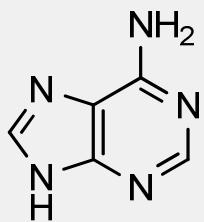


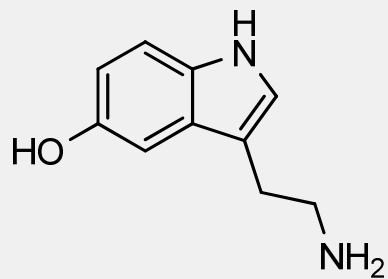
# **C<sub>sp</sub><sup>3</sup>-H Amination Reactions: Different methods and Applications to Total Synthesis**

# Introduction

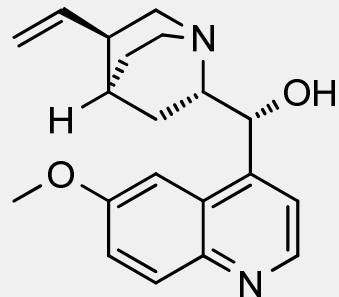
- Amines are ubiquitous in bioactive molecules



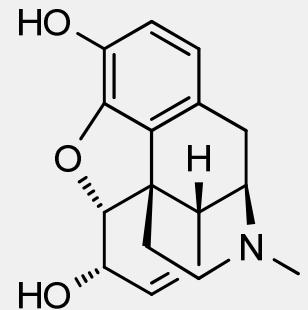
Adenine



Serotonin



Quinine

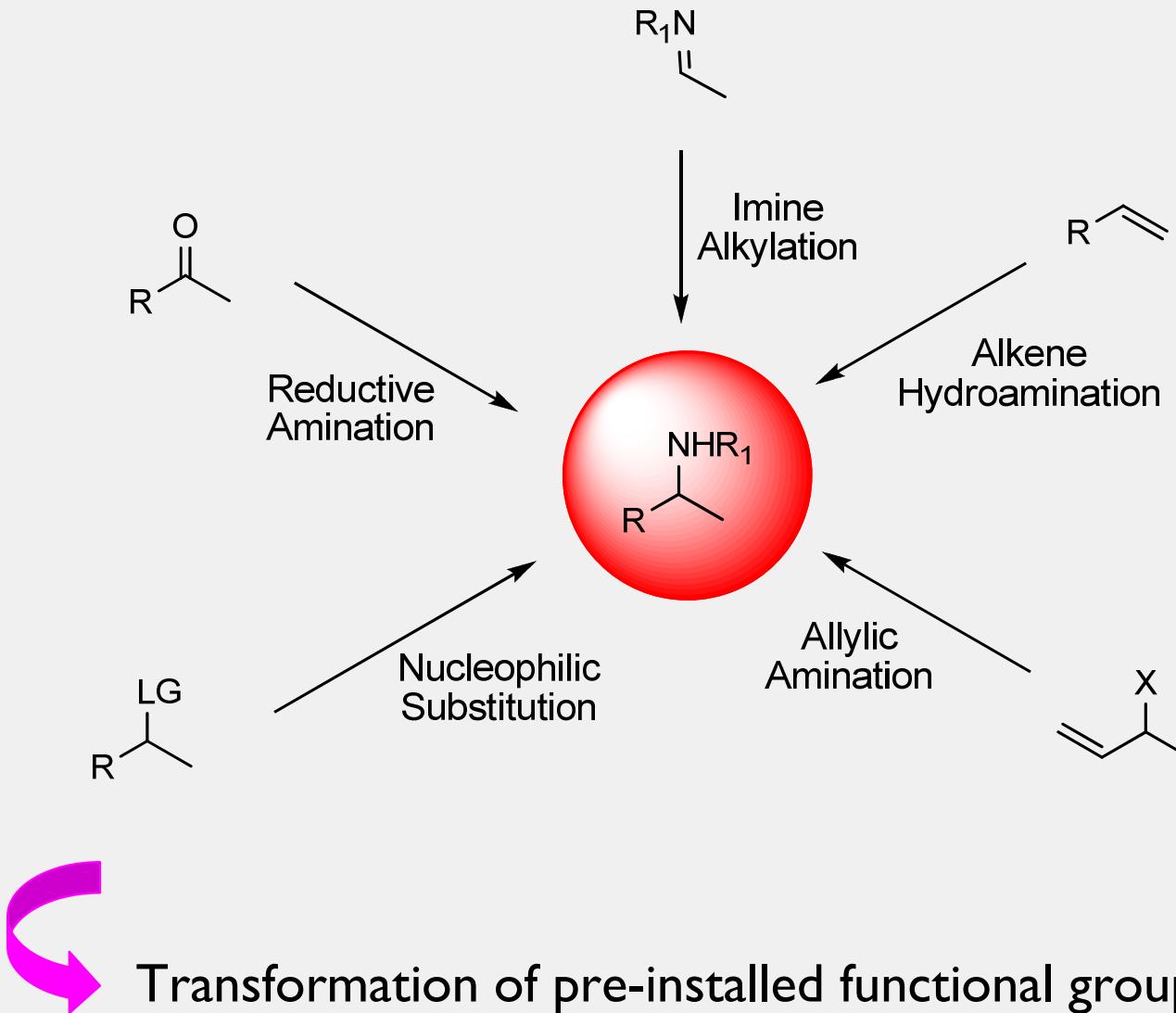


Morphine

- Constant development of new synthetic methods for the preparation of amines

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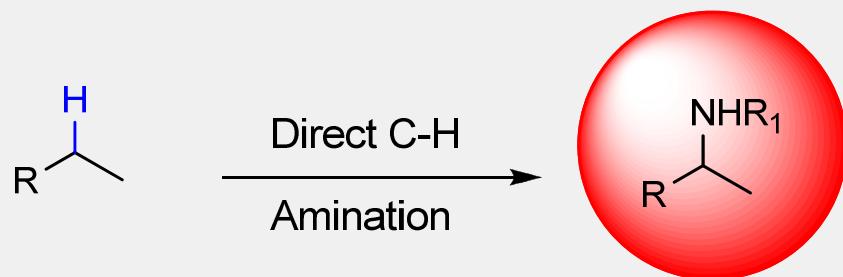
- Most widely employed approaches:



# Introduction

- Direct C-H Amination:

- Avoids installation of functional groups and their removal
- Complementary opportunities to usual aminations

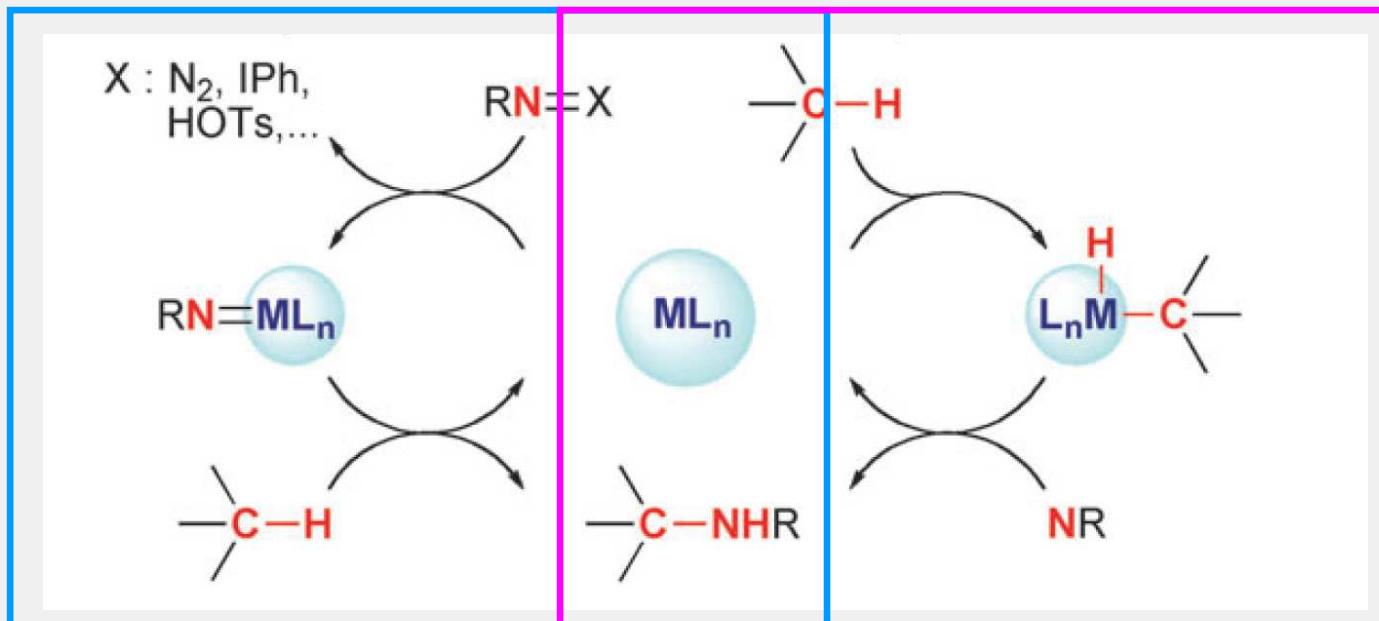


- Challenging problems such as C-H bond energy and selectivity
- Focus on Csp<sup>3</sup>-H aminations

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## Different kinds of Csp<sup>3</sup>-H amination Reactions

- Metal-Catalyzed C-H amination reactions



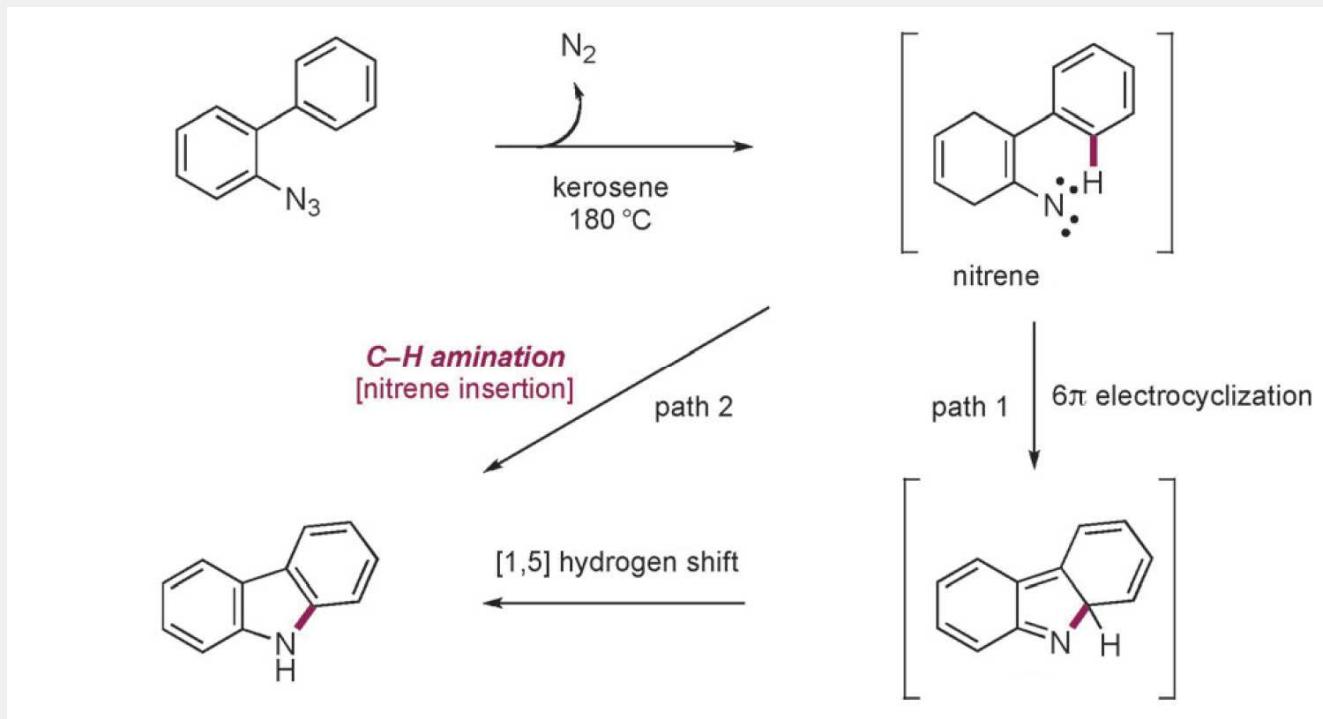
C-H Nitrene insertion Transition metal-Catalyzed C-H Activation

- Radical cyclizations: Hofmann-Löffler-Freytag Reaction
- Oxidation of C,N-Dianions

## C-H Nitrene insertion

## Reactivity of Nitrenes

- Nitrogen equivalent to carbenes
- Can be generated from azides by photolysis or thermolysis:

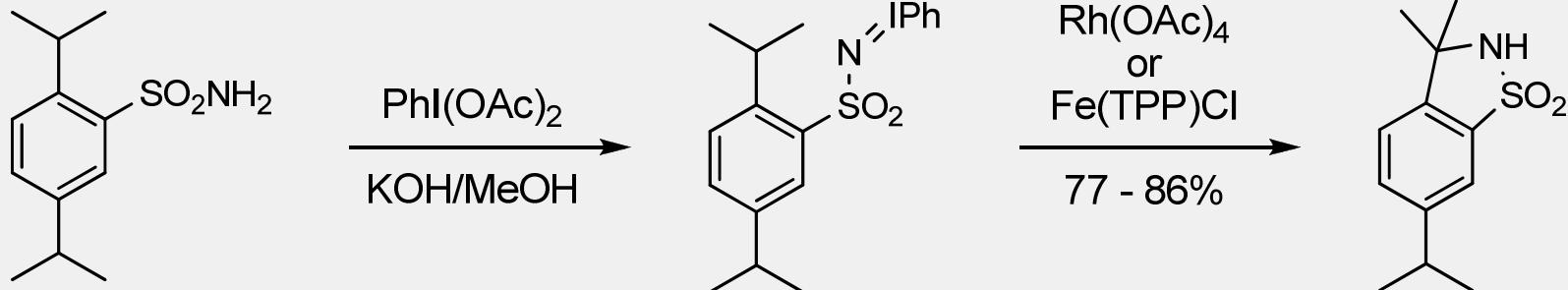


C-H Nitrene insertion

Metal-Catalyzed alternatives

- Control the reactivity of nitrenes:
  - Avoid competing processes
  - Site- and Stereo-selectivities
  - Mild reaction conditions

- Pioneering work from Breslow and Gellman:

