

# Structure and Reactivity

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## Summary

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# Structure and Reactivity: Summary

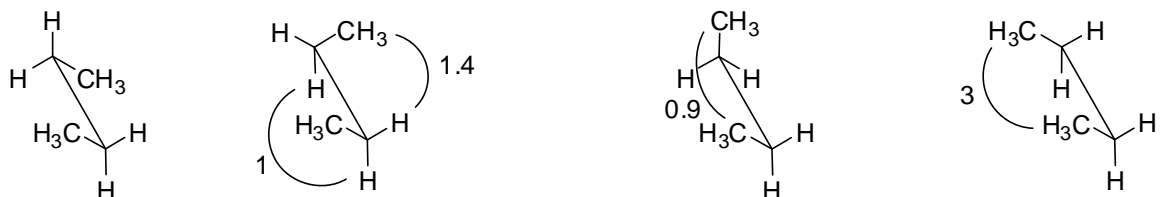
## 1. Conformational Analysis

(Energy Values in Kcal/mol, M = Medium, L = Large)

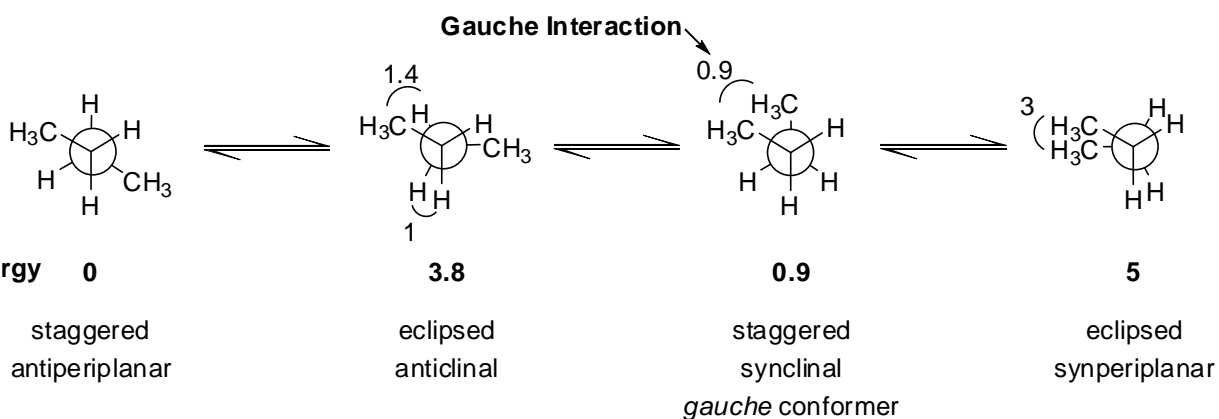
### 1.1 Alkanes

#### Butane

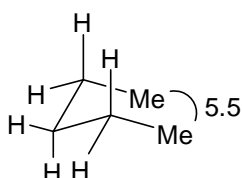
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##### Newman

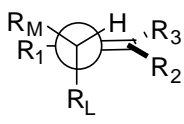
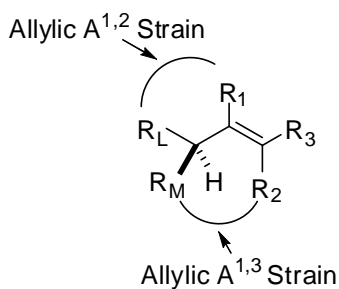


Special Interaction for Pentane:



#### Double Gauche Pentane or Syn Pentane Interaction

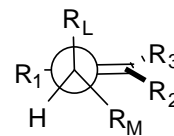
### 1.2 Alkenes: Allylic Strain



#### A<sup>1,3</sup> Minimized:

- R<sub>L</sub> in free room ⊥ to DB
- H towards R<sub>2</sub>

Favored for R<sub>2</sub> bigger R<sub>1</sub>



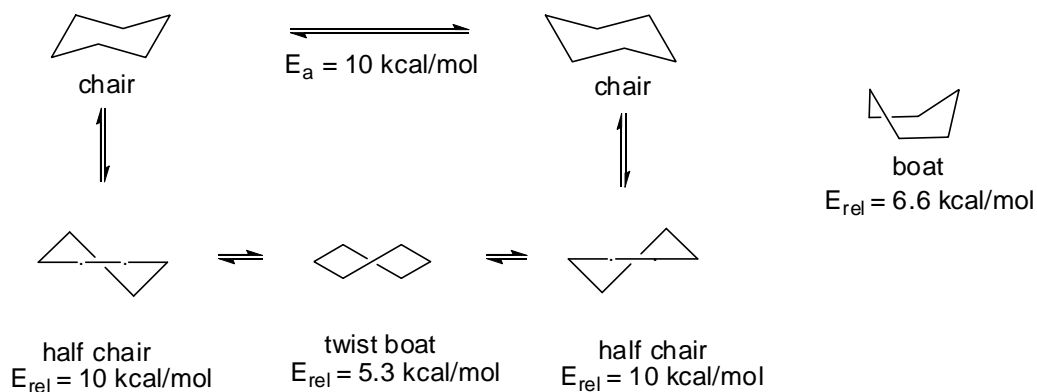
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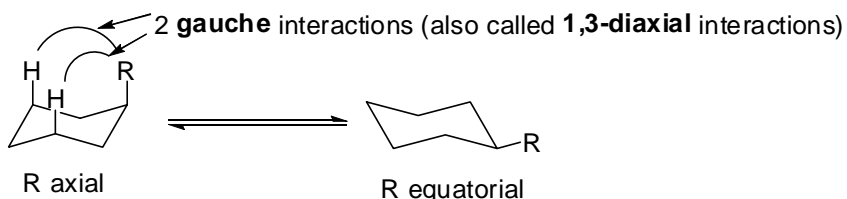
- If R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> are of similar size, A<sub>1,3</sub> is more important.
- R<sub>3</sub> is usually less important for selectivity.

### 1.3 Cyclohexane



R A value

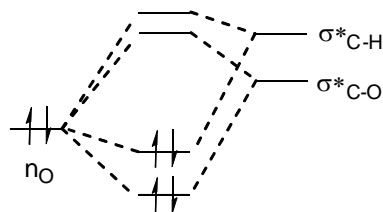
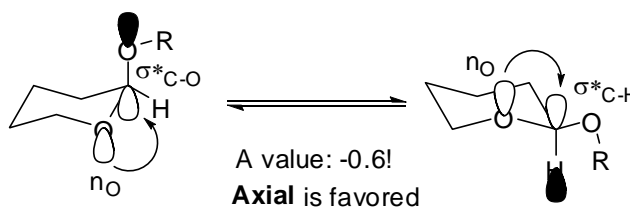
CH <sub>3</sub>	1.7
CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	1.7
CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	2.1
C(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	4.7
CH <sub>2</sub> OH	1.7
CO <sub>2</sub> Et	1.2
CN	0.2
C $\equiv$ C-H	0.4
CH = CH <sub>2</sub>	1.6
C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	2.8
Si(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	2.5
Sn(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	1.0
O <sub>2</sub> CCH <sub>3</sub>	0.7
OCH <sub>3</sub>	0.6
N <sub>3</sub>	0.5
F	0.3
Cl	0.6
Br	0.6
I	0.5



**A value (R) = -  $\Delta G$  (axial-equatorial)**

!!! A value are exact only for monosubstituted cyclohexanes!!!

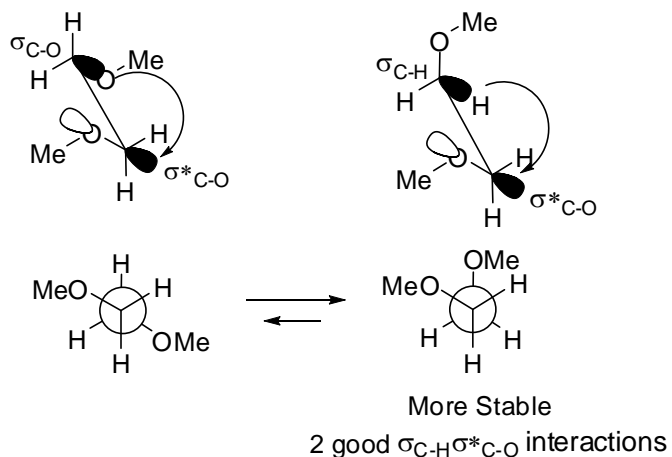
Important Exception: **Anomeric Effect**



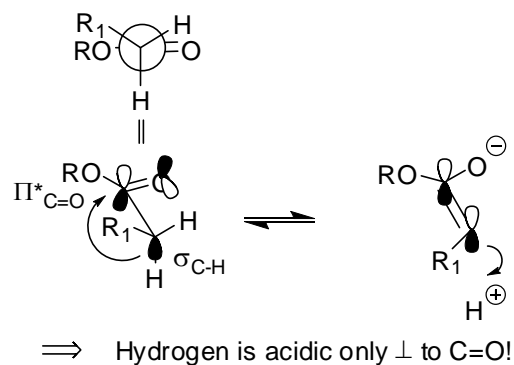
**Anomeric Effect:** In the axial position, a better stabilization with the more electronegative  $\sigma^*_{\text{C-O}}$  is possible.

