



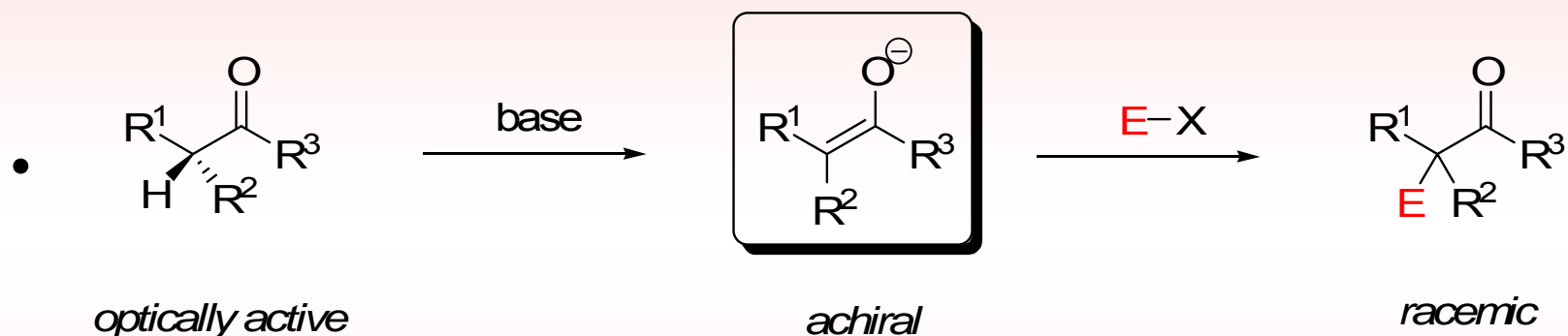
Memory of chirality

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Introduction

➔ Ideas widely accepted and taught:



- To obtain optically active products, chiral source must be use

➔ Use of Memory Of Chirality (MOC)

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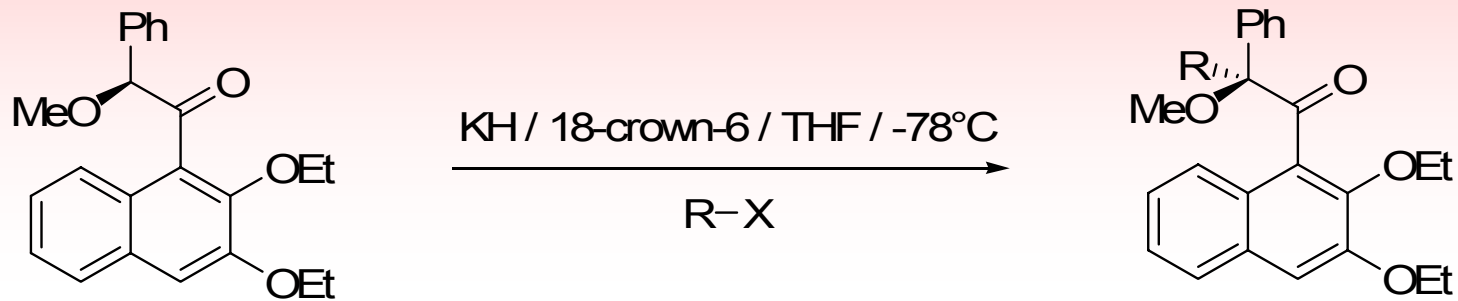
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1-Generalities

1.1-First example

➔ Enantioselective alkylation reaction at an asymmetric carbon adjacent to a carbonyl group¹



93% ee

R-X	Yield (%)	ee (%)
MeI	48	66
EtI	27	65
PhCH ₂ Br	31	67
CH ₂ =CHCH ₂ Br	36	48



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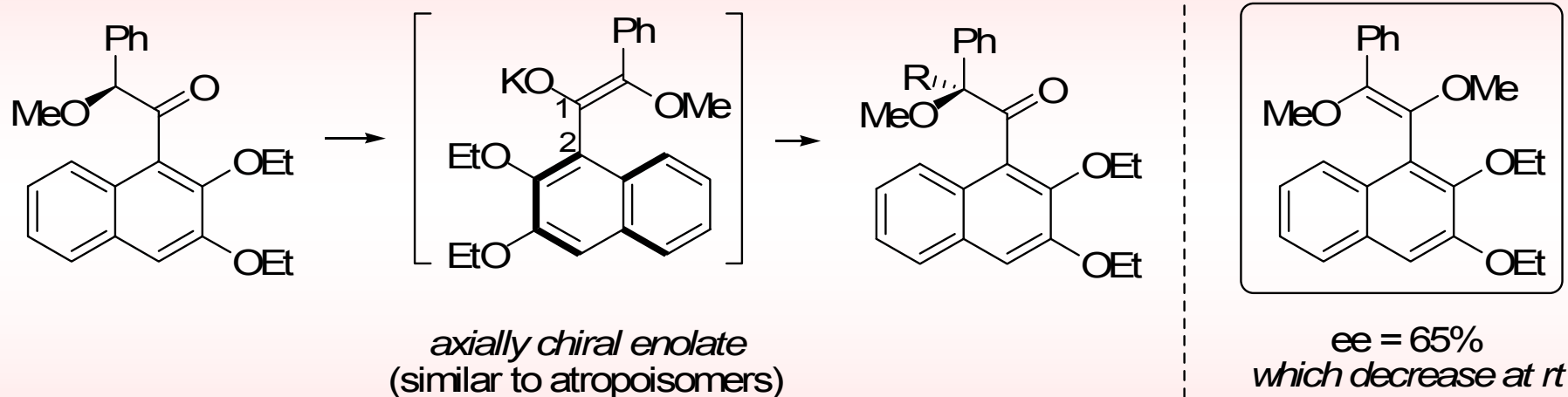
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1-Generalities

