

# **Organic synthesis**

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T. W. Greene, P. G. M. Wuts *Protective Groups in Organic Synthesis*

P. J. Kocienski *Protecting Groups*

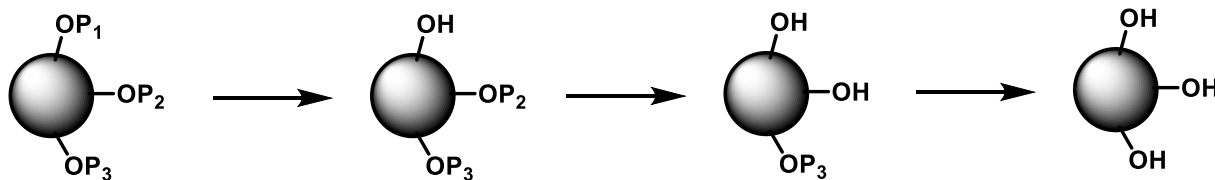
- the substrate contains reactive functional groups (typically OH, NH, CO, COOH ...)  
that are not compatible with reaction conditions

two additional steps in the synthetic sequence (installation & removal)

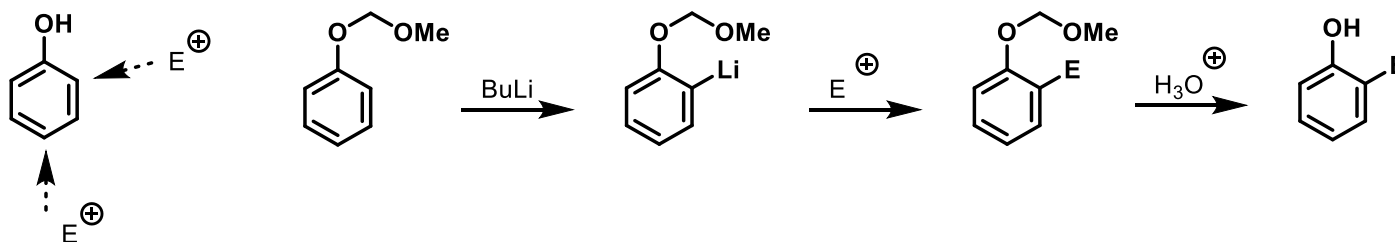


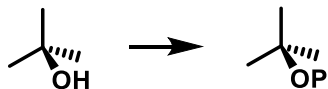
Young, I. S.; Baran, P. S. *Nature Chemistry* **2009**, 1, 193.  
„Protecting-group-free-synthesis as an opportunity for invention“

orthogonally protected substrates: several different Ps that can be selectively introduced and *removed*



- some Ps can be used to direct (regio)selectivity of particular transformations

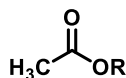




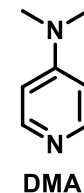
## esters:

acetates

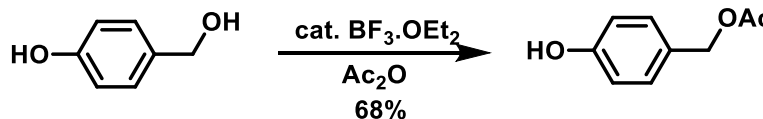
Ac-OR



formation: typically: acetylating agent ( $\text{Ac}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{AcCl}$ ) + base (pyridine, TEA, DMAP)

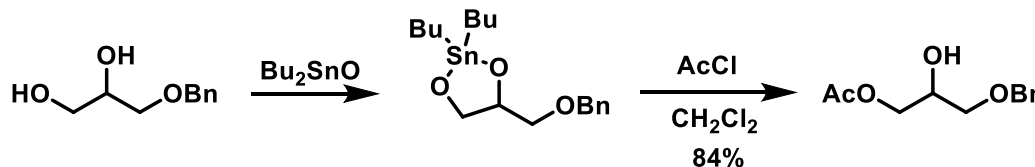


also:



*Chem. Pharm. Bull.* **1981**, 29, 3202.

• acetylation of more nucleophilic OH



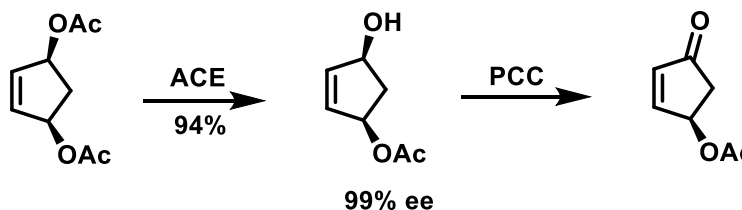
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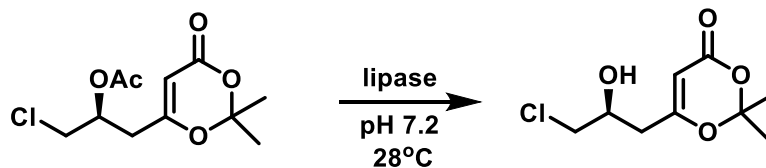
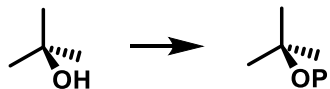
cleavage: basic hydrolysis ( $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  in MeOH;  $\text{NH}_3$  in MeOH)

several OH groups in the molecule: acetate can migrate

some lipases can cleave acetates enantioselectively (under mild conditions)

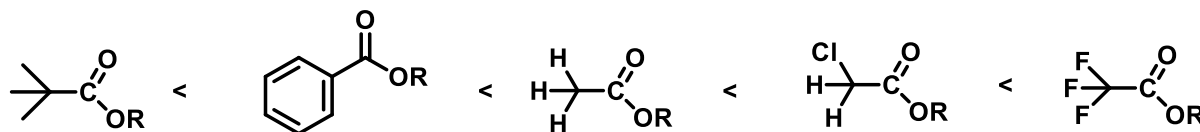


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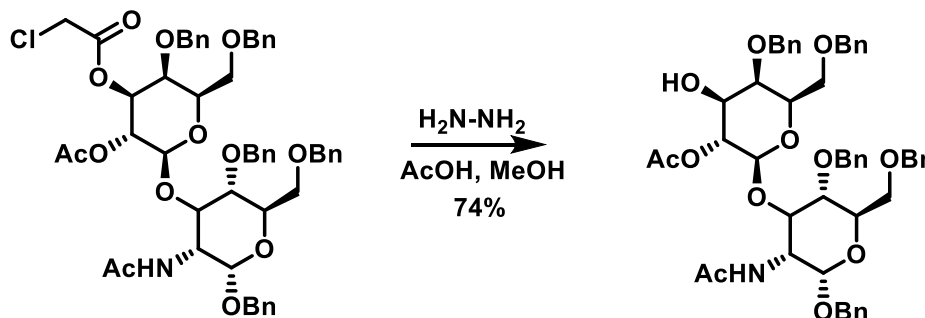
*Tetrahedron: Asymmetry* **1991**, 2, 343.

