

# Atropselective Synthesis of Axially Chiral Biaryl Compounds

literature seminar (P217)

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Axially chiral biaryl compounds are well recognized as a characteristic chemical class in organic synthesis due to their utility as efficient chiral ligands and key intermediates of biologically active compounds. Until now, various synthetic methods have been exploited to produce chiral biaryls.

In this seminar I will mainly talk about asymmetric biaryl synthesis by construction of an aromatic ring

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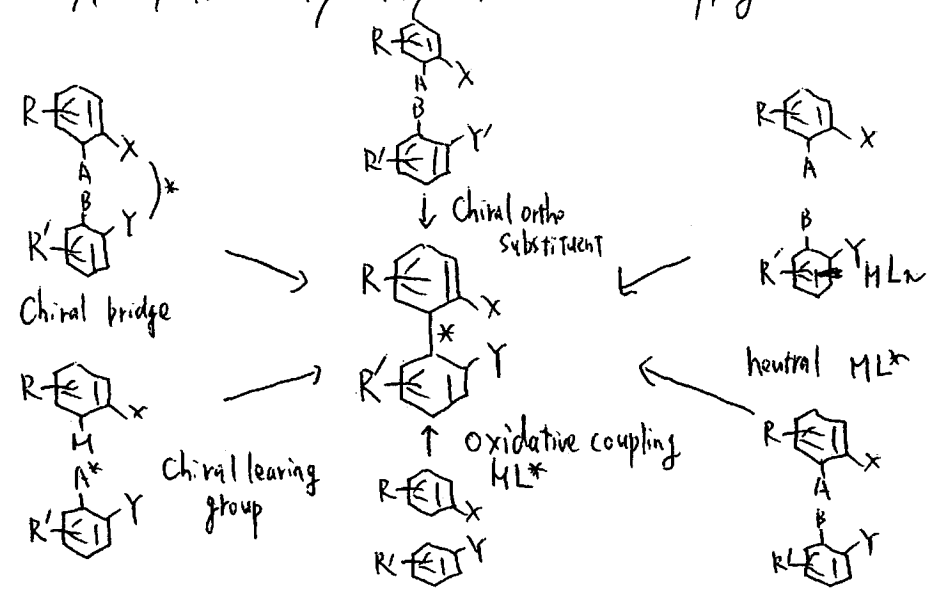
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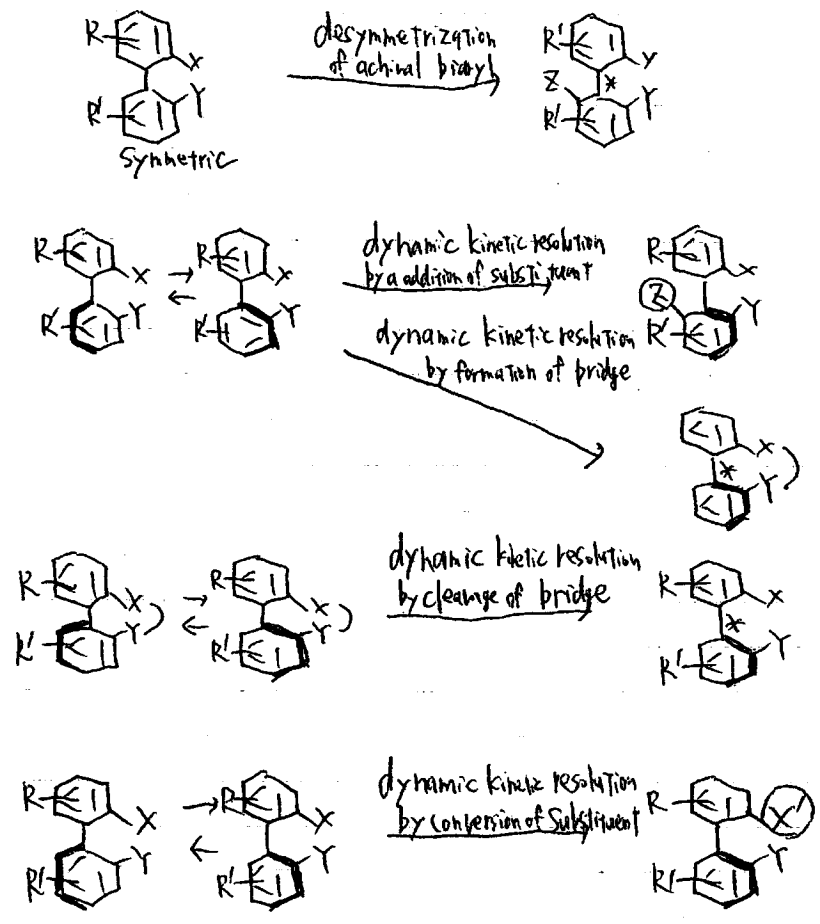
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I. Introduction

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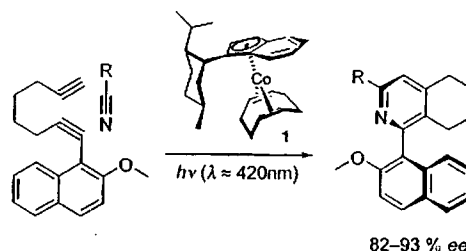
## 2. [2+2+2] Cyclo Addition

### VII Asymmetric Catalysis

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Cobalt(I)-Catalyzed Asymmetric [2+2+2]  
Cycloaddition of Alkynes and Nitriles:  
Synthesis of Enantiomerically Enriched  
Atropoisomers of 2-Arylpyridines

A new flavor of chiral induction in the  
[2+2+2] cycloaddition yielding pyridines:  
Atropoisomers were prepared in the  
reaction of alkynes and nitriles in the



82–93 % ee

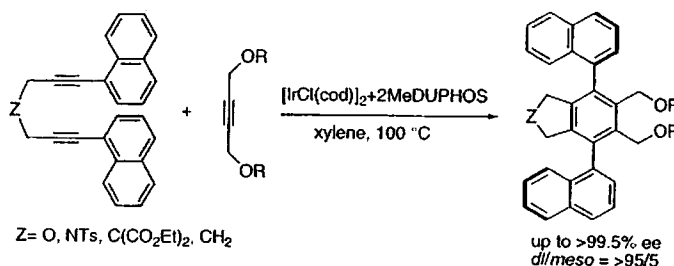
presence of 1 mol % chiral Co<sup>I</sup> catalysts  
such as 1 with high yields and up to  
93 % ee.

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### Iridium Complex-Catalyzed Highly Enantio- and Diastereoselective [2+2+2] Cycloaddition for the Synthesis of Axially Chiral Teraryl Compounds

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Kentaro Takagi

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up to >99.5% ee  
dl/meso = >95/5

### Early Example

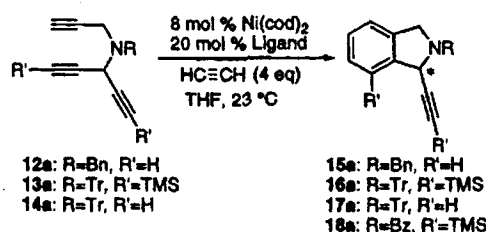
### Asymmetric Synthesis of Isoindoline and Isoquinoline Derivatives Using Nickel(0)-Catalyzed [2 + 2 + 2] Cocyclization

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#### Scheme 5



#### Scheme 2

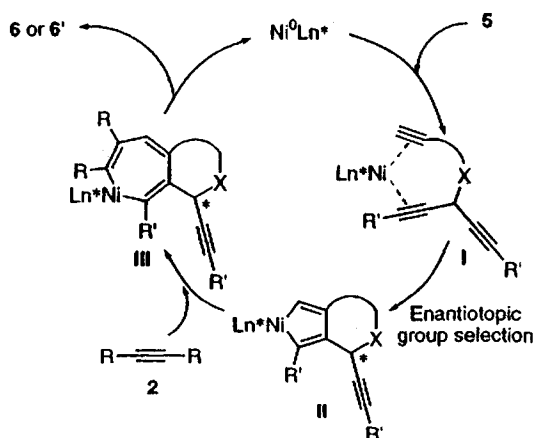
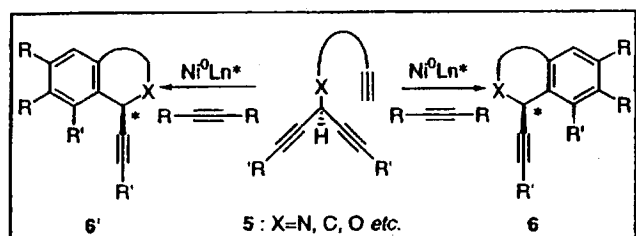
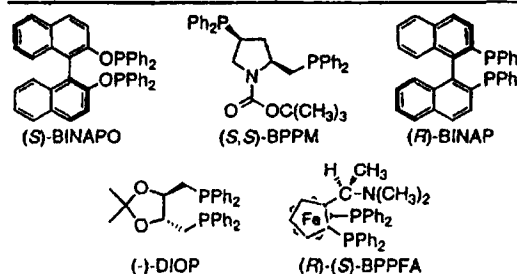


