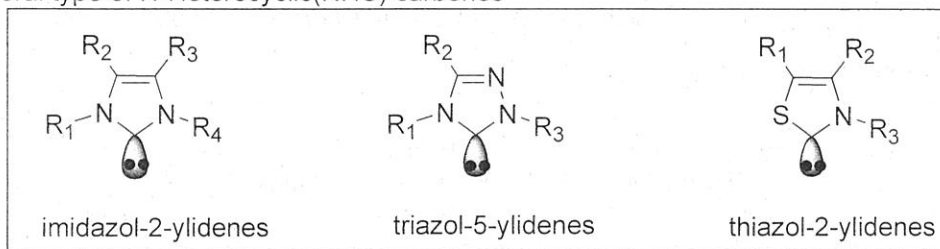
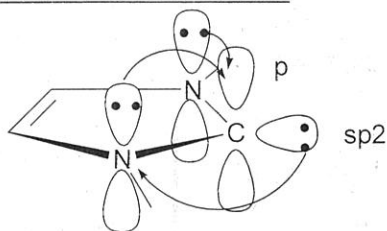


General type of N-Heterocyclic(NHC) carbenes



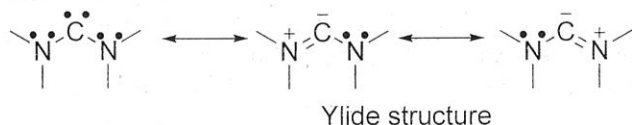
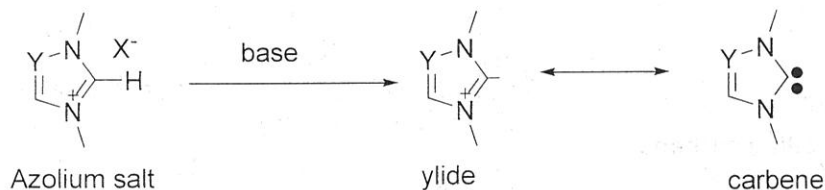
Introduction

Feature of NHC carbene


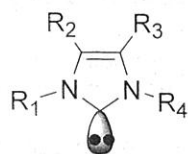
- + Singlet stable carbene
 - i) π -donation into the carbene out-of-plane p orbital by the electron-rich π -system
 - ii) Resonance form (ylide structure)
 - iii) σ -electronegativity effect

- + Nucleophilic character
- Explained by resonance form

Resonance form

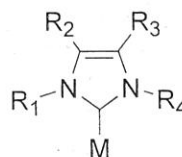

Preparative method of NHC carbene.

Utility

(1)

As nucleophilic carbene


Topic in this literature seminar

(2)

As ligand for metal-based catalyst

 strong σ -donor,
 poor π -acceptor
 steric properties of NHCs

 reaction
 C-C cross-coupling
 the olefin metathesis
 et al

Contents

1. First isolation of carbene
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4. Summary

1. First isolation of carbene

History of discovering stable singlet carbenes

1) Bertrand work

J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1988, 110, 6463-6466

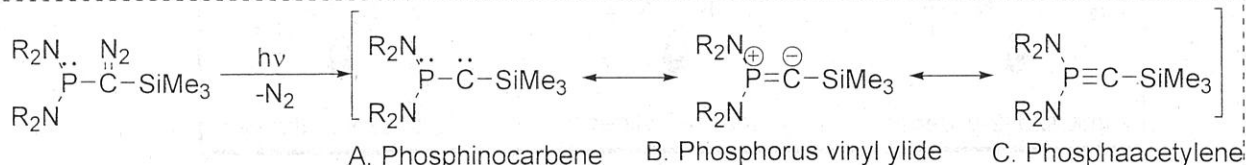
Analogous α, α' -Bis-Carbenoid Triply Bonded Species:
Synthesis of a Stable
 λ^3 -Phosphinocarbene- λ^5 -Phosphaacetylene

Related report

Bertrand, G et al, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Engl.* 1989, 11, 363

Bertrand, G et al, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 2000, 122, 998

Alain Igau, Hansjorg Grutzmacher, Antoine Bacciredo, and Guy Bertrand*



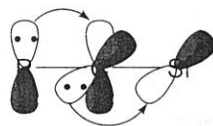
/Stable for several weeks at r.t

/Bp 75-80 °C(0.01 mmHg)

/Distillable

/Reactivity of carbene and multiple bond was observed.

Reason of stability.



Electron donation from the heteroatom lone pair into the formally empty p-orbital of the carbene center

The interaction of the carbene lone pair with the σ^* orbitals of silyl groups

This is the first report of bottle stable carbene.

But Bertrand didn't insist that point because his focus was "chemistry of C-P triple-bond".

2) Arduengo work

A Stable Crystalline Carbene

Anthony J. Arduengo, III,* Richard L. Harlow, and Michael Kline

J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1991, 113, 363

First characterization of the crystalline carbene

They insisted until now there have not been any 'bottle-able' carbenes

<Structural features of NHC carbene>

Table I. Selected Bond Lengths (pm) and Angles (deg) in 1

bond length		bond angle	
C ₂ -N ₁	136.7 (2)	N ₁ -C ₂ -N ₃	102.2 (2)
C ₂ -N ₃	137.3 (2)	C ₅ -N ₁ -C ₂	112.1 (2)
C ₄ -C ₅	133.8 (3)	C ₄ -N ₃ -C ₂	112.3 (2)
N ₁ -C ₅	138.2 (2)	N ₁ -C ₅ -C ₄	107.2 (2)
N ₃ -C ₄	138.6 (2)	N ₃ -C ₄ -C ₅	106.2 (2)
N ₁ -C _{1-Ad}	148.2 (2)	C ₂ -N ₁ -C _{1-Ad}	123.4 (2)
N ₃ -C _{1-Ad}	148.5 (2)	C ₂ -N ₃ -C _{1-Ad}	122.1 (2)

(from X-ray analysis)

Pickup

imidazolium salts(2)

N₁-C₂ 132.8 pm

N₃-C₂ 132.8 pm

N₁-C₂-N₃ 109.7°

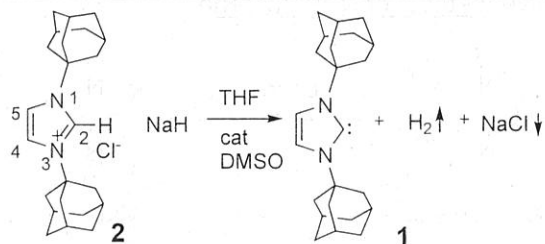


carbene 1

N₁-C₂ 136.7 pm

N₃-C₂ 137.3 pm

N₁-C₂-N₃ 102.2°



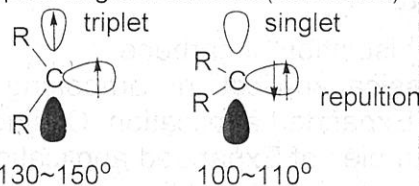
Colorless solid

Stable in the absent of oxygen and moisture

Difference between imidazolium ion 2 and carbene 1

- 1) a diminished π -delocalization in 1 as compared to imidazolium salts
- 2) hybridization at the carbene center that influence bond distances
more s-orbital character is used to stabilize the in-plane lone pair of electrons at the carbene center, the N-C σ -bonds take on more p-character at the carbene center.

