

Organic synthesis

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Petr Beňovský: Organická chemie - Organická syntéza

László Kürti, Barbara Czakó: Strategic applications of named reactions in organic synthesis

K. C. Nicolaou et al.: Classics in Total Synthesis

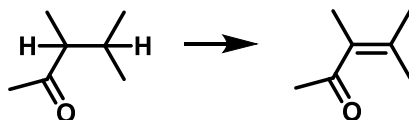
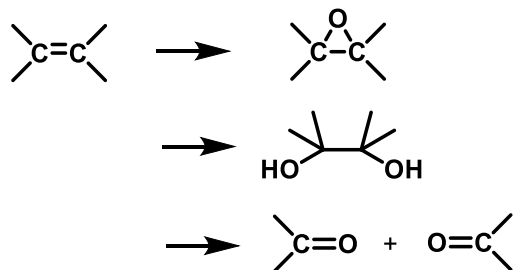
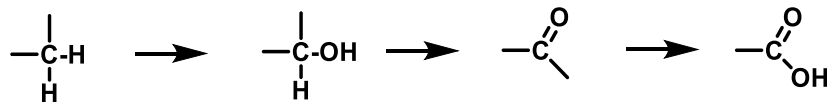
Leo A. Paquette (Ed.): Encyclopedia of reagents for organic synthesis (14 vols)

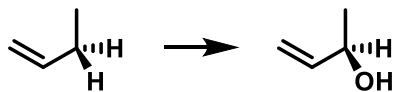
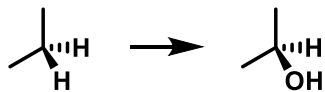
Organic Reactions

Science of Synthesis

+ additional literature in the central library (organic chemistry section)

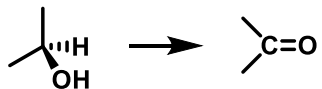
- many syntheses (of complex molecules) include oxidation/reduction steps
- installation of reactive site – e.g. oxidation of alcohol to ketone for subsequent nucleophilic attack
- removal of H or installation of O



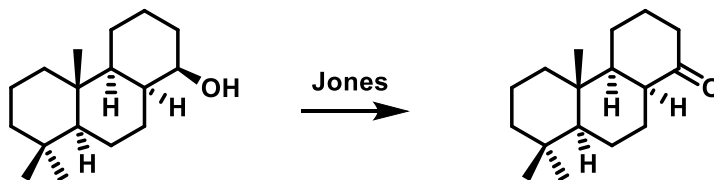
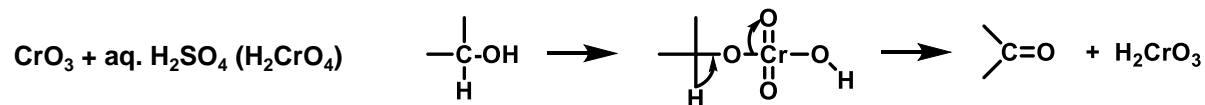


SeO₂

- oxidation on allylic C



Jones reagent

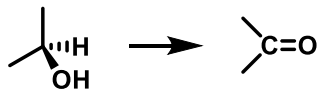


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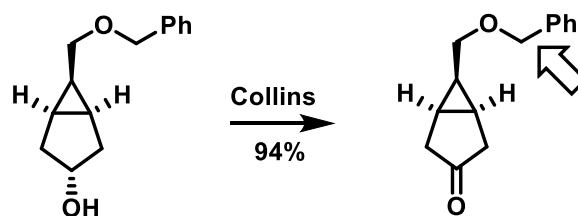
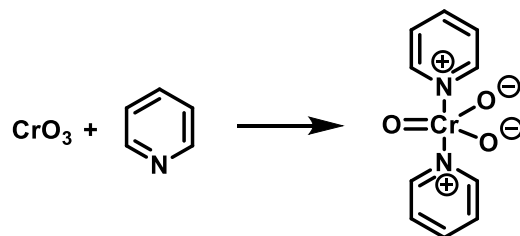
- acidic conditions; some functional groups not compatible



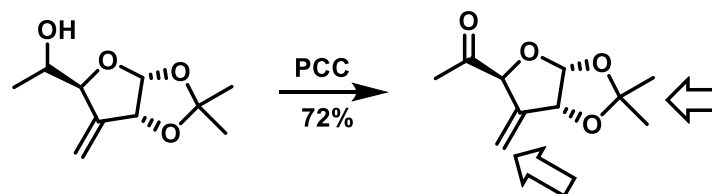
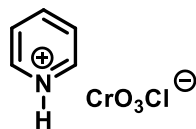
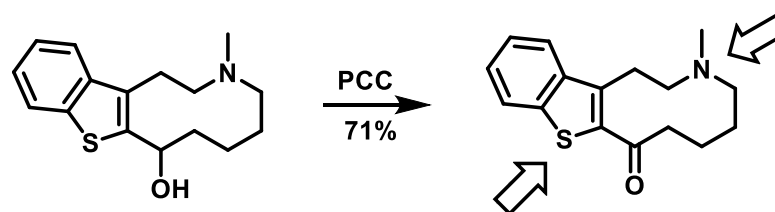
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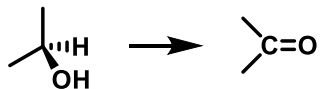


