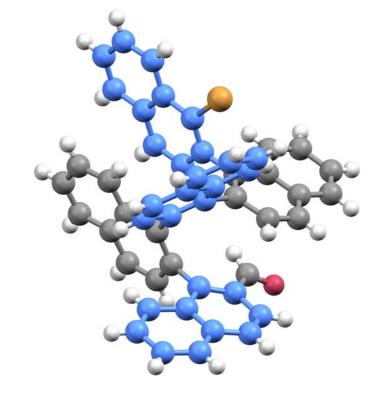
# Reaction- and Stereocontrol through Organocatalytic Activation Strategies

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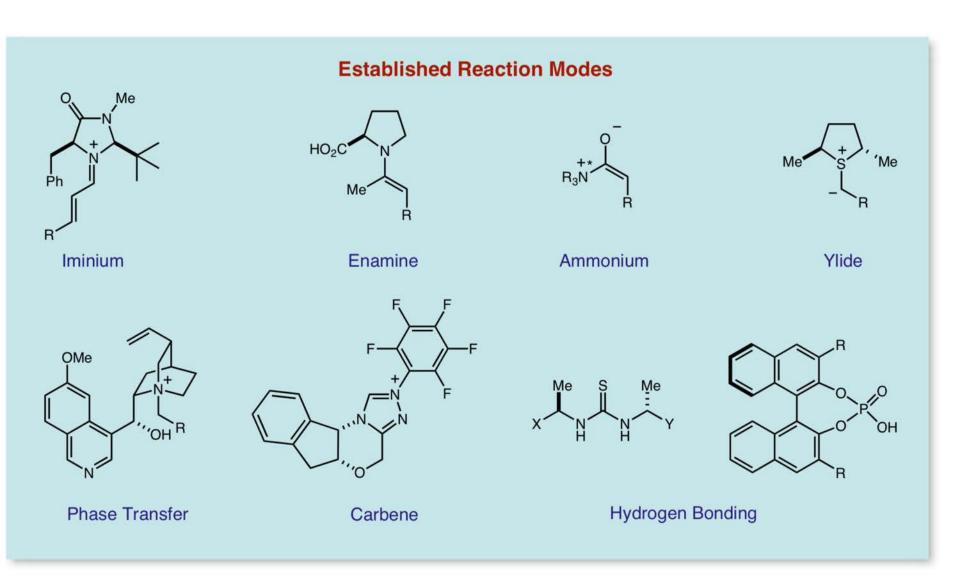
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### Organocatalytic Activation Modes



■ These systems have been developed widely during the previous decade 2000-2009

### Enamine Catalysis: Inspiration from Biology

■ Mechanism of class I aldolases is proposed to involve enamine intermediates

Lysine reside is required for catalytic activity

Rutter, W. J. Fed. Proc. Am. Soc. Exp. Biol. 1964, 23, 1248

### Enamine Catalysis: Early Adoption in Total Synthesis

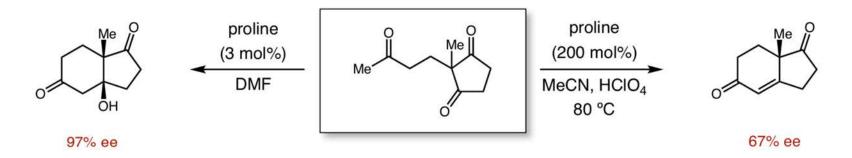
#### ■ Woodward-Wieland-Miescher enamine cyclization for steroid synthesis

Woodward, R. B.; Sondheimer, F.; Taub, D.; Heusler, K.; McLamore, W. M. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1952, 74, 4223

Wieland, P.; Miescher, K. Helv. Chim. Acta 1950, 33, 2215

### Hajos-Parrish-Eder-Sauer-Wiechart: Asymmetric Breakthrough

■ Use of proline to deliver the Weiland-Miescher ketone in an asymmetric fasion



J. Org. Chem. 1974, 39, 1615.

Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 1971, 10, 496.

German Patent DE2102623 (July 29, 1971)

German Patent DE2014757 (Oct 7, 1971)

### Enamine Aldol: Proposed Transition States to Date

Hajos-Parrish (1971)

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Agami (1987)

Houk (2002)

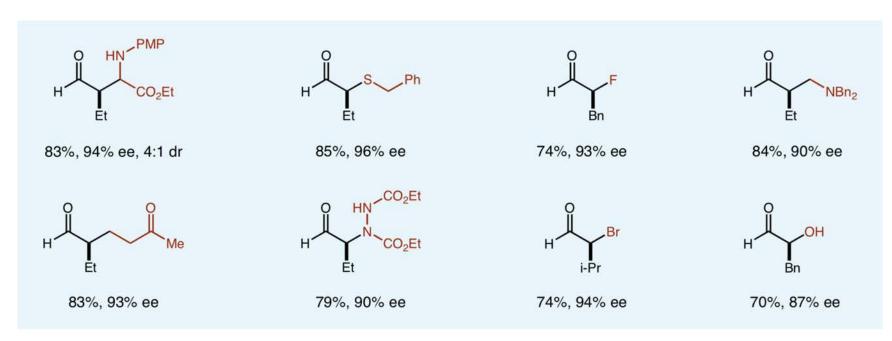
MacMillan (2003)

