

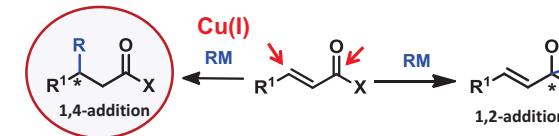


## Enantioselective Synthesis of Chiral Tertiary Alcohols Enabled by Copper(I) Catalysis

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## ***State of the Art***

### Addition to conjugated $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated systems



Cu(I)-based reagents have been used since 1941 to outcompete 1,2-selectivity in the addition of organometallics

RM = RLi, RMgX, R<sub>3</sub>Al, R<sub>2</sub>Zn



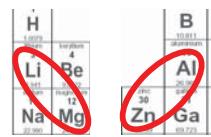
### Copper (I) catalyzed asymmetric 1,4-addition of organometallics

1936 H. Gilman: preparation of MeCu

1941 Kharash: discovery of 1,4-selectivity over 1,2 when Grignard reagent in presence of Cu(I)

1952-1988 House , Corey, van Koten, Lipshutz: structural understanding and synthetic potential of organocuprates

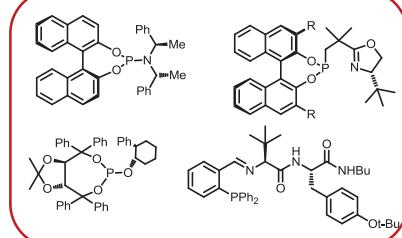
RM



> 400 chiral ligands/catalysts

-excellent chemoselectivity, enantioselectivity

Some examples of chiral ligands

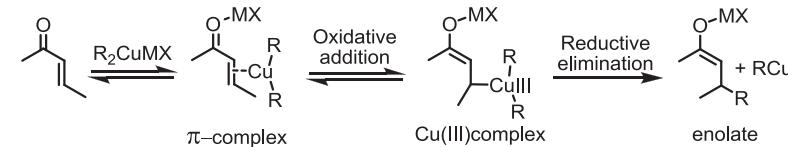


Alexakis, Feringa, Pfaltz , Woodward, Krause, Hoveyda, Zhang .....

Copper catalyzed asymmetric conjugate addition "in "Copper catalyzed asymmetric synthesis" eds: A. Alexakis, N. Krause, S. Woodward, Wiley-VCH, 2014  
Chem. Rev. 2008, 108, 2824.



### Mechanism of Cu-catalyzed addition of organometallic reagents



The proposed mechanism was supported by:

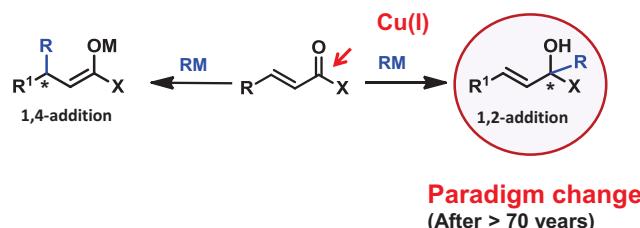
1. NMR observation of the  $\pi$ -complex and Cu(III)-species
2. Theoretical calculations
3. Kinetic isotope effect

a) Woodward S. *Chem. Soc. Rev.* 2000, 29, 393. b) Snyder J. P. et. al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 1997, 119, 3383. c) Nakamura and Mori, *Angew. Chem. Intern. Ed.* 2000, 39, 3750 ; J. Canisius, A. Gerold, N. Krause, *Angew. Chem. Intern. Ed.* 1999, 3, 1644; e) S. H. Bertz, S. Cope; M. Murphy; C. A. Ogle; B. Taylor *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 2007, 129, 7208



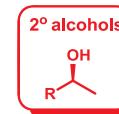
## Impossible or a new paradigm?

