

Recent Advances in Enantioselective Crotylations with Non-toxic Chiral Reagents



Literature Review

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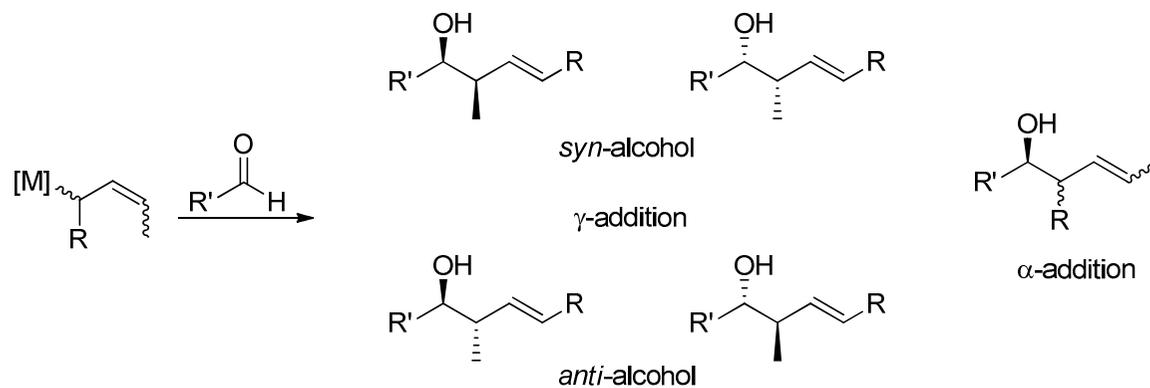
Introduction



Introduction: Definitions



- Carbonyl crotylation
 - Addition of $[M]CH_2CH=CHCH_3$ group to a carbonyl derivative
- Chiral reagents/catalysts impart diastereo- and enantio- selectivity to crotylation products



Introduction: Classification of Crotylmetals



- **Type I**
 - *Syn/anti* ratio of products reflects *Z/E* ratio of crotylmetal reagent
 - React *via* closed chair-like transition state
 - E.g. B, Si, Sn (thermal)
- **Type II**
 - *Syn*-selective products generated regardless of geometry of crotylmetal reagent
 - Undergo Lewis acid catalysis
 - React *via* open transition state
 - E.g. Sn, Si, Ti
- **Type III**
 - *Anti*-selective products generated regardless of geometry of crotylmetal reagent
 - Crotylmetal reagent generated *in situ* and equilibration gives more stable *E*-isomer
 - React *via* closed chair-like transition state
 - E.g. Ti, Cr, Zr

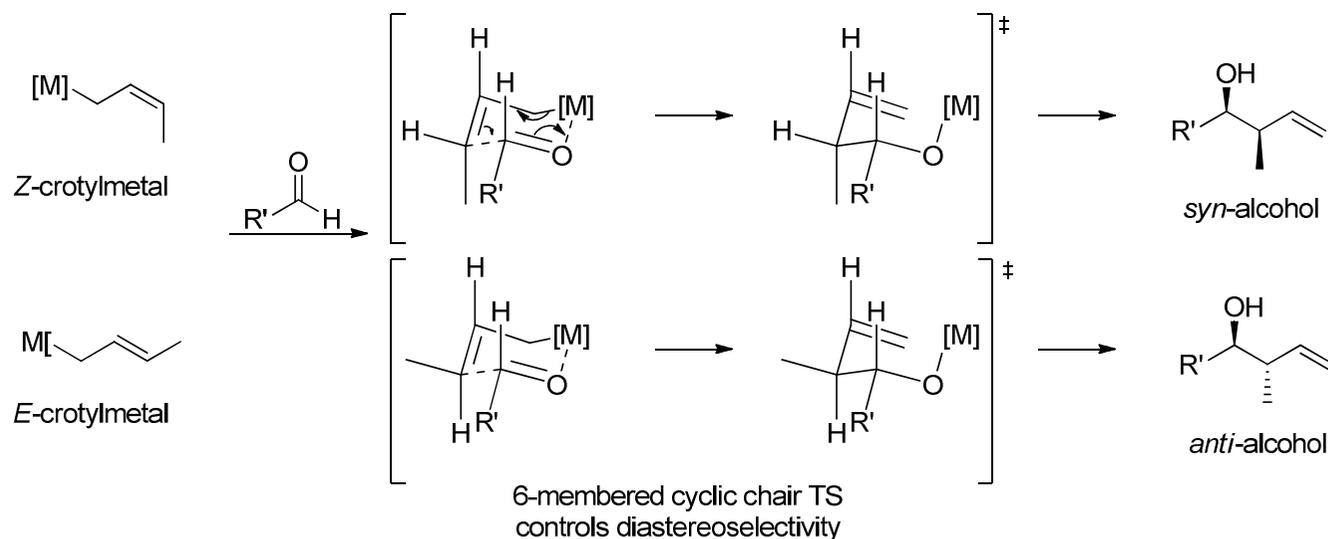
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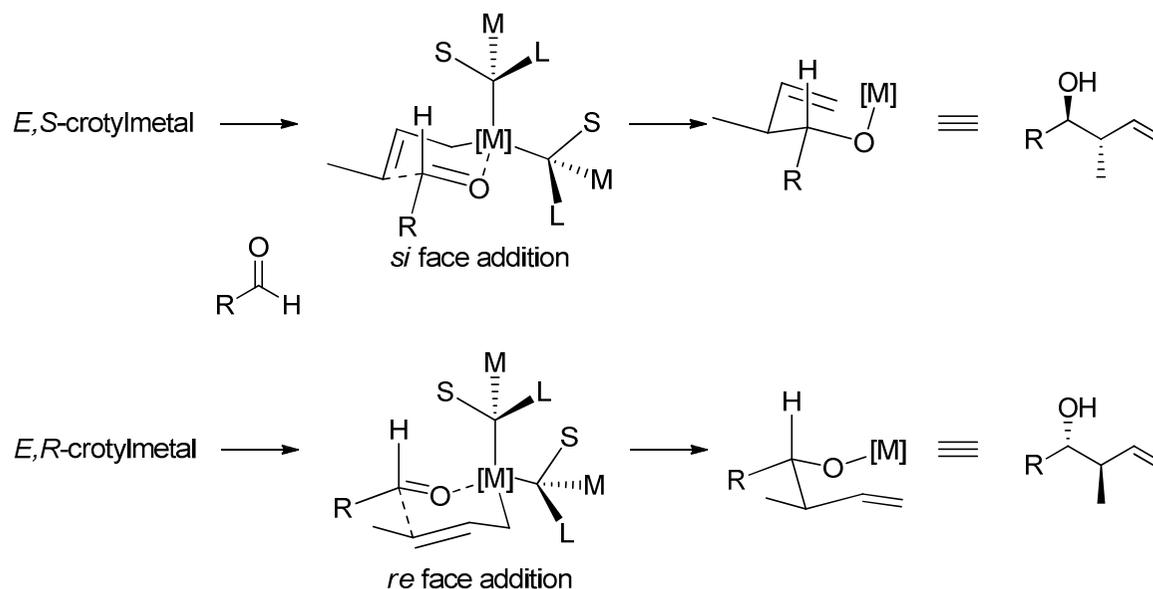
- React *via* a 6-membered closed, cyclic chair-like transition state (Zimmerman-Traxler model)
 - Metal coordinates to aldehyde oxygen *syn* to smallest substituent (H)
 - Aldehyde R group adopts pseudoequatorial position to minimise steric repulsion



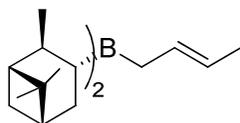
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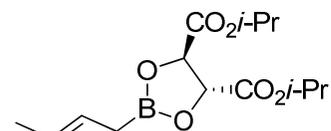
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 - Stereochemical outcome determined by chiral auxiliary on crotyl metal



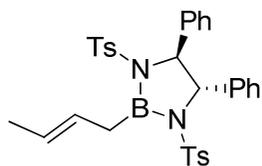
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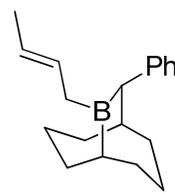
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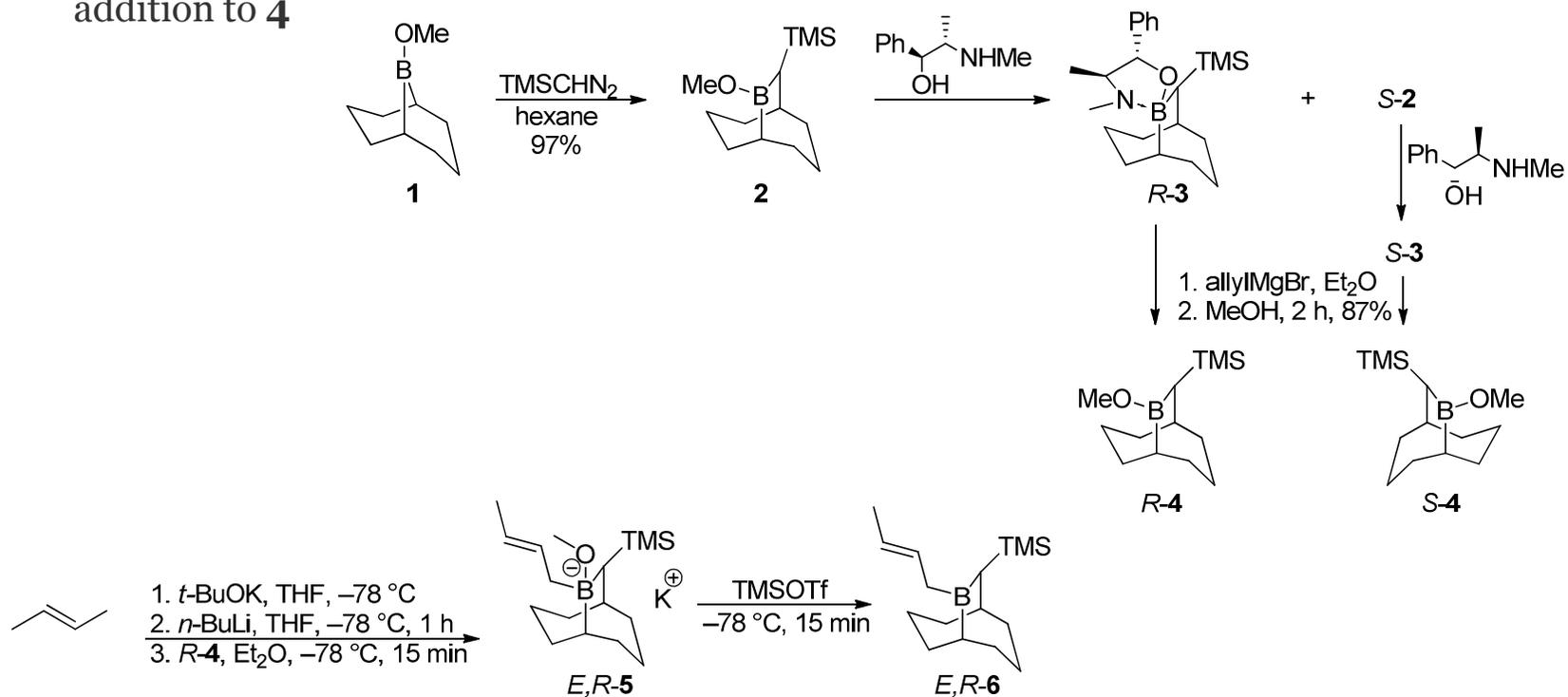


