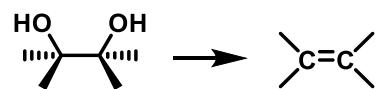
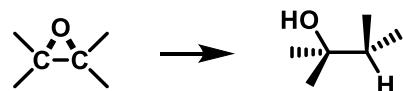
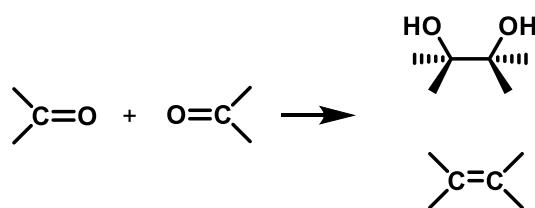
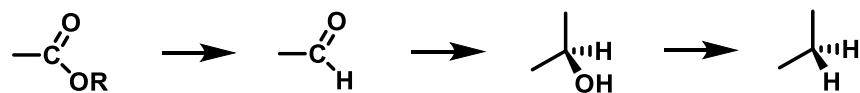


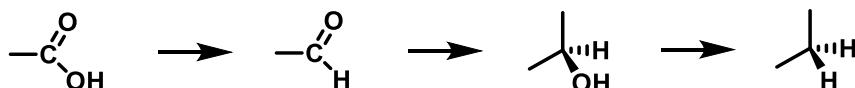
# **Organic synthesis**

**Kamil Paruch**

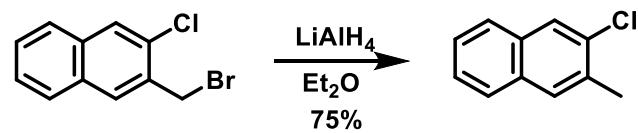
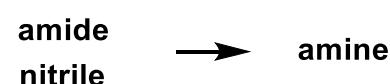
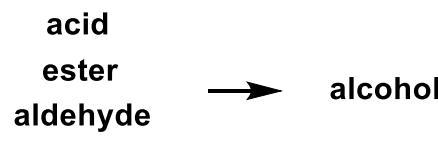
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# Reduction

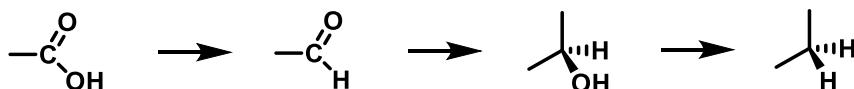




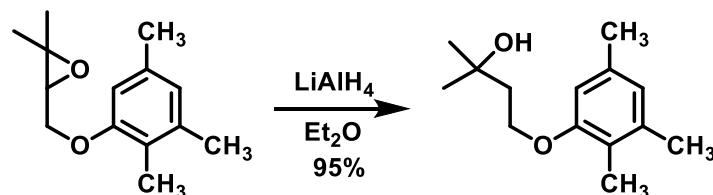
- strong, quite unselective reducing agent



*J. Org. Chem.* **1958**, 23, 1483.



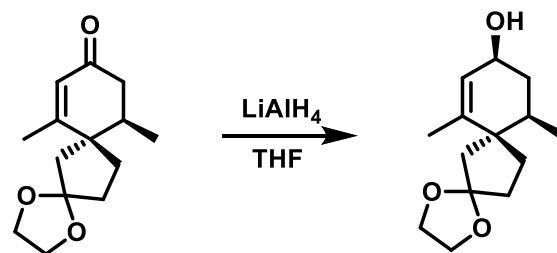
epoxides: typically, attack of  $\text{H}^-$  on less substituted C



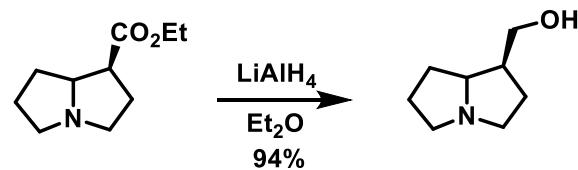
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reduction of C=O: attack at less sterically hindered site

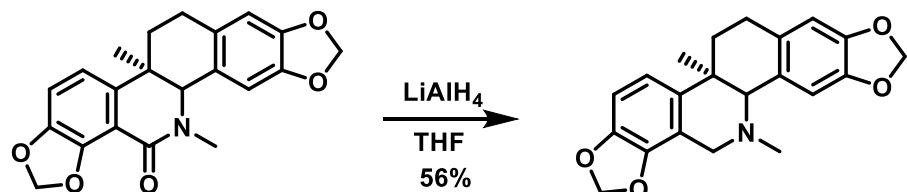
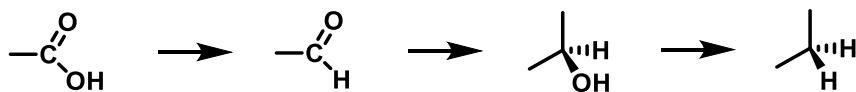
$\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ketones: predominant 1,2-reduction



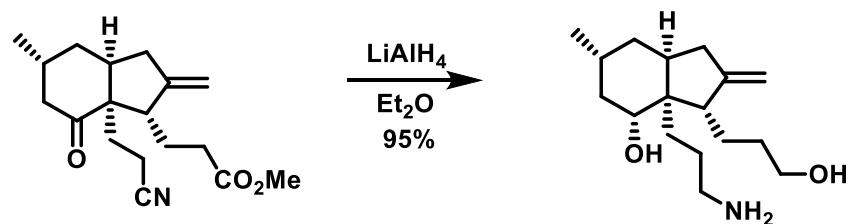
reduction of carbonyl compounds with LAH: typically *no* racemization (epimerization)



*J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans. 1* **1981**, 909.

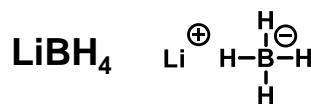


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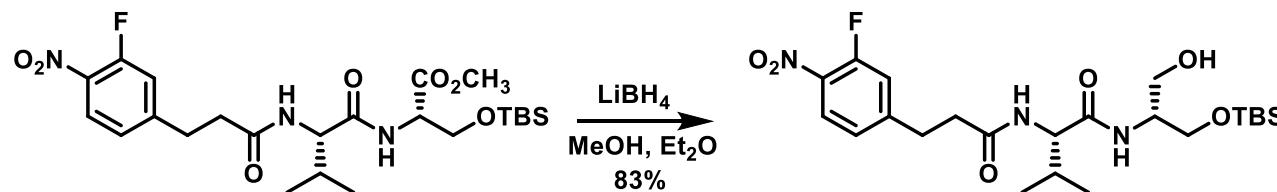


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$\text{LiAlH}_4$  can act as a base:



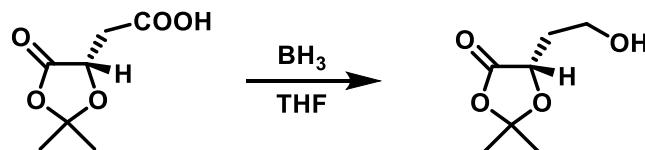
- reduction of esters to alcohols (in the presence of carboxylic acids, amides, nitriles)



Synlett. 2000, 1363.

### **BH<sub>3</sub> : sold as BH<sub>3</sub>.THF or BH<sub>3</sub>.Me<sub>2</sub>S**

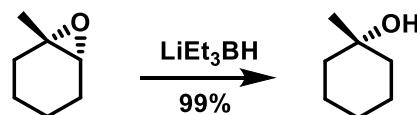
- reduction of *carboxylic acids* in the presence of esters and other functional groups
- hydroboration of alkenes



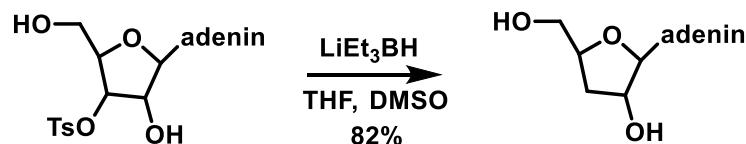
J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1980, 102, 2117.