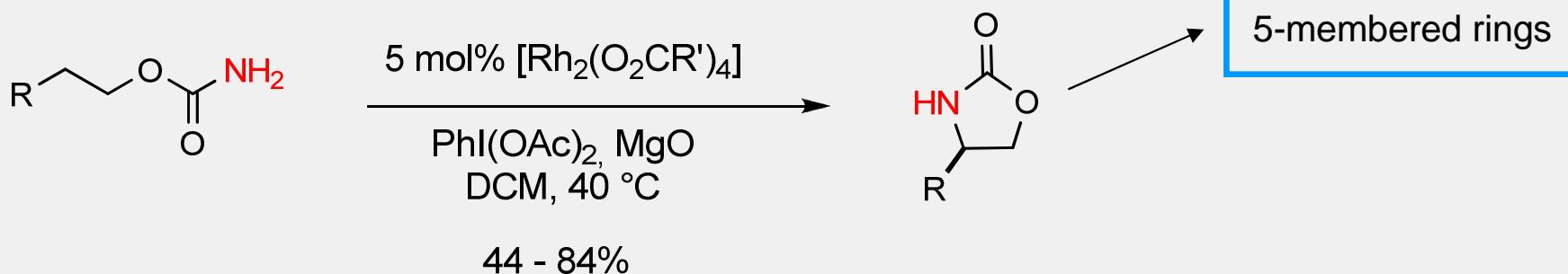


- Use of iminoiodanes: method of choice

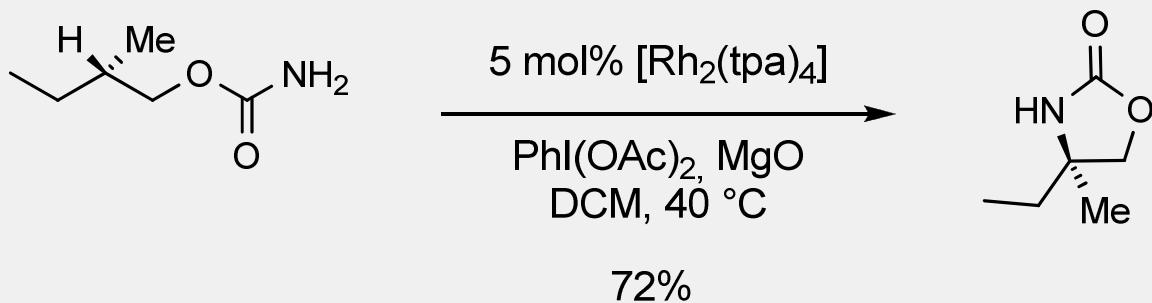
C-H Nitrene insertion

Intramolecular C-H insertions: Du Bois

- In-situ* formation of the iminoiodanes



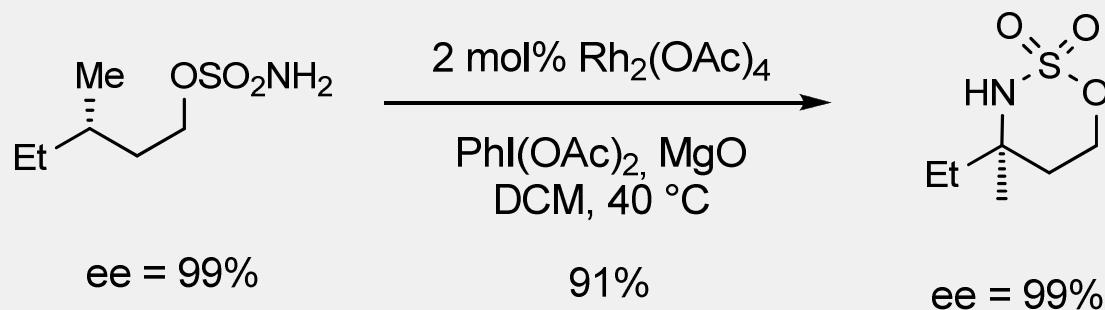
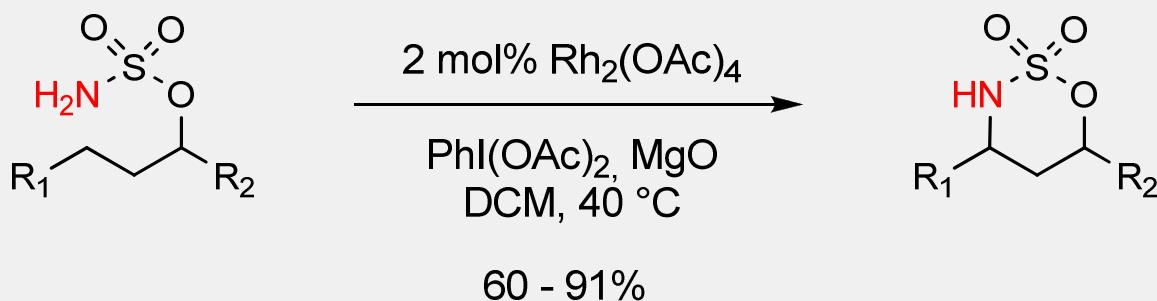
- Dirhodium catalysts:  $\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_4$  or  $\text{Rh}_2(\text{tpa})_4$  (tpa = triphenylacetate)
- Reaction proceeds with retention of configuration:



## C-H Nitrene insertion

## Intramolecular C-H insertions: Du Bois

- Same observation from sulfamate esters

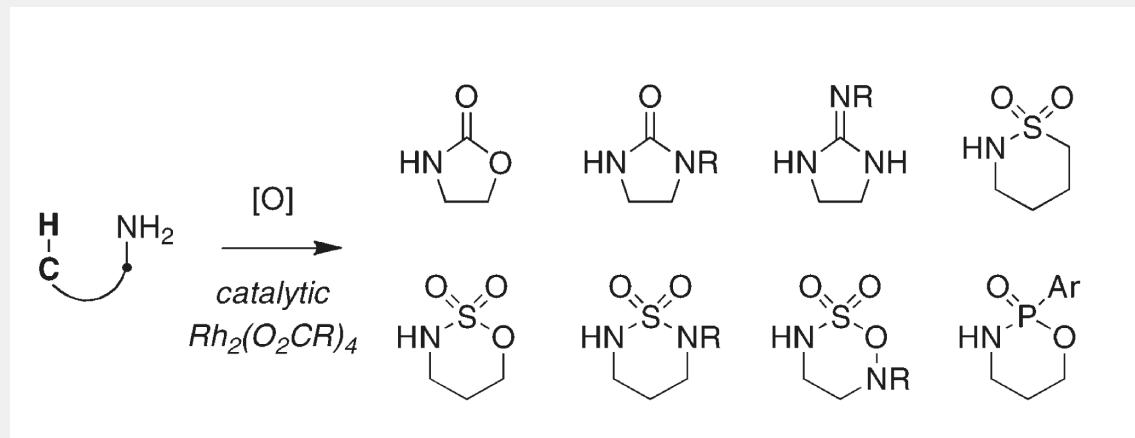


Formation of 6-membered rings

C-H Nitrene insertion

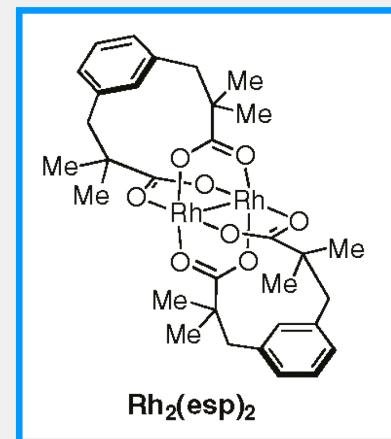
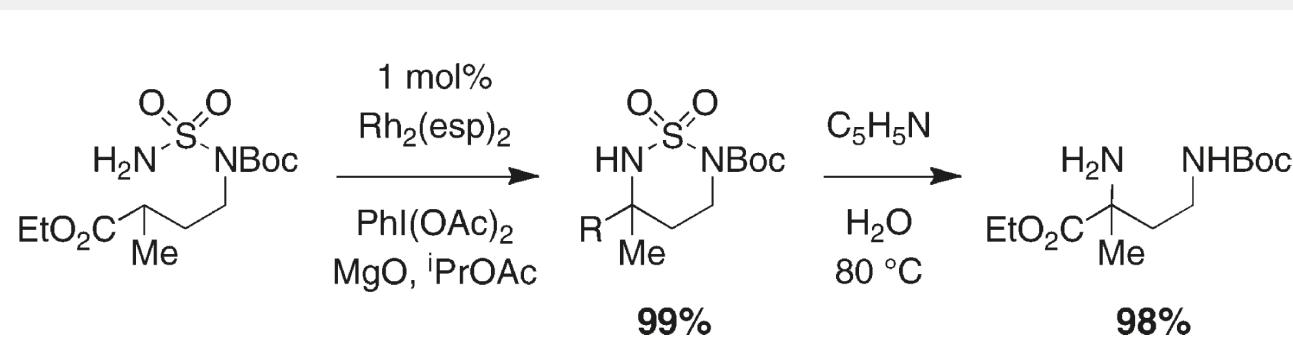
Intramolecular C-H insertions: Du Bois

- Synthesis from several N-containing starting materials



Presence of an EWG  
on the nitrogen

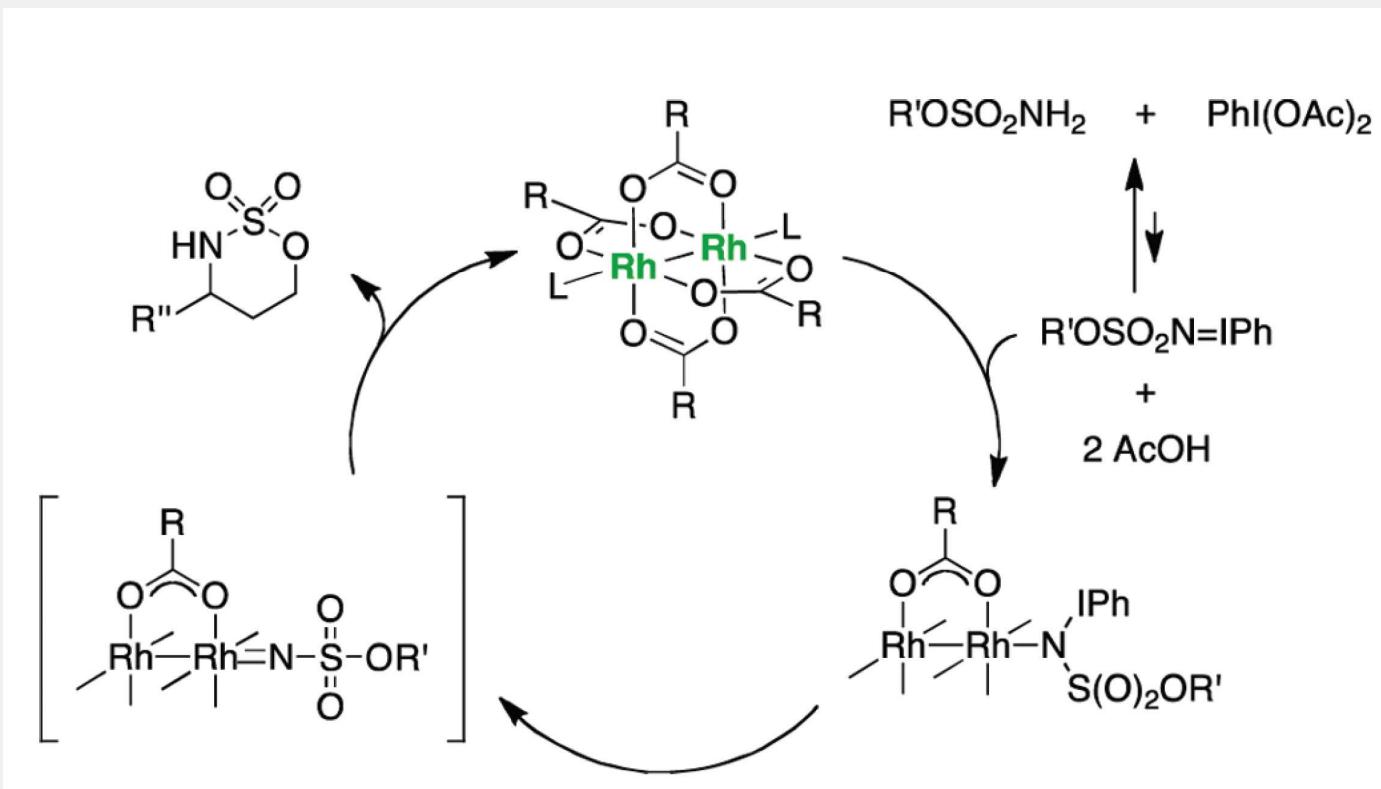
- Rh<sub>2</sub>(esp)<sub>2</sub> catalyst: low loadings



## C-H Nitrene insertion

## Intramolecular C-H insertions: Du Bois

- Proposed mechanism:

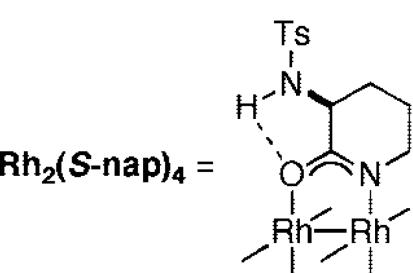
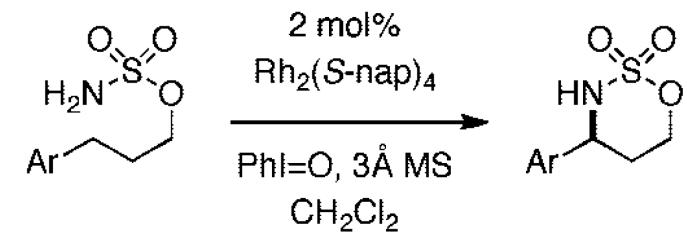


- Reactivity of C-H bonds:

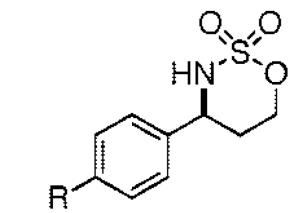
Tertiary > ethereal ~ benzylic > Secondary >> Primary

C-H Nitrene insertion

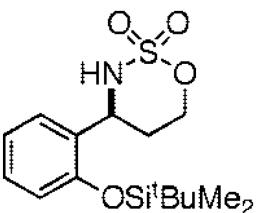
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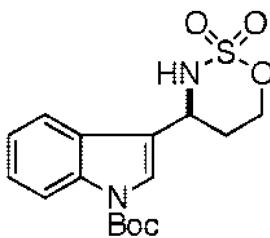
Enantioselective version



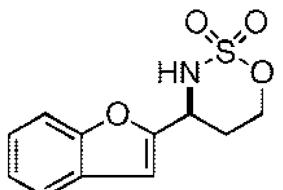
1. R = H 85%, 92% ee  
2. R = OMe 89%, 83% ee  
3. R = CF<sub>3</sub> 50%, 56% ee



