

Aromatics in Synthesis

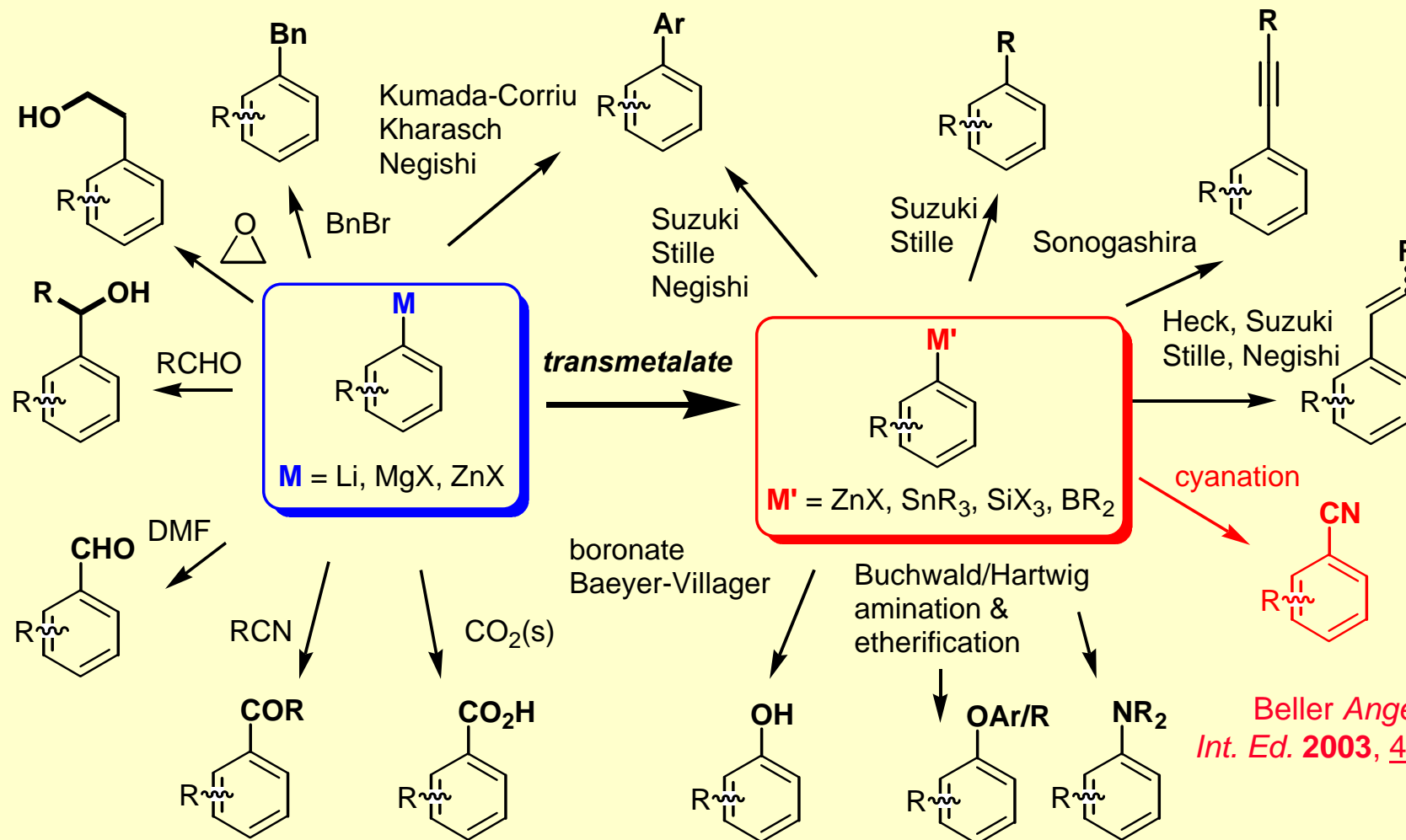
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Format and scope of presentation

- **Formation of metal aryls:**
 - Reductive metalation (Barbier conditions)
 - Halogen-metal exchange (halogen-lithium and Grignard metathesis)
 - Deprotonation [directed *ortho*-lithiation (DoM)]
- **Transmetalation & cross-coupling reactions:**
 - Transmetalation to Cu, Zn, Sn, B, Ge, & Ce
 - Kumada-Corriu, Negishi, Stille, Suzuki, Hiyama/Denmark, Heck, Sonogashira & sp³
- **Buchwald/Hartwig amination & etherification:**
 - Amination of aryl chlorides
 - Biaryl ether formation
- **Birch reduction:**
 - Reduction/alkylation
- **'De novo' aryl synthesis reactions:**
 - Fischer carbene chemistry (Dötz reaction)
 - Cobalt mediated [2+2+2] reactions (Volhardt reaction)
 - Ring Closing Metathesis (RCM)

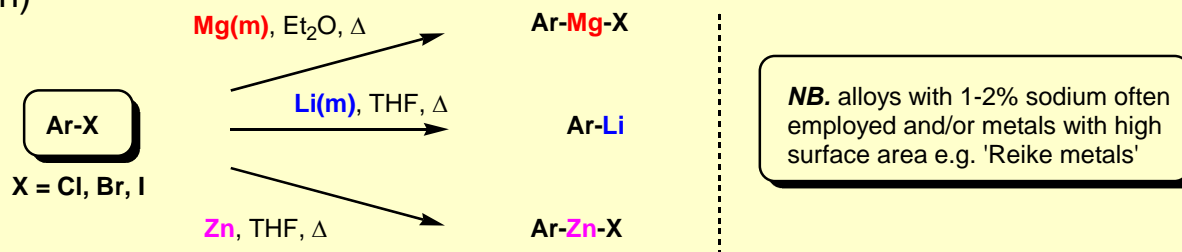
Utility of aryl metals - overview



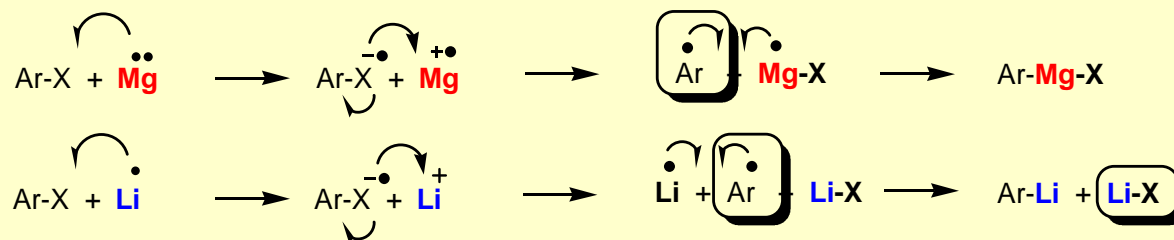
Beller *Angew. Chem
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Reductive metalation

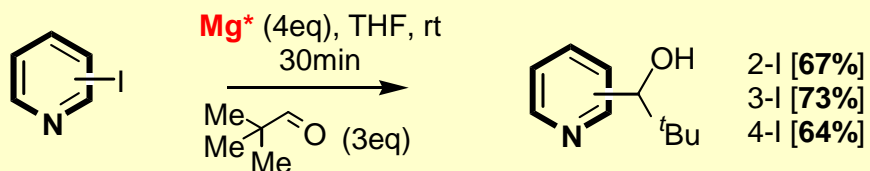
- By using an aryl halide and an activated **free metal (Mg, Li, Zn)**
 - Review:** Yus *Tetrahedron* **2003**, 59, 9255 ([DOI](#)); Clayden 'Organolithiums: Selectivity for Synthesis' **2002** (Pergamon)



- Mechanism:** Single **E**lectron **T**ransfer (SET): Andrieux *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1986**, 108, 638 ([DOI](#))



- Features:**
 - Wurtz coupling a side reaction particularly for iodides and bromides
 - Requires elevated temperatures (*i.e.* >25 °C)
- e.g. for pyridines** (using **Barbier in situ** electrophile quenching)
 - Sugimoto *Tet. Lett.* **2002**, 43, 3355 ([DOI](#)) & *J. Org. Chem.* **2003**, 68, 2054 ([DOI](#))

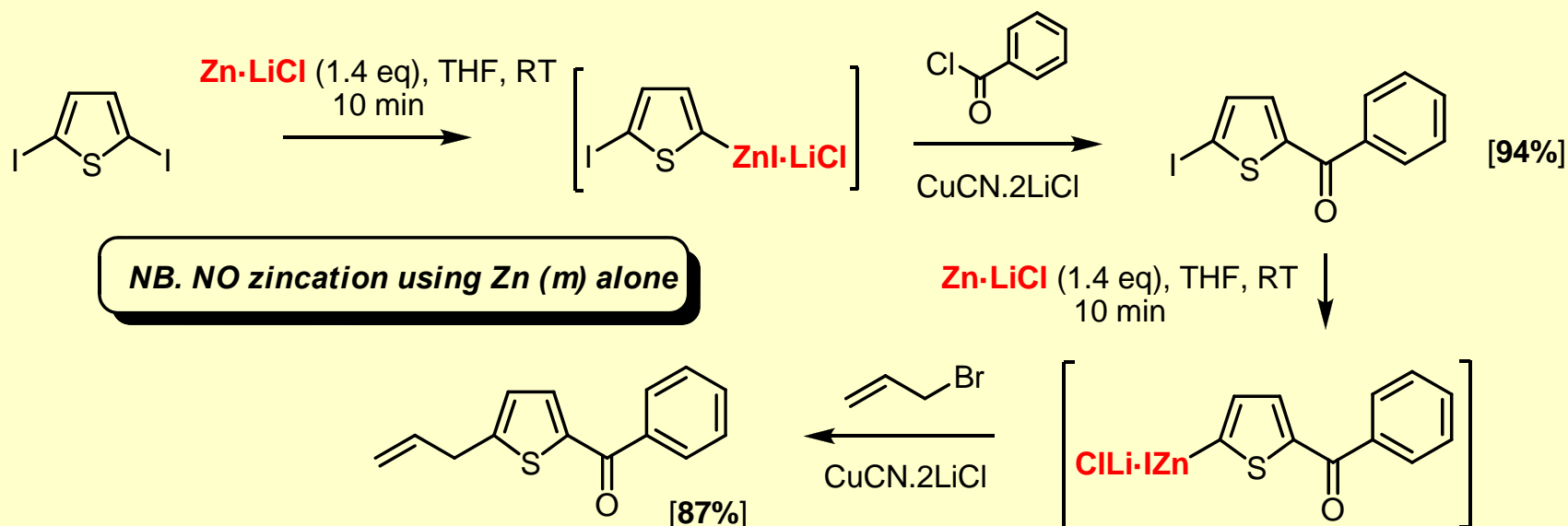


Mg* = activated Mg by reduction of MgCl₂ by Li and naphthalene in THF

Reductive metalation – zincation promoted by LiCl

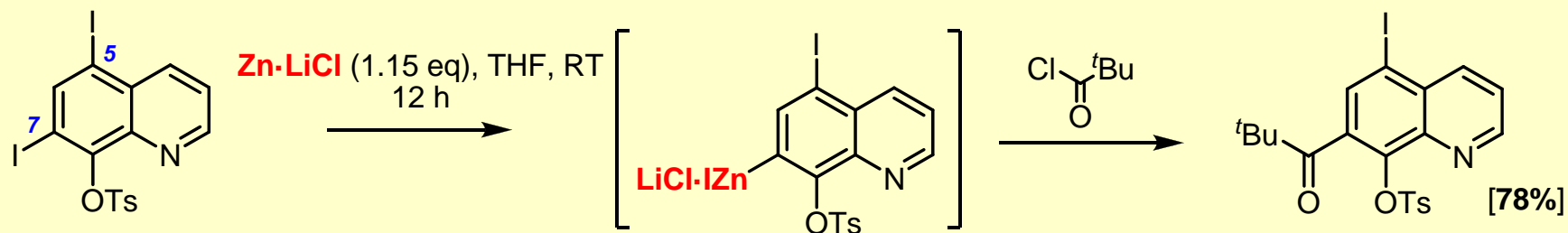
- **reductive zincation promoted by LiCl:**

- Knochel *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2006**, 45, 6040 ([DOI](#))



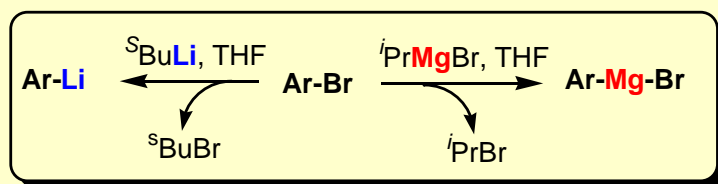
- **ortho-directing affect of FGs – esters, ketones, aryl sulfonates, acetates, carbamates, triazenes:**

- Knochel *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2007**, 129, 12358 ([DOI](#))



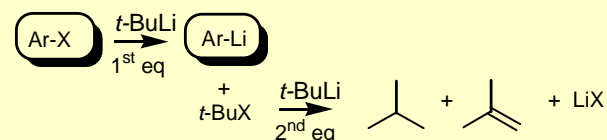
Halogen-metal exchange - overview

- By exchange of an aryl halide with an **alkyl metal** (discovered by Gilman & Wittig)
 - reviews:** Schlosser *Synlett* **2007**, 3096 (DOI) – Hal-M exchange and deprotonation of heterocycles; Knochel *Chem. Comm.* **2006**, 583 (DOI); Schlosser *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2005**, 44, 376 (DOI); Yus *Tetrahedron* **2003**, 59, 9255 (DOI); Clayden 'Organolithiums: Selectivity for Synthesis' **2002** (Pergamon); Knochel *Chem. Eur. J.* **2000**, 6, 767 (DOI)

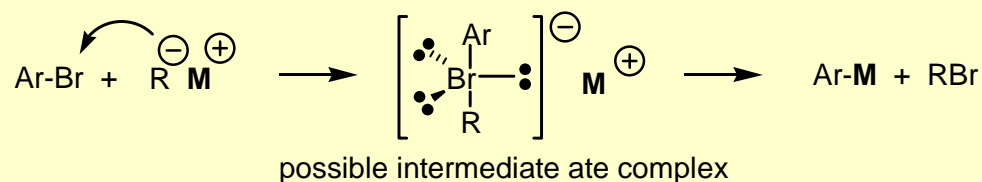


NB. use of **2 equiv of t-BuLi** common.

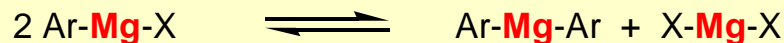
Irreversibility ensured by 2nd equiv. eliminating X⁻ from t-BuX:



- Mechanism:** depends on structure, for aryls halophilic displacement likely:
 - Driven by *thermodynamics*: sp³ to sp² anion



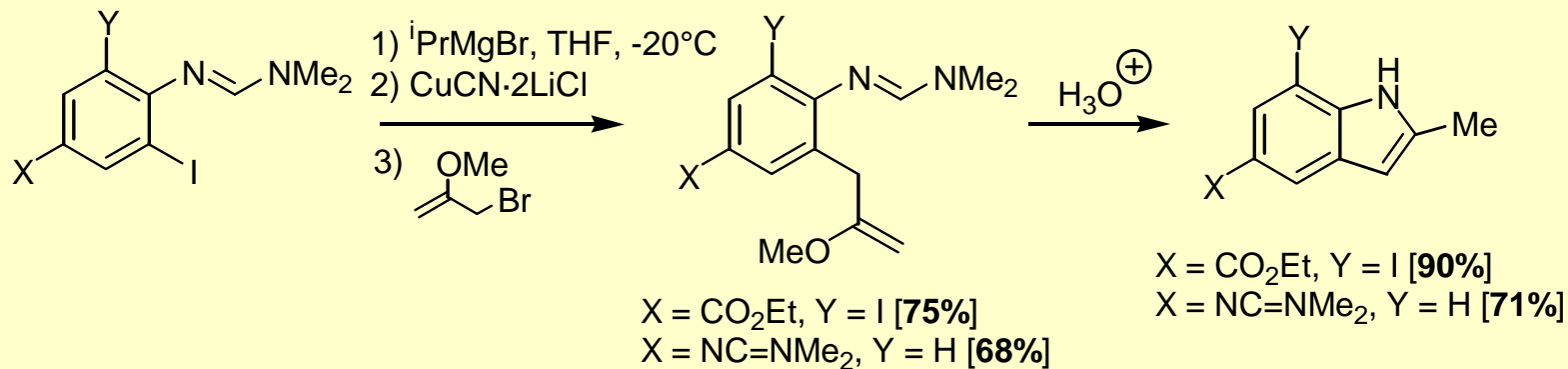
- Initial complexation of the alkyl metal to the halide suppresses competitive addition
- Features:**
 - Proceeds at low temperature (e.g. -100 °C); **suppresses addition to C=N groups & deprotonation**
 - Rate of exchange:** Ar-I > Ar-Br > Ar-Cl >> Ar-F
 - Solvent dependent selectivity** due to **aggregation** & Schlenck equilibrium (Grignard reagents):



Halogen-Mg exchange

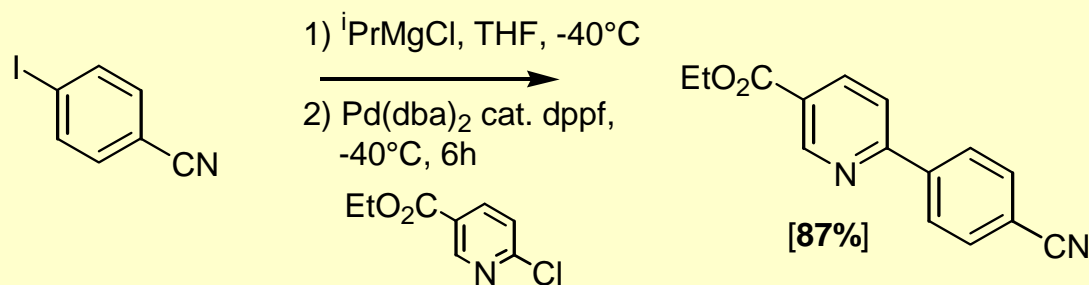
- ***i*PrMgBr at -40°C:**

- **indole synthesis:** Knochel *Org. Lett.* **2002**, 4, 1819 ([DOI](#))



- **one-pot Mg-halogen exchange / Kharasch cross-coupling:**

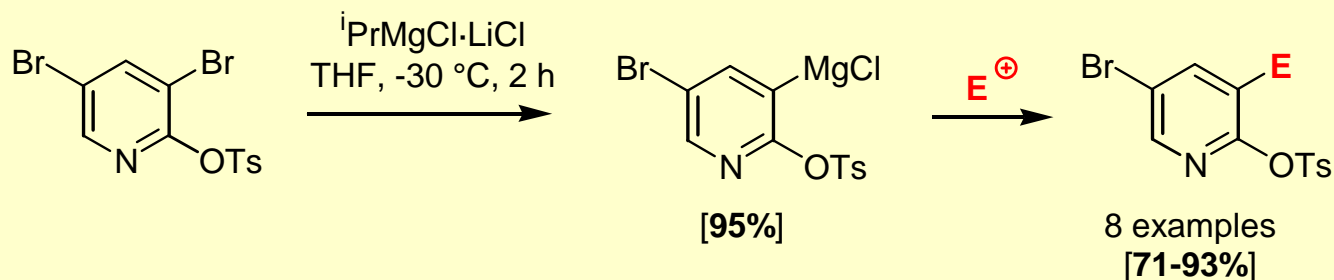
- Quéguiner *Tetrahedron* **2002**, 58, 4429 ([DOI](#)); Knochel *Synlett* **2002**, 1008 ([DOI](#))



Halogen-Mg exchange – advances

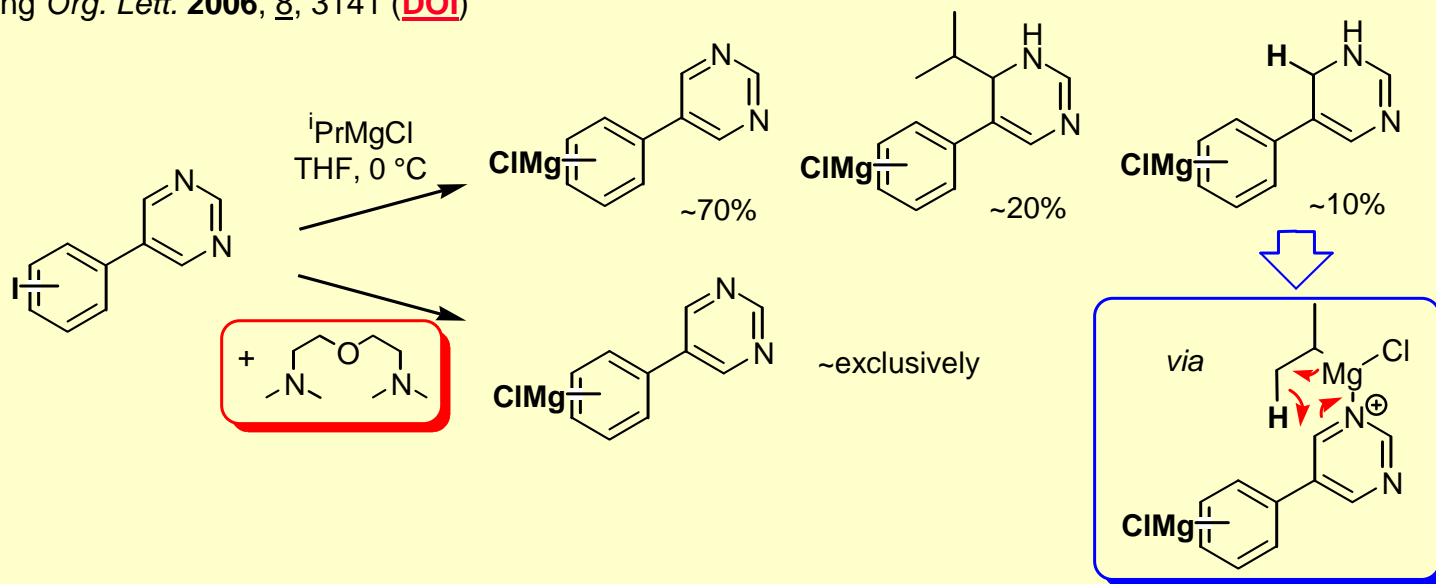
- **LiCl acceleration:** $i\text{PrMgCl}\cdot\text{LiCl}$ participates in **Br-Mg exchange** faster than $i\text{PrMgCl}$ itself:

- Knochel *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2004**, 43, 3333 ([DOI](#)) & *Org. Lett.* **2004**, 6, 4215 ([DOI](#)) & *Chem. Commun.* **2005**, 543 ([DOI](#)); & *Synlett* **2007**, 980 ([DOI](#)) & *Chem. Commun.* **2007**, 2075 (with free carboxylic acids) ([DOI](#))
- e.g. Knochel *Chem. Commun.* **2006**, 726 (>998:1 regioselectivity) ([DOI](#))



- **chelating diamine suppresses addition reactions – pyrimidine I-Mg exchange:**

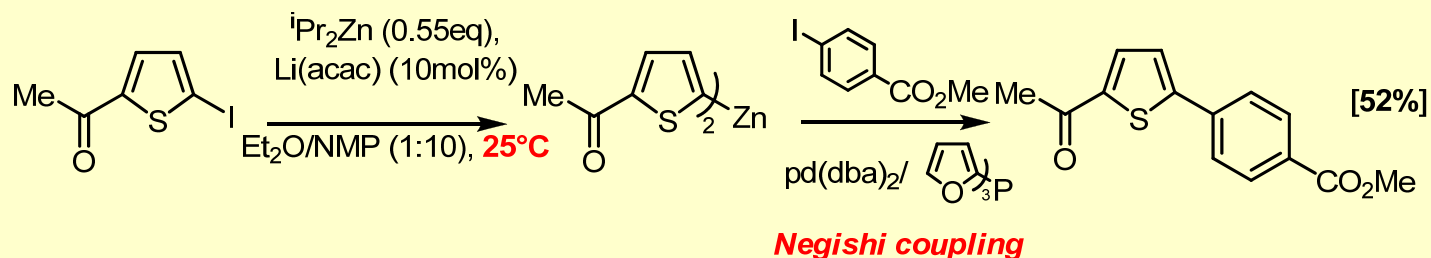
- Wang *Org. Lett.* **2006**, 8, 3141 ([DOI](#))



