

CASCADE PERICYCLIC REACTIONS IN TOTAL SYNTHESIS

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Outline of Presentation

-Introduction to Pericyclic Reactions

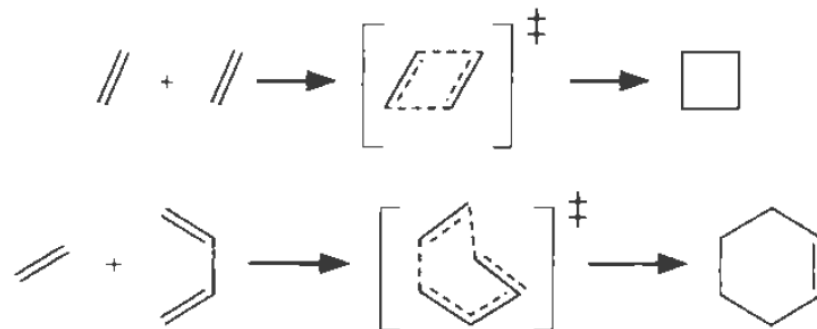
-Classes of Pericyclic Reactions w/ stereochemical considerations

- Electrocyclic ring opening/closing
- Cycloaddition Reactions
- Sigmatropic rearrangements
- Ene Reactions

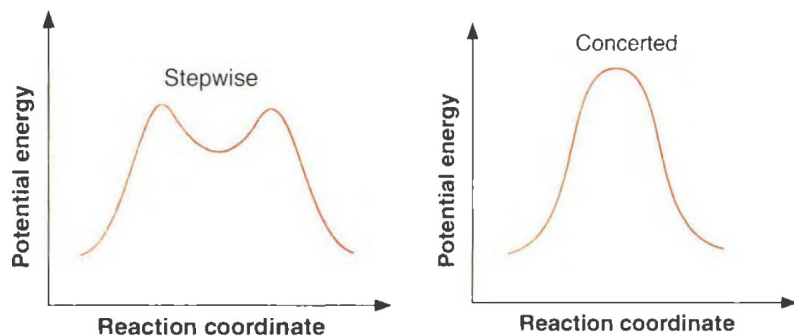
-Group Problems

What is a Pericyclic Reaction?

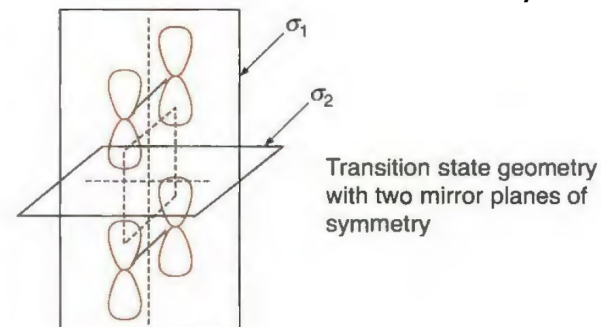
A **Pericyclic reaction** is one that involves a transition state with a cyclic array of atoms and an associated cyclic array of interacting orbitals



1. Must be concerted

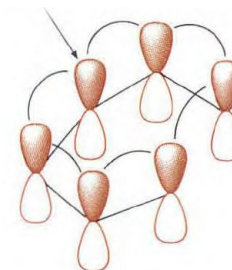


2. Must have conservation of orbital symmetry



Aromatic Transition State Theory/Topology

Zimmerman and Evans (1965): Developed the theory of Aromatic Transition state for pericyclic reaction. The theory states that if a reaction, with a simple array of $4n + 2$ electrons in a pericyclic transition will be stabilized by aromaticity.



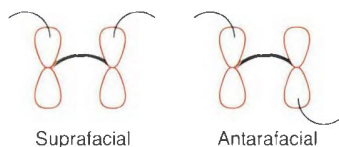
No nodes

This theory was further extended to accommodate systems with “twisted ribbon natures”. A transition state can be characterized as having Huckel topology (even nodes) or Mobius Topology (odd nodes) and based on the reaction conditions can predict whether a reaction will be pericyclic or stepwise.

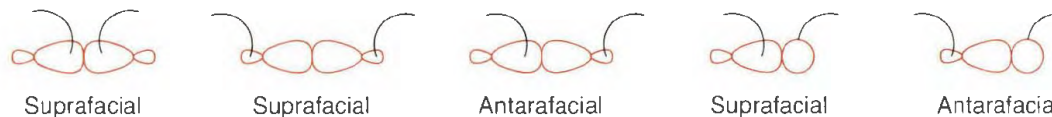
Number of nodes	Δ	h ν
Odd	Mobius Topology ($4n$)	Mobius Topology ($4n+2$)
Even	Huckel Topology ($4n+2$)	Huckel Topology ($4n$)

Suprafacial vs. Antarafacial- Which face of the orbital will participate in the transition state

π Systems

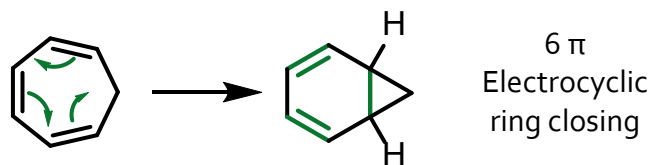
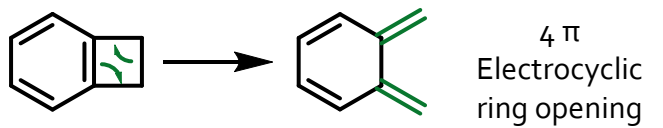


σ Systems



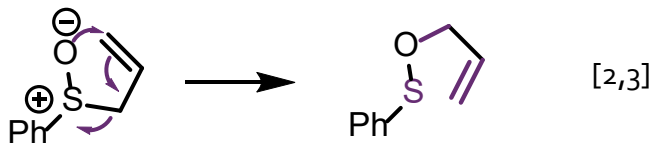
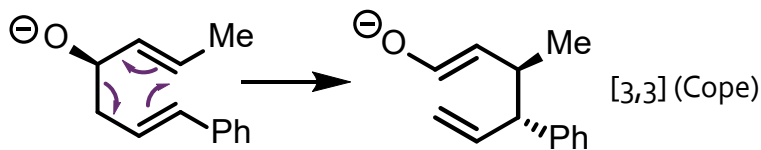
Four Classes of Pericyclic Reactions

Electrocyclization



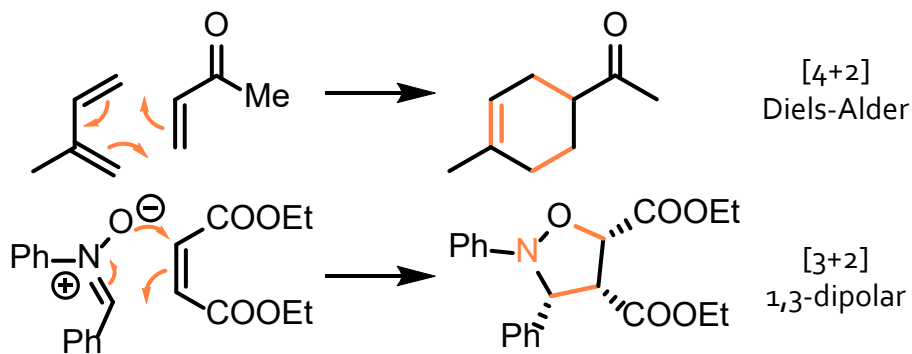
A bond forms/breaks between two conjugated systems

