

# Reagent-Controlled Asymmetric Homologation of Boronic Esters by Enantioenriched Main-Group Chiral Carbenoids

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# Presentation Outline

- Introduction
- Recent applications of 1,2-metalate rearrangements
- Key innovations and synthetic utility
- Next directions and future applications

# Introduction

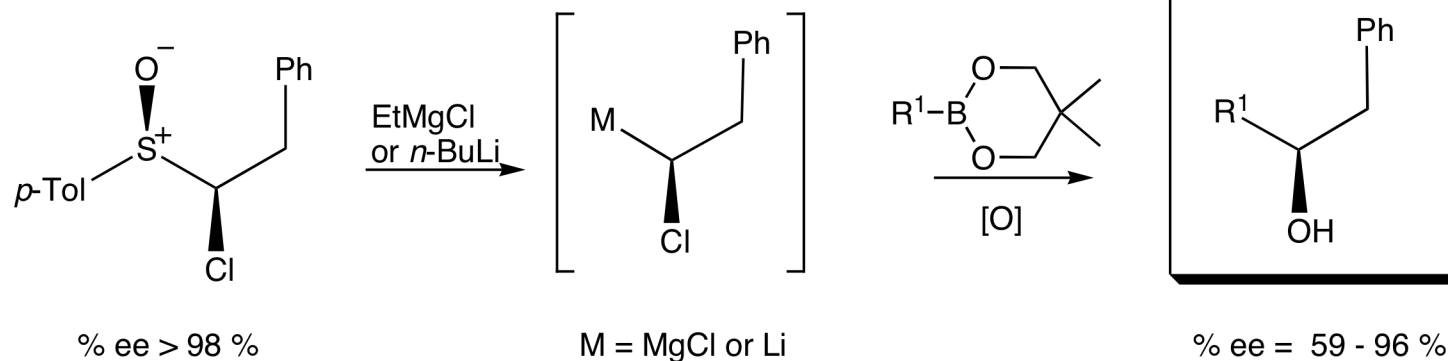
**Mattson & Mah**

*SN<sub>2</sub> displacement of  $\alpha$ -haloalkyl boronic esters*

**Hoffmann group**  
*Chiral carbenoid stability*

**Sato group**  
*Metal carbenoid synthesis and stability*

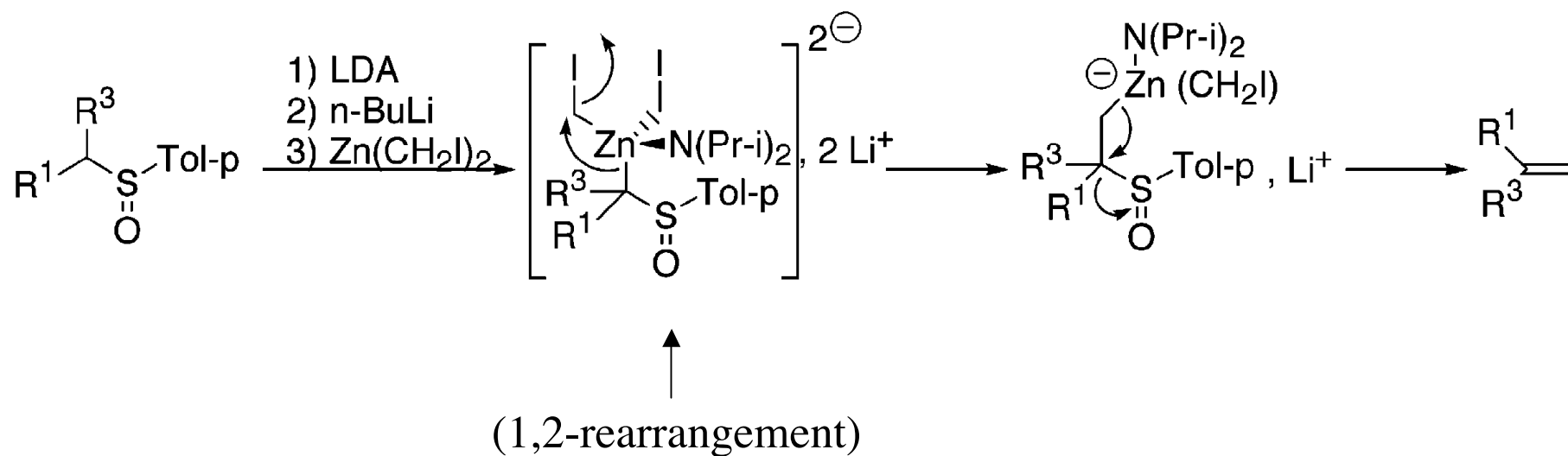
**Blakemore group**



*High % ee via reagent control through 1,2-metalate rearrangement*

# Recent Applications of 1,2-Metalate Rearrangements

*Substrates act as a new source of olefins*

