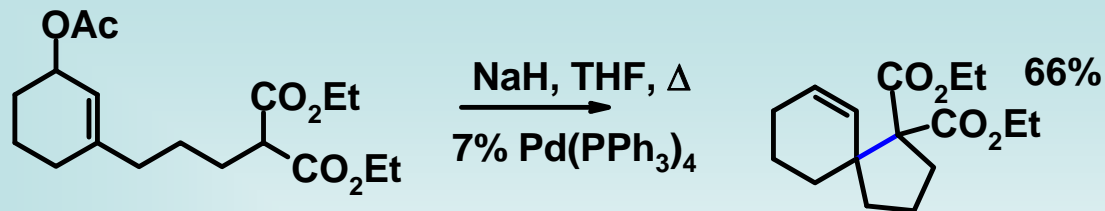
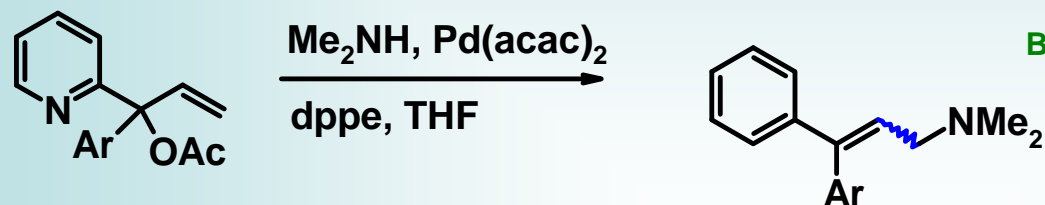


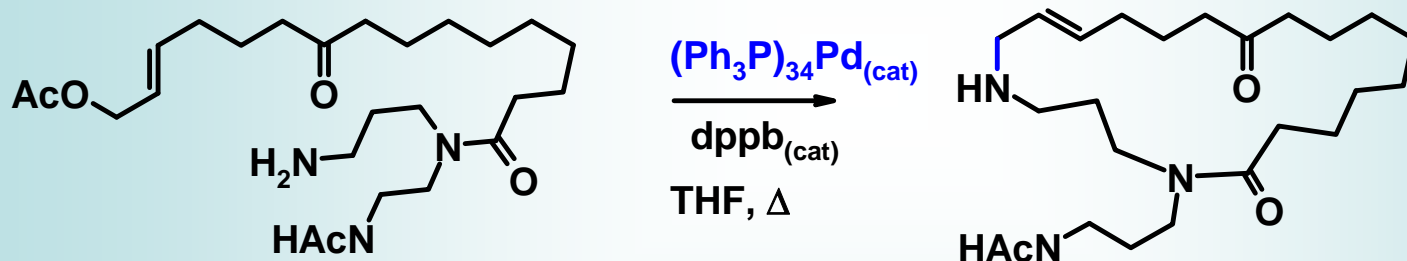
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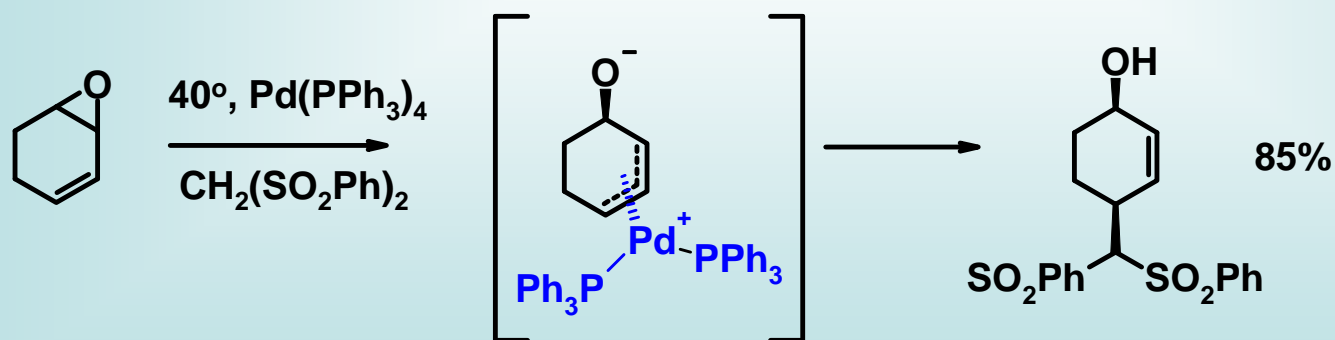
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*J. Org. Chem.* **1982**, *47*, 381.



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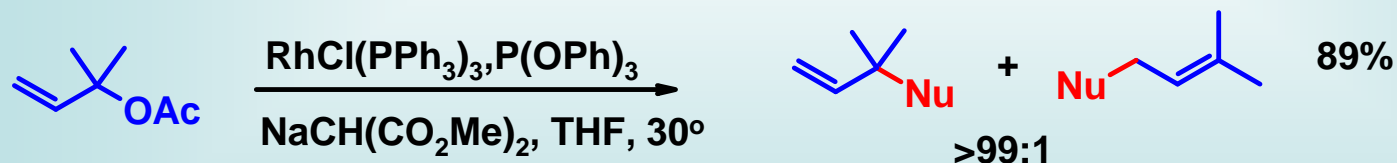
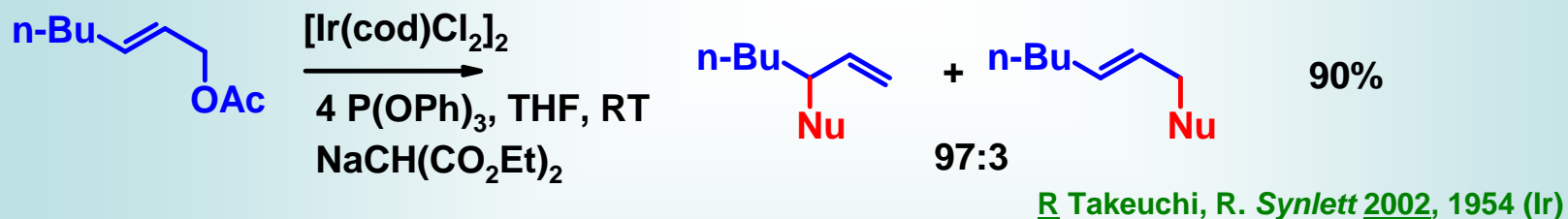


Notes on that last one: 1) Allylic substituent, CHR-OH is electron withdrawing and sterically blocking 'proximal' attack - therefore, attack is on remote (distal) end of allyl unit

2) Oxidative addition goes with inversion  
Nucleophilic attack is from backside of Pd allyl = inversion  
so overall retention

Question: How about the other possible regiochemical outcome, i.e., attack at more substituted end?

If you instead use Co group catalysts, particularly Rh<sup>I</sup> and Ir<sup>I</sup>, and use less donating ligands (phosphites, esp. P(OPh)<sub>3</sub>), it is clear that allyl more 'electrophilic', so location of '+' resonance for more critical - attack on more substituted end.