Sigmatropic Rearrangement



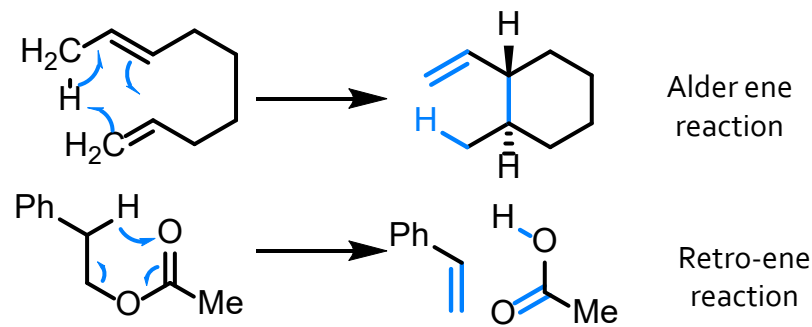
Cleavage of a σ bond connecting ends of a fragments and concerted formation of a σ bond at the other end

Cycloaddition



σ bonds are formed between two ends of two π systems to give a cyclic product

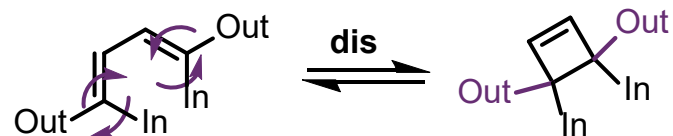
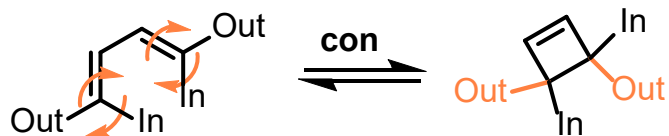
Ene Reaction



6 electron reaction with a four-electron component (ene) and two-electron component (enophile)

Electrocyclization Stereochemistry Considerations

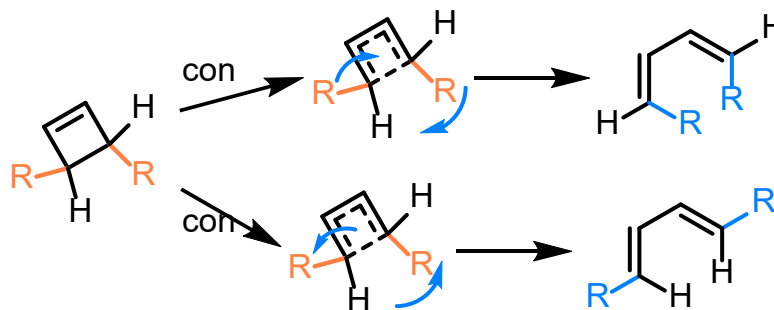
The stereochemistry of reaction depends on how the termini rotate



Woodward-Hoffman Rules predicts in which reactions one will have certain stereospecificity based on odd ($4n+2$) or even ($4n$) electron pairs

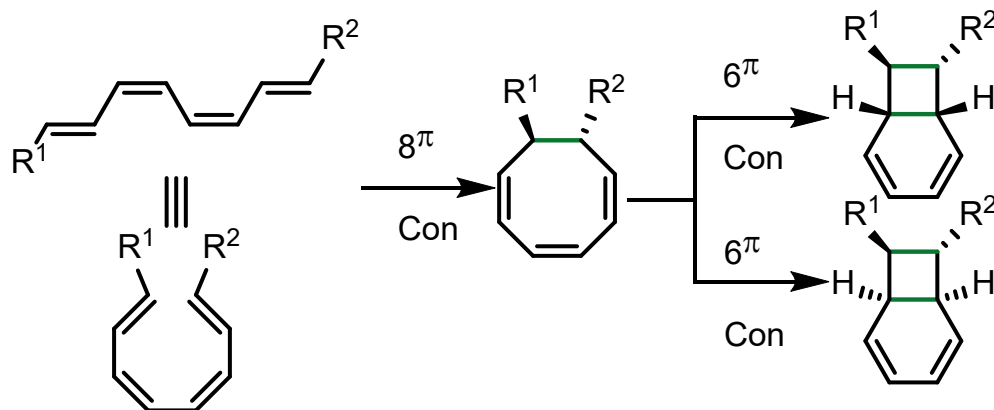
Number of electron pairs	Δ	$h\nu$
Odd	disrotatory	conrotatory
Even	conrotatory	disrotatory

Another stereochemistry consideration for electrocyclic ring opening can be the **torque selectivity**

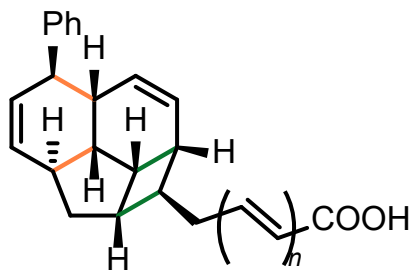


8 π -6 π Electrocyclizations in Biosynthesis

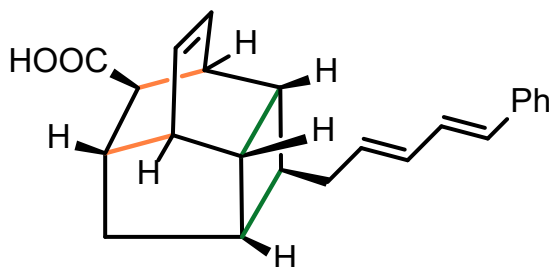
8 π -6 π Electrocyclizations are believed to be common biosynthesis pathway in nature.



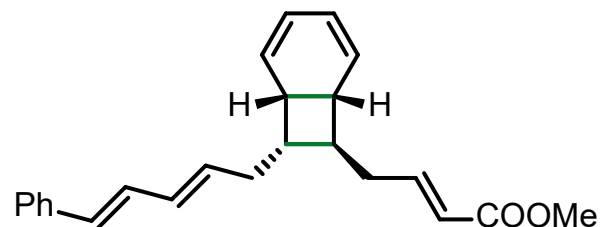
Nicolaou (1982): Wanted to show validity of 8 π -6 π Electrocyclizations as a biosynthetic pathway by synthesizing Endriandric acid family.



