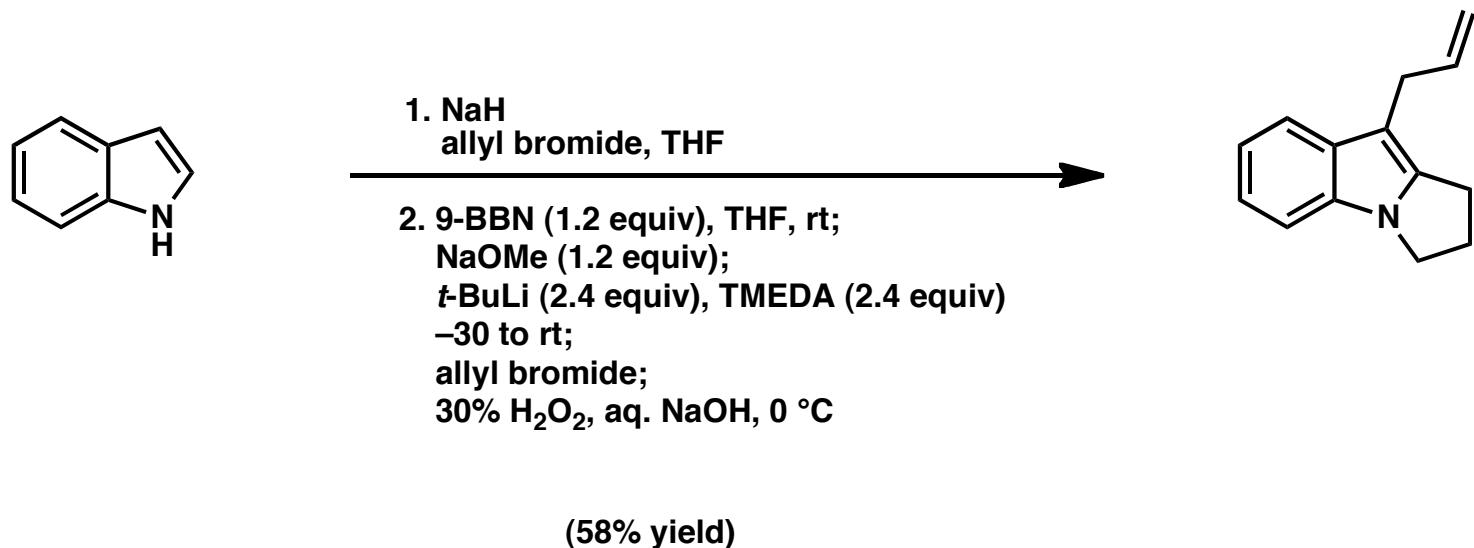
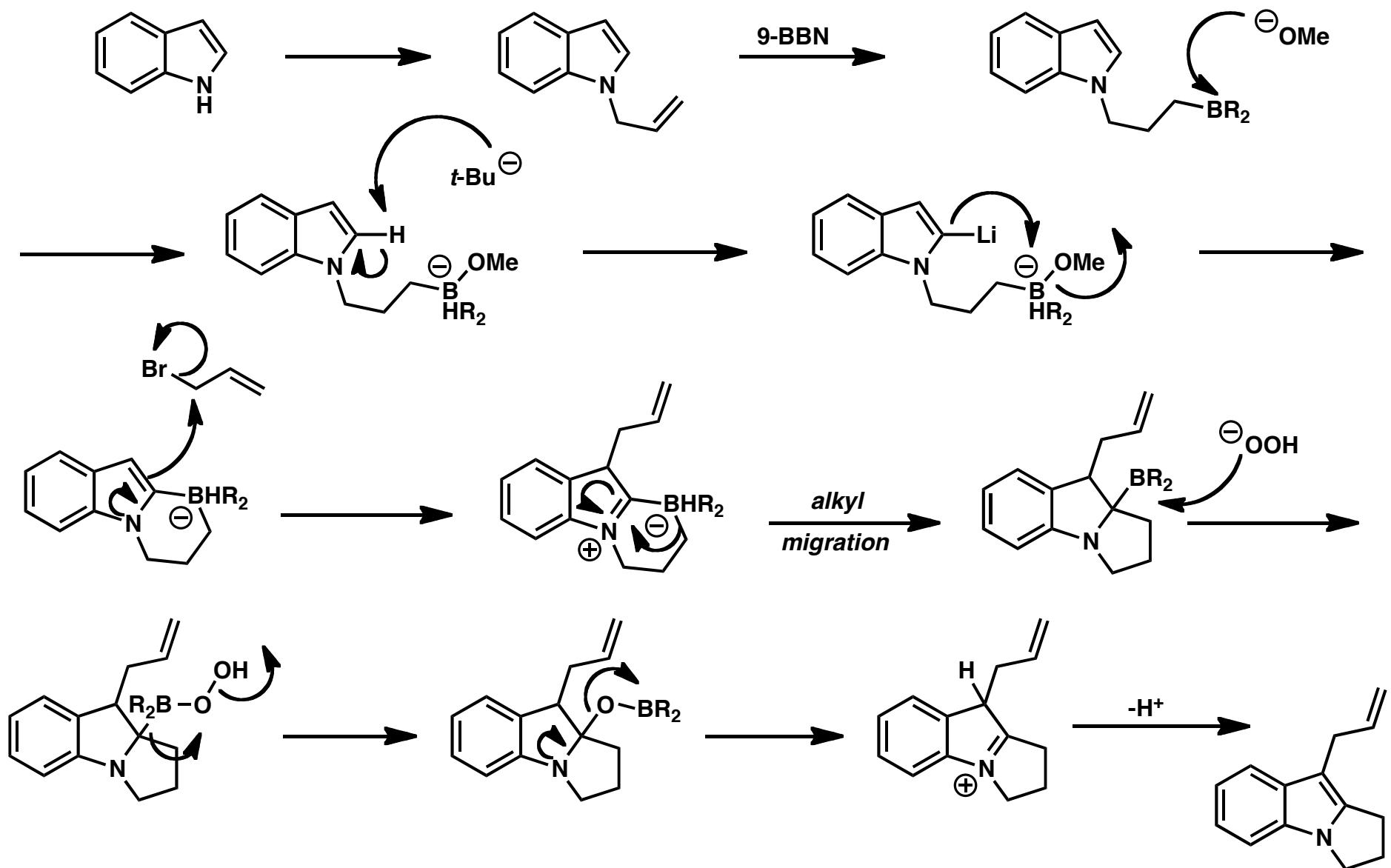


# *Mechanism Problem*



# Mechanism Problem



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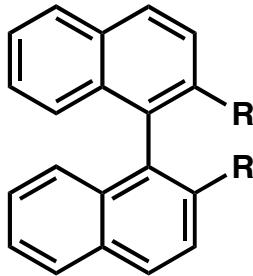
# *Enantioselection by C<sub>1</sub>-Symmetric Ligands*

## *Design and Applications in Asymmetric Catalysis*

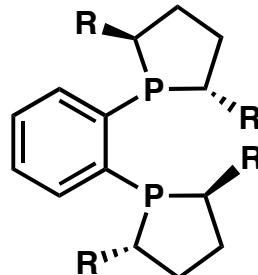
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# *Privileged Ligand Structures*

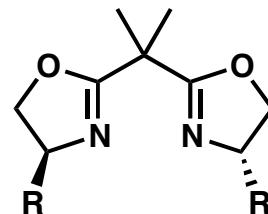
## *Prevalence of $C_2$ -symmetry*



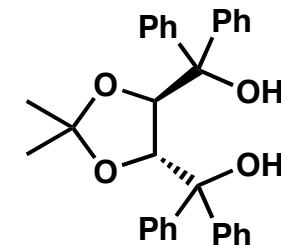
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**BINAP (R = PPh<sub>2</sub>)**



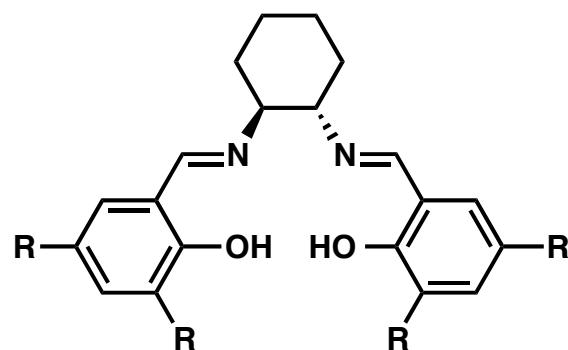
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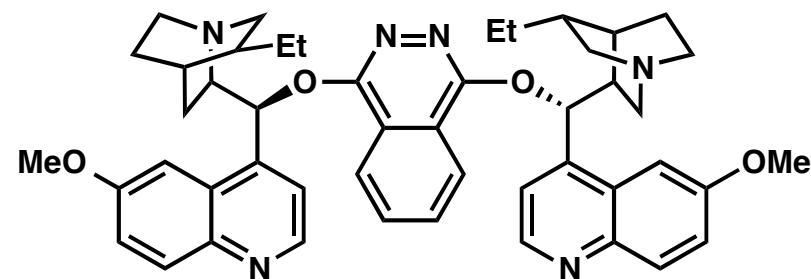
BOX



TADDOL



SALEN



Cinchona alkaloid

*Diverse applications: Diels-Alder, hydrogenation, Mukaiyama aldol, conjugate additions, cyclopropanation, epoxidation*

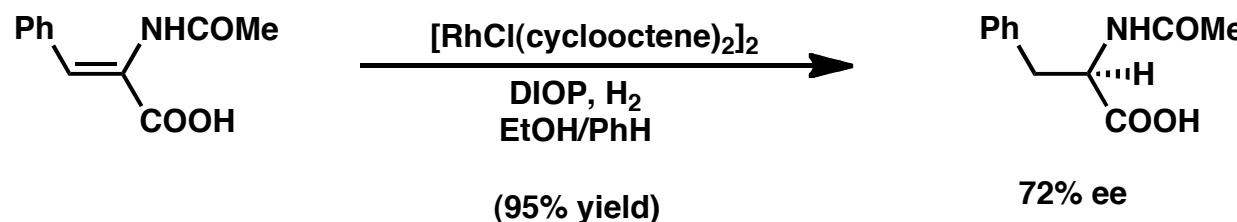
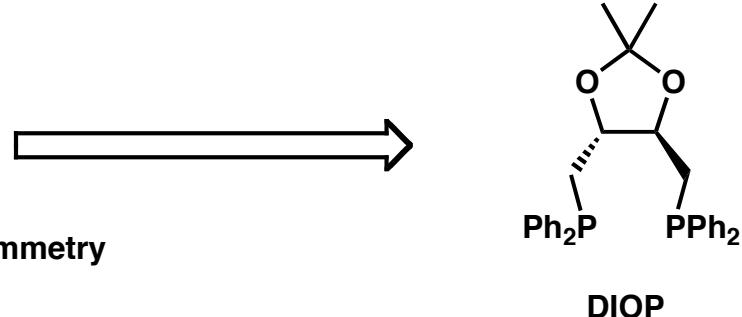
Jacobsen, Science 2003, 299, 1691–1693.

# *First C<sub>2</sub>-symmetric ligands*

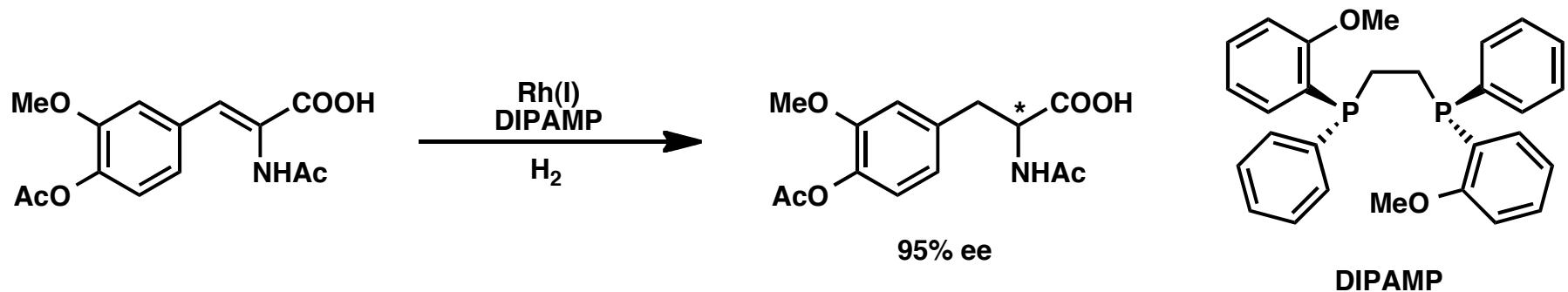
## *DIOP & DIPAMP*

### Kagan's DIOP

- Ligand conformations must have maximum rigidity
- Ligands must stay firmly bonded to the metal
- Avoid competing, diastereomeric transition states via C<sub>2</sub>-symmetry



### Knowles' DIPAMP



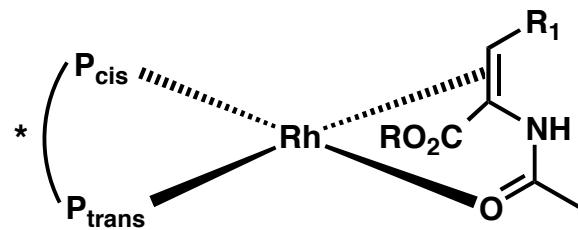
Kagan, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1972**, 94, 6429-6433.  
 Knowles, *Adv. Synth. Catal.* **2003**, 345, 3-13.

