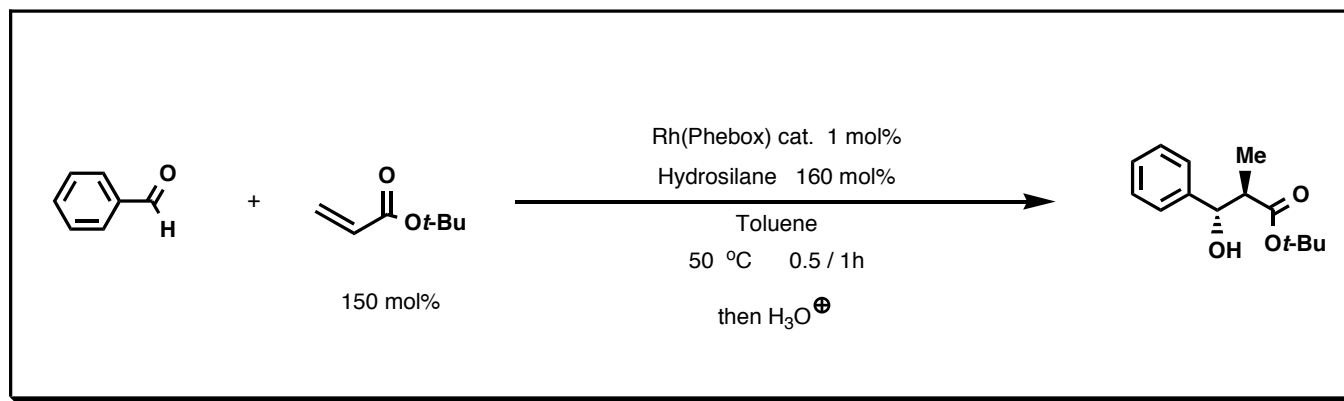


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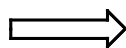
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# Introduction

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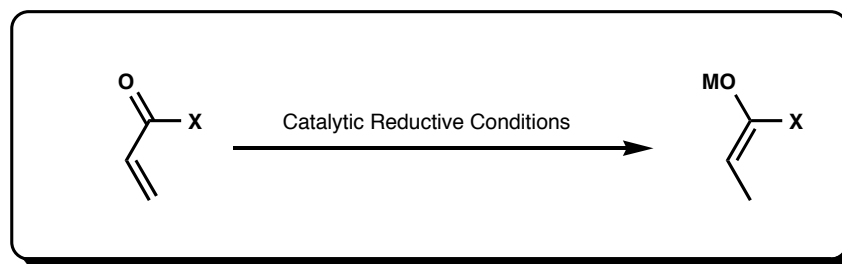
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A GENERAL CATALYTIC ASYMMETRIC DIRECT ALDOL REACTION IS STILL MISSING

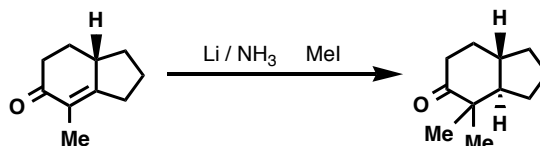
## An Alternative Approach: ENONES as LATENT ENOLATES



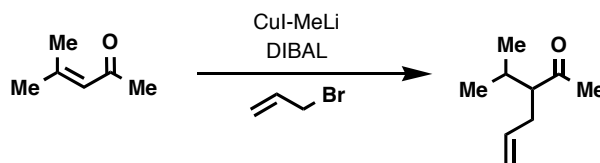
- HIGHLIGHTS: --- The enolate is generated *in situ*  
--- Multicomponent Reaction

# Reductive Aldol Reactions: Background (I)

## Reductive Alkylation of $\alpha,\beta$ -Unsaturated Compounds

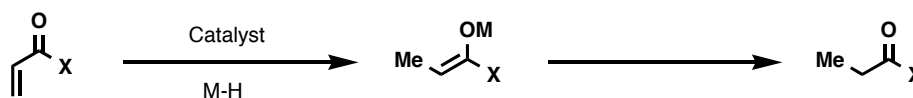


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## Catalytic 1,4-Hydrometalation



