



## Recombinant Cells and Samarium Salts in the Carbohydrate Chemist's Toolbox

### ***Outline for this lecture :***

- minimize chemical steps
- maximize efficiency  
(productive bond formation)

Through the design of  
- new strategies  
- new reactions



## Carbohydrates: Chemical and Biological Tools

### ***Carbohydrates and synthetic chemistry***

- Starting material in stereoselective transformations
- Chiral auxiliaries
- Chiral ligands for catalysts

### ***Chemical tools for glycobiology***

- Enzyme substrates (inhibitors)
- Immobilized ligands (epitopes) or circulating biological signals

## Fabaceae-Rhizobiaceae Symbiosis

- Atmospheric Nitrogen fixation (approx. 100 Mtons/year, equivalent to the industrial production of nitrogen-containing fertilizers)

- Symbiosis between
  - a soil bacterium (rhizobium)
  - a plant (Fabaceae, or legume: pea, vetch, alfalfa, acacia, bean, soybean...)

- Traditionnally used, since the Roman Empire, for human and cattle feeding, and soil enrichment.



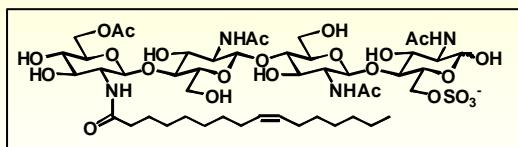
Rhizobia on a root hair



Medicago sativa  
(Alfalfa)

## Nod Factors

- Nod Factors are bacterial *LipoChitoOligosaccharidic* structures (LCOs) involved in the early stage of Rhizobium/Legume symbiosis.
- They induce the formation of new organs on the plant roots, called nodules, that will host the bacteria.
- The signal perception pathway is still unknown and is the subject of many biological and biochemical research.



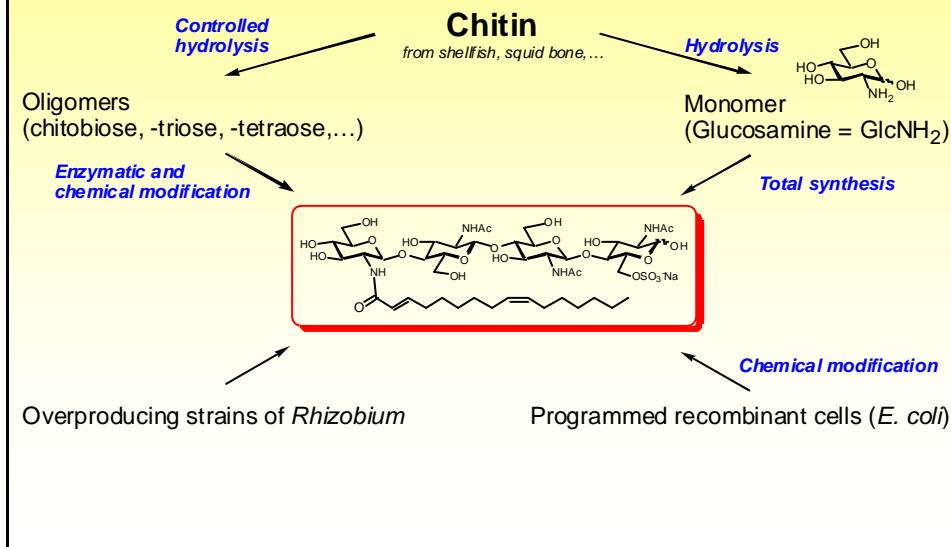
NodRm-IV, a Nod Factor produced by  
*Sinorhizobium meliloti*



Synthetic Nod Factors  
induced nodule formation on  
alfalfa roots.