## 1.4 Other Important Stereoelectronic Effects

### Gauche Effect



### Enolate Formation



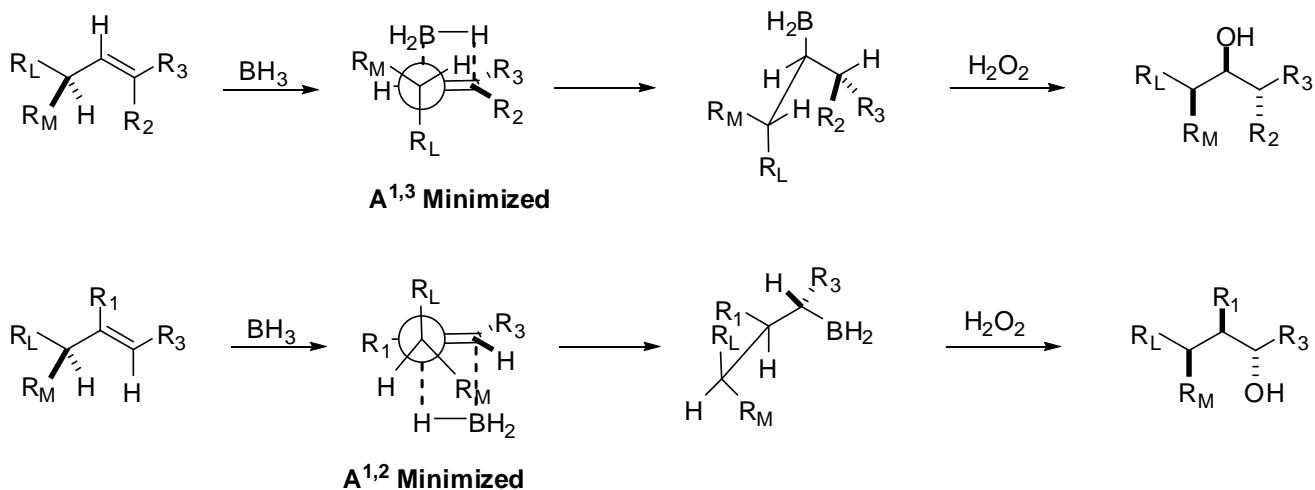
### Microscopic Reversibility:

Protonation from Enolate is  $\perp$  to  $C=C$ !

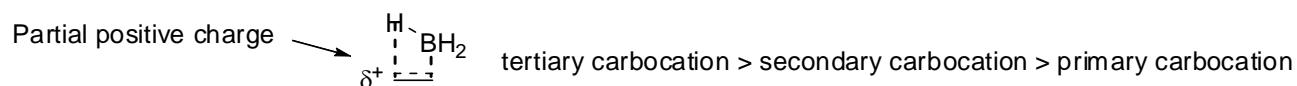
## 2. C=C Functionalization

### 2.1 Hydroboration

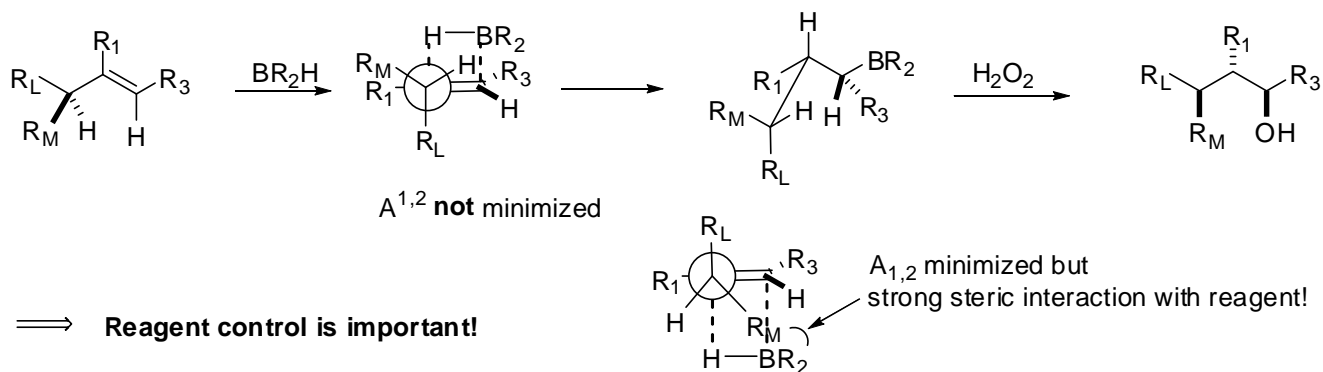
Hydroboration with  $BH_3$ : Minimize strongest Allylic strain,  $BH_3$  comes opposite from  $R_L$



**Regioselectivity:** H goes to more stabilized carbocation, because the mechanism is asynchronous:

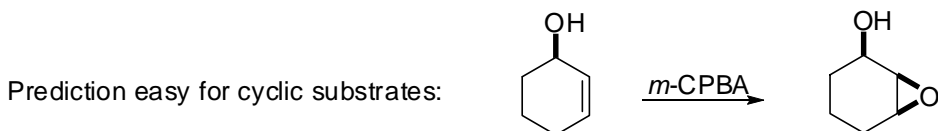
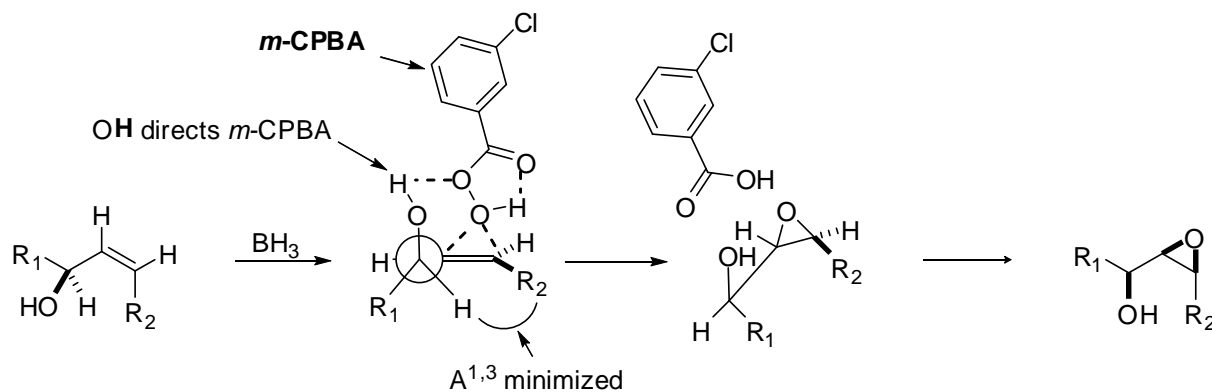


Hydroboration with bulky boron reagents: **Minimize reagent-substrate interactions**