Collins reagent

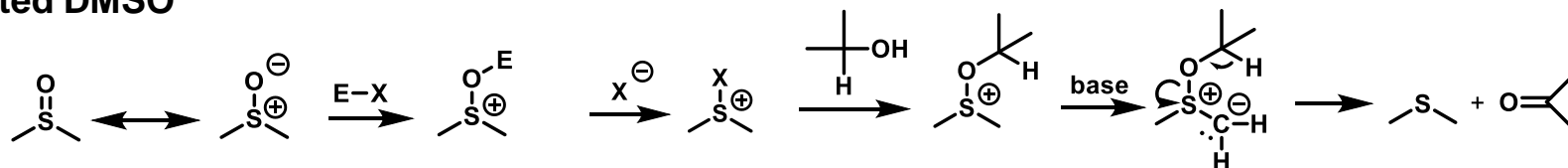
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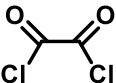
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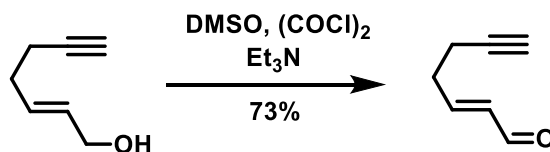


activated DMSO

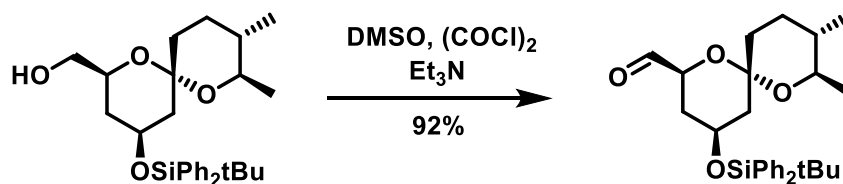


note: Pummerer rearrangement – mechanistically similar

Swern oxidation: EX:  base: amine (Et_3N)



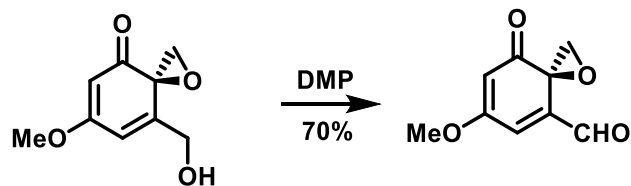
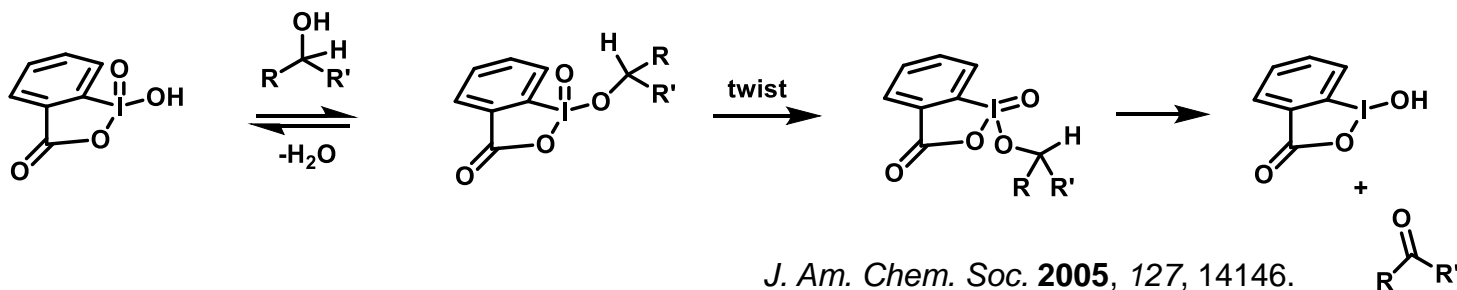
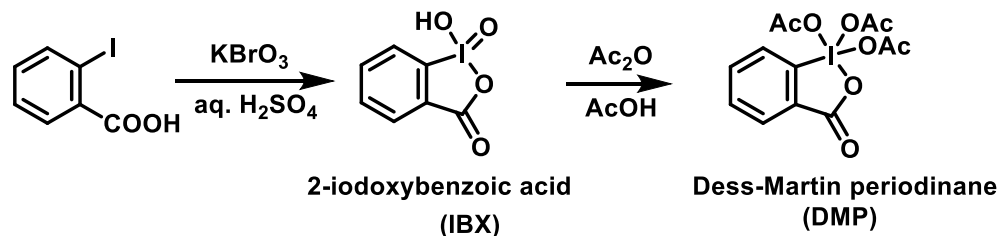
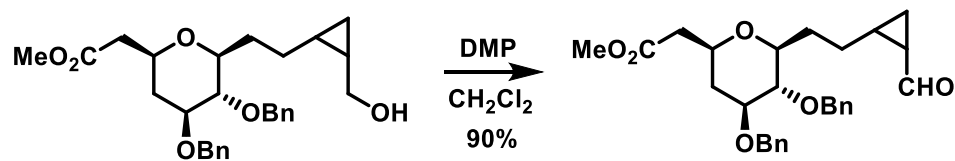
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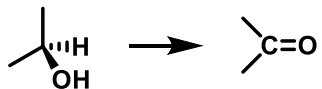


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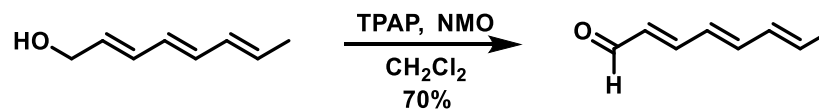
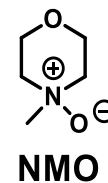
Dess-Martin reagent

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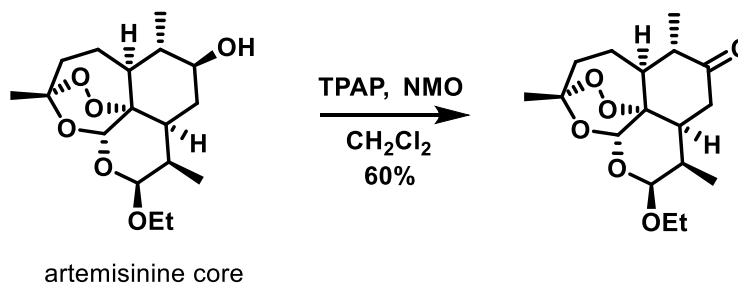


TPAP: $\text{Pr}_4\text{N}^+\text{RuO}_4^-$

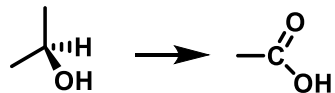
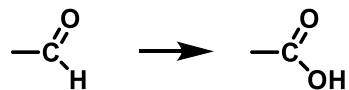
- typically used in catalytic amounts
- stoichiometric oxidant: typically NMO



Tetrahedron **1992**, 48, 1145.

