

Carbohydrate chemistry – *the formation of glycosidic bonds*

“Their study also dates back to the early beginnings of organic chemistry and has persistently been conducted with such lively enthusiasm that the present state of knowledge in this group may even be used as a yardstick for the discipline as a whole.”

- Emil Fischer, Nobel Lecture (1902)

Glycosidation Chemistry

Helpful references:

Boons, G-J. and Hale, K.J. (2000). *Organic Synthesis with Carbohydrates*Hanessian, S. (1997). *Preparative Carbohydrate Chemistry*.Zhu, X. and Schmidt, R. *ACIE*, 2009, 48, 1900-2934.

What I will not cover:

Chemoenzymatic transformations

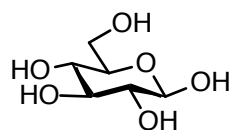
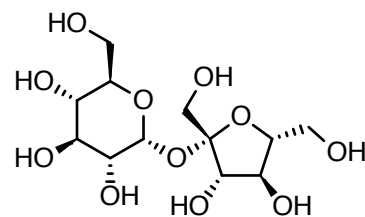
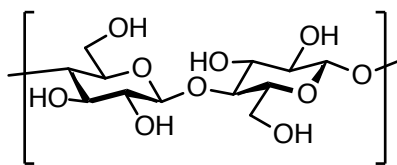
Synthesis of unnatural sugars

Bioconjugation chemistry

N- or C- glycosylation

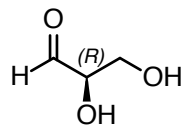
Carbohydrates...

as fundamental building blocks in nature

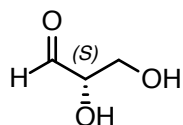
D-glucose
energy storagesucrose
sugar cane/beetscellulose
300 - 10,000 units
green plant cell walls

Carbohydrates...

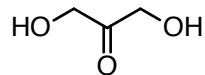
are polyhydroxylated aldehydes and ketones



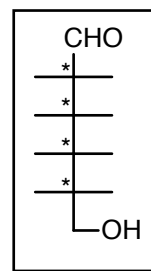
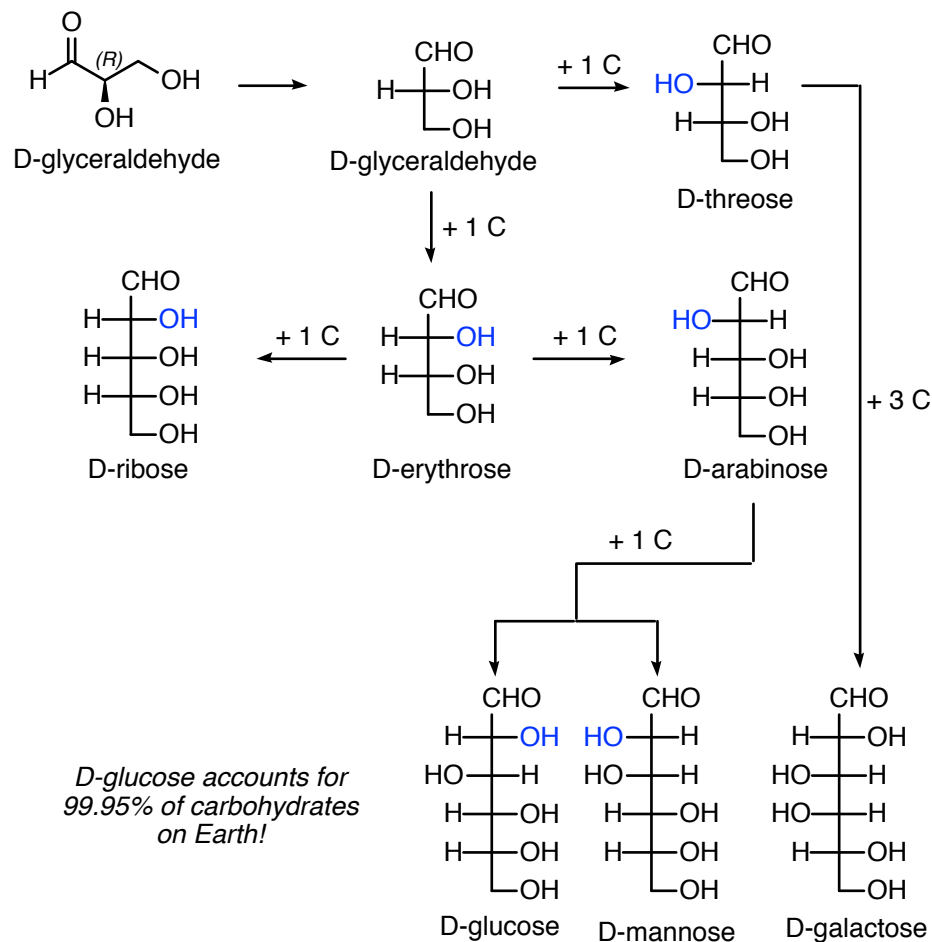
D-glyceraldehyde



L-glyceraldehyde

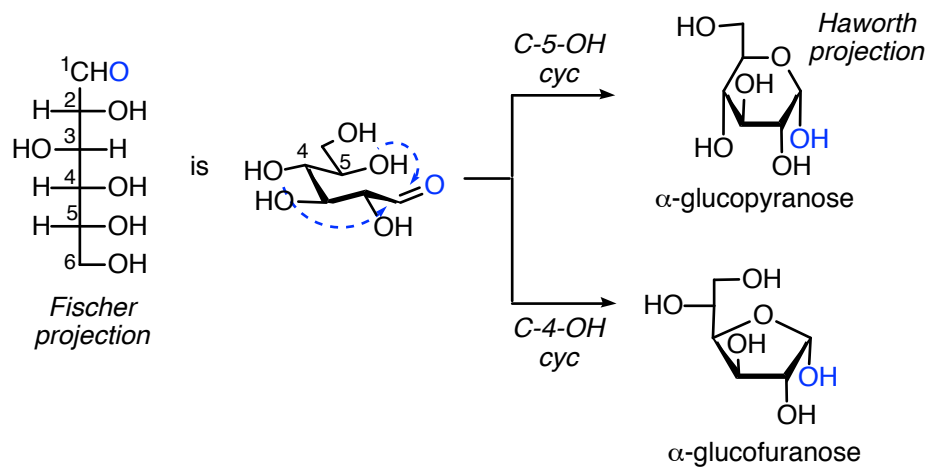


dihydroxyacetone

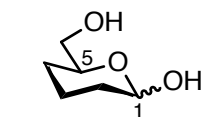


2^4 possible isomers = 16 D-/L-isomers
8 hexoses: glucose, mannose, galactose, allose, altrose, gulose, idose, talose.

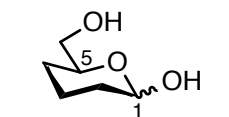
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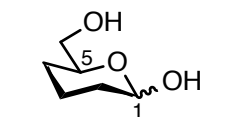
You fill it in!



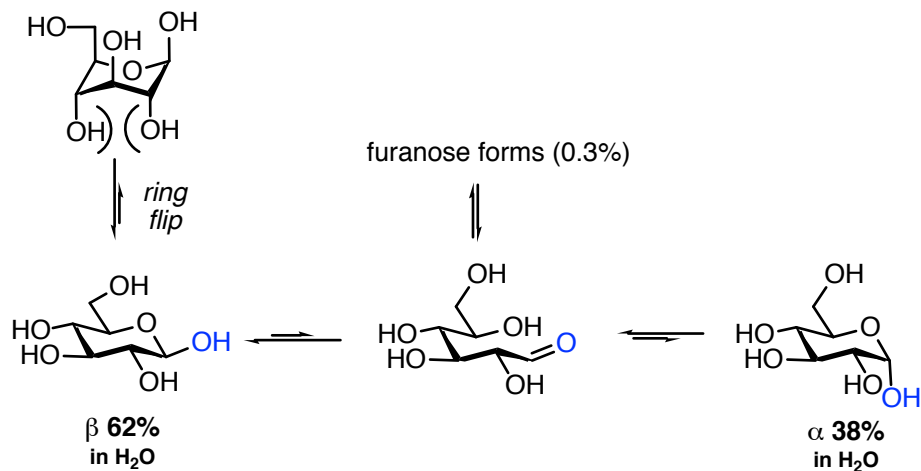
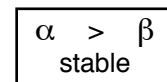
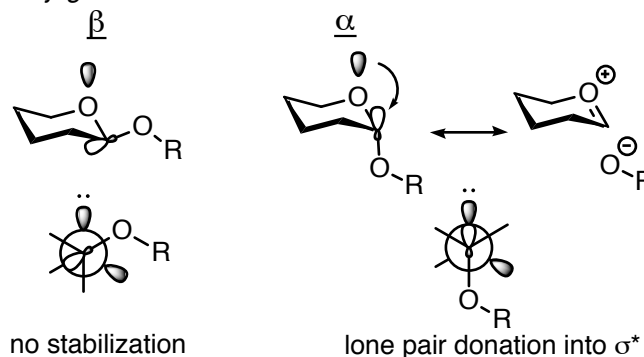
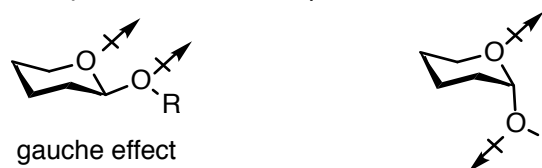
D-glucopyranose