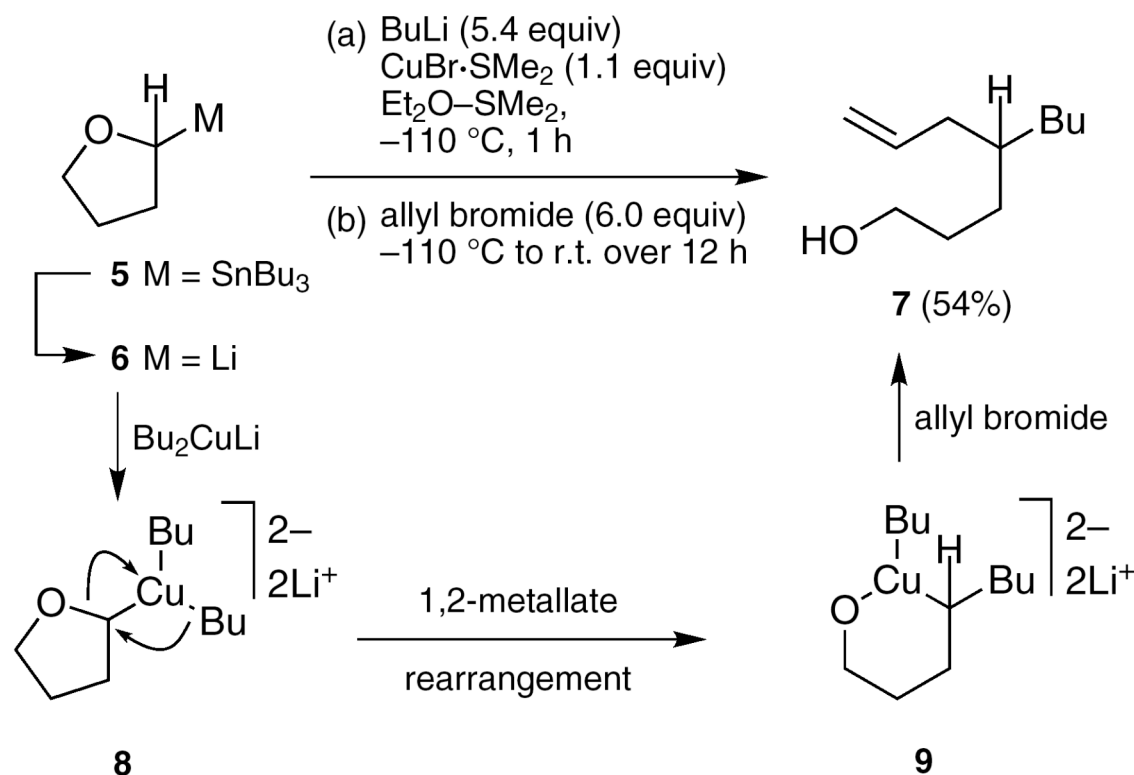


Abramovitch, A.; Varghese, J. P.; Marek, I. *Org. Lett.* **2004**, 6, 621.

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# Recent Applications of 1,2-Metalate Rearrangements

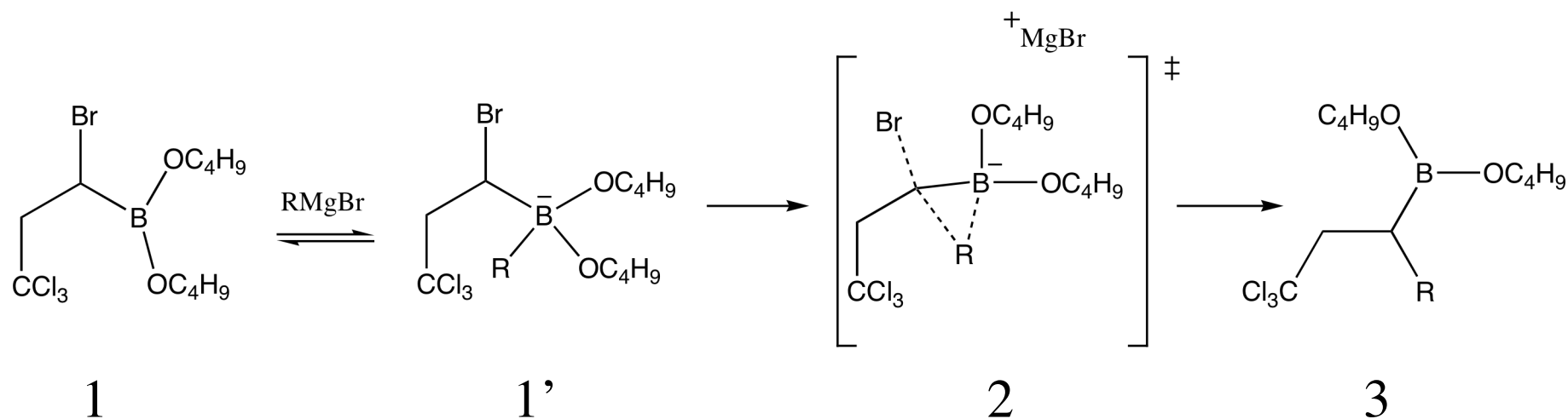
## *1,2-Metalate rearrangements of $\alpha$ -alkoxyalkyl cuprates*



Jarowicki, K.; Kocienski, P. J. *Synlett* **2005**, 167.

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# Nucleophilic Displacement of $\alpha$ -Bromoalkyl Boron Compounds



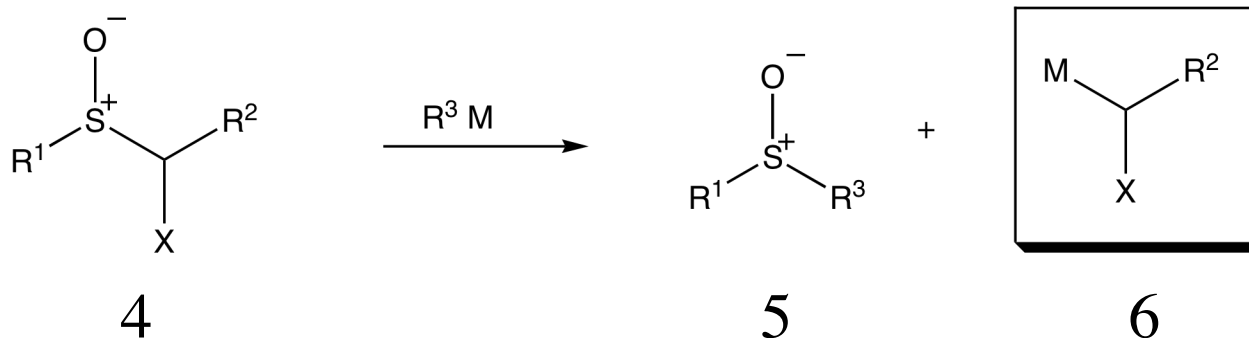
$\text{S}_{\text{N}}2$  displacement of neighboring halogen

Alkyl migration favored over alkoxide due to stronger B-O bond

Matteson, D.S; Mah, R. W. H. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1963**, 85, 2599.