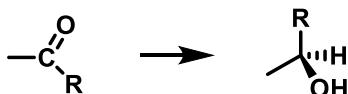
- donor of strongly nucleophilic hydride
- reduction of halides, sulfonates, opening of epoxides (attack on less sterically hindered C)



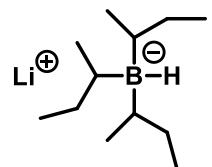
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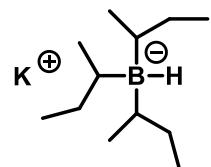
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Selectrides

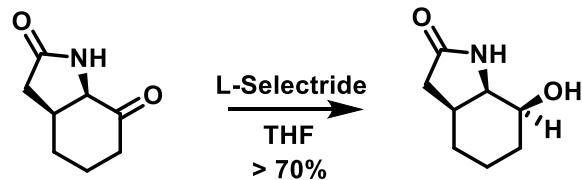


L-Selectride

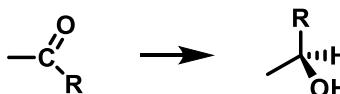


K-Selectride

- bulky donors of hydride
- frequently used for **diastereoselective reductions** (substrate control)

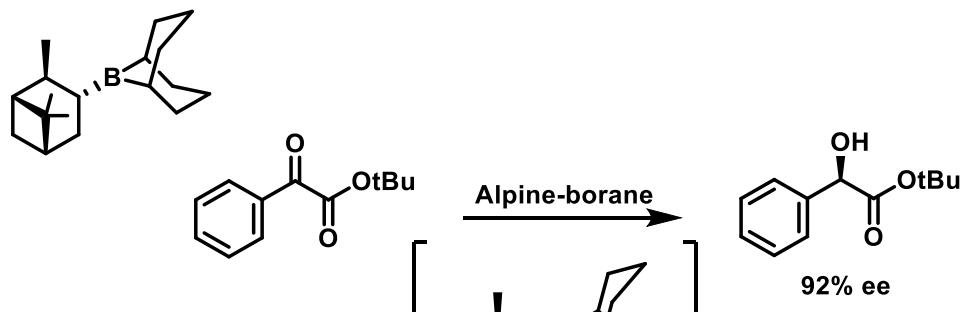


J. Org. Chem. 1988, 53, 4006.

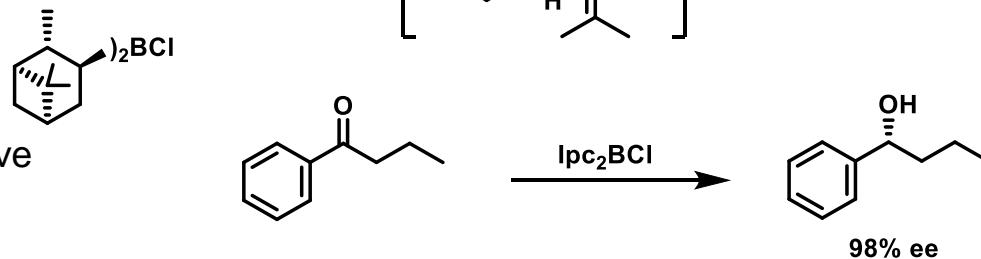


## chiral boranes

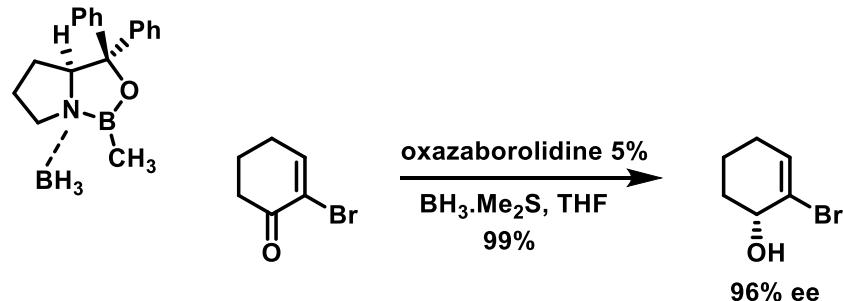
## Alpine-borane

 $\text{Ipc}_2\text{BCl}$ 

• more reactive

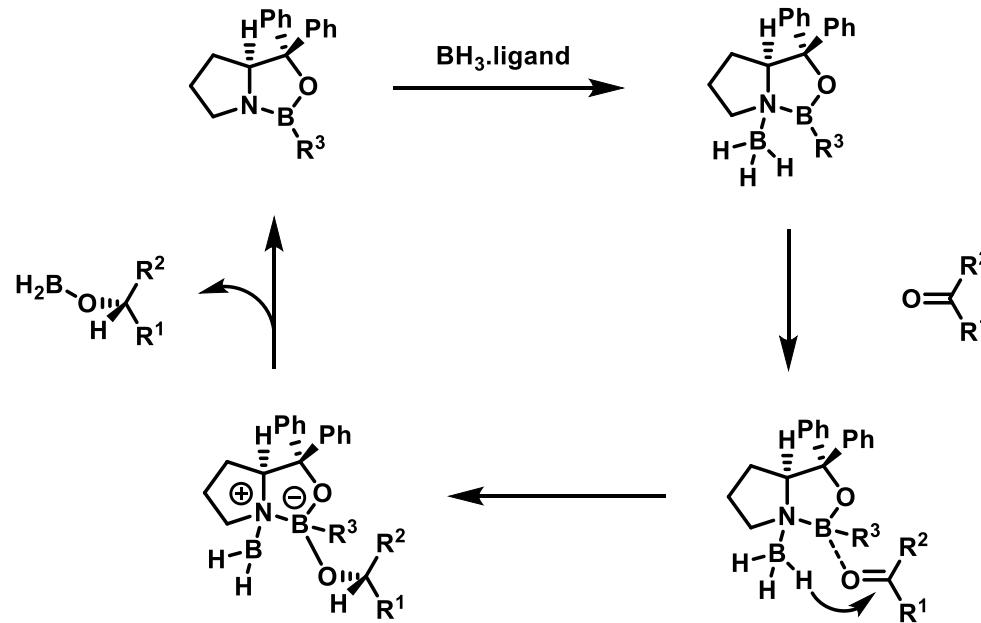
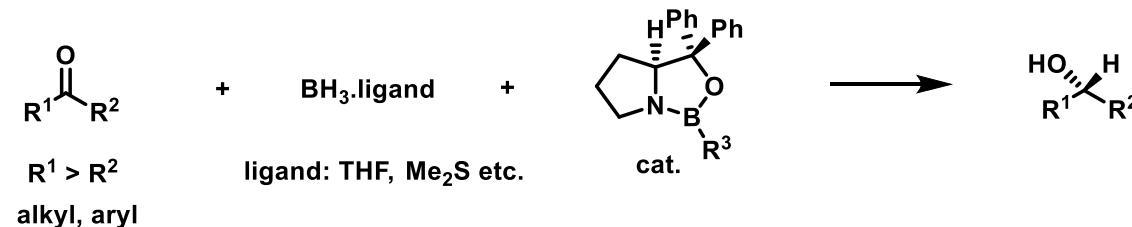
chiral oxazaborolidines +  $\text{BH}_3$ 

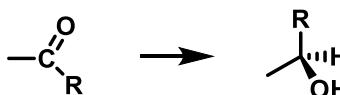
- catalytic amount
- activation of  $\text{BH}_3$  by complexation



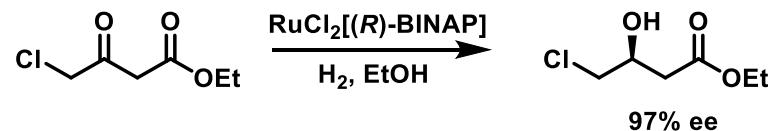
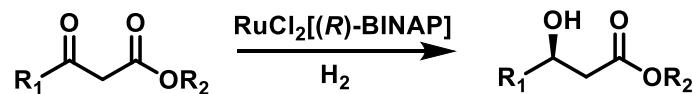
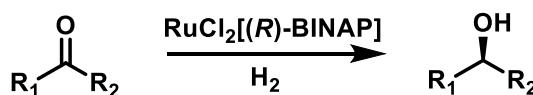
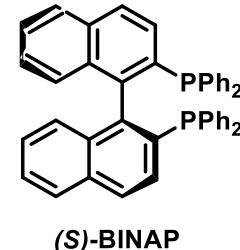
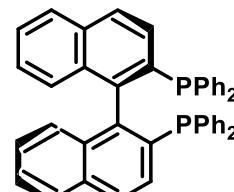


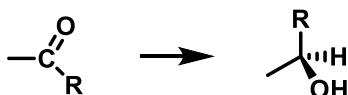
### Corey-Bakshi-Shibata reduction (CBS reduction)



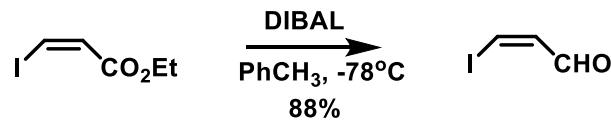


enantioselective reduction

catalytic hydrogenation (of  $\beta$ -ketoesters)*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1988**, *110*, 629.