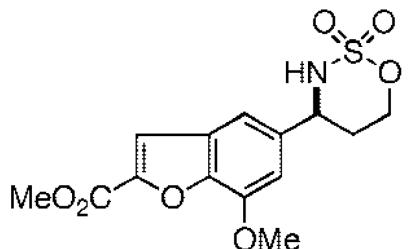
4. 45%, 85% ee



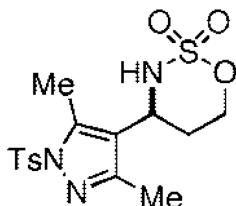
5. 98%, 92% ee



6. 72%, 63% ee



7. 87%, 99% ee



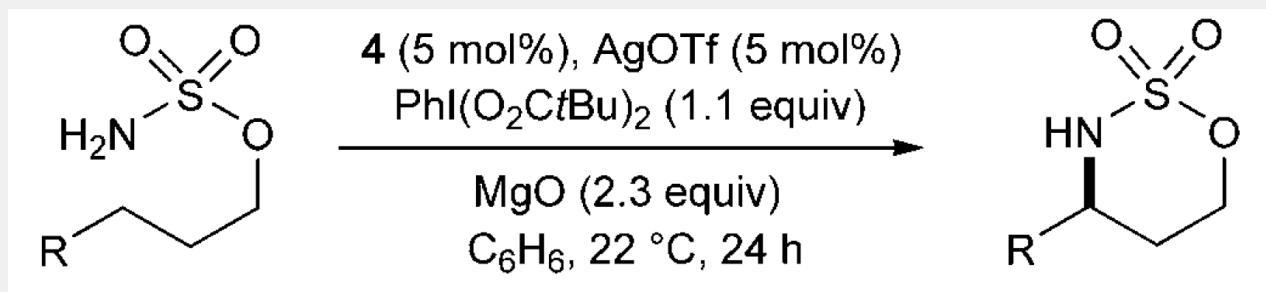
8. 55%, 94% ee

- Dirhodium carboxamide complex
- Only benzylic and allylic C-H bonds
- Importance of the ligand-based H-bond

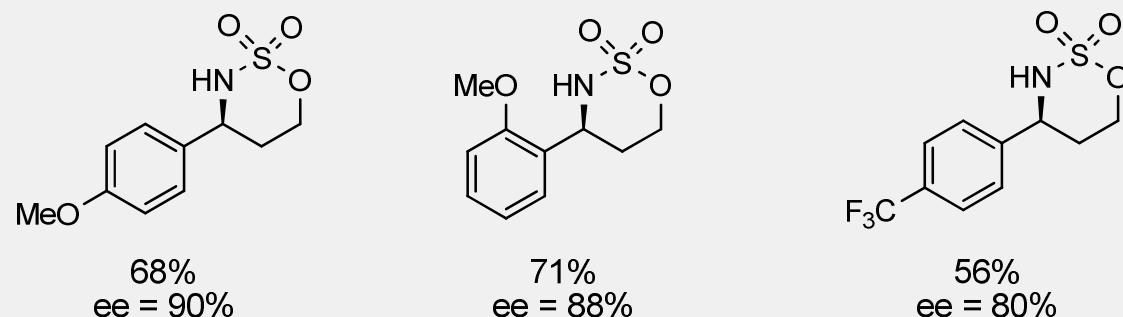
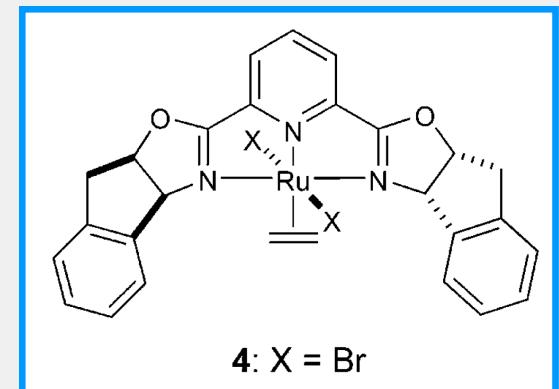
C-H Nitrene insertion

Intramolecular C-H insertions: Blakey

- Use of a Ru(pybox) catalyst



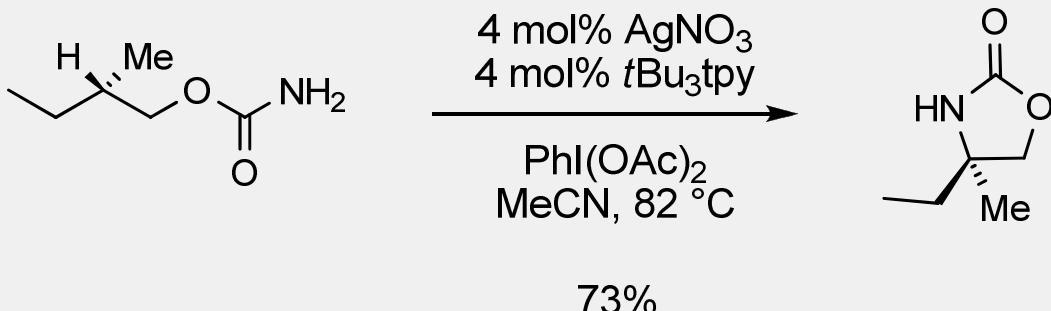
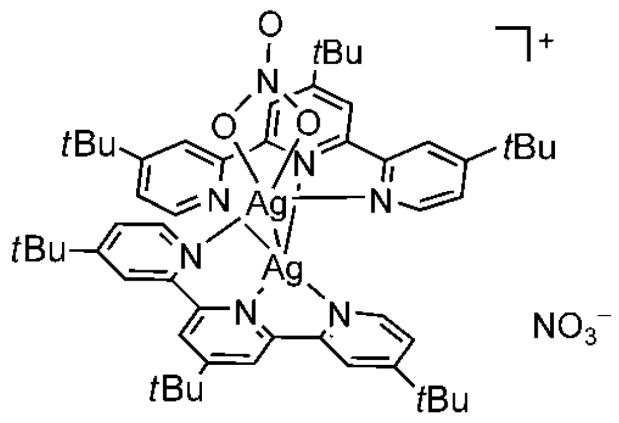
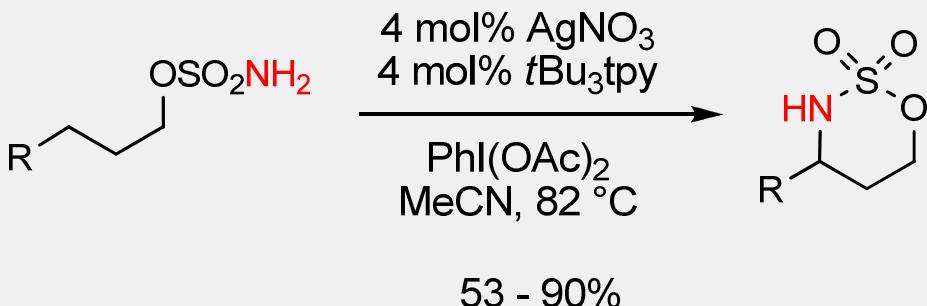
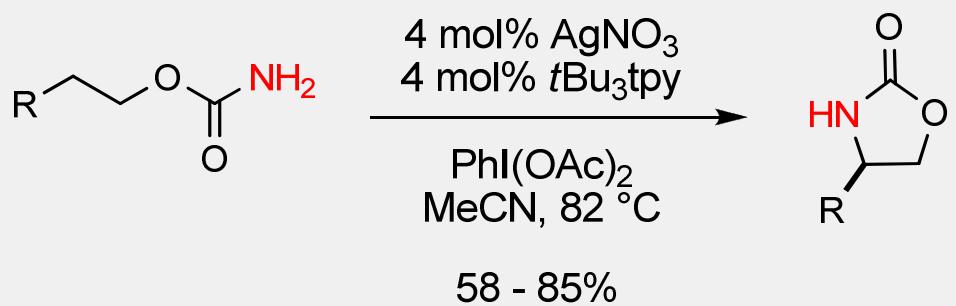
Enantioselective version



C-H Nitrene insertion

Intramolecular C-H insertions: He

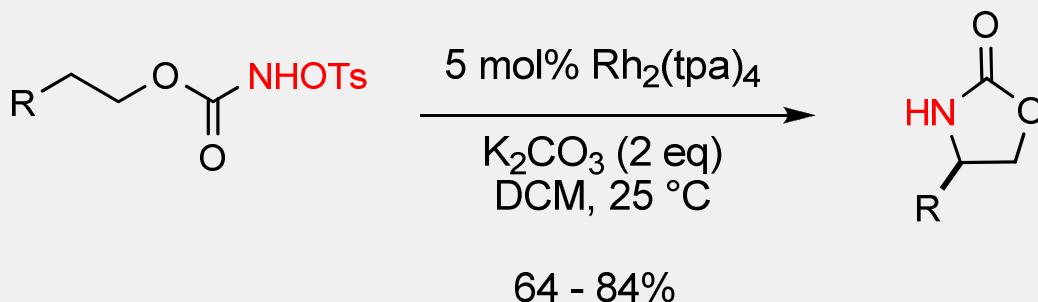
- Use of a  $\text{Ag}^+$  catalyst



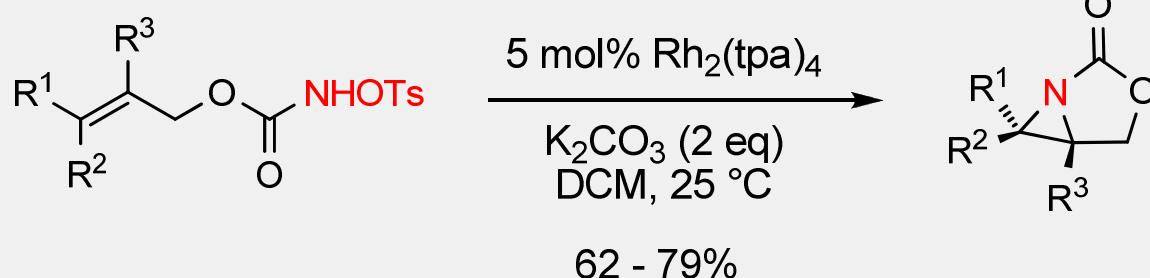
## C-H Nitrene insertion

## Intramolecular C-H insertions: Lebel

- Use of tosylates for the generation of nitrenoids

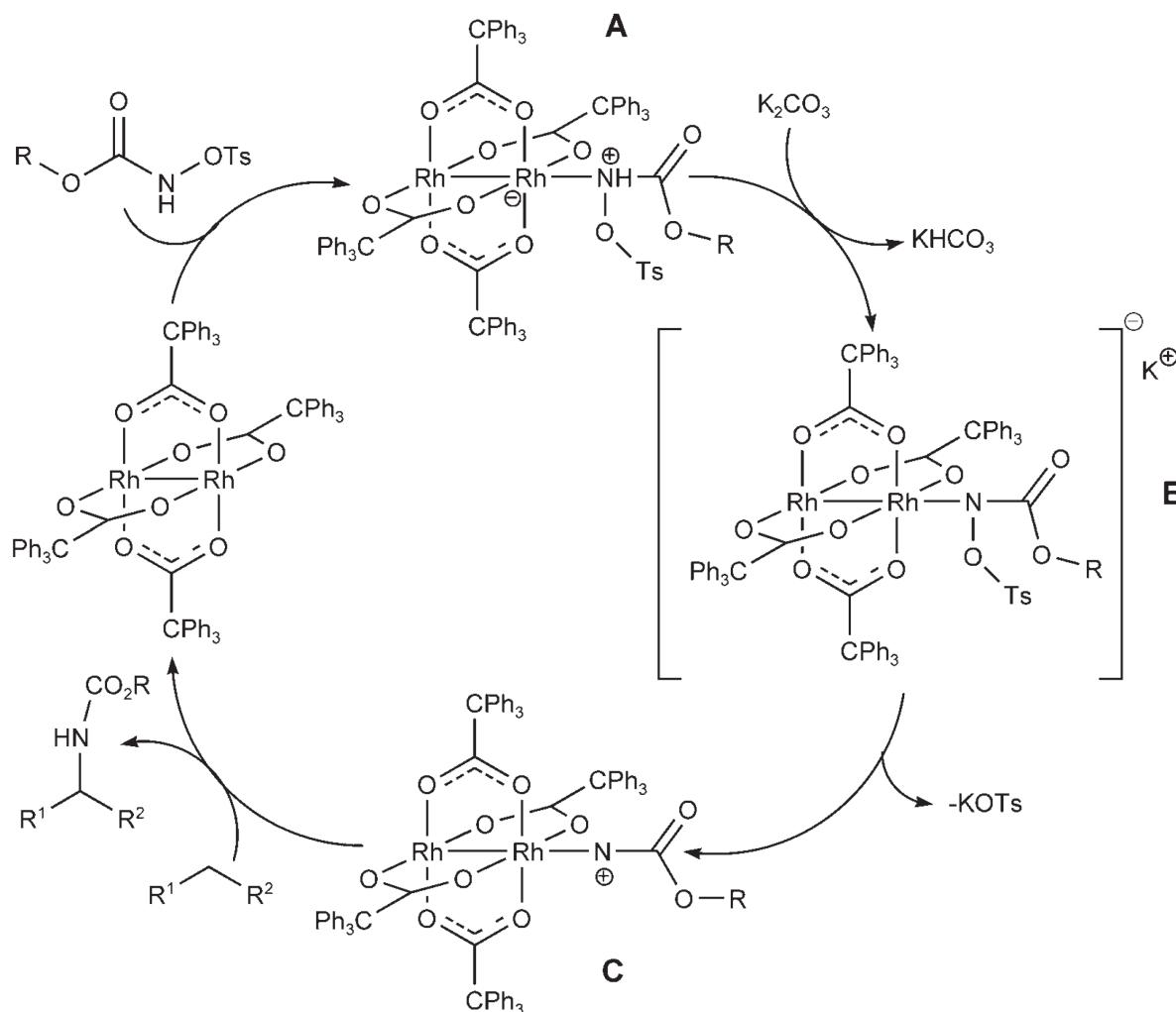


Same retention of configuration



## C-H Nitrene insertion

## Intramolecular C-H insertions: Lebel

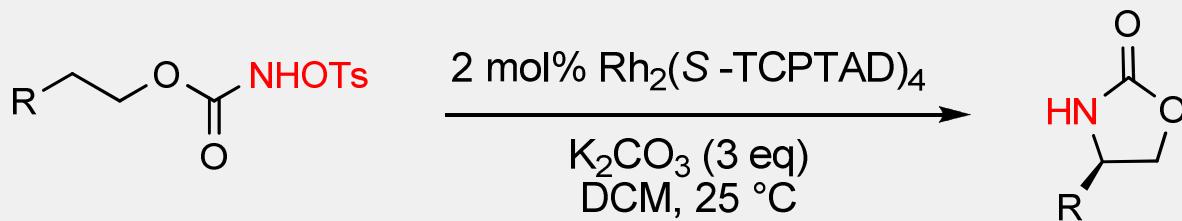


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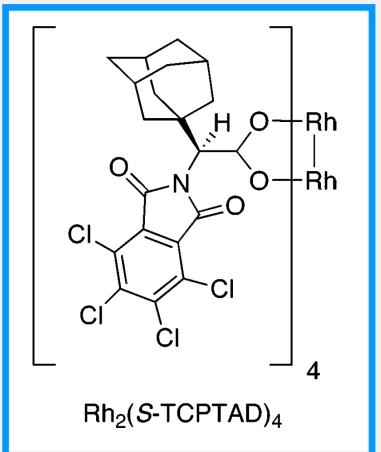
## Intramolecular C-H insertions: Davies