### Predictable Stereochemistry for Aldol and Mannich

■ Use of proline or proline-type catalysts leads to *anti*-aldol or *syn*-Mannich

■ Maruoka's binaphthyl catalyst is a significant advance to access opposite stereoisomers

### Enamine Chemistry with Jørgensen's Catalyst



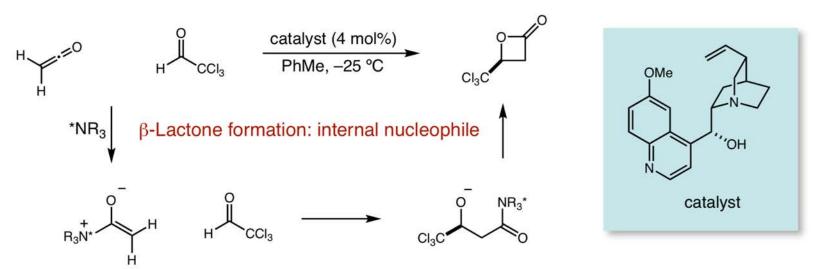
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#### Ketenes as Precursors for Ammonium Enolates

Attack of nucleophilic tertiary amine on ketene leads directly to ammonium enolate

Enantioselective ester/amide α-functionalization

■ First asymmetric example by Wynberg in 1982 (first racemic by Sauer in 1947)



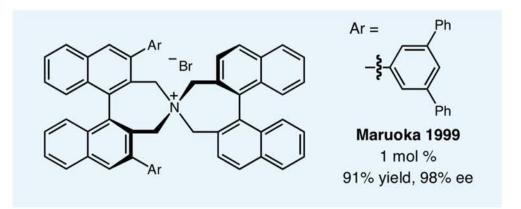
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### Advances in Catalyst Design

■ Catalysts have been benchmarked using the benzylation of glycine imine:

O'Donnell 1989 10 mol % 75% yield, 66% ee

R = allylLygo, Corey 1997 10 mol % 87% yield, 94% ee



### Carbenes as Organocatalysts

■ Carbenes were long suspected as catalytic intermediates

■ For many years a carbene catalyst for the enantioselective benzoin condensation was elusive

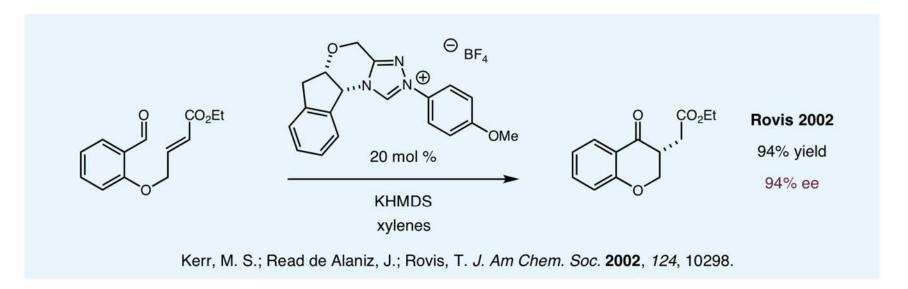
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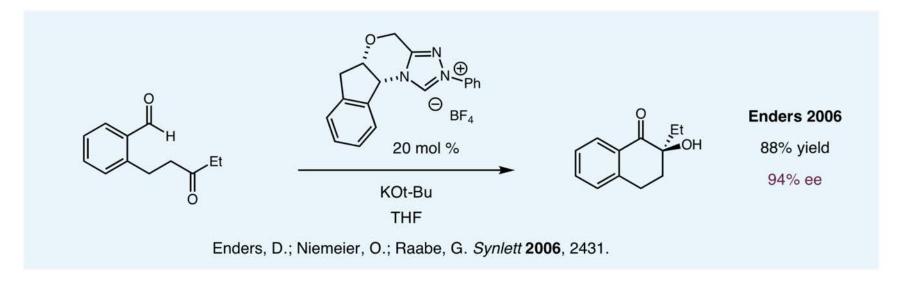
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- The newly proposed intermediate exhibits umpolung reactivity

### Recent Advance in Carbene Catalysis

■ After the initial disclosures in the 1990's the Stetter reaction has been championed by Rovis



■ The Rovis catalyst design has been have been proven to be excellent for many more reactions