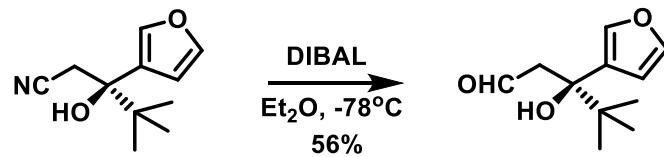
**DIBAL : i-Bu<sub>2</sub>AiH**

- formation of stable tetrahedral adduct after first reduction -> another reduction does not proceed
- reduction of esters to aldehydes (low temperature)

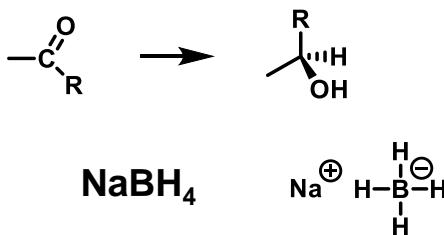


*Org. Synth.* **1996**, 74, 194.

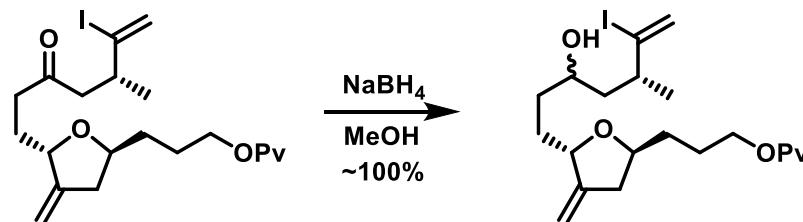
- reduction of nitriles to imines (which are hydrolyzed to aldehydes during work-up)



*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1993**, 115, 3146.

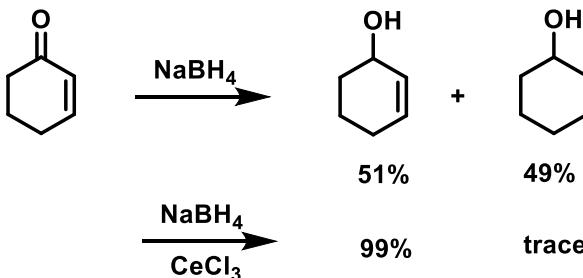


- selective reductant: reduction of aldehydes, ketones and acid chlorides in the presence of other reducible groups (CO<sub>2</sub>R, CN, NO<sub>2</sub>, epoxides)
- compatible with alcoholic solvents

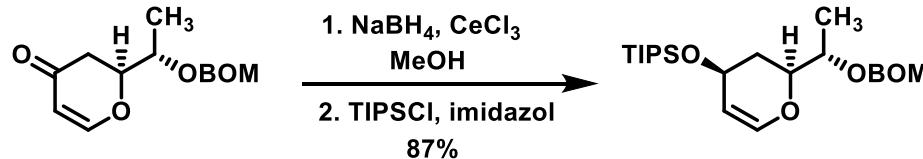


*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1992**, *114*, 3162.

$\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ketones: 1,2-reduction (in combination with lanthanide salts - **Luche reduction**)



*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1978**, *100*, 2226.

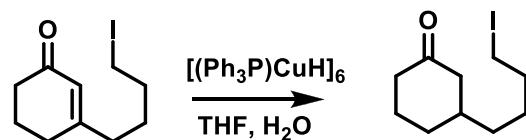
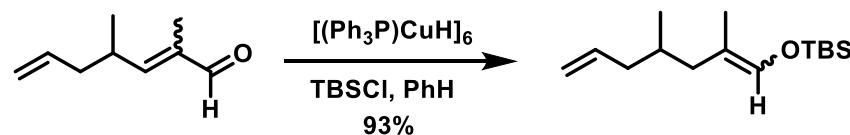


*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1997**, *119*, 10073.

note

**Stryker reduction: 1,4-reduction**

- complementary to 1,2-reduction of  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ketones, aldehydes, nitriles, sulfones
- highly chemoselective: isolated C=C, C=O and many protecting groups typically not affected
- $[(\text{Ph}_3\text{P})\text{CuH}]_6$  commercially available



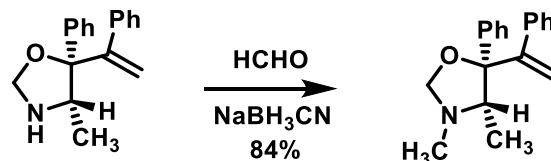
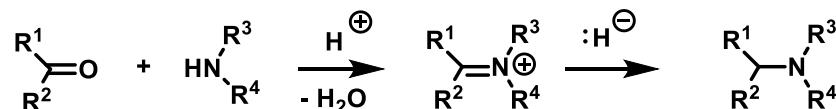
*Tetrahedron Lett.* **1990**, *31*, 3237.

chemoselective reduction of aldehydes vs. ketones  
with  $\text{NaBH}(\text{O}-\text{CH}(\text{CF}_3)_2)_3$

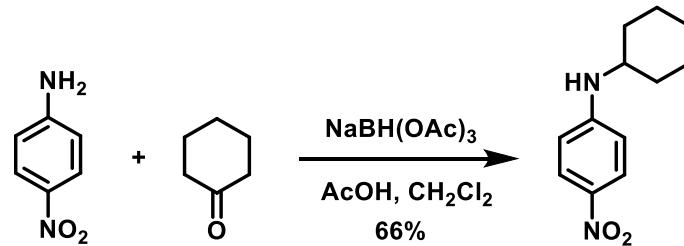
*Synlett* **2008**, *16*, 2523.

**reductive amination:**  $\text{NaBH}_4$ ,  $\text{NaBH}(\text{OAc})_3$ ,  $\text{NaBH}_3\text{CN}$

- selective reduction of imines and iminium salts; stable under mildly acidic conditions
- optimal pH: typically 4-5 (equilibrium of protonated/non-protonated carbonyl & imine & amine)



*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1988**, 110, 4329.