n=0, Endriandric acid A
n=1, Endriandric acid B



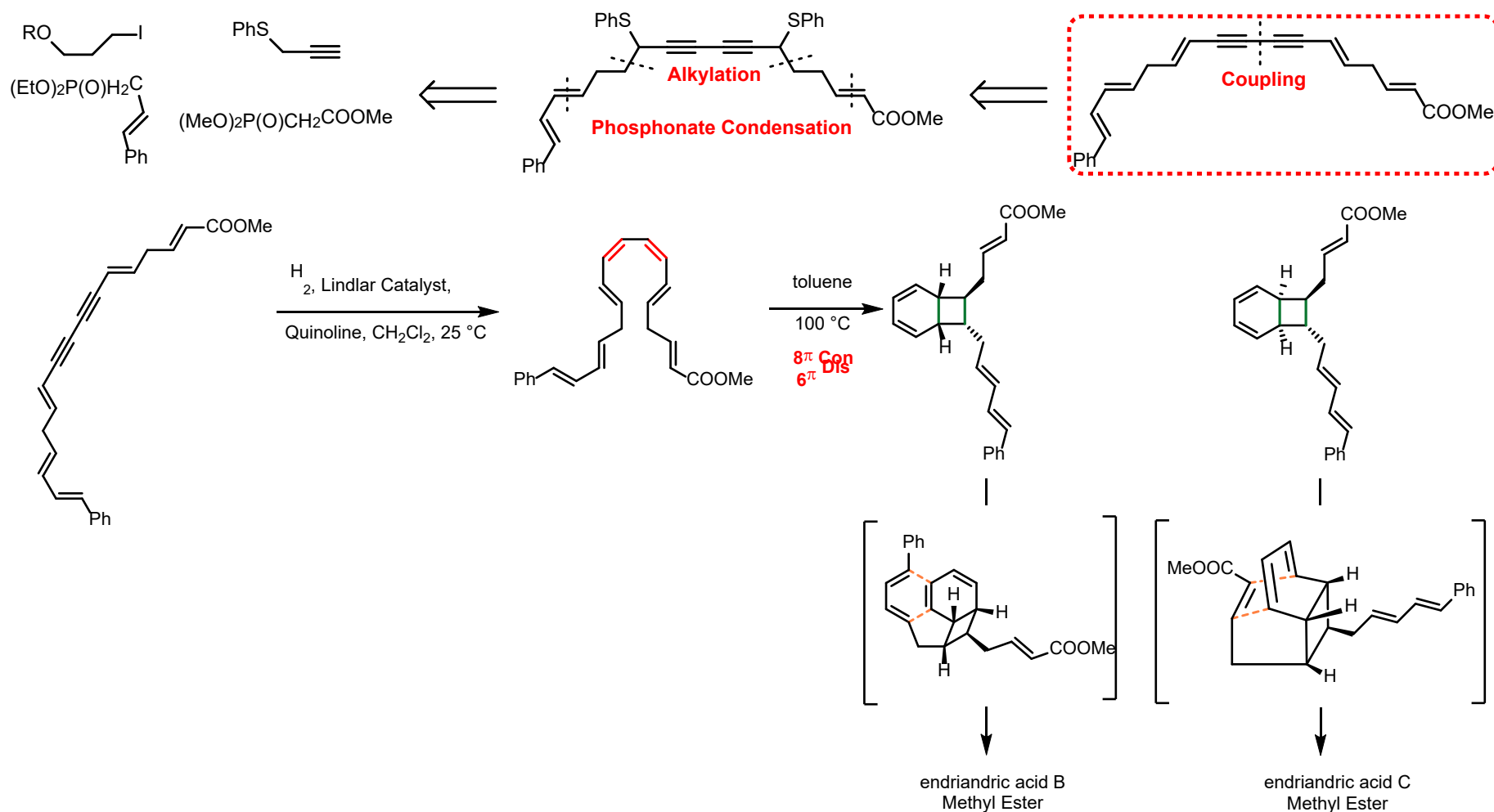
Endriandric acid C



Endriandric acid D (Hypothesized)

Total Synthesis of Endiandric Acid family

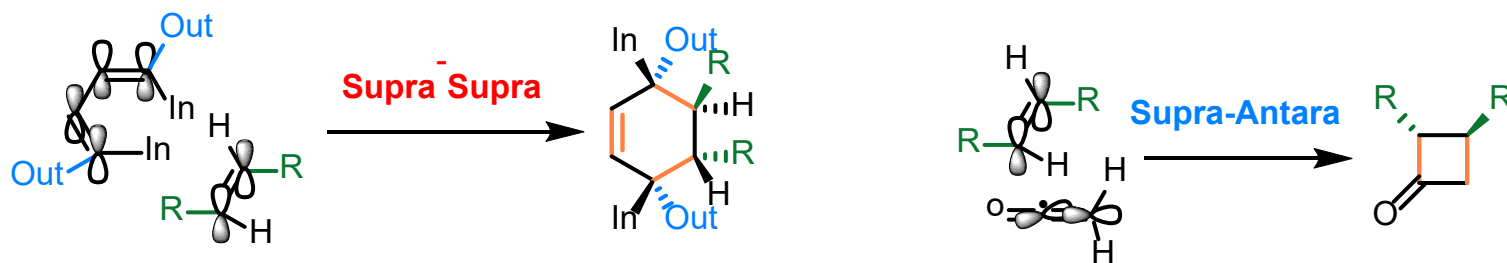
Nicolau exhibited that 8π - 6π Electrocyclization pathway was viable for synthesis.



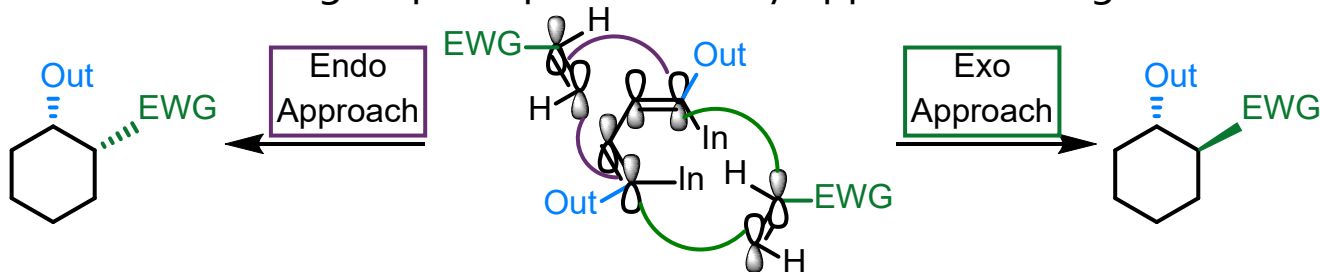
Cycloaddition Stereochemistry Considerations

Woodward-Hoffman Rules have been developed for cycloadditions and are based on how the orbitals will approach

Number of electron pairs	Δ	h ν
Odd	Supra-Supra	Supra-Antara
Even	Supra-Antara	Supra-Supra