Halogen-Zn exchange

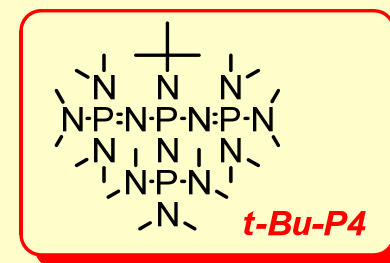
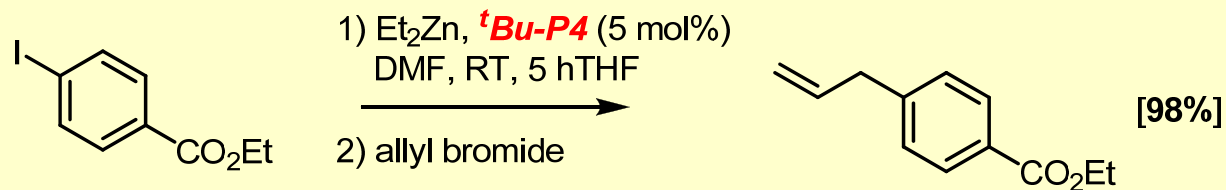
- using $i\text{Pr}_2\text{Zn}$ & $\text{Li}(\text{acac})$ (presumed to form 'ate' complex):

- also tolerates **ketones** and **aldehydes**
- Knochel *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2004**, 43, 1017 ([DOI](#))



- using Et_2Zn & a phosphazine base ($t\text{Bu-P4}$) as catalyst:

- tolerates **esters**
- Kondo *Chem. Commun.* **2006**, 3549 ([DOI](#))

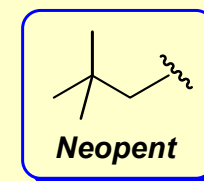
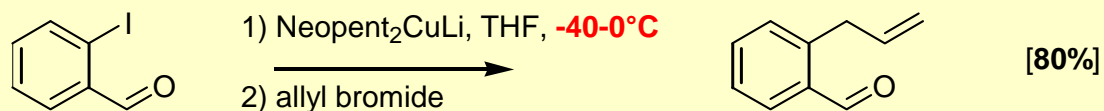


Halogen-Cu exchange

- **even wider functional group tolerance:**

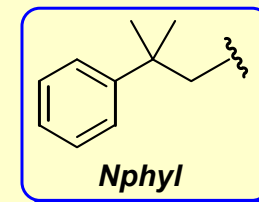
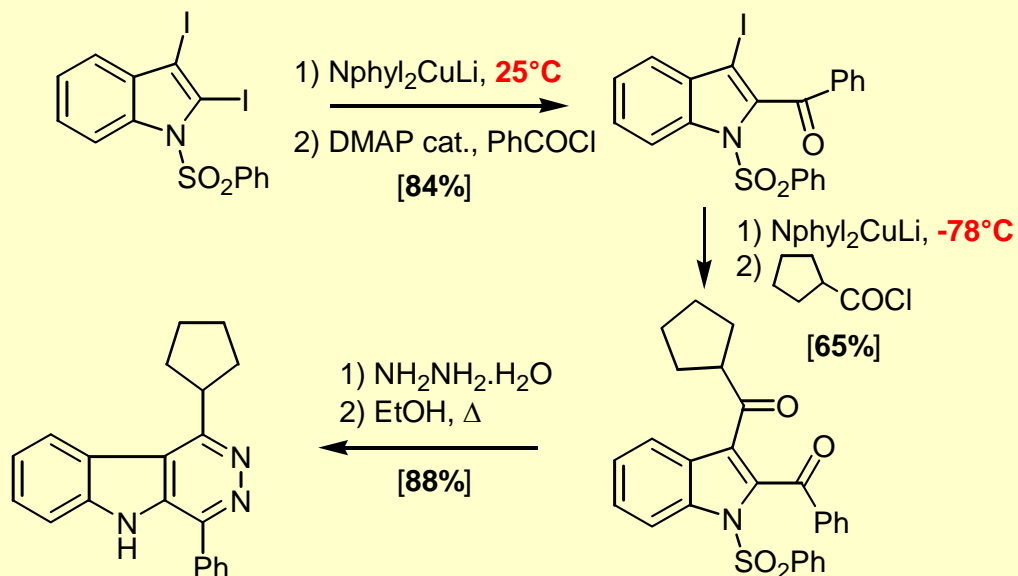
- using **lithium di(neopentyl)cuprates** - tolerates **ketones** and **aldehydes**

- Knochel *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2002**, 41, 3263 ([DOI](#))



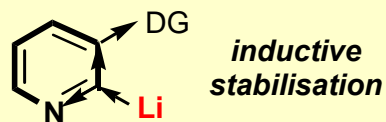
- using **lithium di(neophyl)cuprates** – tolerates **highly functionalised indoles**

- Knochel *Org. Lett.* **2004**, 6, 1665 ([DOI](#)) & *Chem. Commun.* **2006**, 2486 ([DOI](#))

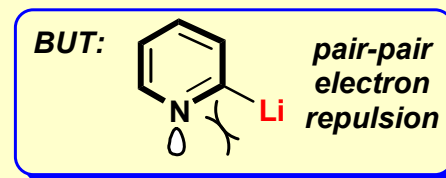
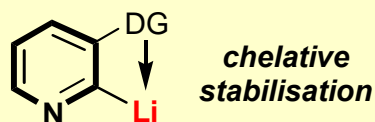


Deprotonation – overview

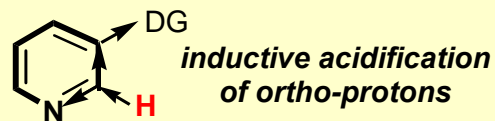
- **Reviews:** Schlosser *Synlett* **2007**, 3096 ([DOI](#)) – Hal-M exchange and deprotonation of heterocycles; Schlosser *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2005**, 44, 376 ([DOI](#)); Clayden 'Organolithiums: Selectivity for Synthesis' **2002** (Pergamon).
- **Deprotonation of benzene derivatives:**
 - **thermodynamically possible** for **alkyl metals** (pK_a BuH ~45, pK_a ArH ~38), but **kinetically slow**
 - no regiocontrol (without directing groups)
- **Deprotonation of aromatic heterocycles (ortho- to ring heteroatoms):**
 - **Thermodynamically more favourable** (pK_a Ar_{C=N}H ~35) and **kinetically faster** than for **benzene** particularly:
 - *ortho* to ring N
 - *ortho* to directing substituents (DoM – see later)



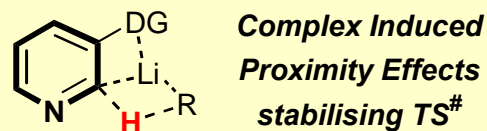
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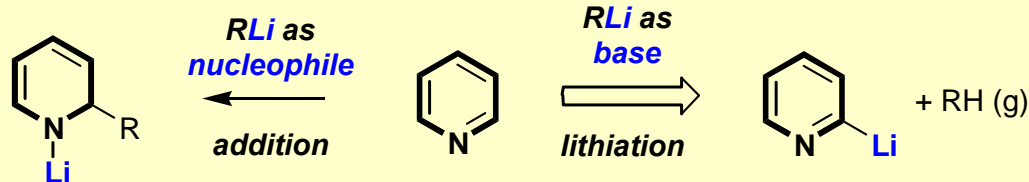
- **Kinetics:** due to:



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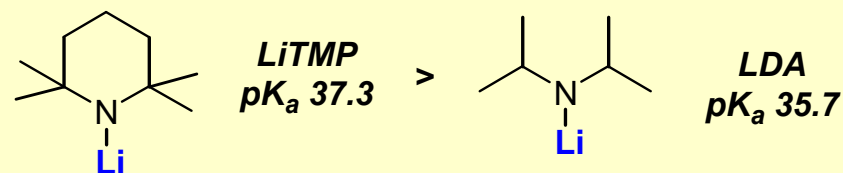
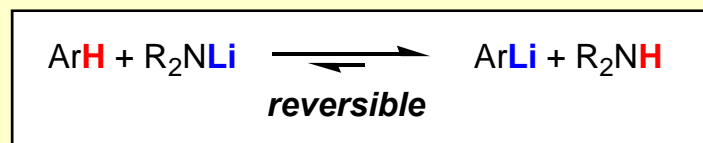
- **Low temperatures & bulky bases** required to suppress **addition reactions** to **C=N function**:
 - Quéguiner *Tetrahedron* **2001**, 57, 4059 ([DOI](#))



Thermodynamic vs kinetic deprotonation (Li)

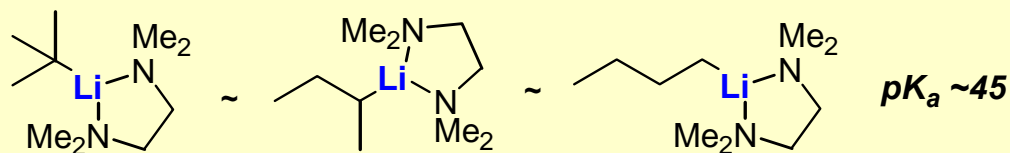
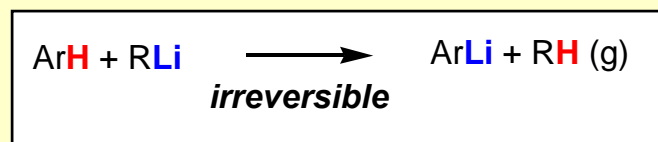
- **thermodynamic deprotonation using hindered lithium/magnesium amide bases:**

- amine anions are poorly nucleophilic and undergo slow competitive addition reactions
- **reversible equilibration**, success depends on the pK_a of the *ortho*-proton being lower than that of the amine:



- **kinetic deprotonation using alkyl lithium bases (RLi):**

- branched alkyl lithiums undergo slow competitive nucleophilic addition
- **irreversible loss of RH**, maximum basicity of alkyl lithiums in non-co-ordinating solvents e.g. hexane with TMEDA co-solvent
- **review** (structures of lithium complexes): van Koten *Angew. Chem. int. Ed.* **2005**, 44, 1448 ([DOI](#))

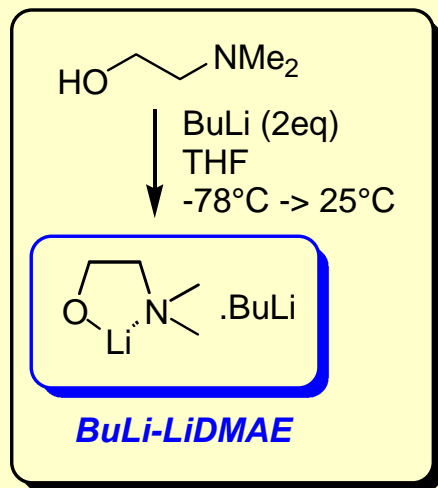
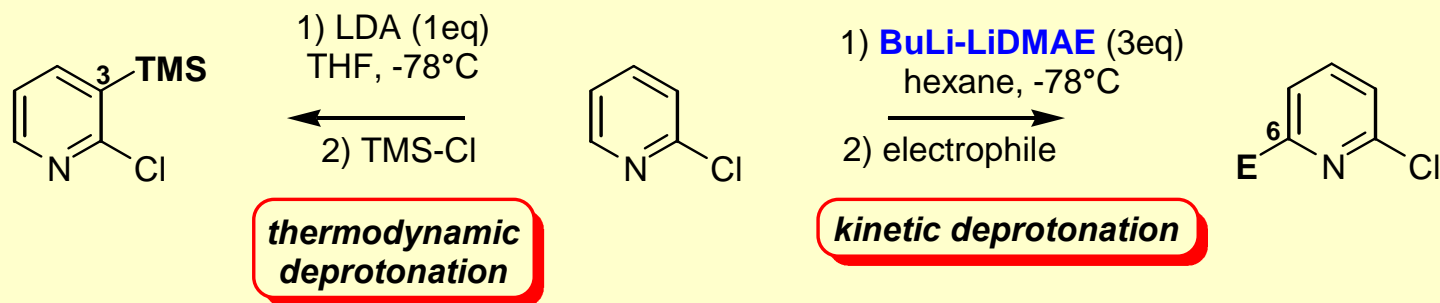


- **mechanisms - disputed:**

- acidity due to two factors: i) **inductive activation**, and ii) **Complex Induced Proximity Effects** (CIPE)
- **review:** Snieckus & Beak *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2004**, 43, 2206 ([DOI](#)); see also Collum *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2000**, 122, 8640 ([DOI](#)) & *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2007**, 129, 2259 ([DOI](#)); Mortier *Org. Lett.* **2005**, 7, 2445 (excellent discussion of specific case of DoM of *m*-anisic acid) ([DOI](#))

Thermodynamic vs kinetic deprotonation (Li)

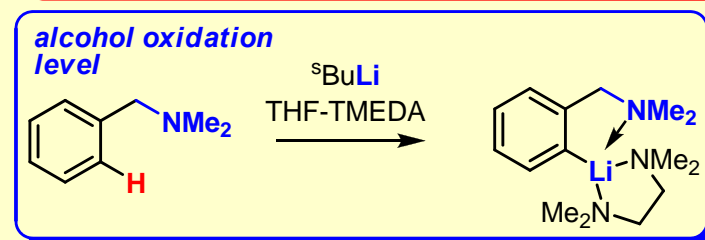
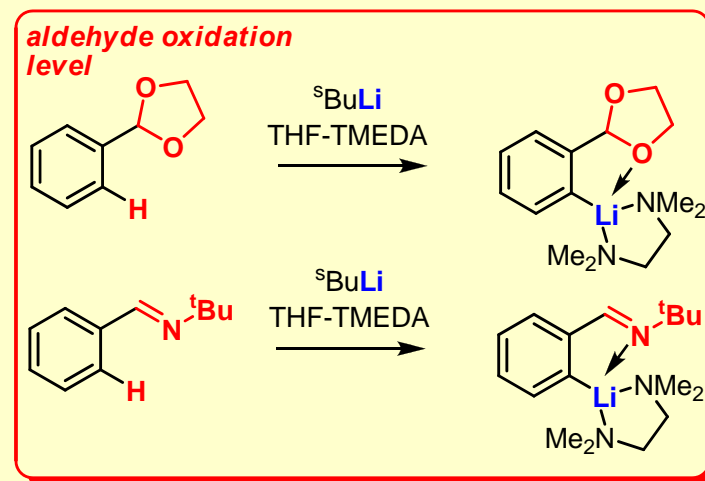
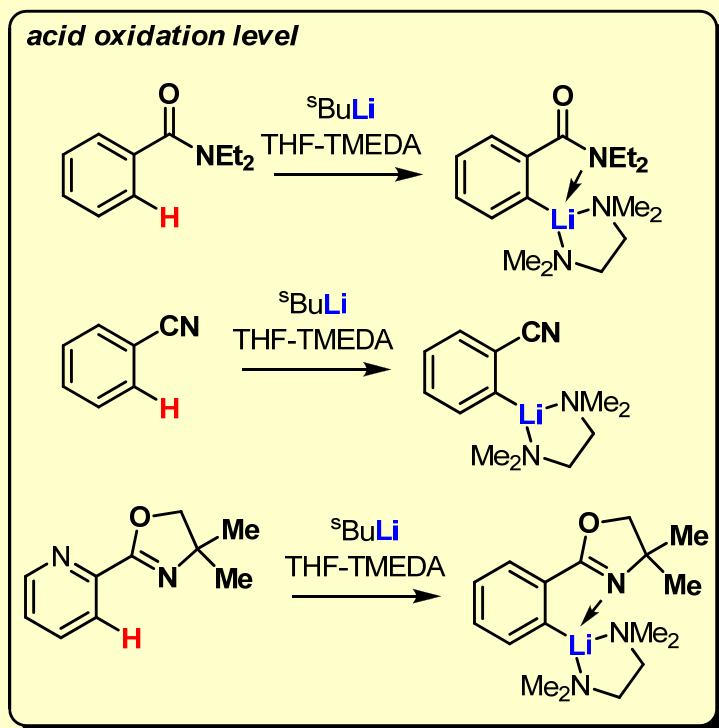
- regioselectivity: **kinetically and thermodynamically most acidic protons may differ:**
 - Fort *J. Org. Chem.* **2003**, 68, 2243 ([DOI](#)); *J. Org. Chem.* **2002**, 67, 234 ([DOI](#)); *Org. Lett.* **2000**, 2, 803 ([DOI](#))



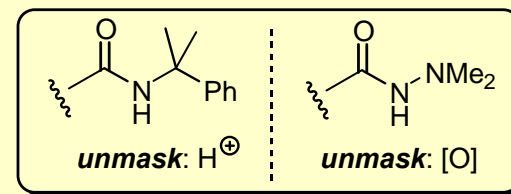
Electrophile	E	yield
MeI	MeI	70
I ₂	I	80
<i>t</i> -BuCHO	CH(OH) <i>t</i> -Bu	90
MeCOEt	MeC(OH)Et	60
DMF	CHO	15
MeSSMe	SMe	92
ClBu ₃ Sn	SnBu ₃	84

Directed *ortho*-metalation (DoM, Li)

- directed metalation groups (**DMGs**) attached via **carbon** can assist **ortho-metalation**
 - Reviews:** Snieckus & Beak *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2004**, 43, 2206 ([DOI](#)); Sniekus *J. Organomet. Chem.* **2002**, 653, 150 ([DOI](#)); Quéguiner *J. Het. Chem.* **2000**, 37, 615; Sniekus *J. Heterocyclic Chem.* **1999**, 36, 1453; Sniekus *Chem. Rev.* **1990**, 90, 879 ([DOI](#))
 - benzylic carbon-based DMGs:**



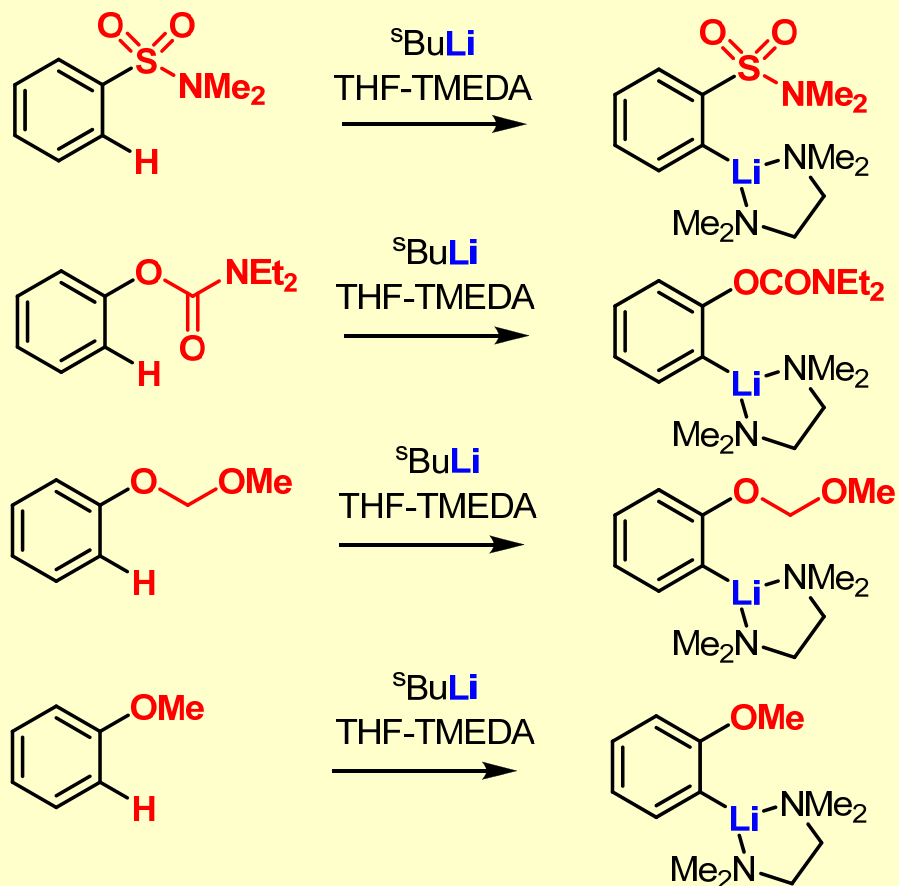
- for DMGs readily 'unmasked' to give CO_2H see:
 - Wutz *Tet. Lett.* **2000**, 41, 3559 ([DOI](#)); Sniekus *Org. Lett.* **1999**, 1, 1183 ([DOI](#))



Directed *ortho*-metalation (DoM, Li)

- **non carbon-based DMGs:**

- Snieckus *Org. Lett.* **1999**, 1, 1183 ([DOI](#))
- Familoni *Synlett* **2002**, 1181 (sulfonamides, *review*) ([DOI](#))



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ACTIVATION

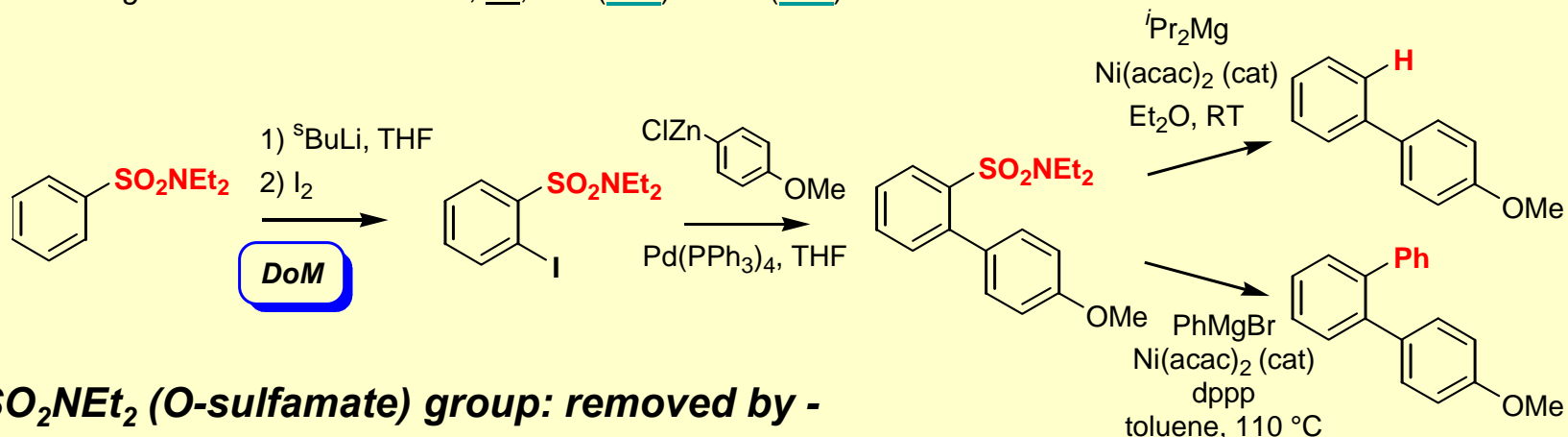
Other weak DMGs include:
F, Cl, Br, CF₃, SR, NR₂, I

halogen directing groups (review):
Schlosser *Eur. J. Org. Chem.* **2001**, 3975 ([DOI](#))

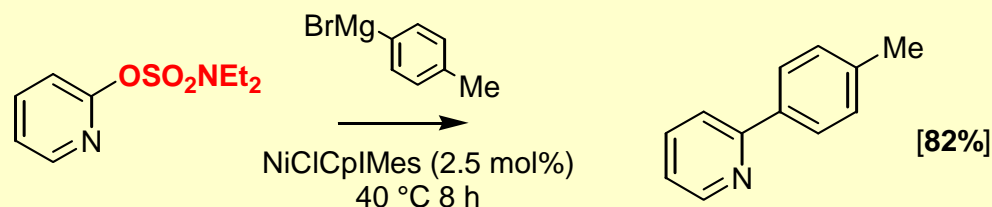
e.g. iodine as directing group:
Mattson *J. Org. Chem.* **1999**, 64, 8004 ([DOI](#))

'Temporary' DoM groups

- the SO_2NEt_2 (sulfonamide) group: removed by -
 - 1) hydrogenolysis using $i\text{Pr}_2\text{Mg}/\text{cat. Ni}(\text{acac})_2$
 - 2) $\text{Ni}(0)$ catalysed Kharasch-type cross-coupling
 - Snieckus *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2004**, 43, 888 ([DOI](#)) & 892 ([DOI](#))



- the OSO_2NEt_2 (O-sulfamate) group: removed by -
 - $\text{Ni}(0)$ catalysed Kharasch-type cross-coupling
 - Snieckus *Org. Lett.* **2005**, 7, 2519 ([DOI](#))

