
Chiral oxorhenium complexes for the observation of parity violation in chiral molecules

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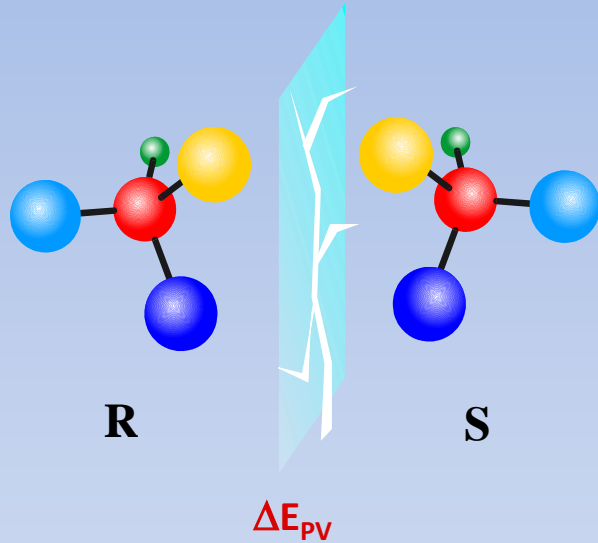
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Parity violation (PV) in molecules: Fundamental effect

The broken mirror



ΔE_{PV} c.a. $10^{-17}kT$

Fundamental effect

Comes from the **weak nuclear interaction**

(one of the four fundamental forces:
electromagnetic, gravitational, weak and strong
nuclear forces)

Electroweak theory predicts a **small energy difference** (ΔE_{PV}) between pairs of enantiomers, and thus a **breakdown** of mirror-image symmetry.

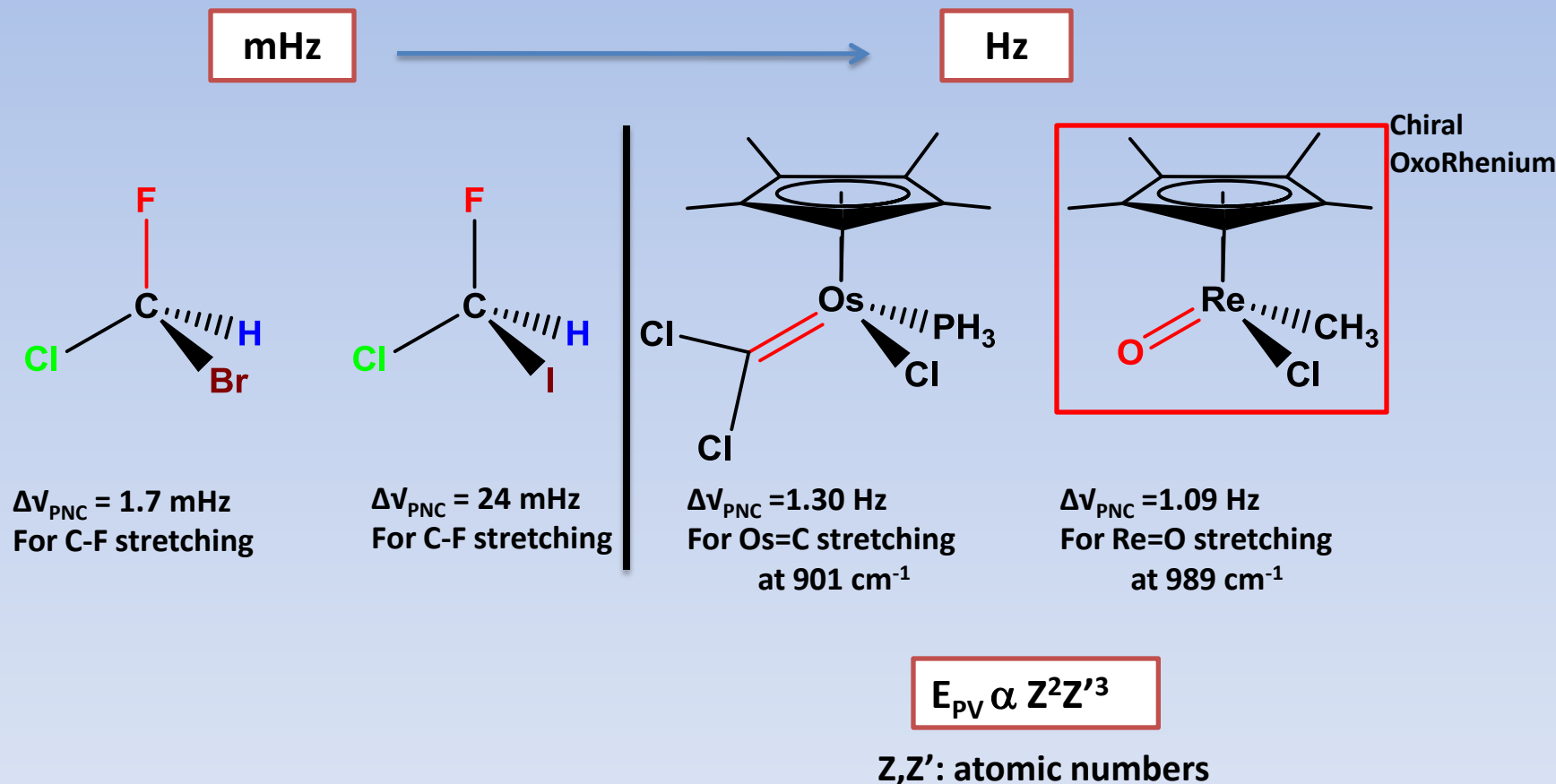
As a Chemist: Ideal Candidate:

- **Chiral-heavy-Transition metal (PV proportional to Z^n).**
- **M-L IR stretching frequency lies in the CO_2 frequency range (850-1120 cm^{-1}).**
- **Available in large enantiomeric excess , or ideally, in enantiopure form.**
- **Not too bulky (Very simple chiral molecule).**
- **Preferably sublime without decomposition.**
- **Gram scale synthesis.**

Theoretical Relativistic calculations of PV effects

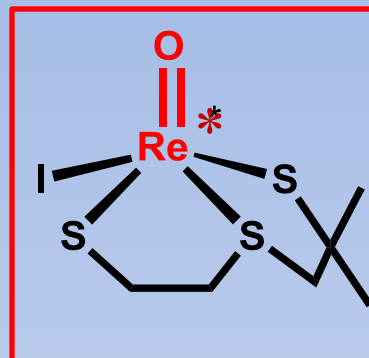
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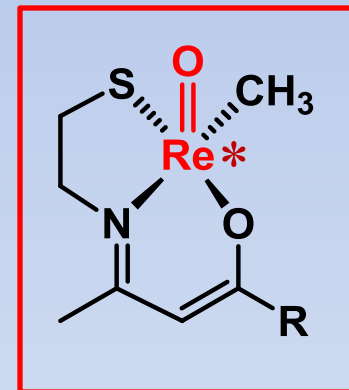
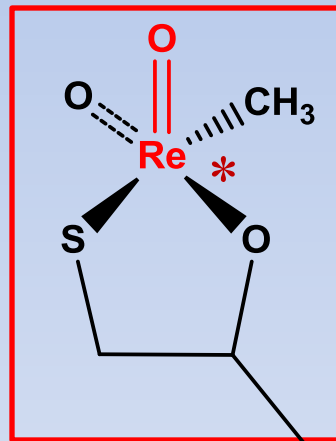


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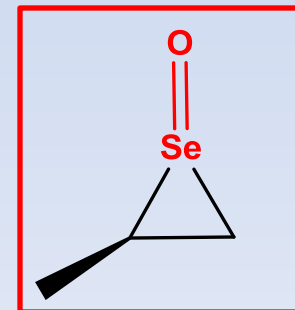
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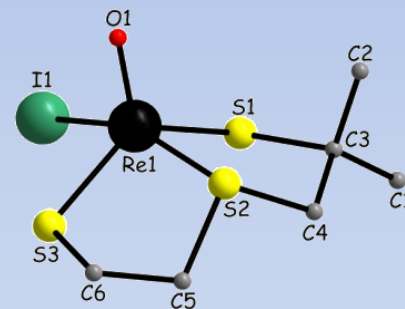
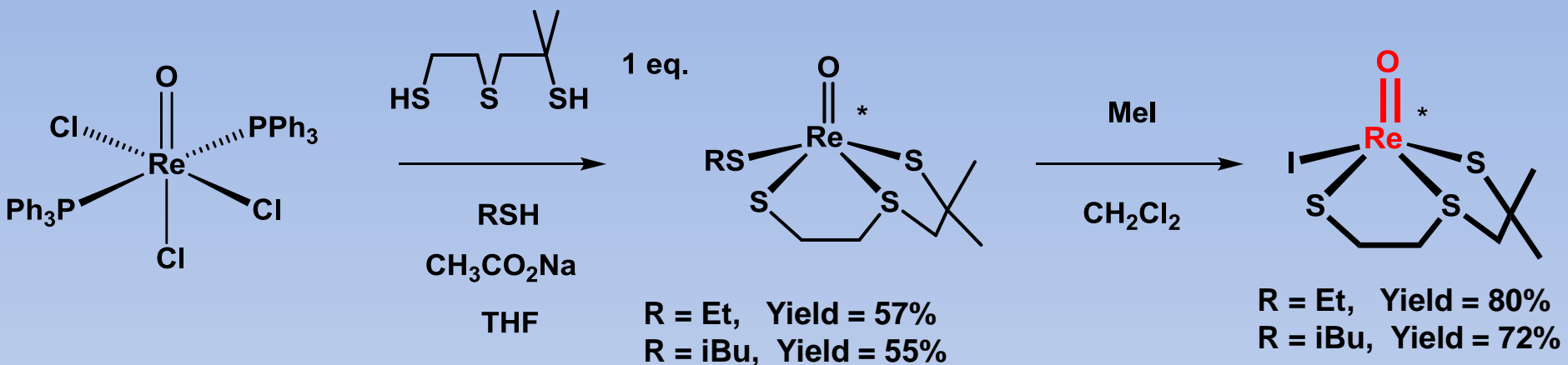
2. Synthesis of novel chiral OxoRhenium Complexes derived from MTO.