## Enantioselective version

- Use of tosylates for the generation of nitrenoids



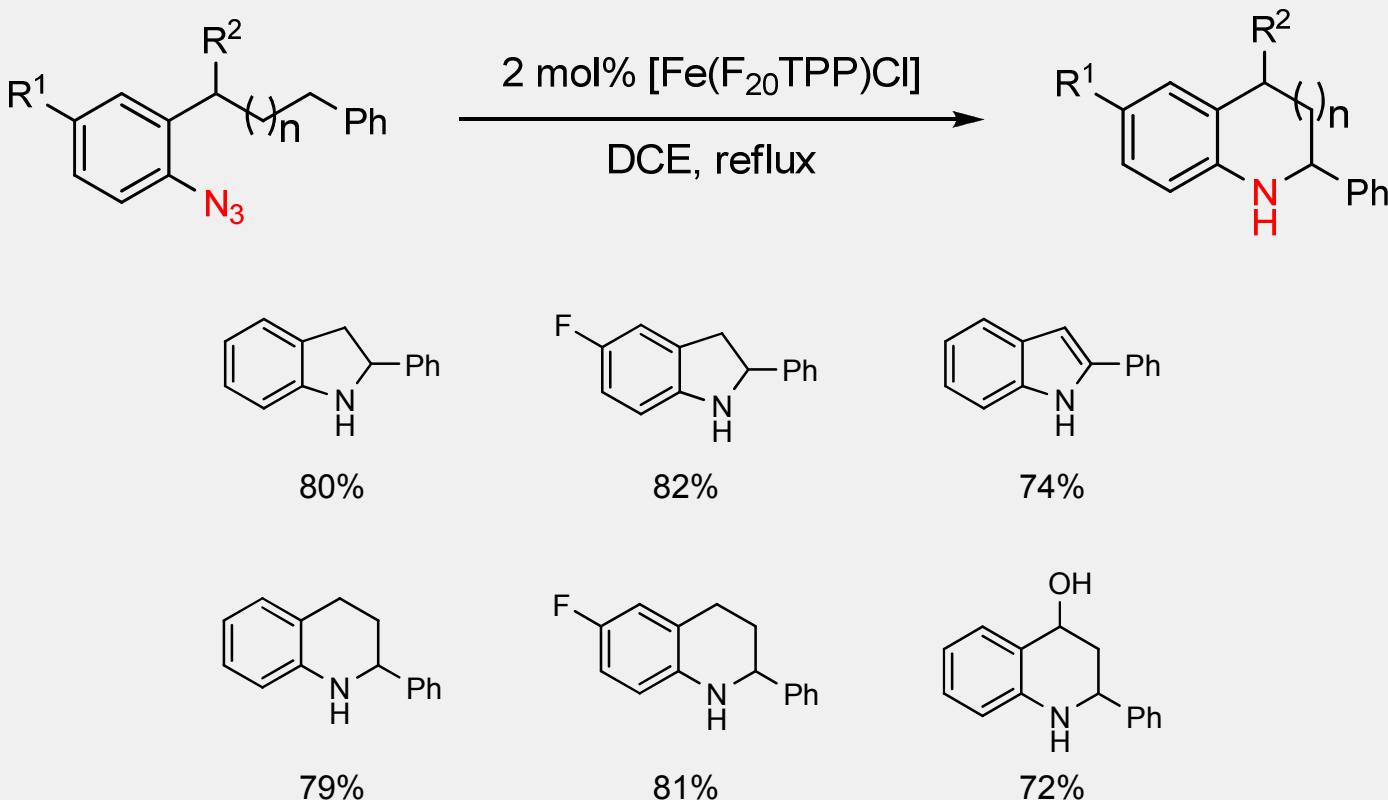
compound	product	yield, %	ee, %
a		72	82
b		75	78
c		62	79
d		69	43



## C-H Nitrene insertion

## Intramolecular C-H insertions: Che

- Use of aryl azides for the generation of nitrenoids

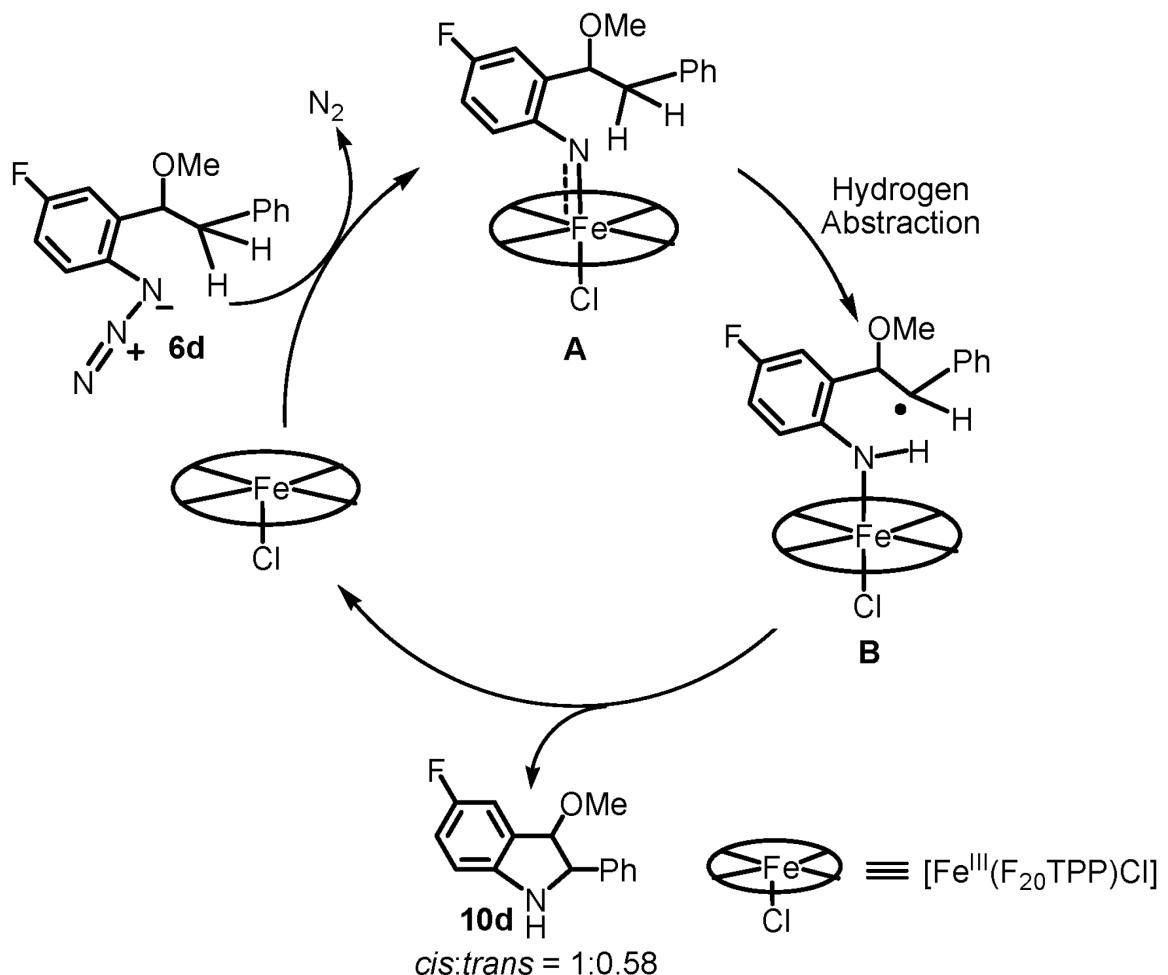
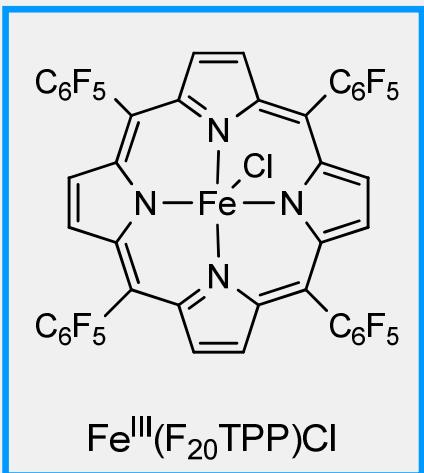


- Formation of Indolines and tetrahydroquinolines

## C-H Nitrene insertion

## Intramolecular C-H insertions: Che

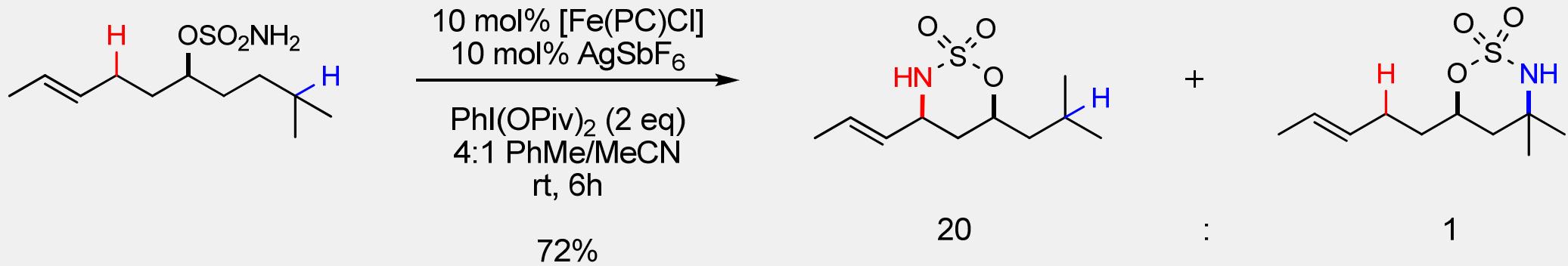
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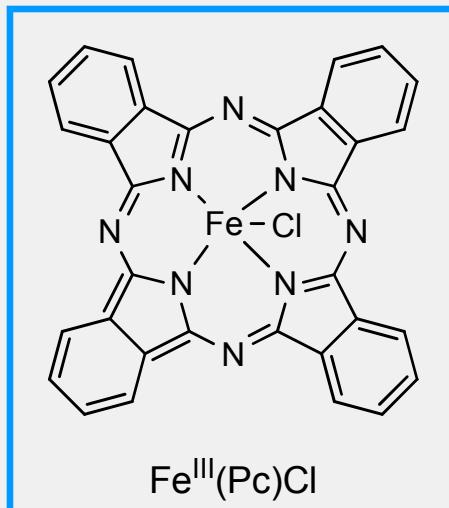
C-H Nitrene insertion

Intramolecular C-H insertions: White

- Use of a Fe-catalyst to produce allylic amination



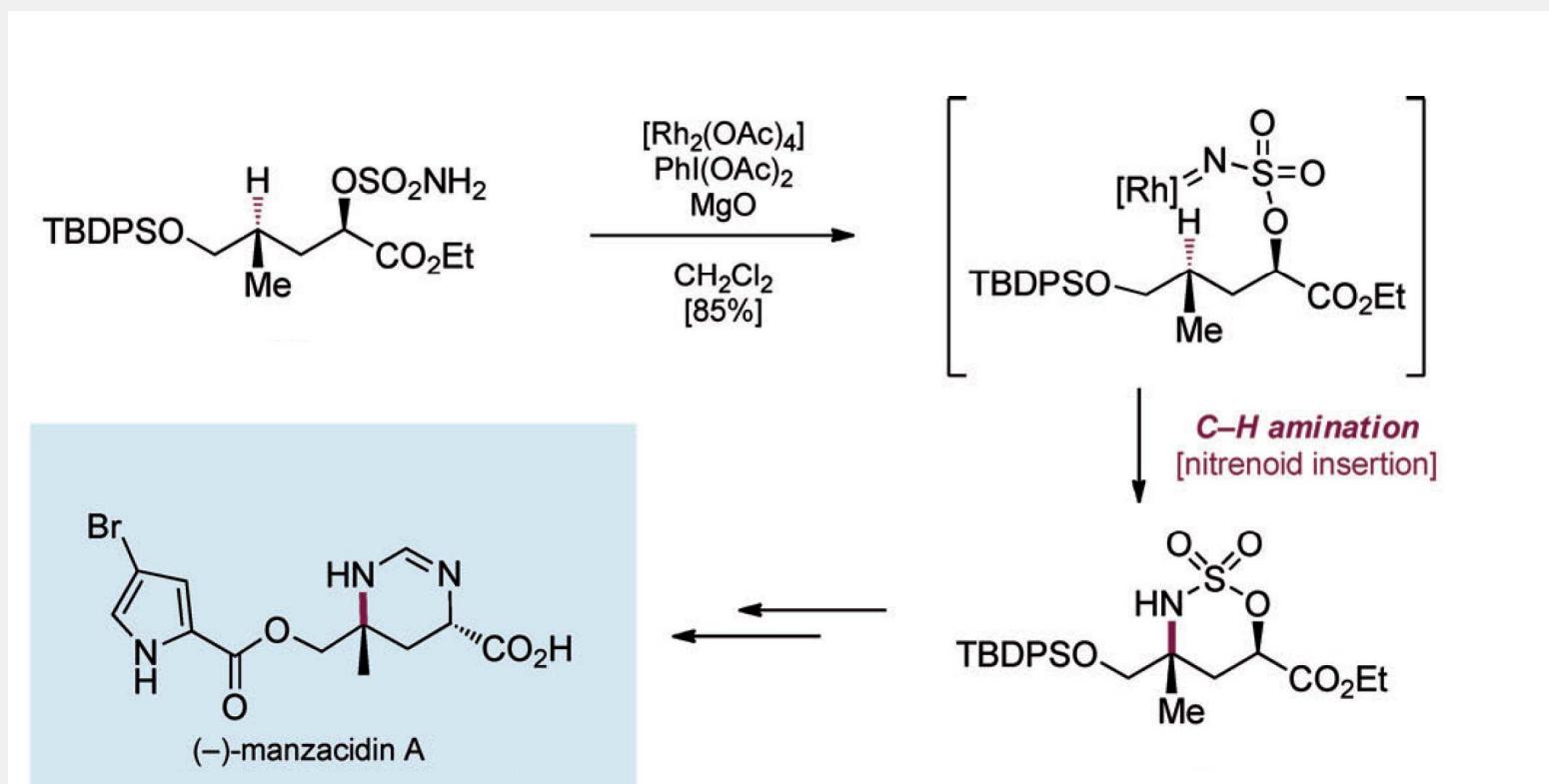
- Allylic position more reactive than tertiary!