ease of basic hydrolysis:

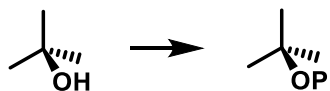


strong base (KOH/MeOH)

pH 7

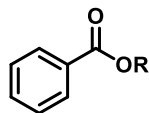


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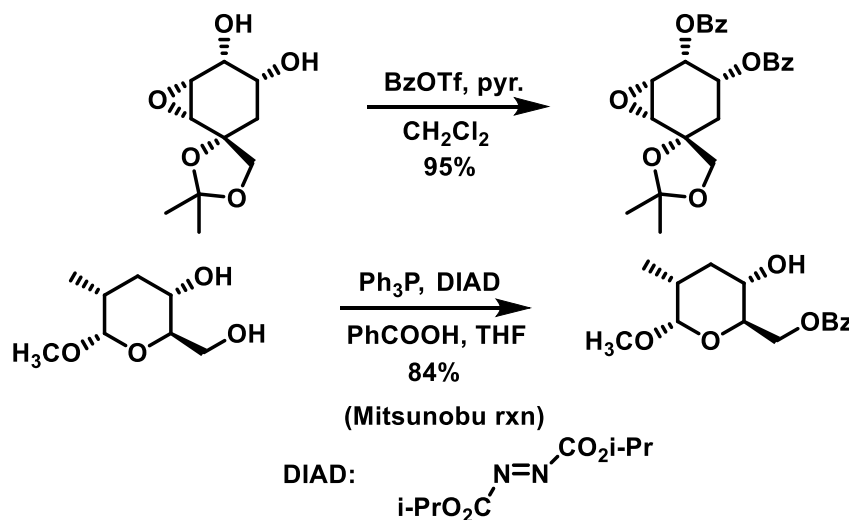
benzoates

Bz-OR



formation: Bz<sub>2</sub>O, BzCl + base ( pyridine, TEA)

- in polyhydroxylated systems typically much more selective than acetylation



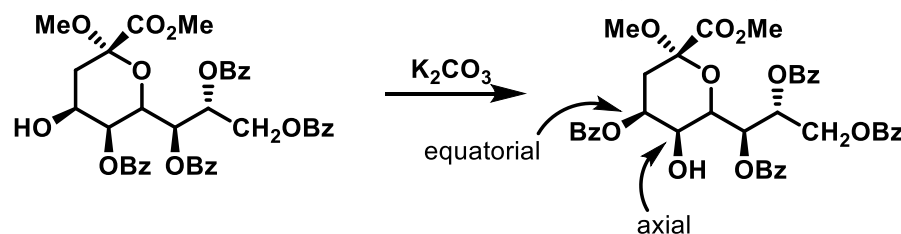
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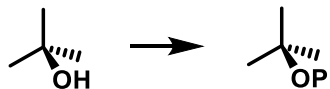
cleavage: basic hydrolysis (NaOH in MeOH; TEA in MeOH)

migration: typically to much lesser extent than with acetates

(but can be forced, if thermodynamically more stable isomer is formed)

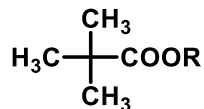


*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1988**, 110, 3929.



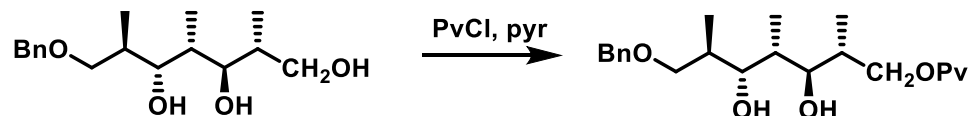
pivaloates

Pv-OR

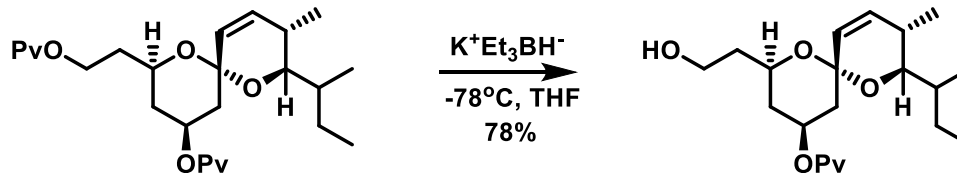


formation: PvCl + base (pyridine, TEA)

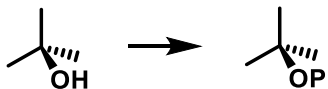
- primary OHs can be selectively acylated



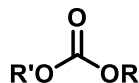
cleavage: strong base (KOH in MeOH, hydrides)



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**carbonates:**

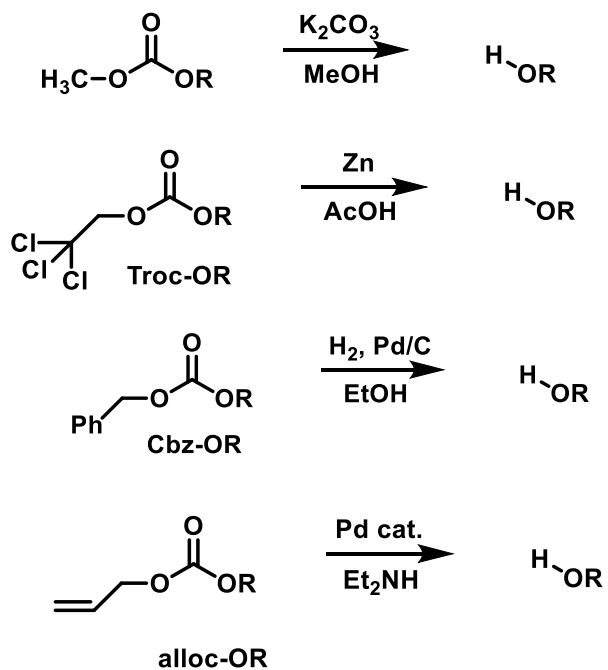


- more stable than esters towards basic hydrolysis

*formation:*  $\text{R}'\text{OCOCI} + \text{base}$  ( pyridine, TEA)