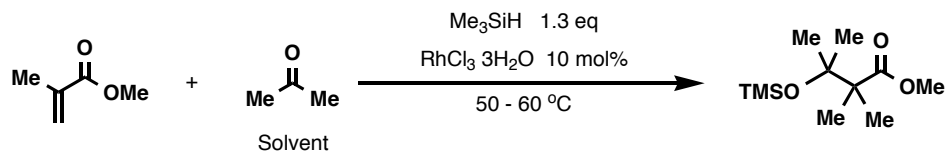
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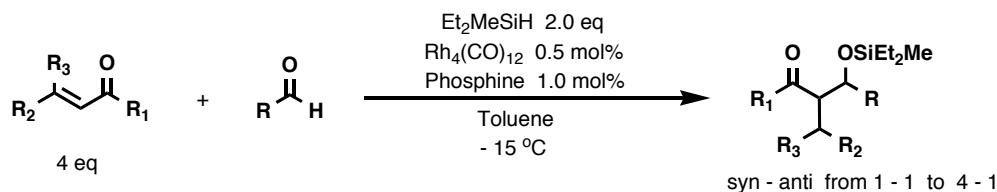
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# Reductive Aldol Reactions: Background (II)

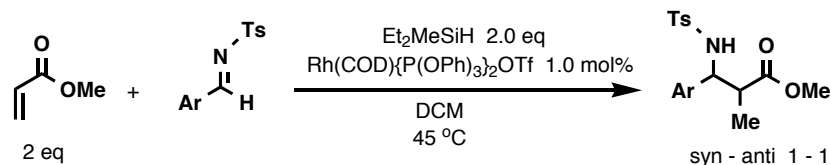
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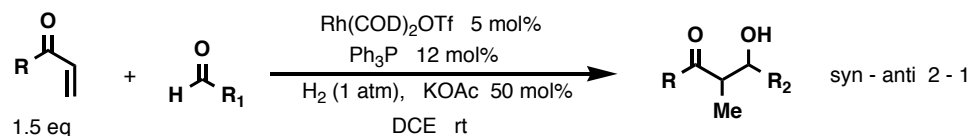
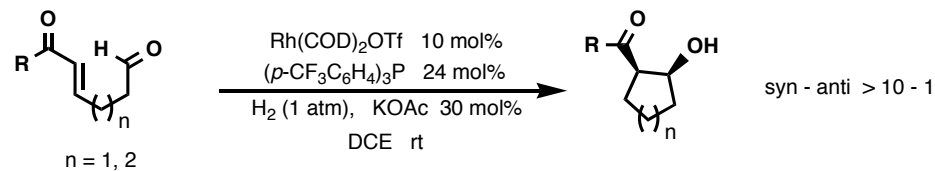
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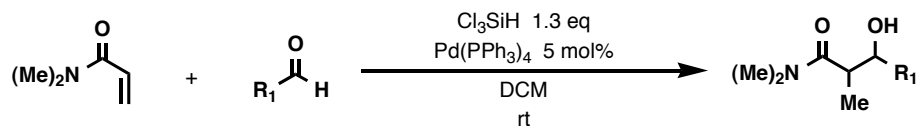
