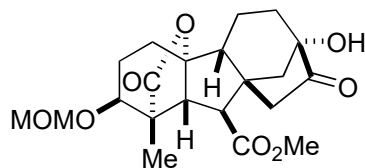


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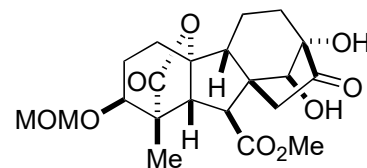
Please provide reasonable mechanisms of each steps and answer the question Q1.

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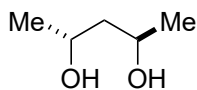
1-1

1. NaH (60 wt%, ~2 eq.)  
CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 25 °C, 82%
  2. Ac<sub>2</sub>O (2.6 eq.), Et<sub>3</sub>N (3.6 eq.)  
DMAP (cat.)  
CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, rt, 96%
  3. TBSOTf (2.1 eq.), Et<sub>3</sub>N (4.3 eq.)  
CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, rt, 70%
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4. DMDO (in acetone, 7.0 eq.)  
CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, -40 °C to 25 °C; evp.  
; *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NF (10 eq.)  
THF, 25 °C, 80%
  5. NaH (60 wt%, ~5.3 eq.)  
MeOH (one drop)  
CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 25 °C, 84%



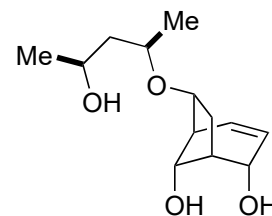
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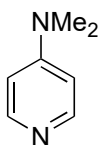
2-1  
(2*R*, 4*R*)-pentanediol

1. phenol (1.1 eq.)  
DIAD (1.2 eq.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (1.2 eq.)  
THF, rt
  2. Hg(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (20 mol%)  
ethyl vinyl ether (solvent), 45 °C  
55% (2 steps)
  3. hν (254 nm)  
pentane, 25 °C, 27 h, 67%
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4. *m*-CPBA (1.0 eq.)  
CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 0 °C to rt;  
2 M HCl aq. (4.0 eq.), 79%
  5. NaBH<sub>4</sub> (1.2 eq.), CeCl<sub>3</sub>·7H<sub>2</sub>O (1.5 eq.)  
MeOH, -78 °C, 89%



2-2

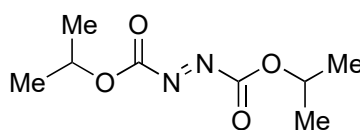
Q1. Explain the roles of chiral pentanediol motif in these transformations.



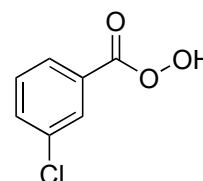
DMAP



DMDO



DIAD



*m*-CPBA

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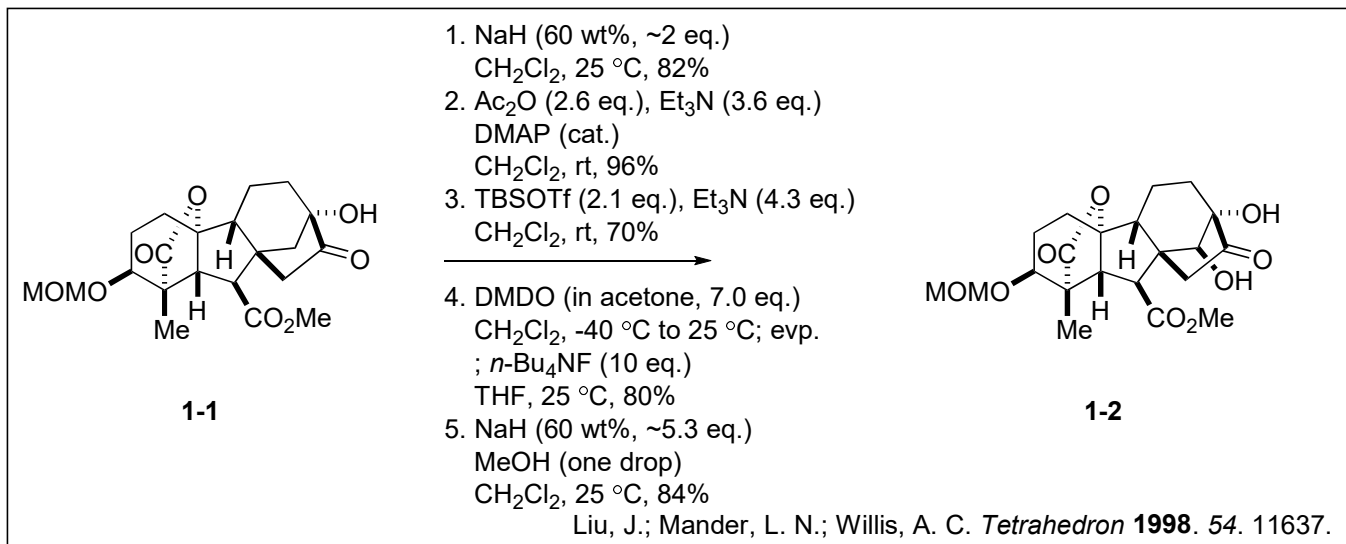
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Topic: Skeletal reorganization in organic syntheses