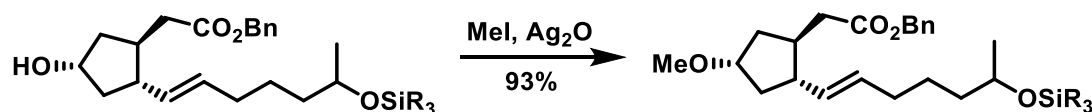
*cleavage:* in general, basic hydrolysis

but: conditions can be specific for different carbonates

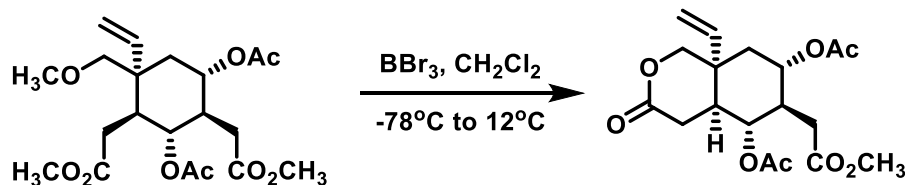
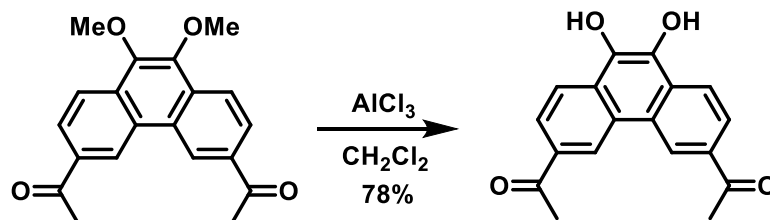




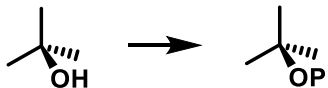
ethers:

methyl ether **Me-OR**  $\text{H}_3\text{C}-\text{O}-\text{R}$ formation: MeI,  $\text{Me}_2\text{SO}_4$  + base ( NaOH, NaH,  $\text{Ag}_2\text{O}$ );  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}_2$ *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1980**, 102, 7583.

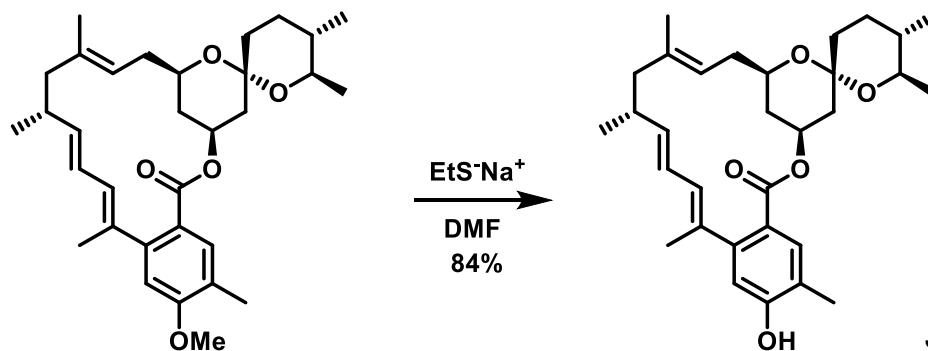
cleavage:

1. Lewis acids ( $\text{BBr}_3$ , TMSI,  $\text{AlCl}_3$ )*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1977**, 99, 5773.*J. Org. Chem.* **2000**, 65, 7602.

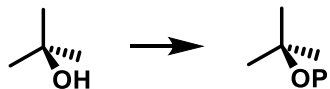




2. strong nucleophiles (phenolic methyl ethers)

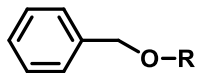


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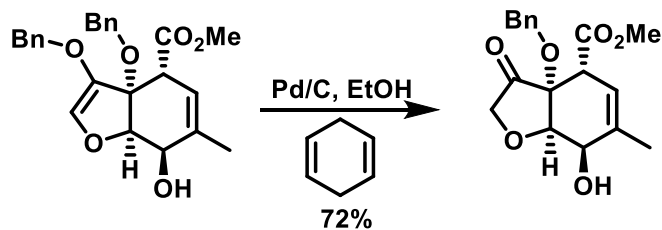
benzyl ether

Bn-OR

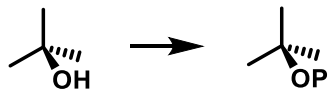


formation: BnBr + base ( NaH)

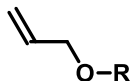
cleavage: hydrogenolysis (H<sub>2</sub>, Pd/C, EtOH)



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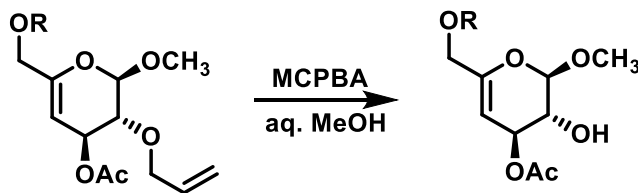


allyl ether



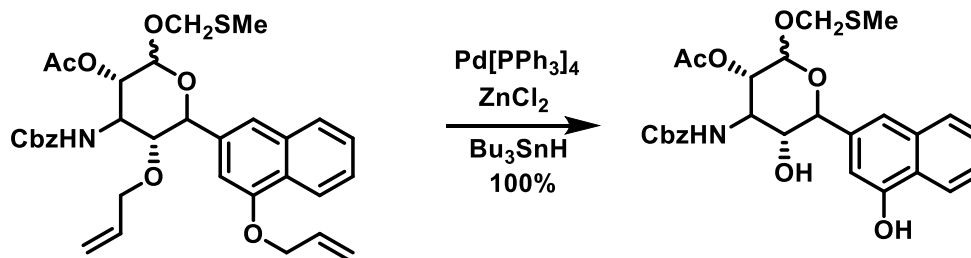
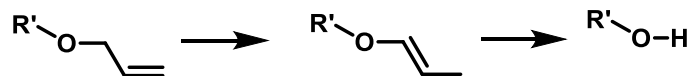
formation:  $\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}-\text{CH}_2\text{Br} + \text{base (NaH)}$

cleavage: 1. oxidative ( $\text{SeO}_2$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ , MCPBA)