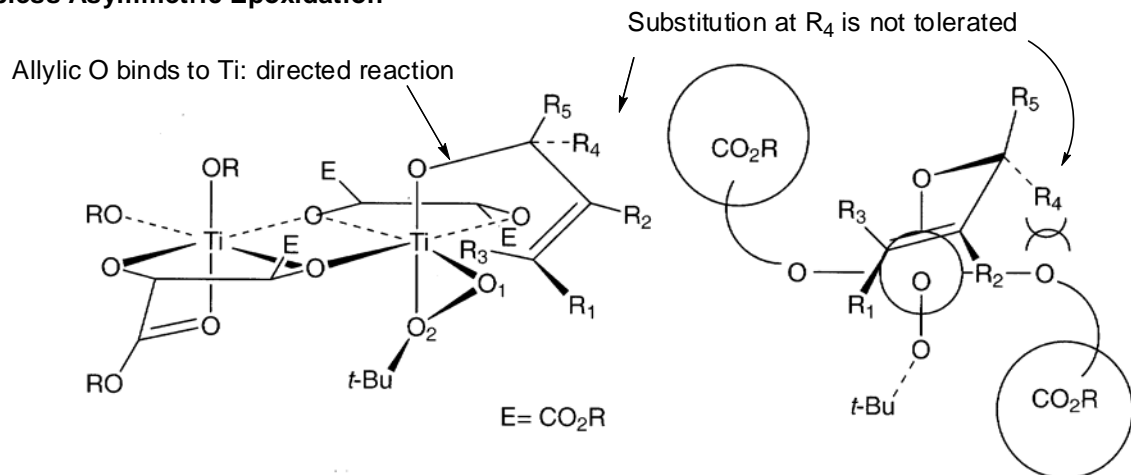
## 2.2 Epoxidation

### Directed Epoxidation with *m*-CPBA



**Directed reactions often allows for good selectivity in organic chemistry!**

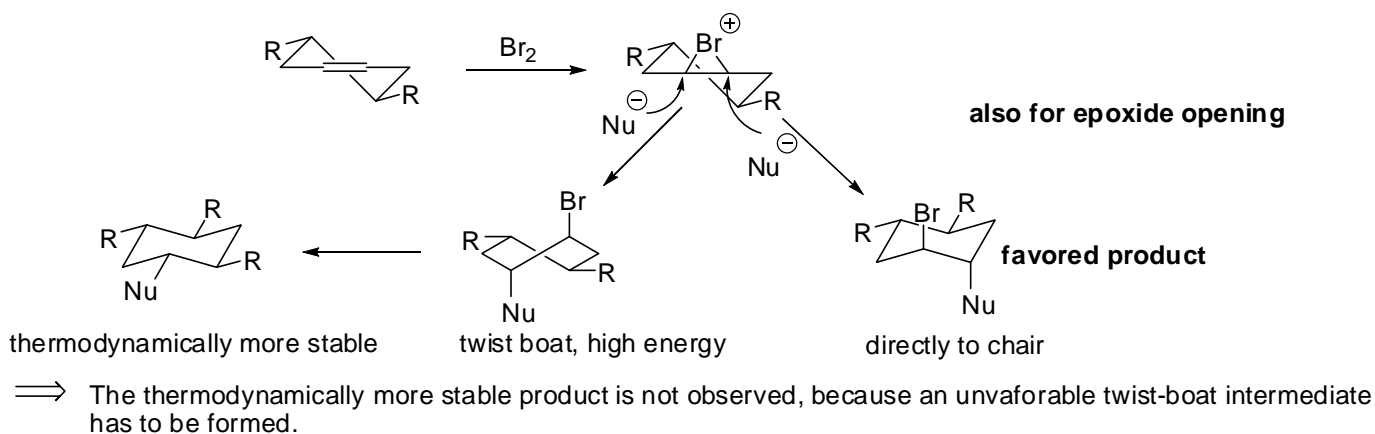
### Sharpless Asymmetric Epoxidation



#### Important:

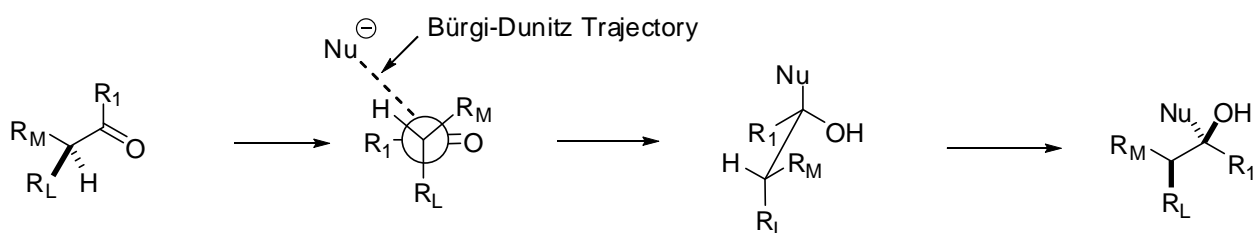
- $t$ -BuOOH does not react until bound to Ti ⇒ Catalysis is possible
- Face of attack of the peroxide is determined by the chiral diester ligand, not the conformation of the substrate ⇒ very good reagent control

### 2.3. Fürst-Plattner Rule



## 3. Addition to Carbonyl Compounds

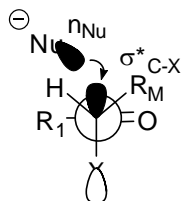
### 3.1. Felkin-Ahn Model



- $R_L$  is  $\perp$  to  $C=O$
- Nu comes along the Bürgi-Dunitz trajectory ( $109^\circ$  to  $C=O$ )
- Minimize Nu-Substrate interaction  $\Rightarrow$  Smallest Substituent on Bürgi-Dunitz trajectory (Here H)

#### Polar Felkin-Ahn Rule

Electron-deficient groups behave as  $R_L$

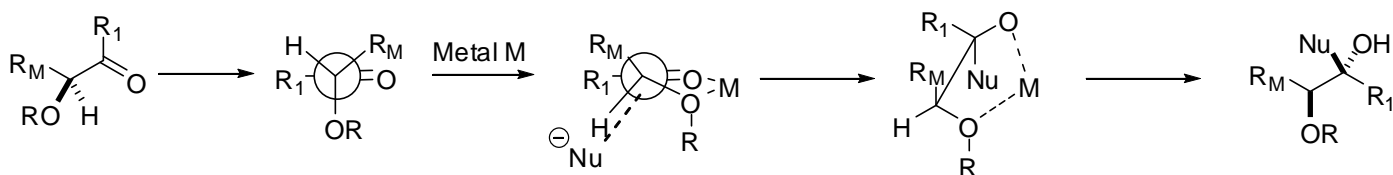


Favorable Interaction  $n_{Nu}$  to  $\sigma^*_{C-X}$

$X = OR, F, Cl, Br, I, \dots$

### 3.2. Addition to Carbonyl Compounds Not Following the Felkin Ahn Model

#### 3.2.1. Chelate Control



- Metal forces two donors in plane through chelation
- Nu comes towards smallest substituent (H)

## Factors favoring chelation

### - R group sterically not hindered:

good: R = Me, Bn, MeOCH<sub>2</sub> (MOM), BnOCH<sub>2</sub> (BOM)

bad: R = <sup>t</sup>Bu, SiMe<sub>3</sub>, SiMe<sub>2</sub><sup>t</sup>Bu (TBDMS or TBS), Si<sup>i</sup>Pr<sub>3</sub> (TIPS)

### - non-coordinating solvents:

Toluene, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> >> Et<sub>2</sub>O > THF >> DMF, EtOH, H<sub>2</sub>O

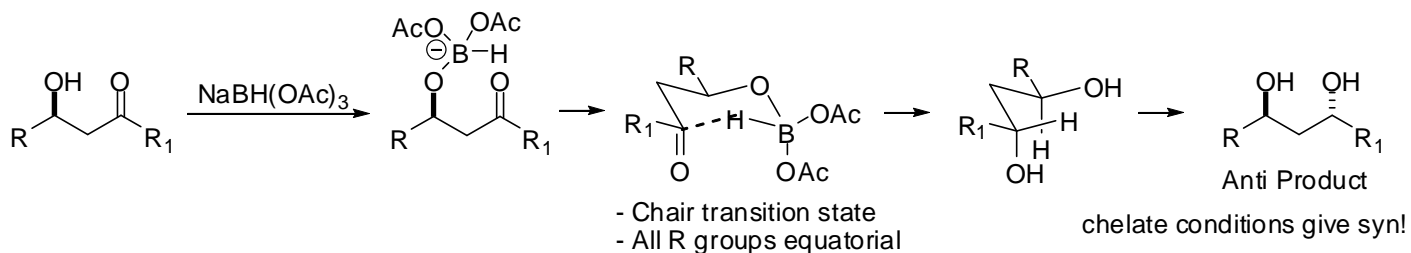
### - Strong Lewis Acid, with more than one coordination site available

Bad: Na<sup>+</sup>, K<sup>+</sup> (too weak Lewis Acid), BF<sub>3</sub> (only 1 coordination site), LiX

Good: MgX<sub>2</sub>, ZnX<sub>2</sub>, LiX, TiCl<sub>4</sub>, SnCl<sub>4</sub>, SnCl<sub>2</sub>, LnX<sub>3</sub>, AlCl<sub>3</sub>,...

Importance of anion X: If X is not too tightly bond to the metal, it can dissociate generating a new free coordination site. F<sup>-</sup>, R<sup>-</sup> generally don't dissociate, Cl<sup>-</sup> and OAc<sup>-</sup> can dissociate and Br<sup>-</sup>, I<sup>-</sup>, OTf<sup>-</sup> often dissociate easily. For example BF<sub>3</sub> is not a chelating agent, but BBU<sub>2</sub>OTf is a chelating agent.