3. Perspectives



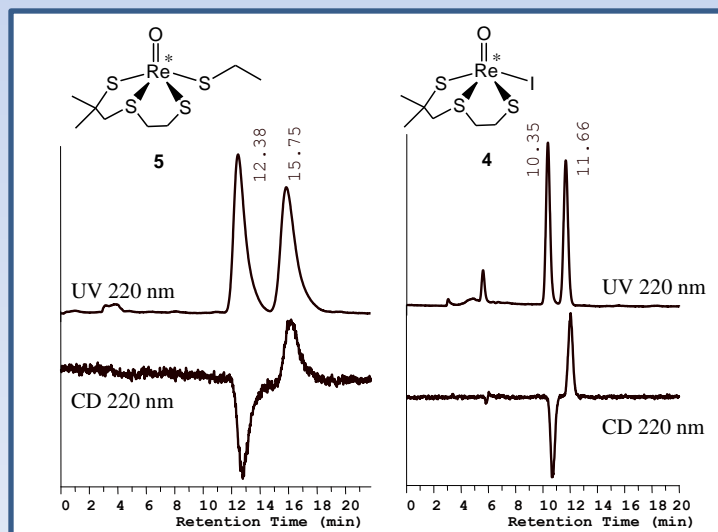
Chiral OxoRhenium complexes bearing sulfur



Enantiomers separated by
HPLC over a chiral stationary phase

Chiralpak AS-H
Hexane/ethanol (1/1) – 1 ml/min
Detection : UV and CD at 220 nm

Pr Roussel et Dr Vanthuyne,
Chirotechnologies, UMR 6180, Marseille

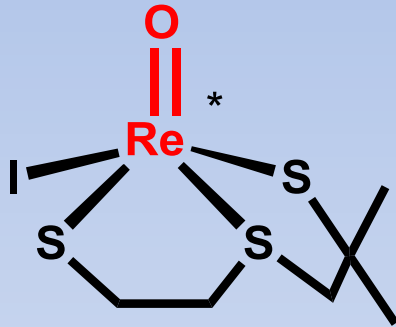


Chiral-heavy-Transition metal



Chiral OxoRhenium Complexes

3+1 sulfurated oxorhenium complexes



Intense vibrational band around 1000 cm^{-1}

Efficient synthesis (racemic and enantiopure)

Calculated High parity violation effects (0.1-1 Hz)

But:

Decomposition in the sublimation conditions

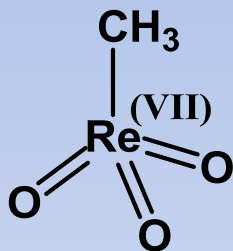
Decomposition in the molecular beam

Chiral-heavy-Transition metal



Chiral OxoRhenium Complexes

Methyltrioxorhenium (MTO)



MTO is commercially available : **5 G / 500 euros** (Alfa Aesar)

Intense vibration Band around
1000 cm⁻¹

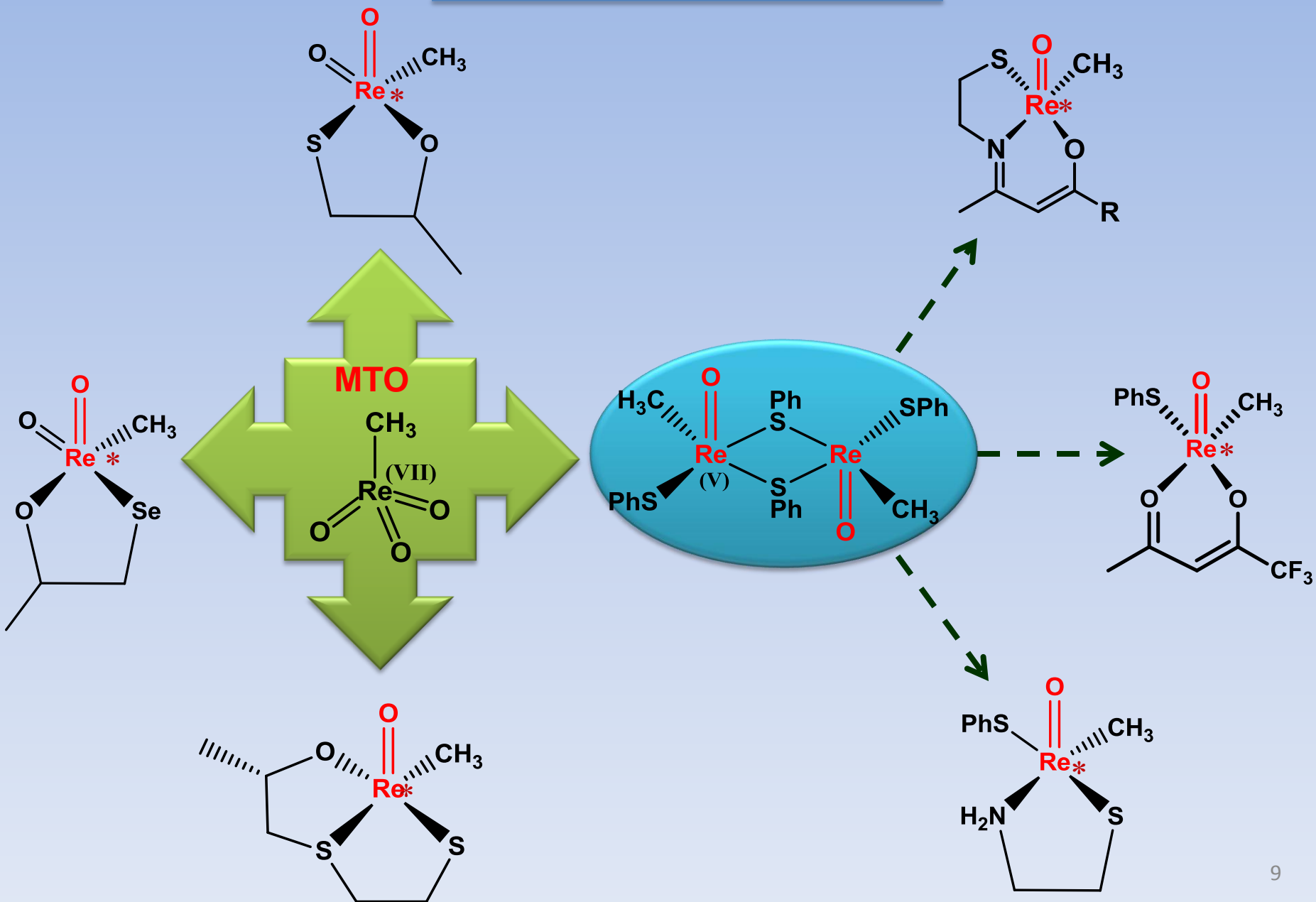
Easy sublimation

Spectroscopy of a molecular
beam*

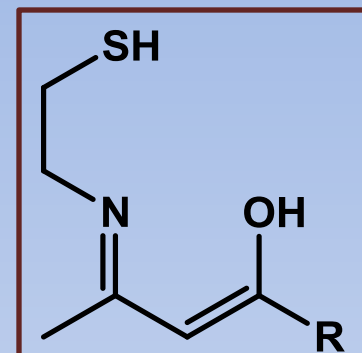
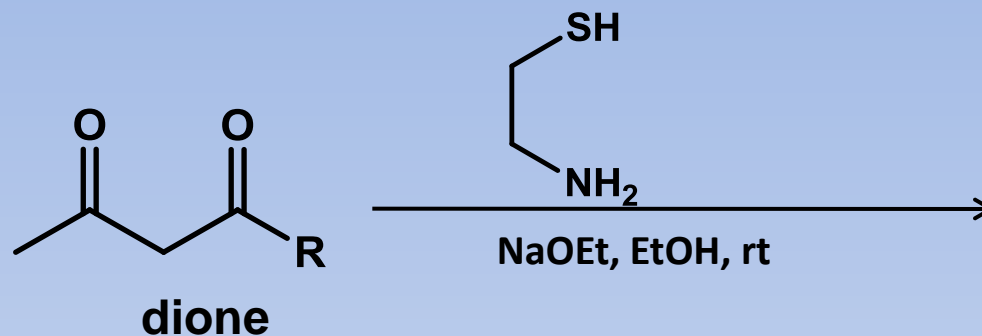
Synthesis of chiral derivatives

* C. Stoeffler, B. Darquié, A. Shelkovnikov, C. Daussy, A. Amy-Klein, C. Chardonnet, L. Guy, J. Crassous, T. R. Huet, P. Soulard, P. Asselin, *Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.* **2011**, *13*, 854-863.

