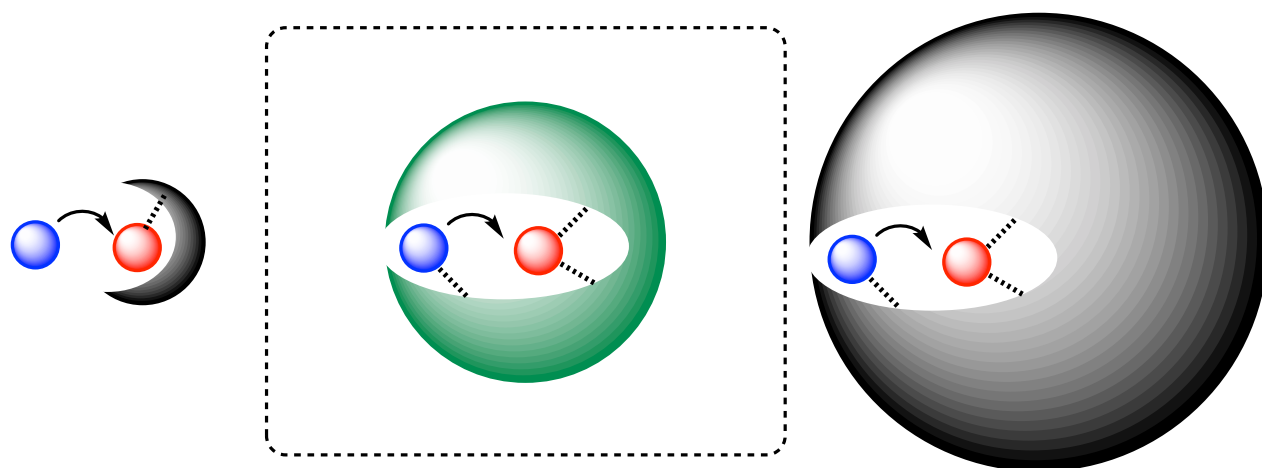


Middle molecule catalysis toward unique selectivities



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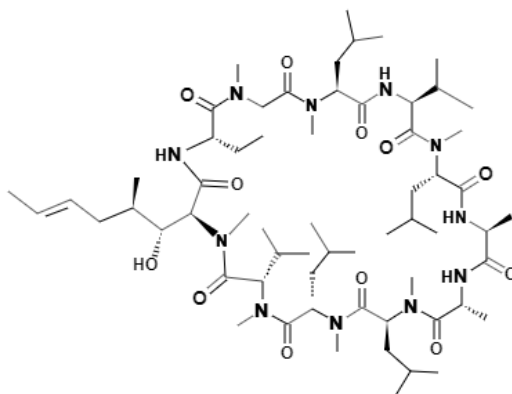
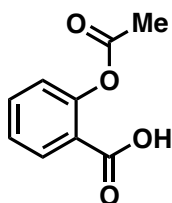
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1. Introduction

1-1. Definition of middle molecule

cf. Middle molecule drug



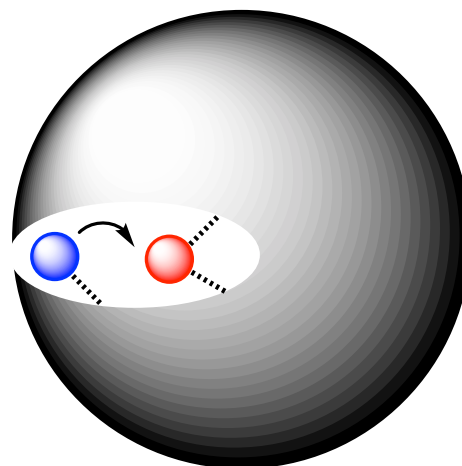
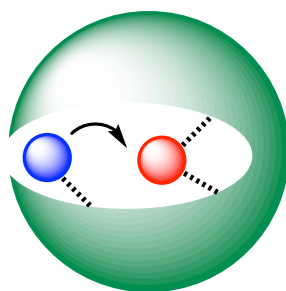
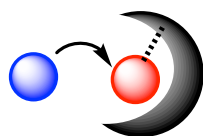
Small molecule drug
e.g. Aspirin etc.
Mw: ~500
"Lipinski's rule of five"¹⁾

Middle molecule drug
e.g. Cyclic peptide, Nucleic acid
Mw: 500~3000

Macromolecule drug
e.g. Antibody
Mw: 10000~

| | | | |
|--------------------|---|---|---|
| Organic synthesis | ⊙ | ○ | × |
| Target selectivity | △ | ○ | ⊙ |
| Side effect | △ | ○ | ⊙ |

Middle molecule catalyst



Small molecule catalyst
conventional catalyst
Mw: ~1000

Middle molecule catalyst
Mw: 1000~3000

Macromolecule catalyst
e.g. Enzyme
Mw: 10000~

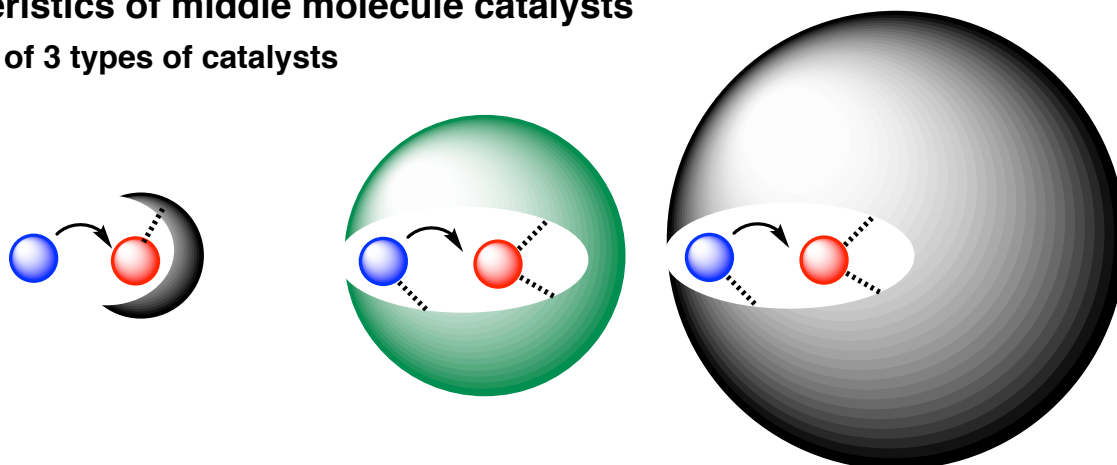
Reference

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1. Introduction

1-2. Characteristics of middle molecule catalysts

Comparioson of 3 types of catalysts



| | Small molecule catalyst | Middle molecule catalyst | Macromolecule catalyst (enzyme) |
|--------------------------------|--|--|--|
| | Mw: ~1000 | Mw: 1000~3000? | Mw: 10000~ |
| Organic synthesis | ⊙ | ○ Multi-step synthesis needed (single molecule catalyst) | × Biosynthesis only |
| Reaction control (selectivity) | △ 1(or 2) selectivity can be controlled | ○ ? Multi-selective? enantio-, diastereo-regio-, reaction-etc | ⊙ Multi-specific enantio-, diastereo-regio-, reaction-etc Advanced substrate recognition |
| Reaction condition | Organic solvent low to high temp. | Organic solvent low to high temp. | water around RT |
| Ratio of active site | ⊙ | ○ | △ |

1-3. Requirements for middle molecule catalysts

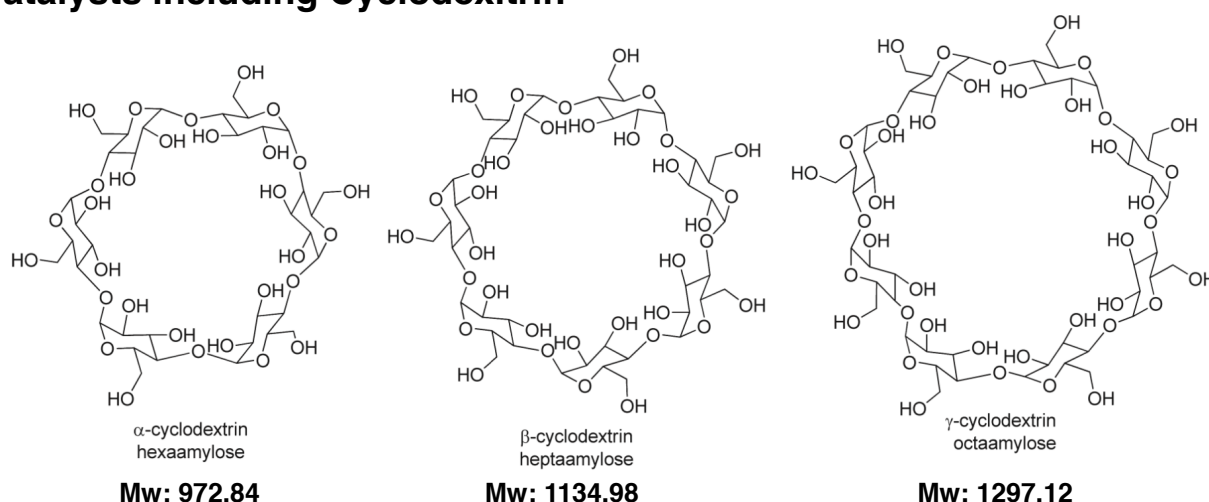
| | | Performance/Mw | | |
|--------------------|--------|----------------|--------|------|
| | | Low | Middle | High |
| Catalytic function | Low | ○ | △ | △ |
| | Middle | ⊙ | ○ | △ |
| | High | ⊙ | ⊙ | ○ |

Not only **middle Mw** but also the **function beyond** small molecule catalysts'

⇒ Artificial enzyme

2. Examples of the catalysis based on key structure

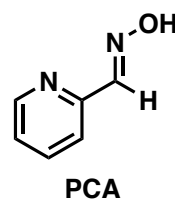
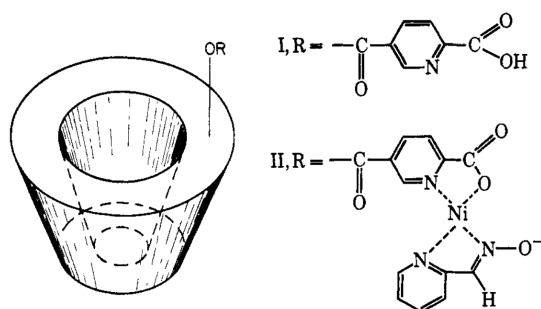
2-1 Catalysts including Cyclodextrin



