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**Tandem Catalysis versus One-Pot Catalysis:
Ensuring Process Orthogonality in the Transformation of Essential-Oil
Phenylpropenoids into High-Value Products via Olefin Isomerization-Metathesis**

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S1. Details of ¹H NMR quantification of cinnamate and ferulate products.

While conversions of the 1-allylbenzenes **1a–c** and 2-allylbenzenes **2a–c**, and yields of products **2a–c** and **3a**, could be assessed by GC-FID (see Experimental Procedures in main text), the accuracy of GC quantification for **3b**, **3c**, and **3a'**, **3b'**, **3c'** was hampered by poor peak shapes. Yields for these products were instead assessed by ¹H NMR analysis. The ¹H NMR signal assignments were confirmed by comparison to the literature values summarized in Tables S1 and S2 below. Quantification was established by integration of well-isolated signals for the desired products against those for the styrene intermediates (Table S3) and stilbene byproducts (Table S4). A representative ¹H NMR spectrum for the reaction involving transformation of **1b** to **3b** is provided in Figure S1.

Table S1. Literature ^1H NMR data for cinnamate and ferulate methyl esters.

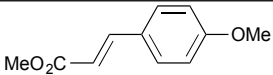
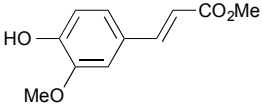
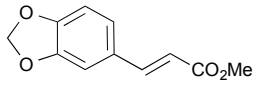
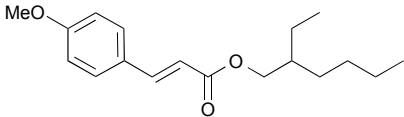
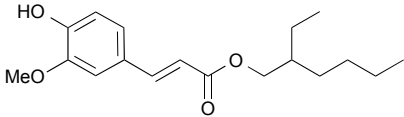
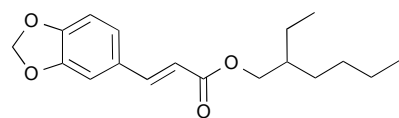
Compound	Reported ^1H NMR chemical shifts (CDCl_3)	Ref.
 3a	7.65 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 (m, 2H), 6.93-6.89 (m, 2H), 6.31 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H)	1
 3b	7.64 (d, 1H, $J = 15.9$ Hz), 7.09 (dd, 1H, $J = 1.9$ Hz, $J = 8.2$ Hz), 7.04 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.31 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 5.89 (s, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 1.61 (s, 1H)	2
 3c	7.58 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 6.99 (dd, $J = 8.1$ Hz, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.25 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.00 (s, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H)	3

Table S2. Literature ^1H NMR data for cinnamate and ferulate 2-ethylhexyl esters.

Compound	Reported ^1H NMR chemical shifts (CDCl_3)	Ref.
 3a'	7.64–7.56 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H, Ar-CH=), 7.48–7.44 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.90–6.89 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.33–6.25 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H, =CH-COOR), 4.10–4.07 (d, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 2H, -OCH ₂), 3.85 (s, 3H, OCH ₃), 1.63–0.85 (m, 15H, -C ₇ H ₁₅)	4
 3b'	7.60 (d, $^2J_{\text{HH}} = 15.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.08 (dd, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8.1$ Hz, $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.29 (d, $^2J_{\text{HH}} = 15.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.88 (s, 1H), 4.11 (dd, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.0$ Hz, $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 1.7$ Hz, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 1.65 (m, 1H), 1.48-1.24 (m, 8H), 0.96-0.86 (m, 6H)	5



3c'

7.58 (d, $^2J_{\text{HH}} = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.00 (dd, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8.0$ Hz, $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.27 (d, $^2J_{\text{HH}} = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.00 (s, 2H), 4.10 (dd, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 5.9$ Hz, $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 1.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.64 (m, 1H), 1.49-1.22 (m, 8H), 0.97-0.84 (m, 6H)

Table S3. Literature ^1H NMR data for styrene intermediates.

