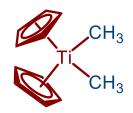
# Reagent of the Day

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## Transforming carbonyls to terminal alkenes

THF or Toluene

R = alkyl, aryl

X = H, alkyl, aryl, OR', OCOR', NR<sub>2</sub>', SR', SeR', SiMe<sub>3</sub>

#### Mechanism

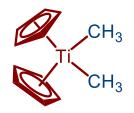
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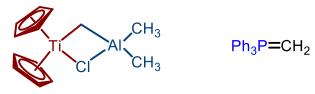
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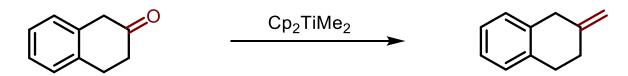
# Other Commonly used Olefination Reagents



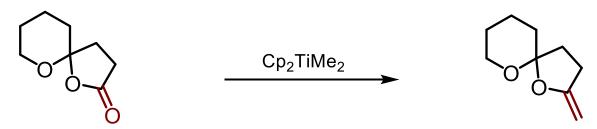
Tebbe Reagent

Wittig Reagent

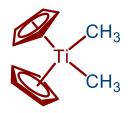
#### Comparison to the above Olefination Reagents



The Petasis reagent is less basic compared to 'Wittig reagent' (which would just deprotonate the above substrate)



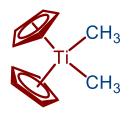
The Petasis reagent is less acidic compared to 'Tebbe reagent' (which would decompose the above substrate)



## Reaction with alkynes: Formation of Titanocyclobutenes

$$R \xrightarrow{\qquad} R' \qquad + \qquad Cp_2 TiMe_2 \qquad \qquad \overbrace{\qquad \qquad \qquad }_{\begin{subarray}{c} loss of \\ methane \end{subarray}} \qquad R'$$

## Trapping of Titanocyclobutenes with different electrophiles



# Ring-Opening Metathesis Polymerisation