# *Rational Design of $C_1$ -symmetric Bisphosphine Ligand*

## *Electronic and Steric Asymmetry*

- Mechanism of asymmetric hydrogenation of dehydroamino acids reported by Halpern
- Oxidative addition of  $H_2$  is rate-determining step
- Important interactions: occupied  $d_{yz}$  of Rh and  $\sigma^*$  of hydrogen

$d-\pi^*$  back-donation from Rh to olefin



$P_{cis}$  : steric control (enantioselection)

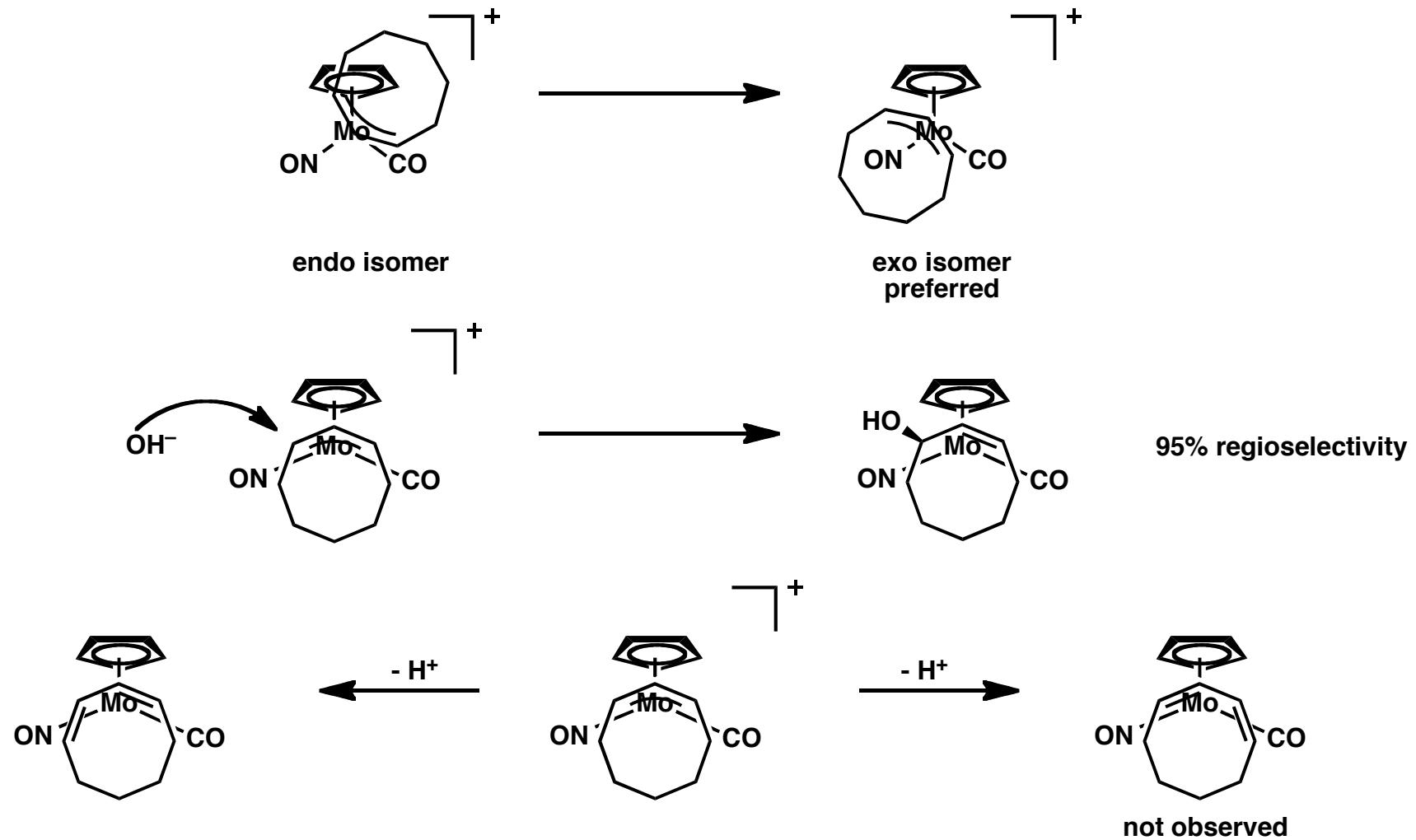
$P_{trans}$  : electronic control

- Distinct roles; need to optimize each phosphine group individually

# *Electronic Desymmetrization*

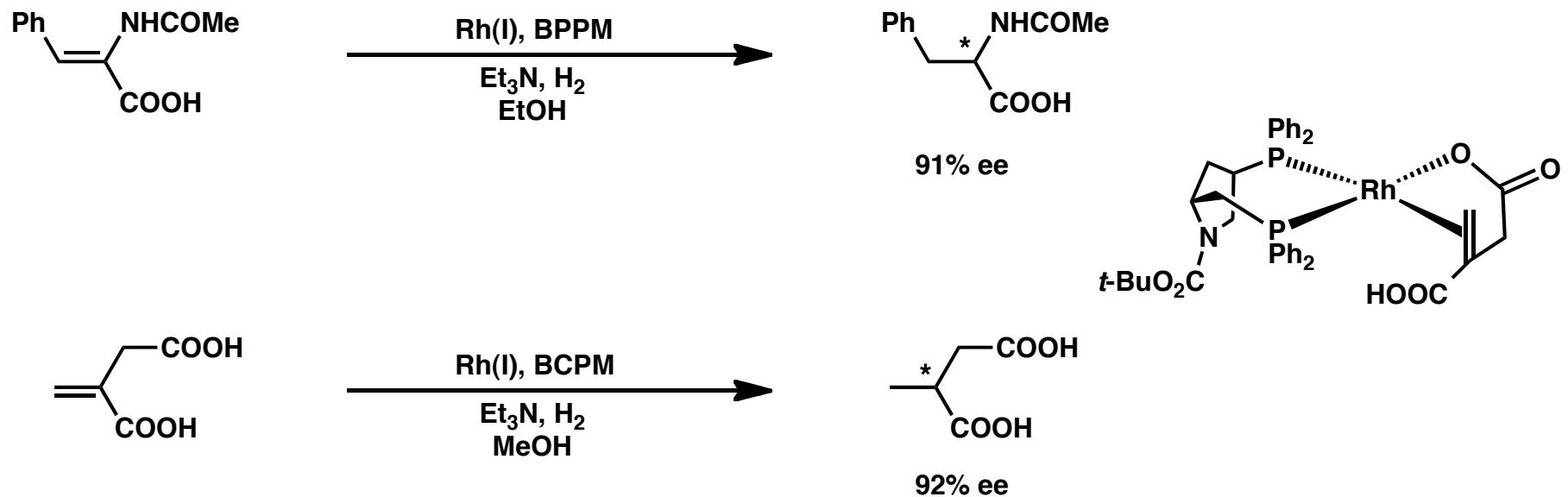
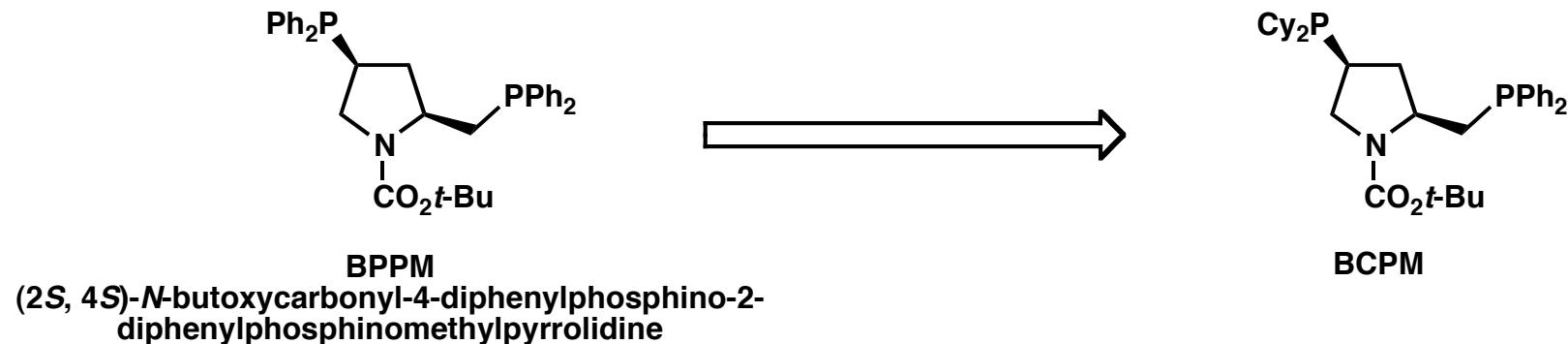
## *Controlling Regioselectivity*

– Faller studied nucleophilic addition reactions on unsaturated ligands bound to Mo