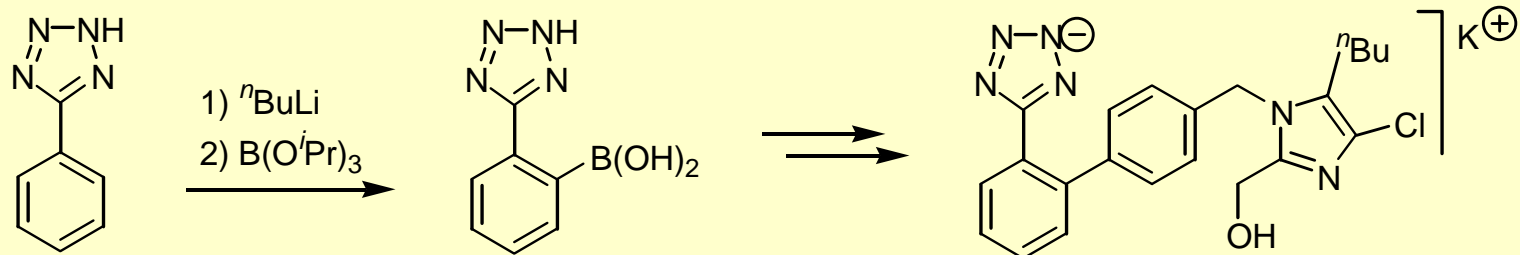


- the $\text{SO}_2\text{NCMe}_2\text{Ph}$ (N-cumyl sulfonamide) group: deprotected to SO_2NH_2 by -
 - TFA → saccharin syntheses
 - Snieckus *J. Org. Chem.* **2007**, 72, 3199 ([DOI](#))

Pharmaceutical preparation by DoM

- **losartan potassium: antihypertensive**

- Process route for Merck (Rouhi *Chem. Eng. News* **2002**, July 22, 46) ([DOI](#))



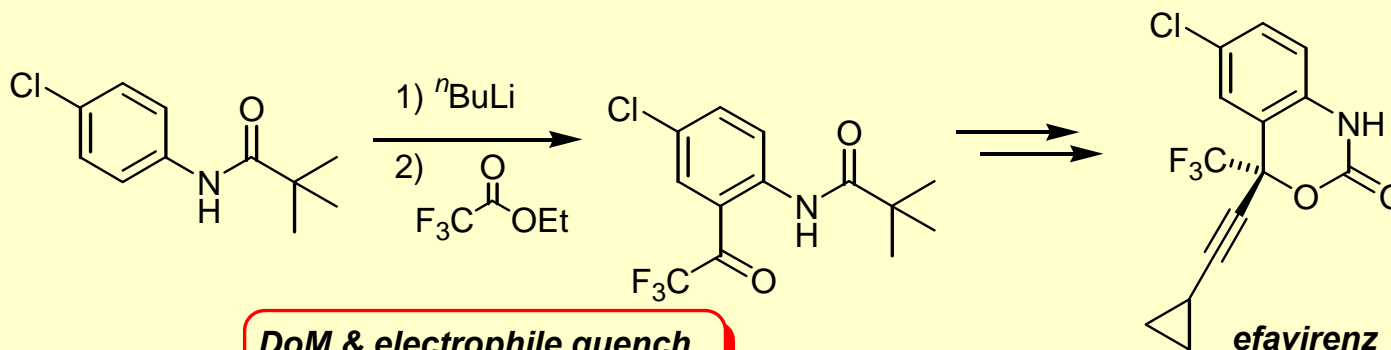
DoM & transmetalation

losartan potassium

angiotensin II receptor (type AT₁) antagonist

- **efavirenz: anti-viral, anti-AIDS**

- Process route for Bristol-Myers Squibb (Rouhi *Chem. Eng. News* **2002**, July 22, 46) ([DOI](#))



DoM & electrophile quench

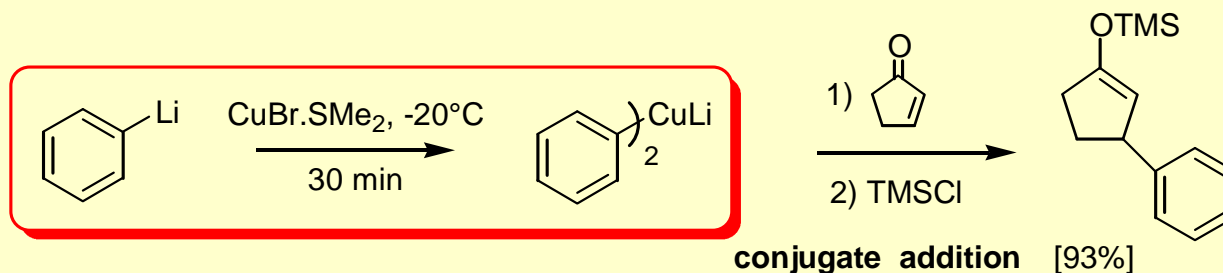
efavirenz

non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor

Transmetalation

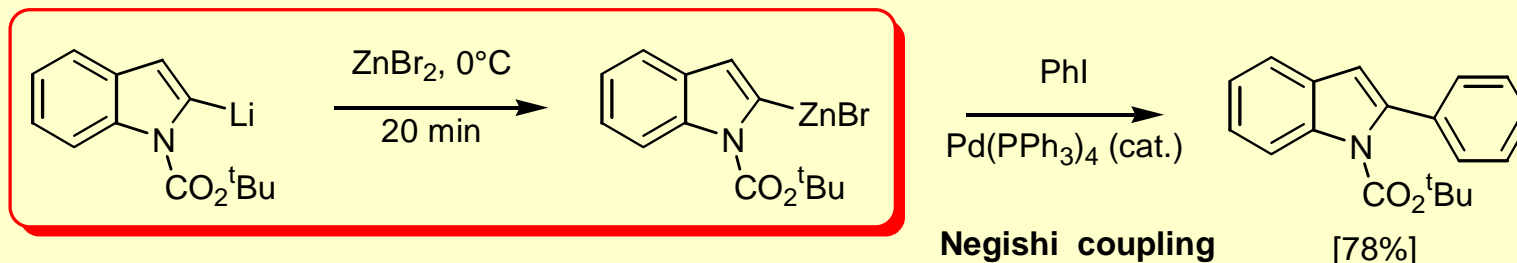
- **Aryl cuprate formation ($ArLi \rightarrow Ar_2CuLi$):**

- Aryl cuprates are **less basic** and **more nucleophilic** than aryl lithiums.
- e.g. 'Organocopper reagents' **1994**, (Oxford), R.J.K. Taylor:



- **Aryl zincate formation ($ArLi \rightarrow ArZnX$):**

- Aryl zincates are **less basic** and **more oxophilic** than aryl lithiums & useful for Negishi coupling.
- e.g. Sakamoto *Heterocycles* **1993**, 36, 941 ([DOI](#))



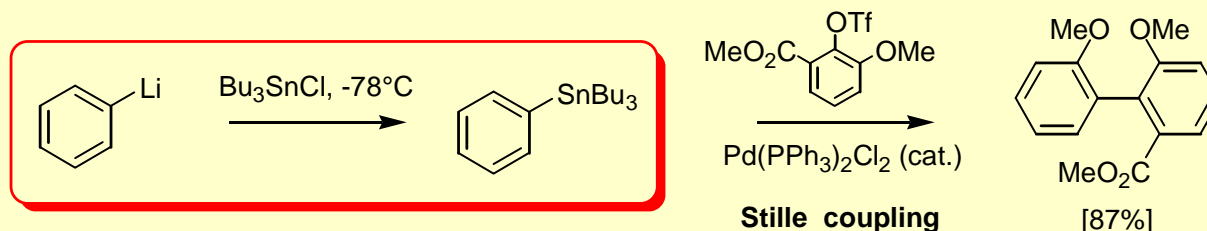
- **NB.** arylzincs can also be prepared by

- *reductive metalation* of ArI with Zn ([see previous slide](#))
- DoM using (tmp)₂Zn·2MgCl₂·2LiCl. See: Knochel *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2007**, 46, 7685 ([DOI](#))

Transmetalation

- **Aryl stannane formation ($ArLi \rightarrow ArSnR_3$):**

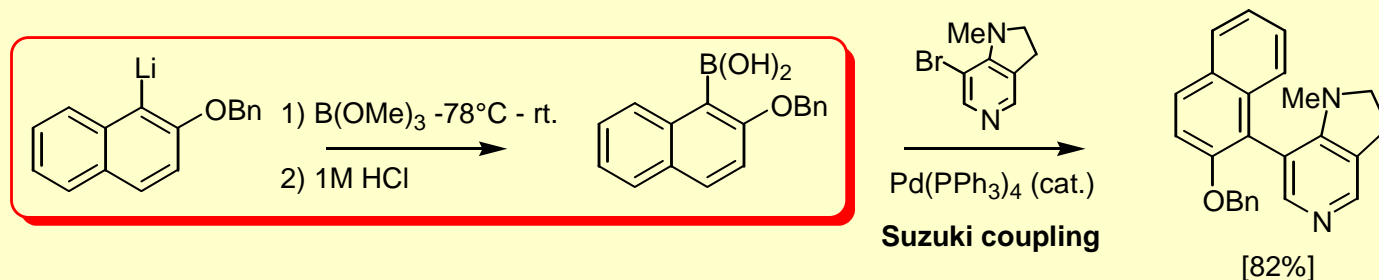
- Aryl stannanes are useful for electrophilic *ipso*-substitution & Stille coupling.
- e.g. Saá *J. Org. Chem.* **1992**, 57, 678 ([DOI](#))



- NB. arylstannanes can also be made by Pd(0) cat. stannylation of $ArBr/I$ (see later).

- **Aryl boronate formation [$ArLi \rightarrow ArB(OR)_2$]:**

- Aryl boronic acids and esters are useful for Suzuki coupling.
- e.g. Spivey *Tet. Lett.* **1998**, 39, 8919 ([DOI](#))

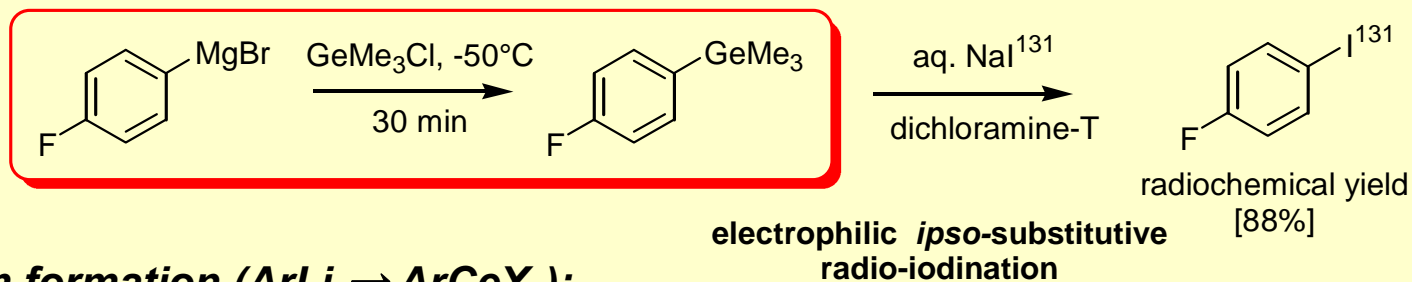


- NB. (1): *in situ* quenching of $ArLi$ with $B(OR)_3$ often superior: Vazquez *J. Org. Chem.* **2002**, 67, 7551 ([DOI](#))
- NB. (2): arylboronates can also be formed by Pd(0) cat. borylation of $ArBr/I$ (see later).
- NB. (3): arylboronates are excellent precursors to **phenols** by Baeyer-Villager-type process:
- e.g. Hawthorne *J. Org. Chem.* **1957**, 22, 1001 ([DOI](#))

Transmetalation

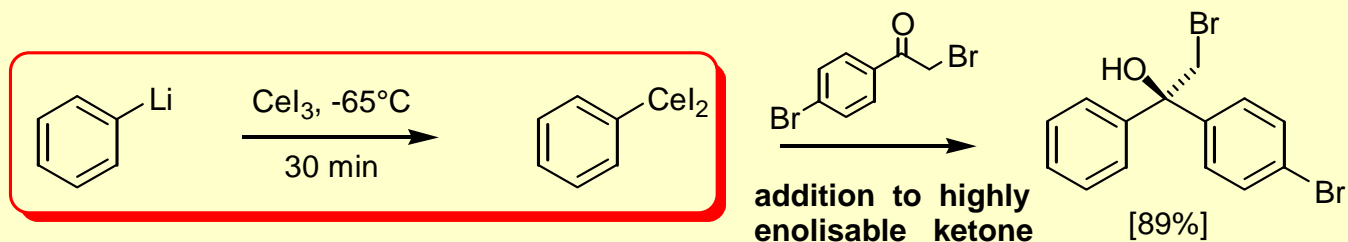
- **Aryl germane/silane formation ($ArLi \rightarrow ArSiR_3/ArGeR_3$):**

- Aryl germanes/silanes are useful for electrophilic *ipso*-substitution reactions.
- Moerlein *J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans. I* **1985**, 1941 ([DOI](#))



- **Aryl cerium formation ($ArLi \rightarrow ArCeX_2$):**

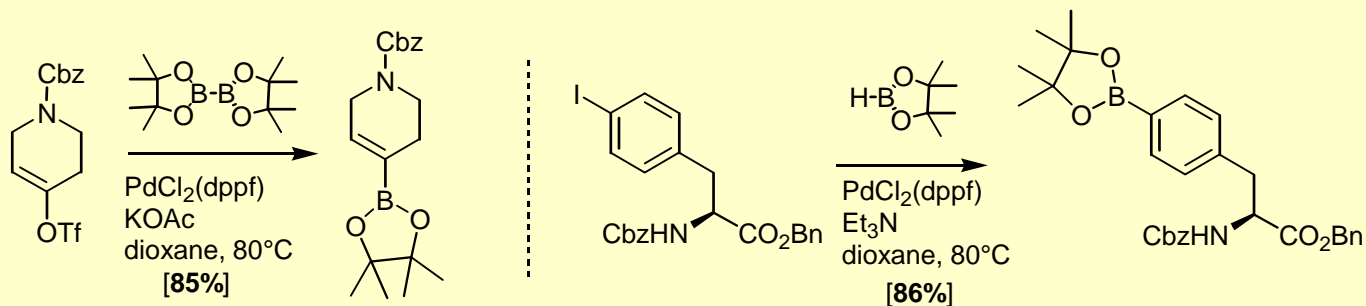
- Aryl ceriums are **less basic** and **more oxophilic** than aryl lithiums.
- e.g. Imamoto *J. Org. Chem.* **1984**, 49, 3904 ([DOI](#)); H.-J. Liu *Tetrahedron* **1999**, 55, 3803 ([DOI](#))



Pd(0) Catalysed 'metalation' of aryl (pseudo)halides

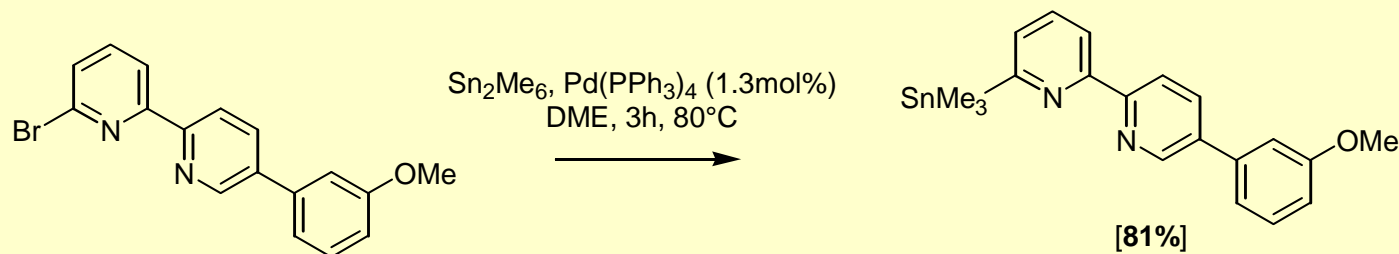
- **Aryl pinacolboranes from pinacolborane or bis(pinacolato)diboron**

- Developed originally by Miyaura: *J. Org. Chem.* **1995**, 60, 7508 ([DOI](#))
- **Bis(pinacolato)diboron**: e.g. Eastwood *Tet. Lett.* **2000**, 41, 3705 ([DOI](#))
- **Pinacolborane**: e.g. Yamamoto *Bull. Chem. Soc. Jpn.* **2000**, 73, 231 ([DOI](#))



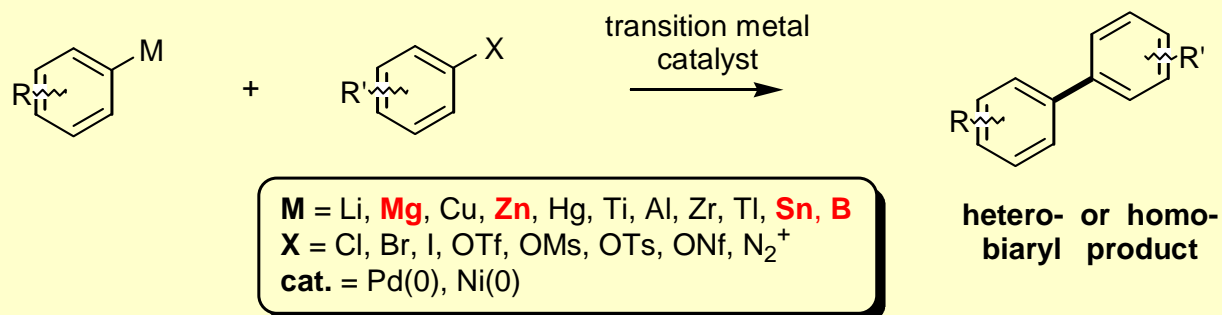
- **Aryl silanes/stannanes from disilanes/distannanes:**

- **Hexamethyldisilane**: e.g. Goossen *Synlett* **2000**, 1801 ([DOI](#))
- **Hexamethylditin**: e.g. Siegel *Tet. Lett.* **1997**, 38, 4737 ([DOI](#))

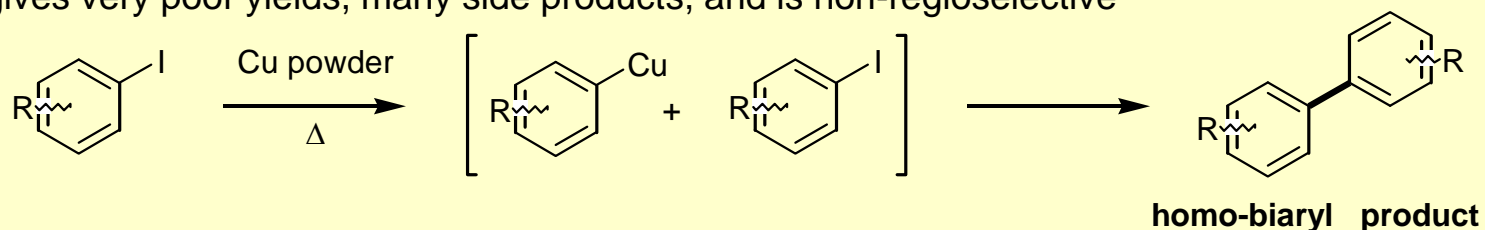


Catalytic biaryl cross-coupling

- **General process is sometimes known as KUMADA-NEGISHI cross-coupling**
 - **review:** Hassan *Chem. Rev.* **2002**, 102, 1359 ([DOI](#)); Stanforth *Tetrahedron*, **1998**, 54, 263 ([DOI](#)); 'Metal-catalyzed Cross-coupling Reactions' **2004**, (Wiley-VCH), Armin de Meijere & François Diederich (Eds.) [[ISBN 3-527-30518-1](#)]



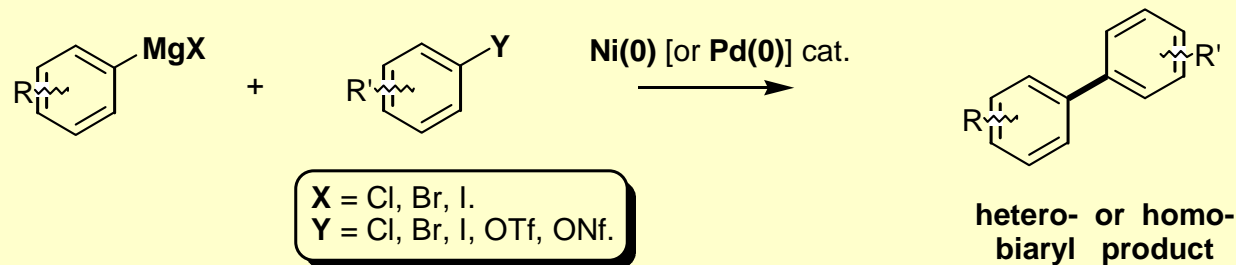
- **The classical procedure is known as Ullmann biaryl coupling**
 - Not to be confused with Ullmann biaryl ether condensation.
 - gives very poor yields, many side products, and is non-regioselective



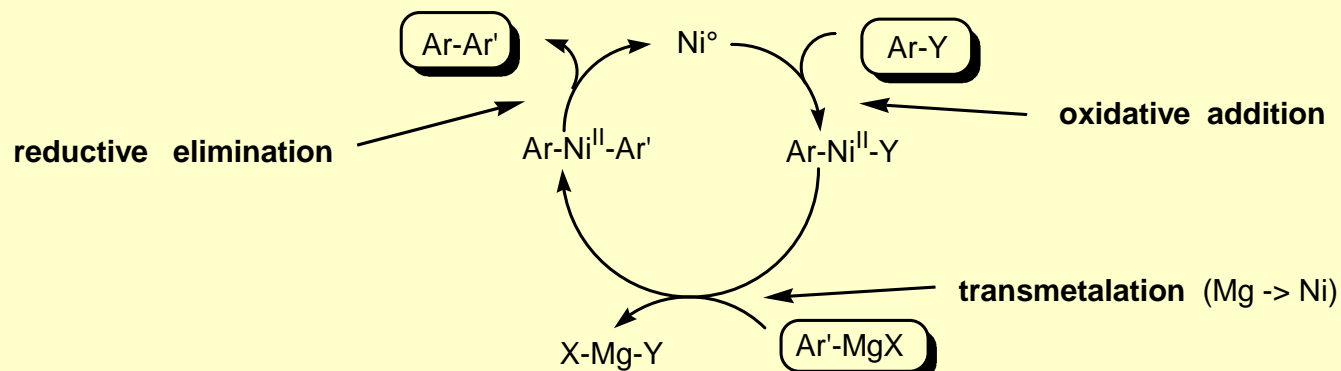
Kumada-Corriu cross-coupling (MgX)

- **Overall scheme:**

- **highlight:** Negishi *J. Organometal. Chem.* **2002**, 653, 34 ([DOI](#));



