

“...To them and to those starting careers in chemistry, I would offer the following advice: Never underestimate what you can accomplish if you prepare yourself well, continue to learn, work hard and optimistically, and value your integrity.”

- 1951 Instructor @ UI
- 1953 Assistant Prof. @ UI
- 1956 Prof. @ UI
- 1959 Prof. @ Harvard
- 1965 Chairman, Department of Chemistry @ Harvard;
Sheldon Emery Prof. @ Harvard
- 1997 Todd Prof. @ Cambridge
- 2000 Sheldon Emery Research Prof. @ Harvard

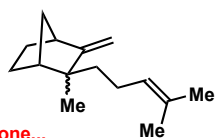
Representative Award:

National Medal of Science
Nobel Prize
Priestley Medal
...

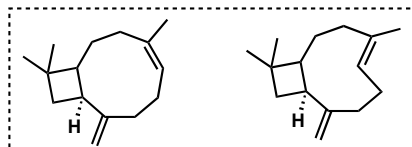
Major Academic Interests

Total Synthesis of Natural Product
Biosynthesis of Natural Product
Synthetic Methodology
Computer-Aided Drug Design
...

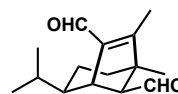
30 articles in 10 years
from C_xH_y to C_xH_yO_z,
including hydrocarbon, terpene, hormone...



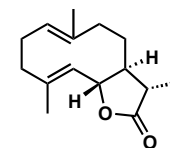
β-santalene &
epi-β-santalene
JACS, 1962, 84, 2611



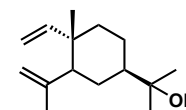
(±)-caryophyllene (±)-isocaryophyllene
JACS, 1963, 85, 362
JACS, 1964, 86, 485



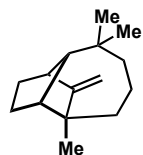
helminthosporal
JACS, 1963, 85, 3527



Dihydrocostunolide
JACS, 1963, 85, 4033
JACS, 1965, 87, 5736

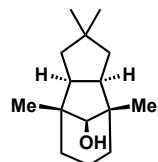


(±)-elemol
TL, 1969, 10, 1779

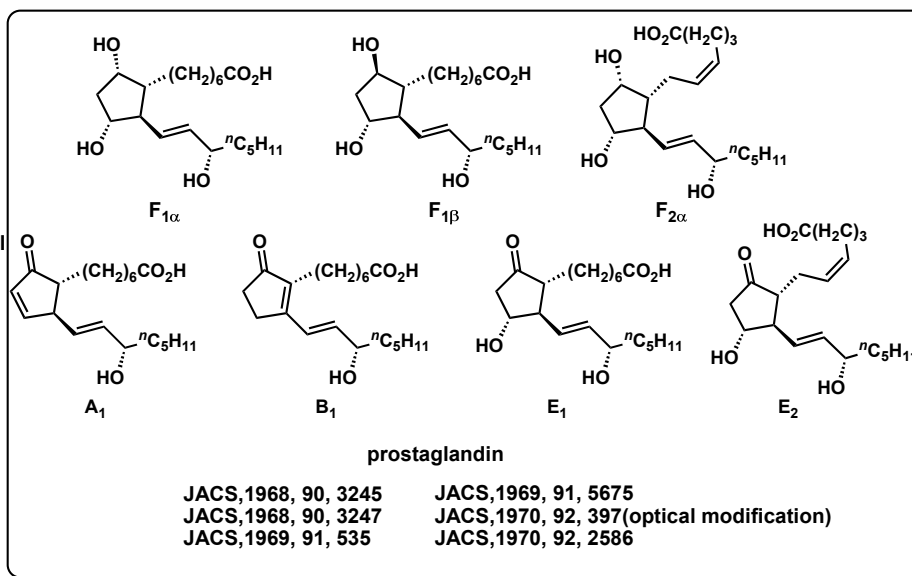


(±)-longifolene

JACS, 1961, 83, 1251
JACS, 1962, 84, 2938
JACS, 1964, 86, 478



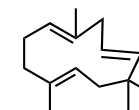
meso-α-caryophyllene alcohol
JACS, 1964, 86, 1652
JACS, 1965, 87, 5733



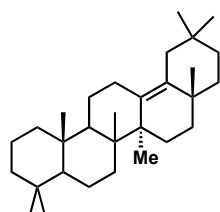
prostaglandin

JACS, 1968, 90, 3245
JACS, 1968, 90, 3247
JACS, 1969, 91, 535

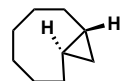
JACS, 1969, 91, 5675
JACS, 1970, 92, 397 (optical modification)
JACS, 1970, 92, 2586



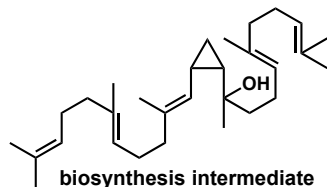
humulene
JACS, 1967, 89, 2758



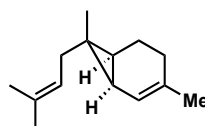
Olean-11,12;13,18-diene
JACS, 1963, 85, 3979



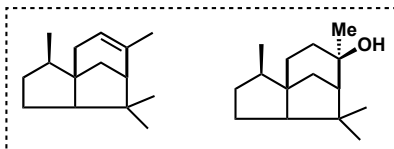
trans-bicyclo[6.1.0]
TL, 1968, 9, 3655



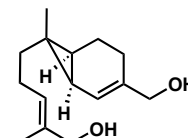
biosynthesis intermediate
TL, 1968, 9, 5113



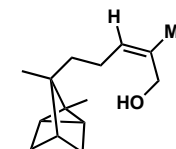
(±)-sesquicarene
TL, 1969, 10, 1837
TL, 1969, 10, 3257



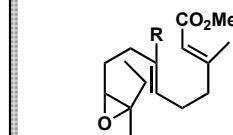
(±)-cedrene & cedrol
JACS, 1969, 91, 1557



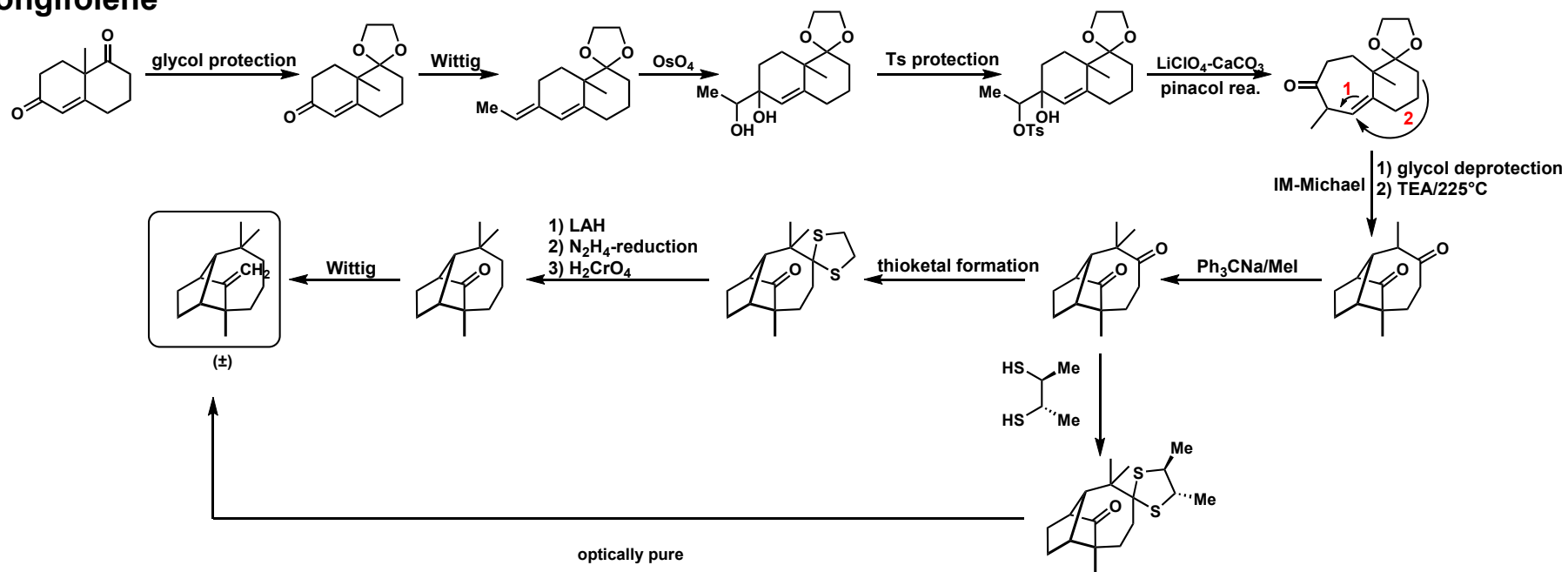
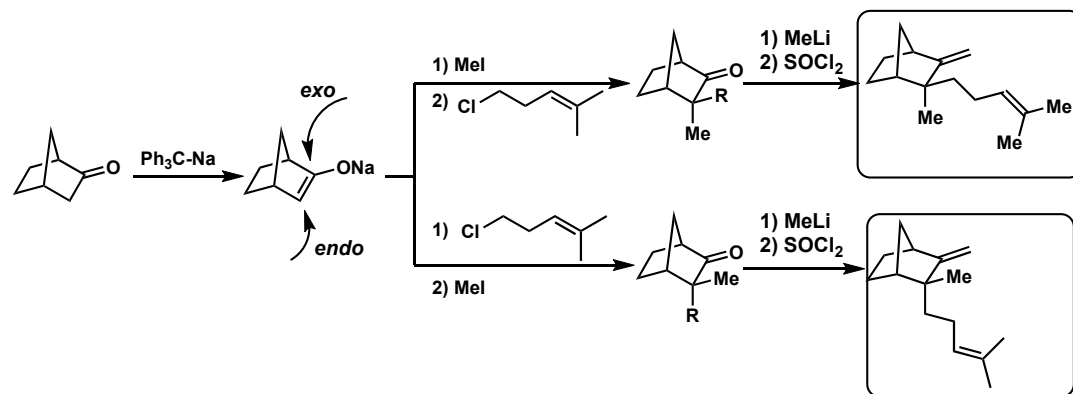
(±)-sirenin
JACS, 1969, 91, 4318
TL, 1970, 11, 2245



