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# CHE 535 Synthetic Organic

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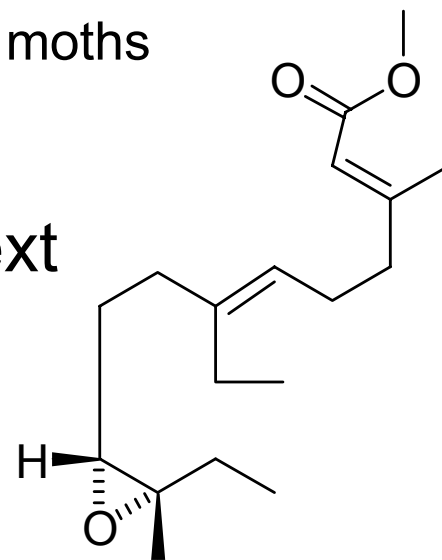
On the stereocontrolled  
synthesis of tri-substituted alkenes  
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# Synthesis of Cecropia-C18 Juvenile Hormone

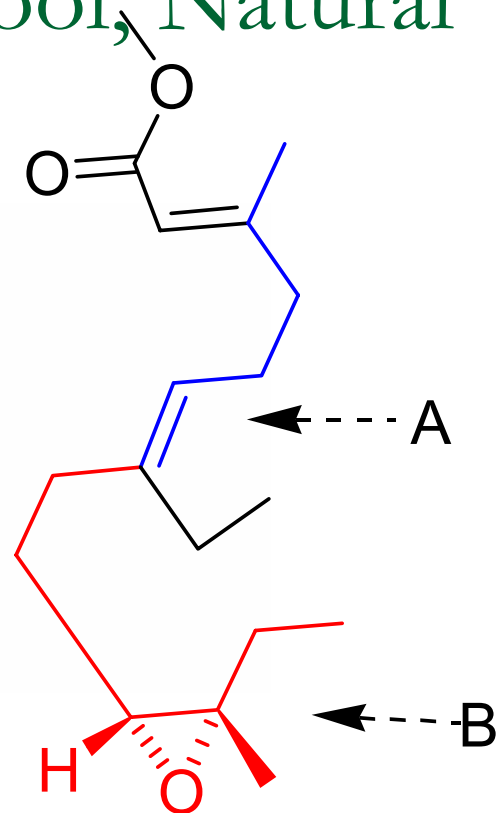
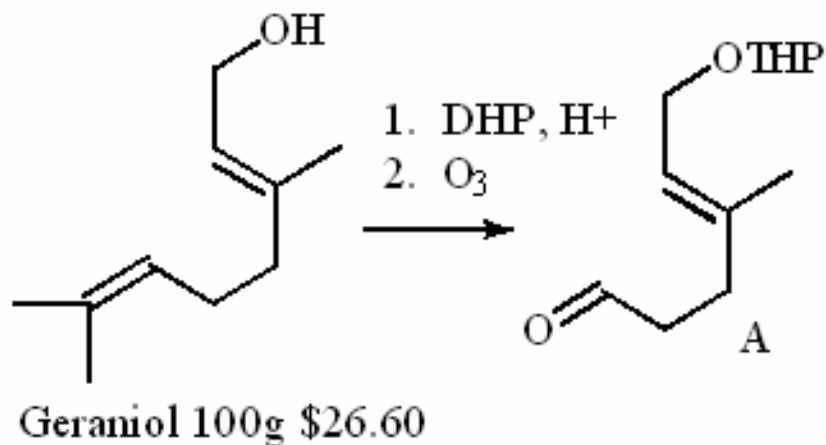
- Molecular Complexity
  - O-functionality
  - Oxirane Stereochemistry
  - Trisubstituted Alkenes
- 3 syntheses
  - Think about - **general principles**
  - - specific reactions in Complex context
    - -how stereochemistry was controlled
  - Evaluate syntheses, be critical
  - Don't memorize the syntheses.



