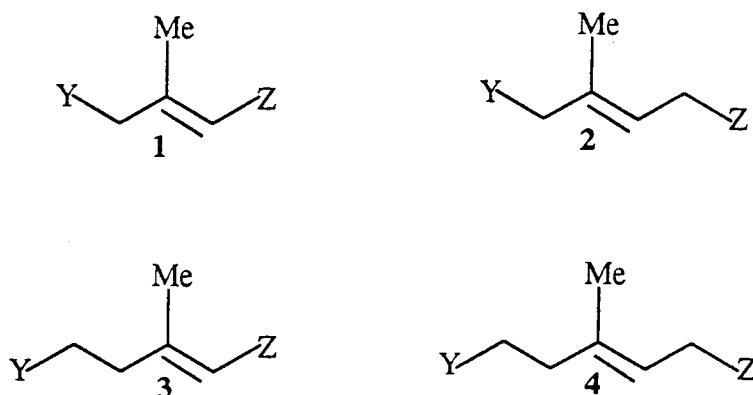


**EVOLUTION IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF
FUNCTIONALIZED BUILDING BLOCKS
'via'
METALLOMETALATION OF HETEROSUBSTITUTED ALKYNES**

The importance of stereodefined and polysubstituted carbon-carbon double bonds in organic synthesis cannot be overemphasized. Among the others, trisubstituted olefins with two proximal groups such as 1-4 are potentially useful synthons for the synthesis of a variety of natural products of terpenoid origin.



In recognition of the importance of this central functional group, many ingenious and selective methods have been devised over the years:

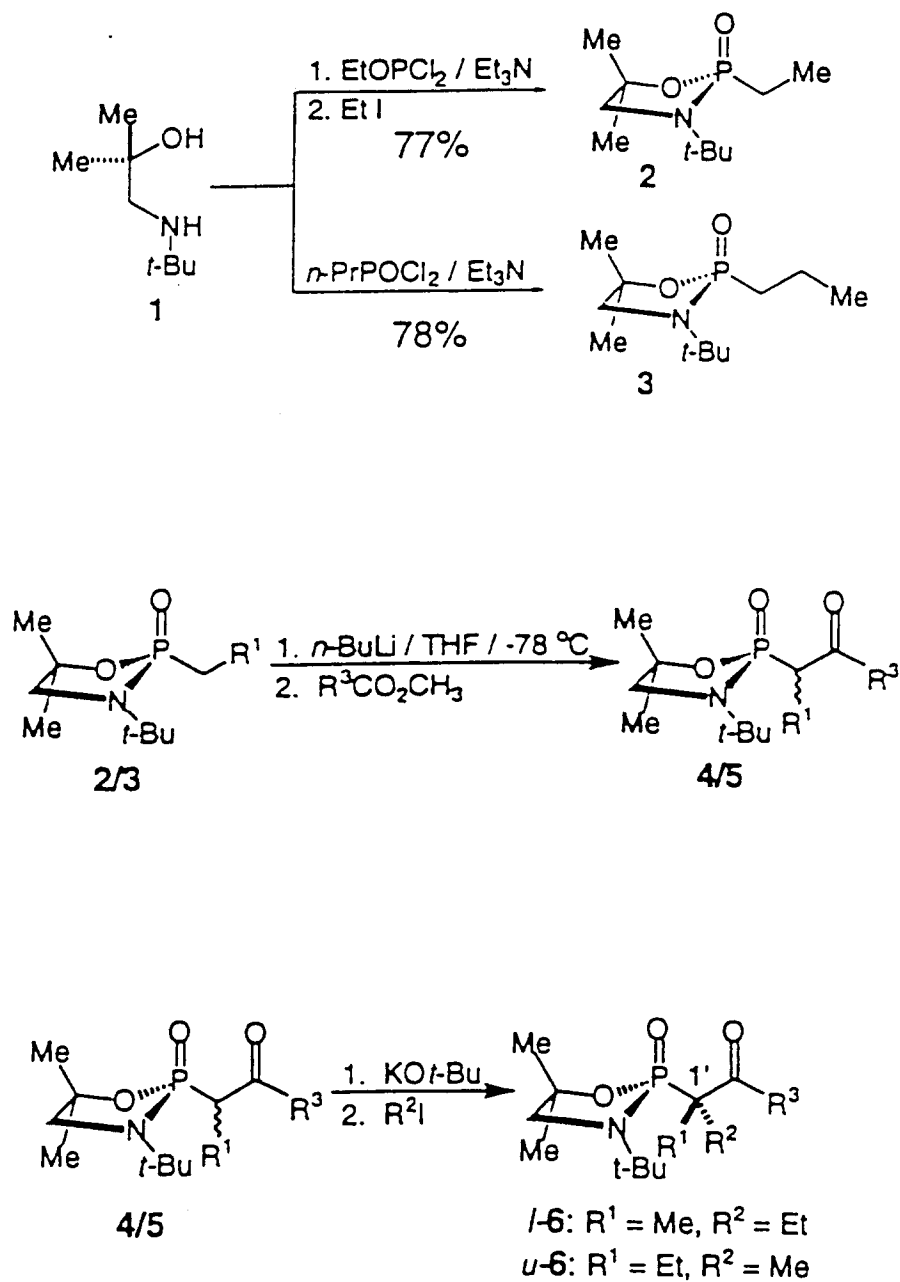
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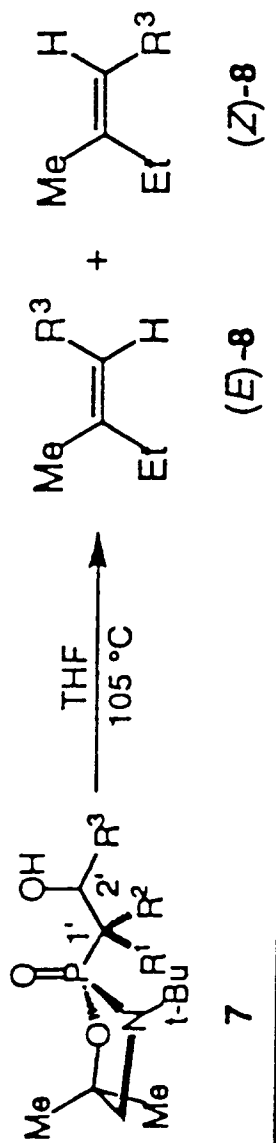
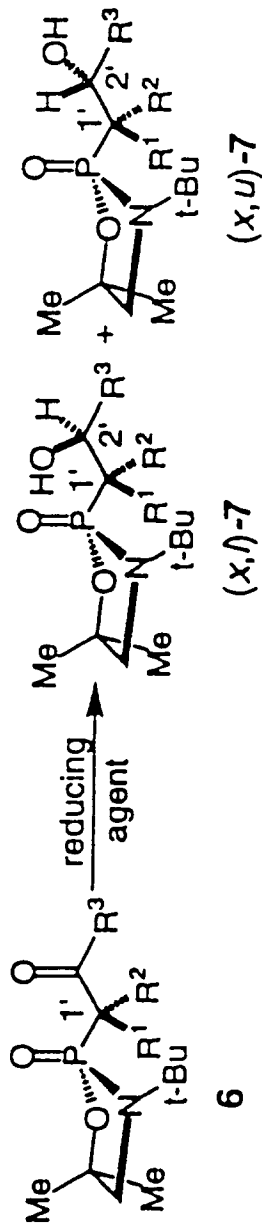
b)- Julia, M *Pure Appl. Chem.* 1985, 57, 763.

Nevertheless, the need for a general and highly selective method for the constructive synthesis of trisubstituted alkenes remains. Besides the venerable Wittig reaction for which the problems in formation of tri- and especially tetrasubstituted alkenes are well documented, other methods are emerging.

