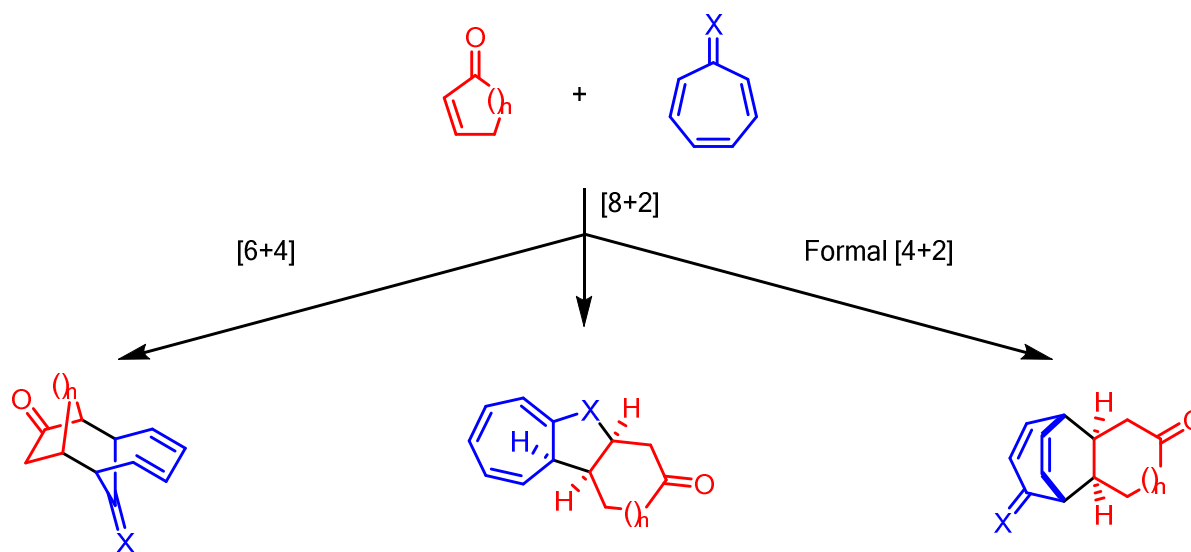


# Organocatalytic stereoselective [8+2] and [6+4] cycloadditions



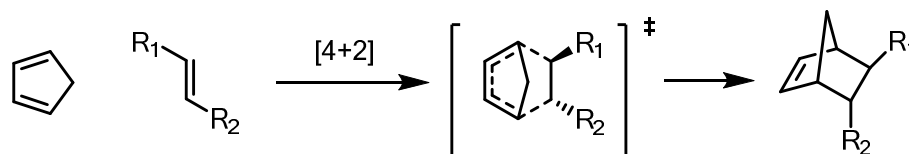
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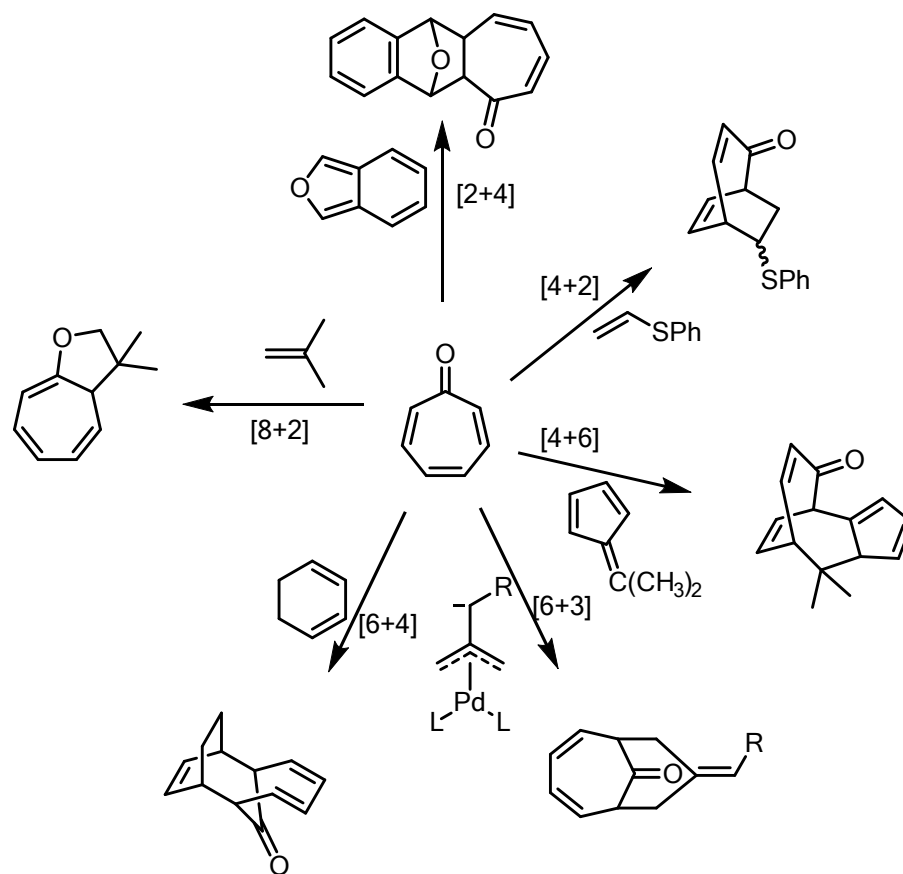
# Background: Pericyclic Reactions