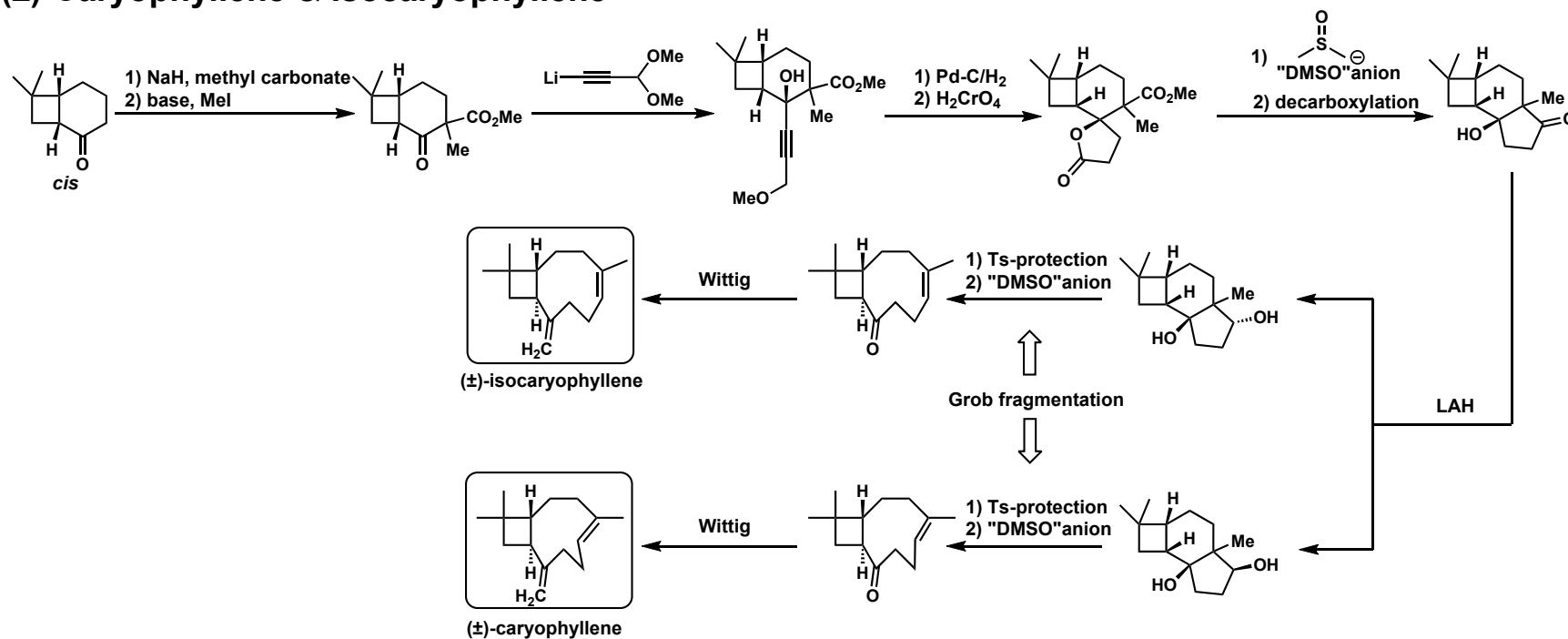
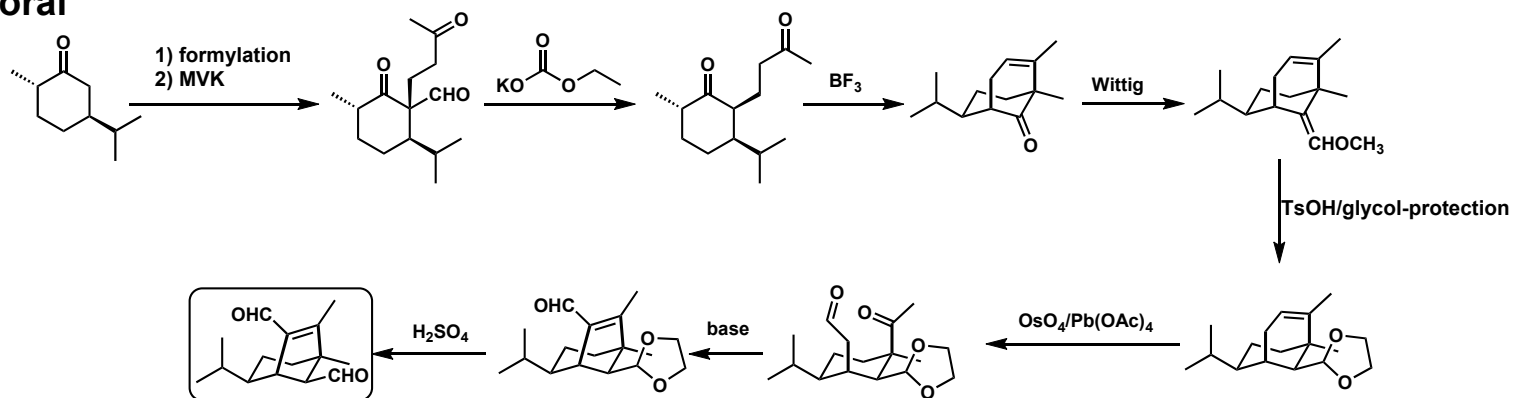
α-santalol
JACS, 1970, 92, 6314



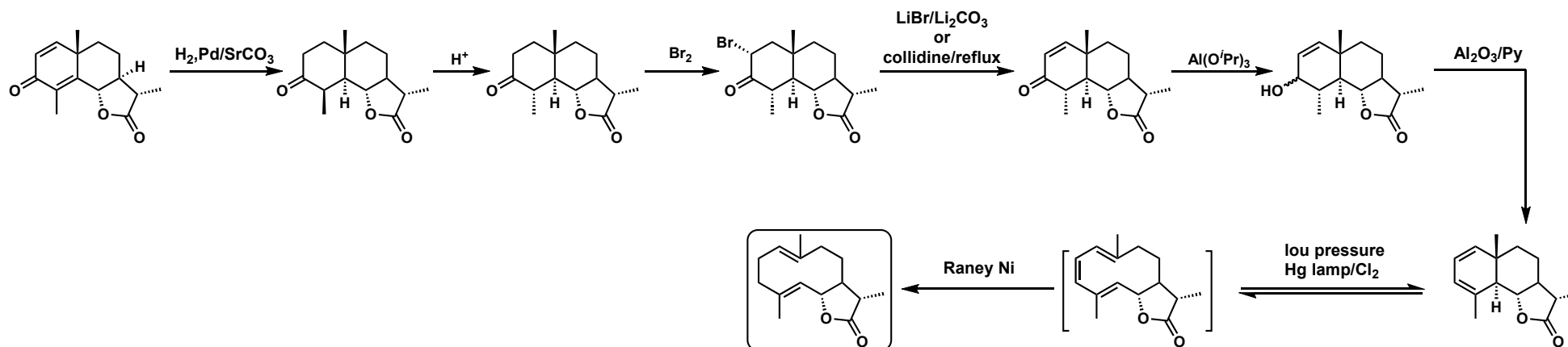
(±)-cecropia juvenile hormone
R=Me or Et
JACS, 1968, 90, 5618
JACS, 1970, 92, 6636
JACS, 1970, 92, 6637

(±)-Longifolene**β-Santalene**

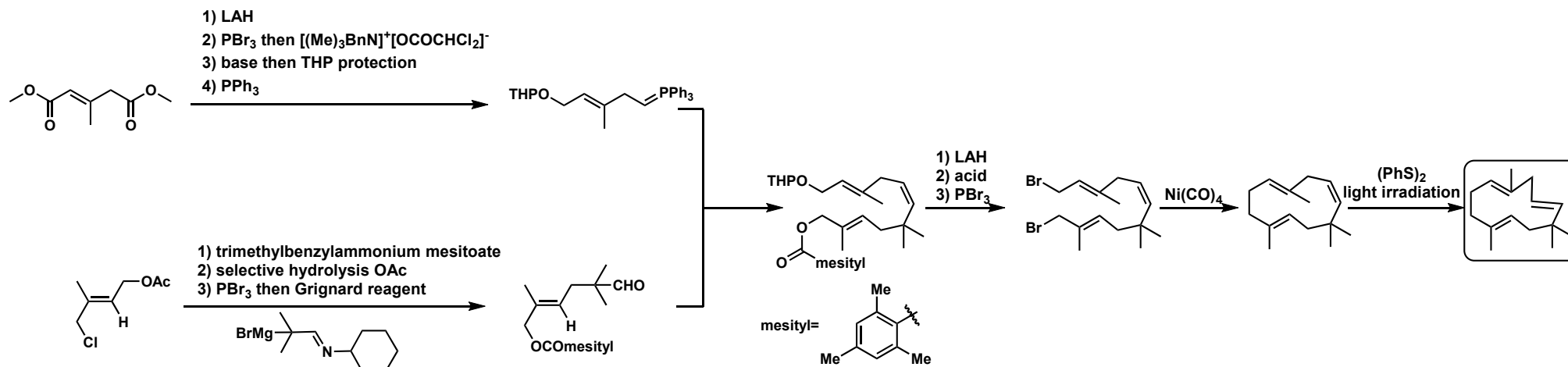
Nucleophilic attack rate: $\text{exo} > \text{endo}$
(kinetic control)

(±)-Caryophyllene & Isocaryophyllene**Helminthosporal**

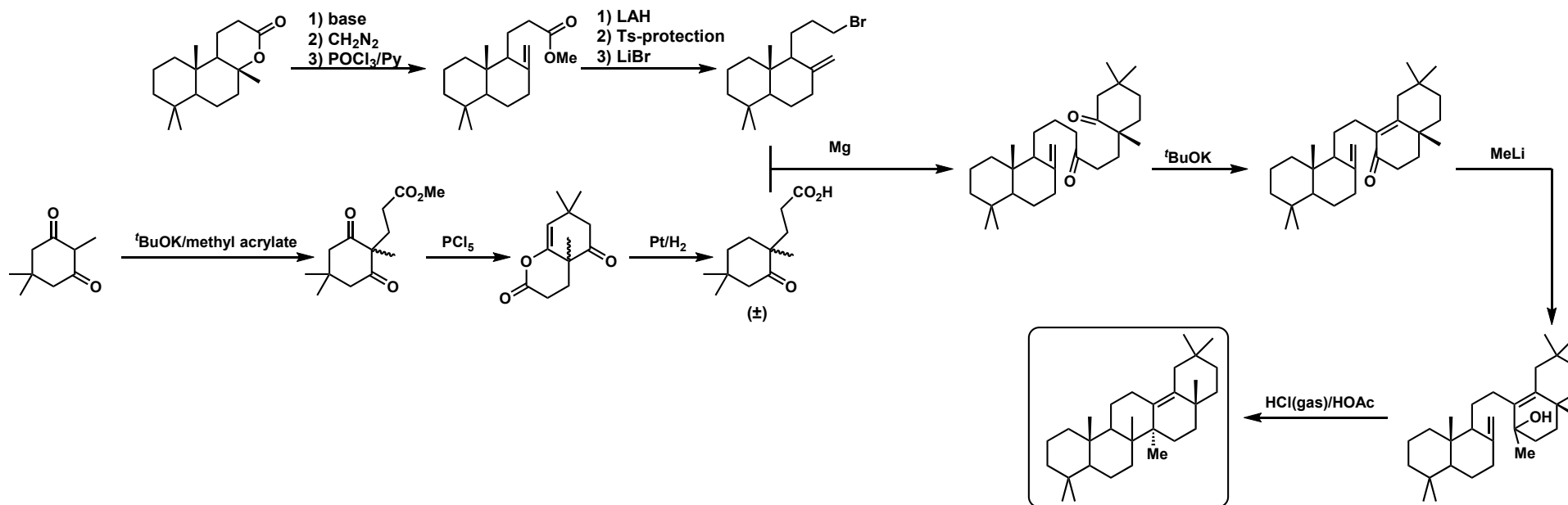
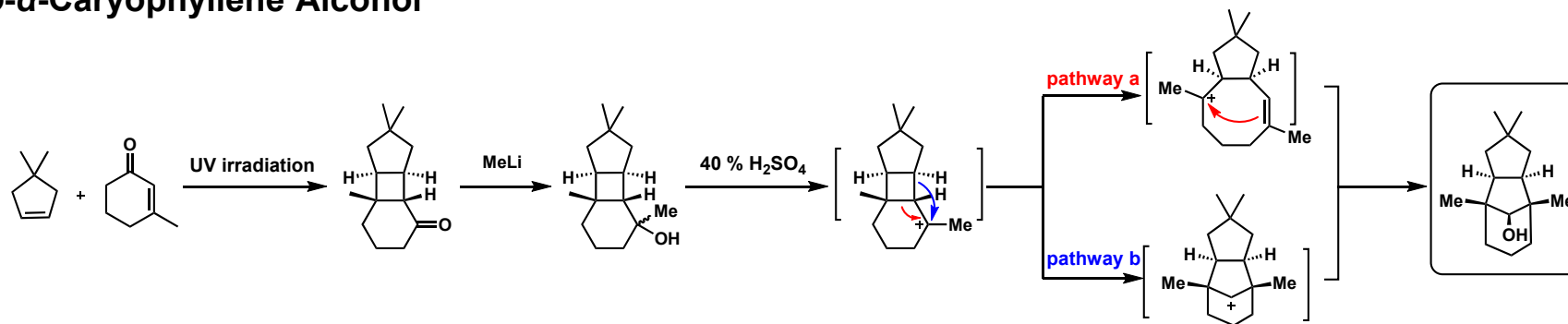
Dihydrocostunolide

