

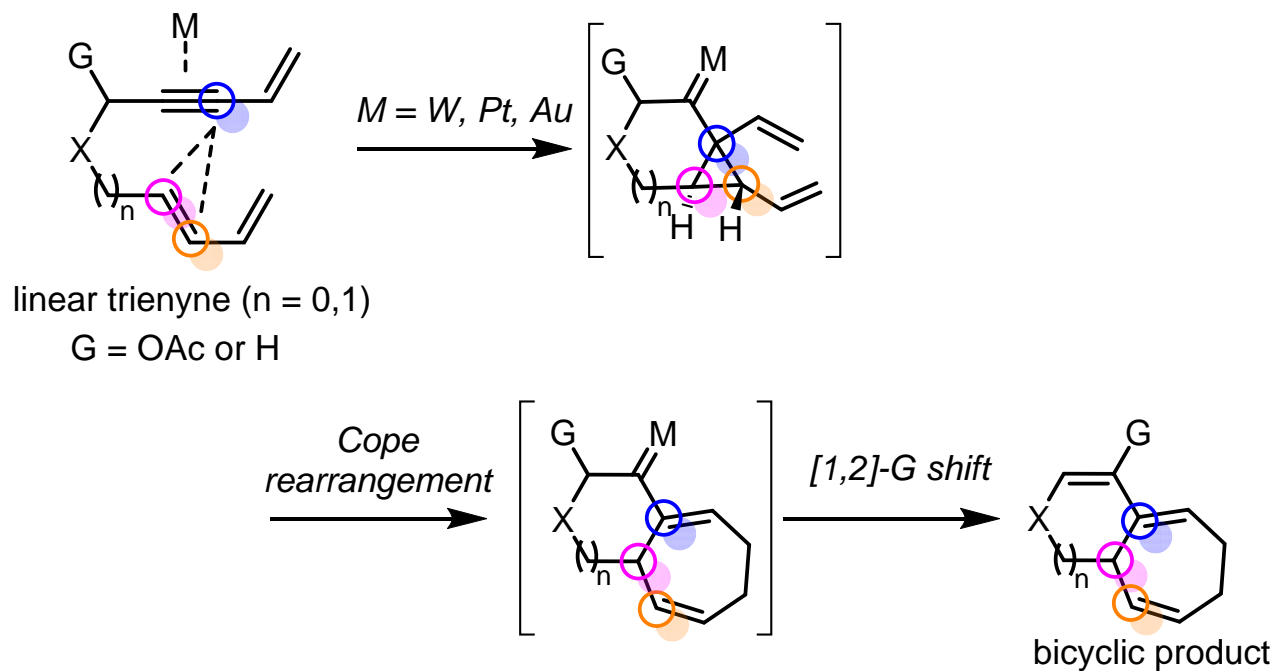
Gold(I)–Catalyzed Polycyclization of Linear  
Dienediynes to Seven–Membered Ring  
Containing Polycycles via  
Tandem Cyclopropanation/Cope  
Rearrangement/C–H Activation

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# Previous work

- ▶ Tandem cyclopropanation / Cope rearrangement / [1,2]-G shift of migratory group



