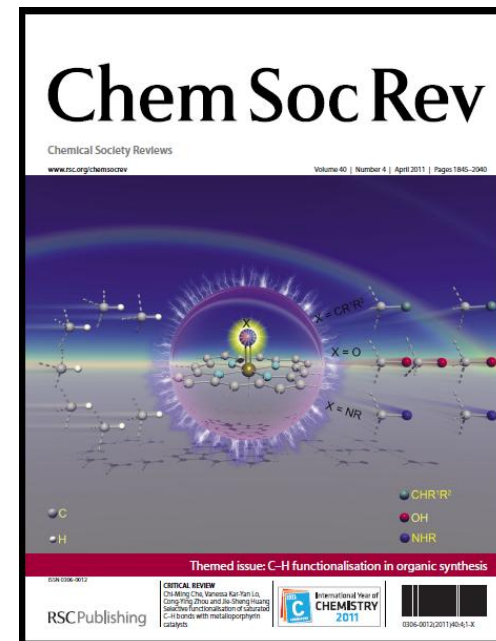


# C–H Functionalization in organic synthesis

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# Topics in this series of reviews

- History & logic of C-H functionalization
- Recent C-H in total synthesis
- Stereoselectivity
- Enzymatic C–H functionalization
- Metalloporphyrin complex in C–H
- Oxidation and mechanistic study



# Topics in this series of reviews

The papers I will focus on:

- alpha-C–H functionalization of ethers and alcohols (page 1937–1949)
- Diastereocontrol in C-H of Methylene group (page 2022-2038)

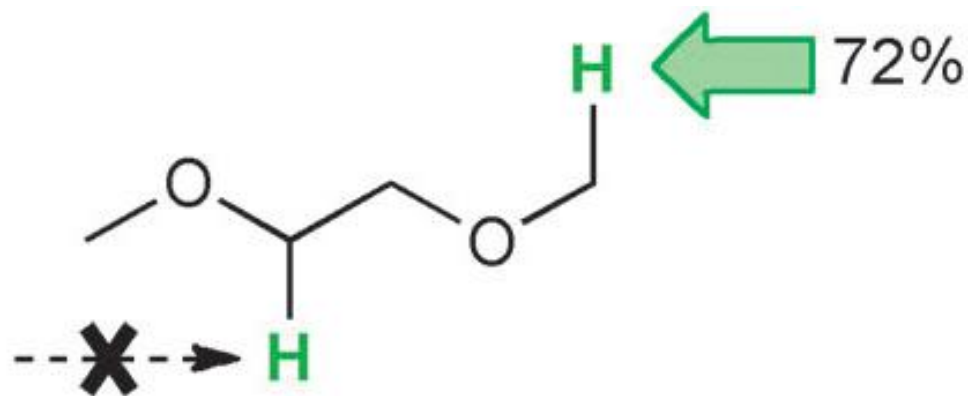
# Classification

- $sp^2$  C–H functionalization
- Activated  $sp^3$  C–H functionalization (allyl, benzyl, propargyl and carbonyl; alpha heteroatomic Hydrogen)
- Deactivated  $sp^3$  C–H functionalization (beta heteroatomic Hydrogen). **Importantly** but **rarely**.

# Alpha H Vs. Beta H

- The heteroatom can stabilize the positive charge (radical) at alpha position.
- The inductive effect of oxygen destabilizes the positive charge (radical) at beta position.
- Therefore to achieve the C-H activation at beta position, the directing group is usually required.

# Alpha H Vs. Beta H

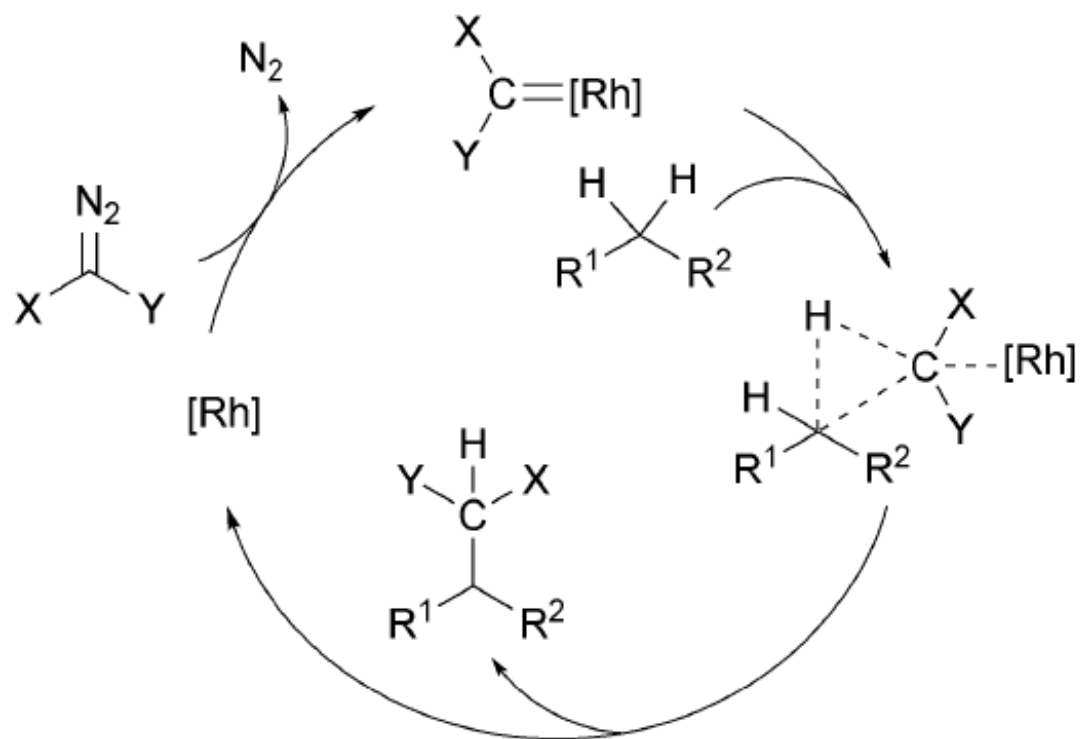


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# C–H activation reactions at methylene groups

- Insertion of transition metal stabilized carbenes and nitrenes into diastereotopic CH<sub>2</sub> groups
- Transition metal catalysed diastereoselective C–H activation reactions

# Metal carbenoid insertions

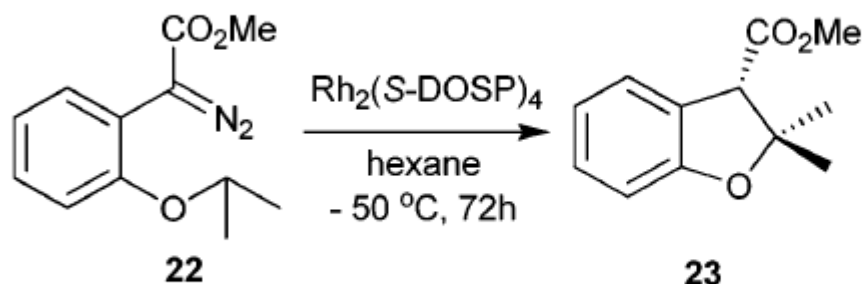


Scheme 1



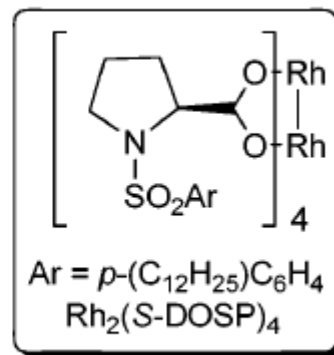
# Asymmetric synthetic method

- Davies and coworkers (page 1857-1869, explain the stereochemistry)

