

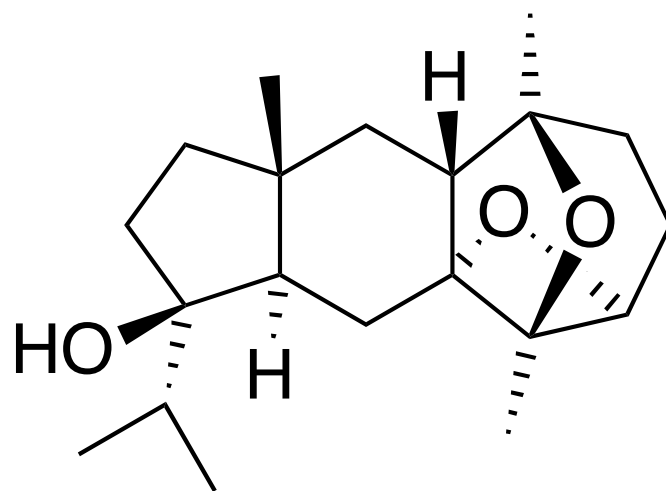
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# A Bioinspired Cyclization Sequence Enables the Asymmetric Total Synthesis of Dictyoxetane

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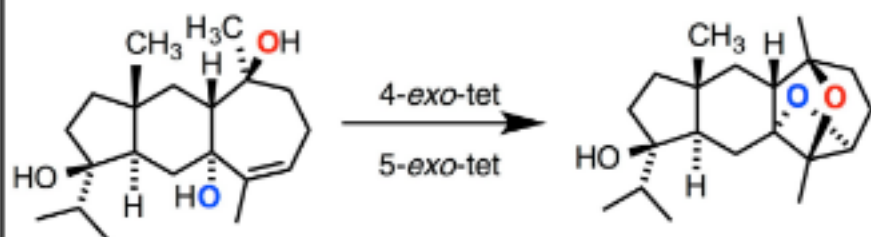
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[unknown biological activity]

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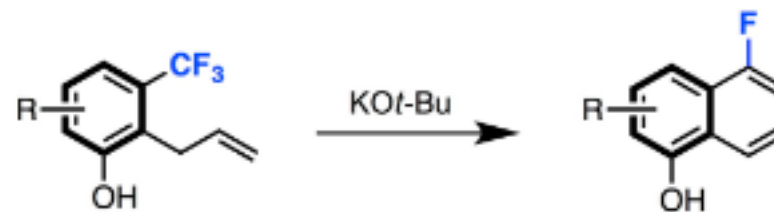


## Asymmetric Synthesis: Oxetane Natural Products



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## Arenes: C-F activation



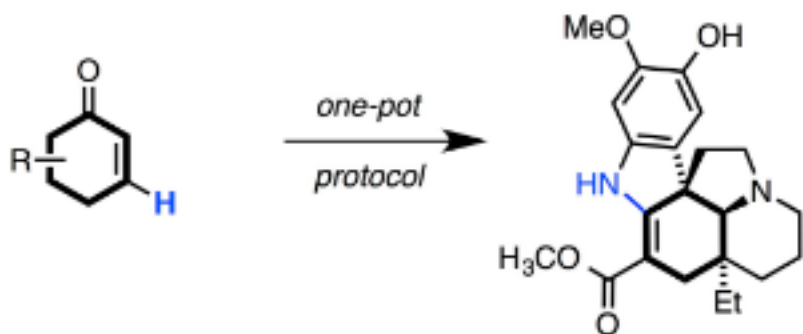
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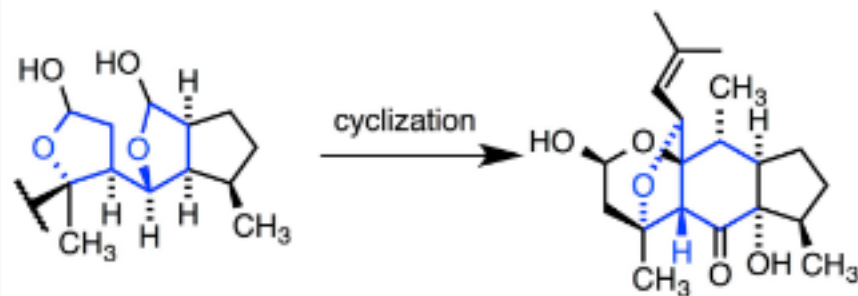


## Enones: Umpolung – $\beta$ -Halogenation



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## Natural Products: Reaction Discovery



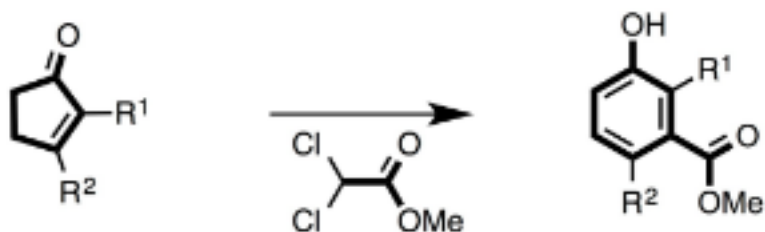
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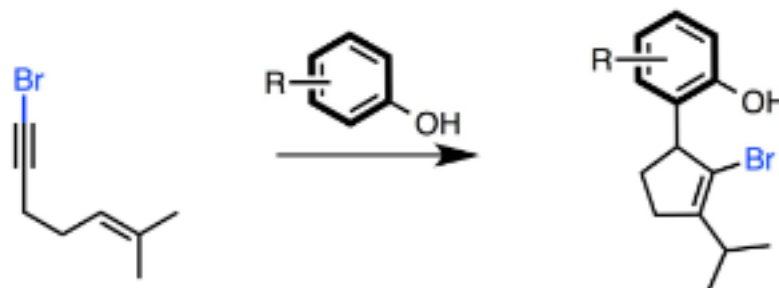


## Arenes: Ring Expansion – Expulsion



ACIE 2015

## Enynes: Au(I)-catalysis



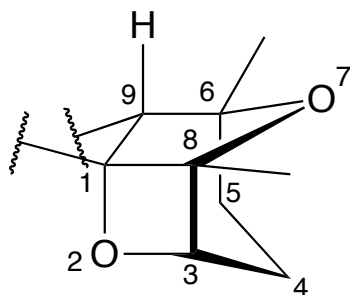
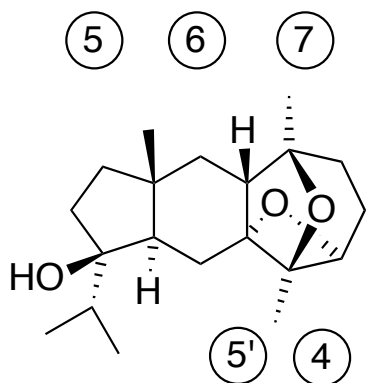
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# Structural Features

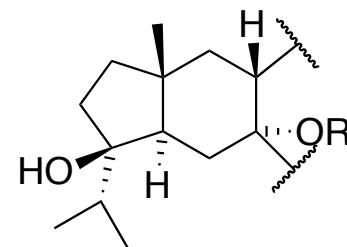
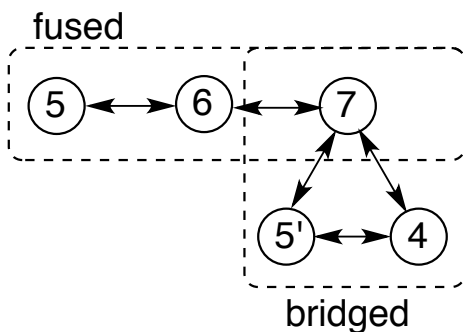
## bridged polycyclic systems

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2,7-dioxatricyclo  
[4.2.1.0<sup>3,8</sup>]nonane



*cis*-hydrinane

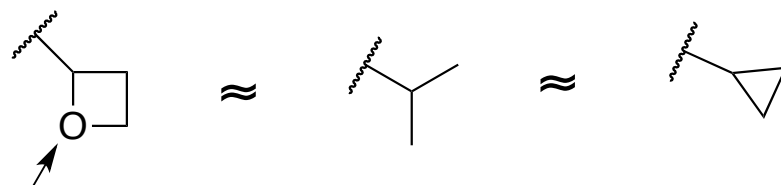
# Oxetanes

important structural units in drug discovery

oxetanes

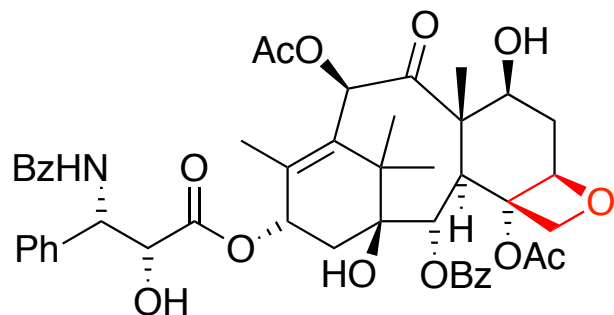
*gem*-dimethyl

cyclopropanes

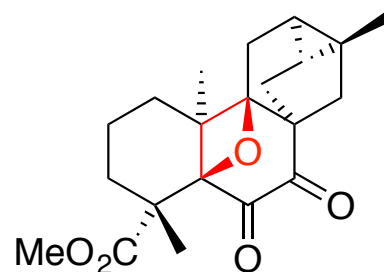


efficient H-bond acceptor

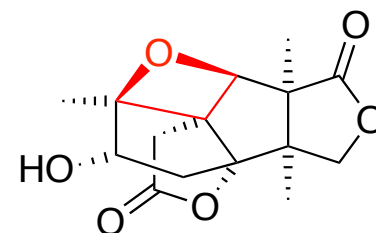
other oxetane-containing natural products



taxol  
[anticancer]



mitrephorone A  
[anticancer]