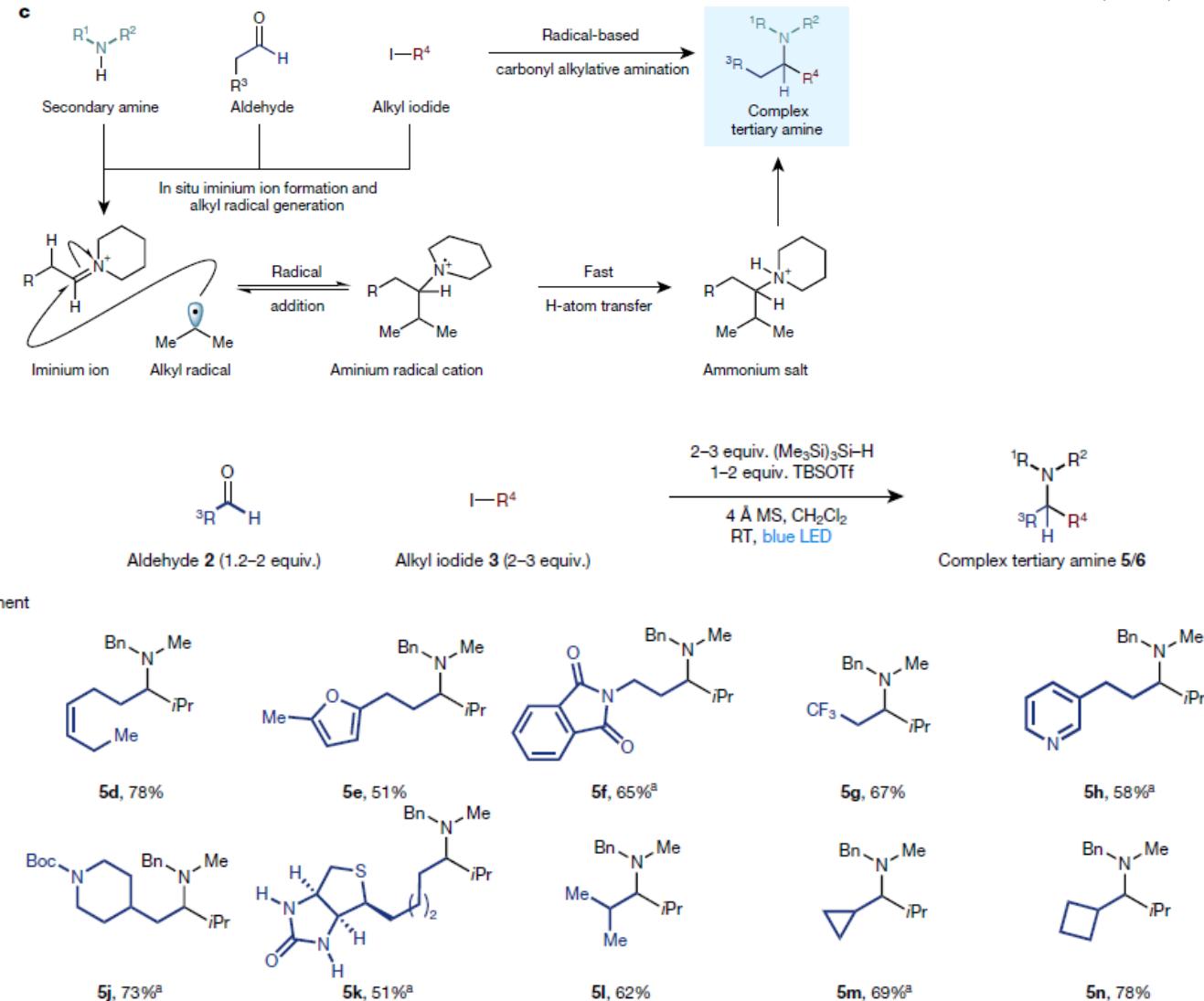


*Tetrahedron Lett.* **1984**, 25, 5449.

note: „Cs effect“ mono-alkylation *J. Org. Chem.* **2002**, 67, 674.  
irreproducible in our hands: phenethyl amine +  $\text{BnBr}$

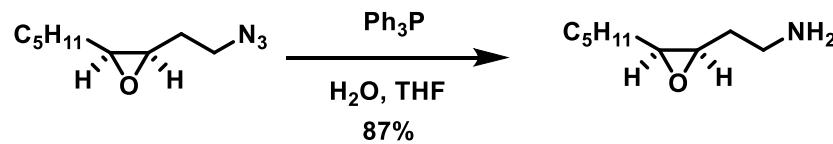
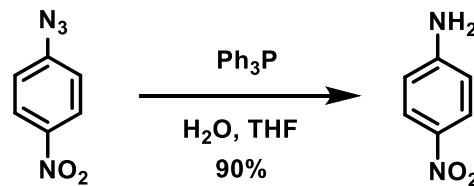
## alkylative amination

- formally analogous to reductive amination -> complex tertiary amines (frequent motifs in medchem)
- but historically difficult to carry out

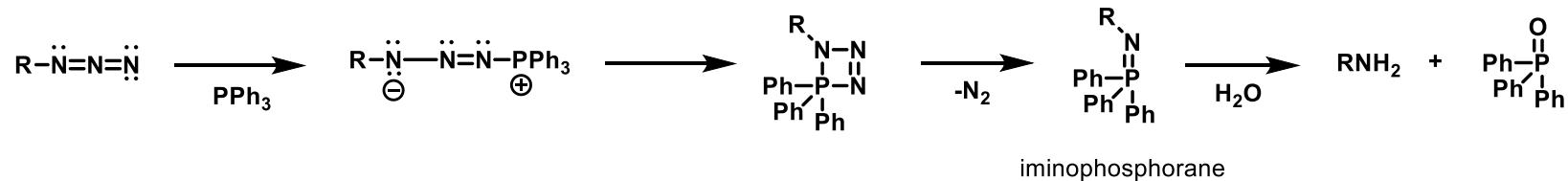
*Nature* 2020, 581, 415.

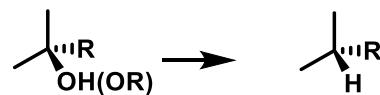


### Staudinger reaction



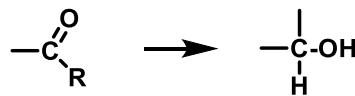
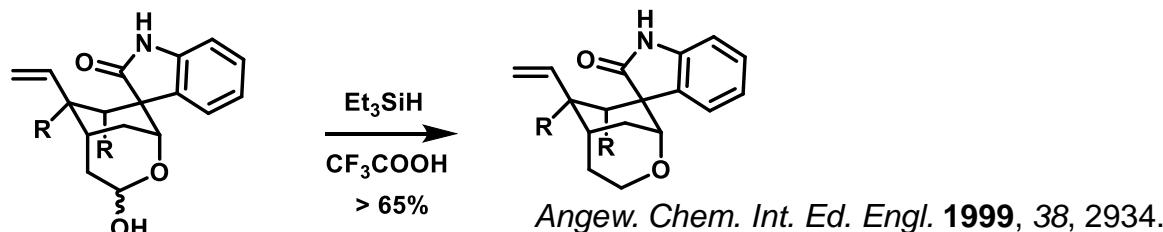
*Tetrahedron Lett.* **1983**, 24, 763.





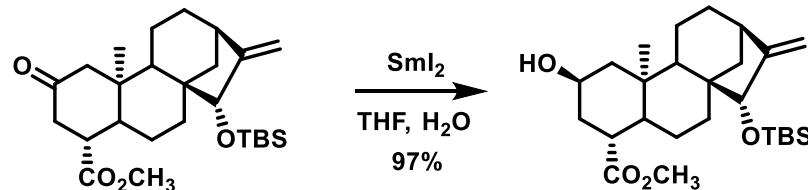
### „ionic hydrogenation“

- combination of proton donor ( $\text{CF}_3\text{COOH}$ ) and hydride donor ( $\text{Et}_3\text{SiH}$ )
- typically selective with ketones, alkenes and lactoles

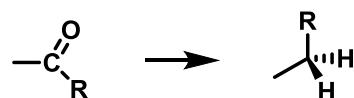


### $\text{SmI}_2$

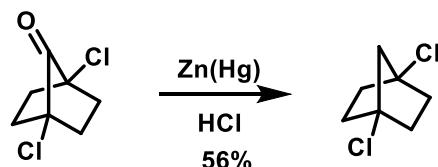
- reduction of aldehydes and ketones in the presence of carb. acids and esters



*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1990**, 112, 7001.

**Clemmensen reduction**

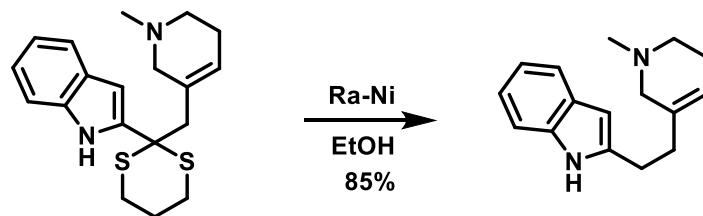
- strongly acidic conditions; limited use



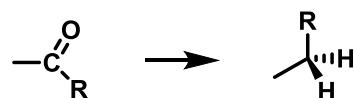
*J. Org. Chem.* **1969**, *34*, 1109.