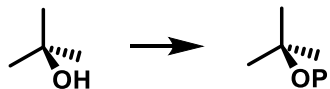


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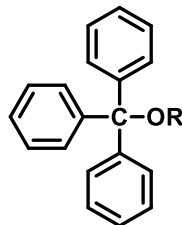
2. Pd-catalyzed



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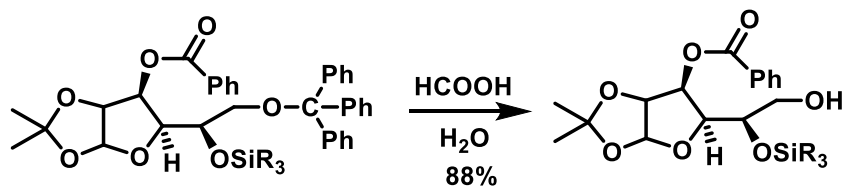


triphenylmethyl ether    trityl-OR, Tr-OR



formation:  $\text{Ph}_3\text{CCl} + \text{base}$  (DMAP, NaH)

cleavage: acidic conditions



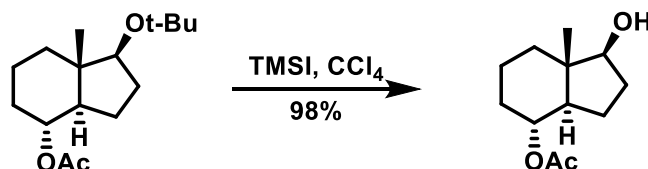
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*t*-butyl ether    *t*-Bu-OR   

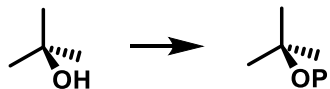
• protection of phenols

formation:  $t\text{-BuBr} + \text{pyr. or } \text{H}^+ +$

cleavage:  $\text{H}^+$ , Lewis acids



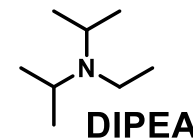
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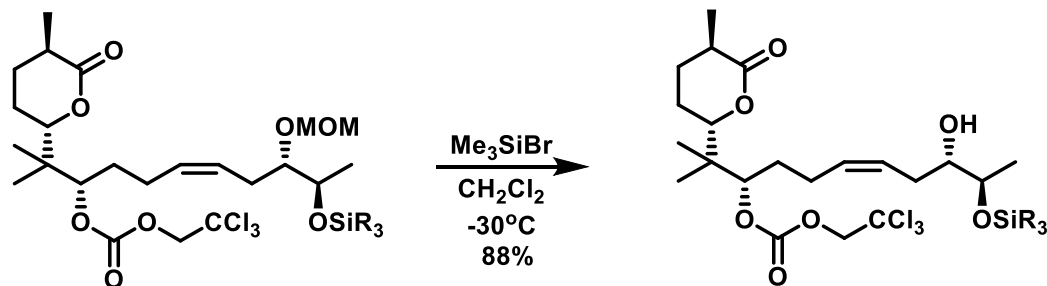
## acetals

methoxymethyl ether **MOM-OR**  $\text{H}_3\text{C}-\text{O}-\text{CH}_2-\text{O}-\text{R}$

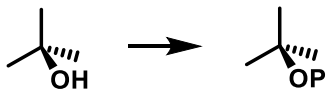
formation:  $\text{MeOCH}_2\text{Cl} + \text{base}$  (DIPEA, NaH)



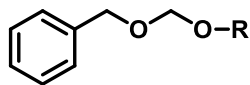
cleavage: acidic conditions (HCl/MeOH, TMSBr,  $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{OEt}_2$ )



*Tetrahedron Lett.* **1984**, 25, 2515.

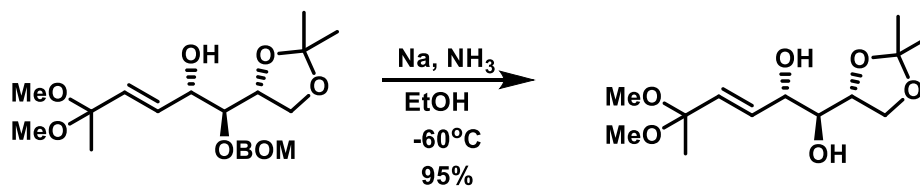


benzyloxymethyl ether BOM-OR



formation:  $\text{BnOCH}_2\text{Cl}$  + base (DIPEA)

cleavage: hydrogenolysis ( $\text{H}_2/\text{Pd/C}$ );  $\text{Na}/\text{NH}_3$

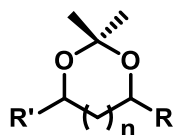


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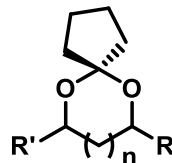


**acetals**

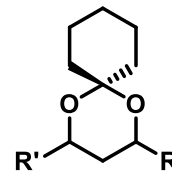
1,2- a 1,3 diols



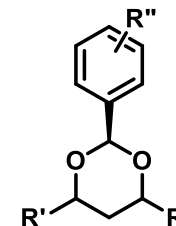
**acetonides**



**cyclopentylidene  
ketals**

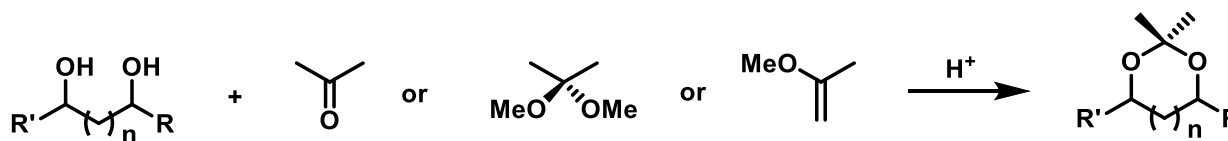


**cyclohexylidene  
ketals**



**benzylidene  
acetals**

*formation:*  $H^+$

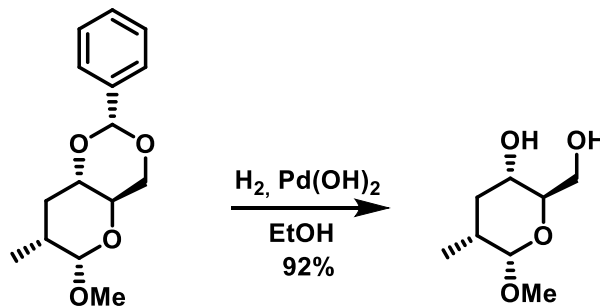


polyols:      acetonides: typically 1,2-  
benzylidene acetals: typically 1,3-

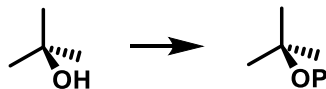
*cleavage:*  $H^+$ ,  $H_2O$

Lewis acids + hydride donor ( $Et_3SiH$ )