D-mannopyranose



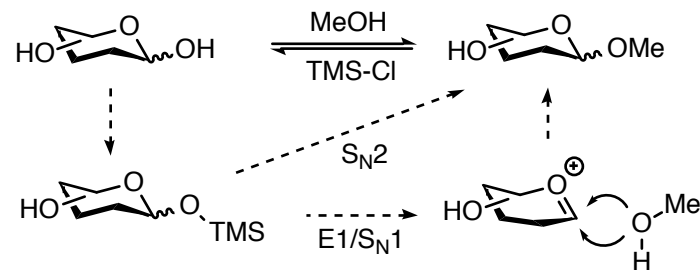
D-galactopyranose

Mutarotation - interconversion of anomers**Anomeric Effect**1) hyperconjugation stabilized α anomer2) lone-pair repulsion destabilizes β anomer

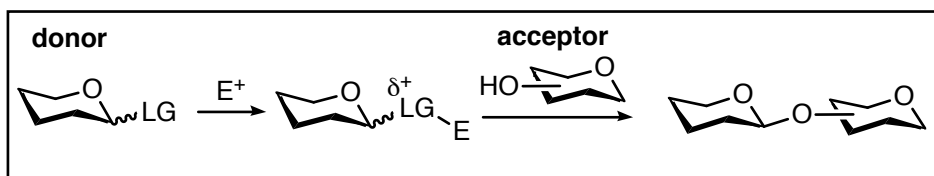
3) dependent on solvent/temperature

"half of carbohydrate chemistry is situated at the anomeric carbon,"
 Sir Derek Barton (*indirect quote*, Hanessian, p. 263)

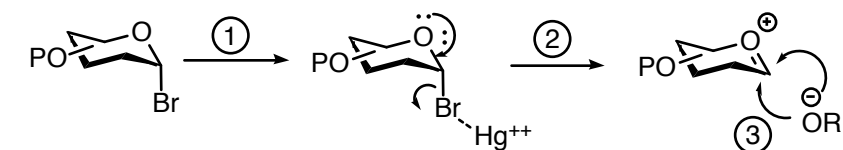
Fischer-Helferich esterification (1893-1895)



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Koenigs and Knörr (1901)

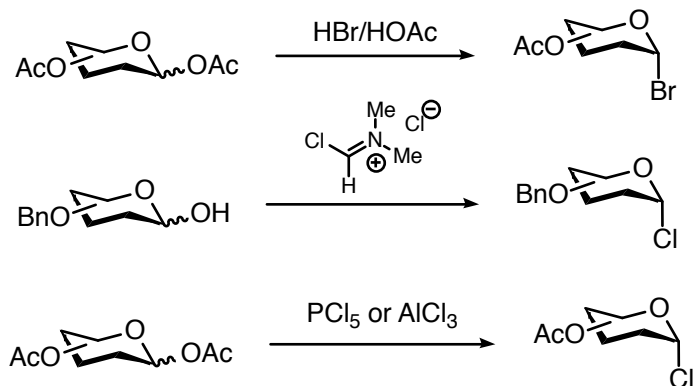
① activation by Ag^+ , Hg^+

② irreversible loss of activated halide

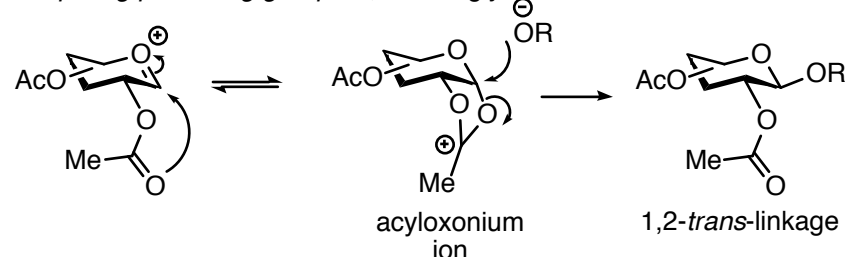
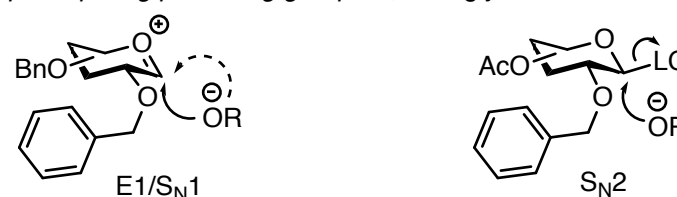
③ nucleophilic attack by glycosyl acceptor

*react via contact ion pair,
solv-separated ion pair, or
free ion (solv dependent)*Factors that influence α/β ratios include: C-2 substituent, substituents at donor and acceptor, leaving group, promoter, solvent, temperaturetypically yields are low and α -linked glycosides cannot be formed exclusively (max ~50%) *ACIE*, 1974, 13, 157-216

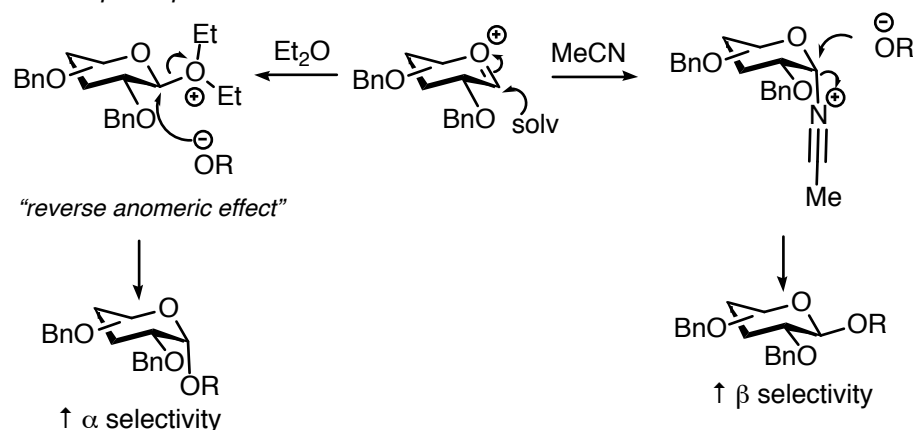
Synthesis of glycosyl halides:



Controlling anomeric selectivity

Participating protecting group - 1,2-*trans* glycosideNon-participating protecting group - 1,2-*cis*-glycoside

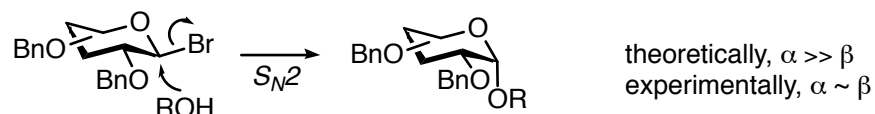
Solvent participation -

*Actual ratios depend on solvent, temperature,
activating reagent, and protecting groups used*

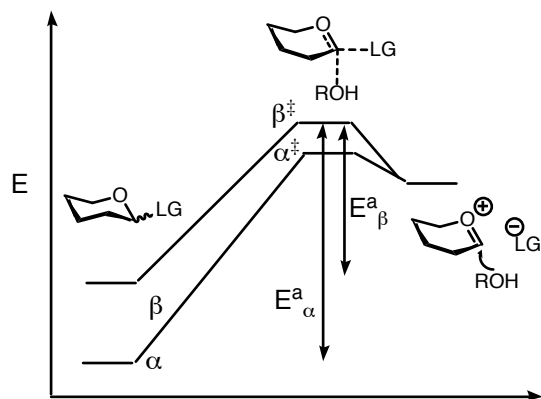
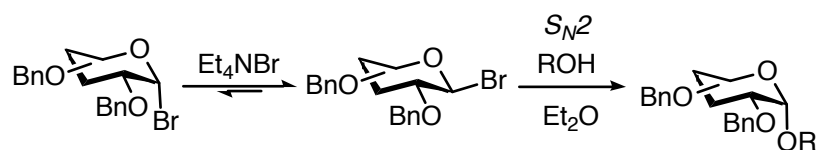
Glycosyl Halides

