

# Frontiers of Chemistry Series: Recent Uses of Silicon in Organic Synthesis

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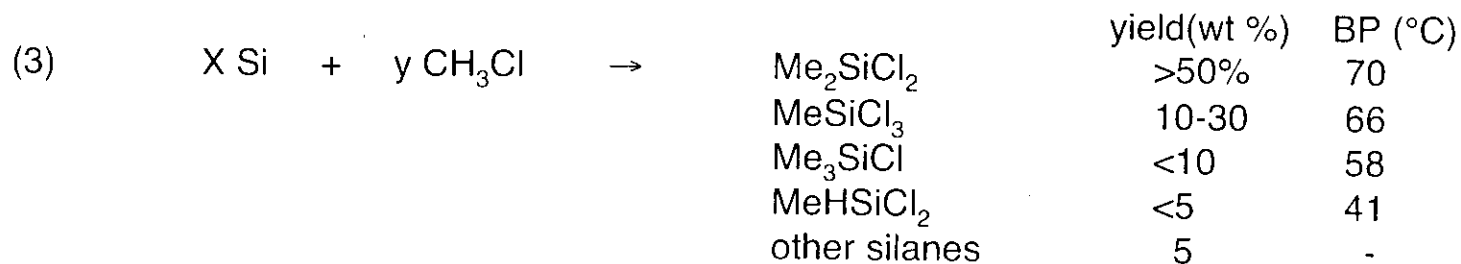
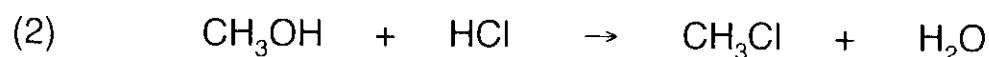
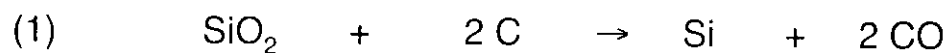
# Outline

- Introduction
  - Why Silicon?
  - The Source of Silicon
  - The Environmental Fate of Silicon
- Stoichiometric
  - Passive Si (i.e. protecting groups, silicon tethers, etc.) will not be discussed.
  - Active Si (i.e. change in the silicon coordination sphere occurs during the reaction)
    - Polyketide synthesis
      - Silicon-centered allylation reagents
      - Tandem Silylformylation-allylation (crotylation) / aldol-allylation (crotylation)
      - Silacyclopropanes
      - Silacyclopentane oxides
    - Cross coupling reactions
      - Silacyclobutanes / Siloxanes
      - Hypervalent silanes
    - Allylic alkylations
- Catalytic
  - Lewis base activated Lewis acids.
  - Other chiral, silicon-centered Lewis acids.

# Why Silicon?

- Silicon is one of the most abundant elements in the earth's crust.
- Occurs as Si(IV) ( $\text{SiO}_2$ ) but is readily reduced to Si (0).
- A variety of Si derivatives are available.
- Relatively safe, non-toxic and environmentally degradable.
- Hyper-valency allows access to the penta- and hexacoordinate complexes which are reminiscent of the transition metals.
- Chemoselective methods exist for the introduction and removal.

## The Source of Silicon

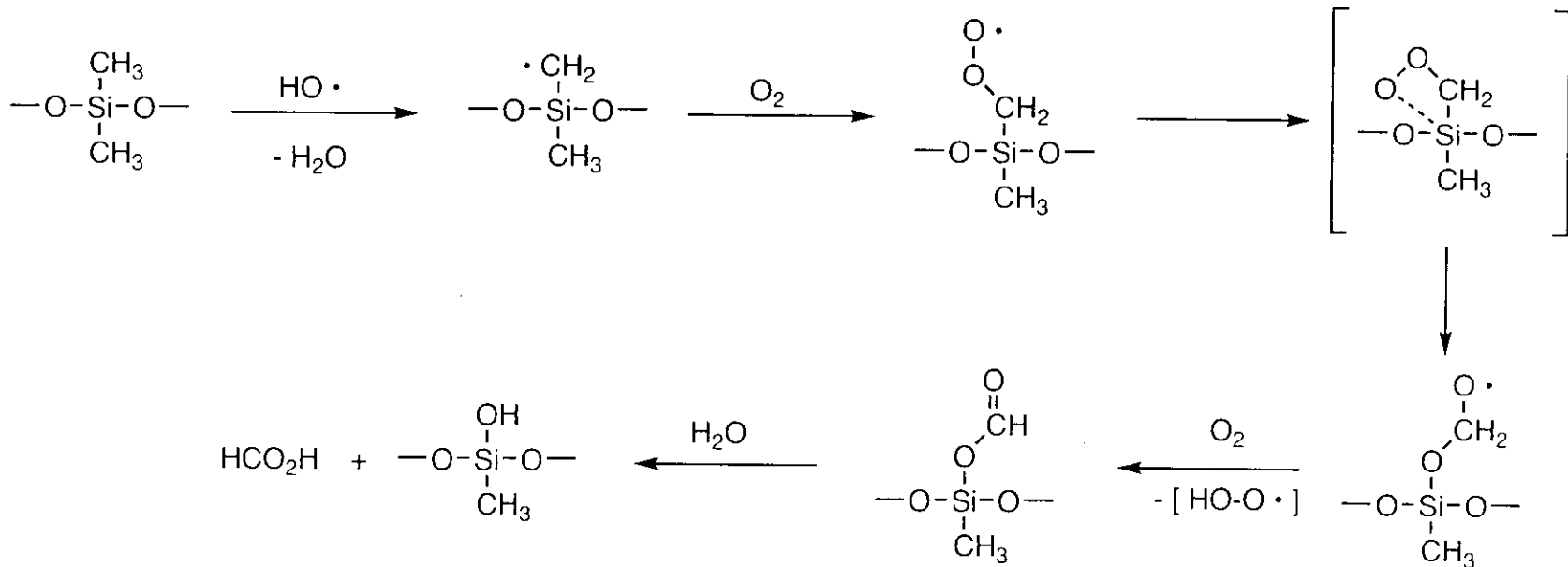


Equation (3) is referred to as the Rochow Direct process:

- occurs at a pressure of 1 to 5 bars and the yield 85-90%
- Copper catalyst is used in a fluidized bed of silicon metal powder. The mechanism is not completely understood.
- > 500,000 tons / year

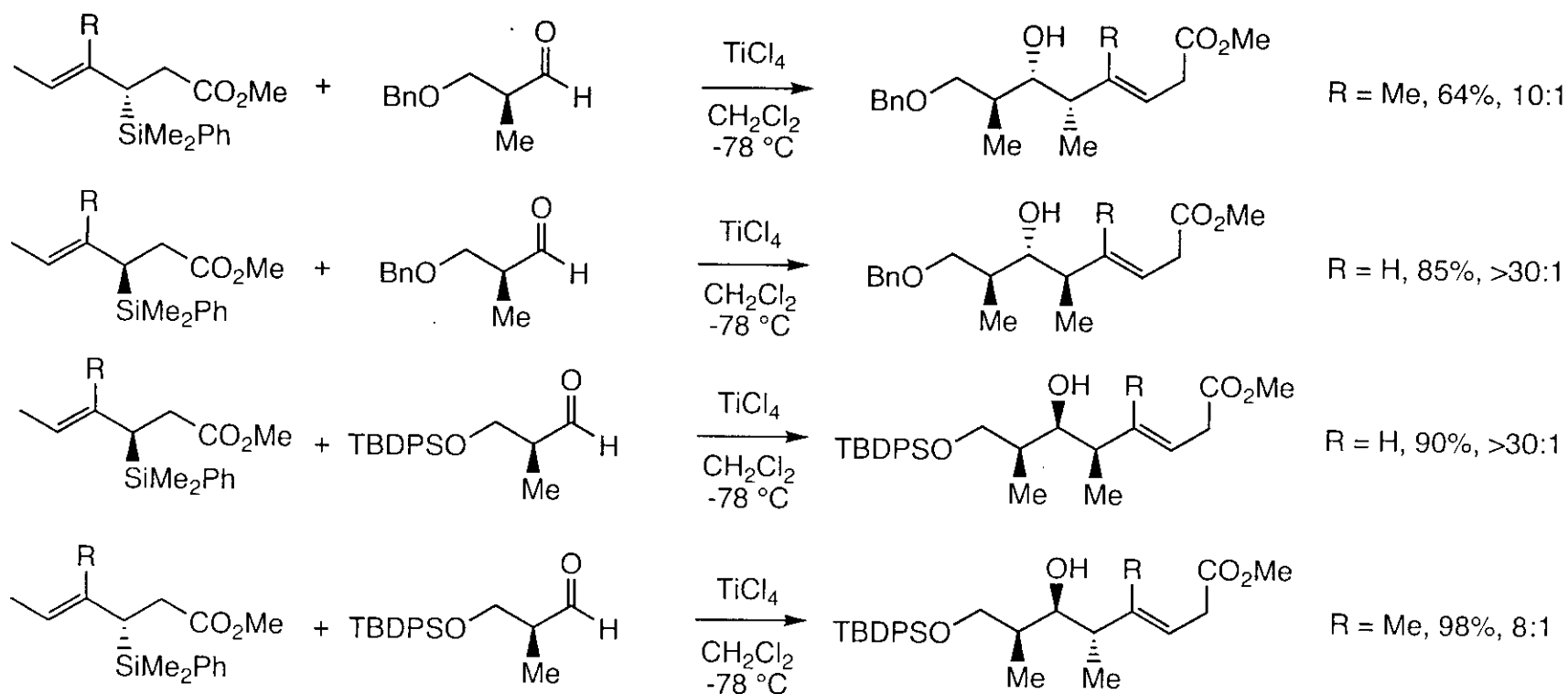
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# The Environmental Fate of Silicon



- Low MW (<450) units are volatile and are degraded in the atmosphere.
- Half lives for the hydrolysis of high MW (450-450,000) PDMS (polydimethylsiloxane) polymers is 4-28 days depending on the soil type.
- “ the data indicate organosilicons derived from dimethylsiloxanes do not pose a risk to the environment.”

# Double-Stereodifferentiating Crotylation Reactions

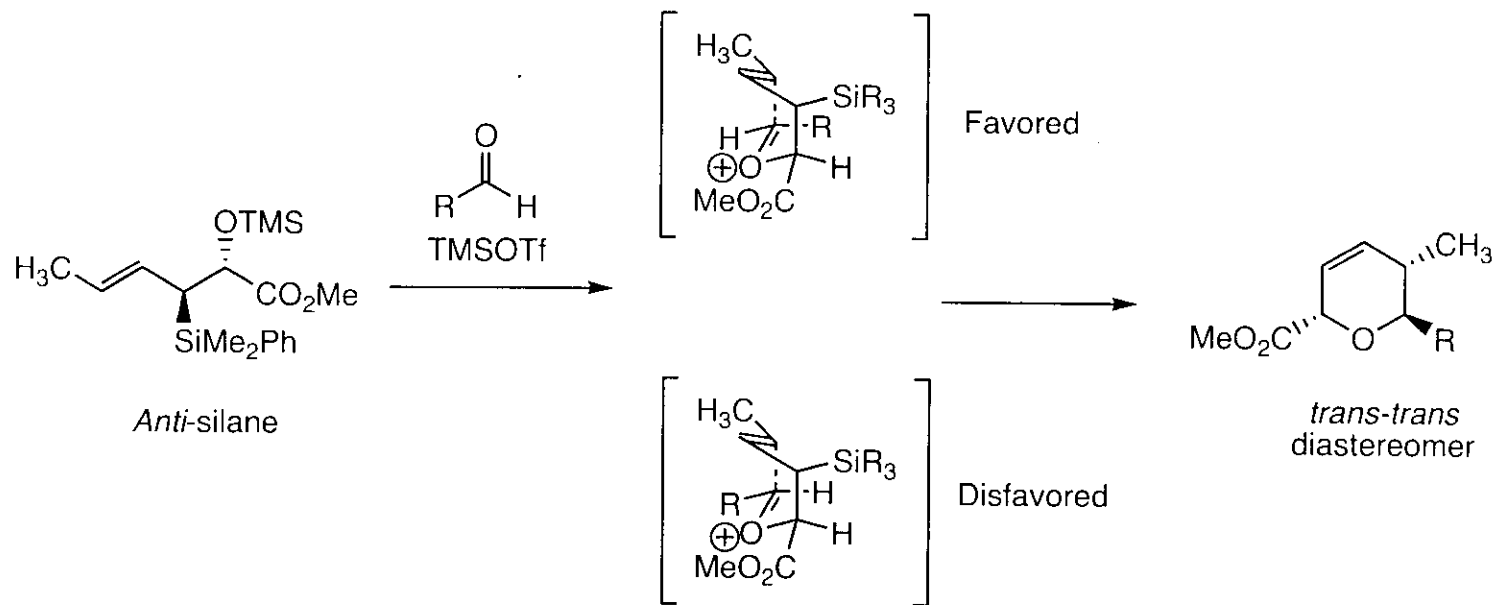
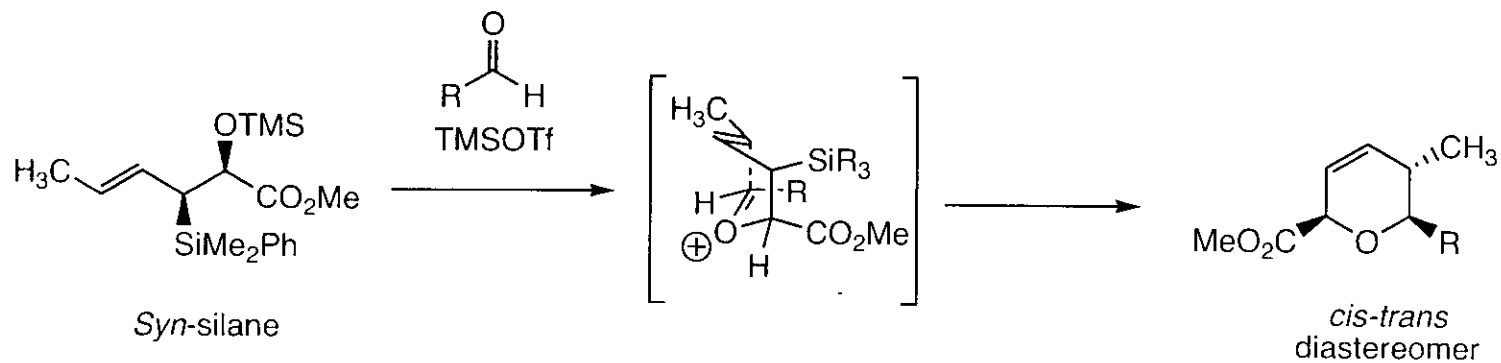


- Silane controls the absolute stereochemistry at the methyl stereocenter.
- Addition to the aldehyde can be Felkin or Cram chelate and controls the hydroxyl stereocenter.
- Open transition state.

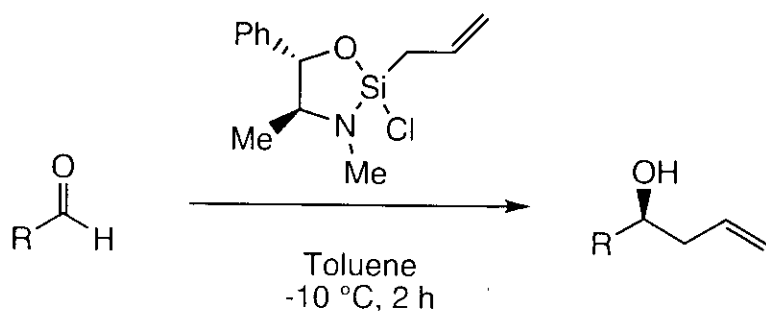
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# Dihydropyrans from Chiral Crotylsilanes



# Silicon Centered Allylation Reagents: First Generation



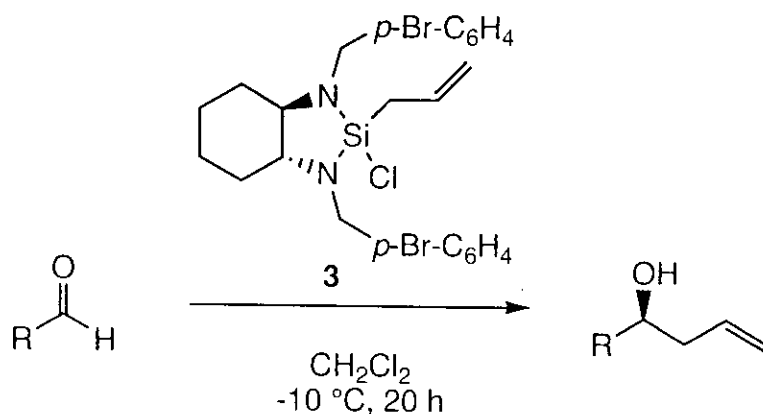
- Six membered ring and acyclic silacycles did not give product.
- Reagent is prepared in large quantities in a single step from commercially available starting materials.
- Reagent is a solid that is stable upon storage.
- Simplified work-up and purification (1N HCl / EtOAc) gives products in > 90% purity.
  - (1) no IPC-OH as occurs with boron centered IPC reagents.
  - (2) No metals.

entry <sup>a</sup>	aldehyde	product	yield(%) <sup>b</sup>	ee(%) <sup>f</sup>
1 <sup>d</sup>			80	81
2 <sup>d</sup>			59	78
3			84	88
4			79 <sup>c</sup>	87
5			70	87
6 <sup>d</sup>			80 <sup>e</sup>	96
7			85	88
8			71	89

<sup>a</sup> Reactions run with silane 3 (1.5 mmol) and aldehyde (1.0 mmol) in toluene (5 mL) at -10 °C for 2 h. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yield. <sup>c</sup> Determined by chiral HPLC analysis or by the Mosher ester method. <sup>d</sup> Reaction time = 24 h. <sup>e</sup> Due to product volatility, an alternative workup and purification was employed. See the Supporting Information.