Table 1. Catalytic Asymmetric [2 + 2 + 2] Cocyclization  
of 13a and 14a

run	substrate	ligand	time (hr)	yield (%)	ee (%)	SM recover (%)
1	14a	dppb	1.5	74	—	—
2		(S)-BINAPO	16	68	12	—
3		(S,S)-BPPM	2	82	45	—
4	13a	dppb	5	83	—	—
5		(R)-BINAP	140	57	22	18
6		(S)-BINAPO	115	52	18	14
7		(-)-DIOP	18	87	0	—
8		(S,S)-BPPM	18	92	60	—
9		(R)-(-S)-BPPFA	150	52	73	33



## 2 Previous Studies about Co-Catalyzed Synthesis of Pyridines

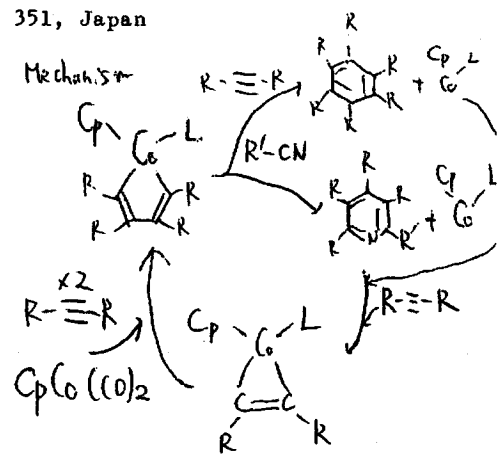
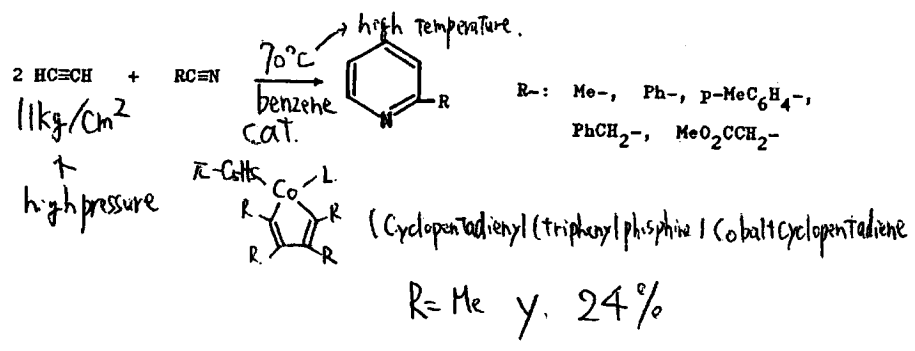
### (1) First example

#### COBALT-CATALYZED SYNTHESIS OF PYRIDINES FROM ACETYLENES AND NITRILES

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Tetrahedron Lett. 1973. 36. 3383



### (2) Improvement

#### PHOTOASSISTED COCYCLIZATION OF ACETYLENE AND NITRILES CATALYZED BY COBALT COMPLEXES AT AMBIENT TEMPERATURE AND NORMAL PRESSURE

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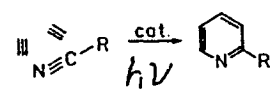


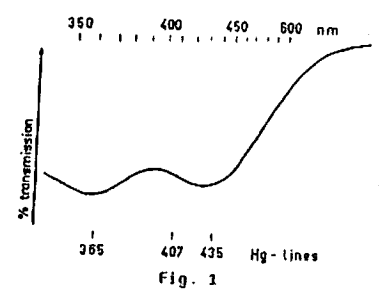
Table 1 Catalytic cocyclization of acetylene and nitriles

Entry	catalyst <sup>a)</sup> (mole%)	nitrile <sup>b)</sup> (%conversion)	reaction time in h	reaction temper.	pyridine (% selectivity) <sup>c)</sup>	turnovers number <sup>d)</sup>	remarks <sup>e)</sup>
1	A (2.95 · 10 <sup>-4</sup> )	AN (0.47)	3	40 °C	2-Me- (98.1)	1590	in the dark
2	A (1.3 · 10 <sup>-4</sup> )	AN (0.88)	3	40 °C	2-Me- (97.7)	6550	diffuse daylight
3	A (1.1 · 10 <sup>-4</sup> )	AN (1.17)	3	40 °C	2-Me- (97.9)	10490	sunlight
4	A (1.1 · 10 <sup>-4</sup> )	AN (2.41)	1	25 °C	2-Me- (98.8)	16640	Hg-lamp (125 W)
5	B (4.1 · 10 <sup>-4</sup> )	AN (1.57)	2	40 °C	2-Me- (98.3)	3860	254-580 nm
6	B (3.8 · 10 <sup>-4</sup> )	AN (2.22)	2	40 °C	2-Me- (99.0)	5930	320-370 nm
7	B (3.6 · 10 <sup>-4</sup> )	AN (4.35)	2	40 °C	2-Me- (99.3)	11584	> 400 nm
8	B (1.8 · 10 <sup>-3</sup> )	PN (12.73)	2	50 °C	2-Et- (99.6)	7240	
9	B (1.8 · 10 <sup>-3</sup> )	PN (12.9)	2	25 °C	2-Et- (99.6)	7370	Hg-lamp (125 W),
10	B (1.8 · 10 <sup>-3</sup> )	PN (12.5)	2	-60 °C	2-Et- (94.5)	7170	internal,
11	C (2.1 · 10 <sup>-3</sup> )	PN (19.3)	2	15 °C	2-Et- (99.7)	9340	filtered by
12	D (1.9 · 10 <sup>-3</sup> )	PN (13.73)	2	15 °C	2-Et- (99.6)	7430	Rasotherm
13	E (1.7 · 10 <sup>-3</sup> )	PN (12.46)	2	15 °C	2-Et- (99.6)	7220	glass
14	F (1.7 · 10 <sup>-3</sup> )	PN (10.7)	2	15 °C	2-Et- (99.6)	6510	
15	B (1.5 · 10 <sup>-3</sup> )	PN (20.25)	0.5	15 °C	2-Et- (98.8)	13400	Hg-lamps, external
16	B (1.3 · 10 <sup>-4</sup> )	PN (8.85)	0.5	15 °C	2-Et- (98.5)	66200	500 W, internal 125 W
17	B (8.4 · 10 <sup>-3</sup> )	PN (28.3)	5 min	15 °C	2-Et- (99.6)	3350	halogen lamps,
18	B (8.4 · 10 <sup>-3</sup> )	PN (43.34)	0.5	15 °C	2-Et- (99.1)	5100	external 800 W

a) A = (C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)Co(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, B = (C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)Co(cod), C = (Ph<sub>4</sub>C<sub>5</sub>H)Co(cod), D = (CH<sub>3</sub>OCC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)Co(cod)  
 E = (CH<sub>3</sub>COC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)Co(cod), F = (PhCOC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)Co(cod)  
 b) AN = acetonitrile, PN = propionitrile  
 c) selectivity in relation to benzene  
 d) number of catalytic cycles until catalyst deactivation  
 e) entries 1-10: 1.5 to 5.3 moles nitrile; entries 17-18: 0.028 mole nitrile as substrate

Entry 1-4  
Comparison of the influence of light

Entry 5-7  
The effects of wave length  
CpCoCO 0.0005 m in CH<sub>3</sub>CN



Entry 8-10  
Temp. Effects

Entry 10-14  
Effects of Cp-Ligand under Hg-lamp

Entry 15-18  
Strength effects of UV-lamp

3) Mechanism investigations (The effects of light enhancement)

Systematic investigations of the photocatalytic alkyne-nitrile heterotrimerisation to pyridine

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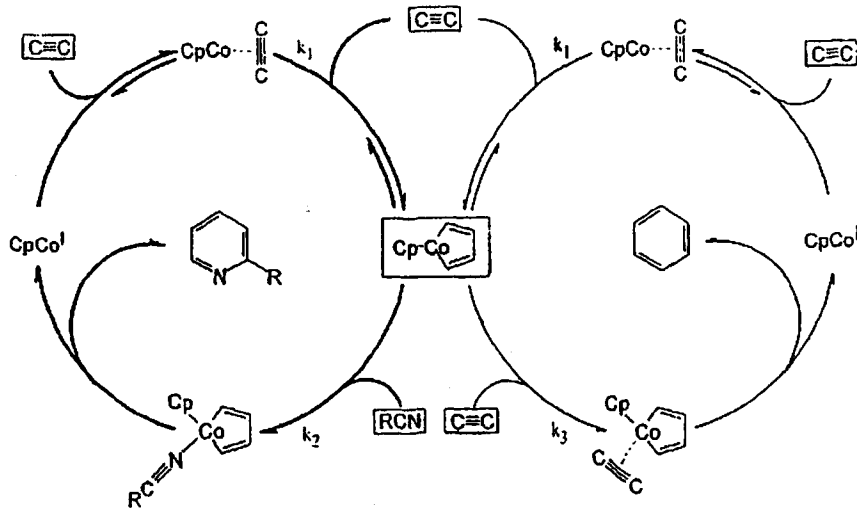