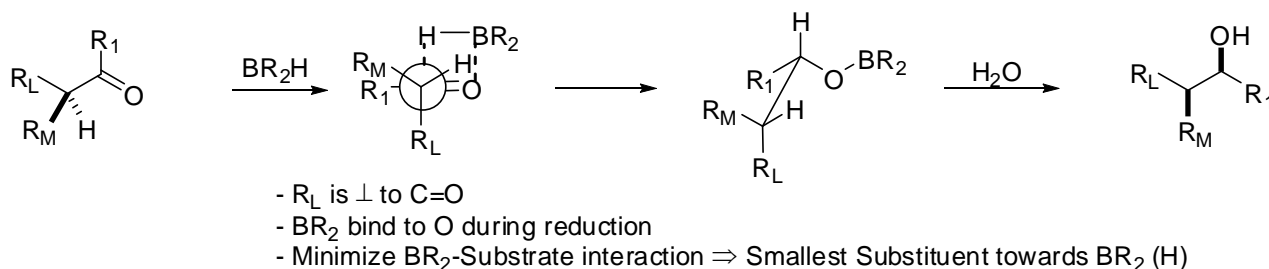
### 3.2.2. Directed Reduction



Sodium trisacetoxo borohydride is a very weak reducing reagent ⇒ Only intramolecular reduction is possible

### 3.2.3 Reagents Binding to Carbonyl During Addition

#### Borane Reduction

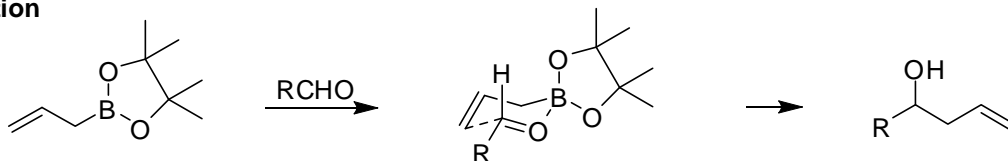


Other important examples where Felkin-Ahn models does not apply:

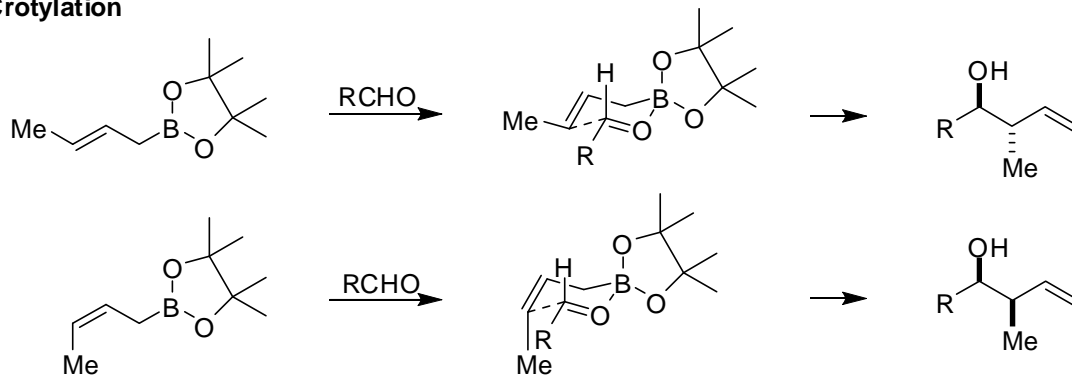
### Allylation, Aldol Reactions via Chair Transitions States

## 4. Allylation

### Allylation

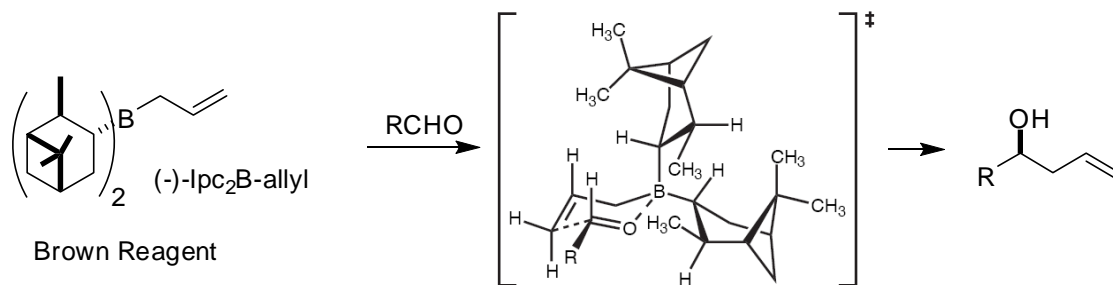
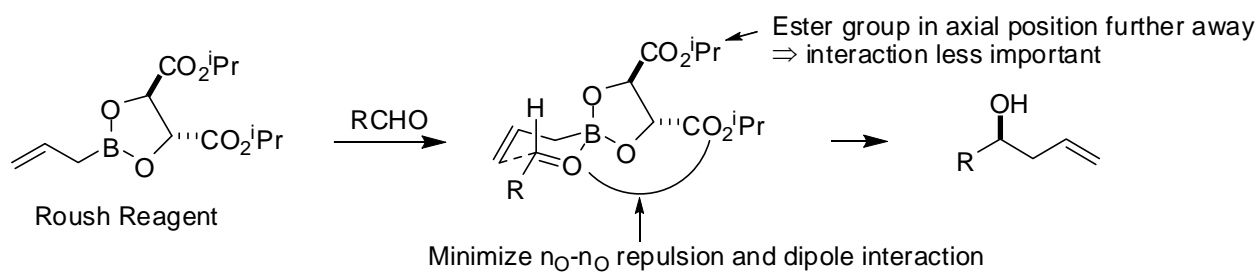


### Crotylation



- 6-membered, chair transition state
- Substituent in equatorial position
- Transfer from double bond geometry to stereochemistry ( *E* to anti, *Z* to cis)