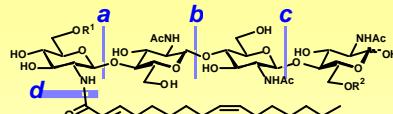
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J. Dénaré, *Plant Physiol.*, 1999, 120, 83-92

## Chemical, Chemoenzymatic or Whole Cell Approaches to the Carbohydrate Core of the Nodulation Factors



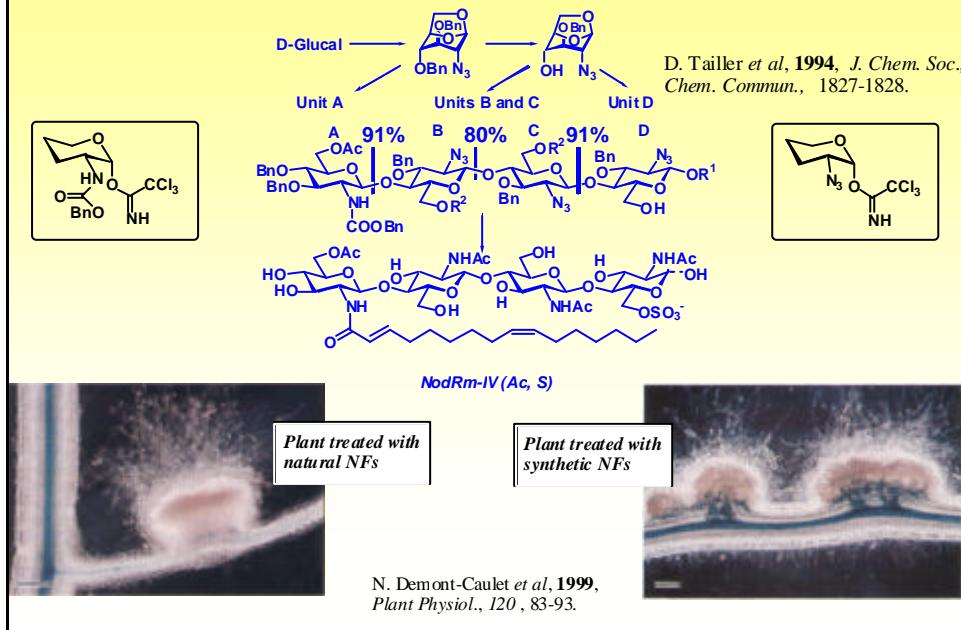
## Total Synthesis: Building Blocks and Strategies

**Synthetic problem:** How to selectively differentiate hydroxyl and amino groups in a chitin type fragment?



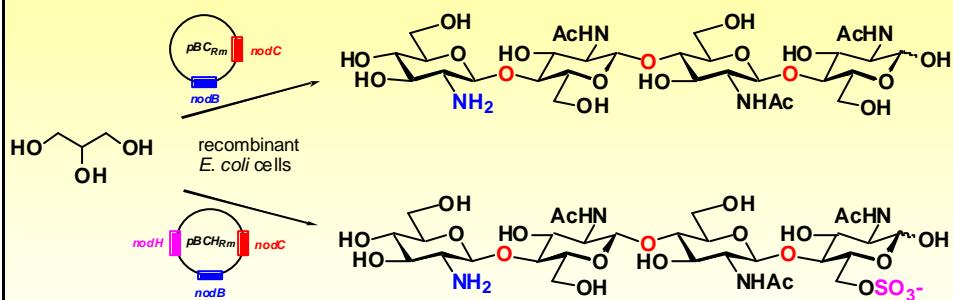
Glycosyl donor	Key glycosylation reaction (% yield)	Overall yield
<b>Logical routes</b> - Donor with a participating group at C-2 - Oligomer from the reducing end	<b>a</b> 50% ← <b>b</b> 60% ← <b>c</b> 56%	1% K. C. Nicolaou, 1992
	<b>a</b> 61% → <b>b</b> 72% ← <b>c</b> 58%	2% L.-X. Wang, 1994
<b>Unusual route</b> - Donor with a non-participating group at C-2 ( $S_N2$ reaction at C-1) - Oligomer from the non-reducing end	<b>a</b> 91% → <b>b</b> 80% → <b>c</b> 91%	8% J.-M. Beau, 1994

## Nodule-Inducing Activity of Synthetic Nodulation Factors (NFs)



## Recombinant ChitoOligosaccharides

1. Plasmid construct containing the *nod* genes (and a "selection" gene - ampicillin resistant gene)
2. High density *E. coli* cultures by selection of a good strain producer  
selection of the best carbon source