# Silicon Centered Allylation Reagents: Second Generation



- Yields and ee's for aliphatic aldehydes are good to excellent.
- Aromatic and conjugated aldehydes require longer reaction times and give lower yields.
- Ligand is expensive and stoichiometric but it can be recovered.

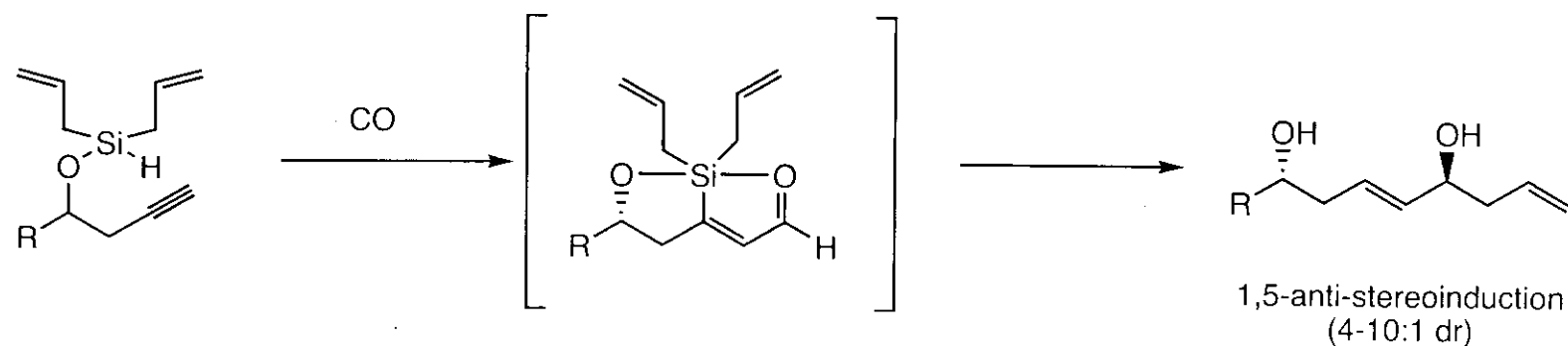
Entry <sup>[a]</sup>	R	Yield [%] <sup>[b]</sup>	ee [%] <sup>[d]</sup>
1	PhCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	90	98
2	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CHCH <sub>2</sub>	80 <sup>[d]</sup>	96
3	cHex	93	96
4	PhCH <sub>2</sub> OCH <sub>2</sub>	67	97
5	PhCH <sub>2</sub> OCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	87	98
6	tBuMe <sub>2</sub> SiOCH <sub>2</sub>	61	98

[a] Reactions run with silane **3** (1.0 equiv) and aldehyde (1.0 equiv) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at  $-10\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  for 20 h. [b] Yield of isolated product. [c] Determined by chiral HPLC analysis or by the Mosher ester method. See the Supporting Information. [d] Because of product volatility, an alternative workup and purification was employed. See the Supporting Information.

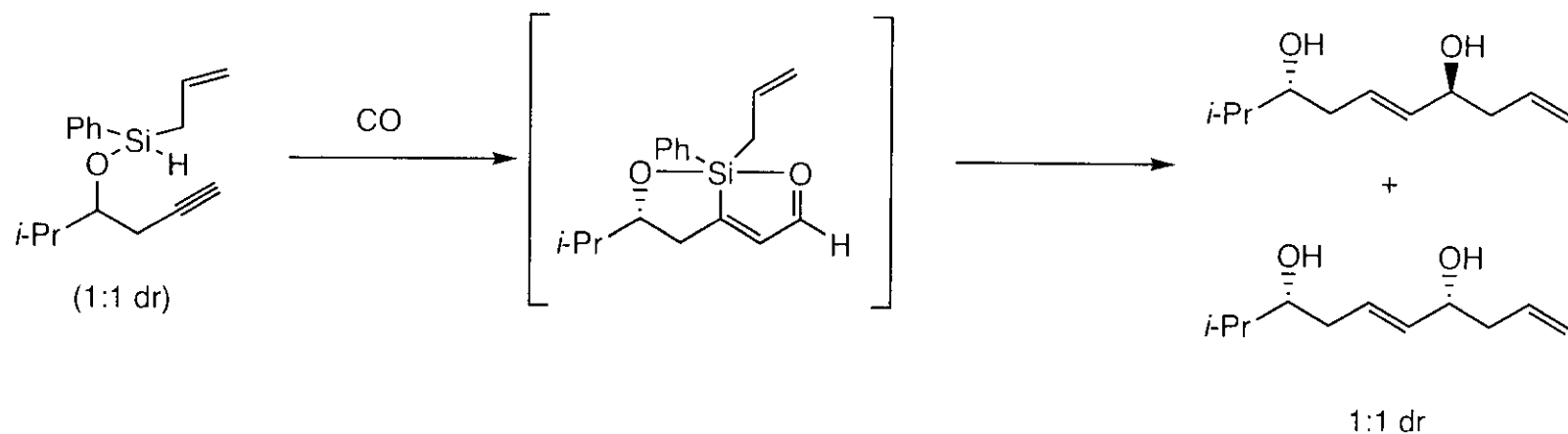
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1	Ph	69	98
2 <sup>[d]</sup>	<i>p</i> -MeOC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	62	96
3	<i>p</i> -CF <sub>3</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	66	96
4 <sup>[e]</sup>	( <i>E</i> )-PhCH=CH	75	96
5 <sup>[e]</sup>	( <i>E</i> )- <i>n</i> PrCH=CH	71 <sup>[f]</sup>	95

[a] Reactions run with silane **3** (1.0 equiv) and aldehyde (1.0 equiv) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at  $-10\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  for 20 h. [b] Yield of isolated product. [c] Determined by chiral HPLC analysis or by the Mosher ester method. See the Supporting Information. [d] Reaction run for 60 h. [e] Reaction run at  $8\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  for 72 h. [f] Because of product volatility, an alternative workup and purification was employed. See the Supporting Information.

## Tandem Silylformylation - Allylsilylation: the key experiment



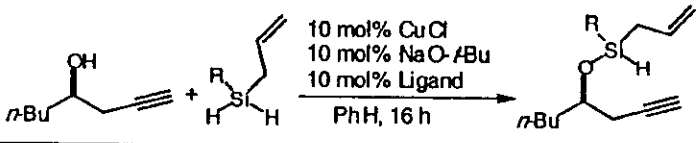
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# Access to Chiral Silanes

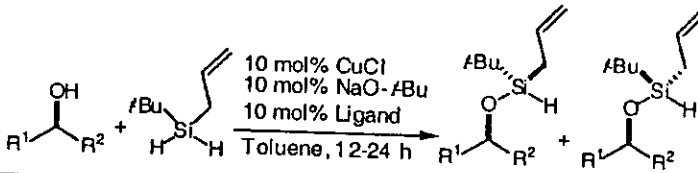
**Table 1.** Identification of Effective Chiral Phosphine Ligands



entry	R	ligand	conv. (%) <sup>a</sup>	dr <sup>b</sup>
1	Ph	( <i>R</i> )-BINAP	2	58:42
2	Ph	( <i>R</i> )-( <i>S</i> )-JOSIPHOS	2	54:46
3	Ph	( <i>R,R</i> )-BDPP	2	58:42
4	2,6-Me <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>3</sub>	( <i>R</i> )-BINAP	47	61:39
5	2,6-Me <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>3</sub>	( <i>R</i> )-( <i>S</i> )-JOSIPHOS	84	59:41
6	2,6-Me <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>3</sub>	( <i>R,R</i> )-BDPP	99	47:53
7	<i>t</i> -Bu	( <i>R</i> )-BINAP	58	80:20
8	<i>t</i> -Bu	( <i>R</i> )-( <i>S</i> )-JOSIPHOS	23	77:23
9	<i>t</i> -Bu	( <i>R,R</i> )-BDPP	75	80:20

<sup>a</sup> Conversion of alcohol measured by GC versus an internal standard.  
<sup>b</sup> Diastereomeric ratio measured by <sup>1</sup>H NMR or GC analysis.

**Table 2.** Catalytic Asymmetric Silane Alcoholysis

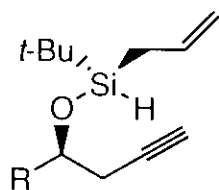


entry	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	ligand	yield (%) <sup>a</sup>	dr <sup>b</sup>
1	<i>n</i> -Pr	CH <sub>2</sub> CCH	( <i>R,R</i> )-BDPP	75	80:20
2	<i>n</i> -Pr	CH <sub>2</sub> CCH	( <i>S,S</i> )-BDPP	89	20:80
3	CH <sub>2</sub> CCH	<i>i</i> -Pr	( <i>R,R</i> )-BDPP	91	82:18
4	CH <sub>2</sub> CCH	<i>i</i> -Pr	( <i>S,S</i> )-BDPP	93	36:64
5 <sup>c</sup>	Ph	CH <sub>2</sub> CCH	( <i>R,R</i> )-BDPP	83	90:10
6 <sup>c</sup>	Ph	CH <sub>2</sub> CCH	( <i>S,S</i> )-BDPP	82	12:88
7 <sup>c</sup>	Et	Ph	( <i>R,R</i> )-BDPP	99	78:22
8 <sup>c</sup>	Et	Ph	( <i>S,S</i> )-BDPP	99	12:88

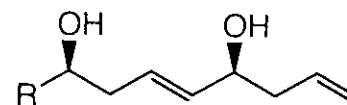
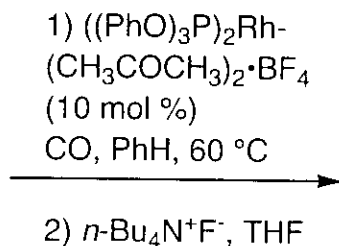
<sup>a</sup> Isolated yield of the mixture of diastereomers. <sup>b</sup> Diastereomeric ratio measured by <sup>1</sup>H NMR or GC analysis. <sup>c</sup> Reaction run at -15 °C for 16 h.

11 Schmidt, D. R.; O'Malley, S. J.; Leighton, J. L. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2003**, *125*, 1190-1191.

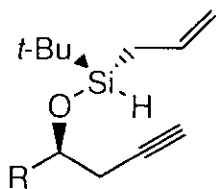
# Chiral Silanes: access to 1,5-*syn* and 1,5-*anti*-stereoselection



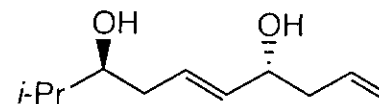
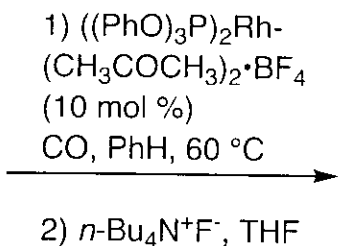
1 R = *n*-Pr, 80:20 *dr*  
2 R = Ph, 90:10 *dr*



