



Playing with Charges in Asymmetric Synthesis and Catalysis

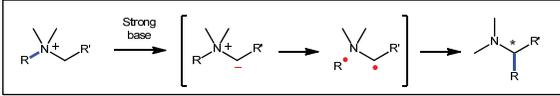
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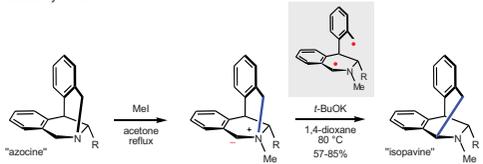
■ Principle



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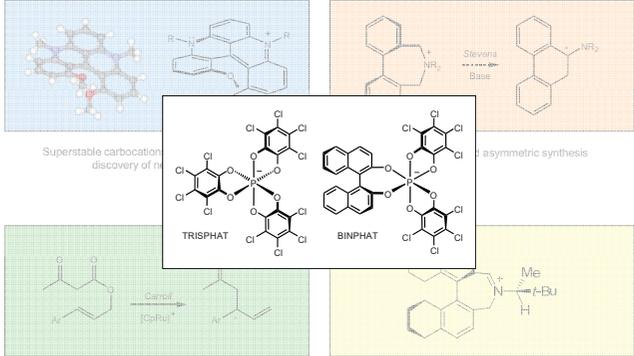
■ Natural Product Synthesis

Strict enantioselective [1,2]-Stevens unknown



Hanessian, Mauduit, *ACIE* 2001, 40, 3810

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Superstable carbocation discovery of n

asymmetric synthesis

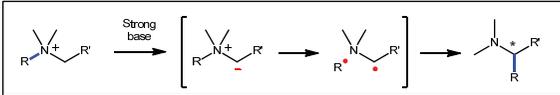
Allylic substitution and enantioselective catalysis

