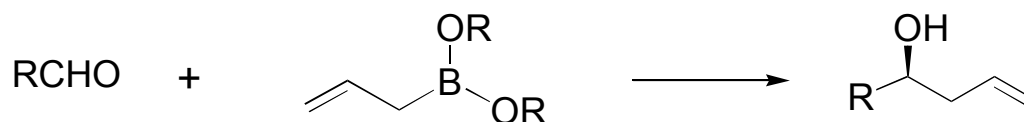


# Catalytic Enantioselective Allyl- and Crotylboration of Aldehydes Using Chiral Diol•SnCl<sub>4</sub> Complexes. Optimization, Substrate Scope and Mechanistic Investigations



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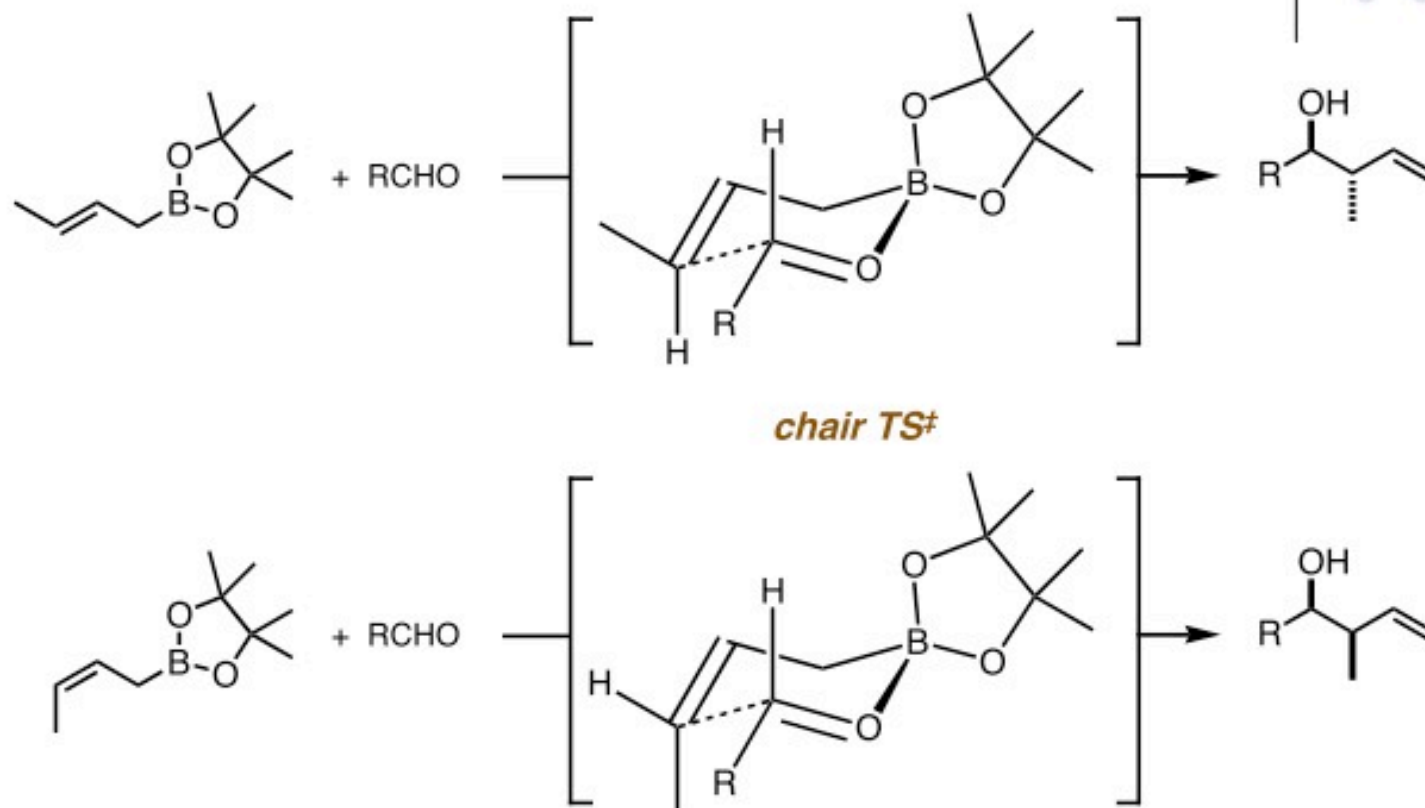
The stereochemical outcome of allyl-metal additions can be classified into three groups:

- I. the **syn/anti** ratio of the products reflects the **Z/E** geometry of the crotyl moiety (**B, Al, Sn, Si** ( $\Delta$ -reactions)).
- II. **syn-selective** irrespective of olefin geometry (**Sn, Si, Ti**).
- III. **anti-selective** irrespective of olefin geometry (**Ti, Cr, Zr, In, Zn**).