***nodC:*** UDP-GlcNAc transferase

***nodB:*** De-N-acetylase

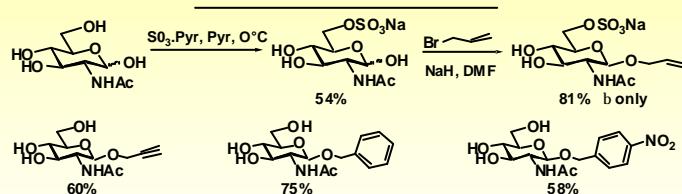
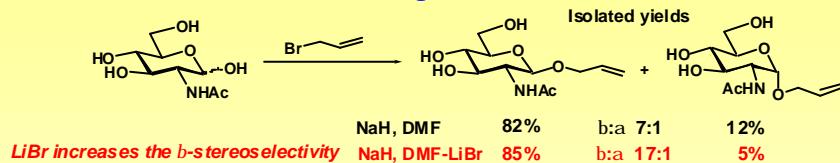
***nodH:*** Sulfotransferase

E. Samain et al., *Carbohydr. Res.*, 302, 1997, 35-42

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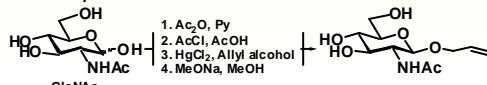
N. Riva, B. Vauzeilles

## *b*-Selective Alkylation of Unprotected N-Acetyl Glucosamine and Chitooligosaccharides



B. Vauzelles, S. Palmier, B. Dausse, *Tetrahedron Lett.*, 2001, 42, 7567-7570

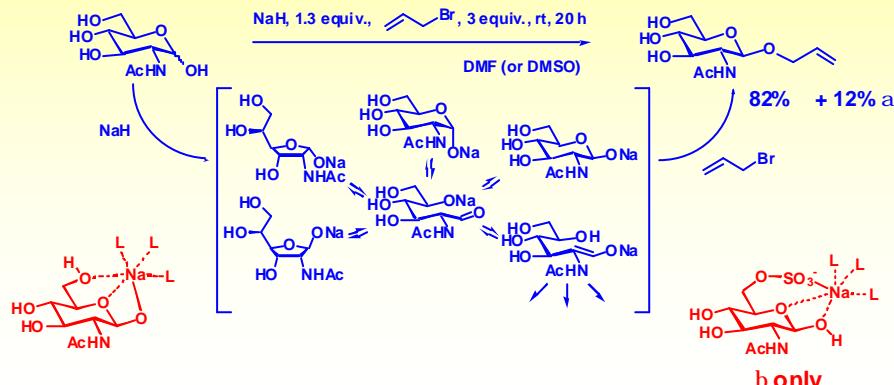
### Standard procedure



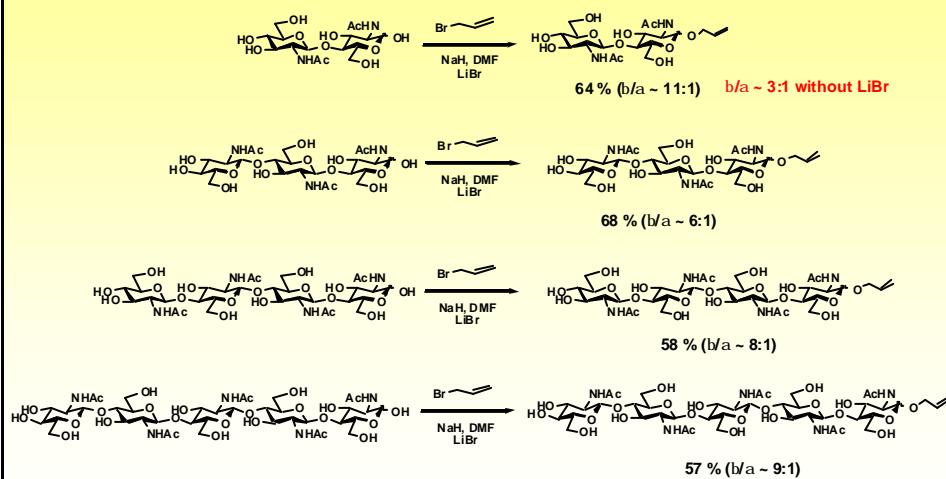
## A surprisingly clean transformation (chemo-, regio- and stereoselective) What happened to the side-reactions?

