

# Enantioselective cyclopropanation methods

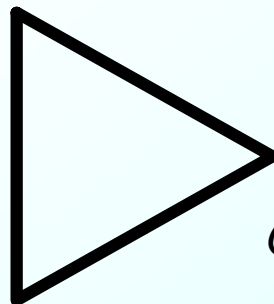
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# Introduction

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Cycle tension : +27.5 Kcal/mol

- Cyclopropanes have always fascinated organic chemists.
- They are present in more than 4000 natural products and in more than 100 commercial drugs.
- They are versatile synthetic intermediates.

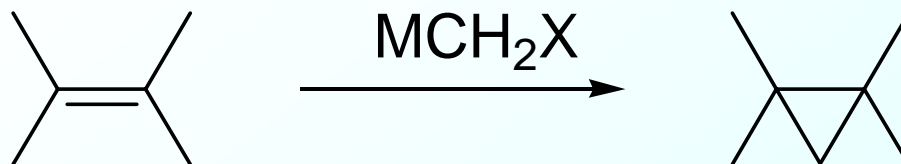
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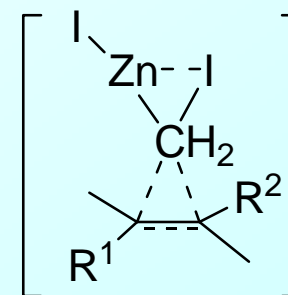
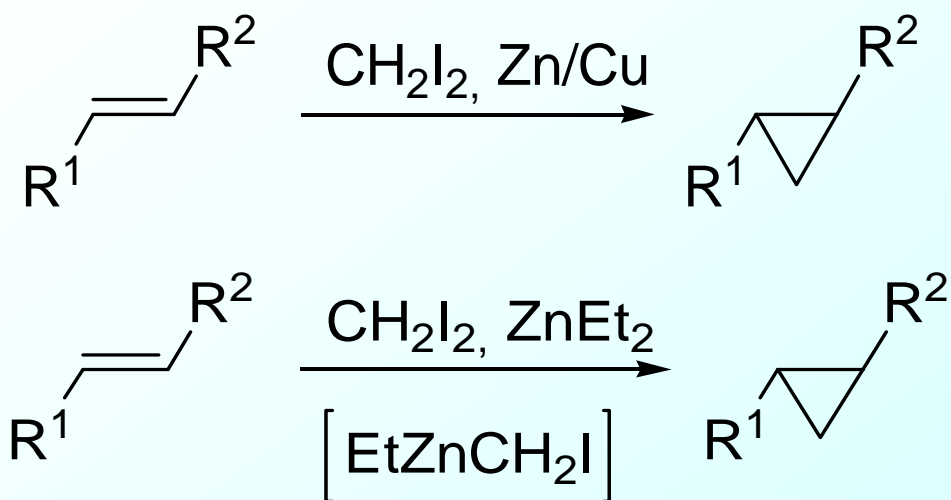
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# 1. Halomethylmetal mediated cyclopropanation



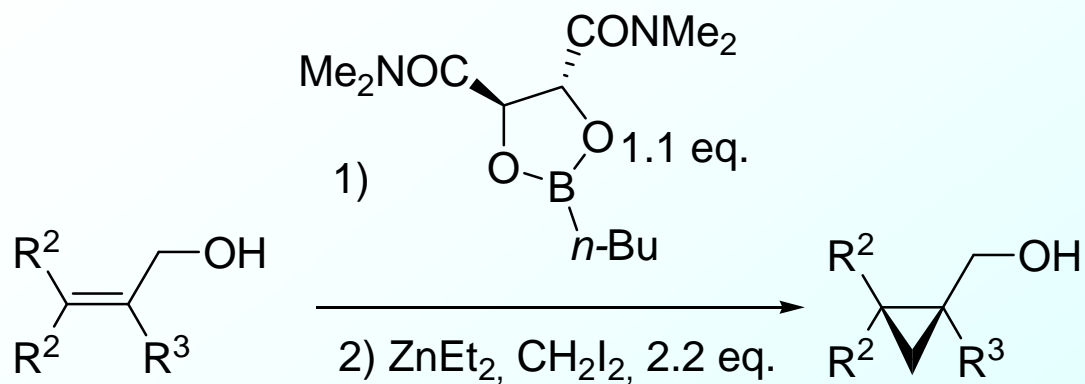
-Simmons Smith Cyclopropanation



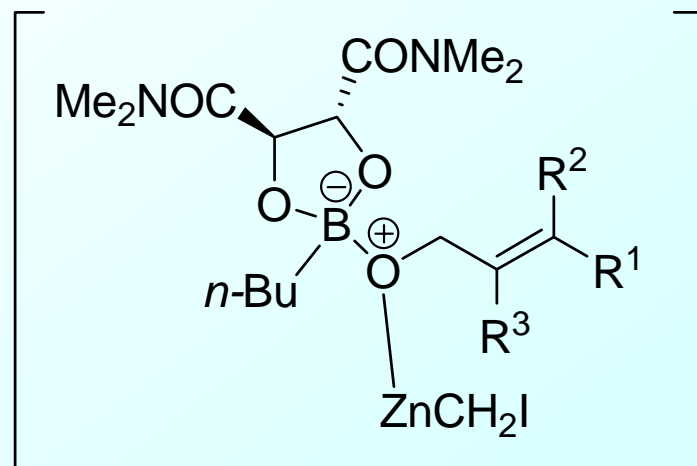
- Very good diastereoselectivity
- Use of chiral auxiliaries

Simmons, H.E. et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1958**, 5323  
Furukawa, J. et al. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1966**, 3353.

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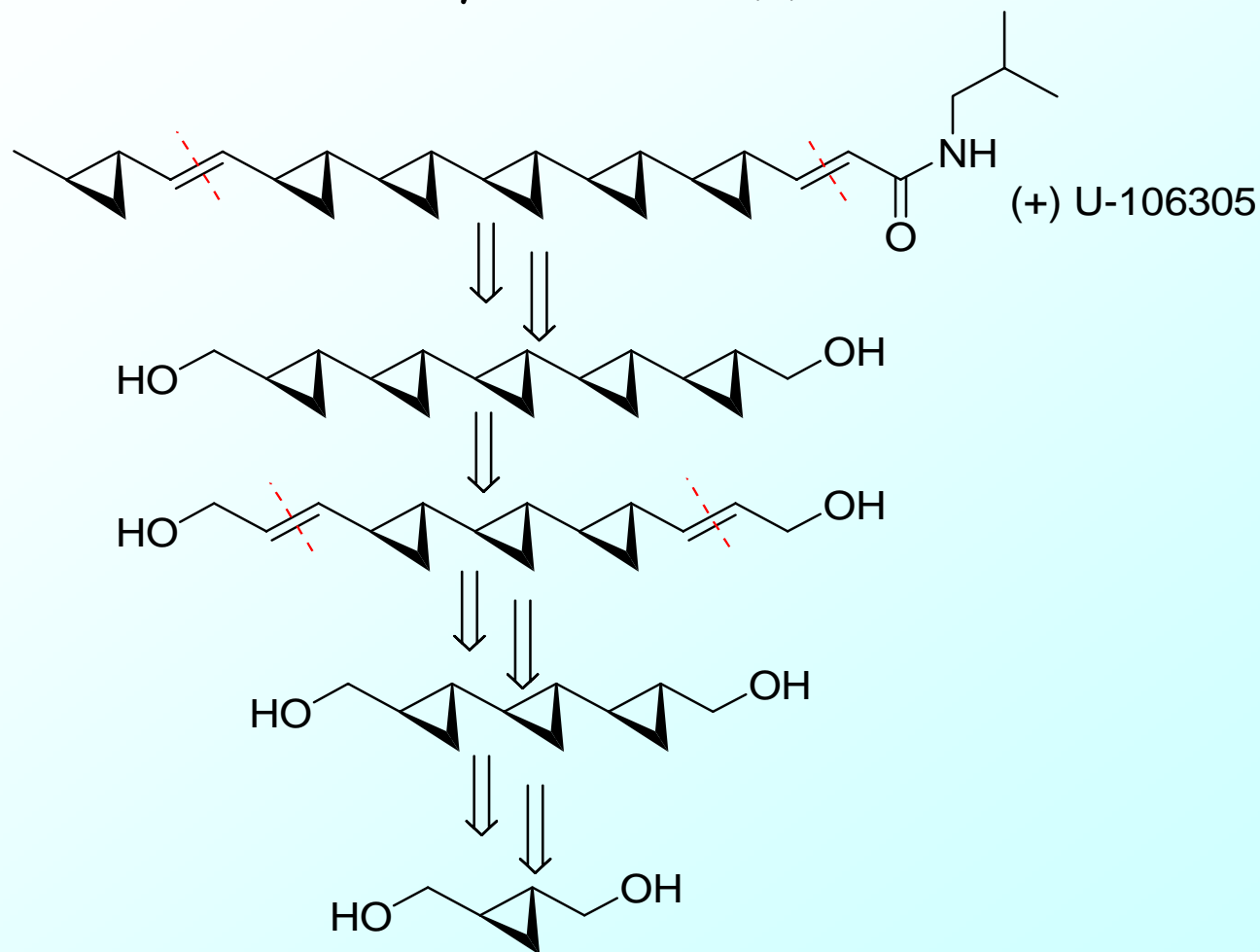


Yield : 73-98 % / ee : 85-94 %



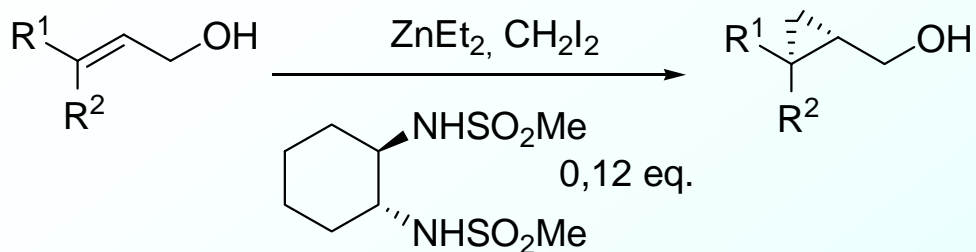
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Application to the total synthesis of (+) U-106305 :



