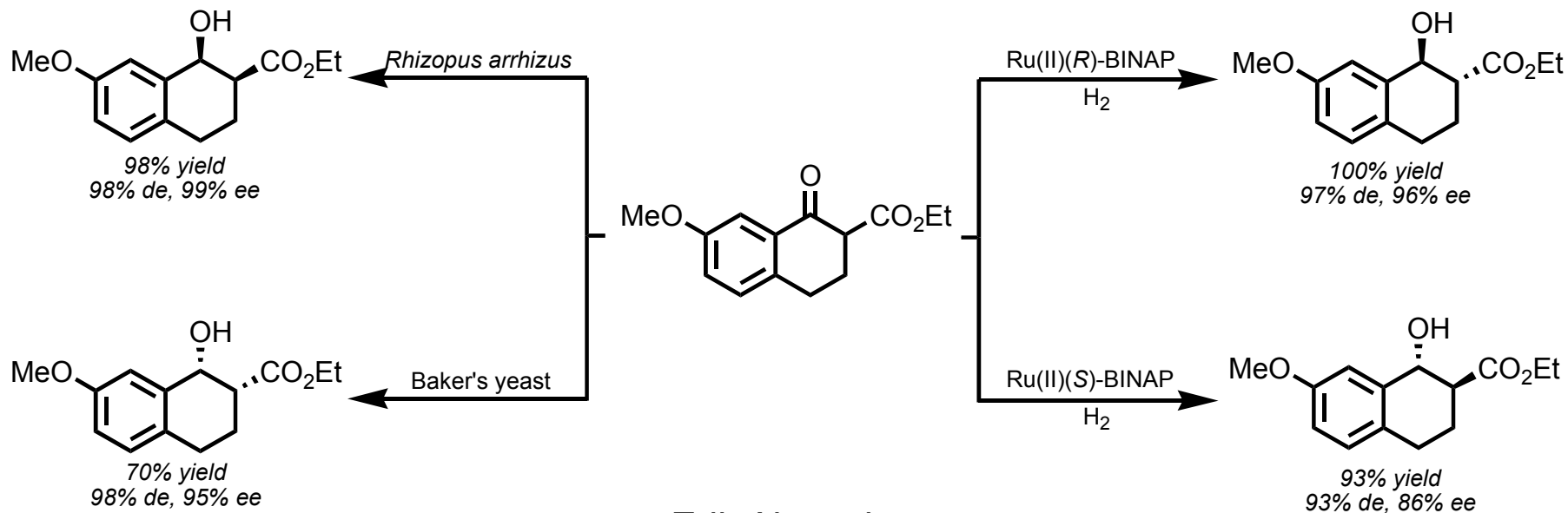


# Dynamic Kinetic Resolution: A Powerful Approach to Asymmetric Synthesis

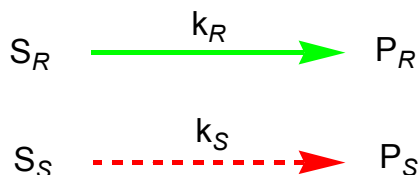


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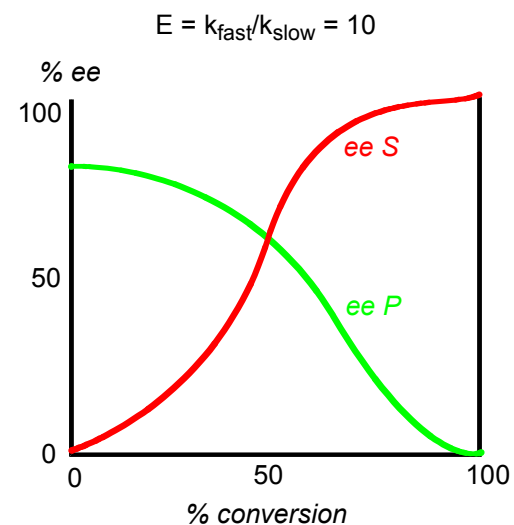
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# Methods for Asymmetric Synthesis

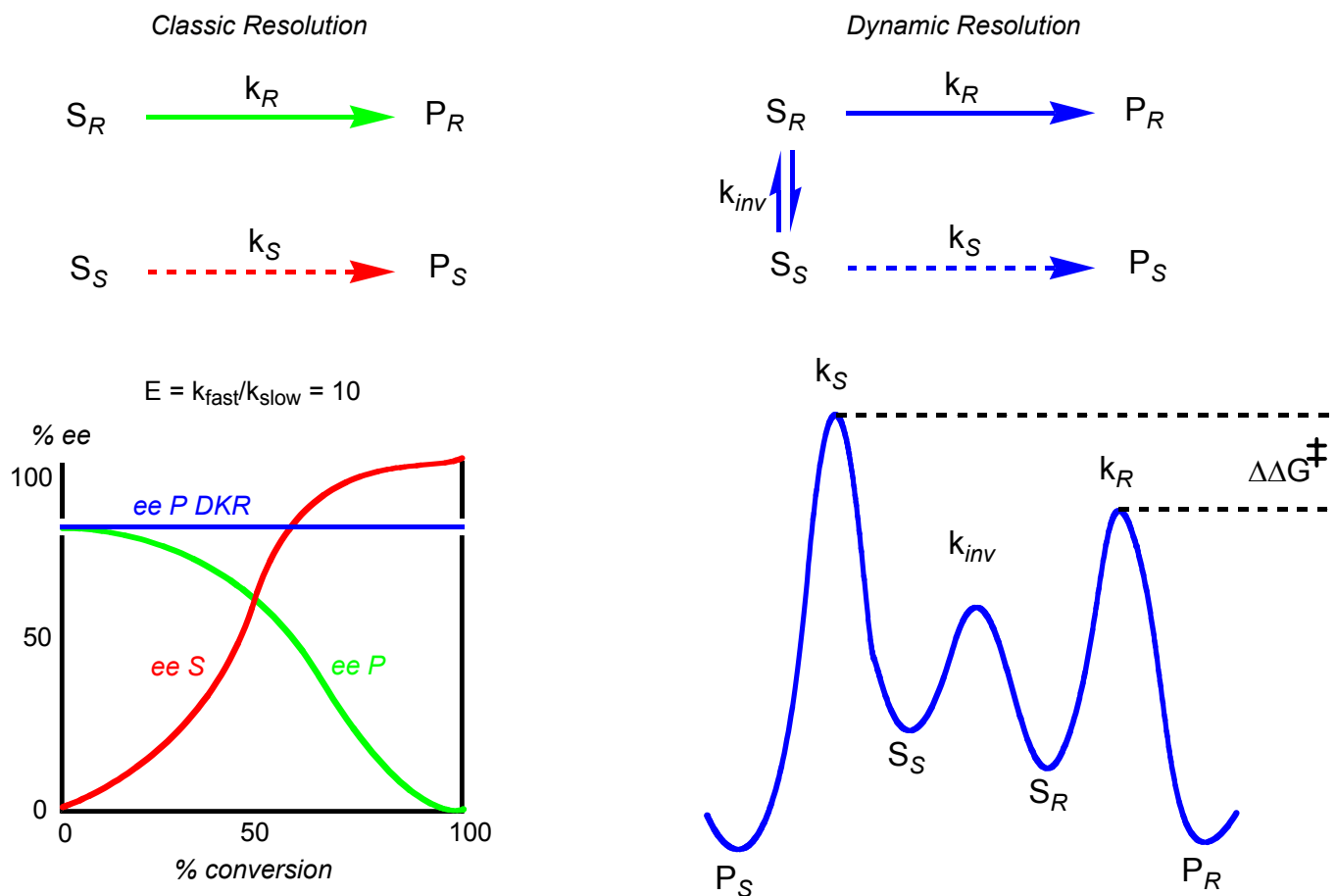
- Synthesis utilizing existing stereogenic centers (chiral substrates or auxiliaries)
- Catalytic enantioselective organic reactions
  - Chemocatalysis - metal-mediated, Lewis acid-mediated, organocatalysis
  - Biocatalysis - enzymes (hydrolases)
- Resolution
  - Conventional separation procedures
  - Kinetic resolution



- Problems associated with standard kinetic resolutions:
  - Theoretical yield = 50%
  - Separation of product from remaining substrate required
  - In the majority of processes, only one stereoisomer is desired
  - Drop in enantiomeric purity as process nears 50% conversion



# Dynamic Kinetic Resolution

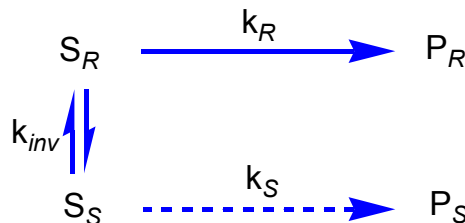


- If racemization can occur concurrently with kinetic resolution, then theoretically 100% of the racemic mixture can be converted to one enantiomer. This process is known as dynamic kinetic resolution (DKR).
- DKR is an example of a Curtin-Hammett system in which the composition of products is controlled by the free energies of the transition states and not the composition of the starting materials.

# Guidelines for Dynamic Kinetic Resolution

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## *Dynamic Resolution*



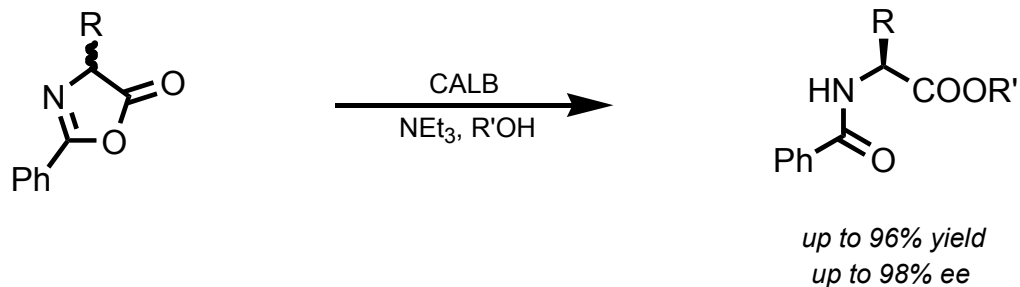
In order to design a successful DKR, both the inversion and resolution steps have to be carefully tuned. Here are a few established general guidelines for an efficient DKR:

- (1) The kinetic resolution should be irreversible in order to ensure high enantioselectivity.
- (2) The enantiomeric ratio ( $E = k_R/k_S$ ) should be at least greater than  $\sim 20$ .
- (3) To avoid depletion of  $S_R$ , racemization ( $k_{inv}$ ) should be at least equal or greater than the reaction rate of the fast enantiomer ( $k_R$ ).
- (4) In case the selectivities are only moderate,  $k_{inv}$  should be greater than  $k_R$  by a factor of  $\sim 10$ .
- (5) Obviously, any spontaneous reaction involving the substrate enantiomers as well as racemization of the product should be absent.

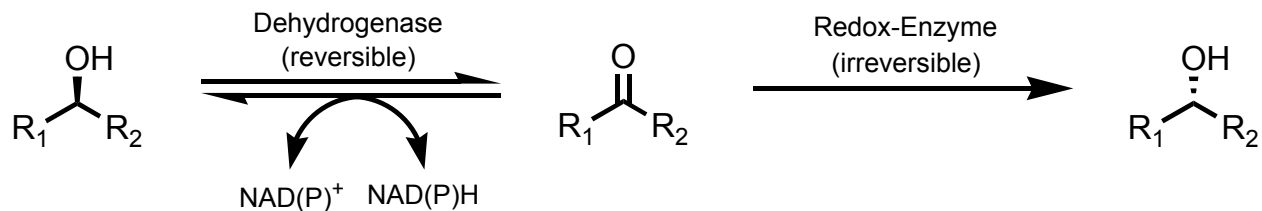
# Examples of Racemization

The racemization/inversion step is key to a successful DKR. Following are a number of common techniques used for this step.