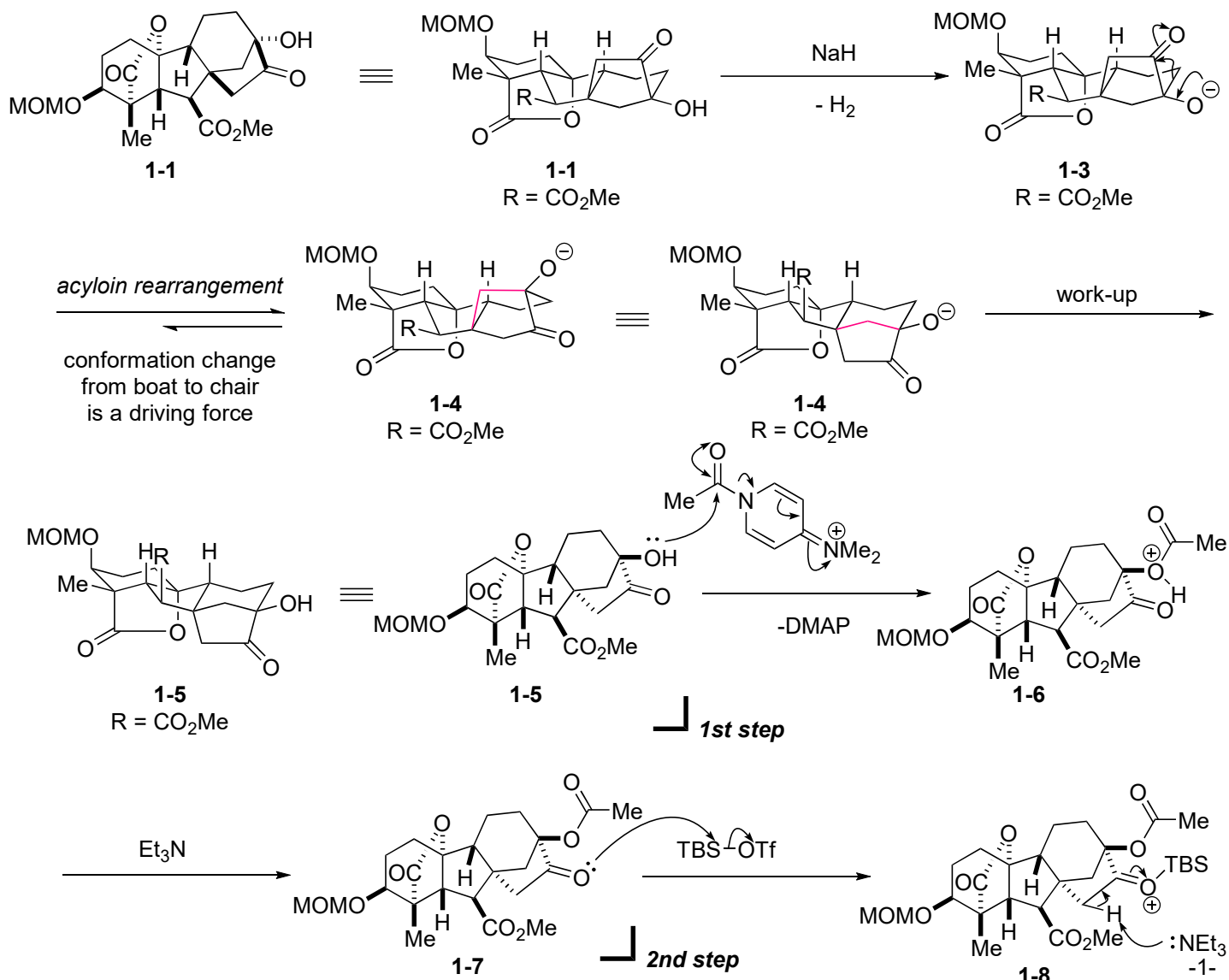
Answer:

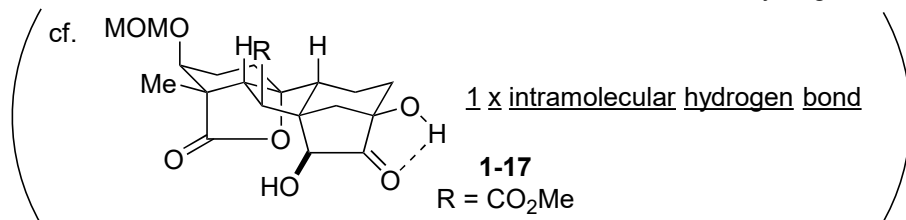
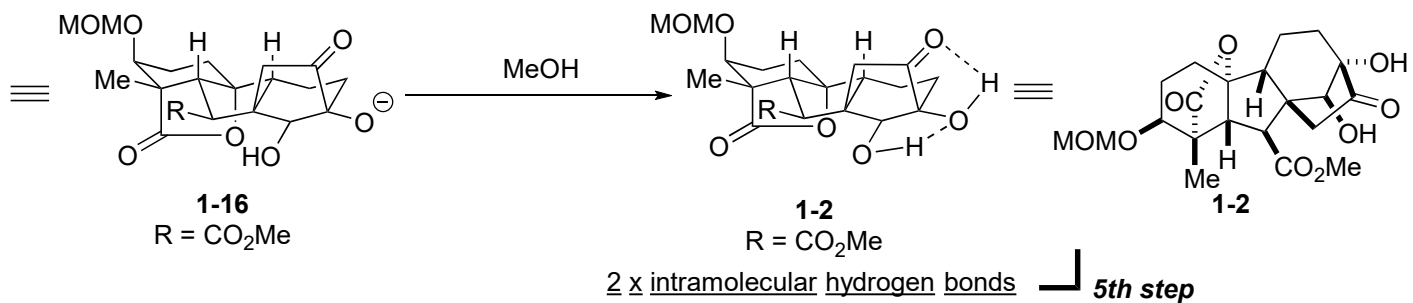
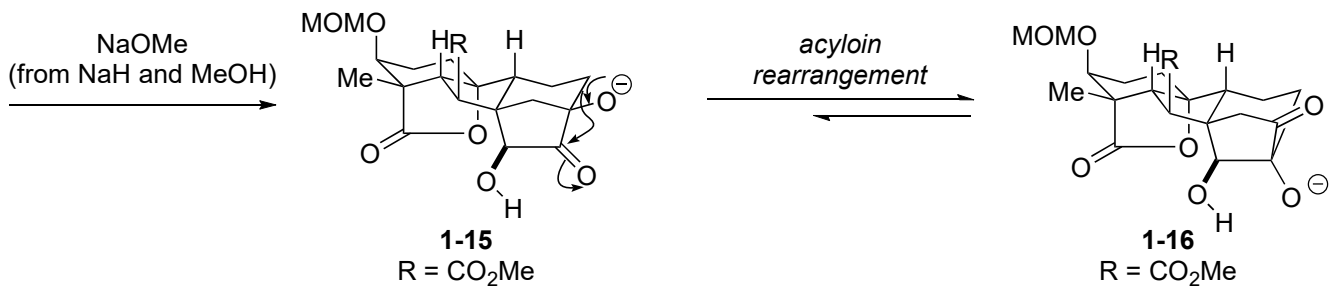
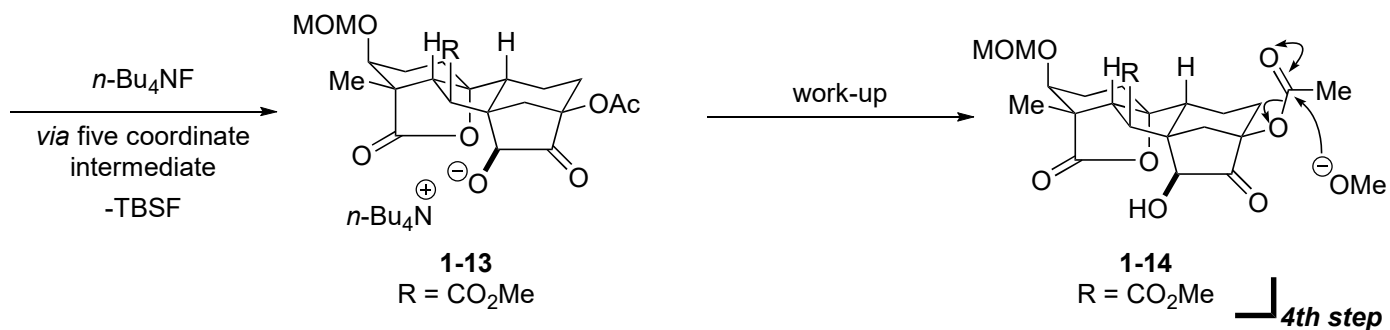
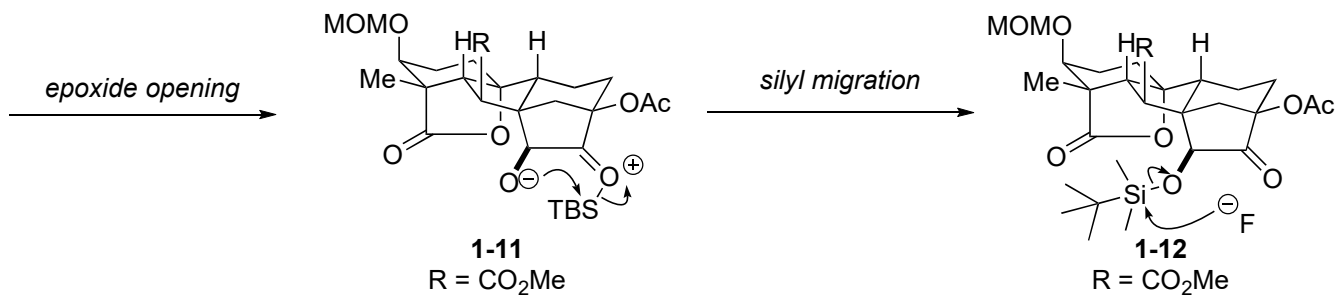
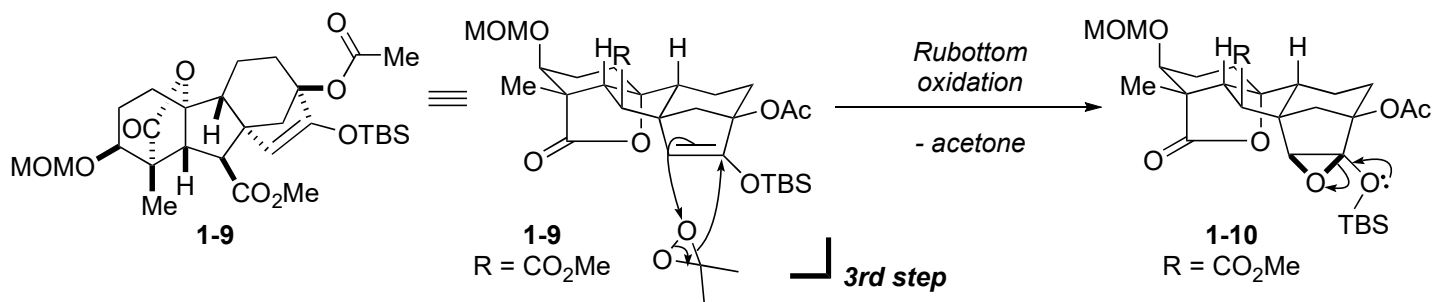
1. Hydroxylation of C14 position in gibberellins by Mander's group (Review: *Nat. Prod. Rep.* **2003**, *20*, 49.)