### Hydrogen-Bonding Catalysis

#### H-bond catalysis

~30 new reactions

Jacobsen-Akiyama

J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1981, 103, 417-430

Addition of Aromatic Thiols to Conjugated Cycloalkenones, Catalyzed by Chiral β-Hydroxy Amines. A Mechanistic Study on Homogeneous Catalytic Asymmetric Synthesis<sup>1</sup>

#### Henk Hiemstra and Hans Wynberg\*

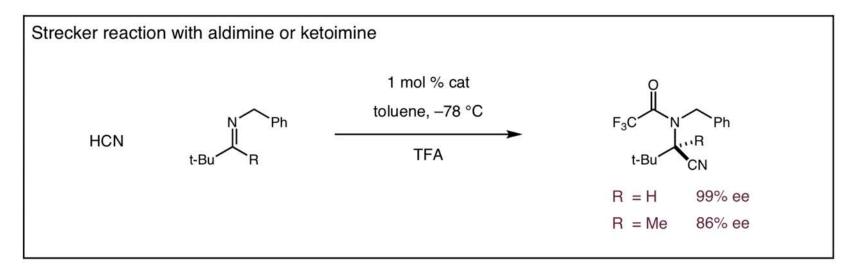
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### Urea Stereochemical Model

■ With a better understanding of how these catalysts work new reaction methods can be developed



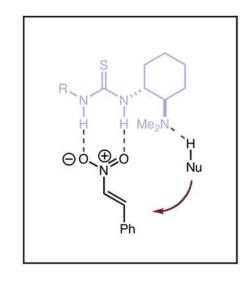
Vachal, P.; Jacobsen, E. N. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2002, 120, 10012.

### Bifunctional Urea Catalysts

#### ■ Enantioselective Michael Addition

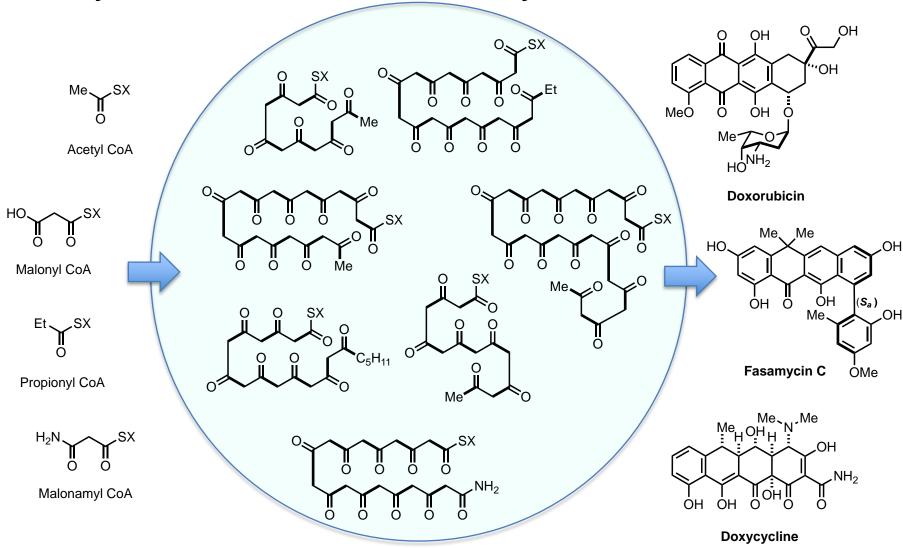
### ■ Both thiourea and tertiary amine are needed

AcHN' 
$$AcHN'$$
  $AcHN'$   $AcHN'$ 



Okino, T.; Hoashi, Y.; Takemoto, Y. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2003, 128, 12672.

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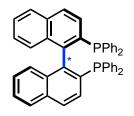
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### Selected Atropisomers

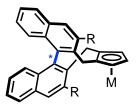
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tertiary Aromatic Amides



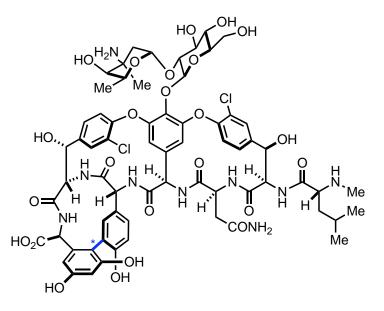
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Cordypyridone B