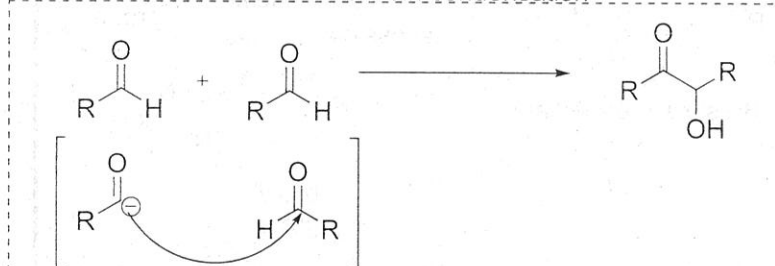
Typical angle of carbene(calculated)



2 Classical application : Umpolung reaction to Expanded application: Conjugate Umpolung reaction

Umpolung reaction Ex. Benzoin condensation

See Shimizu-san(M2) lit about Umpolung



In 1943, Ugai et al. recognized that thiazolium salts could also be used as catalysts in the benzoin condensation

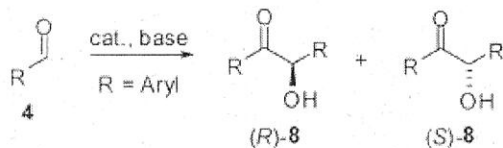
<Mechanistic proposal of benzoin condensation>

On the Mechanism of Thiamine Action. IV.¹ Evidence from Studies on Model Systems

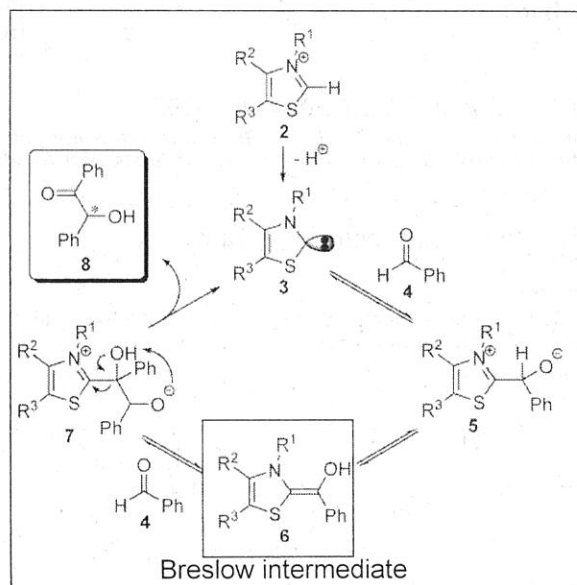
BY RONALD BRESLOW

J. Am. Chem. Soc. **1958**, *80*, 3719

Catalytic Cycle of the Benzoin Condensation as Proposed by Breslow

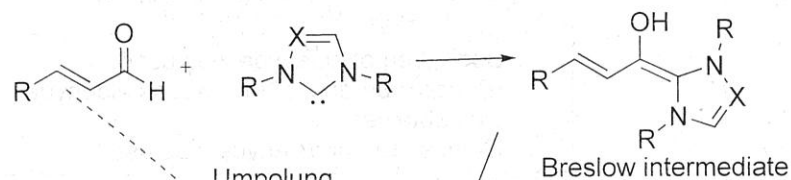


+Thiazol-2-ylidenes and triazol-5-ylidenes are used as cat.
+Asymmetric version also is developed by using chiral NHC catalyst.



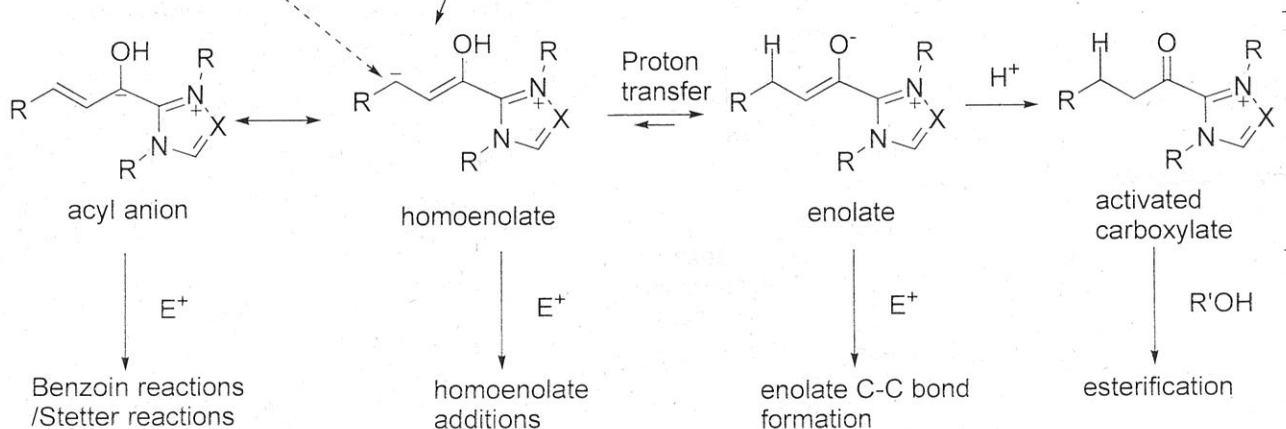
Expanded application

Conceptually new approach the generation of homoenolate



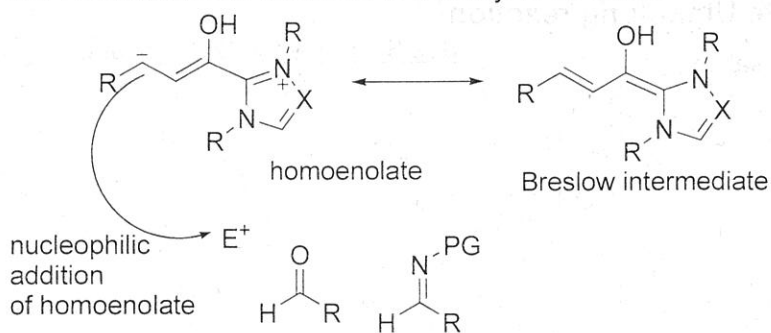
Control the reaction pathways

- 1) Substrate control
- 2) Catalyst control
 - /Ligand structure
 - /Imidazole, triazole, thiazole
 - /Steric hinderance
- /Base selection
- /Additive

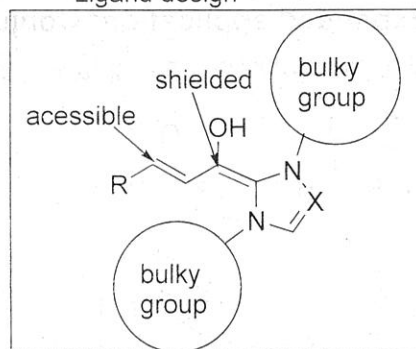


Various reactions has been developed by using this system.

3.1 Homoenate addition to aldehyde or imine



Ligand design



3.1.1 Homoenate addition to aldehyde Organocatalyzed Conjugate Umpolung of α,β -Unsaturated Aldehydes for the Synthesis of γ -Butyrolactones^{22*}

Christian Burstein and Frank Glorius*

Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. **2004**, *43*, 6205

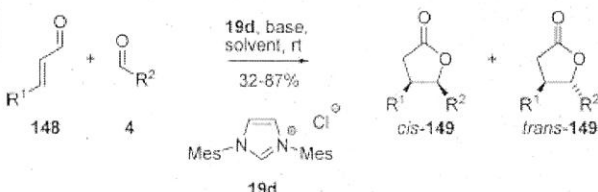
N-Heterocyclic Carbene-Catalyzed Generation of Homoenaes: γ -Butyrolactones by Direct Annulations of Enals and Aldehydes

Stephanie S. Sohn, Evelyn L. Rosen, and Jeffrey W. Bode*

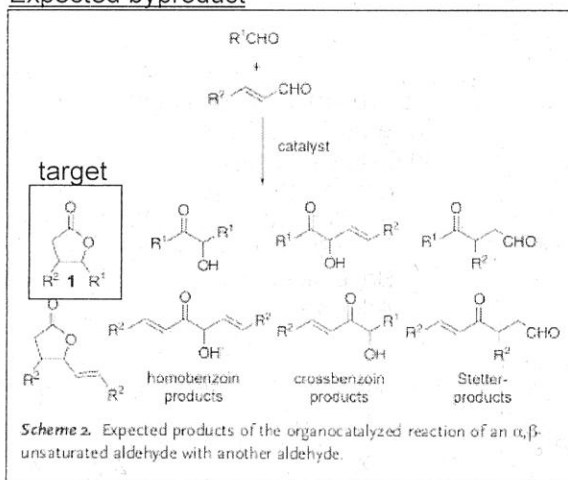
J. Am. Chem. Soc. **2004**, *126*, 14370

Reaction

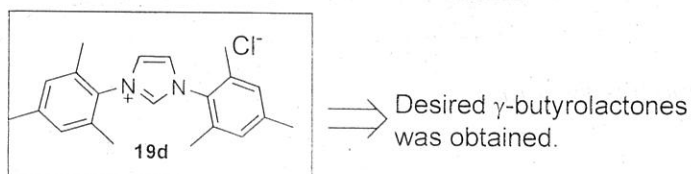
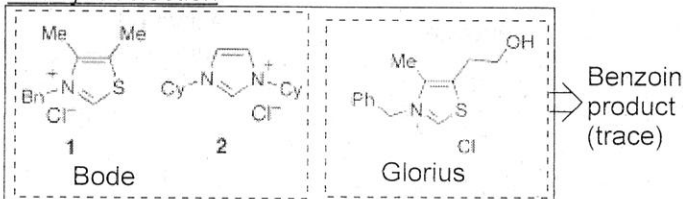
Scheme 53. Generation of γ -Butyrolactones by Burstein and Glorius and Bode and Co-workers



Expected byproduct



Catalyst selection



Received date
Glorius : 2004/08/06
Bode : 2004/09/01

Same target reaction
and same catalyst
(26 days difference!)

