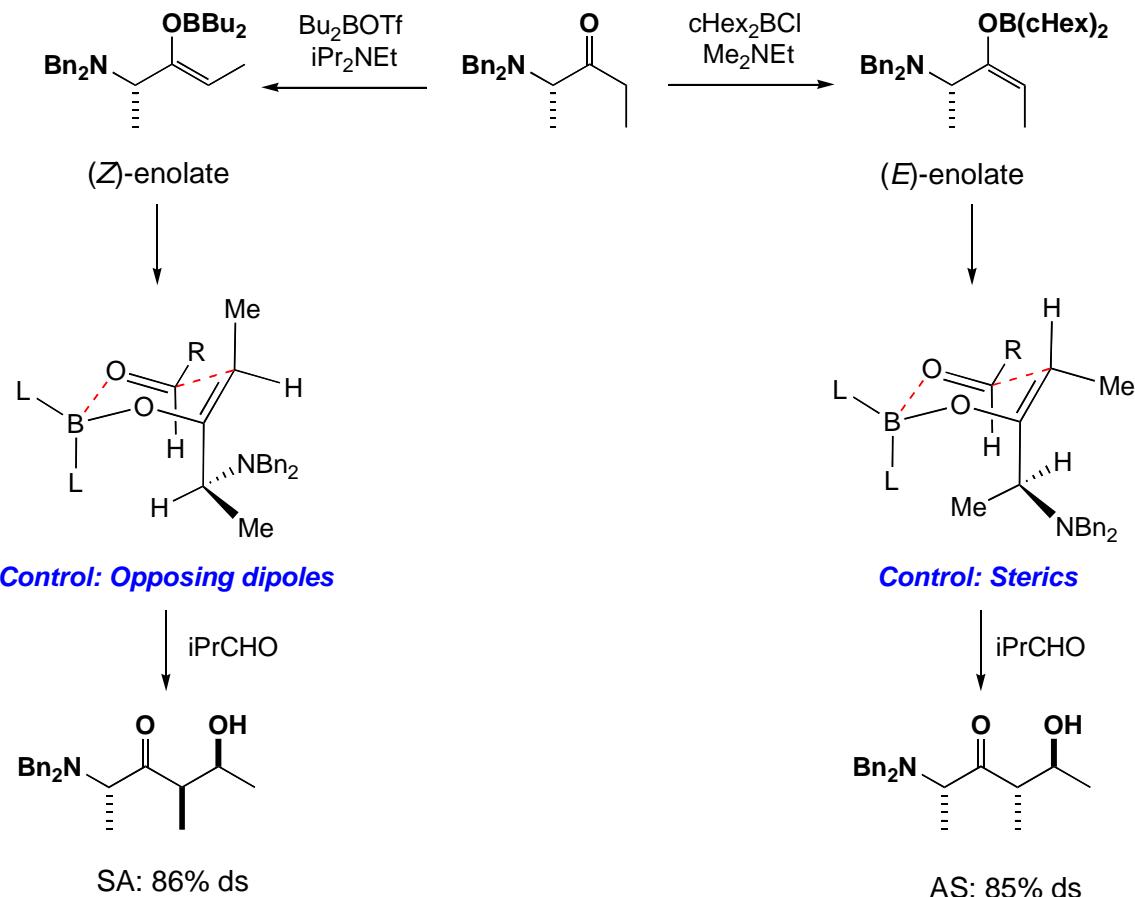


Complimentary Sn-aldol



Substrate Control: α -amino ethyl ketones

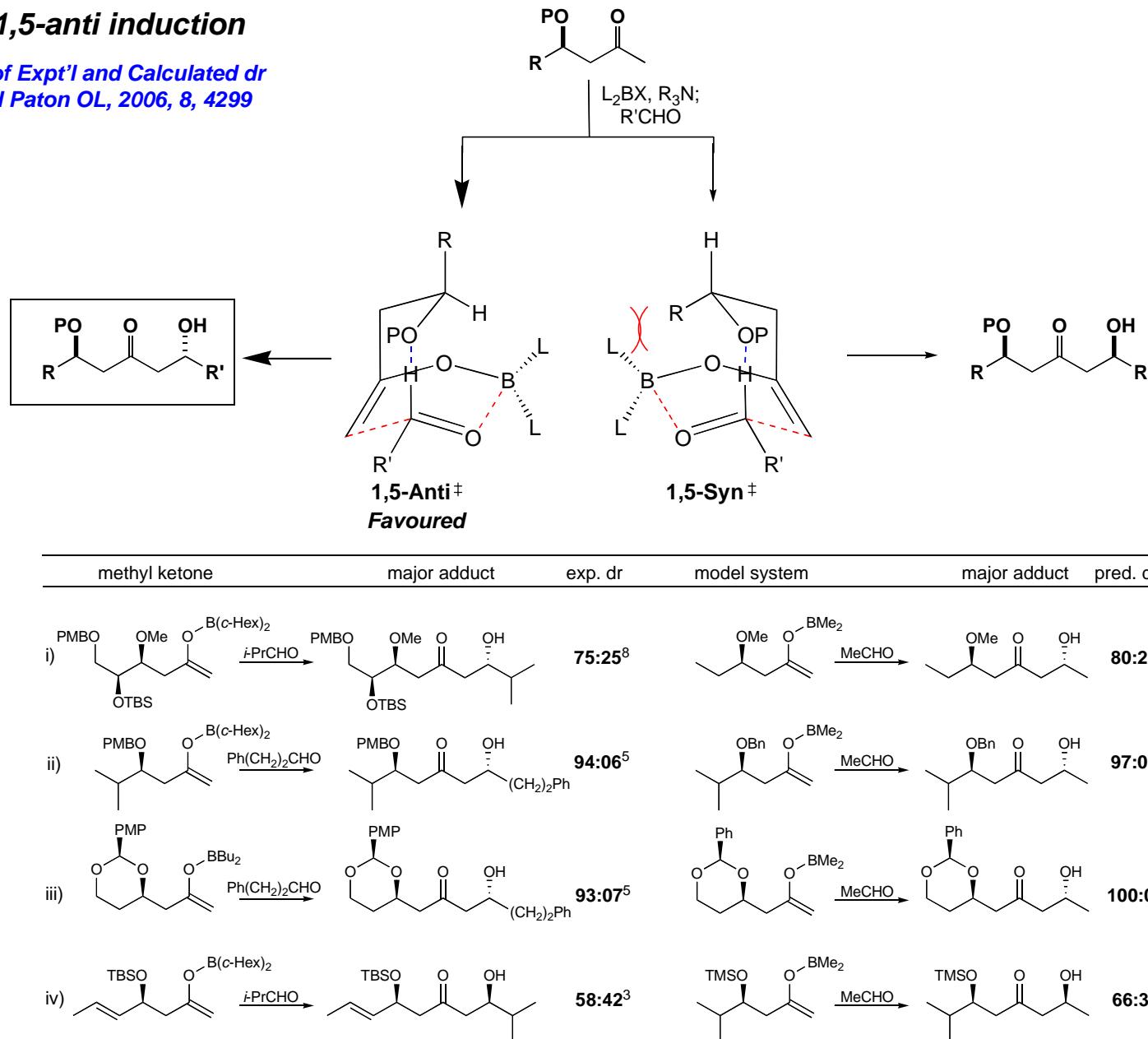
α -amino ethyl ketones



Substrate Control - β -oxygenated methyl ketones

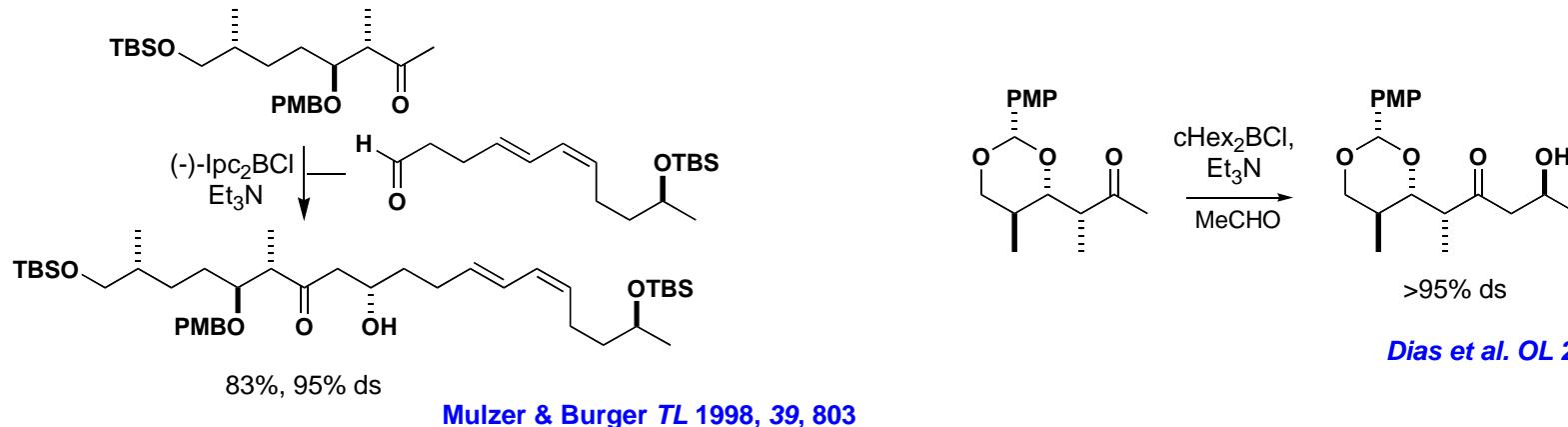