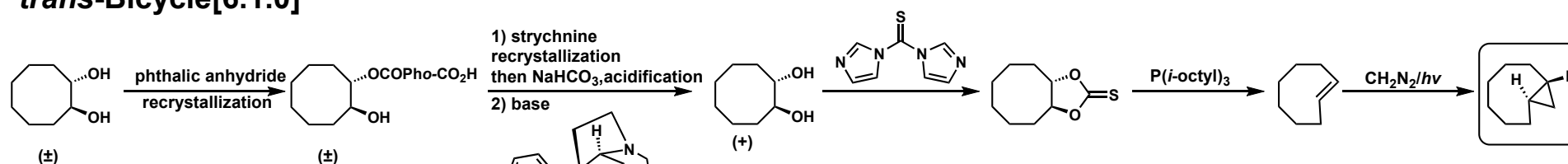
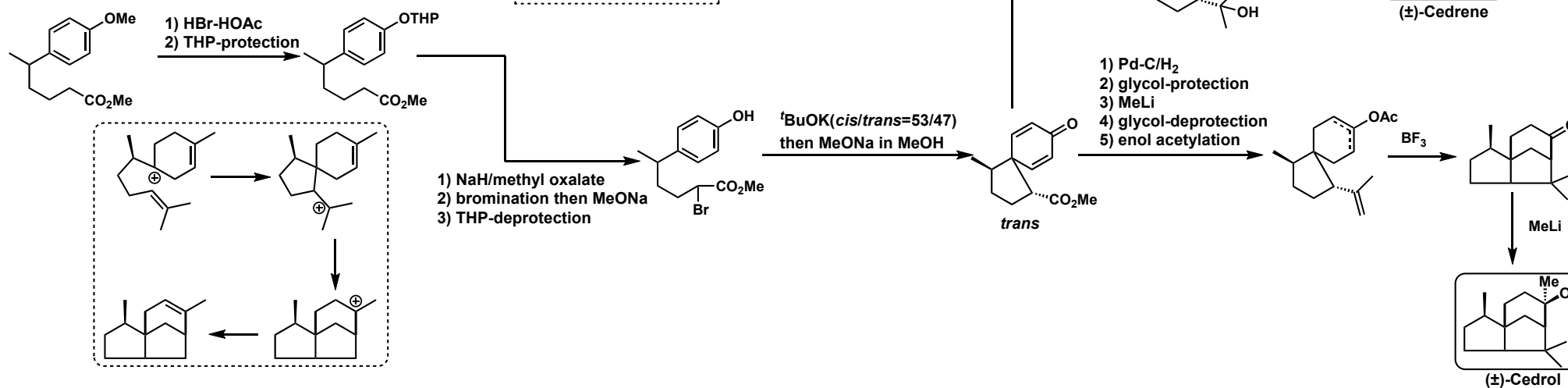
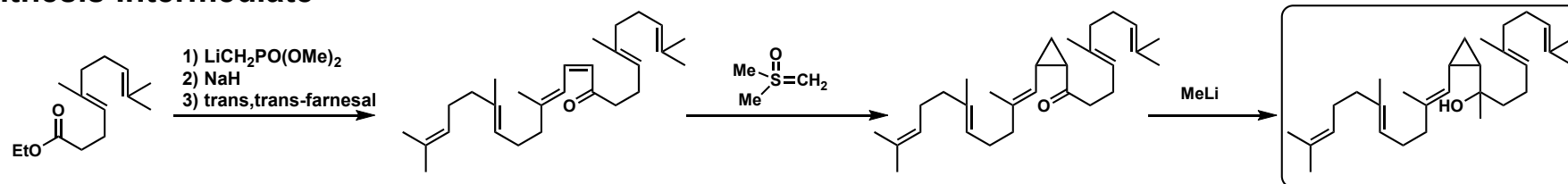


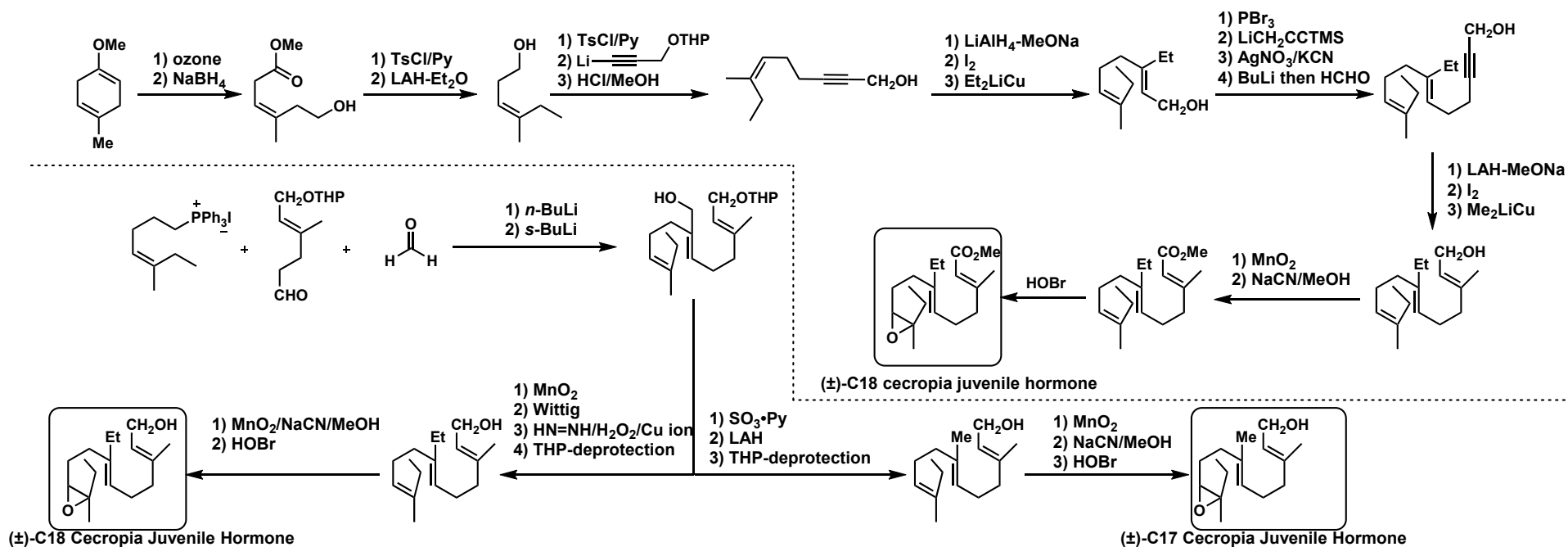
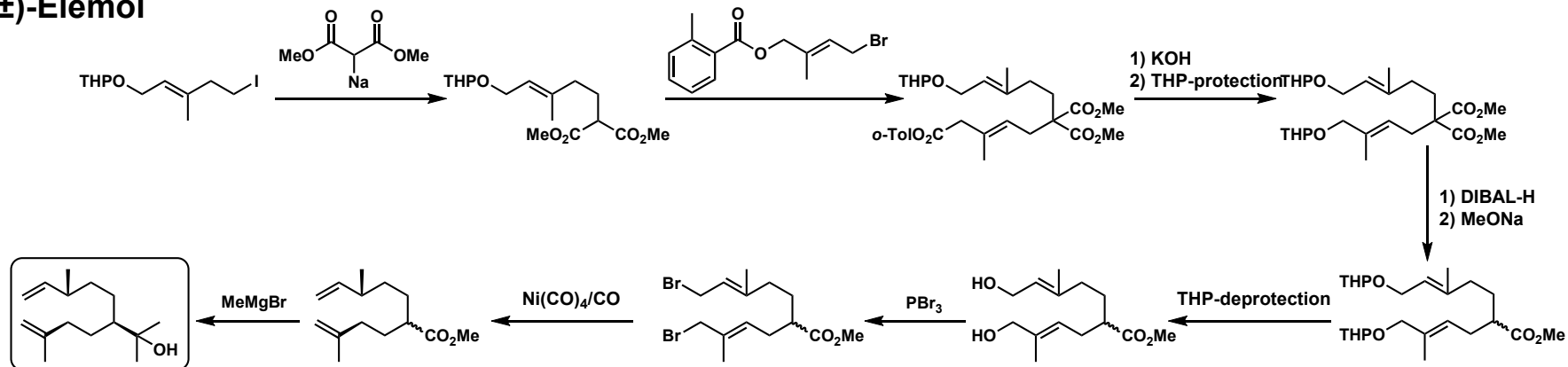
Humulene