New oxorhenium complexes derived from MTO



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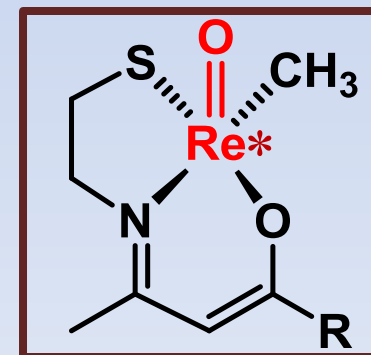
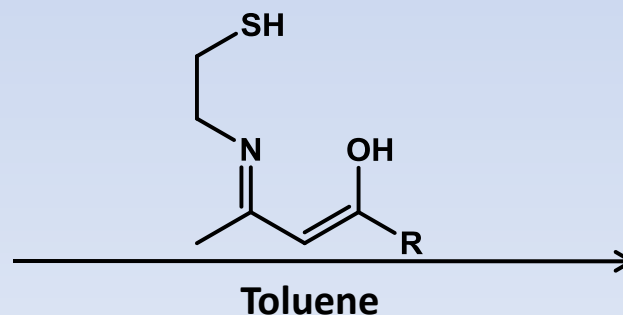


R = CH₃ : Yield = 73 %

R = CF₃ : Yield = 82 %

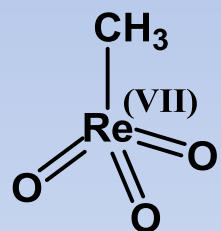
Sublimation ✓ (100° C)
Stability ✓
Rhenium : stereogenic ✓

MTO ~~X~~

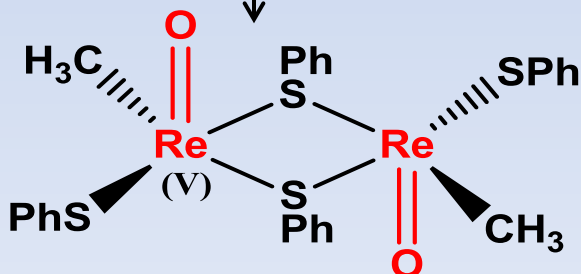


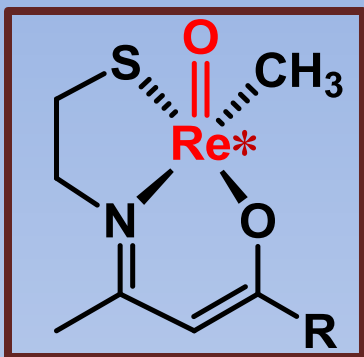
R = CH₃, CF₃

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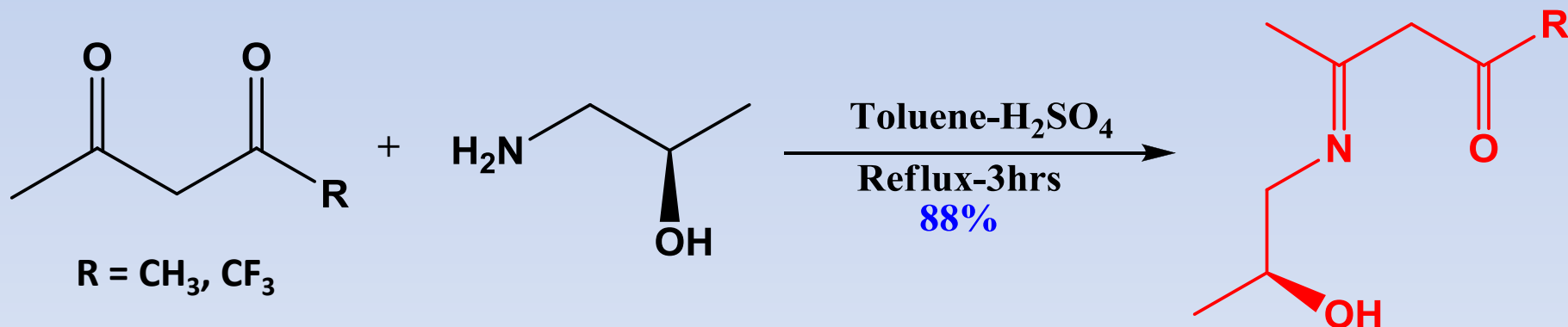
PhSH
Toluene
60%



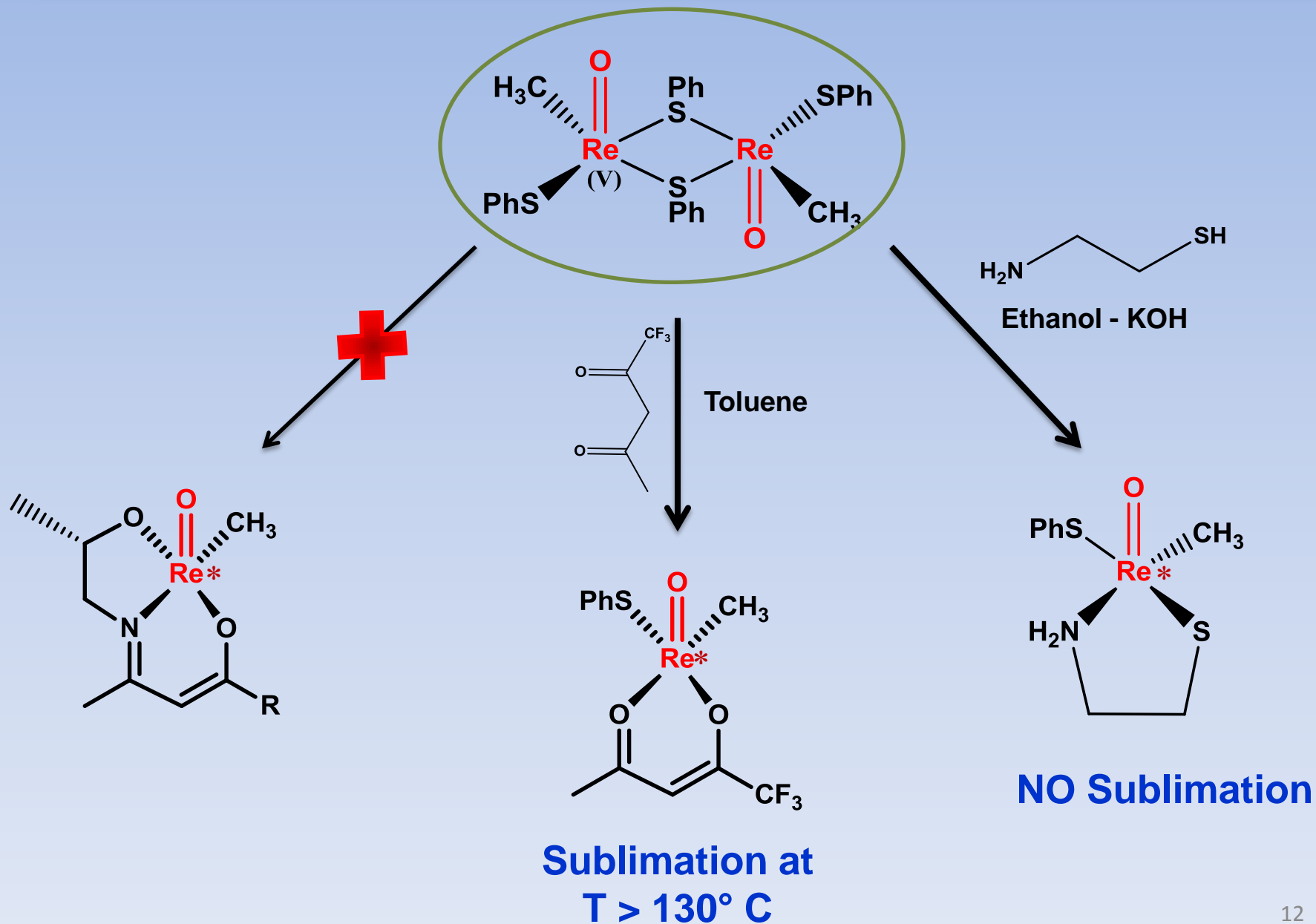


Competitive compound, but unfortunately not stable in the column

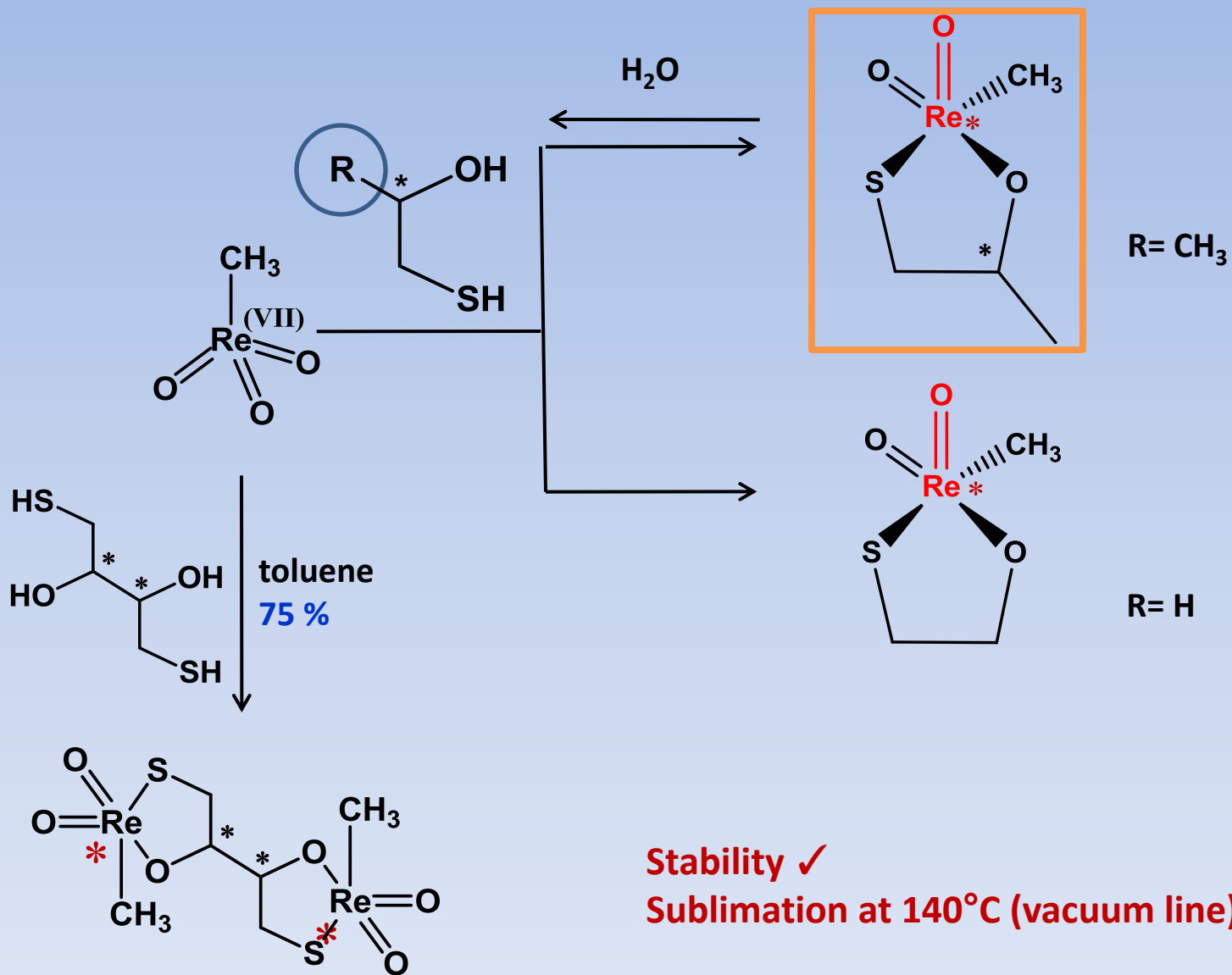
Synthesis of **enantiopure-containing acac** ligands.