3 R = *n*-Pr, 55 %; 78:22 *dr*  
4 R = Ph, 38%; 90:10 *dr*

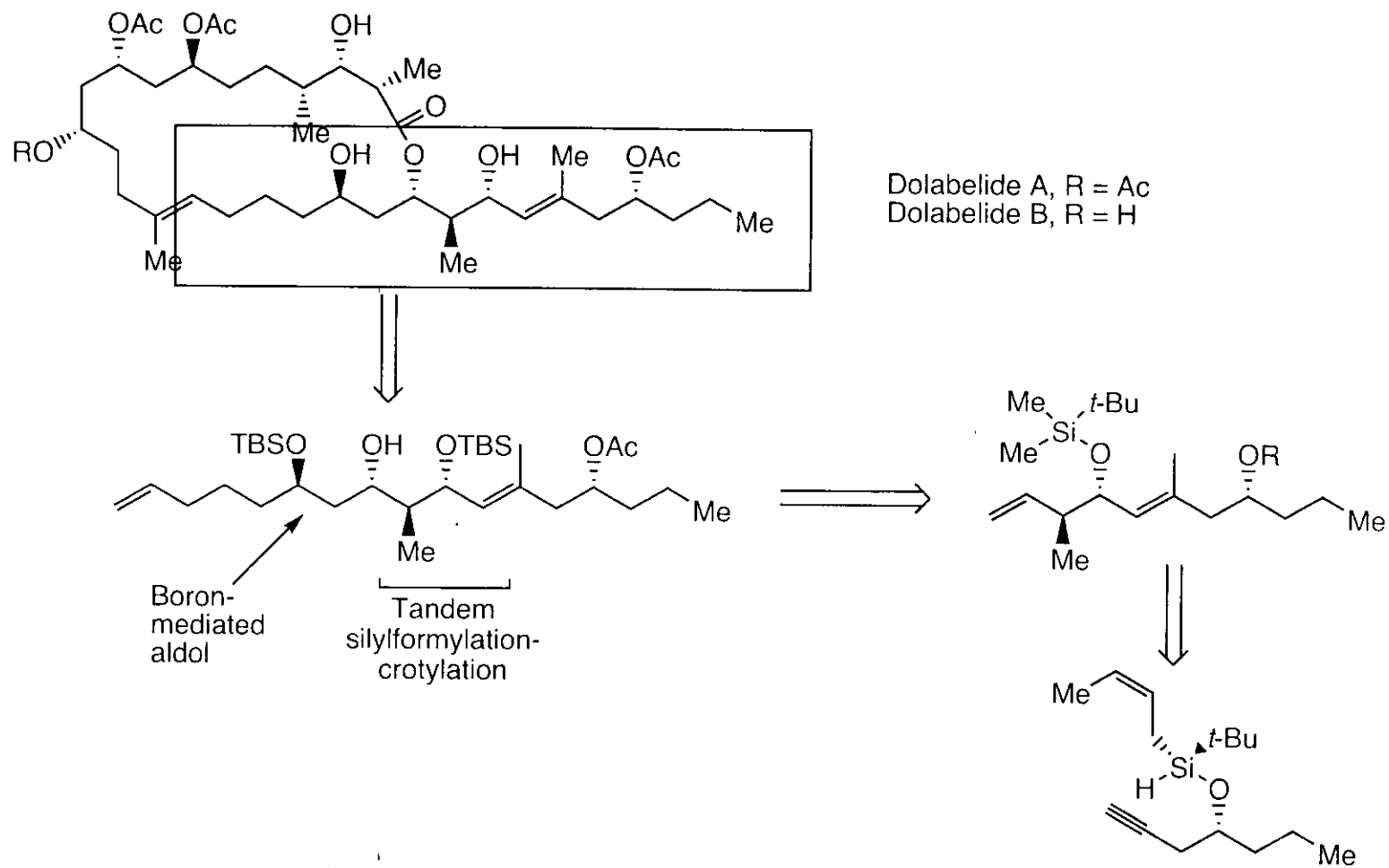


5 R = *n*-Pr, 80:20 *dr*  
6 R = Ph, 88:12 *dr*

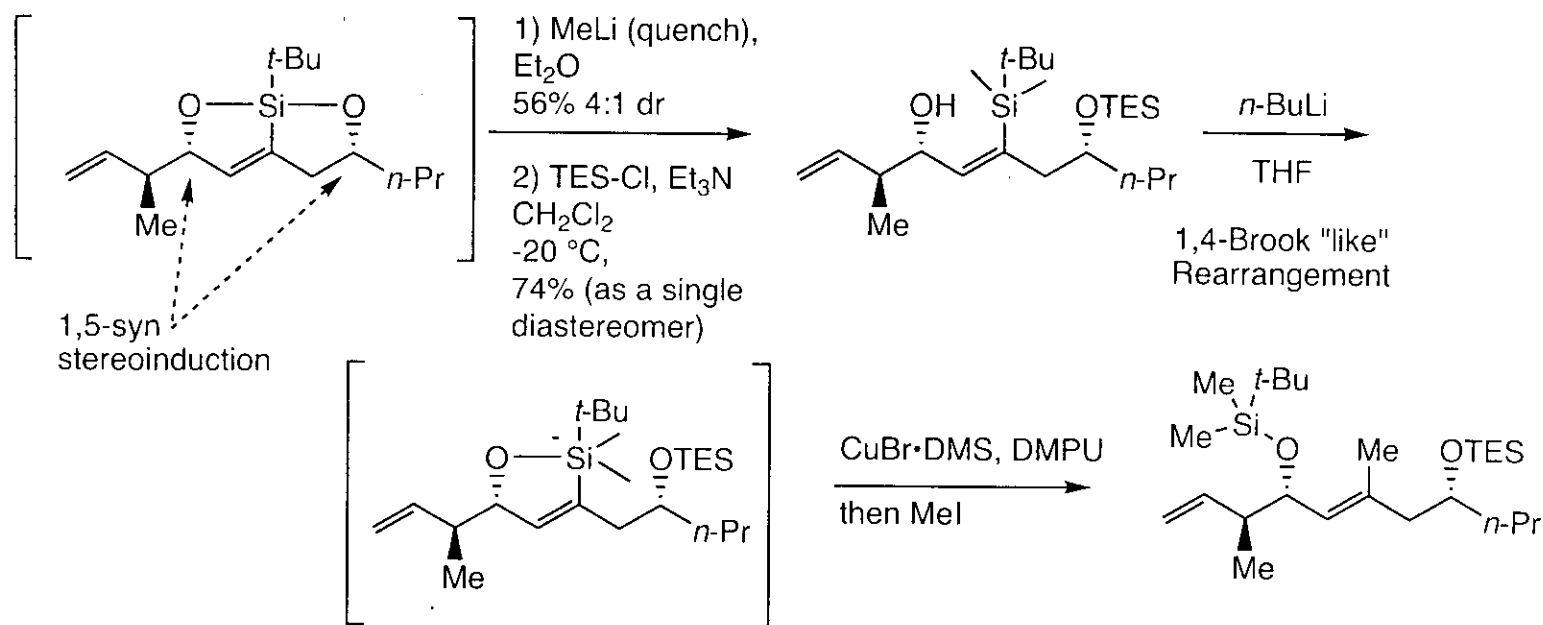
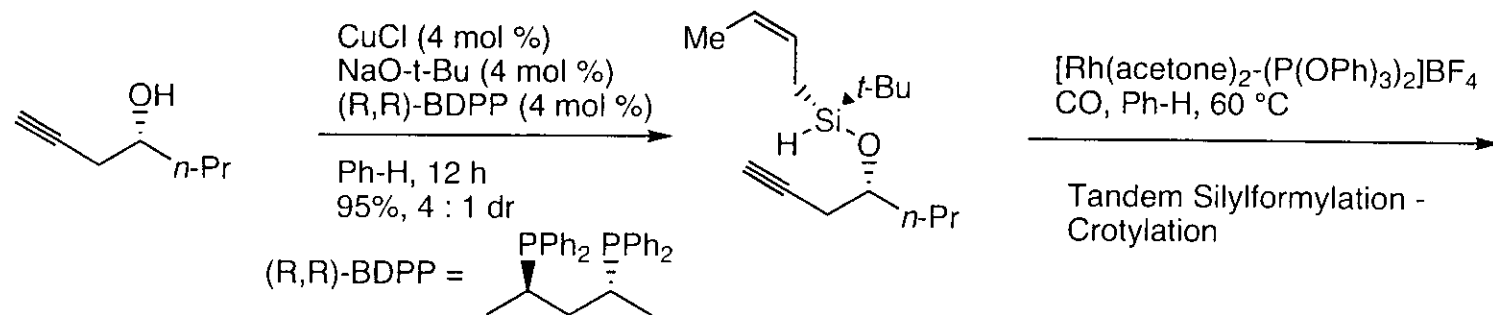


7 R = *n*-Pr, 44 %; 79:21 *dr*  
8 R = Ph, 43%; 88:12 *dr*

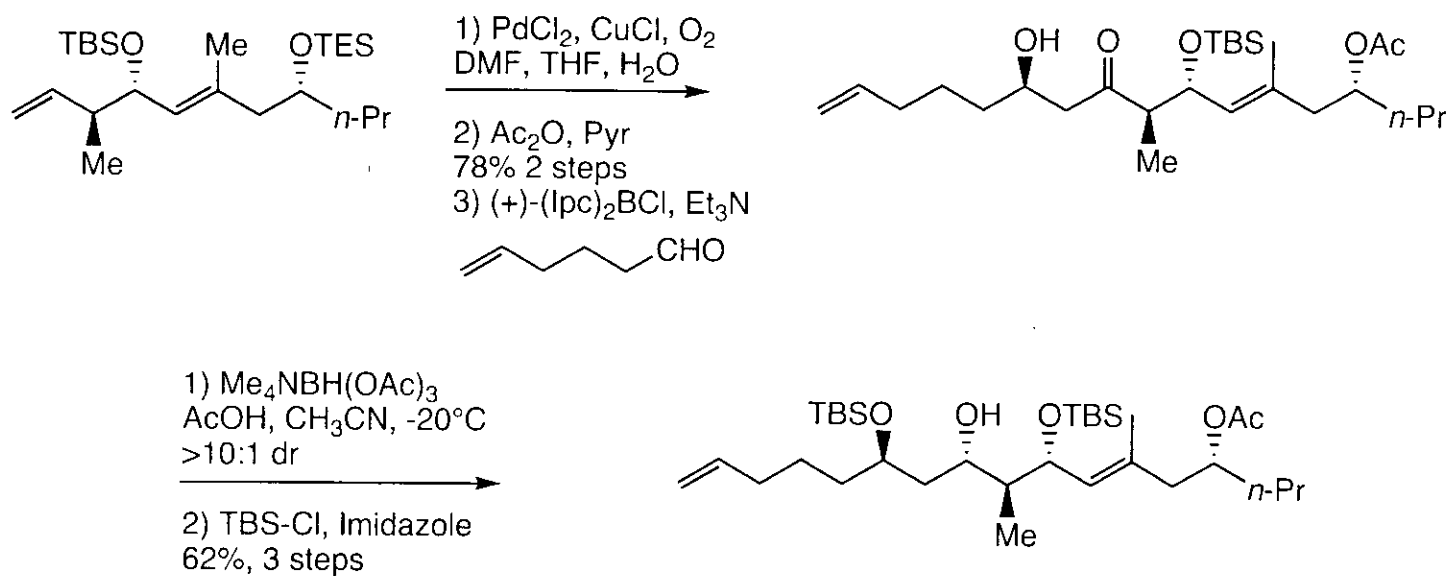
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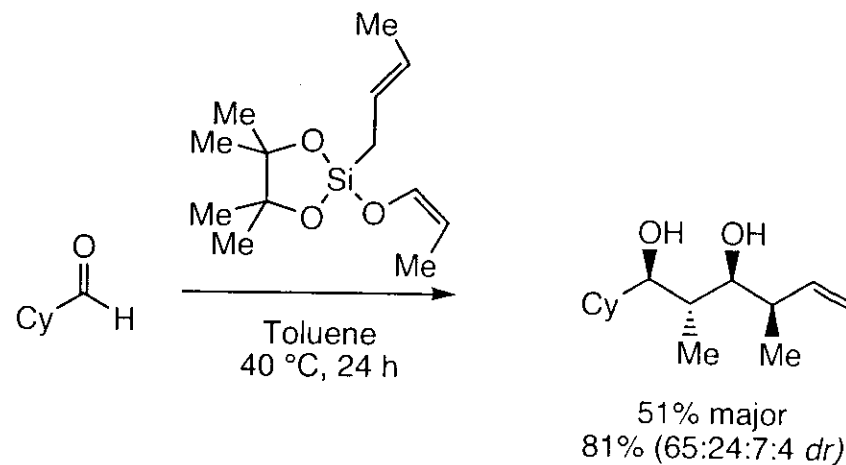
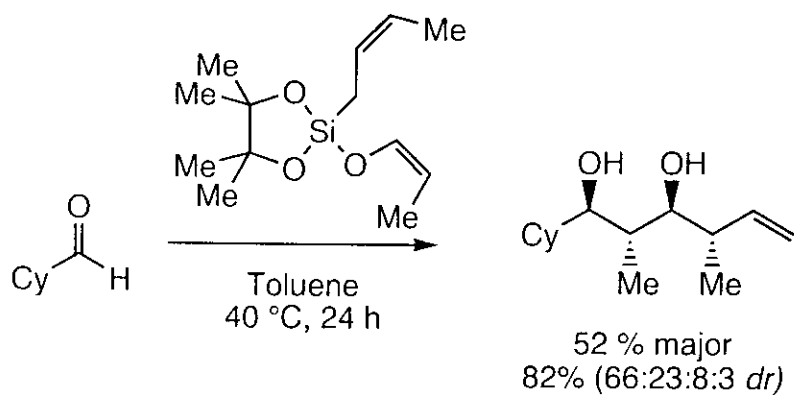
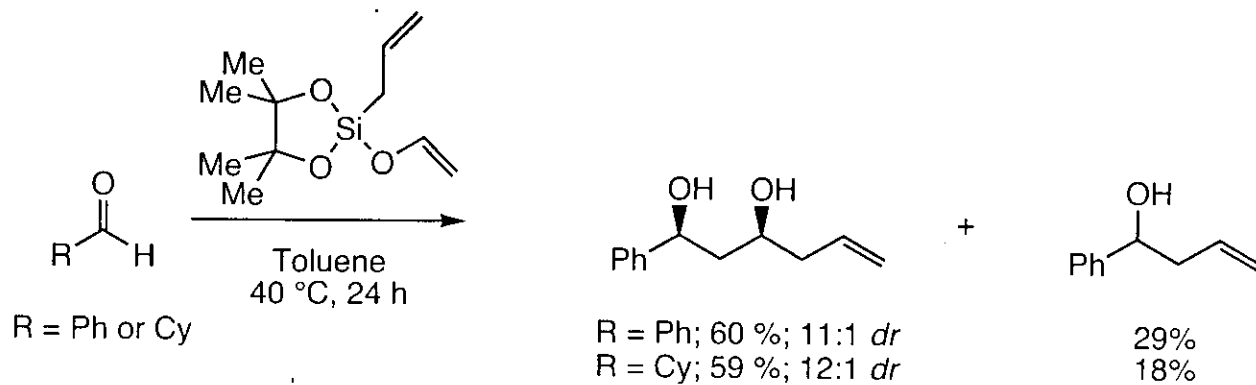
# Dolabelides: Tandem Silylformylation - Crotylation



## Dolabelides: Fragment Elaboration

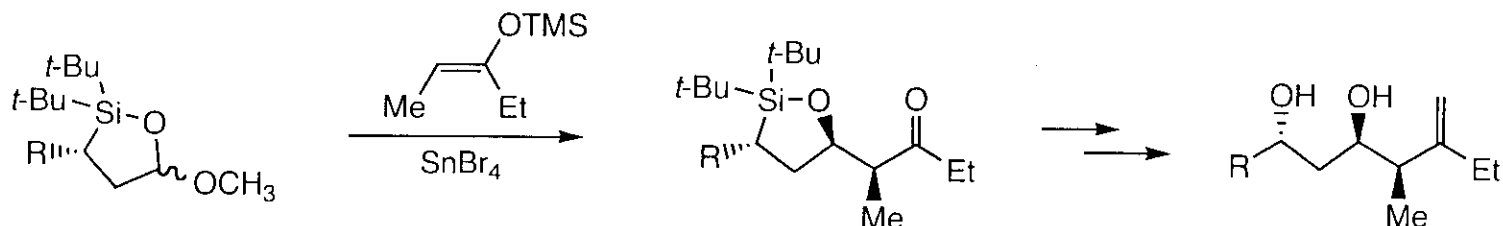
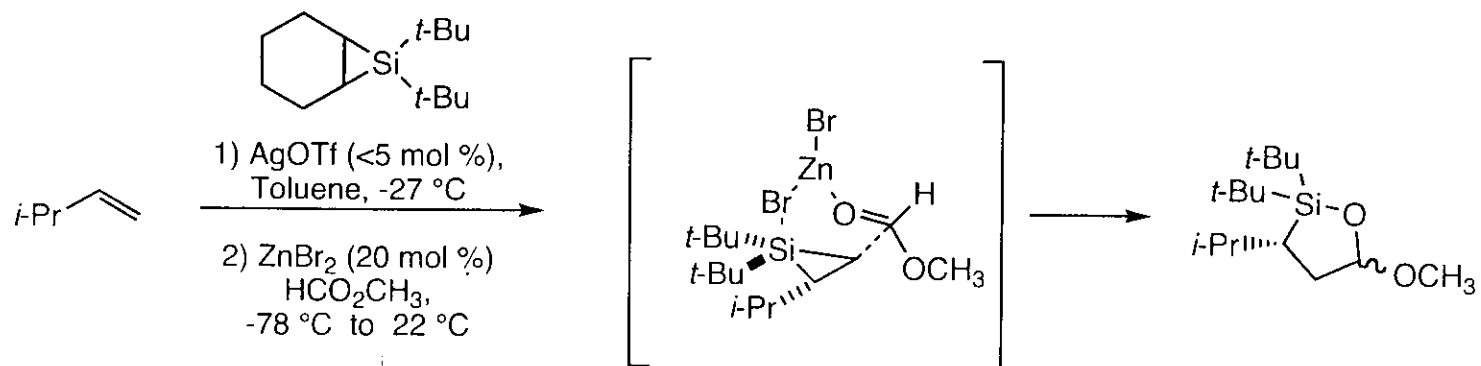


# Tandem Aldol-Allylation(Crotylation)





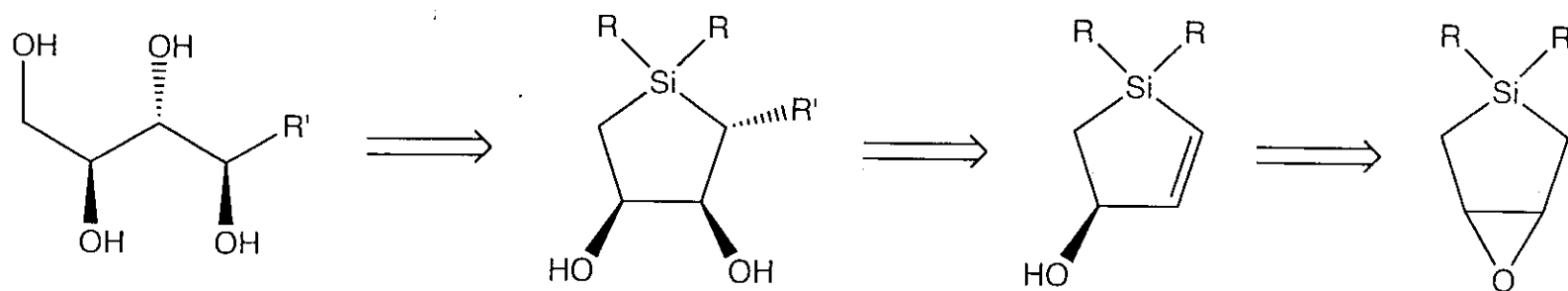
# Silacyclopropanes



- Cu salts insert into the more substituted C-Si bond (unsaturated aldehydes).
- Zn salts insert into the less substituted C-Si bond.
- Generally not regarded as a useful alternative to other existing technologies.
- Refer to previous "Current Literature" for more details.