In situ anomerization (Lemieux, 1974)
JACS, 1974, 97, 4056-4062

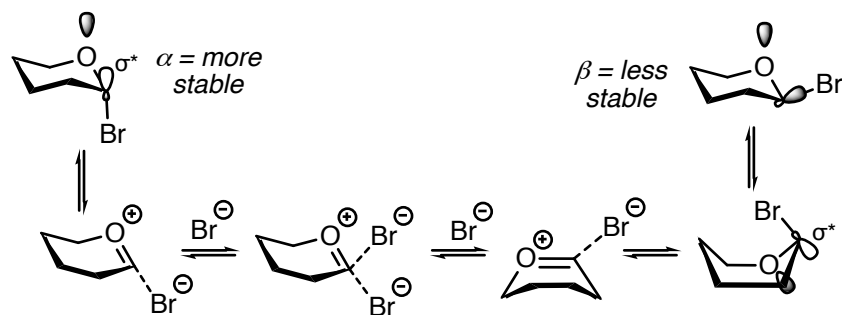
Enabled reliable α -glycosidic bond (1,2-cis) synthesis via kinetic control



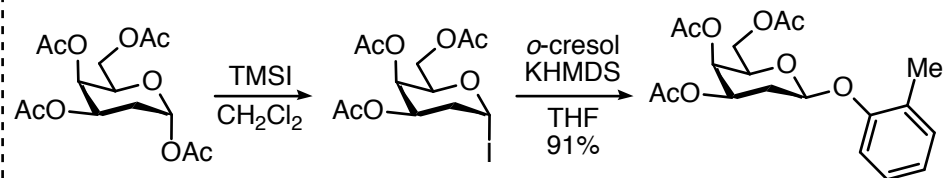
Curtin-Hammett principle: product ratio depends on relative activation energies



Non-polar solvents necessary to insure S_N2 -like pathway

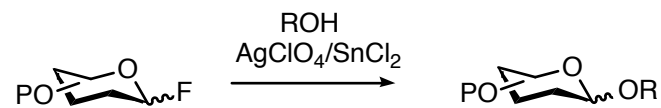


Glycosyl iodides
OL, 2003, 5, 4219-4222



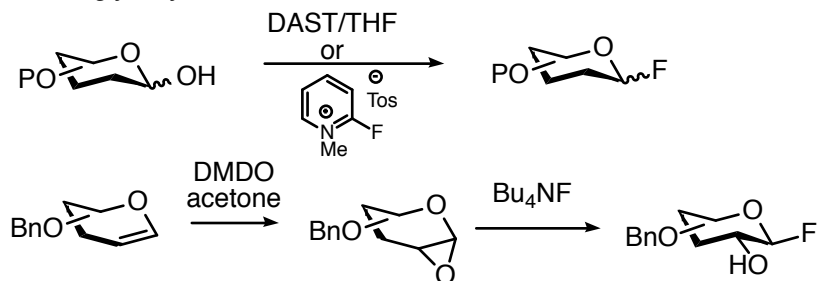
Glycosyl Fluorides (Mukaiyama, *Chem Lett*, 1981, 431-432)

Tet Lett. 1984, 25, 1379 (Noyori)
Chem. Commun. 1984, 1155 (Nicolau)
Tet Lett. 1989, 30, 4853 (Suzuki)



Other activators: $\text{AgClO}_4/\text{Cp}_2\text{HfCl}_2$, $\text{AgClO}_4/\text{Cp}_2\text{ZrCl}_2$, $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{OEt}_2$

Synthesis of glycosyl fluorides -



Glycosyl halide overview:

bromide/chloride

- Harsh conditions
- Easily hydrolyzed
- Thermally unstable, typically generated *in situ*

iodide

- Easily hydrolyzed
- Thermally unstable, typically generated *in situ*
- + no activating group required

fluoride

- + Mild preparation
- + Shelf/SGC stable
- + many activators available

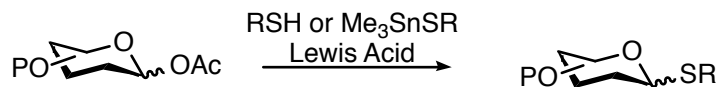
Thioglycosides

Thioglycosides (Fischer, 1909)
Ber Chem, 1909, 42, 1476 – 1482

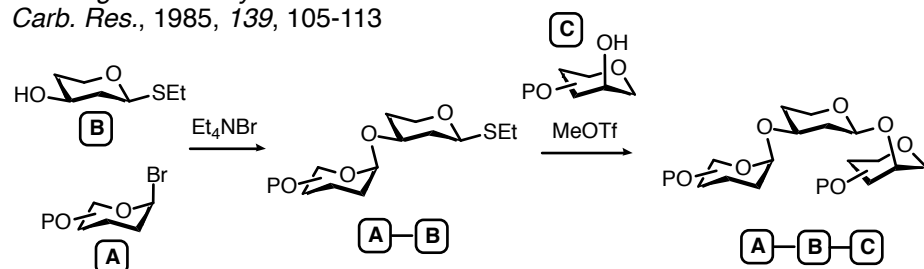


X^+ = MeOTf, DMTST, NIS-TfOH, IDCP, PhSeOTf, TBPA⁺

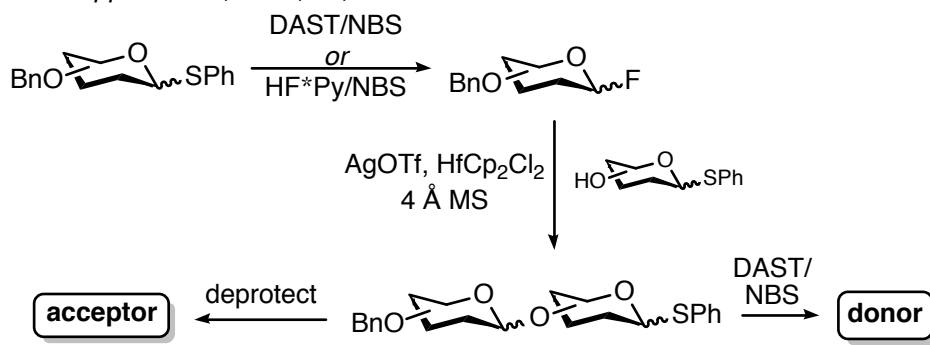
Synthesis of thioglycosides



Convergent block synthesis:
Carb. Res., 1985, 139, 105-113



"Two-stage activation" (Nicolau, 1991)
Pure Appl. Chem., 1991, 63, 555-560

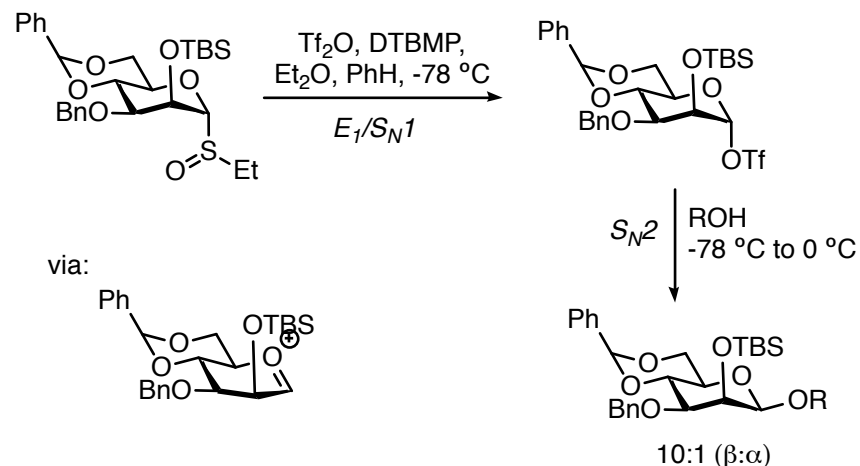


See: Rynchosporosides (*JACS*, 1985, 107, 5556-5558)

Kahne glycosidation (1989)

JACS, 1989, 111, 6881-6882

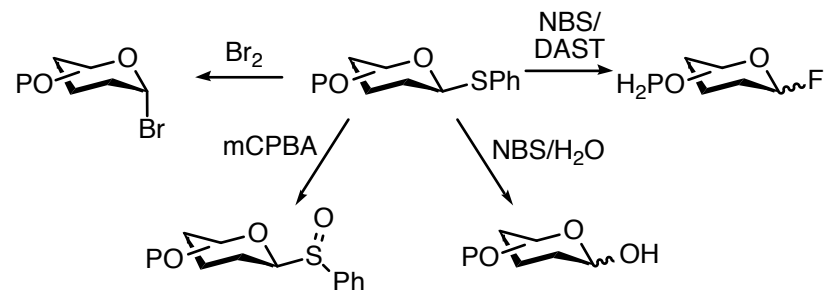
Crich β -mannosylation (*JOC*, 1996, 61, 4506-4507)



PMB group locks conformation to ensure α -triflate formation

Thioglycoside overview:

+ can be converted into other donors depending on goal



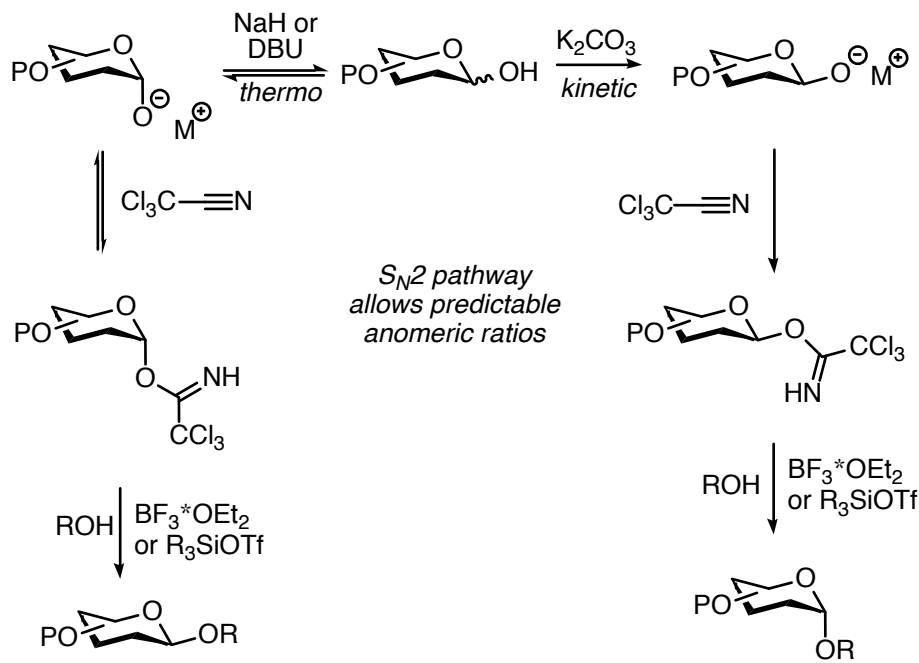
+ stable to many chemical transformations
+ easy to synthesize/purify
+ many activators available

Trichloroacetimidates

Trichloroacetamide donors (Schmidt, 1980)

ACIE, 1980, 92, 763-764

ACIE, 1986, 25, 212-235

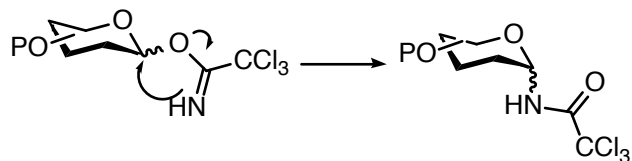


*S_N2 pathway
allows predictable
anomeric ratios*

Participating C-2 PGs can enhance 1,2-trans linkage

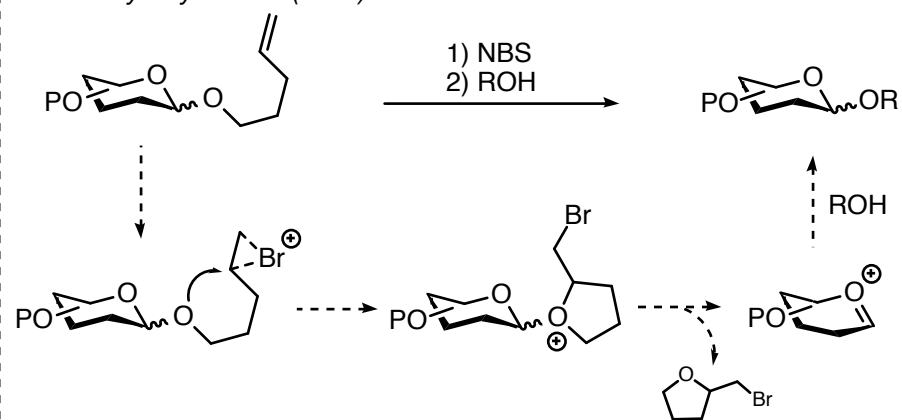
Trichloroacetamide overview:

- + predictable anomeric outcomes via kinetic/thermo control
- short shelf life
- not stable to PG manipulations
- for less reactive acceptors, rearrangement is possible (Chapman rearrangement)

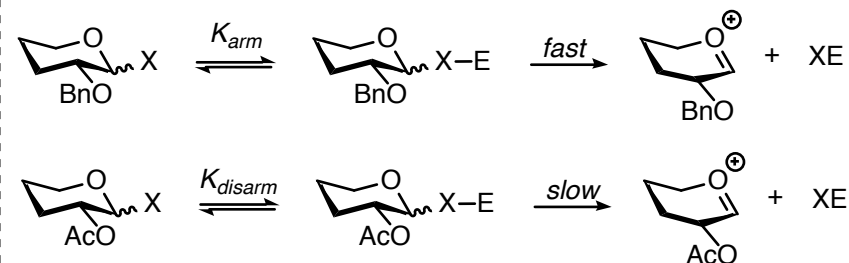
**Armed-Disarmed Approach** (Fraser-Reid)

JACS, 1988, 110, 5583-5584

JOC, 1990, 55, 6068-6070

n-Pentenyl Glycosides (NPG)

Stability of oxonium is influenced by C-2 protecting group -

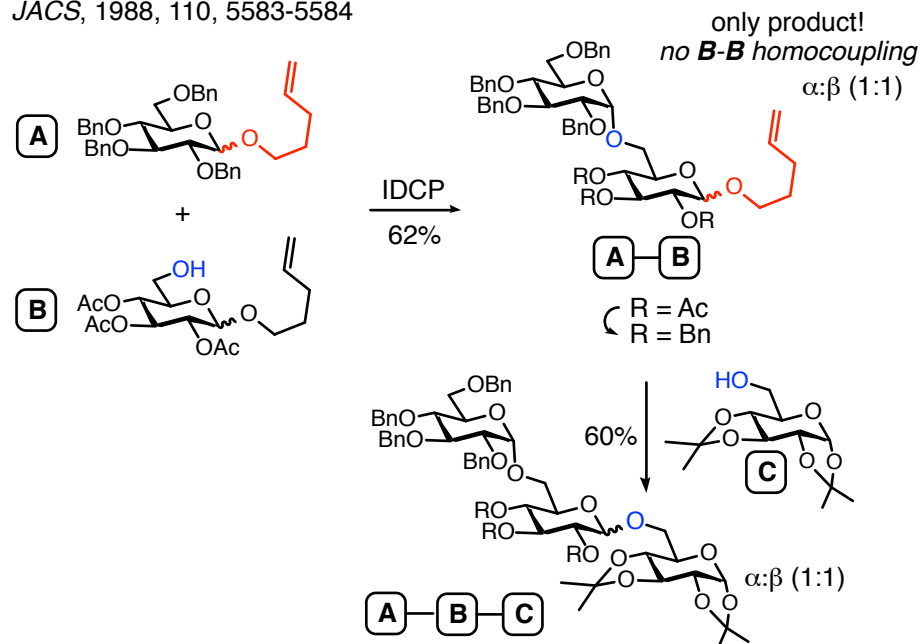


C-2 ethers (ENG, EDG) are arming (donors)

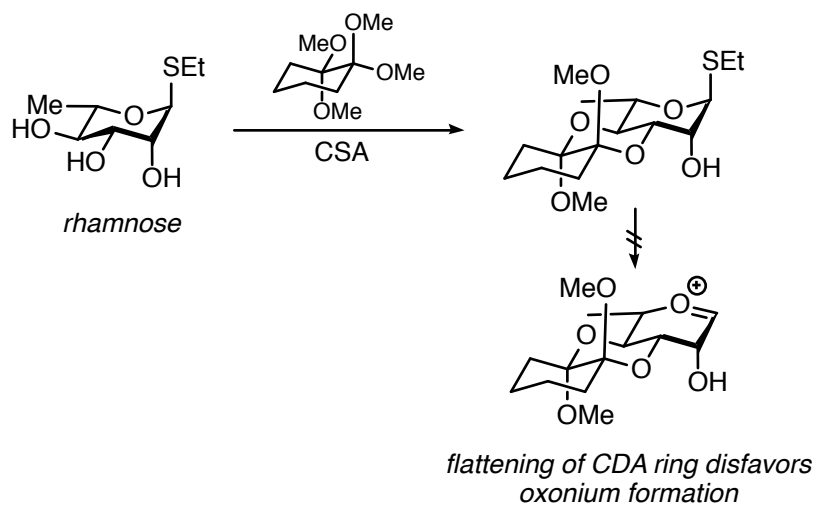
C-2 esters (EWG) are disarming (acceptors) and slow formation of oxonium