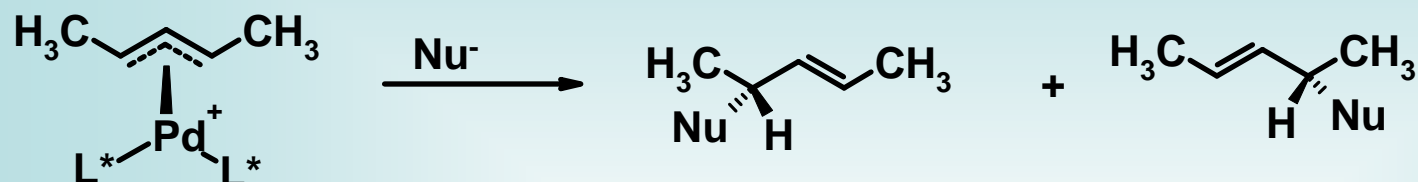
R Leahy, D. K.; Evans, P. A. Modern Rh-Catalyzed Organic Reactions, Ch. 10

-Other metal systems such as Ir<sup>III</sup>, Mo<sup>II</sup> can do similar substitutions

R Krska, S. W. et al (+Trost, B. M.); Pure Appl. Chem. 2004, 76, 625.(Mo)

## Enantioselectivity

-most of the work has been done on allyls with symmetrical substitution patterns, using a chiral ligand



$\text{Nu}^- = ^-\text{CH}(\text{CO}_2\text{Et})_2$  especially

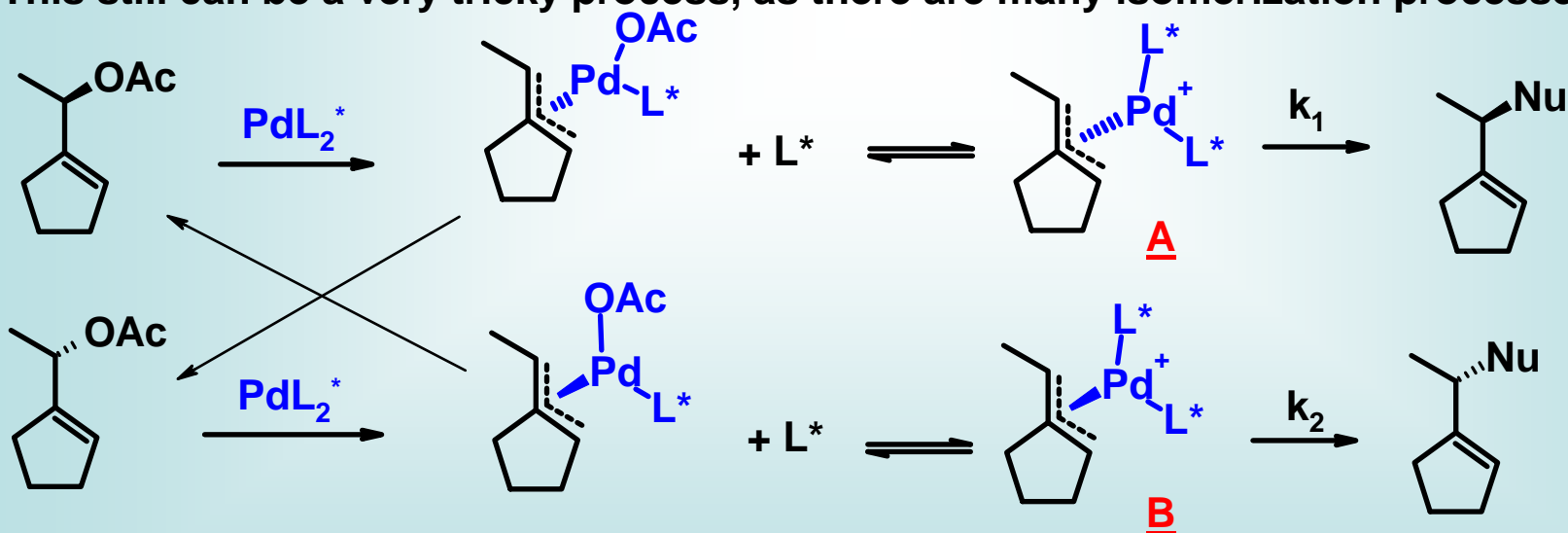
Most recent reviews

R Trost, B. M. *J. Org. Chem.* 2004, 69, 5813.

R Trost, B. M. *Chem. Rev.* 2003, 103, 2921.

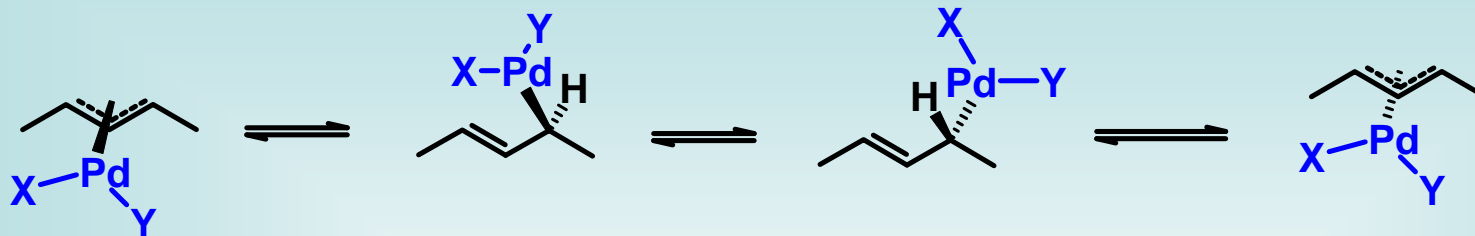
R Graening, T.; Schmalz, H.-G. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* 2003, 42, 2580.

This still can be a very tricky process, as there are many isomerization processes possible

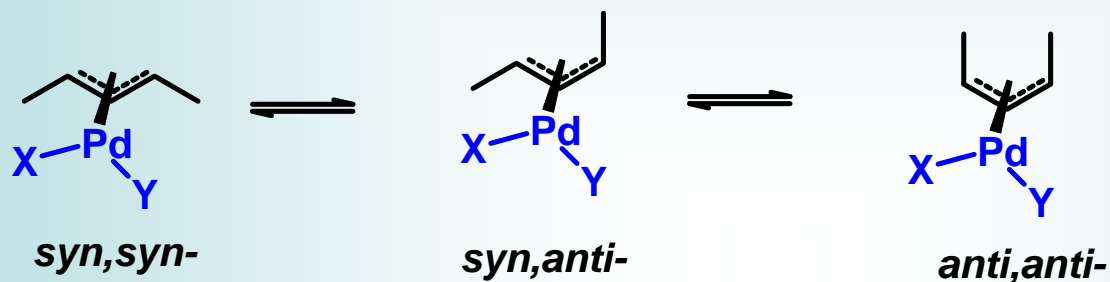


- 1) Under normal reaction conditions (high phosphine to Pd ratios), nucleophilic displacement is slow relative to  $\pi$ -allyl interconversion  
-therefore, the product can depend of stabilities of A and B

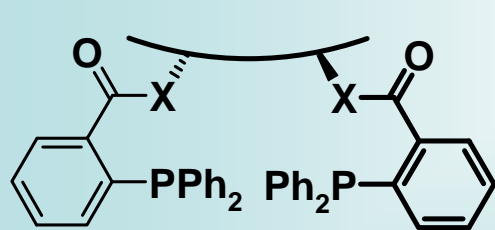
2) Acyclic systems can racemize by an  $\eta^3 - \eta^1 - \eta^3$  mechanism




-same process can also result in *anti* / *syn*- isomerization of allyl Pd's

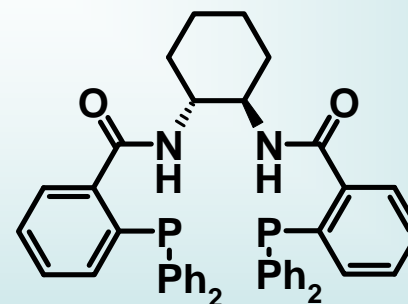


Nevertheless, there has been considerable success in this enantioselective transformation, especially using .....