### Addition to conjugated $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated systems

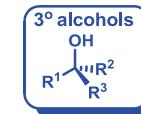


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## State of Art

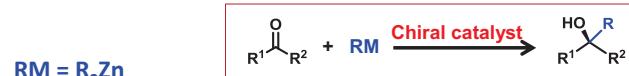


- Kinetic resolution
- Asymmetric hydrogenations
- Enantioselective addition to aldehydes



- Hydrogenation reactions are not applicable
- Low reactivity

### Tertiary alcohols using organometallic reagents



- Excellent enantioselectivities
- Superstoichiometric use of  $Ti(OiPr)_4$  and  $R_2Zn$
- Low atom efficiency, low reactivity
- 48-72h reaction times

*Yus, Walsh, Fu, Kozlowski, Hoveyda, Ishihara...*

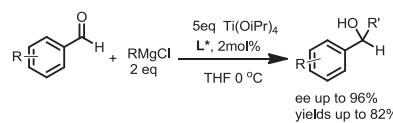
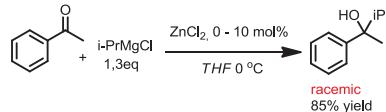
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a) *Chem. Rev.* 2008, 108, 2853. b) *Tetrahedron Asymmetry* 2009, 20, 981. c) *Org. Prep. Proc. Int.* 2011, 43. d) *Synthesis* 2008, 11, 1647. e) *Chem. Rev.* 2001, 101, 757

## Goal / State of Art

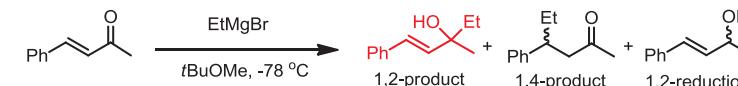
### RMgX ?

- Problems**
- Fast non-catalysed reactions
  - High basicity causes enolisations/side products
  - Competitive reduction via  $\beta$ -H transfer



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### Asymmetric 1,2-addition of Grignard reagents to ketones



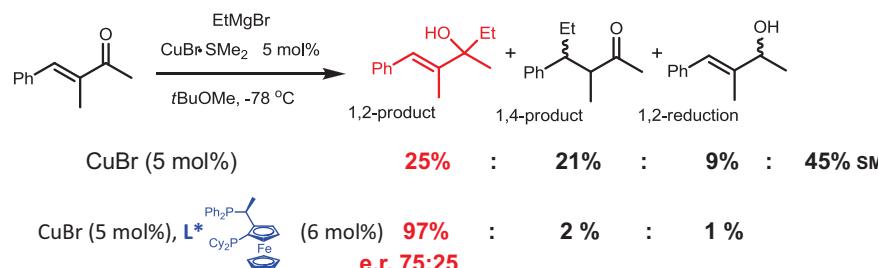
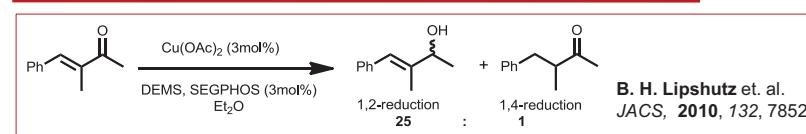
CuBr (5 mol%): **21%** : **79%** : **0%**

CuBr (5 mol%),  $L^*$  (6 mol%): **~20%** : **~80%** : **0%**  
racemic various ee

CuBr (5 mol%),  $L^*$  (6 mol%): **16%** : **84%** : **0%**  
**e.r. 65:35**

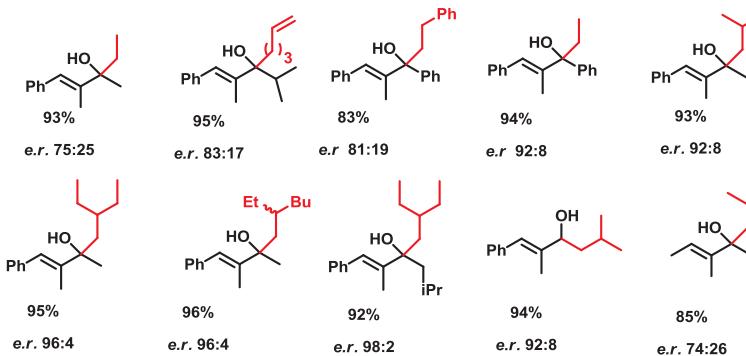
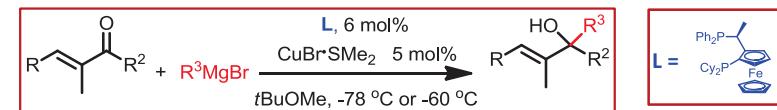
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## *Cu(I) catalysed 1,2-reduction of ketones C-H versus C-C bond formation*