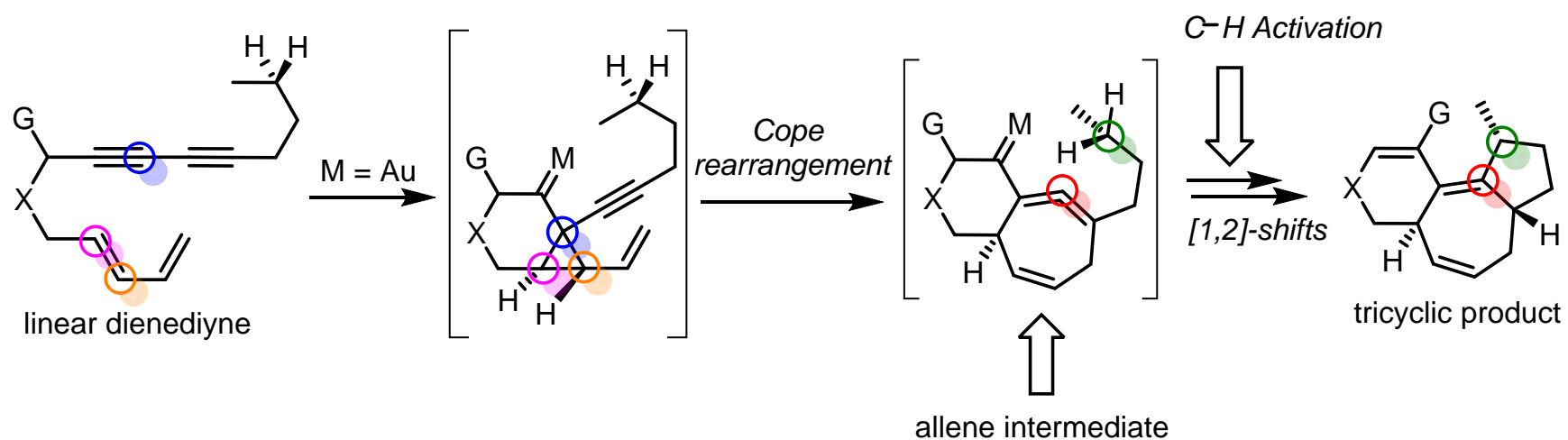
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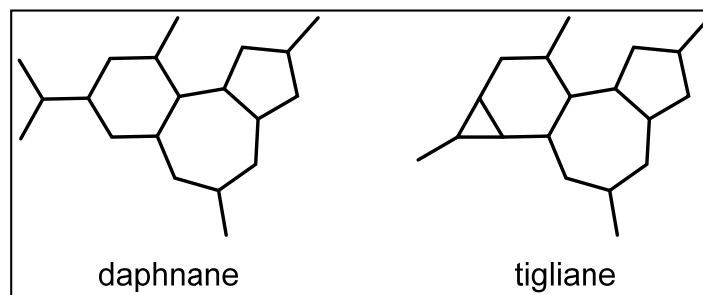
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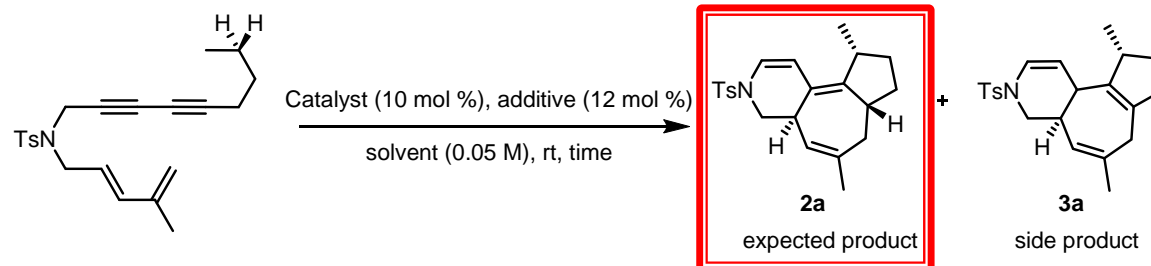
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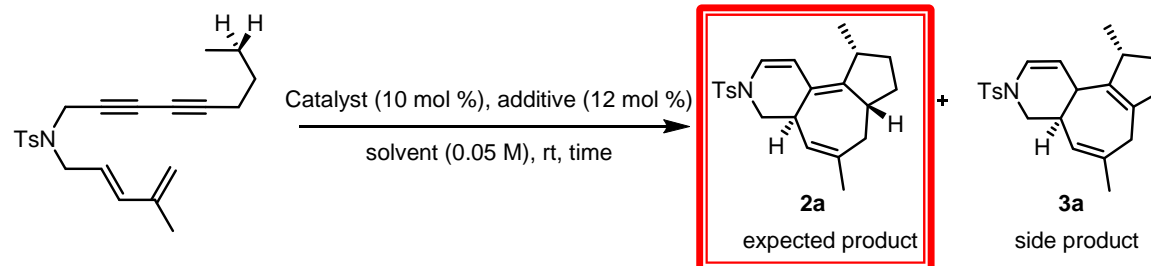