# Rational Design of $C_1$ -Symmetric Bisphosphine Ligand

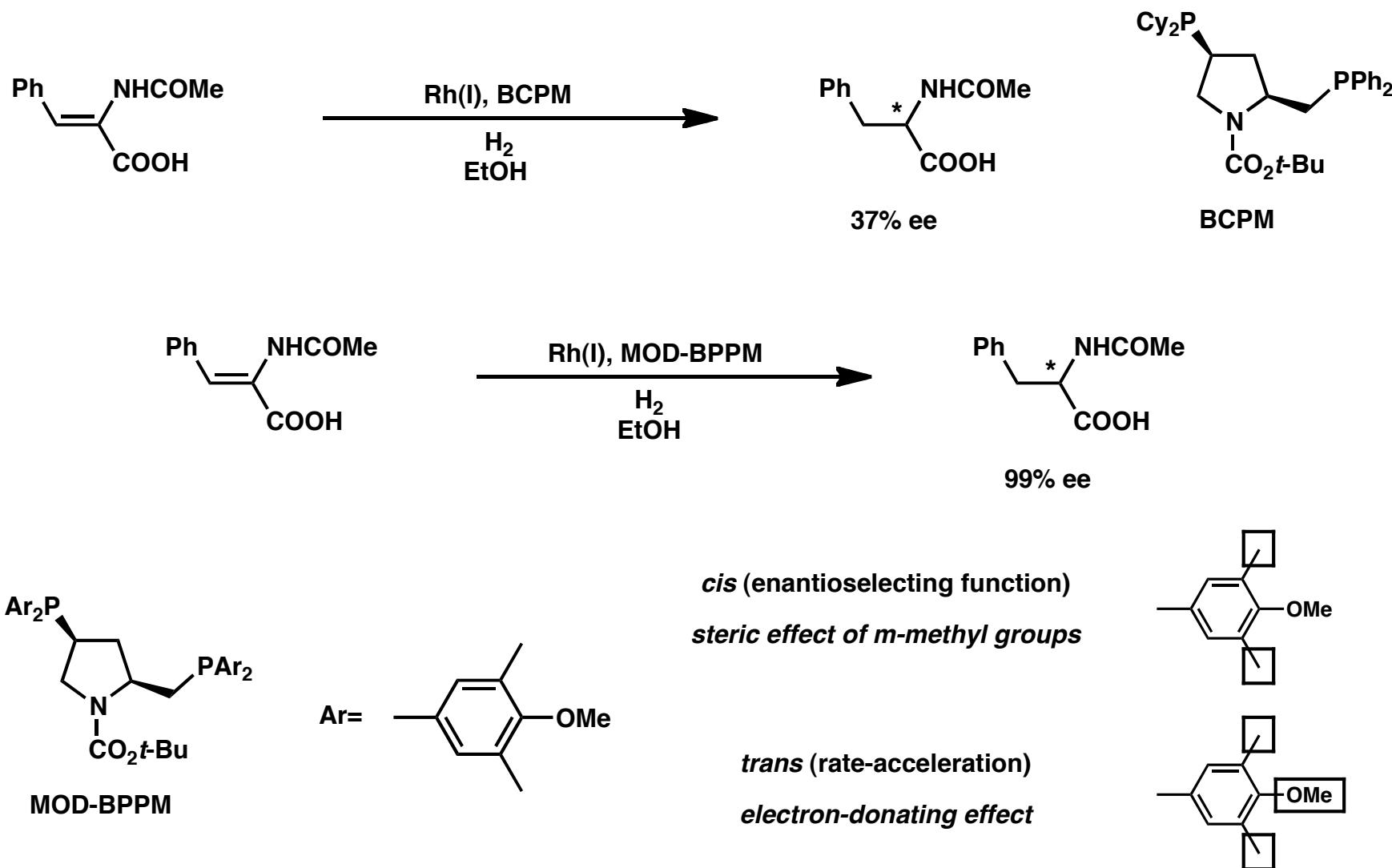
## Electronic and Steric Asymmetry



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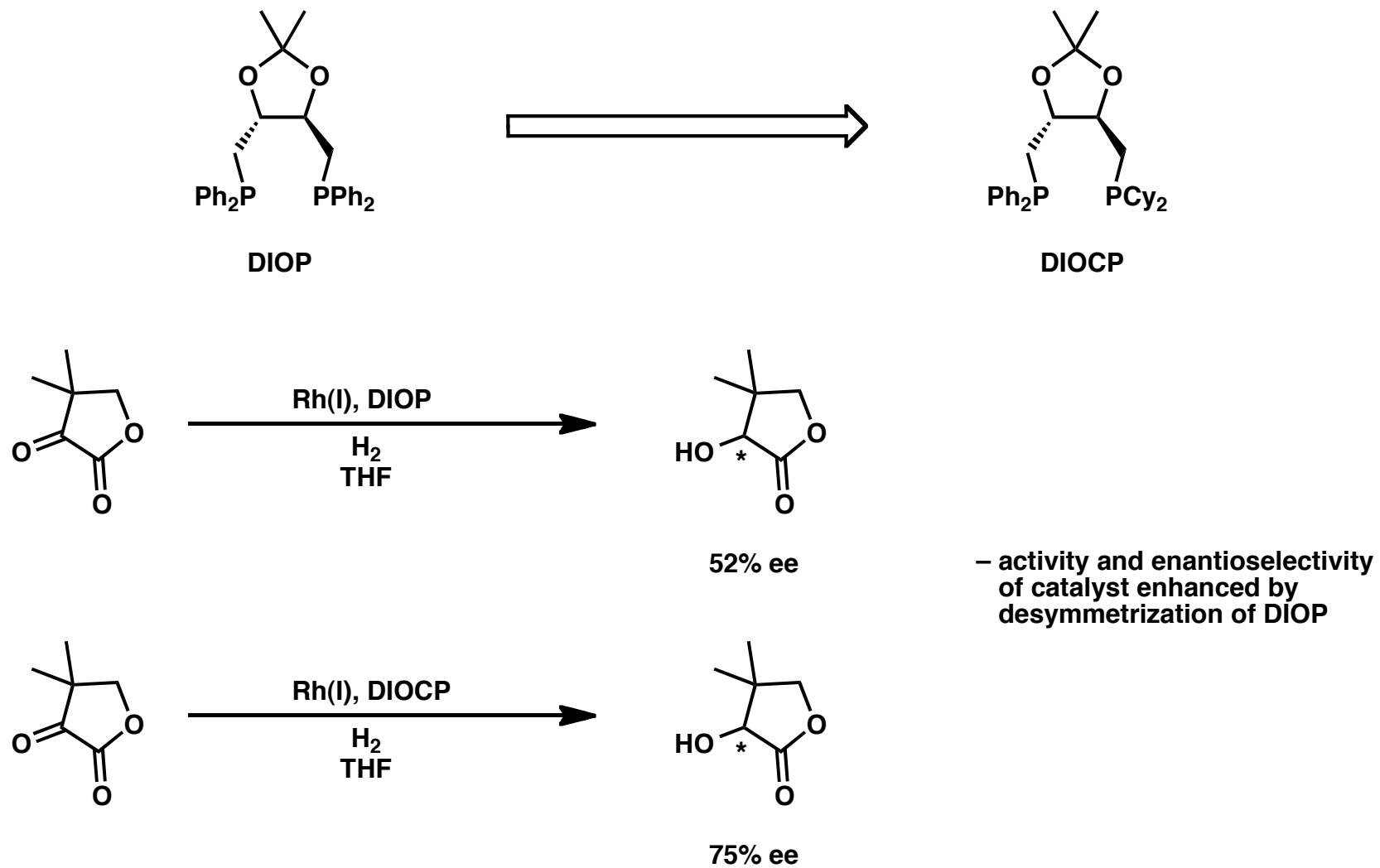
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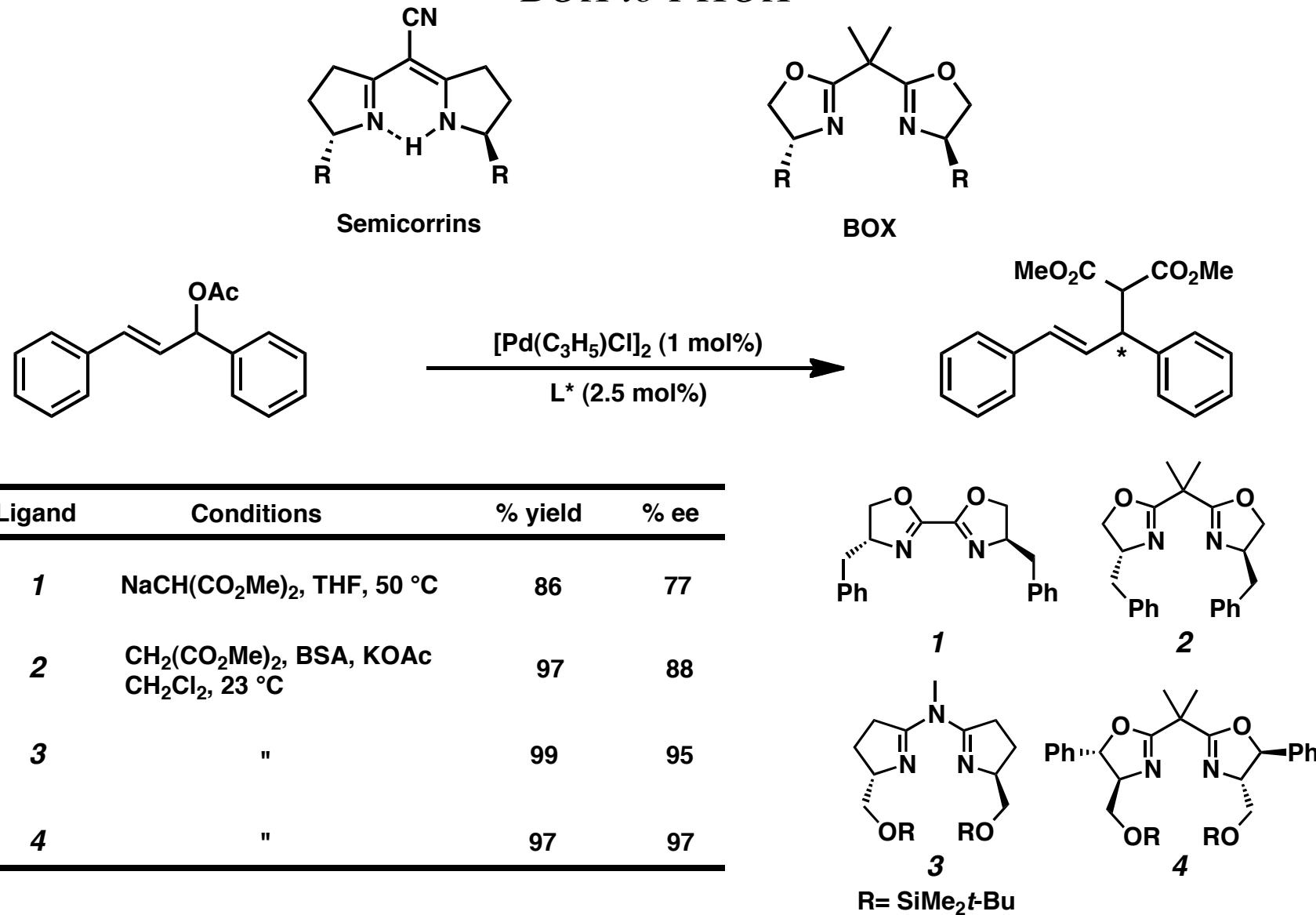
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## Development of Modified DIOP ligand

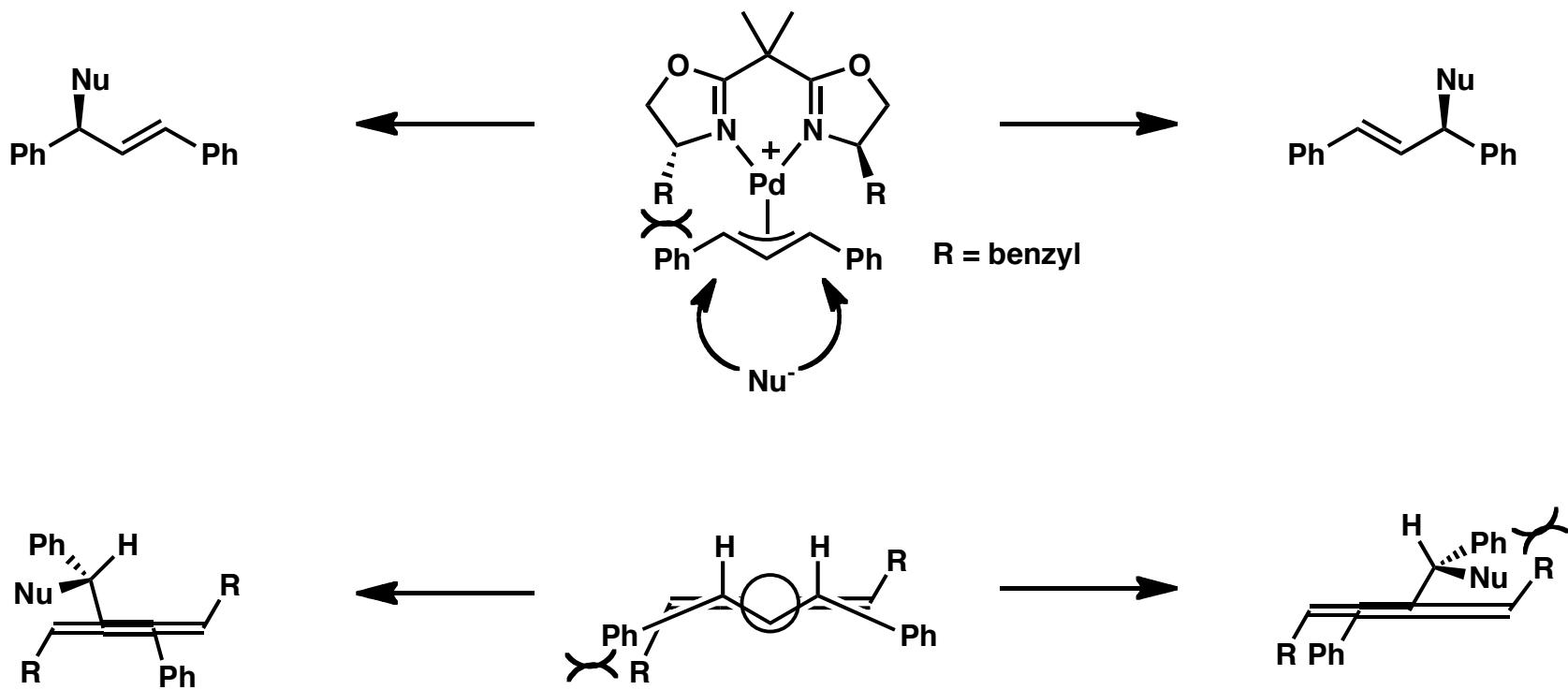


# *From C<sub>2</sub>-Symmetric to Nonsymmetrical Ligands*

## *BOX to PHOX*



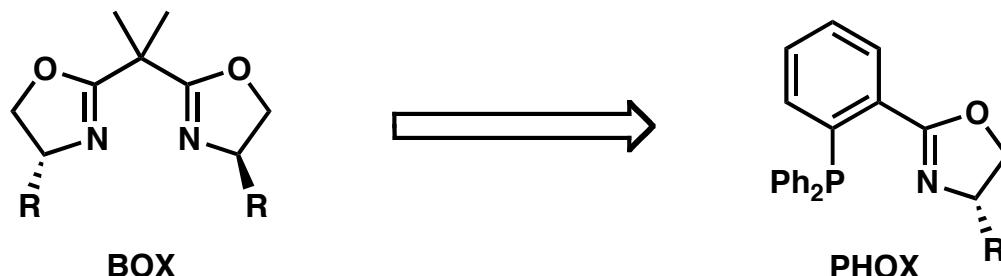
# *From C<sub>2</sub>-Symmetric to Nonsymmetrical Ligands BOX to PHOX*



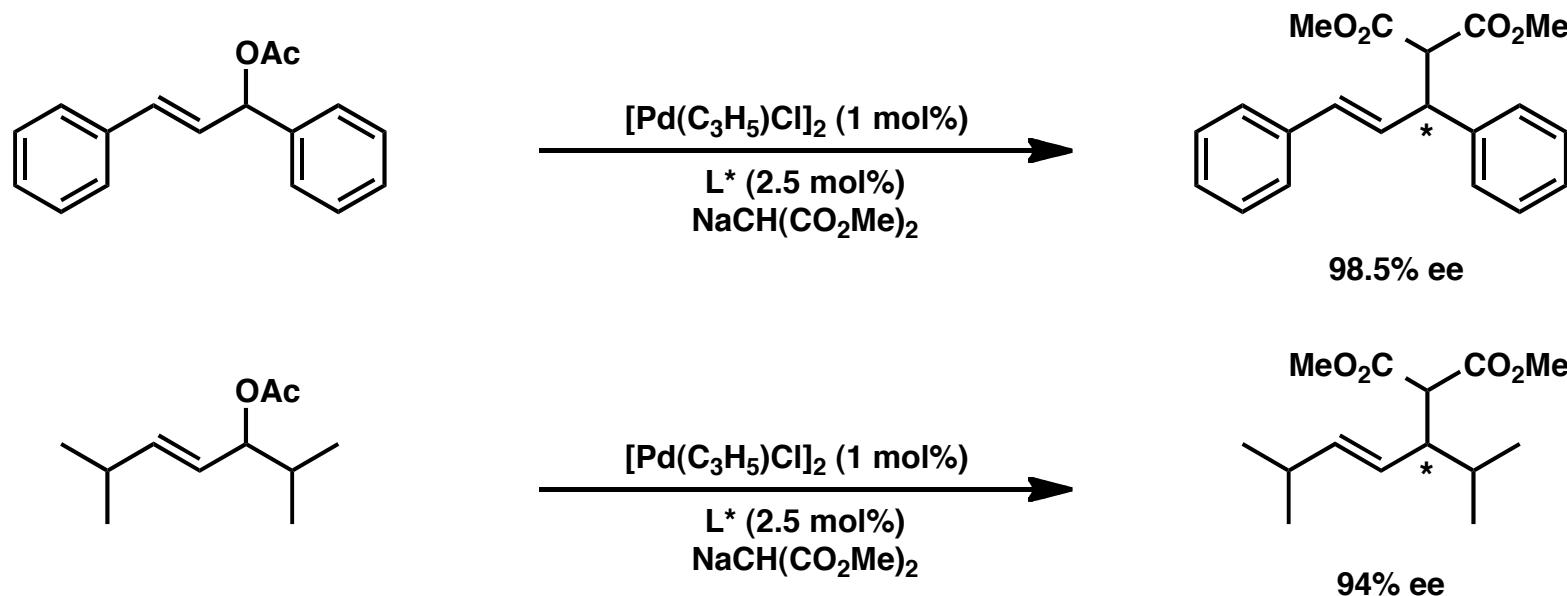
- steric repulsion between allylic phenyl group and benzyl substituent
- nucleophile attacks the longer, more strained  $\text{Pd}-\text{C}$  bond: strain release