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# Preparation of Functionalized Carbenoid Reagents



R<sup>1</sup> = tolyl  
X, R<sup>2</sup> = aziridine  
R<sup>3</sup> = Ethyl  
M = MgBr

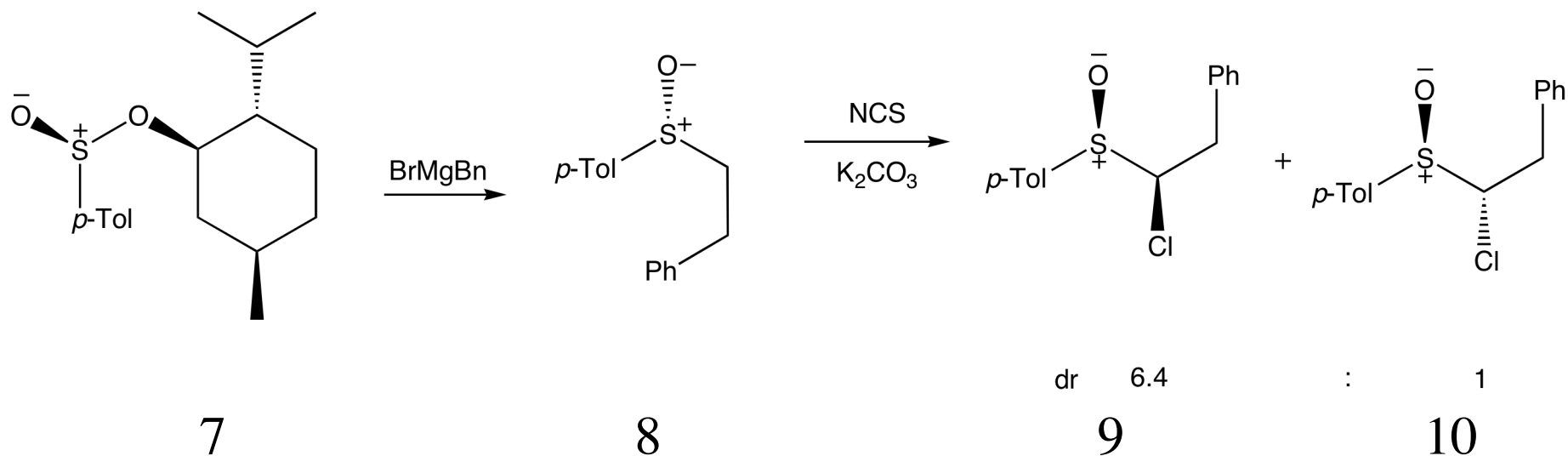
Satoh, T.; Sato, T.; Oohara, T.; Yamakawa, K. *J. Org. Chem.* **1989**, *54*, 3973-3978

R<sup>1</sup> = Phenyl, tolyl  
X = F, Cl, Br  
R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> = alkyl  
M = Li

Satoh, T.; Takano, K. *Tetrahedron* **1996**, *52*, 2349.

Sulfoxide/metal exchange occurs  
 $\alpha$ -alkylhalo magnesium species more stable  
 $\alpha$ -alkylhalo lithium species more reactive

# Synthesis of $\alpha$ -Chiral Sulfoxides



$\alpha$ -Halogenation occurs with inversion at sulfur center

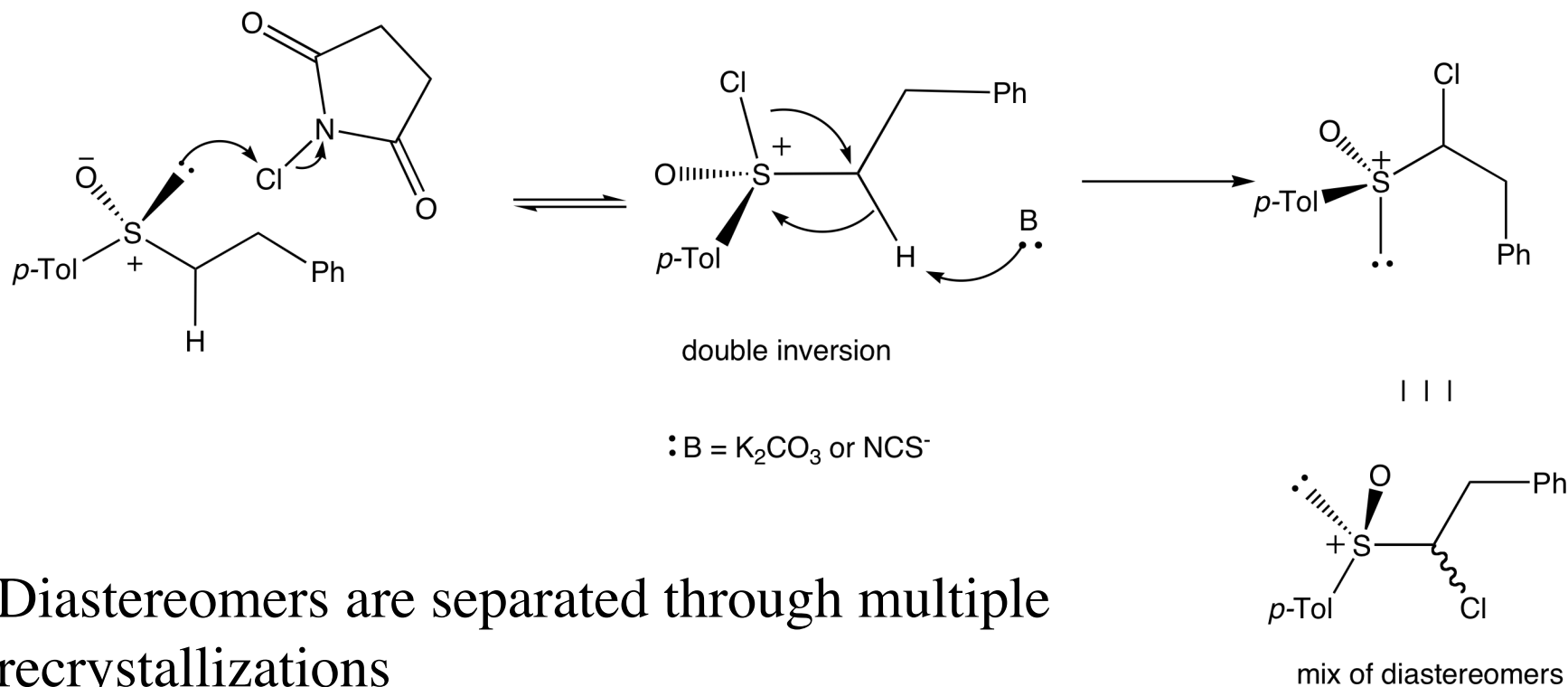
Diastereomers (**9** & **10**) isolated via multiple recrystallization in acetone

Isolate enantiomer **9** in  $>97\%$  ee (HPLC)

Hoffmann, R. W.; Nell, P. G.; Leo, R.; Harms, K. *Chem. Eur. J.* **2000**, *6*, 3359.