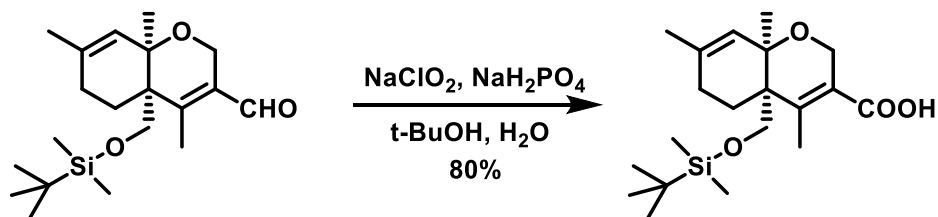


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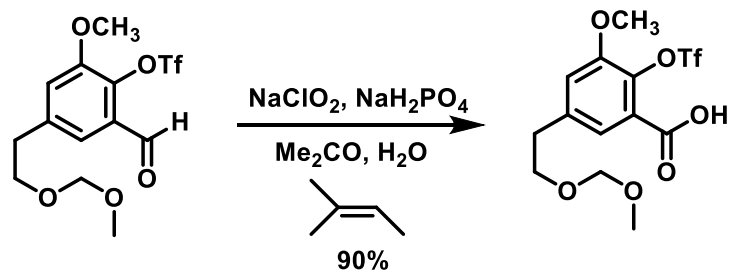


Sodium chlorite: NaClO_2

- selective oxidant, mild conditions (Pinnick oxidation)



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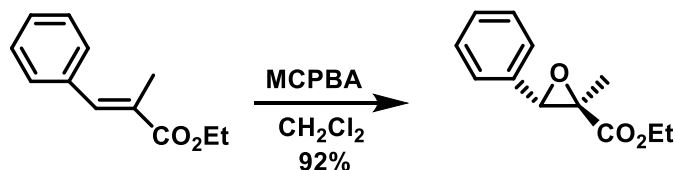
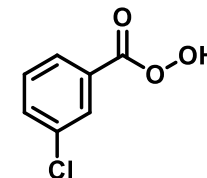


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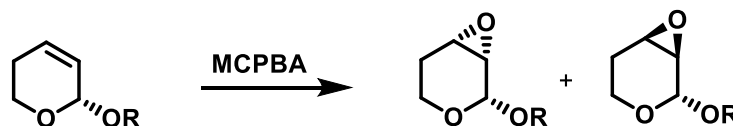


3-chloroperoxybenzoic acid, MCPBA, *m*-CPBA)

- reactivity of alkenes: tetra, trisubst. > disubst. > monosubst.
- stereospecific reaction: syn-addition : cis-alkene -> cis-epoxide
- stereochemistry of epoxidation can be directed by neighboring functional groups

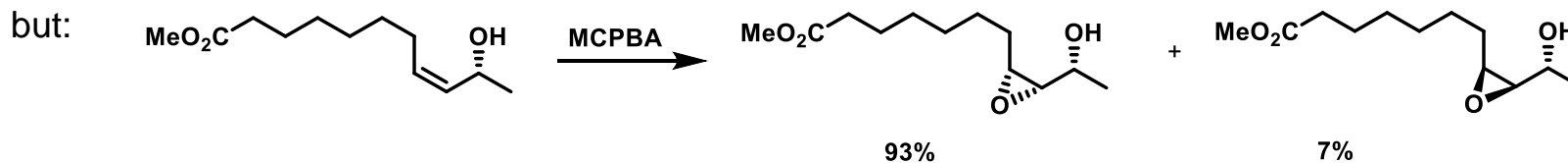


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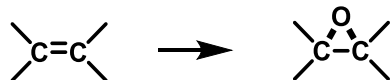


R = Me: 1:3
R = t-Bu: 1:9

Synlett **1991**, 529.



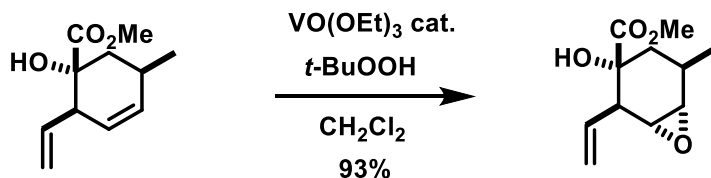
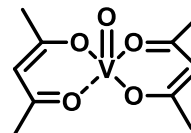
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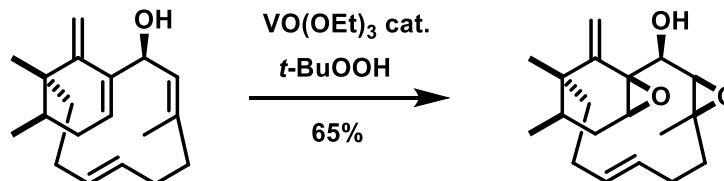
vanadium-based reagents

typically: $\text{VO}(\text{acac})_2 + t\text{-BuOOH}$

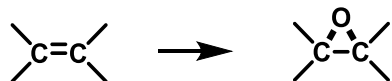
- frequently used for directed epoxidations