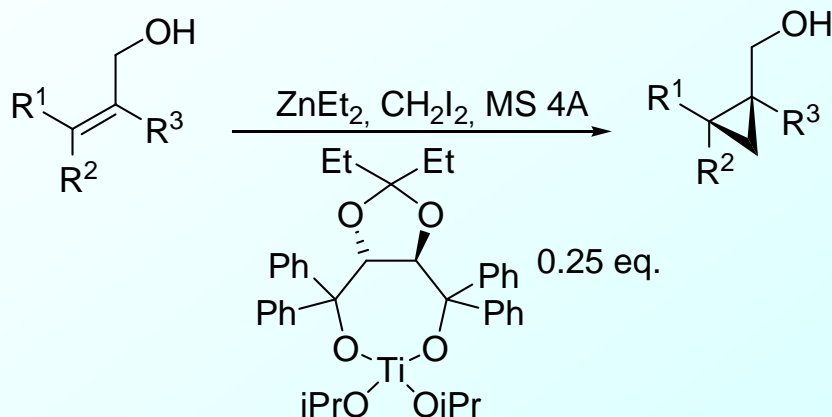
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## - Chiral catalysts



Yield : 81-93 %, ee : 72-89 %

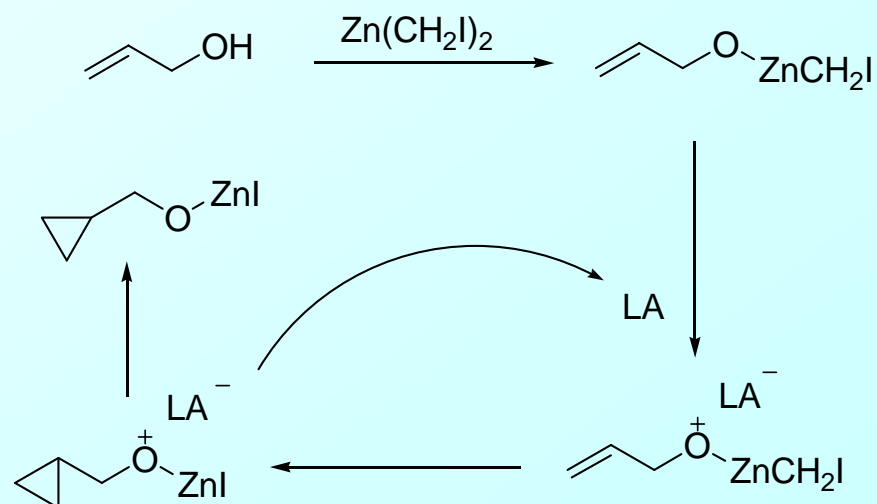
Denmark, J. et al. *Tetrahedron lett.* **1992**, 2575



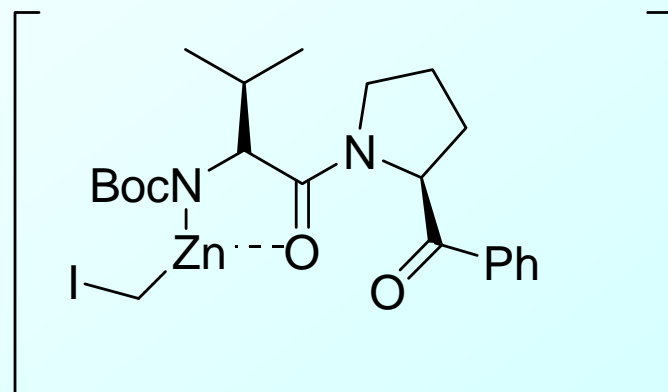
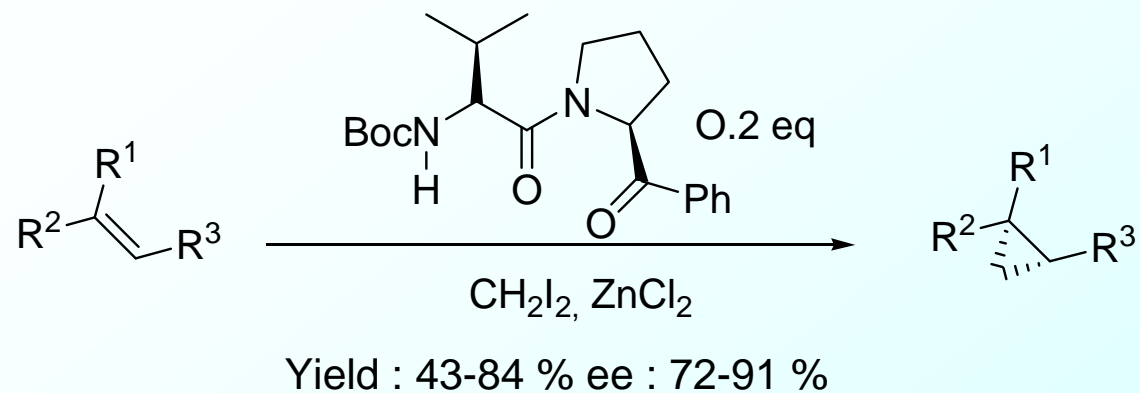
Yield : 60-90 %, ee : 50-92%

Charette, A. B. et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2001**, 12168

## Catalytic cycle :

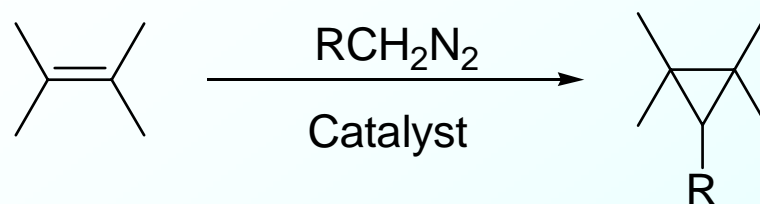


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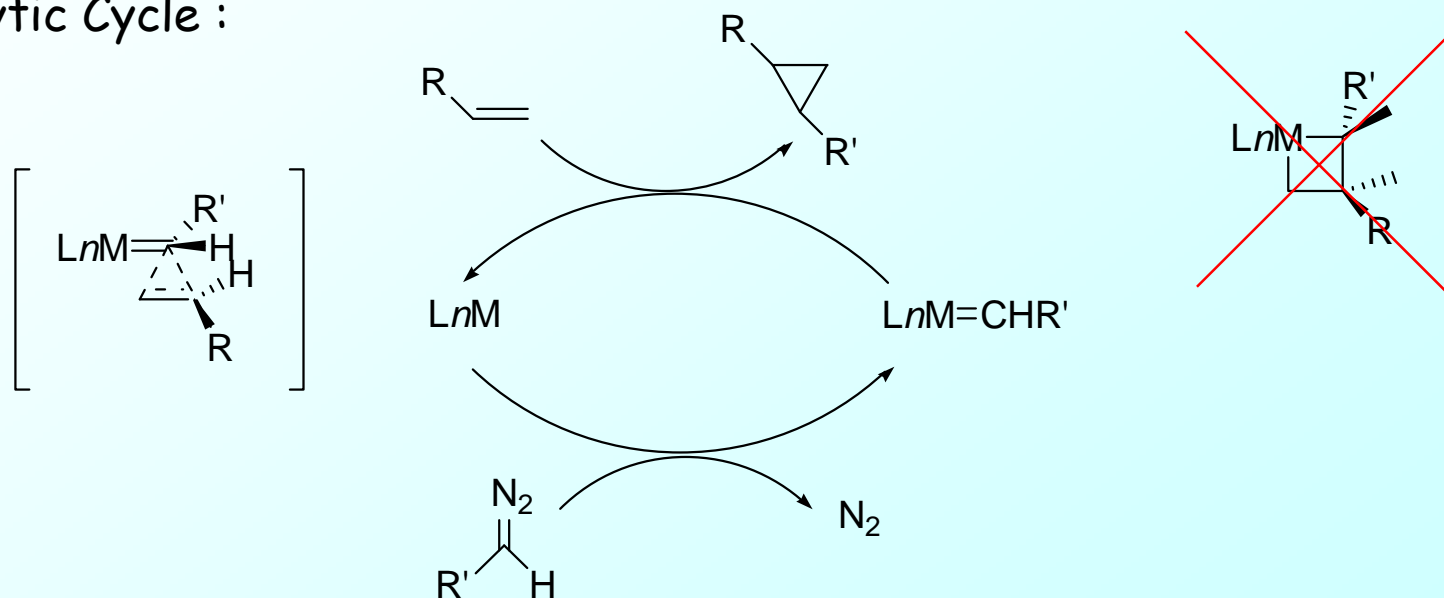


## 2. Transition metal catalyzed decomposition of diazoalkanes

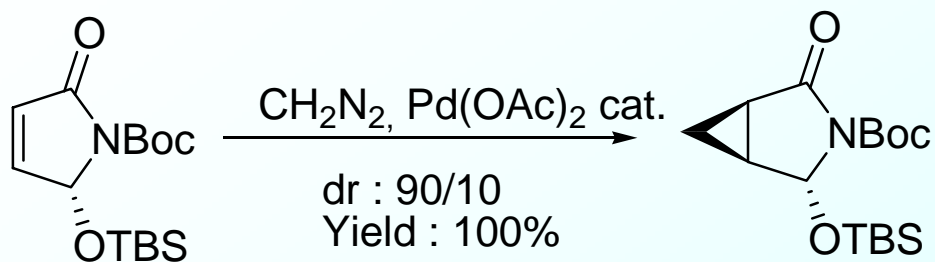


-Transition metal used : Cu, Ru, Rh, Co for electron-rich olefins and Pd for electron-poor olefins.