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# The Type I Reagents Mechanism

Hoffmann, 1979: Boronates are more configurationally stable

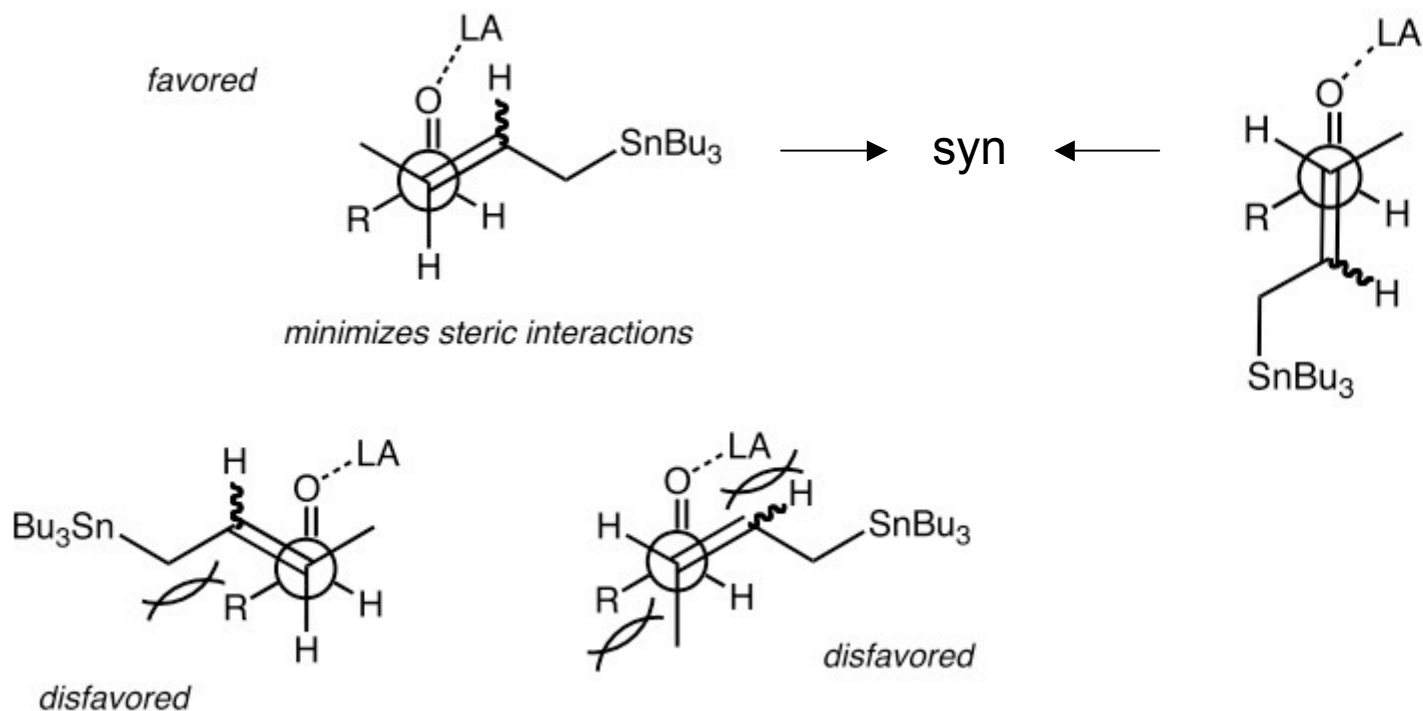


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## The Type II Reagents Mechanism

synclinal TS (*Denmark, JACS 1984, 106, 7970*):

