

Hypervalent Bromine

~An outlaw of organic chemistry~

Literature seminar

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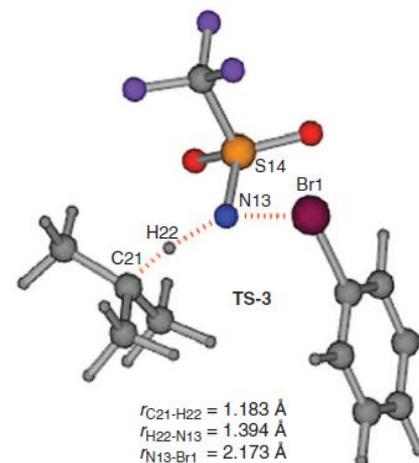
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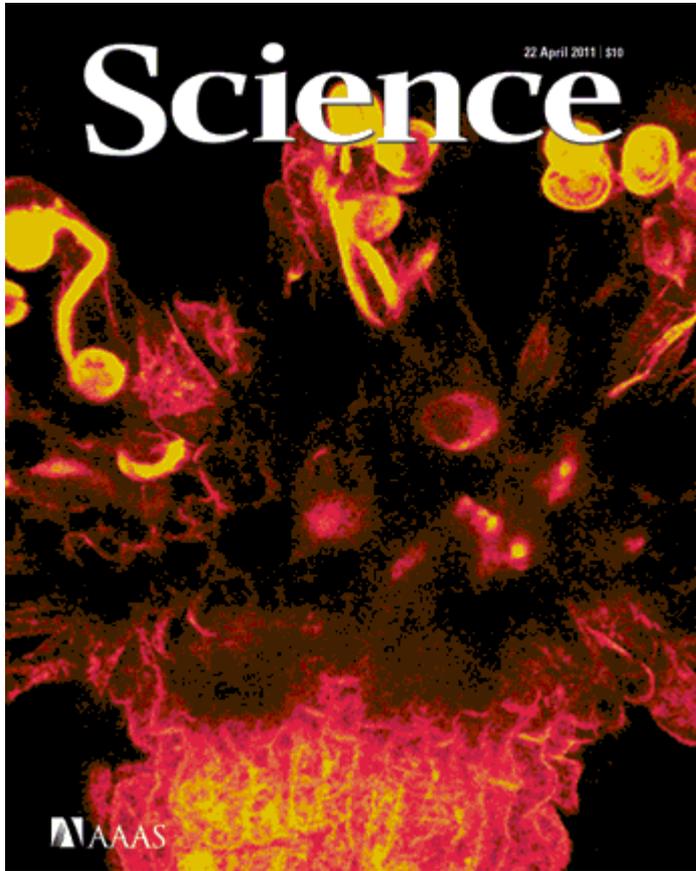


20C outlaw



21C outlaw

0. Introduction



COVER False-colored two-photon microscopy image showing green fluorescent protein–labeled pollen on the stigma (the top of the pistil) of *Arabidopsis thaliana*. On page [434](#), Michard *et al.*

<http://www.sciencemag.org/content/332/6028.cover-expansion>

Reports

■ Polarized Gamma-Ray Emission from the Galactic Black Hole Cygnus X-1

P. Laurent, J. Rodriguez, J. Wilms, M. Cadolle Bel, K. Pottschmidt, and V. Grinberg

Science 22 April 2011: 438-439.

Published online 24 March 2011 [DOI:10.1126/science.1200848]

This gamma-ray emission originates from a jet of relativistic particles that is formed in close proximity to the black hole.

» [Abstract](#) » [Full Text](#) » [Full Text \(PDF\)](#)

■ Selective, Nickel-Catalyzed Hydrogenolysis of Aryl Ethers

Alexey G. Sergeev and John F. Hartwig

Science 22 April 2011: 439-443.

A catalyst that cleaves aryl-oxygen bonds but not carbon-carbon bonds may help improve lignin processing.

» [Abstract](#) » [Full Text](#) » [Full Text \(PDF\)](#) » [Supporting Online Material](#)

■ High-Performance Electrocatalysts for Oxygen Reduction Derived from Polyaniline, Iron, and Cobalt

Gang Wu, Karren L. More, Christina M. Johnston, and Piotr Zelenay

Science 22 April 2011: 443-447.

Fuel cell catalysts synthesized from abundant metals approach the performance and durability of platinum at lower cost.

» [Abstract](#) » [Full Text](#) » [Full Text \(PDF\)](#) » [Supporting Online Material](#) » [Podcast Interview](#)

■ Highly Regioselective Amination of Unactivated Alkanes by Hypervalent Sulfonylimino- λ^3 -Bromane

Masahito Ochiai, Kazunori Miyamoto, Takao Kaneaki, Satoko Hayashi, and Waro Nakanishi

Science 22 April 2011: 448-451.

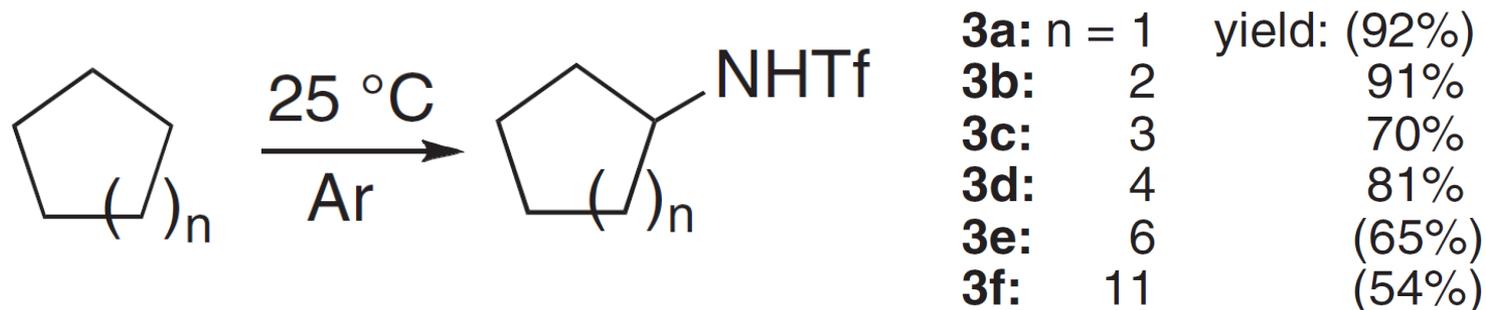
A highly reactive bromine-based reagent can add nitrogen to hydrocarbons without the need for metal catalysts.

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**On April 22nd, 2011,
one article was published
on *Science*.**

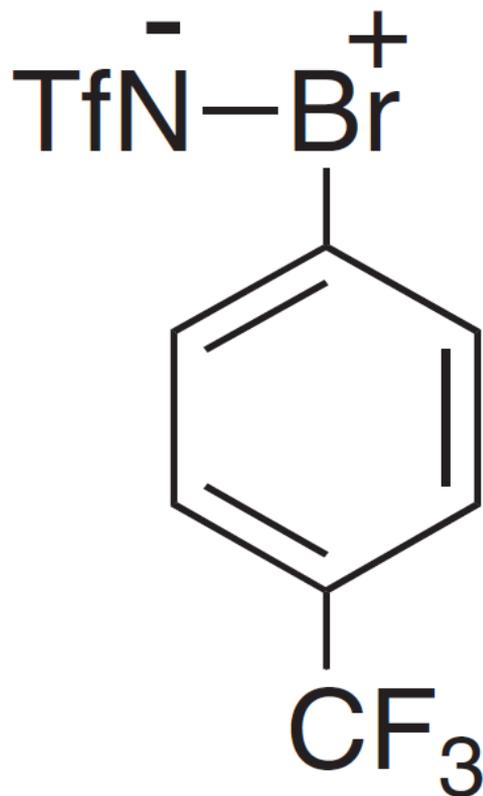
Highly Regioselective Amination of Unactivated Alkanes by Hypervalent Sulfonylimino- λ^3 -Bromane

Masahito Ochiai,^{1*} Kazunori Miyamoto,¹ Takao Kaneaki,¹ Satoko Hayashi,² Waro Nakanishi^{2*}



The article reported regioselective sp³-CH amination of functional-group-free alkanes, metal free!!

What are the active species?



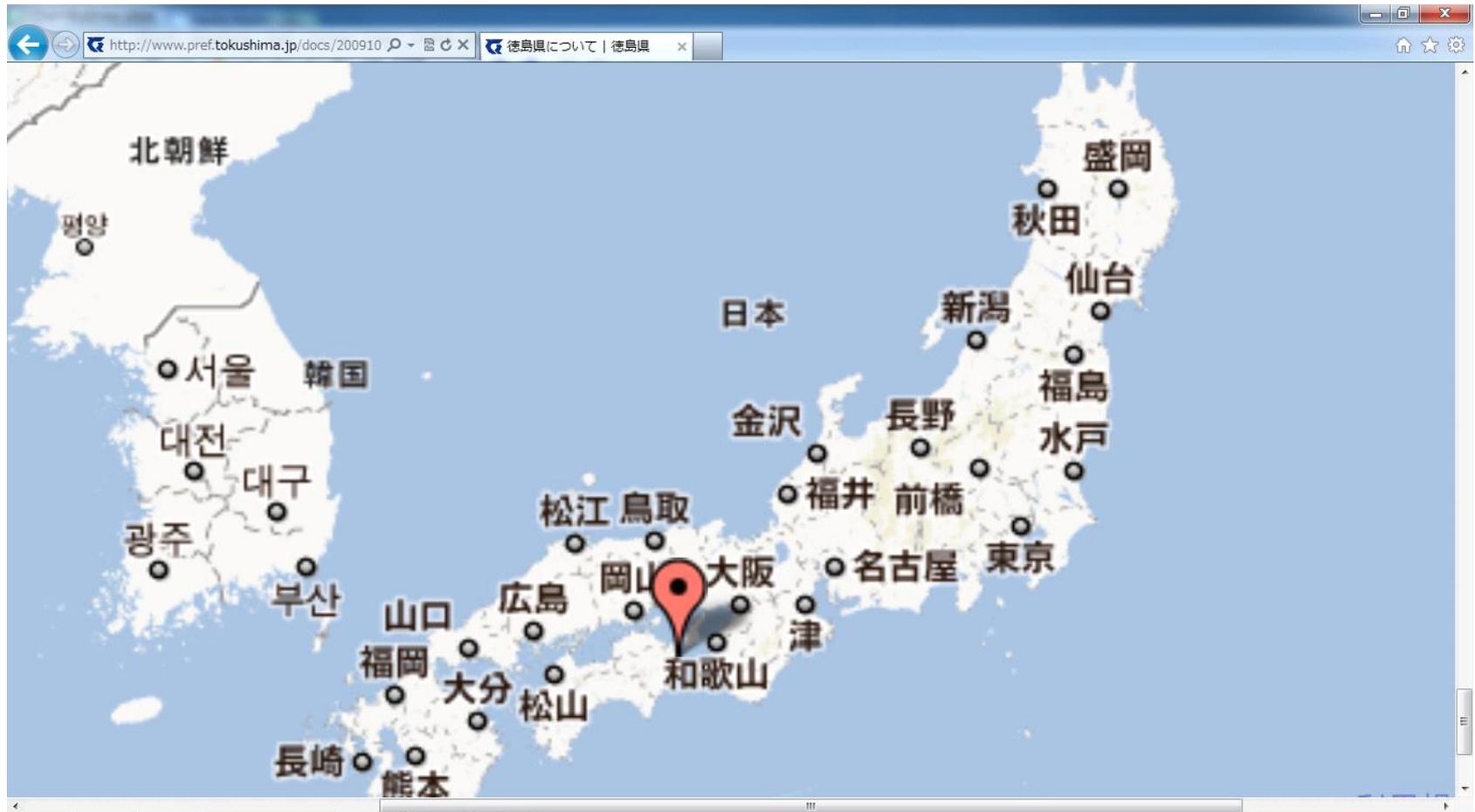
Hypervalent sulfonylimino- λ^3 -bromane

- Isolated, colorless plates
- Soluble in DCM, MeCN, acetone
- Storable under argon in refrigerator (without decomposition over 2 months!)

Today, I would like to focus on its relatives:
Hypervalent bromines

Front runner: Prof. Ochiai

The author of the article conducts research in...





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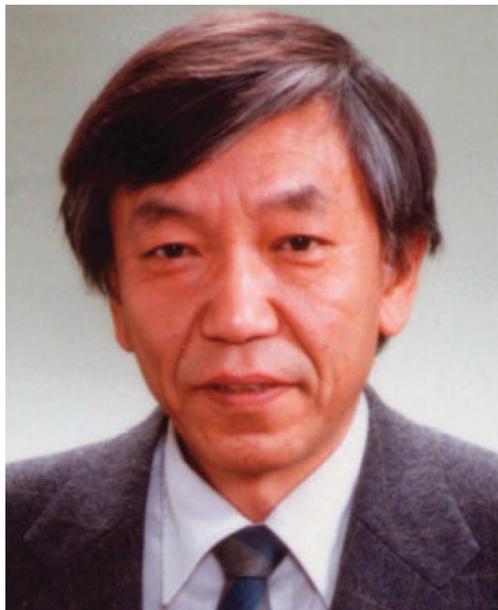
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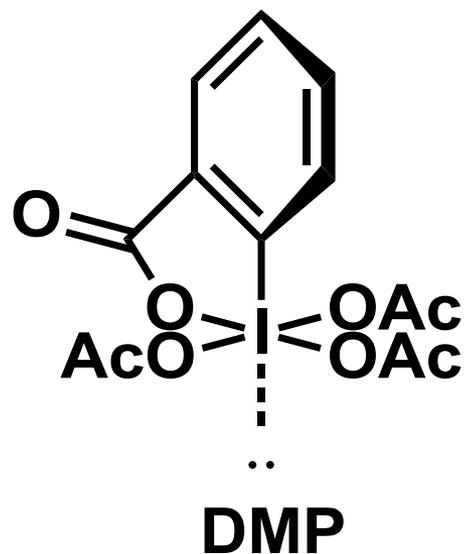
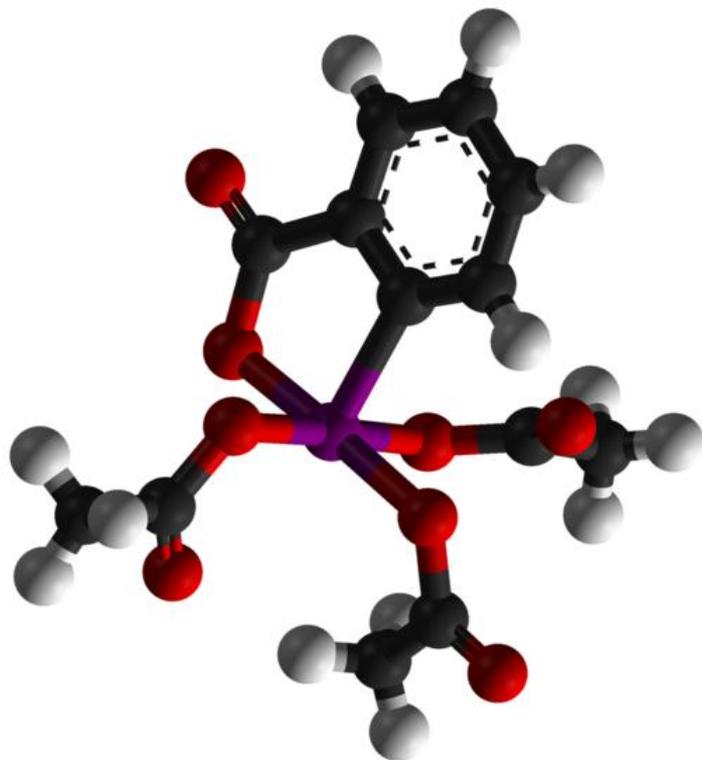
Award and Society of Iodine Science Award. His research interests are in the areas of synthetic organic chemistry.

Masahito Ochiai joined the Institute for Chemical Research, Kyoto University, as a research associate in 1975. After working as a postdoctoral fellow at University of Wisconsin with Professor B. M. Trost, he moved to Gifu Pharmaceutical University as an Assistant Professor in 1989. He was promoted to Professor of Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Tokushima, in 1992. He received Pharma-

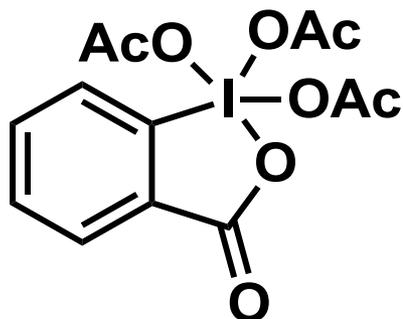
He has made countless contributions in a field of hypervalent iodine chemistry, including the first report of its catalytic use.

**His unique, unprecedented research area:
Chemistry of HYPERVALENT BROMINE**

1. General aspects of hypervalent halogens

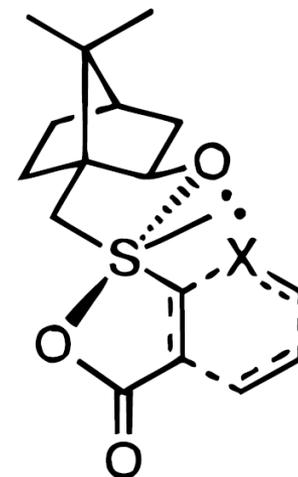
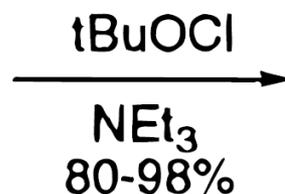
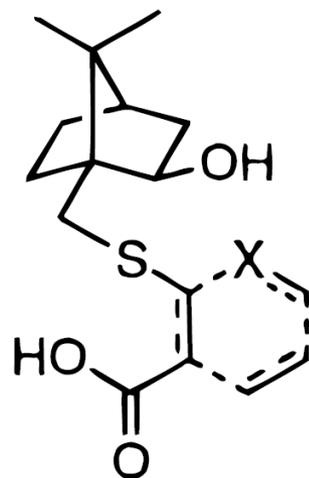


What does "hypervalent" mean??



λ^5 -iodane

D.B. Dess, J.C. Martin
J. Org. Chem. **1983**, 48, 4156.



