

# Synthesis of Medium-Sized Rings

## Cycloaddition approach

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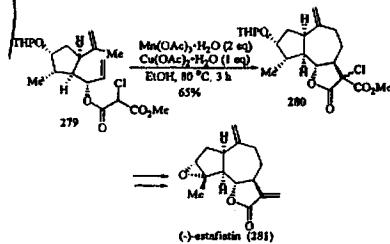
### Introduction

cyclization vs. cycloaddition

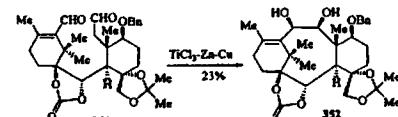
-natural product synthesis, combinatorial approach, how to get substrate, etc.

cyclization : RCM, radical cyclization, McMurry coupling, NHK reaction, Heck reaction, etc.

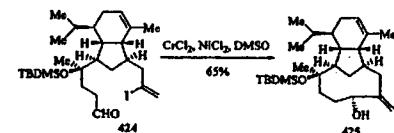
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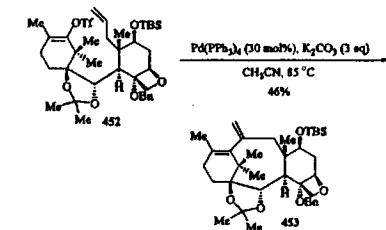
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# Rh catalyzed Cycloaddition

## 1. Wender's group

### 1-1 intramolecular [5+2]

JACS 117, 4720-4721 (1995)

alkynes + vinylcyclopropane  $\rightleftharpoons$

$\hookrightarrow$  strain-driven cleavage

$\circ \rightleftharpoons \text{C}_2\text{H}_2 + \text{C}_1\text{H}_2$  unit

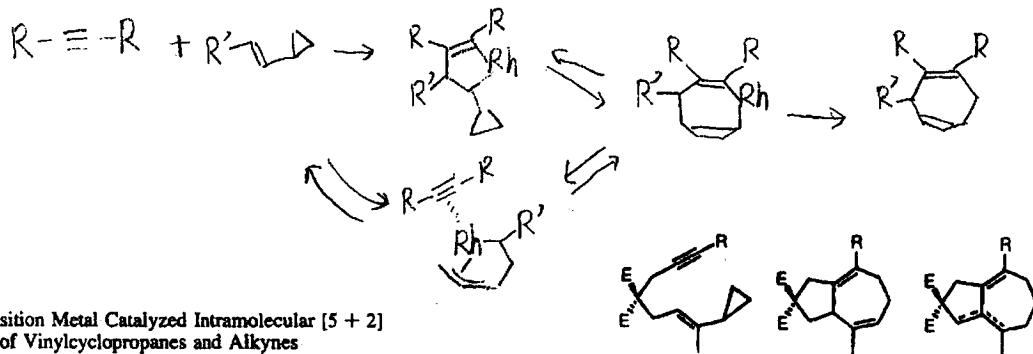


Table 1. Transition Metal Catalyzed Intramolecular [5+2] Cycloadditions of Vinylcyclopropanes and Alkynes

Vinylcyclopropane-Alkyne	Cycloadduct(s), Yield	Reaction Conditions, time			
1. E	7	A <sup>a</sup> , 20 min.	8.	a: R=Me	89% (11:12=3.5:1) B <sup>b</sup> , 2 d
2. E	84%	B <sup>b</sup> , 2 d	9.	a: R=Me	92% (11:12=12) D <sup>d</sup> , 2.5 h
			10.	b: R=H	82% (only 11) B <sup>b</sup> , 2 d
3. a: R=Me	88%	B <sup>b</sup> , 1.5 h	11.	c: R=CO <sub>2</sub> Me	81% (only 11) B <sup>b</sup> , 16 h
4. b: R=TMS	83%	B <sup>b</sup> , 3.5 h	12.	d: R=TMS	71% (only 12) B <sup>b</sup> , 7 d
5. c: R=CO <sub>2</sub> Me	74%	B <sup>b</sup> , 1.25 h			
6. d: R=Ph	80%	B <sup>b</sup> , 1.5 h			
7. e: R=H	50%	C <sup>c</sup> , 1.5 h			
			13.		Wilkinson's cat, 82%, D <sup>d</sup> , 30 min
			14.		

<sup>a</sup> A = 0.5 mol % RhCl(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, 0.5 mol % AgOTf, PhMe, 110 °C.  
<sup>b</sup> B = 10 mol % RhCl(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, PhMe, 110 °C. <sup>c</sup> C = 10 mol % RhCl(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, THF, 100 °C. <sup>d</sup> D = 10 mol % RhCl(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, 10 mol % AgOTf, PhMe, 110 °C. <sup>e</sup> E = CO<sub>2</sub>Me. <sup>f</sup> Lower yield in this case due to product volatility.

Wilkinson's cat in tolu: slow (2 d at 110°C)  $\hookrightarrow$  10 mol %

in TFE: faster (19 h at 55°C)  $\hookrightarrow$  Polarity favor formation of cationic Rh(I) + AgOTf in tolu: much faster (20 min at 110°C, 0.5 mol %)

### 1-2 intermolecular [5+2] - 1 JACS 120, 10976 (1998), OL 2, 1609 (2000)

$\cdot -\equiv- + \rightleftharpoons$  Wilkinson's cat  $\xrightarrow{+\text{AgOTf}}$  no rxn or alkyne cyclotrimerized  
vinylcyclopropane isomerization

$\cdot \text{---}^{\text{OTBS}} \text{---}$  is 5-10 folds more reactive than  $\text{---}^{\text{OTBS}}$

$\cdot [\text{Rh}(\text{CO})_2\text{Cl}]_2$  more reactive than Wilkinson's cat

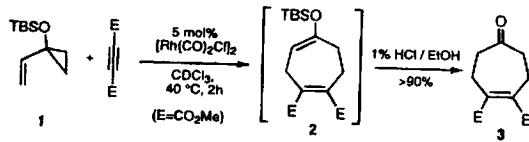
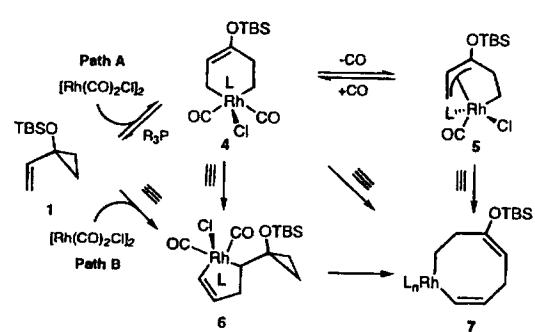


Table 1. The Transition Metal-Catalyzed [5+2] Cycloadditions of 1-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-1-vinylcyclopropane with Alkynes

entry	alkyne <sup>a</sup>	product	time/ temperature <sup>b</sup>	yield <sup>c</sup>
1	E ≡ H		2h / 40 °C	93%
2	E ≡ Me		1.5h / 40 °C	92%
3	O ≡ H		2.5h / 40 °C	88%
4	MeO ≡ H		1.5h / 40 °C	88%
5	HO ≡ H		1.5h / 40 °C	74%
6	(Me) <sub>3</sub> Si ≡ H		2h / 40 °C	77%

<sup>a</sup> E = CO<sub>2</sub>Me. <sup>b</sup> See General Procedure in footnote 16. <sup>c</sup> Overall yields for cycloaddition and hydrolysis steps.