Oligosaccharide Synthesis

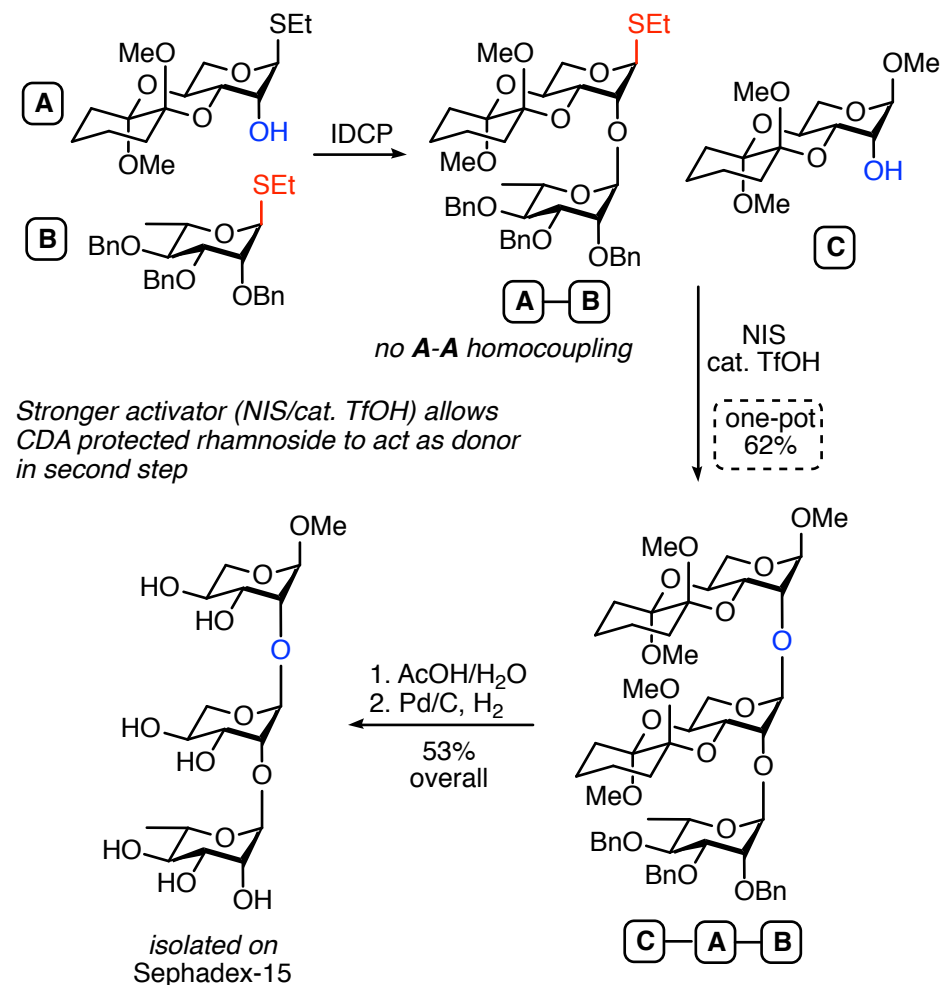
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Semi-disarmed Cyclohexane 1,2-diacetal (CDA) Protecting Group (Ley, 1993)
Tetrahedron Lett., 1993, 34, 8523-8526
JCS Perkins Trans 1, 1998, 1, 51-66

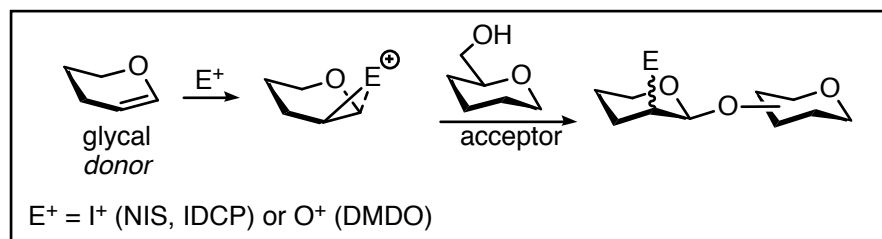


Synthesis of Group B *Streptococci* Polysaccharide Antigen
ACIE, 1994, 33, 2292-2294

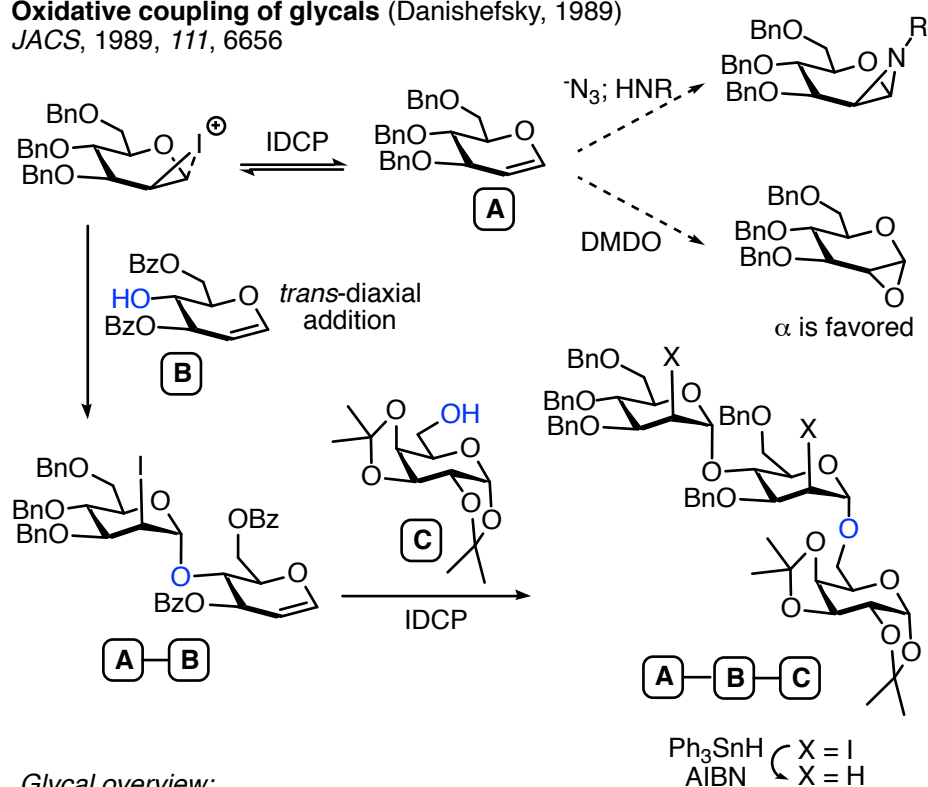


Arming-Disarming approach demonstrated ability to predict glycosidic bond formation in one-pot multiple donors/acceptors

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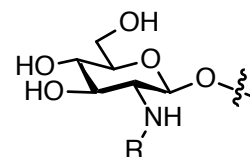


Oxidative coupling of glycols (Danishefsky, 1989)
JACS, 1989, 111, 6656

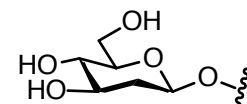


Glycol overview:

- + choice of activator can lead to C-2-OH, -NHR or -H
- + fewer oxygen atoms to protect/differentiate
- + derivatives can be synthesized from tri-O-acetyl-D-glucal (Sigma, \$3/g)

Amino sugars

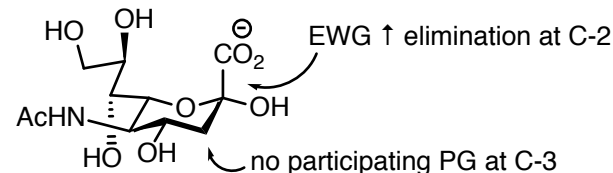
Glucosamine
typically *N*-Ac and β linkage
 $R = \text{Ac, CO}_2\text{R, phthal, N}_3$

