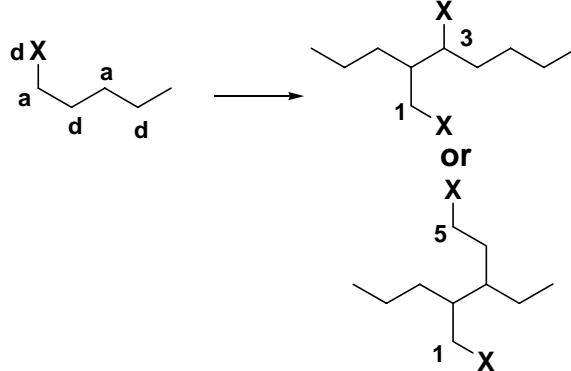


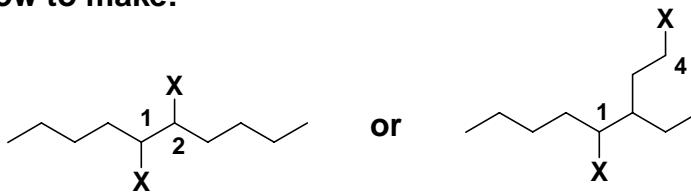
**Reactivity Umpolung:** reversal of normal polarity  
electrophiles become nucleophiles  
nucleophiles become electrophiles

**Normal reactivity:**

$x$  = heteroatom  
 $d$  = donor ( $\text{Nu}^-$ )  
 $a$  = acceptor ( $\text{E}^+$ )



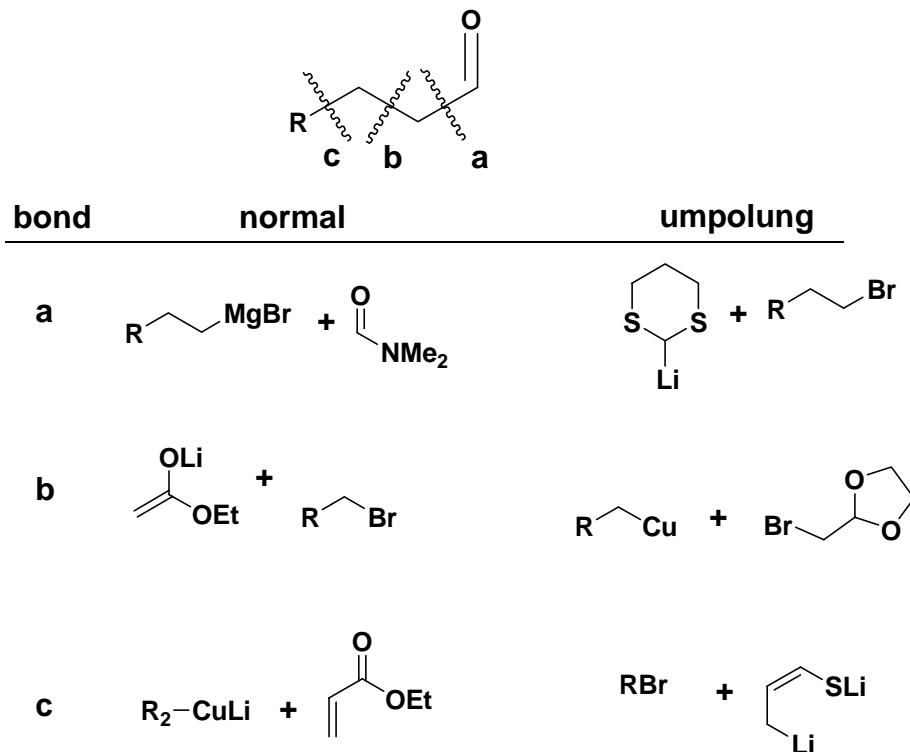
**How to make:**



### Outline:

1. electrophilic heteroatoms
2. acyl anions
3. homoenolates
4. the cyclopropane trick
5. sulfone chemistry

### complimentary disconnections



General Review: ACIEE, 1979, 239  
Carey and Sundburg, sec 13.2

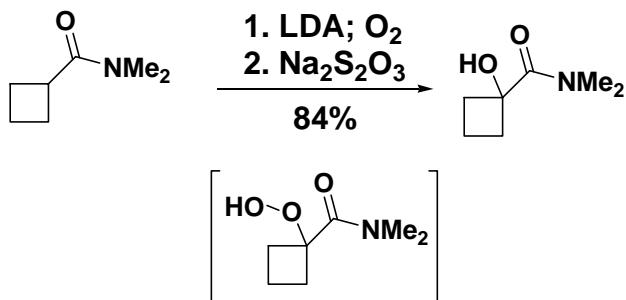
## Electrophilic Heteroatoms

General form:

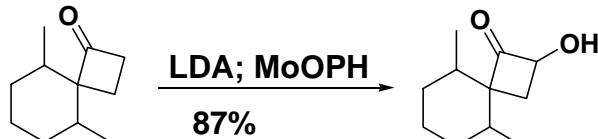
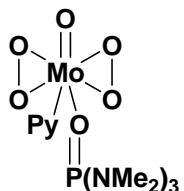


## Electrophile

## Examples

 $\text{O}_2$ 

Wasserman and Lipshutz  
TL, 1975, 1731

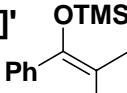


MoOPH

Vedejs, JOC, 1978, 188

## mCPBA

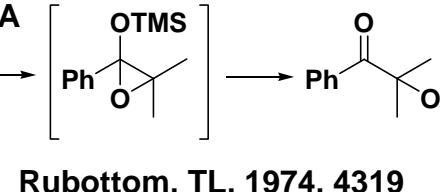
'Rubottom [O]'



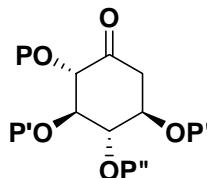
1. mCPBA

2. HF

60%

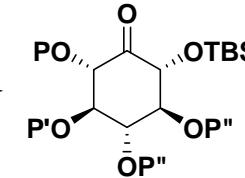


Rubottom, TL, 1974, 4319



1. TBSOTf,  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$   
2. DMDO

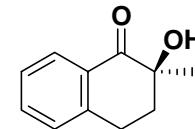
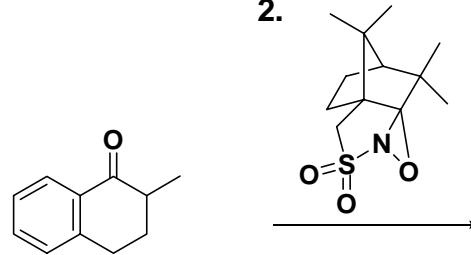
69%



Falck, JOC, 1995, 3385

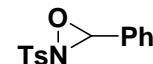
## Oxaziridines

1. LiHMDS  
2.

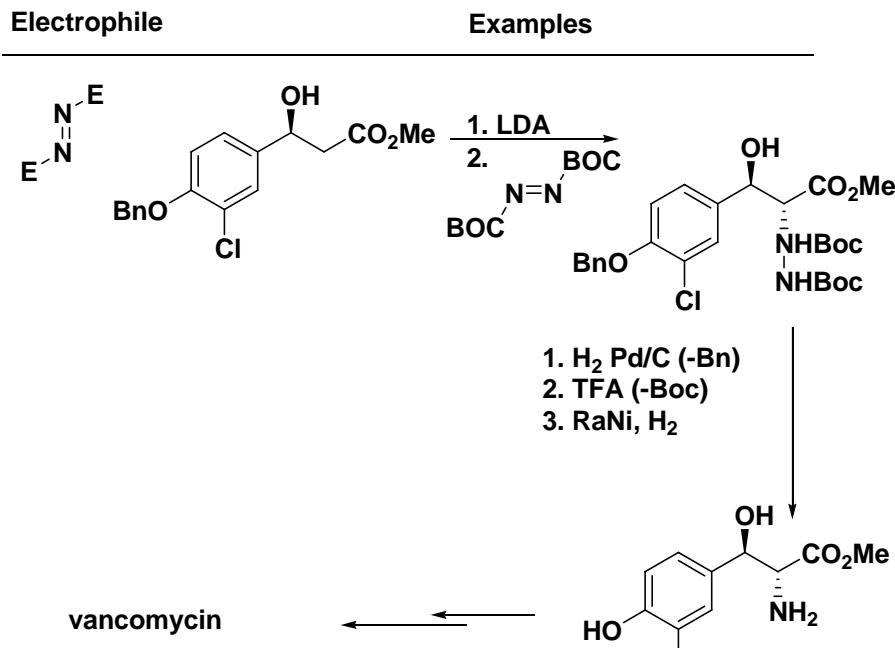


95% ee  
Davis, Chem. Rev. 1992, 919

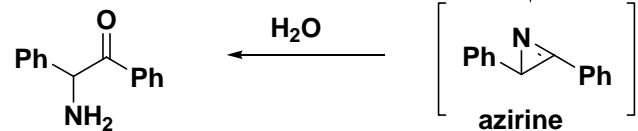
not a general asymmetric method. For racemic, most commonly used is 'Davis Oxaziridine'