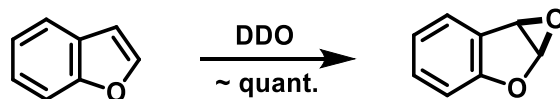
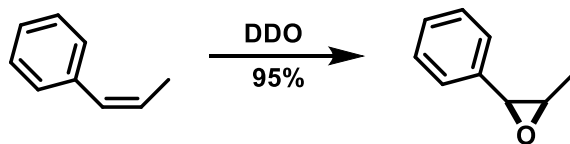
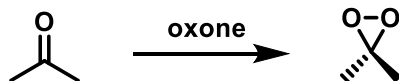
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Nature Chemistry **2018**, 10, 938.



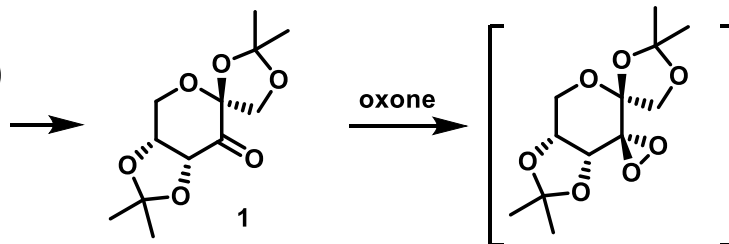
dimethyldioxirane (DDO)



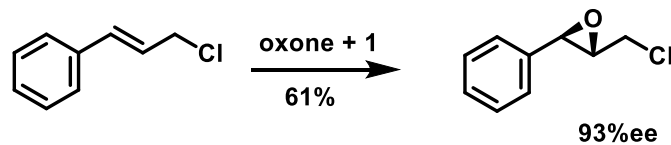
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asymmetric variant (Shi epoxidation)

D-fructose



usually 20-30 mol% used



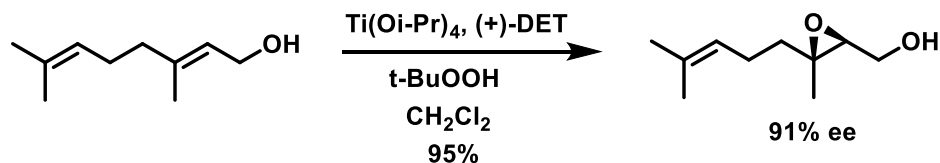
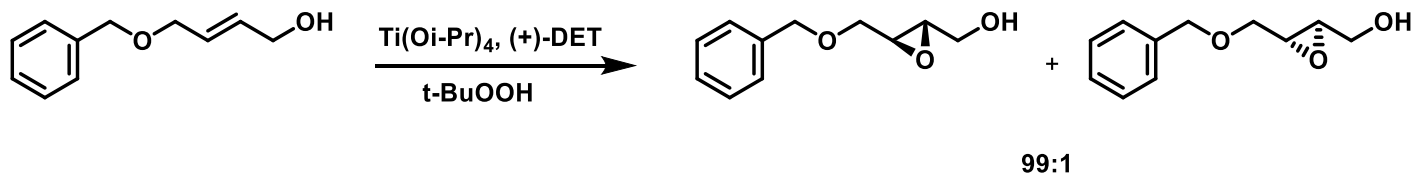
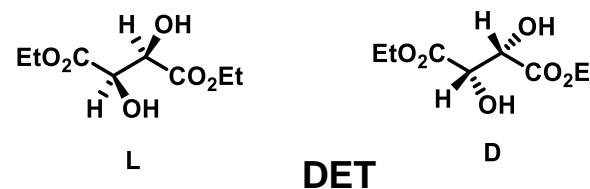
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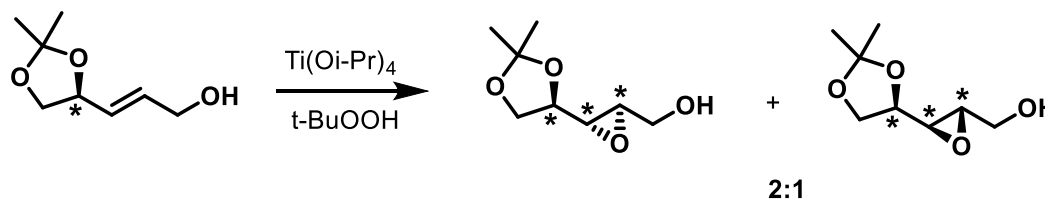
Sharpless asymmetric epoxidation: $\text{Ti}(\text{Oi-Pr})_4$, + t-BuOOH + *optically pure* ester of tartaric acid of allyl alcohols

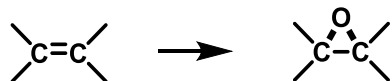
- allyl alcohol binds to chiral Ti complex



J. Am. Chem. Soc. **1987**, 109, 5765.

without chiral ligand, but on chiral substrate (*substrate control*):