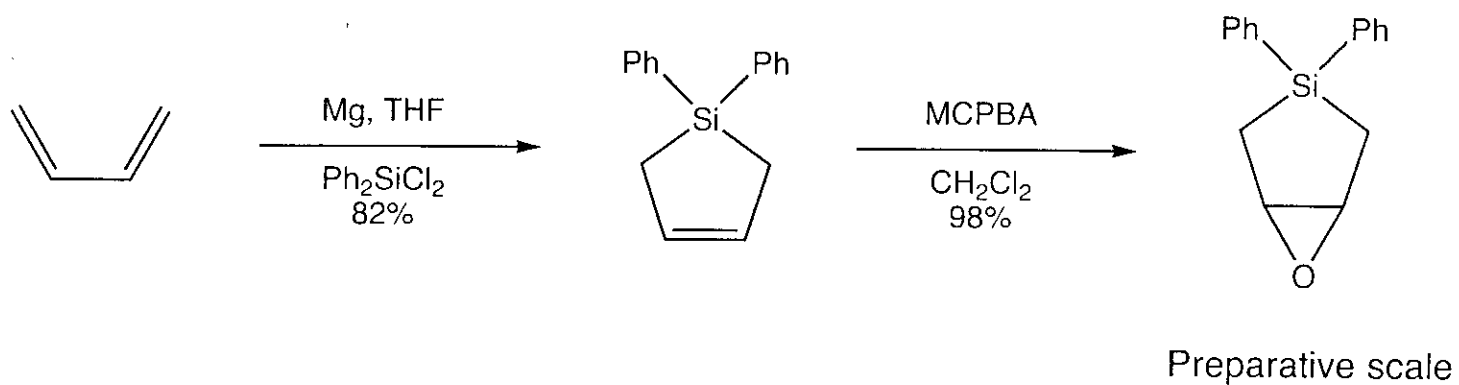
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# Silacyclopentene Oxides: A Strategy for Polyol Synthesis



Liu, D.; Kozmin, S. A. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2001**, *40*, 4757-4759

## Silacyclopentene Oxides

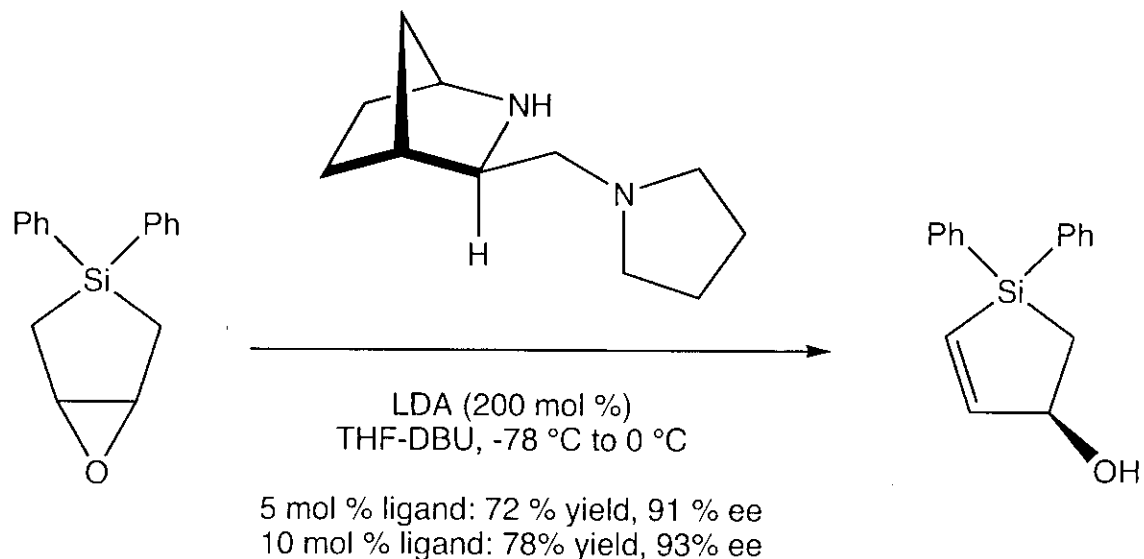


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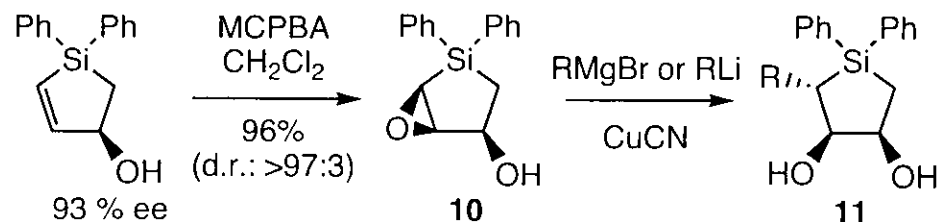
Manuel, G. et. al. *J. Organomet. Chem.* **1993**, 447, 167.

# Stereoselective Rearrangements of Silacyclopentene Oxides



- Silicon atom is expected to be beneficial because:
  - $\alpha$ -Si-carbanion stabilization
  - silicon substituents can be varied to maximize selectivity and reaction rate.
- A variety of chiral diamine and amino-alcohol ligands were tested with diphenyl, methyl/naphthyl, and diisopropyl substituted silacyclopentene oxides.
- Bicyclic amide (shown above) (150 mol %) and diphenyl silane gave the best ee (95%).

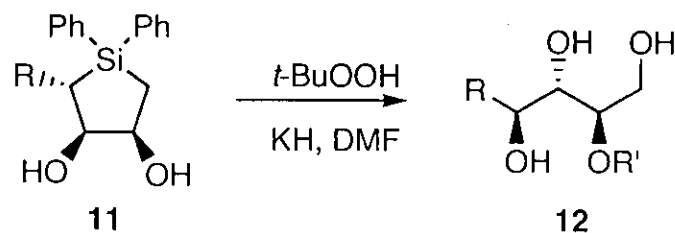
# Epoxidation / Cuprate Addition Sequence



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2		(-)-11 a	72 <sup>[d]</sup>	> 97:3
3		(-)-11 b	78 <sup>[c]</sup>	> 97:3
4		(-)-11 c	92 <sup>[c]</sup>	> 97:3
5		(-)-11 d	87 <sup>[c]</sup>	> 97:3
6		(-)-11 e	92 <sup>[c]</sup>	> 97:3
7		(-)-11 f	86 <sup>[c]</sup>	> 97:3
8		(-)-11 g	91 <sup>[d]</sup>	> 97:3
9		(-)-11 f	64 <sup>[e]</sup>	> 97:3

[a] For detailed experimental procedures and compound characterization, see Supporting Information. [b] Refers to the yield of spectroscopically pure product isolated after silica gel chromatography. [c] Organocuprate was generated from the corresponding Grignard reagent. [d] Organocuprate was generated from the corresponding organolithium reagent. [e] Reduction was carried out on the methoxymethyl(MOM)-protected alcohol (-)-10 to prevent formation of the *meso* product.

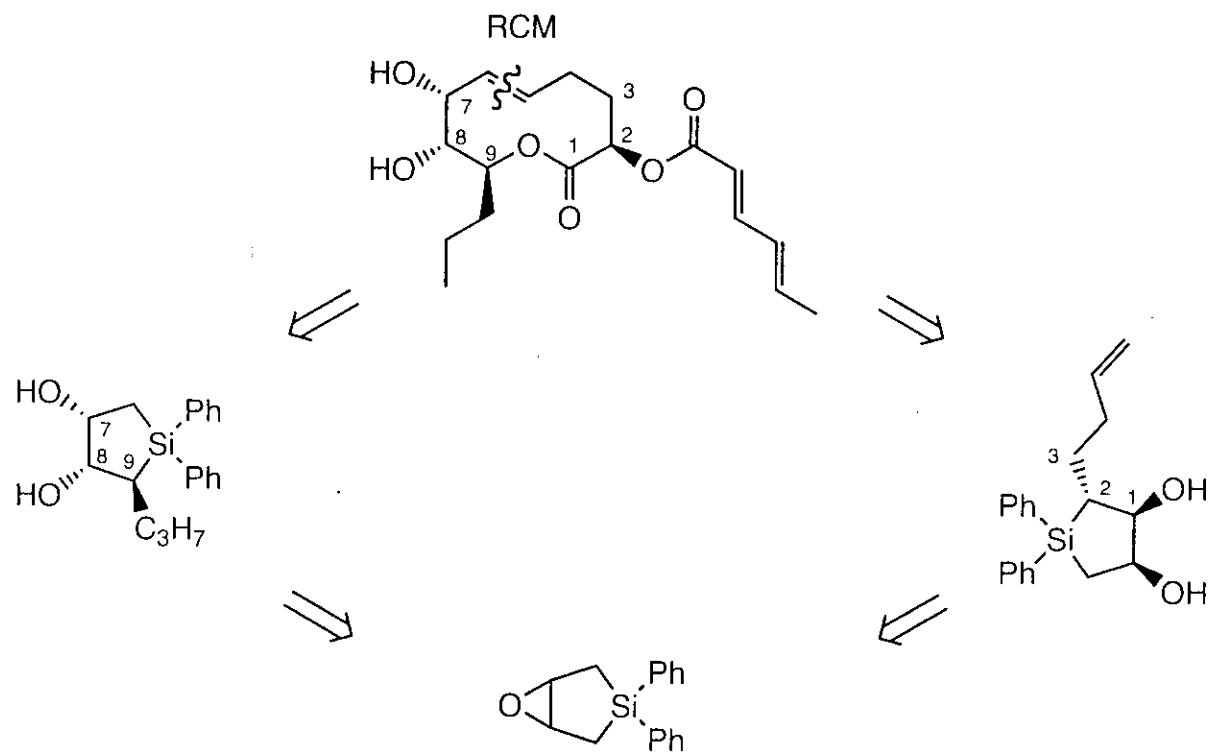
# Oxidative Cleavage of the Cyclic Silanes



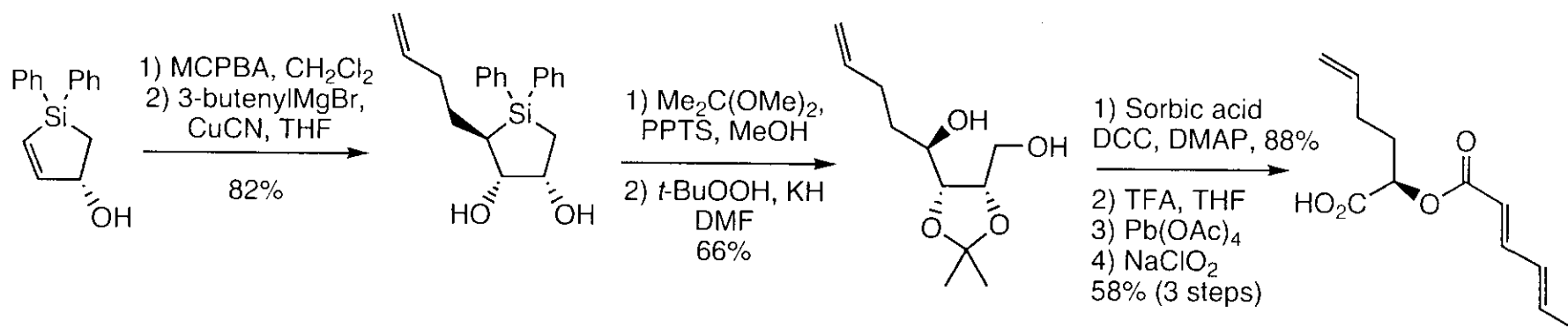
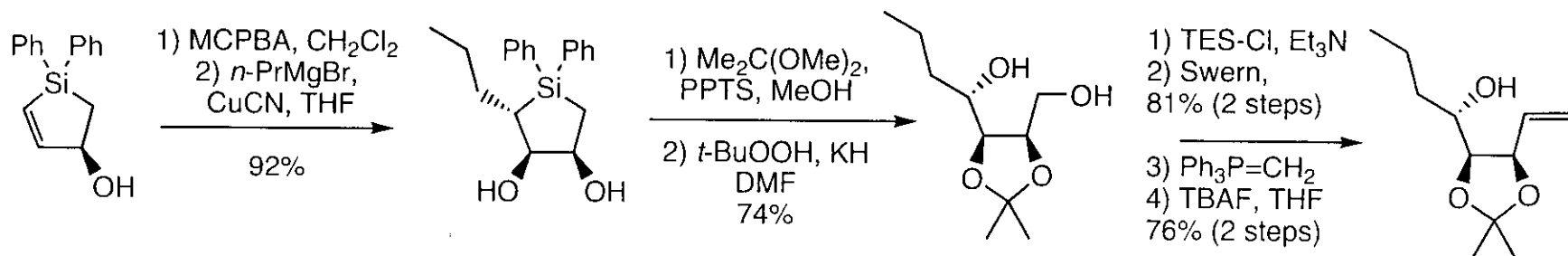
Entry	Silane	R	R'	<b>12</b>	Yield [%] <sup>[b]</sup>
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2	(+)- <b>11b</b>		H	(-)- <b>12b</b>	76
3	(+)- <b>11c</b>		H	(-)- <b>12c</b>	79
4	(-)- <b>11f</b>		H	(-)- <b>12d</b>	70
5	(-)- <b>11h</b>		MOM	(-)- <b>12e</b>	74

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# (-)-Pinolidoxin: Retrosynthesis

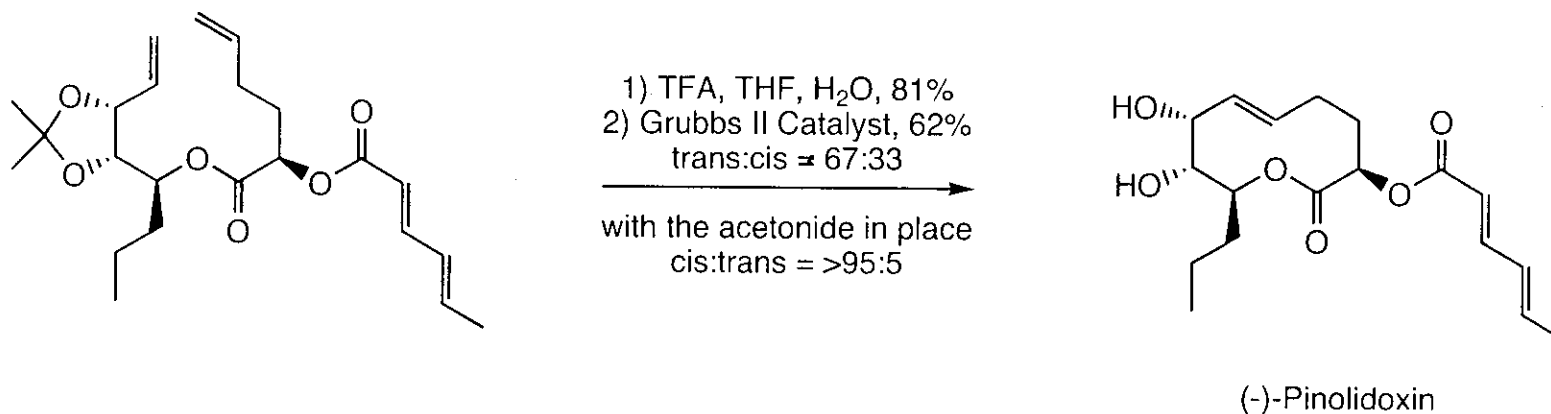
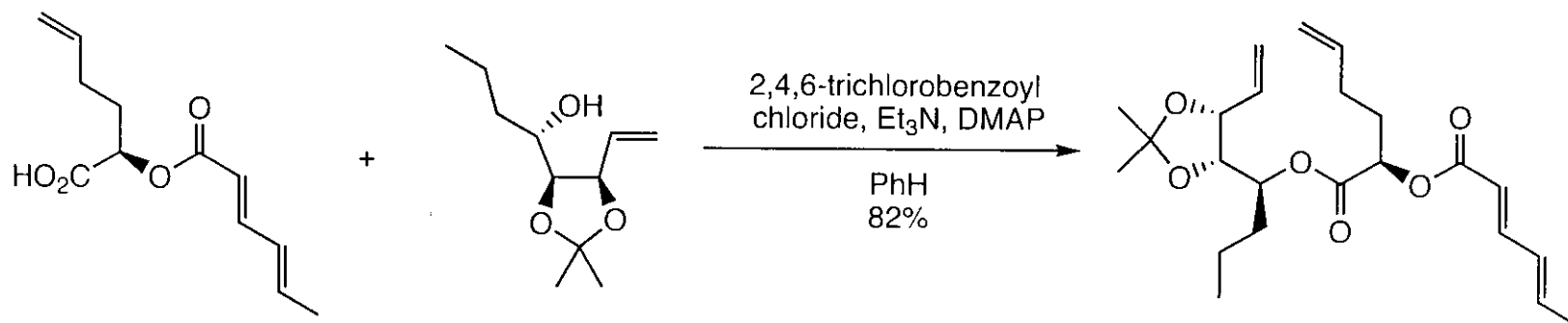


## (-)-Pinolidoxin: Fragment Synthesis

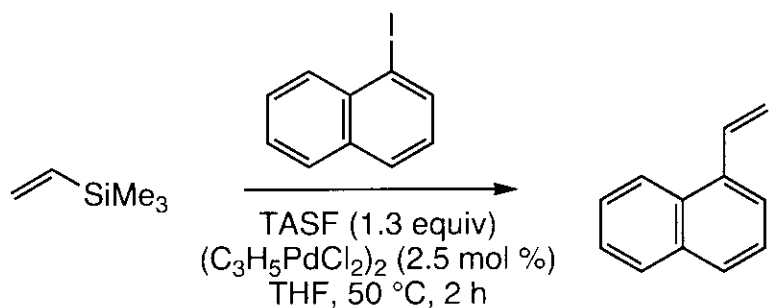




## (-)-Pinolidoxin: Fragment Coupling and Macrocyclization

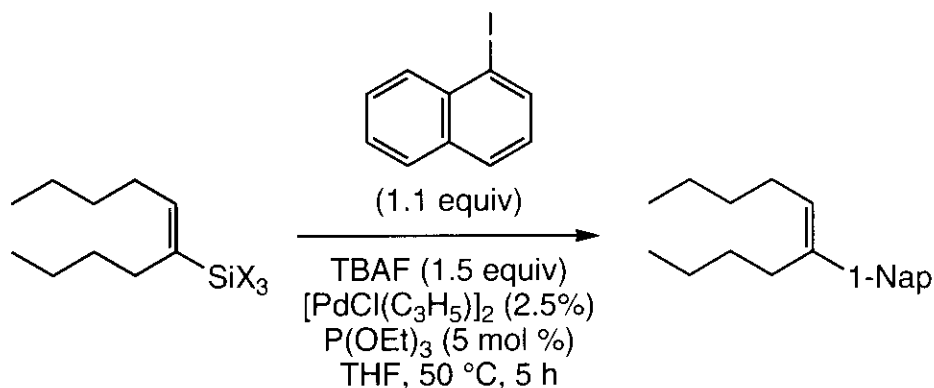


## Cross Coupling of Organosilanes via a Pentacoordinate Intermediate



- 23 examples given with yields 67 - 100%.
- vinyl, allylic and alkynyl silanes were used.
- HMPA and P(OEt)<sub>3</sub> added in some cases.