Compound	Reported ^1H NMR values (CDCl_3)	Ref.
	7.35 (d, $J = 9.0$, 2 H, H3), 6.86 (d, $J = 8.9$, 2 H, H2), 6.66 (dd, $J = 17.6$ Hz, $J = 10.9$, 1 H, Ar-CH), 5.62 (dd, $J = 17.6$, $J = 0.6$ Hz, 1 H, Ar-CH=CH ₂ trans), 5.12 (dd, $J = 10.9$, $J = 0.6$ Hz, 1 H, Ar-CH=CH ₂ cis), 3.81 (s, 3 H, OCH ₃)	6
	6.88-6.81 (m, 3H), 6.63-6.54 (m, 1H), 5.68 (s, 1H), 5.71 (d, $J = 17.56$ Hz, 1H), 5.09 (d, $J = 10.92$ Hz, 1H), 3.84 (3H, s)	7
	6.97 (s, 1H), 6.84 (dd, $J = 8$ Hz, $J = 2$ Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, $J = 7$ Hz, 1H), 6.63 (dd, $J = 18$ Hz, $J = 10$ Hz, 1H), 5.96 (s, 2H), 5.58 (d, $J = 18$ Hz, 1H), 5.13 (d, $J = 10$ Hz, 1H)	8

Table S4. Literature ^1H NMR data for stilbene byproducts.

Compound	Reported ^1H NMR values (CDCl_3)	Ref.
	7.41 (d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8.9$ Hz, 4H), 6.92 (s, 2H), 6.87 (d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8.6$ Hz, 4H), 3.81 (s, 6H)	9
	7.02 (d, $J = 2$ Hz, 1H, H2), 7.00 (dd, $J = 8$ Hz, $J = 2$ Hz, 1H, H6), 6.90 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H, H5), 6.89 (s, 1H, Ar-CH=), 5.61 (s, 1H, OH), 3.95 (s, 3H, OCH ₃)	10
	7.01 (s, 2H), 6.87 (d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.83 (s, 2H), 6.76 (d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 5.96 (s, 4H)	11