atropis and tropos molecules and asymmetric catalysis

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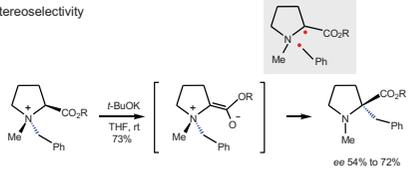
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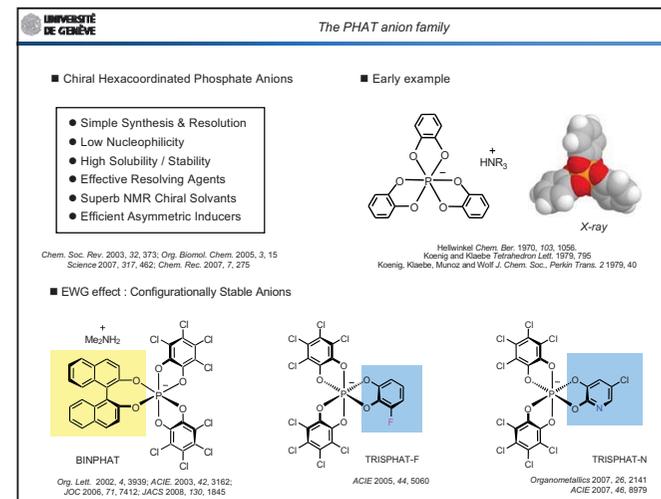
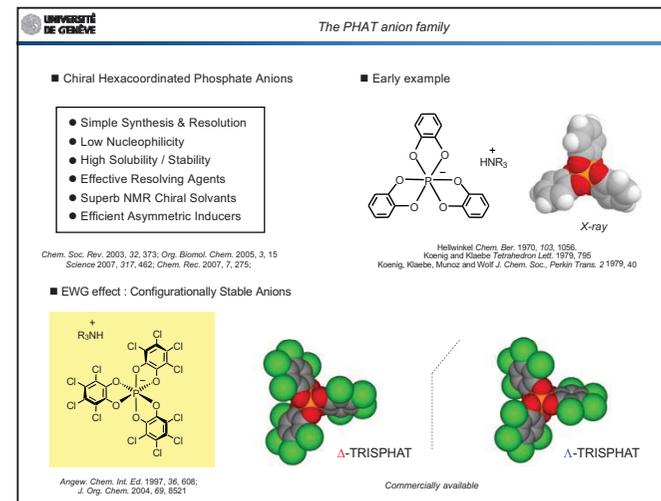
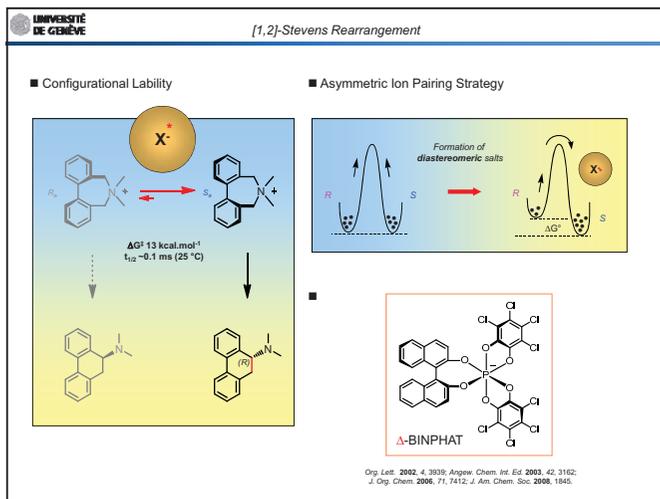
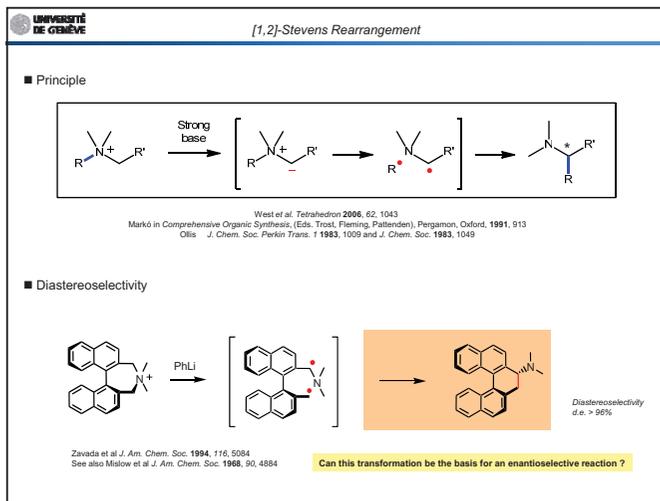
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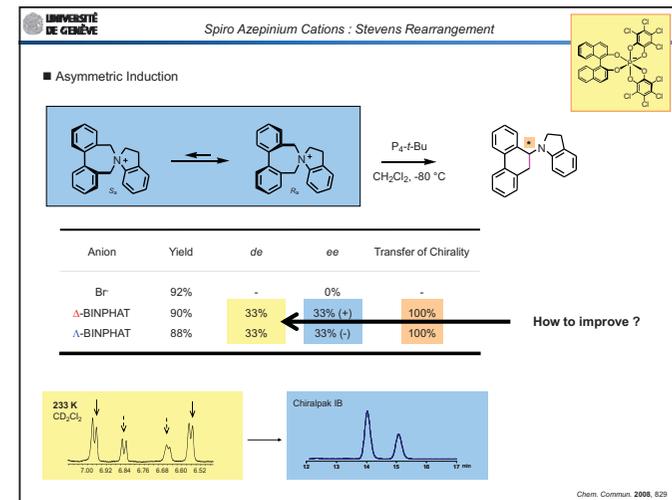
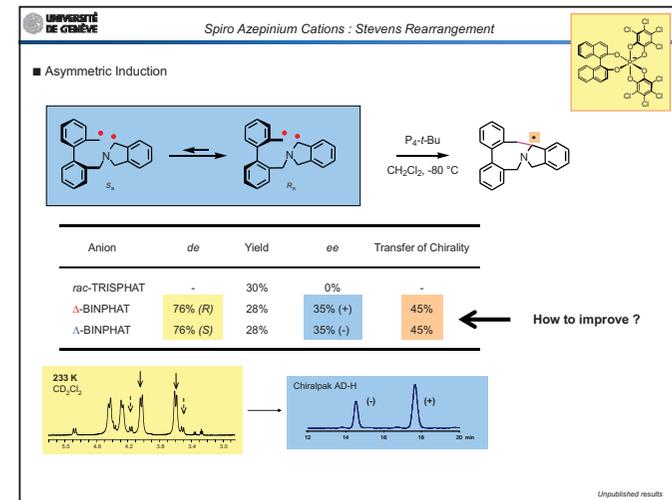
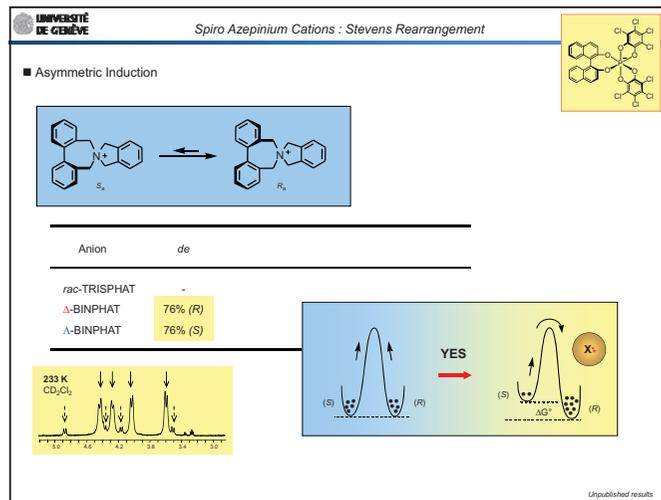
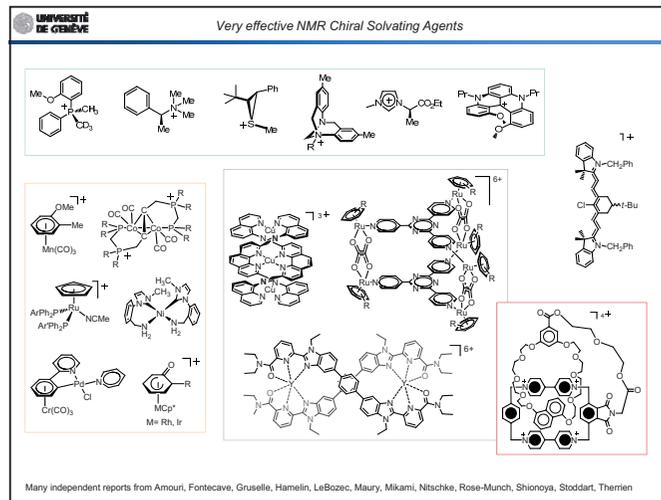
■ Diastereoselectivity