1.1-First example

➔ Idea : Enolate is not always achiral



➔ Two step transfert of chirality :
Central → Axial (C₁-C₂ bond) → Central

1-Generalities

1.2-Definitions

 No unique definition :

- “*Central chirality* at a carbon alpha to a carbonyl group *is preserved as a transient axial chirality* of the intermediate enolate and is then regenerated as central chirality in the reaction product”¹
- “The chirality of the starting material is preserved in a reactive intermediate *for a limited time*”²
- “The chirality of a starting material having a chiral sp^3 -carbon is preserved in the reaction product even though the reaction proceeds at the chiral carbon as a *reaction center through reactive intermediates* such as carbanion, singlet monoradicals, biradicals or carbenium ions”³
- “Formal substitution at an sp^3 stereogenic center that proceeds *stereospecifically*, even though the reaction proceeds *by trigonalization* of that center, and despite the fact that *no other permanently chiral* elements are present in the system”⁴

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➔ **Dynamic** (or conformational) **chirality**² =
Enantiomeric form (specific conformation) on a specific timescale

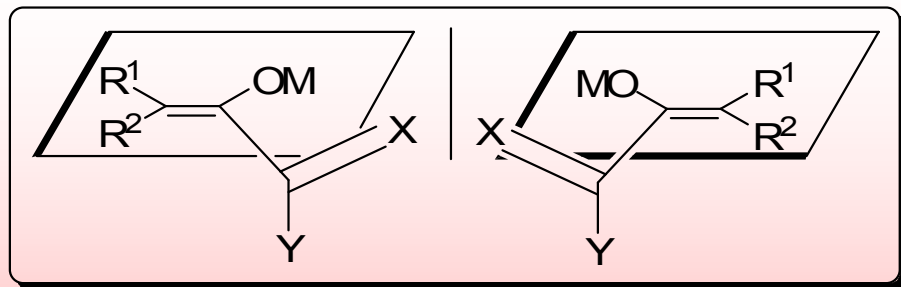


Static chirality

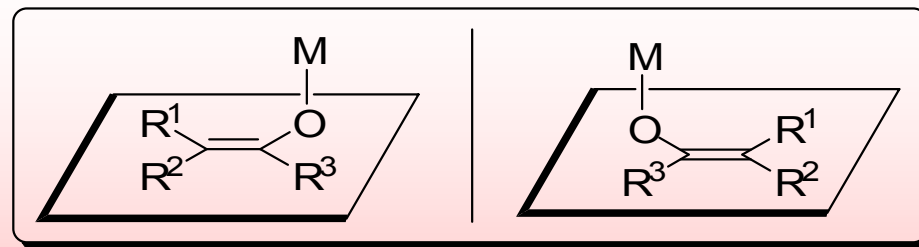


Dynamic chirality

Case of enolate : on a specific timescale, an enolate is not always achiral



Axial chirality



Planar chirality

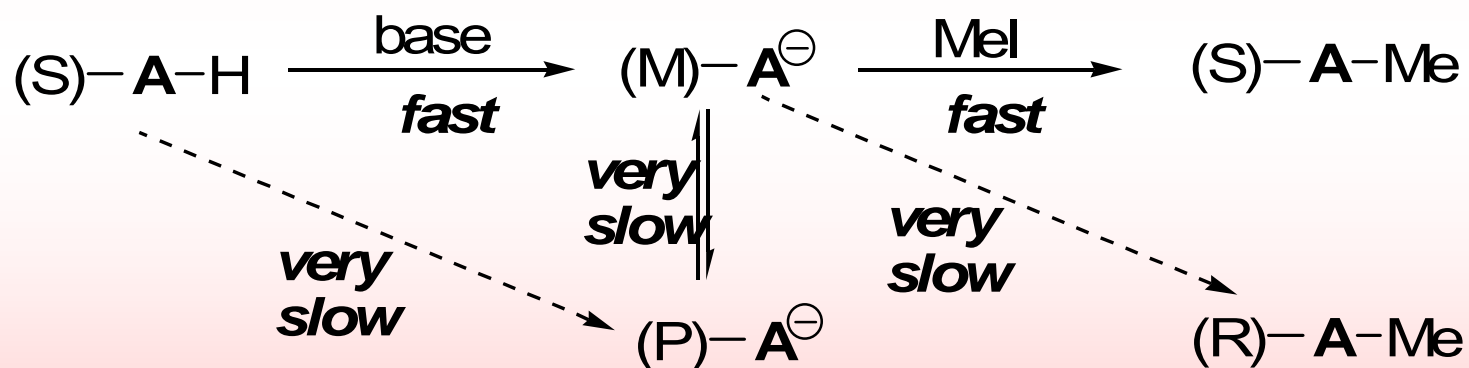
➔ Formation of chiral intermediate is not sufficient

1-Generalities

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➔ Requirements for MOC :⁴

- Chiral intermediate must be formed enantioselectively
- Chiral intermediate must not readily racemize
- Chiral intermediate must react with high stereospecificity




➔ What kind of timescale is needed ?