New oxorhenium complexes derived from MTO

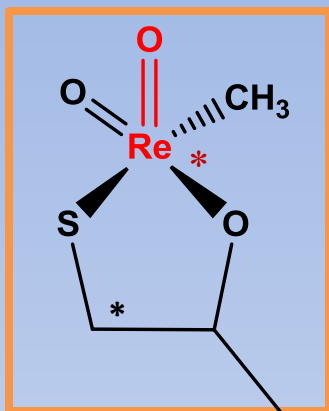


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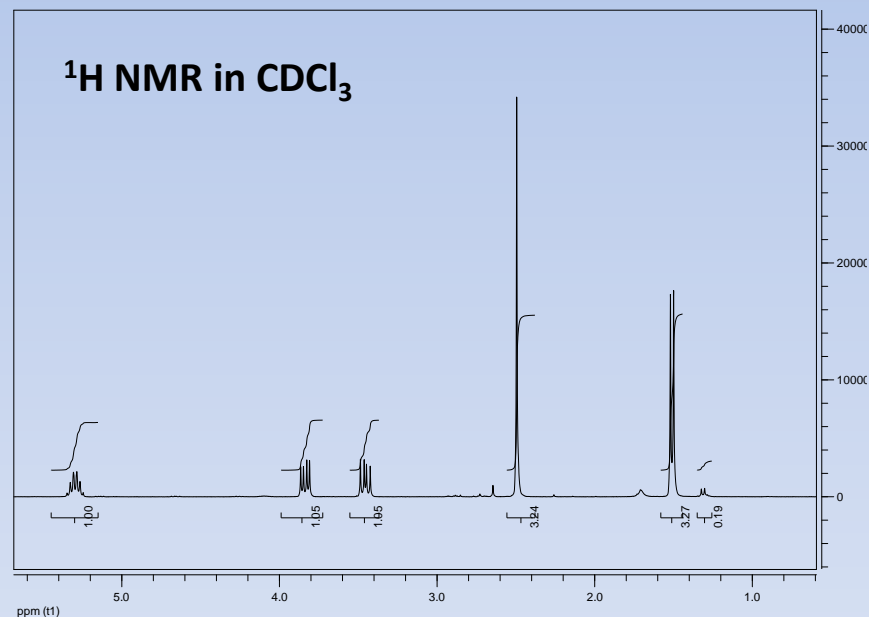
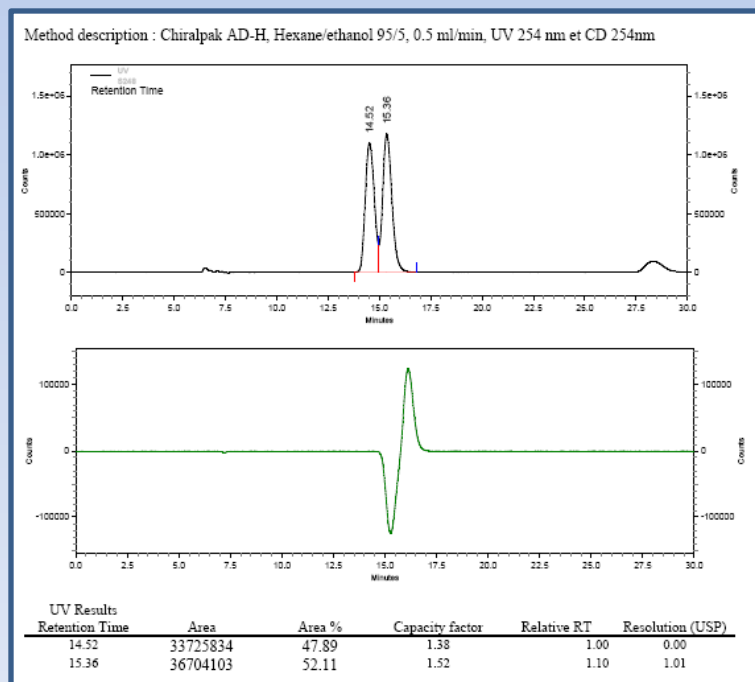
Stability ✓
Sublimation at 140°C (vacuum line)

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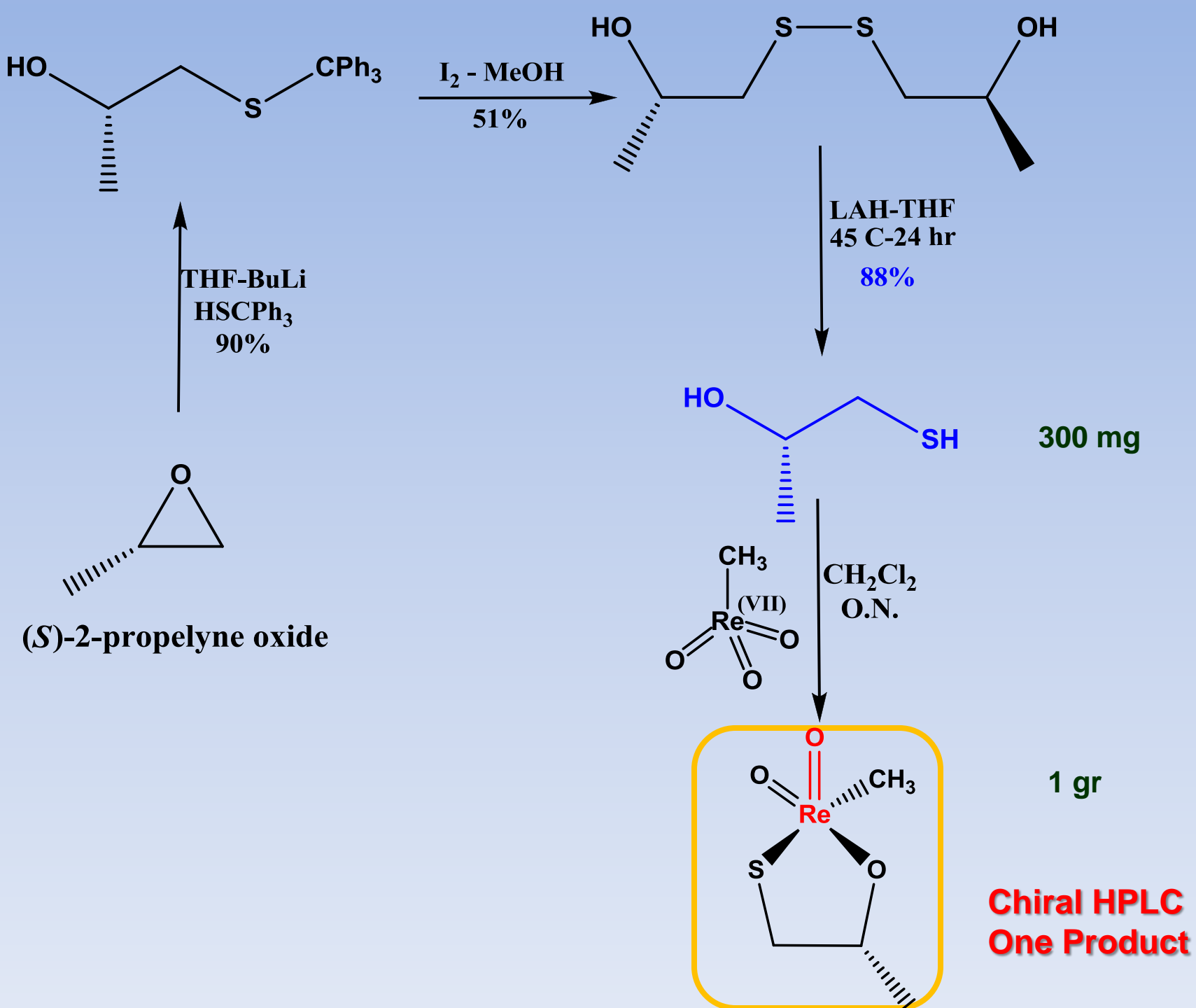


- Sublimation possible around **60°C** (vacuum line)
- Reasonable stability

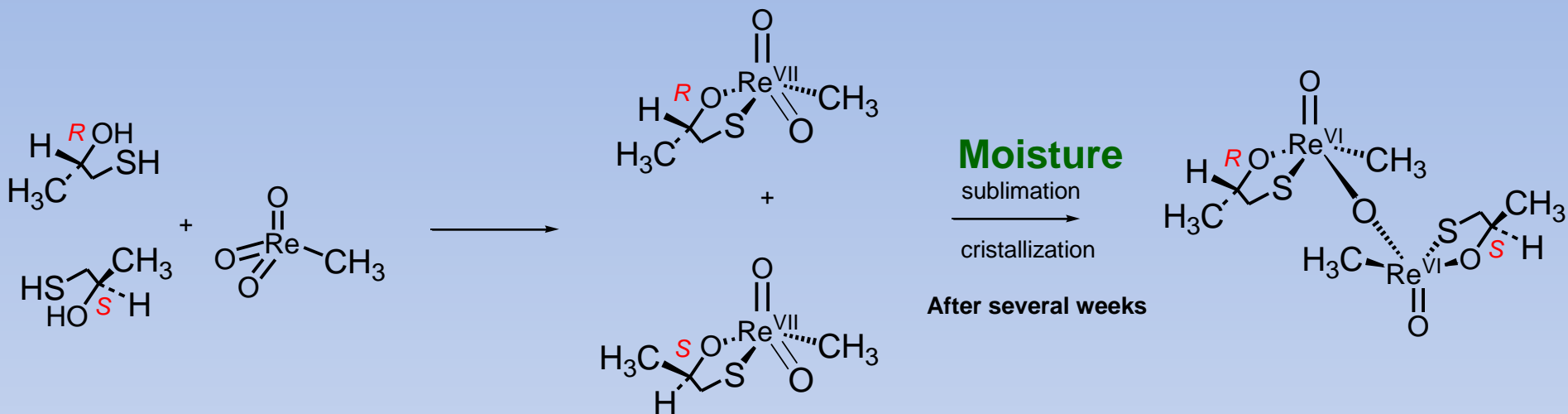
Chiral HPLC : two enantiomers



Prepare the **enantiopure ligands** ?

