

Metal Catalysis – Michael Willis and Stephen Fletcher  
CDT module 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Thursday

9.00-9.30 Introduction to different metals of the periodic table— MW + SF (introduce group exercise)

### 9.30-10.15 Pd catalysed C-C and C-X bond forming reactions – MW

10.15-10.45 Coffee break

### 10.45-11.45 Asymmetric conjugate addition chemistry – SF

11.45-12.15 Metathesis – MW

12.15-1.30 Lunch

1.30-5.00 Group work

Friday

## 9.30-10.30 Asymmetric allylic substitution chemistry – SF

10.30-11.00 Coffee

11.00-11.30 Non-linear effects/autocatalysis – SF

11.30-12.00 Desymmetrisation – MW

12.00-1.15 Lunch

### 1.15-1.45 C-H functionalization chemistry – MW

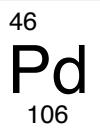
## 1.45-2.15 Group presentations

hydrogen	1	H	2	He
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lithium	3	beryllium	5	boron
Li	6.941	4	C	carbon
K	39.098	Be	12.011	nitrogen
sodium	11	magnesium	14.007	oxygen
Na	22.990	12	15.992	fluorine
potassium	19	calcium	18.998	neon
K	39.098	20	20.190	10
rubidium	37	Scandium	21	Ne
Rb	85.468	Titanium	22	
strontium	38	Vanadium	23	
Sr	87.62	Chromium	24	
yttrium	39	Manganese	25	
Y	88.906	Iron	26	
Zirconium	40	Cobalt	27	
Zr	91.224	Nickel	28	
Niobium	41	Copper	29	
Nb	92.906	Zinc	30	
Molybdenum	42	Gallium	31	
Mo	95.94	Germarium	32	
Technetium	43	Arsenic	33	
Tc	[98]	Selenium	34	
Ruthenium	44	Bromine	35	
Ru	101.67	Krypton	36	
Rhodium	45	Iodine	53	
Rh	102.91	Antimony	51	
Palladium	46	Tellurium	52	
Pd	106.42	Lead	53	
Silver	47	Bismuth	83	
Ag	107.87	Mercury	80	
Cadmium	48	Thallium	81	
Cd	112.41	Lead	82	
Inium	49	Boron	84	
In	114.82	Phosphorus	85	
Indium	50	Antimony	86	
Sn	118.71	Tellurium	88	
Antimony	51	Potassium	At	
Sb	121.76	Lead	[209]	
Te	127.60	Bismuth	[219]	
Iodine	53	Mercury	[222]	
Xe	129.80	Thallium		
Boron	57-70	Lead		
Lanthanum	56	Bismuth		
Lu	71	Mercury		
Hafnium	72	Thallium		
Hf	73	Lead		
Tantalum	74	Boron		
Ta	174.57	Phosphorus		
Wolfram	75	Antimony		
W	178.49	Tellurium		
Rhenium	76	Potassium		
Re	180.05	Lead		
Osmium	77	Bismuth		
Os	183.84	Mercury		
Ir	189.21	Thallium		
Platinum	78	Lead		
Pt	190.23	Bismuth		
Gold	79	Mercury		
Au	196.08	Thallium		
Hg	196.97	Lead		
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\* Lanthanide series

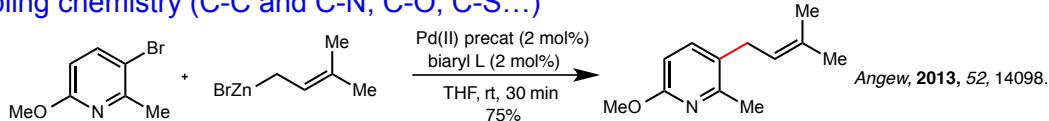
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lanthanum 57 <b>La</b> 138.91	cerium 58 <b>Ce</b> 140.12	praseodymium 59 <b>Pr</b> 140.91	neodymium 60 <b>Nd</b> 144.24	promethium 61 <b>Pm</b> [145]	samarium 62 <b>Sm</b> 150.36	euroium 63 <b>Eu</b> 151.96	gadolinium 64 <b>Gd</b> 157.25	terbium 65 <b>Tb</b> 158.93	dysprosium 66 <b>Dy</b> 162.50	holmium 67 <b>Ho</b> 164.93	erbium 68 <b>Er</b> 167.26	thulium 69 <b>Tm</b> 168.93	ytterbium 70 <b>Yb</b> 173.04
actinium 89 <b>Ac</b> [227]	thorium 90 <b>Th</b> [232]	protactinium 91 <b>Pa</b> [231.64]	uranium 92 <b>U</b> [238.03]	neptunium 93 <b>Np</b> [237.04]	plutonium 94 <b>Pu</b> [244.07]	americium 95 <b>Am</b> [243.07]	curium 96 <b>Cm</b> [247.07]	berkelium 97 <b>Bk</b> [247.13]	californium 98 <b>Cf</b> [251.13]	einsteiniun 99 <b>Es</b> [252.13]	fermium 100 <b>Fm</b> [257.13]	mendelevium 101 <b>Md</b> [258.13]	nobelium 102 <b>No</b> [259.13]
lutetium 175 <b>Lu</b> 174.97	cerium 176 <b>Ce</b> 174.97	praseodymium 177 <b>Pr</b> 174.97	neodymium 178 <b>Nd</b> 174.97	promethium 179 <b>Pm</b> 174.97	samarium 180 <b>Sm</b> 174.97	euroium 181 <b>Eu</b> 174.97	gadolinium 182 <b>Gd</b> 174.97	terbium 183 <b>Tb</b> 174.97	dysprosium 184 <b>Dy</b> 174.97	holmium 185 <b>Ho</b> 174.97	erbium 186 <b>Er</b> 174.97	thulium 187 <b>Tm</b> 174.97	ytterbium 188 <b>Yb</b> 174.97
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- the most employed TM catalysts?
- $\text{PdOAc}_2$ ,  $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$ ,  $\text{PdCl}_2$  (and others) – all commonly available
- most simple complexes relatively stable

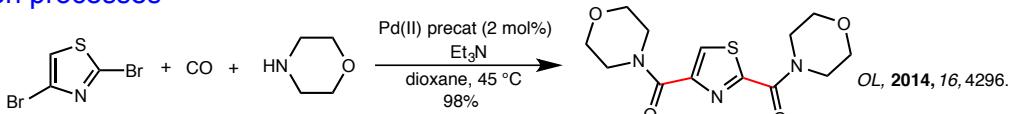
### Cross-coupling chemistry (C-C and C-N, C-O, C-S...)



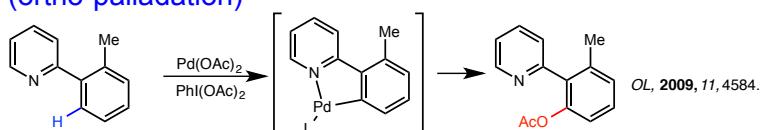
### Wacker reactions



### Carbonylation processes



### C-H functionalisation (ortho-palladation)



### Pd(II) Lewis acids – rearrangements

### Allylic alkylation

### Alkene insertion (Heck)

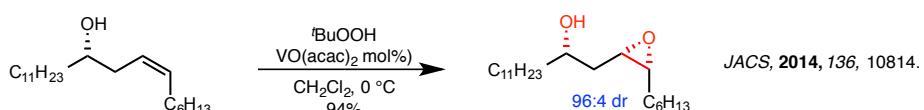
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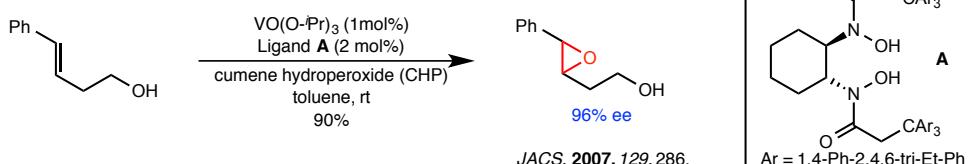


- Redox chemistry dominates, with the epoxidation of *homoallylic* alcohols being the most important reaction
- $\text{V}(\text{O})(\text{acac})_2$  most used cat, and commercially available

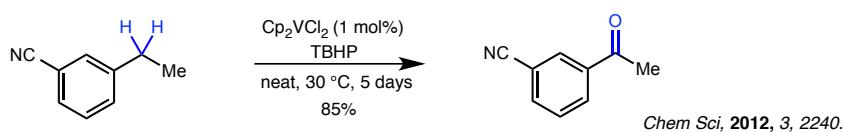
### Epoxidation



### Enantioselective variant



### "C-H activation"



### Lewis acid catalysis - epox. opening

### nitrile reduction

### undirected epoxidations

Tsuji "The future of/for vanadium", *Dalton Trans.* 2013, 42, 11749.

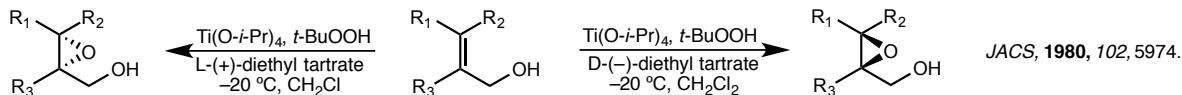
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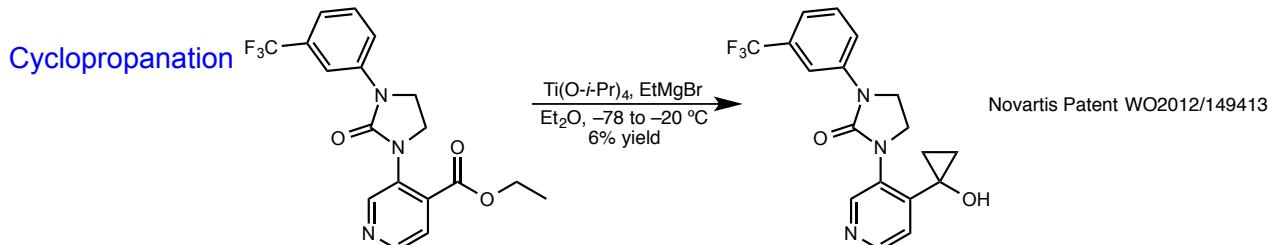
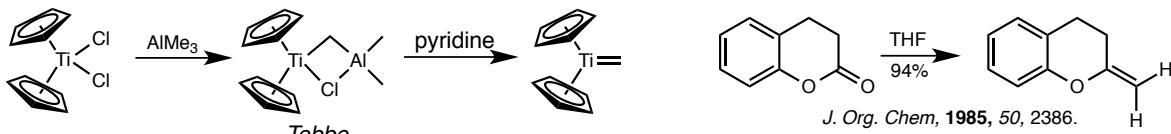


- Highly oxophilic.  $Ti^{IV}$  dominates, +3 also common.
- $TiO_2$  used extensively as pigment, metal alloy, medical devices, sunscreen
- Important as polymerization catalysts and Lewis acids
- Useful carbonyl (CO) and cyclopentadienyl (Cp) complexes

### Katsuki-Sharpless epoxidation



### Olefination of ketones and esters



### Lewis acids McMurry coupling Metathesis “ $Cp_2Ti$ ” (+2) in cycloaddition / olefin activations

Marek (Ed) *Titanium and Zirconium in Organic Synthesis*, Wiley-VCH, 2002

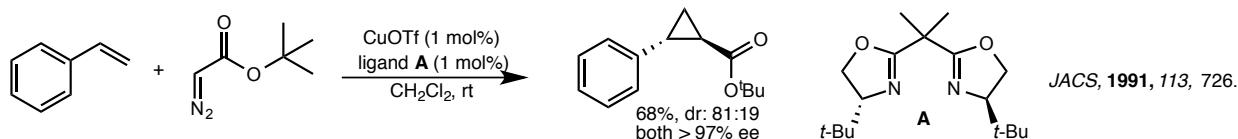
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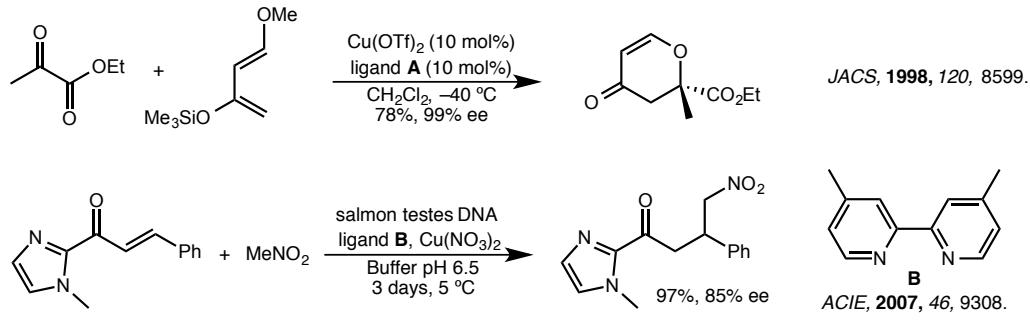


- One of the first metals to be extensively used in synthesis.
- $Cu^I$  and  $Cu^{II}$  most important in catalysis,  $Cu^0$  in ‘metals’,  $Cu^{III}$  intermediates
- Many complexes commercially available. Many are air and/or moisture stable

### Cyclopropanation (and aziridination)



### Chiral Lewis Acids



Asymmetric addition

Carbo-metallation

Allylic oxidation

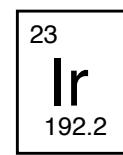
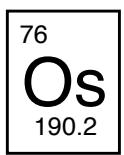
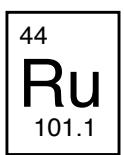
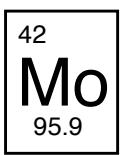
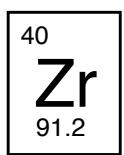
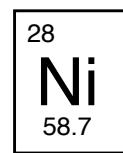
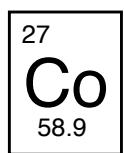
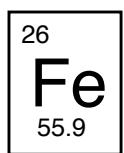
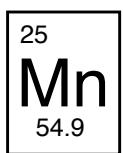
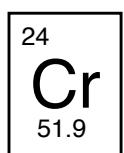
Redox (ox or co-oxidant)

# Unit Assessment

Working in pairs, provide a one-page summary of an TM element's use in synthesis

Provide most important reaction(s), and up-to-date examples

The elements to choose from:



Include your names...

# Pd (and some Cu) Catalysed C-C and C-X Bond Forming Processes

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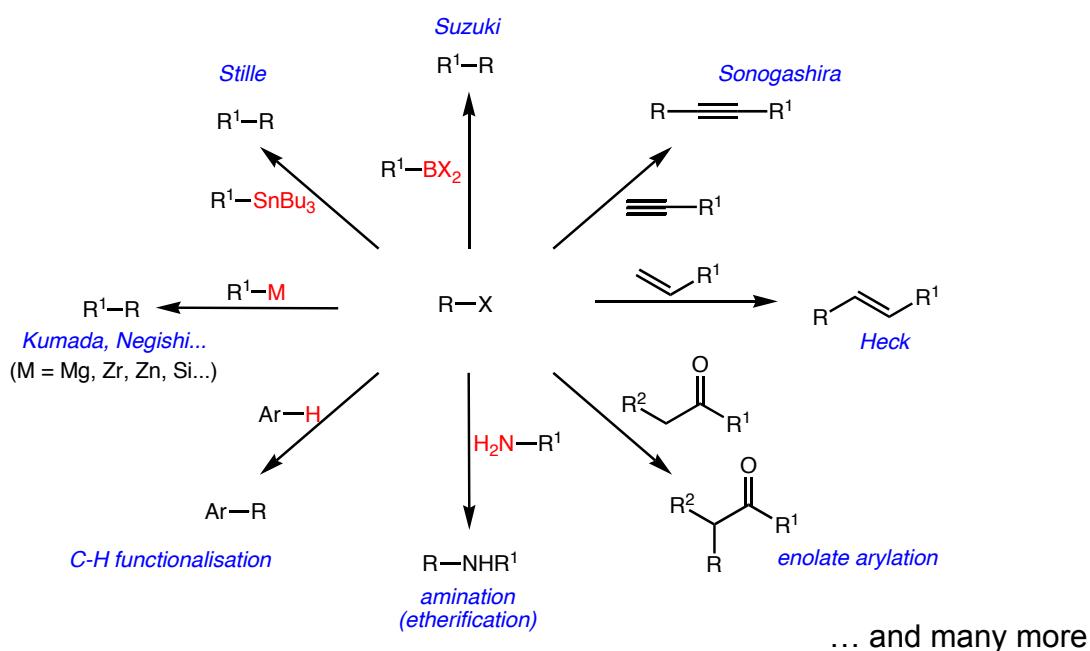
CDT - Metal Catalysis

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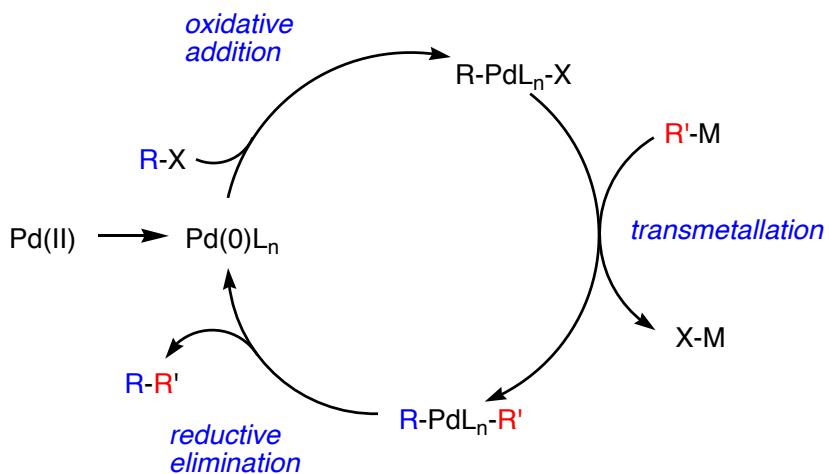
## Pd-Catalysed cross-coupling reactions

- Pd couplings are arguably the most widely used TM catalysed processes
- Generally good stability to O<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O and have good functional group tolerance
- Large variety of coupling partners available



## Key mechanistic steps in coupling rxn's

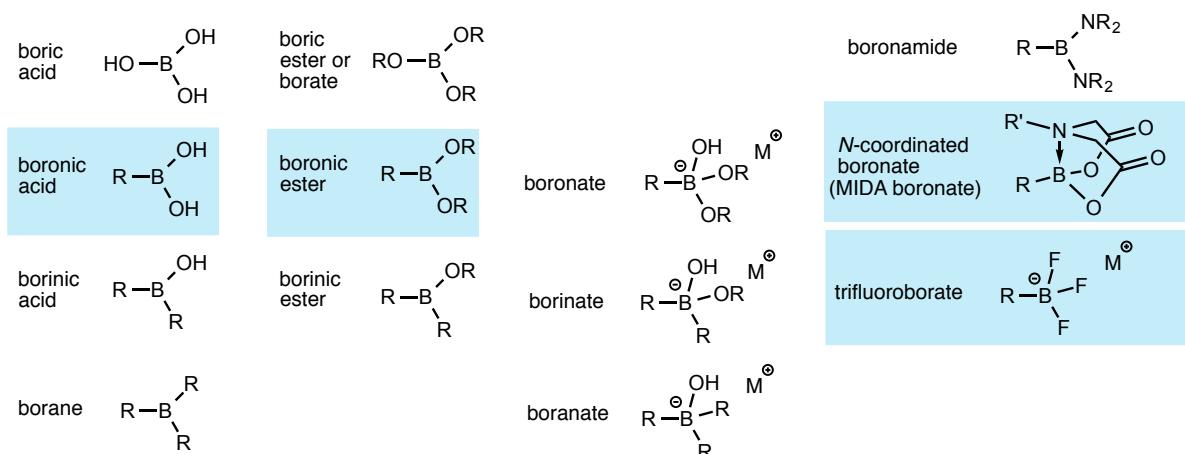
- Pd(II) salts are often used as precursors,  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$  in particular
- Transmetalation is generally rate-limiting



General Pd reviews: *Metal-Catalysed Cross-Coupling Reactions*; Ed. Diederich and Stang, Wiley-VCH, 1998.  
*Handbook of Organopalladium Chemistry for Organic Synthesis*; Ed. Negishi, Wiley, 2002.  
*Palladium Reagents and Catalysts: New Perspectives for the 21st Century*; Tsuji, Wiley, 2004.

## Suzuki couplings – Boron reagents

- Popular due to low toxicity and stability of boronic acids/esters - v widely available
- Aryl, alkenyl and alkylboranes have all been used
- Many catalysts available, and many boron reagents...



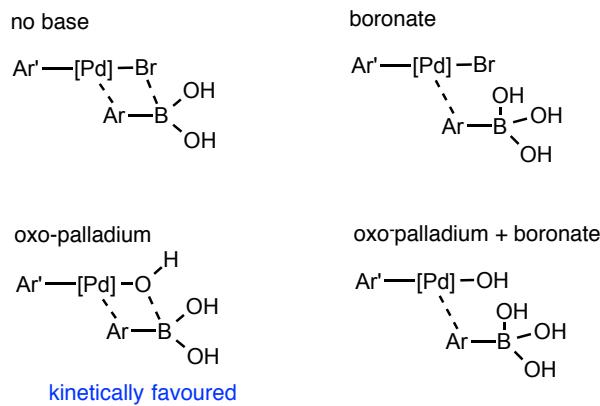
- $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$  is traditional catalyst, but suffers from poor stability and activity

Suzuki, *Tet. Lett.* **1979**, 20, 3437.

Reviews: Suzuki, *Chem. Rev.* **1995**, 95, 2457; Miyaura, *Topics in Current Chem.* **2002**, 219, 11.

## Suzuki couplings – the transmetalation step

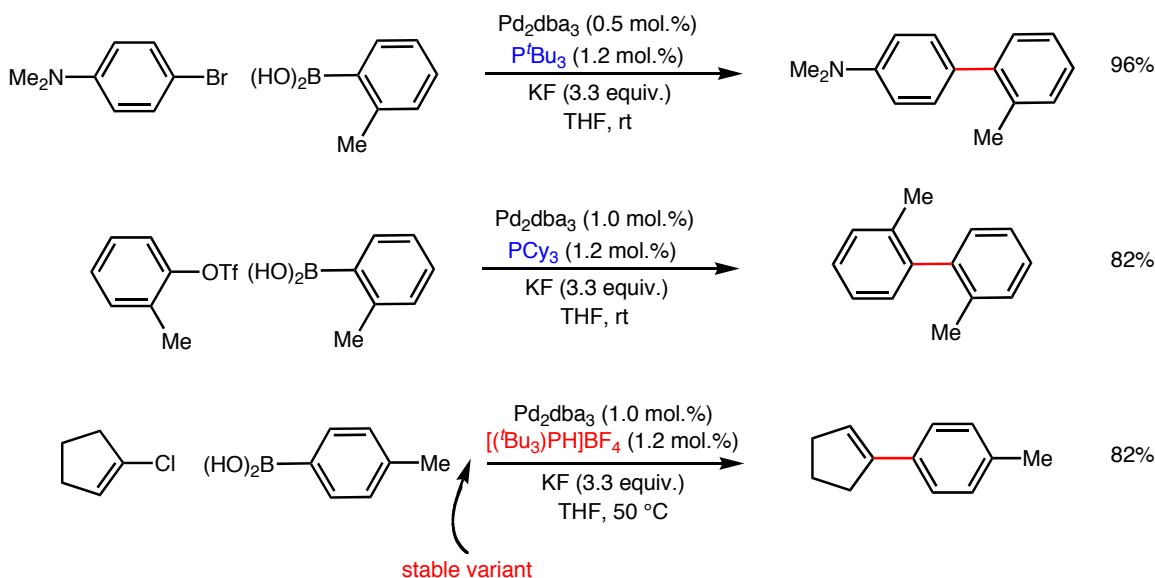
- Two main possibilities – boronate and oxo-palladium pathways
- Recent data suggests oxo-palladium for biphasic reactions (the majority)



Amatore and Jutand, *CEJ* **2011**, 17, 2492; Hartwig, *JACS* **2011**, 133, 2116; Lloyd-Jones, *JACS* **2012**, 137, 7431.