## Aminations (Review: Syn Lett, 1997, 741)

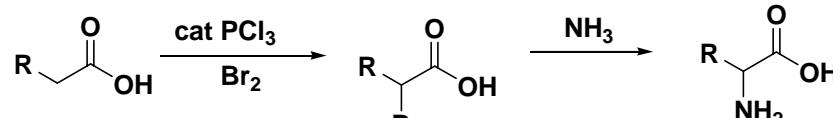


Include stoltz use of neber in dragmacidin,  
JACS, 2005, 5970



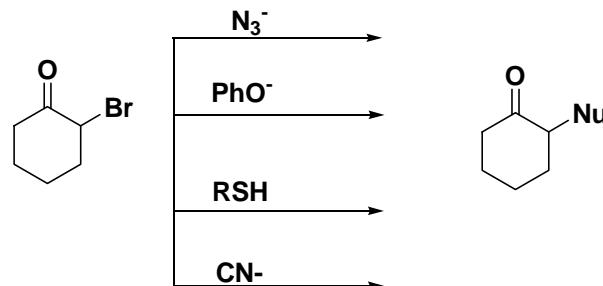
Maruoka, JACS, 2002, 7640

## Heteroatom exchange: Most commonly with Br, Cl

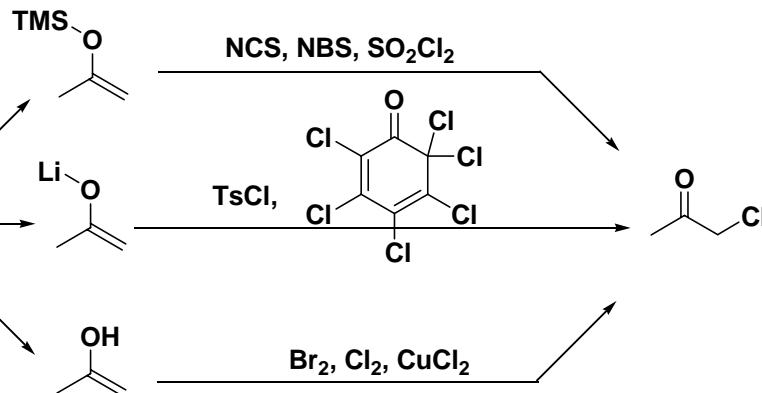


can you name this rxn?

$\alpha$ -halo carbonyls are excellent electrophiles (recall SN2 rxn accelerated by either electron withdrawing or electron releasing groups)

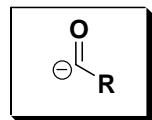


synthesized from enolate (or equiv) and electrophilic halogen:

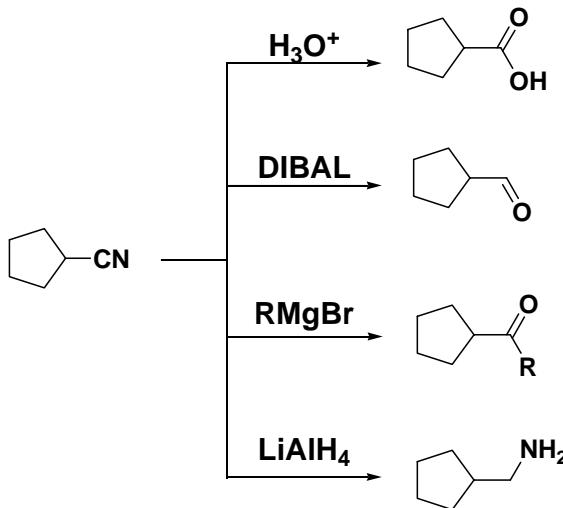
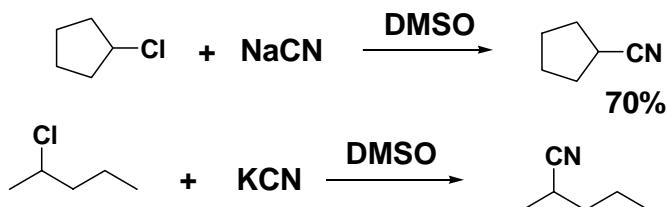


Lead references: Brummond, TL, 1999, 2231;  
enantioselective chlorination: Jorgensen, ACIEE, 2004, 5507

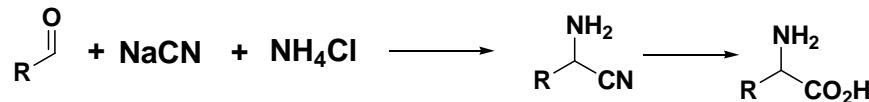
Acyl anions are the most sought umpolung reagents



Cyanide: Super nucleophile (small, non-basic), can be converted into amine, aldehyde, acid, ketone.

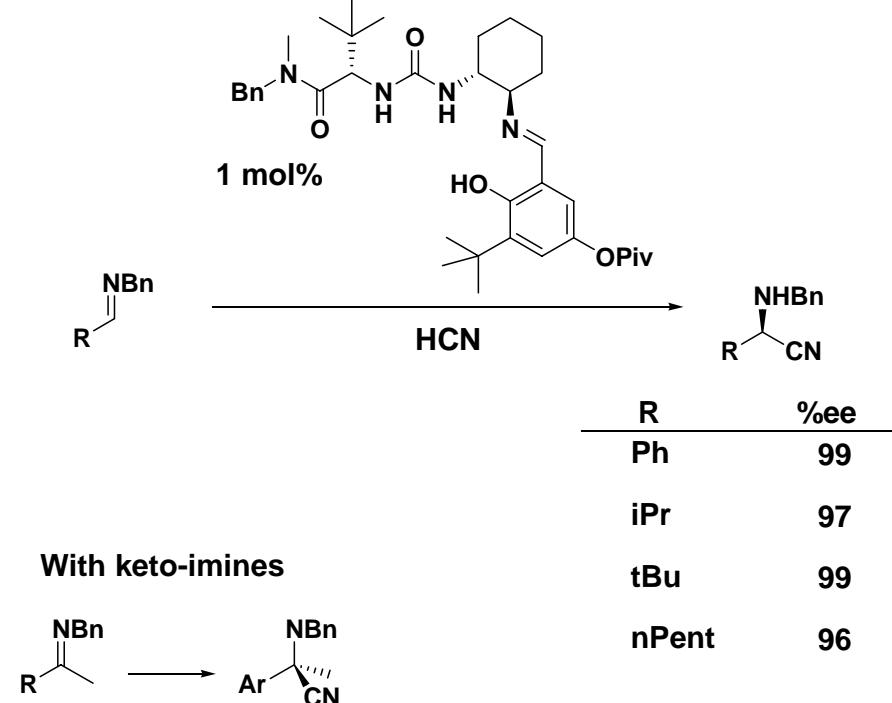


Strecker amino acid synthesis: One of the oldest and most effective ways to make amino acids

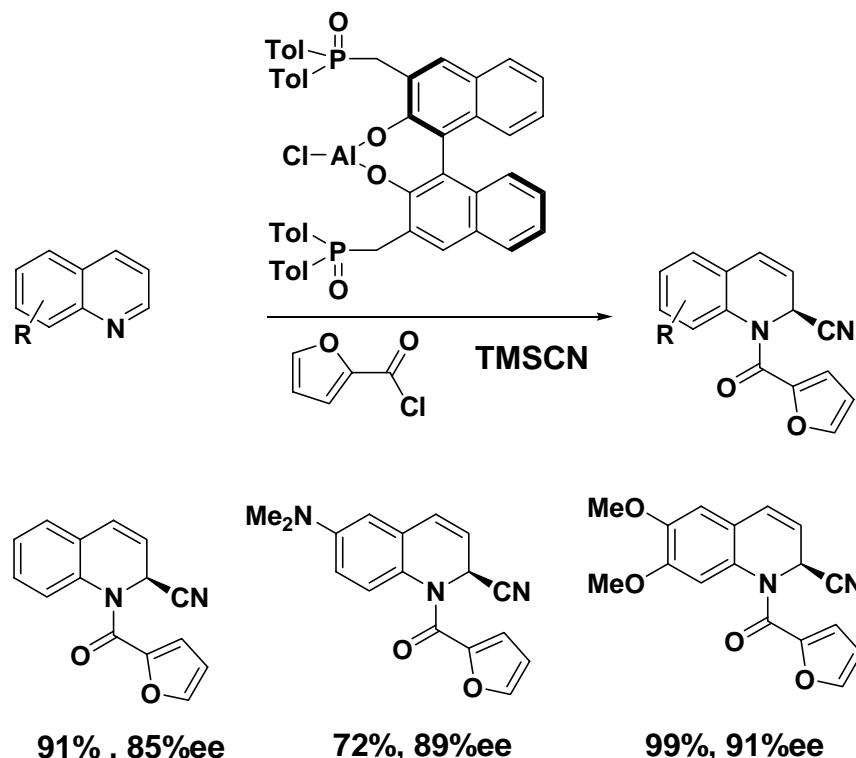


Recently has become hot topic for asymmetric catalysis.  
Review: Chem Rev. 2003, 2795