**reduction of thioacetals (thioketals), also thiols, thioethers, sulfoxides and sulfones**

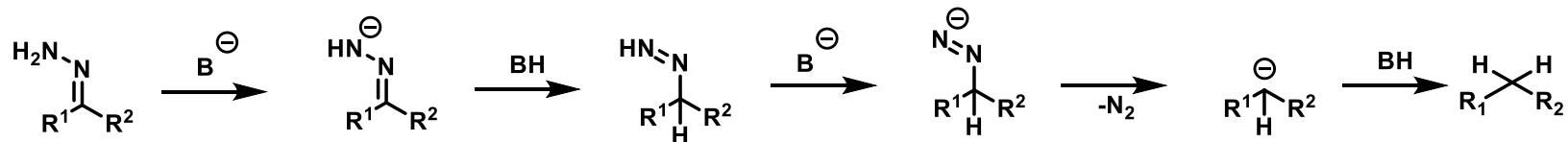
- Ra-Ni (+  $\text{H}_2$ )



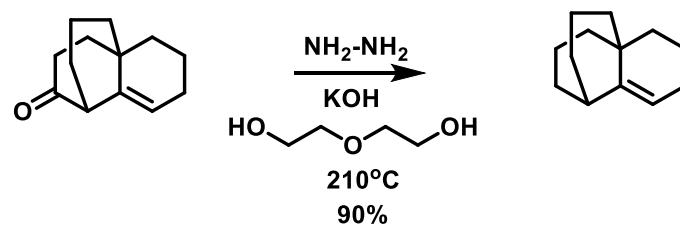
*Heterocycles* **1991**, *32*, 663.



### Kizhner-Wolff reduction

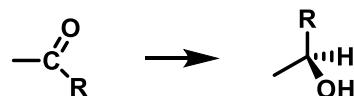


traditional protocol:

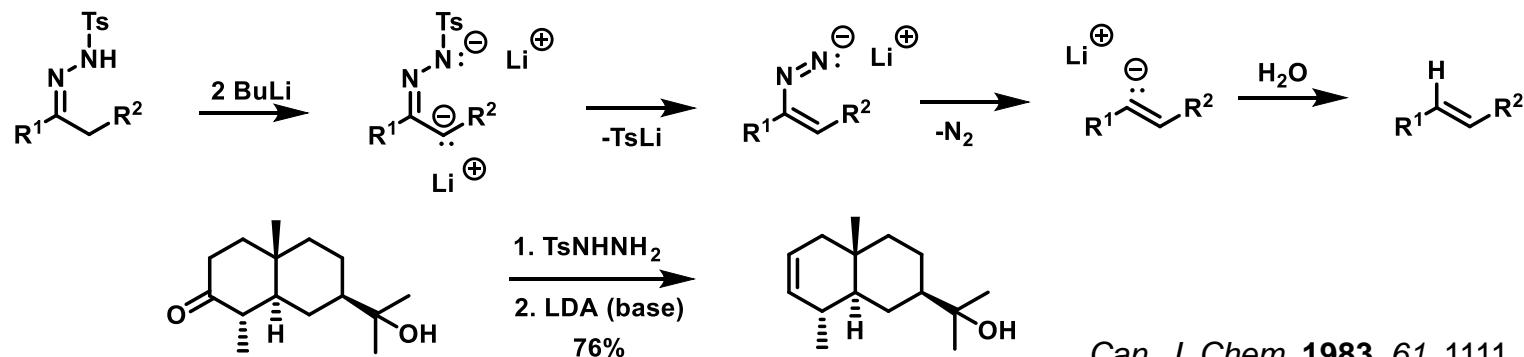


Can. J. Chem. 1979, 57, 1064.

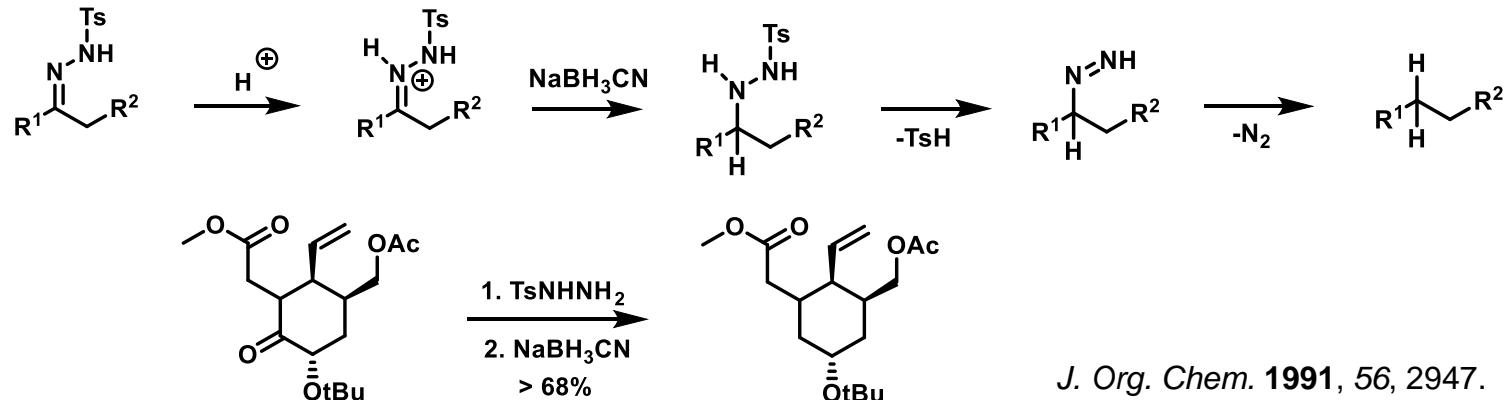
low temperature variant: t-BuOK, DMSO

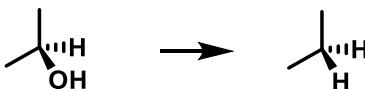
**Shapiro reaction**

- ketones (aldehydes) → tosylhydrazone → alkenes

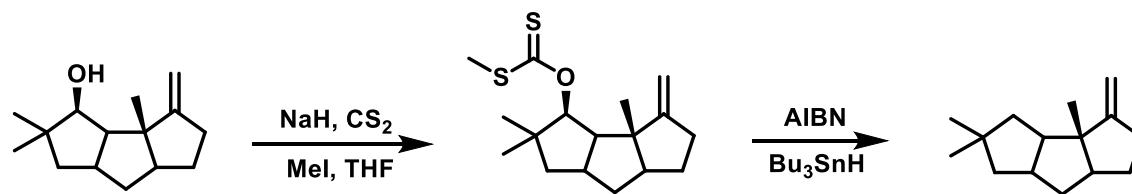
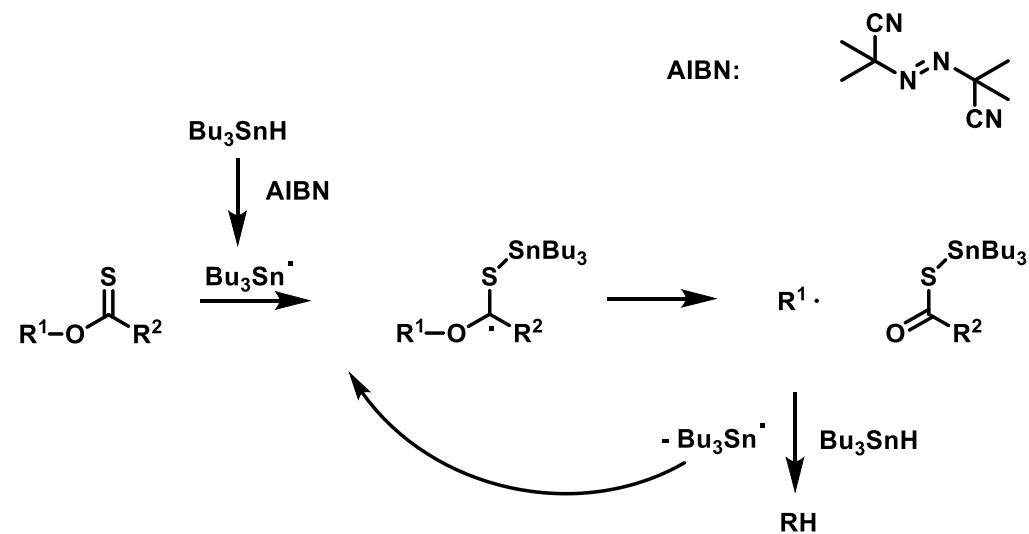
**reduction of tosylhydrazones by hydrides**

- mild & chemoselective (esters, amides, nitro, nitriles... tolerated) removal of O from carbonyl

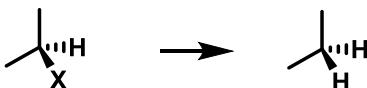




### Barton-McCombie deoxygenation

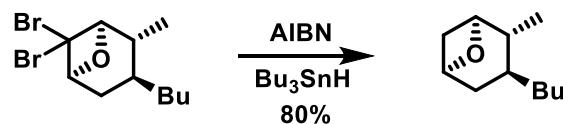


*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1986**, *108*, 3443.