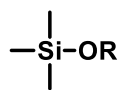
reduction ( $H_2$ , Pd/C) of benzylidene acetals



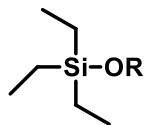
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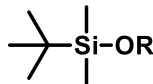
## silyl ethers



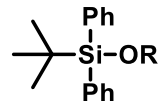
TMS-OR



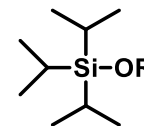
TES-OR



TBS-OR



TBDPS-OR



TIPS-OR

formation:  $R_3SiCl$  or  $R_3SiOTf$  + base (imidazole; DIPEA; 2,6-dimethylpyridine)

cleavage:  $H^+$

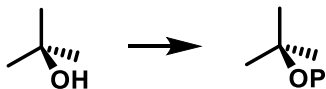
$K_2CO_3/MeOH$  (TMSOR)

source of  $F^-$  ( $BuN^+F^-$ ,  $HF.pyr$ ,  $HF.Et_3N$ )

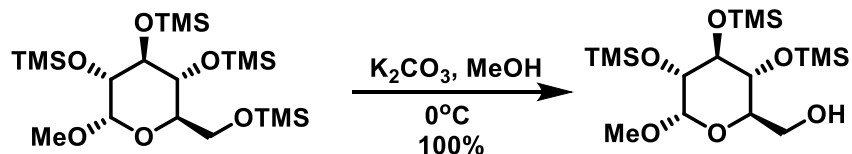
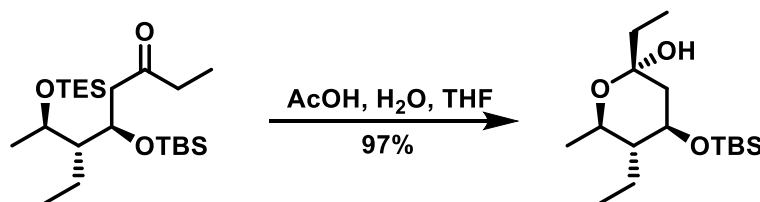
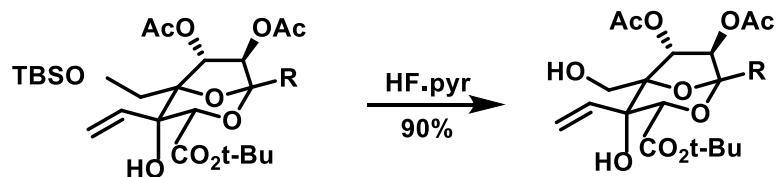
• *selective cleavage under mild (neutral) conditions*

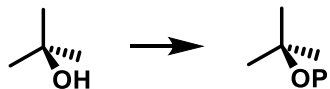
| silyl ether       | half life<br>NaOH/MeOH | half life<br>HCl/MeOH |
|-------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| $C_6H_{13}OTMS$   | < 1 min                | < 1 min               |
| $C_6H_{13}OTBS$   | > 24 h                 | < 1 min               |
| $C_6H_{13}OTIPS$  | > 24 h                 | 55 min                |
| $C_6H_{13}OTBDPS$ | > 24 h                 | 225 min               |



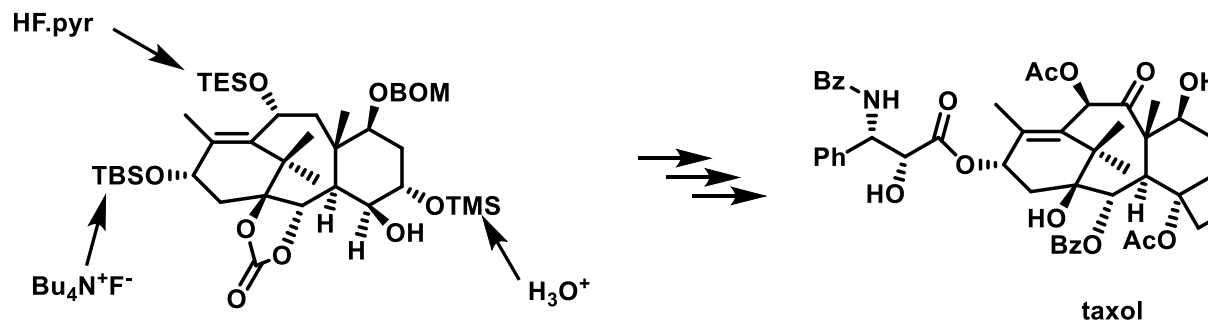


selective cleavage of silyl ethers

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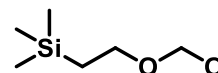


sequential removal of silyl ethers



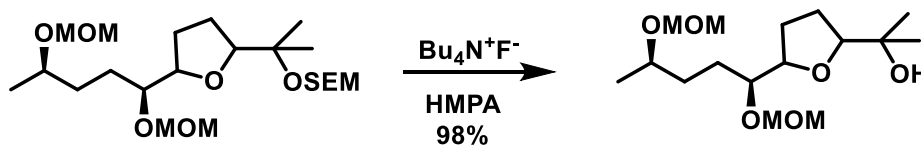
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2-(trimethylsilyl)ethoxymethyl ether SEM-OR

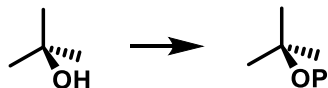


formation:  $\text{TMSCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_2\text{Cl}$  + base (DIPEA)

cleavage: 1. acidic conditions  
2. fluoride



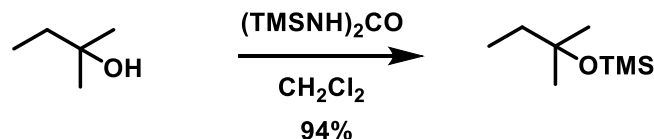
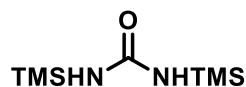
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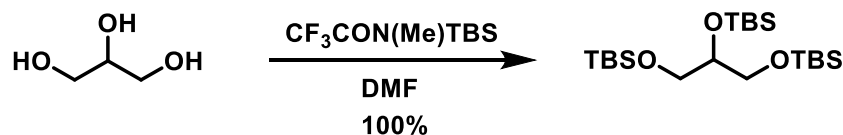
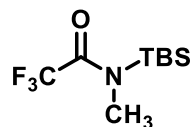
Si-F : 582 kJ/mol (Si-O : 452 kJ/mol C-H : 411 kJ/mol C-C : 346 kJ/mol)