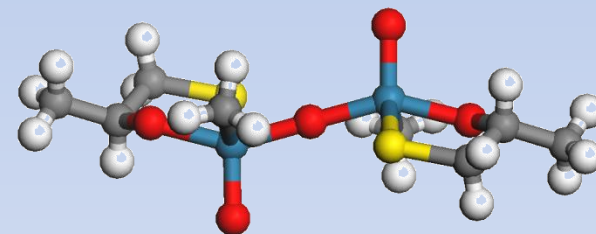


Dimer formation in the presence of moisture

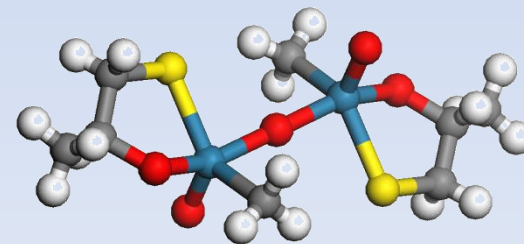


The stereochemistry of the ligand is transferred to the rhenium atom!

This is confirmed with the pure enantiomers ...

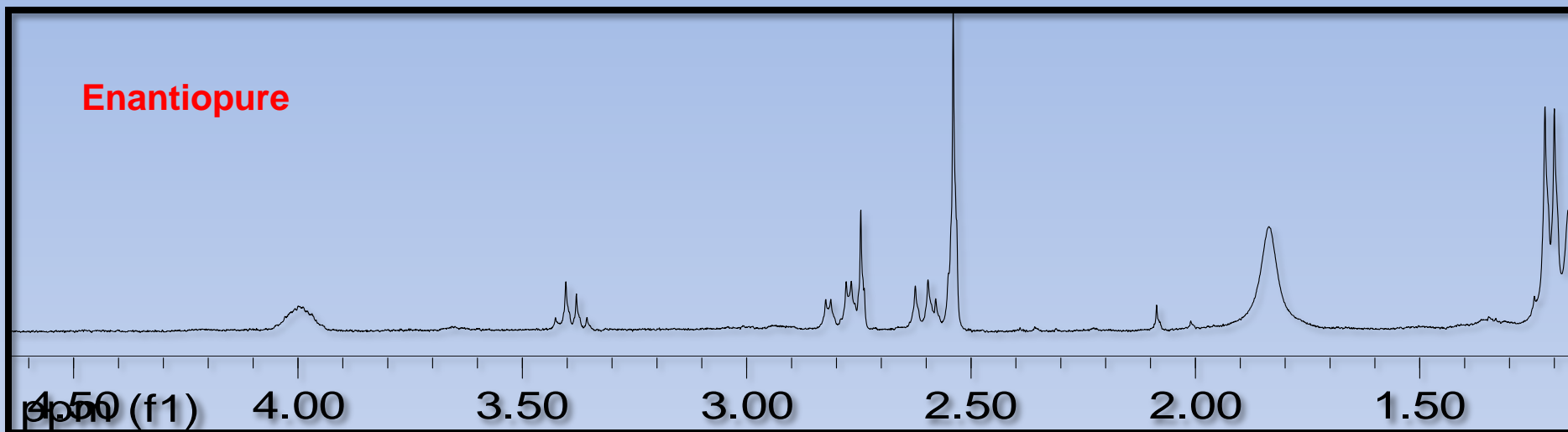


X-ray structure

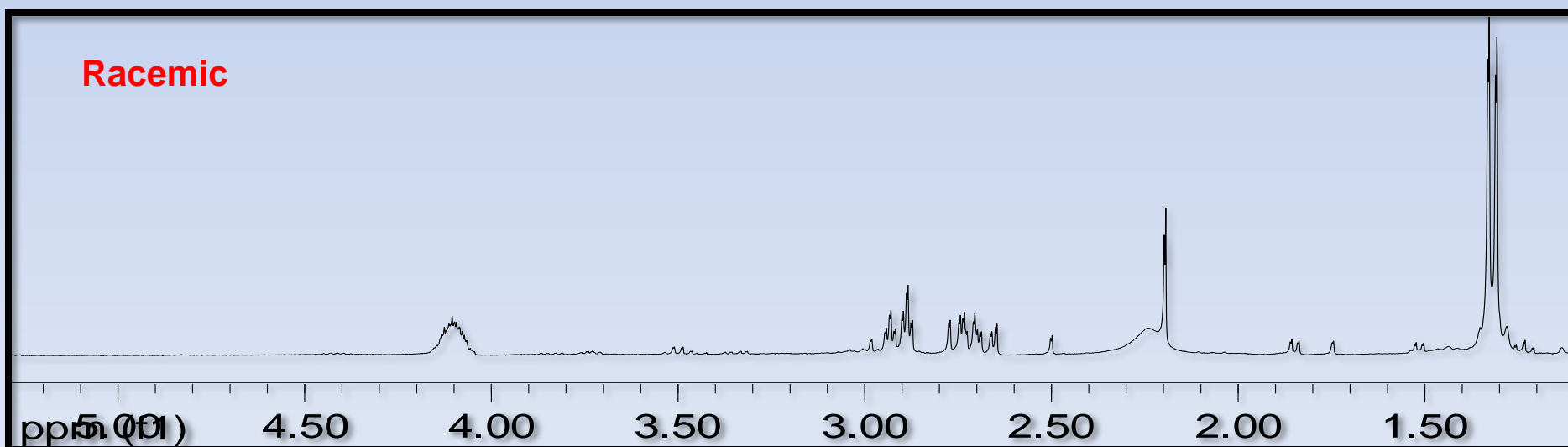


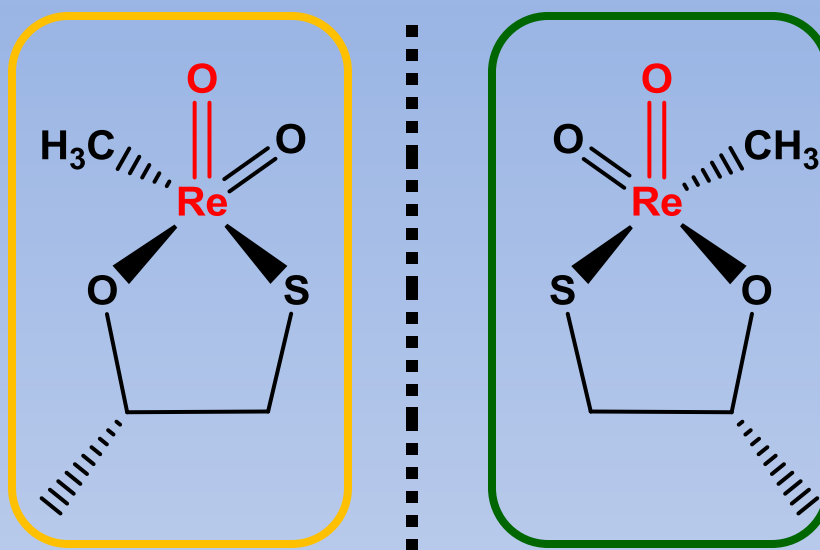
Racemic Dimer NMR **V/S** Enantiopure Dimer NMR