## C-H Nitrene insertion

## Intramolecular C-H insertions: Synthesis of natural products

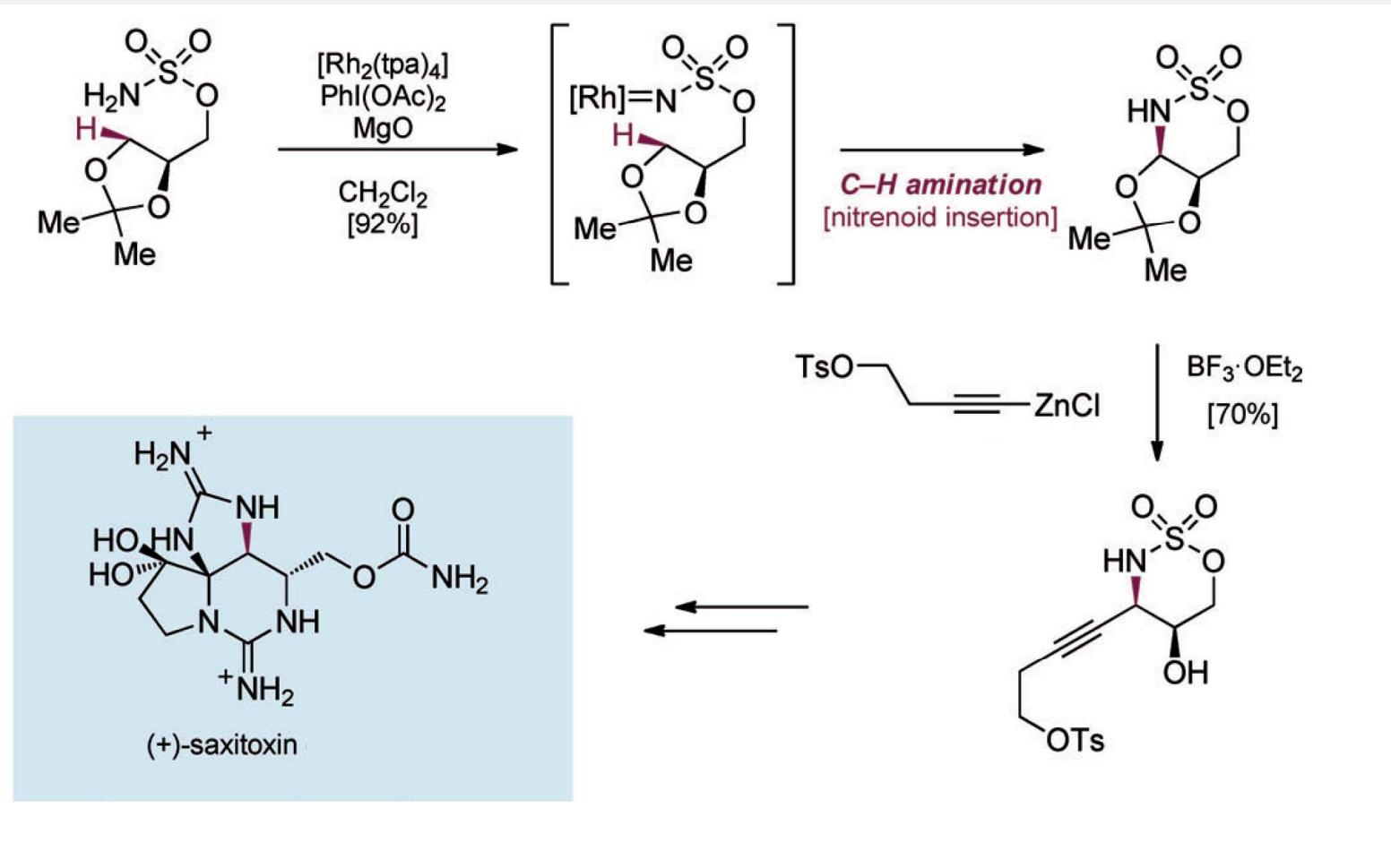
- Du Bois: Synthesis of (-)-manzacidin A



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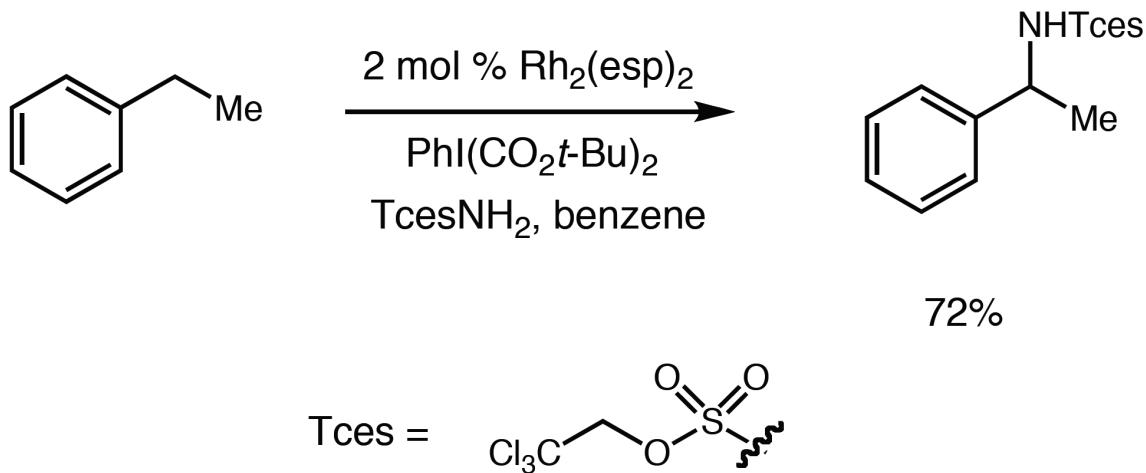
- Du Bois: Synthesis of (+)-saxitoxin



## C-H Nitrene insertion

## Intermolecular C-H insertions: Du Bois

- Depending on  $-R$ , 12 examples from 10 to 74% yield

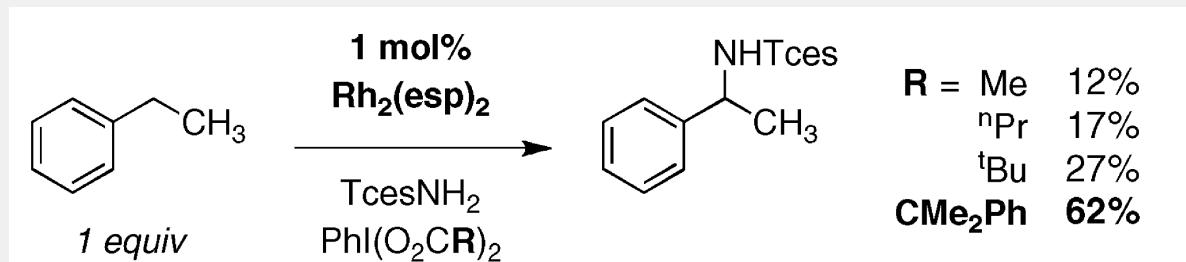
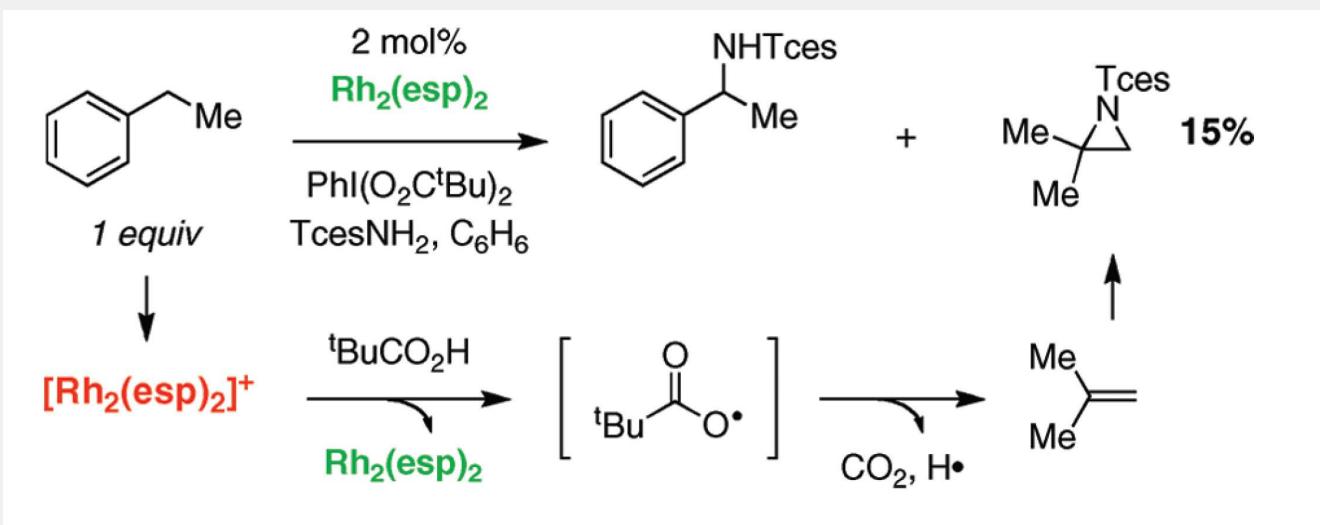


- Only benzylic C-H bonds

## C-H Nitrene insertion

## Intermolecular C-H insertions: Du Bois

- Search for an alternative hypervalent iodine oxidant



## C-H Nitrene insertion

## Intermolecular C-H insertions: Lebel

- Use of N-tosylates to generate the metellanitrene



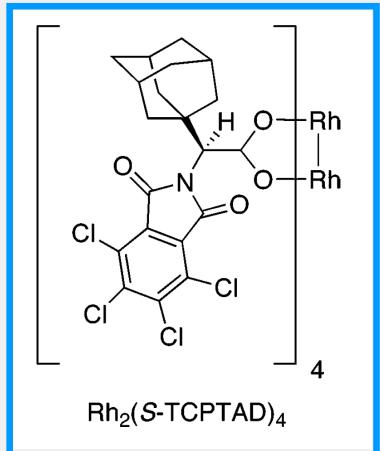
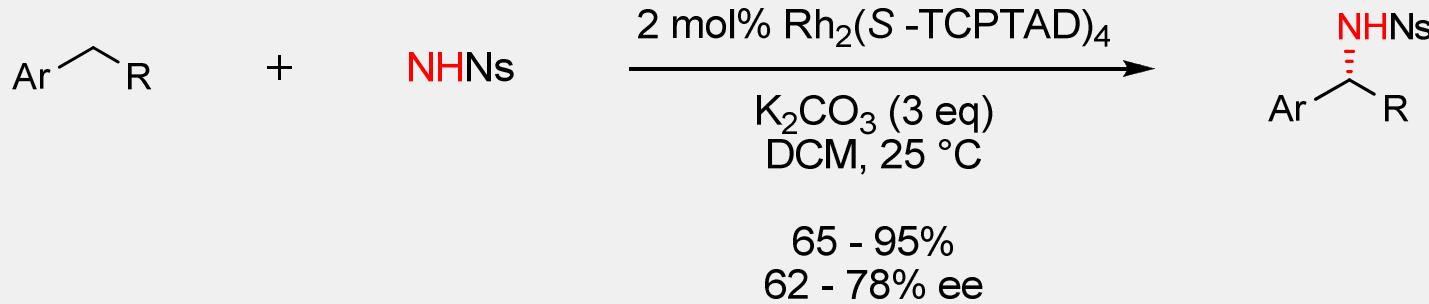
- Up to 15 equivalents of the alkane
- Only with benzylic C-H bonds

## C-H Nitrene insertion

## Intermolecular C-H insertions: Davies

## Enantioselective version

- Same reagents as for the intramolecular reaction

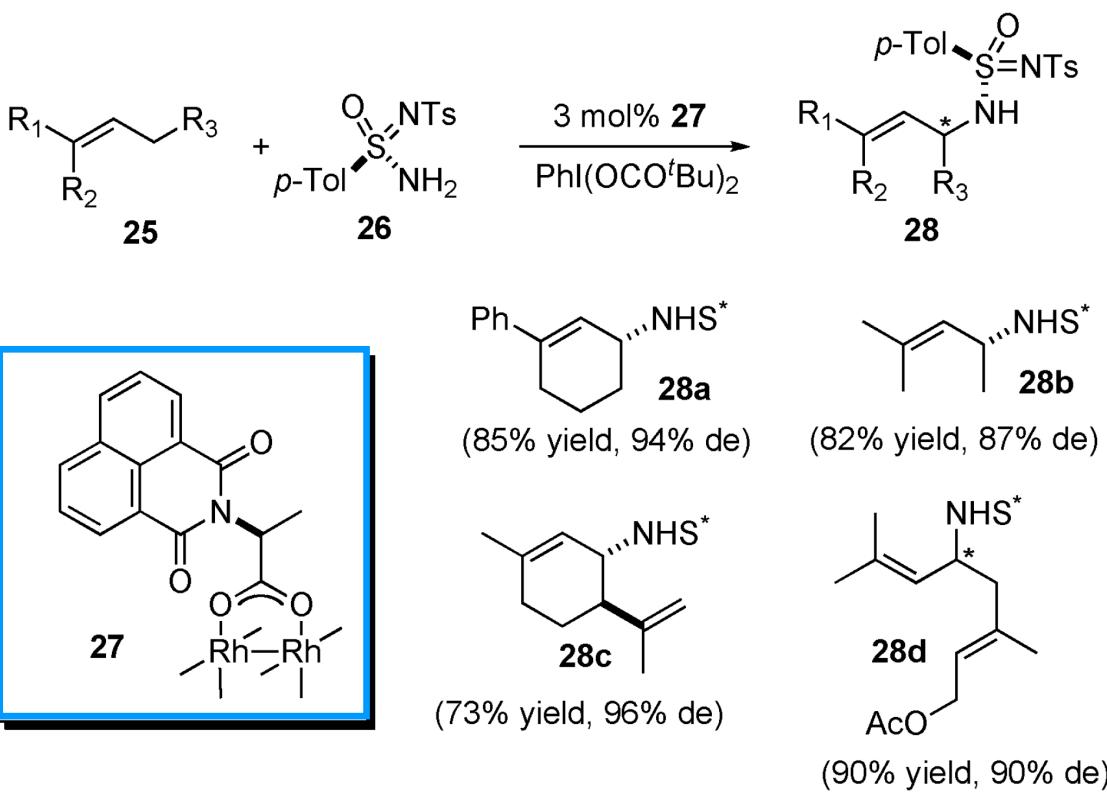


## C-H Nitrene insertion

## Intermolecular C-H insertions: Dauban

## Diastereoselective version

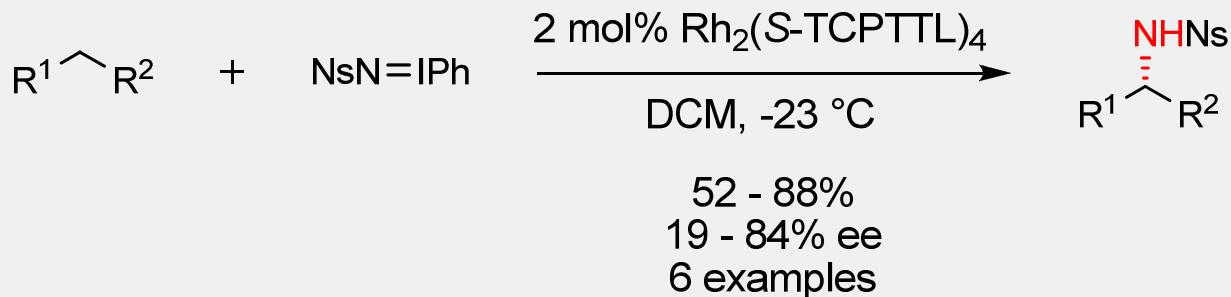
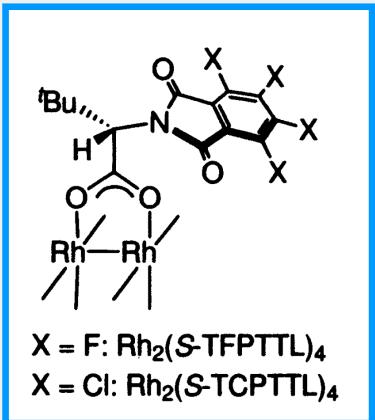
- Use of a chiral sulfonimidamide