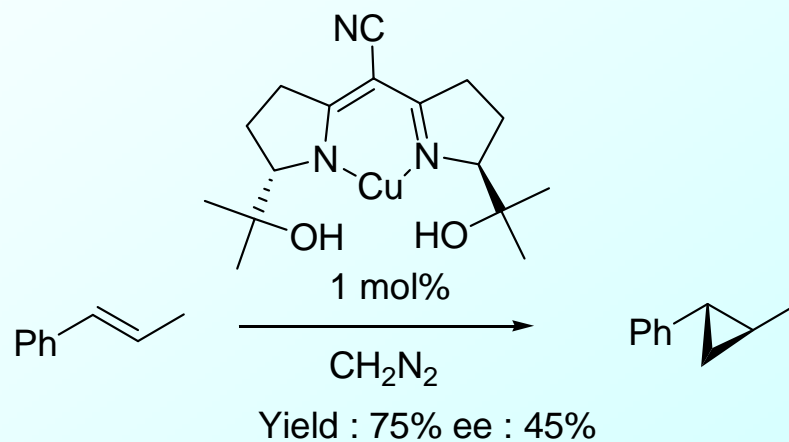
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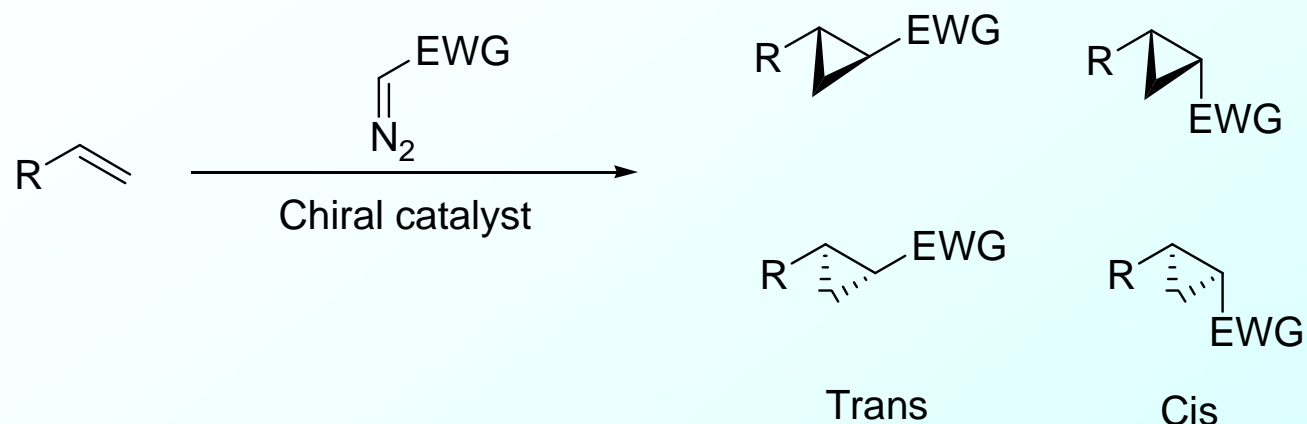


Ohfuné, Y. et al. *J. Org. Chem.* **1991**, 4167



Jacobsen, E. et al. *Springer-Verlag : Berlin*, **1999**, Vol II, P513

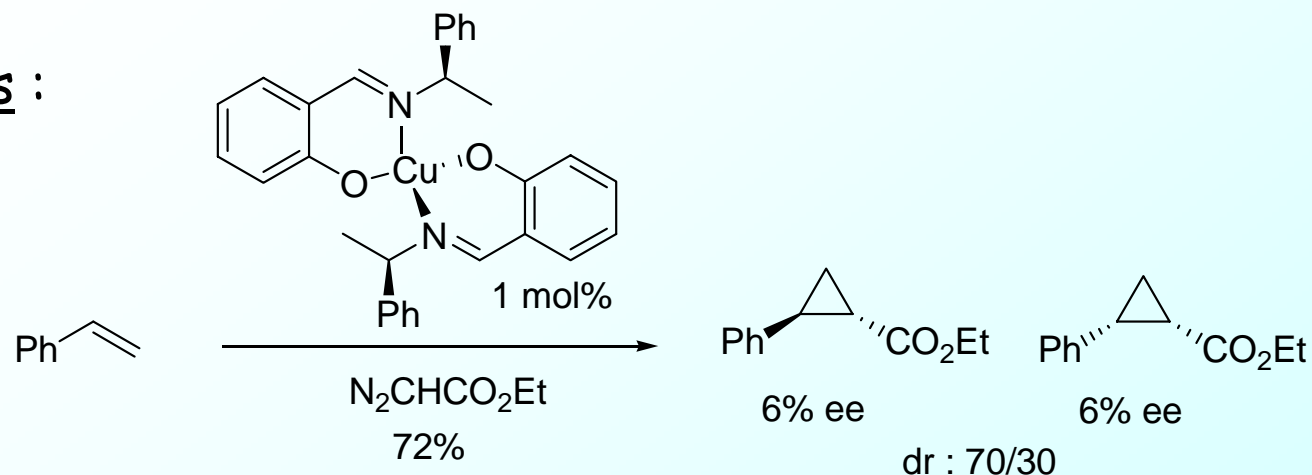
## 2.2. Diazoalkanes bearing one electron-withdrawing group



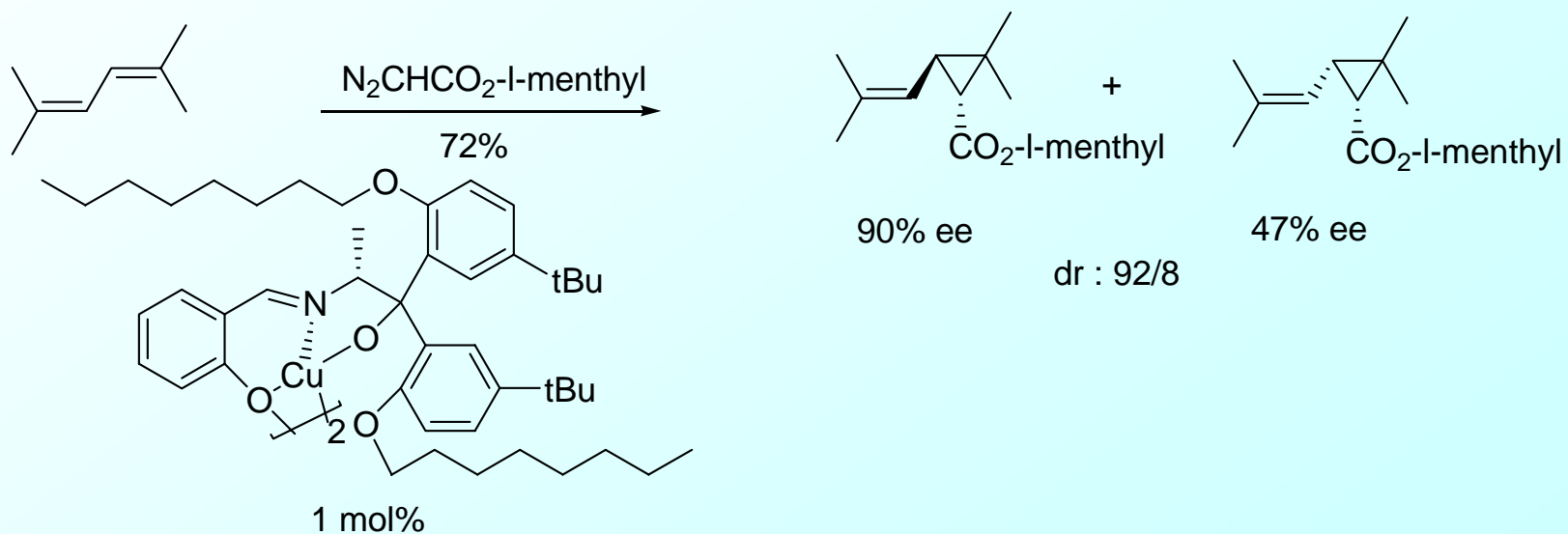
- Incredibly large number of chiral complexes tested
- No universal catalyst : *ee* and *dr* depend on both the nature of the diazoalkane and the starting olefin
- General conclusions :
  - Cu, Rh and Ru are the best catalysts for the preparation of *trans* isomers.
  - Co catalysts are the best to obtain *cis* isomers
  - Cu and Rh are the most active catalysts

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Cu Catalysts :



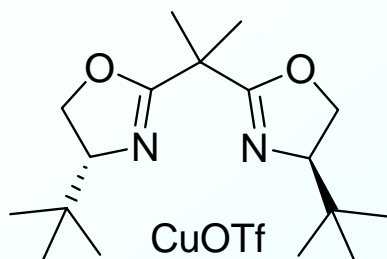
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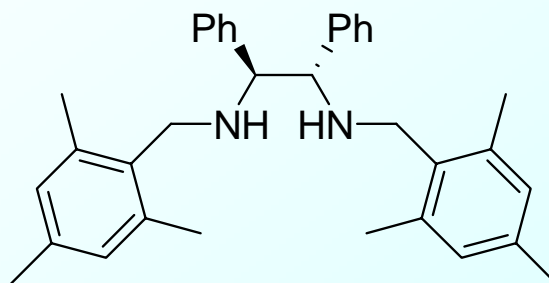
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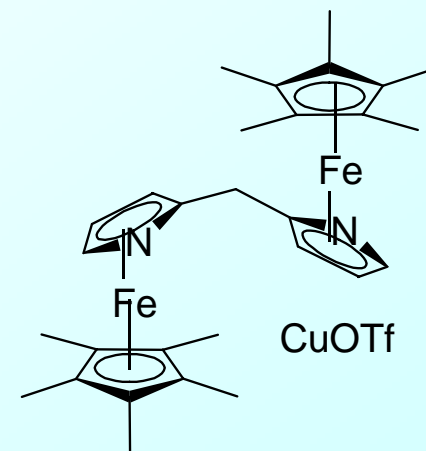
Some of the best copper chiral ligands for the cyclopropanation of styrene



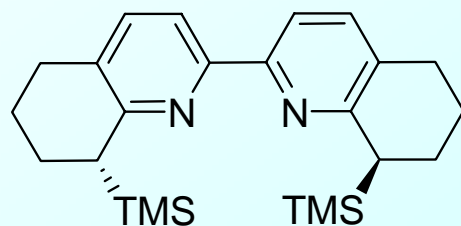
dr : 94/6, 99% ee (trans)  
Evans, 1991



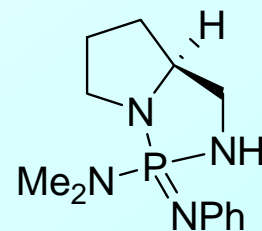
Cu(OTf)<sub>2</sub>, PhNHNH<sub>2</sub>  
dr : 97/3, 96% ee (trans)  
Kanemasa, 1994



dr : 96/4, 94% ee (trans)  
Fu, 1998



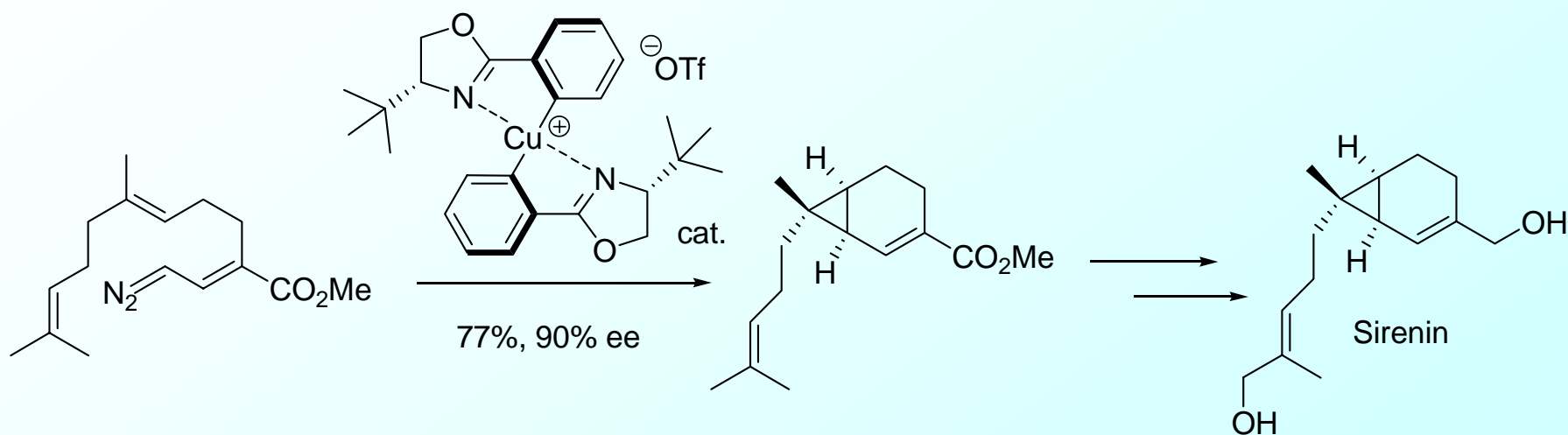
CuOTf  
dr : 86/14, 92% ee (trans)  
Katsuki, 1993