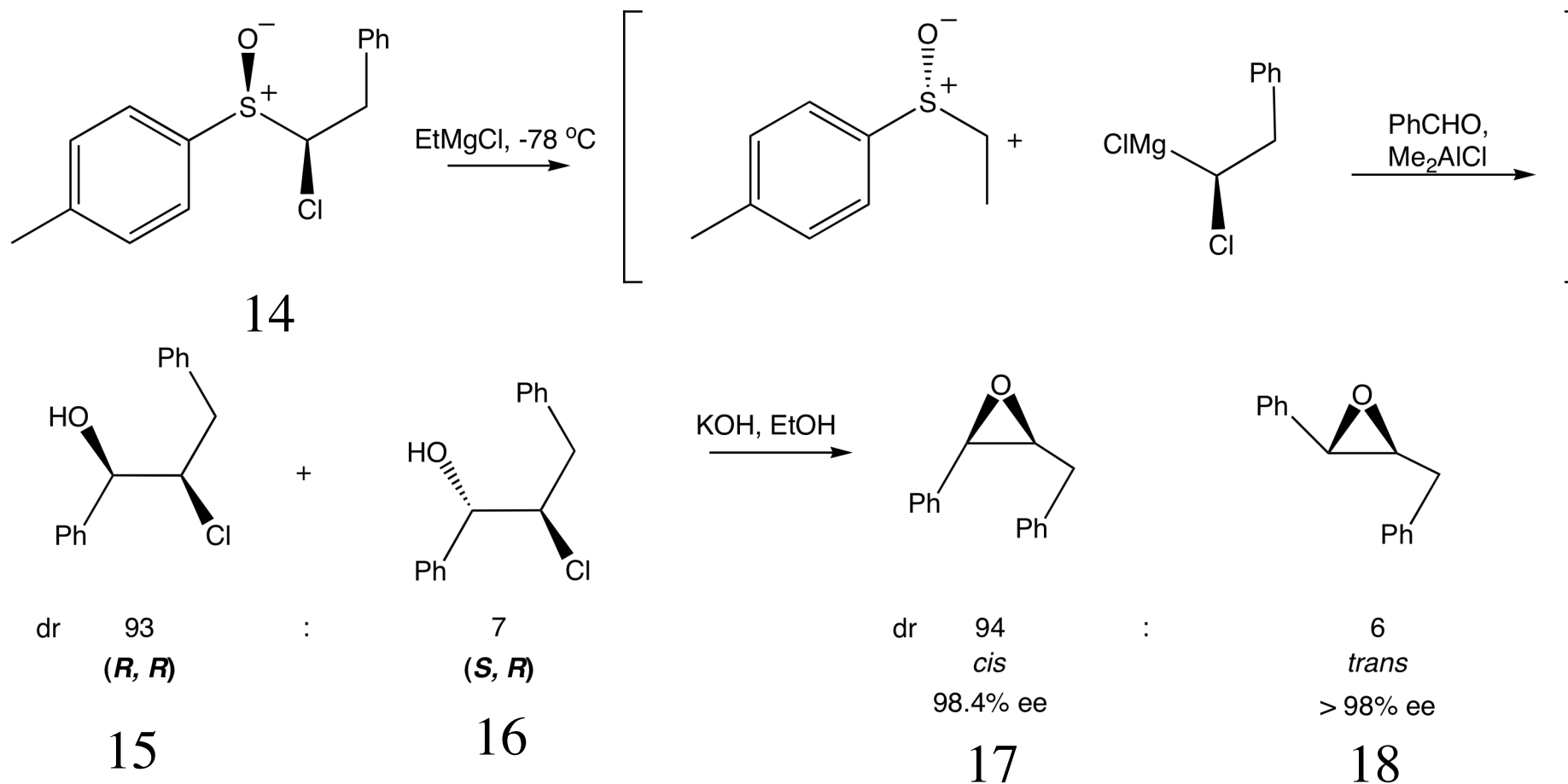
# Mechanism of $\alpha$ -Halogenation



Diastereomers are separated through multiple recrystallizations

International Conference on Organic Sulphur Chemistry. *Organic Sulphur Chemistry: Structure, Mechanism, and Synthesis*. Stirling, C. J. M., Ed.; Sulphur Institute: London, 1975; pp 196 - 198. 9

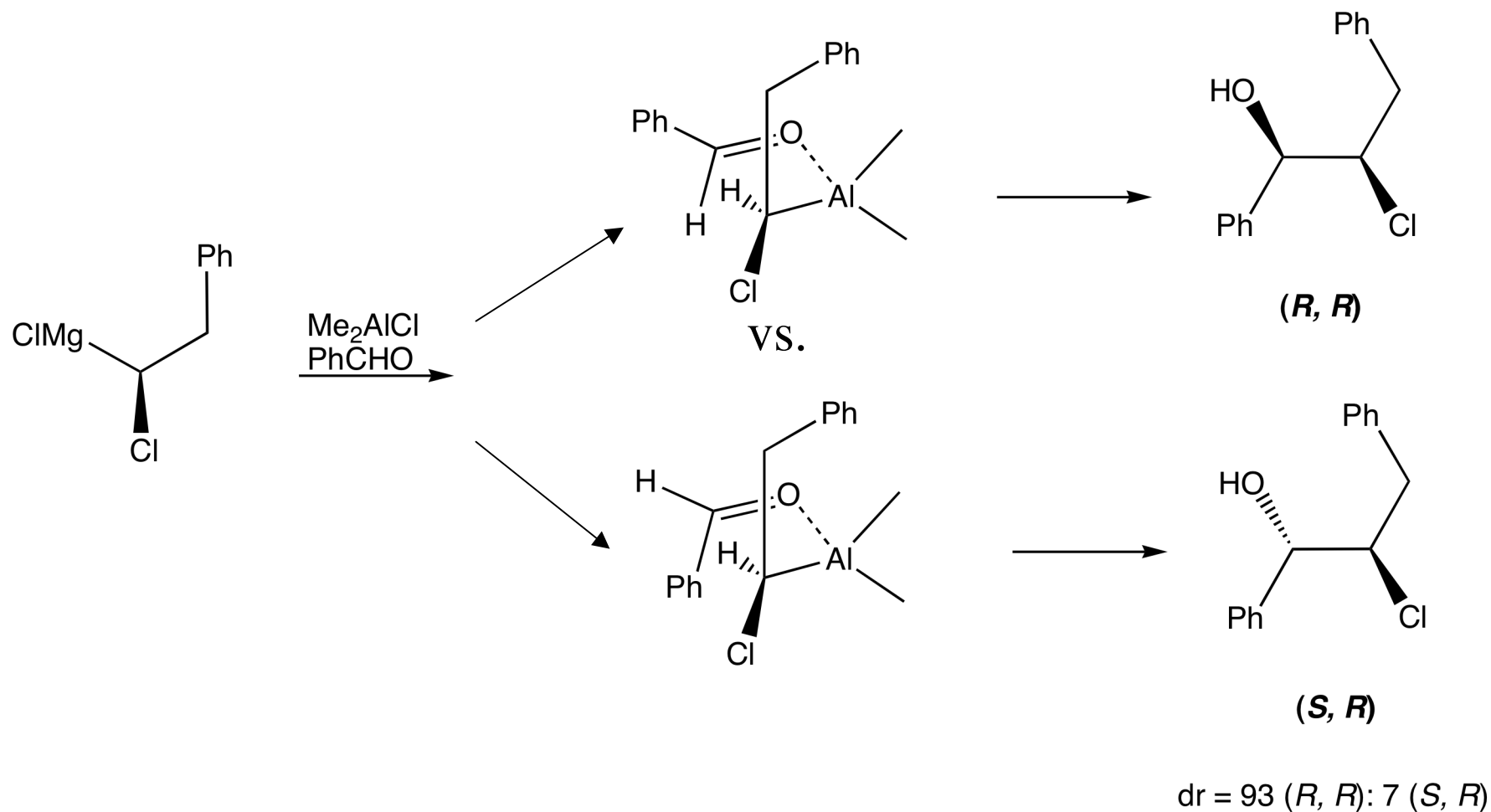
# Stability of $\alpha$ -Chiral Magnesium Carbenoids \*