Scheme 1



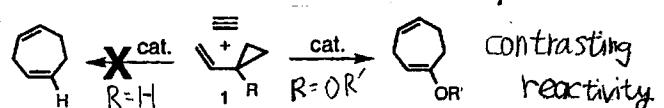
← proposed mechanism



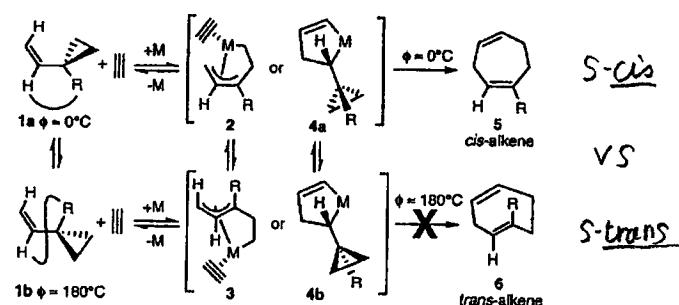
NMR showed the mixture of 4 + 5.



### 1-3 intermolecular [5+2] ~ simple VCP JACS 123, 179 (2001)



contrasting reactivity  
electronic contribution of heteroatom  
conformational influence



→ R = bulky substituent  
rxn proceeds? → table 2

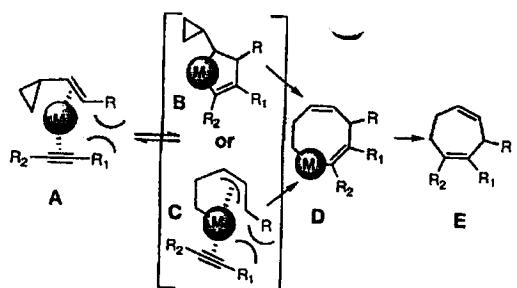
ent 1 vs 3 vs 4: iPr > Me > H !!

(TMS) surrogate

Table 2. Substituent Effects on the [5+2] Cycloadditions with Methyl Propiolate (E = CO<sub>2</sub>Me)

Entry	VCP	Cond. <sup>a</sup> /Yield	Product	Entry	VCP	Cond. <sup>a</sup> /Yield	Product	Entry	VCP	Cond. <sup>a</sup> /Yield	Product
1		A 2h/82% B 2h/93%		5		A 72h/38% B 6h/dec.		9		A 20h/75% B 3h/78%	
2		A 1.5h/78%		6		A 72h/64% B 45 min/69%		10		A 15h/63% d.r. = 2:1	
3		A 8h/81%		7		A 3h/53%		11		A >24 h/no rxn B 21h/62% d.r. = 1:1	
4		A 30h/23% B 2h/dec.		8		A 2h/82%					

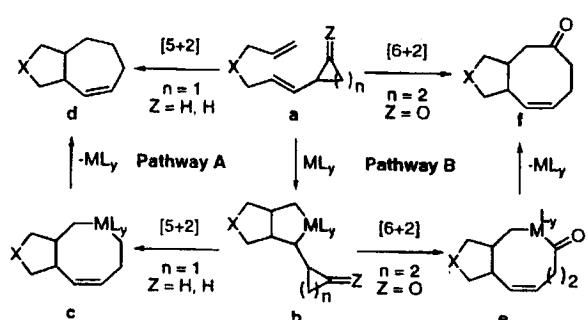
<sup>a</sup> Conditions: A = 5 mol % [Rh(CO)<sub>2</sub>Cl]<sub>2</sub>, DCE, 80 °C; B = 5 mol % [Rh(CO)<sub>2</sub>Cl]<sub>2</sub>, 5% TFE in DCE, 80 °C.



High regioselectivity is consistent with minimization of steric effects during C-C bond formation  
 ↳ R- $\equiv$ -H only R- $\equiv$ -R' not reported  
 (R'  $\neq$  H)  
 R = CO<sub>2</sub>Me, Ph, CH<sub>2</sub>OMe, CH<sub>2</sub>OH, C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>, TMS

### 1-4 : intramolecular [6+2] JACS 122, 7815 (2000)

Scheme 1



replacement of cyclopropane to cyclobutane

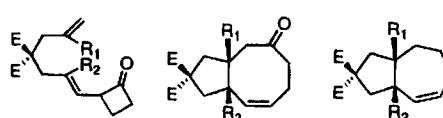
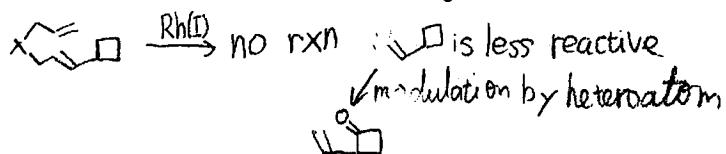


Table 2. Rh(I)-Catalyzed [6+2] Cycloaddition Reactions of 2-Vinylcyclobutanone Substrates<sup>d</sup>

2-Vinylcyclobutanone Substrates	Cycloadducts, Yield <sup>a</sup>	Reaction Conditions, <sup>c</sup> Time
1: R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>2</sub> =H	2: 95%	A, 3h
3: R <sub>1</sub> =H, R <sub>2</sub> =Me	4: 78%	B, 20h
5: R <sub>1</sub> =Me, R <sub>2</sub> =H	6: 71%	C, 26h
7:	8: 80% <sup>b</sup>	C, 14h

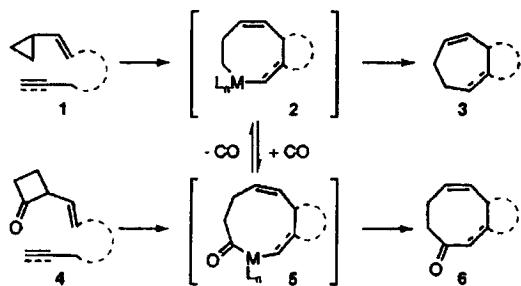
9: R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>2</sub> =H	10a: 80% (cis) 10b: 6% (trans))	10c: 8%	C, 17h
11: R <sub>1</sub> =H, R <sub>2</sub> =Me	12a: 77%	12b: 17%	D, 20h
13: R <sub>1</sub> =Me, R <sub>2</sub> =H	14: 78%		C, 26h
	15:	16: 91%	E, 0.75h