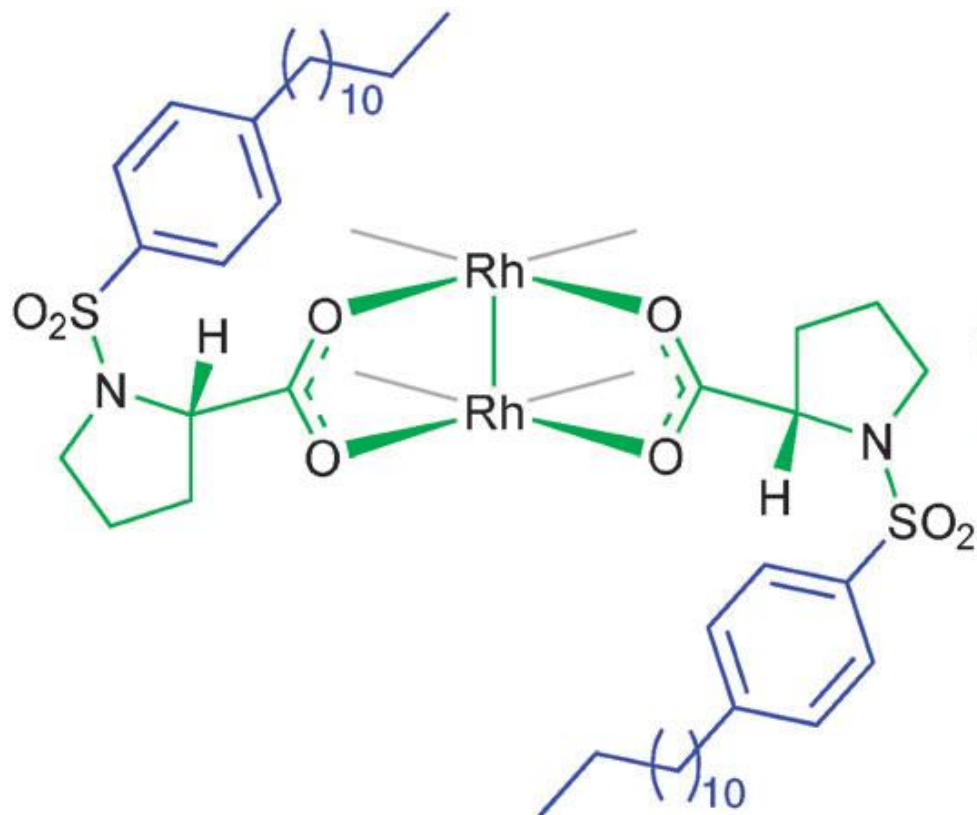


Catalyst will be shown in the next slide

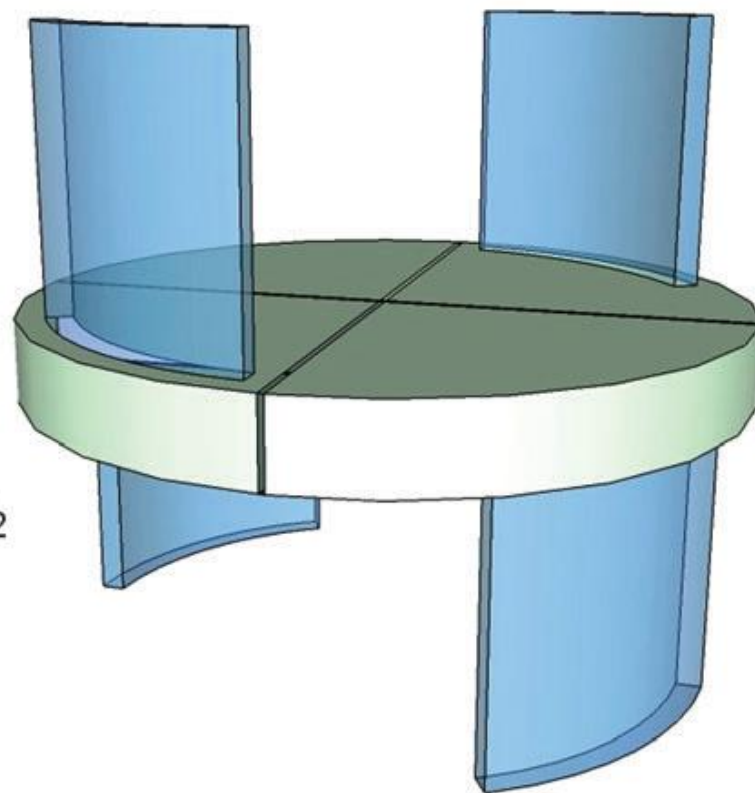
**23**  
98% yield  
94% ee



# Rh<sub>2</sub>(DOSP)<sub>4</sub> Catalyst

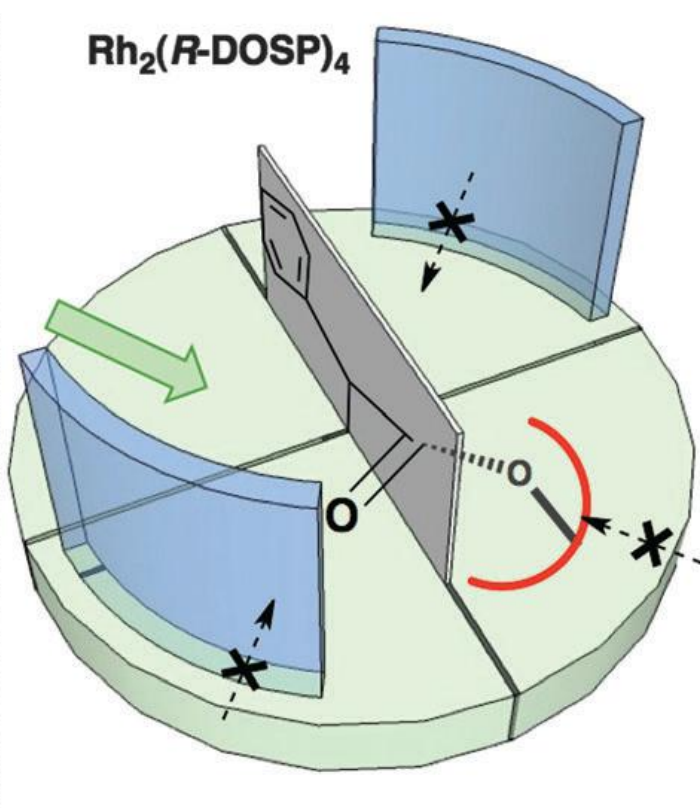
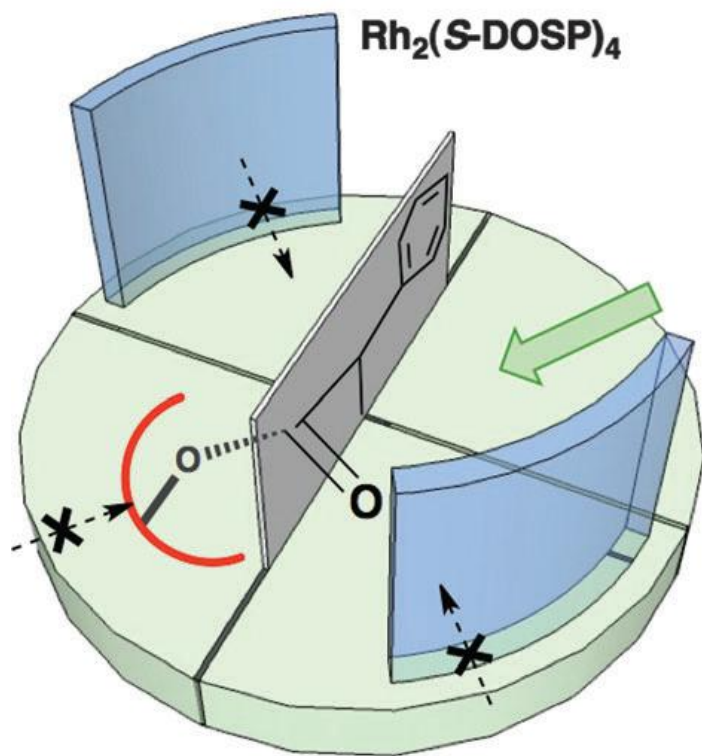
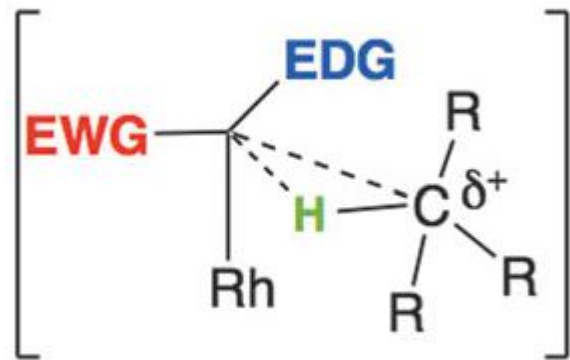
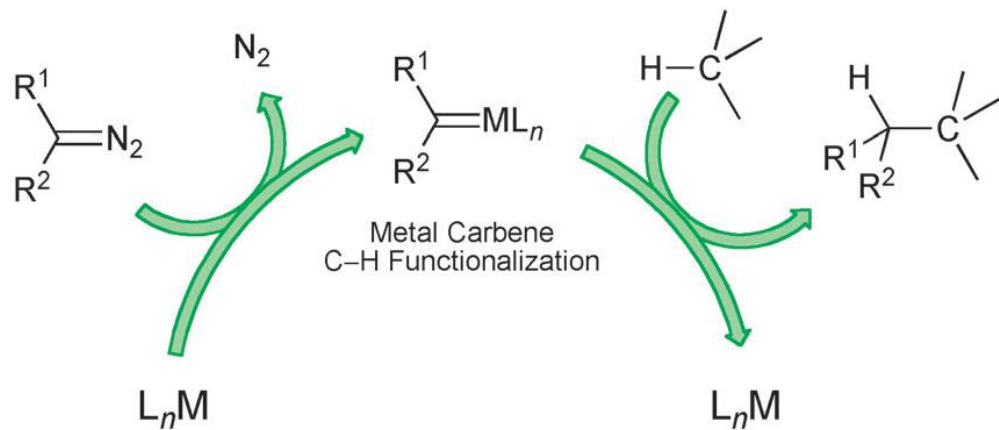


Rh<sub>2</sub>(S-DOSP)<sub>4</sub>



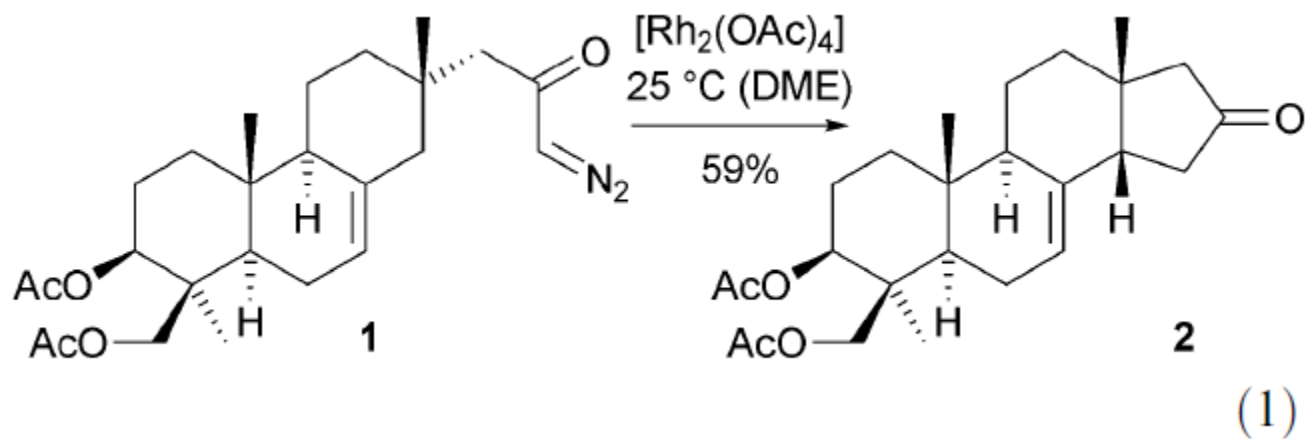
**D<sub>2</sub>-symmetric**

“Typically catalyst loadings of 1 mol% are employed. A recent study has shown, however, that the catalyst is efficient at loadings as low as 0.0001 mol%.”