# Controlling Regioselectivity via Electronic Differentiation

*PHOX*



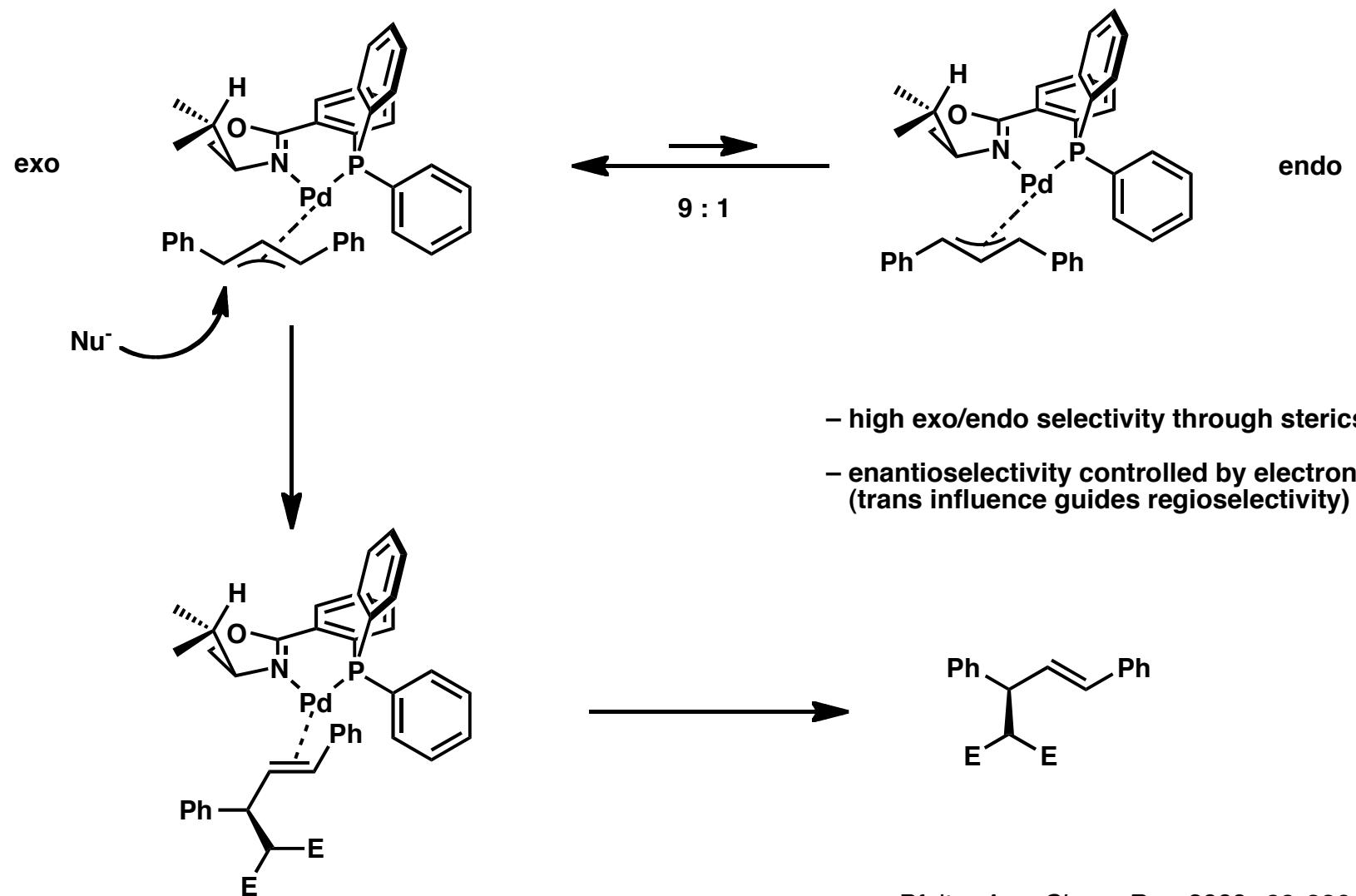
- Desymmetrize N,N-ligand to mixed donor P,N-ligand
- "soft" P-ligand ( $\pi$ -acceptor) and "hard" N-ligand ( $\sigma$ -donor)
- exploit trans influence of P atom



Pfaltz, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci.* **2004**, *101*, 5723-5726.  
 Pfaltz, *Acc. Chem. Res.* **2000**, *33*, 336-345.

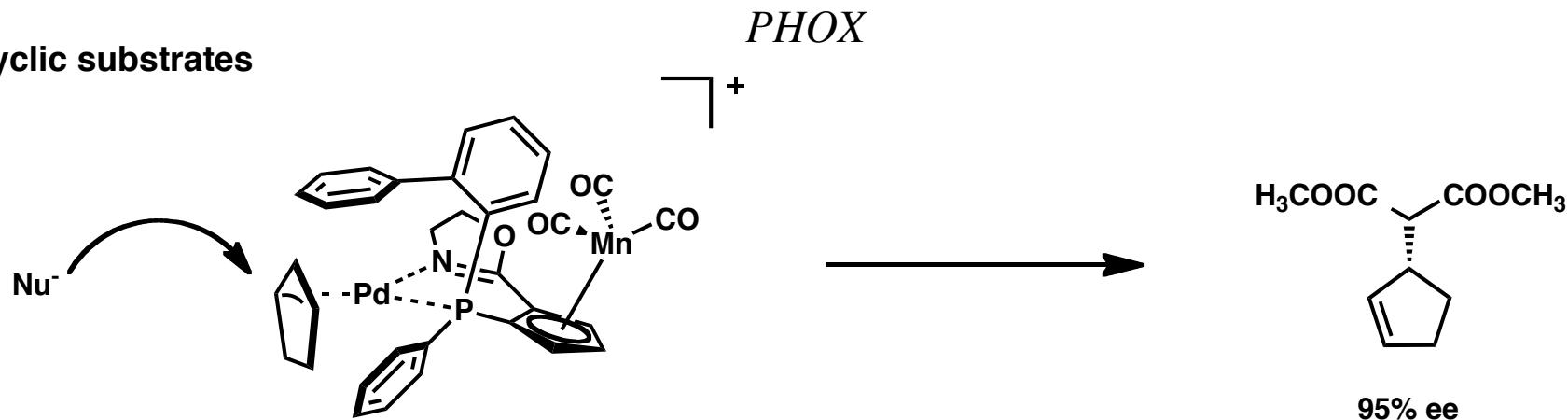
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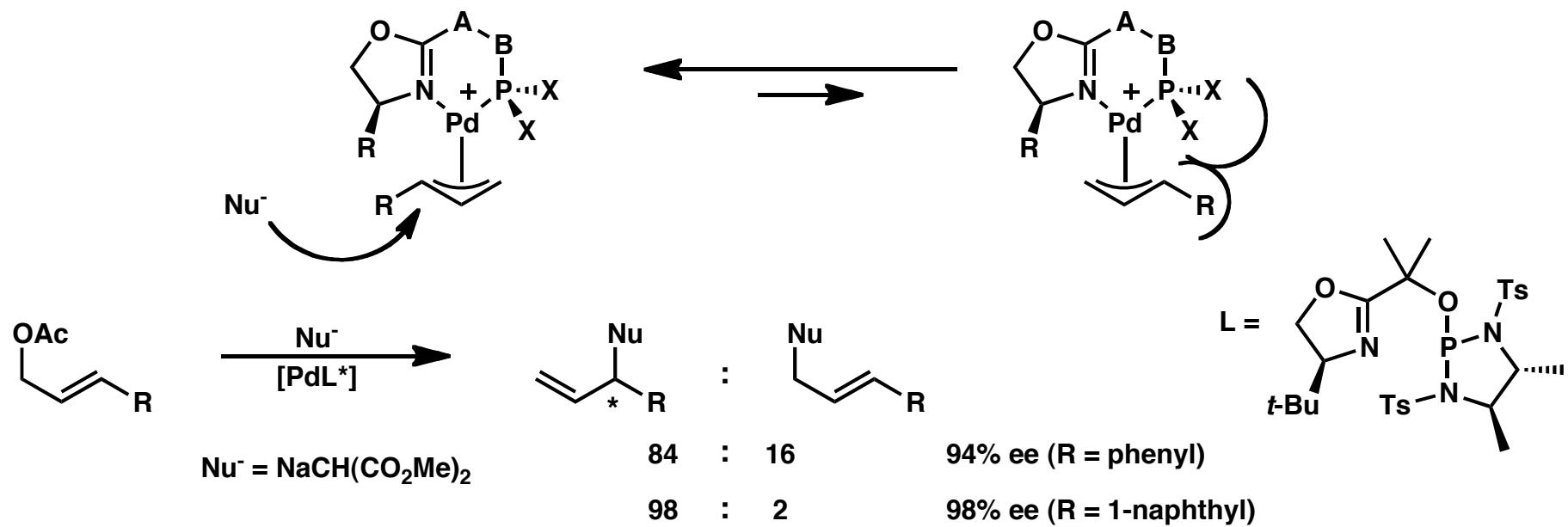


# Controlling Regioselectivity via Electronic Differentiation

Cyclic substrates



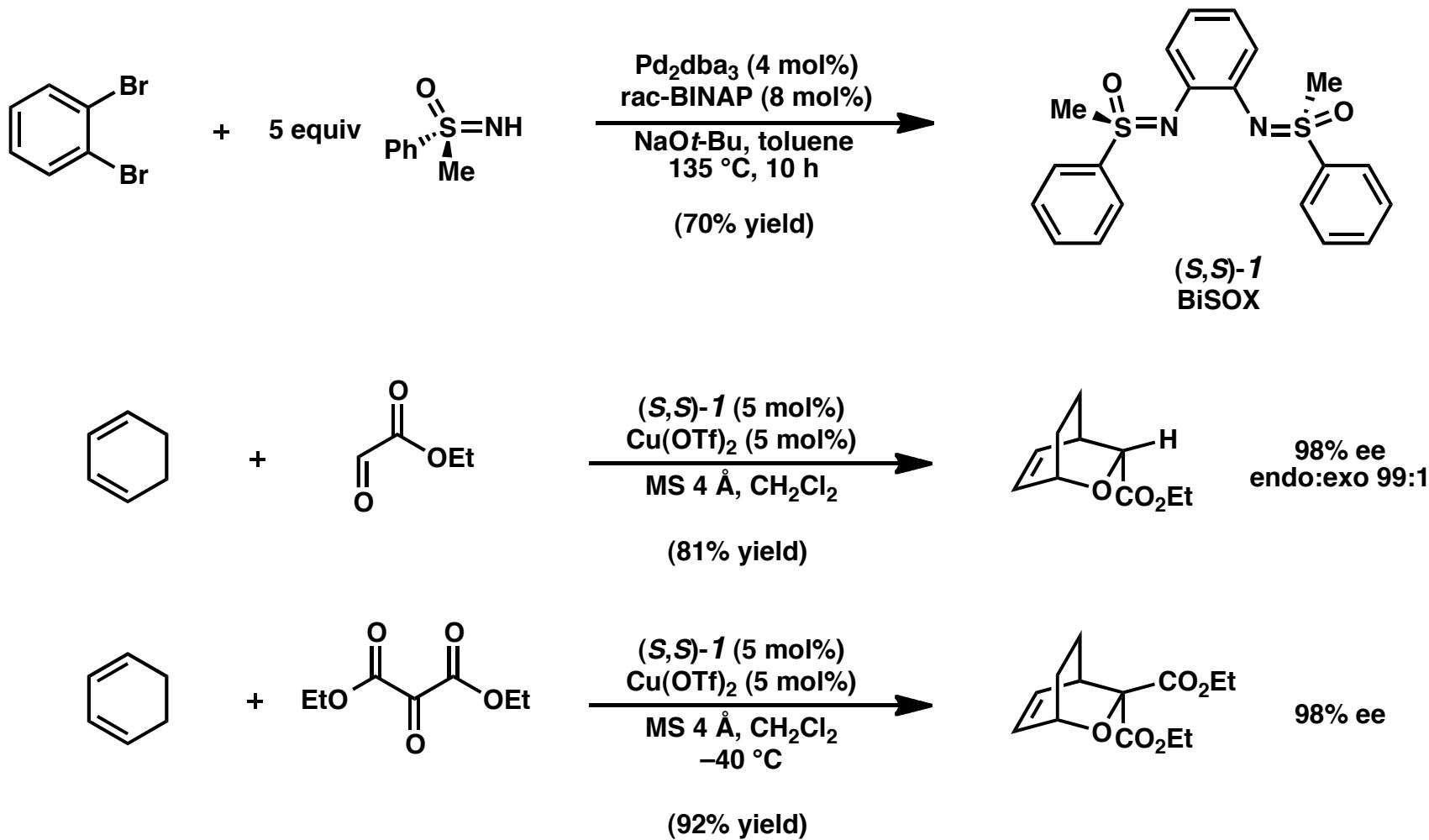
Nonsymmetrical substrates



- Usually Pd complexes favor linear products
- More cationic Pd and bulky phosphine favors branched products