1-1. Reaction mechanism



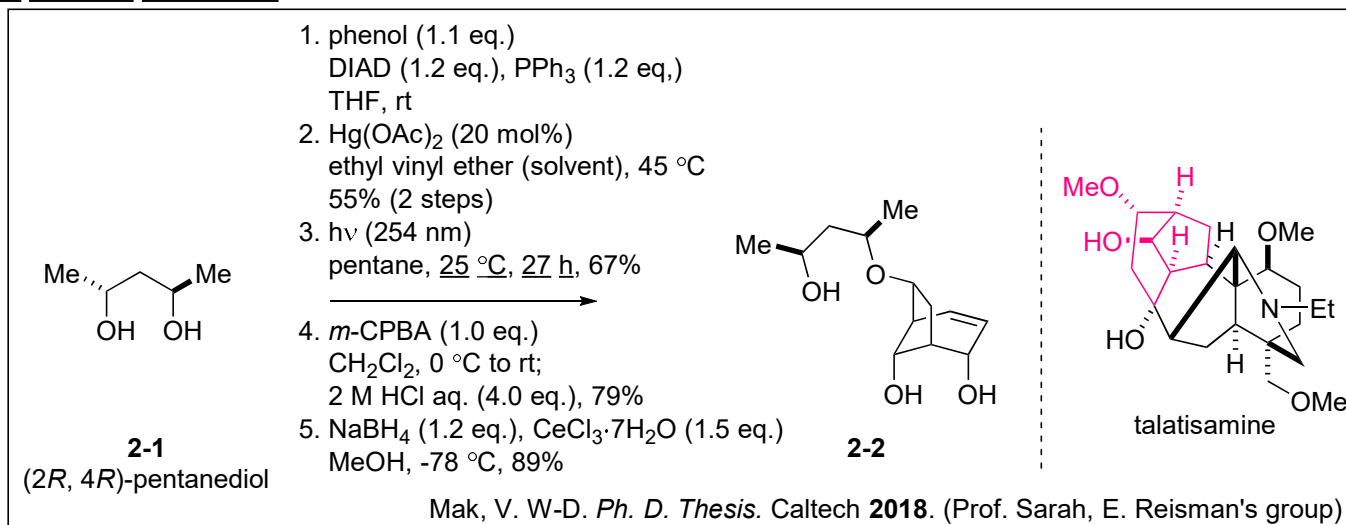
**Key point:** 1) acyloin rearrangement (step 1 and 5) 2) three dimensional conformation of polycyclic compound





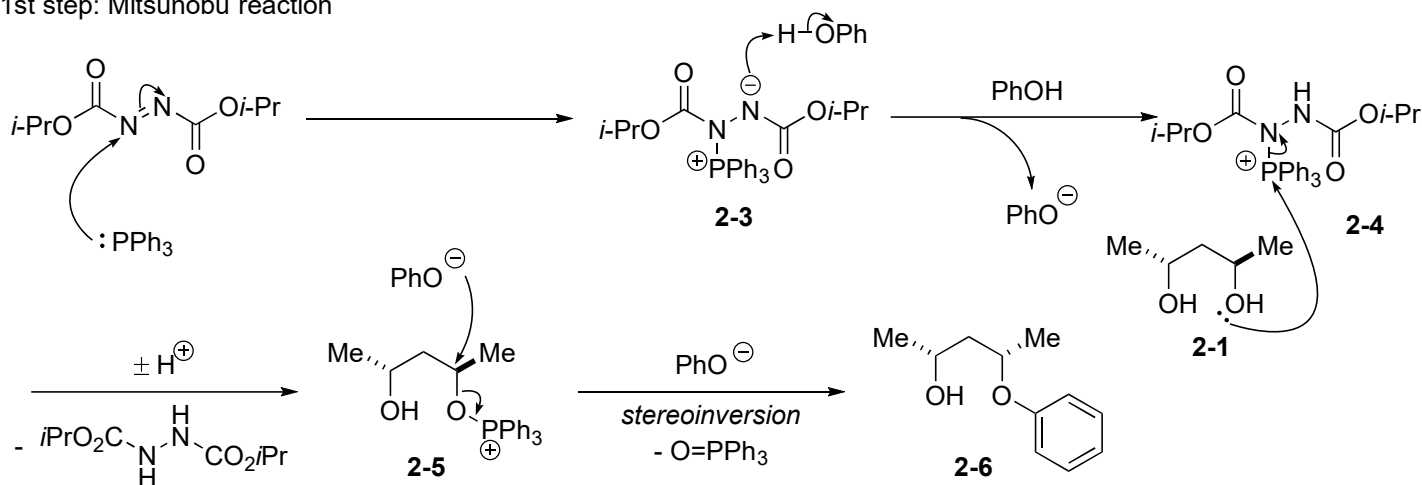
## 2. Construction of CD-ring fragment of C19-diterpenoid alkaloid talatisamine by Reisman's group

