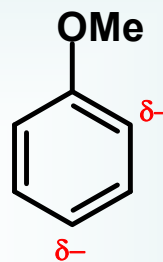
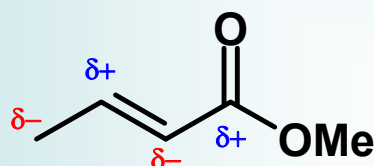


# Organometallics in Organic Synthesis

## 1. So who cares (i.e., why?)

-Pattern of reactivity of organic compounds is imposed on molecule by existing functional groups



- By default, this limits what you can do with the compound
- Coordination of a metal fragment can change this completely  
i.e., can render – an electrophilic species nucleophilic
  - a nucleophilic species electrophilic
  - can make a normally unstable molecule stable
  - can make a stable molecule reactive
  - can make impossible reactions possible

## The (Very) Basics of Organometallics

### -The 18 Electron Rule

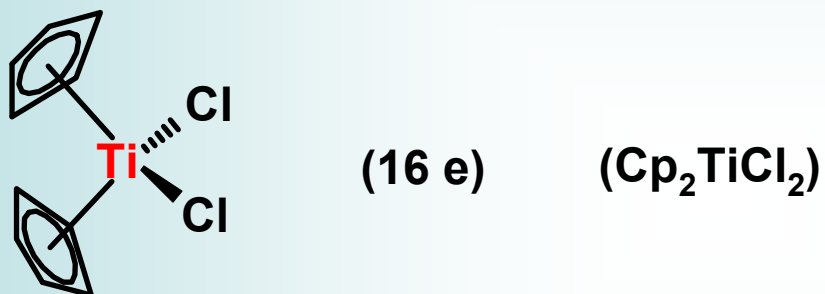
Most (middle) transition metal complexes prefer having 18 valence electrons ( $2s + 6p + 10d$ )

For transition metal complexes in the 0 oxidation state

4e	5e	6e	7e	8e	9e	10e
Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni
Zr	Nb	Mo	Ru	Rh	Pd	
Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt

-The 18 e rule is followed most closely in complexes of middle transition metals (Cr to Co)

-As for early transition metal complexes, it's usually too difficult to get enough ligands around the metal to get it to 18 e (i.e., Ti)



- As for late transition metal complexes (Ni, Pd, Pt), particularly the square planar  $\text{M}^{\text{II}}\text{L}_4$  complexes

- tend to be very stable as 16 e<sup>-</sup> complexes

- energy gap to 9<sup>th</sup> orbital is quite big; molecule is quite willing not to fill that orbital

To count to 18 (or 16), need e<sup>-</sup>'s from ligands

- I'll adopt a 'radical approach' – not only valid one

## A) Inorganic Ligands

1e<sup>-</sup>

-X

-H

-R

2e<sup>-</sup>

R<sub>3</sub>P:

(RO)<sub>3</sub>P:

R-C≡N:

R-N≡C:

R<sub>3</sub>N:

R<sub>2</sub>S:

R<sub>2</sub>O:

3e<sup>-</sup>

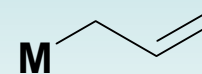
NO (usually) nitrosyl complexes

# Organic Ligands - Part 1

$\eta^1 (1 e^-)$

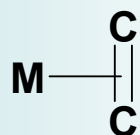
-R (alkyls)

-Ph (aryls)

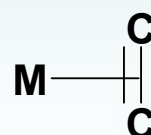


( $\sigma$ -allyls)

$\eta^2 (2 e^-)$

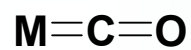
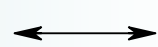
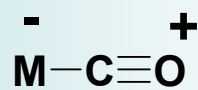


(alkenes)

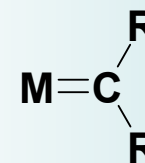


(alkynes)

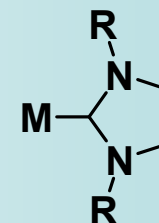
$\eta^1 (2e^-)$



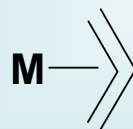
(carbonyl ligands)



(carbenes, alkylidenes)



$\eta^3 (3e^-)$



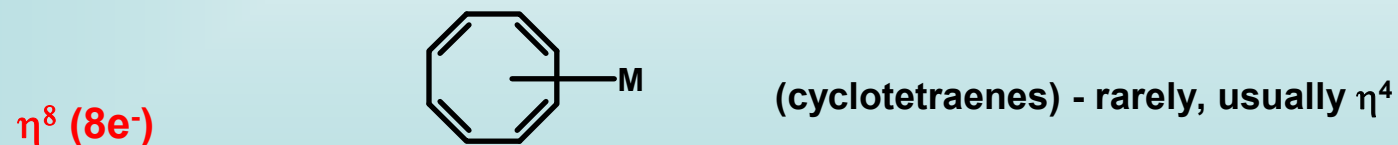
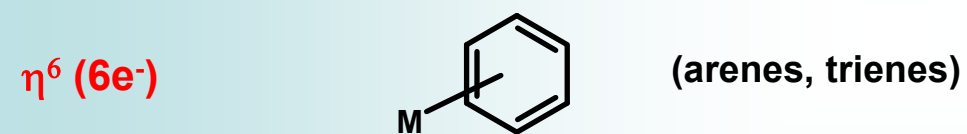
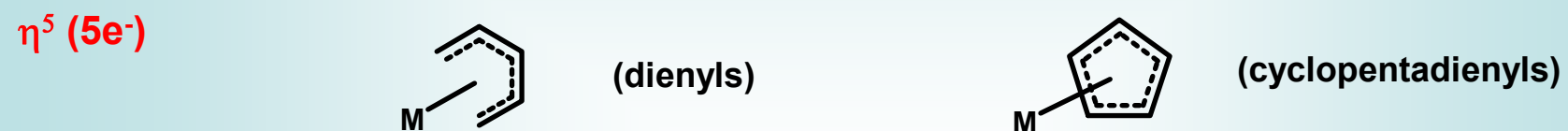
( $\pi$ -allyls)

$\eta^1 (3e^-)$

$M \equiv C - R$

(carbynes)

## Organic Ligands, Cont'd.



So.....

The number of electrons on the free metal

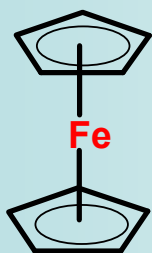
+ sum of the  $\eta$  number of the hydrocarbon ligands + sum of the electrons donated by other ligands

+ any negative charge on the complex

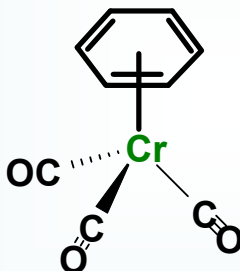
- positive charge on the complex

Should = 18 normally

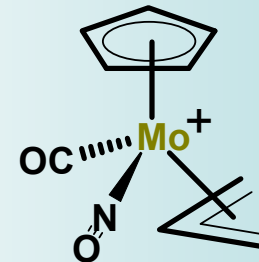
Many exceptions with early or late transition metals ; works best with middle transition metals



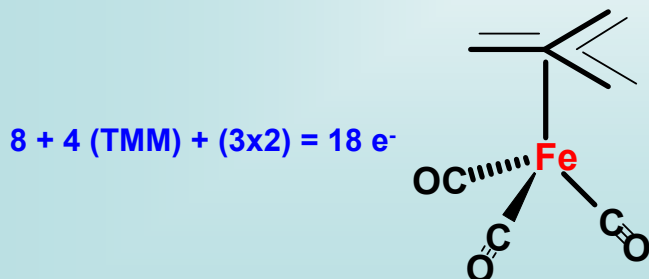
$$8 (\text{Fe}) + (2 \times 5) = 18e^-$$



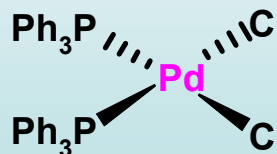
$$6 (\text{Cr}) + 6 (\text{Ph}) + (3 \times 2) = 18 e^-$$



$$6 (\text{Mo}) + 5 (\text{Cp}) + 2 + 3 + 3 - 1 = 18 e^-$$



$$8 + 4 (\text{TMM}) + (3 \times 2) = 18 e^-$$



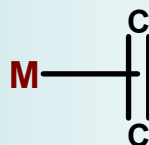
$$10 (\text{Pd}) + (2 \times 2) + (2 \times 1) = \underline{16} e^-$$

## Bonding of Hydrocarbon Ligands

- In its simplest form, bonding of the  $\pi$ - system to a transition metal fragment is based on the

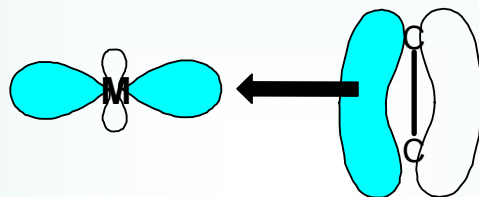
### Dewar-Chatt-Duncanson Model

Consider



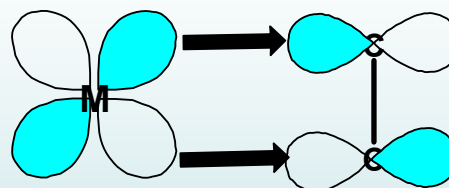
- There are two contributions to bonding

1) Ligand to Metal Donation



Note: this is not a  $\pi$ - bond, but rather a  $\sigma$ - bond

2) Metal to Ligand Back Donation



Note: this is a  $\pi$ - bond

Dewar, M. J. S. *Bull. Chim. Soc. Fr.* **1951**, C71.

Chatt, J.; Duncanson, L. A. *J. Chem. Soc.* **1953**, 2939.

For higher level descriptions:

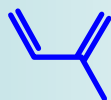
$\eta^3$ ,  $\eta^4$ ,  $\eta^5$  - see Yamamoto, A., p. 58-72

$\eta^6$  - see Collman, Hegedus, Norton, Finke p. 43-47<sup>8</sup>

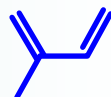


## Consequences of Bonding of Hydrocarbon Ligands

- 1) - In the alkene, the C=C bond is made weaker by complexation
- 2) - The ligand may be made more *or* less electron rich by complexation  
-depends on case
- 3) - The organic fragment often loses its only plane of symmetry  
-for example

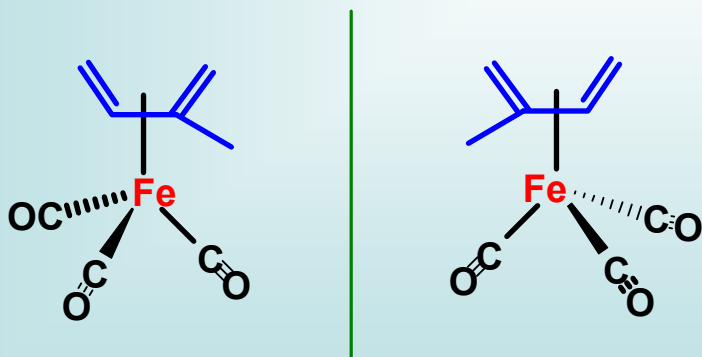


and



are the same compound

But.....

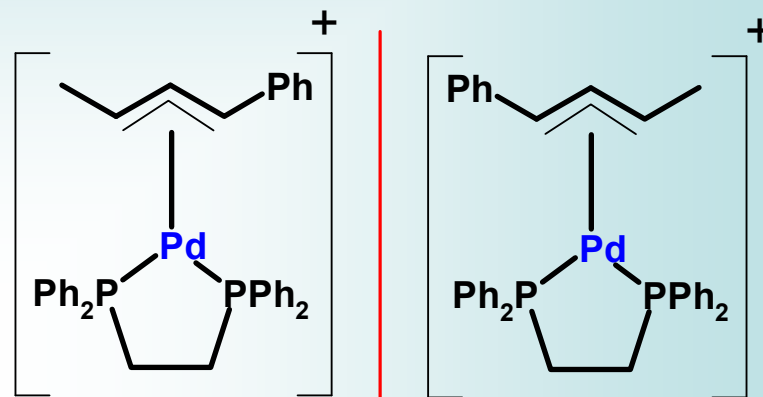
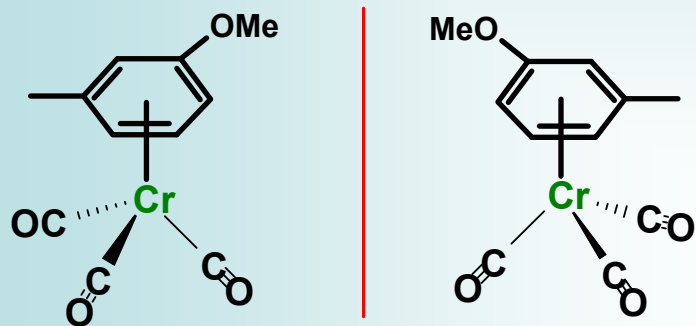


mirror image

These are not the same compound  
- the plane of symmetry is destroyed

No non-superimposable mirror images  
Enantiomers

## Other examples



Same situation: Each pair is enantiomeric

## Basic Organometallic Reactions

There are several additional fundamental types of reactions in organometallic chemistry

The more complex reactions are normally some combination of these fundamental ones

### 1) Lewis Acid Dissociation

- many transition metal compounds, especially hydrides, can lose as Lewis acid (i.e., deprotonate)

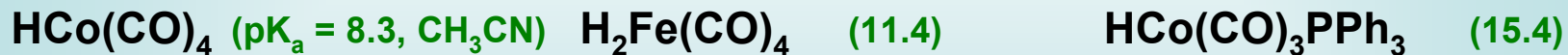


change in number of metal valence e-'s 0

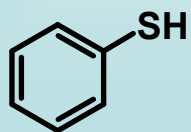
change in formal metal oxidation state -2

change in coordination number at the metal -1

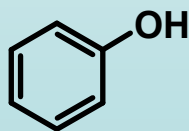
This may be a surprise, but many transition metal hydrides are quite acidic  
-notice that making the metal more electron rich decreases acidity



Winkler, J. R. et al (Gray, H. B.) *J. Am. Chem Soc.* **1986**, *108*, 2263.

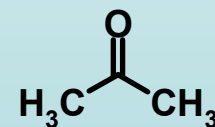


(pK<sub>a</sub> = 10.3,  
CH<sub>3</sub>S(O)CH<sub>3</sub>)



(18.0)

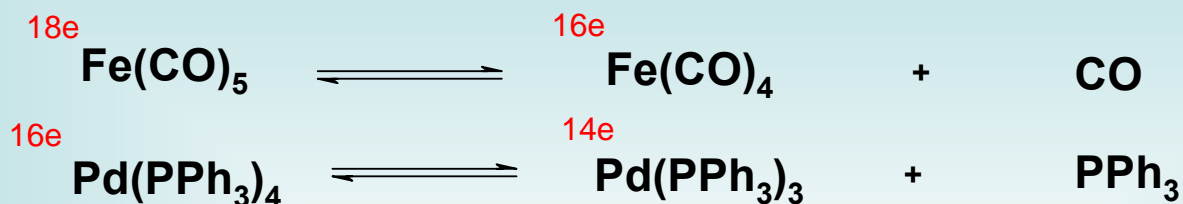
H<sub>2</sub>O (32.0)



(24.4) 11

## 2) Lewis Base Dissociation

Very, very, very.....common process



change in number of metal valence e-'s -2

change in formal metal oxidation state 0

change in coordination number at the metal -1

**-Reverse reaction: Lewis base Association**

Obvious application are in ligand substitution processes,  
which may be dissociative ('S<sub>N</sub>1 like')

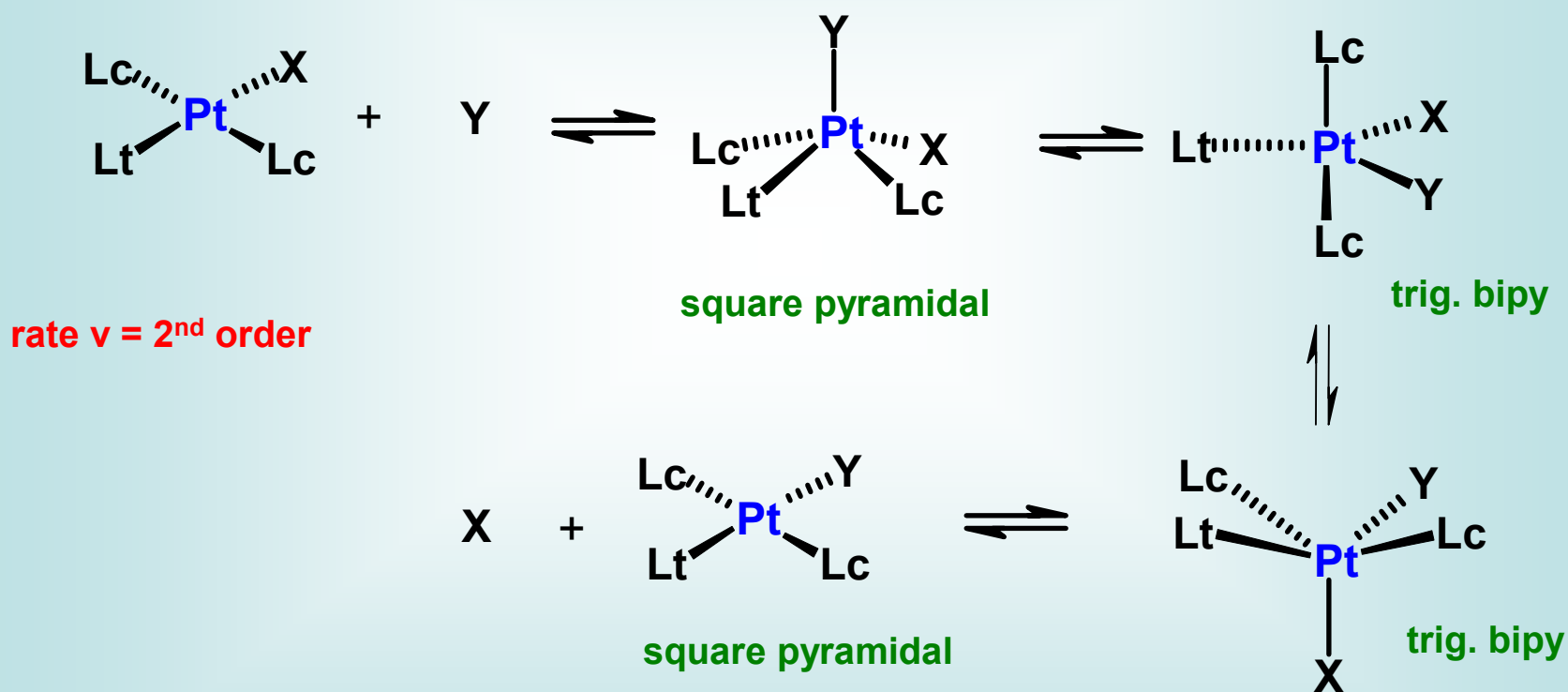


$$v = k [\text{Ni}(\text{CO})_4] \quad \text{1st order}$$

Most common for 18 e<sup>-</sup> systems

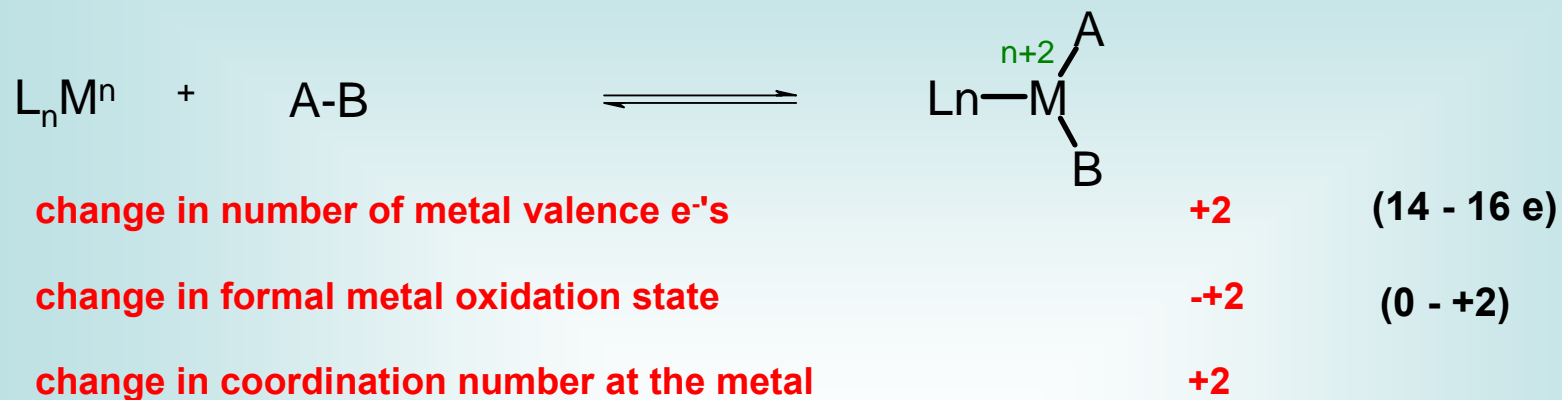
- Alternatively, this can be associative, i.e., "S<sub>N</sub>2 like"

-more common for 16 e<sup>-</sup>, d<sup>8</sup> square planar complexes (i.e., Ni<sup>II</sup>, Pd<sup>II</sup>, Pt<sup>II</sup>, Rh<sup>I</sup>, Ir<sup>I</sup>)



### 3) Oxidative Addition

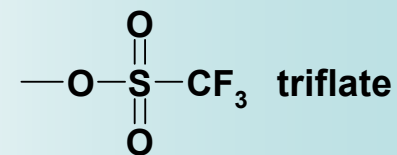
- represented by



for more details, see: R Yamamoto pp. 222-239  
R Collman & Hegedus pp. 279-321

-Overall reaction is cleavage of the A-B bond with bonding to the metal

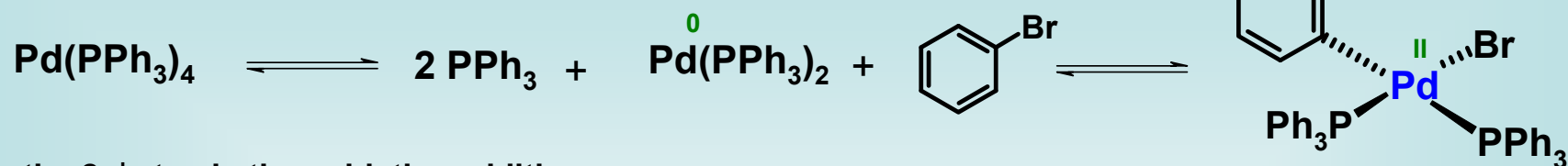
- Most common A-B is  $R_3C-X$  X = halogen or pseudohalogen



-Classic 'organic' example is Grignard reagent formation



- Most common example in this course will be of the following type:



- the 2<sup>nd</sup> step is the oxidative addition

Therefore, system needs: a) 2 available oxidation states i.e., Pd<sup>0</sup>/Pd<sup>II</sup>, Fe<sup>0</sup>/Fe<sup>II</sup>, Ir<sup>I</sup>/Ir<sup>III</sup>

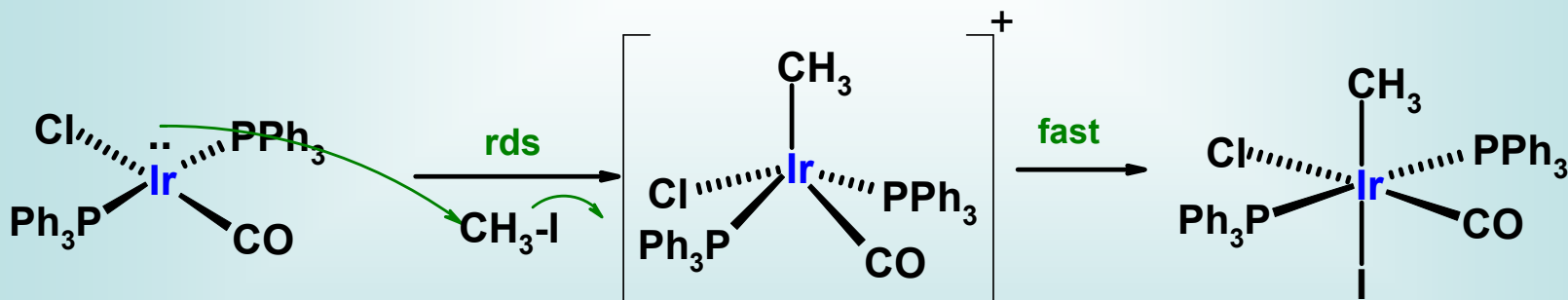
b) open coordination site

- Reverse reaction: Reductive Elimination

### Mechanism

- Most is known about late transition metals (such as Ir, Ni groups)

A) If the R of R-X is alkyl (especially 1° or 2°), the reaction is believed to (usually) occur via an S<sub>N</sub>2 substitution

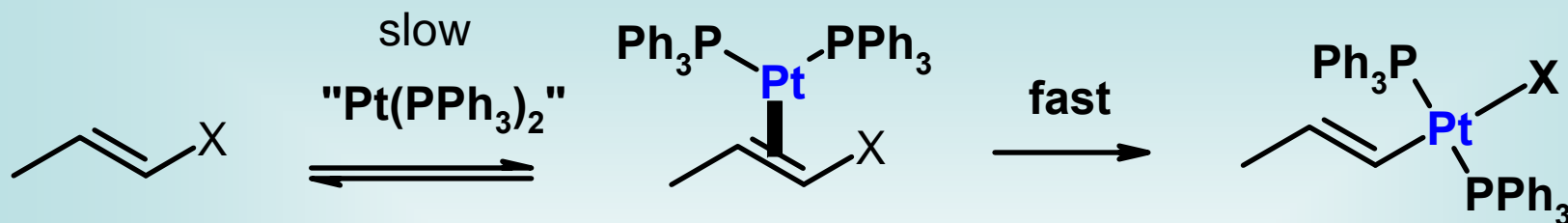


- *Inversion* at alkyl carbon *has* been observed

- Kinetics are overall 2<sup>nd</sup> order

$$v = k [\text{Ir}^I] [\text{CH}_3\text{I}]$$

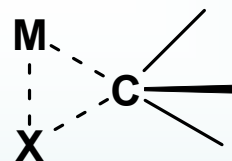
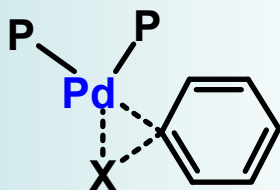
B) Vinyl (and perhaps aryl) halides go via  $\pi$  - complex formation, with ultimate direct insertion



- Goes with retention of configuration of C=C configuration
- Also believed to be mechanism for addition of H<sub>2</sub>

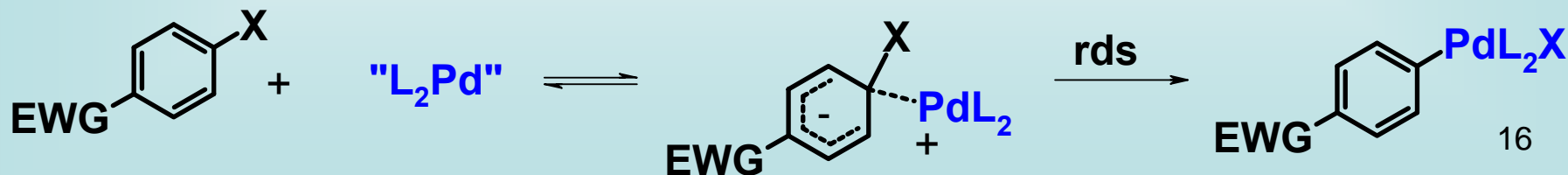
B') Aryl halides go via direct insertion into C-X bond (*clearly related to B*)

i.e.,



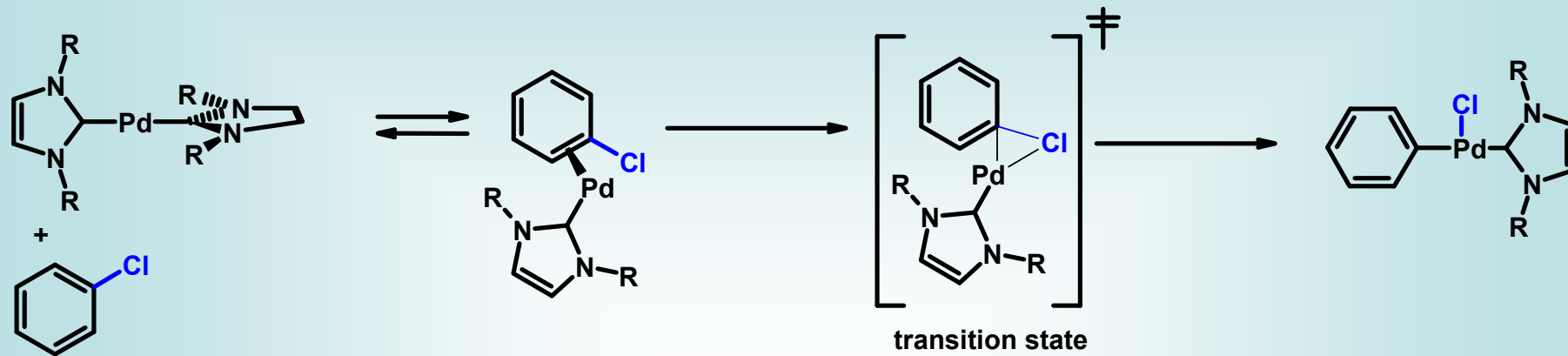
Could result in retention of configuration in some cases

C) - Now defrocked - Nucleophilic Aromatic Substitution - was an old proposal for aryl cases, to rationalized that cases with electron withdrawing groups "always" go faster



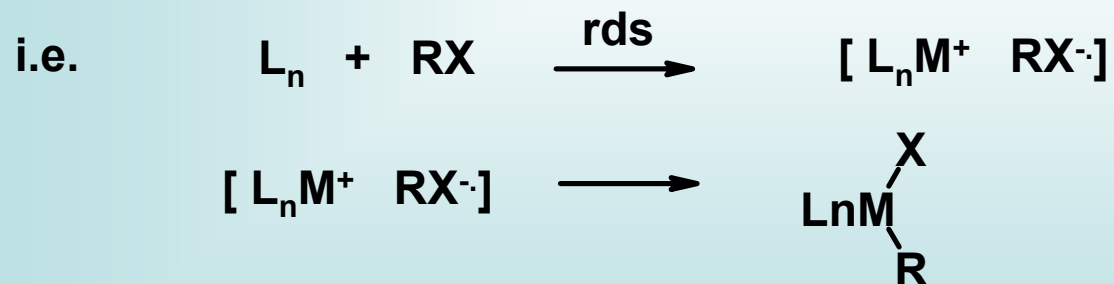


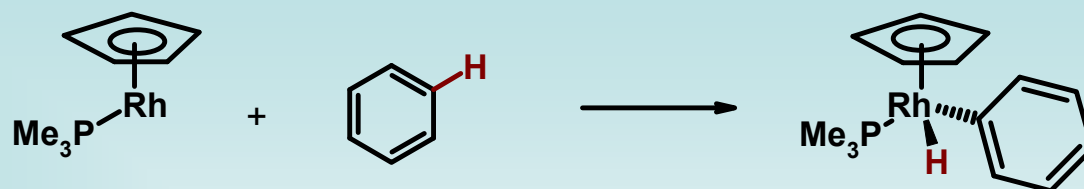
C)' - much more likely and often detected in calculations is initial formation of an  $\eta^2$ -benzene complex



Green, J. C. J. *Organomet. Chem.* **2005**, 690, 6054.

D) - Electron transfer, radical mechanisms do exist (Ni, Mg)



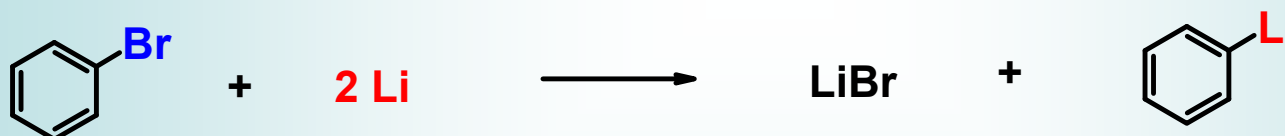


Bi, S. *Chem. Phys. Lett.* **2006**, 431, 385.

Aside: One electron oxidative additions also exist



Conventional organic example - Lithium-Halogen exchange



Many new opinions on these matters:

R Hartwig, J. F. *Synlett* **2006**, 1283.

R Espinet, P.; Echavarren, A. M. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Engl.* **2004**, 43, 4704.

R Jutand, A. *Eur. J. Inorg. Chem.* **2003**, 2017.

Alcazar-Roman, L. M.; Luis, M.; Hartwig, J.F.; Rheingold, A. L.; Liable-Sands, L. M.; Guzei, I. A. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2000**, 122, 4618. (chelate PR<sub>3</sub>)

Hartwig, J. F.; Paul, P. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1995**, 117, 5373 (monodentate PR<sub>3</sub>)

R Amatore, C.; Jutand, A. *Acc. Chem. Res.* **2000**, 33, 314.

Lersh, M.; Tilset, M. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2005**, 127, 2471 (C-H activation).

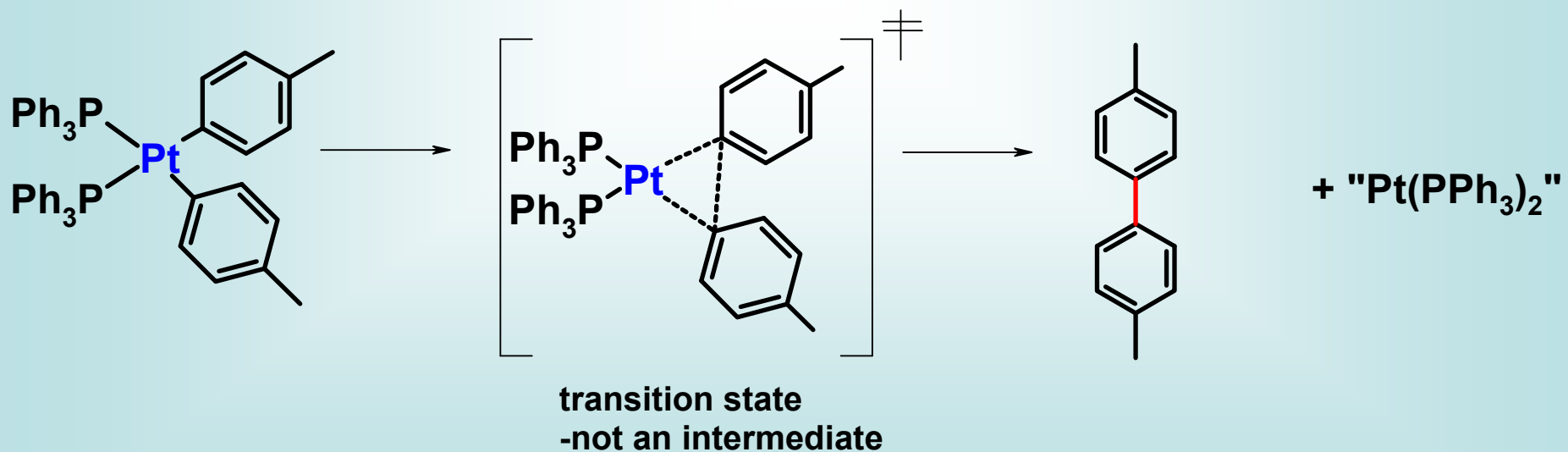
#### 4) Reductive Elimination - reverse of oxidative addition



change in number of metal valence e-'s -2 (16e - 14e)

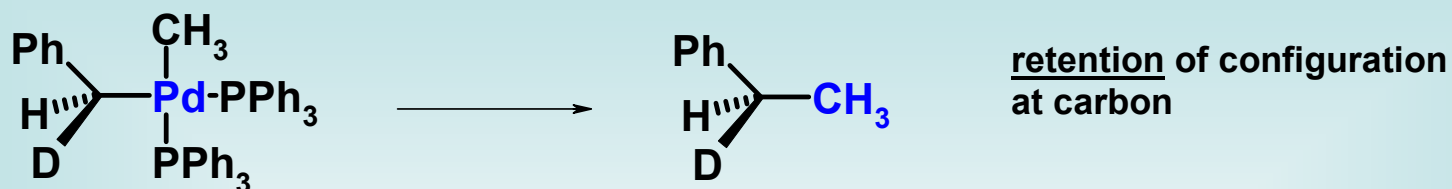
change in formal metal oxidation state -2 (+2 - 0)

change in coordination number at the metal -2



In 'normal' cases, the reaction goes by a concerted mechanism

-and, importantly for organic chemists.....



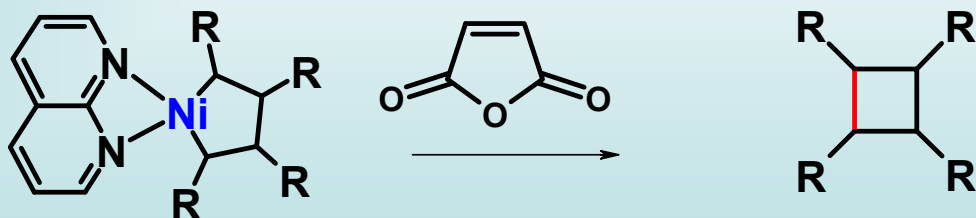
Milstein, D.; Stille, J. K. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1979**, *101*, 4981

**Note: Whether the precursor is square planar or trigonal bipyramidal,  
it's the *cis* groups which reductively eliminate**

Other notes on reductive elimination:

- Again, need two accessible oxidation states
- Non 18 e<sup>-</sup> situations must be accessible
- Ni group (Ni, Pd, Pt) are the usual synthetic choices

Since metal becomes more electron rich during the reaction,  
the reaction is sometimes accelerated by addition of a ligand  
which is electron withdrawing



More details in general:

Yamamoto, pp. 240-5  
Collman, Hegedus pp 322-33

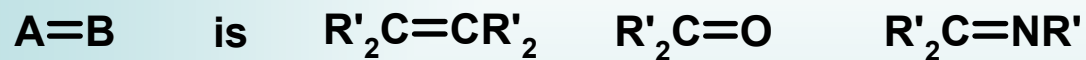
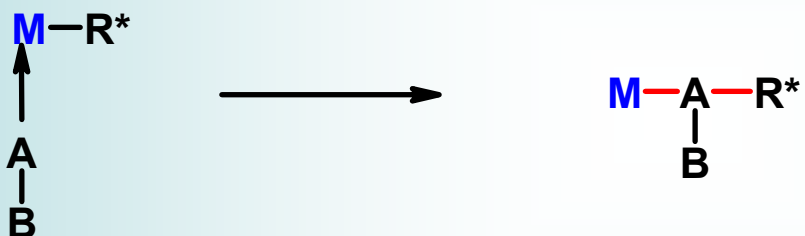
## 5) Insertion (Migration)

-There is more than one type possible



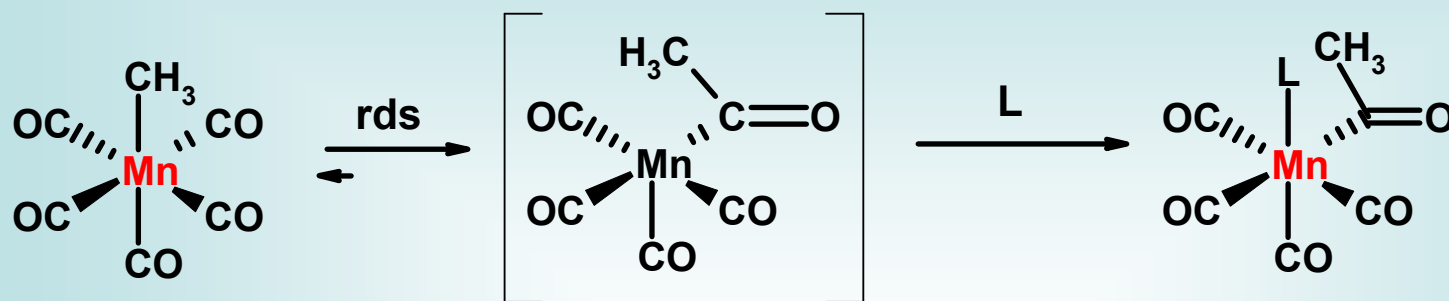
M-R is a  
Metal-C or  
Metal-H bond

or



Most common :A-B is CO

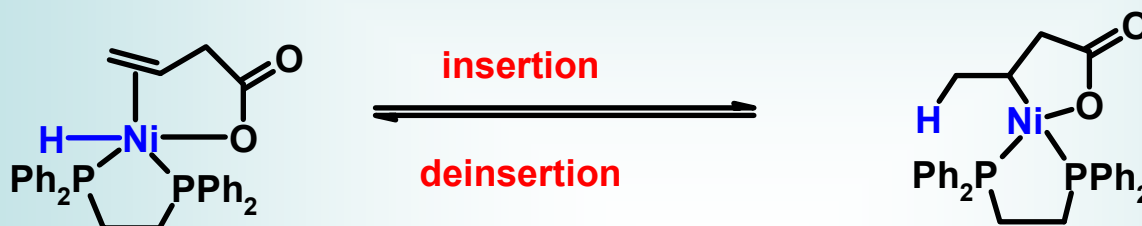
-The reaction is a concerted migration of R\*, with retention of configuration at R\* and the metal, if they are chiral



Change in # of valence electron at the metal	-2	(18 to 16e)
Change in metal oxidation state	0	(+1 to +1)
Change in coordination number	-1	(6 to 5)

Note: Reverse reaction is deinsertion

Most common A=B in this case are alkenes or alkynes  
-for example, the intermediate step in hydrogenation



- The reverse reaction in this case ( $\beta$ -elimination) is one of the most common reactions of alkylmetals - main mode of decomposition

-again, if inserting group is alkyl, generally there is retention of configuration at R\*

see R Cross, R. J., in "Chemistry of the Metal-Carbon Bond", Hartley and Patai, 1982, V.2

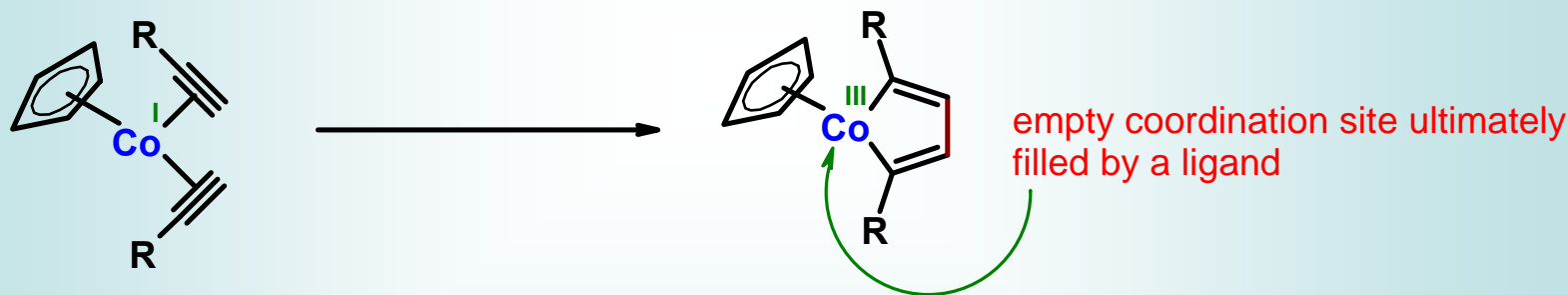
R Yamamoto, p. 246-272

## 6) Oxidative Coupling

Oxidative coupling occurs when two ' $\pi$ -bound' ligands on the metal react with each other to form (usually) a C-C  $\sigma$  bond



One of the best known examples is....



-This has become increasingly important with a variety of metals and transformations

Change in number of valence electrons at metal -2 (18 to 16e)

Change in metal oxidation state +2 (+1 to +3)

Change in metal coordination number 0 ('3' to '3')

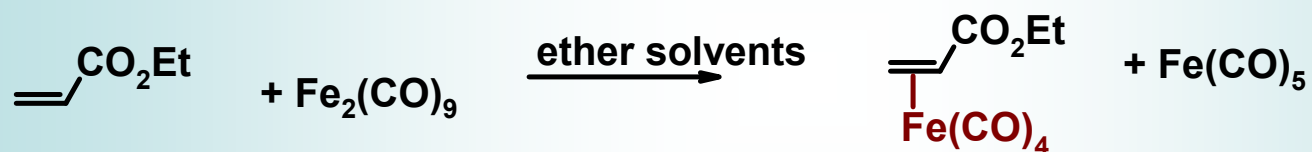
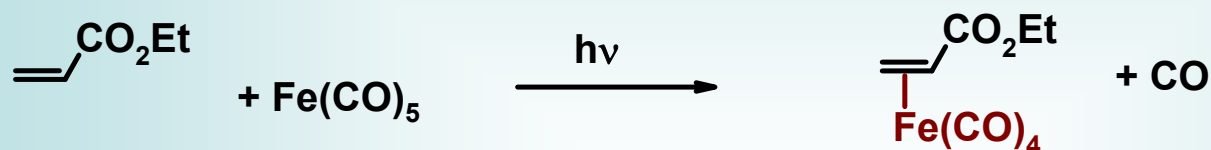


## $\eta^2$ -Olefin/Acetylene Complexes

### a) Preparation

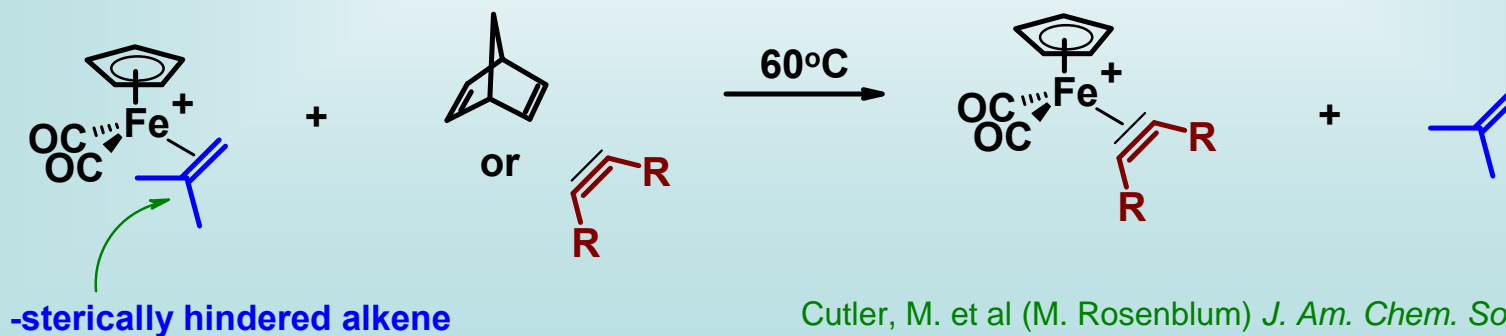
i) -most common method - ligand exchange (with CO, CH<sub>3</sub>CN, alkenes)

i.e., with Fe<sup>0</sup> it is almost always as follows

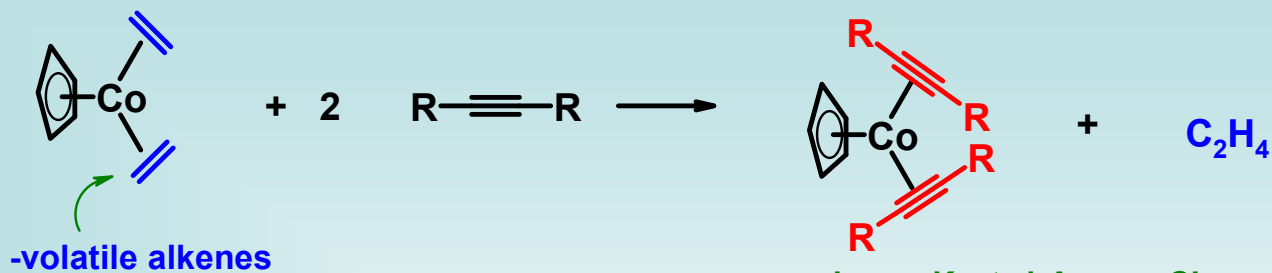


Weiss et al *Helv. Chim. Acta.* **1963**, 46, 288

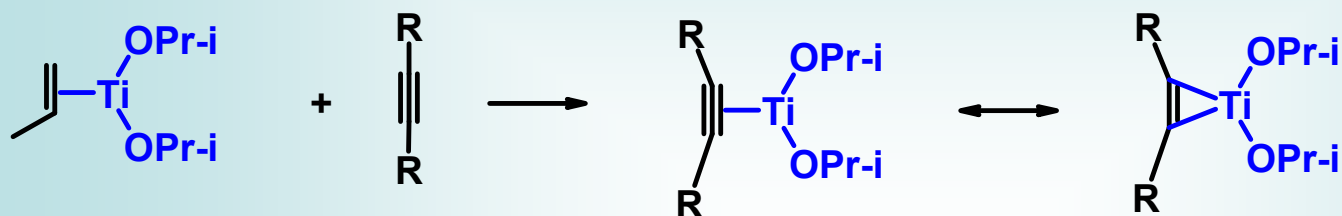
Note: The departing ligand doesn't need to be CO - some other examples



Cutler, M. et al (M. Rosenblum) *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1976**, 98, 3495



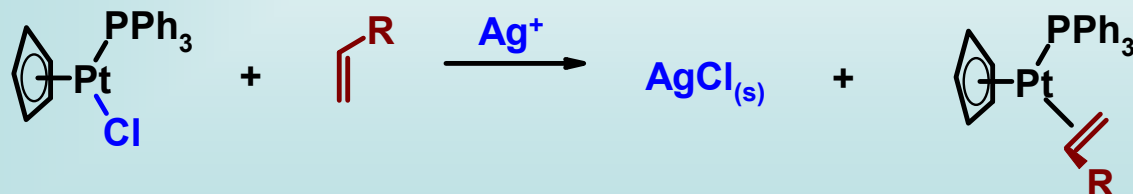
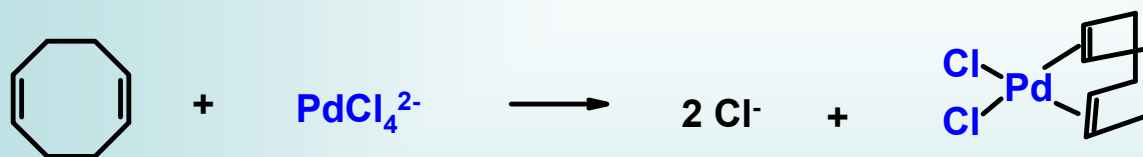
Jonas, K. et al *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Engl.* **1983**, *22*, 716.



R Sato, F.; Okamoto, S. *Adv. Synth. Catal.* **2001**, *343*, 759.

## ii) Synthesis by Displacement of Halide

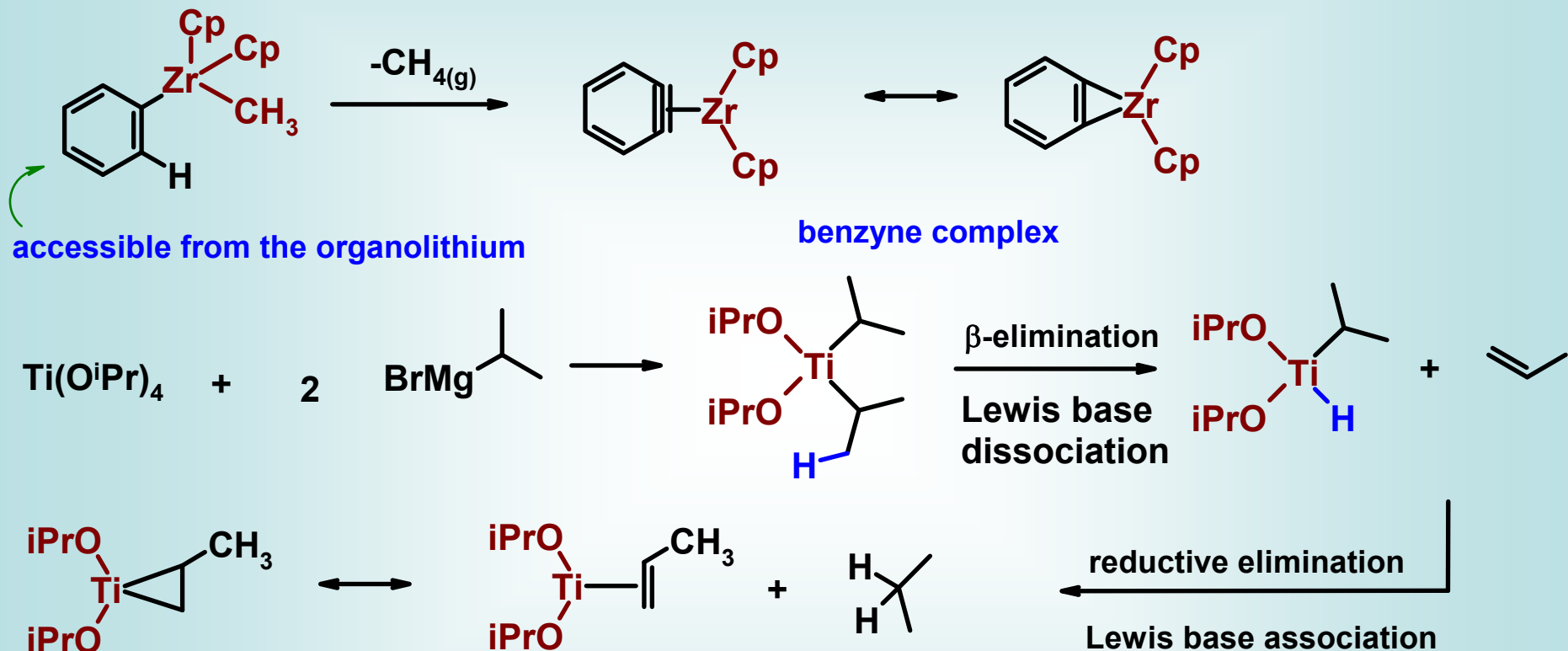
Cl<sup>-</sup> may be displaced by an alkene, either on its own or with an assisting Lewis acid (S<sub>N</sub>1 like reactivity)



Schultz, R. G. *J. Organomet. Chem.* **1966**, *8*, 435  
 Davies, S. G. et al *J. Organomet. Chem.* **1986**, *188*, C41.

### iii) -by hydride abstraction (also called $\sigma$ -bond metathesis)

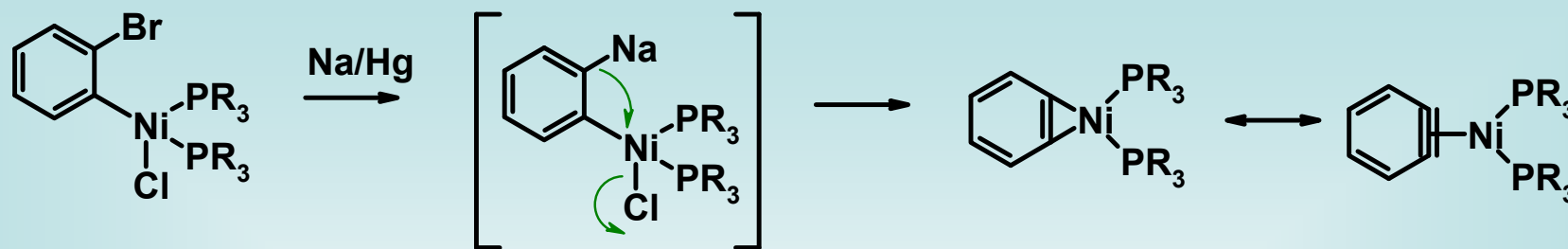
- this type is common for the preparation of alkene and alkyne early transition metal complexes



Buchwald, S.L.; Nielsen, R. B. *Chem. Rev.* **1988**, *88*, 1047.  
see also Sato review

### iv) - By intramolecular nucleophilic substitution

-often for alkyne complexes, with a wider variety of metals than hydride abstraction



R Bennett, M. A. Chem. Ber./Receuil 1997, 130, 1029.

R Bennett, M. A. Pure Appl. Chem. 1989, 61, 1695.


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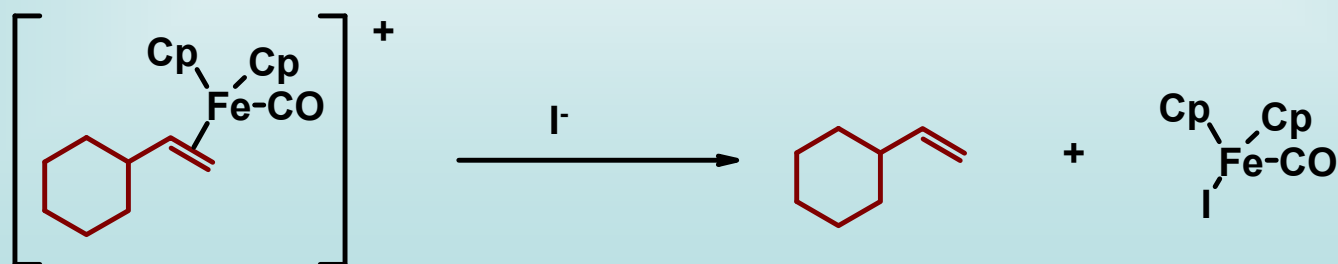
## b) Getting Rid of Them (Decomplexation)

-most organic chemists want the metal removed from the organic 'ligand' at the end of the process

### i) Competitive ligand association



most common L include another alkene or alkyne,  $\text{R}_3\text{P}$ , CO, 



## ii) oxidation of the metal

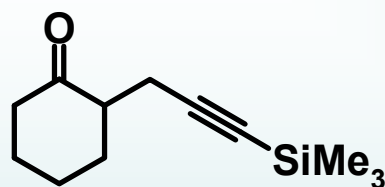
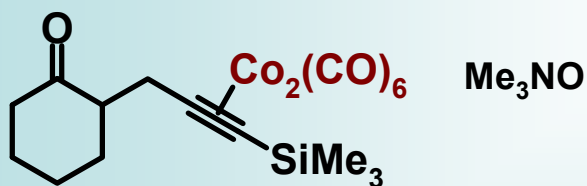
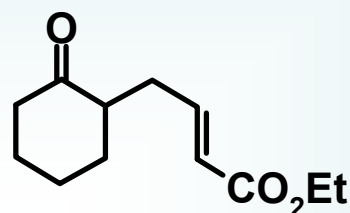
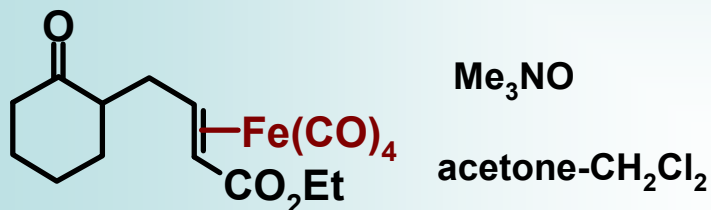
-very often, if one oxidizes the metal, it no longer bond very well to the organic ligand, and it simply falls off

-several very common oxidants include.....

$\text{FeCl}_3$ ,  $\text{Ce}^{+4}$  ( $(\text{H}_4\text{N})_2\text{Ce}(\text{NO}_3)_6$ ), others

$\text{Me}_3\text{N}^+\text{-O}^-$  (trimethylamine N-oxide, N-methylmorpholine N-oxide)

Shvo, Y.; Hazum, E. *J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.* 1974, 336 (for iron diene complexes)



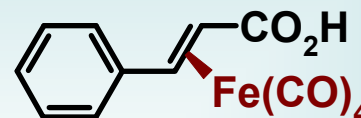
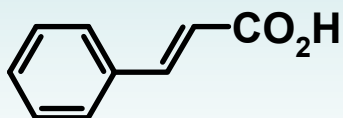
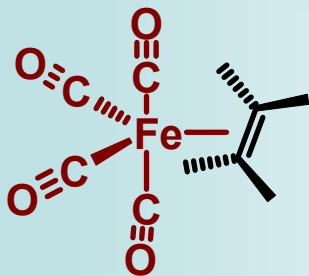
## c) Uses of $\eta^2$ - Metal Complexes

### i) as a protecting group

-recall the intro.....that olefin coordination changes the electron density of that alkene

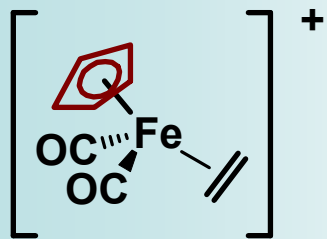
-can make the alkene more *or* less reactive than the uncomplexed alkene, depending upon the case

Consider.....



-therefore, very slightly overall electron donating (essentially the same)

but

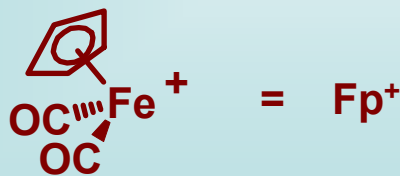


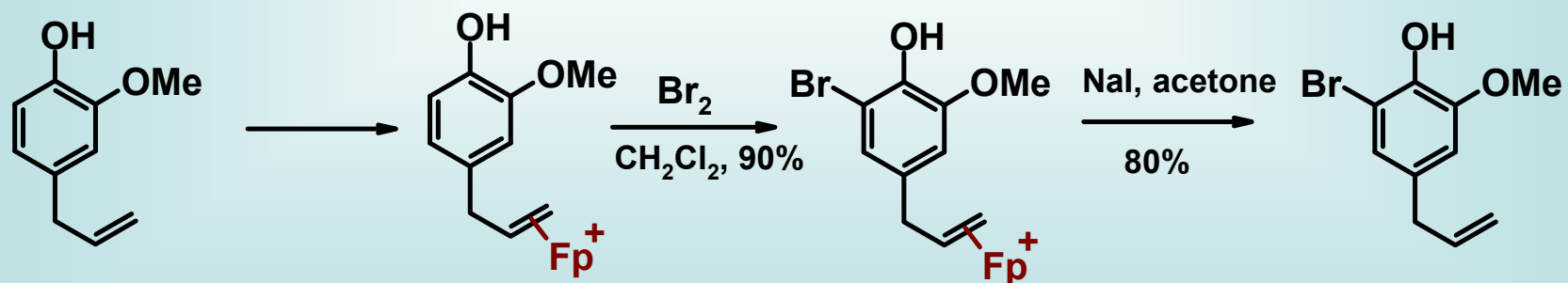
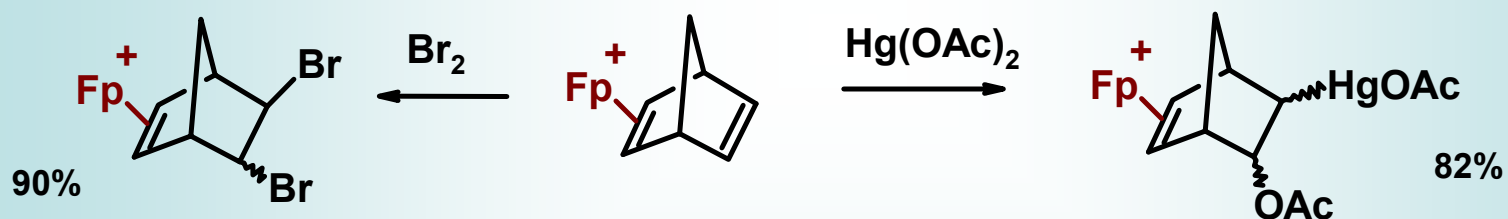
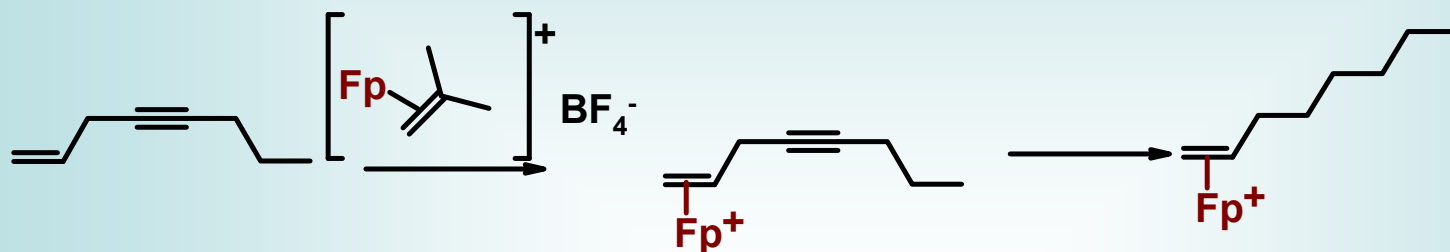
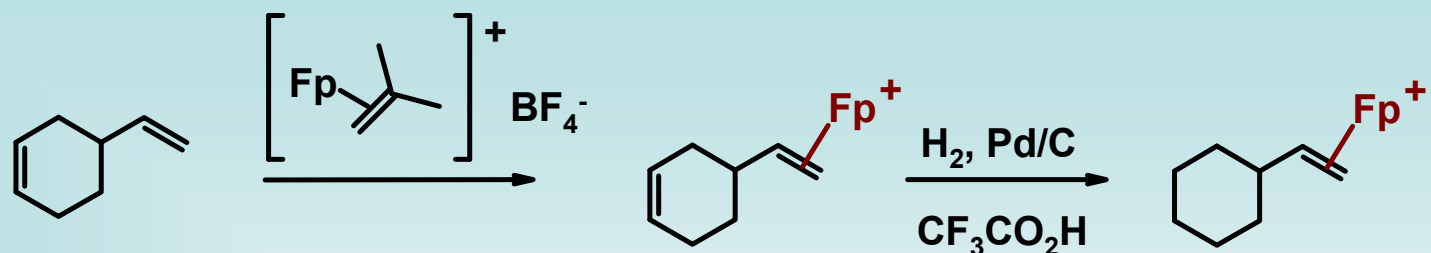
charge on complex almost undoubtedly renders  $\eta^2$ -complex less electron rich

-as a result, the alkene is less reactive to attack by  $E^+$ , and to hydrogenation

-but(!), the alkene is more reactive to attack by  $Nu^-$

Note:

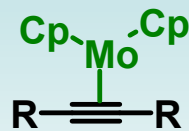
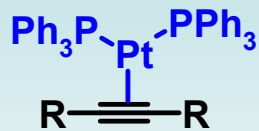
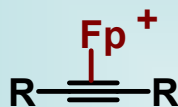




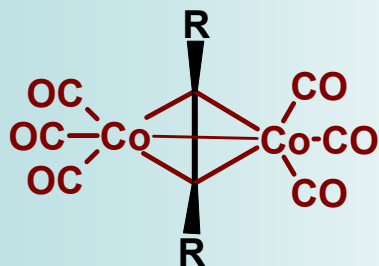
-Fp<sup>+</sup> alkene complexes are air stable, water stable, and you can store them at 0°C <sup>31</sup>

## Alkynes

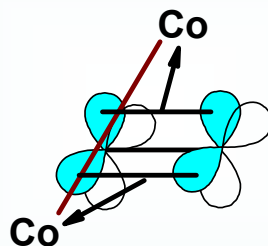
-many alkyne complexes known



But Co complexes are especially robust



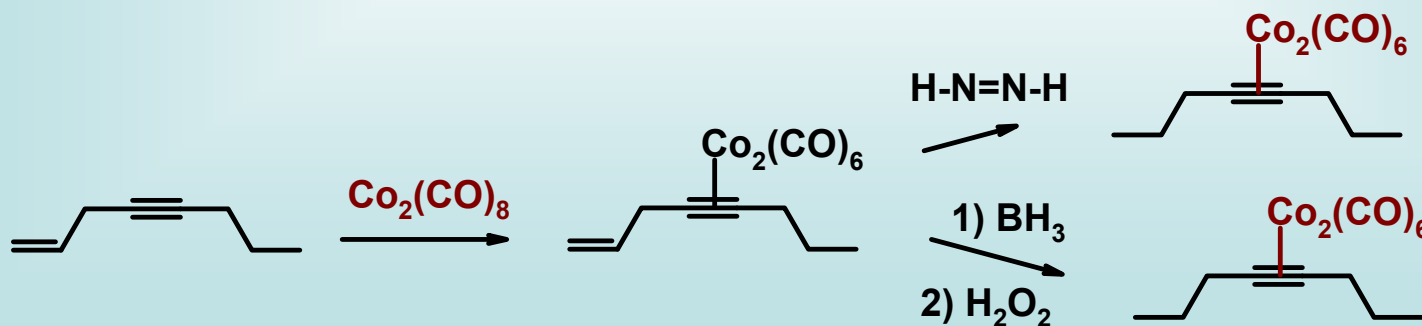
or



-bonding is called  $\mu-\eta^2$  ( $\mu^2-\eta^2$ )

-these are in general very stable complexes

-since p-bonds are used in bonding to metals as well, they are not available to electrophiles, like most other alkynes are





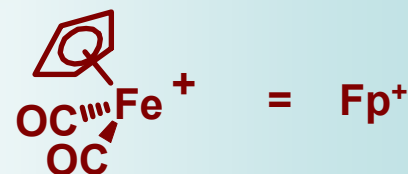
## $\eta^2$ -Complexes as Electrophiles

### a) Cationic Complexes ( $Fp^+$ )

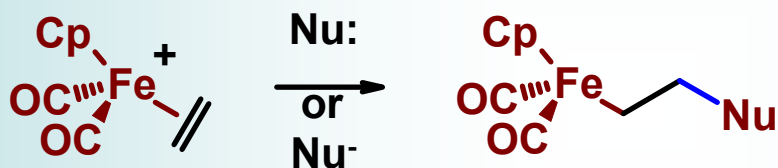
-just as the '+' charge, nominally on Fe, ultimately withdraws electron density from the alkene and reduces its reactivity to electrophiles ( $E^+$ )....

-so it by contrast increased reactivity of alkenes to nucleophiles ( $Nu^-$ )

The stoichiometric chemistry is dominated by chemistry of

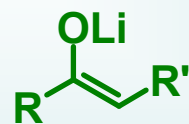
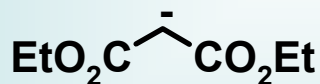


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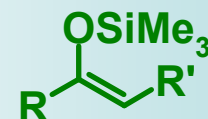


-list of  $Nu^-$ 's that do this is pretty large

Carbon based

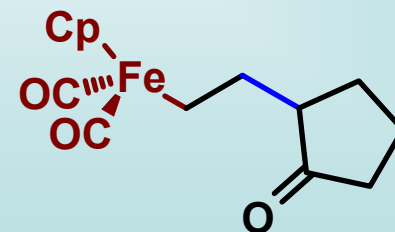
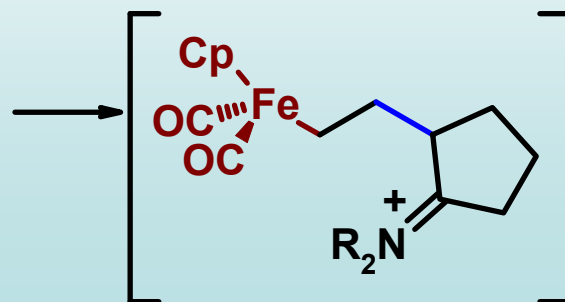
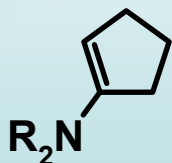


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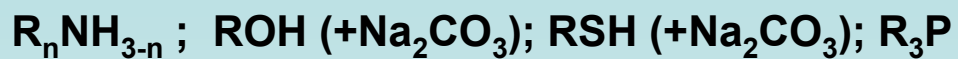


in some cases

enamines



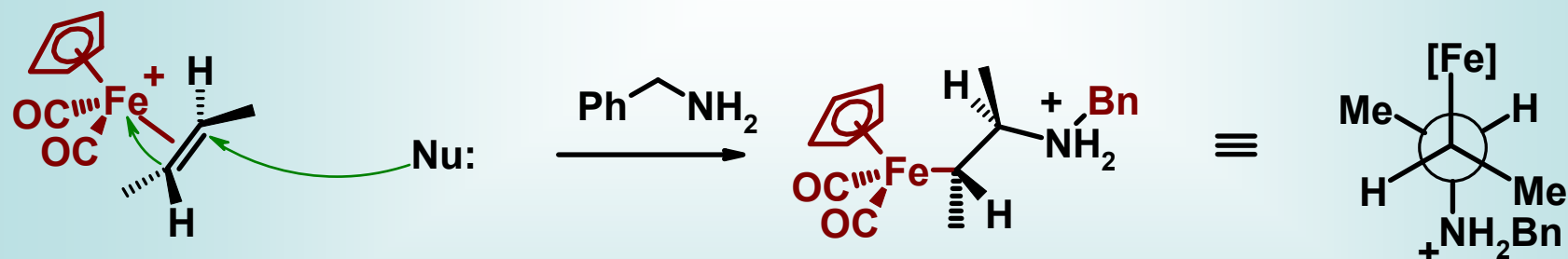
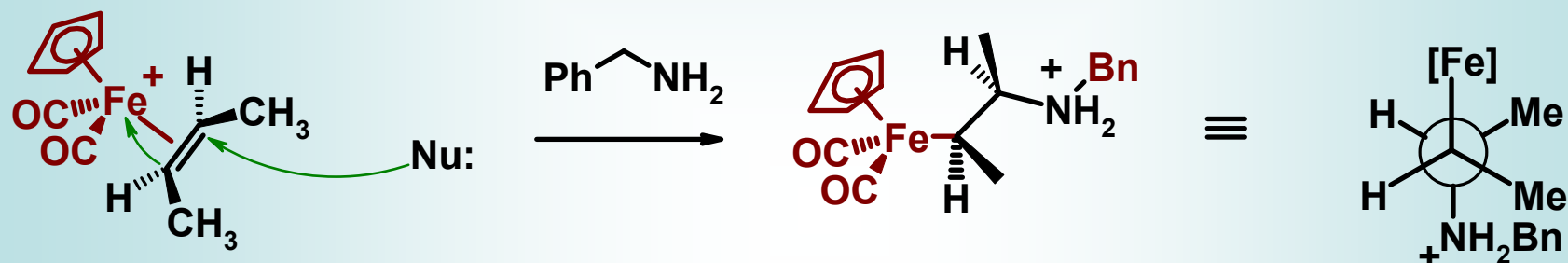
Heteroatom based



(amines) (alcohols) (thiols) (phosphines)

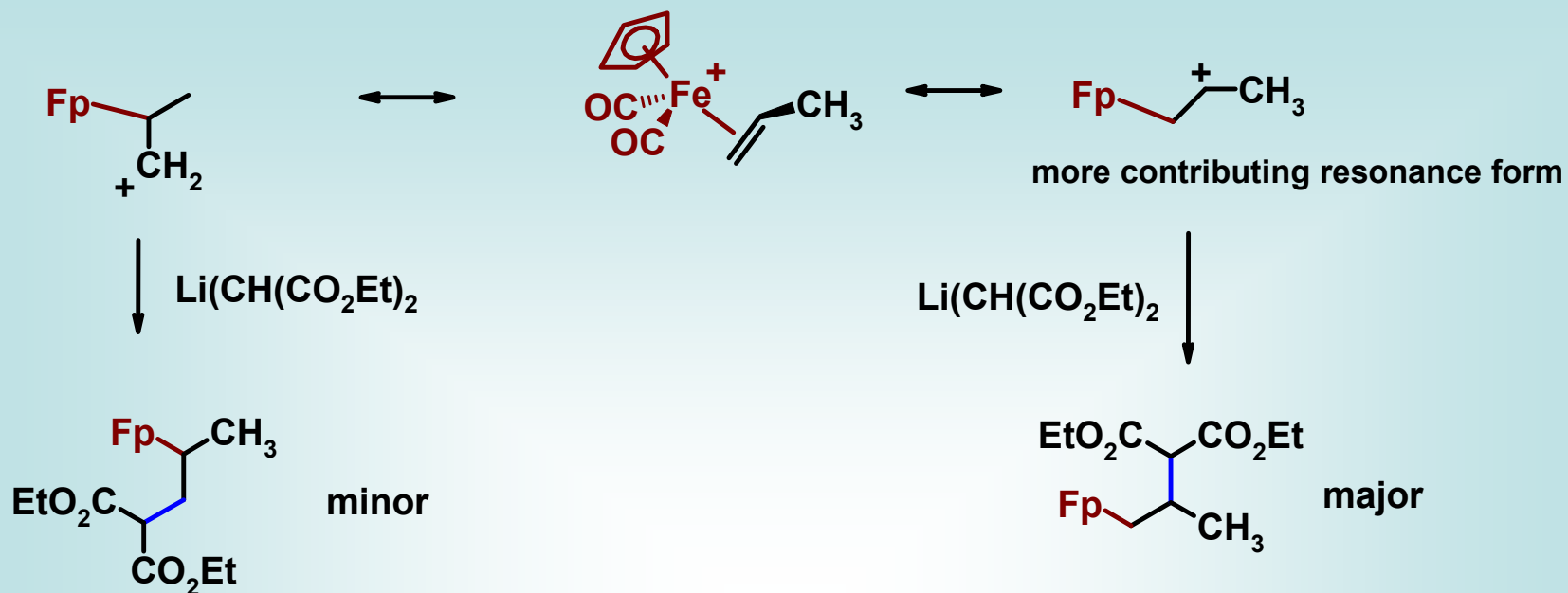
## Stereochemistry of Addition

-The addition of Nu: or Nu<sup>-</sup> is stereospecifically trans to the metal. So.....



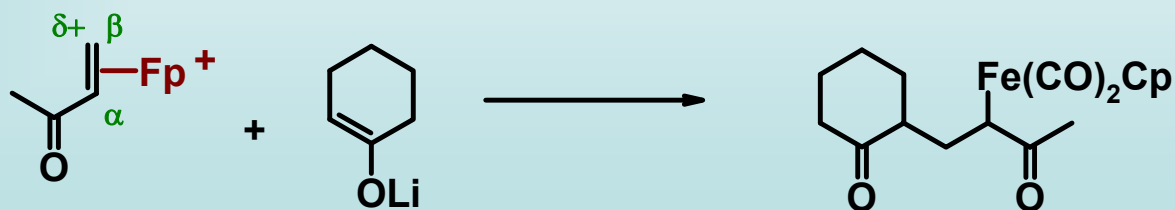
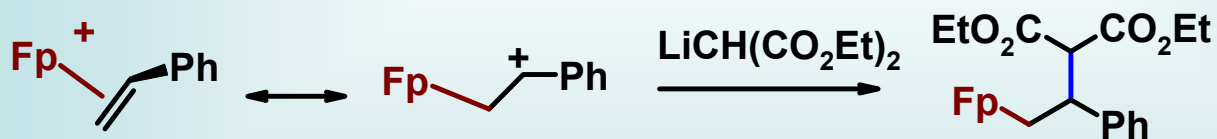
## Regiochemistry

If you draw various resonance forms of the Fp<sup>+</sup>-alkene cation complex, the nucleophile ends up attacking the carbon atom where the 'traditional' organic cation would be most highly stabilized (i.e., 'S<sub>N</sub>1 like') reactivity



Note: Unfortunately, with simple alkyl substituents (like above), the regioselectivity is pretty poor.