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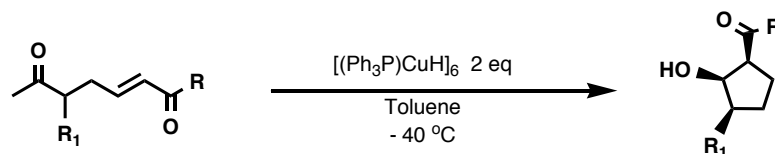
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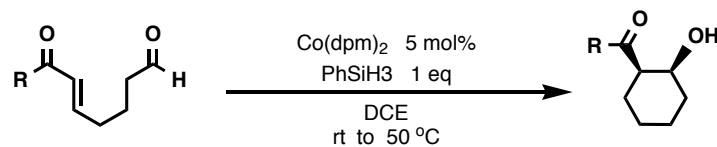
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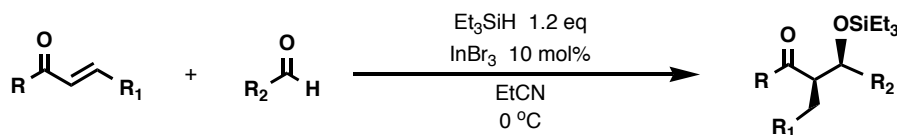
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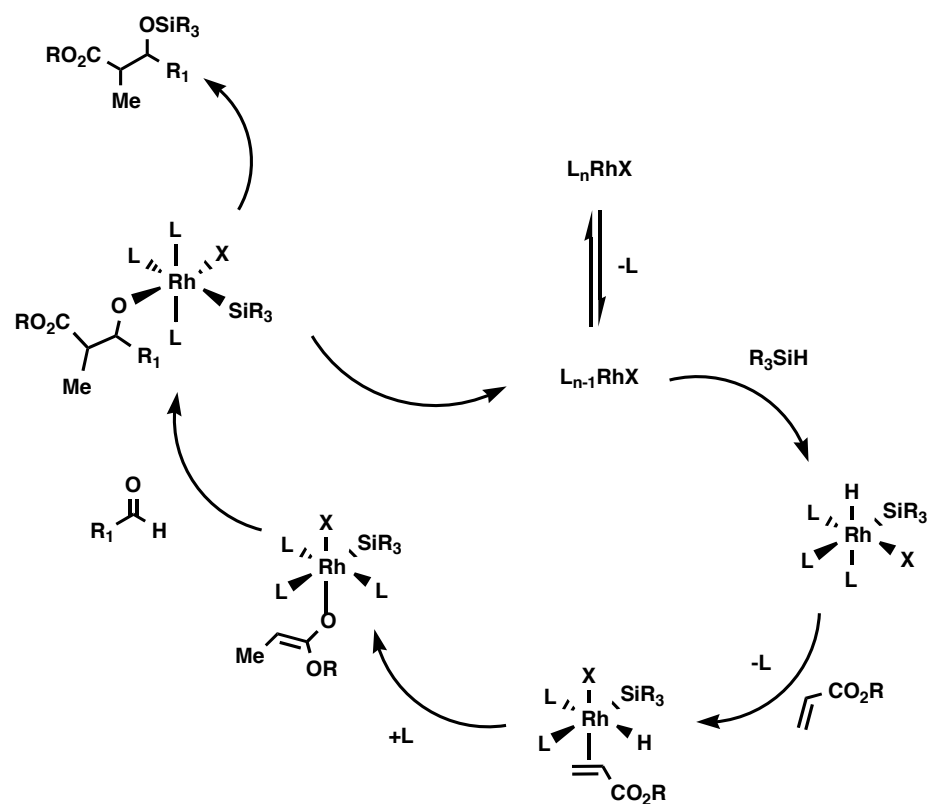
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# Reductive Aldol Reactions: Background (IV)