### 2-1. Reaction mechanism

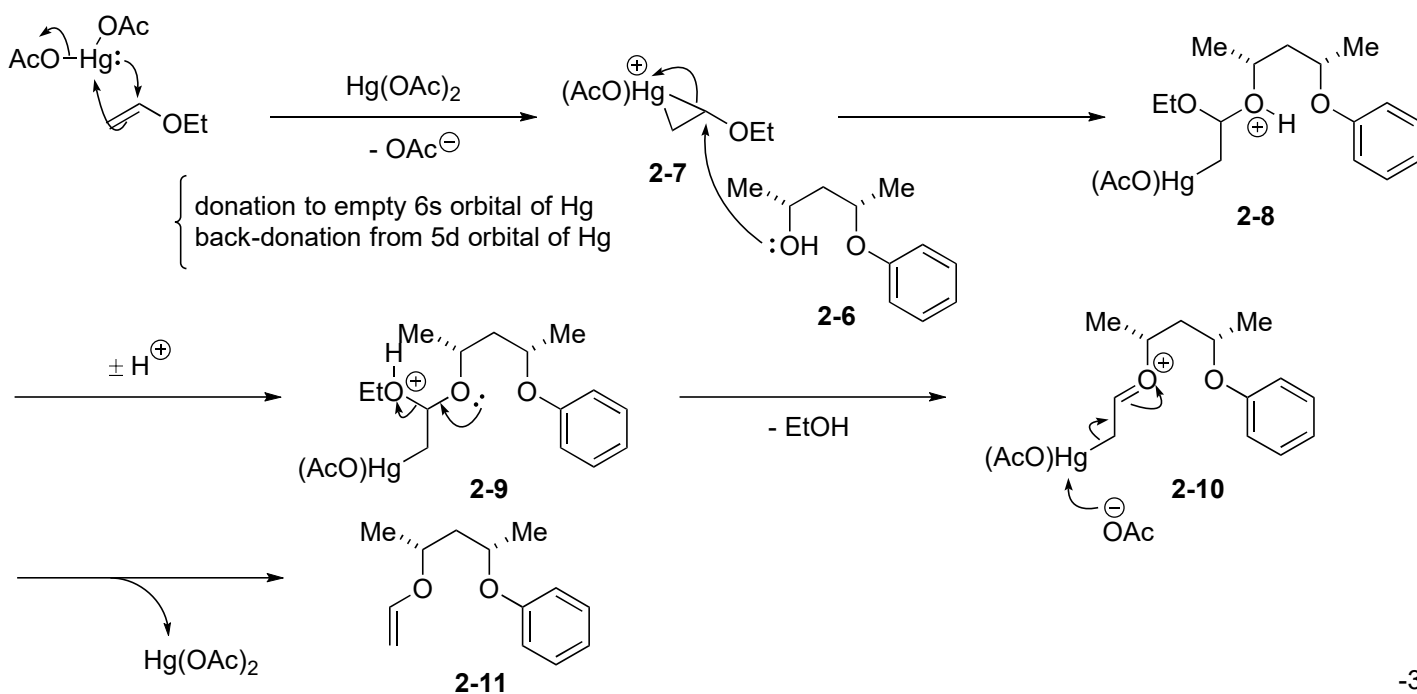


**Key point:** 1. Diastereoselective *meta*-photocycloaddition (step 3), 2. epoxidation induced fragmentation (step 4)  
 3. Stereoselective reduction of ketone (step 5)

