

# **Works by Prof. Bill Morandi**

## **- Isofunctional Reactions -**

**Literature Seminar**

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# Today's contents

1. Introduction of "isofunctional reactions"
2. Shuttle reactions - (retro-)hydrocyanation -
3. Metathesis reactions - C-S or C-P bond -

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2012 Ph. D; at the ETH Zurich in Organic Chemistry (under Prof. Erick M. Carreira)

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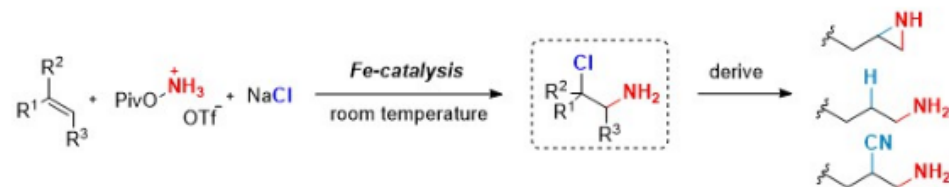
2018- Associate Professor (with tenure) at the ETH Zurich

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## 1. Shuttle Catalysis

## 2. Aliphatic C-O Bond Activation

## 3. Direct Catalytic Synthesis of Unprotected Amines



Aminochlorination (Science 2018)

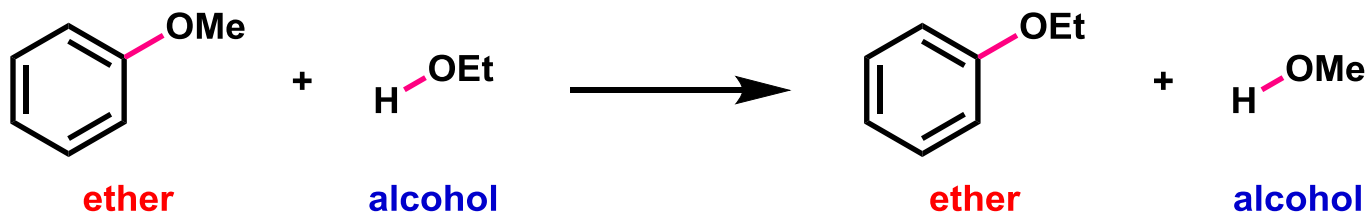
# Concept of "Isofunctional Reactions"

- definition of "isofunctional reactions" by Morandi

→ **the number and type of functional groups are conserved** throughout the reaction.  
(one of the reversible isodesmic reactions)

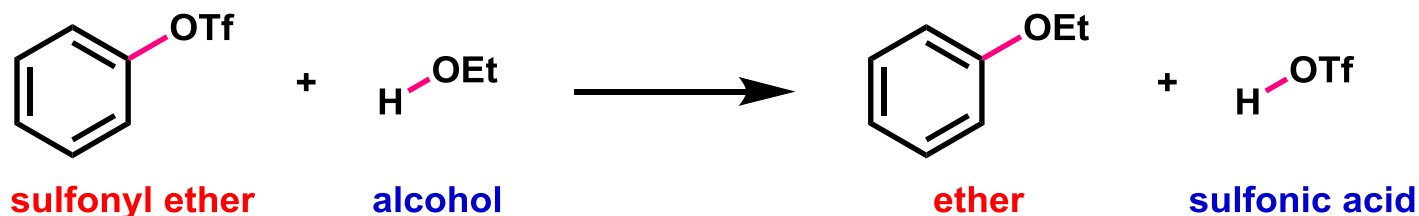
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- illustrative example of an **isofunctional**, isodesmic reaction



same bonds and **same** functional groups

- illustrative example of a **non-isofunctional**, isodesmic reaction



same bonds but **different** functional groups

# Classification of “Isofunctional Reactions”

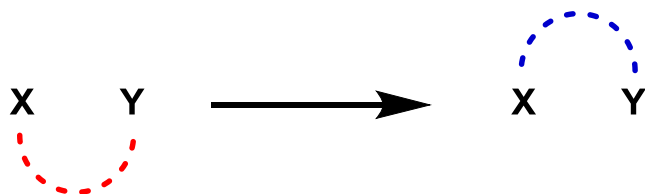
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→ classified in **3 groups**

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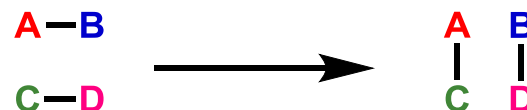
1. **isomerization** and **rearrangement** reaction (unimolecule)



2. shuttle reaction (more than 2 molecules)

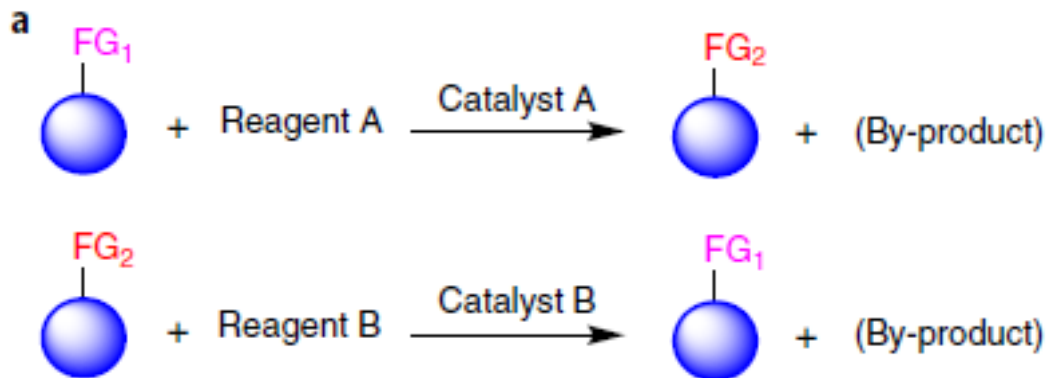


3. metathesis reaction (more than 2 molecules)



# Advantage of “Isofunctional Reactions”

## •traditional approach for functional group interconversion

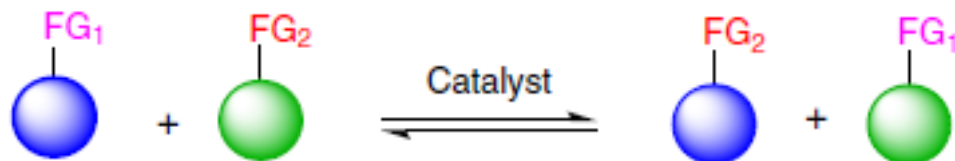


$\Delta G \ll 0 \rightarrow$  irreversible process

completely different reaction conditions

unstable reactive reagent  $\rightarrow$  toxic

## •functional group metathesis



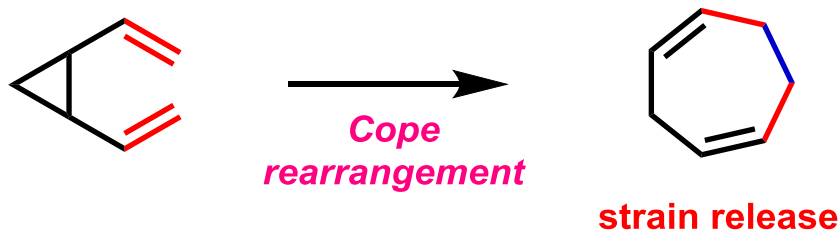
$\Delta G \approx 0 \rightarrow$  reversible process

similar reaction conditions

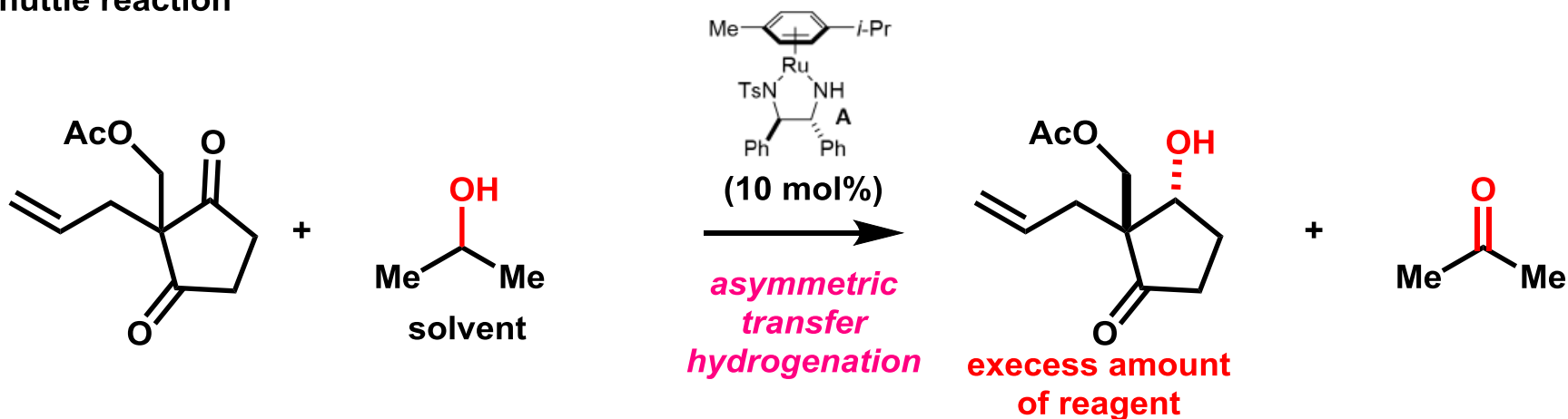
less toxic

# Driving Force of “Isofunctional Reactions”

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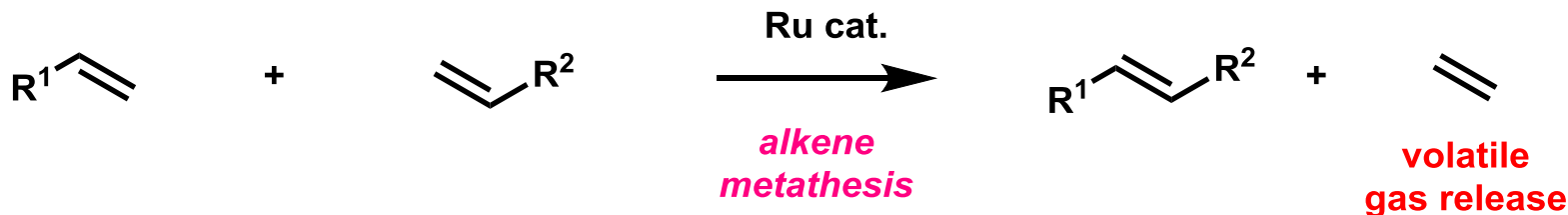


## 2. shuttle reaction



Noyori, R. et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1995**, *117*, 7562.  
Inoue, M. et al. *Org. Lett.* **2018**, *20*, 130.

## 3. metathesis reaction



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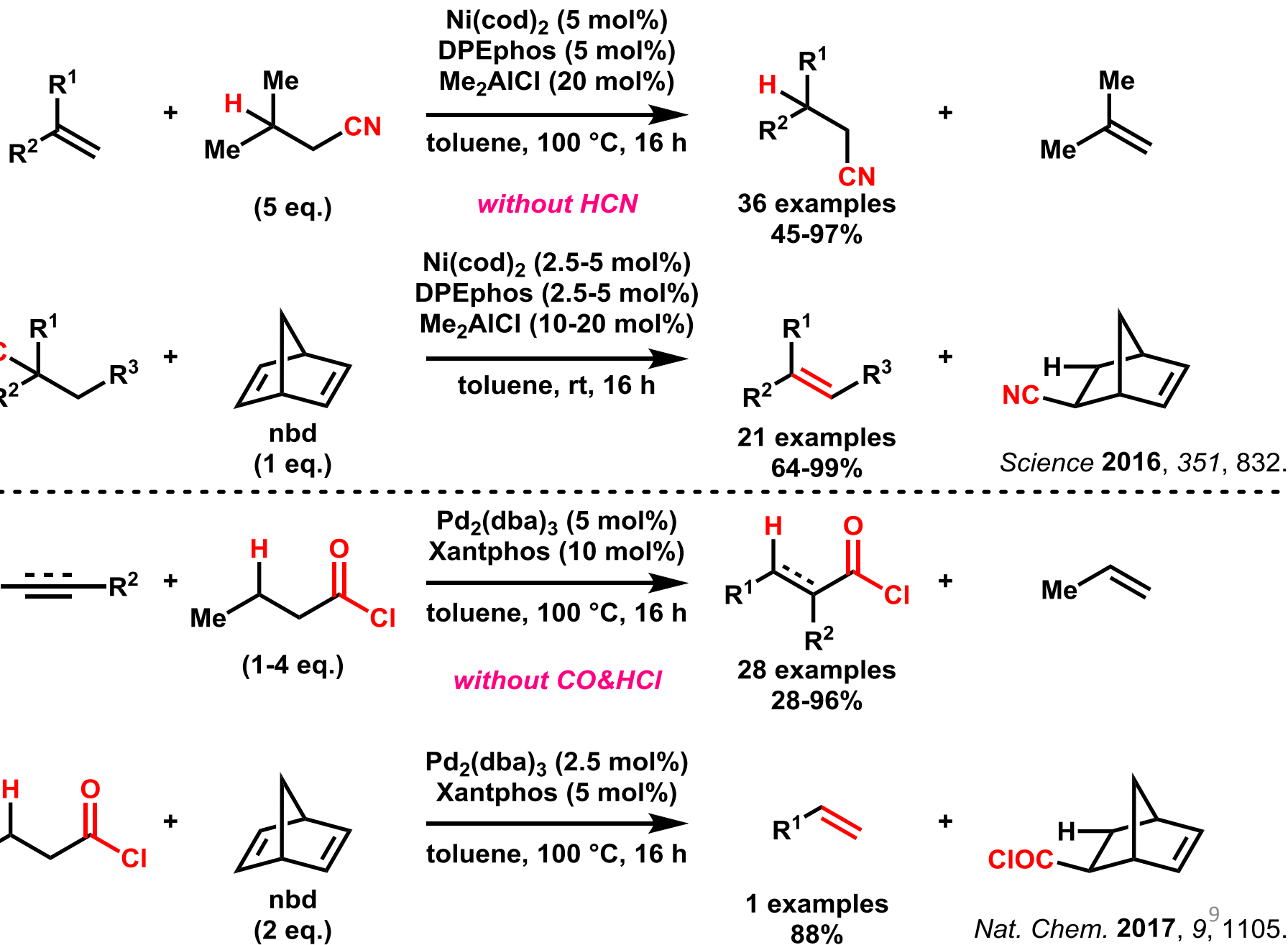
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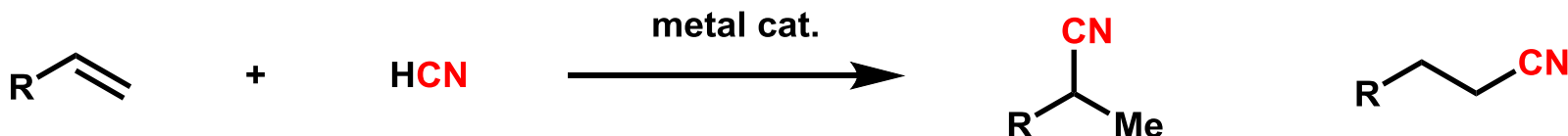


# Successful Results of “Shuttle Reaction”



# Problems of Transformation of Alkenes to Nitriles

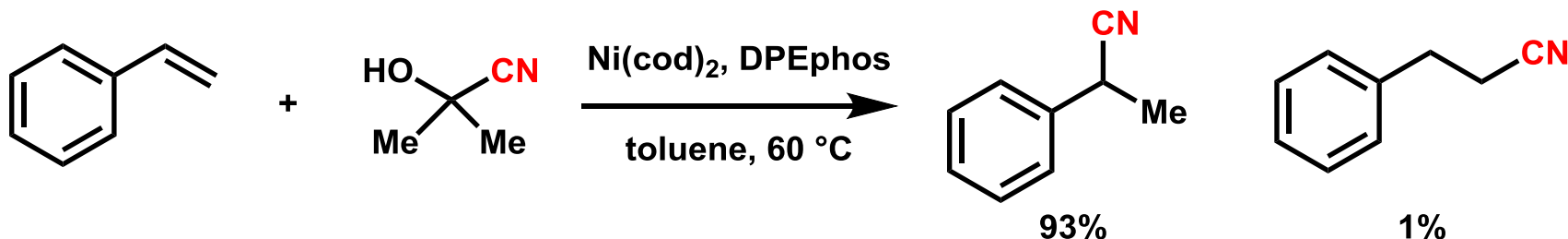
- traditional approach from alkenes to nitriles



- problems

1. HCN is a toxic and explosive gas

→ replaced to less volatile surrogates (ex. TMS-CN, acetone cyanohydrin), but still toxic



de Greef, M.; Breit, B. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2009**, 48, 551.