CuOTf  
dr : 99/1, 94% ee (trans)  
Buono, 1999

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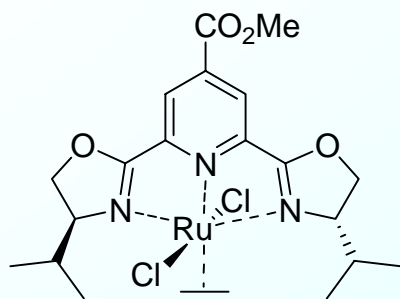
Example of intramolecular cyclopropanation :



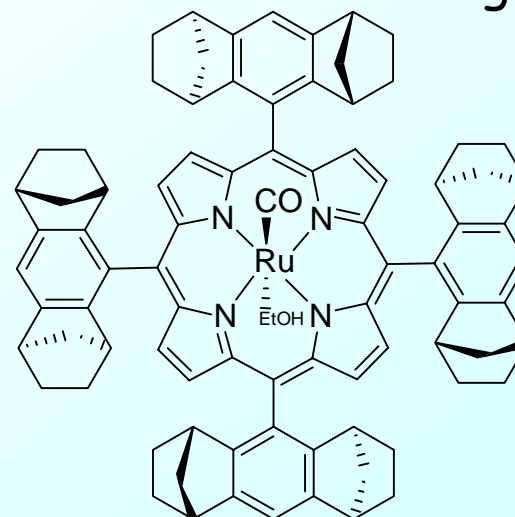
Corey, E. J. et al. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1995**, 8745

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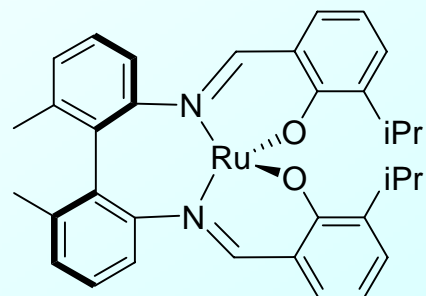
- Ru catalysts :
- Less reactive than Cu or Rh ones
  - Pybox is the more feasible and studied ligand



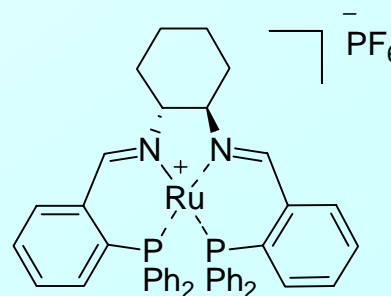
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Nishiyama, 1995



dr : 97/3, 98% ee (trans)  
Che 1997



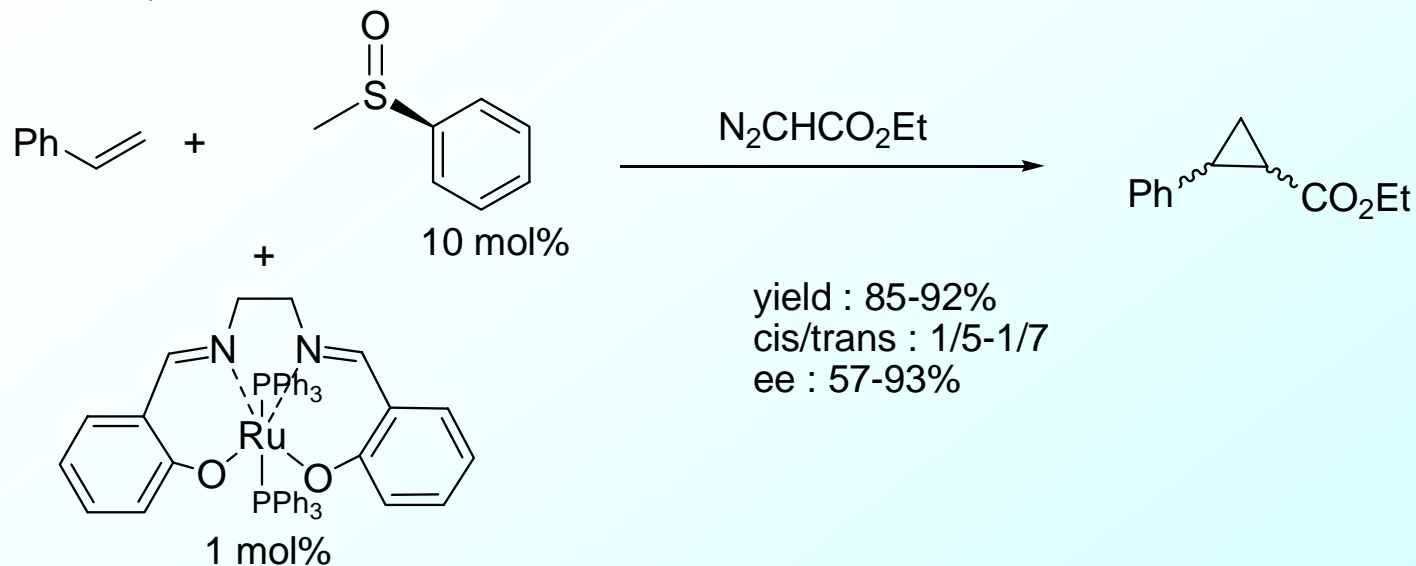
dr : 98/2, 95% ee (trans)  
Scott 2001



dr : 17/83, >99% ee (cis)  
Mezetti 2001

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Ru catalysts :



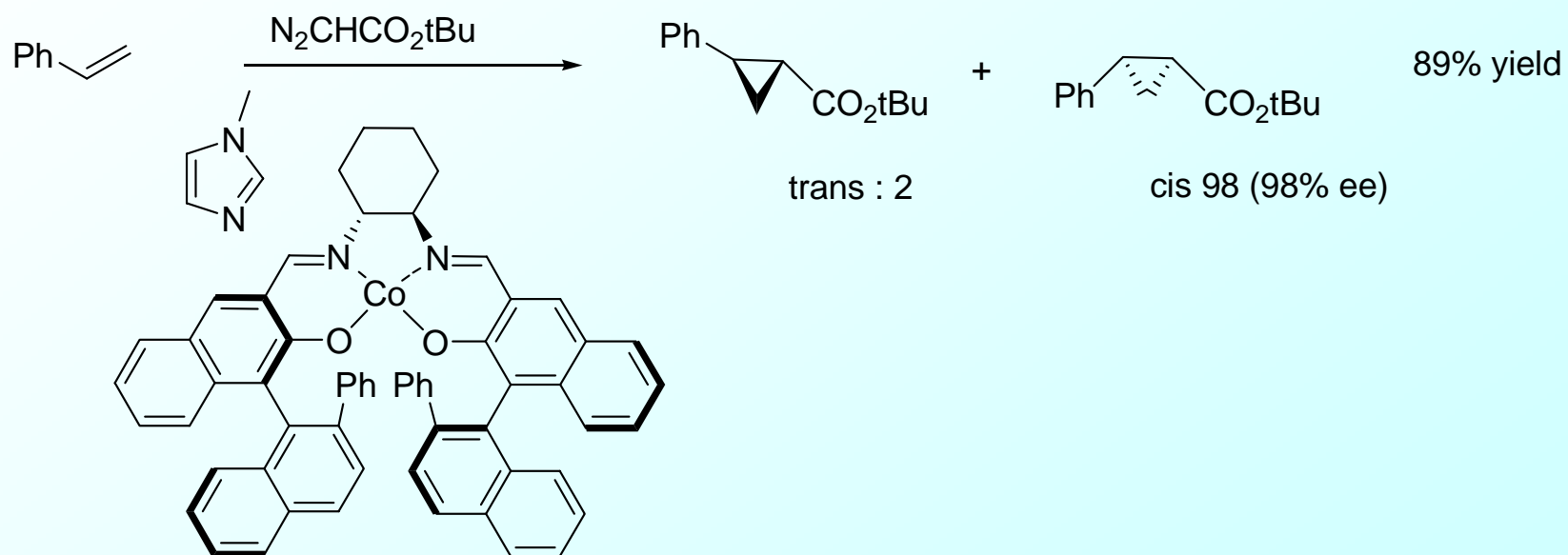
- The Lewis base as ligand activates the reactivity of the Ru carbene
- Possible screening of Ru complexes