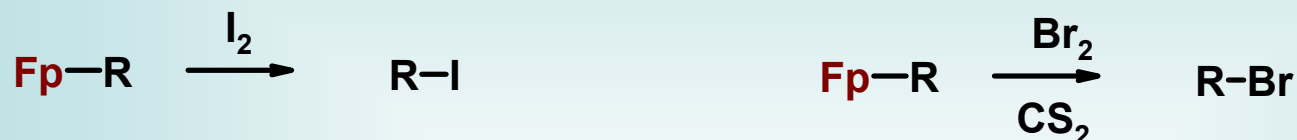
However, with strong cation stabilizing or detsabilizing (electron withdrawing) groups, the outcome is much more decisive



## So what do you do with the products?

-there are very few natural products with covalent Fe-C bonds in them, so it's generally desired to turn these into something 'all organic'

1) -the alkyl-Fp compounds may be transformed into several functional groups, i.e....

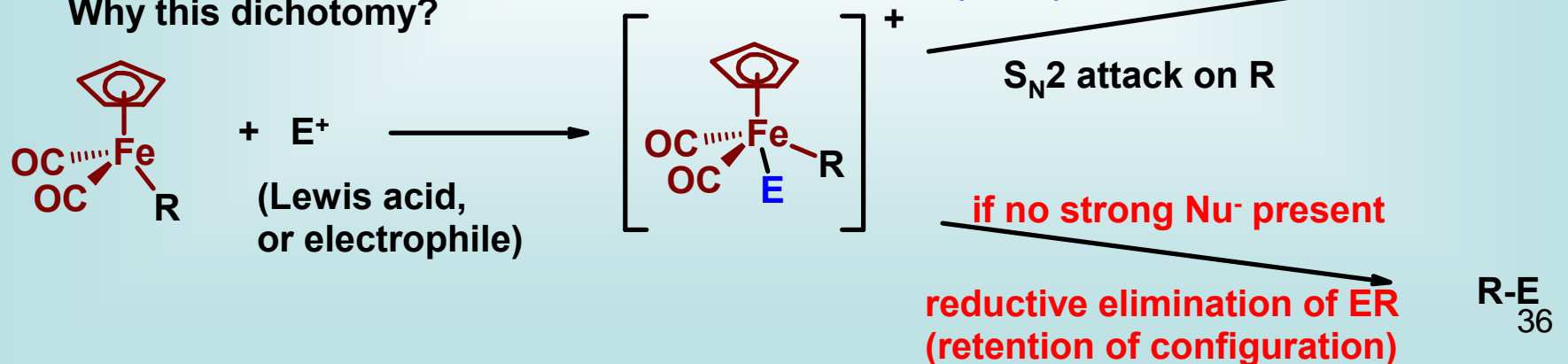


-normally, this occurs with inversion of configuration at the carbon being attacked.

But.....



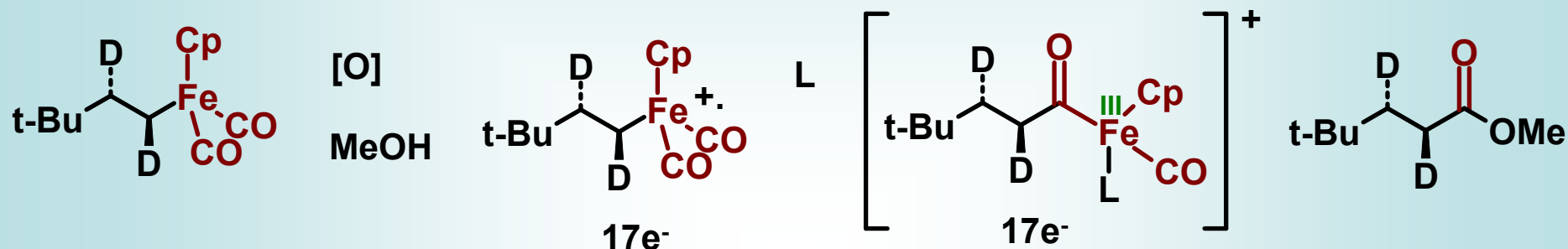
Why this dichotomy?



## 2) Oxidation

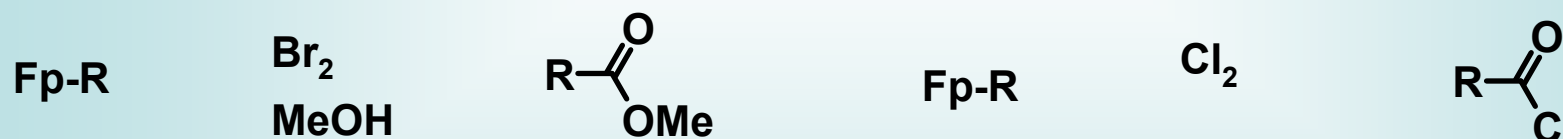
In the presence of an oxidant, migratory insertion of CO occurs before the metal is lost. The 17 e<sup>-</sup> species does this very rapidly  
-common oxidants are Ce<sup>IV</sup>, Fe<sup>III</sup>, Cu<sup>II</sup>, O<sub>2</sub>

This is most often done in methanol solvent, so that the final product is a methyl ester.



notice the retention of configuration

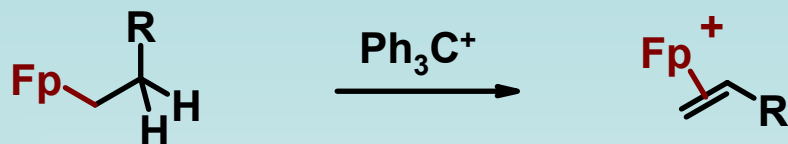
This includes Br<sub>2</sub> and Cl<sub>2</sub> as oxidants



notice difference when solvent is CS<sub>2</sub>

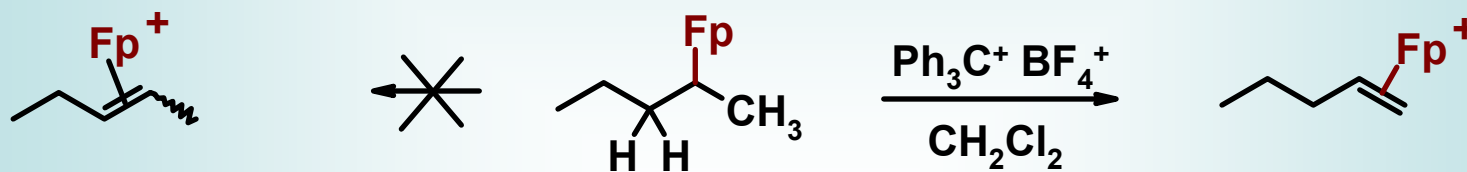
## 3) Elimination

If there is a H atom b- to the iron, which can assume an antiperiplanar conformation, it can be abstracted as H<sup>-</sup>, usually by Ph<sub>3</sub>C<sup>+</sup>



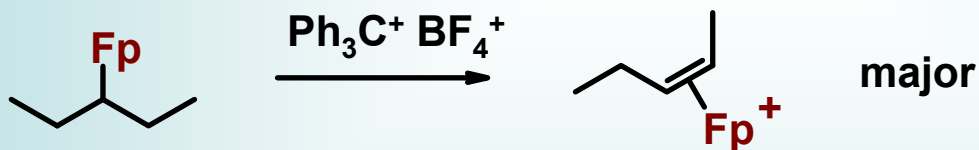
### Rules for abstraction:

-if there is a choice between forming a terminal alkene and an internal one, one normally gets the *terminal* alkene - probably a steric accessibility argument



-if internal alkenes must be made, one gets mostly the (Z)- isomer

-no one really knows why....perhaps a greater stability of the complex



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R Rosenblum, M. *J. Organomet. Chem.* **1986**, *300*, 191.

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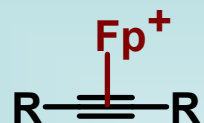
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### Enantiomerically pure versions

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Begum, M. K. et al (Rosenblum) *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1989**, *111*, 5252.

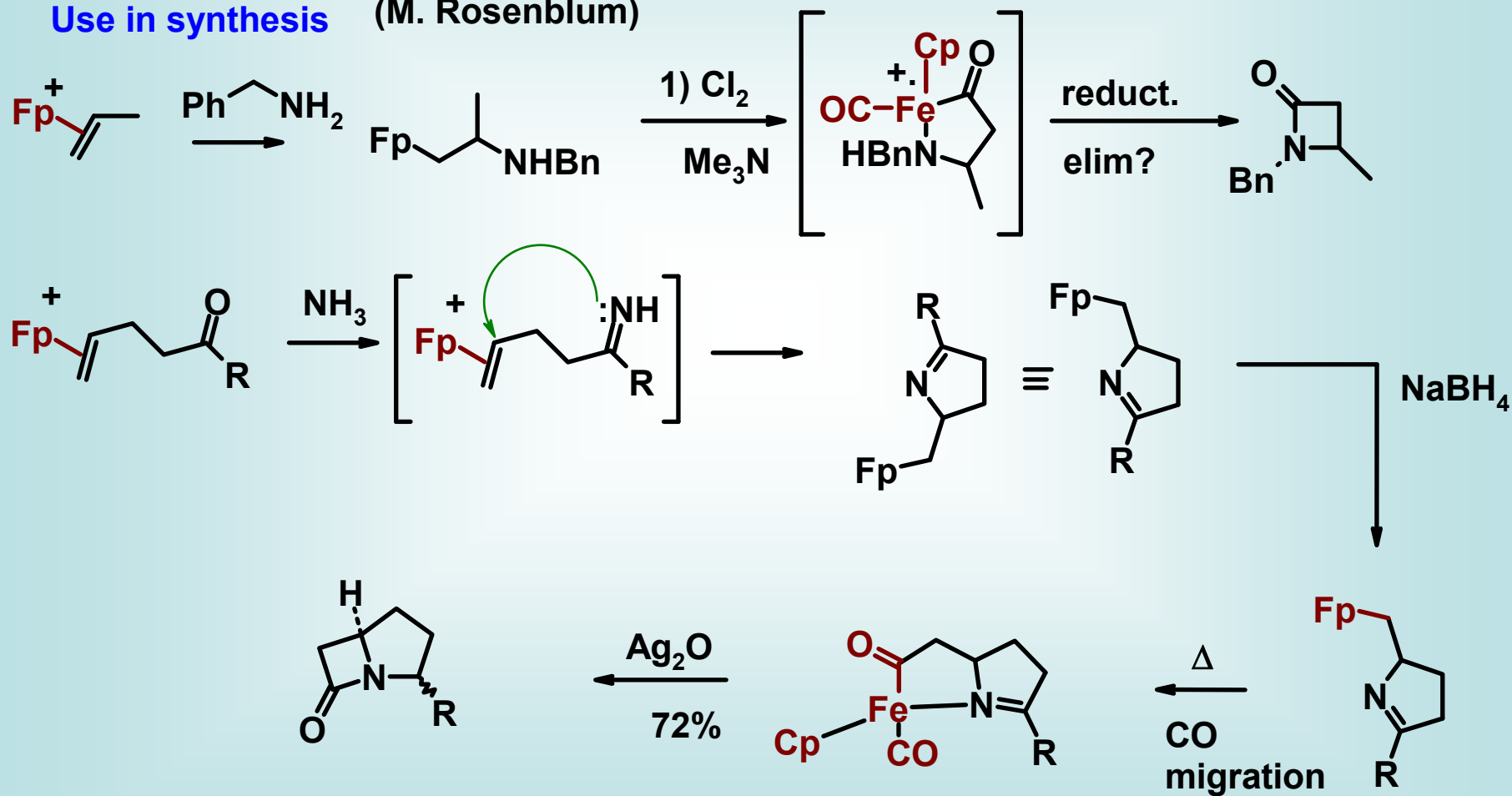
-some similar chemistry is known for the corresponding alkyne complexes, i.e.,



It is not nearly as well explored

see Reger, D.L. *Organometallics* 1984, 3, 135 & 1759.

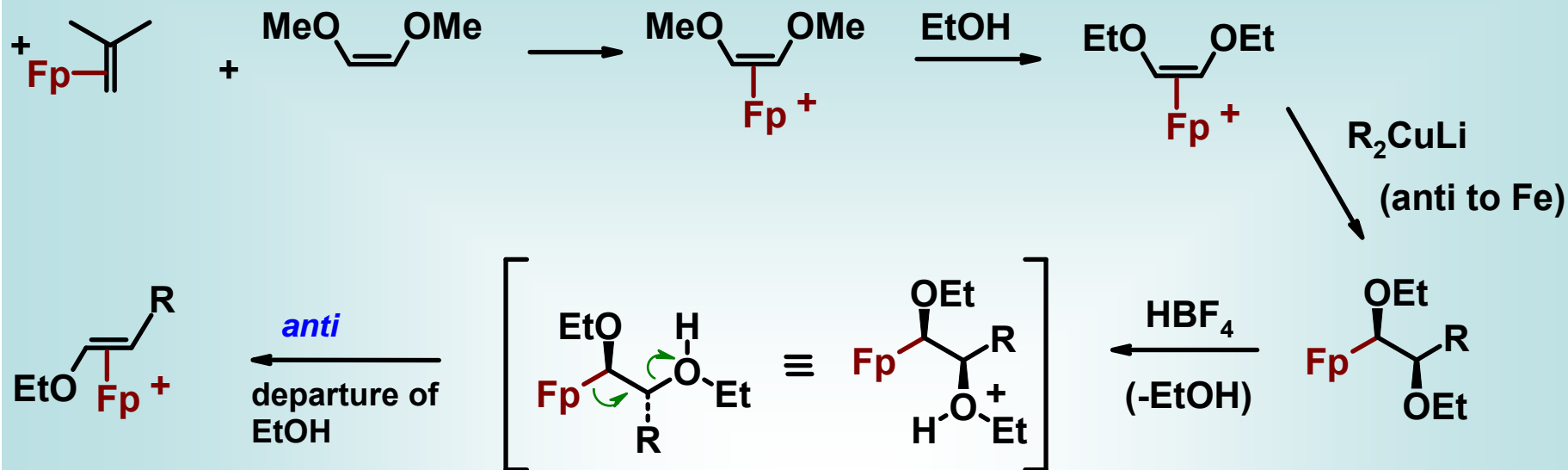
Use in synthesis (M. Rosenblum)



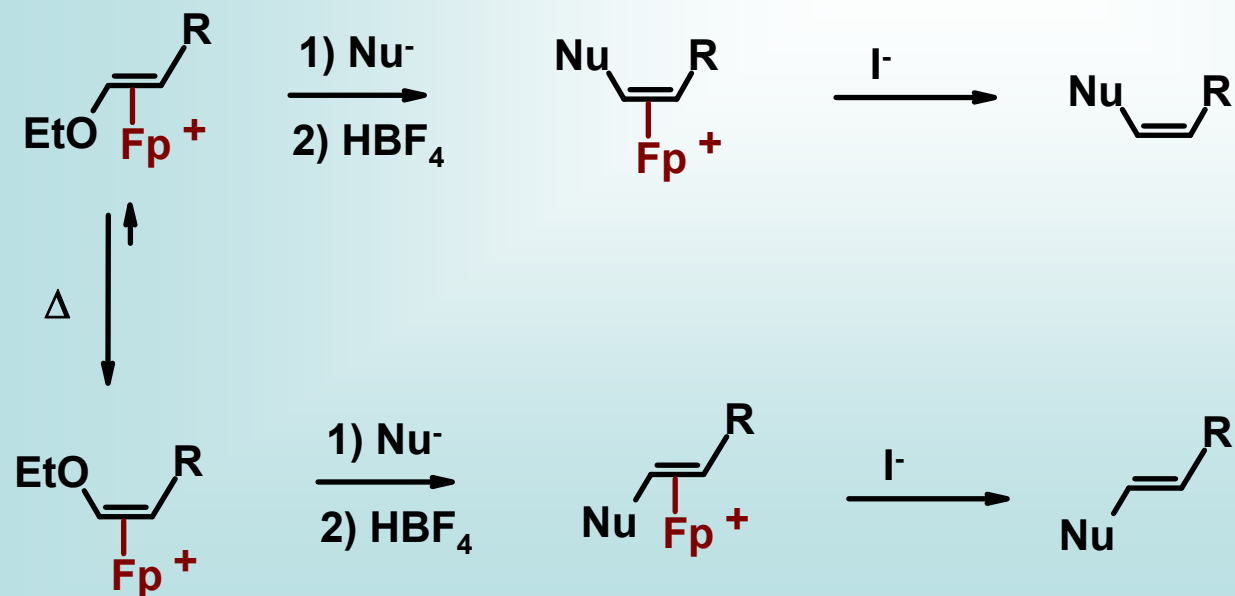
Wong, P. K. (Rosenblum) *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 1977, 99, 2823.

Berryhill, S. R. (Rosenblum) *J. Org. Chem.* 1980, 45, 1984; 1983, 48, 158.

## Synthesis of stereochemically defined alkenes from enol ethers



This can be repeated, using other ether function, with modification to get either alkene isomer



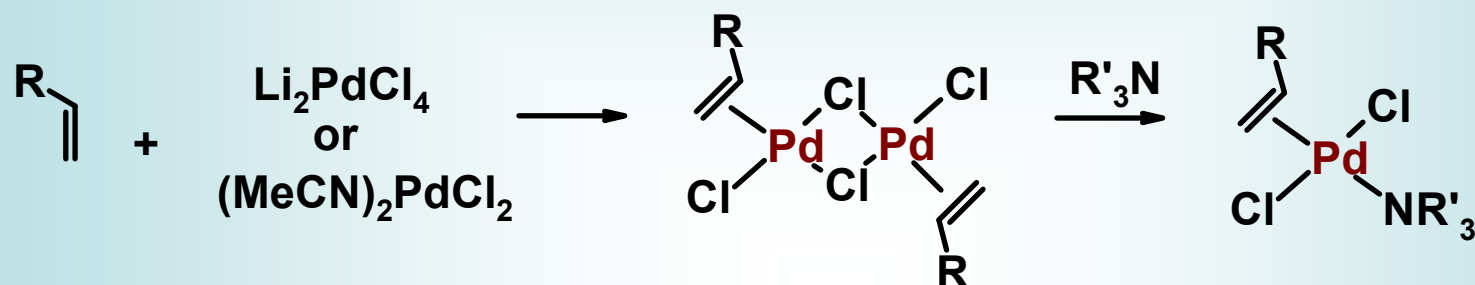


## Pd<sup>II</sup> Complexes of Alkenes

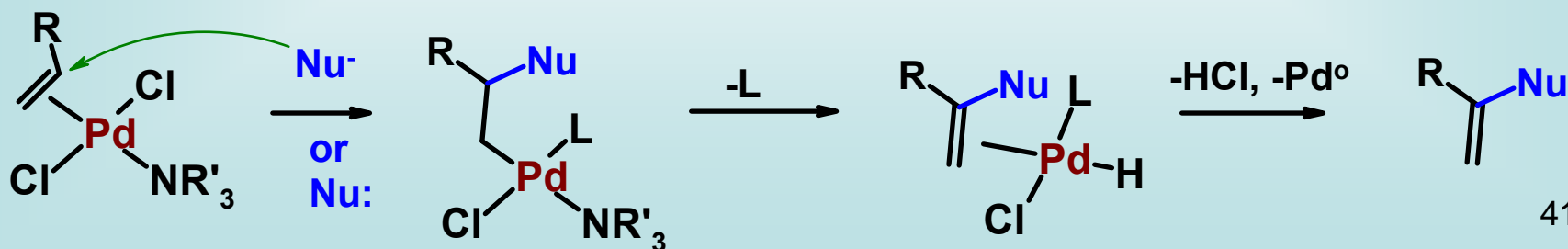
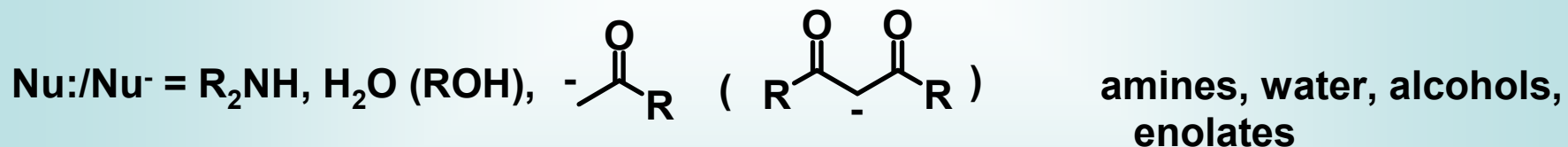
-probably the other major choice in alkene-TM complexes

### Early Chemistry

-Pd<sup>II</sup> forms complexes with alkenes; an amine ligand is usually added to break up dimer and make a more reactive species



-susceptible to attack by nucleophiles on the more substituted C  
-can sometimes reduce Pd off at low T, but mostly get β-H elimination



**BUT.....This is stoichiometric in Pd, and PdCl<sub>2</sub> 1g, \$102; 25g, \$1155**

see, [R Hegedus p.188-201](#)

[R Handbook of Organopalladium Chemistry for Organic Synthesis V2, Ch V3](#)  
[Holton, R.A. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1985, 107, 2127 \(chelating amines/sulphides\)](#)

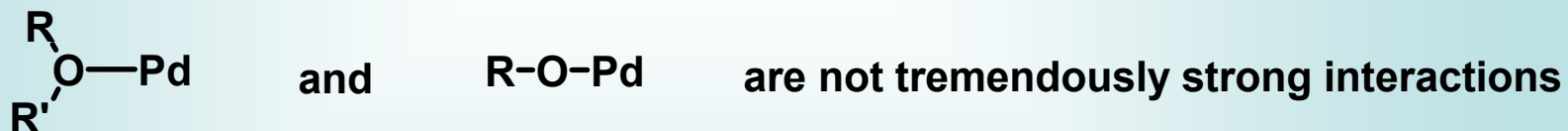
However, if one has a stoichiometric oxidant present to oxidize the Pd<sup>0</sup> back to Pd<sup>II</sup>, the could in principle be catalytic

- this can work: oxidant is most often O<sub>2</sub> or benzoquinone (BQ), or Cu<sup>II</sup>

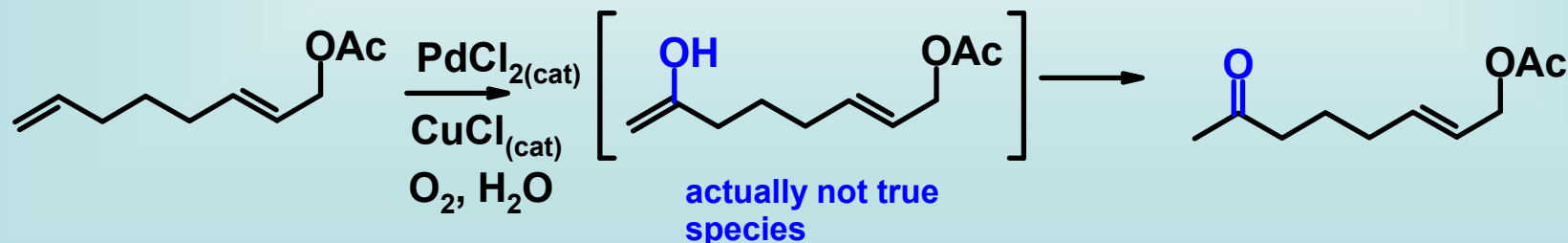
### Earliest Successes

- is with oxygen based nucleophiles (H<sub>2</sub>O, ROH)

-perhaps because oxygen nucleophiles don't displace the alkene ligand



-traditional version, with water as nucleophile, is called the Wacker process

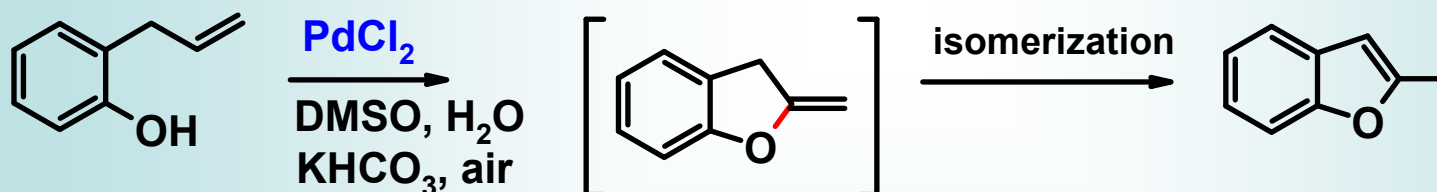


-reaction is selective for terminal alkenes; in fact intermolecular reactions for internal alkenes work poorly in most cases (*except* strong EWG substituted ones)

-Markovnikov addition - Nu: attacks most substituted side of the alkene normally  
-this can be overridden by coordinating groups within the substrate

-CuCl<sub>2</sub> oxidizes Pd<sup>0</sup> back to Pd<sup>II</sup>; O<sub>2</sub> oxidizes Cu<sup>I</sup> back to Cu<sup>II</sup>

Alcohols and phenols can do this type of chemistry too, usually as an intramolecular addition

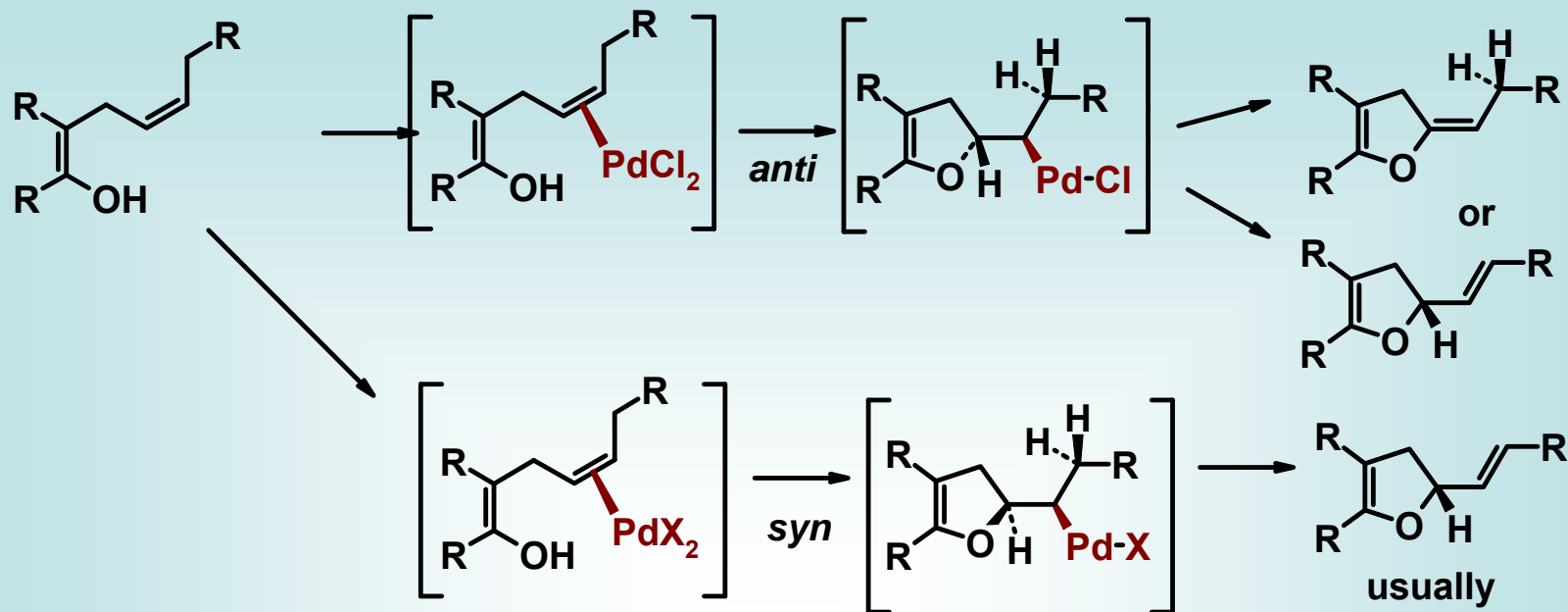


-normal tendency is to form 5- membered ring over 6- membered ring;  
this tendency can be overridden in some cases

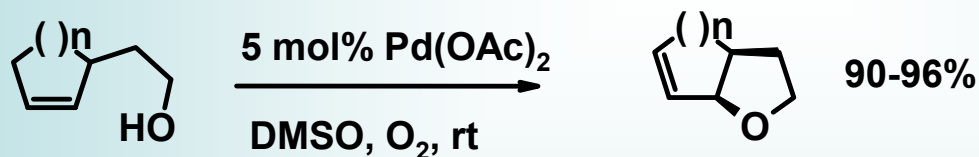
- first work was with PdCl<sub>2</sub> as the Pd<sup>II</sup> source, but now it is often replaced with other Pd<sup>II</sup> salts

-Reason - with Cl<sup>-</sup> salts, attack of Nu is *anti* to Pd; whereas with Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub>, Pd(OCOCF<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, attack is *syn* to Pd

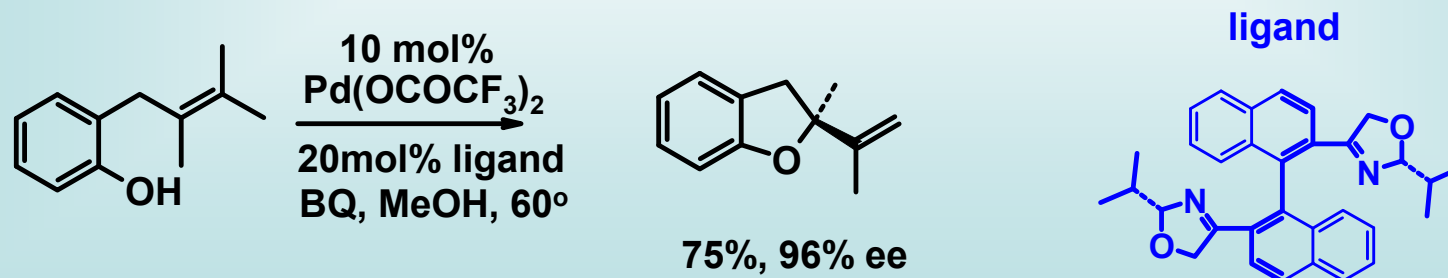
-*syn* attack allows/forces β-H elimination away from ring



Hayashi, T.; Yamasaki, K.; Mimura, M.; Uozumi, Y. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2004**, *126*, 3036.



-this even allows asymmetric synthesis at the newly formed chiral centre



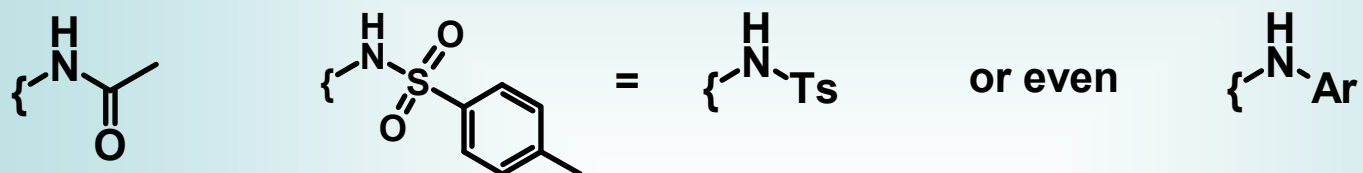
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## N Nucleophiles

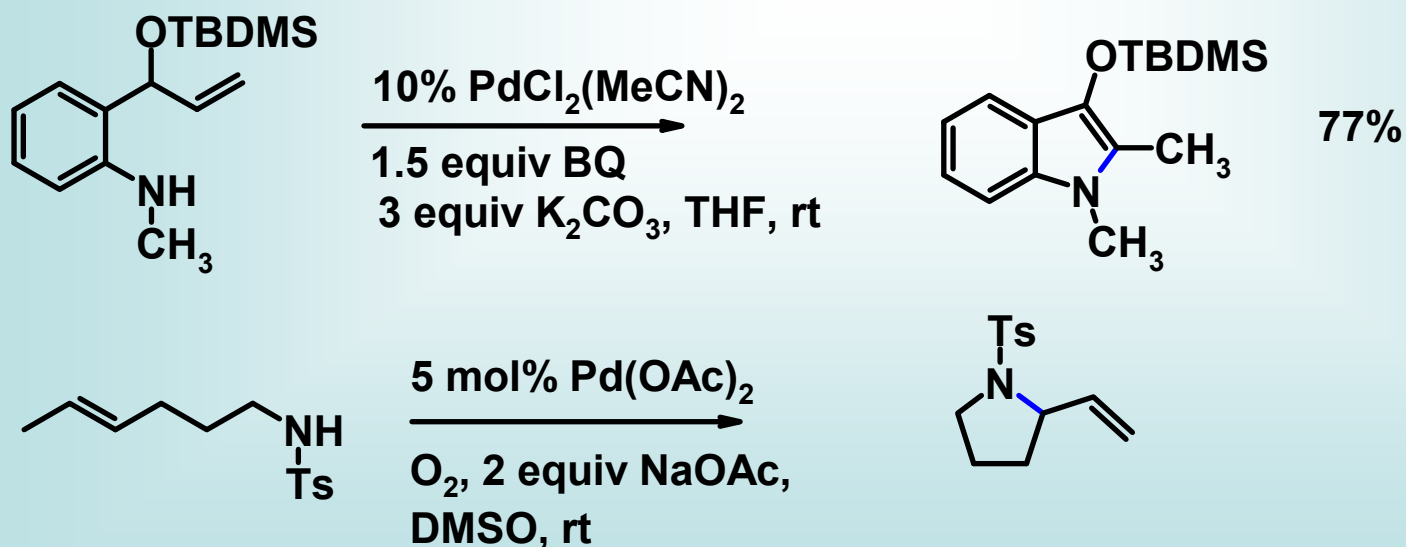
-sometimes called aza-Wacker

-problem with amine ligands - these are generally too basic/nucleophilic; tend to displace alkene as ligand

-as a result, in the vast majority of successful cases, the lone pair on N is deactivated

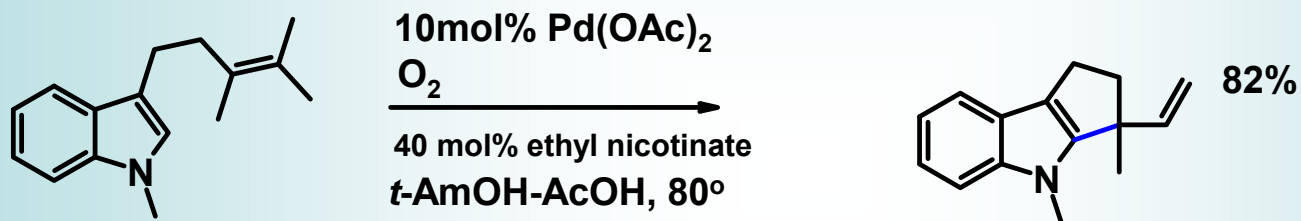
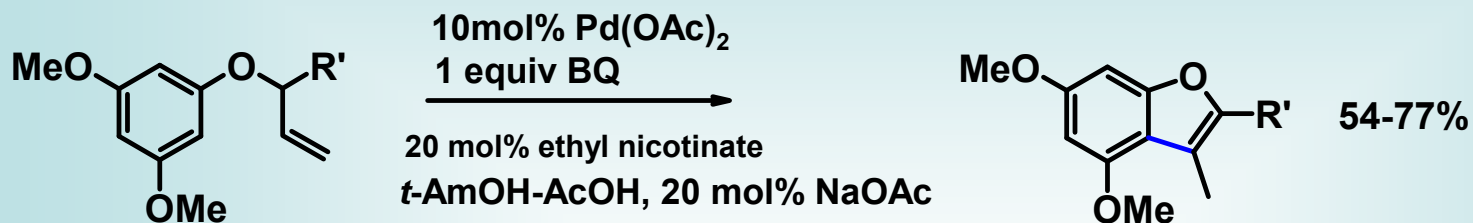


- with this restriction, this has become an increasingly important way of making heterocycles; especially possible for indole type systems

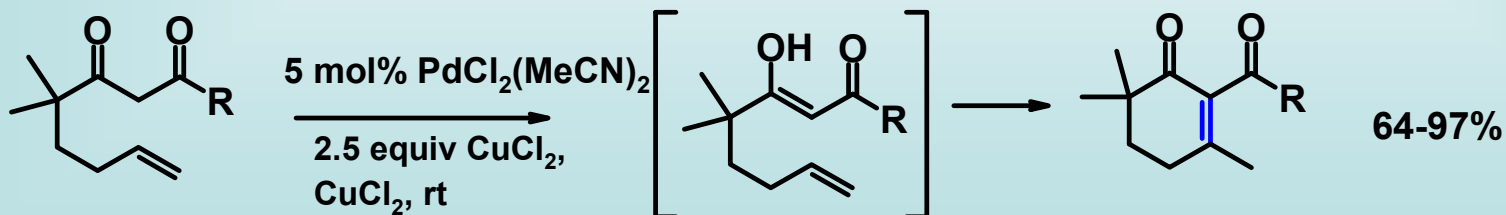
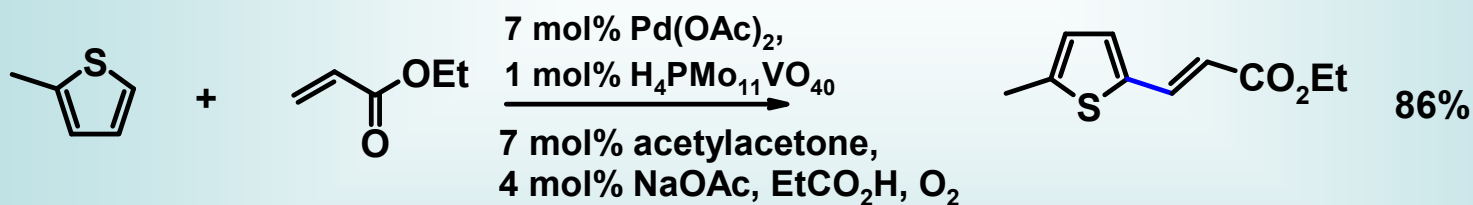


## Carbon Nucleophiles

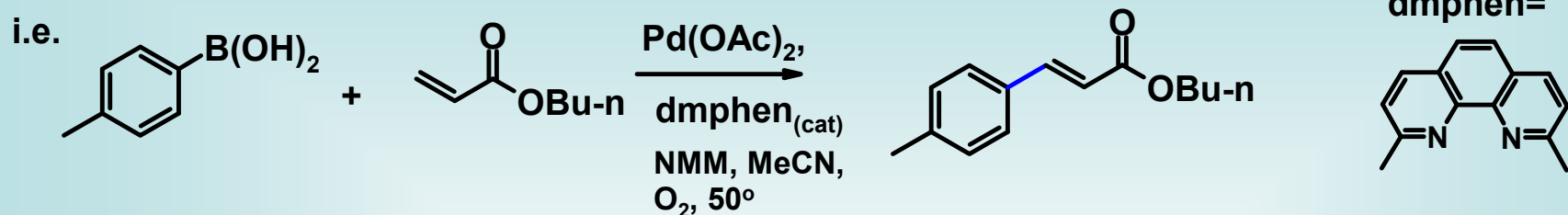
-success in these nucleophilic attack reactions has even been extended to carbon based nucleophiles such as silyl enol ethers, enolizable  $\beta$ -dicarbonyls, electron rich aromatics and heterocycles - there are even some intermolecular cases



Ferreira, E. M.; Stoltz, B. M.\* *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2003**, *125*, 9578.



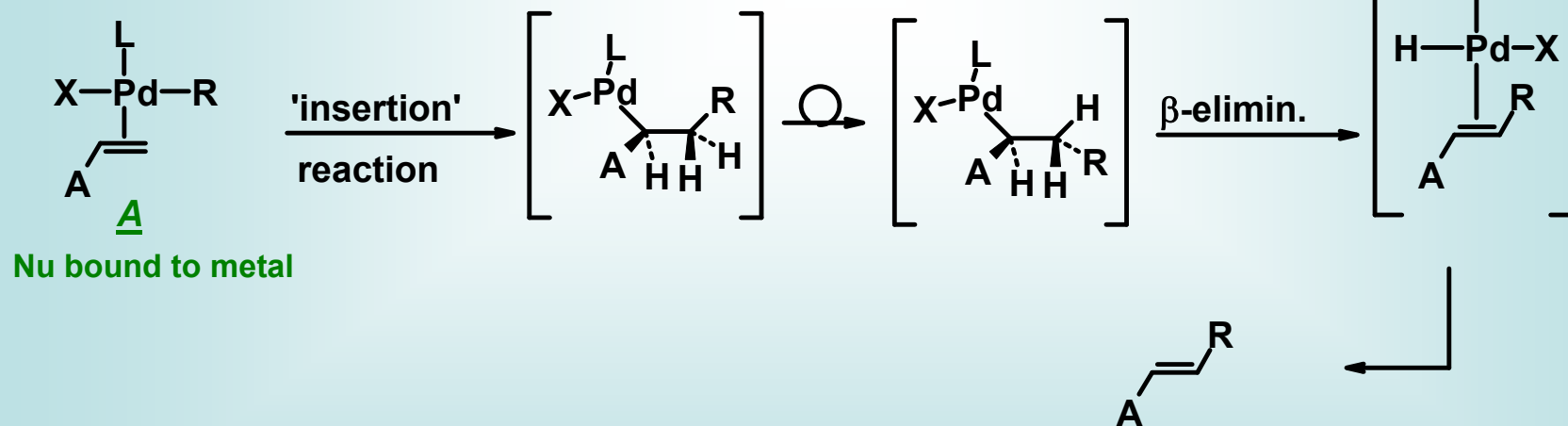
even organometallics, i.e., Ar-HgOAc (ancient history), ArB(OH)<sub>2</sub>, ArSnR'<sub>3</sub>



exhaustive review [R Becalli, E. M.; Brogini, G.; Martinelli, M.; Sottocomola, S. Chem. Rev. 2007, 107, 5318.](#)

We have been hiding an important point for a bit now, though

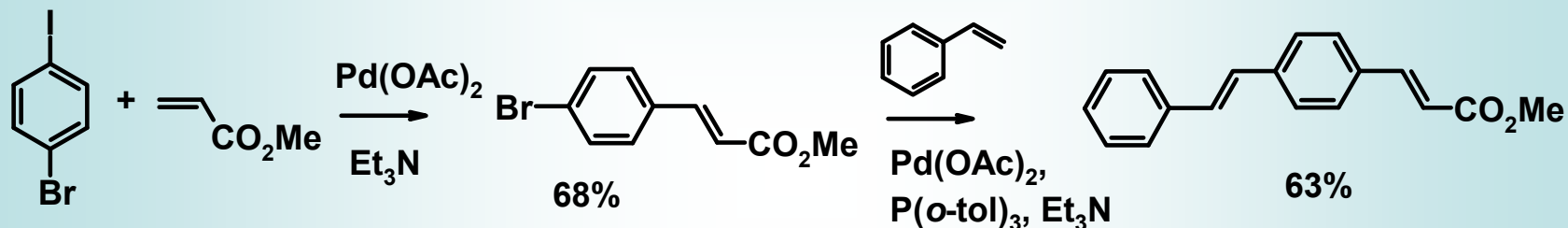
Some of these (the organometallics, *syn* attack cases) are probably going through a different intermediate than has been presented



-much more common way to get at the intermediates A  
 -by oxidative addition of Pd<sup>0</sup> to organic halides/triflates  
 -called Heck reaction

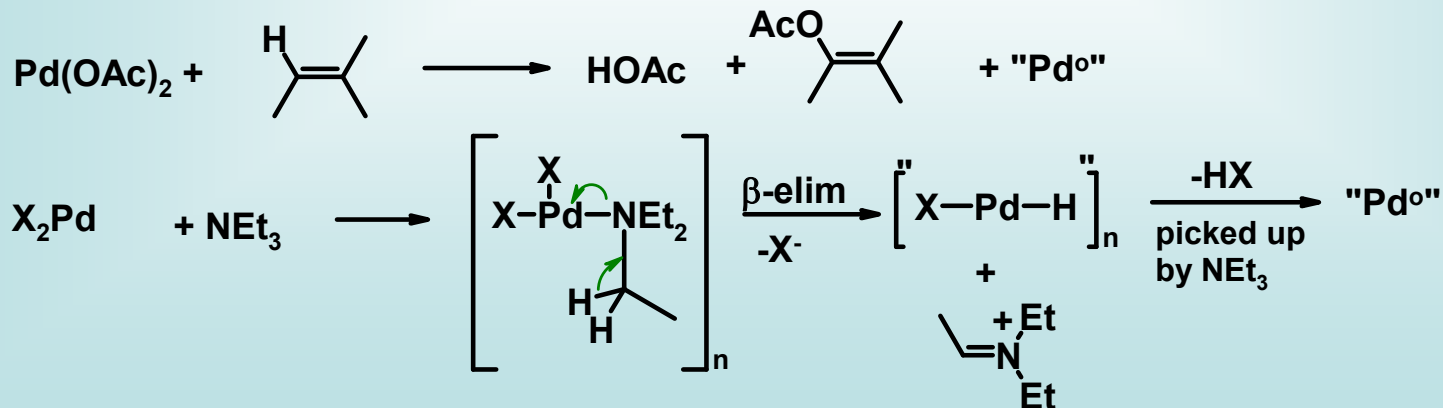
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- R Knowles, J. P.; Whiting, A. *Org. Biomol. Chem.* 2007, *5*, 31 mechanistic detail
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- R Miyaura, N. *Adv. Synth. Catal.* 2004, *346*, 1522.
- R Jutand, A. *Pure Appl. Chem.* 2004, *76*, 565 (mechanistic detail)
- R Dounay, A. B.; Overman, L. E. *Chem. Rev.* 2003, *103*, 2945 (asymmetric synthesis)
- R Link, J. T. *Org. React.* 2002, *60* 157 (intramolecular rxns)



So now we need Pd<sup>0</sup>, but we added Pd<sup>II</sup>

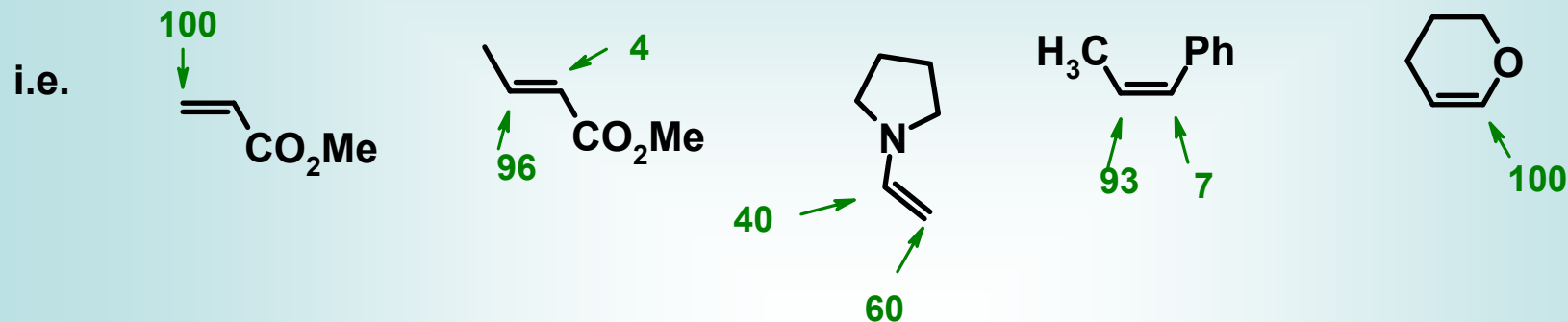
Not a typo; Pd<sup>II</sup> complexes often used and reduced *in situ*





## Regiochemistry

- somewhat different than intermolecular cases
- some tendency to go away from EWG's and towards EDG's, but sterics now (apparently) dominates
- Nu: goes 'towards' the less substituted site

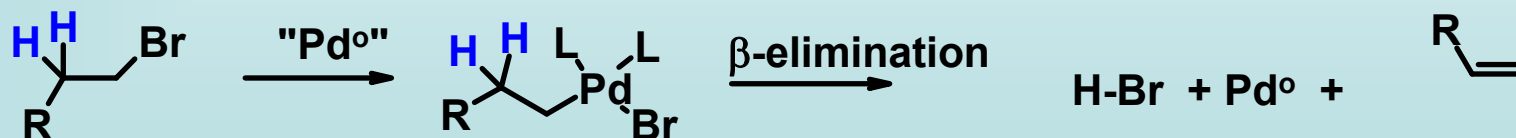


## Stereochemistry

- resulting alkene is usually the most thermodynamically stable one, meaning *trans* .....
- .....all else being equal

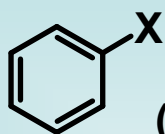
## Nature of the Organic Halide

R-X (usually) can't have  $\beta$ -hydrogens on an  $sp^3$  carbon atom, because of  $\beta$ -elimination



$\beta$ -elimination takes place before any coupling can occur

Thus



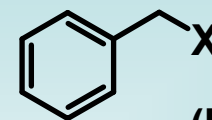
(aryl)



(vinyl)



(allyl)



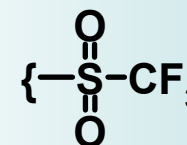
(benzyl)

Halides

-Br is most common choice

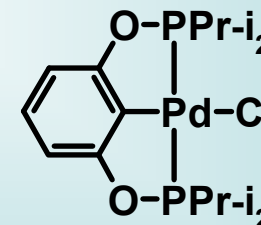
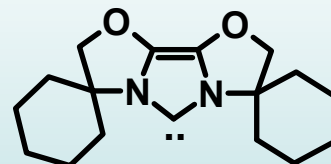
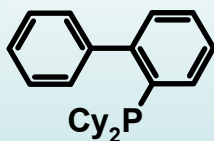
-I faster at oxidative addn, but more side rxns  
(sometimes better, sometimes worse)

-triflates are excellent pseudohalides



-Cl historically sluggish, but coming along nicely with new catalysts,  
including sterically hindered phosphines, carbenes as ligands, and  
ortho-metallated palladacycles

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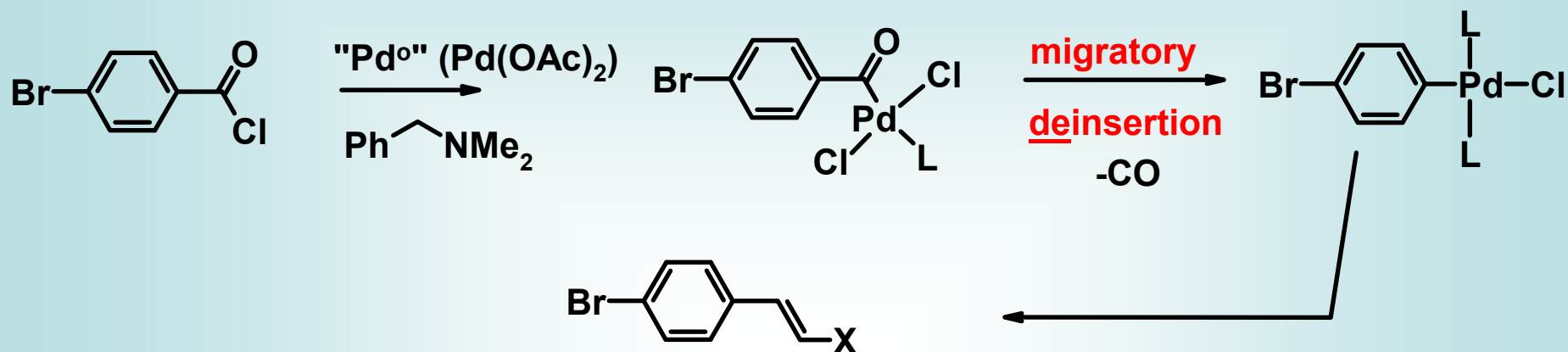
R Whitcome, N. J.; Hii, K. K.; Gibson, S. E. *Tetrahedron* **2001**, *57*, 7449.

R Littke, A. F.; Fu, G. C. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Engl.* **2002**, *41*, 4176.

R Christmann, U.; Vilar, R.\* *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2005**, *44*, 366

## A cute but increasingly irrelevant variation - acid chlorides

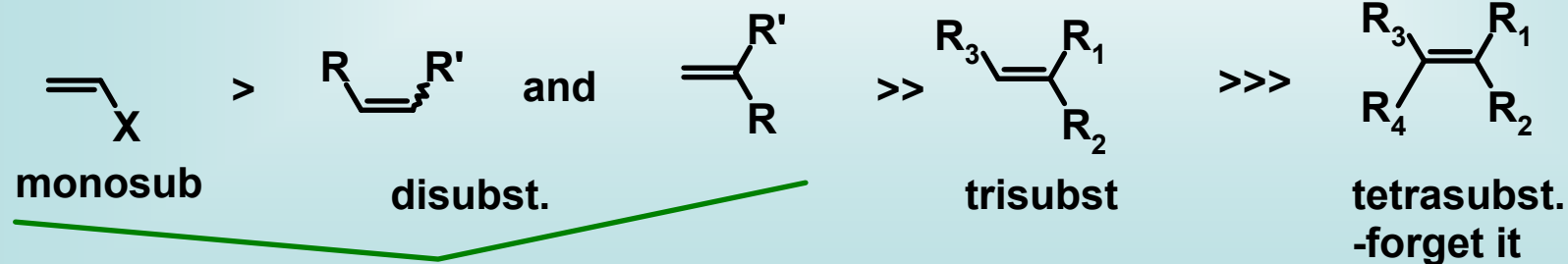
-aryl chlorides are very reactive to oxidative addition, and may be accessible when the halides are not



-can occur under very mild conds, in some cases - being made obsolete by improvements to aryl chloride Heck reactions

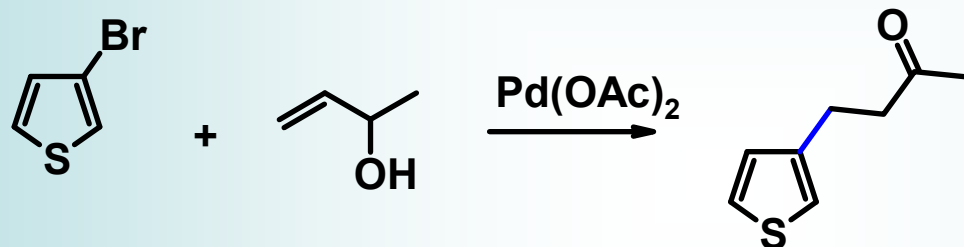
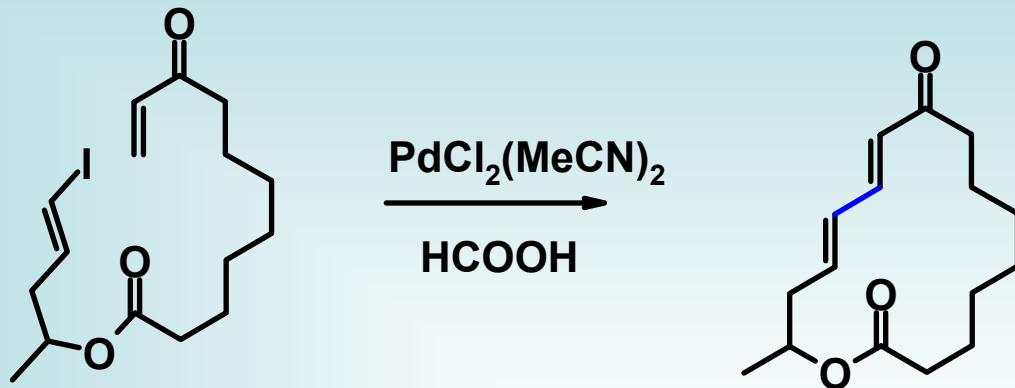
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## The Alkene

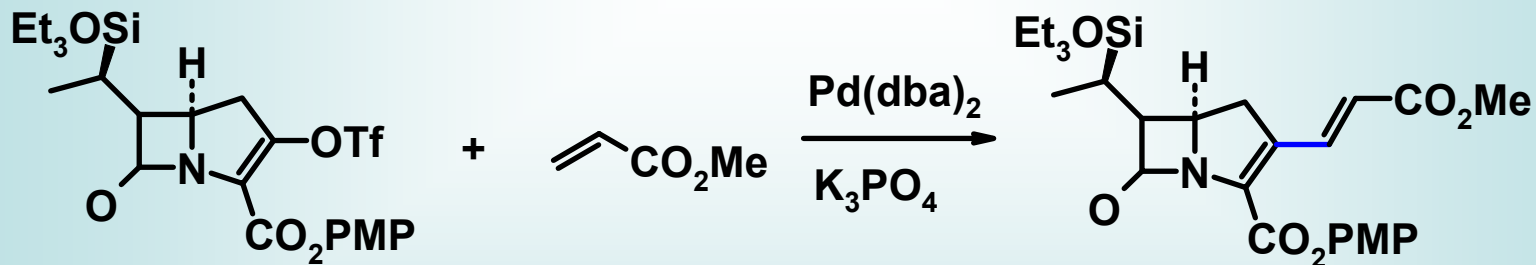


only practical ones

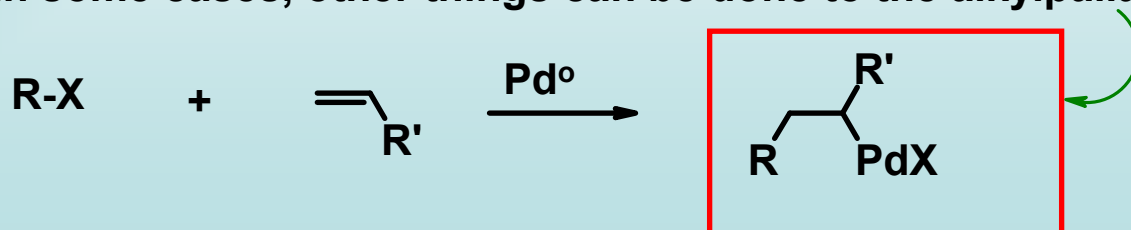
-ligands generally stabilize palladium intermediates, but aren't always added  
 -inorganic base is often used (instead of amine) to consume H-X



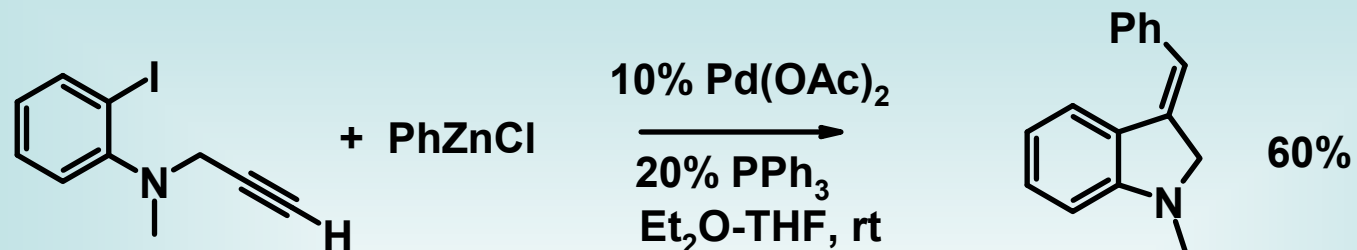
Note what happens to  $\beta$ -elimination process



In some cases, other things can be done to the alkylpalladium

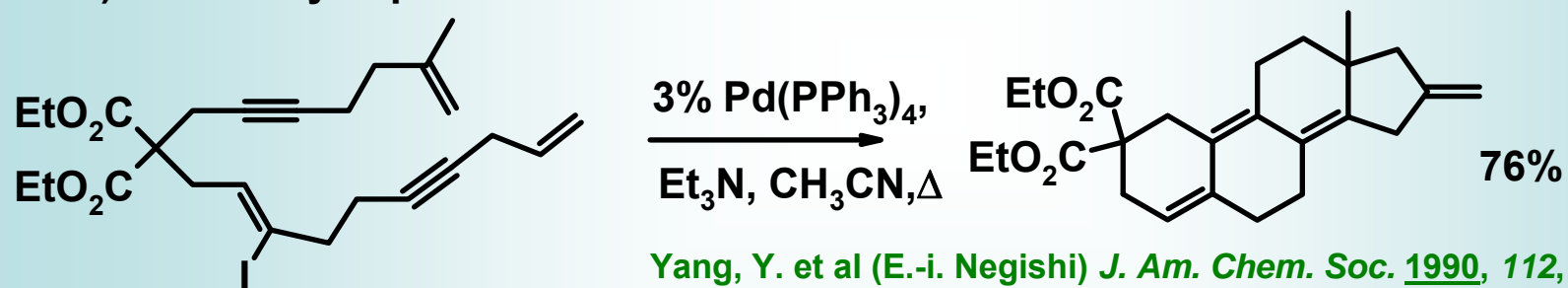


### a) Trap with organometallics



Grigg, R. et al *Tetrahedron Lett.* 1990, *31*, 6573 & refs therein

### b) Further cyclopalladation



Yang, Y. et al (E.-i. Negishi) *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 1990, *112*, 8590.

For still more reviews, see...

R Handbook of Organopalladium Chemistry for Organic Synthesis V1, Ch IV 2.4-2.6

R Naso, F.; Marchese, G., in *The Chemistry of Halides, Pseudo Halides, and Azides*; Patai, S; Rappoport, Z. eds Ch. 26, Wiley 1983,

R Green, J. R. in *The Chemistry of Halides, Pseudo Halides, and Azides, Supplement D2*, Ch 25, Wiley 1995

R Shibasaki, M. Soden, C. D. Kojima, A. *Tetrahedron* 1997, *53*, 7371

R Balme, G. Bouyssi, D.; Lomberget, T. Monteiri, N. *Synthesis* 2003, 2115

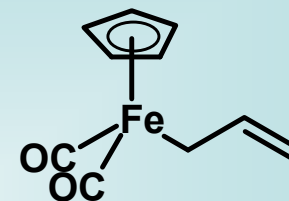
## $\eta^3$ - Hydrocarbon Metal Complexes

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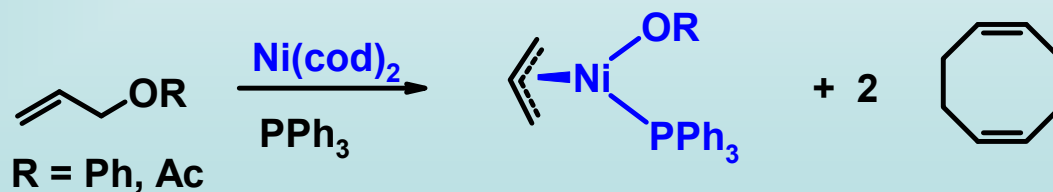
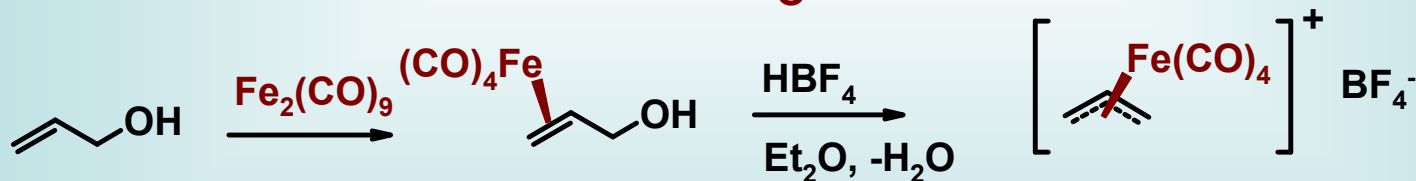
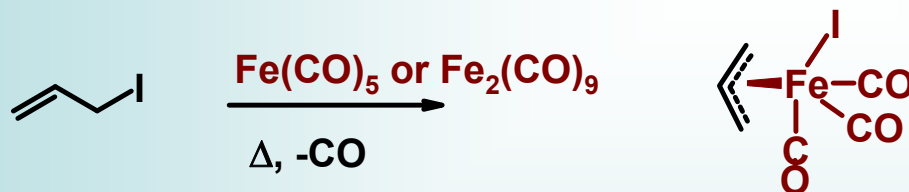
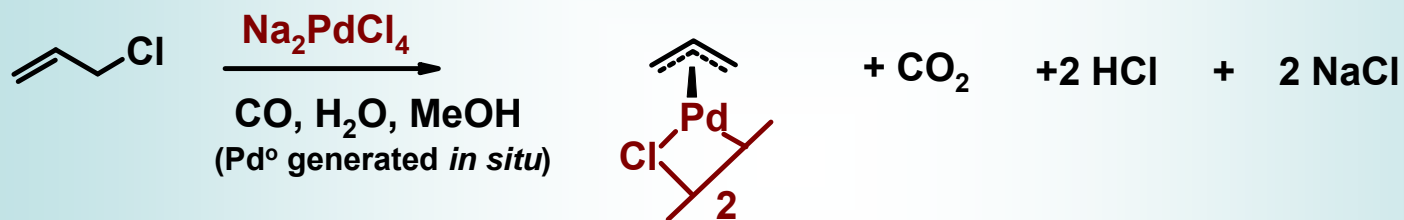
type complexes

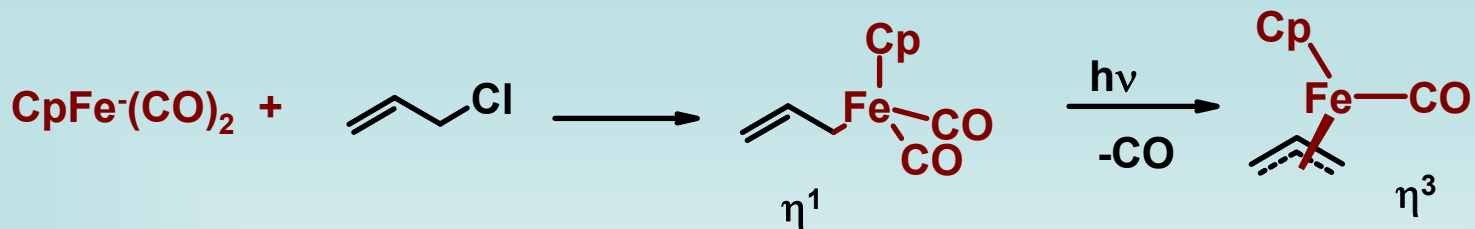
Note: We will discuss these here, too; even though they're  $\eta^1$



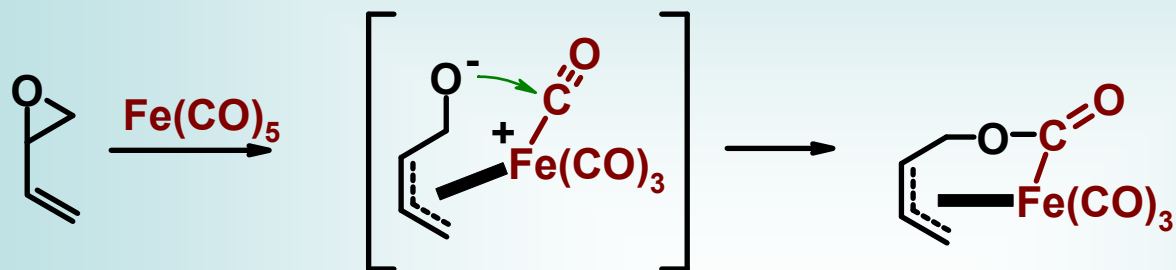
### Preparation of $\eta^3$ -allyl Complexes

i) From olefins (alkenes) with allylic leaving groups

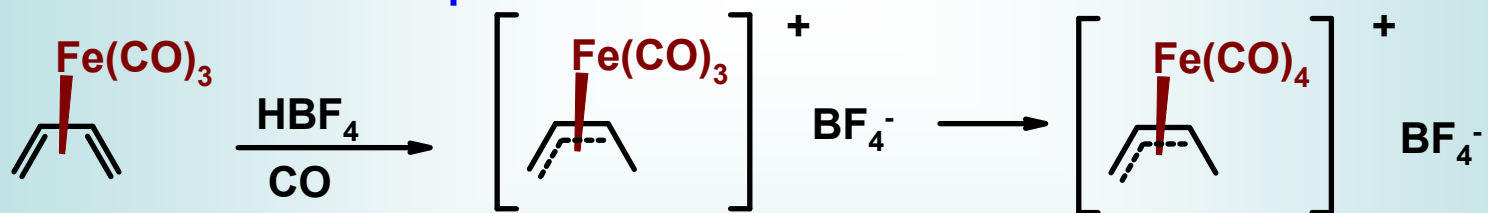




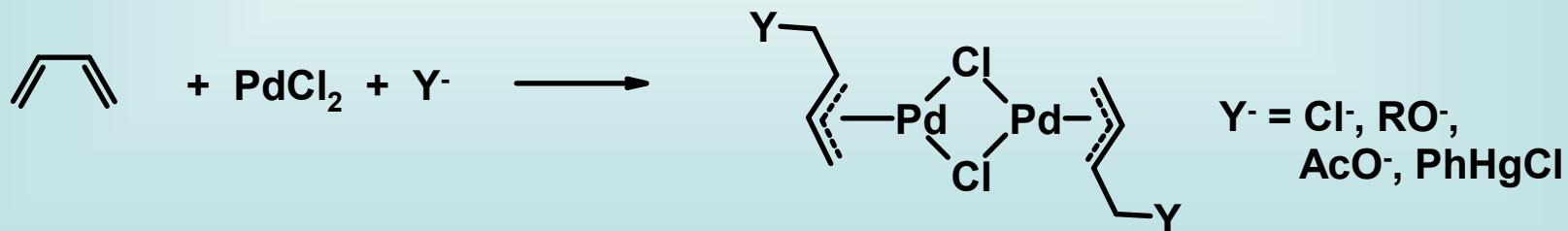
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## ii) From Metal-Diene Complexes

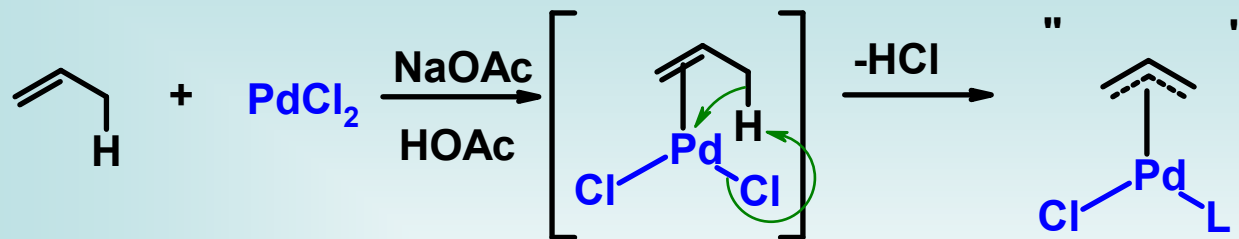


Salzer, A.\*; Hafner, A. *Helv. Chem. Acta* **1983**, *66*, 1774.

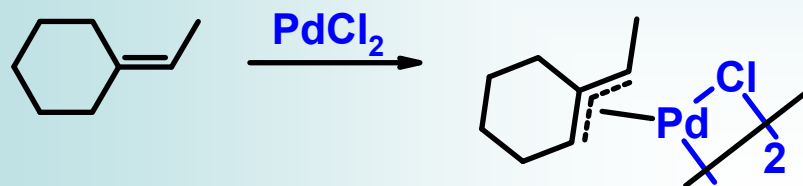


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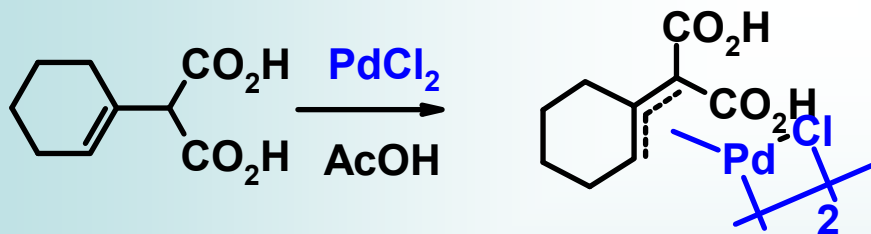
iii) Activation of allylic C-H Bonds  
-most applicable for Pd complexes



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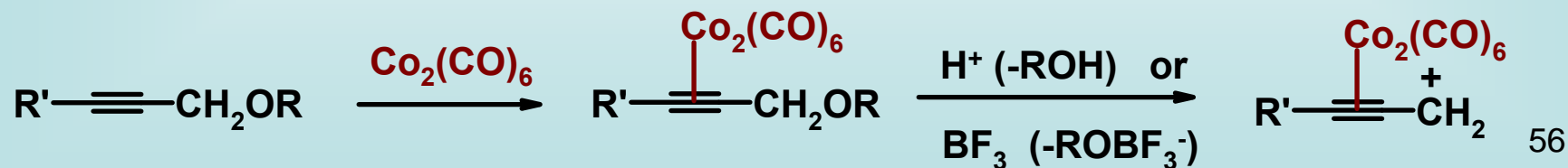
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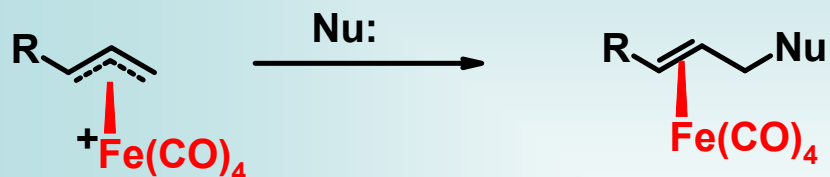
iv) Propargyl (di)Co complexes





## Allyl/Propargyl $\eta^3$ - Complexes as Electrophiles

### a) Cationic allyl tetracarbonyl complexes

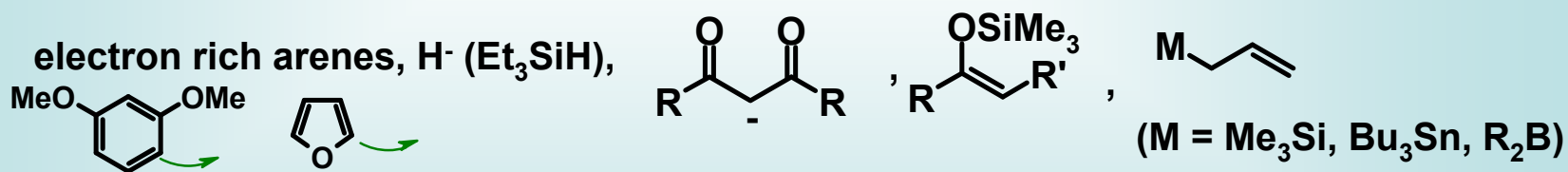


-complexes react with a pretty wide range of nucleophiles to give  $\eta^2$ -alkene complexes as immediate products

-these  $\eta^2$ -alkene complexes are not all that stable, easily decomplexed by mild oxidant

-allyl attack is presominantly at less substituted side of allyl unit (more later)

Nu: can be...  $\text{R}_3\text{N}$  (amines),  $\text{Ph}_3\text{P}$  (phosphines),  $\text{R}_2\text{Cd}$  (RMgBr),  $\text{RCu}(\text{CN})\text{ZnI}$



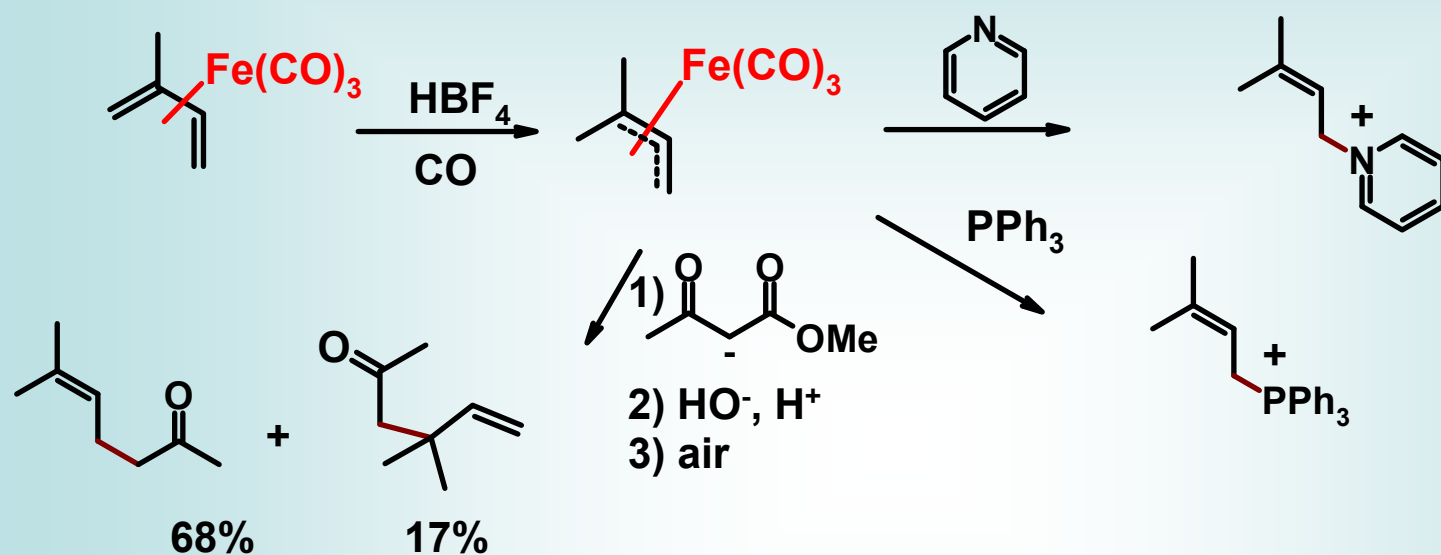
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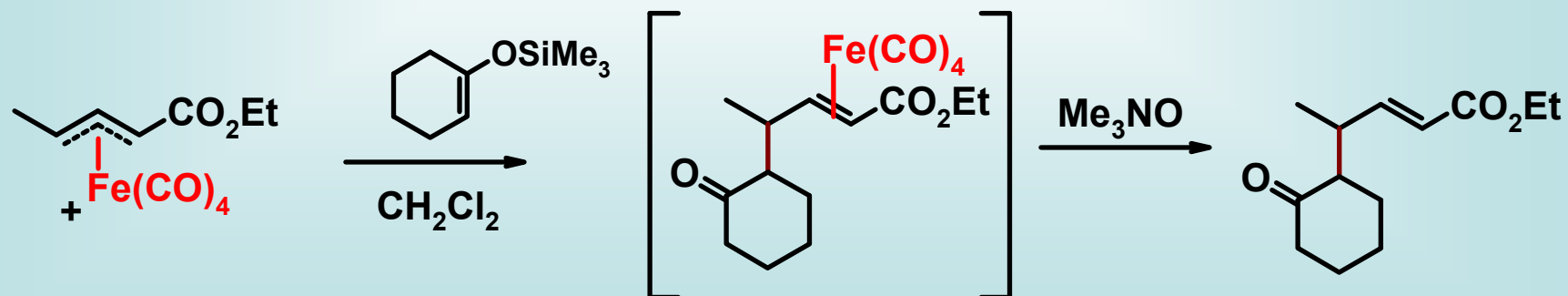
## Regiochemistry

-Site of attack is normally at the less substituted end of the allyl unit

-C2 attack has never been observed



-Site of attack is away from electron withdrawing group



## Why care?

-allyl cations are very highly reactive; either too unstable to prepare or too reactive to be isolated or control their reactivity

-site  $\gamma$ -to carbonyl is normally nucleophilic; therefore this is *umpolung* reactivity

-iron allyls are geometrically stable

R de Koning, H.; Hiemstra, H.; Moolenaar, M. J.; Speckamp, W. N. *Eur. J. Org. Chem.* **1998**, 1729.