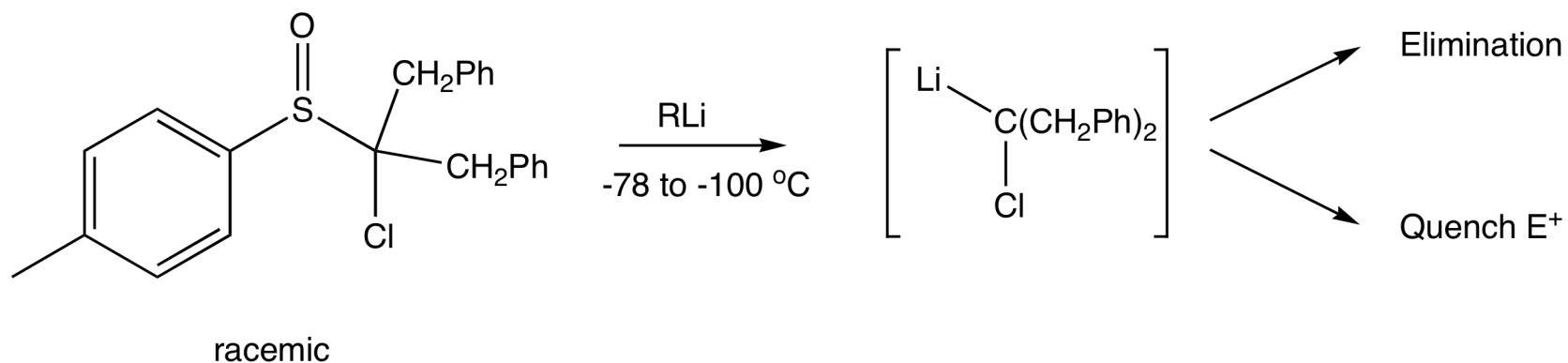
\* Results reproduced by Blakemore

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# Transition State of Carbenoid Addition



# Sulfoxide/Lithium Exchange

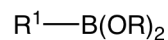


Evidence of lithium carbenoid generation from  $\alpha$ -halosulfoxides

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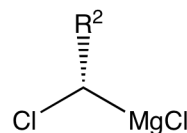
# Stereospecific Reagent Controlled Homologation (SRHC)

Matteson and Mah

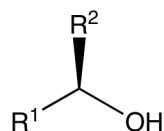
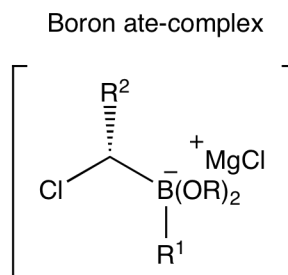


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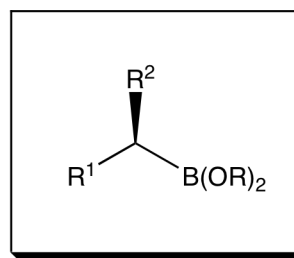
Hoffmann & Satoh groups



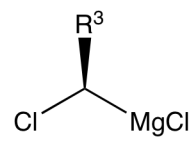
$S_E2$



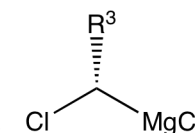
aq NaOH/H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>



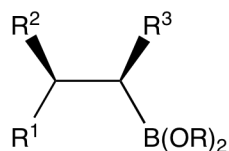
1,2-metalate  
rearrangement  
-MgCl<sub>2</sub>



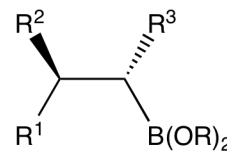
*enantiomers*



Syn diast. in high ee

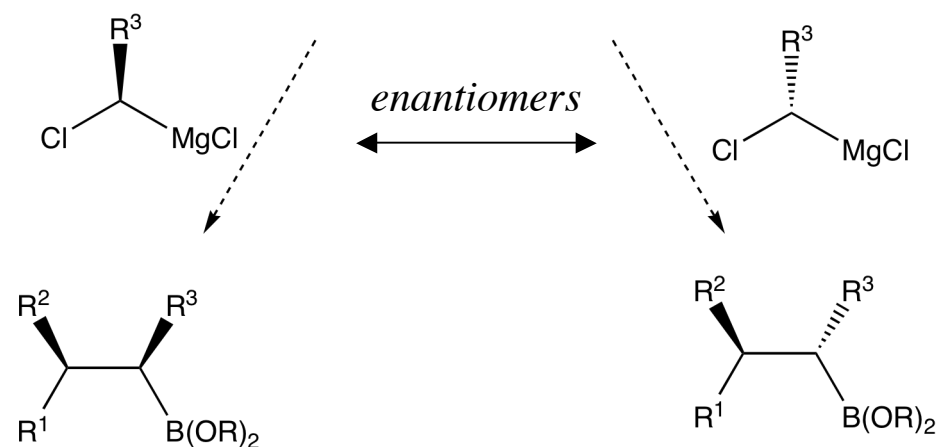
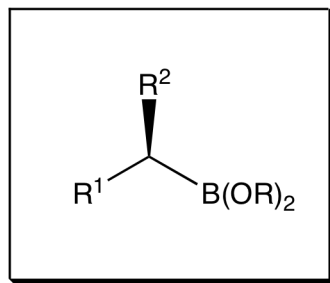