+ Direct, catalytic generation of homoenate

Table 15. Results of Burstein and Glorius: 5 mol % 19d, 10 mol % KOt-Bu, THF, 16 h

entry	R ¹	R ²	yield (%)	cis/trans
1	<i>p</i> -Cl-Ph	Ph	53	81:19
2	<i>p</i> -Br-Ph	Ph	49	80:20
3	<i>p</i> -CO ₂ Me-Ph	Ph	70	79:21
4	<i>p</i> -F ₃ C-Ph	Ph	44	77:23
5	<i>m</i> -F-Ph	Ph	52	78:22
6	<i>m</i> -Cl-Ph	Ph	61	79:21
7	<i>m</i> -Br-Ph	Ph	60	79:21

Table 16. Results of Bode and Co-workers: 8 mol % 19d, 7 mol % DBU, THF/*t*-BuOH (10:1), 3–15 h

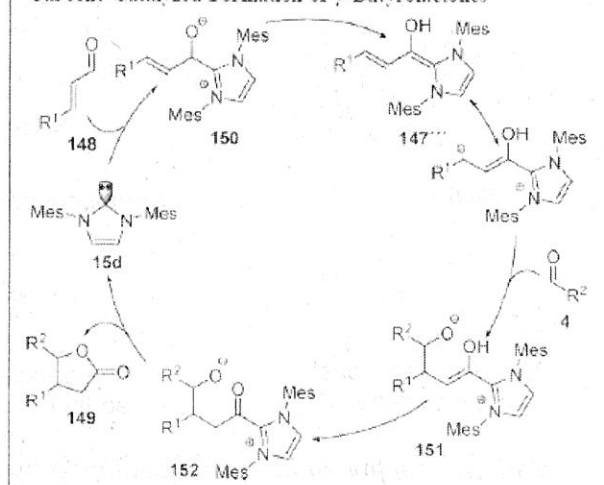
entry	R ¹	R ²	yield (%)	cis/trans
1	Ph	<i>p</i> -Br-Ph	79	4:1
2 ^a	Ph	<i>p</i> -CO ₂ Me-Ph	87	5:1
3	<i>p</i> -MeO-Ph	<i>p</i> -Br-Ph	76	4:1
4 ^a	<i>p</i> -MeO-Ph	Ph	65	4:1
5 ^{a,c}	TIPSC=C	<i>p</i> -CO ₂ Me-Ph	41	3:1
6	TIPSC=C	TIPSC=CCH=CH	83	5:1
7 ^b	1-naphthyl	1-naphthyl-CH=CH	67	5:1

^a Concentration = 0.1 M. ^b Performed with 15 mol % 19d, 14 mol % DBU. ^c The enal was added over a period of 3 h.

Bode: 2eq of aldehyde was used.
(Benzoin product of the excess aldehyde was obtained)
Glorius: 1eq of aldehyde was used.

Postulated mechanism

Scheme 54. Postulated Catalytic Cycle for the Carbene-Catalyzed Formation of γ -Butyrolactones

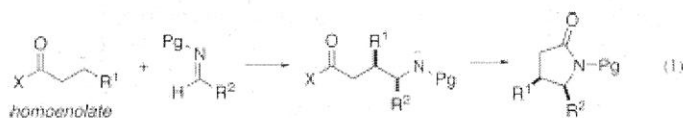


3.1.1 Homoenate addition to imine

Catalytic Synthesis of γ -Lactams via Direct Annulations of Enals and N-Sulfonylimines

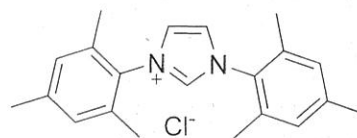
Ming He and Jeffrey W. Bode*

Org. Lett. 2005, 7, 3131

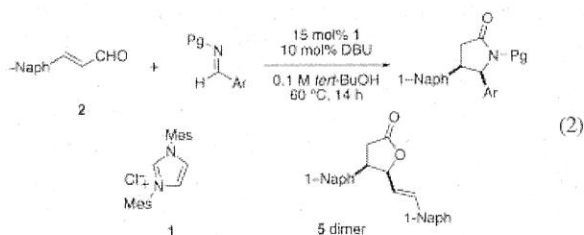
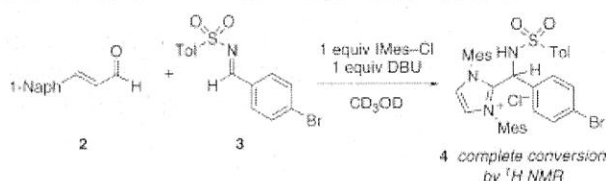


About protecting group of imine

- +N-alkyl or N-aryl imine was unreactive. (Only dimers of enal)
- +N-phosphinoyl and N-tosyl was so reactive. (Reacted directly with catalyst)
- +Moderate electrophilicity is needed about imine. They screened electron-rich N-sulfonyl imines.



IMes-Cl Commercially available



Entry	Imine	X	Conv. ^b (%), (% dimer) ^d	Yield ^e (% (dr))
1		X=H	0 (15)	-
2		X=F	0 (91)	-
3		X=OMe	0 (69)	-
4 ^a			>20 (trace)	-
5			38 (5)	11
6			14 (2)	-
7			93 (4)	64 (>10:1)
8			96 (4)	75 (>10:1)
9			73 (2)	Nd
10			0 (39)	-

^a All reactions were performed with 1 equiv of 2, 1 equiv of imine, 15 mol % IMes-Cl, and 10 mol % DBU at 0.1 M in *tert*-BuOH at 60 °C. ^b Ratio of remaining enal to lactam and/or lactone products as measured by ¹H NMR analysis of unpurified reaction mixtures. ^c Isolated yield following silica gel chromatography. ^d Lactone homodimer. ^e Performed with 10 equiv of NEt₃.

Substrate scope

Conditions

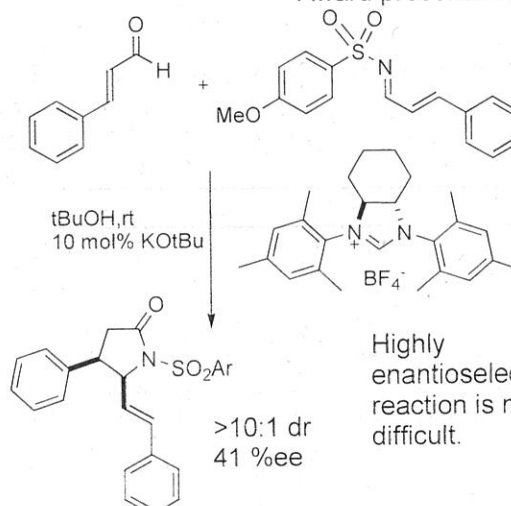
1 equiv of enal, 1 equiv of imine, 15 mol % IMes-Cl, and 10 mol % DBU at 0.1 M in *tert*-BuOH at 60 °C for 14 h. Ar = 4-MeOC₆H₄

Structure	yield(%) / dr	Structure	yield(%) / dr
	70 / 4:1		62 / 5:1
	69 / 3:1		70 / 3:2
	73 / 1.7:1		70 / 3.5:1
	61 / 8:1		65 / 3.5:1