# *C<sub>2</sub>-Symmetric N,N-ligands*

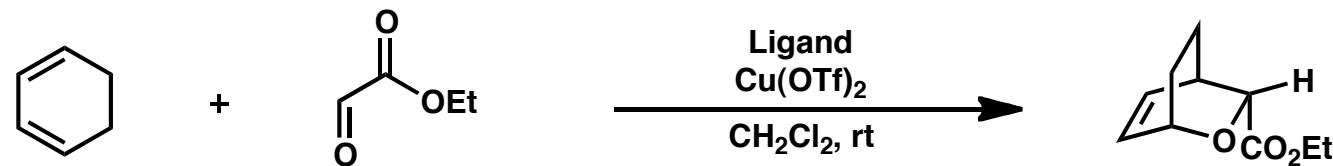
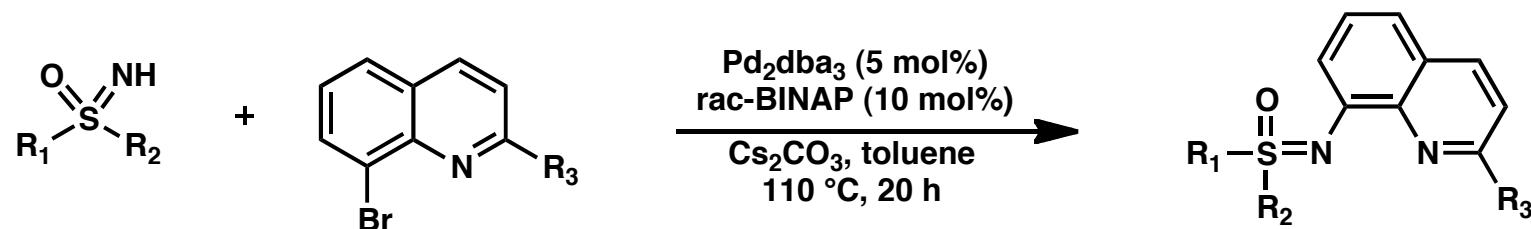
## *Sulfoximines*



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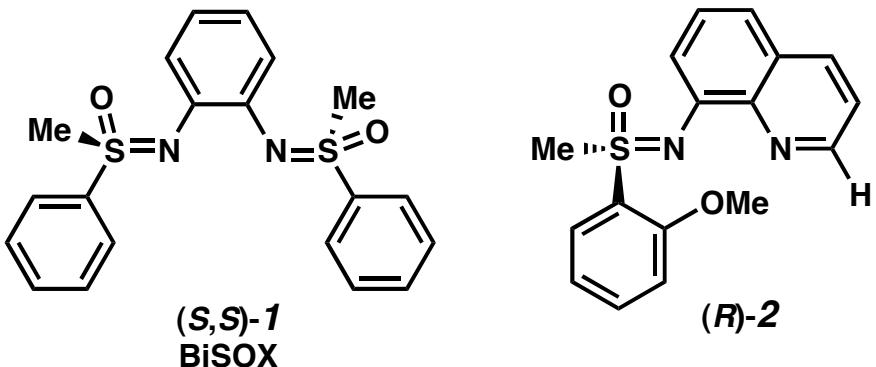
# From $C_2$ - to $C_1$ -Symmetric Sulfoximines

- Spectroscopic investigations of BiSOX Cu(II) complexes revealed distorted, nonsymmetric square pyramidal geometry
- Two coordinating sulfoximine nitrogens occupy non-equivalent positions



entry	ligand	% yield	%ee	endo:exo
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2	2	98	91	98:2
3*	2	65	96	99:1

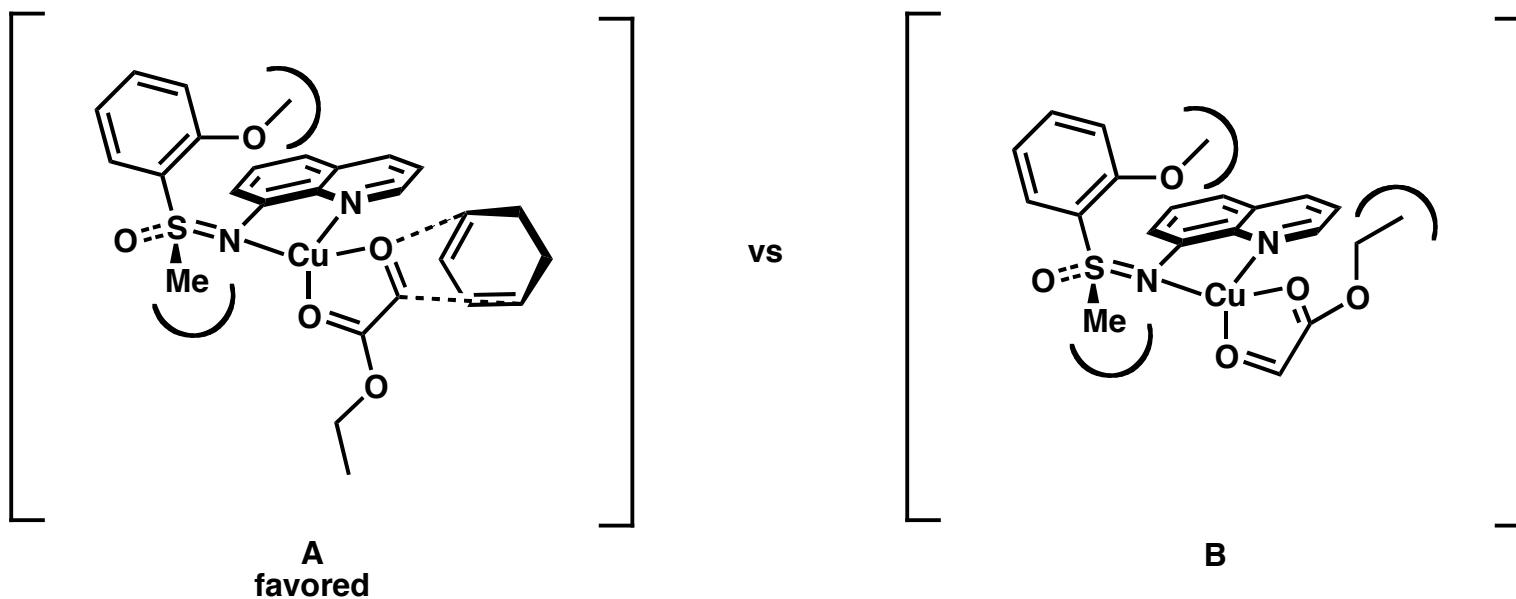
\*with  $\text{Cu}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$ ,  $-10^\circ\text{C}$



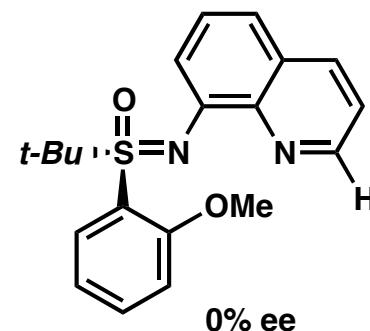
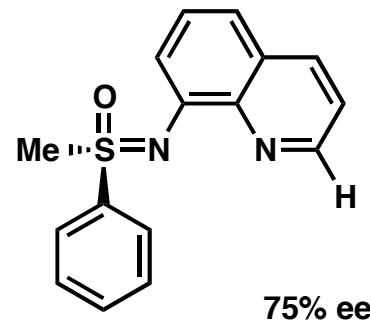
Bolm, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2003**, *125*, 6222-62227.  
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# *From C<sub>2</sub>- to C<sub>1</sub>-Symmetric Sulfoximines*

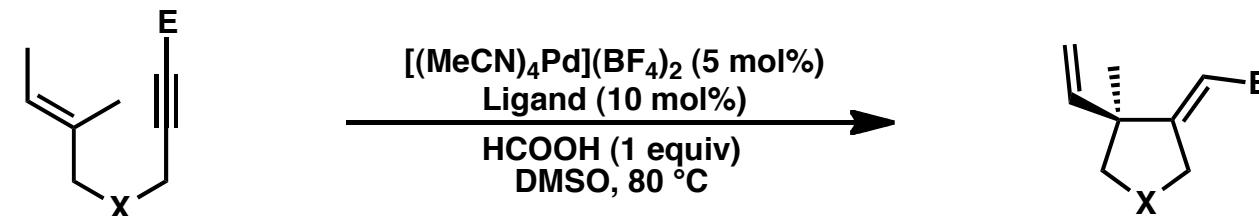
## *Mechanistic Model*



– Enantioselectivity of the reaction is determined by the coordination mode of substrate

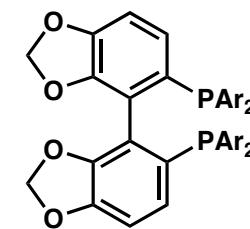


# *C<sub>1</sub>-Symmetric P,N-ligand in Enyne Cyclization*

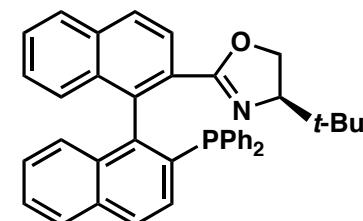


X = C(CO<sub>2</sub>E<sub>t</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, E = CONMe<sub>2</sub>

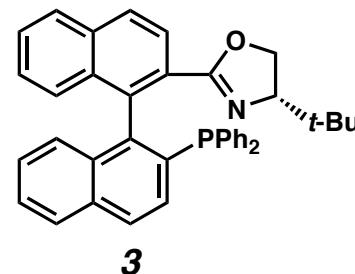
ligand	time	% yield	% ee	config.
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2	24	42	81	S
3	9	>99	86	S
4	24	9	50	R



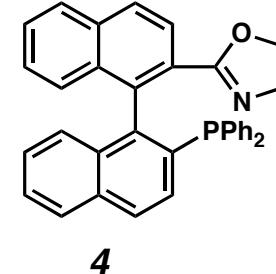
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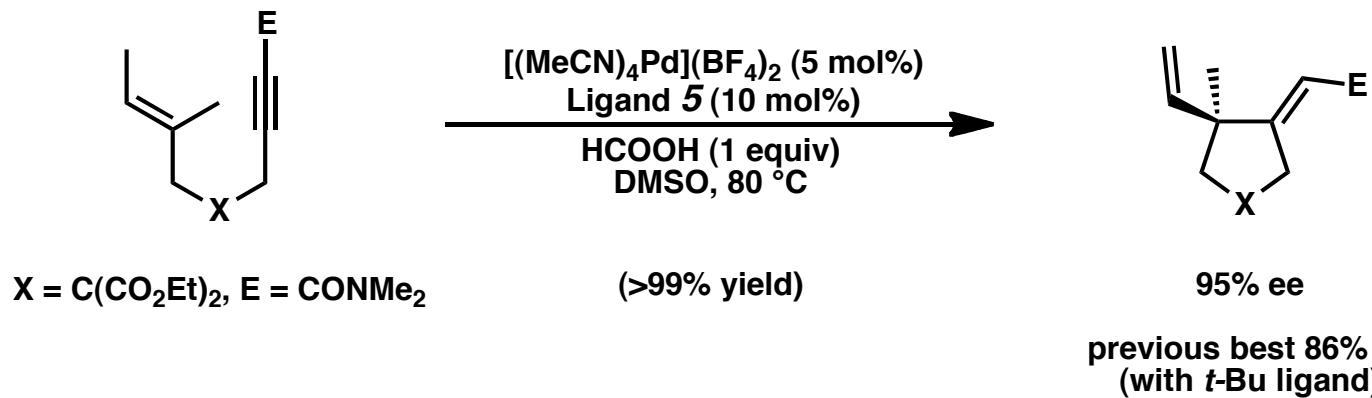
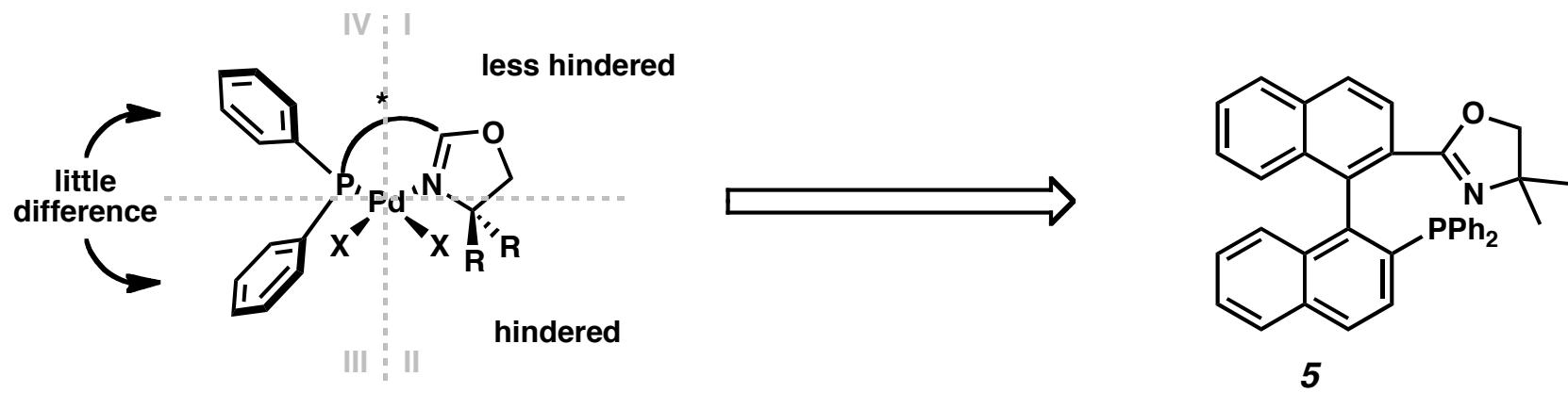
– *C<sub>1</sub>* symmetry yields better enantioselectivities than *C<sub>2</sub>* symmetry