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1.3-Concepts

 **Eyring equation** provides chemical foundation to design MOC methods⁴

Racemization barrier ΔG^\ddagger (kcal/mol)	Racemization $t_{1/2}$ at -78°C	Racemization $t_{1/2}$ at 25°C
12	2.4s	$3.5 \cdot 10^{-5}$ s
14	7 min	$1.0 \cdot 10^{-3}$ s
16	20 h	$3.0 \cdot 10^{-2}$ s
18	148 d	0.9 s
20	70 years	26 s

- A barrier of 16 kcal/mol give sufficient time to the intermediate to react without significant racemization
- Design points for MOC :
 - rarely $\text{sp}^3\text{-sp}^3$ bond ($\Delta G^\ddagger < 7$ kcal/mol)
 - often $\text{sp}^2\text{-sp}^2$ bond ($\Delta G^\ddagger > 16$ kcal/mol)

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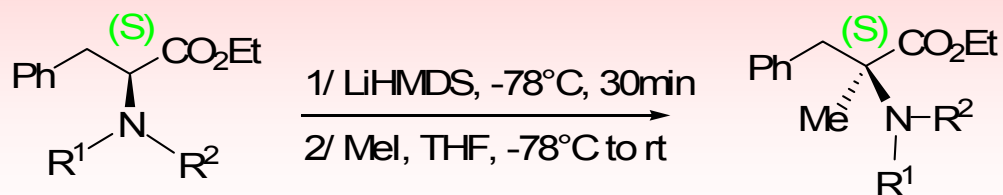
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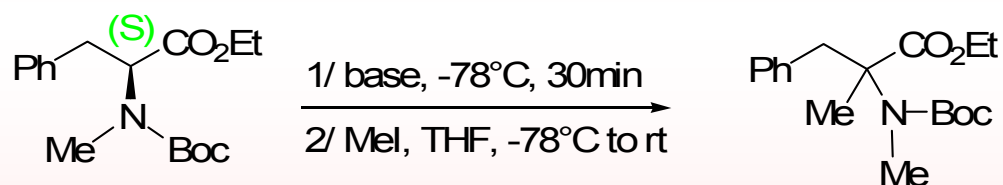
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2.1- α -alkylation of amino-acids derivatives

 Enantioselective α -alkylation of AA esters without external chiral sources^{5,6}

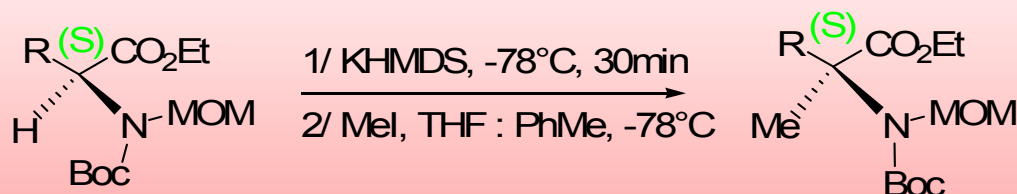


$R^1 = \text{Me}, R^2 = \text{Boc}$
Yield = 30%, ee = 36%



LiTMP (*1eq*) : Yield = 40%,
ee = 82% (S)

KHMDS (*1.2eq*) : Yield = 79%,
ee = 20% (R)



7 examples
Yield = 78-96%, ee = 76-93% (S)

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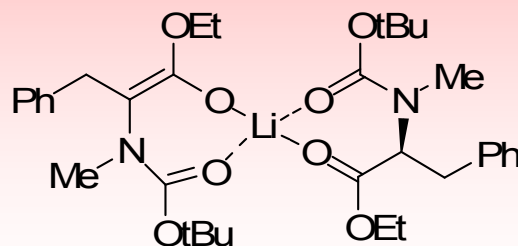
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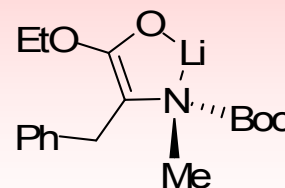
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➔ Mechanism investigations^{5,6}

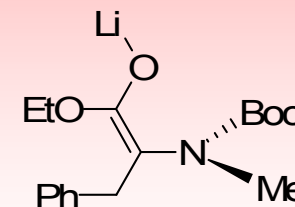
Plausible intermediates :



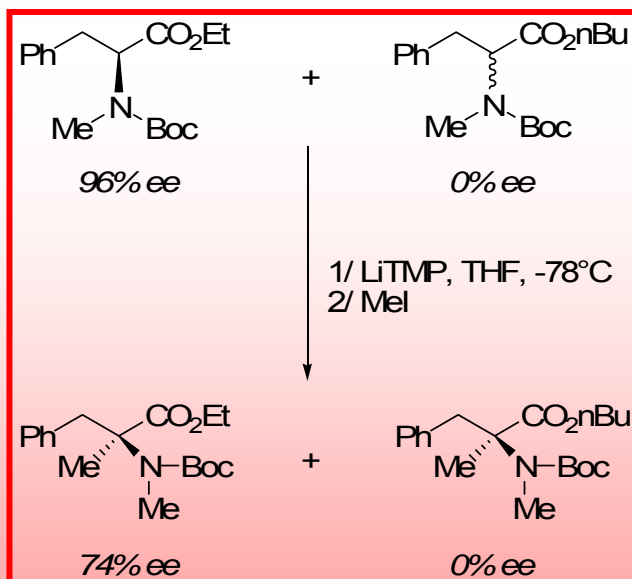
chiral enolate/SM aggregate



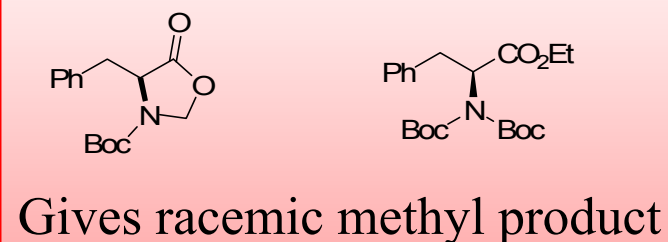
chiral N atom species



C-N axially chiral enolate



$t_{rac_{1/2}} = 22h$ at $-78^{\circ}C$
Formation of a slowly
racemizing axially chiral enolate