DPPBA ligands

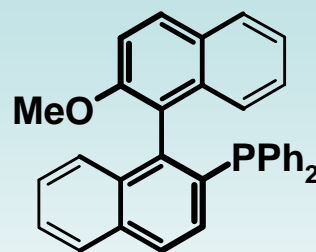
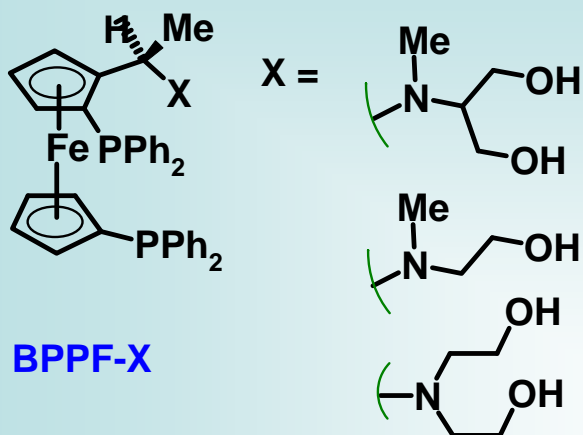
where   
is a symmetrical diol  
diamine



most common

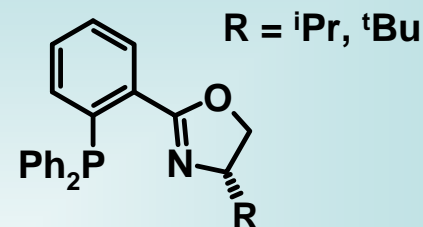
see Trost reviews listed on last page  
R Trost, B. M.; Van Vranken, D. L. *Chem. Rev.* **1996**, 96, 395.

## Other successful ligands



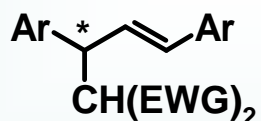
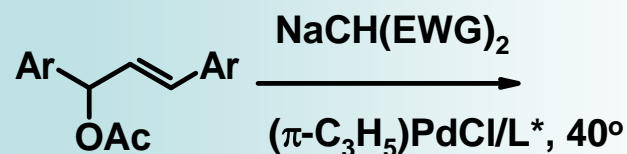
**MOP (Monophosphine ligands)**

*R* Hayashi, T. *J. Organomet. Chem.* **1999**, *576*, 195.

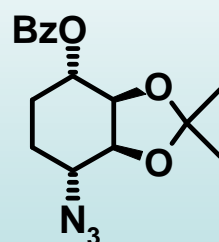
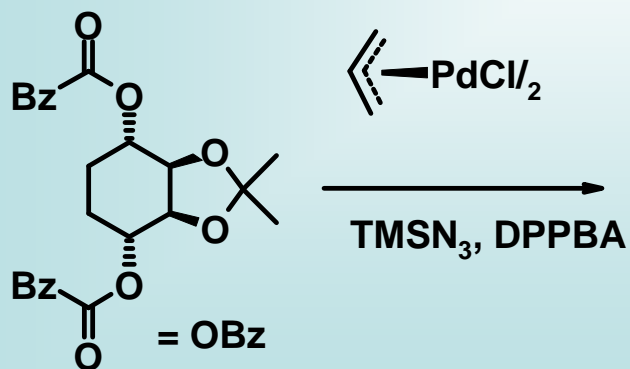


**BOX (Bis-oxazoline ligands)**

*R* Pfaltz, A. *Acc. Chem. Res.* **1993**, *26*, 339.



up to 96% ee with (R)- or (S)- BPPFX  
Hayashi, T. et al *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1986**, *27*, 191.



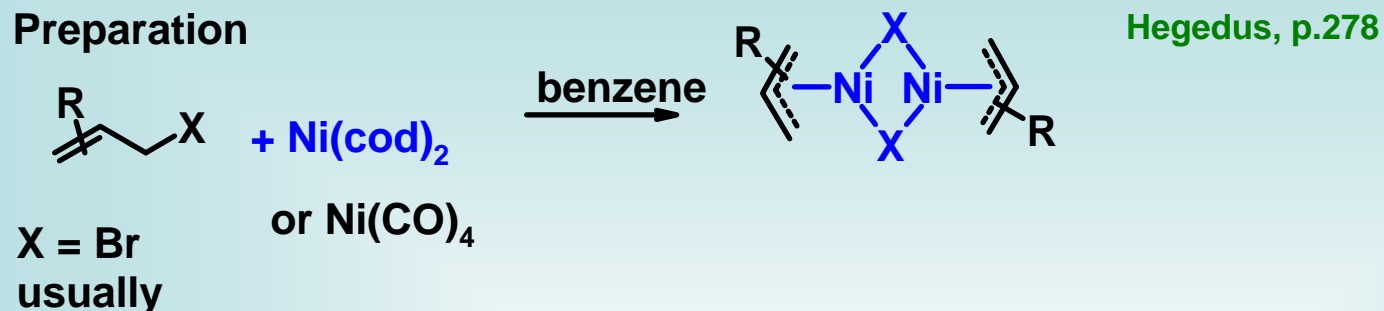
83% yield, >98% ee

conduramine A-1  
benzamide  
pancratistatin

from Trost (1996) review

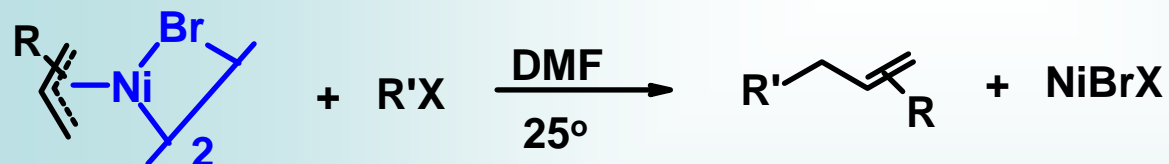
## $\pi$ -Allylnickel Halides

### Preparation



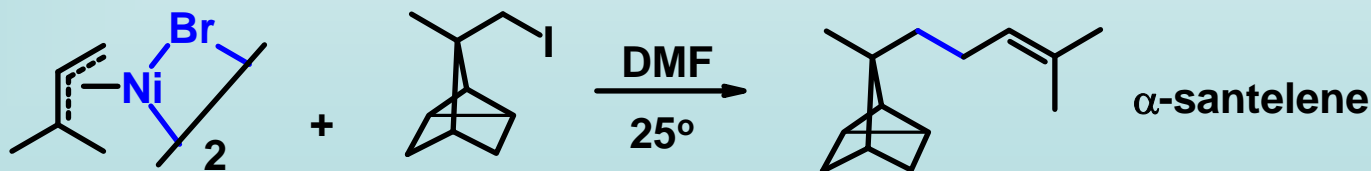
- These are isostructural, isoelectronic with the corresponding allylpalladium compounds
- Reactivity can be different, however

These can behave as if they are nucleophiles themselves, and will allylate organic halides (X = Br, usually)



- ketones and aldehydes are often tolerated (i.e., they survive this rxn at RT)
- esters are tolerated well

Regiochemistry - reaction occurs at less substituted allyl terminus



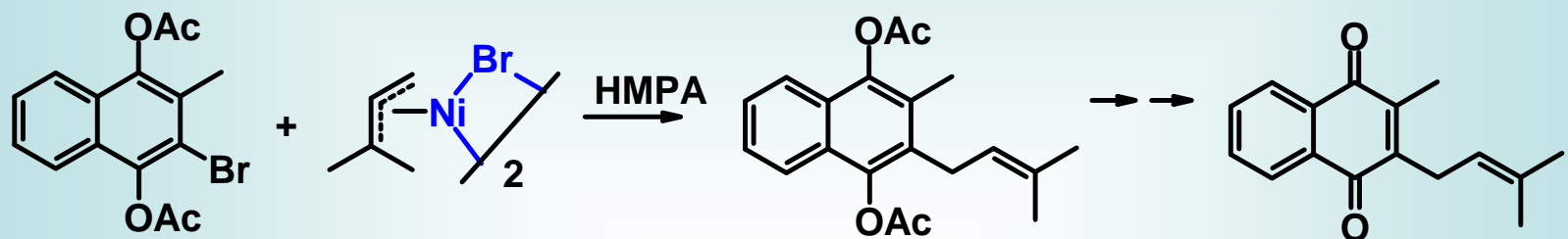
So who cares?