Hatanaka, Y.; Hiyama, T.  
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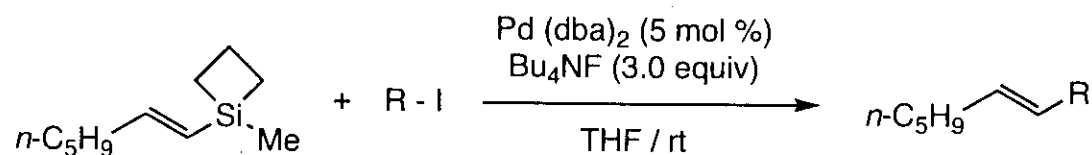


- 13 examples given with yields 45 - 96%.
- alkenyltrialkoxysilanes more reactive than alkenyl trifluorosilanes (inert).
- alkenyl bromides also coupled with longer reaction times.

Tamao, K.; Kobayashi, K.; Ito, Y.  
*Tetrahedron Lett.* **1989**, *30*, 6051-6054.

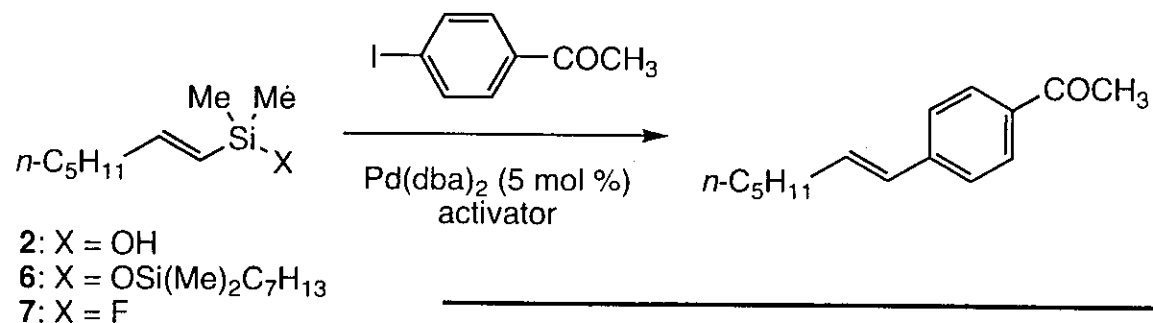
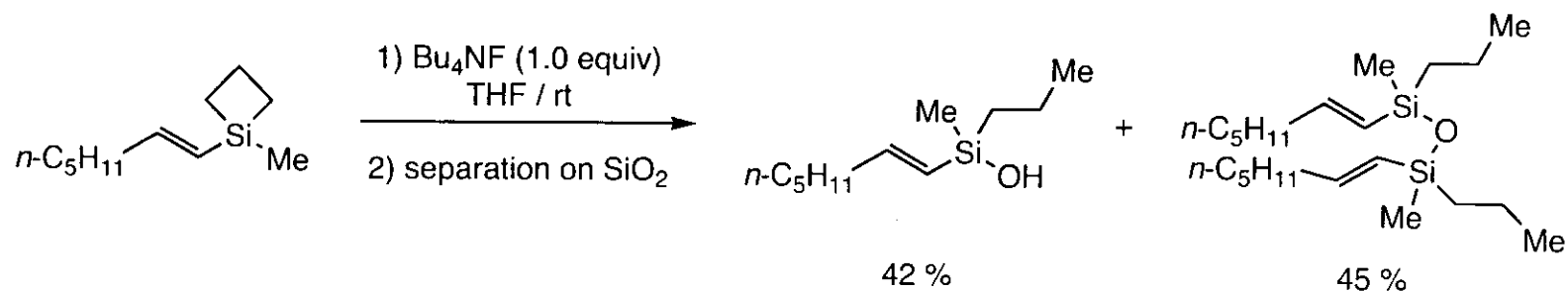
$\text{SiX}_3 = \text{SiMe}_2(\text{OEt}); 95 \%$   
 $\text{SiX}_3 = \text{SiMe}(\text{OEt})_2; 96 \%$   
 $\text{SiX}_3 = \text{SiMe}(\text{OEt})_3; 54 \%$

## Cross-Coupling Reactions of Silacyclobutanes?



- Aryl iodides (electron poor and electron rich) generally couple in less than 1 h with yields > 90%.
- Vinyl iodides usually couple in less than 2 h with yields 65-95%.
- Premixing the silacyclobutane and TBAF was required to limit formation of reduction byproducts.
- A significant exotherm was observed when silacyclobutane and TBAF were mixed.

# The Fate of the Silacyclobutane

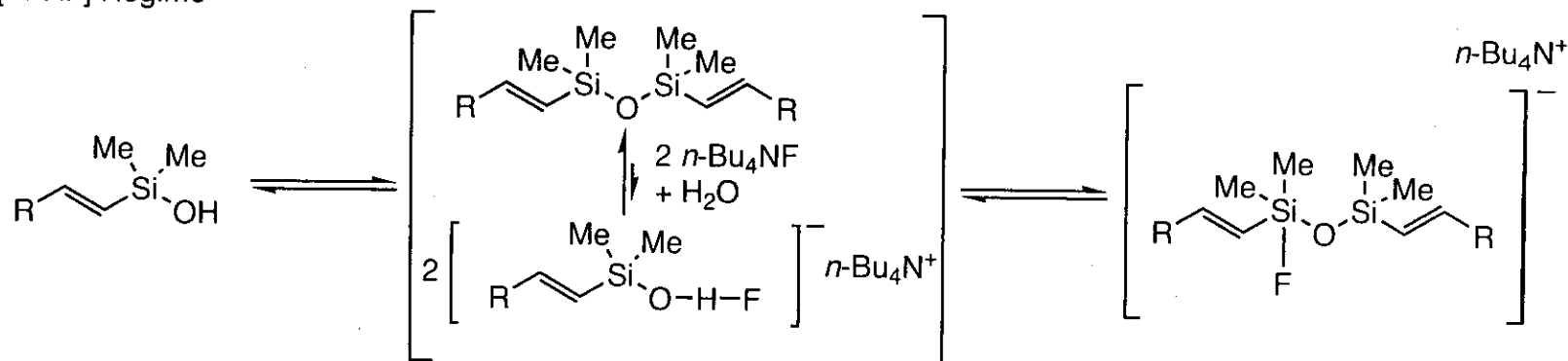


	no activator	yield, % (time)		
		TBAF <sup>a</sup>	TBAF <sup>b</sup>	TBAOH <sup>b</sup>
<b>2</b>	NR	82 (1 h)	79 (10 min)	75 (3 h)
<b>6</b>	NR	82 (1 h)	82 (10 min)	78 (3h)
<b>7</b>	NR	79 (1 h)	78 (10 min)	22 (24 h)

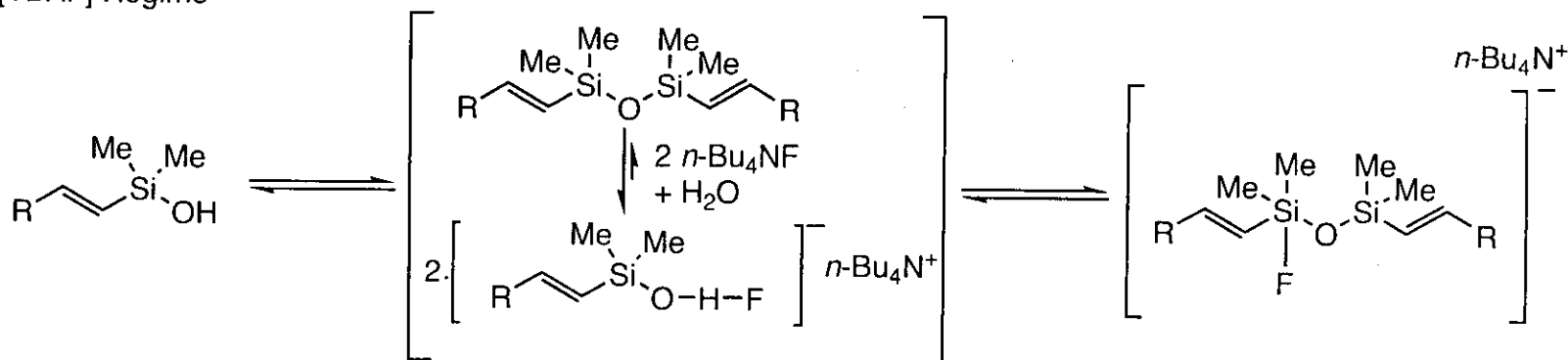
<sup>a</sup> 1 equiv. <sup>b</sup> 2 equiv.

# Fluoride Promoted Cross Coupling

Low [TBAF] Regime

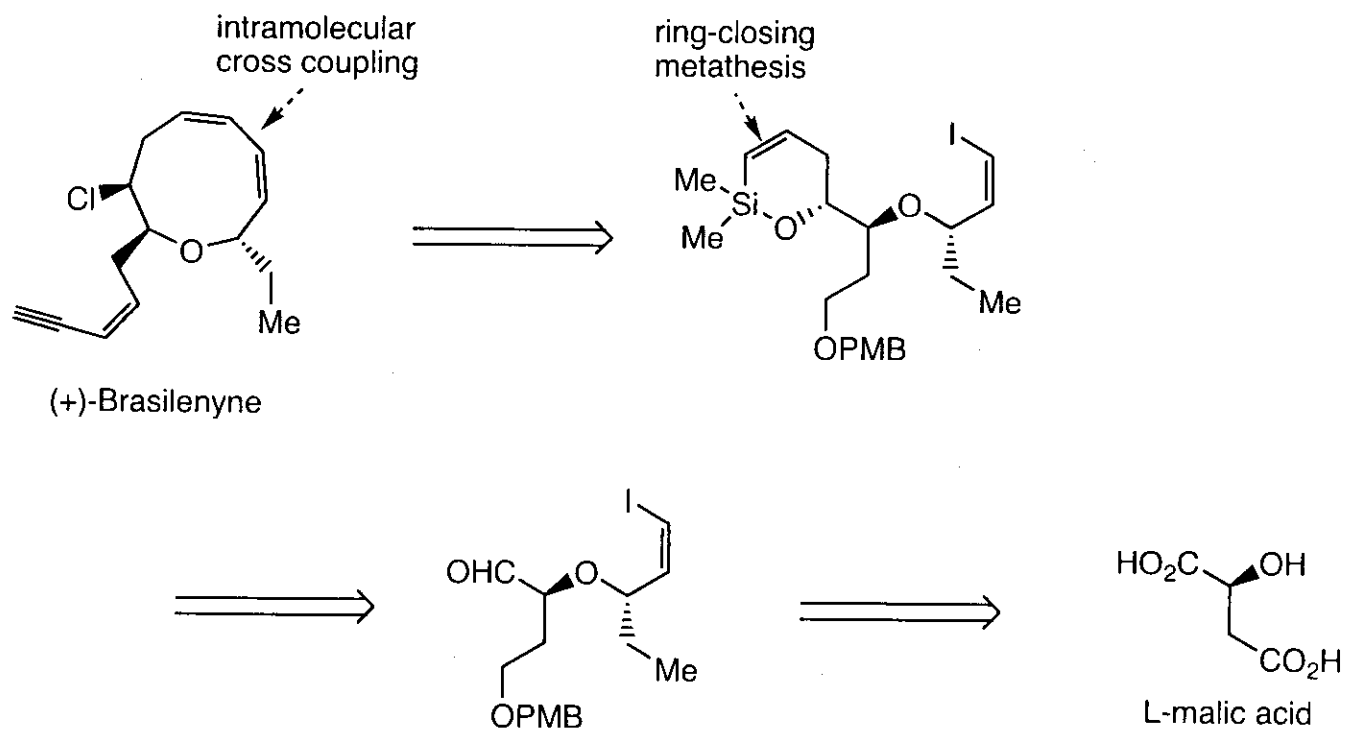


High [TBAF] Regime

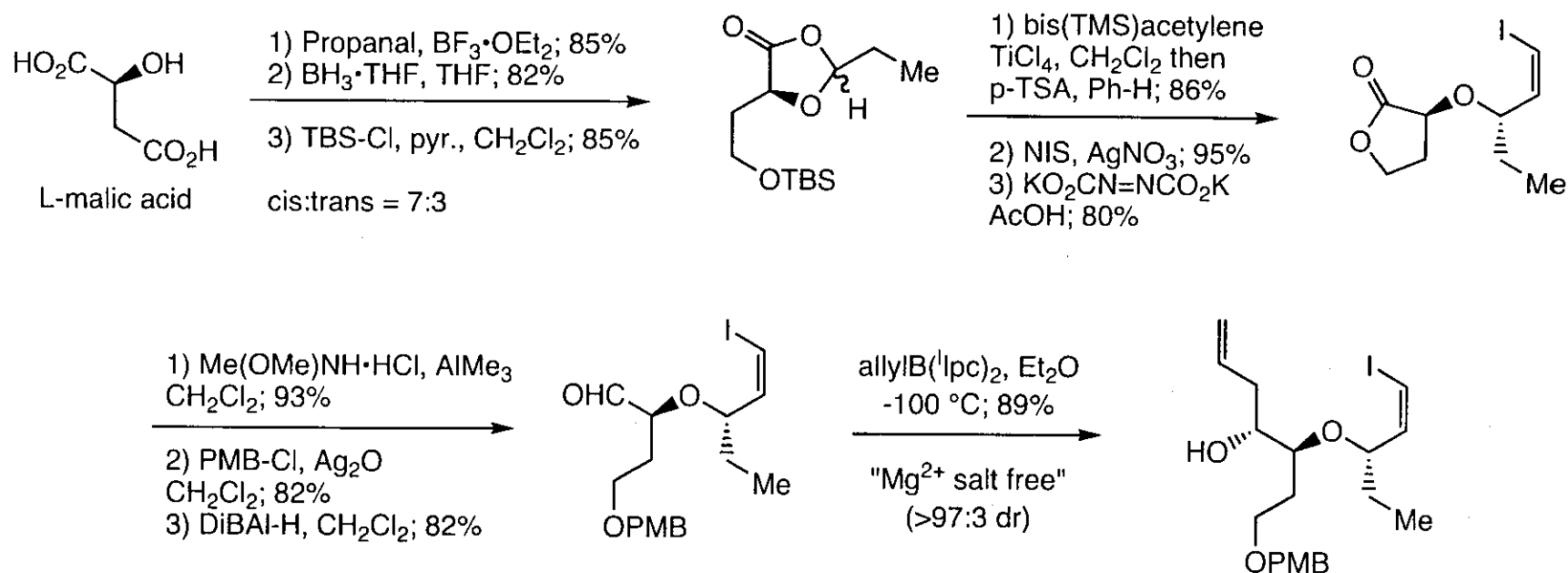


- The rate is second order in silanol and first order in disiloxane.
- The transmetalation is the turn-over limiting step.
- The rate dependence on [TBAF] is first order for low [TBAF] and inverse first order for high [TBAF].