## 2.2. Diazoalkanes bearing one electron-withdrawing group

### Co catalysts :

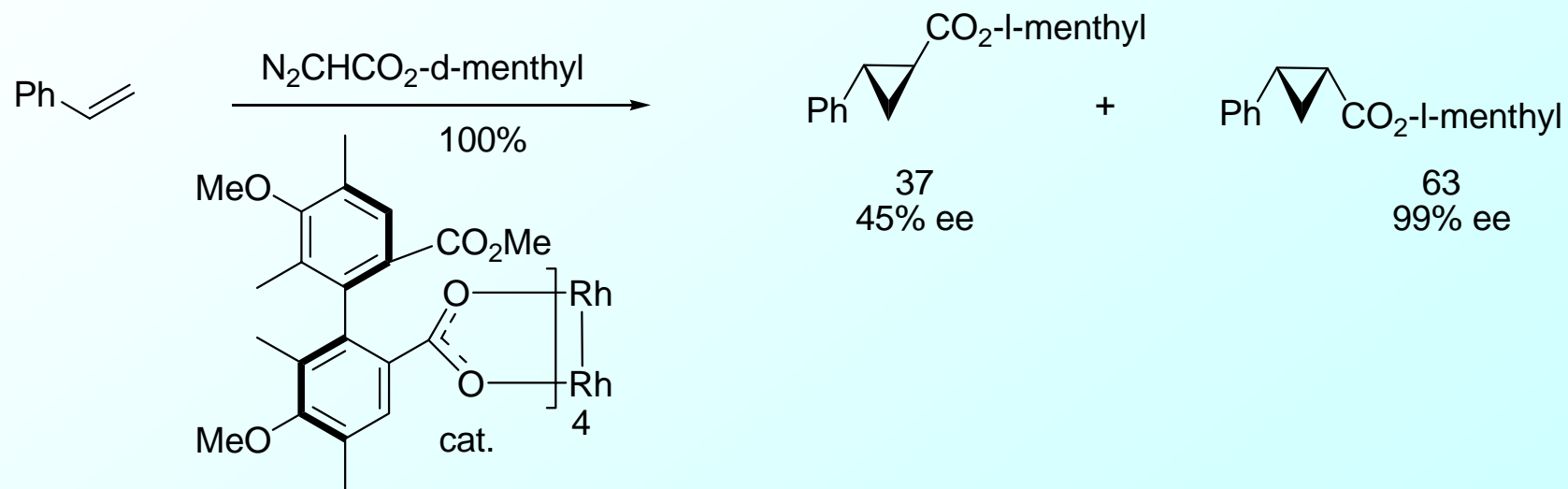
- Less reactive and less used than other transition metals
- Good results in *cis* diastereoselectivity



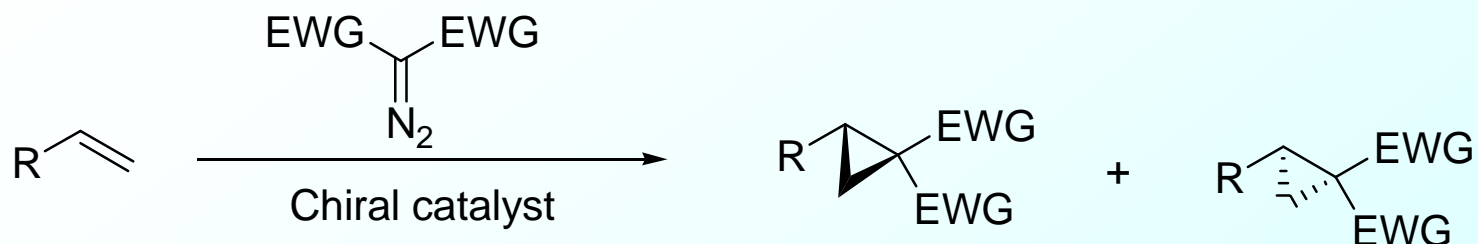
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### Rh catalysts :

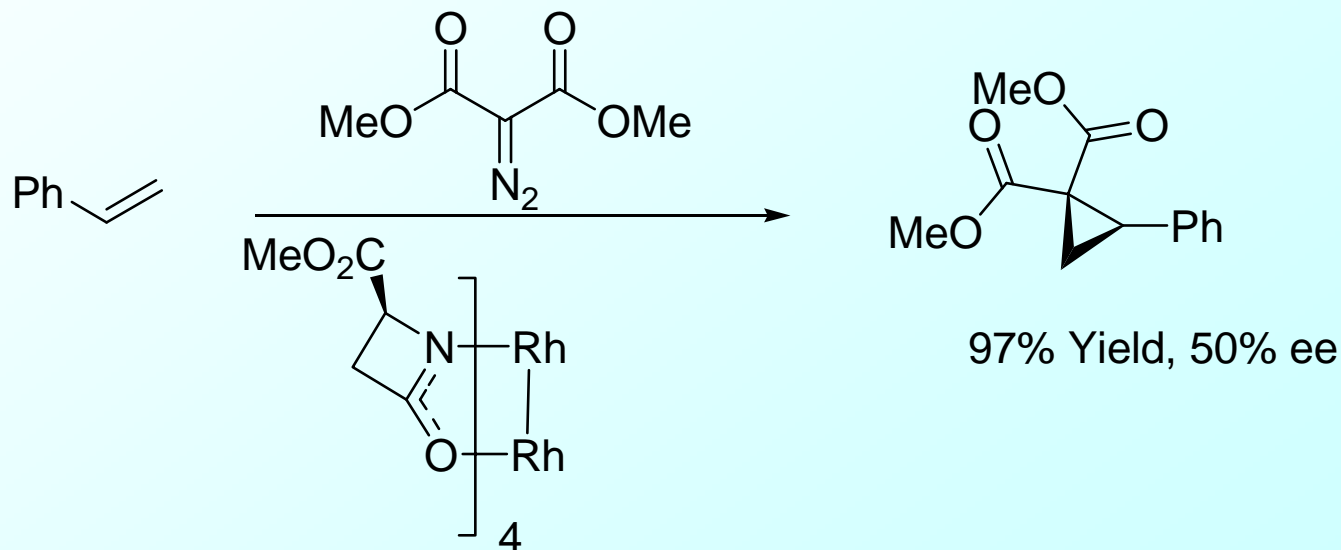
- Very efficient catalyst but less diastereoselective than other metals
- Generally dirhodium complexes with carboxylates or carboxamidates



## 2.3. Diazoalkanes bearing two electron-withdrawing groups

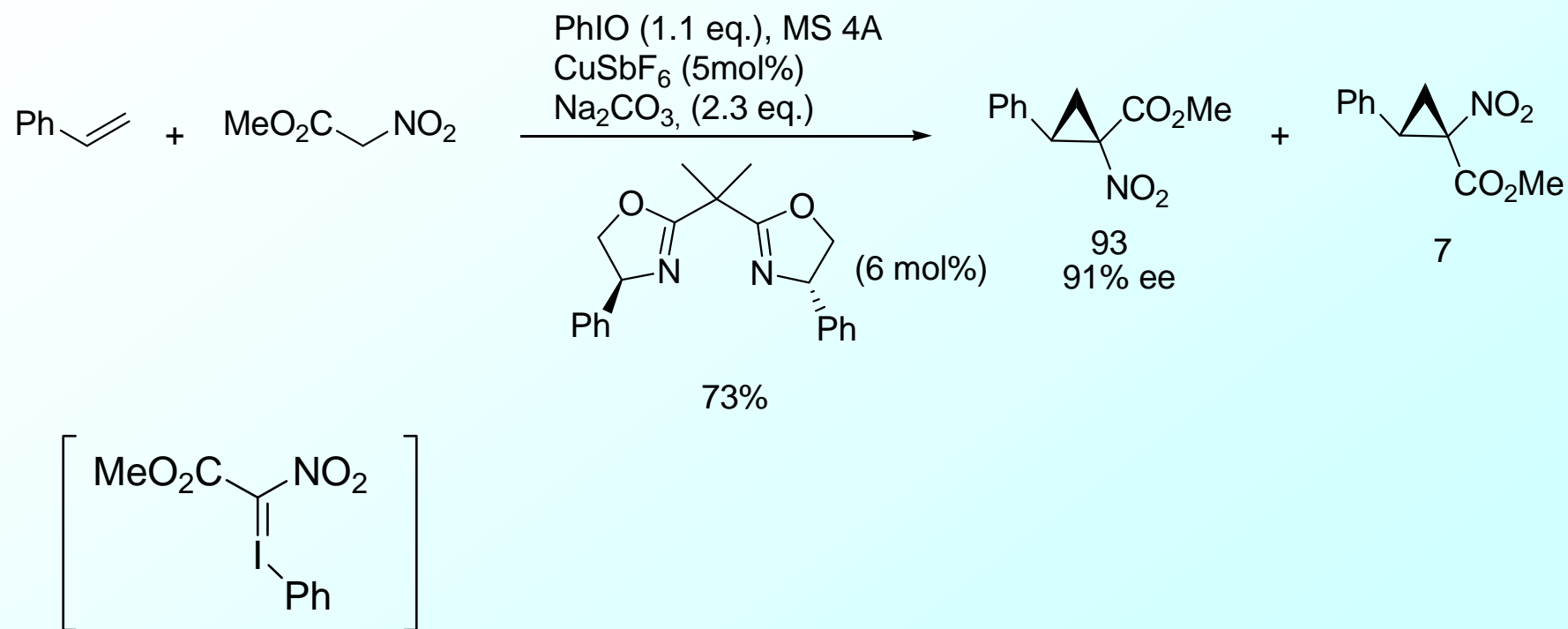


- Significantly less reactive than diazoalkanes with one EWG
- More active catalysts are required (such as Rh or Cu)

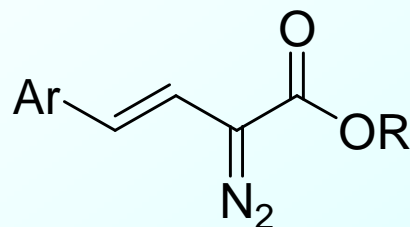
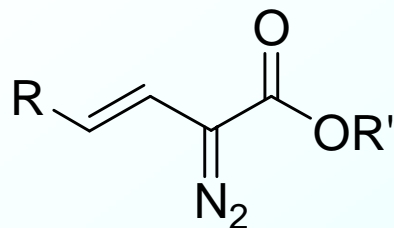


## 2.3. Diazoalkanes bearing two electron-withdrawing groups

Alternative : *In situ* formation of an iodonium Ylide, precursor of the metal carbene