# Optimization Studies on the Gold(I)-Catalyzed Polycyclization



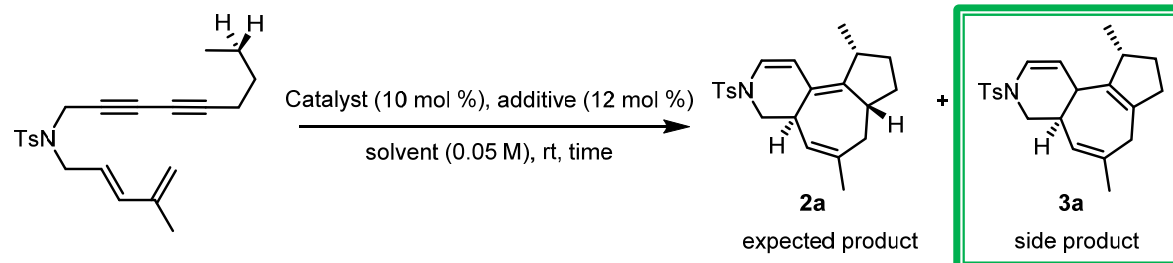
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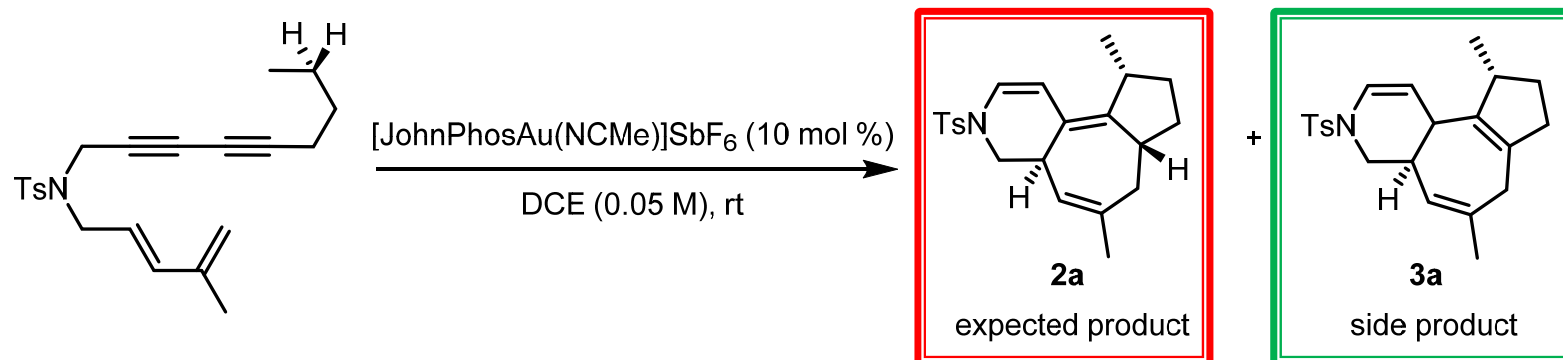
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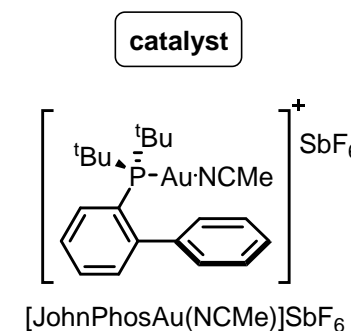


## ▶ To obtain the expected product **2a**

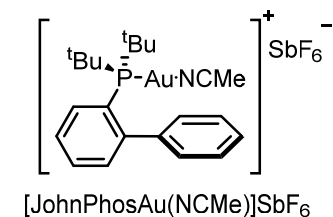
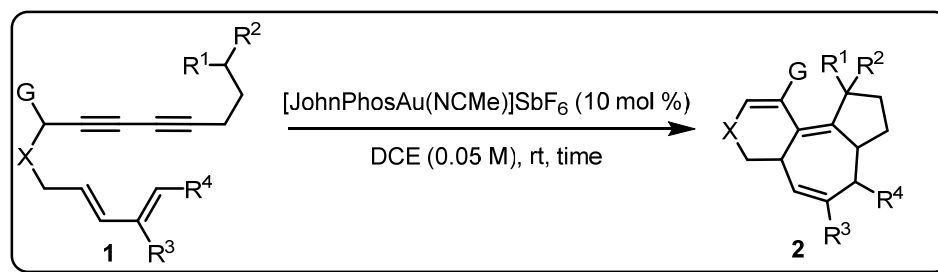
- Use Echavarren gold(I) complex
- DCE as solvent