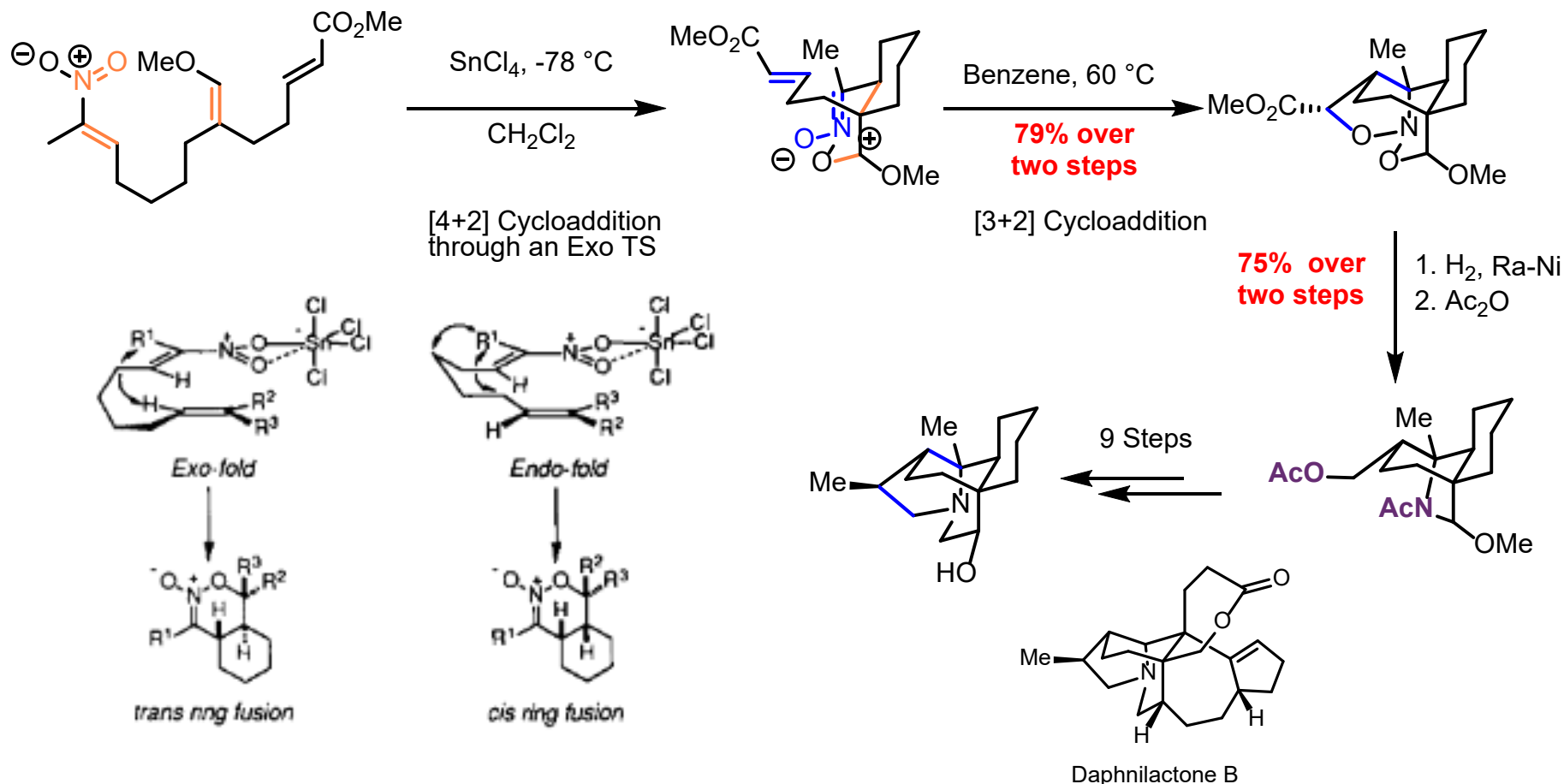


Endo Rule- The EWG group will preferentially approach facing towards the diene



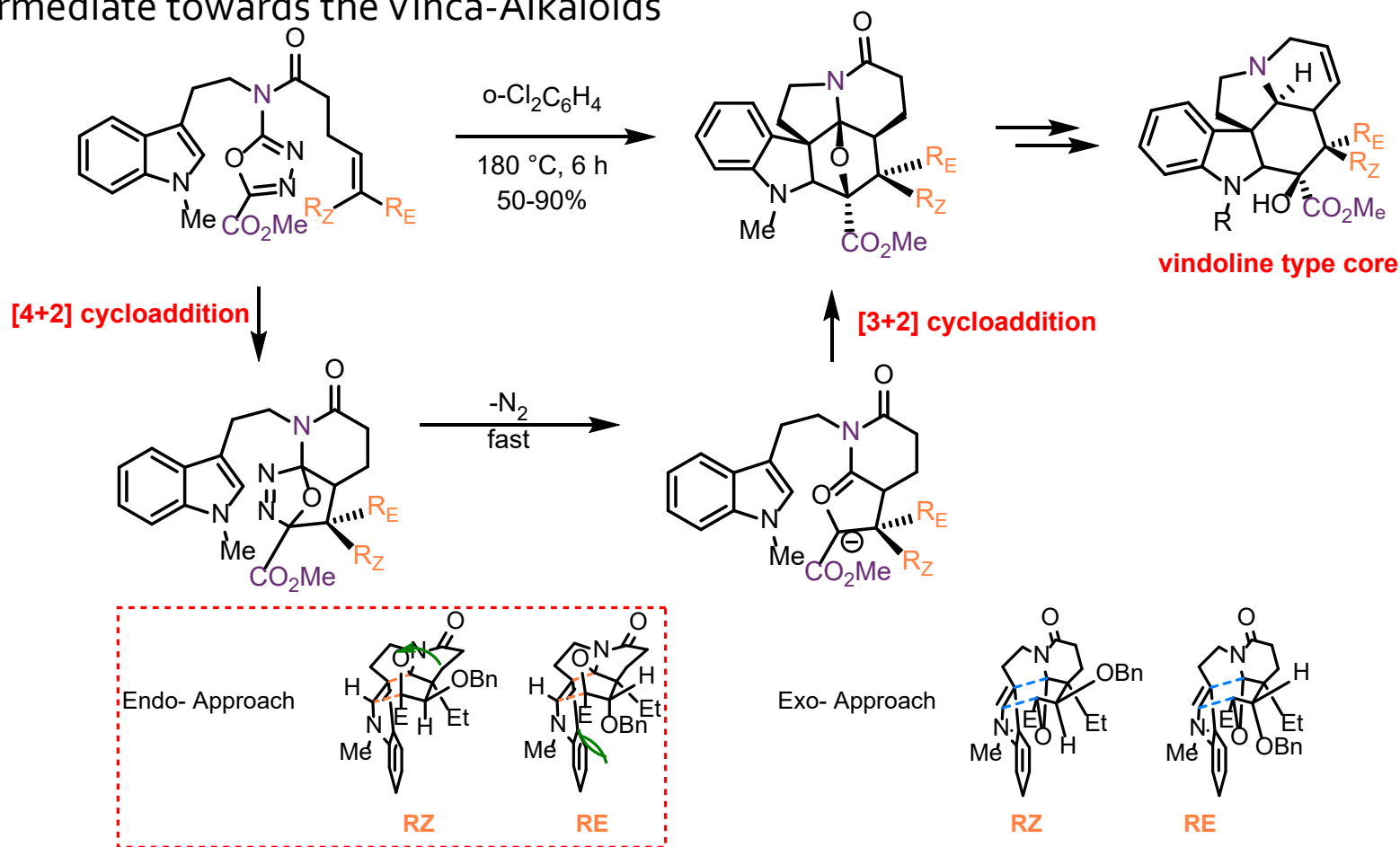
Application of tandem cycloadditions

Denmark (2006): Published a synthesis towards the core of Daphnilactone B. The key step in the synthesis is a tandem/cascade [4+2]/[3+2] cycloaddition



Synthesis example of Stereochemistry

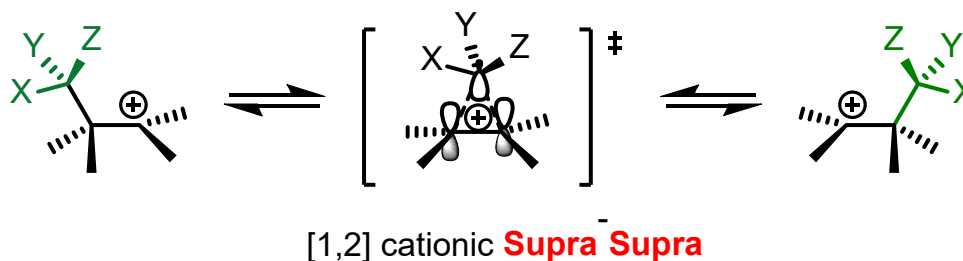
Boger (2006): Published a concise synthesis towards Vindoline which is an intermediate towards the Vinca-Alkaloids



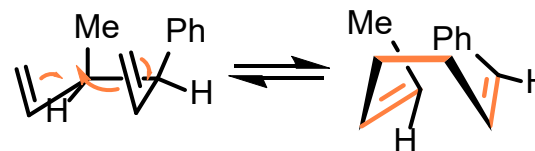
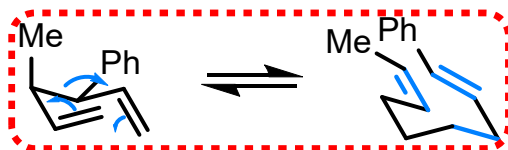
Sigmatropic Rearrangement Stereochemistry

Woodward-Hoffman Rules have been developed for sigmatropic rearrangements which can require a suprafacial or antarafacial migration of the group

Number of electron pairs	Δ	h ν
Odd	Supra-Supra	Supra-Antara
Even	Supra-Antara	Supra-Supra