Electrondeficient aldehydes and Electron-rich imines gave better result

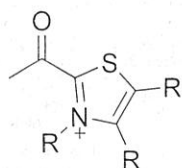
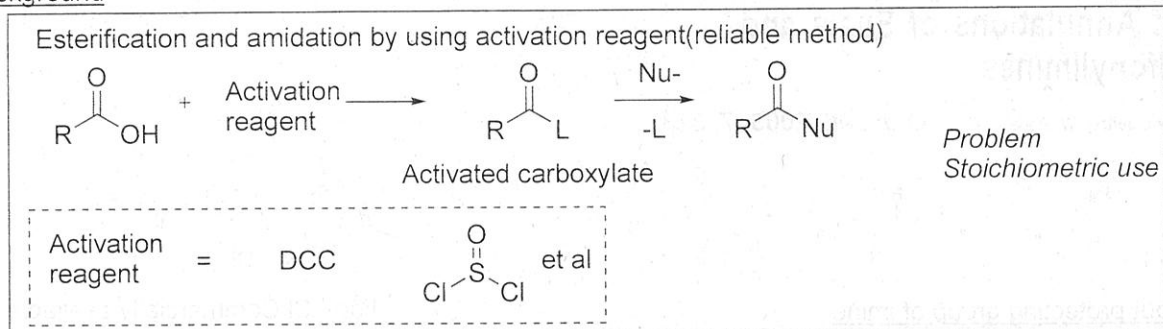
⇒ To suppress the other pathways

His unpublished data (from SSOCJ Lectureship Award presentation)



3.2 Catalytic generation of activated carboxylates

background

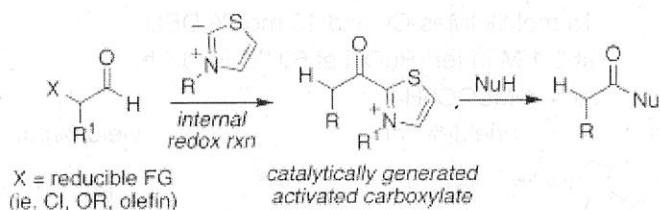


Breslow indicated 2-Acetylthiazolium salts work as active acetate (In the Thiamine chemistry)

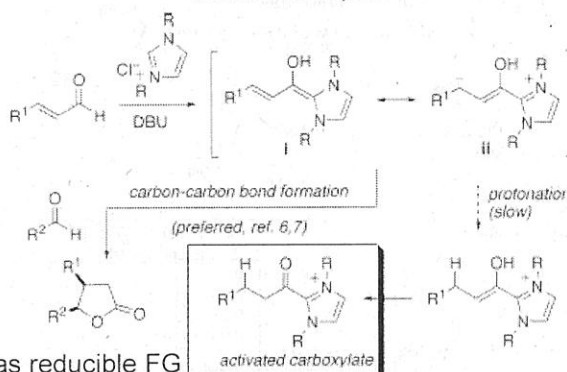
Breslow et al E. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1960, 82, 2394-2395

Concepts: Catalytic generation of activated carboxylates by NHC catalyst

Scheme 1. Catalytic Generation of Activated Carboxylates via Internal Redox Reactions



Scheme 2. Reaction Pathways of Catalytically Generated Activated Carboxylates



3.2.1 α,β -Unsaturated Aldehydes into Saturated Esters

Conversion of α,β -Unsaturated Aldehydes into Saturated Esters: An Umpolung Reaction Catalyzed by Nucleophilic Carbenes

Audrey Chan and Karl A. Scheidt¹ *Org. Lett.*, 2005, 7, 905

Catalyst selection and additive effect

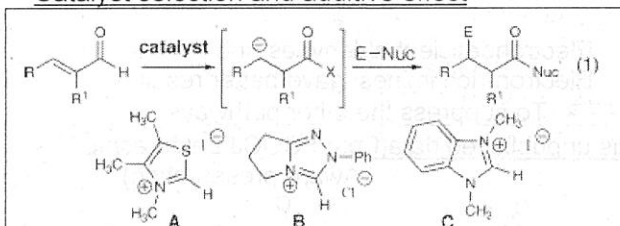
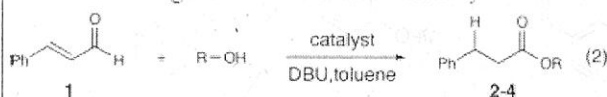


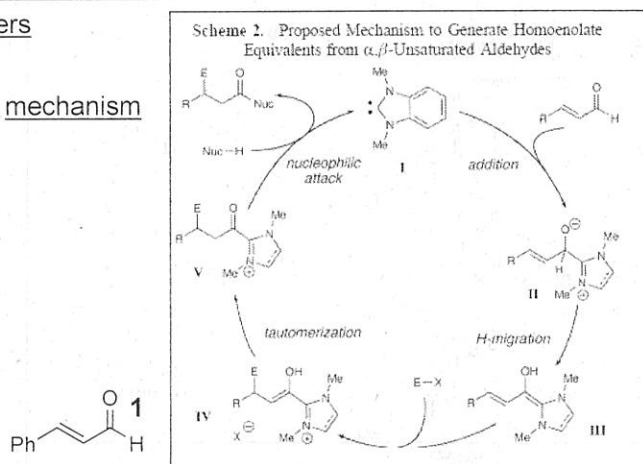
Table 1. Investigation of Homoenoate Reactivity^d



entry	ROH ^b	catalyst (mol %)	additive ^c	yield (%)
1	EtOH	A (30 mol %)		57 (2)
2	PhOH	A (30 mol %)		55 (3)
3	BnOH	B (10 mol %)	PhOH	47 (4)
4	BnOH	C (20 mol %)	PhOH	82 (4)
5	BnOH	C (5 mol %)	PhOH	82 (4)

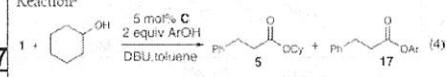
^a Reactions performed with a 1:1 molar ratio of catalyst to DBU at reflux temperature. ^b Performed with 5 equiv of nucleophilic alcohol ^c Performed with 2 equiv of proton additive.

mechanism



Suppression of producing compound 17

Table 4. Impact of Phenol Structure on Homoenoate Reaction^a



entry	ArOH	time (h)	yield (%) of 5	yield (%) of 17
1		6	57	26
2		6	58	20
3		6	65	0%

^a Reaction performed at 0.5 M at 100 °C with 5 equiv of cyclohexanol

By increasing the size of the substituents, production of phenyl ester can be suppressed completely. page 6

3.2.2 α,β -Unsaturated Aldehydes into Saturated Esters ~Importance of base selection~

Catalytic Generation of Activated Carboxylates from Enals: A Product-Determining Role for the Base

Stephanie S. Sohn and Jeffrey W. Bode^a *Org. Lett.*, 2005, 7, 3873

NHC catalysis selection

Scheme 3. Heterocyclic Precatalysts for the Catalytic Generation of Activated Carboxylates from Cinnamaldehyde

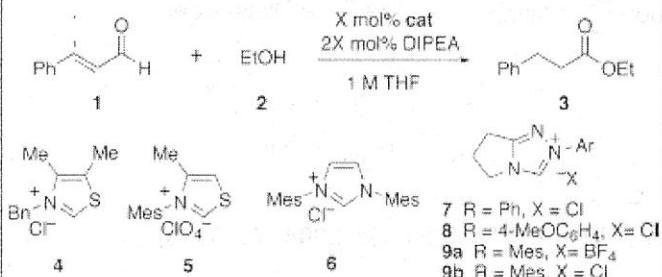
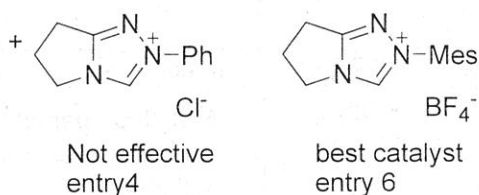


Table 1. Catalysts and Conditions for Redox Esterification^a

entry	catalyst (mol %)	temp (°C)	conversion ^b (%)	yield ^c (%)
1	4 (10)	40	15	
2	5 (10)	40	trace	
3	6 (15)	40	80	59
4	7 (10)	40	trace	
5	8 (10)	40	98	
6	9a (10)	40	99	
7	9a (5)	40	90	89
8	9a (5)	60	99	86
9	9a (2)	60	95	60

+ Thiazolium salt is not effective.