Gives racemic methyl product

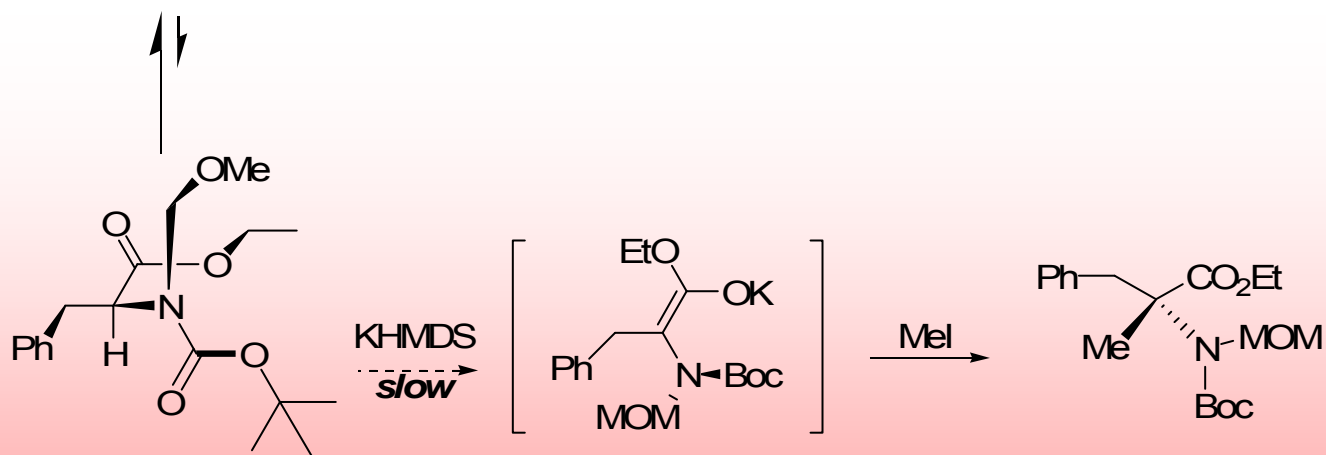
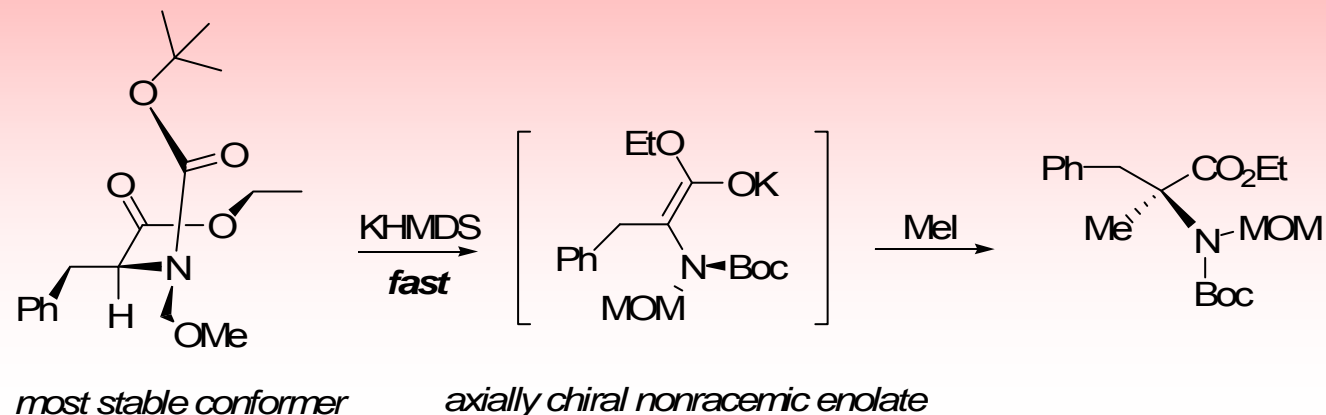
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2.1- α -alkylation of amino-acids derivatives

➔ MM3 calculations :



➔ Axially chiral enolate is generated in enantiopure form

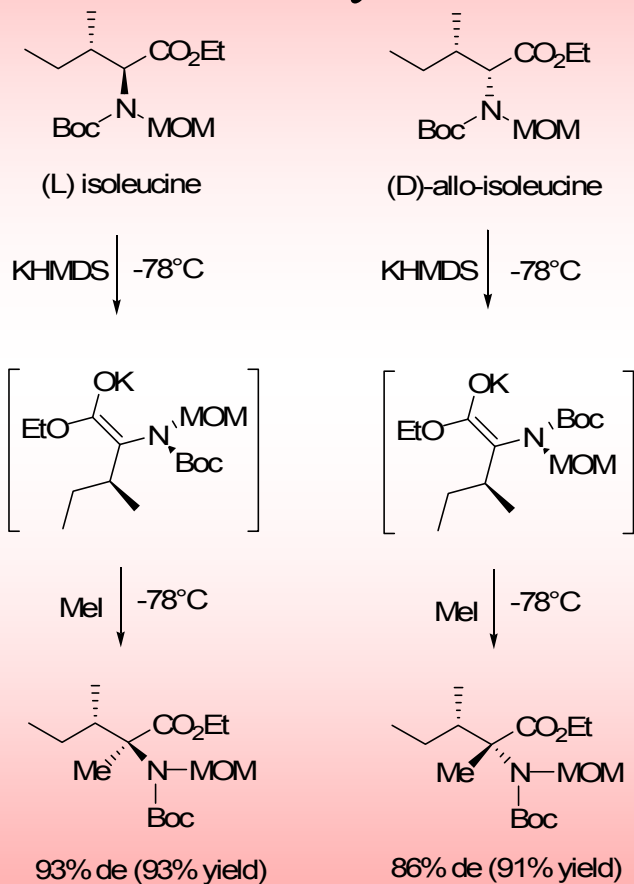
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2.1- α -alkylation of amino-acids derivatives