Si-N : 355 kJ/mol

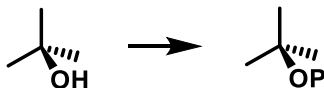
- silylated amines are significantly less stable than silylated alcohols
- N-silylated compounds can be used for transfer of the silyl group



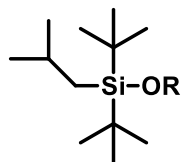
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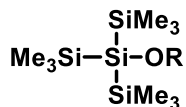
- **silyl esters:** significantly more labile compared to silyl *ethers*
- modern and non-traditional Si-based protecting groups**



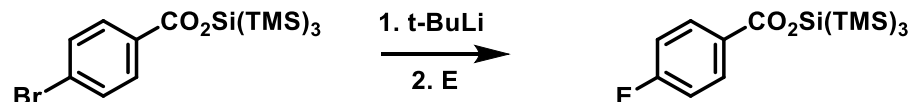
BIBSOR

- very resistant to bases/nucleophiles
- BIBS esters are quite stable

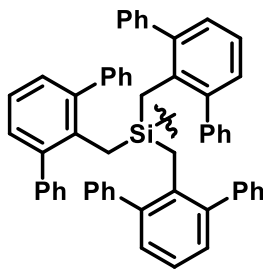
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(TMS)<sub>3</sub>SiOR

- „supersilyl“
- esters are quite stable



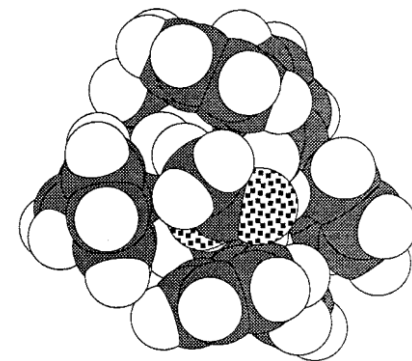
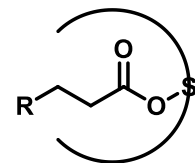
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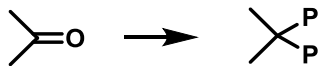
TDS

tris(2,6-diphenylbenzyl)silyl

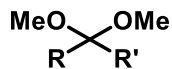
- esters resistant to LiAlH<sub>4</sub>, RLi etc.



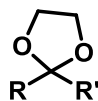
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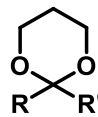
## acetals/ketals



dimethyl acetal



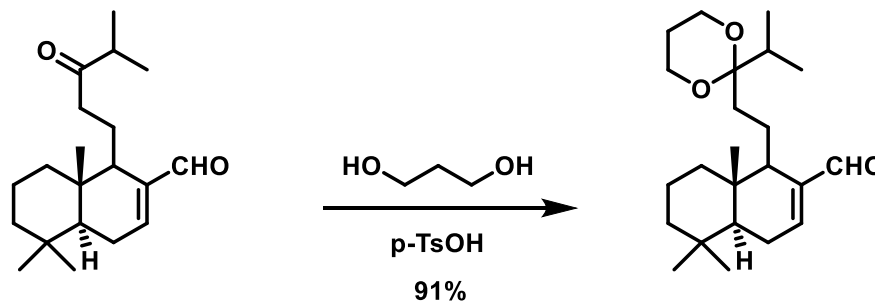
1,3-dioxolane



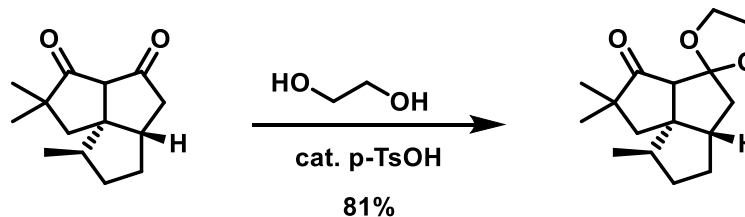
1,3-dioxane

formation:  $H^+$  + alcohol  
 $HC(OMe)_3$  + (Lewis) acid

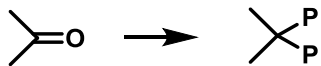
- aldehydes typically more reactive than ketones



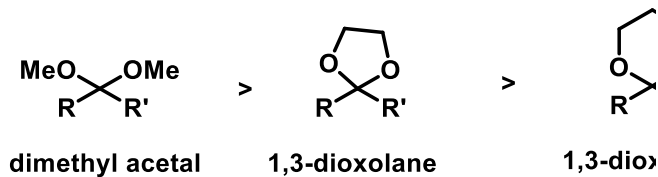
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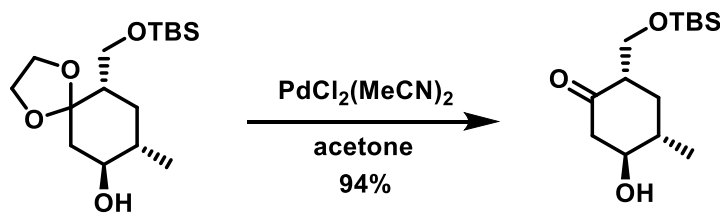
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cleavage:  $\text{H}^+$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$

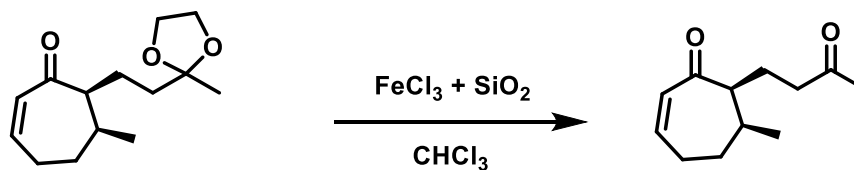


cat.  $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{MeCN})_2$  + acetone