"Sugars are profoundly affected by alkalies even under very mild conditions...with isomerizations, fragmentations, and internal oxidations and reductions."

in *The Carbohydrates*, W. Pigman, Ed, Academic Press, New York, 1957, pp. 60-69  
same comments in *Monosaccharides*, P. Collins and R. Ferrier, Wiley, 1995, pp. 139-144

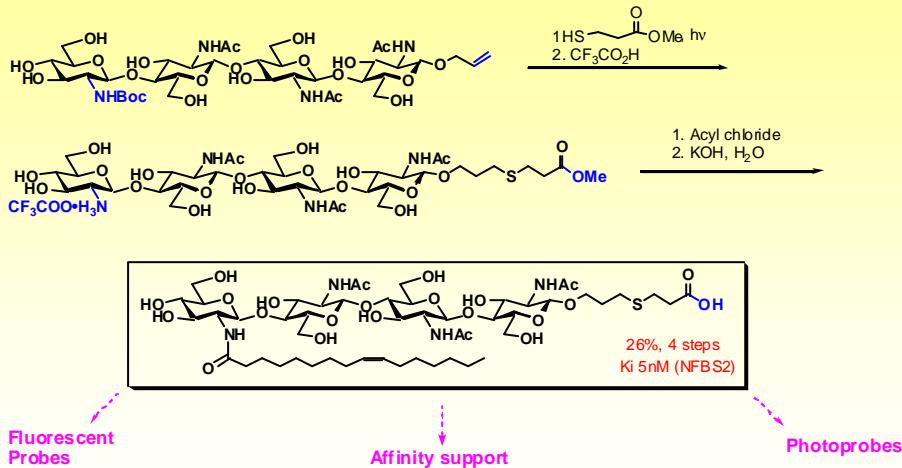


## ChitoOligoSaccharides Allylation



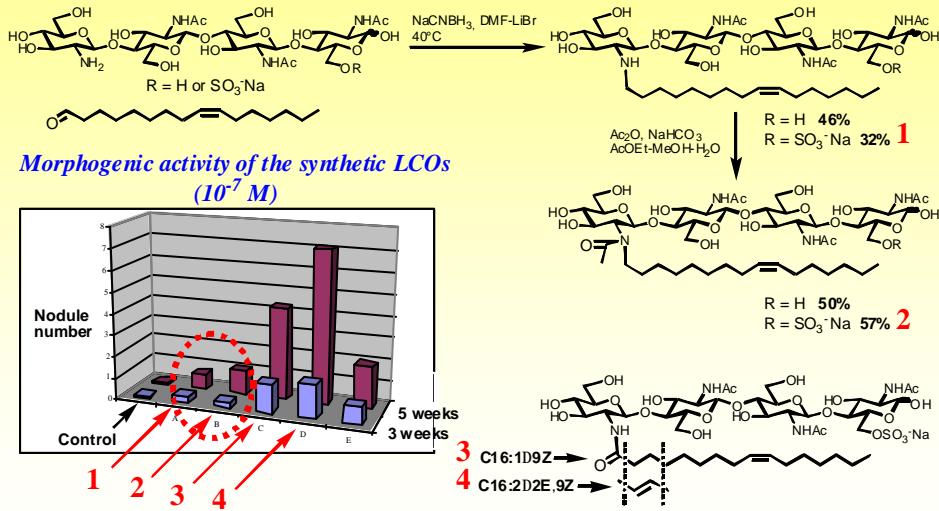
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## Construction of a Monofunctional Probe



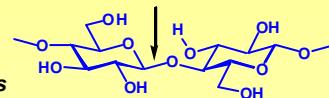
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## Synthesis of N-Alkyl Analogs



## The glycosidic bond is one of the most stable in Nature

Spontaneous cleavage of covalent bonds in biopolymers



Half-life at 25 °C, pH 7

- Glycosidic bond in polysaccharides (cellulose)  $4.7 \times 10^6$  years
- Phosphodiester bond in DNA  $1.4 \times 10^4$  years
- Amide bond in proteins  $4.6 \times 10^2$  years

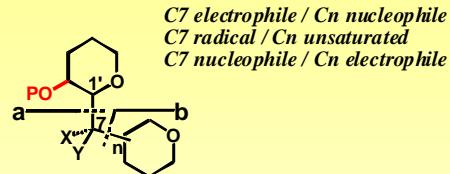
R. Wolfenden et al, J. Am. Chem. Soc., 1998, 120, 6814.