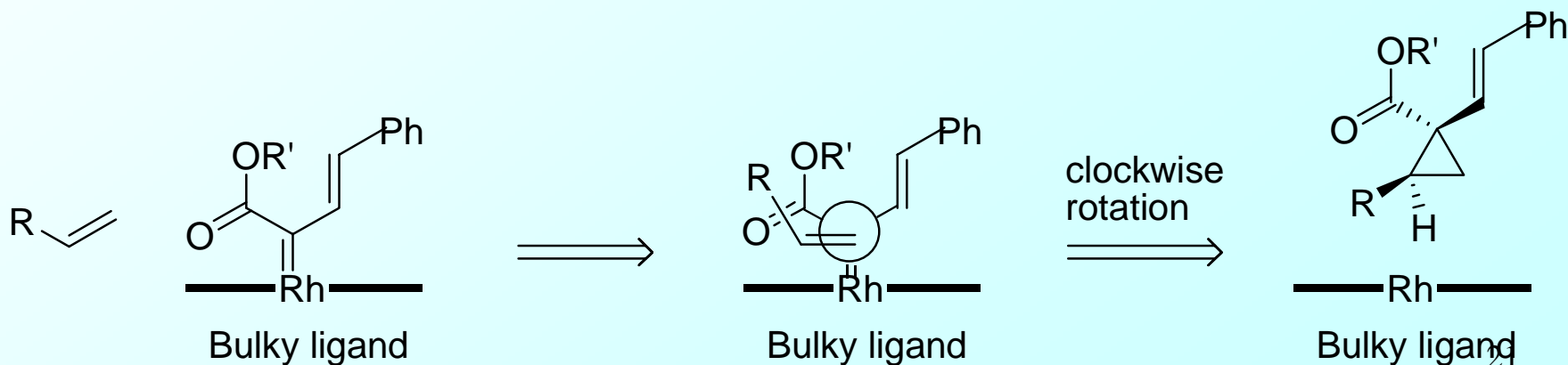


## 2.3. Aryl- and vinyldiazoesters

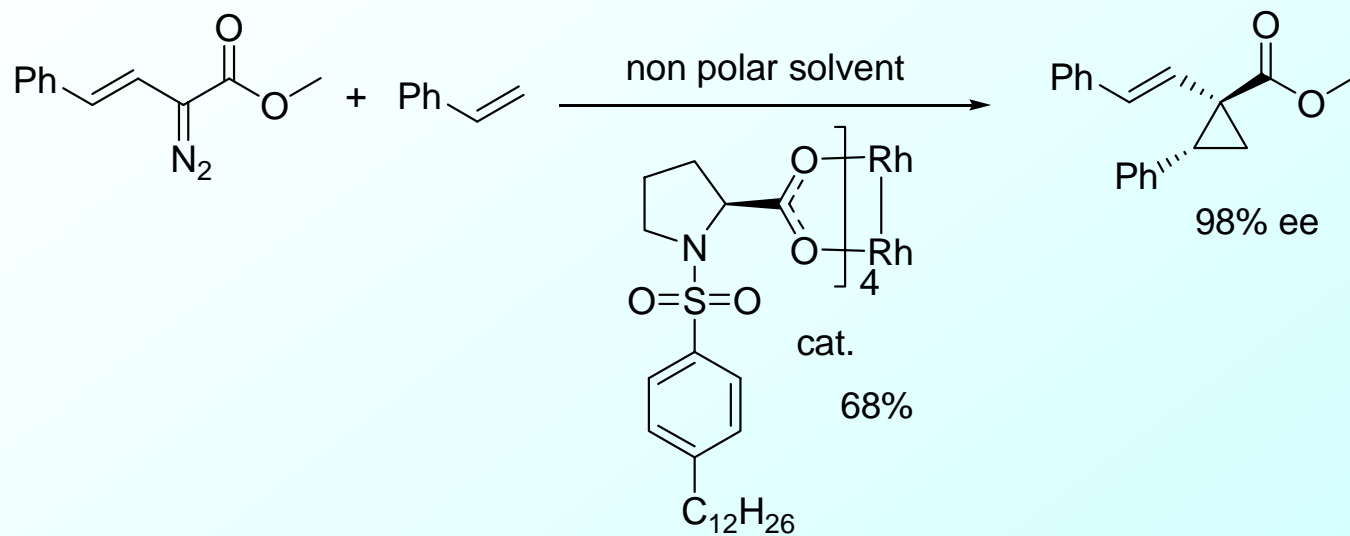


- Moderate reactivity
- Rh complexes are the best catalysts with high level of diastereocontrol
- Use of non polar solvents
- Do not react with *E* disubstituted olefins

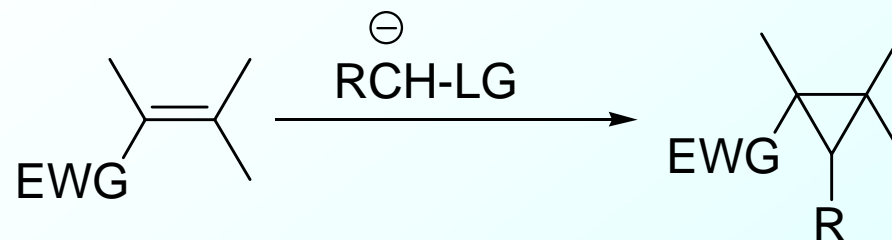
- Origin of the diastereoselectivity :



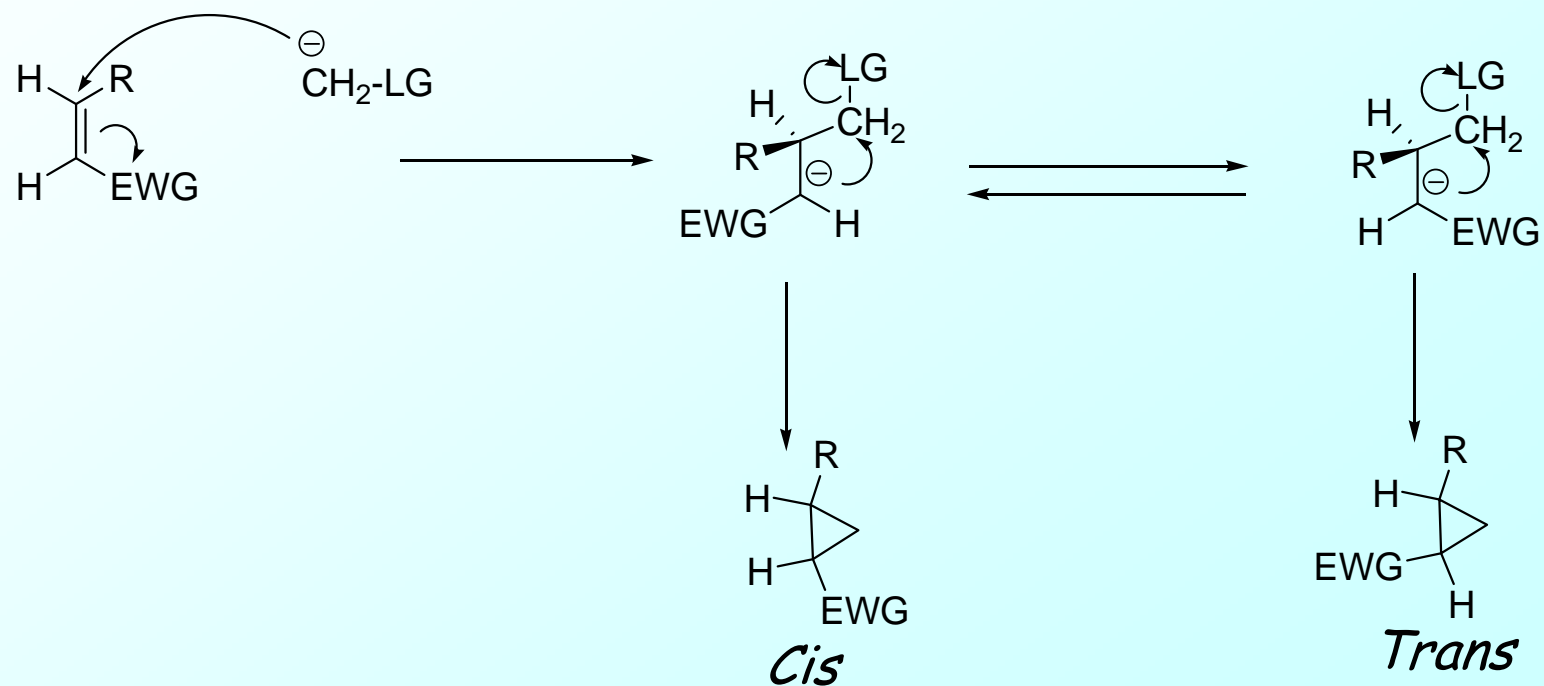
## 2.3. Aryl- and vinyldiazoesters



### 3. Michael initiated ring closure (MIRC)

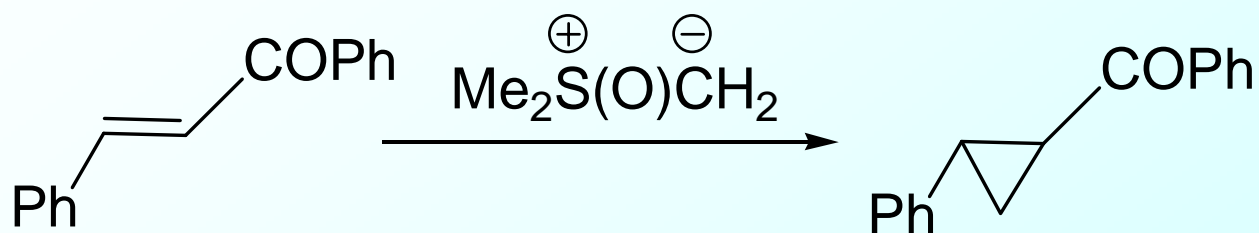


- Both *E* and *Z* olefins give *trans* cyclopropanes in general



## 3.1 Sulfur ylides

- First reported by Hartmann in 1950
- Used by Corey and Chaykovsky in 1962

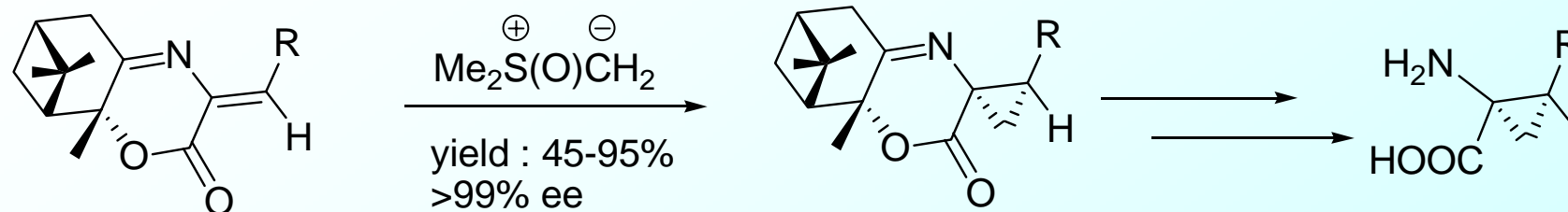


-  $\text{Me}_2\text{S}^+\text{CH}_2^-$  reacts with ketones and aldehydes to give oxirans !!!