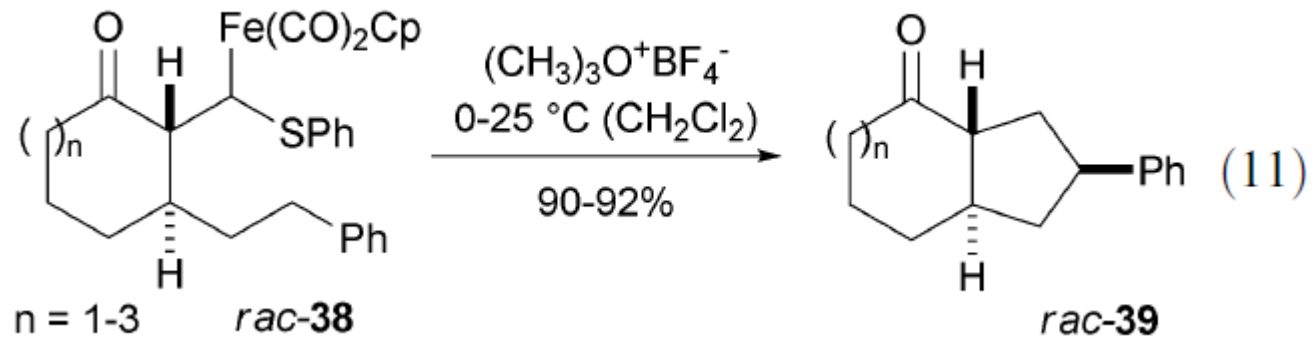


# Reactions

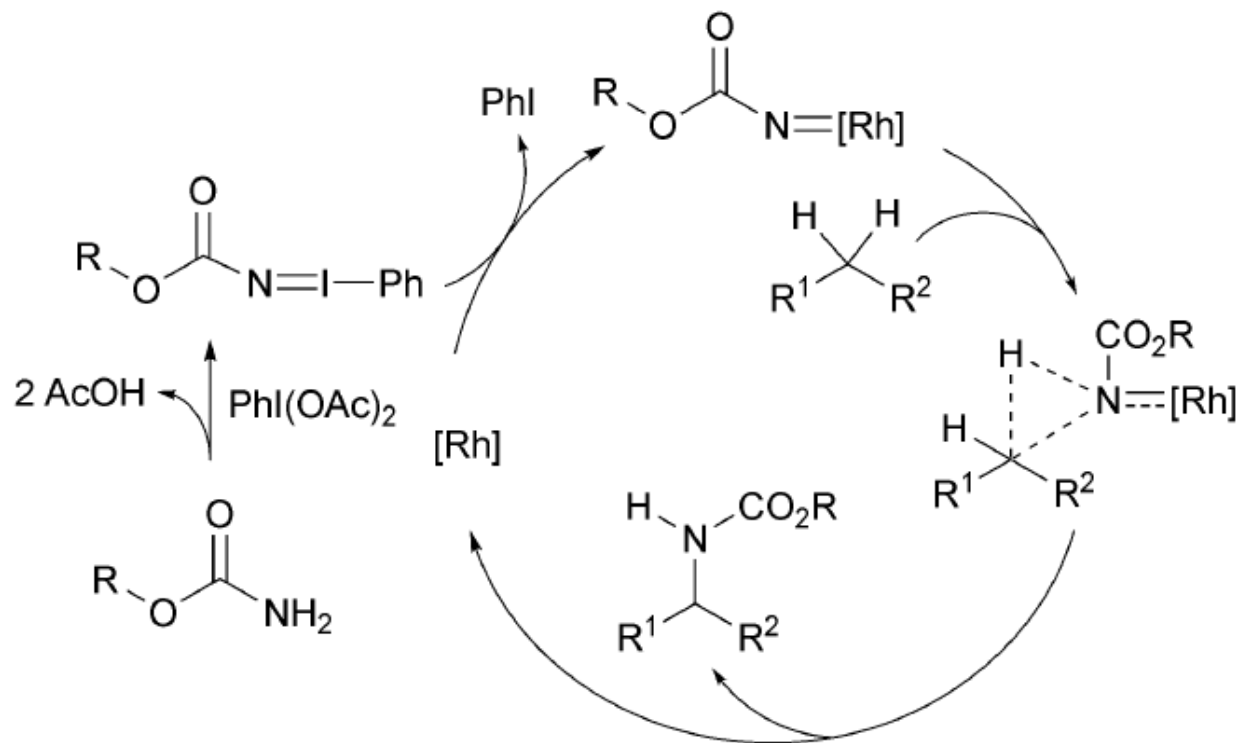
- The first example of a diastereoselective intramolecular carbene insertion into a methylene group was observed as early as 1982 by Wenkert and co-workers.



# Iron Carbenoid



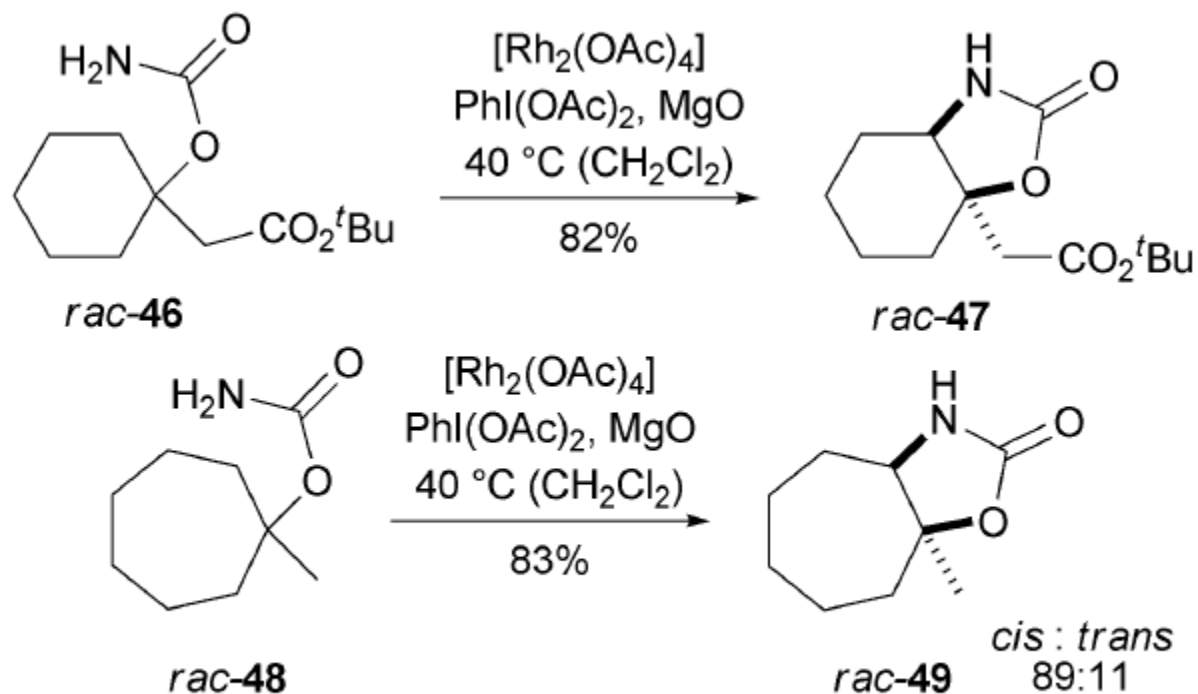
# Metal nitrenoid insertions



**Scheme 6**

There is a question on next slide!

# Reactions of Carbamates

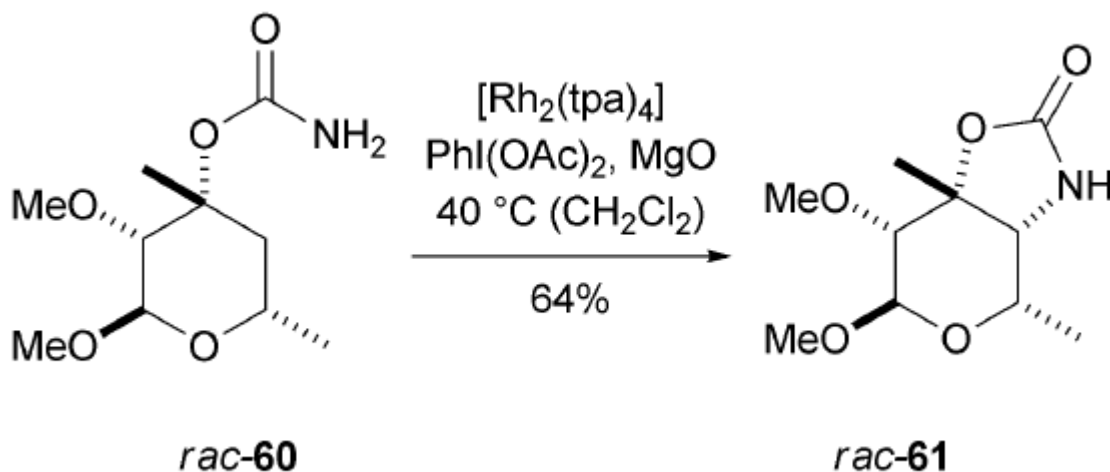


Scheme 7

What is the purpose of the MgO?