Enantiopure



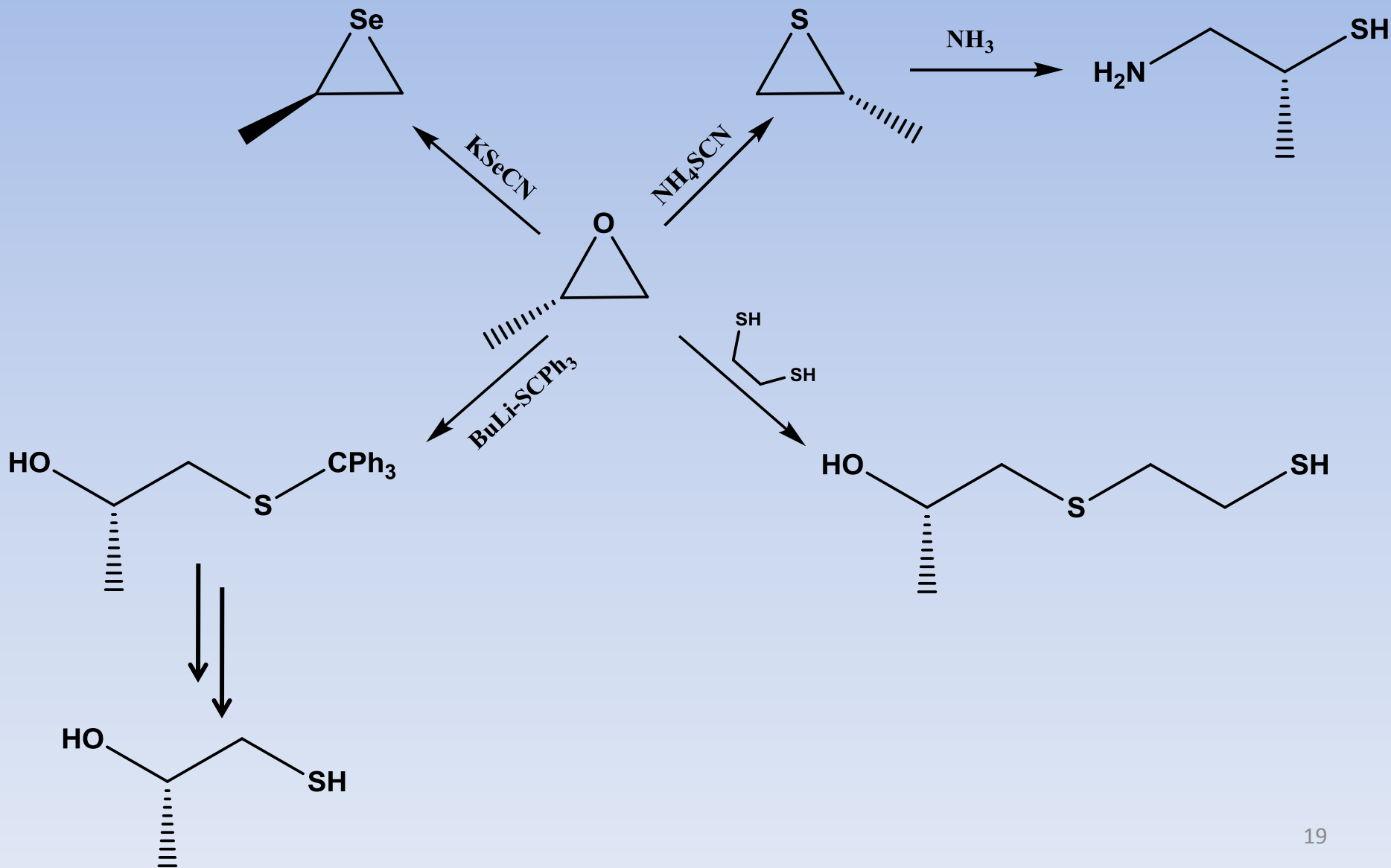
Racemic



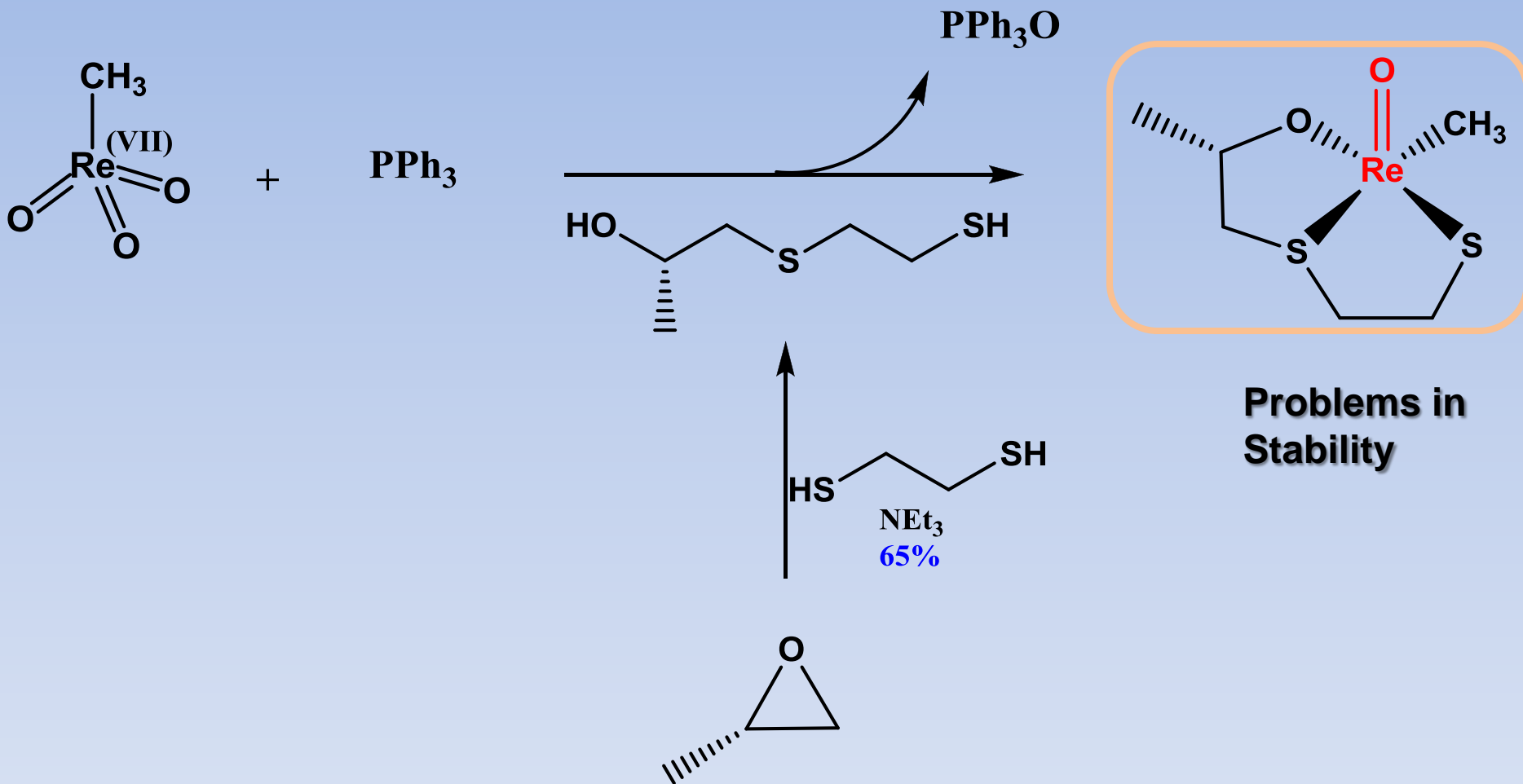


- **Enantiopure** oxorhenium complexes
- Easy sublimation
- Intense vibration Band around 1000 cm⁻¹
- Calculated ΔE_{pV} ?
- Spectroscopy of a molecular beam?

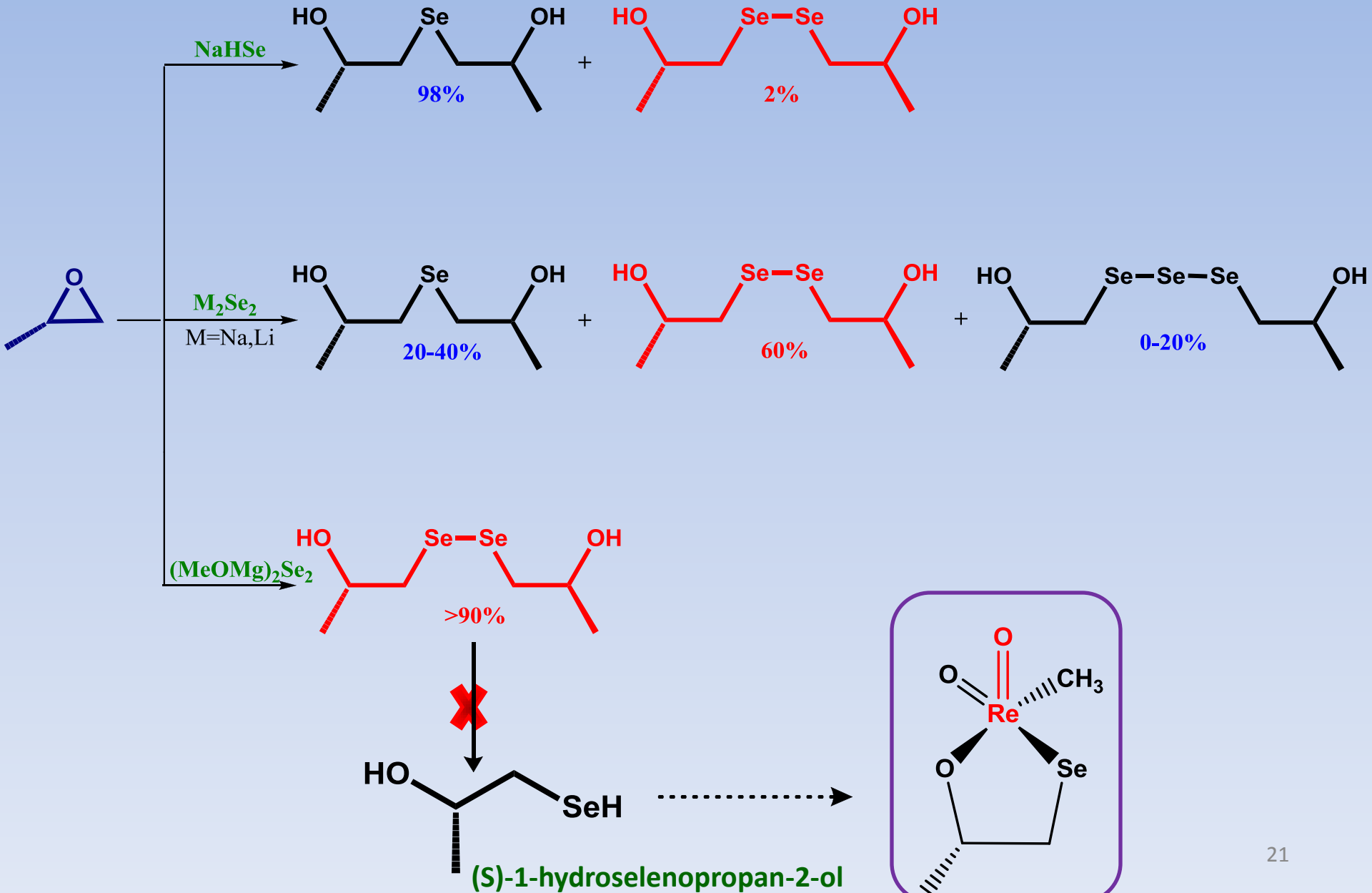
Propylene oxide: synthetic route for the preparation of enantiopure ligands