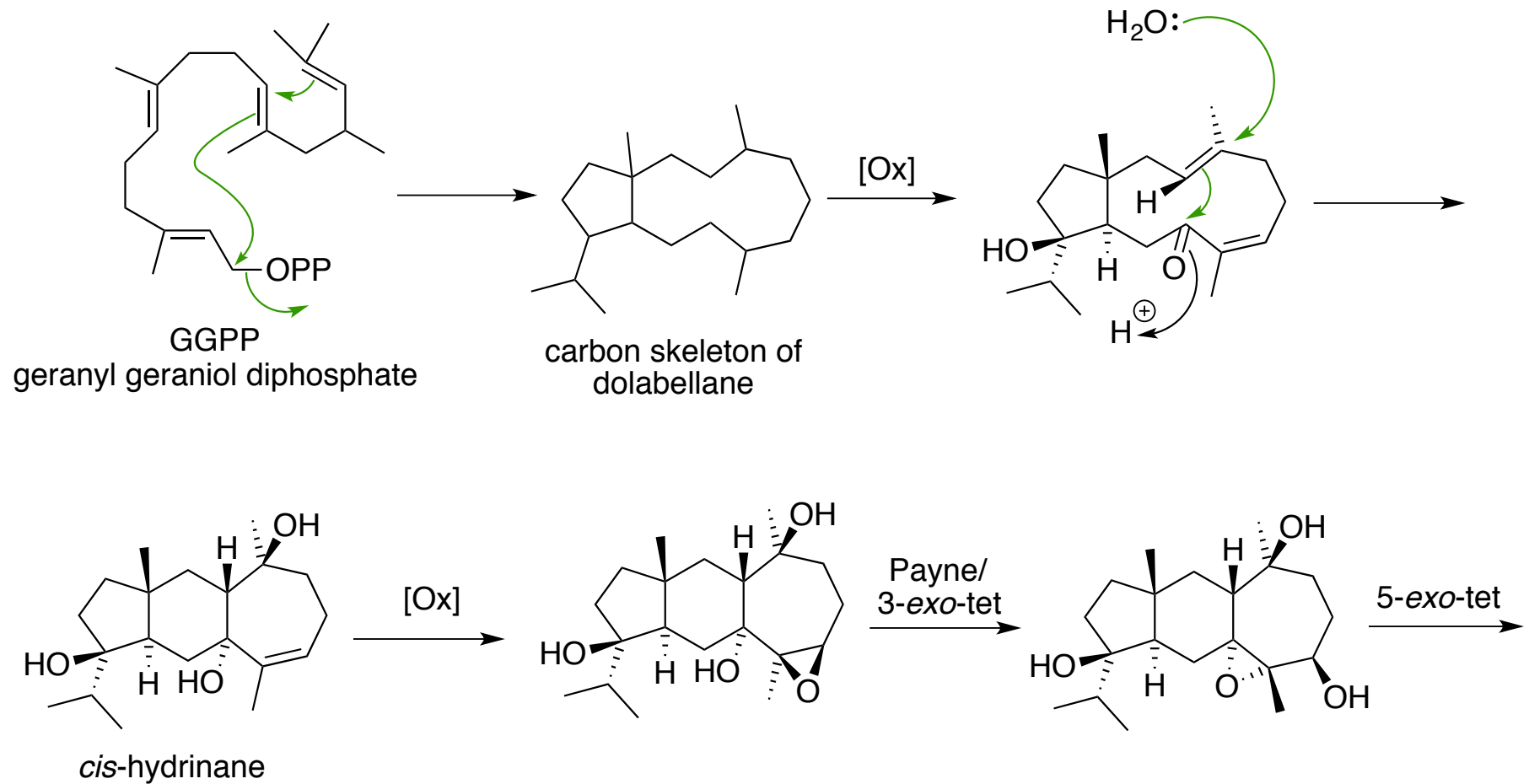
merrilactone A  
[neurotrophic agent]

For more info, see:

Wuitschik, Georg. Oxetanes in drug discovery. ETH (2008). <http://dx.doi.org/10.3929/ethz-a-005697432>

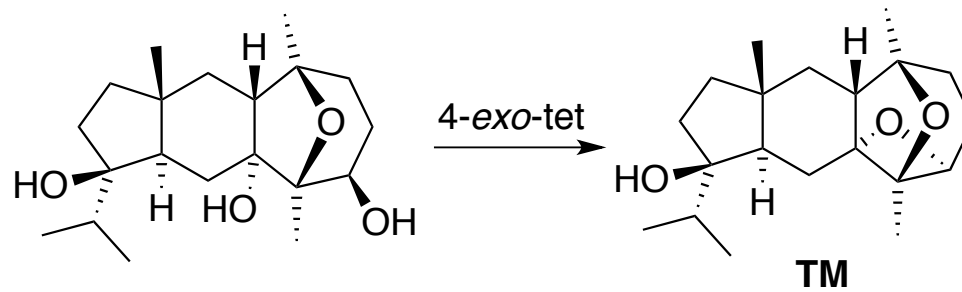
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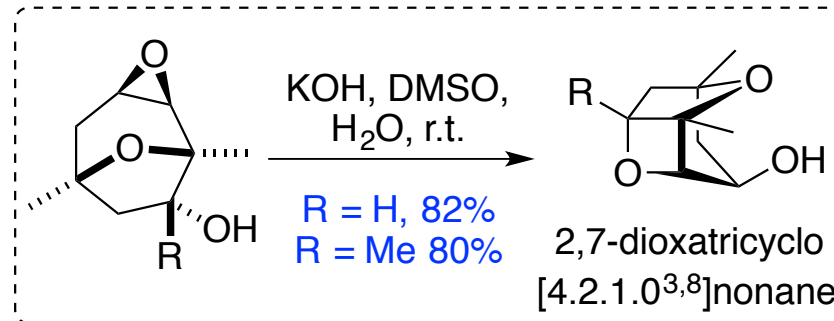




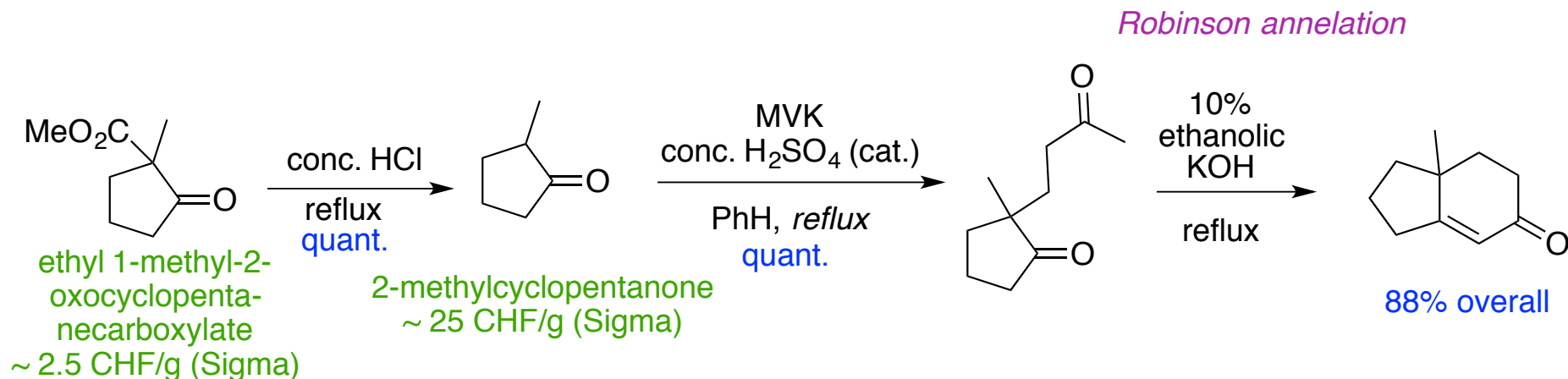
# Biosynthesis



*mild conditions, "in vitro"*

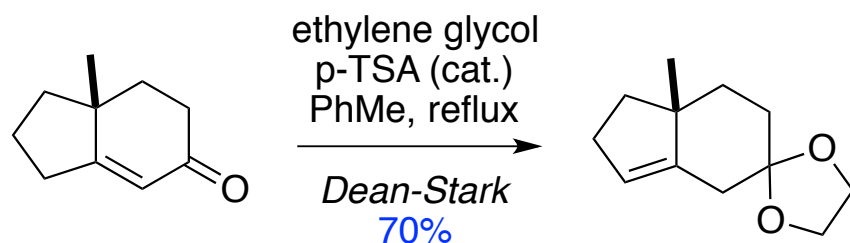


# Synthesis of SM: Grainger's precedent



Rao, H. S. P.; Reddy, K. S. *Org. Prep. Proced. Int.* **1994**, *26*, 491–494.

## pK<sub>a</sub> dependent olefin migration

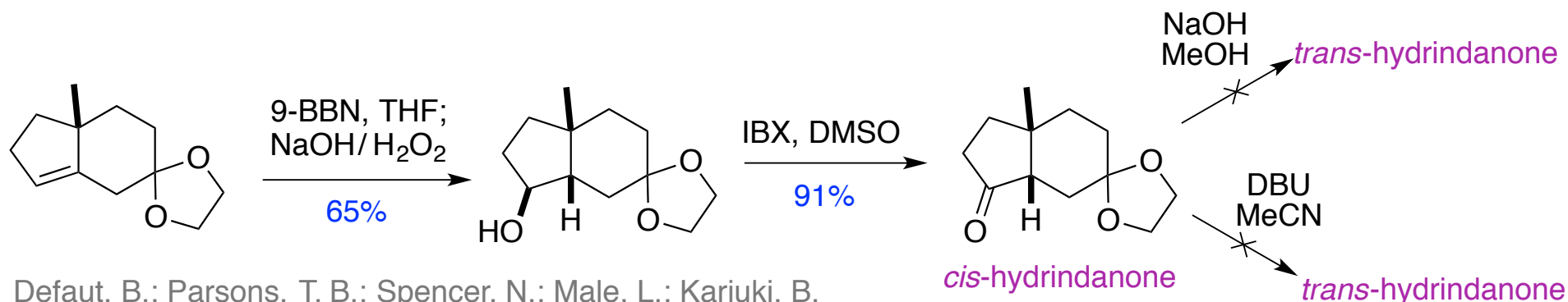


Acid	pK <sub>a</sub>	% α.β	% β.γ	% conversion
fumaric acid	3.03	100	0	90
phthalic acid	2.89	70	30	90
oxalic acid	1.23	80	20	93
TsOH	< 1.0	0	100	100

T. W. Green, P. G. M. Wuts, *Protective Groups in Organic Synthesis*, 4th Ed., Wiley-Interscience, New York **2007**, pp 455.

de Leeuw, J. W.; de Waard, E. R.; Beetz, T.; Huisman, H. O. *Recl. Trav. Chim. Pays-Bas* **1973**, *92*, 1047–1052.