9-BBN-derived reagents
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Crotylboranes: Aldehyde Crotylation



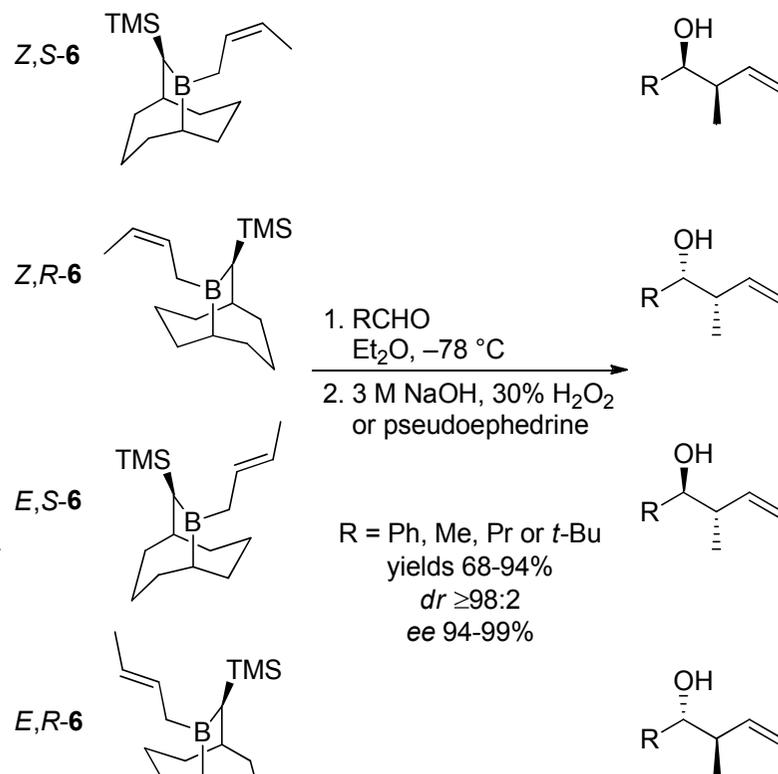
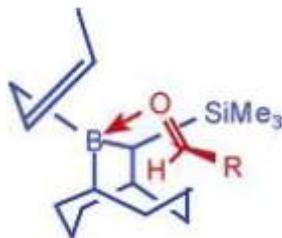
- *B*-crotyl-10-TMS-9-BBD reagents are robust, versatile and recyclable
 - All 4 geometric and enantiomeric isomers can be prepared from *B*-MeO-9-BBN
 - *B*-MeO-9-BBN is resolved with pseudophendrine to give air-stable crystalline complexes **3**
 - Crotylboranes **6** are obtained from butene by reaction with Schlosser's "superbase", then addition to **4**



Crotylboranes: Aldehyde Crotylation



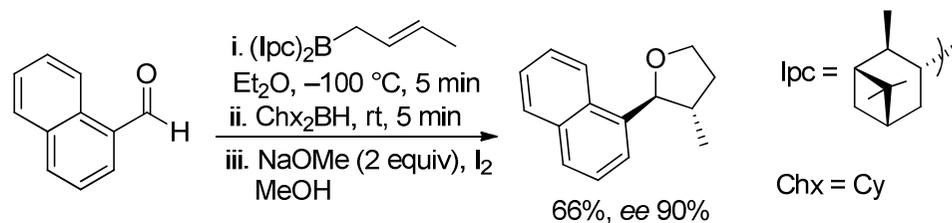
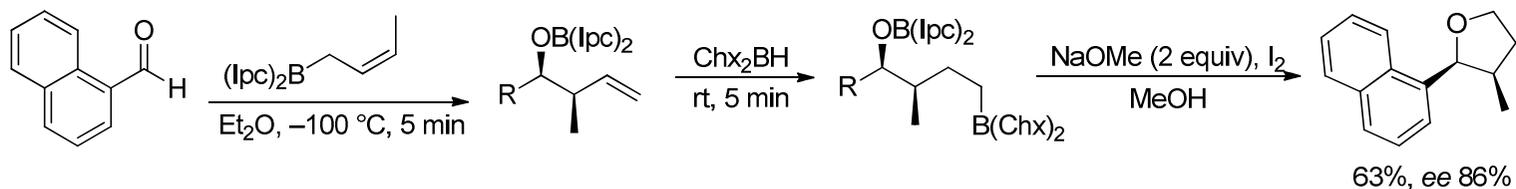
- *B*-crotyl-10-TMS-9-BBD reagents are robust, versatile and recyclable
 - Rapid reaction with aldehyde at low temperatures within 3 h, crotylborane geometry faithfully reflected
 - Choice of workup procedures
 - ✦ Oxidative workup with H₂O₂
 - ✦ Nonoxidative workup with appropriate enantiomeric form of pseudoephedrine allows recovery of chiral pseudophendrine complex **3** in 70-80% yield for recycling
 - Reacts *via* a chair-like TS
 - ✦ Formation of *B*-chiral *anti*-aldehyde complex *cis* to 10-TMS favoured
 - ✦ Using *R* reagent, this results in selective crotylation of the *re* face of RCHO observed



Crotylboranes: Aldehyde Crotylation



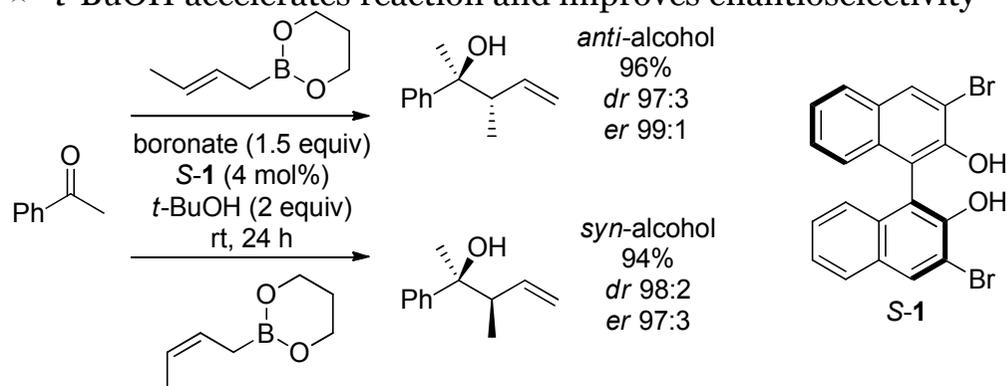
- Application: One-Pot Asymmetric Synthesis of 2,3-disubstituted THFs
 - Sequential crotylboration-hydroboration-iodination-cyclisation reaction
 - Crotylborane controls both enantio- and diastereo- selectivity of THF



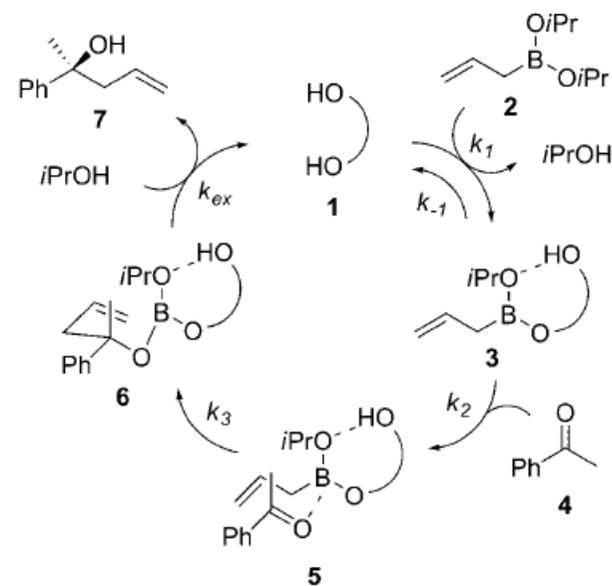
Crotylboronates: Ketone Crotylation



- Chiral biphenol organocatalyst for crotylboration of ketones
 - High enantio- and diastereo- selectivity with low organocatalyst loadings
 - ✦ Cyclic boronates can be prepared and purified easily and stored for long periods of time
 - ✦ *t*-BuOH accelerates reaction and improves enantioselectivity



- Mechanistic studies and proposed catalytic cycle
 - ✦ RDS is liberation of catalyst from product (k_{ex}) → addition of alcohol increases overall catalyst concentration, giving increased reaction rates and enantioselectivities
 - ✦ *t*-BuOH is a less coordinating alcohol → less Lewis base-acid coordination to boronate so does not inhibit reaction

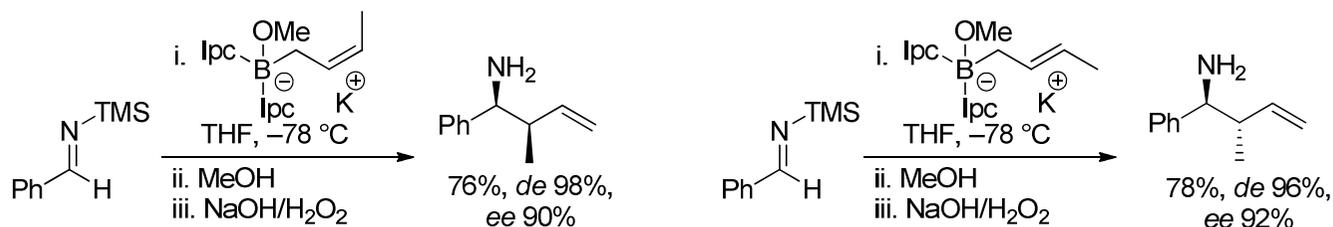


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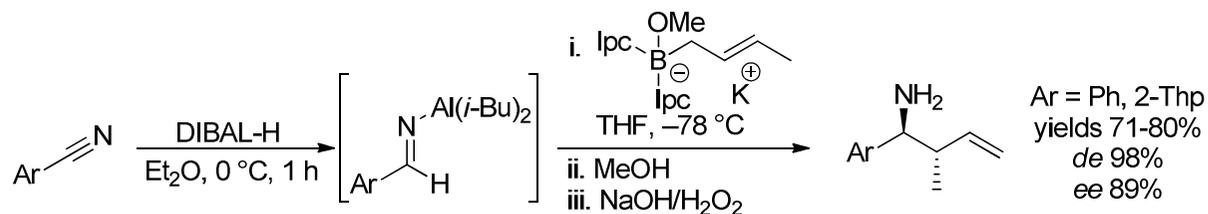
- Crotylboration of aromatic N-silylimines with boronate complexes