antiperiplanar TS



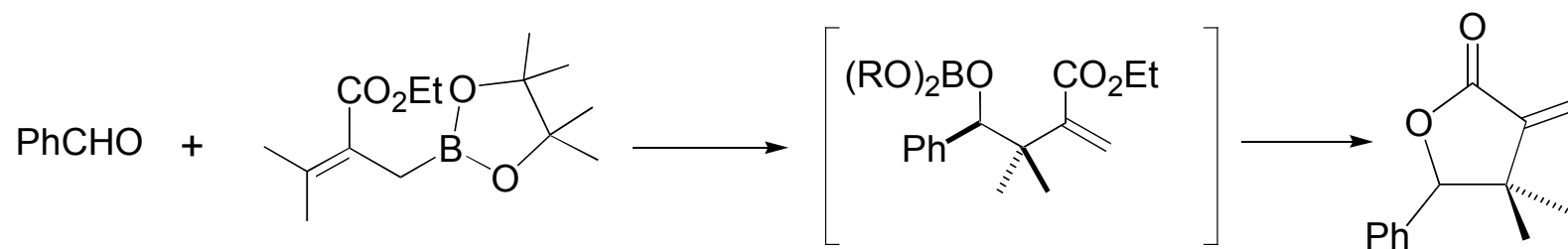
antiperiplanar vs. synclinal transition state: S. E. Denmark, *Helv. Chim. Acta* **1983**, 66, 1655; *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1987**, 109, 2512; *Tetrahedron* **1989**, 45, 1053.

→ the LA influences the properties of the reaction taking place from the synclinal and antiperiplanar arrangements, with the former in general being the more important:

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## Acid Catalyzed Addition of Allylboronates

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none  
10% Sc(OTf)<sub>3</sub>

12 days at r.t.  
6 h at r.t

84%  
93%

Dennis G. Hall. *JACS*. **2002**, 124, 11586.

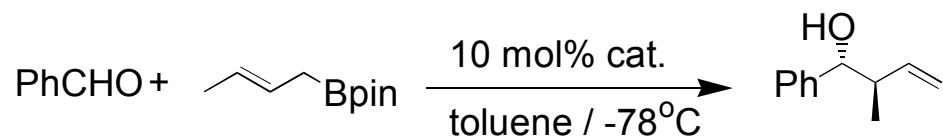
10% Sc(OTf)<sub>3</sub>  
10% TFA

16 h at 0 °C  
16 h at 0 °C

< 5%  
96%

Dennis G. Hall. *JACS*. **2005**, 127, 12808.

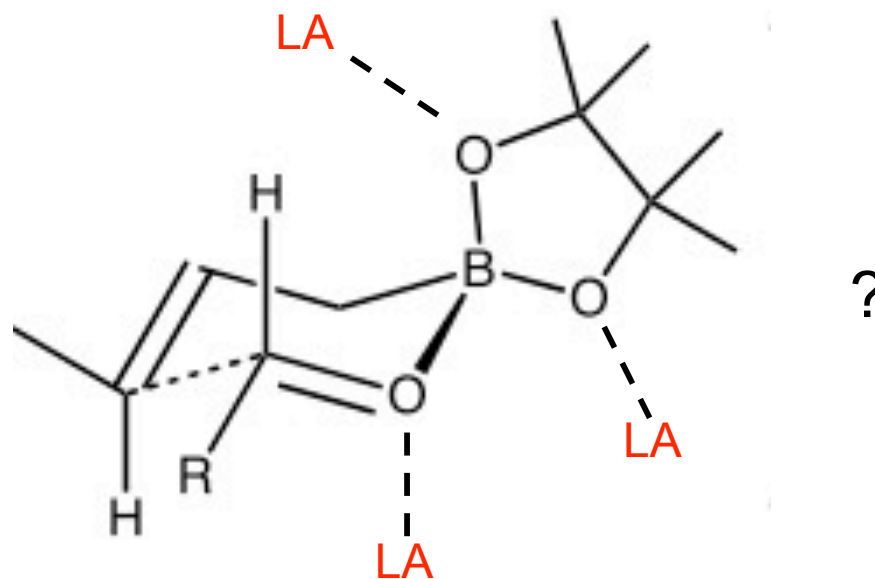
## Acceleration Effect of Lewis Acid in Allylboration of Aldehydes