# Solvent

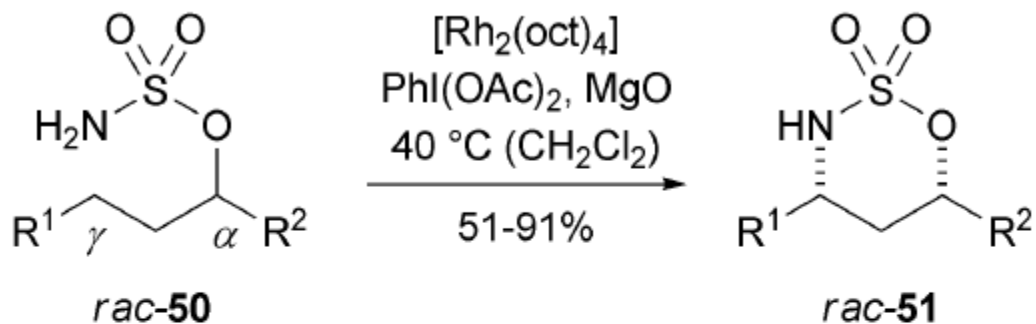
- Changing the solvent to benzene and heated up to 80 degree led to complete conversion.



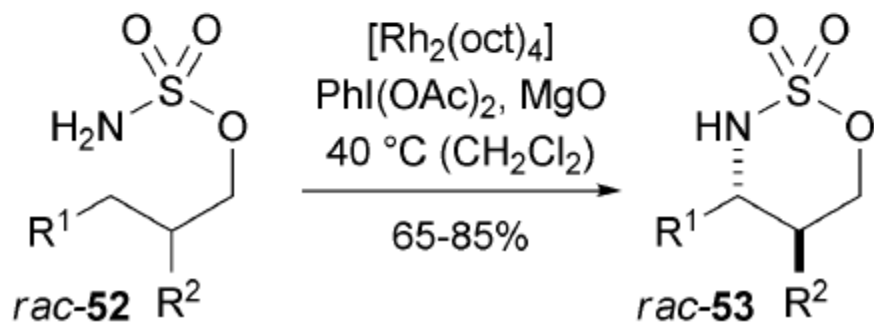


# Reactions of Sulfamate esters

Reactions of  $\alpha,\gamma$ -substituted sulfamate esters

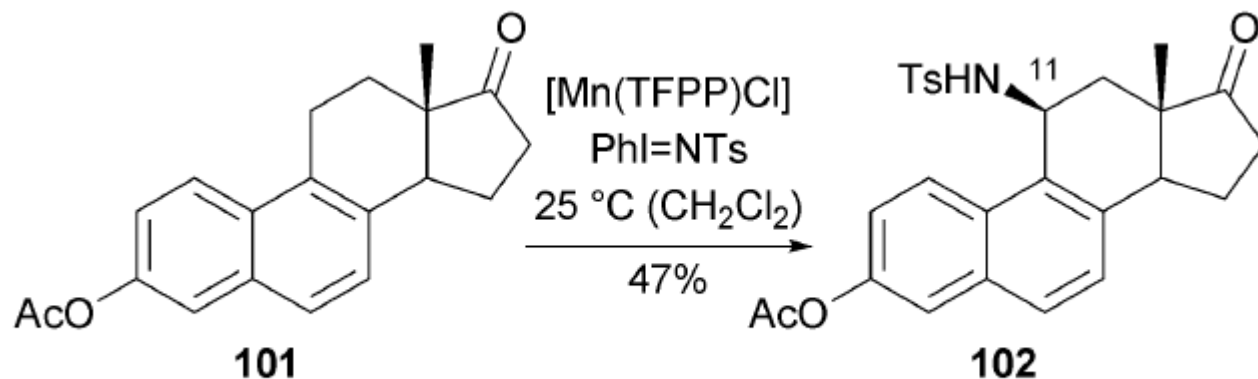


Reactions of  $\beta,\gamma$ -substituted sulfamate esters

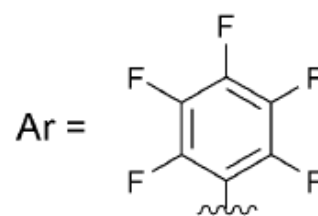
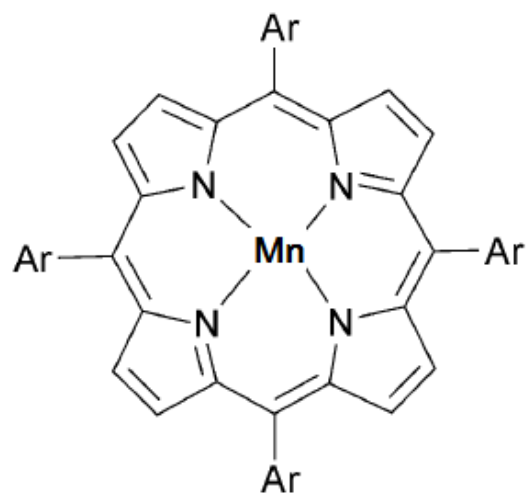


a rough reaction rate scale was drawn: 3° > etheral  $\approx$  benzylic > 2°  $\gg$  1°.

# Intermolecular nitrene



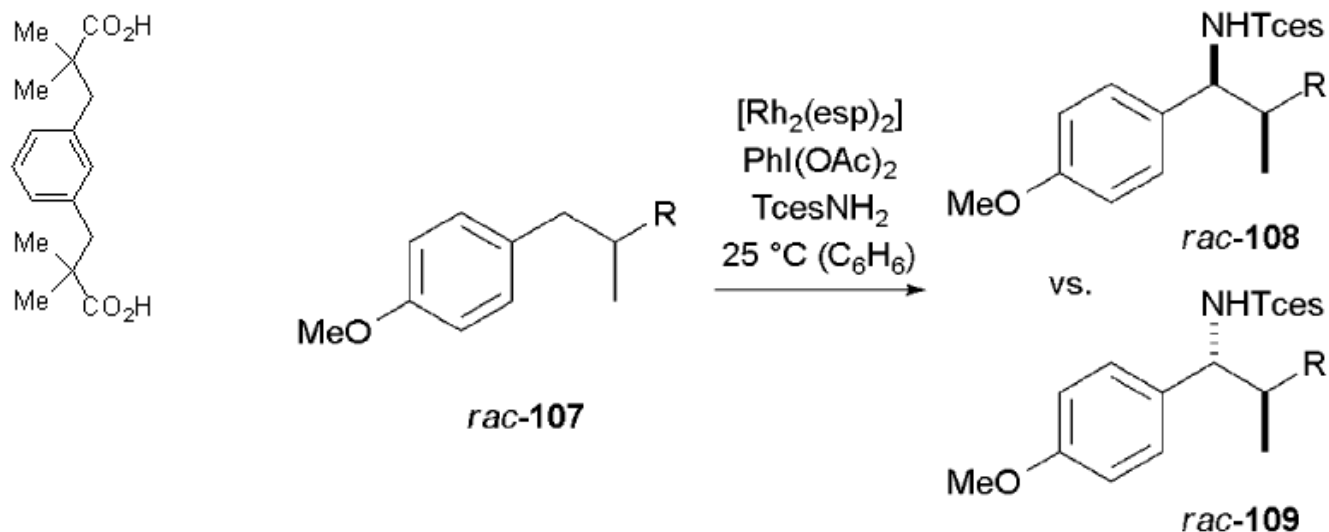
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# Intermolecular nitrene

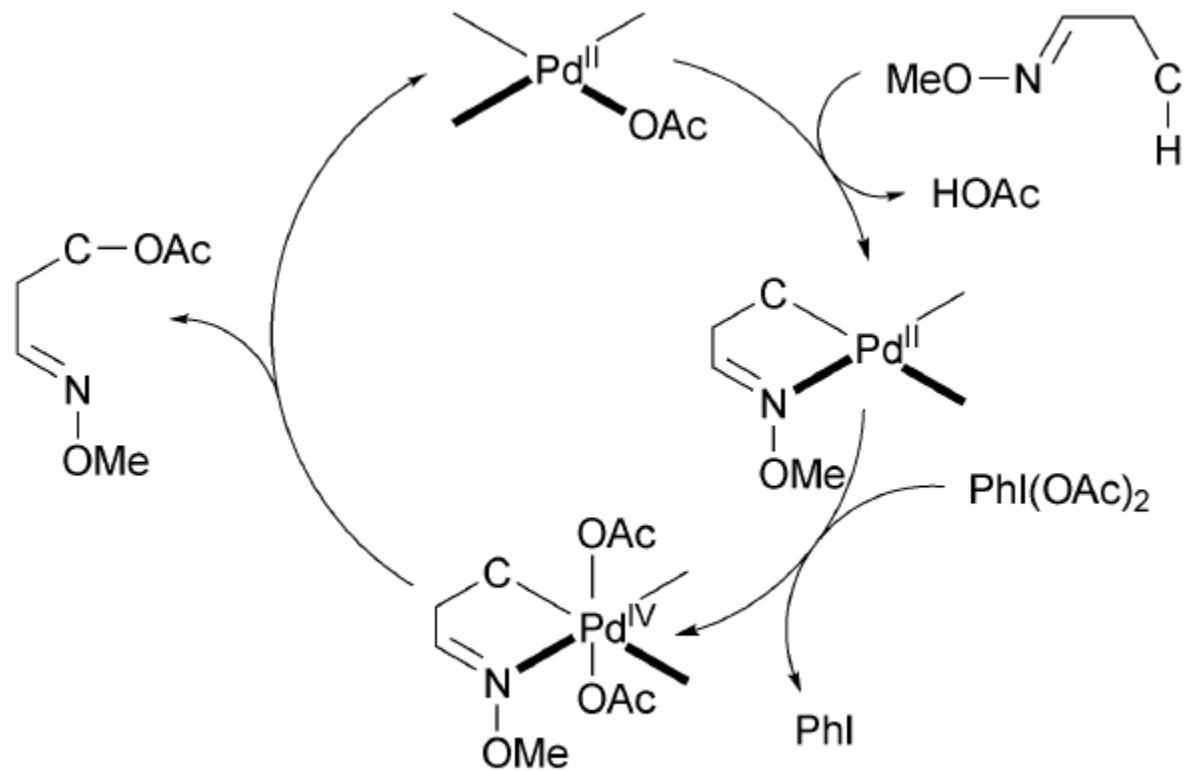
Tces=1,1,1-trichloroethoxysulfamate

bis[rhodium( $\alpha,\alpha,\alpha',\alpha'$ - tetramethyl-1,3-benzenedipropionic acid)]