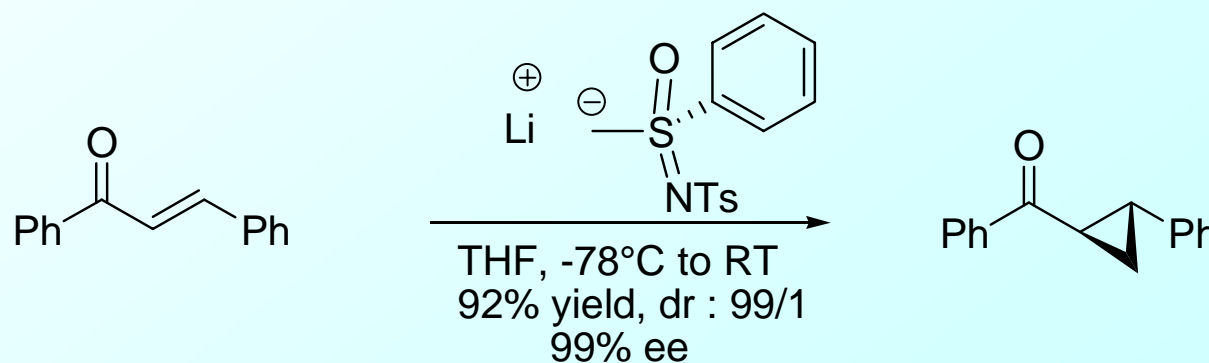
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- General very good diastereoselectivity with cyclic Michael acceptors
- Use of chiral auxiliaries



Calmes, M. et al. *Tetrahedron asymmetry*, **1997**, 395.

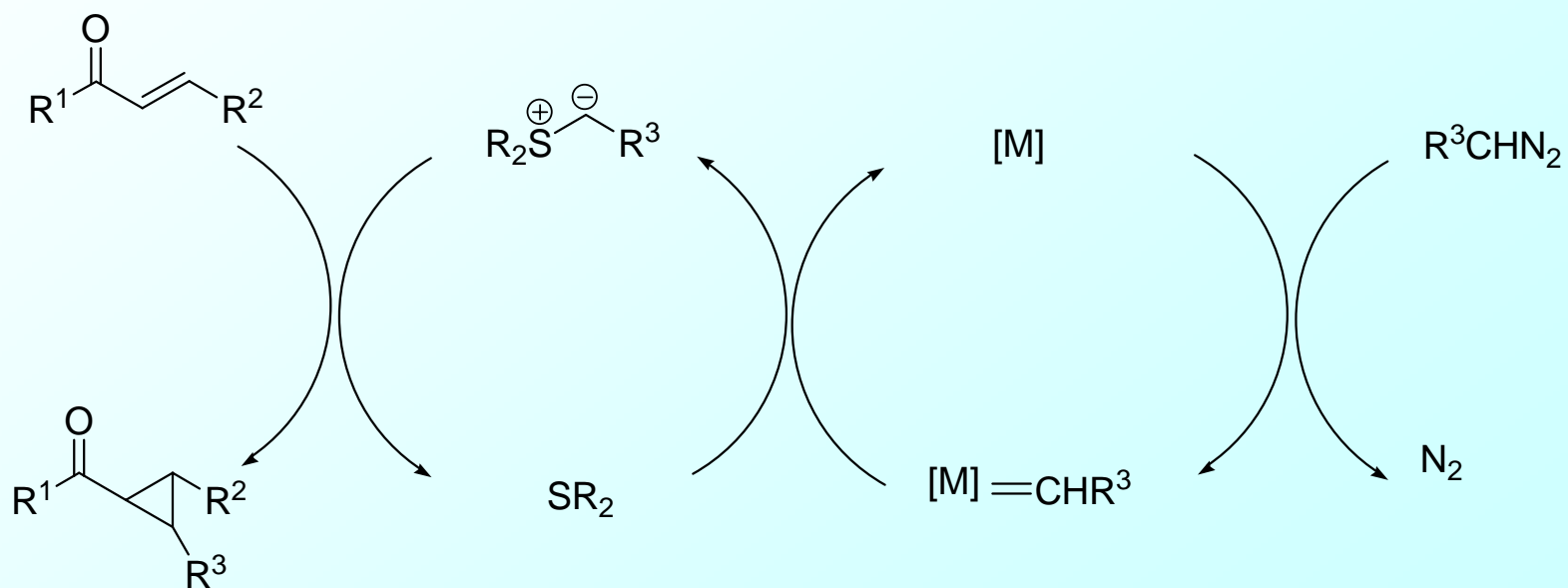
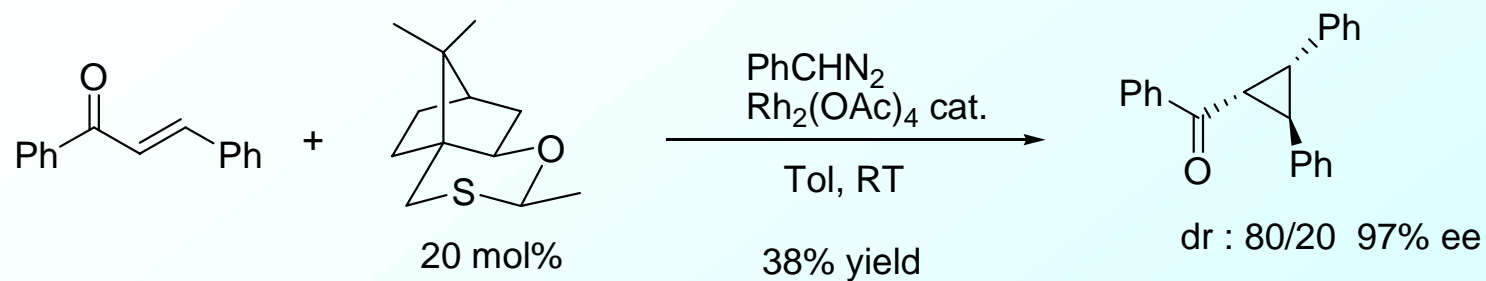
- Use of chiral sulfur ylides



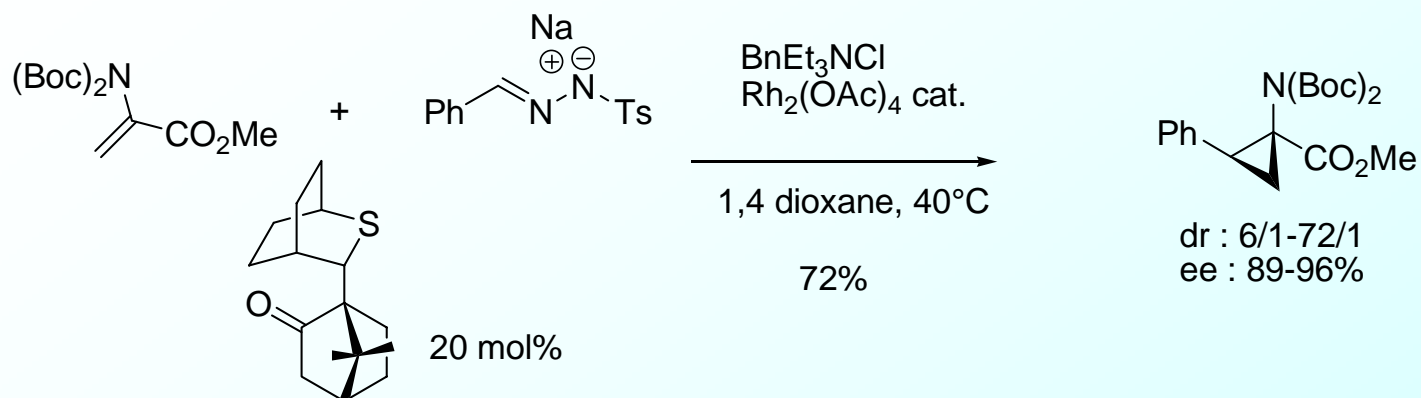
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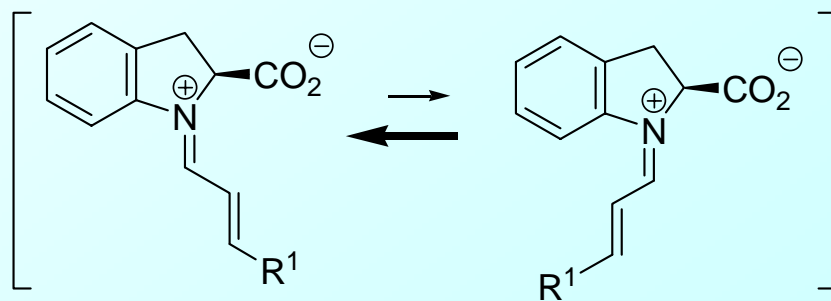
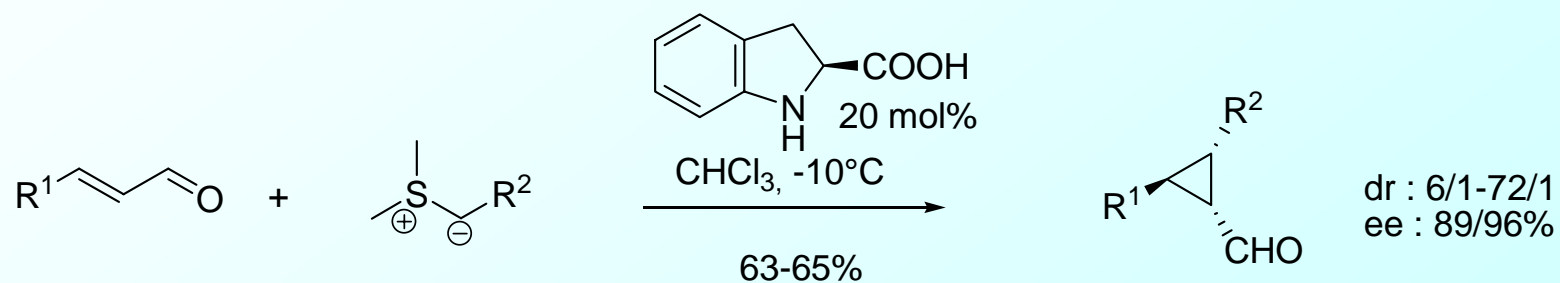
- Catalytic amount of chiral sulfid