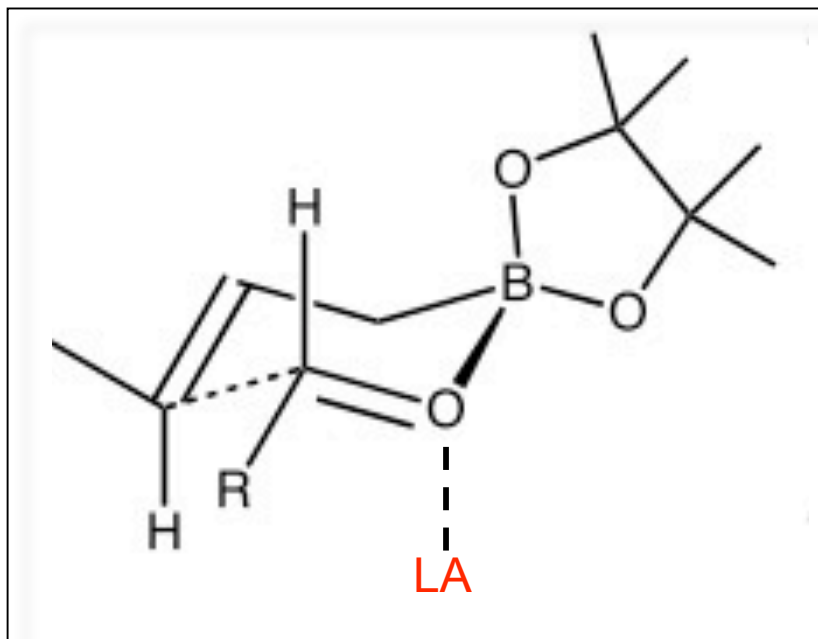
None  
 $\text{AlCl}_3$   
 $\text{Sc}(\text{OTf})_3$

trace  
92% anti = 99%  
94% anti = 99%

Miyaura. N. *JACS*. **2002**, 124, 12414.

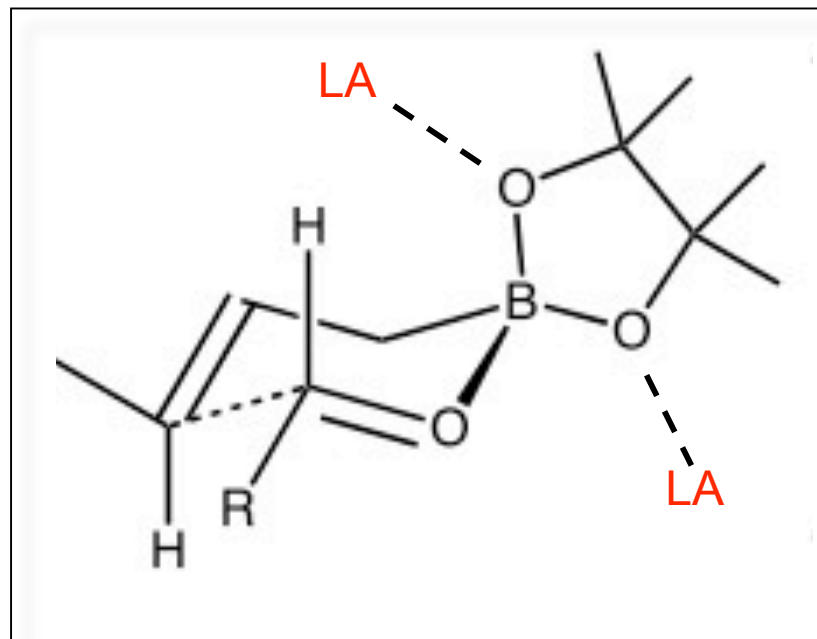


## Investigation of Mechanism (Hypothesis)



Double coordination

“superactivate” aldehyde



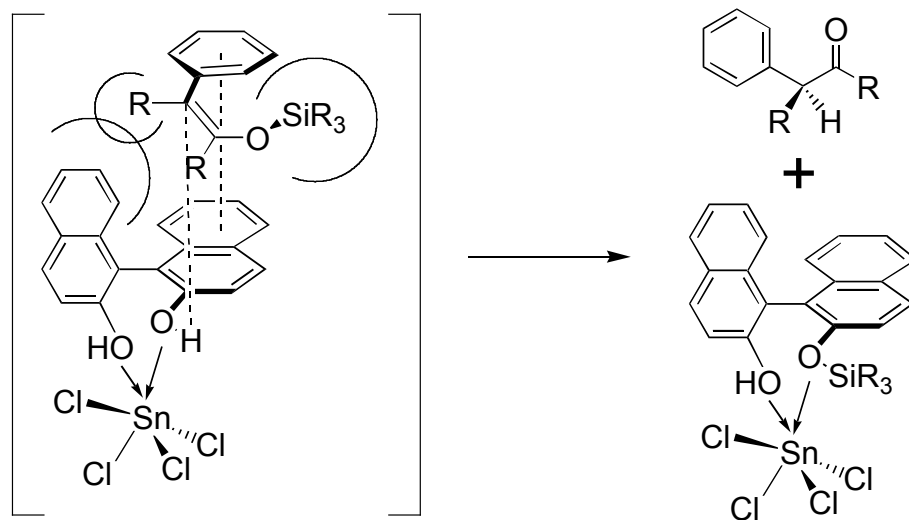
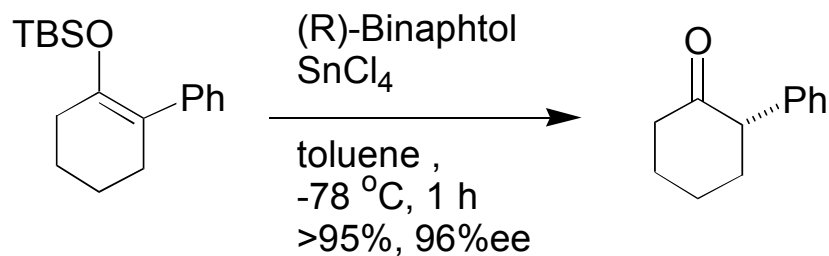
Suppress  $n_o-p_B$  overlap