Silk moths

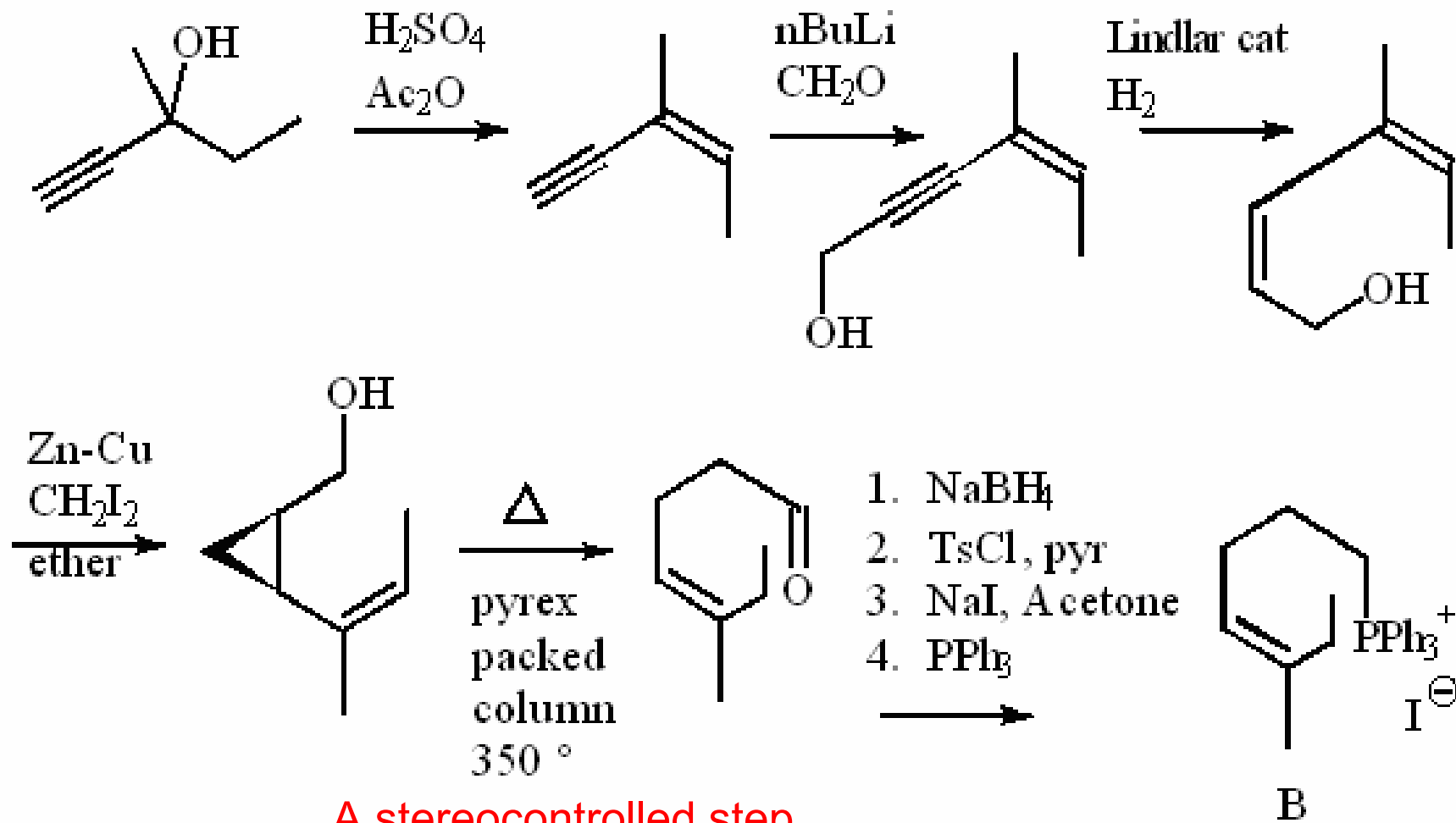


# Synthesis One: The *Chiral Pool*, Natural source of stereochemistry

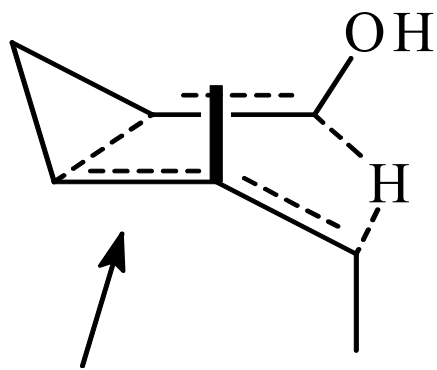


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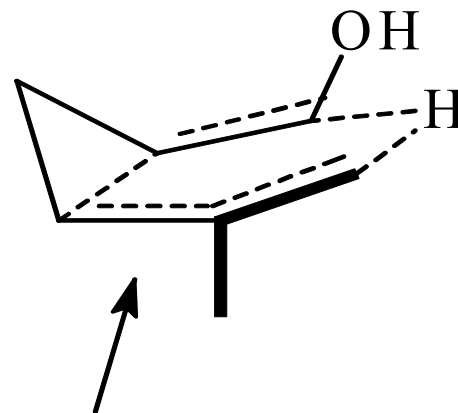
# Another component in a convergent synthesis