Case of diastereomers :

Structural influence of nearby chiral center ?⁷

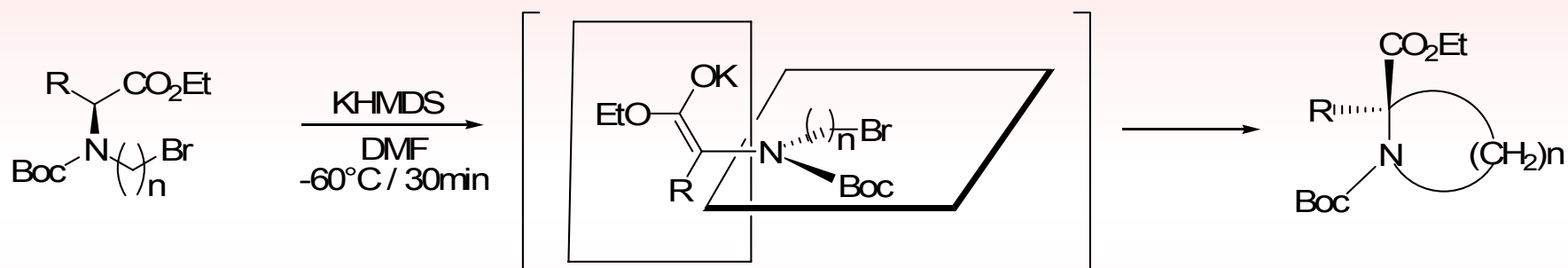


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2- MOC in carbanion chemistry

2.2-Enantioselective synthesis of azacyclic amino acids

 First^{8,9} and recent¹⁰ studies



R = Bn, n = 2, 3, 4, 5

KHMDS / DMF / -60°C / 30min

61-94% yield, 72-98% ee

KOH / DMSO / 20°C

73-97% yield, 88-99% ee

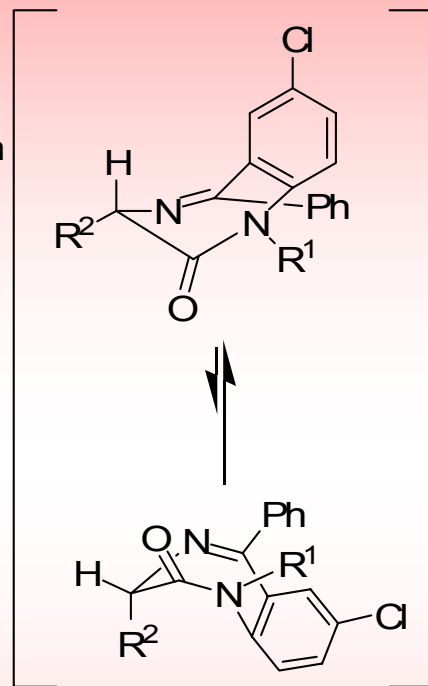
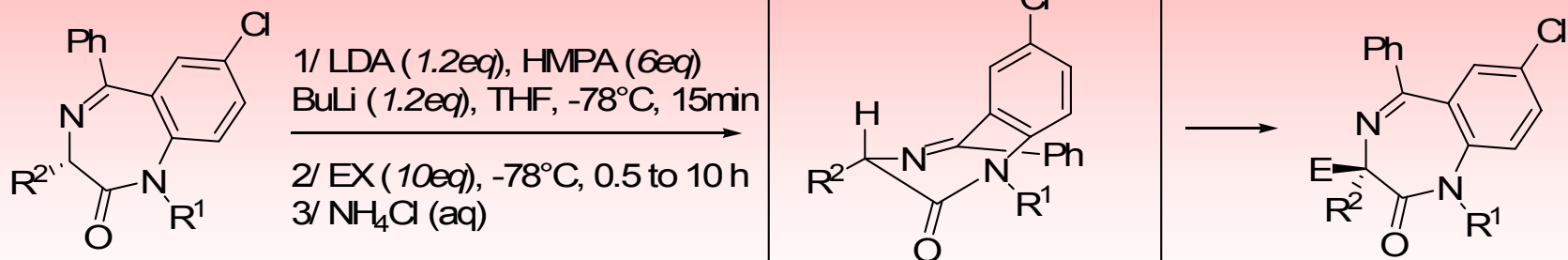
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2- MOC in carbanion chemistry