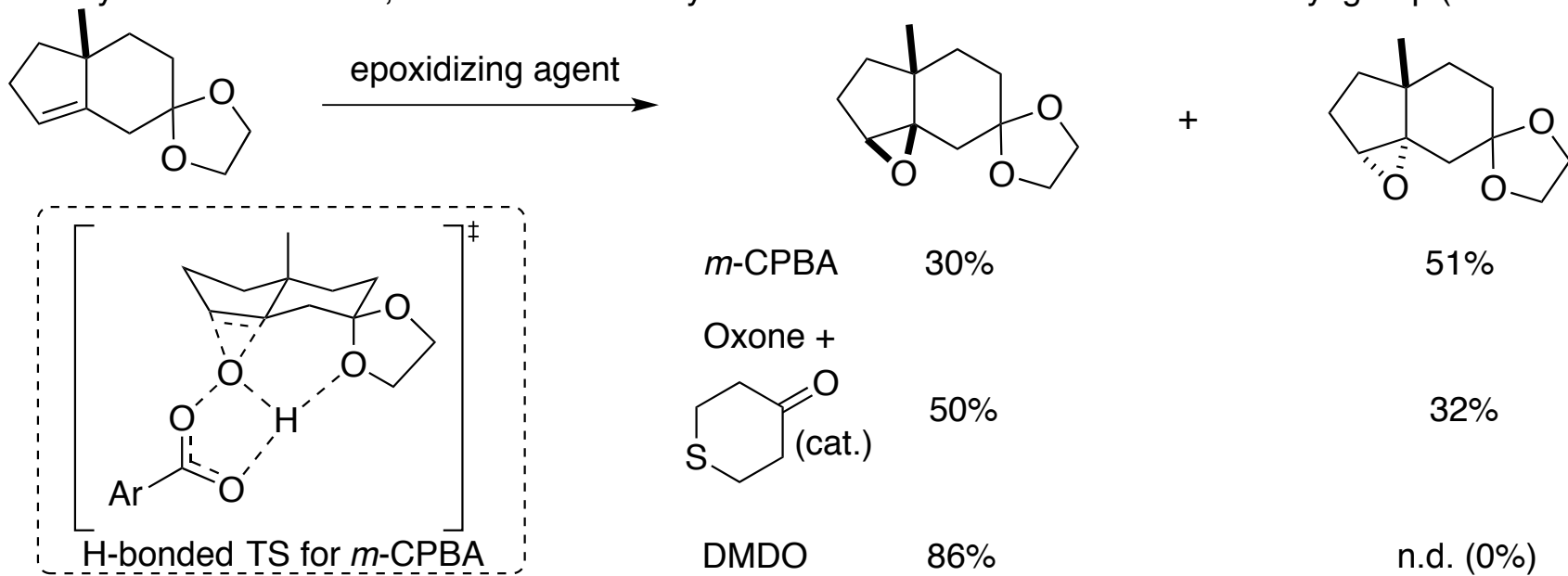
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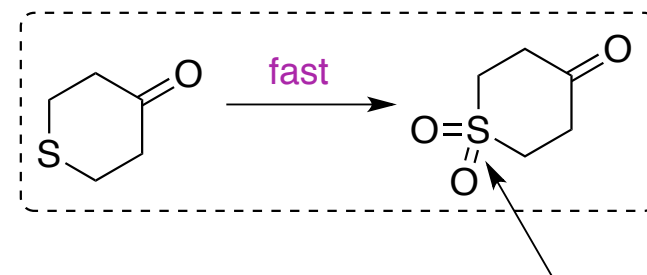
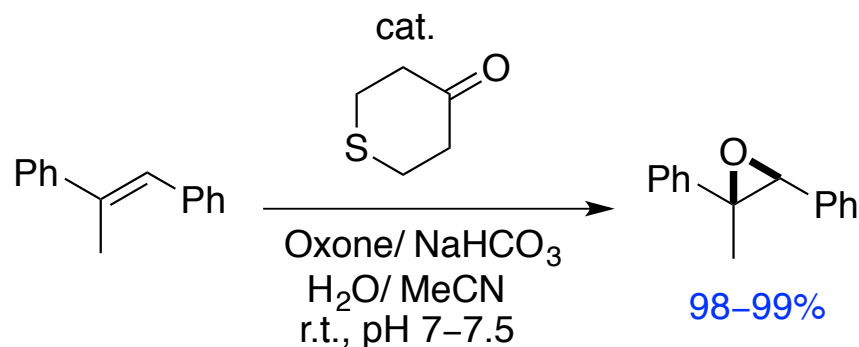
Defaut, B.; Parsons, T. B.; Spencer, N.; Male, L.; Kariuki, B. M.; Grainger, R. S. *Org. Biomol. Chem.* **2012**, *10*, 4926–4932.

angularly-substituted *trans*-hydrindanes thermodynamically less stable than *cis*-hydrindanes; see Kim, W. H.; Lee, J. H.; Aussedat, B.; Danishefsky, S. J. *Tetrahedron* **2010**, *66*, 6391–6398

From hydroboration result, the facial selectivity of the alkene should be *cis* to the methyl group (convex face)

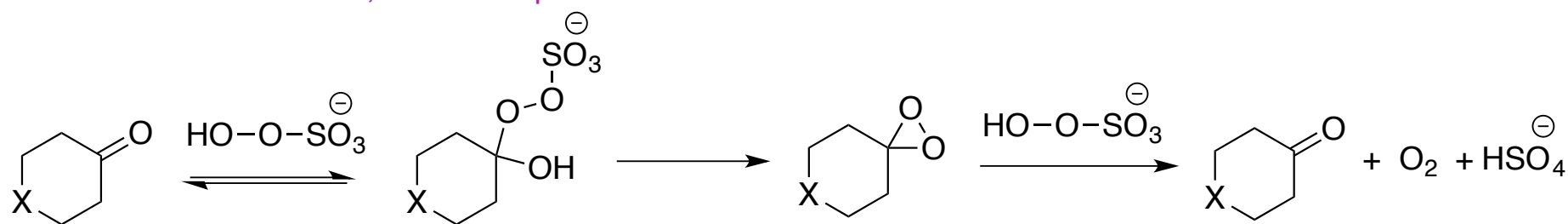


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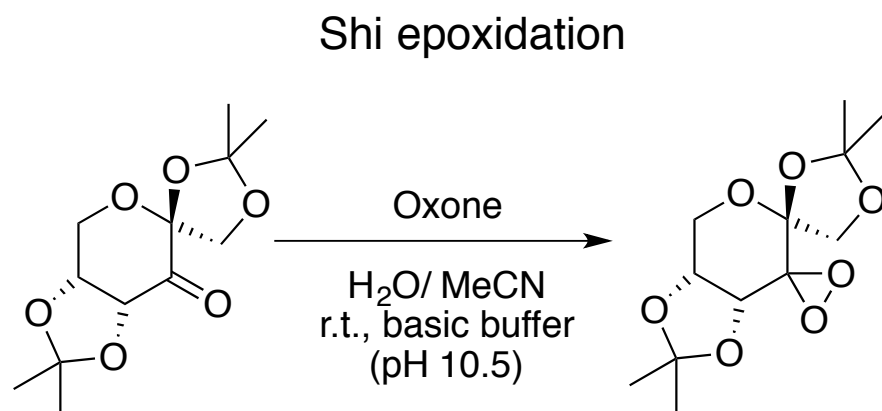
Yang, D.; Yip, Y.-C.; Jiao, G.-S.; Wong, M.-K. *Org. Synth.* **2002**, *78*, 225-233.

unlike DMDO, doesn't require distillation and titration/ concentration determination



Yang, D.; Yip, Y.-C.; Jiao, G.-S.; Wong, M.-K. *J. Org. Chem.* **1998**, *63*, 8952-8956.

# Question: Which other epoxidation (named reaction) works on this same principle?

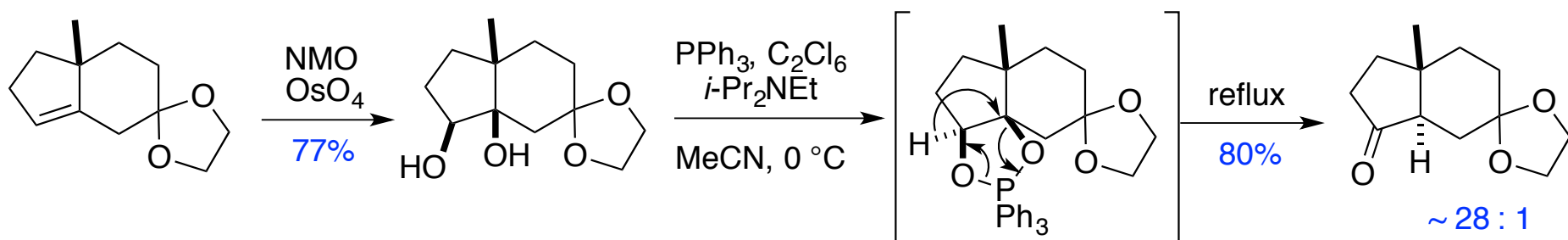
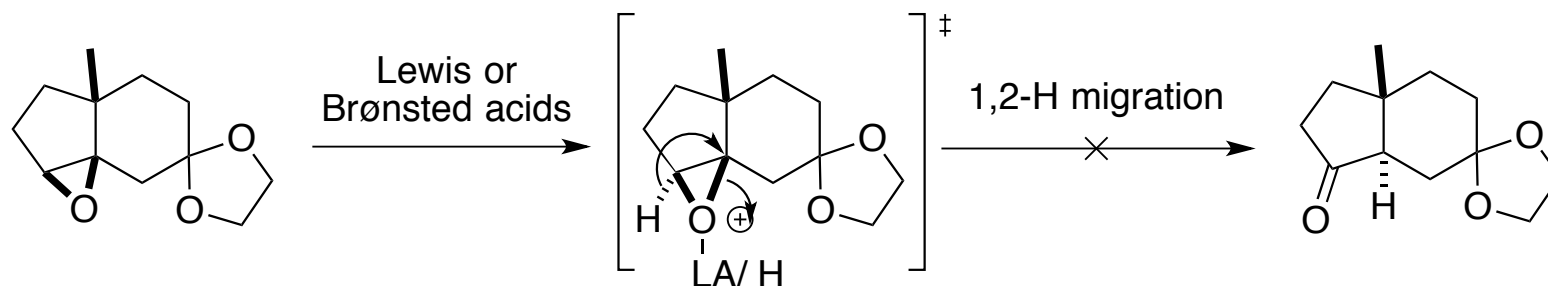