Anti diast. in high ee



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# Powerful Synthetic Applications



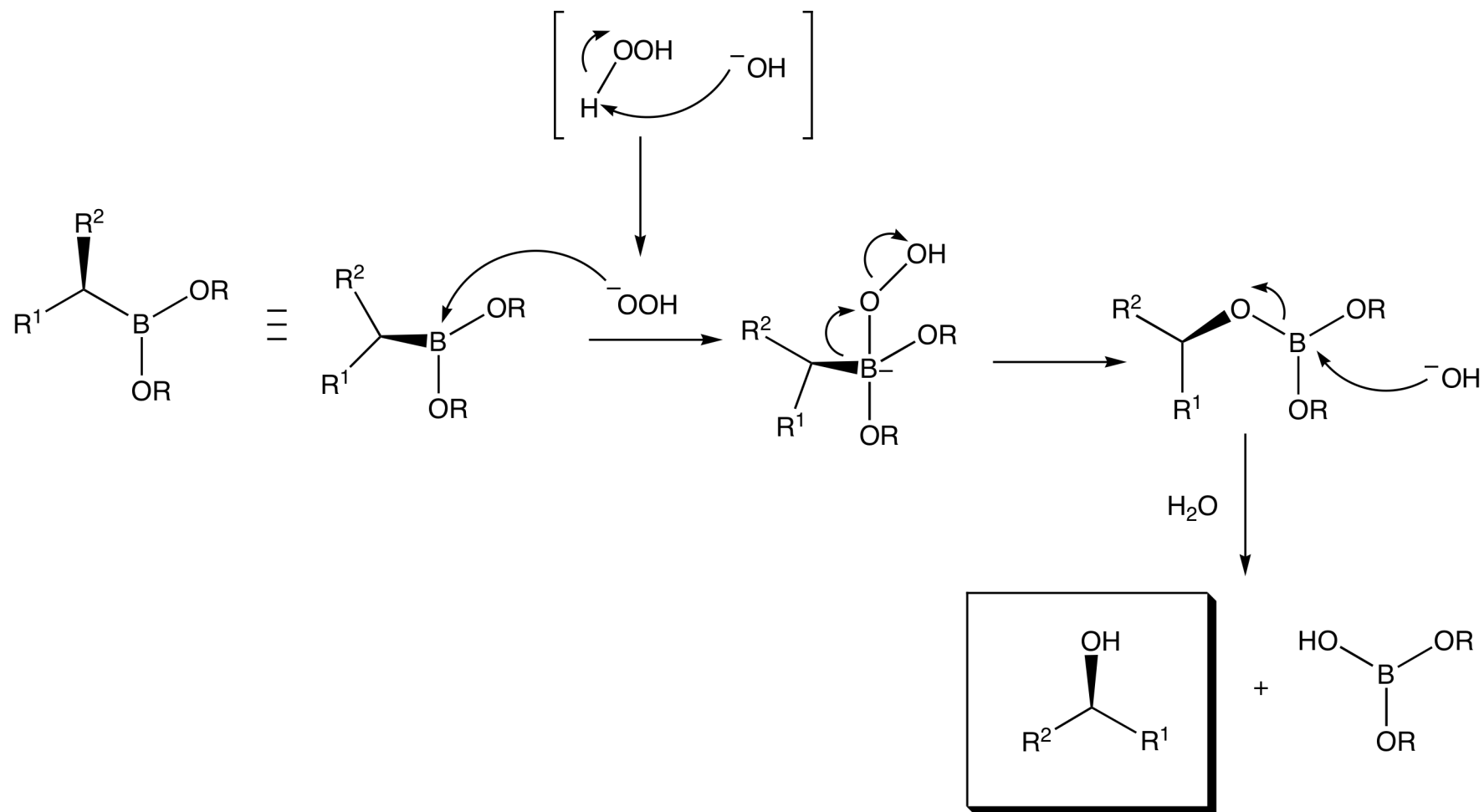
Syn diast. in high ee

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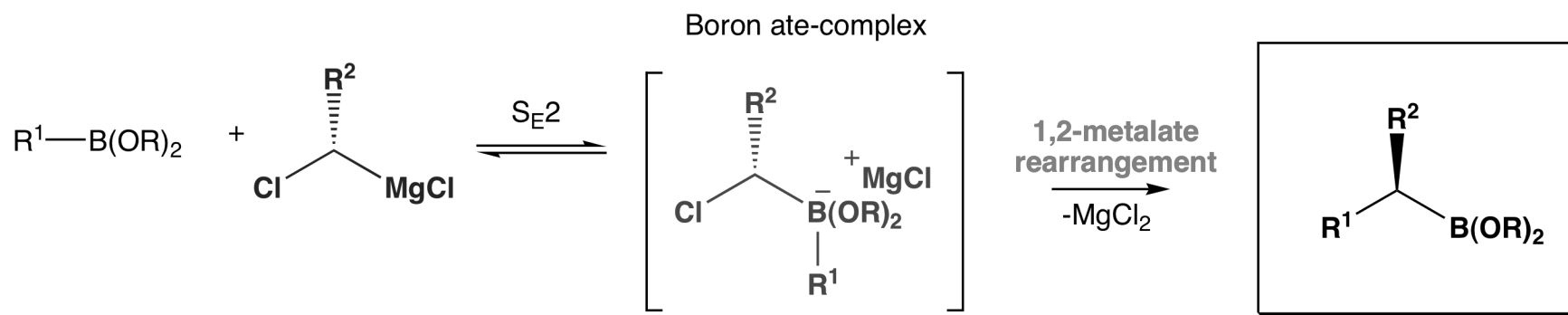
**Methodology allows (via reagent control):**

- 1) Choice of desired diastereomer product
- 2) Formation of desired diastereomer in high ee