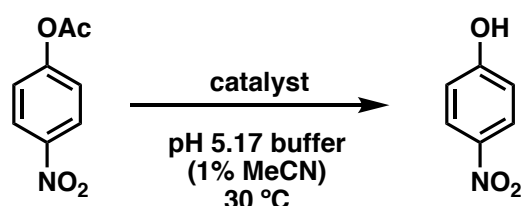
Outside: hydrophilic
Inside: hydrophobic cavity \Rightarrow Enzyme mimic

2-1.1 Pioneer work by Breslow (1970)²⁾

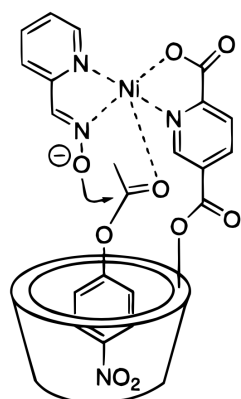
Hydrolysis of ester by **artificial enzyme**



α -cyclodextrin derivative



| catalyst | Relative reaction rate |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| none | 1 |
| NiCl ₂ + PCA | 366 |
| II | 1395 |



- **Rate acceleration** by binding of substrate
- 1st report of catalytic use of CD derivative
- **Activation of SM without coordination to metal**

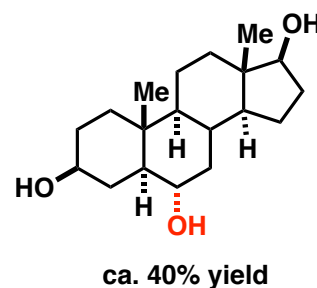
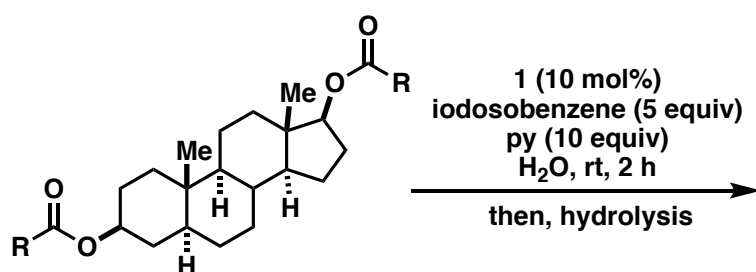
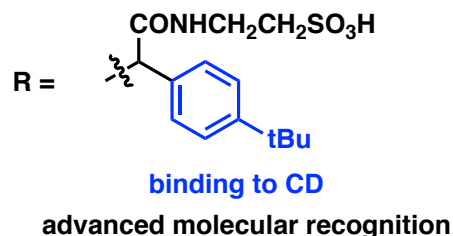
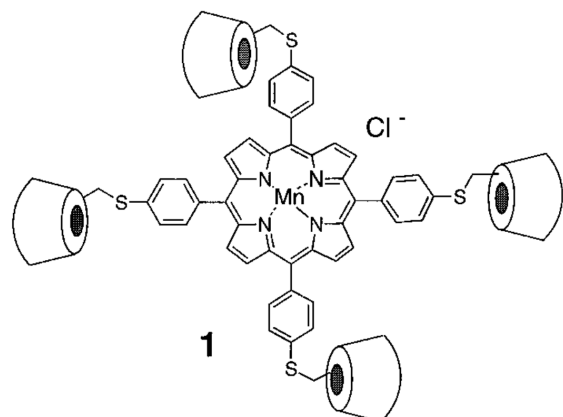
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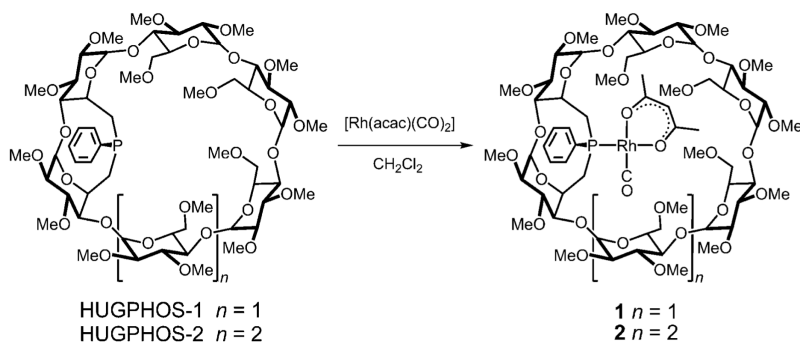
2-1.2 Siteselective oxidation of steroid by Breslow (1997)³⁾



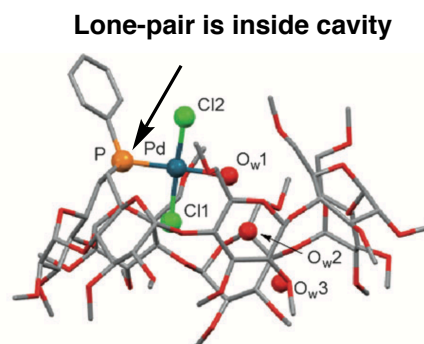
not obtained without tBu-C₆H₄ of R

2-1.3 Regio-, enantioselective hydroformylation by Armspach & Matt (2014)⁴⁾

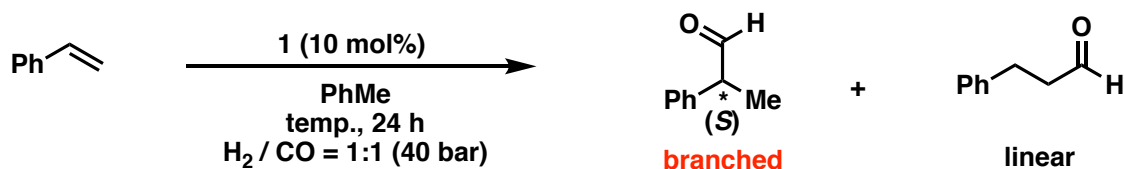
High isoselectivity is incompatible with high enantioselectivity.⁵⁾



1 $n = 1$
2 $n = 2$
Air stable



X-ray of PdCl₂(HUGPHOS-2)(H₂O)
Purified by C.C.



40 °C 96% yield (90% ee)

20 °C 60% yield (95% ee)

3%

1%

Reference

3) Breslow, R. *et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1997**, *119*, 4535.

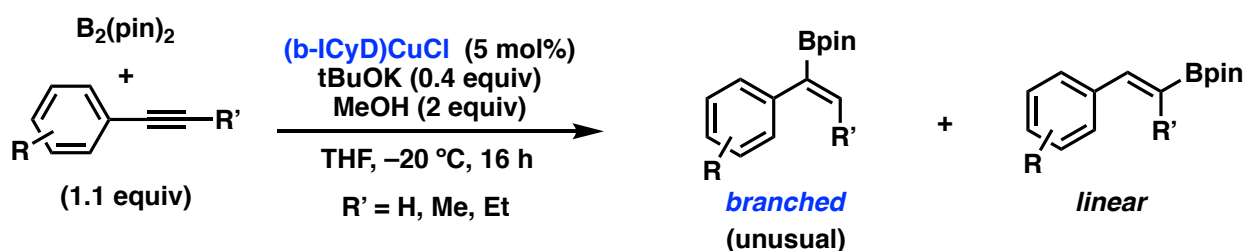
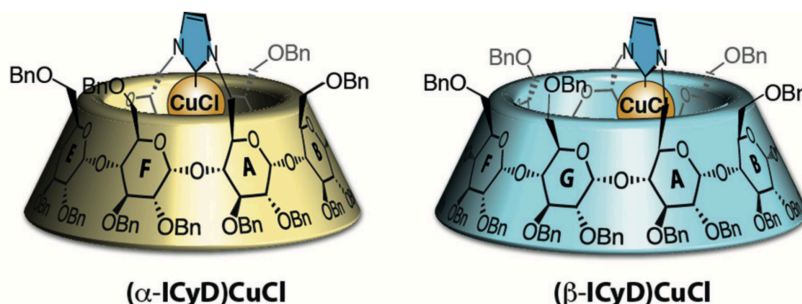
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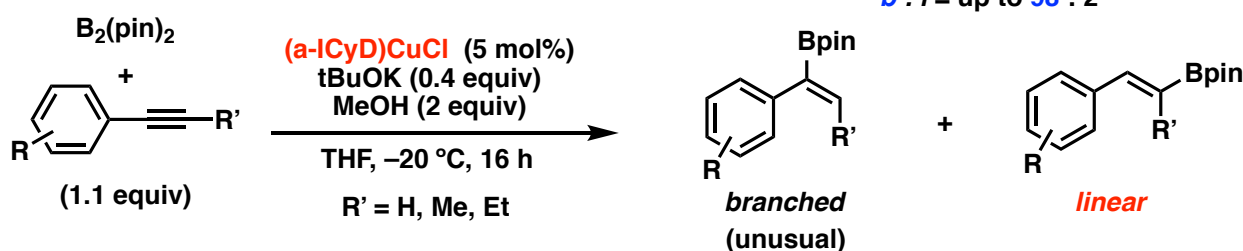
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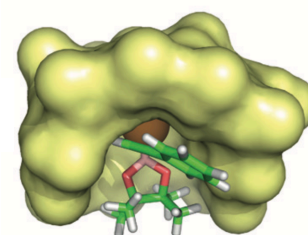
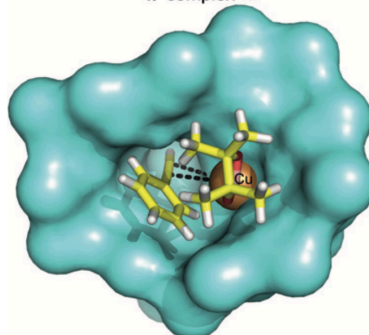
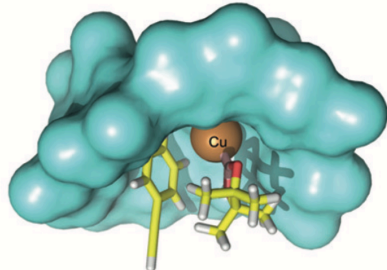
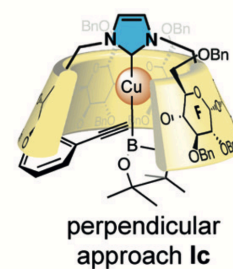
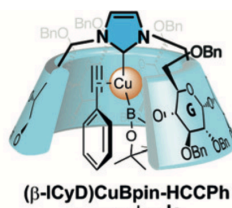
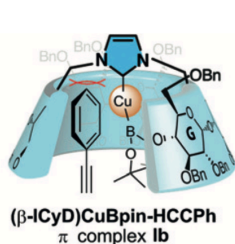
2-1.2 Regiodivergent Hydroboration by Sollogoub & Roland (2017)⁶⁾