R Enders, D.; Jandeleit, B.; von Berg, S. *Synlett* **1997**, 421.

## b) Allylpalladium<sup>II</sup> Complexes

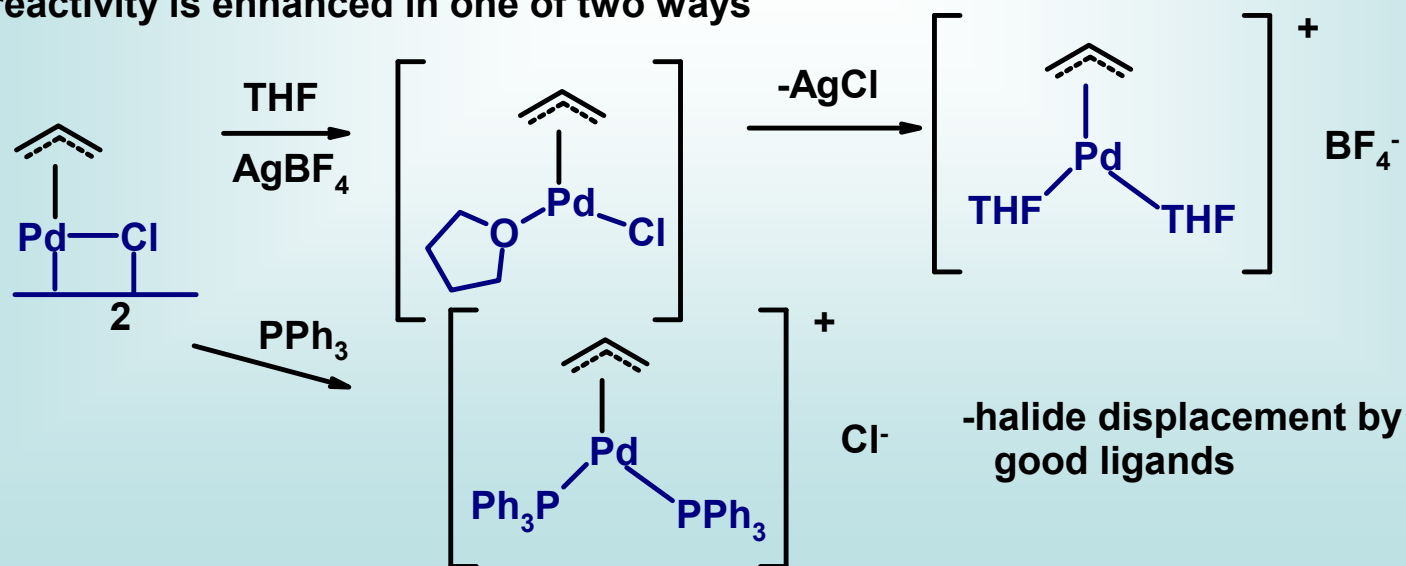
Hegedus, p. 245 start

Tsuiji, p. 116-168

-by FAR, the most widely used  $\eta^3$ -allylmetals

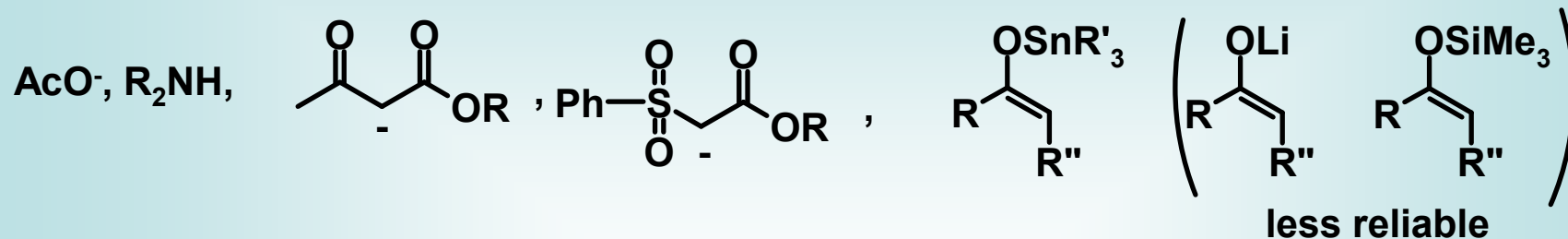
-like the Pd alkene complexes, the chloro-bridged dimers usually aren't reactive enough

-reactivity is enhanced in one of two ways



-can also be activated by other ligands (esp. phosphines), dimethyl sulphoxide (DMSO), hexamethylphosphoric triamide (HMPA)

- once 'activated', these can undergo nucleophilic attack by several reagents



-attack superficially similar to allylirons

-i.e., normally at the less substituted allyl terminus

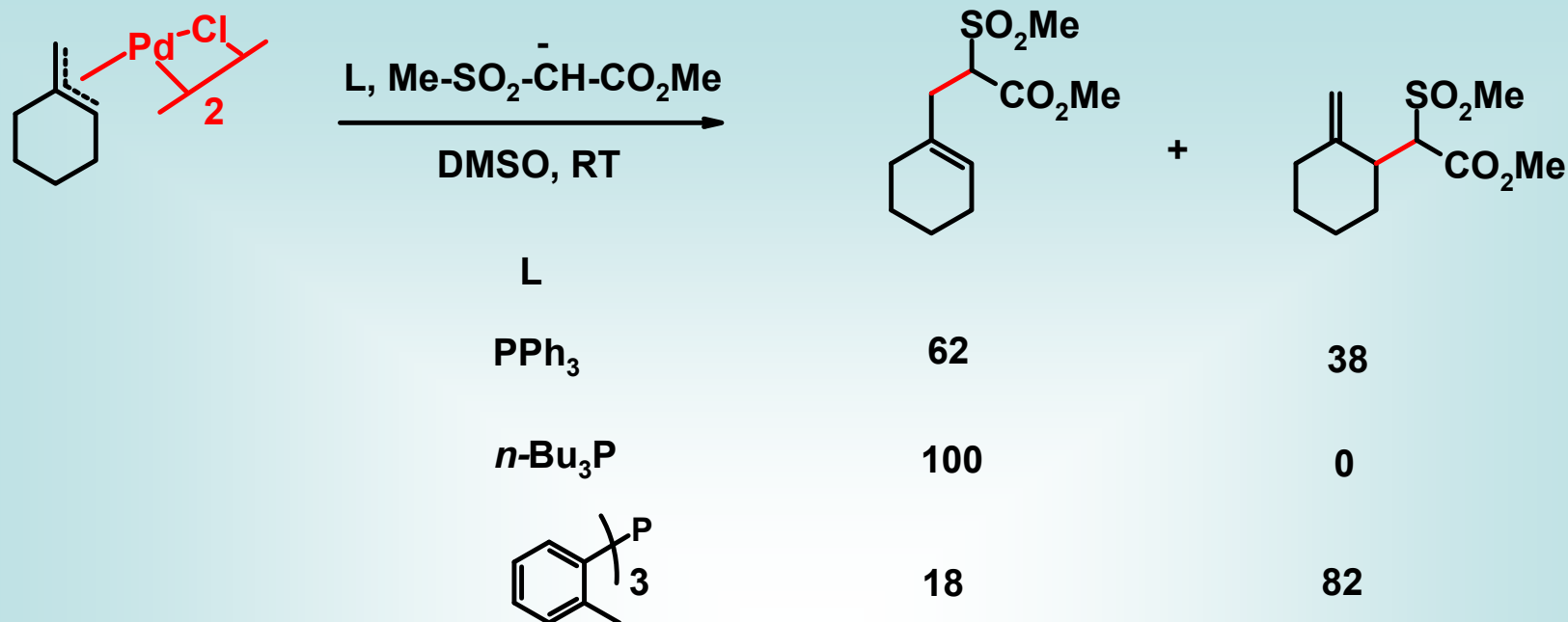
-this can, however, be affected by choice of phosphine ligand

-rationale - more electron rich C-Pd bond should be the stronger one - this is the more substituted one

- therefore the less substituted one is more weakly held, so Nu<sup>-</sup> attacks there

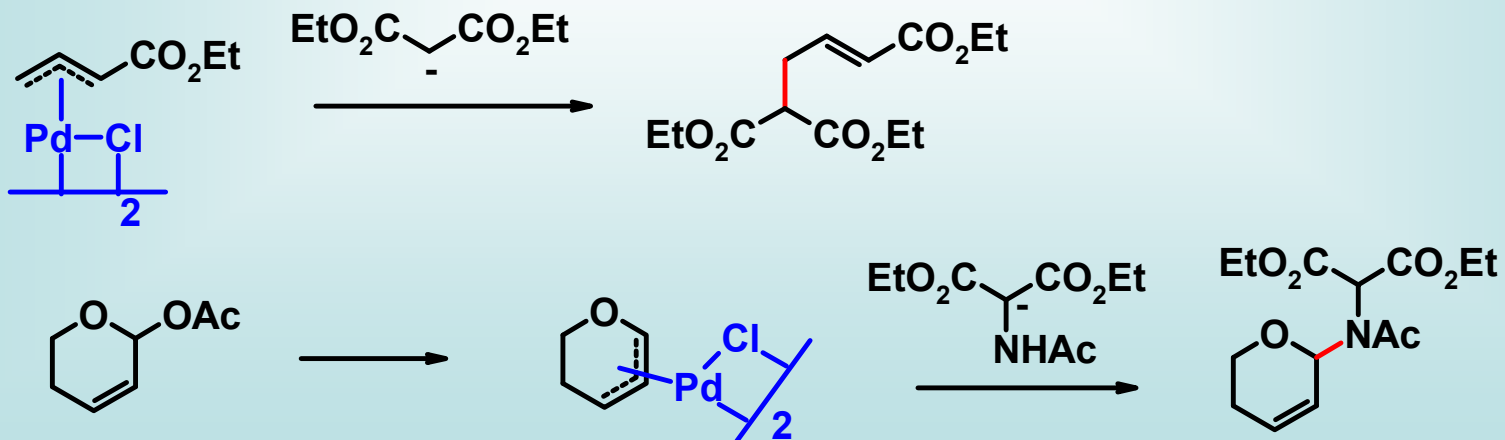
-BUT , with a bigger ligand (i.e., (*o*-tol)<sub>3</sub>P), there is a steric repulsion between PdL<sub>2</sub> and the more substituted C - makes that bond weaker, more easily attacked

Consider.....

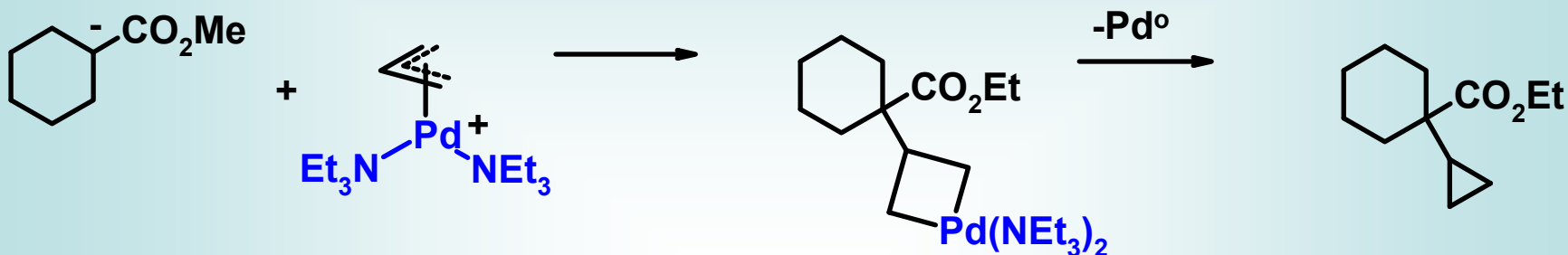


Trost, B. M. et al *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 1978, 100, 3416.

-electron withdrawing groups direct attack to the end site remote to the group  
 -electron donating groups direct attack to the end near the EDG



- there are rare cases of attack at the central carbon of the allyl unit - C-2 attack
- usually observed for Nu<sup>-</sup> with high pKa's (20-30), or where the central carbon has a leaving group
- C-2 attack has very limited use in synthetic organic chemistry so far

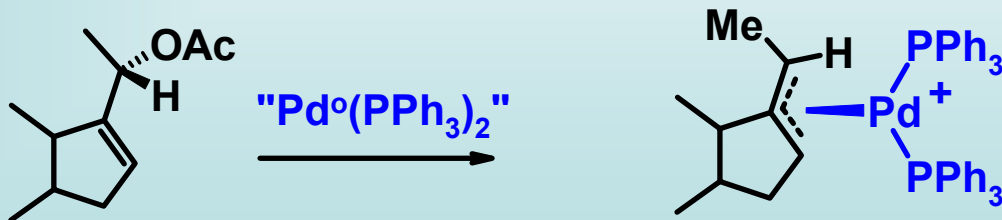


-for a good discussion and lead refs, see...

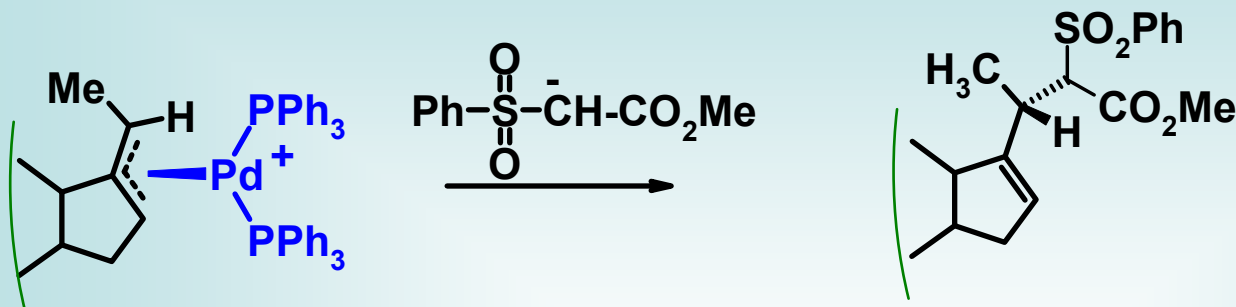
Aranyos, A., et al (Backvall, J. R.) *Organometallics* 1997, *16*, 1058.  
Organ, M. et al *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 1998, *120*, 9283.

### Stereochemistry of Attack

- recall - oxidative addition to for  $\pi$ - allyl is on a alkyl centre, and therefore goes with inversion of configuration

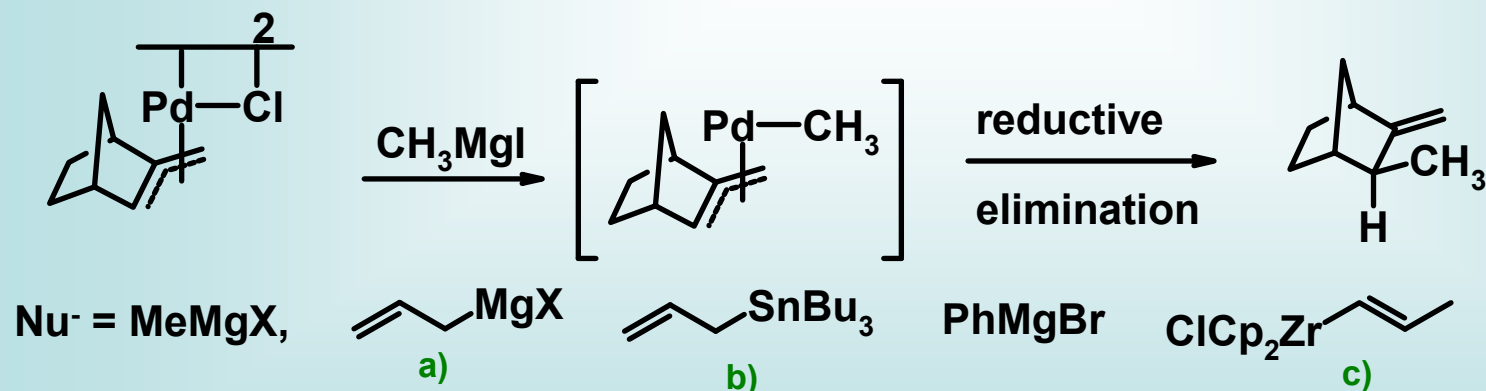


-now, nucleophilic attack on the allylpalladium normally occurs *away* from the palladium (it could be called backside attack, too), so overall there is a retention of configuration at carbon



Note: This is the normal (and ideal) situation  
non-stabilized carbanions are not usually good for attack on these species;  
when they do work, the mechanism is different....

- then, the initial attack step is on the metal, which is followed by reductive elimination to give retention for this step



*Tetrahedron Lett.* 1979, 3221

*J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.* 1984, 107

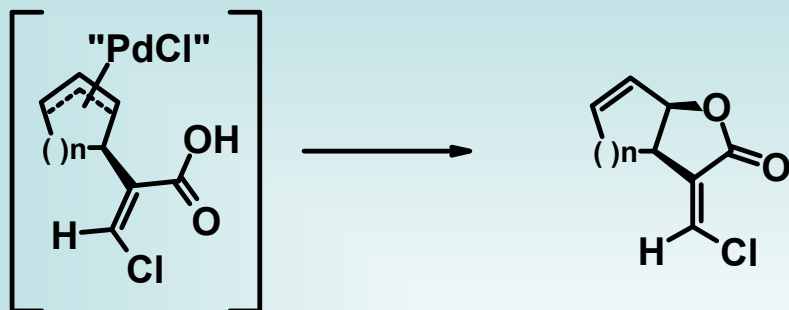
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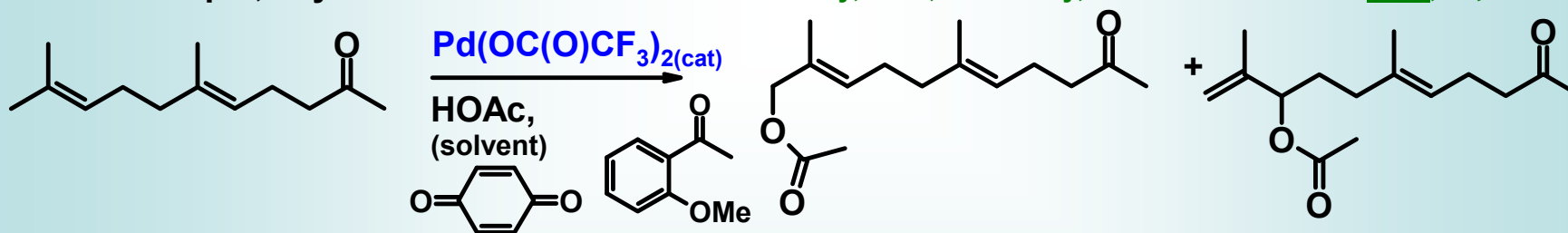
-Acetate/carboxylate will attack with retention under special conditions, or if forced by the constraints of the molecule



Larock, R.C. *J. Org. Chem.* **1984**, *49*, 3662.

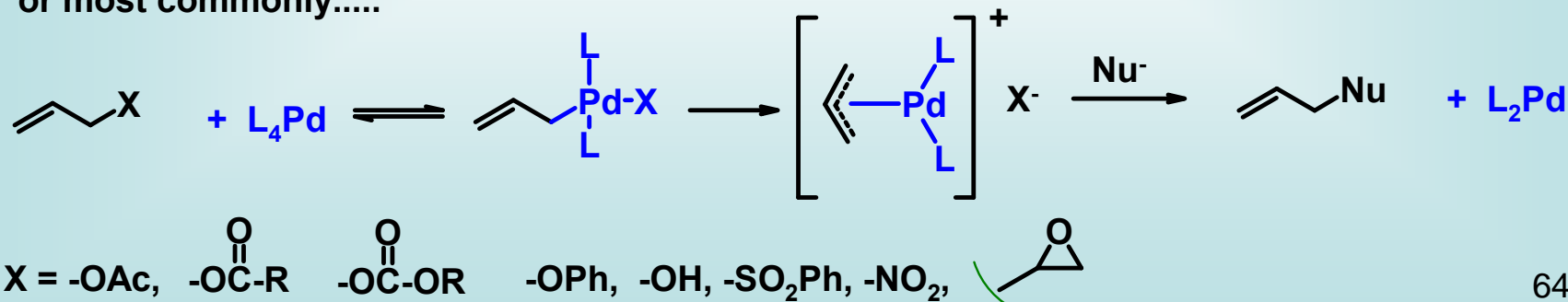
The best news is that many, many, many of these reactions can be done as catalytic reactions

for example, allylic oxidation



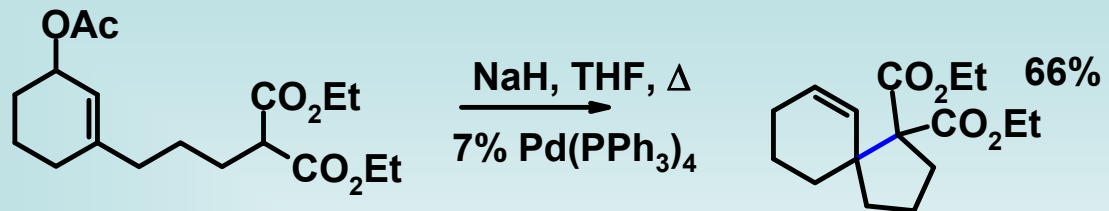
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or most commonly.....

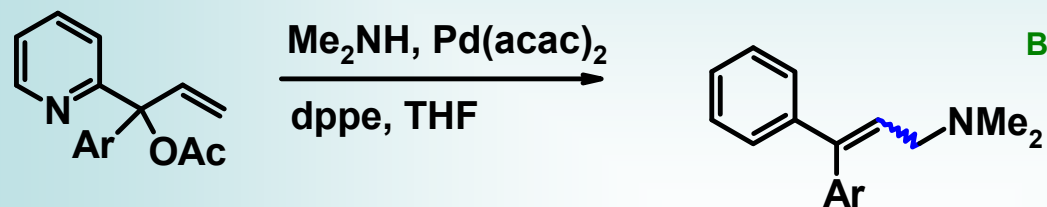




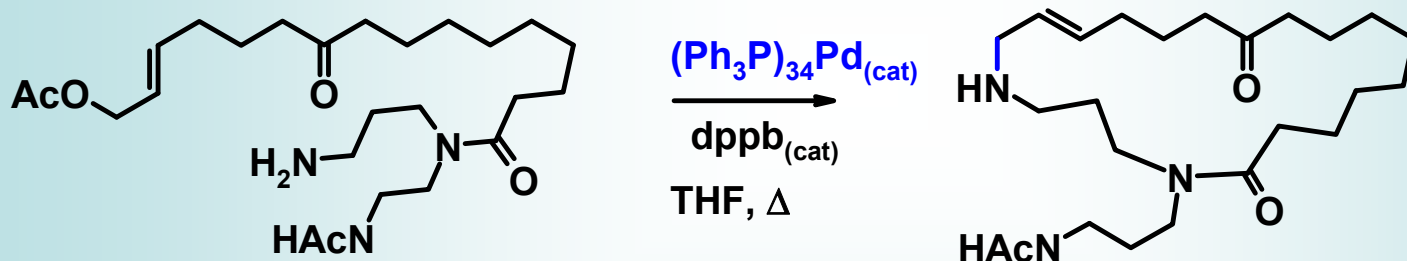
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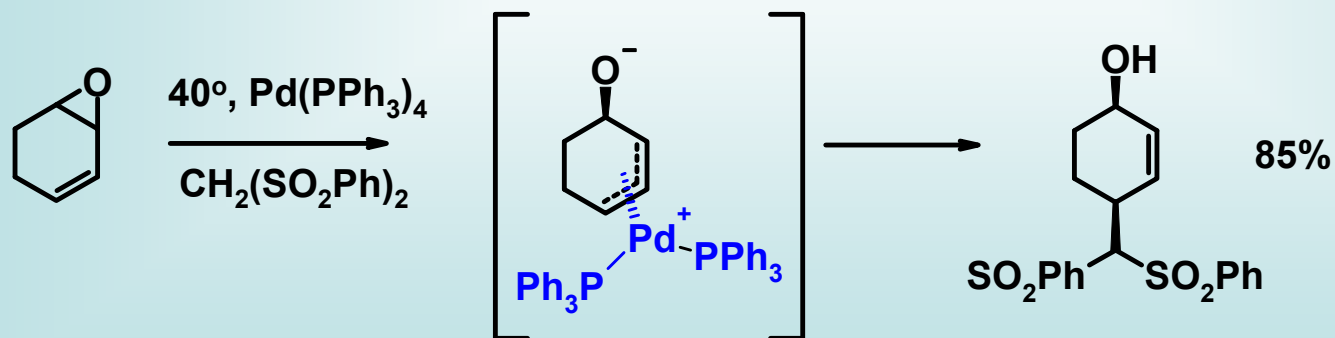
Godleski, S. A.; Valpey, R. S.  
*J. Org. Chem.* **1982**, *47*, 381.



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Trost, B.M.; Cossy, J. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1982**, *104*, 6881.

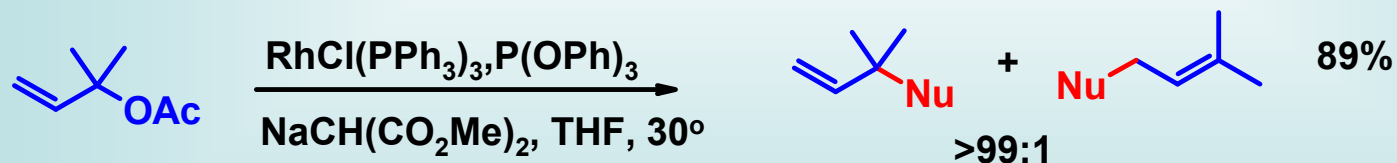
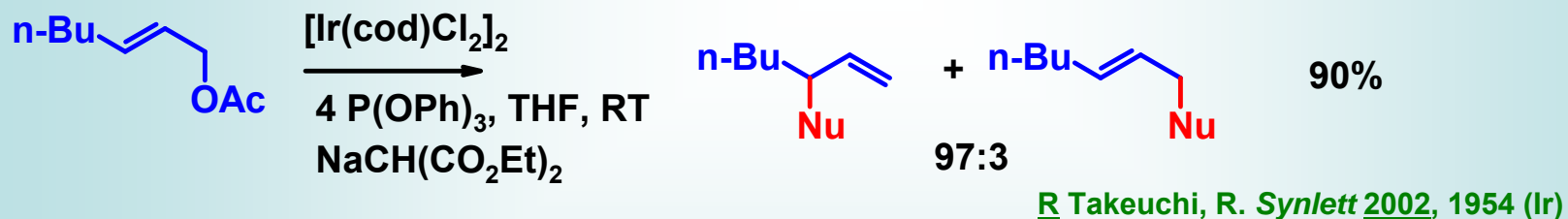


Notes on that last one: 1) Allylic substituent, CHR-OH is electron withdrawing and sterically blocking 'proximal' attack - therefore, attack is on remote (distal) end of allyl unit

2) Oxidative addition goes with inversion  
Nucleophilic attack is from backside of Pd allyl = inversion  
so overall retention

Question: How about the other possible regiochemical outcome, i.e., attack at more substituted end?

If you instead use Co group catalysts, particularly Rh<sup>I</sup> and Ir<sup>I</sup>, and use less donating ligands (phosphites, esp. P(OPh)<sub>3</sub>), it is clear that allyl more 'electrophilic', so location of '+' resonance for more critical - attack on more substituted end.



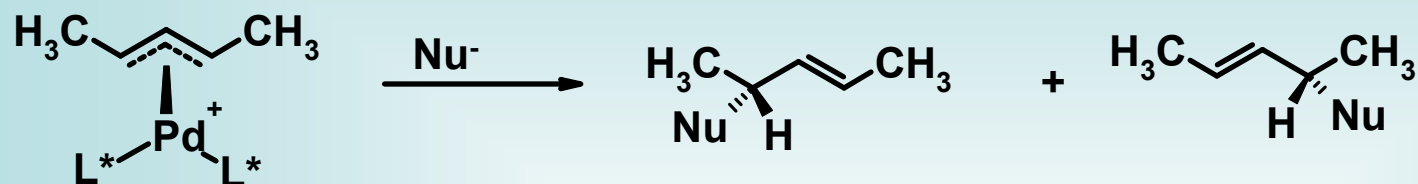
R Leahy, D. K.; Evans, P. A. *Modern Rh-Catalyzed Organic Reactions*, Ch. 10

-Other metal systems such as Ir<sup>III</sup>, Mo<sup>II</sup> can do similar substitutions

R Krska, S. W. et al (+Trost, B. M.); *Pure Appl. Chem.* 2004, 76, 625.(Mo) 66

## Enantioselectivity

-most of the work has been done on allyls with symmetrical substitution patterns, using a chiral ligand



$\text{Nu}^- = \text{CH}(\text{CO}_2\text{Et})_2$  especially

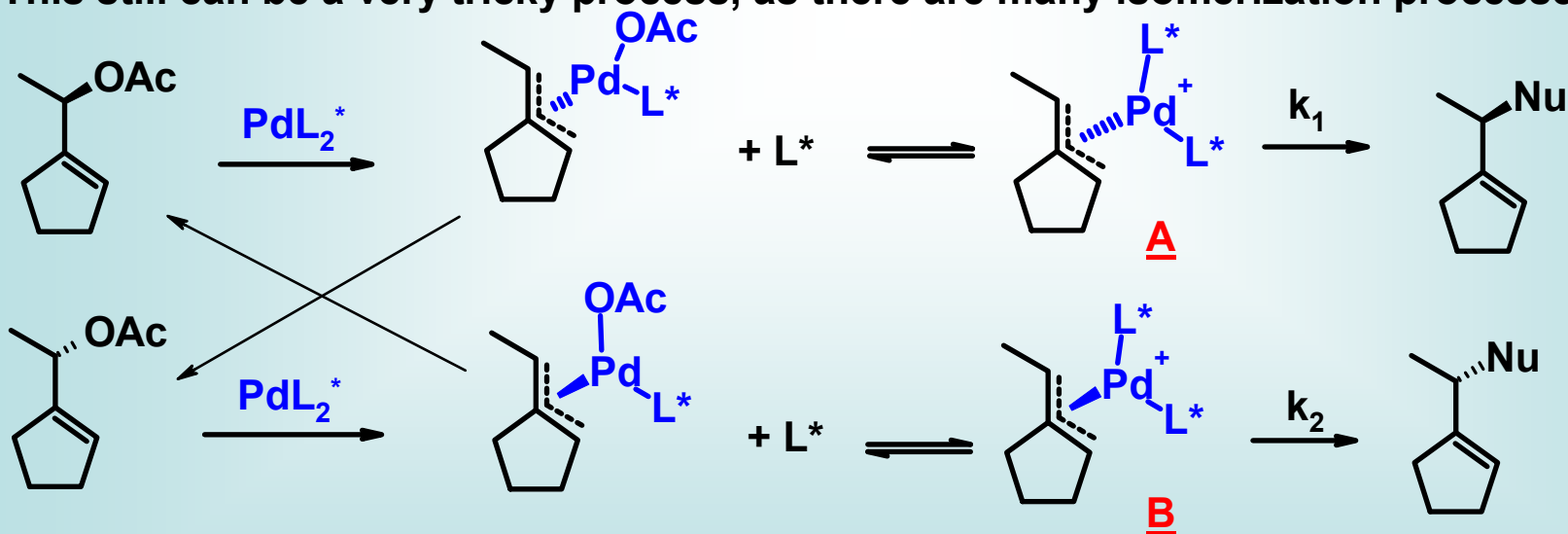
### Most recent reviews

R Trost, B. M. *J. Org. Chem.* **2004**, *69*, 5813.

R Trost, B. M. *Chem. Rev.* **2003**, *103*, 2921.

R Graening, T.; Schmalz, H.-G. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2003**, *42*, 2580.

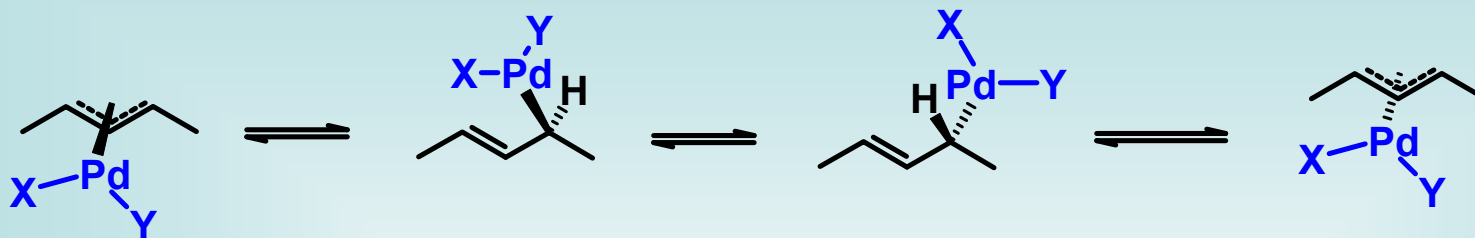
This still can be a very tricky process, as there are many isomerization processes possible



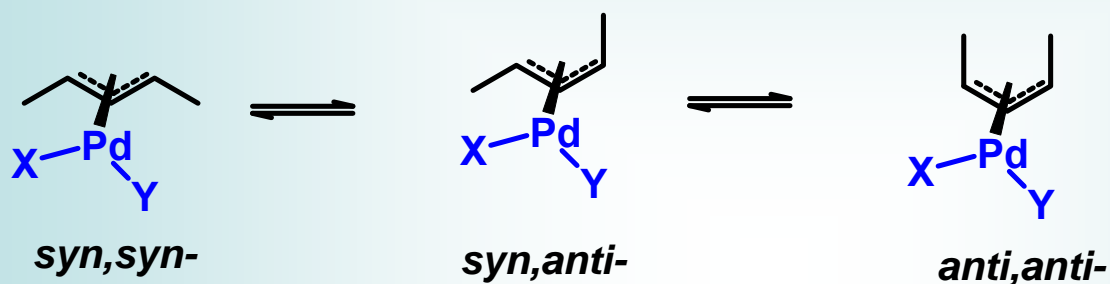
1) Under normal reaction conditions (high phosphine to Pd ratios), nucleophilic displacement is slow relative to  $\pi$ -allyl interconversion

-therefore, the product can depend of stabilities of A and B

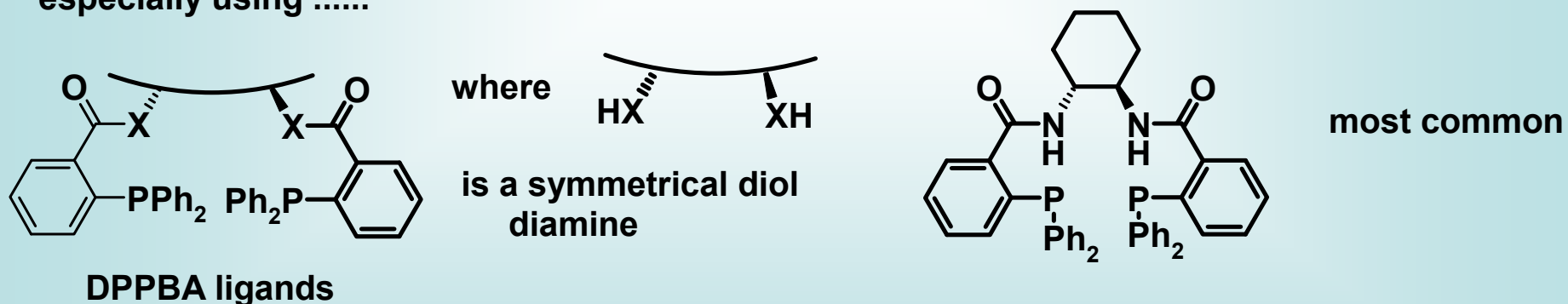
2) Acyclic systems can racemize by an  $\eta^3 - \eta^1 - \eta^3$  mechanism



-same process can also result in *anti* / *syn*- isomerization of allyl Pd's

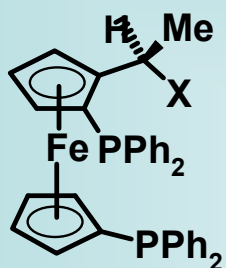


Nevertheless, there has been considerable success in this enantioselective transformation, especially using .....



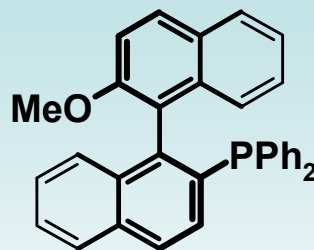
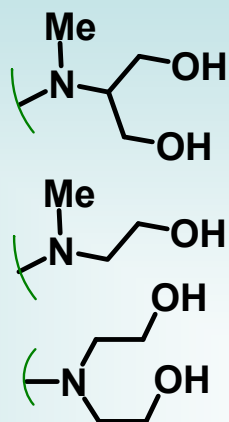
see Trost reviews listed on last page  
R\_Trost, B. M.; Van Vranken, D. L. *Chem. Rev.* **1996**, *96*, 395.

## Other successful ligands



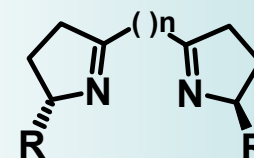
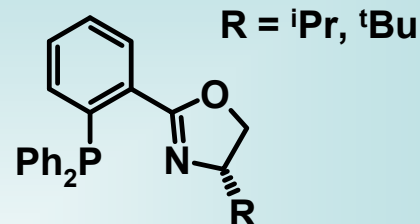
**BPPF-X**

X =



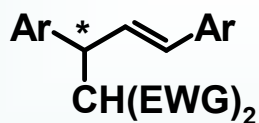
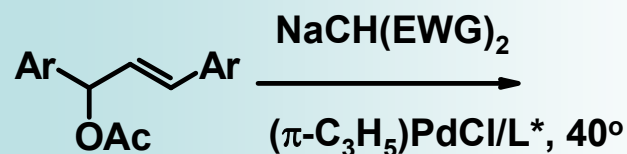
**MOP (Monophosphine ligands)**

*R* Hayashi, T. *J. Organomet. Chem.* **1999**, *576*, 195.

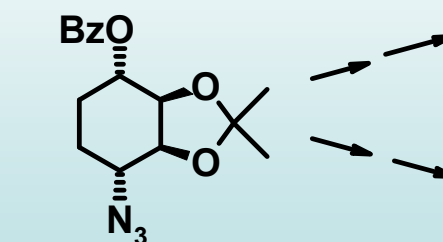
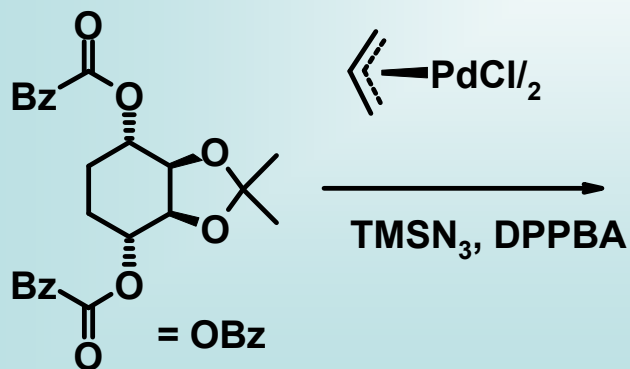


**BOX (Bis-oxazoline ligands)**

*R* Pfaltz, A. *Acc. Chem. Res.* **1993**, *26*, 339.



up to 96% ee with (R)- or (S)- BPPFX  
Hayashi, T. et al *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1986**, *27*, 191.



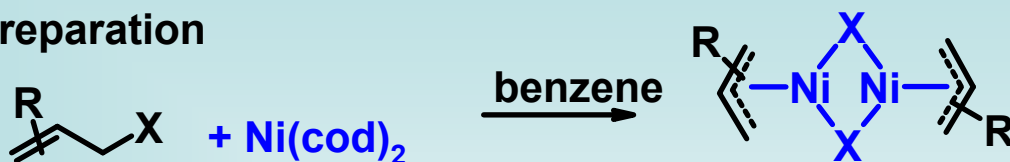
83% yield, >98% ee

conduramine A-1  
benzamide  
pancratistatin

from Trost (1996) review

## $\pi$ -Allylnickel Halides

### Preparation

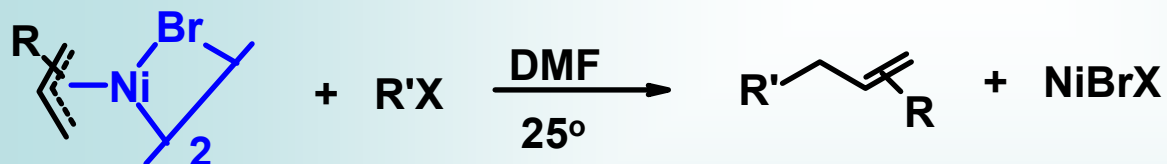


Hegedus, p.278

X = Br  
usually  
or Ni(CO)<sub>4</sub>

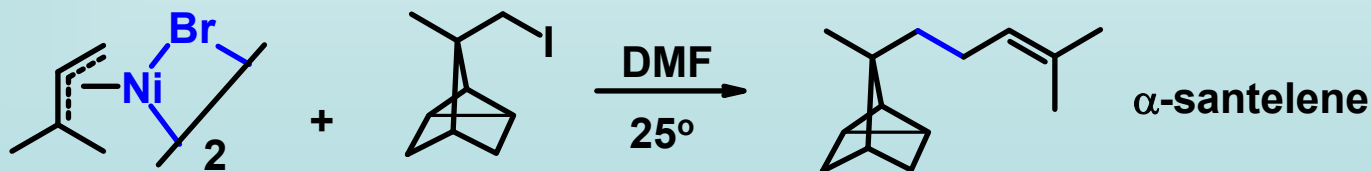
- These are isostructural, isoelectronic with the corresponding allylpalladium compounds
- Reactivity can be different, however

These can behave as if they are nucleophiles themselves, and will allylate organic halides (X = Br, usually)



- ketones and aldehydes are often tolerated (i.e., they survive this rxn at RT)
- esters are tolerated well

Regiochemistry - reaction occurs at less substituted allyl terminus



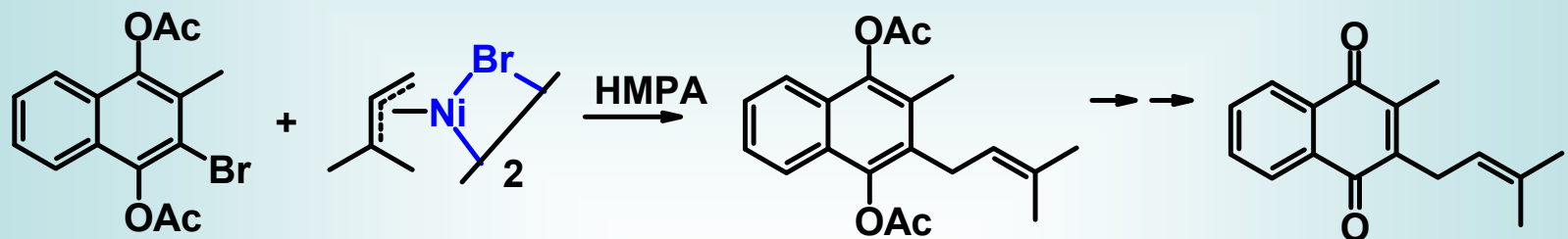
So who cares?

Look carefully at the above; the centre that's being attacked is neopentyl (i.e.,  $R_3C-CH_2-X$ )

-neopentyl centres are normally forbidden for nucleophilic ( $S_N2$ ) substitution

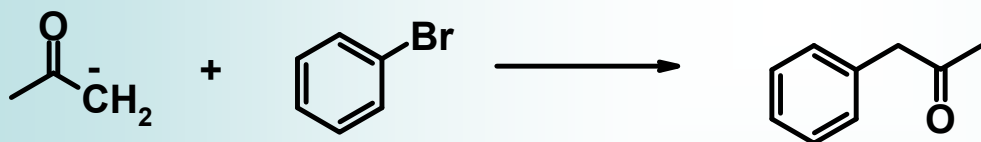
-works just fine here

-Generally true - rxn works well in cases where  $S_N2$  is impossible (i.e., aryl halides)



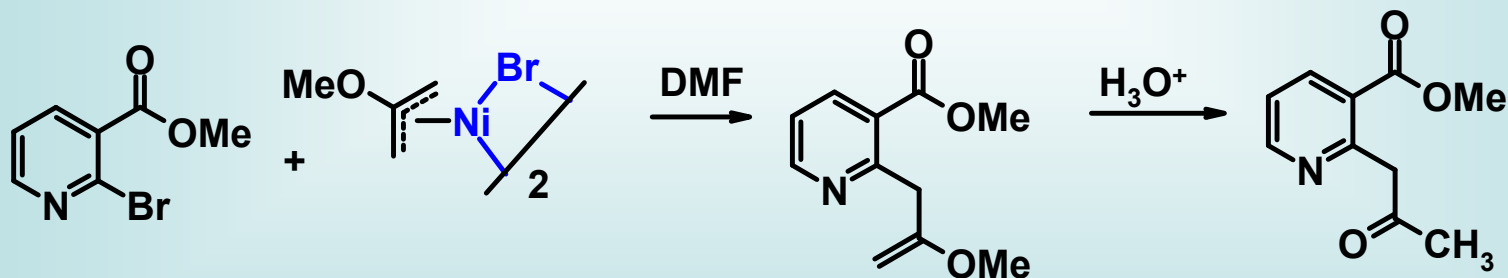
vitamin K analogue

and if you want to do...



-this is very tough directly

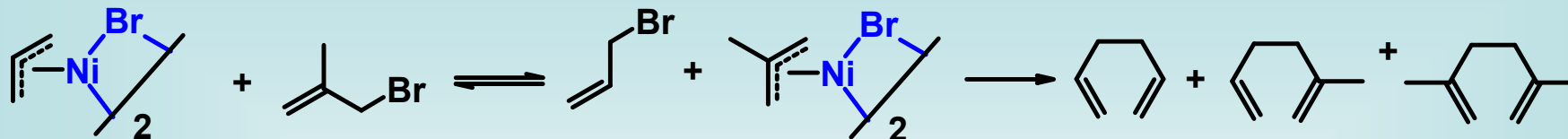
But..



Hegedus, L. S.; Stiverson, R. K. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1974**, *96*, 3250.  
Hegedus, L. S. et al *J. Org. Chem.* **1977**, *42*, 1329.

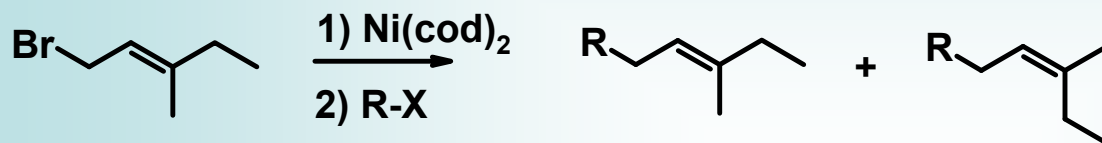
Works with aryl, vinyl, 1°, 2°, 3° alkyl bromides and iodides

However, allyl halides 'scramble'

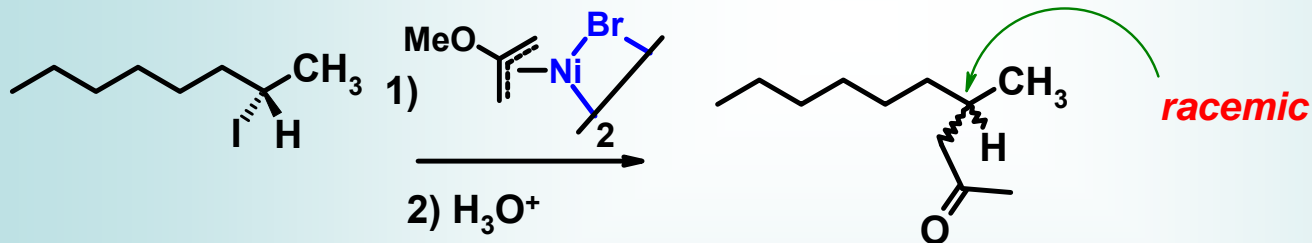


Other points

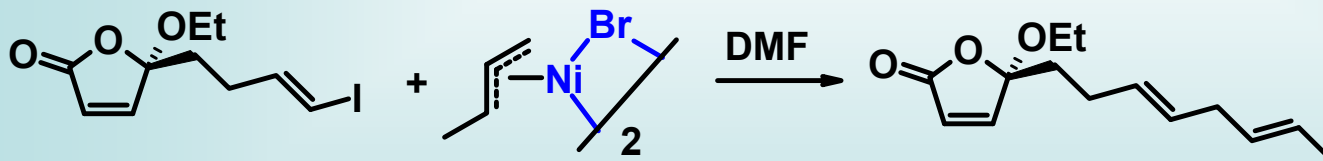
-like allylPd's the allyl fragment loses its stereochemical integrity



-chiral (and enantiomerically pure) 2° alkyl halides racemize



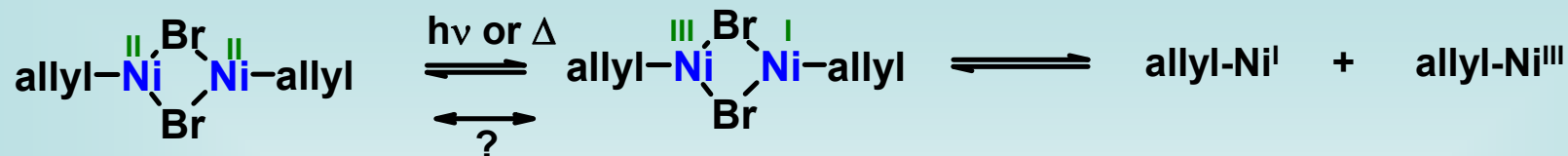
-while vinyl (alkenyl) halides retain their stereochemical integrity



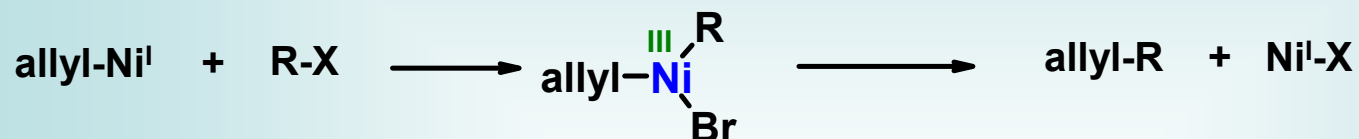
Hegedus believes that this is all due to the interventional of Ni<sup>I</sup> and Ni<sup>III</sup> as well as Ni<sup>II</sup>



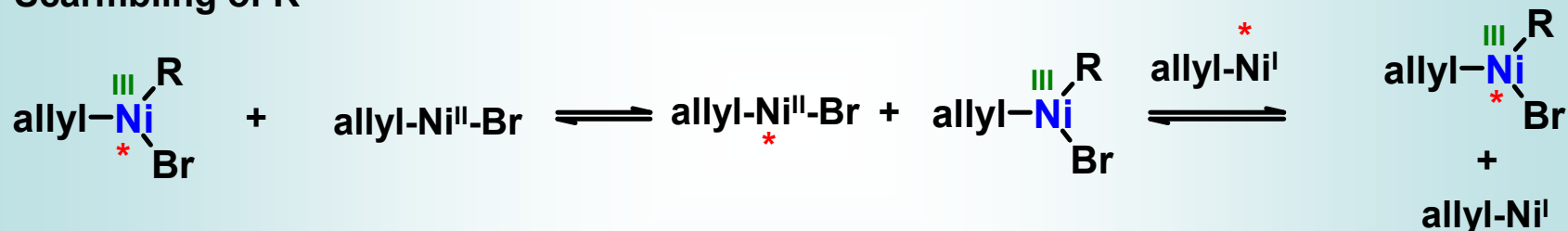
## Initiation



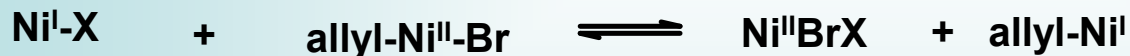
## Oxidative addition/reductive elimination



## Scrambling of R



## Chain carrying step



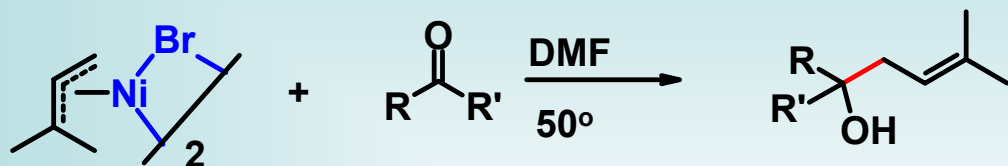
Scrambling of R goes with inversion, i.e.,  $S_N2$  like - therefore occurs with alkyls, but not alkenyls

The rest is like you expect - for alkyls, oxidative addition is with inversion,  
reductive elimination with retention  
- for alkenyls, oxidative addition with retention,  
reductive elimination with retention

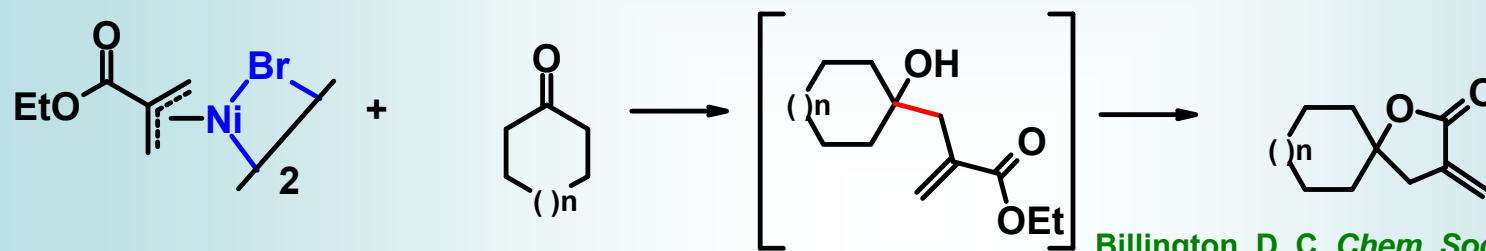
## Other electrophiles

-although organic halides react preferentially, these allylnickel species will react with aldehydes and the more reactive ketones at ca. 50°C

-ordinary acyclic aliphatic and  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ketones only react sluggishly



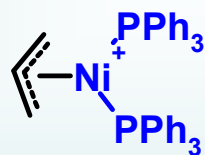
-example of use in spirocyclic  $\alpha$ -methylene- $\gamma$ -butyrolactones



Billington, D. C. *Chem. Soc. Rev.* **1985**, *14*, 93.

## $\pi$ -Allylnickels as Electrophiles

With two phosphine ligands



does pretty much the same chemistry as  $\alpha$   $\pi$ -allylpalladium complexes

-what's unusual? - successful coupling of Grignard reagents, i.e.,

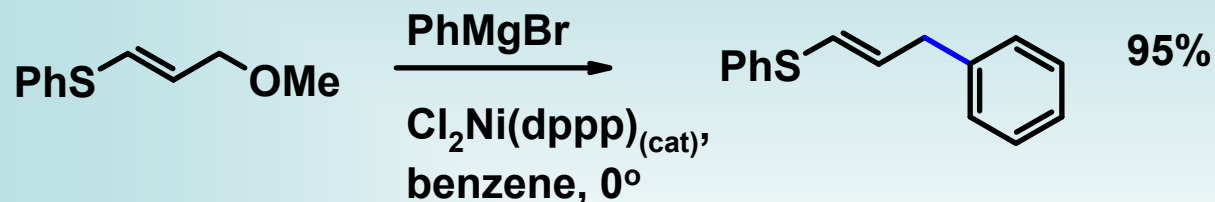


-large variety of X, including -Br, -Cl, -Oalkyl, -OAr, -OSiR<sub>3</sub>, -OH, -OTHP, -SR

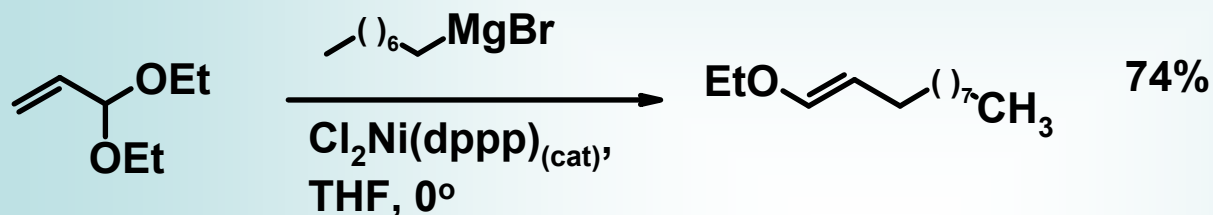
-the R of RMgX is surprising...R = Ar, or 2° or 1° alkyl

- $\beta$ -hydride elimination is apparently a lesser problem in alkyl-Ni

$\beta$ -elimination step for R = alkyls is often slow enough that one can get reasonable amounts of C-C bond formation



Sugimura, H.; Takei, H.  
*Chem. Lett.* 1984, 351



for work with chiral phosphine ligands, see:

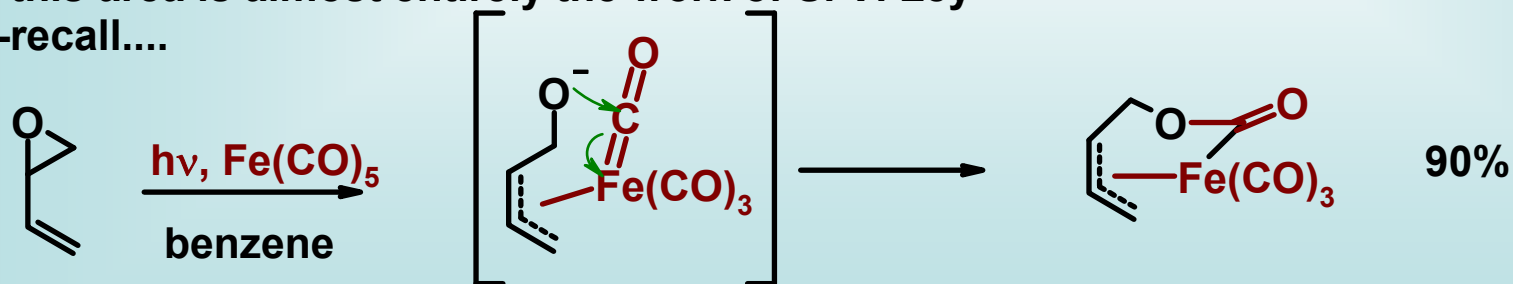
Hayashi, T., et al *J. Organomet. Chem.* 1985, 285, 259.  
Cansiglio, G., et al *Tetrahedron* 1986, 42, 2043.

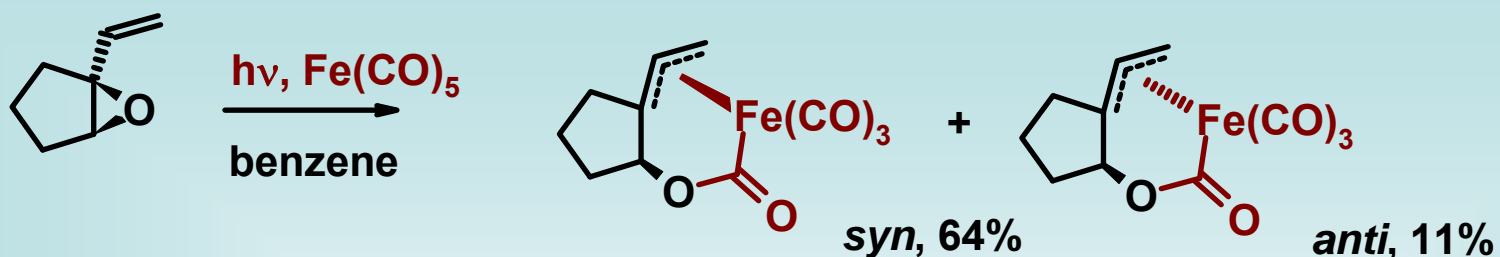
-Work in this area has slowed drastically since the mid 1980's

### $\pi$ -Allyliron Tetracarbonyl Lactone Complexes

-this area is almost entirely the work of S. V. Ley

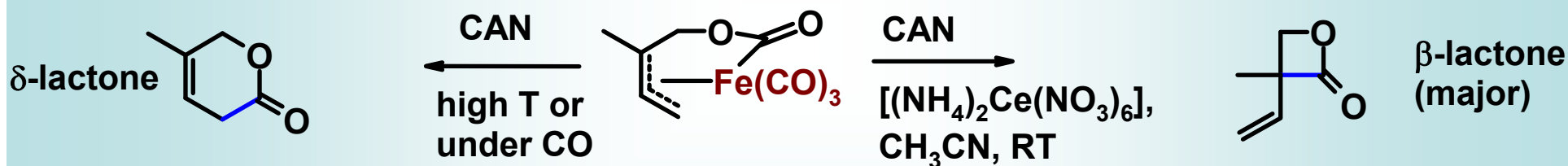
-recall....



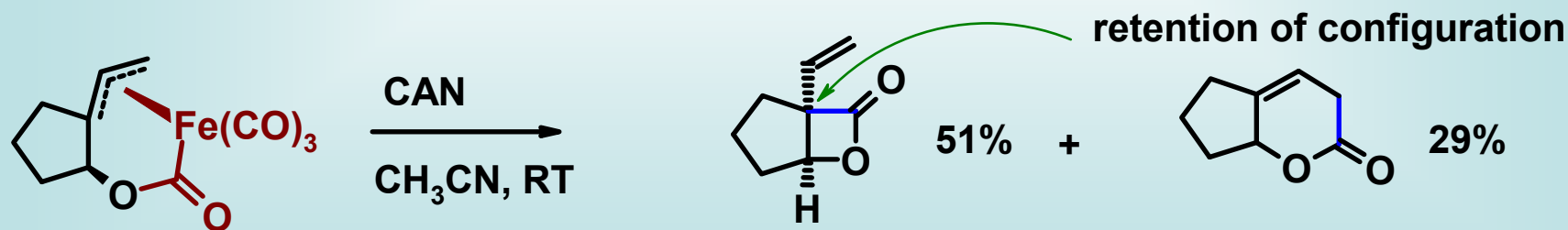


-Note: Photochemical conditions usually give retention (completely) - in above case, one can actually separate the diastereomers chromatographically

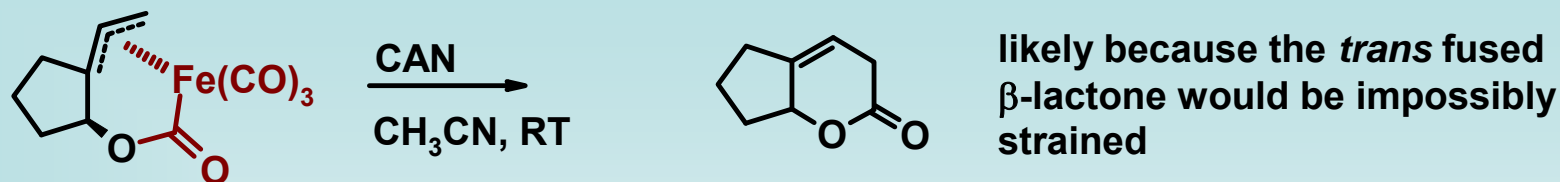
-when one attempts the typical oxidative metallation, it causes *reductive elimination* and therefore C-C bond formation - with two possible outcomes



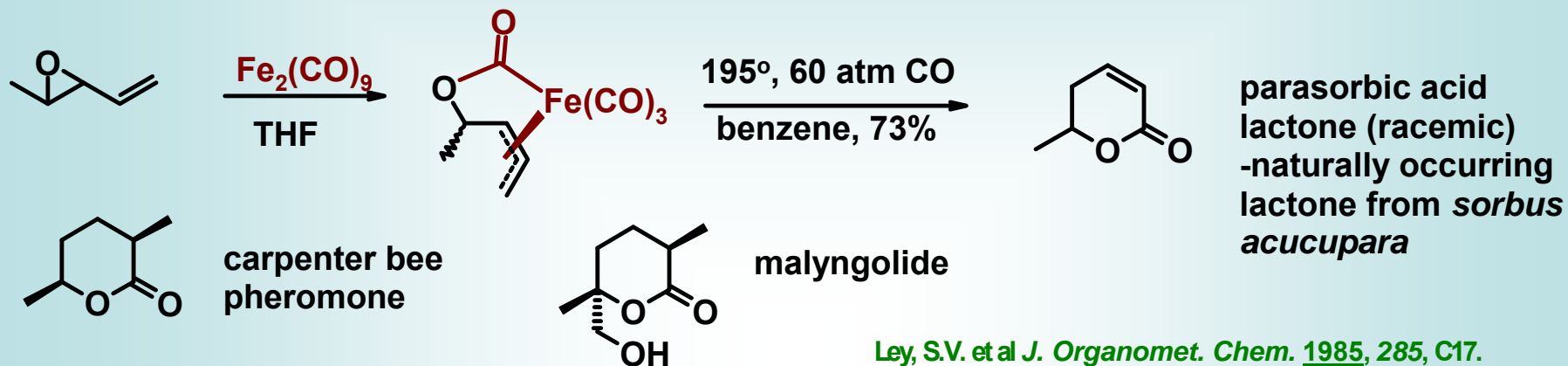
Note: The stereochemical nature of the reductive elimination step is *retention*



while, conversely

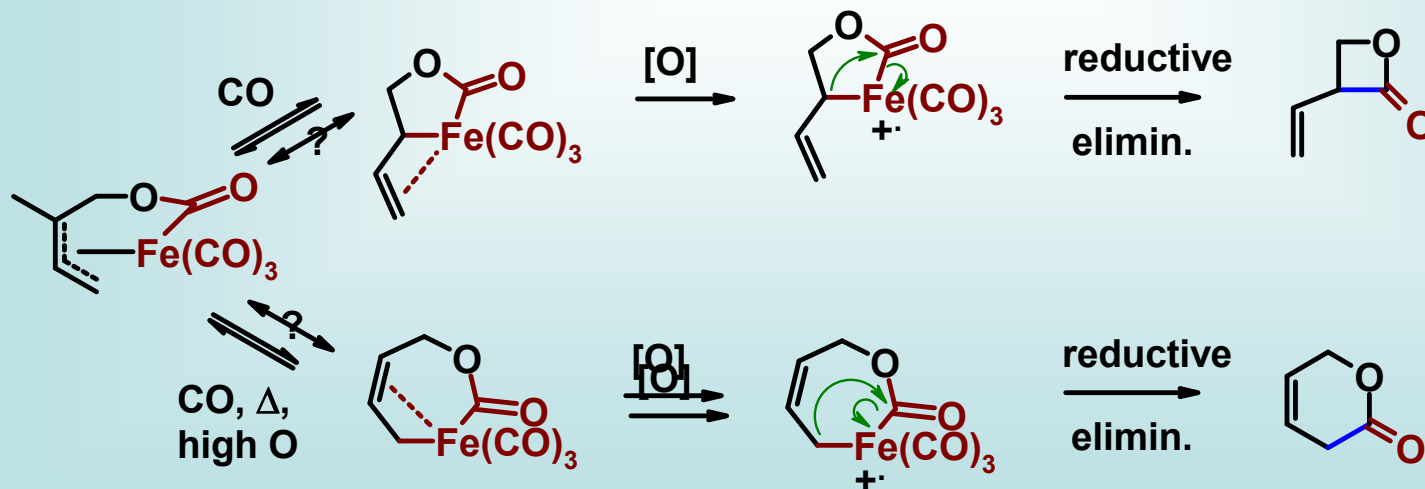


Examples of the use of this in the synthesis of  $\delta$ -lactones



Ley, S.V. et al *J. Organomet. Chem.* 1985, 285, C17.

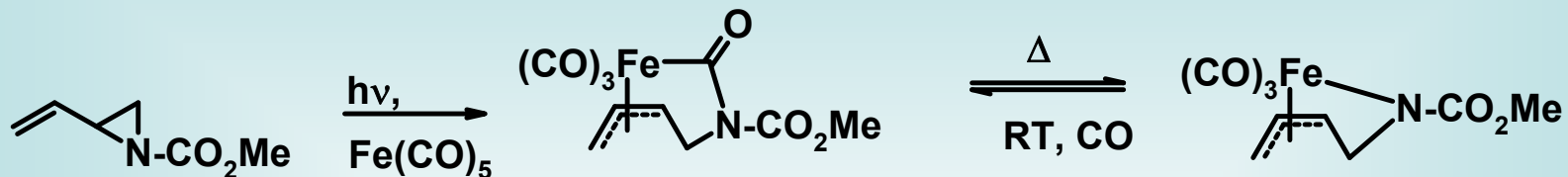
The two routes to C-C bond formation



## $\pi$ -Allyltricarbonyl Lactam Complexes

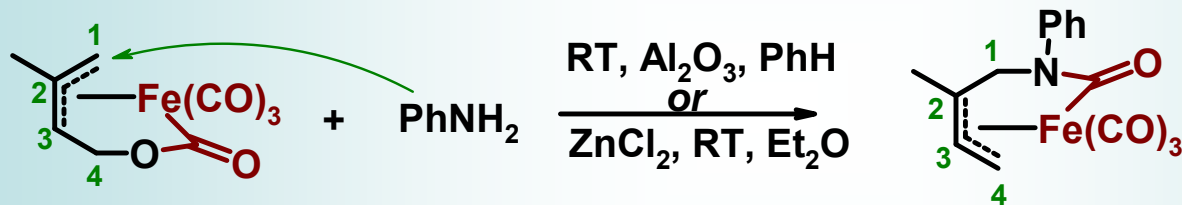
-these have had a larger impact than the corresponding lactone complexes

Preparation - less common

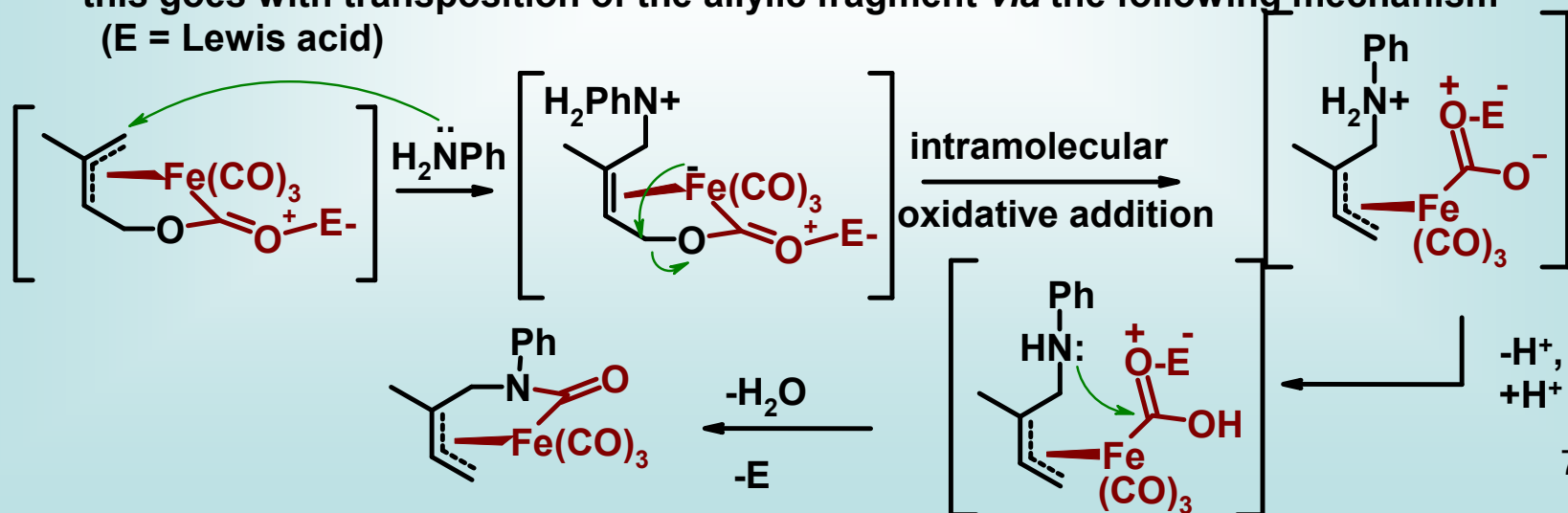


-but, vinyl aziridines aren't all that readily accessible, so....