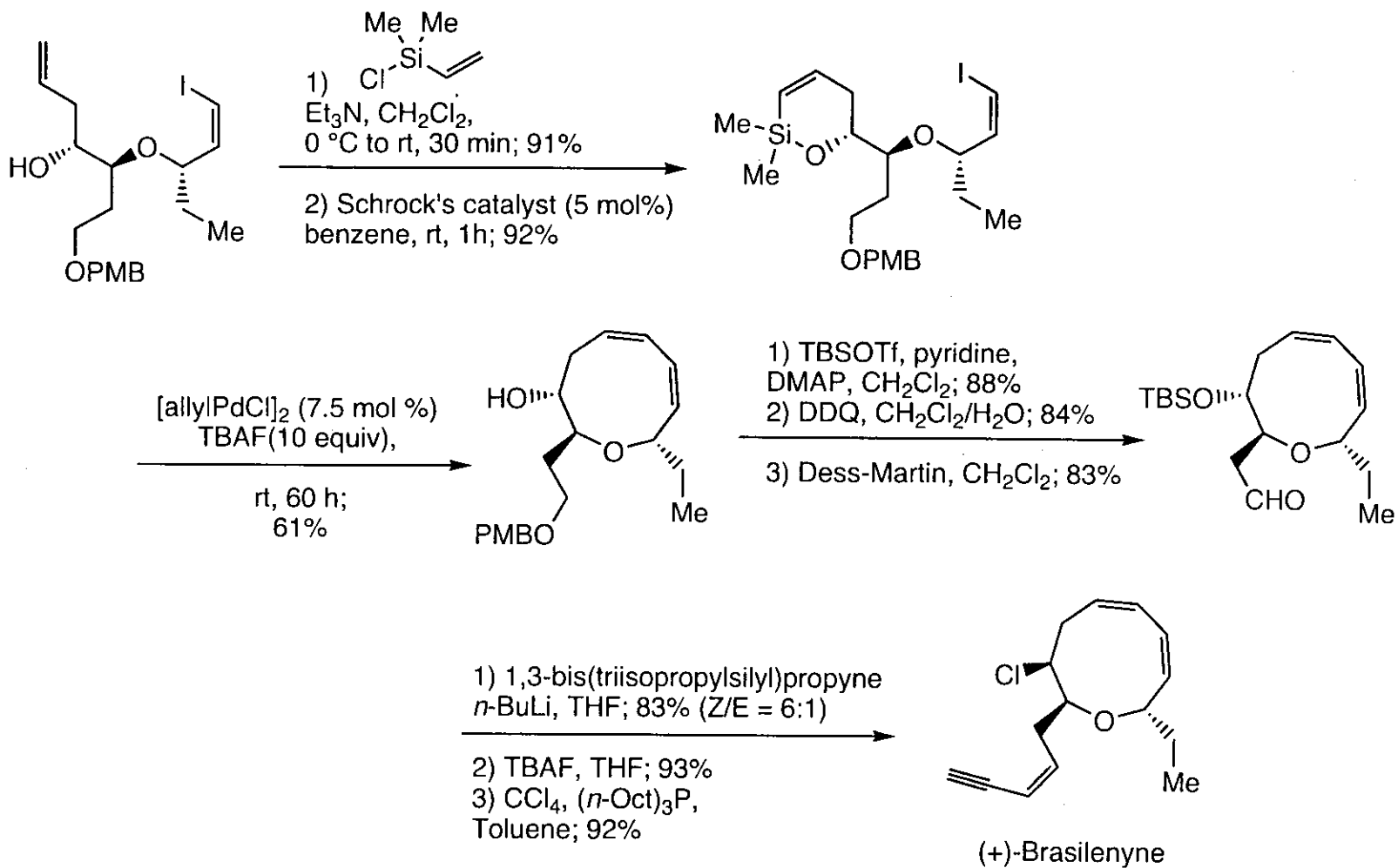
## (+)-Brasilenyne: Retrosynthesis



## (+)-Brasilenyne: Synthesis of the Key Intermediate



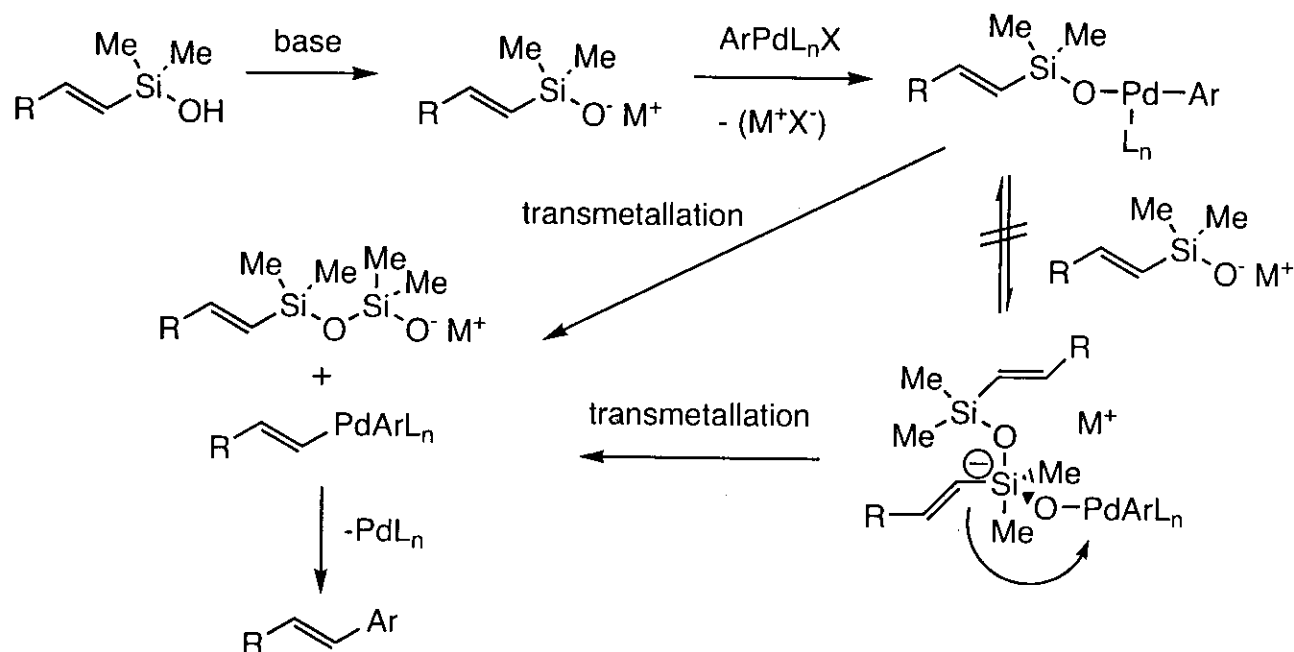
# (+)-Brasilenyne: Key Cyclization and Completion



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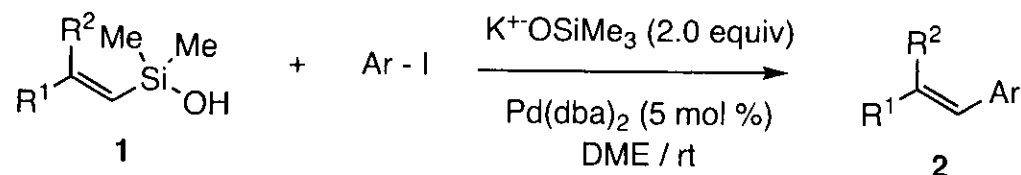


# Fluoride-Free Cross Coupling of Organosilanes



- When compared to TBAF, other activators may be less expensive and provide for easier purifications.
- Hydride reagents lead to reduction of the aryl iodide.
- The use of K<sup>+</sup>O<sup>-</sup>t-Bu<sup>-</sup> gave less reduction, but resulted in extended reaction times (3 h).
- KOTMS (2.0 equiv) gave good yields and rates.
- Recent results suggest that a pentavalent Si is not involved as a key intermediate prior to transmetalation.

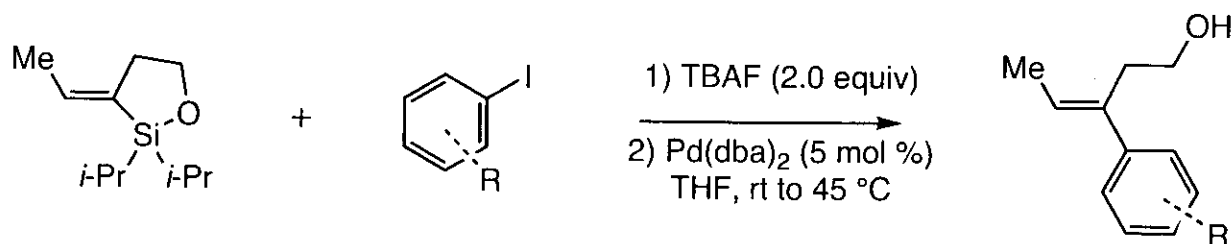
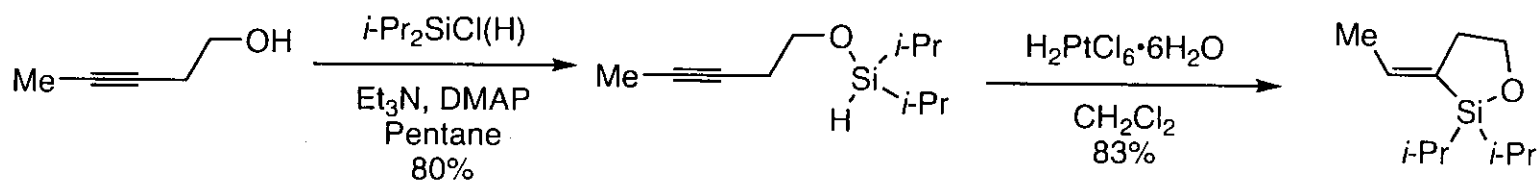
# Fluoride-Free Cross Coupling of Organosilanes



entry	silane	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	aryl	time, h	product	yield, %	ratio, <i>E/Z</i> <sup>b</sup>
1	( <i>E</i> )-1	<i>n</i> -C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>11</sub>	H	1-naphthyl	2	( <i>E</i> )-2a	93 <sup>c</sup>	97.9/2.1
2	( <i>Z</i> )-1	H	<i>n</i> -C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>11</sub>	1-naphthyl	9	( <i>Z</i> )-2a	88 <sup>c</sup>	2.8/97.2
3	( <i>E</i> )-1	<i>n</i> -C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>11</sub>	H	phenyl	0.5	( <i>E</i> )-2b	91 <sup>c</sup>	99.3/0.7
4	( <i>Z</i> )-1	H	<i>n</i> -C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>11</sub>	phenyl	7.5	( <i>Z</i> )-2b	86 <sup>c</sup>	1.8/98.2
5	( <i>E</i> )-1	<i>n</i> -C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>11</sub>	H	4-(CH <sub>3</sub> CO)C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	9	( <i>E</i> )-2c	82 <sup>c</sup>	98.8/1.2
6	( <i>Z</i> )-1	H	<i>n</i> -C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>11</sub>	4-(CH <sub>3</sub> CO)C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	13	( <i>Z</i> )-2c	83 <sup>c</sup>	2.9/97.1
7	( <i>E</i> )-1	<i>n</i> -C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>11</sub>	H	4-(CH <sub>3</sub> O)C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	1	( <i>E</i> )-2d	88 <sup>c</sup>	99.3/0.7 <sup>d</sup>
8	( <i>Z</i> )-1	H	<i>n</i> -C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>11</sub>	4-(CH <sub>3</sub> O)C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	9.5	( <i>Z</i> )-2d	91 <sup>c</sup>	1.1/98.9 <sup>c</sup>
9	( <i>E</i> )-1	<i>n</i> -C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>11</sub>	H	4-(NO <sub>2</sub> )C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	0.25	( <i>E</i> )-2e	95 <sup>f</sup>	98.5/1.5
10	( <i>Z</i> )-1	H	<i>n</i> -C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>11</sub>	4-(NO <sub>2</sub> )C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	0.25	( <i>Z</i> )-2e	85 <sup>f</sup>	3.8/96.2
11	( <i>E</i> )-1	<i>n</i> -C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>11</sub>	H	4-(EtO <sub>2</sub> C)C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	0.25	( <i>E</i> )-2f	85 <sup>f</sup>	99.8/0.2
12	( <i>Z</i> )-1	H	<i>n</i> -C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>11</sub>	4-(EtO <sub>2</sub> C)C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	0.25	( <i>Z</i> )-2f	83 <sup>f</sup>	0.7/99.3
13	( <i>E</i> )-1	<i>n</i> -C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>11</sub>	H	2-(TBSOCH <sub>2</sub> )C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	9	( <i>E</i> )-2g	80 <sup>f</sup>	99.5/0.5
14	( <i>Z</i> )-1	H	<i>n</i> -C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>11</sub>	2-(TBSOCH <sub>2</sub> )C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	14.5	( <i>Z</i> )-2g	76 <sup>f</sup>	2.0/98.0 <sup>g</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Reactions employed 1.1 equiv of 1. <sup>b</sup> Determined by GC analysis. <sup>c</sup> Yield of chromatographed, distilled products. <sup>d</sup> Accompanied by 3.8% cine-rearranged product. <sup>e</sup> Accompanied by 6.2% cine-rearranged product. <sup>f</sup> Yield of analytically pure material. <sup>g</sup> at 50 °C.

# Access to Trisubstituted Olefins



entry	R	time, h/temperature, °C	product	yield, <sup>b</sup> %
1	H	6.66/rt	<b>3a</b>	88
2	2-Me	6.83/rt	<b>3b</b>	74
3	2-MeO	10.0/35	<b>3c</b>	74
4	2-NO <sub>2</sub>	23/35	<b>3d</b>	56
5	3-HOCH <sub>2</sub>	6.0/rt	<b>3e</b>	81
6	4-CH <sub>3</sub> O	6.50/rt	<b>3f</b>	72
7	4-MeCO	6.0/rt	<b>3g</b>	70
8	4-NO <sub>2</sub>	6.25/rt	<b>3h</b>	67 <sup>c</sup>
9	4-CN	46/45	<b>3i</b>	70
10	4-COOEt	16/45	<b>3j</b>	86

<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: 1.1 equiv of **2a**, 2.0 equiv of TBAF, and 5 mol % of Pd(dba)<sub>2</sub> were employed for 1.0 equiv of iodide in THF at rt. The iodide was added in portions as specified (see Supporting Information).