Fig. 1. Reaction scheme for the thermally induced pyridine synthesis according to Bönemann et al. [13,14].

$$\frac{d[Py]}{d[Ben]} = \frac{-d[Py]}{d[Ben]} = \frac{-k_2 [Nitr] [Cp-Co]}{k_3 [C=C] [Cp-Co]} = \frac{-k_2 [Nitr]}{k_3 [C=C]} \quad (1)$$

If throughout the reaction  $[C \equiv C]$  is kept constant and the initial concentration of  $[Ben]_0 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} d[Ben] &= \frac{-k_3 [C \equiv C]}{k_2 [Nitr]} d[Nitr] \rightarrow \int_0^t d[Ben] dt = [Ben] = \frac{-k_3 [C \equiv C]}{k_2} \int_0^t \frac{d[Nitr]}{[Nitr]} dt \\ &= \frac{-k_3 [C \equiv C]}{k_2} \left[ \ln [Nitr] \right]_0^t \\ &= \frac{-k_3 [C \equiv C]}{k_2} \{ \ln [Nitr] - \ln [Nitr]_0 \} \\ [Ben] &= \frac{-k_3 [C \equiv C]}{k_2} \ln \left( \frac{[Nitr]}{[Nitr]_0} \right) \quad (2) \\ &\quad \text{const.} \end{aligned}$$

(2) accorded with experimental results

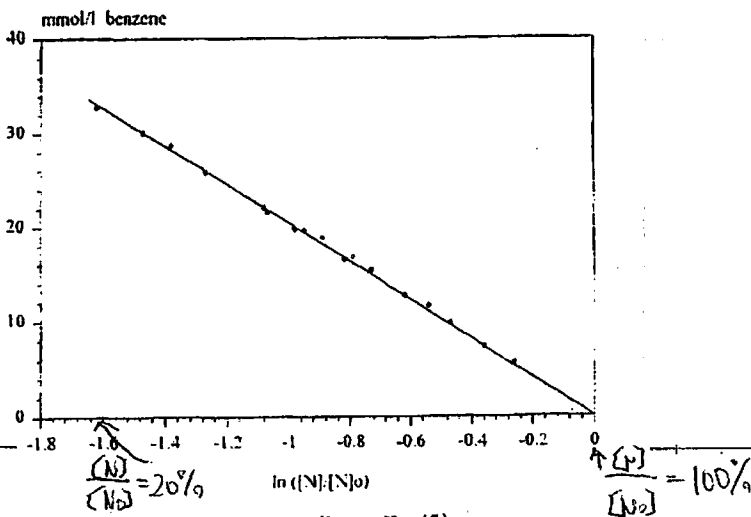


Fig. 2. Plot according to Eq. (2)

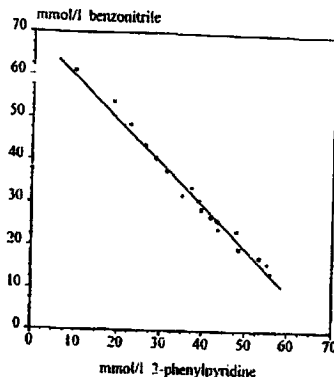
$$[Nit]_0 = [Nit] + [Py] \quad (3)$$

$[C_{\equiv C}]$  ... Total  $C \equiv C$  consumption

$$[C_{\equiv C}] = 3 \cdot [Ben] + 2 [Py] \quad (4)$$

(2) transform  $[Ben] = \text{const} \cdot \ln \left( \frac{[Nit]}{[Nit]_0} \right)$

$$[Py] = \frac{1}{2} \left( [C_{\equiv C}] + 3 \cdot \text{const} \cdot \ln \left( \frac{[Nit]}{[Nit]_0} \right) \right) \quad (5)$$



→ This results accorded with (3)

Fig. 2. Plot of benzonitrile- versus 2-phenylpyridine-concentration according to Eq. (3).

From  $[C_{\equiv C}]$  and  $[Nit]_0$   
The values of  $[Py]$ ,  $[Ben]$ ,  $[Nit]$   
were decided

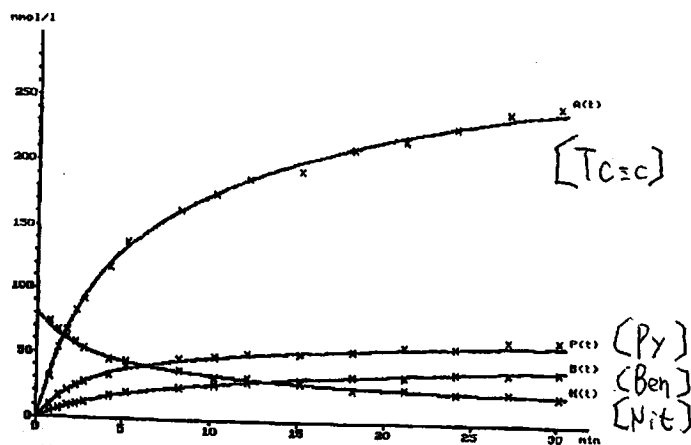


Fig. 4. Graphical curves of benzene (B), nitrile (N), pyridine (P) and alkyne (A), as obtained by GC analysis (-x-) (ethyne according stoichiometry), and from the measured ethyne absorption (filled line) (experimental conditions: 1.21 mmol nitrile, 15 ml of solution).

In the dark reaction the formation of metallacyclic intermediate was the rate-determining step, the nitrile reaction order was '0'.

The linear relationship between the rates of nitrile consumption and initial nitrile concentrations show the formation of the metallacyclic intermediate is not

but the rate-limiting step is the reaction of this intermediate with the nitrile, giving thus rise to the observed first-order kinetics.

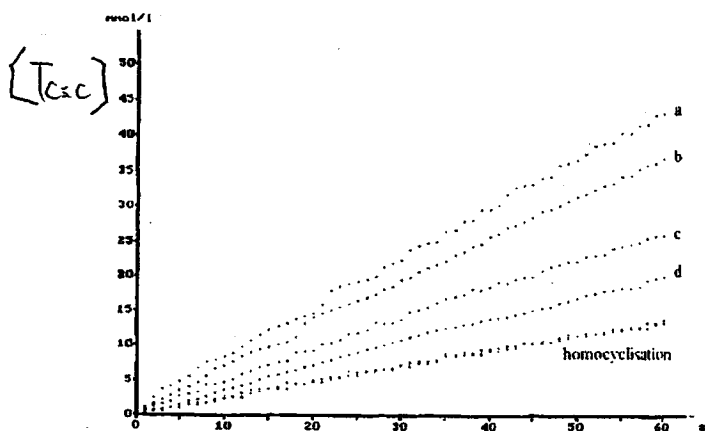


Fig. 5. Ethyne consumption within the first minute of reaction for different concentrations of benzonitrile (a: 68.73 mmol/l; b: 55.00 mmol/l; c: 27.47 mmol/l; d: 13.73 mmol/l).