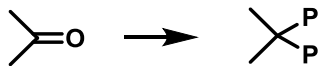


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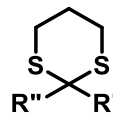
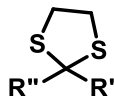
$\text{FeCl}_3 + \text{SiO}_2$



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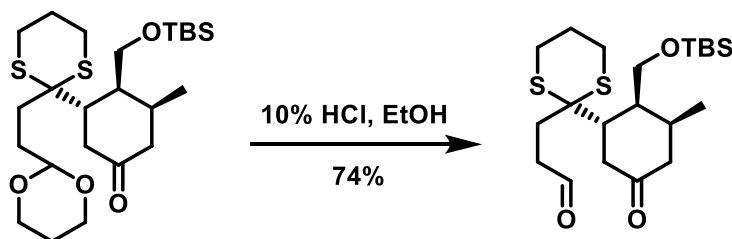


### cyclic dithioacetals/ketals



formation:  $\text{HS}(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{SH} + (\text{Lewis}) \text{ acid}$

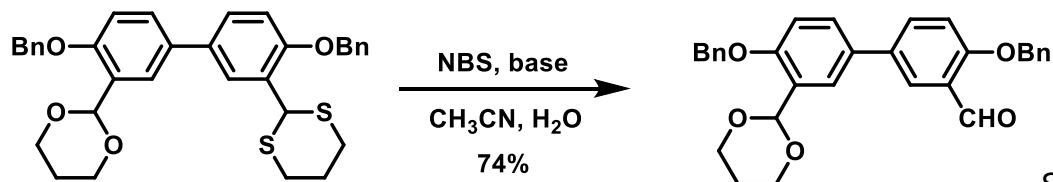
- dithioacetals are significantly less sensitive to acids than acetals



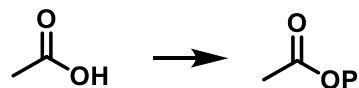
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cleavage: conversion to a better leaving group (and then hydrolysis)

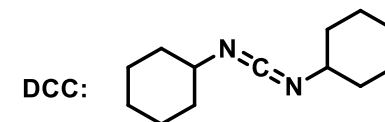
- coordination of S with metals:  $\text{Hg}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$ ,  $\text{CuCl}_2$ ,  $\text{CuO}$
- oxidation: MCPBA,  $\text{Ac}_2\text{O}$ , TEA
- alkylation: MeI



*Synthesis* **1992**, 1025.



## esters



cleavage: methyl esters: basic hydrolysis (LiOH, MeOH), nucleophilic cleavage (LiI, NaCl)

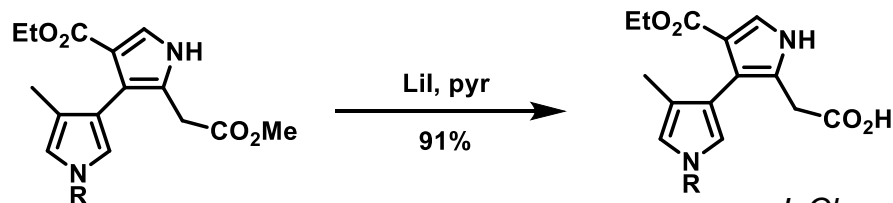
t-butyl esters: acidic hydrolysis (CF<sub>3</sub>COOH)

allyl esters: Pd-catalyzed cleavage (Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>)

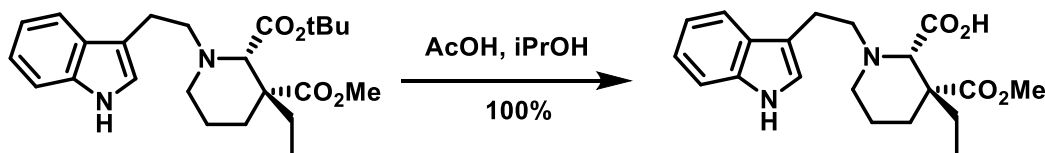
benzyl esters: hydrogenolysis (H<sub>2</sub>, Pd/C)

silyl esters: fluoride, acidic & basic hydrolysis

(less stable than silyl ethers)

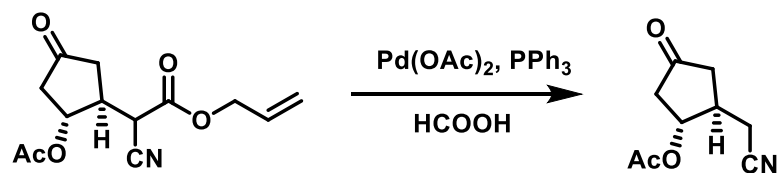
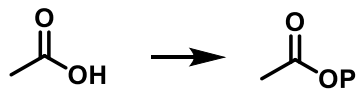


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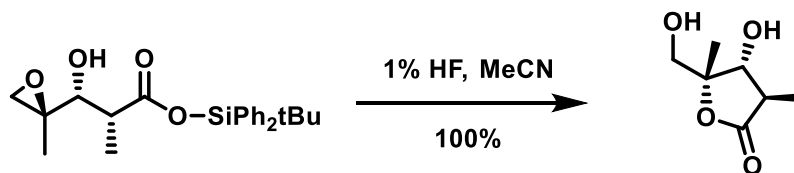


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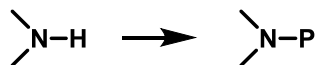




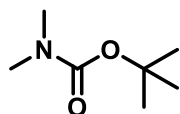
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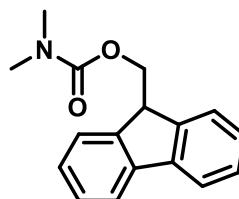
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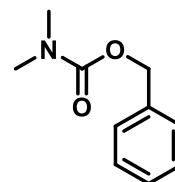
## carbamates



**Boc**



**Fmoc**



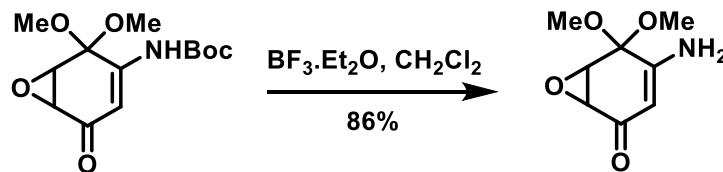
**Cbz**

*formation:*  $\text{ROCOCl}$  or  $(\text{ROCO})_2\text{O} + \text{base}$

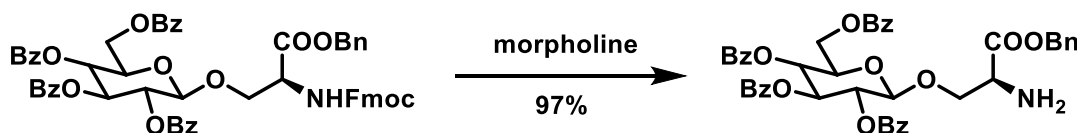
*cleavage:* Boc:  $\text{CF}_3\text{COOH}$  (+ PhOMe); Lewis acids