partial transfer of chirality

West Org. Lett. 1999, 1, 31; *Tayama Chem. Lett.* 2006, 35, 478





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Spiro Azepinium Cations : Stevens Rearrangement

■ Asymmetric Induction

Z	Yield	de	ee	Transfer of Chirality
H	90%	33%	33% (+)	100%
OMe	52%	30%	27% (+)	90%
OBn	50%	20%	20% (+)	100%
F	50%	50%	49% (+)	98%
Cl	48%	60%	55% (+)	92%

... the 1st enantioselective [1,2]-Stevens without any stereogenic N-atom

Chem. Commun. 2008, 629

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[1,2]-Stevens rearrangement of privileged structures

Discovery: Tröger, *J. Prakt. Chem.* **1887**, 36, 225
 Structure: Spielman, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1935**, 57, 583
 Mechanism: Wagner, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1941**, 63, 632
 Resolution: Probst, Wieland, *Helv. Chim. Acta* **1944**, 27, 1127
 Configuration: Wiles, *J. Org. Chem.* **1991**, 56, 485

1286 references in SFS containing either the concept "troger" or the concept "troeger" in July 2010
 Only 10-15 references on their use as ligands for organometallic chemistry or as organocatalysts

Reviews: Demeunynck, *Prog. Heterocyclic Chem.* **1999**, 1-20; Král, *Adv. Heterocyclic Chem.* **2007**; Sergeev, *Helv. Chim. Acta* **2009**, 92, 415

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Configurational Lability

■ Facile racemization

Vogtle, Schurig *Chem. Eur. J.* **2002**, 8, 3629
 ΔG^\ddagger (298 K) = 23.9 kcal.mol⁻¹
 10.5 h half-life

■ Solutions

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 ΔG^\ddagger (298 K) = 21.5 kcal.mol⁻¹
 11 min half-life

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 Kostyanovsky, Lenev, *Chem. Eur. J.* **2006**, 12, 6412