18 examples
up to 87% Yield
 $b : l =$ up to 98 : 2



18 examples
up to 70% Yield
 $b : l =$ up to 2 : 98



Broad cavity

narrow cavity

Reference

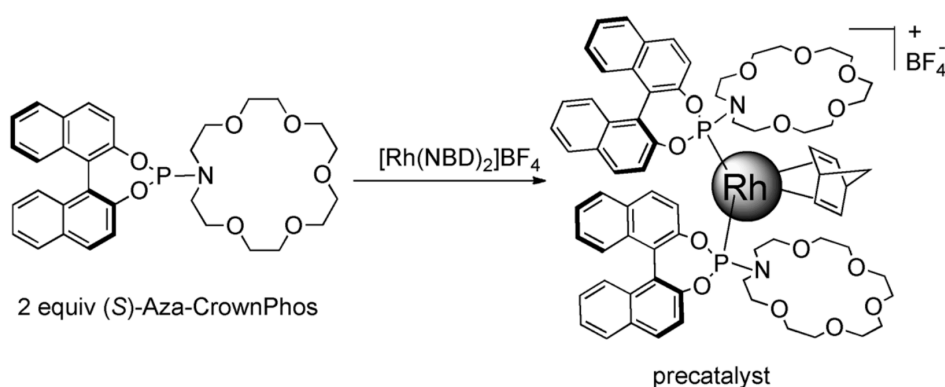
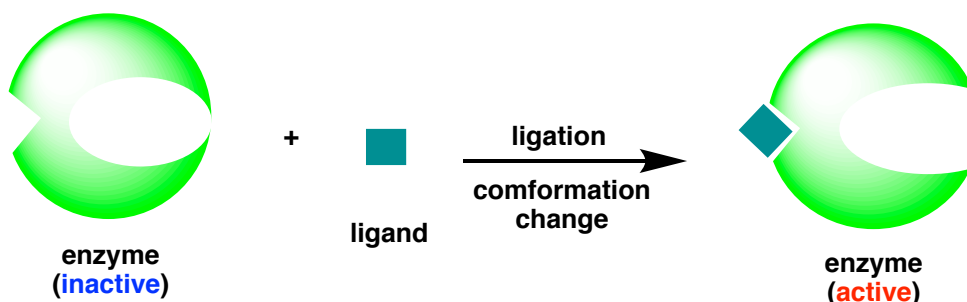
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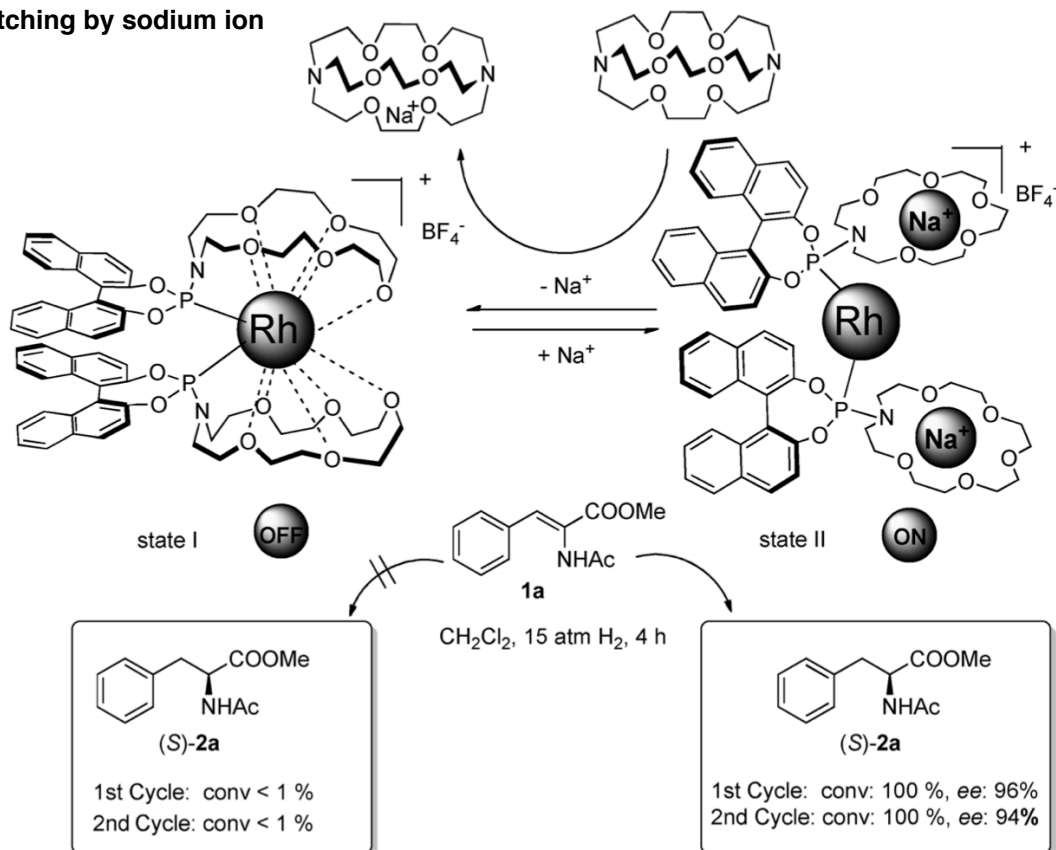
2-2 Catalysts including Crown ether

2-2.1 Reversible activity switching by Fan (2015)⁷⁾

One of the enzymes' function: Activity switching



Activity switching by sodium ion



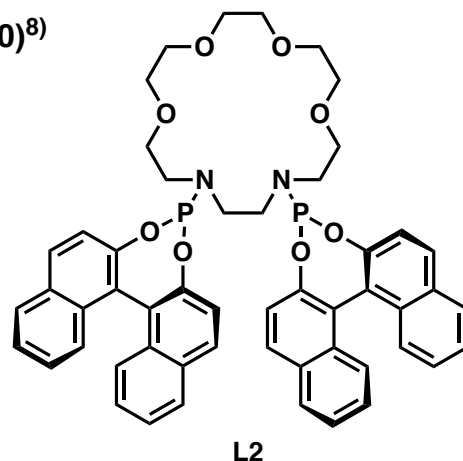
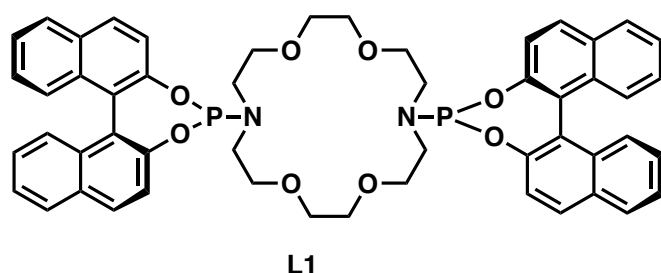
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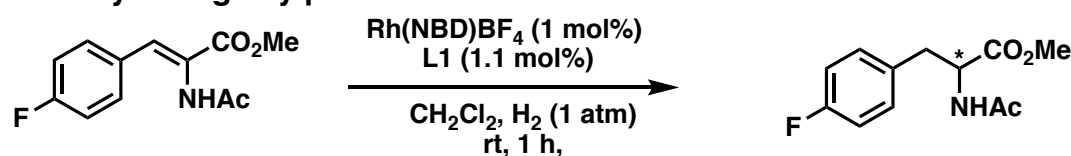
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2-2 Catalysts including Crown ether

2-2.2 alkali metal ion additive effect by Fan & He (2020)⁸⁾

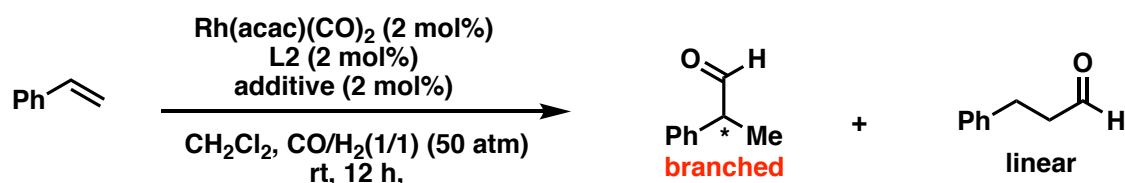


Reactivity change by potassium ion



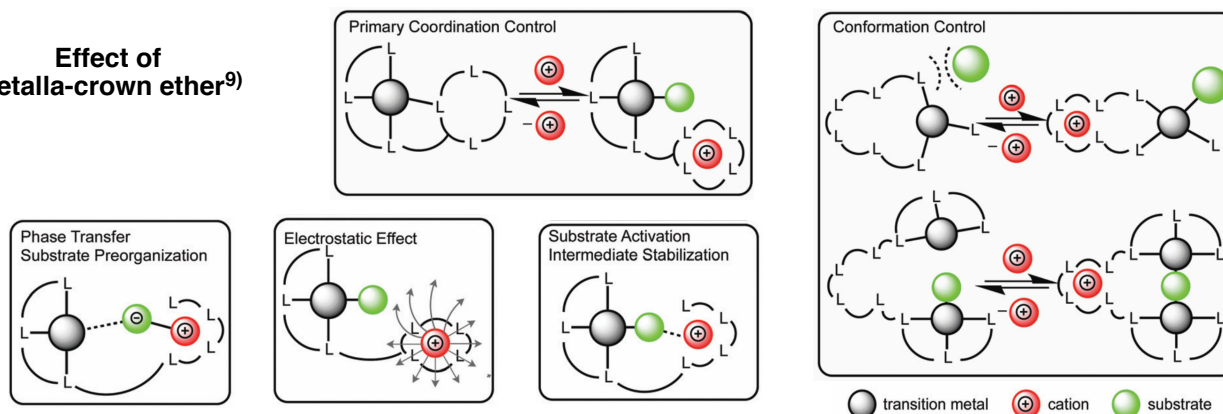
| | additive | conv. | ee |
|---|--------------|------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | none | 70% | >99% (<i>R</i>) |
| 2 | KBArF | 34% | 97% (<i>R</i>) |

configuration change by alkali metal ion



| | additive | conv. | <i>b</i> : <i>l</i> | ee | |
|---|---------------|-------|---------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | none | 10% | 90 : 10 | 26% (<i>S</i>) | configuration change |
| 2 | KBArF | 10% | 82 : 18 | 16% (<i>R</i>) | |
| 3 | NaBArF | 43% | 92 : 8 | 70% (<i>R</i>) | |
| 4 | NaBArF | >99% | 93 : 7 | 70% (<i>R</i>) | CO/H ₂ (10 atm), rt, 24 h |