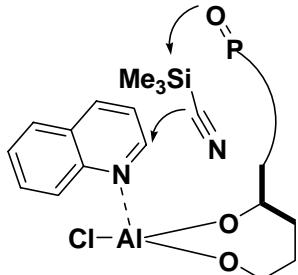
Jacobsen JACS 2002, 10012



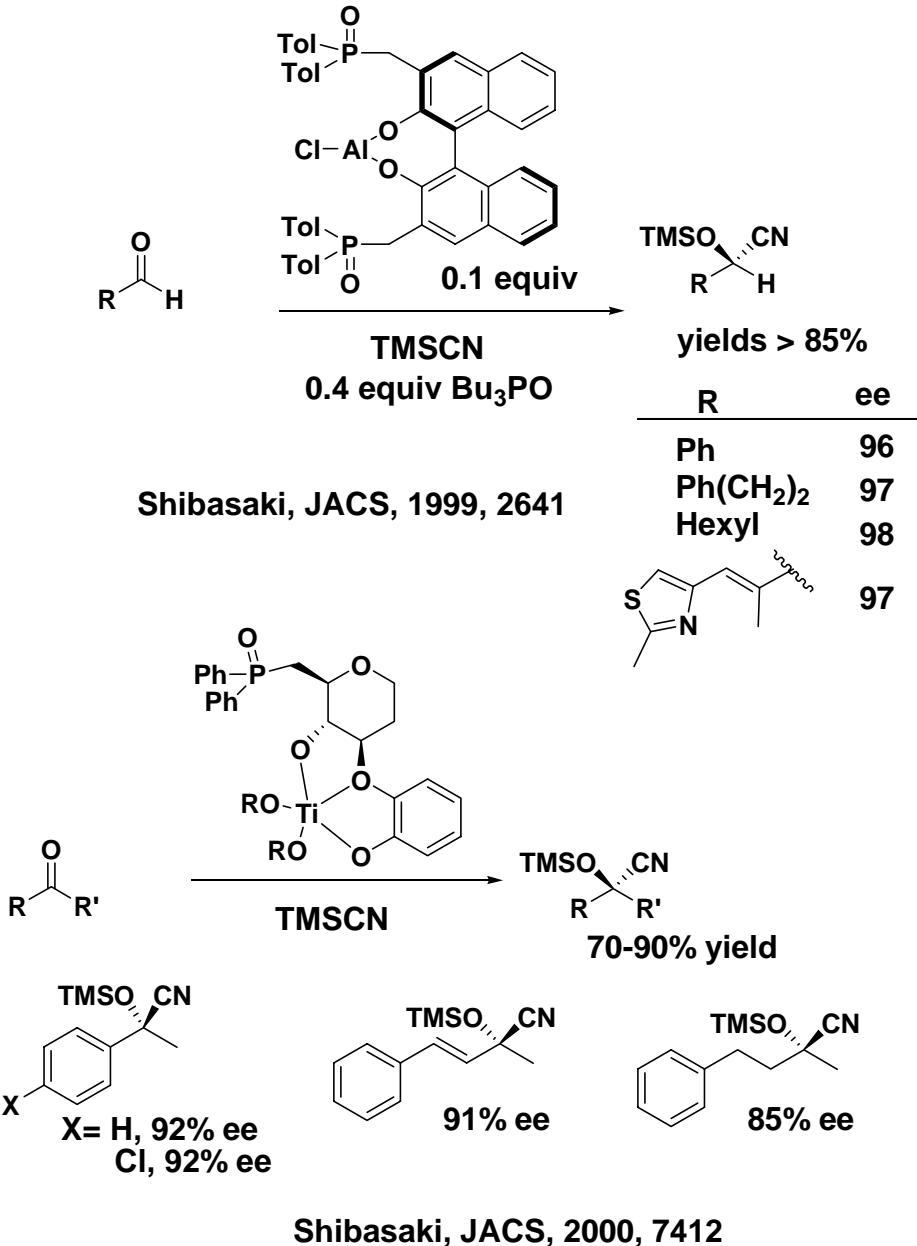
## Strecker Rxn with quinolines (Reissert Rxn)



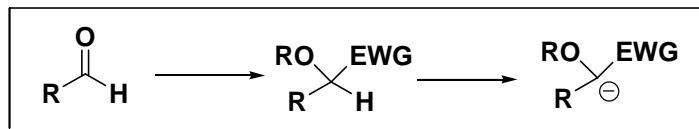
Propose:



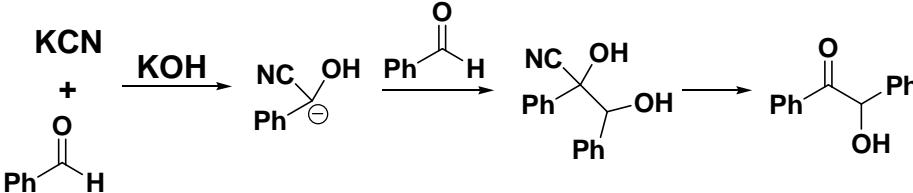
## Hydrocyanation of aldehydes and ketones



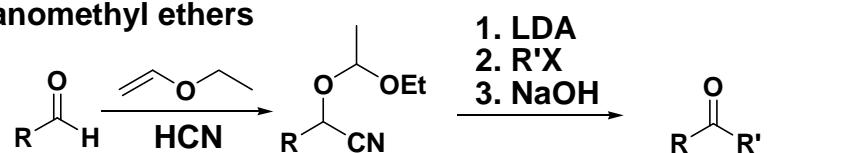
## Increasing the acidity of the formyl proton



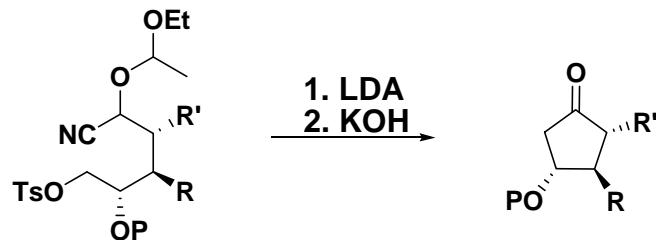
## Benzoin condensation



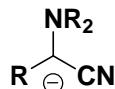
## Cyanomethyl ethers



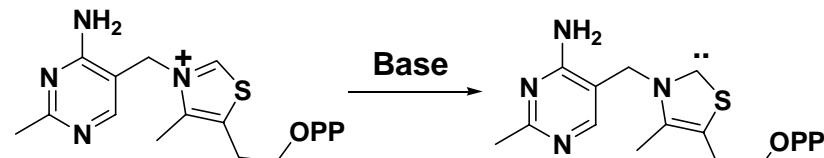
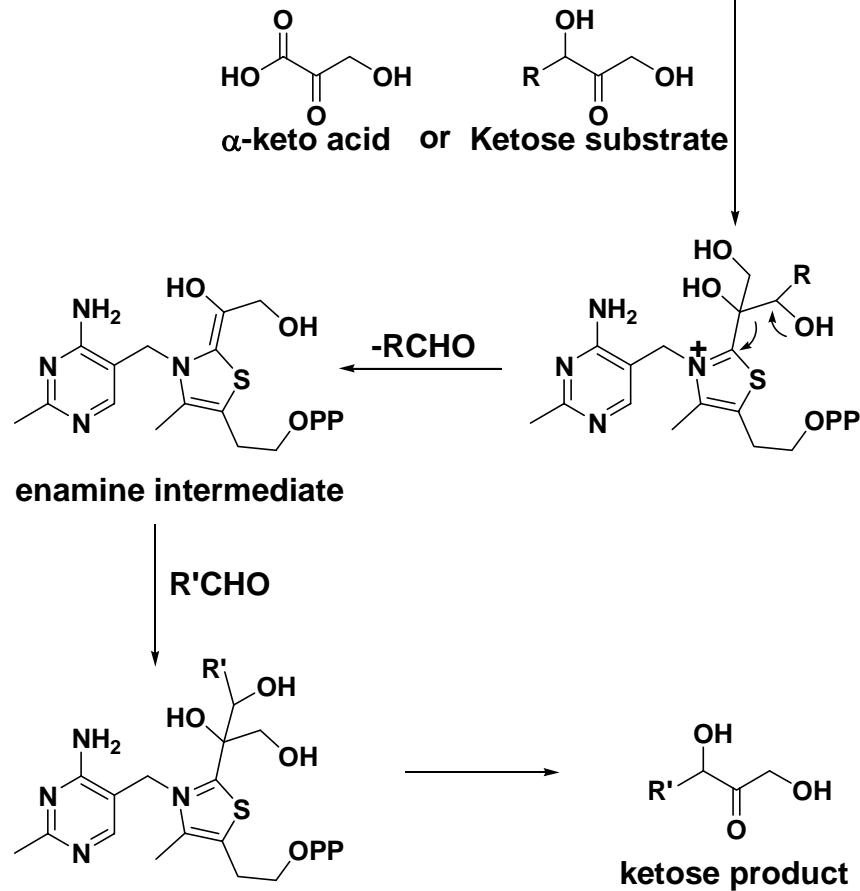
Stork, JACS, 1971, 5286

R=Me; R' = n-hex (85%)  
iPr (80%); allyl (76%)

