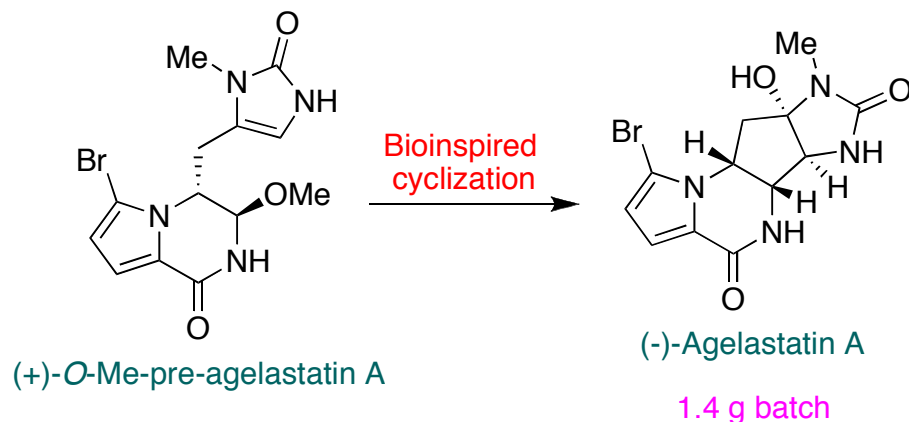


# Total Synthesis of All (-)-Agelastatin Alkaloids

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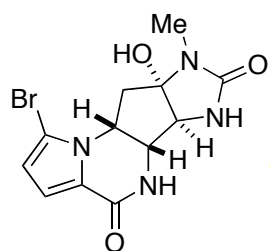
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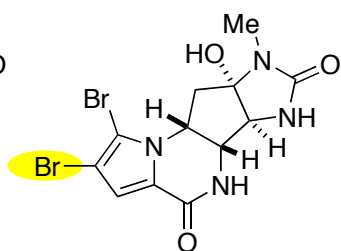
# Agelastatin alkaloids

- 6 Agelastatins A-F isolated so far, differences in substitution pattern

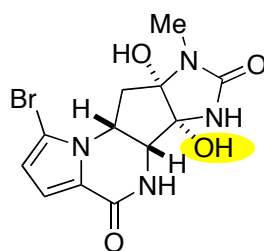


Agelastatin A

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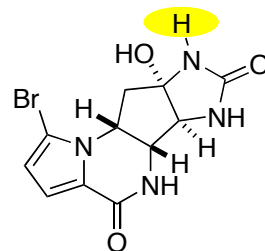


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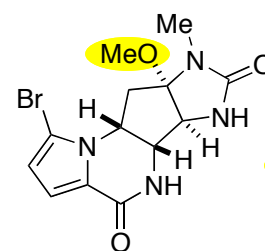


Agelastatin C

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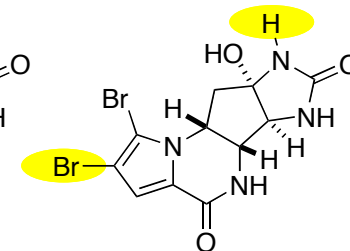


Agelastatin D



Agelastatin E

Al-Mourabit *et al.* *J. Nat. Prod.* **2010**, 73, 720.

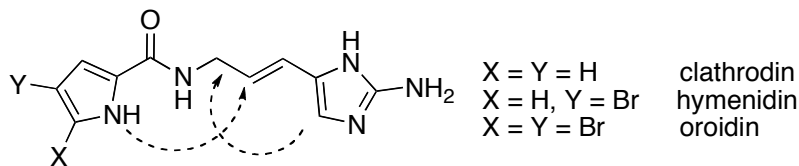


Agelastatin F

- Agelastatin A biological activity:

- Significant antitumor activity against wide range of tumor cells (in nM range)
- Highly toxic towards arthropods ( $LC_{50} = 1.7$  ppm in brine shrimp assay)
- Insecticidal against beet army worm and corn root worm
- Selectively inhibits the glycogen synthase kinase-3 $\beta$ , a potential target for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease and bipolar disorder.

- Biosynthetically originate from simpler pyrrole-imidazole alkaloids

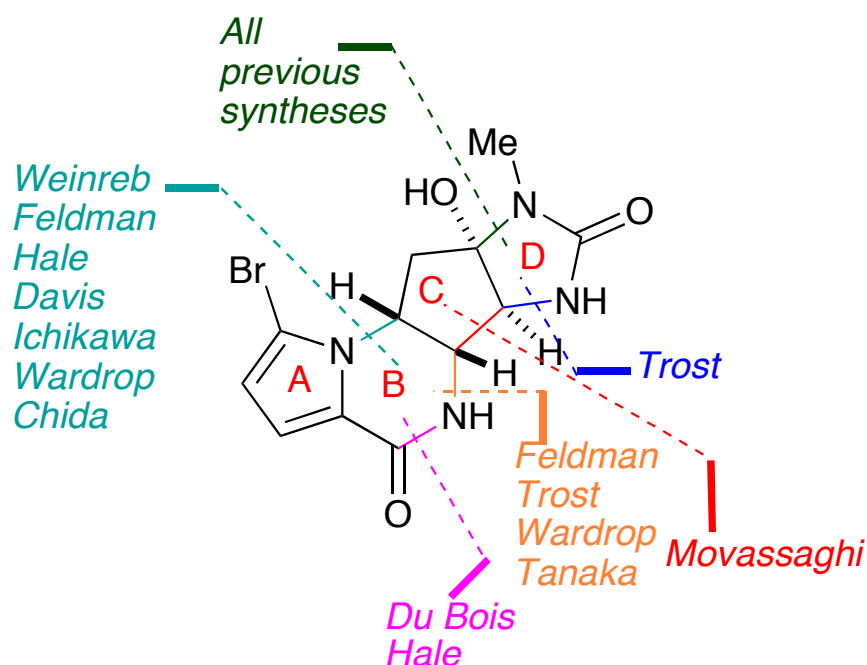


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# Previous synthetic work: Agelastatin A - benchmark for showcasing methodology