Effect of metalla-crown ether⁹⁾



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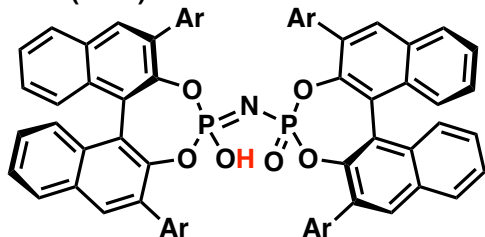
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 9) Miller, A. J. M. *et al. Chem. Commun.*, **2019**, 55, 5047

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2-3 IDP series by B. List

2-3.1 Overview of IDP series

IDP (2012)¹⁰⁾



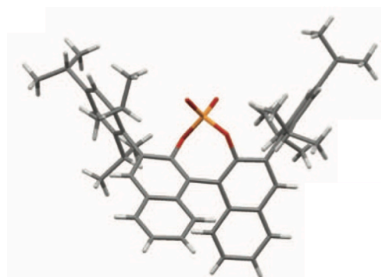
ImidoDiPhosphate

Well defined, confined cavity can do enatiodiscrimination of SM without sterically demanding PG or HB

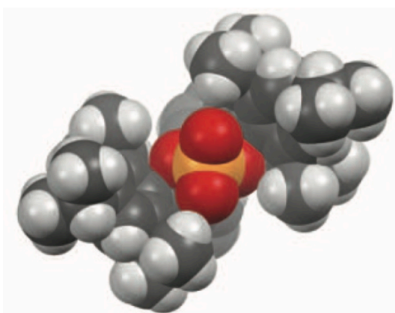
pKa (MeCN) = 11.5¹¹⁾

Comparison of IDP with TRIP

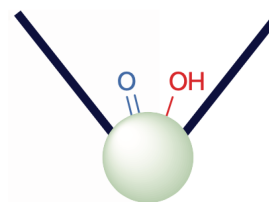
TRIP



X-ray

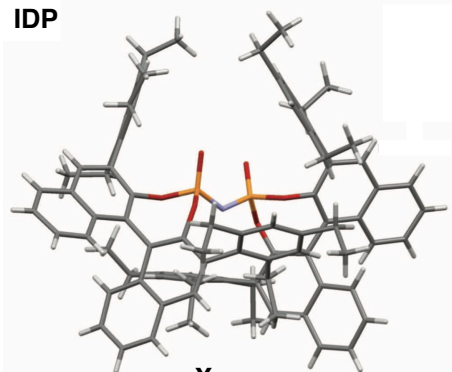


Top view

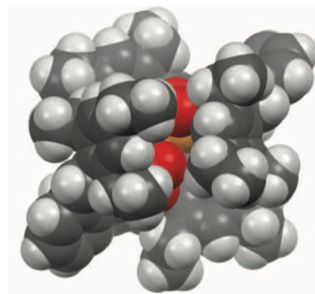


Open active site

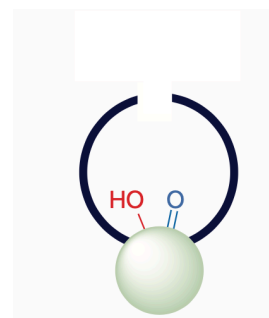
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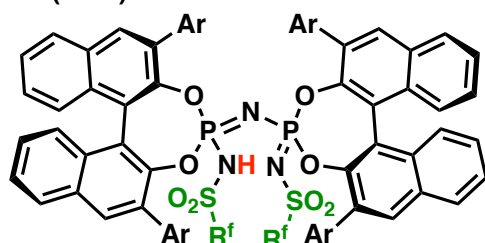


Top view



sterically constrained active site

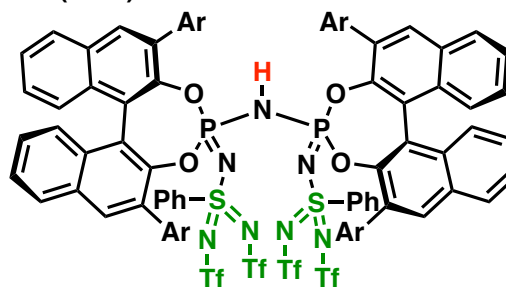
IDPi (2016)¹²⁾



pKa (MeCN) = 2~4.5¹¹⁾

R^f ⇨ fine tuning of cavity

IDPii (2021)¹³⁾



pKa (MeCN) = ~0¹³⁾

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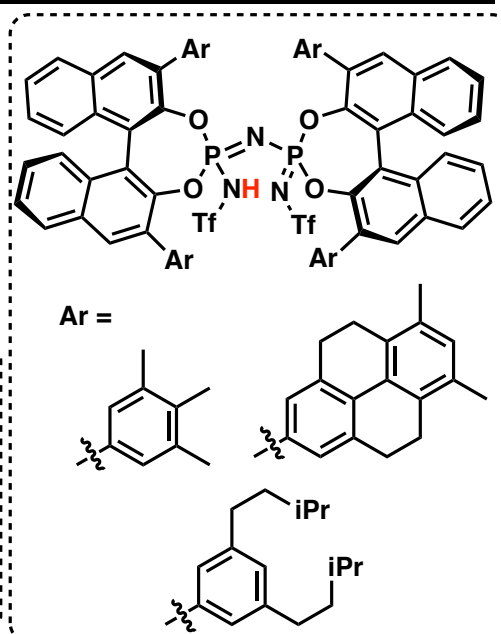
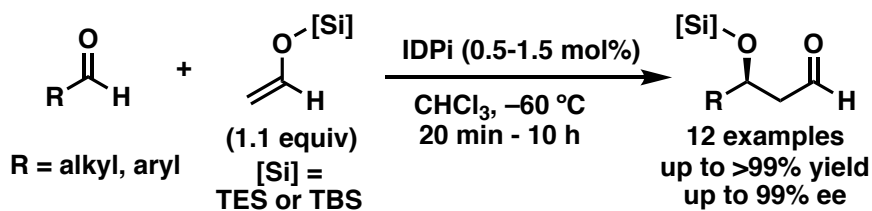
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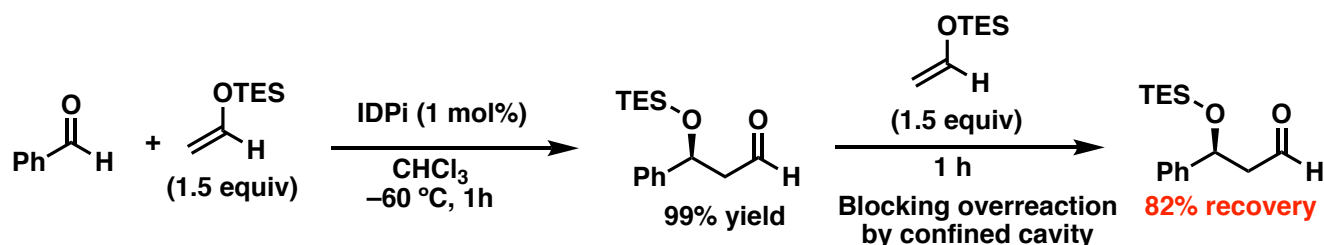
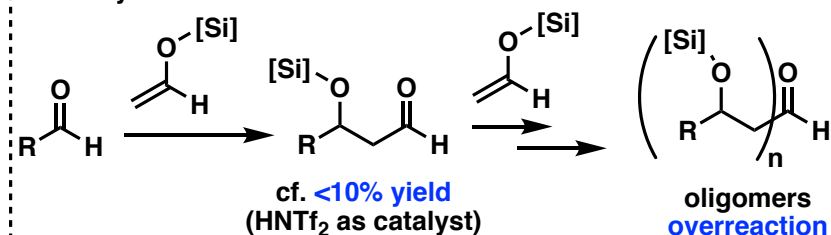
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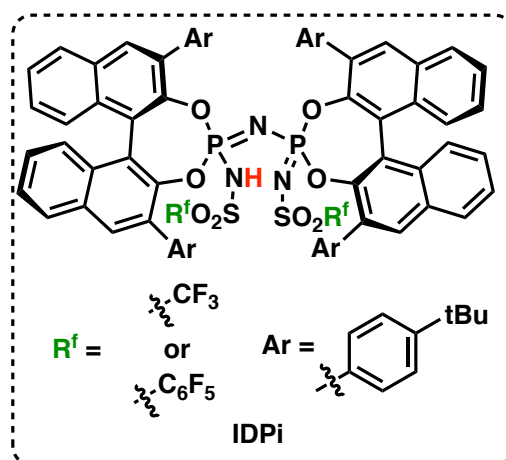
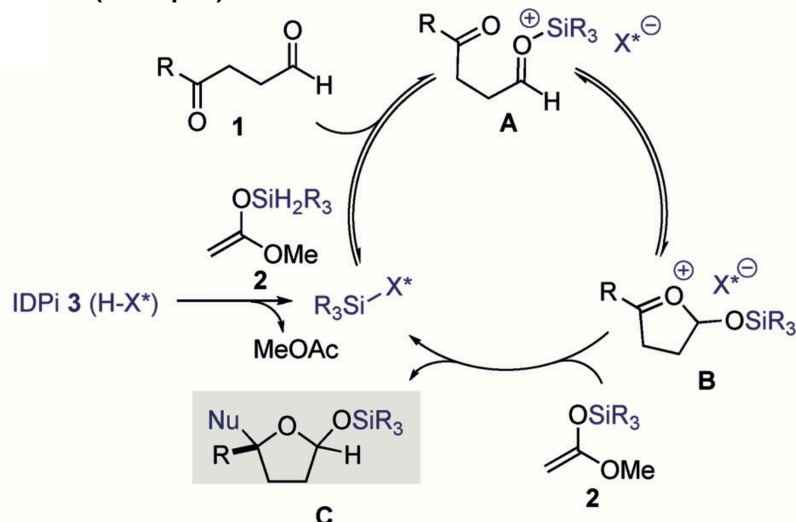
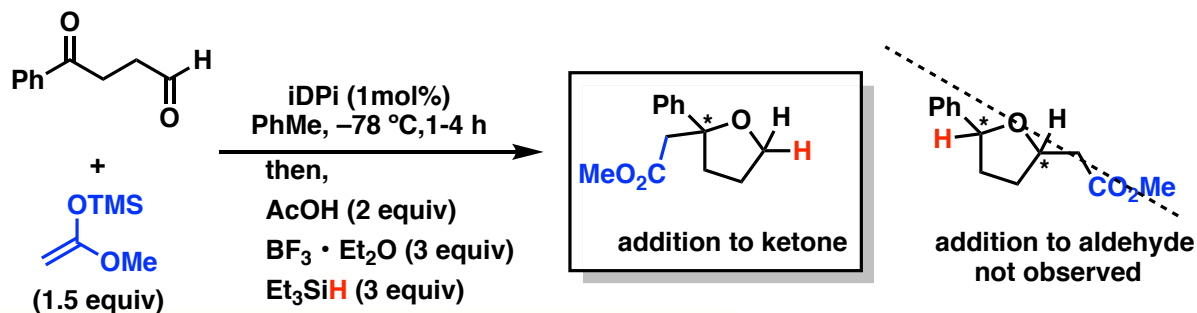
2-3.1 Single aldolization catalyzed by IDPi¹⁴