A new, general, and stereoselective method for
the synthesis of trisubstituted alkenes

by Scott Denmark and Jack Amburgy



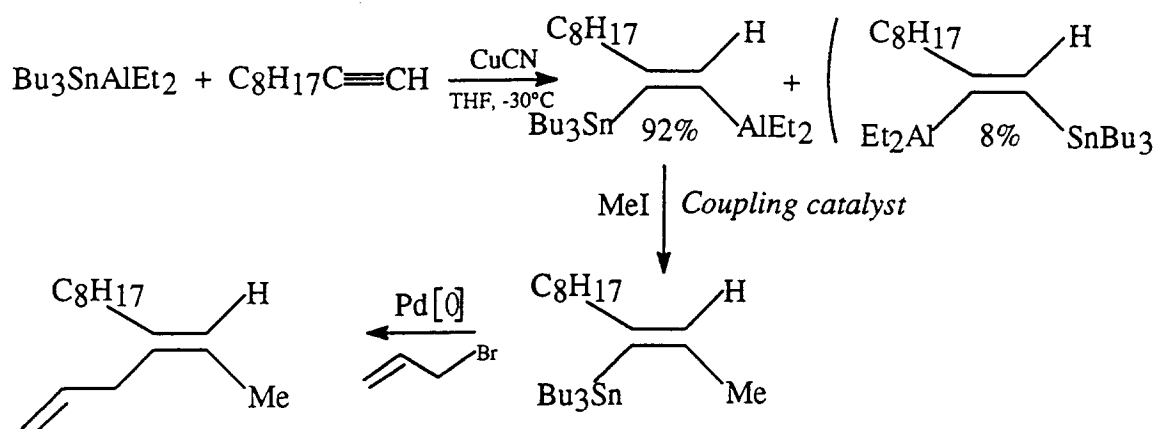


OTHER VIABLE ROUTES TO TRISUBSTITUTED OLEFINS
ARE

METALLO-METALATION REACTIONS OF 1-ALKYNES

Terminal acetylenes react with bis-metallic reagents containing less electropositive metals such as Cu, B, Al, Si, Z, and Zr, in the presence of suitable catalysts (Cu^+ , Pd^0 , or Pd^{2+}) to give 1,2-dimetallo-1-alkenes in highly regio- and stereocontrolled reactions. These can be selectively functionalized at the more reactive vinyl-metal bond to provide a monometallo-alkene: this upon transmetalation and further reaction with electrophiles gives stereo- and regiodefined trisubstituted olefins.

Regioselectivity in metallometalations is influenced by the catalysts employed as well as by the metals and steric bulk of the alkyl groups in the bimetalloid.

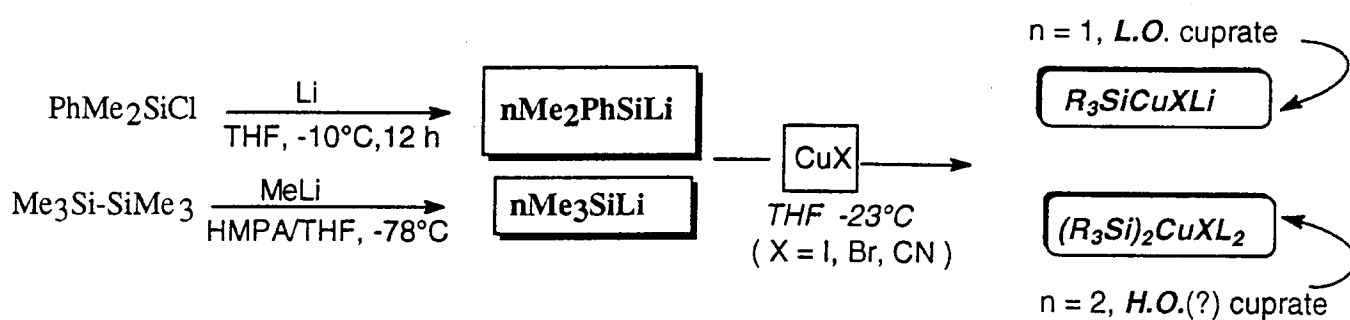


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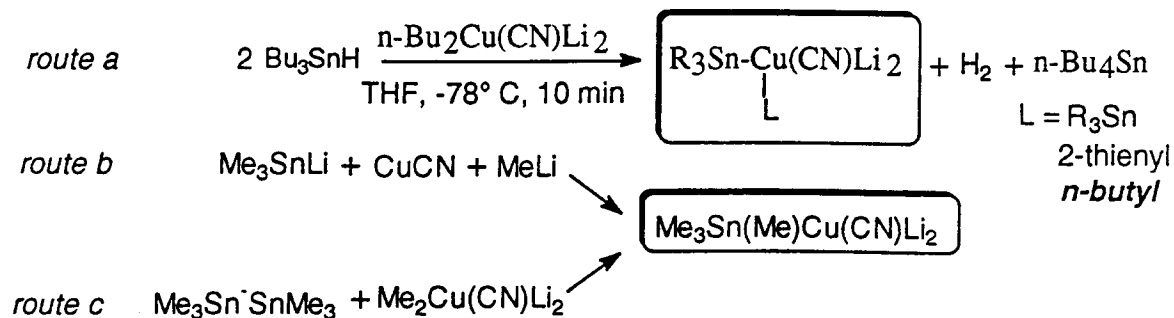
The most recent trends in the application of metallometalation as a synthetic tool, focus on metalocuprations and in particular on the application of silyl- and stannylcupration reagents. The reasons for the rising popularity of the use of Group 14-Cu reagents stems from several factors:

- a)- Most of the metallometalations occur in the presence of a Cu^+ catalyst, suggesting that the true species is a metalocuprate.
- b)- The differential reactivity between the C-Cu and C-Group 14 bonds, allows for the stepwise functionalization of the organometallic adduct with electrophiles.
- c)- Reliable procedures are available for the generation of silylcupration and stannylcupration reagents.
- d)- Possibility of tuning of the reactivity moving from monoanionic (L.O.) to bisanionic (H.O. ?) metalocuprates.

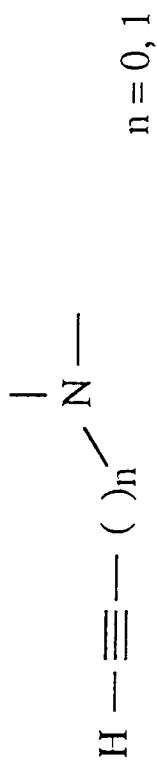
Preparation of silyl- and stannyl-cupration reagents



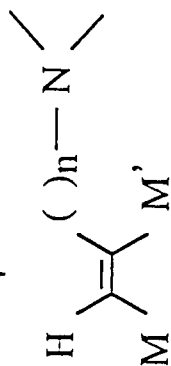
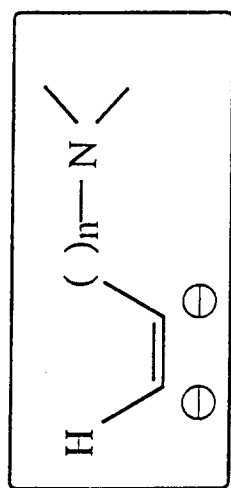
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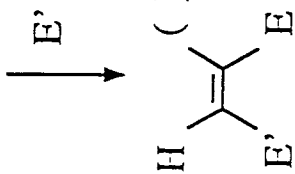
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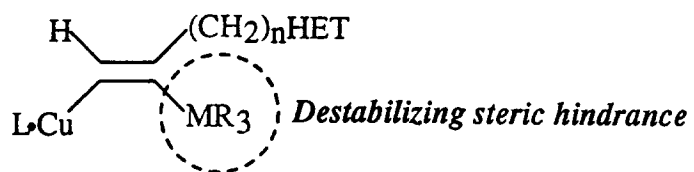
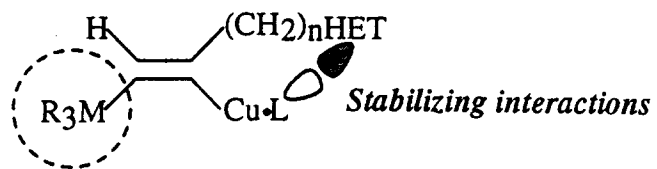
METALLOMETALATION