Look carefully at the above; the centre that's being attacked is neopentyl (i.e.,  $R_3C-CH_2-X$ )

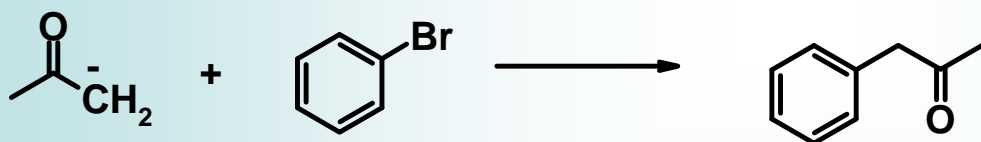
-neopentyl centres are normally forbidden for nucleophilic ( $S_N2$ ) substitution

-works just fine here

-Generally true - rxn works well in cases where  $S_N2$  is impossible (i.e., aryl halides)

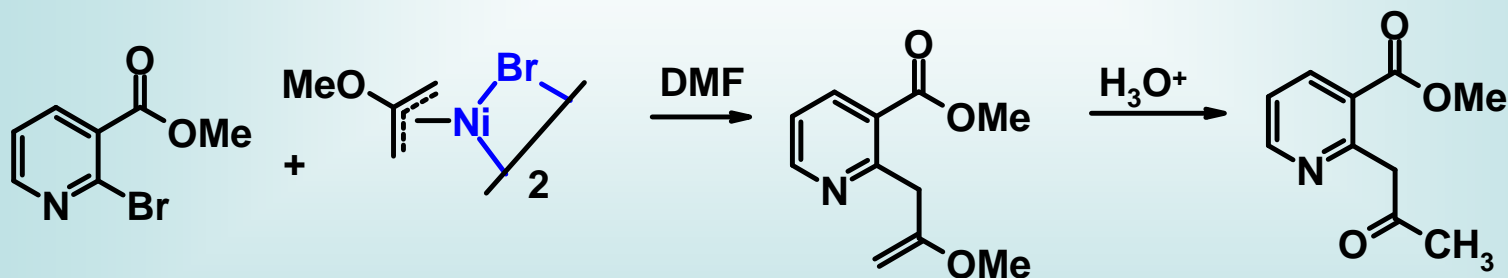


and if you want to do...



-this is very tough directly

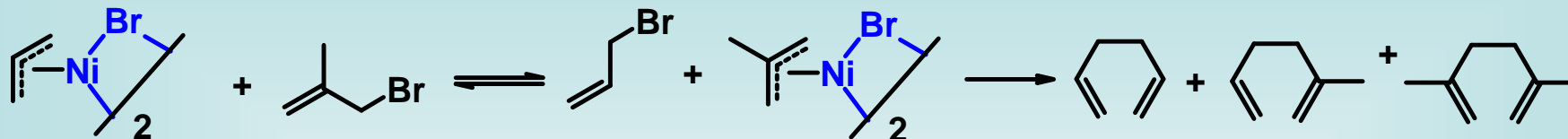
But..



Hegedus, L. S.; Stiverson, R. K. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1974**, *96*, 3250.  
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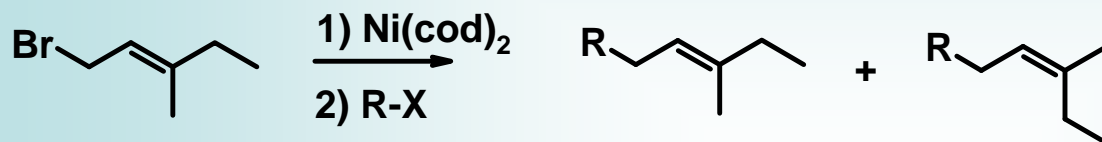
Works with aryl, vinyl, 1°, 2°, 3° alkyl bromides and iodides

However, allyl halides 'scramble'

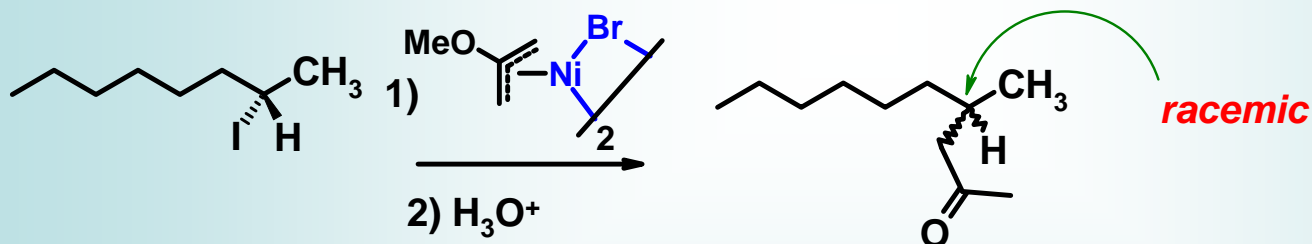


Other points

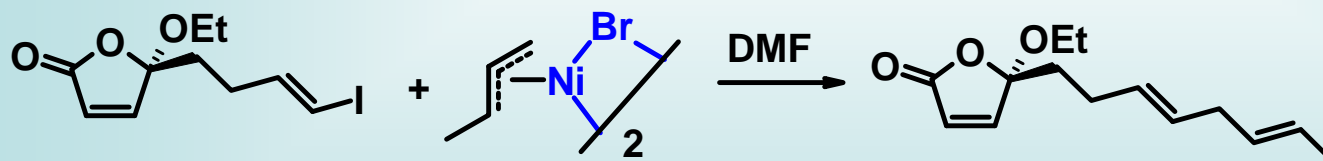
-like allylPd's the allyl fragment loses its stereochemical integrity



-chiral (and enantiomerically pure) 2° alkyl halides racemize



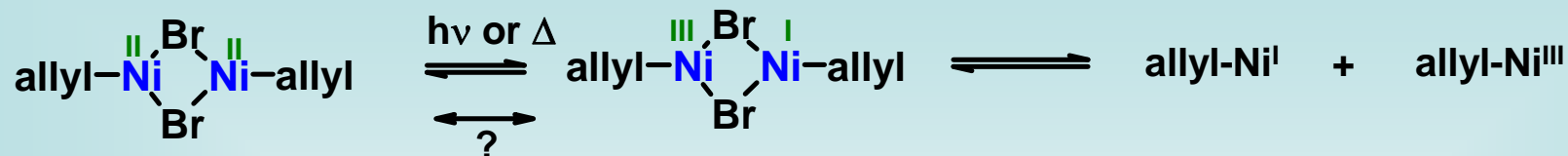
-while vinyl (alkenyl) halides retain their stereochemical integrity