λ^4 -sulforane

J. Zhang et al., *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1998**, 120, 1631.

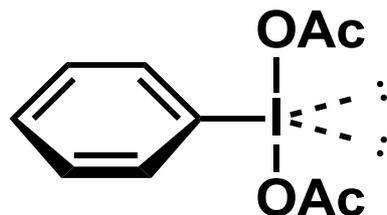
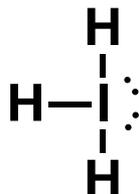
"Molecules containing elements of Groups 15 - 18 bearing more electrons than the octet in the valence shell are described as hypervalent molecules."

"Hypervalent Iodine Chemistry"

Ed. by Wirth T., *Top. Curr. Chem.*, **2003**, Springer, 2, p1.

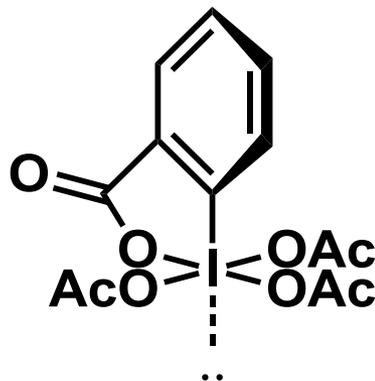
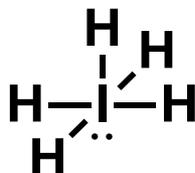
What is λ ?? ~IUPAC rules~

λ^3 -iodanes



PIDA

λ^5 -iodanes



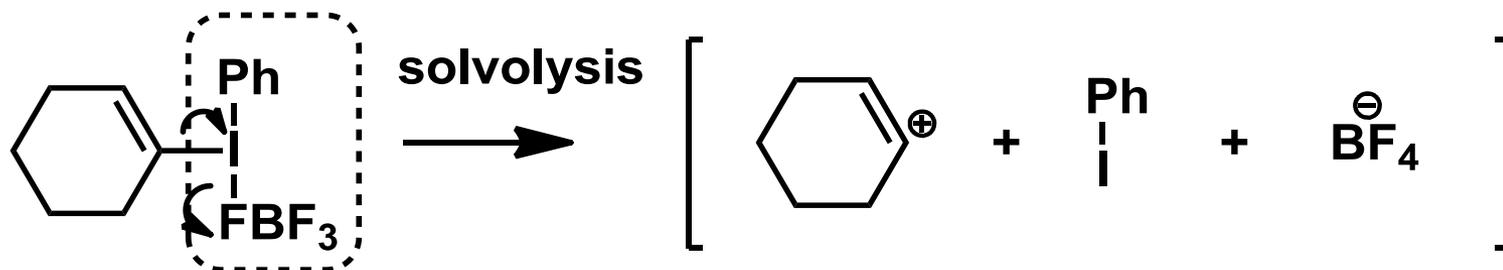
DMP

With its superscripts, λ signifies the bonding number to an atom. Its usage is restricted to molecules with non-standard valence states.

W.H. Powell, *Pure Appl. Chem.*, **1984**, 56, 6, 769.

Hypervalent halogen as hypernucleofuge

In 1995, Ochiai et al measured the nucleofugality of trivalent iodine compounds:



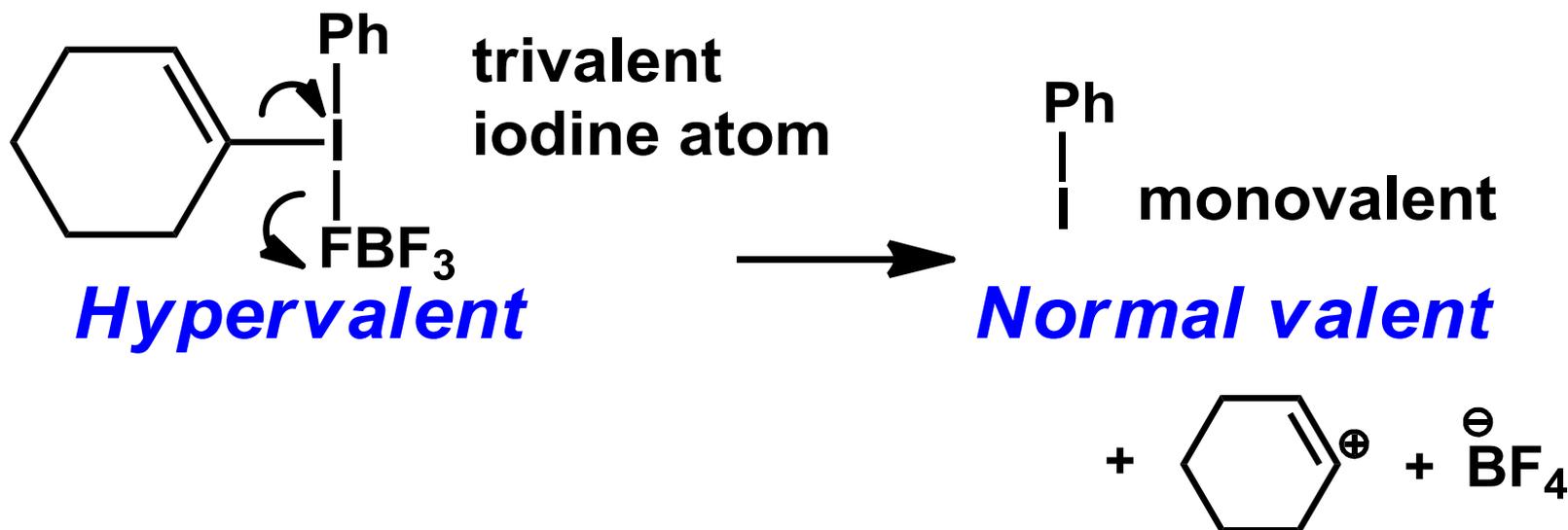
Hyper-leaving group

Table 5. Relative Leaving Ability

nucleofuge	relative leaving ability	
-I ⁺ Ph	8×10^5	5×10^{17}
-OTf	1	6×10^{11}
-OTs	$1/(9 \times 10^5)$	7×10^5
-S ⁺ Me ₂	$1/(6 \times 10^{11})$	1

Leaving ability of phenyl- λ^3 -iodanyl group is 10^6 times greater than TfO⁻ !!

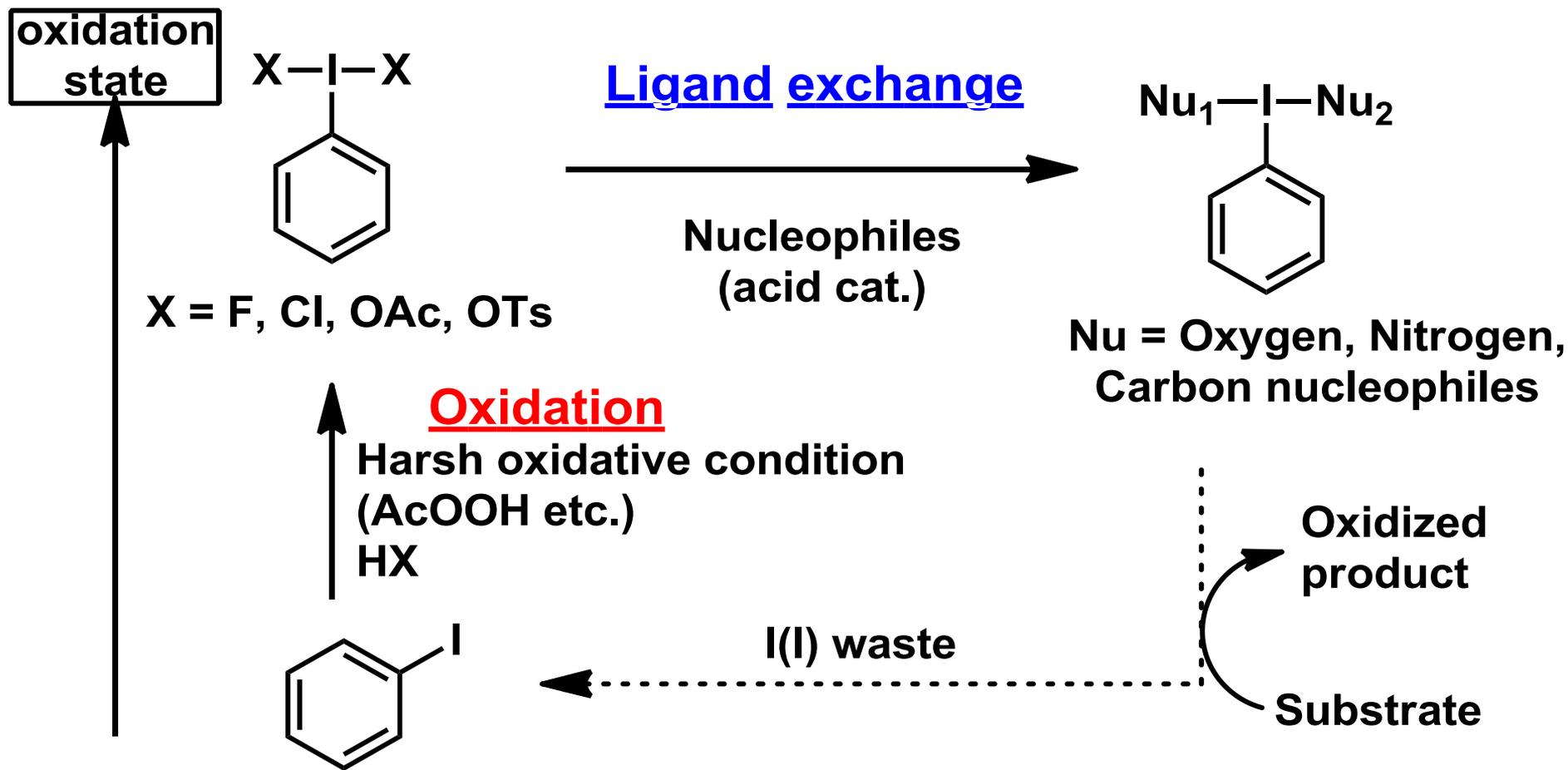
Key step = Reductive elimination



*Leaving process of $Ph(BF_4)I$ involves energetically preferred **reduction of hypervalent iodine atom** to normal valency.*

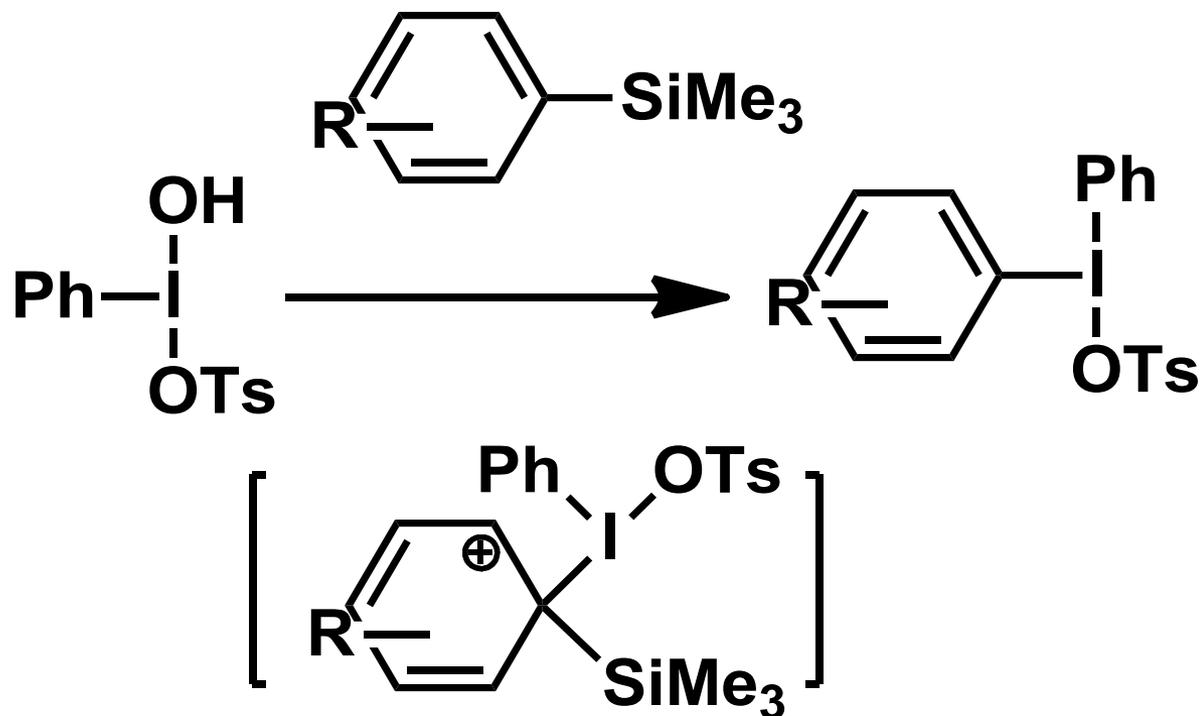
This process also associates with increase in entropy, as 1 hypervalent molecule decomposes to 3 components.

Preparations



Synthesis of polyvalent iodine reagents generally requires 2 steps.

Preparations ~Ligand exchange~

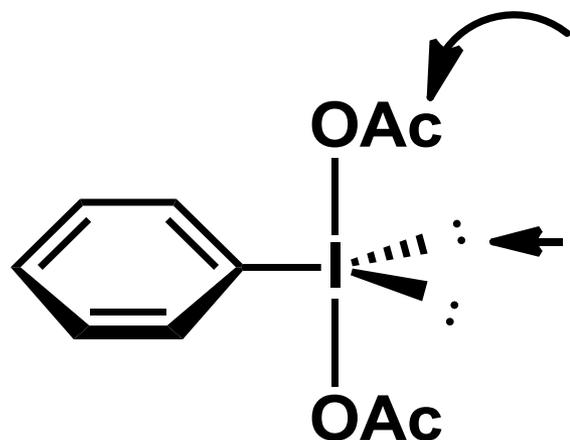


**Silicon directed ipso substitution gives Ar_2BL .
Si, Ge, Sn, boronic acids are used.**

G.F. Koser et. al., *J. Org. Chem.* **1980**, 45, 1543.