## ▶ To obtain the side product **3a**

- Use basic counteranions triflate or water in the reaction



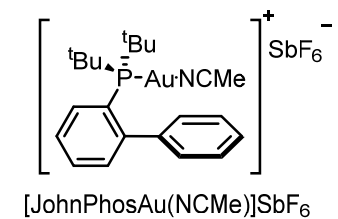
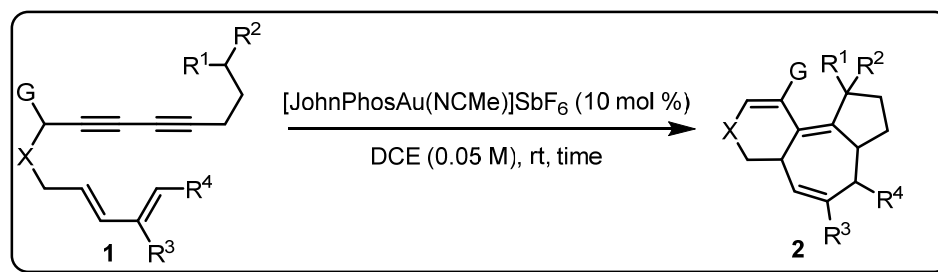
# Polycyclization Reaction Scope



Entry	Dienediynes <b>1</b>	Product <b>2</b>	Yield (dr), time
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2	<p><b>1d</b></p>	<p><b>2d</b></p>	<p>24 % (&gt;20:1), 24 h</p>
3	<p><b>1e</b></p>	<p><b>2e</b></p>	<p>56 % (&gt;20:1), 24 h</p>



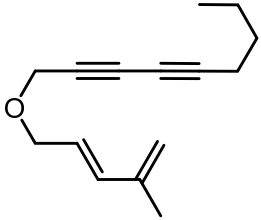
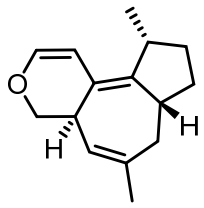
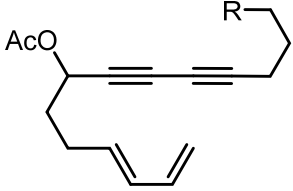
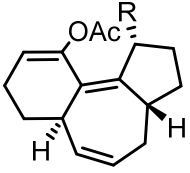
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1	<p><b>1f</b></p>	<p><b>2f</b>, 30 % (&gt;20:1)</p>	<p><b>4f</b>, 39 % 14 h</p>
2	<p><b>1g</b> (R = Bn)  <b>1h</b> (R = <i>i</i>Pr)  <b>1i</b> (R = H)</p>	<p><b>2g</b> (R = Bn)  <b>2h</b> (R = <i>i</i>Pr)  <b>2i</b> (R = H)</p>	<p>77 % (12:1), 12 h            94 % (10:1), 6 h            87 % (8:1), 11 h</p>
3	<p><b>1j</b></p>	<p><b>2j</b></p>	<p>67 % (3:1), 10 min</p>

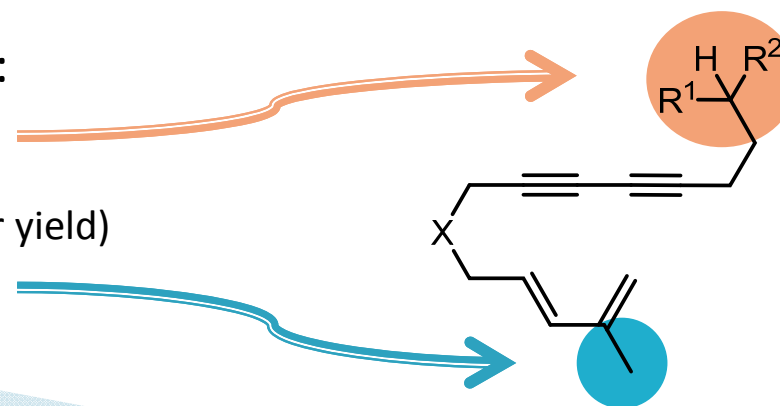


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Entry	Dienediyne <b>1</b>	Product <b>2</b>	Yield (dr), time
1	 <b>1k</b>	 <b>2k</b>	74 % (>20:1), 0.5 h
2	 <b>1l</b> (R = Me) <b>1m</b> (R = Et)	 <b>2l</b> (R = Me) <b>2m</b> (R = Et)	66 % (20:2:1), 4.5 h 76 % (27:2:2:1), 4 h