– Sense of chirality does not matter

# *C<sub>1</sub>-Symmetric P,N-ligand in Enyne Cyclization*

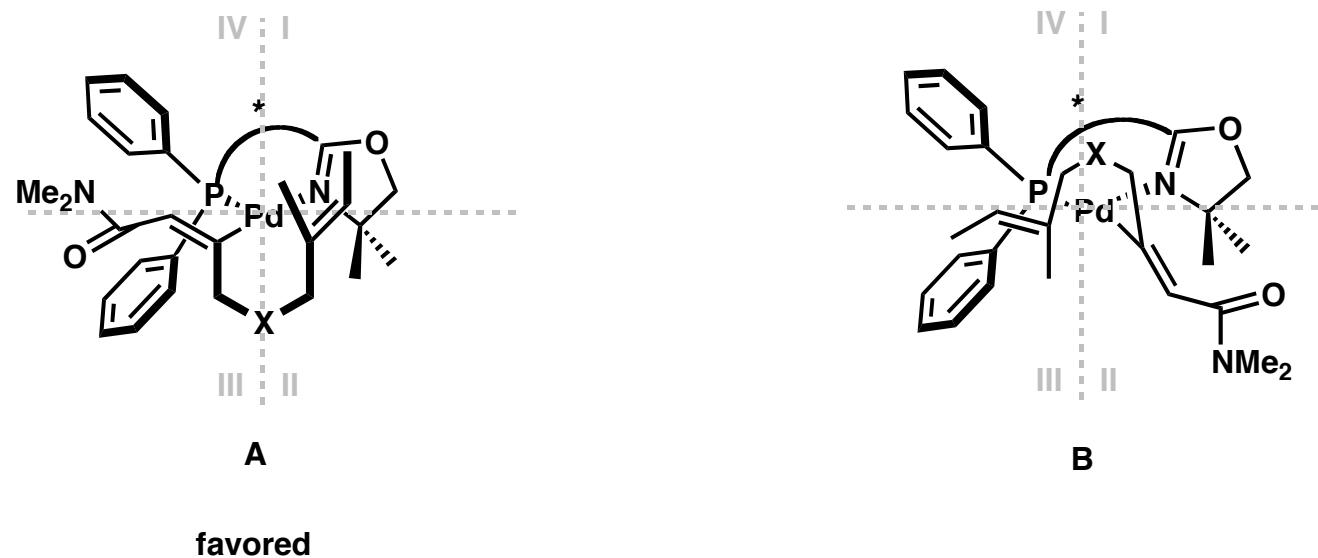
## *Rational Design of Optimized Ligand*

X-ray analyses reveals:



# *C<sub>1</sub>-Symmetric P,N-ligand in Enyne Cyclization*

## *Transition State Analysis*



### Steric factors:

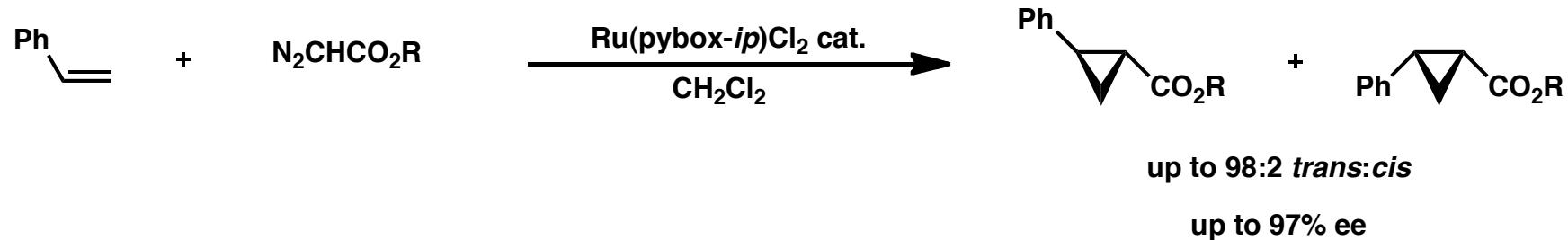
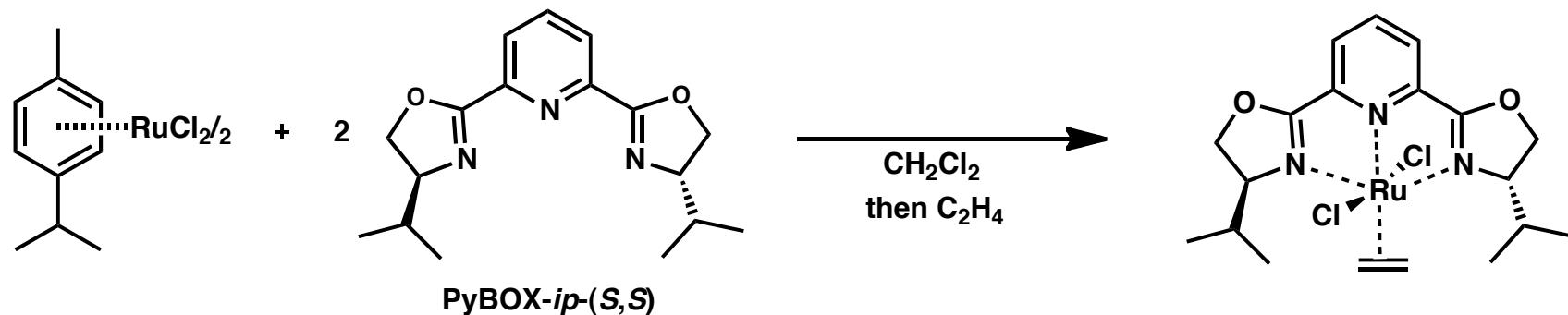
- A: steric repulsion between terminal Me groups of substrate and dimethyl substituents of oxazoline
- B: terminal alkenyl Me groups cannot fully differentiate the two Ph groups

### Electronic factor:

- $\pi$ -coordination of olefin *trans* to P is favored (*trans* influence)

# Asymmetric Cyclopropanation of Olefins with Diazoacetates

*PyBOX*

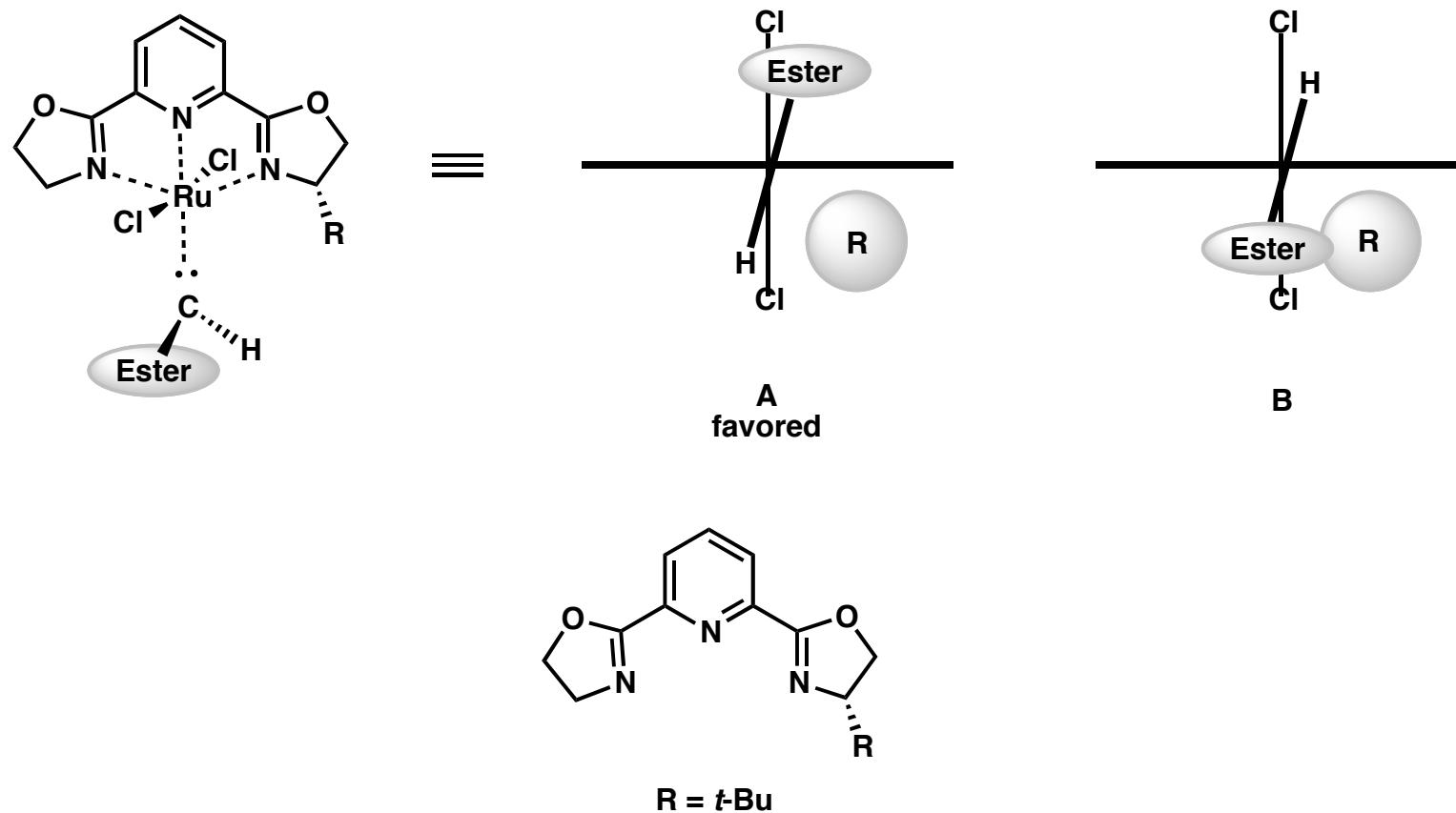


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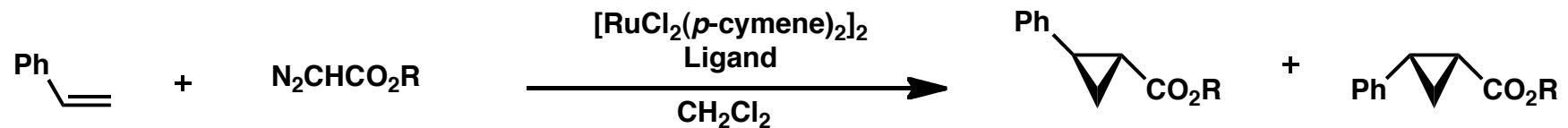
## Single-Chiral PyBOX

– Analysis of transition states reveals  $C_2$ -symmetry may not be necessary

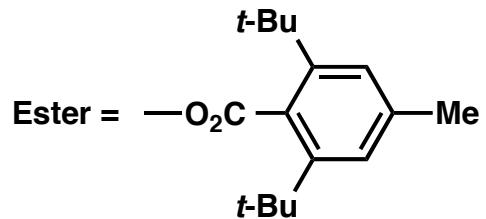
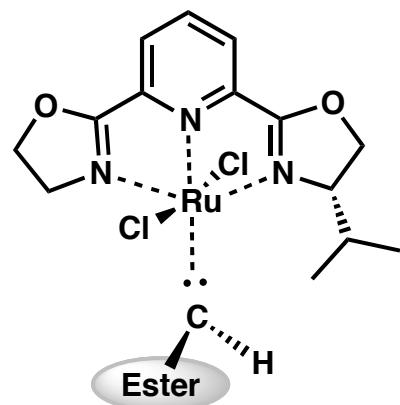
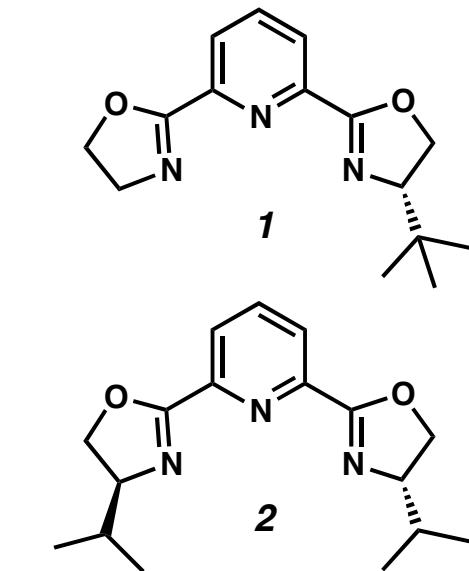


# Asymmetric Cyclopropanation of Olefins with Diazoacetates

## Single-Chiral PyBOX



entry	Pybox	$\text{N}_2\text{CHCO}_2\text{R}$ , R=	% yield	<i>trans:cis</i>	% ee ( <i>trans</i> )	% ee ( <i>cis</i> )
1	1	Me	88	83:17	86	63
2	2	Me	82	89:11	92	97
3	1	Et	93	89:11	90	66
4	1	<i>i</i> -Pr	80	92:8	90	68
5	1	<i>t</i> -Menthyl	84	99:1	94	64