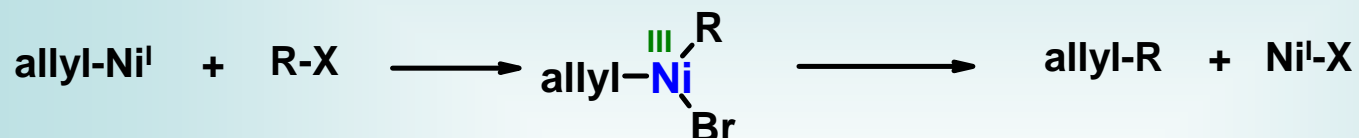
Hegedus believes that this is all due to the interventional of  $\text{Ni}^{\text{I}}$  and  $\text{Ni}^{\text{III}}$  as well as  $\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}$



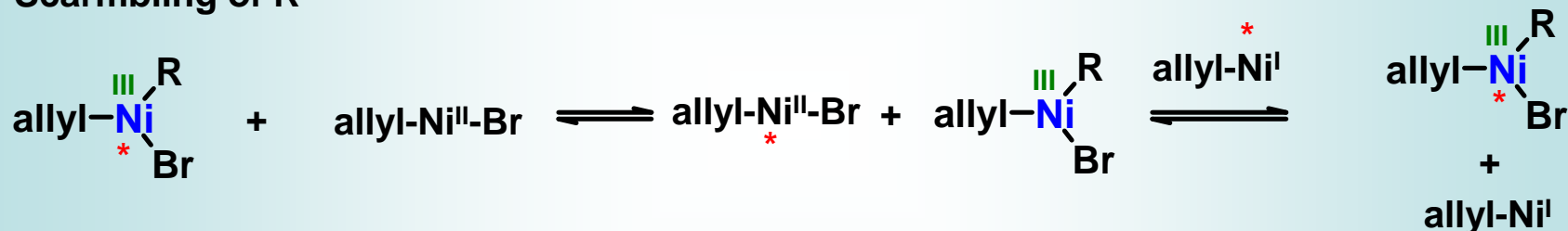
## Initiation



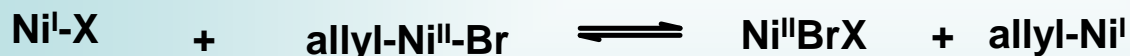
## Oxidative addition/reductive elimination



## Scrambling of R



## Chain carrying step

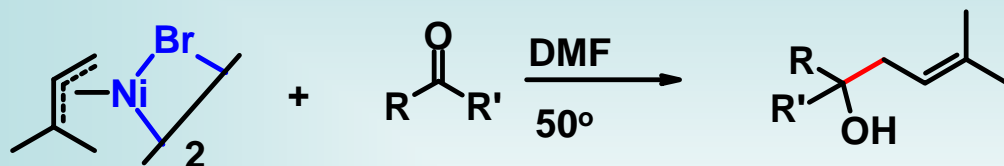


Scrambling of R goes with inversion, i.e.,  $\text{S}_{\text{N}}2$  like - therefore occurs with alkyls, but not alkenyls

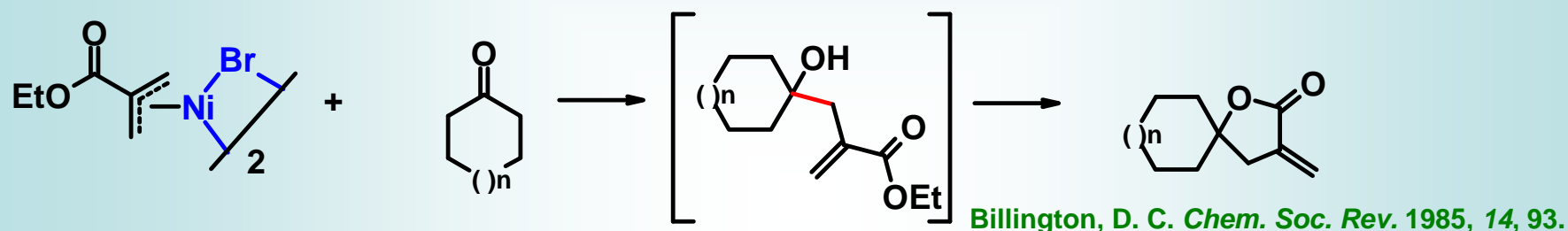
The rest is like you expect - for alkyls, oxidative addition is with inversion,  
 reductive elimination with retention  
 - for alkenyls, oxidative addition with retention,  
 reductive elimination with retention

## Other electrophiles

- although organic halides react preferentially, these allylnickel species will react with aldehydes and the more reactive ketones at ca. 50°C
- ordinary acyclic aliphatic and  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ketones only react sluggishly

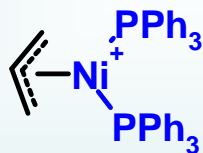


- example of use in spirocyclic  $\alpha$ -methylene- $\gamma$ -butyrolactones



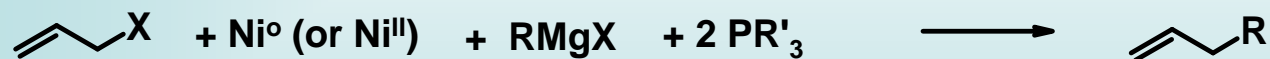
## $\pi$ -Allylnickels as Electrophiles

With two phosphine ligands



does pretty much the same chemistry as  $\alpha$   $\pi$ -allylpalladium complexes

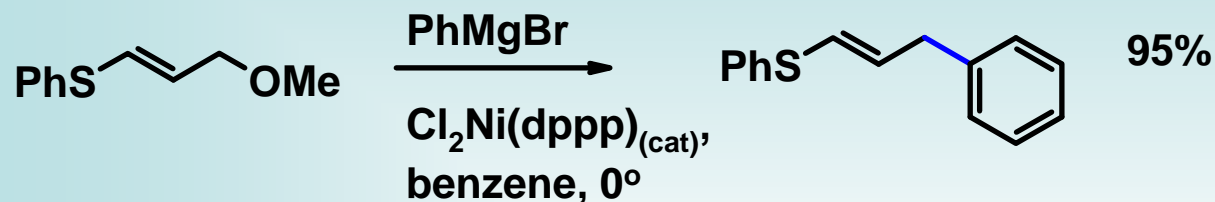
- what's unusual? - successful coupling of Grignard reagents, i.e.,



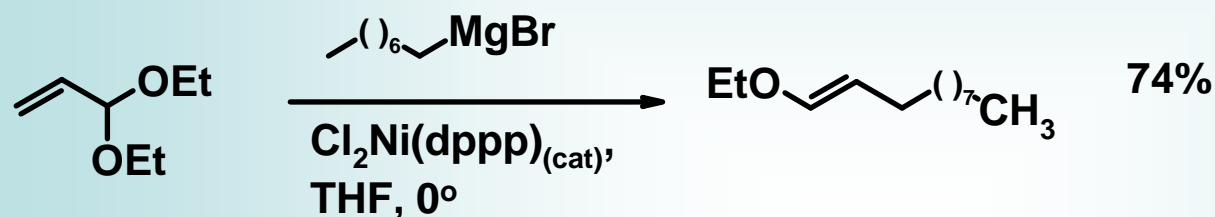
- large variety of X, including -Br, -Cl, -Oalkyl, -OAr, -OSiR<sub>3</sub>, -OH, -OTHP, -SR
- the R of RMgX is suprising....R = Ar, or 2° or 1° alkyl

- $\beta$ -hydride elimination is apparently a lesser problem in alkyl-Ni

$\beta$ -elimination step for R = alkyls is often slow enough that one can get reasonable amounts of C-C bond formation



Sugimura, H.; Takei, H.  
*Chem. Lett.* 1984, 351



for work with chiral phosphine ligands, see:

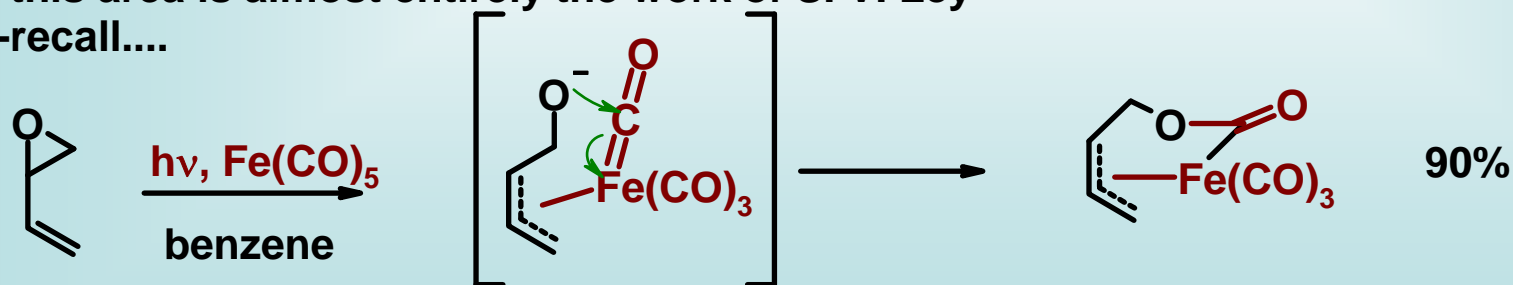
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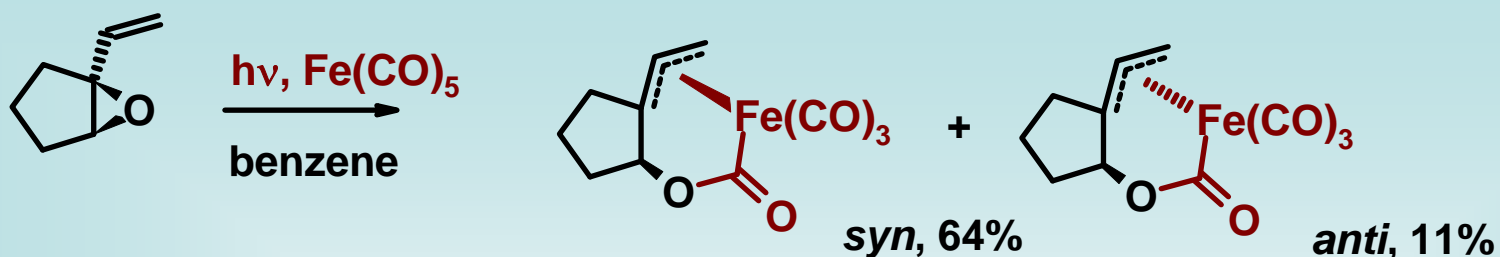
-Work in this area has slowed drastically since the mid 1980's

### $\pi$ -Allyliron Tetracarbonyl Lactone Complexes

-this area is almost entirely the work of S. V. Ley

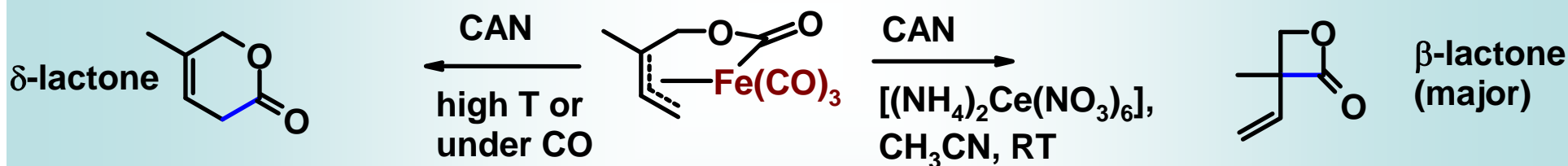
-recall....



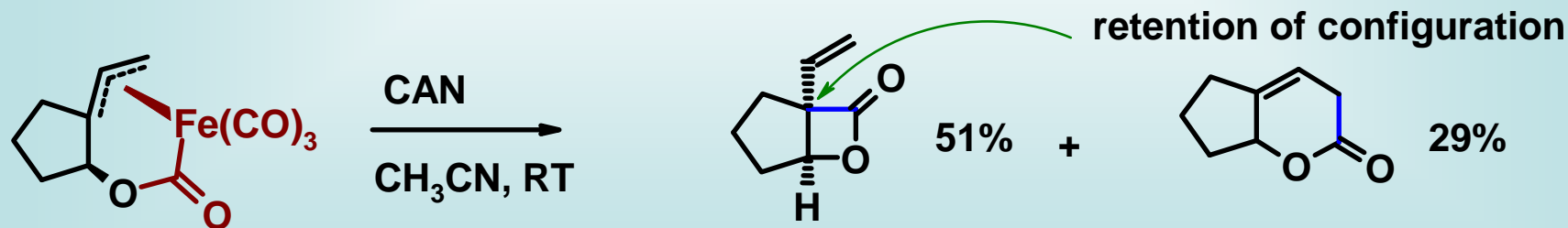


-Note: Photochemical conditions usually give retention (completely) - in above case, one can actually separate the diastereomers chromatographically

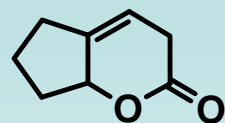
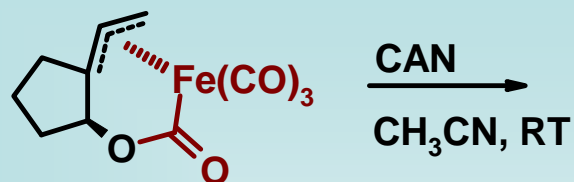
-when one attempts the typical oxidative metallation, it causes *reductive elimination* and therefore C-C bond formation - with two possible outcomes



Note: The stereochemical nature of the reductive elimination step is *retention*

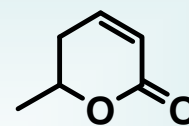
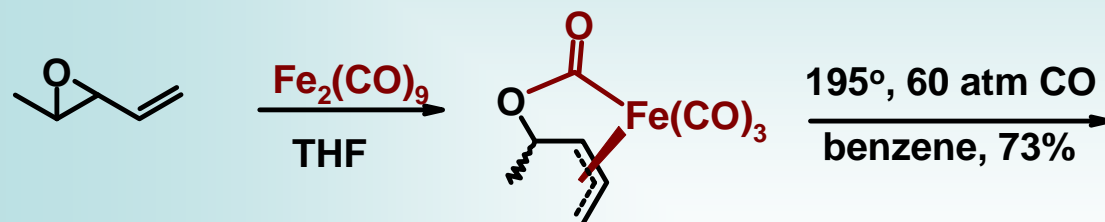


while, conversely

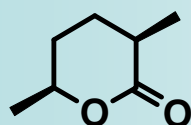


likely because the *trans* fused  $\beta$ -lactone would be impossibly strained

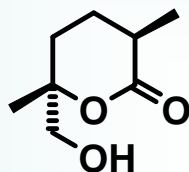
Examples of the use of this in the synthesis of  $\delta$ -lactones



parasorbic acid lactone (racemic)  
-naturally occurring lactone from *sorbus acucupara*