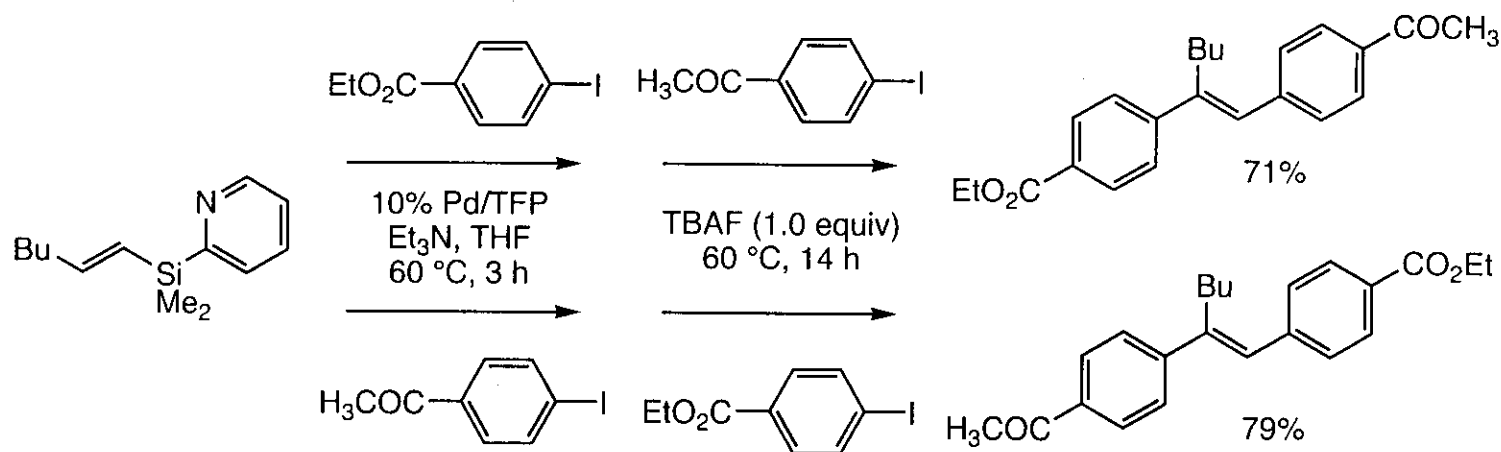
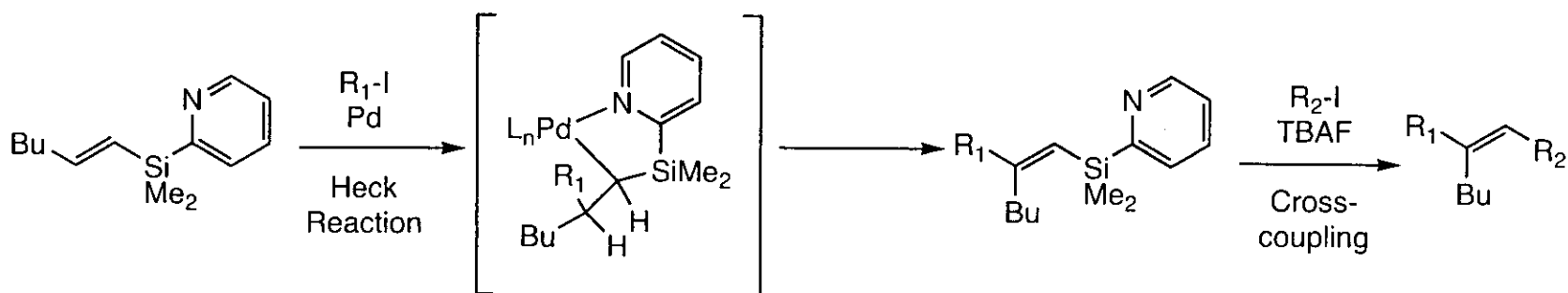
<sup>b</sup> Yields of analytically pure materials. <sup>c</sup> Isomeric ratio 95.2/4.8 by capillary GC analysis.

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Anti-intramolecular hydrosilylation with Ru:

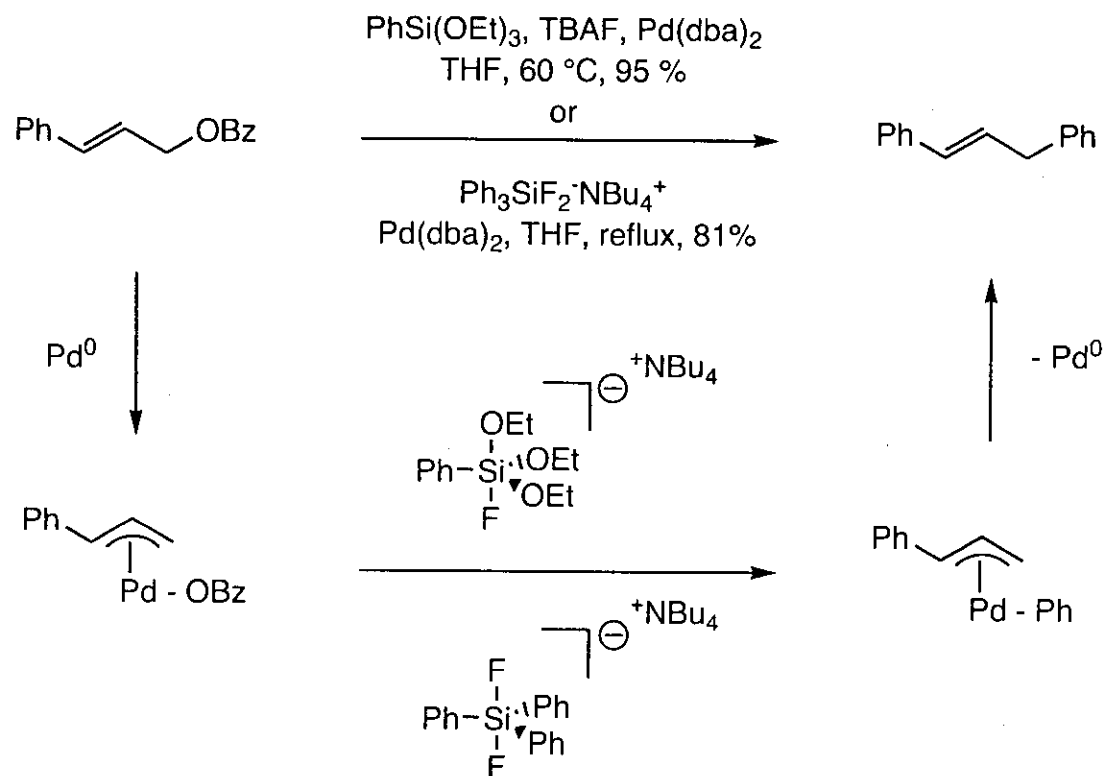
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# Stilbene Derivatives from Sequential Heck / Cross Coupling Reactions

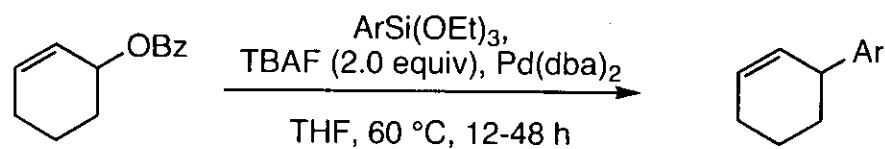


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# Allylic Alkylations



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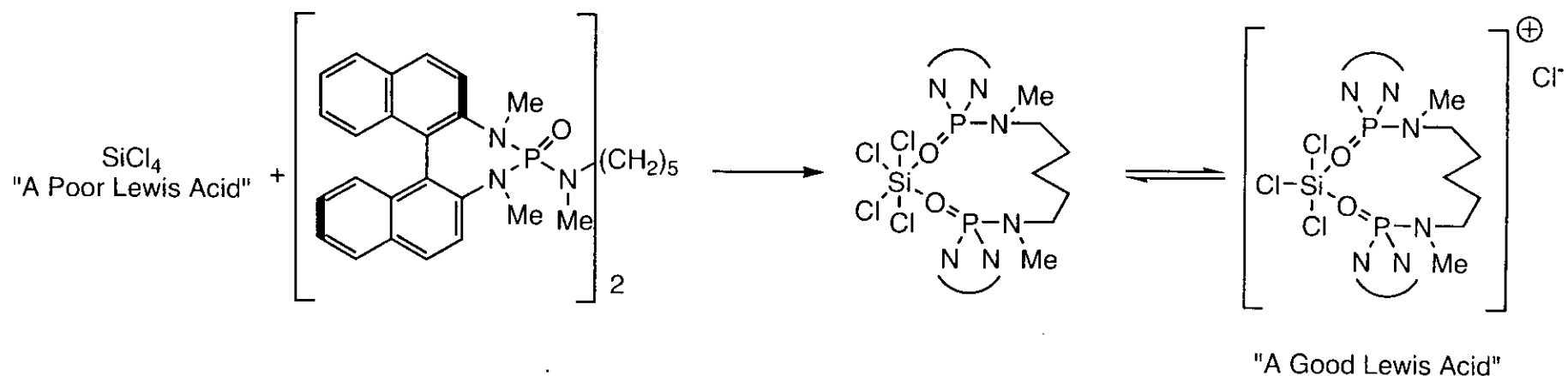
**Table 1. Palladium-Catalyzed Arylation of Cyclic Allylic Benzoates**

Entry	Allylic Benzoate	Siloxane	Product	Yield (%)
1				87
2	3			86
3	3			77
4	3			88
5	3			88
6	3			87
7	3			9 <sup>a</sup>
8	3			87
9	3			84
10	3			34 <sup>b</sup>
11		9		84
12		15		78

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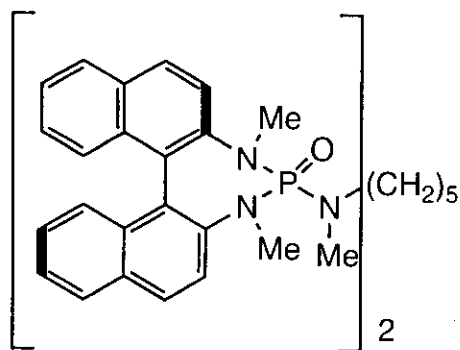
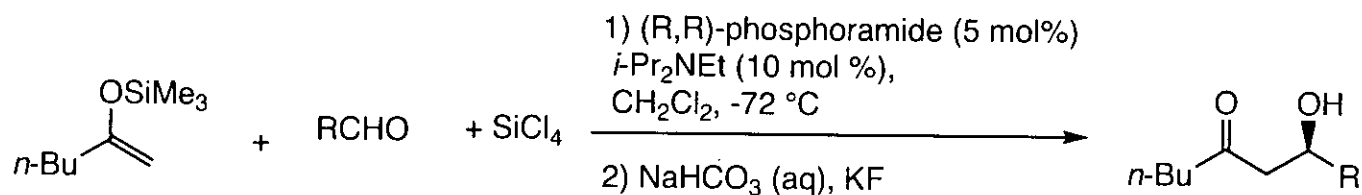
Correia, R.; DeShong, P. *J. Org. Chem.* **2001**, *66*, 7159-7165.

# Catalytic Silanes: Lewis Base Activation of Lewis Acids



- $\text{SiCl}_4$  is a readily available, weak Lewis acid.
- Upon binding the bis-phosphoramidate ligand, a change in the coordination sphere occurs ultimately leading to ionization of the complex which becomes a good Lewis acid.
- With many Lewis acids, there is a loss in Lewis acidity upon ligand binding.

# Methyl Ketone Enolates in Aldol Additions



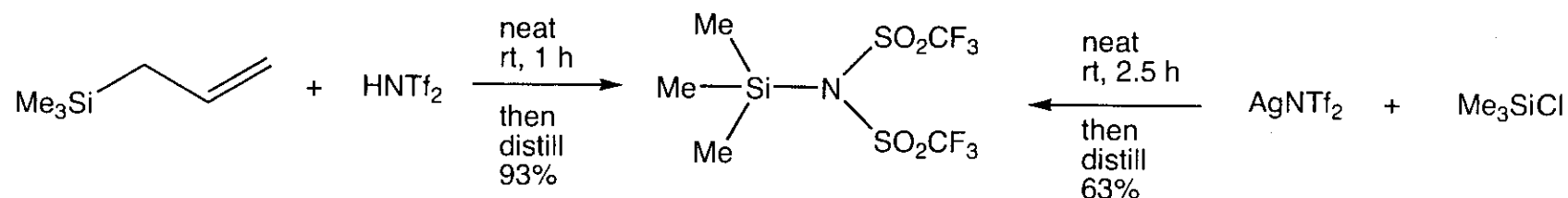
- Aryl and unsaturated aldehydes give good yields and ee's.
- $\alpha$ -Branching attenuated the reactivity.
- Aliphatic aldehydes were unreactive.

entry	R	product	time.		er <sup>c</sup>
			h	yield, <sup>b</sup> %	
1	( <i>E</i> )-PhCH=CH	(+)-13	4	97.5 <sup>a</sup>	99.5/0.5
2	( <i>E</i> )-PhCH=C(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sup>d</sup>	(+)-14	24	54 <sup>c</sup>	78.0/22.0
3	1-naphthyl	(+)-15	10	95 <sup>c</sup>	96.0/4.0
4	2-naphthyl	(+)-16	4	92	99.5/0.5
5	4-CH <sub>3</sub> OC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	(+)-17	4	97.5	99.5/0.5
6	4-CF <sub>3</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	(+)-18	4	96	99.5/0.5
7	2-furyl	(+)-19	6	88	95.0/5.0
8	2-thiophenyl	(+)-20	8	79	99.0/10.0
9	PhCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>		24	nr	nd

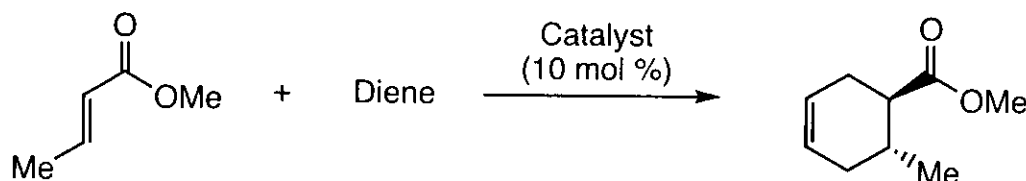
<sup>a</sup> All reactions employed 1.5 equiv of SiCl<sub>4</sub>, 1.2 equiv of enolate, 10 mol % *i*-Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt, and 5 mol % (*R,R*)-1 at 0.5 M in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at -72 °C for 3 h. <sup>b</sup> Yield of analytically pure material. <sup>c</sup> Determined by CSP-SFC. <sup>d</sup> Reaction employed 10 mol % (*R,R*)-1. <sup>e</sup> Chromatographically homogeneous material.



## Another Lewis Acid: N-trimethylsilyl-bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)imide



# The Diels-Alder Reaction Catalyzed by TMSNTf<sub>2</sub>



Entry	Diene	addition T°	Conditions	Catalyst	Yield (%) <sup>a</sup>	Endo : Exo <sup>b</sup>
A		0° C	0° C - 20 min	TMSOTf TMSNTf <sub>2</sub>	< 5 83	13.3 : 1 24 : 1
B		0° C	0° C - 60 min	TMSOTf TMSNTf <sub>2</sub>	0 92	- 49 : 1
C		0° C	RT - 60 min	TMSOTf TMSNTf <sub>2</sub>	0 76	- 24 : 1
D		-50° C	RT - 60 min	TMSOTf TMSNTf <sub>2</sub>	0 91	- ≥ 99 : 1
E		0° C	0° C - 90 min	TMSOTf TMSNTf <sub>2</sub>	< 5 < 5 74	1 : 2 1 : 2 2 : 1

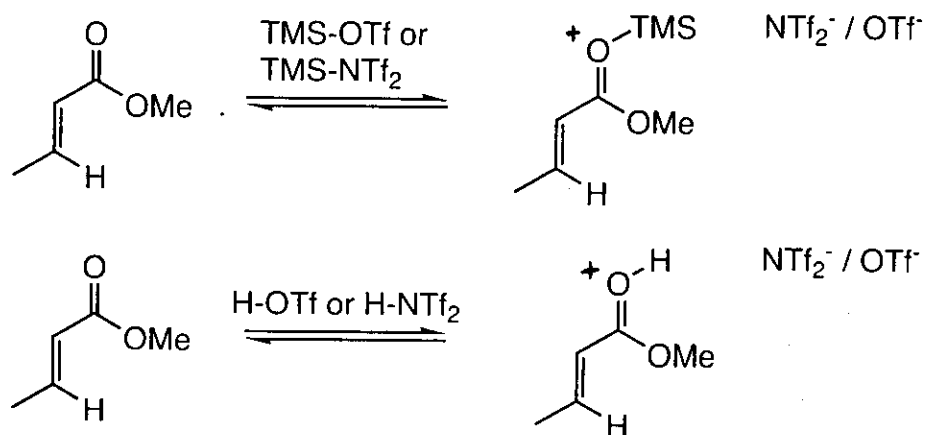
- Enhanced Lewis acidity when compared to TMSOTf

- One example of a carbonyl-ene reaction (44% yield) that did not proceed with TMSOTf

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(a) total yield of pure adducts; (b) Endo/Exo ratios were determined by gas chromatography or <sup>1</sup>H NMR on the crude mixture.