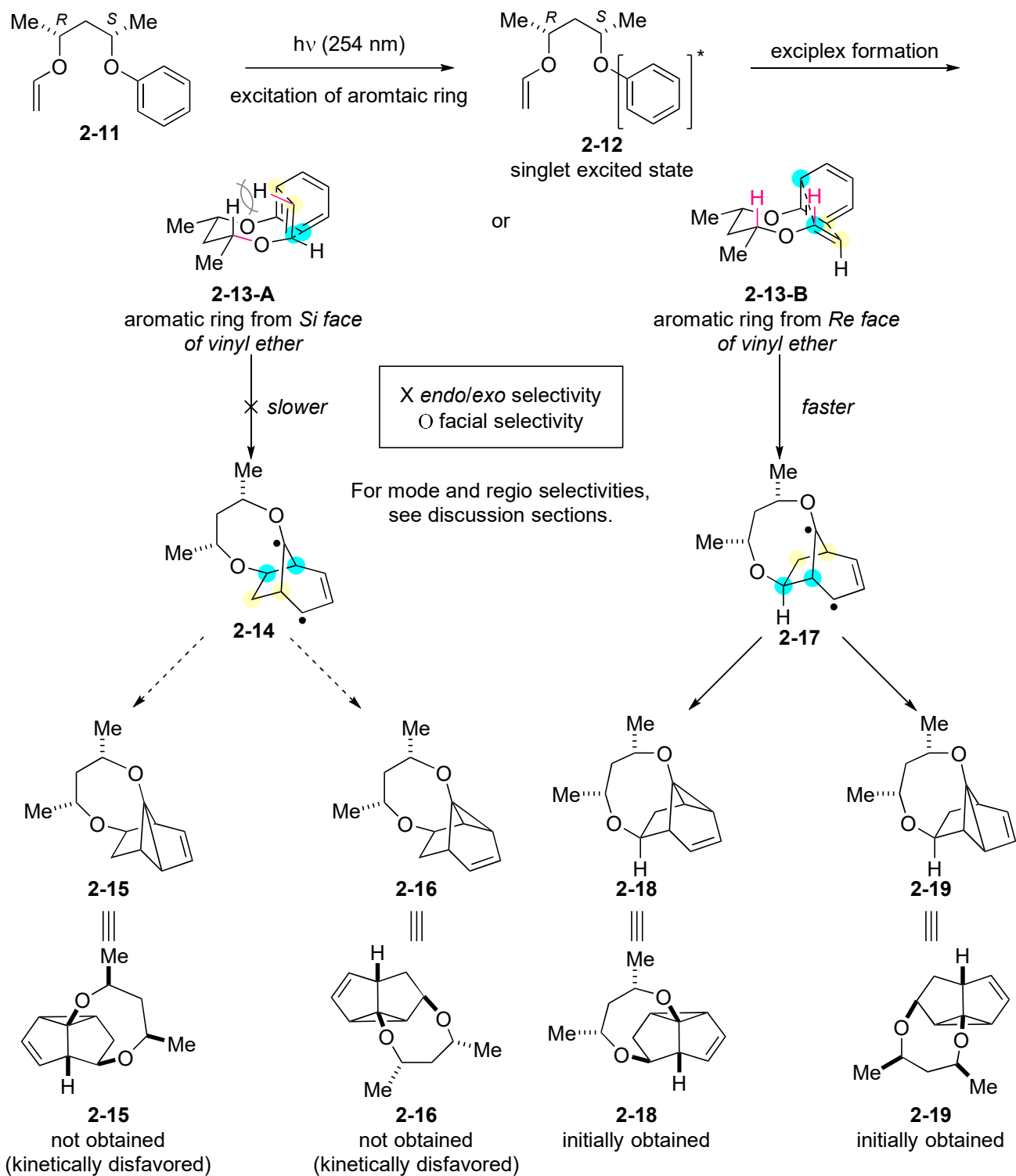
1st step: Mitsunobu reaction



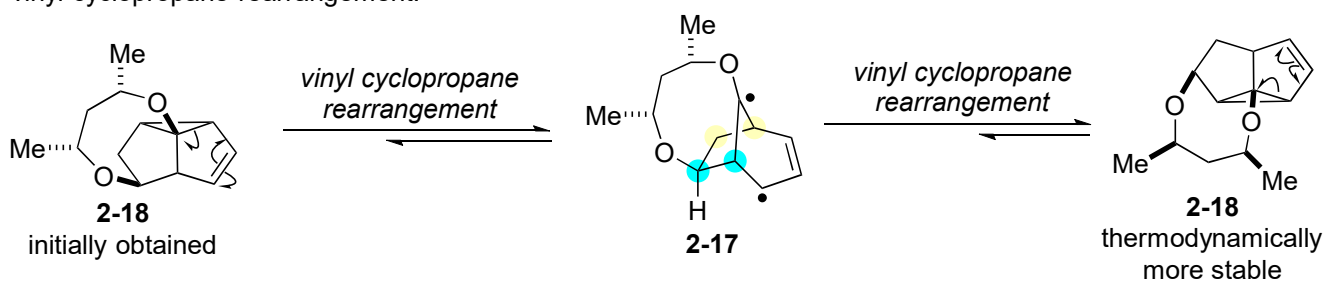
2nd step: vinyl etherification

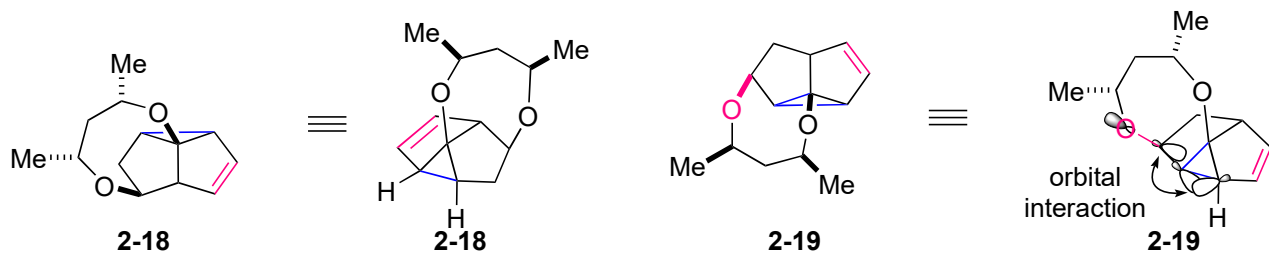


3rd step: diastereoselective *meta*-photocycloaddition



Once **2-18** and **2-19** are generated in the reaction system, **2-17**, **2-18**, and **2-19** are under the equilibrium via vinyl cyclopropane rearrangement.



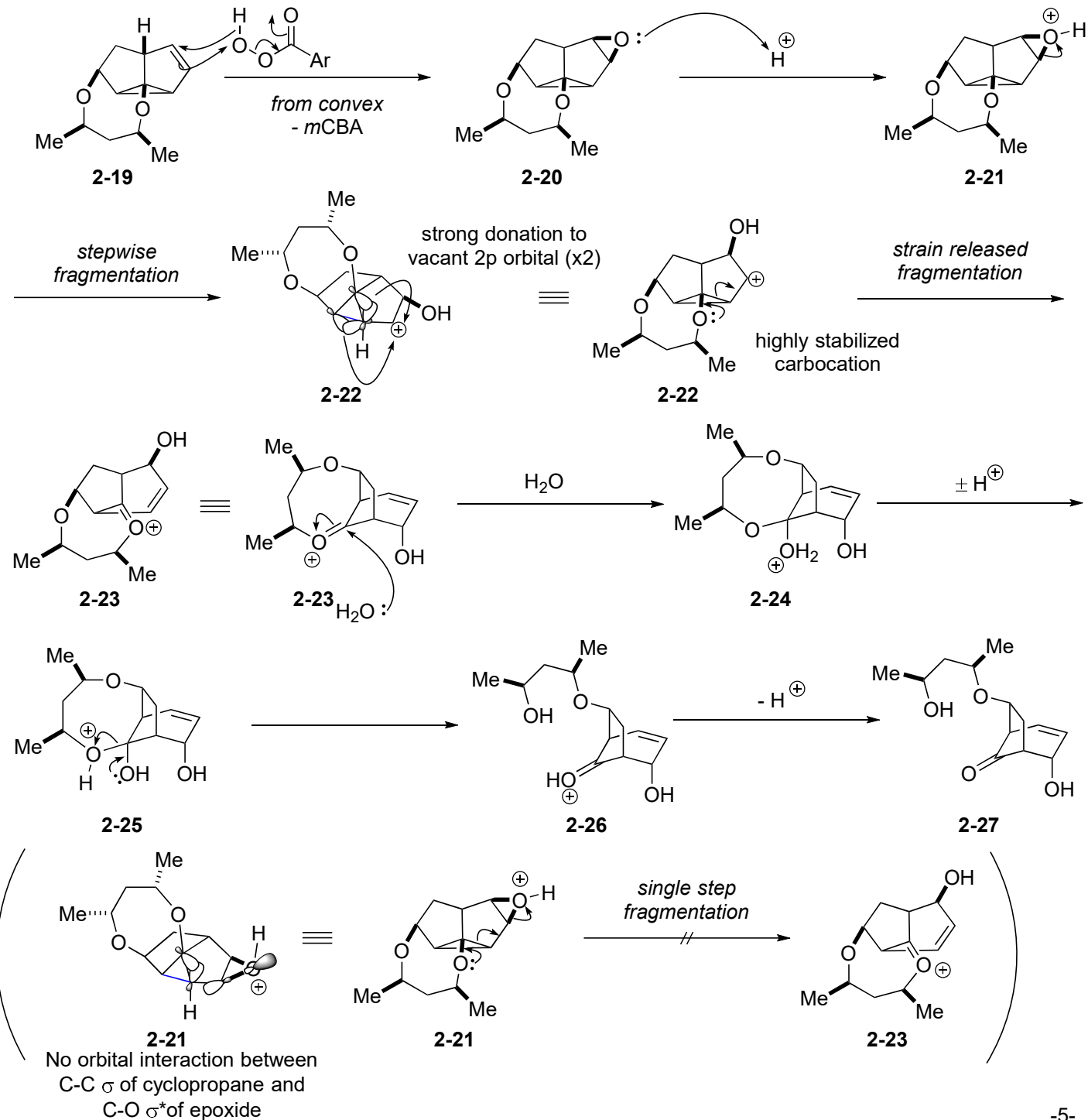


No additional orbital interaction  
between cyclopropane and chiral tether

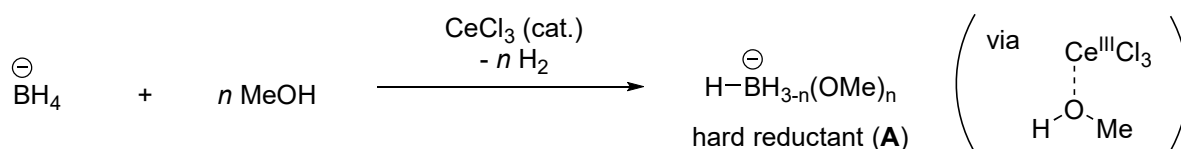
orbital interaction between  
C-C  $\sigma$  of cyclopropane  
and C-O  $\sigma^*$  of chiral tether

Fifer, N. L.; White, J. M. *Org. Biomol. Chem.* **2005**, 3, 1776.