Fmoc: amine (piperidine, morpholine)

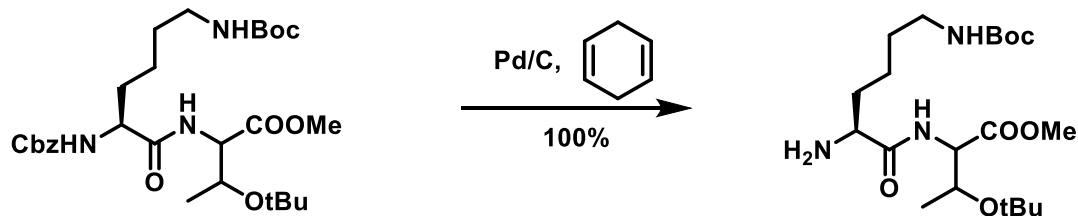
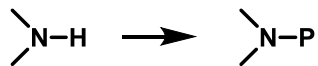
Cbz:  $\text{H}_2$ , Pd/C



*Synth. Commun.* **1997**, 27, 1819.

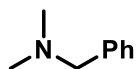


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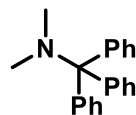


*The Practice of Peptide Synthesis* **1984**, 158.

## alkylated amines



**Bn**

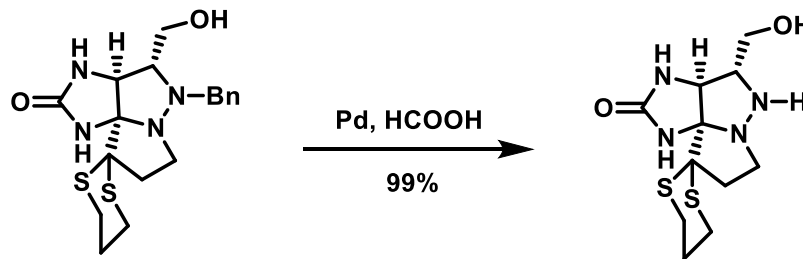


**Tr**

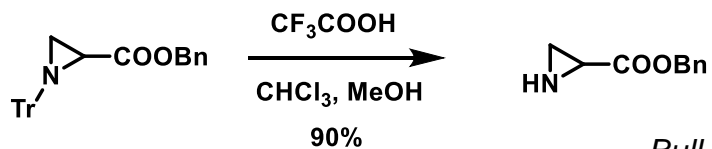
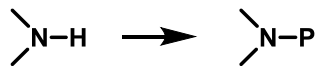
*formation:* BnBr or TrCl + base (NaH)

*cleavage:* Bn: hydrogenolysis

Tr: hydrogenolysis, CF<sub>3</sub>COOH



*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1984**, 106, 5594.

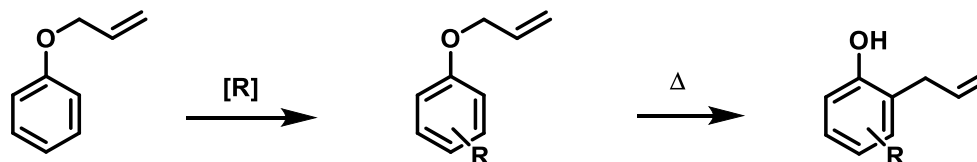


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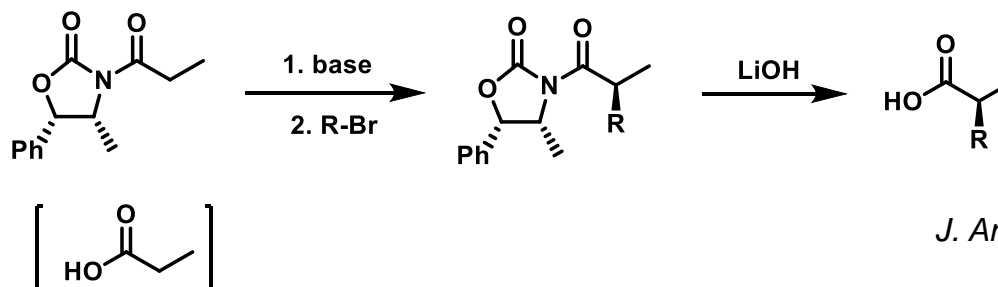
## „combined“ use of protecting groups

protection of reactive centers *plus*:

- incorporation of the P atoms into the target molecule (e.g. Claisen rearrangement of allyl ethers)

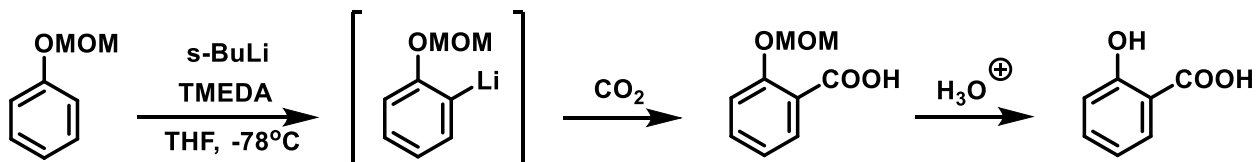


- diastereoselectivity (chiral Ps; „chiral auxiliary“ – e.g. Evans oxazolidinones)



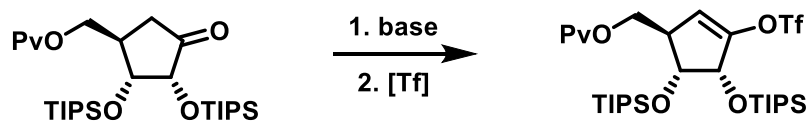
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- regioselectivity (e.g. directed ortho-metalation using MOM, CONRR' etc.)



## „combined“ use of protecting groups

- protections of more reactive centers (one primary, one adjacent)



*J. Org. Chem.* **2017**, *82*, 3382.