# Retro-ene stereocontrol, a sigmatropic rearrangement



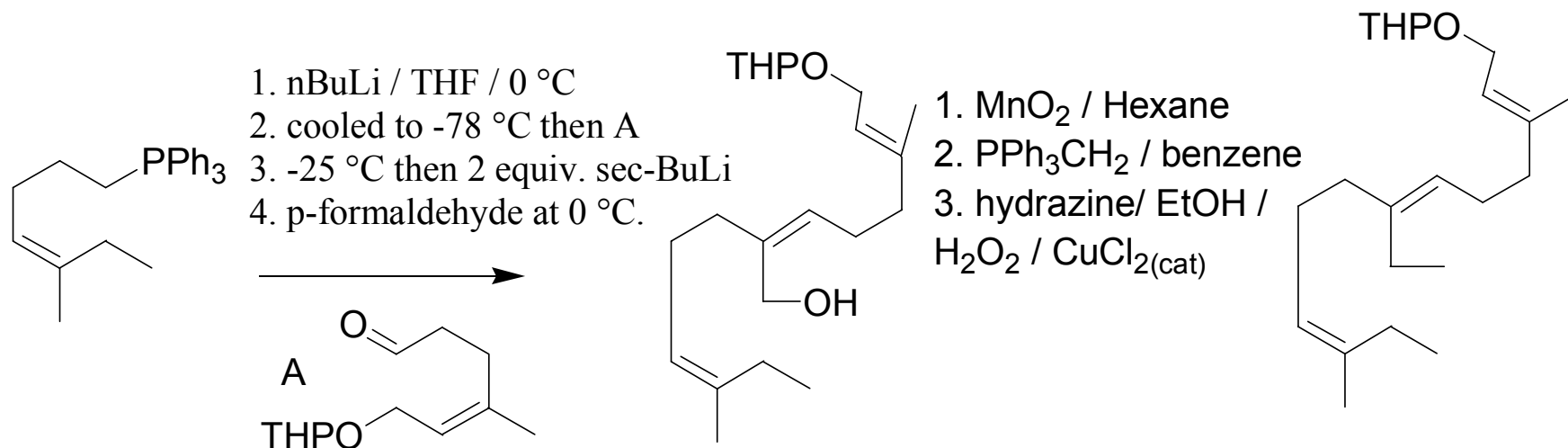
Trans double bond in  
pericyclic transition state



Cis double bond in  
pericyclic transition state  
Lower energy

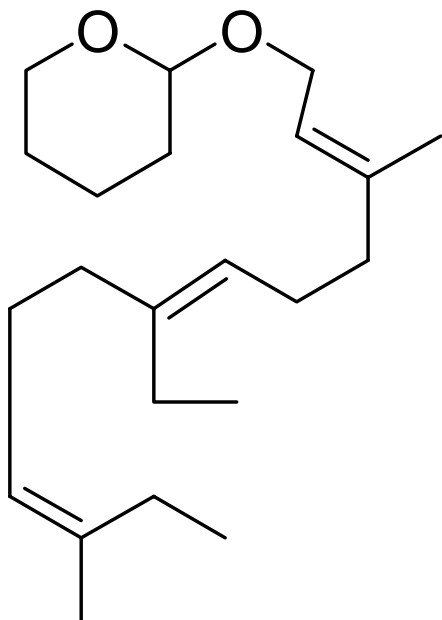
- Pseudo-axial interaction in hydro-chair destabilizes formation of the E-double bond.
- See reading assignment on the ene-reaction.

# Assemblage of gross structure via synthetic intermediates A and B



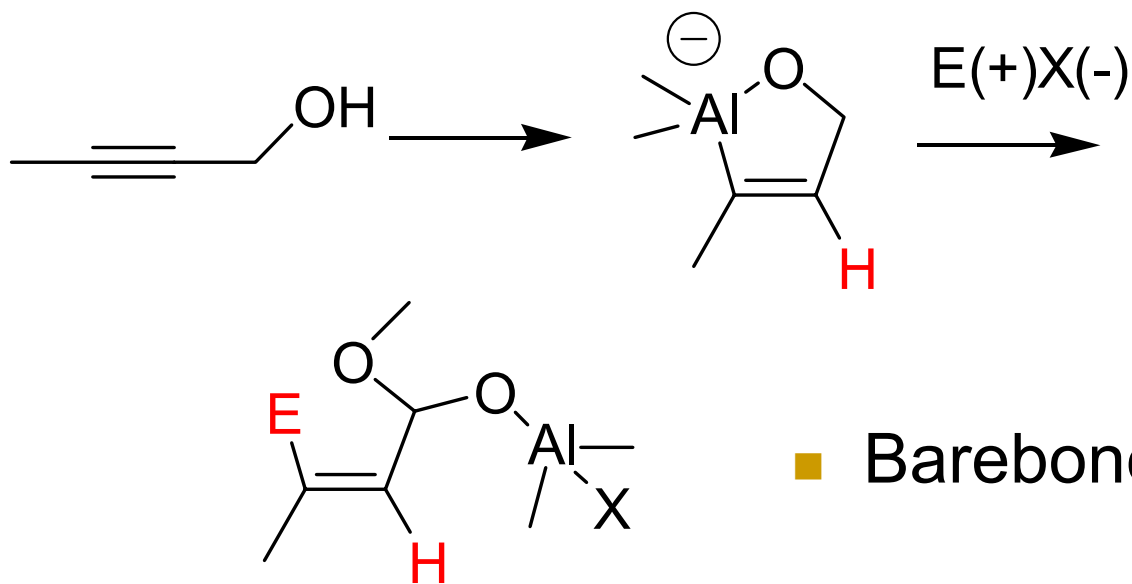
- The coupling highlights the power of mechanistic information about the stability of intermediates.
- $\text{MnO}_2$  Corey-Ganem oxidation
- The dimide reduction is interesting. Why is the terminal alkene orthogonal to the others?

# End game one



- Took a beating on the deprotection of the THP group
- Second to the last step
  - $\text{MnO}_2$  oxidation to the methoxyester
- Last step:  $\text{HOBr}/i\text{PrOH}/i\text{PrO}(-)$ . Regiospecific for the terminal trisubstituted alkene. Results in a mixture of enantiomers.
- The biochemistry of a step after the last: *cationic cyclization!* Let's talk about it.