→ irradiation accelerate the formation of the cobaltacyclopentadiene

# 3] Asymmetric [2+2+2] Cycloaddition Catalyzed by Co(I) Catalyst

Asymmetric Catalysis



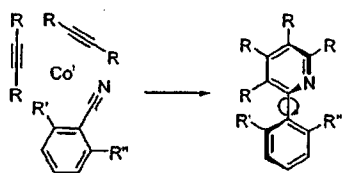
**Cobalt(I)-Catalyzed Asymmetric [2+2+2] Cycloaddition of Alkynes and Nitriles: Synthesis of Enantiomerically Enriched Atropoisomers of 2-Arylpyridines\*\***

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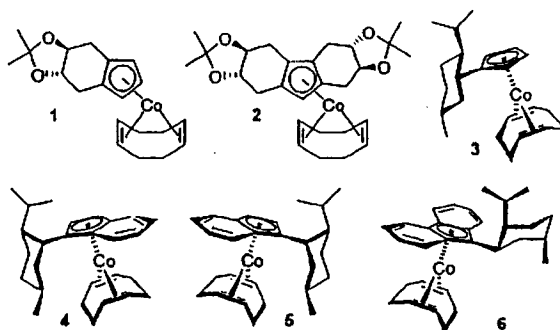
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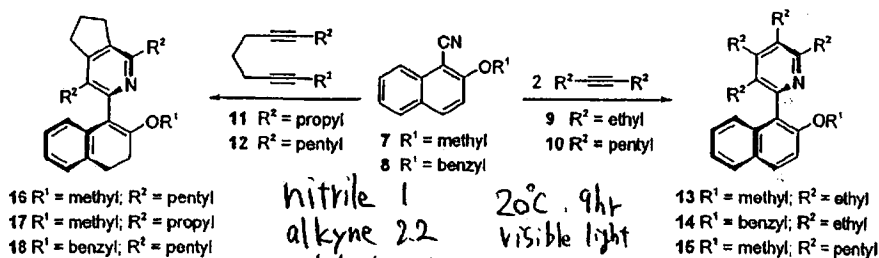
Strategy



Scheme 1. [2+2+2] Cycloaddition giving axially chiral 2-arylpyridines.



Scheme 2. Chiral cobalt(I) complexes employed.



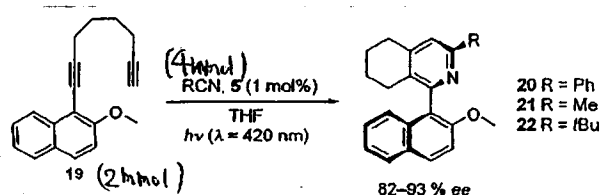
Scheme 3. Asymmetric cocycloaddition of internal alkynes and 1-naphthonitriles.

- The enantioselectivity of the reaction doesn't depend on the solvent
- The duration of irradiation and the amount of catalyst have no influence
- Decreasing temperature gave poor yield.

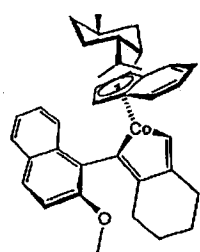
Table 1: [2+2+2] Cycloaddition of 2-alkoxy-1-naphthonitriles and stituted alkynes.

Run <sup>[a]</sup>	Cat.	Prod.	Yield [%] <sup>[b]</sup>	Sel. [%]
1	1	13	14	45 (+)
2	2	13	traces	-
3	3 <sup>[c]</sup>	13	34	19 (+)
4	4	13	11	63 (+)
5	5	13	10	64 (-)
6 <sup>[d]</sup>	5	13	2	71 (-)
7	6	13	traces	-
8	1	16	81	32 (+)
9	1	15	11	40 (-)
10	4	14	3	59 (+)
11	4	18	7	39 (+)
12	4	16	32	37 (+)
13	4	17	8	31 (+)
14	5	16	33	38 (-)
15	5	17	8	32 (-)
16	5	15	2	63 (+)

[a] The reaction was carried out in THF at 20°C for 9 h and irradiated w visible light; molar ratio: [nitrile]/[alkyne]/[catalyst] = 1:2.2:0.1 unkl indicated otherwise; analytical data and synthetic procedures for the n compounds are given in Supporting Information. [b] Yields of isolat products. [c] Determined by HPLC on a chiral stationary phase (see t Supporting Information for details); direction of optical rotation given parentheses: c=0.1, toluene, 25°C. [d] 5 mol% catalyst. [f] Reacti temperature 3°C.



Scheme 4. Asymmetric cycloaddition giving optically enriched 1-aryl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroisoquinolines.



Scheme 5. The intermediate cobaltacyclopentadiene.

Table 2: Enantioselectivities and yields in the syntheses of isoquinolines 20-22.

Run	Prod.	T [°C]	Yield [%]	Sel. [% ee]
1	20	20	79 <sup>[a]</sup> (49 <sup>[b]</sup> )	82 <sup>[c]</sup> (> 98 <sup>[b]</sup> )
2	20	3	86 <sup>[a]</sup> (57 <sup>[b]</sup> )	89 <sup>[c]</sup> (> 98 <sup>[b]</sup> )
3	20	-20	86 <sup>[a]</sup> (56 <sup>[b]</sup> )	93 <sup>[c]</sup> (> 98 <sup>[b]</sup> )
4	21	3	88 <sup>[a]</sup> (54 <sup>[b]</sup> )	88 <sup>[c]</sup> (> 98 <sup>[b]</sup> )
5	22	3	74 <sup>[a]</sup> (46 <sup>[b]</sup> )	88 <sup>[c]</sup> (> 98 <sup>[b]</sup> )

[a] Yield after chromatography. [b] Determined after recrystallization. [c] Measured in reaction mixture.

## Previous Studies about Iridium-catalyzed reaction

### (1) Iridium catalyzed enantioselective Pauson-Khand-Type reaction

#### Iridium-Chiral Diphosphine Complex Catalyzed Highly Enantioselective Pauson-Khand-Type Reaction

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Table 1. Catalytic Enantioselective Carbonylative Coupling of 1

entry	L*	time/h	yield/%	ee/% <sup>a</sup>
1	(S)-BINAP	12	64	86(S)
2	(R)-BINAP	12	62	88(R)
3	(S)-tolBINAP	18	83	93(S)
4 <sup>b</sup>	(S)-tolBINAP	24	75	91(S)

<sup>a</sup> Ee was determined by HPLC using the Daicel chiral column (Chiralpak AD). Absolute configuration was determined by the comparison of specific rotation of obtained 2 with that in the literature.<sup>9b</sup>  
<sup>b</sup> 5 mol % of [Ir(COD)Cl]<sub>2</sub> was used.

Table 2. Catalytic Enantioselective Carbonylative Coupling of Various Enynes<sup>c</sup>

entry	enyne	cyclopentenone	time/h	yield/%	ee/% <sup>b</sup>
1			20	80	96
2			20	61	98
3			48	75	97
4			20	54	90
5			24	85	95
6			36	51	88
7			72	74	84
8			24	30	88
9 <sup>c</sup>			24	51	82

<sup>a</sup> Chiral catalyst: [Ir(COD)Cl]<sub>2</sub> + 2(S)-tolBINAP (10 mol %). The reaction was performed under atmospheric pressure of carbon monoxide in refluxed toluene, if otherwise noted. <sup>b</sup> Ee was determined by HPLC using Daicel chiral columns (Chiralpak AS for entries 1–3, 6 and 7, Chiralcel OD for entries 4 and 5, Chiralpak AD for entries 8 and 9. <sup>c</sup> The reaction was performed in refluxed xylene.

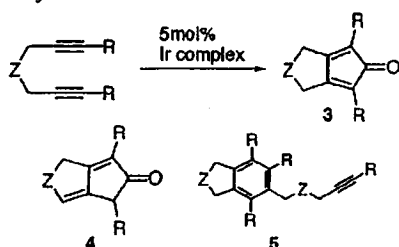
### (2) Iridium catalyzed carbonylative Alkyne-Alkyne coupling

## Iridium Complex Catalyzed Carbonylative Alkyne-Alkyne Coupling for the Synthesis of Cyclopentadienones

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Table 2. Iridium Complex-Catalyzed Carbonylative Coupling of Various Diynes



entry <sup>a</sup>	R	Z	catalyst <sup>b</sup>	yield (%)
1	Ph	C(CO <sub>2</sub> Br) <sub>2</sub>	A	86 (3a)
2	Ph	C(CO <sub>2</sub> Br) <sub>2</sub>	B	70 <sup>c</sup> (3a)
3 <sup>d</sup>	Ph	C(CO <sub>2</sub> Br) <sub>2</sub>	A	85 (3a)
4	Ph	C(CO <sub>2</sub> Et) <sub>2</sub>	A	99 (3b)
5	Ph	C(CO <sub>2</sub> <i>t</i> -Bu) <sub>2</sub>	A	92 (3c)
6	4-MeO-Ph	C(CO <sub>2</sub> Br) <sub>2</sub>	A	94 (3d)
7	4-Cl-Ph	C(CO <sub>2</sub> Br) <sub>2</sub>	A	79 <sup>e</sup> (3e)
8	4-MeO <sub>2</sub> C-Ph	C(CO <sub>2</sub> Br) <sub>2</sub>	A	89 <sup>f</sup> (4f)
9	Ph	CH <sub>2</sub>	A	79 (3g)
10	Ph	O	A	65 (3h)

<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: CO 1 atm, xylene 120 °C, 2–7 h, unless otherwise noted. <sup>b</sup> A, IrCl(CO)(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>; B, IrCl(COD)(dppp). <sup>c</sup> 4a (5%) and 5a (6%) are also obtained. <sup>d</sup> The reaction was examined under a mixture of CO (0.2 atm) and Ar (0.8 atm). <sup>e</sup> 4e (20%) is also obtained. <sup>f</sup> A mixture of 3f and 4f (1:2) was obtained. 3f was isomerized into 4f, which was isolated and characterized.