## 1) Acid or base catalyzed racemization

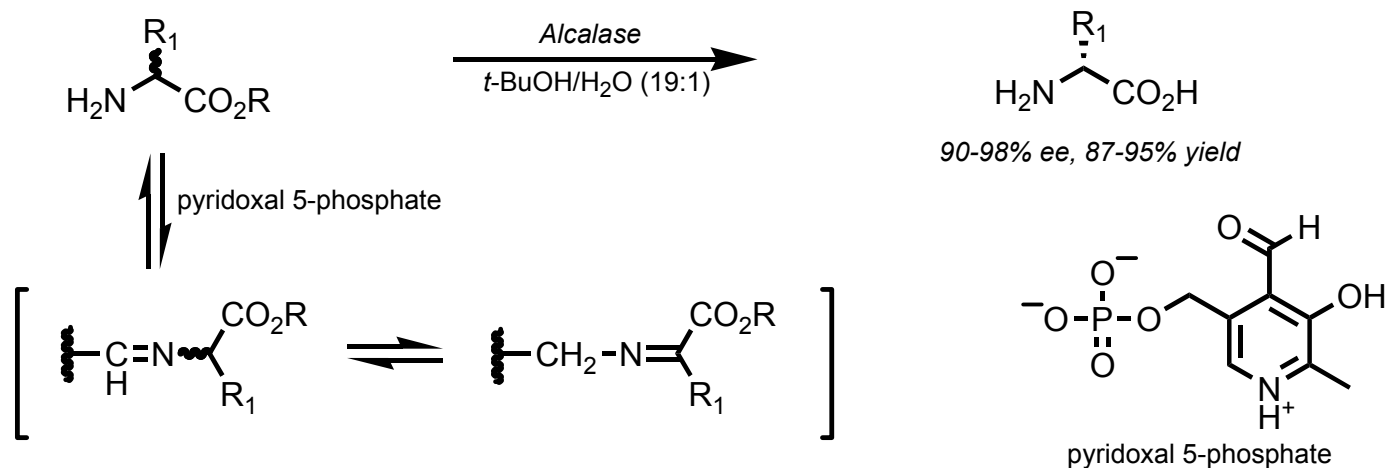


## 2) Enzyme catalyzed racemization

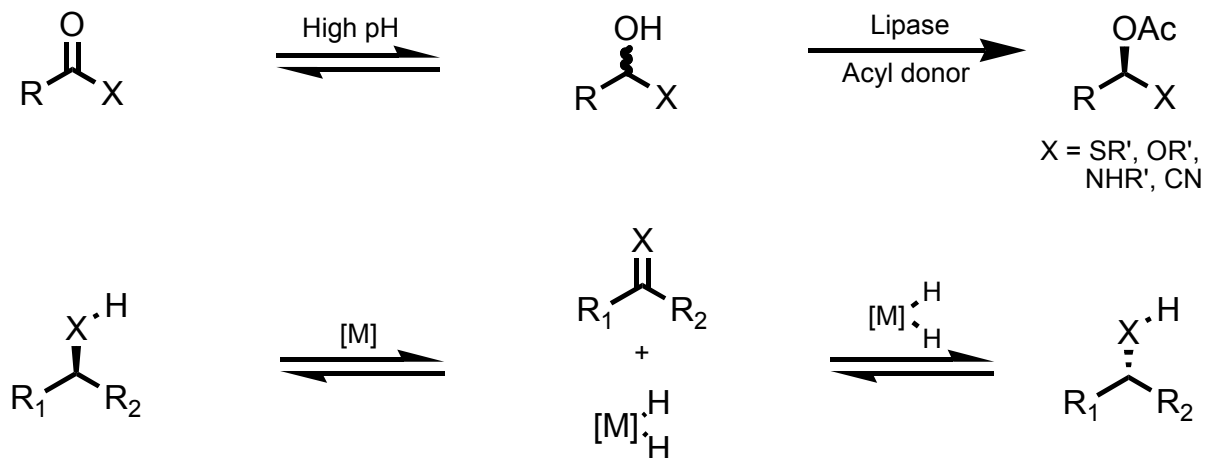


## Examples of Racemization (Cont'd)

### 3) Schiff base-mediated racemization

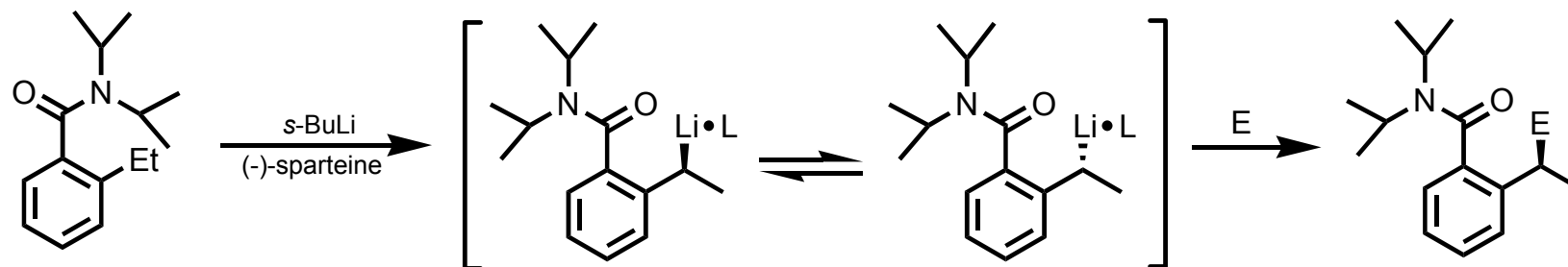


### 4) Racemization via $\text{sp}^2$ intermediates (redox, addition/elimination)

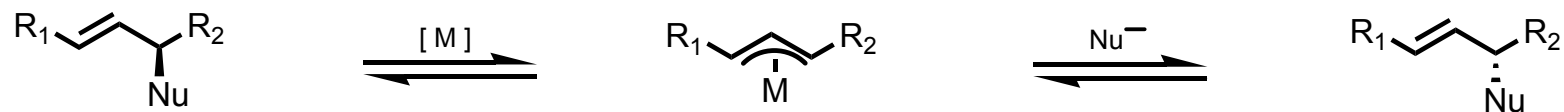


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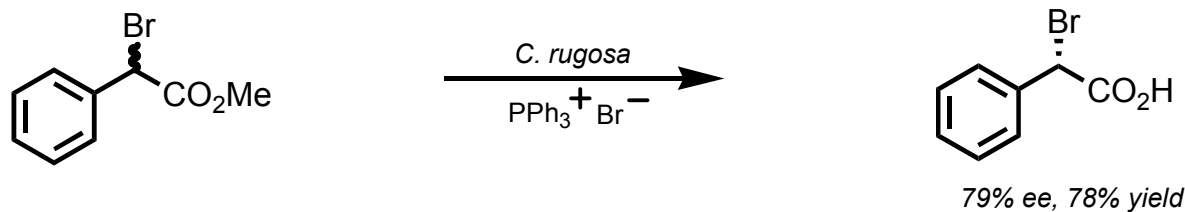
### 5) Anionic interconversion



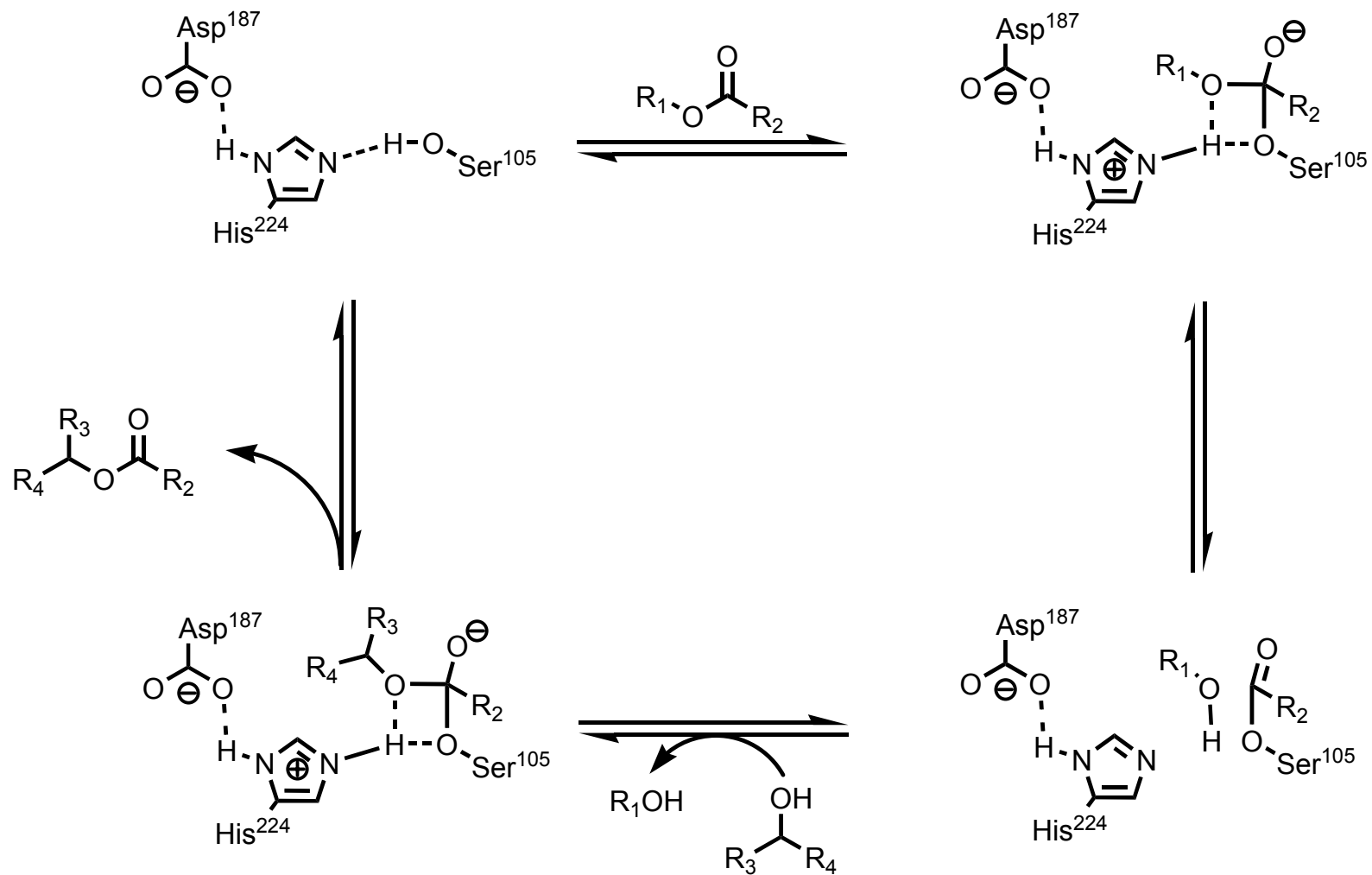
### 6) Racemization via $\pi$ -allyl intermediates



### 7) Racemization via $S_N2$ processes

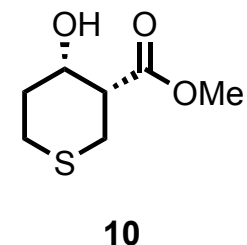
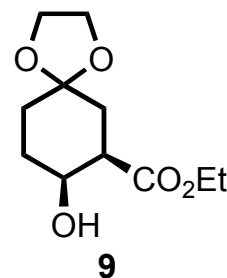
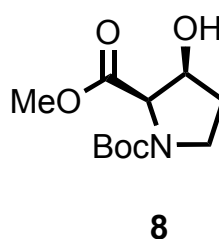
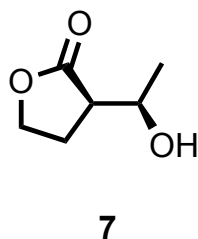
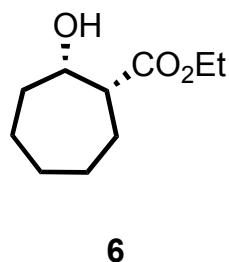
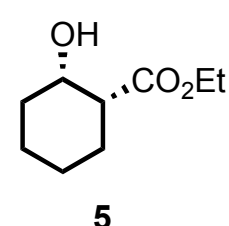
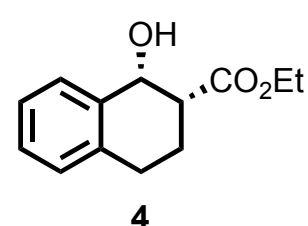
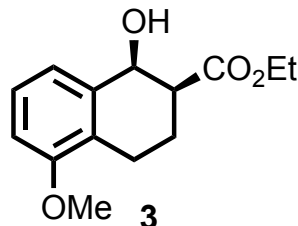
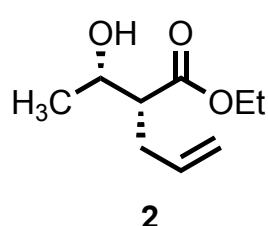
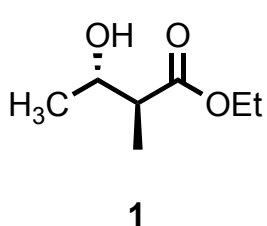