Increase the acidic character of B





# Yamamoto's Lewis acid assisted Brønsted acid system



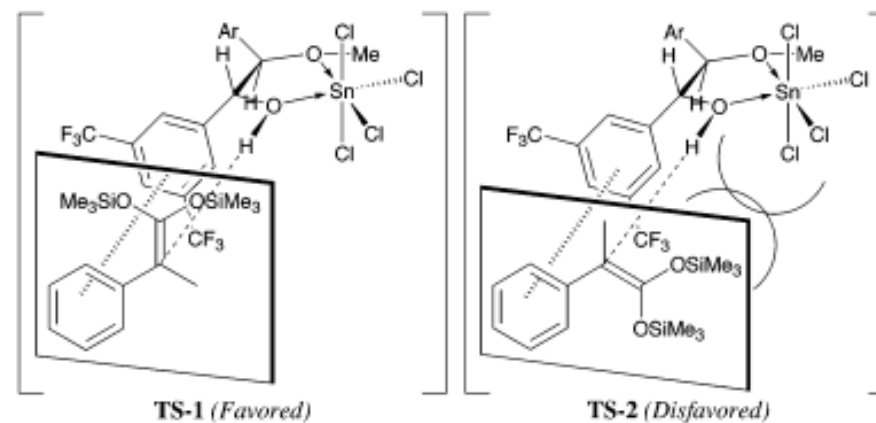
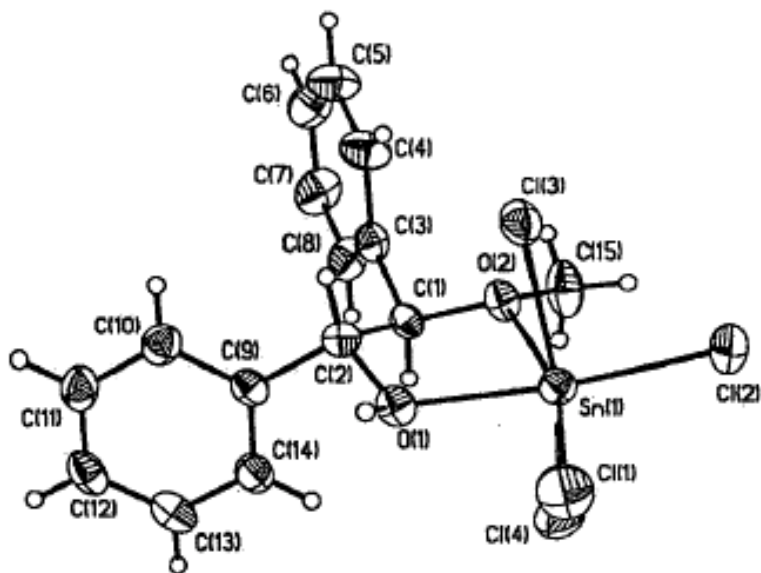
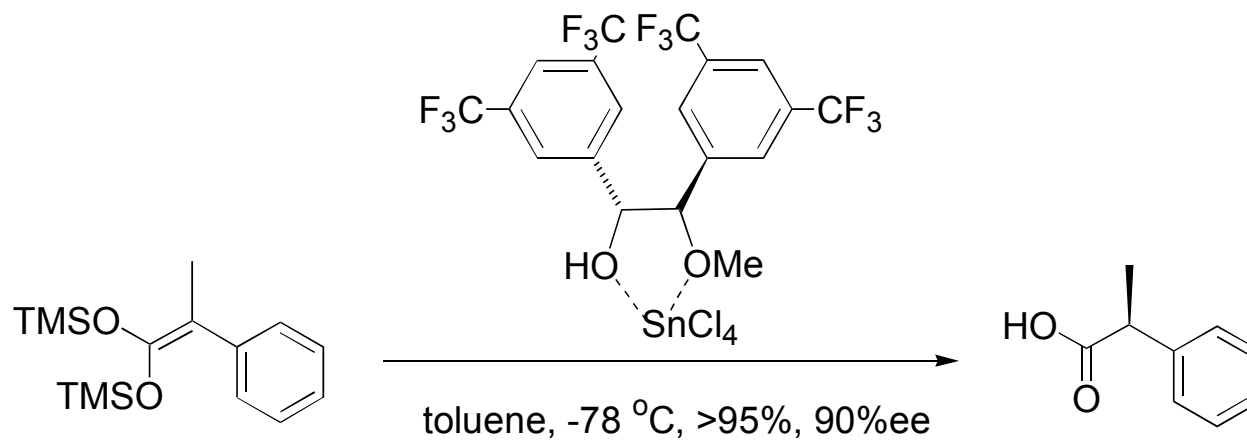
Yamamoto, H. *JACS*. **1994**, *116*, 11179.