- First report of Ipc-crotylboronate complex
 - ✦ Addition of $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{OEt}_2$ to generate trialkylboranes degrades silylimines
- Only aromatic imines tolerated



- Crotylboration of N-aluminoimines with boronate complexes

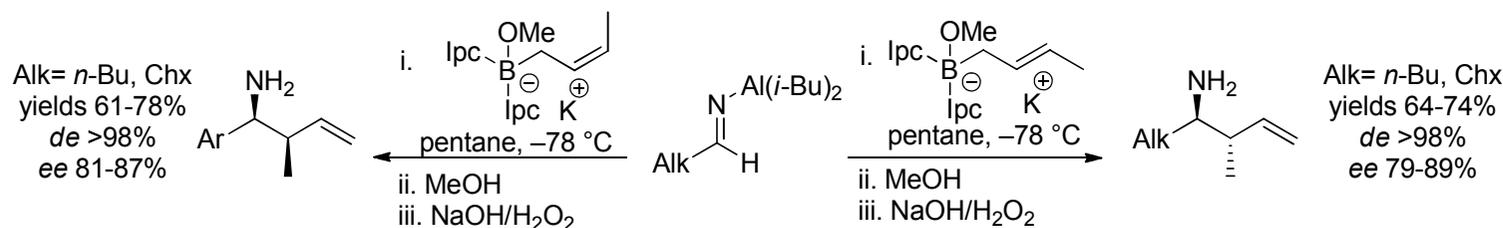
- N-aluminoimines have higher stability than N-silylimines
- Aromatic N-aluminoimines give similar results to aromatic N-silylimines



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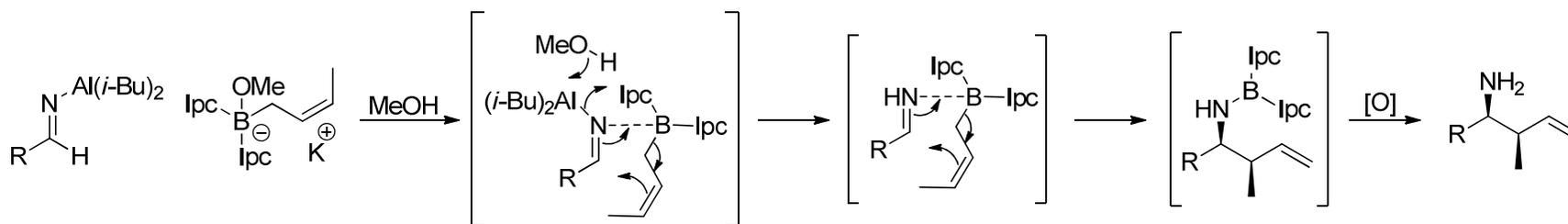


- Crotylboration of N-aluminoimines with boronate complexes
 - Aliphatic N-aluminoimines can undergo crotylboration in pentane



- Proposed mechanism

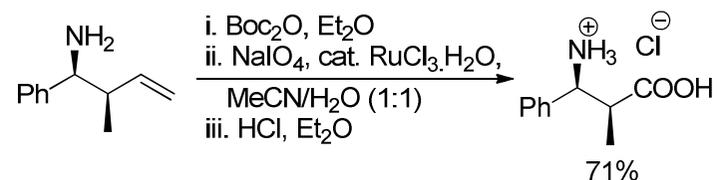
- MeOH liberates “naked” aldimine
- Reacts *via* a chair-like TS
- Alkaline oxidative work-up yields β -methyl homoallylic imine



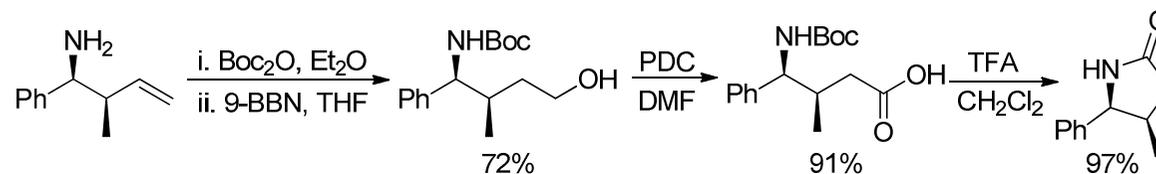
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- Application: Synthesis of β -Amino acids



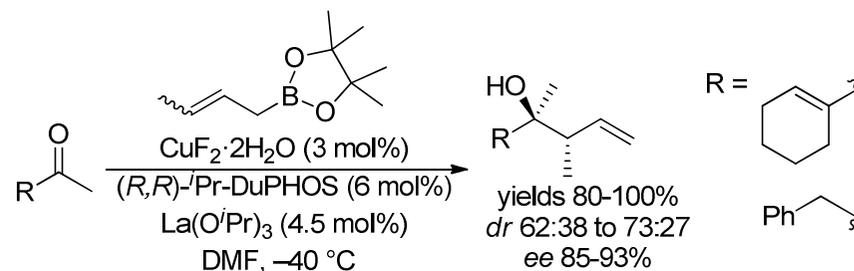
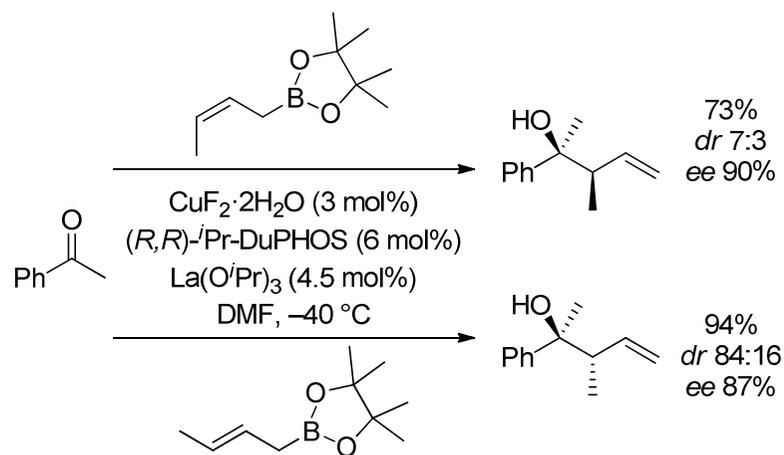
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Crotylboronates + Cu catalyst: Ketone Crotylation



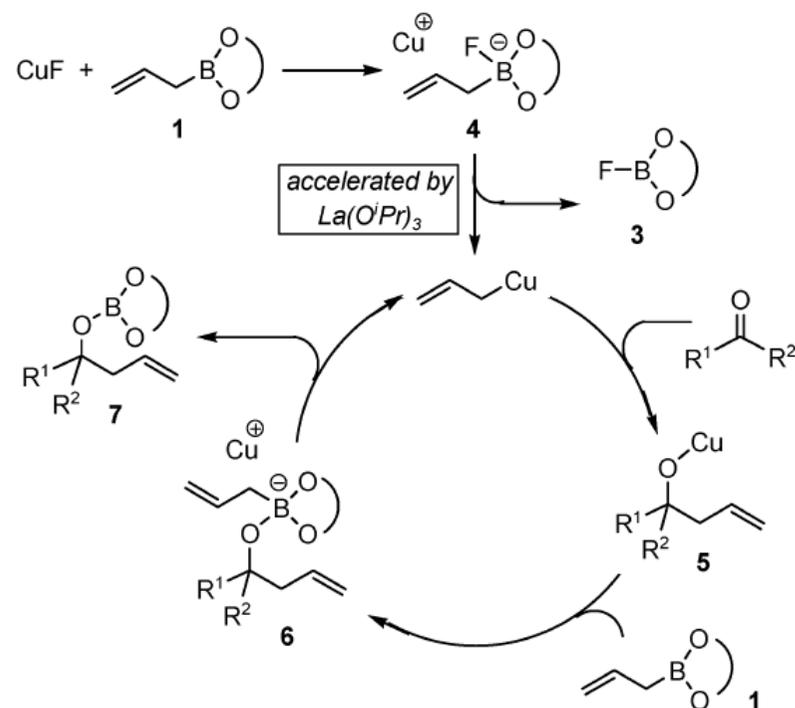
- Chiral Cu catalyst effects enantioselective crotylboration of ketones
 - Geometry of product differs for aromatic and aliphatic ketones
 - ✦ For aromatic ketones, crotylboration was stereospecific i.e. geometry of crotylboronate was transferred
 - ✦ For aliphatic ketones, the major product was the *anti*-alcohol



Crotylboronates + Cu catalyst: Ketone Crotylation



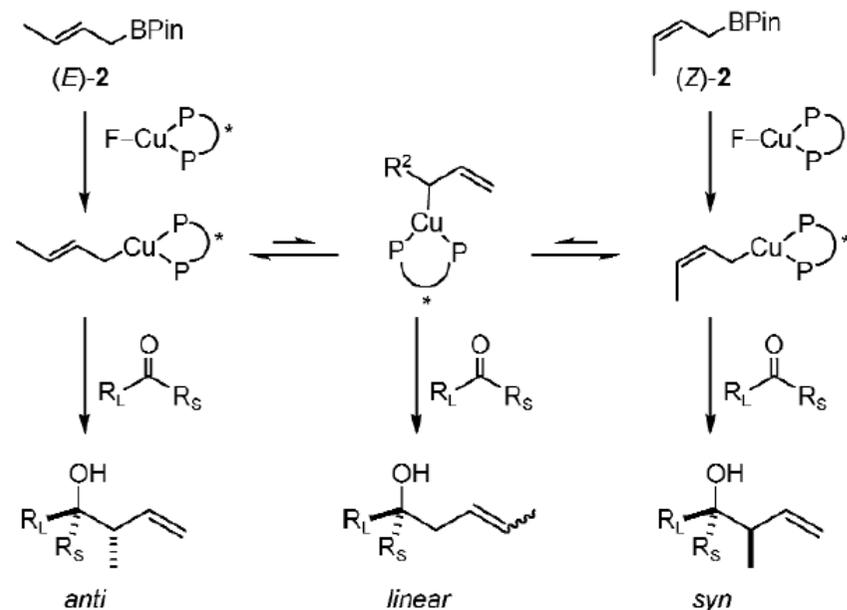
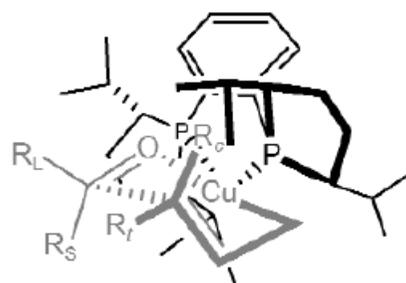
- Chiral Cu catalyst effects enantioselective crotylboration of ketones
 - Proposed catalytic cycle
 - ✦ CuF (generated by reducing CuF₂ with 2 equiv of chiral phosphine) activates boronate
 - ✦ Crotylcopper as reactive intermediate since allylboronate, allyltrimethoxysilane and allyltributyltin all give identical enantioselectivity
 - ✦ Cocatalyst La(OⁱPr)₃ accelerates transmetalation but does not participate in crotylation step
 - ✦ Crotylcopper regenerated by transmetalation of crotylation product