2-deoxysugars

Lack of C-2 functionality
indirect glycosylation

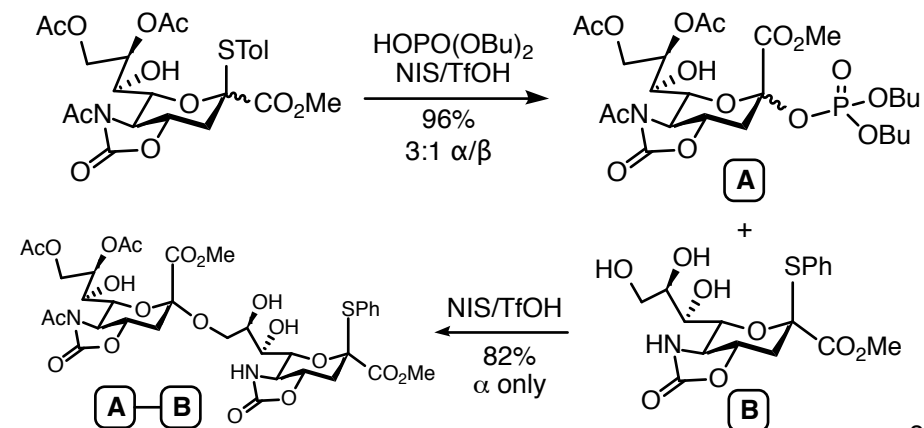
N-acetyl-neuraminic acid

Sialosides are sugars containing a sialic acid sugar

**Neu5Ac**

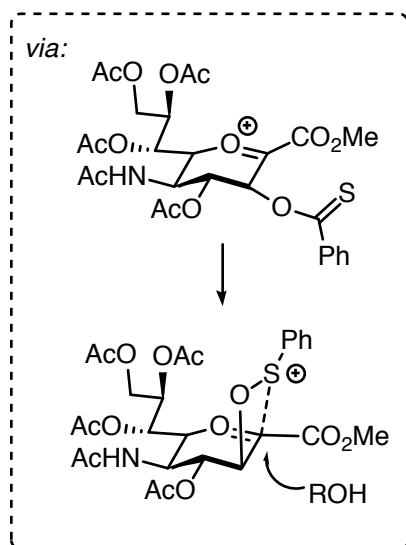
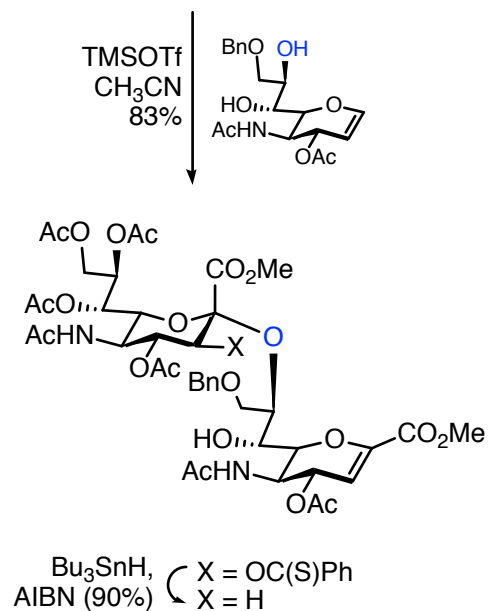
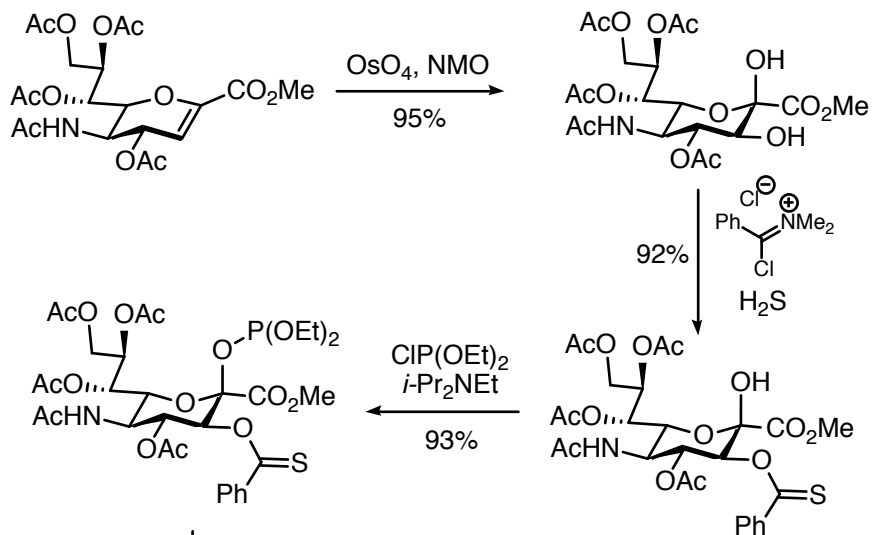
α -linkage is most common in biologically relevant compounds

Direct Glycosylation Approach -
Chem Eur J, 2010, 16, 1754-1760

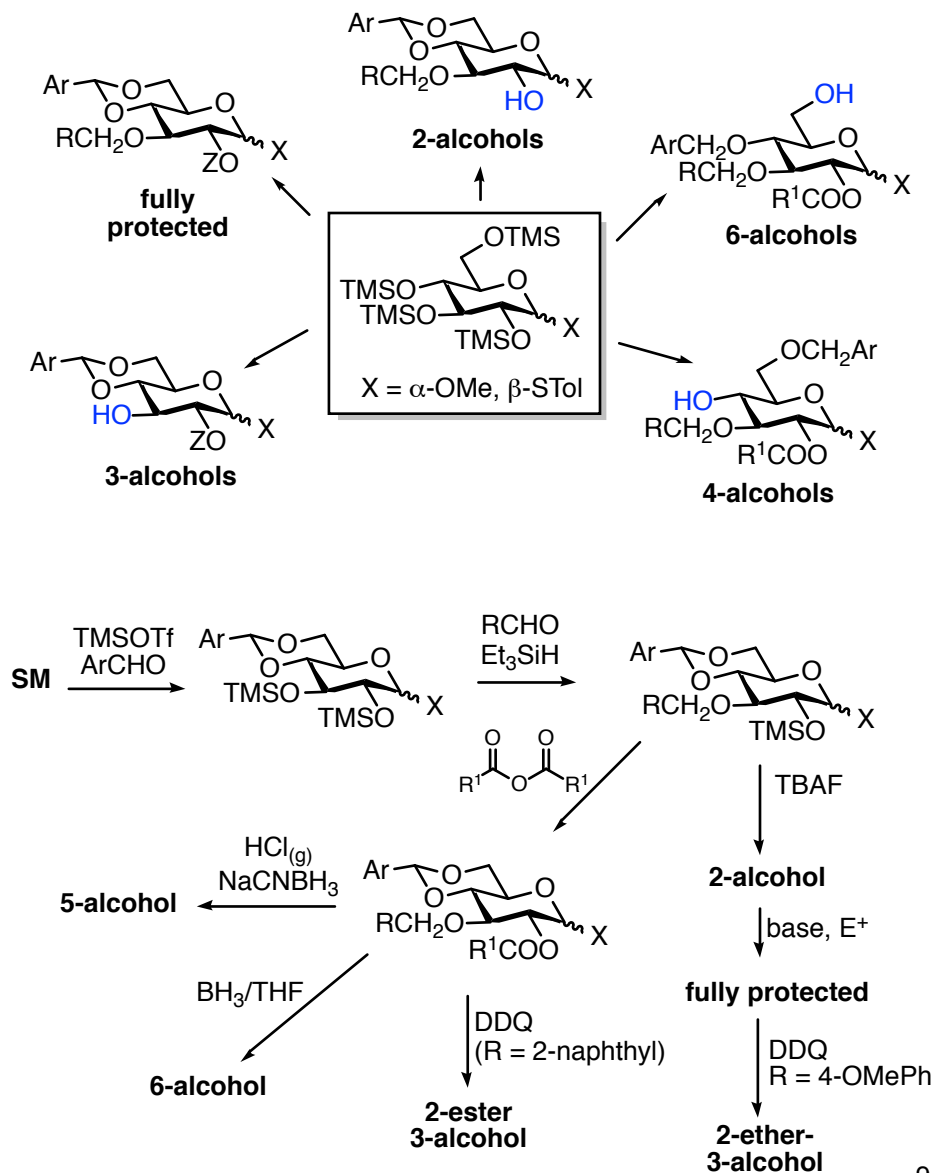


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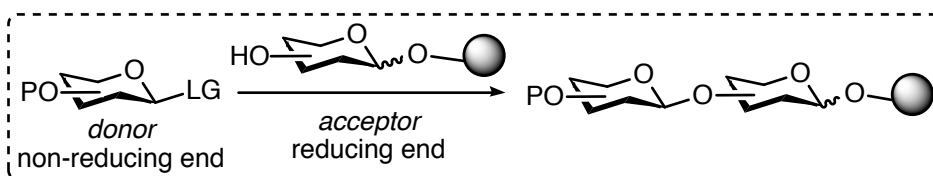
Indirect Glycosylation Approach -
JACS, 1998, 120, 5434-5440



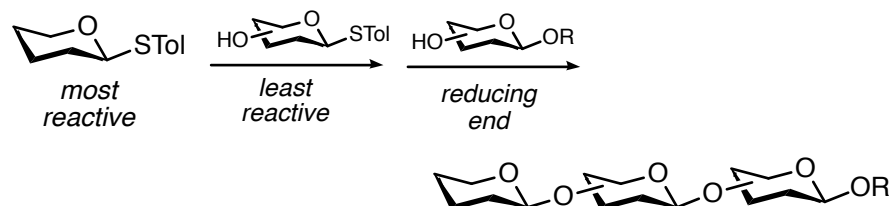
One-pot regioselective protection strategy (Hung)
Nature, 2007, 446, 896-899



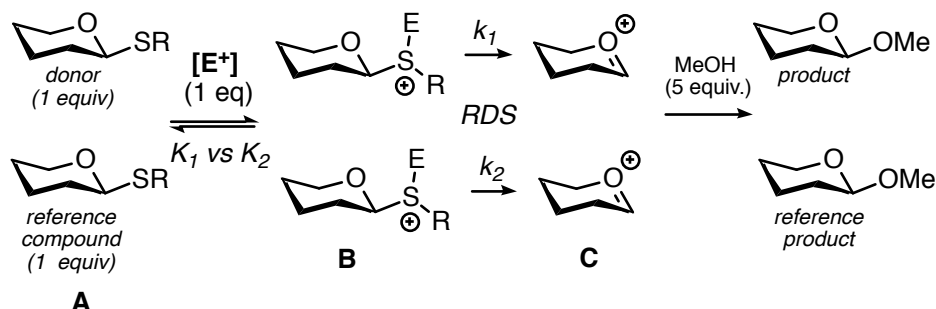
Oligosaccharide Synthesis



Programmable one-pot oligosaccharide synthesis (Chi-Huey Wong, 1998)
JACS, 1999, 121, 734-753



Relative reactivity values (RRV) assigned to a large library of monomers



Assume **B** to **C** is RDS, so $k_{obs} = [E^+][A]$
 $= k[C]$
and $k_{obs} = k/K$

Synthesized tri- and tetra-saccharides with ~60% yield overall.