## Suzuki couplings: Effective ligands (1)

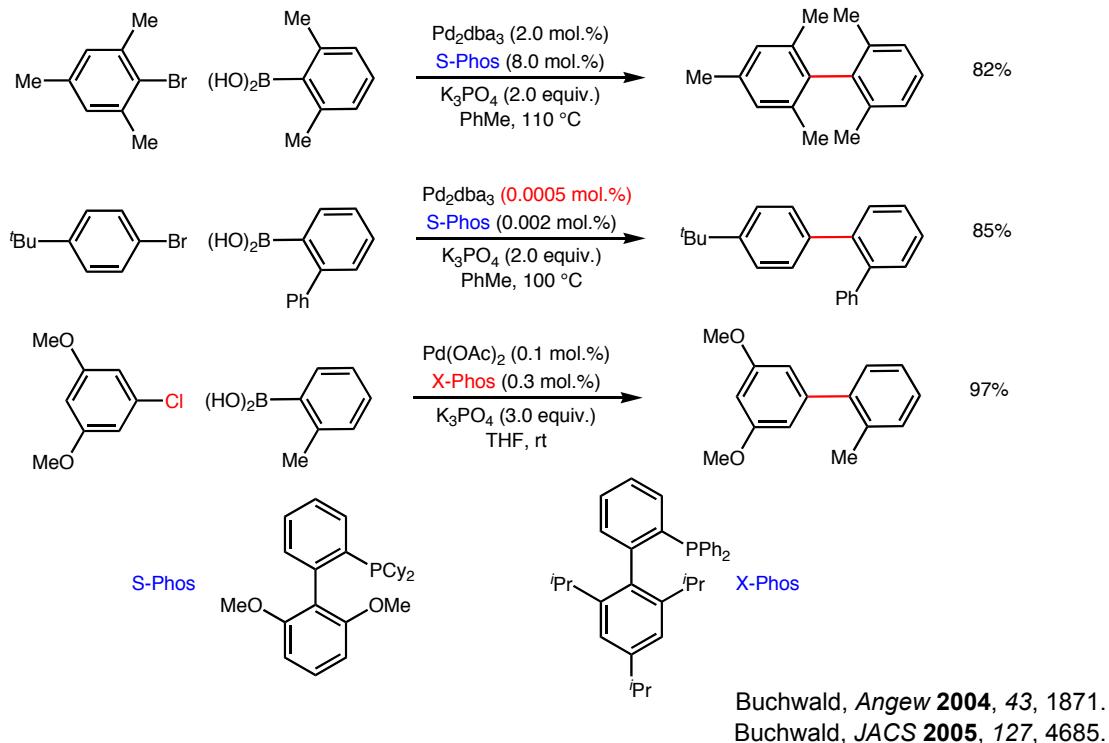
- Bulky electron-rich phosphines are most active
- $\text{P}^t\text{Bu}_3$  or  $\text{PCy}_3$  effective for many substrates - Cl, Br, I, OTf



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Fu, *Org. Lett.* **2001**, 3, 4295.

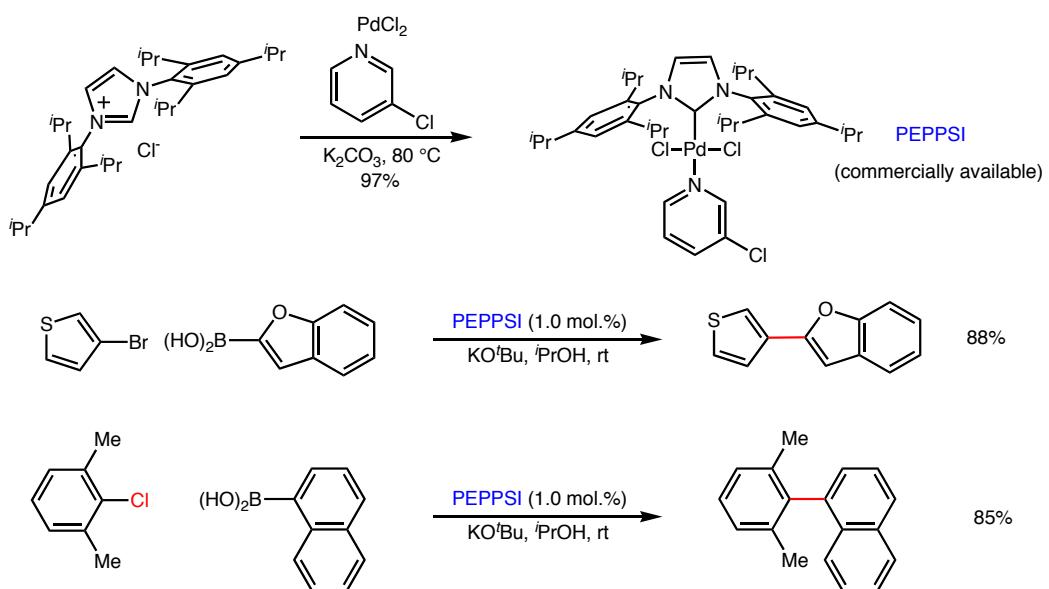
## Suzuki couplings: Effective ligands (2)

- Large variety of biphenyl-phosphines commercially available
- “S-Phos” and “X-Phos” particularly effective



## Suzuki couplings: N-Heterocyclic carbene ligands

- NHC ligands can rival performance of traditional P-ligands
- Sensitivity to O<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O has been a problem
- An air stable multi-purpose catalyst?

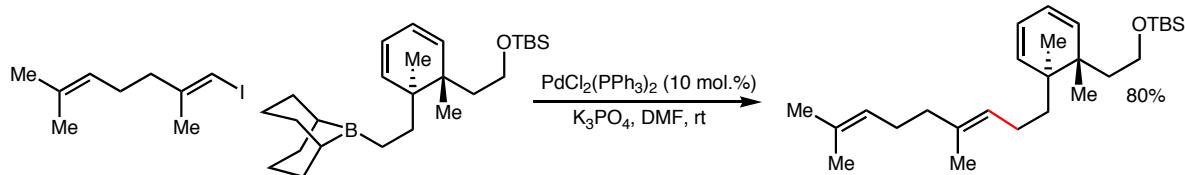


See also; Nolan, *JACS* **2006**, *128*, 4101; *JOC* **2006**, *71*, 3816;  
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Organ, *CEJ* **2006**, *12*, 4743.

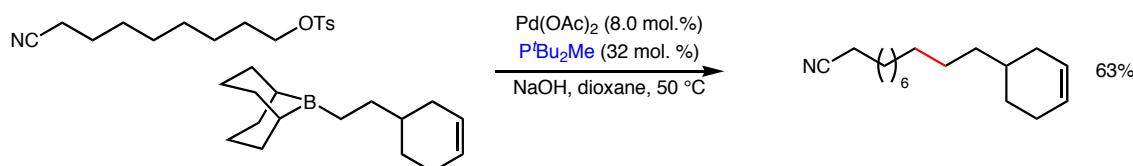
## Suzuki couplings: Alkyl couplings

- $\beta$ -Elimination is major problem
- Majority of examples employ 9-BBN derivatives as *B*-component



De Clercq, *Org. Lett.* **2006**, 8, 4815.

- Alkyl halides and tosylates can also be used

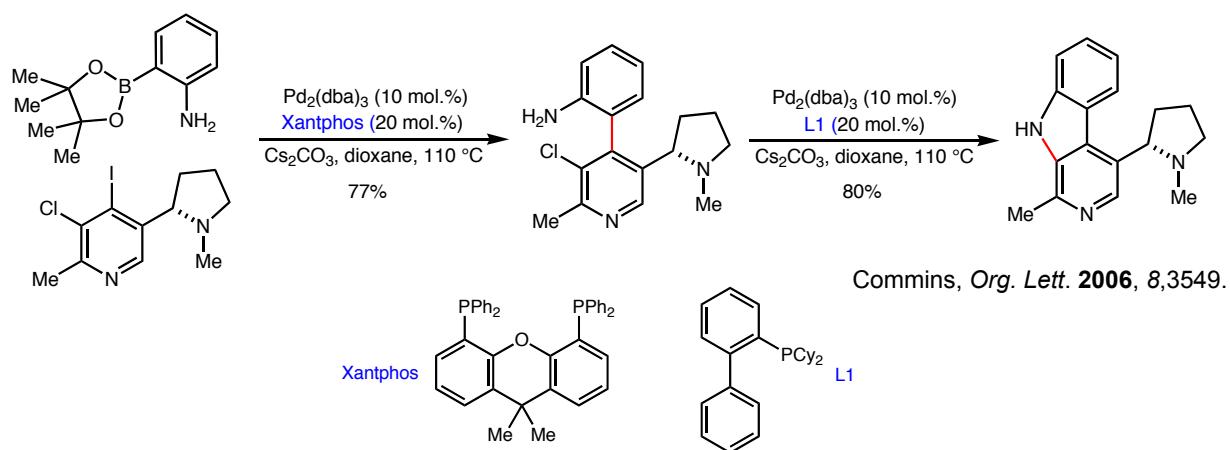


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Fu, *ASC* **2004**, 346, 1525; Danishefsky, *Angew.* **2001**, 40, 4544.

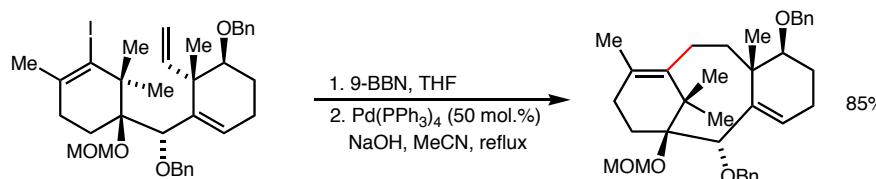
Fu, *Angew.* **2002**, 41, 3910.

## Suzuki couplings: Application to target synthesis

- Many total synthesis applications



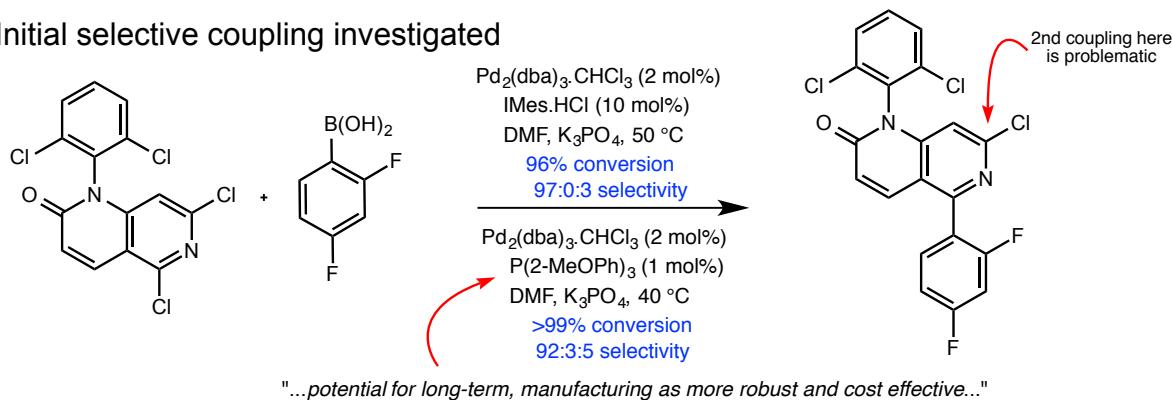
- Alkyl coupling towards Taxol



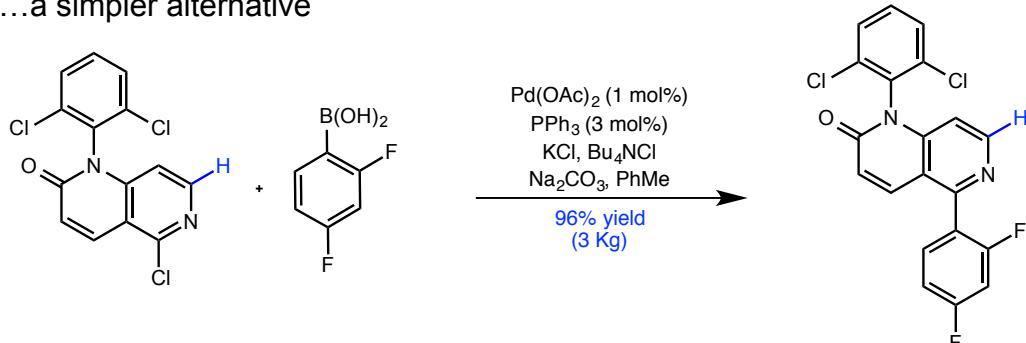
Nakada, *Org. Lett.* **2004**, 6, 4491.

## Suzuki couplings: Application in process chemistry

- Merck MAP kinase inhibitor
- Initial selective coupling investigated



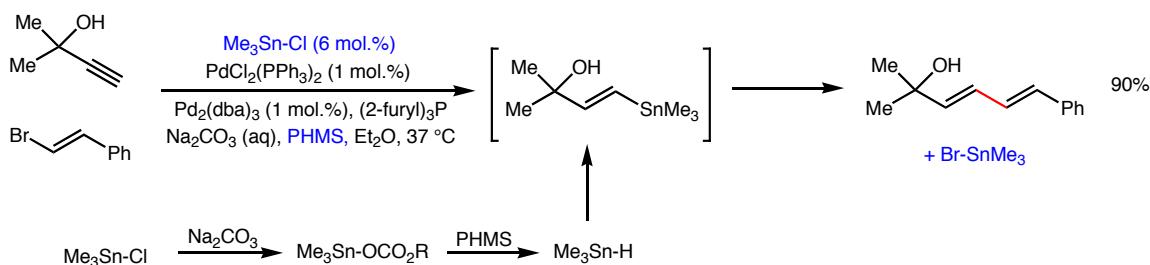
- ...a simpler alternative



Chung, JOC 2005, 10342; OPRD 2007, 328.

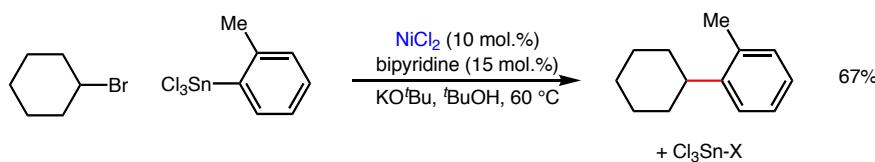
## Stille Couplings

- Widely used academically, but organotin waste is a concern
- reactions catalytic in tin



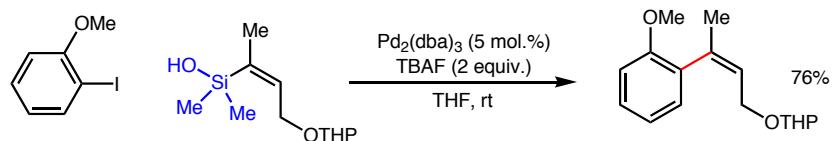
Maleczka, JACS 2001, 123, 3194.

- Using mono-stannane reagents - Ni catalysis

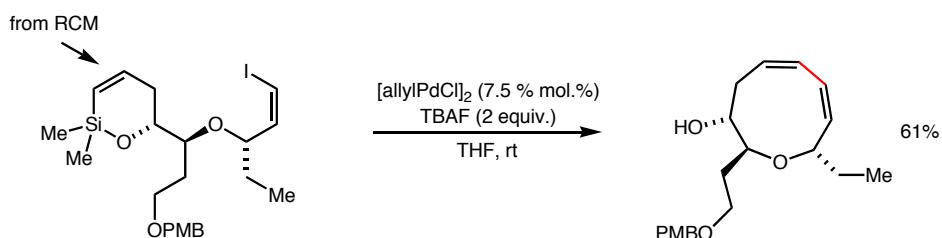


## Silane couplings (Hiyama reaction)

- Attractive due to non-toxic silicon waste
- Silanes need activation



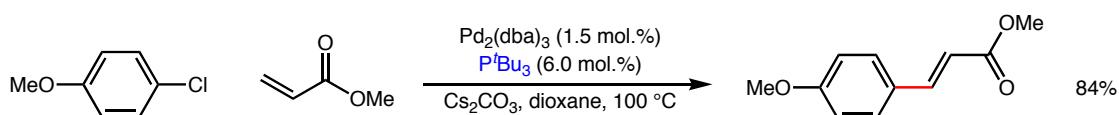
- Application to the synthesis of brasilenyne – also, see Ed Anderson...



Denmark, *ACR* **2002**, 35, 835.  
Denmark, *JACS* **2004**, 126, 12432.

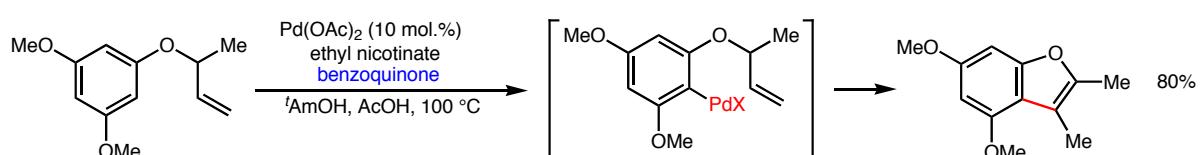
## Heck reactions

- Significantly more complex than ‘simple’ coupling reactions
- Attractive because of no organometallic coupling partner
- Use of Ar-Cl substrates



- “Oxidative” Hecks - generate Ar-Pd *in-situ*

Fu, *JOC* **1999**, 64, 10.



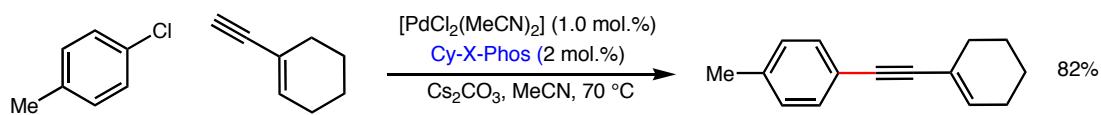
Review; Belatskaya, *Chem. Rev.*  
**2000**, 100, 3009.

Stoltz, *Angew* **2004**, 43, 6144.

For a regioselective intermolecular oxidative Heck on indoles, see; Gaunt, *Angew* **2005**, 44, 3125.

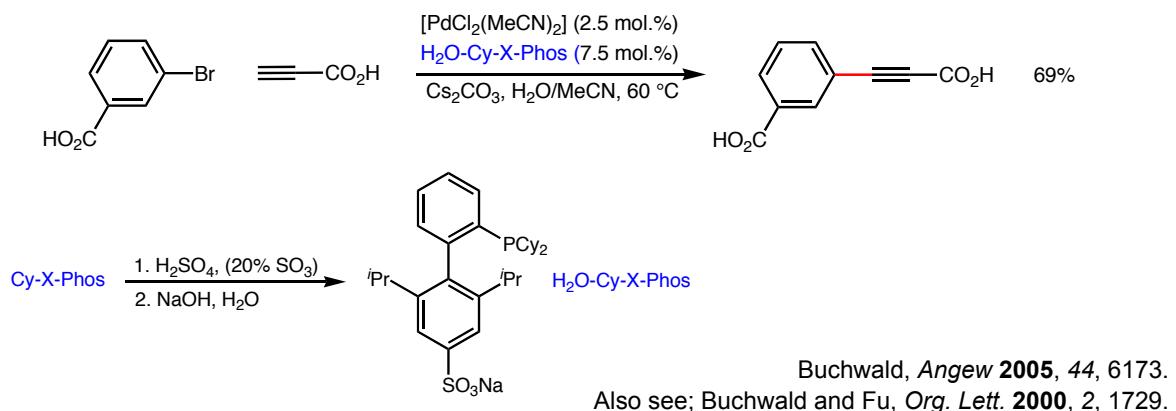
## Sonogashira reactions

- No organometallic coupling partner
- Cu free reactions of Ar-Cl's



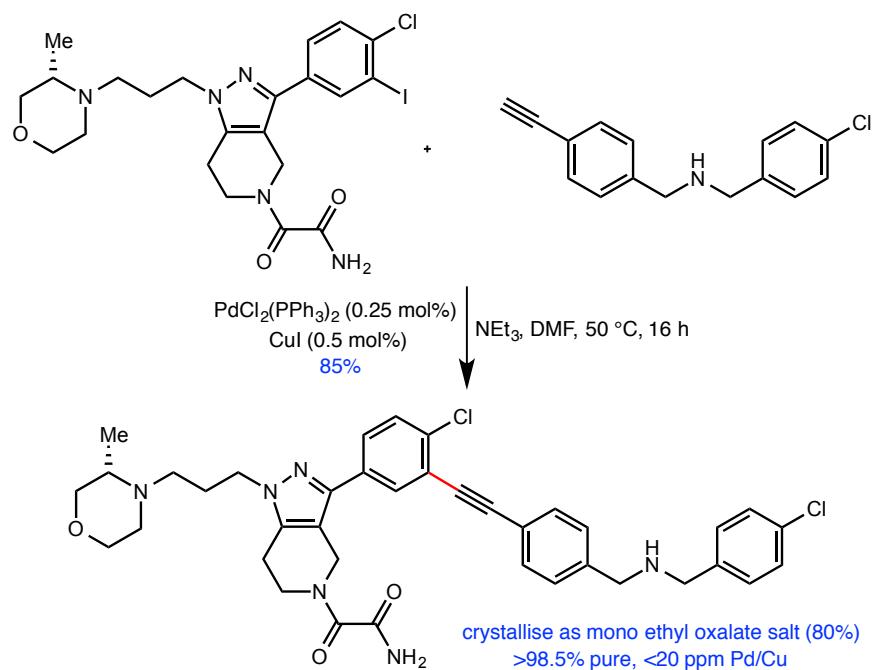
- Reactions in water - water soluble X-Phos  
(also for Suzuki' s)

Buchwald, *Angew* **2003**, *42*, 5993.



## Sonogashira reactions – process example

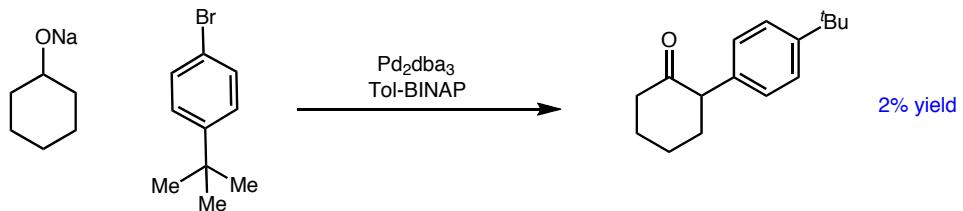
- Johnson & Johnson cathepsin S inhibitor – immunological disorders
- Final step of synthesis, therefore metal contamination a real issue



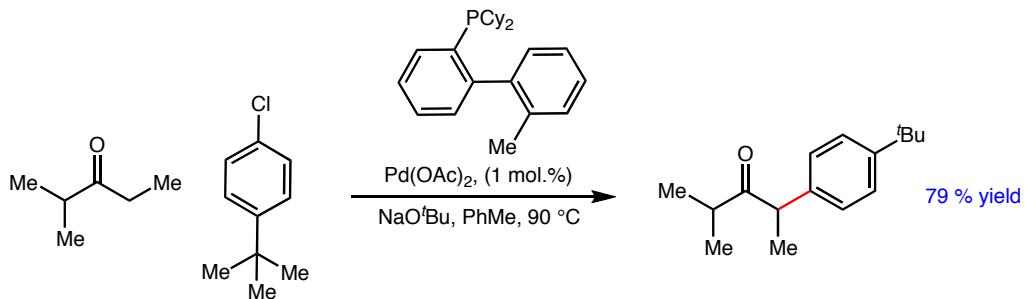
*JOC* **2007**, *72*, 8243.