2.3-Enantioselective synthesis of quaternary benzodiazepinones¹¹



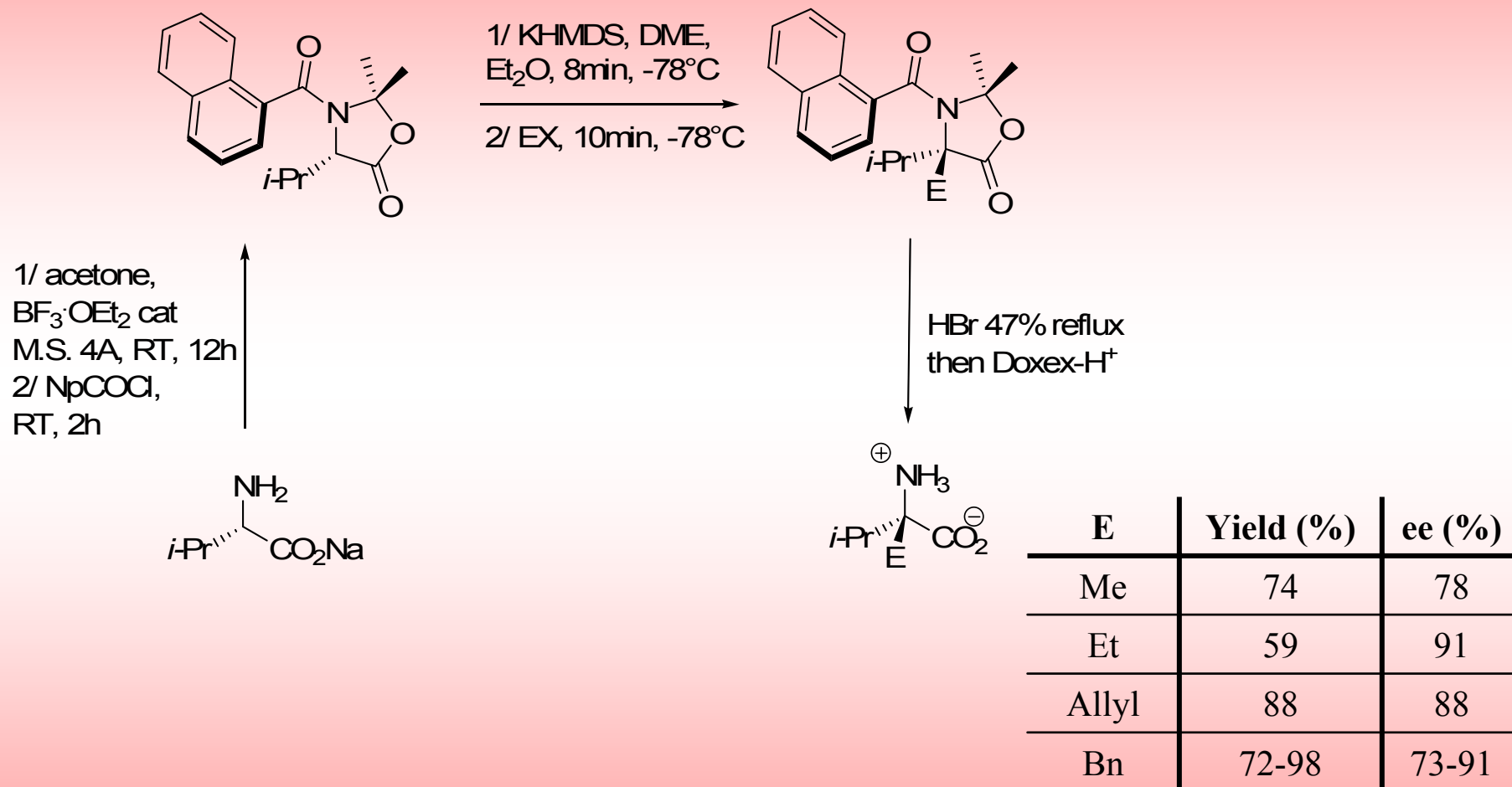
R ¹	R ²	E	Yield (%)	ee (%)
Me	Me	Bn	72	0
iPr	Me	Bn	74	97
iPr	Me	4-MeC ₆ H ₄ CH ₂	68	95
iPr	Me	2-PhC ₆ H ₄ CH ₂	70	99
iPr	Bn	Me	64	95
iPr	Bn	allyl	57	86