## Related Chemistry:

Review: Chem. Soc. Rev  
2000, 359

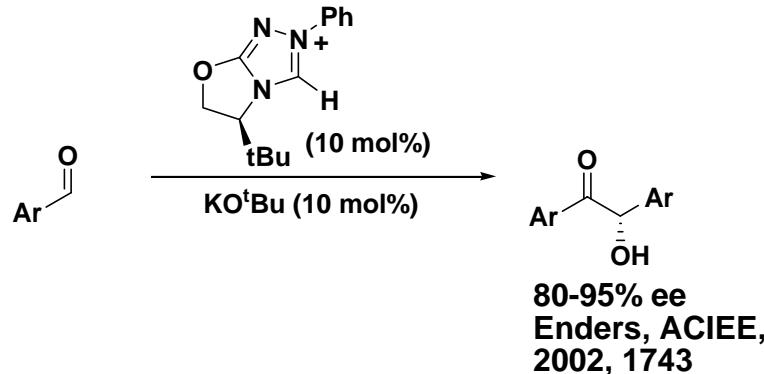
## Nature uses carbenes:

Vitamin B1 (thiamine)  
Coenzyme: thiamine pyrophosphate

In the lab: Review: Org. Rxn. 1991, 407; ACIEE 2004, 1326

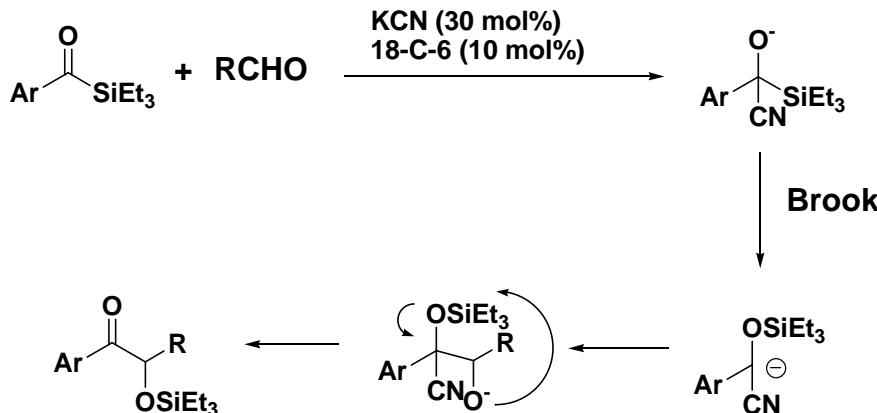
### Benzoin reaction

enantioselective version:



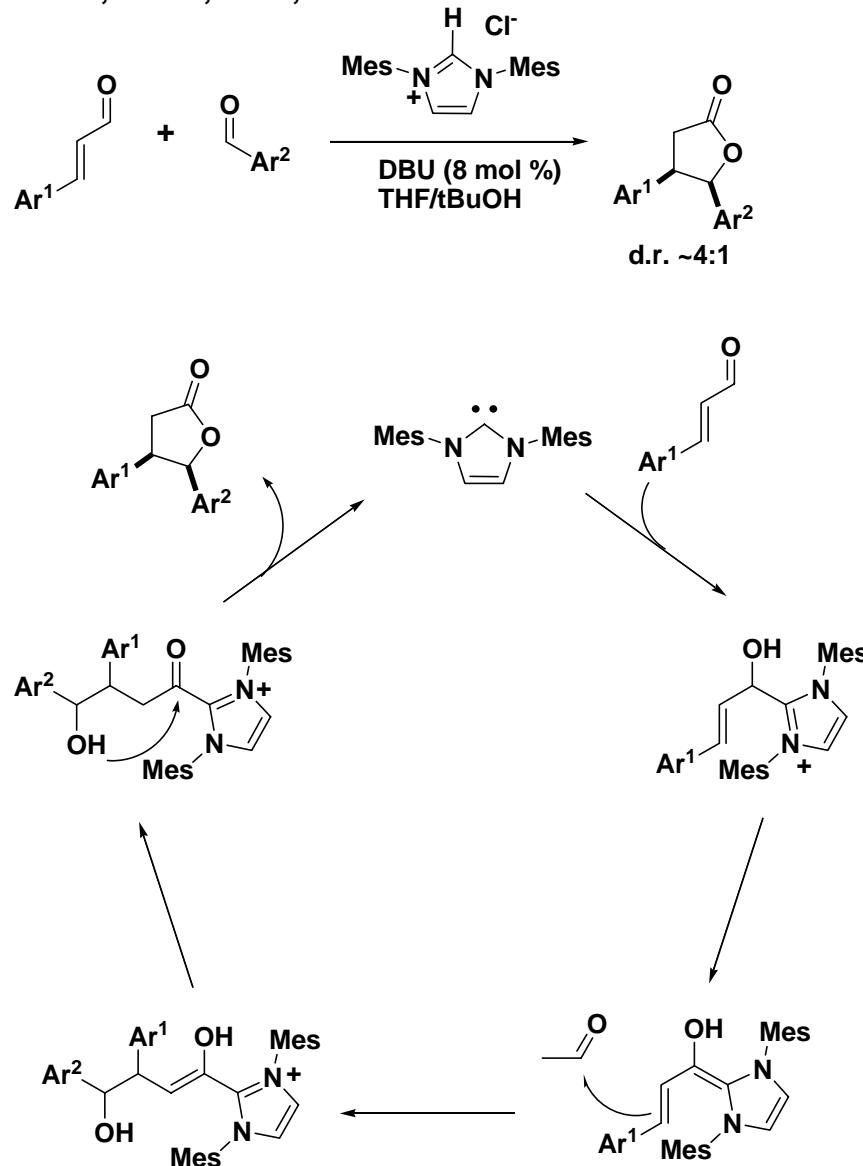
Problem: crossed benzoin gives mixture of homo and hetero dimers.

Soln: Acyl silanes



Johnson, ACIEE, 2003, 2534

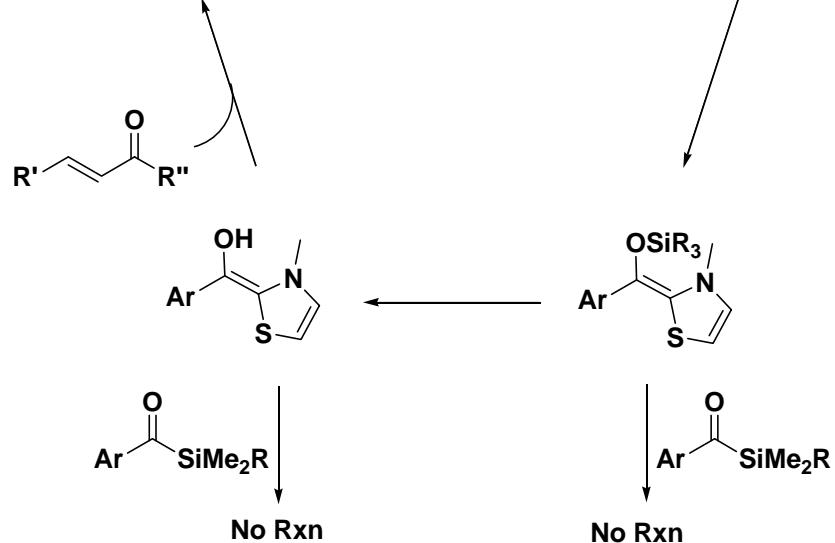
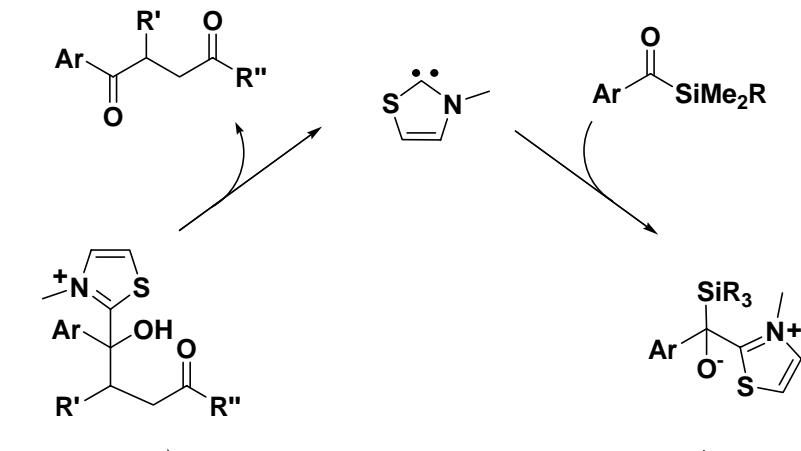
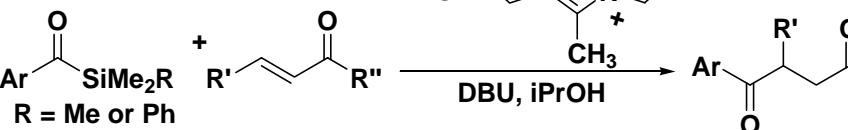
Catalytic homoenolate generation  
Bode, JACS, 2004, 14370