- **Mechanism:**

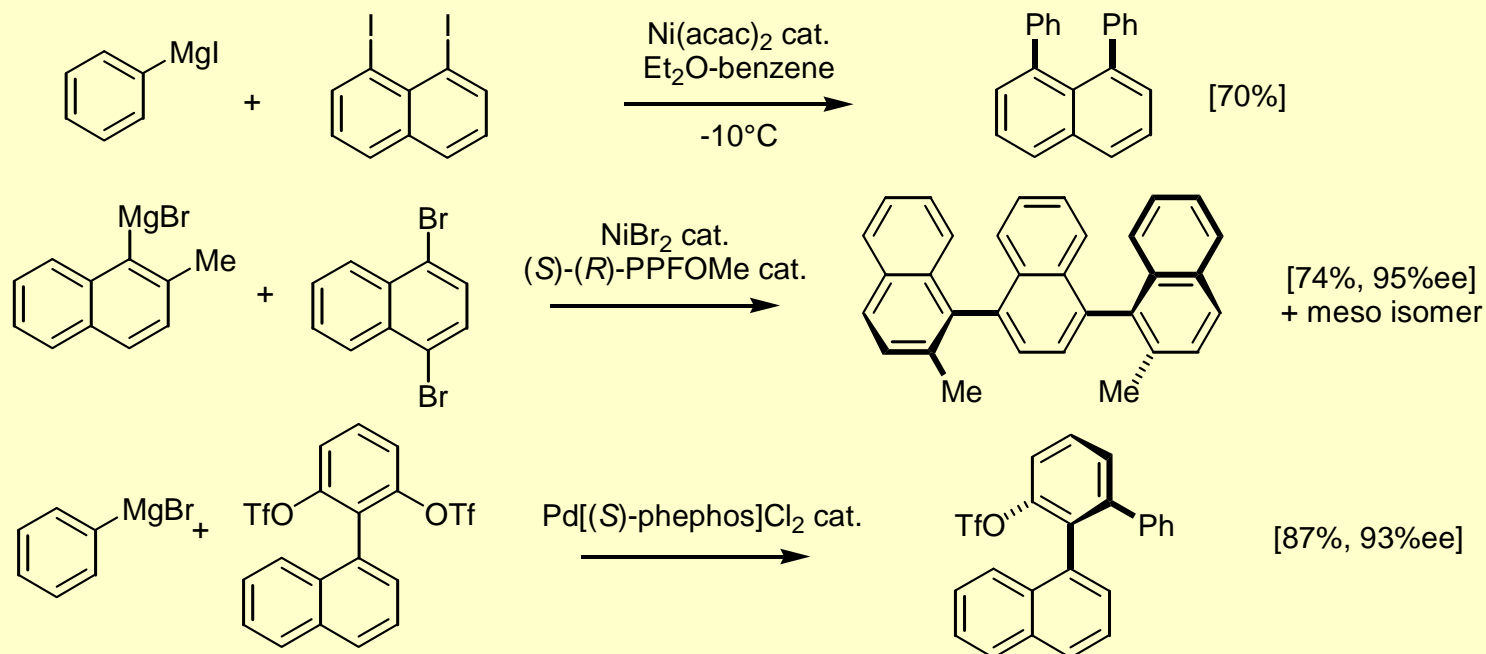


Kumada-Corriu cross-coupling (MgX)

- **Features:**

- Polar nature of aryl Grignard precludes use of several functional groups including: aldehydes, ketones, esters, & nitro groups.
- Requires rigorous exclusion of oxygen which oxidises active Ni(0) catalyst.
- Can provide very hindered biaryls (*cf.* Suzuki & Stille) and has asymmetric variants.
- Often proceed efficiently at low temperatures

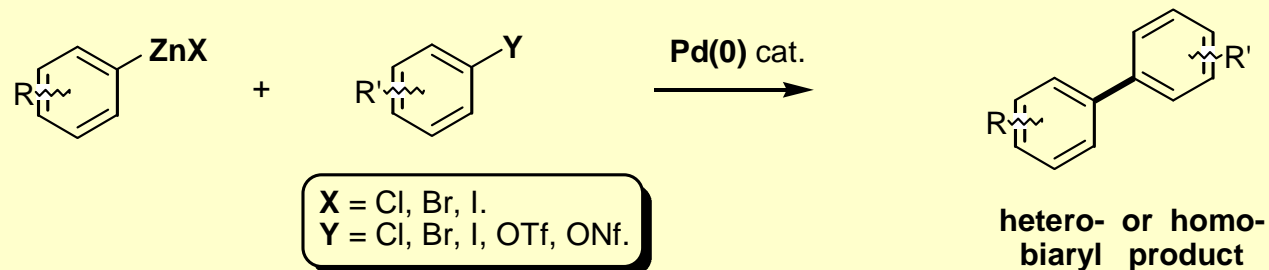
- **Examples:**



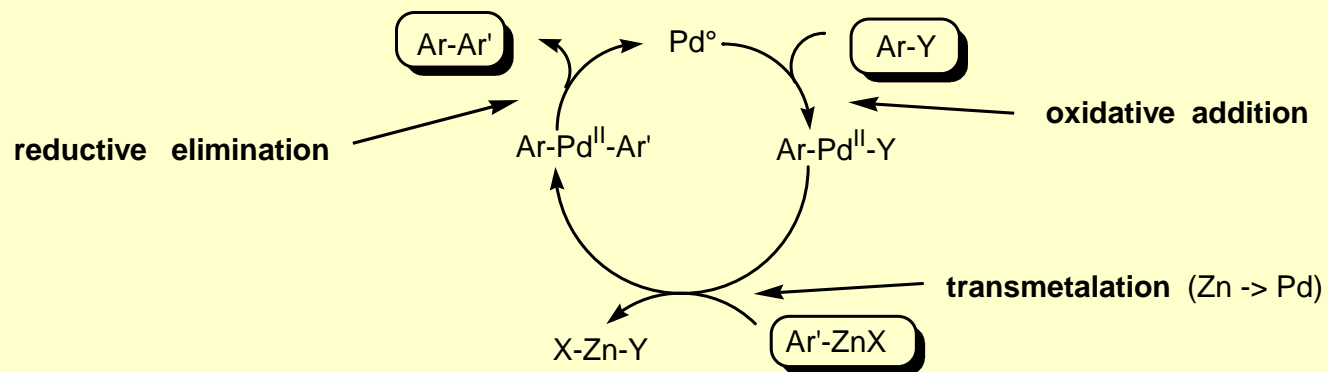
Negishi cross-coupling (ZnX)

- **Overall scheme:**

- **review:** Negishi in 'Metal catalysed cross coupling reactions' Eds Diederich & Stang, Wiley-VCH 1998, pp1-42



- **Mechanism:**

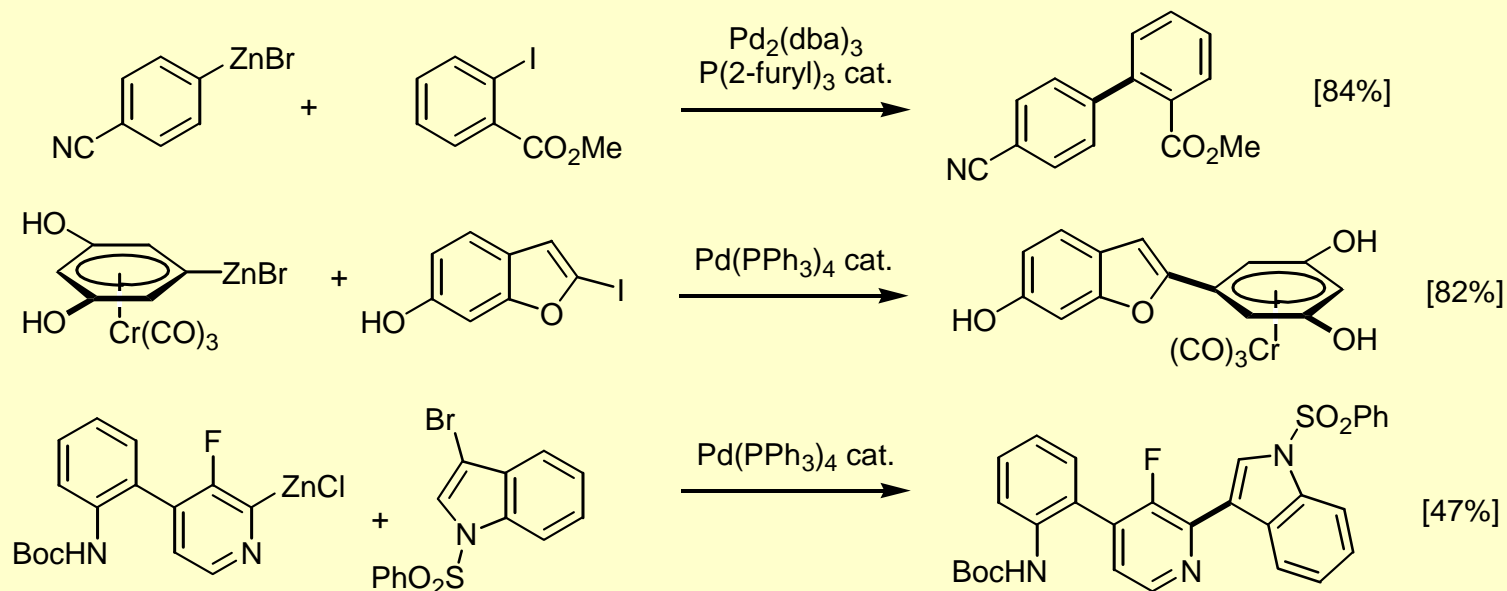


Negishi cross-coupling (ZnX)

- **Features:**

- Tolerates aldehydes, ketones, esters, amines, nitrile, nitro groups etc.
- Nickel aryls are less basic than arly Grignards and can be prepared under milder conditions.
- Popular for heteroaryl cross-coupling.
- Can provide relatively hindered biaryls

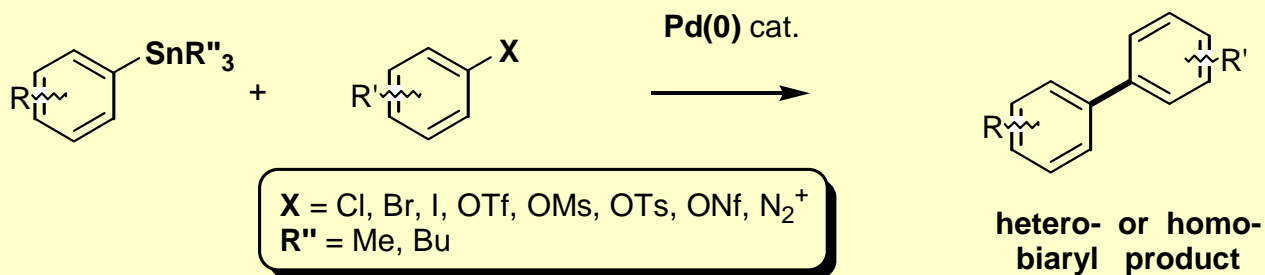
- **Examples:**



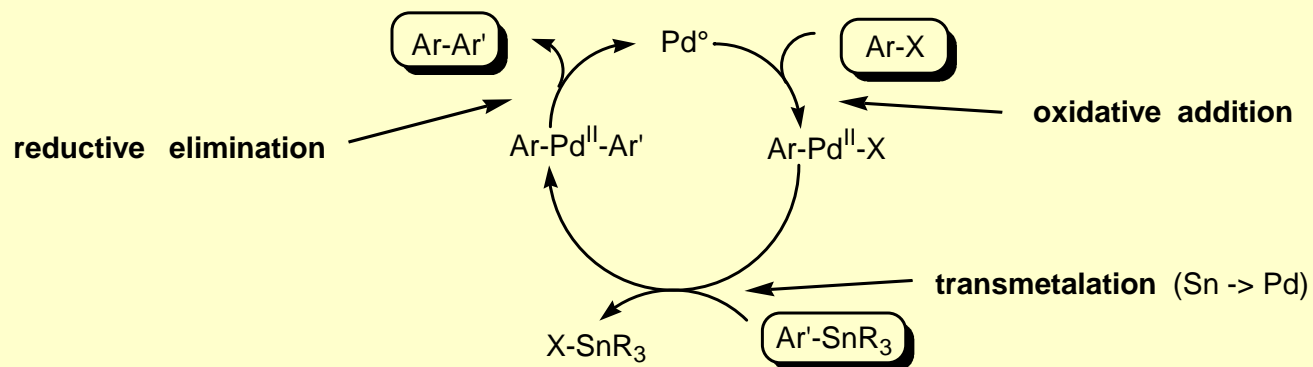
Stille cross-coupling (SnR_3)

- **Overall scheme:**

- **review:** Mitchell in 'Metal catalysed cross coupling reactions' Eds Diederich & Stang, Wiley-VCH 1998, pp167-197.



- **Mechanism:**

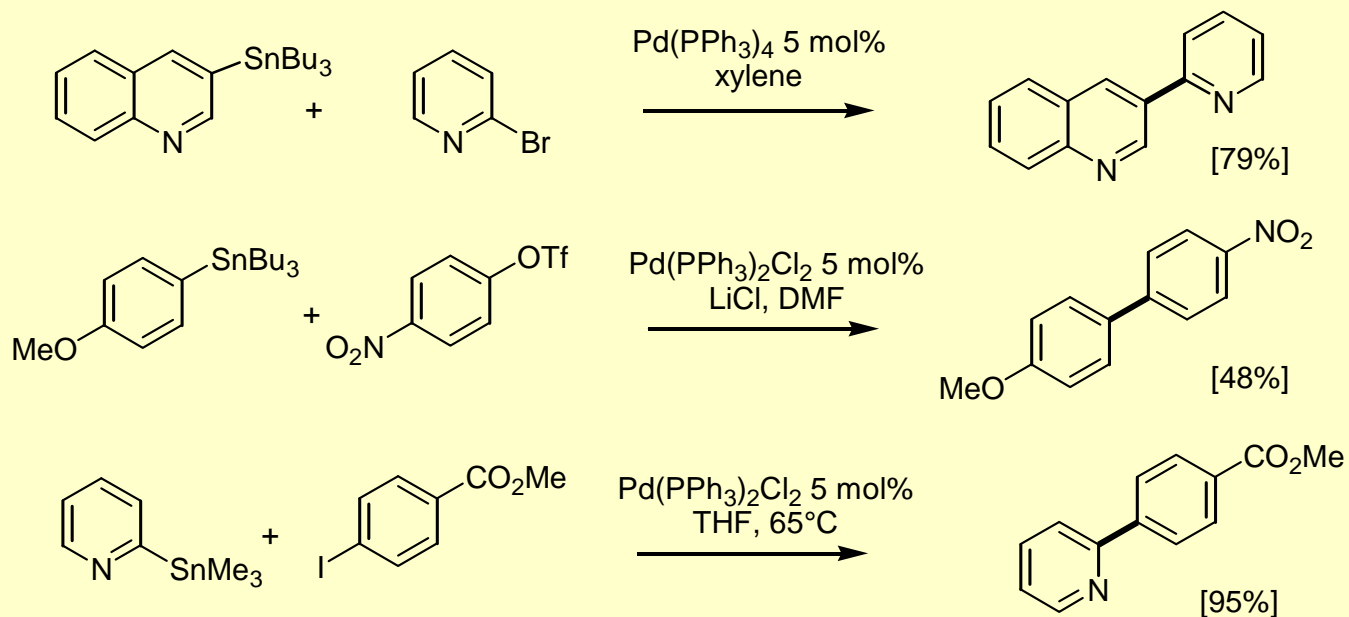


Stille cross-coupling (SnR_3)

- **Features:**

- Reaction proceeds under very mild conditions & has wide functional group tolerance.
- Expensive Pd catalyst, recyclable and only used in < 5 mol% quantities.
- Also applicable to heteroaromatic systems.
- Lithium chloride or bromide is an essential additive when using triflates.
- Aryl stannanes and the halostannane by-products are **very toxic!**

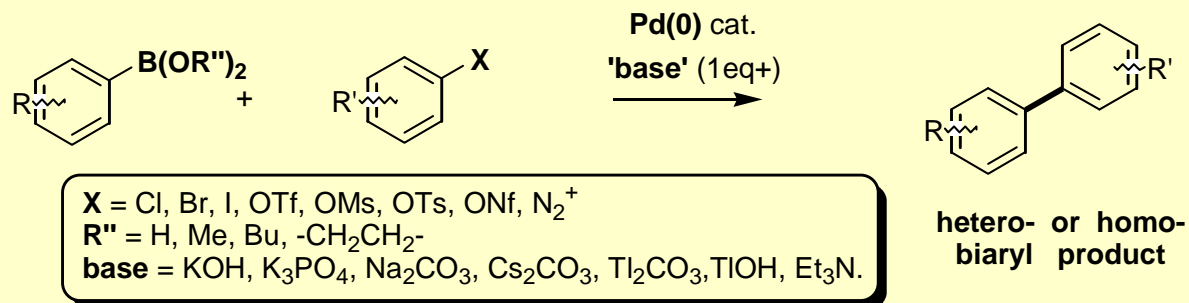
- **Examples:**



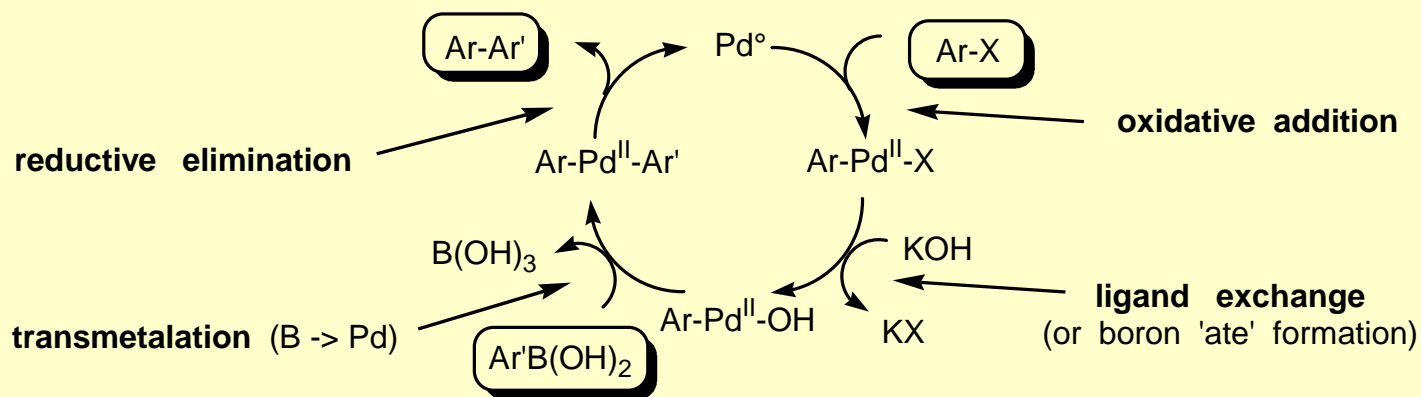
Suzuki cross-coupling [B(OR₂)]

- **Overall scheme:**

- **review:** Kotha *Tetrahedron*, **2002**, 58, 9633 ([DOI](#))



- **Mechanism:**

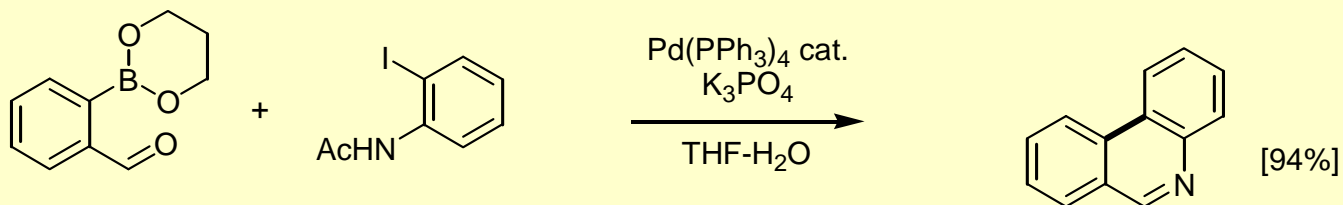
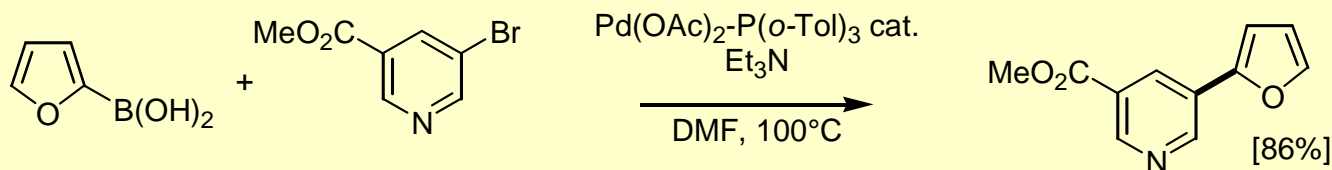
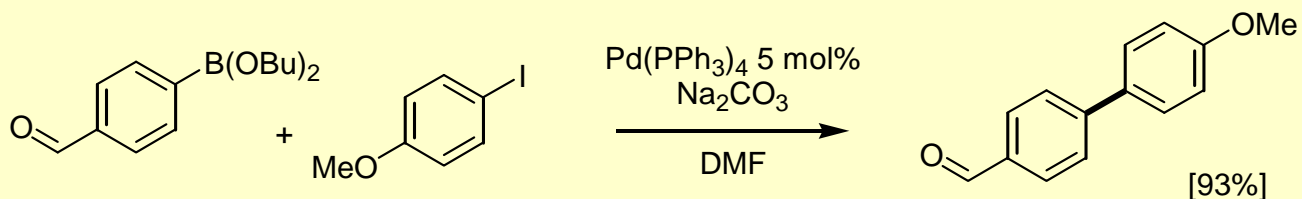


Suzuki cross-coupling [B(OR₂)]

- **Features:**

- Reaction also proceeds under very mild aqueous or non-aqueous conditions.
- Nature of 'base' used can dramatically influence success of coupling, Cs₂CO₃ or TIOH in DME preferred for hindered coupling.
- Wide functional group tolerance & applicable to most heteroaromatic systems.
- Aryl boronic acids and esters are essentially non-toxic (*cf.* stannanes).