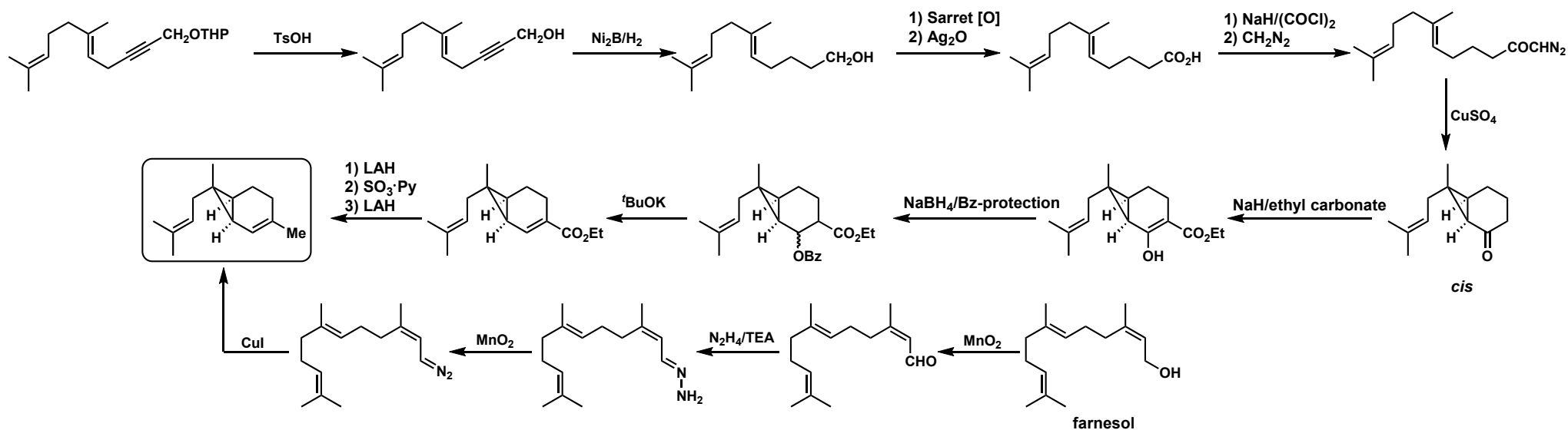
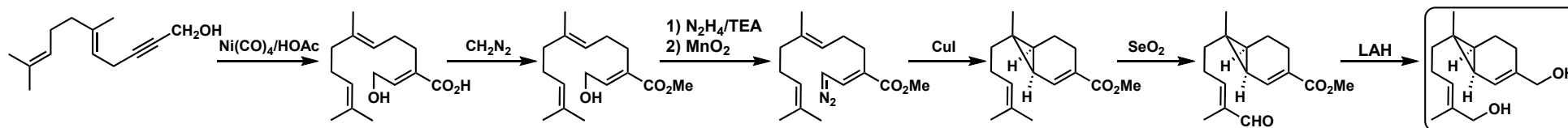
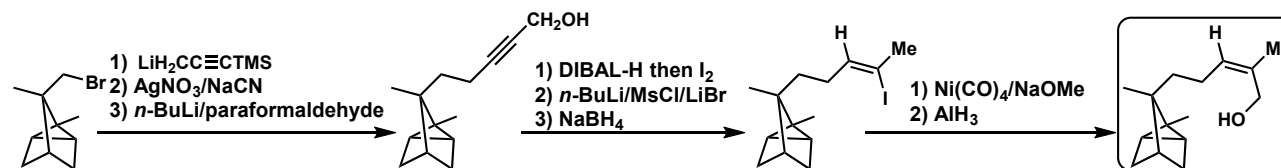


Olean-11,12;13,18-Diene

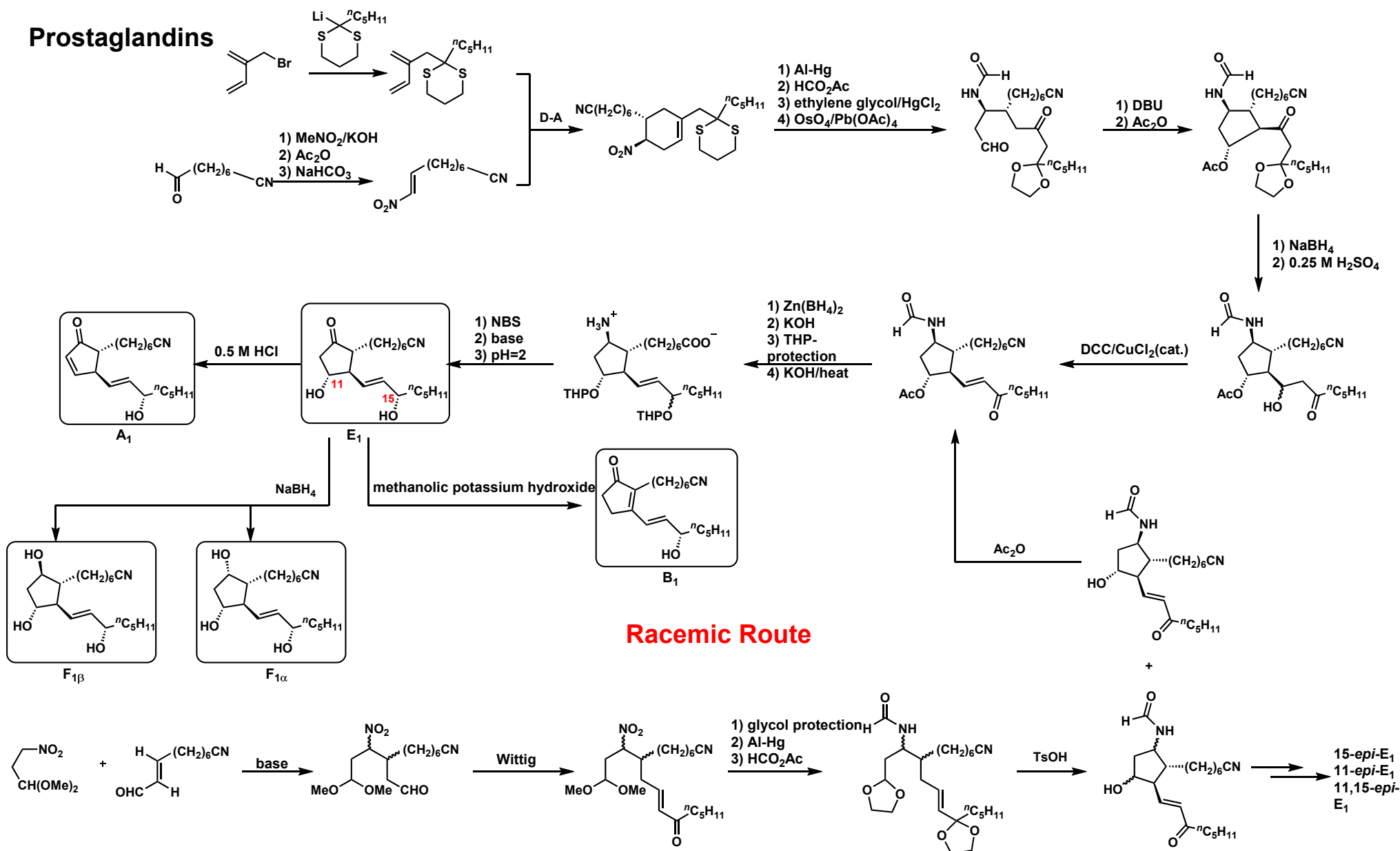
*meso*- α -Caryophyllene Alcohol

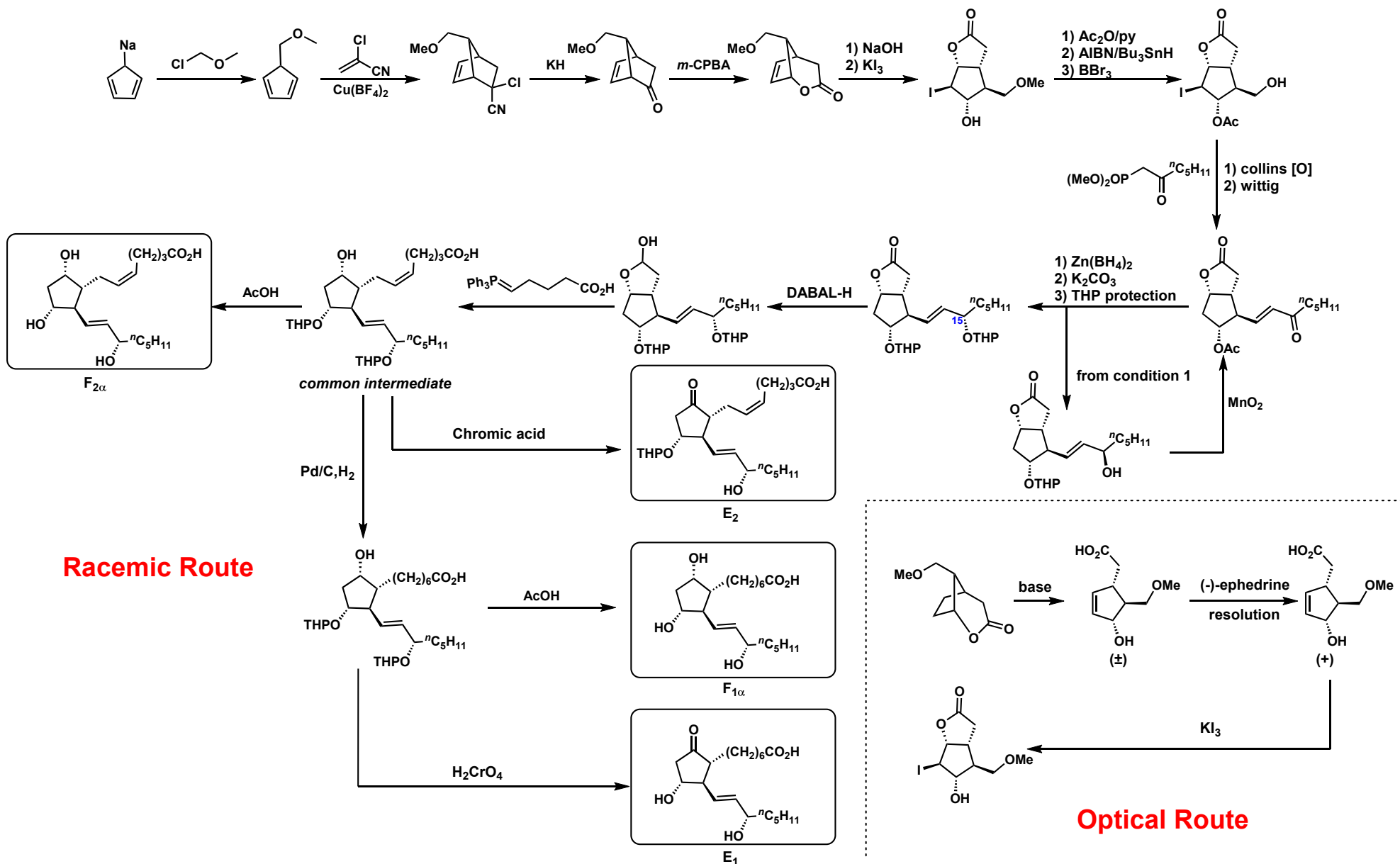
trans*-Bicycle[6.1.0]**(\pm)*-Cedrene & Cedrol****Biosynthesis Intermediate**