- Reactions in which the transition state is cyclic and proceed in a concerted fashion
  - Notable examples are sigmatropic rearrangements (Claisen, Cope) and cycloadditions (Diels-Alder)



# Background: Higher-Order Cycloadditions

- Cycloadditions involving more than six  $\pi$  electrons (eg. [8+2], [4+6], [6+3], [6+6])
- Struggles with periselectivity



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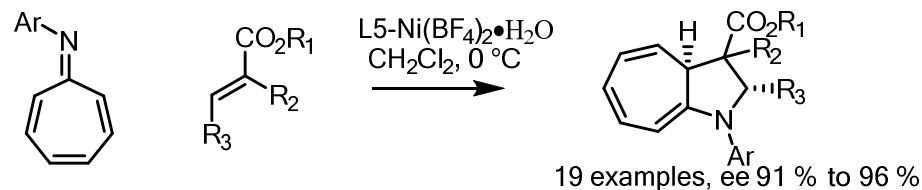
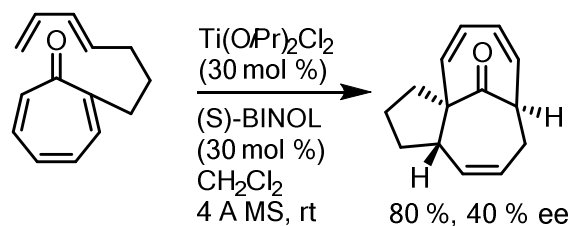
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[6+4] Rigby, J. H. & Fleming, M. *Tetrahedron Lett.* 43, 8643–8646 (2002).

[8+2] Cantrell, T. S. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 93, 2540–2541 (1971).

# Background: Enantioselectivity

- [6+4] additions are *exo*-selective
- [8+2] and [4+2] are *endo*-selective
- Few examples of enantioselective higher-order cycloadditions