Tu, Y.; Wang, Z.-X.; Shi, Y. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1996**, *118*, 9806–9807.  
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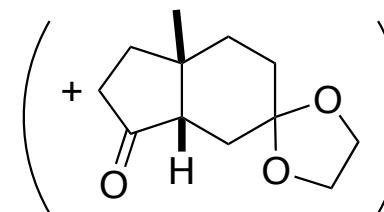
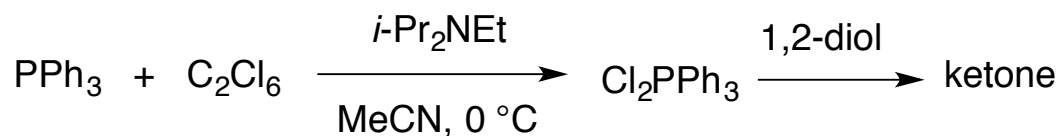
# Synthesis of SM: Grainger's precedent

## Meinwald rearrangement

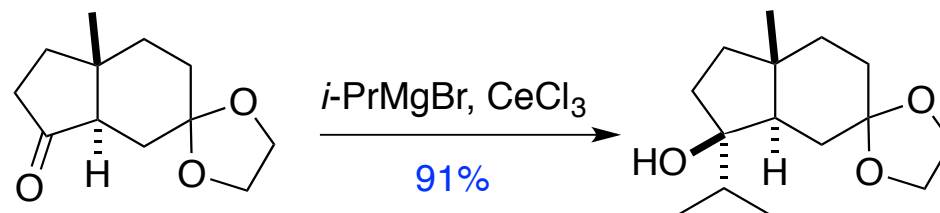
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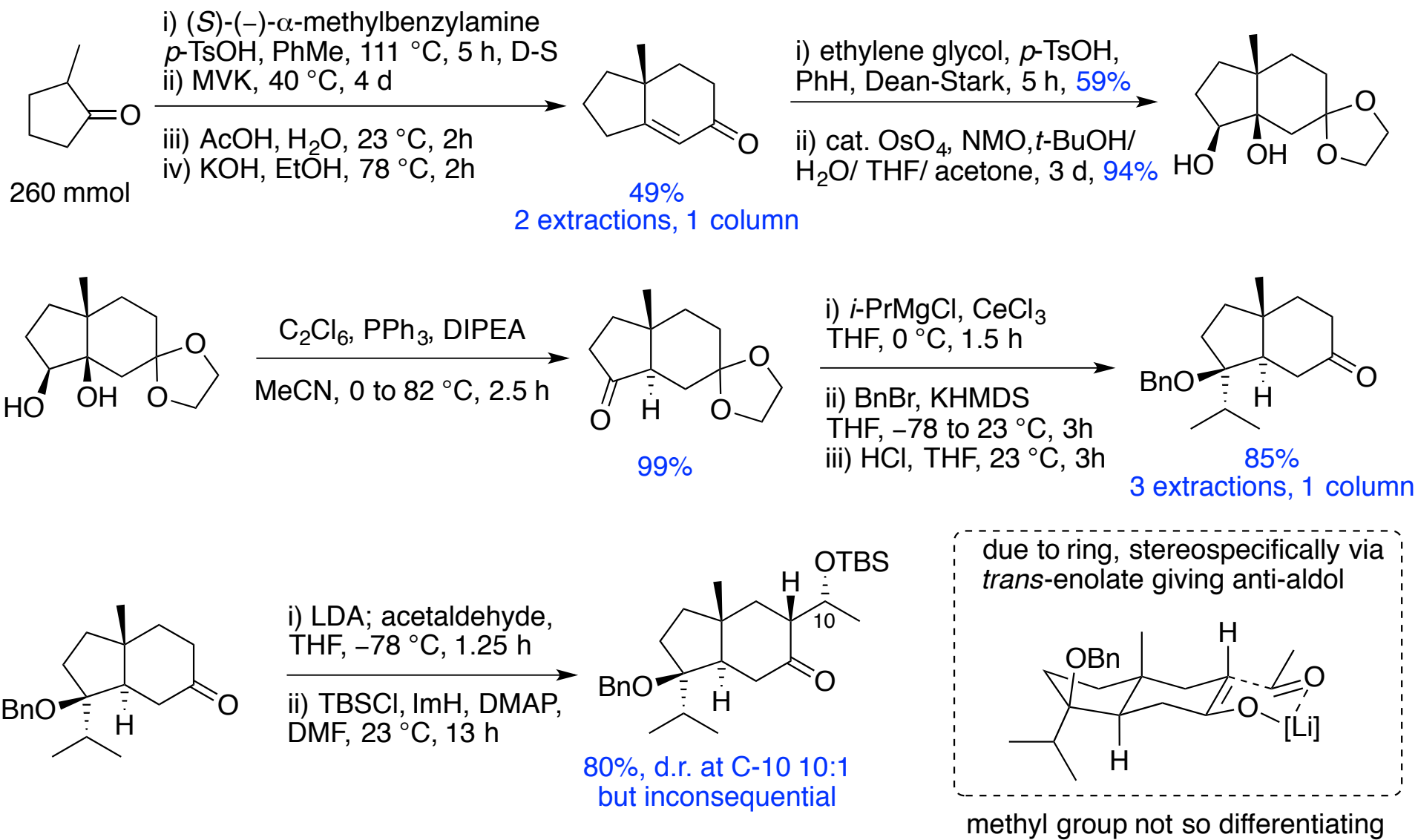
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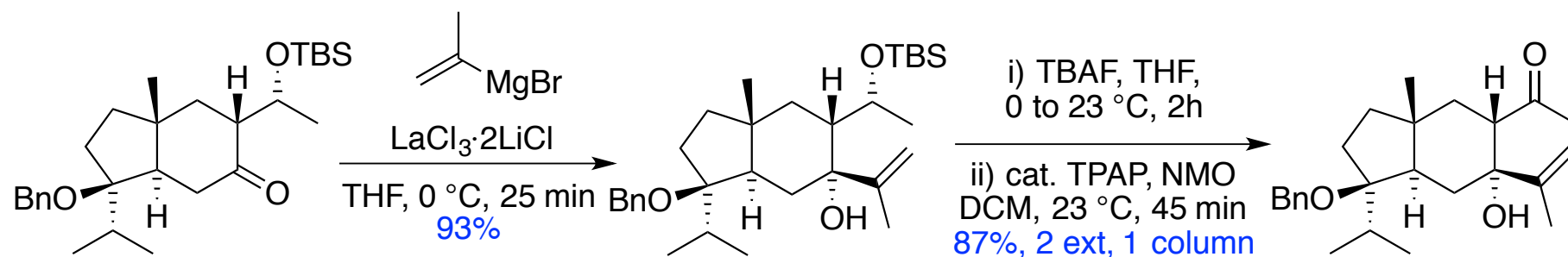