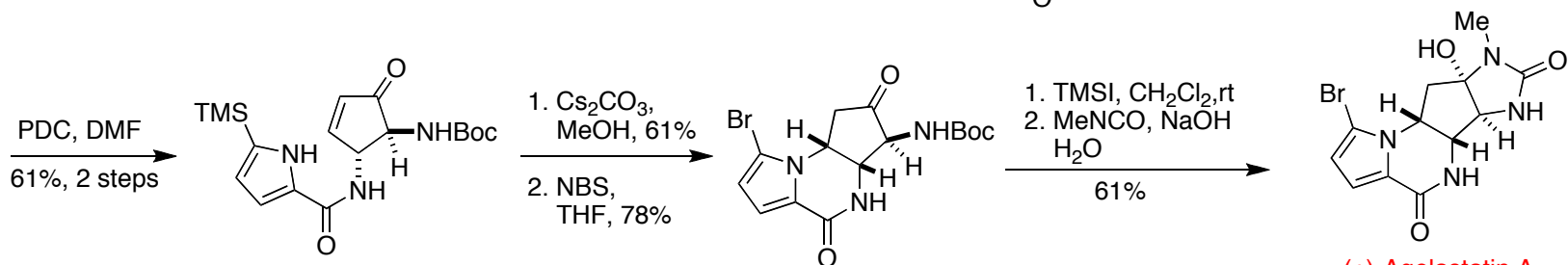
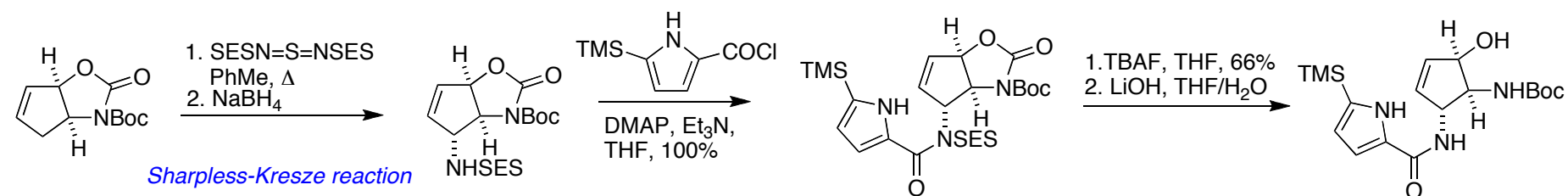
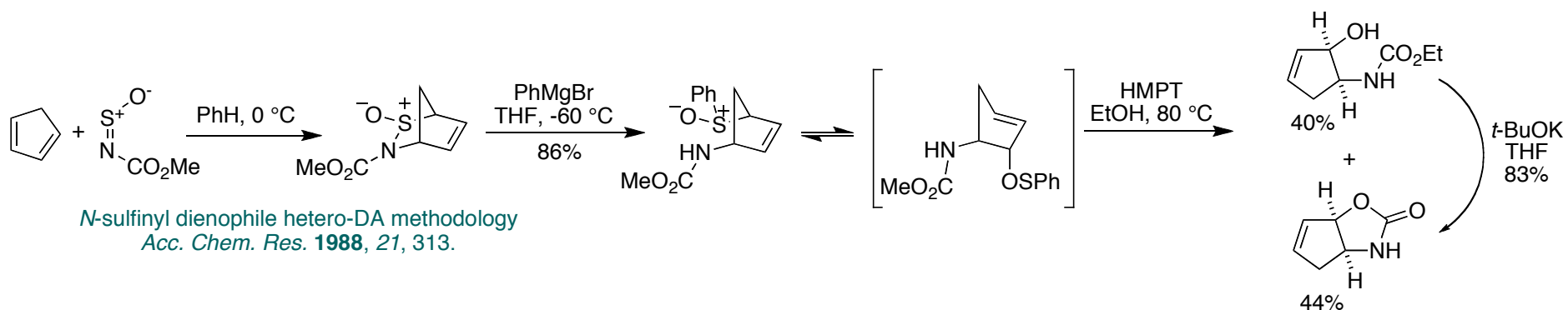
- 10 total syntheses published prior to the title paper
- First synthesis: Weinreb 1999, first asymmetric synthesis: Feldman 2002.