# Synthesis Two: A general solution to stereocontrol in trisubstituted alkenes.

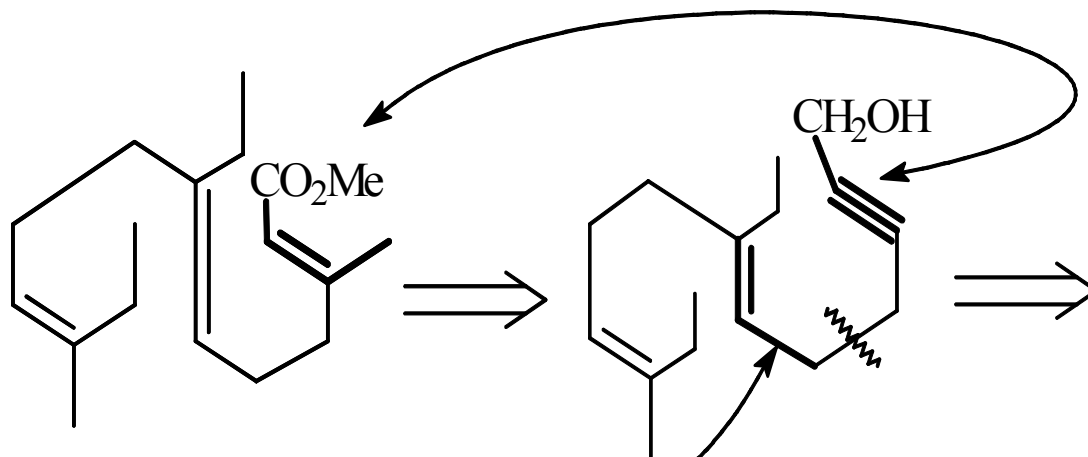


■ Barebones!

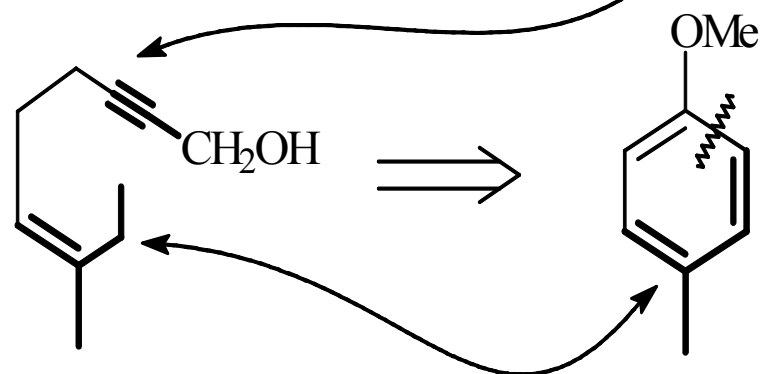
- Corey, E.J.; Katzenellenbogen, J.A.; Gilman, N.W.; Roman S.A.; Erickson, B.W. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1968**, *90*, 5618-5620.