# The "Catalytic Triad" - Reaction Mechanism of CALB





# Enzymatic Methods - Reductions of $\beta$ -Ketoesters

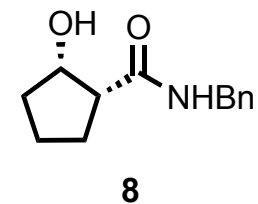
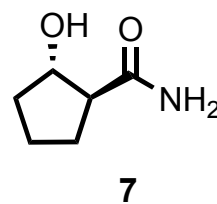
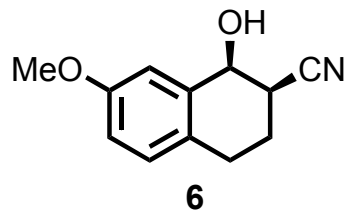
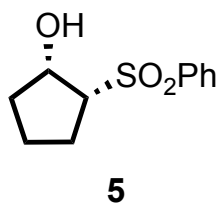
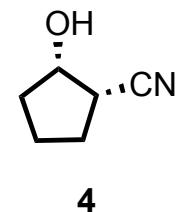
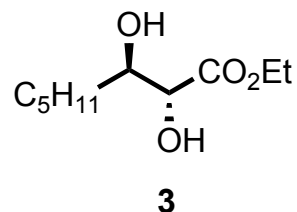
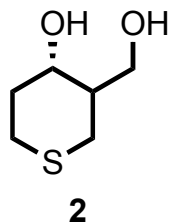
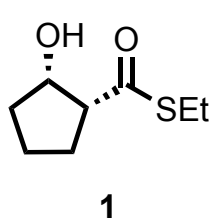


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1	<i>G. candidum</i>	80	98	98
2	<i>Baker's yeast</i>	94	92	99
3	<i>M. racemosus</i>	75	98	99
4	<i>Saccharomyces sp.</i>	95	98	98
5	<i>Baker's yeast</i>	72-85	99	99
6	<i>K. magna</i>	80	100	94
7	<i>Y. lipolytica</i>	95	-	95
8	<i>Dipodascus sp.</i>	80	-	99
9	<i>Baker's yeast</i>	74	-	98
10	<i>Baker's yeast</i>	71	98	85

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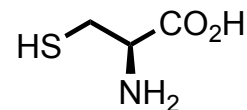
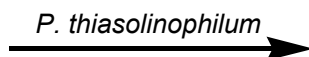
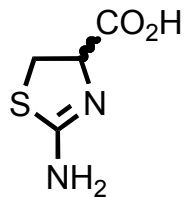
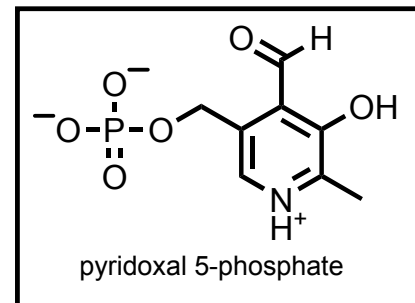
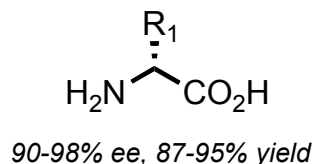
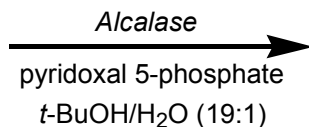
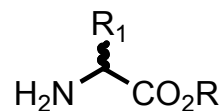
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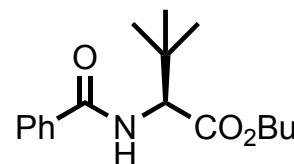
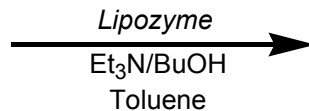
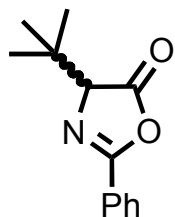
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2	<i>Baker's yeast</i>	82	76	99
3	<i>Baker's yeast</i>	76	-	80
4	<i>S. montanus</i>	89	-	97
5	<i>Baker's yeast</i>	95	96	98
6	<i>R. arrhizus</i>	97	98	99
7	<i>M. isabellina</i>	92	72:28 dr	99
8	<i>M. isabellina</i>	100	92	99

# Enzymatic Methods - Hydrolysis

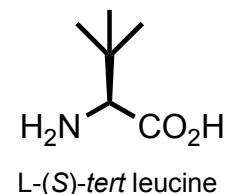
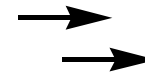
- Amino acid synthesis



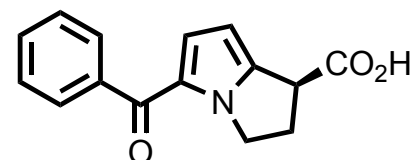
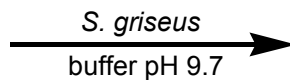
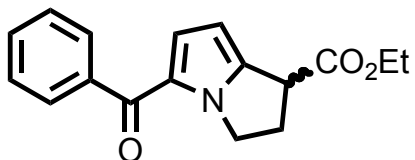
100% ee, 100% yield



99.5% ee, 94% yield



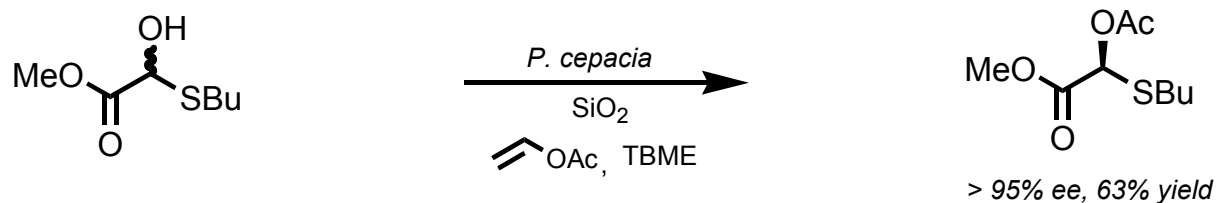
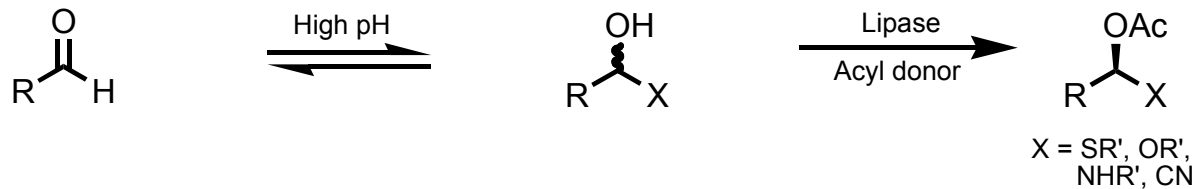
- Many other useful hydrolysis systems



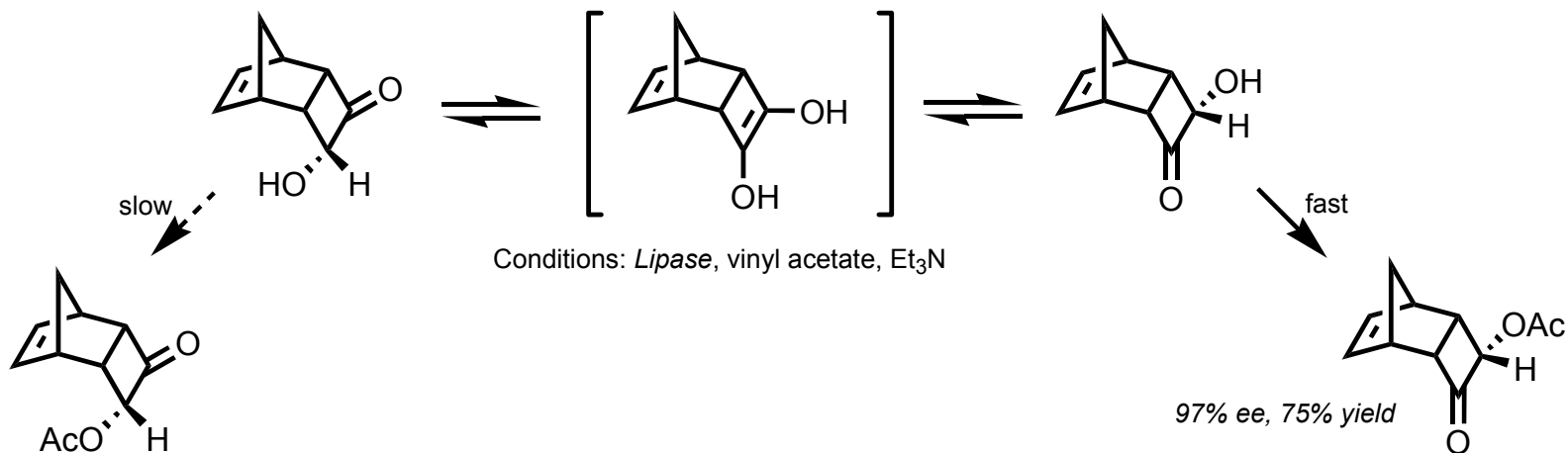
(*S*)-keterolac  
85% ee, 92% yield

# Enzymatic Methods - Esterifications

- DKR of Hemiacetals, cyanohydrins, and derivatives

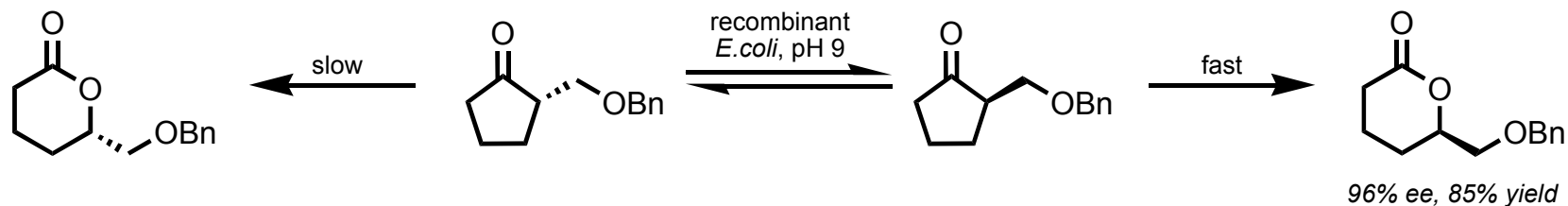


- Many other esterifications

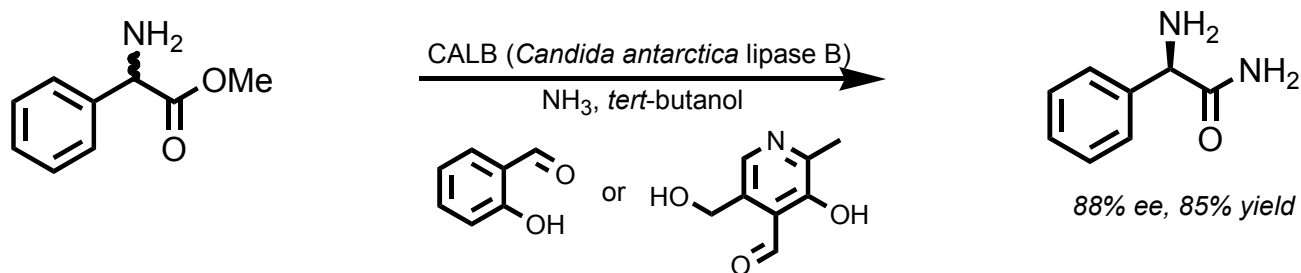


## Other Enzymatic Methods via DKR

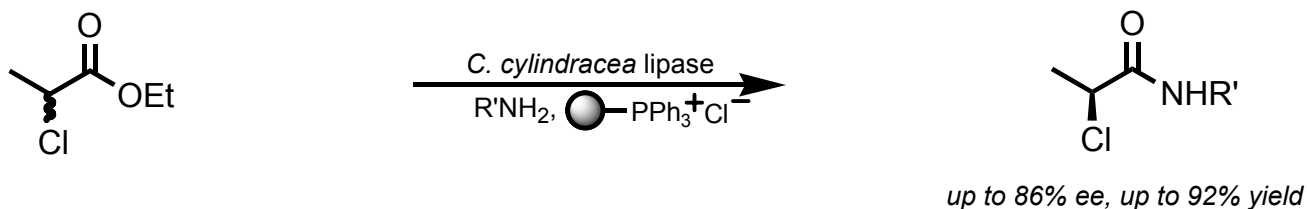
- DKR applied to microbiological Baeyer-Villiger oxidation