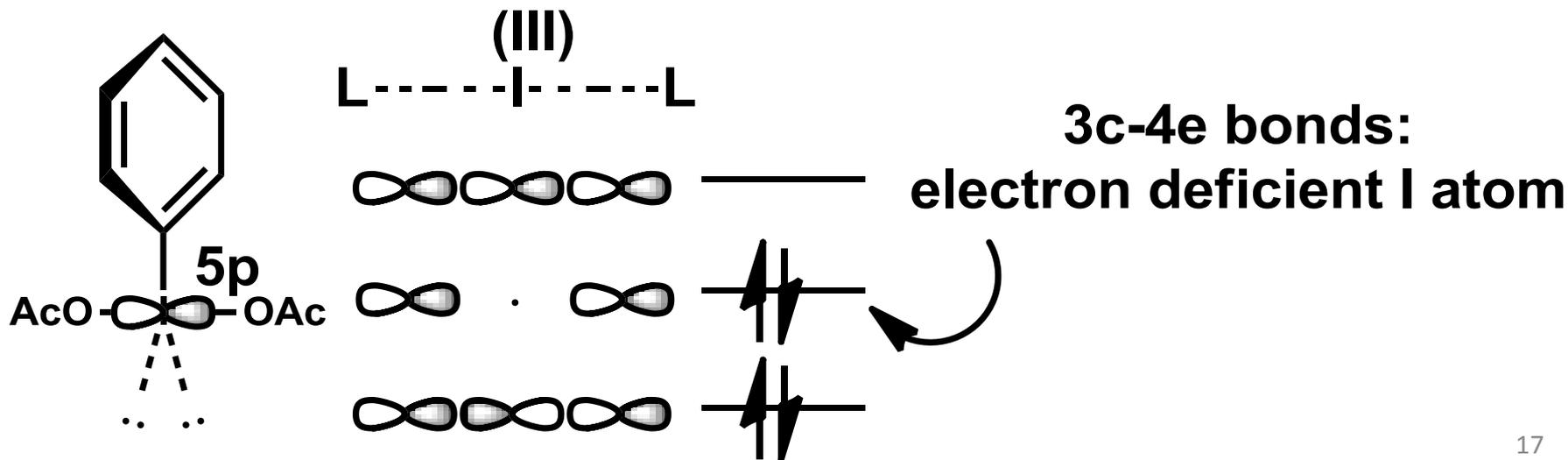
Structure ~two heteroatom ligands~

Heteroatom ligands at **apical** positions:
3c-4e bonds

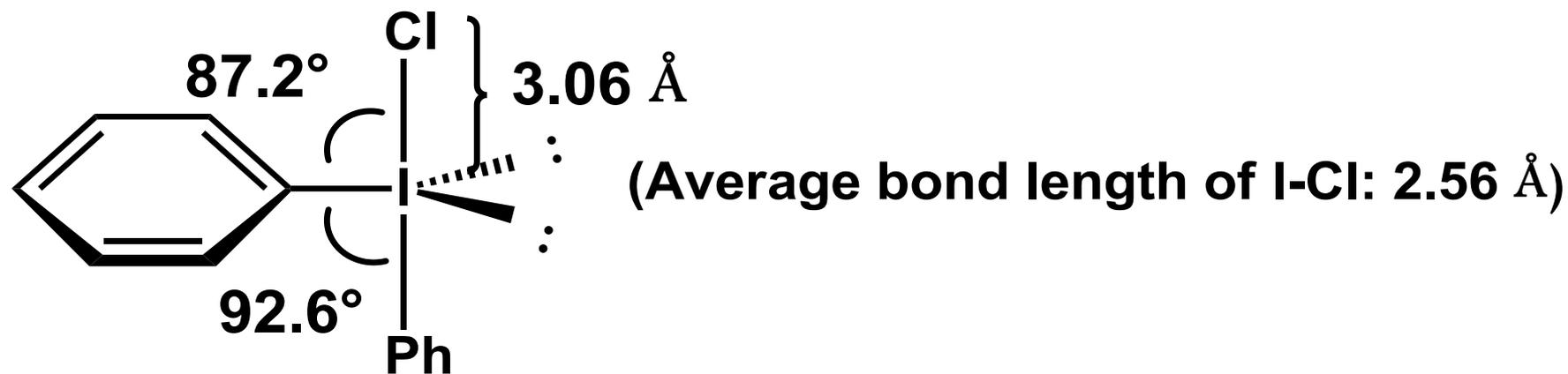


Lone pairs and aryl substituents
at **equatorial** positions

Pseudotrigonal bipyramid structure



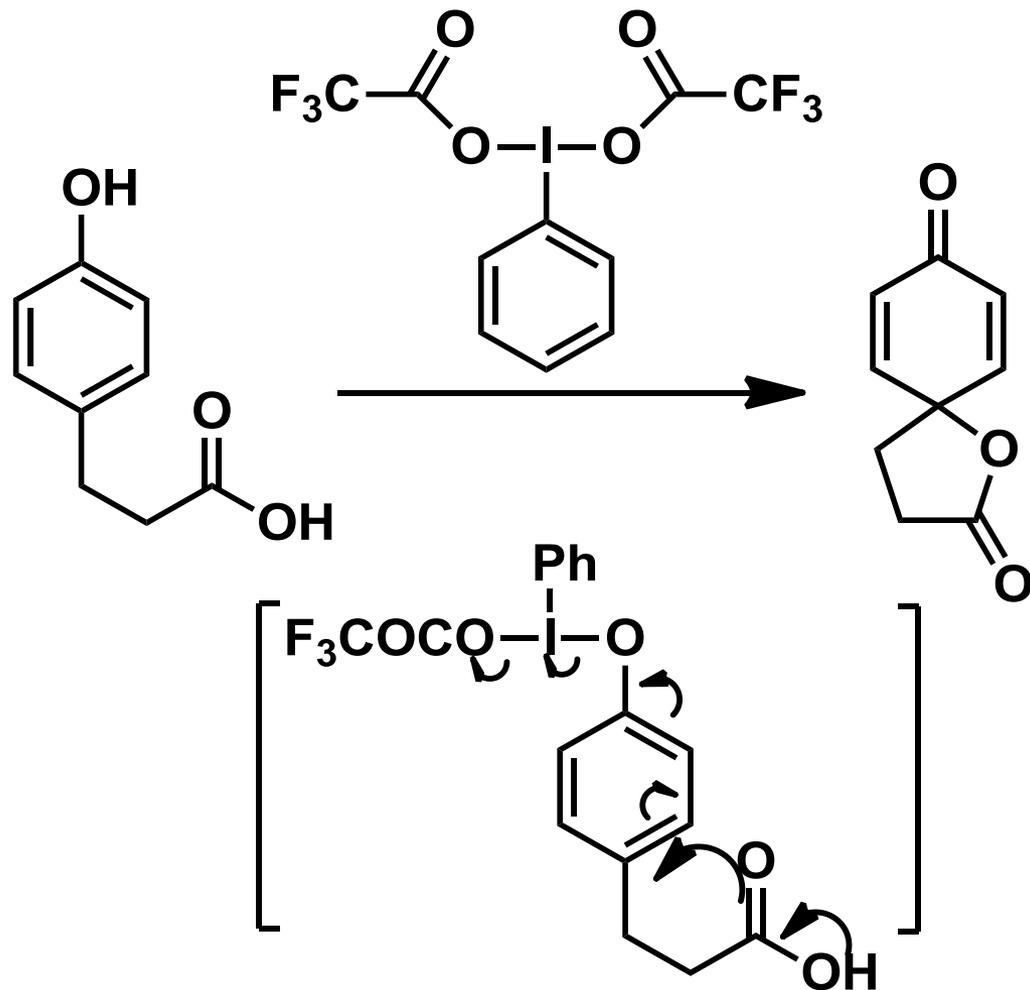
Structure ~two carbon ligands~



λ_3 -iodanes with two carbon ligands **transfer its carbon ligands to nucleophiles through reductive elimination of ArI.**

Alcock N.W. et. al., *J. Chem. Soc. Dalton.* **1977**, 217.

Typical reaction: Oxidative cyclization



I(III) induced **dearomatizing, oxidative** cyclization

Iodine vs Bromine ~Why is Br so promising?~

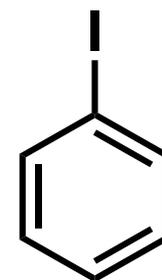
Electronegativity(Pauling)

I < Br
2.66 < 2.96

Covalent radius (Å)

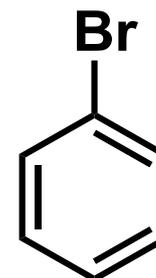
I > Br
1.33 > 1.14

Ionization potential



8.69 eV

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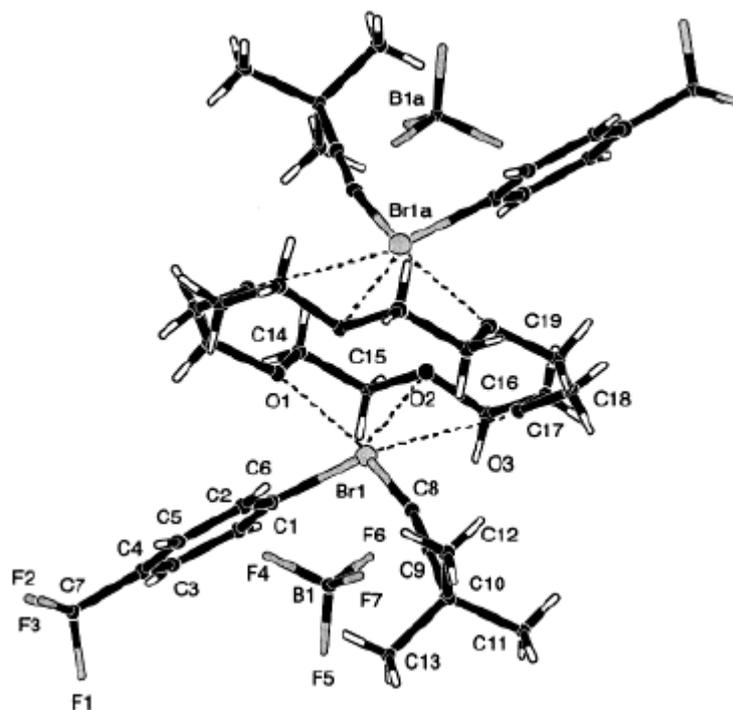


8.98 eV

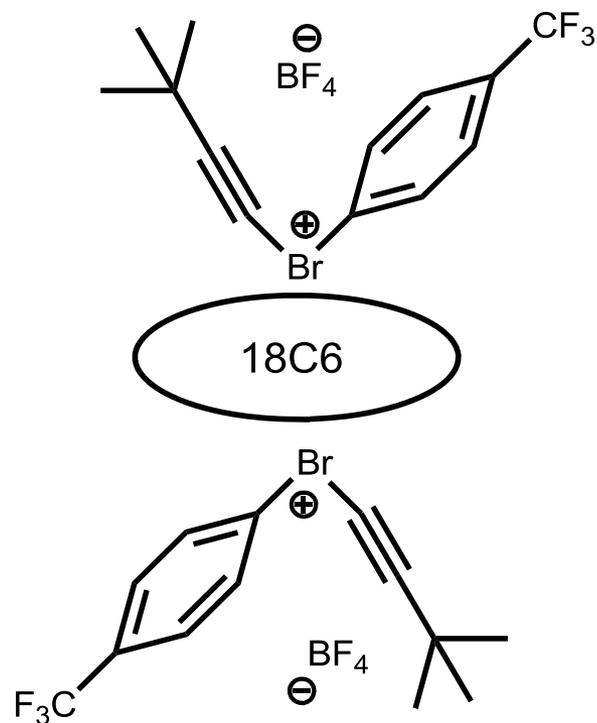
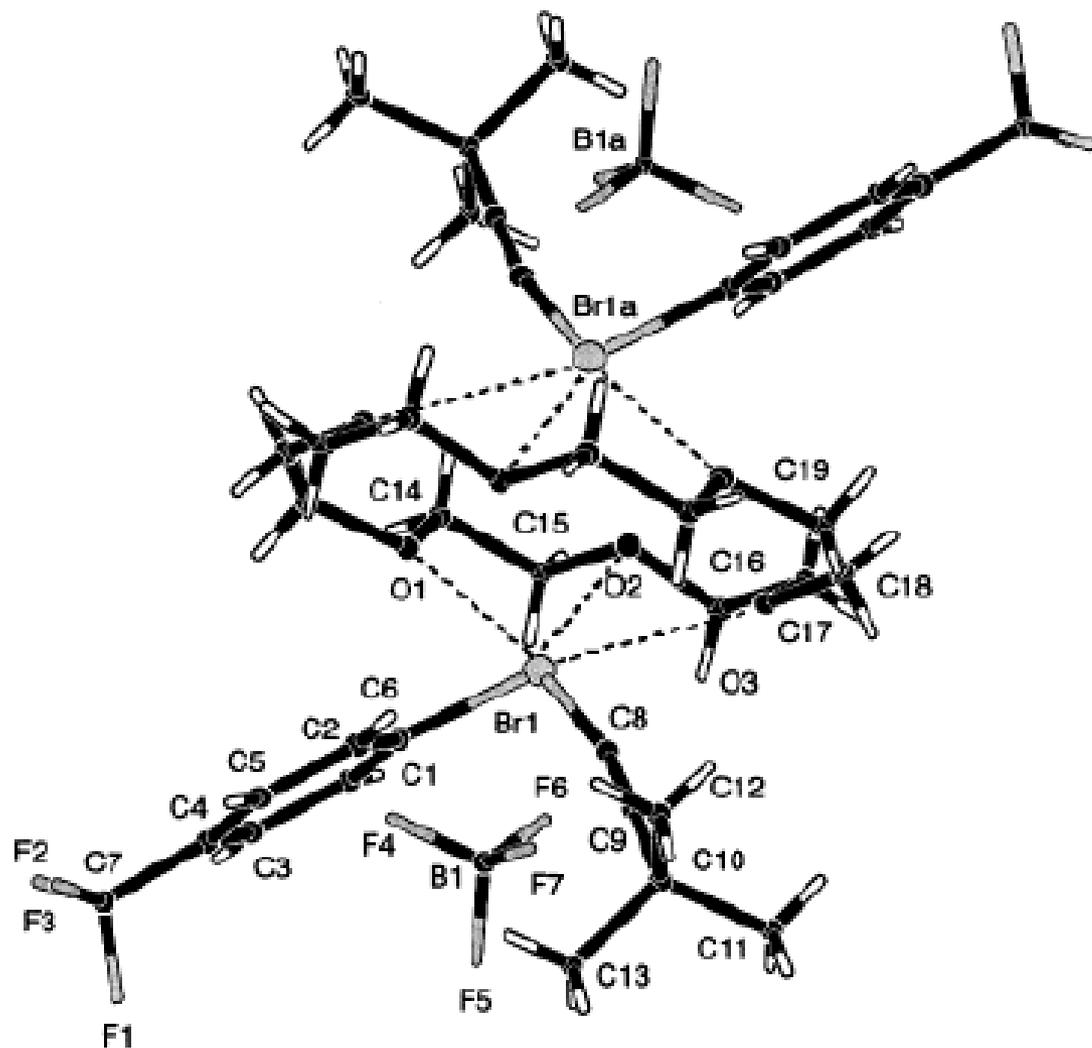
Bromine is smaller, more electron negative an atom than iodine, so:

- Synthesis of Br(III) compound requires harder oxidation process.**
- Smaller atom size contributes to distorted structure=high reactivity.**
- Br(III) compound is more likely to undergo reductive elimination.**

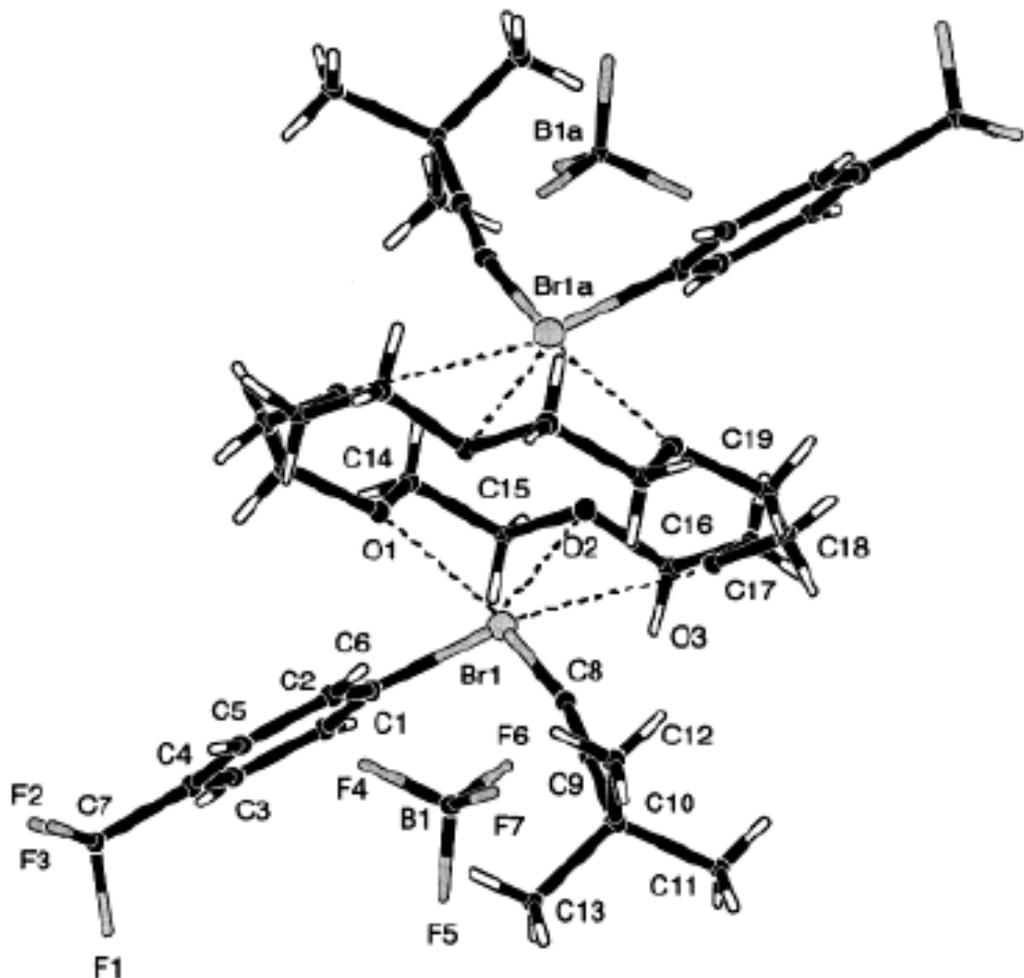
2. Alkynyl(aryl)- λ^3 -bromanes



Structure



X-ray analysis of its crown ether(18C6) complex



• *Pentagonal, planar coordination around Br (O1,2,3, Br1, C1,8)*

• *Bent, longer triple bond*

Br1-C8-C9 angle: 167.3°

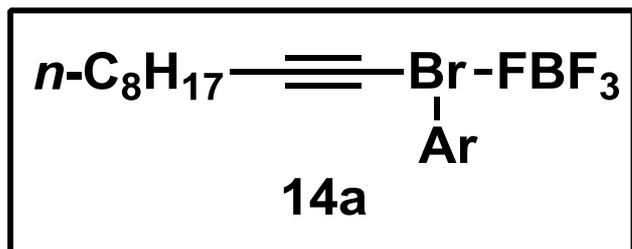
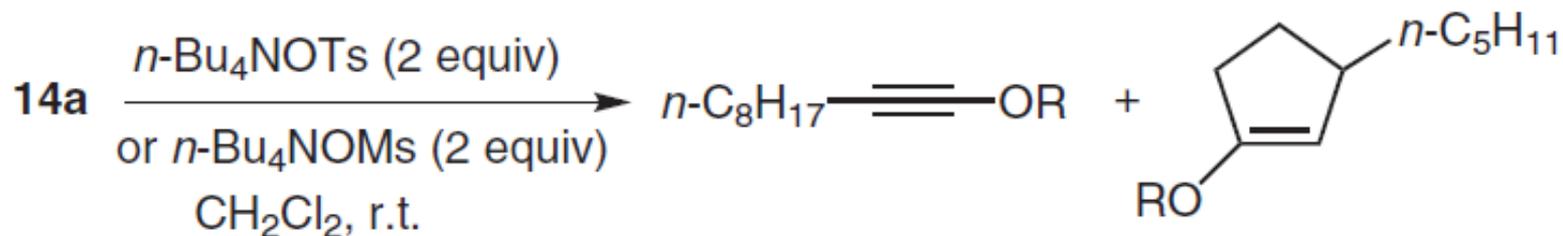
C8-C9: 1.211 Å

(1.181 Å on average triple bond)



Polarization of π -electrons by positive partial charge on Br(III)

Reactions: Michael-carbene rearrangements



18a (R = Ts, 55%)

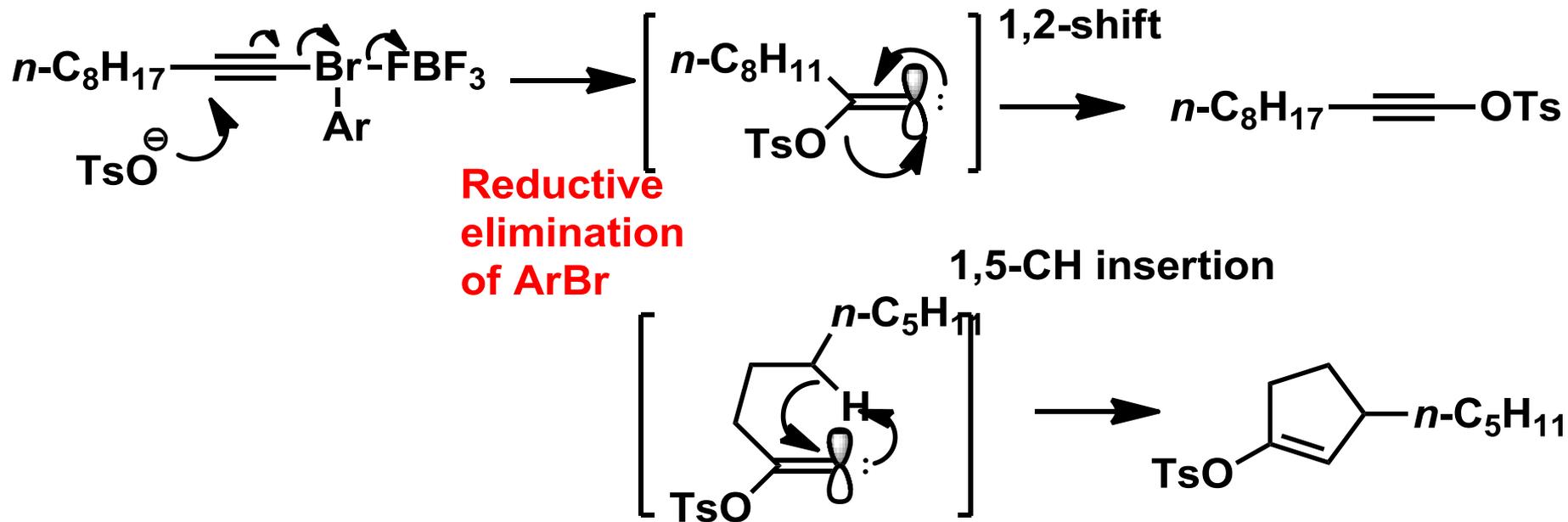
19a (R = Ts, 5%)