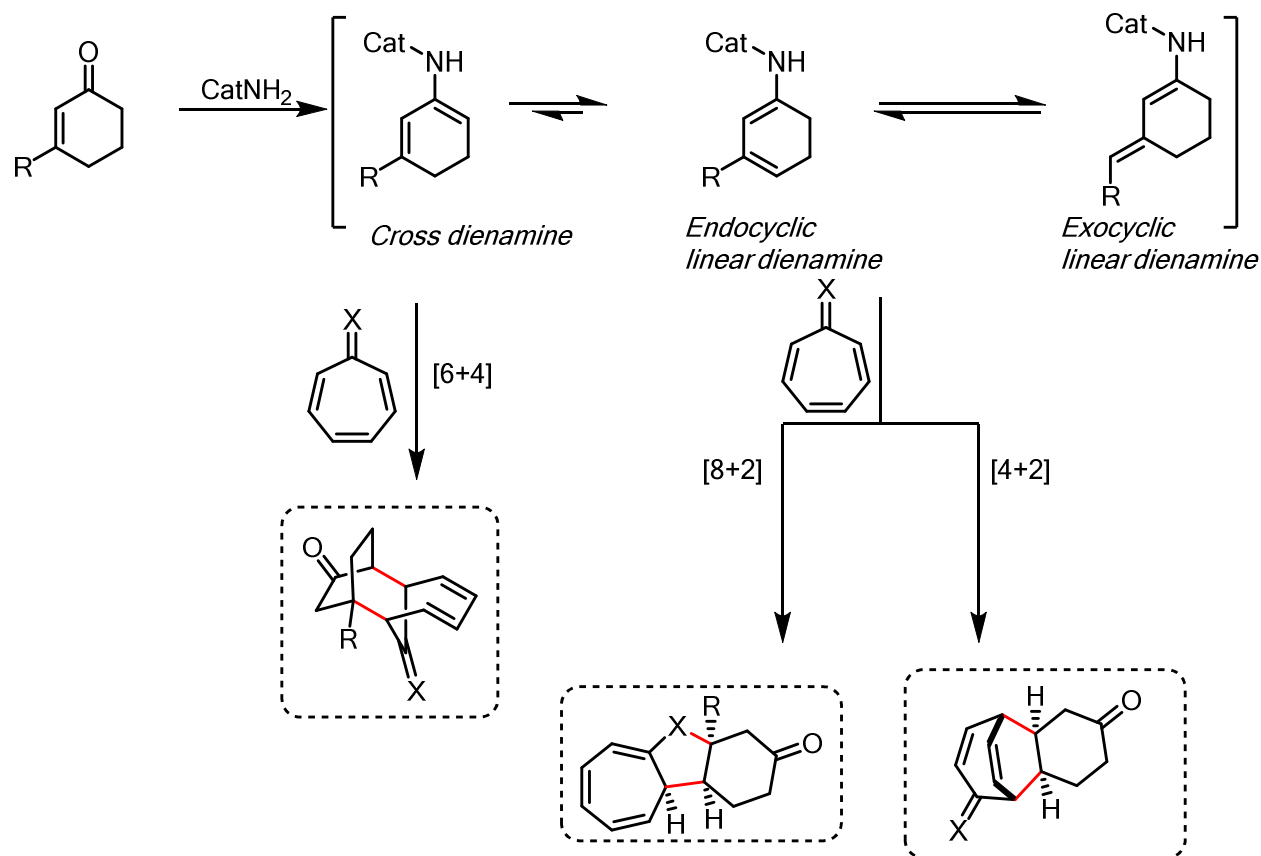


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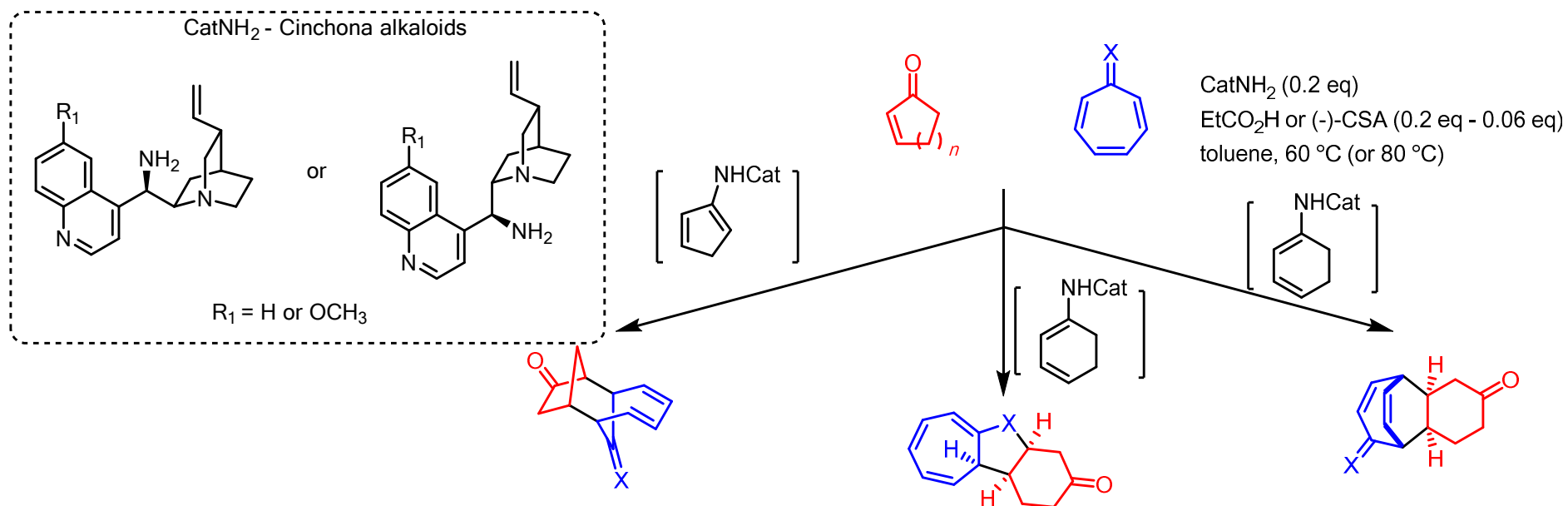
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# Initial Vision