Proposed TS based on calculation

Yamamoto, H. *JACS*. **1999**, *121*, 4906.

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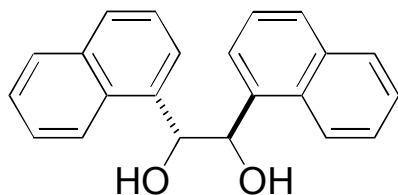
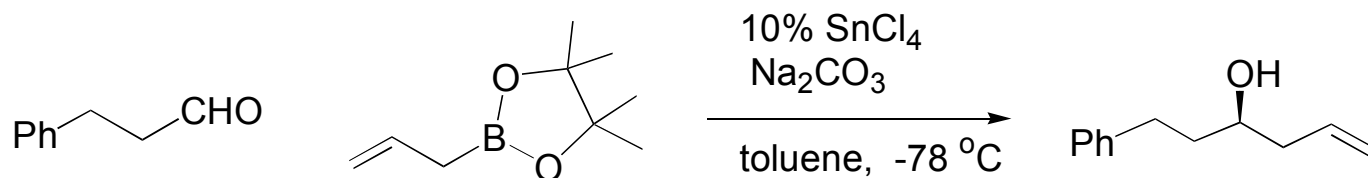
## Investigation of Mechanism



### Linear $\pi^*$ - O-H bond interaction

Yamamoto, H. *JACS.* **2003**, *125*, 24.

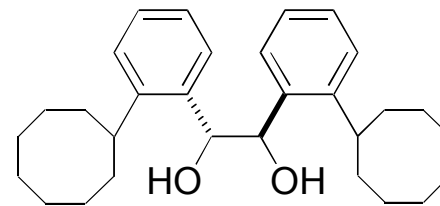
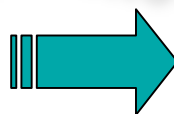
# Digest of Title Paper



85%, 78%ee

*ACIE*. 2006, 45, 2426.

Optimised



99%, 95%ee

Title paper  
Vivol ligand

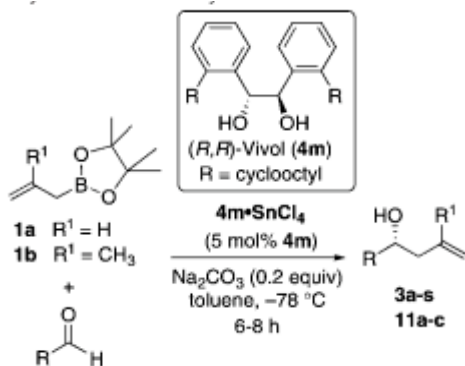
## Background reaction

2% of product was observed -78 °C after 5 h



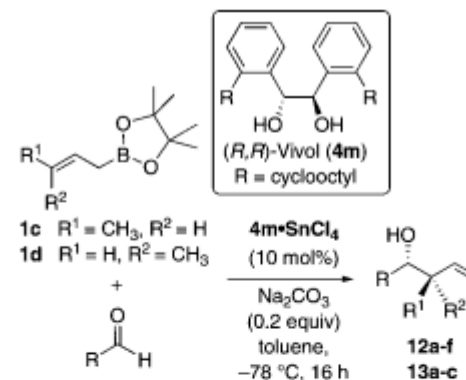
**A maximum ee would be approximately 96%**