## Discovery of a Pd-catalysed enolate arylation

- Attempted etherification using cyclohexanol delivered arylated ketone product



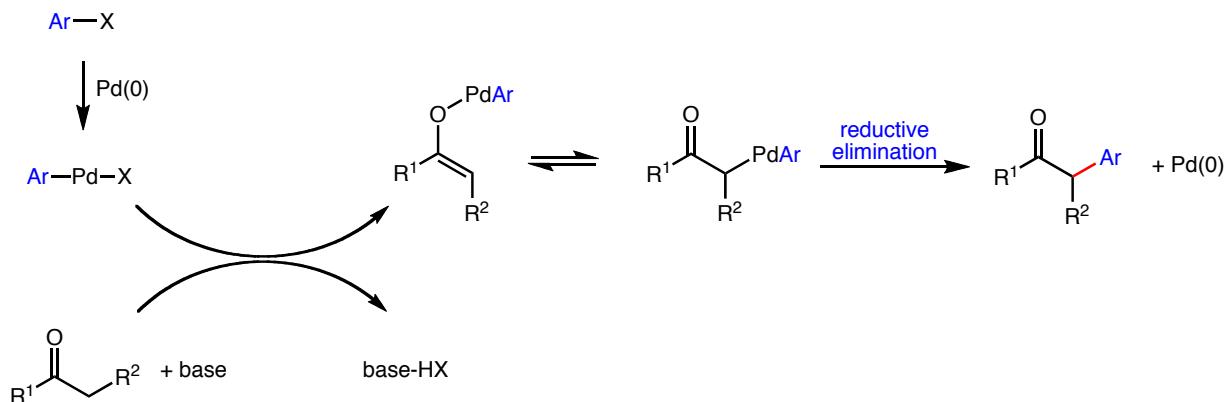
- Optimisation delivered a robust reaction



Buchwald, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2000**, 122, 1360.

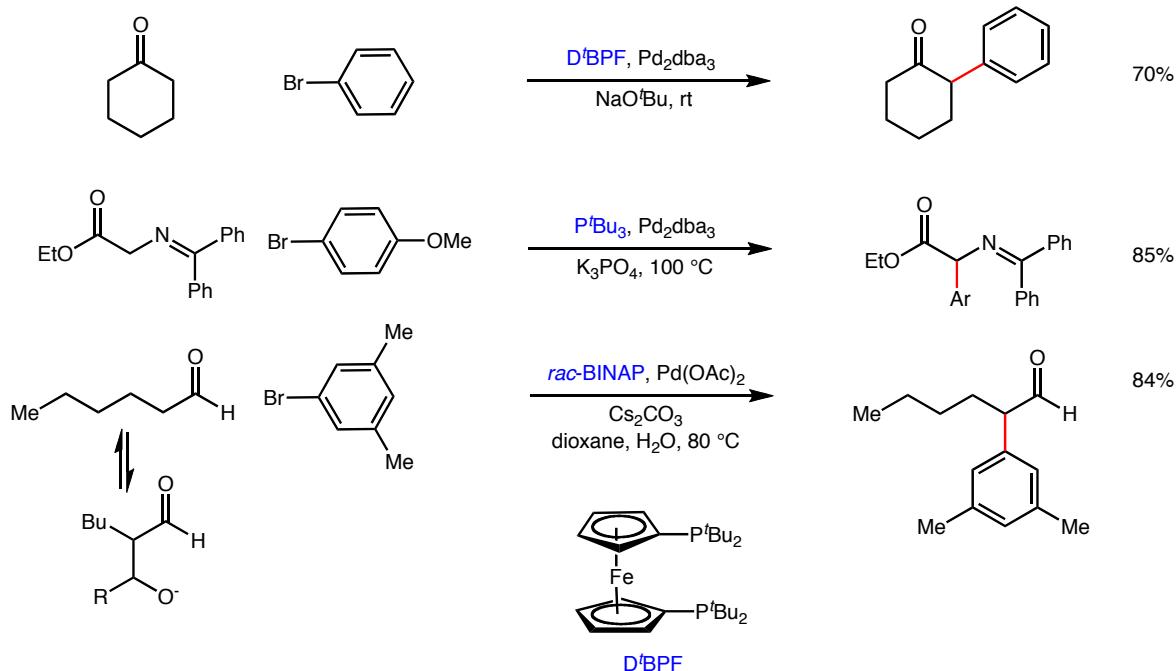
## Enolate arylations

- Developed over last 15 years
- Range of carbonyl compounds, nitriles and enol silanes can all be employed
- Reactions proceeds *via* OA to Ar-X then formation of Pd-enolate



## Enolate arylations

- Suzuki and amination ligands are effective



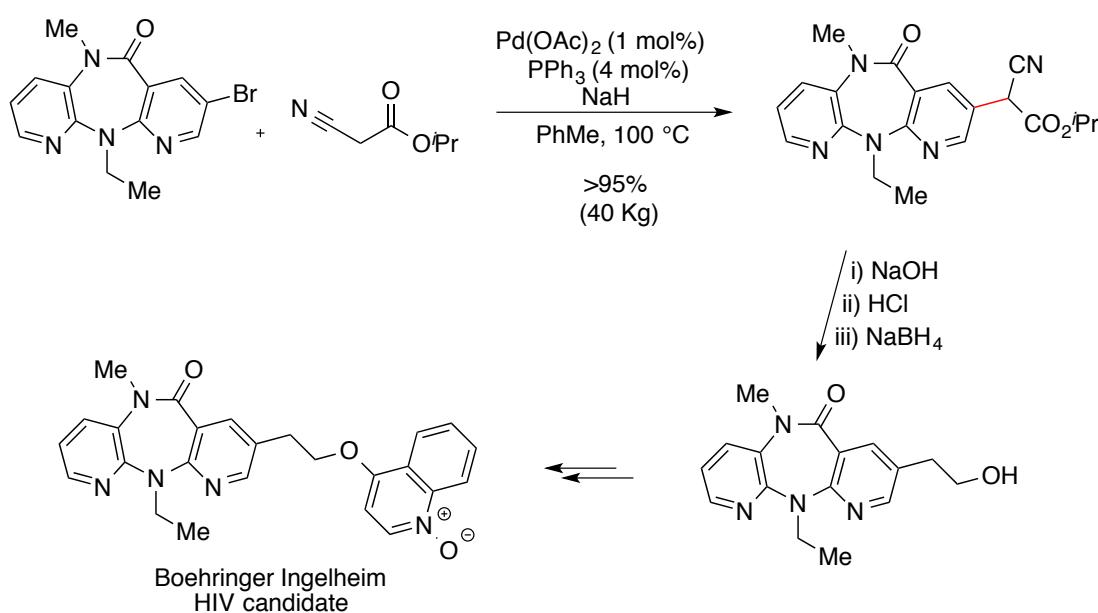
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Buchwald, Angew 2007, 46, 7236.

Hartwig, Acc. Chem. Res 2003, 36, 234.

## Enolate arylation - Application

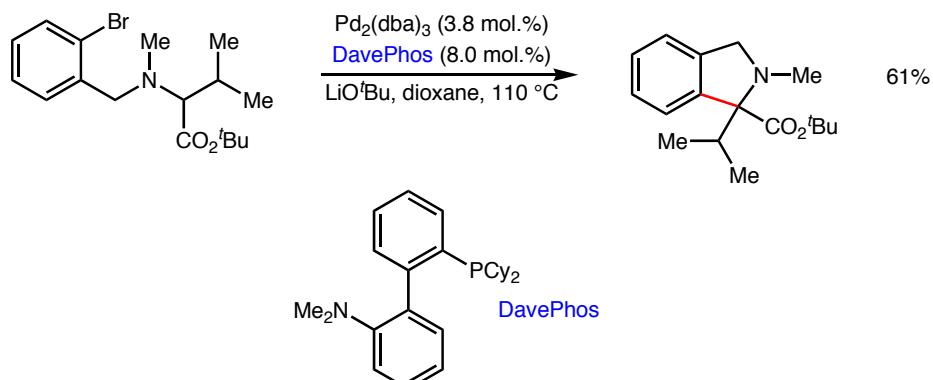
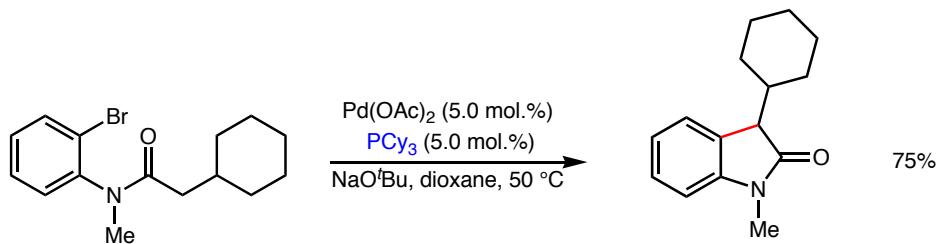
- Arylation of a malonate equivalent



OPRD 2008, 12, 603.

## Enolate arylations: Intramolecular reactions

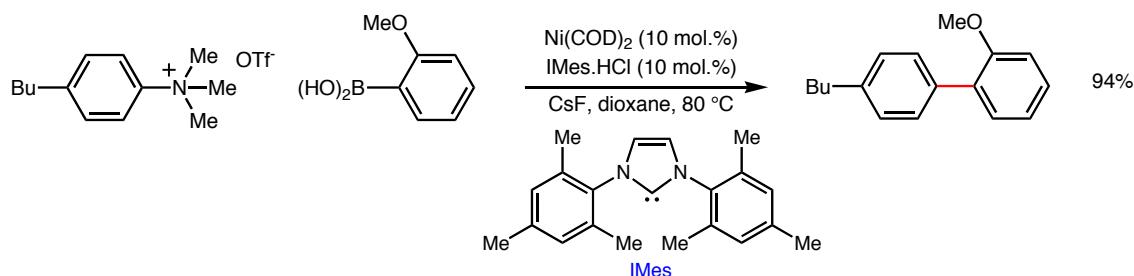
- Intramolecular substrates are readily prepared



Buchwald, *JOC* 2002, 67, 465.  
 Hartwig, *JOC* 2001, 66, 3402.

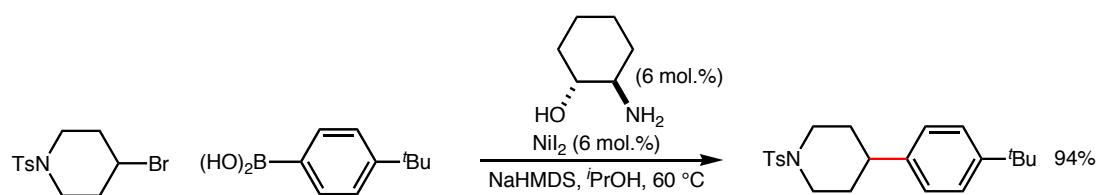
## Ni Coupling reactions

- Much less developed than Pd, but recent revival
- Oxidative addition into ammonium salts



MacMillan, *JACS* 2003, 125, 6046.

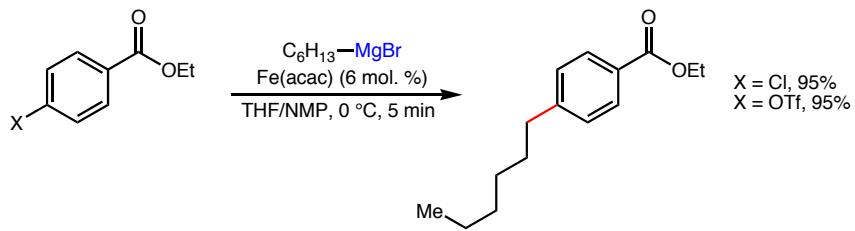
- Ability to use amino alcohols as ligands



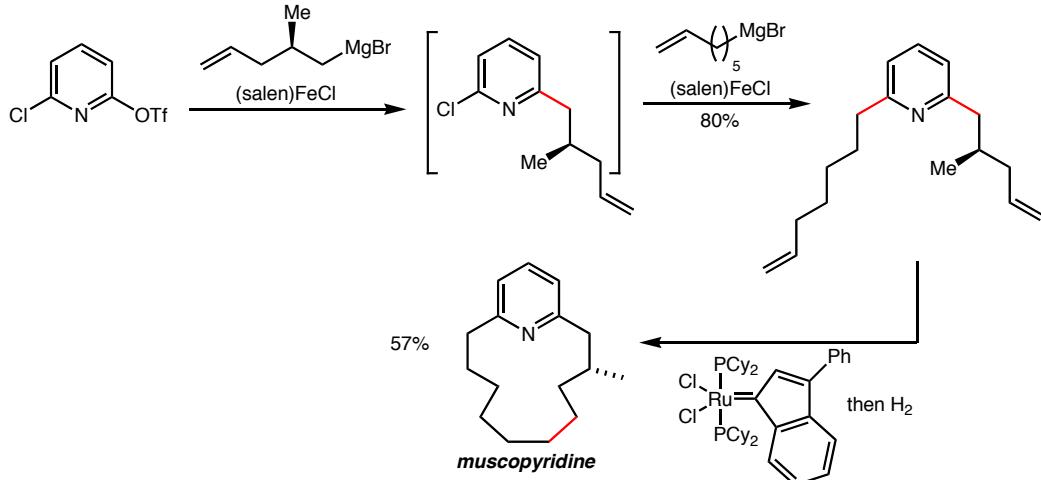
Fu, *JACS* 2006, 128, 5360.

## Fe catalysed coupling

- Rapid reactions, high chemoselectivity



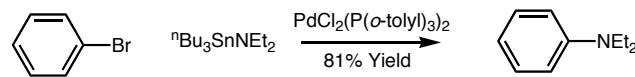
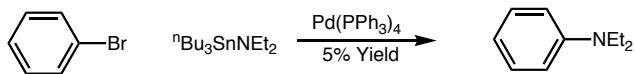
- Many applications in synthesis



Furstner, *Chem. Lett.* **2005**, 34, 624; *Angew.*, **2004**, 43, 3955; *Angew.*, **2003**, 42, 308.

## Pd-Catalysed C-N bond formation

- *THE* coupling development of the last 15 years?
- Coupling of tin amides and aryl halides originally reported by Migita in 1983

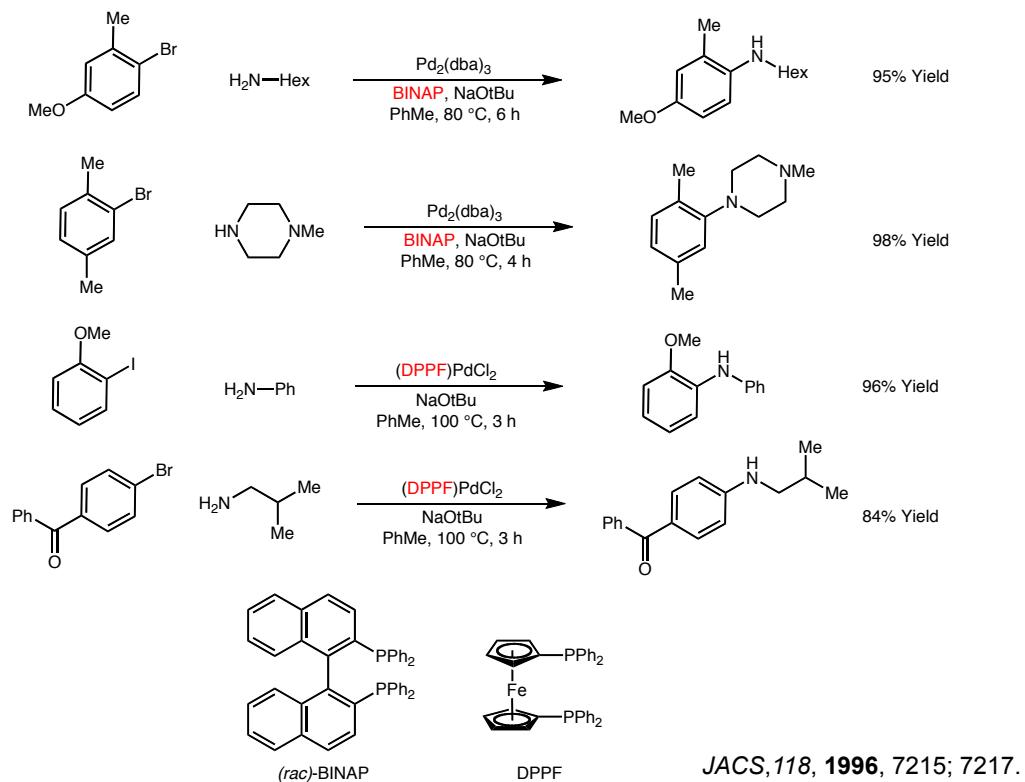


- The use of tin reagents not attractive. System reinvestigated independently by both *Buchwald* (MIT) and *Hartwig* (Yale) in 1994...initially with tin systems; tin free systems soon followed

Migita, *Chem Lett*, 1983, 927.

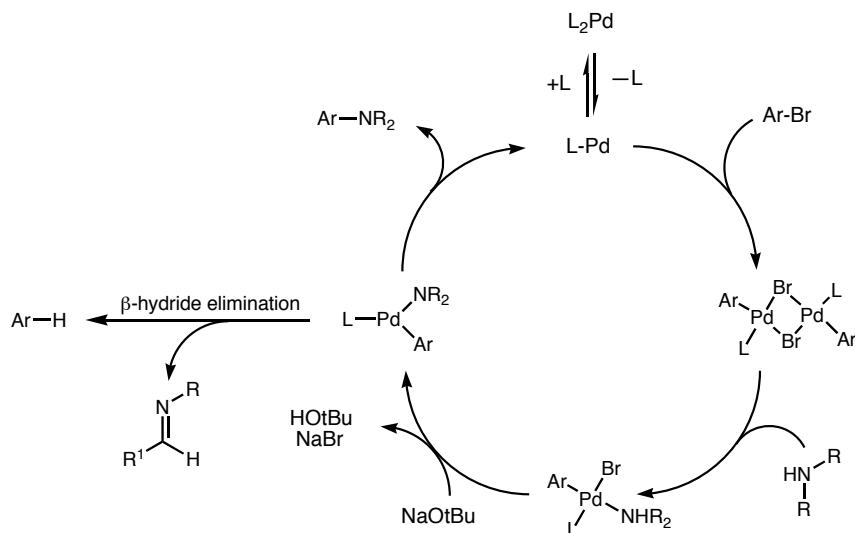
## Tin free catalysis

- Back-to-back reports by Buchwald and Hartwig describe efficient tin-free systems that employ bidentate ligands

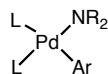


## Mechanism

- Original mechanism proposed for monodentate ligands

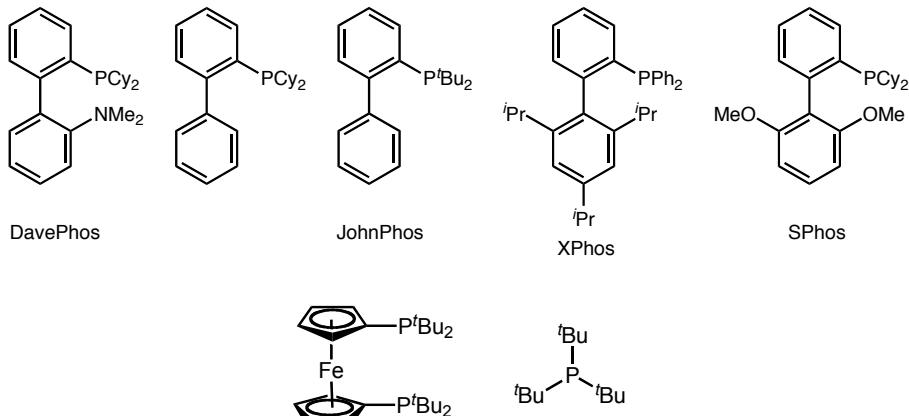


- Bidentate ligands enforce *cis*-orientation and reductive elimination becomes faster compared to  $\beta$ -elimination



## Development of new ligands

- Aryl chlorides unreactive with BINAP, DPPF
- Bulky electron-rich ligands found to be ideal - bidentate systems not needed

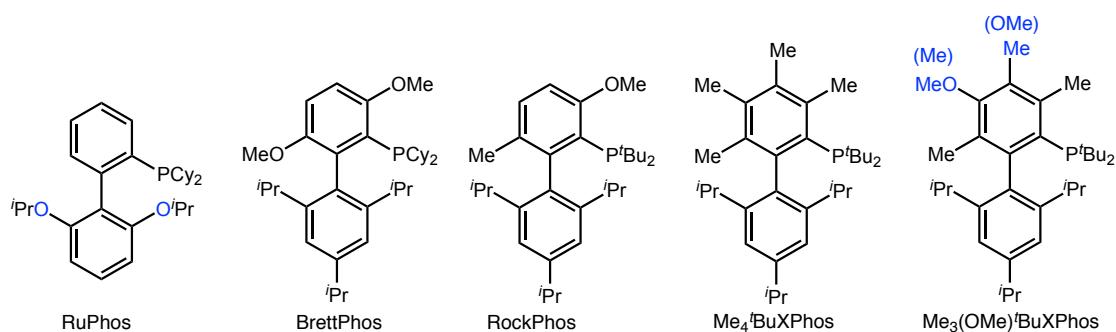


- Biphenyl ligands developed by Buchwald are the most general so far developed
- Modular, tunable ligands - probably hemi-labile in nature
- Resistant to oxidation
- Alternative ligands appear weekly...

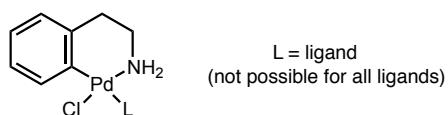
Ligand synthesis: *Adv. Synth. Catal.* **2001**, 343, 789.  
Review of ligand development: Buchwald, *Adv. Synth. Catal.* **2006**, 348, 23. Applications: *Angew.* **2008**, 47, 6338.

## Latest generation of Buchwald ligands

- Even bulkier, more specific ligands



- Pre-catalyst system introduced – rapid access to mono-ligated Pd(0)



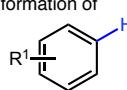
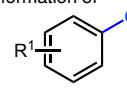
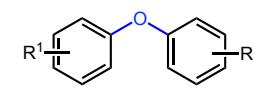
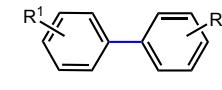
XPhos, SPhos, RuPhos, BrettPhos and  $\text{tBuBrettPhos}$  pre-catalysts are commercially available

## Buchwald amination: a user's guide (I)

- Pd source: pre-catalyst if available (no additives)  
 $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$  – also no additives, but dba can retard reaction  
 $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$  – cheap, but needs reduction for anilines and amides
- Ligands: BrettPhos or RuPhos good first choices  
BrettPhos: primary alkyl amines and primary anilines  
RuPhos: secondary alkyl amines and secondary anilines
- Base: vary substrate dependent,  $\text{NaO}^t\text{Bu}$  – very good, but very basic  
 $\text{LHMDS}$  – good for protic substrates, strong base so compatibility issues  
 $\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$  – weak base, expensive, stirring an issue on scale  
 $\text{K}_3\text{PO}_4$  – weak base, but high cat loadings and long reactions
- Solvent: Toluene most general, ROH can be good as can THF

Buchwald, *Chem. Sci.*, 2011, 2, 27.