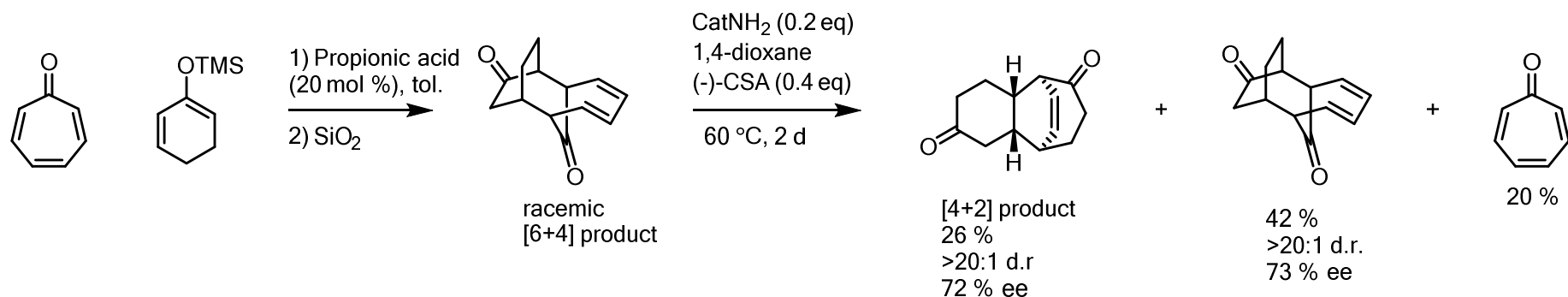


- Different catalytic amounts of dienamine accessible via amino catalyst – can induce periselectivity

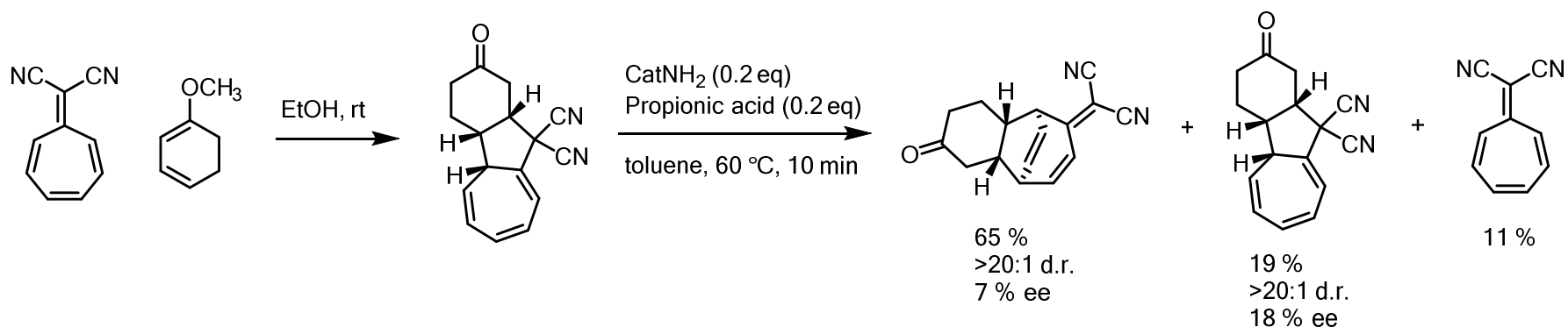


2-cyloalkenone	X	[6+4] adduct	[8+2] adduct	[4+2] adduct
	O	51 %, 95 % ee, >20:1 d.r.	No product	No product
	C(CN) <sub>2</sub>	50 %, 42 % ee, >20:1 d.r.	No product	No product
	C(CN)CO <sub>2</sub> Et	NR	NR	NR
	O	No product	No product	<b>72 %, 71 % ee, &gt;20:1 d.r.</b>
	C(CN) <sub>2</sub>	No product	No product	<b>56 %, 87 % ee, &gt;20:1 d.r.</b>
	C(CN)CO <sub>2</sub> Et	No product	58 %, 98 % ee, 85:15 d.r.	No product
	O	NR	NR	NR
	C(CN) <sub>2</sub>	5 %, 52 % ee, >20:1 d.r.	48 %, >99 % ee, 9:1 d.r.	No product
	C(CN)CO <sub>2</sub> Et	No product	61 %, 99 % ee, >20:1 dr	No product