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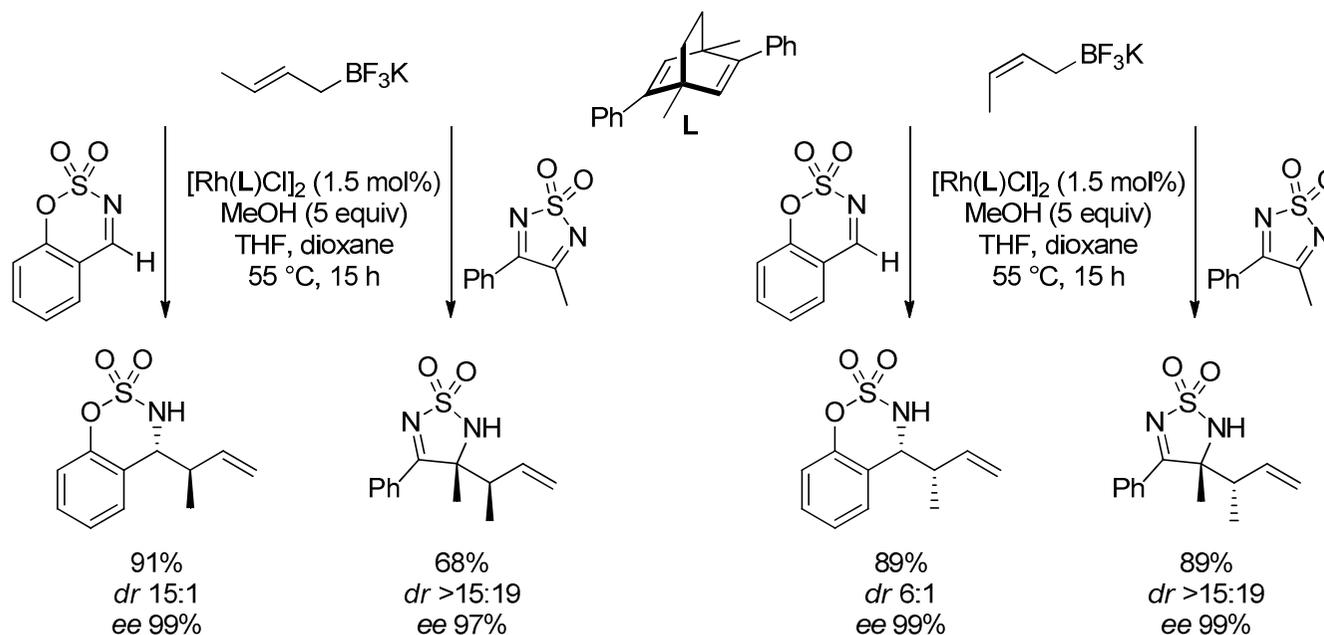
- Chiral Cu catalyst effects enantioselective crotylboration of ketones
 - Explanation of diastereoselectivity
 - ✦ Crotylcopper species are configurationally unstable, rapid equilibration *via* 1,3-metal transposition gives *E*-crotylcopper predominantly → leads to *anti*-product
 - ✦ Crotylation of aromatic ketones is faster than aliphatic ketones, so addition could proceed without equilibration of aromatic ketones, and after equilibration for aliphatic ketones
 - Stereochemical model



Crotyltrifluoroborates + Rh catalyst: Imine Crotylation



- Enantioselective Rh-catalysed crotylations of cyclic imines
 - Cyclic imine structure facilitates efficient crotylation
 - ✦ Cyclic aldimines and ketimines both undergo enantioselective crotylations
 - Potassium crotyltrifluoroborate necessary for high enantioselectivity

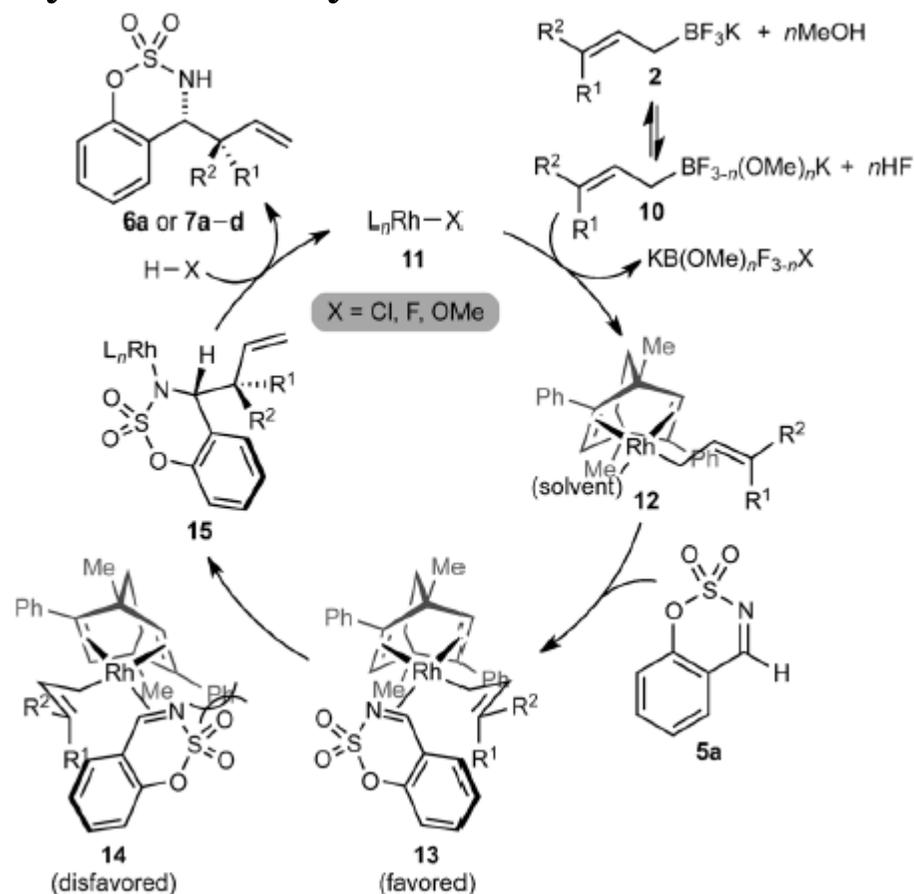


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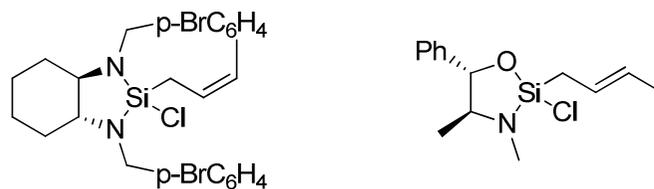
- Enantioselective Rh-catalysed crotylations of cyclic imines

- Proposed catalytic cycle

- Stereoselectivity suggests that crotylRh(I) intermediates have configurational stability and react *via* chair-like TS
- Methanolysis of crotylBF₃K and transmetalation forms crotylRh(I) intermediate
- Coordination of imine to minimise steric interactions
- Crotylation *via* 6-membered cyclic chair TS, then protonation gives product



Silicon Reagents

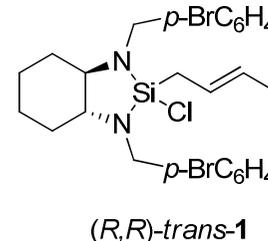
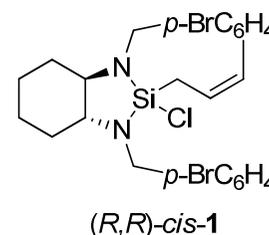
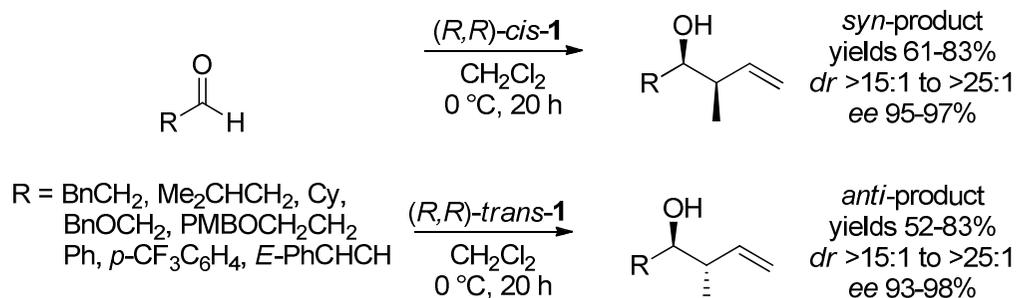


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Strained Crotylsilanes: Aldehyde Crotylation



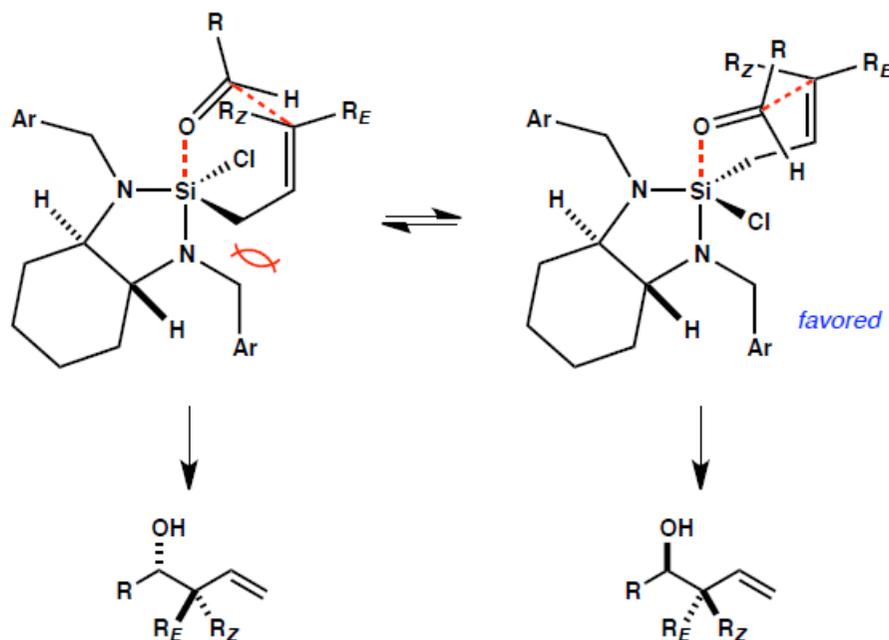
- Ring strained crotylsilacycles are type I reagents
 - Si is more Lewis acidic, formation of pentacoordinate Si releases ring strain
 - Good yields with aliphatic aldehydes (67-83%)
 - ✦ Moderate yields with aromatic and α,β -unsaturated aldehydes (52-67%)
 - ✦ Limited tolerance for steric hindrance (no crotylation of pivaldehyde)
 - Reagents easily synthesised in bulk from diamine and crotyltrichlorosilane
 - ✦ Crystalline reagents easy to store and handle (from *p*-bromobenzyl substituent)
 - ✦ Moisture-sensitive but have unlimited shelf-life if stored in a glovebox
 - ✦ Diamine can be recovered in 90% yield (atom economy)