<sup>a</sup> Isolated yield unless otherwise indicated. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yield as its dinitrophenyl hydrazone derivative. <sup>c</sup> A = 10 mol % RhCl(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, 10 mol % AgOTf, PhMe (0.014 M), 110 °C. B = 10 mol % RhCl(CO)(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, 10 mol % AgOTf, PhMe (0.014 M), 110 °C. C = 5 mol % [Rh(CO)<sub>2</sub>Cl]<sub>2</sub>, 10 mol % P(*n*-Bu)<sub>3</sub>, 10 mol % AgOTf, PhMe (0.014 M), 110 °C. D = 5 mol % [Rh(CO)<sub>2</sub>Cl]<sub>2</sub>, 10 mol % P(*n*-Bu)<sub>3</sub>, 10 mol % AgOTf, PhMe (0.010 M), 110 °C. E = 5 mol % [Rh(CO)<sub>2</sub>Cl]<sub>2</sub>, PhMe (0.010 M), 110 °C. <sup>d</sup> E = CO<sub>2</sub>Me; Ts = *p*-CH<sub>3</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>.

- Rh catalyzed isomerization is not observed
- byproduct 10c, 12d: decarbonylation, an atmosphere of CO were not successful  
 ↳ New reaction

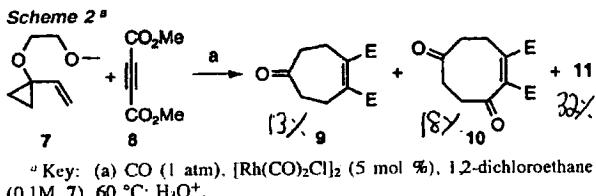
### 1-5 : [5+2+1] cycloaddition JACS 124, 2876 (2002)

Scheme 1

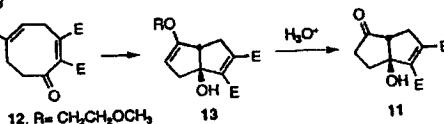


1 → 2 → 3 : [5+2]  
4 → 5 → 6 : [6+2]  
4 → 5 → 2 → 3 : [6+2-1] (undesired product of [6+2])  
1 → 2 → 5 → 6 : [5+2+1]

isomerization of 12 → 11([3,3,0])



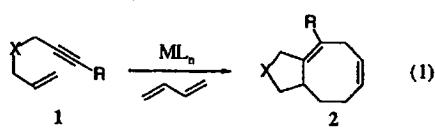
Scheme 3



<sup>a</sup> Key: (a) CO (1 atm), [Rh(CO)<sub>2</sub>Cl]<sub>2</sub> (5 mol %), 1,2-dichloroethane (0.1M), 7, 60 °C; H<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup>.

## 2. Rh catalyzed [4+2+2] process

2-1 P.A. Evans JACS 124, 8782 (2002)



Ni(0) catalyzed intermolecular [4+4] cycloisomerization or intramolecular heterocycloaddition are well-known, while there is a significant limitation due to the poor selectivity in heterocycloadditions employing stereo-electronically different 1,3-butadiene derivatives.

Scheme 1

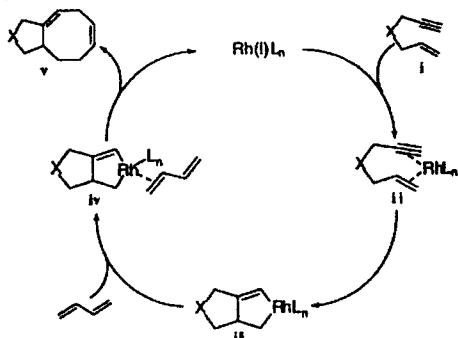
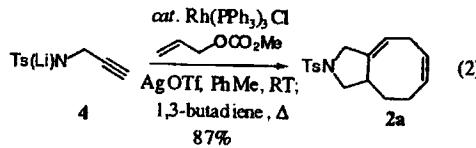


Table 1. Development of the Rhodium-Catalyzed [4 + 2 + 2] Cycloaddition Reaction

entry	additive <sup>a,b</sup>	ratio of 2a:3a <sup>c</sup>	yield of 2a (%) <sup>d,c</sup>	yield of 3a (%) <sup>d</sup>
1	none	1:8	7 (0)	57
2	AgOTf	28:1	85 (4)	3
3	AgBF <sub>4</sub>	11:1	74 (0)	7
4	AgPF <sub>6</sub>	2:1	49 (2)	27
5	AgSbF <sub>6</sub>	1:44	2 (6)	89

<sup>a</sup> All reactions were carried out on a 0.5 mmol reaction scale using 10 mol % of Wilkinson's catalyst [ $\text{Rh}(\text{PPh}_3)_3\text{Cl}$ ] in refluxing toluene under an atmosphere of 1,3-butadiene. <sup>b</sup> The rhodium catalyst was modified with 20 mol % of the silver salt as indicated. <sup>c</sup> Ratios of hetero- and homo-cycloaddition products were determined by capillary GLC and HPLC on aliquots of the crude reaction mixture. <sup>d</sup> GLC yields. <sup>e</sup> Yields in parentheses are for cyclooctadiene (by GLC). / HPLC yields.



one-pot reaction

2-2 Gilbertson JACS 124, 8784 (2002)

Table 1. Dimer Formation<sup>a</sup>

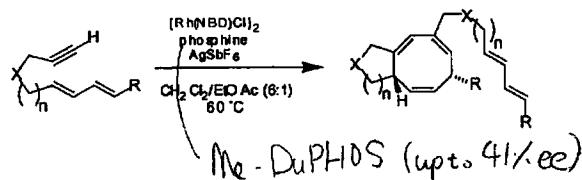
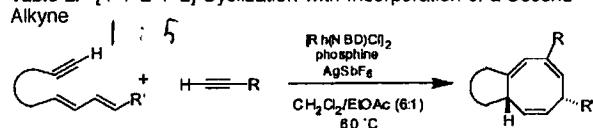


Table 2. [4 + 2 + 2] Cyclization with Incorporation of a Second Alkyne



# $\pi$ -complex - and carbene complex

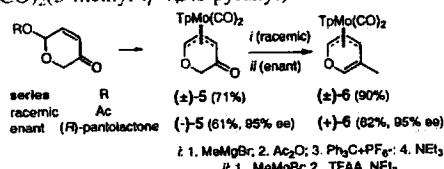
## 1. Liebeskind's group

### 1-1. [5+2] cycloaddition

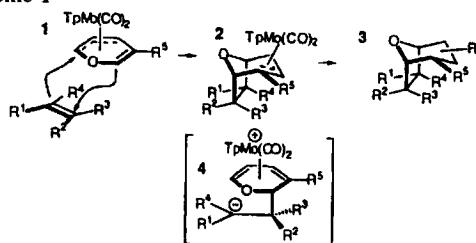
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Scheme 2. Synthesis of