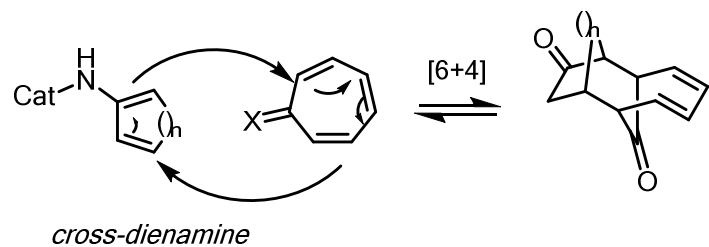
# Reaction Pathway Elucidation



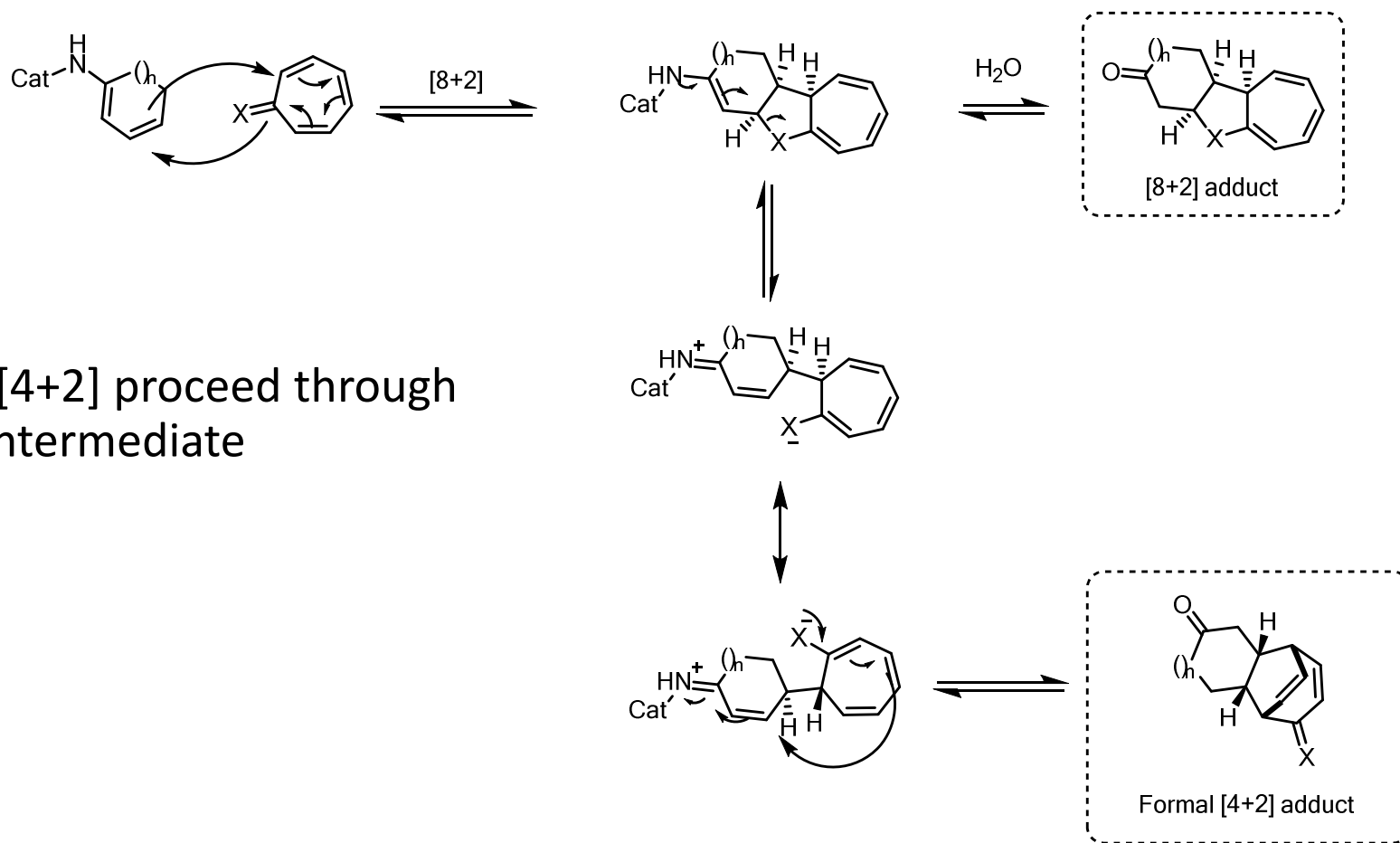
- [6+4] product not available in initial tests
- Indication of retro-[6+4] and re-formation of [4+2] product



- Interconversion of [8+2] is completely halted without cat.



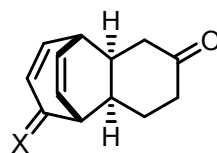
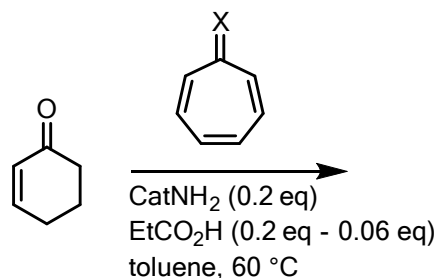
- [6+4] proceeds with cross-dienamine