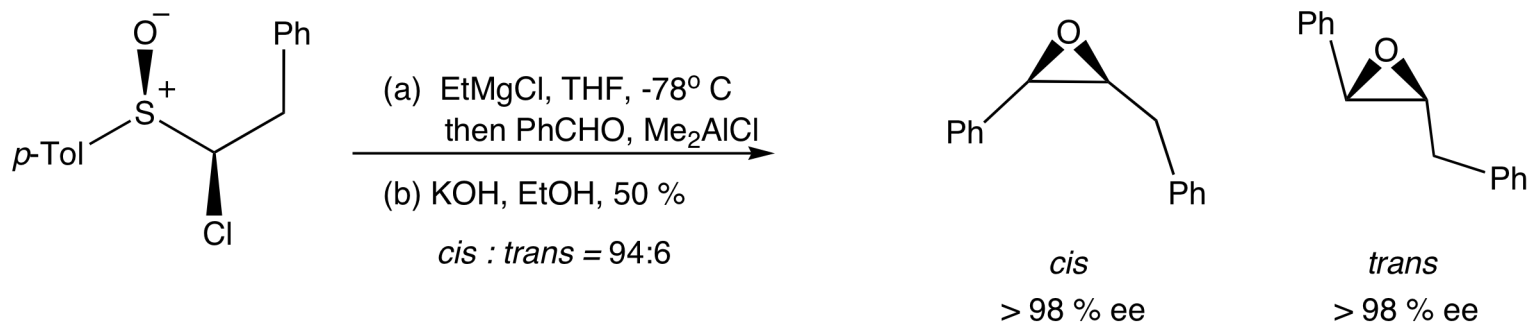
# Oxidative Workup



# Stereospecific Reagent Controlled Homologation (SRCH)



1) Carbenoid reagents must be configurational and chemically stable

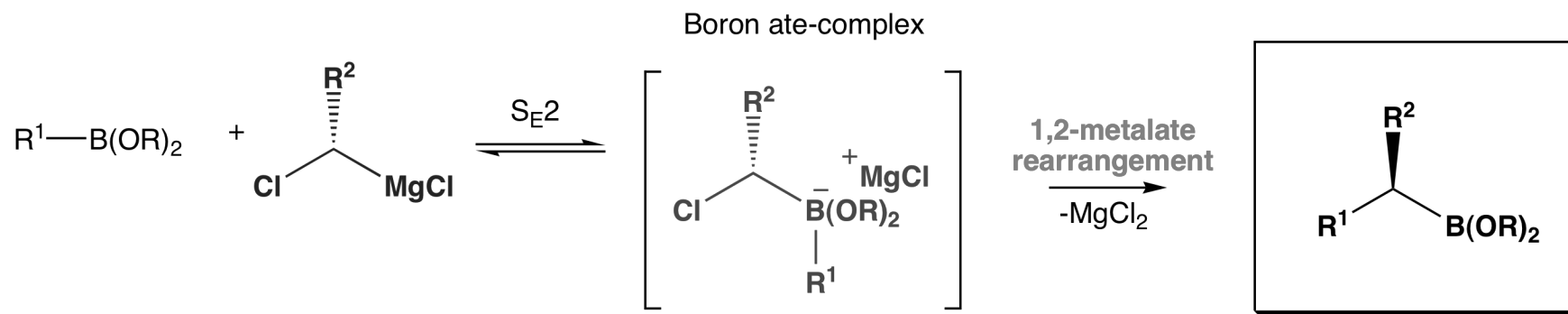


Results from Blakemore

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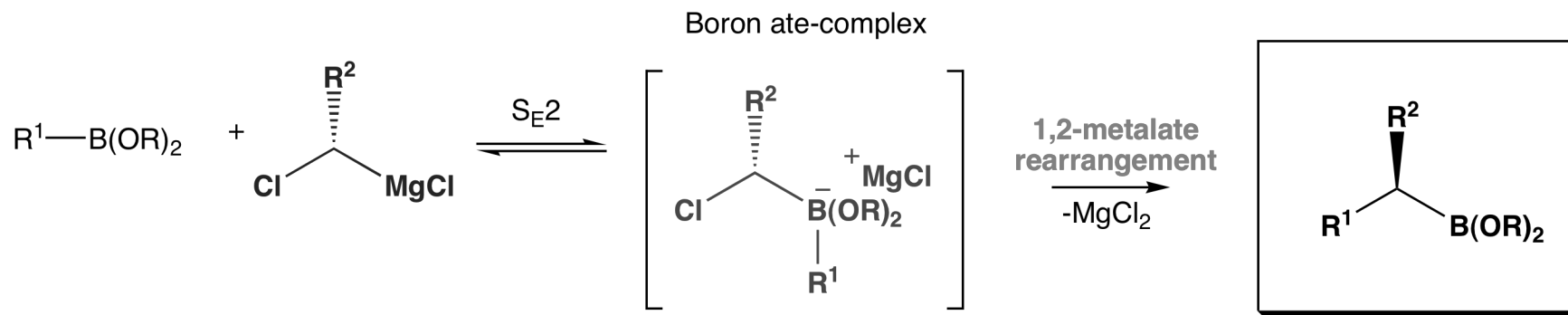
# Stereospecific Reagent Controlled Homologation (SRCH)



2) Ate-complex formation and breakdown must occur stereospecifically

Indirect  $S_N2$  displacement of chlorine (1,2-rearrangement)  
Inversion of stereochemistry at chiral center

# Stereospecific Reagent Controlled Homologation (SRCH)



3) Metalate rearrangement must occur after ate-complex formation

Product not allowed to reenter the coupling reaction cycle

Prevents unwanted oligomerization

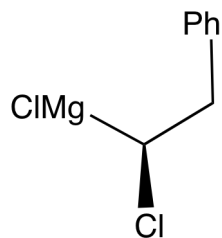
# Observations With Magnesium Carbenoids

Low to modest yields with range of % ee

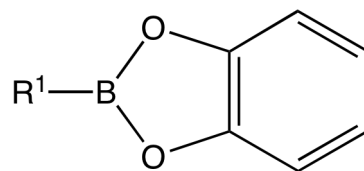
Reaction performs best using preformed conditions

Non-polar solvent increased % yield and % ee

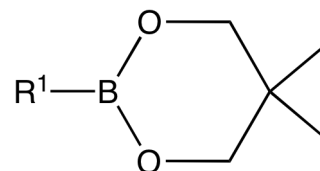
Mg carbenoid	Boronic ester	% Yield range	% ee range
19	Catechol (20)	11 - 44	36 - 76
19	Neopentyl glycol (21)	0 - 56	n/a - 82