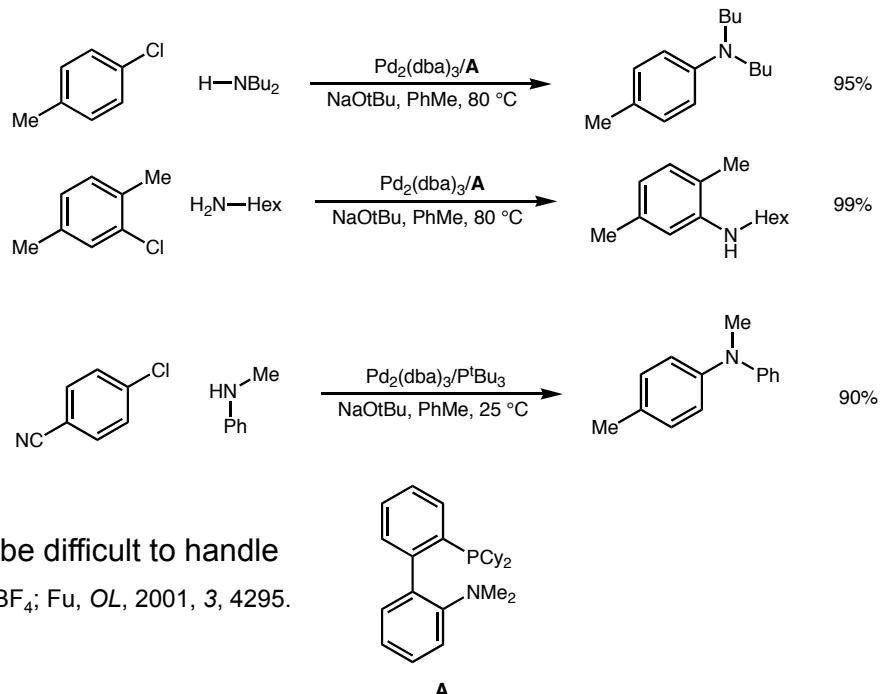
## Buchwald amination: a user's guide (II)

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
low conversion	inefficient formation of catalyst slow reaction	use pre-catalyst increase cat loading use higher temperature
poor mass balance	incompatibility of base with functional groups	use weaker base ( $\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$ , $\text{K}_3\text{PO}_4$ )
formation of 	catalyst decomposition inefficient reductive elimination	use lower temperature use ligand faster for RE
formation of 	presence of water in reaction	dry reagents use molecular sieves
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formation of 	inefficient transmetalation unsuitable solvent	use less hindered ligand, or more electron-deficient at P try $t\text{BuOH}$ or ethereal solvent

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## Aryl chloride couplings

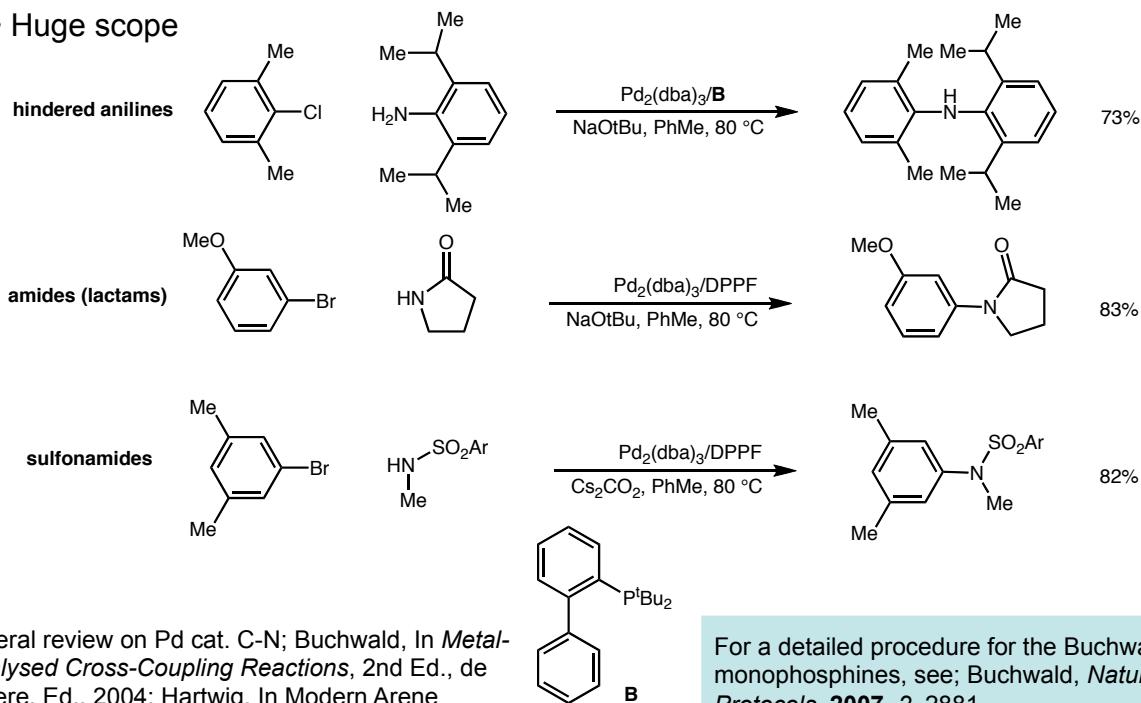
- Buchwald's electron-rich biphenyl systems and  $P^tBu_3$  are optimal



Hartwig, *Angew*, 2005, 44, 1371; Buchwald, *JACS*, 2007, 129, 13001.

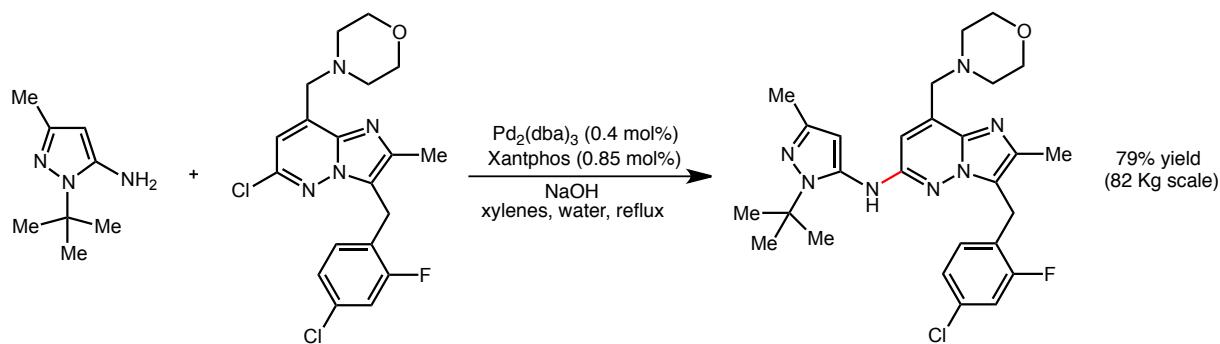
## Scope of N-coupling partner

- Hindered and electron-poor nucleophiles perform well
- Weaker bases can be used with electron-poor N-units
- Huge scope



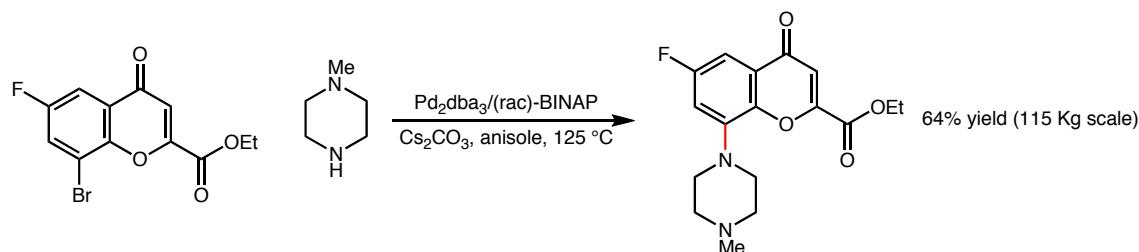
## Applications: Medicinal chemistry

- Synthesis of JAK2 inhibitor – LY2784544 (Lilly)



Lilly group, *Org. Proc. Res. Dev.* **2012**, 16, 70.

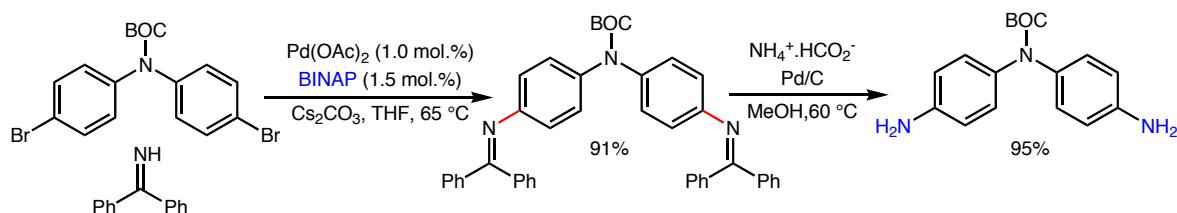
- Large scale preparation of a 5-HT receptor antagonist (AZ)



AZ group, *Org. Proc. Res. Dev.* **2004**, 8, 925.

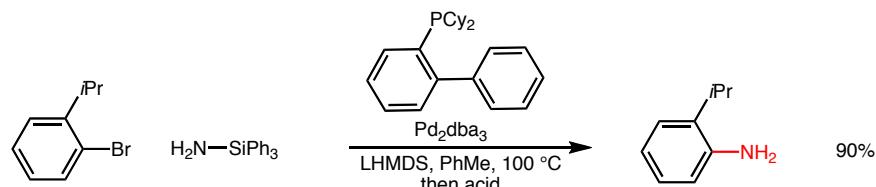
## Ammonia equivalents

- Imines commonly used



Buchwald, *TL* **1997**, 38, 6367.

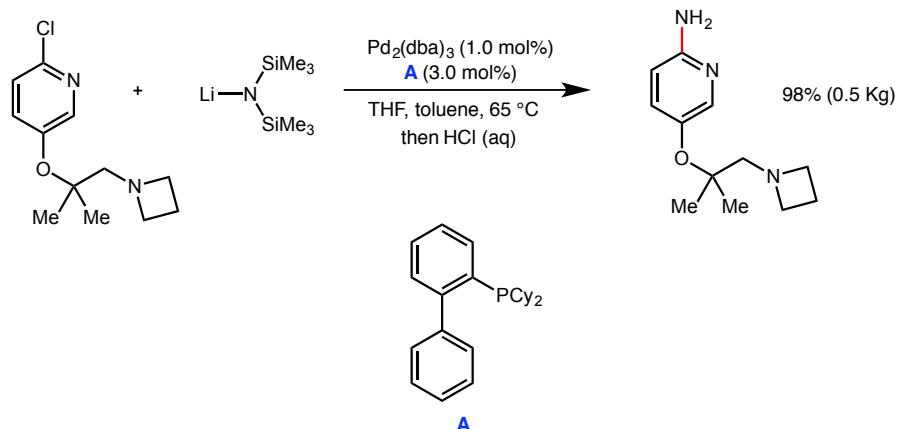
- Silylamines



Buchwald, *Org. Lett.* **2001**, 3, 3417. Hartwig, *Org. Lett.* **2001**, 3, 2729; **2005**, 7, 1169.

## Ammonia equivalents: Application

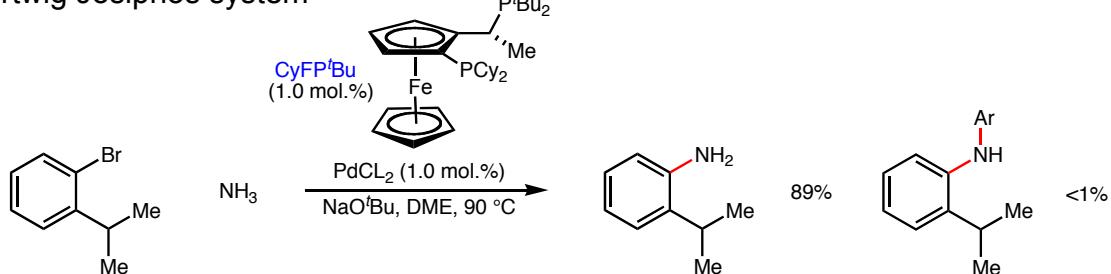
- Merck process group, towards an intermediate for a BTK inhibitor



*Org. Proc. Res. Dev.* **2013**, *17*, 876.

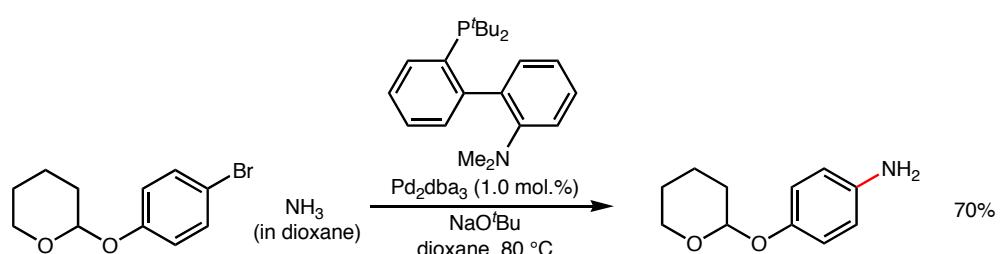
## Ammonia itself

- Hartwig Josiphos system



Hartwig, *JACS* **2006**, *128*, 10028.

- Buchwald biphenyl ligands

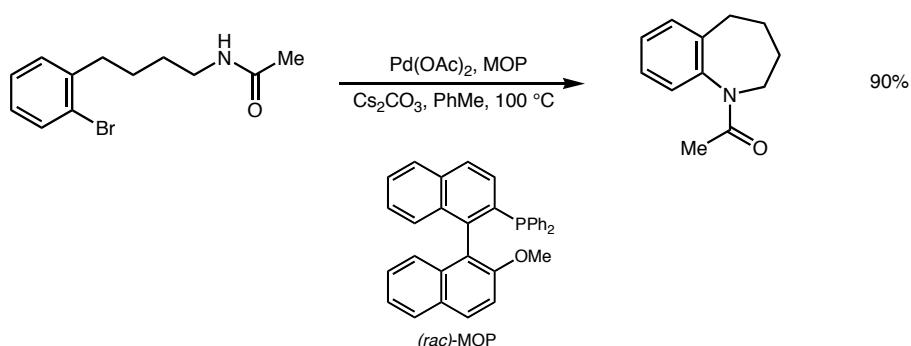
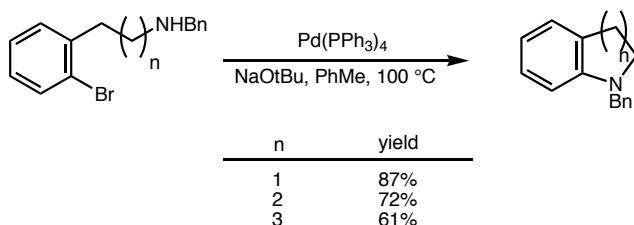


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See also, Stradiotto, *Angew.* **2010**, *49*, 4071.

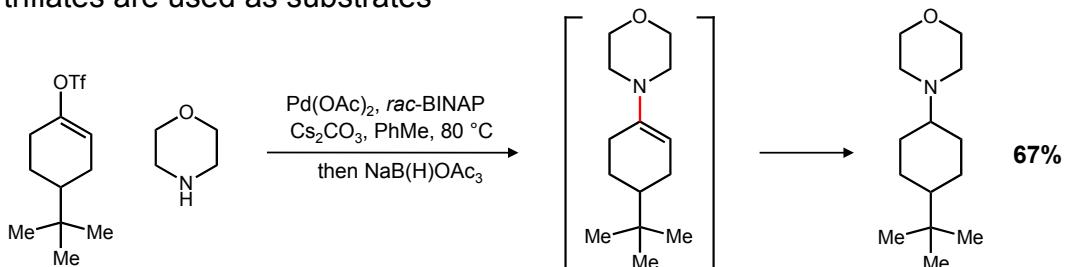
## Intramolecular reactions

- Amines and amides (and others) can be used
- 4, 5, 6, 7-membered rings have all been prepared

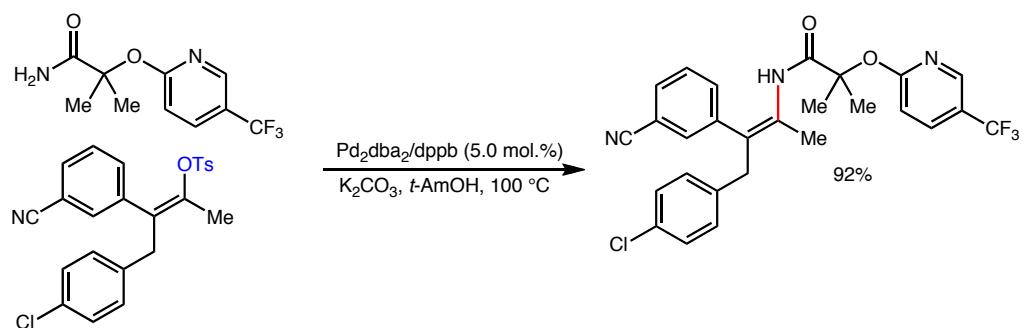


## Extension to alkenyl systems

- Can be used for the synthesis of enamines and imines if alkenyl halides and triflates are used as substrates



Willis, *Tet. Lett.*, **2002**, 43, 9085; *Syn.*, **2005**, 3229.  
Barluenga, *Chem. Eur. J.* **2004**, 10, 494.

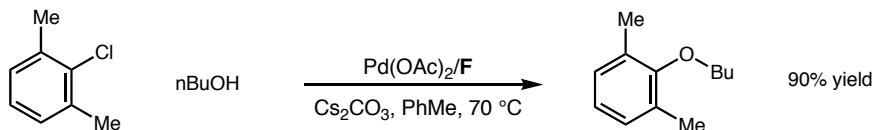
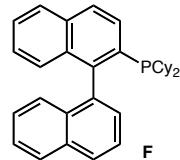


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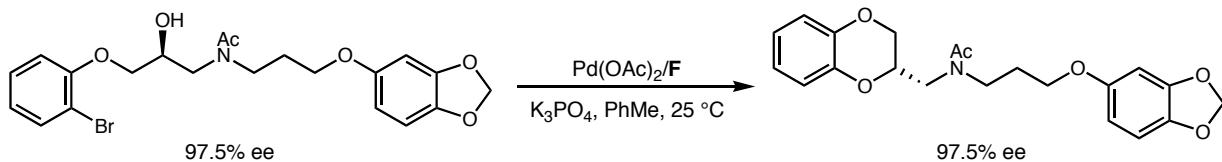
## Etherification reactions

- Developed along similar lines to *N*-chemistry, however substrate scope was initially far more limited due to slow reductive elimination and hence faster  $\beta$ -elimination

- Ligand developed to overcome limitations



- Synthesis of MKC-242



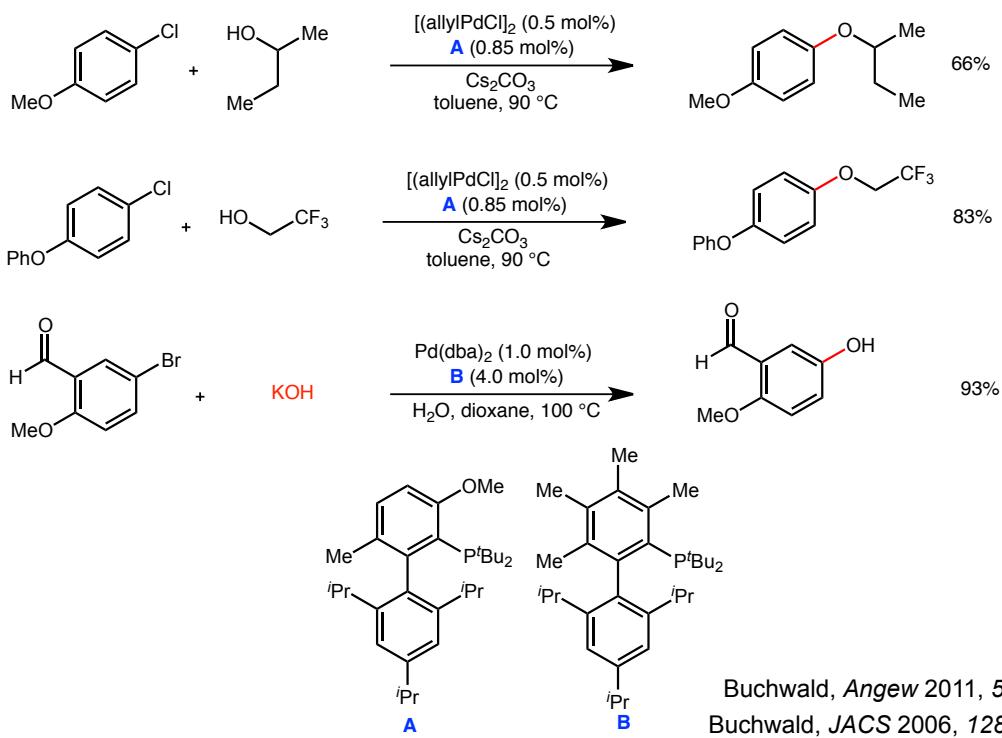
Buchwald, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2001**, 123, 12202.

Review: Enthaler and Company, *Chem. Soc. Rev.* **2011**, 40, 4912.

Buchwald, *Org. Lett.* **2012**, 14, 170.

## Pd catalysed C-O

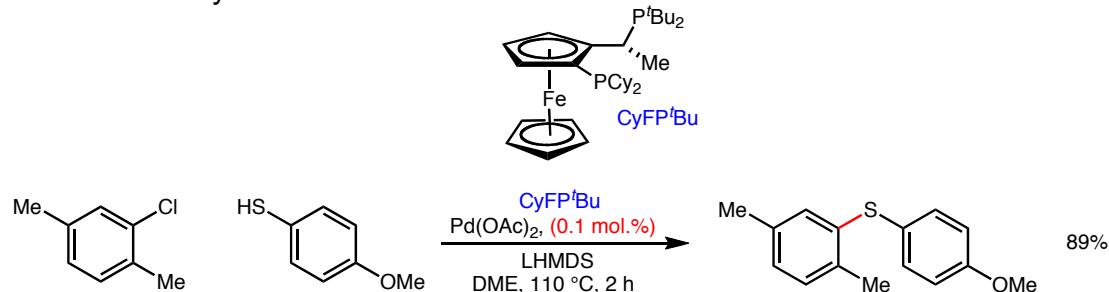
- As with C-N, shows good functional group tolerance
- RockPhos effective for primary and secondary alcohols



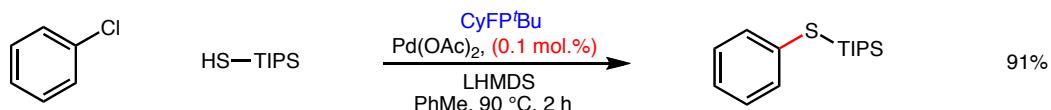
Buchwald, *Angew* 2011, 50, 9943.  
Buchwald, *JACS* 2006, 128, 10694.

## Pd catalysed C-S bond formation

- S-Coupling generally efficient but catalyst poisoning and hence low TON
- Hartwig's bulky bidentate ligands work well
- Triflates and tosylates also effective



- A H<sub>2</sub>S equivalent

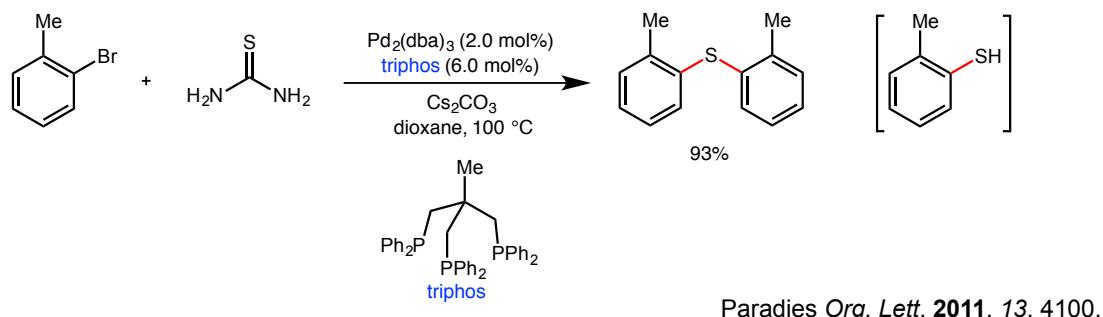


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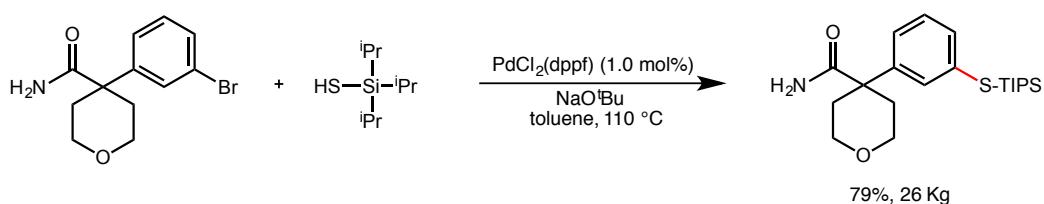
For aryl-B formation, see; Buchwald, Angew **2007**, 46, 5339; Molander Org. Lett. **2012**, 14, 4814.