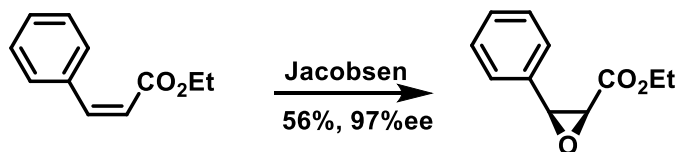
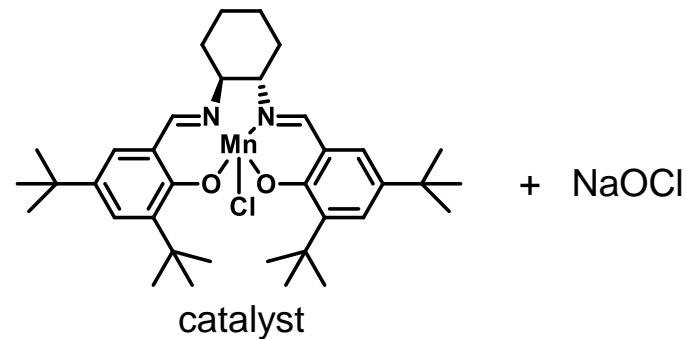




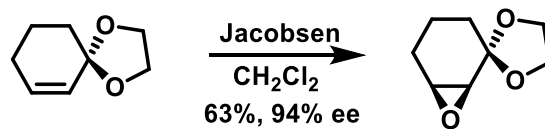
enantioselective

Jacobsen asymmetric epoxidation

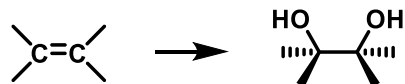
- substrate does not have to contain allylic alcohol



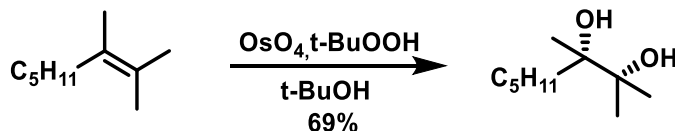
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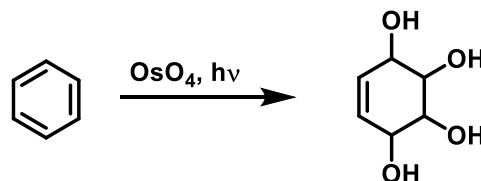
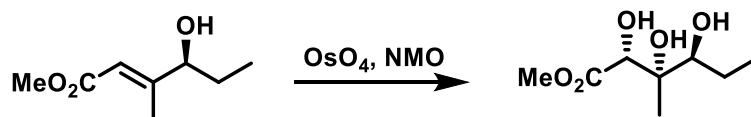
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OsO_4 ; $\text{OsO}_4 + \text{NMO}$; $\text{OsO}_4 + t\text{-BuOOH}$



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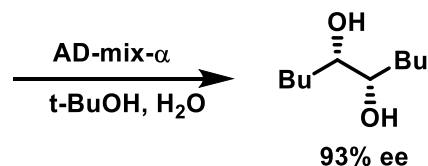
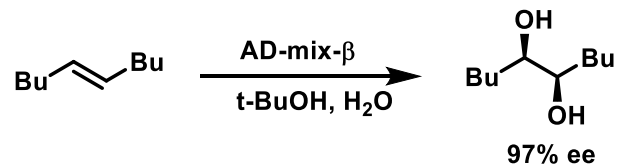
Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Engl. **1995**, 34, 2031.

asymmetric (Sharpless) dihydroxylation: AD-mix $\text{K}_3\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6 + \text{K}_2\text{CO}_3 + \text{K}_2\text{OsO}_2(\text{OH})_4 + (\text{DHQD})_2\text{-PHAL}$

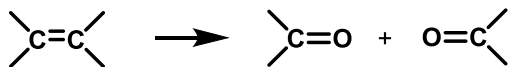
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stoichiometric oxidant

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catalytic amt.

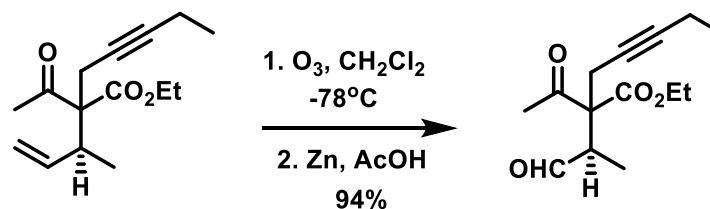
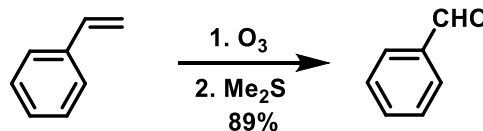
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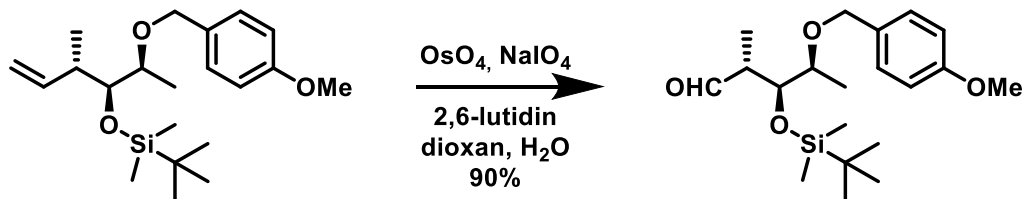
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**ozone: O₃**

- generated from O₂ by el. discharge



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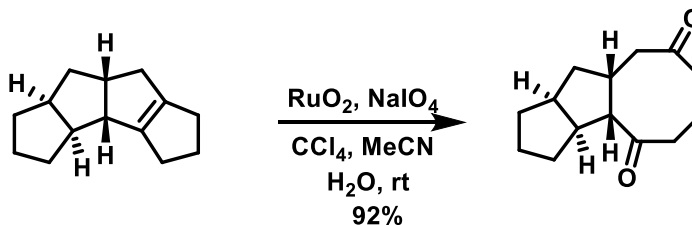
OsO₄ + NaIO₄

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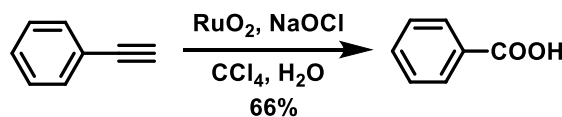
reaction with O₃: cleavage of the PMB group

RuO₄: RuO₂ + NaIO₄

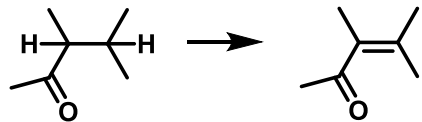
- strong oxidant
- often oxidizes other reactive sites



J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun. **1986**, 1319.