Base selection

Table 3. Effect of the Amine Base of Catalytic Esterifications^a

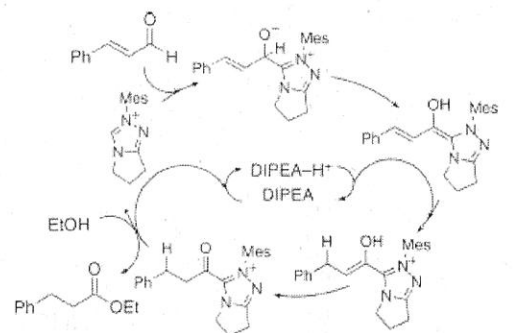
entry	X (mol %)	base	pK _a of conjugate acid in THF ^b	relative yield (%) ^c
1	5	NEt ₃	12.5	99
2	5	DIPEA	~13	99
3	5	DBU	16.8	15
4	5	P2- <i>t</i> -Bu	20.9	>5
5	5	KOtBu	29.4 ^d	>5
6	20	KOtBu		75
7	20	DIPEA		99

^a Reaction conditions: X mol % of 9b, 10 mol % of base, 0.2 mmol of enal, 1 M THF, 3 equiv of ROH, 60 °C, 15 h. ^b Relative yield of ester to starting material and other products, as determined by ¹H NMR or GC analysis of unpurified reaction mixtures. ^c In DMSO.

- + A clear correlation between the success of the reaction and the pK_a of the conjugate acid emerged
- + Excess triazolium salt gave good result.
- ⇒ Triazolium salt itself may serve as the catalytic proton shuttle

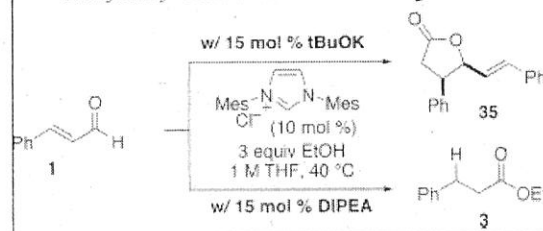
Mechanism

Scheme 5. Postulated Catalytic Cycle for Catalytic Redox Esterifications of Enals



Effect of catalytic base to resulting product.

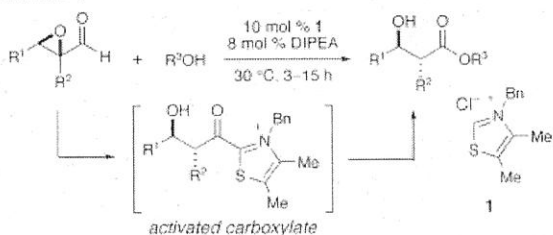
Scheme 4. Effect of Catalytic Base on the Fate of Catalytically Generated Homoenoate Equivalents



Other example

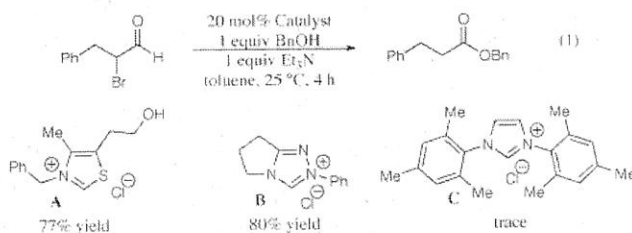
Reductive FG : epoxide
conversion: β -hydroxyester from α,β -epoxyaldehyde

Scheme 1



Bode et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 2004, 126, 8126-8127

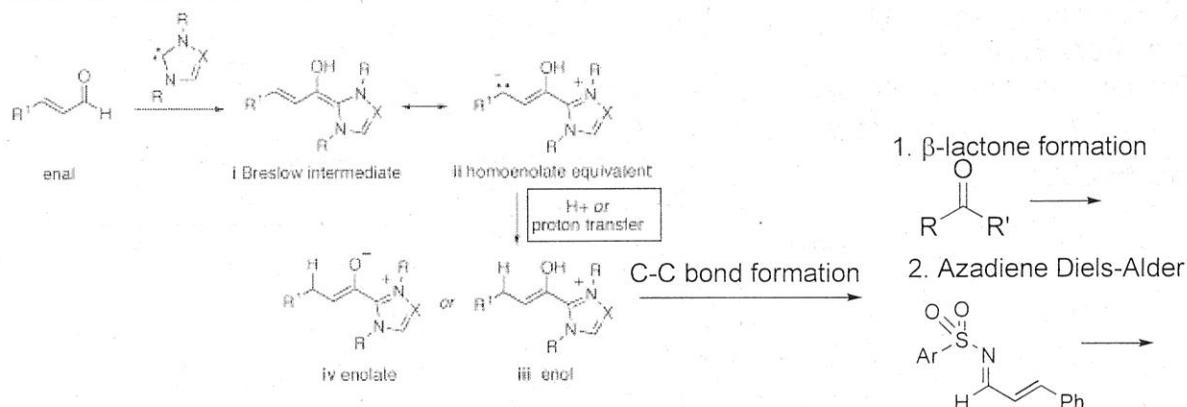
Reductive FG : α -halogen
conversion: ester from α -haloaldehyde



Rovis et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 2004, 126, 9518

3.3 C-C bond formation via enol or enolate

Scheme 1. Proposed NHC-Mediated Enolate Generation



3.3.1 β -lactone forming reaction

Glorius work Synthesis 2006, No. 14, 2418. (related work : *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2004**, 43, 6205)

Scheme 55. Conditions for the Generation of γ -Butyrolactones from Ketones by Glorius and Co-workers

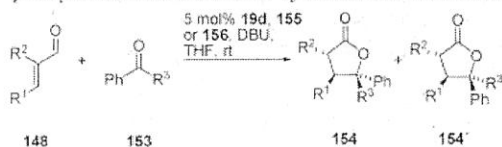


Table 17. Generation of γ -Butyrolactones from Ketones by Glorius and Co-workers

entry ^a	R ¹	R ²	R ³	precatal	yield (%)	dr
1 ^b	Ph	H	CF ₃	19d	84	66:34
2 ^b	Ph	H	CF ₃	(S)-156	70	74:26
3 ^b	<i>m</i> -MeO-Ph	H	CF ₃	19d	92	66:34
4 ^b	<i>m</i> -Me ₂ N-Ph	H	CF ₃	19d	74	70:30
5 ^c	Ph	H	COMe	19d	55	58:42
6	Ph	H	CO ₂ Me	19d	78	50:50
7	<i>m</i> -MeO-Ph	H	CO ₂ Me	19d	94	47:53
8	<i>m</i> -Me ₂ N-Ph	H	CO ₂ Me	19d	98	44:56
9	Me	H	CF ₃	19d	82	81:19
10	Pr	H	CF ₃	19d	90	84:16
11	<i>i</i> -Pr	H	CF ₃	19d	66	93:7
12	Me	H	CO ₂ Me	19d	87	68:32
13	Pr	H	CO ₂ Me	19d	71	67:33

^a General reaction conditions: 5 mol % DBU, THF, rt, 16 h.
^b Reaction conditions: 10 mol % KO^tBu, THF, rt, 16 h. ^c Reaction conditions: 5 mol % DBU, THF, 60 °C, 16 h. ^d Reaction conditions: 5 mol % DBU, DMF, 75 °C, 16 h.

Scheme 56. Synthesis of β -Lactones by Glorius and Co-workers

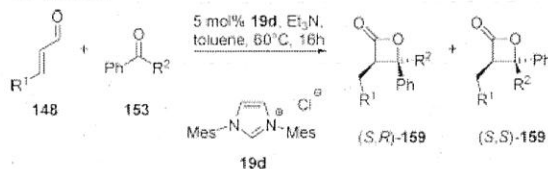
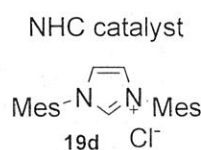


Table 18. Substrate Scope for the Synthesis of β -Lactones by Glorius and Co-workers

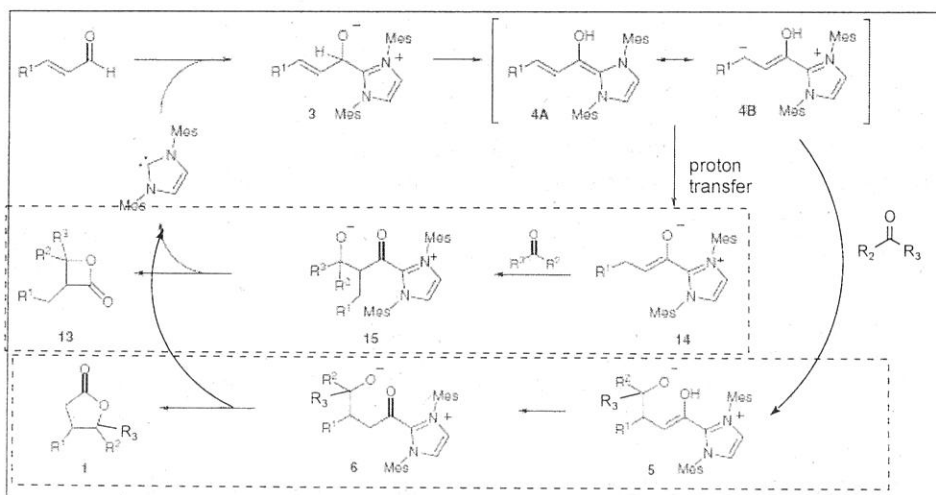
R ¹	R ²	yield (%)	dr
Me	CF ₃	34	60:40
Pr	CF ₃	45	55:45
<i>i</i> -Pr	CF ₃	48	62:38
Ph	CF ₃	30	70:30
<i>i</i> -Pr	CO ₂ Me	22 ^a	71:29

^a Reaction was performed with 10 mol % 19d and 10 mol % DBU.