Difficulty of this reaction



2-3.2 ketone selective addition of ketoaldehyde catalyzed by IDPi¹⁵



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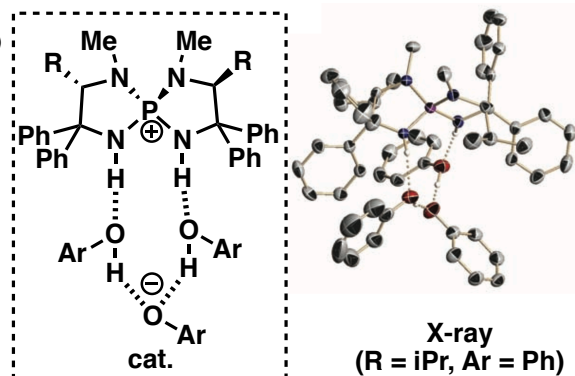
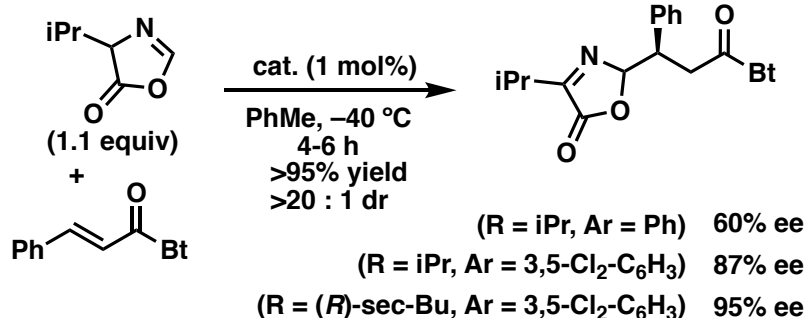
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3-0) Types of supramolecule catalyst and its advantage

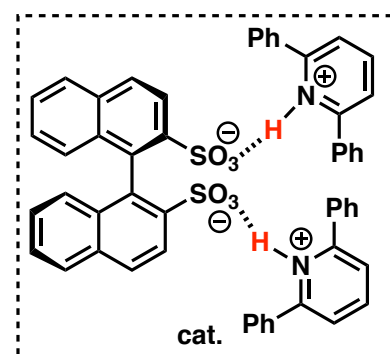
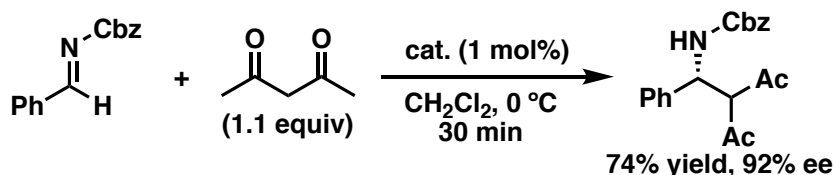
1. Hydrogen bond

One of representative examples by Ooi & Uruguchi (2009)¹⁶⁾

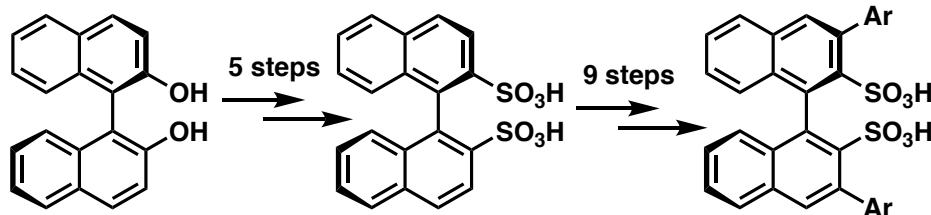


2. Ion-pair

One of representative examples by Ishihara & Hatano (2009)¹⁷⁾

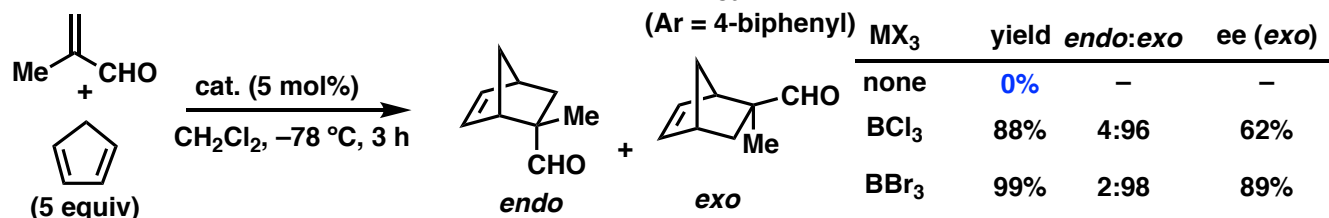
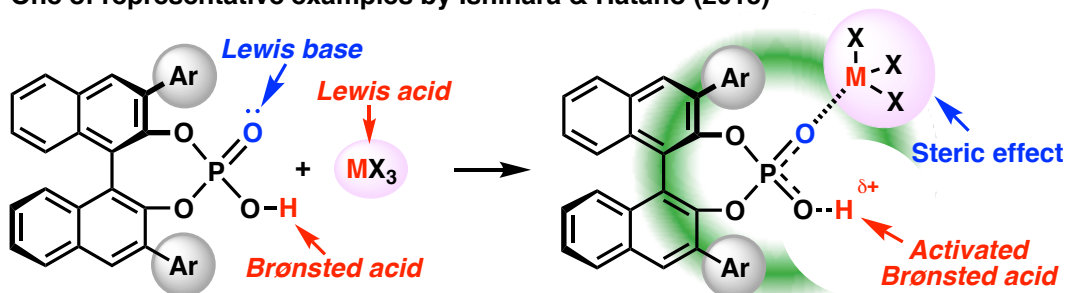


Synthetic difficulty of 3,3'-Ar₂-BINSAs¹⁸⁾



3. Lewis-pair

One of representative examples by Ishihara & Hatano (2015)¹⁹⁾



- Many ways to optimization
- Optimization without multi-step synthesis
- Activation by self-assembly