## Proposed Mechanism

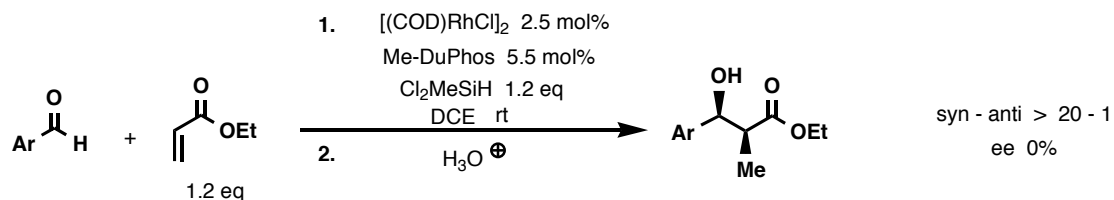


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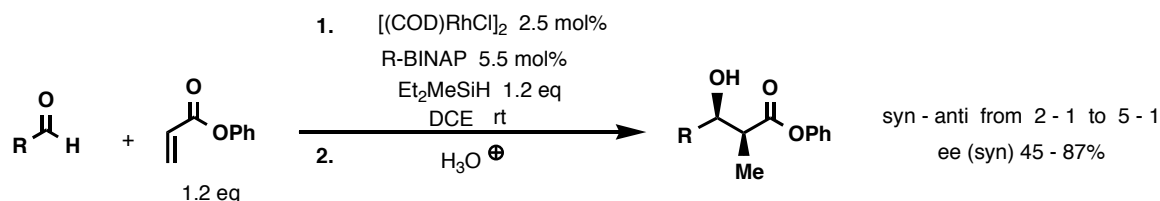
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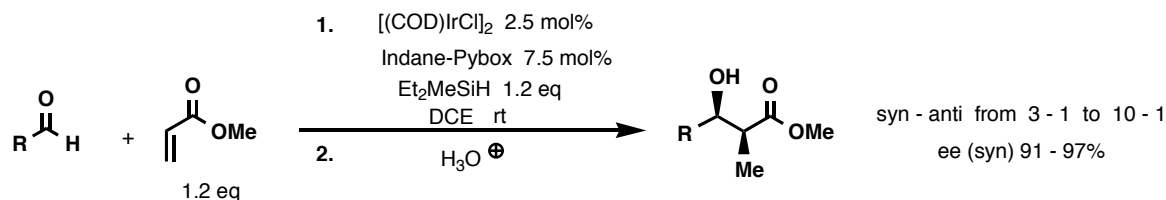
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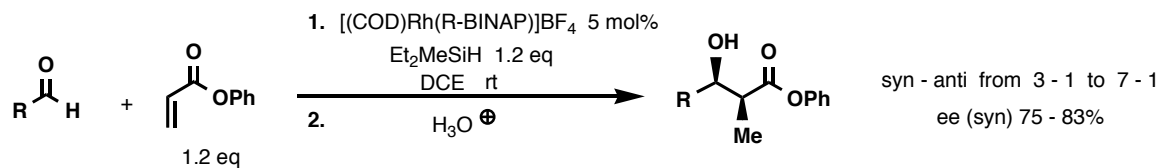
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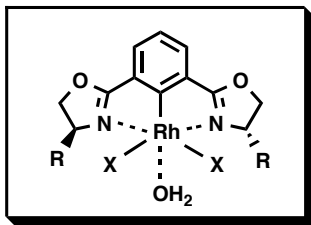


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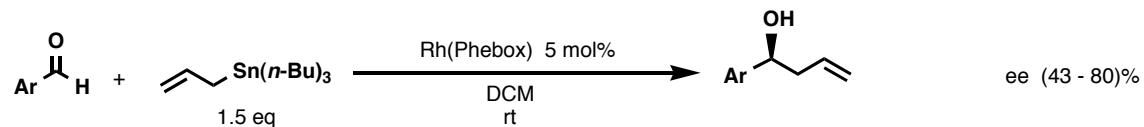


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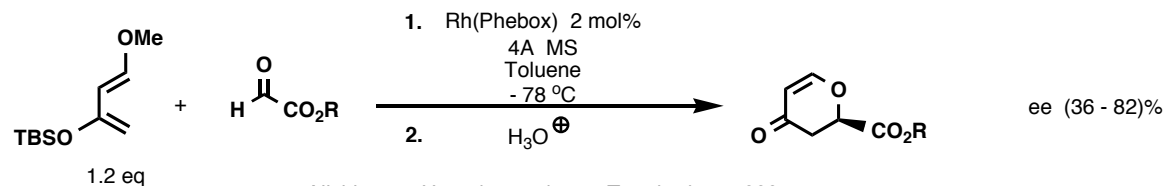
## Rh(Phebox) Catalysts in Organic Synthesis



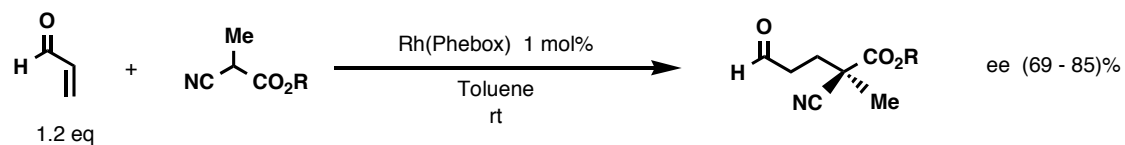
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X = Cl, Br, OAc