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## *1,2-addition products from $\alpha$ -methyl substituted enones and enals*



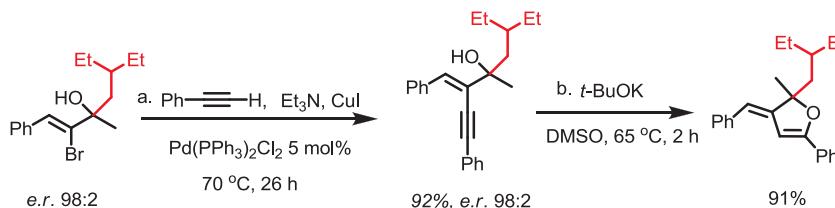
Reaction times: 5-10h

Chem. Comm. 2012, 48, 1478



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## *Application of the methodology in the synthesis of chiral dihydrofuran*

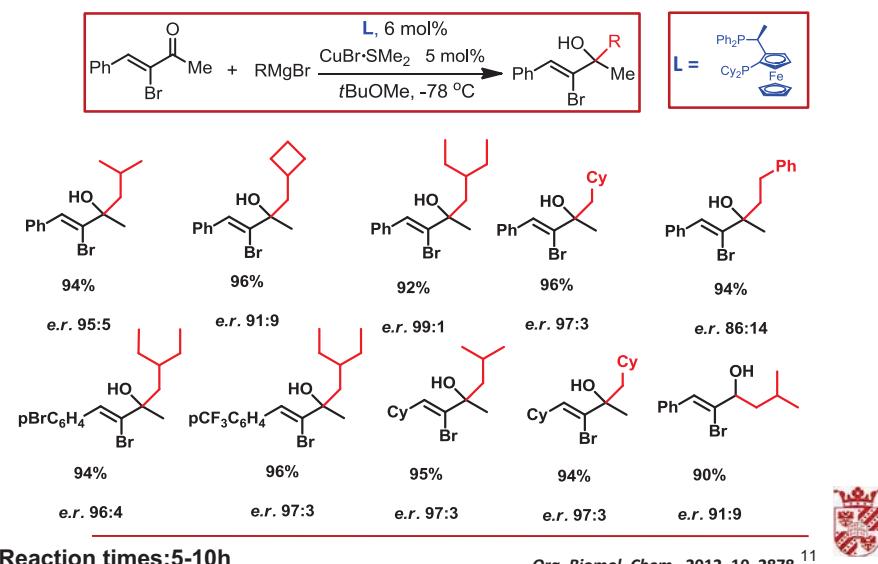


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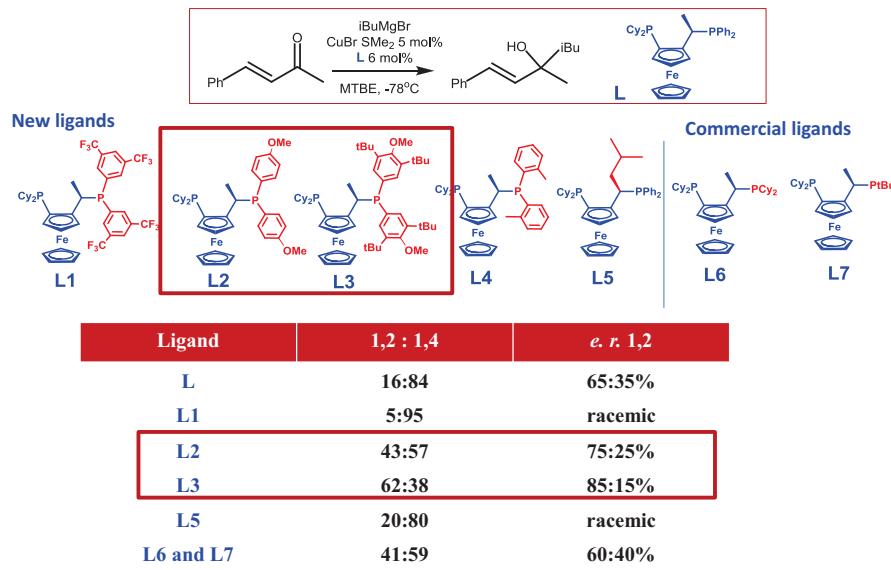