18b (R = Ms, 68%)

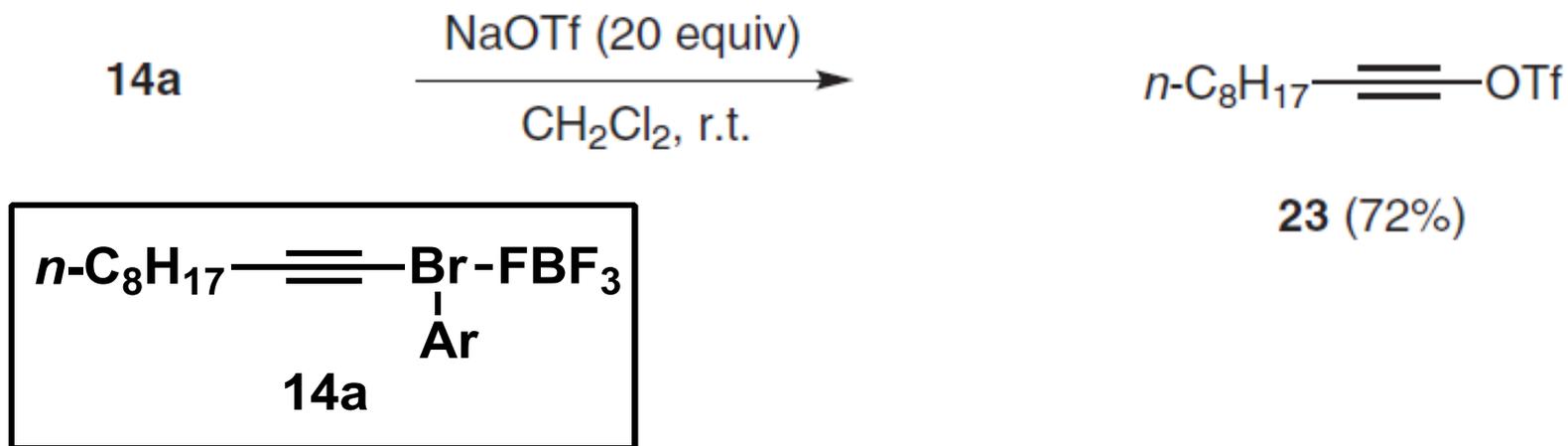
19b (R = Ms, 5%)

Weak nucleophiles like TsO^- undergo Michael addition (not reported in λ^3 -iodanes)

Reaction mechanisms



Triflate anion as Nucleophile!!



Even triflate anion works as nucleophile toward alkynyl(aryl)- λ^3 -bromane

Actually, this was the first report of 23(alkynyl triflate) synthesis!!

M. Ochiai. *Synlett* **2009**, 2, 159.

Outstanding Michael acceptor efficiency

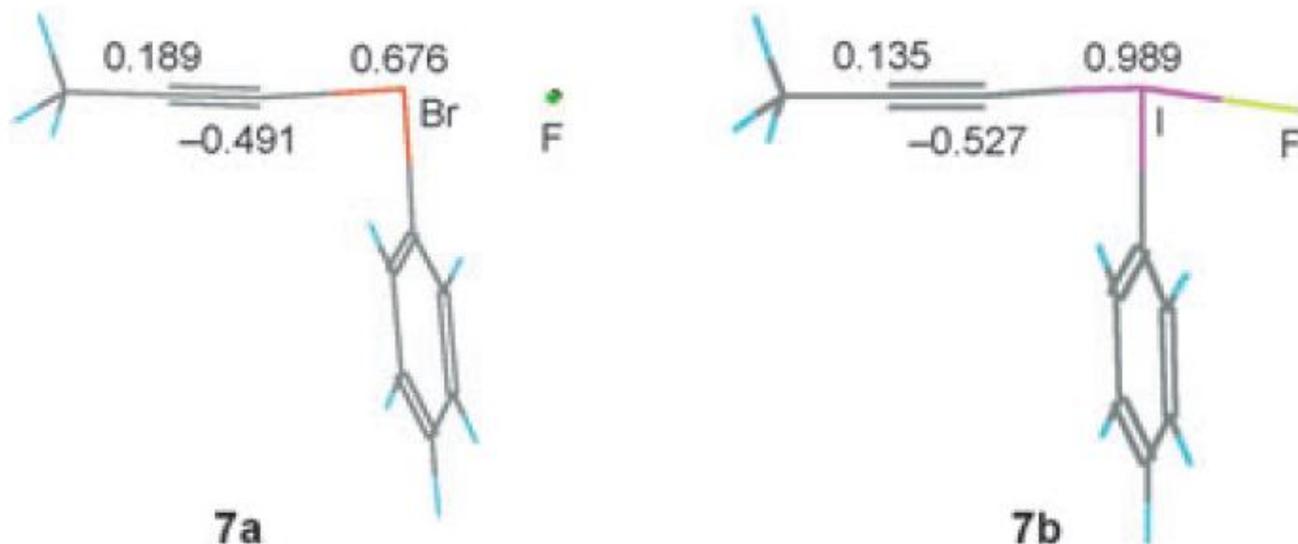


Figure 1. Mulliken atomic charges at $C\alpha$, $C\beta$, Br, and I calculated with the B3LYP/LanL2DZ method (Gaussian 03W).

Calculation indicates β -carbon of λ^3 -bromane is more positively charged than that of iodane.

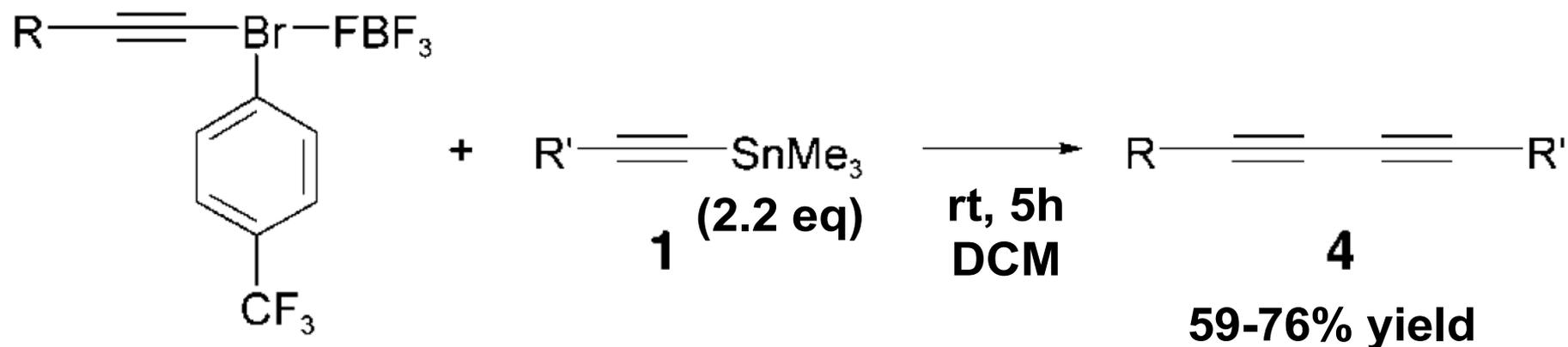
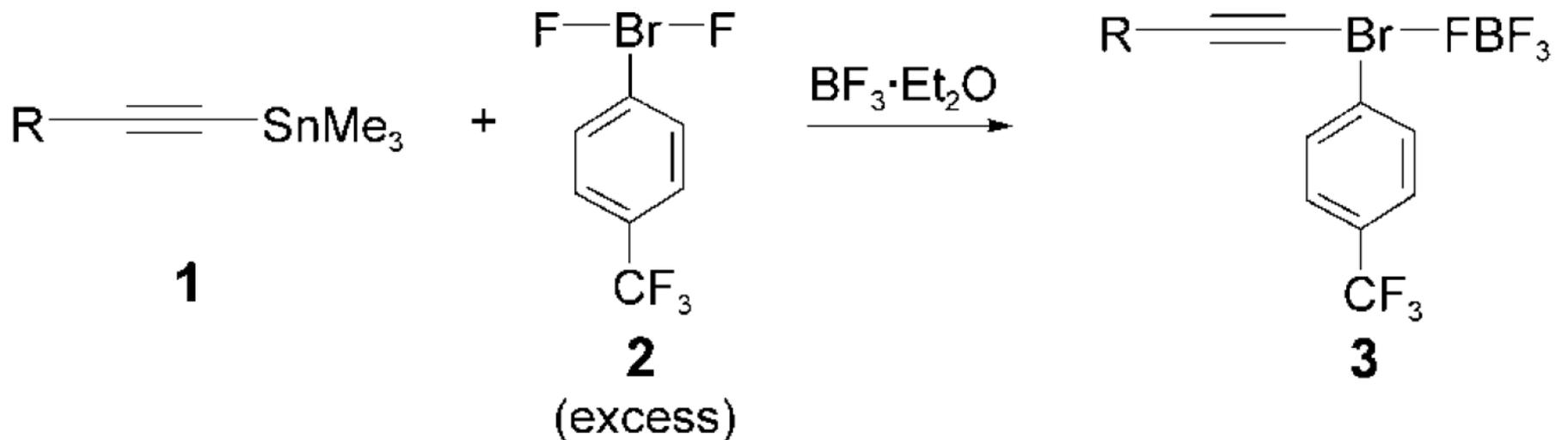


Electron-withdrawing inductive effect

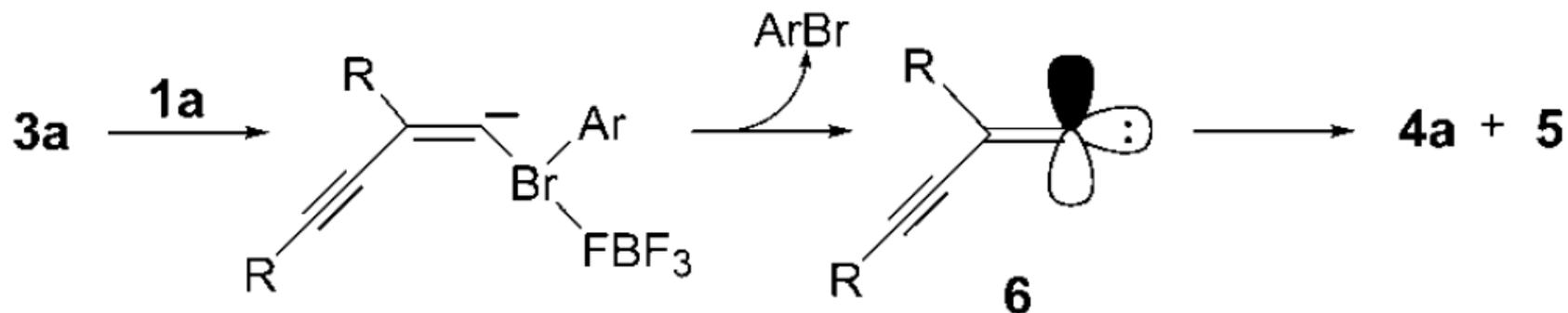
$$\sigma_I = 1.63 \text{ for PhBr(FBF}_3\text{)}$$

$$\sigma_I = 1.35 \text{ for PhI(FBF}_3\text{)}$$

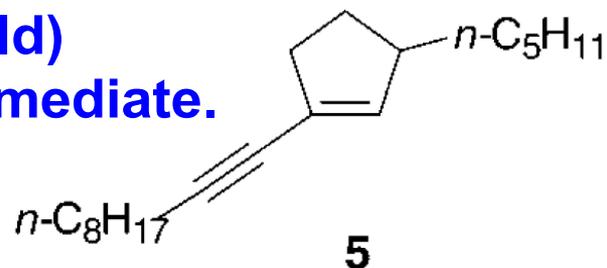
Application: Coupling of alkynyl stannanes



Mechanism of coupling reaction

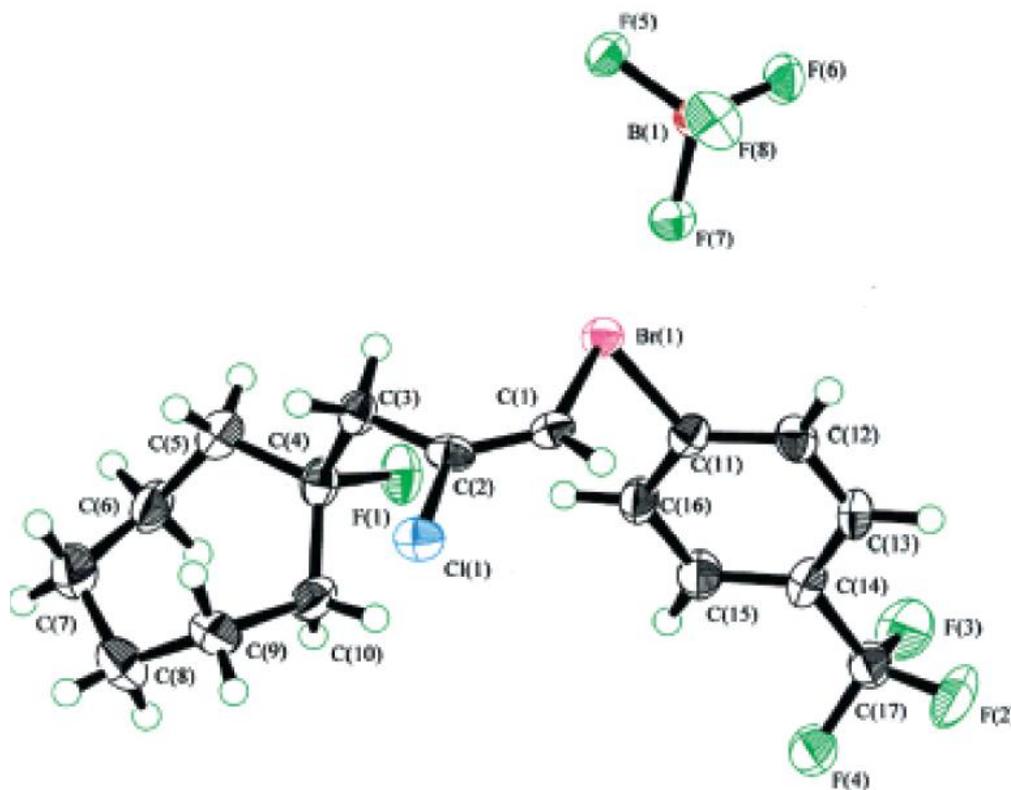


Cyclopentenyl byproducts (ca. 4% yield) suggests the alkylidene carbene intermediate.



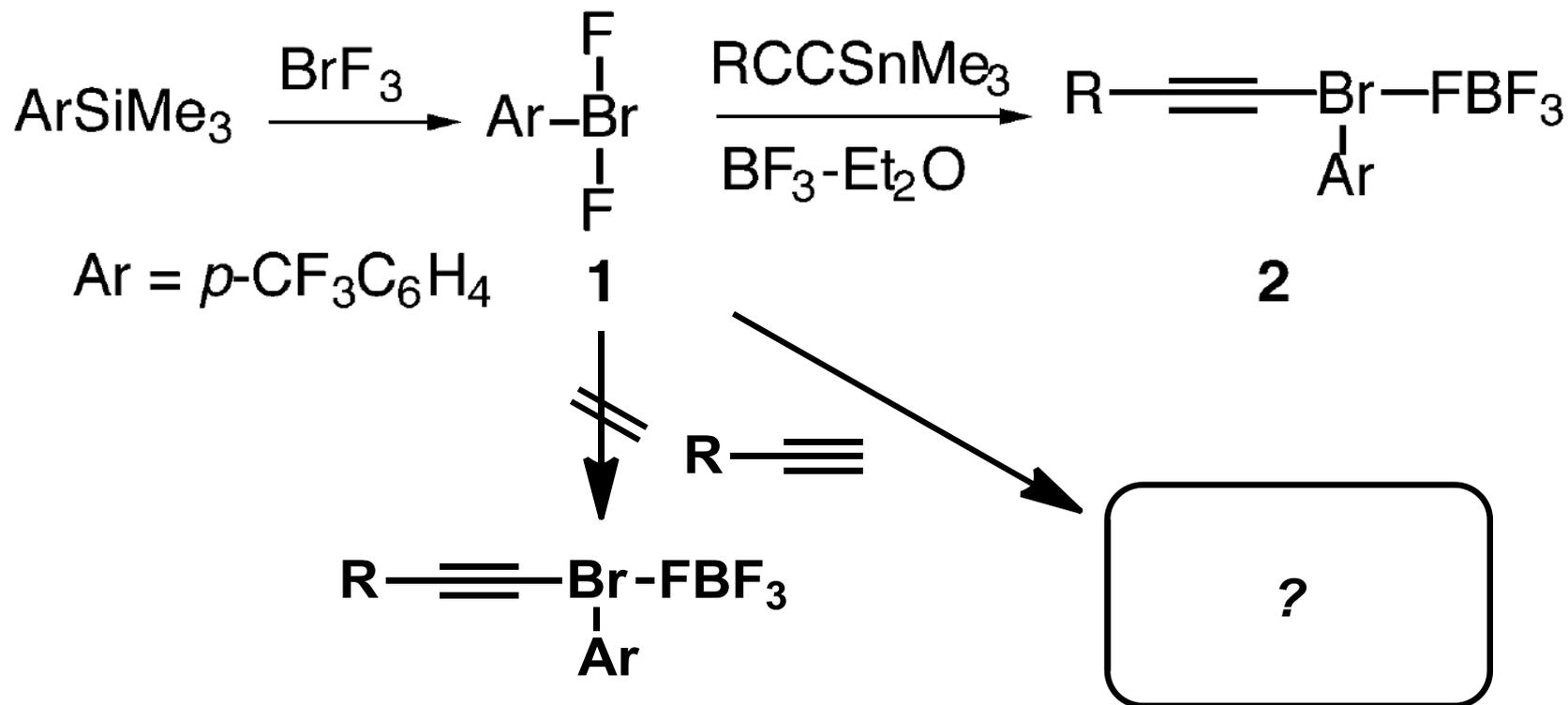
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3. Alkenyl(aryl)- λ^3 -bromanes



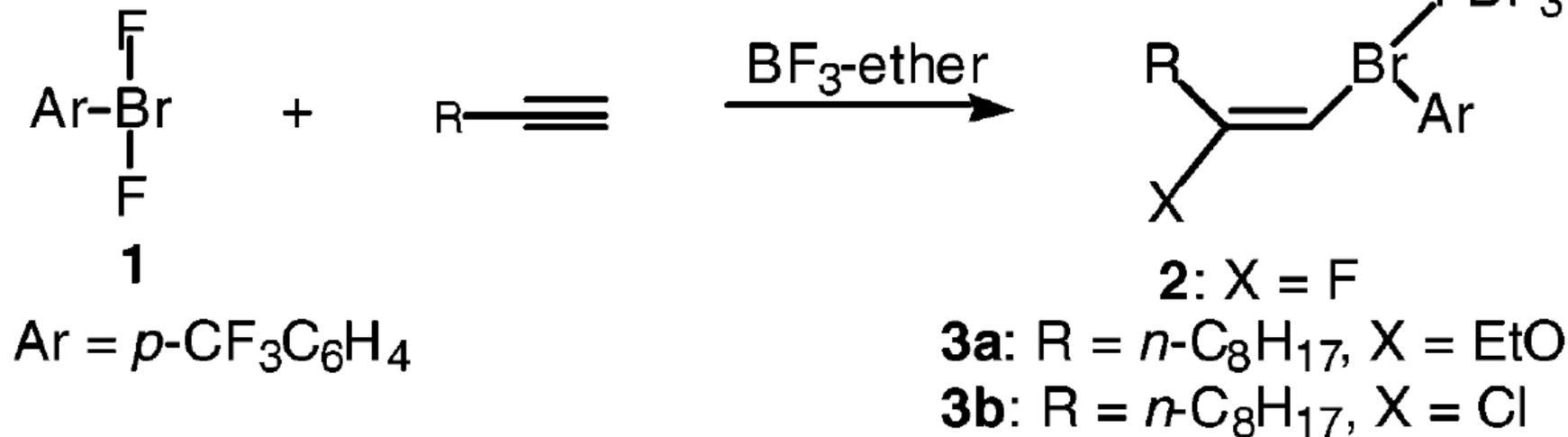
Terminal alkyne instead of alkynyl stannane?