### Chiral Reagents For Allylation Reactions

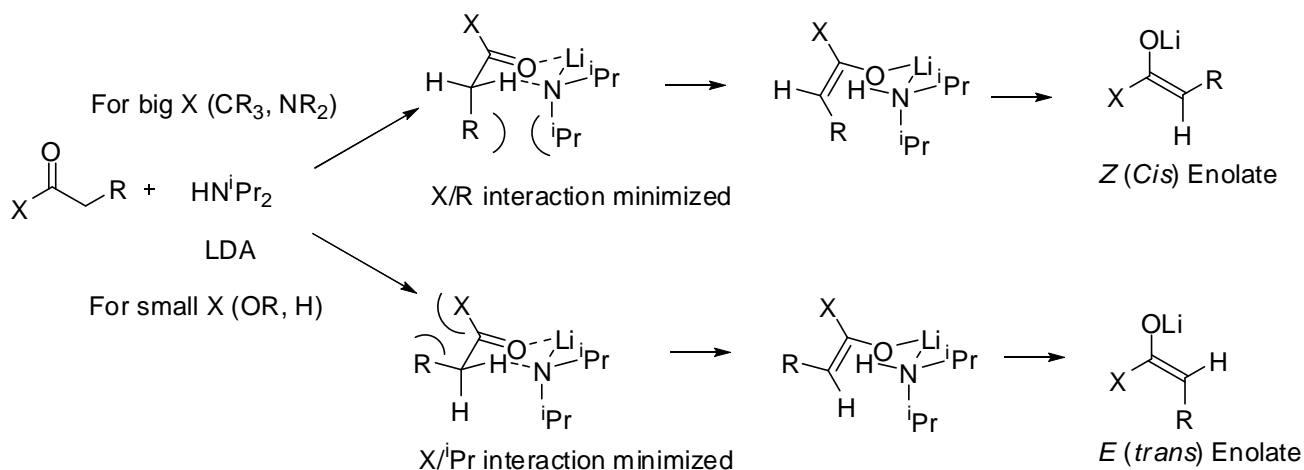




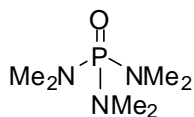
## 5. Aldol Reactions

### 5.1 Enolate Generation

#### With LDA

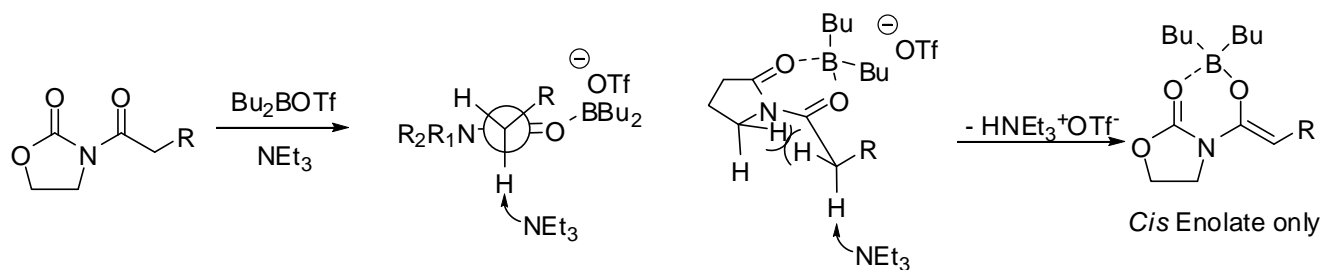


exception for esters: Adding HMPA leads to Z (Cis) Enolate



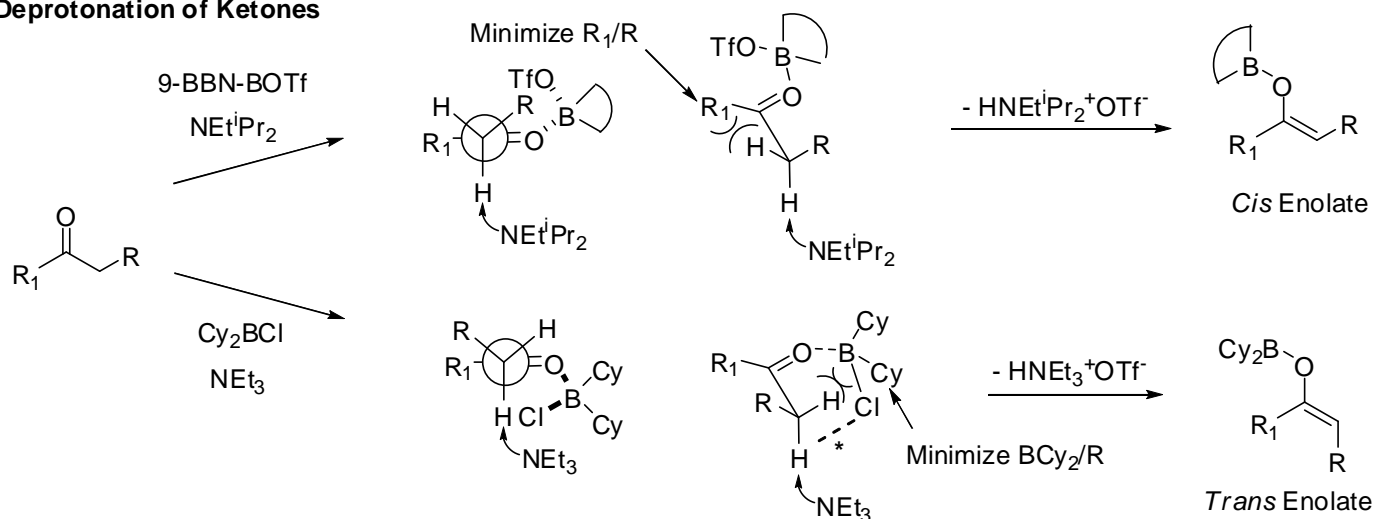
HMPA: good ligand for lithium  $\Rightarrow$  Cyclic transition state is partially disrupted

#### Deprotonation of Imides with Bu<sub>2</sub>BOTf and NEt<sub>3</sub> (soft enolization)



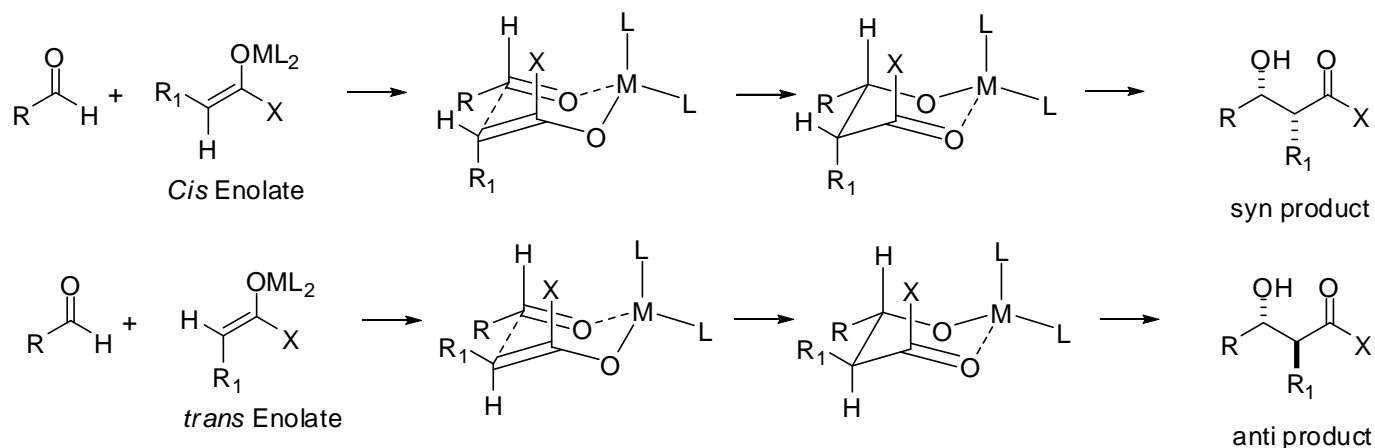
Very strong A<sup>1,3</sup> with Imides!

#### Deprotonation of Ketones



\*The complete switch of selectivity is not well understood, some authors proposed an extra Cl-hydrogen interaction

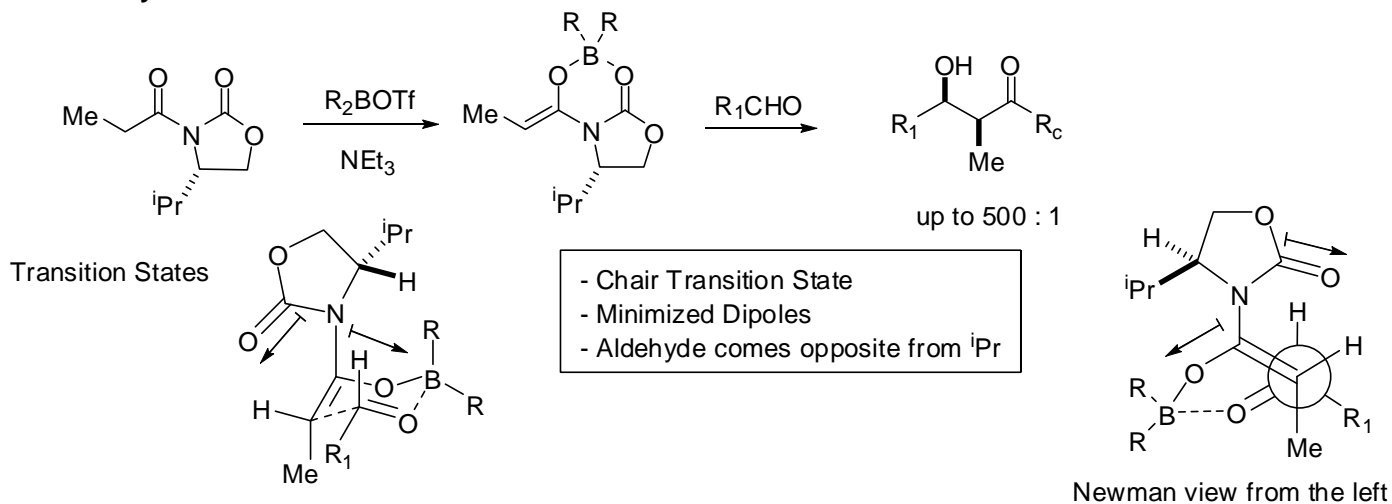
## 5.2 Zimmermann-Traxler Transition State



- Chair transition state (Zimmerman-Traxler)
- R group of aldehyde equatorial
- Geometry of double bond transferred to stereocenter: *cis* to *syn*, *trans* to *anti*