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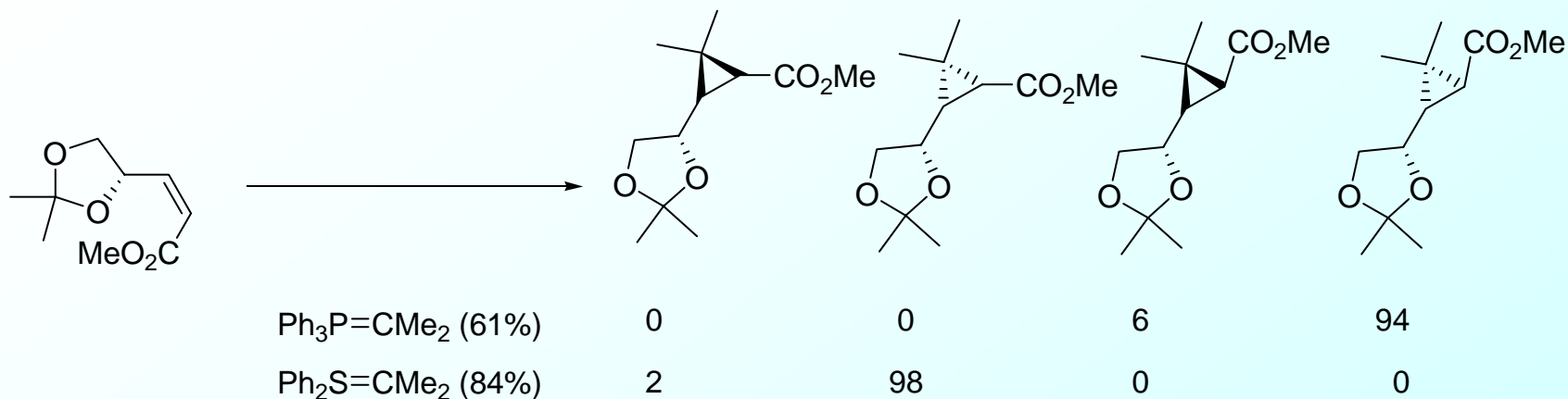


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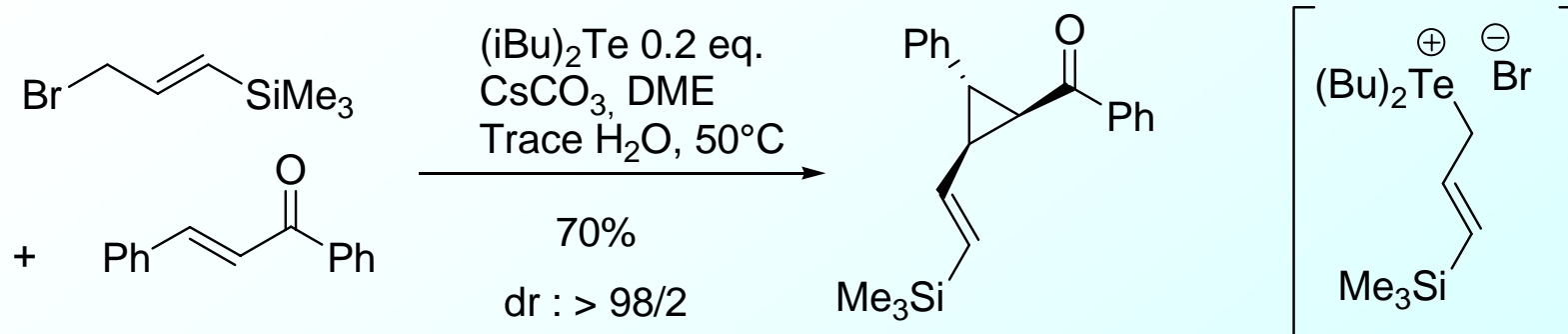
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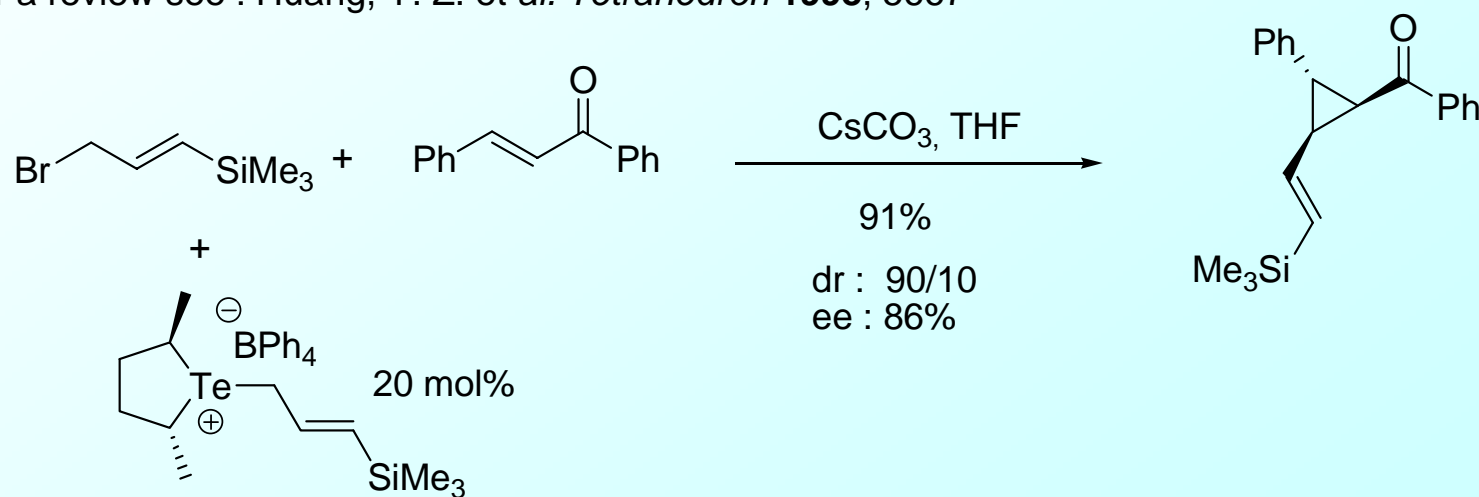


- Formation of anti cyclopropanes from *Z* olefins
- No enantioselective reaction reported

### 3.3 Telluronium ylides

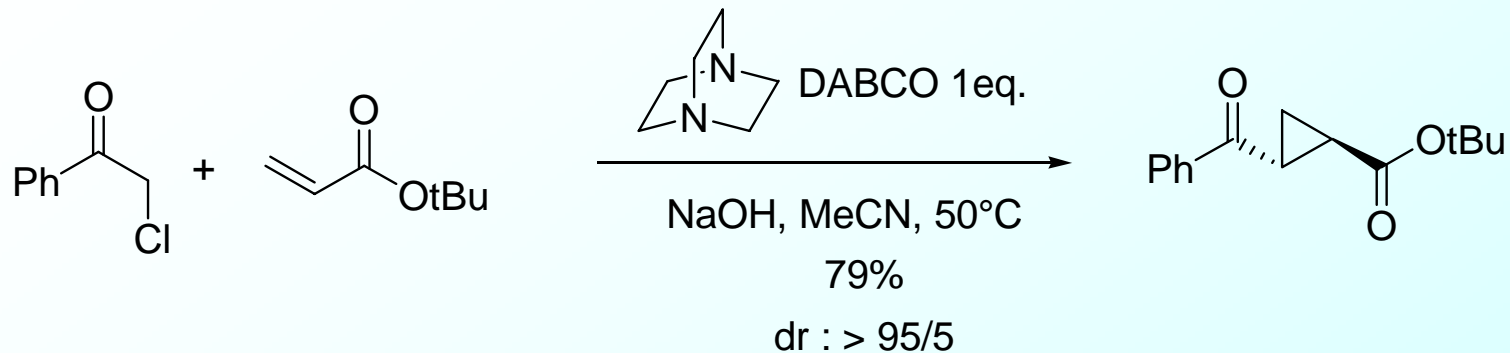


Huang, Y. Z. et al. *J. Chem. Soc. Chem. Commun.* **1993**, 7  
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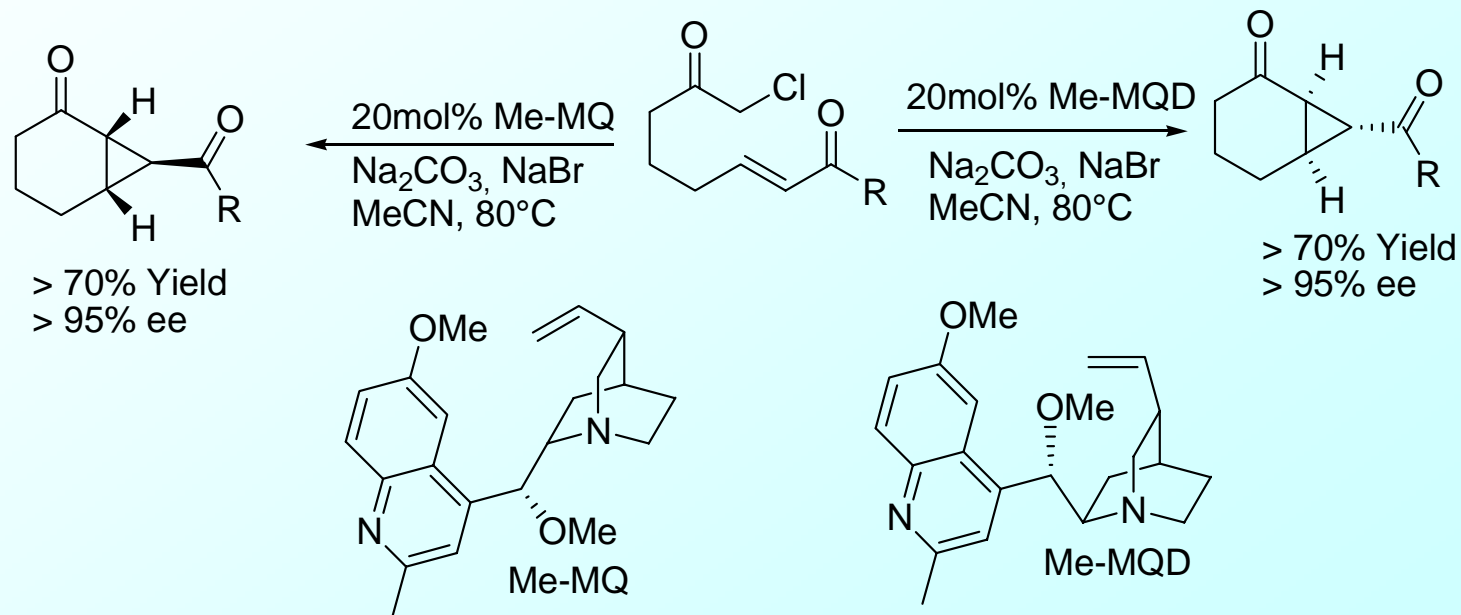


Yong, T. et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2003**, 13030

## 3.4 Nitrogen ylides



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Gaunt, M. J. et al. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2006**, 6024