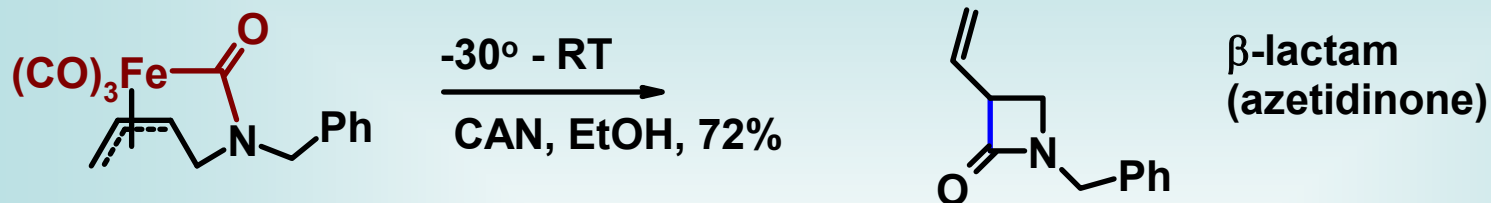
-can be made more readily from the lactone complexes, through Lewis acid mediated substitution



-this goes with transposition of the allylic fragment *via* the following mechanism  
(E = Lewis acid)

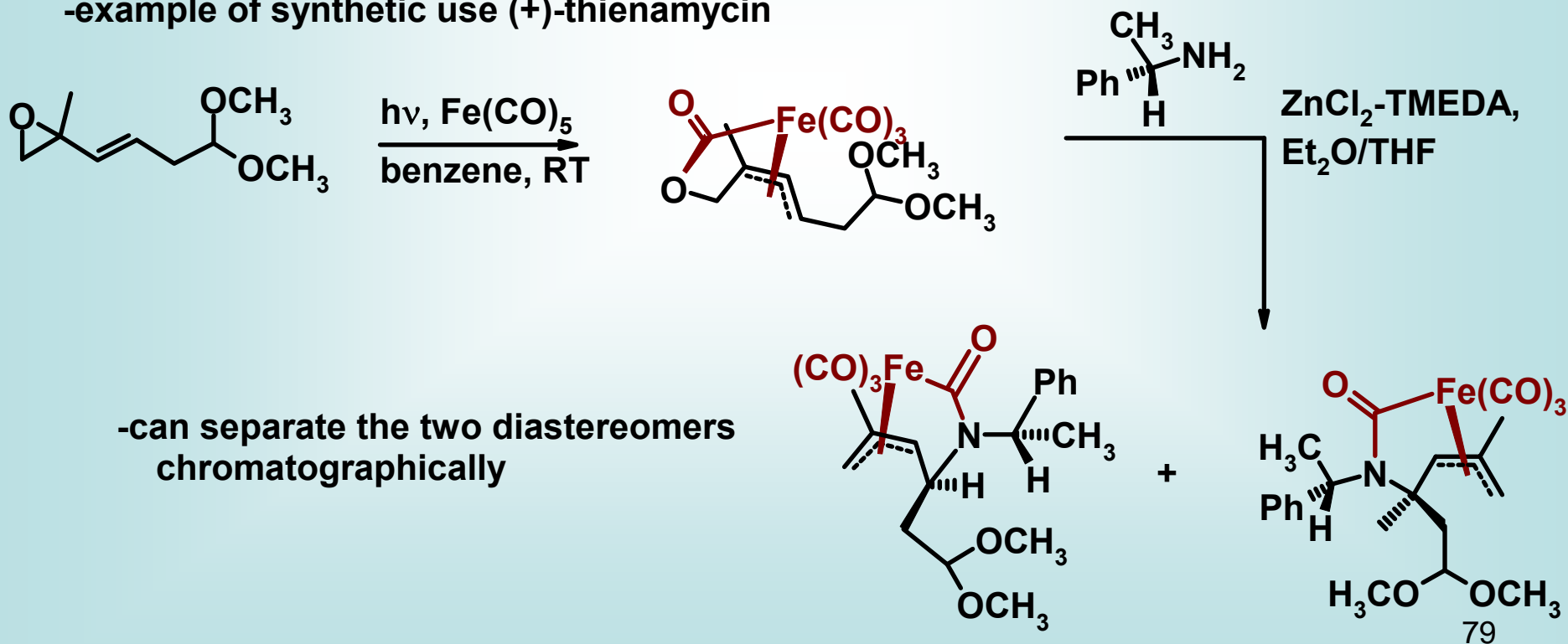


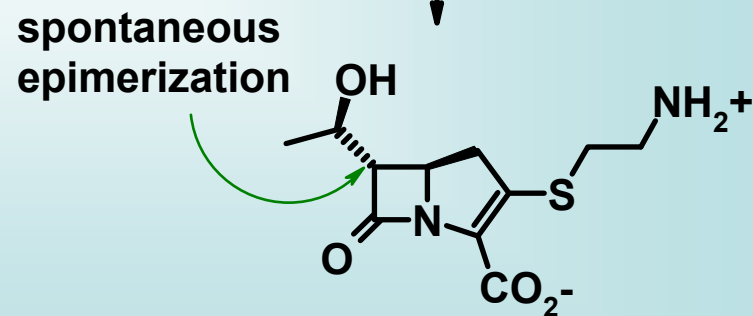
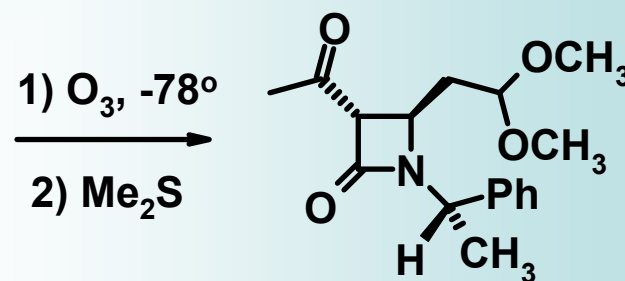
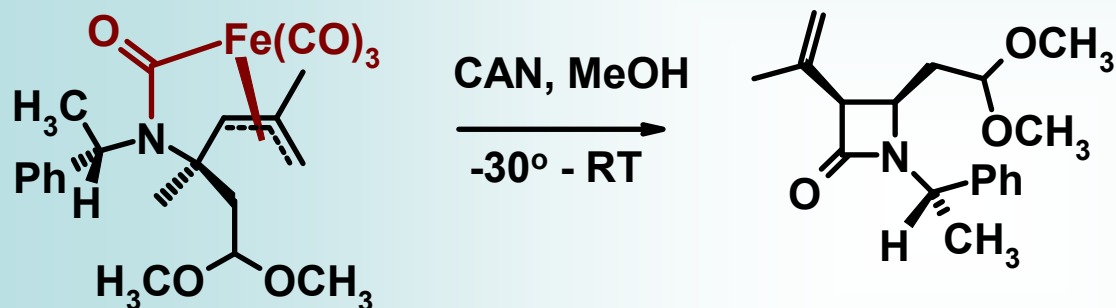
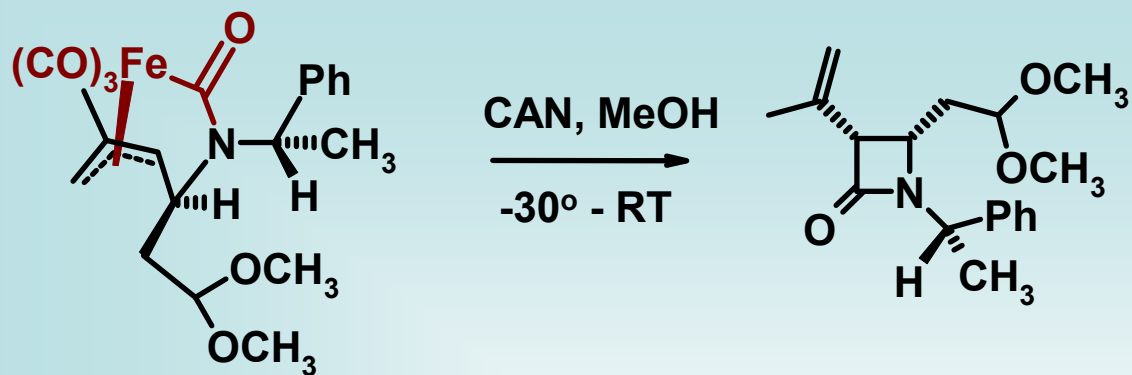
-when these compounds are oxidized, the reductive elimination is more highly selective for the  $\beta$ -lactam



-these 3-alkenyl-2-azetidinones are not so readily accessible for other methods

-example of synthetic use (+)-thienamycin





R Ley, S.V. Cox, L. R. *Chem. Rev.* 1996, *96*, 423  
R Ley, S. V. *Pure Appl. Chem.* 1994, *66*, 1416.  
R Cox, L.R.; Ley, S.V. *Chem. Soc. Rev.* 1998, *27*, 301

$(+)\text{-thienamycin}$  80



## Propargyl Cation-Dicobalt Hexacarbonyl Complexes

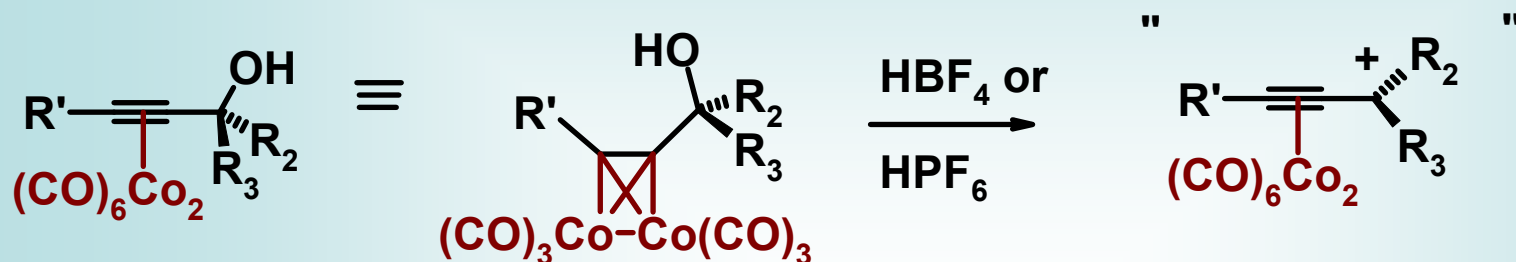
R Green, J. R. *Curr. Org. Chem.* **2001**, *5*, 809.

R Teobald, B. J. *Tetrahedron* **2002**, *58*, 4133.

R Caffyn, A.J.M.; Nicholas, K. M. in *Comprehensive Organometallic Chemistry II*, 1995, V.12, Ch. 7.1

R Nicholas, K. M. *Acc. Chem. Res.* **1987**, *20*, 208.

(Di)Cobalt alkyne complexes form cations at the propargylic site very easily

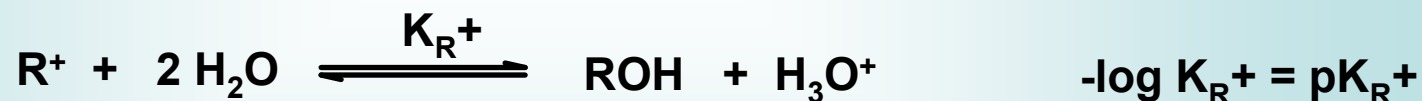


thermally stable, dark red/beet/brown solids

structure is a lie

-as cations go, these are very stable

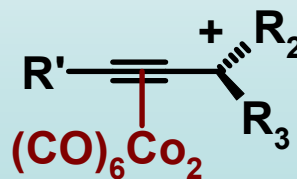
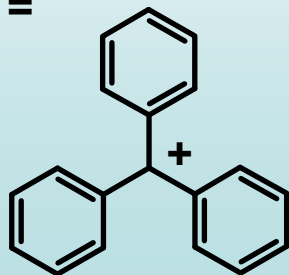
Consider



i.e., the less negative (more positive) the number, the more stable

Consider  $Ph_3C^+$  =

$pK_R^+ = -6.6$



$pK_R^+ = -6.8 - -7.4$

or -5.5

depending on reference

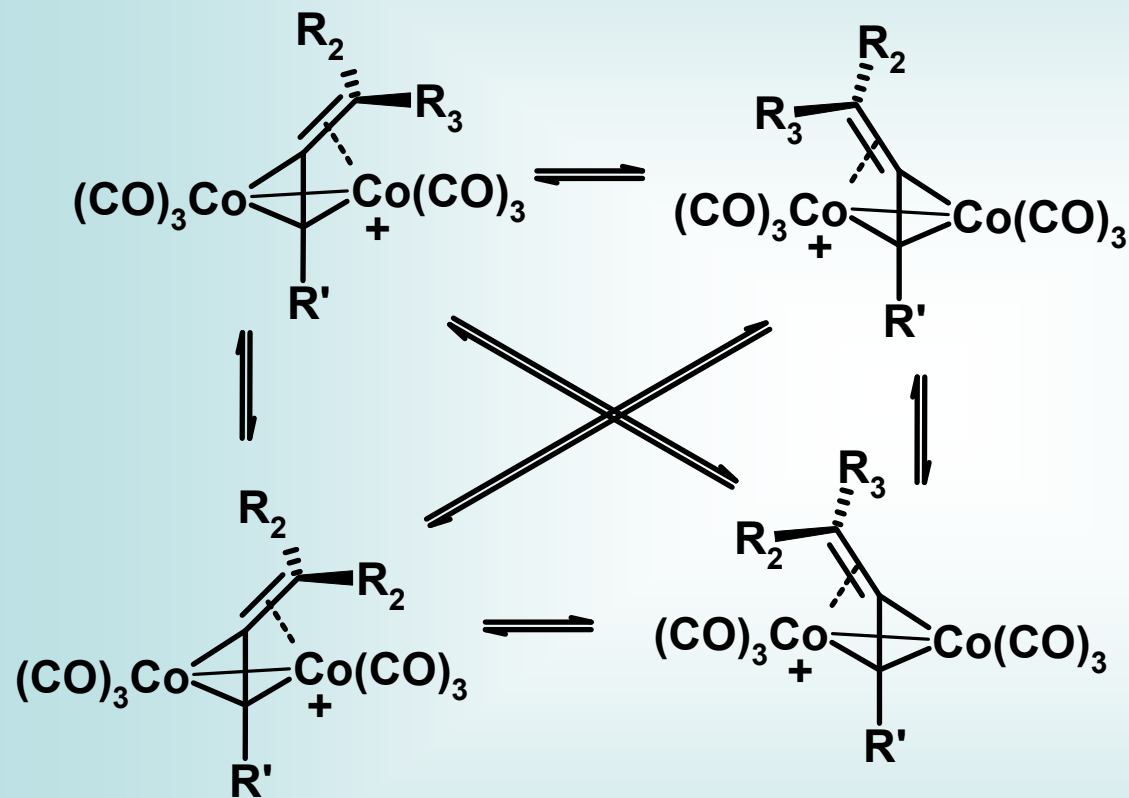
meaning, about the same

-best estimation of structure

-X-Ray of cation

Schreiber, S. L.; et al *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 1987, *109*, 5749.

Melikyan, G. G. et al *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Engl.* 1998, *37*, 161.



-both antarafacial and supra-facial migrations going on, along with epimerization

-actually pretty complicated

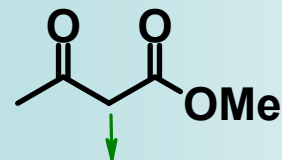
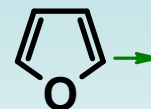
-these are much more electrophilic than allylpalladiums, so they are electrophilic enough to react with several types of nucleophiles



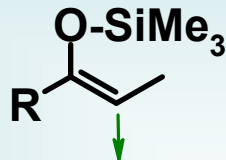
electron rich  
aromatics

-arene needs one or more activating groups, i.e.,

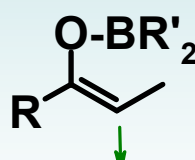
$-\text{OCH}_3$ ,  $-\text{OH}$ ,  $-\text{NMe}_2$



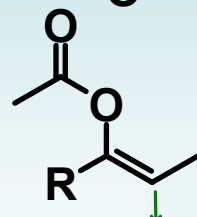
$\beta$ -dicarbonyls



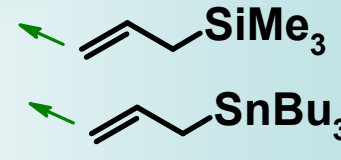
silyl enol ethers  
silyl ketene acetals



enol borinates



enol  
acetates



allylsilanes or  
allyltins

$\text{NaBH}_4$

or

$\text{Et}_3\text{SiH} + \text{CF}_3\text{COOH}$

$\text{R}_2\text{NH}$

amines

$\text{Et}_2\text{AlCN}$

cyanation

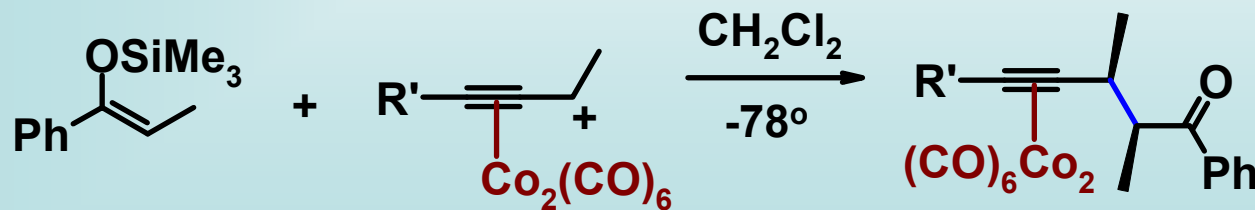
$\text{R}_3\text{Al}$

alkylation

$\text{R}_2\text{Cu}(\text{CN})\text{ZnI} ???$

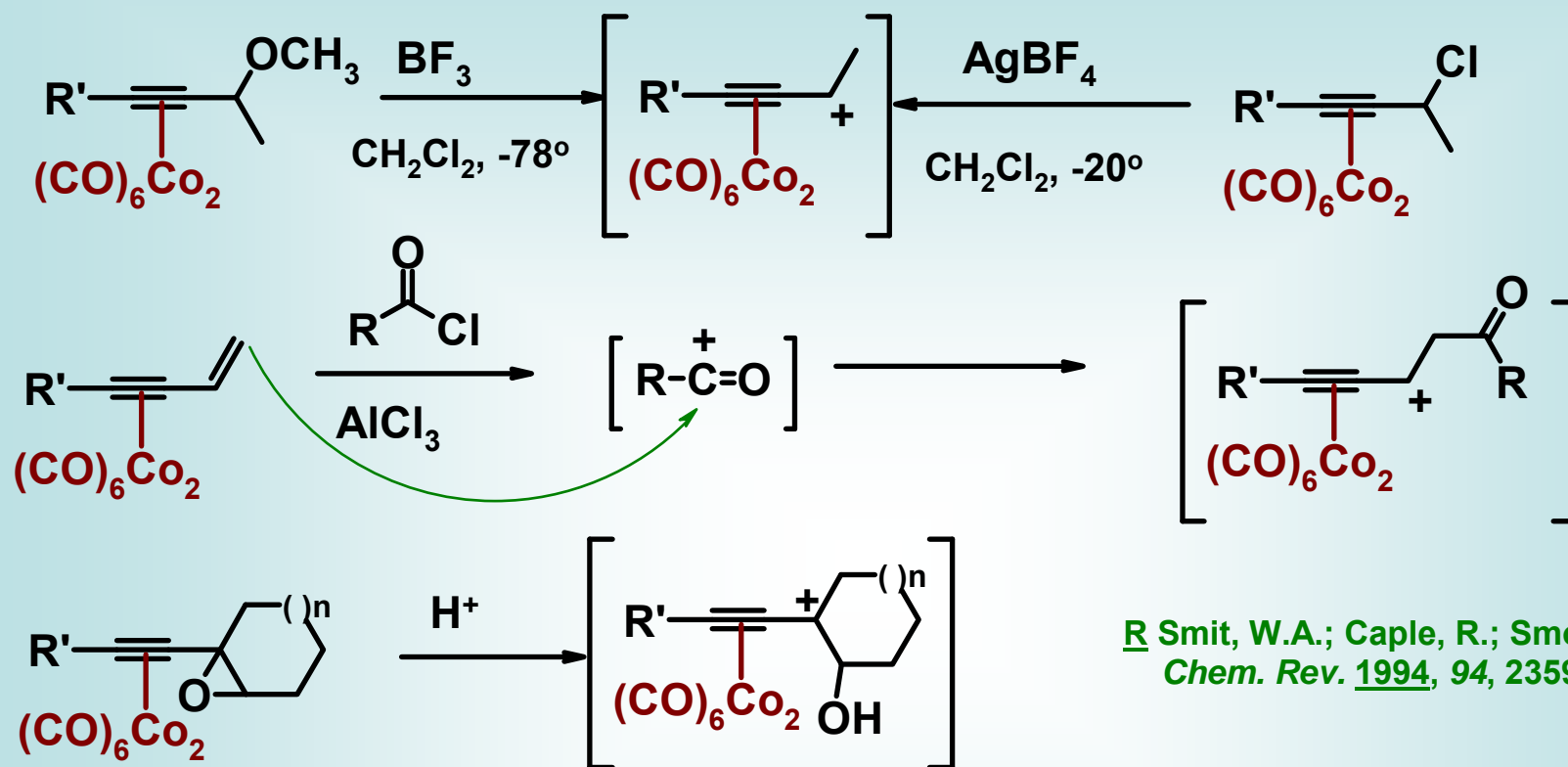
reduction

A couple of examples



pretty high *syn*  
stereoselection

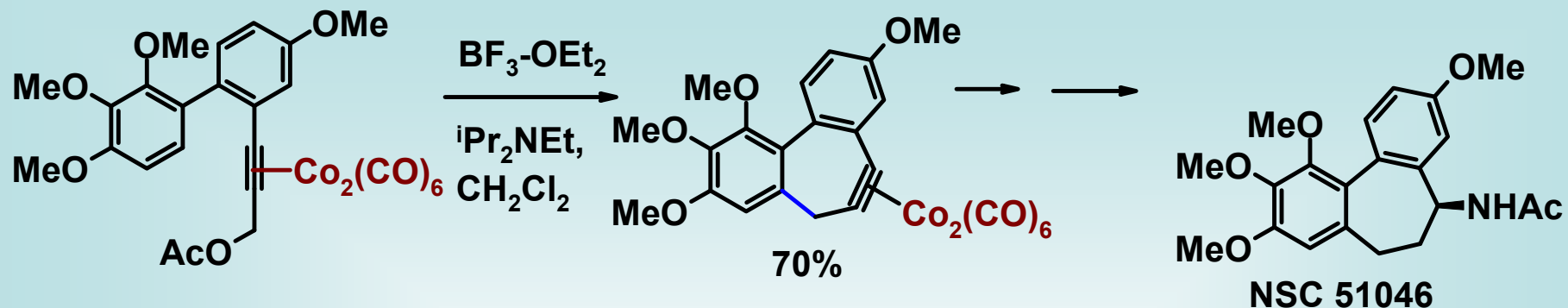
-the cations can be generated in several related ways, such as from ethers or acetates, halides, alkenes, epoxides, etc.



R Smit, W.A.; Caple, R.; Smoliakova, I.P.  
*Chem. Rev.* 1994, *94*, 2359.

-intramolecular variants of this reaction are certainly viable

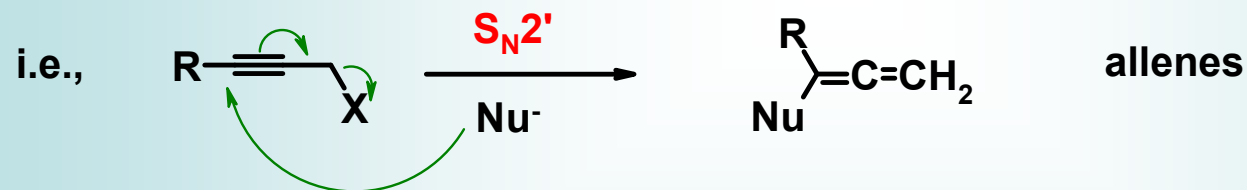




-notice stabilization of 7 membered ring alkyne

in general, the cobalt carbonyl unit can be removed as before ( $\text{Ce}^{+4}$ ,  $\text{Fe}^{+3}$ ,  $\text{Me}_3\text{N}^+\text{-O}^-$ )

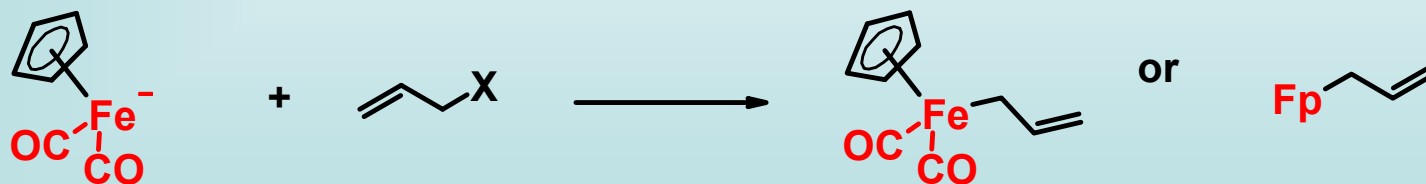
Importance - in traditional organic chemistry,  $\text{S}_{\text{N}}2'$  reactions are a major competitive problem in substitutions of propargyl-X



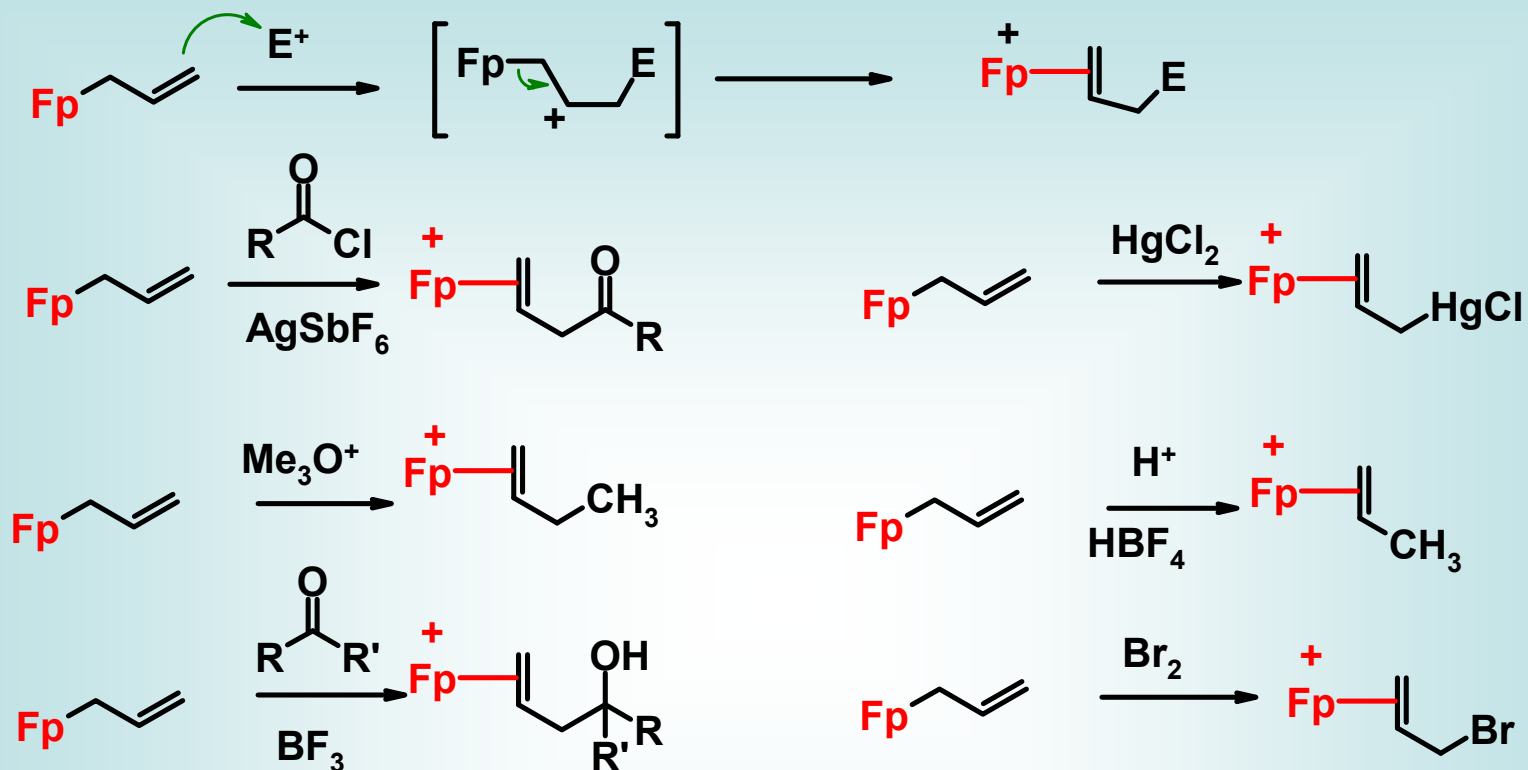
-this never, ever, ever happens with Co propargyl cations (Nicholas reactions)

### Other Nucleophilic Allyls

- $\eta^1$ -allyl Fp  $[\text{CpFe}(\text{CO})_2]$  complexes

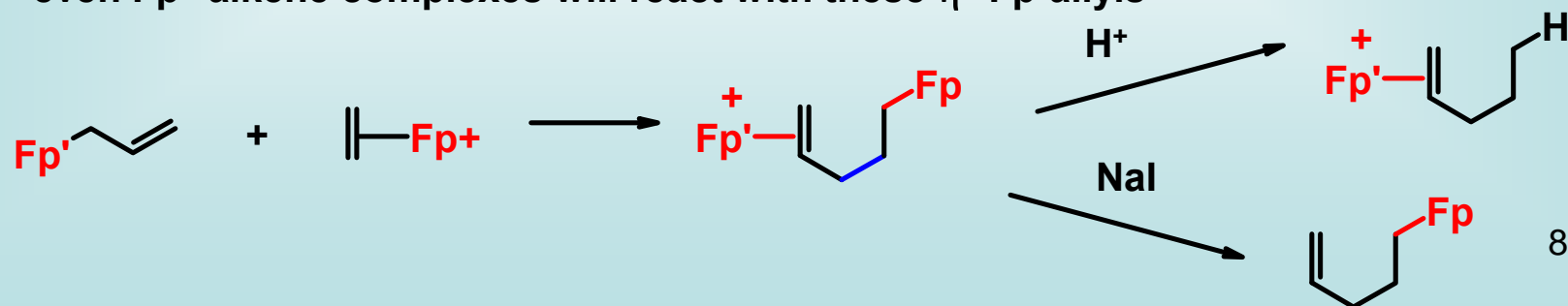


-behave as modestly reactive nucleophiles to a pretty wide range of E<sup>+</sup>



R Rosenblum, M. J. *Organomet. Chem.* 1986, *300*, 191.

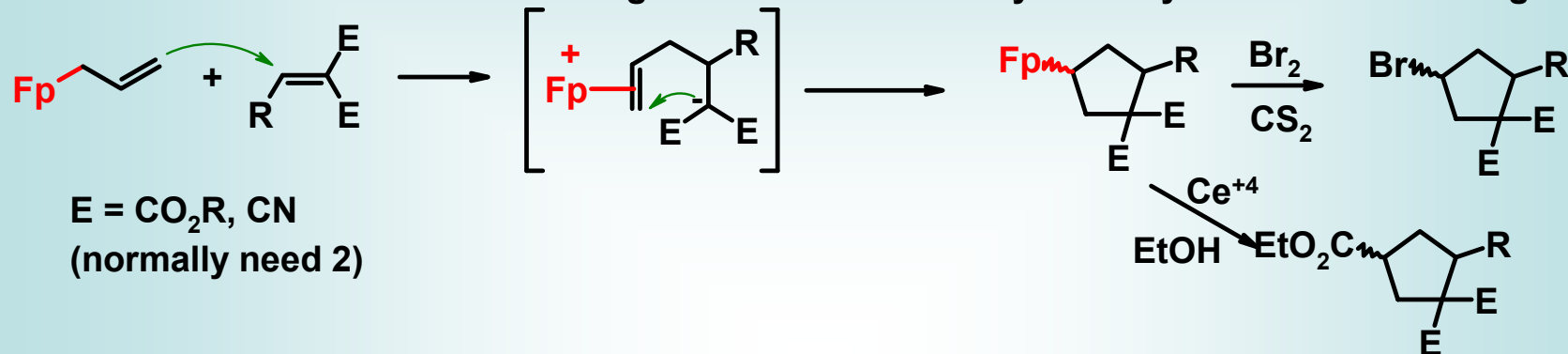
-even Fp<sup>+</sup>-alkene complexes will react with these η<sup>1</sup>-Fp-allyls



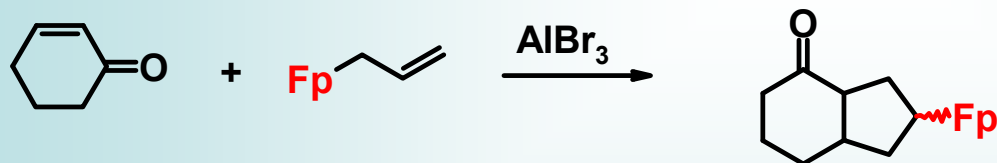
$\eta^1$ -propargyls do analogous chemistry



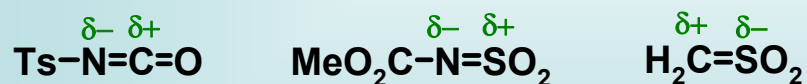
$\eta^1$ -allyls react with electron poor alkenes by initial nucleophilic attack, followed by electrophilic attack back onto the iron containing unit - this is ultimately a 3+2 cycloaddition resulting



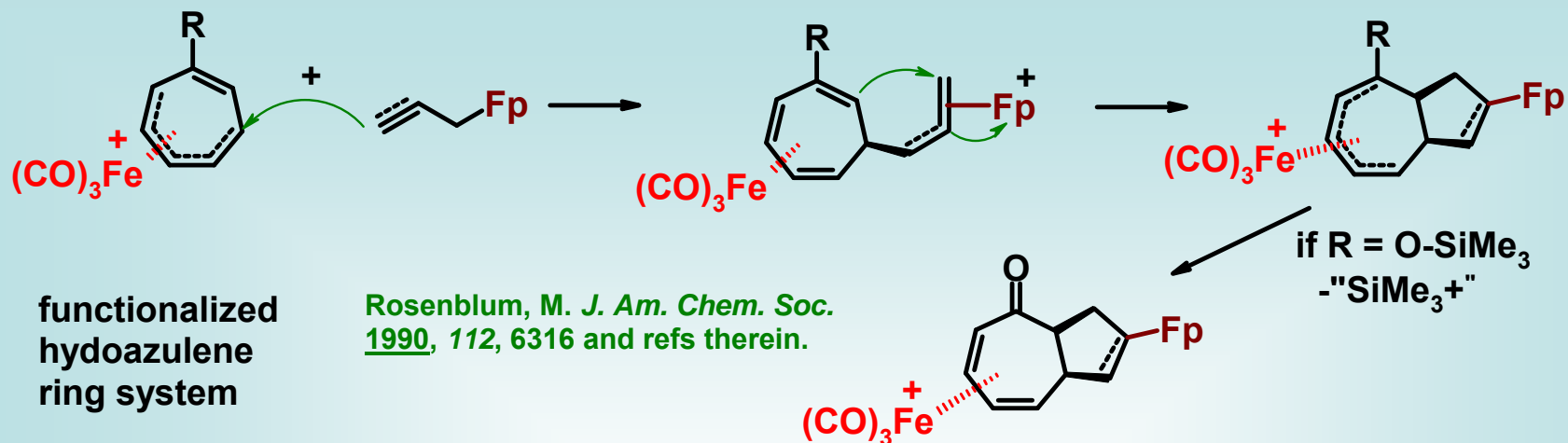
-to be sufficiently reactive, the alkene usually needs two electron withdrawing groups, although some cyclic alkenones work with a Lewis acid added ( $\text{AlBr}_3$ )



-several more obscure electron deficient  $\text{X}=\text{X}$  systems do this [3+2] cycloaddition, but they aren't as important so we'll just list them

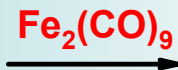
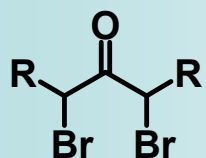


-one further [3+2] cycloaddition partner that is interesting enough to show is specialized; cycloheptadienyl iron cation with an included alkene



R Ruck-Braun, K.; Mikulas, M.; Amrhein, P. *Synthesis* 1999, 727.

### $\eta^3$ (?), $\eta^4$ (?) Complexes - The Iron Oxyallys



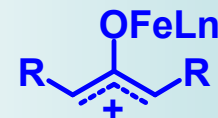
some magical species which has never been isolated

R Noyori, R. *Acc. Chem. Res.* 1979, *12*, 61.

R Noyori, R. *Org. React.* 1983, *29*, 163.

R Mann, J. *Tetrahedron* 1986, *42*, 4611.

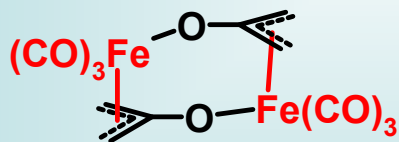
Noyori proposed



But....the following have been isolated at various times

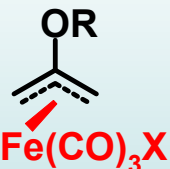


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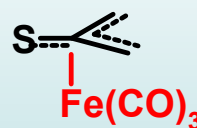
Frey, M.; Jenny

*Organometallics* 1990, *9*, 1806.



X = Br, Cl  
R = H, TMS

*J. Organomet. Chem.* 1991, *421*, 257.



Ando, W.  
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 1990, *112*, 4574.

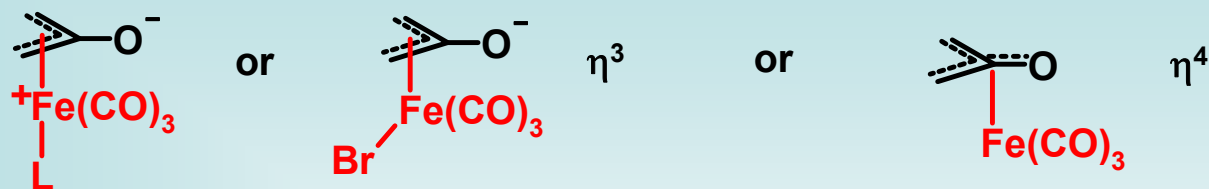


M = Pd, Pt

Albright, T.A. *Organometallics* 1989, *8*, 199.  
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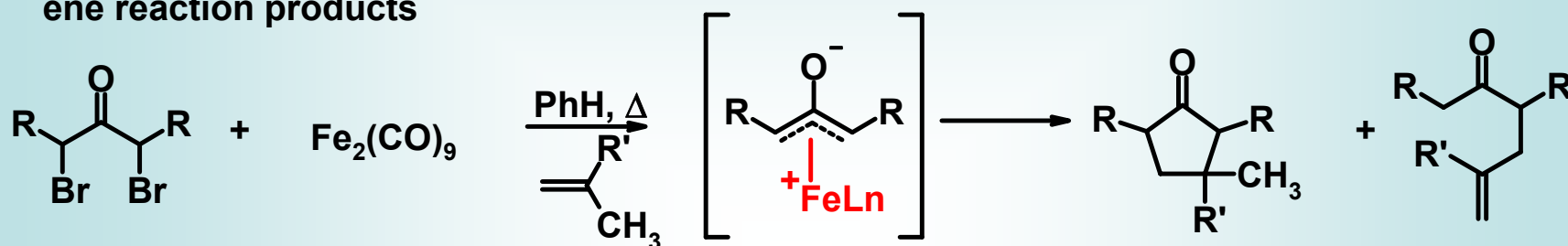


-therefore, the most likely structures for these iron oxyallyls are....

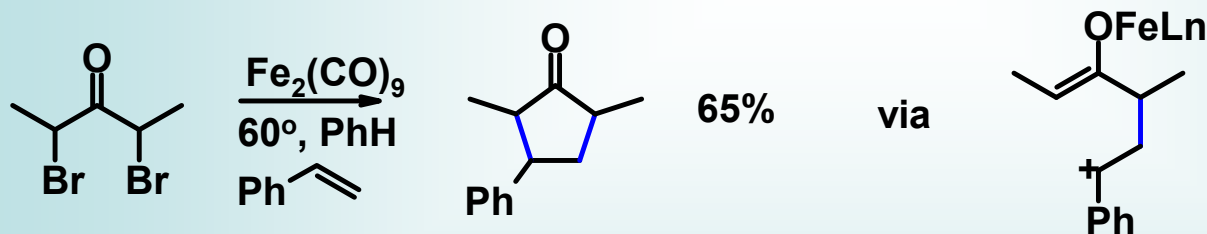


or perhaps a dimer called oxyallyl cations

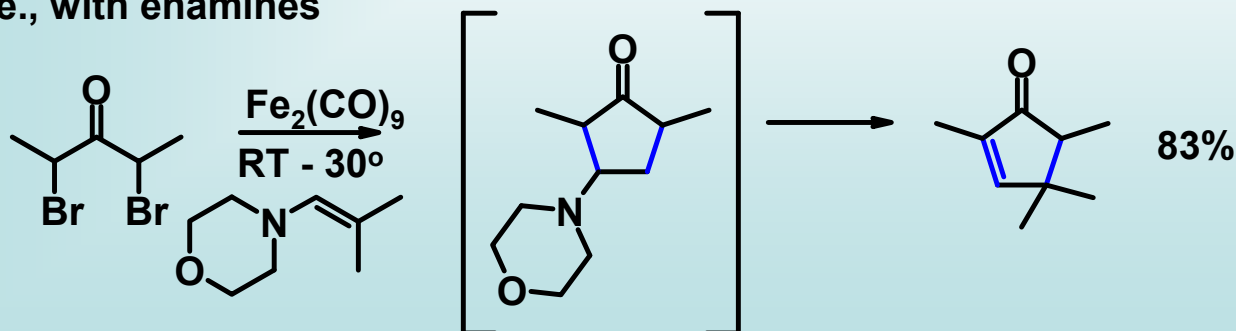
-the iron oxyallyls react with simple alkenes to give either [3+2] cycloaddition products or ene reaction products

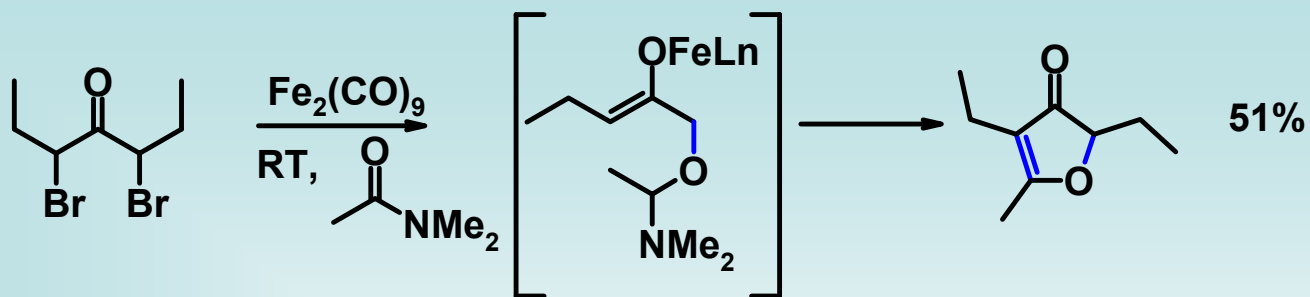


-the [3+2] cycloadditions work best when the alkene has some carbocation stabilizing groups



-i.e., with enamines



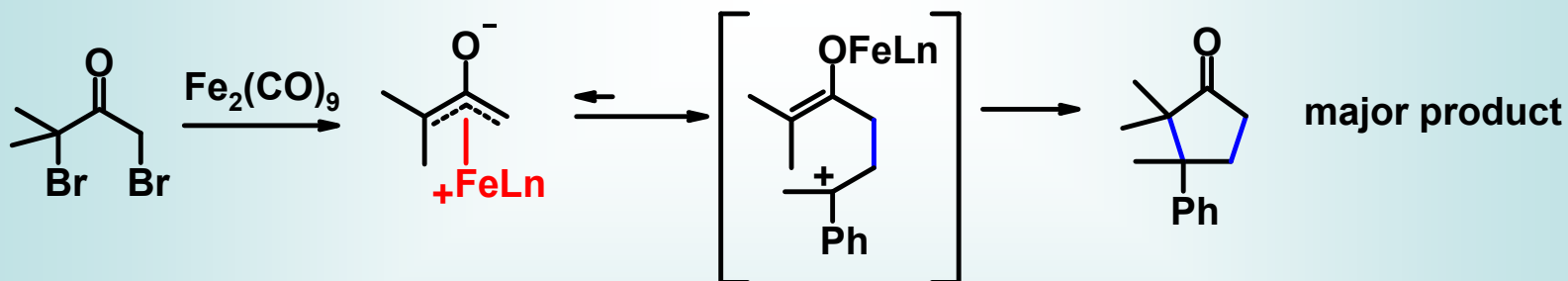


-nitriles also react in a few cases

### Regiochemistry

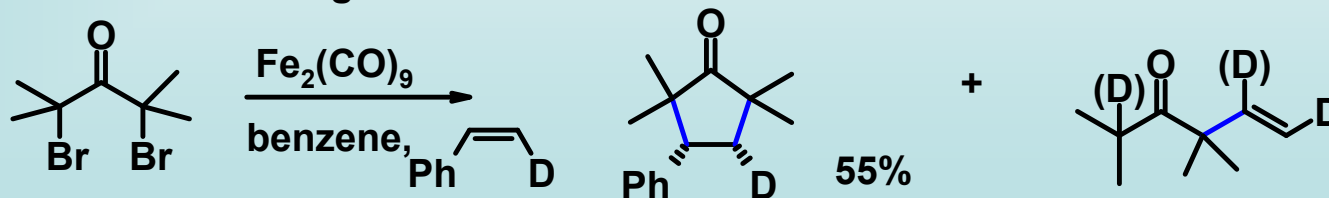
-on the oxyallyl - the major product results from initial reaction at the least substituted end of the allyl (to give the most substituted Fe enolate)

-on the alkene - the major product is the one that goes through the most stable carbocationic intermediate

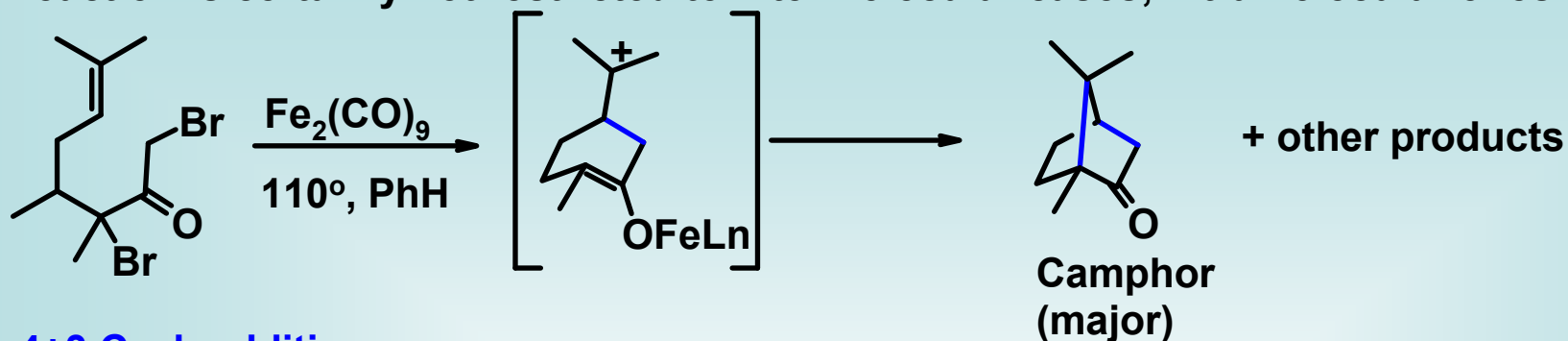


Stereochemistry - normally, one gets retention of stereochemistry about the alkene

-does not mean concertedness; apparently, the intermediate cation is (very) short-lived  
 -not enough time for bond rotation

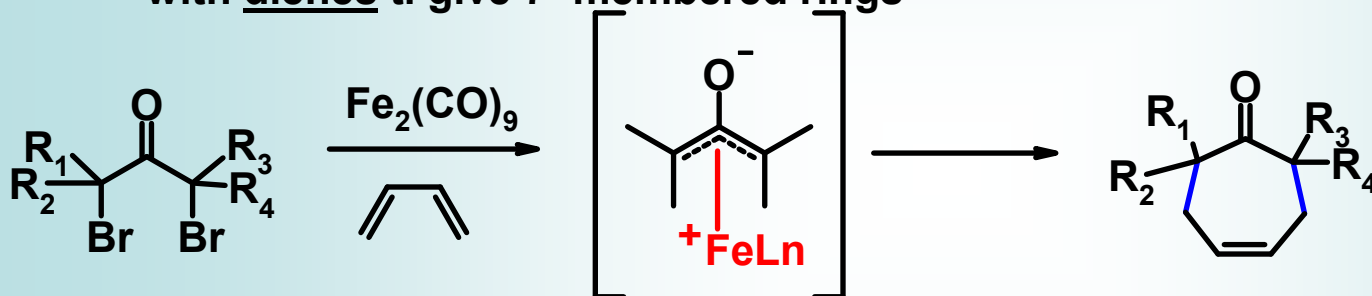


-reaction is certainly not restricted to intermolecular cases; intramolecular ones work as well

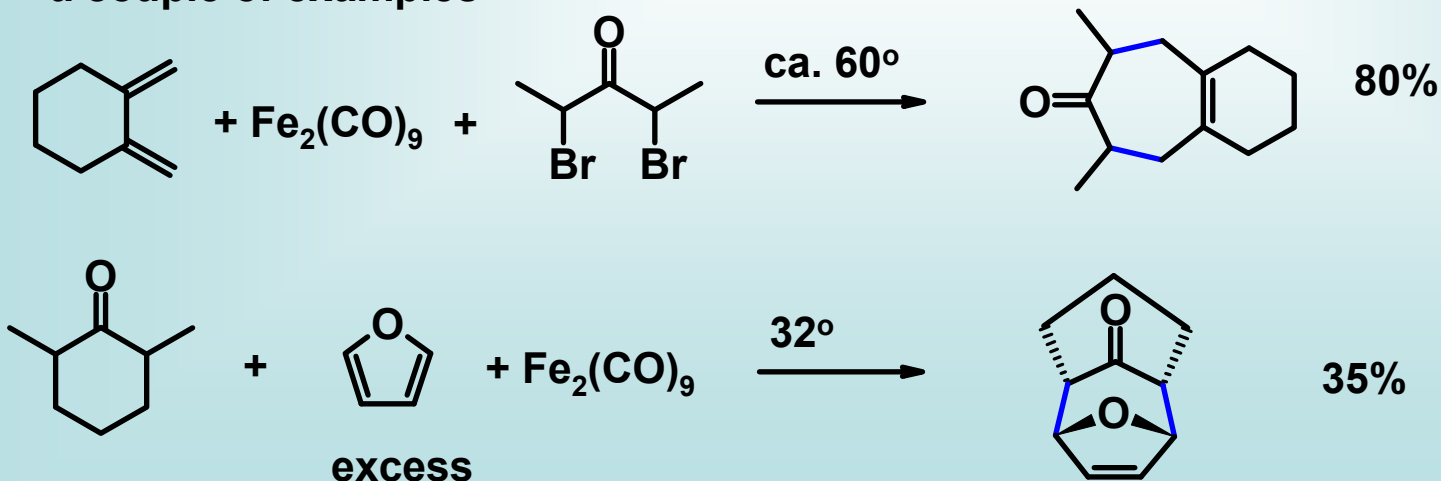


### 4+3 Cycloadditions

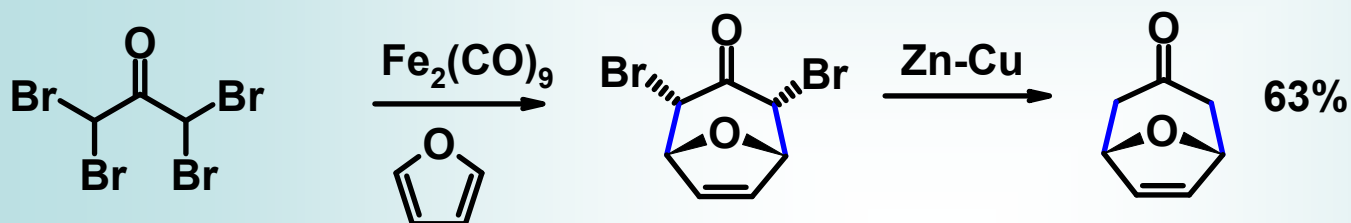
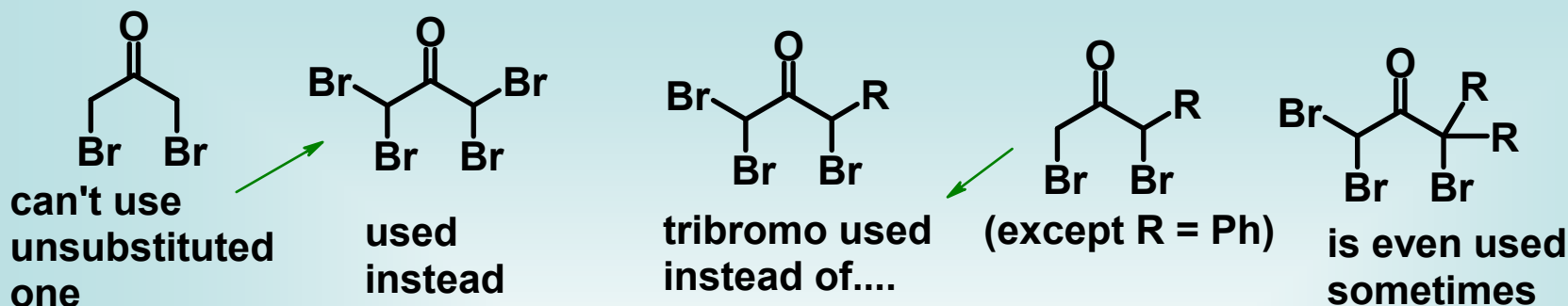
-probably more importantly than the [3+2] cycloadditions, these oxyallyl cations react with dienes to give 7-membered rings



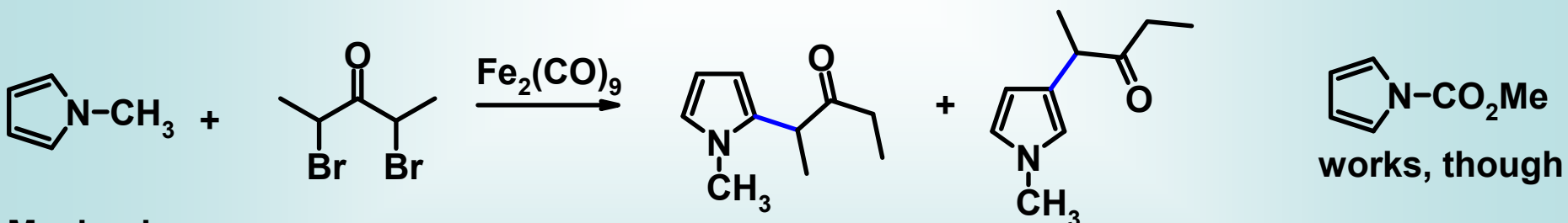
-a couple of examples



## Limitations on Reagents in [4+3] - on the dibromoalkene



-in cases with pyrroles, N-alkyl cases give electrophilic aromatic substitution  
N-acyl cases usually give the [4+3]



### Mechanism

-allyl cation is a 3C,  $2\pi$  electron system; diene is a  $4\pi$  electron system

-could this be a concerted  $[4\pi + 2\pi]$  cycloaddition?

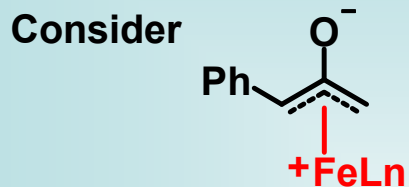
-Noyori thinks yes

-Hoffmann thinks only sometimes, but mostly no

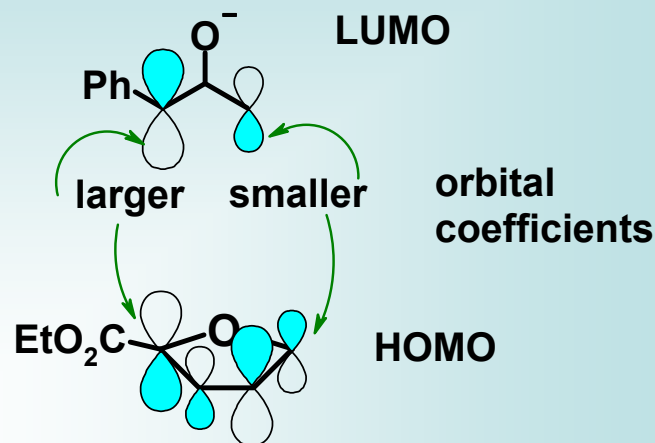
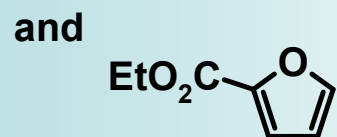
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## Regiochemistry

- behaves as if it is a concerted reaction
- therefore, it is controlled by HOMO-LUMO interactions

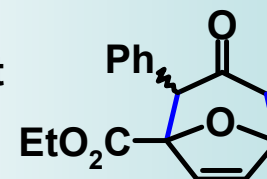


if we leave out the iron

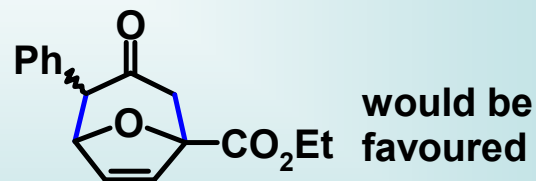
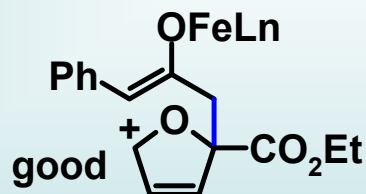
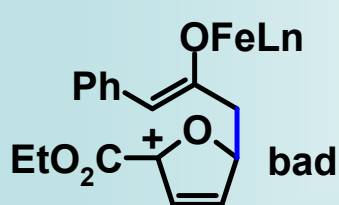


-frontier molecular orbital arguments require that atoms with larger orbital coefficients, and smaller with smaller

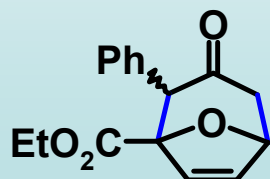
-therefore, frontier molecular orbital (FMO) arguments would predict



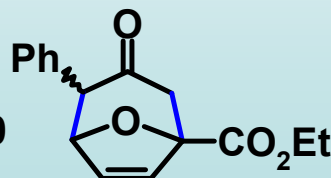
-but if stepwise, one would predict....



-the actual result is....

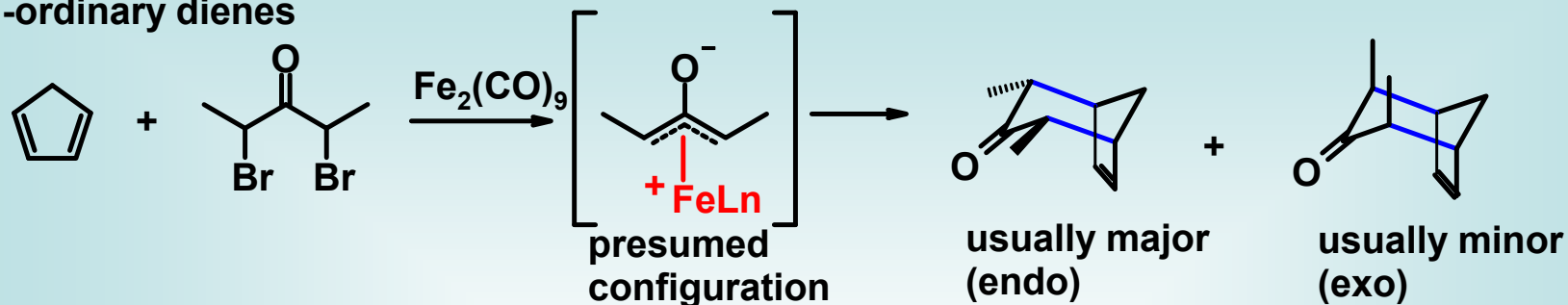


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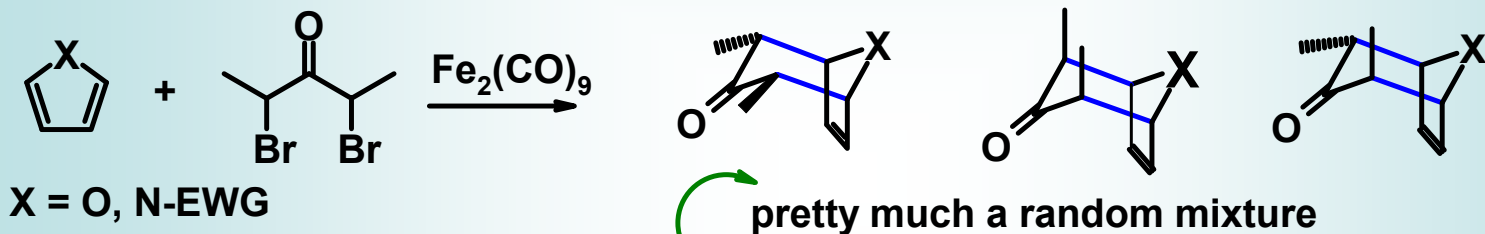


## Stereochemical consequences

-ordinary dienes

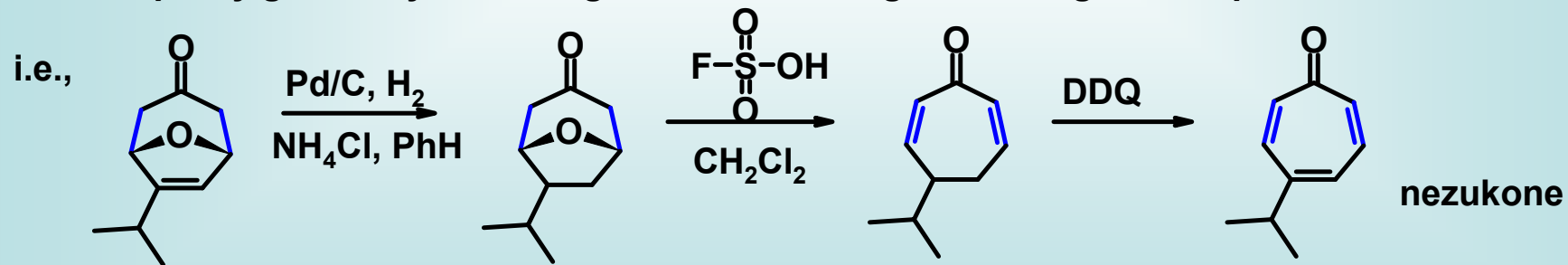


-aromatic dienes

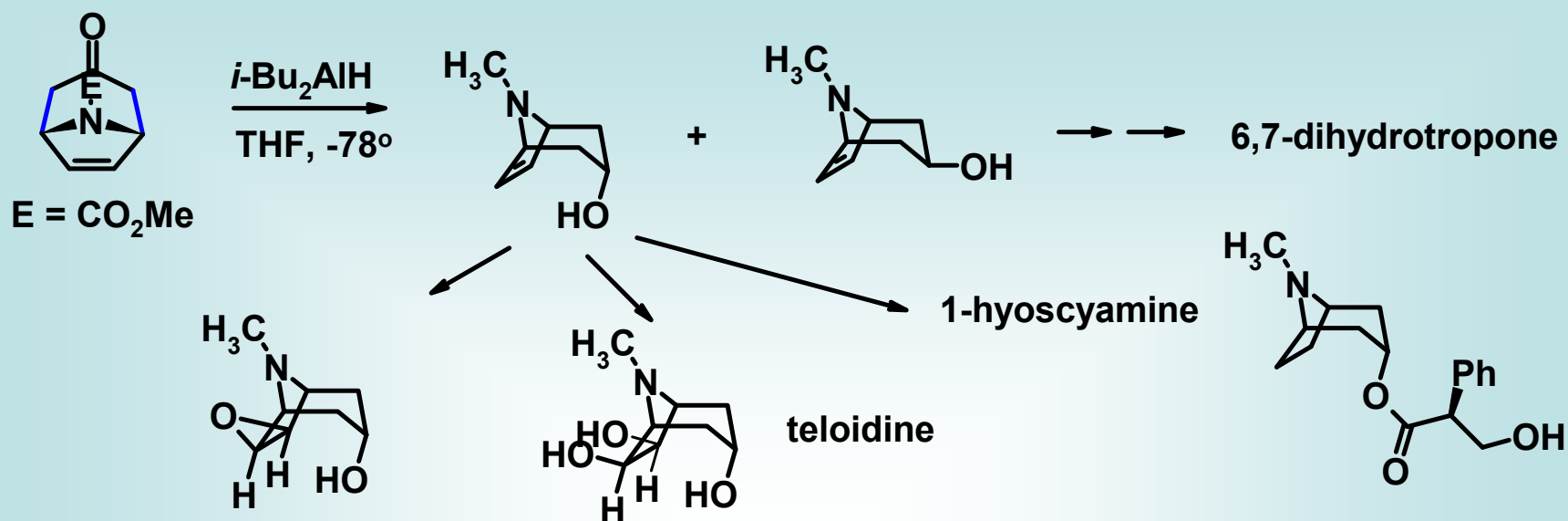


-it is the presence of these types of products that makes Hoffmann think that the reaction is not concerted

-use - pretty good way of making 7-membered ring containing natural products



-also, in tropane alkaloid synthesis...



many other natural product syntheses

for reviews, see

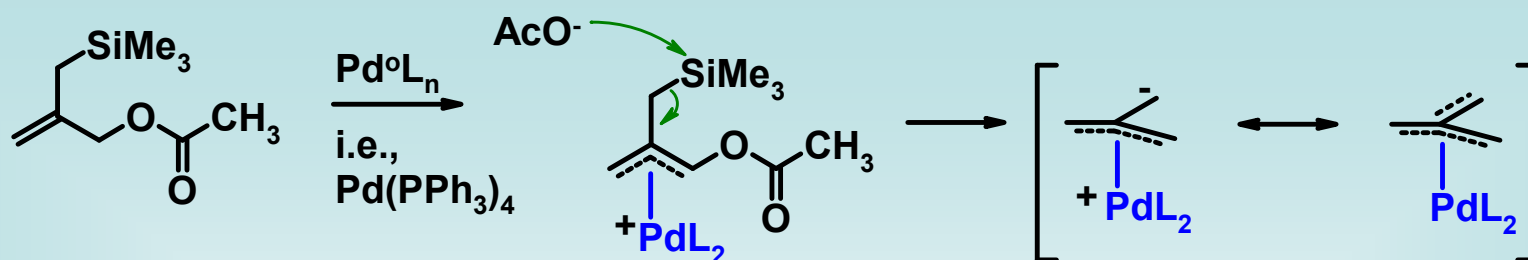
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- part of [R Rigby, J. H. Pigge, F. C. \*Org. React.\* \*\*1997\*\*, \*51\*, 351](#)
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## $\eta^4$ - Complexes

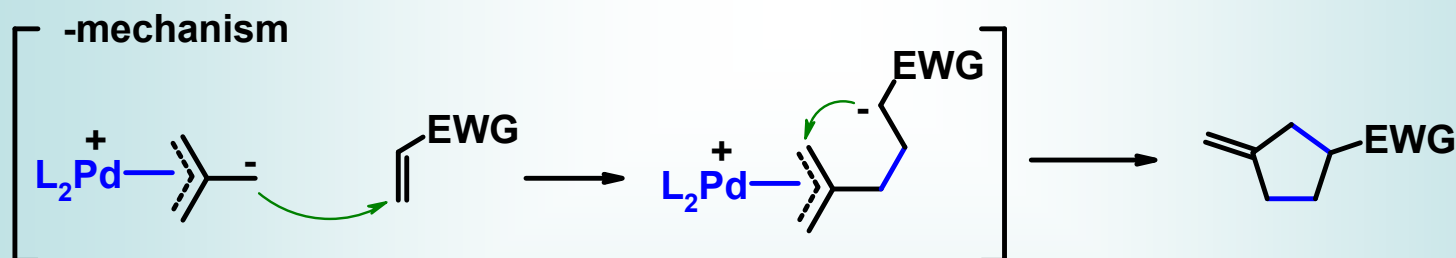
### $\eta^4$ -Trimethylenemethane Complexes

- predominantly used with palladium, due to use of metal in catalytic amounts
- iron also known and used some, but it is stoichiometric

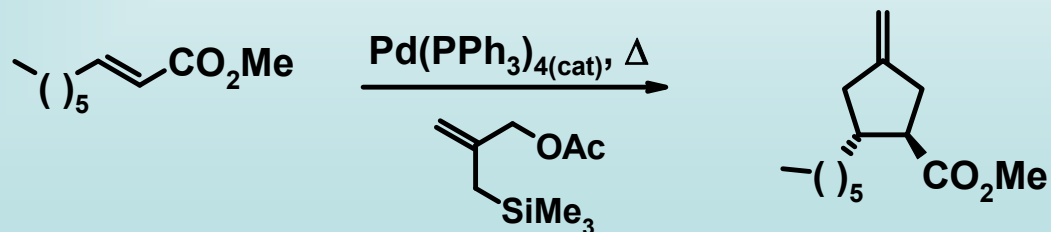
- consider the following substrate that looks like a precursor to an  $\eta^3$ -allylpalladium



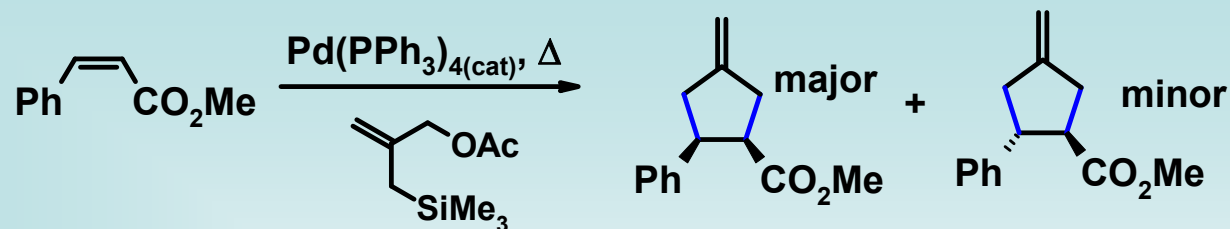
- in these cases, the Pd is coordinated to all 4 carbon atoms
- this is a trimethylenemethane complex
- excellent reagent for 3+2 cycloaddition reactions



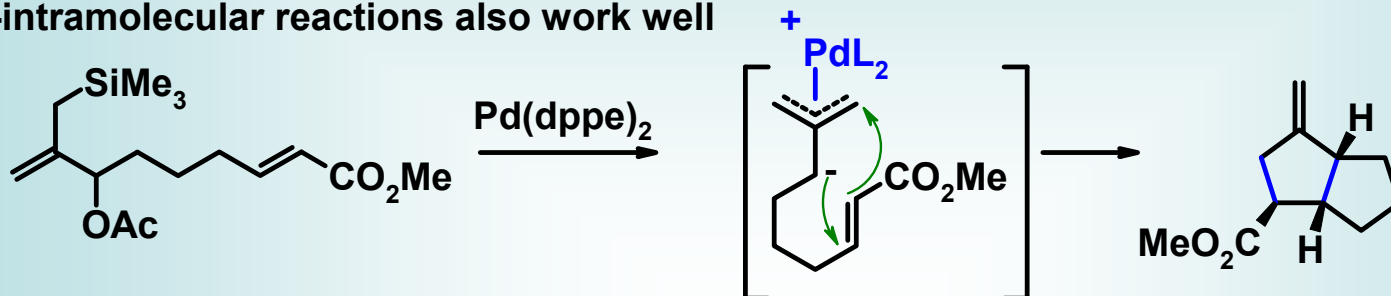
- stereochemical considerations
- about alkene - get mostly retention of configuration, but not perfectly so





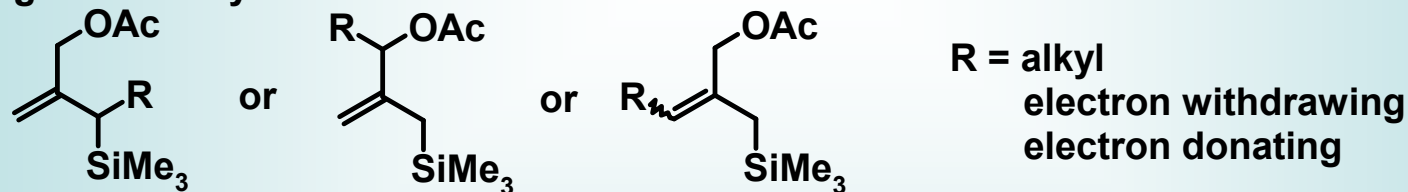


-intramolecular reactions also work well

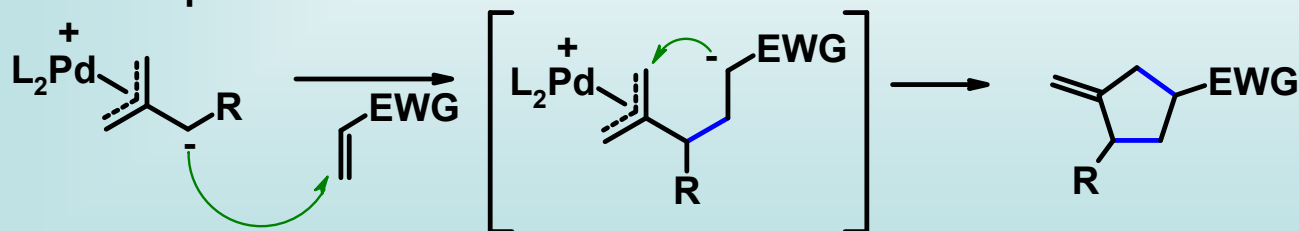


-other aspects of the stereochemistry (i.e., diastereoselectivity) have been well established, but are beyond the course's scope

Regiochemistry

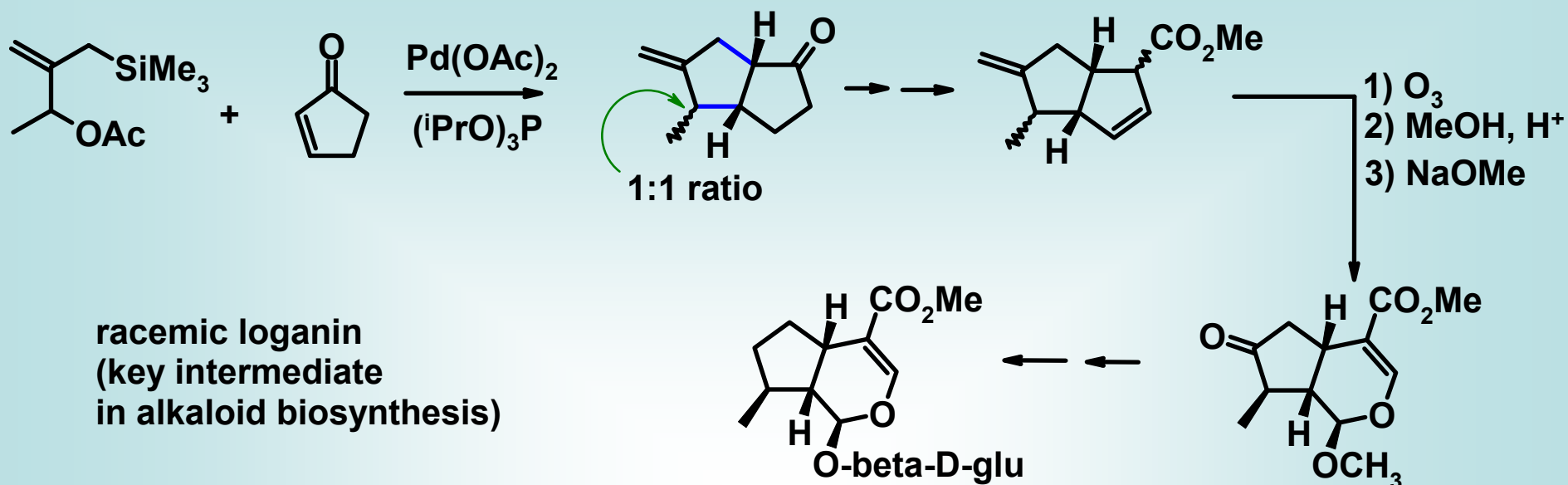


-regardless, it doesn't matter (much),  
 -the product is as if.....



-no *real* mechanistic explanation for this result

-example of use in synthesis - loganin



-there is *some* work on reacting TMM-Pd complexes with C=O and C=N-EWG in the presence of R<sub>3</sub>Sn-X co-catalysts

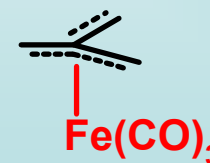
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For reviews in the area see:

Trost *R Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Engl.* 1986, 25, 1.  
*R Pure Appl. Chem.* 1988, 60, 1615.  
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Iron tricarbonyl - trimethylenemethane complexes also known

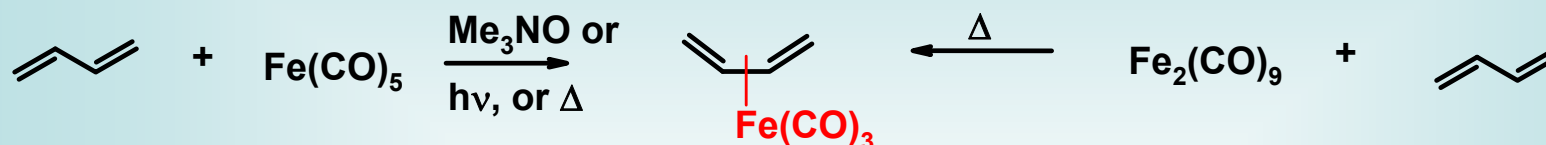
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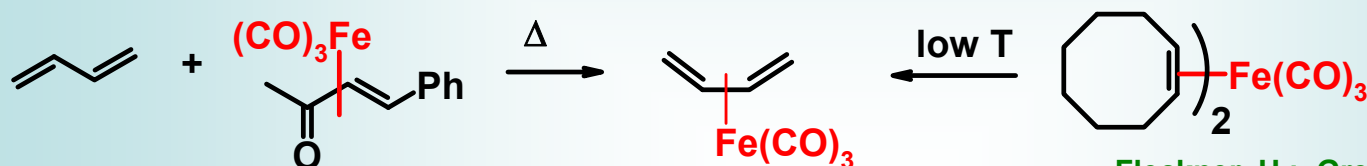
## $\eta^4$ -Diene Complexes

-absolutely dominated by iron tricarbonyl complexes

### Preparation



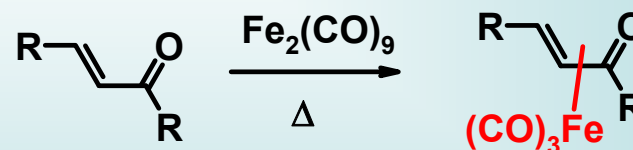
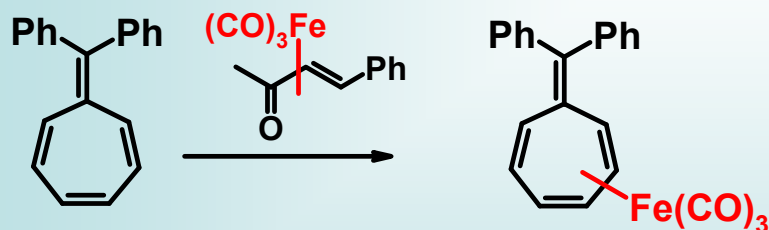
-more subtle reagents



Fleckner, H.; Grevels, F.W.; Hess, D.  
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1984**, *106*, 2027.

$\text{Me}_3\text{NO}$  mediated transfer Shvo, Y.; Hazum, E. *J. Chem. Soc. Chem. Commun.* **1975**, 829

-the  $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_3$  unit is unusually stable; even in cases where it could lose more CO ligands, it normally does not



Note: esters, amides only form  $\eta^2$ - $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_4$  complexes

### Reviews

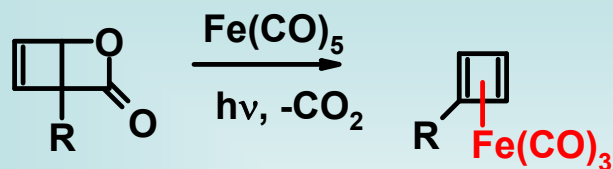
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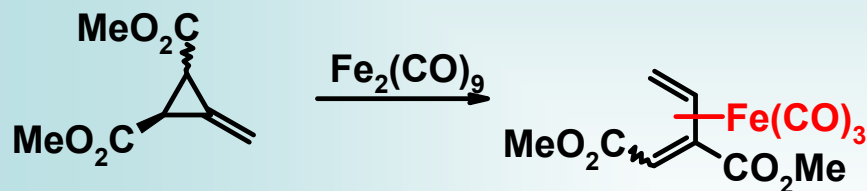
## Rare/specialty methods



Agar, J.; Kaplan, F.; Roberts, B. W. *J. Org. Chem.* **1974**, *39*, 3451.

Very stable complex

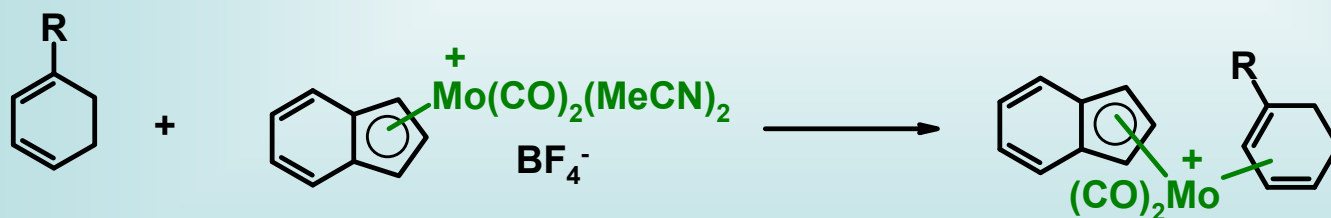
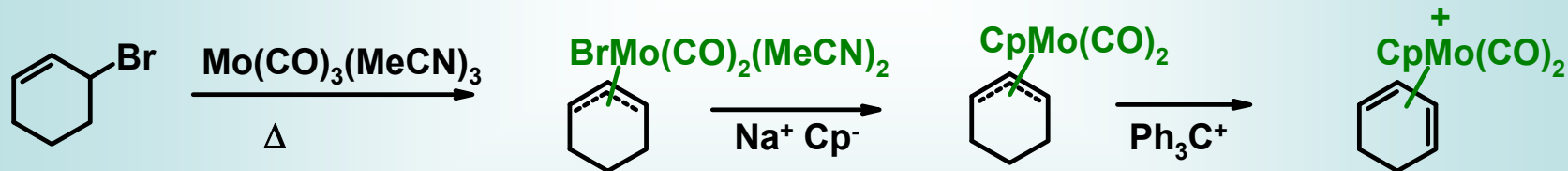
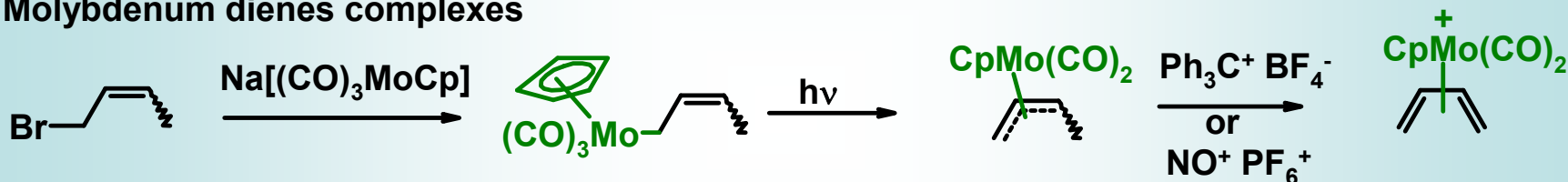
-by contrast, free cyclobutadiene is not at all stable



rare: ring opening is actually stereospecific

Whitesides, T.H. *J. Organomet. Chem.* **1974**, *67*, 99.