# Synthesis of SM: Magauer's asymmetric approach

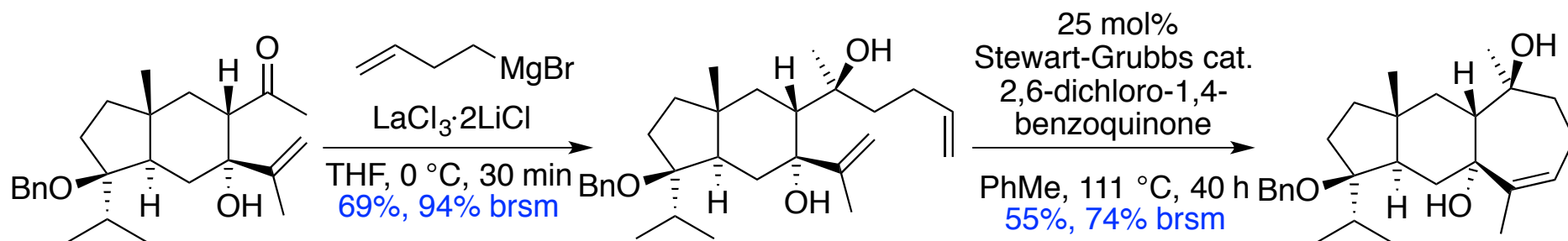




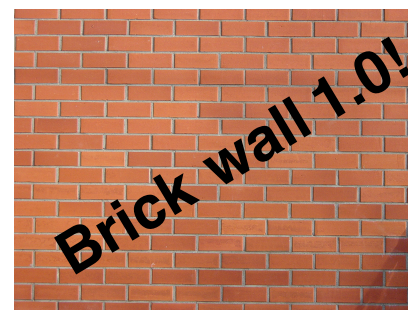
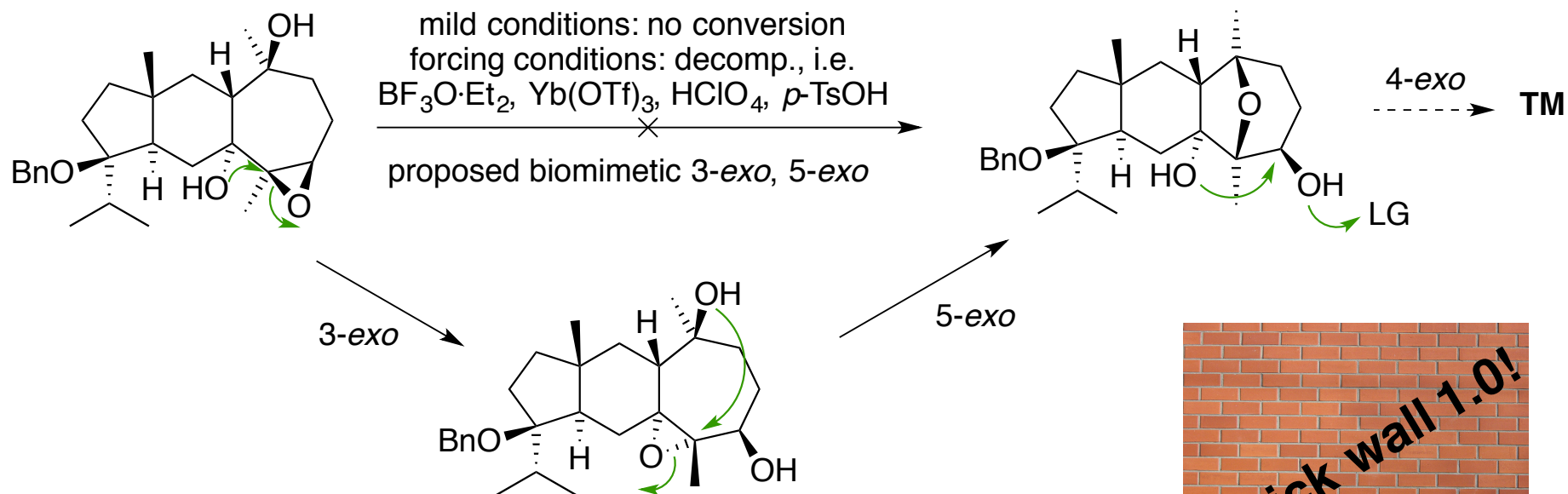
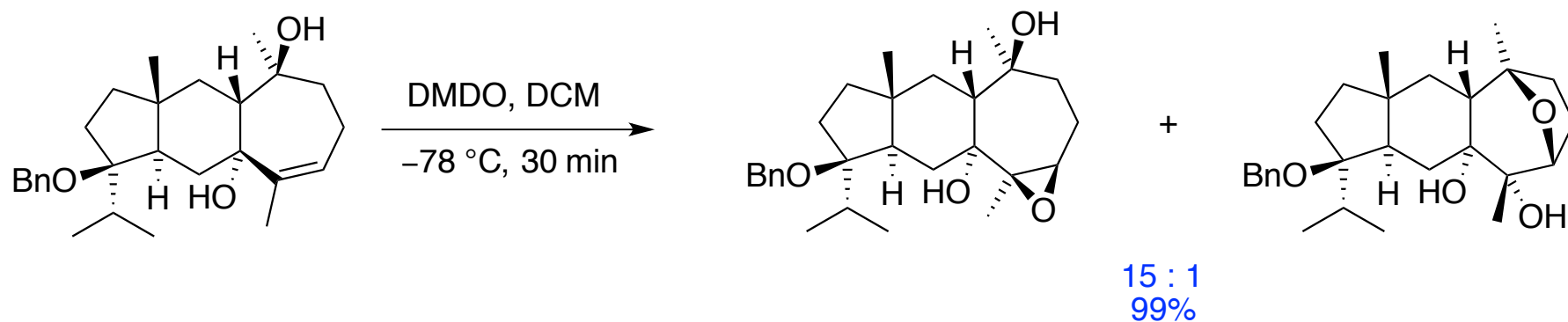
# Middle-game



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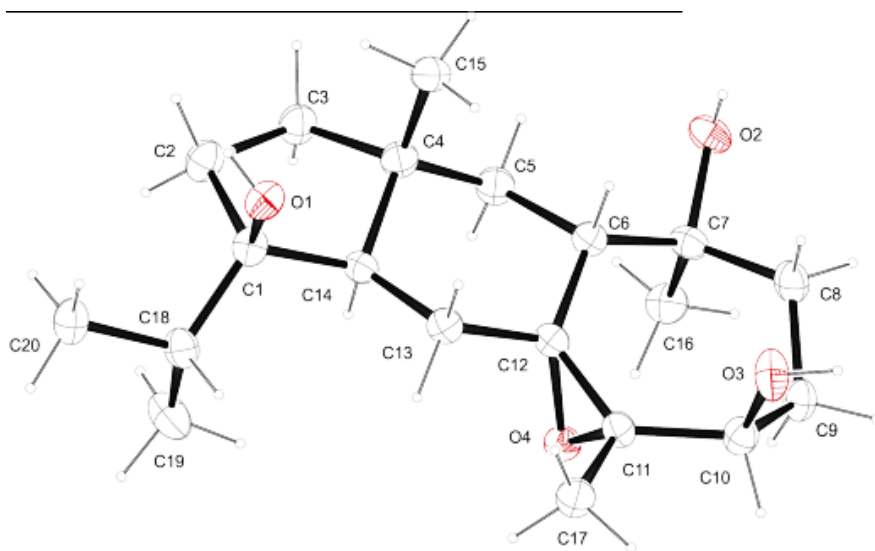
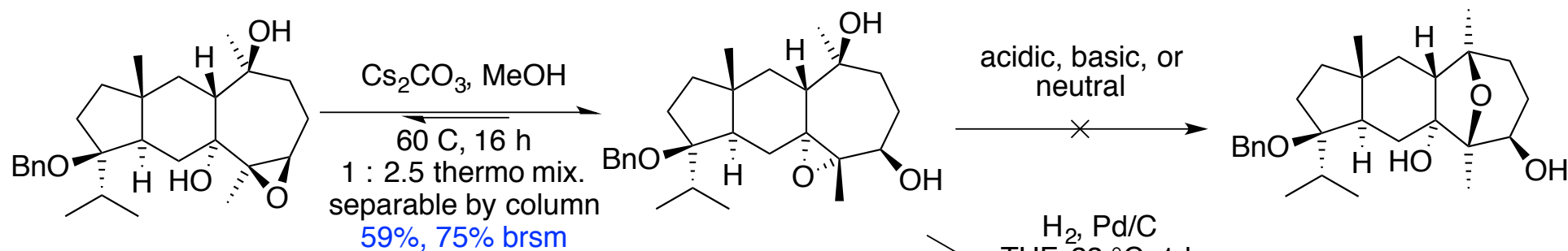


# Middle-game



# Middle-game

3-exo or Payne rearrangement under basic conditions



7-membered ring chair like;  
C-10-OH in equatorial position

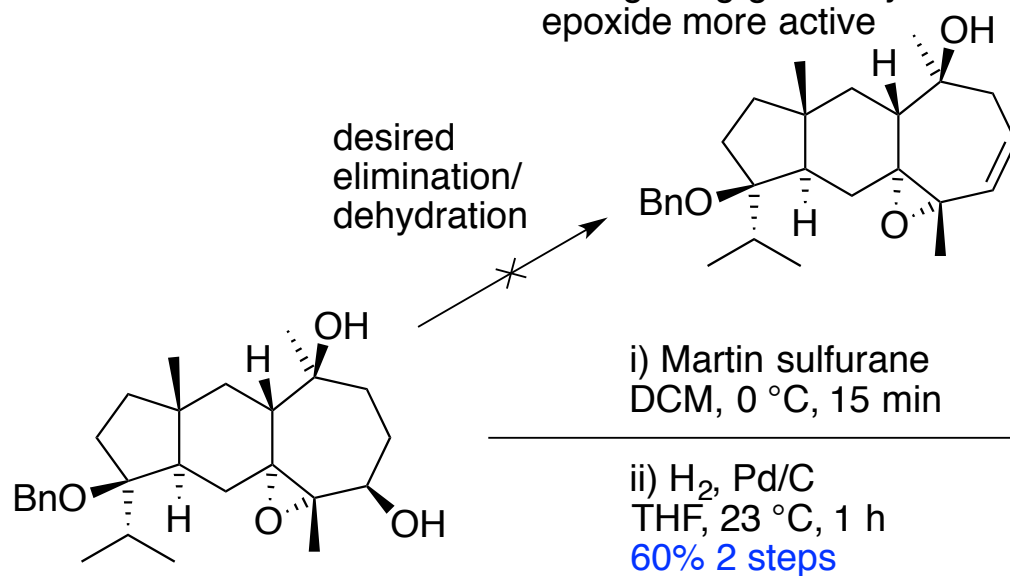


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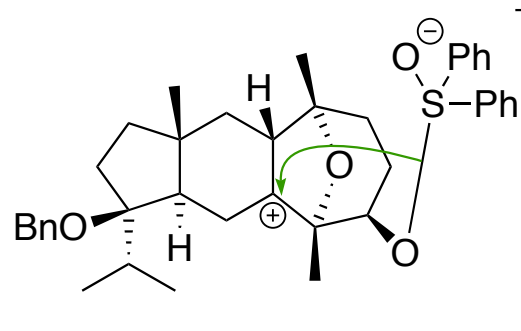
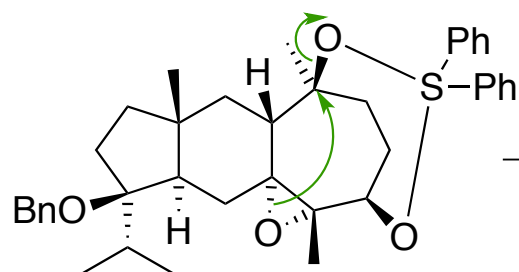
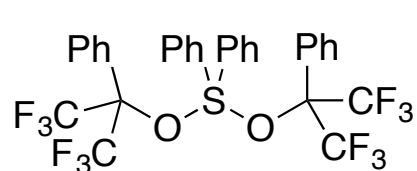
change ring geometry and make epoxide more active



desired elimination/  
dehydration



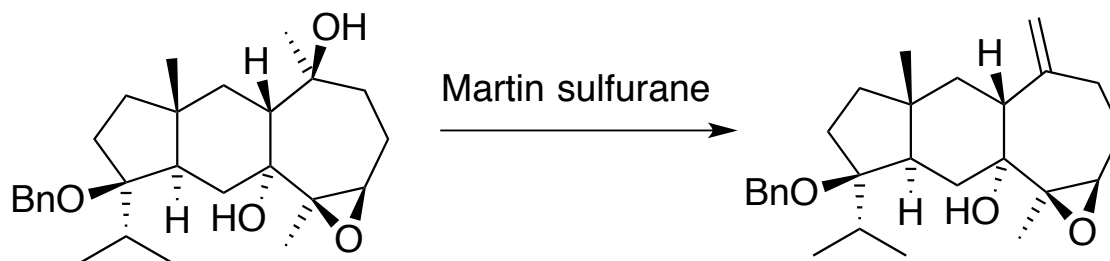
tetra-epi-TM [x-ray of triol]