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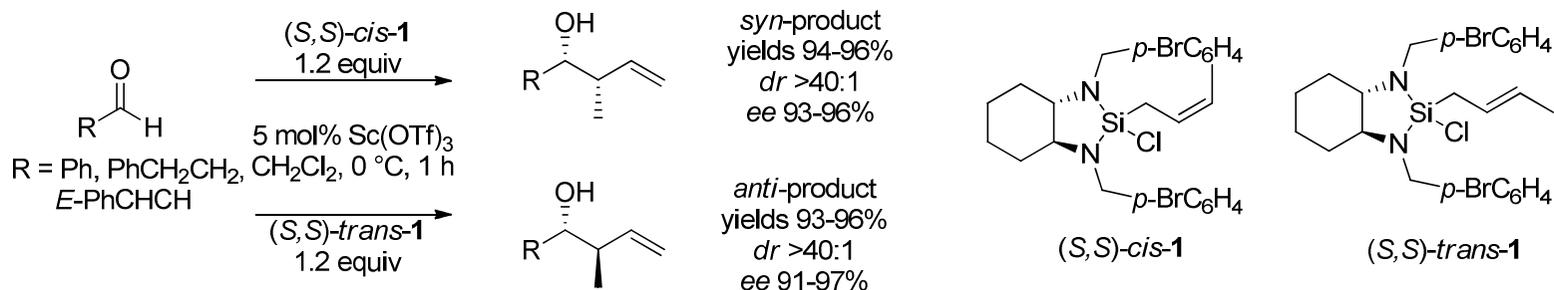
- Ring strained crotylsilanes are type I reagents
 - Origin of Enantioselectivity
 - ✦ Steric interactions around pentacoordinate Si



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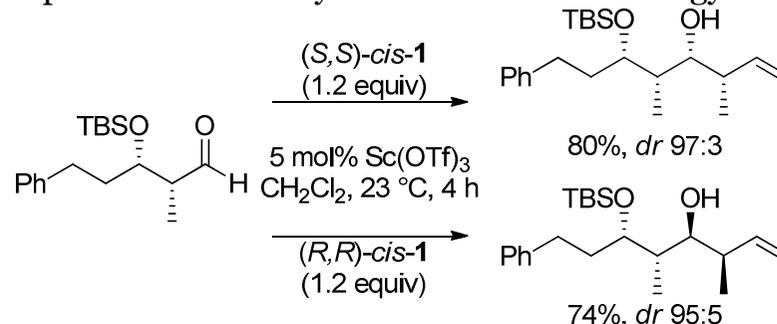
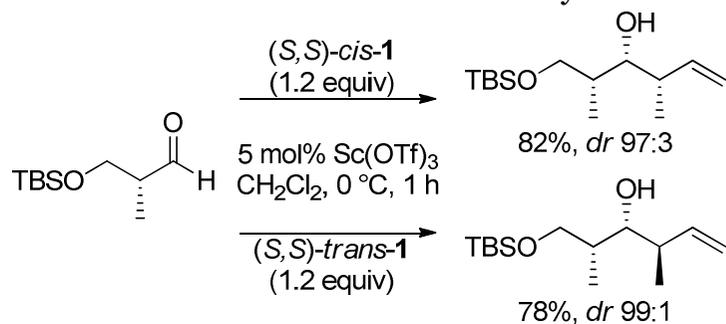
- EZ-CrotylMix is a commercially available reagent for aldehyde crotylation
 - EZ-CrotylMix is a mixture of the desired crotylsilane with Sc(OTf)₃ in a 25:1 ratio
 - ✦ 650 mg of EZ-CrotylMix for 1.0 mmol of aldehyde = 1.1 equiv of silane and 4.4 mol% of Sc(OTf)₃
 - Sc(OTf)₃ –catalysed reaction
 - ✦ Lewis acid binds to aminochlorosilane Lewis acid to boost reactivity while keeping enantioselectivity
 - Increased substrate scope compared to previous methodology without Sc(III) catalysis
 - ✦ Aromatic, sterically hindered and α,β -unsaturated aldehydes can be crotylated with high yields, diastereoselectivities and enantioselectivities



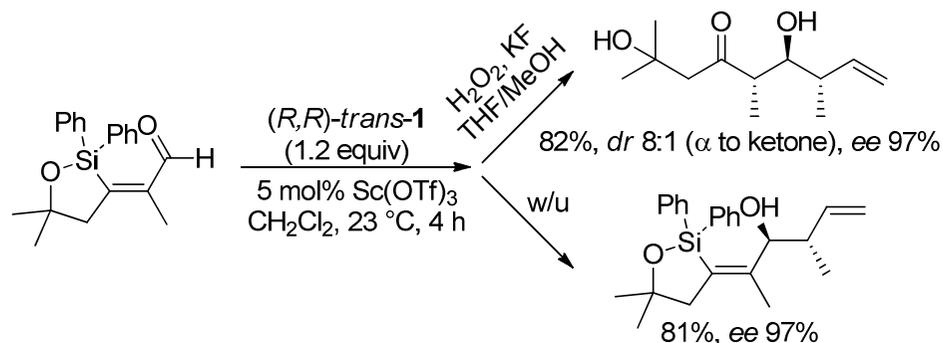
Strained Crotylsilanes: Aldehyde Crotylation



- EZ-CrotylMix is a commercially available reagent for aldehyde crotylation
 - Chiral aldehydes at the α - and β - positions can be crotylated with high diastereoselectivity
 - ✦ Reagent is able to override diastereofacial bias of chiral aldehydes
 - ✦ Access to stereochemical arrays which may not be possible selectively with Brown methodology



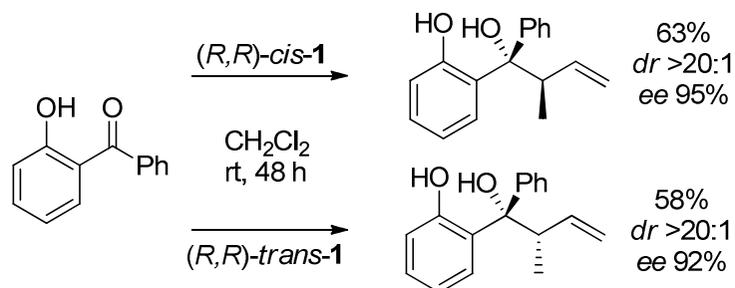
- Application to total synthesis: Synthesis of stereochemically complex polyketide fragments



Strained Crotylsilanes: Ketone Crotylation

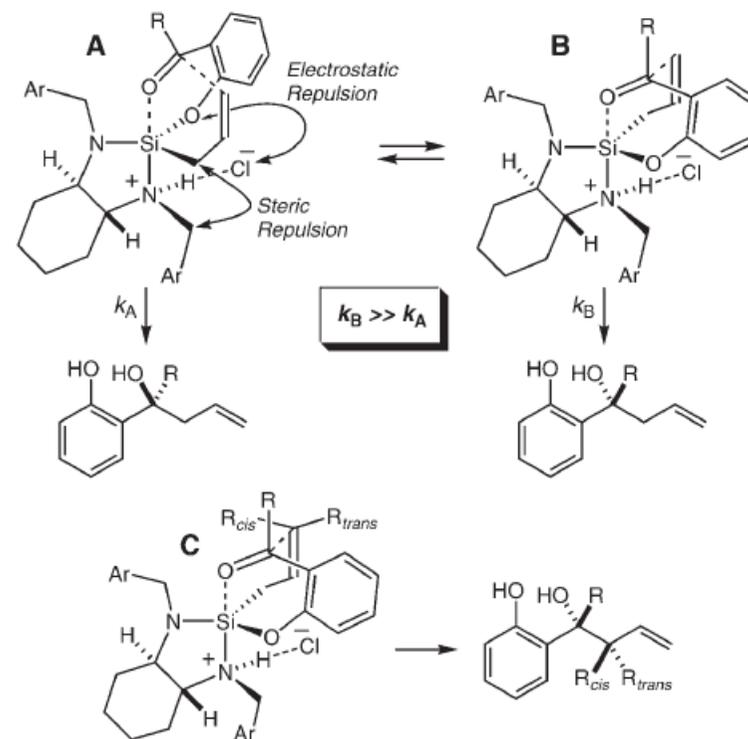


- Ring strained crotylsilacycles can crotylate 2'-hydroxyphenylketones with high diastereo- and regio- selectivity



Mechanism

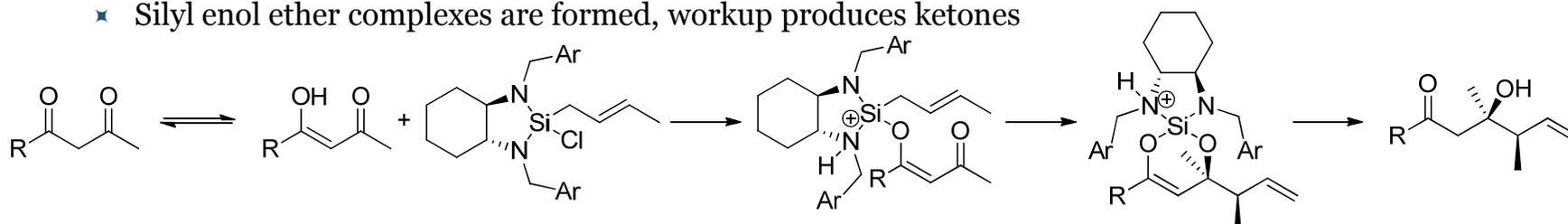
- Phenol displaces chloride from silane; HCl generated protonates one of the amino groups \rightarrow intramolecular reaction + increase Lewis acidity of silane
- Ketone and protonated amino groups occupy apical positions on trigonal bipyramidal intermediate; TS **A** has more unfavourable steric and electrostatic interactions, TS **B** gives allylation product
- TS **C** shows chair-like TS giving crotylation product