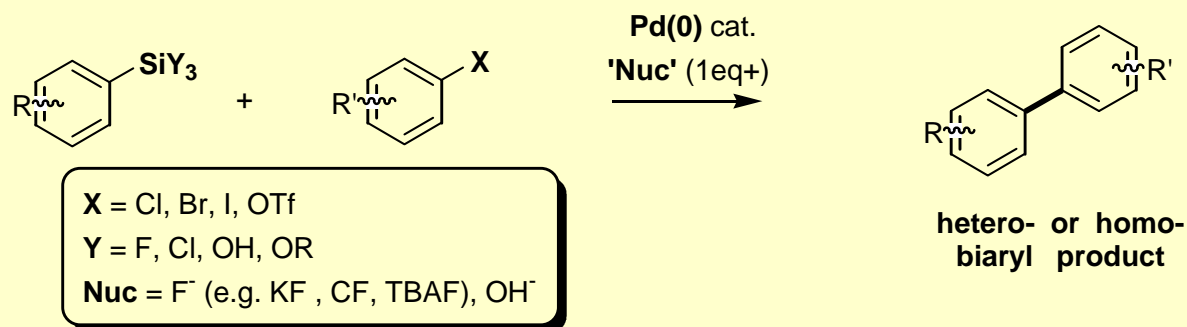
- **Examples:**



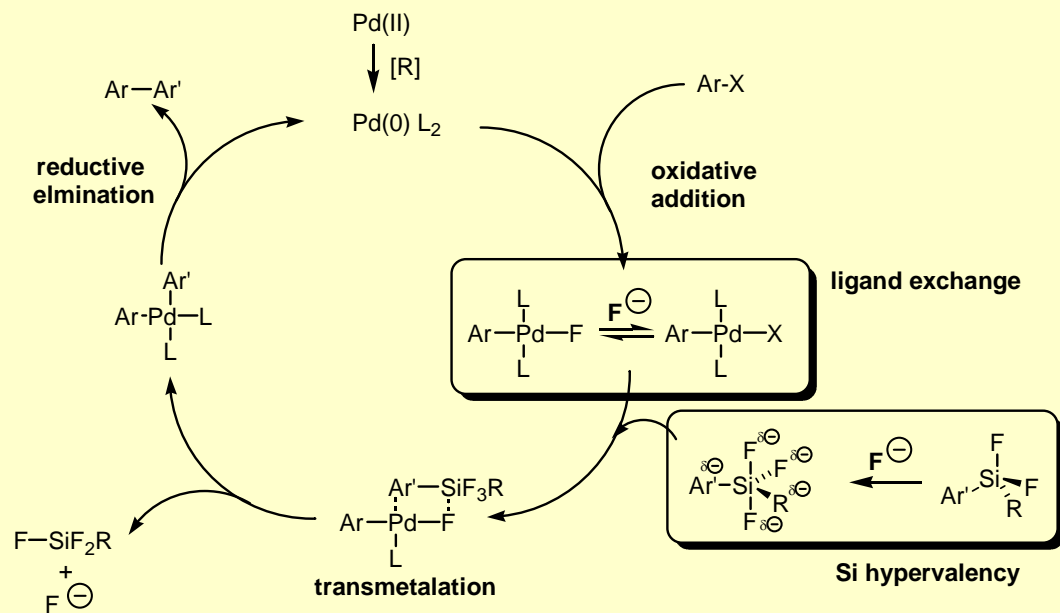
Hiyama/Denmark cross-coupling (SiX₃)

- **Overall scheme:**

- **Review:** Spivey *Curr. Org. Synth.* **2004**, 1, 211; DeShong *Tetrahedron* **2005**, 61, 12201 ([DOI](#))



- **Mechanism:**

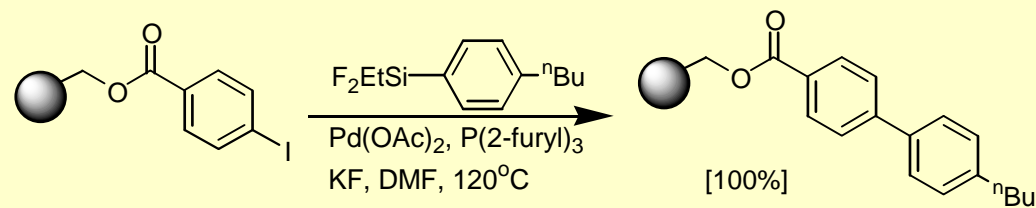
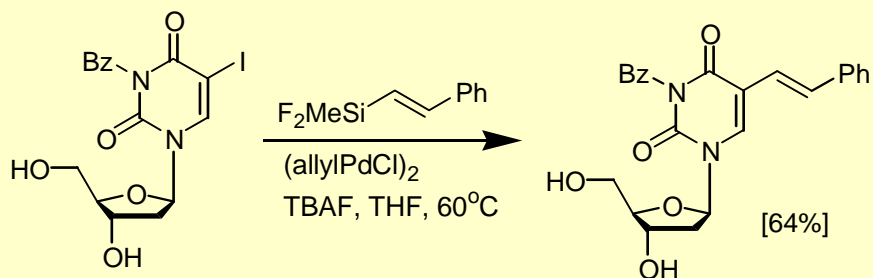
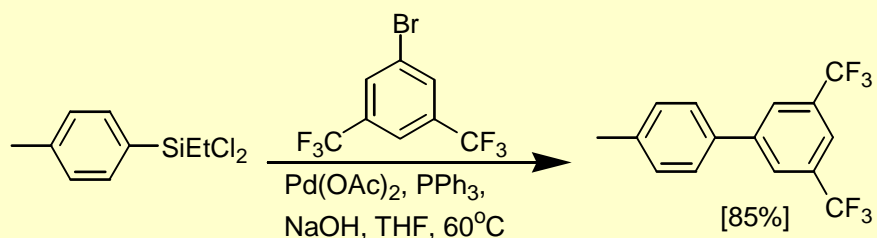


Hiyama/Denmark cross-coupling (SiX_3)

- **Features:**

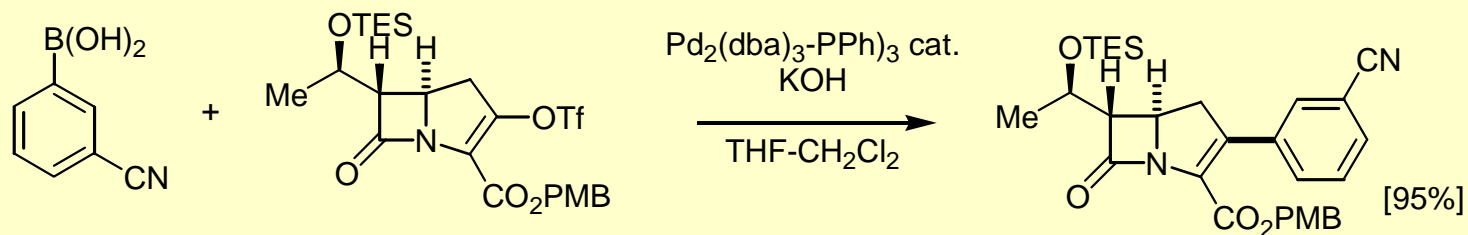
- Uses **non-toxic** silanes as coupling partners (*cf.* stannanes for Stille).
- *Trialkyl*silanes do not couple; require heteroatom-substituted silanes.
- Addition of **nucleophile is essential** to render silane pentavalent
- Addition of fluoride makes most couplings incompatible with silyl ether protecting groups

- **Examples:**

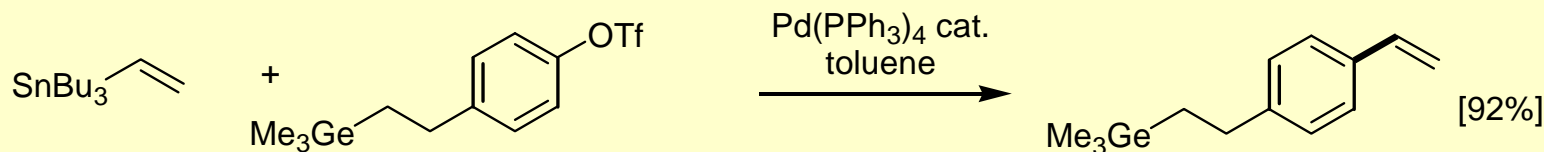


Ar-C(Sp^2) alkene coupling

- **Kumada-Negishi type cross-coupling can also be used to couple aromatics to alkenes**
- **This type of coupling performed in two ways:**
 - using an **aryl metal** and **alkenyl halide/triflate**. e.g.:



- or an **aryl halide/triflate** and an **alkenyl metal**. e.g.:

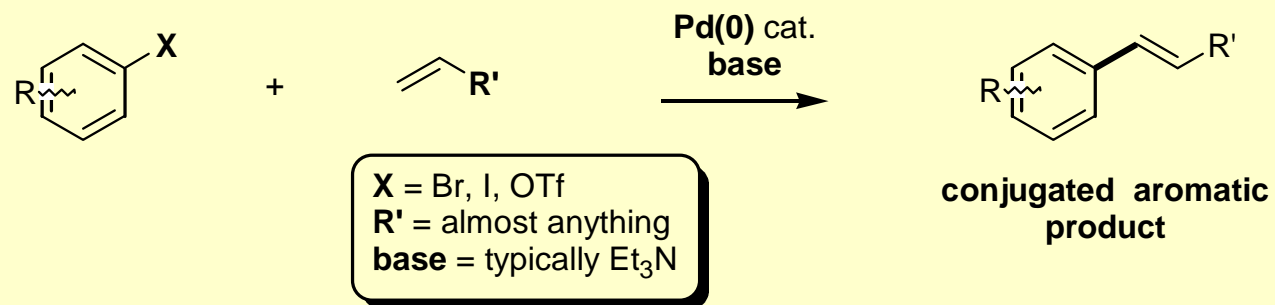


- **Alkenyl halides are often prepared by Wittig type processes or from alkynes**
- **Alkenyl triflates are often prepared by O-triflation of enolates**
- **Alkenyl metals are often prepared by halide-metal exchange, or by carbo- or hydro-metalation of alkynes (e.g. hydroboration of alkynes)**

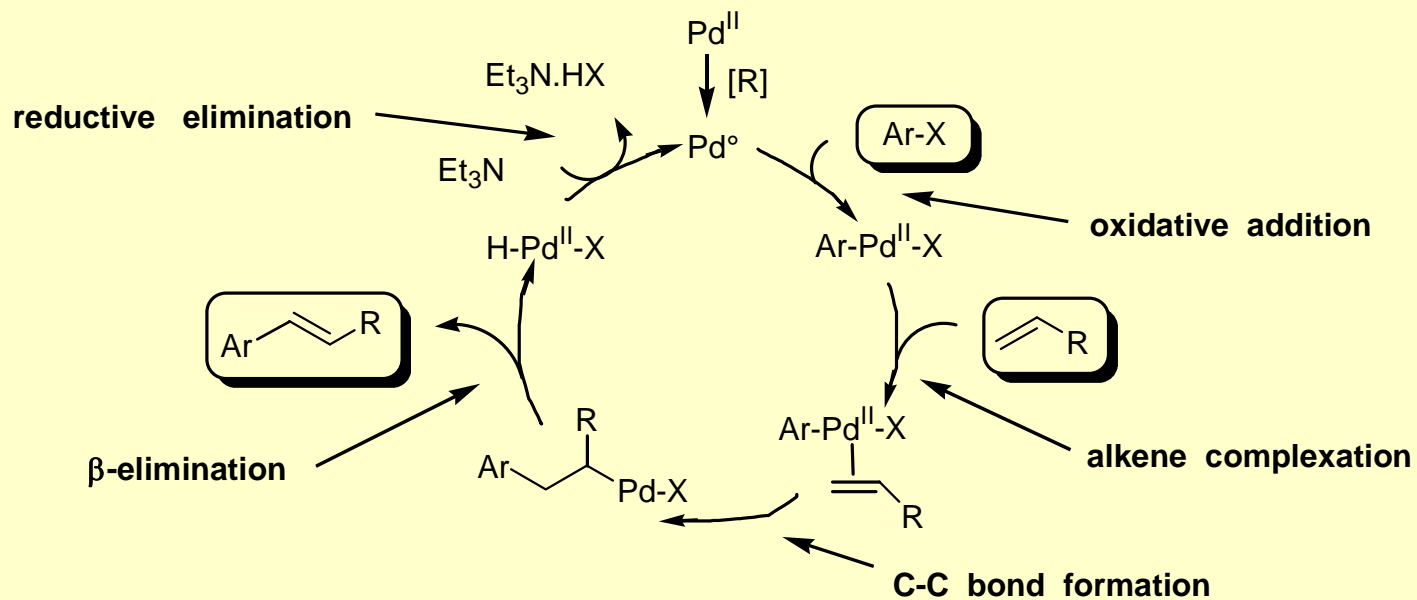
The Heck reaction

- **Overall scheme:**

- **review:** Overman in 'Metal catalysed cross coupling reactions' Eds Diederich & Stang, Wiley-VCH **1998**, pp231-266



- **Mechanism:**

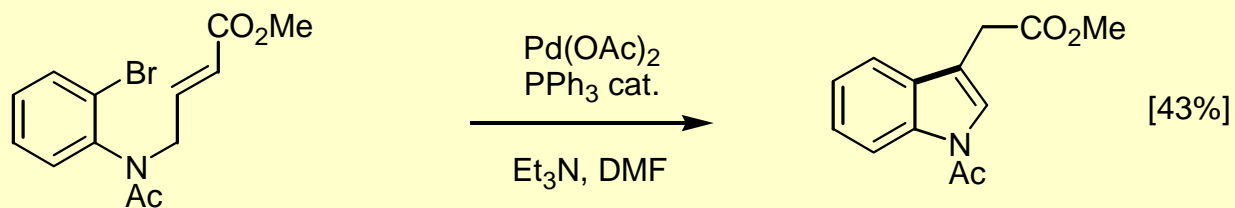
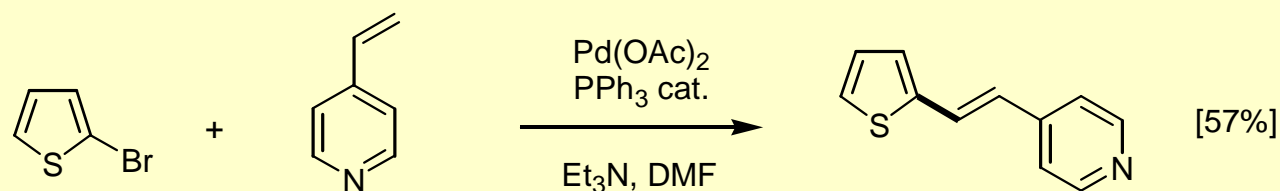
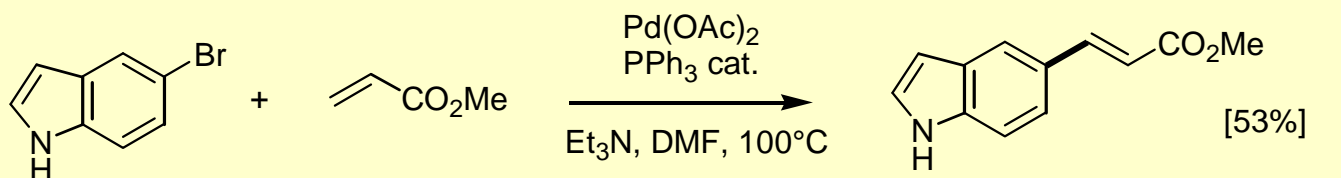


The Heck reaction

- **Features:**

- The palladium catalyst is generally added as a Pd(II) salt (these are generally more stable) which is reduced *in situ* either by the phosphine ligand or the Et₃N
- The reaction works well for both electron withdrawing and electron donating substituents on the alkene
- Stereochemistry of β-hydride elimination is always *syn* to the palladium

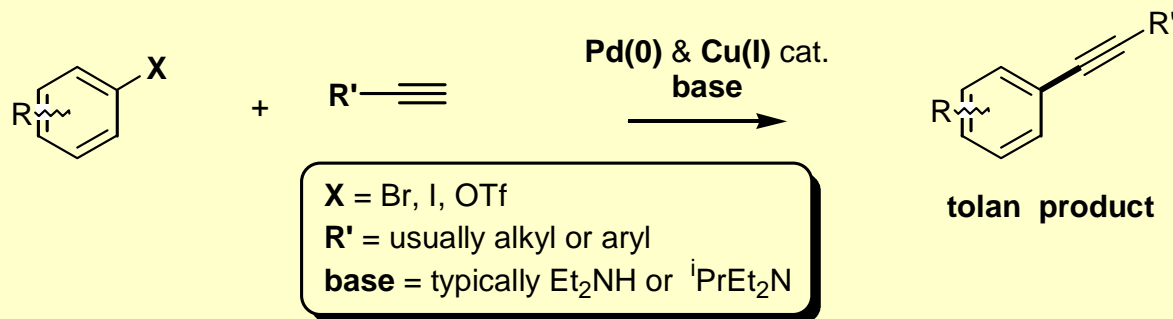
- **Examples:**



Ar-C(Sp) Alkyne coupling: the Sonogashira reaction

- **Overall scheme:**

- **review:** Sonogashira in 'Metal catalysed cross coupling reactions' Eds Diederich & Stang, Wiley-VCH **1998**, pp203-227

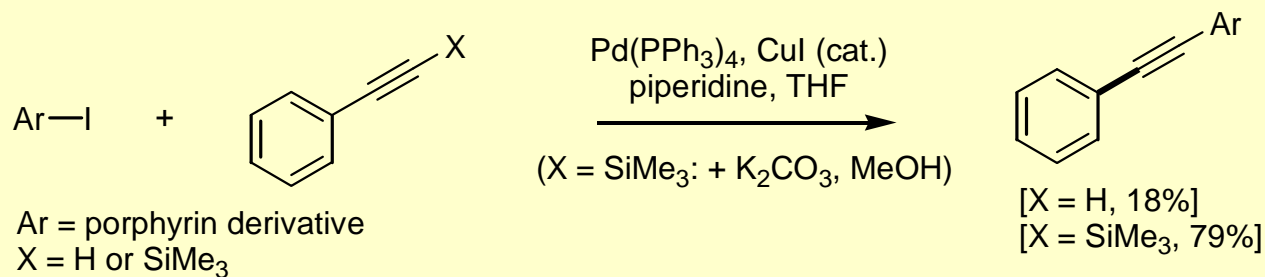


- **Essentially a Heck reaction with an alkyne.**

- Role of copper not well understood...in fact copper not necessary for some couplings.
- Copper thought to form transient copper acetylide (*cf.* Stephens-Castro reaction).

- **Useful variant involves use of trimethylsilyl alkynes which are 'deprotected' in situ:**

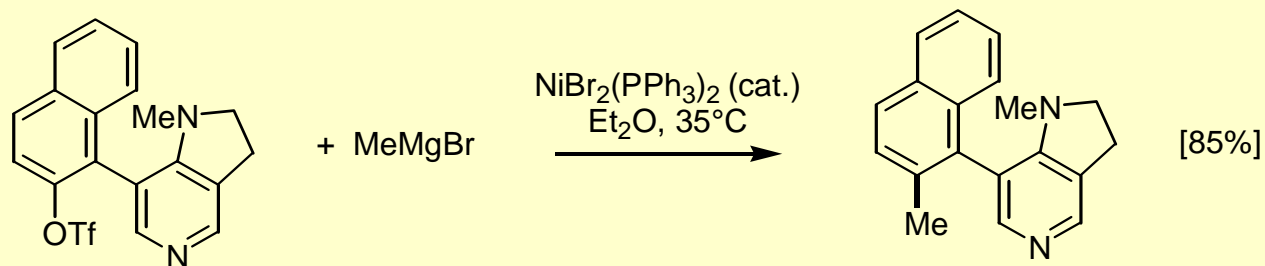
- Nishihara *Chem. Lett.* **1997**, 1233; Schultz *J. Org. Chem.* **1998**, 63, 4034 ([DOI](#))



Ar-C(Sp³) alkyl coupling

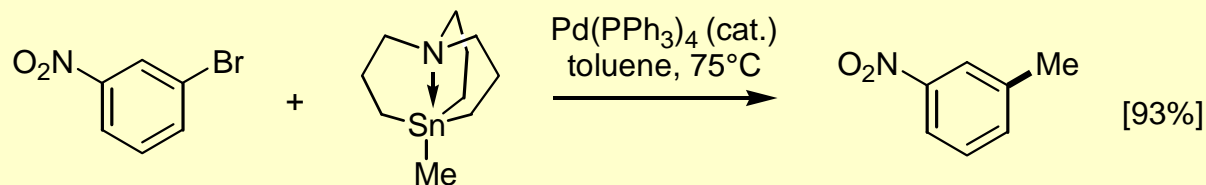
- **Kumada-Corriu type couplings:**

- e.g. Spivey *Tet. Lett.* **1998**, 39, 8919 ([DOI](#))



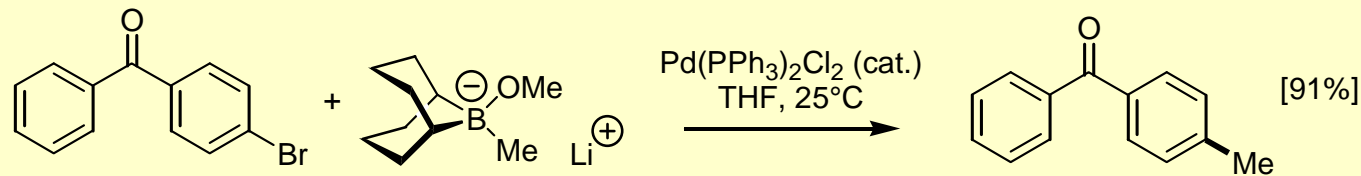
- **Stille type couplings:**

- e.g. Vedejs *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1992**, 114, 6556 ([DOI](#))



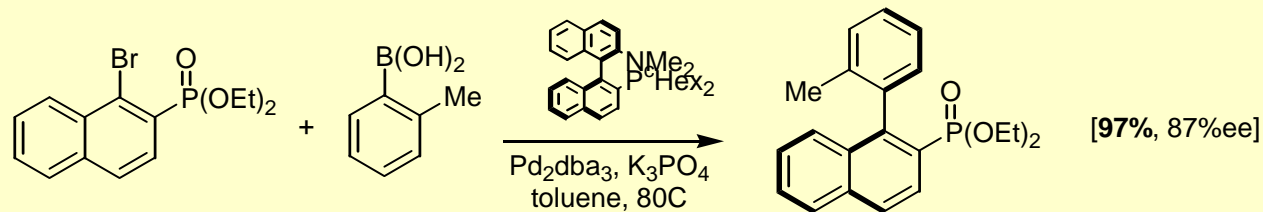
- **Boronate couplings:**

- e.g. Fürstner *Tetrahedron* **1995**, 51, 11165 ([DOI](#))
- see also potassium alkyltrifluoroborates: Molander *Org. Lett.* **2001**, 3, 393 ([DOI](#))

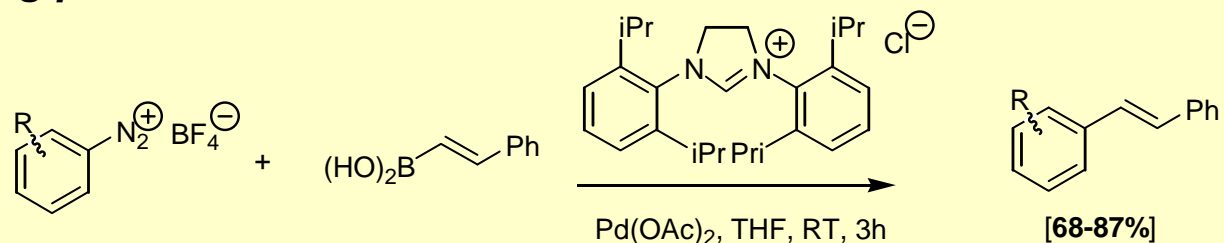


Advances/frontiers in cross-coupling technology

- **Use of aryl chlorides as substrates (i.e. difficult oxidative addition):**
 - **review:** *Fu Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2002**, 41, 4176 ([DOI](#))
 - e.g. bulky alkyl phosphine ligands (bi-PhP^tBu₂): *Buchwald J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1999**, 121, 9550 ([DOI](#)) & Stable N-heterocyclic carbene ligands (IMes): *Nolan J. Organometal. Chem.* **2002**, 653, 69 ([DOI](#))
- **Atropisomer-selective asymmetric cross-coupling to form highly hindered biaryls:**
 - e.g. Suzuki with chiral binaphthyl ligand: *Buchwald J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2000**, 122, 12051 ([DOI](#))

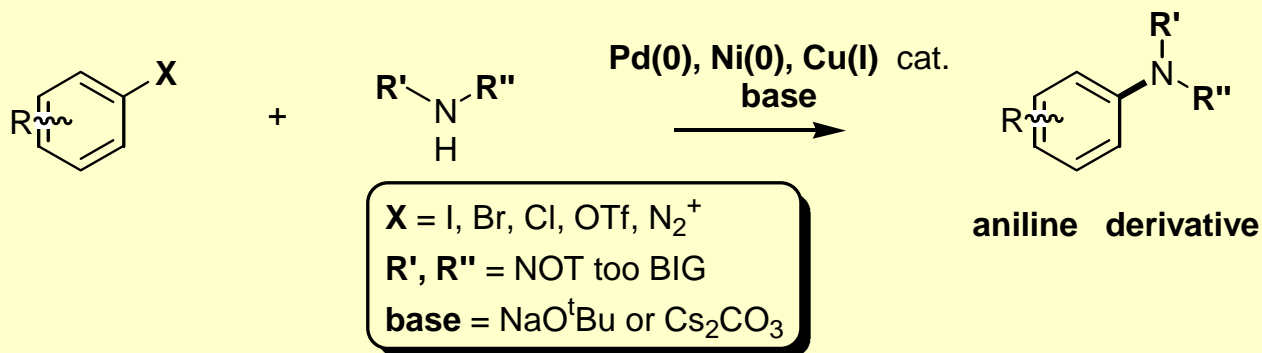


- **ALKYL – ALKYL coupling:**
 - ligands that suppress β-hydride elimination: e.g. *Fu J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2007**, 129, 9602 ([DOI](#))
- **Room temperature coupling reactions:**
 - e.g. Heck reactions: *Fu J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2001**, 123, 6989 ([DOI](#))
- **One-pot aryl metal formation/cross-coupling:**
 - Hydrostannylation/Stille coupling: e.g. *Maleczka J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2001**, 123, 3194 ([DOI](#))
- **Diazonium salts as cross-coupling partners:**
 - *Andrus Org. Lett.* **2001**, 3, 3761 ([DOI](#))



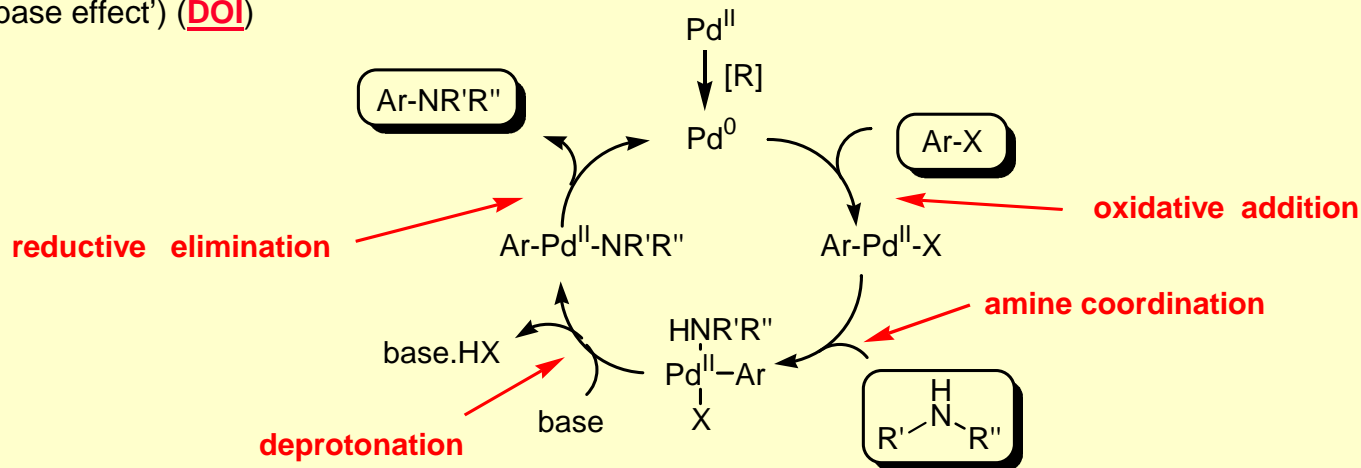
C-N bond 'cross-coupling' – nucleophilic amination