Substrate	R	<i>rac</i> -108/ <i>rac</i> -109	Yield (%)
<i>rac</i> -107a	COOMe	82 : 18	81
<i>rac</i> -107b	PO(OEt) <sub>2</sub>	> 95 : 5	65
<i>rac</i> -107c	SO <sub>2</sub> Ph	> 95 : 5	56
<i>rac</i> -107d	NO <sub>2</sub>	91 : 9	63
<i>rac</i> -107e	CN	80 : 20	86
<i>rac</i> -107f	OAc	86 : 14	40

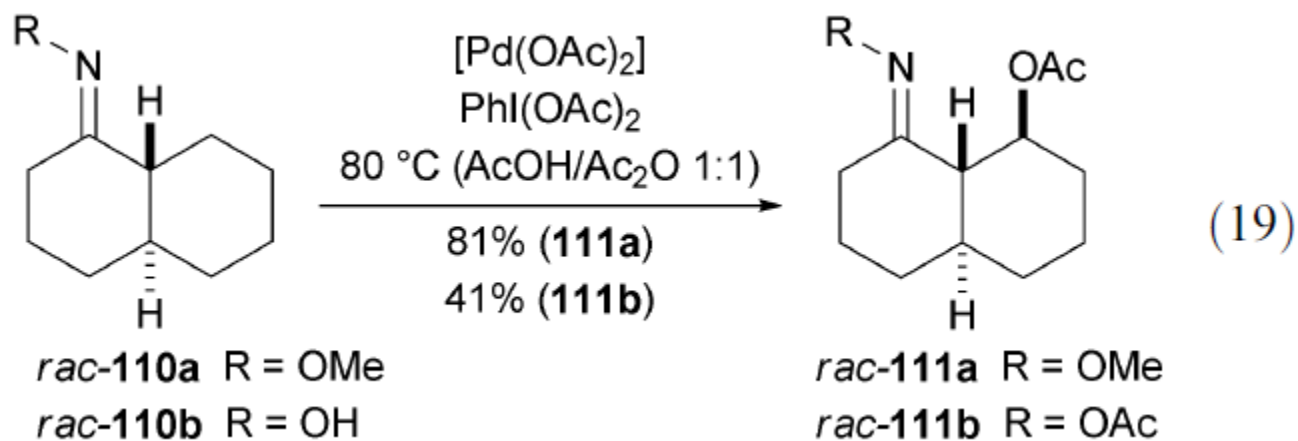
# Directed metal C-H insertions



Scheme 18

# Sp<sup>3</sup>-CH<sub>2</sub>-activation

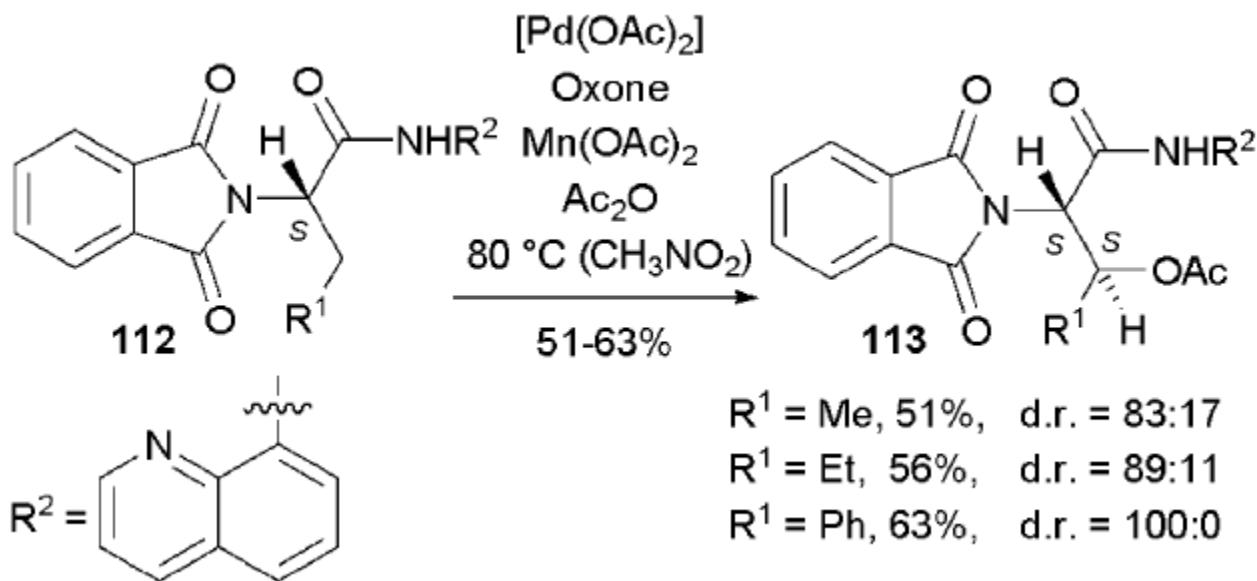
- Sanford



# Sp<sup>3</sup>-CH<sub>2</sub>-activation

Mn(OAc)<sub>2</sub> is responsible for the reaction rate acceleration. It is oxidised in the reaction mixture to Mn<sub>3</sub>O(OAc)<sub>7</sub> which is Lewis-acidic and presumably lowers the barrier for C–H insertion by enhancing the electrophilicity of the palladium species.

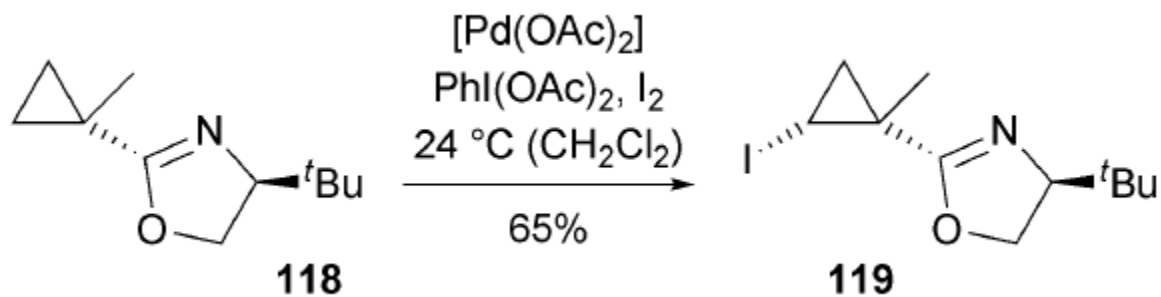
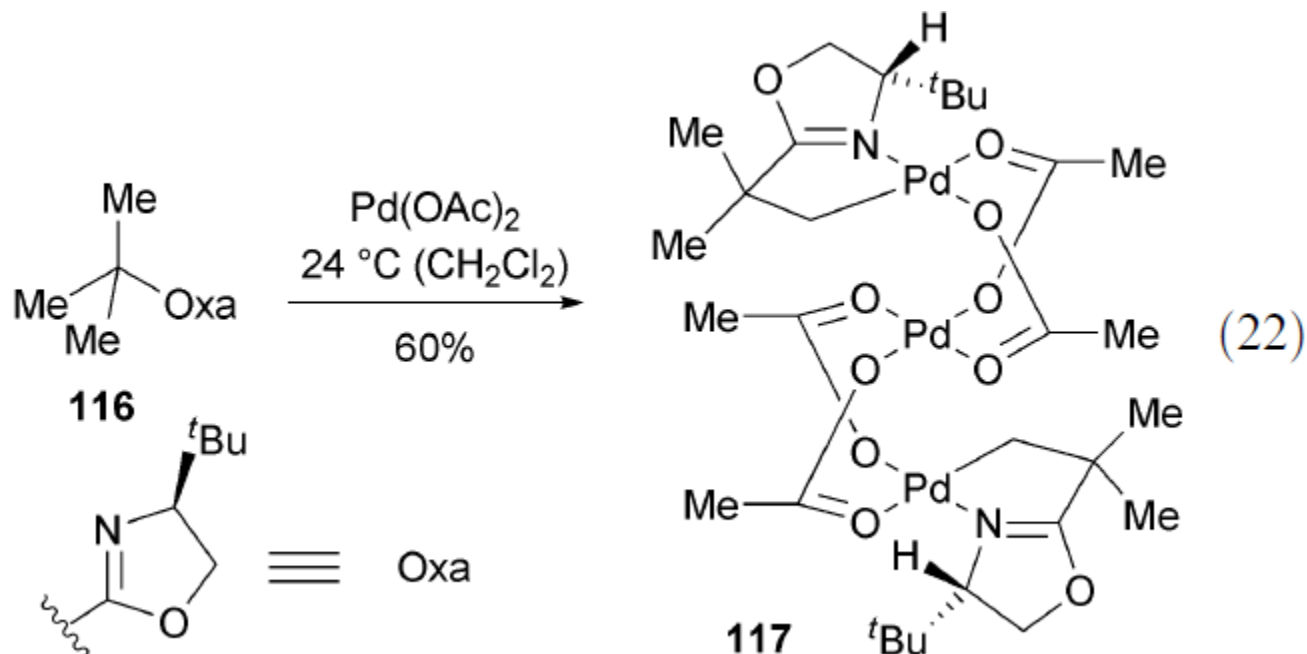
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potassium peroxymonosulfate, KHSO<sub>5</sub>