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SELECTIVE REACTION OF THE MORE
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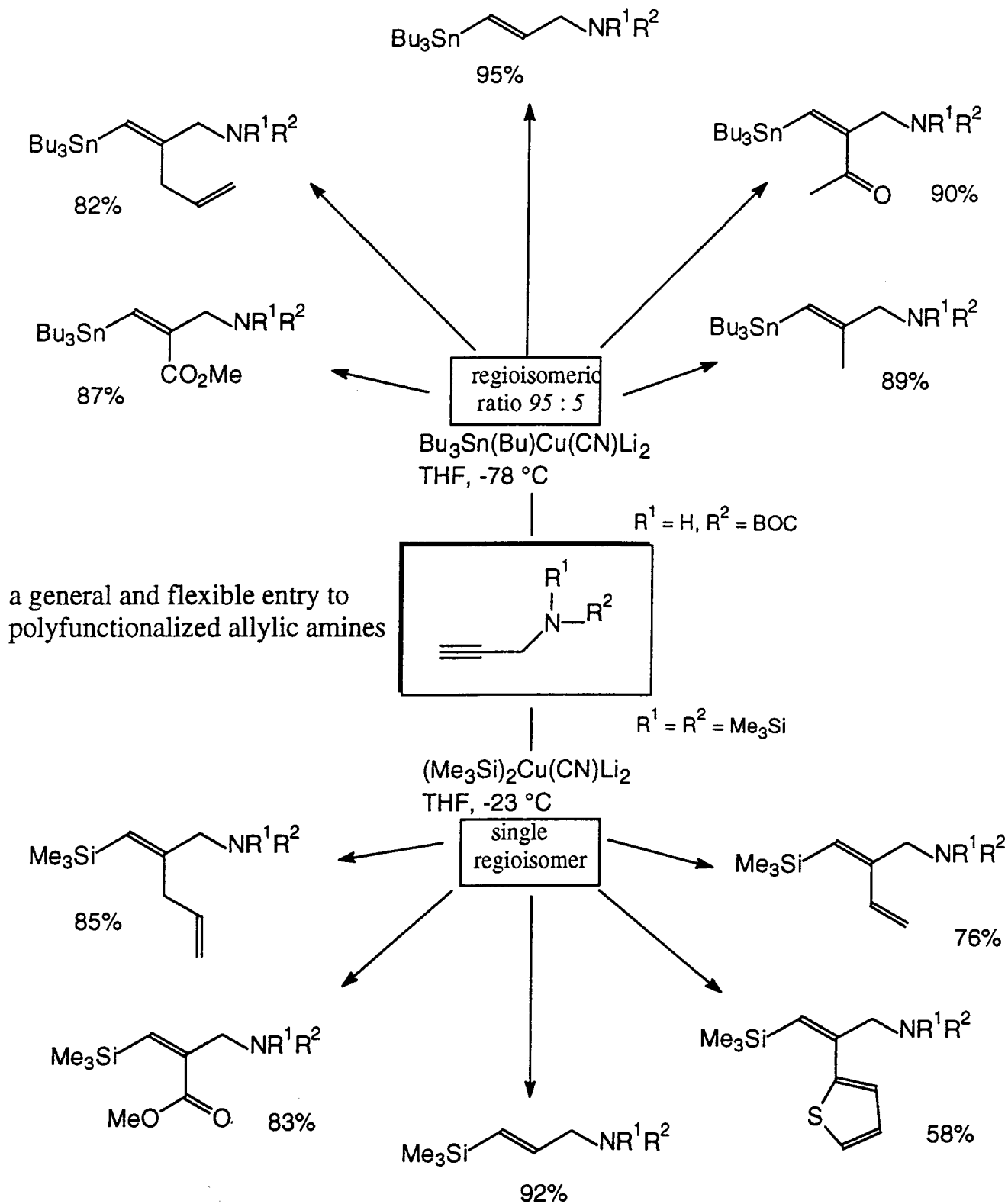


Regio- and stereodefined selectively polyfunctionalized olefins

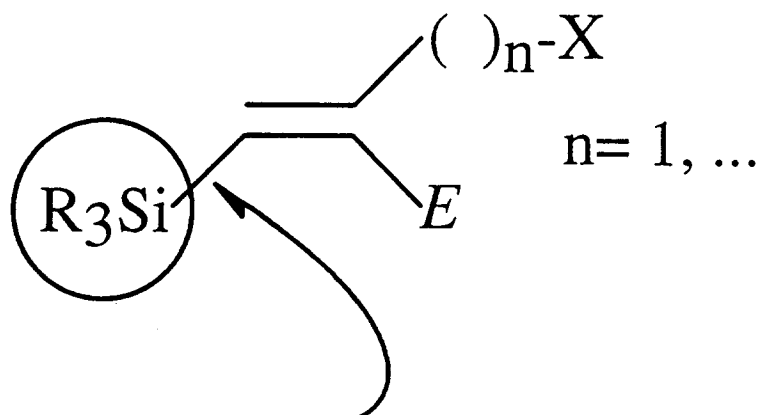


$n = 0, 1$
 $\text{HET} = \text{NHP}, \text{NPP}, \text{SR}$
 $\text{P} = \text{BOC}, \text{Me}_3\text{Si}$