- **prior art:** S_EAr nitration, then reduction, then alkylation or reductive amination; Goldberg reaction.
- **reviews:** Mauger *Aldrichimica Acta* **2006**, 39, 17 ([DOI](#)); Kunz *Synlett* **2003**, 2428 (Cu) ([DOI](#)); Prim *Tetrahedron* **2002**, 58, 2041 (Pd) ([DOI](#)); Hartwig *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.* **1998**, 37, 2046; Frost, *J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans. 1* **1998**, 2615 ([DOI](#)); Hartwig *Synlett* **1997**, 329 ([DOI](#))
- **overall scheme:**



- **mechanism (Pd):**

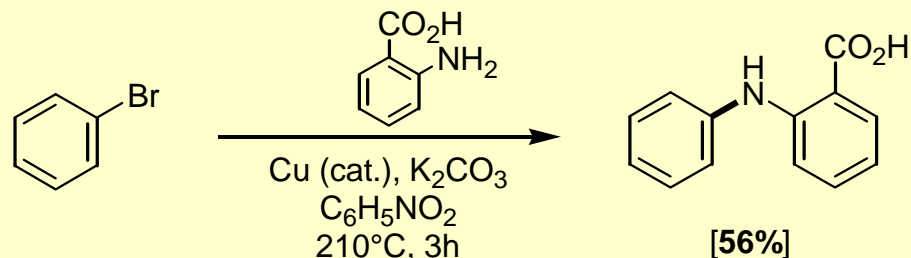
- Buchwald, Hartwig & Blackmond *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2006**, 128, 3584 ([DOI](#))
- Maes *J. Org. Chem.* **2004**, 69, 6010 ('base effect') ([DOI](#))



Historical development

- **1906: Goldberg reaction (Cu)**

- Goldberg *Chem. Ber.* **1906**, 39, 1691



- **1995-2000: Buchwald-Hartwig amination [Pd (& Ni)]**

- **FIRST GENERATION (G1):**

- **ligand:** P(*o*-Tol)₃
- **aryl halide substrate:** X = Br or I; Ar = non-hindered, electron poor or neutral
- **amine nucleophile:** cyclic secondary
- **typical conditions:** Pd(0), P(*o*-Tol)₃, NaO^tBu or LiHMDS, toluene, 80-100 °C

- **SECOND GENERATION (G2):**

- **ligand:** chelating diphosphines
- **aryl halide substrate:** X = Br, I or OTf; Ar = electron rich, poor or neutral, heteroaromatic
- **amine nucleophile:** cyclic secondary, primary and anilines
- **typical conditions:** Pd(0), DPPF or BINAP, Cs₂CO₃ or K₃PO₄, toluene, 80-100 °C

- **THIRD GENERATION (G3):**

- **ligand:** electron rich monodentate phosphines OR *N*-heterocyclic stable carbenes (NHCs)
- **aryl halide substrate:** X = Cl, Br, I, OTf or OTs; Ar = electron rich, poor or neutral, heteroaromatic
- **amine nucleophile:** secondary (cyclic & acyclic), primary and anilines
- **typical conditions:** Pd(0), electron rich monophosphine/carbene, NaO^tBu, Cs₂CO₃ or K₃PO₄, toluene, rt-100 °C

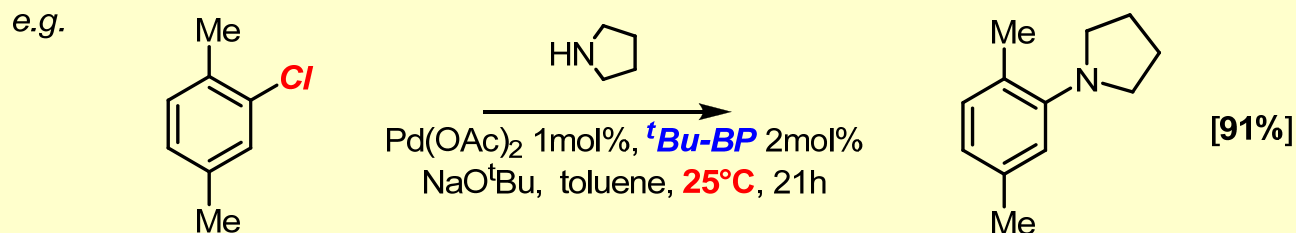
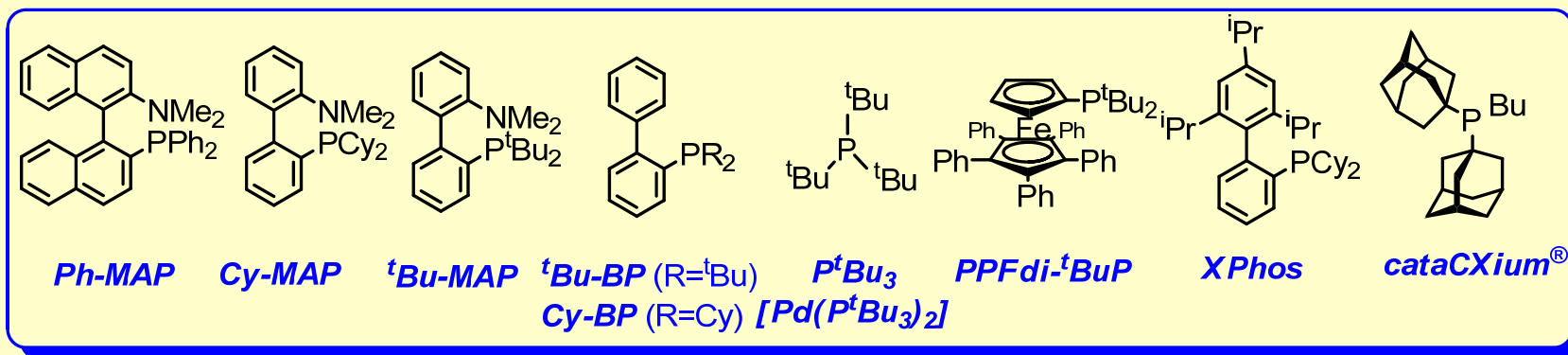
- **2000-: Renaissance of Goldberg-type amination (Cu):**

- chelating **diamine** and **diol** ligands

Intermolecular coupling of 2° amines (Pd)

• Ar-Br & Ar-Cl ↔ 2° amines (Pd):

- **G3 phosphine ligand systems. Highlight:** Stürmer *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **1999**, 38, 3307 ([DOI](#))
- **Ph-MAP:** Kocovsky *Tet. Lett.* **1998**, 39, 9289 ([DOI](#))
- **Cy-MAP:** Buchwald *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1998**, 120, 9722 ([DOI](#))
- **^tBu-MAP, Cy-BP, ^tBu-BP:** Buchwald *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.* **1999**, 38, 2413 ([DOI](#)) & *J. Org. Chem.* **2000**, 65, 1158 ([DOI](#)) & **2001**, 66, 3820 (solid-supported) ([DOI](#)) & *Org. Lett.* **2002**, 4, 2885 ([DOI](#))
- **P(^tBu)₃:** Nishiyama *Tet. Lett.* **1998**, 39, 617 ([DOI](#)), & Hartwig *J. Org. Chem.* **1999**, 64, 5575 ([DOI](#)) & **2002**, 67, 6479 ([DOI](#))
- **PPFditBuP:** Hartwig *J. Org. Chem.* **2002**, 67, 5553 ([DOI](#))
- **azaphosphatranes:** Verkade *Org. Lett.* **2003**, 5, 815 ([DOI](#)) & *Org. Lett.* **2005**, 7, 4427 (vinyl halides) ([DOI](#))
- **XPhos:** Buchwald *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2003**, 125, 6653 ([DOI](#)) & *Org. Lett.* **2005**, 7, 3965 (heteroaryl halides) ([DOI](#))
- **cataCXium®:** Beller *Tetrahedron* **2005**, 61, 9705 ([DOI](#))

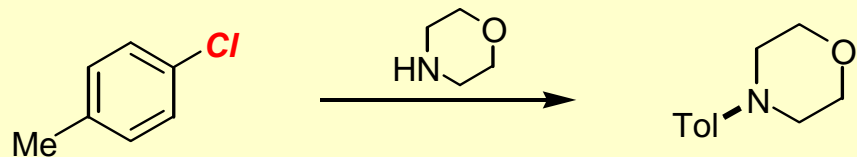
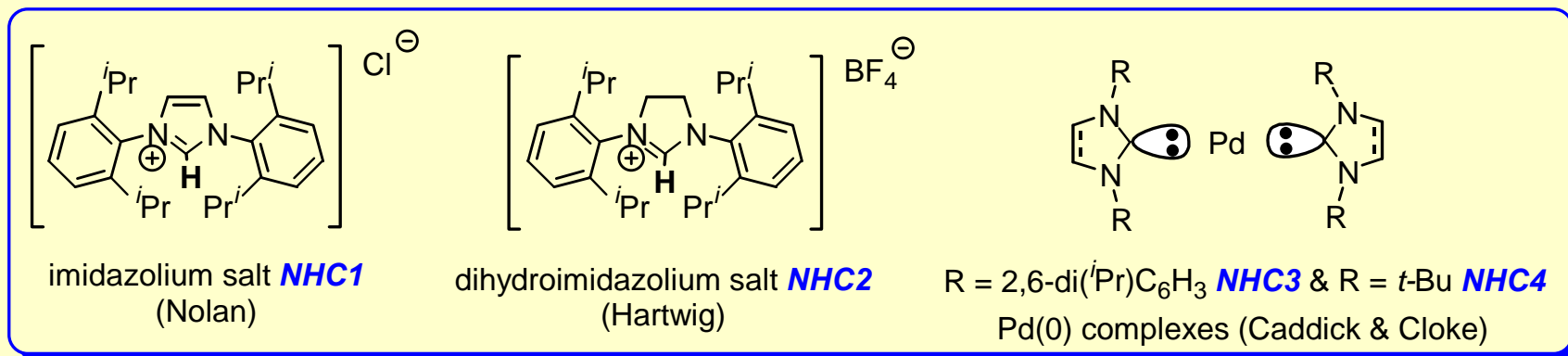


Intermolecular coupling of 2° amines (Pd) cont.

- **Ar-Cl** ↔ 2° amines (Pd):

- **G3 N-heterocyclic carbene (NHC) ligand systems:**

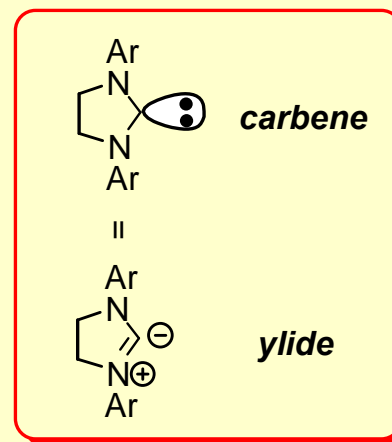
- **in situ generation:** Nolan *Org. Lett.* **1999**, 1, 1307 ([DOI](#)); Nolan *J. Org. Chem.* **2001**, 66, 7729 ([DOI](#)); Nolan *Org. Lett.* **2002**, 4, 2229 ([DOI](#)); Hartwig *Org. Lett.* **2000**, 2, 1423 ([DOI](#))
- **pre-formed:** Caddick *Chem. Commun.* **2001**, 1388 ([DOI](#)) & *Tetrahedron* **2005**, 61, 9710 ([DOI](#))
- **no catalyst!:** using CsOH·H₂O in DMSO via arynes? Adapa *Synlett* **2004** 1747 ([DOI](#))



Pd₂(DBA)₃, **NHC1** 1mol%, KO^tBu, 1,4-dioxane, **100°C**: [100%]

Pd(DBA)₂ 1mol%, **NHC2** 1mol%, NaO^tBu, DME, **25°C**: [82%]

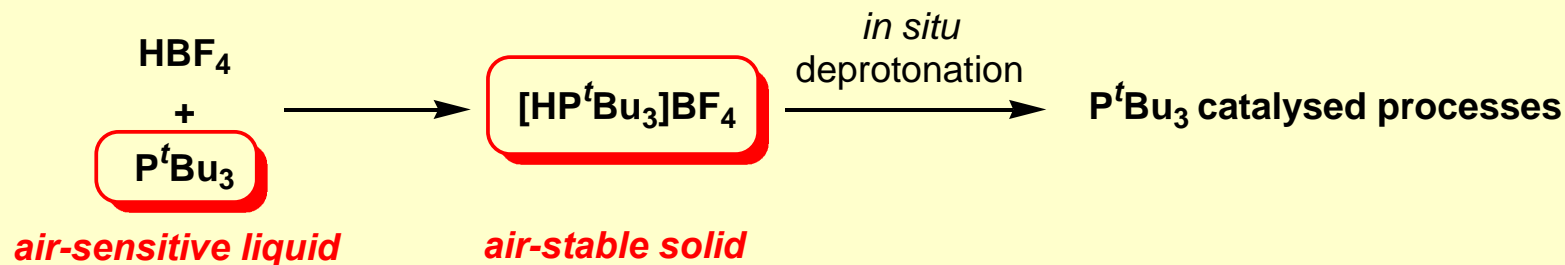
NHC3 1mol%, KO^tBu, 1,4-dioxane, **100°C**: [99%]



Air-stable trialkylphosphonium salts & pre-catalysts

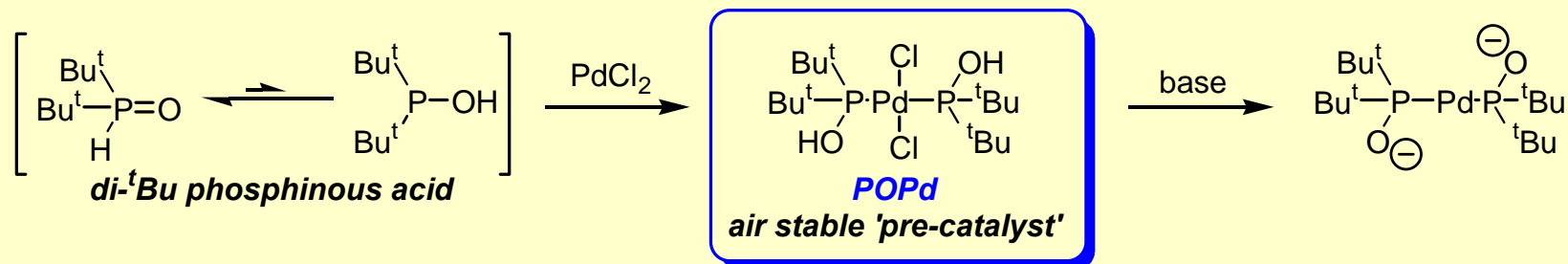
- **phosphonium salts as practical replacements for air-sensitive alkyl phosphines:**

– Fu *Org. Lett.* **2001**, 3, 4295 ([DOI](#))



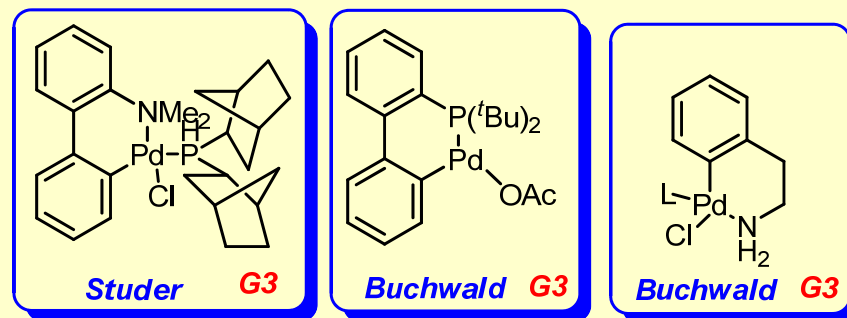
- **air stable Pd(II)-phosphinous acid complexes:**

– Li *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2001**, 40, 1513 ([DOI](#)); Li *J. Org. Chem.* **2001**, 66, 8677 ([DOI](#))



- **air stable palladacycles:**

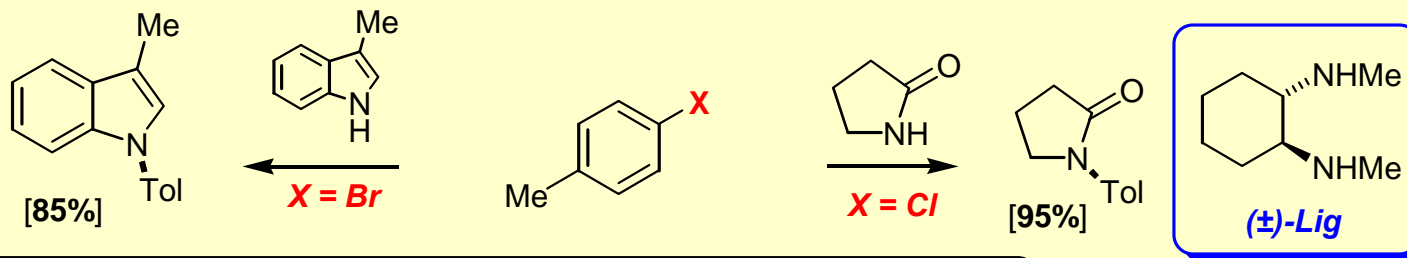
– Studer *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2002**, 41, 3668 ([DOI](#))
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Cu catalysis

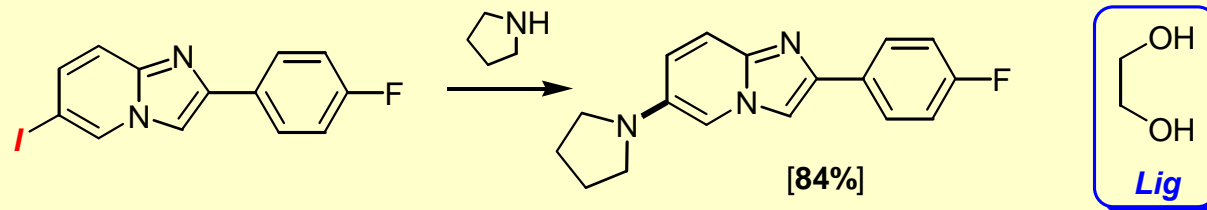
- **Ar-Cl** ↔ **2° amines, anilines, amides & azoles (Cu):**

- **catalytic Goldberg coupling - review:** Kunz *Synlett* **2003**, 2428 ([DOI](#)); **mechanism:** Buchwald *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2005**, 127, 4120 ([DOI](#)); **comparison of ligands:** Wiederman *Tet. Lett.* **2006**, 47, 6011 ([DOI](#))
- **diamine ligands:** Buchwald *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2001**, 123, 7727 ([DOI](#)), Buchwald *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2002**, 124, 7421 ([DOI](#)); Buchwald *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2002**, 124, 11684 ([DOI](#)), Kang *Synlett* **2002**, 427 ([DOI](#)), Buchwald *J. Org. Chem.* **2004**, 69, 5578 ([DOI](#)), You *J. Org. Chem.* **2007**, 72, 2737 ([DOI](#)), Mino *Synlett* **2008**, 614 ([DOI](#))



conditions: **Cul** 1 mol%, **Lig** 10 mol%, K₃PO₄ 2eq, 1,4-dioxane, 110 °C

- **diol & triol ligands:** Buchwald *Org. Lett.* **2002**, 4, 581 ([DOI](#)), Buchwald *J. Org. Chem.* **2003**, 68, 4367 ([DOI](#)), Chen *Org. Lett.* **2007**, 8, 5609 ([DOI](#)); **MW acceleration** see: Lange *Tet. Lett.* **2002**, 43, 1101 ([DOI](#)); **solvent free** see: Li *J. Org. Chem.* **2006**, 71, 8324 ([DOI](#))



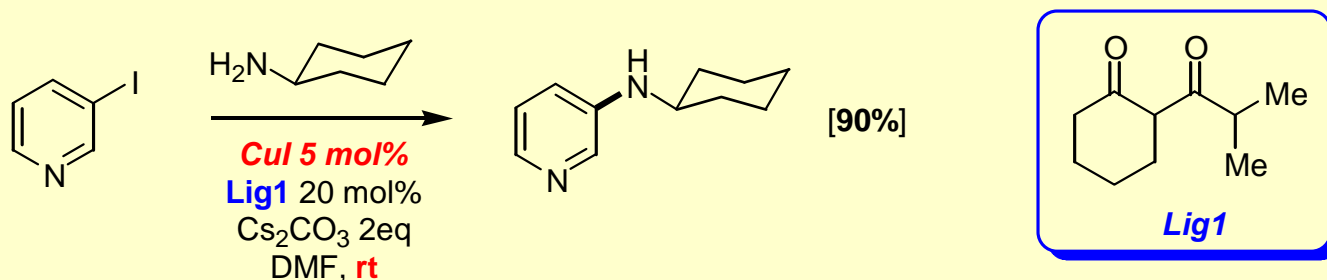
conditions: **Cul** 10 mol%, **Lig** 200 mol%, K₃PO₄ 2eq, IPA, 110 °C

- **benzotriazole ligand:** Verma *Tet. Lett.* **2007**, 48, 4207 ([DOI](#)); **amino acid ligands:** Ma *J. Org. Chem.* **2005**, 70, 5164 ([DOI](#)); **diazaphospholane ligand:** Liu *J. Org. Chem.* **2007**, 72, 8969 ([DOI](#)); **N-hydroxyimide ligand:** Jiang *J. Org. Chem.* **2007**, 72, 8943 ([DOI](#)); **pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid ligand:** Buchwald *J. Org. Chem.* **2008**, 73, 5167 ([DOI](#)); **ligand free:** with MW acceleration: Wu *Tet. Lett.* **2003**, 44, 3385 (**sulfonamides**) ([DOI](#))

Cu catalysis *state-of-the-art*

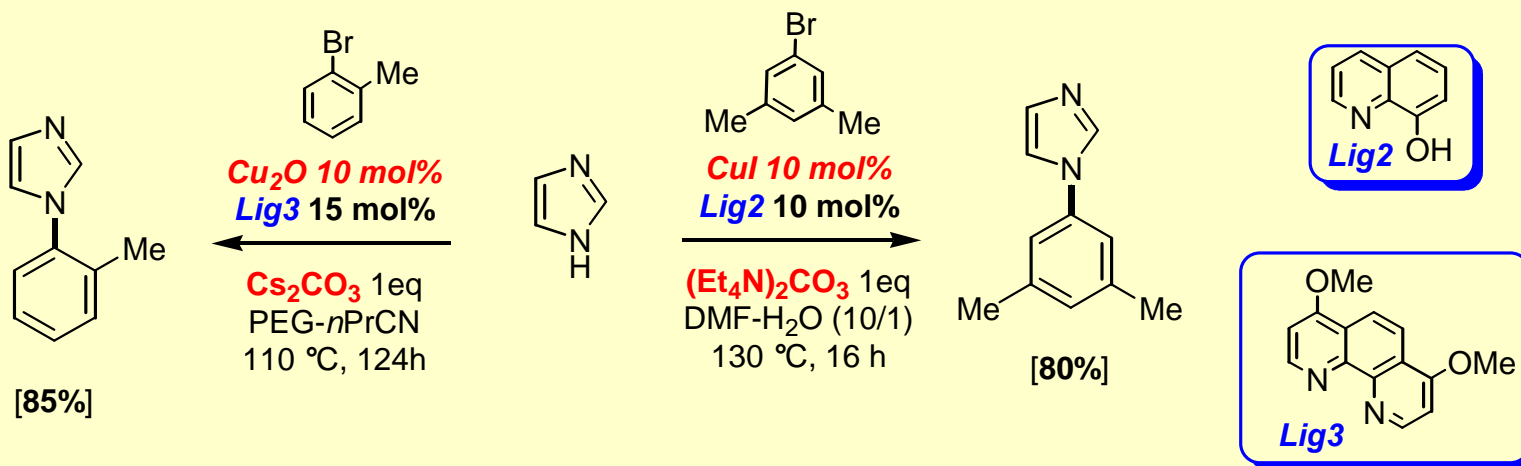
- **Ar-I ↔ 1°/2° amines, anilines *at RT* (Cu):**