Weinreb: *JOC* **1998**, 63, 7594 and *JACS* **1999**, 121, 9574.  
 Feldman: *JACS* **2002**, 124, 9060 and *JOC* **2002**, 67, 7096.  
 Hale: *OL* **2003**, 5, 2927 and *OL* **2004**, 6, 2615.  
 Davis: *OL* **2005**, 7, 621 and *SC* **2009**, 39, 1914 (CL in Feb. 2005 by Mike Rishel).  
 Trost: *JACS* **2006**, 128, 6054 and *CEJ* **2009**, 15, 6910.  
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 Tanaka: *OL* **2008**, 10, 5457 and *OL* **2009**, 11, 3402.  
 Du Bois: *ACIE* **2009**, 48, 3802 (CL in May 2009 by Melissa).

- In all previous synthesis cyclopentane ring C is set early and the rest of molecule is elaborated around it
- Ring C contains 4 stereocenters and this highly substituted cyclopentane was target for showcasing various methodologies.

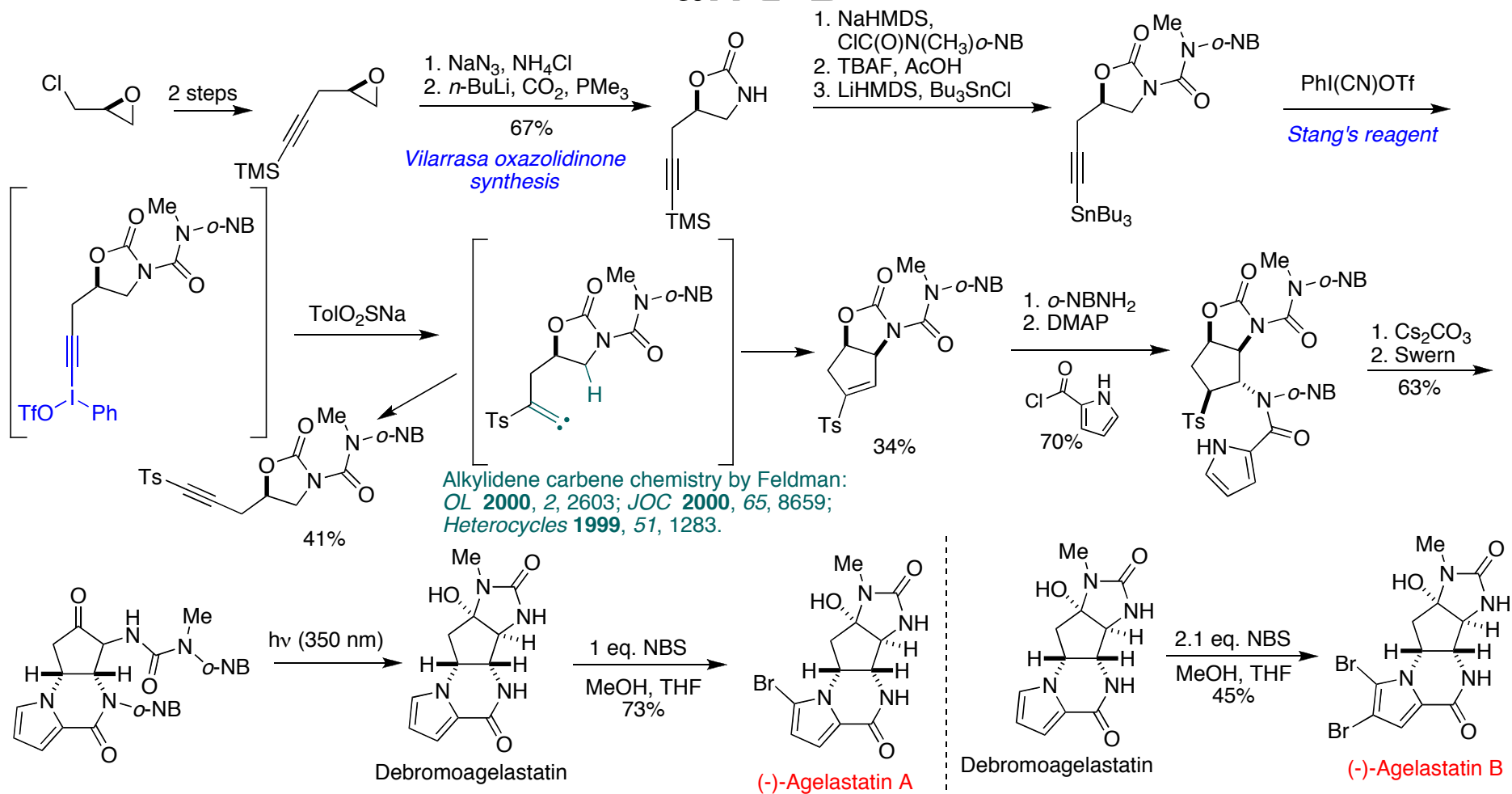
# Weinreb's synthesis of (±)-Agelastatin A



14 steps, 7% overall yield

- The first total synthesis of agelastatin A
- Key steps: hetero DA reaction, Sharpless-Kresze allylic amination (new SES reagent) and internal Michael addition of pyrrole nitrogen
- Why not brominate debromoagelastatin, previously made in Weinreb group?