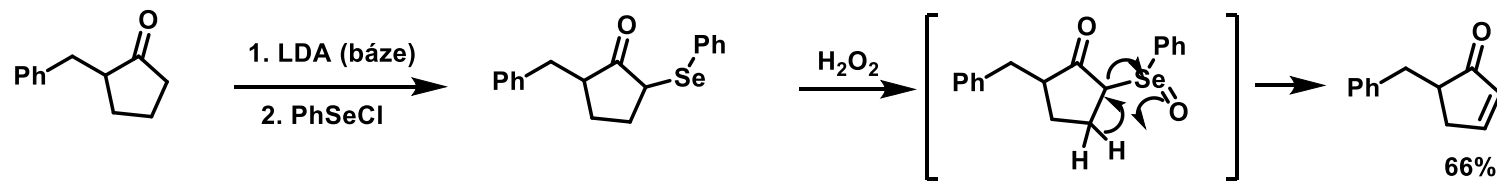
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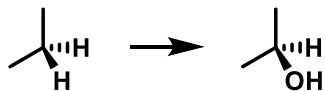
selenation-oxidation-elimination

PhSeCl

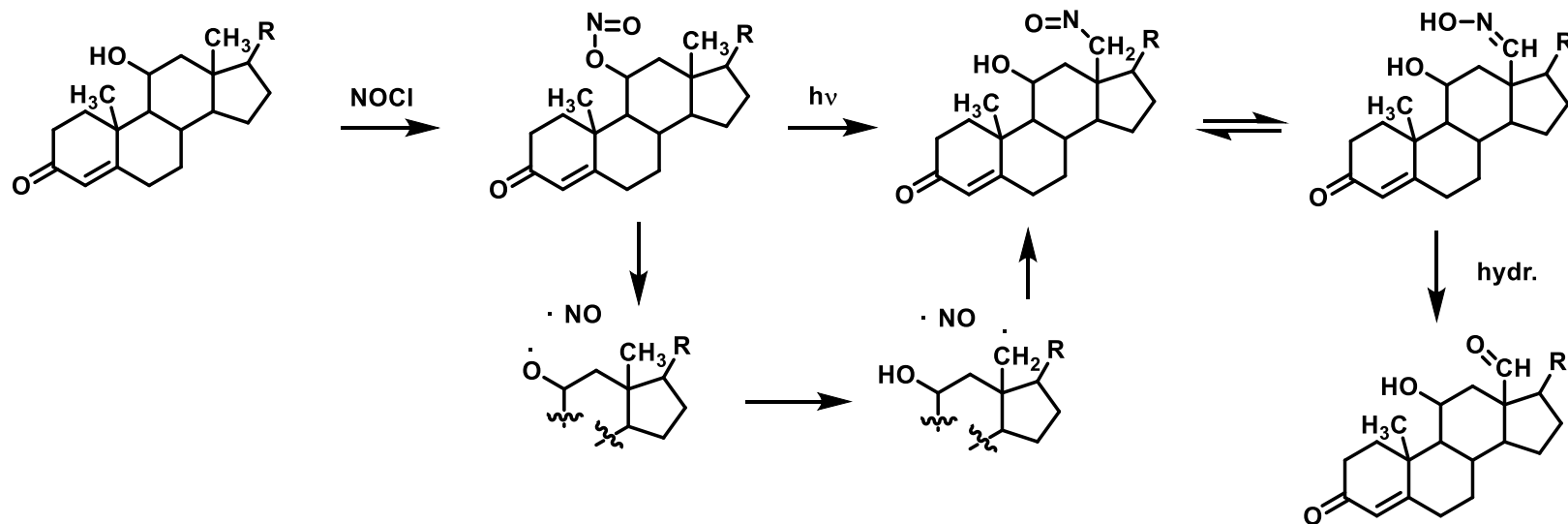
- proceeds as *intramolecular syn-elimination*



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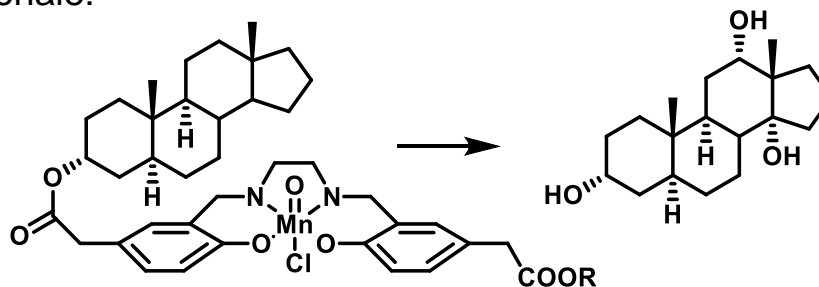