- Chemoenzymatic DKR of Phenylglycine Methyl Ester



- DKR combining enzyme and racemization via  $S_N2$  displacement



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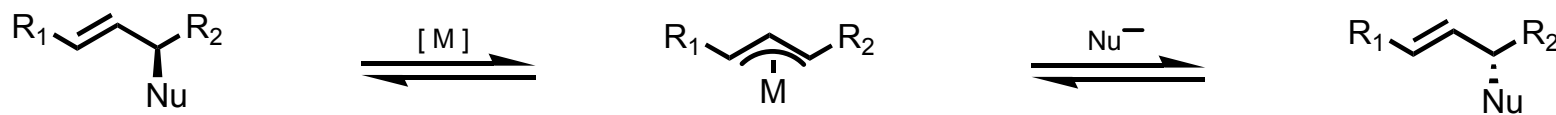
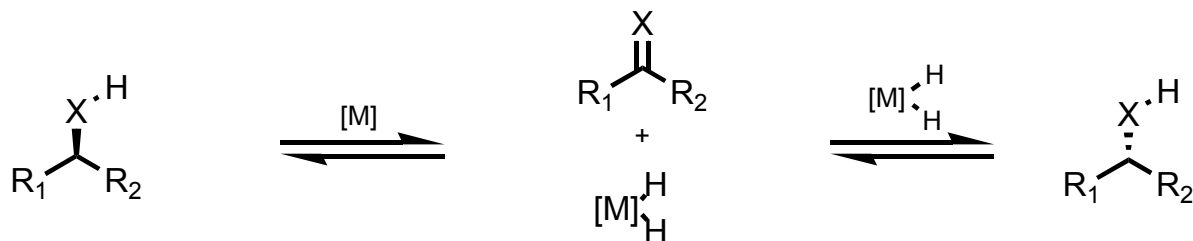
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# Combination of Enzymes and Transition Metals in DKR

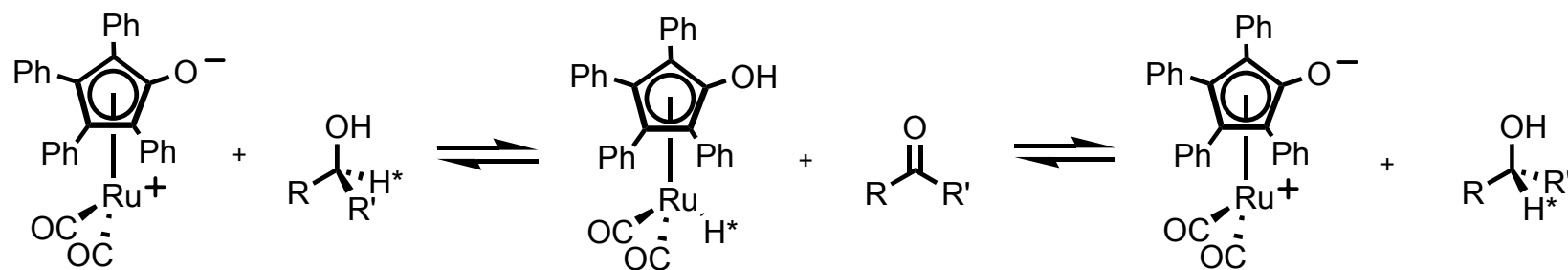
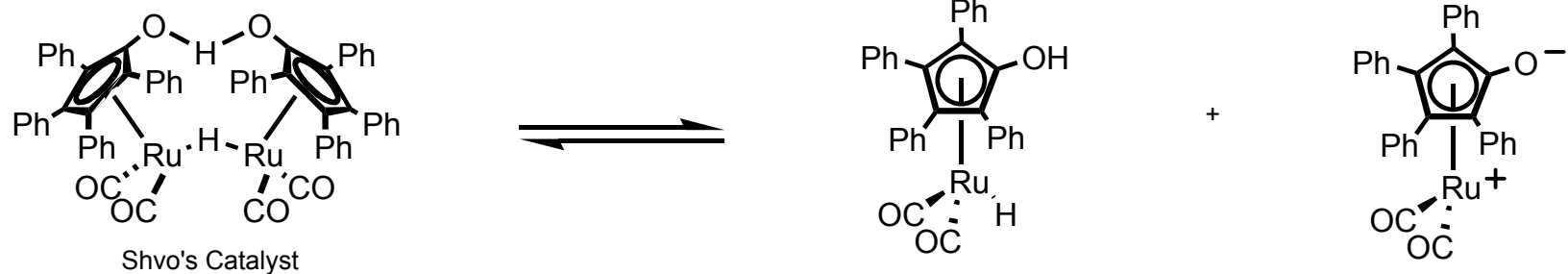
Question: Why use anything other than simple enzymes and nonmetallic racemization methods?

Answer: These DKR approaches are mainly limited to substrates that possess a stereogenic center with an acidic proton.

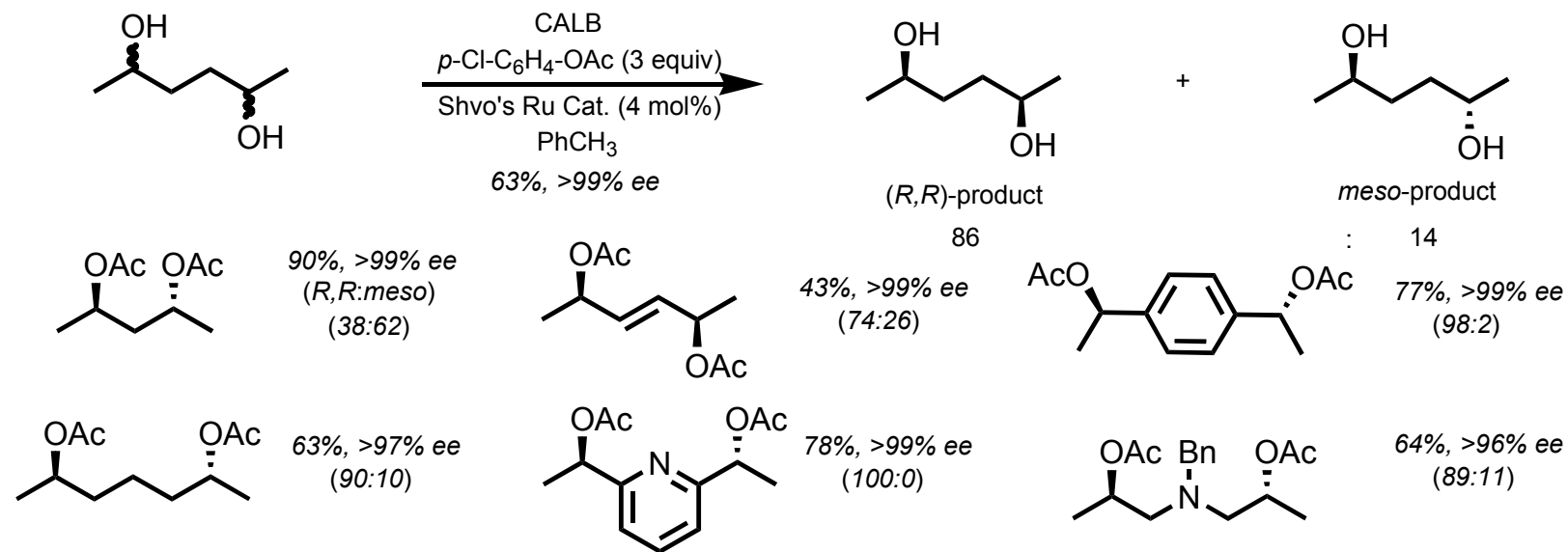
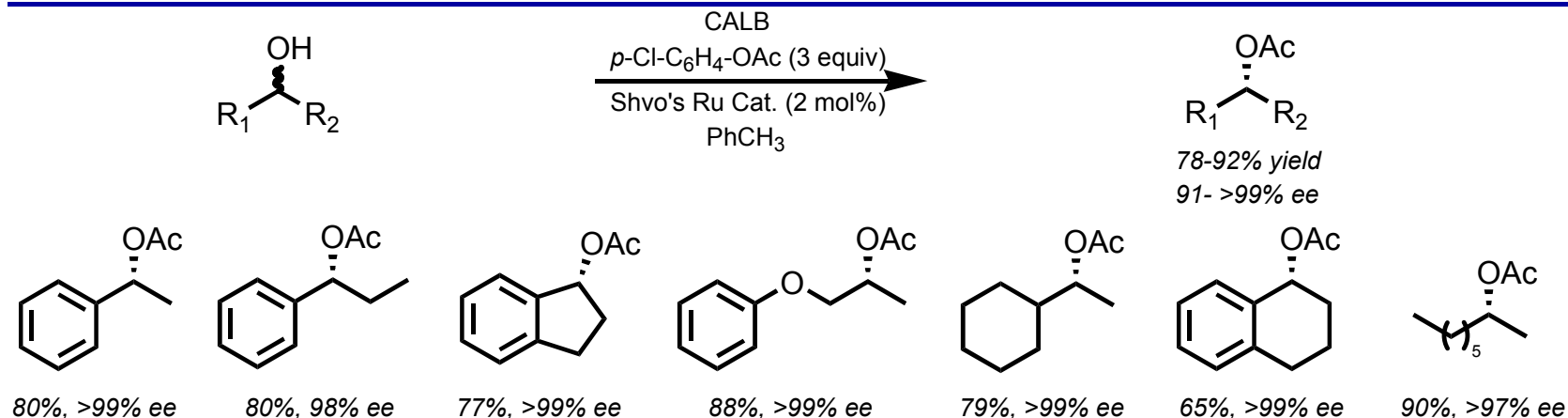
A Possible Solution: Transition Metal-Catalyzed Racemizations