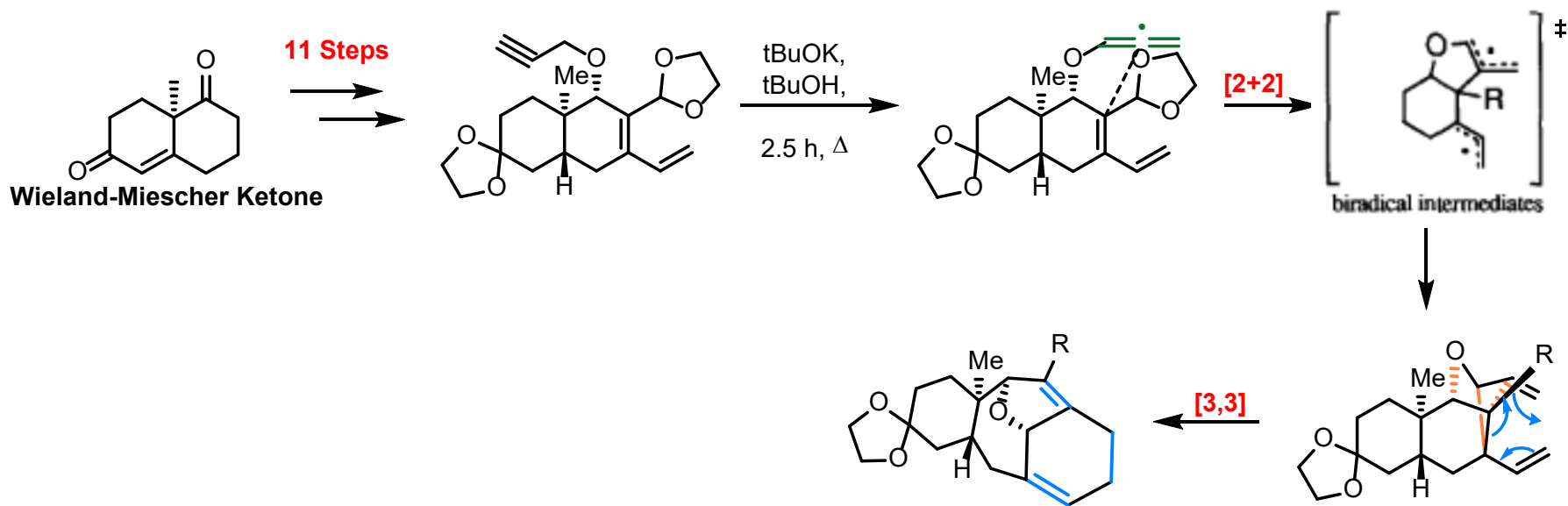
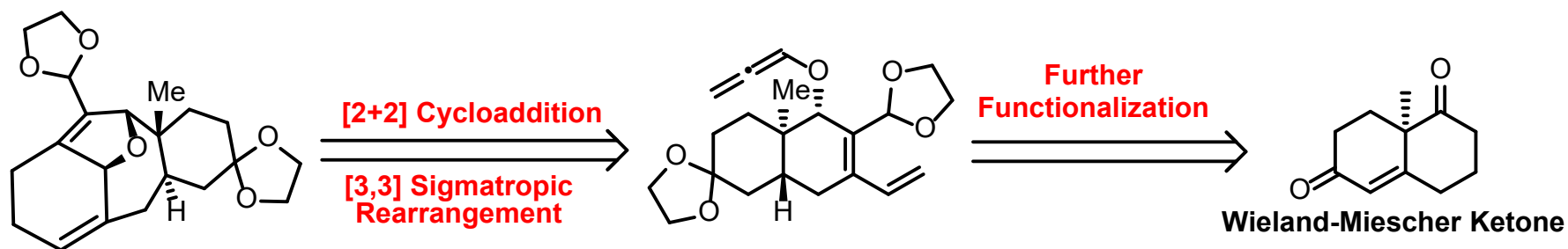


The stereoselectivity of the reactions is based on whether it will go through a chair or a boat transition state



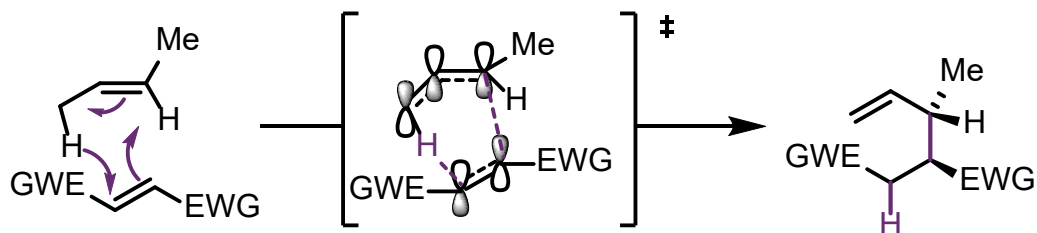
Synthesis example of Stereochemistry

Kanematsu (1995): Published a partial synthesis towards the Oxa-Tane type scaffold

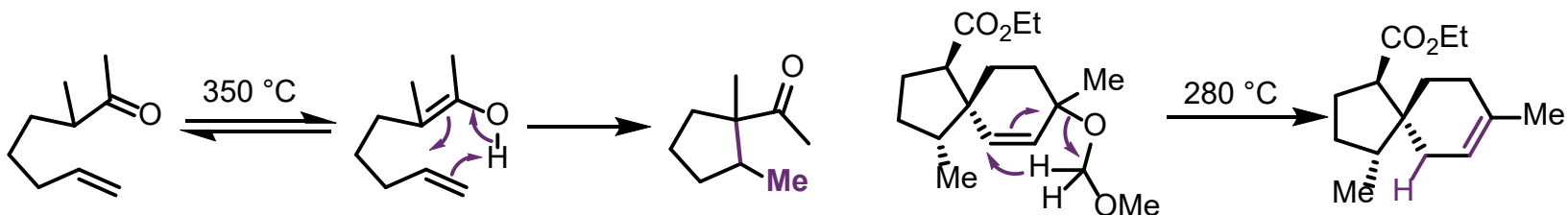


Ene Reaction

Ene reaction is a six-electron process- it usually has one four-electron component (ene) and the one two-electron component (enophile) and must always be **Supra-Supra**