## Pd catalysed C-S bond formation

- Thiourea as a H<sub>2</sub>S equivalent.



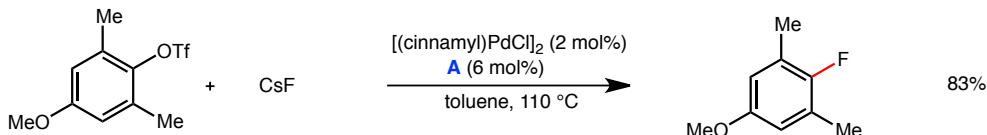
- Application from Pfizer (5-lipoxygenase inhibitor)



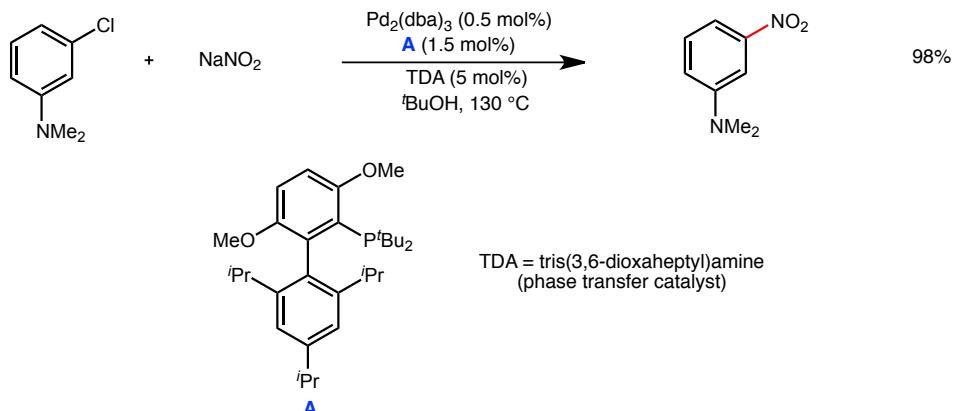
OPRD **2011**, 15, 1046.

## Pd catalysed C-NO<sub>2</sub> and C-F bond formation

- C-F reductive elimination very challenging
- CsF and triflate substrates optimal



- A basic alternative to traditional electrophilic nitration processes
- Chloride, triflate and nonaflates all used

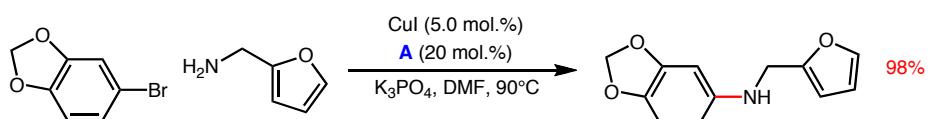


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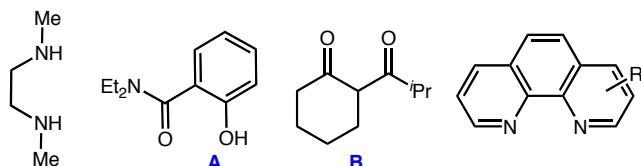
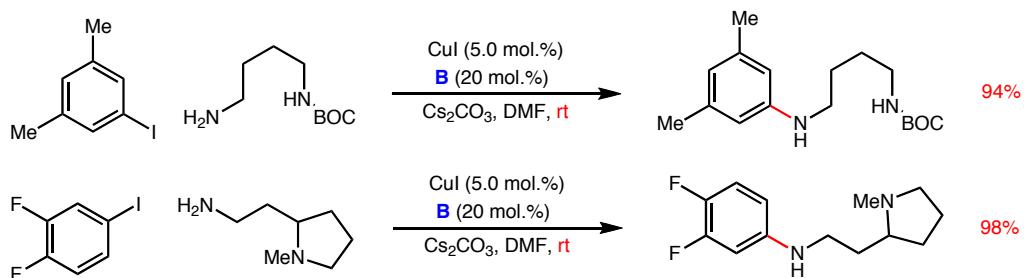
Buchwald, *JACS* **2009**, 131, 12898.

## Modern Cu catalysed C-N from aryl halides

- Less developed than Pd
- Different types of ligands - reactions less general than Pd



- Newest ligands allow lower temperatures



Buchwald, *JACS* **2002**, 124, 7421.  
Buchwald, *JACS* **2006**, 128, 8742.

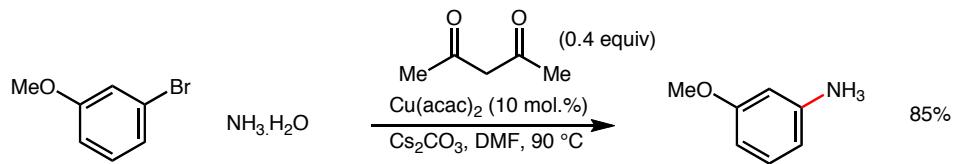
For a detailed procedure, see; Buchwald, *Nature Protocols*, **2007**, 2, 2474.

For a review, see; Buchwald, *Chem. Sci.* **2010**, 1, 13.

Mechanism, see; Buchwald, *JACS* **2009**, 131, 78.

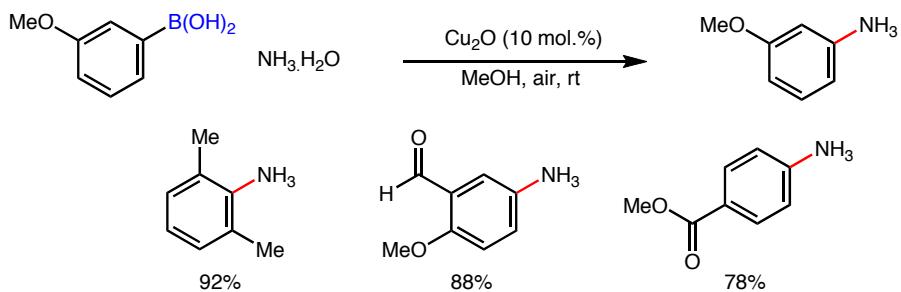
## Cu catalysed coupling with ammonia

- Aqueous ammonia with aryl bromides and iodides



Taillefer, *Angew* **2009**, *48*, 337.

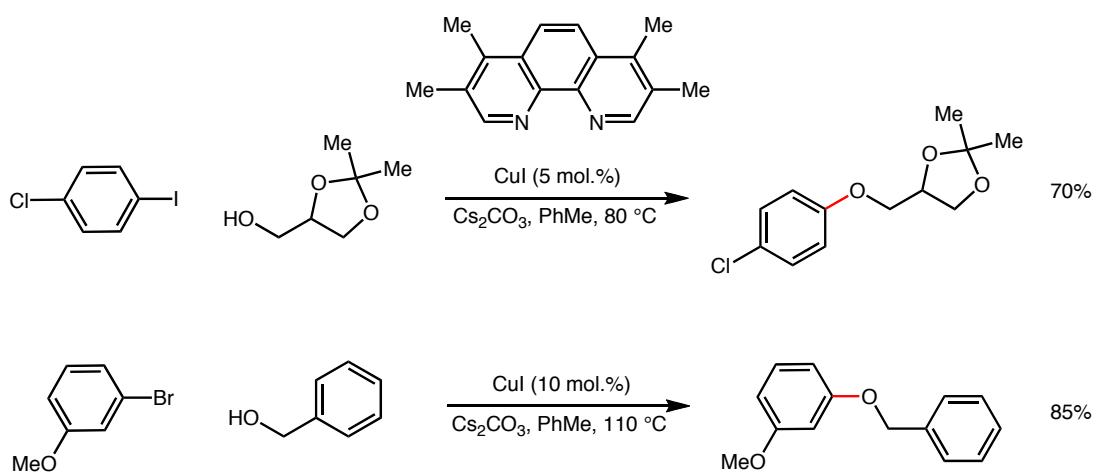
- Boronic acid substrates - extremely mild conditions



H. Fu, *Angew* **2009**, *48*, 1114.

## Copper catalysed C-O from aryl halides

- Very good with aryl iodides, not as efficient with bromides

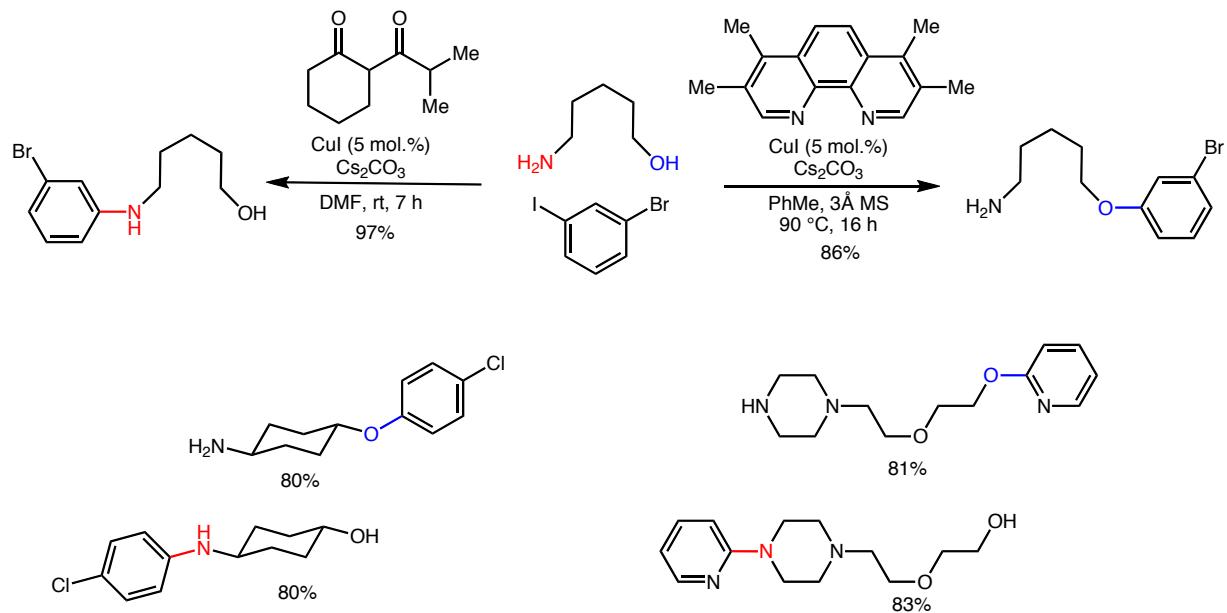


Buchwald, *JOC* **2008**, *73*, 284.

For Cu cat. C-P formation, see; Buchwald, *OL* **2003**, *5*, 2315.

## Cu catalysed N- versus O-arylation

- Ligand dependent selectivity possible
- Requires at least three methylene spacers between *N* and *O*



Buchwald, JACS **2007**, 129, 3490.

# Enantioselective Desymmetrisation

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CDT - Metal Catalysis

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> November 2016

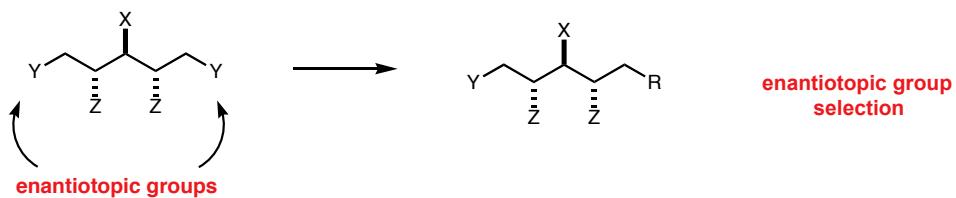
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Review: M. C. Willis, J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans. 1 **1999**, 1765

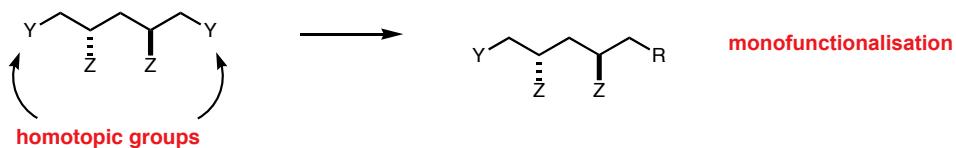
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## Desymmetrisation

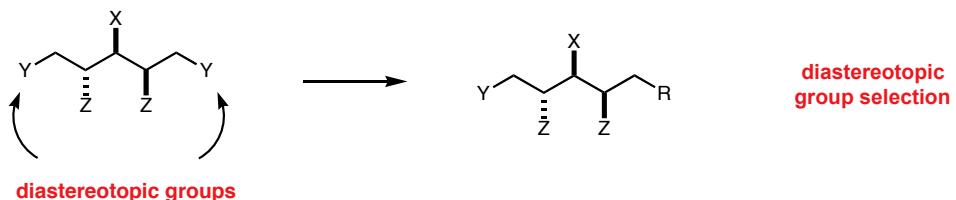
- Achiral and *meso* compounds



- $C_2$ -symmetric compounds (chiral)

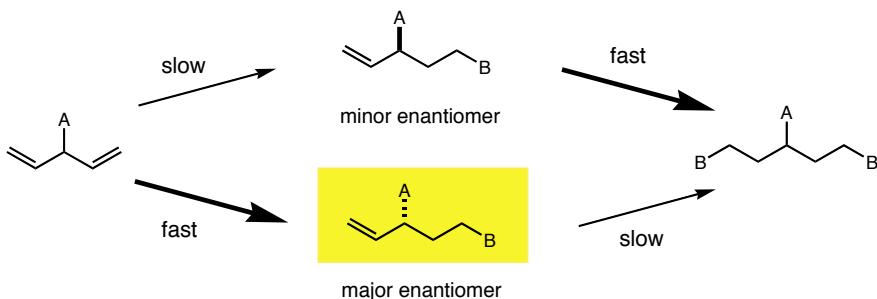


- Pseudo  $C_2$ -symmetric compounds (chiral)



## Desymmetrisation of meso- and achiral chains

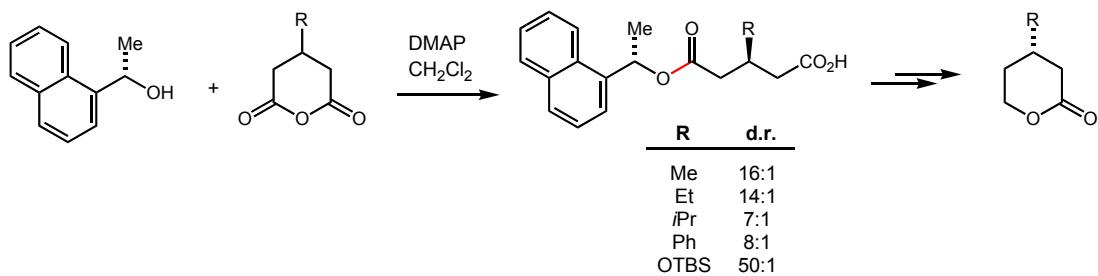
- Requires differentiation of enantiotopic groups
- Desirable features:
  - Readily available substrates (stereoselectively)
  - Deliver "useful" products
  - Catalytic process
  - Practical
- Potential to combine enantiogroup selection with a kinetic resolution
- Possible to obtain extremely high enantioselectivity



For reviews, see; Willis, *Perkin* 1, 1999, 1765; Ward, *Chem. Soc. Rev.*, 1990, **19**, 1.

## Anhydrides: chiral alcohol addition

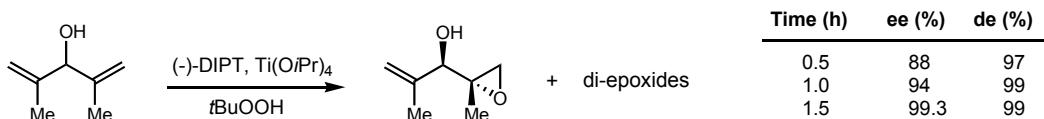
- Early examples from Heathcock (**stoichiometric**)



Heathcock, *J. Org. Chem.*, 1988, **53**, 2374; *ibid.*, 1993, **58**, 142.

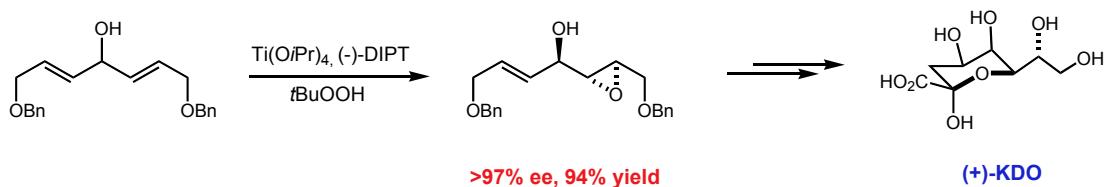
## Alkenes: Sharpless epoxidation

- Enantioselection + kinetic resolution



Schreiber and Schreiber, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 1987, **109**, 2487.

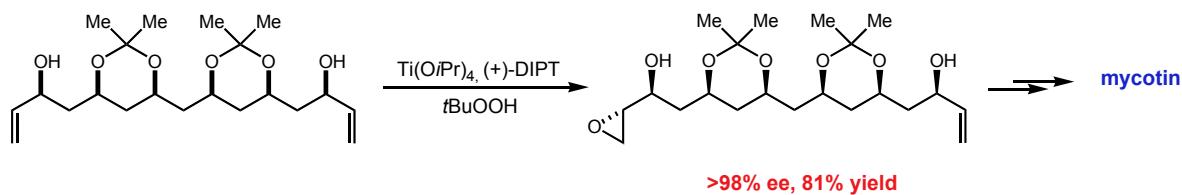
- Application to synthesis of KDO



Schreiber, *Tetrahedron*, 1990, **46**, 4793.

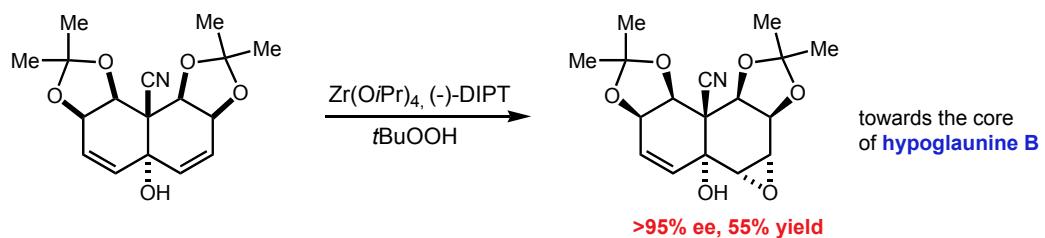
## Alkenes: Sharpless epoxidation

- Multiple stereocentres in a single step



Schreiber, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 1987, **105**, 4718.

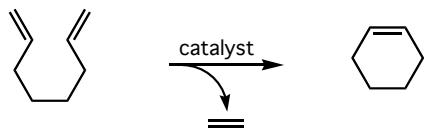
- Modified conditions
  - 8 Contiguous centres in a single step



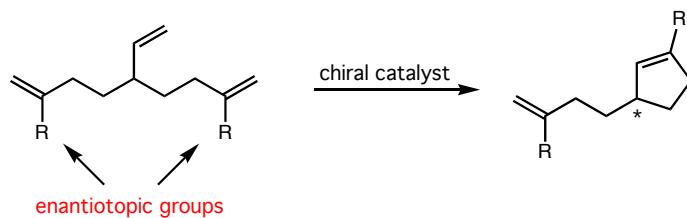
Spivey, *Angew.*, 2001, **40**, 769.

## Alkenes: enantioselective metathesis

- Desymmetrisation allows the development of *new* enantioselective reactions
- Ring closing metathesis (RCM)

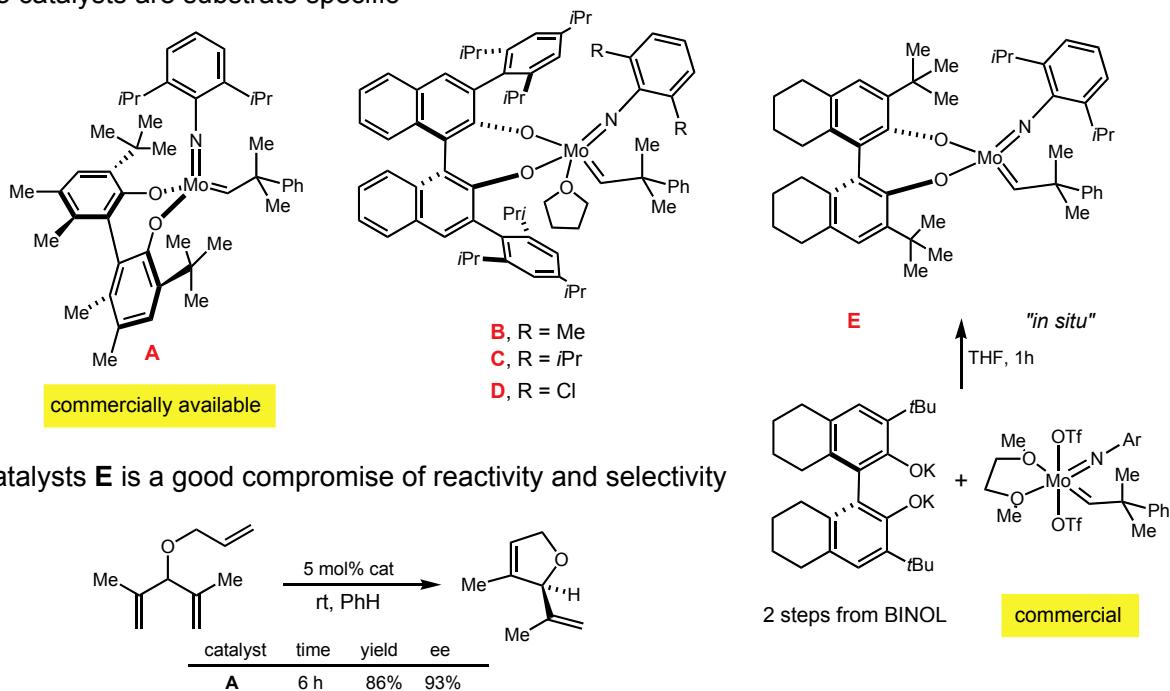


- Desymmetrising metathesis



## Alkenes: enantioselective metathesis

- Several Mo catalysts
- Mo catalysts are substrate specific

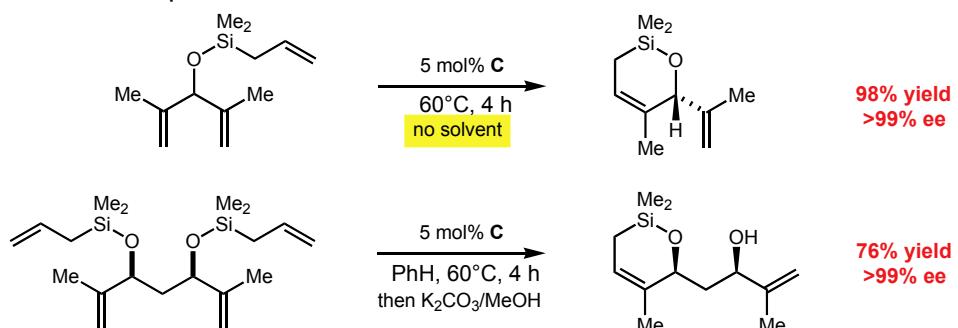


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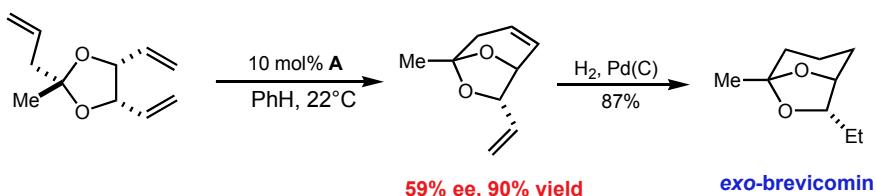
For a brief review of enantioselective RCM, see; Hoveyda and Schrock, *Chem. Eur. J.*, 2001, **7**, 945.

