

# **Hydration of nitriles with Ghaffar-Parkins catalyst**

Literature Seminar

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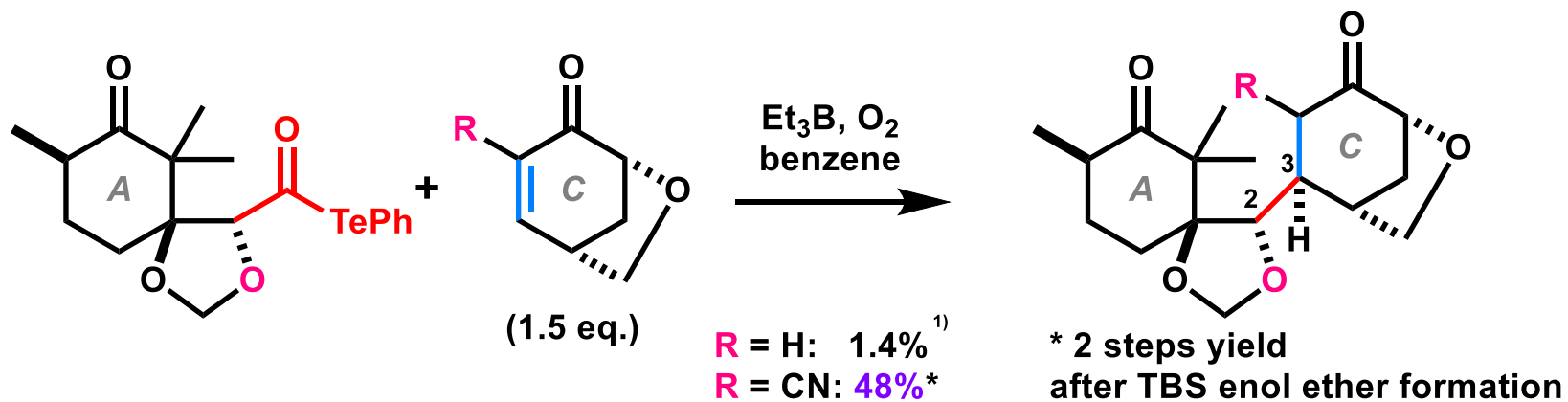
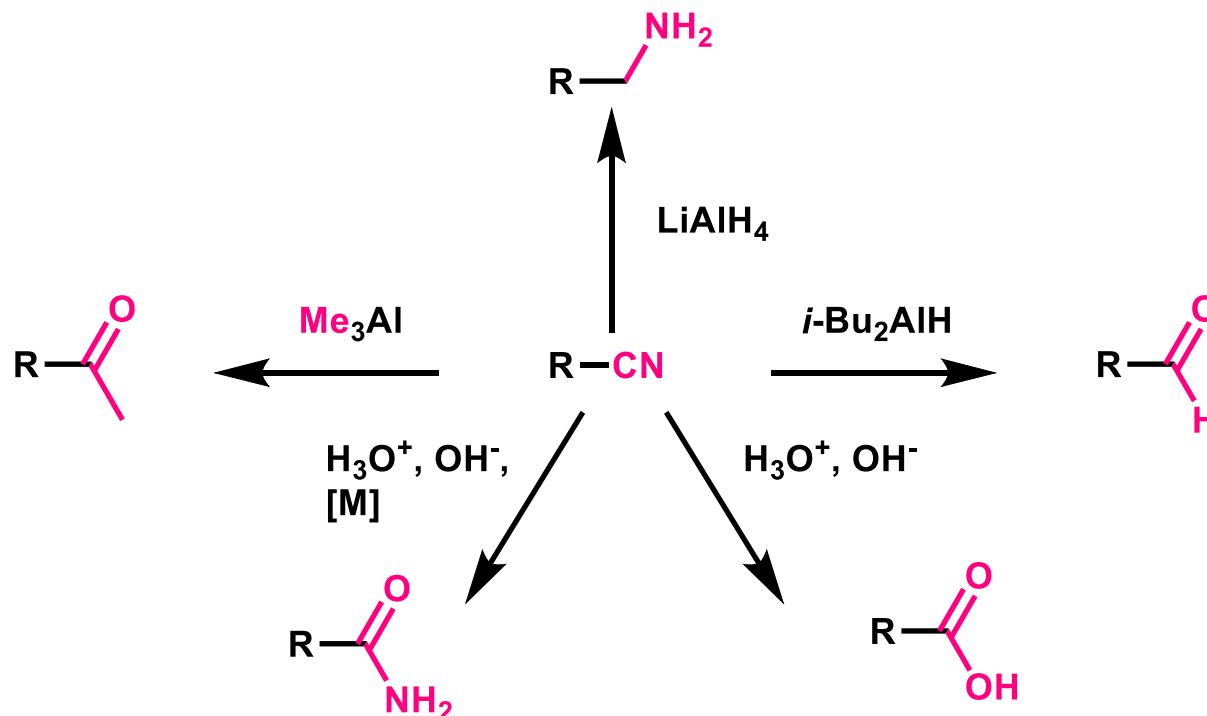
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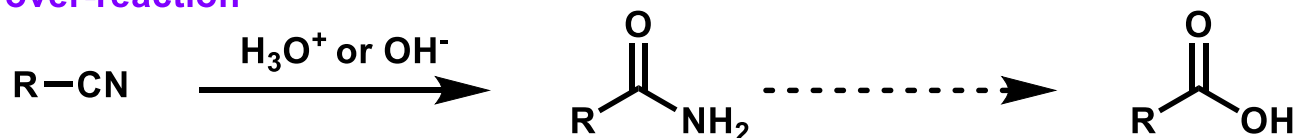
# Nitrile as a Versatile Functional Group