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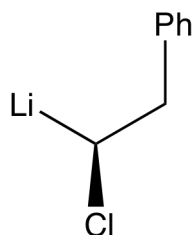
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# Promising Results With Lithium Carbenoids

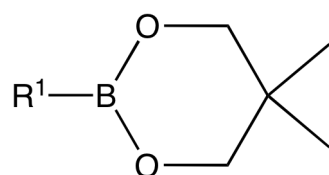
Good yields with high % ee

Lithium best if Barbier-type conditions used

Li carbenoid	Boronic ester	% Yield	% ee
22	Neopentyl glycol (21)	0 - 86	n/a - 96



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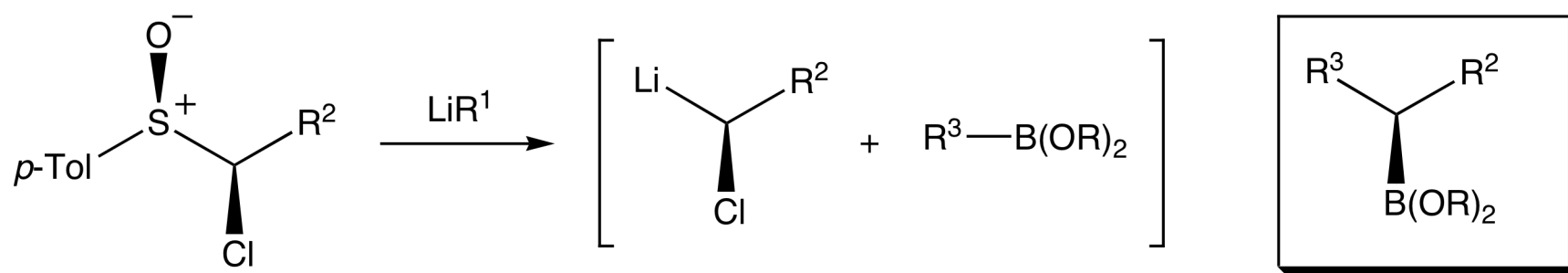
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# Summary

- New type of C-C bond formation demonstrated
- Methodology allows for stereochemical control of products
- Homologated products obtained in range of % yield and % ee
- Promising results from lithium carbenoids

# Next Directions/Future Applications

Continue to expand on unexpected Li carbenoid results



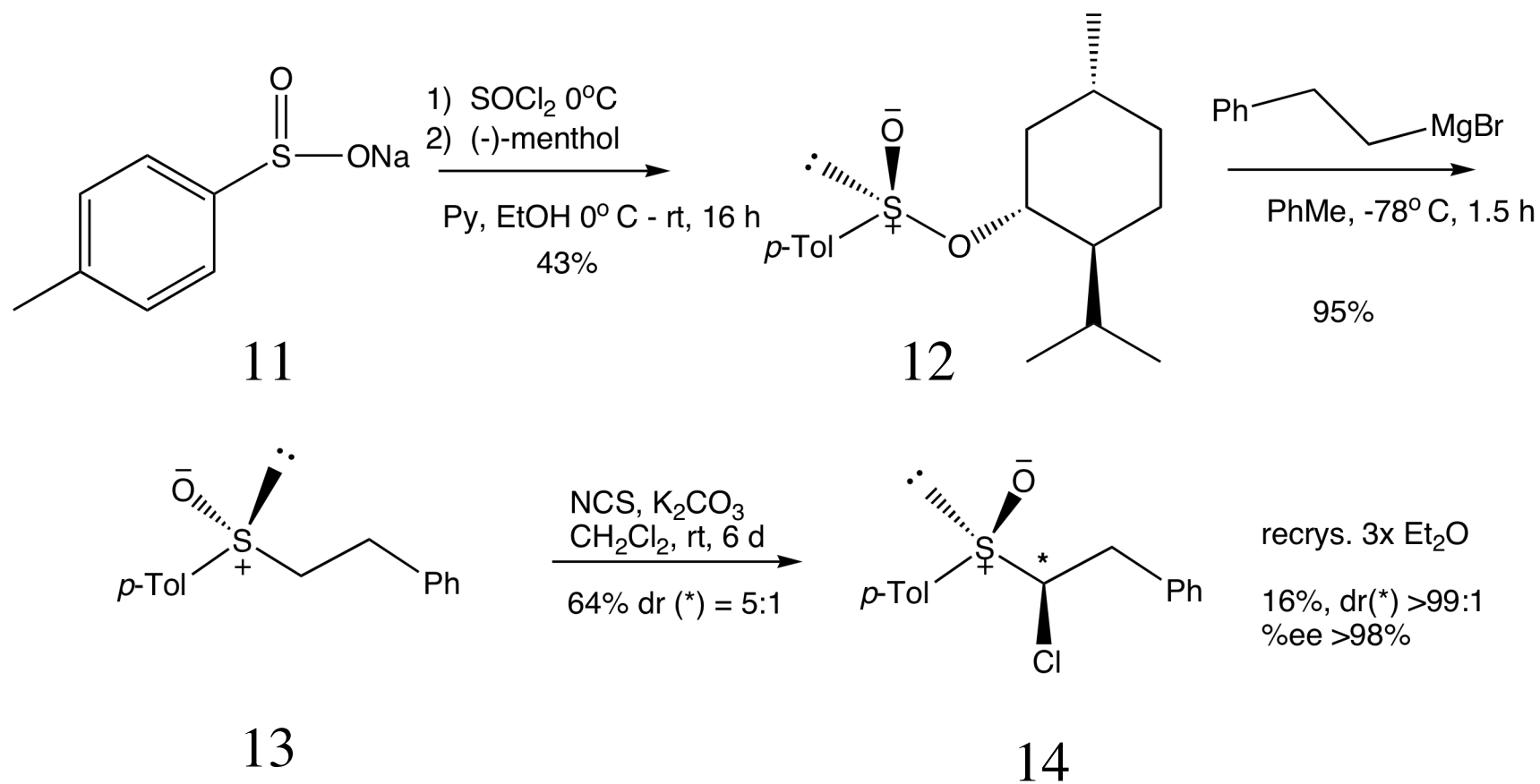
Test methodology using more complex R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> groups  
Continue to work to optimize reaction conditions

*Thank you*

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# Synthesis of $\alpha$ -Chiral Sulfoxides



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