Cp<sup>x</sup> ligands

Metolachlor



Vancomycin

3-Aryl-quinazolin-4-ones

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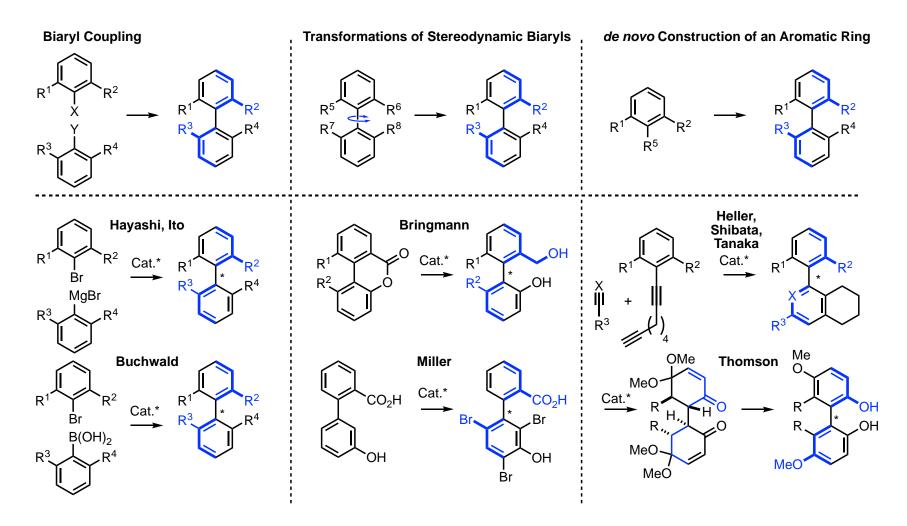
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## Atroposelective Catalysis – Biaryl Synthesis



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### Stereoselective Aldol Condensation

### Arene-Forming

## 22 Scope

## Mechanistic Investigation

## 24 Atroposelective Oligonaphthylene Synthesis

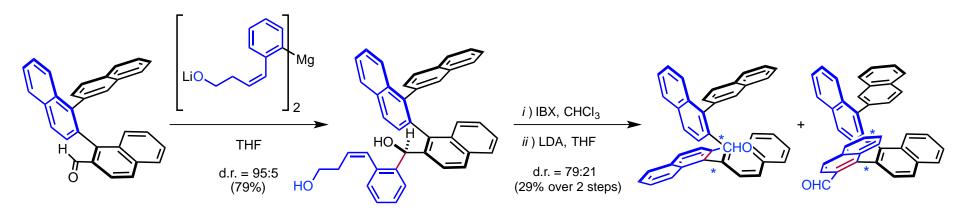
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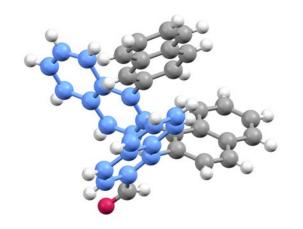
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$$\frac{i$$
) 3-butyn-1-ol, TPGS-750-M CataCXium A G3, Et<sub>3</sub>N  $\frac{i}{ii}$ ) Ni(OAc)<sub>2</sub> • 4 H<sub>2</sub>O, EtOH, NaBH<sub>4</sub>, EDA, H<sub>2</sub> HO  $\frac{i}{ii}$ ) nBuLi, THF, 0°C Mg Naphthalene-BB

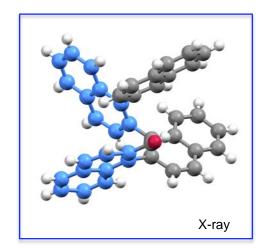
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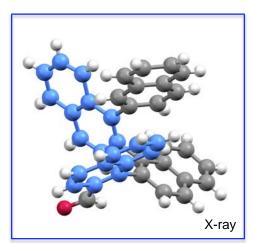
## 26 Atroposelective Oligonaphthylene Synthesis

## Oligo-1,2-naphthylene Diastereoisomers







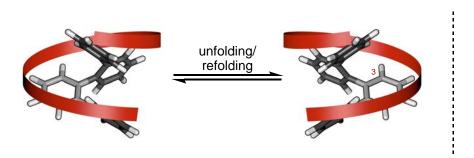


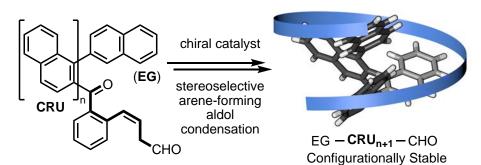
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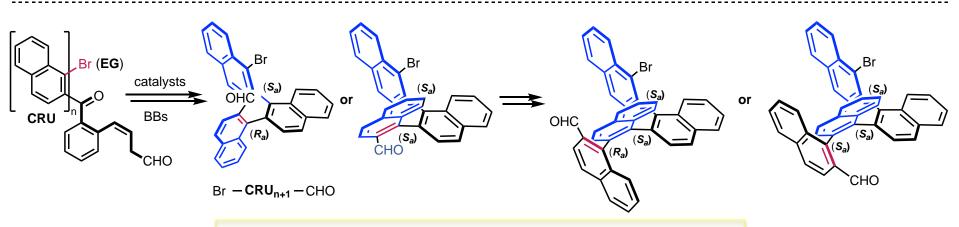
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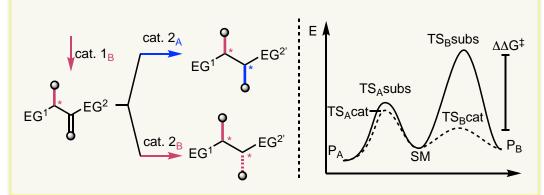
Helix-sense Inversion of ortho-Phenylenes