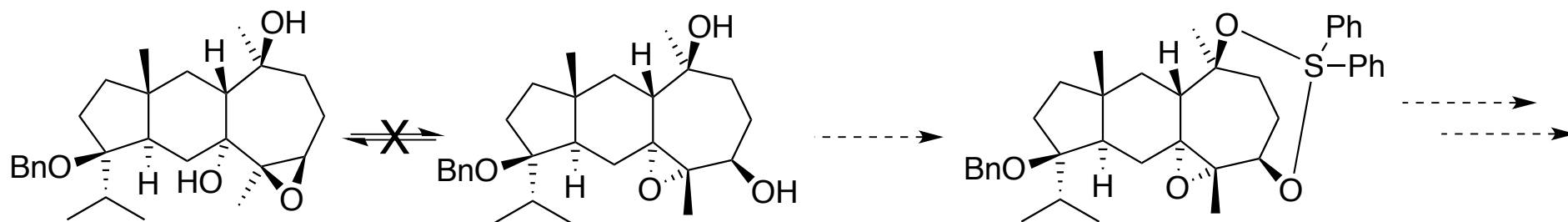
deprotect Bn

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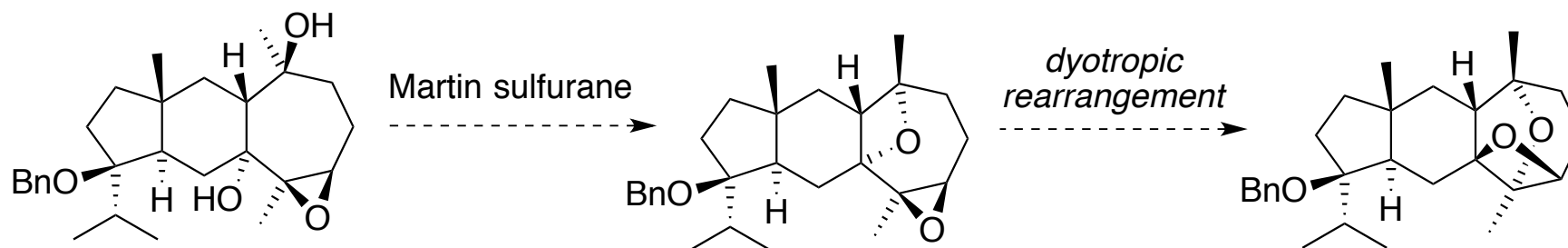
Martin sulfurane treatment of isomeric epoxide gave directly dehydration



therefore not possible to go via Payne rearrangement



but it was postulated that the following could have been possible (as an alternative mechanism to one described)



**Could this idea be developed into a workable strategy?**

**But first, what is a dyotropic rearrangement?**

# Dyotropic rearrangement

## Dyotropic rearrangement

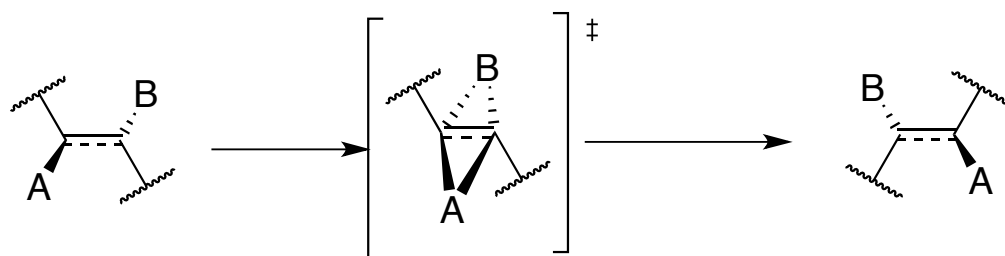
*Dyo* from Greek meaning two.

Pericyclic valence isomerization where two  $\sigma$ -bonds migrate simultaneously and intramolecularly.

For a comprehensive, but poor review: Fernández, I.; Cossío, F. P.; Sierra, M. A. *Chem. Rev.* **2009**, *109*, 6687–6711.  
Research article gives a better review: Leverett, C. A.; Purohit, V. C.; Johnson, A. G.; Davis, R. L.; Tantillo, D. J.; Romo, D. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2012**, *134*, 1334–13356.

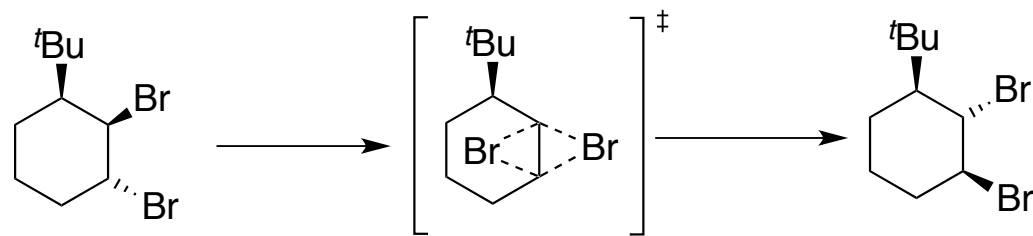
### Type I

Two groups interchange their relative position

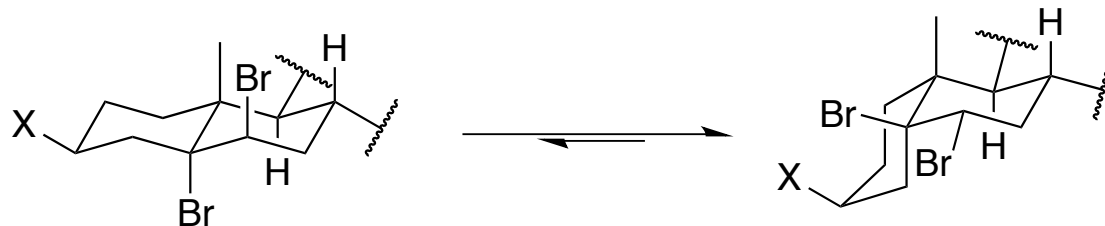


- two groups migrate on a stationary scaffold
- *anti* conformation forces suprafacial migration
- inversion of stereochemistry

# Dyotropic rearrangement: Type I



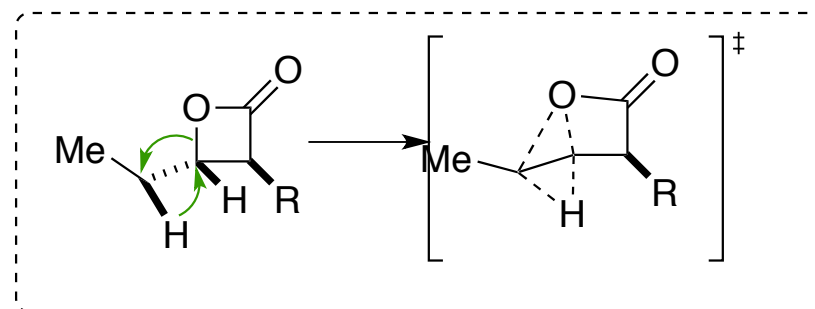
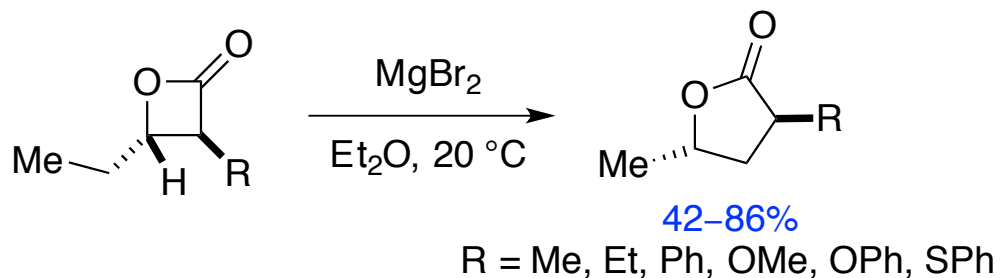
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switch configuration of cholesterol skeleton

Grob, C. A.; Winstein, S. *Helv. Chim. Acta* **1952**, 35, 782–802.

gives access to  $\gamma$ -subs butyrolactones



Hydride migration

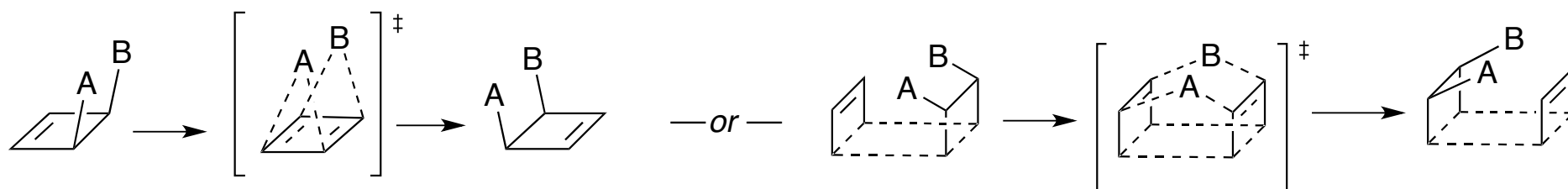
Wagner-Meerwein type dyotropic rearrangement