(±)-Cecropia Juvenile Hormone(C₁₇:R=Me;C₁₈:R=Et)**(±)-Elemol**

(±)-Sesquicarene**(±)-Sirenin** **α -Santalol**

Prostaglandins

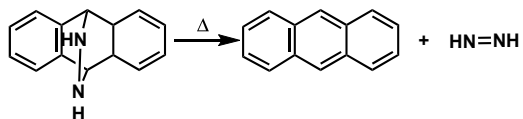




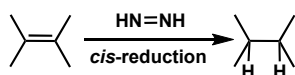
Diimide Reduction

TL, 1961, 2, 347
 JACS, 1961, 83, 2957
 JACS, 1962, 84, 685

Preparation



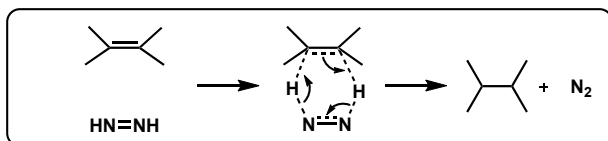
General Formula



con 1: N₂H₂-O₂-copper ion
 con 2: N₂H₂-H₂O₂-copper ion

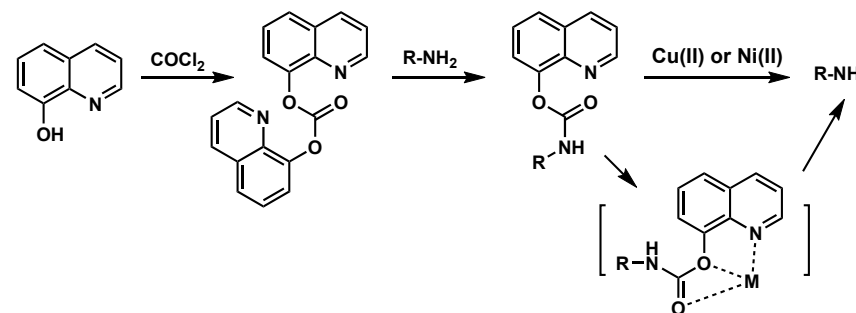
		82% ¹
		76% ²
		80% ¹
		88% ¹
gibberellic acid	tetrahydrogibberellic acid	74% ²
cholesterol	cholestanol	20% ¹
		78% ²

Mechanism



Protection Group of Amino Acid

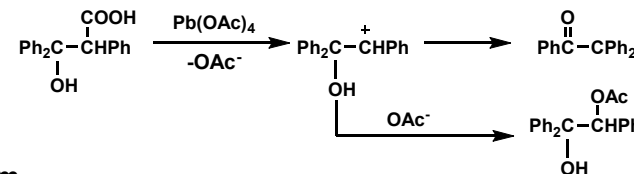
JACS, 1962, 84, 4899



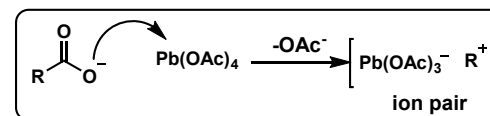
Oxidative Decarboxylation by Pb(IV)

Angew Chem, 1962, 74, 88

General Formula



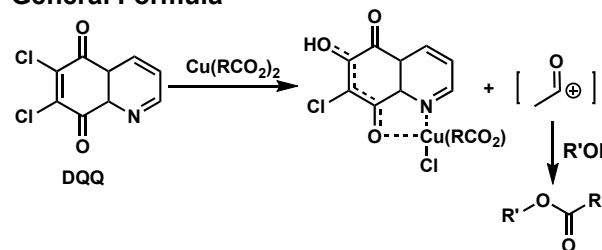
Mechanism



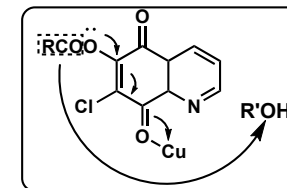
Acylation of Alcohol by DQQ

JACS, 1962, 84, 4904

General Formula

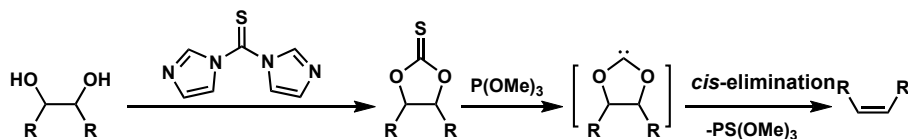


Mechanism



1,2-Diol-*cis*-Elimination

General Formula

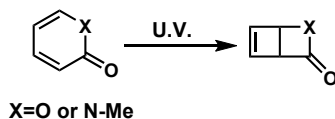
JACS, 1963, 85, 2677
JACS, 1965, 87, 934

		92%
		87%
		84%
		81%

Isomerization of 2-Pyrone and *N*-methyl-2-pyridone

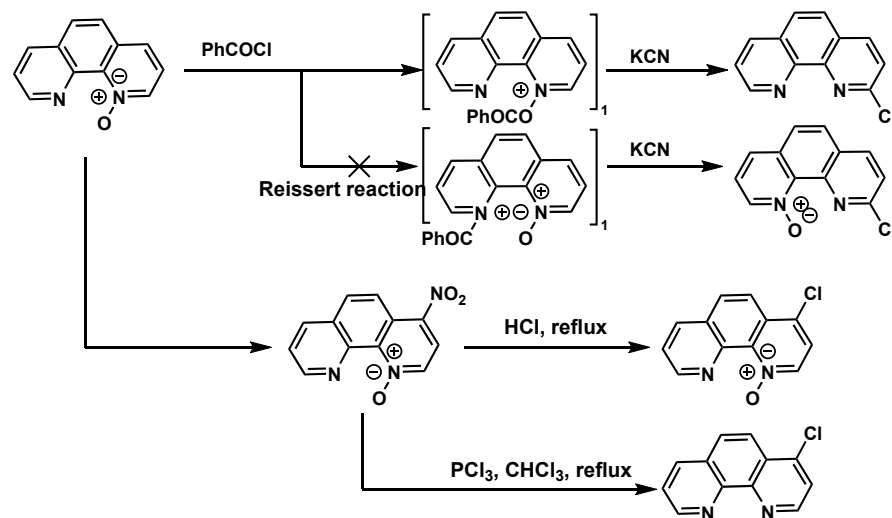
General Formula

JACS, 1964, 86, 950

Conversion of 1,10-Phenanthroline *N*-oxide

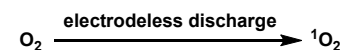
General Formula

JOC, 1965, 30, 288

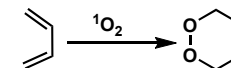
Singlet O_2 Peroxidation

Preparation

JACS, 1964, 86, 3881



General Formula



Tested Substrates

- 1) 9,10-disubstituted anthracene: dimethyl, diphenyl rate: Me > Ph > H
- 2) reactive 1,3-diene: α -terpinene, 2,5-Di-phenyl-3,4-isobenzofuran

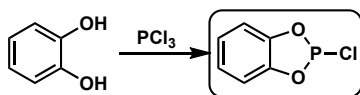
Tips:

1. Solvent effect is important. Chlorobenzene/bromobenzene/nitrobenzen are better than iodobenzene/anisole/DMSO (reaction rate).
2. Olefins can not be converted into allylic hydroperoxides.

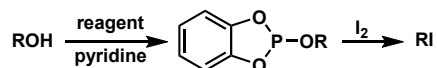
Reagent for Converting Alcohol into Alkyl Iodide

Preparation

JOC, 1967, 32, 4160



General Formula



		87%
		80%
		61%
		76%
		72%
	<i>cis:trans = 4:1</i>	

Homologation of Primary Halide

TL, 1968, 9, 5787

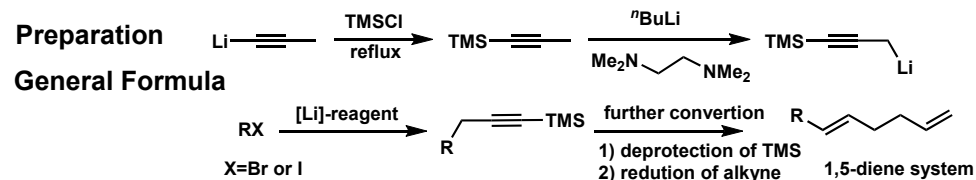
General Formula



Lithio-1-substituted Propyne

TL, 1968, 9, 5041

1. Lithio-1-TMS-propyne



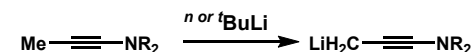
Advantages Compared with Allylic Coupling Reagents

1. TMS served as bulky group and blocked the acidic proton at C₁ making metallation occurred at C₃ (stereo®ioselectivity)
2. suppressing the formation of allen product (controlling of 1,3-allylic transposition)

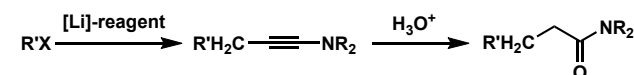
2. Lithio-1-propyn amine

JOC, 1970, 35, 3405

Preparation



General Formula



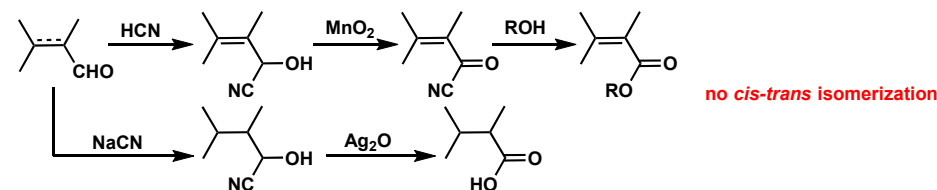
Features:

1. R=bulky (eg. *i*-Pr.)
2. X=I>Br>Cl (N.R)
- 3: lithium-halogen exchange could be side-reaction

Oxidation of α,β -unsaturated Aldehyde

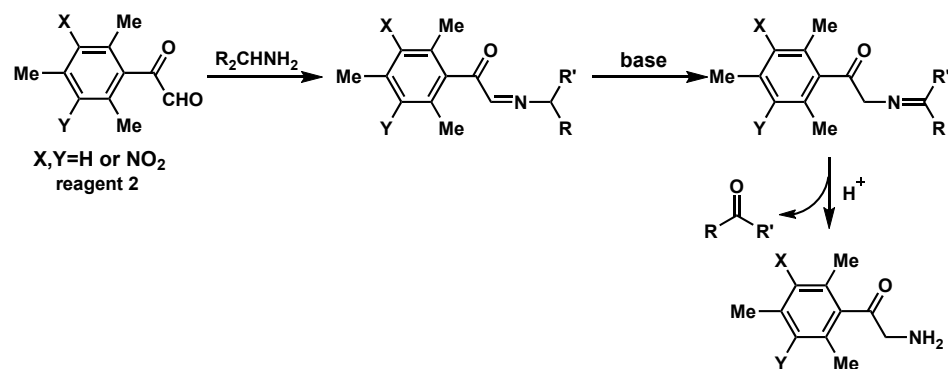
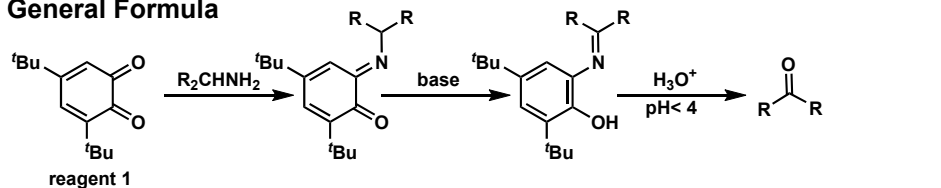
General Formula