	Difference	γ -lactones	β -lactones
Base		KOtBu or DBU	NEt ₃ (less basic)
solvent		THF	toluene
temperature		rt	60 °C

Mechanism



- + Weak base promote proton transfer \Rightarrow β -lactones
- + Addition to ketone of homoenolate \Rightarrow γ -lactones

3.3.2 Highly Enantioselective Azadiene Diels-Alder Reactions

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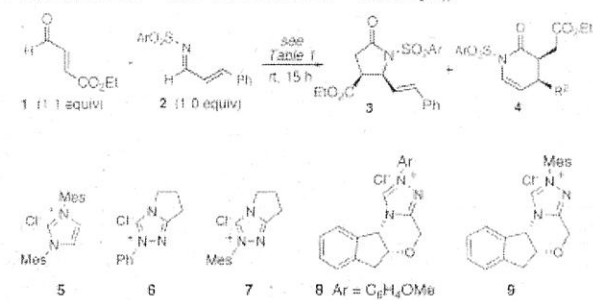
Highly Enantioselective Azadiene Diels-Alder Reactions Catalyzed by Chiral N-Heterocyclic Carbenes

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Investigation of conditions

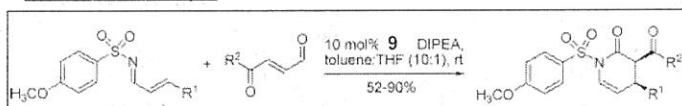
Table 1. Development and Optimization of NHC-Catalyzed Azadiene Diels-Alder Reactions (Ar = MeOC₆H₄)



entry	cat. (%)	conditions	3:4 ^c	% conv. ^b
1	5 (15)	10 mol % of DBU, 0.1 M THF	> 10:1	36 (7:1 dr)
2	5 (15)	10 mol % of DIPEA, 0.1 M THF	> 10:1	13 (2:1 dr)
3	6 (15)	10 mol % of DBU, 0.1 M THF	nr	nr
4	7 (15)	10 mol % of DBU, 0.1 M THF	1:8	47
5	7 (15)	10 mol % of DBU, 0.1 M EtOAc	1:5	38
6	7 (15)	10 mol % of DBU, 0.1 M toluene	1:10	44
7	7 (15)	10 mol % of DIPEA, 0.1 M toluene	> 1:20 ^d	44
8	7 (10)	10 mol % of DIPEA, 23 h 0.05 M 10:1 toluene:THF	> 1:20 ^d	63
9	8 (10)	10 mol % of DIPEA, 23 h 0.05 M 10:1 toluene:THF	nr	nr
10	9 (10)	10 mol % of DIPEA, 23 h 0.05 M 10:1 toluene:THF	> 1:20 ^d	90% yield ^d 99.5% ee

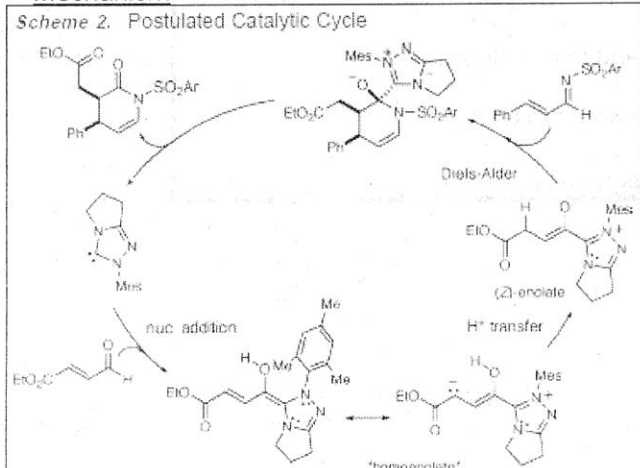
^a Product ratios and diastereoselectivities determined by ¹H NMR analysis of unpurified reaction mixtures. ^b Ratio of lactam products relative to starting imine. ^c Lactam 3 was not detected. ^d Yield of isolated product. DIPEA = *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine.

Substrate scope



R ¹	R ²	yield (%)	ee (%) (config.)
Ph	OEt	90	99 (<i>S,S</i>)
Ph	OEt	90	99 (<i>R,R</i>) ^a
<i>p</i> -MeO-Ph	OEt	81	99 (<i>S,S</i>)
<i>p</i> -Me(CO)-Ph	OEt	55	99 (<i>S,S</i>)
2-furyl	OEt	71	99 (<i>S,S</i>)
<i>n</i> -Pr	OEt	58	99 (<i>S,S</i>)
Ph	<i>Or</i> -Bu	70	97 (<i>S,S</i>)
Ph	Me	51	99 (<i>S,S</i>)
<i>n</i> -Pr	Me	71	99 (<i>S,S</i>)
<i>p</i> -MeO-Ph	Ph	52	98 (<i>S,S</i>)

Mechanism



His focus was extending the mechanistic pathways available
the formation of a catalyst-bound enol
or enolate poised for carbon-carbon bond formation
-First example: NHC-catalyzed
generation of a highly reactive dienophile that participates in
LUMOdienophile-controlled Diels-Alder cyclizations

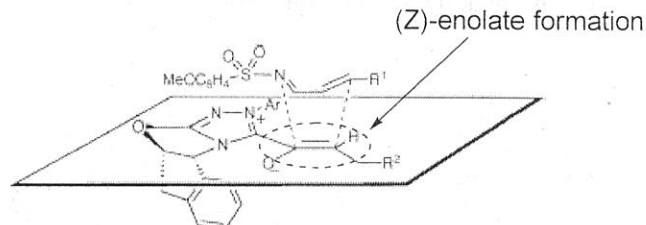
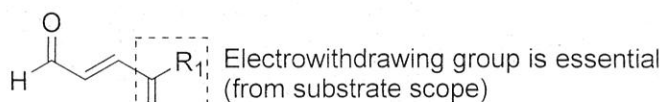
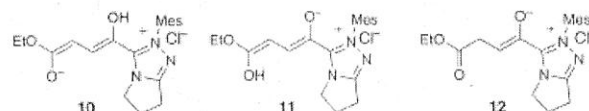


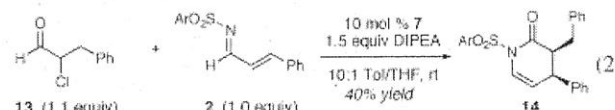
Figure 1. Stereochemical model for endo-Diels-Alder cycloaddition



+ supposable reason 1
[tautomeric form shown below is essential]



<Test reaction>



reaction proceeded.
⇒ supposable reason 1 is not so important

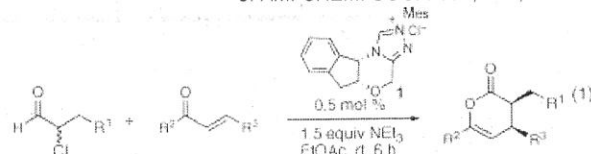
+ supposable reason 2
[Only increase electrophilicity of enal]

When less electrophilic enals are employed,
the NHC catalyst reacts preferentially
with the electrophilic imine.