(2+2+2) cycloaddition occurred

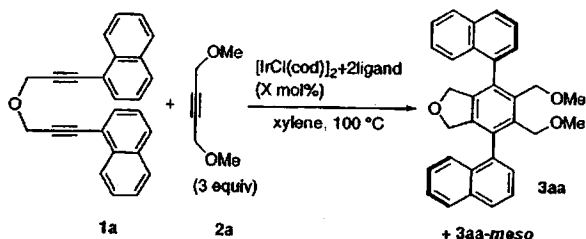


5 Asymmetric [2+2+2] cycloaddition catalyzed by Ir(I) catalyst

Iridium Complex-Catalyzed Highly Enantio- and Diastereoselective [2+2+2] Cycloaddition for the Synthesis of Axially Chiral Teraryl Compounds

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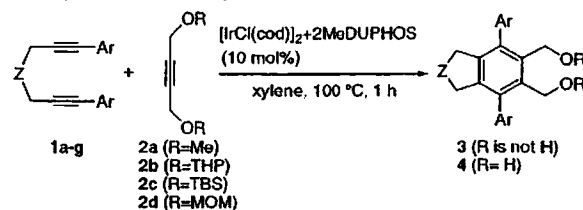
Table 1. Asymmetric [2+2+2] Cycloaddition Using Chiral Iridium Complexes



entry	ligand	X/mol%	time/h	yield/%	<i>dl</i> /meso	ee/%
1	( <i>S,S</i> )-BINAP	10	4	31	60/40	6
2	( <i>S,S</i> )-BDPP	10	6	39	45/55	51
3	( <i>S,S</i> )-MeDUPHOS	10	1	83	>95/5	99.6
4	( <i>S,S</i> )-EiDUPHOS	10	1	75	>95/5	99.8
5	( <i>R,R</i> )-MeDUPHOS	10	1	88	>95/5	99.6 <sup>c</sup>
6	( <i>S,S</i> )-MeDUPHOS	5	1	83	>95/5	99.0
7	( <i>S,S</i> )-MeDUPHOS	2	1	89	>95/5	99.3
8	( <i>S,S</i> )-MeDUPHOS	0.5	3	84	98/2	99.1

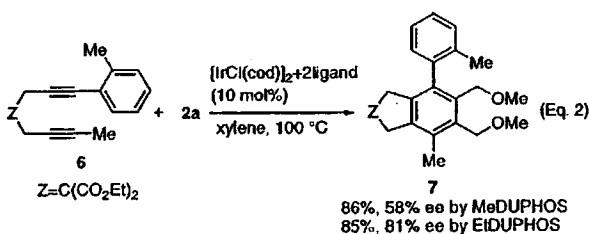
<sup>a</sup> An opposite enantiomer to the above structure of 3aa was obtained.

Table 2. Asymmetric [2+2+2] Cycloaddition of Various  $\alpha,\omega$ -Diynes and Monoalkynes

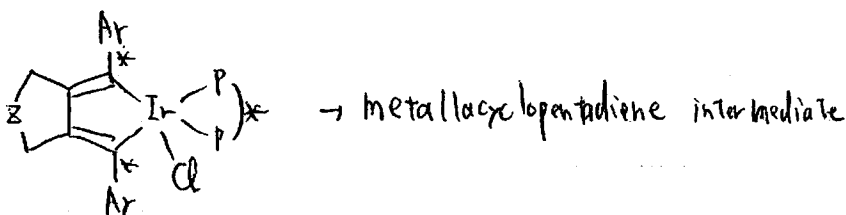


entry	Ar	Z	diyne	R	yield/% <sup>c</sup>	ee/%
1	1-naphthyl	O	1a	THP	76 (4a) <sup>b</sup>	99.5 <sup>b</sup>
2	1-naphthyl	O	1a	TBS	74 (3ac)	99.5 <sup>c</sup>
3	1-naphthyl	O	1a	MOM	76 (3ad) <sup>d</sup>	98.5
4	2-MeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	O	1b	Me	85 (3ba)	99.6
5	2-Cl C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	O	1c	Me	85 (3ca)	97.7
6	4-MeO-1-naphthyl	O	1d	Me	72 (3da)	99.4
7	1-naphthyl	NTs	1e	Me	92 (3ea)	99.4
8	1-naphthyl	NTs	1e	THP	97 (4e) <sup>b</sup>	99.1 <sup>b</sup>
9	1-naphthyl	C(CO <sub>2</sub> Et) <sub>2</sub>	1f	Me	77 (3fa)	>99.8
10	1-naphthyl	CH <sub>2</sub>	1g	Me	96 (3ga)	>99.8
11	1-naphthyl	CH <sub>2</sub>	1g	TBS	77 (3gc) <sup>c</sup>	98.6 <sup>c</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Only *dl* isomer was detected by NMR spectrum, except entries 3 and 11. <sup>b</sup> Yield and ee were determined as diol 4a or 4e after deprotection using PPTS in EtOH. <sup>c</sup> Ec was determined as diol 4a or 4g after deprotection using TBAF in THF. <sup>d</sup> *dl*/meso = 93/7. <sup>e</sup> *dl*/meso = 91/9.

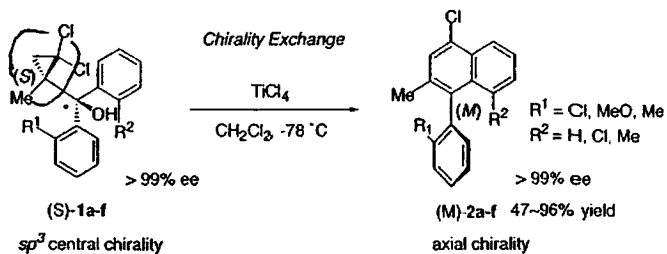


→ biaryl product was obtained in moderate ee



### 3. Chirality Exchange -

Chirality Exchange from  $sp^3$  Central Chirality to Axial Chirality: Benzannulation of Optically Active Diaryl-2,2-dichlorocyclopropylmethanols to Axially Chiral  $\alpha$ -Arylnaphthalenes



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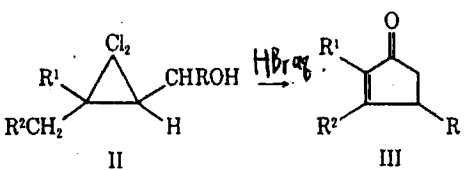
### Representative reactions using gem-Dihalocyclopropanes

(1) Thermal reactions

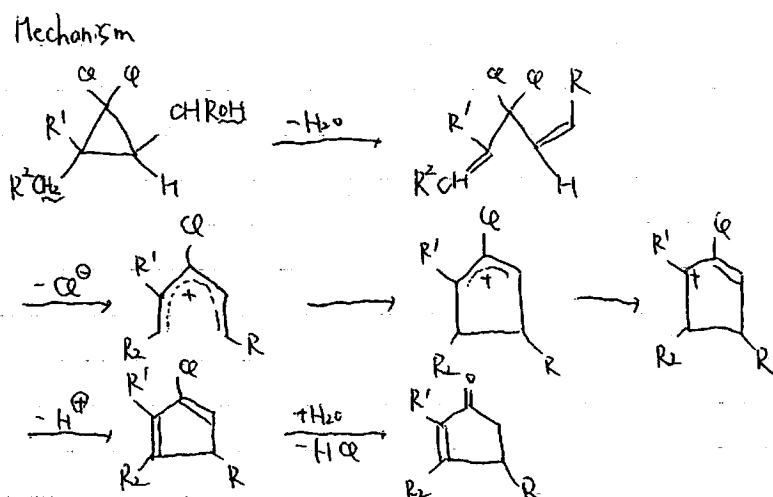
Acid-Catalyzed Reaction of Dichlorocyclopropylcarbinols. Preparation of 2-Cyclopentenones

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Received March 2, 1974

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- a,  $R^1 = R = Me; R^2 = H$
- b,  $R^1 = Me; R^2 = R = H$
- c,  $R^1 = Me; R^2 = n-C_4H_9; R = H$
- d,  $R^1 = Me; R^2 = n-C_6H_{11}; R = H$
- e,  $R^1 = Me; R^2 = CH_2=CHCH_2; R = H$
- f,  $R^1, R^2 = -(CH_2)_{10}-; R = H$

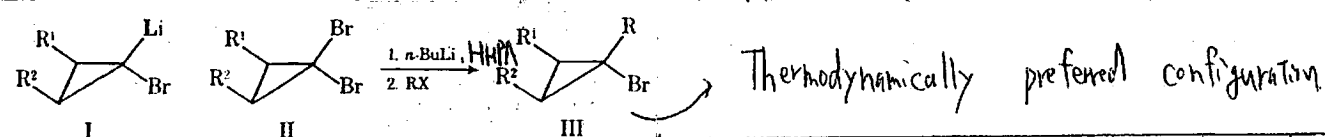


### (2) Halogen-Metal Exchange and Further Reactions of 1-Halo-1-metalloxycyclopropanes

Generation of Carbenoid  
Stereoselective Alkylation of  
1-Lithiocyclopropyl Bromides

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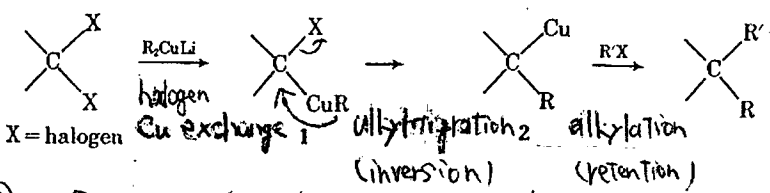
Generation of Ate Complex.