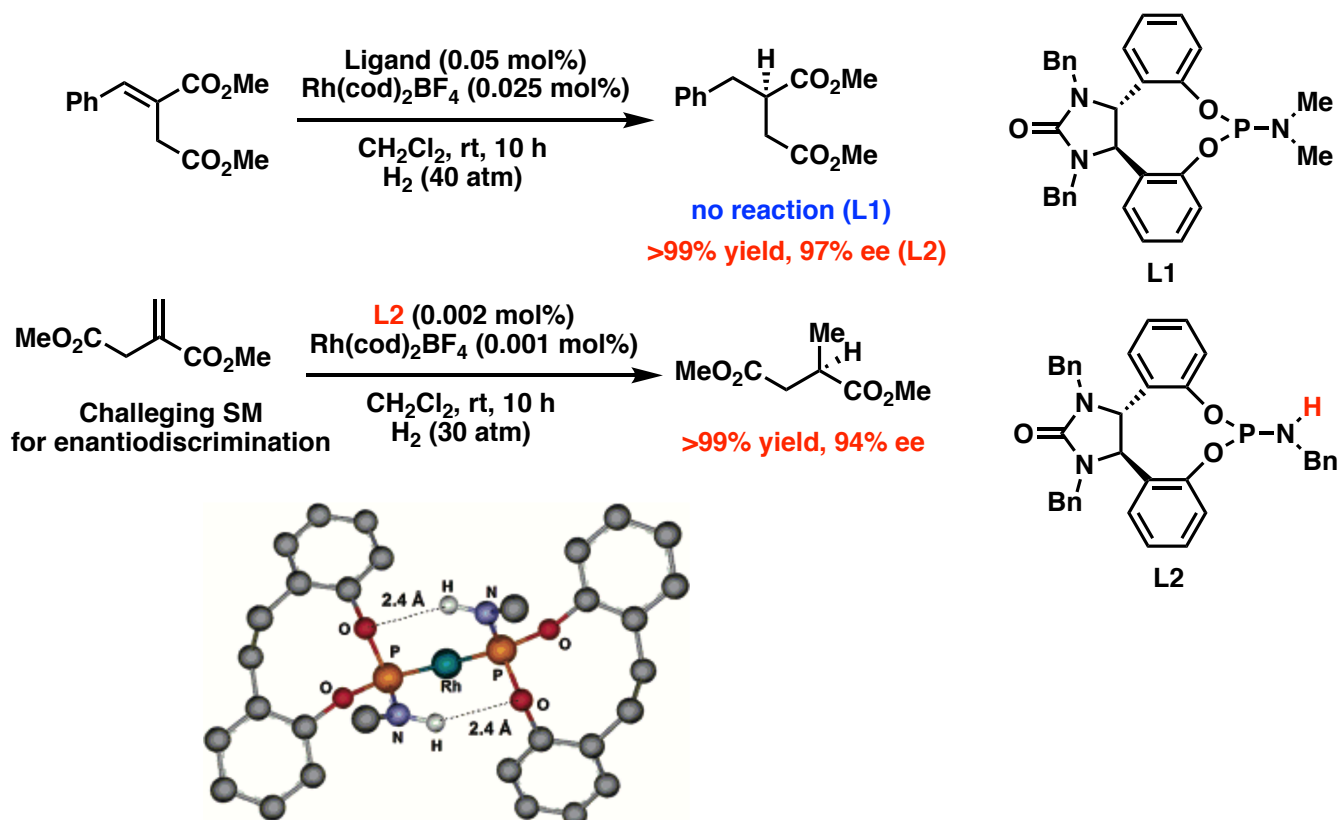
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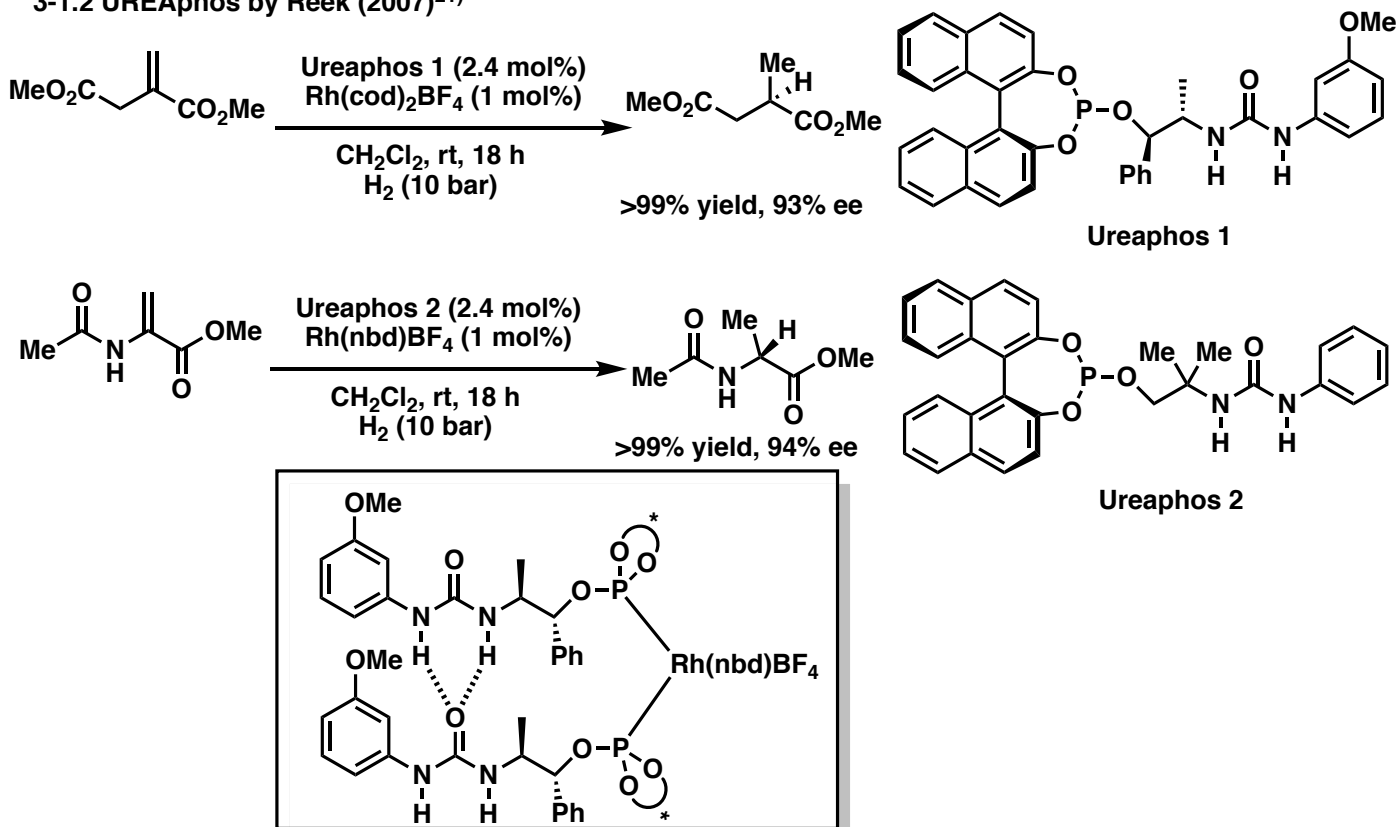
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3-1) Supramolecule catalysts by hydrogen bond

3-1.1 Inter-ligand hydrogen bond important for catalytic activity by Ding (2006)²⁰



3-1.2 UREAphos by Reek (2007)²¹



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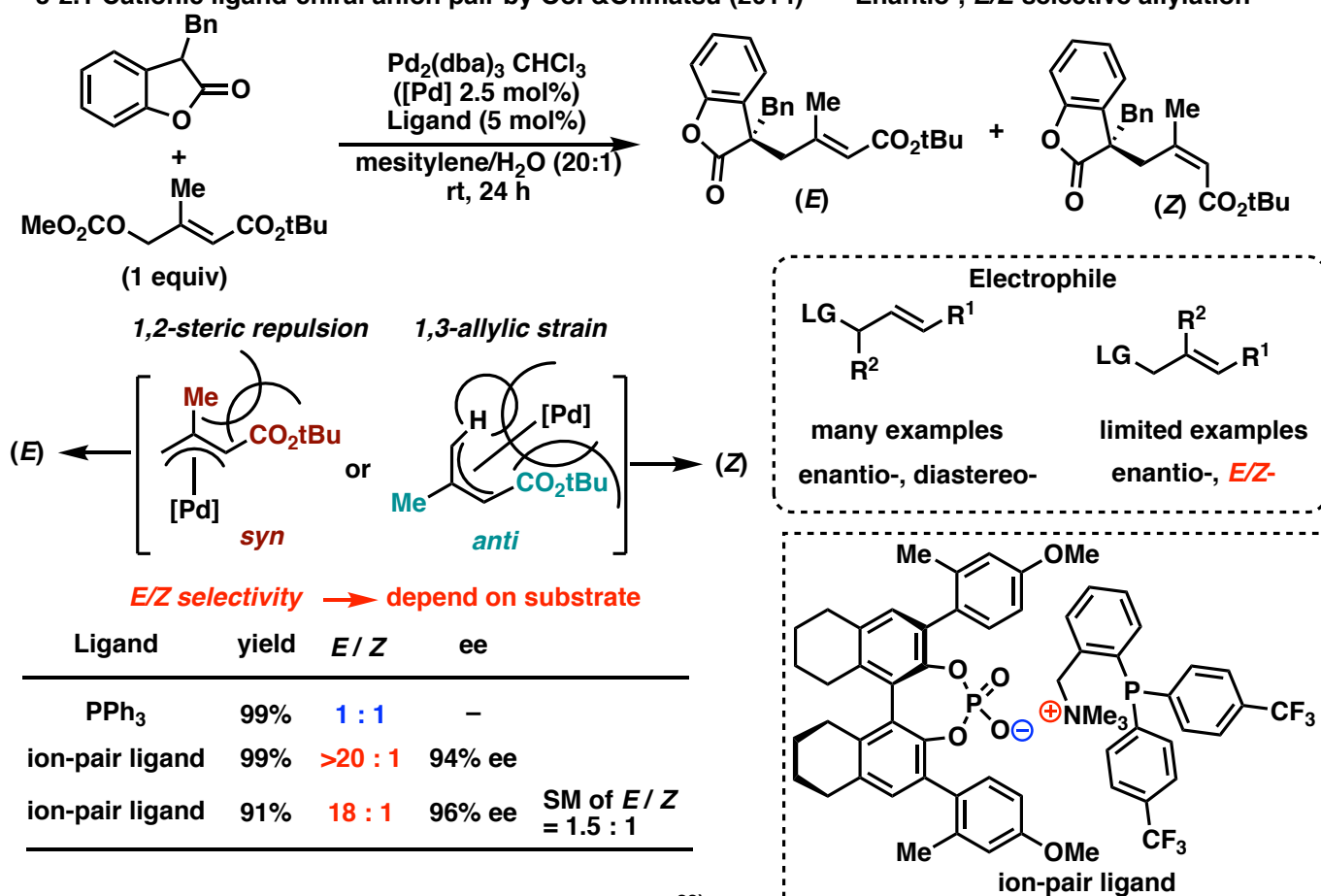
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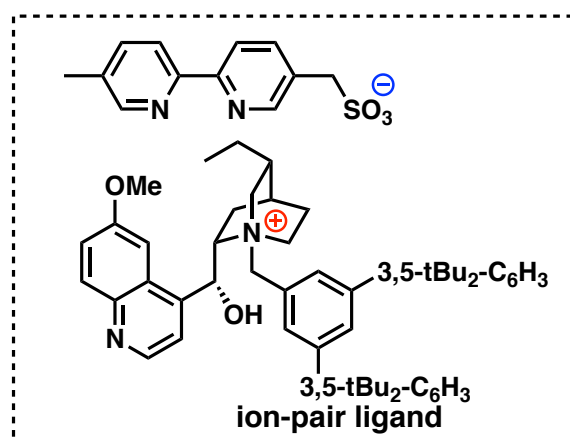
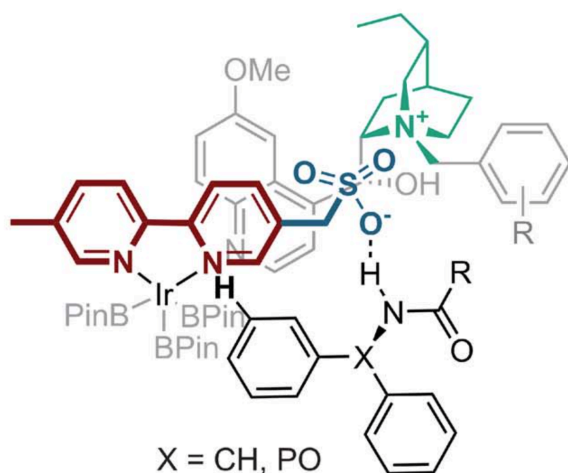
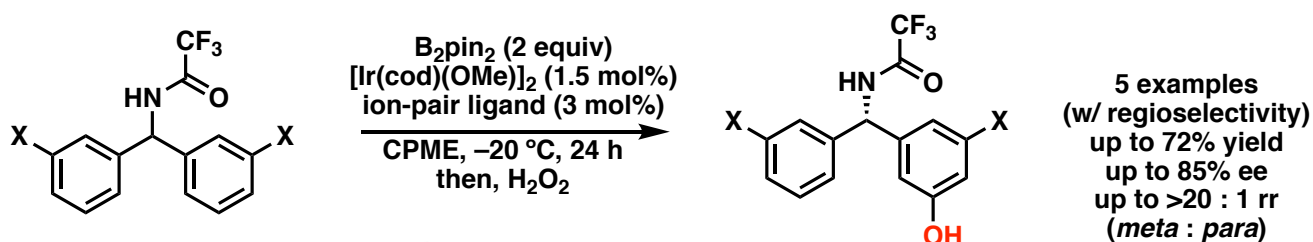
3-2) Supramolecule catalysts by ion-pair