TpMo(CO)<sub>2</sub>(3-methyl- $\eta$ -4,5,6-pyranyl)



Scheme 1

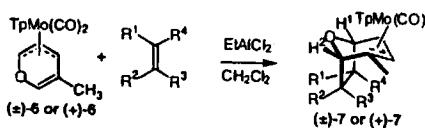


- enantiopure Mo- $\pi$  complexes are easily obtained.
- sufficiently air and moisture stable.
- synthetically potent enantioselectively pure scaffolds for asymmetric construction

stepwise cycloaddition with electron deficient alkenes (via 4)

2 → 3 demetallation / functionalization  
 Tp = hydridotrispyrazolylborato

Table 1. [5 + 2] Cycloaddition of  $\eta^3$ -Pyranyl molybdenum Complexes



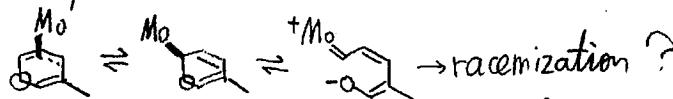
entry	alkene	cndns <sup>a</sup>	yld. exo:endo	prd	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	R <sup>4</sup>	%ee <sup>b</sup>
1	CH <sub>2</sub> =CHCHO	20%, rt 2.5 h	87%, 10:1	<i>exo</i> -7a	HCO	H	H	H	
2	CH <sub>2</sub> =CHCOMe	10%, rt 1.5 h	94%, 8.4:1	<i>endo</i> -7a	H	H	H	CHO	
3	CH <sub>2</sub> =CHCO <sub>2</sub> Me	20%, rt 5 h	88%, 3.5:1	<i>exo</i> -7b	MeCO	H	H	H	
4	2-cyclohexenone	20%, rt 4 h	93%, 1:0	<i>endo</i> -7c	MeO <sub>2</sub> C	H	H	H	95%
5	CH <sub>2</sub> =CHCN (6 equiv)	120%, rt 4.5 h	57%, 0.64:1	<i>endo</i> -7d	H	H	H	CO <sub>2</sub> Me	95%
6	<i>N</i> -methylmaleimide	110%, rt 10 min	99%, 8:1	<i>exo</i> -7e	NC	H	H	H	96%
7	( <i>E</i> )-2-PhCHCH(Me)CHO	20%, rt 4 h	91%, 1:1.2	<i>endo</i> -7f	H	H	H	-(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> CO-	
8	PhCH=C(CN) <sub>2</sub>	20%, rt 3 h	96%, 1:0	<i>exo</i> -7g	HCO	Ph	H	Me	23%
9	DMAD	110%, rt 10 min	43%, ----	<i>endo</i> -7h	Me	Ph	H	CHO	23%
				7i	NC	Ph	H	CN	97%
					7j	NC	H	Ph	CN
									>90% ee <sup>c</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Mol % EtAlCl<sub>2</sub>, temp, time. <sup>b</sup> Enantiomeric excess of product prepared from (+)-6 of 97% ee. <sup>c</sup> Small amount of impurity precluded an accurate determination of the minor isomer ee. However, recrystallization of *endo*-7f gave product in >99% ee.

6 + electron deficient olefin + EtAlCl<sub>2</sub> (0-120 mol %) → t

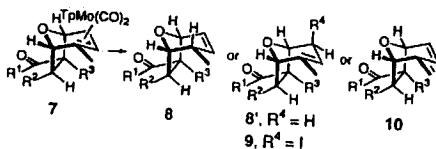
ee → racemization is not so problematic (ent 3, 4, 6)

ent. 5 → least reactive alkene , slow racemization of (+)-6 in the presence of EtAlCl<sub>2</sub> !?



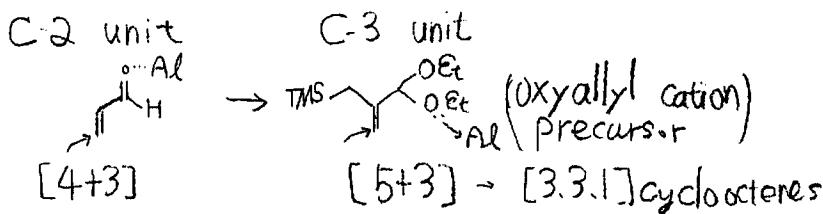
ent. 7 exo:endo = 1:1.2, pure *endo*-7j → exo:endo = 1:1.2  
 → support the formation of intermediate 4 ?

demetallation

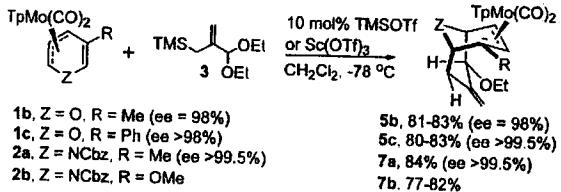
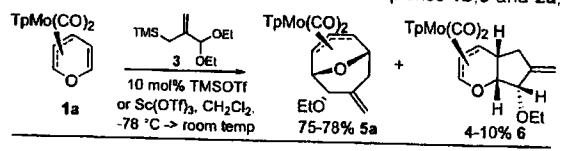


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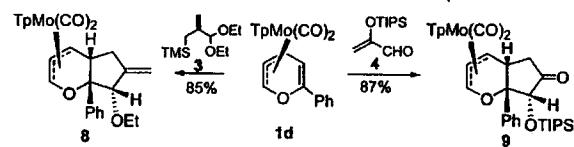
# 1-2 [5+3] cycloaddition JACS 125, 9026 (2003)



Scheme 1. [5+3] Cycloadditions of 3 to Complexes 1b,c and 2a,b

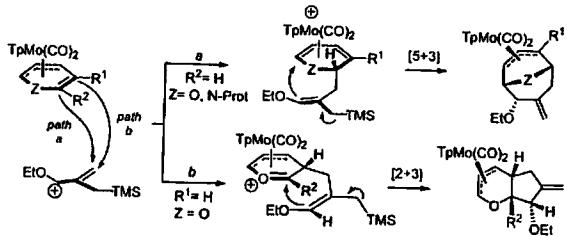


Scheme 2. [2+3] Cycloadditions of 3 and 4 to Complex 1d<sup>a</sup>



<sup>a</sup> Conditions: 10 mol % Sc(OTf)3, CH2Cl2, -78 °C, 2 h.