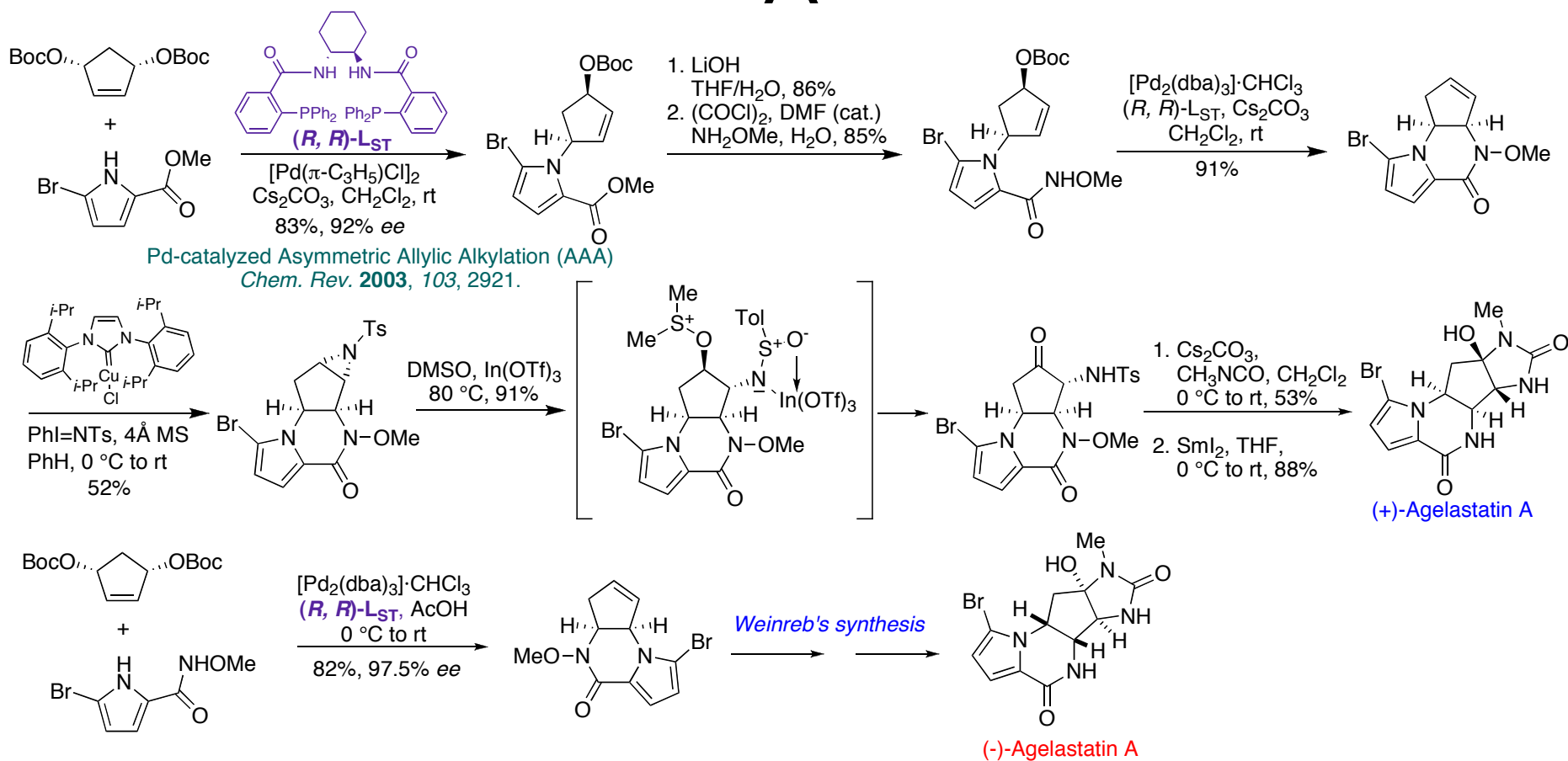
# Feldman's Synthesis of (-)-Agelastatins A and B



- The first enantioselective total synthesis of (-)-agelastatin A
- Cyclopentane core was synthesized using alkylnyliodonium salt mediated cyclization