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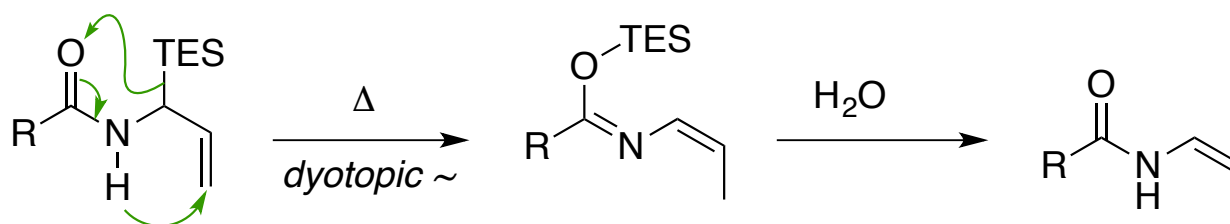
# Dyotropic rearrangement: Type II

## Type II

Two groups migrate to new bonding sites but maintain their relative position



- two groups migrate on a stationary scaffold with  $\pi$ -bond isomerization
- either over an adjacent  $\pi$ -bond
- or a  $\pi$ -bond held in close proximity

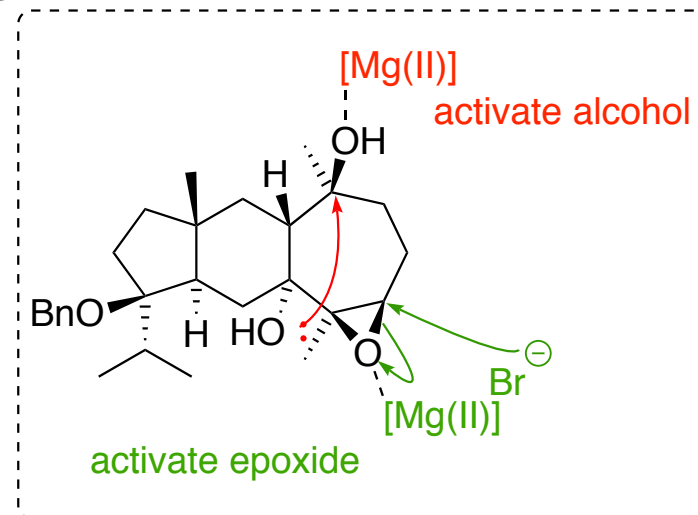
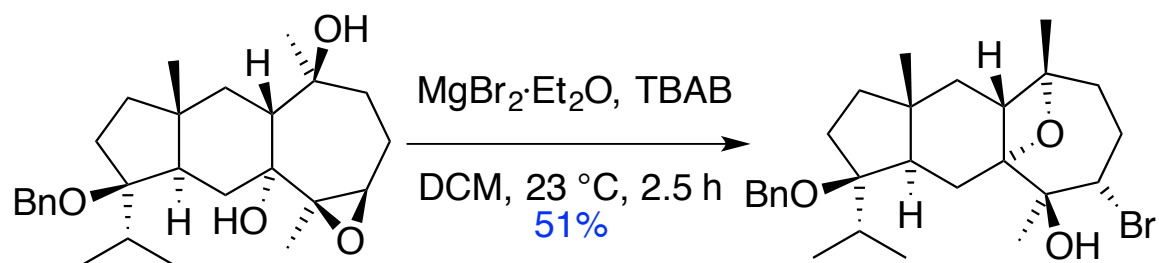


unusual access to *cis*-enamide

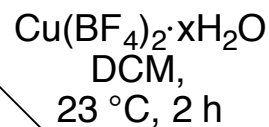
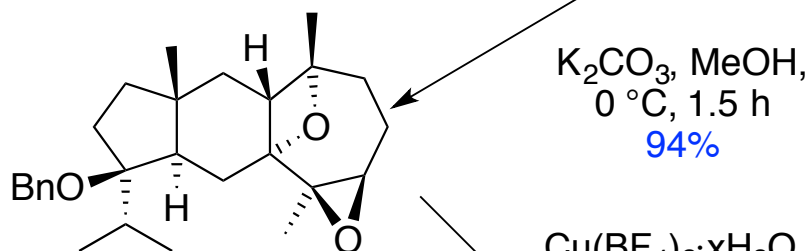
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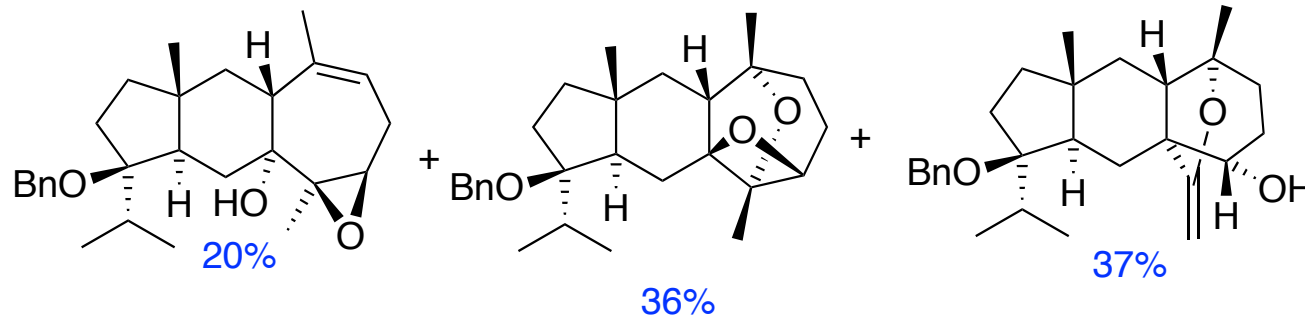
# End-game



Clever use of TBAB and LA to make bromohydrin in situ as a protected/ masked epoxide, which is easily deprotected/ revealed with a mild basic treatment