Main drawbacks

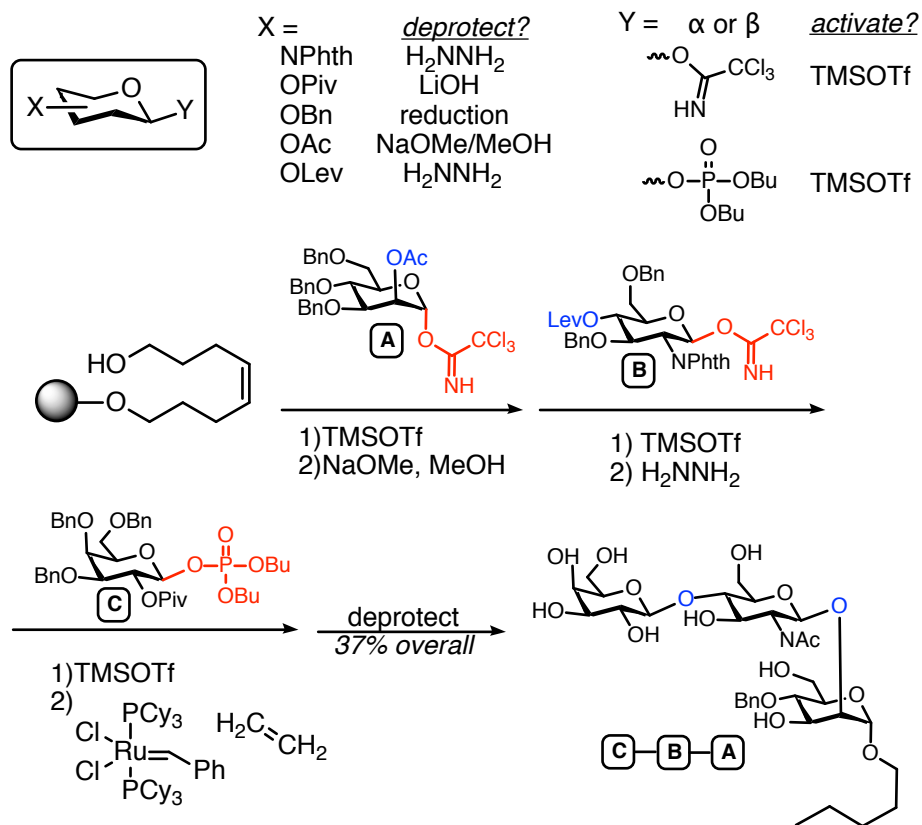
- 1) difficult to predict deactivating effect of glycosylation on donor
- 2) N-succinimide (from NIS/TfOH activation) can compete as a nucleophile with poor acceptors

“we have developed a general computer program compatible with Macintosh computers which can search the database to identify optimal combinations of glycosyl building blocks.”

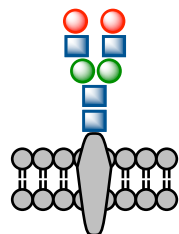
“This strategy enables the automated design of a rapid, one-pot synthetic protocol for the synthesis of linear and branched oligosaccharides”

SPOS w/glycals (Danishefsky, *Science*, 1993, 260, 1307–1309)
SPOS w/thioglycosides (Nicolau, *JACS*, 1997, 119, 449-450)
SPOS w/soluble polymer (Krepinsky, *JACS*, 1991, 113, 5095-5097)
SPOS w/trichloroacetamides (Schmidt, *OL*, 2000, 2, 3043-3046)

Automated SPOS (Seeberger, 2001)
Science, 2001, 291, 1523-1527



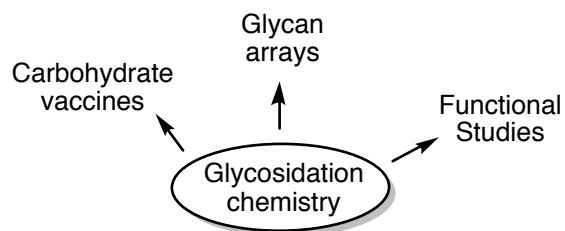
Glycobiology

Glycobiology — *biological study enabled by chemistry*Review: *ACIE*, 2000, 39, 836-863

Over 90% of human proteins are predicted to be glycosylated

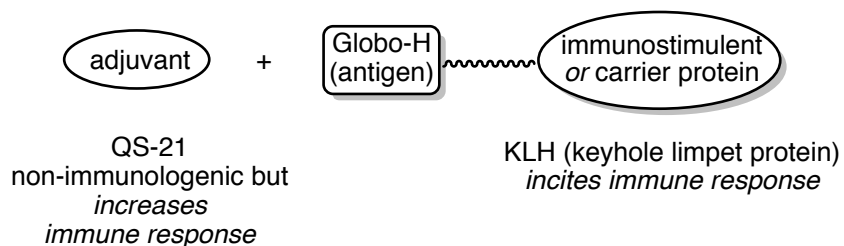
Involved in many biological functions (i.e. folding, trafficking, immunogenicity, and function)

Purification is difficult, particularly for functional study

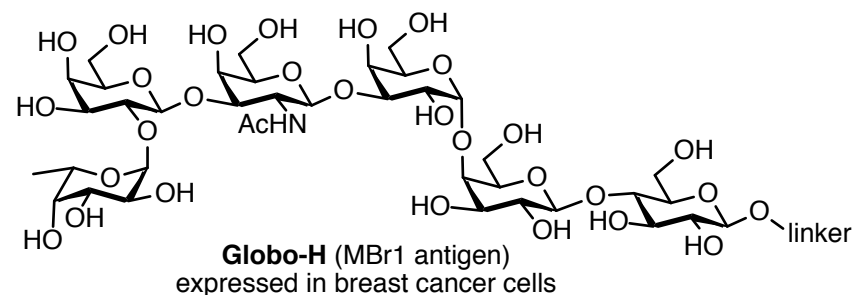
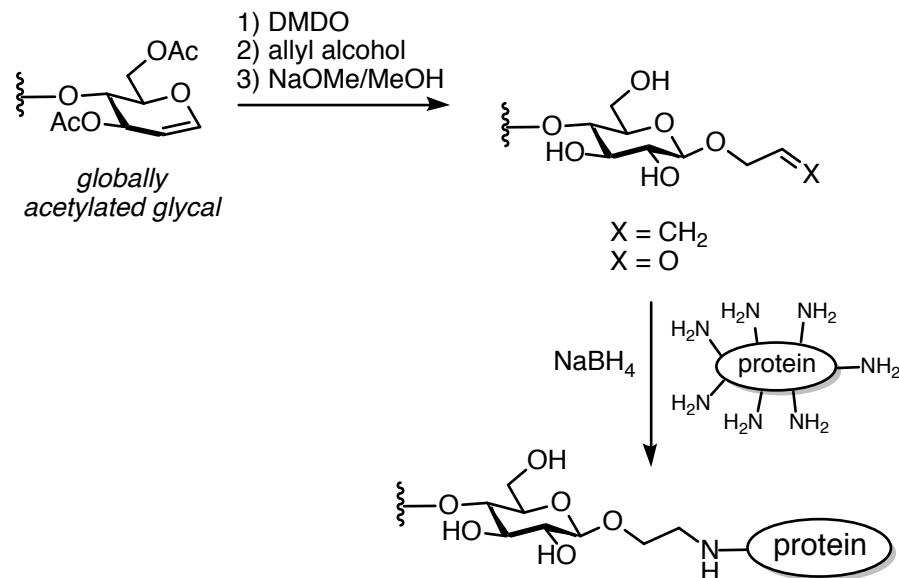


“The goal in the development of anticancer vaccines is to break the tolerance which the immune system has for antigens expressed mainly or exclusively by the tumor.”

“eradication of circulating tumor cells (in blood stream), and micrometastases.”