- Buchwald *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2006**, 128, 8742 ([DOI](#))



- **Ar-Br/Ar-I ↔ imidazoles (Cu):**

- Buchwald *Org. Lett.* **2006**, 8, 2779 ([Lig2](#)) ([DOI](#)), Liu *J. Org. Chem.* **2005**, 70, 10135 ([Lig3](#)) ([DOI](#)), Buchwald *J. Org. Chem.* **2007**, 72, 6190 ([DOI](#))



- **Ar-Br/Ar-I ↔ R-NH₂ *in water* (Cu):** Wan *Synthesis* **2006**, 3955 ([DOI](#))

- **Ar-Br/Cl ↔ imidazoles *no ligand* (Cu):** You *J. Org. Chem.* **2007**, 72, 8535 ([DOI](#))

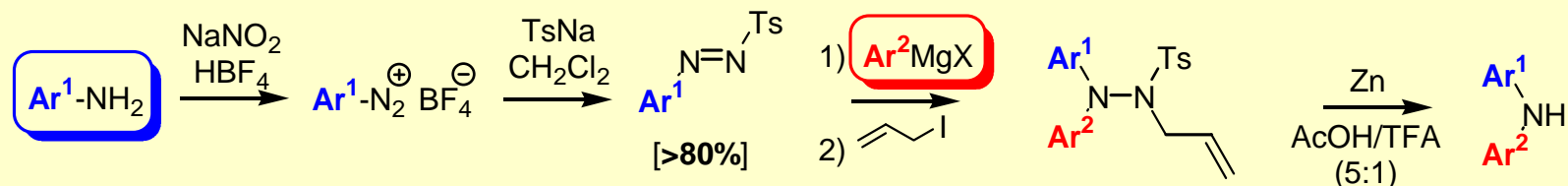
C-N bond formation – *electrophilic amination*

- **aryl Grignard reagents + nitroarenes:**

- Knochel *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2002**, 124, 9390 ([DOI](#)) (NB. requires 2 eq of Grignard reagent)

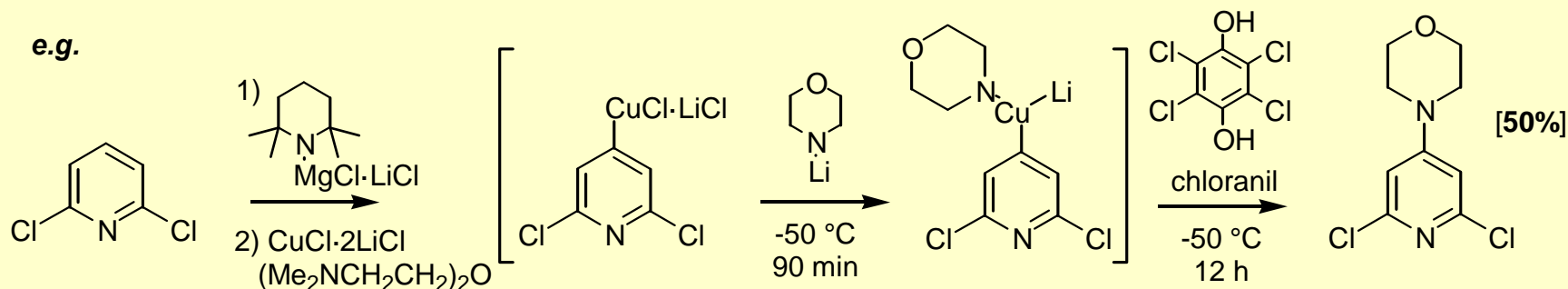
- **aryl & alkyl Grignard reagents + arylazo tosylates:**

- Knochel *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2004**, 43, 897 ([DOI](#))



- **oxidative coupling of aryl Cuprate reagents lithium amides:**

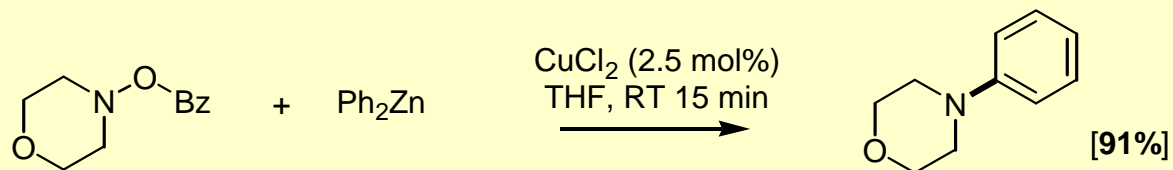
- Knochel *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2006**, 45, 7838 ([DOI](#)) & Knochel *Synthesis* **2007**, 1272 ([DOI](#))



C-N bond formation – *electrophilic amination*

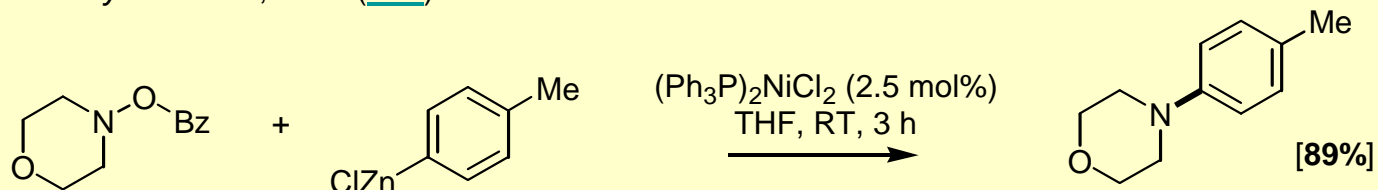
- **R_2Zn + O-benzoylhydroxylamines with $CuCl_2$ (cat.):**

- Johnson *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2004**, 126, 5680 ([DOI](#)) & *J. Org. Chem.* **2005**, 70, 364 ([DOI](#)) & *J. Org. Chem.* **2006**, 71, 219 ([DOI](#))



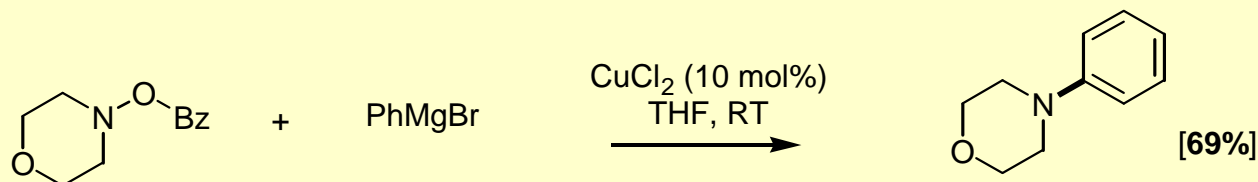
- **$RZnX$ + O-benzoylhydroxylamines with $Ni(PPh_3)_2Cl_2$ (cat.):**

- Johnson *Synlett* **2005**, 1799 ([DOI](#))



- **$RMgX$ + O-benzoylhydroxylamines with $CuCl_2$ (cat.):**

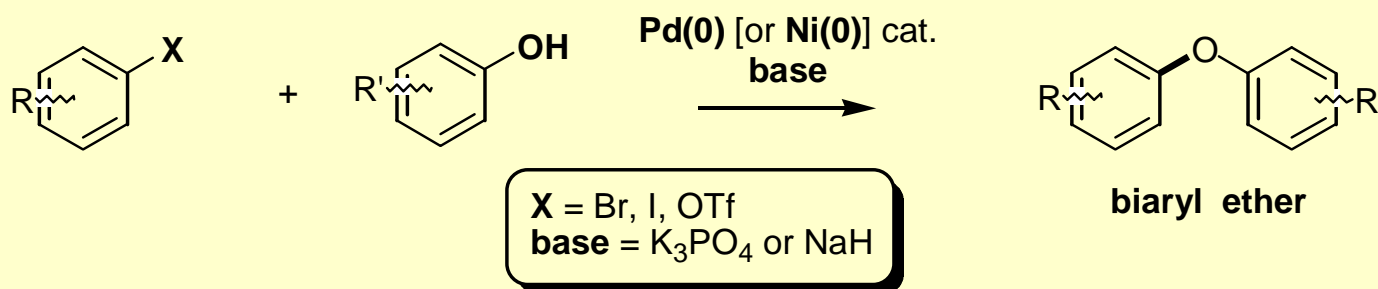
- Johnson *Org. Lett.* **2007**, 9, 1521 (also mechanistic studies confirm S_N2) ([DOI](#))



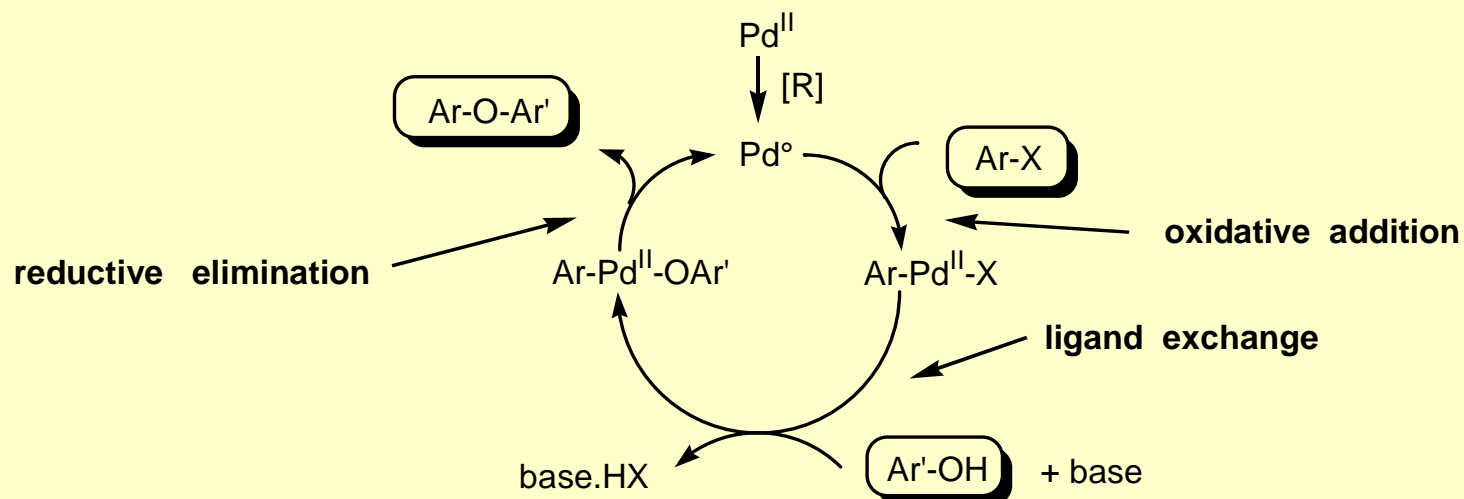
C-O bond cross-coupling - overview

- **prior art:** the copper mediated Ullmann biaryl ether synthesis
- **reviews:** Theil *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **1999**, *38*, 2345 ([DOI](#)); Hartwig *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **1998**, *37*, 2046 ([DOI](#)); Frost *J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans. 1* **1998**, 2615 ([DOI](#)); Hartwig *Synlett* **1997**, 329 ([DOI](#))

- **overall scheme:**



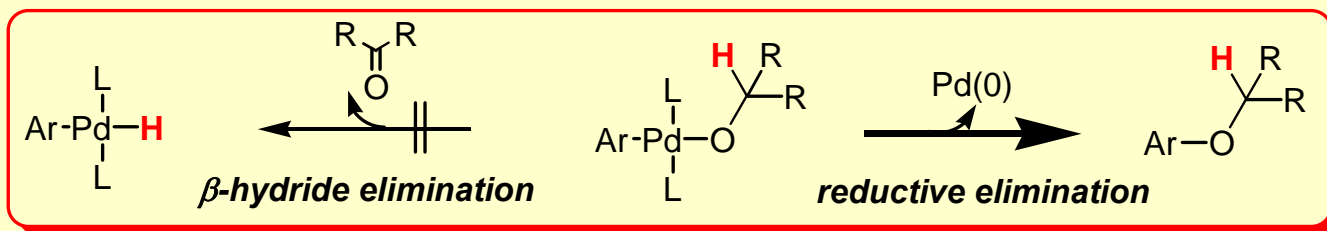
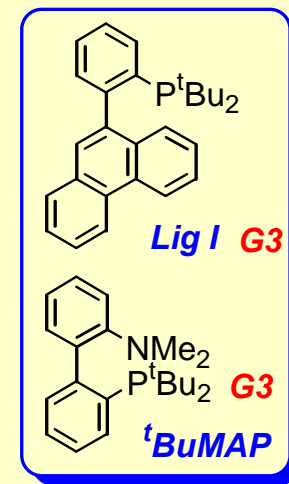
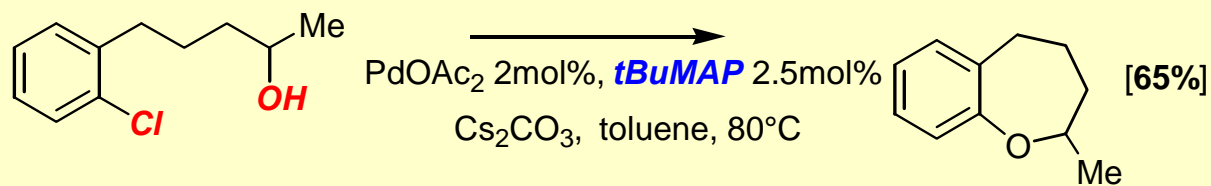
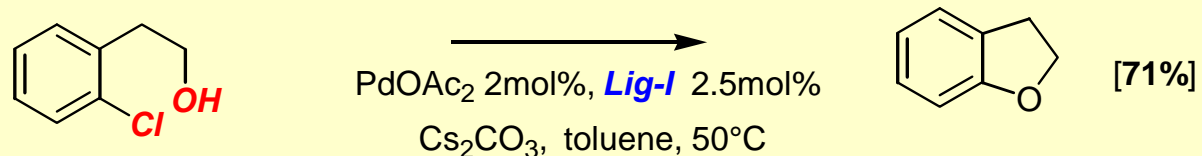
- **mechanism:**



Intramolecular etherification of arylchlorides (1°/2° OH)

- **Pd(0) cat. intramolecular etherification of Ar-Cl with 1° and 2° alcohols:**

- formation of 5-, 6-, and 7-membered rings
- Buchwald *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2000**, 122, 12907 ([DOI](#)); Buchwald *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2001**, 123, 12202 ([DOI](#))

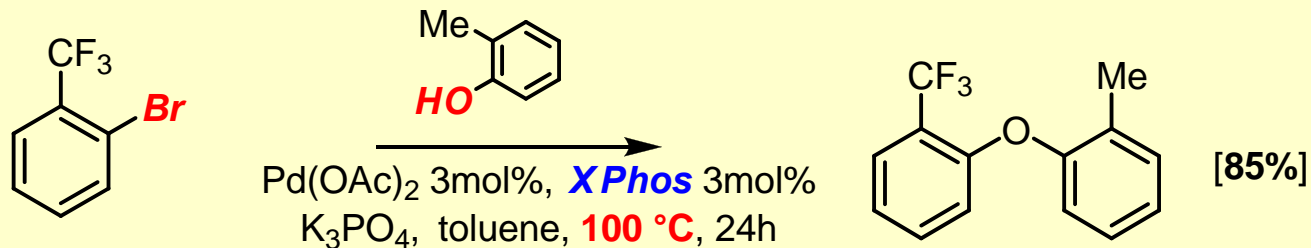


Pd(0) catalysed biaryl ether formation – *state-of-the-art*

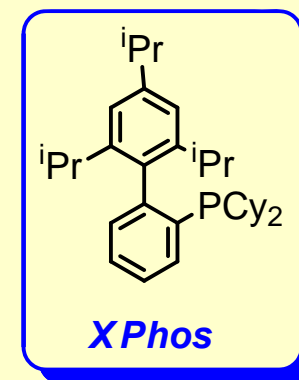
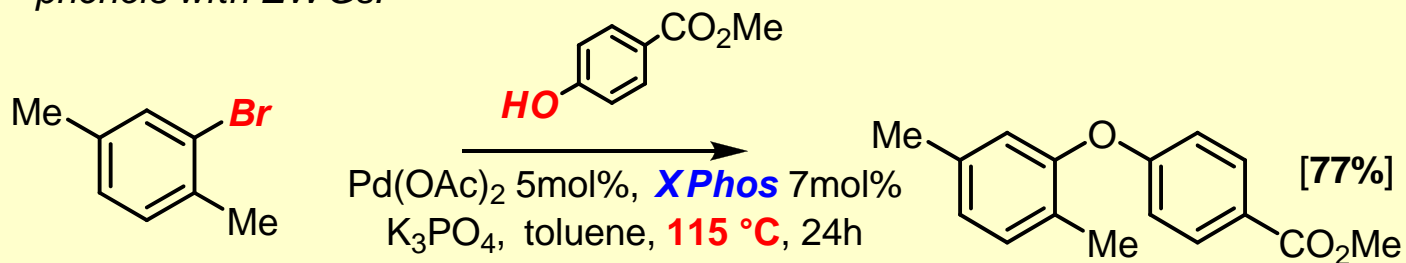
- **Pd(0) cat. etherification of Ar-Hal with phenols:**

- Buchwald *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2006**, 45, 4321 ([DOI](#))

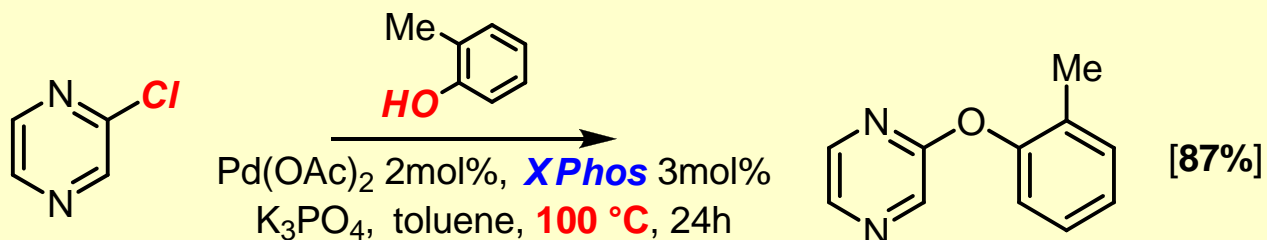
aryl halides with EWG at ortho position:



phenols with EWGs:



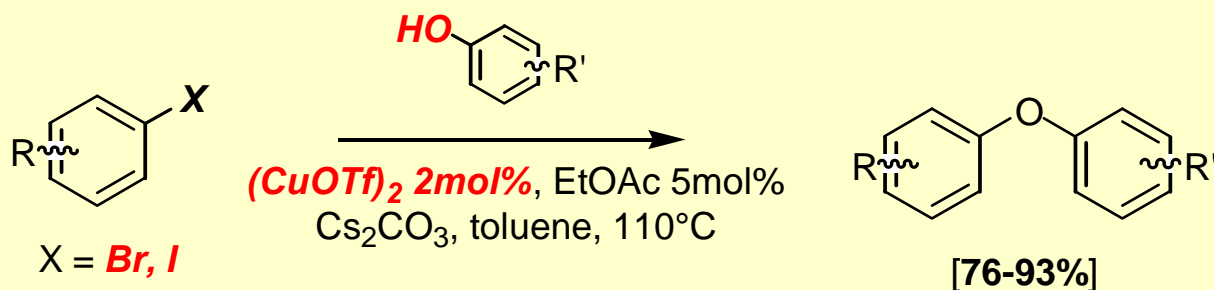
heteroaryl halides:



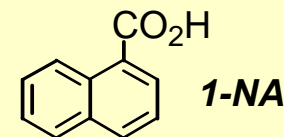
Cu(I) catalysed biaryl ether formation

- **Cu(I) cat. etherification of Ar-Br with phenols:**

- **catalytic Ullmann coupling:** electron rich and deficient partners react; di-*ortho*-substituted phenols give low yields (20-30%)
- Buchwald *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1997**, 119, 10539 ([DOI](#))



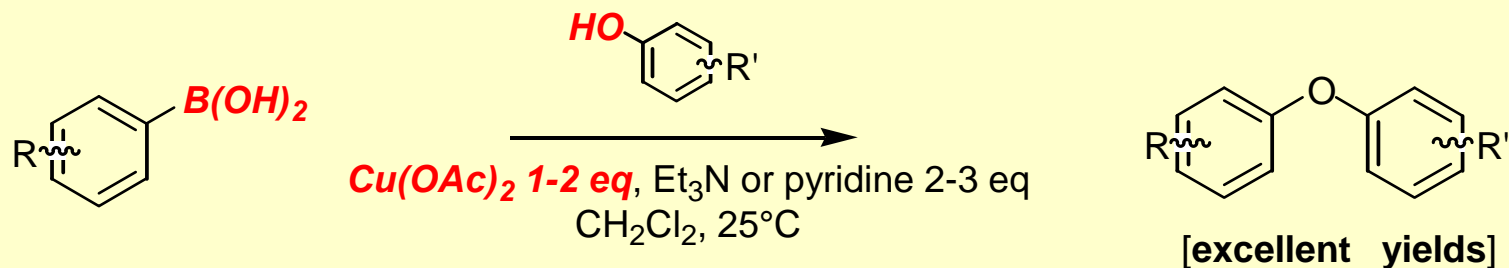
NB. 1 eq 1-NA sometimes added to aid solubility of phenoxide



- See also Zhang *Chem. Commun.* **2007**, 3186 ([DOI](#)) – CuI (20 mol%), Cs_2CO_3 , 145 °C, $\text{Si}(\text{OEt})_4$ as solvent

- **Cu(I) cat. etherification of Ar-B(OH)₂ with phenols:**

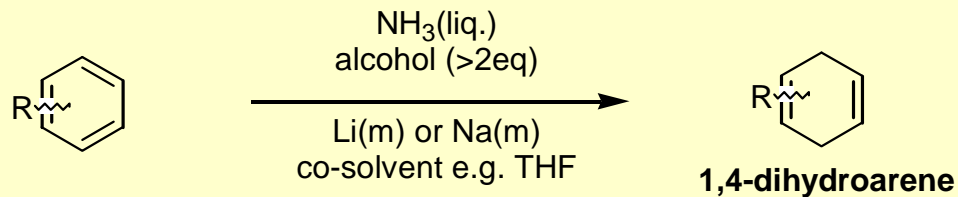
- Chan *Tet. Lett.* **1998**, 39, 2933 ([DOI](#)); Evans *Tet. Lett.* **1998**, 39, 2937 ([DOI](#))