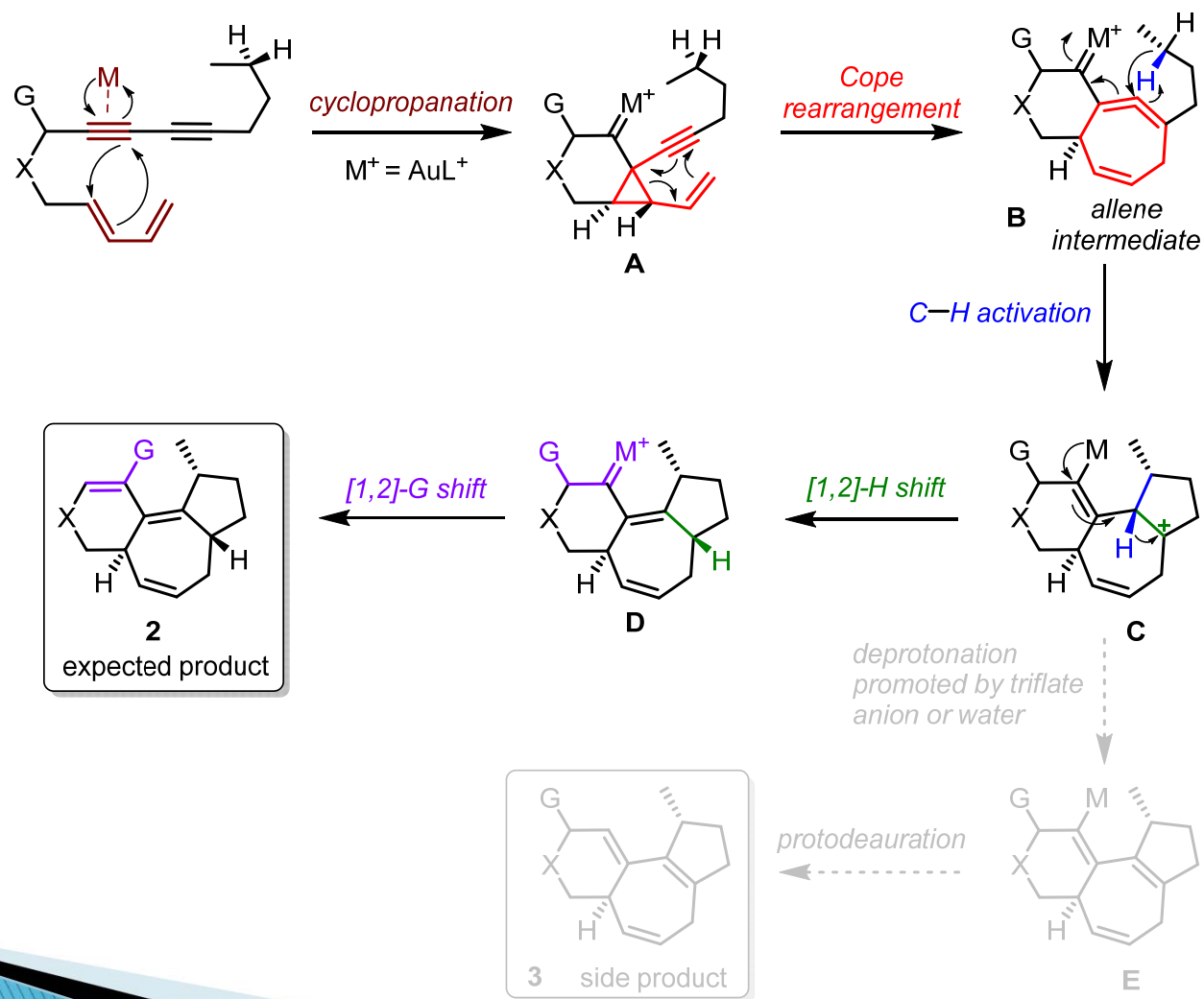
► The reaction works better with:

- secondary and tertiary  $\gamma$  carbon
- Methyl in  $\gamma$  position of diene (better yield)