# Trost's Synthesis of (+)- and (-)-Agelastatin

## A

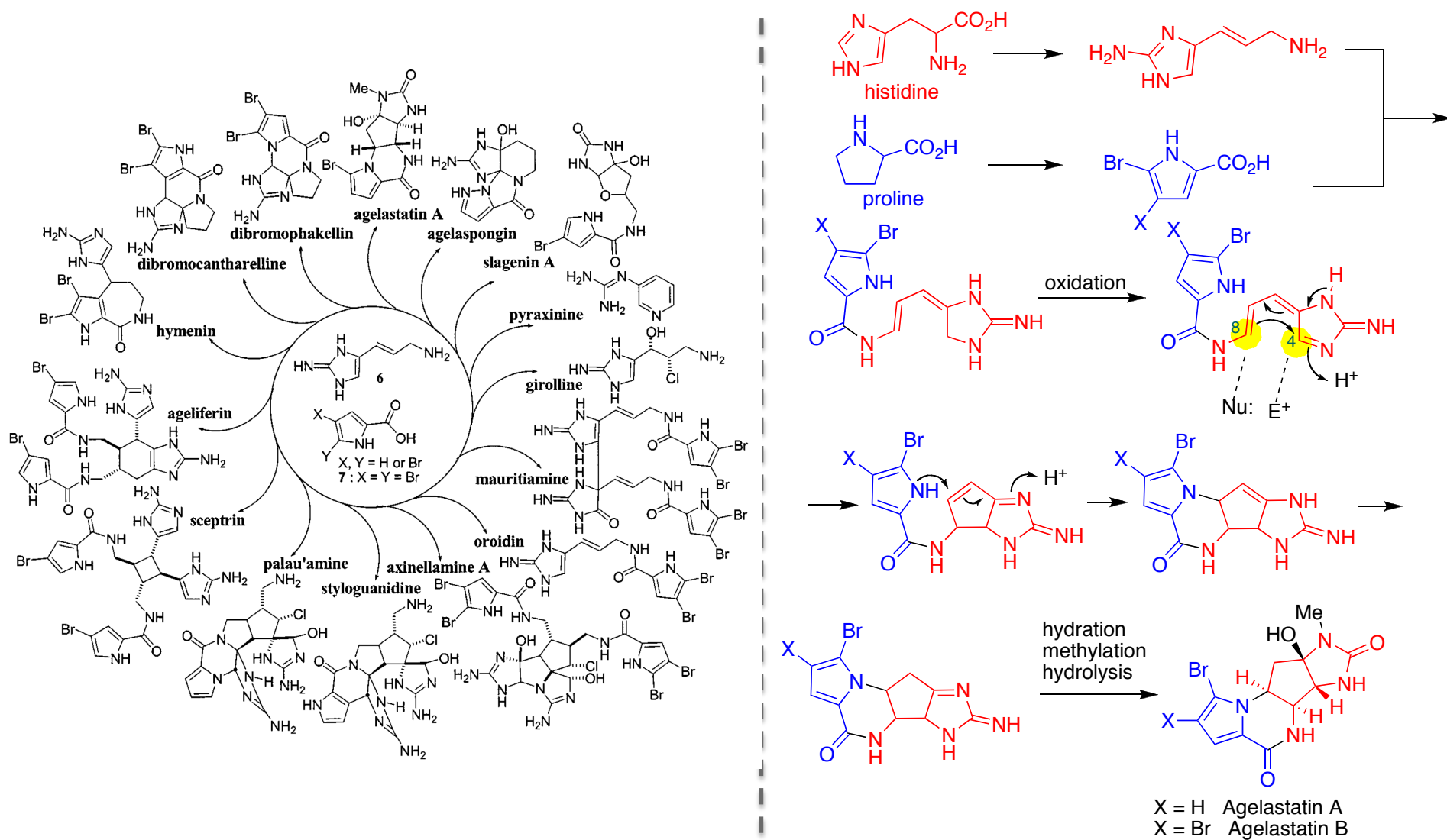


- New methodologies such as Pd-catalyzed asymmetric allylic alkylation (AAA) using pyrrole as nucleophile and In(OTf)<sub>3</sub> catalyzed oxidative aziridine opening using DMSO were developed.

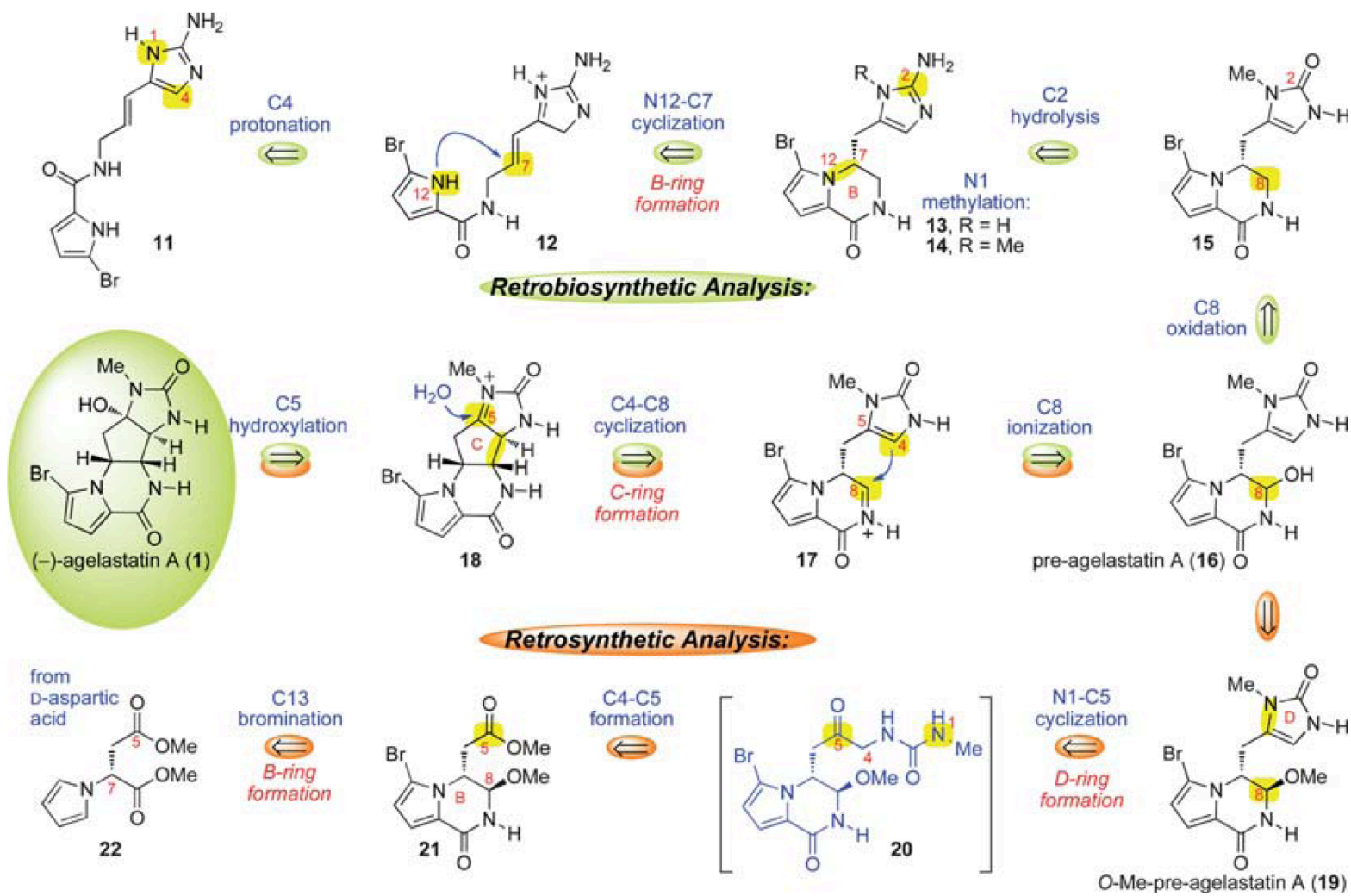
- Both enantiomers of Agelastatin A were synthesized from the same enantiomer of a stereoconducting catalyst.