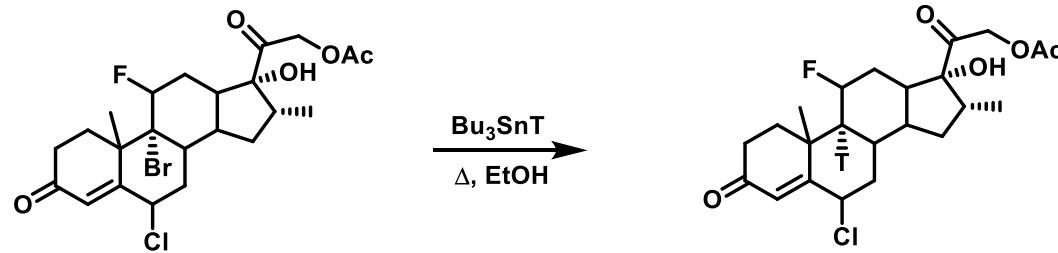


### radical dehalogenation

- radical source:  $\text{Bu}_3\text{SnH}$
- Br a I more reactive than Cl a F
- also useful for removal of  $\text{NO}_2$

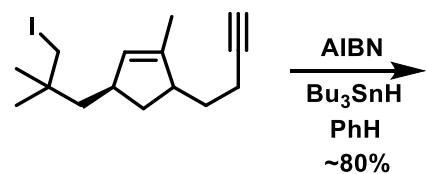


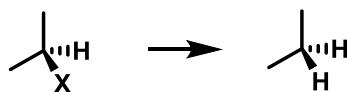
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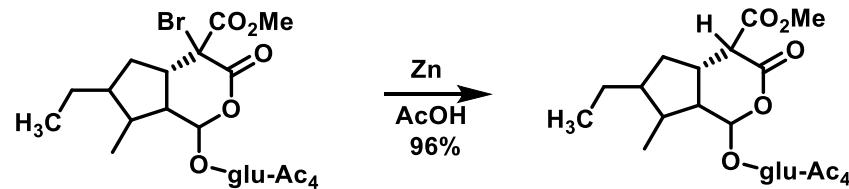
radical reactions: possibility of alternative pathways (-> side reactions)



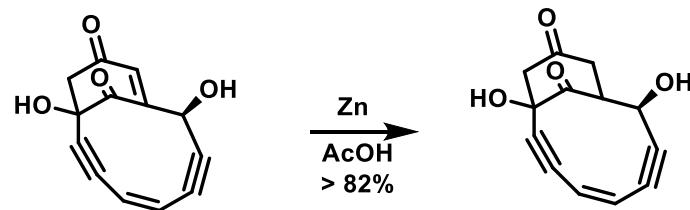


### dehalogenation with Zn/AcOH

- chemoselective reduction of  $\alpha$ -haloketones,  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ketones



*J. Org. Chem.* **1988**, 53, 1100.



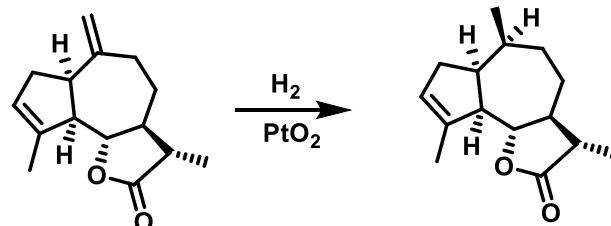
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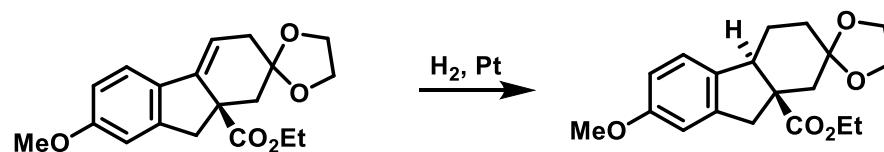
### catalytic hydrogenation (of alkenes)

- substituted alkenes are typically less reactive
  - syn- addition from sterically less hindered site
- but:* addition of H<sub>2</sub> can be directed using proper polar substituents

**heterogenous:** typically with Pd/C, Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>, Pt, PtO<sub>2</sub> etc.

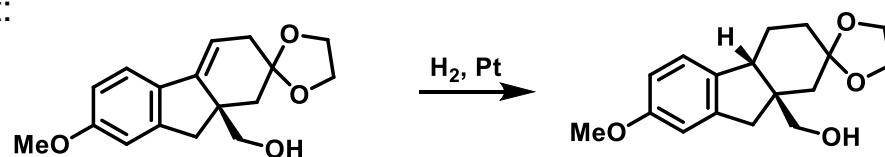


Tetrahedron 1972, 28, 3583.



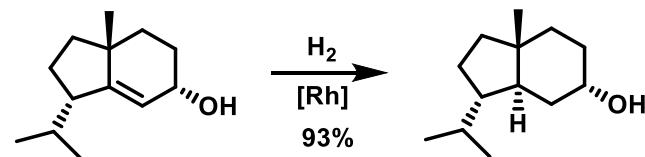
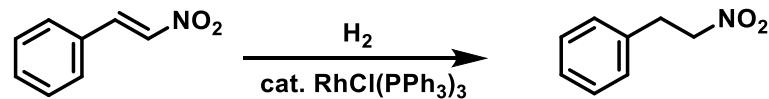
J. Chem. Soc. 1957, 3107.

*but:*



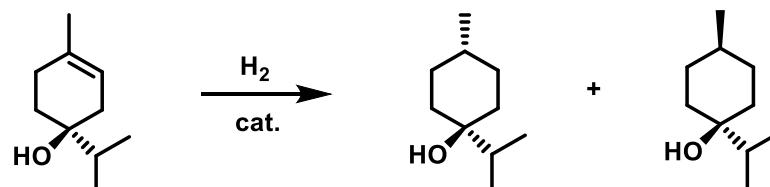
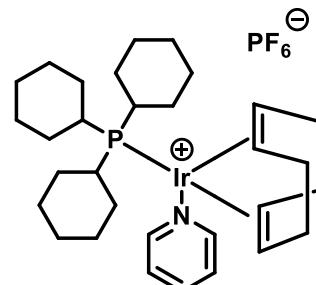
**homogenous**Wilkinson catalyst:  $\text{RhCl}(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ 

- compatible with CO, COOR, CN,  $\text{NO}_2$
- stereoselective *cis*- hydrogenation

*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1985**, *107*, 4339.

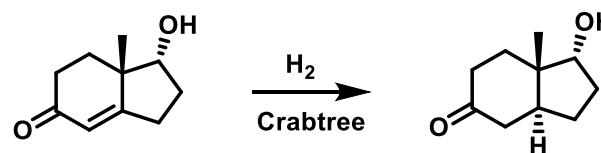
Crabtree's catalyst:

- frequently used for directed hydrogenations



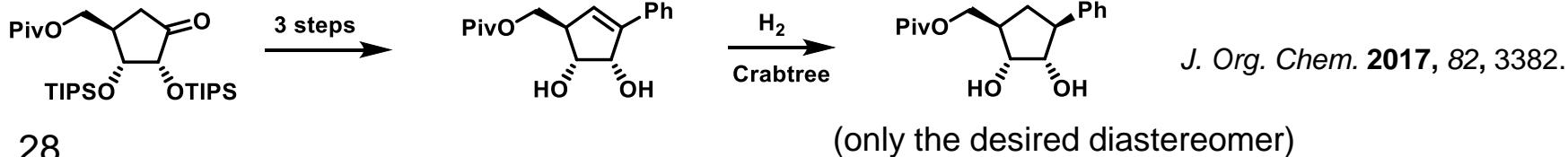
Crabtree:	>99.9%	<0.1%
Pd/C	20%	80%

Organometallics 1987, 2, 681.