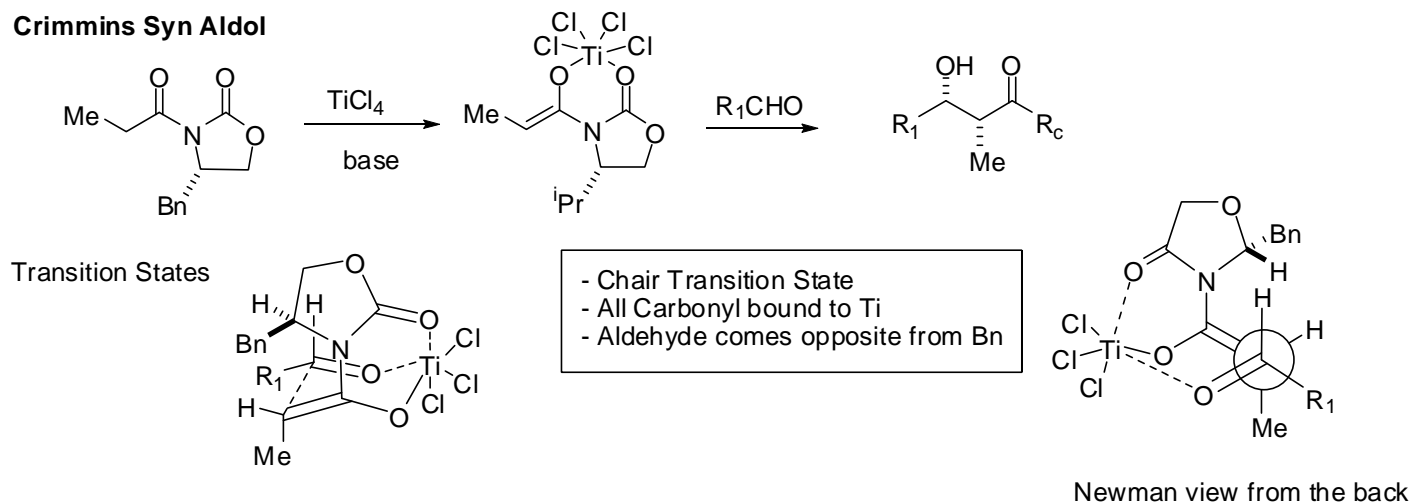
## 5.3 Evans Auxiliary

### Evans Syn Aldol:

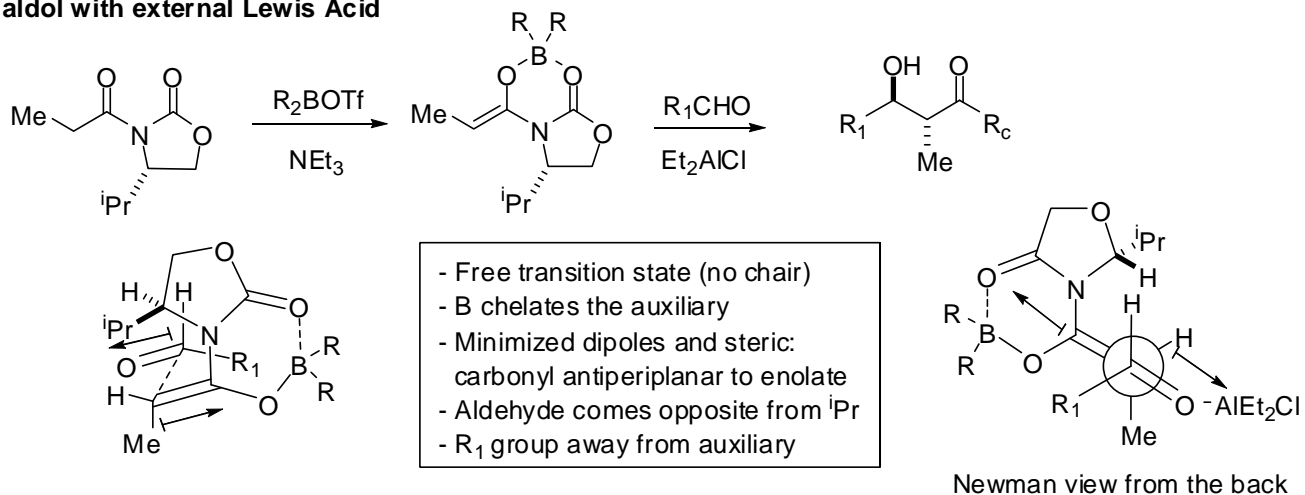


**Important:** In order to activate the aldehyde for addition, B has to bind to the aldehyde. As B has only two free binding sites, the oxazolidinone carbonyl is now free and rotates to minimize dipole interactions.

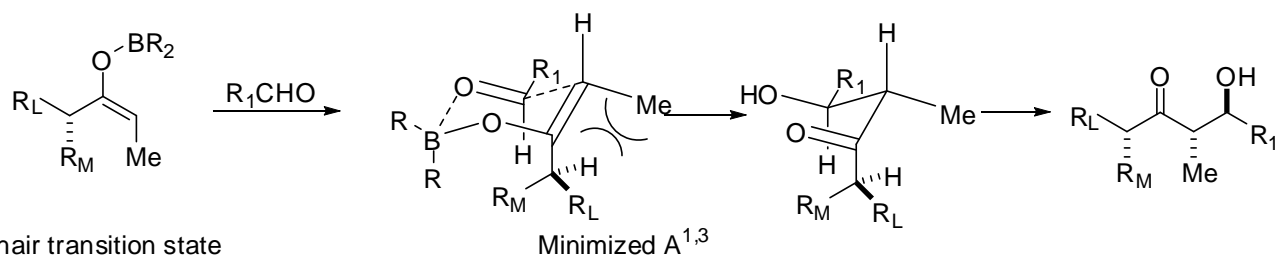
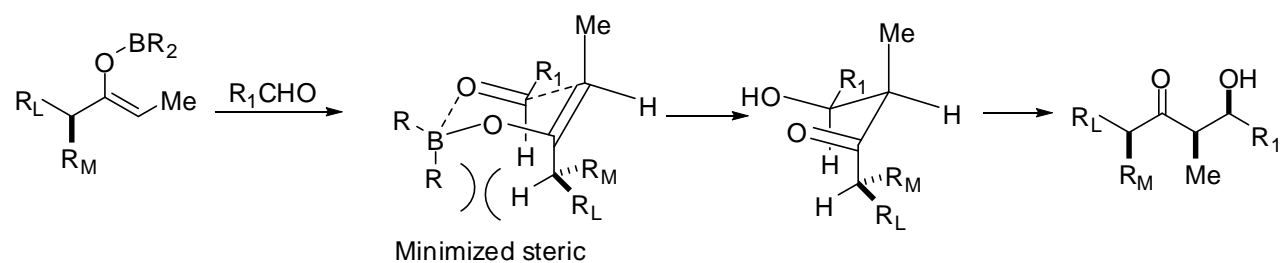
### Crimmins Syn Aldol



### Anti aldol with external Lewis Acid

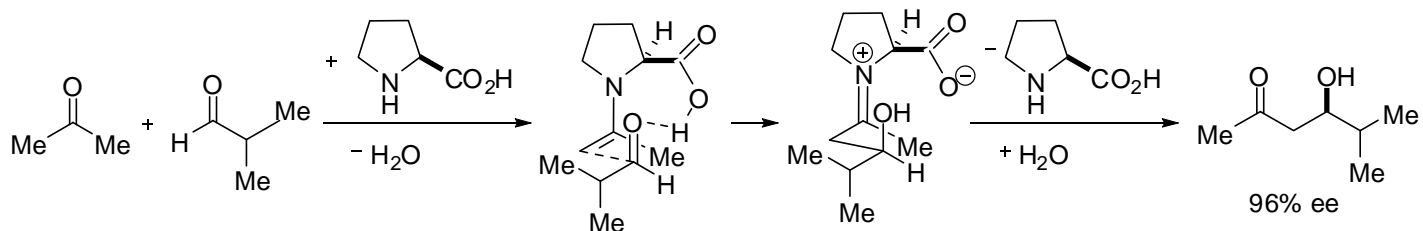


### 5.4 Ketone (Paterson) Aldol



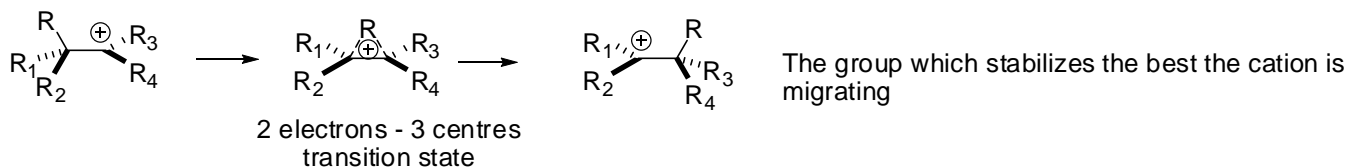
- Chair transition state
- R<sub>1</sub> group of aldehyde equatorial
- position of chiral group: minimize steric interaction with BR<sub>2</sub> for *cis* enolate, aldehyde comes towards R<sub>M</sub>, not R<sub>L</sub>, minimize A<sup>1,3</sup> with Me of enolate for *trans* enolate, R<sub>M</sub> and not R<sub>L</sub> towards BR<sub>2</sub>, aldehyde comes towards H

### 5.5 Proline Catalyzed Aldol



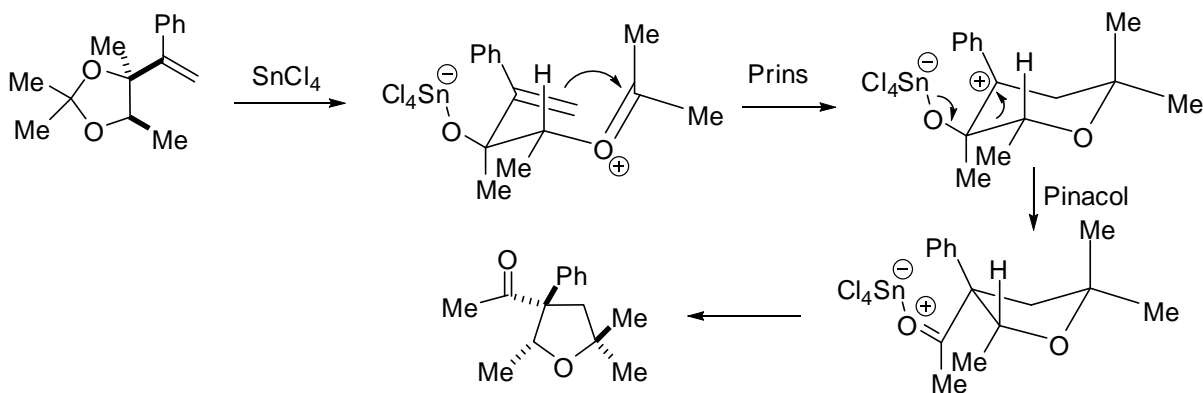
## 6. Rearrangements

### 6.1 Cationic Rearrangements

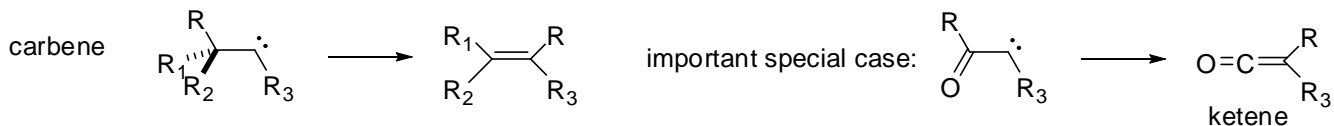


Name Reactions: Wagner Meerwein, Pinacol, semi-Pinacol, Prins-Pinacol.