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# Biosyntheses of Oroidin-Based Pyrrole-Imidazole Alkaloids

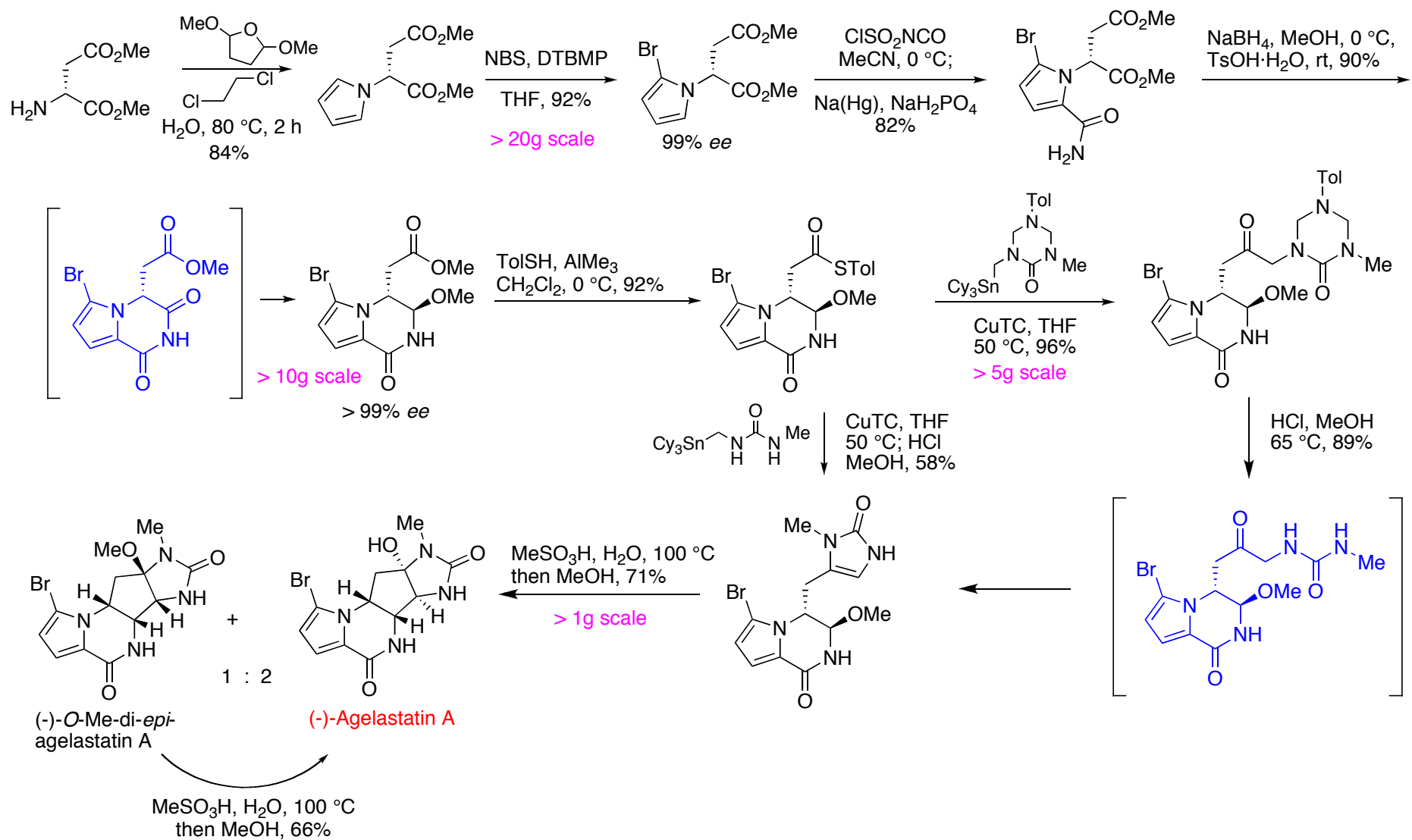


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