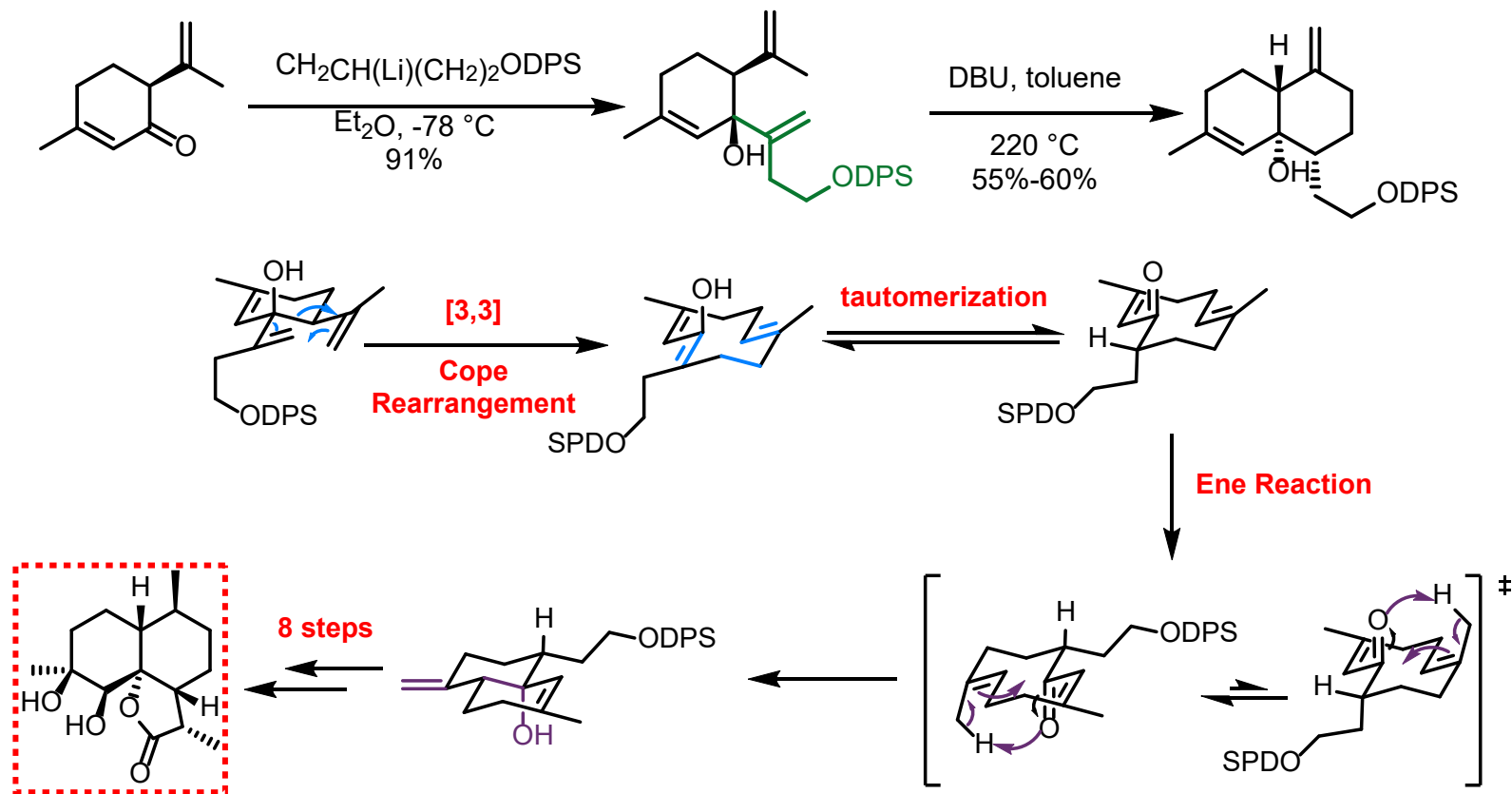


There are many different types of ene reactions such as: enol type enes and the retro ene reactions.



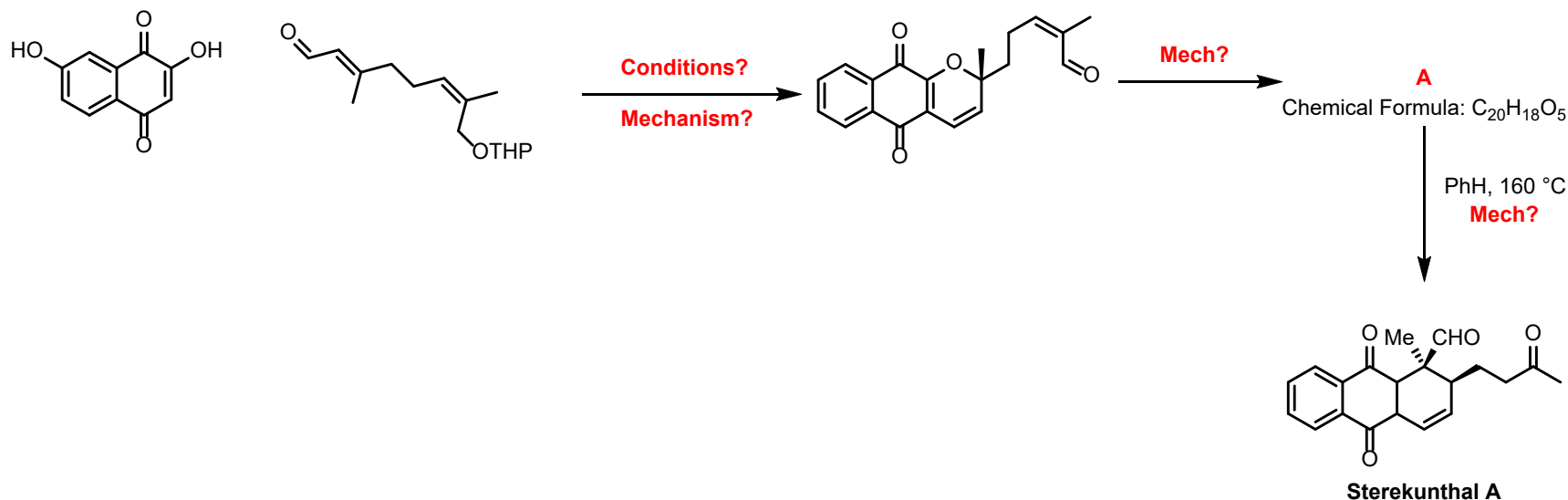
Pericyclic Cascade with Ene Reaction

Barrilaut (2001): Towards the synthesis of (+)-Arteannium M an anti-Malarial.



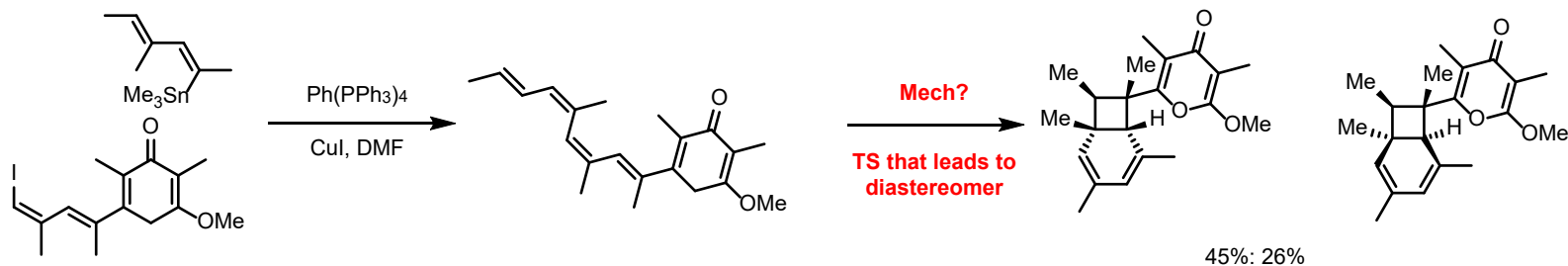
Problem 1

In 2005, Dirk Trauner published a biomimetic synthesis of Naphthoquinones, natural products isolated from the Bignoniaceae plant family. This family of natural products has interesting antimalarial properties and Trauner et. Al wanted to study the biosynthesis.



Problem 2

In 2005, Dirk Trauner published a hypothesized Biomimetic total synthesis to natural products isolated from a bacteria, *Streptomyces spectabilis*.



Natural Product A

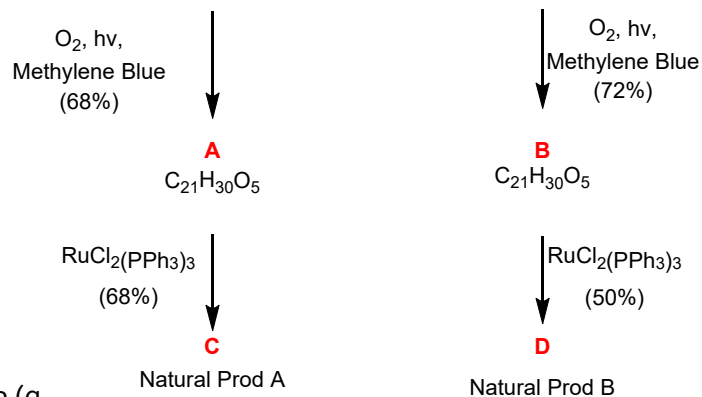
IR (thin film) 2960, 2296, 1659, 1615 cm^{-1} ;
 $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz): δ H 3.98 (s, 3 H), 3.18 (s, 1 H), 2.45-2.38 (m, 2 H), 2.27 (s, 1 H), 1.93 (s, 3H), 1.89 (s, 3 H), 1.55 (s, 3 H), 1.38 (s, 3 H), 1.19 (m, 6 H), 1.02 (s, 3 H);

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz): δ C 182.6, 166.2, 163.3, 119.0, 105.5, 62.3, 61.3, 60.6, 59.4, 56.9, 54.1, 45.0, 44.0, 35.9, 23.6, 22.2, 20.5, 18.6, 11.4, 11.2, 7.6;
 HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_5$ (M⁺): 360.193674; found: 360.194119.