R ¹	ΔG [‡] (kcal/mol)
H	12.3
Me	18.0
iPr	21.1
tBu	>24

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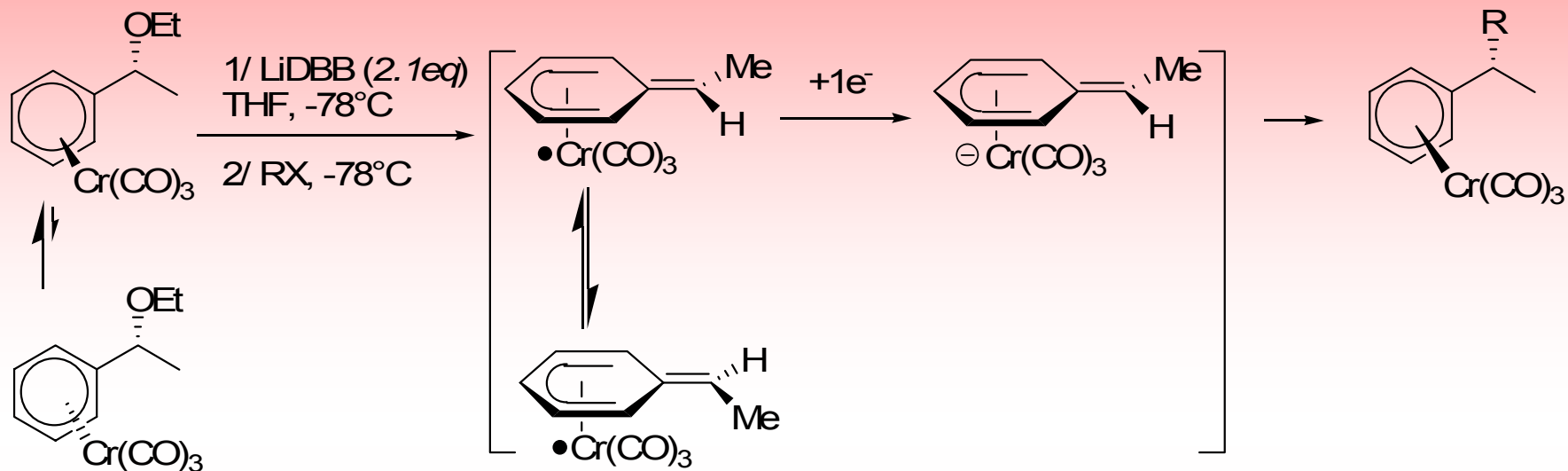
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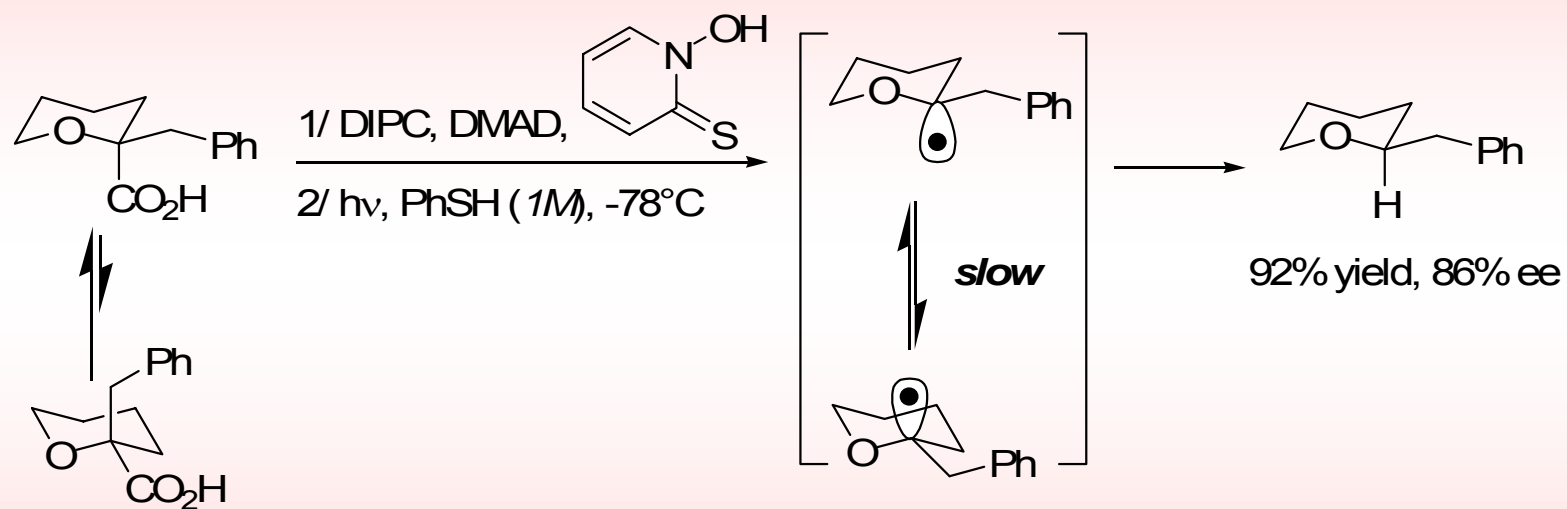
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RX	Yield (%)	ee (%)
TMSCl	72	87
PhCH ₂ Br	37	87
MeOC(O)Cl	67	86
Me ₂ NC(O)Cl	57	84

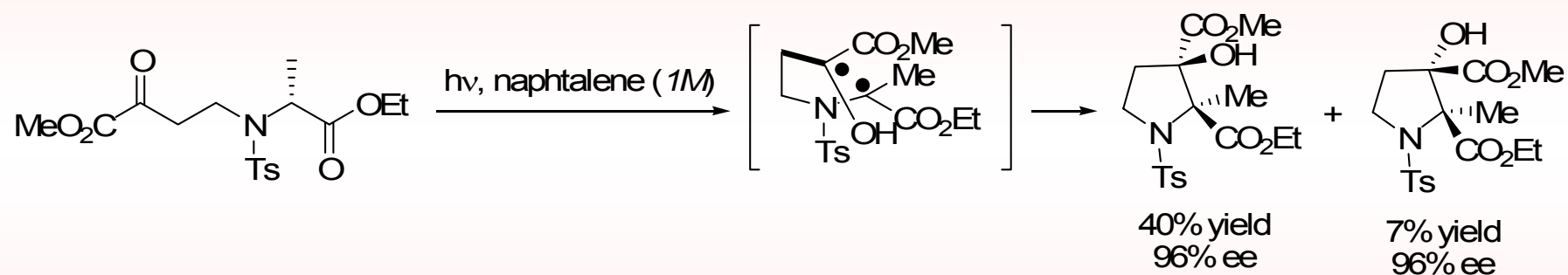
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3.3-MOC in photochemistry¹⁶