## Alkenes: enantioselective metathesis

- Asymmetric ring-closing metathesis (ARCM)
- Solvent free conditions possible



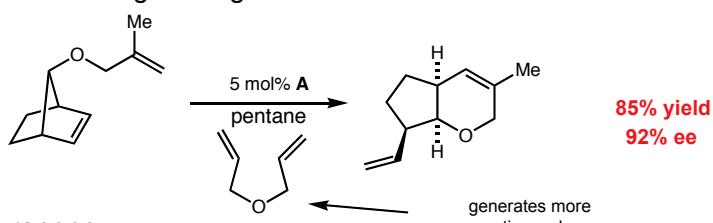
- Synthesis of *exo*-brevicomin



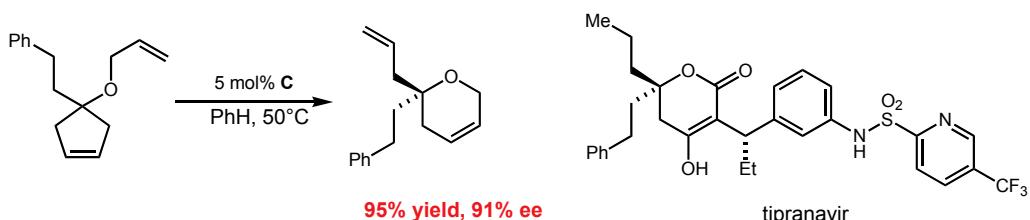
Burke, *Org. Lett.*, 1999, **1**, 1827.

## Alkenes: enantioselective metathesis

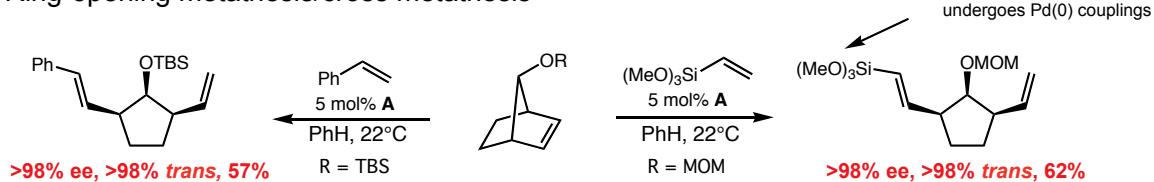
- Tandem ring-opening metathesis/ring-closing metathesis



- Synthesis of tipranavir pyranone



- Ring-opening metathesis/cross metathesis

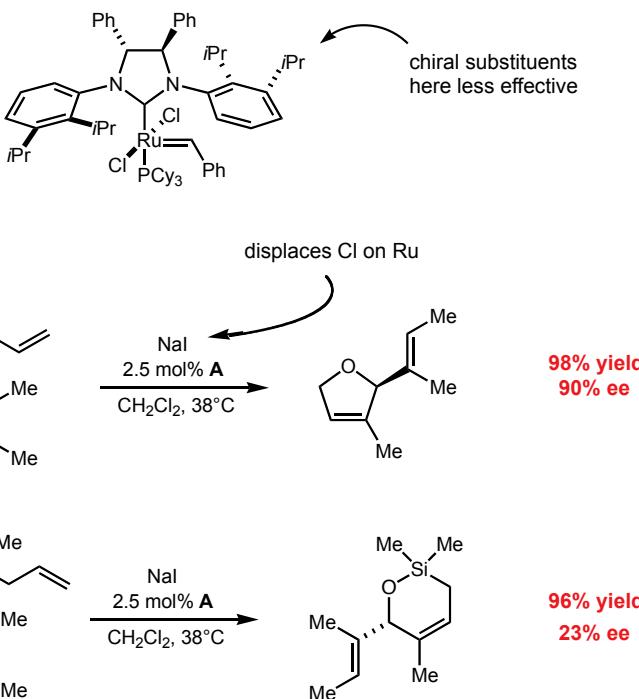


Hoveyda and Schrock, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 2001, **123**, 7767.

For an overview of his work see: Hoveyda, *JOC.*, 2014, **79**, 4763.

## Alkenes: enantioselective metathesis

- Ru catalysts
- *N*-heterocyclic carbene ligands
- Substrate specific

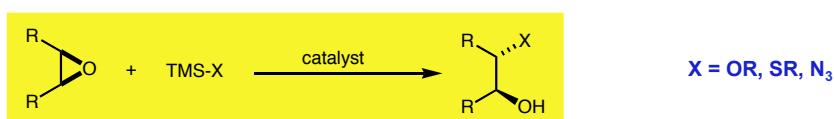


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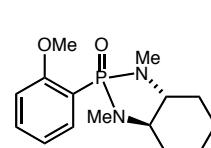
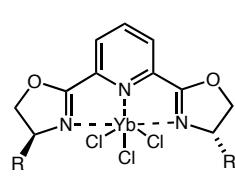
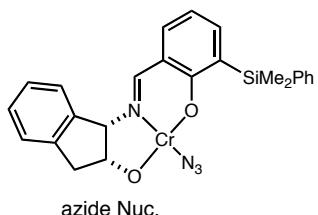
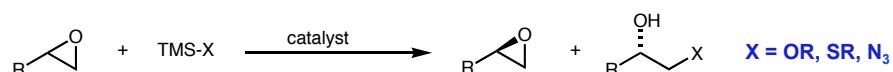
For an updated catalyst, see: Grubbs, JACS, 2014, 136, 13029.

## Nucleophilic opening of epoxides

- Readily available substrates (stereoselectively)
- Two types of enantioselective process
  - Desymmetrisation of *meso*-epoxides



- Kinetic resolution of unsymmetrical epoxides



Jacobsen, Org. Lett., 1999, 1, 1611.

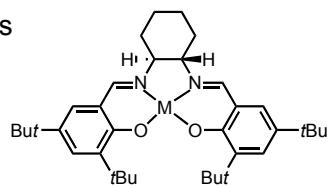
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Buono, Angew, 2000, 39, 2554.

For a review of epoxide desymmetrisation, see; Hodgson, Tetrahedron, 1996, 34, 798.

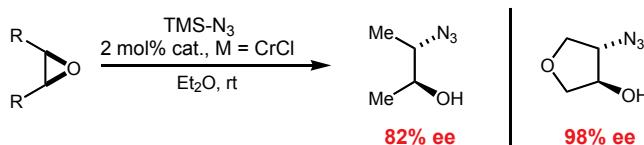
## Desymmetrisation of epoxides: salen derived catalysts

- Different Nuc's need different metals



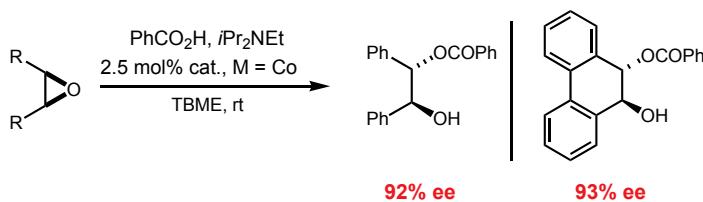
- Azide nucleophiles, Cr(III)

- Can use solvent free conditions



- Carboxylic acid nucleophiles, Co(III)

Jacobsen, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 1995, **117**, 5897.



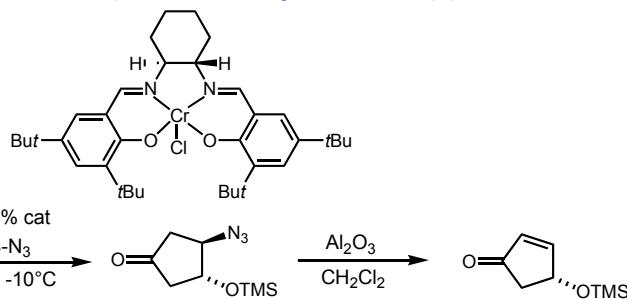
Jacobsen, *Tetrahedron Lett.*, 1997, **38**, 773.

- Mechanism involves activation of both epoxide (L.A.) and nucleophile

Review; Jacobsen, *Acc. Chem. Res.*, 2000, **33**, 421; Mechanism; *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 1996, **118**, 10924; *ibid*, 1998, **120**, 10780.

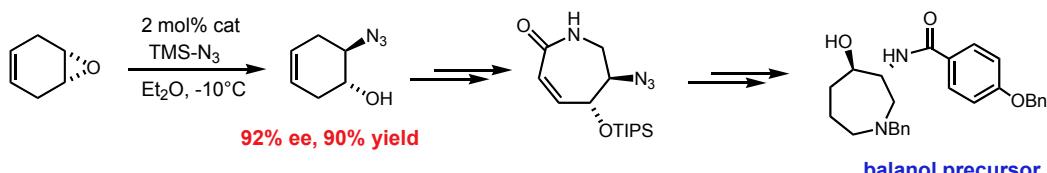
## Desymmetrisation of epoxides: synthetic applications

- Prostaglandin precursor



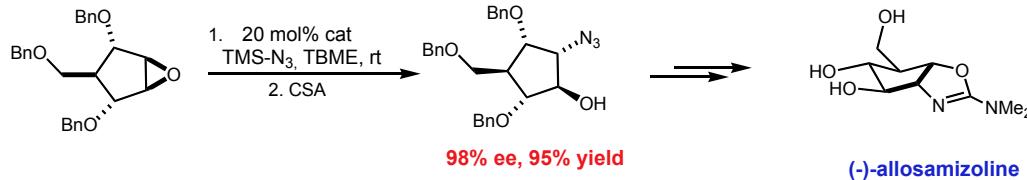
- Formal synthesis of balanol

Jacobsen, *J. Org. Chem.*, 1996, **61**, 389.



- Synthesis of allosamizoline

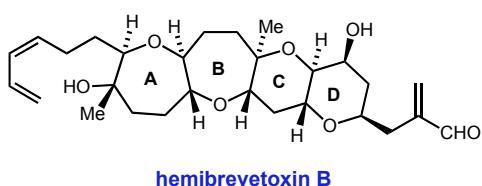
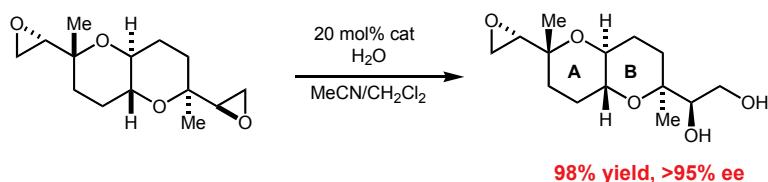
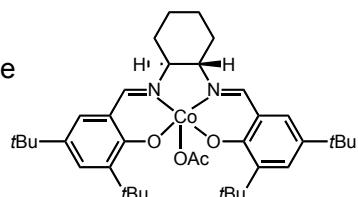
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Ganem, *J. Org. Chem.*, 1999, **64**, 1782.

## Desymmetrisation of epoxides: synthetic applications

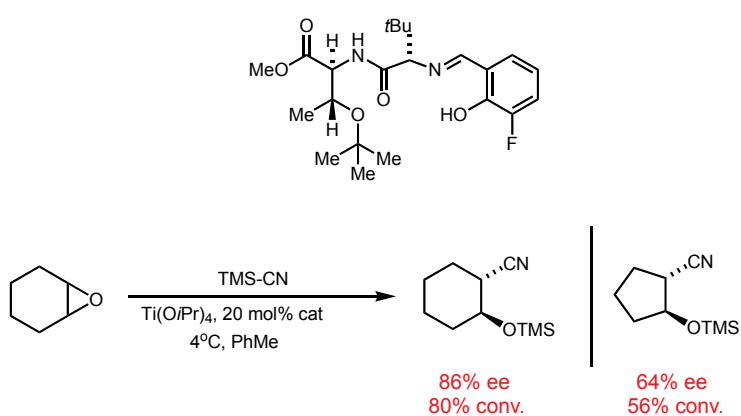
- Hemibrevetoxin B fragment
- First centrosymmetric example



Nelson, *Angew.*, 2001, **40**, 4082.

## Desymmetrisation of epoxides: C-C bond formation

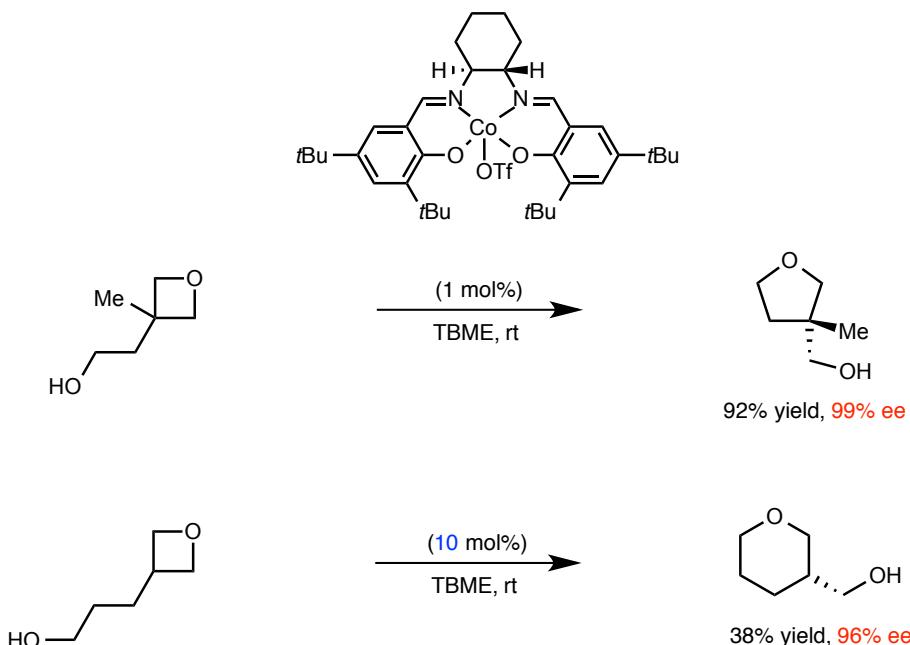
- Addition of TMS-CN
- Catalyst identified using "positional screening" methods - peptide like catalyst
- Catalysts are substrate specific



Hoveyda and Snapper, *Angew.*, 1996, **35**, 1668; *ibid*, 1997, **36**, 1704.

## Desymmetrisation of oxetanes

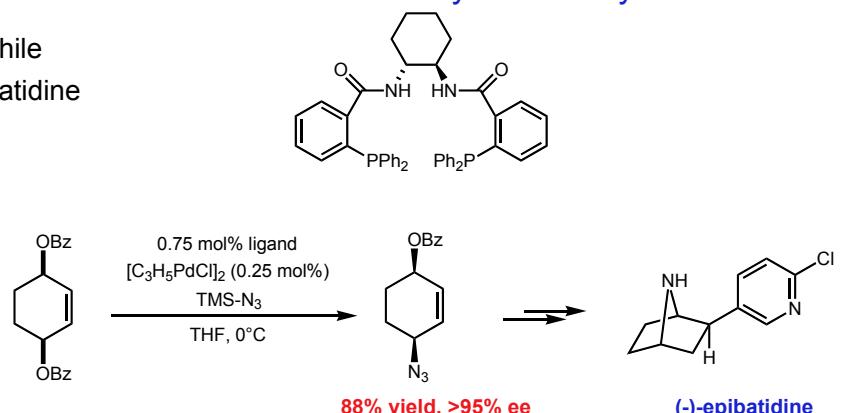
- Decreased ring-strain, increased Lewis basicity, relative to epoxides



Jacobsen, JACS **2009**, *131*, 2786.

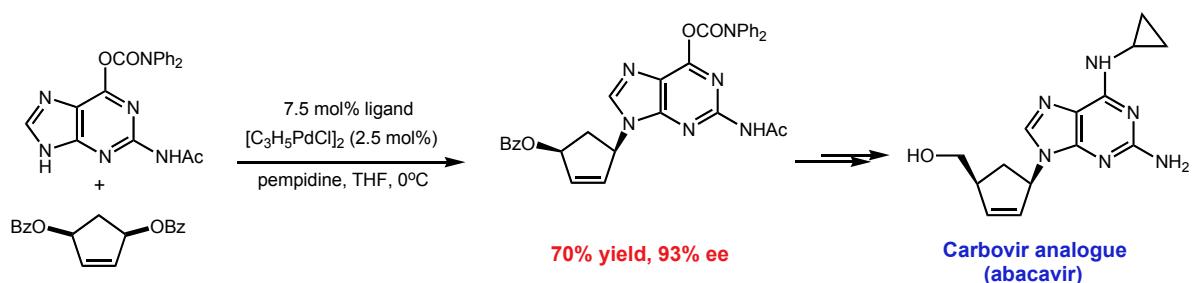
## Palladium $\pi$ -allyl chemistry

- Azide as nucleophile
- Synthesis of epibatidine



- Purine base as nucleophile
- Synthesis of a carbovir analogue

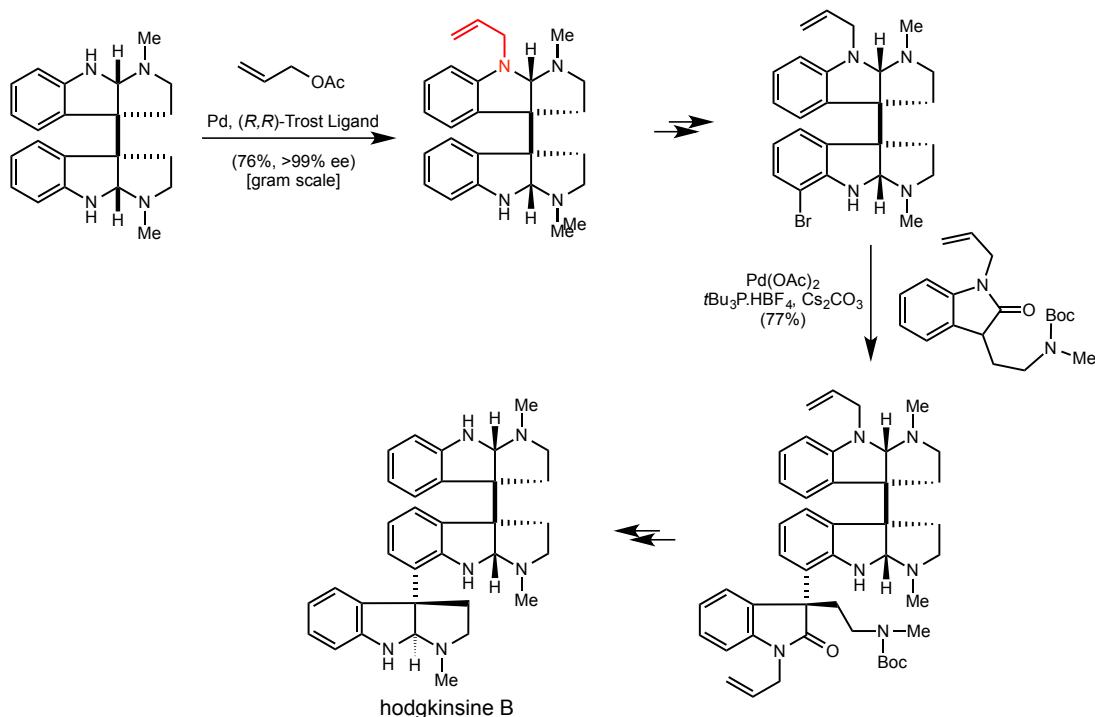
Trost, *Tet. Lett.*, 1996, **37**, 7485.



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## Palladium $\pi$ -allyl chemistry – application in synthesis

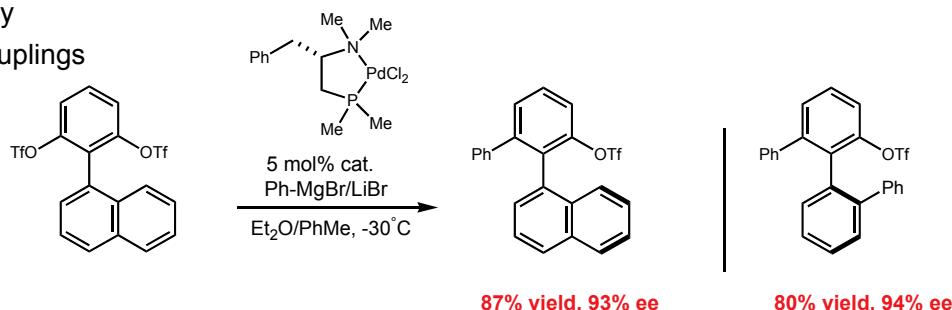
- Meso diamine nucleophile



Willis, *Angew.*, **2011**, *50*, 9116.

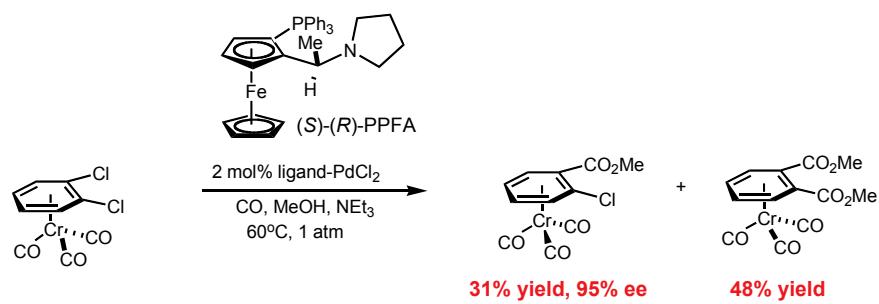
## Palladium catalysed cross-coupling reactions

- Axial chirality
- Grignard couplings



Hayashi, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 1995, **117**, 9101; *Tet. Lett.*, 1996, **37**, 3161.

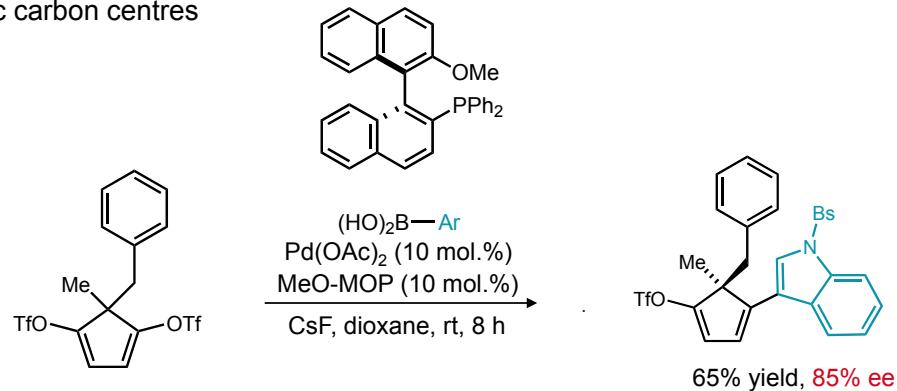
- Planar chirality
- Carbonylation



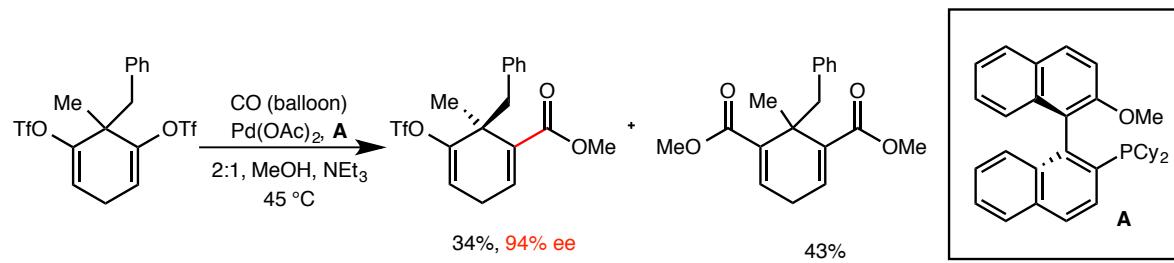
Schmalz, *Org. Lett.*, 2001, **3**, 1753.