...but is very sensitive to metabolism

$10^{17}$ -fold rate acceleration in the cleavage with glycosidase hydrolases

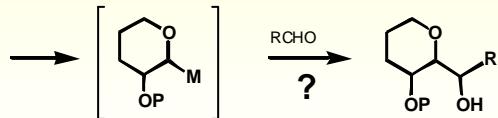
Drug development may be based rather on carbohydrate mimetics  
simpler synthesis  
increased chemical and enzymatic stability  
more (orally) active

$C1'$  electrophile /  $C7$  nucleophile  
 $C1'$  radical /  $C7$  unsaturated  
 $C1'$  nucleophile /  $C7$  electrophile

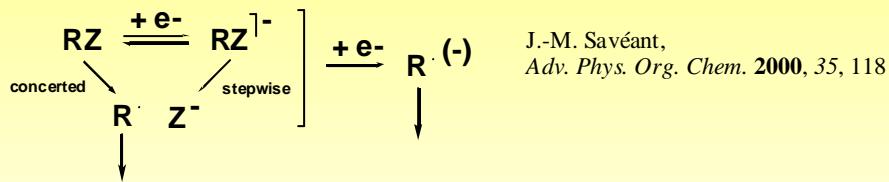


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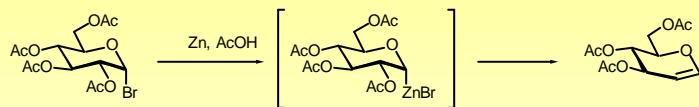


## Electron Transfer and Reductive metallation



- electrochemistry
- photoinduced electron transfer
- radiolysis
- "homogeneous" electron donors — Organometallics by "reductive metallation"  
**(metals, metallic salts, ...)**

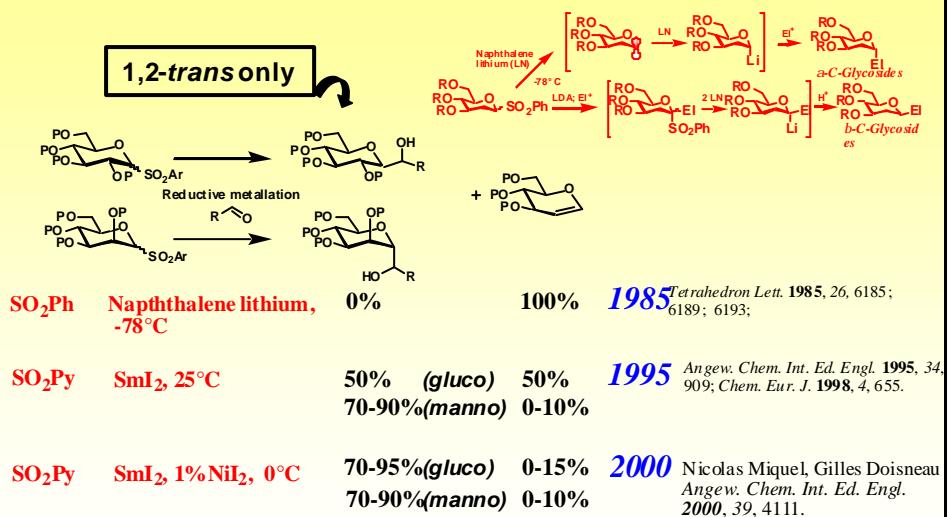
## Reductive Metallation: A Long-known Process in Carbohydrate Chemistry



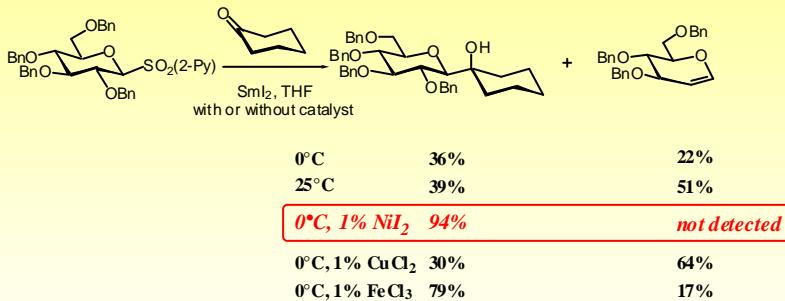
E. Fischer and K. Zach, *Sitzber. kgl. preuss. Akad. Wissen.* **1913**, 16, 311