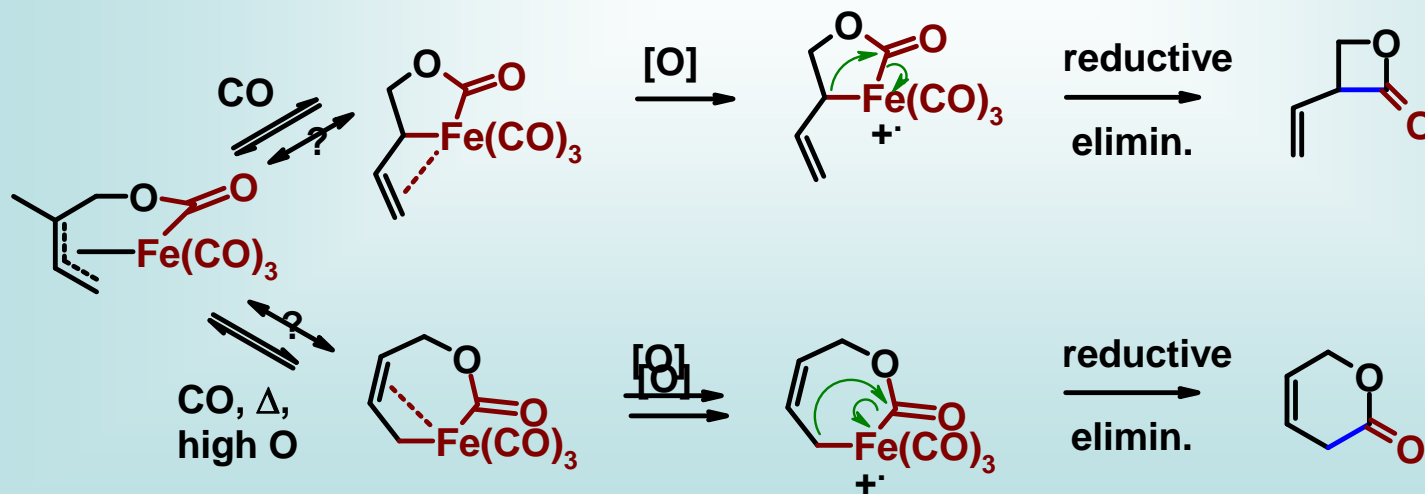
carpenter bee pheromone



malyngolide

Ley, S.V. et al *J. Organomet. Chem.* **1985**, 285, C17.

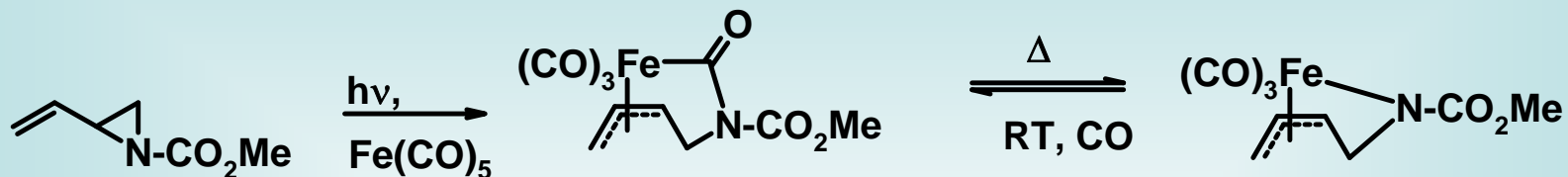
The two routes to C-C bond formation



## $\pi$ -Allyltricarbonyl Lactam Complexes

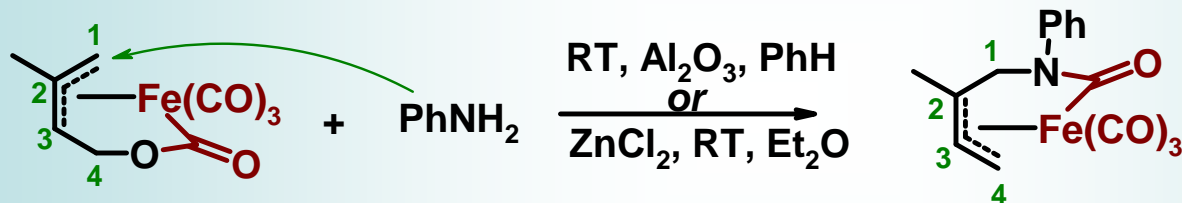
-these have had a larger impact than the corresponding lactone complexes

Preparation - less common

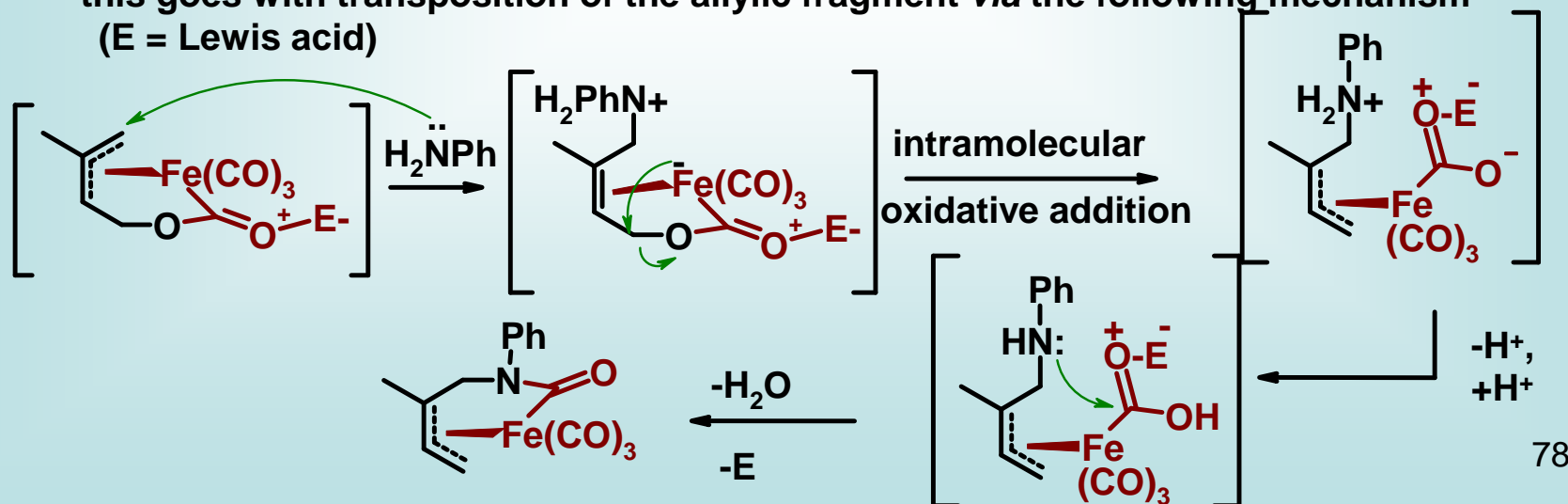


-but, vinyl aziridines aren't all that readily accessible, so....