#### Configurational Stability of 1,2-Naphthylenes

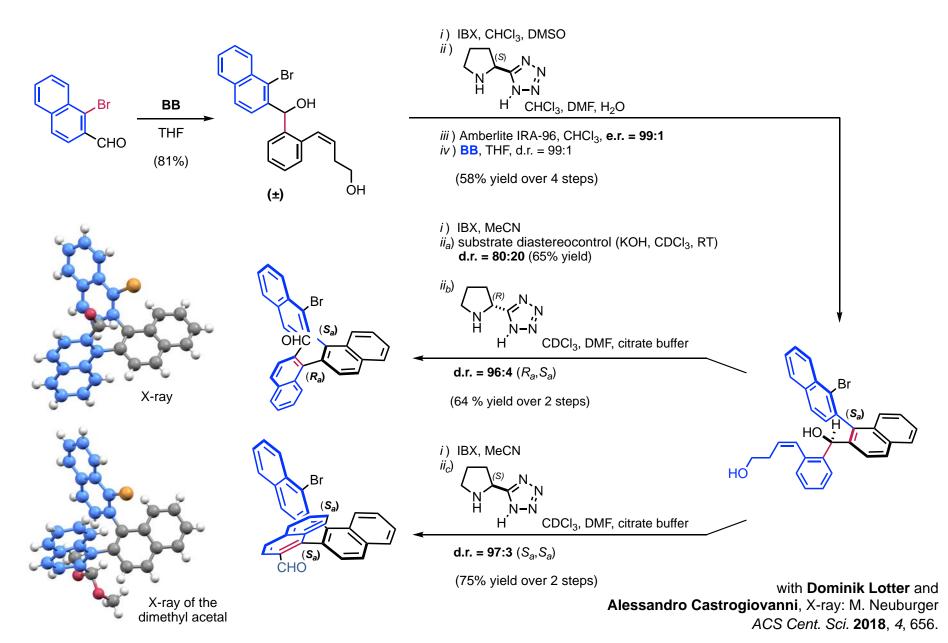




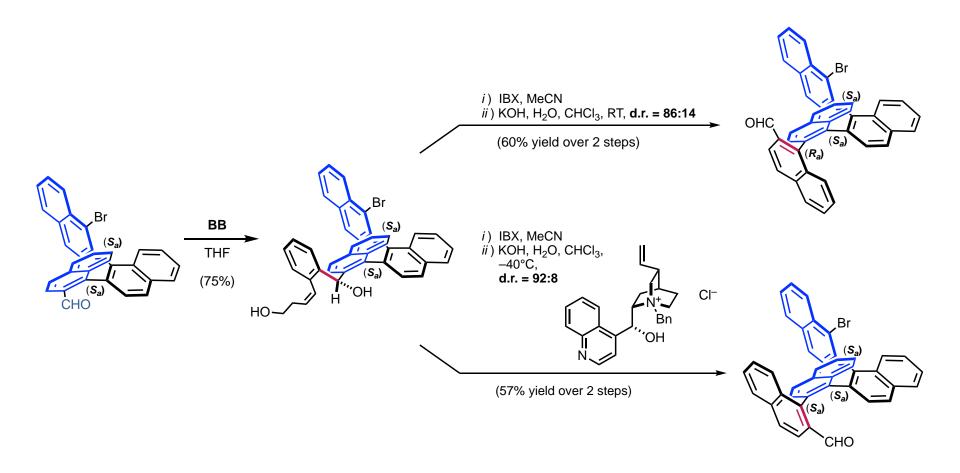




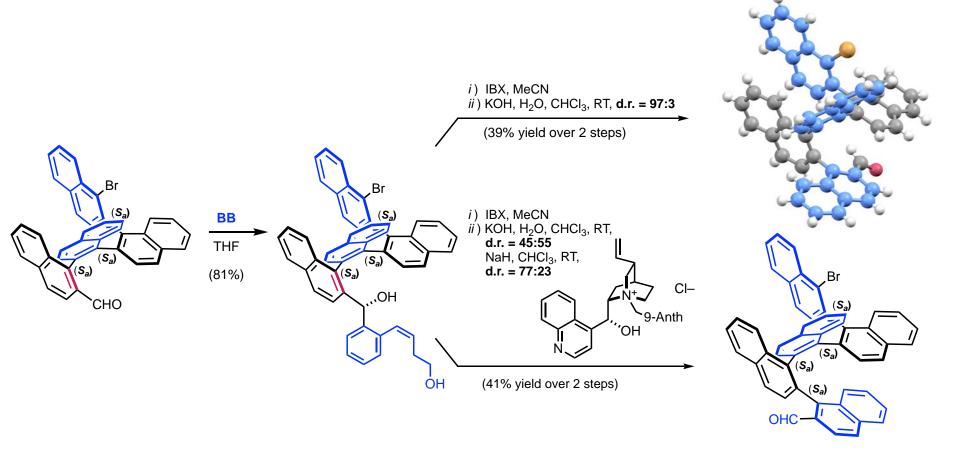
## Stereodivergent Synthesis of Atropodiastereomers