Scheme 1



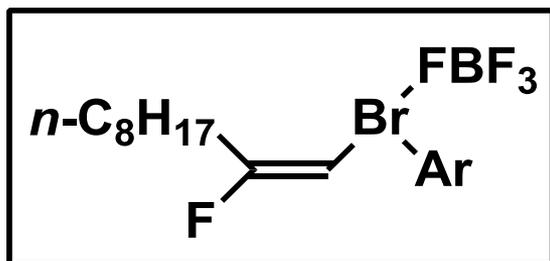
Ligand exchange did not proceed with terminal alkyne. But...

Synthesis



**9 Alkyne examples, 40-88% yield
86-97% (E)-selective**

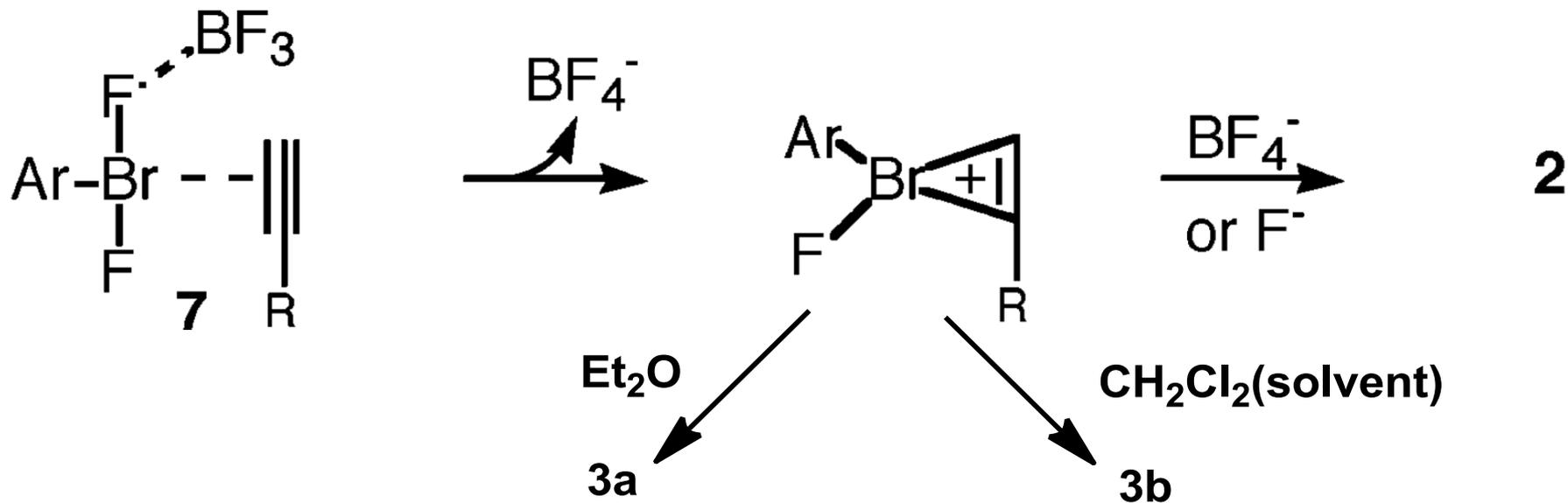
They succeeded in first isolation of β -halovinyl- λ^3 -bromane.



**Isolated as stable oil:
No decomposition over 1 month in a refrigerator**

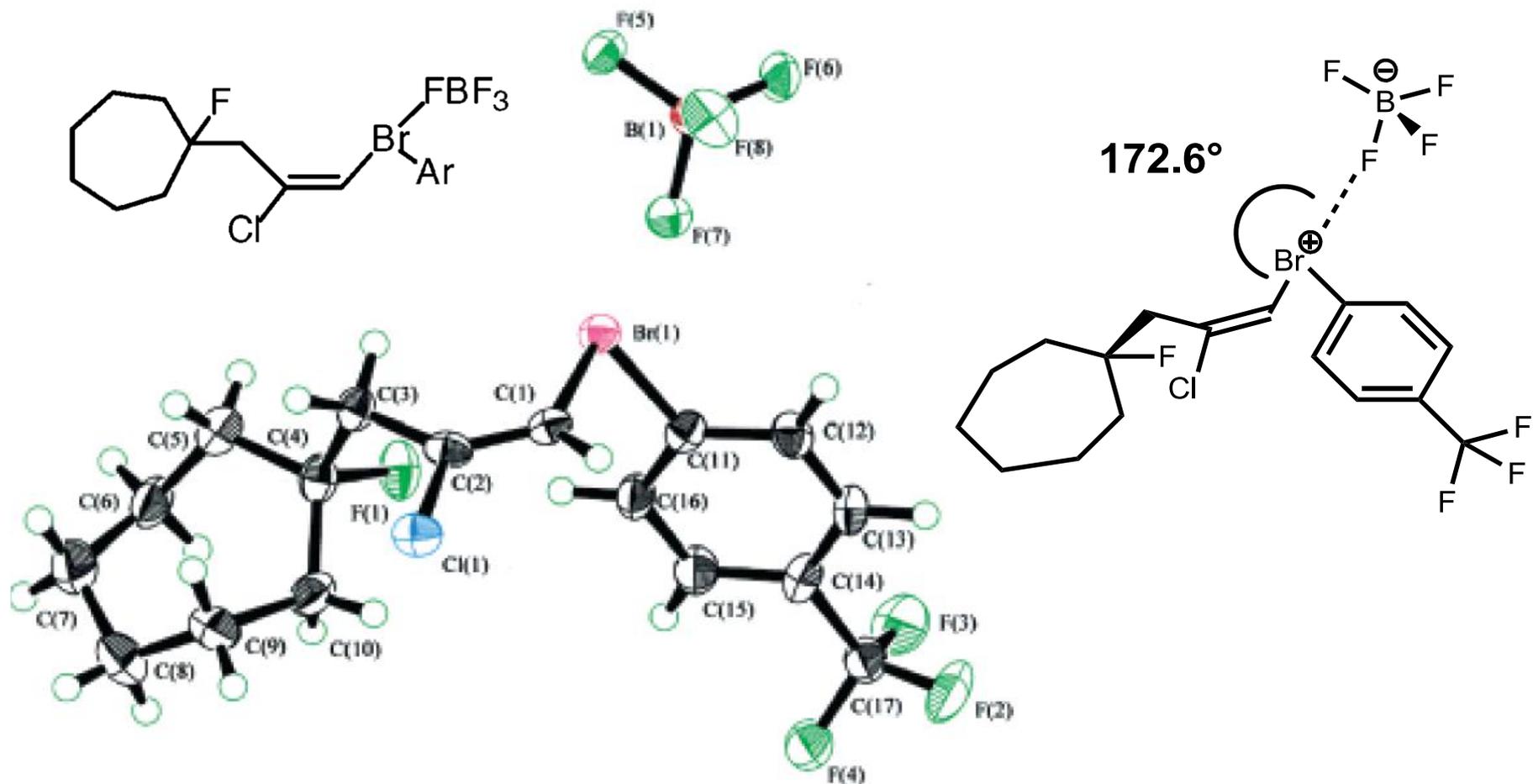
M. Ochiai et. al., *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2005**, 127, 10460.

Reaction mechanisms



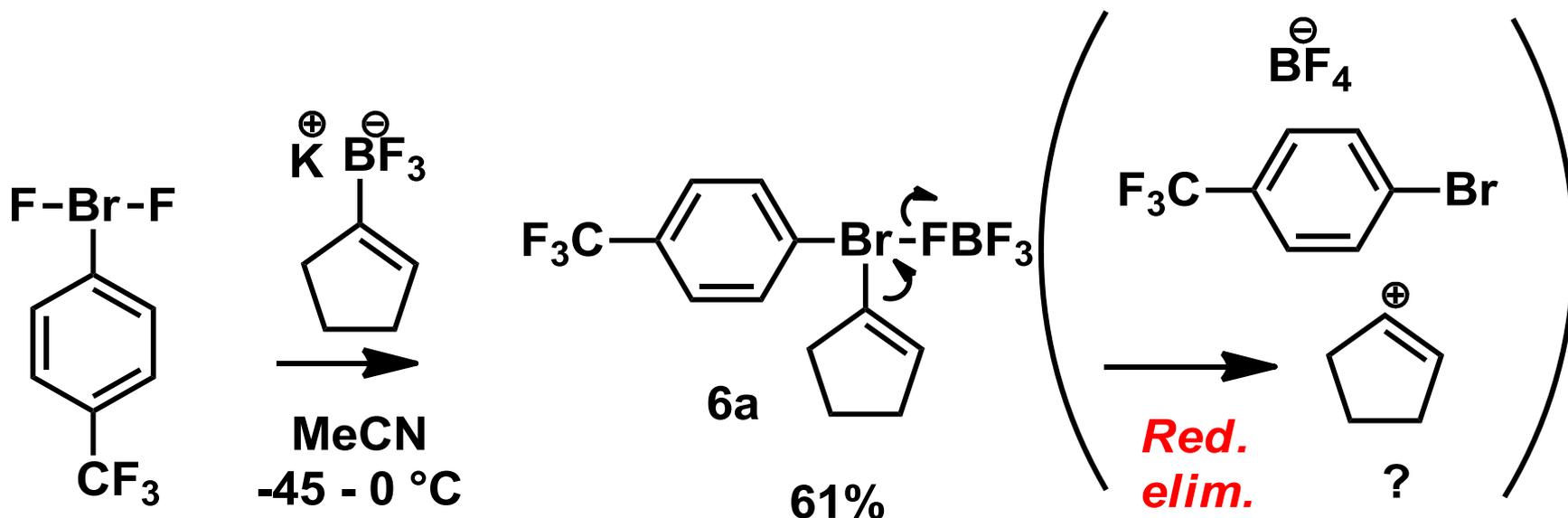
Employing BF₃•*i*-Pr₂O (bulkier Lewis acid) and CHCl₃ (less nucleophilic solvent) suppresses side reactions.

Structure



T-shaped structure with F atom of BF_4^- at apical position.

Application: Generation of cyclopent-1-enyl cation



Note: cyclopentenyl cation generation has been sought by a number of researchers for more than 30 years!

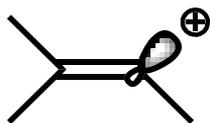
W.D. Pfeifer et. al., *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1971**, 93, 1513.

L.R. Subramanian, ZM. Hanack *J. Org. Chem.* **1977**, 42, 174.

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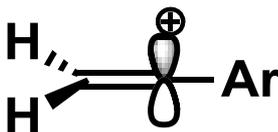
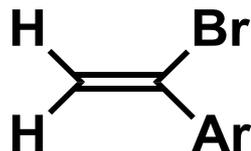
Background stories of vinyl cation

Until mid 1960s, vinyl cations are thought to be too unstable to exist.



Positive charge on sp^2 carbon(?)

In 1964, Grob and Cseh reported first vinyl cation generation.



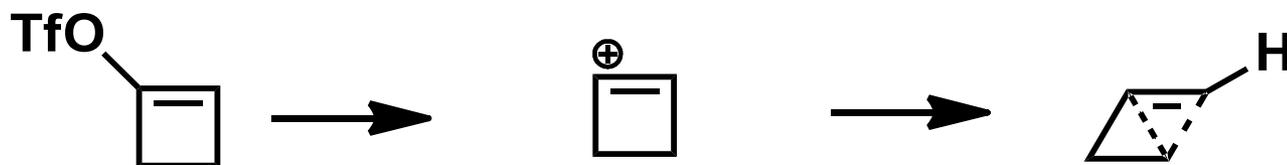
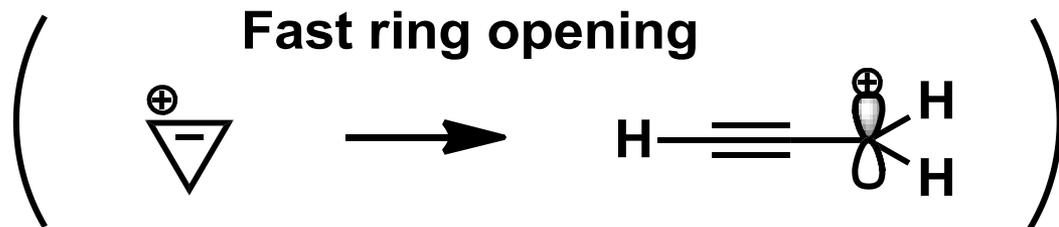
C.A. Grob, G. Cseh *Helv. Chim. Acta.*
1964, 47, 194.

Vinyl cation prefers sp , digonal structure.

According to calculations, sp form is 40.3 kcal/mol more stable than sp^2 .

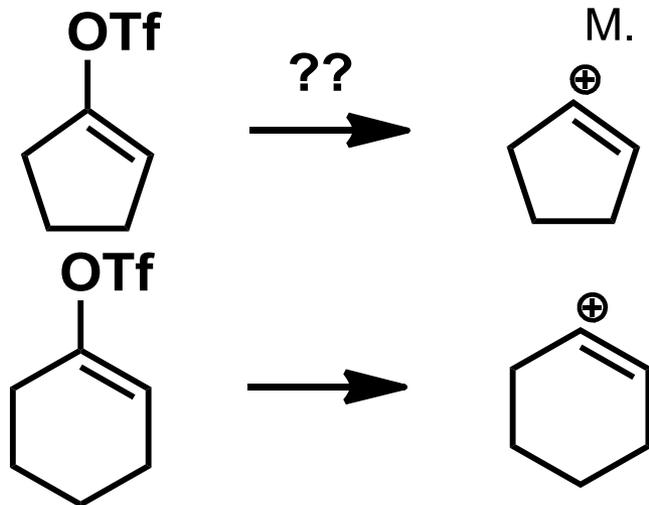
Z. Rappoport, P.J. Stang Ed., "Dicoordinated Carbocations," Wiley, Chichester (1997).

What if sp cannot be? ~Cyclic vinyl cations~



stable 3-center-2-electron bridged structure

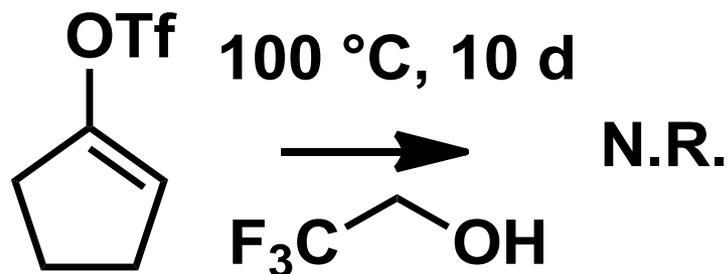
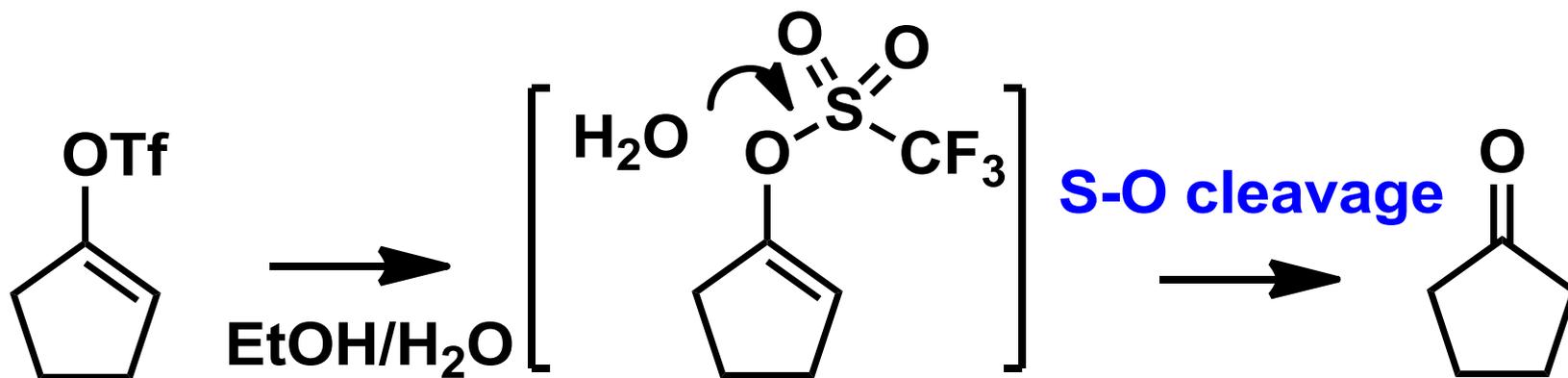
M. Hanack et. al., *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1979**, 101, 100.