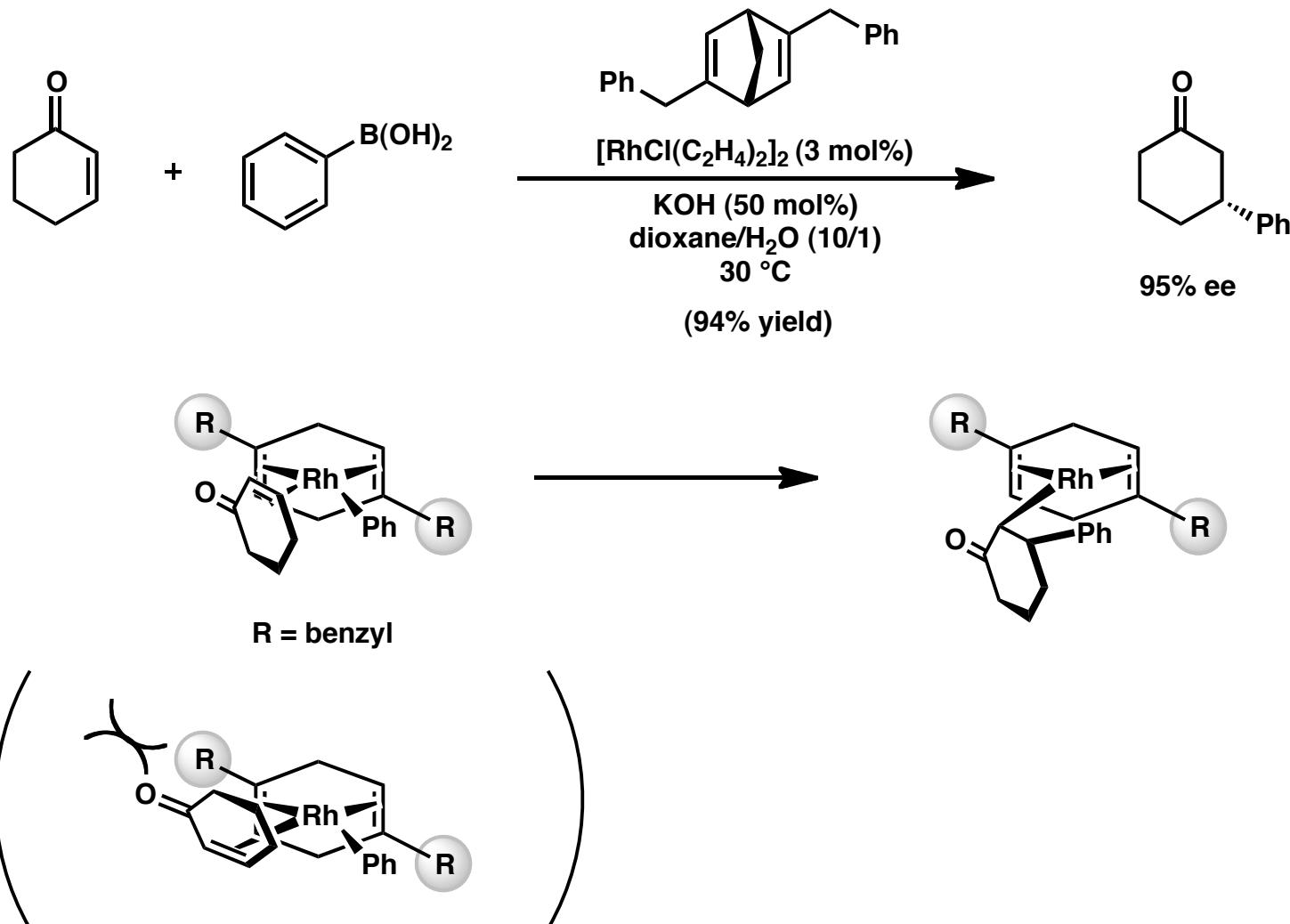


– Only one isomer detected by NMR analysis

Nishiyama, *Tetrahedron: Asymmetry* **1998**, 9, 2865-2869.

# Asymmetric 1,4-Additions of Organoboron Reagents

## *C<sub>2</sub>*-Symmetric Dienes

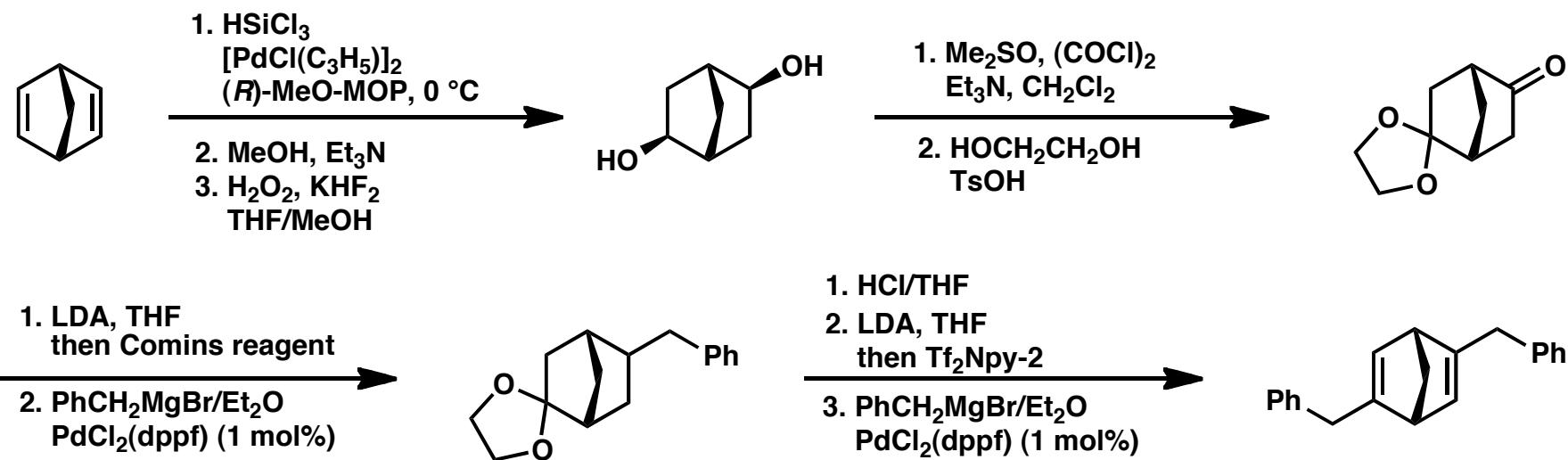


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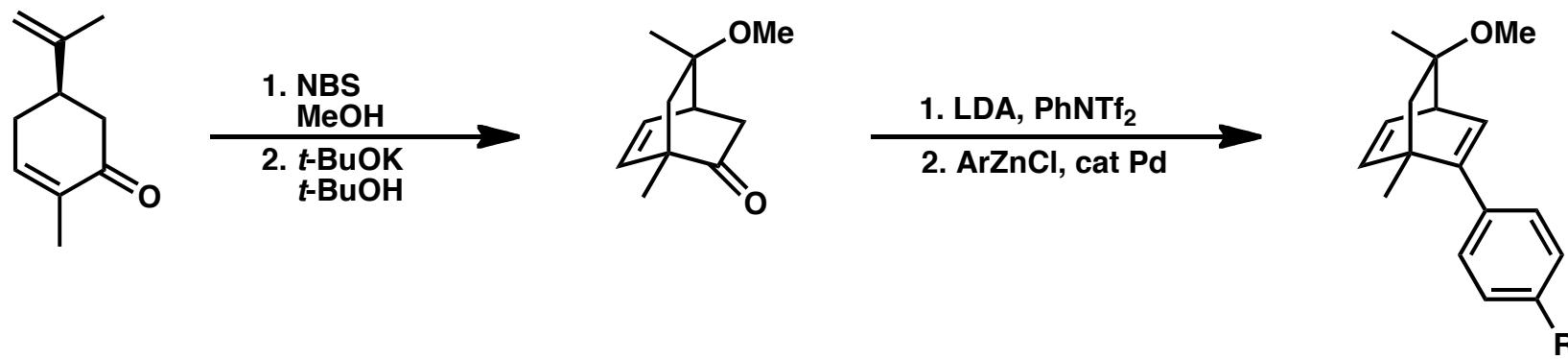
# Asymmetric 1,4-Additions of Organoboron Reagents

## Ligand Synthesis

### Hayashi's ligand synthesis



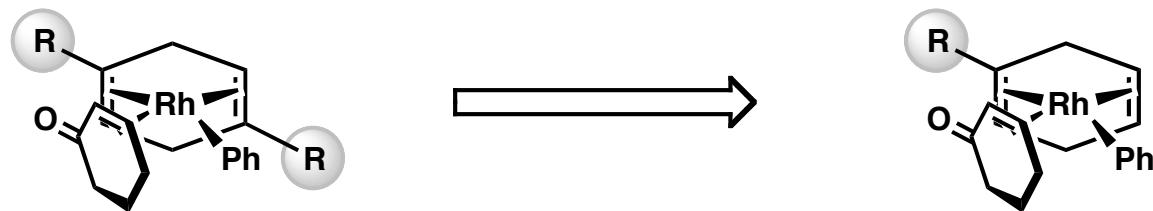
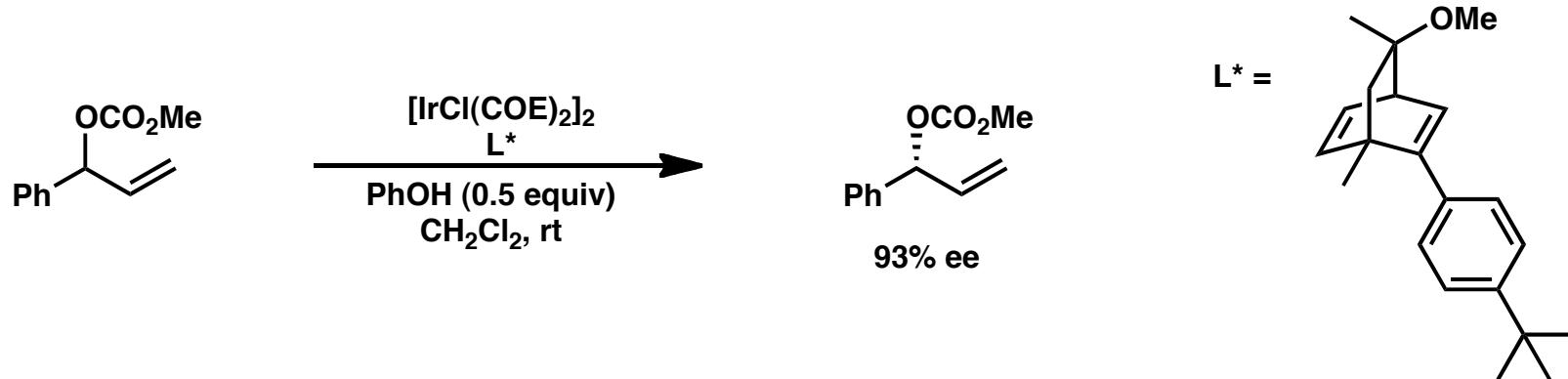
### Carreira's ligand synthesis



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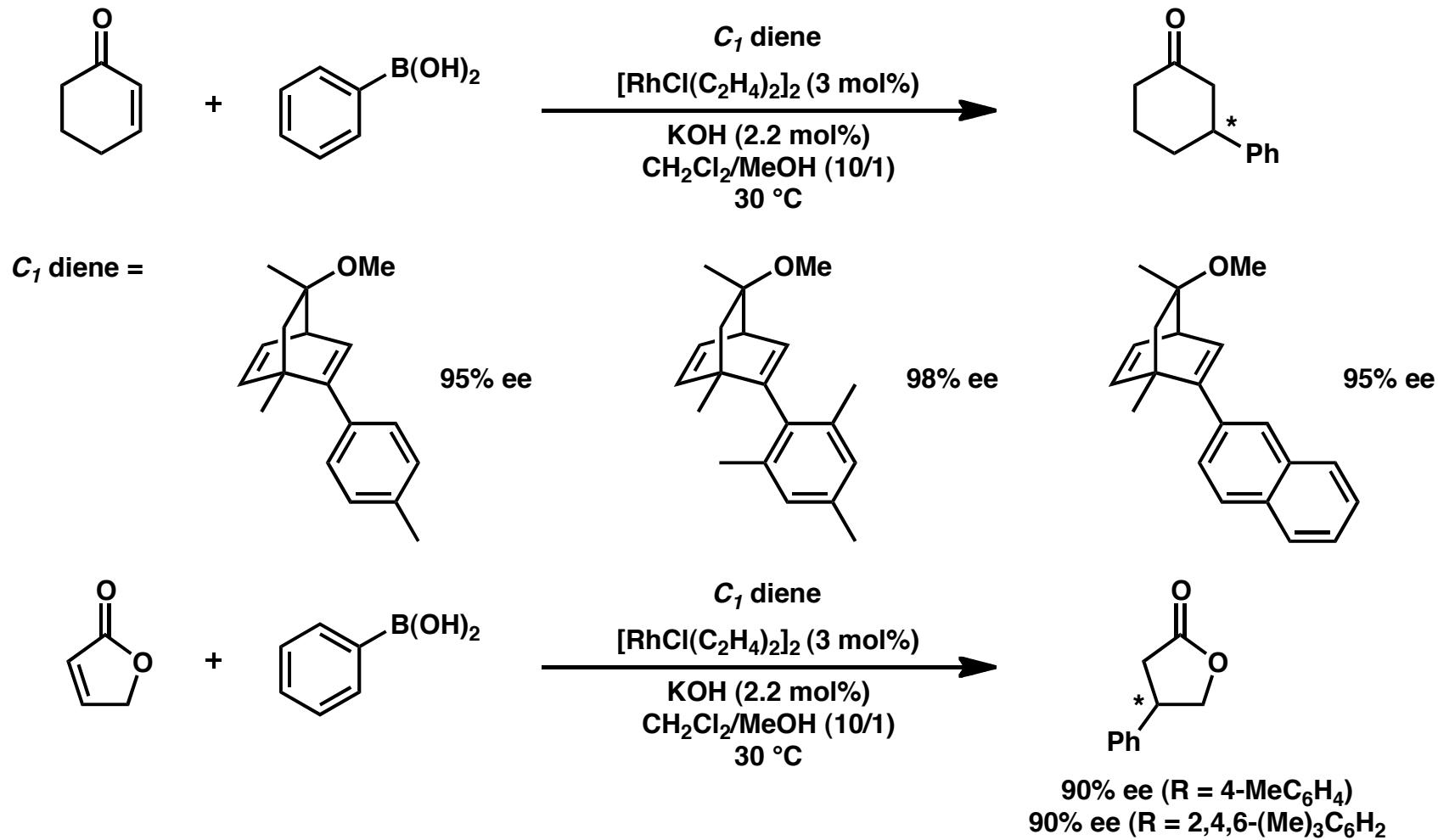
## Rationale Behind Application of $C_1$ -Symmetric Diene