2. retro-hydrocyanation is difficult (therodynamically uphill)



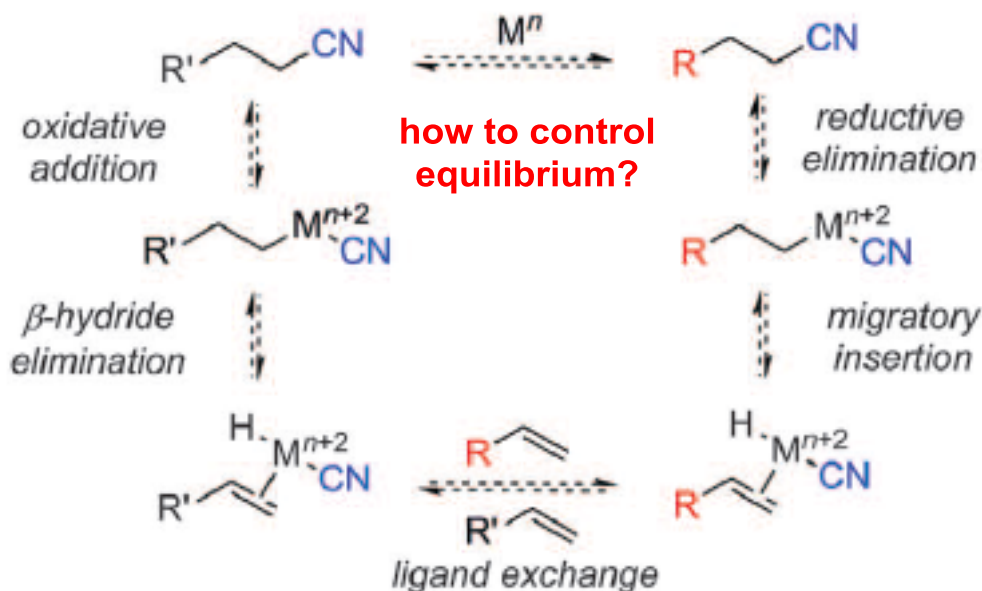
D. R. Lide, Ed., *CRC Handbook of Chemistry and Physics, Internet Version 2005* (CRC Press, Boca Raton, FL, **2005**)

# Design of HCN-free Reversible Transfer Hydrocyanation

**B** Our Design: **HCN-free** reversible transfer hydrocyanation



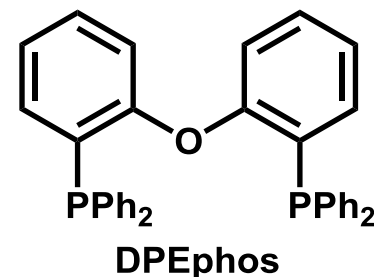
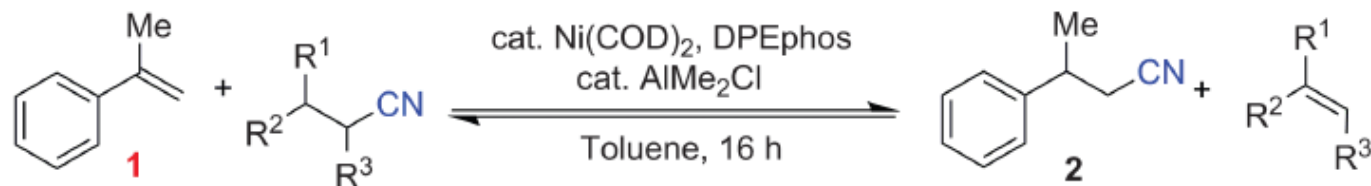
*Proposed Mechanism*



oxidative addition to aliphatic C-CN bond is somewhat difficult  
 → Ni(0) was used in the presence of Lewis acid

# Optimization of Reaction Conditions

**A Thermodynamic Challenge:** How can we drive the equilibrium to obtain **1** or **2** selectively ?



**B Hydrocyanation:** Formation of gaseous disubstituted alkene best driving force

 $\text{R}^1$ $\text{R}^2$ $\text{CN}$ $\text{R}^3$ (5 equiv.)	 <b>3</b>	 <b>4</b>	 <b>5</b>	 <b>6</b>
yield <b>1</b> $\rightarrow$ <b>2</b> (100 °C)	3%	26%	69%	60%
open system	—	41%	86%	67%

driving force:  
using large excess of reagent  
volatile alkene formation  
(Le Chatelier's principle)

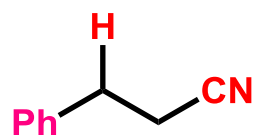
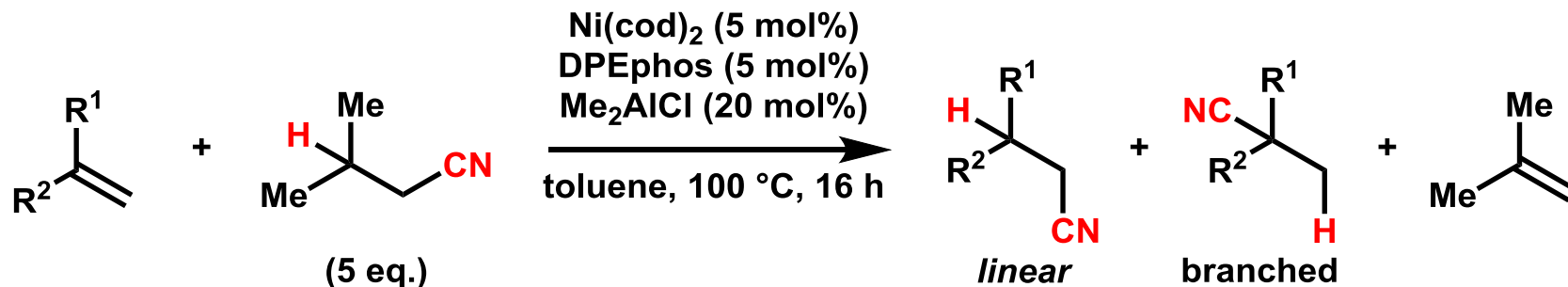
**C Retro-Hydrocyanation:** Strained alkenes best driving force

 $\text{R}^1$ $\text{R}^2$ $\text{CN}$ $\text{R}^3$ (1 equiv.)	no acceptor	 <b>7</b>	 <b>8</b>
yield <b>2</b> $\rightarrow$ <b>1</b> (28 °C)	<5%	46%	99%

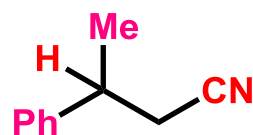
driving force:  
strain release of  
norbornene and  
norbornadiene

cf. Murphy, S. K.; Park, J.-W.; Cruz, F. A.; Dong, V. M. *Science* **2015**, 347, 56.  
See also Fujino-kun's LS on 181027.

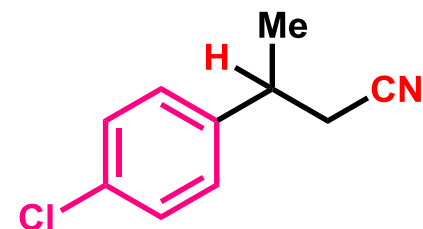
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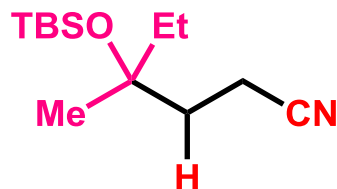
86% (*l:b* = 81:19), 100 °C  
 73%\* (*l:b* = 81:19), 100 °C  
 \*1.5 eq of hydrocyanide donor



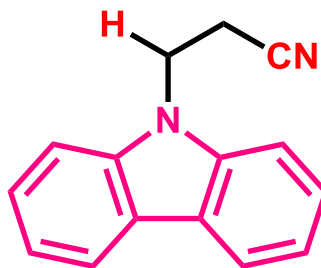
91% (*l:b* > 95:5), 130 °C



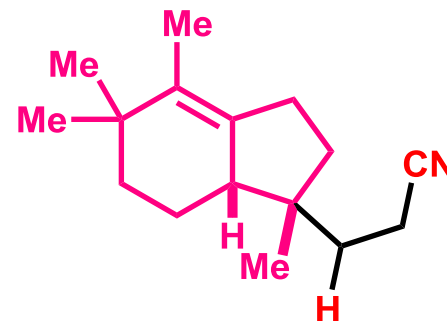
84% (*l:b* > 95:5), 130 °C



97% (*l:b* > 95:5), 130 °C



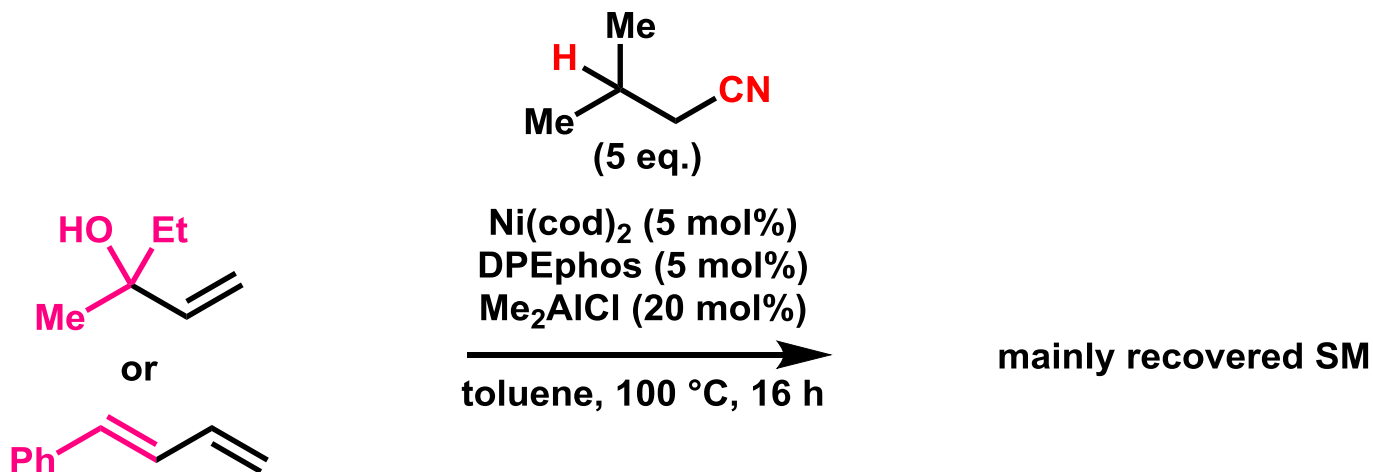
65%, 130 °C



95% (*l:b* > 95:5), 130 °C

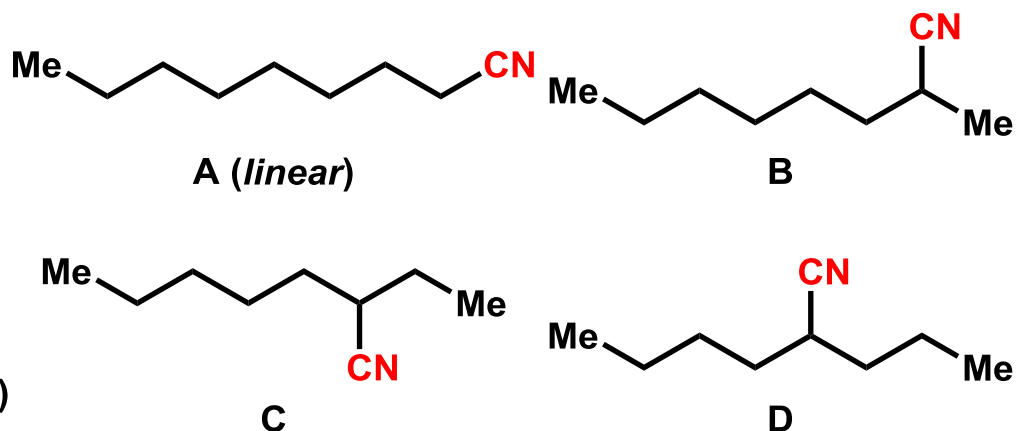
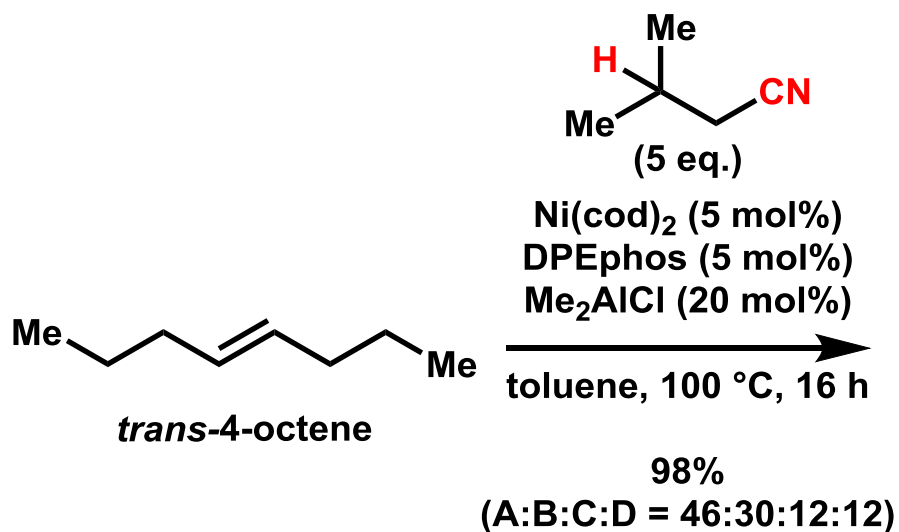
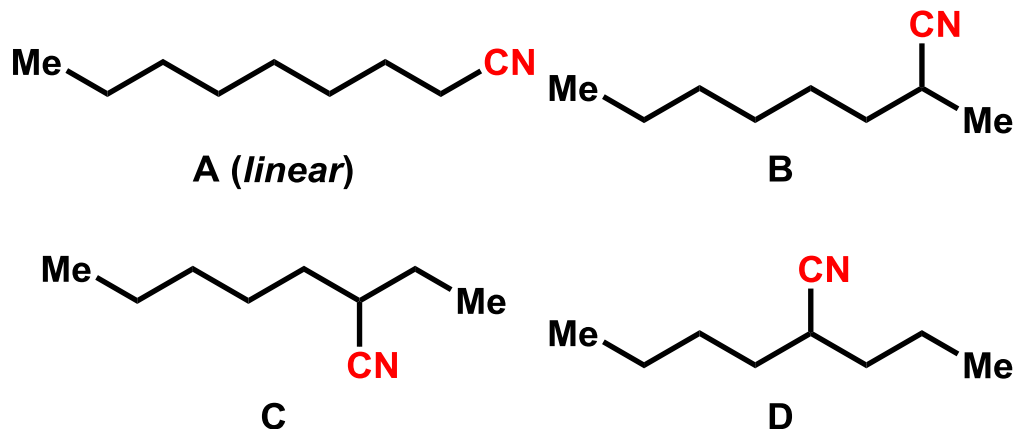
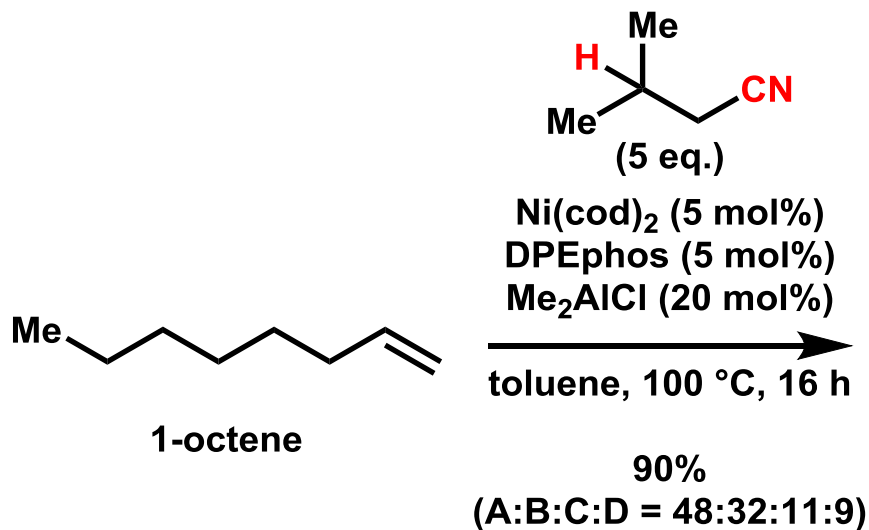
# Limitations