## Catalyst-Control for an Atropisomeric Stereotriad

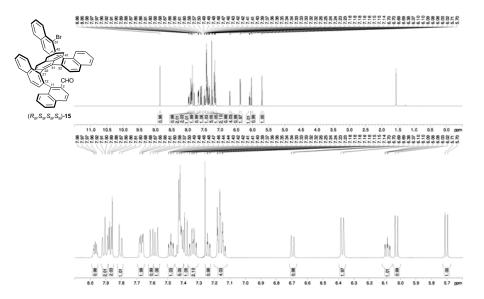


# Stereodivergent Preparation of Atropisomeric Multiaxis Systems

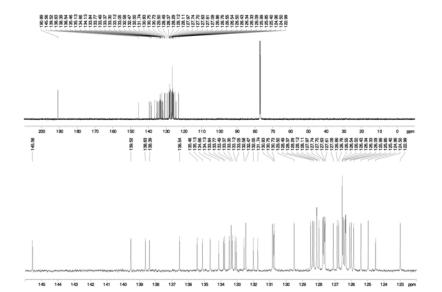


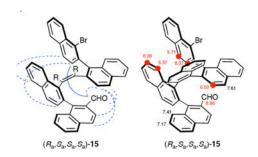
## Control over Atropisomeric Multiaxis Systems

 $(R_a, S_a, S_a, S_a)$ -15, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):

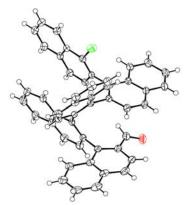


 $(R_a,S_a,S_a,S_a)$ -15, <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):





C23*H*), 7.37–7.31 (2H, m, C7*H*, C27*H*), 7.24 (1H, ddd,  ${}^{3}J$  8.1, 7.0,  ${}^{4}J$  1.1, C17*H*), 7.19–7.12 (4H, m, C8*H*, C13*H*, C28*H*, C38*H*), 6.70 (1H, d,  ${}^{3}J$  8.6, C39*H*), 6.40–6.36 (2H, m, C19*H*, C44*H*), 6.08 (1H, ddd,  ${}^{3}J$  8.4, 6.9,  ${}^{4}J$  1.4, C18*H*), 6.03 (1H, d,  ${}^{3}J$  8.5, C33*H*), 5.70 (1H, d,  ${}^{3}J$  8.2, C43*H*);  ${}^{13}C$  NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 190.9 (*C1*), 145.6 (*C11*), 139.5 (*C21*), 138.6 (*C41*), 138.4 (*C31*), 136.5 (*C42*), 135.5 (*C5*), 135.1 (*C20*), 134.7 (*C32*), 134.1 (*C22*), 133.8 (*C30*), 133.8 (*C45*), 133.5 (*C15*), 133.4 (*C33*), 133.3 (*C35*), 133.1 (*C25*), 133.0 (*C2*), 132.6 (*C40*), 132.5 (*C23*), 132.0 (*C12*), 131.7 (*C50*), 130.8 (*C13*), 130.8 (*C10*), 130.7 (*C43*), 129.5 (*C29*), 128.5 (*C9*), 128.4 (*C4*), 128.3 (*C7*), 128.1 (*C46*), 128.1 (*C6*), 128.0 (*C36*), 127.7 (*C49*), 127.7 (*C14*), 127.6 (*C16*), 127.6 (*C26*), 127.1 (*C19*), 126.9 (*C48*), 126.8 (*C34*), 126.5 (*C37*, *C18*), 126.5 (*C24*), 126.4 (*C39*), 126.3 (*C38*), 126.3 (*C47*),



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## Noncanonical Polyketide Cyclization