## Substrate Scope of Vivol Ligand



entry	R <sup>1</sup>	aldehyde	product	yield (%)	er
1	H	Ph(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CHO	3a	99	97.5:2.5
2	H	PhCH <sub>2</sub> CHO	3b	99	96.5:3.5 <sup>b,c</sup>
3	H	PhCH <sub>2</sub> CHO	3b	99	91:9 <sup>c</sup>
4	H	PhCH <sub>2</sub> CHO	3b	99	87:13
5	H	TBSO(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CHO	3c	98	97.5:2.5
6	H	TIPSO(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CHO	3d	99	97.5:2.5
7	H	TBDPSO(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CHO	3e	99	95:5 <sup>c</sup>
8	H	BnO(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CHO	3f	99	90:10
9	H	TBDPSO(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> CHO	3g	95	96.5:5
10	H	TBSO(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> CHO	3h	85	96:4
11	H	TIPSO(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> CHO	3i	99	96:4
12	H	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>11</sub> CHO	3j	94	95.5:4.5 <sup>c,d</sup>
13	H	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>11</sub> CHO	3j	91	91:9 <sup>b,c</sup>
14	H	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>11</sub> CHO	3j	90	90:10 <sup>d,e</sup>
15	H	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>11</sub> CHO	3j	50	87:13 <sup>c</sup>
16	H	CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> CHO	3k	90	97.5:2.5
17	H	TBDPSOCH <sub>2</sub> CHO	3l	99	88.5:11.5 <sup>c</sup>
18	H	BnOCH <sub>2</sub> CHO	3m	99	85:15 <sup>c</sup>
19	H	3,5-(CF <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>3</sub> CHO	3n	99	97:3
20	H	2-F-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CHO	3o	99	90:10
21	H	4-OMe-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CHO	3p	45	56.5:43.5
22	H	2-Br-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CHO	3q	99	80:20
23	H	2-CF <sub>3</sub> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CHO	3r	95	87.5:12.5
24	H	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CHO	3s	99	85.5:14.5
25	CH <sub>3</sub>	TBDPSO(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CHO	11a	99	96:4
26	CH <sub>3</sub>	Ph(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CHO	11b	99	92:8
27	CH <sub>3</sub>	TBDPSO(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> CHO	11c	95	92.5:7.5

<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: Unless noted, all reactions were performed with 1.10 mmol of boronate, 1.00 mmol of aldehyde, 3.85 mol% of SnCl<sub>4</sub>, 5.00 mol% of 4m, 0.077 mmol of Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, 50 mg of 4 Å molecular sieves, and 1.0 mL of toluene at -78 °C for 6–8 h. Er was determined by chiral HPLC and/or <sup>19</sup>F-NMR analysis of diastereomeric



entry	aldehyde	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	product	yield (%)	er
1	Ph(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CHO	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	12a	93	98:2
2 <sup>b</sup>	Ph(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CHO	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	12a	80	96.5:3.5 <sup>b</sup>
3	TBDPSO(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CHO	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	12b	94	96.5:3.5
4	TBSO(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CHO	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	12c	99	95.5:4.5
5	TBSO(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> CHO	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	12d	93	95.5:4.5
6	CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> CHO	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	12e	74	97.5:2.5
7	3,5-(CF <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>3</sub> CHO	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	12f	99	95:5
8	PhCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CHO	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	13a	78	92:8
9	TBDPSOCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CHO	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	13b	75	90:10
10	TBDPSOCH <sub>2</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CHO	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	13c	70	94:6

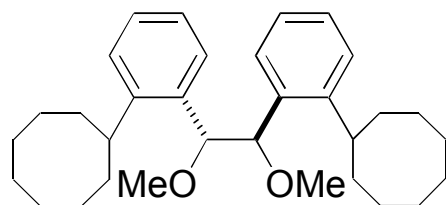
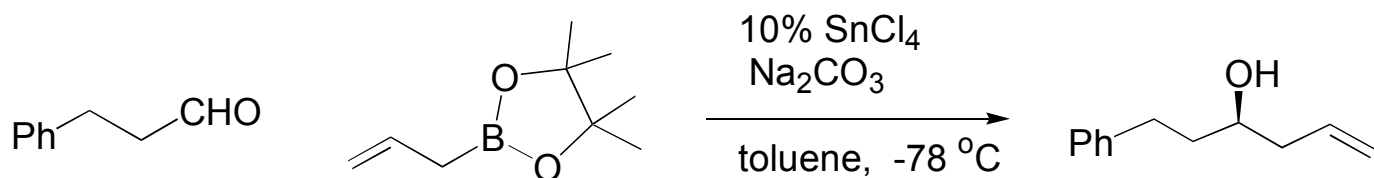
<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: All reactions were performed with 0.275 mmol of boronate, 0.250 mmol of aldehyde, 0.0325 mmol of 4m, 0.025 mmol of SnCl<sub>4</sub>, 0.050 mmol of Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, 50 mg of 4 Å molecular sieves, and 1.0 mL of solvent at -78 °C for 16 h. Er was determined by chiral HPLC and/or <sup>19</sup>F-NMR analysis of diastereomeric Mosher esters.