Natural Product B

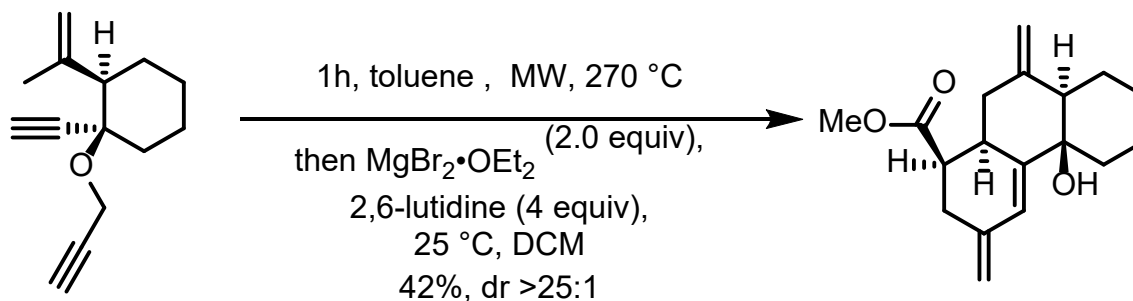
IR (thin film) 2924, 2466, 1657, 1613 cm^{-1} ;
 $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz): δ H 4.05 (s, 3 H), 3.09 (s, 1 H), 2.94 (s, 1 H), 2.83 (s, 1 H), 2.53 (q, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1 H), 2.02 (s, 3 H), 1.88 (s, 3 H), 1.60 (s, 3 H), 1.41 (s, 3 H), 1.38 (s, 3 H), 1.18 (s, 1 H), 1.16 (m, 1 H);
 $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz): δ C 181.7, 162.3, 162.2, 117.8, 100.9, 60.3, 57.8, 57.2, 56.8, 56.2, 46.9, 46.1, 44.3, 34.0, 26.2, 21.4, 21.1, 15.7, 10.8, 10.1, 7.1;

HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_5$ (M⁺): 360.193674; found: 360.193884.



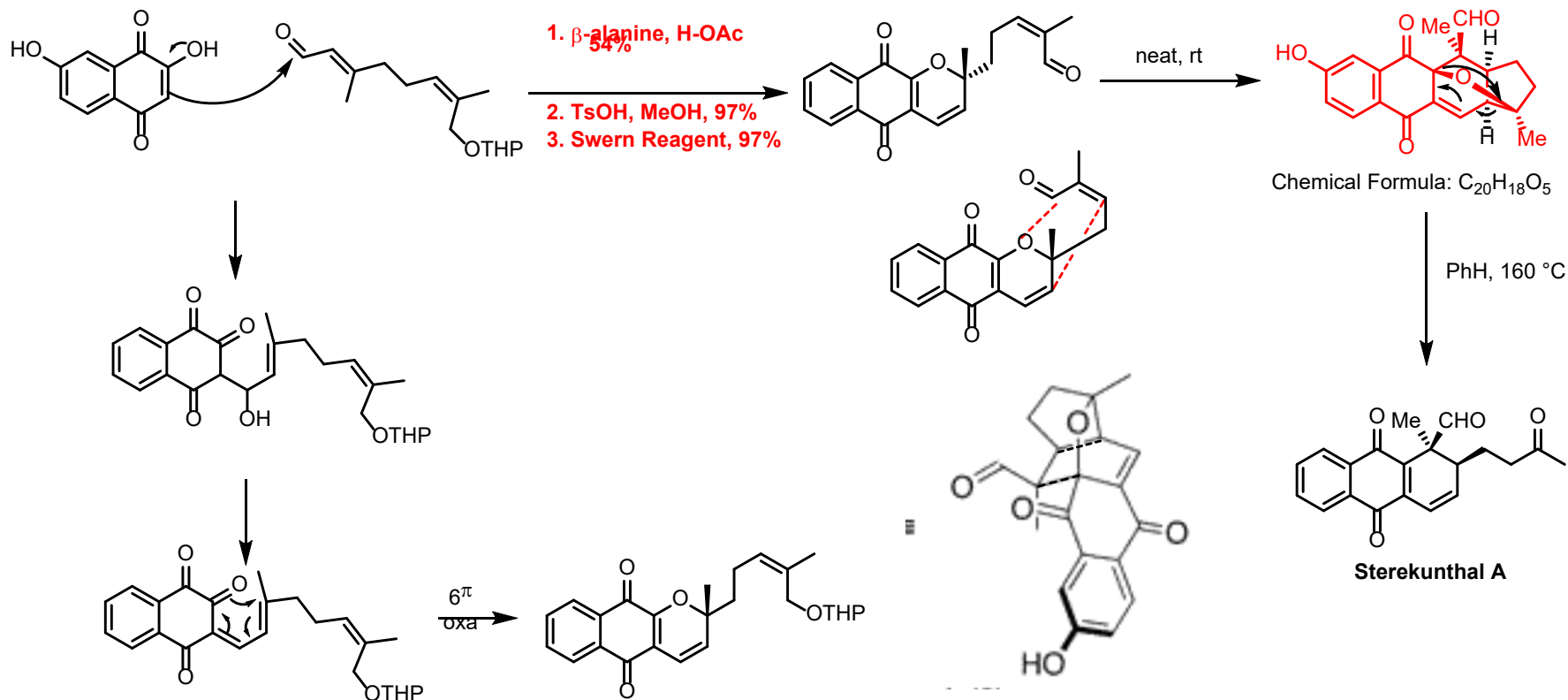
Problem 3

Barriault et. al. published a paper in 2008 towards the a novel approach to construct dieterpenes and 14- β -hydroxysteroids by successive pericyclic reactions.