Barton reaction; remote oxidation



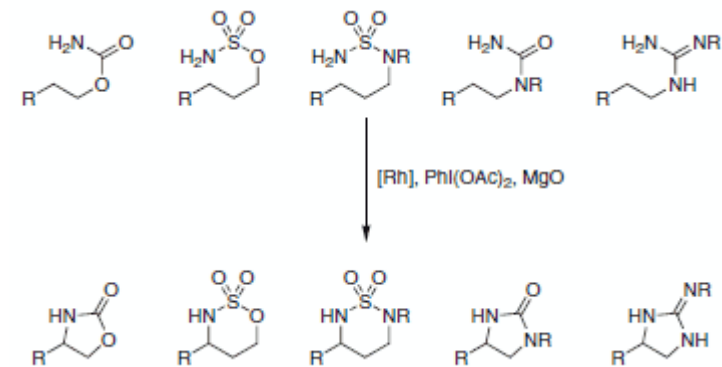
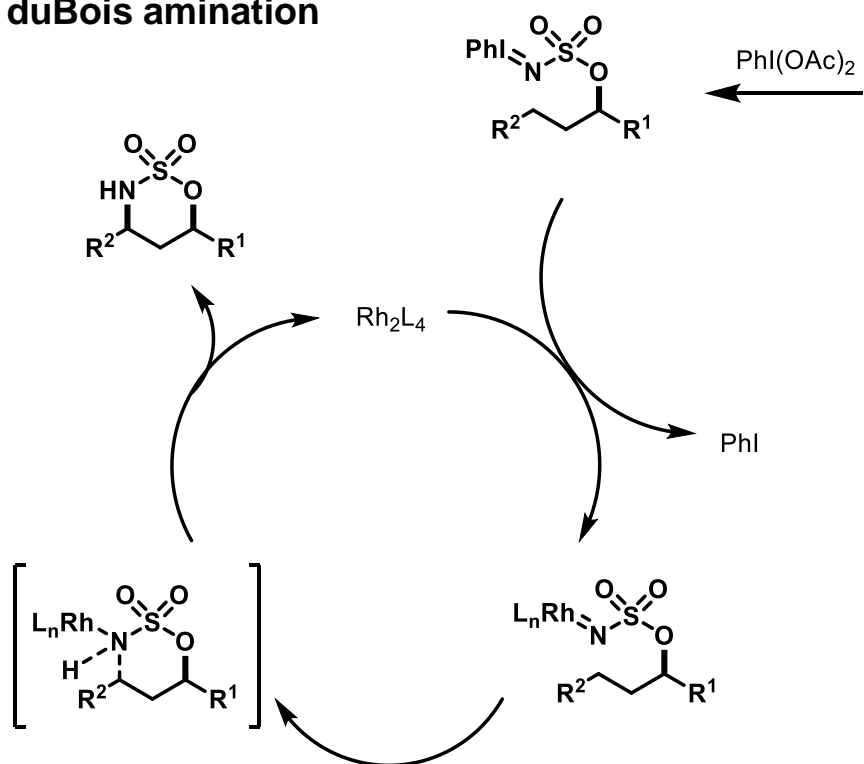
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similar rationale:

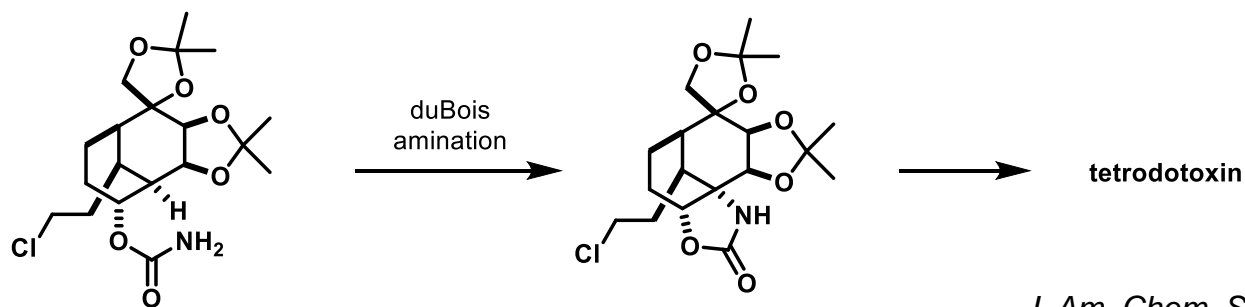


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duBois amination

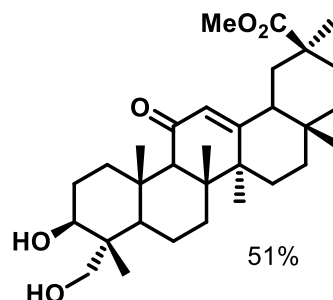
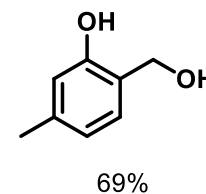
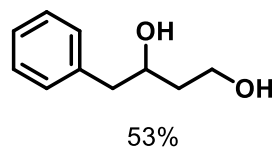
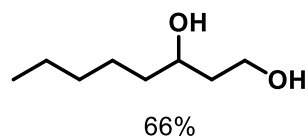
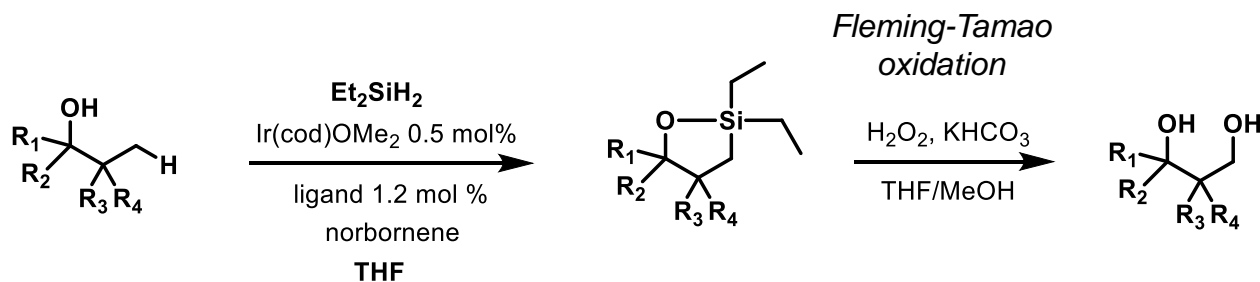