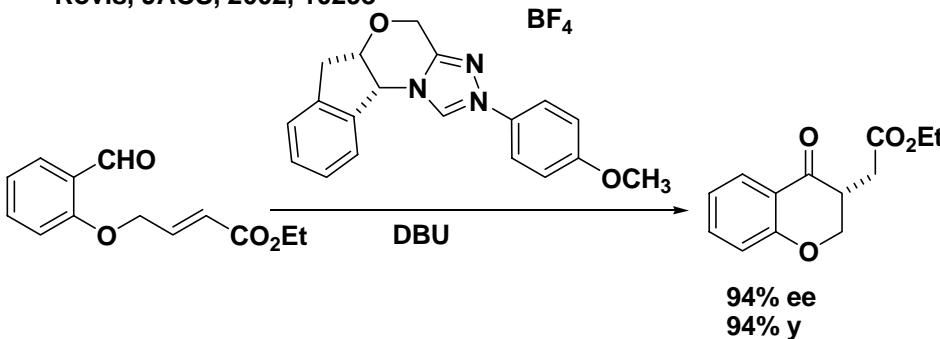
# Reactivity Umpolung-7a

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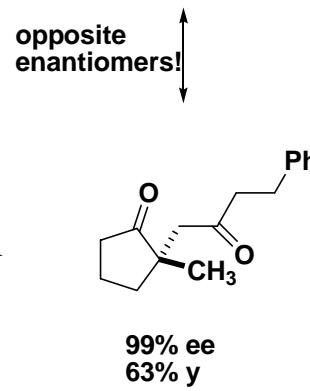
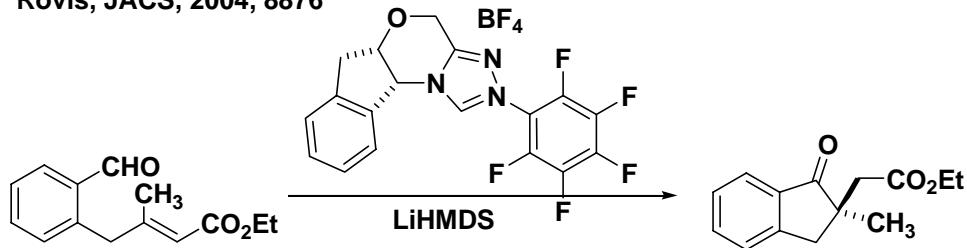
catalytic Sila-Stetter Reaction  
Schiedt, JACS, 2004, 2314



Rovis, JACS, 2002, 10298



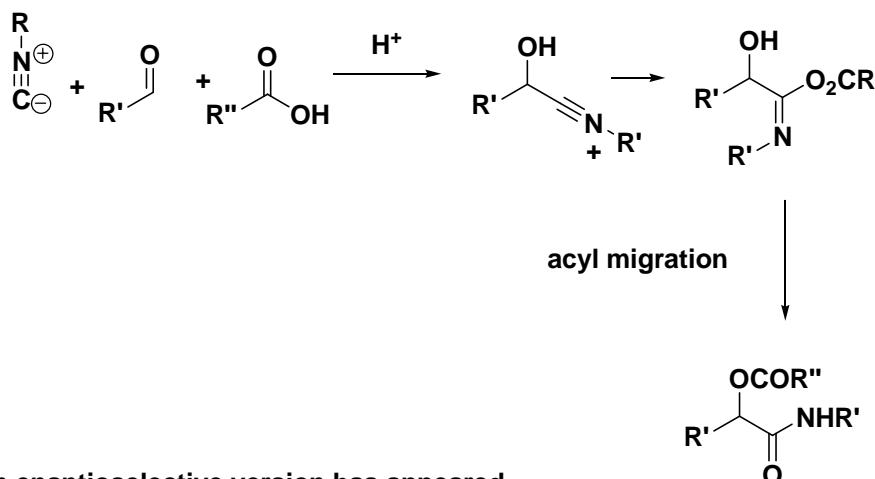
quaternary stereocenters with activated catalyst:  
Rovis, JACS, 2004, 8876



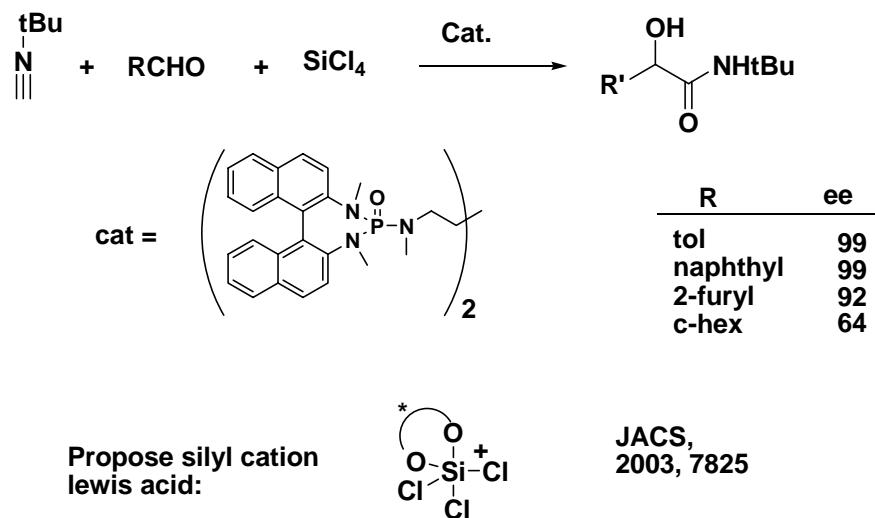
Isonitriles

Versatile C1 synthons; often act as acyl anion

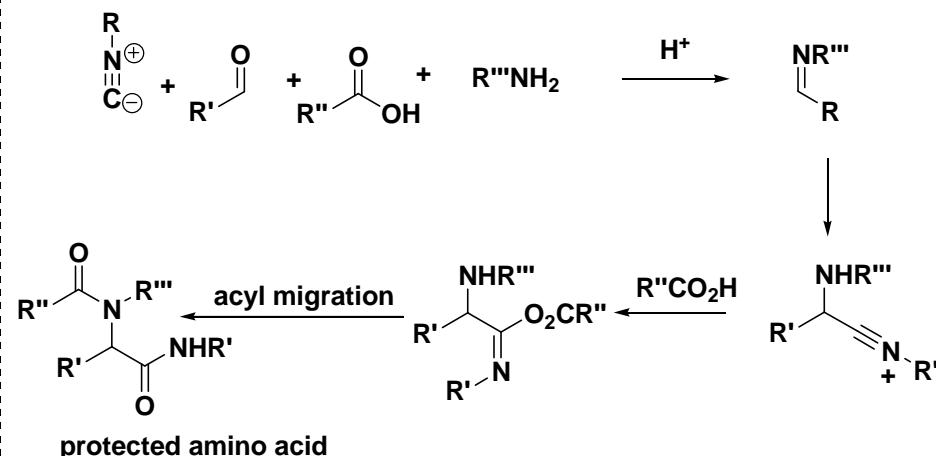
Passerini Rxn:



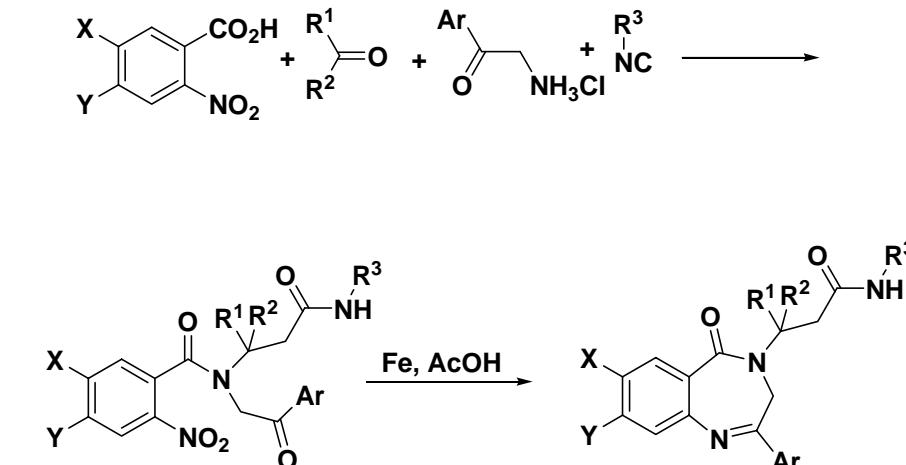
an enantioselective version has appeared



Ugi Four-component coupling (U4CC)