Origin of 1,5-anti induction

Comparison of Expt'l and Calculated dr
Goodman and Paton OL, 2006, 8, 4299

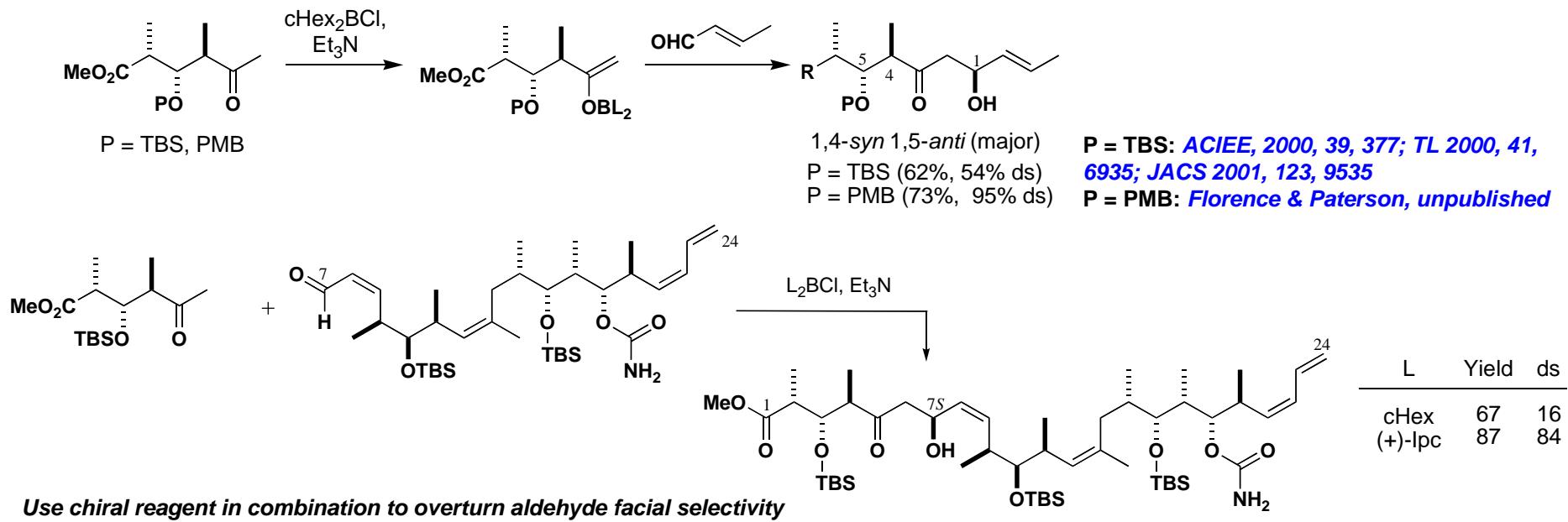


Substrate Control: Merging 1,4- and 1,5-induction

combine effects to increase selectivity