J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1983, 105, 1072.

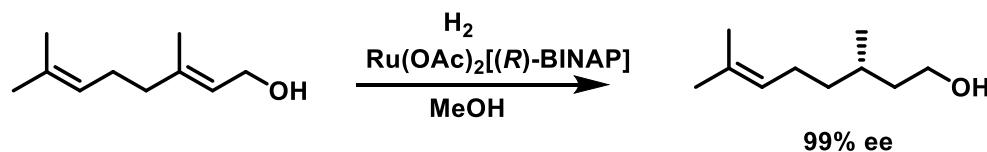
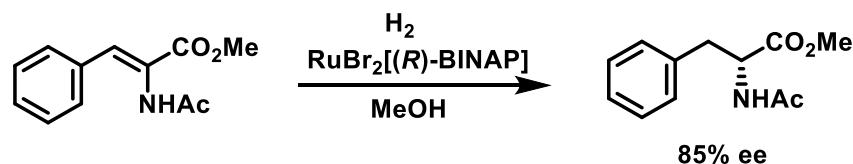
(Pd/C: cis-isomer)





### asymmetric catalytic hydrogenation (of olefins)

- complexes of metals with chiral phosphines

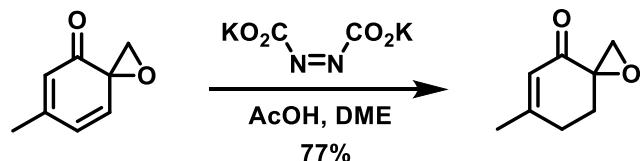
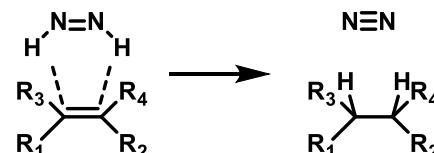


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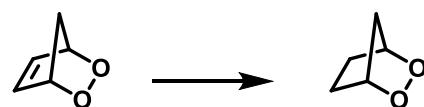


### reduction with diimide

- *in situ* generation
- selective cis- reduction of C=C
- tolerated: C=O, C=N, NO<sub>2</sub>, OBn etc.

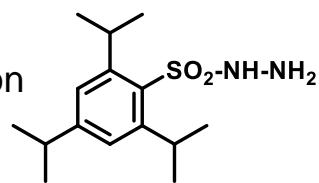


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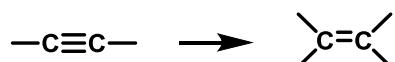


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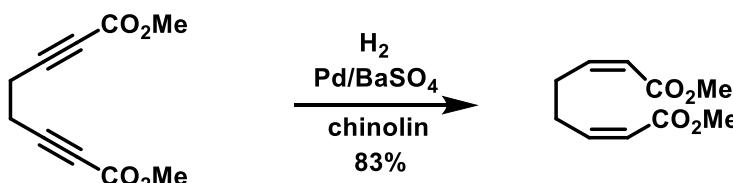
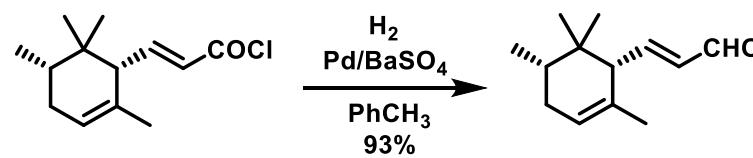
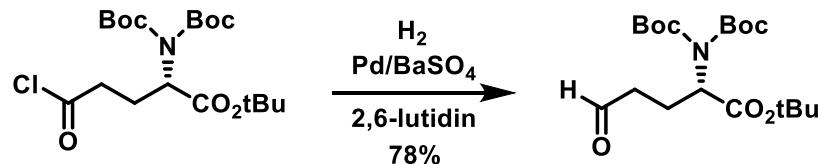
alternative generation of diimide: thermal decomposition



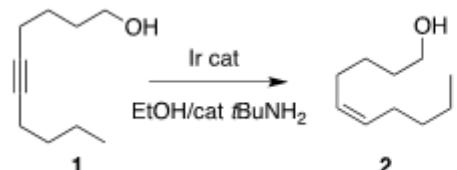
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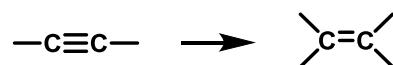


## reduction of alkynes

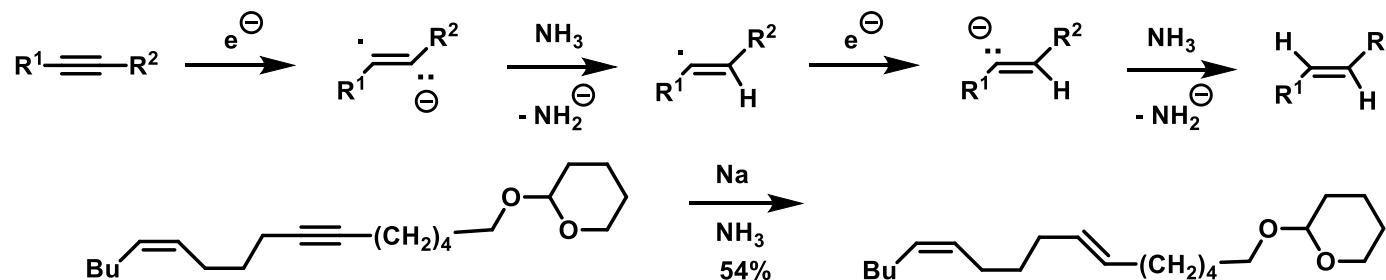
cis:  $\text{H}_2$  + Lindlar catalyst ( $\text{Pd/BaSO}_4$ )*J. Org. Chem.* **1972**, *37*, 4317.note. used also for chemoselective reduction of  $\text{COCl}$  to  $\text{CHO}$  (Rosenmund reduction)*Helv. Chim. Acta* **1989**, *72*, 1400.*Helv. Chim. Acta* **1990**, *73*, 405.

## newer protocols:

e.g. Ir catalyst in EtOH (serving as a reducing medium): conversion of **1** to **2***J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2021**, *143*, 4824.