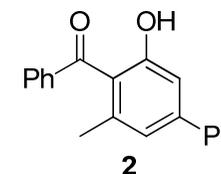
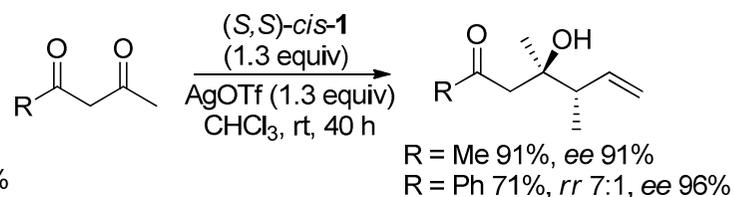
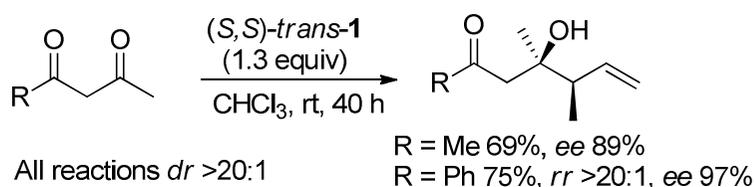
Strained Crotylsilanes: β -Diketone Crotylation



- Ring strained crotylsilacycles can crotylate β -diketones with high regio-, diastereo- and enantio- selectivity
 - Crotylchlorosilane and β -diketone react to form β -siloxyenone complex
 - ✦ Enol form of β -diketone displaces chloride from chlorosilane \rightarrow crotylsilane activated by HCl generated + tethering strategy allows intramolecular crotylation
 - ✦ Silyl enol ether complexes are formed, workup produces ketones

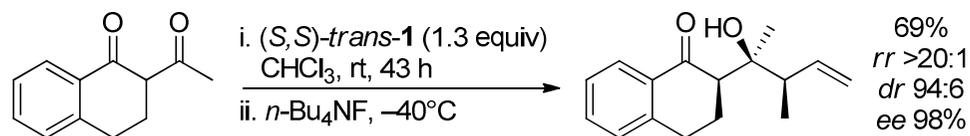


- *Trans*-crotylsilanes can be crotylated under normal conditions, but *cis*-crotylsilanes require pre-activation with AgOTf
 - ✦ Knoevenagel condensation is a competing side reaction in the complexation of *cis*-crotylsilane with benzoylacetone, side product **2** is observed in significant amounts
 - ✦ Preactivation of *cis*-crotylsilane with AgOTf accelerates complexation



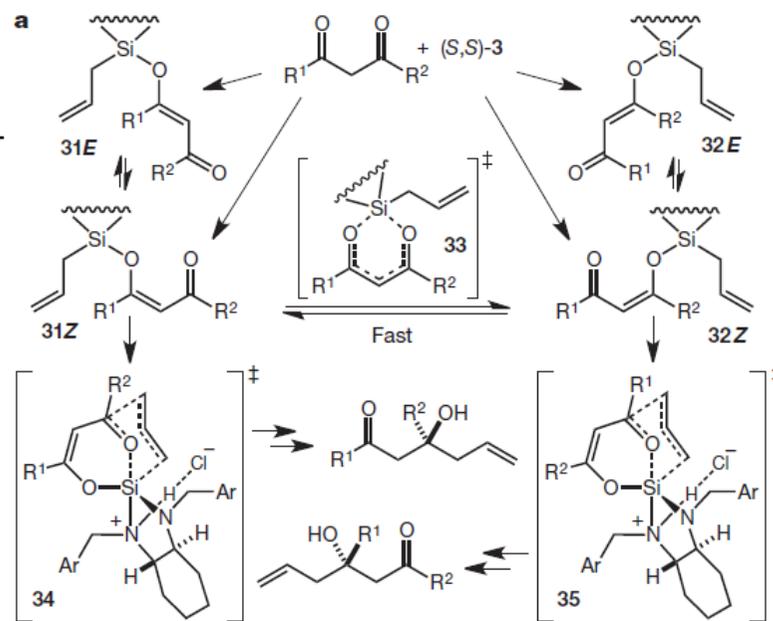
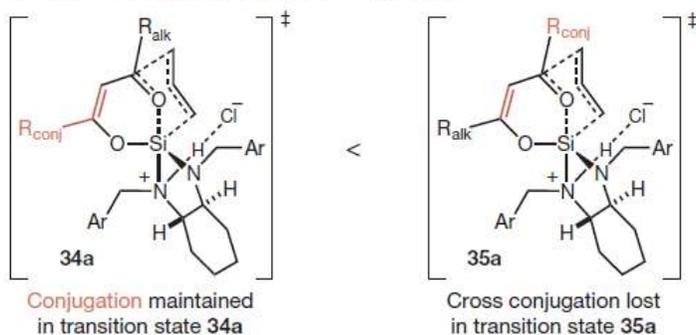
Strained Crotylsilanes: β -Diketone Crotylation

- Ring strained crotylsilacycles can crotylate β -diketones
 - Substitution on α -C is tolerated, and high levels of diastereoselectivity can be achieved
 - Quenching of silyl enol ether with n TBAF at low temperature gives excellent diastereocontrol in tautomerisation to ketone



- Mechanism and regioselectivity
 - Conversion between all β -siloxyenones is rapid, so regioselectivity is governed by Curtin-Hammett kinetics
 - Relative energies of the TS where non-conjugated ketone is crotylated is lower since conjugation is maintained in TS \rightarrow major product

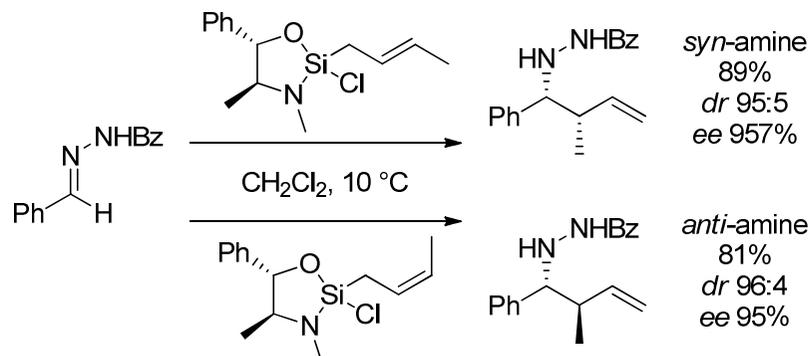
Case 1: R^1 = conjugating group, R^2 = alkyl group



Strained Crotylsilanes: Acyldiazone Crotylation

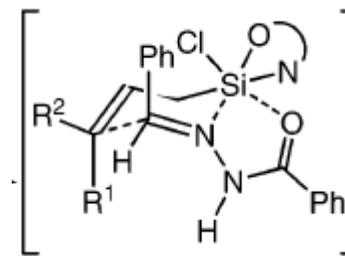
- Ring strained crotylsilacycles crotylate acylhydrazones with unusual diastereoselectivity

- Cis*-crotylsilanes give *anti*-amines and *trans*-crotylsilanes give *syn*-amines



- Mechanistic explanation

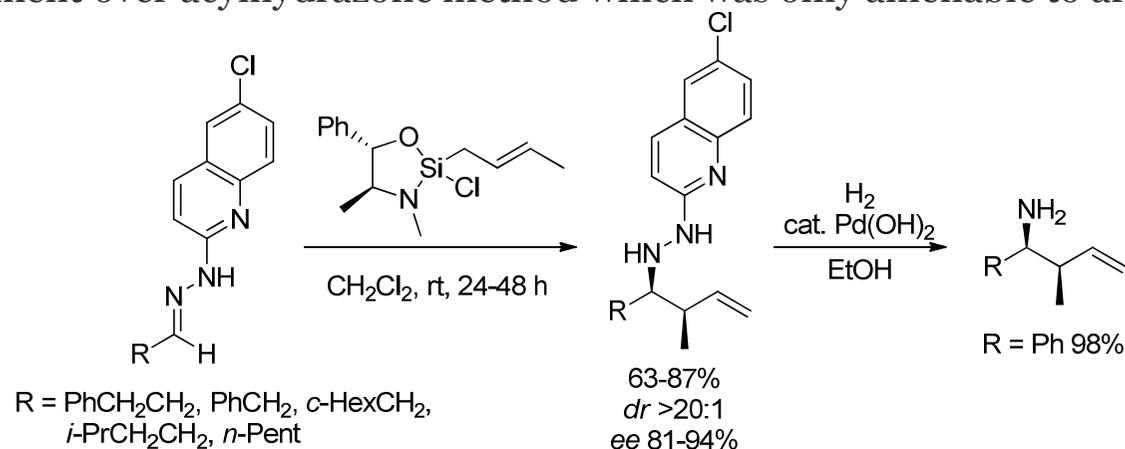
- Two-point binding/double activation of crotylsilane and acylhydrazone
- Secondary interaction between Lewis basic amide and Lewis acidic silane
- Ph group is pseudoaxial instead of pseudoequatorial as expected
- Opposite diastereoselectivity observed



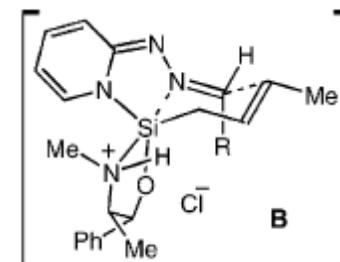
Strained Crotylsilanes: N-Heteroaryl Hydrazone Crotylation

- Ring strained crotylsilacycles crotylate N-heteroarylhydrazones with unusual diastereoselectivity

- Improvement over acylhydrazone method which was only amenable to aromatic hydrazones



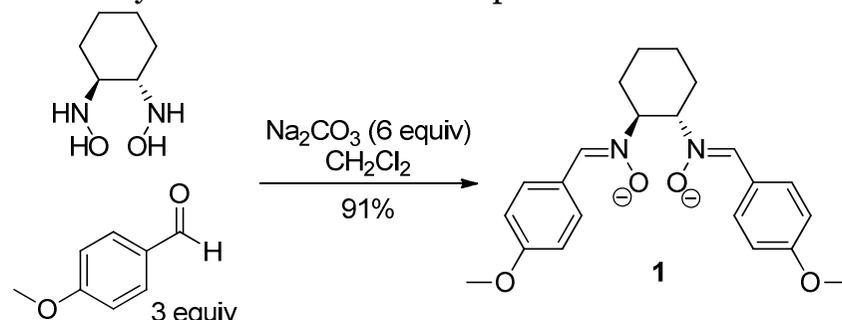
- Again, unusual diastereoselectivity observed
 - ✦ Coordination of heteroatom to crotylsilane requires loss of aromaticity, but possible with heteroarenes
- Product can be hydrogenated to give corresponding amine
 - ✦ N-N bond in N-arylhydrazides susceptible to metal-catalysed hydrogenation