## Palladium catalysed cross-coupling reactions

- Stereogenic carbon centres



Willis, Powell, Watson and Claverie, *Angew.*, 2004, **43**, 1249.



Willis and Bryne, *OBC.*, 2010, **8**, 758.

# C-H “Activation” in Synthesis

Michael Willis

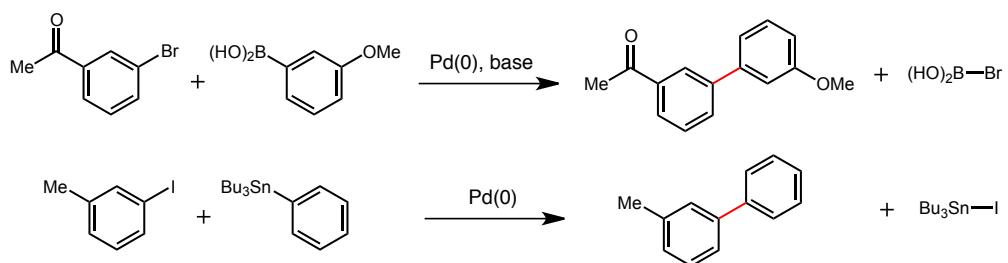
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## C-H Functionalisation, C-H activation, direct arylation

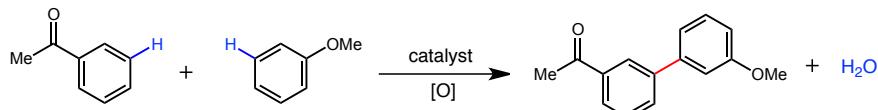
- Palladium (and other metal) catalysed cross-coupling reactions offer powerful methods for C-C bond formation (Suzuki, Stille etc...)
- There are limitations: waste generation and the synthesis of the substrates



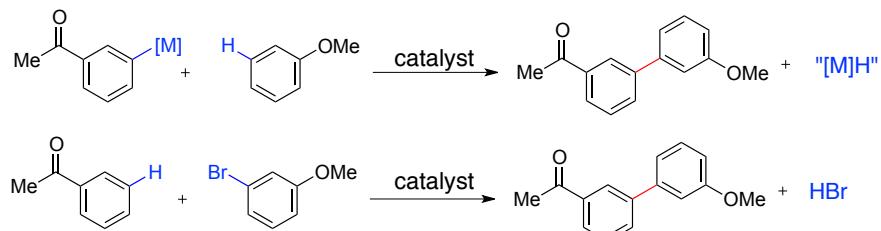
- A direct coupling from unfunctionalised compounds would be ideal...

## C-H Functionalisation...

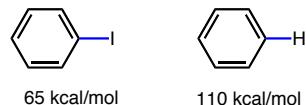
- Removing both functional groups would be ideal, but one at a time also useful



- Would allow removal or organometallic or electrophile (or both)



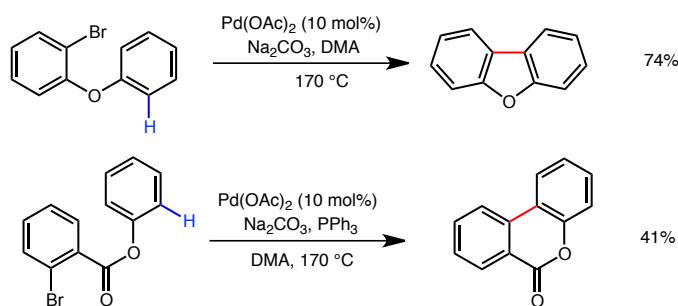
- Readily available substrates
- But there are significant reactivity and selectivity issues
- (C-H bonds are strong, there are lots of them)
- Less waste



For a recent review, see; Gevorgyan, *CSR* **2007**, *36*, 1173.  
For an overview, see; "Handbook of C-H Transformations", Dyker, Ed., Wiley, 2005.

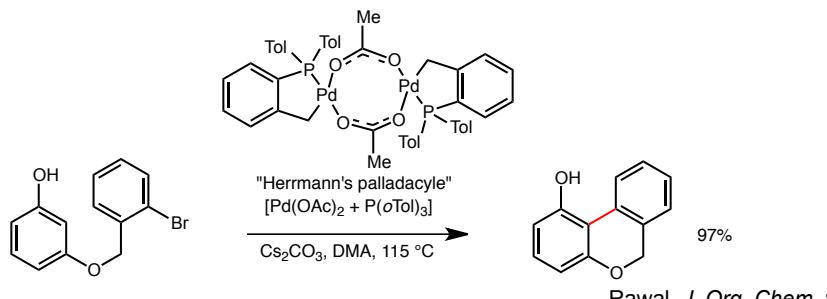
## Early Intramolecular Reactions

- Performing intramolecular reactions helps with both reactivity and regioselectivity
- Pioneering studies from Ames; 5- and 6-membered rings



Ames, *Synthesis* **1983**, 2324.

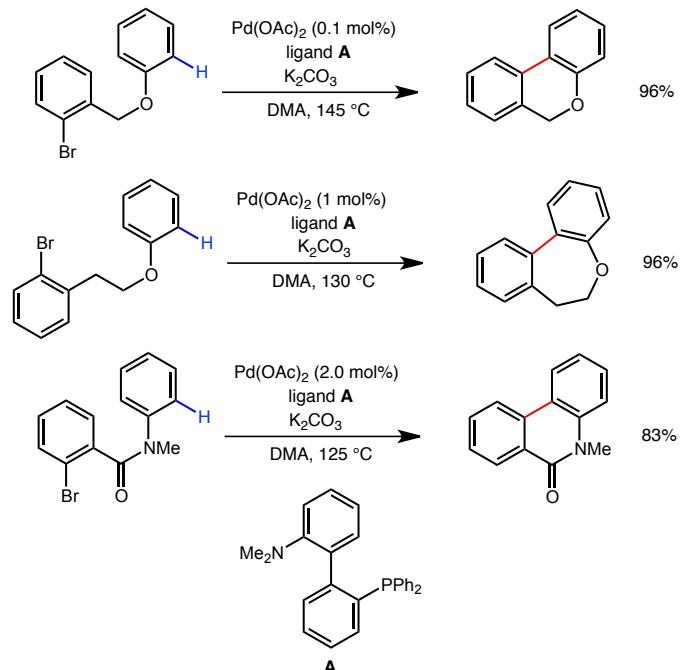
- Electron-rich phenols allow efficient reactions



Rawal, *J. Org. Chem.* **1997**, *2*.

## Intramolecular Reactions – New Catalysts

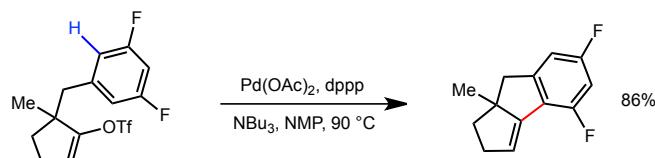
- Buchwald bulky e-rich ligands allow improved reactions: 5-, 6- and 7-rings



Fagnou, JACS **2004**, 126, 9186.

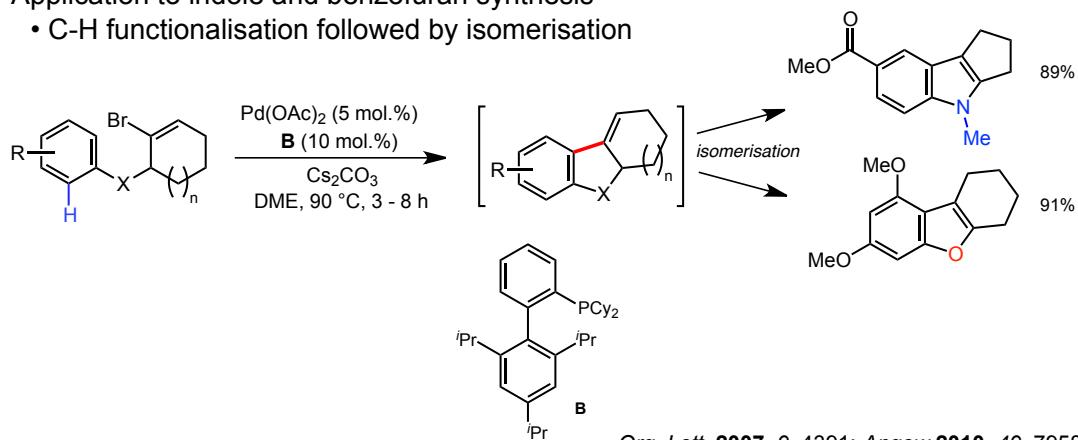
## Intramolecular Reactions – Alkenyl halides

- Alkenyl halides and triflates can also be employed



- Application to indole and benzofuran synthesis

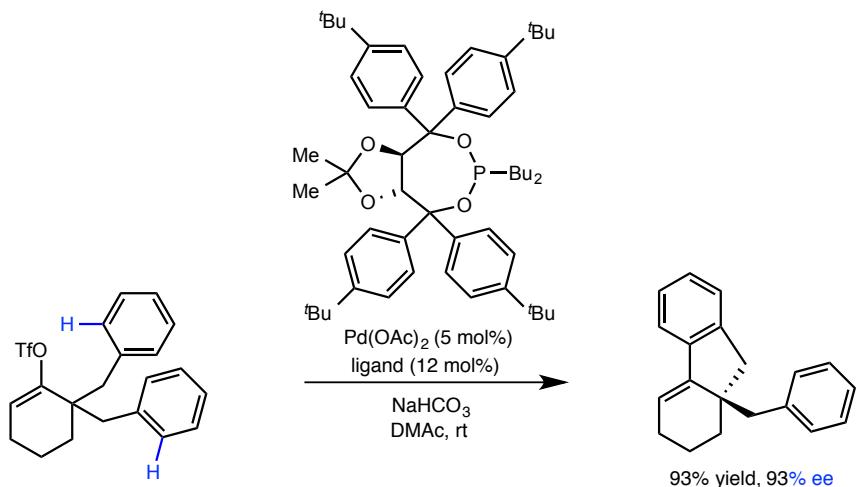
- C-H functionalisation followed by isomerisation



Org. Lett. **2007**, 9, 4391; Angew **2010**, 49, 7958.

## Alkenyl halides – Enantioselective reaction

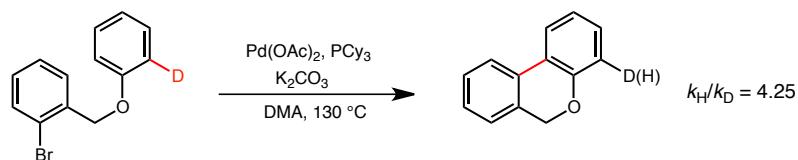
- Substrates with enantiotopic C-Hs



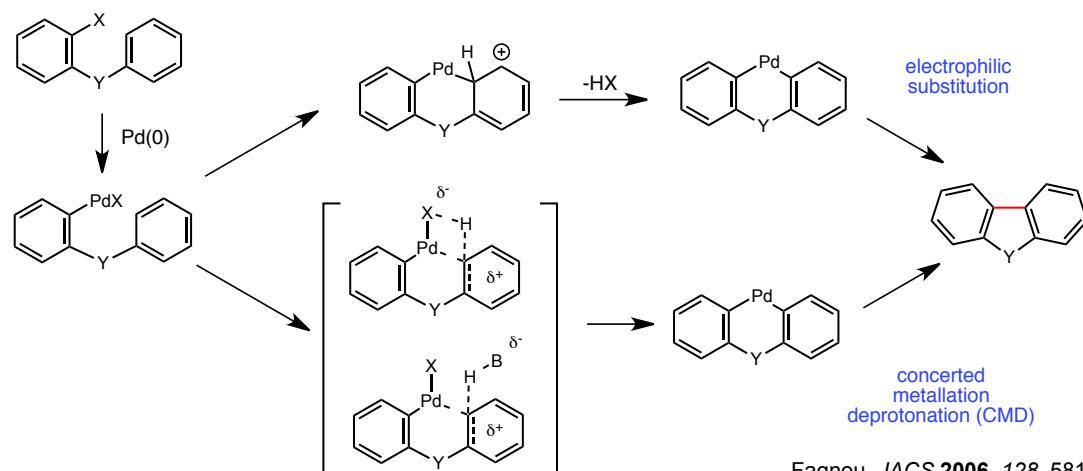
Cramer *Angew* **2009**, *48*, 9139.

## Intramolecular Reactions – Mechanism

- Significant kinetic isotope effect observed



- Two (main) proposed mechanisms; the observed KIE favours CMD



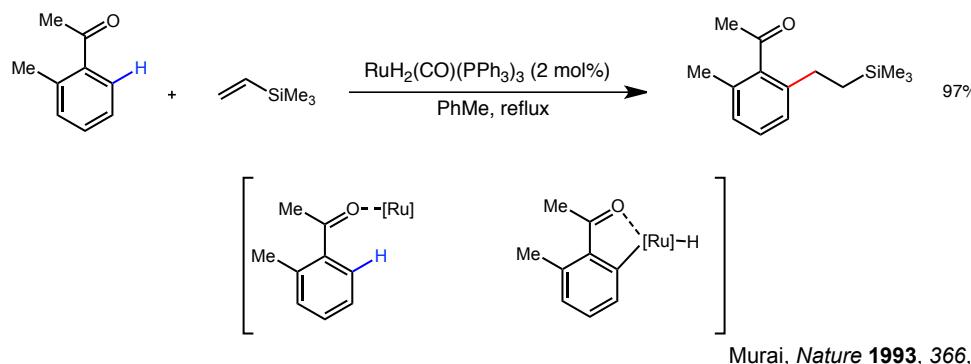
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## Intermolecular Reactions

- Cyclometallation – chelation control
  - A coordinating group directs catalyst to C-H bond



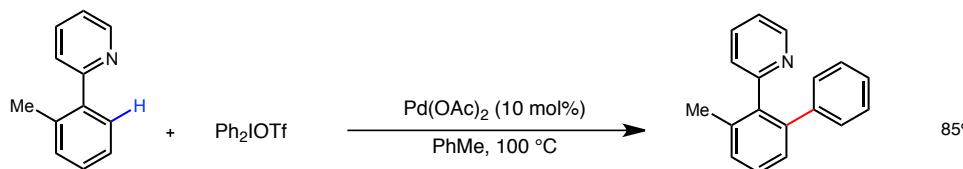
- Very successful strategy, but the need for a chelating group is a limitation
- Seminal paper from Murai... more later



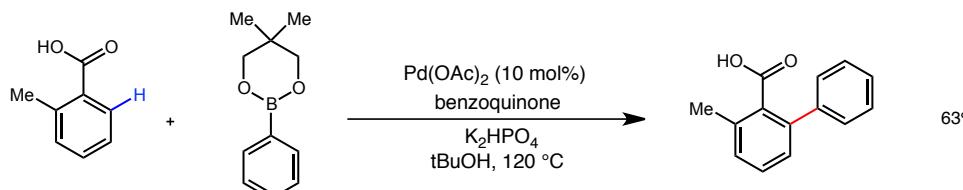
Murai, *Nature* **1993**, *366*, 529.

## Chelation control – different groups/metals

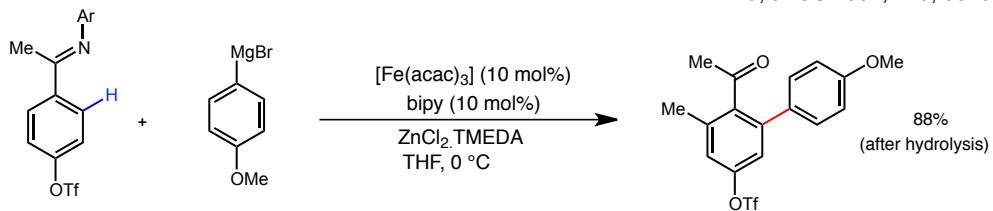
- Applicable to a variety of directing groups, coupling partners and metals



Sanford, *JACS* **2008**, *130*, 13285.



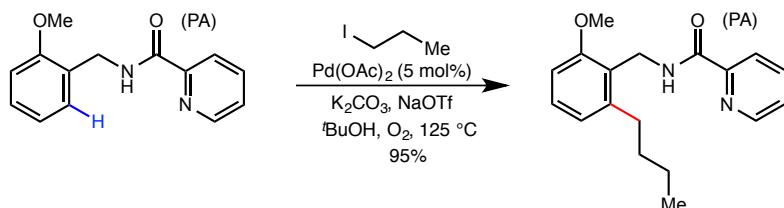
Yu, *JACS* **2007**, *129*, 3510.



Nakamura, *JACS* **2008**, *130*, 5858.

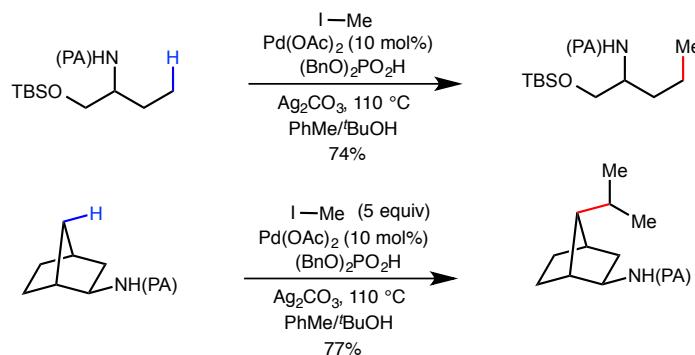
## Chelation control – alkylation

- Picolinamide directing group very effective – allows alkylation



- Can be extended to C(sp<sup>3</sup>)-H activation

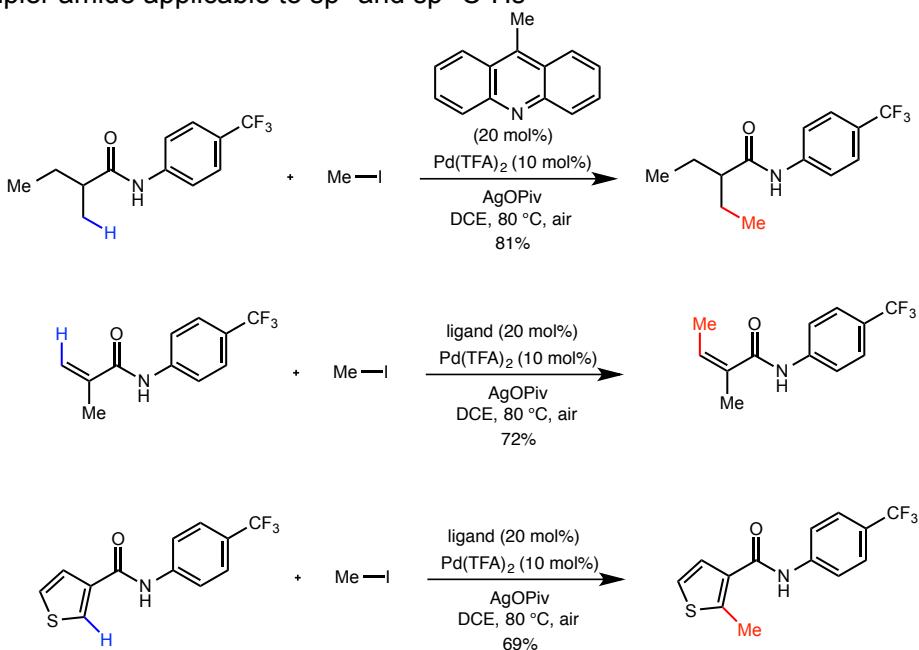
Chen, OL, 2011, 13, 4850.



Chen, JACS 2013, 135, 2124.

## Chelation control – alkylation

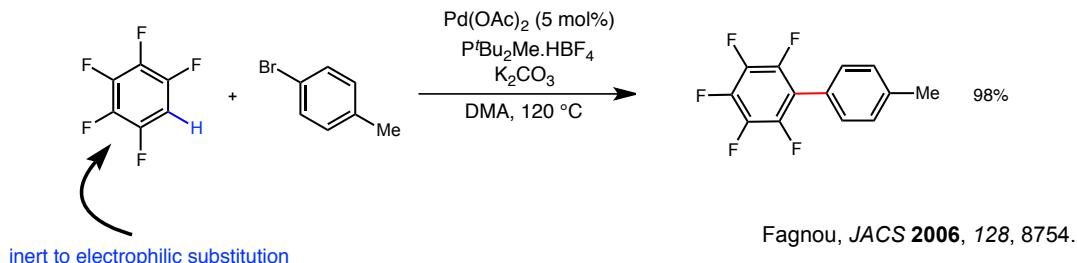
- Simpler amide applicable to sp<sup>3</sup> and sp<sup>2</sup> C-Hs



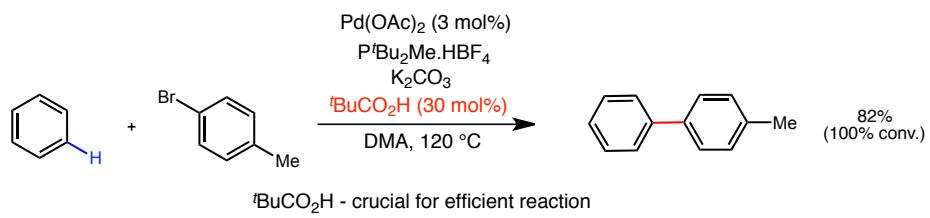
Yu, JACS 2014, 136, 13194.

## Intermolecular Reactions

- Non-chelating systems
- Recognition of CMD mechanism for *intra* systems, led to *inter* reactivity...