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## *1,2-addition products from $\alpha$ -bromo substituted enones and enals*

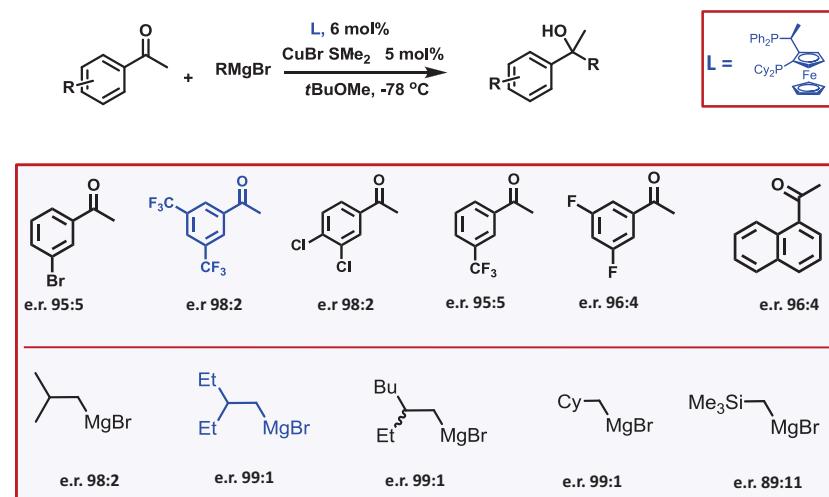


## Addition nonsubstituted conjugated ketones



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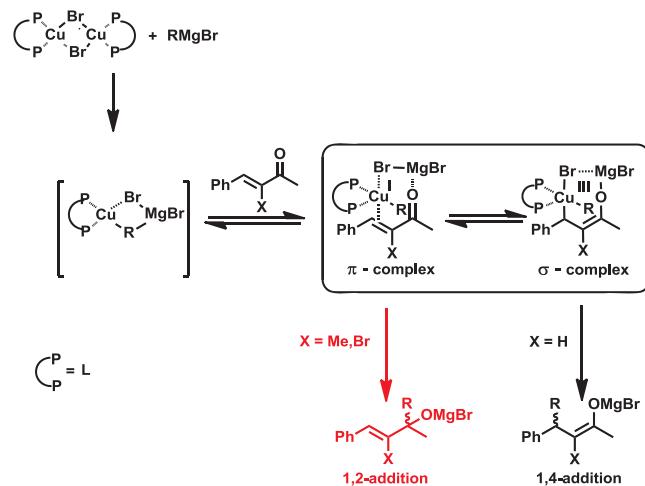
## Addition to ketones: substrate and Grignard reagents scope



Reaction times: 5-10h, yields &gt; 95% Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2012, 51, 3164

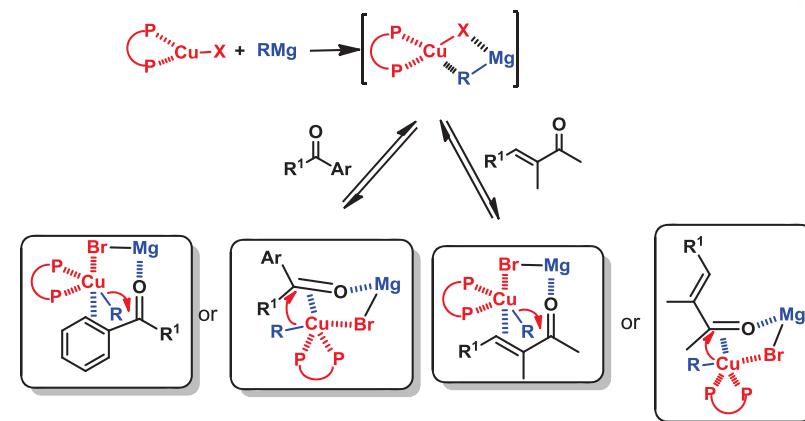


## Working hypothesis



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## Mechanistic rationale for Cu(I)-catalysed 1,2-addition