- Assume coordination of unsaturated substrate to rhodium occurs after transmetalation of the organoborane
- Aryl group would block one of the R substituents
- Therefore, only one substituent would be sufficient for chiral recognition of enantiotopic faces

# Asymmetric 1,4-Additions of Organoboron Reagents

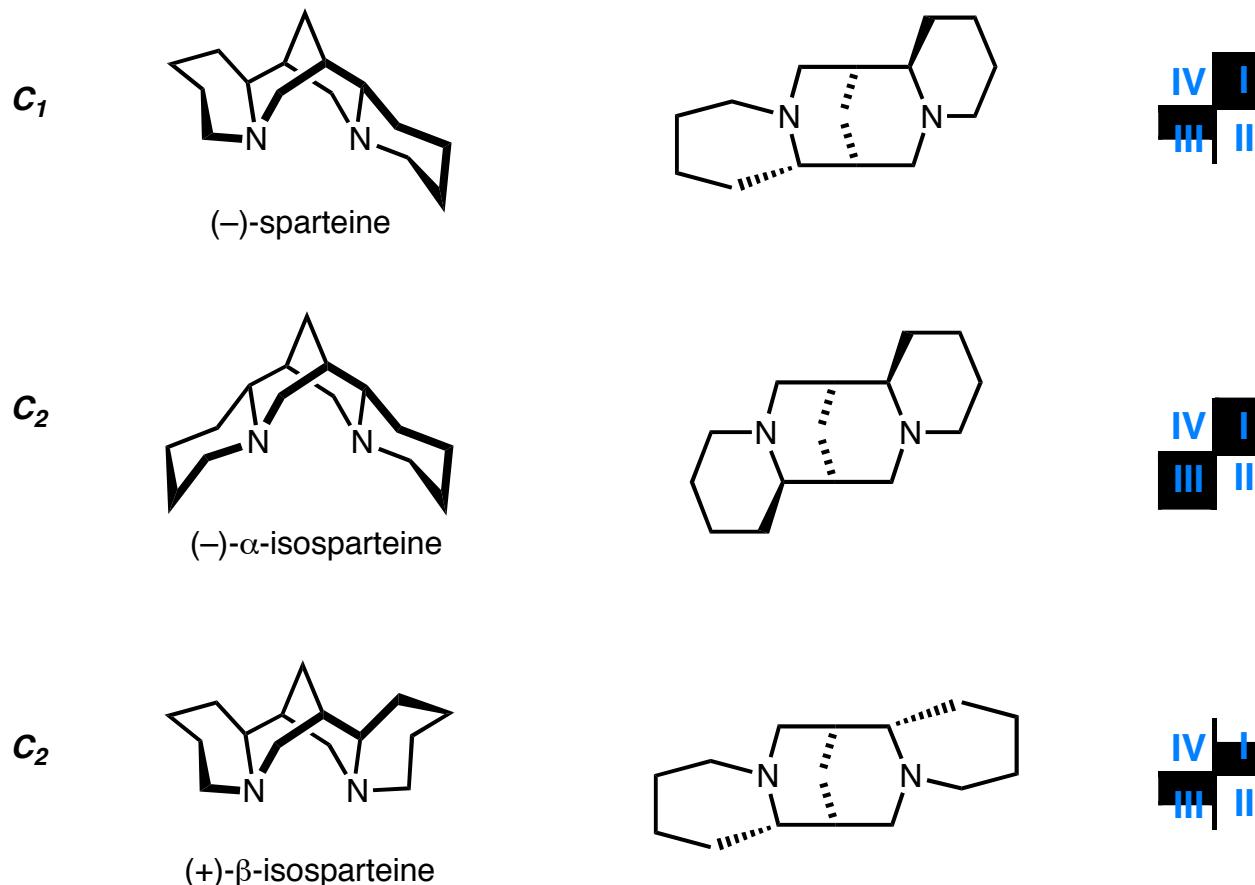
## Application of $C_1$ -Symmetric Diene



– high ee's (up to 98% ee) with a wide range of boronic acids (electron-rich, -deficient)

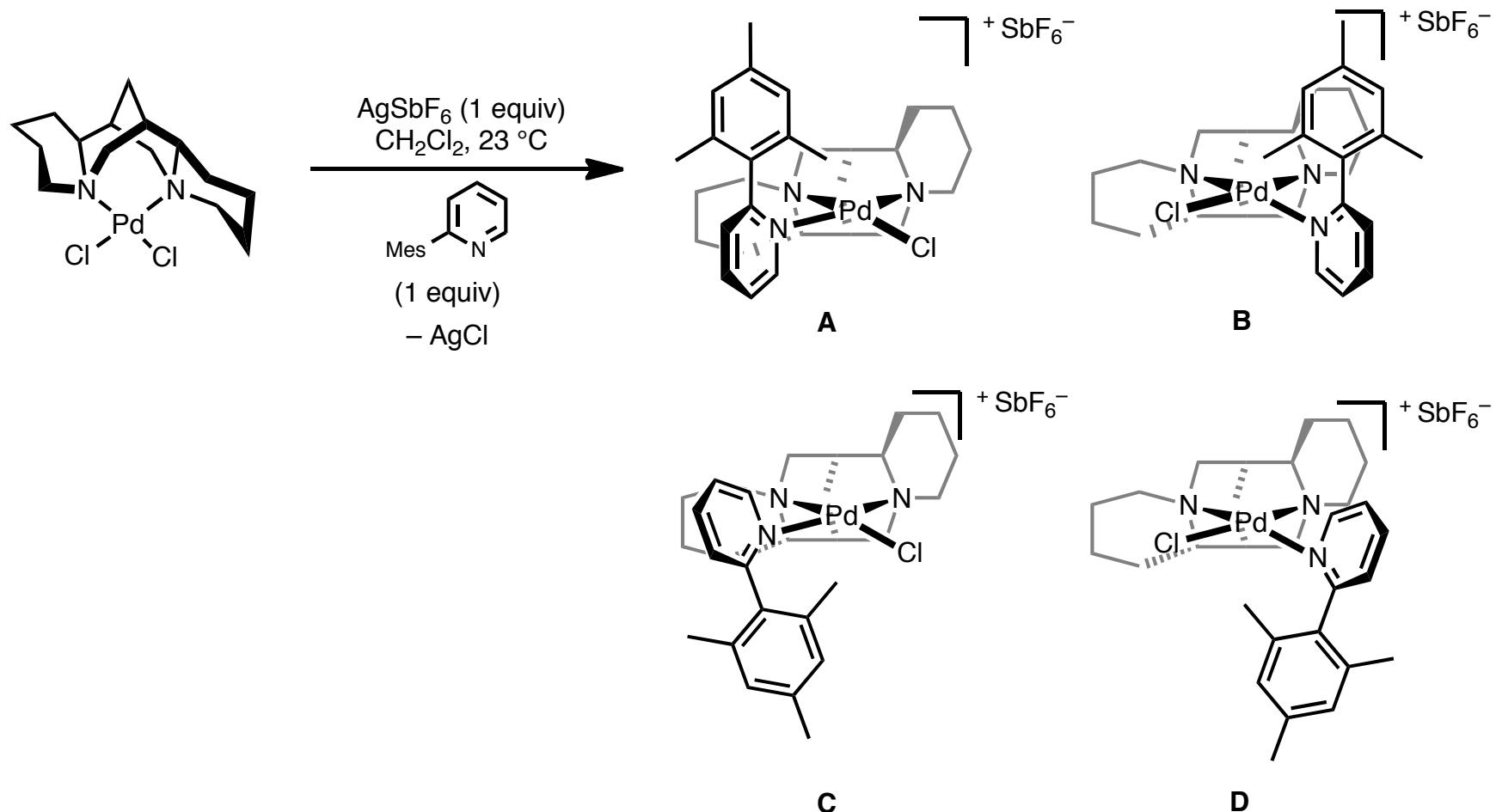
# Oxidative Kinetic Resolution of Secondary Alcohols

## Sparteine, a $C_1$ -Symmetric Ligand



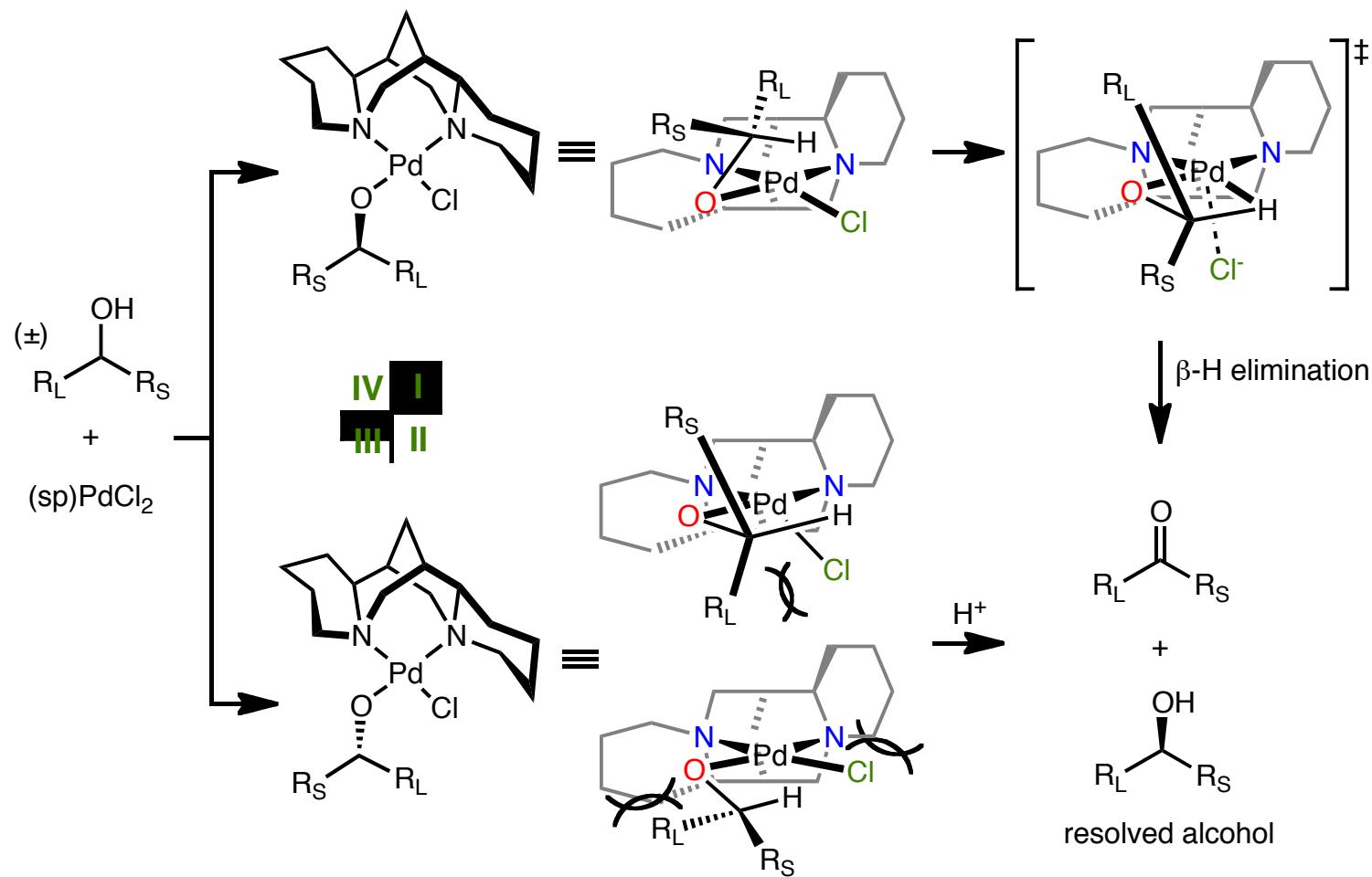
# Oxidative Kinetic Resolution of Secondary Alcohols

## Regioselectivity by Sparteine



– Only A observed with bulk of substrate oriented toward vacant quadrant IV

# *A Proposed Model for the Observed Stereochemistry Sparteine and C<sub>1</sub>-Symmetry*



## *Summary*

- **C<sub>2</sub>-symmetry is still a dominant structural motif**
- **Advantage of C<sub>2</sub>-symmetry: reduced number of possible, competing diastereomeric structures**
- **Careful consideration of transition states showed that C<sub>2</sub>-symmetry is not always necessary**
- **C<sub>1</sub>-symmetric ligands allow the application of steric and electronic differentiation**
- **C<sub>1</sub>-symmetric ligands also offer the possibility of creating a single site of reactivity via desymmetrization of transition states**
- **With the continuous discovery of new "privileged" frameworks, C<sub>1</sub>-symmetric ligands are likely to play an increasing role in the development of asymmetric catalysis**