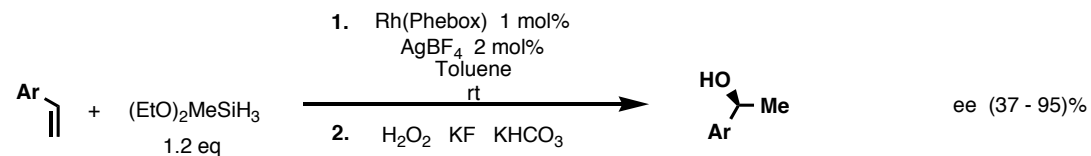
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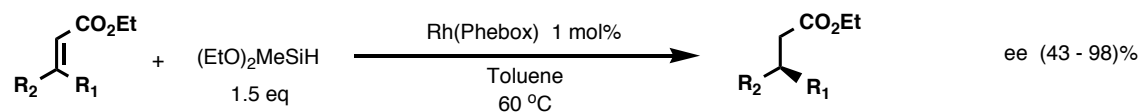
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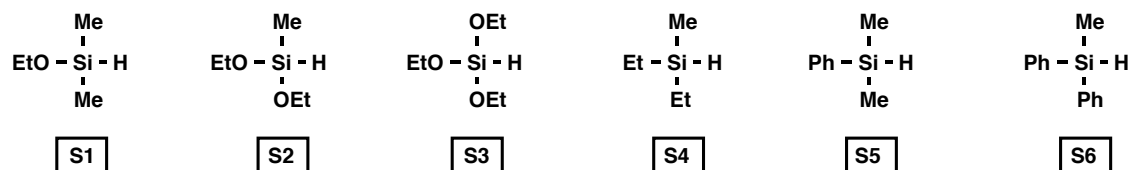
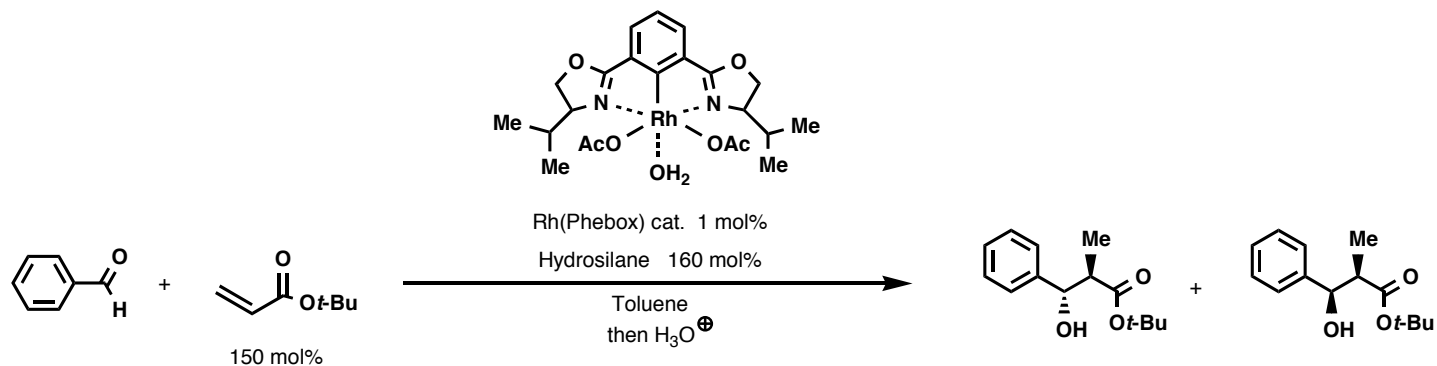
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## Preliminary Studies