## Molybdenum dienes complexes

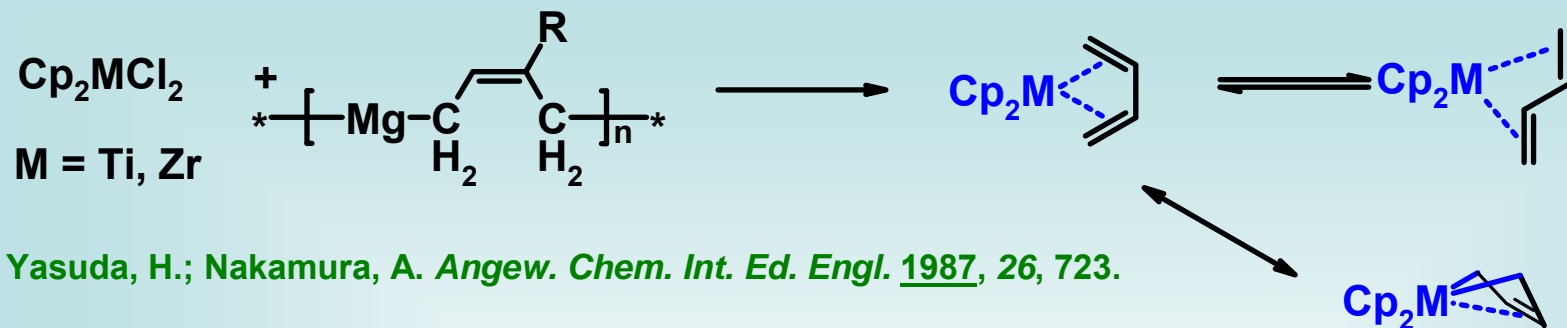


Green, M. et al  
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R Comprehensive Organometallic Chemistry, V.3, Ch 27.2

R Pearson, A. J. *Adv. Met-Org. Chem.* **1989**, *1*, 1.

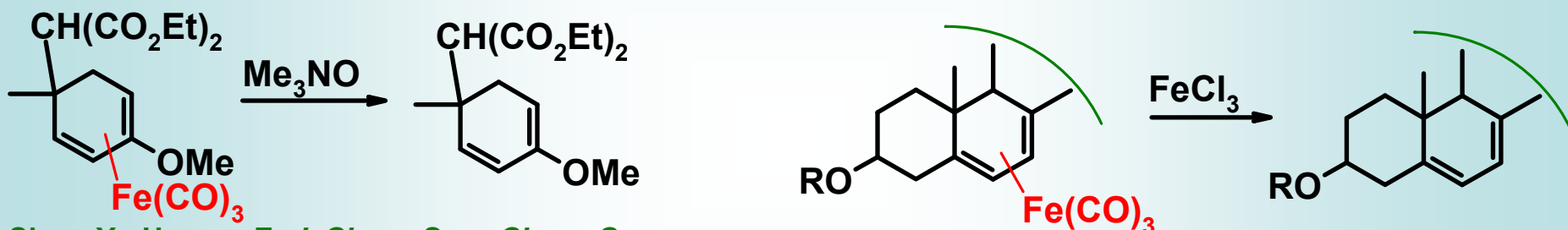
## Early Transition Metal Complexes



R Yasuda, H.; Nakamura, A. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Engl.* **1987**, *26*, 723.

## 2. Decomplexation of $\eta^4$ -Diene Complexes

### a) Oxidation of Iron-Diene Complexes



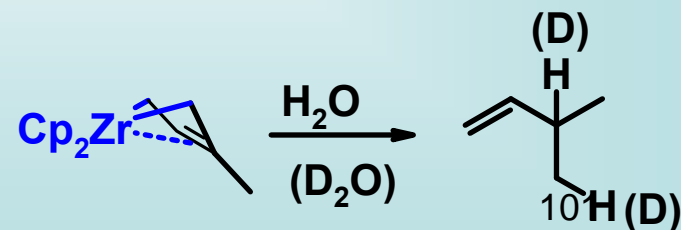
Shvo, Y.; Hazum, E. *J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.* **1974**, 336.

Other oxidants such as  $\text{Ce}^{\text{IV}}$ ,  $\text{CuCl}_2$ ,  $\text{Ag}^{\text{I}}$  work also

### b) Early Transition Metal Dienes -have reactivity like.....



and therefore



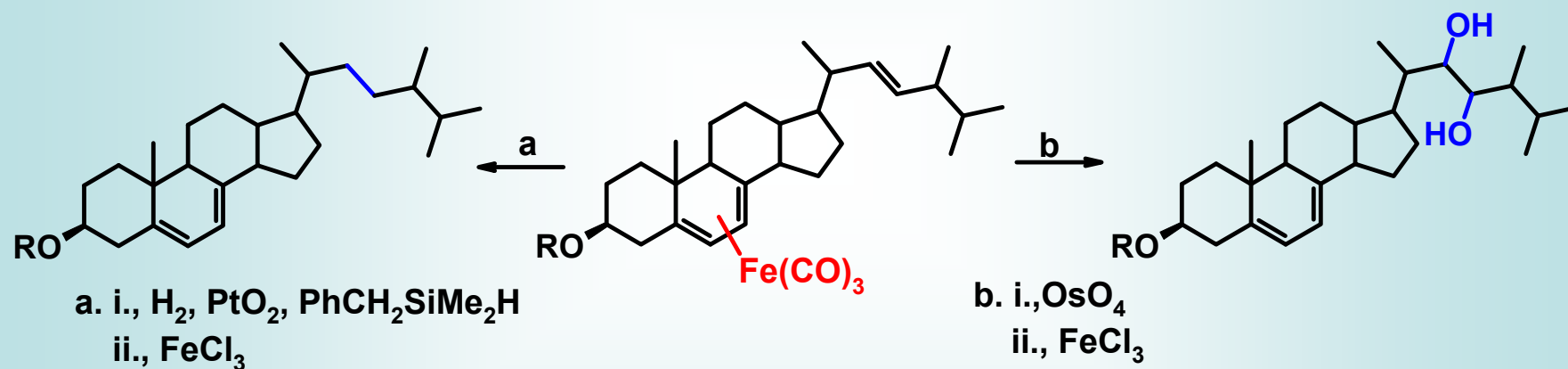
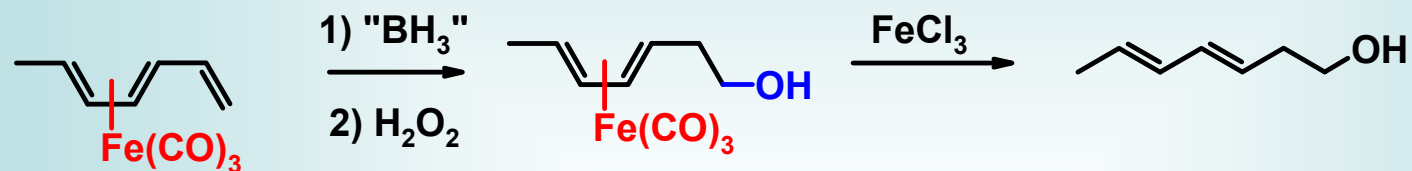
notice regiochemistry

### 3. Use as Protecting/Stabilizing Groups

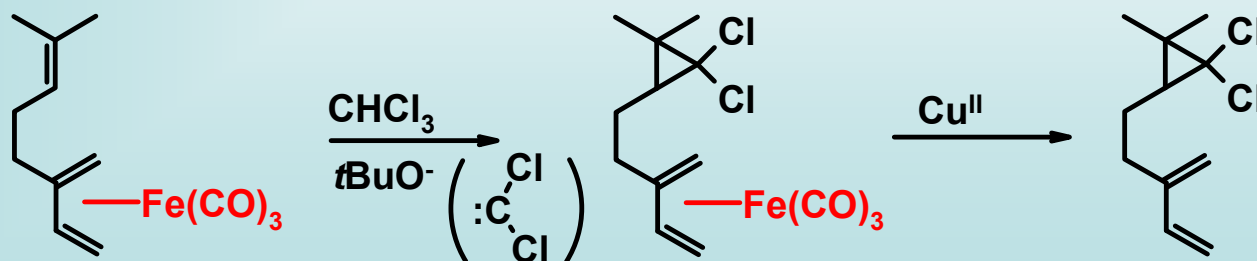
#### a) Protection of Dienes

-although coordination of a diene by  $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_3$  is inductively a slight electron donor, the reactivity of dienes to electrophiles is *reduced*

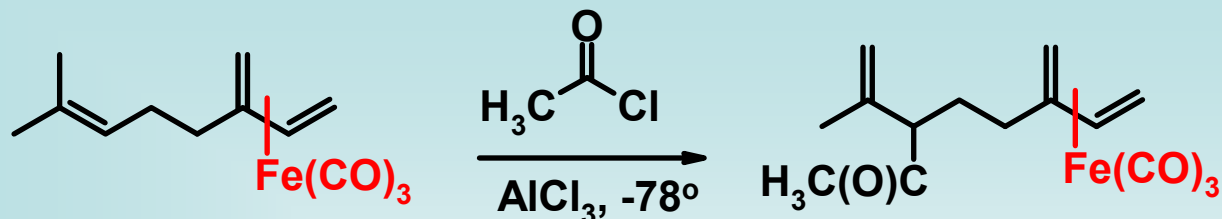
therefore



-Carbenes - normally prefer to add to conjugated dienes over isolated  $\text{C}=\text{C}$ 's, but....

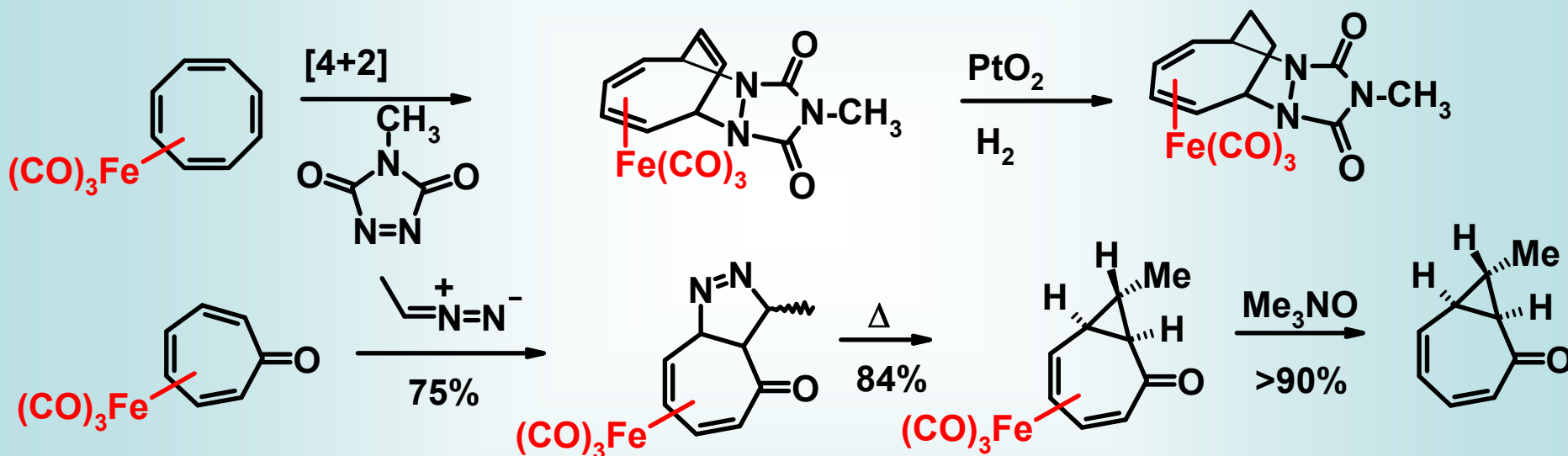


-and acylation\*



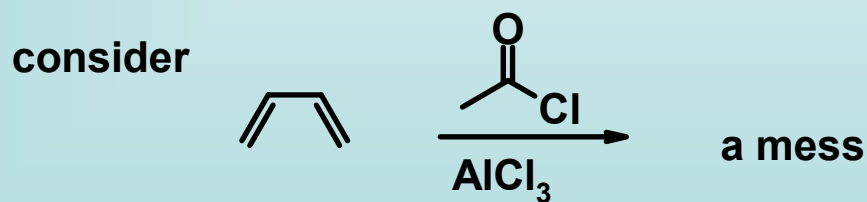
\* - diene-Fe(CO)<sub>3</sub> complexes *will* also react, but more slowly

-one can even do cycloadditions on free double bonds in the presence of Fe(CO)<sub>3</sub> complexes



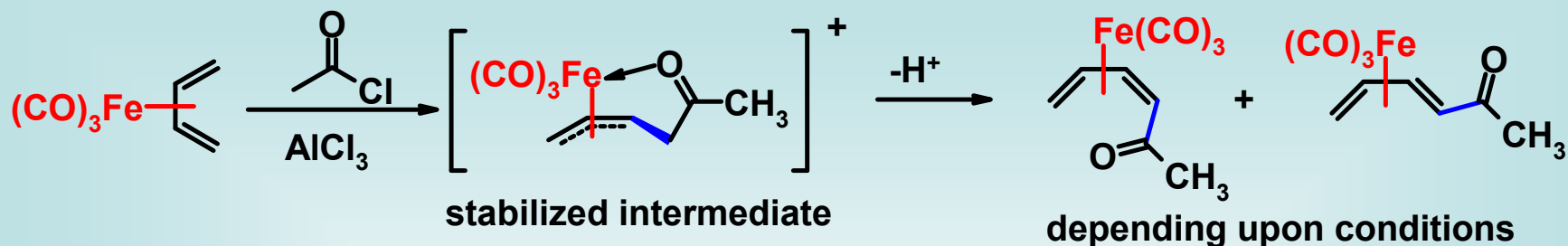
-also stable to Wittig reaction, aldol condensations, osmylation (dihydroxylation)

-exception (sort of) - let's say 'controlled' reactivity

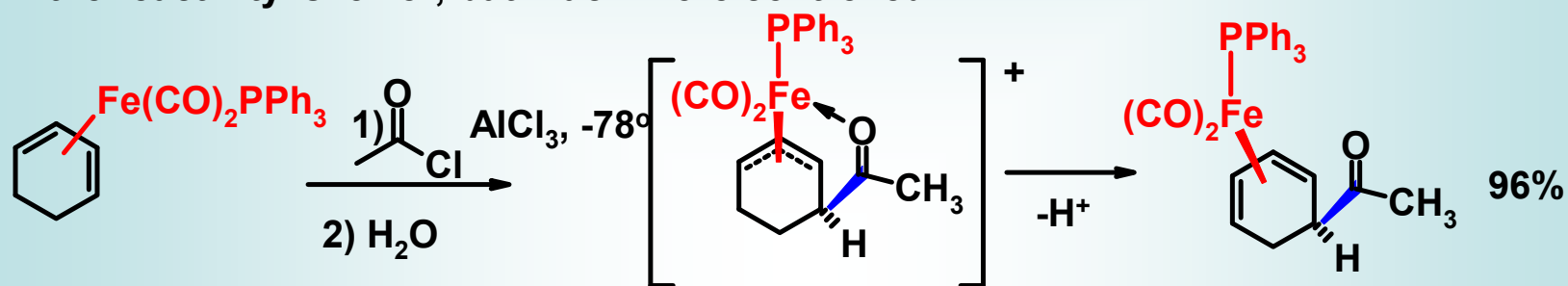


v. non-selective reaction/oligomerization

-conversely,...



-the reactivity is lower, but much more controlled



## b) Stabilization of (overly) Reactive Species

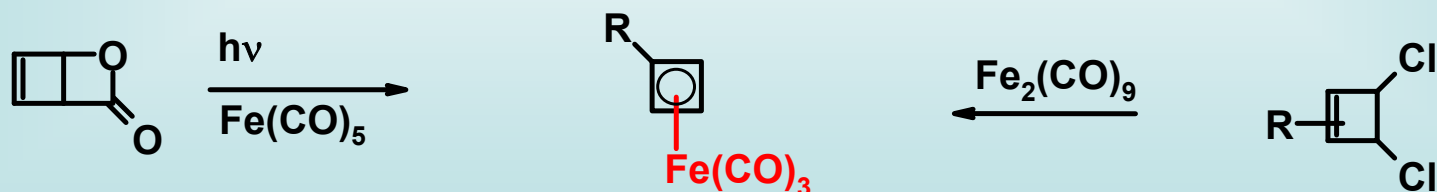
i) consider cyclobutane



-classic antiaromatic compound  
-'cannot' be isolated



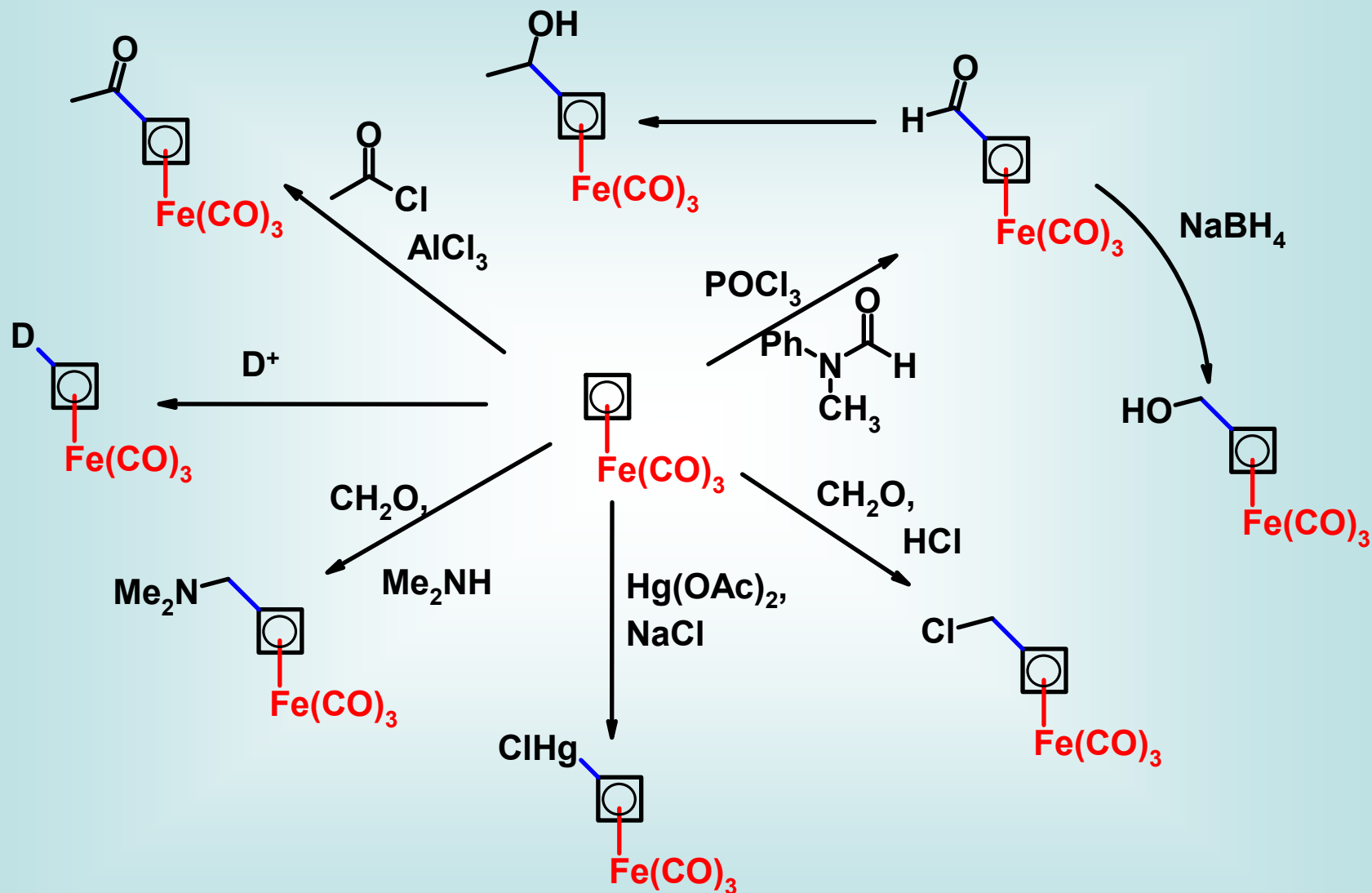
-very stable compounds



-stable enough to allow standard aromatic functionalization reactions - behaves pretty much like benzene



-these cyclobutadiene-Fe(CO)<sub>3</sub> complexes are stable enough to allow standard aromatic functionalization reaction - they behave pretty much like benzene

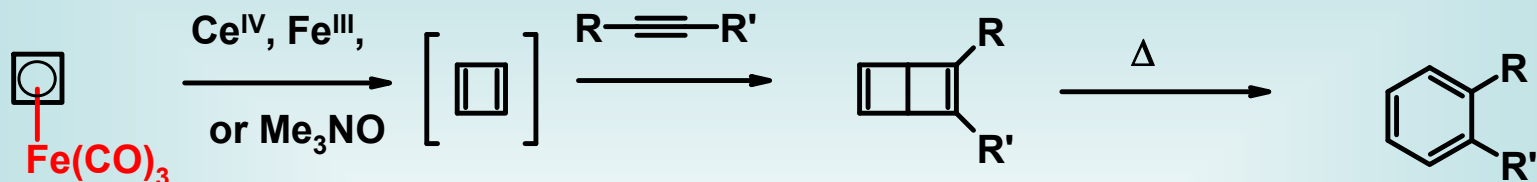


Rosenblim, M.; et al *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1972**, *94*, 1239

Emerson, G.F.; Pettit, R., et al *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1975**, *97*, 3255.

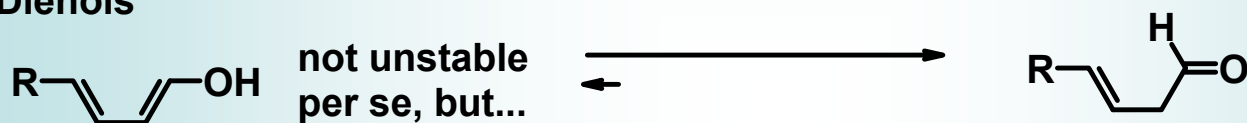
R Green, J. R.; Donaldson, W.A 'Encyclopedia of Inorganic Chemistry', Vol. 4, 1735, 1994.

Note: Decomplexation of Fe leads to free cyclobutadiene, which can be trapped by other reagents

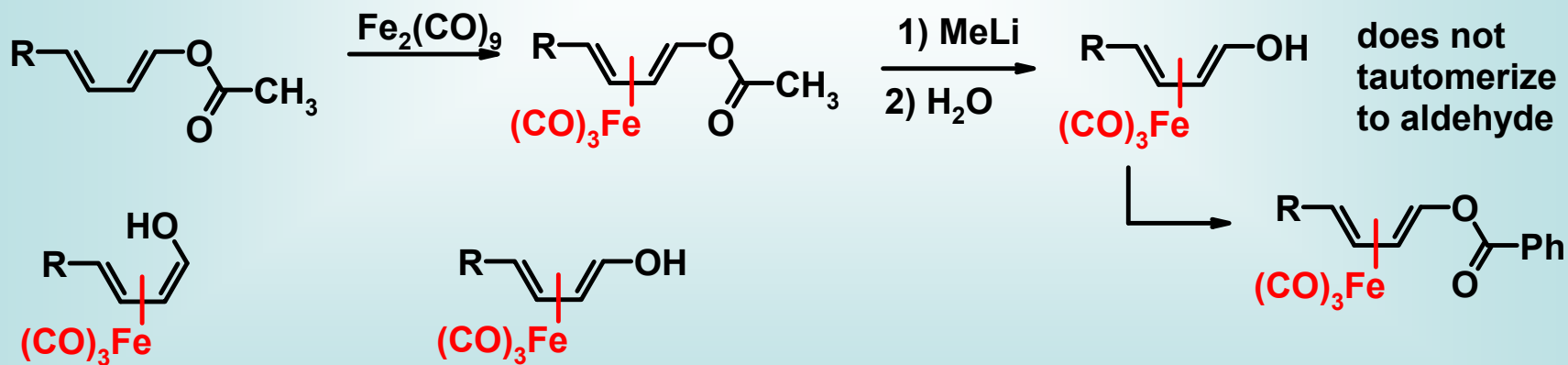


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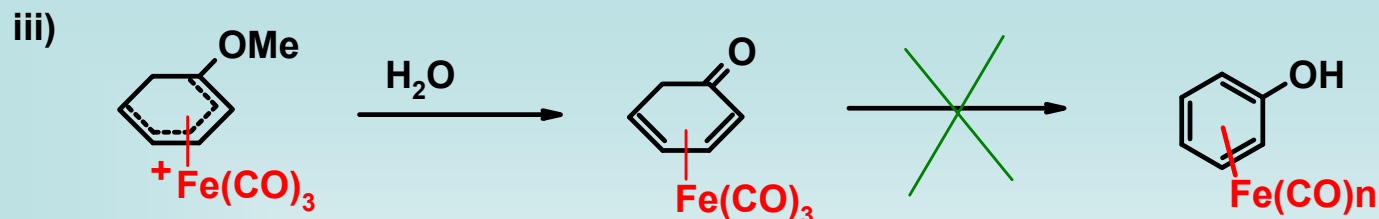
## ii) Dienols



$\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_3$  coordinates more strongly to the  $\pi$ -system of a  $\text{C}=\text{C}$  relative to a  $\text{C}=\text{O}$ , so....



is similar, except it isomerizes to....



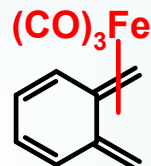
-almost nothing has been done with this, but it has much potential....

see Birch, A.J. *Tetrahedron Lett.* 1975, 119 (*Org. Synth.* VI, 996)

#### iv) Other examples



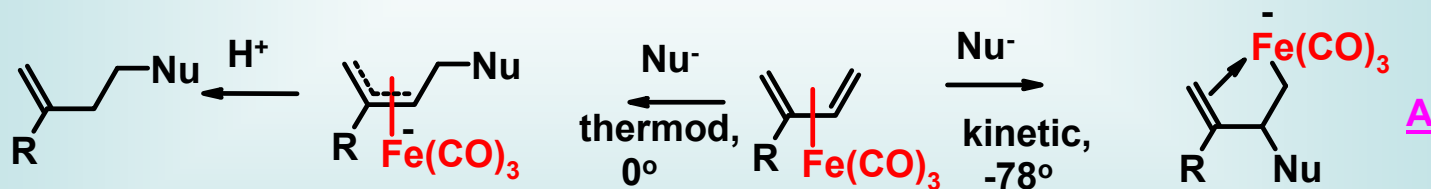
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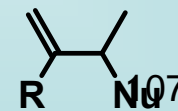
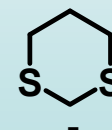
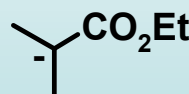
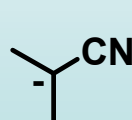
Roth, W.R.; Neier, J.D.  
*Tetrahedron Lett.* 1967, 2053.

### 4. $\eta^4$ Diene Iron Complexes as Electrophiles

-iron diene complexes will react with nucleophiles, although the pathways are a bit complex

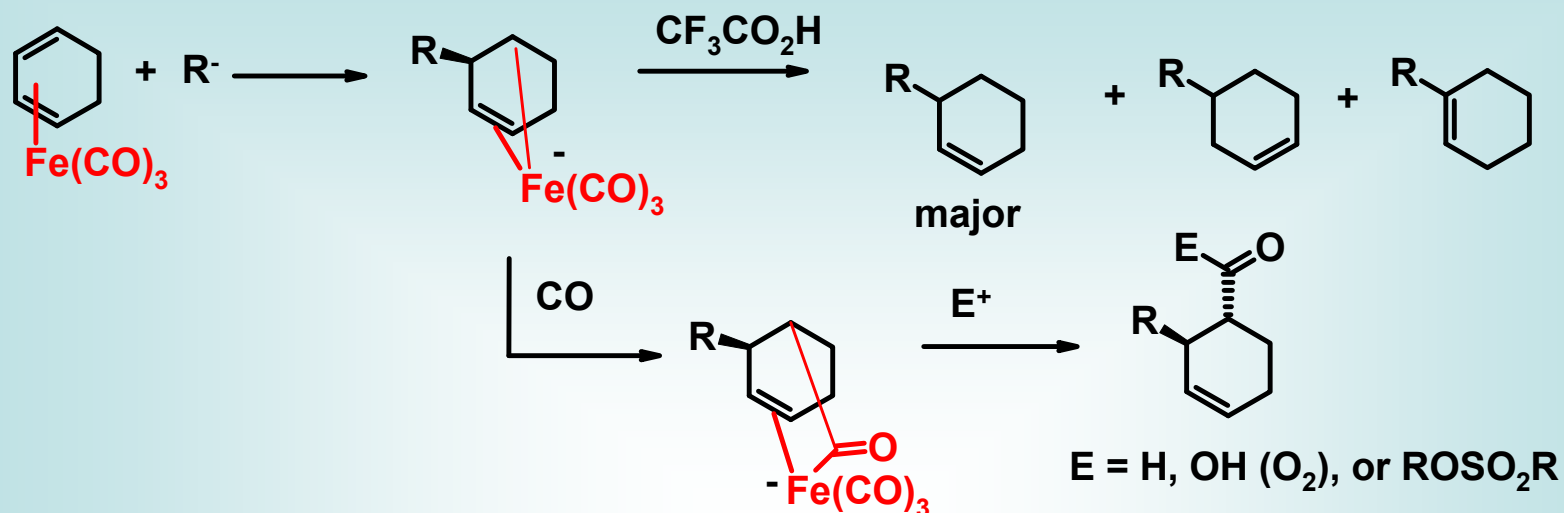


Nucleophiles are restricted to things like.....



Sermellhack, M.F. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 1984, 106, 2715.

-in cyclohexadiene complexes, species like A do further chemistry



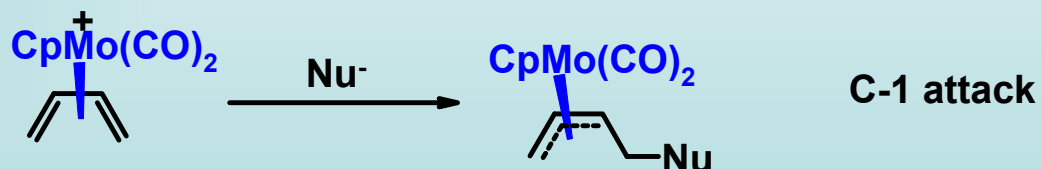
-see R Pearson, A.J. 'Iron Compounds in Organic Synthesis, p. 67-97.

in acyclic dienes, get related but more complicated reaction pathway

-see Semmelhack, M. F. *Organometallics* **1983**, 2 1385 ; *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1985**, 107, 1455.  
 Yeh, M.C.P.; Hwu, C.C. *J. Organometal. Chem.* **1991**, 419, 341.  
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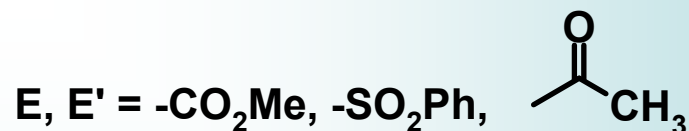
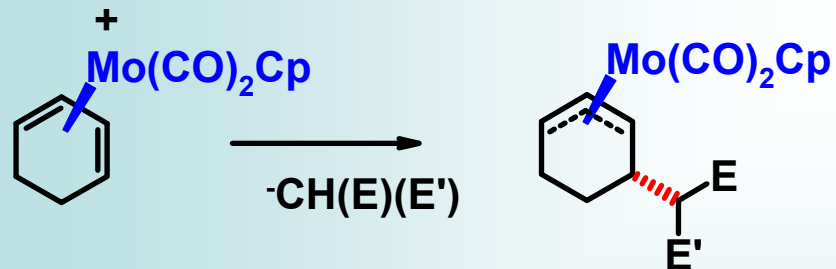
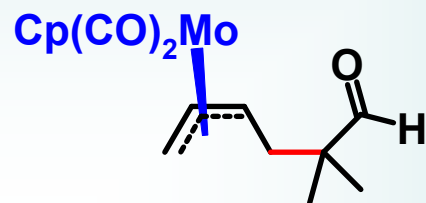
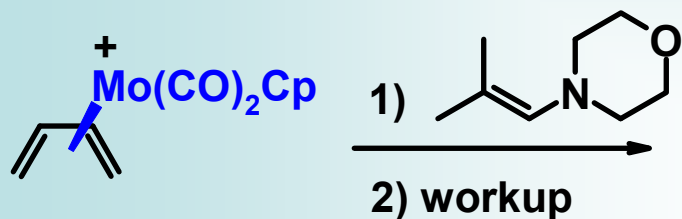
## b) Molybdenum Diene Complexes

-these complexes are cationic, so that they obviously are a good choice for being more reactive as electrophiles

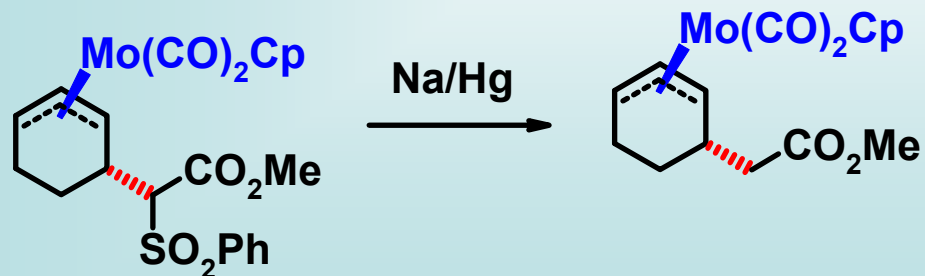


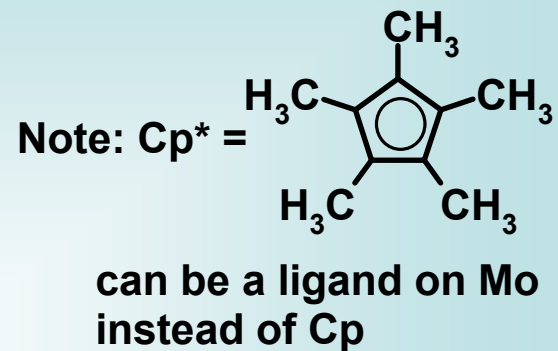
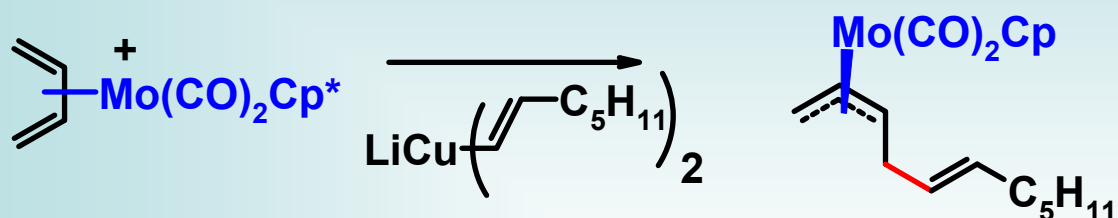
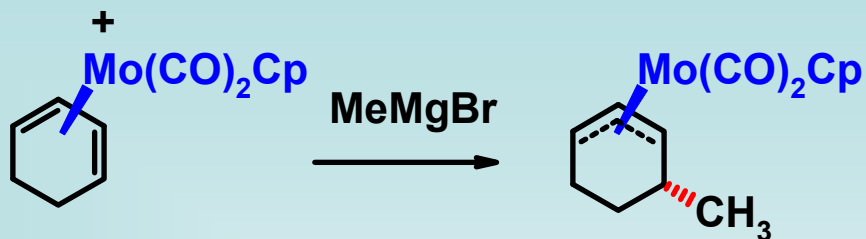
-range of nucleophiles should start looking familiar

-enamines  $\left( \begin{array}{c} \curvearrowright \\ \text{=NR}_2 \end{array} \right)$  highly stabilized enolates  $\left( \text{-CH(CO}_2\text{Et)}_2 \right)$  Grignards, or better still, cuprates  
 $\left( \text{RMgBr, R}_2\text{CuLi, R(CN)CuZnI} \right)$



Note:



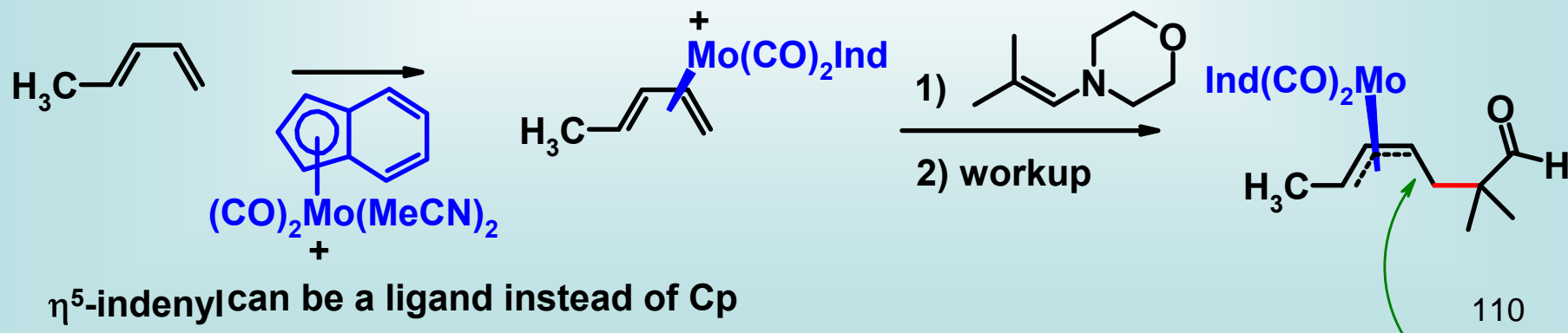


### Stereochemistry

-it is apparent from the above examples that the addition is routinely *anti* to Mo

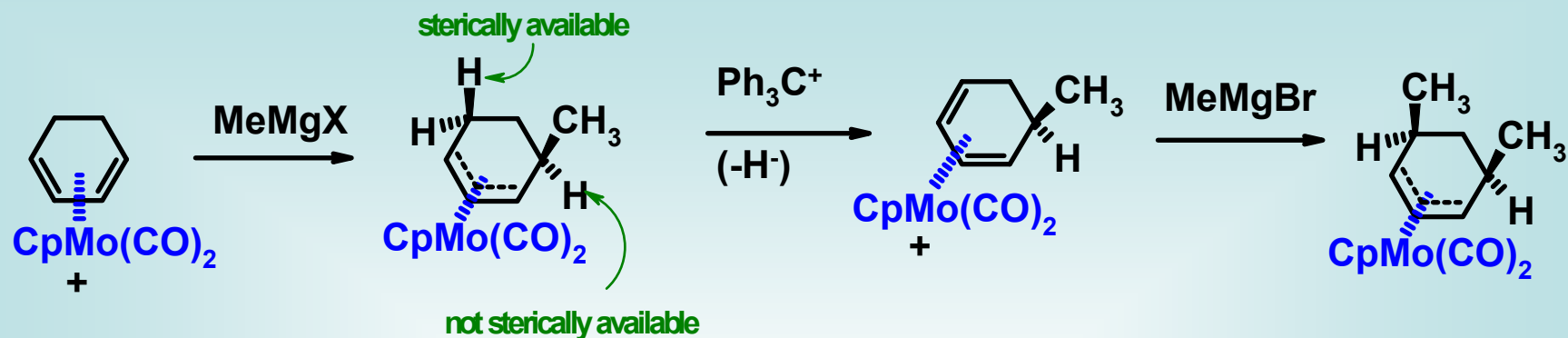
### Regiochemistry

-the nucleophile's attack is generally at the less substituted end of the diene



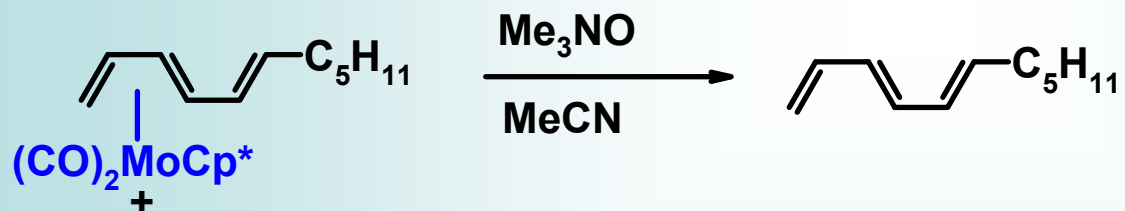
Note; product allylMo has *anti* stereochemistry at addition site

-tandem reactions are also feasible

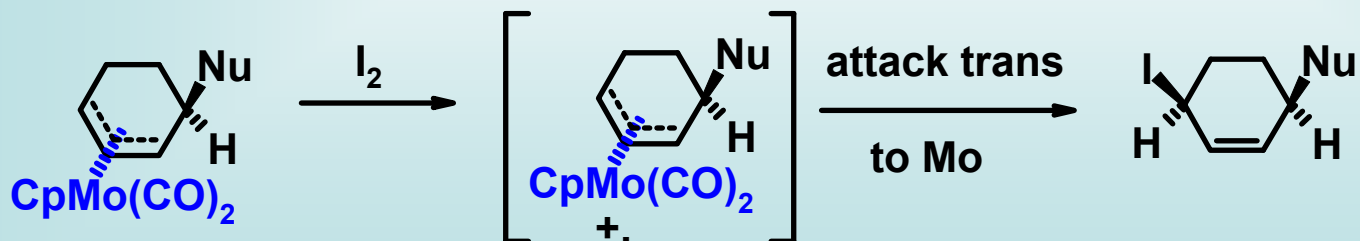


## Decomplexation Reactions of molybdenum Complexes

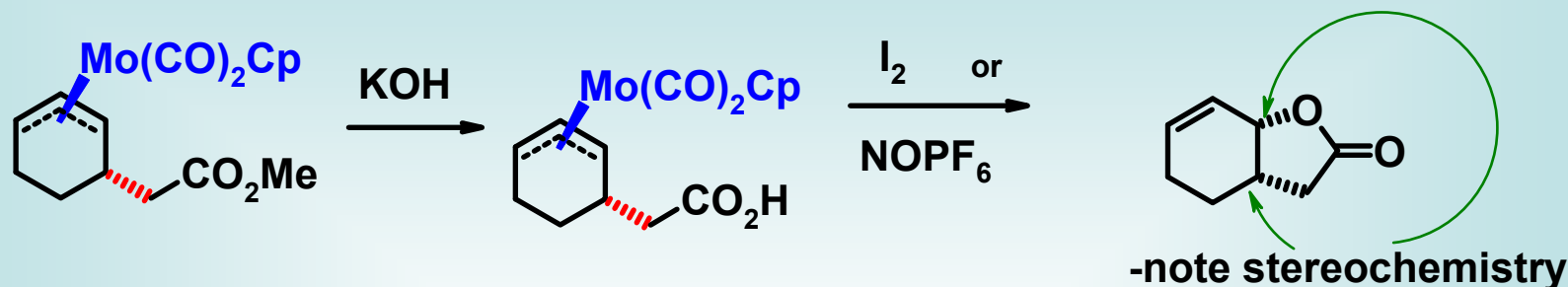
-straight oxidative decomplexation does occur for diene complexes



-oxidative decomplexation of allylMo's with nucleophilic attack



-oxidative decomplexation can occur with nucleophilic addition



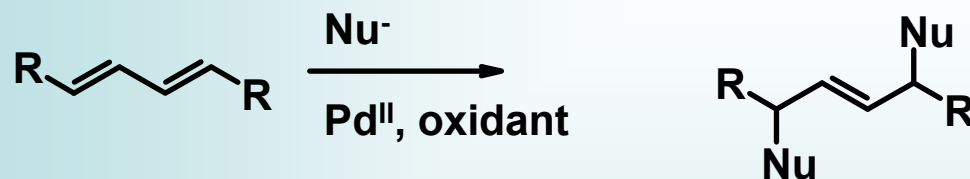
R Pearson, A.J. *Adv. Met. Org. Chem.* **1989**, 1, 1.

R Backvall, J.-E. *Adv. Met. Org. Chem.* **1989**, 1, 135.

(mostly Pd catalyzed addns)

asymmetric addns Pearson, A.J. et al *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1987**, 28, 2459

c) we will not discuss this in detail, but Pd<sup>II</sup> catalyzed additions to dienes is known



Nucleophile is usually  $\text{R}_2\text{N}^-$  or  $\text{AcO}^-$ ; oxidant is usually benzoquinone

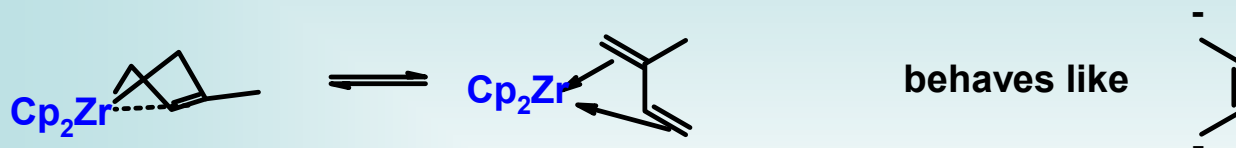
some cases of C-C bond formation

-see Backvall review

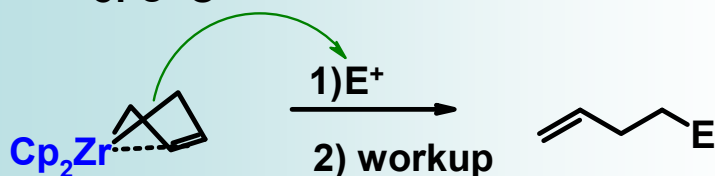


## $\eta^4$ -Diene Complexes as Nucleophiles

- early transition metal diene complexes don't really behave like dienes
- dominated by  $\text{Cp}_2\text{Zr}$  complexes

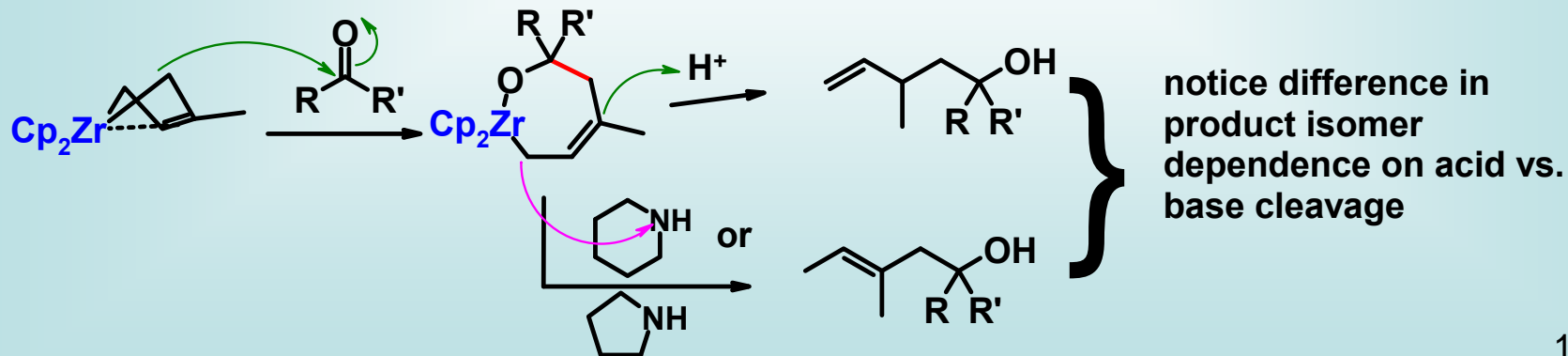


- therefore, the zirconium dienes are reactive as nucleophiles, especially with oxygen containing electrophiles, where  $=\text{O}$ : coordination to Zr can increase the electrophilicity of  $\text{C}=\text{O}$



## Regiochemistry

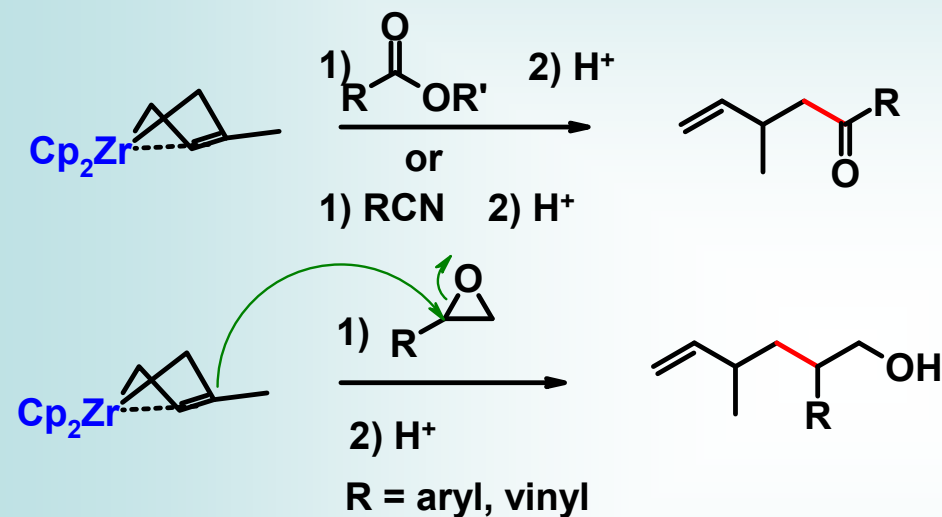
- if a substituent is at the 2-position of the diene, the rxn occurs at the more substituted end



-in acid, the allylZr cleaves via  $S_E2'$  (remote end, much like allylsilanes)

-in base, the product is the result of direct C-Zr bond cleavage

-other oxygen bearing  $E^+$ 's include.....  
esters (or nitriles), and epoxides

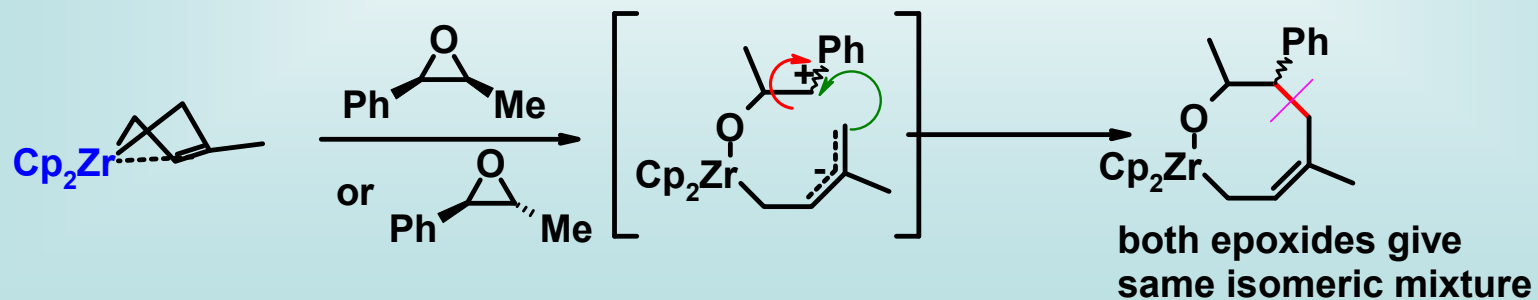


Note: Rxn is at the more substituted end of the epoxide



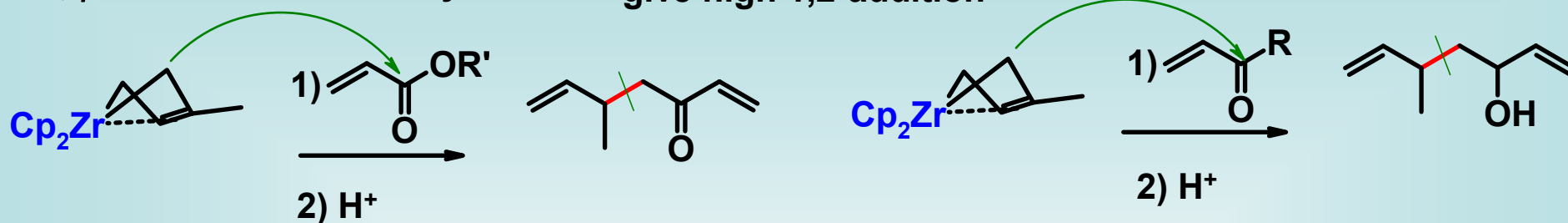
-that is evidence of  $S_N1$  - type reactivity

-further evidence is the loss of stereochemical integrity of the epoxide, i.e.,



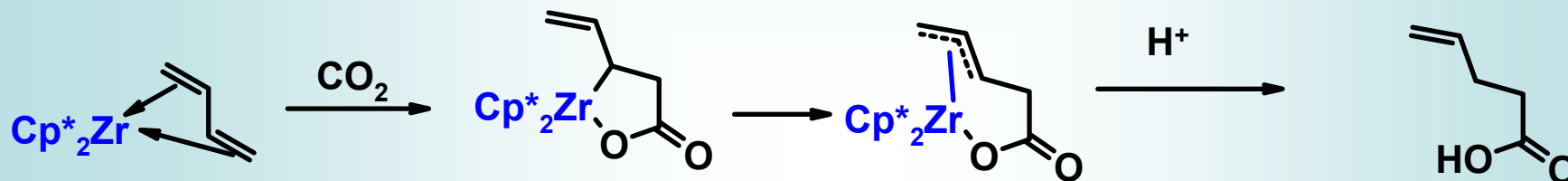
$\alpha, \beta$ -unsaturated carbonyls

-give high 1,2-addition



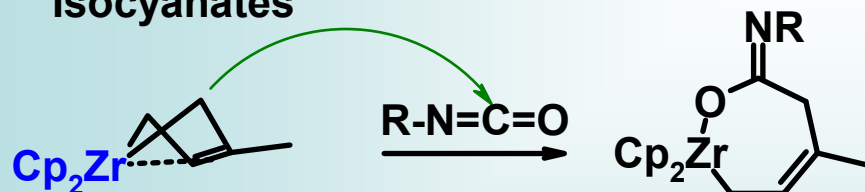
Other electrophiles

$\text{CO}_2$



But in many cases, further reaction can't be stopped

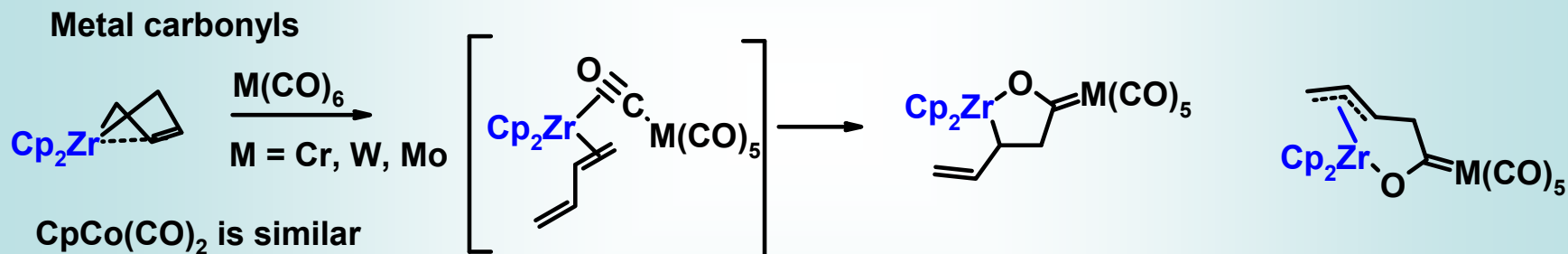
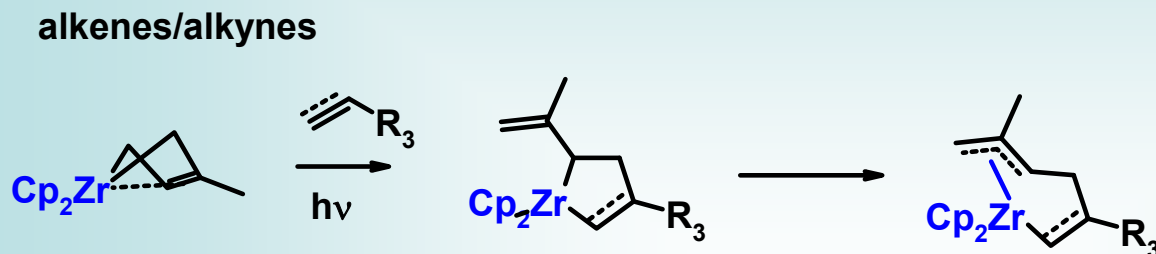
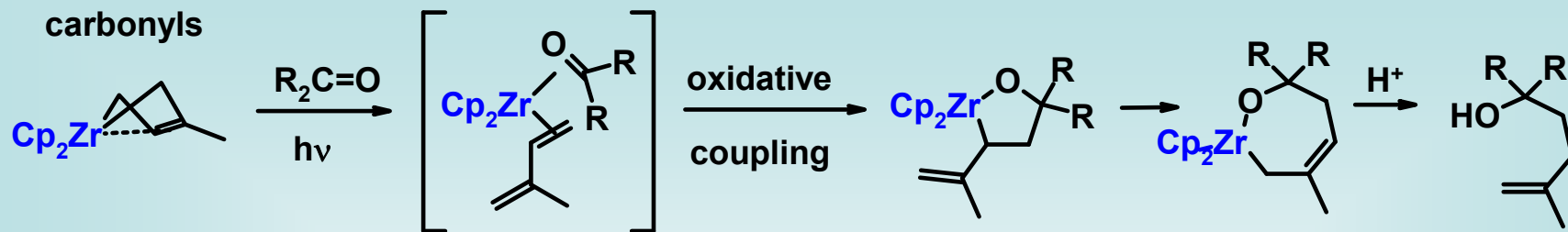
Isocyanates



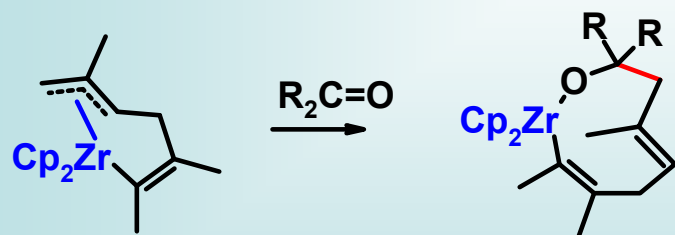
## Photochemical Reactions

-with carbonyl compounds and alkenes/alkynes, a photochemical reaction occurs at much lower T ( $-70^\circ$ )

-one big difference - the reaction now occurs away from a 2-substituent



Finally, at least for some products, the allylZr products themselves can be reacted with carbonyls



carbonyl, metal carbonyl adducts do this to  
-always get 9-membered ring with trans C=C

see [R Yasuda, H.; Nakamura, H. \*Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Engl.\* \*\*1987\*\*, \*26\*, 723.](#)

[R Taber, D. F. et al \*Curr. Org. Chem.\* \*\*2000\*\*, \*4\*, 809.](#)

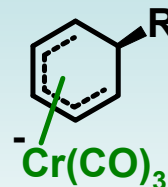
other Fe diene review [R Gree, R. \*Synthesis\* \*\*1989\*\*, 342.](#)

## $\eta^5$ -Dienyl Complexes

-dominated by



and to a much lesser extent by



we will cover this under  $\eta^6$ - complexes

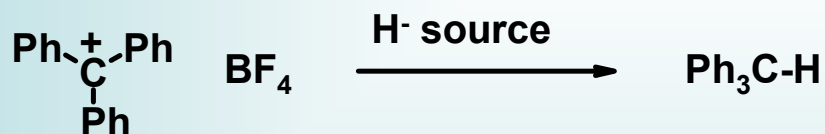
authors -dominated by A.J. Birch initially

-more recently by A.J. Pearson (Case Western)

W.A. Donaldson (Marquette) (acyclics)

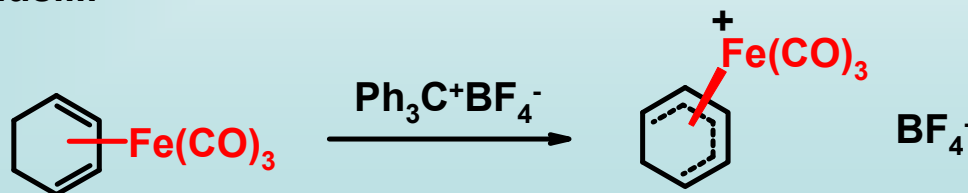
## Generation of $\eta^5$ -Cationic Complexes

-most commonly made by hydride abstraction from diene complexes, normally by trityl cation



triphenylmethyl (trityl) cation

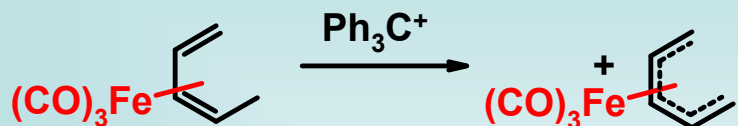
-thus....



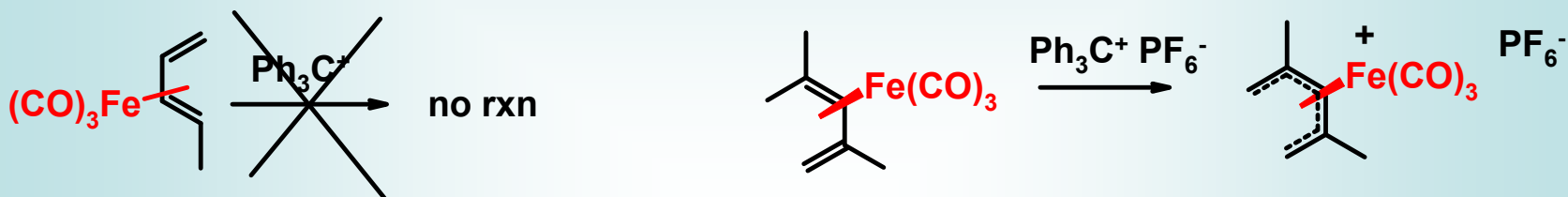
-works very well for cyclic dienes,  
as adjacent substituent must  
be cis

-with acyclic dienes, one can normally abstract H<sup>-</sup> if the source is cis

i.e.,



-but, if the "H<sup>-</sup> source" can only be trans, the abstraction usually fails



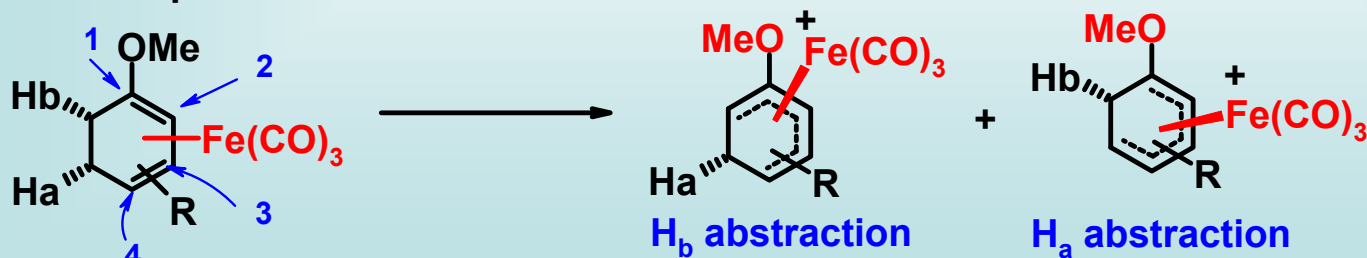
### Regiochemistry of Hydride Abstraction

-this abstraction is usually pretty selective, but not that readily predictable. It does not correspond to the most stable cation

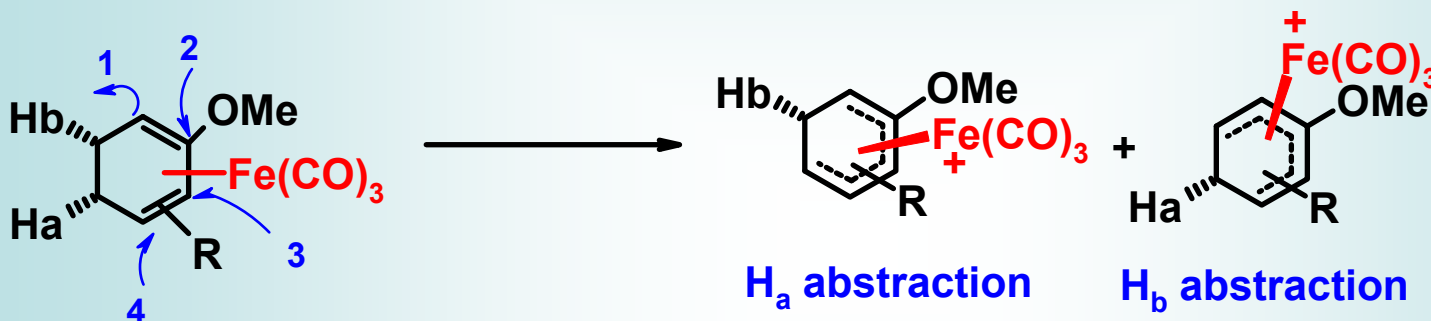
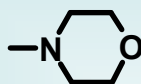
-Pearson has made an orbital interaction based explanation - for those interested, see.

[Pearson, A.J. et al \*Organometallics\* 1984, 3, 1150.](#)

-examples

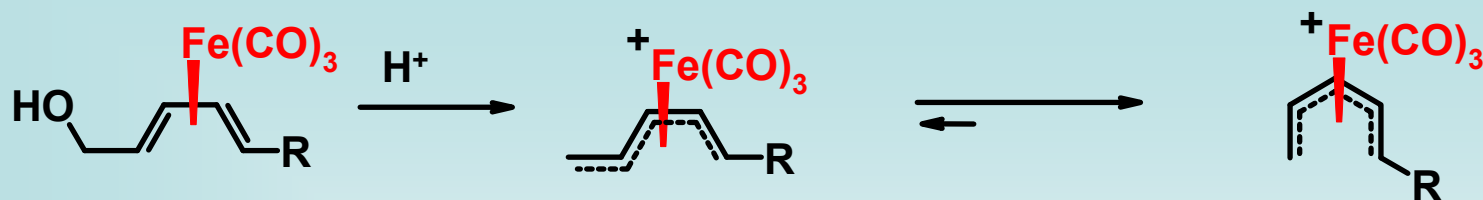


R	$H_b$ abstraction	$H_a$ abstraction
H	20	80
3-CH <sub>3</sub>	0	100
4-CH <sub>3</sub>	90	10
3-OCH <sub>3</sub>	56	44
4-morpholino	100	0



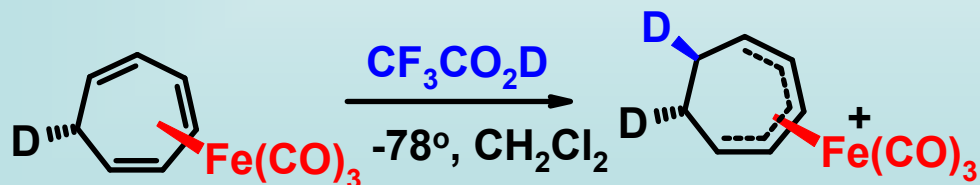
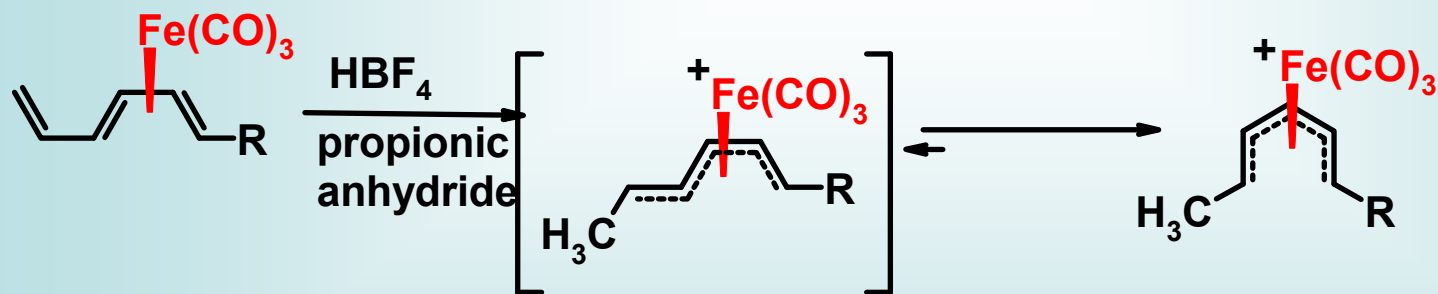
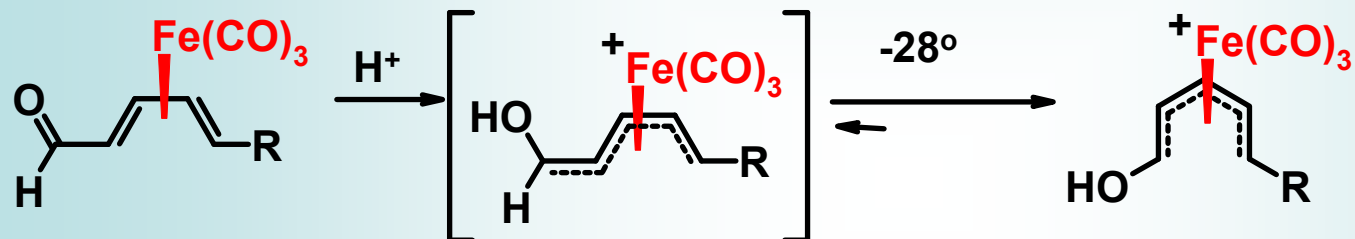
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ro		
H	90	10
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4-CO <sub>2</sub> Me	0	100
4-CH <sub>3</sub>	0	100
4-OCH <sub>3</sub>	56	44

-the most common method for formation of acyclic pentadienyliron complexes is by protonation of an  $\eta^4$ -dienyl alcohol complex by a strong acid



see [R Donaldson, W.A. Aldrichim. Acta 1997, 30, 17.](#)  
 also [Magyar, E.S. et al Inorg. Chem. 1978, 17, 1775.](#)  
[Beihl, E.R. et al J. Organomet. Chem. 1979, 174, 297.](#)

-there are related methods for preparation of dienylirons, from carbonyls, alkenes (trienes)

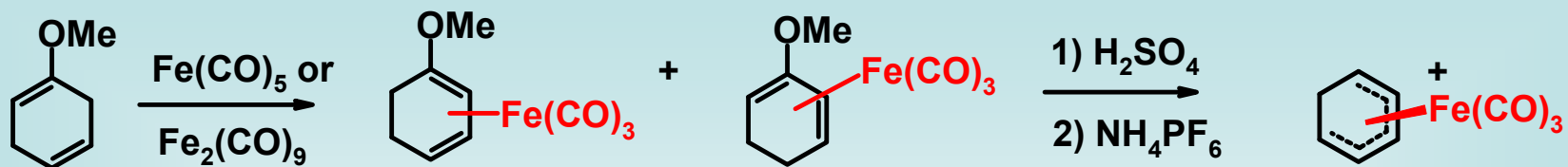


notice the stereochemistry of attack

[J. Chem. Soc., Dalton Trans. 1977, 794 and 2340](#)



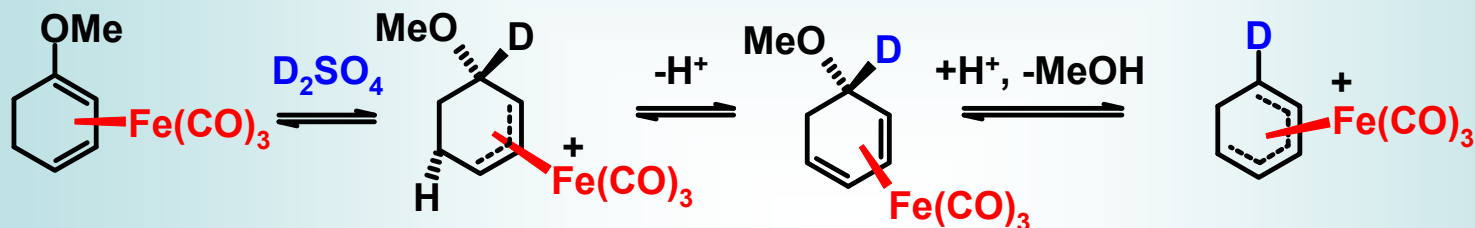
-from alkoxy-substituted diene complexes and strong acid



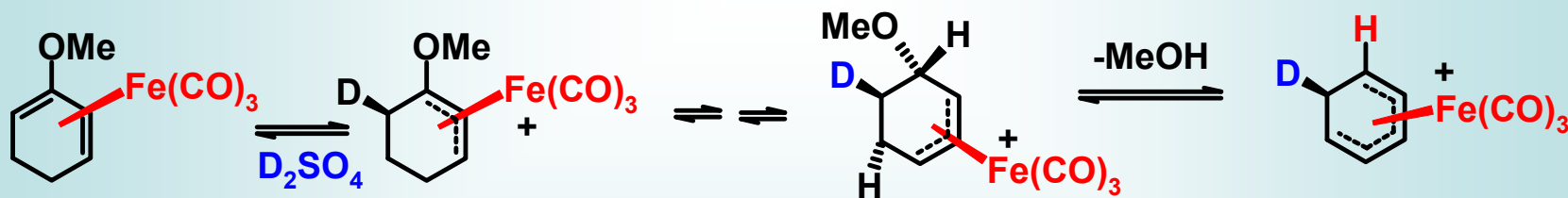
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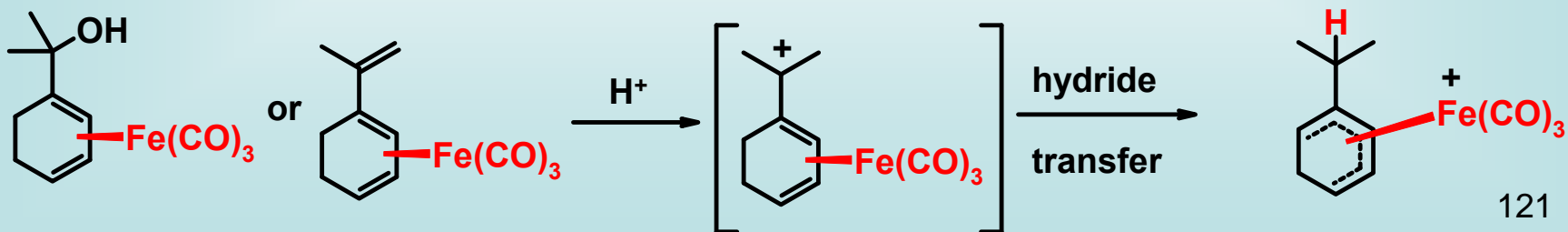
This goes via....