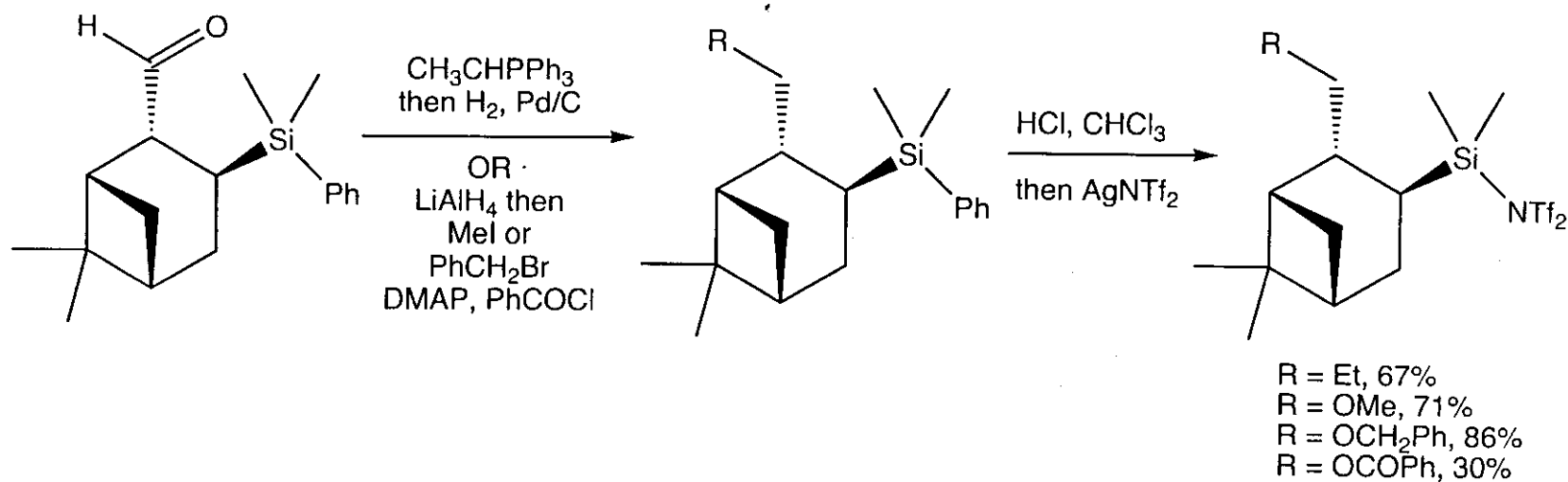
# How good is TMS-NTf<sub>2</sub> ?



**Table 3.** Effect of Lewis and Brønsted acids on the chemical shifts of H<sup>3</sup> protons of α,β-unsaturated carbonyl compounds

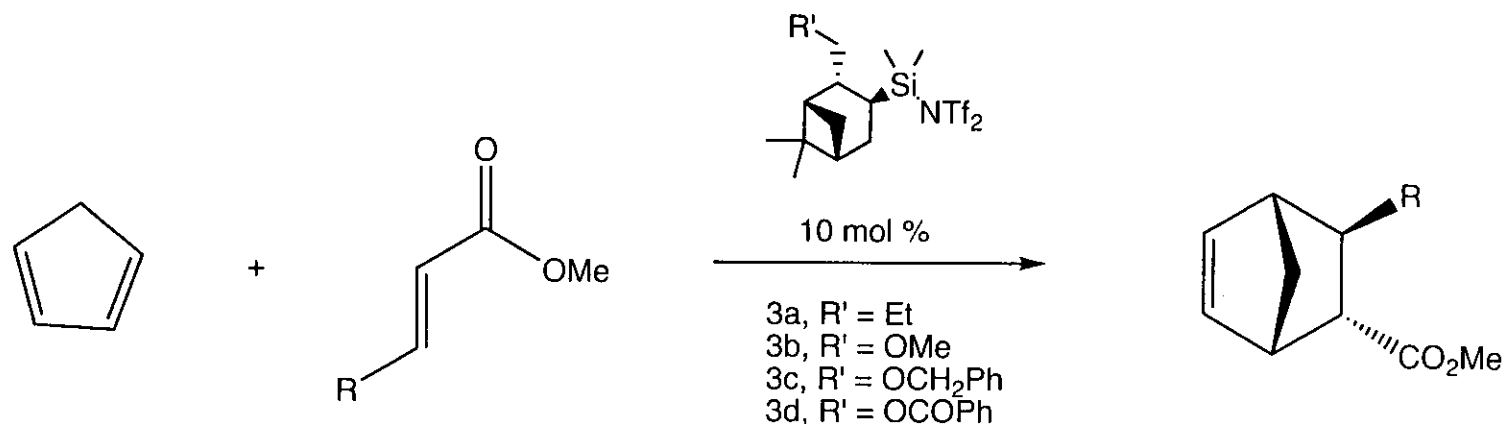
LA/HA	Δδ H <sup>3</sup>		
	Methylcrotonate	Crotonaldehyde	Cyclohexanone
TMSNTf <sub>2</sub>	0.89	1.74	1.43
TMSOTf	~0	~0	~0
HNTf <sub>2</sub>	0.11	0.46	0.2
HOTf	0.46	1.28	1.18

## Chiral Silicon Lewis Acids



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# Chiral Silicon Lewis Acids



Entry	Catalyst	R	Conditions	<i>endo:exo</i> <sup>b</sup>	Yield <sup>c</sup> (%)	ee <i>endo</i> <sup>b</sup> (%)
1	3a	H	Toluene, -78°C, 1.5 h	99:1	83	7 (2 <i>S</i> )
2	3b	H	Toluene, -45°C, 1.5 h <sup>a</sup>	99:1	98	43 (2 <i>S</i> )
3	3b	H	Toluene, -78°C, 1.5 h	99:1	83	54 (2 <i>S</i> )
4	3b	H	Toluene, -100°C, 1.5 h <sup>a</sup>	99:1	94	54 (2 <i>S</i> )
5	3b	Me	Toluene <sup>d</sup> , -78°C, 8 h <sup>a</sup>	—	NR	—
6	3b	Me	Toluene, -45°C, 8 h <sup>a</sup>	97:3	93	24 (2 <i>S</i> )
7	3c	H	Toluene, -78°C, 1.5 h	99:1	79	26 (2 <i>S</i> )
8	3d	H	Toluene, -78°C, 1.5 h	99:1	80	13 (2 <i>S</i> )

Highest ee ever reported for a Diels-Alder reaction catalyzed by a chiral silicon Lewis acid.

<sup>a</sup> Reactions were run in the presence of 10 mol% of 2,6-bis(*t*-butyl)-4-methylpyridine.

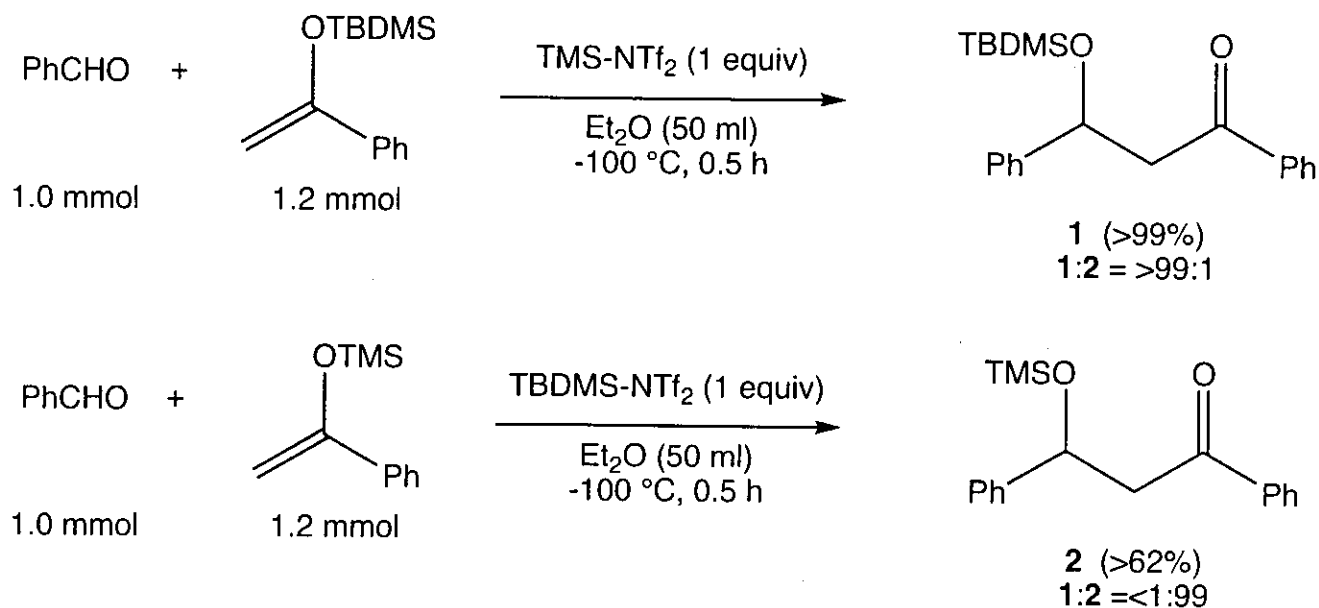
<sup>b</sup> ee and *endo:exo* ratio obtained on a chirasil DEX-CB GC column.

<sup>c</sup> Yield of isolated compound.

<sup>d</sup> Ether, propionitrile and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> were also tested without success.

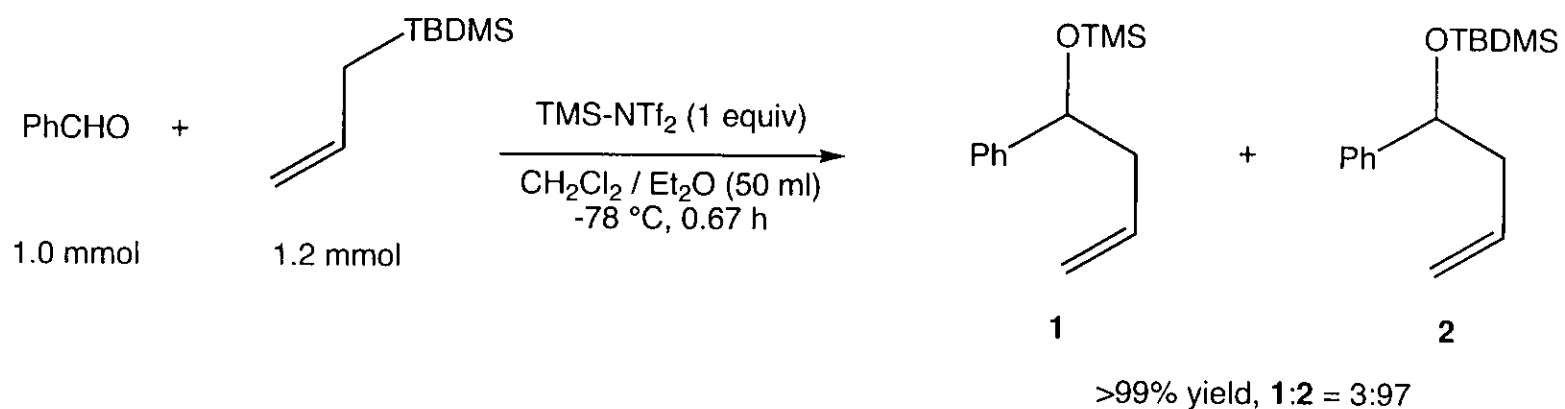
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## Does the -NTf<sub>2</sub> Ligand Dissociate? Mukaiyama Aldol



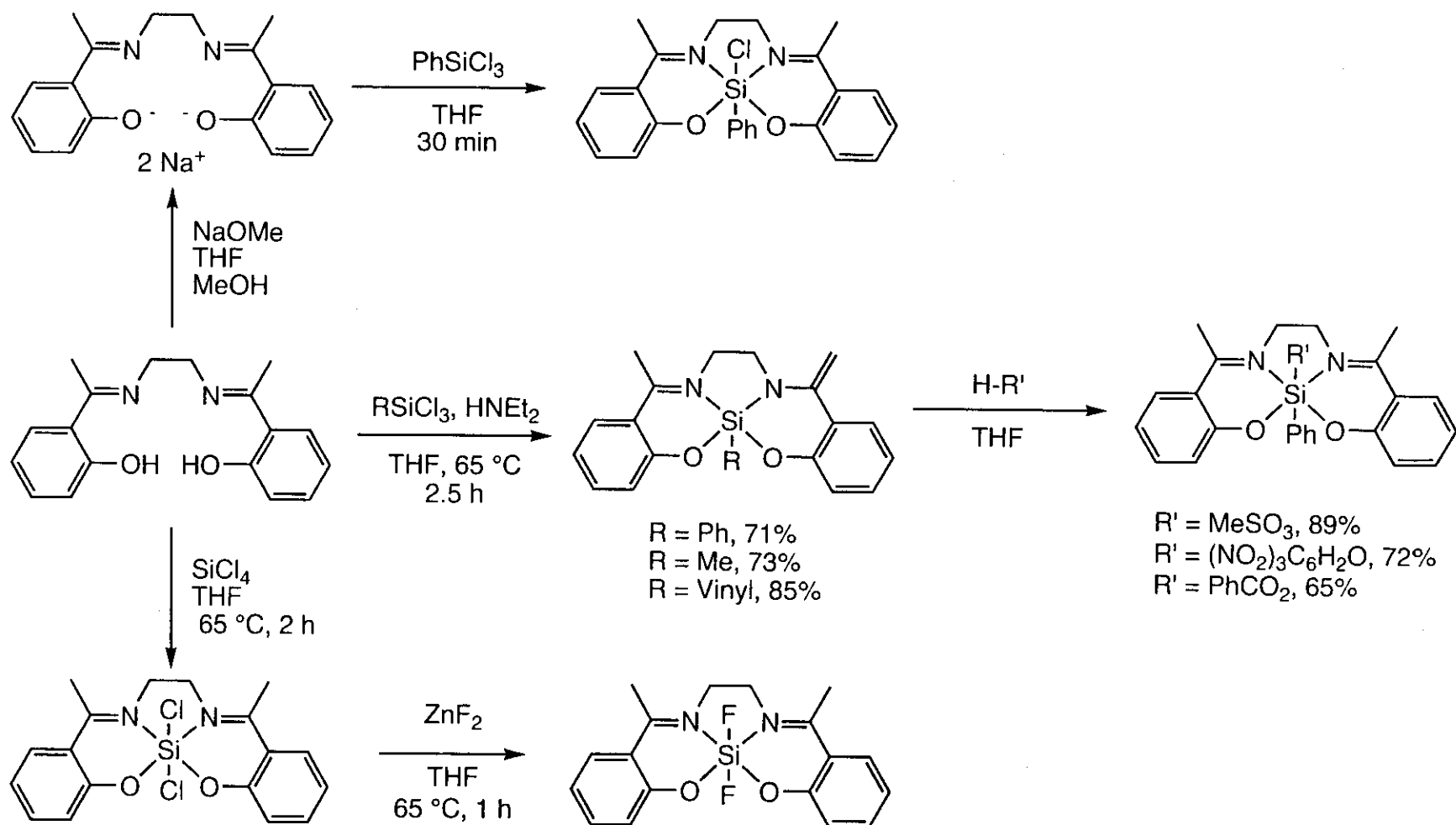
- The results suggest that the NTf<sub>2</sub> ligand remains bonded to the silicon.
- +SiR<sub>3</sub> induced cascade process was not ruled out.

# Does the -NTf<sub>2</sub> Ligand Dissociate? Sakurai-Hosomi allylation



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# Controlling the Silicon Coordination Sphere



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# Conclusions: Stoichiometric Silicon

## Chiral crotylsilanes

- Proven technology that has been used for numerous polyketide constructions.
- Synthesis of the chiral silane reagent requires several steps.

## Silicon centered allylation reagents

- Can be made in one step from commercially available starting materials
- Solids that are stable to storage.
- Provide products of high purity and the ligand can be recovered.

## Tandem sequences

- Efficient construction of polyketide sequences.
- Requires further development to address reaction scope and/or selectivities.

## Silacycles

- Silylene transfer reagents offer some promise for the use of silacyclopropanes.
- The use of silacyclopentane oxide has been demonstrated as an expedient route to highly oxygenated sequences.

## Cross-coupling

- Recent advances in the understanding of silicon cross coupling reactions offer a very promising alternative to tin (Stille) and boron (Suzuki) reagents.
- Currently, fluoride or base (KOTMS) are required for activation.

## Conclusions: Catalytic Silicon

- Efforts have mainly focused on using the silicon as a Lewis acid.
- Chiral phosphoramides
  - The most advanced technology.
  - In situ generation of the catalyst has recently been demonstrated.
  - Significant information concerning the mechanism has been published.
- Other ligands have been explored but have not been demonstrated to be of significant use in organic synthesis.