Scheme 3. Proposed Mo- and O-Promoted Stepwise Mechanisms



R<sup>2</sup>=H : [5+3] : Mo-promoted path

R<sup>1</sup>=H : [2+3] : Nonbonded steric effects from the Phenyl group at C-2 retard the Mo-promoted Path a and make more favorable the O-promoted mechanism

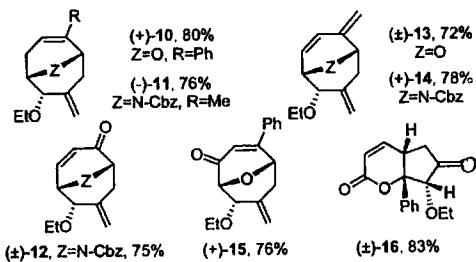
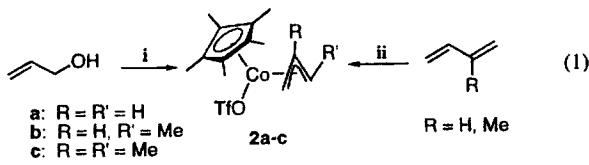


Figure 2. Demetalation products from [5+3] and [2+3] cycloadducts. Enantiomeric excess >99.5% for (+)-10 and (+)-15 was determined by HPLC analysis. Similar ee's are presumed for (+)-14 and (-)-11.

## 2. Allyl/Alkyne [3+2+2] cycloaddition Stryker et al

JACS 120, 9702 (1998)  
JACS 121, 10640 (1999)



Conditions: i. (C<sub>5</sub>Me<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Co(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (1), TfO-, Et<sub>2</sub>O, -78 °C → RT, 4h  
ii. (C<sub>5</sub>Me<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Co(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (1), hexane, 65 °C, 4-12h; then step i.

Path a ~ c has been already reported

Scheme 1

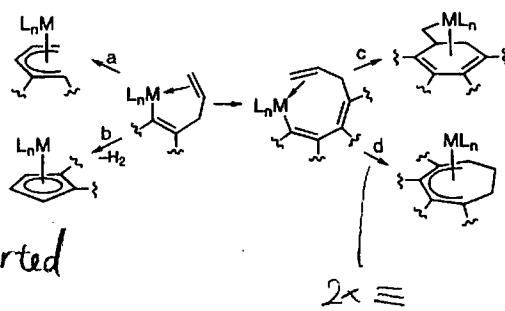


Table 1. [3 + 2 + 2] Allyl/Alkyne Cycloaddition<sup>a</sup>

Entry	Allyl complex/ precursor	Alkyne	Product	Yield <sup>b</sup>
1	2a	H≡H	3a (R, R' = H)	52 (66)
2	2b	H≡H	3b (R = H, R' = Me)	79 (85)
3	2c	H≡H	3c (R, R' = Me)	80
4	2a	Ph≡H	3d	59
5	2a	tBu≡H	3e	88
6 <sup>c</sup>		H≡H	3f (n = 1)	47
7 <sup>c</sup>		H≡H	3g (n = 2, BF <sub>4</sub> salt)	59

<sup>a</sup> Conditions: CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, excess alkyne (PhC≡CH, 3 equiv; tBuC≡CH, 10 equiv), -78 °C → RT, 12 h. <sup>b</sup> Yield of spectroscopically homogeneous material obtained from chromatography. Yields in parenthesis are overall yields obtained from complex 1, without isolation of the allyl triflate complex 2. <sup>c</sup> Conditions: i. (C<sub>5</sub>M<sub>5</sub>)Co(C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (1), THF, 0 °C → RT, 6 h; ii. AgOTf or AgBF<sub>4</sub>, HC≡CH, acetone, RT, 0.5 h.

in THF: path b : dehydrogenative [3+2]

↓  
CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: path d  
endo selective

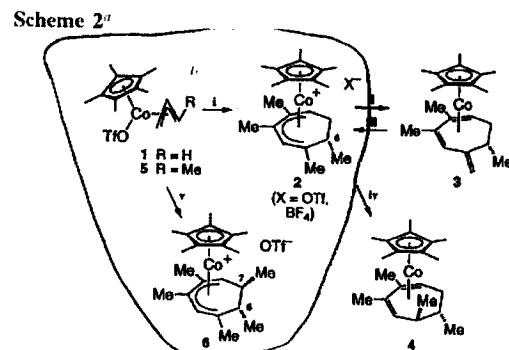
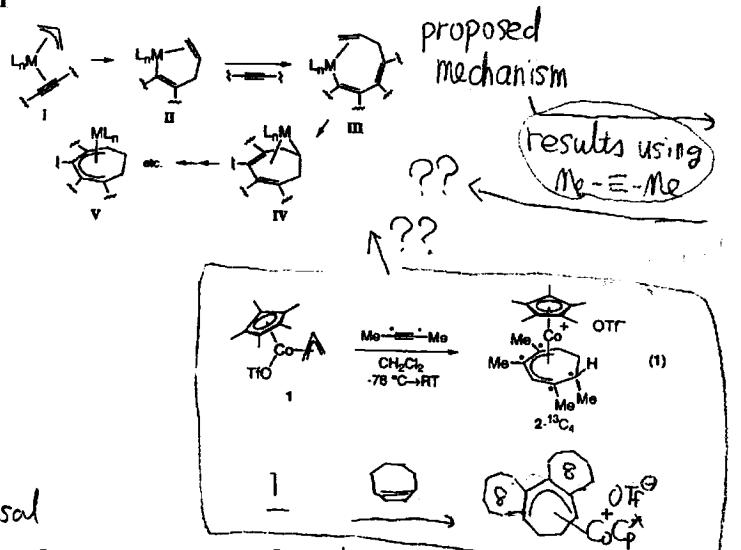
Table 2. Synthesis of Functionalized Cycloheptadienes

Cyclo-adduct	Diene complex <sup>a</sup>	Yield <sup>b</sup>	Free Diene <sup>c</sup>	Yield <sup>d</sup>
3a	4a (R, R' = H)	71	5a (R, R' = H)	67
3b	4b (R = H, R' = Me)	63	5b (R = H, R' = Me)	62
3c	4c (R, R' = Me)	89	5c (R, R' = Me)	49
3d	4d	72	5d	50
3g	4g	96	5g	62

<sup>a</sup> Conditions: NaCH(CO<sub>2</sub>Me)<sub>2</sub>, THF, RT, 4 h. <sup>b</sup> Yield of spectroscopically homogeneous material obtained from pentane extraction under N<sub>2</sub> and used without further purification. <sup>c</sup> Conditions: [(C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Fe]<sup>+</sup>PF<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup> (2.5 equiv), CH<sub>3</sub>CN/pentane, -35 °C → RT, 5–10 min. <sup>d</sup> Yield is of isolated pure material obtained from flash chromatography.

mechanism?

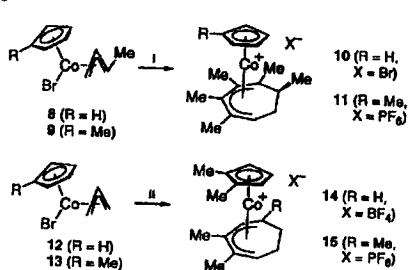
Scheme 1



<sup>a</sup> Conditions: i. (R = H) 2-butyne (xs), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, -78 °C → RT, 12 h, 81%; ii. NaH, THF, RT, 10 h, 77%; iii. HBF<sub>4</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O, Et<sub>2</sub>O, RT, 99%; iv. LiEt<sub>2</sub>BH, THF, -78 °C → RT, 10 h, 53%; v. (R = Me) 2-butyne (xs), CF<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH, 55 °C, 7 h, 78%.

proposal

- specific migration of methyl substituents along the ring periphery ??
- skeletal reorganization of the carbon framework ??