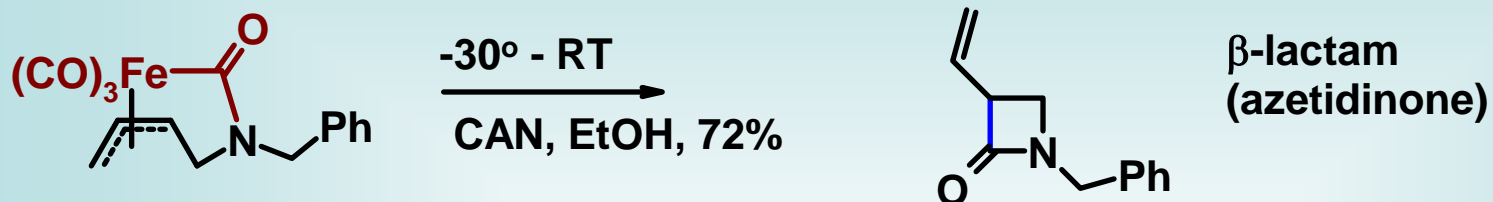
-can be made more readily from the lactone complexes, through Lewis acid mediated substitution



-this goes with transposition of the allylic fragment *via* the following mechanism  
(E = Lewis acid)

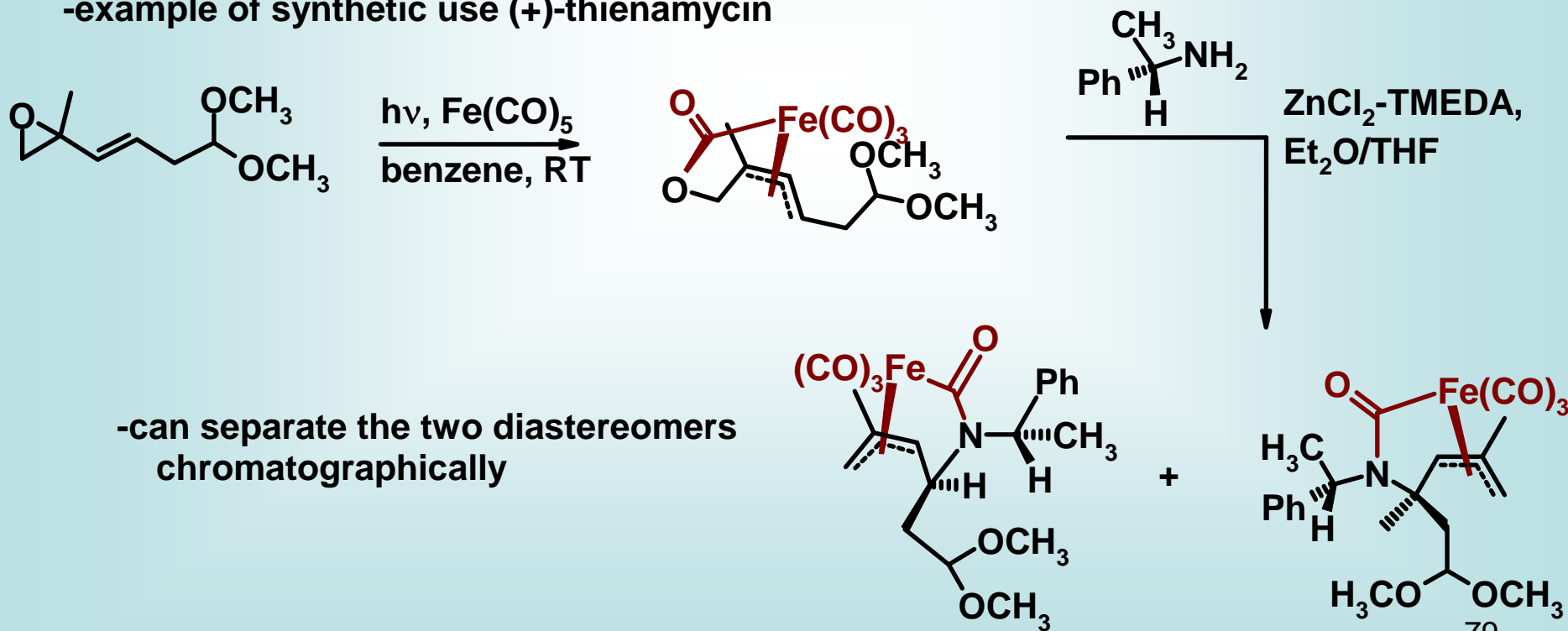


-when these compounds are oxidized, the reductive elimination is more highly selective for the  $\beta$ -lactam

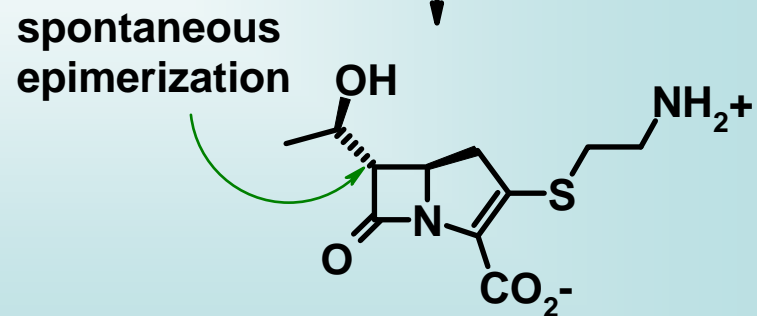
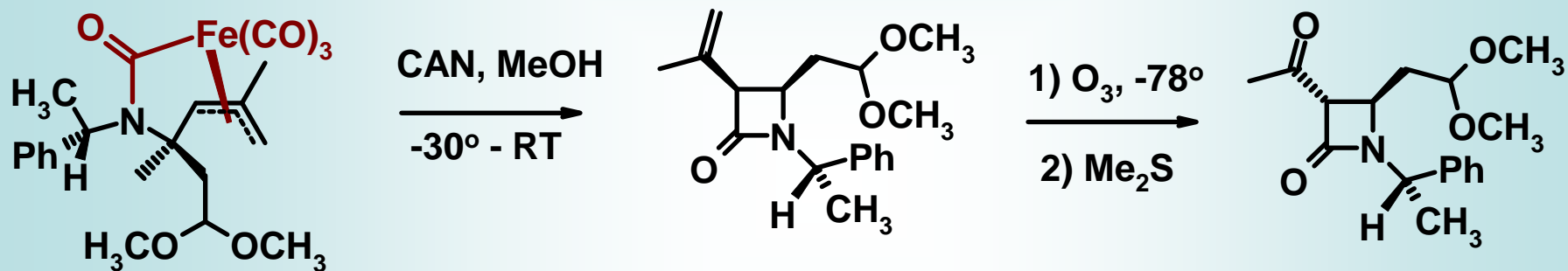
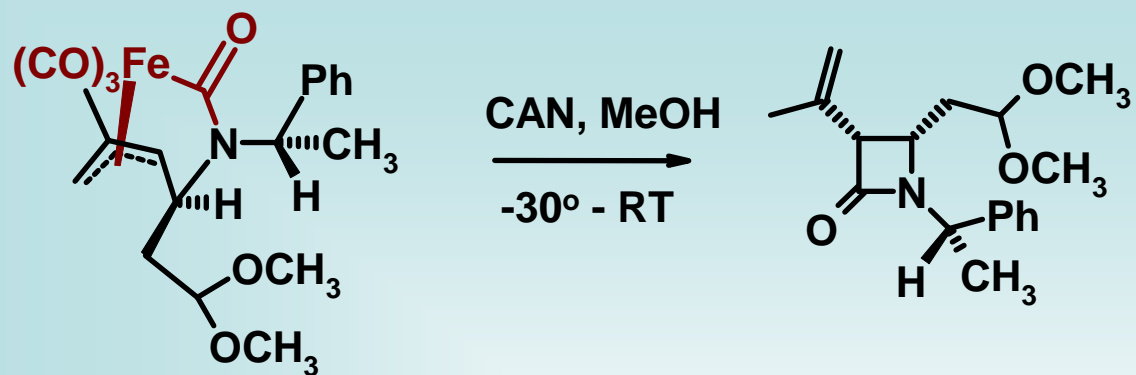


-these 3-alkenyl-2-azetidinones are not so readily accessible for other methods

-example of synthetic use (+)-thienamycin



-can separate the two diastereomers chromatographically



R Ley, S.V. Cox, L. R. *Chem. Rev.* 1996, 96, 423  
R Ley, S. V. *Pure Appl. Chem.* 1994, 66, 1416.  
R Cox, L.R.; Ley, S.V. *Chem. Soc. Rev.* 1998, 27, 301

(+)-thienamycin 80