- Activation of an organometallic
- Double activation of an electrophilic substrate

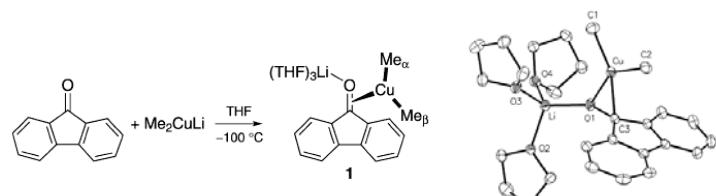
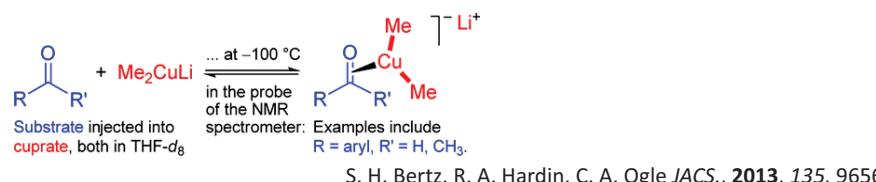
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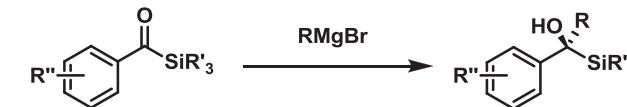
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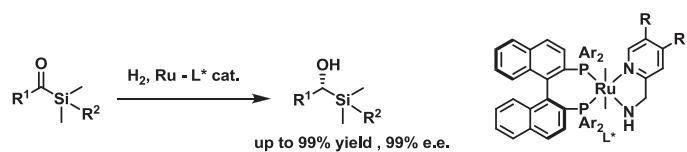
## *Synthesis of tertiary chiral hydroxysilanes*



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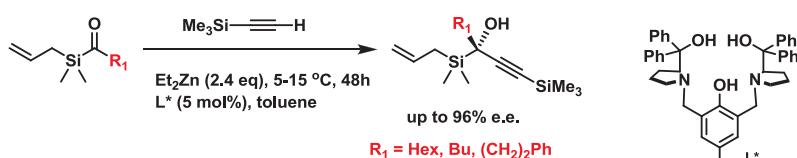
## *Previous work*



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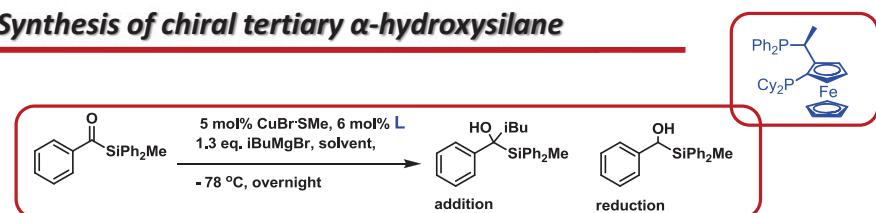


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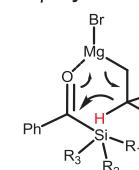
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## *Synthesis of chiral tertiary $\alpha$ -hydroxysilane*



add:red      e.e. %  
1:2            90%

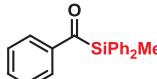
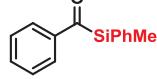
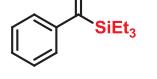
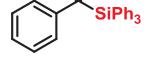
reduction via  $\beta$ -hydride transfer



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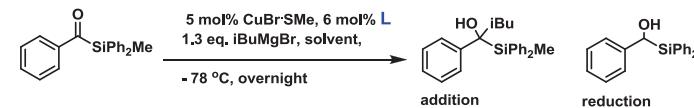
## Effect of sila substituent

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	1:2	90%
	1:1.3	80%
	0:1	-
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## Synthesis of chiral $\alpha$ -hydroxysilane/addition of Lewis acid