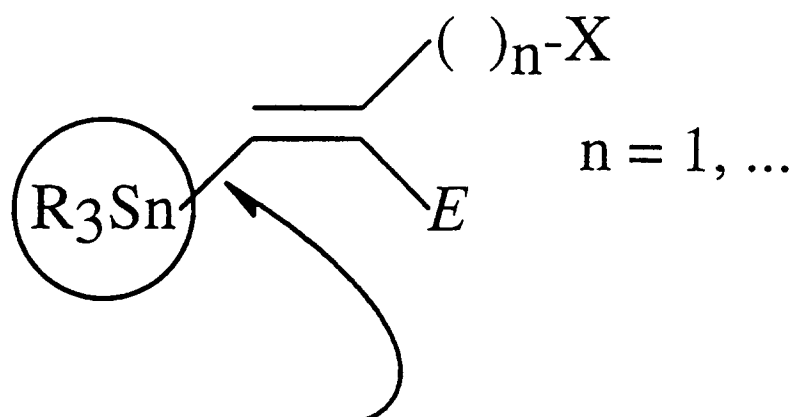
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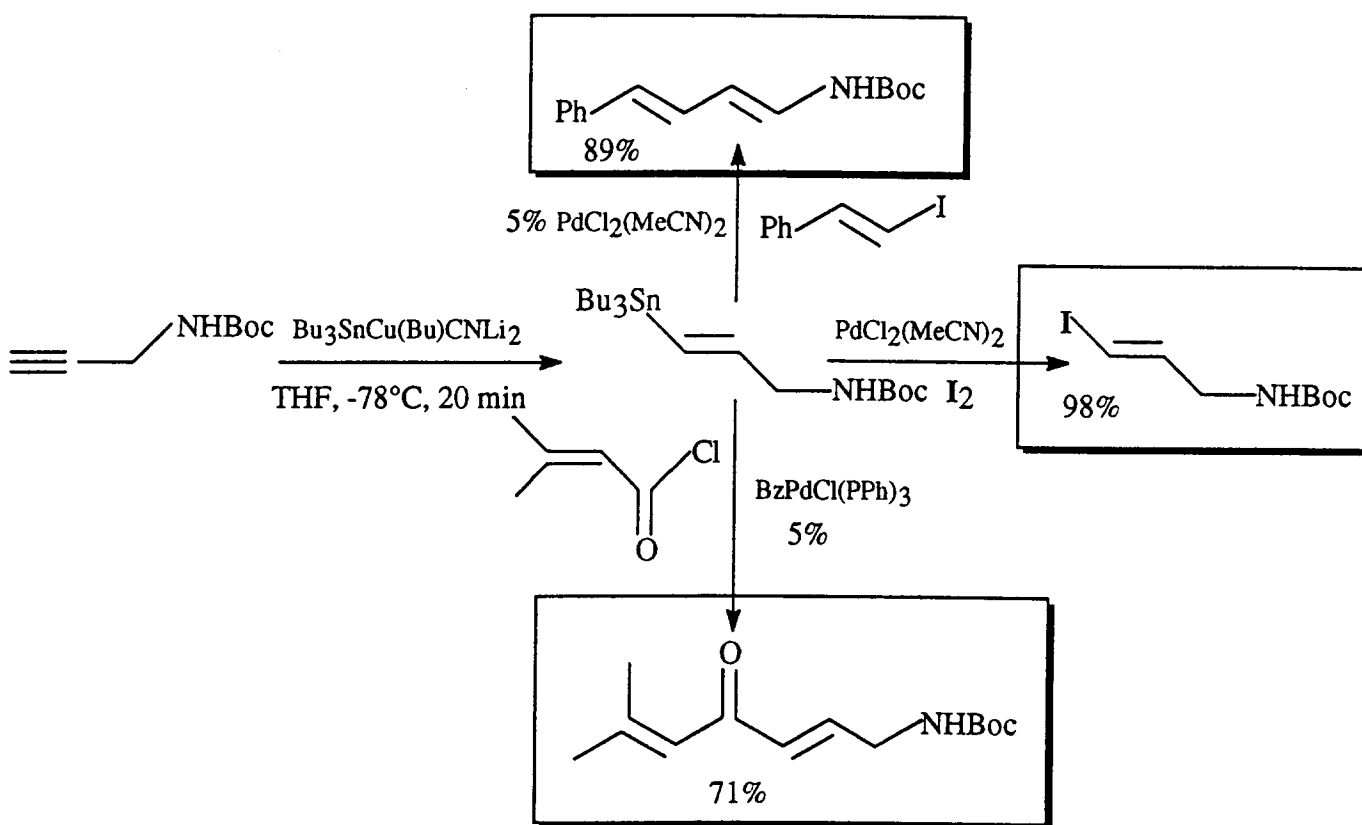


Cleavage methodologies based on F⁻ or strong Lewis acids: possible incompatibility with acidic hydrogens or with heteroatom-based functions.

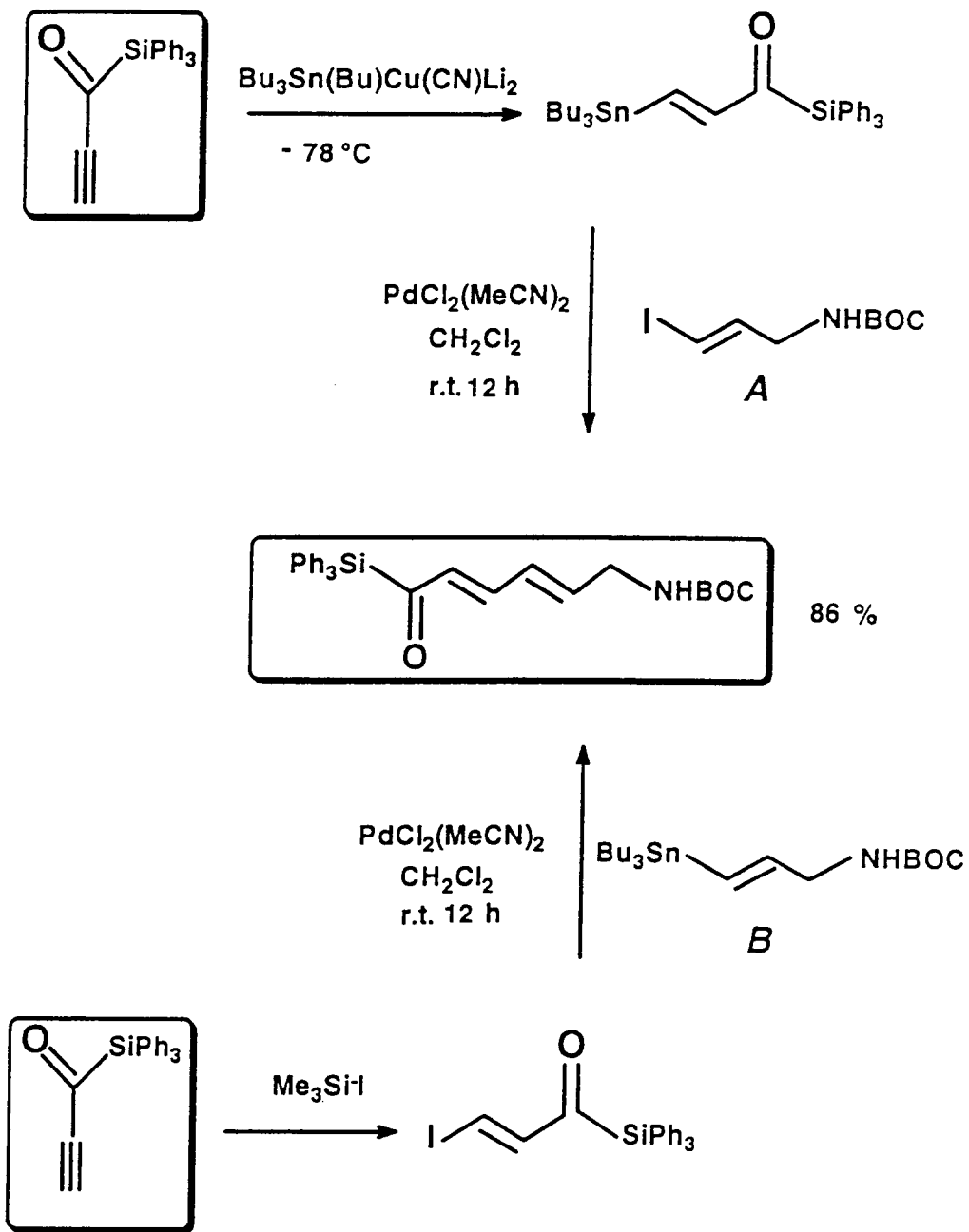


Pd(0)-catalyzed coupling of halides with vinylstannanes: a particularly attractive feature of this method is the toleration of a variety of substituents.

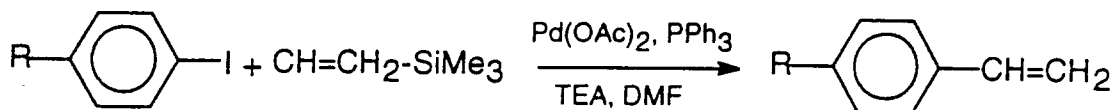
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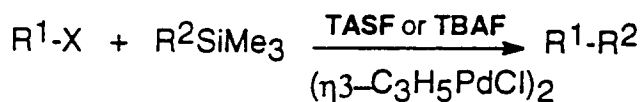
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Pd Catalyzed Cross-Coupling of Organosilanes with Organic Halides