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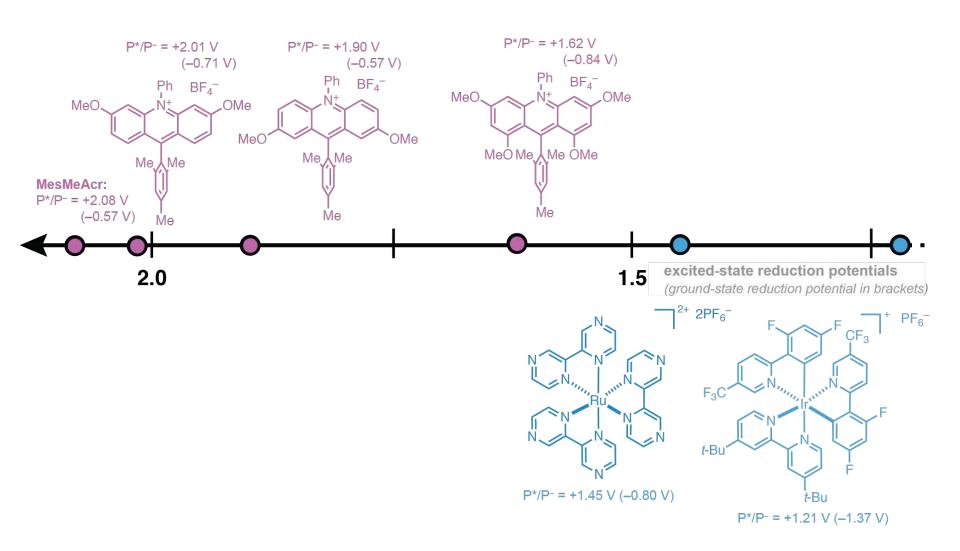
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## 37 Acridinium Photoredox Catalysts

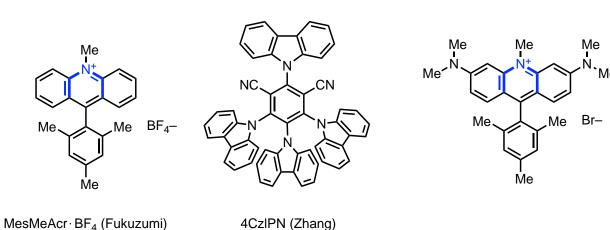


## Synthesis of Aminoacridinium Dyes

 $E_{1/2}^{1/2} (C/C^{-}) = -1.15 \text{ V}$  $\tau = 2.2 \text{ ns}$ 

## Organic Photoredox – Nickel Dual Catalysis

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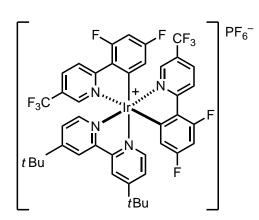
$$E_{1/2}$$
 (C\*/C<sup>-</sup>) = +2.06 V  
 $E_{1/2}$  (C/C<sup>-</sup>) = -1.15 V  
0% yield

78% yield

 $E_{1/2}$  (C\*/C<sup>-</sup>) = +1.35 V

 $E_{1/2}$  (C/C<sup>-</sup>) = -1.21 V

$$E_{1/2} (C^*/C^-) = +1.25 V$$
  
 $E_{1/2} (C/C^-) = -1.15 V$ 

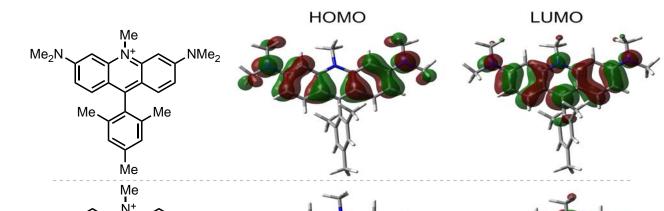


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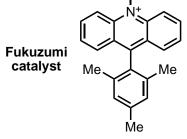


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Early work: Kellogg, Fukuzumi, Tanaka, Pac, Deronzier, Okada, Osawa,...
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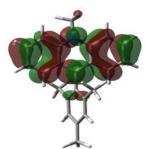
## 40 Aminoacridinium Photocatalysts



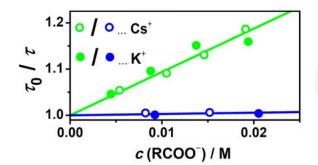
 $\pi$ - $\pi$ \* lowest energetic electronic transition







CT lowest energetic electronic transition



#### Diaminoacridinium

$$E_{1/2} (P/P^{-}) = -1.15 \text{ V}$$
  
 $E_{1/2} (P^{+}/P^{-}) = +1.25 \text{ V}$   
 $E_{T} = 1.91 \text{ eV}$ 

 $\tau_{S} = 1.59 \text{ ns}$   $\tau_{T} = 330 \text{ }\mu\text{s}$   $\Phi_{ISC} = 7\%$ 

in MeCN, vs. SCE ( $\tau_S$  in DMF)

#### **Eosin Y**

 $E_{1/2} (P/P^{-}) = -1.06 \text{ V}$   $\tau_{S} = 4.98 \text{ ns}$   $E_{1/2} (P^{+}/P^{-}) = +1.25 \text{ V}$   $\tau_{T} = 24 \text{ µs}$  $E_{T} = 1.89 \text{ eV}$   $\Phi_{ISC} = 80\%$ 