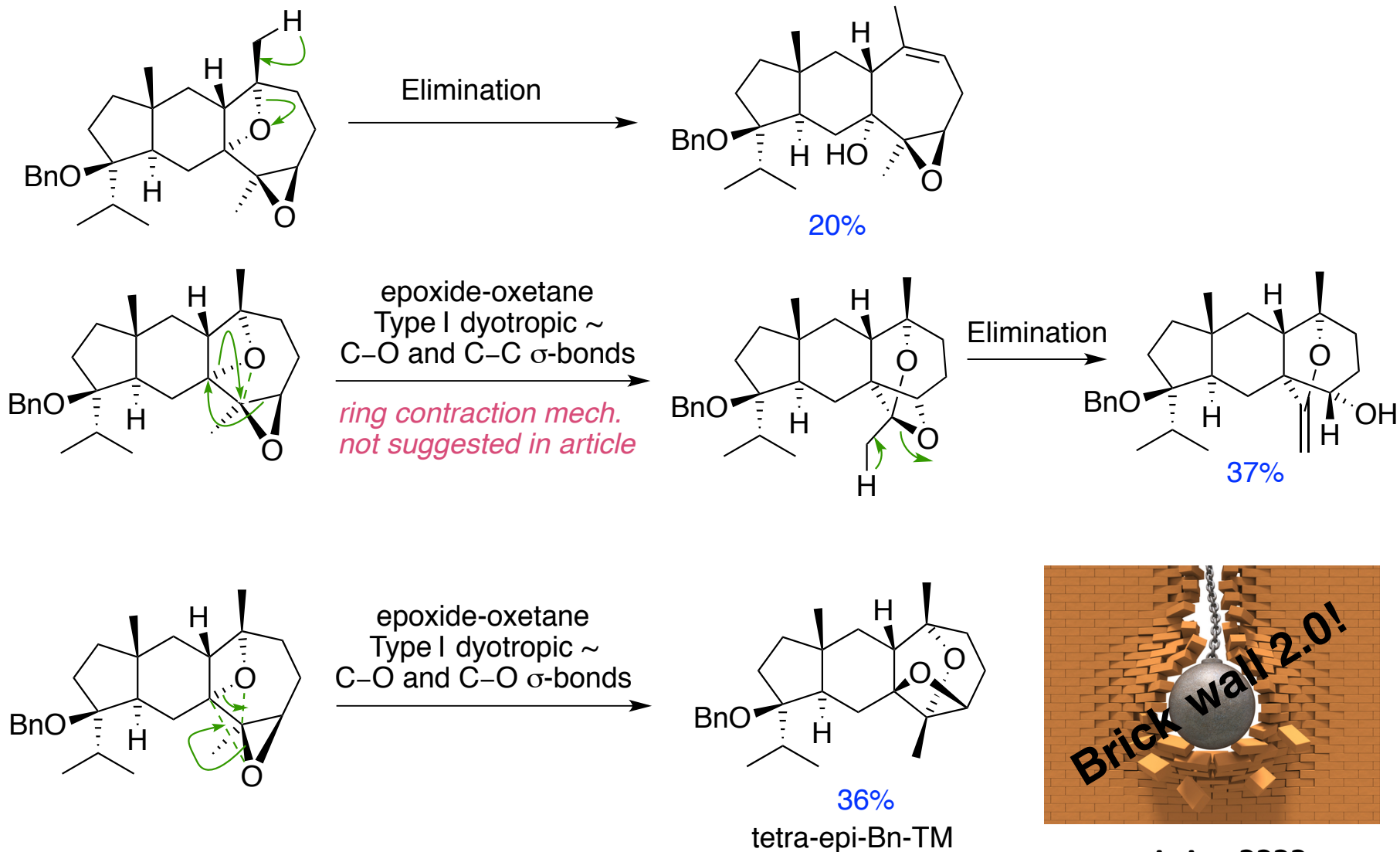


Type I  
dyotropic rearrangement



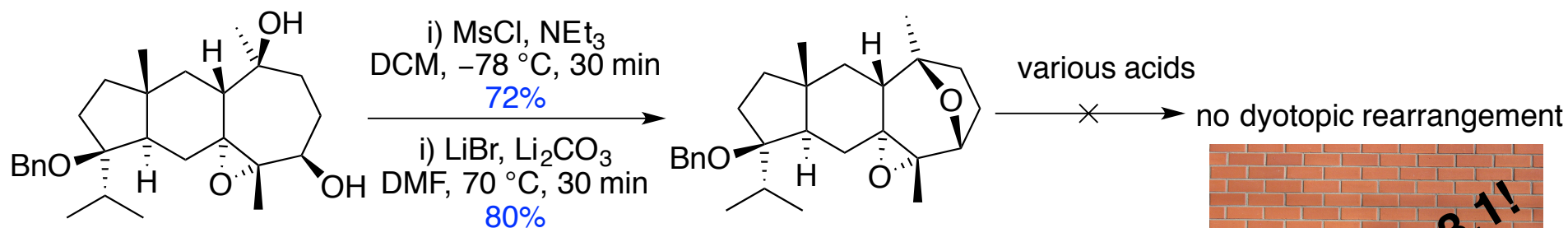
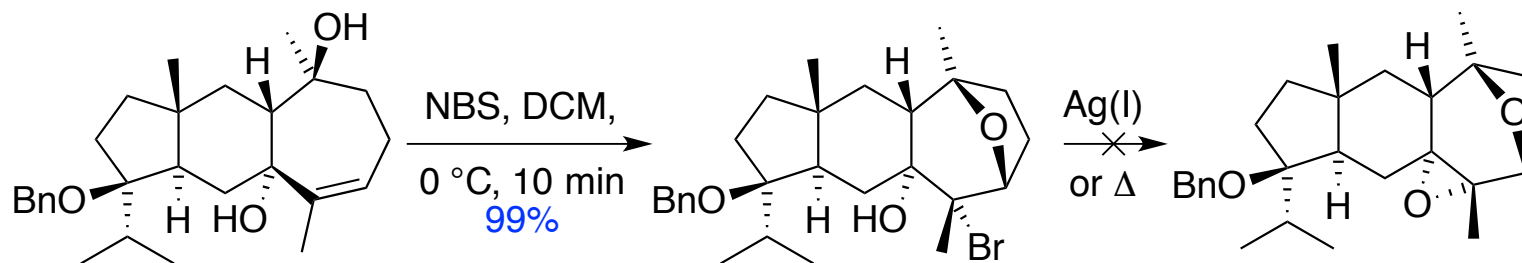
Martin sulfurane  
No reaction:  
supports mechanistic  
suggestion that this  
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intermediate in the  
formation of tetra-epi-Bn-TM

# End-game

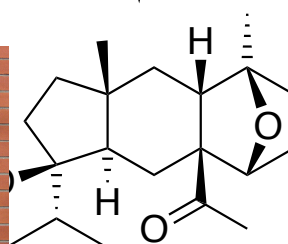
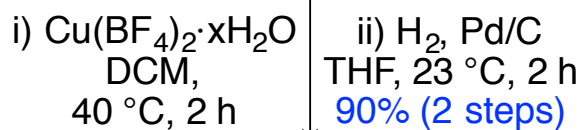
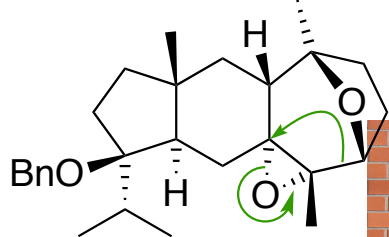


or is it...????

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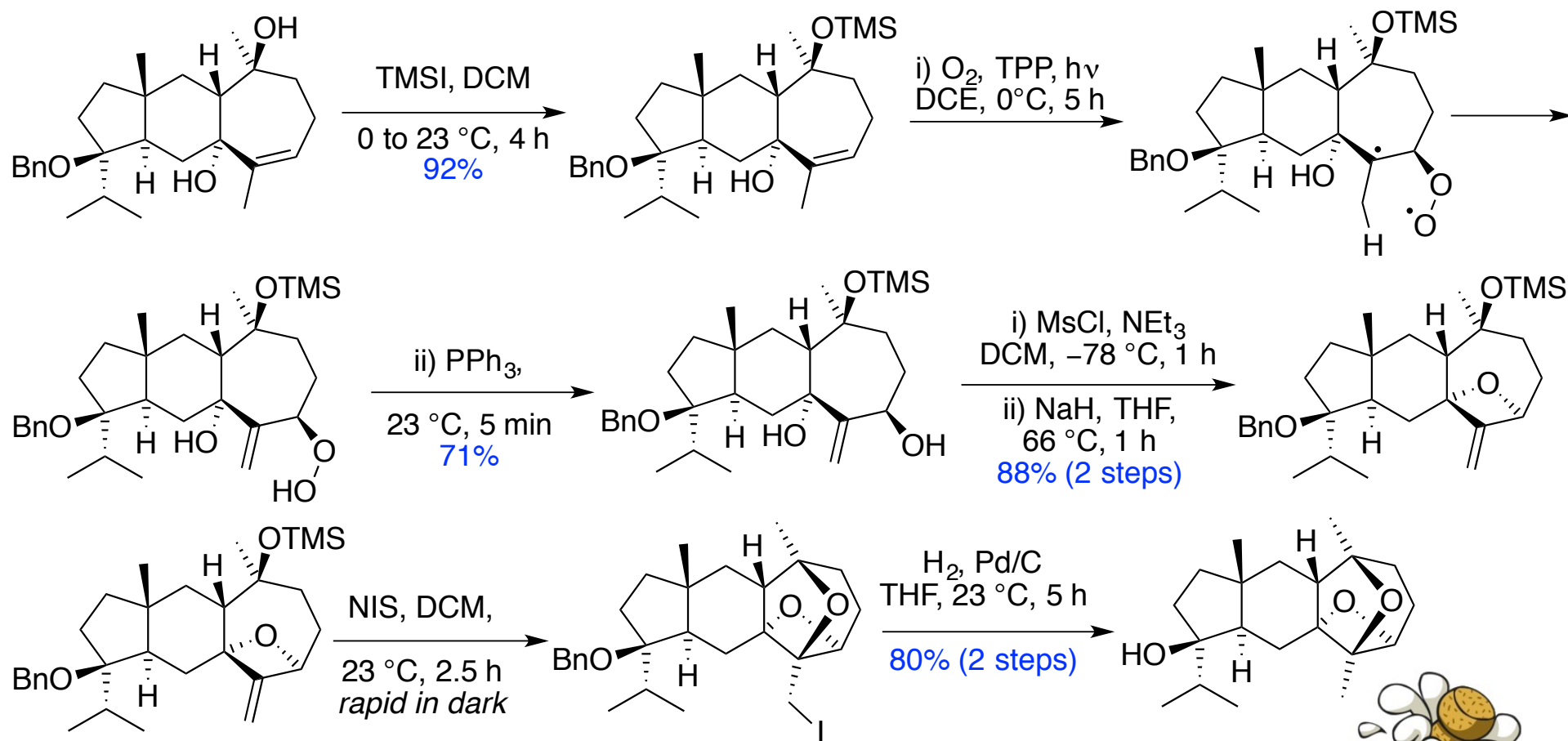


semipinacol-type rearrangement



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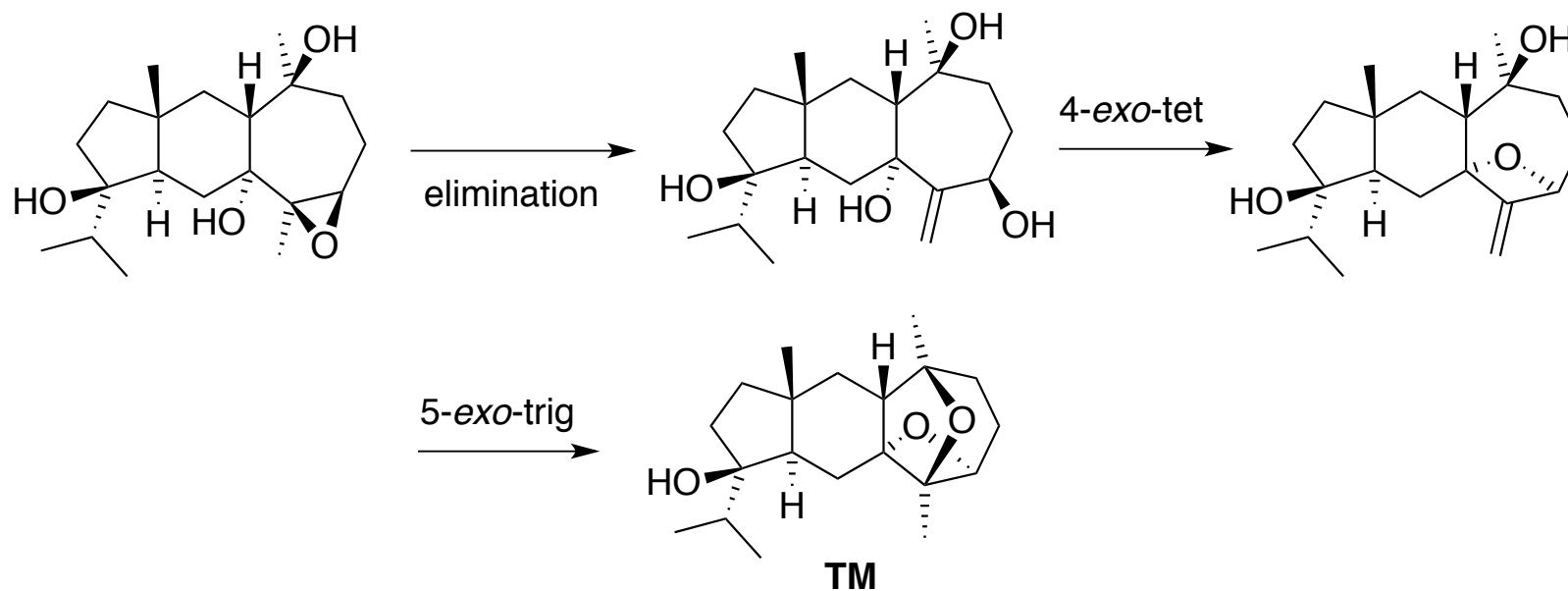
TPP = tetraphenylporphyrin



# Conclusions

- Built on preceding work
- Completed first total synthesis of dictyoxetane
- Asymmetric synthesis
- Now in collaboration with chemical biologists to determine activity
- Access to synthetic sample confirmed absolute configuration

## Magauer's non-biomimetic/ non-enzymetic alternative path



Thanks for attention!

And

any questions?