**Na**  
**K, K/graphite**  
**Li/NH<sub>3</sub>**  
**Na and Li naphthalenide**  
**Zn/Ag graphite**  
**Al amalgam**  
**Co<sup>II</sup>**  
**Sm<sup>II</sup>**  
**Cr<sup>II</sup>**  
**Ti<sup>III</sup>, Ti<sup>IV</sup>/Mn/TMSCl**  
**electrochemistry**

## Formation of C-Glycosyl Compounds Under Barbier Conditions



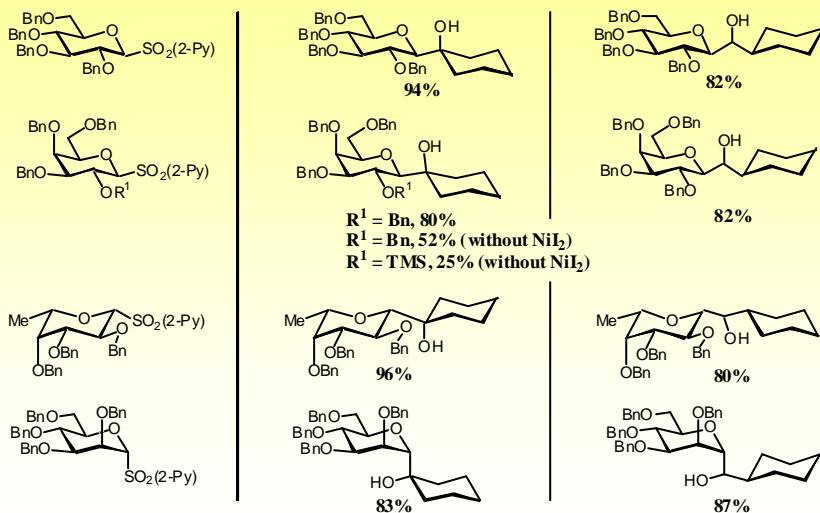
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[F. Machrouhi *et al*, *Synlett* 1996, 633]

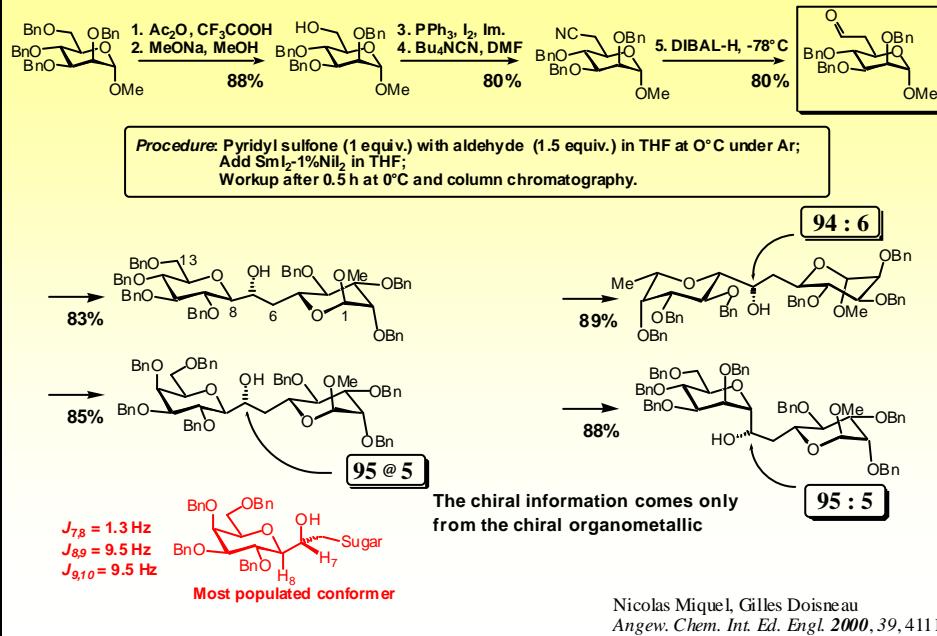
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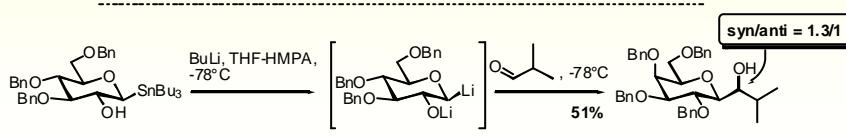
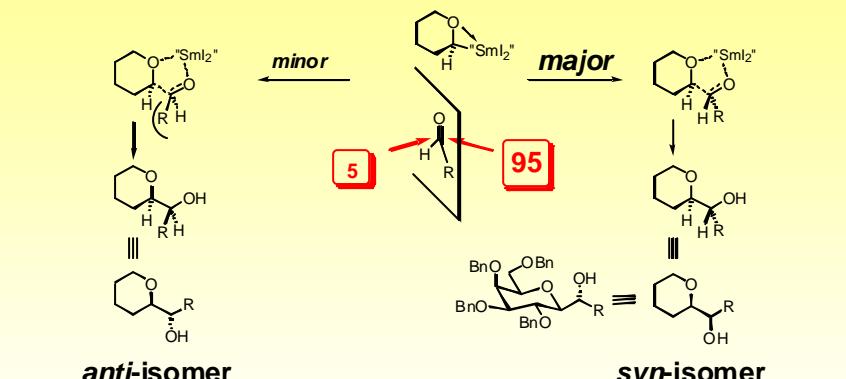