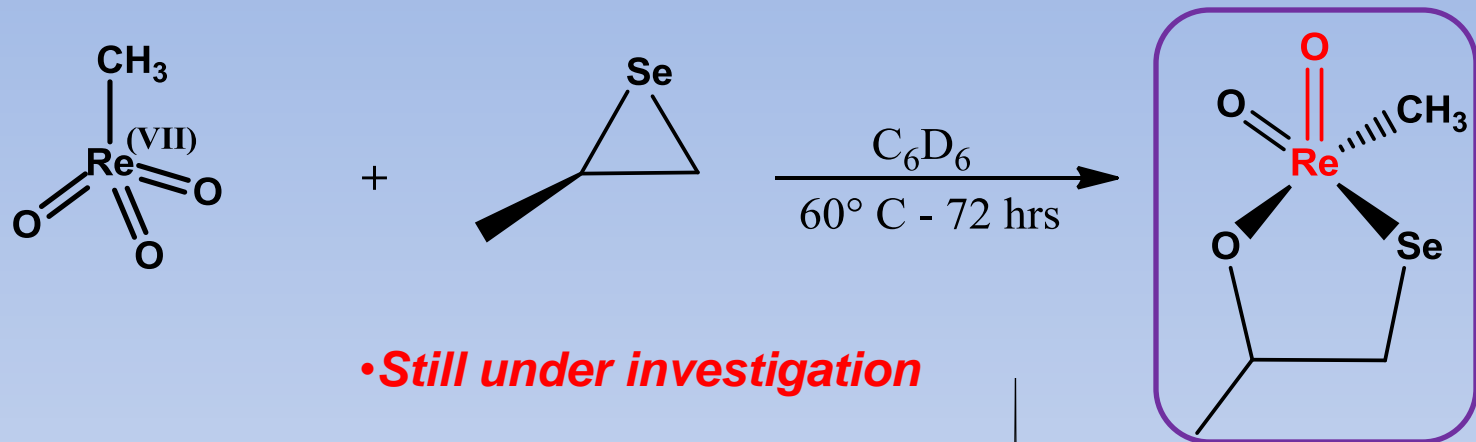
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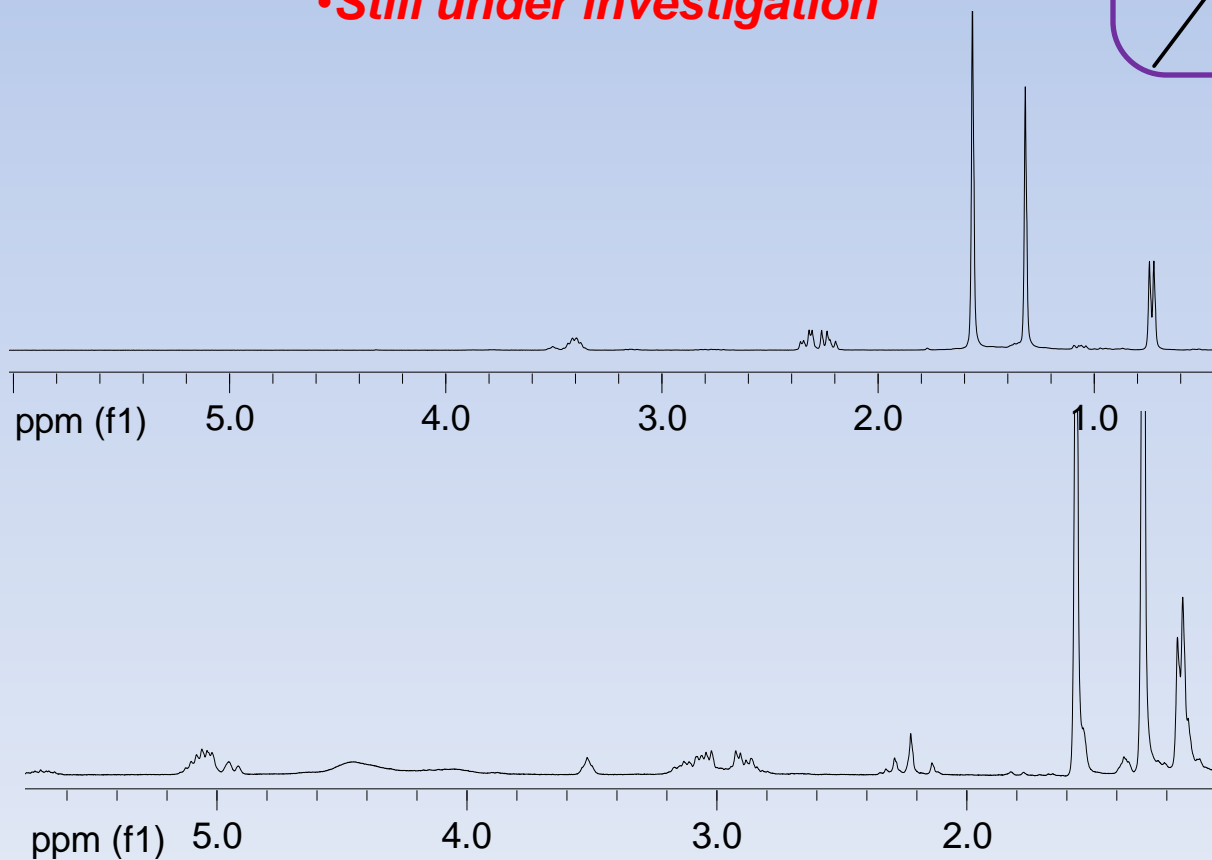
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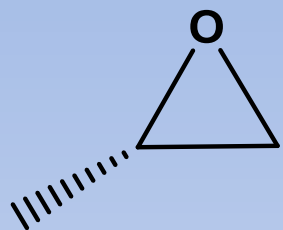
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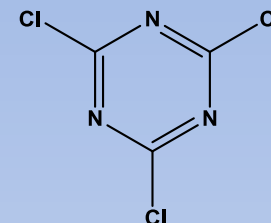
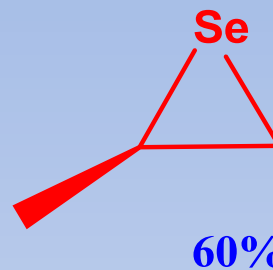
•Still under investigation