Hallberg, A.; Westerlund, C. *Chem. Lett.* 1982, 1993



R¹ = Aryl, Alkenyl, Allyl
 R² = Alkenyl, Allyl, Alkynyl

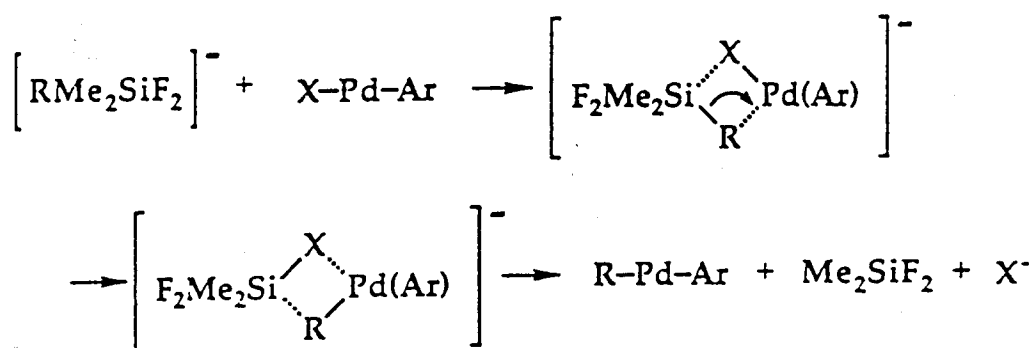
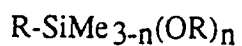
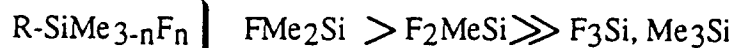
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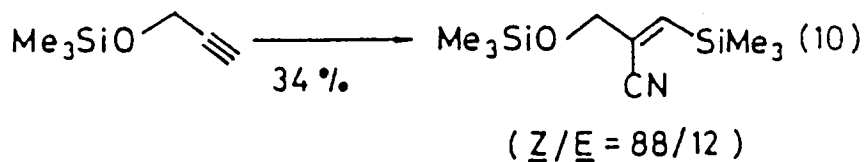
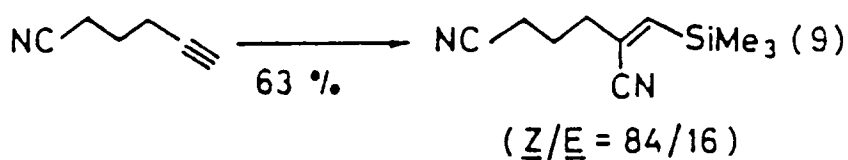
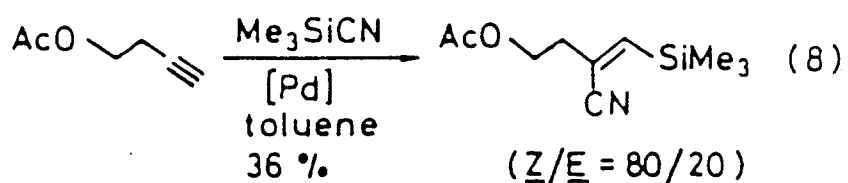
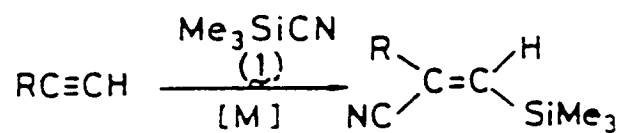
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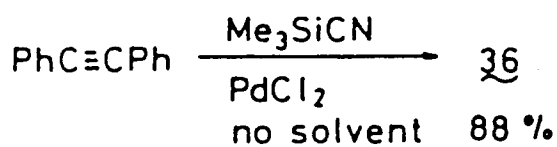
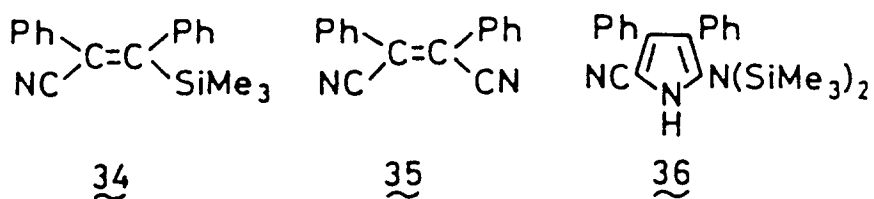
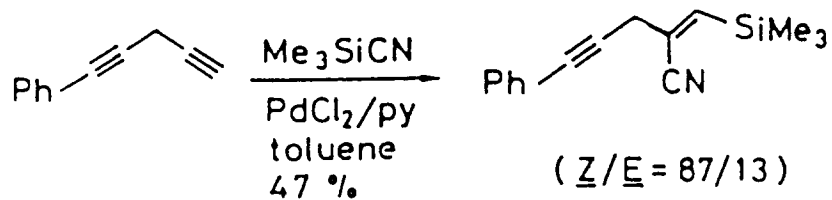
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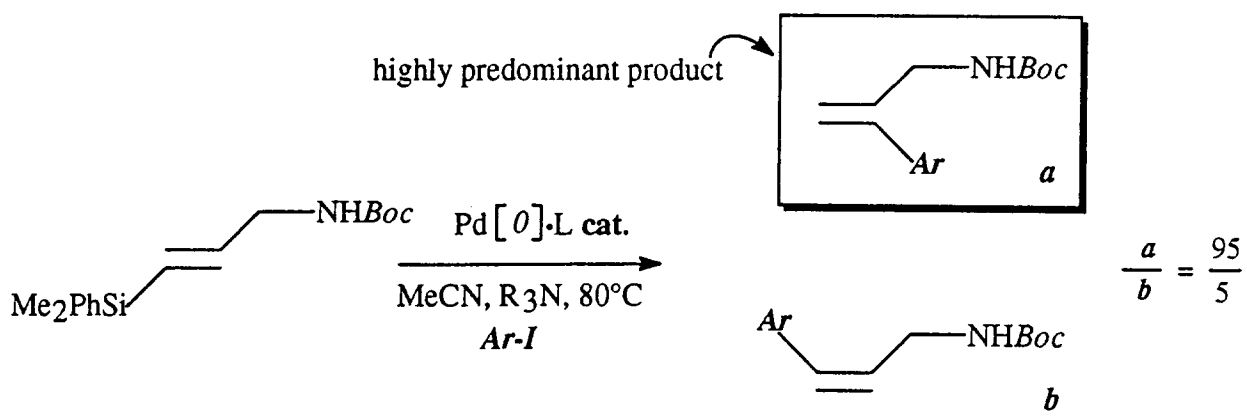
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Pd- and Ni-Catalyzed Reaction of Me₃SiCN with Acetylenes



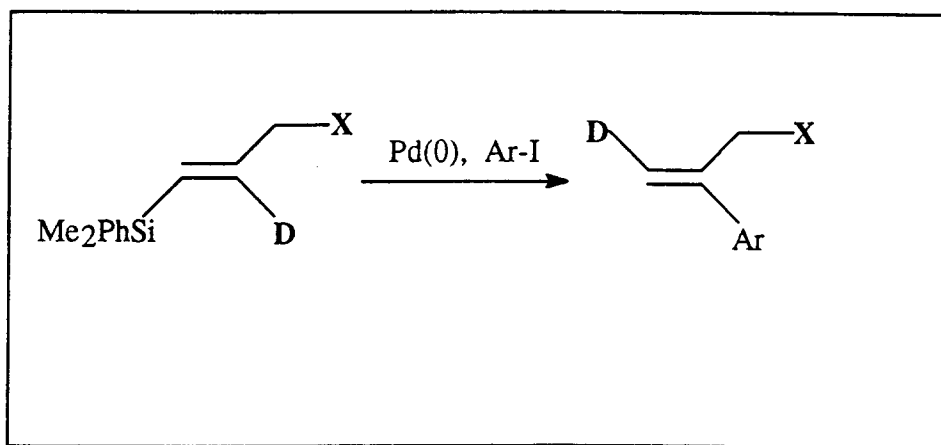


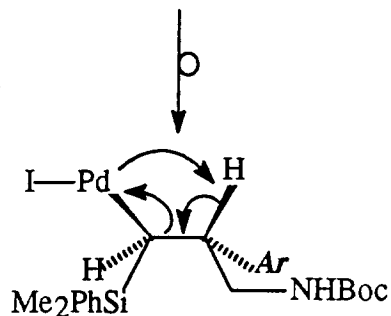
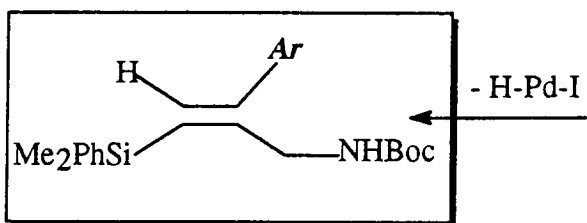
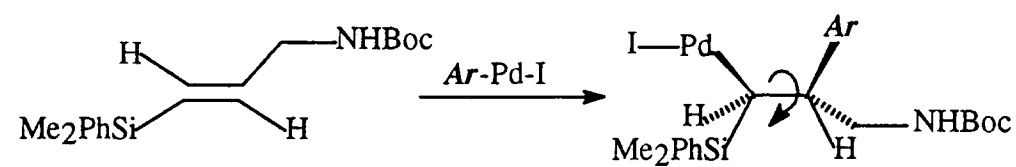