# Gross construction/ Retrosynthesis

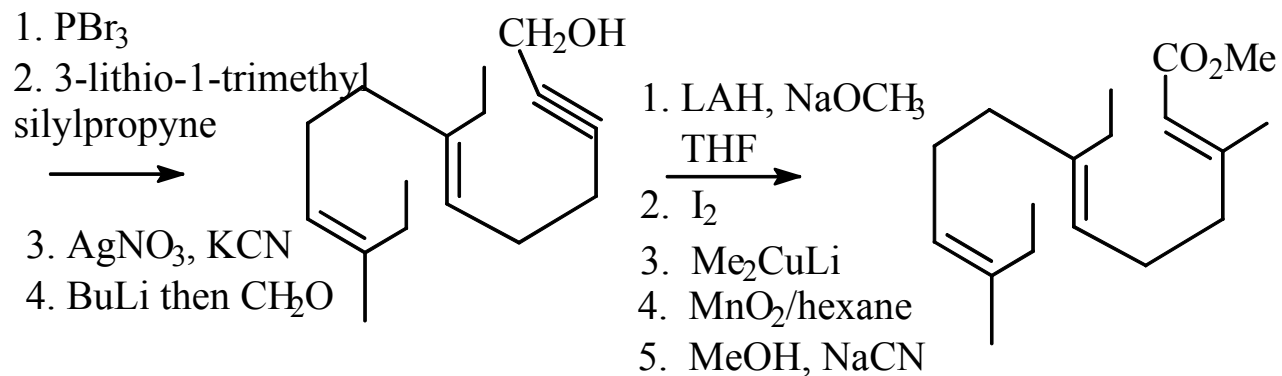
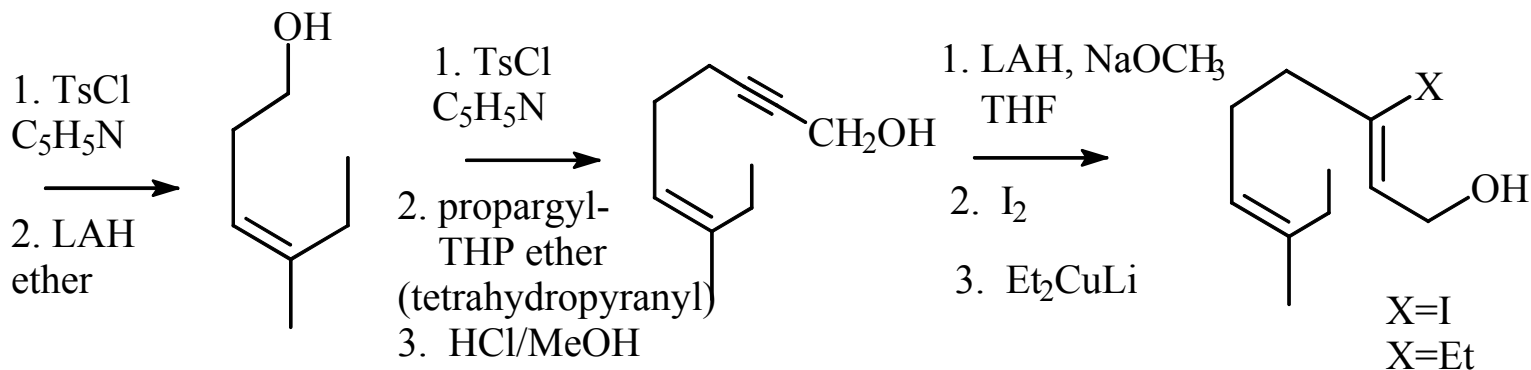
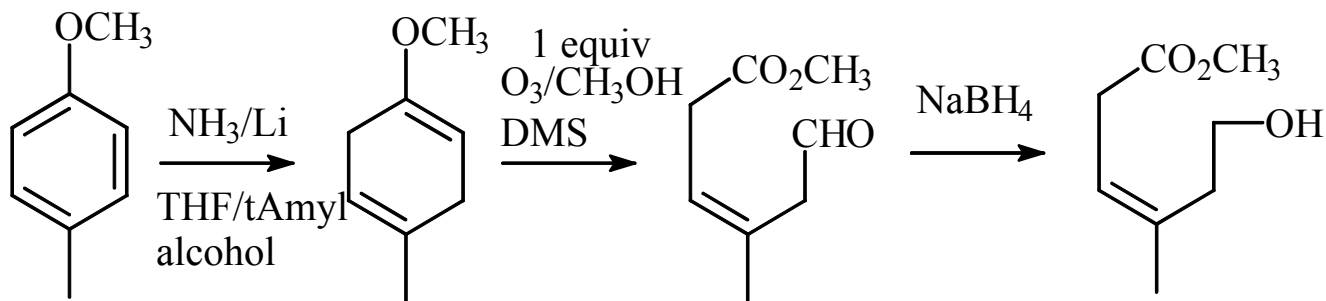
- Stereo-control via Al-H reduction of the propargyl functionality



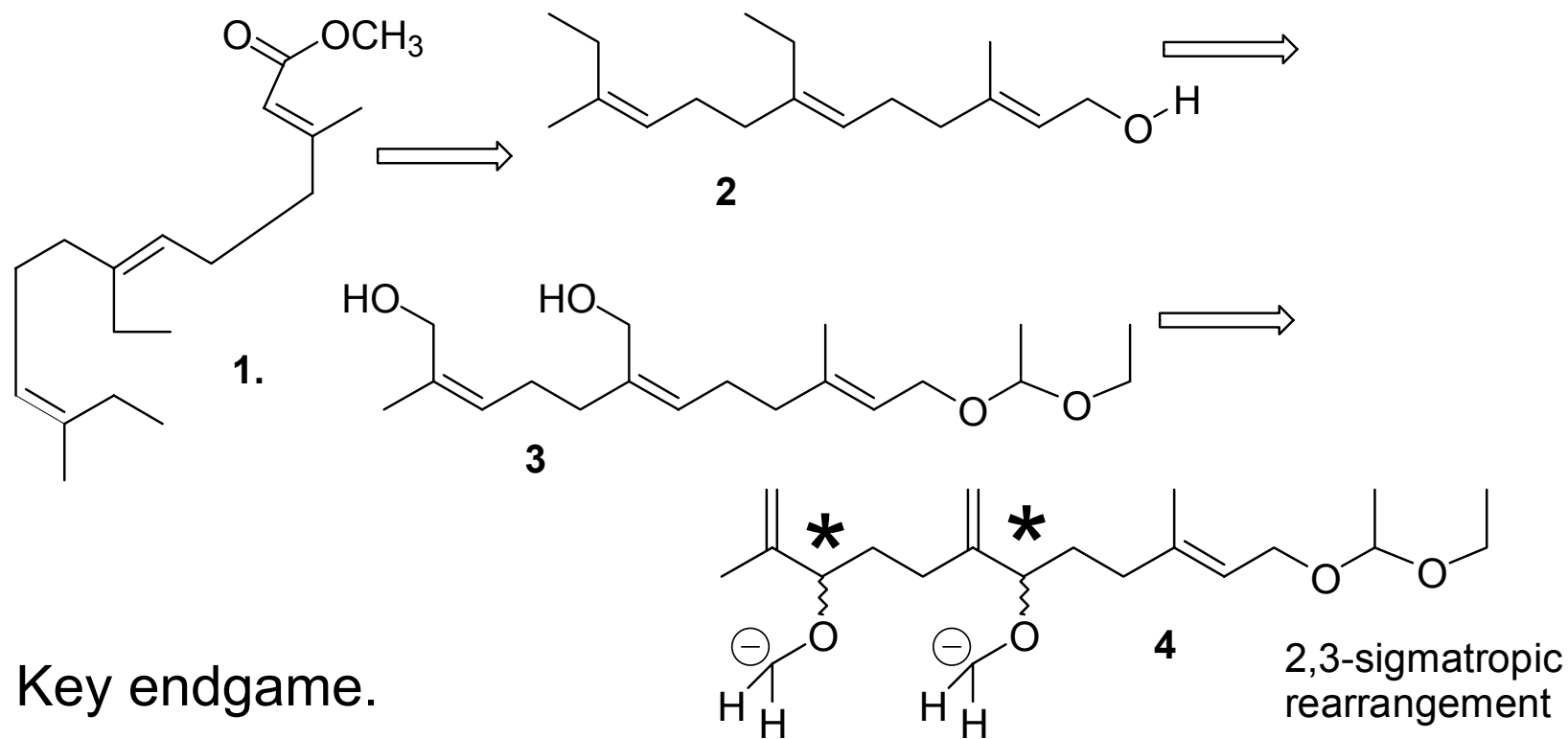
- C-C bonds via alpha and beta acidification effect of the triple bond