Ⓐ Cu (Dialkylation)

Stereoselective One-Pot Dialkylation of *gem*-Dihalocyclopropanes. A Simple Route to *dl*-Sesquicarene and *dl*-Sirenin

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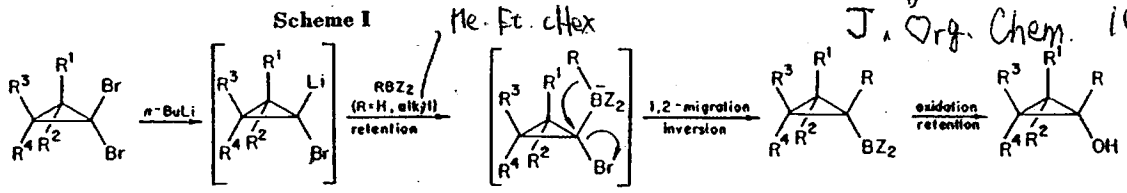
Stereoselectively proceeded.

Ⓑ B (cyclopropanol synthesis)

Applications of Cyclopropylboranes in Organic Synthesis. 1. A Stereocontrolled Route to Substituted Cyclopropanol Derivatives

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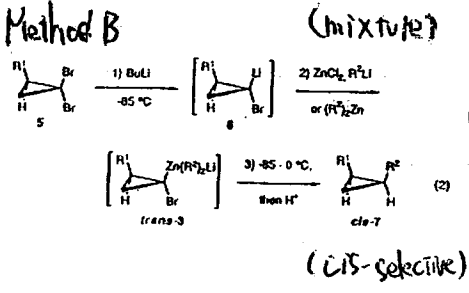
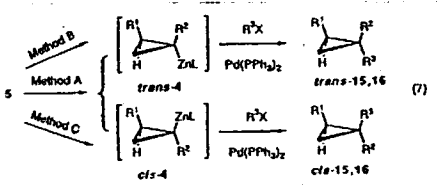
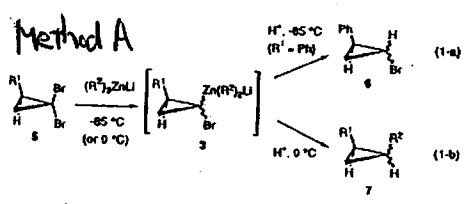


Ⓒ Zn (Stereoselective dialkylation)

Stereoselective Carbon-Carbon Bond-Forming Reaction of 1,1-Dibromocyclopropanes via 1-Halocyclopropylzincates

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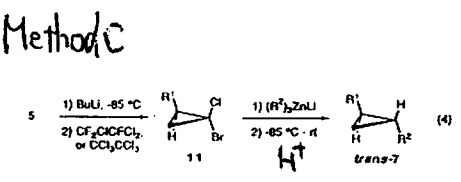


Table III. Stereoselective Synthesis of 1-Alkylcyclopropyl Ketones 15

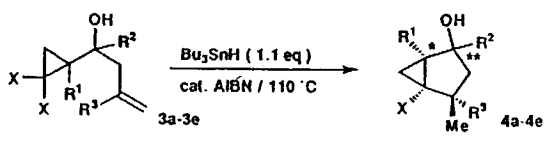
entry	substrate	R <sup>2</sup>	electrophile	method	product	yield <sup>a</sup> (%)	trans:cis
1	5a	Bu	AcCl	A	15: R <sup>2</sup> = Bu, R <sup>3</sup> = Ac	76	1:1.9
2				B-1		74	16:1
3				C		50	17:0
4	5a	Bu	PhCOCl	A	15b: R <sup>2</sup> = Bu, R <sup>3</sup> = PhCO	58	2.1:1
5				B-1		50	38:1
6	5a	Bu	EtOCOCl	A	15c: R <sup>2</sup> = Bu, R <sup>3</sup> = EtOCO	59	2.5:1
7				B-1		58	60:1
8				C		45	1:28
9	5a	Et	AcCl	B-2	15d: R <sup>2</sup> = Et, R <sup>3</sup> = Ac	80	7.7:1
10	5a	<sup>t</sup> Bu	AcCl	B-1	15e: R <sup>2</sup> = <sup>t</sup> Bu, R <sup>3</sup> = Ac	74	c
11	5a	<sup>t</sup> Bu	AcCl	B-1	15f: R <sup>2</sup> = <sup>t</sup> Bu, R <sup>3</sup> = Ac	50	6.7:1
12	5b	Bu	AcCl	A	15g: BrO	96	2.4:1
13				B-1		65	5.7:1
14				C		52	1:21
15	5c	Bu	AcCl	A	15h: R <sup>2</sup> = Ac	70	1.4:1
16				B-1		75	11:1
17				C		66	1.32
18	5c	Bu	PhCOCl	A	15i: R <sup>2</sup> = PhCO	66	1.4:1
19	5c	Bu	AcCl	A	15j:	64	

### (3) Radical Cyclization

A Novel and Regioselective Radical Cyclization of *gem*-Dihalocyclopropyl Substituted Alkenes and Alkynes Using Tributyltin Hydride and Catalytic AIBN

Yoo TANABE,\* Yoshinori NISHII, and Ken-ichi WAKIMURA  
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→ 5-exo selective.  
Anti selective (X ↔ Me)

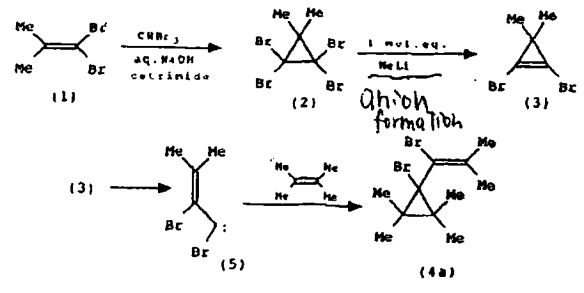
### (4) Dehalogenation (Formation of cyclopropene)

The Generation and Trapping of 1,2-Dibromo-3-methylbut-2-en-1-ylidenes

by Ahmad R. Al Dulayymi, Juma'a R. Al Dulayymi, Mark S. Baird\* and Leela Rajaram

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Tetrahedron 1995. 51. 8371



Vinylcarbenes were generated from cyclopropene B.

### (2) Reactions of *gem*-Dihalocyclopropanes mediated by Lewis Acids

#### (1) Early Studies

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J. Buddrus und F. Nerdel

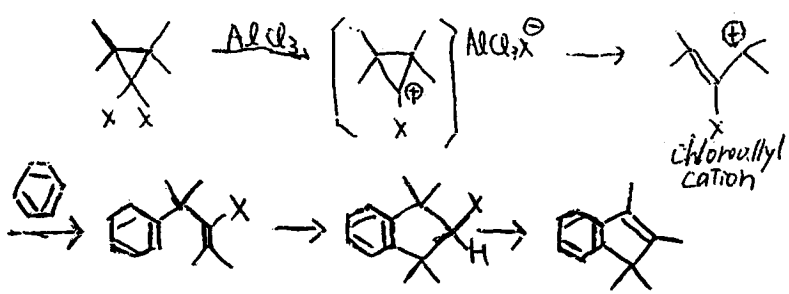
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Chemistry of *gem*-Dihalocyclopropanes. III.<sup>1</sup> A New Synthesis of Indenes

LARS SKATTEBØLL AND BERNICE BOULETTE  
Union Carbide Research Institute, Tarrytown, New York

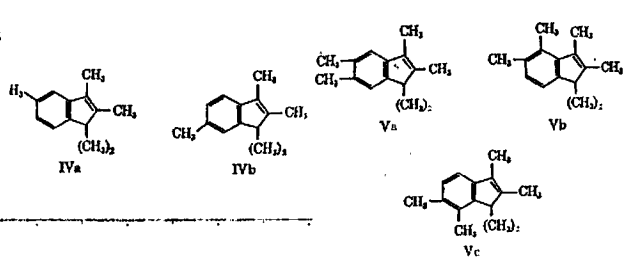
J.O.C. 1966. 31. 81.