Overall yields from 60 to 75%

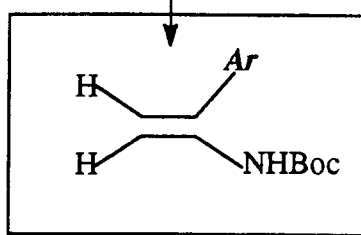
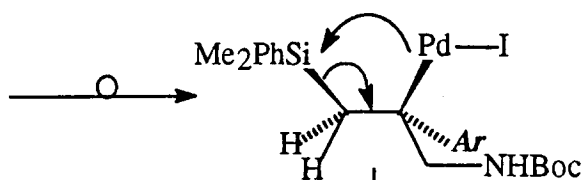
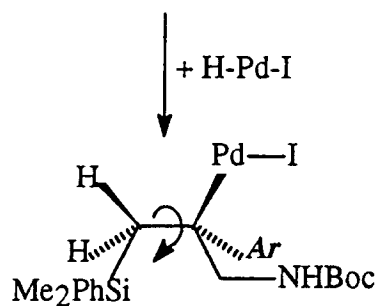
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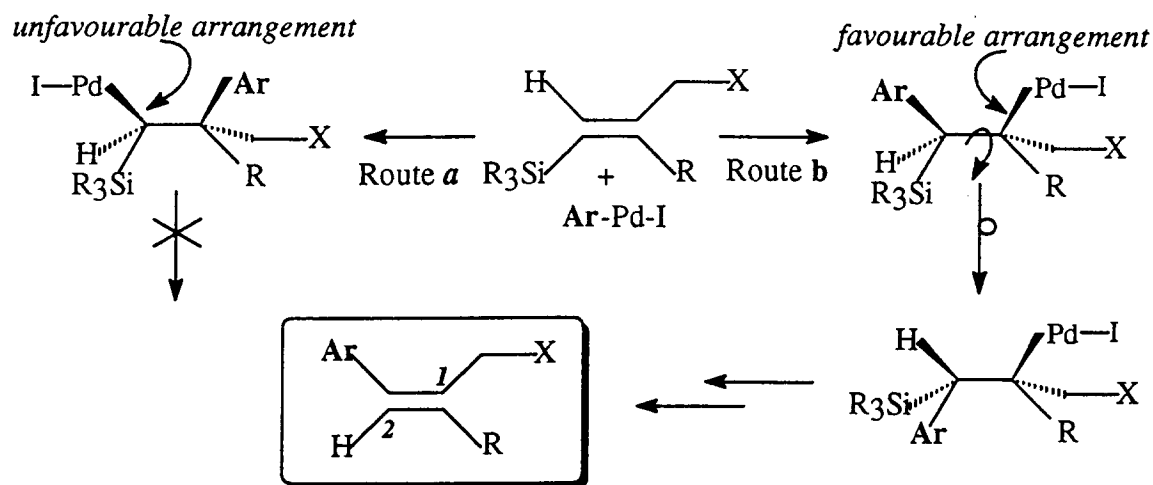


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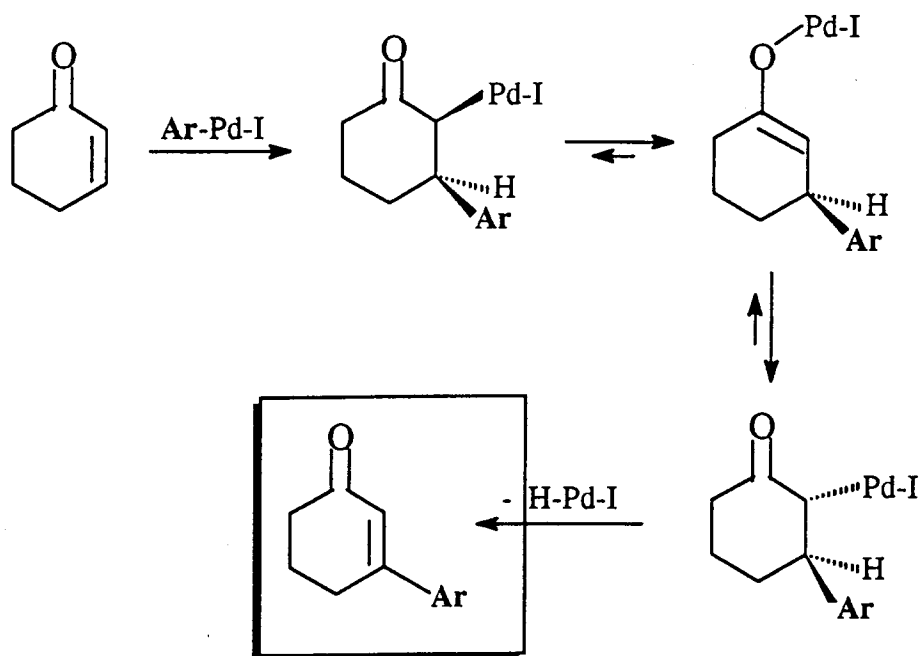


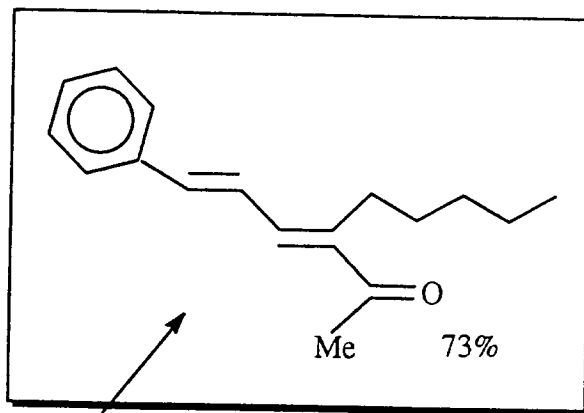
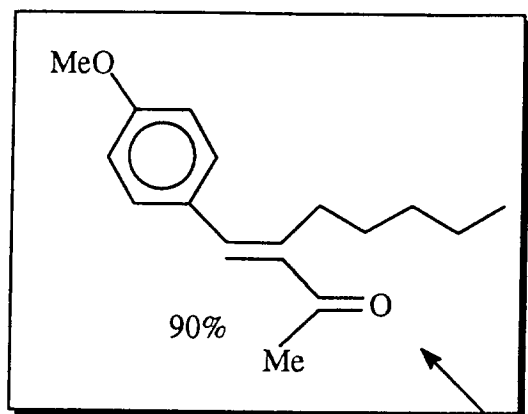
R_3N
 $\text{Pd}[0]$
 Me_2PhSiI

A Route to the Trisubstituted Olefins



A C-1 interaction with Pd (route b) can be favoured by conjugated carbonyl groups :