JACS, 1968, 90, 5616



Oxidation of Primary Amines to Ketones

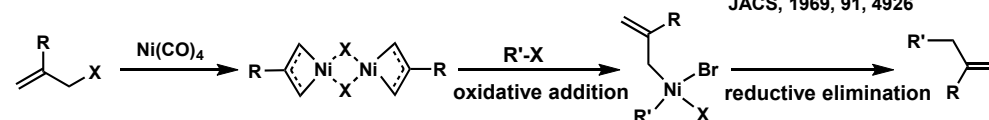
General Formula



Benzhydrylamine	ketone, 83% - 90%	reagent 1 & reagent 2
α -Phenylethylamine	ketone, 84% - 98%	
2-exo-Bornylamine	ketone, 69% - 92%	
Cyclopentylamine	ketone, 75% - 93%	
Cyclohexylamine	ketone, 58% - 97%	
Cyclododecylamine	ketone, 75% - 97%	
Benzylamine	aldehyde, 55% - 78%	reagent 2
¹² Dodecylamine	aldehyde, low yield	

Nickel Carbonyl

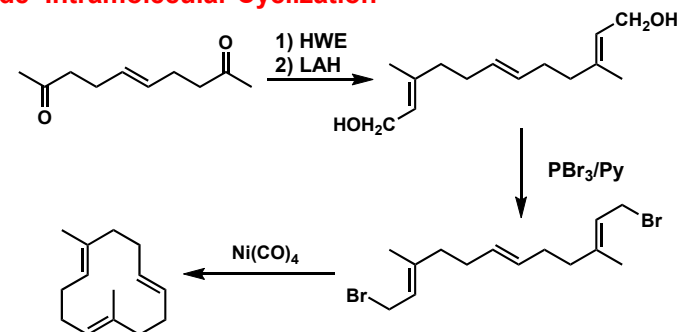
General Formula



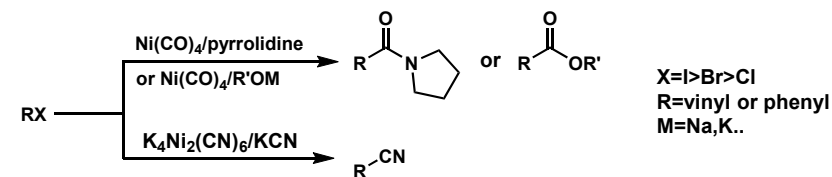
1. Cross Coupling

R = Me, CO₂Et, H
X = Cl, Br, I

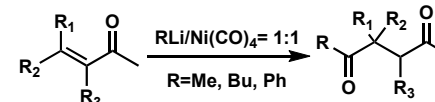
2. Dibromide Intramolecular Cyclization



3. Homologation(carbonyl insertion)



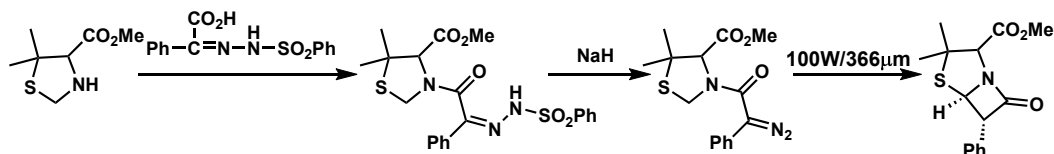
4. 1,4 Addition of Acyl Groups to Conjugated Enones



Tested Substrate: benzalacetone, methyl cinnamate, 2-cyclohexenone, 3-buten-2-one, 3-methyl-3-penten-2-one, mesityl oxide, methyl crotonate

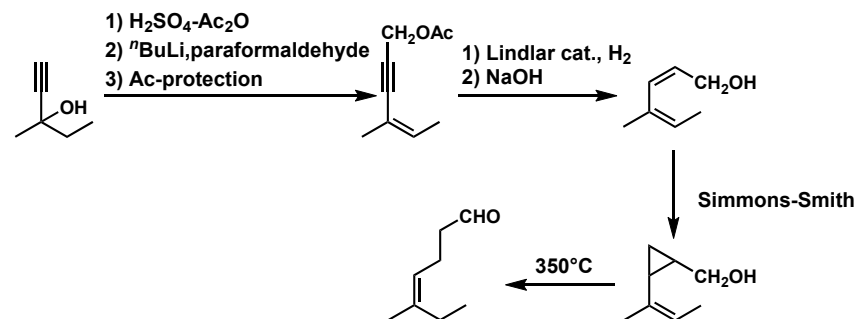
A New Synthetic Approach to the Penicillin

JACS, 1965, 87, 2518



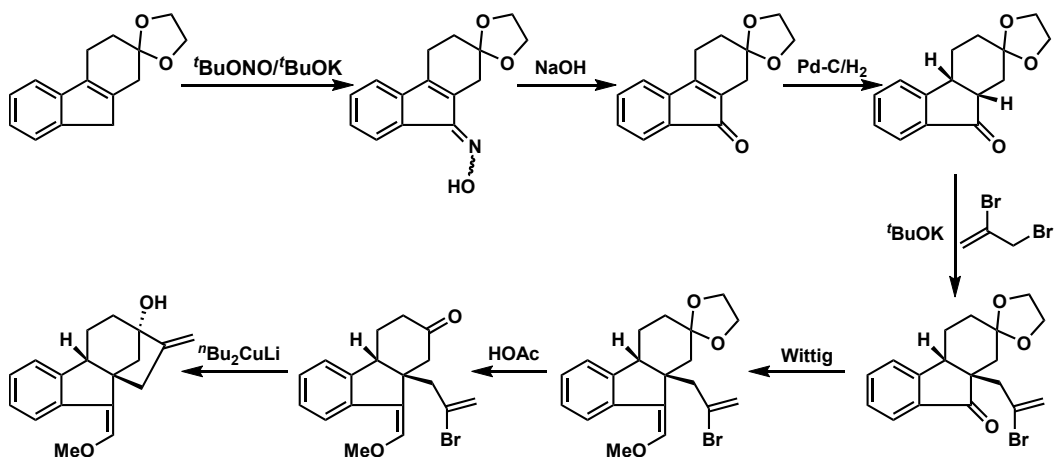
Trisubstituted Olefin Synthesis

JACS, 1970, 92, 6635



Route to the Gibberellic Acids Skeleton

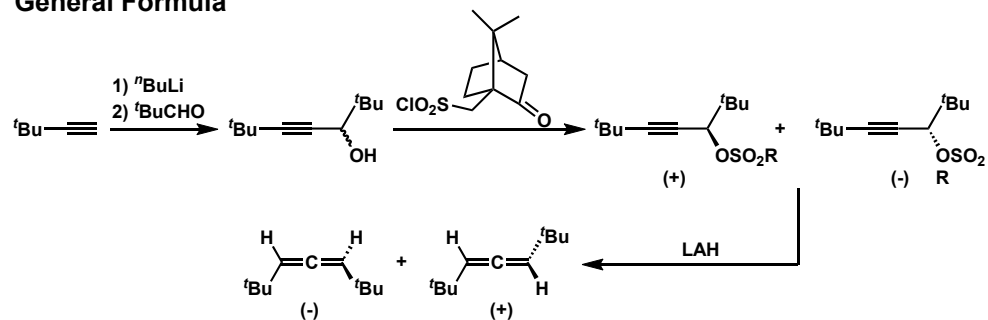
JACS, 1970, 92, 396



Synthesis of Optically Active Allene

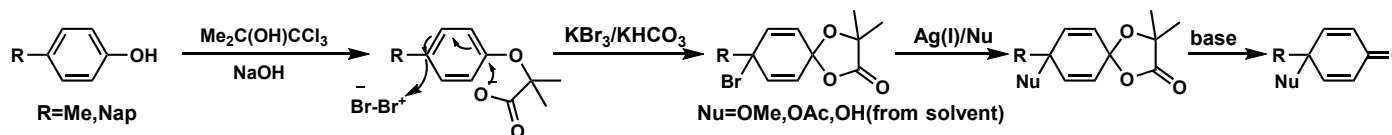
TL, 1969, 10, 313

General Formula



Conversion of Phenoxy Grouping into Cyclic Polyfunctional System

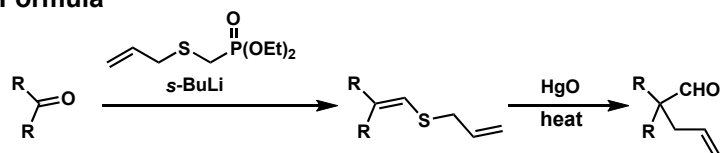
JACS, 1969, 91, 4782



Spiro Annulation of a Carbonyl Group

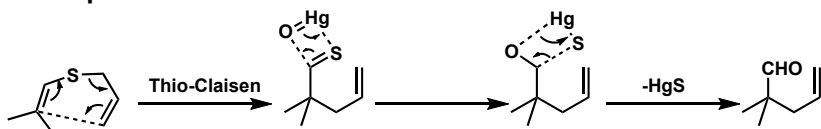
General Formula

JACS, 1970, 92, 5522



cyclohexanone	83%	82%
cyclooctanone	19%	72%
cyclododecanone	54%	74%
fluorenone	81%	43%
norbornanone	65%	83%
adamantanone	72%	45%
benzaldehyde	83%	39%
camphor	trace	

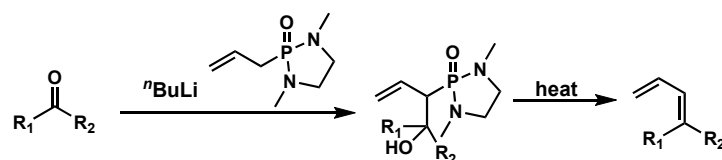
Proposed Mechanism



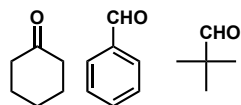
Reagent for Synthesis of 1,1-Disubstituted Diene