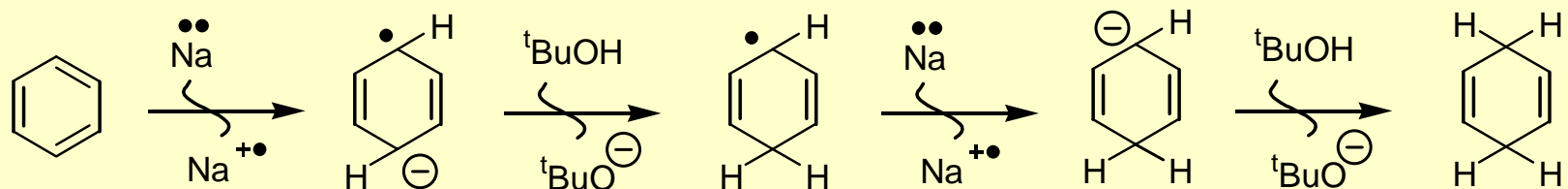
Birch Reduction

- **Overall Scheme**

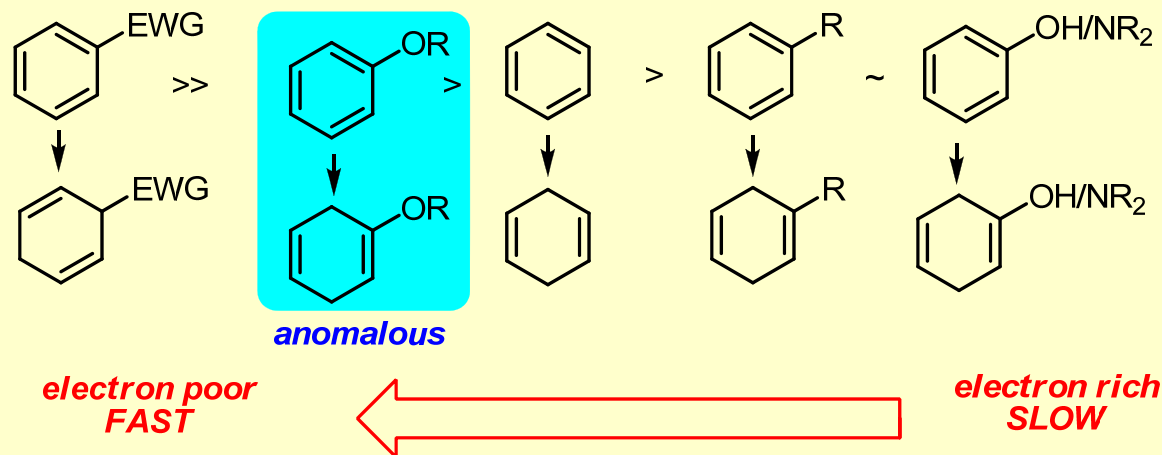
- **reviews:** Mander *Comp. Org. Synth.* **1995**, 8, 489 & Donohoe *Tet. Asymm.* **1996**, 7, 317 ([DOI](#))



- **Mechanism:**

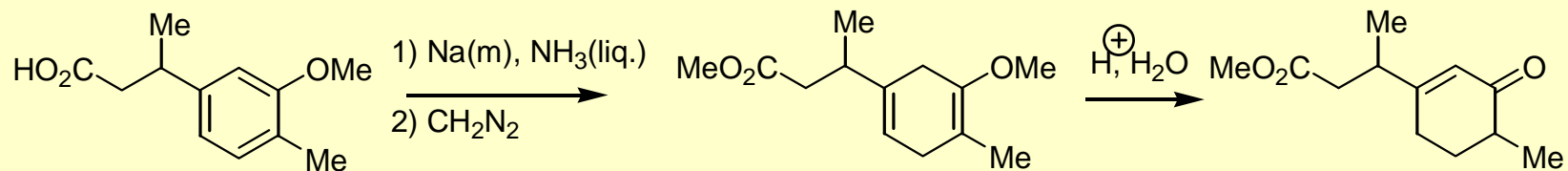


- **Rates and Regioselectivity:**

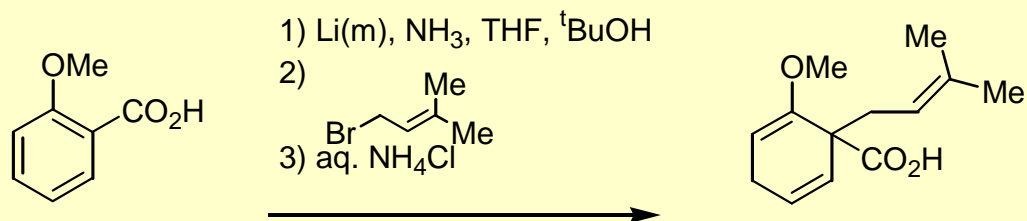


Birch reduction & alkylation

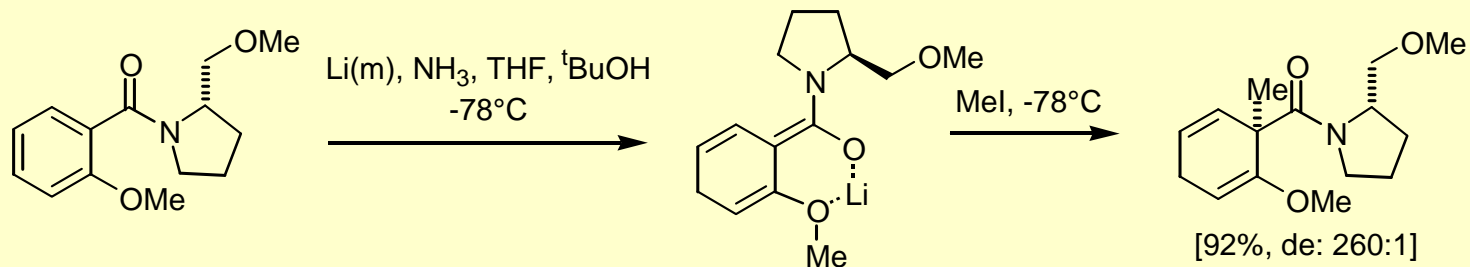
- Pinder *J. Org. Chem.* **1972**, 37, 2202 ([DOI](#))



- Chandrasekaran *Tet. Lett.* **1982**, 23, 3799 ([DOI](#))



- Schultz *Chem. Commun.* **1999**, 1263 ([DOI](#))

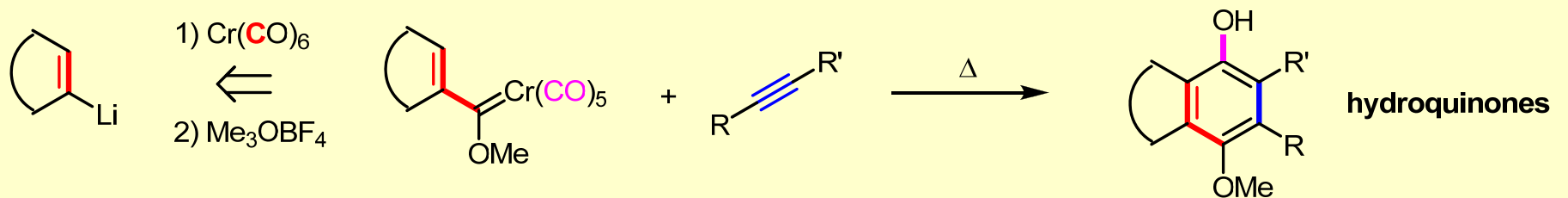


Dötz Benzannulation [3+2+1]

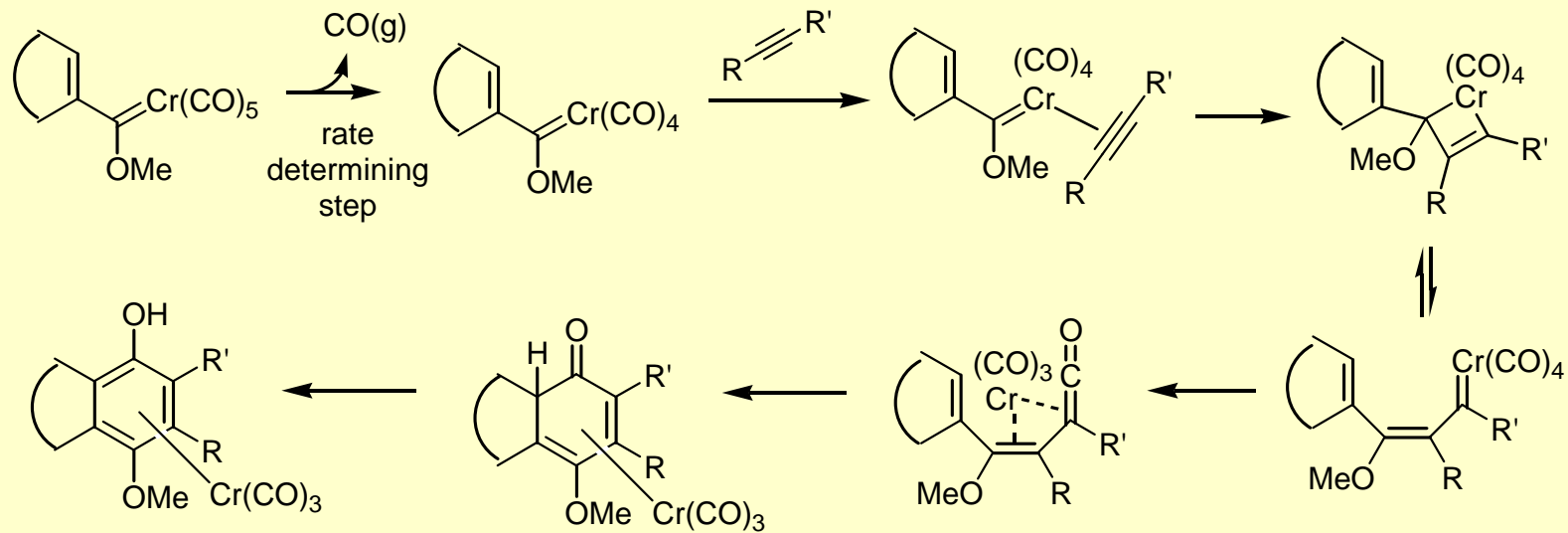
- Review:**

- Shore *Chem. Rev.* **1988**, 88, 108 ([DOI](#))

- Overall scheme:**



- Mechanism:**



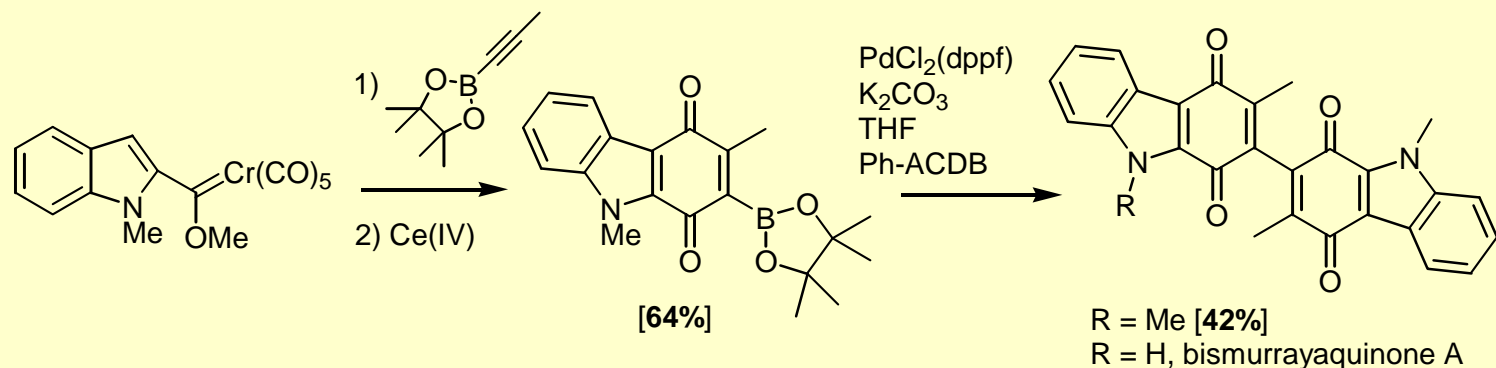
Dötz Benzannulation

- **Features:**

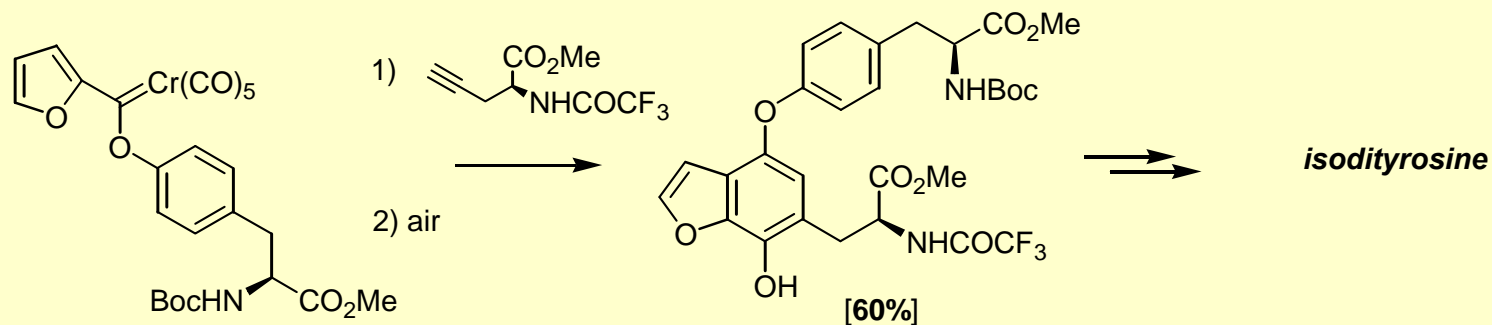
- First reported by Dötz in 1975.
- Only moderate regioselectivity if R and R' are of similar size.
- Can tolerate a wide range of functionality.

- **Examples:**

- Harrity *J. Org. Chem.* **2001**, 66, 3525 ([DOI](#))

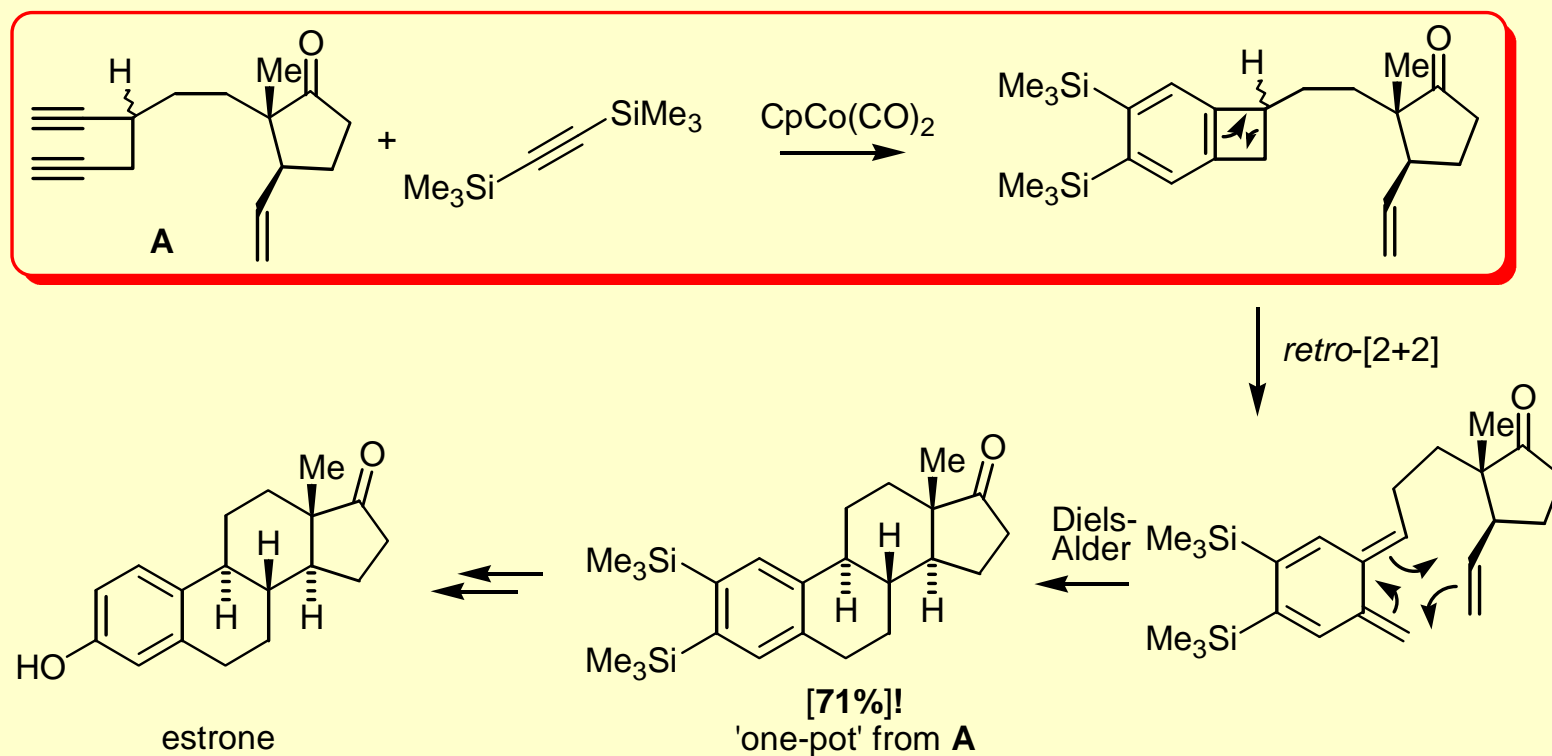


- Pulley *J. Org. Chem.* **2005**, 70, 7422 ([DOI](#))



Vollhardt [2+2+2] cycloaddition

- **Features:**
 - Can also perform with 2 x alkynes and a nitrile to give pyridines
- **Example**
 - Vollhardt *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1977**, 99, 5483 ([DOI](#))

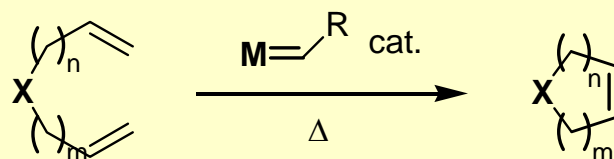


Ring Closing Metathesis (RCM)

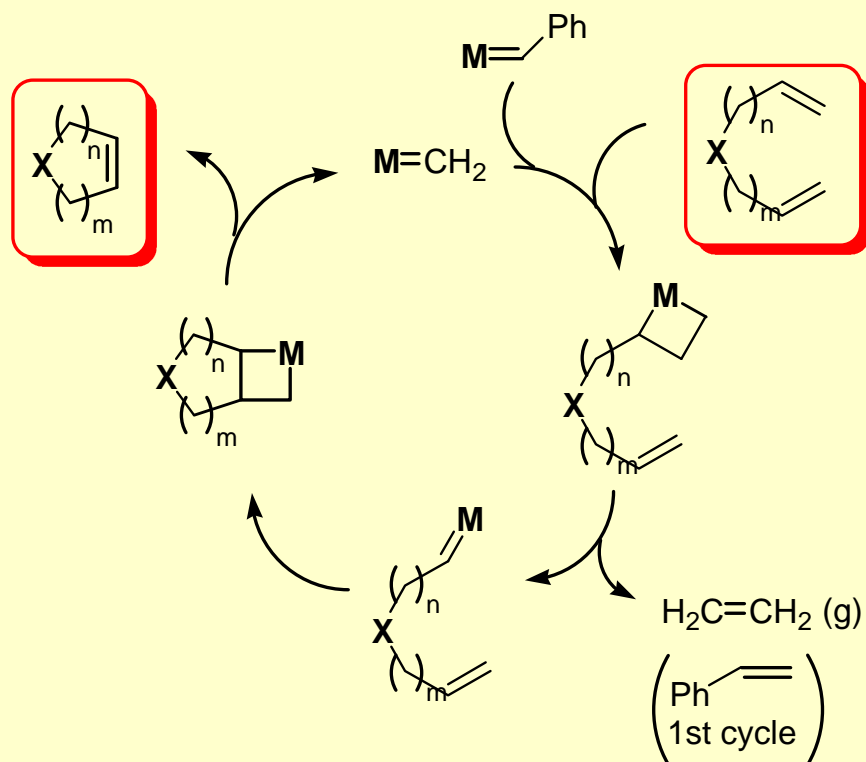
- **Reviews:**

- Furstner *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2000**, 39, 3012 (general) ([DOI](#)); Donohoe *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2006**, 45, 2664 (aromatic ring synthesis) ([DOI](#))

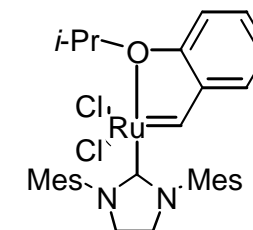
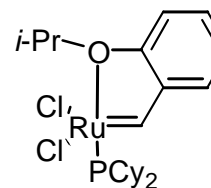
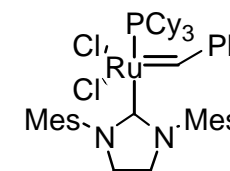
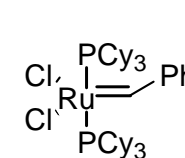
- **Overall scheme:**



- **Mechanism:**



- Driving force is loss of ethylene
- 5-7 Membered rings generally easy to close
- High dilution sometimes required to avoid polymerisation (ADMET) with large ring sizes
- Grubbs & Grubbs-Hoveyda pre-catalysts are all commercially available:



Grubbs-Hoveyda I Grubbs-Hoveyda II

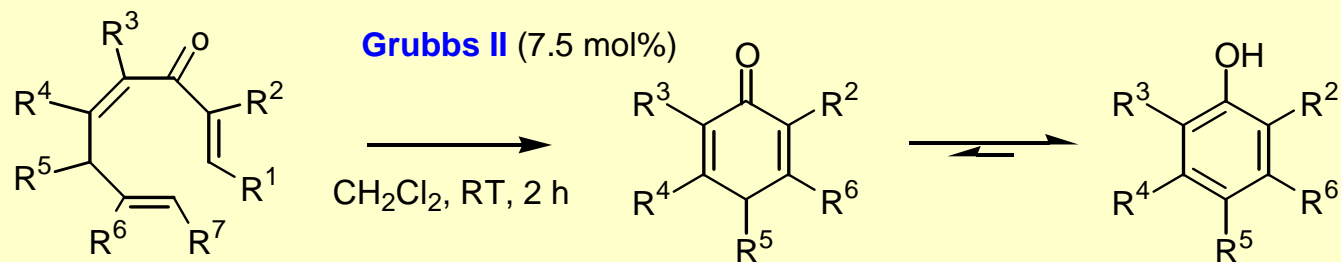
Ring Closing Metathesis (RCM)

- **Features:**

- high functional group tolerance and mild thermal conditions

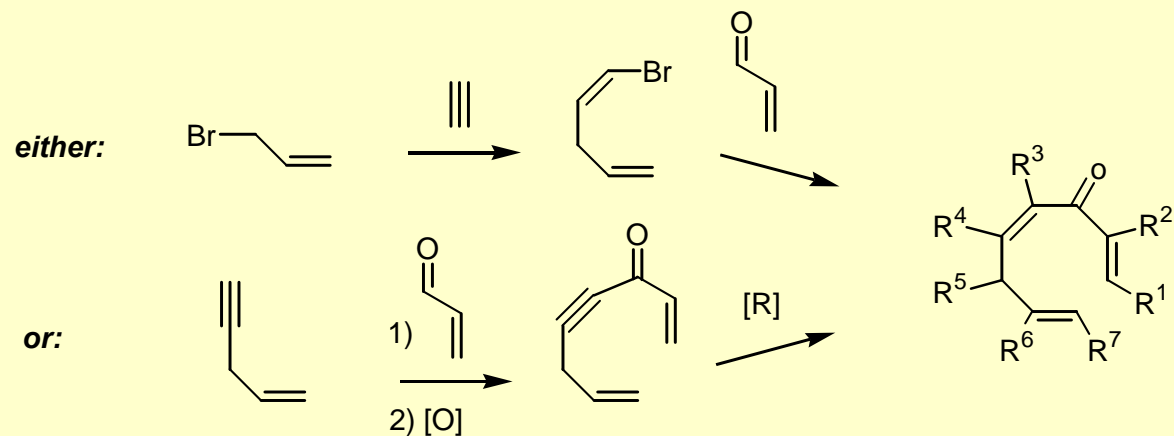
- **Example**

- Imamoto *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2005**, 127, 10470 ([DOI](#))



R = H, Me, Et, C₂H₄OH, C₂H₄OAc, *n*-Pr, Ph

- **synthesis of substrates:**



Summary

- **Formation of metal aryls:**
 - Reductive metalation (Barbier conditions)
 - Halogen-metal exchange (halogen-lithium and Grignard metathesis)
 - Deprotonation [directed *ortho*-lithiation (DoM)]
- **Transmetalation & cross-coupling reactions:**
 - Transmetalation to Cu, Zn, Sn, B, Ge, & Ce
 - Kumada-Corriu, Negishi, Stille, Suzuki, Hiyama/Denmark, Heck, Sonogashira & sp³
- **Buchwald/Hartwig amination & etherification:**
 - Amination of aryl chlorides
 - Biaryl ether formation
- **Birch reduction:**
 - Reduction/alkylation
- **'De novo' aryl synthesis reactions:**
 - Fischer carbene chemistry (Dötz reaction)
 - Cobalt mediated [2+2+2] reactions (Volhardt reaction)
 - Ring Closing Metathesis (RCM)