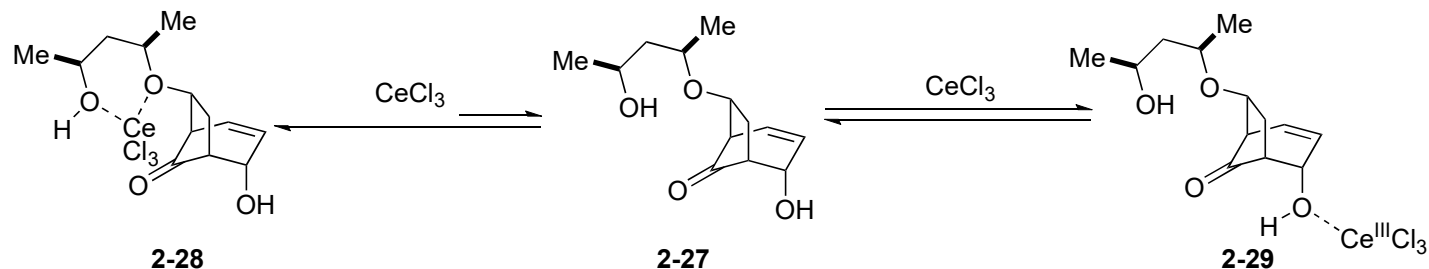
4th step: epoxidation induced fragmentation



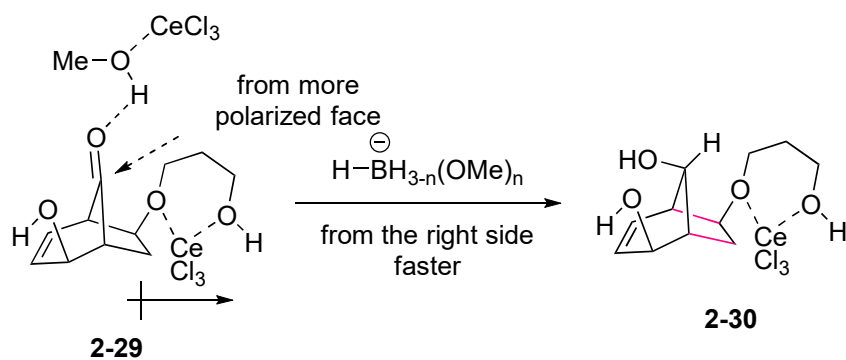
5th step: Stereoselective Luche reduction



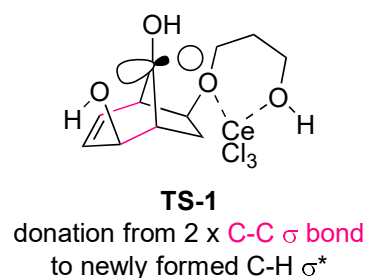
\* CeCl<sub>3</sub> can coordinate to the hydroxyl group on the substrate **2-27**



1. anionic reductant approaches from the more polarized face = favored

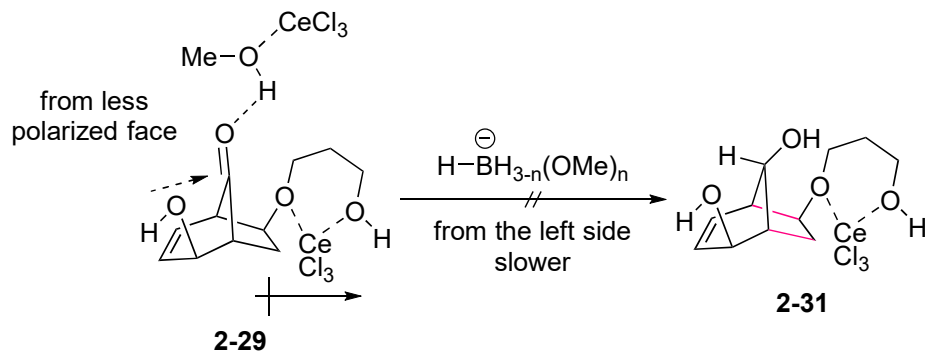


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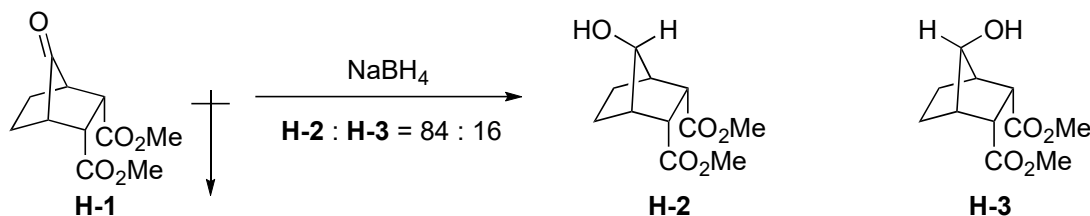
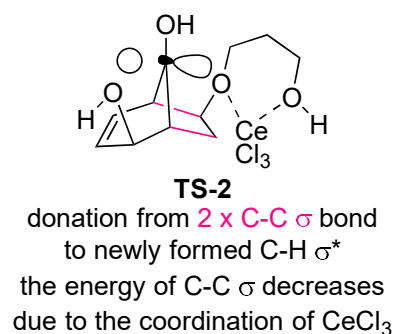


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2. anionic reductant approaches from the less polarized face = disfavored



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Remote polar substituents can control the stereoselectivity of nucleophilic addition to cyclic ketones **H-1**.