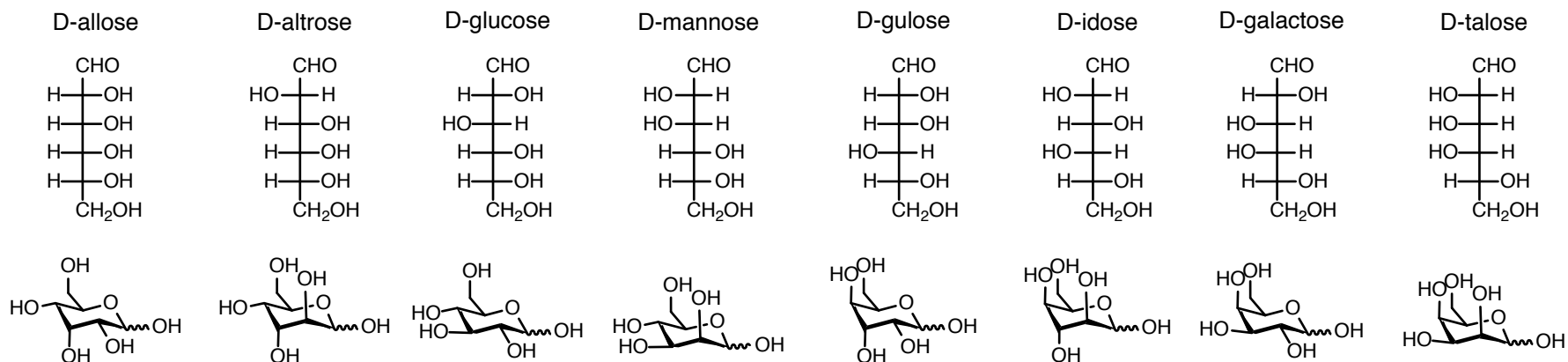


Potential anti-cancer vaccine antigens: *Globo-H* (MBr1 antigen), *Lewis^x*, *fucosyl GM*, *KH-1*, *Tn* and *Tf* antigens

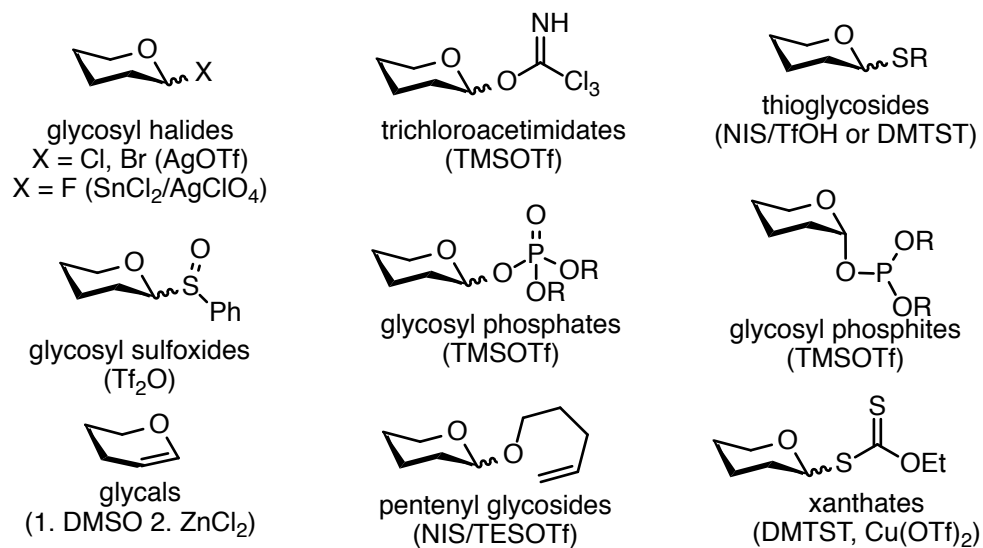
Danishefsky: *JACS*, 1996, 118, 11488–11500 (glycal)Schmidt: *Liebigs Ann.*, 1996, 1417-1423 (glycosyl imidates)Boons: *ACIE*, 1999, 38, 3495-3497 (thioglycosides, glycosylfluorides)C-H Wong: *ACIE*, 2001, 40, 1274-1277 (one-pot)Seeberger: *JOC*, 2002, 67, 6659-6670 (SPOS)*Danishefsky completion of vaccine synthesis:*

Appendix

Hexoses

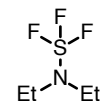


Glycosyl donors

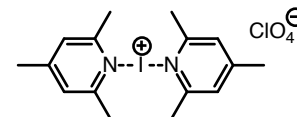


Activators/Reagents:

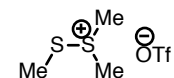
DAST = (diethylamino)sulfur trifluoride



IDCP = *sym*-collidine iodonium perchlorate



DMTST = dimethyl(methylthio)sulfonium triflate

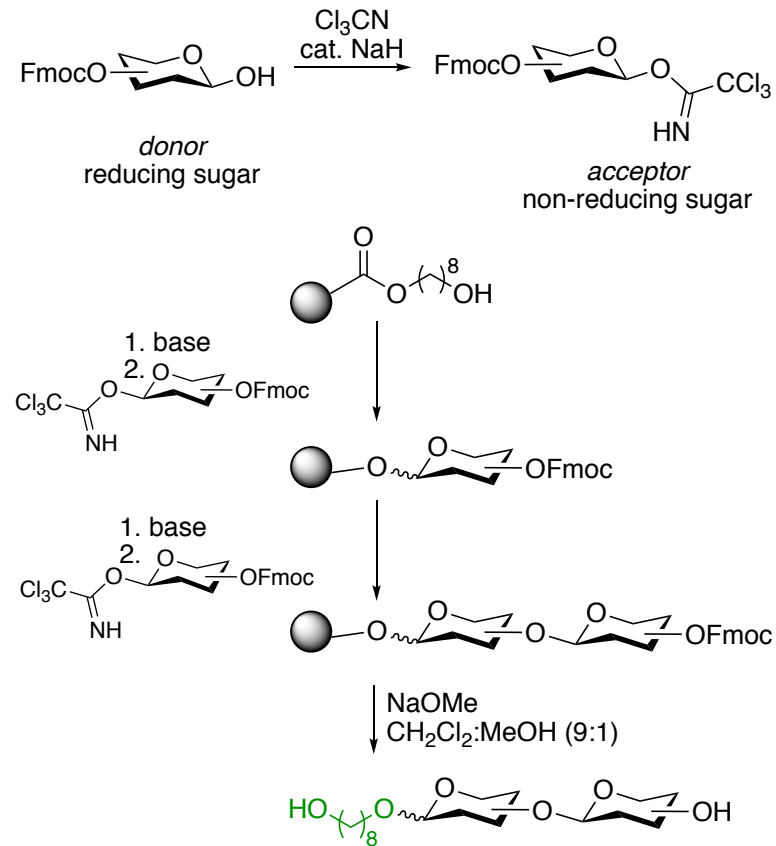


DTPMB = 2,6-Di-*tert*-butyl-4-methylpyridine

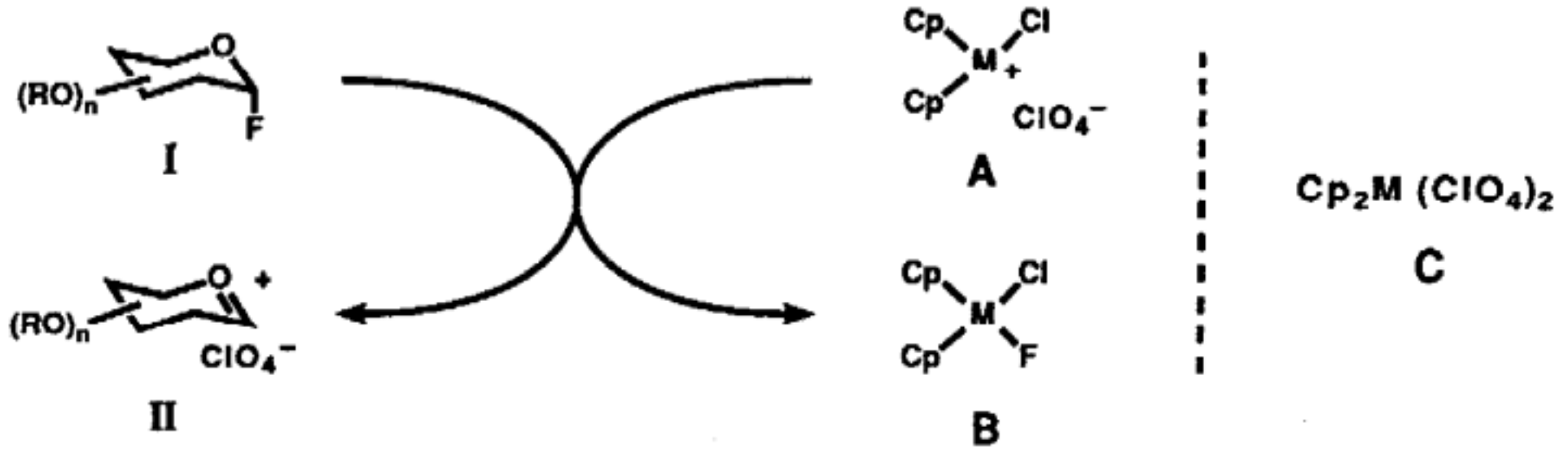
Back-up

Solid-phase oligopeptide and oligonucleotide synthesis is fairly routine and generalizable, but oligosaccharide synthesis (SPOS) is more challenging due to branching and stereospecificity.

SPOS w/trichloroacetamides (Schmidt)
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Mechanism of glycosyl fluoride activation



Why ribose?