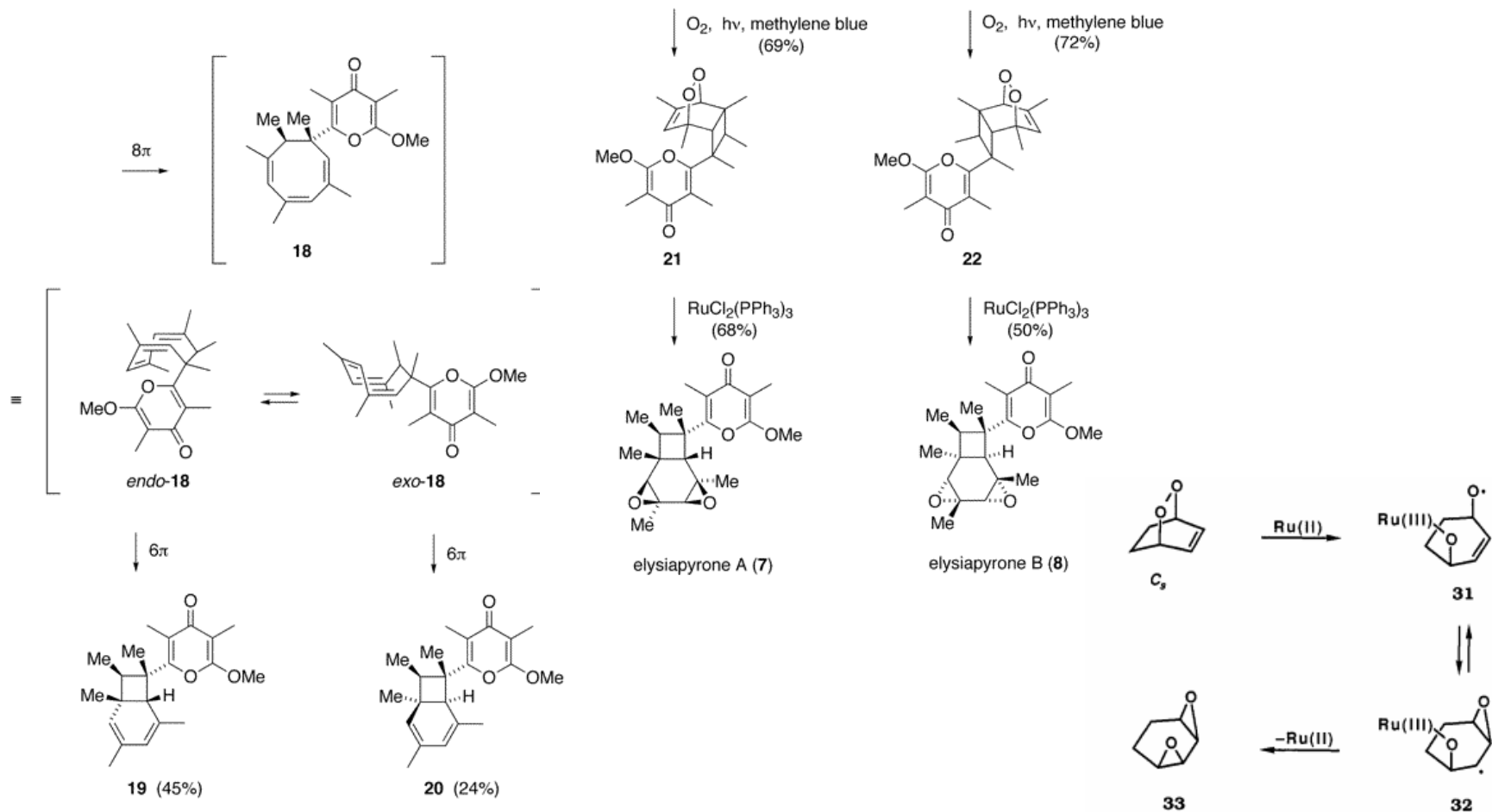


**Mechanism? Stereochemistry?
needed?**
Why was the $\text{MgBr}_2 \cdot \text{OEt}_2$

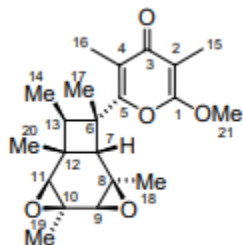
Answer to Problem 1



Answer to Problem 2

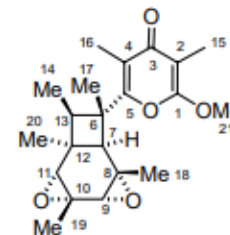


Answer to Problem 2



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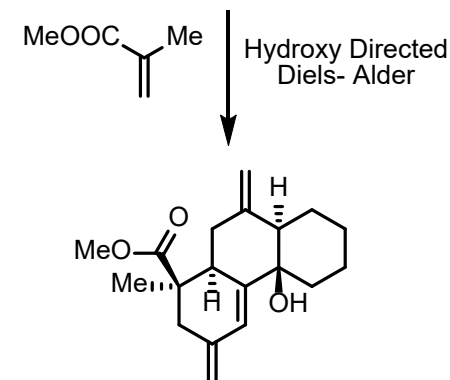
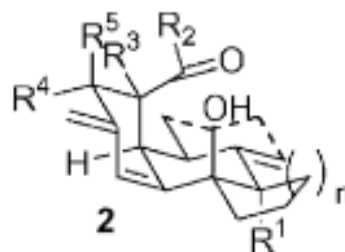
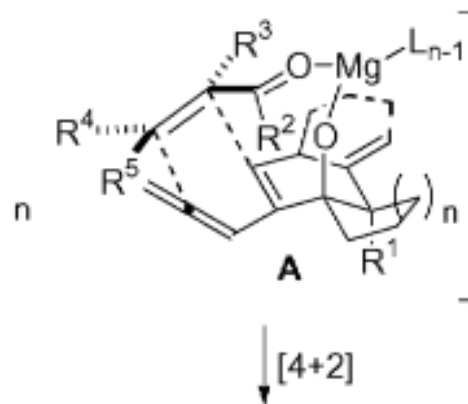
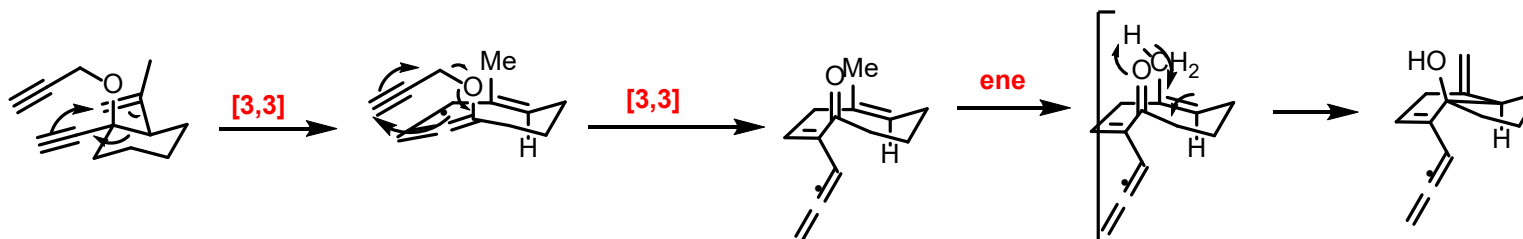
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2	105.4	105.5		
3	182.5	182.6		
4	118.9	119.0		
5	166.1	166.2		
6	44.9	45.0		
7	54.0	54.1	2.27 s	2.27 s
8	59.2	59.4		
9	61.1	61.3	3.18 s	3.18 s
10	56.7	56.9		
11	62.1	62.3	2.39 s	2.39 s
12	35.7	35.9		
13	43.8	44.0	2.43 q (7.5)	2.45 q (7.5)
14	20.3	20.5	1.19 d (7.5)	1.19 m
15	7.4	7.6	1.93 s	1.93 s
16	11.0	11.2	1.89 s	1.89 s
17	23.4	23.6	1.38 s	1.38 s
18	22.0	22.2	1.55 s	1.55 s
19	11.2	11.4	1.20 s	1.20 s
20	18.4	18.6	1.03 s	1.02 s
21	60.4	60.6	3.98 s	3.98 s



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2	100.9	100.9		
3	181.7	181.7		
4	117.8	117.8		
5	162.3	162.3		
6	44.3	44.3		
7	46.9	46.9	2.93 s	2.94 s
8	56.2	56.2		
9	60.3	60.3	3.08 s	3.09 s
10	56.7	56.8		
11	57.8	57.9	2.82 s	2.83 s
12	34.0	34.1		
13	46.0	46.1	2.52 q (6.8)	2.53 q (7.3)
14	10.0	10.1	1.16 d (6.8)	1.16 m
15	7.1	7.1	1.86 s	1.88 s
16	10.8	10.8	2.08 s	2.02 s
17	15.7	15.7	1.37 s	1.38 s
18	21.4	21.4	1.40 s	1.41 s
19	21.0	21.1	1.58 s	1.60 s
20	26.1	26.2	1.17 s	1.18 s
21	57.3	57.3	4.03 s	4.05 s

Answer to Problem 3



More Reading

- Review your Pericyclic Reactions-

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