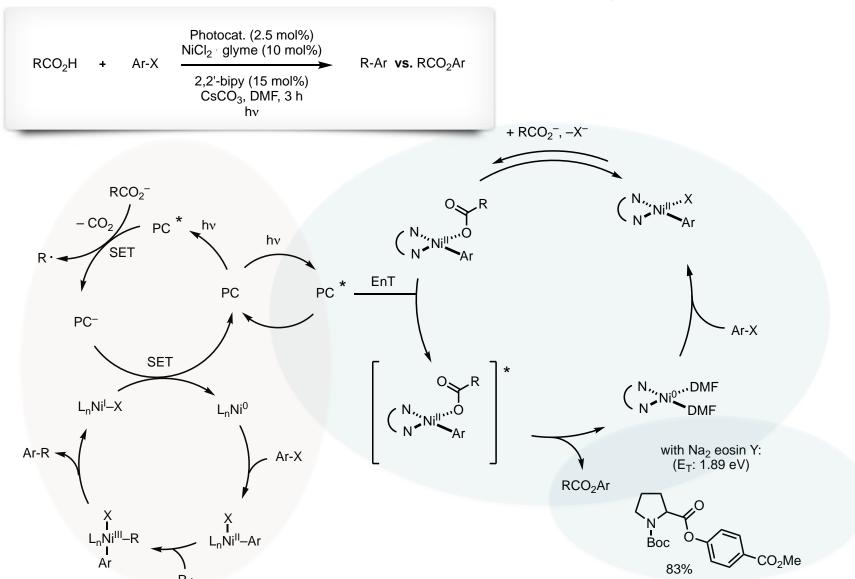
Green: Diaminoacridinium

Blue: Eosin Y

(with K+/Cs+ salts of Boc-L-Pro in DMF)

collaboration with Oliver Wenger and Christoph Kerzig, with Christian Fischer and Bouthayna Zilate submitted

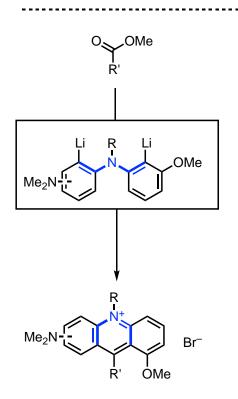
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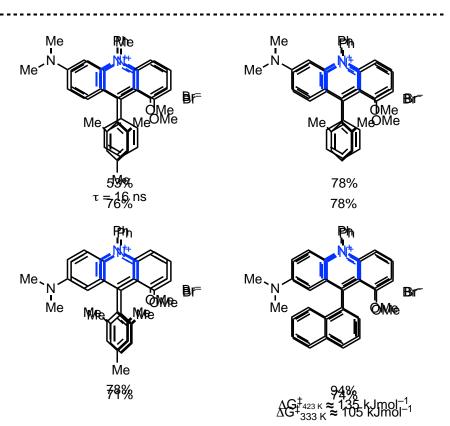


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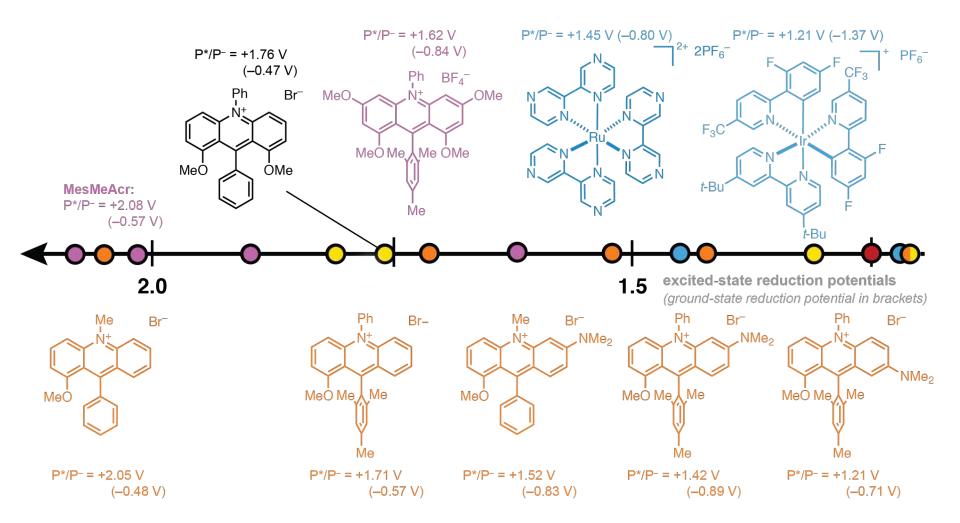
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