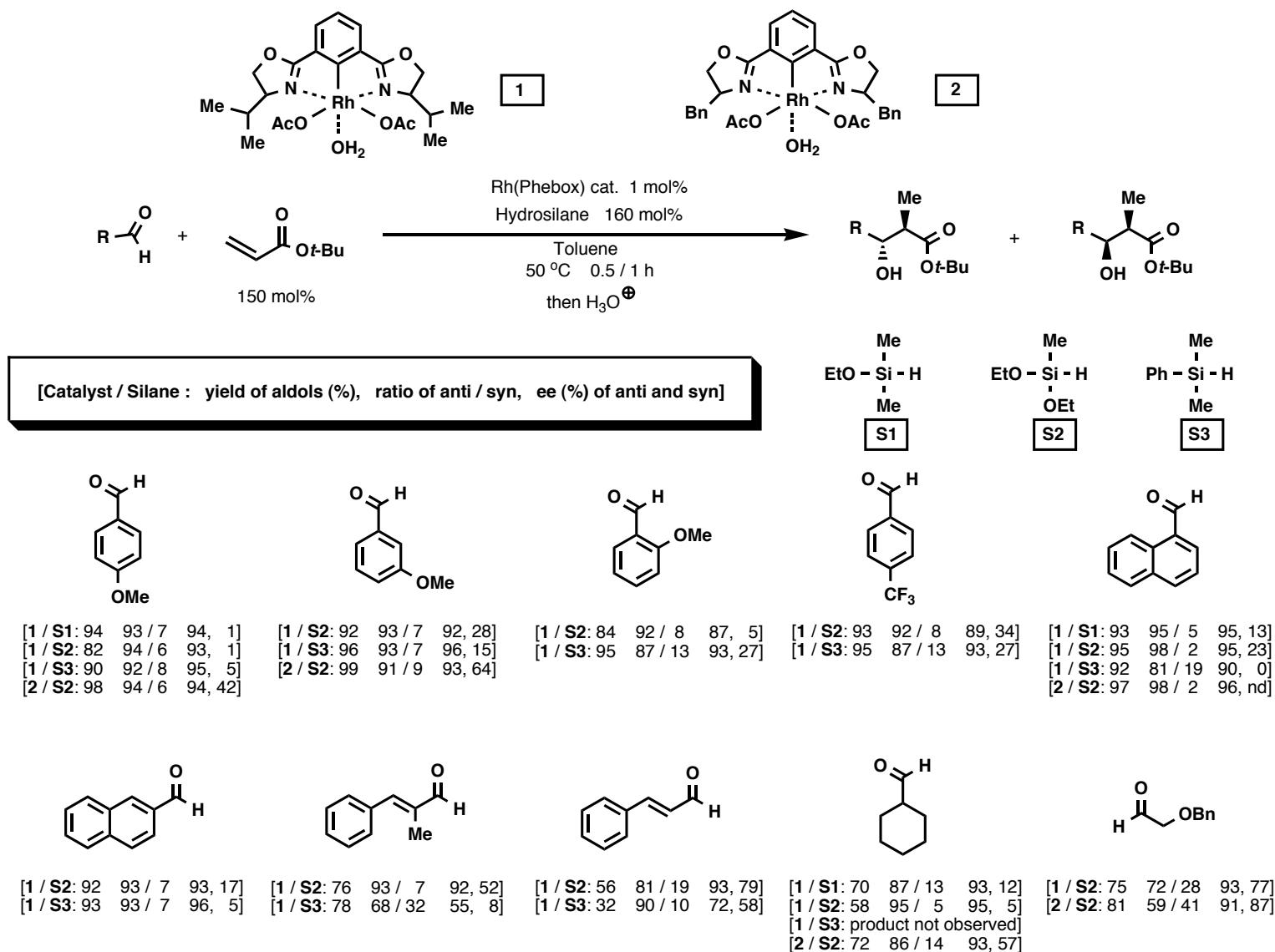


Entry	Silane	T / t (°C / h)	Yield (%)	anti / syn	ee %	
					anti	syn
1	S1	50 / 0.5	93	94 / 6	94	2
2	S2	50 / 0.5	91	95 / 5	91	11
3	S3	50 / 0.5	87	94 / 6	88	4
4	S4	60 / 3.0	89	93 / 7	93	7
5	S5	50 / 0.5	93	94 / 6	95	5
6	S6	50 / 5.0	95	93 / 7	96	34