- [8+2] and [4+2] proceed through common intermediate

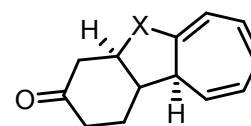


# Periselectivity

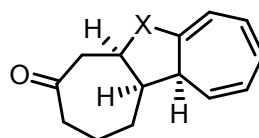
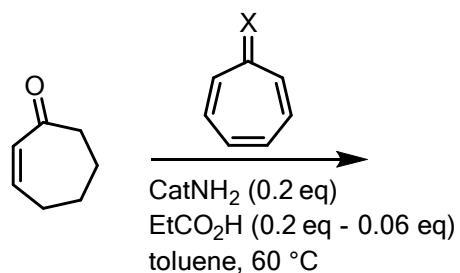


X = O: 72 %, 71 % ee  
 X = C(CN)<sub>2</sub>: 56 %, 87 % ee

or



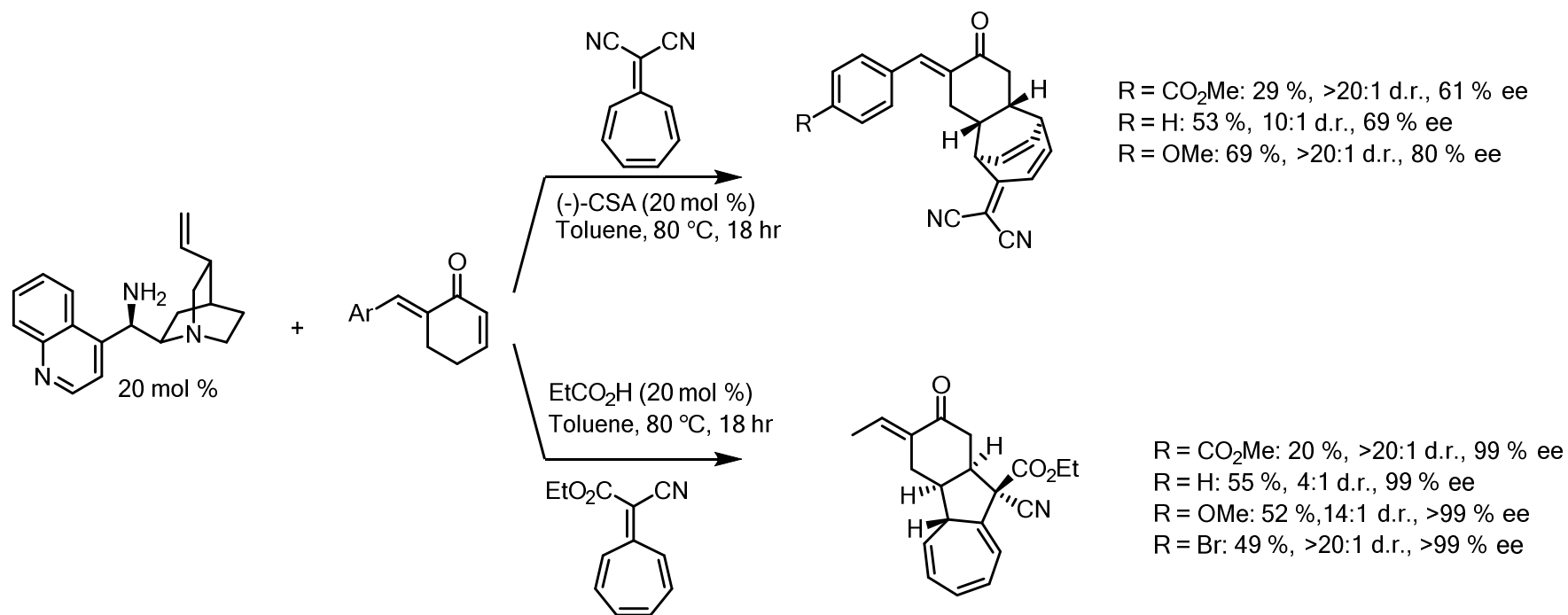
X = C(CN)CO<sub>2</sub>Et: 58 %, 98 % ee