# Shvo's Catalyst - Mechanism of Action



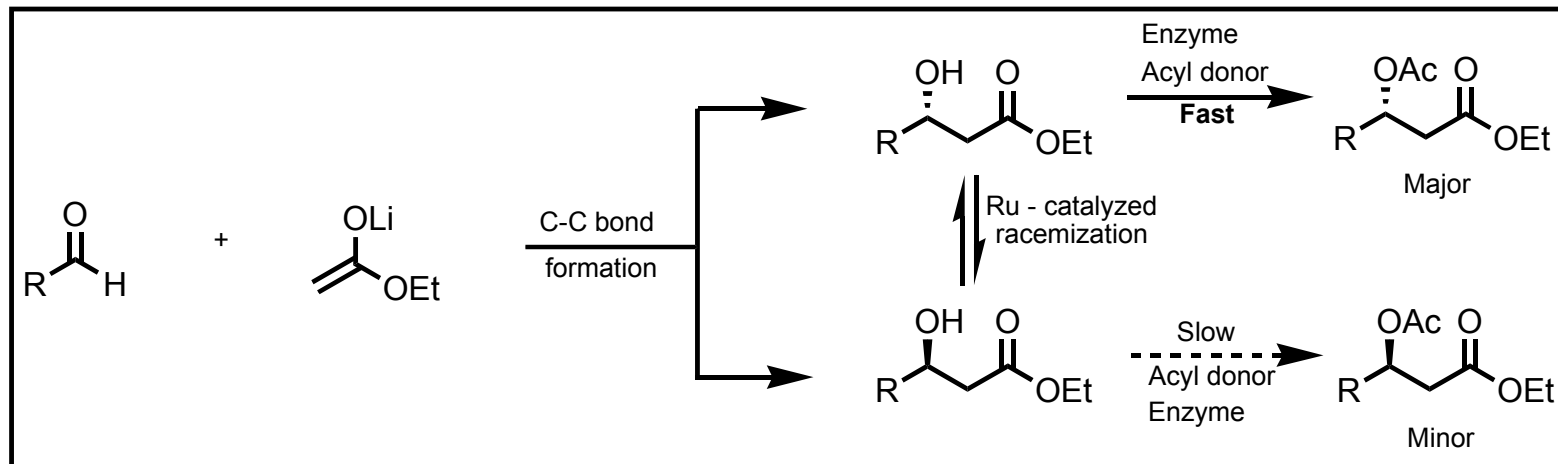
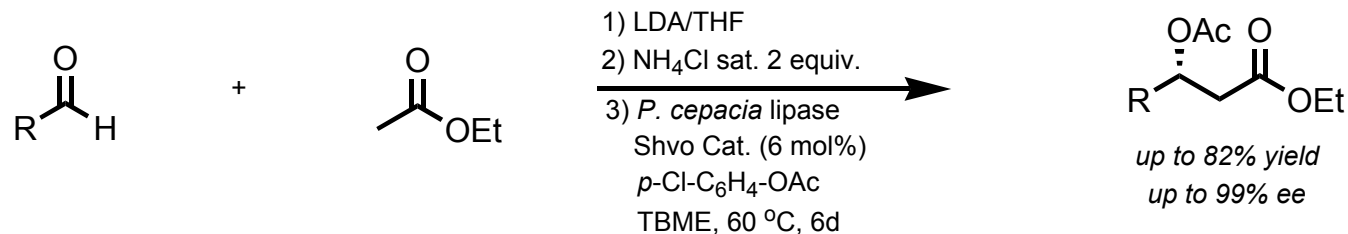
# Combination Enzyme-Metal Catalysis - DKR of Alcohols/Diols



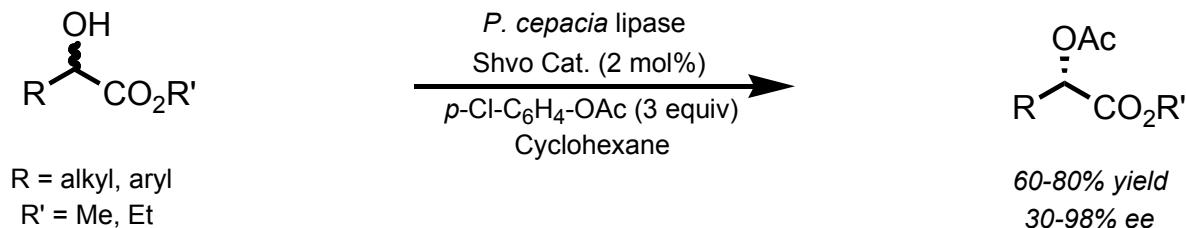


# Enzyme-Metal Catalysis - DKR of Hydroxy Acid Derivatives

- Tandem Aldol Reaction/DKR

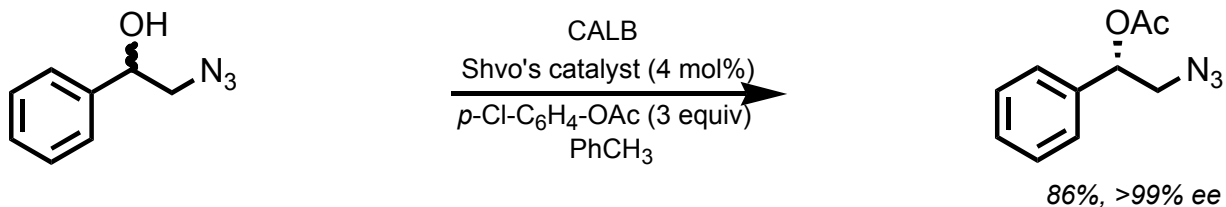


- DKR of Racemic  $\alpha$ -Hydroxy Esters

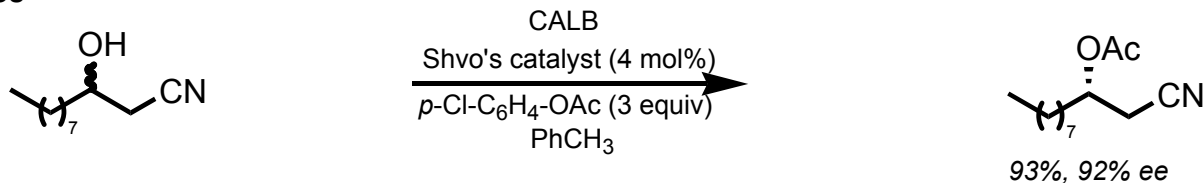


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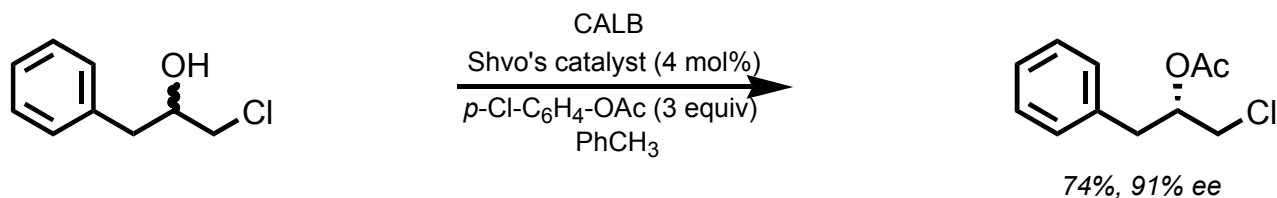
- Azido Alcohols



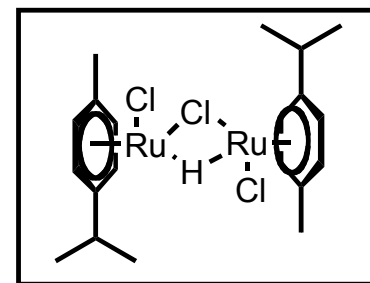
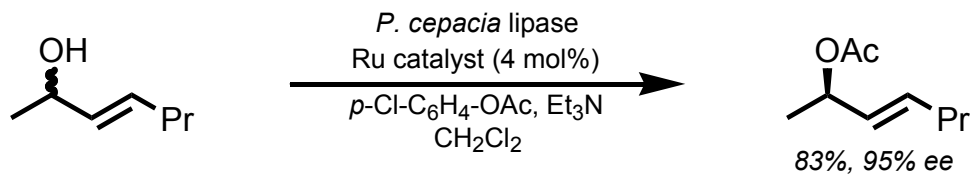
- Hydroxy Nitriles



- Halo Alcohols

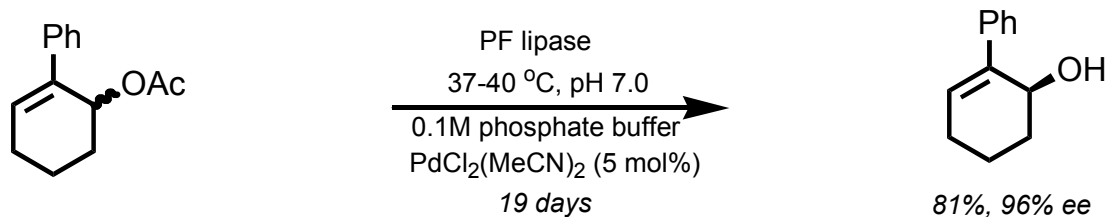


- Allylic Alcohols

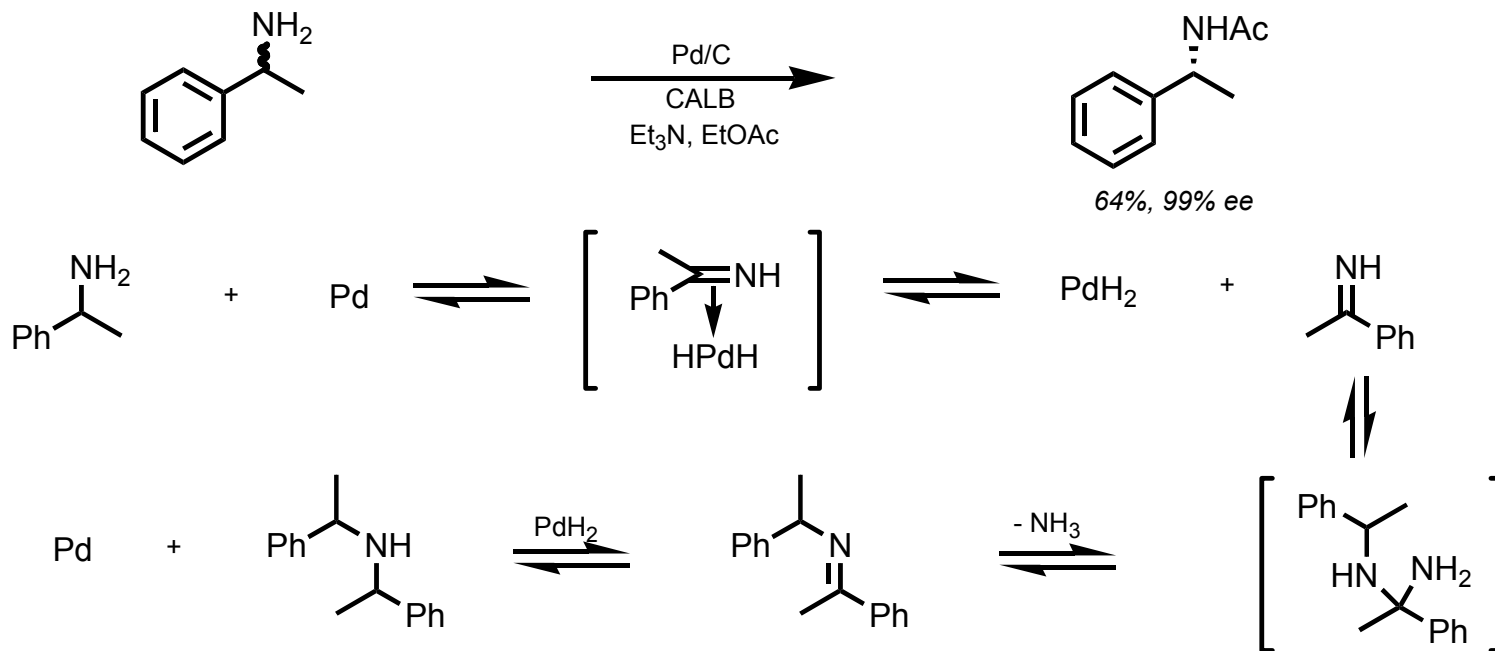


# Enzyme-Metal Catalysis Utilizing Palladium

- DKR of Allylic Acetates



- DKR of Amines



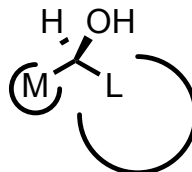
# Challenges w/Enzymatic DKR

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Question: Why use anything other than enzymatic systems with DKR?

Answer: There are currently a number of serious drawbacks towards applications of this technology.

- Since enzymes and chemical catalysts usually work in different environments, their combination in a one-pot transformation is far from straightforward.
- For instance, with lipase catalyzed DKRs with transition-metal catalysts, solvents, metal, acyl donor, and temperature all need to be optimized.
- The necessary chiral recognition by enzymes can place significant constraints on substrate scope.