Scheme 3<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Conditions: i. R = H: 2-butyne (xs), CF<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH, 60 °C, 12 h, 54%; R = Me: same as for R = H, but followed by KPF<sub>6</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, 39%. ii. R = H: 2-butyne (xs), AgBF<sub>4</sub>, acetone, -78 °C → RT, 12 h, 6%; R = Me: 2-butyne (xs), CF<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH, 55 °C, 7 h; then KPF<sub>6</sub>, 43%.

8, 9 → 10, 11 : straightforward delivery

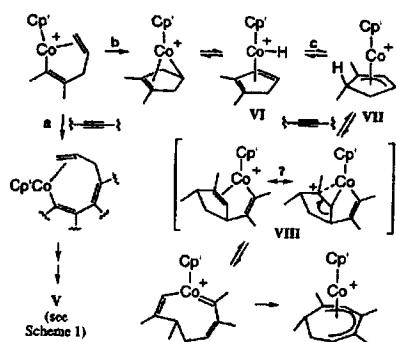
12, 13 → 14, 15 : ???

i) cyclization of the vinyl olefin intermediate (II) can be faster than incorporation of the second alkyne

ii) electrophilic Co(III) is capable of activating C-C bond in covalent five-membered ring under very mild conditions

# proposed mechanism.

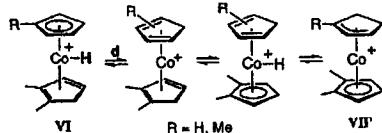
Scheme 4



Reactivity of alkyne, allyl, Cp' decides the pathway

cf. terminal alkyne - path a  
selective cleavage of the less substituted Cp' ring

Scheme 5

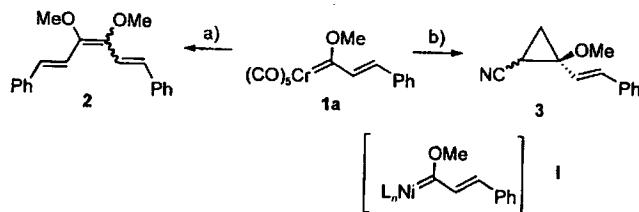


equilibrium between VII and VIII

## 3. Fischer carbene cycloaddition - trans metallation to Ni

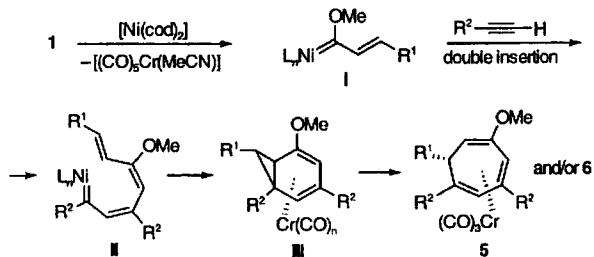
Bartuenga et al. Angew 42, 3008 (2003)

### Ni carbene complex mediated rxns



Scheme 1. Ni<sup>0</sup>-catalyzed dimerization and cyclopropanation of chromium carbene complex 1a. Reagents and conditions: a) [Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub>] (10 mol%), THF, 25 °C, 2 h, 90%; b) acrylonitrile, [Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub>] (10 mol%), MeCN, 25 °C, 3 h, 85%.

in the absence of Ni<sup>0</sup>: no rxn



Scheme 2. Proposed mechanism for the formation of 5 and 6.

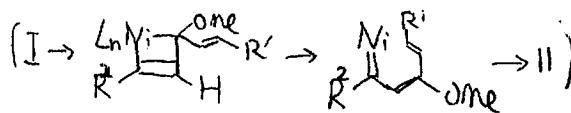


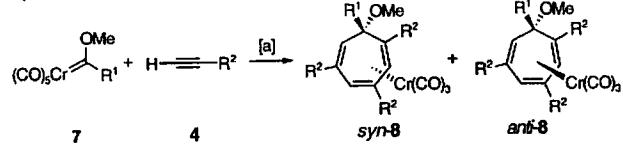
Table 1: [3+2+2] cyclization of chromium alkenyl carbene complexes 1 with alkynes 4.

entry	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	5 [%] <sup>[b]</sup>	6 [%] <sup>[b]</sup>
1	Ph	nPr	5a (86)	—
2	ferrocenyl	nPr	5b (73)	—
3	2-furyl	nPr	5c (76)	—
4	nPr	nPr	5d (62)	—
5	Ph	Me <sub>3</sub> Si	5e (80)	—
6	Ph	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> CN	5f (78)	—
7	2-furyl	Ph	5g (30)	6g (40)
8	Ph	CO <sub>2</sub> Me	—	6h (75)

[a] MeCN, 1:4:[Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub>] 1:3:1.1, -10 to 20 °C, 2 h. [b] Yields of isolated products.

### Mechanism

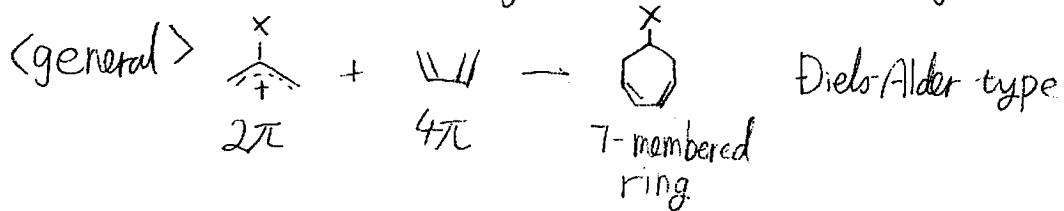
Table 2: [2+2+2+1] cyclization of chromium carbene complexes 7 with alkynes 4.



entry	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	8 [%] <sup>[b]</sup>	syn:anti <sup>[c]</sup>
1	Me	nPr	8a (92)	>98:2
2	Me	Me <sub>3</sub> Si	8b (65)	>98:2
3	Me	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> CN	8c (96)	>98:2
4	c-C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	nPr	8d (75)	>98:2
5	p-MeOC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	nPr	8e (83)	>98:2
6	2-furyl	nPr	8f (86)	90:10
7	Ph	nPr	8g (68)	60:40

[a] MeCN, 7:4:[Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub>] 1:4:1.1, -10 to 20 °C, 2 h. [b] Yields of isolated products. [c] <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy (300 MHz) on the crude reaction mixture.