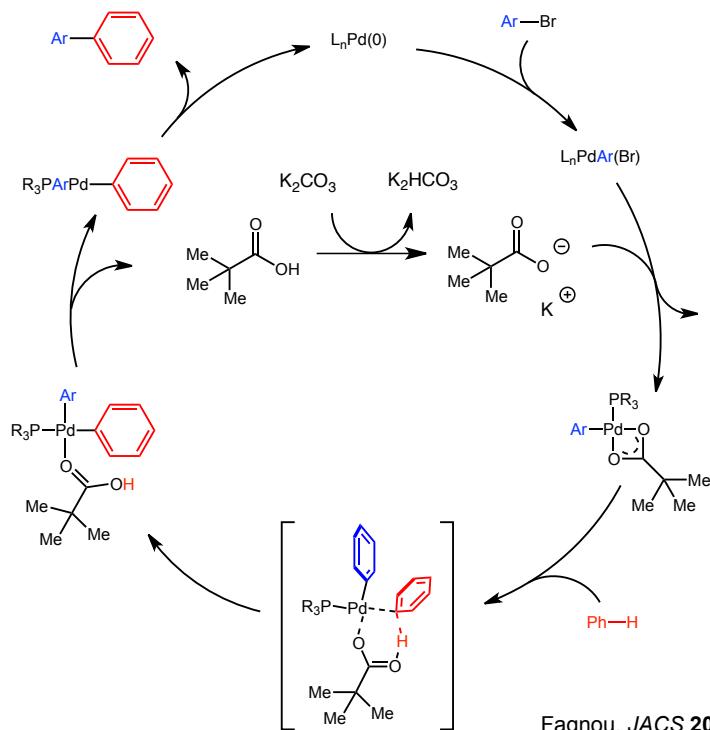


- ...even benzene as a coupling partner

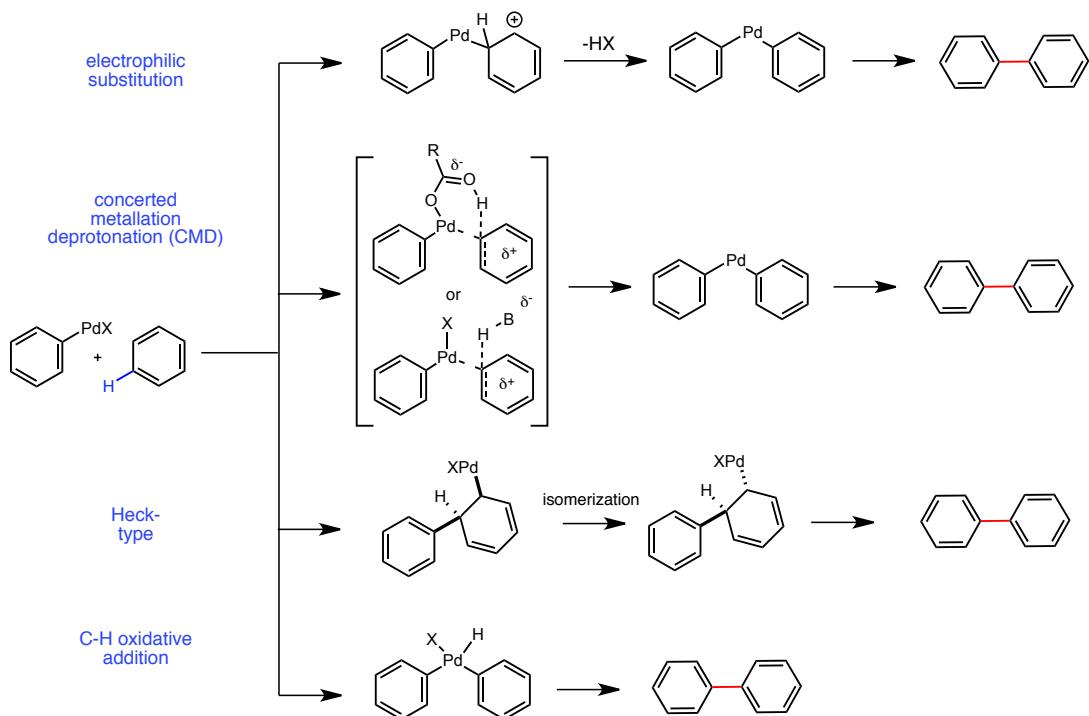


## Intermolecular Reactions - Mechanism

- Role of pivolate in catalytic cycle

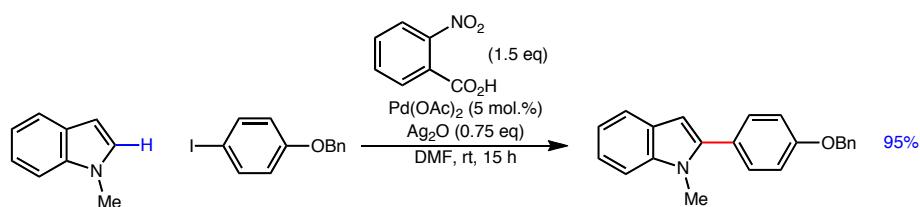


## Intermolecular Reactions – Mechanistic Possibilities



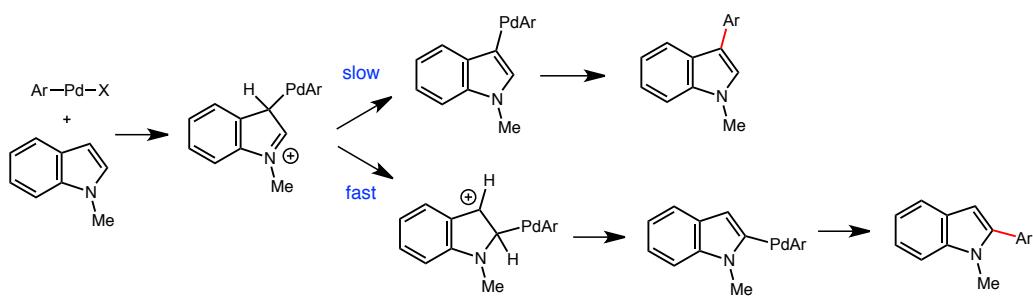
## Heterocycle functionalisation

- Pd-catalysed reactions of electron-rich heterocycles dominate
- Electrophilic substitution mechanisms



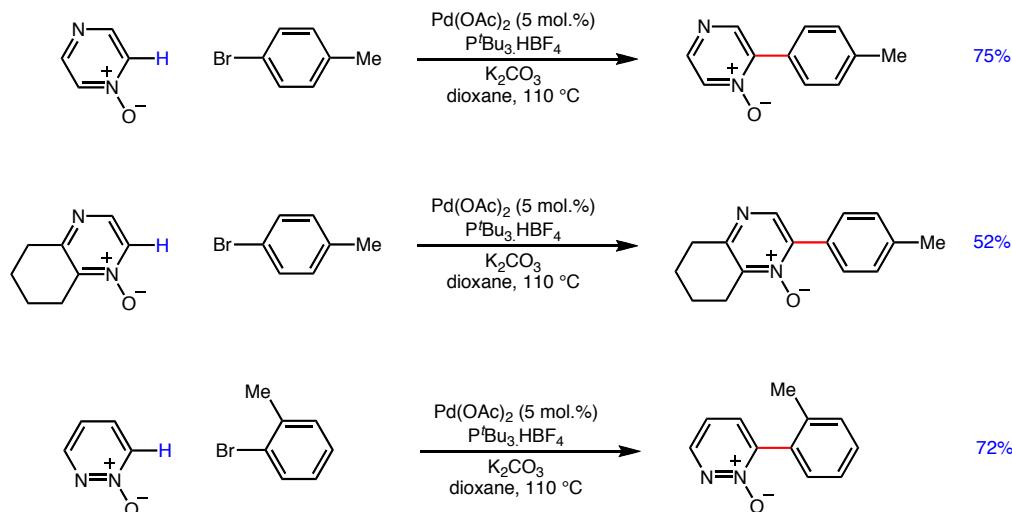
- Reaction proceeds *via* initial C-3 Pd-intermediate

Larrosa, JACS 2008, 130, 2926.



## C-H functionalisation of diazine-N-oxides

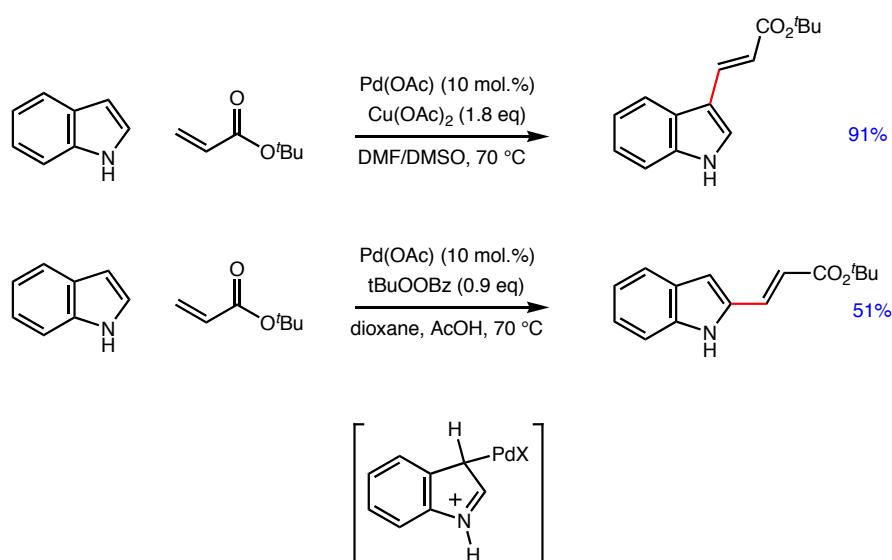
- Use of *N*-oxides allows electron-poor heterocycles to be employed



Fagnou, *Angew* **2006**, *45*, 7781; *JACS*, **2008**, *130*, 3276.

## Regioselectivity in indole functionalisation

- Fujiwara-Moritani oxidative Heck
- Solvent and oxidant selective functionalisation
- Oxidant regenerates Pd(II)

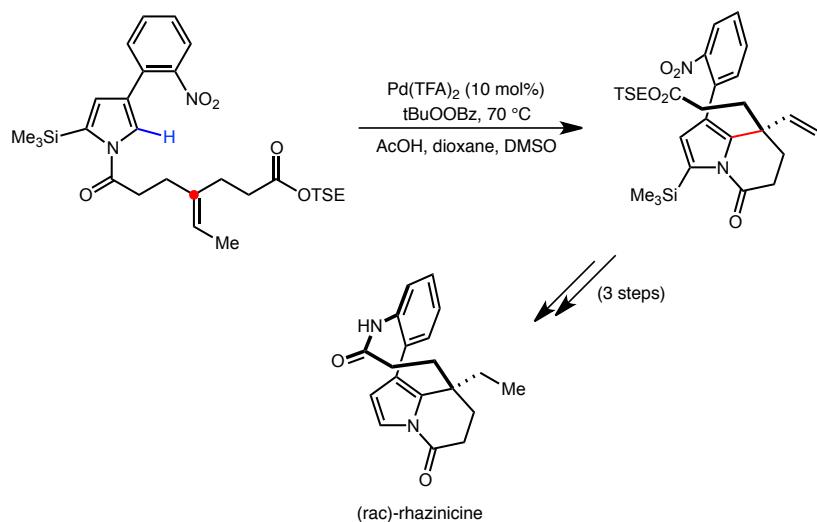


Gaunt, *Angew*, **2005**, *44*, 3125.

For a similar approach to pyrroles, see; Gaunt, *JACS*, **2006**, *128*, 2528.

## C-H functionalisation in natural product synthesis

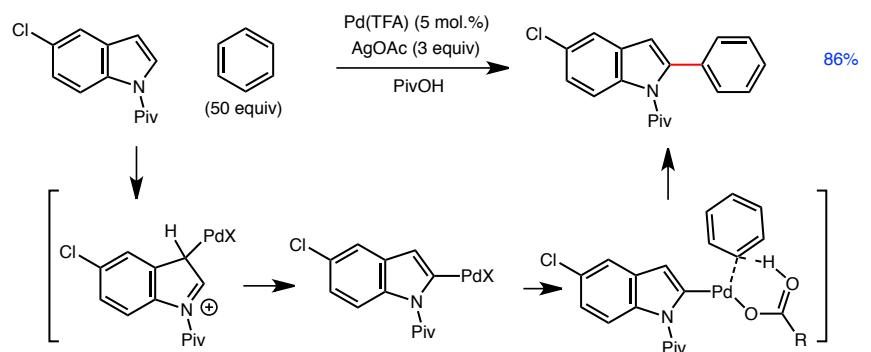
- C-H functionalisation/oxidative Heck applied to rhazinicine



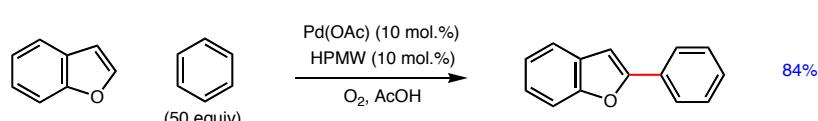
Gaunt, *Angew* **2008**, *47*, 3004.

## Direct cross-coupling

- Coupling with no activating groups
- Direct oxidative functionalisation on indole



- Also Benzofurans

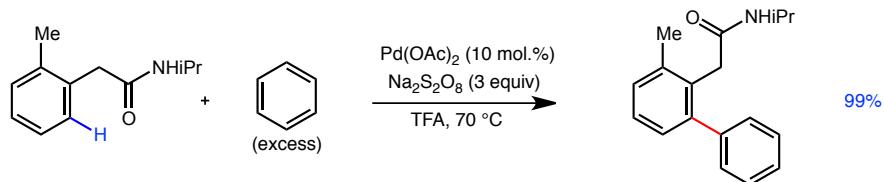


HPMW = heteropolyblovandic acid  $H_4PMo_{11}VO_{40}$

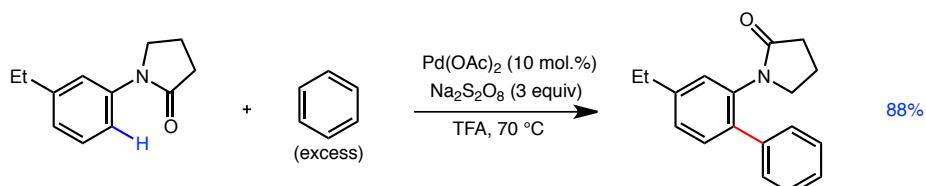
DeBoef, *OL*, **2007**, *9*, 3137.

## Direct cross-coupling – chelation controlled

- Amide directing groups
- Sodium persulfate as oxidant



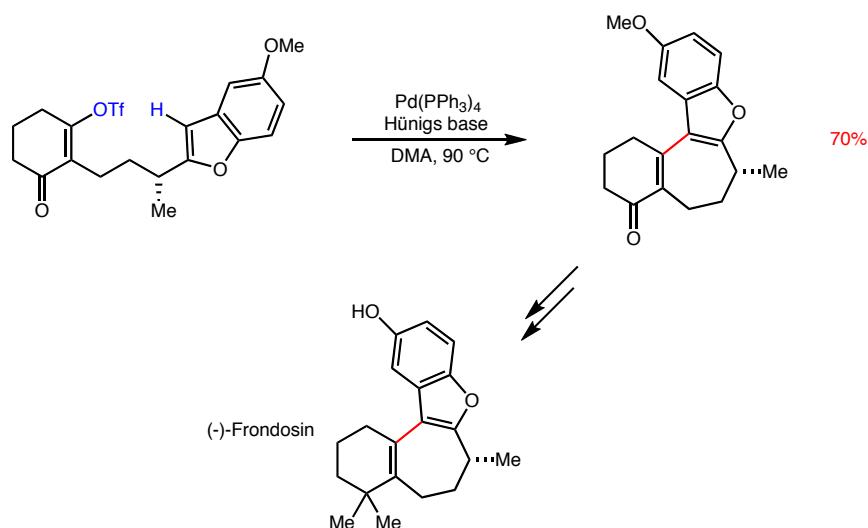
- Alternative amide arrangement



Dong, *Chem Sci*, **2010** 1, 331.

## C-H functionalisation in natural product synthesis

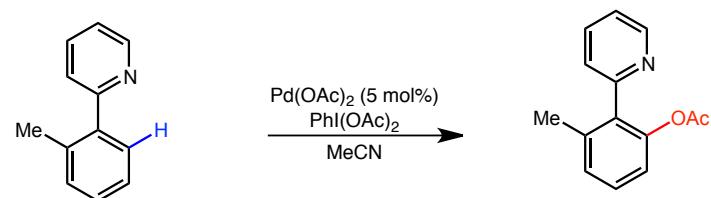
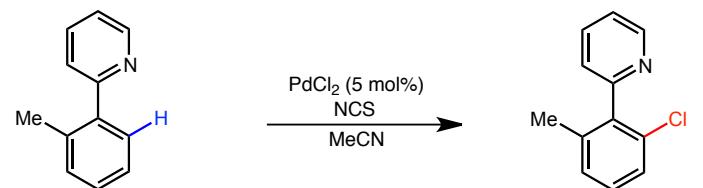
- Intramolecular benzofuran C-H functionalisation
- Key step in the synthesis of Frondosin B



Trauner, *Angew* **2002**, 41, 1569.

## C-X Bond formation

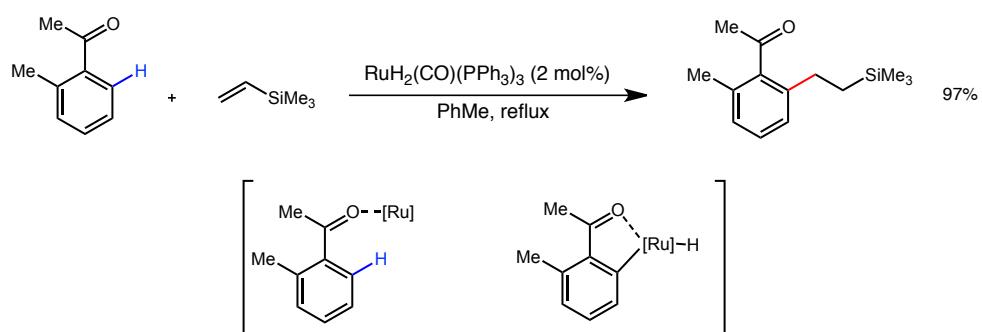
- A wide range of C-X bonds can also be formed by C-H functionalisation



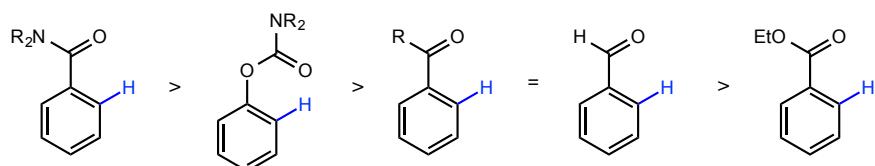
Sanford, OL 2009, 11, 4584.

## C-H functionalisation: Ruthenium

- Generally require a directing group, but it can be ‘weakly’ coordinating
- Early Murai work employed ketones as directing groups

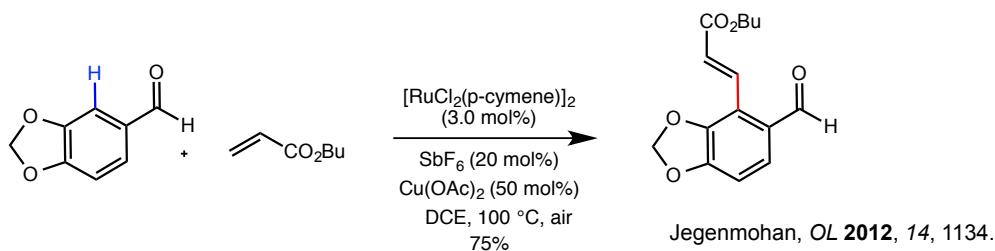
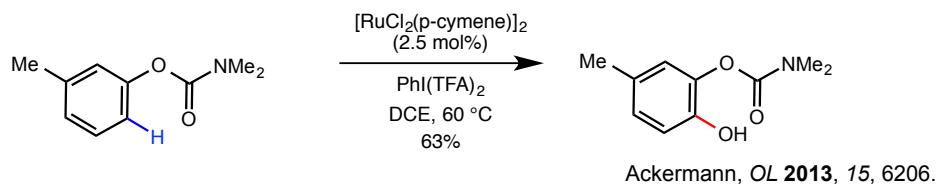
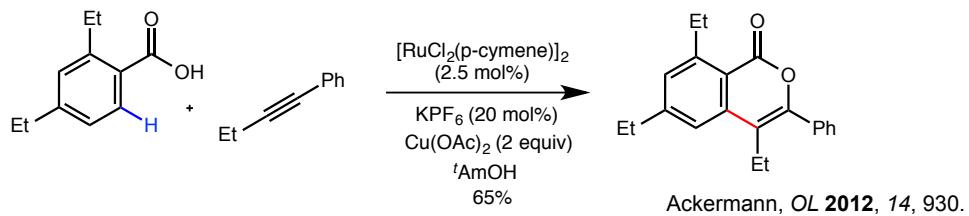


- Has recently been extended to many other ‘weak’ coordinating groups



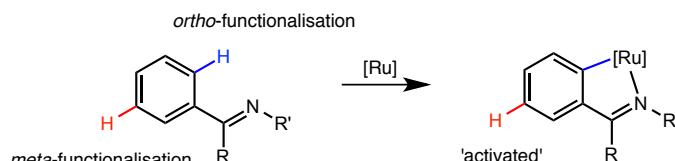
Ackermann, ASC 2014, 356, 1461.

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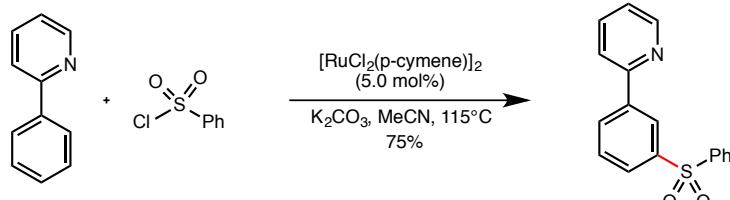


## C-H functionalisation: Beyond ortho-selectivity

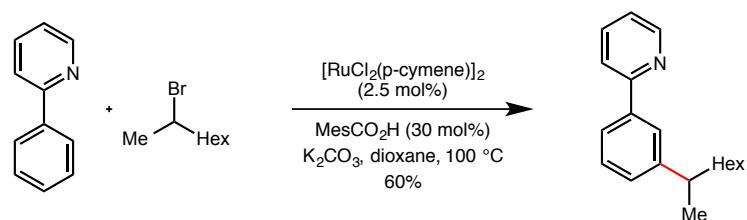
- Initial *ortho*-activation used to direct *meta*



- Sulfonylation

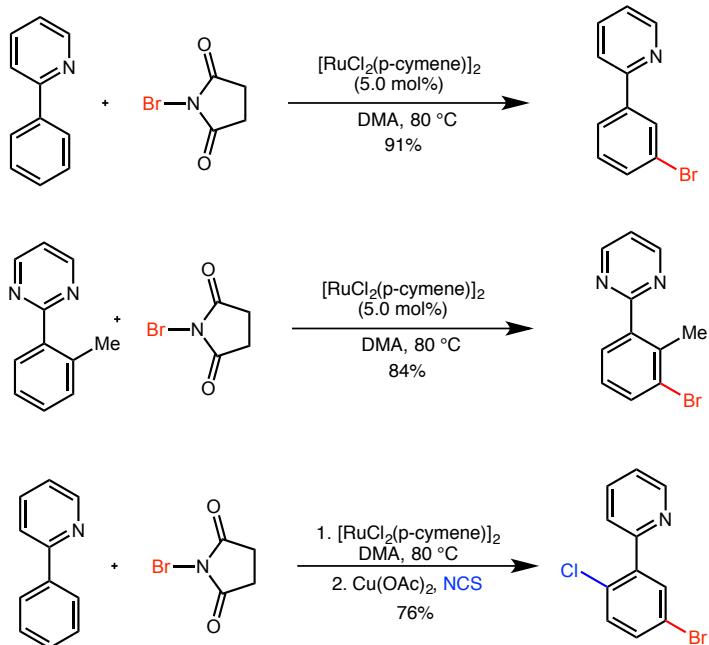


- Alkylation



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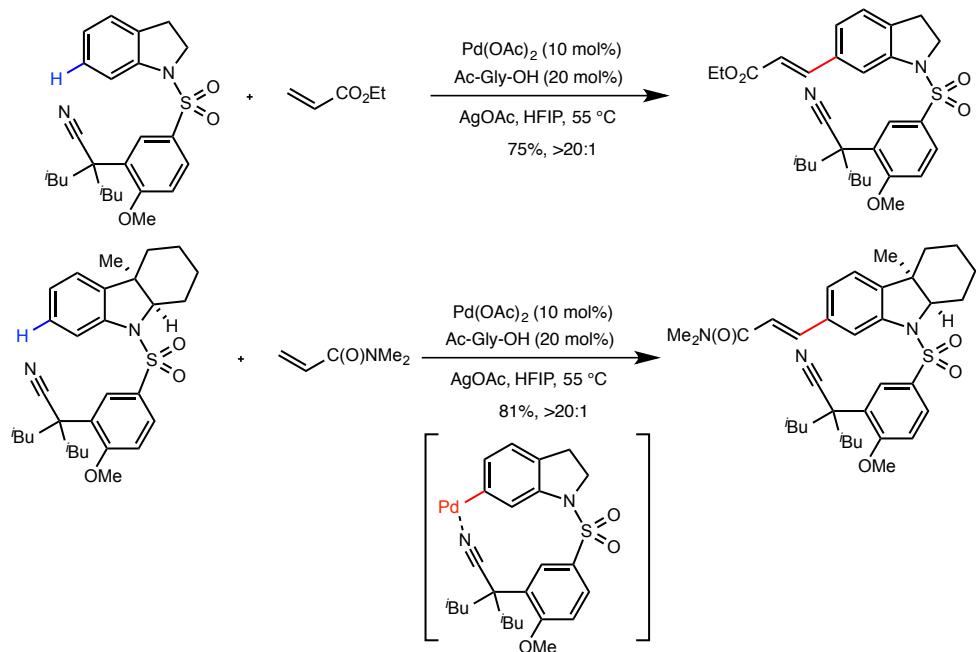
- extension to bromination



Greaney, *Angew* **2015**, *54*, 11677.

## Meta-selectivity using Pd

- Corresponding Pd-catalysed process requires a “U-shaped template”



Yu, *JACS*, **2014**, *136*, 10807.