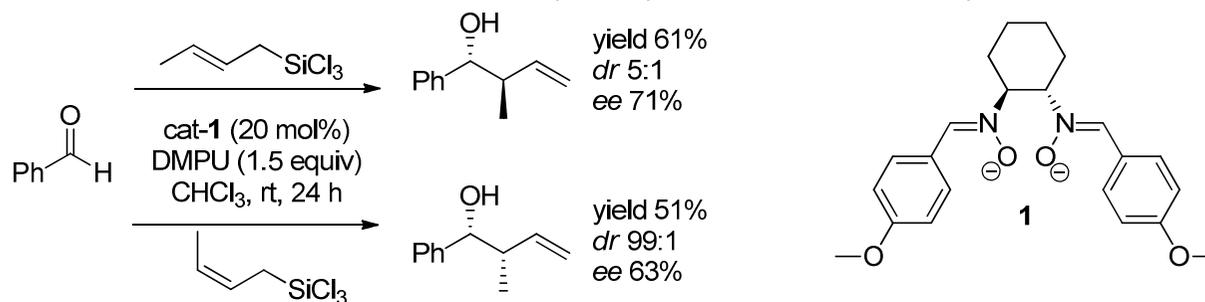
Crotyltrichlorosilanes: Aldehyde Crotylation



- Chiral dinitrones catalyse crotylations with crotyltrichlorosilanes
 - Chiral dinitrones act as Lewis base catalysts
 - ✦ Polar N-O bond enables catalyst to nucleophilically activate chlorosilane reagents
 - ✦ Electron-rich *p*-MeOC₆H₄ group on dinitrone gave best catalyst performance
 - ✦ Catalyst can be recovered by FCC after isolation of product



- Reacts *via* a chair-like TS
 - ✦ DMPU additive increases enantioselectivity and yield (mechanism as yet unknown)



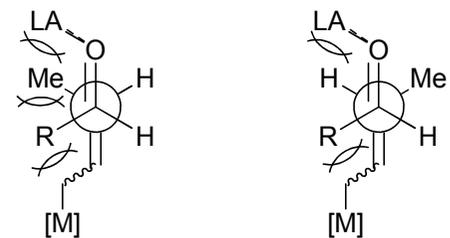
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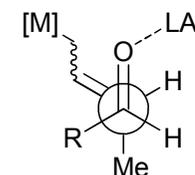
Type II Crotylmetals: Selectivity



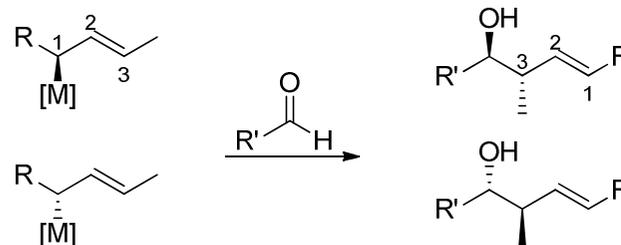
- Diastereoselective crotylation
- Under Lewis acid catalysis
- React *via* an open, acyclic transition state
 - Yamamoto proposed antiperiplanar TS from crotylstannane studies
 - ★ Steric preference by minimising gauche interactions
 - Denmark proposed synclinal TS from crotylsilanes studies
 - ★ Stereoelectronic preference (secondary orbital interactions)
- Stereospecific *anti-S_E'* crotylation
 - Configuration of methyl substituent at 3-position consistent with electrophile attacking the C=C bond *anti*- to the leaving metal group



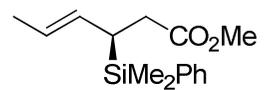
antiperiplanar
syn favoured



stereoelectronically favoured
synclinal



Silicon Reagents

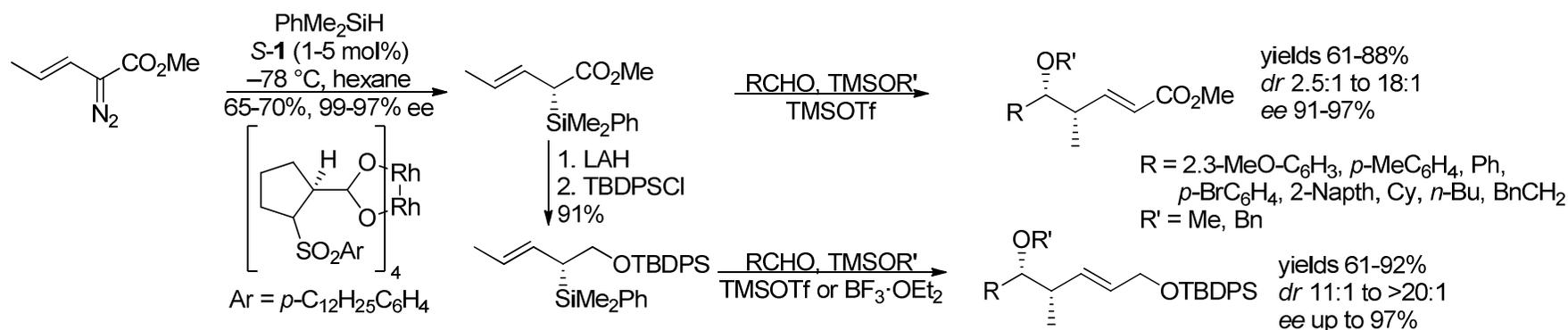


chiral crotylsilanes
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Crotylsilanes: Aldehyde Crotylation



- Vinylogous Aldol Products from Chiral Crotylsilanes
 - Chiral crotylsilanes formed by enantioselective Rh(II) carbenoid Si-H insertion
 - Lewis-acid promoted crotylations give *syn*-products
 - ✦ Activated aromatic aldehydes less selective than deactivated substrates
 - ✦ Branched aliphatic aldehydes more selective than straight chain substrates
 - Increased selectivity can be achieved by
 - ✦ Switch substituents Si atom to *n*-Bu₃
 - ✦ Use TBDPS ether instead of ester silane



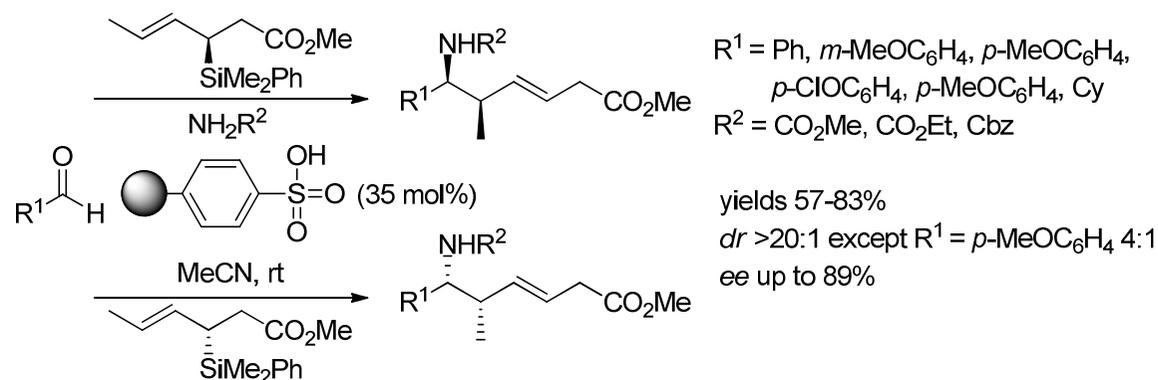
Crotylsilanes: Imine Crotylation



- 3-Component Enantioselective Synthesis of Homoallylic Carbamates

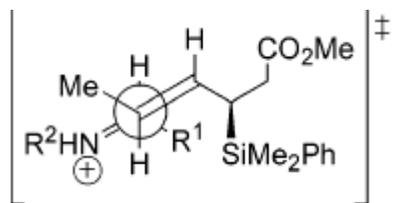
- Condensation of aldehyde with carbamate generates N-acyliminium \rightarrow crotylated *in situ* by chiral silane

- ✦ Catalysed by Brønsted acid macroporous polystyrene-bound sulfonic acid (MP-TsOH)



- Stereochemical outcome rationalised by open transition state

- ✦ Antiperiplanar TS with least Gauche interactions favoured



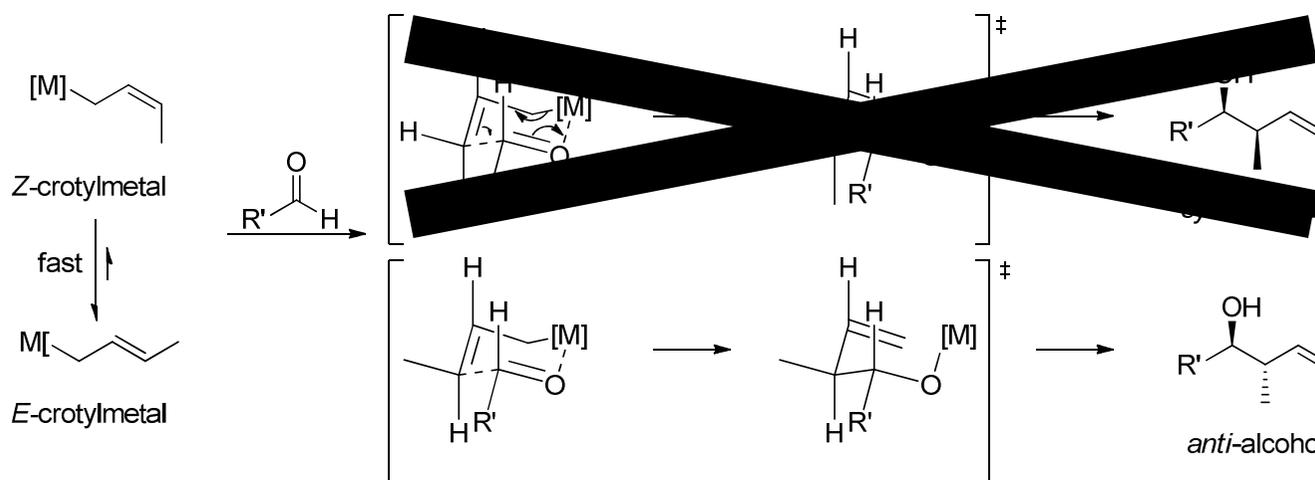
Type III Crotylmetals



Type III Crotylmetals: Diastereoselectivity



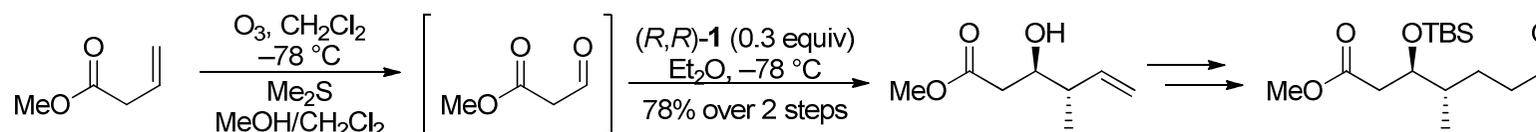
- React *via* a 6-membered closed, cyclic transition state akin to Type I
- But crotylmetal is configurationally labile, and rapidly isomerises to *E*-isomer so *anti*-product is obtained