# Recent Interesting Topics of [4+3] Cycloaddition

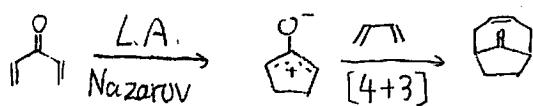


$4\pi$ :

$2\pi$ :

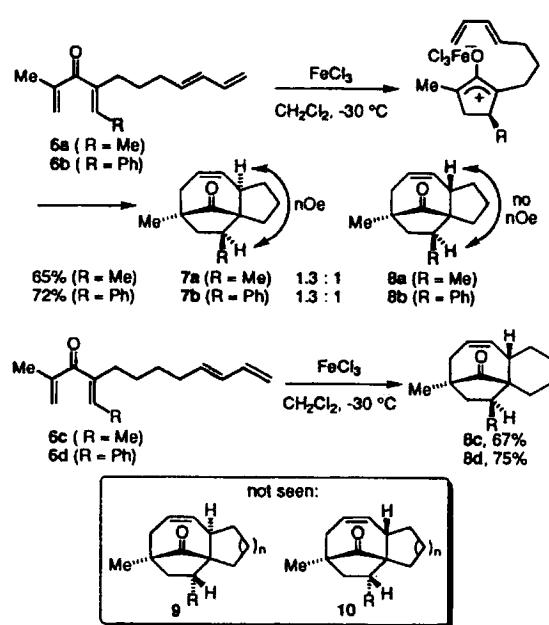
intramolecular > intermolecular - need for rapid capture of short-lived reactive intermediates

1. Nazarov  $\rightarrow$  [4+3] West et al. JACS 121, 876 (1999), OL 5, 2747 (2003)



◦ intramolecular

Scheme 2



$\text{FeCl}_3$  : 1eq or 0.2eq

diastereo selectivity

- preferred approach from the less hindered face of the cyclic oxallyl cation
- modest endo-exo selectivity (6a, 6b)
- complete exo selectivity (6c, 6d)
  - unfavorable interactions between the diene unit and the tether?

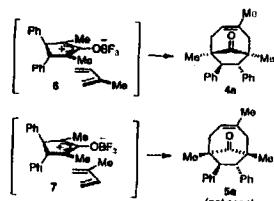
◦ intermolecular

Table 1. Domino Nazarov/Intermolecular [4 + 3]-Cycloaddition Reactions of Dienones with Simple Dienes<sup>a</sup>

entry	dienone	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	R <sup>4</sup>	1,3-diene <sup>b</sup>	X	R <sup>5</sup>	R <sup>6</sup>	temperature/time	products (% yield) <sup>c</sup>
1	1a	Ph	Me	Me	Ph	furan	O			-78 °C/0.5 h	2a (70)
2	1a	Ph	Me	Me	Ph	DMB		Me	Me	-78 °C/3 h <sup>d</sup>	3a (50)
3	1a	Ph	Me	Me	Ph	isoprene		Me	H	-25 °C/2.5 h <sup>d</sup>	4a (20)
4	1b	Ph	Me	Me	H	furan	O			-50 °C/2 h	2b (71)
5	1b	Ph	Me	Me	H	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub>				-20 °C/2 h	8b (62)
6	1b	Ph	Me	Me	H	DMB		Me	Me	-20 °C/2 h	3b (91)
7	1b	Ph	Me	Me	H	isoprene		Me	H	-20 °C/2 h	4b + 5b (84; 5:1) <sup>e</sup>
8	1c	Et	Me	Me	H	furan	O			-50 °C/3 h	2c (72) <sup>f</sup>
9	1c	Et	Me	Me	H	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub>				-20 °C/2 h	8c (64)
10	1c	Et	Me	Me	H	DMB		Me	Me	-20 °C/2 h	3c (93)
11	1c	Et	Me	Me	H	isoprene		Me	H	-20 °C/2 h	4c + 5c (84; 4.2:1) <sup>e</sup>
12	1d	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	Me	H	DMB			Me	Me	-20 °C/1.5 h	3d (92)
13	1e	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	Me	H	DMB			Me	Me	40 °C/1 h <sup>d</sup>	3e (67)
14	1e	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	Me	H	isoprene			Me	H	40 °C/1 h <sup>d</sup>	4e + 5e (55; 1.4:3) <sup>e</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Standard Procedure. To a solution of dienone 1 and 1,3-diene (2.0 equiv) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at  $-20^\circ\text{C}$  was added  $\text{BF}_3\text{-OEt}_2$  (1.0 equiv), and the reaction was maintained at that temperature for 2 h. Saturated aqueous  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  was added, and the mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature. Following extraction of the aqueous phase with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , the combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , and concentrated, and the resulting crude product was purified by flash chromatography. <sup>b</sup> Abbreviations: DMB = 2,3-dimethylbutadiene; C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> = cyclohexadiene. <sup>c</sup> Isolated yields after chromatography. <sup>d</sup> In entries 2 and 3, 10 equiv of diene was used. <sup>e</sup> Regioisomers 4 and 5 were isolated as an inseparable mixture and the ratios determined by integration of <sup>1</sup>H NMR signals. <sup>f</sup> Cycloadduct 2c was isolated as a 1.3:1 ratio of diastereomers epimeric at R<sup>1</sup>. <sup>g</sup> Reactions carried out in  $\text{CICH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$  using 0.1 equiv of  $\text{BF}_3\text{-OEt}_2$ .

Scheme 2

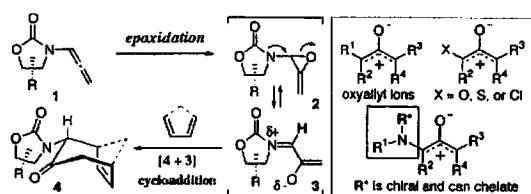


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2 Epoxidation of allens  $\rightarrow$  [4+3] Hsung et al. JACS 123, 7174 (2001)  
 JACS 125, 12694 (2003)  
 Angew 43, 515 (2004)

### concept

Scheme 1

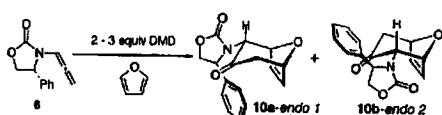


allenamide 1  $\rightarrow$  chiral allene oxide 2

chiral nitrogen stabilized oxyallyl cation 3  
 $\rightarrow$  [4+3]

### results

Table 1



entry	solvent <sup>a</sup>	temp. <sup>b</sup> °C	additive [2.0 equiv]	yield, %	ratio of 10a:b <sup>d</sup>
1	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	-40	none	75	75:25
2	Et <sub>2</sub> O	-40	none	77	75:25
3	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	-40	none	<10	
4	THF	-40	none	80	75:25
5	THF	25	none	80	75:25
6	THF	-78	none	70	82:18
7	THF	-40	LiClO <sub>4</sub>	81	75:25
8	THF	-40	MgBr <sub>2</sub>	<10	
9	THF	25	ZnCl <sub>2</sub>	40	90:10
10	THF	-40	ZnCl <sub>2</sub>	77	94:6
11	THF	-78	ZnCl <sub>2</sub>	80	$\geq 96:4$

<sup>a</sup> Reaction solvent indicates the solvent that the allenamide 6 and 10.0 equiv of furan were dissolved in, although DMD was generated and added as a solution in acetone. <sup>b</sup> Reactions took 30 min at room temperature, 5–10 h at -45 °C, and 10–20 h at -78 °C to complete.