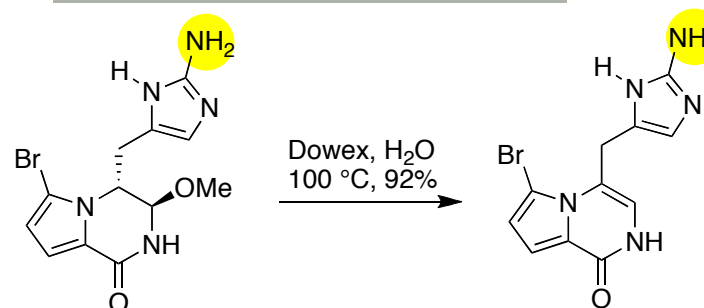
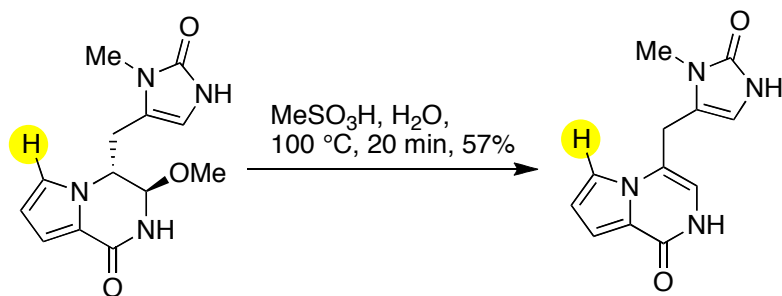
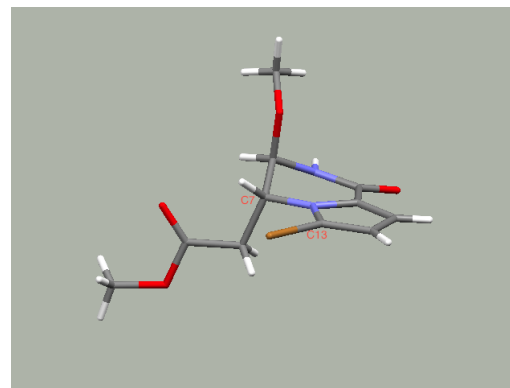
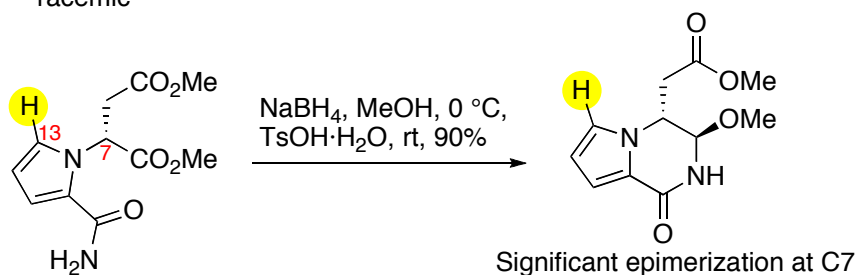
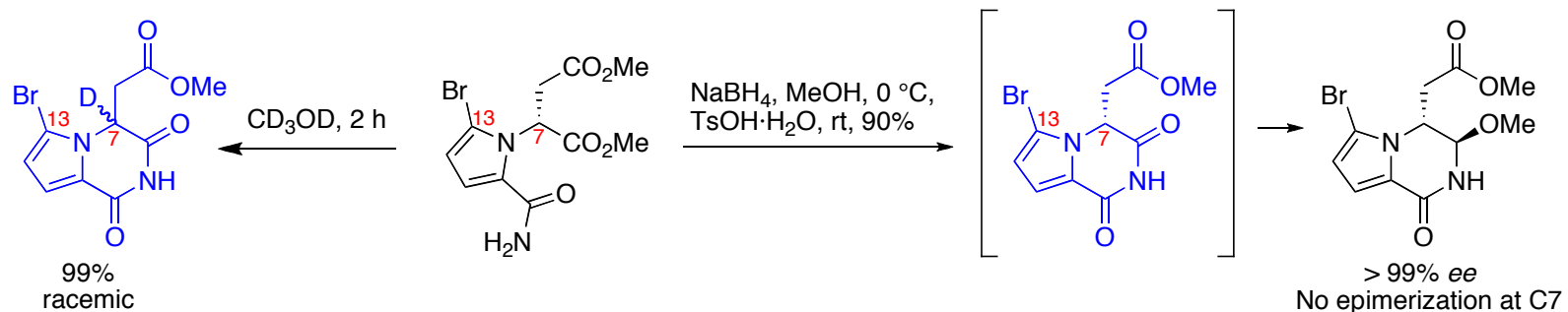