## - Compatibility with Functional Groups -



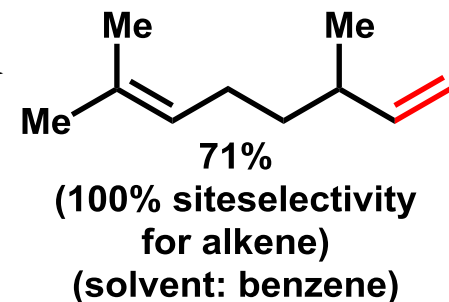
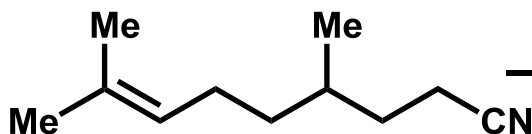
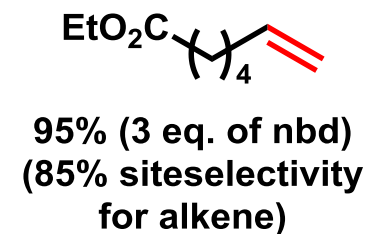
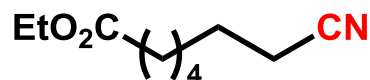
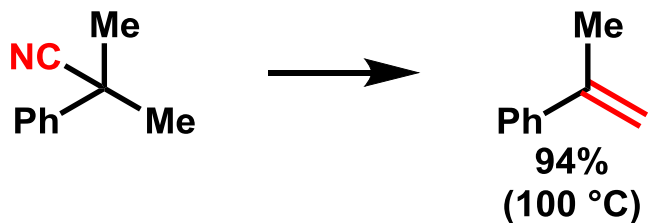
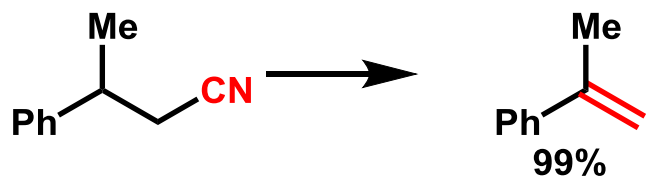
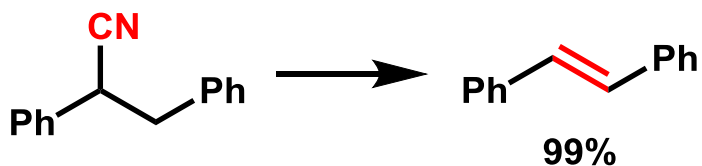
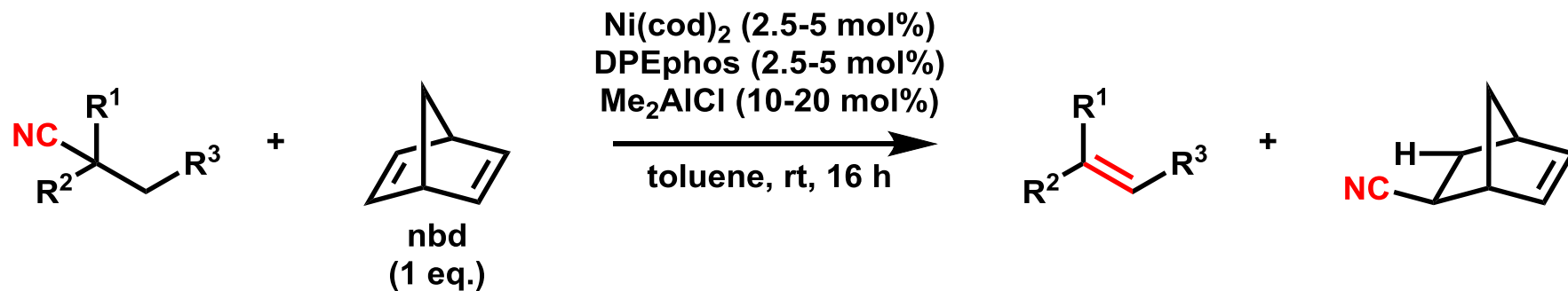
free OH groups and dienes are not compatible with these conditions

# Limitation - Alkene Isomerization -



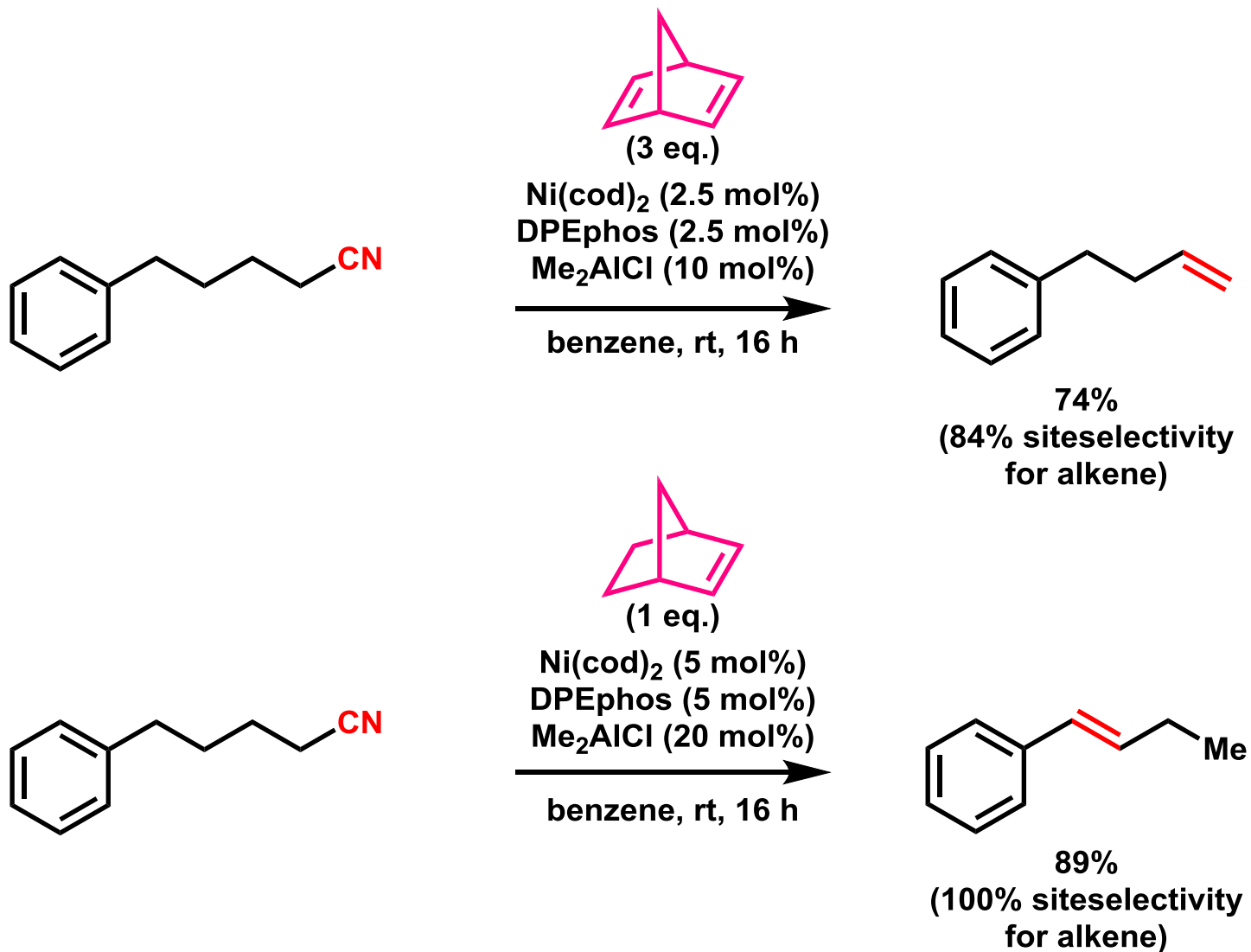
**Ni<sup>II</sup>-H mediated alkene isomerization competed.**

# Substrate Scope - Retro-hydrocyanation -



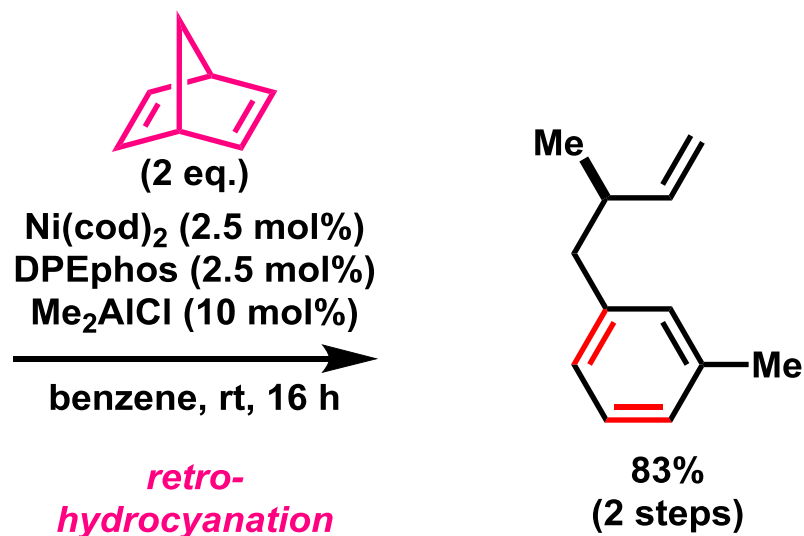
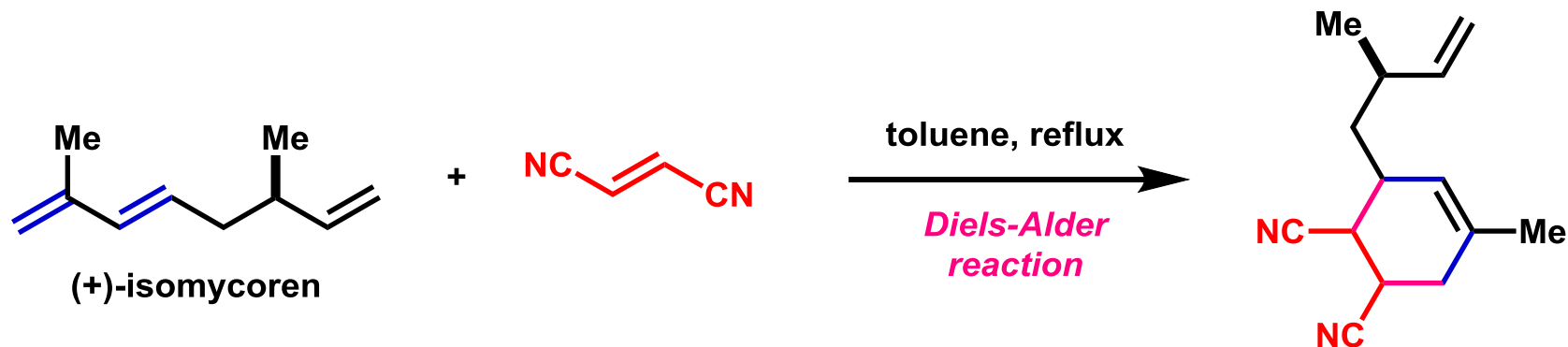


# Control over Isomerization



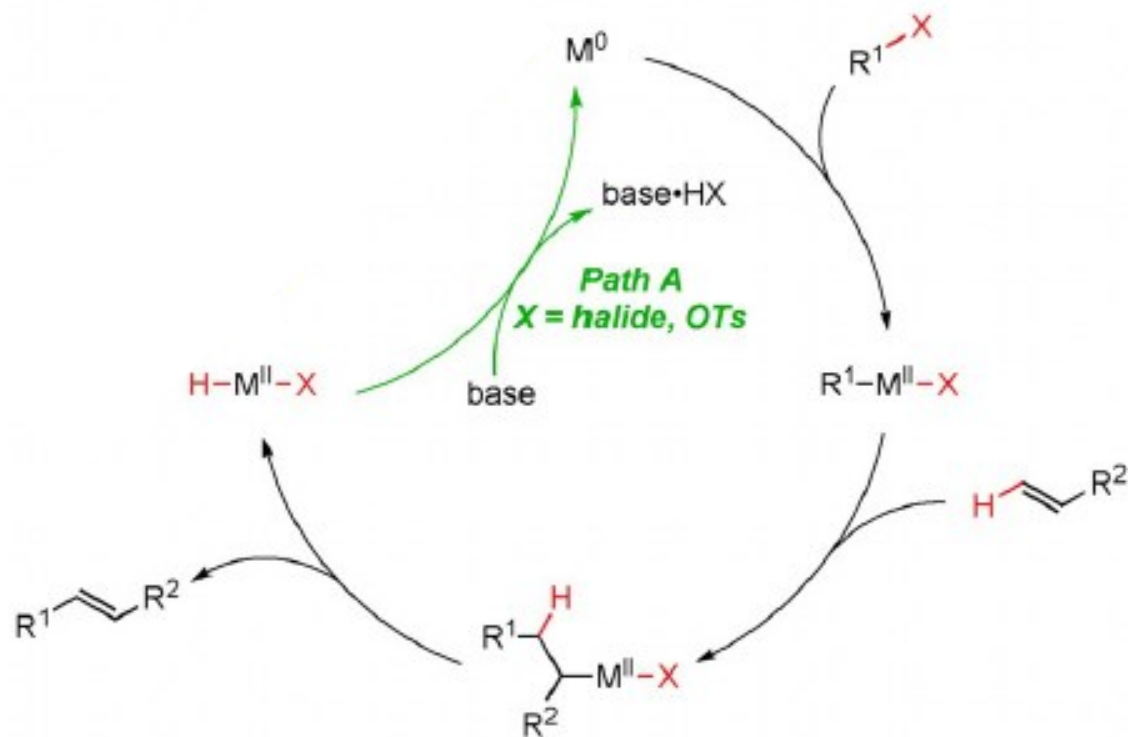
isomerization was controlled by acceptor alkene (and equivalents?)