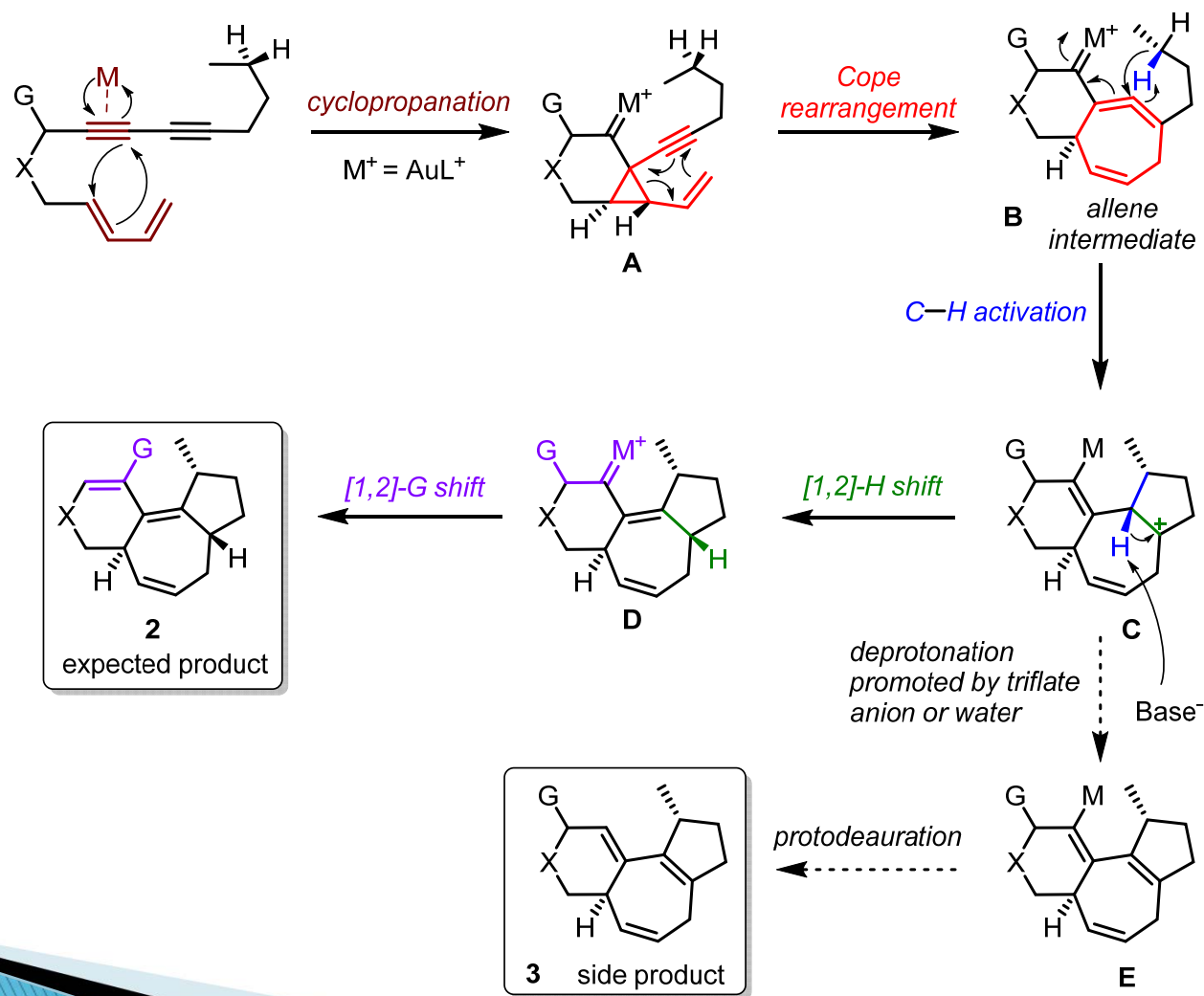
# Proposed Mechanism

- Preliminary DFT studies supported the following mechanism.



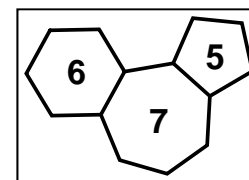
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- ▶ For the side product 3, it is a hypothesis.



# Conclusion

- ▶ First work on dienediynes which combines Cyclopropanation / Cope rearrangement / Aliphatic C-H activation.
- ▶ An efficient gold(I)-catalyzed polycyclisation to get the fused 5,7,6-tricyclic ring system in one step with high diastereocontrol.
- ▶ Could potentially give access to a wide range of diversely functionalized ring system.



Thank you for your attention



# SM Preparation