<sup>c</sup> All yields are isolated yields. <sup>d</sup> Ratios were determined by using <sup>1</sup>H and/or <sup>13</sup>C NMR.

endo selectivity. diastereo selectivity is modest  $\rightarrow$  + ZnCl<sub>2</sub> or low temp or bulky chiral auxiliary

### working model

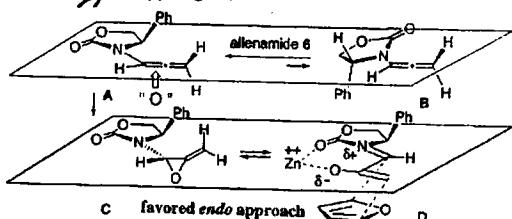
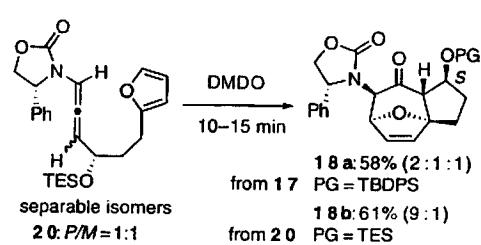
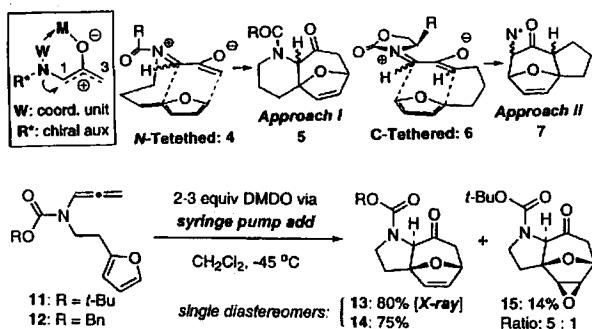


Figure 1.

### intramolecular version



### 3. Catalytic Asymmetric [4+3] Cycloaddition

JACS 125, 2058(2003)  
Harmata et al.

concept

Scheme 1

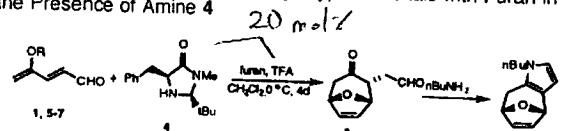


(at origin)

activation by chiral iminium ion

results

Table 1. Reaction of 4-Trialkylsilyloxypentadienals with Furan in the Presence of Amine 4



entry	educt, R	yield (%) <sup>a</sup>	ee <sup>b</sup>
1	1. TMS	8	50
2	5. TES	10	55
3	6. TBS	8	65
4	7. TIPS	0	

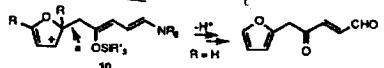
<sup>a</sup> Isolated yields for the endo diastereomer. <sup>b</sup> Enantiomeric excesses were determined by analysis of the *N*-butylpyrrole derivative of 12 using a Chiracel OD-H column.

endo only

low yield, modest ee's



1 + complex mixture



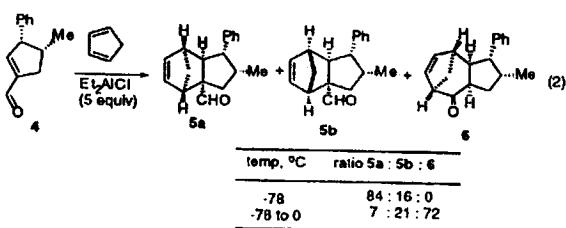
↑ stepwise procedure → 11

to suppress 11 → disubstituted furan ↑

### 4. Tandem D-A / Ring Expansion

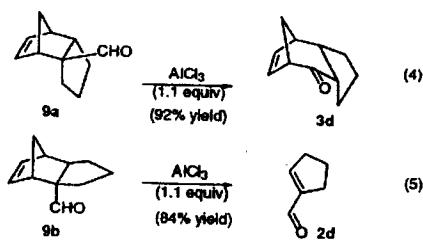
Davis et al JACS 126, 2692(2004)

(observations)



diastereoselective

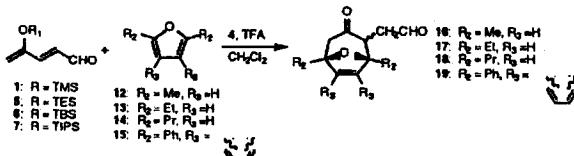
Ring strain might be a factor as the reaction



Major exo isomer 9a underwent rearrangement, while minor endo isomer 9b underwent

retro-D-A rxn. → (high selectivity  
low yield 2c, 2e)

Table 2. Asymmetric 4 + 3 Cycloaddition Reactions of Substituted Furans



entry	R <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>2</sub>	R <sub>3</sub>	time	T °C	product	yield (%)	endo:exo	ee <sup>a</sup>
1	TMS	Me	H	36	-60	16	64	endo	87
2	TMS	Me	H	96	-78	16	64	endo	89
3	TES	Me	H	96	-60	16	51	endo	81
4	TBS	Me	H	96	-60	16	44	endo	80
5	TIPS	Me	H	96	-60	16	21	endo	90
6	TMS	Et	H	22	-60	17	55	endo	81
7	TBS	Et	H	91	-65	17	18	endo	87
8	TES	Et	H	91	-65	17	46	endo	84
9	TES	Pr	H	95	-65	18	74	endo	85
10	TMS	Pr	H	95	-65	18	33	endo	89
11	TMS	Ph	H	92	-35	19	56	3.7:1	endo 12% exo 68%

<sup>a</sup> Enantiomeric excesses were determined by analysis of the *N*-butylpyrrole derivative of the cycloadducts using a Chiracel OD-H or Chiraldak AD column.

Table 1. [4 + 3] Cycloaddition of 1,3-Cyclopentadiene with  $\alpha,\beta$ -Unsaturated Aldehydes<sup>a</sup>

substrate	product	yield, % <sup>b</sup>	de, % <sup>c</sup>
2a		90	98
2b		80	98
2c		40	97
2d		86	>98
2e		21	>98
2f		71 <sup>d</sup>	37

<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: 1.1 equiv of  $\text{AlCl}_3$ , 2.5 equiv of diene, -78 to 0 °C,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , 2 h. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yield after chromatographic purification. <sup>c</sup> The de was determined from a 500 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of the crude reaction mixture. <sup>d</sup> Isolated yield of the mixture of *endo* and *exo* diastereomers.