General Formula

JOC, 1969, 34, 3053



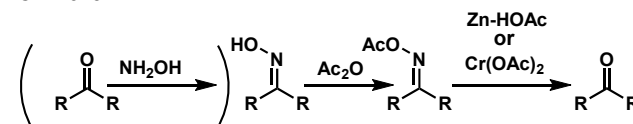
Tested Substrates



Conversion of Ketoximes to Ketones by Chromous Acetate

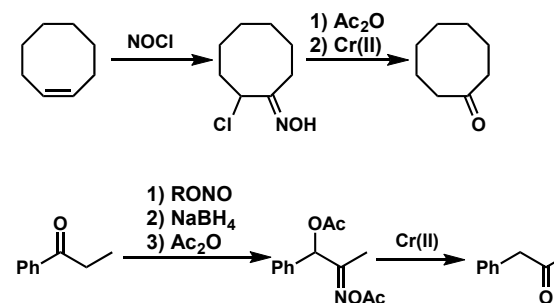
JACS, 1970, 92, 5276

General Formula



cyclohexanone	84%
phenylacetone	74%
camphor	88%
propiophenone	80%
2-methyl-2-cyclohexenone	80%
progesterone 20-monoxime O-acetate	84%
1,4-cyclohexanedione	92%
mono-hemithioethylene ketal	92%
4-benzoyloxycyclohexanone	95%

Other Application



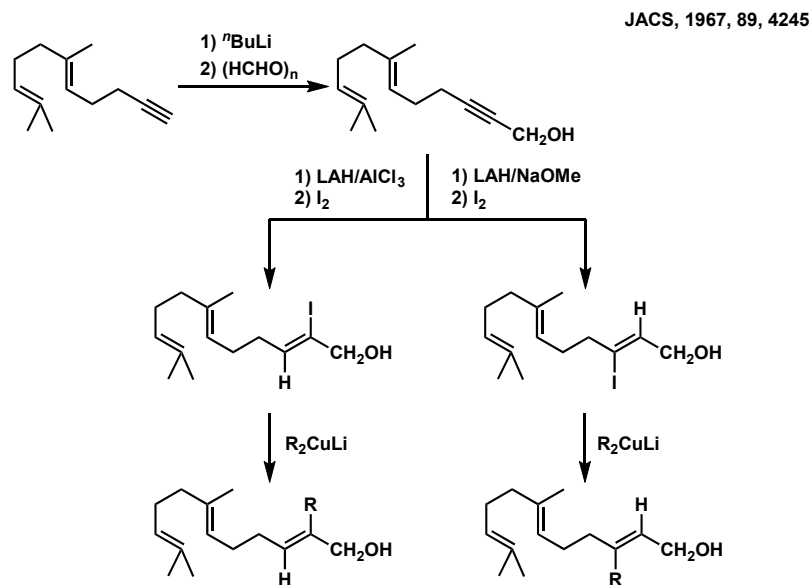
Dehydroxylation of Allylic and Benzylic Alcohols



geraniol	98%
farnesol	95%
benzyl alcohol	75%
indanol	64%

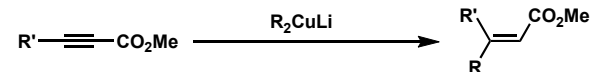
features: no *cis-trans* isomerization and allylic transposition were observed

Stereospecific Synthesis of Trisubstituted Olefins



Organocopper Reagent

General Formula



JACS, 1967, 89, 3911
 JACS, 1968, 90, 5615
 JACS, 1969, 91, 1851
 JACS, 1970, 92, 395
 TL, 1970, 11, 315

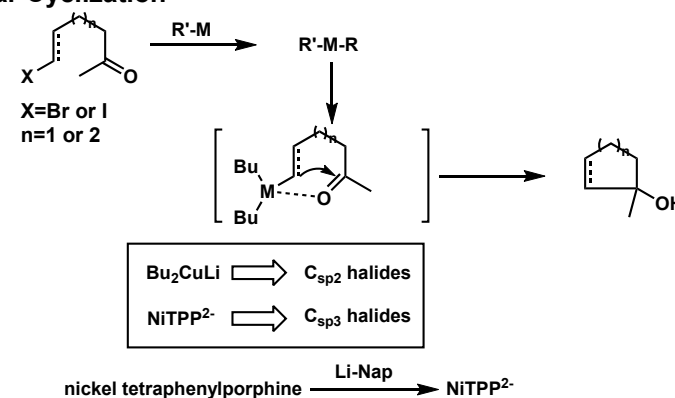
Features:

1. *cis* addition when reacts in THF at -80°C while a mixture of *cis/trans* product was formed in Et_2O
2. when equivalent of $[\text{Cu}]$ is less than 0.5 eq. of $[\text{Li}]$, 1,2-addition will dominate.
3. when $\text{R}=\text{Me}$, copper-halogen exchange will become a serious side reaction.
4. carboxylic acid and amide are tolerated

$\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{21}\text{I}$	80%
$\text{C}_7\text{H}_{15}\text{Cl}$	75%
	60%
	65%
	60%
	60%
$\text{I}(\text{CH}_2)_{10}\text{CO}_2\text{H}$	76%
$\text{I}(\text{CH}_2)_{10}\text{CON}(\text{Me})\text{Ph}$	82%
PhI	75%

Other metal ion (Manganese/cobalt) were also tested, leading to a unsatisfactory results

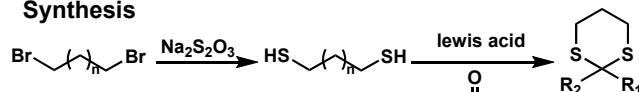
Intramolecular Cyclization



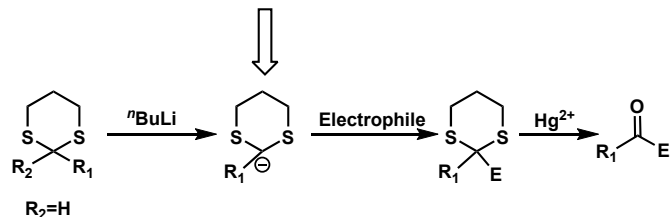
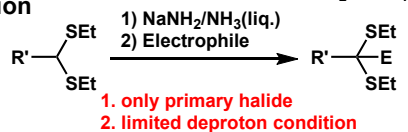
Sulfur Chemistry

1. 1,3-Dithiane

Synthesis

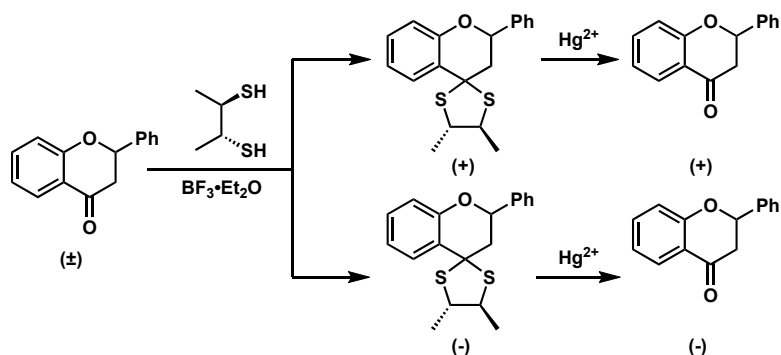
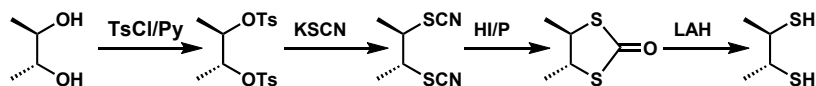


Application



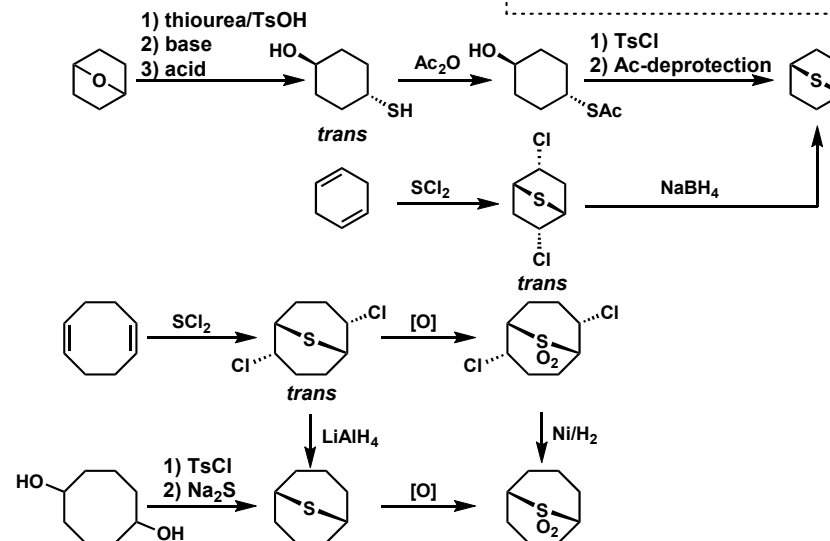
Electrophile=aldehyde, ketone, alkyl halide, epoxide, TMSCl, chloroformate, DMF, CO₂,...

Resolution Reagent: L(+)-2,3-Butanedithiol

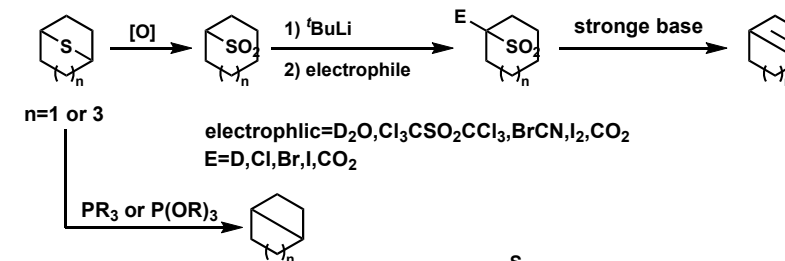


2. Sulfur-Bridged Carbocycle Synthesis

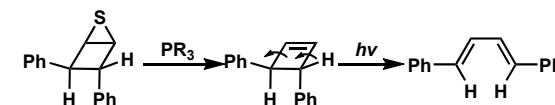
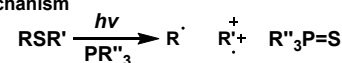
Synthesis