# Application to Aromatic Ring Formation



# Application to Mizorogi-Heck-type Reaction

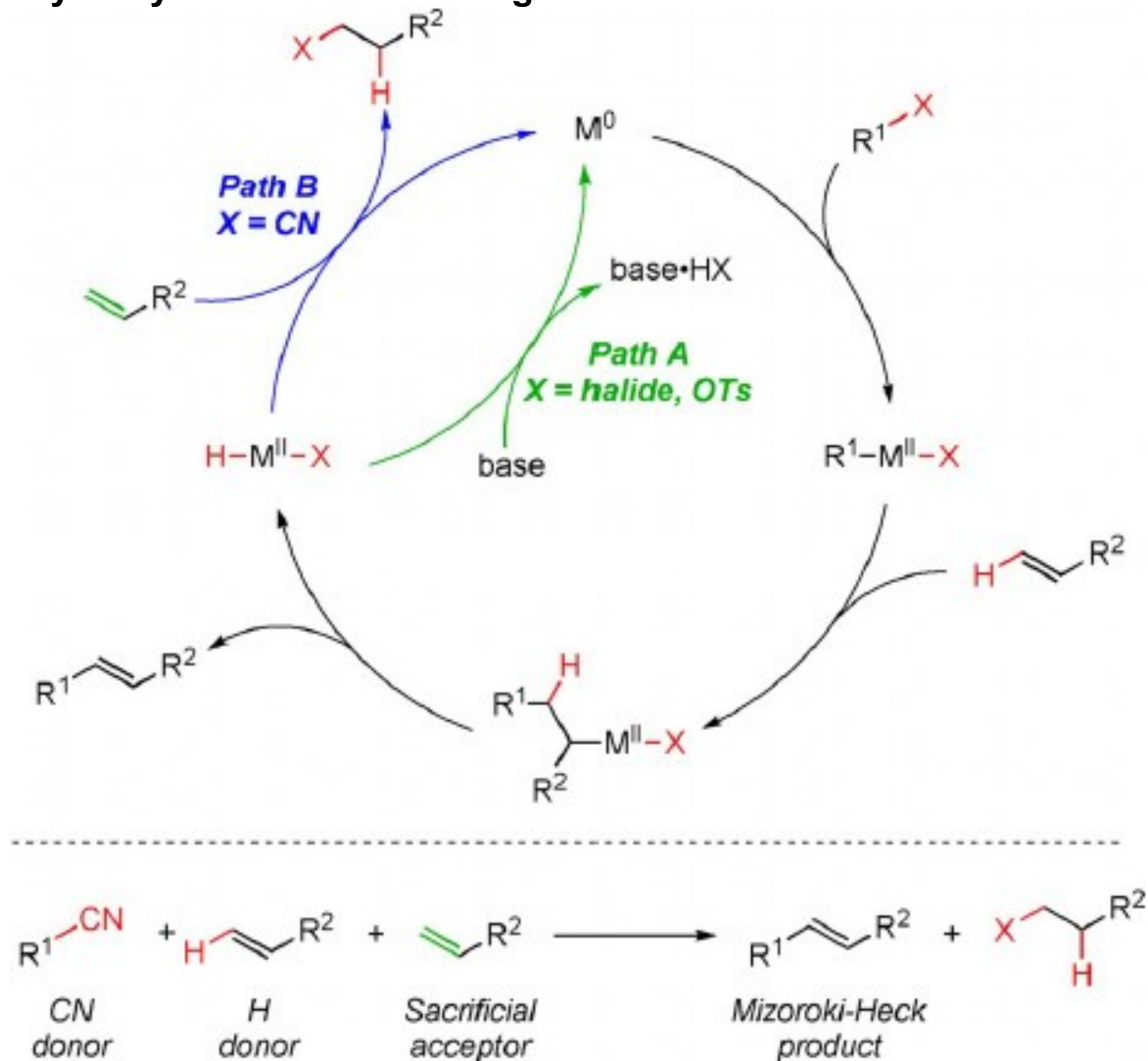
- mechanism of Mizorogi-Heck reaction



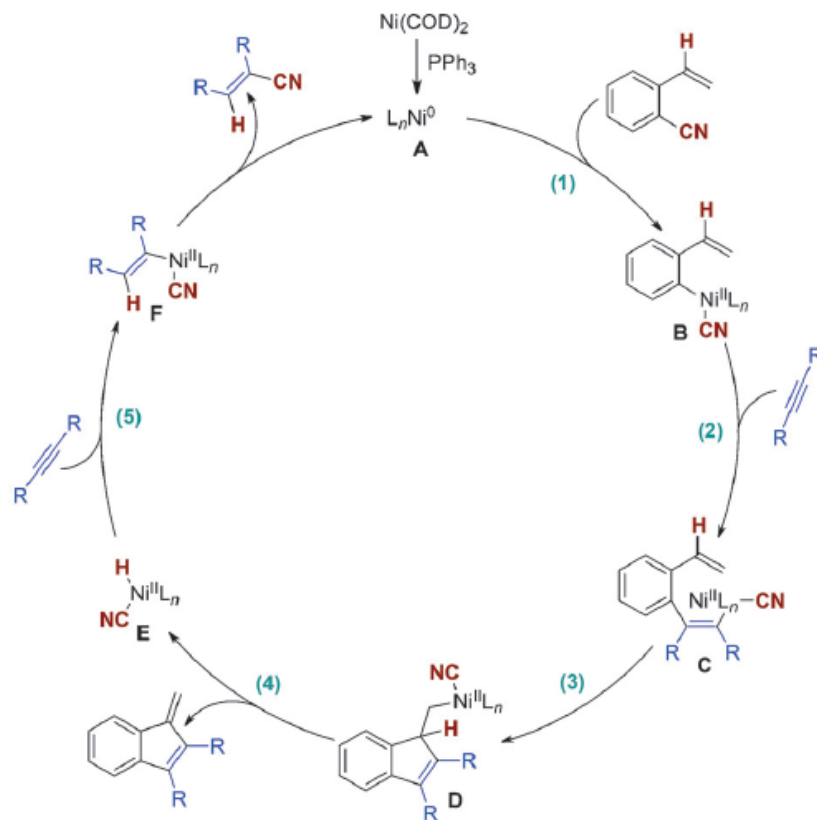
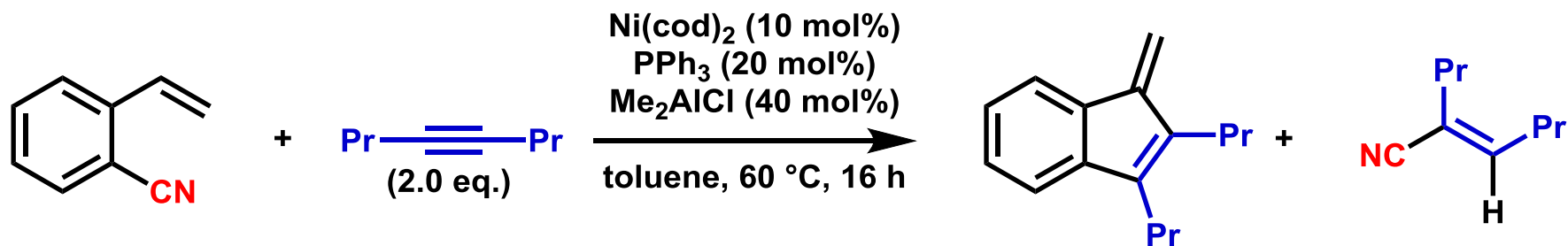
when  $X = CN$ , a Lewis acid needs for the efficient oxidative addition.  
→ might not be compatible with base-assisted  $M^0$  regeneration.

# Application to Mizorogi-Heck-type Reaction

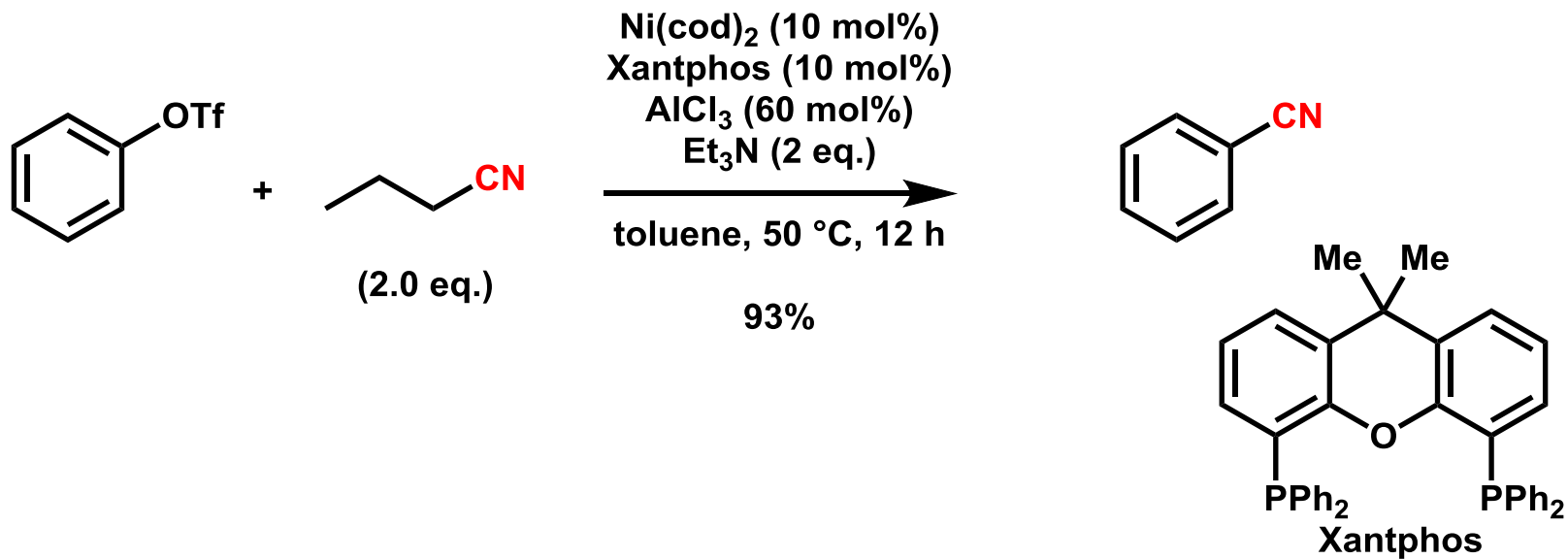
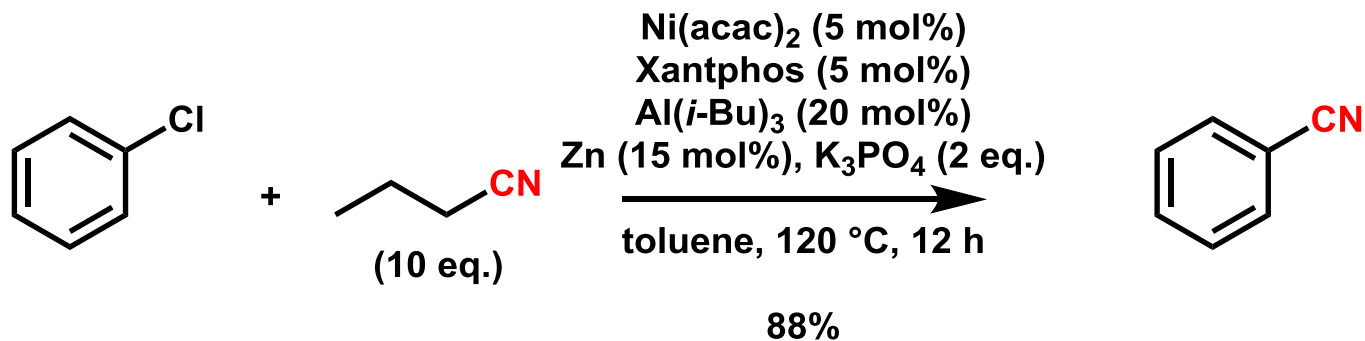
- combination of hydrocyanation with Mizorogi-Heck reaction



# Application to Mizorogi-Heck-type Reaction



# Application to Cross-Coupling Reaction



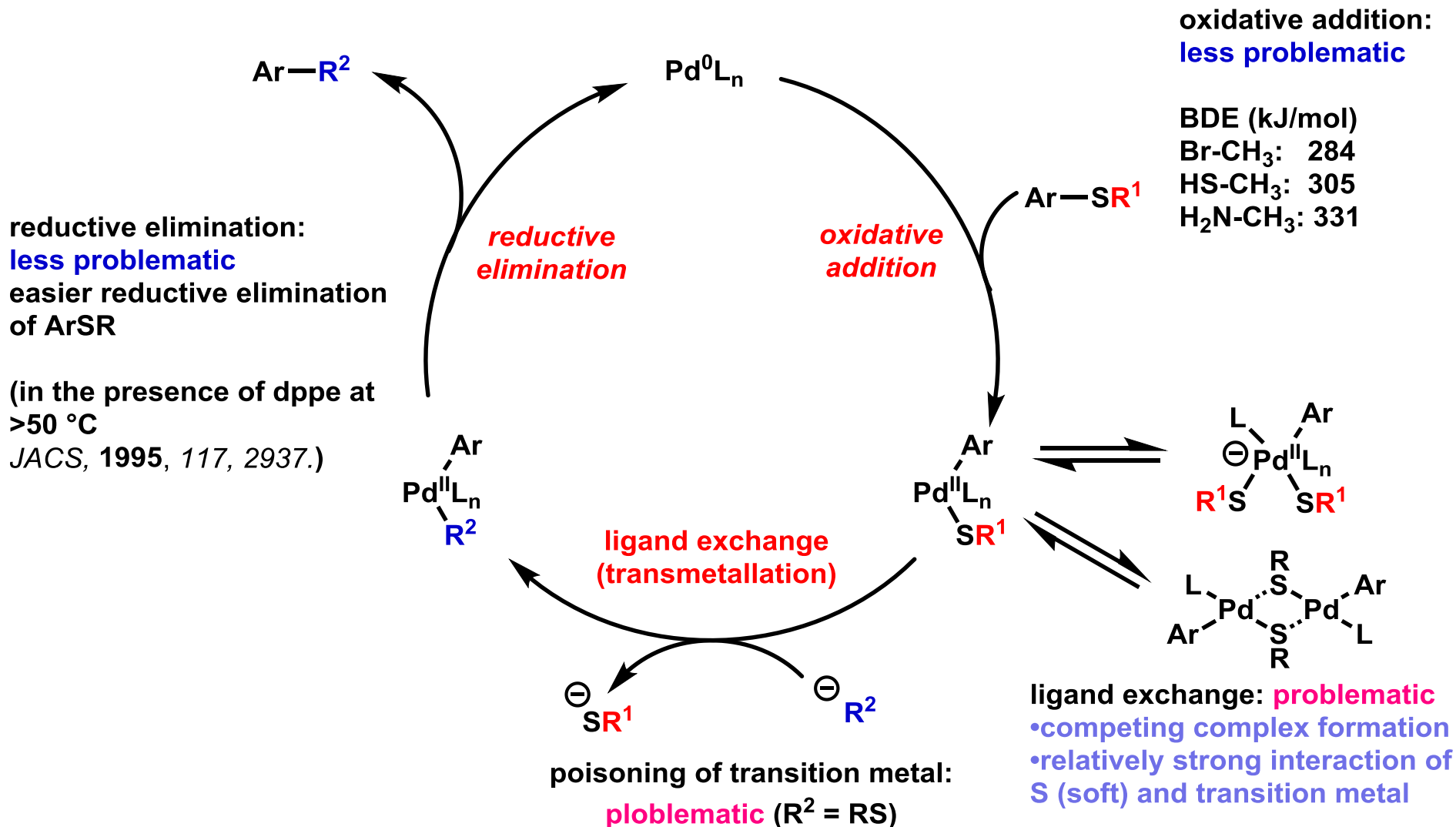
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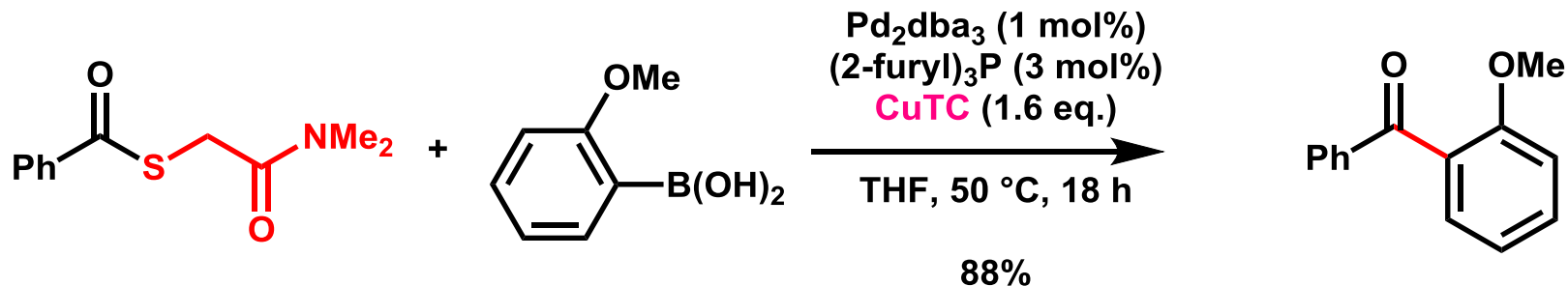
# Problems of Transition Metal-Catalyzed Reaction of Ar-SR





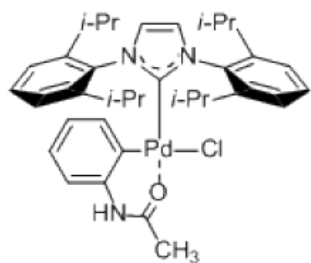
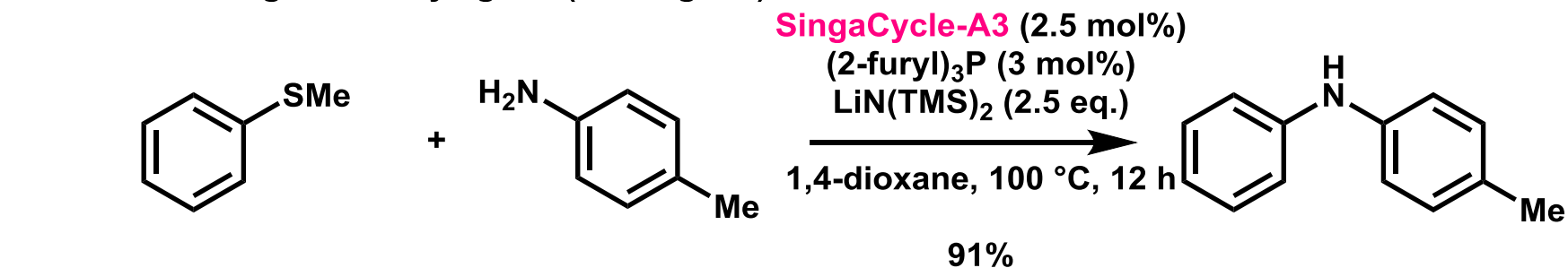
# Successful Examples

- transmetalation is accelerated by CuTC



Liebeskind, L. S.; Srogl, J. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2000**, 122, 11260.