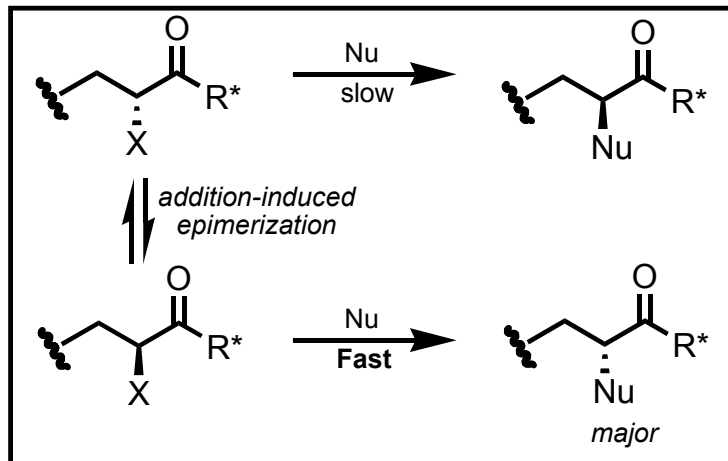


- Finally, the achilles' heel: in many cases only one enantiomer is accessible.

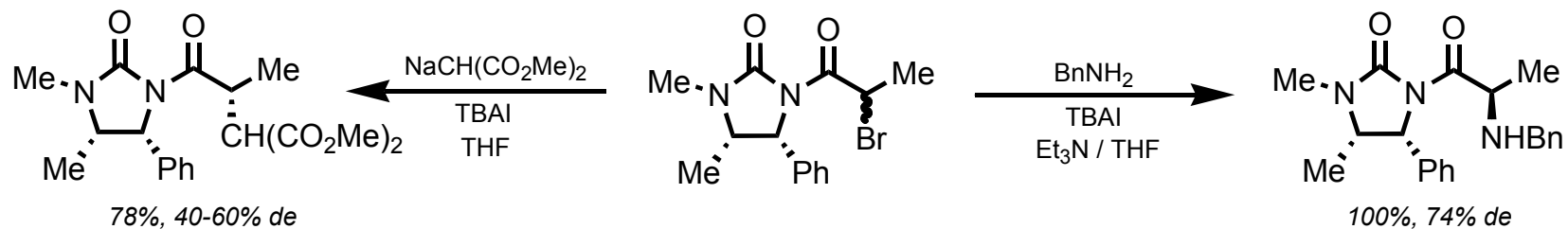
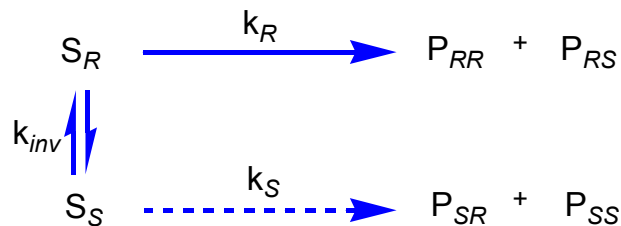
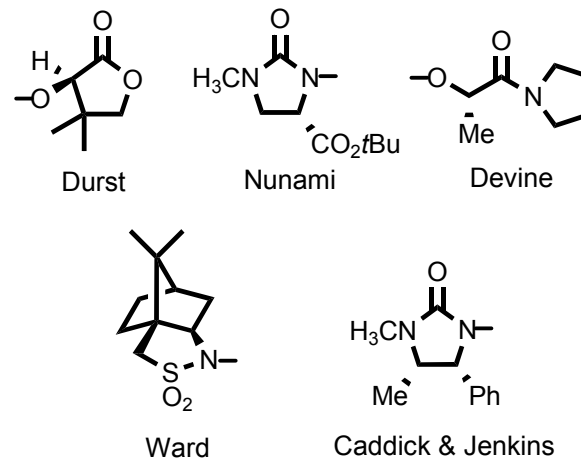
Potential Solution: Enzyme-free DKR!

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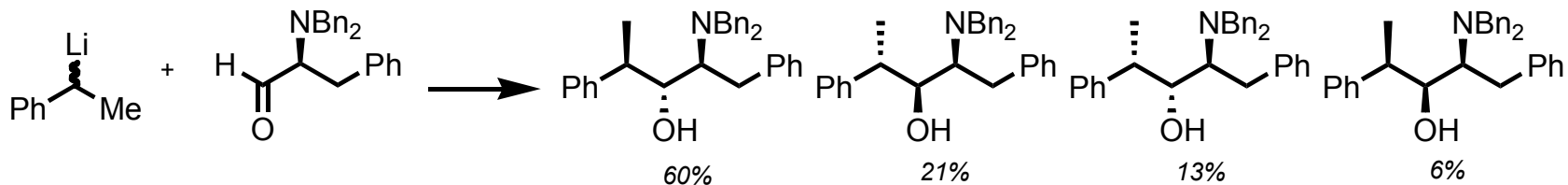
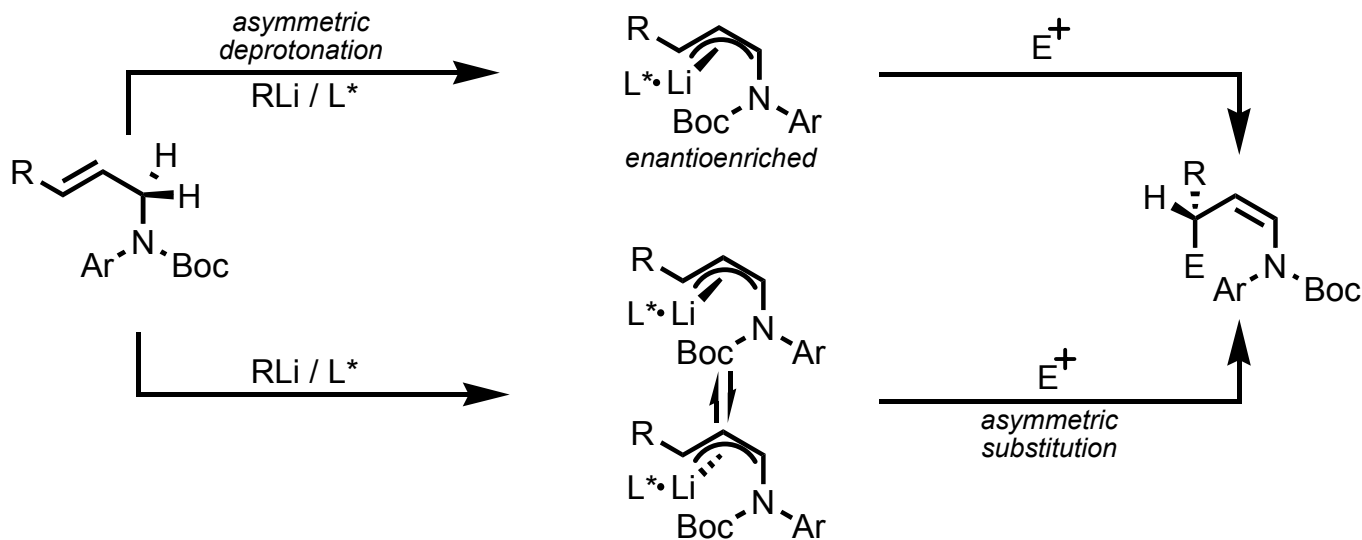
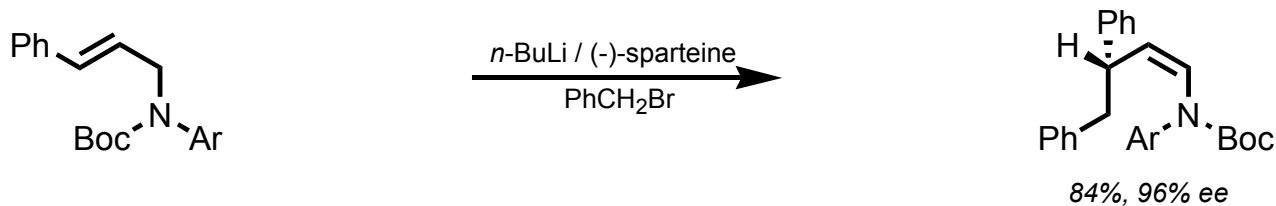
# Using Chiral Auxiliaries in DKR



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# DKR Utilizing Configurationally Labile Anions

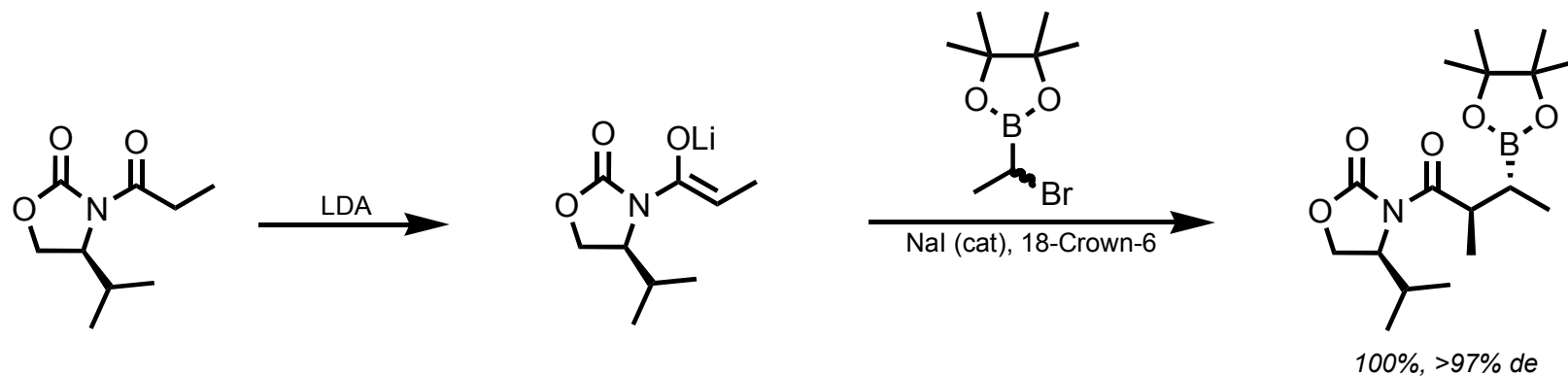
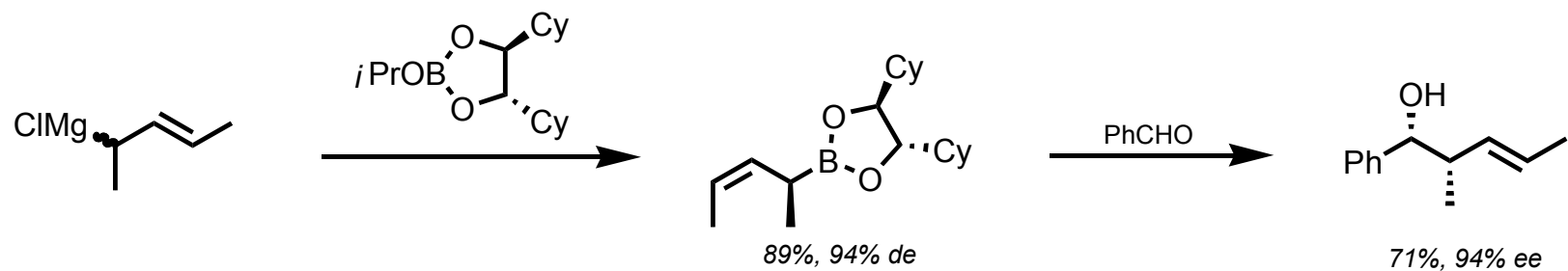