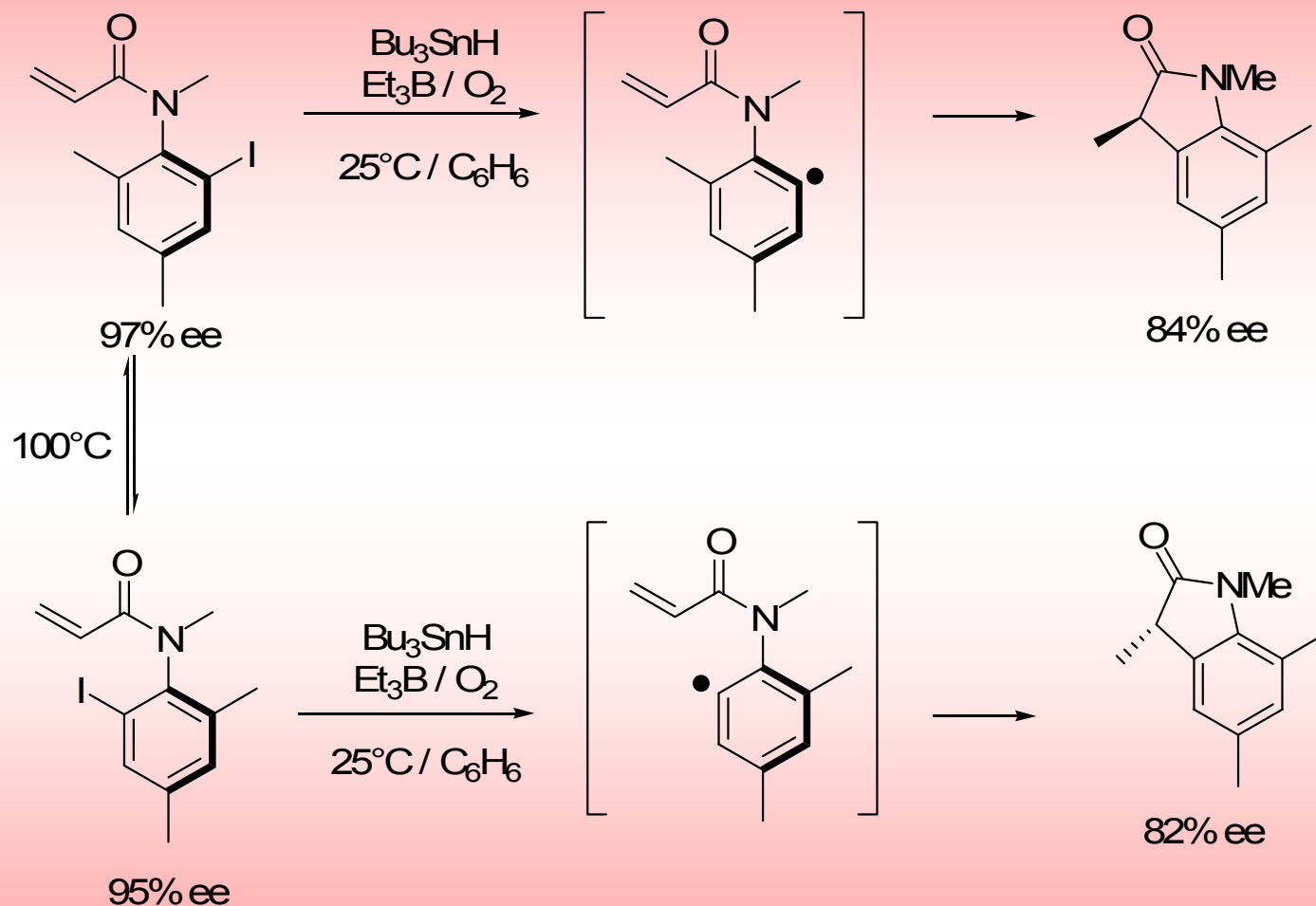
Racemization barrier : 5 kcal/mol

Cyclisation barrier : 2 kcal/mol

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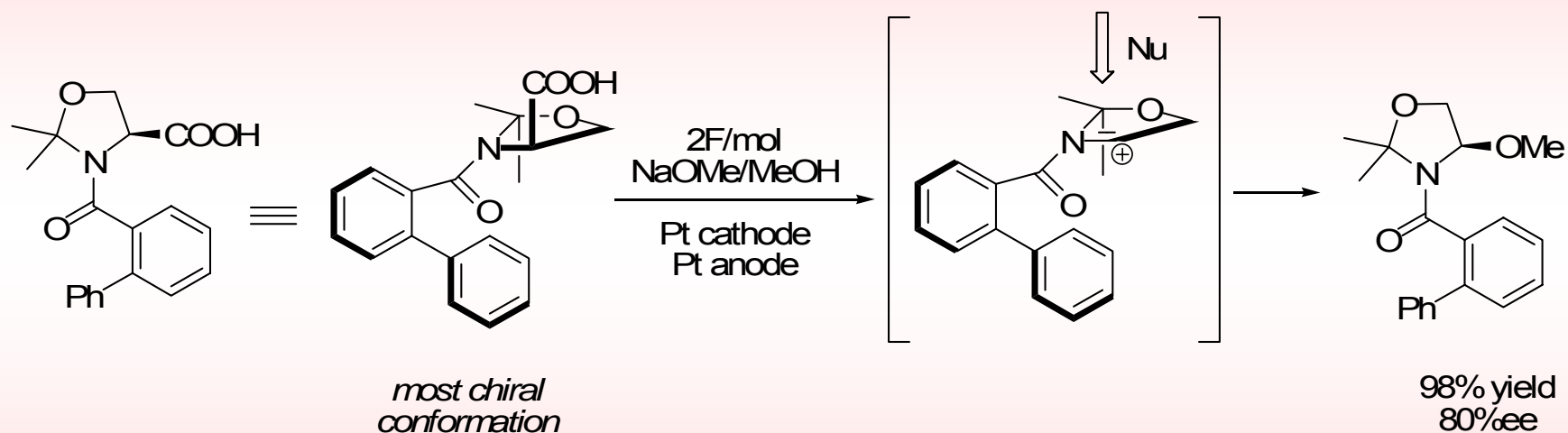
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Conclusion

- New way of enantioselective synthesis
- No need of external chiral sources



- Limited substrates