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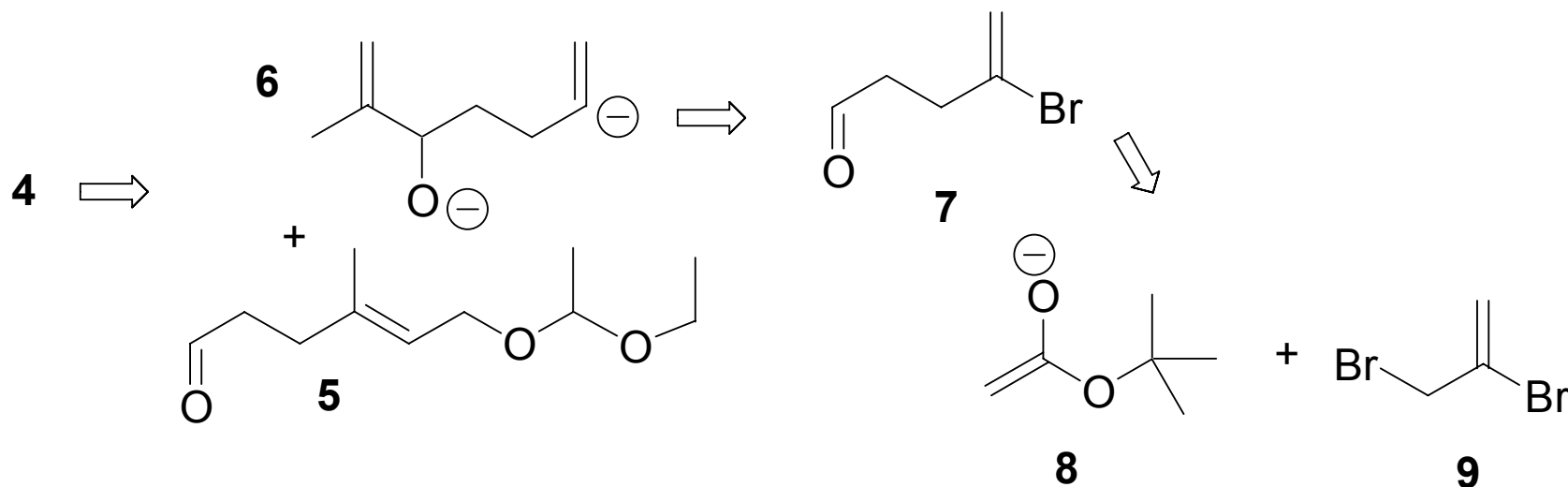