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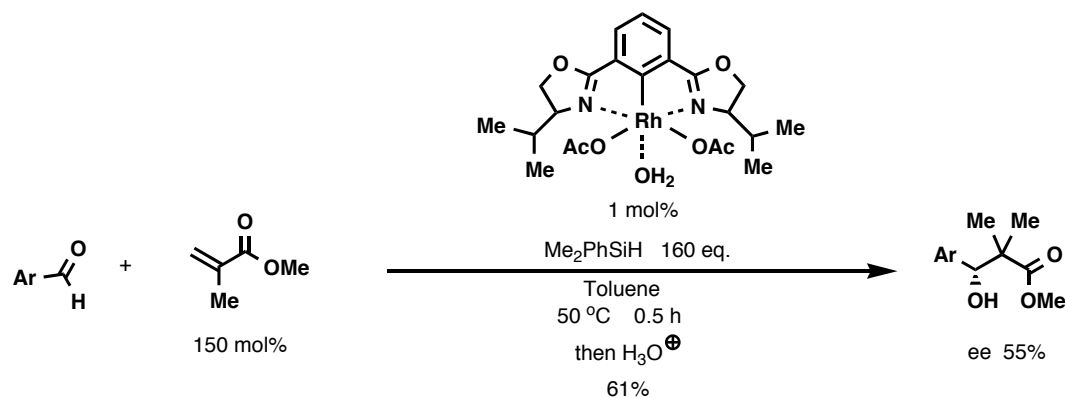
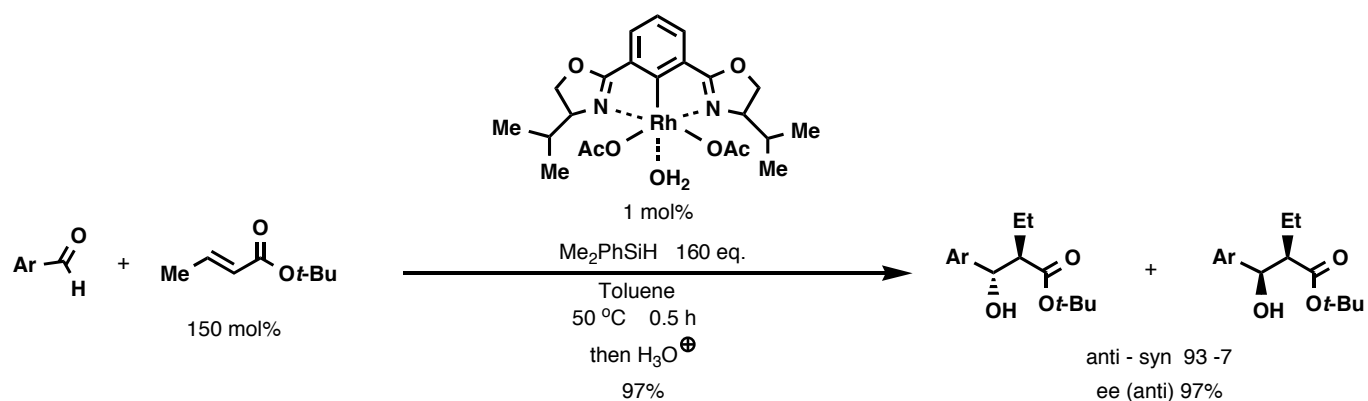
## Reaction Scope