In the presence of Lewis acid, *gem*-dihalocyclopropanes undergo ring opening to produce the chloroallyl cation, which can react with aromatic ring in a Friedel-Crafts-type reaction.

TABLE I  
INDENES FROM *gem*-DIBROMOCYCLOPROPANES AND AROMATIC COMPOUNDS

<i>gem</i> -Dibromocyclopropane derivative	Aromatic compd.	Products (%)	Total yield, %
1,1-Dibromotetramethylcyclopropane (I)	Benzene	1,1,2,3-Tetramethylindene (II)	80
1,1-Dibromotetramethylcyclopropane (I)	Toluene	1,1,2,3,5-Pentamethylindene (IVa) (70)*	81
1,1-Dibromotetramethylcyclopropane (I)		1,1,2,3,6-Pentamethylindene (IVb) (30)*	
1,1-Dibromotetramethylcyclopropane (I)	<i>o</i> -Xylene	1,1,2,3,5,6-Hexamethylindene (Va) (60)	79
1,1-Dibromotetramethylcyclopropane (I)		1,1,2,3,4,5-Hexamethylindene (Vb)	
		1,1,2,3,6,7-Hexamethylindene (Vc) (40)*	
1,1-Dibromo-2,2-dimethylcyclopropane (VI)	Benzene	2,3-Dimethylindene (VII)	56
1,1-Dibromotrimethylcyclopropane (VIII)	Benzene	1,2,3-Trimethylindene (IX)	54
1,1-Dibromo-2-phenylcyclopropane (X)	Benzene	3-Phenylindene (XI)	25



\* Approximate values. \* Compounds Vb and Vc combined.

## (2) Regioselective synthesis of $\alpha$ - or $\beta$ -halonaphthalenes (1-) (2-) using Aryl dihalocyclopropyl methanols

A NOVEL SYNTHESIS OF  $\alpha$ - AND  $\beta$ -HALONAPHTHALENES VIA REGIOSELECTIVE RING CLEAVAGE OF ARYL(*gem*-DIHALOCYCLOPROPYL)METHANOLS AND ITS APPLICATION TO TOTAL SYNTHESIS OF LIGNAN LACTONES, JUSTICIDIN B AND TAIWANIN C

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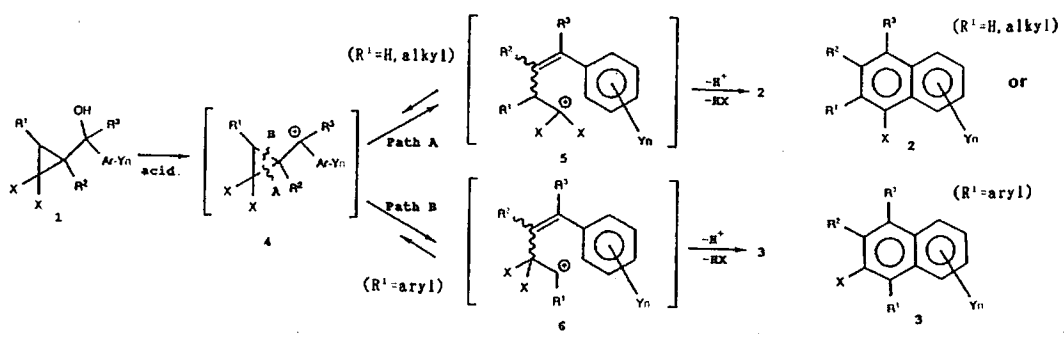


Table 1. Synthesis of  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -halonaphthalenes 2 and 3 from aryl(*gem*-dihalocyclopropyl)methanols (ADCM) 1. <sup>a)</sup>

Entry	Substrate	X	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	Y	acid (equiv.)	Product	
								2 (X)	3 (X)
1	1a	Cl	H	Me	H	H	BF <sub>3</sub> ·OEt <sub>2</sub> (1.0)	62	0
2	1a	Cl	H	Me	H	H	SnCl <sub>4</sub> (1.0)	55	0
3	1a	Cl	H	Me	H	H	TiCl <sub>4</sub> (1.0)	35	0
4	1a	Cl	H	Me	H	H	CF <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> H <sup>b)</sup>	77	0
5	1b	Cl	H	Me	Ph	H	BF <sub>3</sub> ·OEt <sub>2</sub> (1.0)	100	0
6	1c	Cl	Me	H	Ph	H	SnCl <sub>4</sub> (1.0)	22	0
7	1c	Cl	Me	H	Ph	H	CF <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> H <sup>b)</sup>	0	0
8	1d	Cl	Et	Me	Ph	H	BF <sub>3</sub> ·OEt <sub>2</sub> (1.0)	86	0
9	1d	Cl	Et	Me	Ph	H	SnCl <sub>4</sub> (1.0)	85	0
10 <sup>c)</sup>	1e	Cl	H	Me	H	p-MeO	BF <sub>3</sub> ·OEt <sub>2</sub> (1.0)	43 <sup>c)</sup>	0
11 <sup>c)</sup>	1e	Cl	H	Me	H	p-MeO	CF <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> H <sup>b)</sup>	28 <sup>c)</sup>	0
12 <sup>c)</sup>	1e	Cl	H	Me	H	p-MeO	SnCl <sub>4</sub> (1.0)	62 <sup>c)</sup>	0
13 <sup>c)</sup>	1f	Cl	H	Me	H	o-MeO	BF <sub>3</sub> ·OEt <sub>2</sub> (1.0)	66 <sup>c)</sup>	0
14 <sup>c)</sup>	1g	Cl	H	Me	H	p-Me	SnCl <sub>4</sub> (1.0)	65 <sup>c)</sup>	0
15 <sup>c)</sup>	1h	Cl	H	Me	H	p-Cl	SnCl <sub>4</sub> (1.0)	27 <sup>c)</sup>	0
16 <sup>c)</sup>	1i	Cl	H	Me	H	p-MHAc	SnCl <sub>4</sub> (1.0)	39 <sup>c)</sup>	0
17 <sup>c)</sup>	1j	Br	H	Me	H	p-Me	SnCl <sub>4</sub> (1.0)	82 <sup>c)</sup>	0
18	1k	Cl	Ph	Me	H	H	CF <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> H <sup>b)</sup>	0	78
19	1l	Br	Ph	Me	H	H	CF <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> H <sup>b)</sup>	0	64

a) These reactions were carried out in 1,2-dichloroethane at room temperature for 1h-24h unless noted otherwise. b) Used as solvent. c) Diluted conditions (about 1x10<sup>-2</sup> M) in the presence of molecular sieves 4A. d) 1-Halo-3-methyl-7-substituted (Y) naphthalenes were obtained as a sole regioisomer. e) 1-Chloro-3-methyl-5-methoxynaphthalene was obtained as a sole regioisomer.

In entry 1-17 (R<sup>1</sup>=H or alkyl)  
Benzyl cation (4) initially formed  
rearranges into homoallyl cation (5)  
through bond-A cleavage.  
The (Z)-form of the homoallyl cation (5)  
undergoes intramolecular Friedel-Crafts  
reaction with the phenyl group to  
afford the corresponding  $\alpha$ -Cl or  $\alpha$ -Br  
naphthalenes.

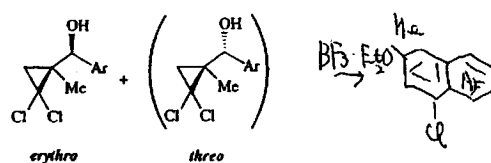
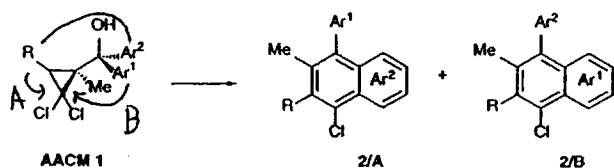
In entry 18-19 (R<sup>1</sup>=aryl)  
Benzyl cation intermediate (6) rather than  
(5) was formed due to the higher  
stability of the cation compared  
with dihalocarbonyl cation

B) Regiocontrol benzannulation.