# Synthesis Three: Retrosynthesis. General Stereocontrol of trisubstituted alkenes.

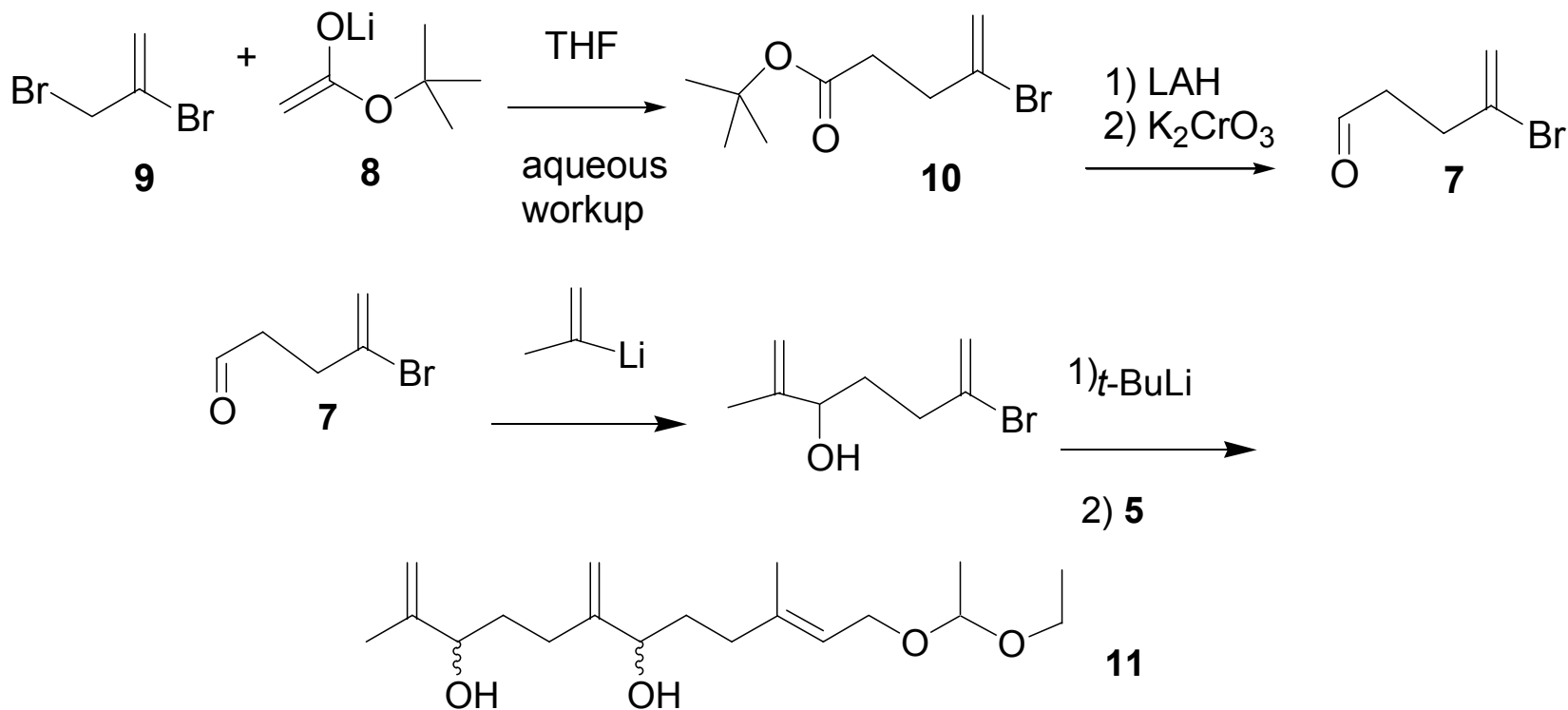


- Key endgame.
- Assigned reading below
- Still, W. C.; McDonald, J. H., III; Collum, D. B.; Mitra, A. *Tetrahedron Lett.* 1979, 20, 593.

# Building the key intermediate

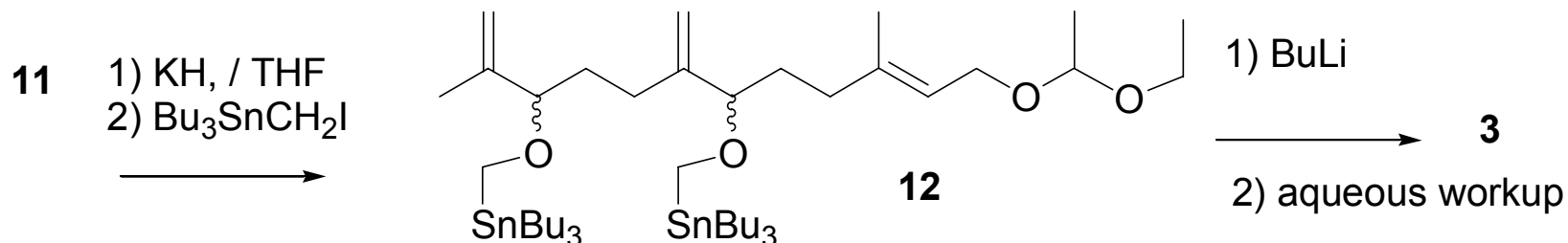


- Are the regioselectivities of the reactions above in concert with your chemical intuition?