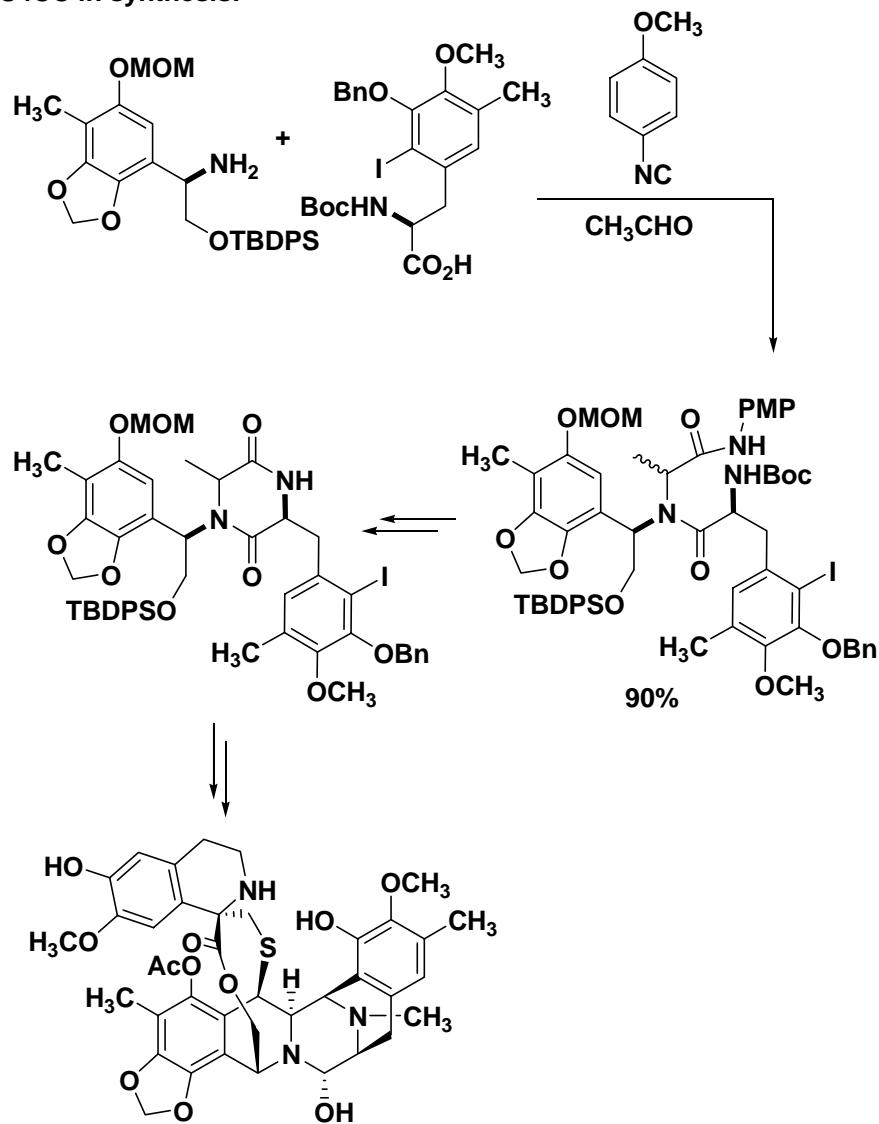
Has been applied extensively for library synthesis:



Reactivity Umpolung-7c

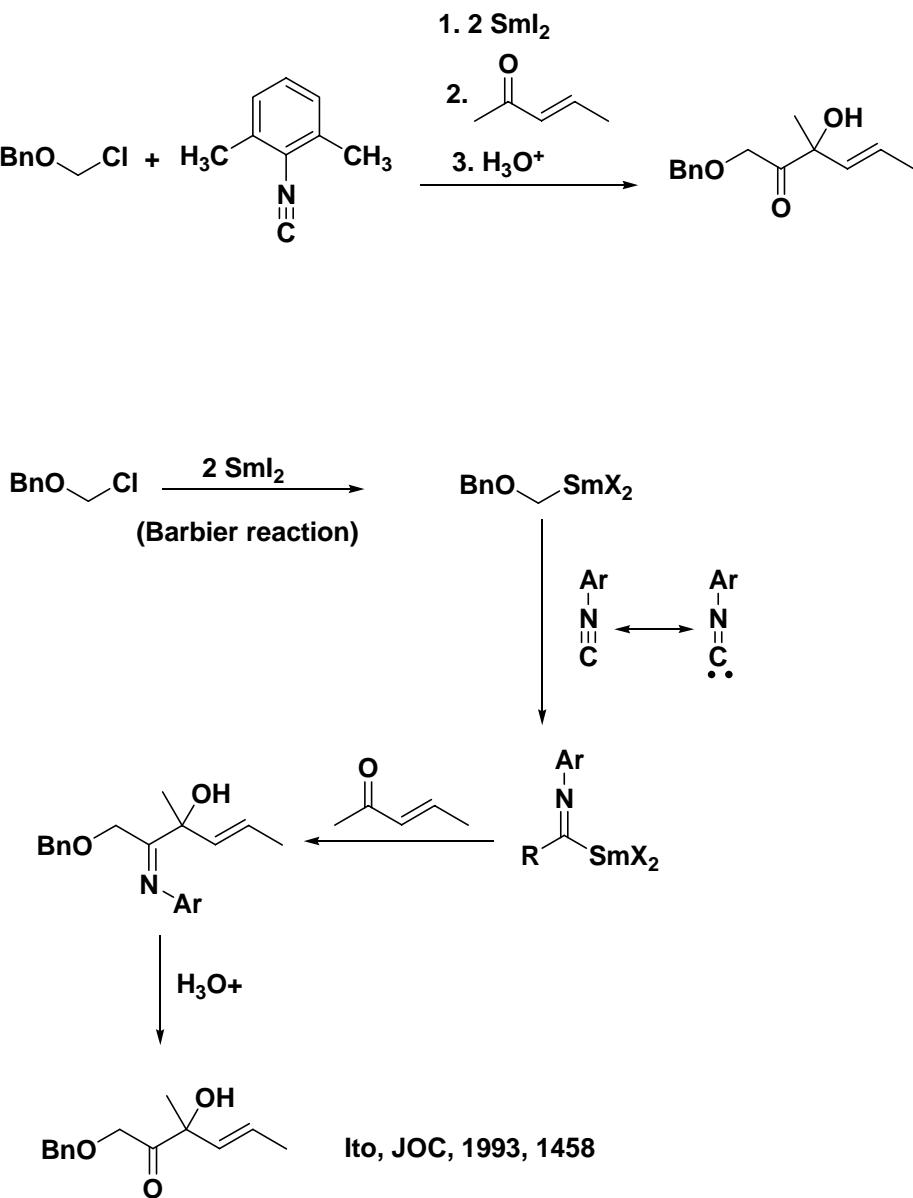
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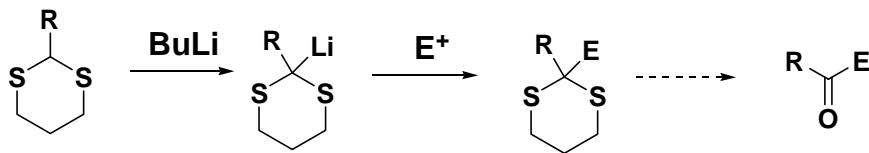
U4CC in synthesis:



Ecteinascidin 743  
Antiproliferative ( $IC_{50} = 0.2 - 1 \text{ nM}$ )  
Fukuyama, JACS, 2002, 6552

Isonitriles as linchpins (first as E<sup>+</sup>, then as Nu<sup>-</sup>)

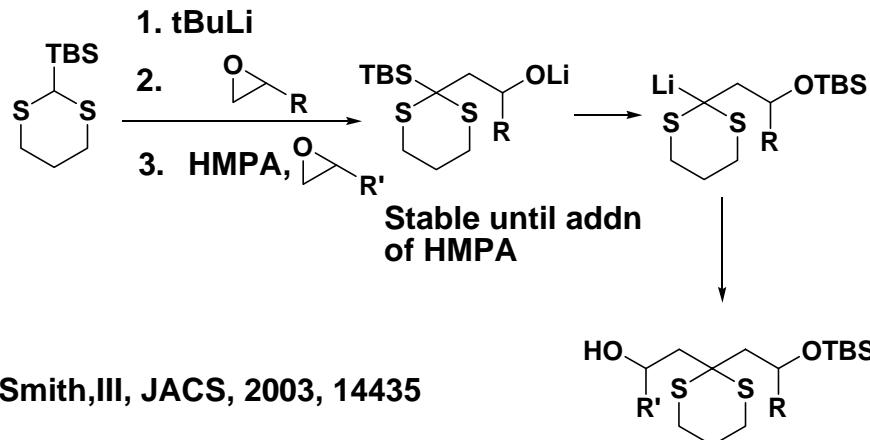


**Dithiane anions**

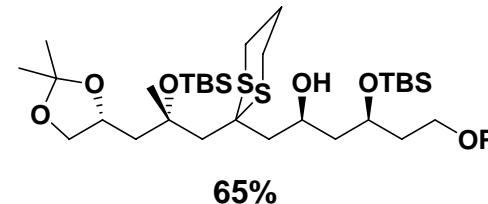
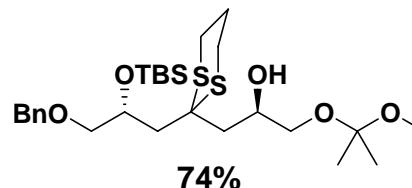
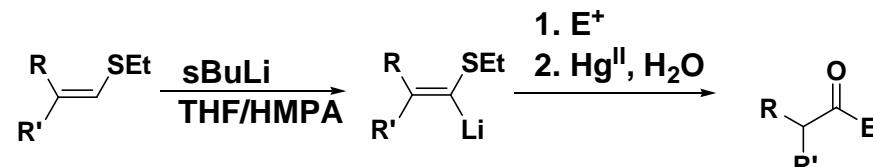
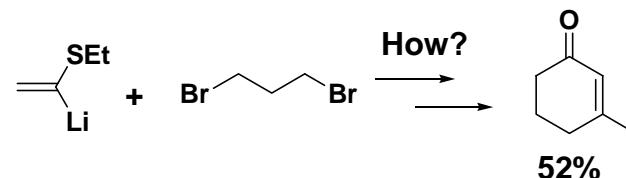
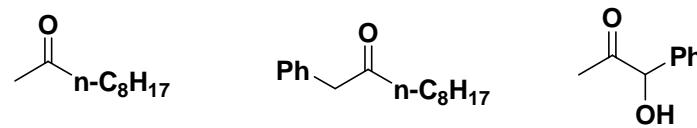
Corey, Seebach, JOC, 1975, 231