-and



-by cation rearrangement



## Reactions as Electrophiles

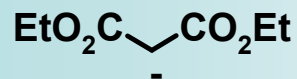
### Nucleophilic Attack on $\eta^5$ -Complexes

-these cations readily react (normally) with nucleophiles to give C-C or C-heteroatom bond formation

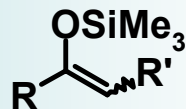
-attack is from the exo- face (stereoselective, away from iron)

-'normal' mode of attack is at C-1 terminus

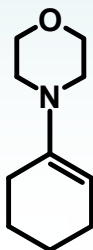
Nucleophiles: C-C bonds



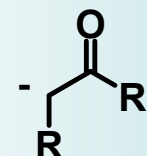
stabilized enolates



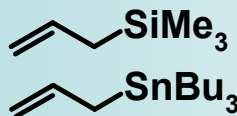
silyl enol ethers  
silyl ketene acetals



enamines



enolates work  
only  
sometimes



allylsilanes



allyltins

RLi, RMgBr usually fail

R<sub>2</sub>Cd, R<sub>2</sub>Zn, R<sub>2</sub>CuLi, RCu(CN)ZnI usually better

### C-X bonds

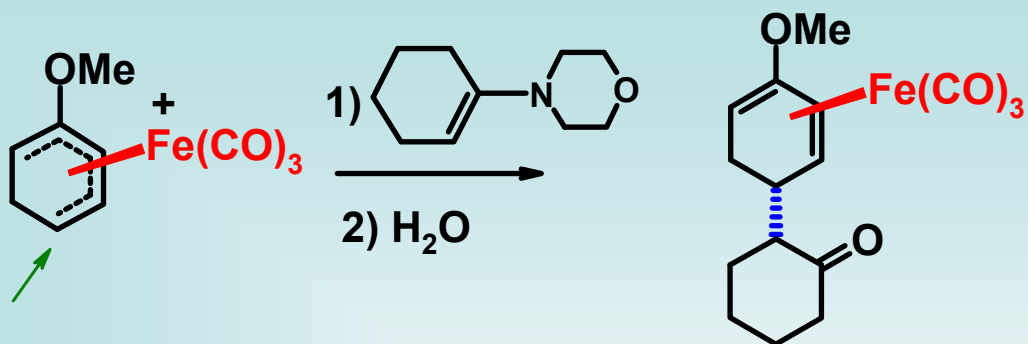
R<sub>2</sub>NH (amines), H<sub>2</sub>O, MeO<sup>-</sup>, R<sub>3</sub>P (phosphines), (RO)<sub>3</sub>P (phosphites), R<sub>3</sub>As (arsines)

NaBH<sub>4</sub>, Et<sub>3</sub>SiH, NaBH<sub>3</sub>CN (hydride sources)

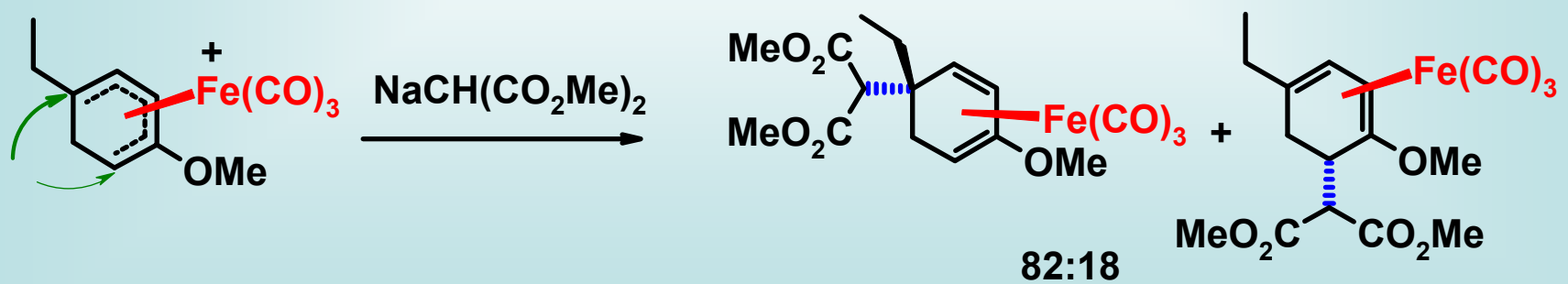
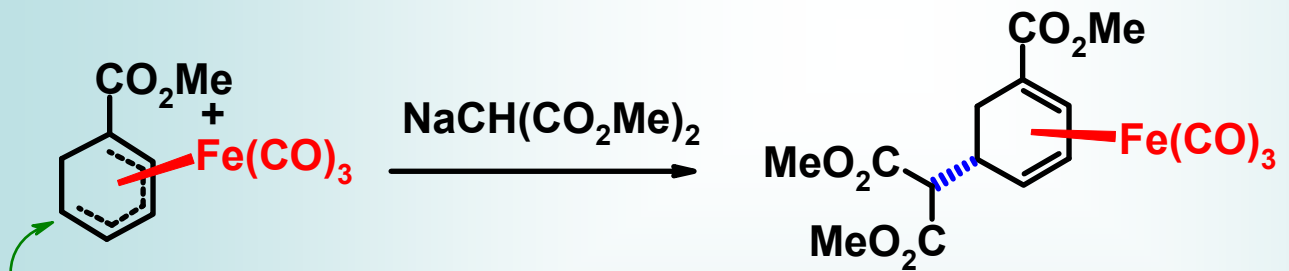
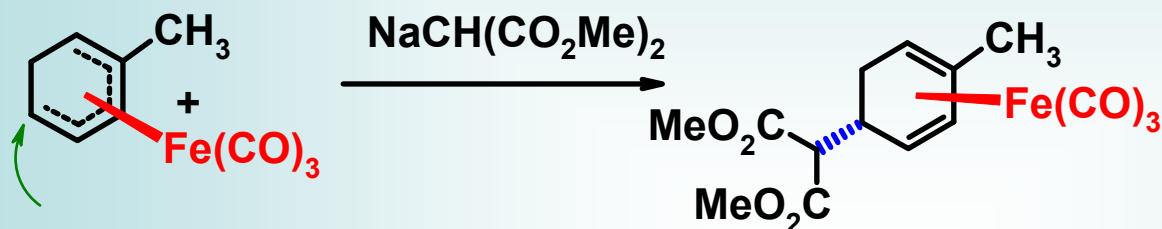
### Regiochemistry, part II

-attack of the nucleophiles is at less substituted terminus

-MeO as a substituent is particularly powerful in this respect

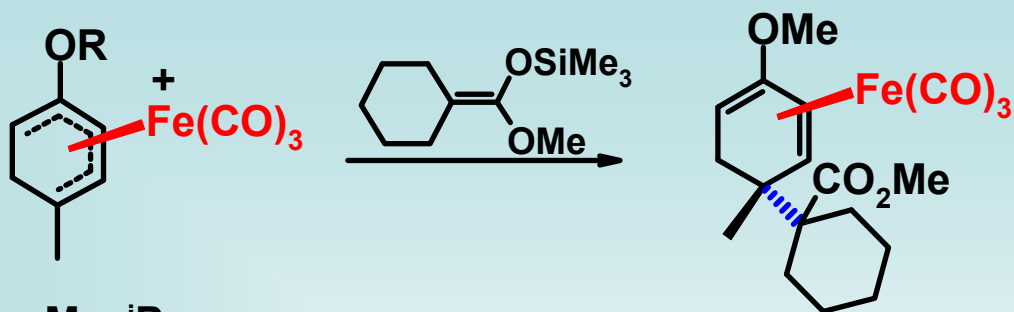


- enamine example
- regiochem away from OMe
- stereochem exo (away from iron)



82:18

counterion dependent

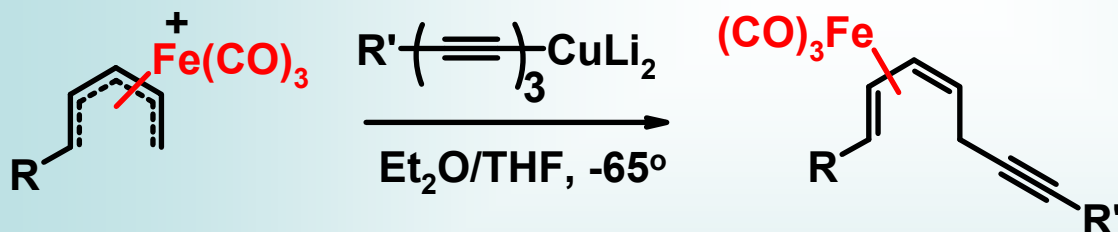


R = Me, <sup>i</sup>Pr

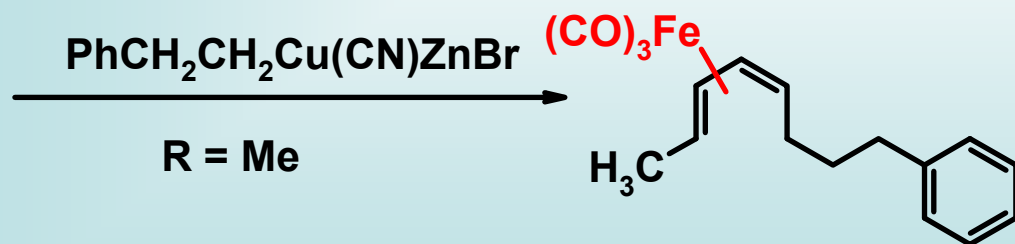
see R Pearson, A.J., in *Comprehensive Organometallic Chemistry*, Vol. 8, p 939-1011  
R *Comprehensive Organic Synthesis*, 1991, Vol. 4, p. 663-694  
R *Iron Compounds in Organic Synthesis*, 1994, Ch.5  
R *Adv. Met-Org. Chem.* 1989, 1, 1

R Harrington, P.J. *Transition Metals in Total Synthesis*, Ch. 4

The acyclic cases have also been studied fairly extensively



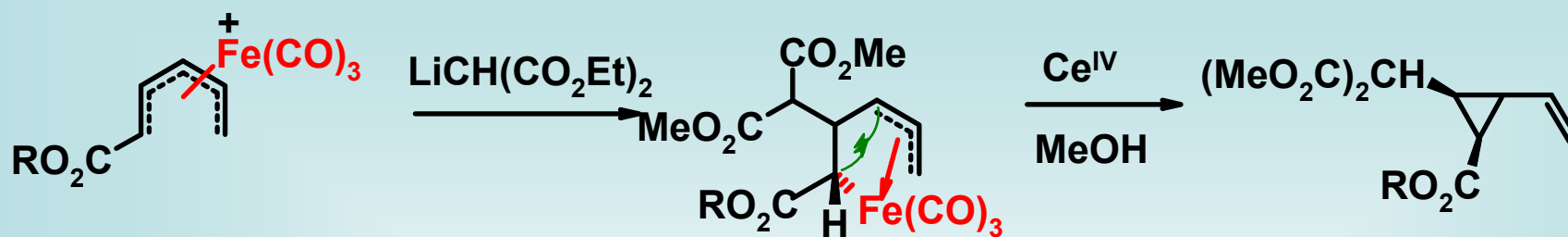
R = Me, Ph, CO<sub>2</sub>Me



Donaldson, W. A. et al  
*Tetrahedron Lett.* 1989, 30, 1339.

Also, RNH<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, R<sub>2</sub>Cd, R'-CC-SiMe<sub>3</sub> + F<sup>-</sup>, NaBH<sub>3</sub>CN,  
 silyl enol ethers, allylsilanes (give trans products), and NaCH(CO<sub>2</sub>Et)<sub>2</sub> in many cases

There are, though, at least a few regiochemical exceptions....



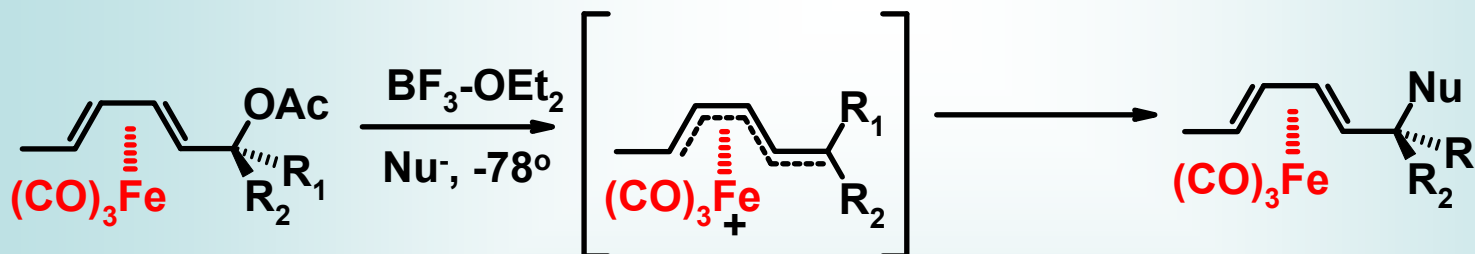
**C-2 attack**

see Donaldson reviews....most recent..

[R Donaldson, W. A. Curr. Org. Chem. 2000, 4, 837](#)

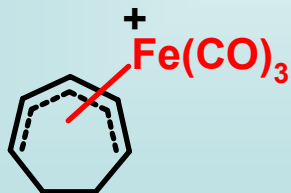
[R Donaldson, W. A. Aldrichim. Acta 1997, 30, 17](#)

-geometry of pentadienyl thermodynamically prefers a "U" shape, but if it's generated with an "S" shape, it will keep that conformation (configuration?) until about  $-30^\circ$

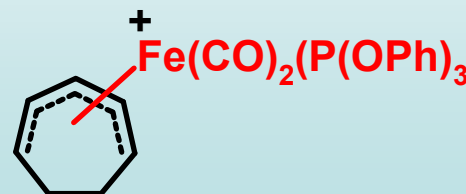


-reacts before isomerization occurs, therefore retention

[Uemura, M. et al Tetrahedron Lett. 1987, 28, 641](#); [Roush, W.R. et al Tetrahedron Lett. 1994, 35, 7347 and 7351](#).



doesn't work;  
nucleophiles  
deprotonate  
instead



Pearson's solution  
-see book

## Synthetic Utility

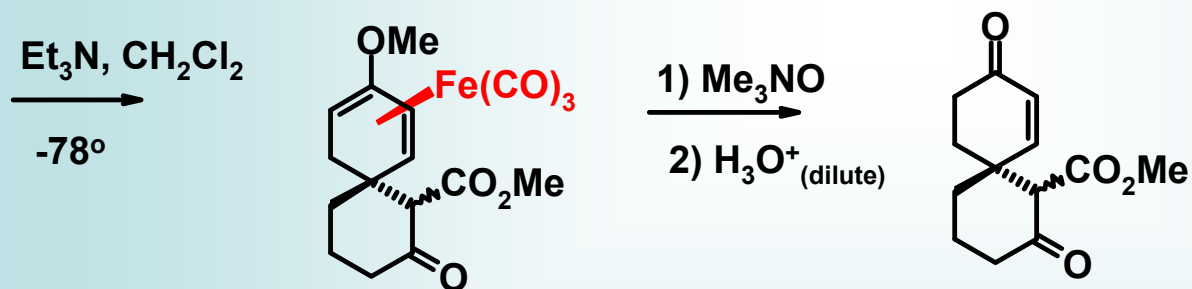
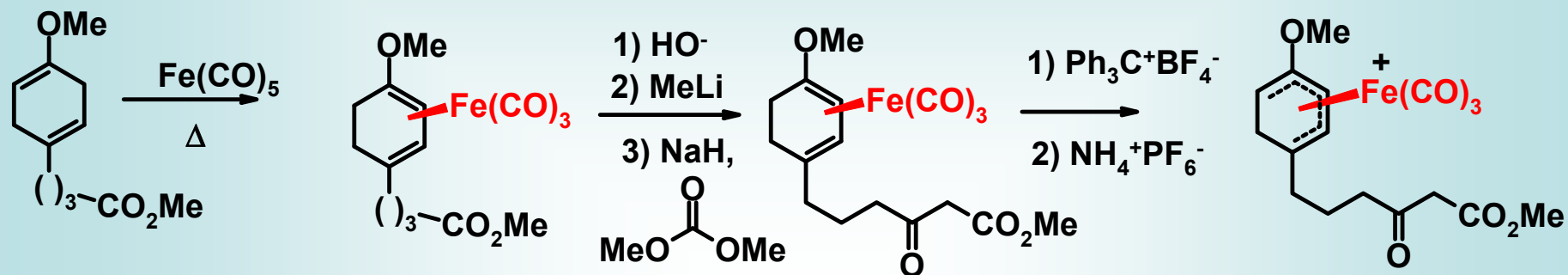
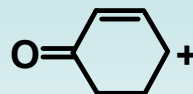
-widely used by Pearson's and Knolker's groups

*R Synlett* 1992, 371

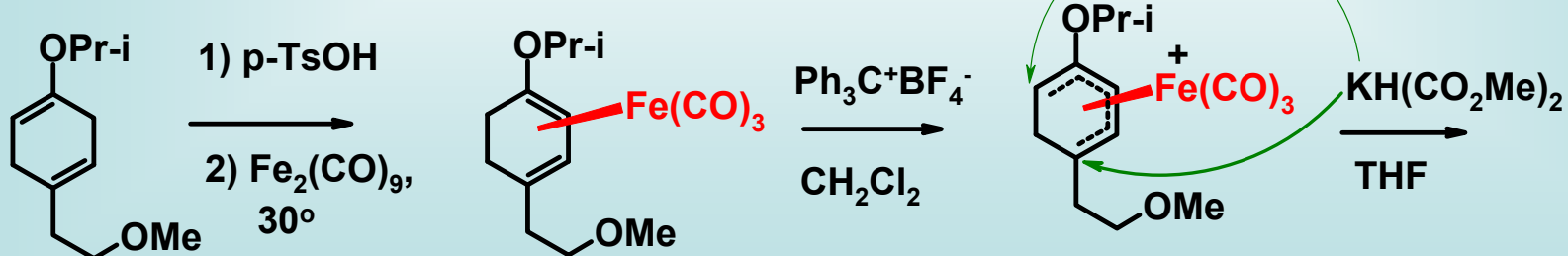
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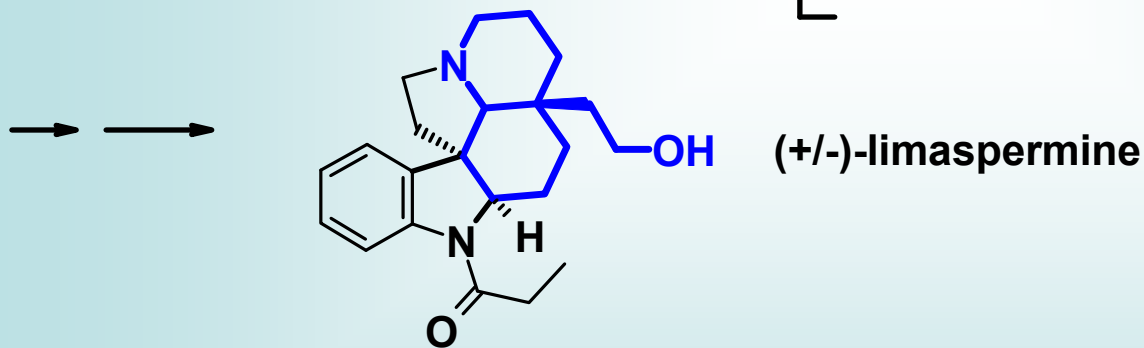
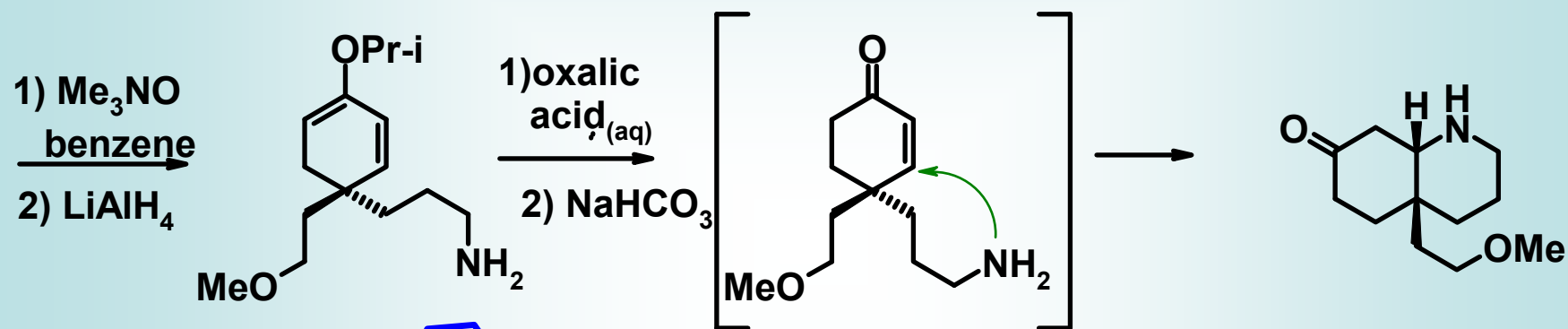
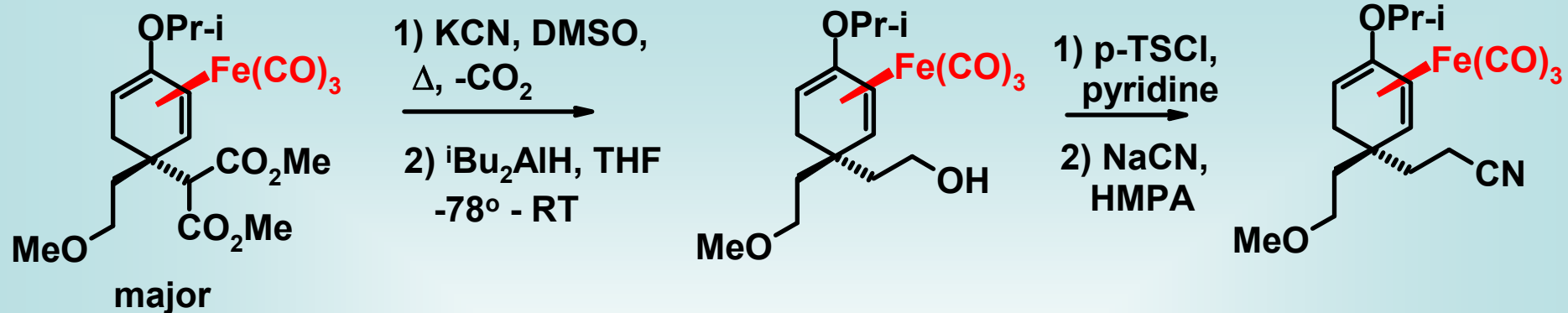
*R Pearson, A.J. Acc. Chem. Res.* 1980, 13, 463.

Example: as equivalent of cyclohexenone  $\gamma$ -cation



and

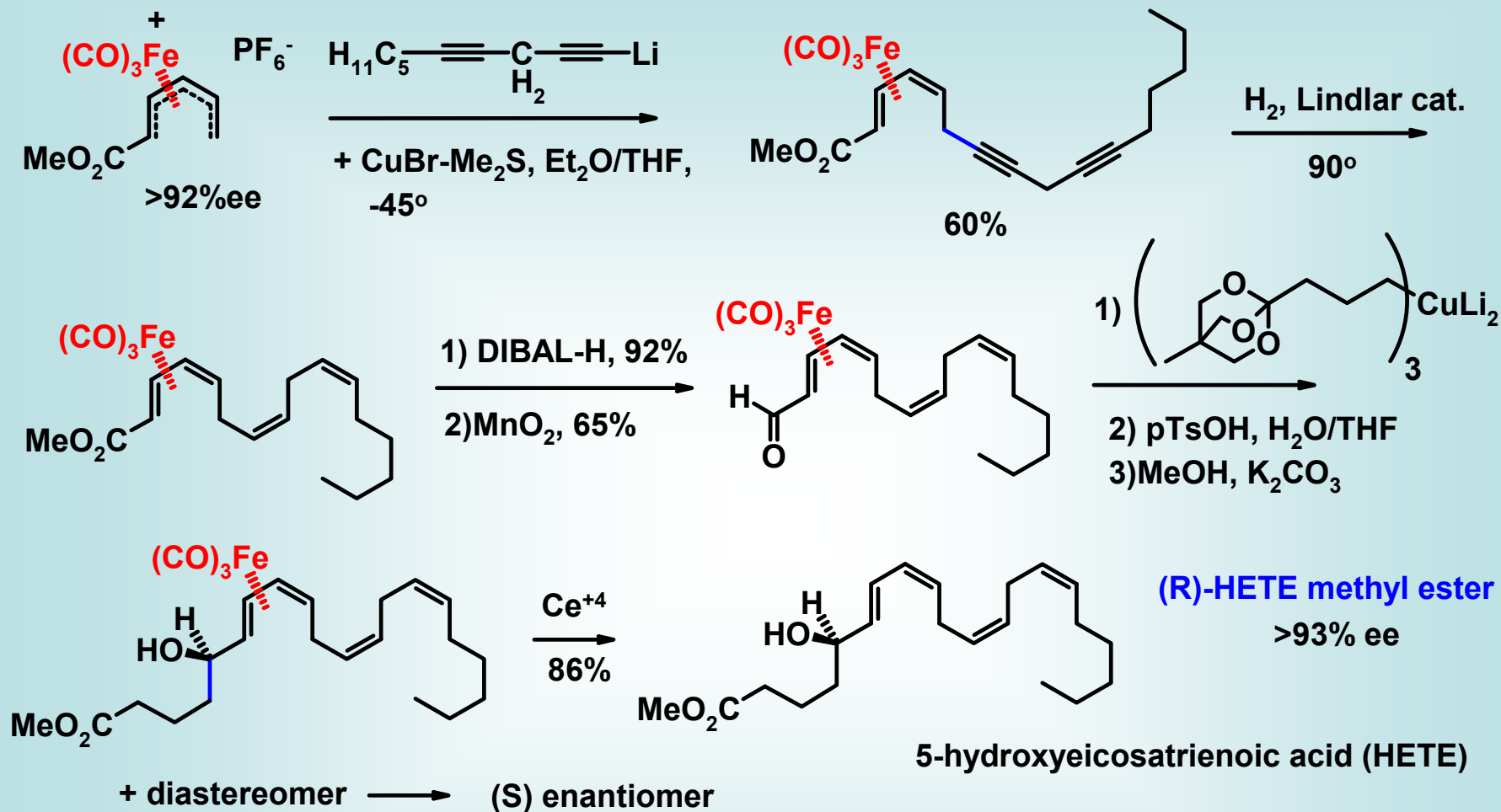




### Other Pearson reviews:

[R Science 1984, 223, 895](#); [R Pure Appl. Chem. 1983, 55, 1767](#);  
[R Chem. Ind. 1982, 741](#); [R Knolker, H.J. Chem. Soc. Rev. 1999, 28, 151](#).

Acyclics - synthesis of 5-HETE methyl ester



Tao, C.; Donaldson, W.A. *J. Org. Chem.* **1993**, *58*, 2134.

For other metal pentadienyls, see:

R Ernst, R.D. *Chem. Rev.* **1988**, *88*, 1255.

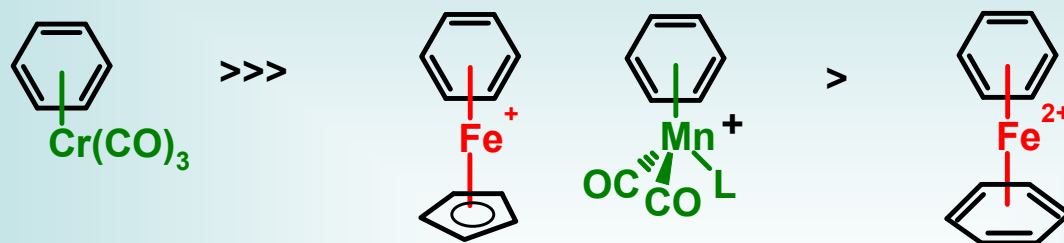
R Powell, P. *Adv. Organomet. Chem.* **1986**, *26*, 125.



## $\eta^6$ -Triene Metal Complexes

- dominated by  $h^6$ -benzene metal complexes
- very extensively developed; many, many complexes known

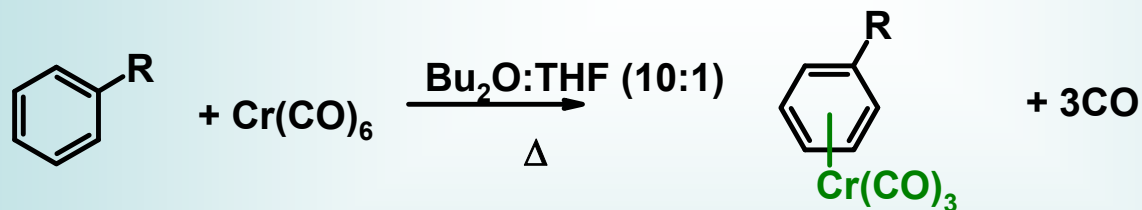
### Order of Utility



### Preparation of Complexes

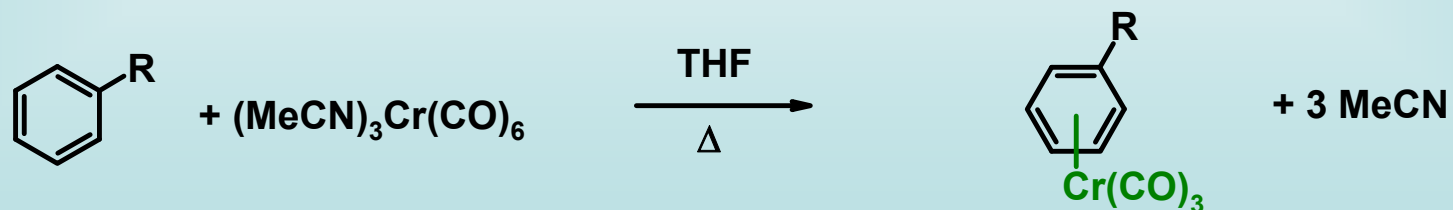
#### Chromium

a) Standard method - Arene + Cr(CO)<sub>6</sub> + heat

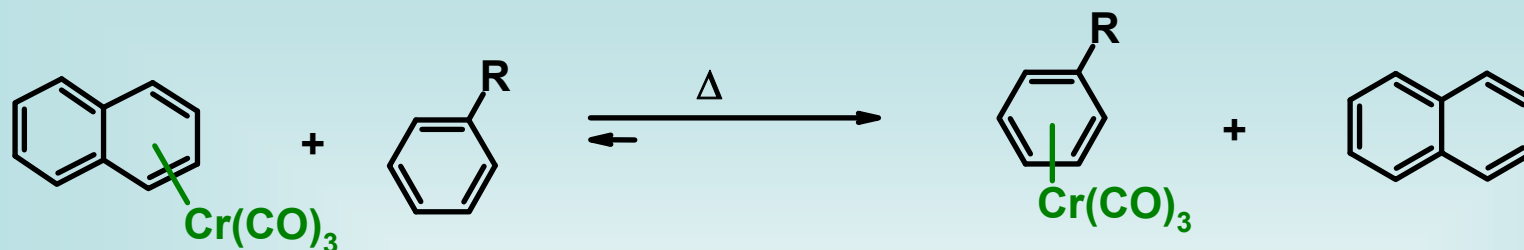


b) milder conditions - arene + L<sub>3</sub>Cr(CO)<sub>3</sub>

L = is often acetonitrile - requires only ca. 70°



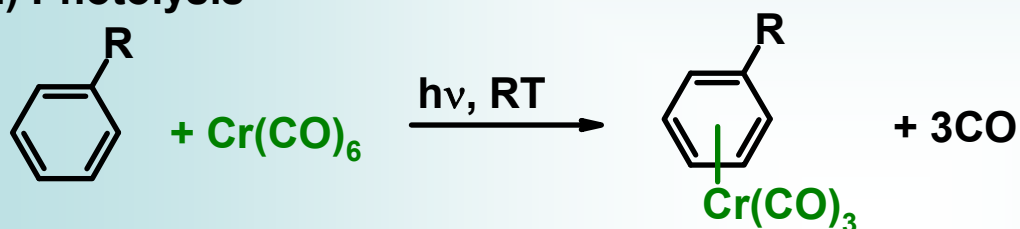
c) by arene exchange - one of the most weakly bound arenes is naphthalene, so



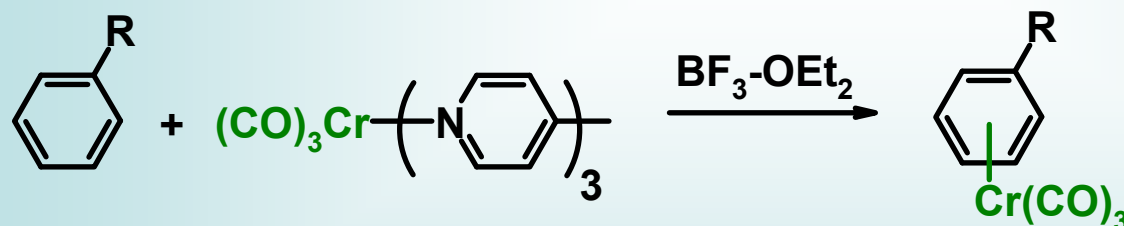
equilibrium is well to the right, normally

Kundig, E.P. et al *J. Organomet.Chem.* 1985, 286, 183.

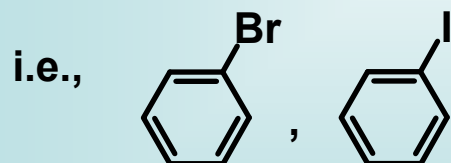
d) Photolysis



e) last resort, from  $\text{Cr}(\text{CO})(4\text{-picoline})_3$  + Lewis acid



often works in the most sensitive cases

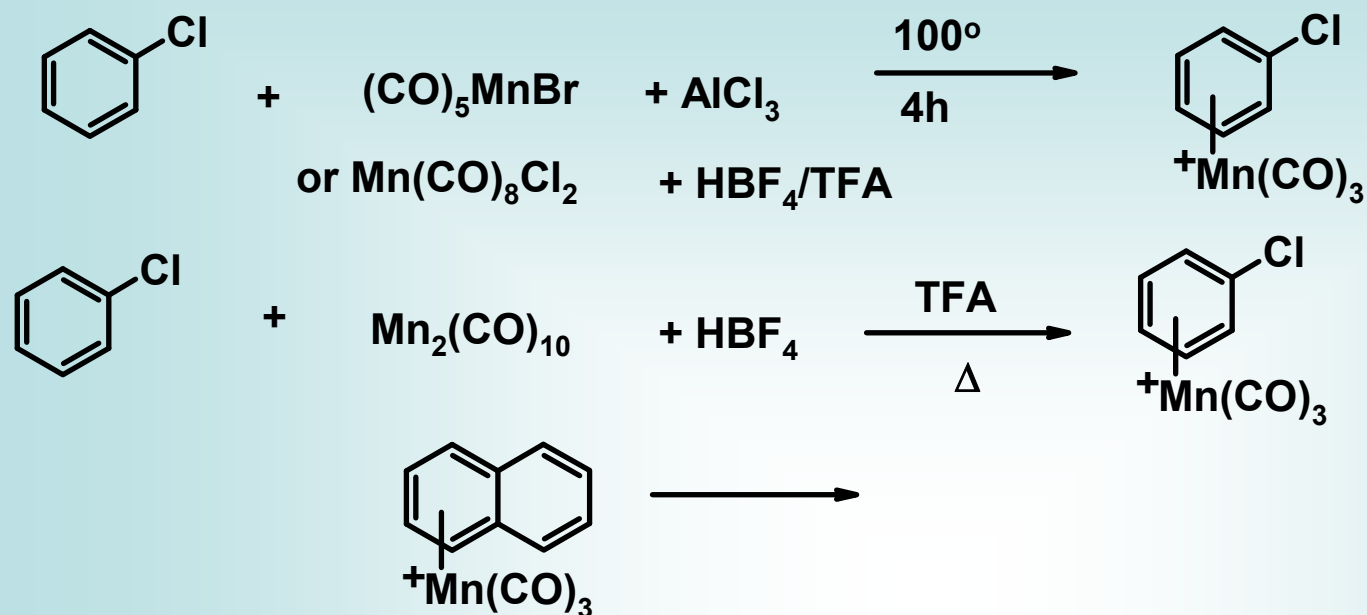


don't work at all under normal conditions, due to oxidative addition

They do complex under these conditions, although the yields are poor

Ofele, K. *Chem. Ber.* 1966, 99, 1732.

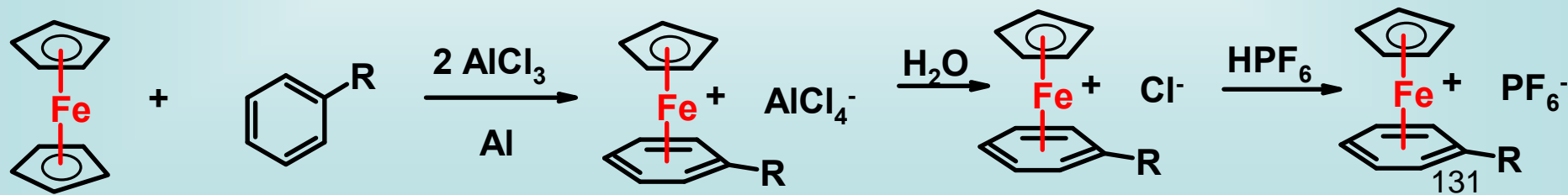
## Complexes of Mn



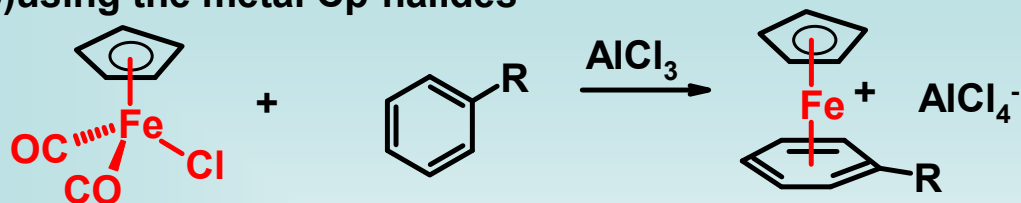
[R Sun. S.; Dullaghan, C.A.; Sweigart, D. A. \*J. Chem. Soc., Dalton Trans.\* 1996, 4493.](#)

## Complexes of Iron

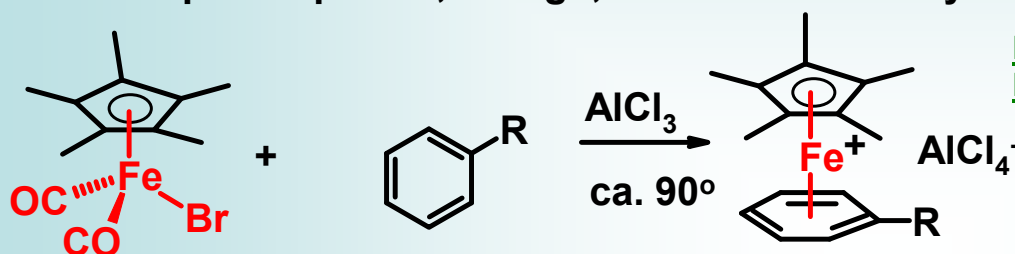
### a) Ligand exchange with ferrocene



b) using the metal Cp-halides



original prep, but not used much any more for Cp complexes  
-for Cp\* complexes, though, it's the default way

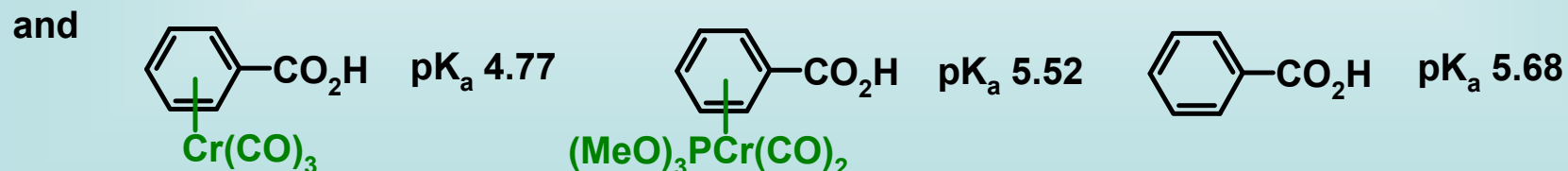
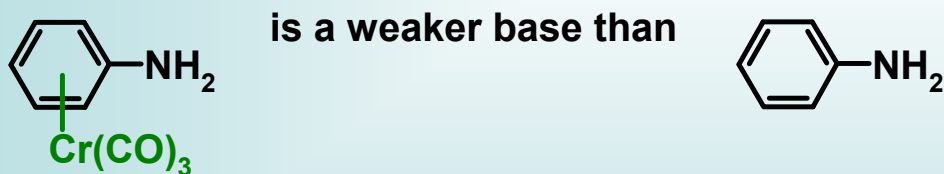


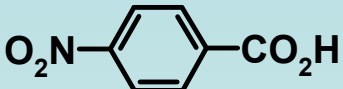
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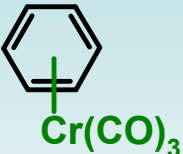
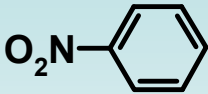
[R Kündig, E.P. \*Top. Organomet. Chem.\* 2004, 7, 3.](#)

### Electronic Effects in $\eta^6$ -Complexes

-complexation of the arene by  $\text{Cr}(\text{CO})_3$  clearly results in a net withdrawal of  $\pi$ -electron density



Consider   $\text{pK}_a$  4.48

Therefore,  is often considered electronically equal to..... 

-this inductive electron withdrawing ability, as well as resonance electron donating and resonance electron withdrawing ability, contributes to the reactions that arene- $\text{Cr}(\text{CO})_3$  will undergo

-we will discuss these as we encounter them

### Nucleophilic Additions to Arene-M

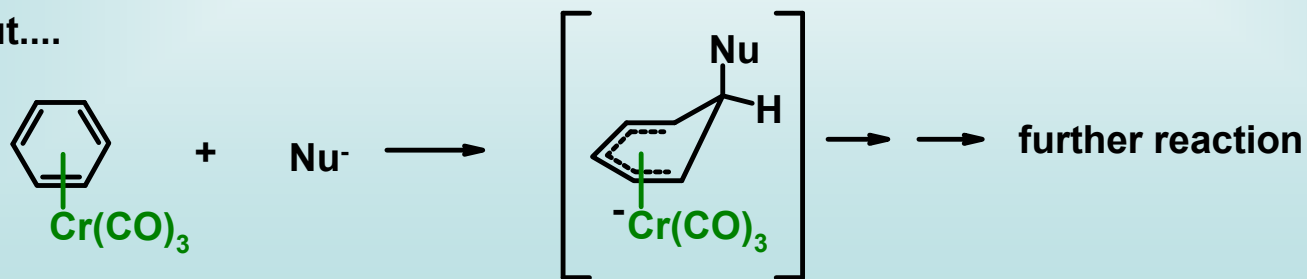
[R Pape, A.; Kaliappan, K.P.; Kundig, E.P. Chem. Rev. 2000, 100, 2917.](#)  
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background



is not normally a commonly feasible reaction, unless the arene has some strongly electron withdrawing group(s) on it...

But....

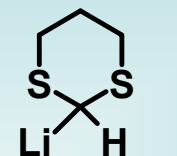


is absolutely viable

-in 'normal' cases, nucleophiles which work in this process are limited to ones whose conjugate acid (i.e., Nu-H<sup>+</sup>) has a pK<sub>a</sub> > 20

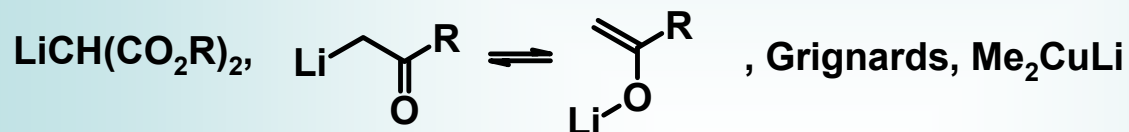
-therefore, successful nucleophiles include...

LiCH<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>R, LiCH<sub>2</sub>CN, KCH<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub><sup>t</sup>Bu, LiCHCN(OR), LiCH<sub>2</sub>SPh, PhLi,



Li—C≡R, Li—CH=CH<sub>2</sub>, <sup>t</sup>BuLi

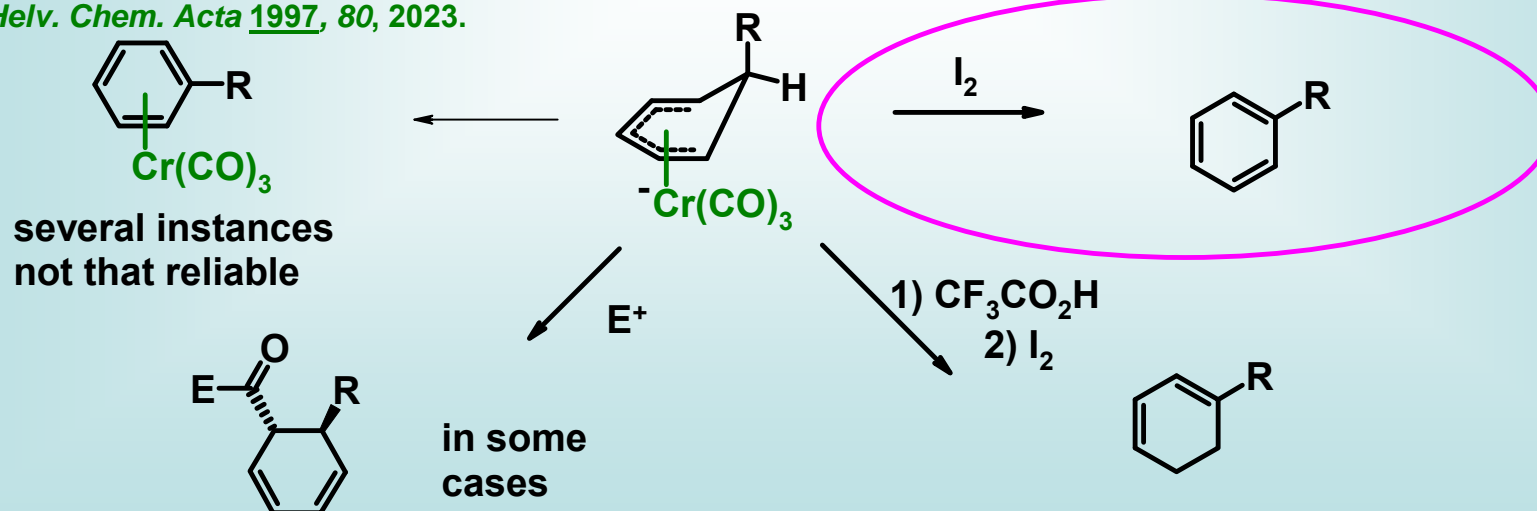
Unsuccessful ones..



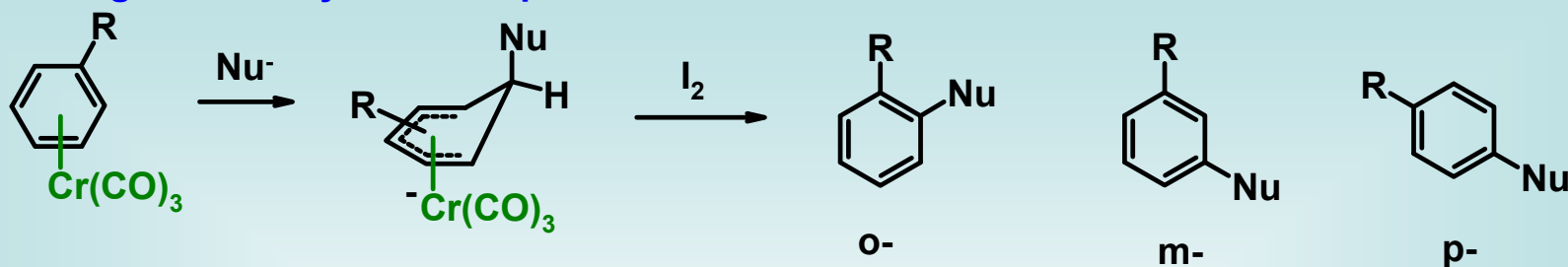
Note: <sup>n</sup>BuLi, MeLi, <sup>s</sup>BuLi do *different* reactions

So what does one do with the reaction intermediates, i.e., **A** ?

*Chem. Eur. J.* **1998**, *4*, 251;  
*Helv. Chem. Acta* **1997**, *80*, 2023.



## Regiochemistry of Nucleophilic Attack



-do get mixtures under these conditions, but the general rules are.....

R = electron donating ( $-\text{OCH}_3$ ,  $-\text{CH}_3$ ,  $-\text{NMe}_2$ )

meta (major)

R = electron donating and large ( $-\text{SiMe}_3$ ,  $-\text{tBu}$ ,  $-\text{CH}(\text{tBu})_2$ )

para (major)

R = electron withdrawing (i.e,  $\text{CF}_3$ )

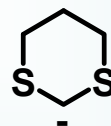
para (major)

R = electron withdrawing and coordinating

ortho

-considerable variation with size of nucleophile

-sterically smaller nucleophiles, such as  $-\text{CH}_2\text{SPh}$ ,  
give substantial ortho substitution



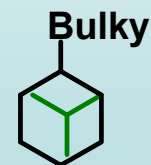
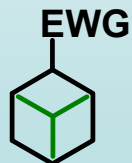
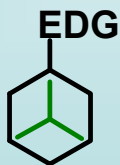
-Note: these are under kinetic conditions ( $-78^\circ$ )

Why this regiochemistry?

-best guess - a combination of charge and orbital control

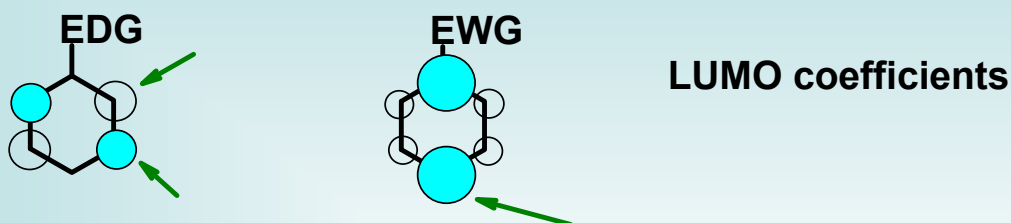
-charge control - charge induced by preferred M-CO conformation

-arene C's eclipsed by Cr-CO are attacked preferentially



## Frontier Orbital Control

-attack occurs at the lowest unoccupied arene centred M.O. (LUMO)



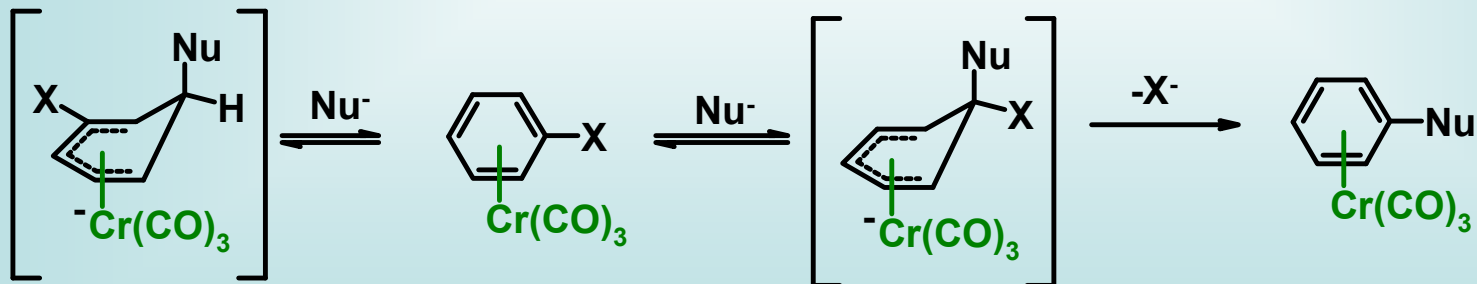
-the argument is that if there is a good energy match between the LUMO of the arene- $\text{Cr}(\text{CO})_3$  and the HOMO of the nucleophile, then orbital control is favoured  
-in the absence of this match, charge control operates

see Semmelhack, M.F. et al *Organometallics* **1983**, *2*, 467.

## Thermodynamic Control

-it was later realized that this addition to the arene- $\text{Cr}(\text{CO})_3$  is reversible in many cases; this has a couple of consequences

1) if there is a leaving group present, one should be able to.....



-this is possible, especially for  $\text{X} = \text{F}$

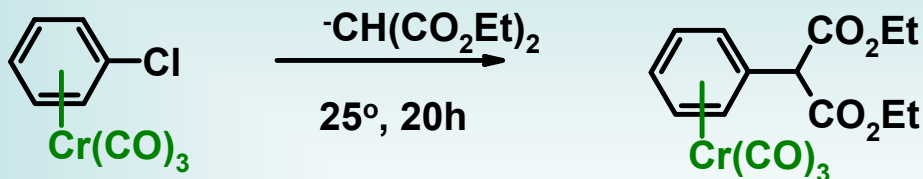
$\text{X} = \text{F} > \text{Cl}, \text{OPh} \gg \text{others}$



2) some nucleophiles which don't give noticeable amounts of addition in non-X bearing cases now work well

i.e, NaOMe,, R<sub>2</sub>NH, -CN, -CH(CO<sub>2</sub>Et)<sub>2</sub> now work

thus



Semmelhack, M.F. et al  
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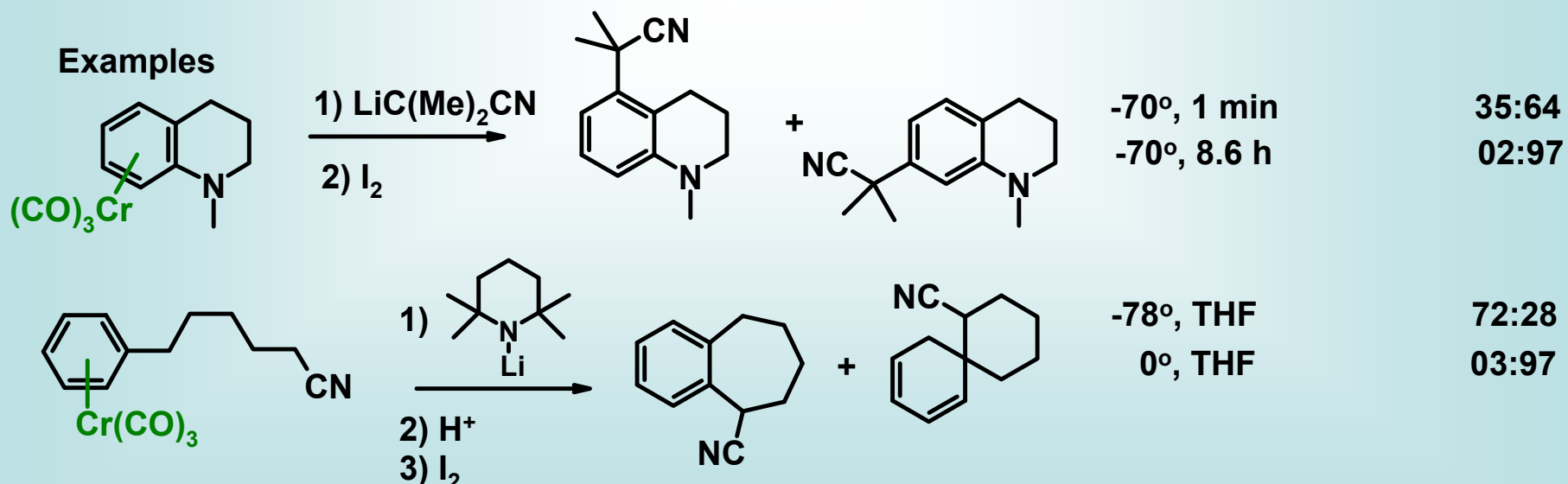
-another consequence

-difference in regiochemistry of addition at different T

-apparent that methoxy still prefers to be *meta*- to nucleophile under thermodynamic conditions

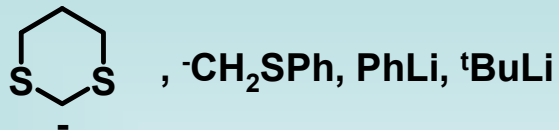
-other substituents are much less predictable

Examples



Semmelhack, M.F. et al *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 1977, *99*, 959; Ohlsson, B.; Ullenius, C. *J. Organomet. Chem.* 1984, *267*, C34

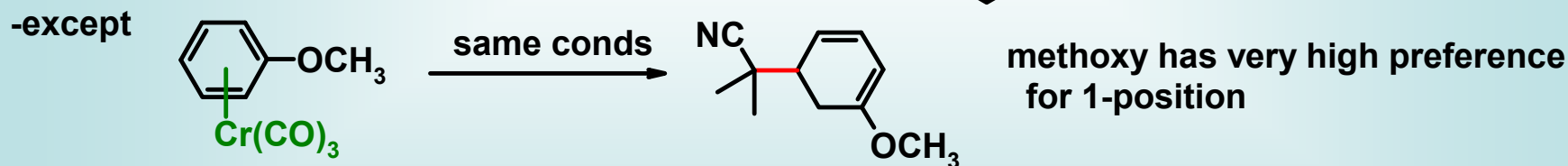
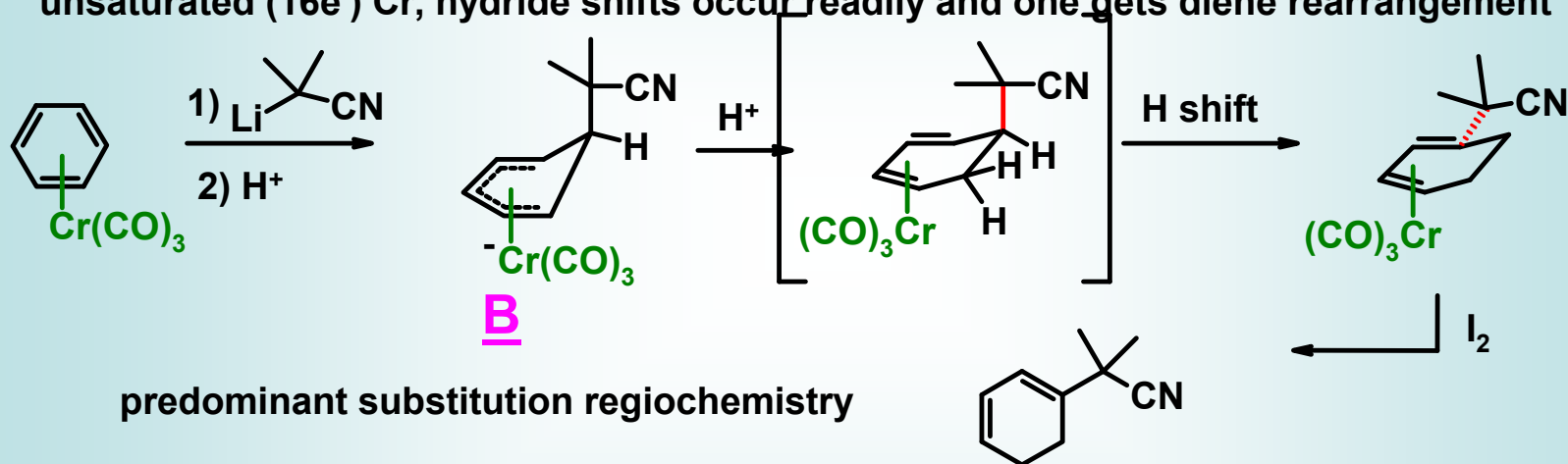
Note: A couple of nucleophiles that do add kinetically do not undergo reversible reaction



Kundig, E.P. et al *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1989**, *111*, 1804.  
 R Kundig, E.P. *Pure Appl. Chem.* **1985**, *57*, 1855.

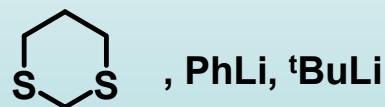
### Reaction with protic workup

-if a careful work is done using a proton source instead of  $\text{I}_2$ , one gets reduced arene complex which then loses Cr easily - since the transient complex is coordinatively unsaturated ( $16e^-$ ) Cr, hydride shifts occur readily and one gets diene rearrangement



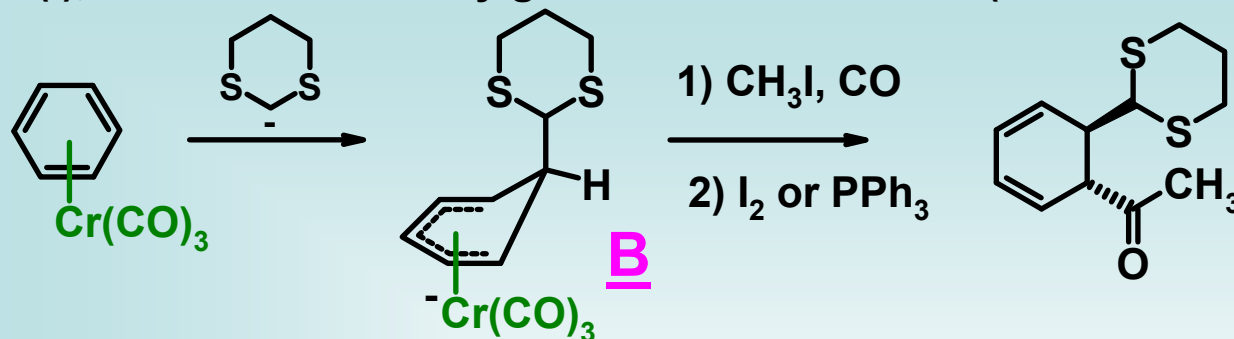
### Alkylation of anionic intermediates

-if the incorporated  $\text{Nu}^-$  is one of the irreversible ones



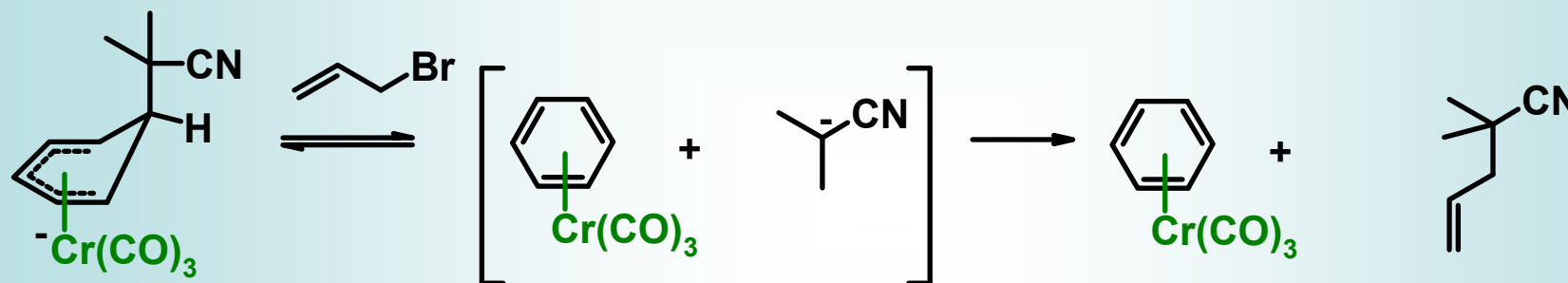
-then the anionic intermediate **B** can be alkylated with  $1^\circ$  alkyl, allylic, benzylic, propargylic iodides, bromides, or sulphonates,

BUT(!), the reaction usually goes with CO insertion (there are exceptions)

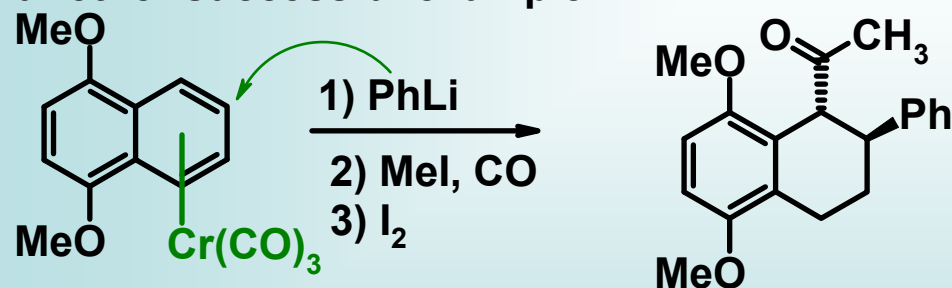


notice stereochemistry  
E<sup>+</sup> attacks from same  
side as the metal  
-therefore, trans addn

-conversely, nucleophiles which add reversibly fail



-another successful example



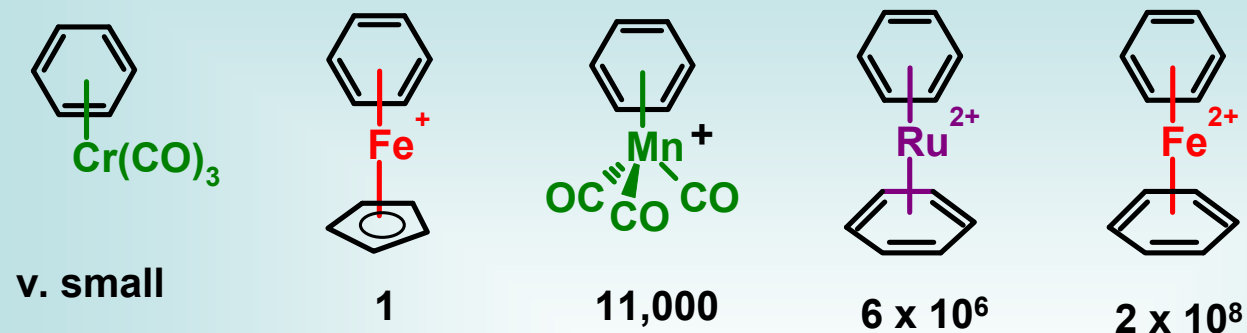
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## Improving Reactivity - Other Metals

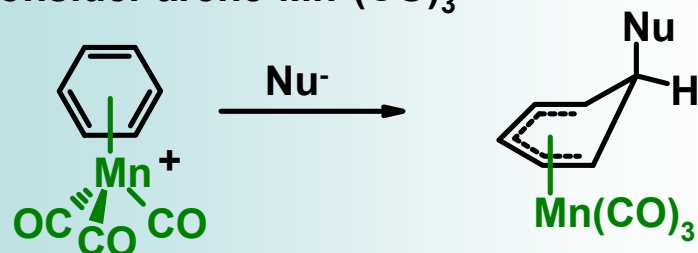
-definite limits on the nucleophilic attack on arene-Cr(CO)<sub>3</sub>

-therefore, there is some use for other, more electrophilic, M-arene complexes here

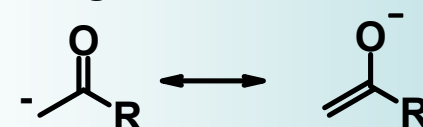
The relative rates of reaction of many of the complexes are known



Consider arene-Mn<sup>+</sup>(CO)<sub>3</sub>

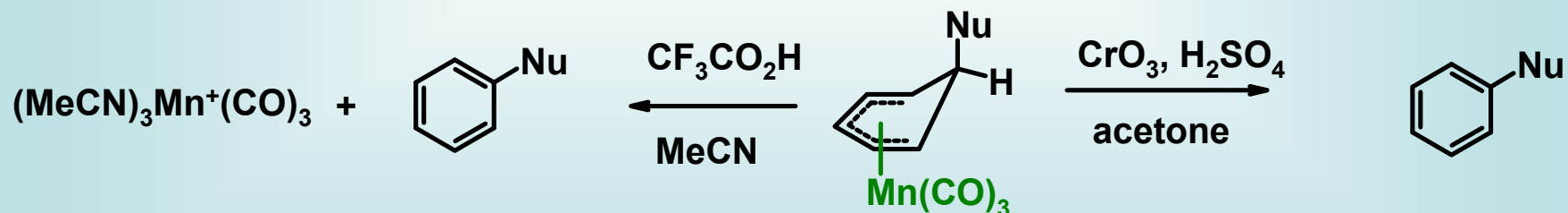


Nu<sup>-</sup> = MeLi, PhLi, RMgBr, H<sup>-</sup>,  
NaCH(CO<sub>2</sub>Et)<sub>2</sub>,



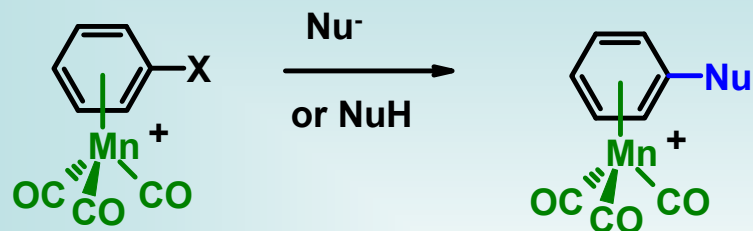
Note: <sup>-</sup>CN and :PPh<sub>3</sub> add, but are reversible

-so what now?



-other chemistry is possible with the intermediate dienyls, but it's beyond the scope of the course

-and if there is a leaving group on the arene, the concept is the same, but the reversible nucleophiles are a different group



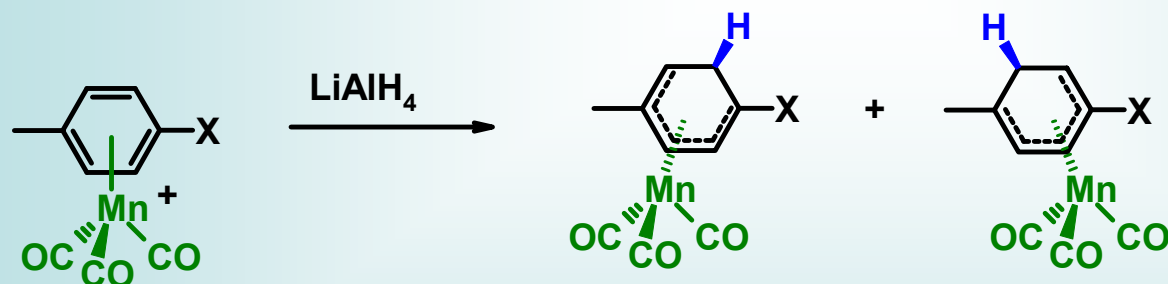
X = Cl, Br, F

-nucleophiles which can add reversibly and therefore do this include  
 $\text{MeO}^-$ ,  $\text{PhO}^-$ ,  $\text{PhS}^-$ ,  $\text{N}_3^-$ ,  $\text{R}_2\text{NH}$

but not  $\text{H}^-$ ,  $\text{R}^-$ ,  $\text{Ph}^-$

-the regiochemistry of kinetic substitutions are not as thoroughly studied, but what's available shows the same general trends

i.e., EWG directs *ortho*- attack (para is usually blocked in Mn studies)  
 EDG directs *meta*- attack

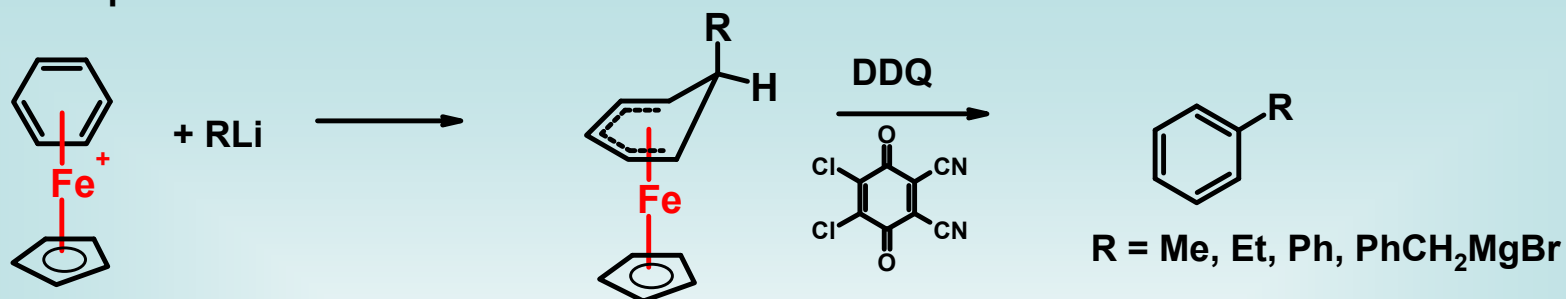


X = Cl      69:37

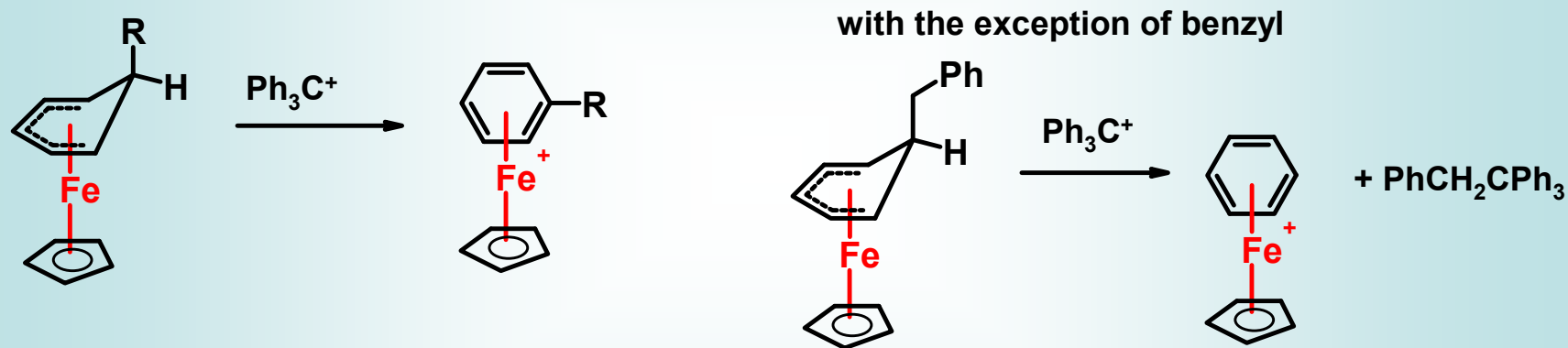
X = NMe<sub>2</sub>    3:97

Pauson, P.L. et al *J. Chem. Soc., Dalton Trans.* 1975, 1677 and 1683  
 Kane-Maguire, L.A.P.; Sweigart, D.A. *Inorg. Chem.* 1979, 48, 700.  
 Pearson, A.J. *Tetrahedron* 1992, 48, 7527  
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And the Cp-Fe<sup>+</sup>-arenes?



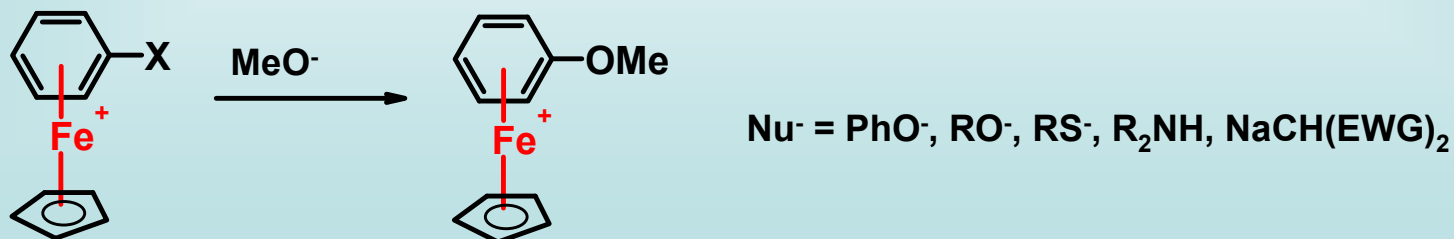
-here, there are more examples of successful examples of hydride abstraction to get back the complex



R Astruc, D. *Tetrahedron* **1983**, *39*, 4027.

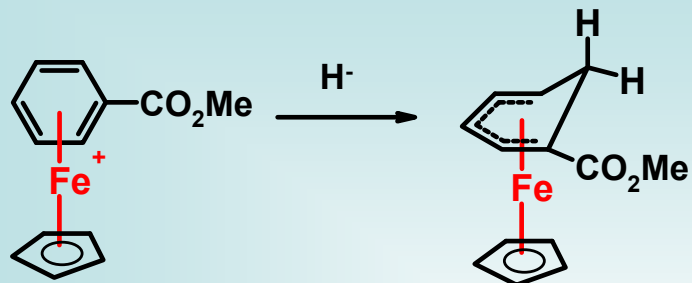
R Adb-El Aziz, A.S.; Bernardin, S. *Chem. Soc. Rev.* **2000**, *203*, 219.

A similar reaction pattern for substitutions are observed with the haloarenes

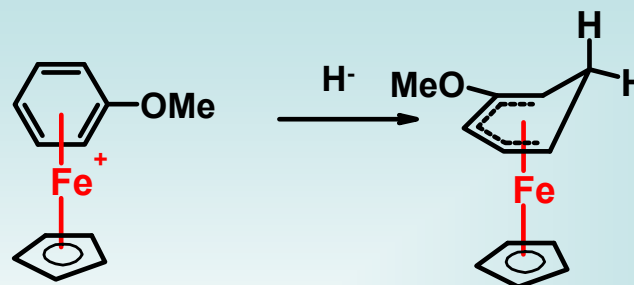


-fairly analogous trend is seen in the kinetic regiochemistry

EWG - ortho attack



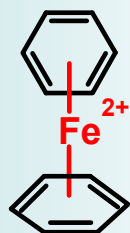
EDG - meta attack



McGreer, J. F.; Watts, W.E. *J. Organomet. Chem.* **1976**, *110*, 103

Clack, D.W.; Kane-Maguire, L.A.P. *J. Organomet. Chem.* **1979**, *174*, 199.