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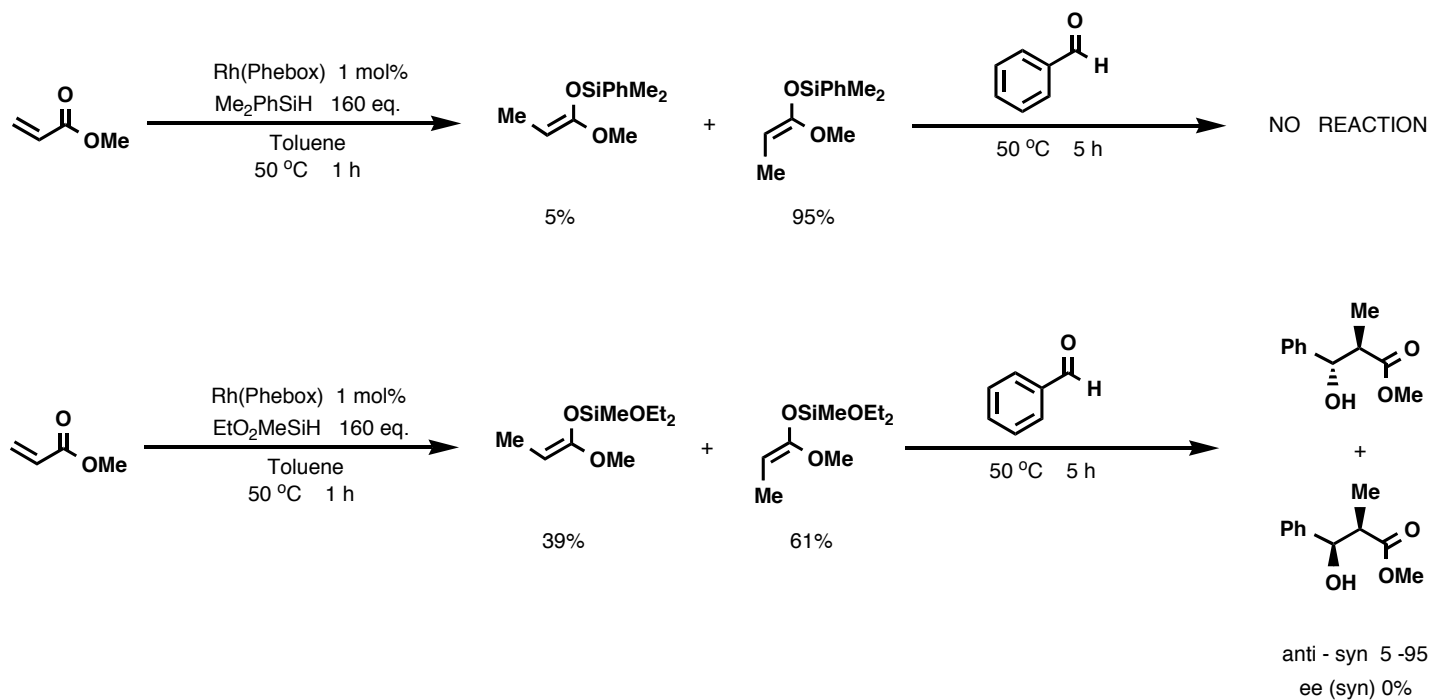
## Substitution on the Acrylate Moiety



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## Mechanistic Speculations

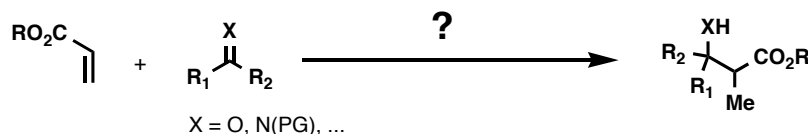
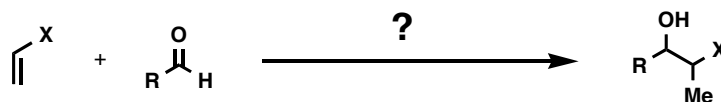
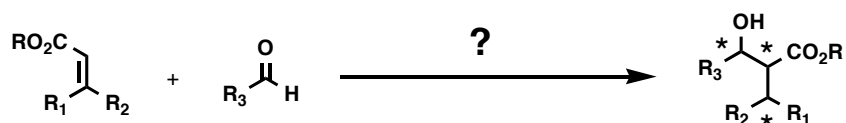


## Summary

- A new catalytic system for the reductive aldol reaction of acrylates with aldehydes and hydrosilanes was described.
- The process is extremely efficient and highly *anti* selective.

## Future Work

- An investigation of the Scope and Limitations of this multicomponent asymmetric C-C bond forming reaction is required.



- A Mechanistic Investigation is required.
- An improvement of the Reaction Conditions would be of great value: a 50 °C Temperature is still required.

- **Application in Total Synthesis.**