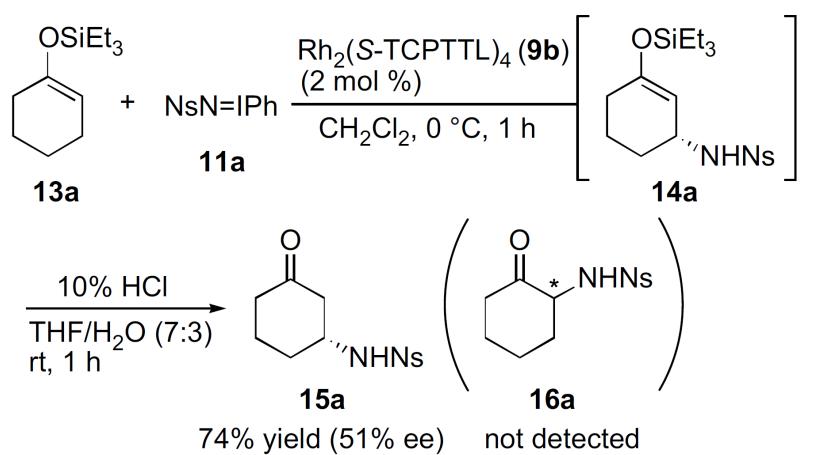
C-H Nitrene insertion

Intermolecular C-H insertions: Hashimoto

- Benzyllic and allylic C-H bonds



- Use of TES enol ethers: Formal Synthesis of (-)-pancracine



C-H Nitrene insertion

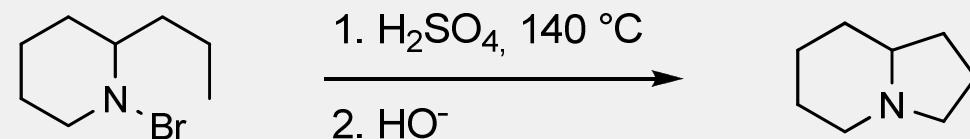
Conclusion

- Very efficient and selective stereospecific transformations
  - Selective for tertiary and benzylic positions or allylic positions
  - Applicable to the synthesis of natural products
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- Need of a primary amine: nitrene can not be formed with a secondary one
  - Requirement for transition-metal catalysts and hyoervalent iodine reagents which can interact with many functions

## Introduction

## Hoffmann-Löffler-Freytag Reaction

- Initial discovery by Hoffmann:

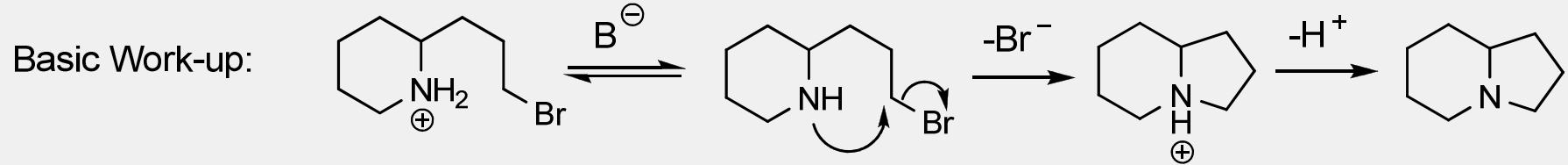
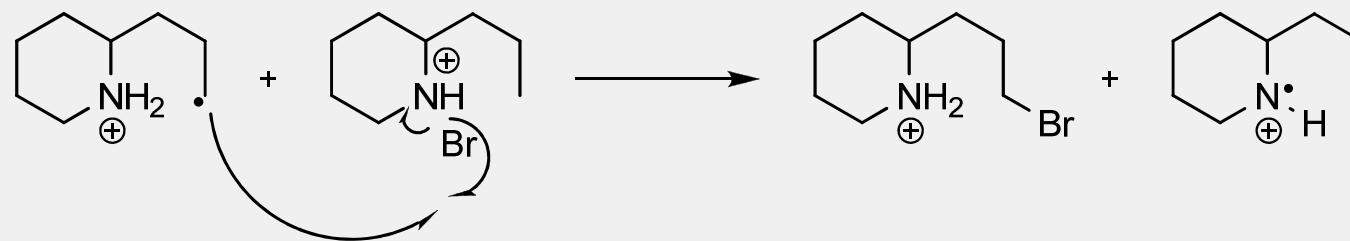
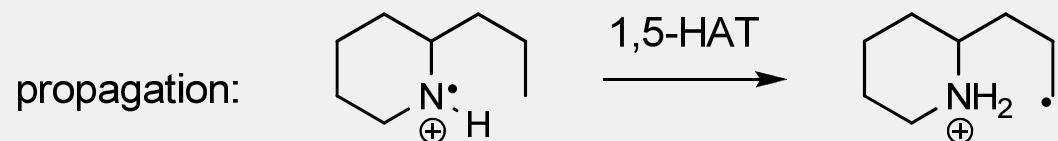
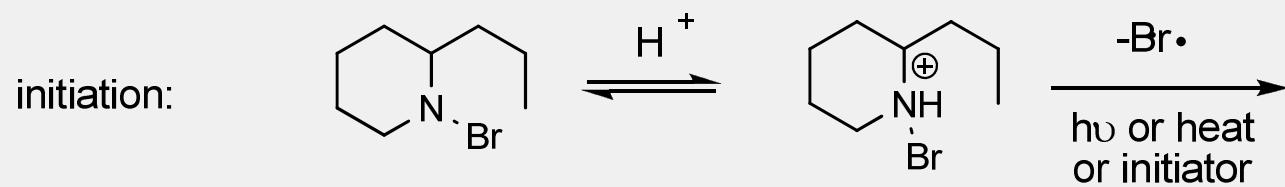


- Since: widely used method for the preparation of 5-membered tertiary amines
- The procedure requires strong acidic conditions

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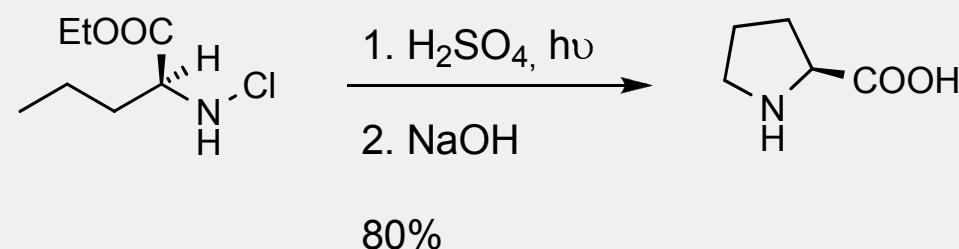
## Hoffmann-Löffler-Freytag Reaction

## • Mechanism

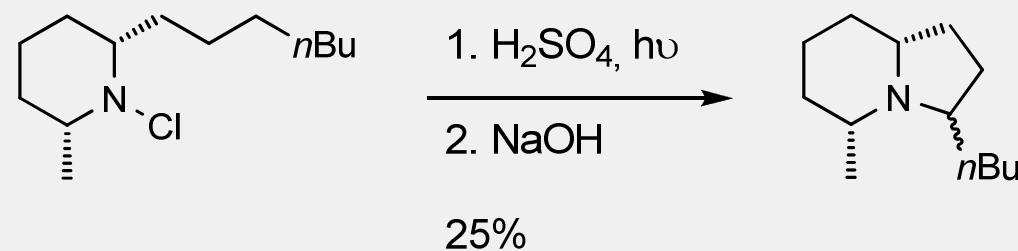


### Application in the synthesis of natural products

- Lavergne: Synthesis of D-proline

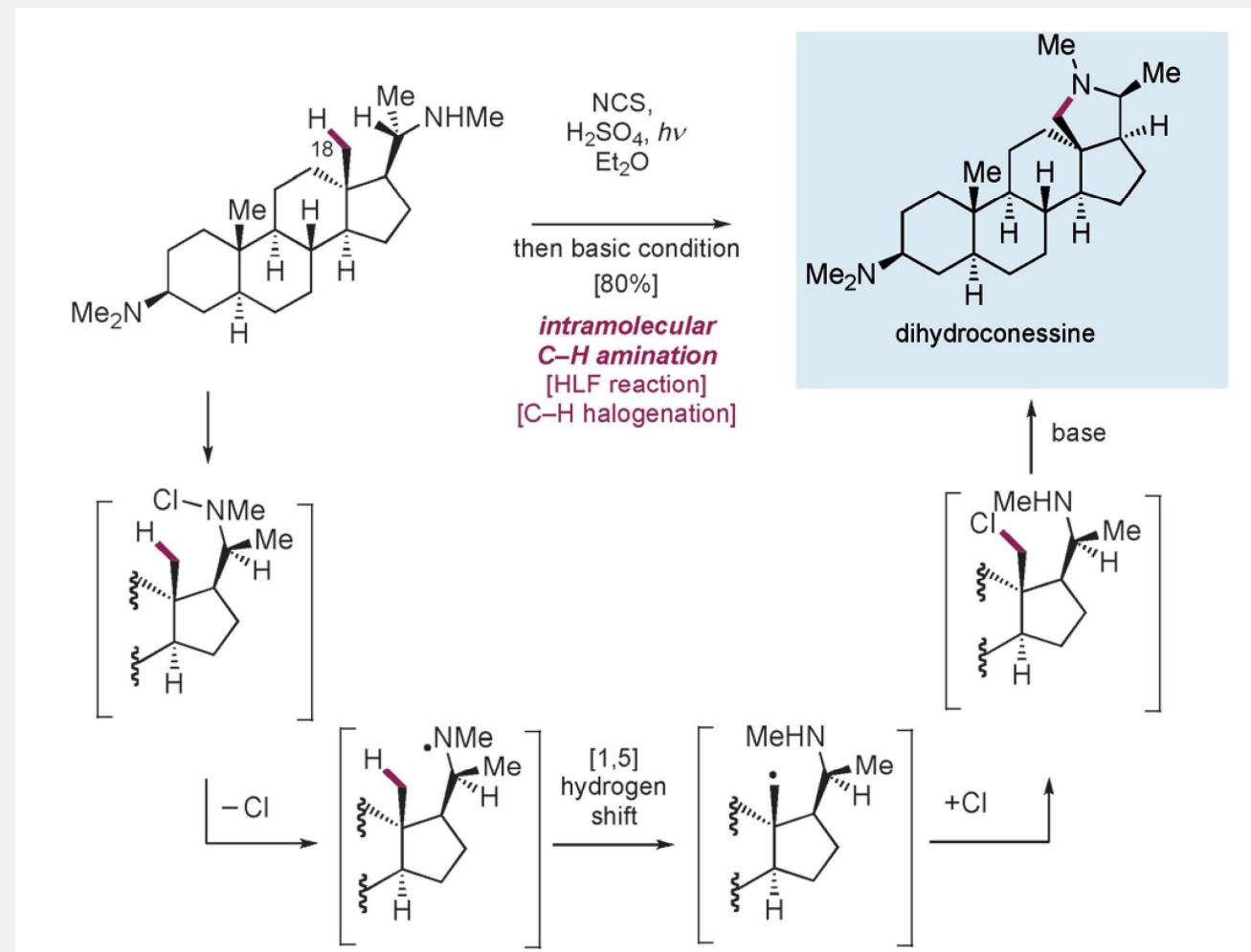


- Sonnet and Oliver: Synthesis of potential sex pheromone precursors



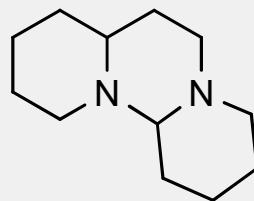
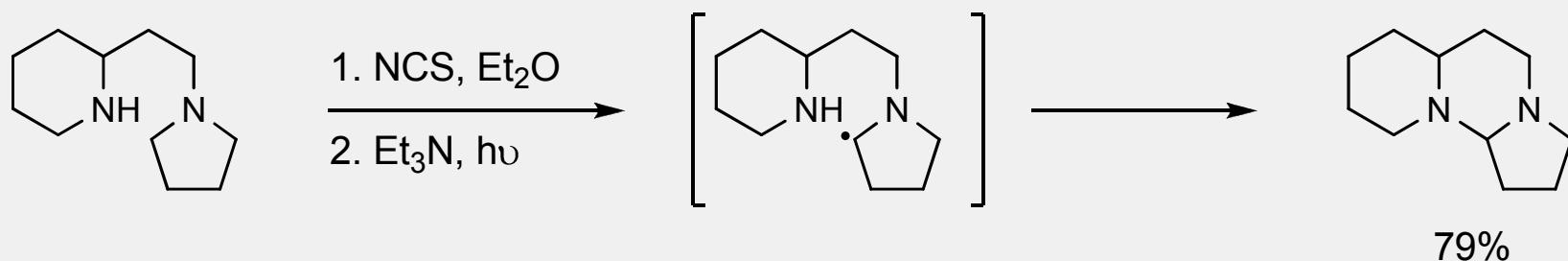
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- Corey: Synthesis of dihydroconessine