Synthesis of *Selenirane*

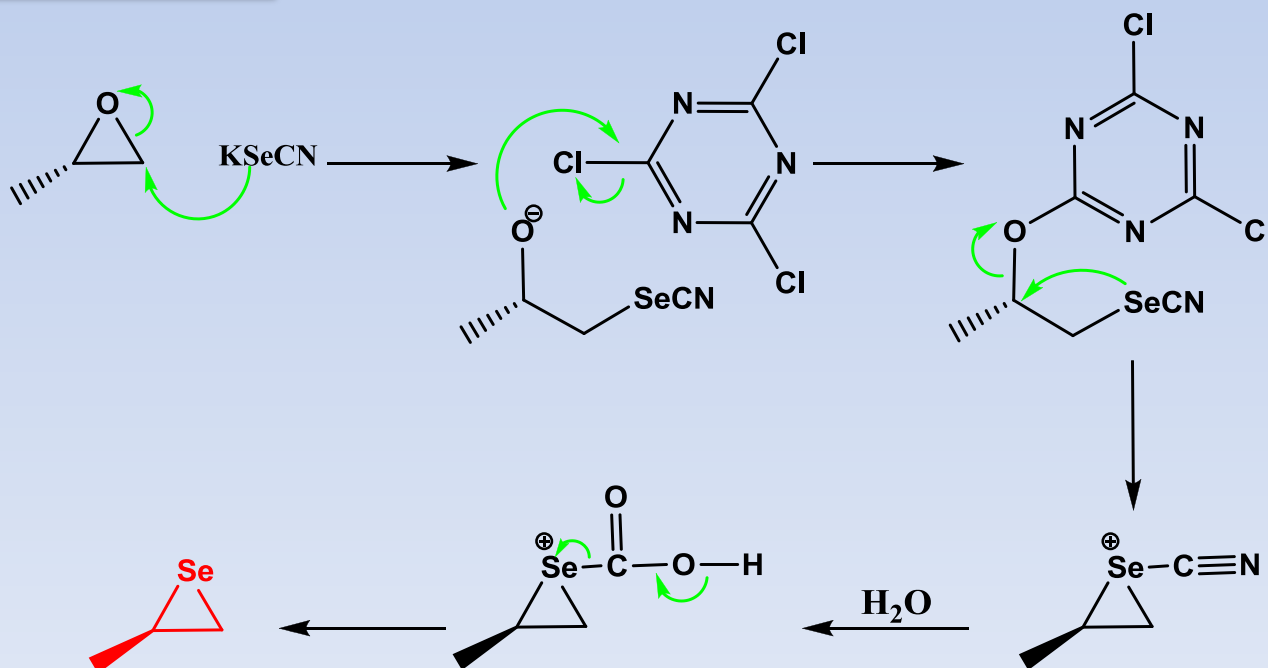


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2. H_2O

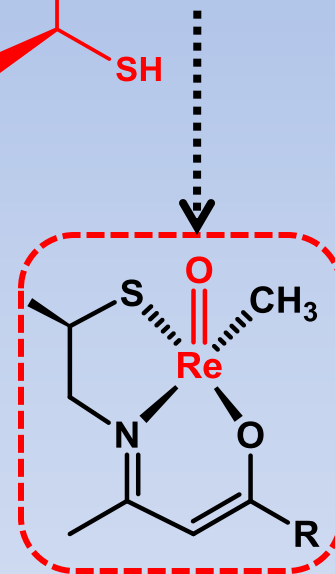
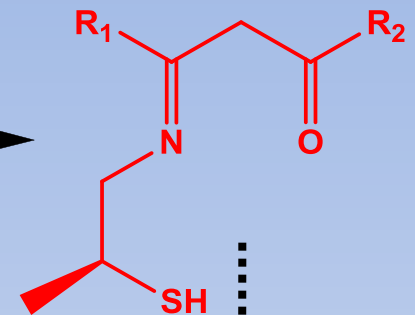
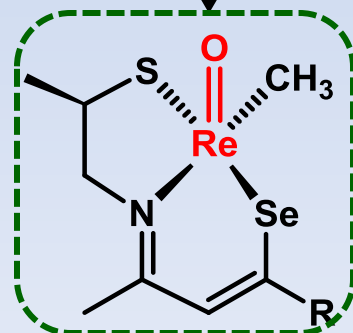
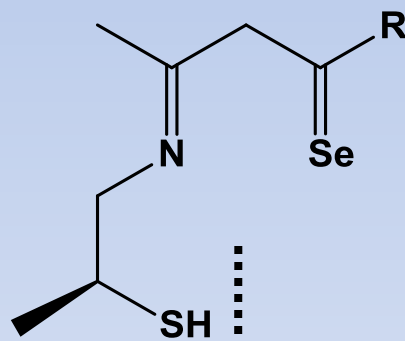
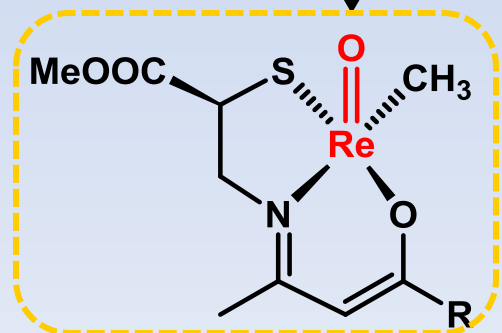
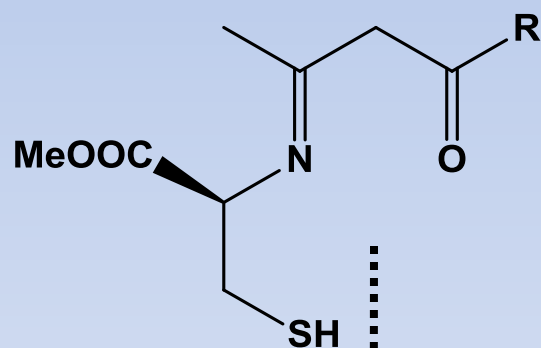
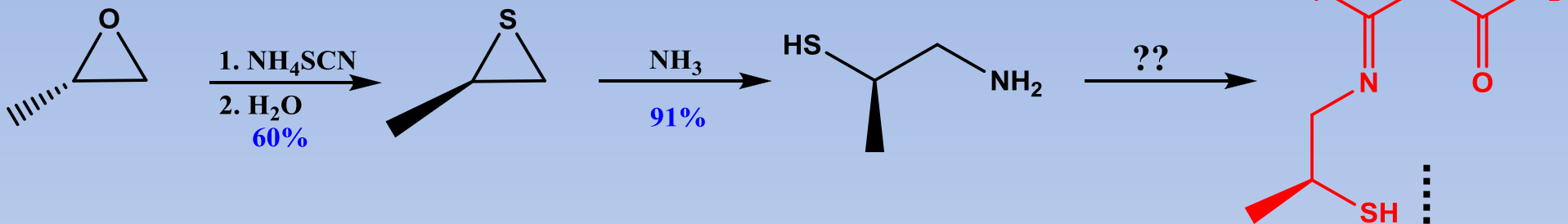


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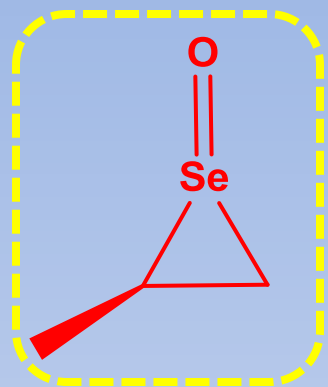
Proposed Mechanism



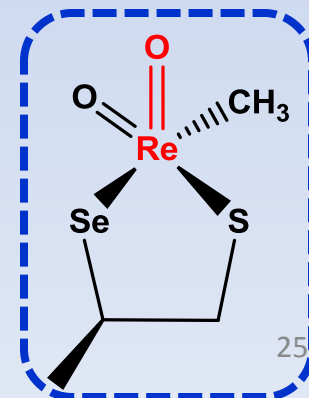
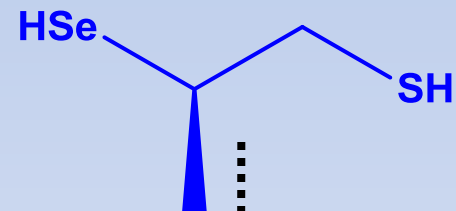
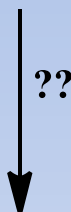
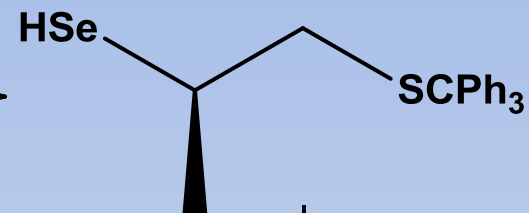
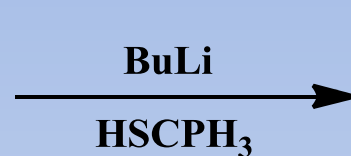
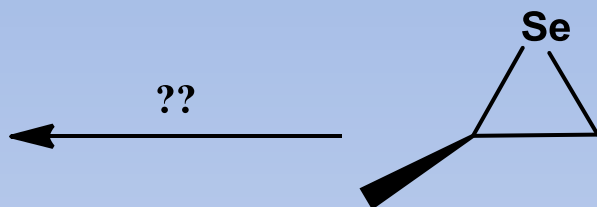
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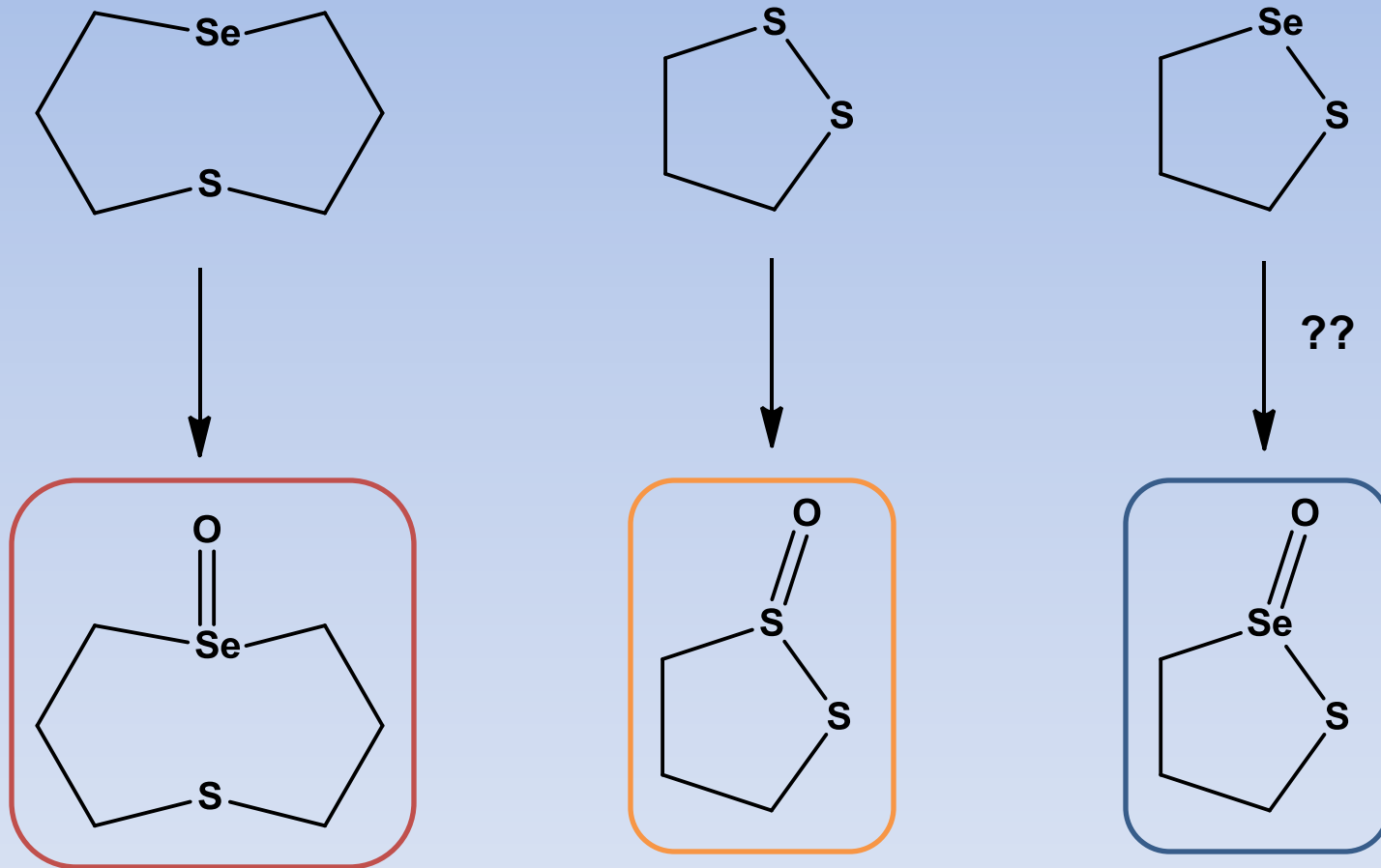


Good
Candidate



Perspectives

• New good Candidates ??



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