R	E	% yield
H	Et-I	85
Me	iPr-I	83
Ph	iPr-I	97
H	PhCHO	99
n-pent	O \ / O	95
H		77

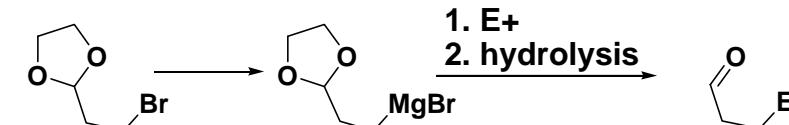
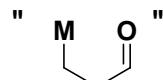
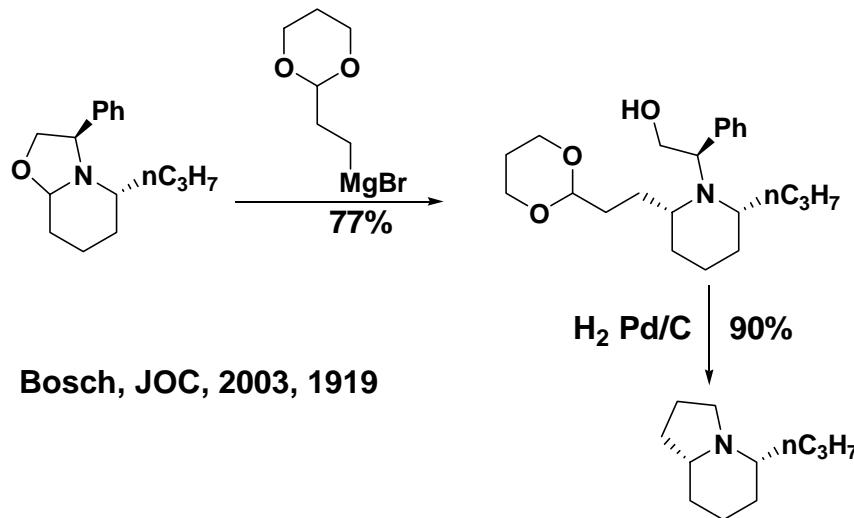
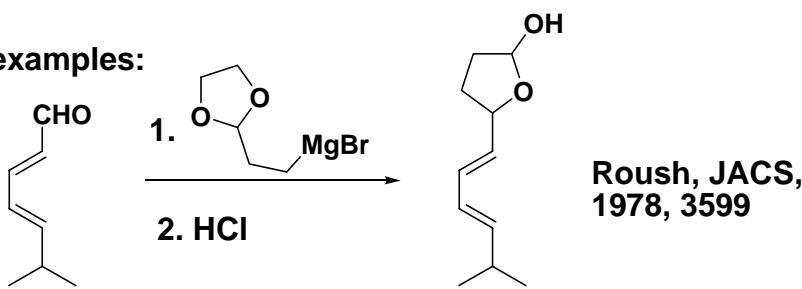
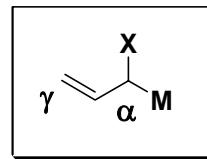
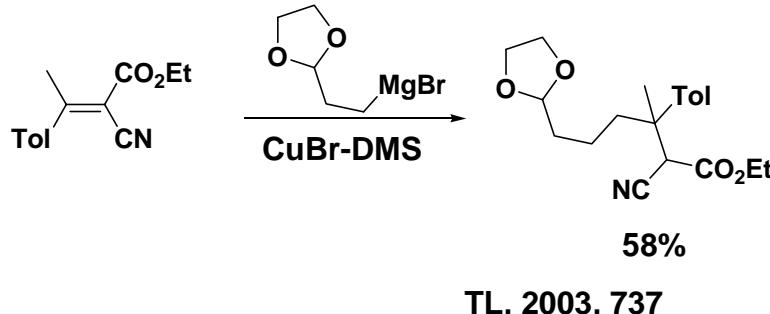
An extension: dithianes as linchpins



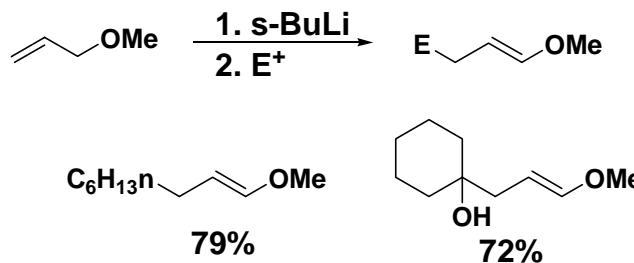
Smith, III, JACS, 2003, 14435

**sample products:****Vinyl thioether anions****sample products:**

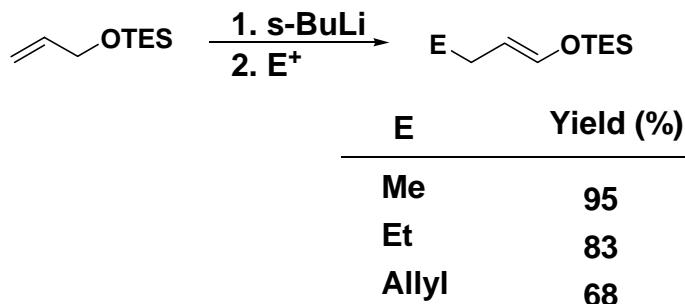
Yamamoto, JACS, 1973, 2694

**Homoenolate equivalents****examples:****conjugate addn.**

Many examples. Few work well.  
Selectivity ( $\alpha$  vs.  $\gamma$ ) usually poor



homoenolates, cont.



Still, JACS, 1974, 5561

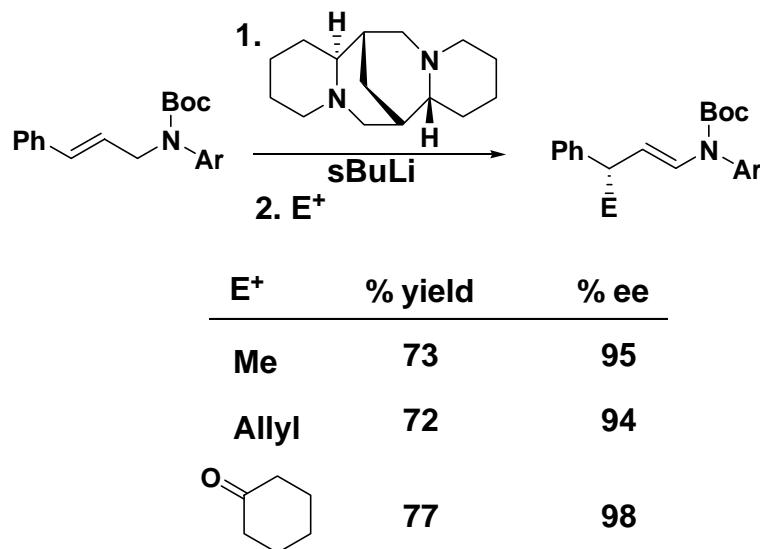
Seebach:



$\text{E}^+$  = n-alkyl Br  
EtCHO  
PhCHO  
c-pentanone

yields = 65-95  
 $\alpha:\gamma$  = 1:3 - 1:4

Review: Tet, 1983, 205

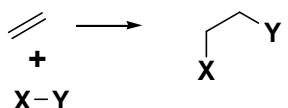


Review: ACIEE, 1997, 2282

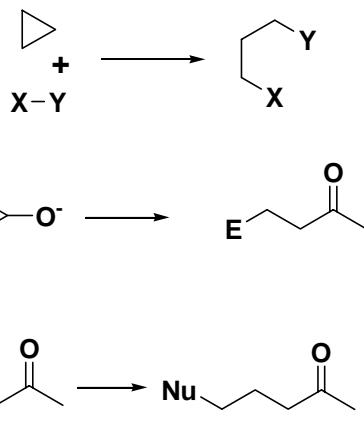
The Cyclopropane Trick

cyclopropanes convert even to odd, odd to even:

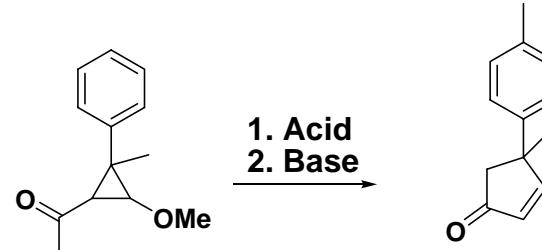
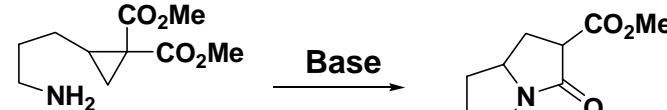
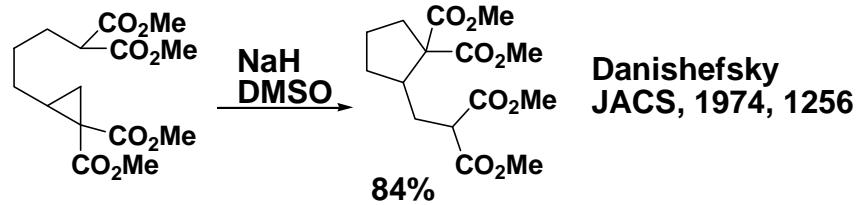
normal reactivity mode