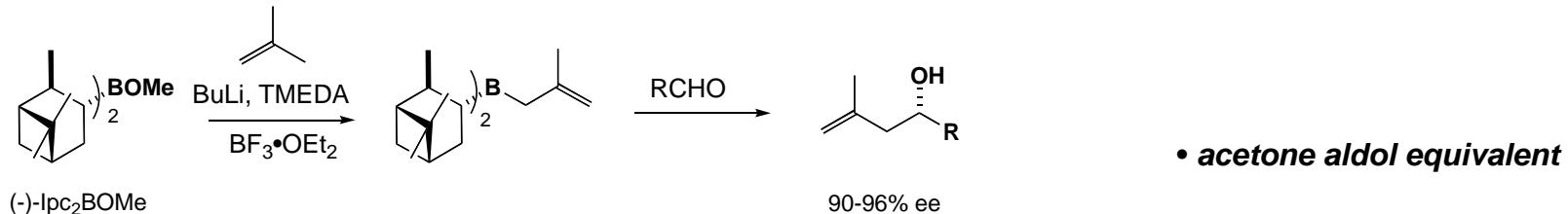


Paterson discodermolide synthesis



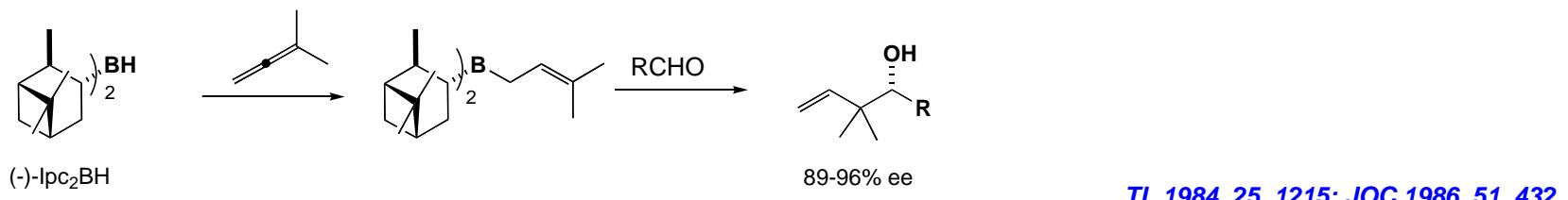
Asymmetric Allylboration: Brown's Ipc-Reagent Diversity

Methallylation

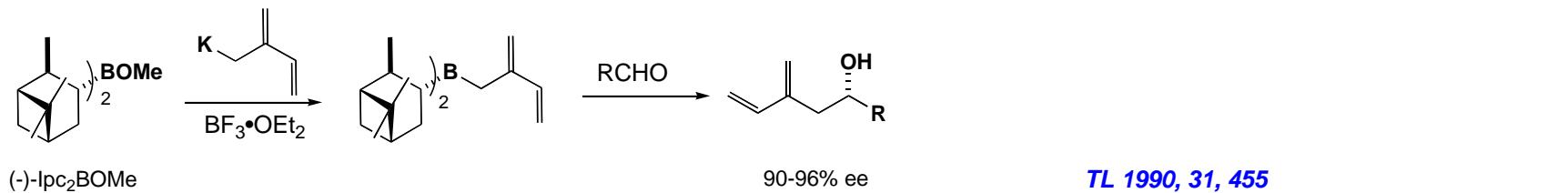


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Isoprenylation

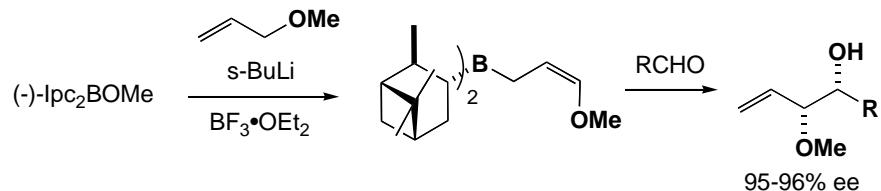


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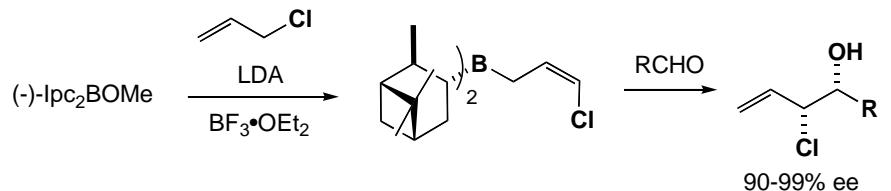
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methoxyallylation