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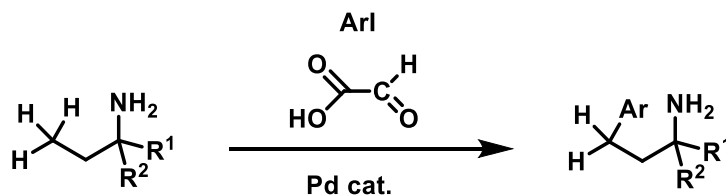
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direct oxidation of *unactivated* C-H bond („C-H activation“)



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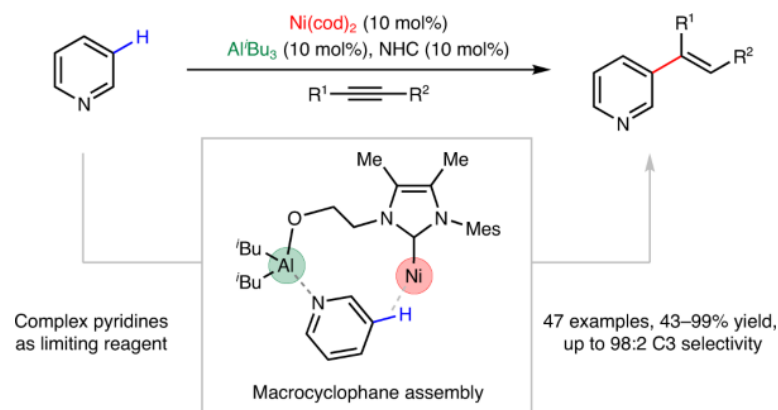
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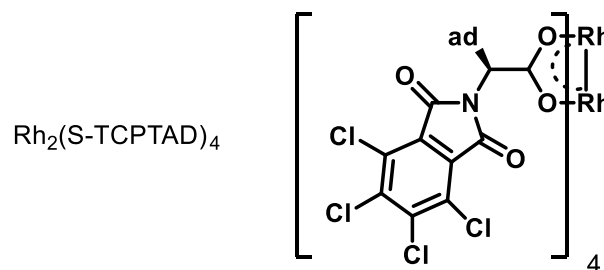
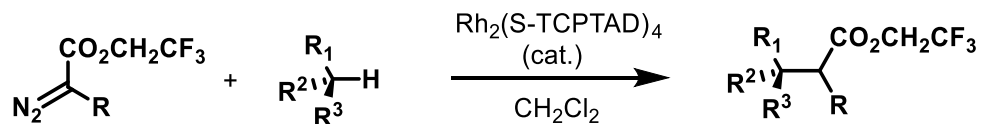
Abstract

Achieving the transition metal-catalysed pyridine C3–H alkenylation, with pyridine as the limiting reagent, has remained a long-standing challenge. Previously, we disclosed that the use of strong coordinating bidentate ligands can overcome catalyst deactivation and provide Pd-catalysed C3 alkenylation of pyridines. However, this strategy proved ineffective when using pyridine as the limiting reagent, as it required large excesses and high concentrations to achieve reasonable yields, which rendered it inapplicable to complex pyridines prevalent in bioactive molecules. Here we report that a bifunctional N-heterocyclic carbene-ligated Ni–Al catalyst can smoothly furnish C3–H alkenylation of pyridines. This method overrides the intrinsic C2 and/or C4 selectivity, and provides a series of C3-alkenylated pyridines in 43–99% yields and up to 98:2 C3 selectivity. This method not only allows a variety of pyridine and heteroarene substrates to be used as the limiting reagent, but is also effective for the late-stage C3 alkenylation of diverse complex pyridine motifs in bioactive molecules.

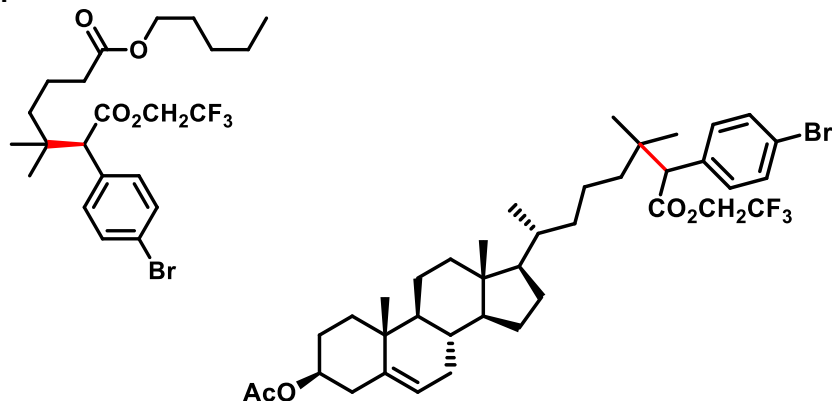


site-selective functionalization of tertiary C-H bond

- (stereoselective) manipulation of most accessible tert. C-H bond



e.g.

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Baran's synthesis of taxol: tour de force in oxidation chemistry

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Phil S. Baran of Scripps/La Jolla developed a two-stage route to **2**, based on the preparation and oxidation of **1** (*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2020**, *142*, 10526, DOI: [10.1021/jacs.0c03592](https://doi.org/10.1021/jacs.0c03592); *J. Org. Chem.* **2020**, *85*, 10293, DOI: [10.1021/acs.joc.0c01287](https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.joc.0c01287)).