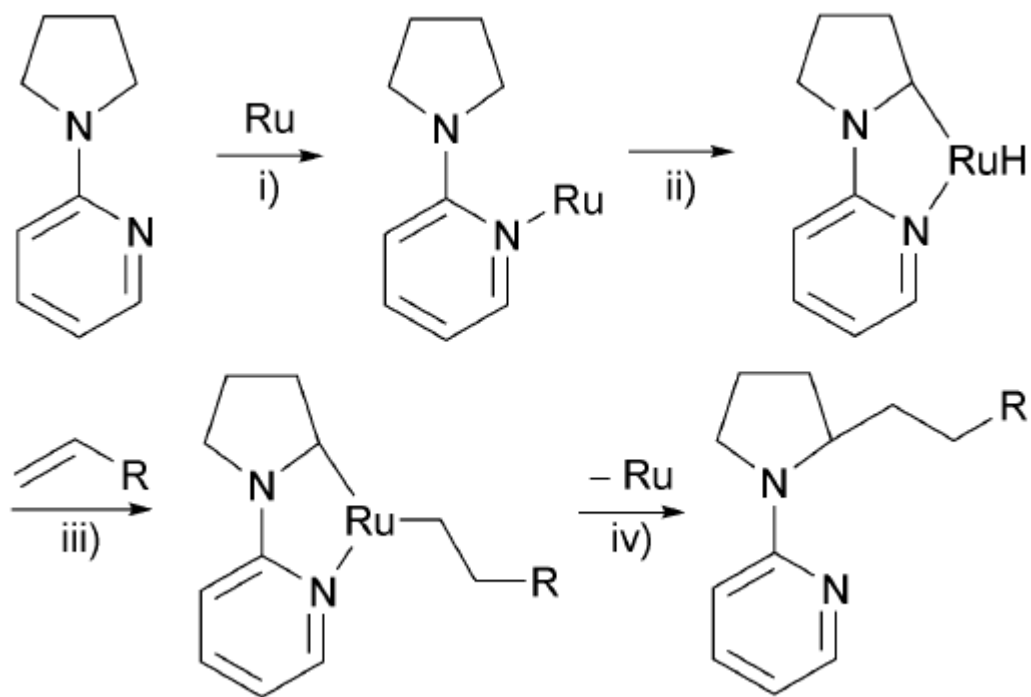
# Sp<sup>3</sup>-CH<sub>2</sub>-activation

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# Sp<sup>3</sup>-CH<sub>2</sub>-activation

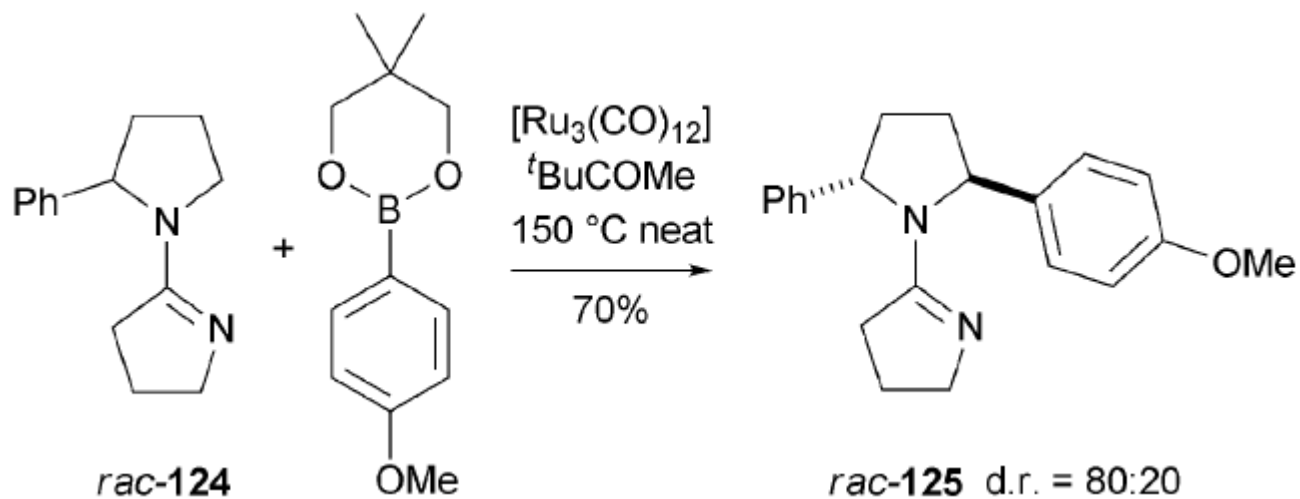
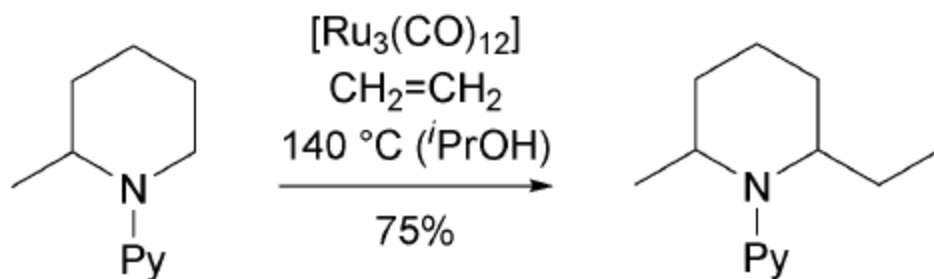
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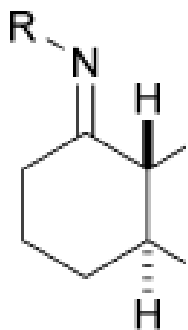
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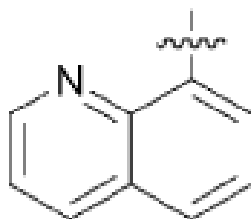


# Summary

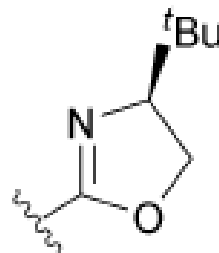
- Directing group



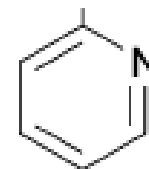
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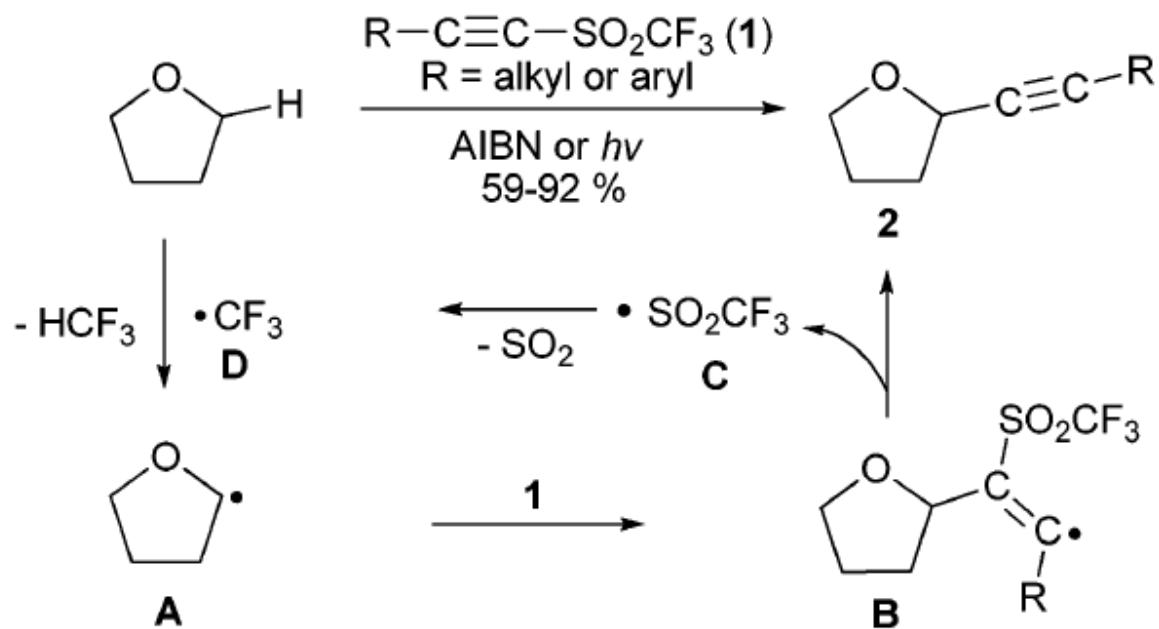


Murai

# alpha-C–H functionalization of ethers and alcohols

- Radical-mediated C-H functionalization
- Metal mediated carbenoid insertion
- cross-dehydrogenative coupling (CDC)
- Intramolecular annulation
- Transfer hydrogenative coupling (THC)
- Transition metal-catalyzed coupling