- Ratio of products identical with racemic or enantiomerically pure electrophile

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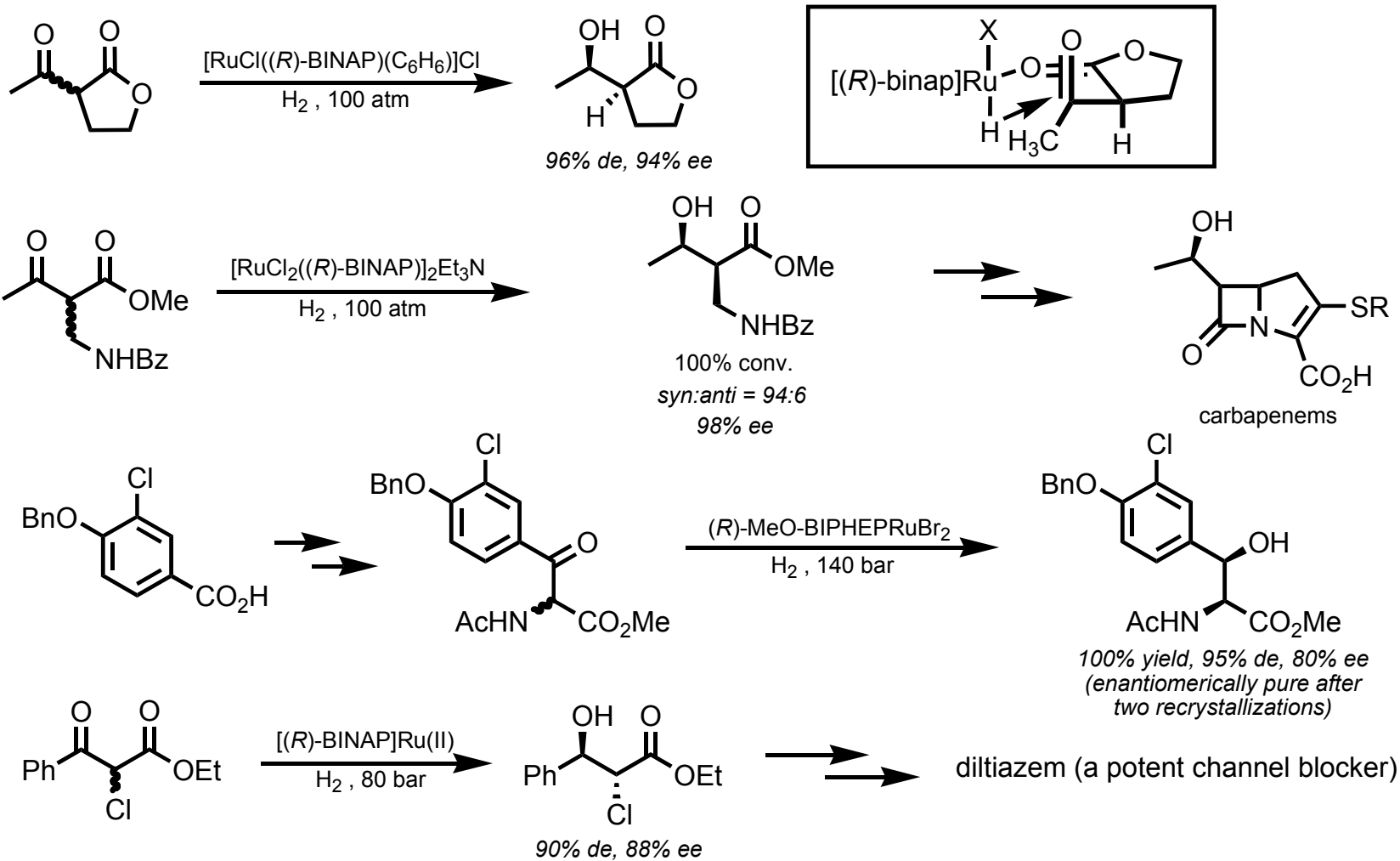


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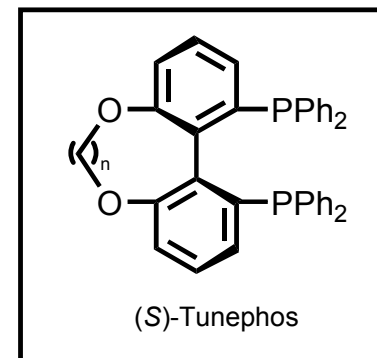
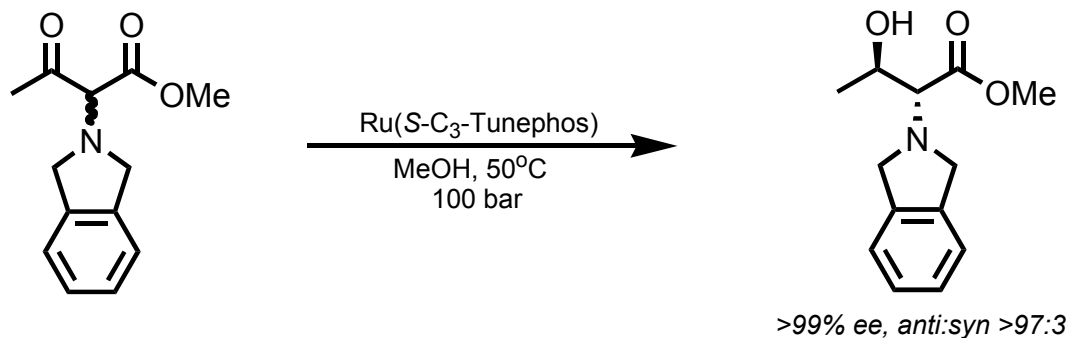
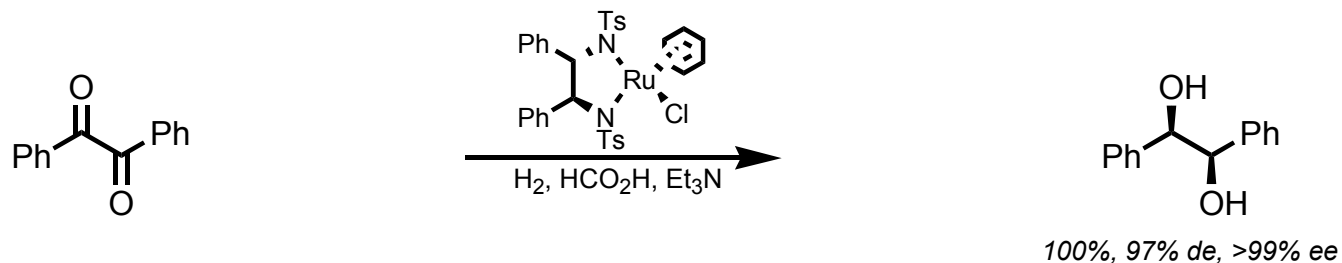
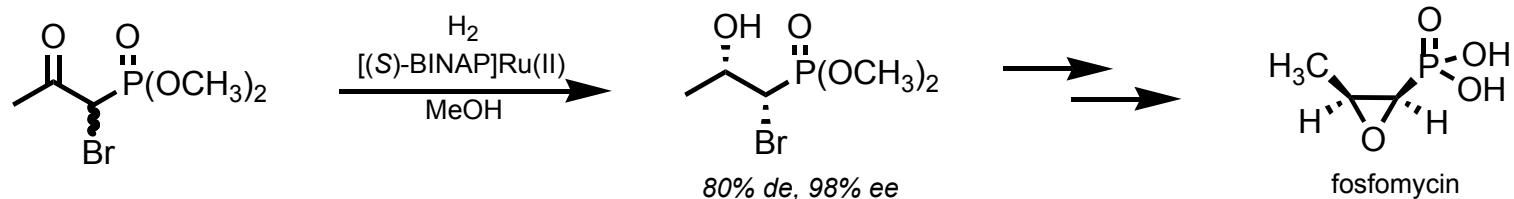
# Ruthenium-Catalyzed Hydrogenation of $\beta$ -Ketoesters

- Ru-catalyzed DKR has been developed into a powerful transformation of very broad scope

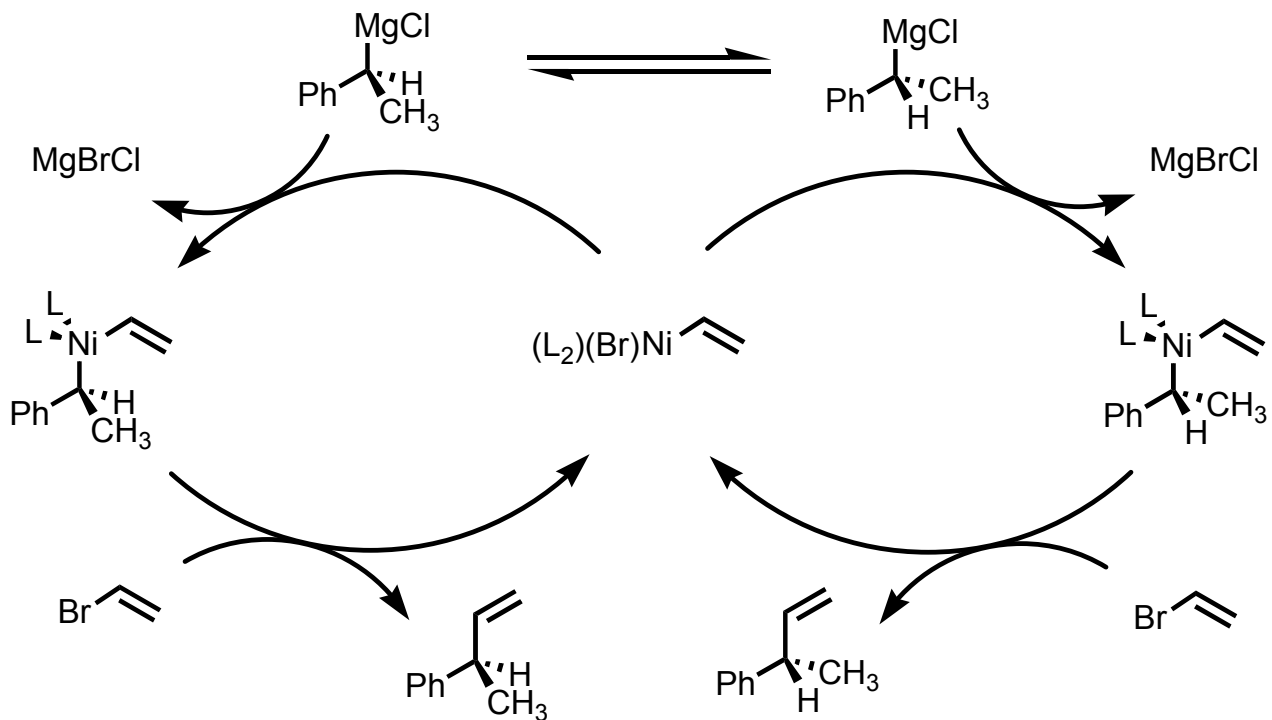
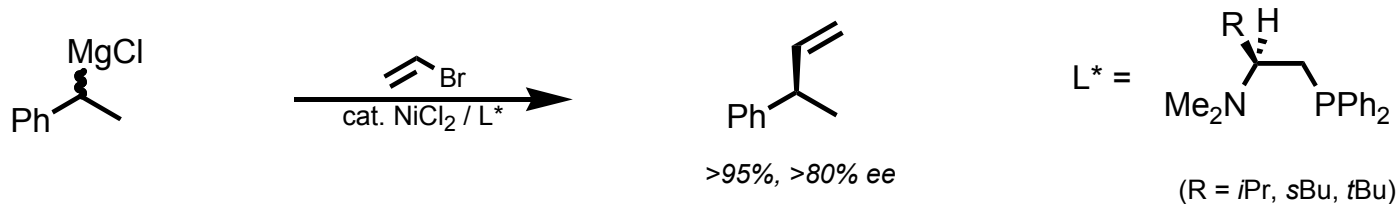