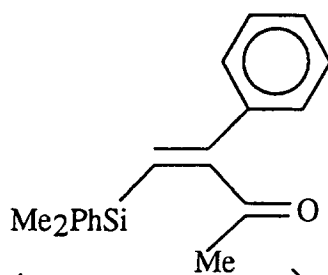
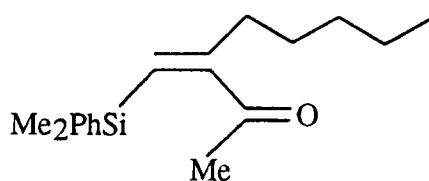


A = *p*-MeO-C₆H₄-I

Pd(0), A

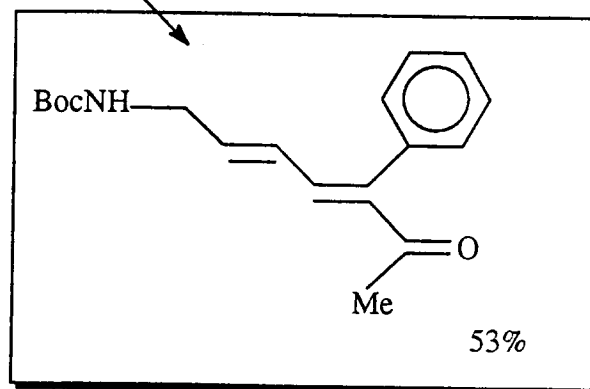
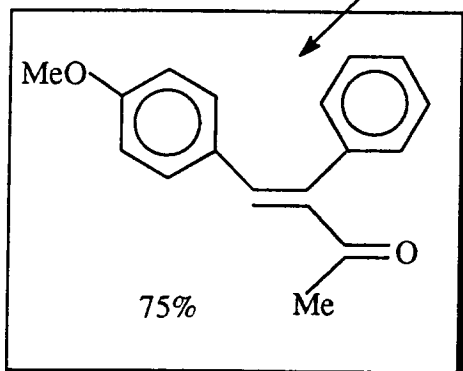
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B = C₆H₅-CH=CH-I



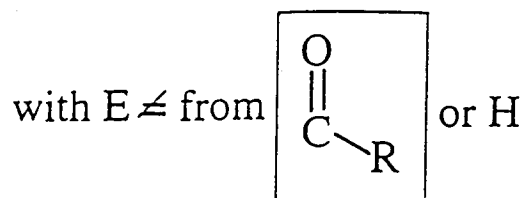
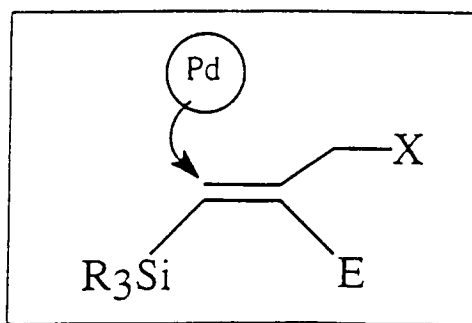
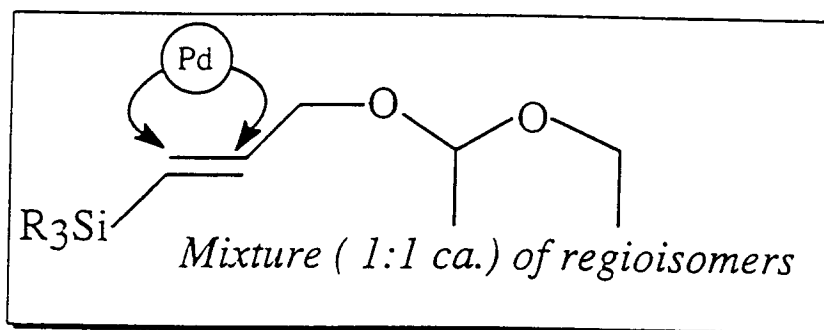
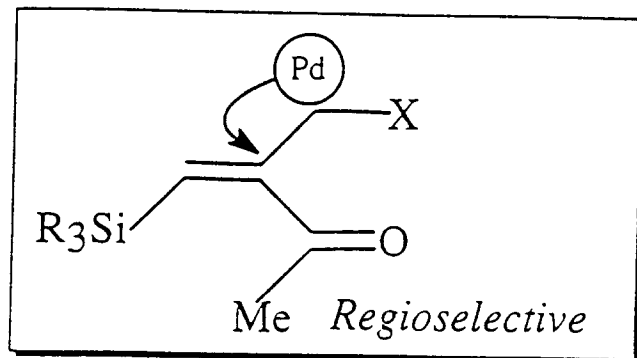
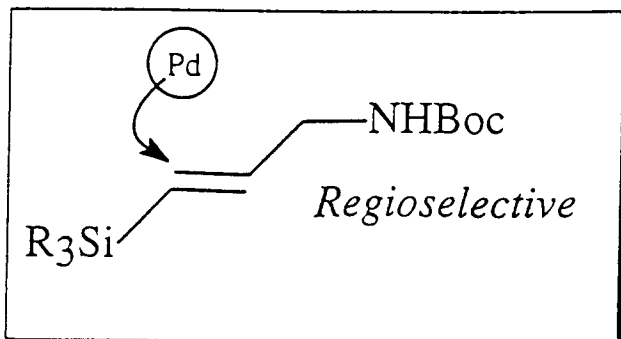
Pd(0), A

Pd(0), C



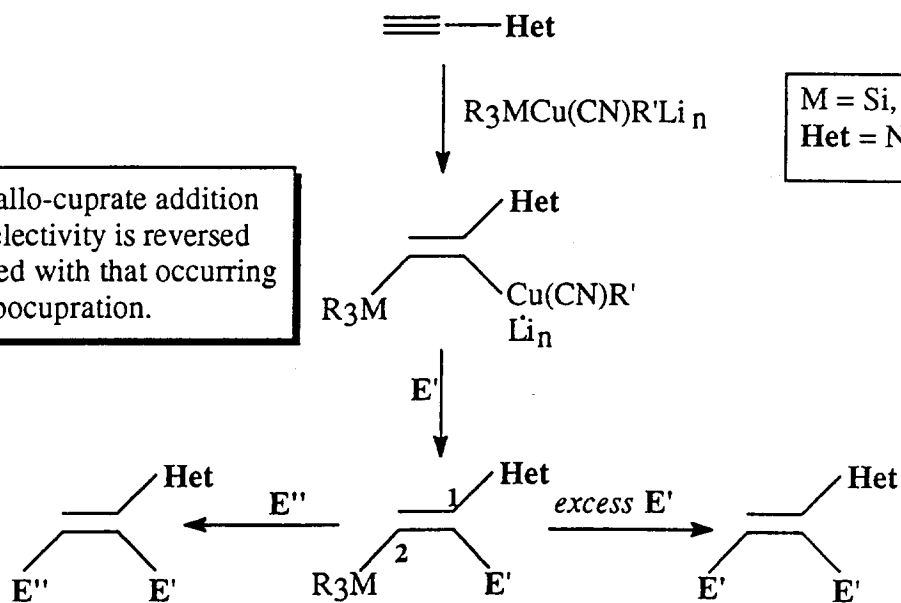
C = BocNH-CH₂-CH=CH-I (*E*)

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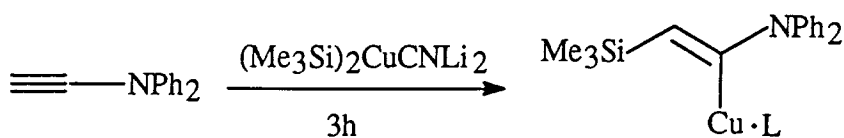
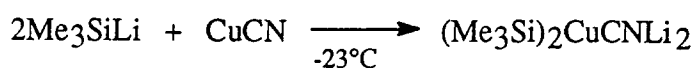
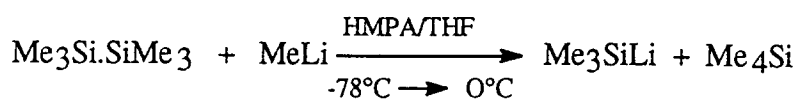


Unfavourable situation for the reactivity

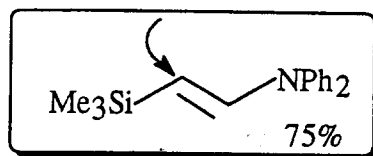
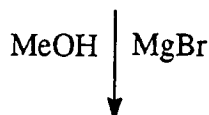
In the metallo-cuprate addition the regioselectivity is reversed as compared with that occurring in the carbocupration.