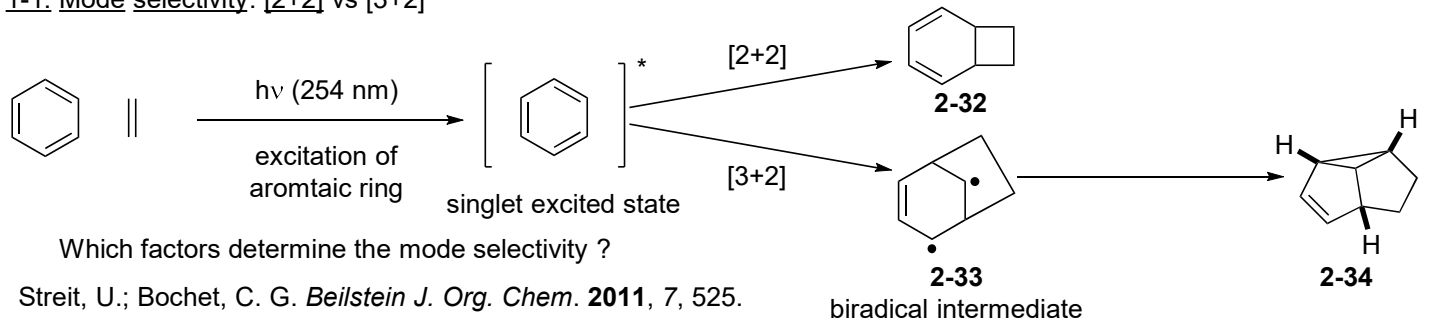
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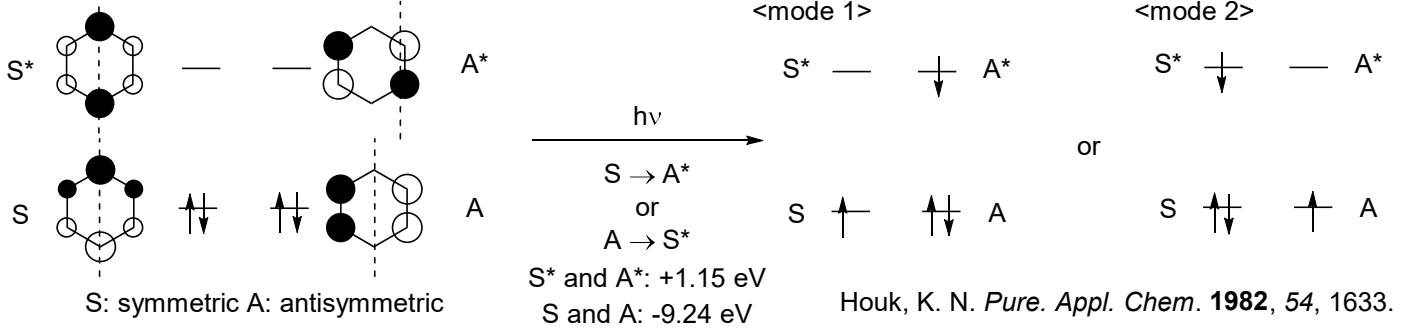
**Discussion:**

1. arene-alkene photocycloaddition

1-1. Mode selectivity: [2+2] vs [3+2]

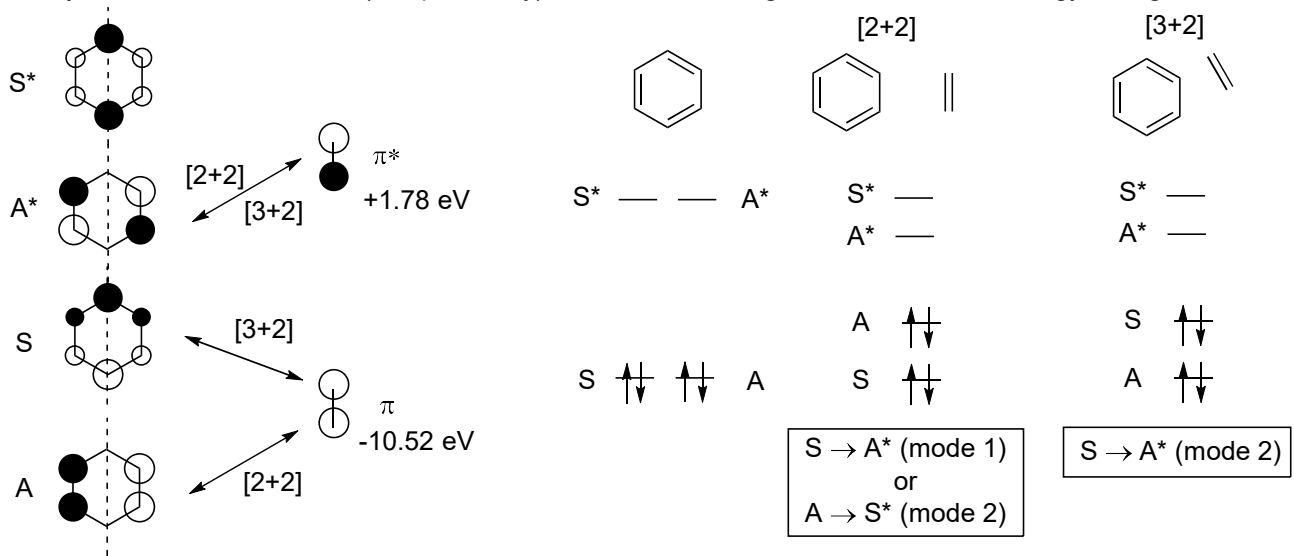


Frontier molecular orbital of benzene

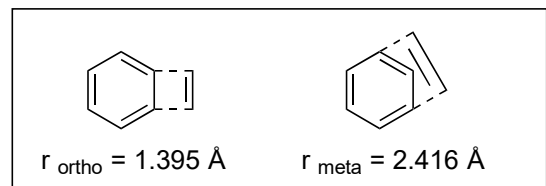
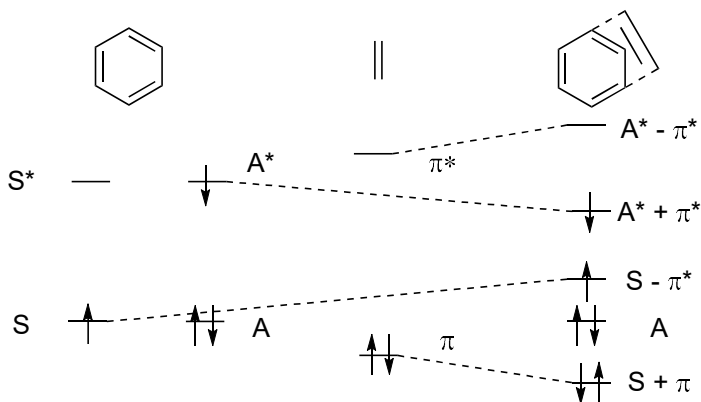


$\pi$  orbital of benzene is degenerated, so four orbitals should be incorporated to describe singlet excited state of benzene

benzene-ethylene orbital interactions (independently)



Meta-photocycloaddition ([3+2] cycloaddition)



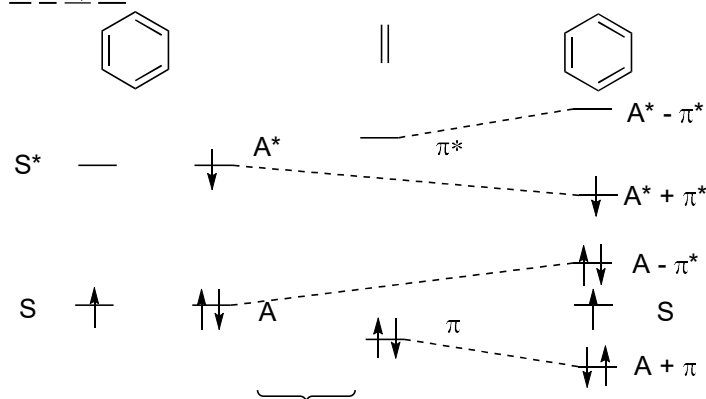
1. S  $\rightarrow$  A\* transition is highly stabilized (2 x orbital interactions)  
 $\rightarrow$  These stabilization overcomes the disfavored orbital overlapping in [3+2] cycloaddition.