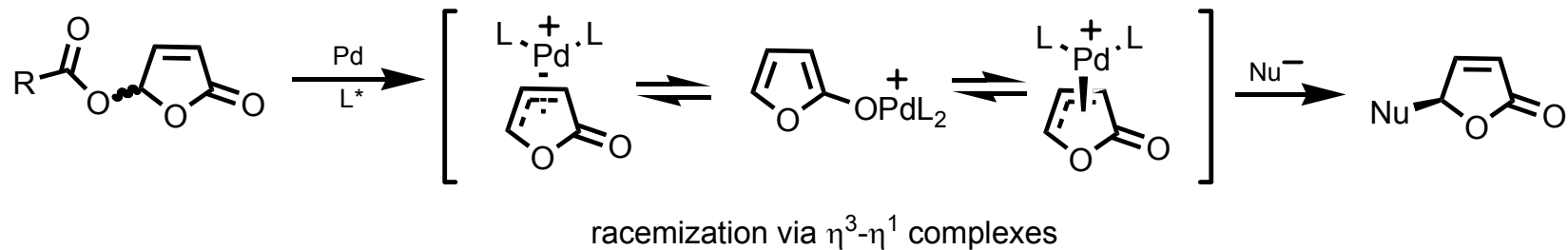
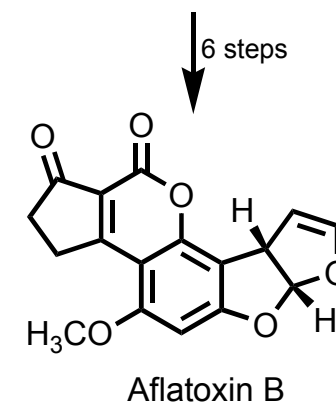
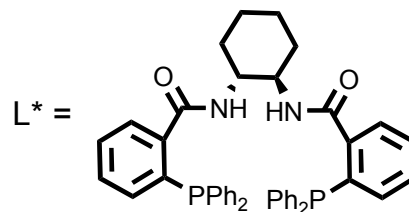
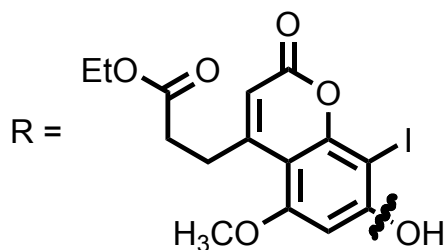
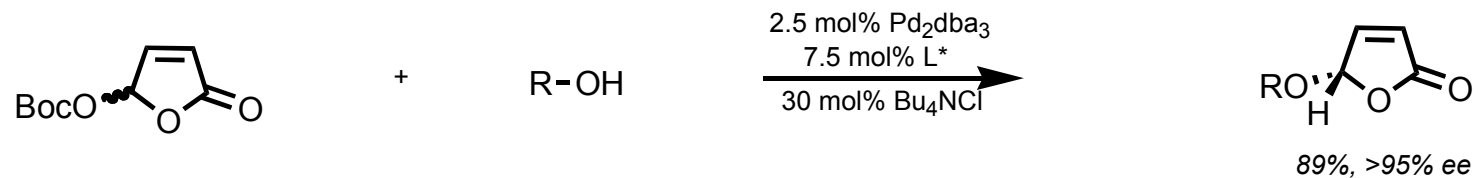
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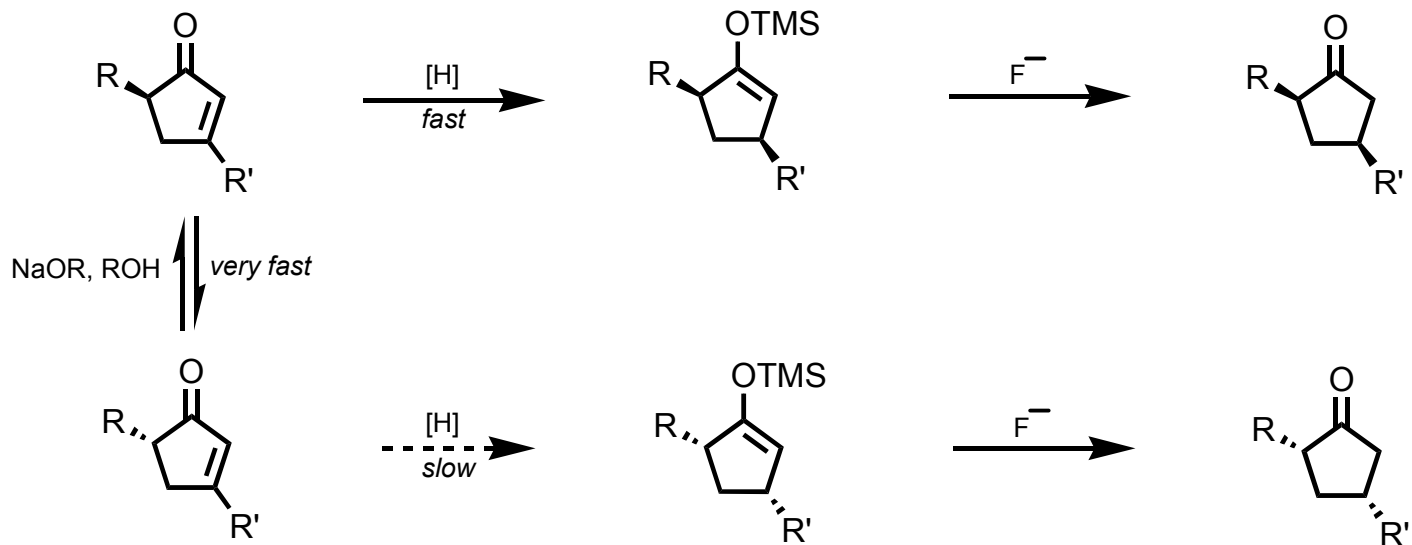
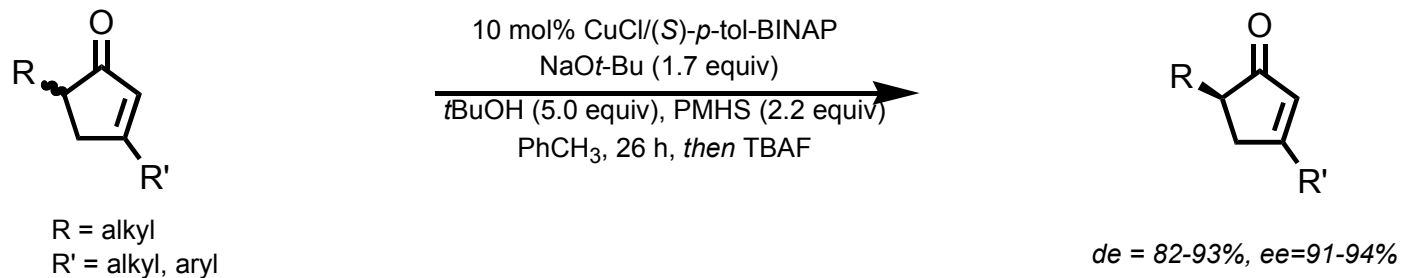
# DKR via Cross-Coupling



# DKR via Pd-Catalyzed Allylic Substitution

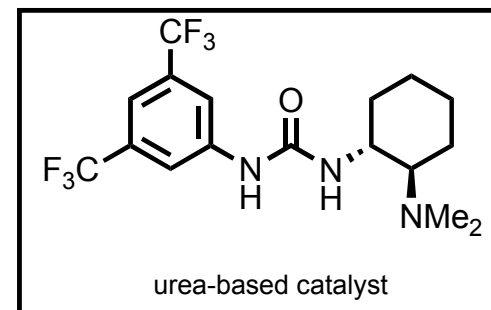
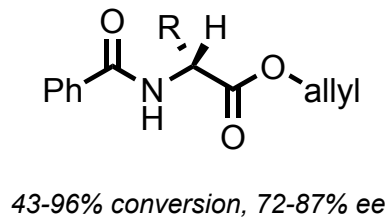
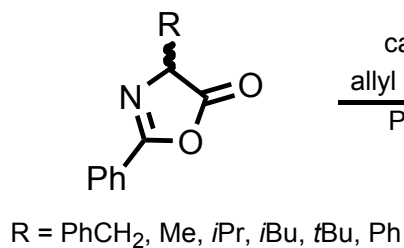


# DKR via Asymmetric Conjugate Reduction



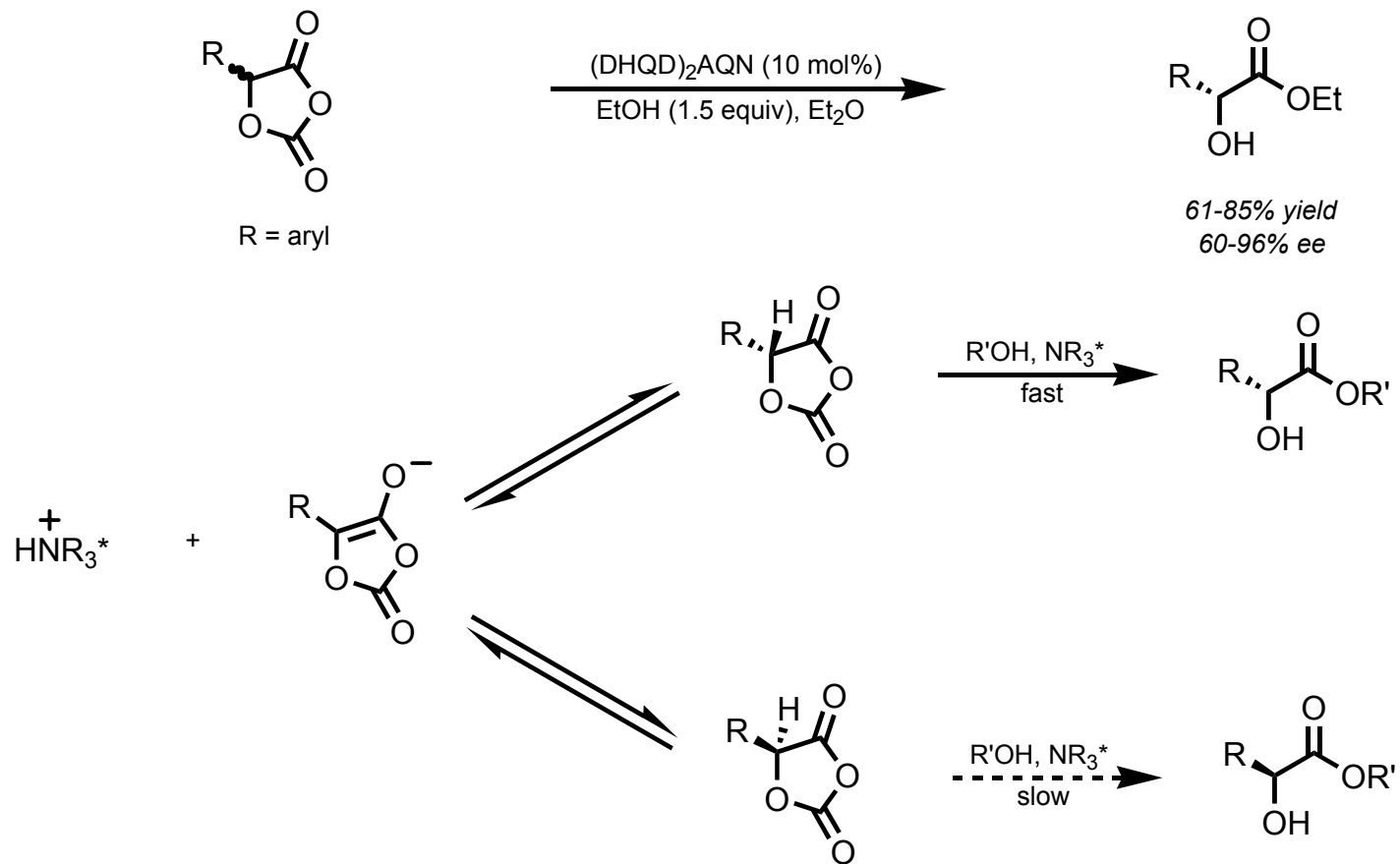
# DKR Utilizing Organocatalysts

- DKR of azlactones using urea-based bifunctional organocatalysts



# DKR Utilizing Organocatalysts

- Asymmetric Synthesis of  $\alpha$ -Hydroxy Carboxylic Acids



- Racemization rate with R=alkyl was too slow to allow for efficient DKR