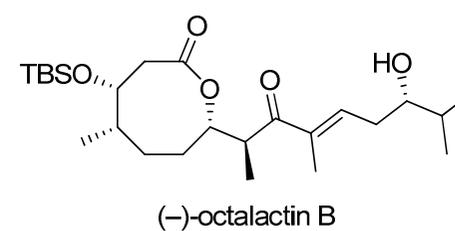
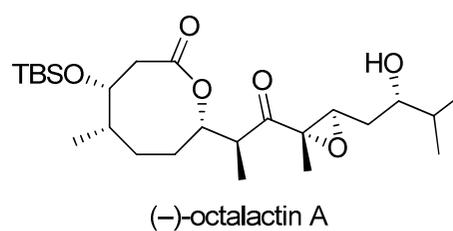
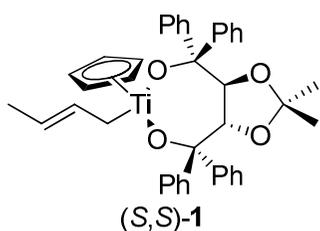
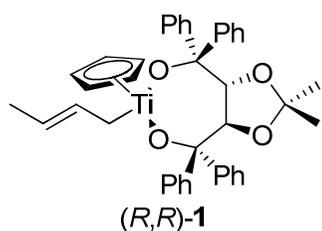
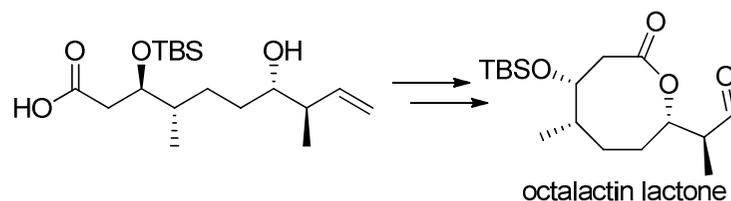
Crotyltitanates in Total Synthesis



- Stereoselective Synthesis of the Octalactin Lactone Using Enantioselective Crotyltitanations
 - Crotyltitanations used in 2 key steps
 - 9 steps, 28% overall yield
 - Octalactin lactone used in the convergent approach to octalactins A and B by Buszek and Clardy



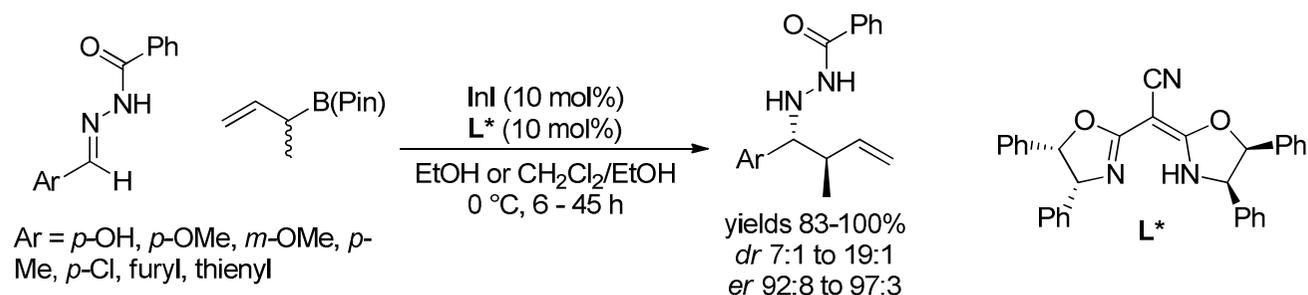
1. (S,S)-L (0.3 equiv)
Et₂O, -78 °C
2. LiOH·H₂O
THF/MeOH (1:1)
46% over 2 steps



Crotylboronates + Indium catalyst



- Indium(I)-catalysed asymmetric *anti*-selective hydrazone crotylation
 - Complete α -selectivity contrasts exclusive γ -selectivity in the absence of catalyst, or under Lewis- or Brønsted- acid catalysis
 - Use of racemic crotylboronate provides enantiomerically enriched *anti*-product

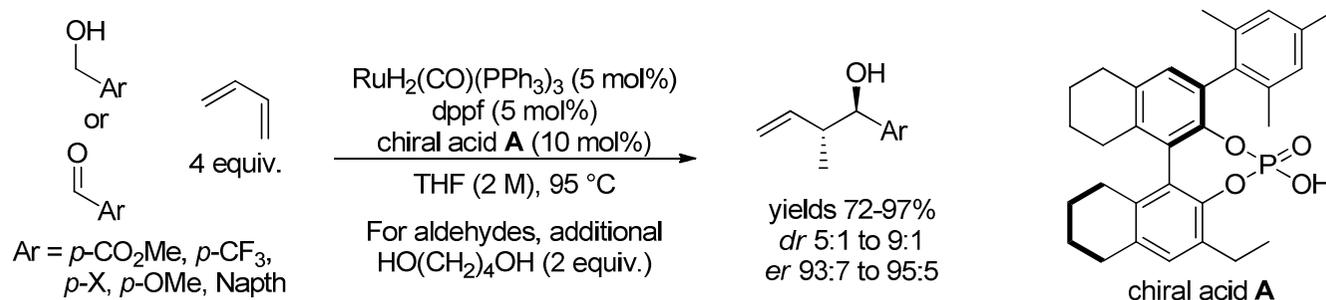


- Mechanism
 - ✦ Formation of chiral In(I)-semicorrin complex
 - ✦ B-to-In transmetallation (with hydrazone acting as Lewis base to activate boronate)
 - ✦ C-C bond formation *via* cyclic TS
- α -chloroallylation also possible with this chemistry

Crotylation with butadiene



- Direct enantio- and diastereo-selective C-H crotylation of benzylic alcohols *via* hydrohydroxyalkylation of butadiene



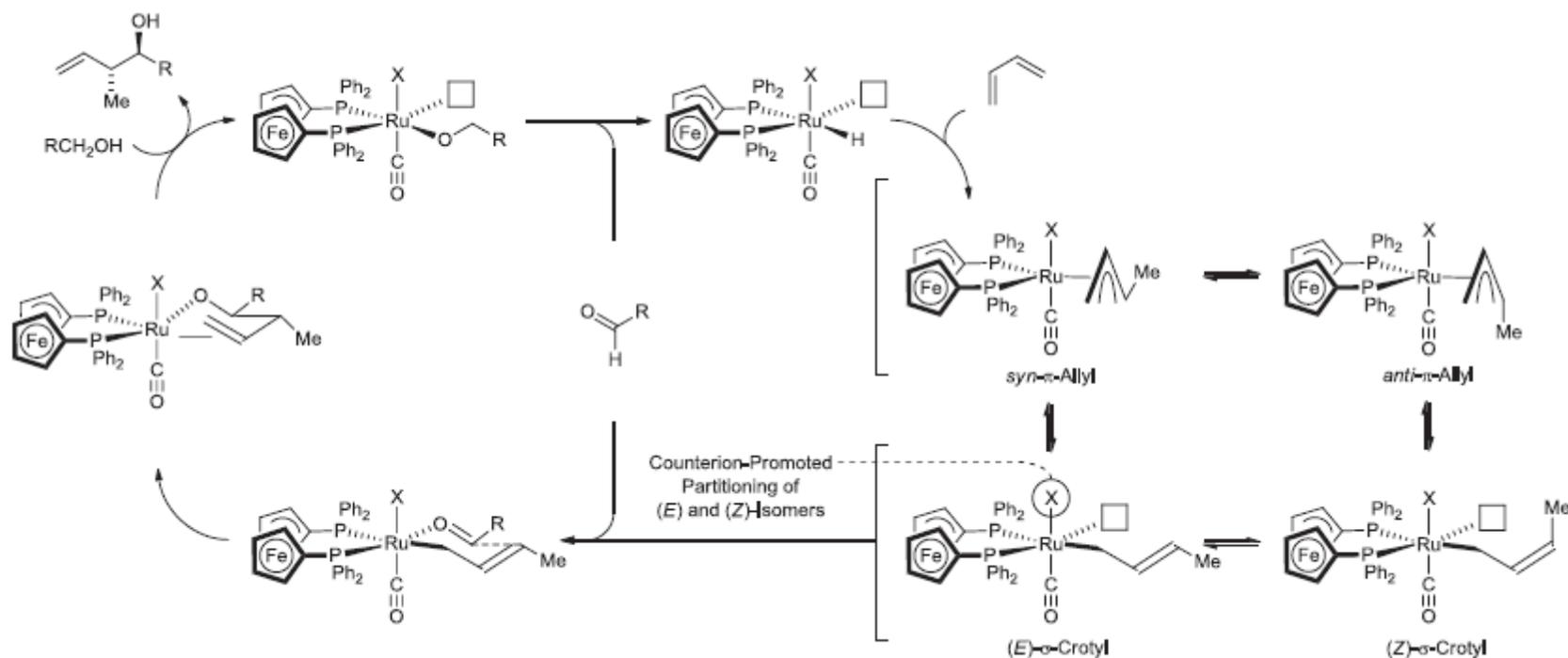
- Transfer hydrogenation conditions: 1° alcohols act as hydrogen donor and aldehyde precursors
- Advantages:
 - ✦ Butadiene is cheap and readily available chemical feedstock
 - ✦ No stoichiometric by-products, bypass the use of premetallated reagents for carbonyl crotylation
- *Anti*-diastereoselectivity arises from steric demand of counterion derived from acid-base reaction of Ru catalyst with chiral acid **A**
- When using aldehydes as substrates, 1,4-butanediol is required as a terminal reductant, with similar yields and selectivities observed

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- Proposed Mechanism



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- Type I crotylmetals are most commonly used in asymmetric crotylations due to their high diastereoselectivity and enantioselectivity allowing access to all 4 stereoisomeric products with excellent stereocontrol *via* chair-like TS
- Type II and III crotylations are less commonplace, but the ability to control both diastereo- and enantio- selectivity from racemic starting materials or a mixture of geometric isomers is useful

The End



THANK YOU!