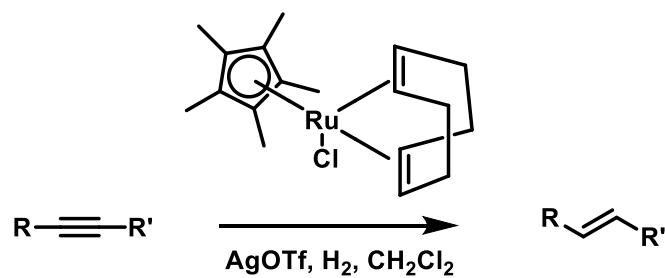


**trans:** Na in liquid NH<sub>3</sub>



**trans:** modern methods: Pd- or Ru-catalyzed semi-hydrogenation

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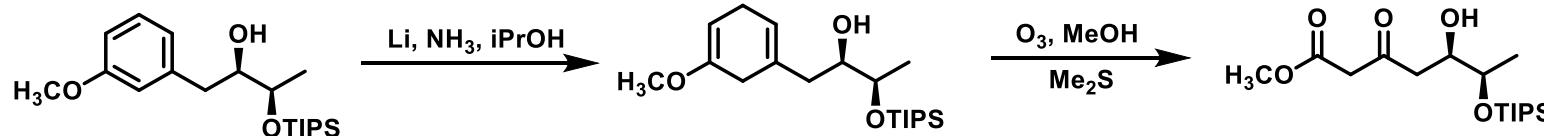
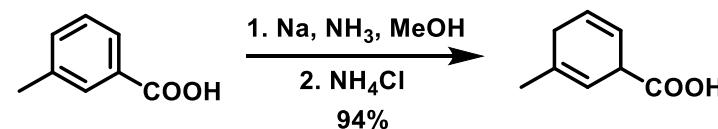
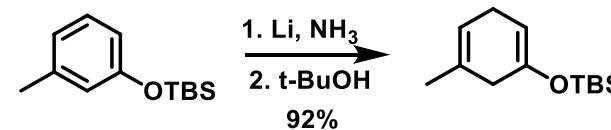
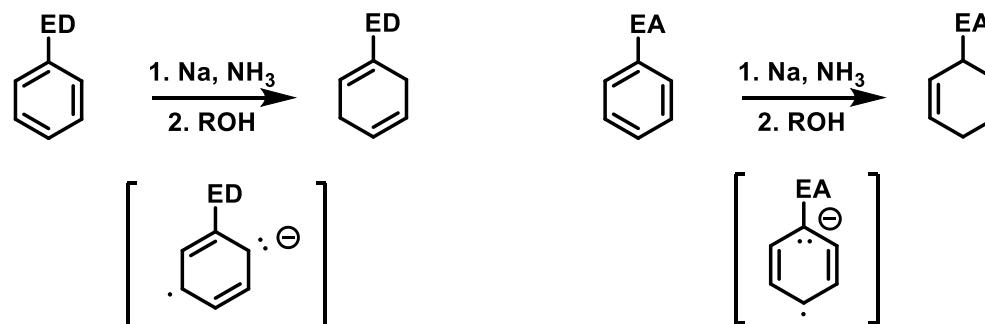


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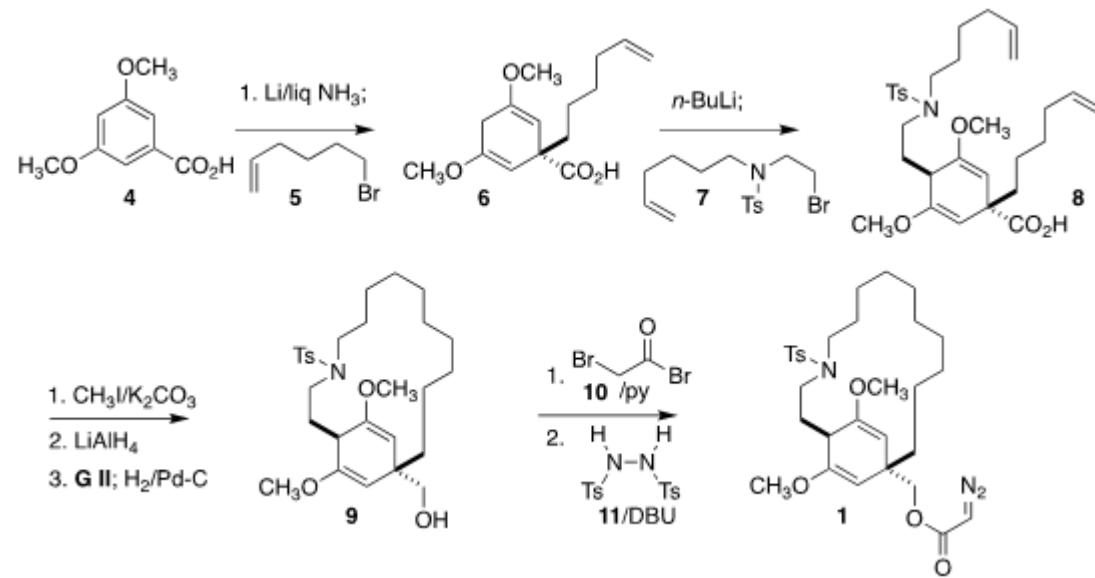
- cyclic & acyclic alkynes
- tolerated: OH, OTs, NO<sub>2</sub>, SMe, COOH etc.

**Birch reduction**

- Na, K, Li in liquid NH<sub>3</sub> -> reduction of aromatic rings
- product is generated from the corresponding radical-anion  
(regioselectivity is given by its stabilization -> depends on substituents)



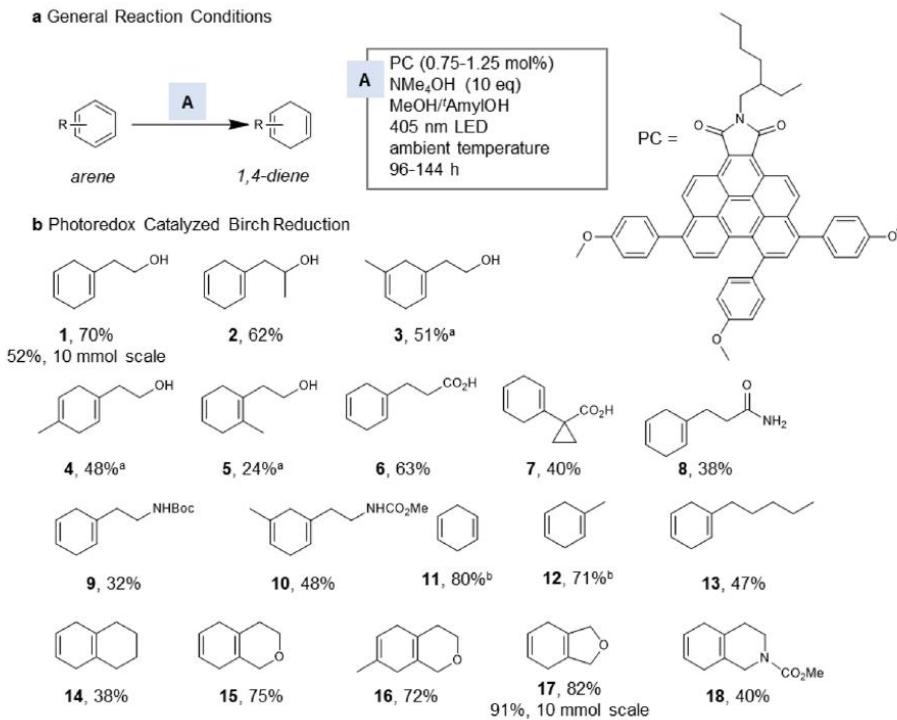
alkylation of the in situ formed radical-anion:



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## visible light-driven Birch reduction

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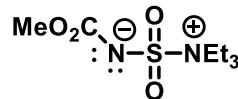
## modern (more user-friendly) variant of Birch reduction

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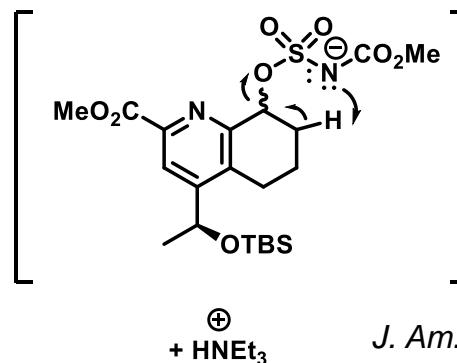
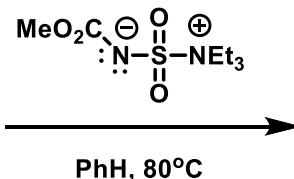
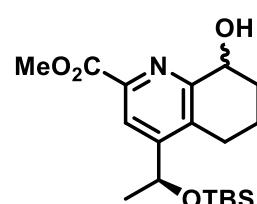
Li (wire) + NH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub> in THF, ice bath

elimination of H<sub>2</sub>O**Burgess reagent**

- for sec. & tert. OH



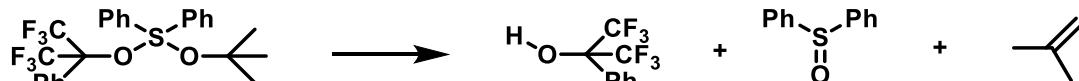
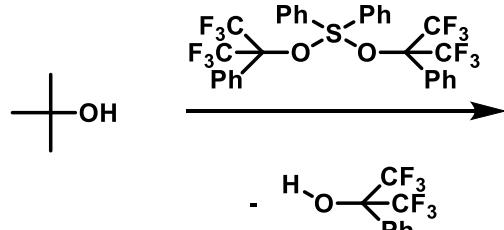
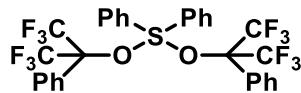
*J. Org. Chem.* **1973**, *38*, 26.



*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2005**, *127*, 11176.

**Martin sulfurane**

- for sec. & tert. OH



*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1971**, *93*, 4327.