3-2.1 Cationic ligand-chiral anion pair by Ooi & Ohmatsu (2014)²²⁾ Enantio-, *E/Z*-selective allylation



3-2.2 Anionic ligand-chiral cation pair by Phipps (2020)²³⁾

Long-range asymmetric induction and regioselective C-H borylation



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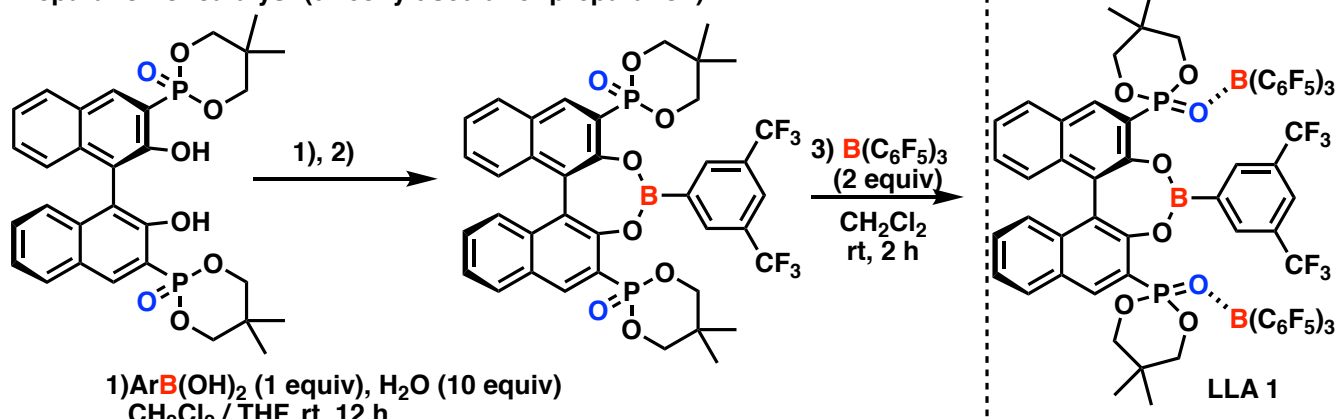
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3-3) Supramolecule catalysts by Lewis-pair

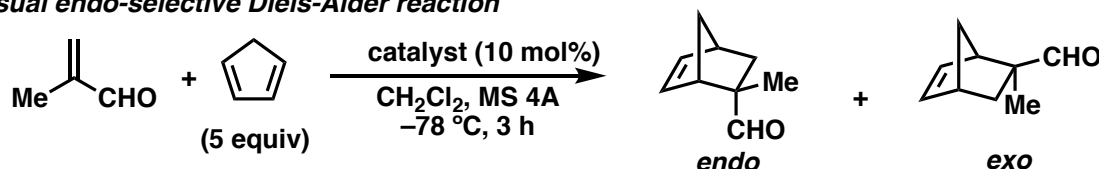
3-3.1 Unusual endo/exo-selective DA catalyzed by LLA by Ishihara & Hatano (2011)²⁴⁾

Preparation of catalyst (directly used after preparation)



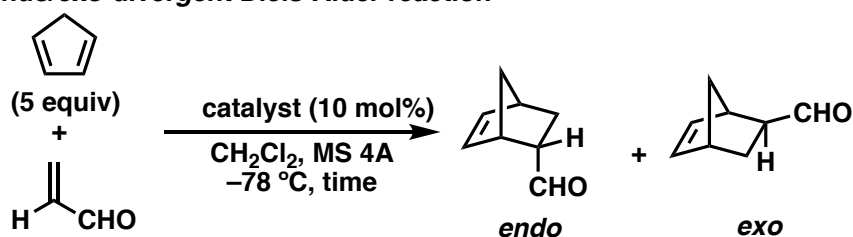
1) ArB(OH)_2 (1 equiv), H_2O (10 equiv)
 CH_2Cl_2 / THF, rt, 12 h
 2) MS 4A, $< 5 \text{ Torr}$, 100 °C, 2 h

Unusual endo-selective Diels-Alder reaction

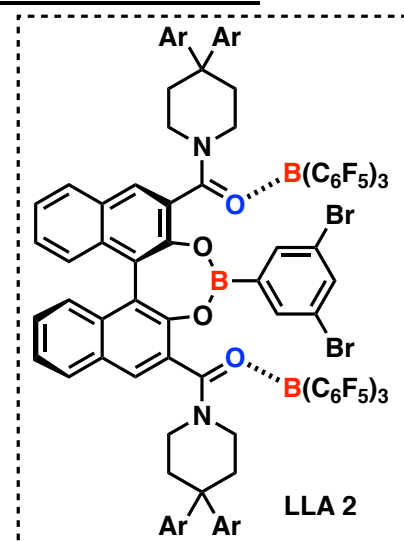


| catalyst | yield | endo / exo | ee (endo / exo) |
|-----------------------------|-------|------------|--------------------------------|
| $\text{B(C}_6\text{F}_5)_3$ | 93% | 12 : 88 | – |
| LLA 1 | 99% | 83 : 17 | 99% / 80% unusual endo! |

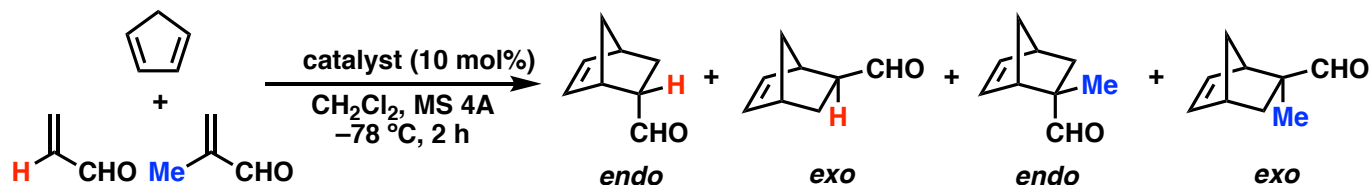
Endo/exo-divergent Diels-Alder reaction



| catalyst | time | yield | endo / exo | ee (endo / exo) |
|-----------------------------|------|-------|------------|-------------------------------|
| $\text{B(C}_6\text{F}_5)_3$ | 2 h | 93% | 86 : 14 | – |
| LLA 1 | 3 h | 99% | >99 : 1 | 95% / – usual endo |
| LLA 2 | 2 h | 99% | 20 : 80 | 23% / 94% unusual exo! |



Substrate-selective Diels-Alder reaction



| catalyst | yield | H / Me | H endo / exo | Me endo / exo | ee (endo / exo) |
|-----------------------------|-------|---------|--------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| $\text{B(C}_6\text{F}_5)_3$ | >99% | 63 : 37 | 86 : 14 | 9 : 91 | – |
| LLA 2 | >99% | >99 : 1 | 20 : 80 | – | 44% / 95% Acrolein-selective! |

Substrate-, unusual exo-, enantio-, multi-selective!

Reference

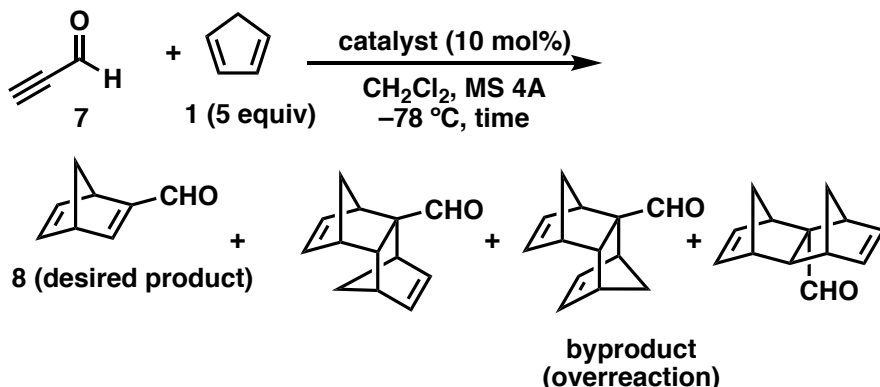
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3-3) Supramolecule catalysts by Lewis-pair

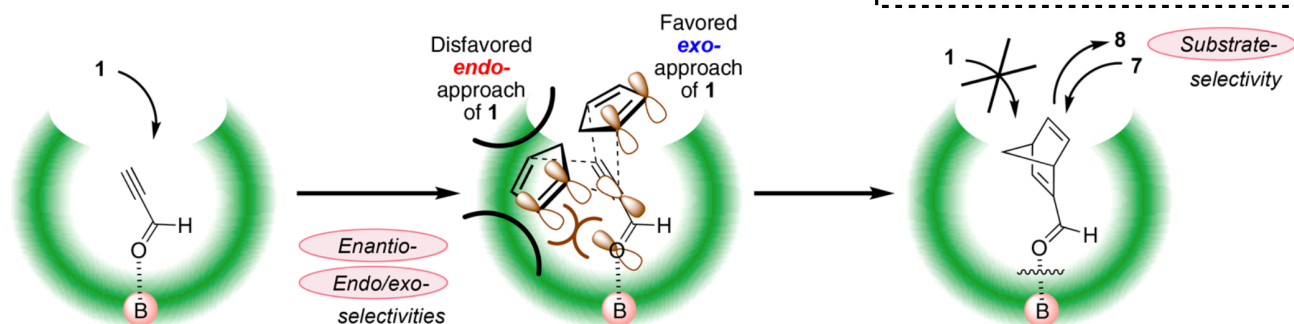
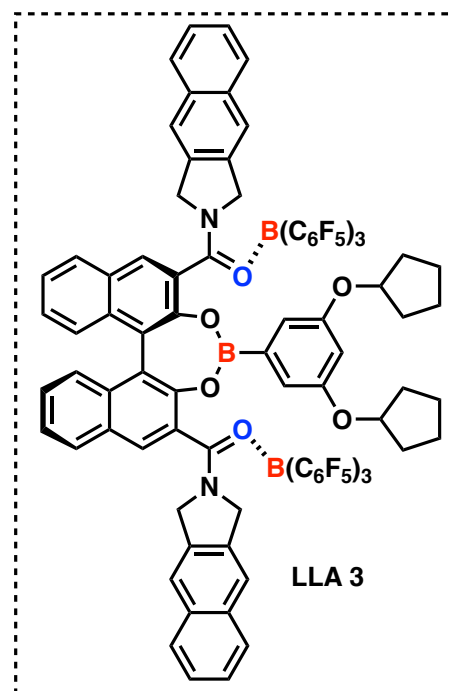
3-3.2 Multi-selective DA of catalyzed by LLA by Ishihara & Hatano (2018)²⁵