Reactions on



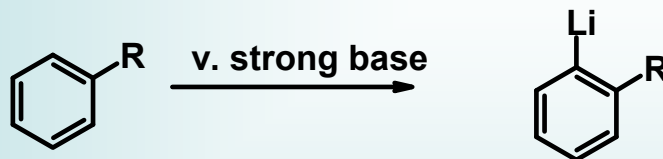
are very similar

-see Astruc review if interested

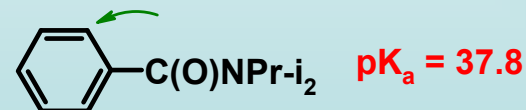
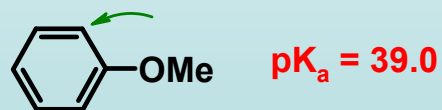
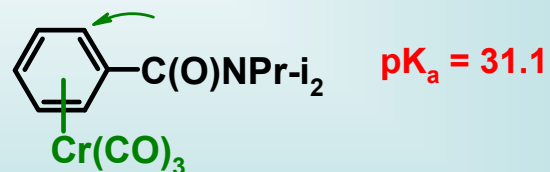
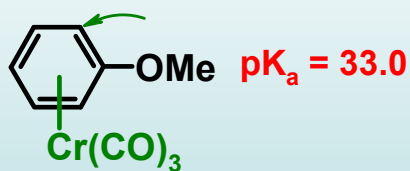
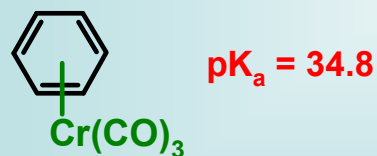
Effect #2 of electron withdrawing effect of arene-Cr(CO)<sub>3</sub>

-enhanced acidity of arene ring protons

Consider



reaction is feasible, but....pK<sub>a</sub>'s are 38-42  
the pK<sub>a</sub>'s of arene-Cr(CO)<sub>3</sub> are  
6-7 pK<sub>a</sub> units more acidic



$pK_a$  associated with LDA is 35.7; LiTMP 37.1, so these can now be used as bases

-excellent for *ortho*-functionalization of aromatics; and

-one gets a change in some of the relative abilities to direct *ortho*-lithiation

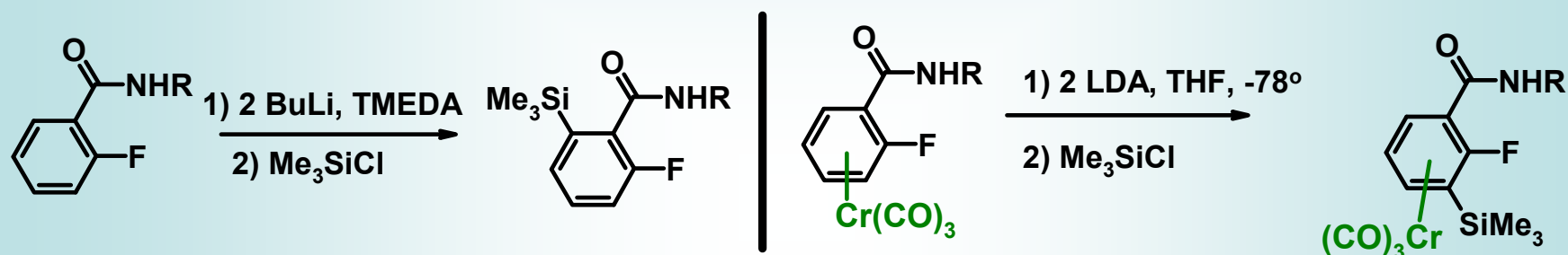
for free arene

$-\text{CONR}_2 > -\text{SO}_2\text{NR}_2 > -\text{NHCOR} > -\text{CH}_2\text{NR}_2 > -\text{OMe} > -\text{NR}_2 = -\text{F}$

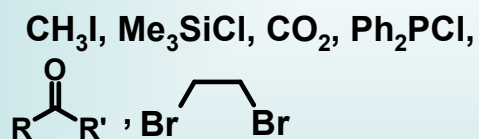
for Cr complexes

$-\text{F} > -\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NHR} > -\text{CH}_2\text{NR}_2 = -\text{OMe} \gg -\text{CH}_2\text{OMe} > -\text{NR}_2, -\text{SR}$

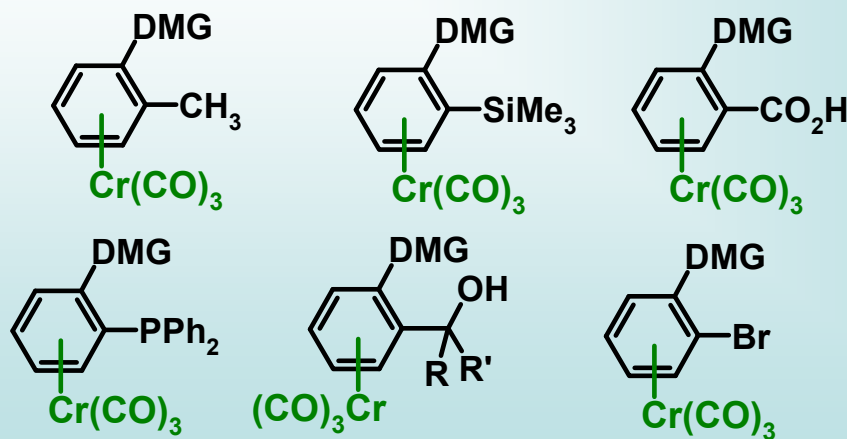
So



can be trapped by a wide range of  $\text{E}^+$

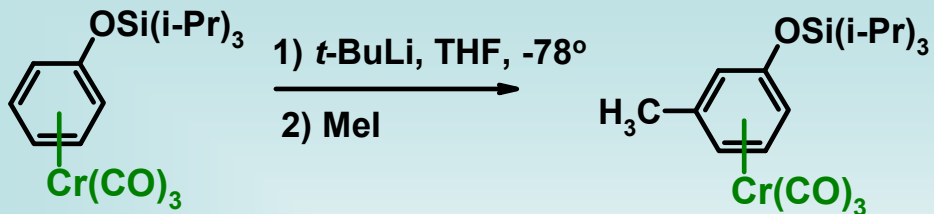


to give

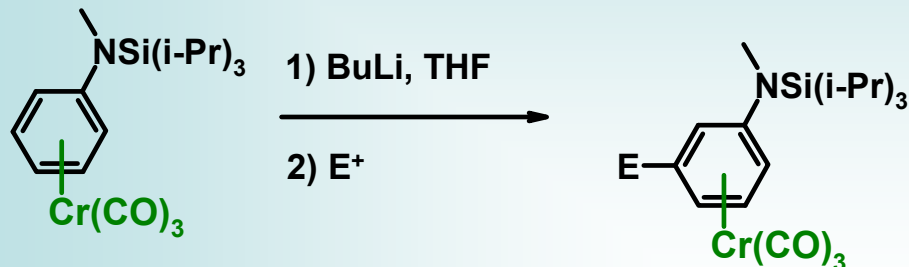




further



this meta metallation is unheard of in chemistry of free arenes

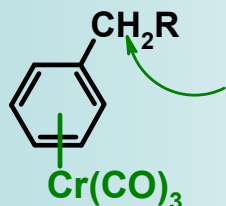


Widdowson, D.A. *J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.* **1983**, 955.

Fukui, M., et al *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1982**, 23, 1605.

most recent review: R Semmelhack, M. F.; Chlenov, A. *Top. Organomet. Chem.* **2004**, 7, CH 3

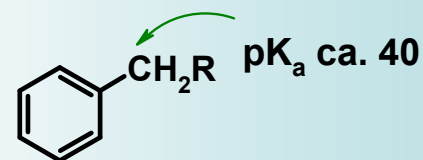
### Effect #3 of Cr(CO)<sub>3</sub> on arenes



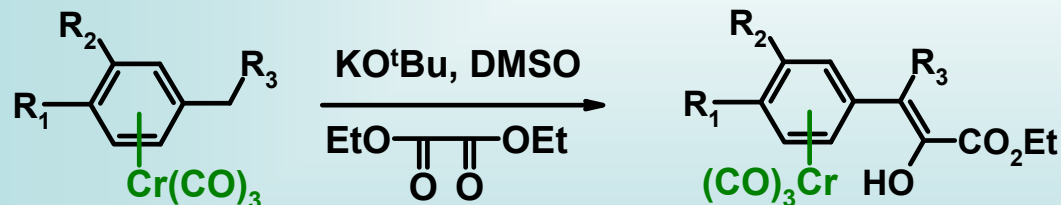
benzylic site also has enhanced acidity relative to

-so benzylic deprotonation is quite easy

-never seen pK<sub>a</sub> measured by I guess it's about 25



-as a result, one can often do benzylic deprotonation reactions which fail with the free arene



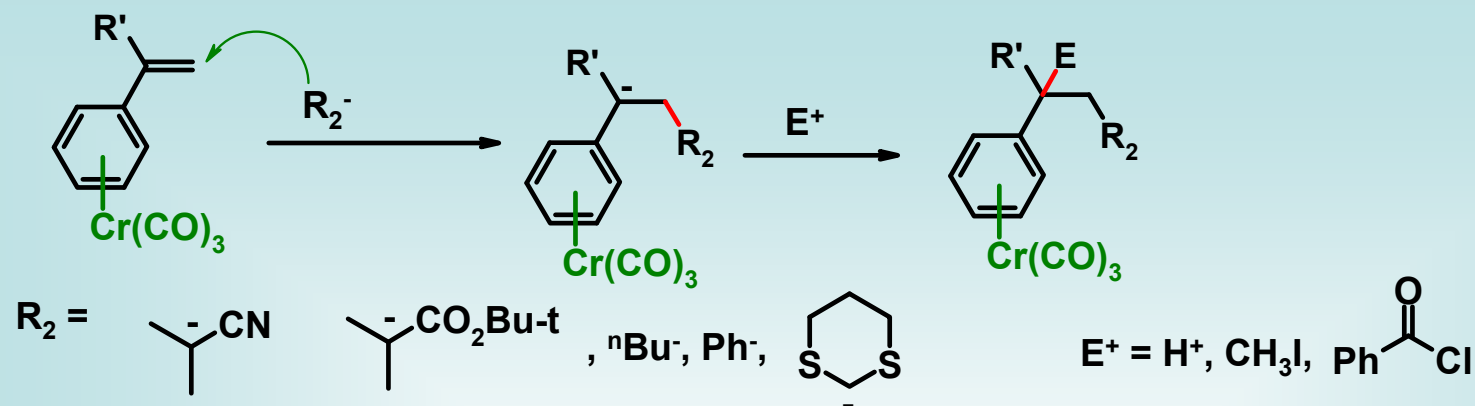
Jaouen, G. et al

*J. Chem. Soc. Chem. Commun.* **1984**, 602, 475

*J. Chem. Soc. Chem. Commun.* **1981**, 1264

*J. Organomet. Chem.* **1984**, 102, C37.

R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub> not acidifying groups  
(i.e., H, simple alkyl)



Semmelhack, M. F. Seufert, W.; Keller, L. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1980**, *102*, 6586.  
 Uemura, M.; Minami, T.; Hayashi, Y. *J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.* **1984**, 1193.

-appears to be both a kinetic and a thermodynamic effect

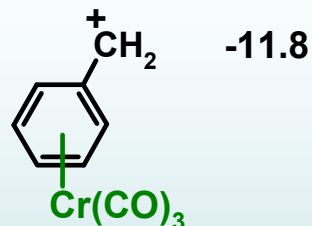
R Davies, S. G. et al *Adv. Met. Org. Chem.* **1991**, *2*, 1.

#### Effect #4 Stabilization of Benzylic Cations

-recall our discussion of  $pK_{R^+}$  values....

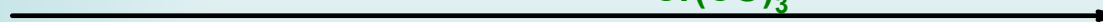
$PhCH_2^+ < -17.3$

$Ph_2CH^+ -13.4$



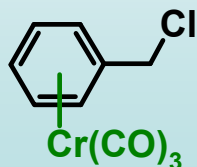
$Ph_3C^+ -6.6$

less stable

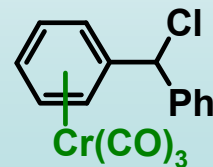


more stable

also, the  $S_N1$  solvolyses of

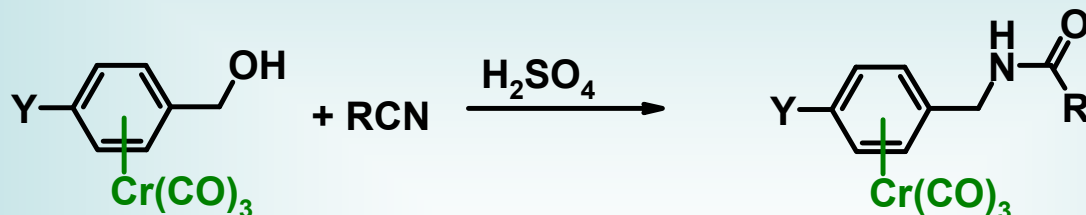
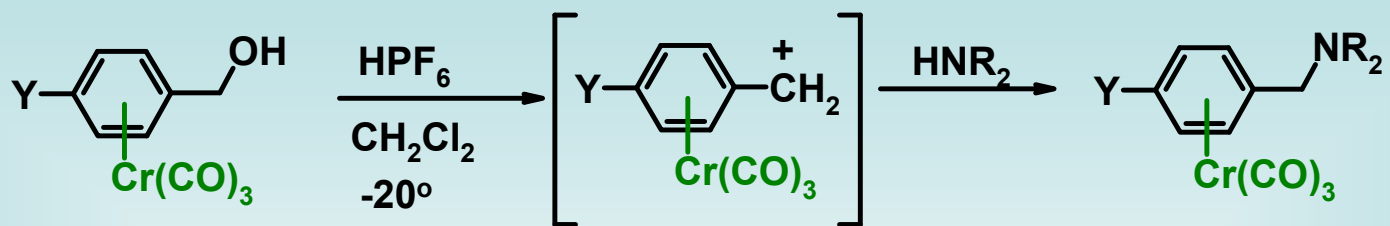


and



are  $10^3 - 10^5$  times faster than the corresponding non-complexed arenes

-makes the following reactions possible

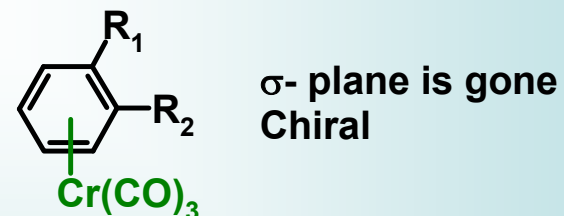


-this Ritter reaction only works with 3° benzylic halides

R Davies, S.G. *Synlett* 1993, 323.

### Other Effects in Cr(CO)<sub>3</sub>-Arene Complexes

-stereochemistry

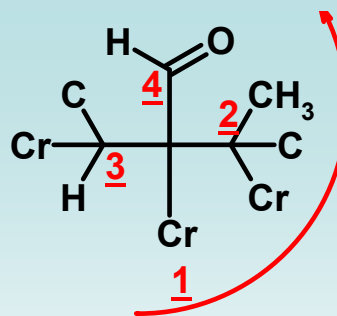
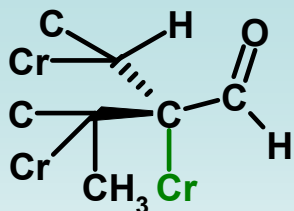


-so what is R- and what is S- ??

Consider



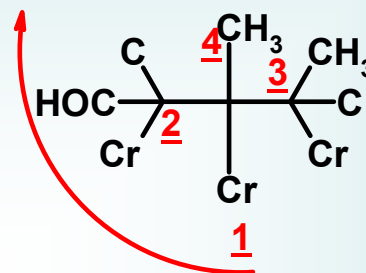
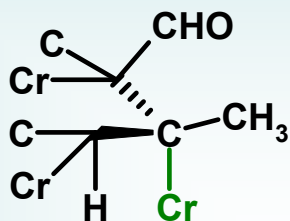
-at position 1 we have



counterclockwise

-therefore,  
(S)-enantiomer

-at position 2 we have



clockwise

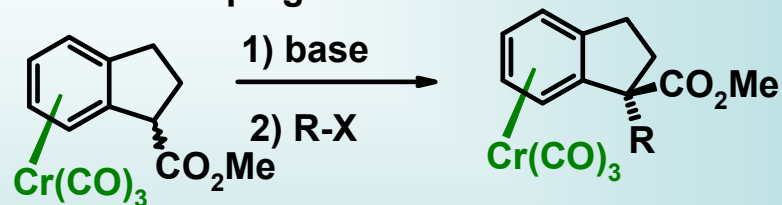
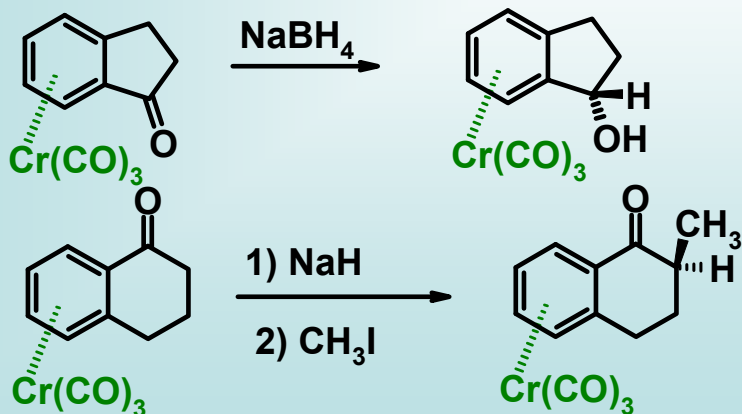
-therefore,  
(R)-enantiomer

-this is (1S,2R)-2-methylbenzaldehyde chromium tricarbonyl

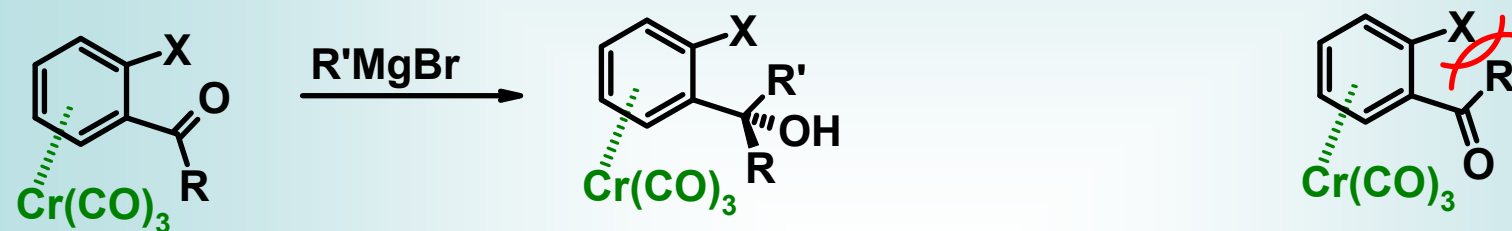
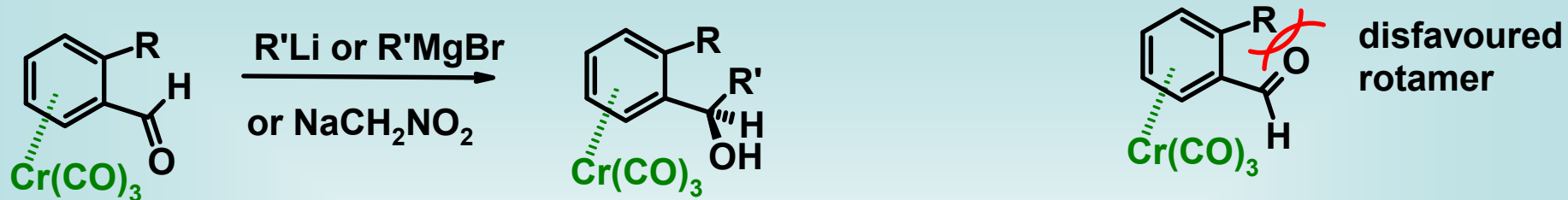
Note: Davies just uses the label at position 1, as the 2-position is then defined automatically

-chiral centre (or plane); therefore should be able to do asymmetric reactions

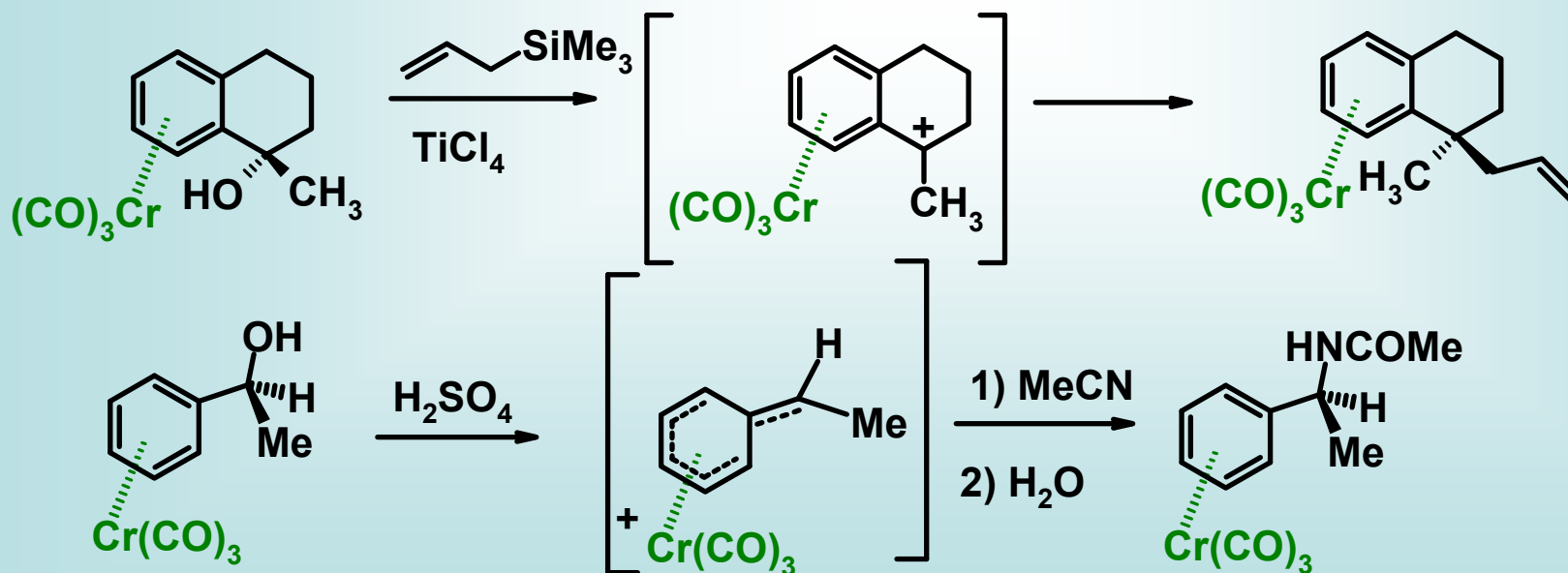
-will give a sampling, as this is a fairly new and developing area

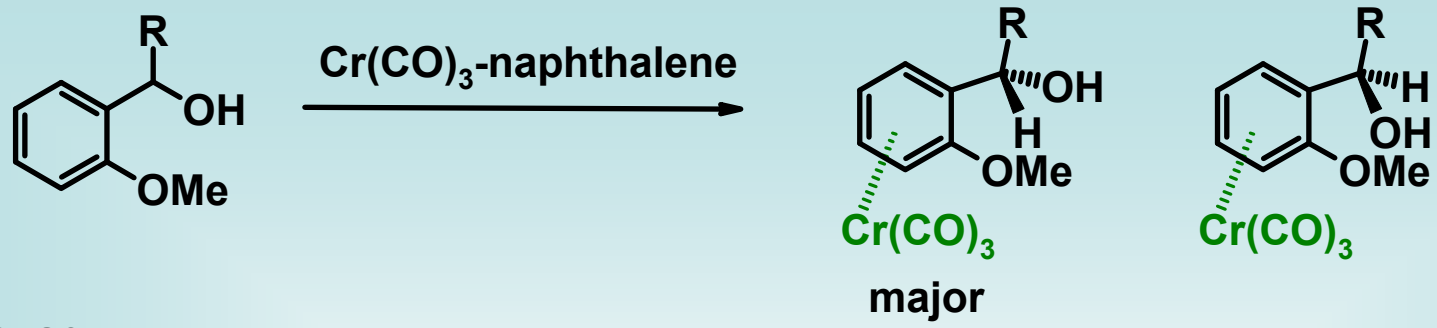


## Acyclic cases



$\text{X} = \text{CH}_3, \text{OR}_2$        $\text{R} = \text{Me}, \text{Et}, \text{alkyl}$



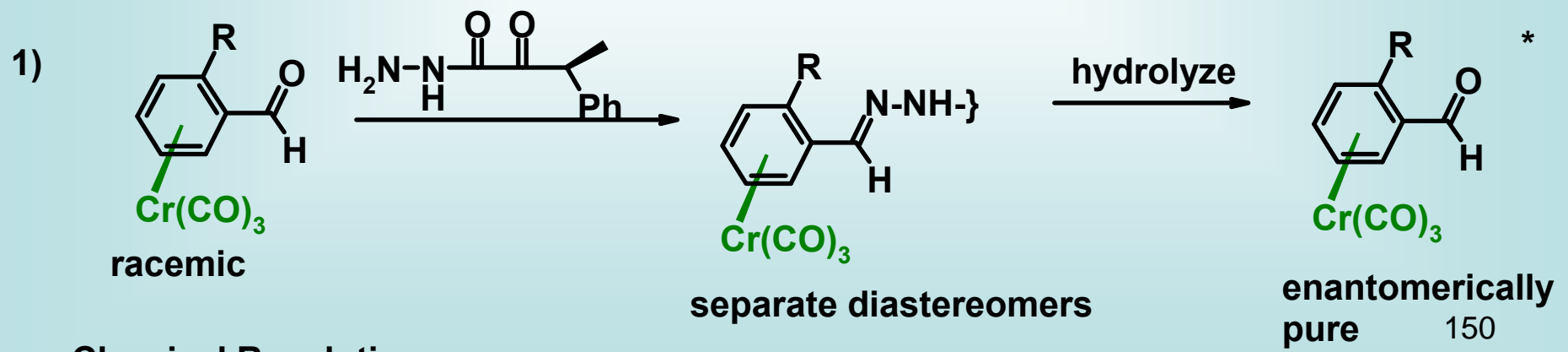


because



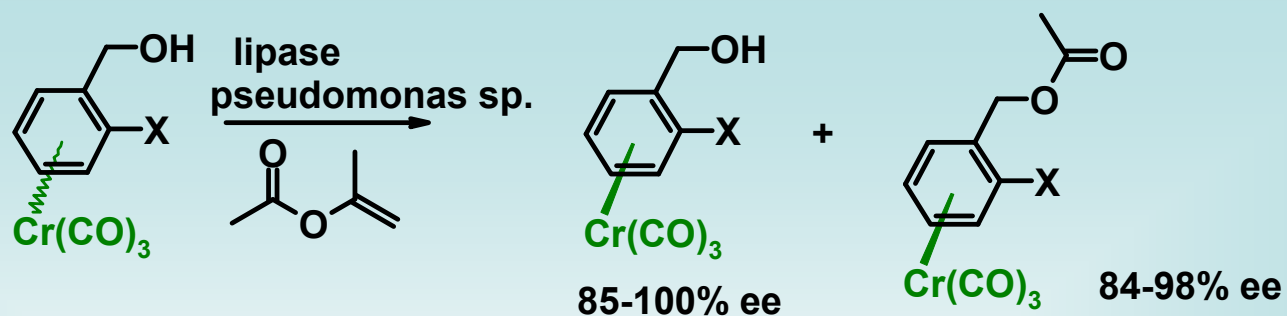
R Solladie-Cavallo, A. *Adv. Met.-Org. Chem.* **1989**, *1*, 99.  
R Uemura, M. *Adv. Met.-Org. Chem.* **1991**, *2*, 99.  
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-many of these are done on racemic material  
 -so how does one get enantiomerically pure complexes?



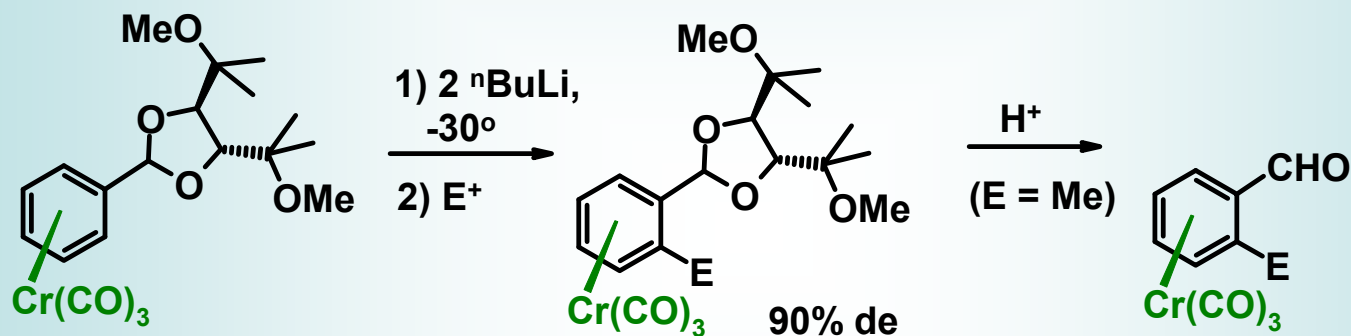
Classical Resolution

## 2) kinetic resolution



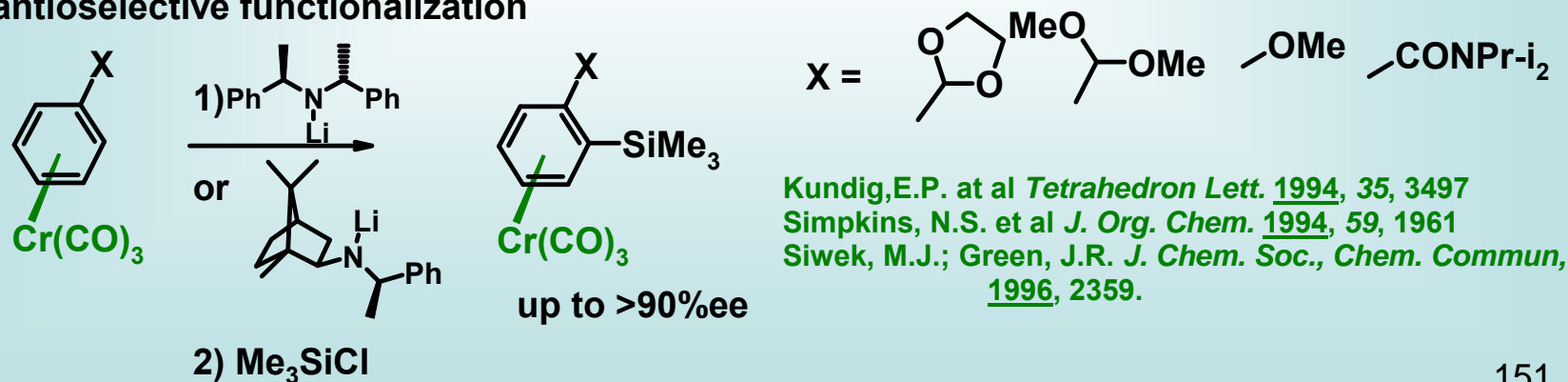
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## 3) chiral auxiliaries



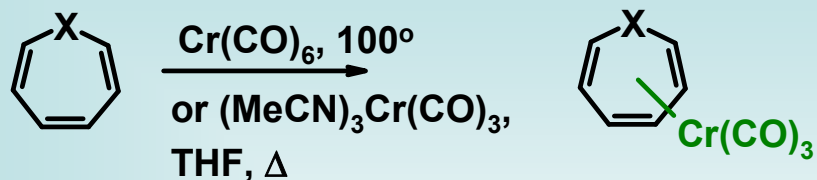
Kondo, Y.; Green, J.R.; Ho, J. *J. Org. Chem.* 1993, *58*, 6182.

## 4) enantioselective functionalization

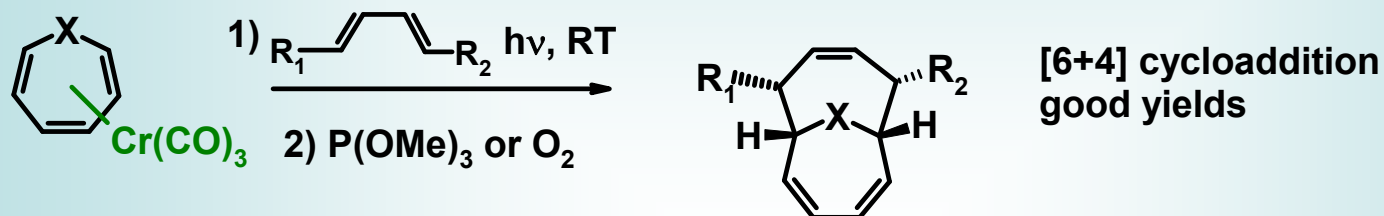


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Simpkins, N.S. et al *J. Org. Chem.* 1994, *59*, 1961  
Siwek, M.J.; Green, J.R. *J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.* 1996, 2359.

## Other $\eta^6$ -Cycloalkatriene-Cr(CO)<sub>3</sub> Complexes



X = N-CO<sub>2</sub>Me, C=O, SO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>, CH(Me)  
unlike Fe complexes, this is  $\eta^6$

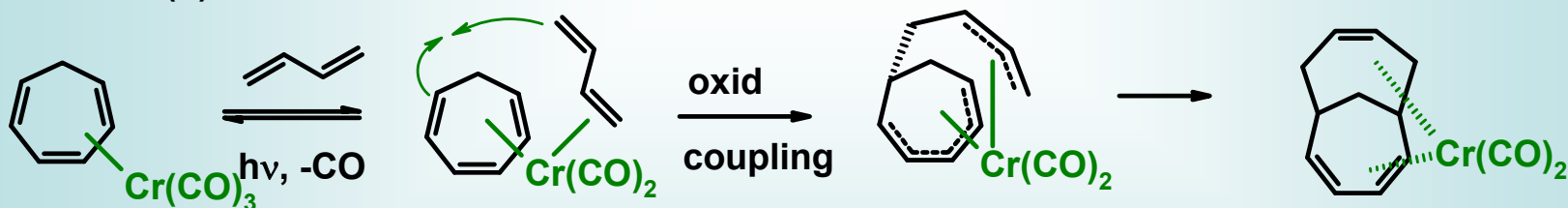


[6+4] cycloaddition  
good yields

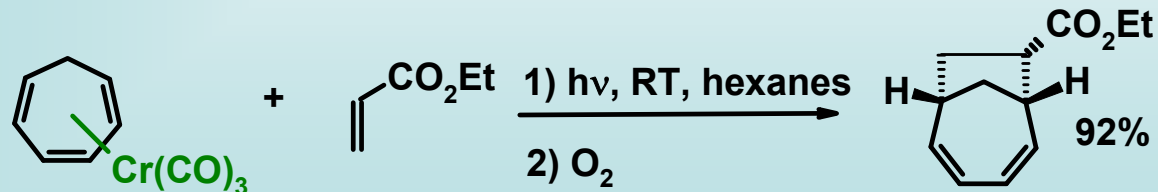
Notes: rates unchanged if R's = EWG or EDG

-if there are substituents on remote sites of triene, regiochemistry is 1:1

Mechanism(?) - not concerted

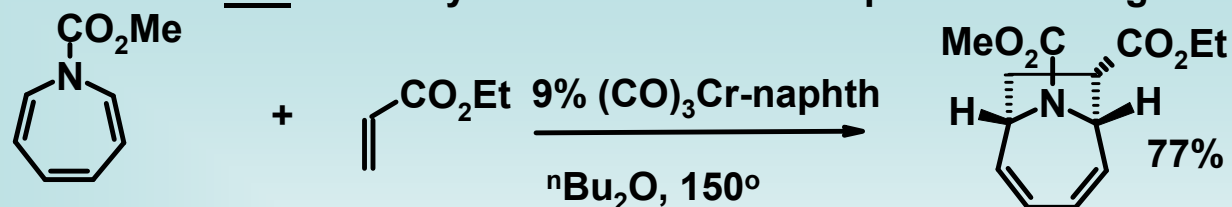


-this is stepwise in nature, so there is no 'concertedness' reason why the [6+2] should fail, so...





-both of these can be catalytic in Cr - often in the presence of Mg<sup>0</sup>



R Rigby, J.H. *Adv. Met-Org. Chem.* **1985**, *4*, 89.

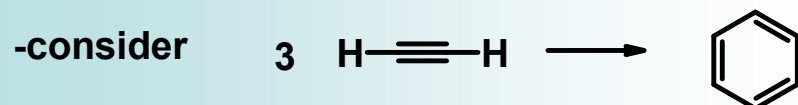
R Rigby, J.H. *Tetrahedron* **1999**, *55*, 4251.

R Rigby, J.H. *Org. React.* **1997**, *49*, 331.

## Multistep Reactions

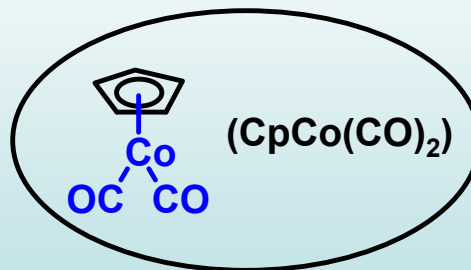
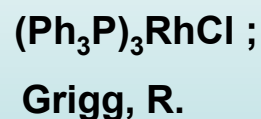
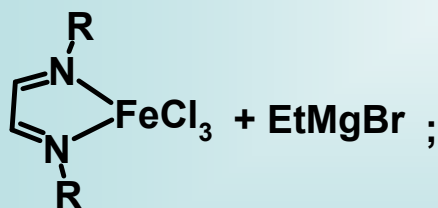
### The [2+2+2] Cycloaddition

- important method of making six membered rings
- also, many of the other multistep processes are based on this reaction

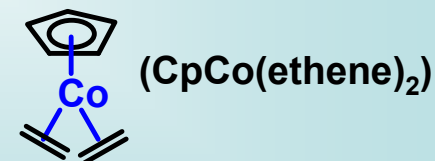


- feasible reaction
- requires 400°; many side reactions
- not synthetically useful as such

-there are several transition metal fragments which allow this type of reaction to occur at much lower temperatures, including...

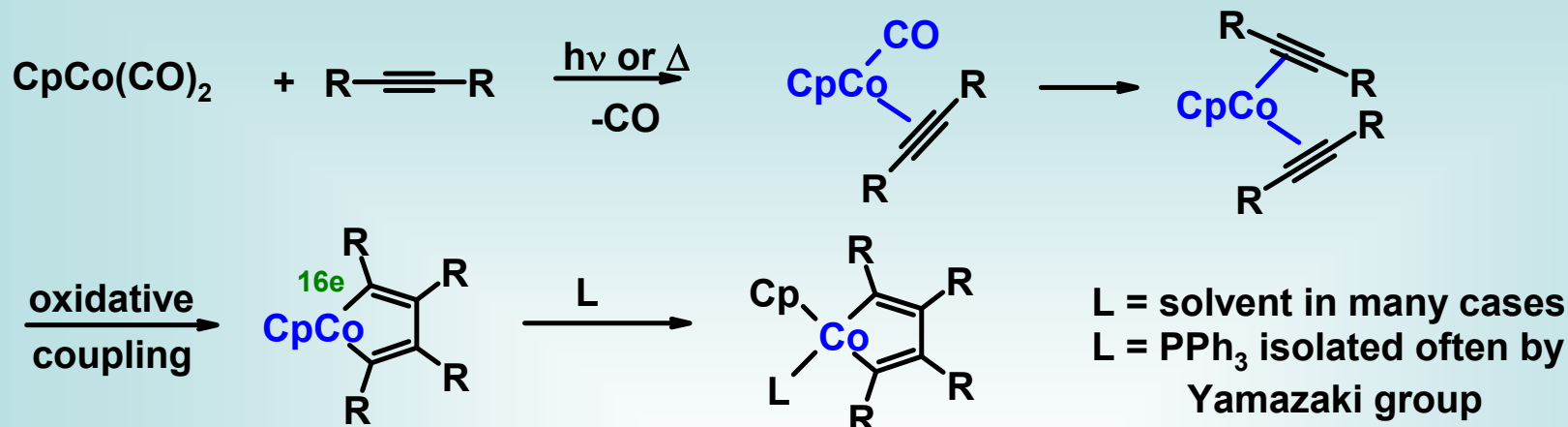


Vollhardt, K.P.C.



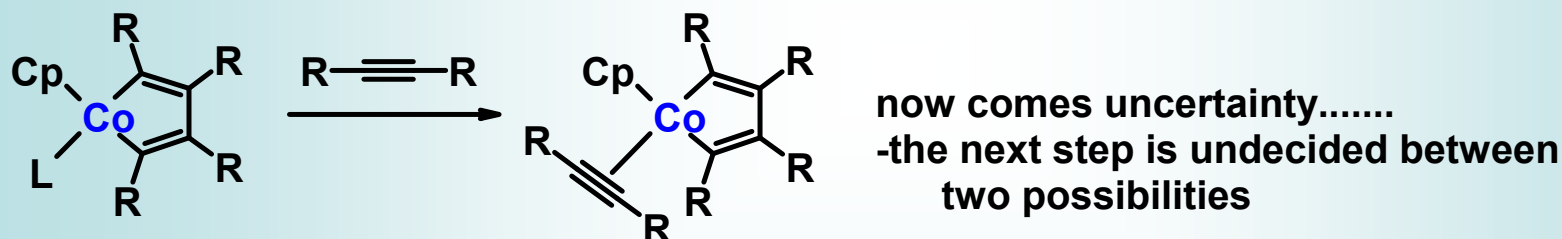
R Modern Rhodium  
Catalyzed Reactions  
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This reaction proceeds by a combination of fundamental steps we have seen before

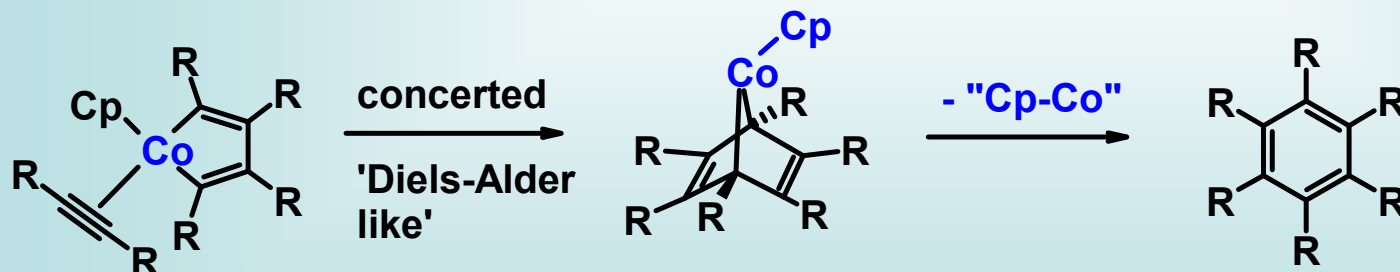


(*Tetrahedron Lett.* **1974**, 4549; *J. Organomet. Chem.* **1977**, 139, 157; *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1983**, 105, 1907.)

-then

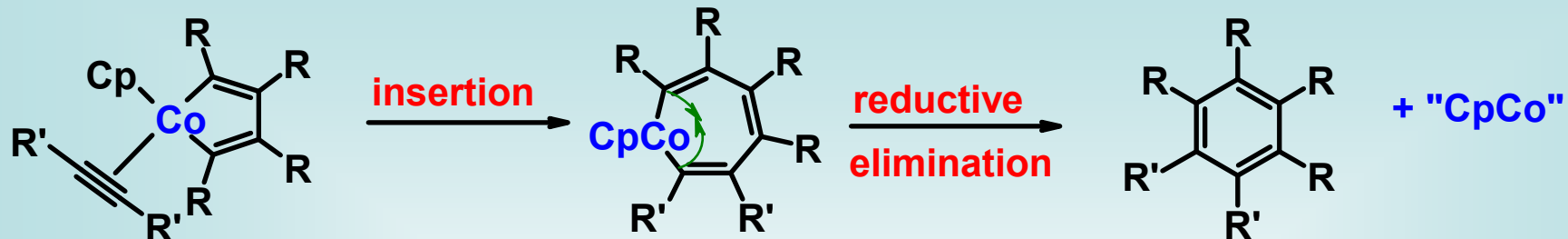


Possibility #1 - concerted cycloaddition



"CpCo" regenerated; therefore possible to be catalytic in Co

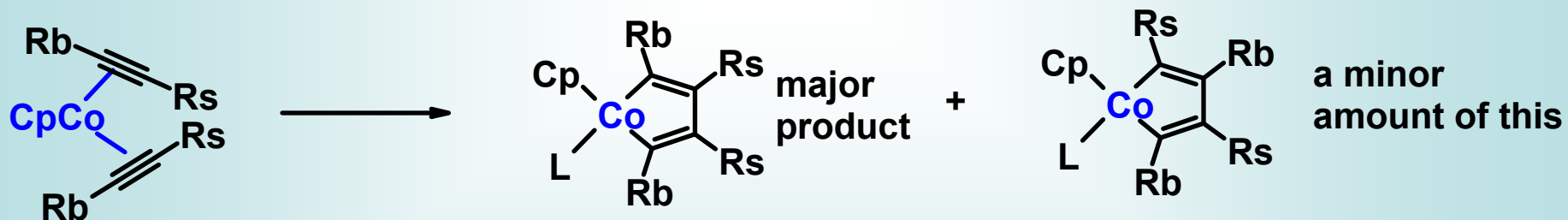
## Possibility #2 - Alkyne insertion/reductive elimination



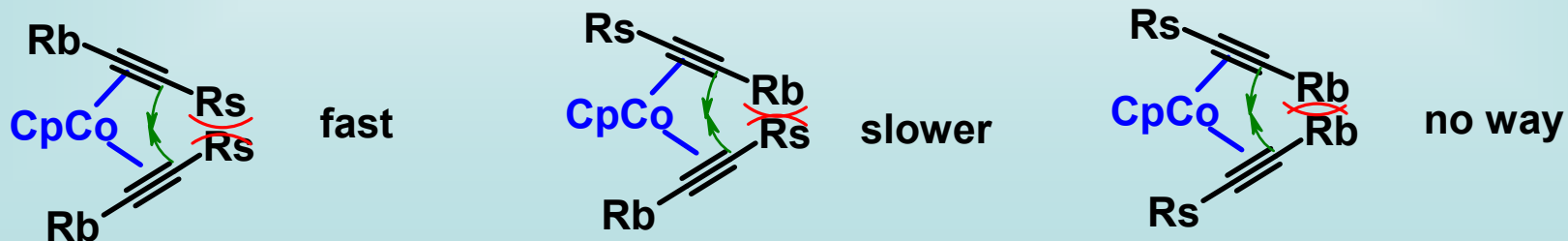
Personal opinion - there are instances where the concerted cycloaddition mechanism is operating  
 - more often, it is the insertion/elimination mechanism that is operating

## Regiochemistry

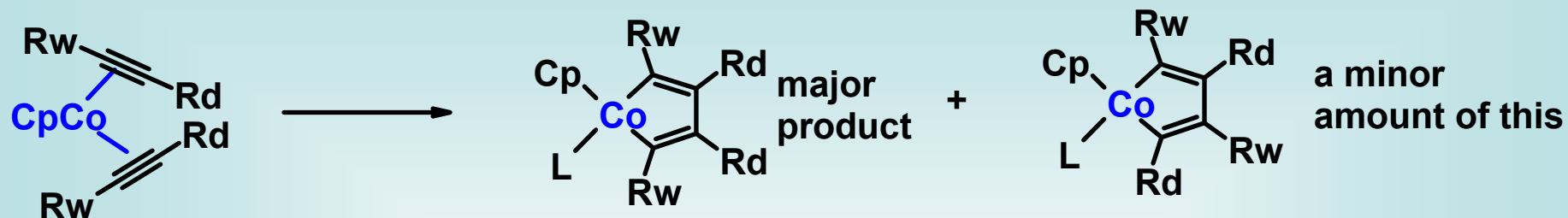
-if one has R(big)≡R(small) , what happens?



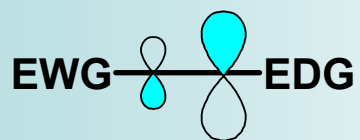
-simply from sterics



-if one has  $R(\text{EDG})\text{---}\equiv\text{---}R(\text{EWG})$ , what happens?

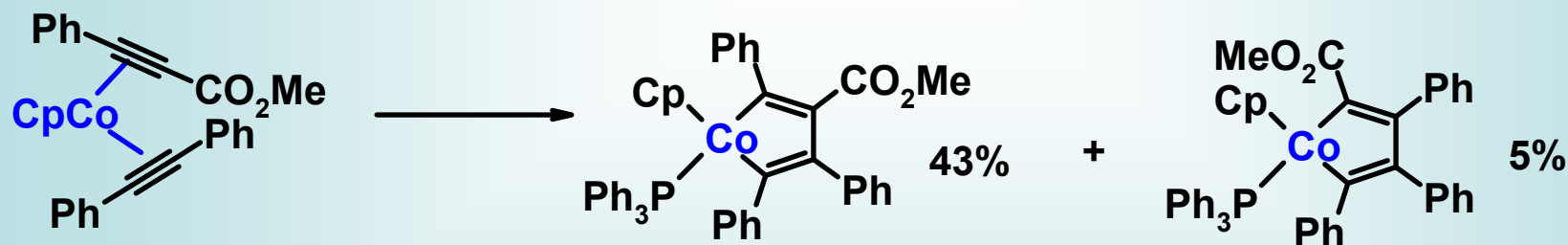


-reason - oxidative coupling step proposed to operate under orbital control  
 - HOMO of complex dominates, and it is dominated by the  $\pi^*$  of the alkene



-therefore, C-C bond formation to give metallacycle occurs at the carbon  $\beta$ - to the EWG

-if sterics and electronic effects compete, the steric effect overwhelms

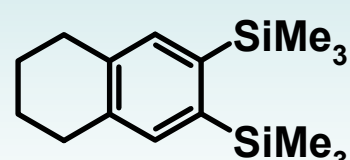
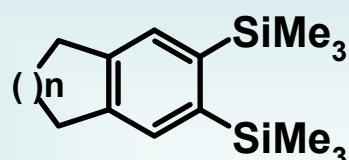
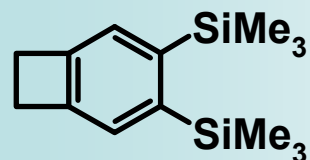
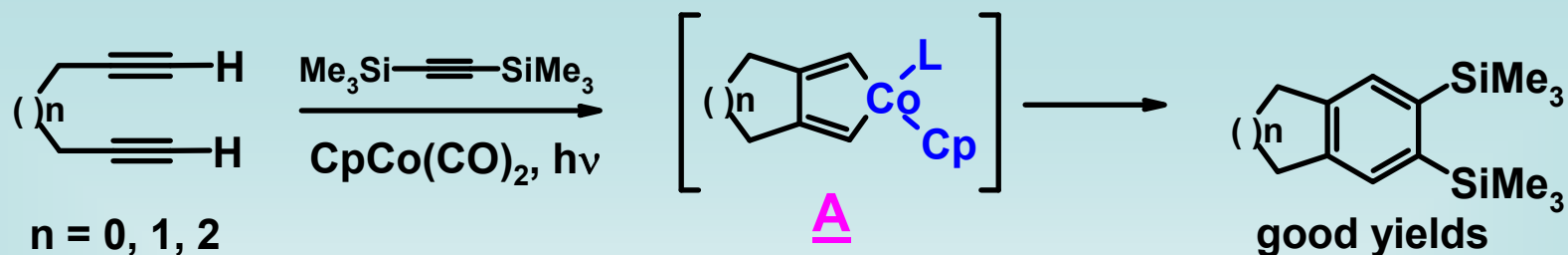


-there is still a third alkyne to participate in 2+2+2, so often one gets further regiochemical mixtures

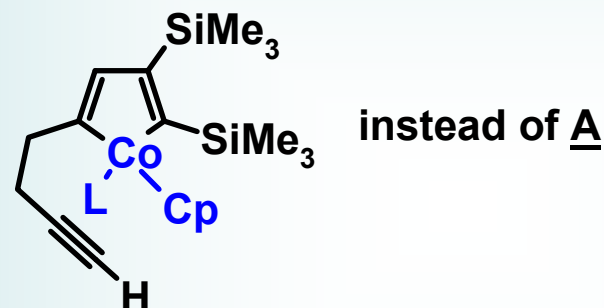
-reaction becomes synthetically useful when BTMSA  $\text{Me}_3\text{Si}\text{---}\equiv\text{---}\text{SiMe}_3$  is used as the third alkyne, as it only reacts with itself very slowly

-particularly synthetically useful reaction when the two other alkynes are joined

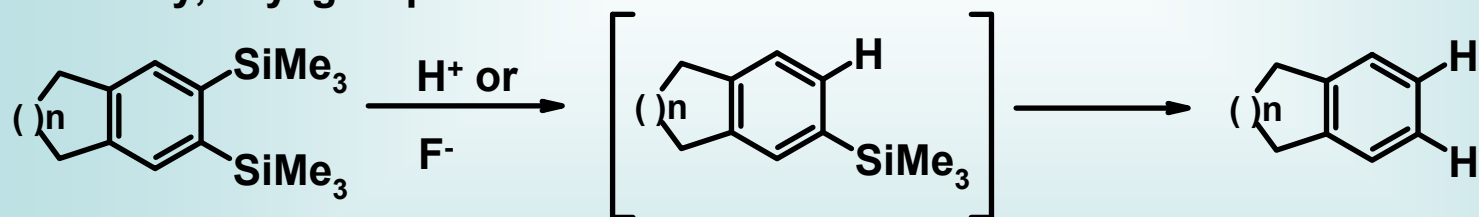
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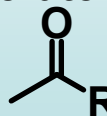
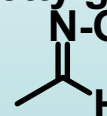


Note; in this case,  
the rxn goes through



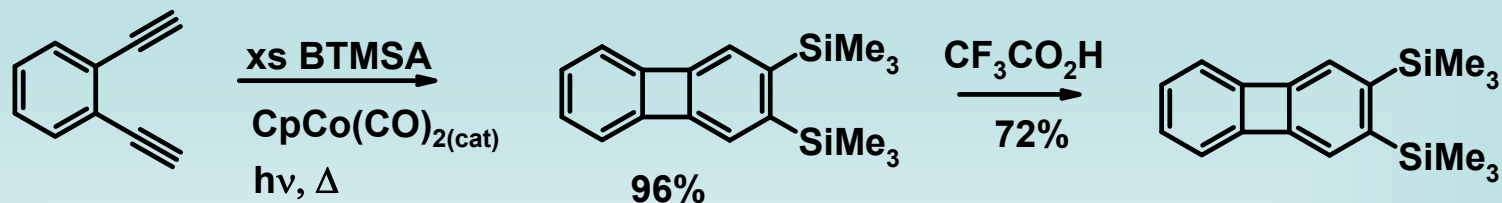
-fortunately, silyl groups are removable from arenes



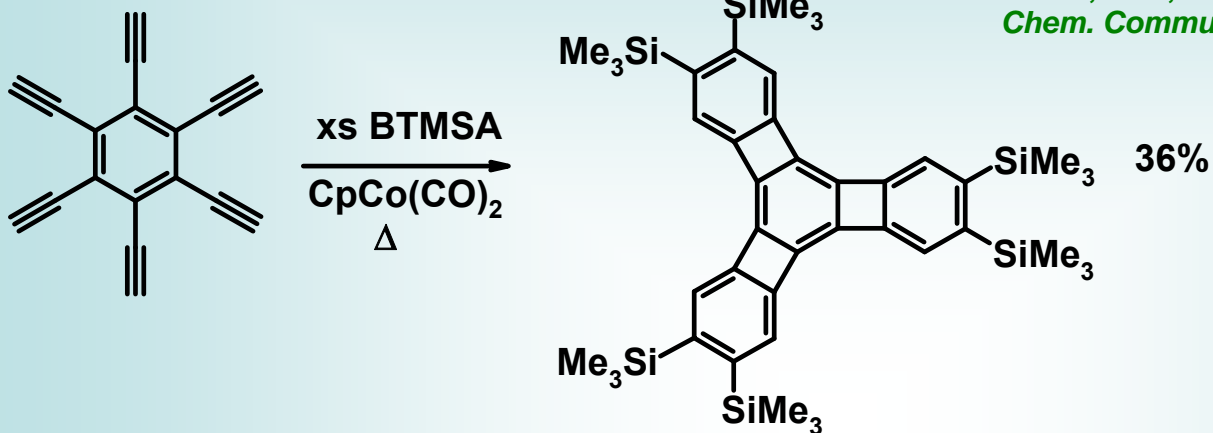
-reactions tolerate a pretty good range of substituents, such as...  $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}$ ,  $-\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ ,  $-\text{CH}_2\text{OR}'$ ,  
 $-\text{NR}'_2$ ,  $-\text{SR}'$ , , 

-reaction may be carried out thermally or photochemically (or both)  
-reaction is often (but not always) catalytic in cobalt

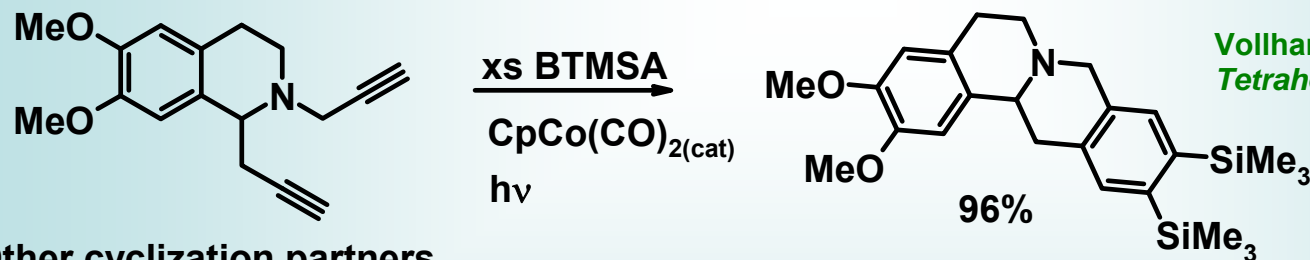
examples



Berris, B.C.; Vollhardt, K.P.C. *J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.* **1982**, 953.



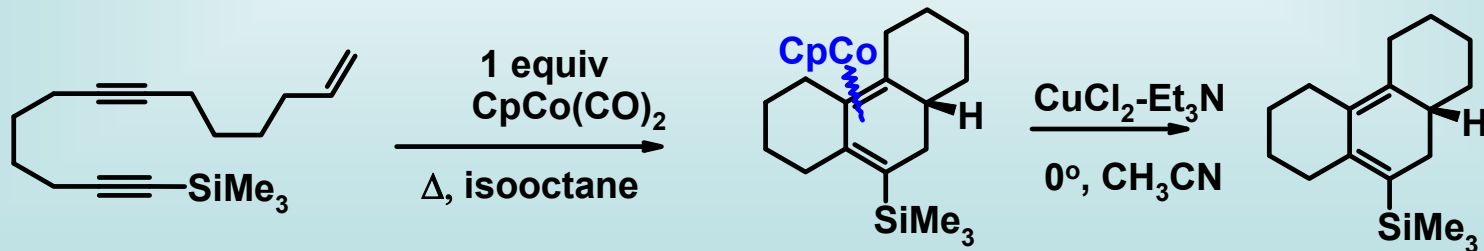
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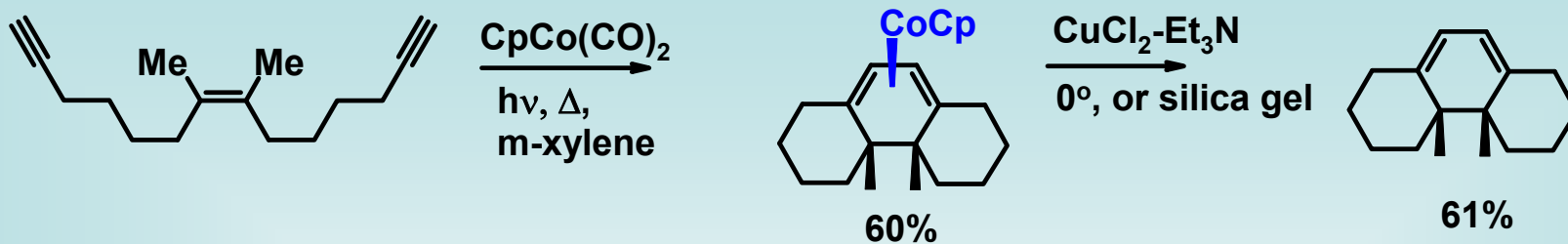
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Other cyclization partners

-the 'third alkyne' does not have to be an alkyne *per se* - for example, it can be an alkyne



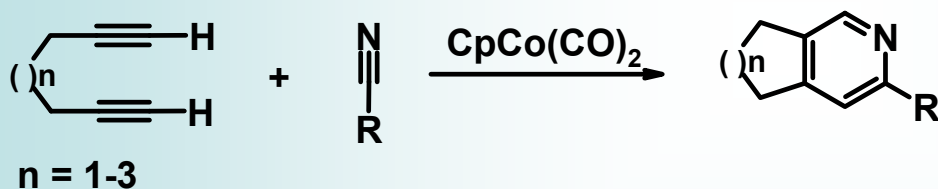
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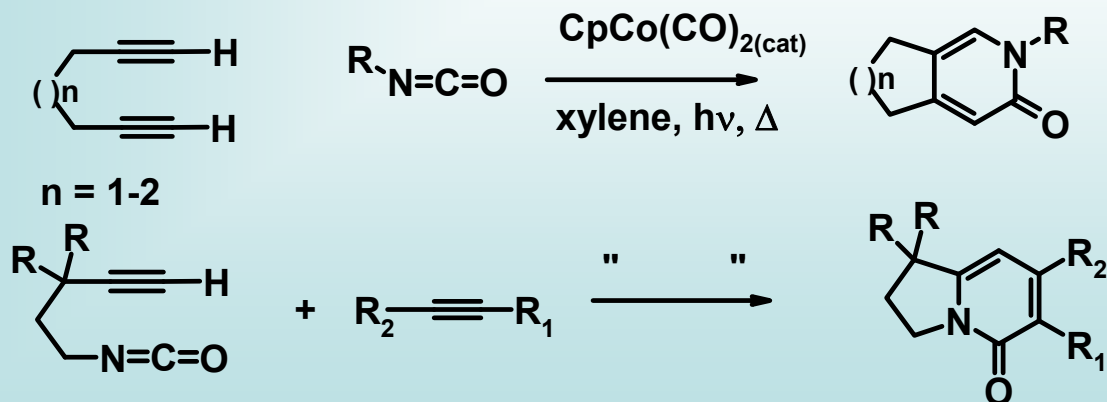
- in these cases, there must be at least one equivalent of Co
- must subsequently decomplex the Co-diene complex
- normally, the alkene is the 'third' partner

-the 'third' partner can also be a nitrile



Vollhardt, K.P.C. et al *Tetrahedron* 1983, *39*, 905.

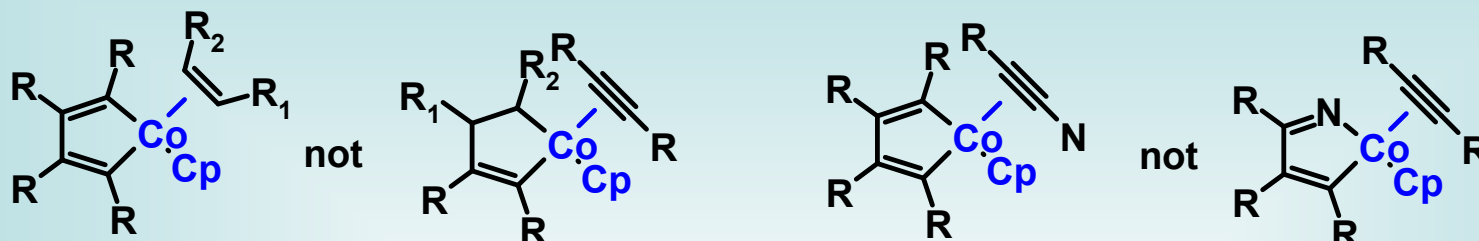
-or an isocyanate



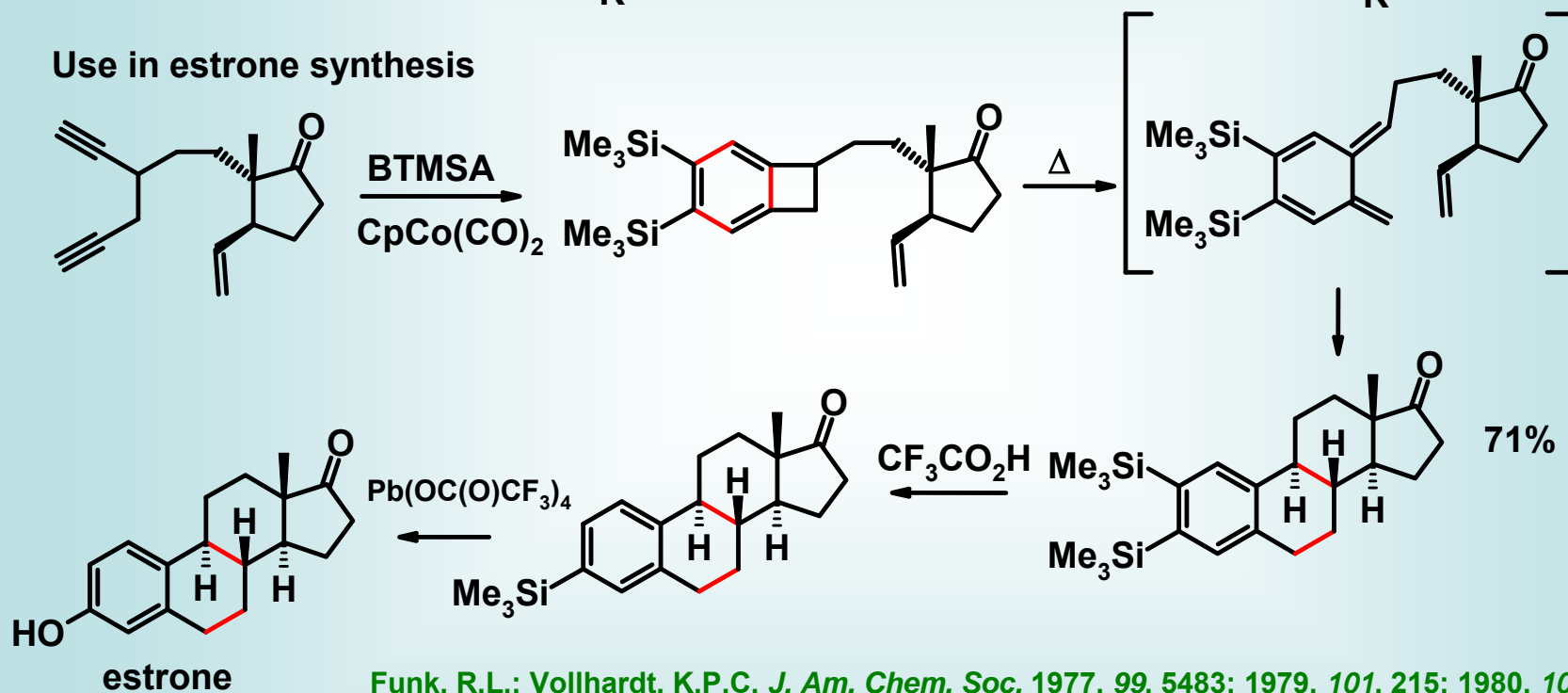
Earl, R.A.; Vollhardt, K.P.C.  
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-again, these are, in almost all circumstances, the 3rd partner in the cycloaddition

i.e.



Use in estrone synthesis

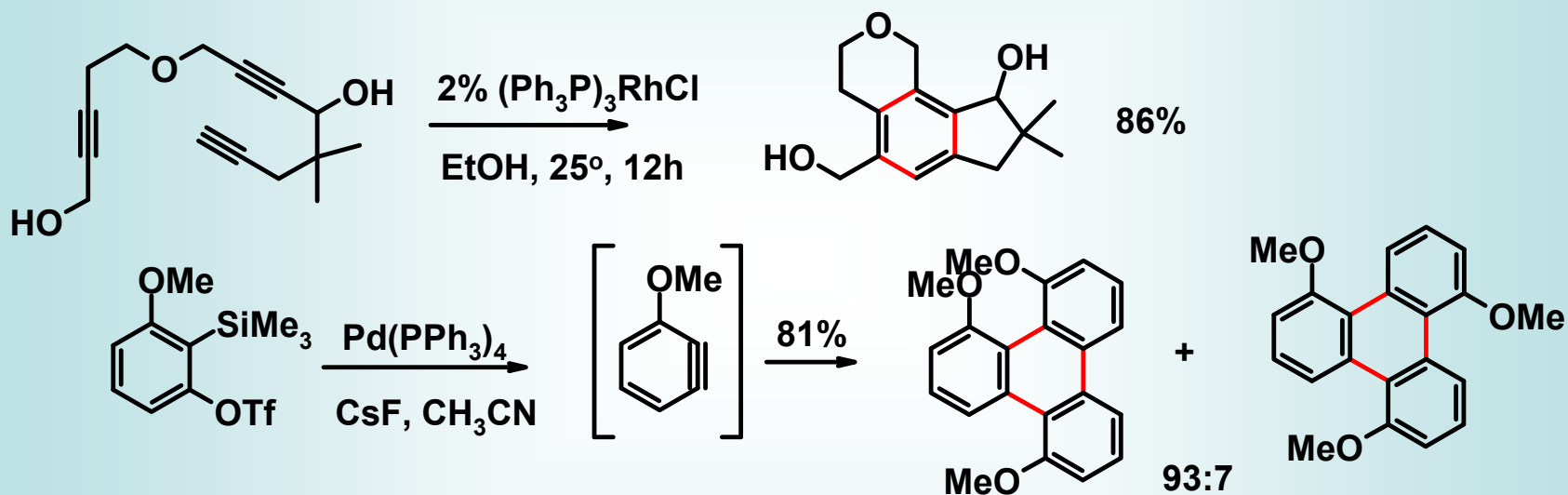


-using the Co<sup>I</sup> / Co<sup>III</sup> systems are not the only transition metal complexes capable of these cycloaddition - certainly the most popular, especially in early days, but other systems have been used effectively



-a survey of literature, early 2000's

Rh <sup>I</sup> /Rh <sup>III</sup>	20	Rh(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> Cl, [RhCl(cod) <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	Ir <sup>I</sup> /Ir <sup>III</sup>	2
Pd <sup>0</sup> /Pd <sup>II</sup>	15	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	Ti <sup>III</sup> /Ti <sup>IV</sup>	2
Ni <sup>0</sup> /Ni <sup>II</sup>	14	Ni(cod) <sub>2</sub> , (+ PPh <sub>3</sub> )	Fe <sup>0</sup> /Fe <sup>II</sup>	1
Co <sup>0</sup> /Co <sup>II</sup>	9	Co <sub>2</sub> (CO) <sub>8</sub>	Ta <sup>III</sup> /Ta <sup>V</sup>	1
Ru <sup>II</sup> /Ru <sup>IV</sup>	5			
Mo <sup>0</sup> /Mo <sup>II</sup>	3	Mo(CO) <sub>6</sub>		



Many, many reviews on this

R Tanaka, K. *Synlett* 2007, 1977. (Rh catalysts)

R Chopade, P.R.; Louie, J. *Adv. Synth. Catal.* 2006, 348, 2307. (all metals)

R Gandon, V.; Aubert, C.; Malacria, M. *Chem. Commun.* 2006, 2209 (Co)

R Kotha, S.; Brahmachary, E.; Lahiri, K. *Eur. J. Org. Chem.* 2005, 4741 (all metals, small)

R Saito, S.; Yamamoto, Y. *Chem. Rev.* 2000, 100, 2901 (all metals)

R Grotjahn, D.B. *Comprehensive Organometallic Chemistry II*, Vol12, p741, 1995 (library)

R Boese, R.; Sickel, A.P.; Vollhardt, K.P.C. *Synthesis* 1994, 1374. (indoles)

R Schore, N. *Comprehensive Organic Synthesis*, Vol 5, p 1129, 1991

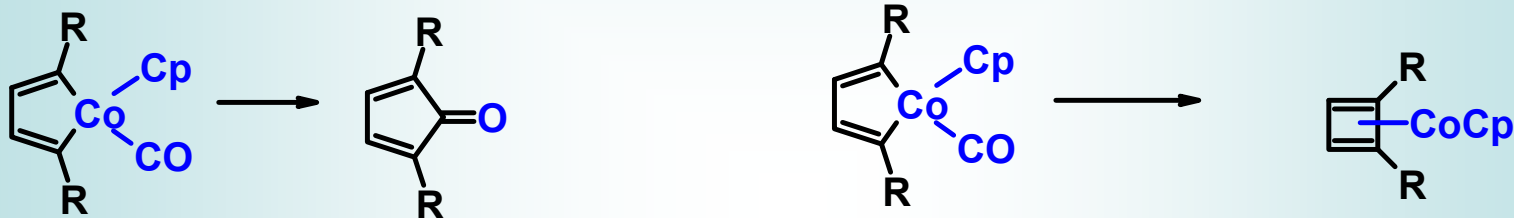
R Vollhardt, K.P.C. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Engl.* 1984, 23, 539.

### 3. Interrupting the 2+2+2

- there are a number of reactions that start to follow this 2+2+2 pathway, getting to the metallacyclopentadiene or metallacyclopentene, and then go differently
  - only a time to look at a couple, but there are many more in synthesis
- see: *Topics in Organometallic Chemistry* 2006, 19 entire issue

#### The Pauson-Khand Reaction

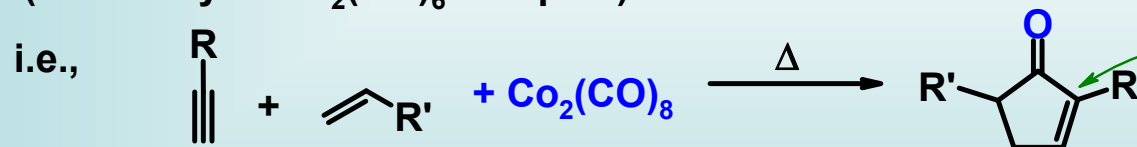
- two of the side products from the 2+2+2 are:



(Fe : Knolker, H.J.)