**Cyclopentenyl, cyclohexenyl
vinyl cations were thought to be
generated by TfO^- . But...**

W.D. Pfeifer et. al., *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1971**, 93, 1513.

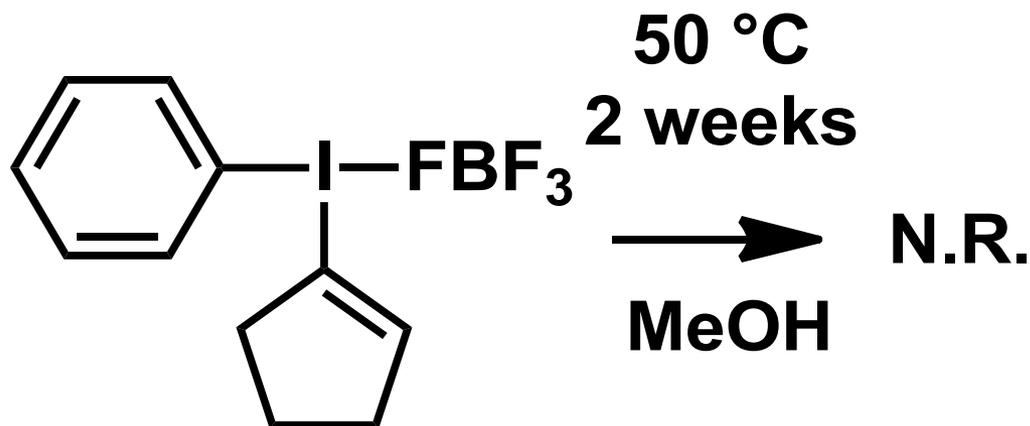
Invulnerable fortress: Cyclopent-1-enylcation



L.R. Subramanian, M.Hanack. *J. Org. Chem.* **1977**, 42, 174.

The leaving ability of triflate anion is not enough to generate cyclopentenyl cation.

Defeat of hyperleaving group I(III)

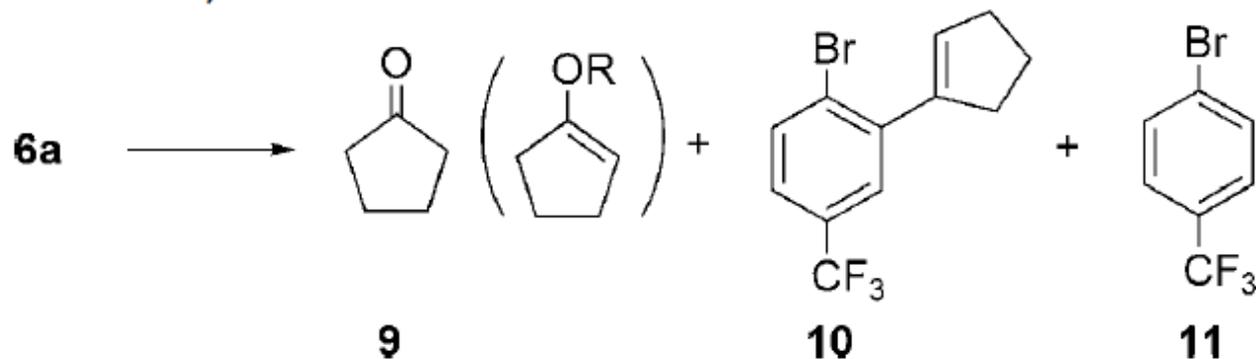


**Despite more than 30 years' investigations,
no one could generate the 5-membered
cyclic vinyl cation by thermal solvolysis.**

M. Slegt et al., *J. Org. Chem.* **2006**, 71, 2227.

Solvolysis of alkenylbromane

Table 1: Solvolysis of bromane **6a** at 50°C for four hours.^[a]

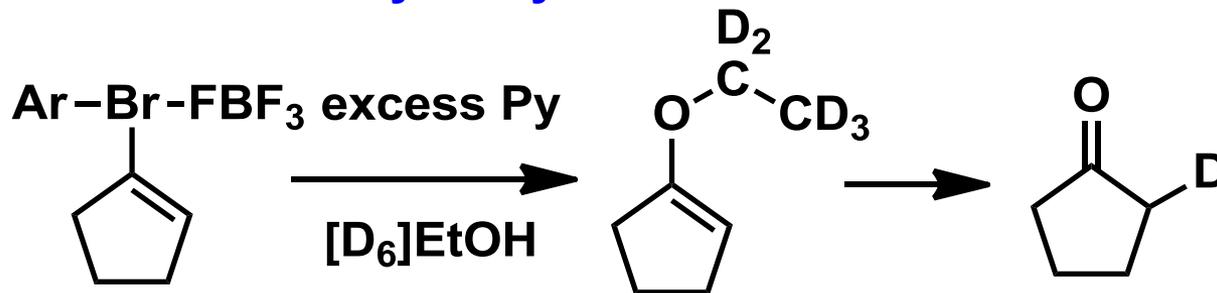


Entry	Solvent	Yield [%] ^[b]		
		9	10	11
1	H ₂ O	71	5 ^[c]	63
2	MeOH ^[d]	73	4 ^[c]	60
3	EtOH ^[d]	65	2 ^[e]	62 ^[e]
4	EtOH/H ₂ O (60:40 (v/v))	60	7 ^[c]	61

[a] [**6a**] = 0.01 M, under argon. [b] Yield based on GC analysis. [c] Yield of isolated product. [d] After the reaction, the mixture was treated with a 35% aqueous HCl solution. [e] Yield based on ¹H NMR analysis. R = CH₃ or CH₃CH₂.

Evidences of last cyclic vinyl cation

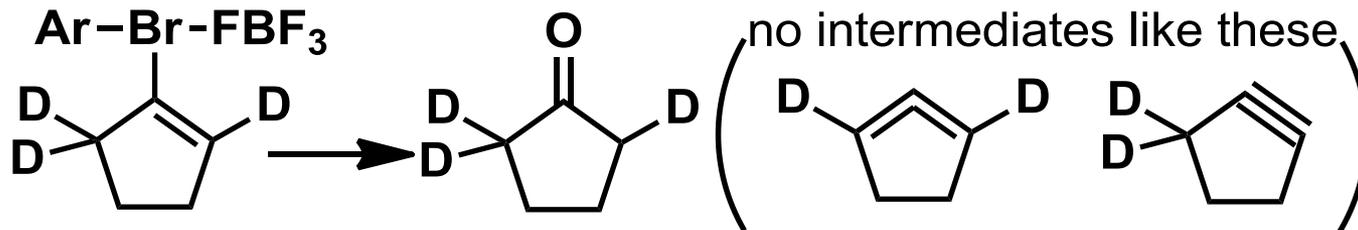
- **Time-course analysis by NMR**



- **Large activation entropy: 9.13 cal/(mol·K)**

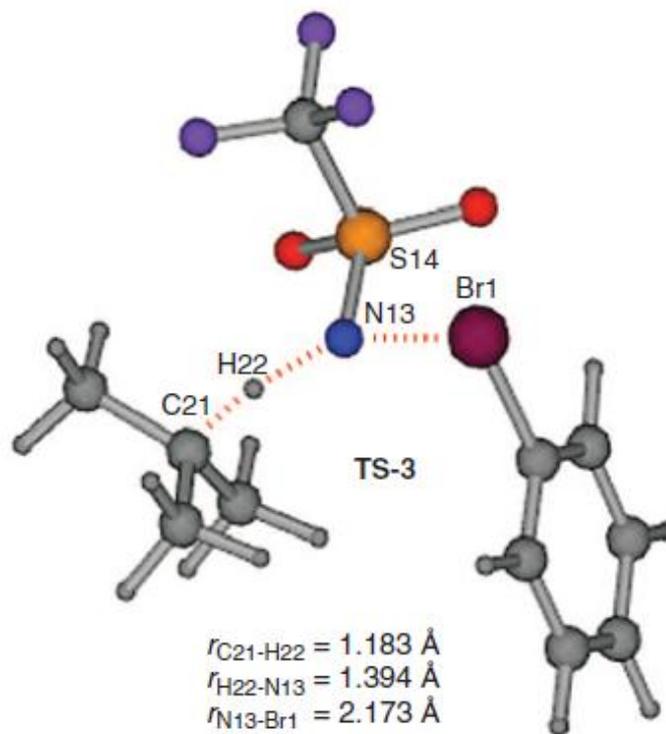
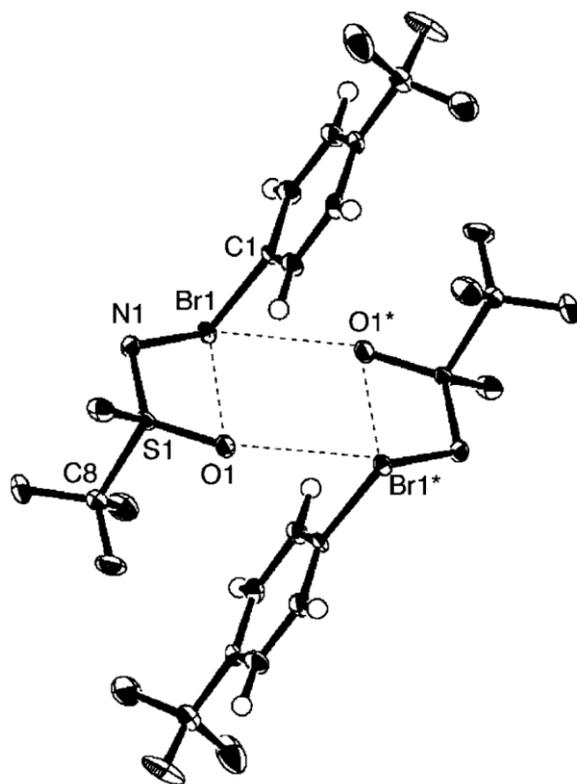
---> Good agreement with SN₁ solvolysis

- **Retained D labels**



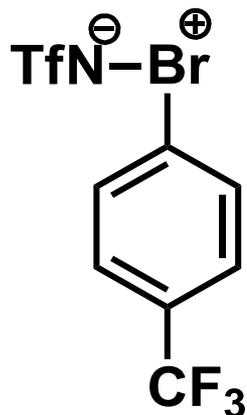
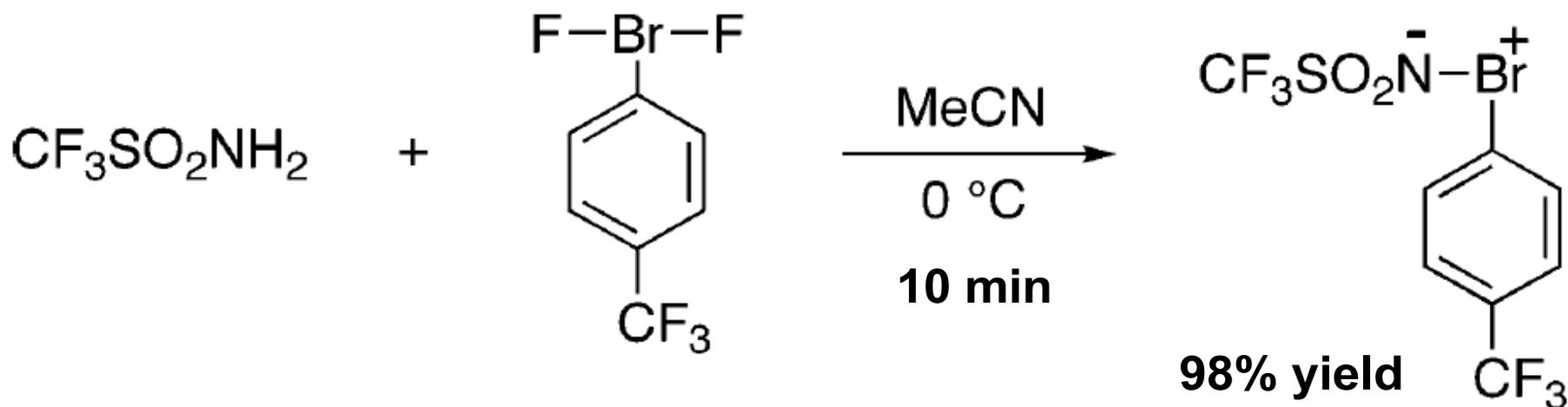
Finally in 2009, last cyclic vinyl cation generation was achieved by the hypernucleofuge: trivalent bromine group.

3. Sulfonylimino- λ^3 -bromanes



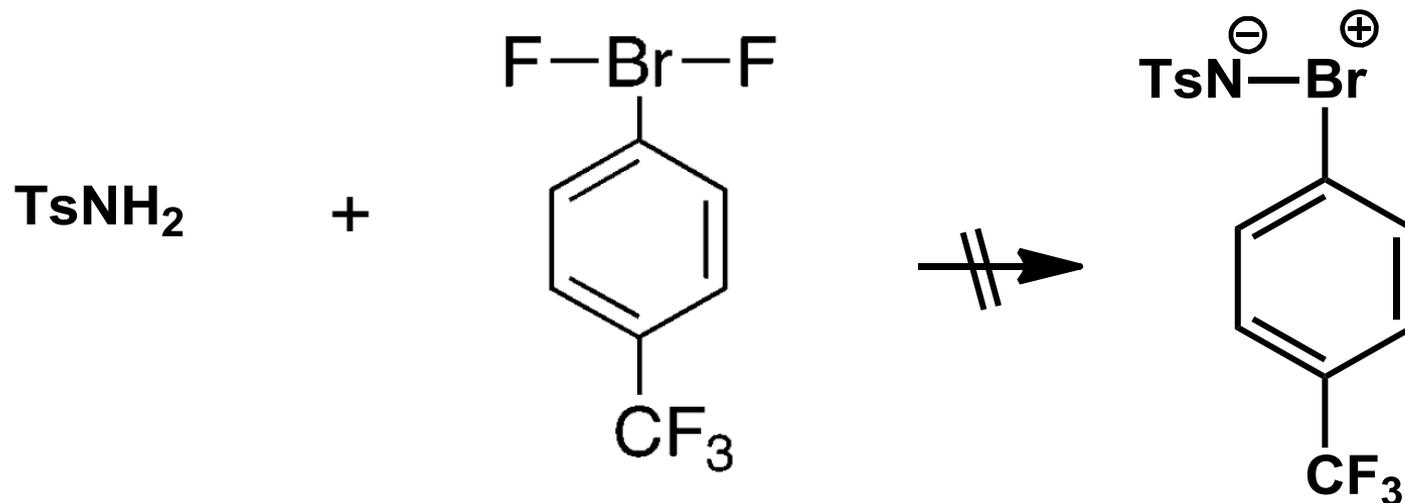
Synthesis

Ligand exchange on Br(III)



- **White solid**
- **Soluble in DCM, MeCN, acetone**
- **Storable in refrigerator under Ar over 2 months!**

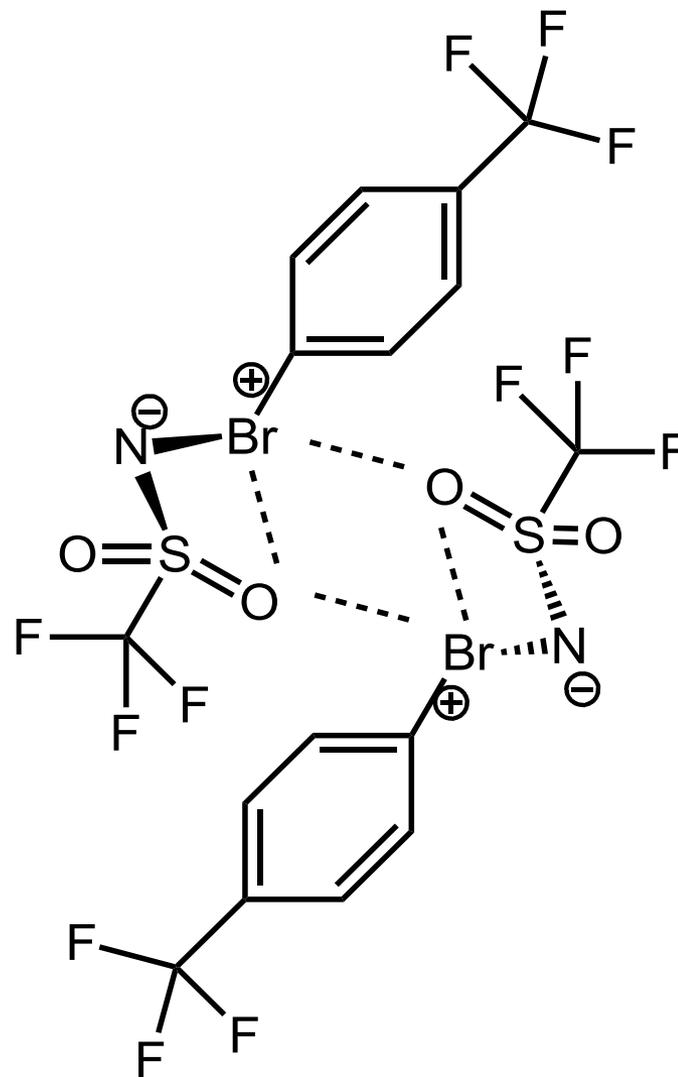
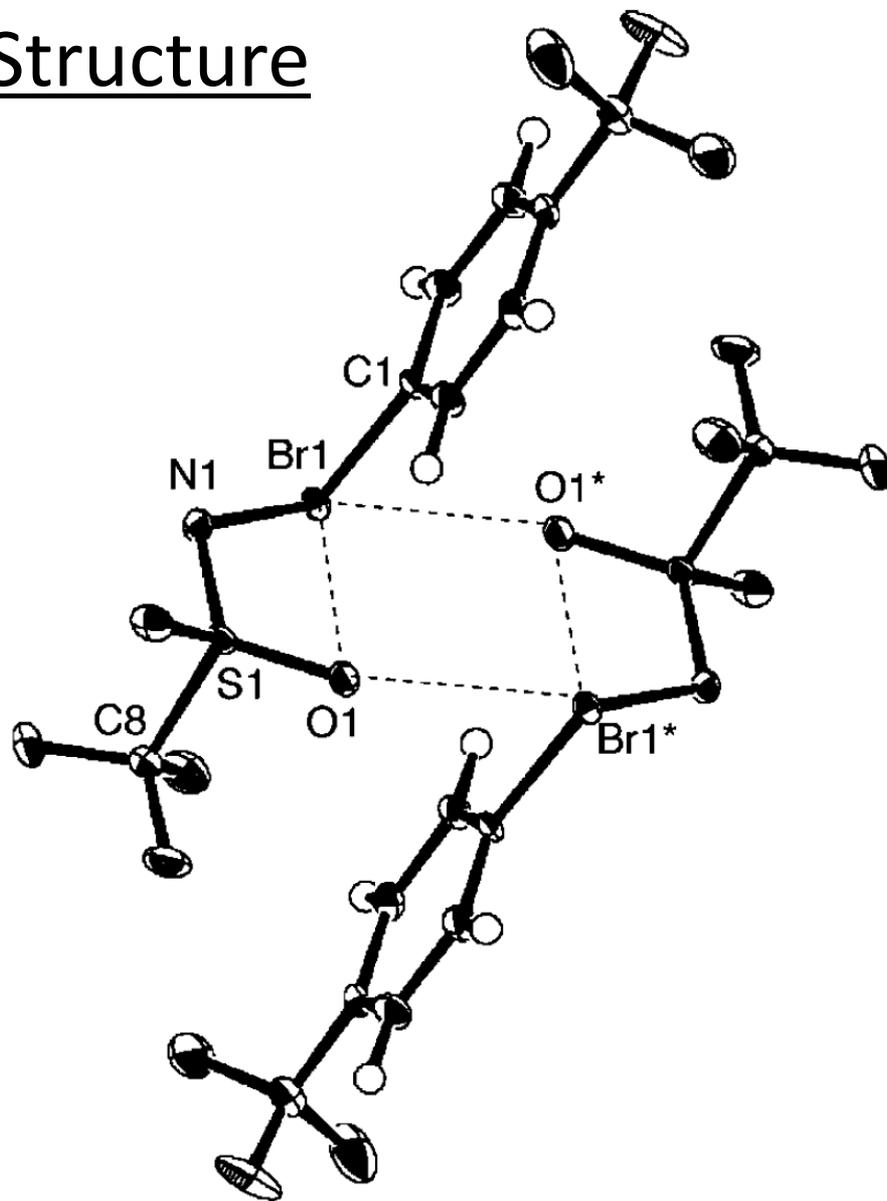
Report of *unsuccessful* synthesis



Iminobromane formation requires strong EWG on N atom.