Sulfur Extrusion



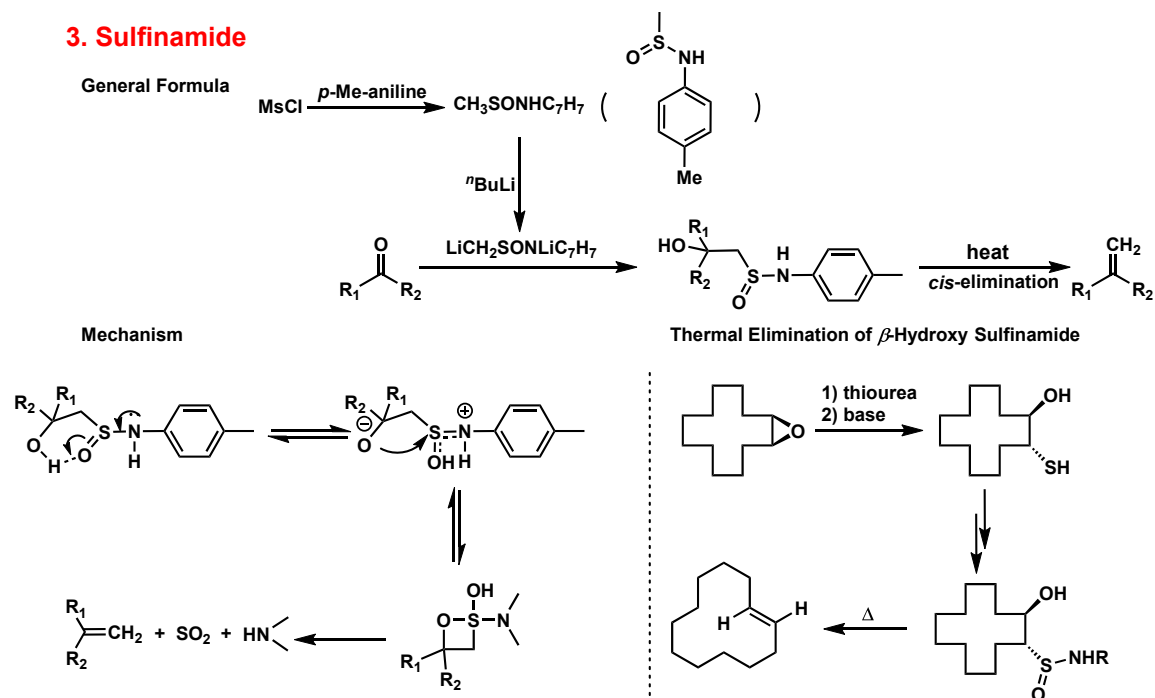
Mechanism



Substrate Scope

JACS, 1962, 84, 866
 JACS, 1962, 84, 867
 JACS, 1962, 84, 2938
 JACS, 1962, 84, 3782
 JOC, 1963, 28, 254
 Angew, 1965, 4, 1075
 Angew, 1965, 4, 1077
 JOC, 1966, 31, 1663
 JACS, 1966, 88, 5656
 JOC, 1966, 31, 4097
 JACS, 1967, 89, 434
 TL, 1967, 8, 2325
 JOC, 1968, 33, 298
 JACS, 1968, 90, 5548
 JACS, 1968, 90, 5553
 JOC, 1969, 34, 896
 JOC, 1969, 34, 1233
 Org Syn, 1970, 50, 72

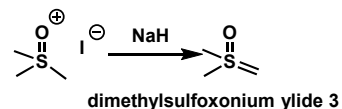
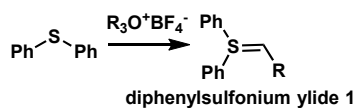
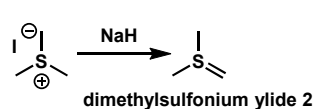
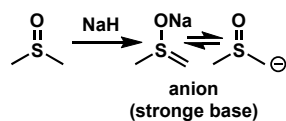
3. Sulfinamide



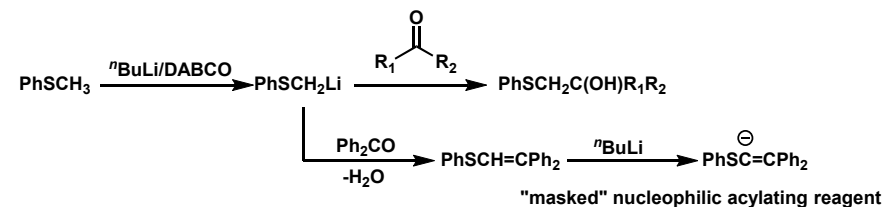
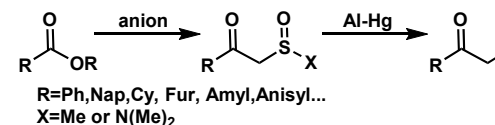
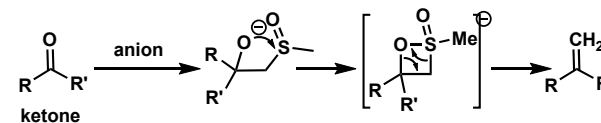
reactant	solvent	yield
	$\text{P(C}_8\text{H}_{17}\text{O)}_3$	47%
	$\text{P(C}_8\text{H}_{17}\text{O)}_3$ P(Bu)_3	49% 49%
Bn_2S	P(OMe)_3	59%
$(\text{allyl})_2\text{S}$	$\text{P(C}_8\text{H}_{17}\text{O)}_3$	38%
$(\text{allyl})\text{S(pseudoallyl)}$	P(Bu)_3	68%
	$\text{P(C}_8\text{H}_{17}\text{O)}_3$	trace
	$\text{P(C}_8\text{H}_{17}\text{O)}_3$	complex

4. Methylsulfinyl Carbanion & Dimethylsulfoxonium Methylide

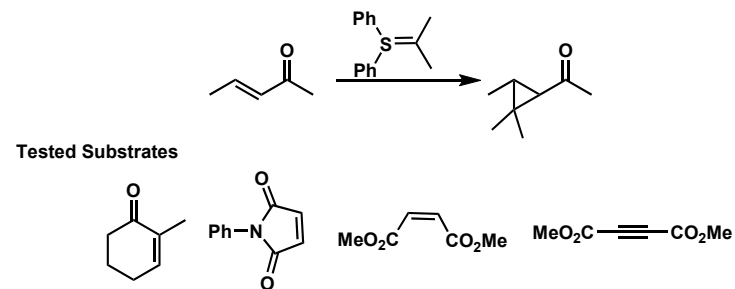
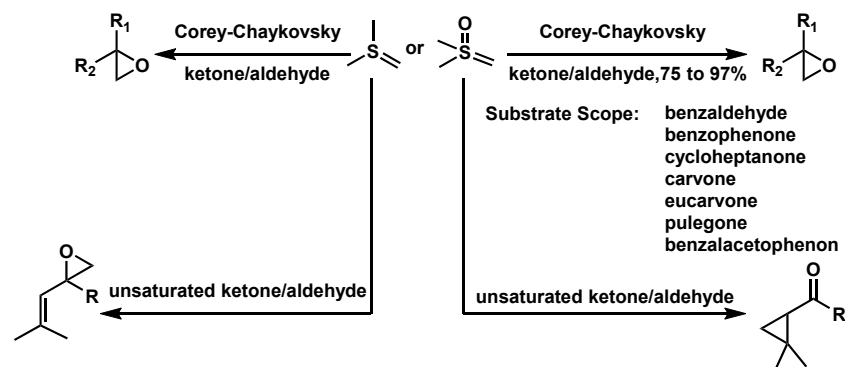
Synthesis



Application

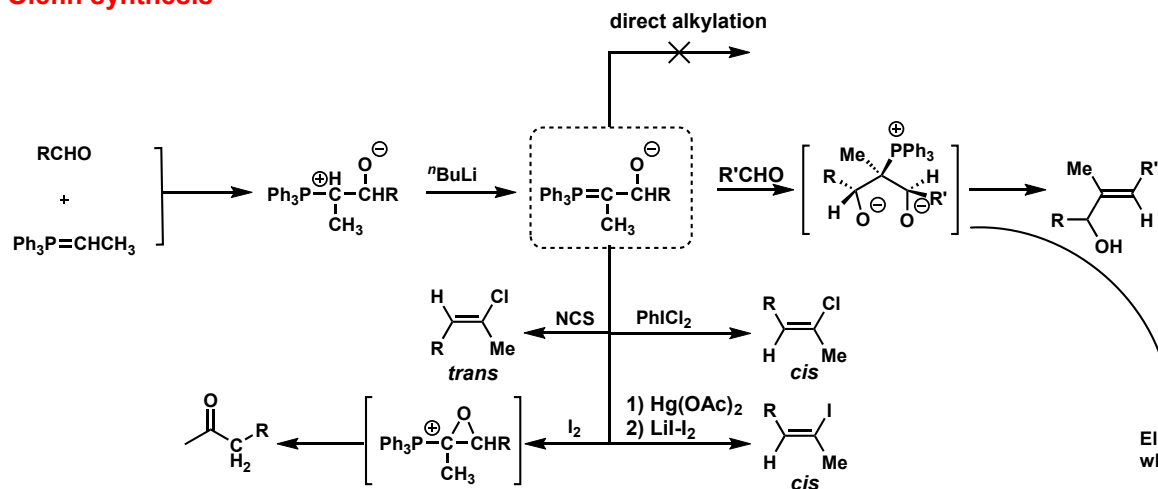
 $\text{S}_{\text{N}}2$ Reaction

Corey-Chaykovsky Reaction



Modification of Wittig-Type Reaction

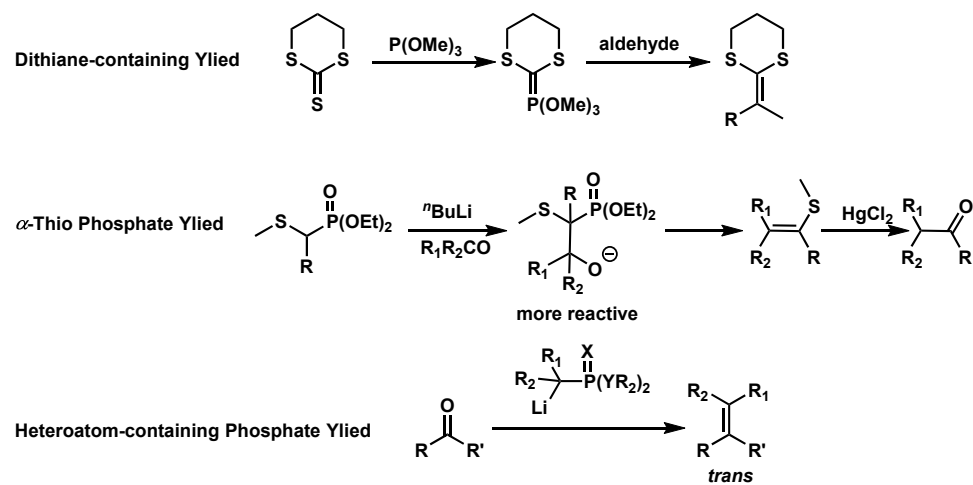
1. Trisubstituted Olefin synthesis



Elimination of dianion involves highly selective loss of oxygen which originated in the **second** aldehyde used in the sequence

JACS, 1964, 86, 1639
 JACS, 1964, 86, 1640
 TL, 1967, 8, 3201
 JACS, 1966, 88, 5652
 JACS, 1966, 88, 5654
 JACS, 1966, 88, 5656
 JACS, 1968, 90, 6816
 JACS, 1970, 92, 226
 TL, 1970, 11, 447
 JOC, 1970, 35, 777

2. New Phosphorus Ylide



Things I didn't cover:

- Biochemistry researches
- Computer-Aided drug design
- Some mechanism researches(including NMR methodologies)