<sup>b</sup> 5 mol% of SnCl<sub>4</sub> was used.

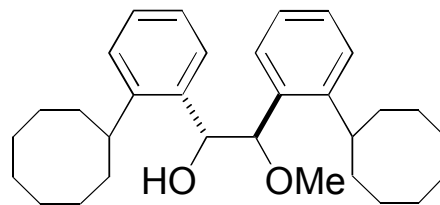
**The enantioselectivity shown here is superior to that of the most popular stoichiometric reagents.**

## Investigation of Mechanism

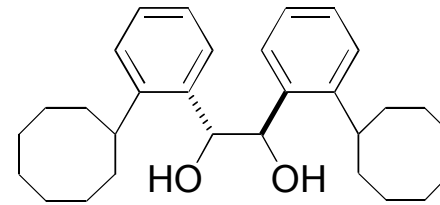
### Truly Yamamoto's LBA system?



4 h <10% conversion, racemic

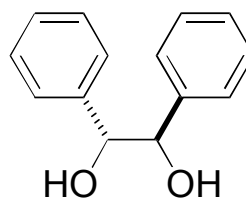


3 h 50% conversion, 85%ee

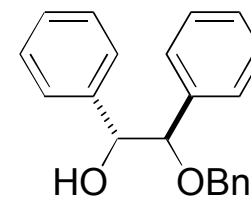


4h 99%, 95%ee

**Yamamoto reported  
mono-protected diol ligands  
gave higher ee.**



12 h, 37%ee

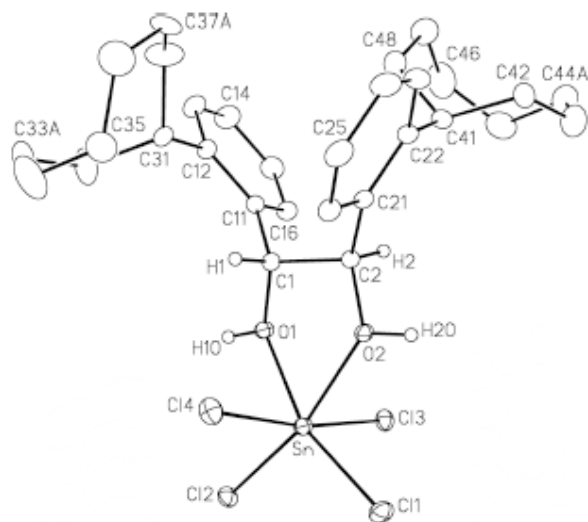


12 h, 62%ee

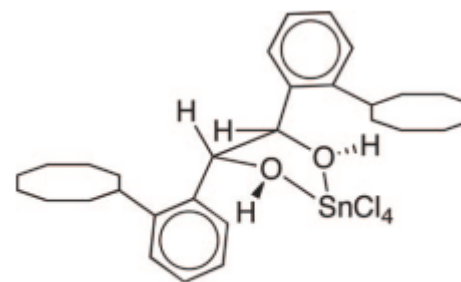
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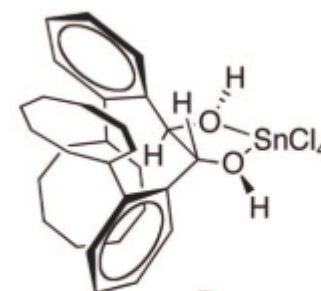
## Farther Investigation of Mechanism



**X-ray**



**A**  
**"Extended"**



**B**  
**"Stacked"**

**Stacked structure**

Activate protons are pointing pseudoequatorial



**Rigid position**



**Hold chiral information (?)**

## Conclusion

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**Vivol ligand – SnCl<sub>4</sub> system is**

- efficient catalyst for enantioselective allyl and crotylboration of aliphatic aldehyde.**
- superior to well-established stoichiometric allylboration methods.**
- hard to know the precise mechanism.**