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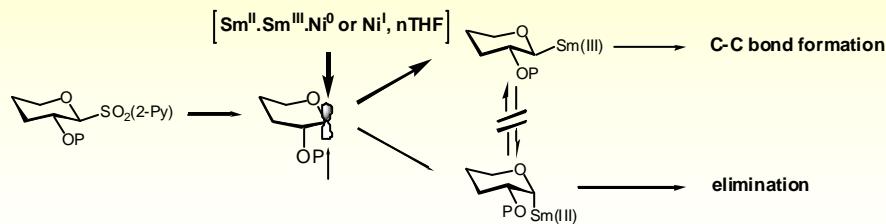
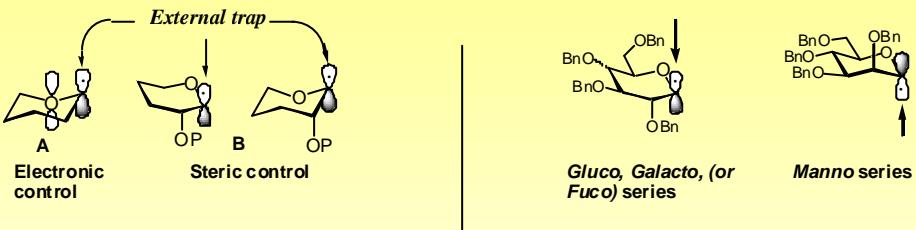
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## Stereochemical Consequences of the Organosamarium Asymmetry: High Diastereofacial Selectivity

