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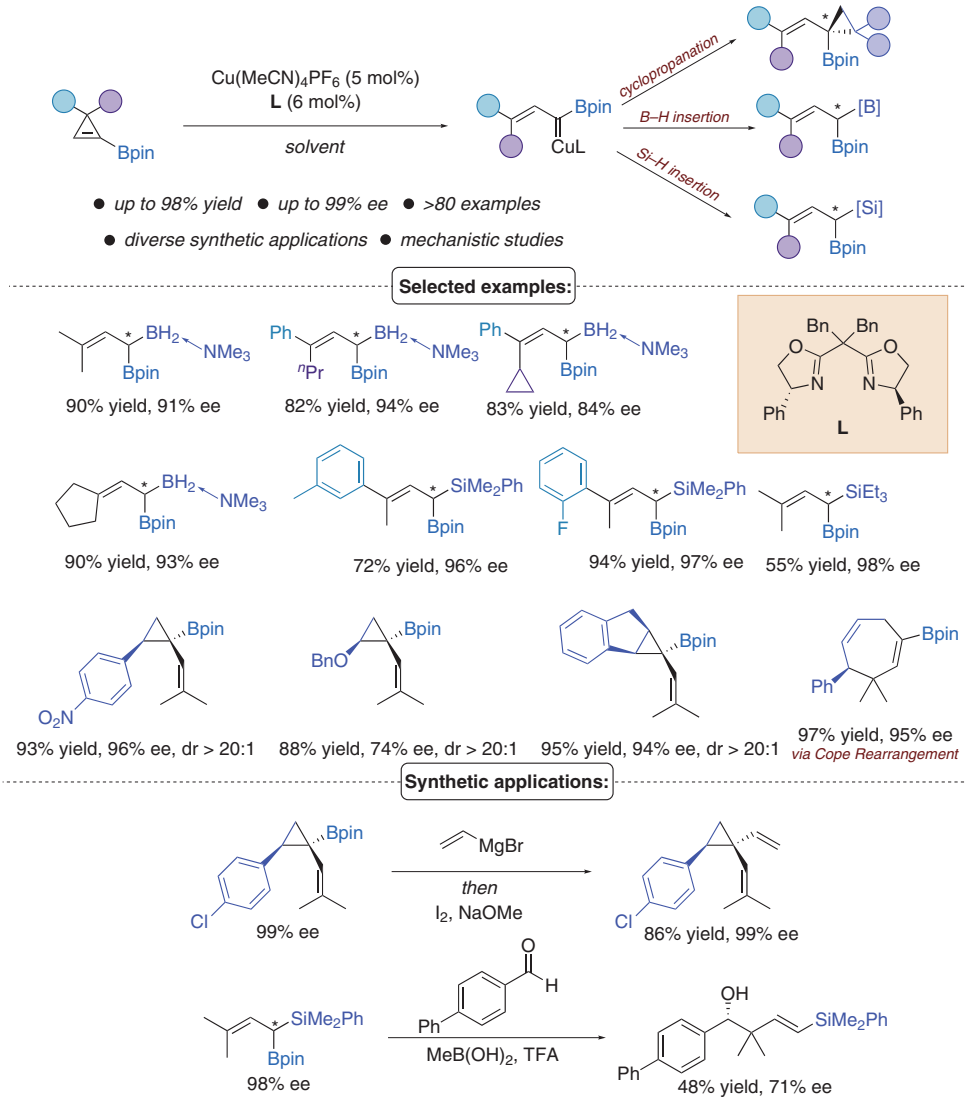

Significance: Zhu and coworkers report an enantioselective synthesis of organoboron compounds *via* the α-boryl carbene. This work expands on the scarcely used α-boryl carbene intermediate in a wide range of applications.

Comment: While investigating the mechanism, KIE studies revealed that the rate-determining step was likely the cyclopropene ring opening. Interestingly, it is suggested that the α-boryl carbene is likely a donor-type carbene when compared to the known α-ester and hydrogen carbenes.

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