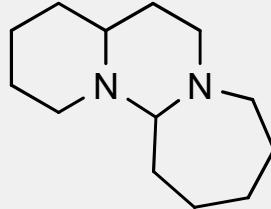


### HLF Reaction under neutral or basic conditions

- N-stabilized radical



77%

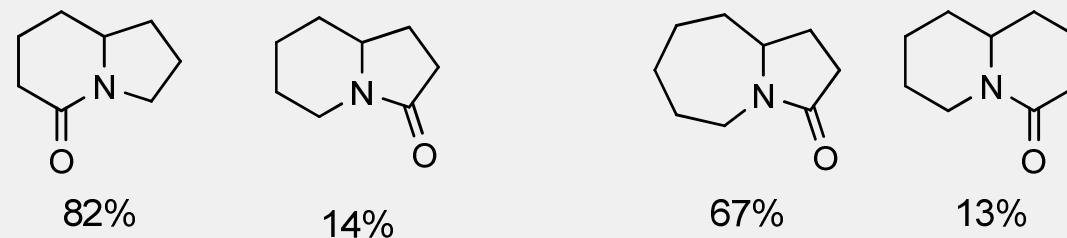
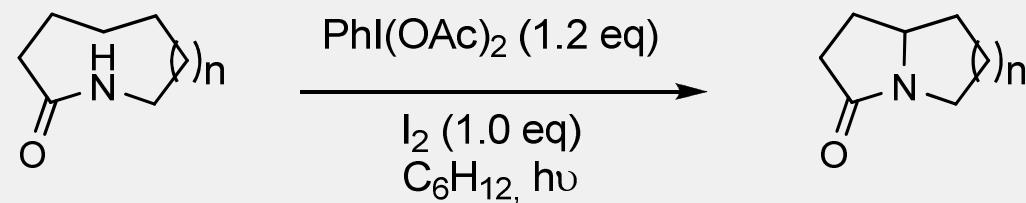
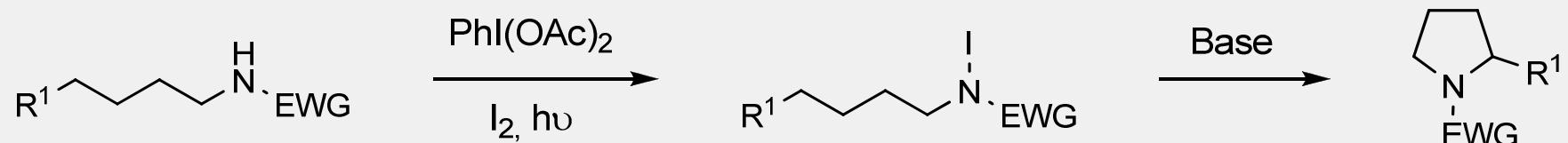


78%

- Formation of 6-membered rings

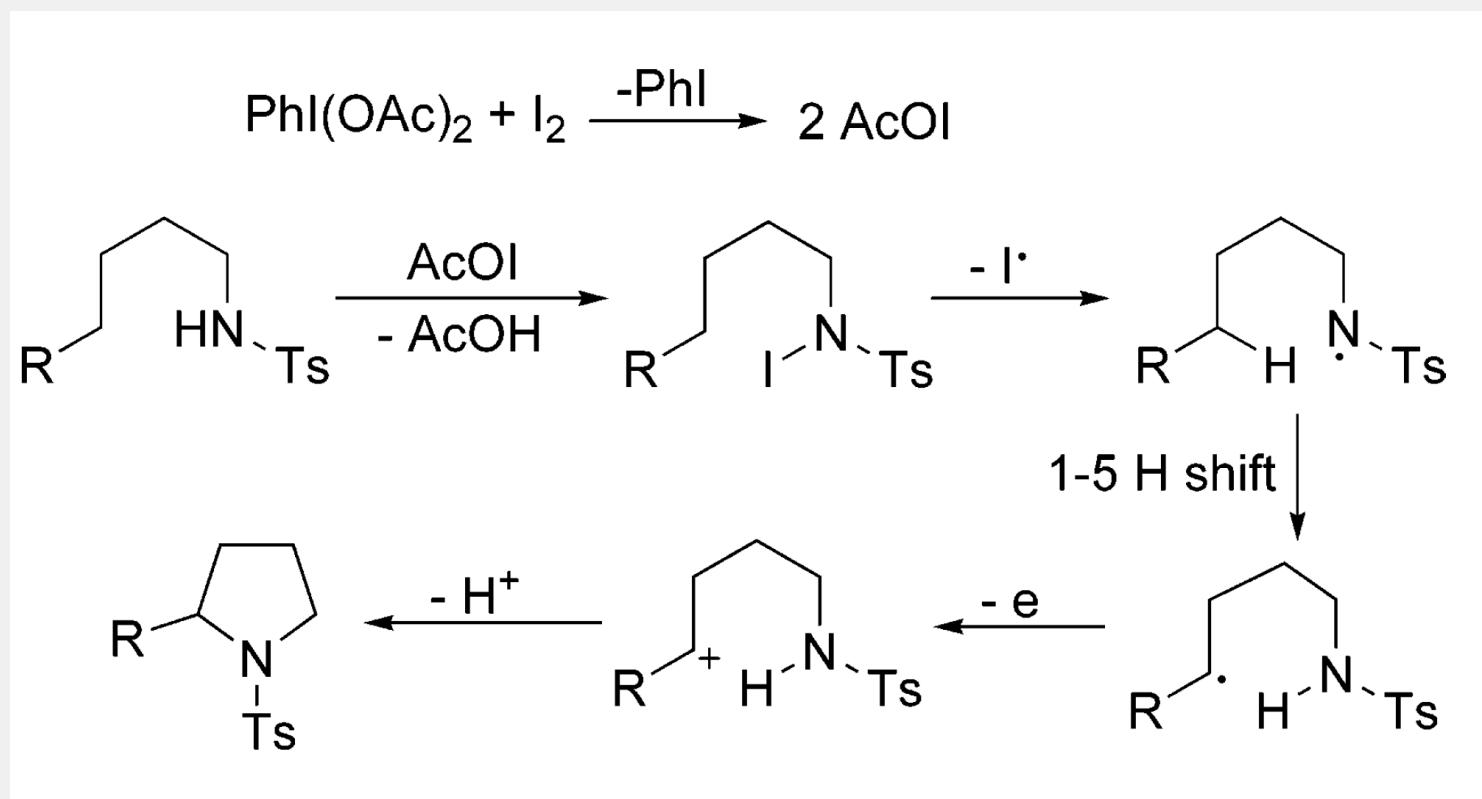
## Sùarez modification

- Mild alternative
- Presence of an EWG on the nitrogen atom: -CN, -NO<sub>2</sub> or -P(O)(OR)<sub>2</sub>



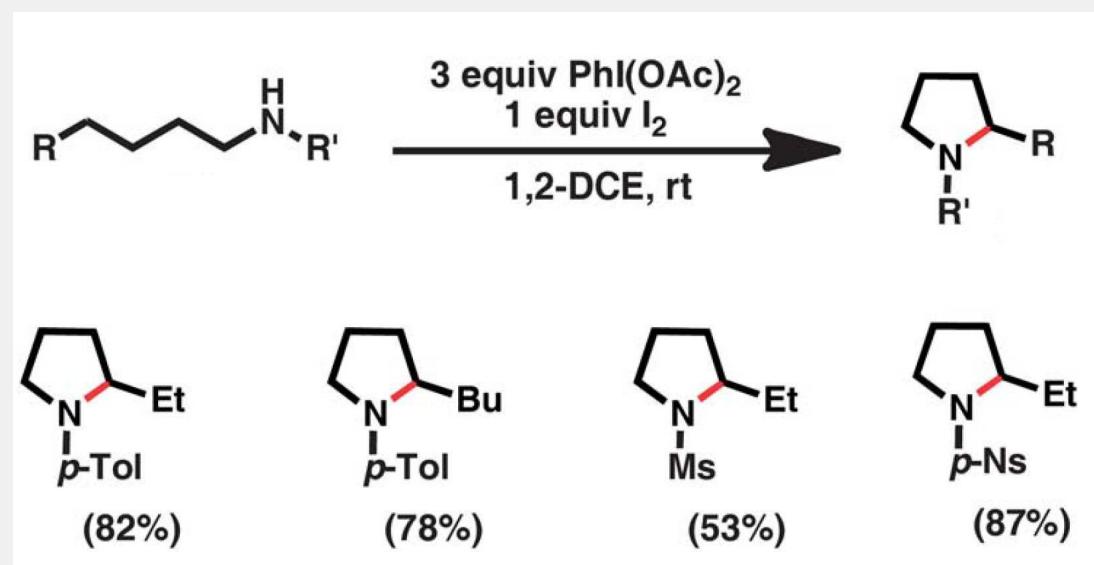
## Suarez modification

- Mechanism



**Suarez modification**

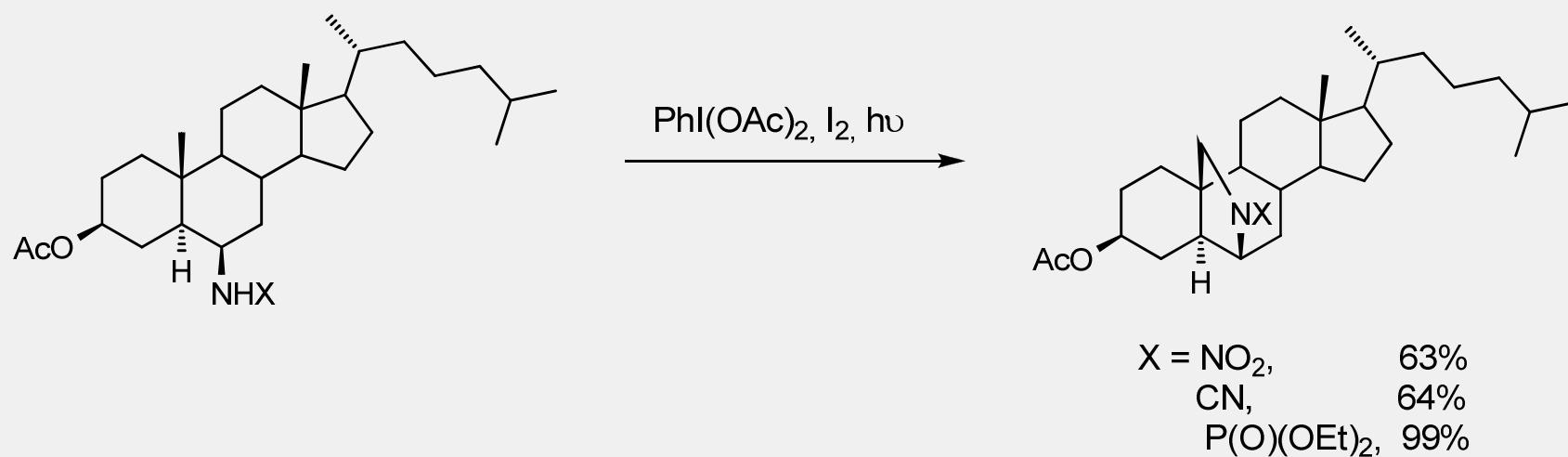
- Fan synthesis of pyrrolidines



- No irradiation

## Sùarez modification: Natural product synthesis

- Synthesis of terpenoids



Conclusion

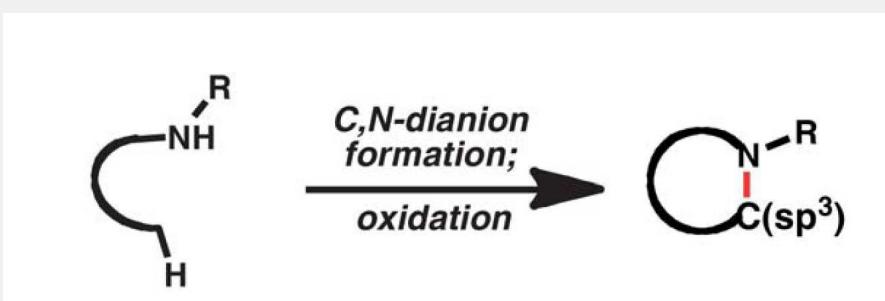
Hoffmann-Löffler-Freytag Reaction

- Original conditions too harsh
- Powerful and selective
  
- Very specialized
- Only intramolecular

## Introduction

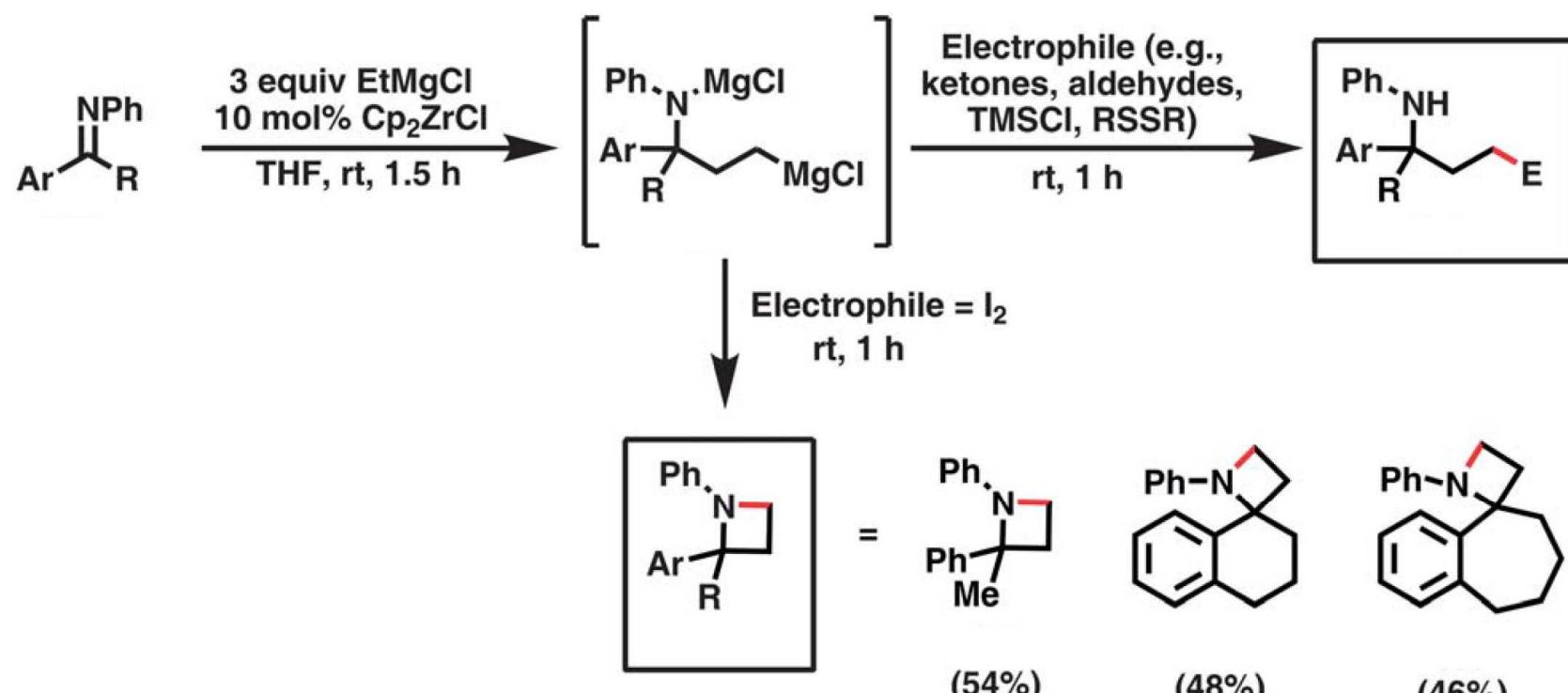
## Reactivity od C-N dianions

- Complementary to aminyl and nitrene-based intermediates
- Generated by successive deprotonation of N-H and C-H groups
- Focus on intramolecular reactions