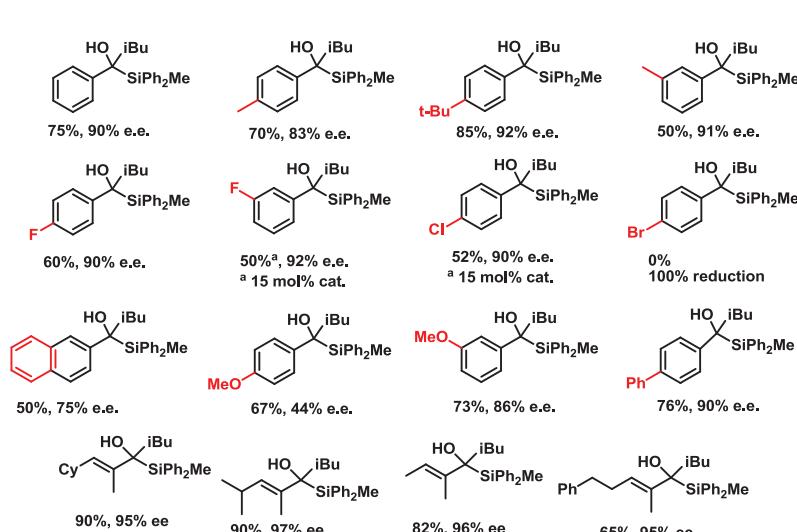


Entry	Lewis acid	Conversion	Add:red	e.e. %
1	None	Full	1:2	90
2	$\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{Et}_2\text{O}$ 2eq	Full	3:1	86
3	$\text{TMSCl}$ 2eq	Full	1:1.6	91
4	$\text{CeCl}_3$ 1.3 eq	Full	1:1.3	93
5	$\text{MgCl}_2$ 2 eq	Full	1:2	91

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## Substrate scope

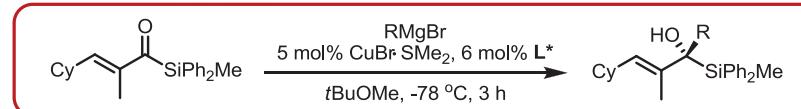


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## Grignard reagent scope



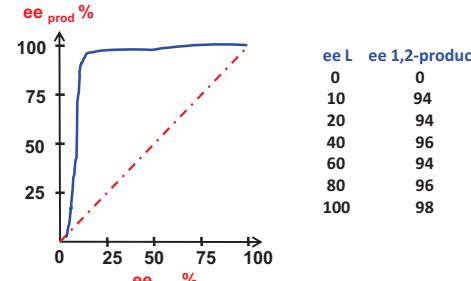
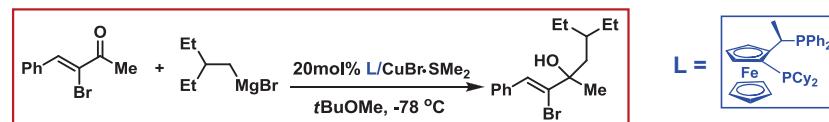
Entry	RMgBr	Yield (%)	e.r.
1	$\text{CH}_3\text{MgBr}$	95	92:8
2	$\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{MgBr}$	93	92:8
3	$\text{CH}_2\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{MgBr}$	90	98:2
4	$\text{CH}_2\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{MgBr}$	89	93:7
5	$\text{PhCH}_2\text{MgBr}$	95	91:9
6	$\text{PhCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{MgBr}$	97	93:7
7	$\text{PhC}_6\text{H}_4\text{MgBr}$	96	95:5

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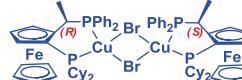
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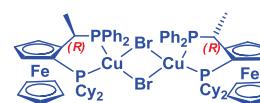
## Asymmetric amplification



Kagan's ML<sub>2</sub> model?



heterochiral dimer



homochiral dimer

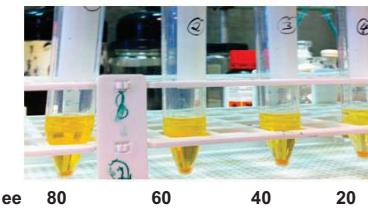
T. Satyanarayana, S. Abraham, H. B. Kagan *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* 2009, 48, 456 Nonlinear Effects in Asymmetric Catalysis



## The origin of asymmetric amplification



L/CuBr in tBuOMe



Supernatant: ee > 90%

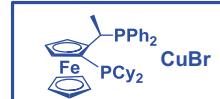
Precipitates: ee < 15

(determined by CD and polarimetry)