# Radical-mediated addition and elimination



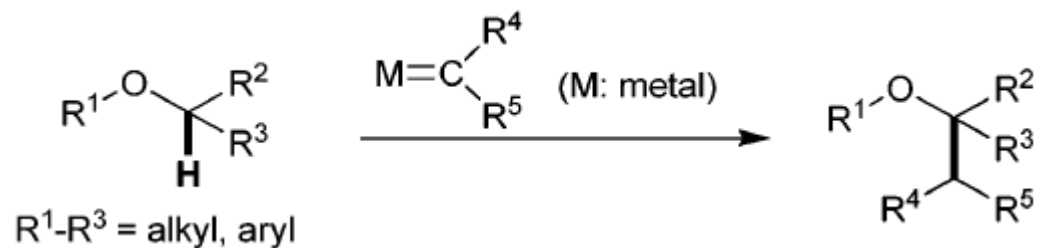
**AIBN**

2,2'-azo *bisisobutyronitrile*

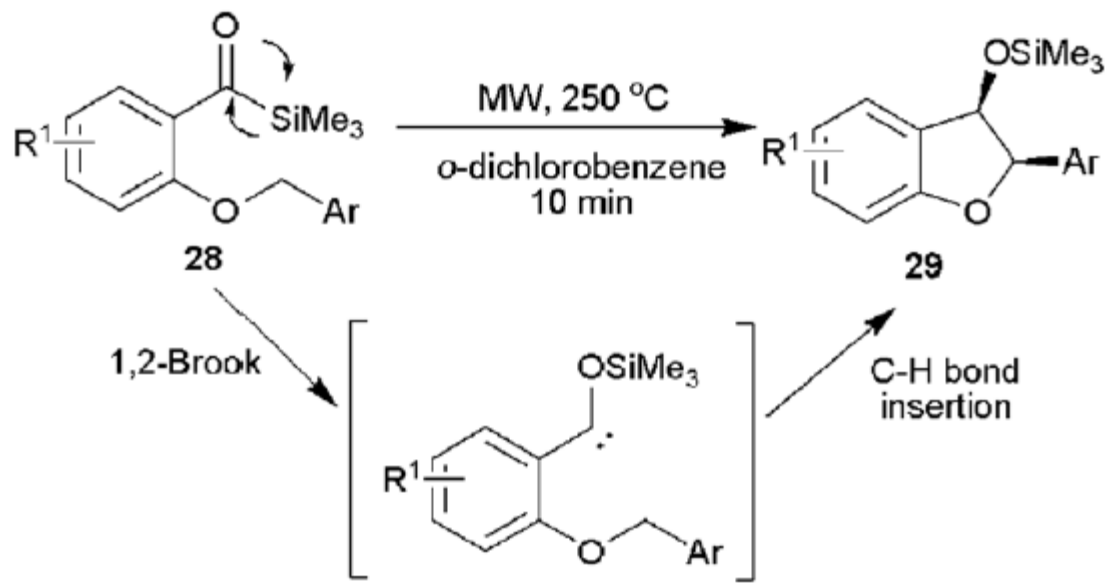
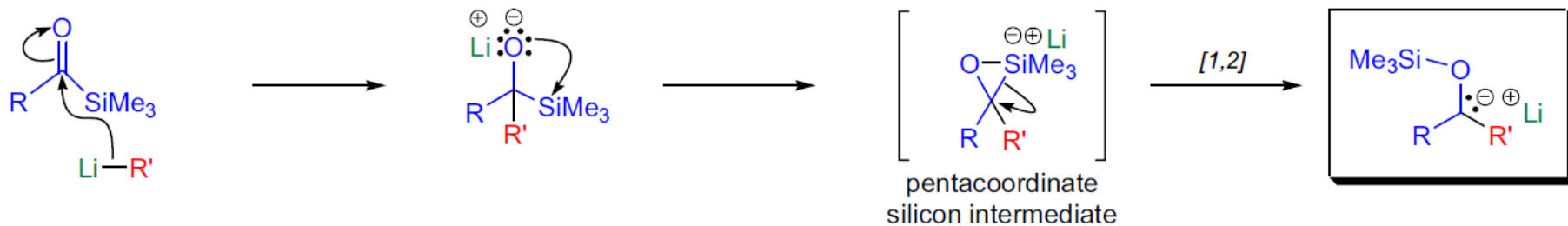