<Related work>

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Similar reaction system.
(To trap HCl, 1.5 eq of Et3N is used)

3.4 Cyclopentene-forming reaction(Benzoin oxi-Cope reaction)

N-Heterocyclic Carbene-Catalyzed Reaction of Chalcones and Enals via Homoenoate: an Efficient Synthesis of 1,3,4-Trisubstituted Cyclopentenes

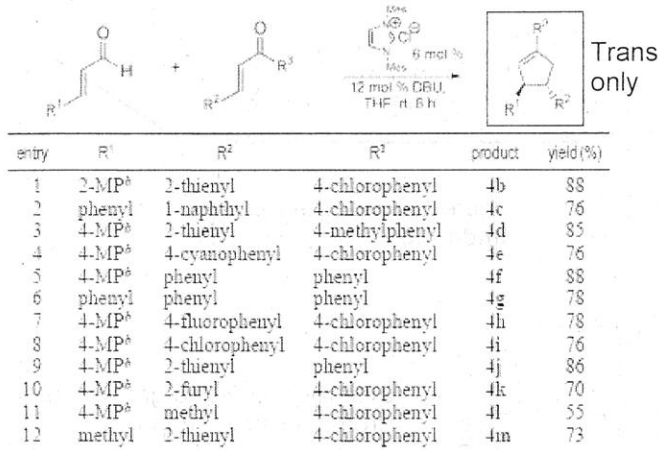
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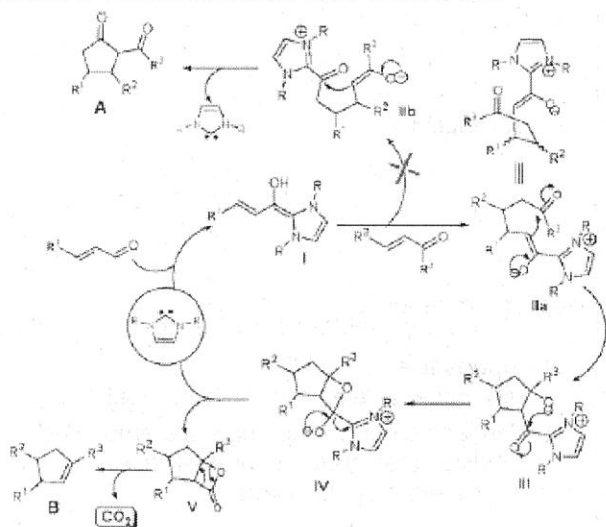
Nair's work(racemi)

Substrate

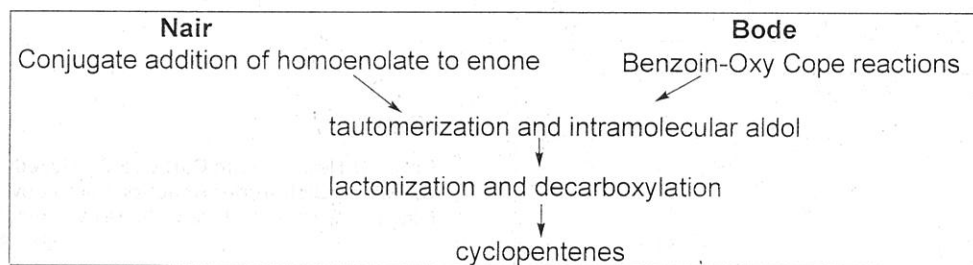
Cinnamaldehyde and chalcone



Scheme 3. Postulated Catalytic Cycle Involving NHC



Proposed mechanism



Enantioselective, Cyclopentene-Forming Annulations via NHC-Catalyzed Benzoin-Oxy-Cope Reactions

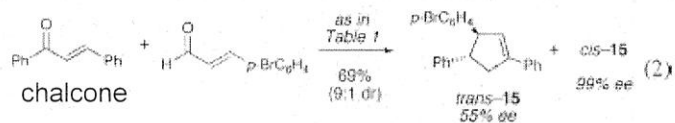
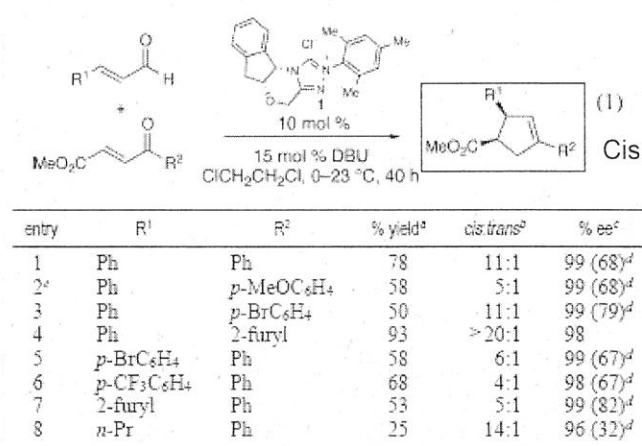
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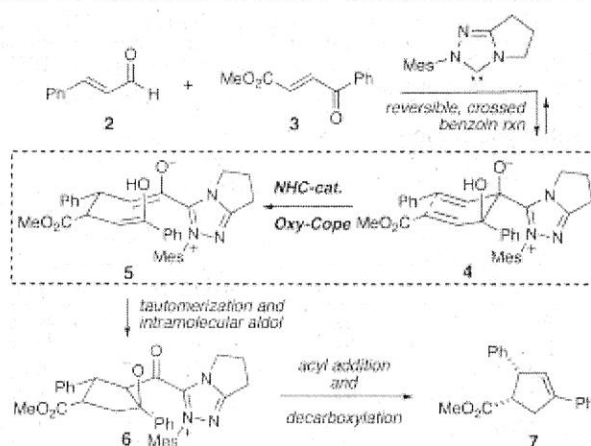
Bode's work(asymmetric)

Substrate

Cinnamaldehyde and 4-oxoenone

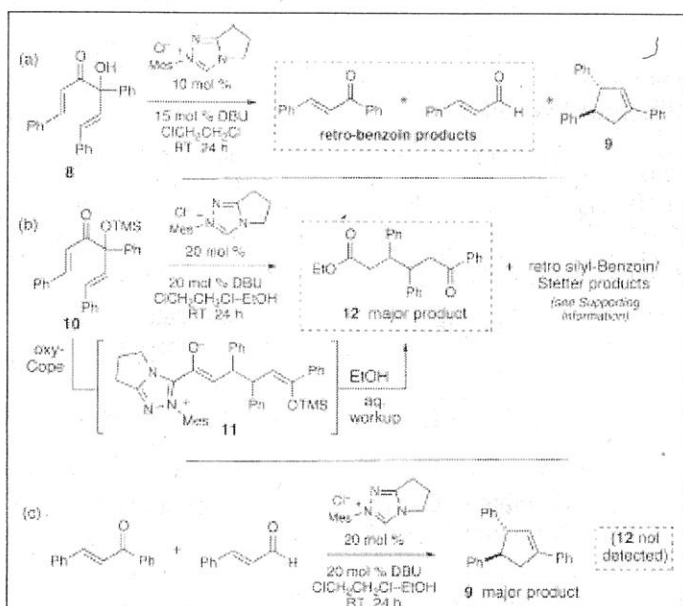


Scheme 1. Cyclopentenes via NHC-Catalyzed Oxy-Cope RAR

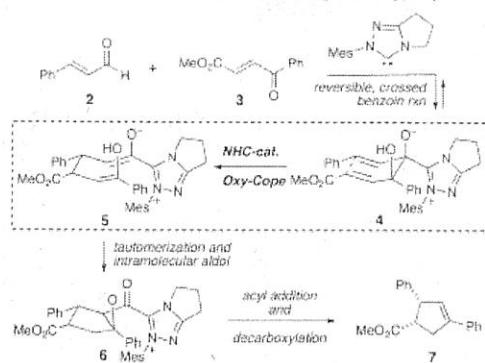


<Explanation by Bode(2007)>

Control experiments to explain Oxy-cope reaction



Scheme 1. Cyclopentenes via NHC-Catalyzed Oxy-Cope RAR



(a) Benzoin type reaction can take place reversibly.

(b) 12 can be obtained.