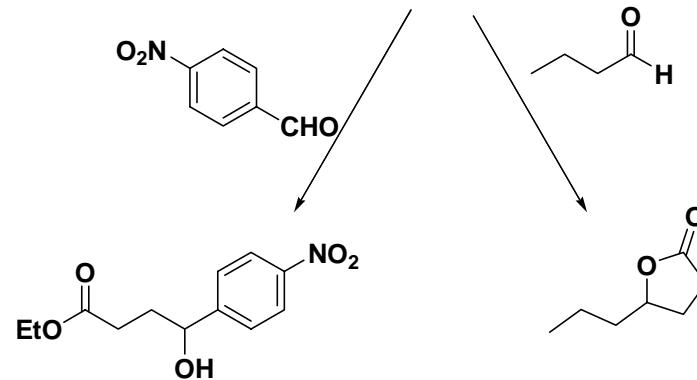
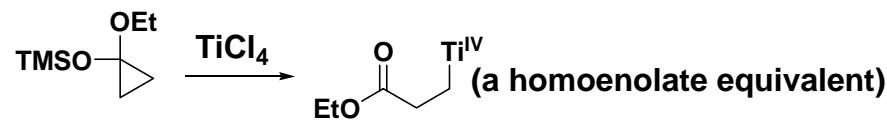
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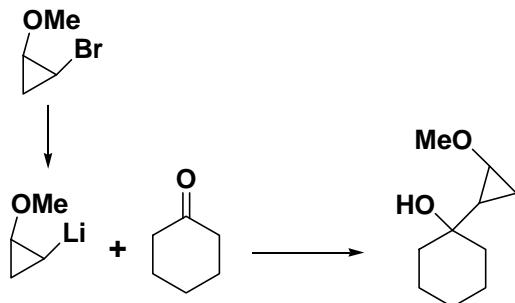
examples



Wenkert, JOC, 1978, 1267

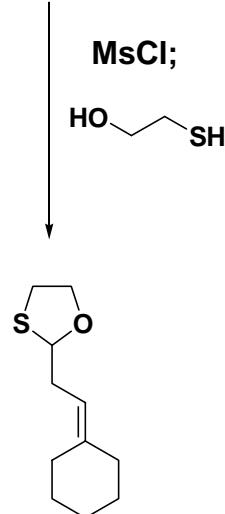


Kuwajima, JACS, 1977, 7360



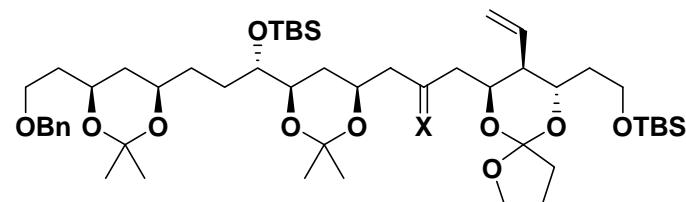
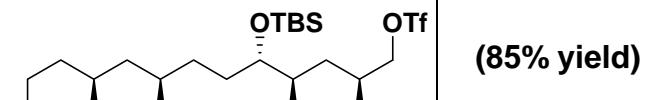
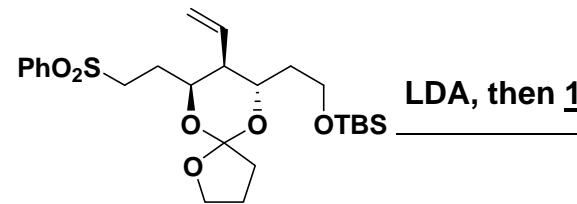
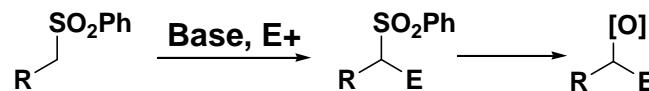
Note: leaving group  $\beta$  to lithium, but no cyclopropene formed from elimination

Corey, TL, 1975, 3685



### Sulfones

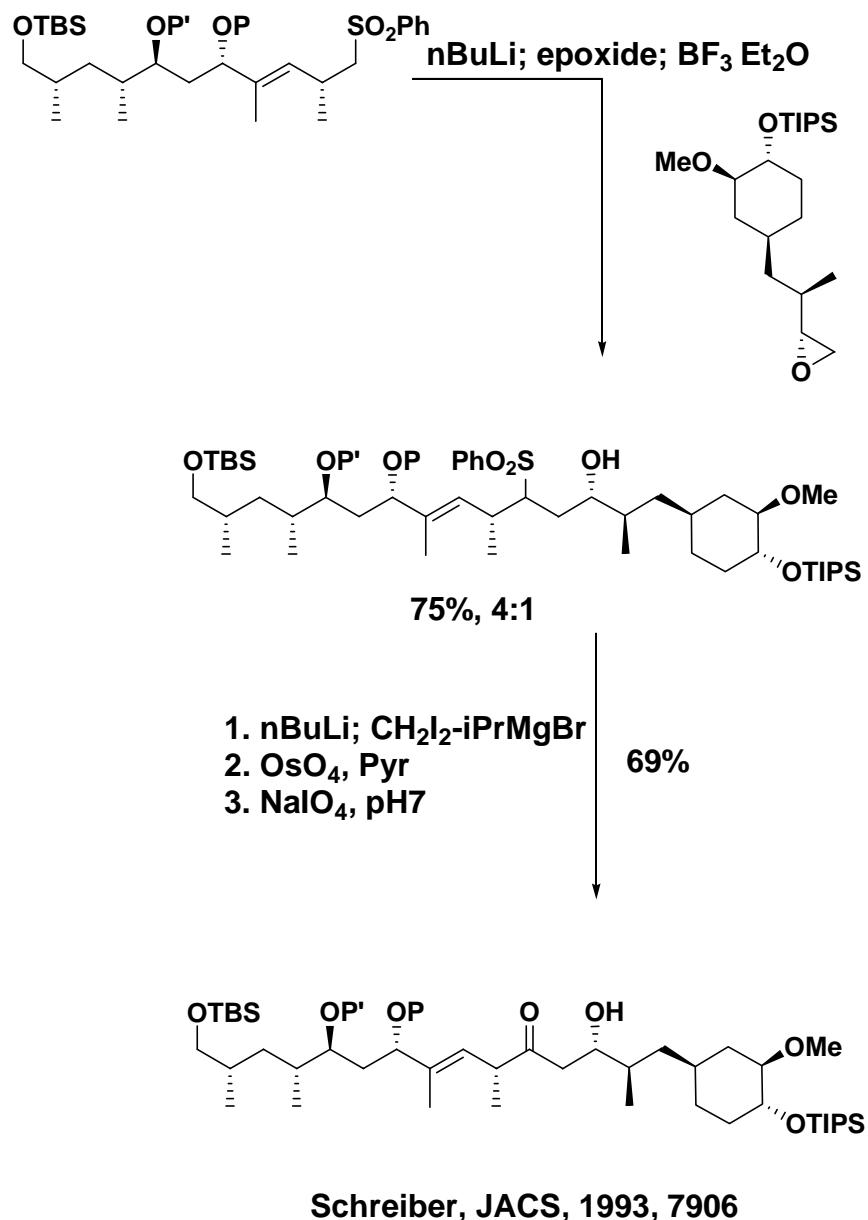
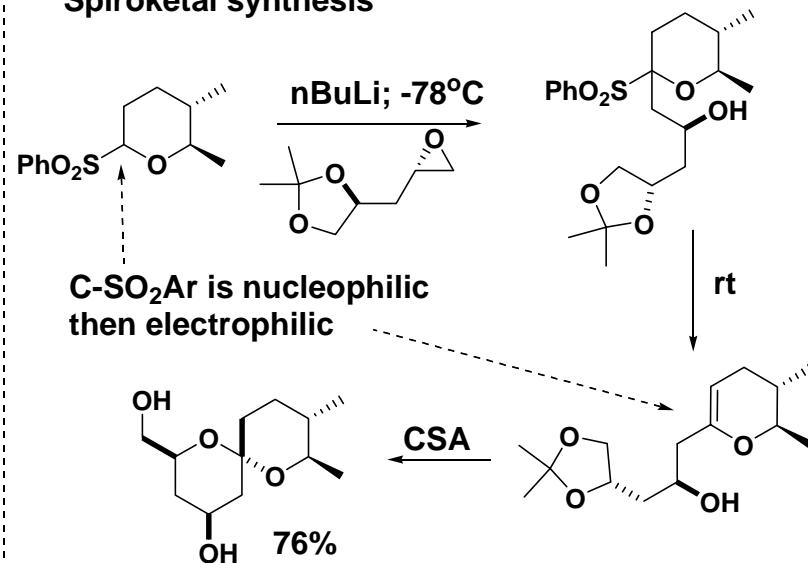
sulfones display amphoteric reactivity pattern:  
they can be either electrophilic or nucleophilic



LDA, MoOPH  
40% yield

Masamune, TL, 1988, 451

$X = H, SO_2Ph$   
 $X = O$

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Ley, TL, 1986, 5277  
 Perkin, 1991, 25  
 Strategies & Tactics in Organic Synthesis, 1991, 237