Regiocontrolled Benzannulation of Diaryl(*gem*-dichlorocyclopropyl)methanols for the Synthesis of "Unsymmetrically" Substituted  $\alpha$ -Arylnaphthalenes

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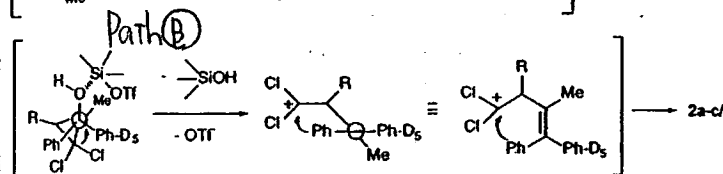
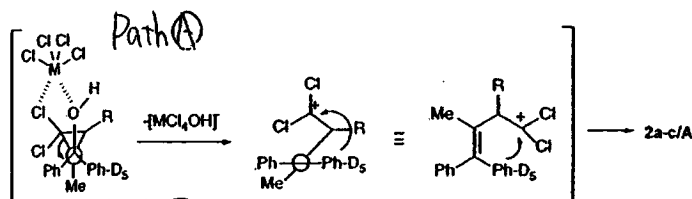
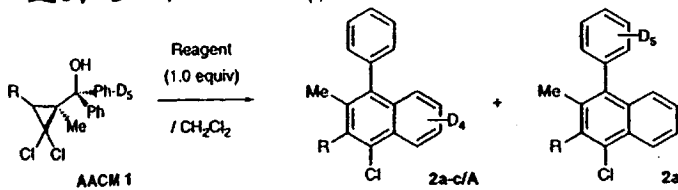
Tetrahedron Lett. 1997, 38, 7195



If the reaction of aryl<sup>1</sup> (aryl<sup>2</sup>) dichloro cyclopropyl methanol proceeds through S<sub>N</sub>1-like cationic intermediate, it might be naturally hard to differentiate the two aryl groups during the annulation.

Both S.M. gave same product in almost the same yield.  
→ S<sub>N</sub>1 mechanism was supported!

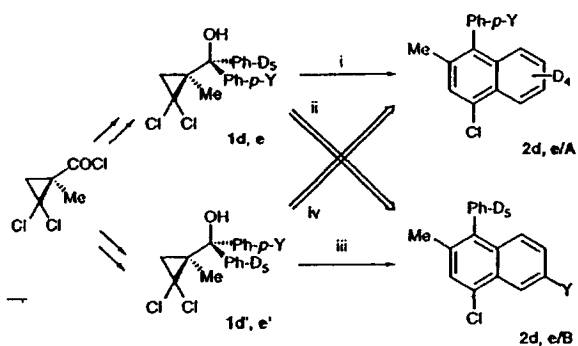
Lewis Acid Effects



AACM	Reagent	Temp. / °C	Product	A:B <sup>b)</sup>	Yield / %
1a	CF <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> H <sup>b)</sup>	0-5	2a	1:1.5	83
	BF <sub>3</sub> ·OEt <sub>2</sub>	0-5	2a	1:1	94
	SnCl <sub>4</sub>	-60	2a	3:1	90
	TiCl <sub>4</sub>	0-5	2a	5:1	38 <sup>c)</sup>
	TiCl <sub>4</sub>	-60	2a	9:1	91
	TMSOTf	-60	2a	1:2	35 <sup>d)</sup>
	TBDSOTf	-60	2a	1:6	43 <sup>d)</sup>
1b	TBDSOTf	-60	2b (=2a)	1:5	84 <sup>d)</sup>
	TiCl <sub>4</sub>	-60	2b (=2a)	10:1	46 <sup>c)</sup>
1c	TBDSOTf	-60	2c	1:4	49 <sup>d)</sup>
	TiCl <sub>4</sub>	-60	2c	9:1	81
	TBDSOTf	-60	2c	1:8	51 <sup>d)</sup>

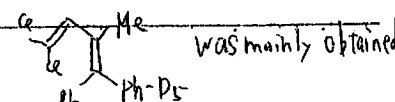
- Ⓐ TiCl<sub>4</sub> chelated both Cl and OH and regulate the conformation of Transition State
- Ⓑ Silyl. inflates chelated only OH and gave product B

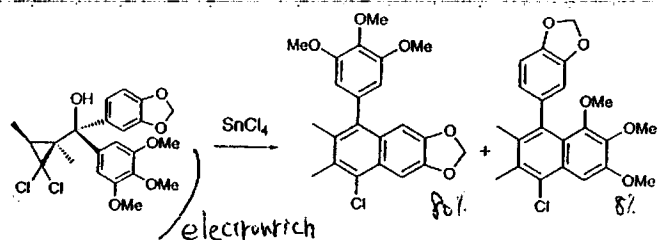
i) These ratios were determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) integration values of the aromatic protons. b) CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>H was used as solvent. c) Complex mixtures were given as by-products. d) See Ref. 7 e) The reaction was carried out in toluene solvent. The reason for an improvement of the yield is not clear at present. f) see Ref. 8.



	1d or 1d': Y=Me	1e or 1e': Y=Cl
i) / TiCl <sub>4</sub>	A:B=14:1, 52%	A:B=20:1, 70%
ii) / TBDSOTf	A:B=1:99, 62%	trace
iii) / TiCl <sub>4</sub>	A:B=1:99, 40%	A:B=1:4, 68%
iv) / TBDSOTf	A:B=96:4, 44%	A:B=99:1, 43%

Eight crossover experiments showed desirable results except one experiment.





→ The result supported chelation control decided the product.

#### (4) Chirality exchange from $sp^3$ central chirality to axial chirality

Chirality Exchange from  $sp^3$  Central Chirality to Axial Chirality:  
Benzannulation of Optically Active Diaryl-2,2-dichlorocyclopropylmethanols to Axially Chiral  $\alpha$ -Arylnaphthalenes

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Table 1. Chirality Exchange Benzannulation of AACM 1a and 1a'

entry	substrate <sup>a</sup>	Lewis acid <sup>b</sup>	T (°C)	yield (%) <sup>c</sup>	ratio <sup>d</sup> (2a:3a)	ee of 2a (%) <sup>e</sup>
1	1a	TiCl <sub>4</sub>	0	75	(74:26)	97
2	1a	TiCl <sub>4</sub>	-78	96	(>99:1)	>99
3	1a	SnCl <sub>4</sub>	-78	72	(>99:1)	>99
4	1a'	TiCl <sub>4</sub>	-78	89	(>1:99)	—
5	1a'	TBDMSOTf	0	41	(97:3)	45
6	1a'	TMSOTf	0	54	(77:23)	55
7	1a'	TBDMSOTf	-78	trace	—	—

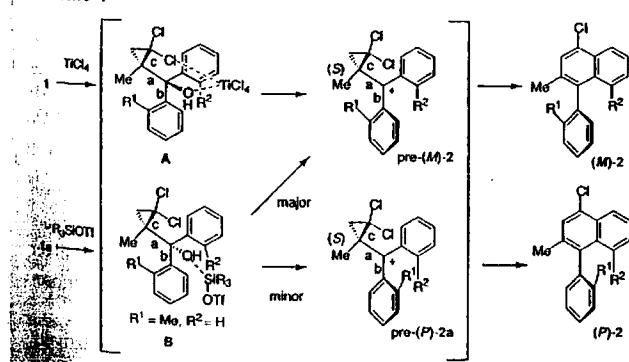
<sup>a</sup> Optical purities: >99% ee. <sup>b</sup> 1.0 equiv of Lewis acid was used. <sup>c</sup> Isolated yields. <sup>d</sup> Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR. <sup>e</sup> Determined by HPLC with a Chiralcel OD column.

Table 2. Chirality Exchange Benzannulation of AACMs 1b-f Using TiCl<sub>4</sub><sup>a</sup>

entry	substrate <sup>b</sup>	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	product	yield (%) <sup>c</sup>	ee (%) <sup>d</sup>
1	1b	Cl	H	2b	97	>99
2	1c	Cl	Cl	2c	70	>99
3	1d	MeO	Me	2d	71	>99
4	1e	MeO	Cl	2e	65	>99
5	1f	Me	Cl	2f	47	>99

<sup>a</sup> 1.0 equiv of TiCl<sub>4</sub> was used. <sup>b</sup> Optical purity of each AACM was >99% ee. <sup>c</sup> Isolated yields. <sup>d</sup> Determined by HPLC with a Chiralcel OD column.

Scheme 1



- ① TiCl<sub>4</sub> chelates with the oxygen and chlorine of 1 to give intermediate A. The ortho substituent (R<sup>1</sup>) turned to the backside of the chelation face.
- ② The cationic intermediate pre-(M)-2 was given by elimination of OH group promoted by TiCl<sub>4</sub>.
- ③ The conjugation between the cyclopropyl methyl cation and aromatic ring (Ar-R<sup>2</sup>) prevent the free rotation of bond b of pre-(M)-2.
- ④ Highly regioselective ring-opening of bond c and Friedel-Crafts-type cyclization occurred.