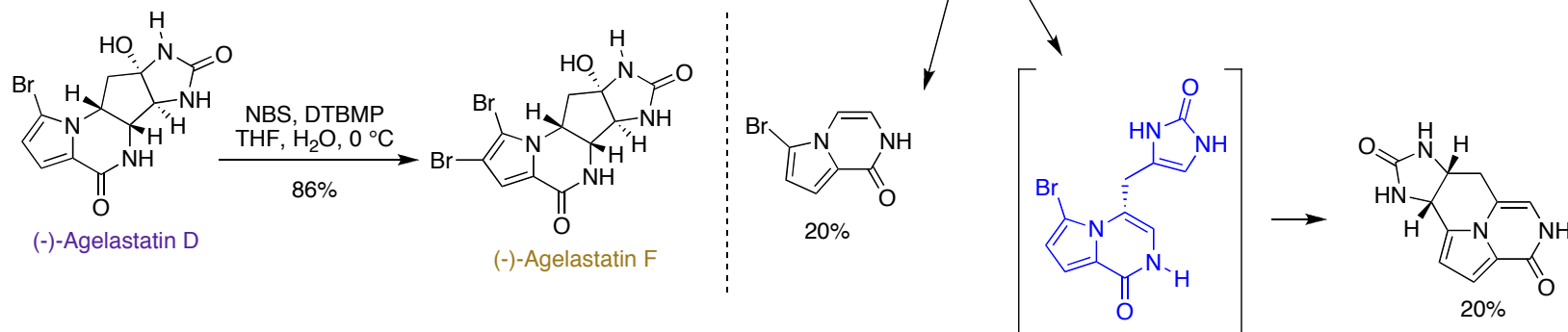
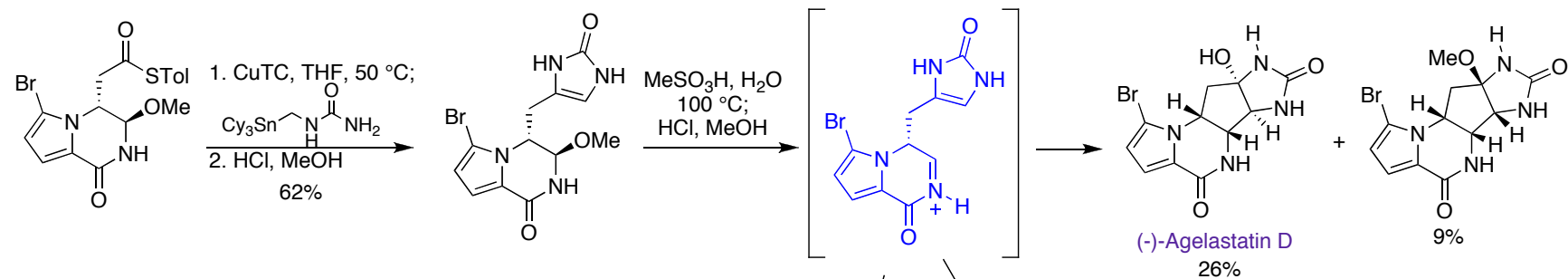
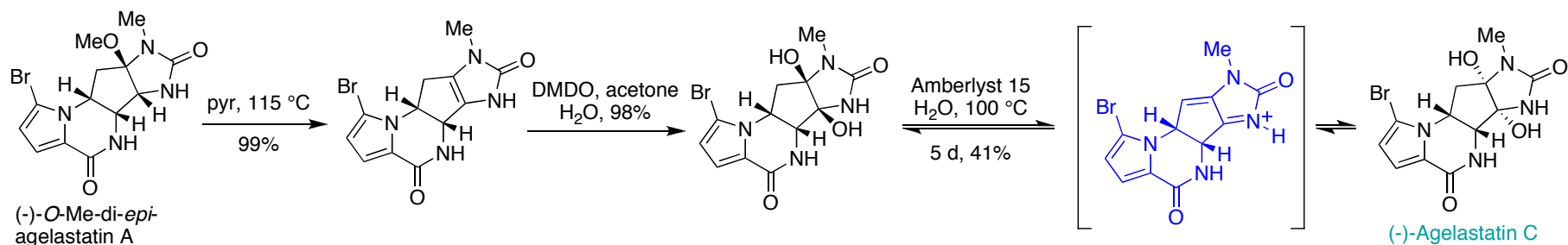
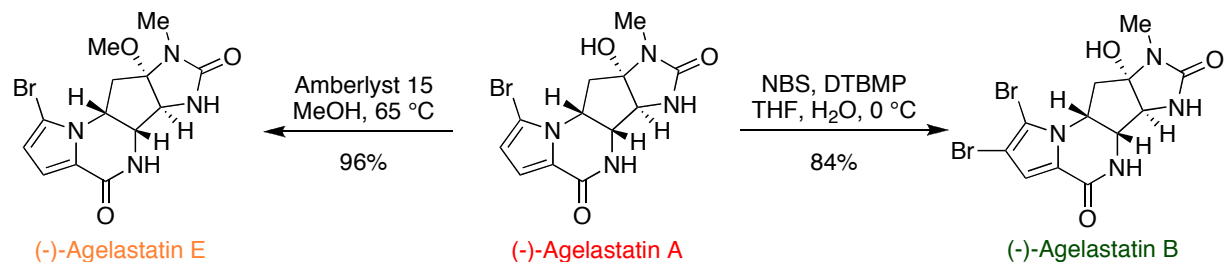
# Title Paper: Synthesis of (-)-Agelastatin A



# The Importance of C13 Bromine Substituent and Imidazolinone



# Title Paper: Synthesis of (-)-Agelastatins B-F



# Conclusions

- All known agelastatin alkaloids were synthesized employing biosynthetically inspired strategy
- “Pre-agelastatin” derivatives were obtained in multi-gram quantities
- C13 bromine substitution was critical for the successful C-ring cyclization
- Agelastatin A was prepared in 1.4 g batch and biological and chemical studies of that compound are ongoing.
- Authors suggest higher probability for biosynthetic introduction of C13-bromopyrrole and imidazolone substructures prior to C-ring formation and this hypothesis is yet to be experimentally checked.