The presence of an heteroatom-based functionality (N or S) at C-1 conveys to the vinyl organometallic moiety at C-2 unusually high reactivity which allows for *functionalization with electrophiles in the absence of catalysts*.



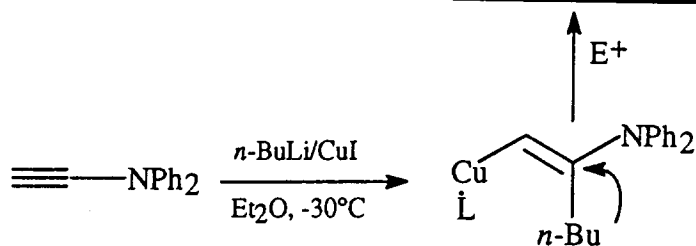
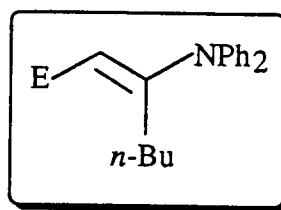
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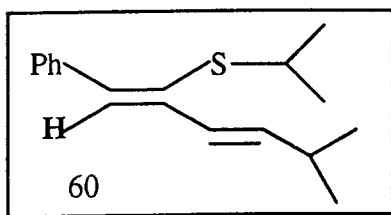
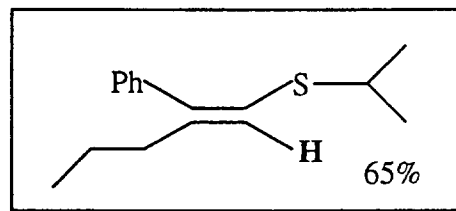
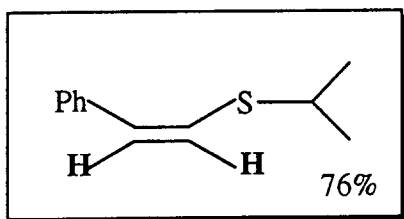
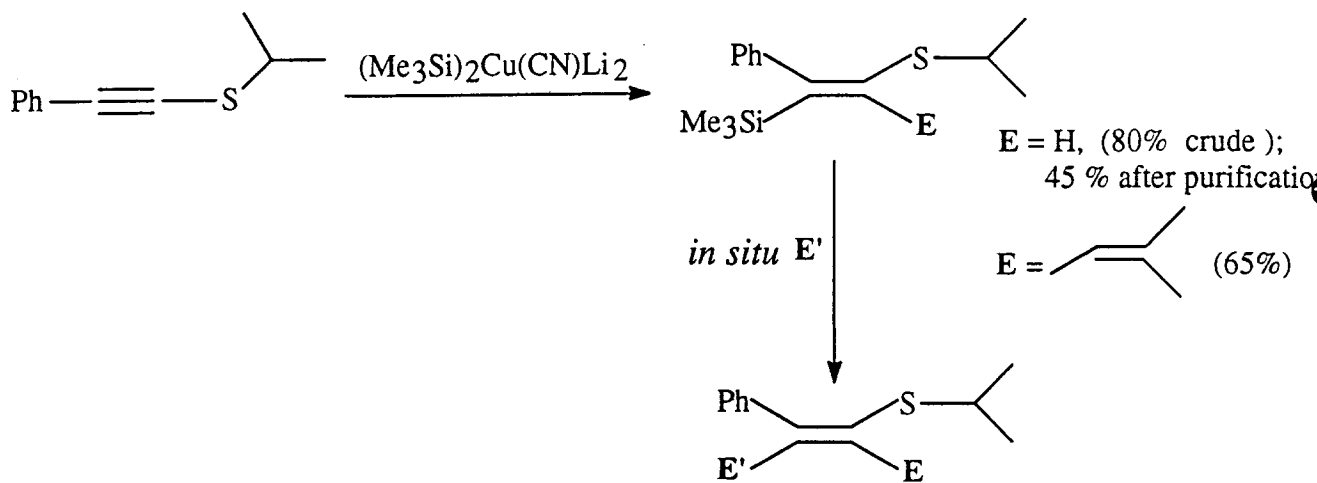
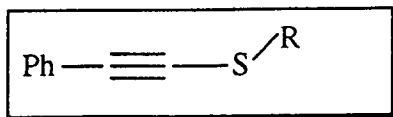
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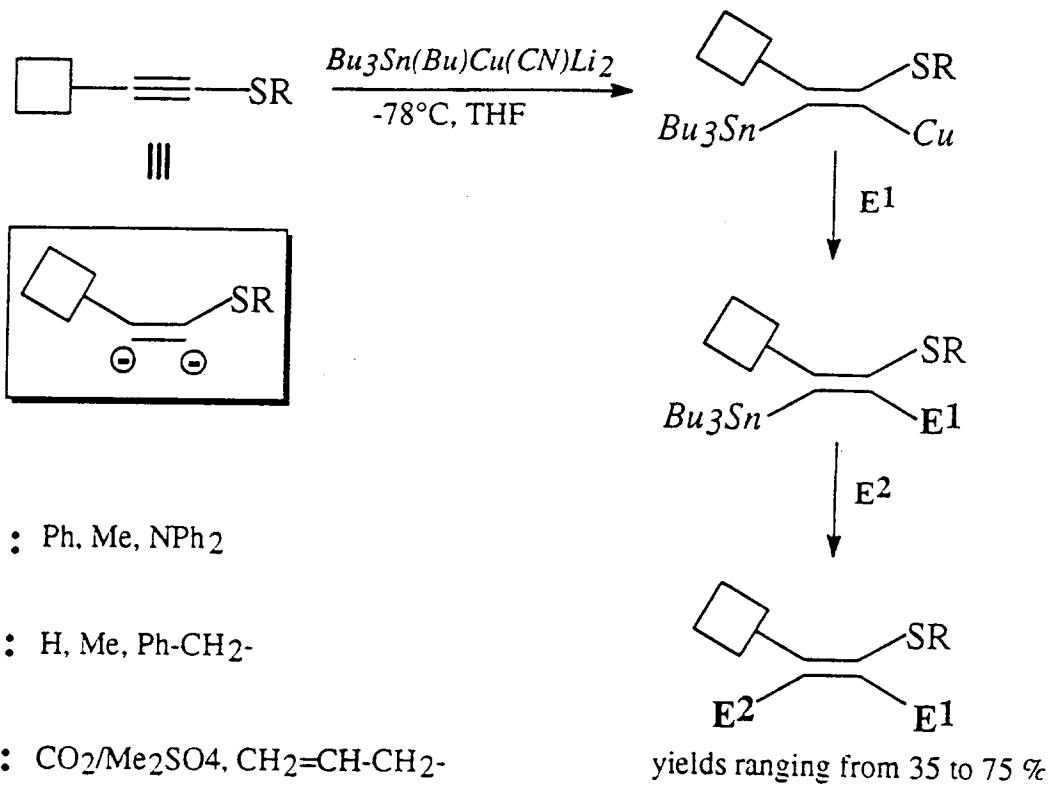


Silyl-cupration of acetylenic sulphides



Viable route to polysubstituted vinylic sulphides

Casarini, A.; Ricci, A. unpublished results (*work in progress*)



: Ph, Me, NPh₂

E1 : H, Me, Ph-CH₂-

E2 : CO₂/Me₂SO₄, CH₂=CH-CH₂-

Casarini, A.; Ricci, A. *submitted for publication* (1994)