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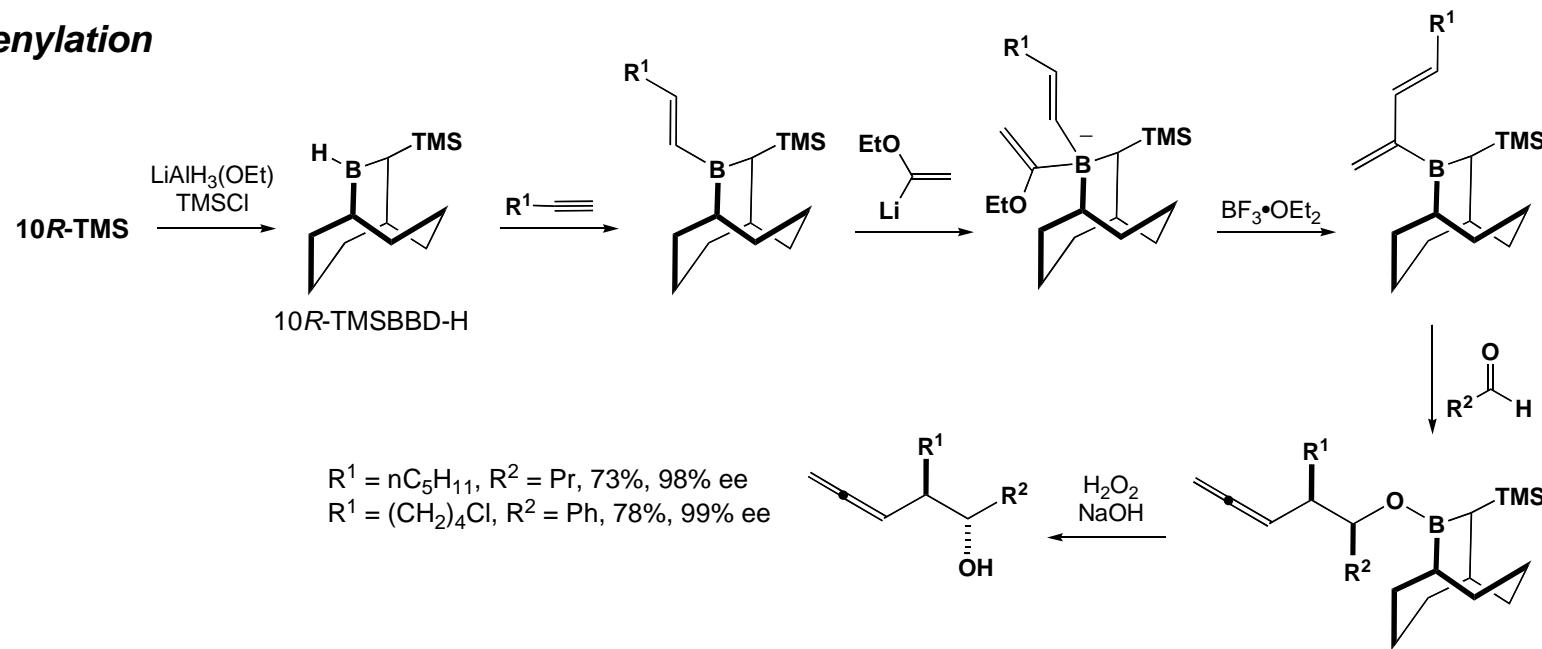
chloroallylation



Hu, Jayaraman & Oehlschlager JOC 1996, 61, 7513

Asymmetric Allylboration: Soderquist's 10-TMS-9-BBD Reagents

Anti-allenylation



- Sequential alkyne hydroboration-insertion-allylation to give 1,2-anti-3-allenes
- Tolerates wide-range of terminal alkynes
- High levels of selectivity
- Syn variant is also comparable

syn-allenylation