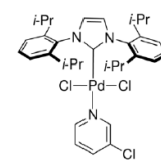
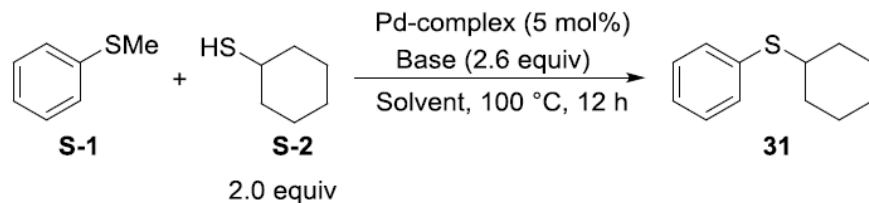
- electron-donating and bulky ligand (NHC ligand)



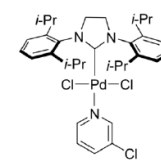
SingaCycle-A3

Sugahara, T.; Murakami, K.; Yorimitsu, H.; Osuka, A. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2014**, 53, 9329.

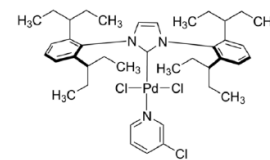
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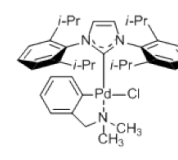
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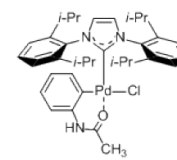
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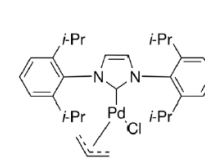
PEPPSI-IPent



SingaCycle-A1



SingaCycle-A3



(IPr)Pd(allyl)Cl

Entry	Pd-complex	Base	Solvent	Yield ( <b>31</b> ) <sup>*</sup>
1	PEPPSI-IPr	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	toluene	0
2	PEPPSI-IPr	KOt-Bu	toluene	18%
3	PEPPSI-IPr	KOAc	toluene	0
4	PEPPSI-IPr	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	toluene	0
5	PEPPSI-IPr	KHMDS	toluene	68%
6	PEPPSI-IPr	NaHMDS	toluene	45%
7	PEPPSI-IPr	LiHMDS	toluene	81%
8	PEPPSI-IPr	LiHMDS	<i>o</i> -xylene	78%
9	PEPPSI-IPr	LiHMDS	dioxane	66%
10	PEPPSI-IPr	LiHMDS	THF	21%
11	PEPPSI-IPr	LiHMDS	DMF	trace
12	PEPPSI-IPr	LiHMDS	DMSO	trace
13	PEPPSI-IPr	LiHMDS	DCE	trace
14	PEPPSI-IPr	LiHMDS	acetonitrile	trace
15	PEPPSI-SIPr	LiHMDS	toluene	87%
16	PEPPSI-IPent	LiHMDS	toluene	63%
17	SingaCycle-A1	LiHMDS	toluene	92%
18	SingaCycle-A3	LiHMDS	toluene	85%
19	(IPr)Pd(allyl)Cl	LiHMDS	toluene	81%
20 <sup>†</sup>	SingaCycle-A1	LiHMDS	toluene	91%
21 <sup>‡</sup>	SingaCycle-A1	LiHMDS	toluene	90%
22 <sup>§</sup>	<i>SingaCycle-A1</i>	<i>LiHMDS</i>	<i>toluene</i>	90%

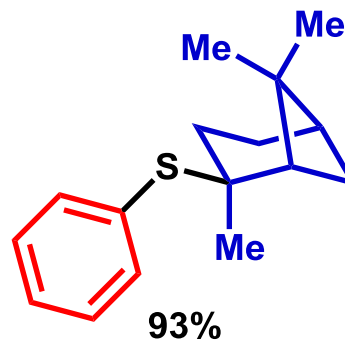
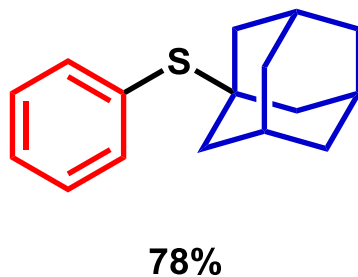
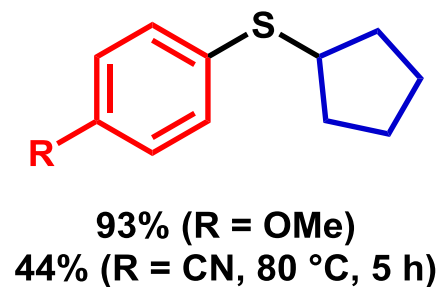
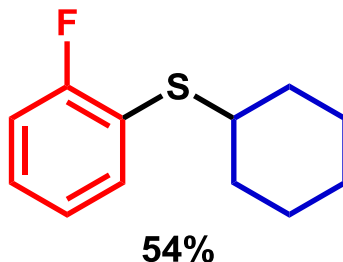
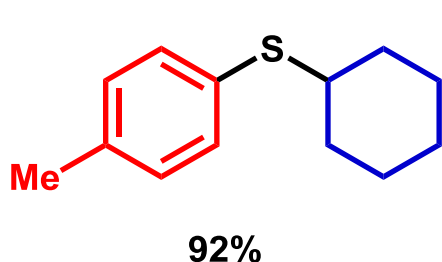
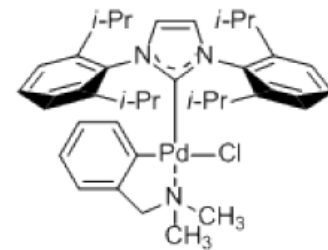
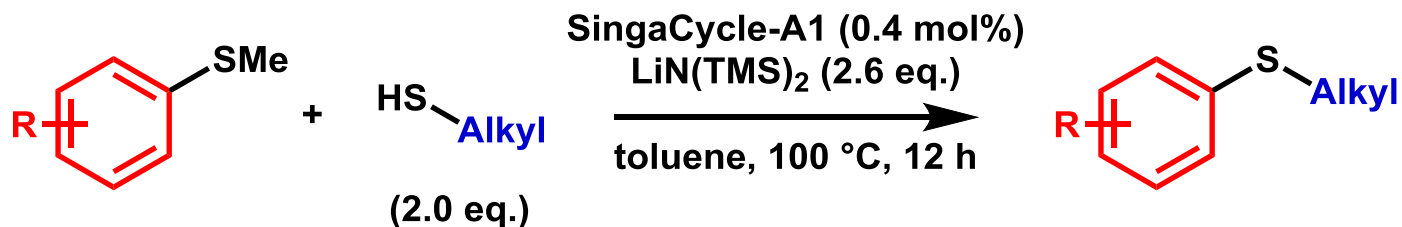
**LiN(TMS)<sub>2</sub> was effective.**

1. strong base  
→fast transmetalation
2. resulting LiSMe has poor solubility in toluene.

← 0.4% of Pd cat.

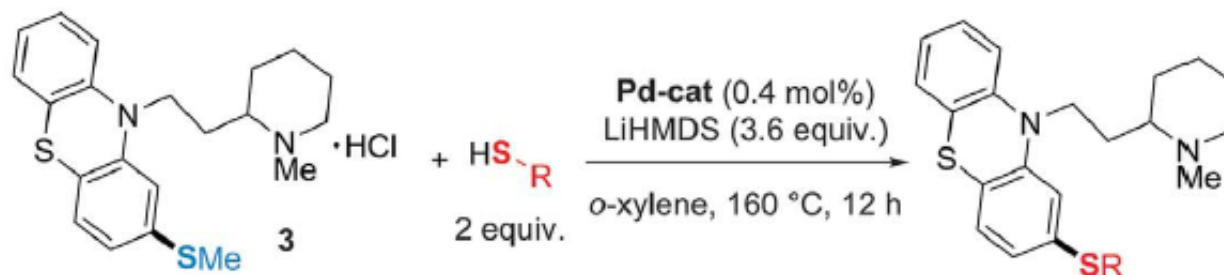
<sup>\*</sup>GC yield using dodecane as internal standard. <sup>†</sup>Pd-complex (1 mol%). <sup>‡</sup>Pd-complex (0.5 mol%). <sup>§</sup>Pd-complex (0.4 mol%). <sup>||</sup>Pd-complex (0.3 mol%). <sup>¶</sup>1.5 equiv CySH. <sup>#</sup>2.5 equiv CySH.

# Substrate Scope Using Ar-SMe

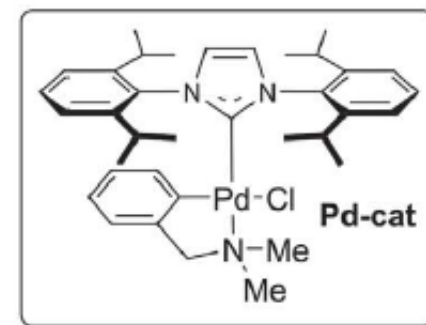
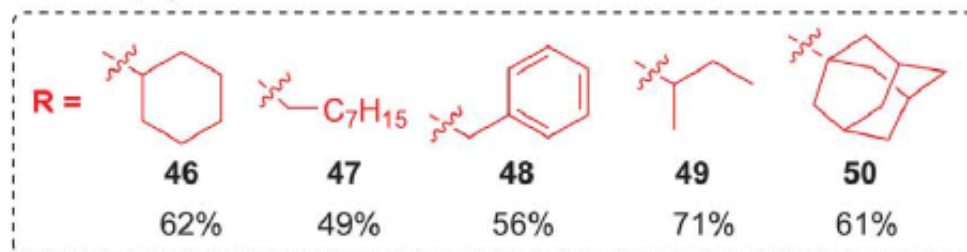


# Further Application

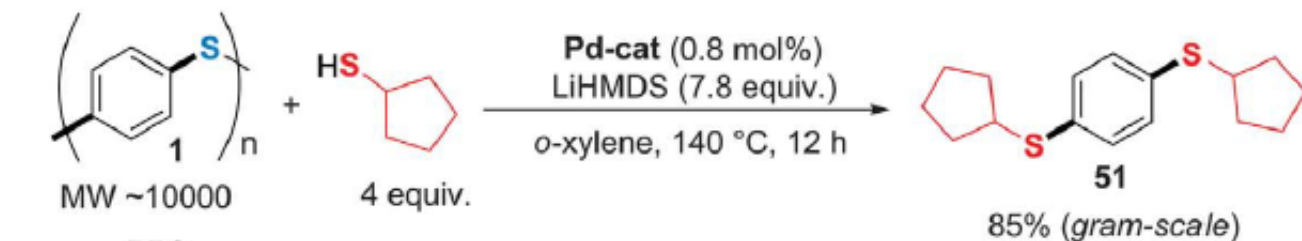
## A Late-stage generation of a drug library



Thioridazine  
anti-psychotic



## B Depolymerization of a commercial polymer



precursors for OLEDs?

# Thermal Equilibrium

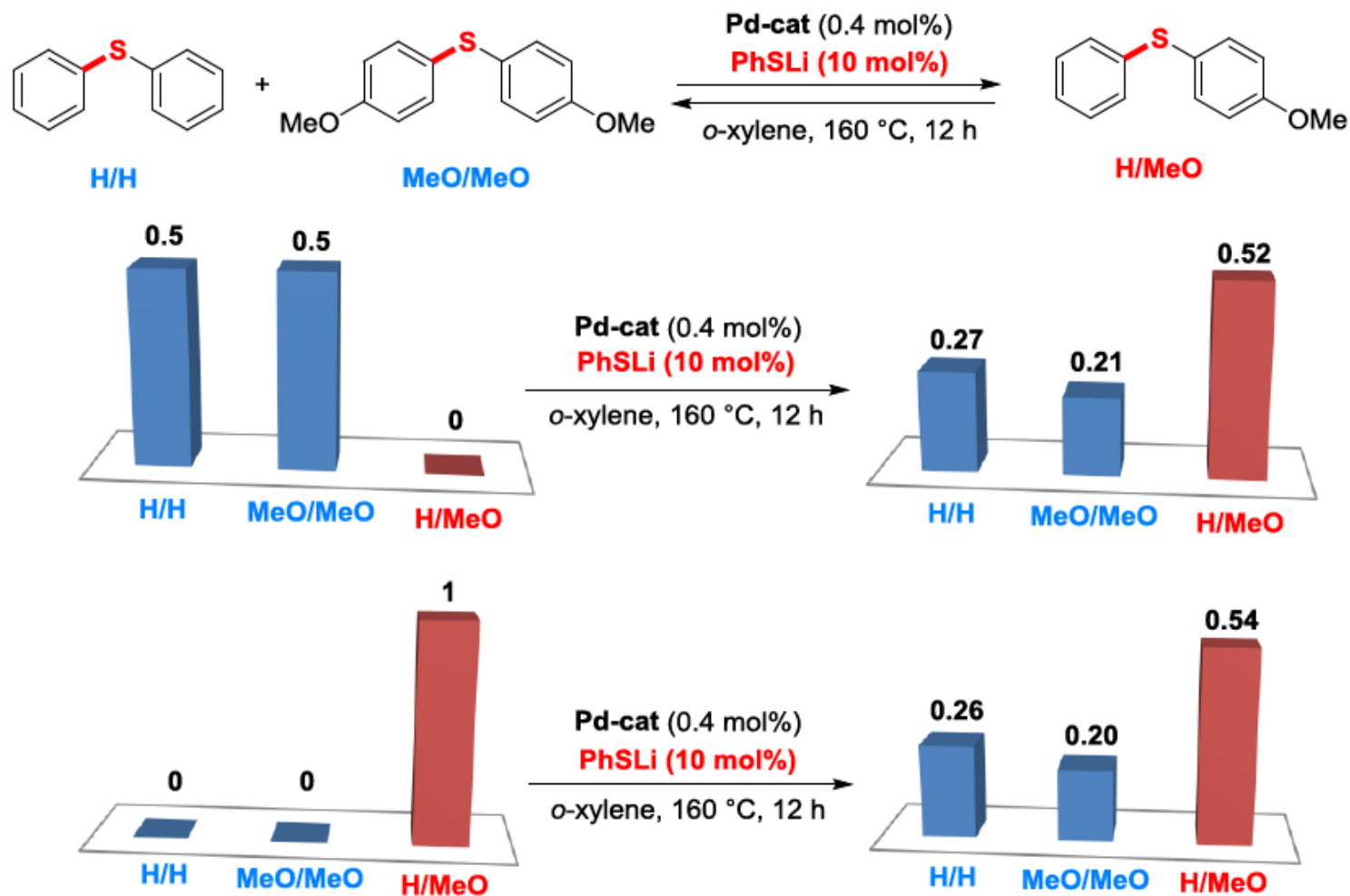
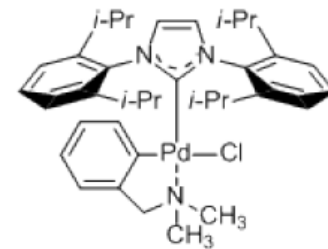
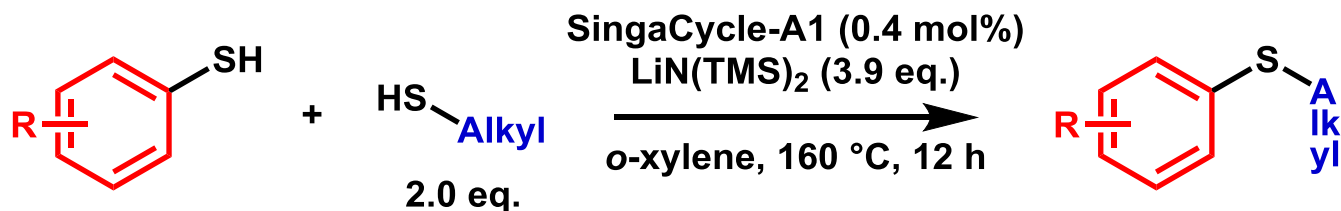


Figure S1 C-S/C-S metathesis using co-catalytic RS<sup>-</sup>.