M. Ochiai et al., *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2007**, 129, 12938.

Structure

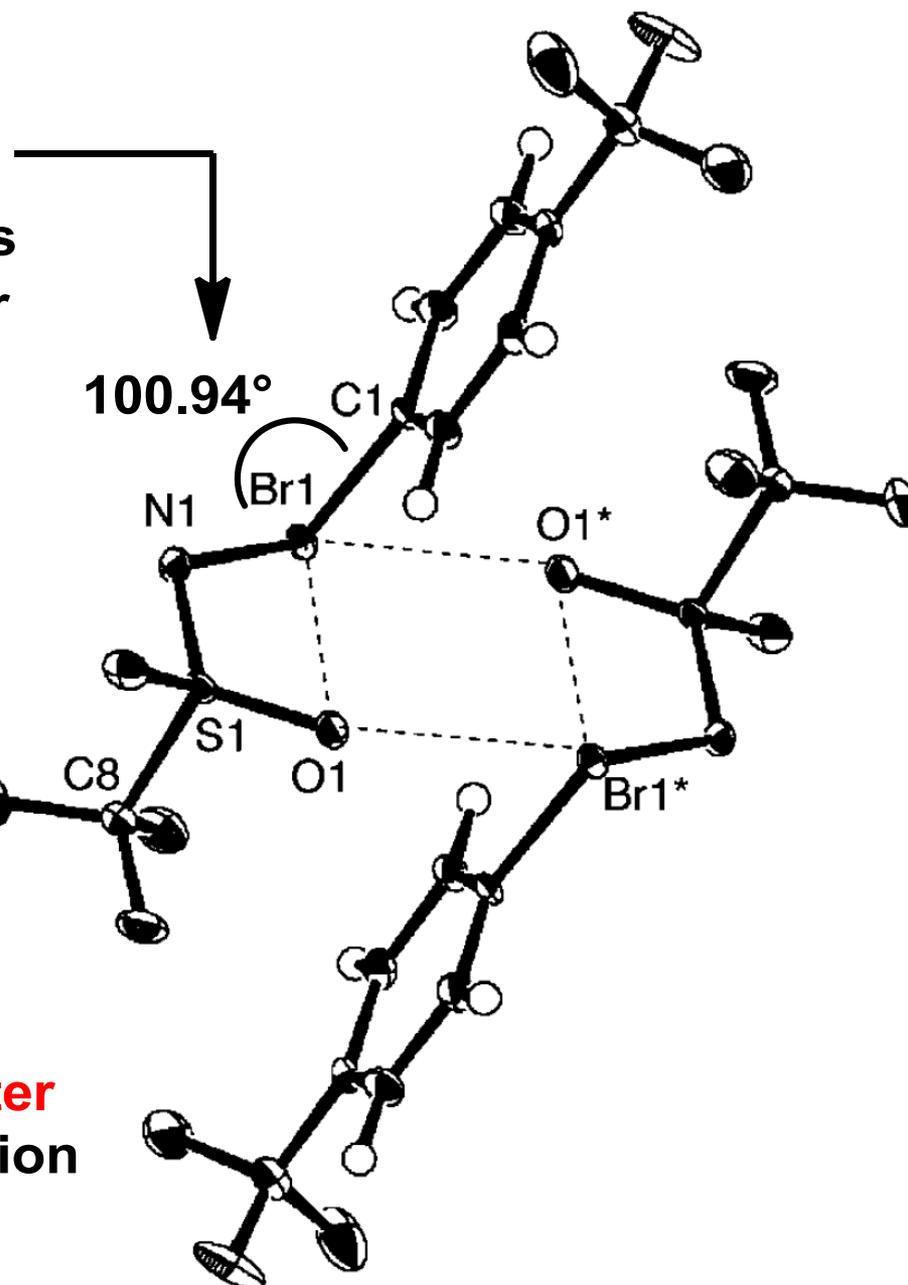


A centrosymmetric dimer with Br₂O₂ rhomboid structure

Angle larger than 90°



nonbonding repulsions
between NSO₂ and Ar



Distance

N₁-Br₁: 1.846 Å

Covalent radius

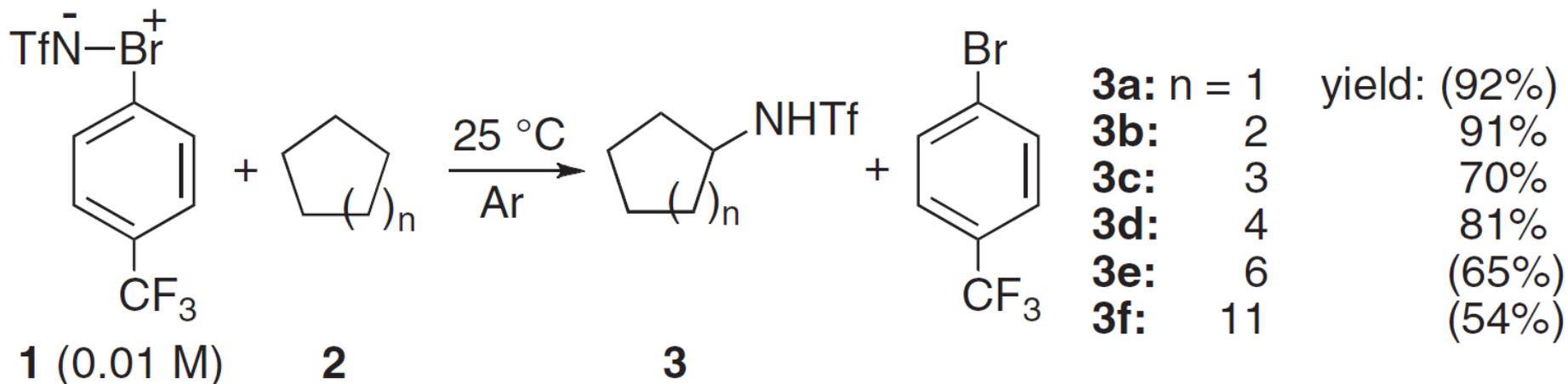
N: 0.70 Å

Br: 1.14 Å

N₁-Br₁ bond possesses

- **little double bond character**
- **small electrostatic attraction**

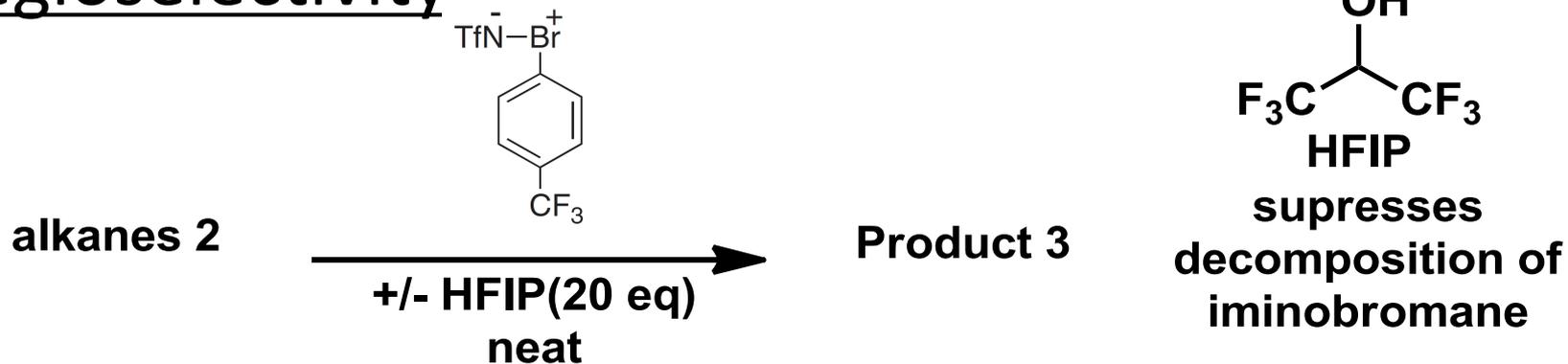
Reactions: Direct C-H amination



Direct sp^3 C-H amination on unactivated alkanes.

M. Ochiai et al., *Science*. **2011**, 332, 448.

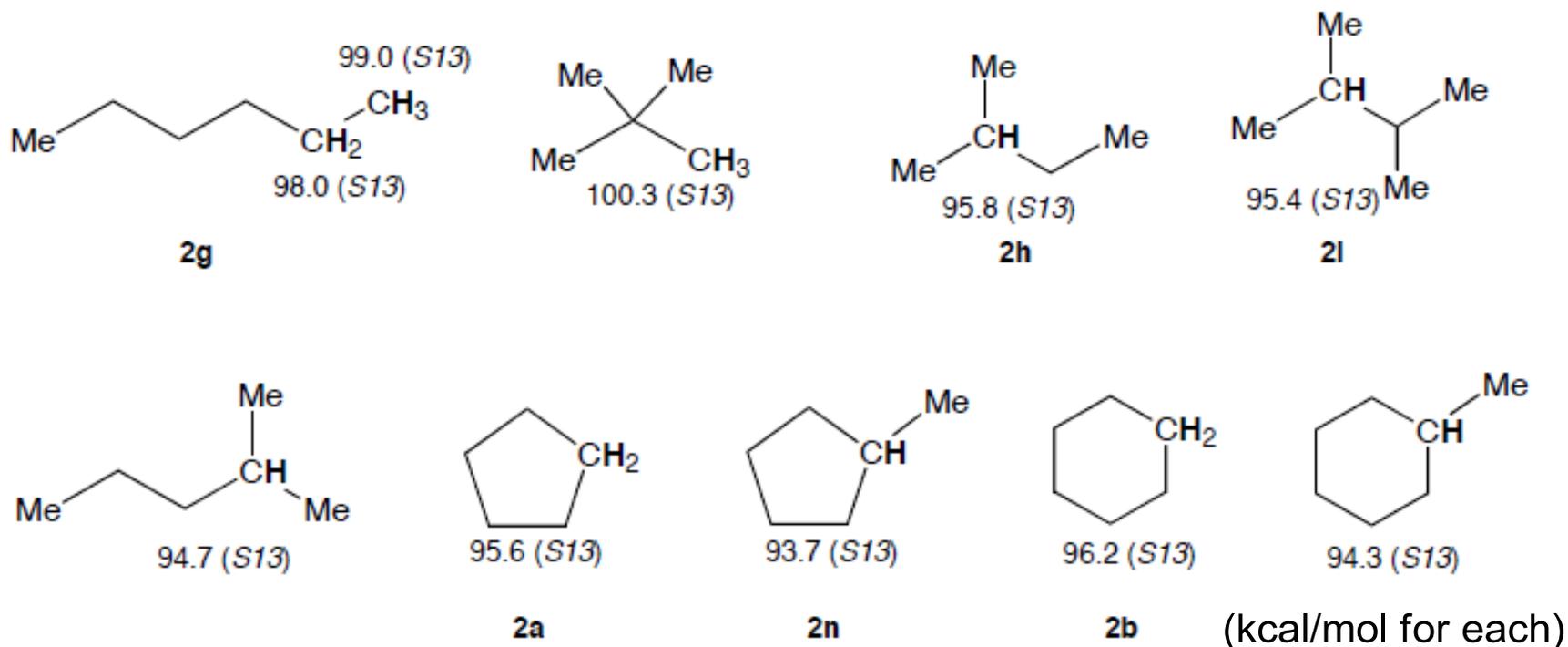
Regioselectivity



Entry	Alkane 2	Additive (equiv)	Product 3	Yield (%)	Ratio
1		2g	-	51	57:43
2		HFIP		55 (55)*	57:43
3		2h	-	42	95:5
4		HFIP		72 (47)	94:6
5		2i	-	46	97:3
6		HFIP	 16	91 (79)	97:3
7		2j	-	34	97:3
8		HFIP	 3.5	64 (51)	97:3

High 3° selectivity was confirmed. Why??

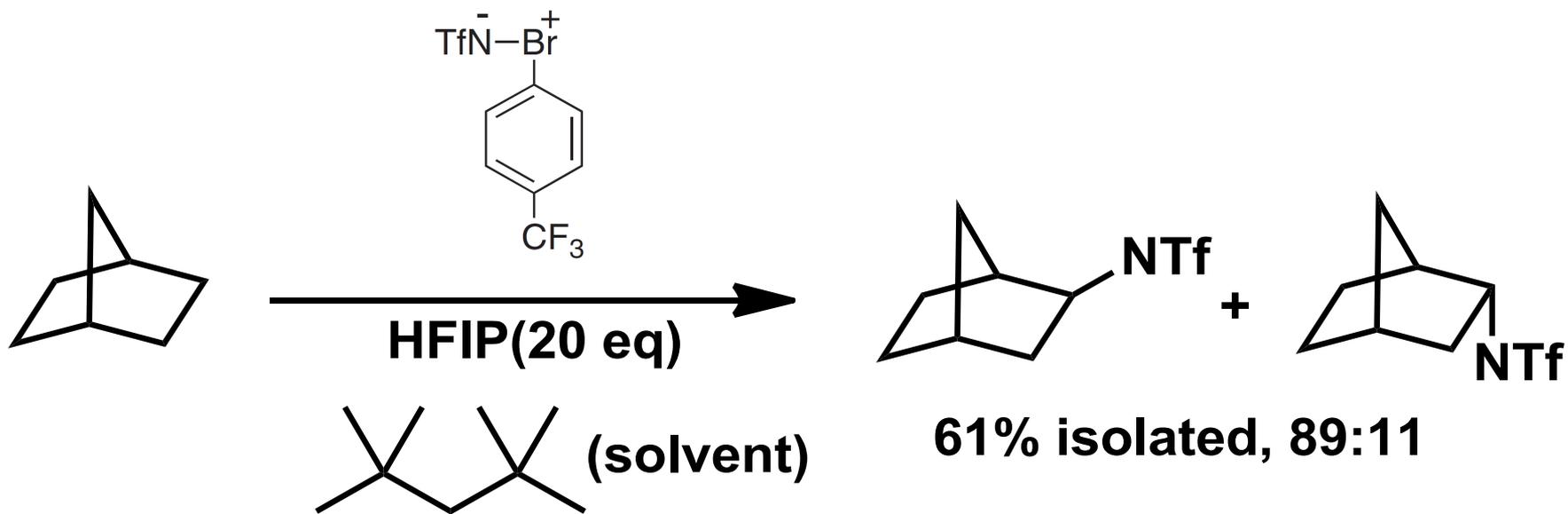
Answer ~Bond dissociation energy~



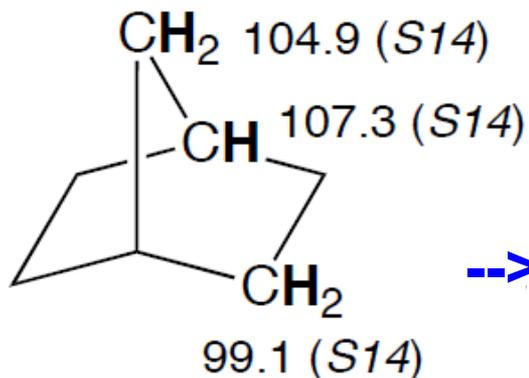
Br(III) recognizes subtle differences in bond dissociation energy.

Y.-R. Luo, Handbook of Bond Dissociation Energies in Organic Compounds (CRC Press, Boca Raton, 2003).