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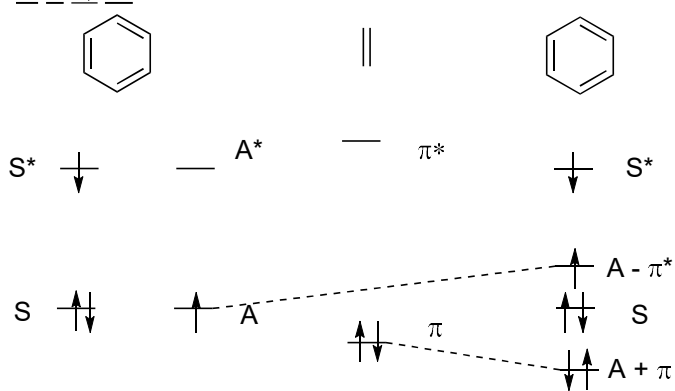
[2+2] cycloaddition

1.  $S \rightarrow A^*$



four electrons in two orbitals  
→ total = destabilized

2.  $A \rightarrow S^*$

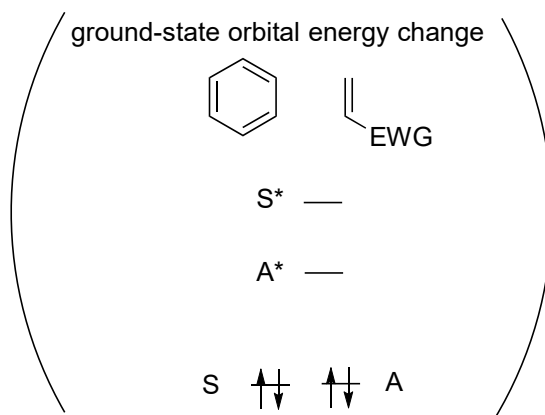
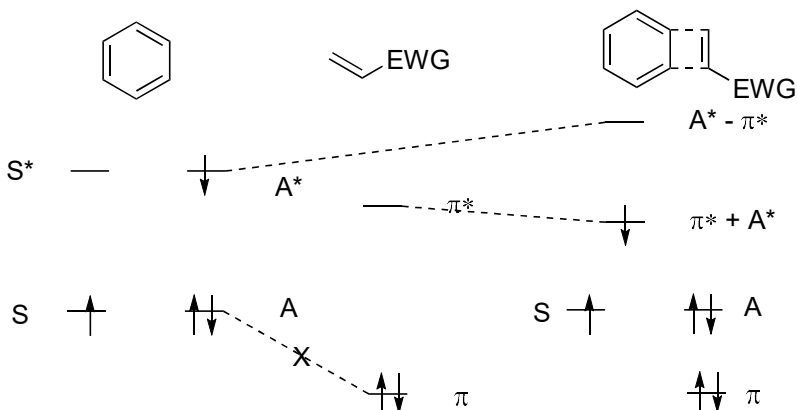


1. single orbital interaction

When the HOMO and LUMO of an aromatic compound are at approximately the same energy level as that of olefin, the [3+2] cycloaddition reaction is favored.

[2+2] photocycloaddition

a. with electron deficient olefin



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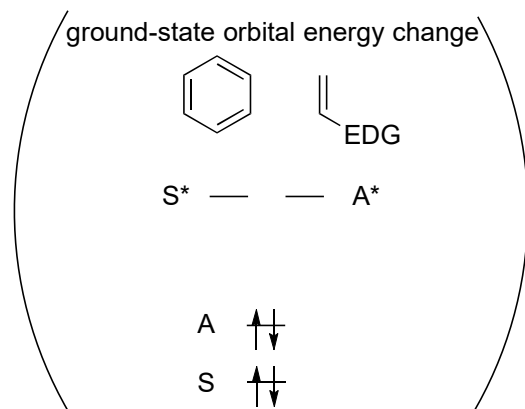
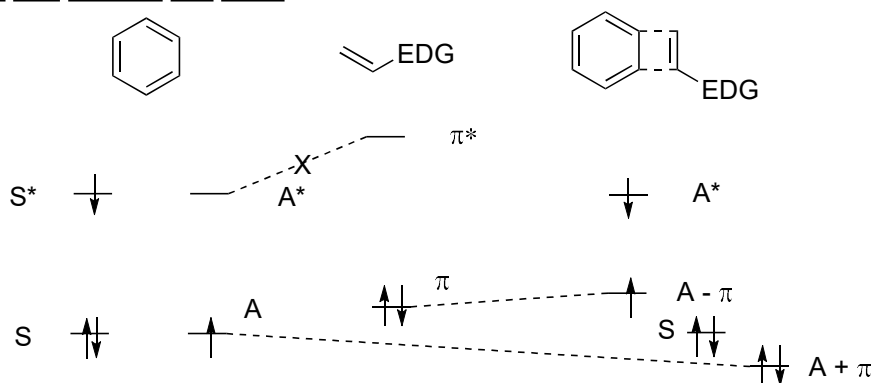
1. From the ground-state analysis,  $S \rightarrow A^*$  transition is favored.

2. Interaction between  $A^*$  and  $\pi^*$  is possible

3. Orbital interaction between  $A$  and  $\pi$  is impossible

From the point of overlapping of the orbital [2+2] cycloaddition is favored.

b. with electron rich olefin



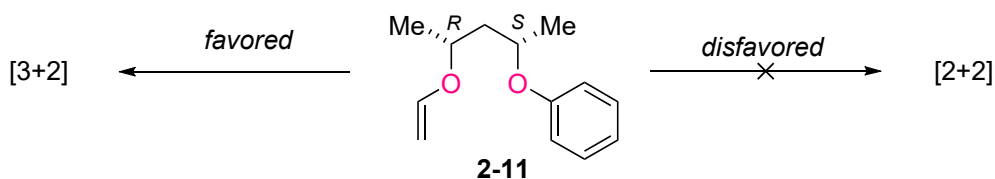
1. From the ground-state analysis,  $A \rightarrow S^*$  transition is possible.

2. Interaction between  $A^*$  and  $\pi^*$  is impossible

3. Interaction between  $A$  and  $\pi$  is possible

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In this problem, cycloaddition between electron rich aromatic ring and electron rich olefin proceeds.



1. Olefins having electron-donor and electron-acceptor abilities preferentially afford [2+2] cycloadducts.
2. If olefin lacks good electron donor or electron acceptor, the reaction affords [3+2] cycloadducts.

1-2. Regioselectivity in *meta*-photocycloaddition using electron rich aromatic ring