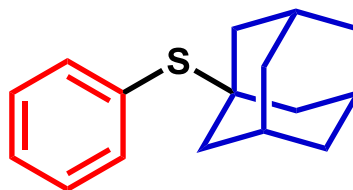
# Substrate Scope Using Ar-SH



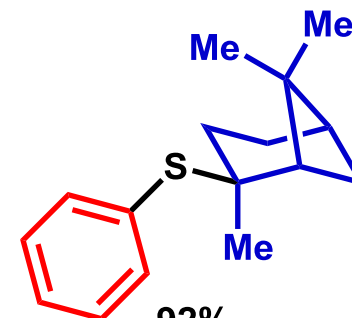
SingaCycle-A1



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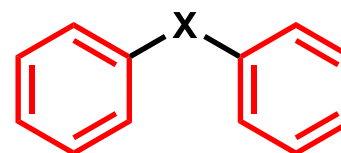
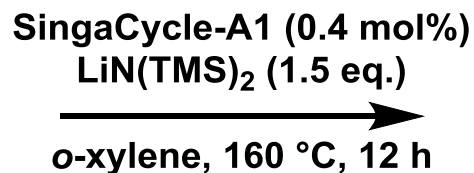
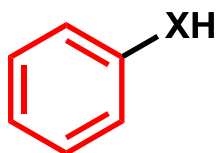
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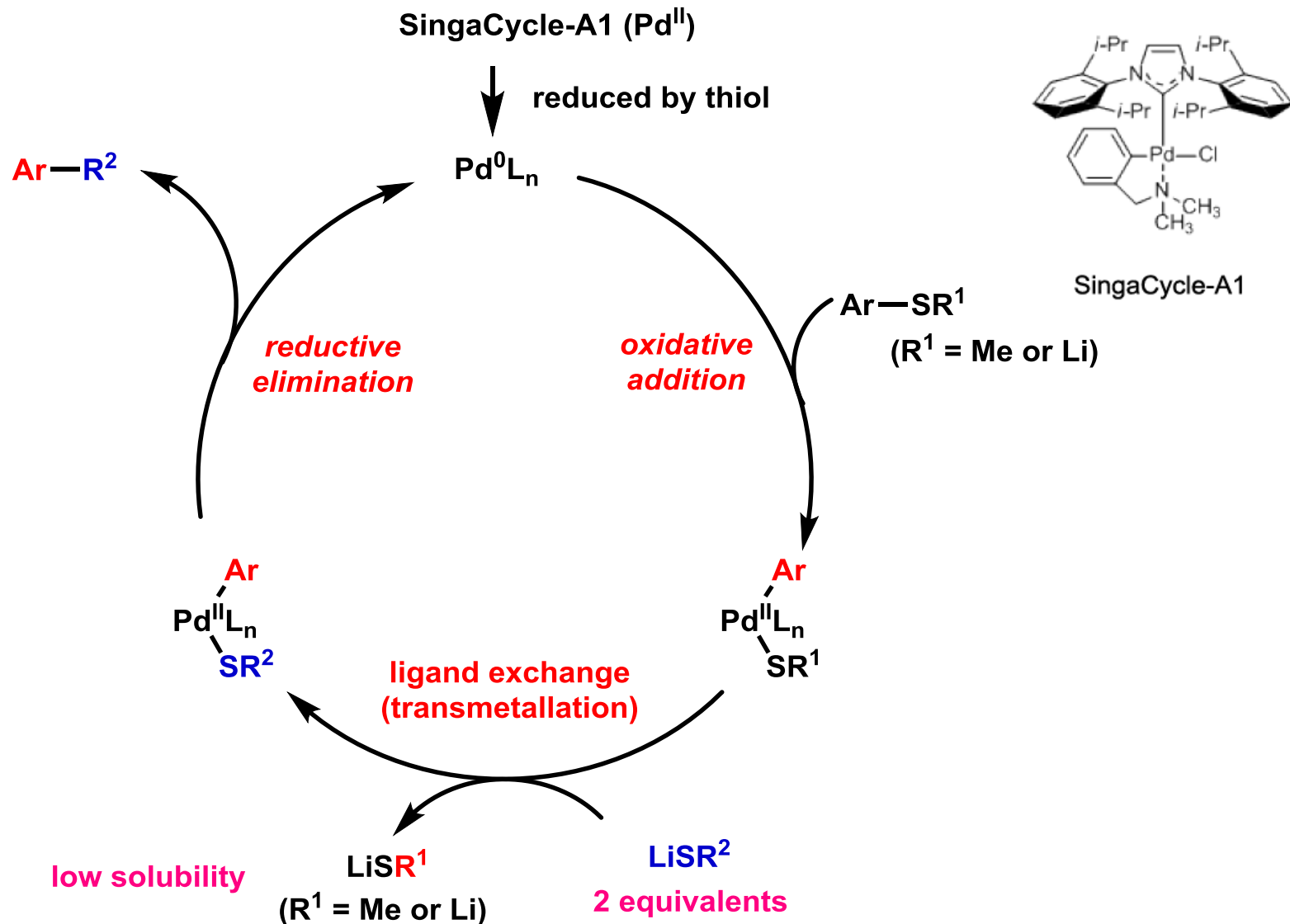
## •homodimerization



76% (X = S)

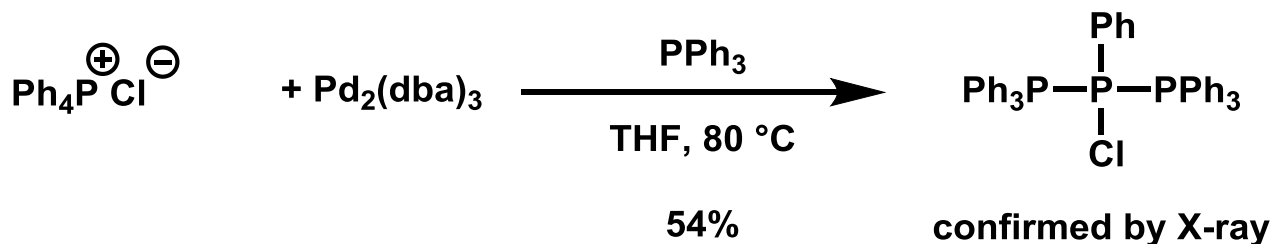
96% (X = Se)

# Proposed Mechanism



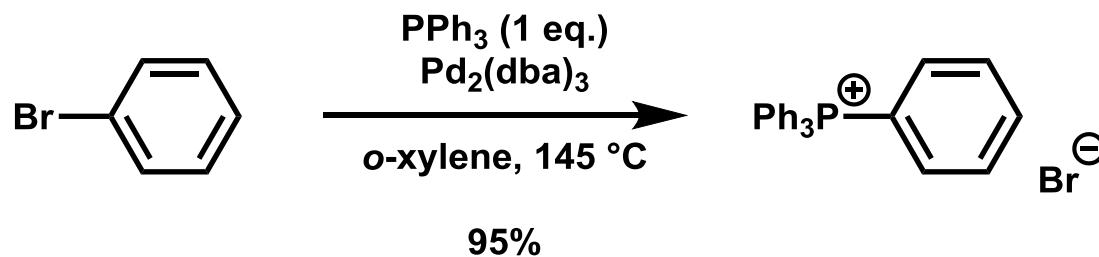
# Working Hypothesis

- oxidative addition to  $\text{C}(\text{sp}^2)\text{-P}^+\text{Ph}_3$



Chang, S. et al. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2005**, 44, 6166.

- reductive elimination to form phosphonium salt

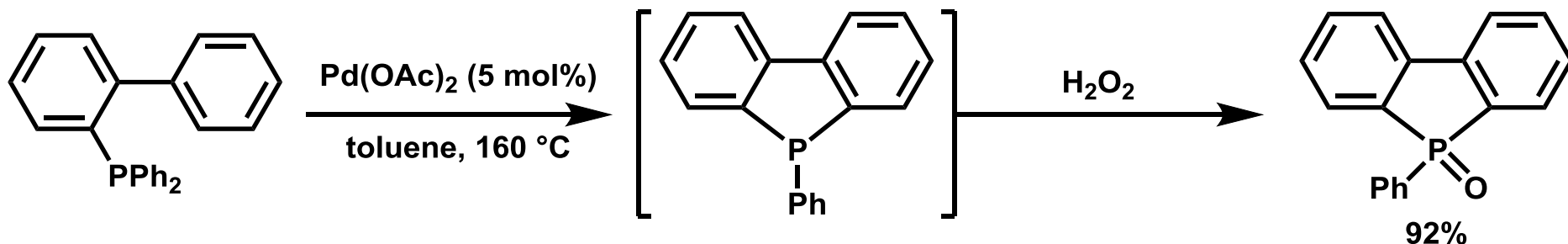


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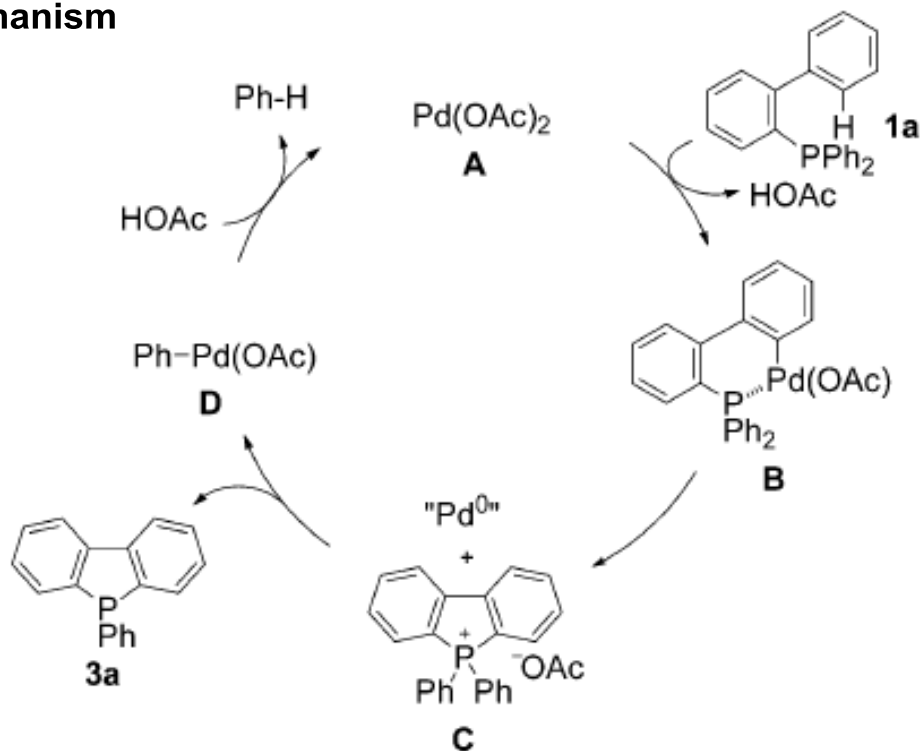
→ By combining these results, "C-P/C-P cross metathesis" would be realized.



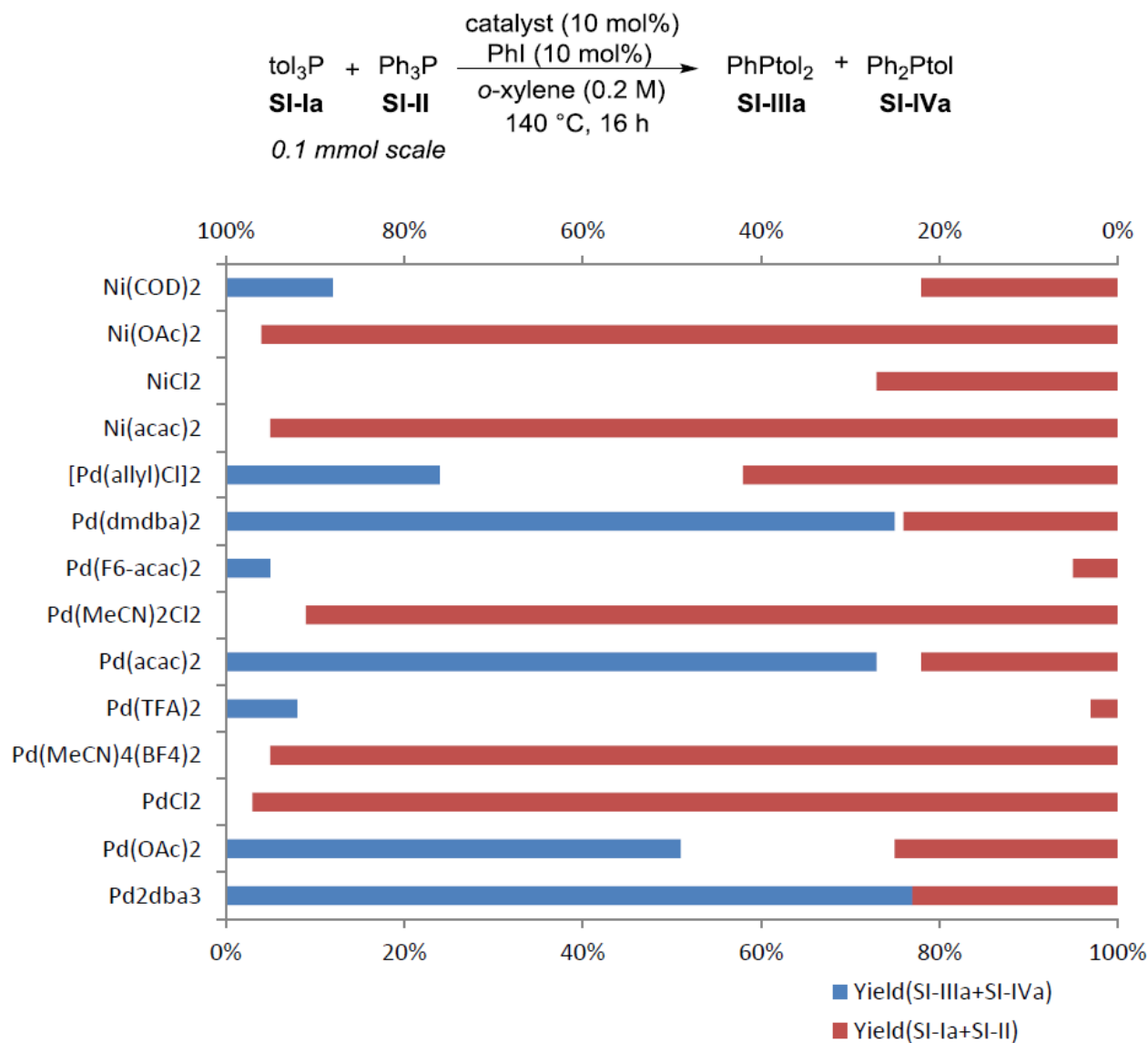
# Examples of C-P/C-H Coupling



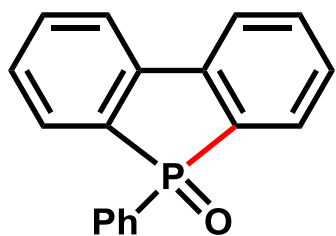
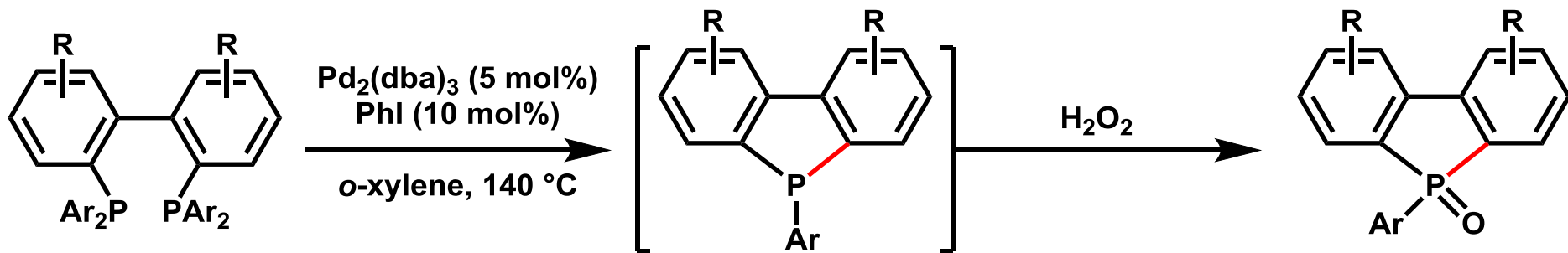
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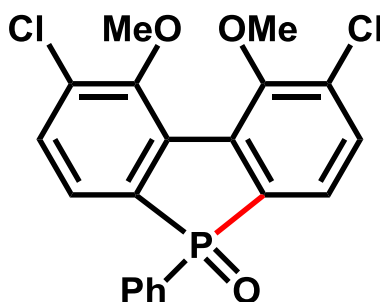
# Screening the Catalyst