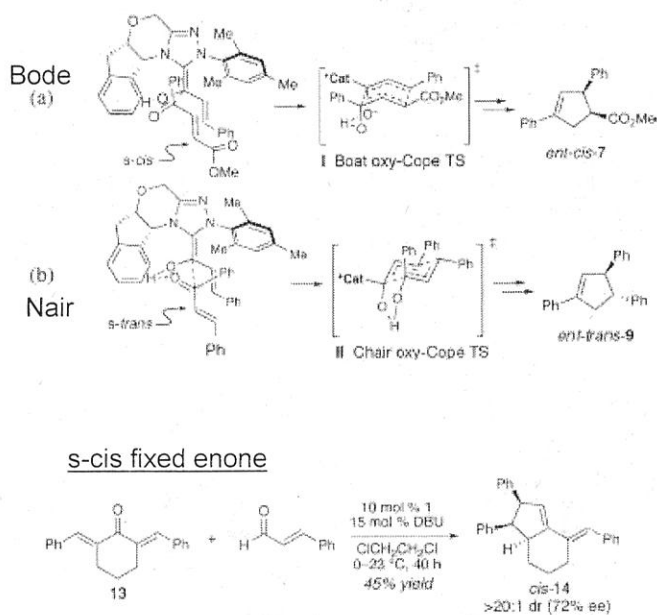
(c) (+ EtOH standard conditions) 12 was not detected.
 >>Tautomerization and aldol reaction is fast compared to nucleophilic addition of EtOH.

About result of (b)

If oxy-Cope reaction doesn't take place, retro benzoin followed by catalytic homoenolate addition is mechanism.

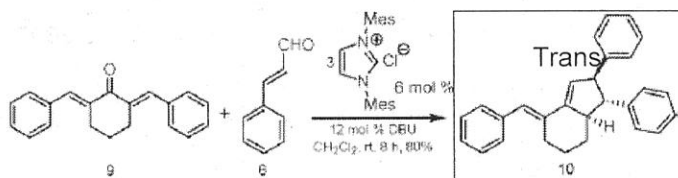
But from (c), 12 was not detected. So, oxy-Cope reaction should take place.

Explanation for different diastereoselectivity to different substrate



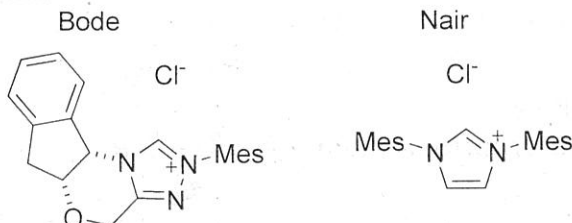
Reactive conformation of the enone determined the relative stereochemistry of the annulation products

<Result by Nair(2008)> Chem. Commun., 2008, 747



This result cannot be explained by the explanation of Bode.

Conclusion



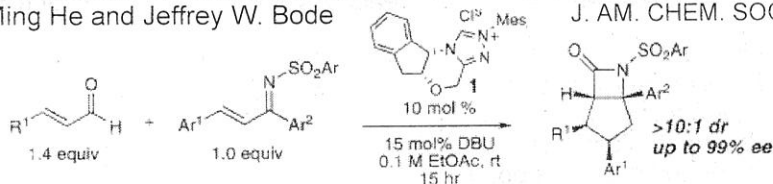
Two catalysts show different reaction pathways

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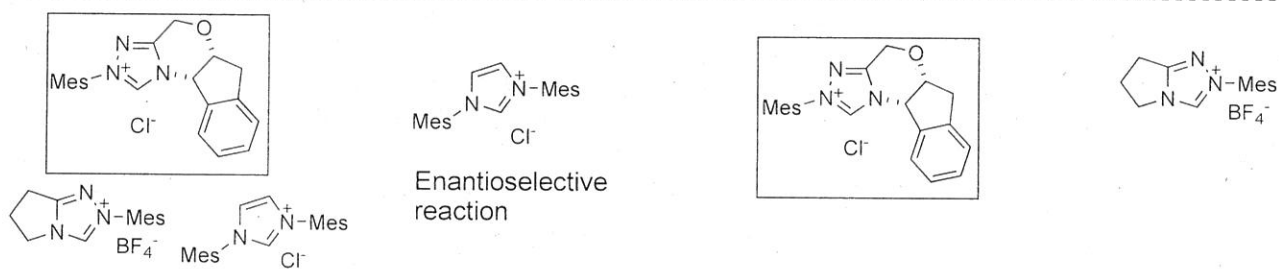
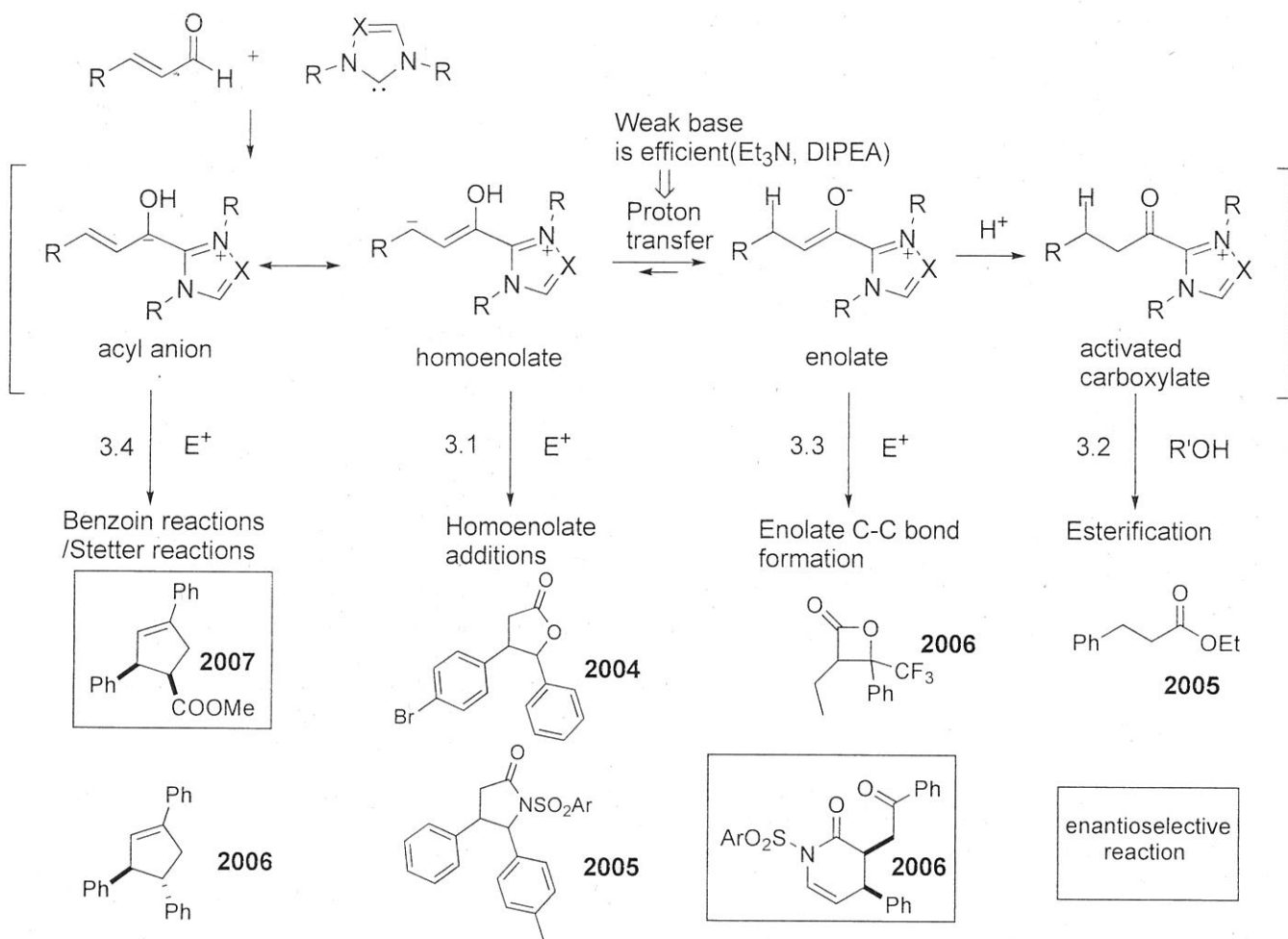
Enantioselective, NHC-Catalyzed Bicyclo-a-Lactam Formation via Direct Annulations of Enals and Unsaturated N-Sulfonyl Ketimines

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4. Summary



Utility as organocatalyst			
Homoenolate Chemistry (Conjugate umpolung)	Best catalyst of homoenolate additions	Widely used	Not Effective
Benzoins and Stetter (Umpolung)	scarcely used	Widely used	Widely used
Asymmetric Version	Few highly enantioselective reactions are reported. (Almost is C-2 symmetric catalyst. Now another type of asymmetric catalyst is needed and developed.)	Widely used to various reactions	Used to Benzoins and Stetter reaction