- cyclopentadienones are not very stable compounds, but if one of the C=C's is reduced, you have very useful cyclopentenones

-this type of material is often obtained by using an alkyne, and alkene, and  $\text{Co}_2(\text{CO})_8$  (or an alkyne- $\text{Co}_2(\text{CO})_6$  complex)



#### Intermolecular Cases

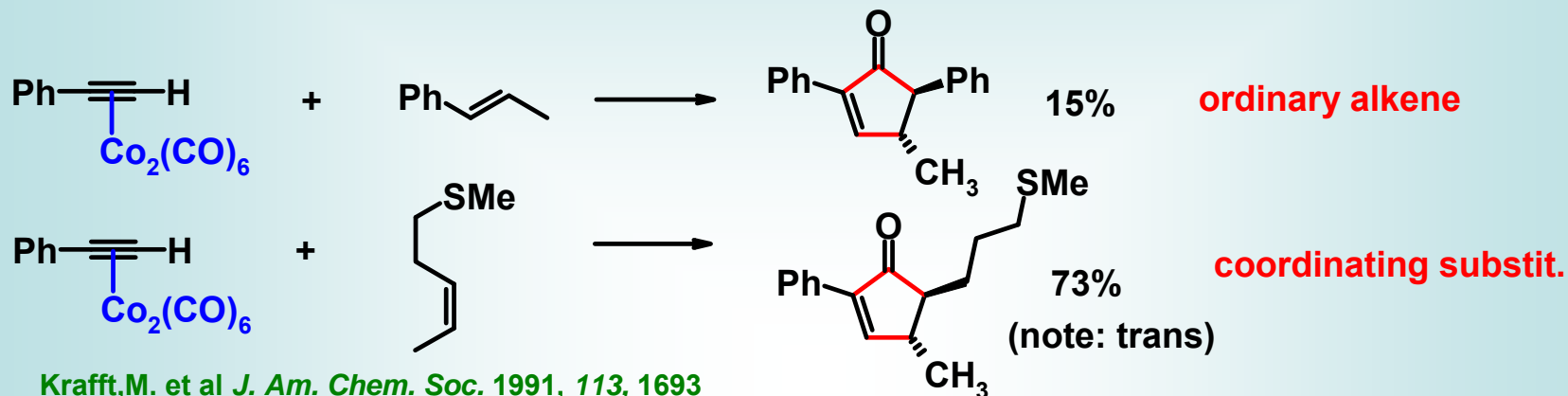
- no particular constraints on the alkyne
- if you have an unsymmetrical alkyne, larger groups end up next to C=O, as in

## Alkene Partner

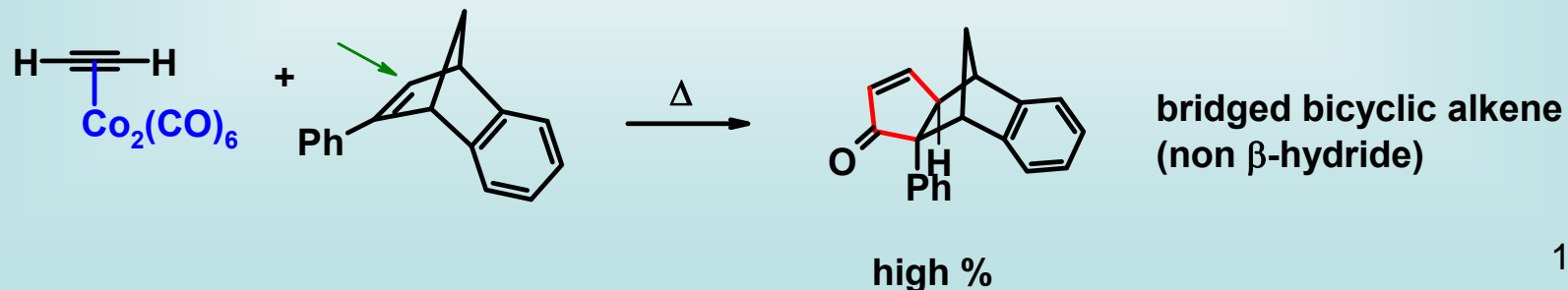
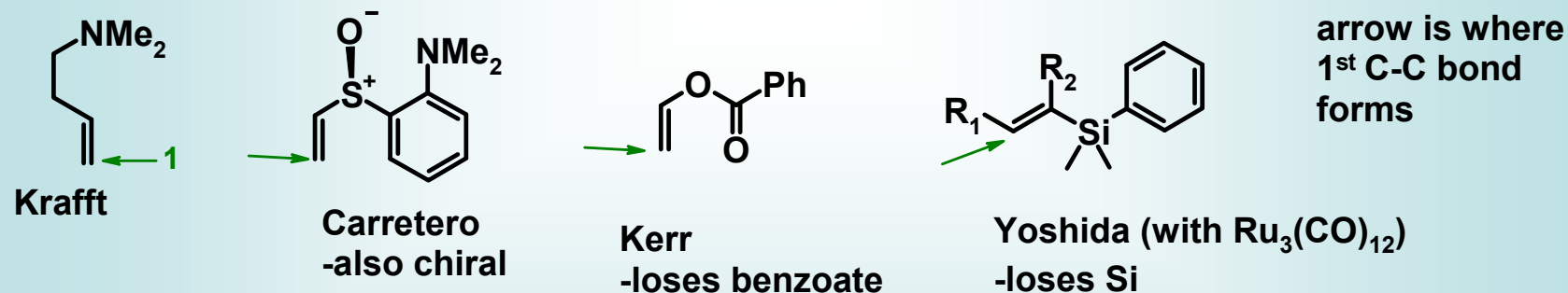
-simple alkenes don't work especially well, unless present in huge excess

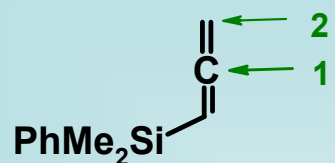
(Note: this is making progress)

-strained alkenes, "non  $\beta$ -hydride" alkenes (bridged bicyclic alkenes),  
and alkenes with ligands attached (X = NR<sub>2</sub>, SR, O?) give better yield, high regioselectivity



Krafft, M. et al *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1991**, *113*, 1693



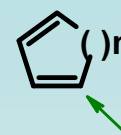


Cazes (no  $\beta$ -H)



especially  
 $n = \text{small}$

even  $n = \text{normal}$   
with mild conditions



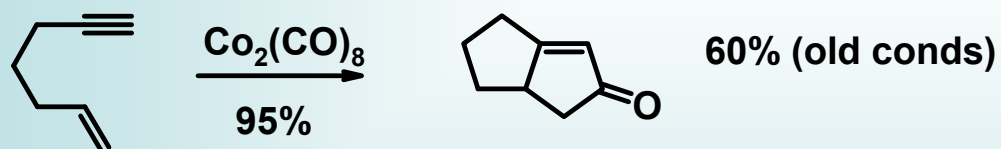
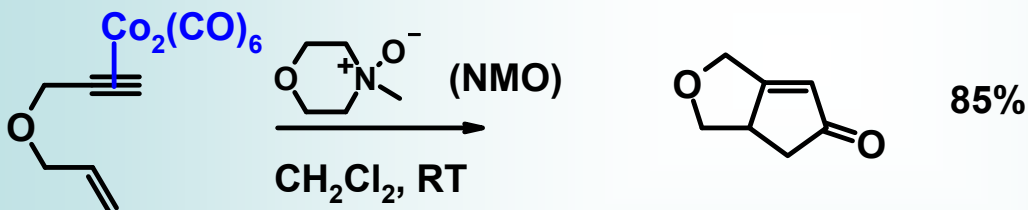
"no  $\beta$ -H"

Reviews focussing on intermolecular reactions [R Gibson, S.E. et al \*Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.\* \*\*2005\*\*, \*44\*, 3022.](#)  
[R Laschat, S. \*Synlett\* \*\*2005\*\*, 2547.](#)

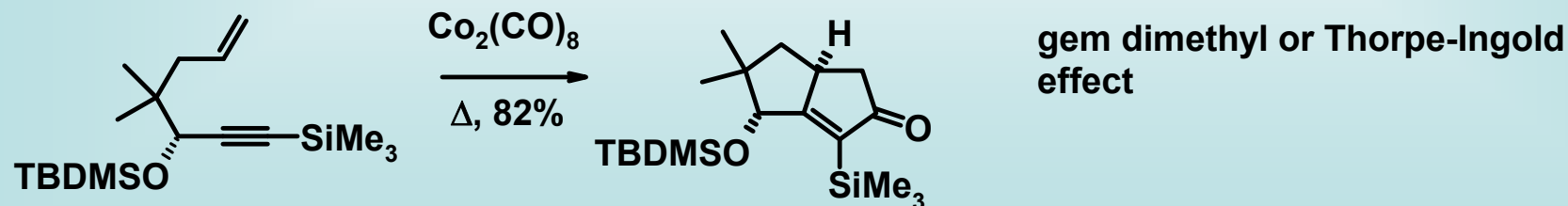
-except for sulphoxides, alkenes with EWG's rarely work

### Intramolecular Cases

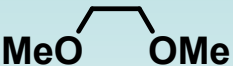
-reaction works much better when alkene and alkyne are in the same molecule



-often particularly good for all carbon bridges when there is a gem dialkyl in the bridge

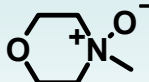


- there are subtle stereochemical matters which are beyond this course's scope
- many recent advances have increased yields and allowed reactions under milder conditions

i.e., polar aprotic solvents (CH<sub>3</sub>CN, DME )

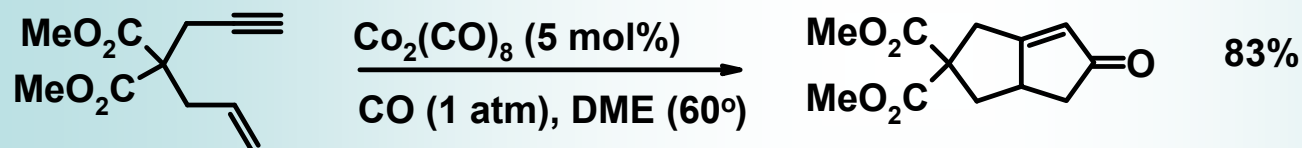
-use of 1° amines (CyNH<sub>2</sub>) and mercaptans (<sup>n</sup>BuSMe) [R Sugihara Chem, Eur. J. 2001, 7, 1589](#)

-photolysis

-3° amine oxides (Me<sub>3</sub>N<sup>+</sup>-O<sup>-</sup>, TMANO), (NMO)  and room temp

### Catalysis

-the new holy Grail - to use catalytic amounts of metal and CO gas (under as low a pressure as possible), or a CO substitute (some aldehydes)



-other metals (other than Co) now are common, especially for catalytic chemistry; I think that Rh<sup>I</sup> is gradually replacing Co

Rh <sup>I</sup>	25	[RhCl(CO) <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	Zr <sup>II</sup>	4
Mo <sup>0</sup>	12	Mo(CO) <sub>6</sub> -allenes(Brummond)	Fe <sup>0</sup> , hv	4
Ru <sup>0</sup>	8	Ru <sub>3</sub> (CO) <sub>12</sub>	Co nanoparticles	2
Ir <sup>I</sup>	4		Co <sup>I</sup>	1
Ti <sup>II</sup>	7		W	1

Most recent reviews:

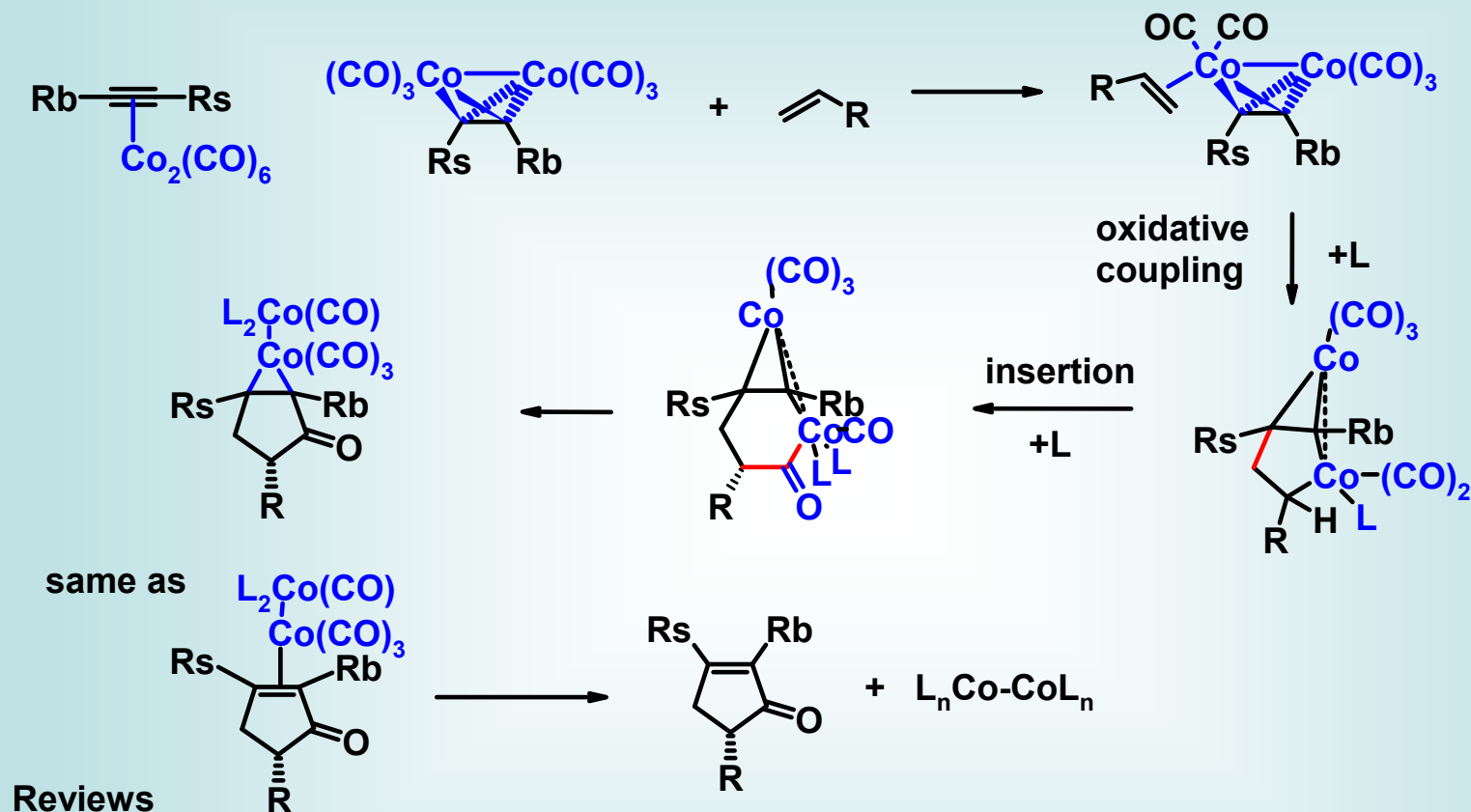
[R Shibata, T. Adv. Synth. Catal. 2006, 348, 2328.](#)

[R Pérez-Castells, J. Top Organomet Chem 2006, 19, 207](#)

[R Strübing, D.; Beller, M. Top Organomet Chem 2006, 18, 165](#)

## Mechanism of Pauson-Khand

-unnaturally complex looking, because presence of second metal, which is just 'along for the ride'



R Chung, Y.K. et al *Synlett* 2005, 545 (Co nanoparticles)

R Krafft, M.E. *Tetrahedron* 2004, 66, 9795. (Interrupted P.-K.)

R Alcaide, J.C.; Almendros, P. *Eur. J. Org. Chem.* 2004, 3377 (allenes)

R Perez-Castells, J. *Chem. Soc. Rev.* 2004, 33, 32.

R Gibson, S.E. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Engl.* 2003, 42, 1800 (catalytic)

R Carretero, J.C. *Eur. J. Org. Chem.* 2002, 288

R Carretero, J.C. *Synlett* 2001, 26.

R Brummond, K. *Tetrahedron* 2000, 56, 3262 (allenes)

R Geis, G.; Schmalz, H.-G. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Engl.* 1998, 37, 911

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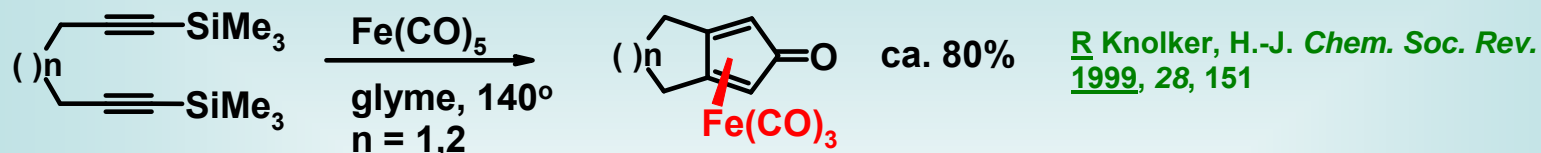
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-so how about alkyne only cases, i.e.



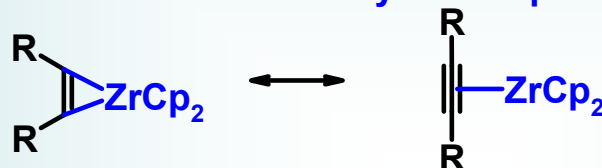
-sort of - uses  $\text{Fe}^0$  and product is the iron complex



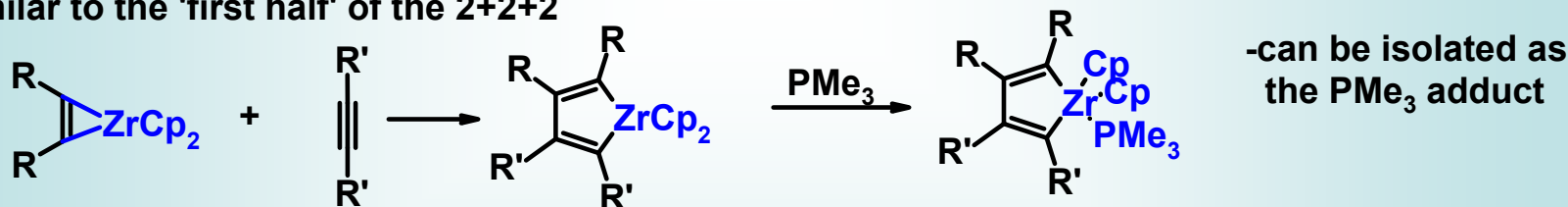
-decomplexation is not straight-forward, because cyclopentadienone is unstable (anti-aromatic)

### The [2+2+????] Reactions of Zirconium Alkyne Complexes

-compounds like

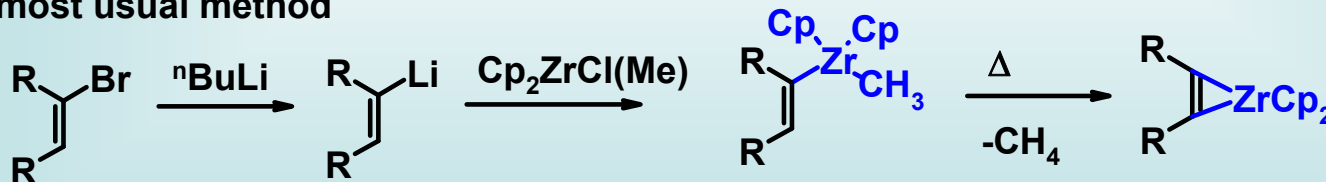


-also react with alkynes, alkenes, nitriles, to form C-C bonds by oxidative coupling process, similar to the 'first half' of the 2+2+2

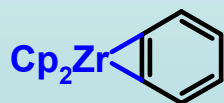


-the zirconocene alkyne complexes themselves are made differently than in Co case

-most usual method



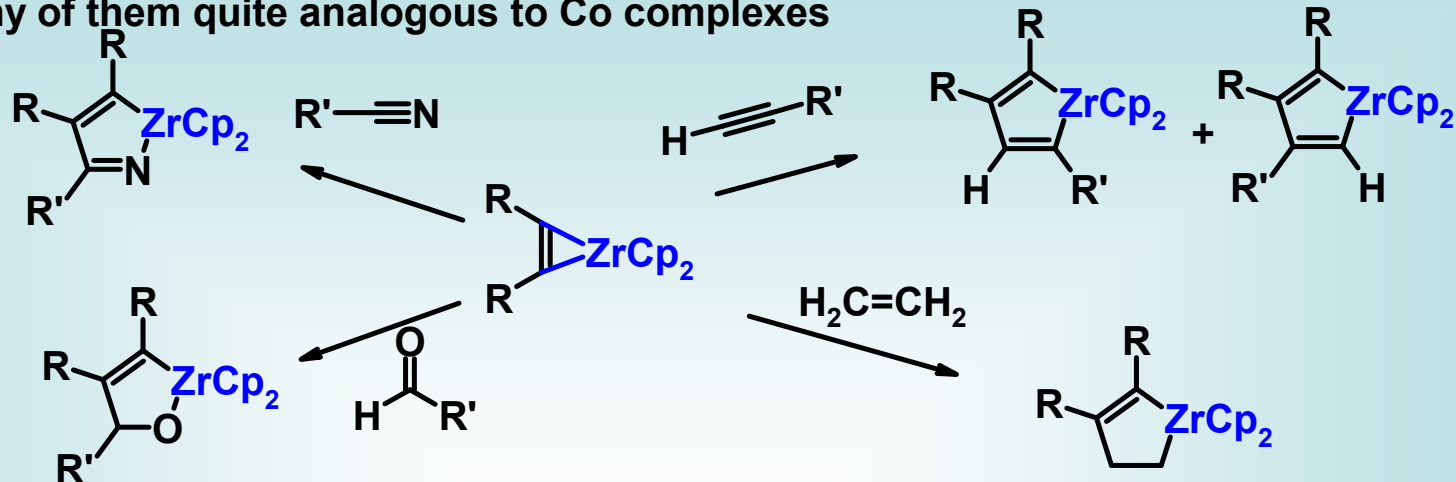
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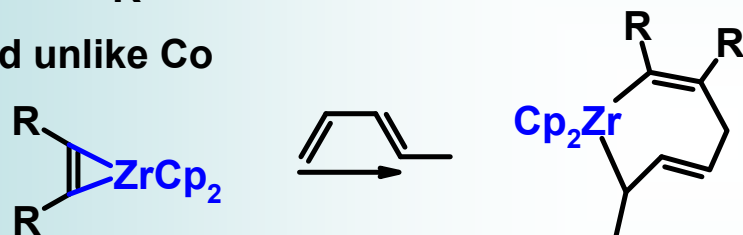
also made this way

## Reactions Encountered

-many of them quite analogous to Co complexes

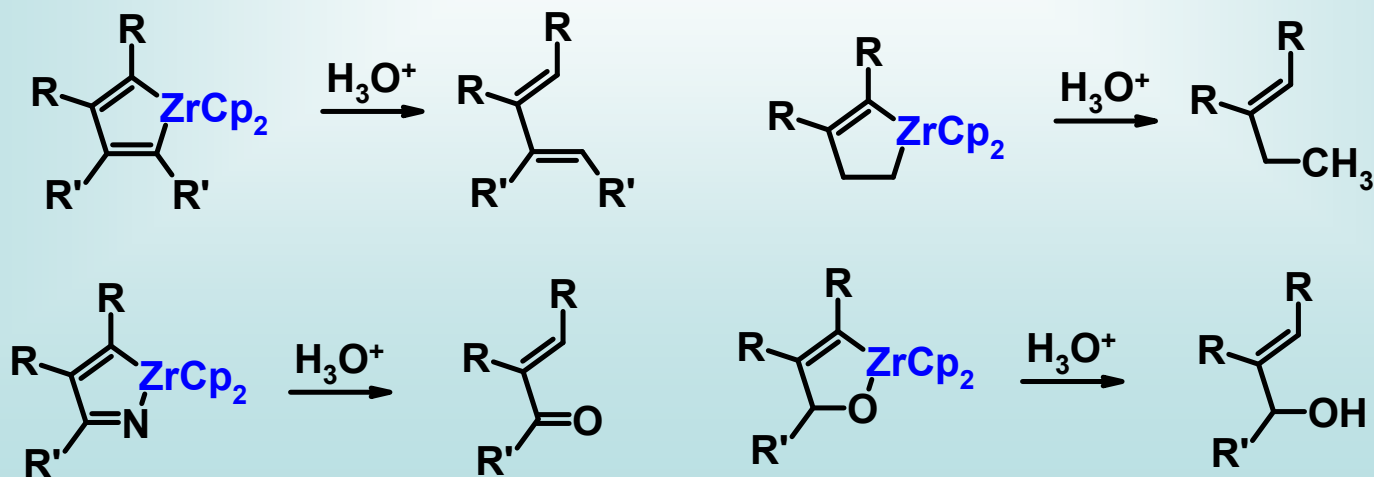


and unlike Co



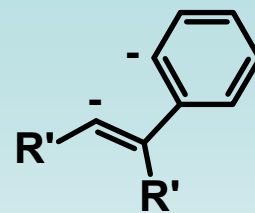
-are further reaction possible? - YES

-most common is hydrolysis

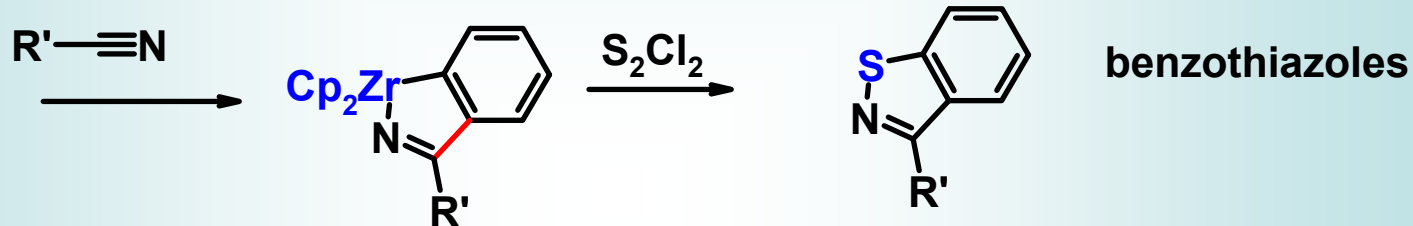
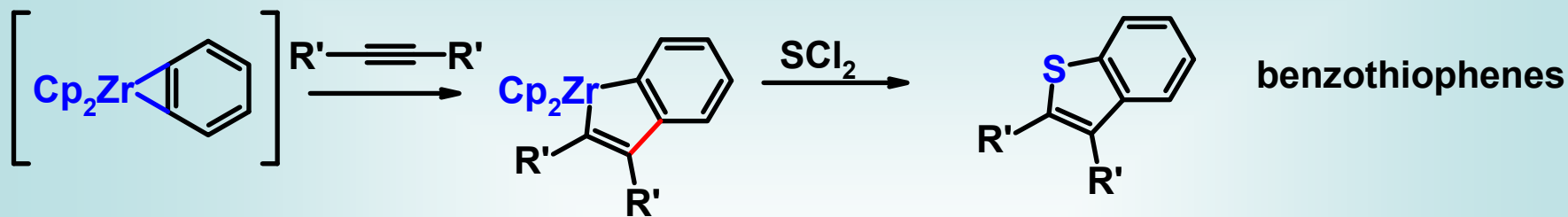




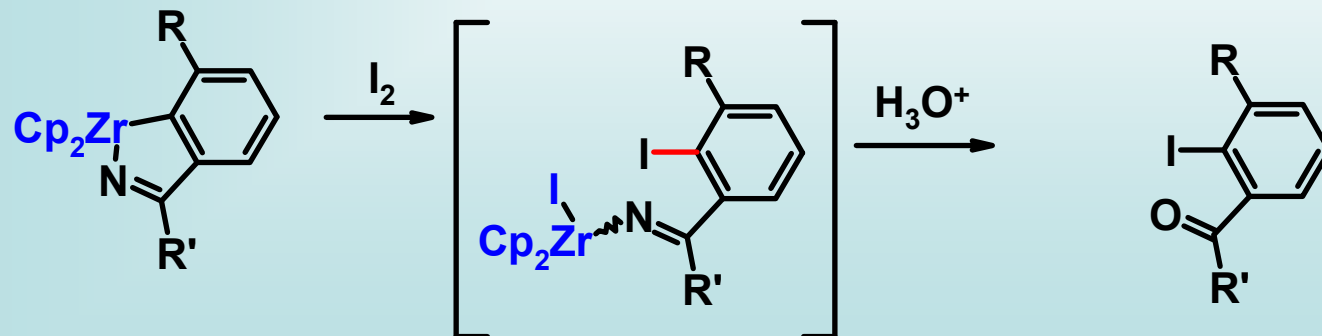
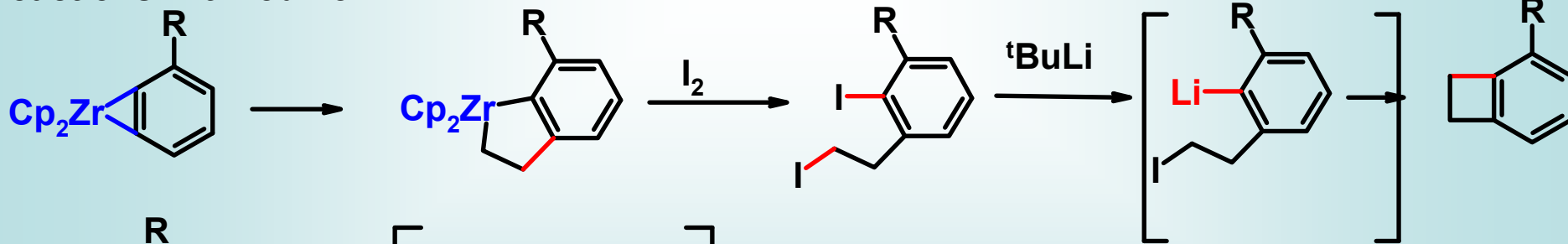
-due to electronegativity difference between C and Zr, there's a tendency for these to react like



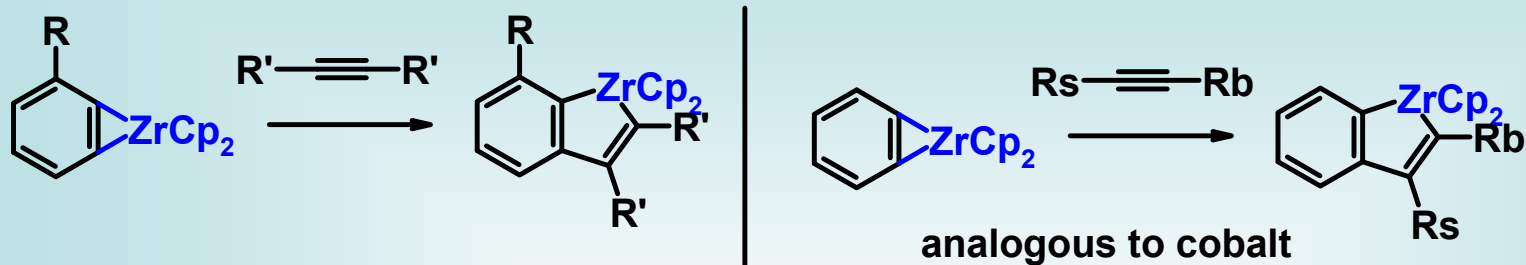
-other reactions -with sulphur monochloride or dichloride



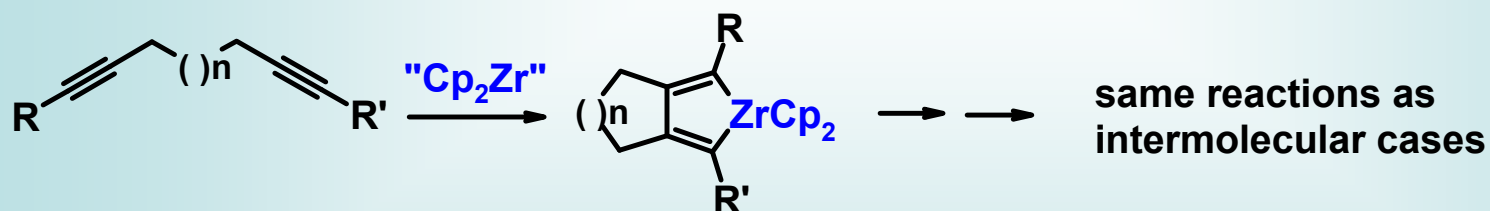
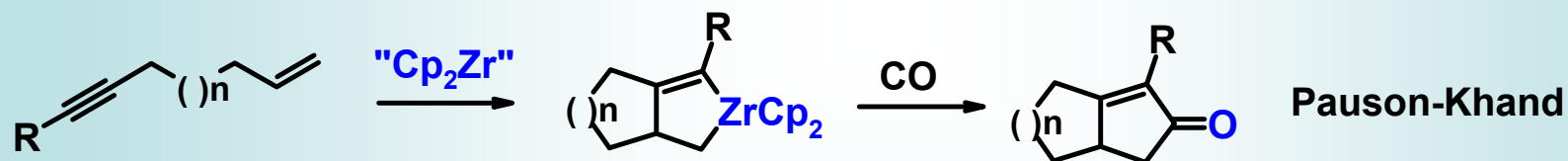
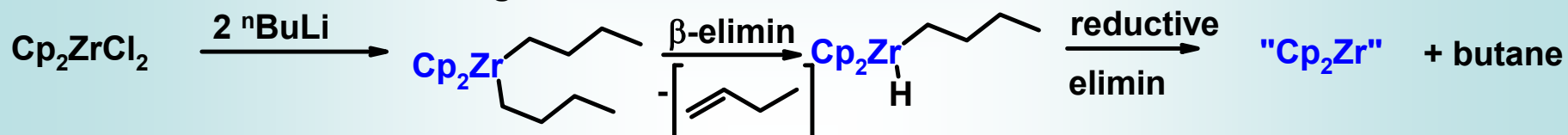
-reactions with iodine



## Regiochemistry in benzyne reactivity



## Intramolecular cases - E.I. Negishi



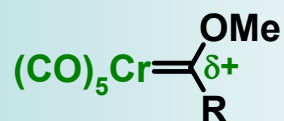
- see [R Negishi, E.; Takahashi, T. \*Bull. Chem. Soc. of Jpn.\* \*\*1998\*\*, \*71\*, 755.](#)  
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[R Negishi, E. \*Acc. Chem. Res.\* \*\*1994\*\*, \*27\*, 124.](#)  
[R Buchwald, S.L.; Nielsen, R.B. \*Science\* \*\*1993\*\*, \*261\*, 1696.](#)  
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## Carbenes



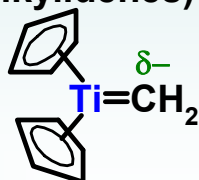
- structurally discrete carbenes 'officially' fall into two types, characterized by their reactivity
- I will arbitrarily add a third class

### Fischer Type Carbenes



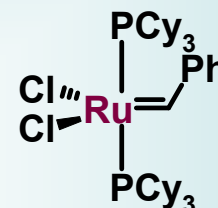
- mostly Cr group (Cr, Mo, W), or Fe group
- stabilized by heteroatom (O here)
- reactivity - electron poor at C

### Schrock Type Carbenes (alkylidenes)



- early transition metal
- electron rich at carbon

### Methesis Carbenes



- early development by Schrock, so often lumped in with Schrock carbenes for convenience
- mid- or late transition metals
- no great M-C bond polarity, so C electronically neutral
- mostly cycloaddition processes

## Fischer Carbenes

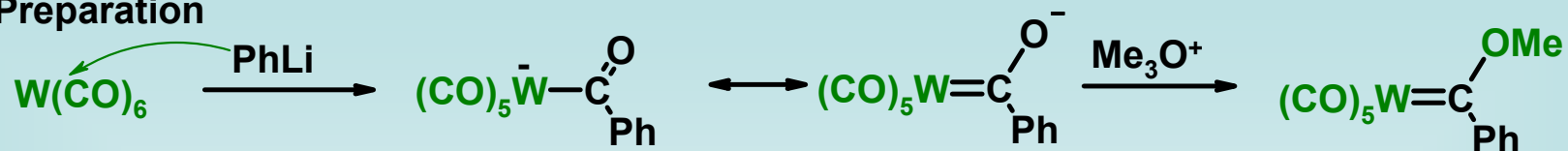
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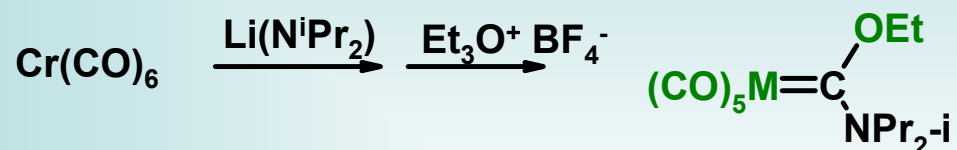
### Bonding



## Preparation

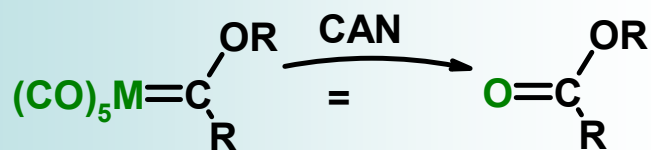


-nucleophiles mostly alkylolithiums, but don't absolutely have to be C based



## Reactions of Fischer Carbenes

-for many reactions, it's useful to think of these carbenes as having parallel reactivity to carboxylic esters

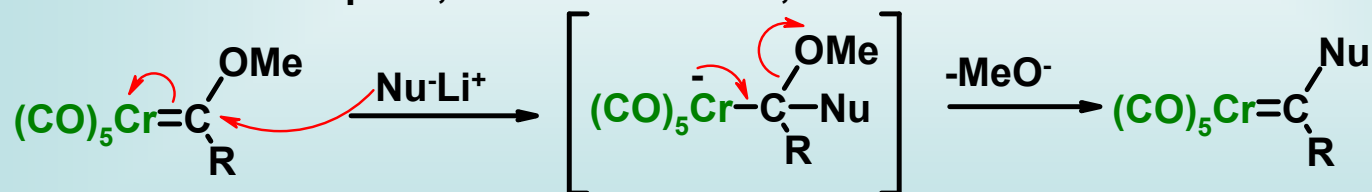


-can actually do the transformation with  $Ce^{IV}$

### a) Nucleophilic Attack at Carbene Carbon

-calculations show that the LUMO of these species is localized at the carbene carbon (Blick, T.F.; Fenske, R.F.; Casey, C.P. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 1976, *98*, 143)

-attack of nucleophile, orbital controlled, is at that site

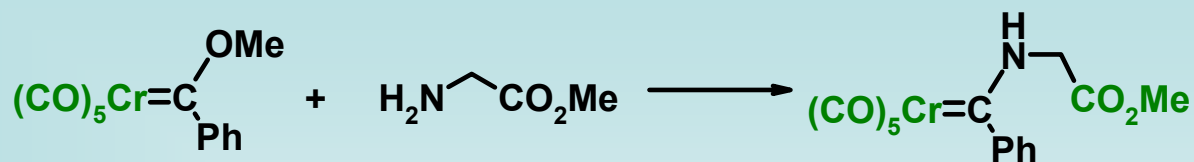


nucleophiles include

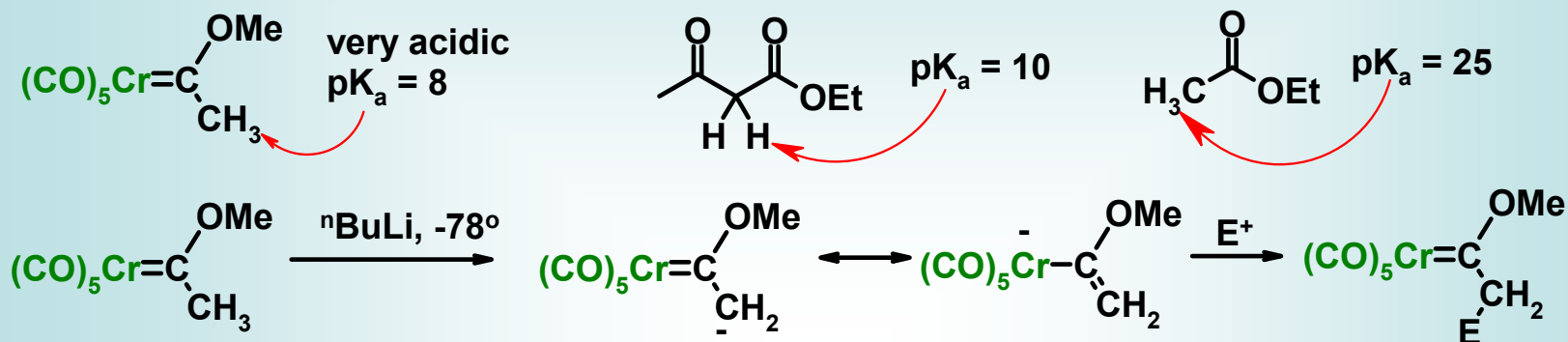
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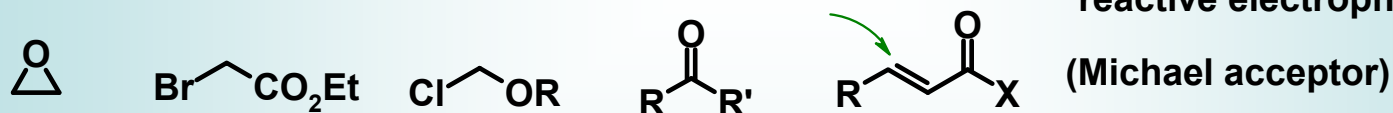
mercaptans  
RSH



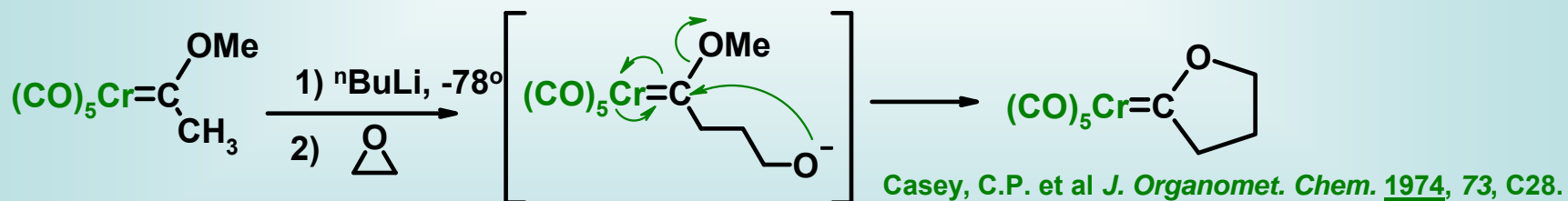
b) Generation of  $\alpha$ -Anion and Electrophile capture



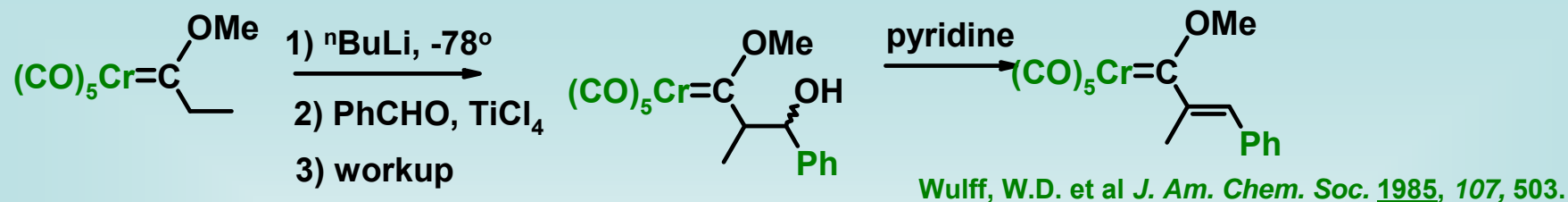
-anion is so stabilized that it's a fairly weak nucleophile; therefore only captures more reactive electrophiles



-epoxides give further reaction



-aldehydes and ketones don't eliminate immediately, but the alcohols can be made to eliminate

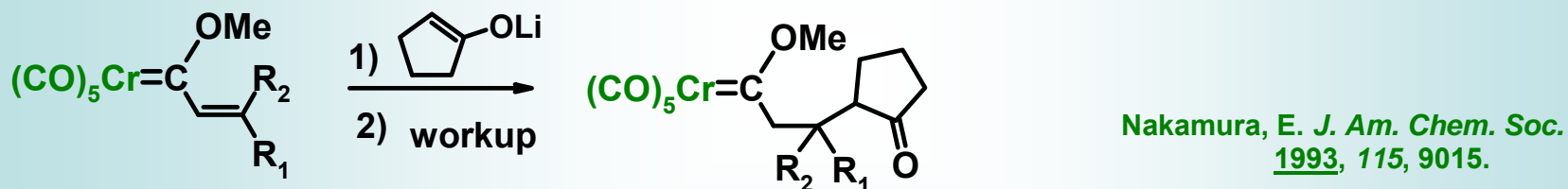


-can make the anion less stable, more reactive, by exchanging one CO ligand for a phosphine; the anion will then react with (less electrophilic) alkyl halides/triflates

Wulff, W.D. et al *J. Org. Chem.* **1987**, *52*, 3263.

### Michael Addition to Vinyl Carbenes

-since the  $\alpha$ -anions are so stabilized, it's not surprising that reactions that give such an anion go well.....

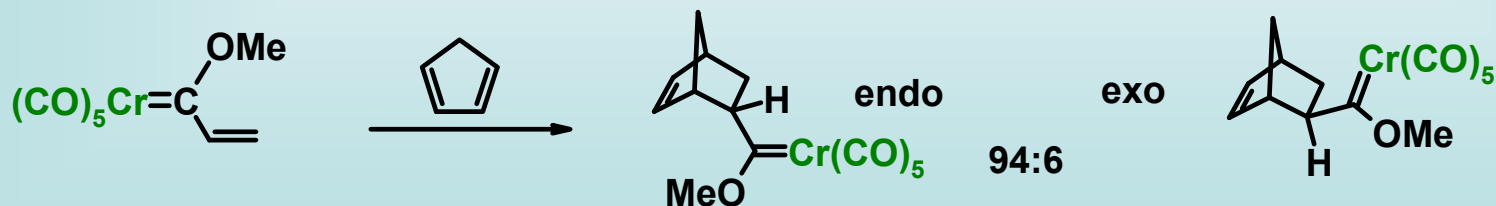


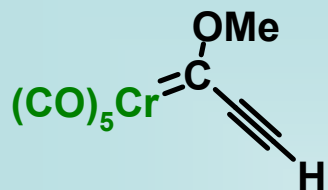
-can be highly stereoselective

Note: some anions add to carbene carbon, to give other products

### Diels Alder Reaction of Vinyl Carbenes

- due to the strongly EWG nature of carbene, vinyl carbenes are more reactive ( $10^4$  x) more reactive as dienophiles in 4+2 cycloadditions



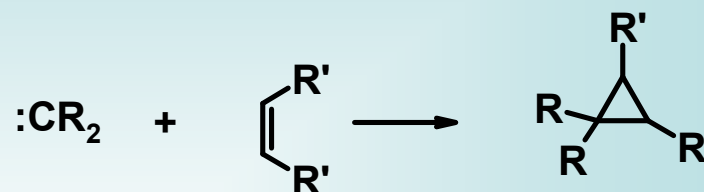


also  
participate

Wulff, W.D. et al *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 1983, *105*, 6726  
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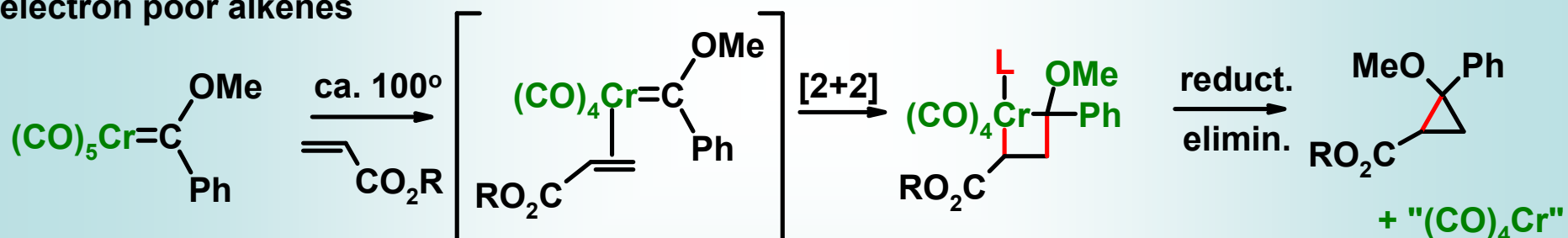
## Cyclopropanation with Alkenes

-typical reaction of carbenes in organic chemistry



-may also be done with discrete organometallic complexes, with either electron poor or electron rich alkenes - probably by two different mechanisms

electron poor alkenes



-works with  $\text{CH}_2=\text{C}(\text{NMe}_2)\text{CO}_2\text{R}$   $\text{CH}_2=\text{C}(\text{P}(\text{OMe})_2)\text{CO}_2\text{R}$   $\text{CH}_2=\text{C}(\text{CN})\text{CO}_2\text{R}$  and disubstituted cases, i.e.,  $\text{R}-\text{CH}=\text{C}(\text{EWG})-\text{CO}_2\text{R}$   $\text{R}-\text{C}(\text{EWG})=\text{C}(\text{EWG})-\text{CO}_2\text{R}$

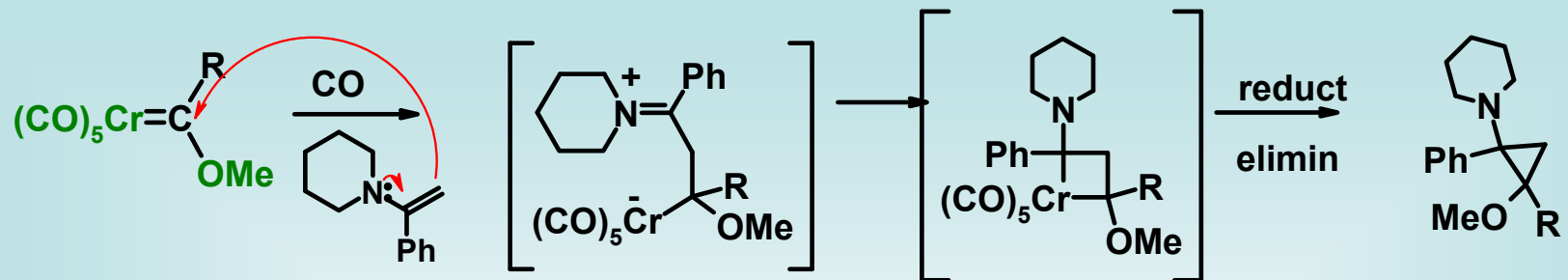
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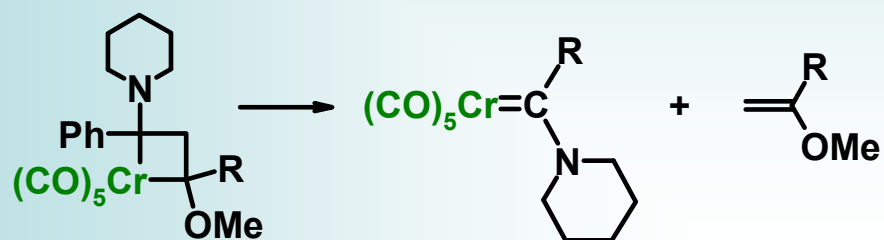
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-with electron rich alkenes, rxns are at lower temperature, different mechanism

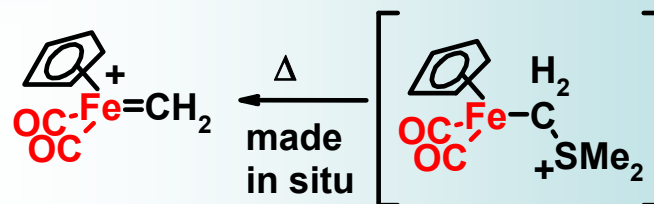


-reaction done under CO atmosphere to suppress alkene metathesis



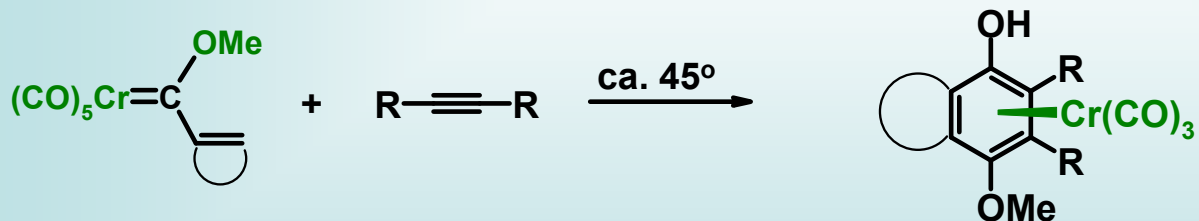
-with normal alkenes, it's more useful to use

-see [R Helquist, P. Adv. Met. Org. Chem. 1991, 2, 143](#)



### Carbene-Alkyne Cycloaddition

-probably most important type of rxn of Fischer carbenes; many uses in organic synthesis  
 -vinyl and aryl carbenes do a 2+2+1+1 cycloaddition reaction to give very specific types of arenes

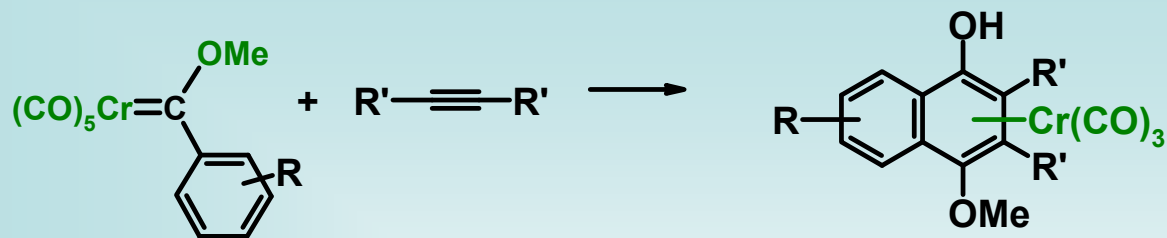


reaction is essentially

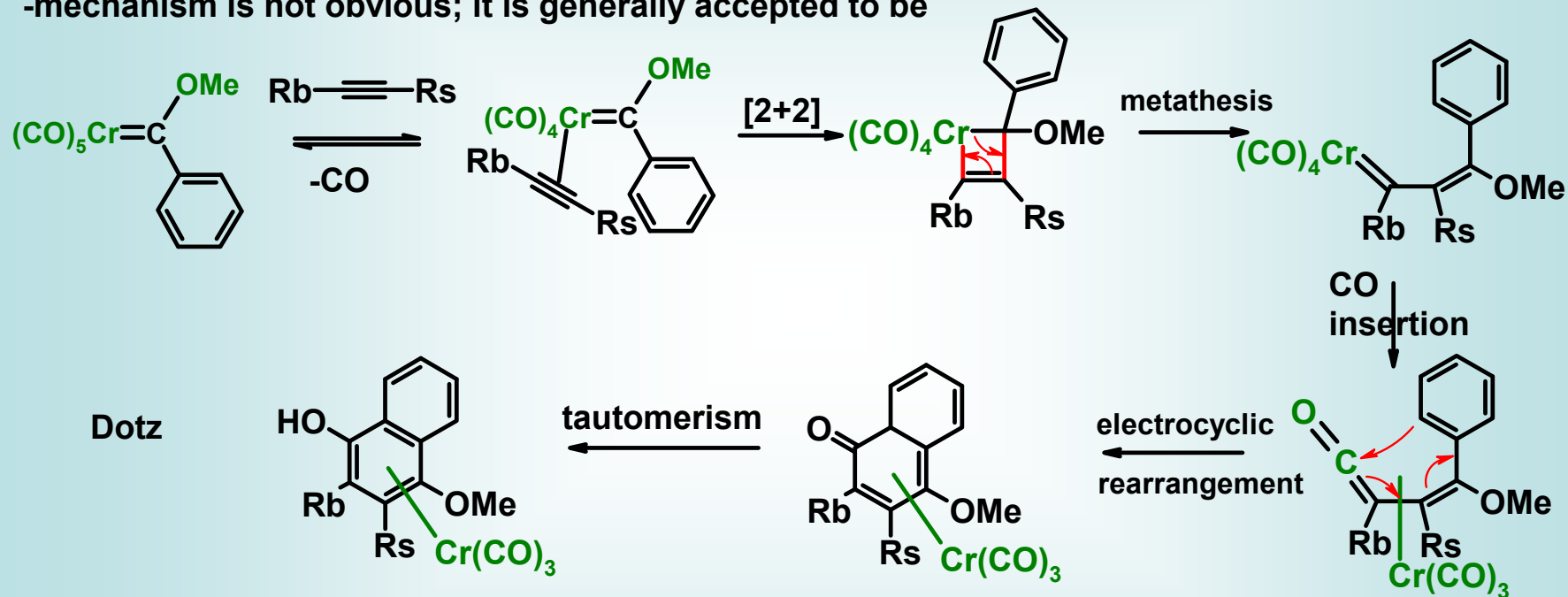




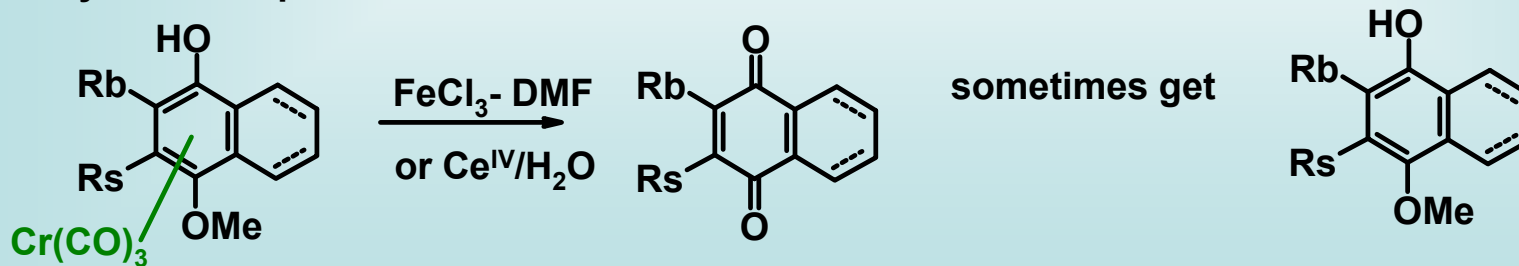
-this process also occurs on aryl substituted carbenes



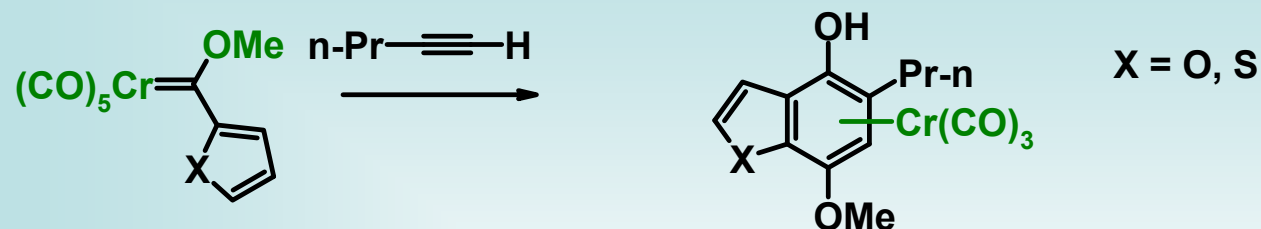
-mechanism is not obvious; it is generally accepted to be



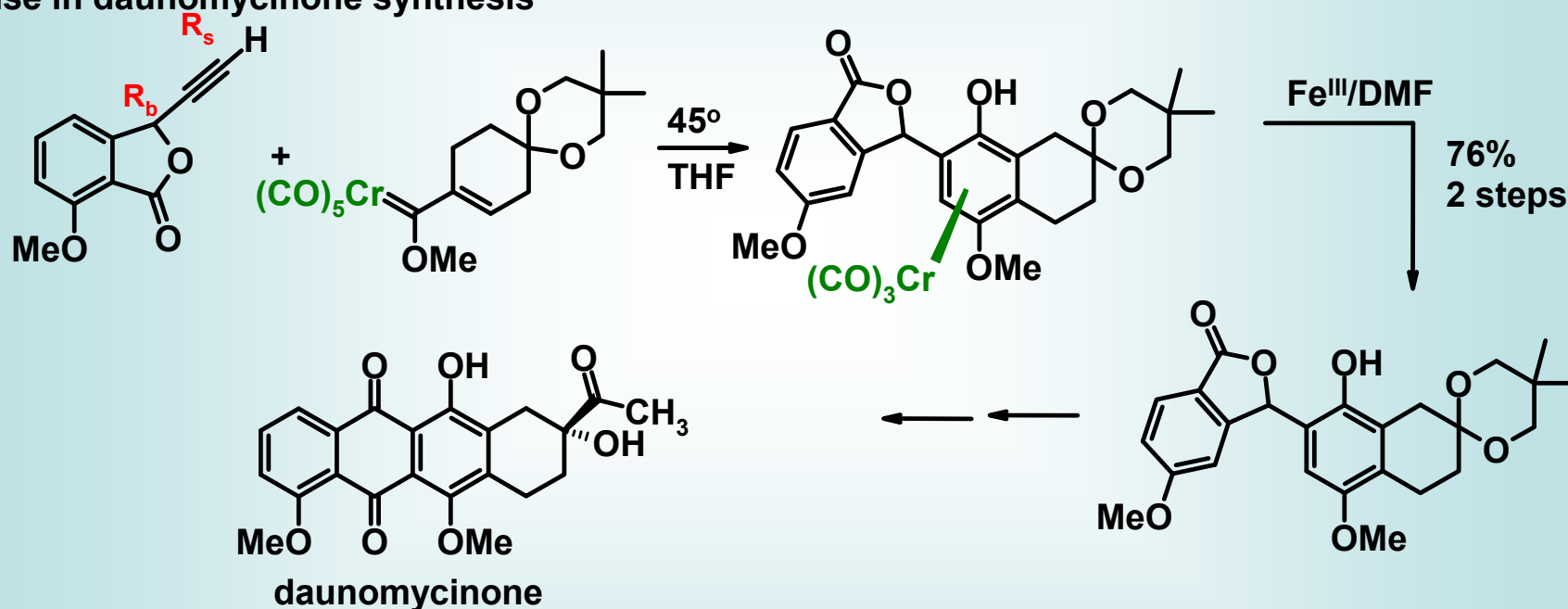
-easy to decomplex Chromium from arene



-aromatic heterocycles participate as well



-use in daunomycinone synthesis

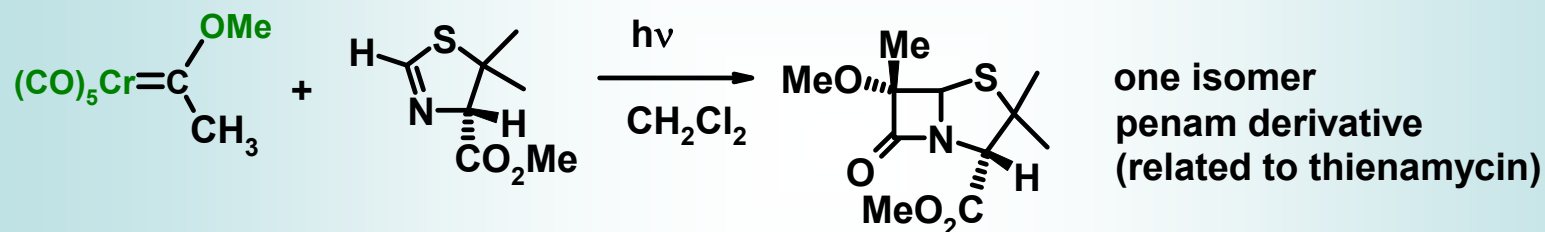
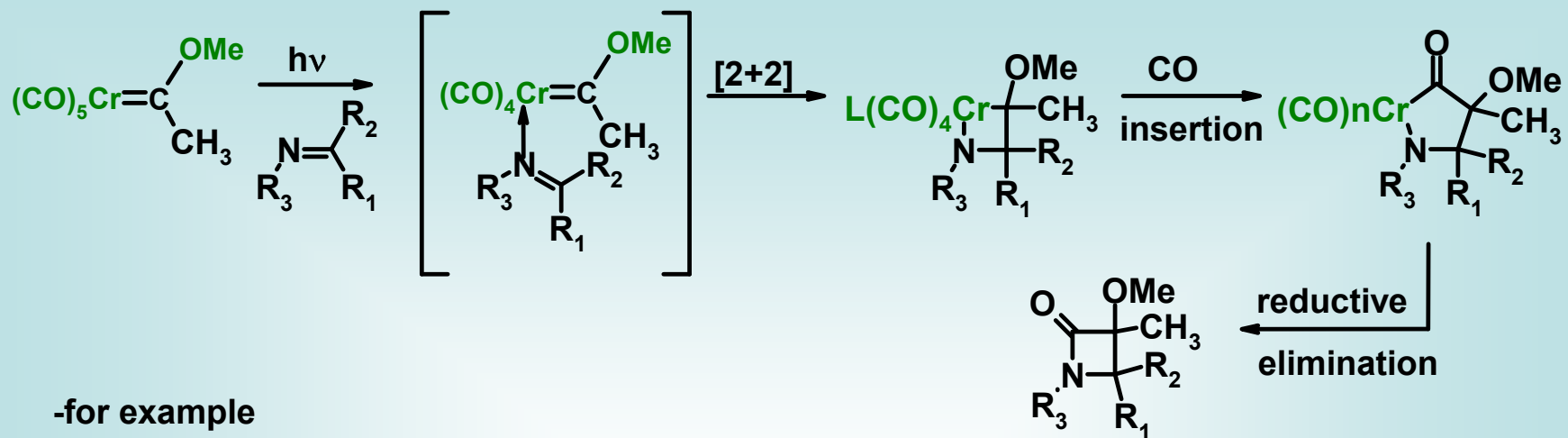


-many, many other synthetic examples -see

[R Wulff, W.D. \*Adv. Met. Org. Chem.\* 1989, 1, 209.](#)

[R Minatti, A.; Dötz, K.H. \*Topics Organomet Chem\* 2004, 13, 123.](#)

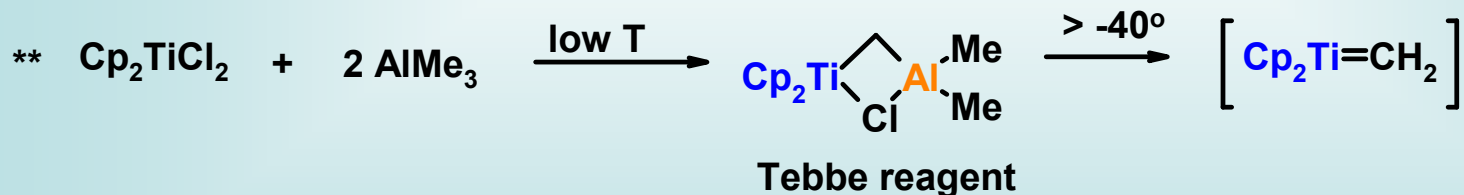
-other major ring formation reactions of Fischer carbenes is  $\beta$ -lactam synthesis



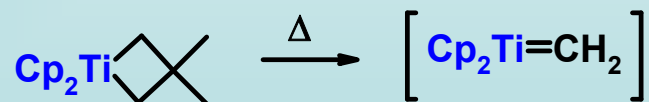
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### Schrock Carbenes (alkylidenes)

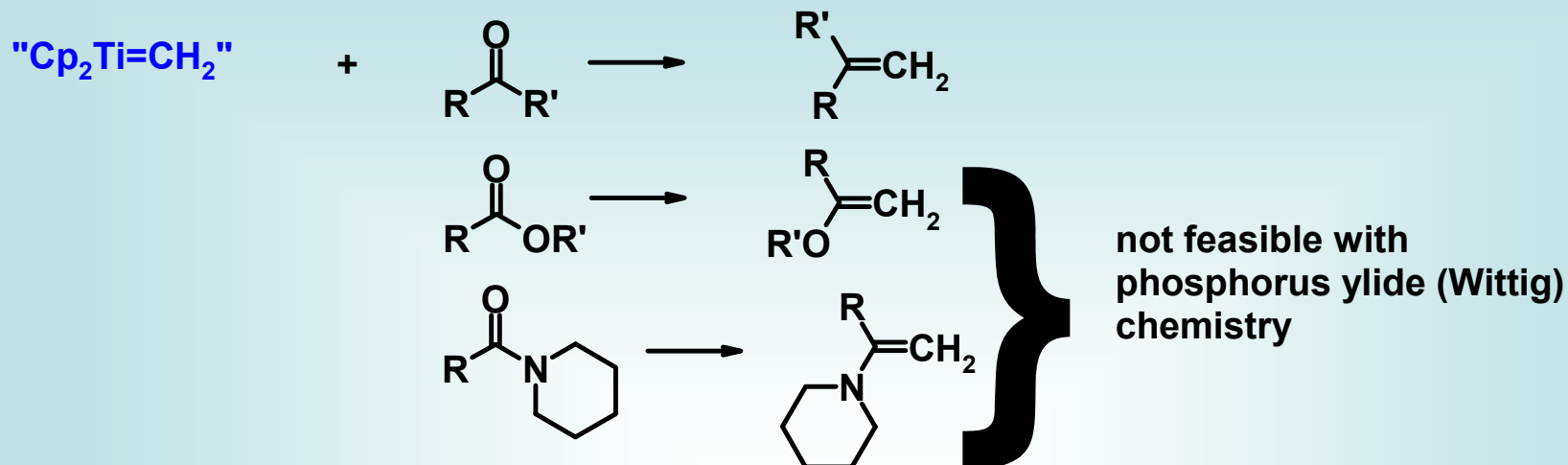
-somewhat newer - earliest version is....



or



-however one makes it...it is good at converting carbonyls into alkenes



-also works with carbonyls that are highly enolizable, whereas the Wittig reagent would simply deprotonate

[R Hartley, R.C.; McKiernan, G.J. \*J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans. 1\* \*\*2002\*\*, 2763](#)

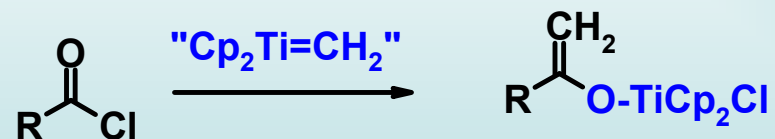
-alternative set of conditions, see:

[R Grubbs, R.H.; Pine, S.H. "Comprehensive Organic Synthesis" \*\*1991\*\*, vol 5, Ch 9.3 \(p1115\)](#)

Problems - replacing =CH<sub>2</sub> with =CHR' gives a selectivity problem  
=C=CR<sub>2</sub>, =CHPh, =CHTMS do work, however

Nico Petasis (USC)

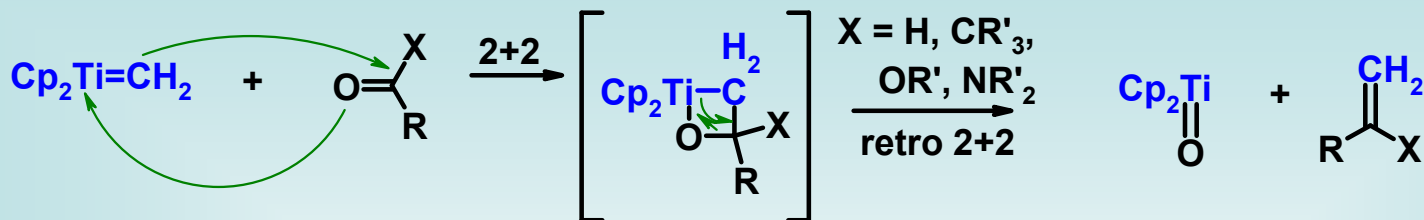
-acid chlorides do give enolates



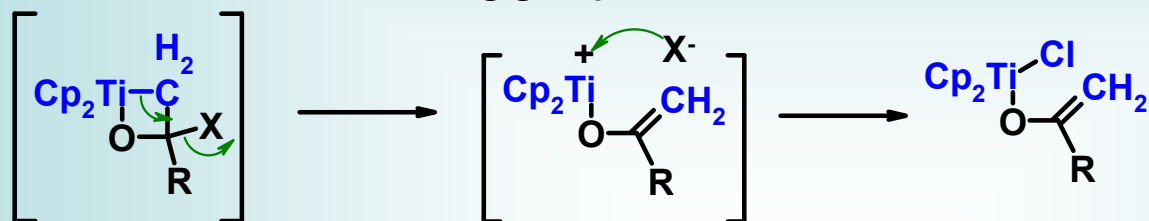
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[R Petasis, N.A. \*Pure. Appl. Chem.\* \*\*1996\*\*, 67, 667.](#)

## Mechanism - a metathesis type mechanism

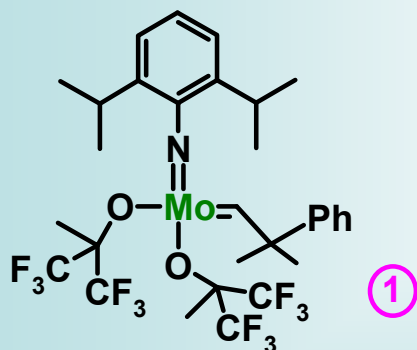


if X = Cl, it's a better leaving group, so...



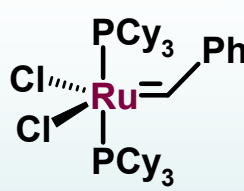
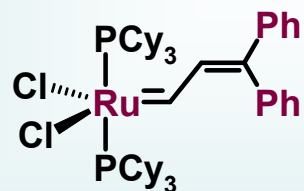
## Metathesis of Alkenes

-these 2+2 / retrograde 2+2 cycloadditions become the dominant reaction pathway with several transition metal carbenes/alkylidenes

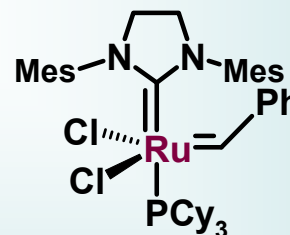


### Schrock (pre)catalyst

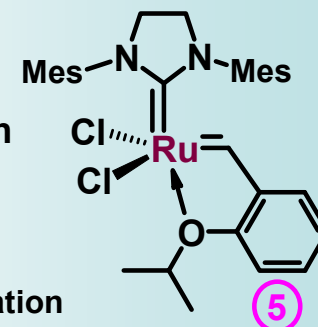
- higher reactivity
- less stable, less easily handled
- not that functional group tolerant



1<sup>st</sup> generation



2<sup>nd</sup> generation

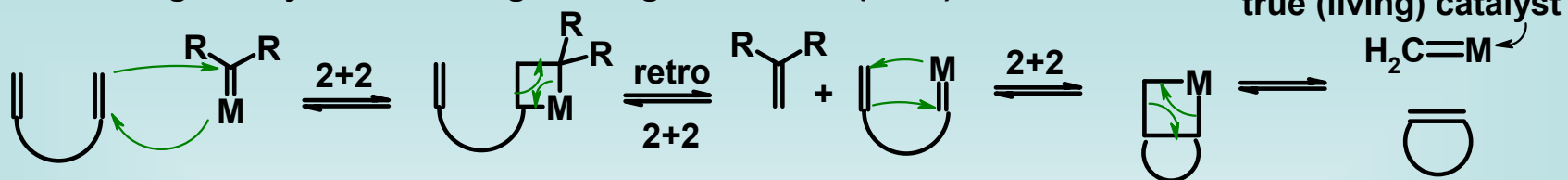


Grubbs-Hoveyda

### Grubbs' (pre)catalysts

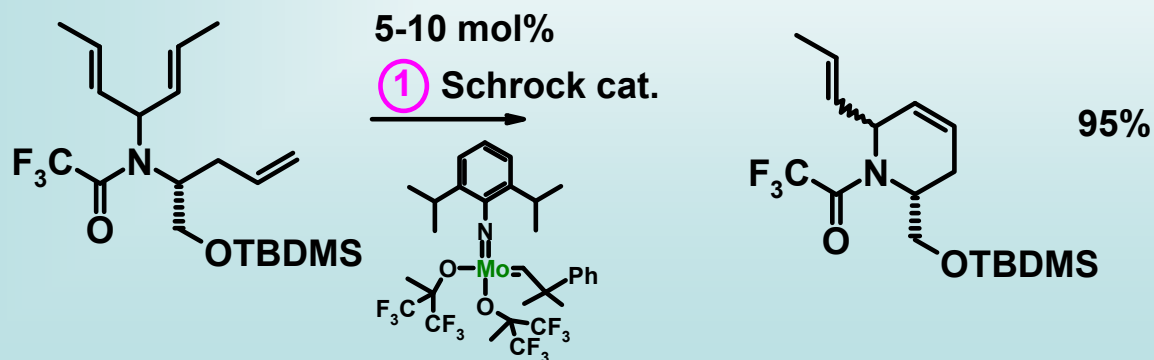
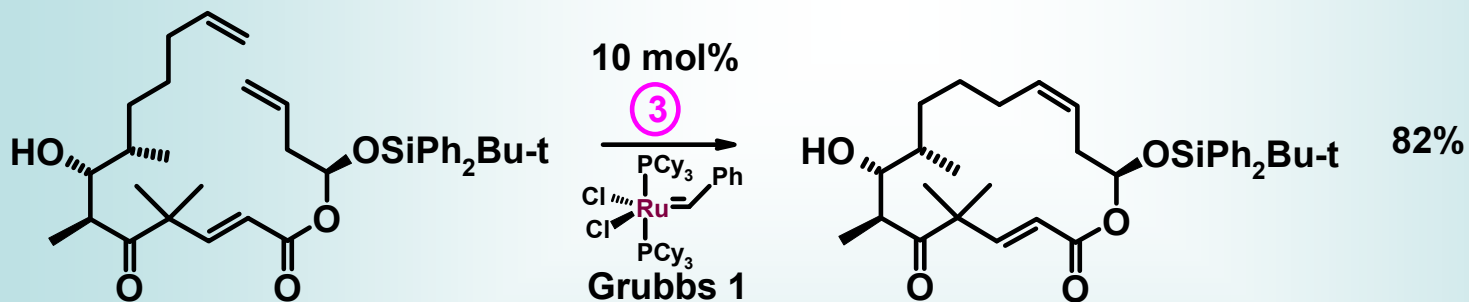
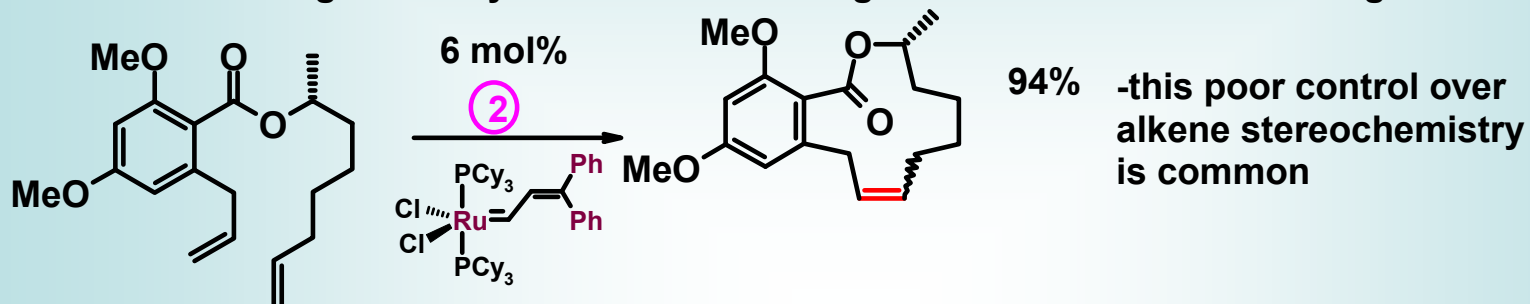
- more easily handled
- much more functional group tolerant
- less reactive (4 is close)

-use in organic synthesis - Ring Closing Metathesis (RCM)

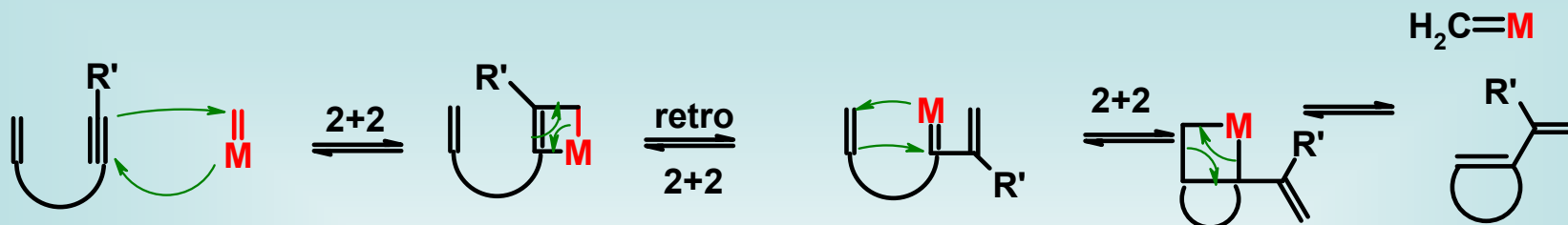


-has enormous synthetic utility

-can close rings of many sizes: normal to large - the 8-12 sizes are the toughest



-one alkyne can be used in these ring closing metathesis reactions; get a diene as product

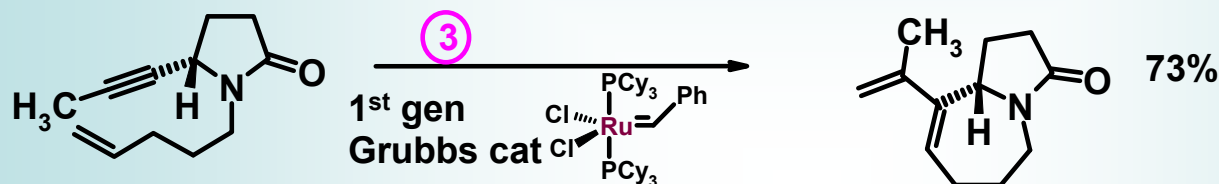


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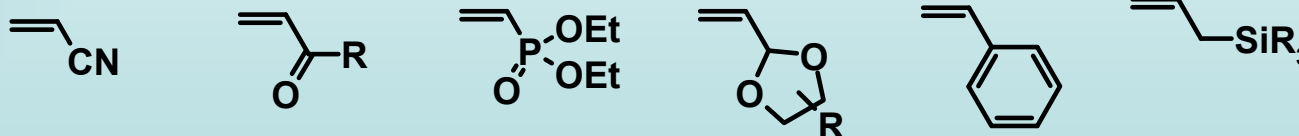
### Cross Metathesis - Intermolecular

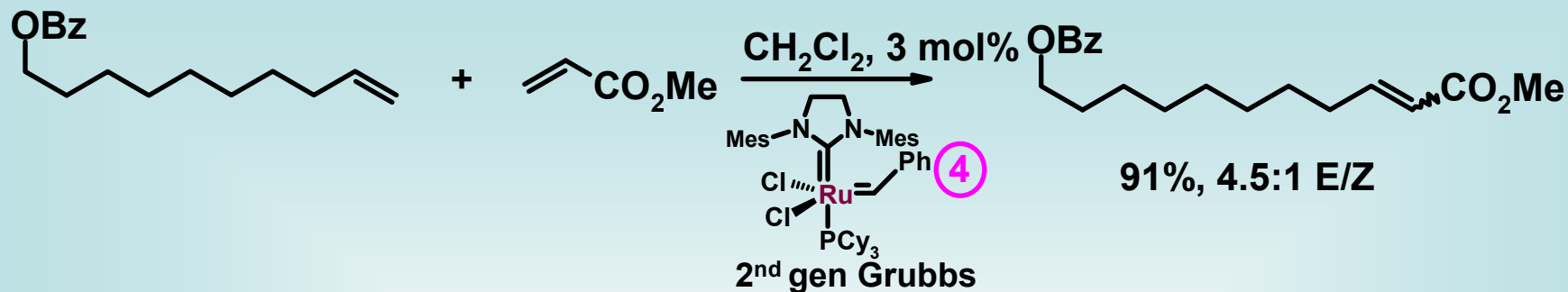
-metathesis of two alkenes can be intermolecular, but there is normally a problem with selectivity

-in some cases, an alkene can be chosen such that metathesis with itself is slowed down to almost zero

-in these cases, it is possible to do cross-metathesis with a second, unhindered alkene

-the 'slow' alkene is normally either  $\text{H}_2\text{C}=\text{CH}-\text{EWG}$  or  $\text{H}_2\text{C}=\text{CH}-\text{BIG}$





R Connon, S.J.; Blechert, S. *Angew. Chem. int. Ed. Engl.* **2003**, *42*, 1900.

Note: There is much work and progress in the RCM of diynes, using alkylidyne (carbyne) intermediates



R Furstner, A.; Davies, P.W. *Chem. Commun.* **2005**, 2307.

Ring Closing Metathesis reviews - many, many, many - selected ones include..

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R Hoveyda, A.H.; Schrock, R.R. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Engl.* **2003**, *42*, 4592 (Mo)

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R Jafarour, L.; Nolan, S.P. *J. Organomet. Chem.* **2001**, 617-618, 17.

R Tanka, T.M.; Grubbs, R.H. *Acc. Chem. Res.* **2001**, *34*, 18.

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