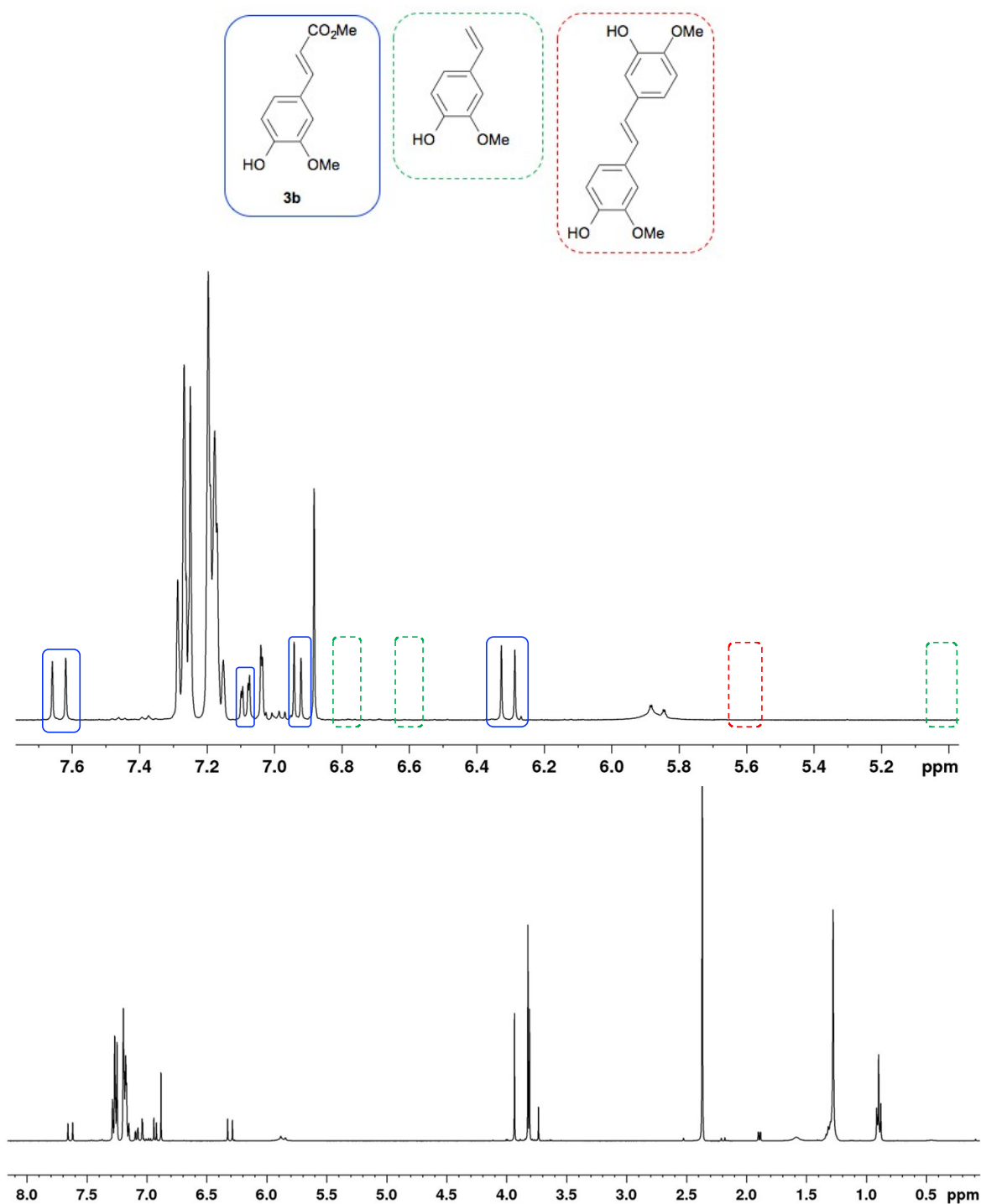


Figure S1. ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) for the sequential isomerization-metathesis of anethole **1a** to cinnamate **3a** using the Grotjahn catalyst [4]PF₆ and metathesis catalyst **III**, after a total of 6.5 h reaction (0.5 h isomerization, 6 h cross-metathesis). The upper trace shows the diagnostic olefinic region used for quantification. Peaks for **3b** are indicated with a blue box; locations for the styrene and stilbene intermediates are indicated with green and red boxes, respectively.

S2. Representative GC traces

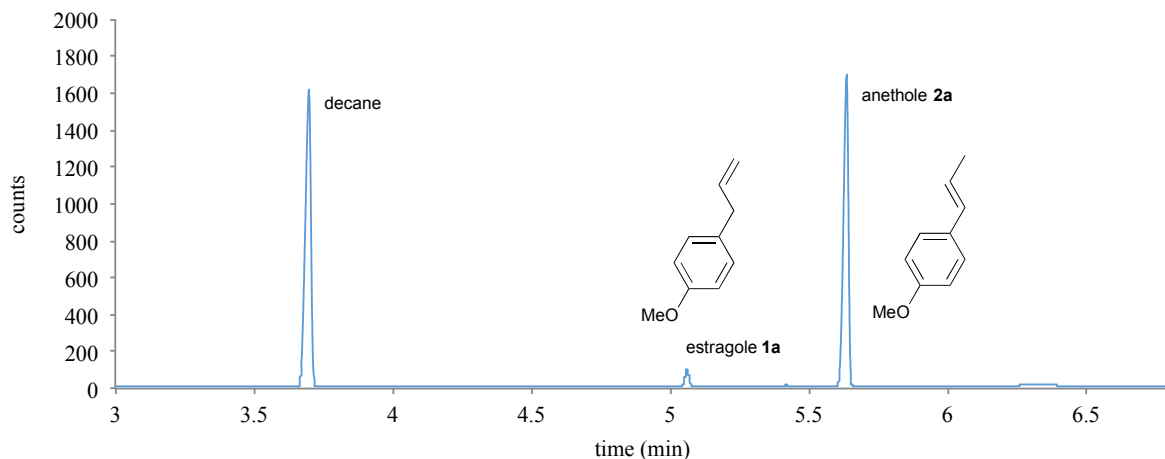


Figure S2. GC-FID trace for isomerization of estragole **1a** to anethole **2a** promoted by the Grotjahn catalyst $[4]\text{PF}_6$ at 5 min. Solvent front omitted.