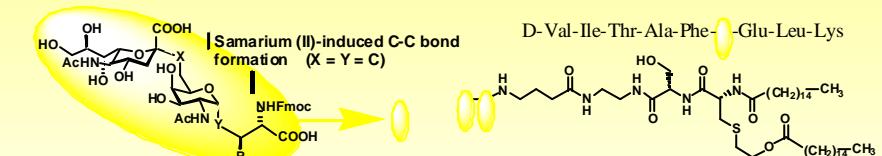


## A Mechanistic Proposal for The Reductive Samarium with Catalytic Nickel



*Trapping of the Intermediate Anomeric Radical Under Steric Control*

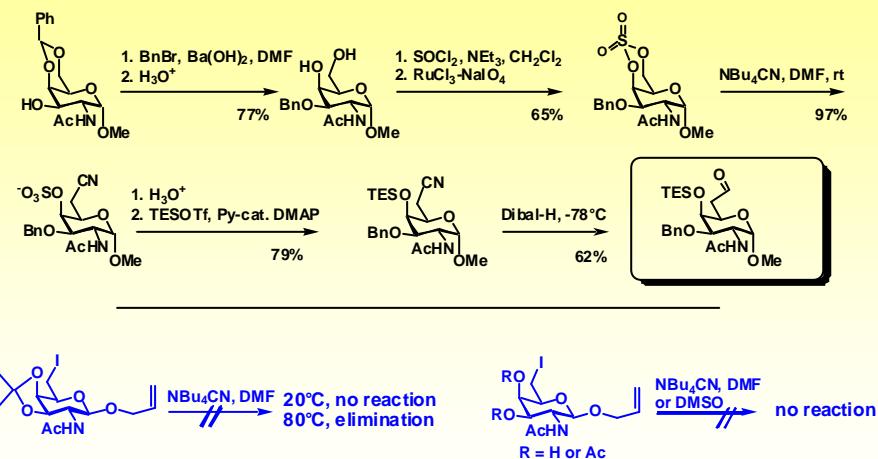
## Towards Building Blocks for SialylTn Mimics (for Synthetic Cancer Vaccines)



R = H ou CH<sub>3</sub>; X = Y=O; SialylTn Antigen  
 R = H ou CH<sub>3</sub>; X = CH<sub>2</sub> or fonctional C ; Y = CH<sub>2</sub>  
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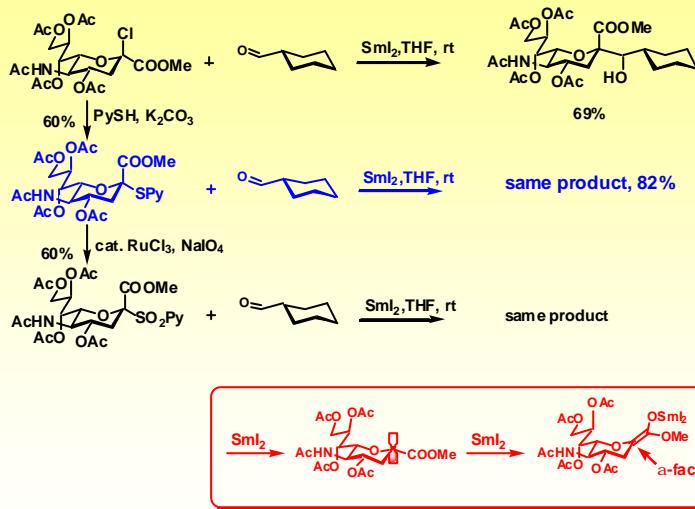
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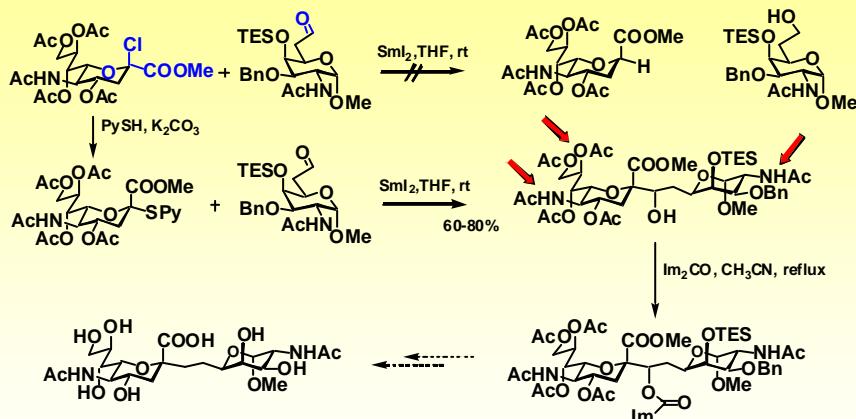
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## Towards Building Blocks for SialylTn Mimics



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## Synthesis of C-Glycosyl Compounds by Reductive Samariumation of Anomeric 2-Pyridyl Sulfones

2-Pyridyl Sulfone derived from	Stereoselectivity		Typical yield
	a	b	
D-glucopyranose (with cat. $\text{NiI}_2$ )	0	1	70-95 %
D-galactopyranose (with cat. $\text{NiI}_2$ )	0	1	80%
D-mannopyranose	1	0	70-90 %
L-fucopyranose (with cat. $\text{NiI}_2$ )	0	1	80-90%
D-mannofuranose	1	0	75-95 %
2-acetamido-2-deoxy-D-glucopyranose	4-3	1	50-80 %
2-acetamido-2-deoxy-D-galactopyranose	20-3	1	60-85 %
N-acetylneuraminic acid	1	0	80-90 %
KDN	1	0	85-96 %



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