Typical example: Norbornane

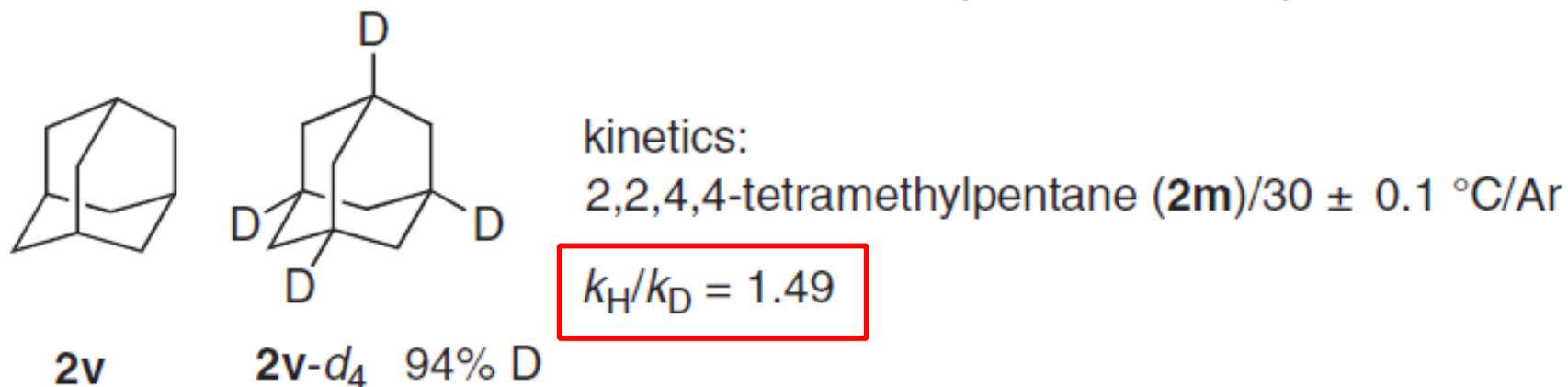
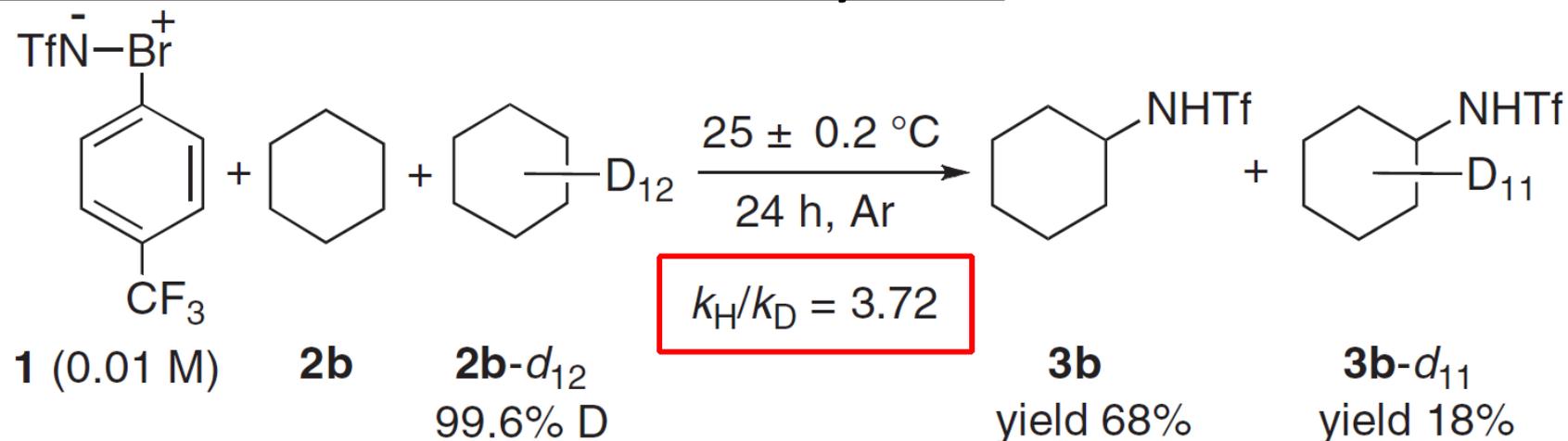


Exclusive 2° CH amination



--> 3° CH bond is stronger in norbornane

Reaction mechanism study: *KIE*



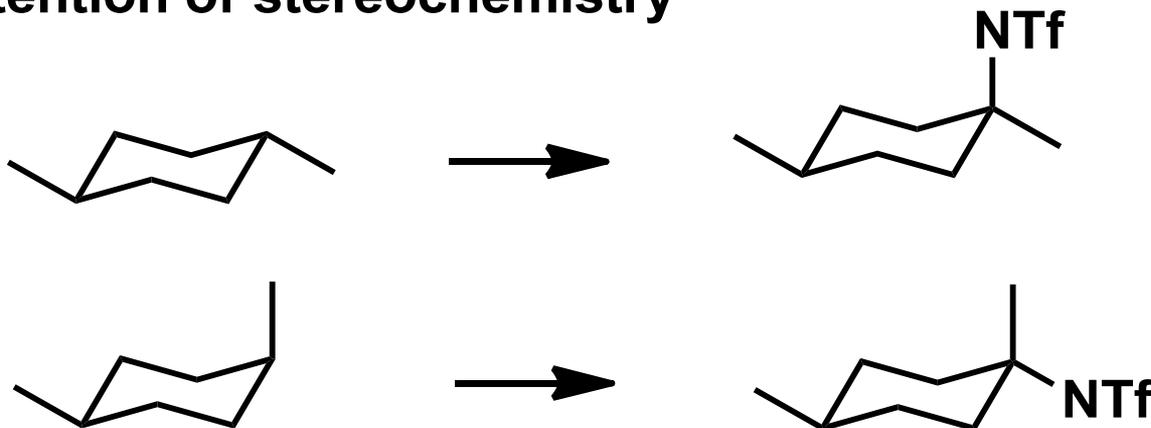
Moderate KIE suggests only partial C-H bond cleavage in TS.

In case of Ru, Cu nitrenoid, KIE = 6.1~6.6.

(in which TS involves H abstraction / radical rebound processes)

Reaction mechanism study: *other aspects*

•Retention of stereochemistry



No long-lived free radical or carbocation intermediates

•Rate constants: k_{obs} are **proportional to alkane concentration**.

--> Bimolecular TS

--> Rate determining step is not "free nitrene formation"

•Calculations suggests **positively charged alkane moiety in TS**.

Optimized TS structures by calculation

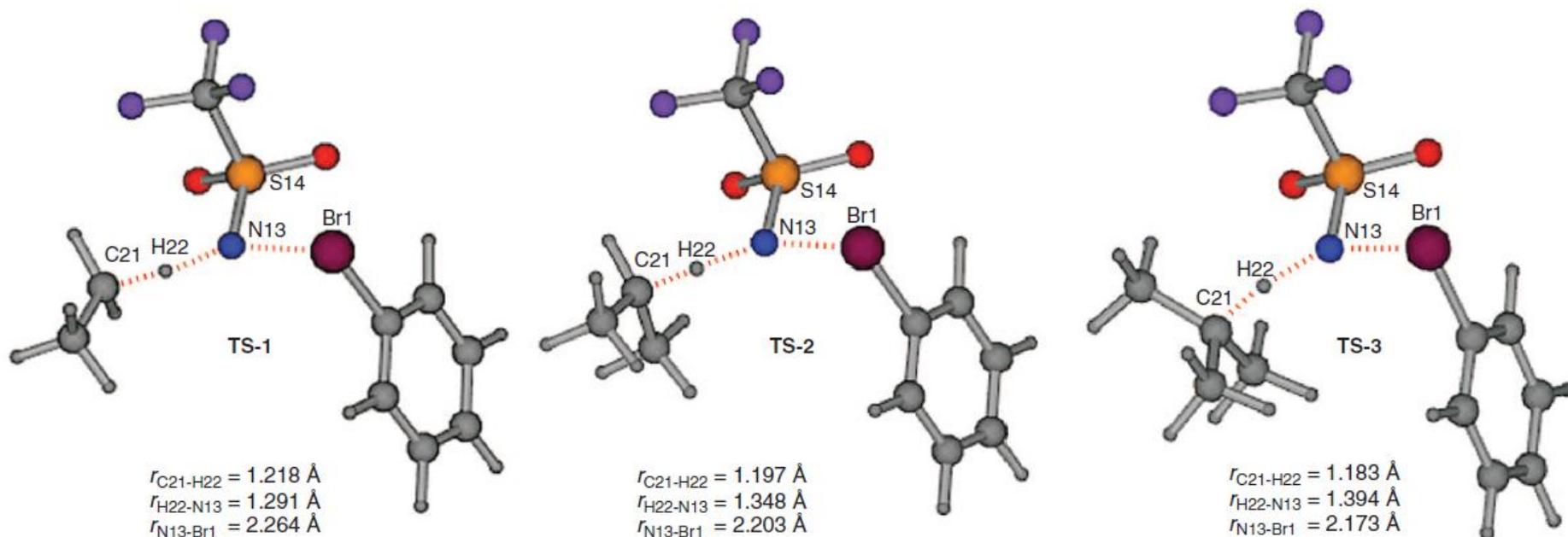
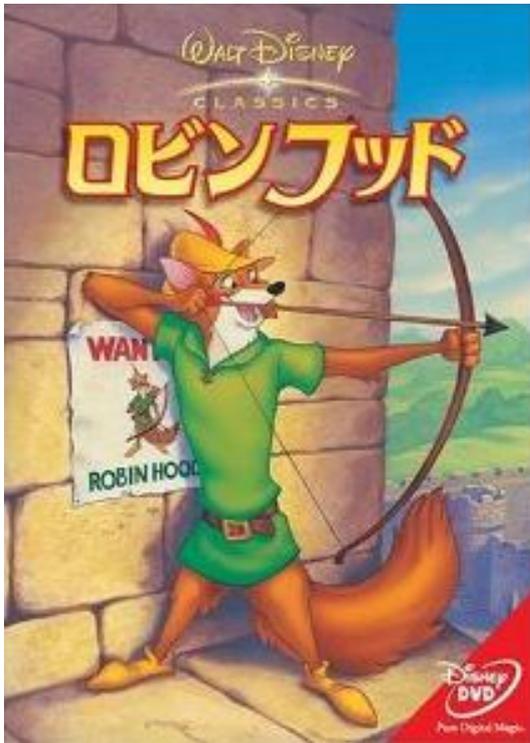


Fig. 2. Transition state structures for C–H aminations of ethane (TS-1), propane (TS-2), and isobutane (TS-3) with PhBr=NTf₄ optimized at the MP2/6-311+G(d) (Br, S, N) and 6-31G(d,p) (F, O, C, H) levels. *r*, bond length.

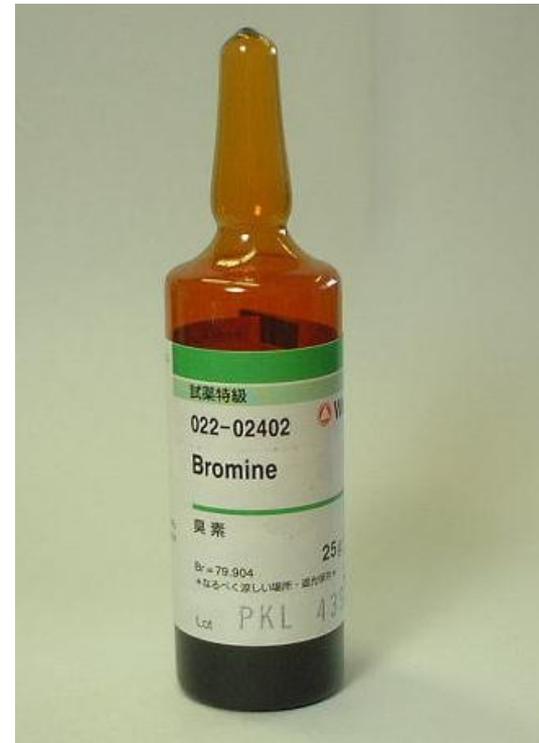
Highly concerted, but asynchronous pathway

N13-H22 bond formation, followed by N13-C21 bond formation

5. Perspectives

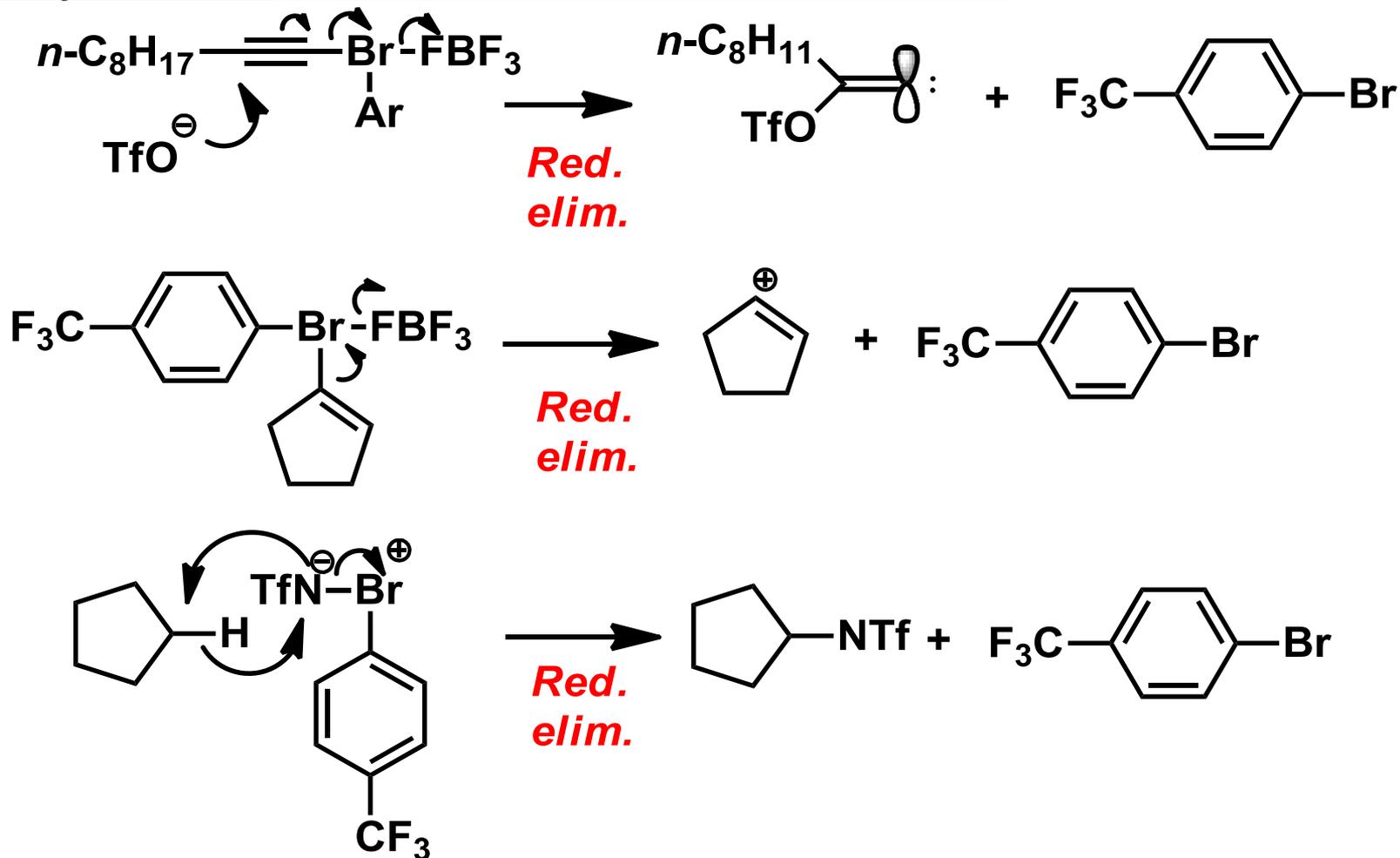


The 14C outlaw is now a movie star!



What about...?

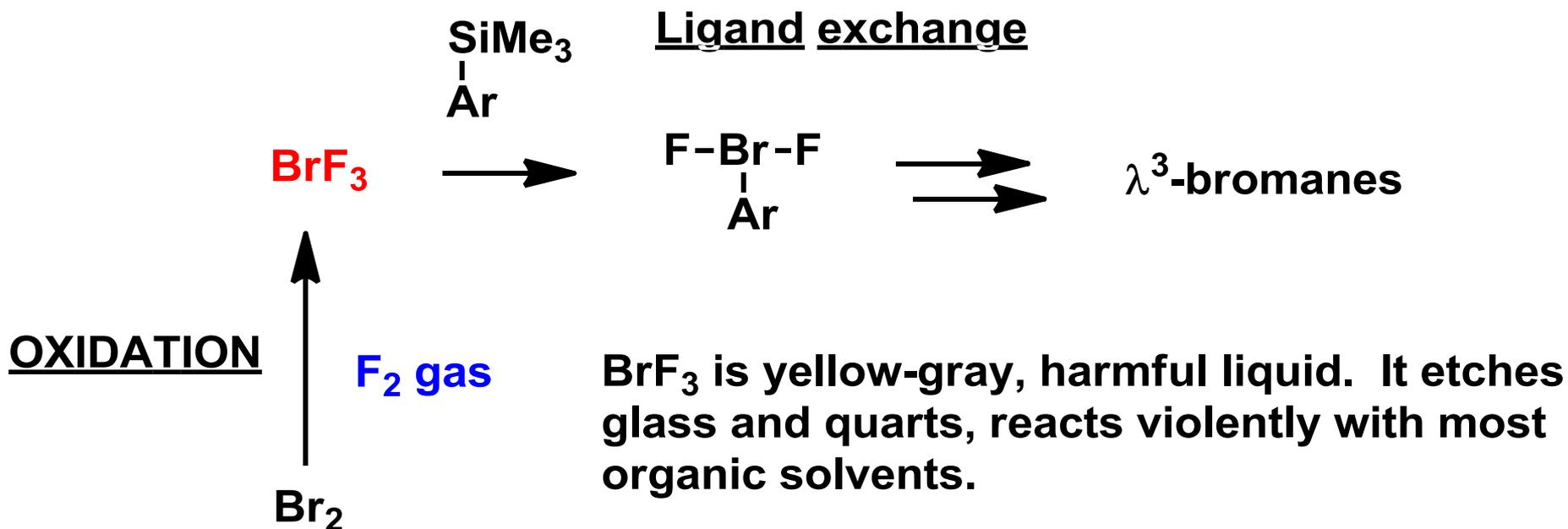
Key word ~Reductive elimination~



Hypervalent bromines undergo various kinds of unexpected reactions, but much of their behavior derive from their outstanding *nucleofugality*.

Problem: OXIDATION of Br(I)

In most of the articles, **BrF₃** is used as Br(III) source.



New methodology for facile preparation of Br(III) compounds (especially oxidizing measures of Br(I)!!) are highly demanded for the further development of this area.