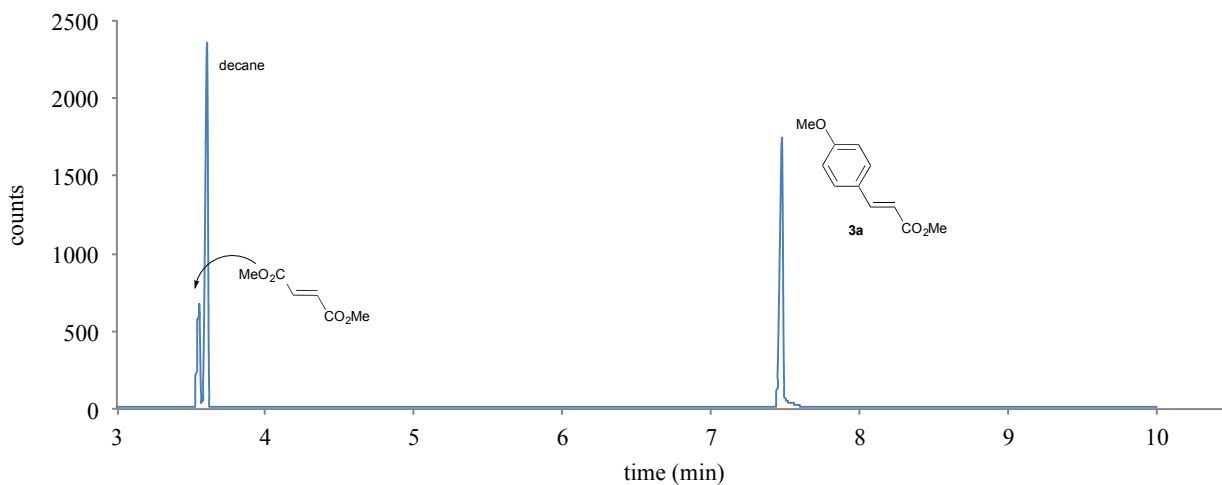


Figure S3. GC-FID trace for sequential isomerization-metathesis of anethole **1a** to cinnamate **3a** using the Grotjahn catalyst $[4]\text{PF}_6$ and **III**, after 6.5 h reaction (0.5 h isomerization, 6 h cross-metathesis). Solvent front omitted.

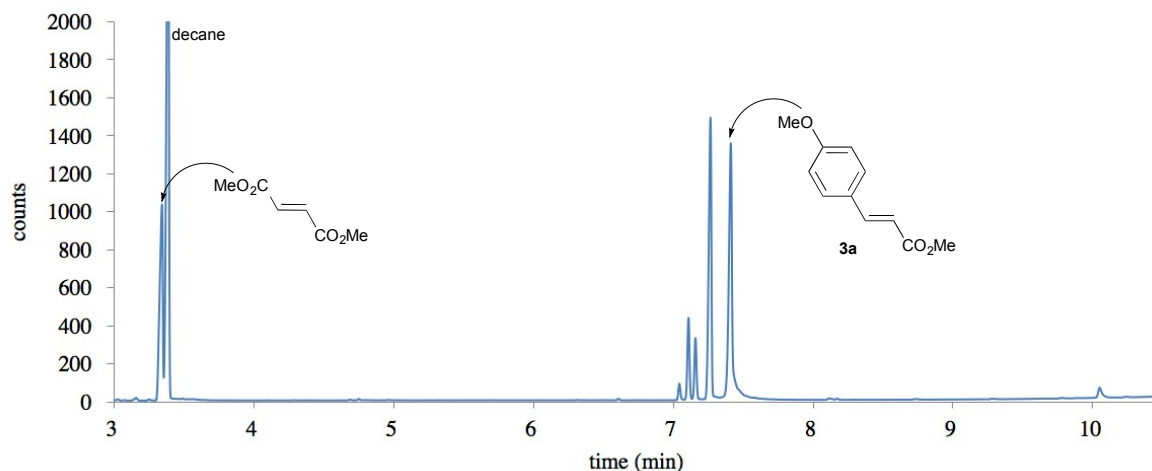


Figure S4. GC-FID trace showing side-products formed during the attempted transformation of **1a** to **3a** by orthogonal tandem catalysis using catalysts **[4]**PF₆ and **III**. Solvent front omitted.

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