Enantio-, endo/exo-, substrate-selective Diels-Alder reaction



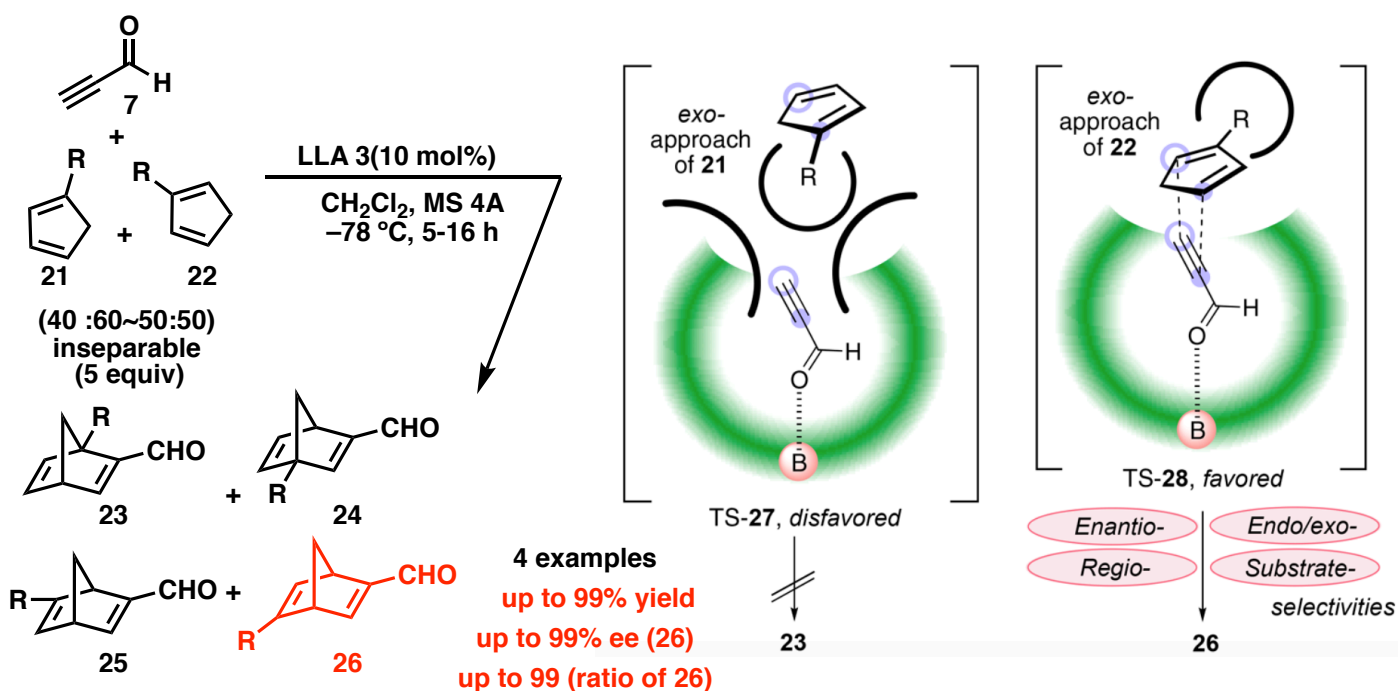
| catalyst | time | yield (8) | yield (bypro.) | ee (8) |
|------------------------------------|------|-----------|----------------|--------|
| BF ₃ · OEt ₂ | 5 h | 0% | 89% | – |
| LLA 3 | 3 h | 95% | 3% | 90% |

2nd-addition of Cp is faster



-Chiral cavity can control exo-induced 1st. Diels-Alder reaction.
-Chiral cavity can prevent 2nd. Diels-Alder reaction (Substrate-selectivity).

Enantio-, endo/exo-, regio-, substrate-selective Diels-Alder reaction



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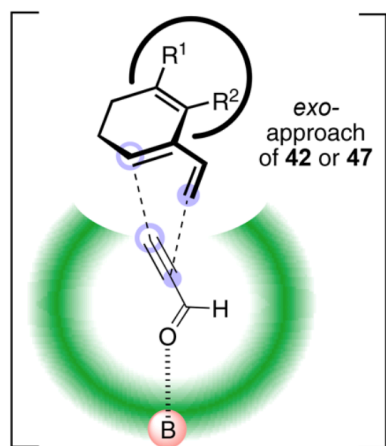
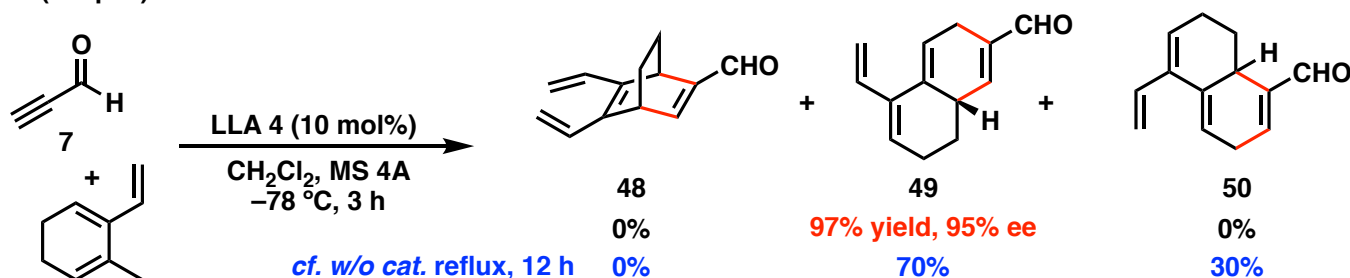
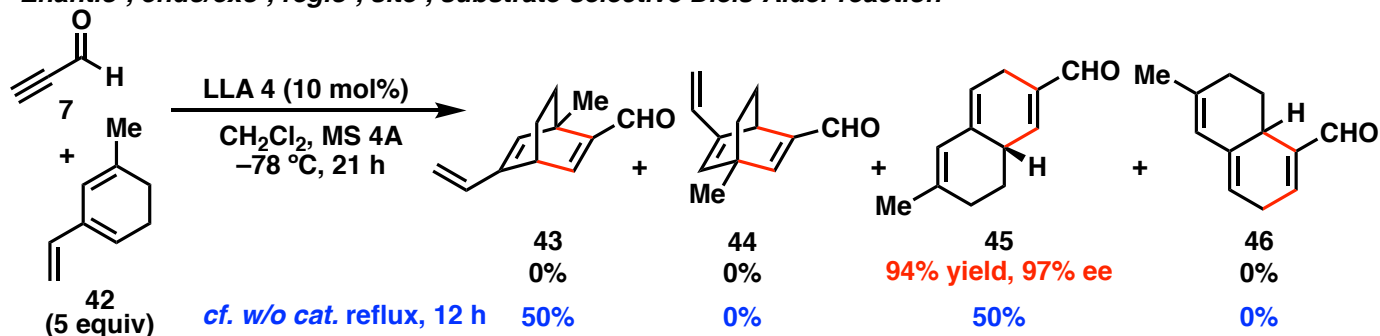
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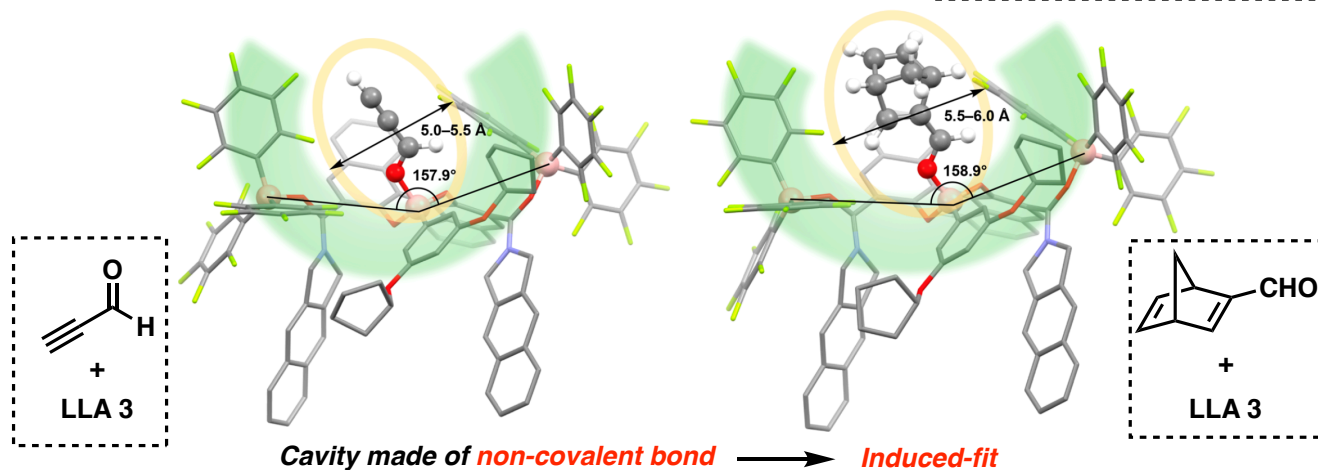
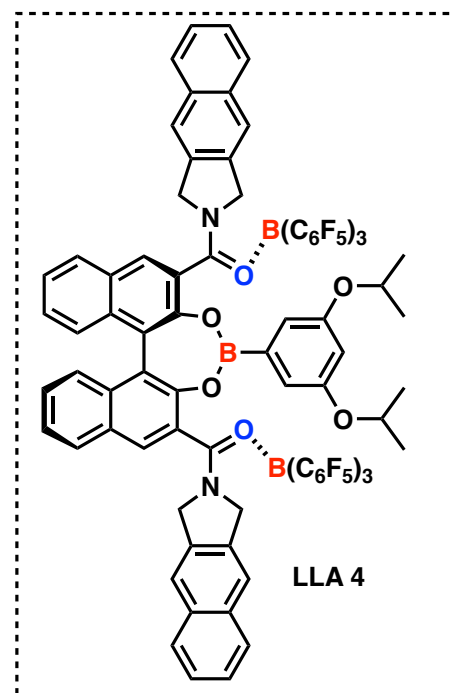
Enantio-, endo/exo-, regio-, site-, substrate-selective Diels-Alder reaction



DFT-optimized structure

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Enantio-
Endo/exo-
Regio-
Site-
Substrate-
selectivities



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