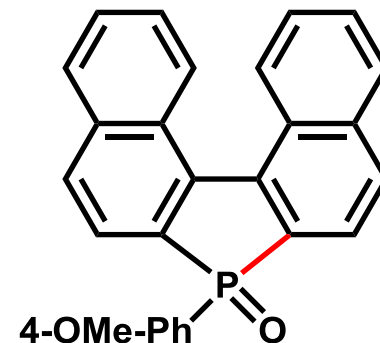
# Application to Phosphorus Ring Formation



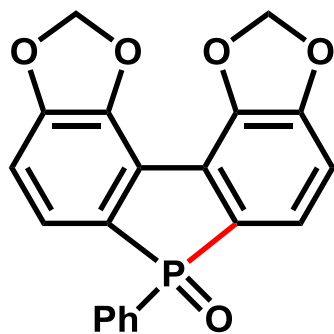
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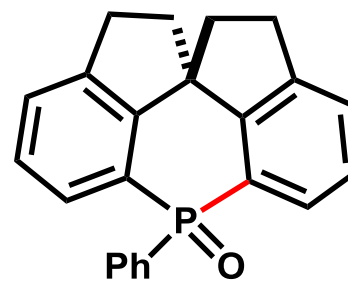
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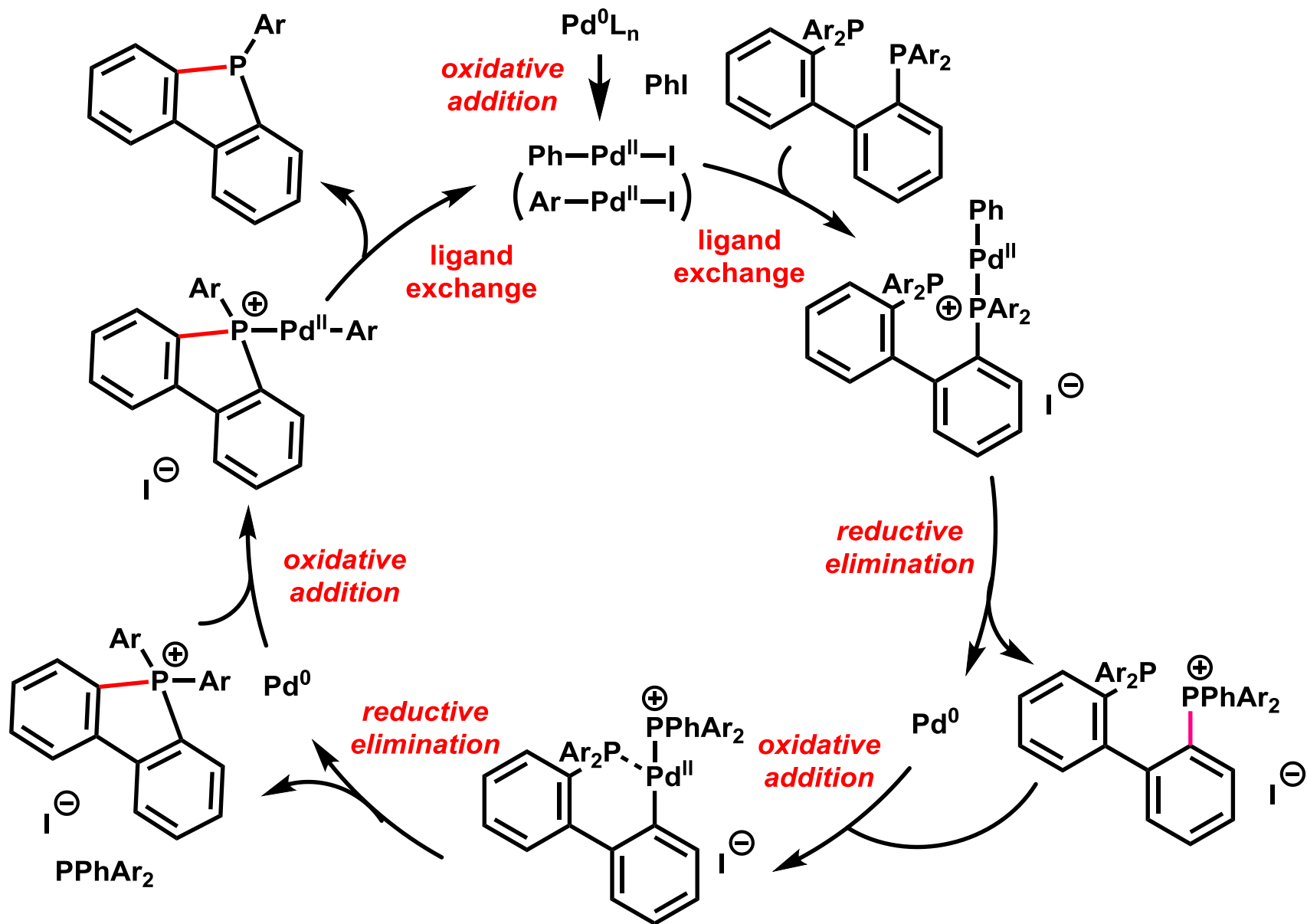
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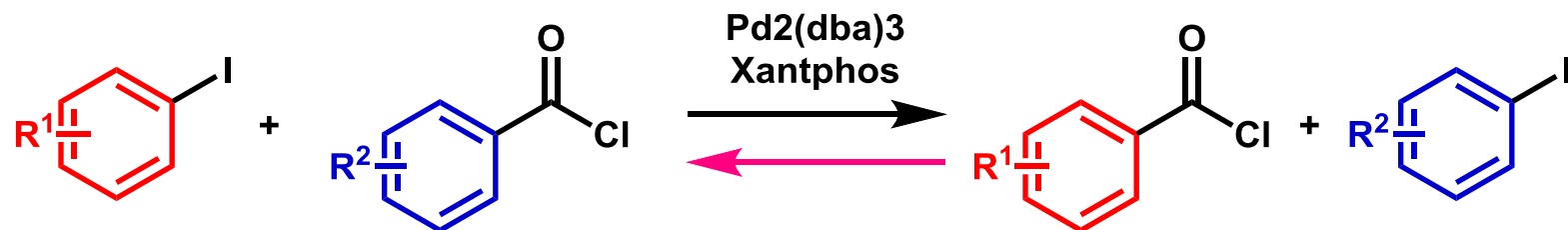
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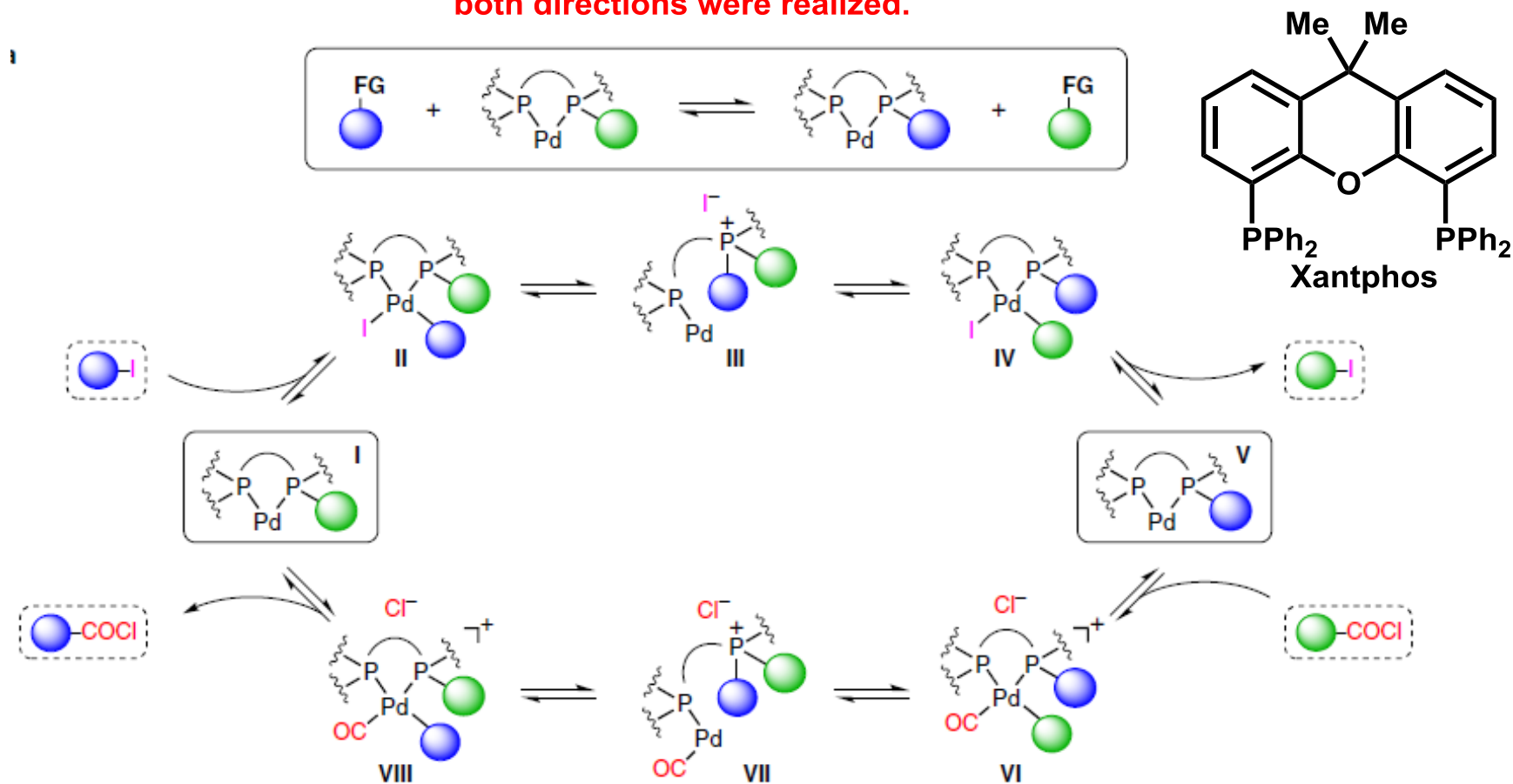
# Plausible Catalytic Cycle



# “Functional Group Metathesis” - ArCOCl & ArI -

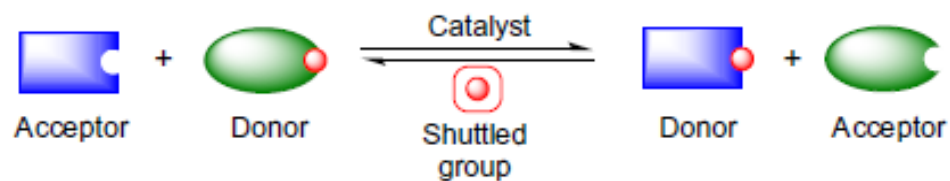


both directions were realized.



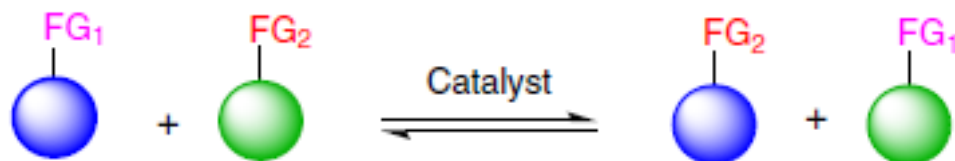
# Summary

- shuttle reaction



combined with further catalytic reaction

- functional group metathesis

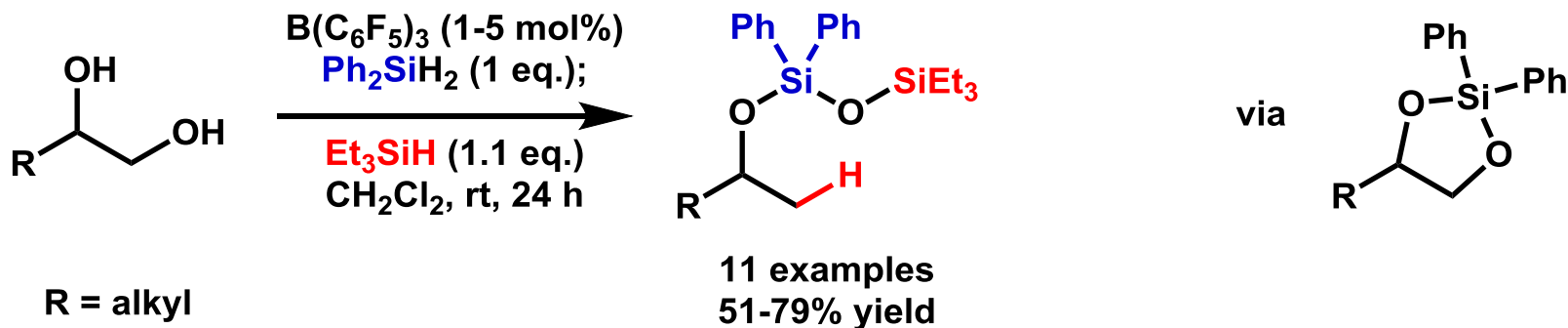


under developing  
(in many cases:  $\text{sp}^2\text{-X}$  bond)

# **Appendix**

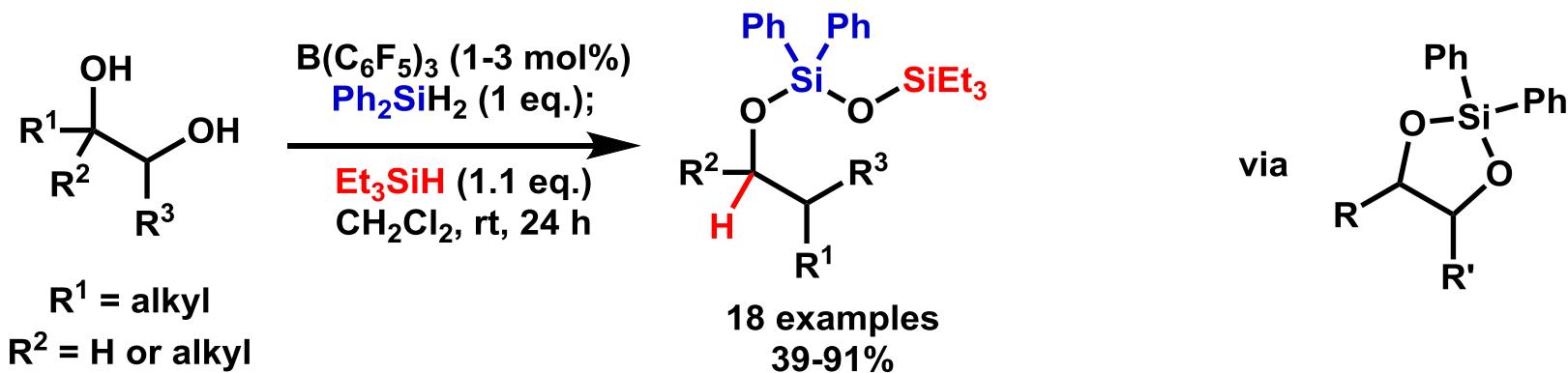
# Aliphatic C-O Bond Activation via Siloxane Intermediate

- primary position selective deoxygenation of terminal 1,2-diol



Drosos, N.; Morandi, B. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2015**, *54*, 8814.  
Cheng, G.-J.; Drosos, N.; Morandi, B.; Thiel, W. *ACS Catal.* **2018**, *8*, 1697.