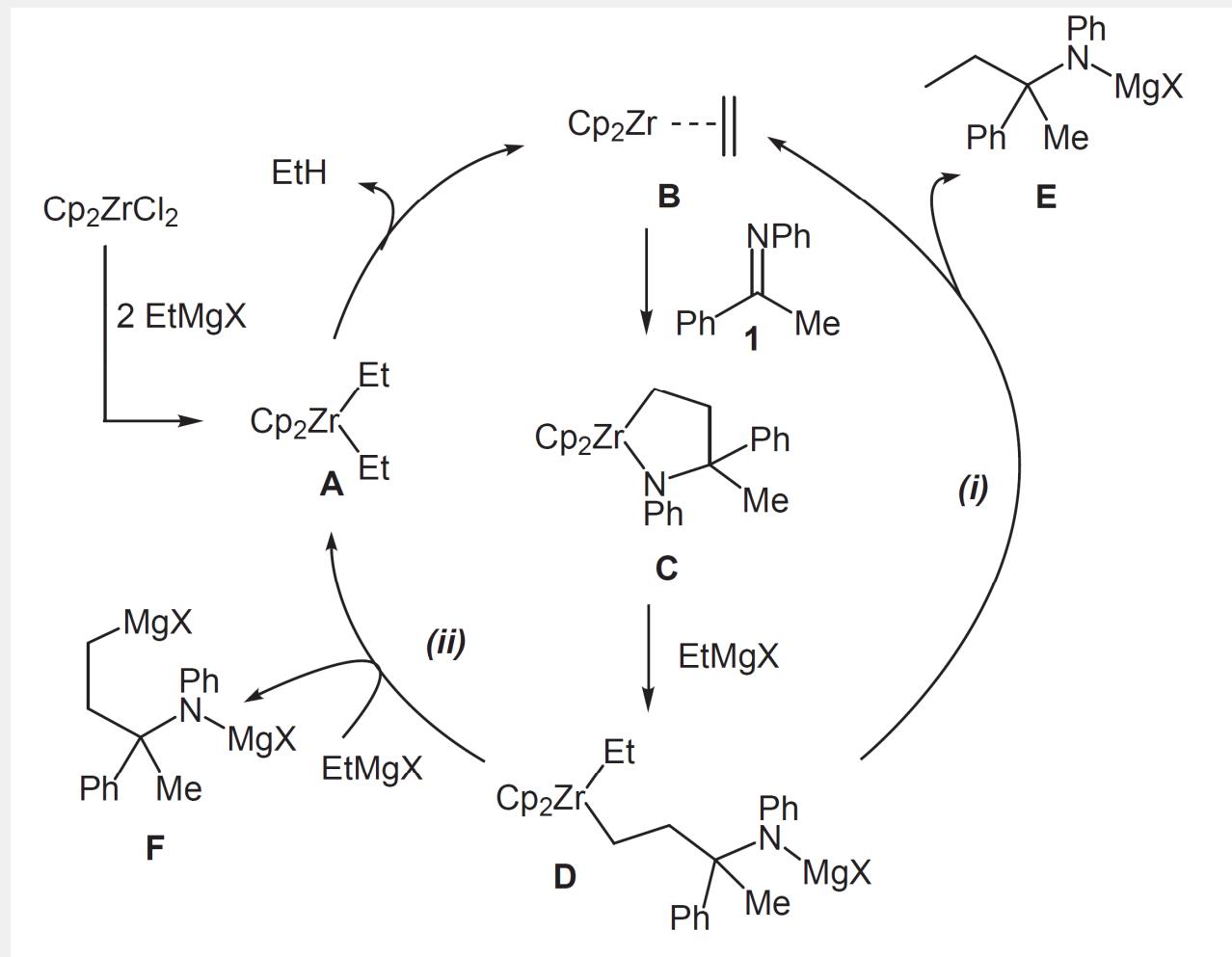
## C-N dimagnesiated compounds: Szymoniak

- Zirconium-catalyzed reaction



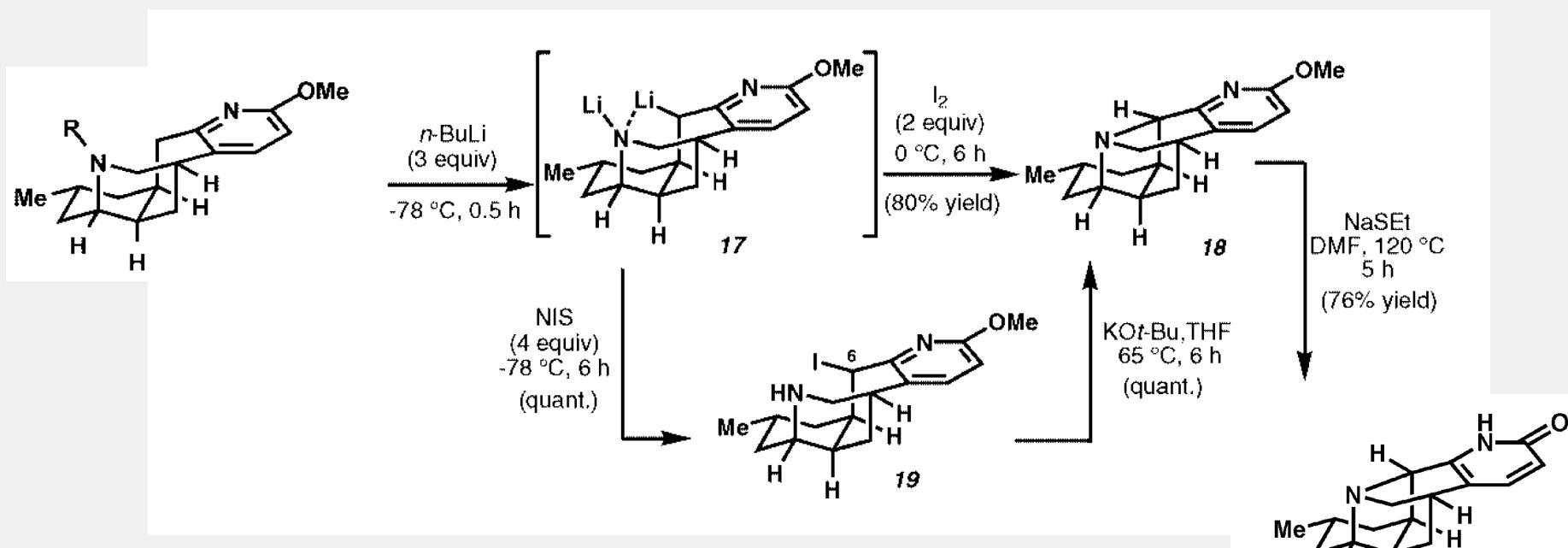
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- Proposed mechanism



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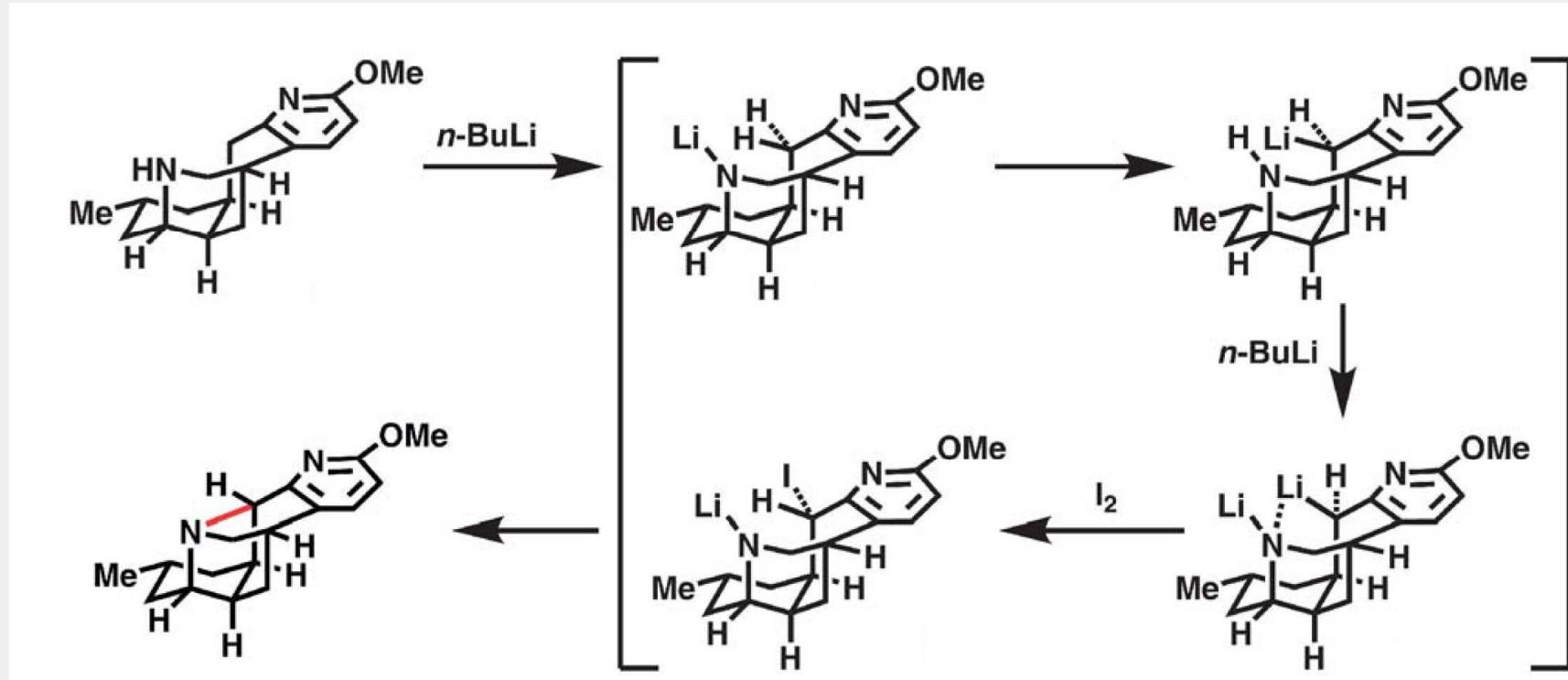
- Generated from N,N-dialkylamines and benzylic carbon groups



- Dianions are generated using a strong base
- C-H selectivity using directing groups
- Deprotonation of the N-H is crucial

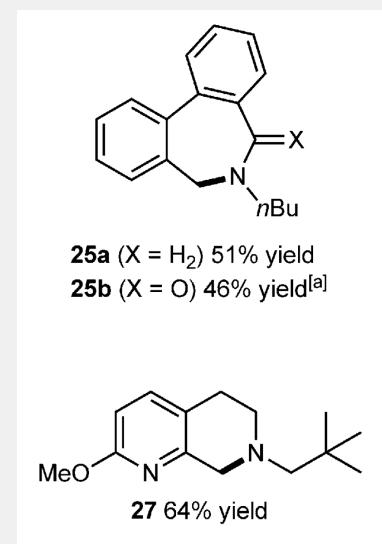
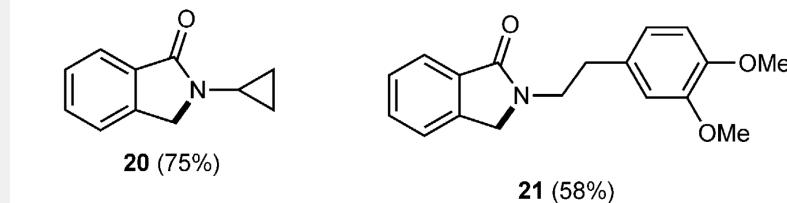
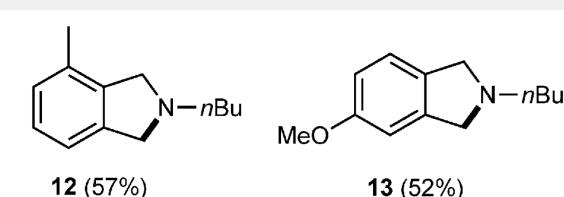
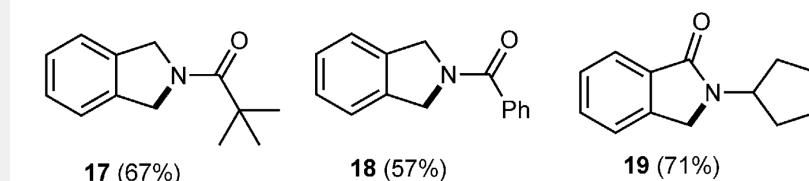
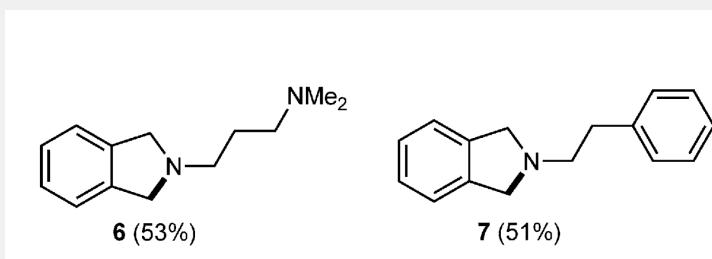
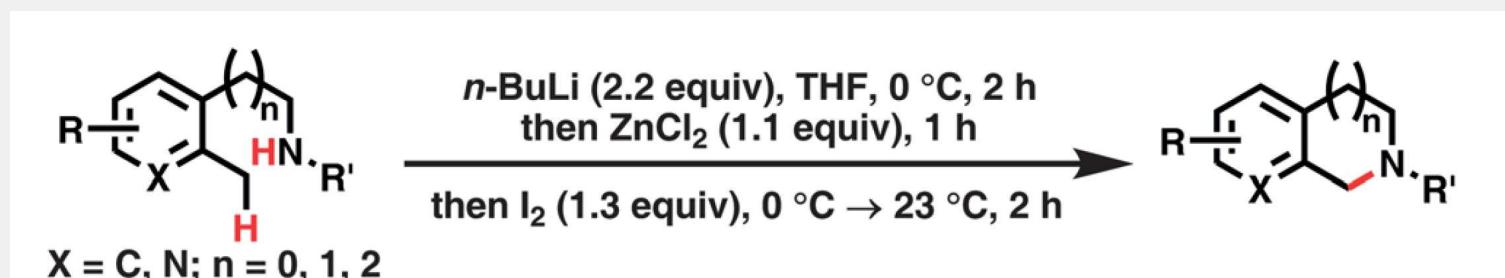
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- Mechanism of the transformation



## C-N dianions: Sarpong

- Generalisation to other substrates



Conclusion

C-N dianions

- Efficient and Selective methods
- Complementary to other C-N bond formations such as HLF
- Not compatible with acidic protons in the molecule
- Sarpong's method needs to be generalised

**Thanks for your attention!**