X = O: NR  
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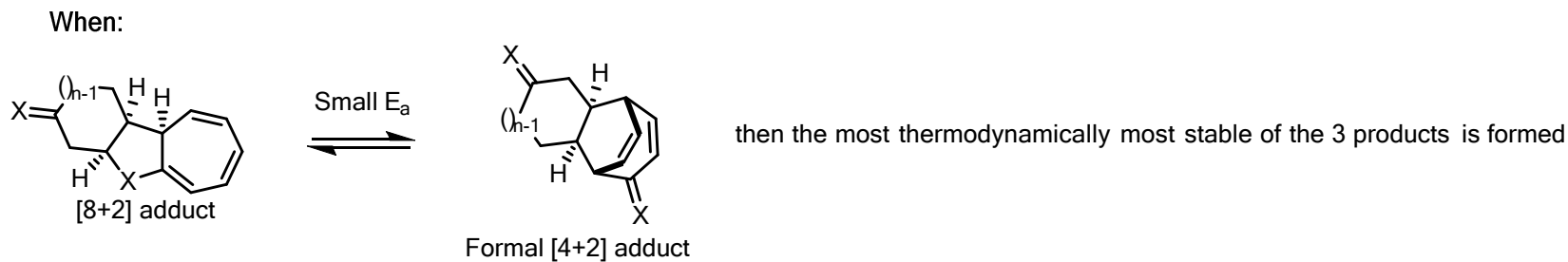
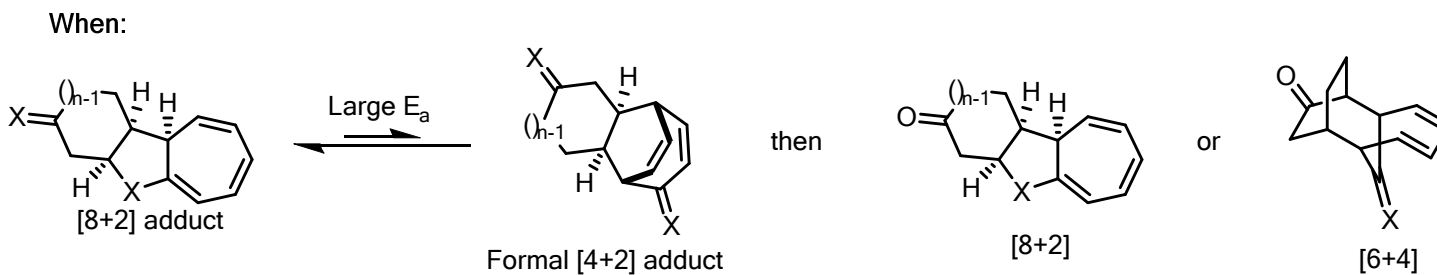
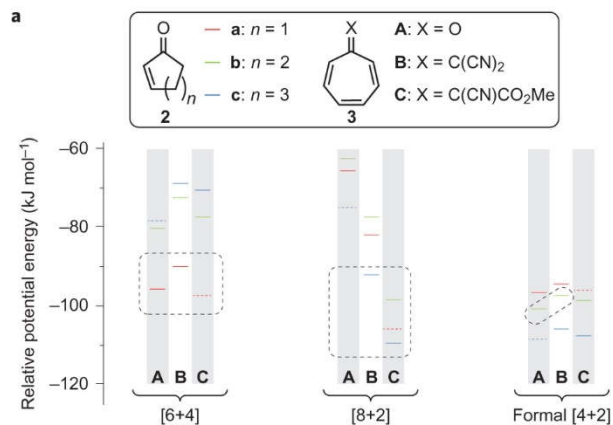
- Cyclohexeneone and cyclohepteneone undergo [8+2] cycloaddition initially

# Studies on Electronic Effects of Cycloalkenone

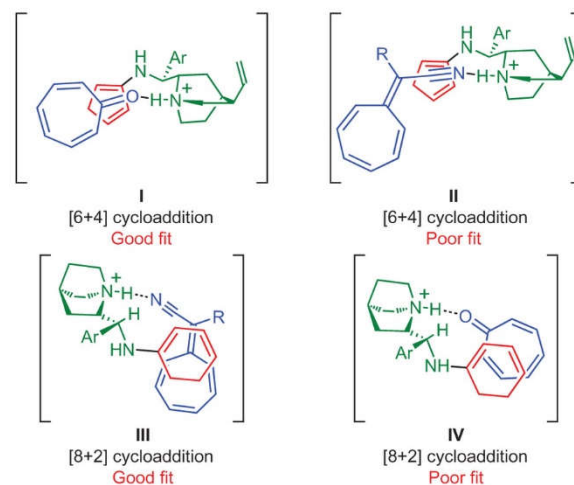


- Periselectivity of the 2-cyclohexenone cycloadditions depends on heptafulvene rather than electronic properties of cyclohexenone

# Potential Energies



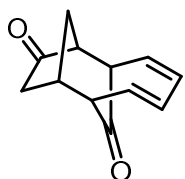
# Transition States



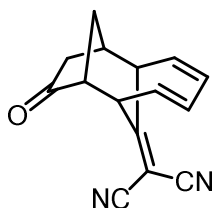
[6+4] – protonated condensation product (cross dienamine is set-up for H-bond with tropone, placing  $6\pi$  component *exo* (I and II))

[8+2] – protonated condensation product (linear dienamine) is set-up for H-bond through cyano group, placing the  $8\pi$  component *endo* (III and IV)