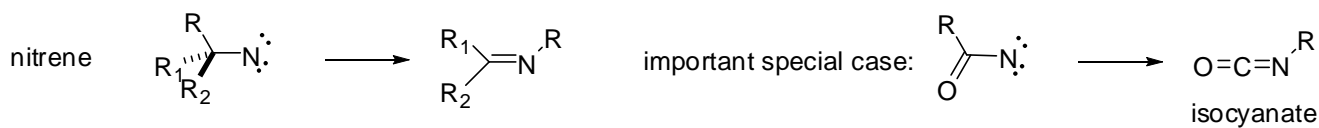
#### Prins-Pinacol:



### 6.2 Carbene and Nitrene Rearrangements

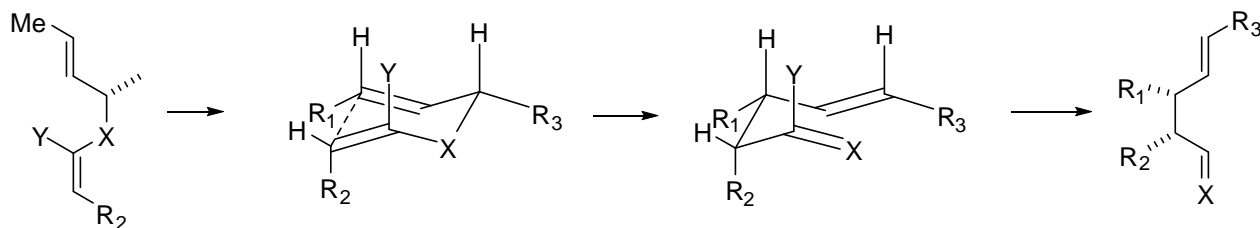


Name Reactions: Fritsch-Buttenberg-Wiechell, Arndt-Einstert, Wolff.



Name Reactions: Curtius, Hofmann, Lossen, Schmidt

### 6.3 [3,3] Sigmatropic Rearrangements

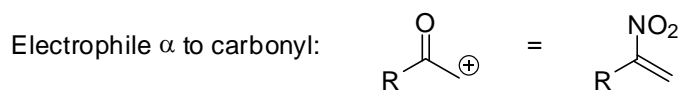
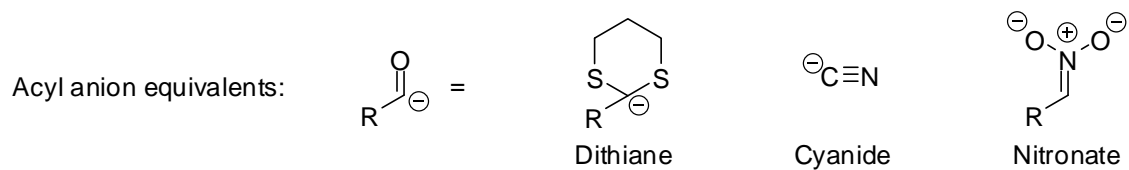


- Chair transition state (with rare exceptions)
- R groups at  $sp^3$  centers equatorial
- Transfer of double bond geometry to stereocenter and stereocenter to double bond geometry

Name Reactions: Cope ( $X = C$ ), Oxy-Cope ( $X = C$ ,  $R_3 = OH$ ), Anionic Oxy-Cope ( $X = C$ ,  $R_3 = O^-$ ), Claisen ( $X = O$ ), Johnson-Claisen ( $X = O$ ,  $Y = OR$ ), Ireland-Claisen ( $X = O$ ,  $Y = OLi$ ,  $OSiR_3$ )

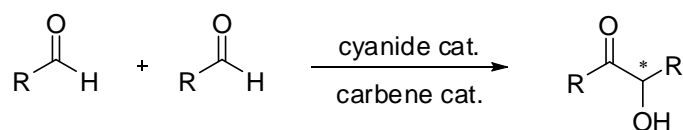
## 7. Umpolung

### 7.1 Stoichiometric Umpolung Reagents

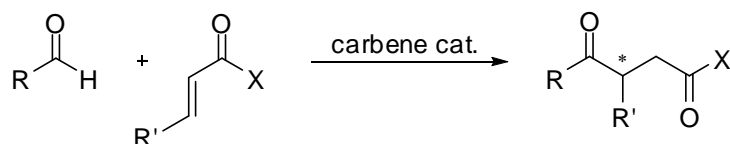


### 7.2 Catalytic Umpolung

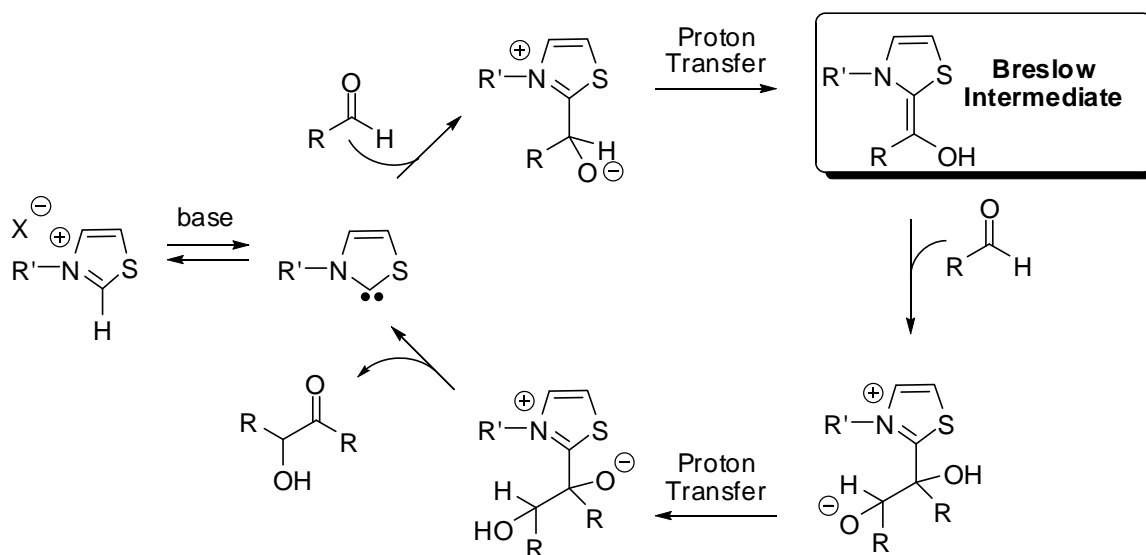
#### The Benzoin Condensation



#### The Stetter Reaction



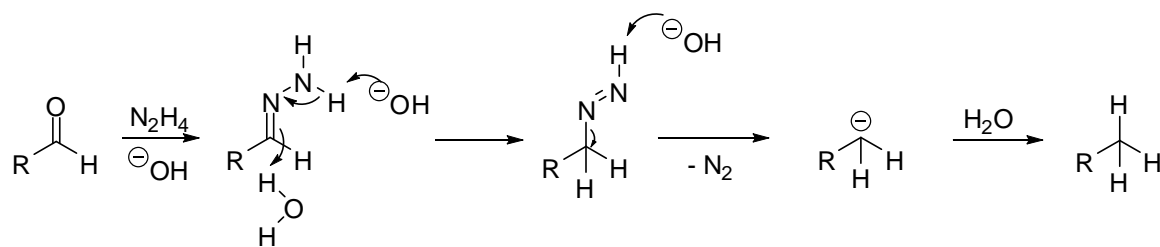
Mechanism for the carbene - catalyzed benzoin condensation:



## 8. Reactions Involving N-N and N-O Bonds

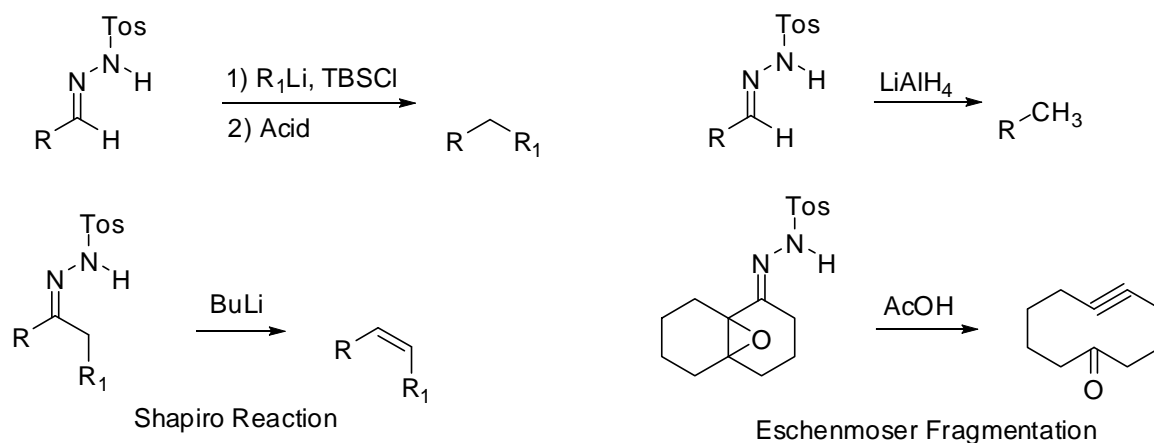
### 8.1 Hydrazones

#### Wolff-Kishner Reduction

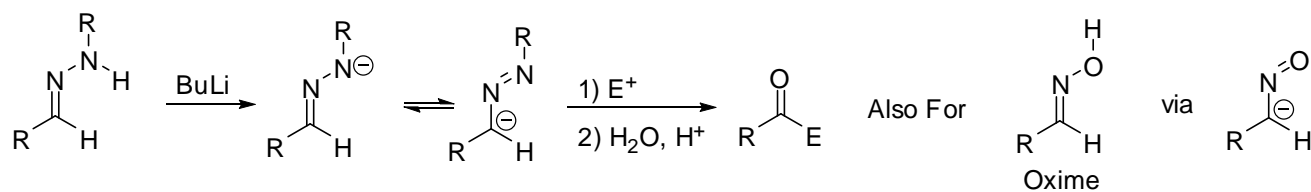


Other reactions with hydrazones derived from hydrazine: Wharton rearrangement, Barton halogenation