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## Analysis of the solution and the precipitate



Mass-spectroscopy: ESI (solution) and DART (solid)

Both dimer and monomer are present in racemic and enantiopure complexes

Solubility in tBuOMe

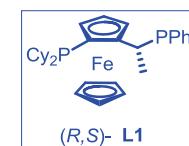
enantiopure: 70mg/ml (0.12M)  
racemic: less than 1mg/15ml

Melting points

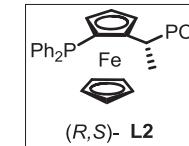
enantiopure complex: 180 - 186 °C  
racemic complex: 210 - 216 °C



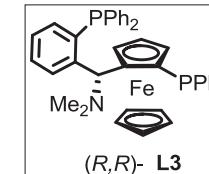
## What about metals other than Cu ?



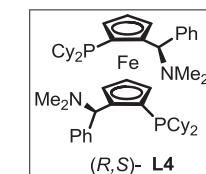
(R,S)- L1



(R,S)- L2



(R,R)- L3



(R,S)- L4

Pd(II) as well as Rh(I) complexes of chiral biphenyl phosphine ligands behave similar Cu(I) analogues

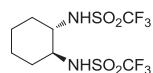
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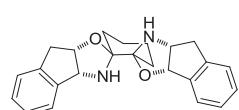
## Asymmetric amplification based on the equilibrium solid-liquid phase behavior



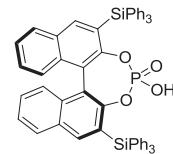
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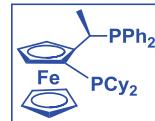
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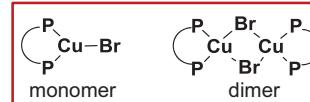
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## Monomer or dimer?

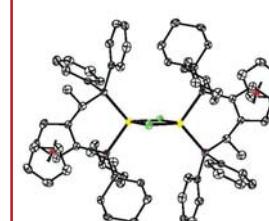
The origin of the phenomenon



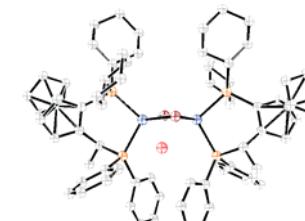
or

Homochiral dimer      heterochiral dimer

(R,S)-L/ (S,R)-L/2CuBr



(R,S)-L/ (R,S)-L/2CuBr



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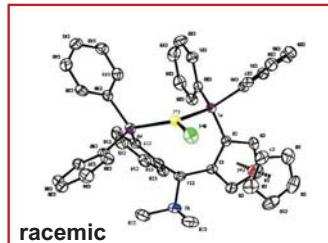
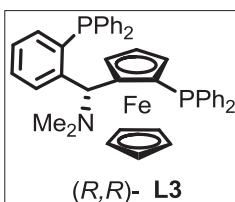
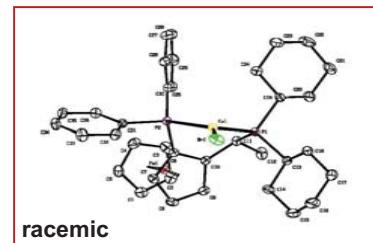
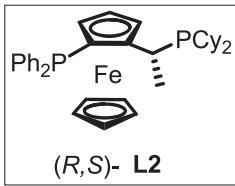
## Access to enantiopure ligand:

experiments with Cu- complexes with ee's of 20%

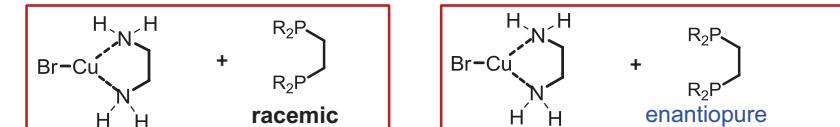
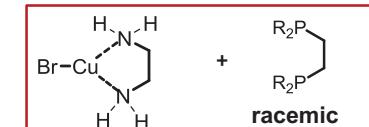


Centrifuge  
precipitate      solution

## Structure of racemic CuBr complexes of chiral biphosphine ligands



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Determined by CD and polarimetry



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