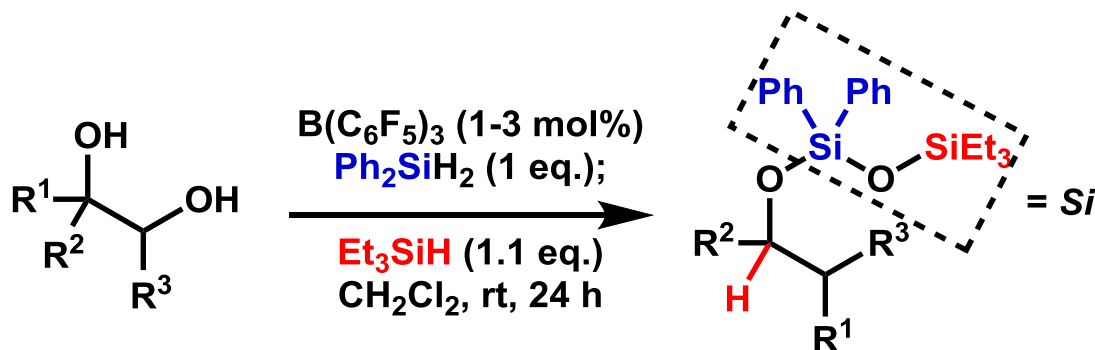
- pinacol-type rearrangement



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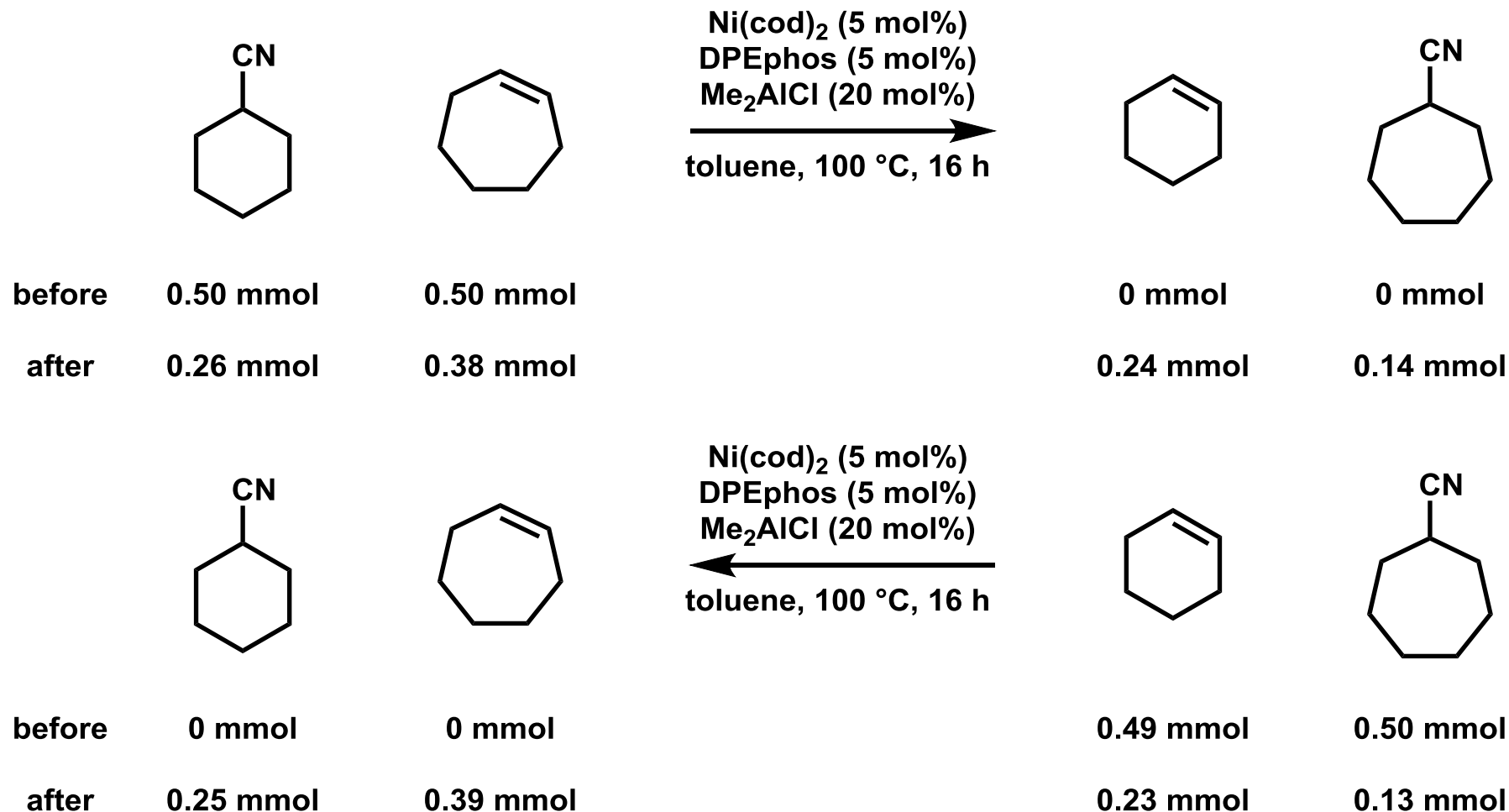


# Substrate Scope

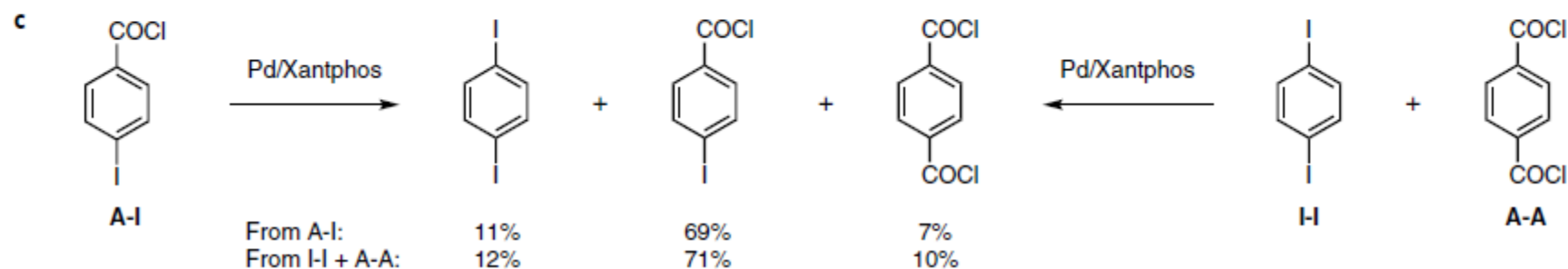
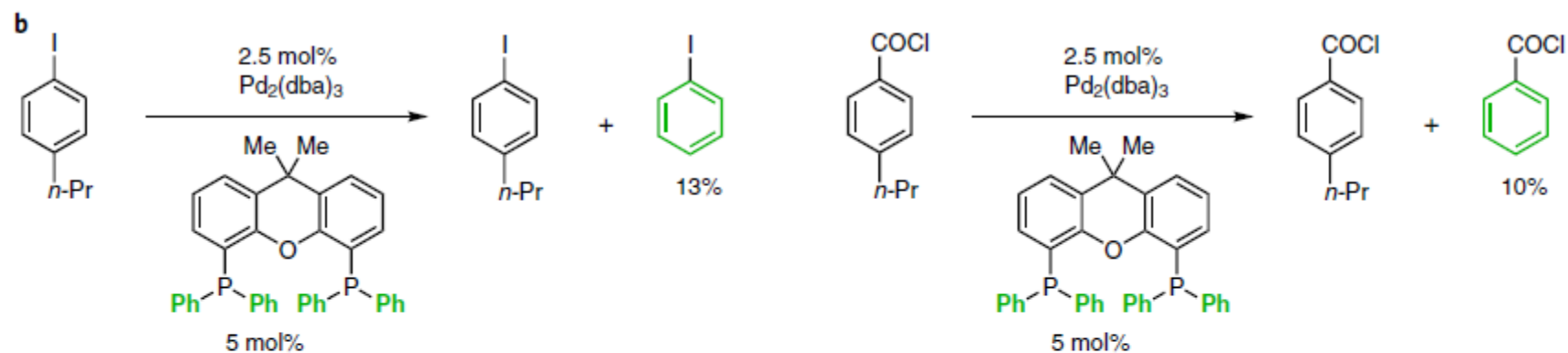


substrate	product	substrate	product
	81% (from <i>syn</i> diol) 64% (from <i>anti</i> diol)		82% (dr = 1:1)
	64%		88%
			66%

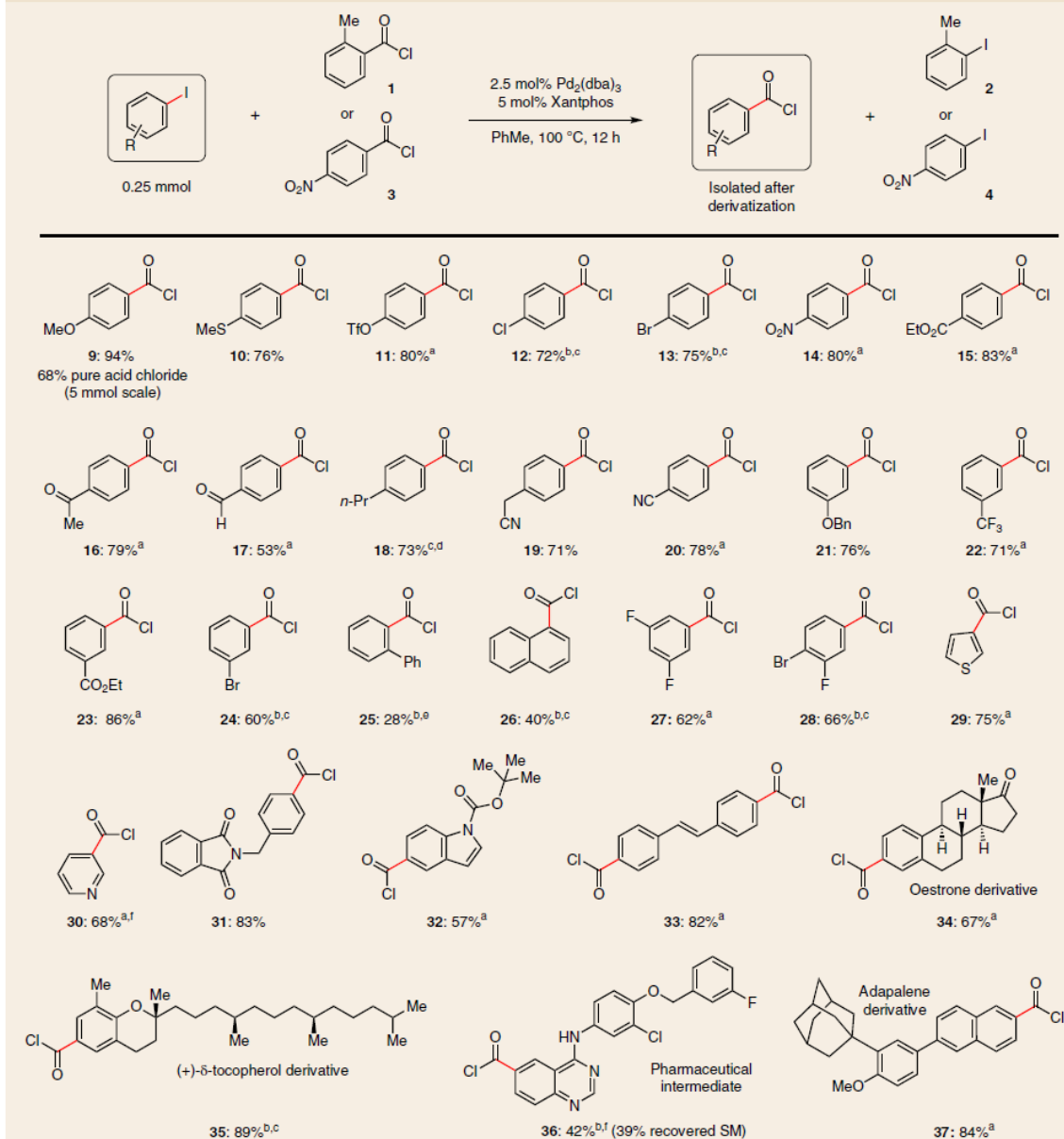
# Confirmation of Reversible Reactions



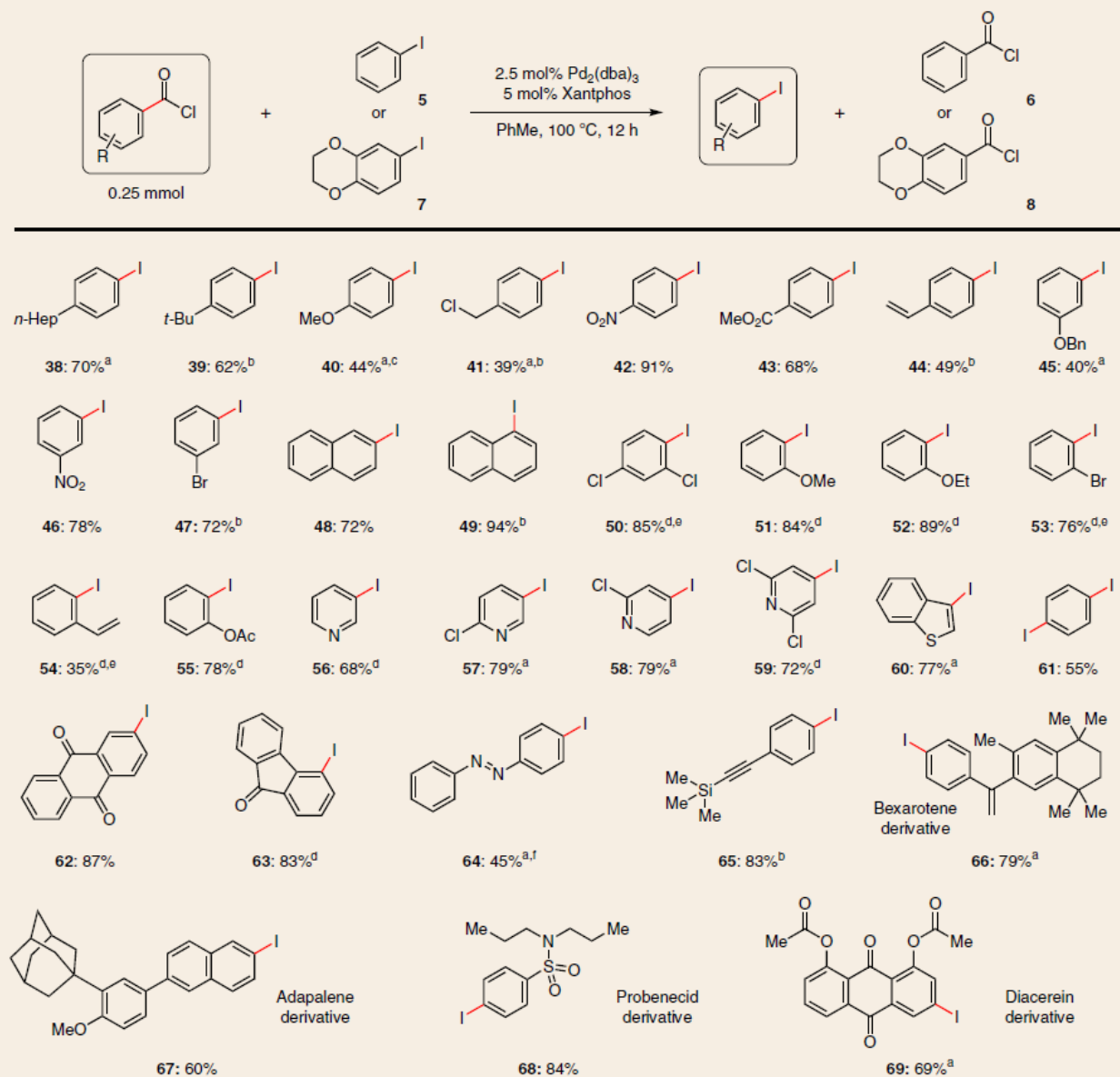
These reactions are **reversible** and **thermodynamic equilibrium can be reached** under these conditions.



**Table 1 | Substrate scope for the transformation of ArI into ArCOCl**



**Table 2 | Substrate scope for the transformation of ArCOCl into ArI**



All yields are isolated yields (%). Reaction conditions: ArCOCl (0.25 mmol), **5** (5 equiv.), Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub> (2.5 mol%), Xantphos (5 mol%), toluene, 100 °C, 12 h. <sup>a</sup>125 °C. <sup>b</sup>**7** (2 equiv.). <sup>c</sup>**7** (3 equiv.). <sup>d</sup>*o*-xylene, 150 °C. <sup>e</sup>**5** (2 equiv.). <sup>f</sup>**5** (10 equiv.). For **56**, a HCl salt of the substrate was used with DABCO (1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane (0.5 equiv.)).