#### Reactions of Tosylhydrazones

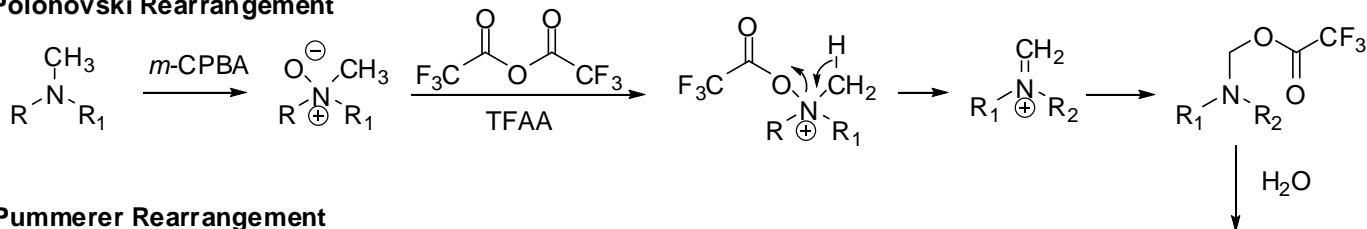


### 8.2 Umpolung with Hydrazones and Oximes

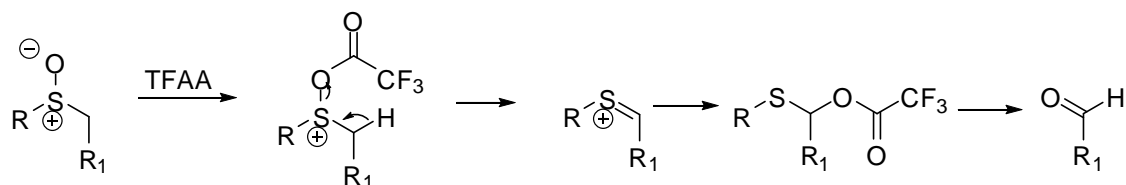


### 8.3 Polonovski and Pummerer Rearrangement

#### Polonovski Rearrangement

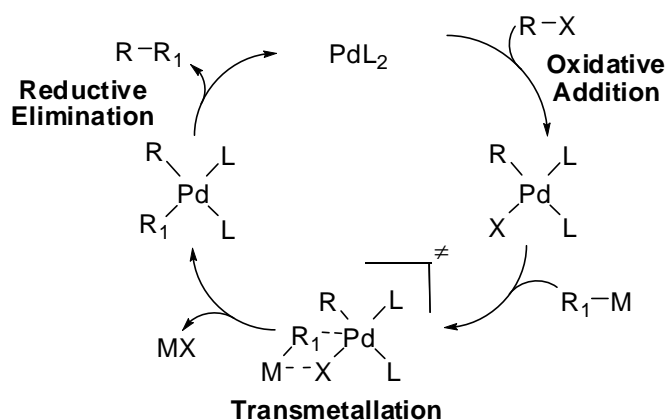
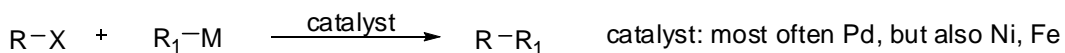


#### Pummerer Rearrangement



## 9. Cross-Coupling and Olefin Metathesis

### 9.1 General Mechanism for Cross Coupling



M = BX<sub>2</sub>: **Suzuki**  
 M = SnR<sub>3</sub>: **Stille**  
 M = ZnX: **Negishi**  
 M = MgX: **Kumada**  
 special: R<sub>1</sub>-M = R<sub>2</sub>-C≡C-CuX: **Sonogashira**

#### Scope:

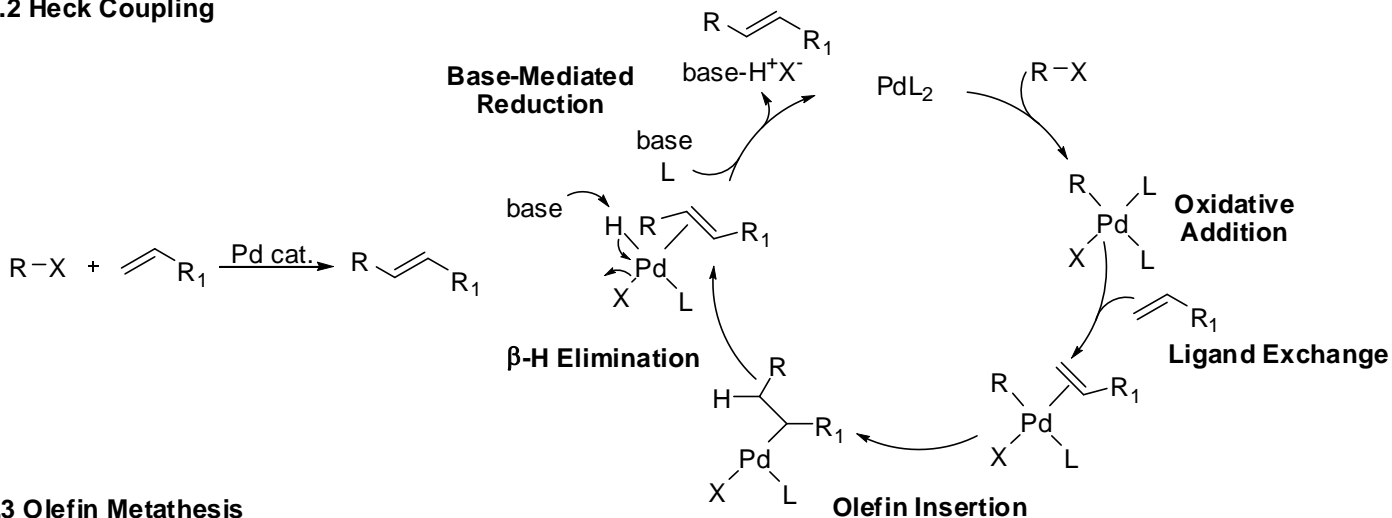
##### R and R<sub>1</sub> groups

easy: R, R<sub>1</sub> = aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl  
 difficult: R<sub>1</sub> = alkyl  
 very difficult R = alkyl (topic of current research)

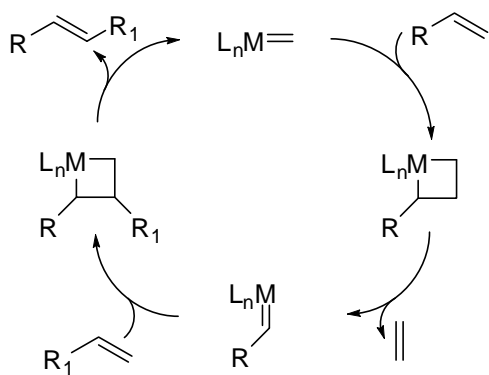
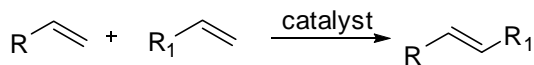
##### X groups

easy: I, Br, OTf  
 difficult but more interesting: Cl, OTos, H

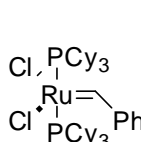
### 9.2 Heck Coupling



### 9.3 Olefin Metathesis

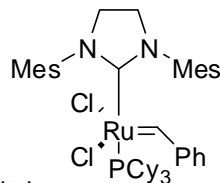


**Grubbs:** stable, functional group tolerant

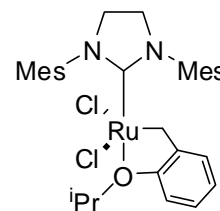


Mes = mesitylene

1. Generation



2. Generation



Hoveyda-Grubbs

**Schrock:** more reactive, less stable