# Metal mediated carbenoid insertion

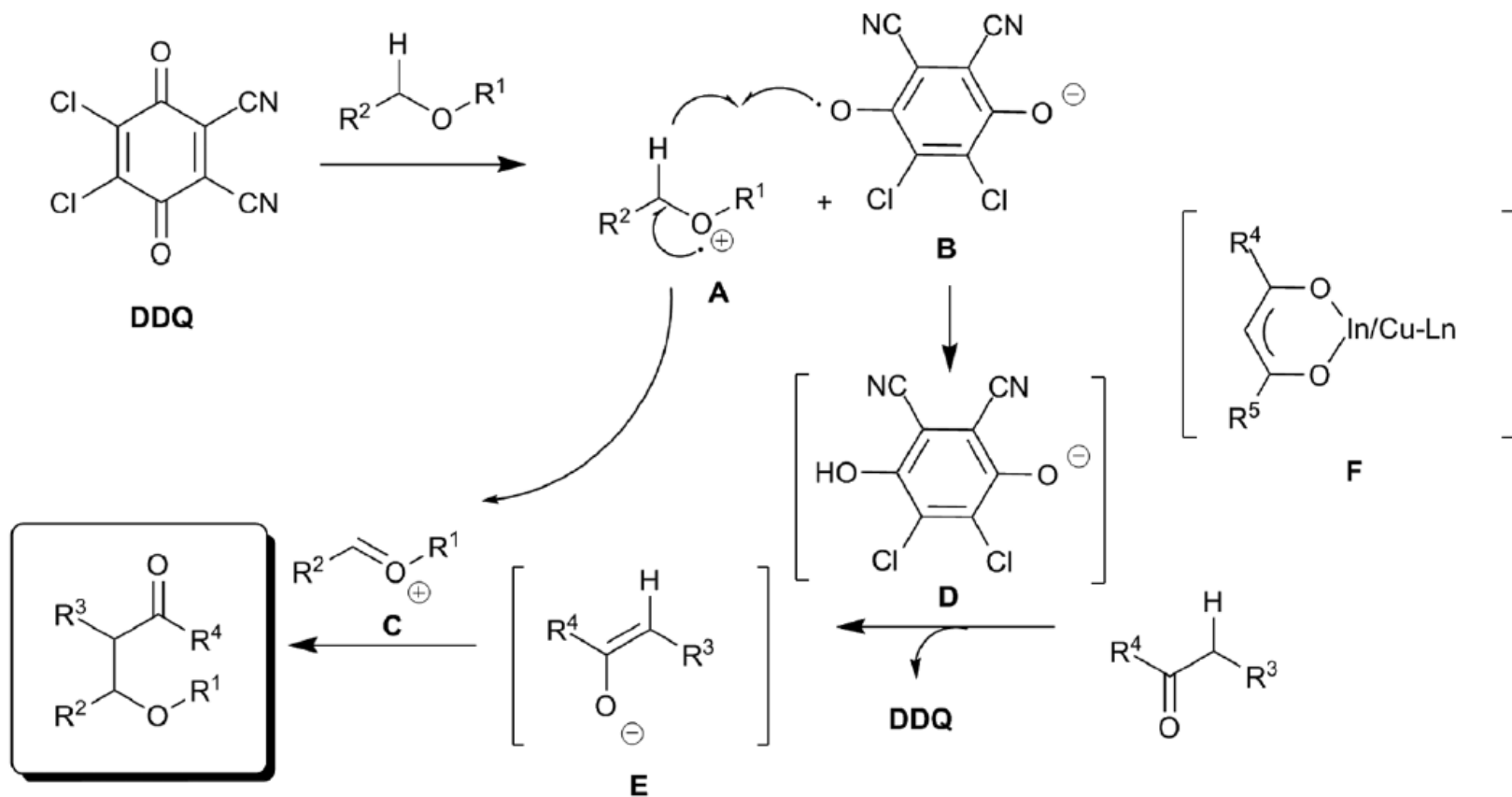
- Stereoselective method



# Brook rearrangement

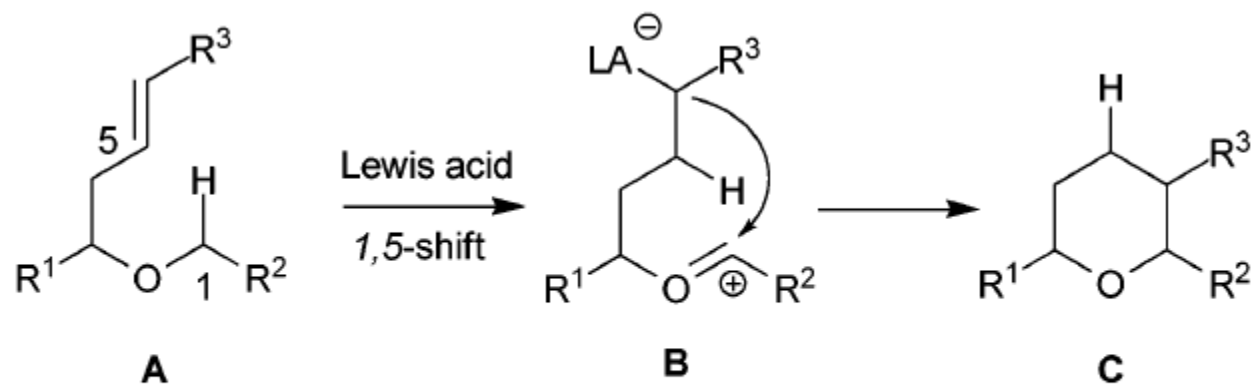


# Oxidative CDC reaction of ether with carbonyl compounds



**Scheme 16** Single-electron transfer mechanism for oxidative CDC reaction of ether with ketone.

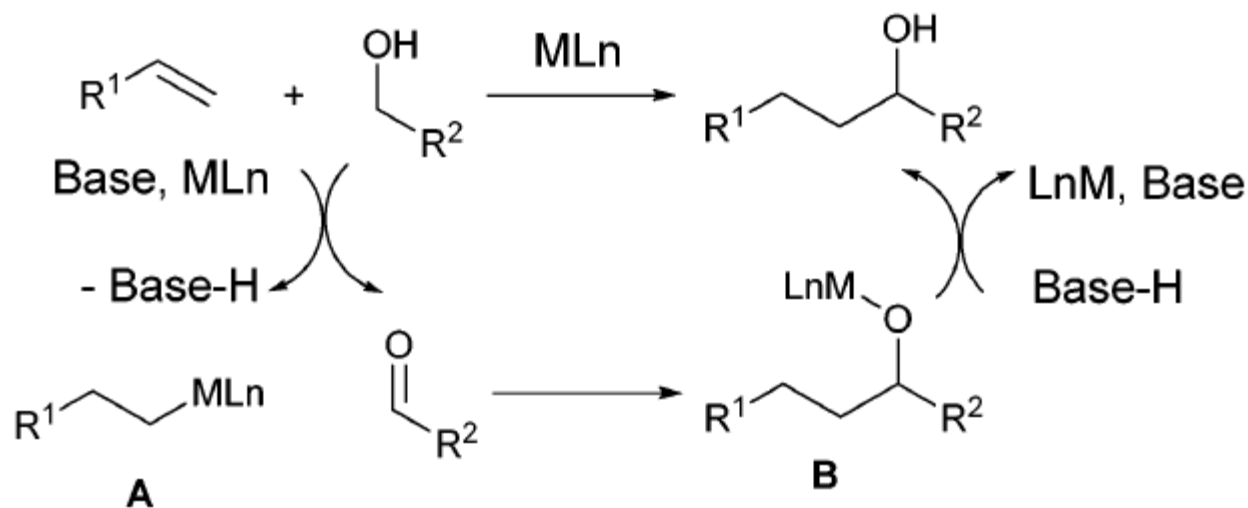
# Intramolecular annulation of ether via 1,5-hydride migration



**Scheme 18** Intramolecular annulation process of ether with C=C moiety *via* 1,5-H migration.



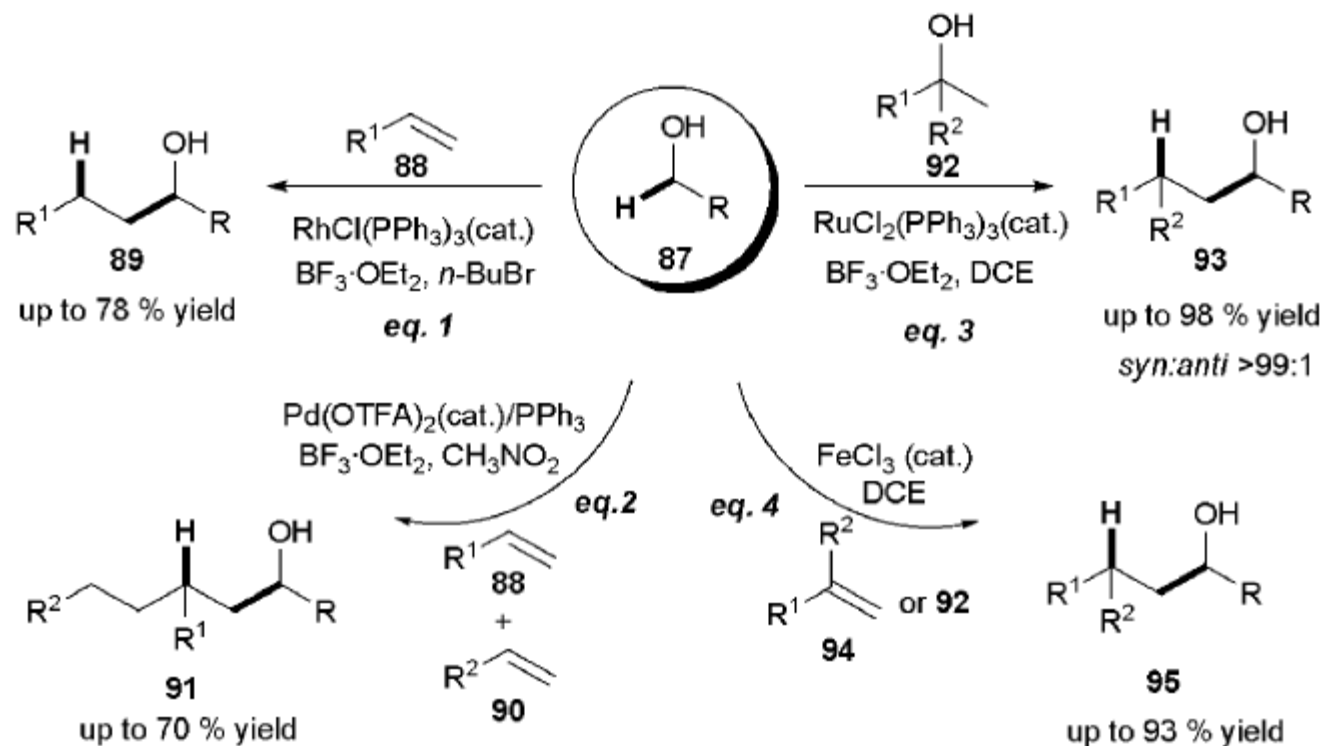
# Transfer hydrogenative coupling (THC) of alcohols with alkene and alkyne



**Scheme 25** General process of THC reactions of alcohol with unsaturated species.

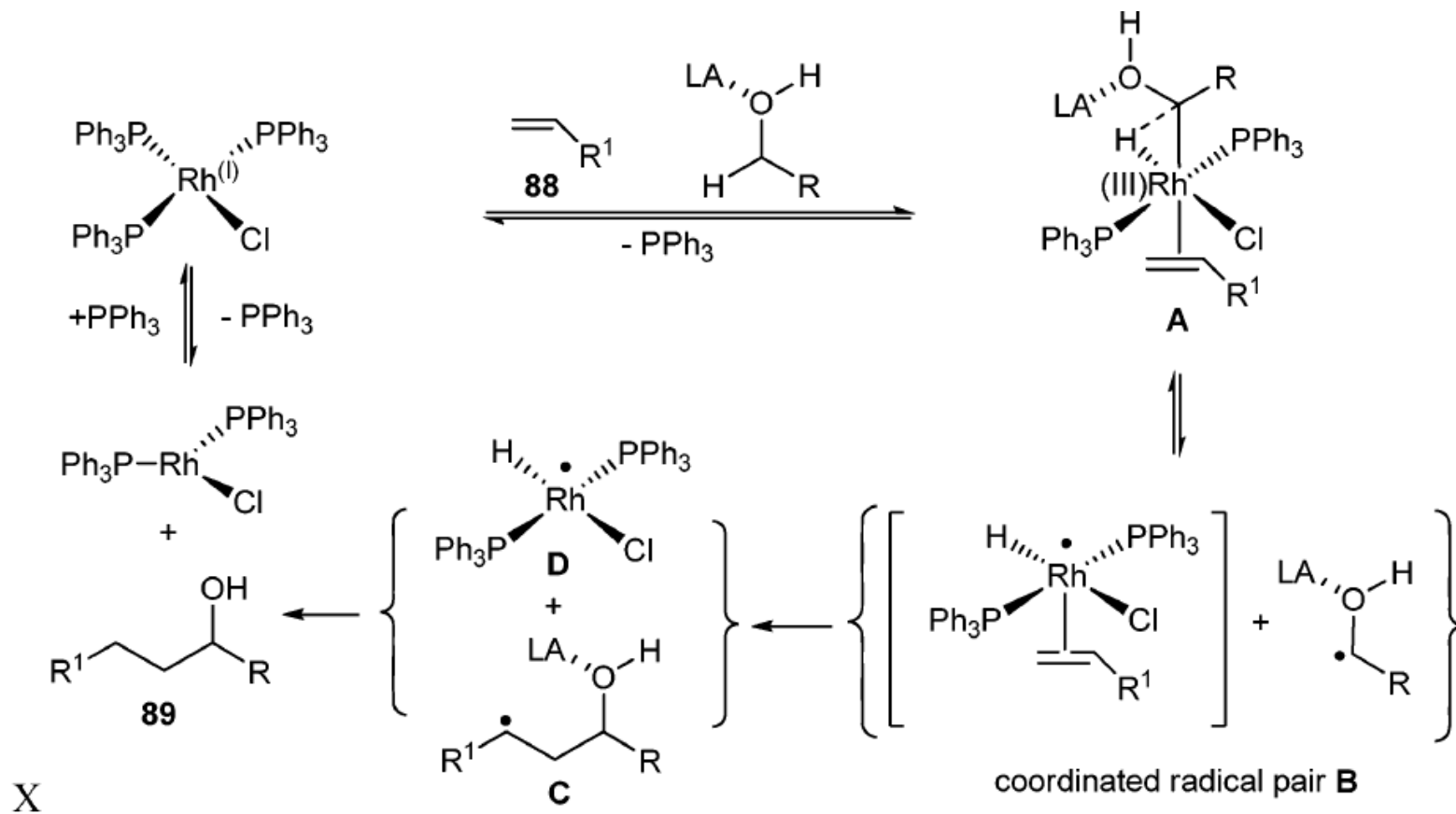
Feel familiar?

# Transition metal-catalyzed coupling of alcohols with alkenes via C–H insertion



R = alkyl;  $R^1, R^2$  = aryl, alkyl

# Mechanism



**Scheme 30** Mechanism of  $\text{RhCl(PPh}_3)_3/\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{OEt}_2$ -copromoted coupling of alcohol with alkene.

# Summary for the second half

Type	Radical	Carbene	CDC	Annulation	THC	T. S. Metal coupling
Good at making	Sub-furan	2°, 3° ether	Conbonyl Beta-H	Pyran like	1,3 diol 2° alcohol	2° alcohol
Catalyst		Rh (Davies)	DDQ, In, Cu, Fe	BF3, Sc(oTf)3, LA	Ru, Ir	Rh, Ru, Pd, Fe
Differen ce	Radical	diazo	Dehydrog enative (oxidation)	Migration	Hydrogenat ive (reduction)	Radical