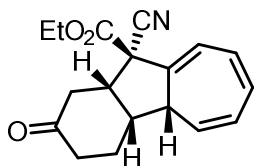
# Substrate Summation



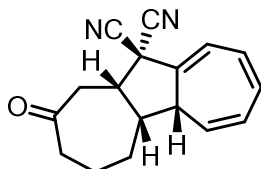
51 %, >20:1 d.r., 95 % ee  
*First example of catalytic stereoselective [6+4]*



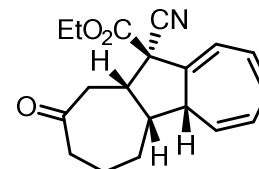
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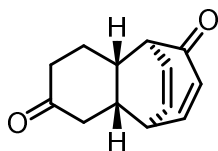
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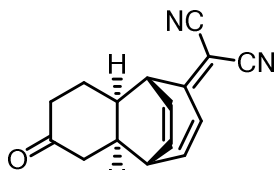
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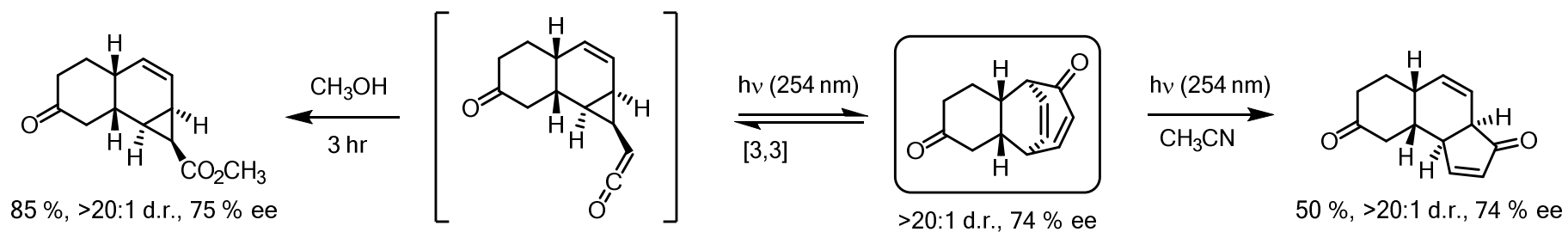
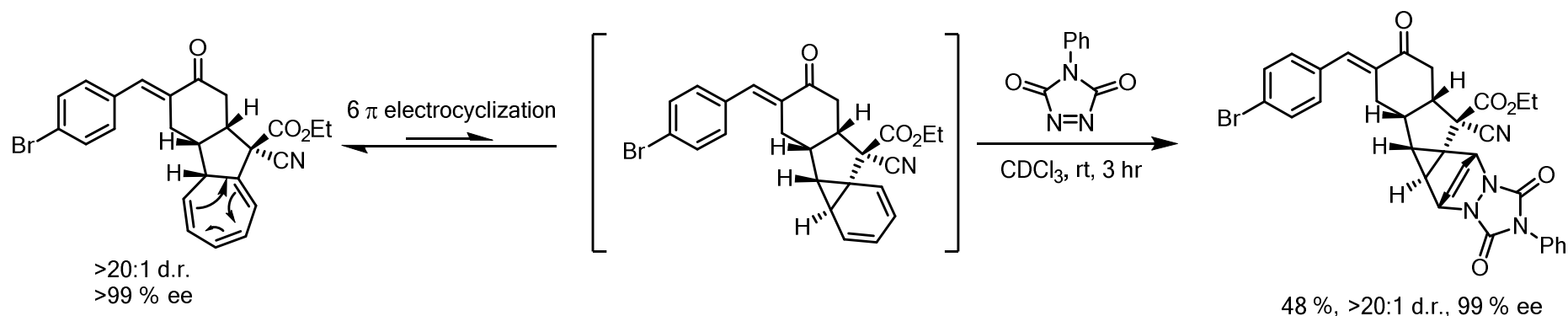
72 %, >20:1 d.r., 71 %



56 %, >20:1 d.r., 87 % ee

- Examples of higher-order, catalytic, stereoselective cycloadditions

# Further Uses



- Simple one-step transformations to all-carbon polycyclic compounds

# Summary

- Newly developed organocatalytic asymmetric higher-order cycloaddition reactions
  - [8+2], formal [4+2], and [6+4] cycloadducts produced
  - Highly stereoselective
  - Cinchona alkaloid primary amines as catalysts
  - Periselectivity is controlled by 2-cycloalkenone ring-size and heptafulvene substitution patterns
- Current Limitations
  - Currently limited substrate scope
  - Certain cases where periselectivity is low