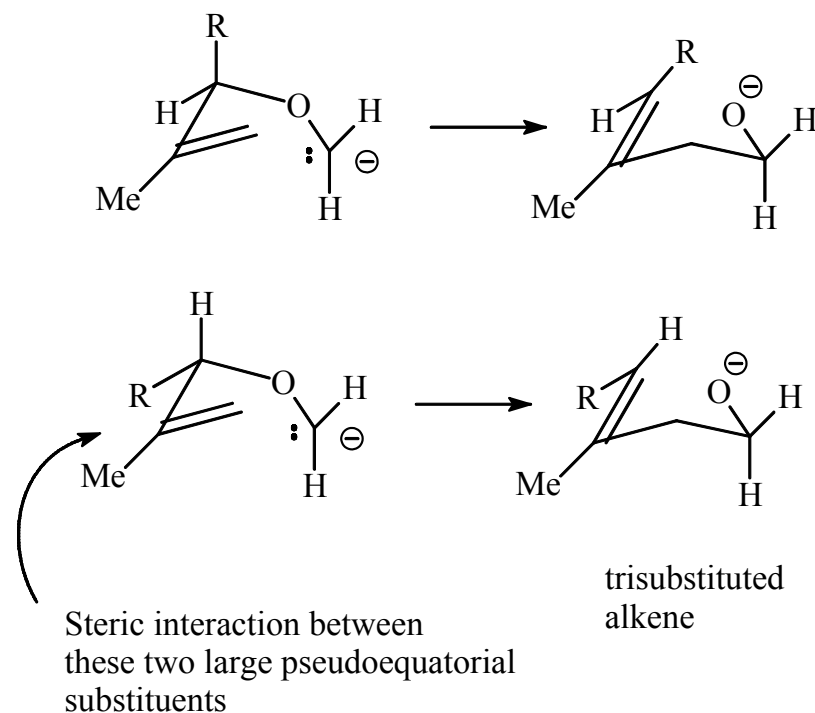


- The absolute configuration of the carbinol carbon atoms in **11** did not matter in the stereochemistry of the alkene.

# Key step: 2,3-sigmatropic rearrangement

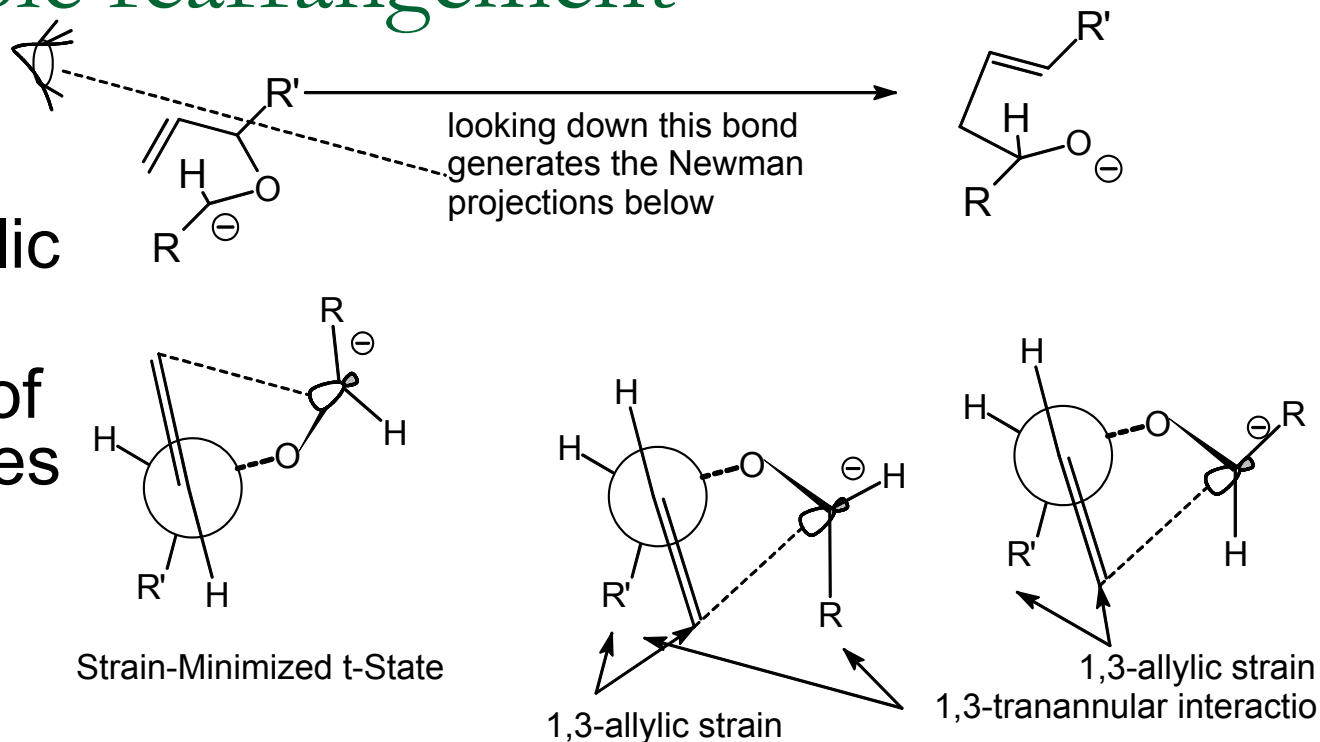


- 1,2-allylic strain controls the stereochemistry
- When thinking mechanism and stereochem evaluate the possibilities



# General stereocontrol in the 2,3-sigmatropic rearrangement

- More allylic strain
- In terms of bare bones



- Required reading: Bruckner, R. 2,3-Sigmatropic Rearrangements; *Comprehensive Synthetic Organic Chemistry* Trost and Flemming Eds.; Pergamon Press: Oxford, **1991**; Vol. 6, pp 873.