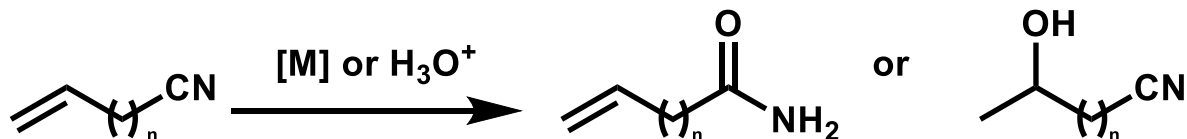
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# Problems in Hydration of Nitriles

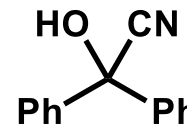
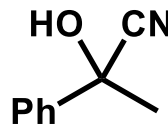
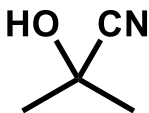
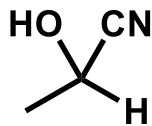
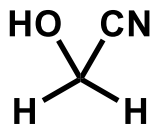
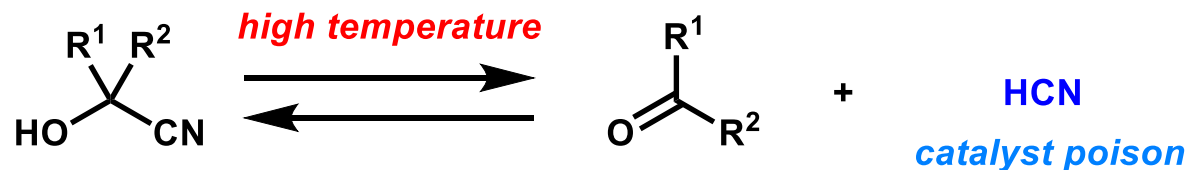
## 1. over-reaction



## 2. chemoselectivity



## 3. hydration of cyanohydrins



unstable  
difficult to hydrate

*Though the reaction is fundamental, above problems remains (especially 3). Mild and efficient conditions have been investigated.*

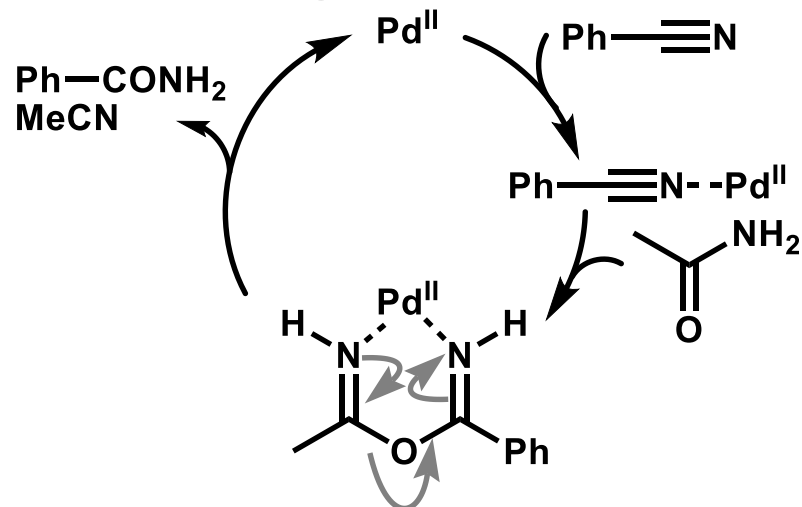
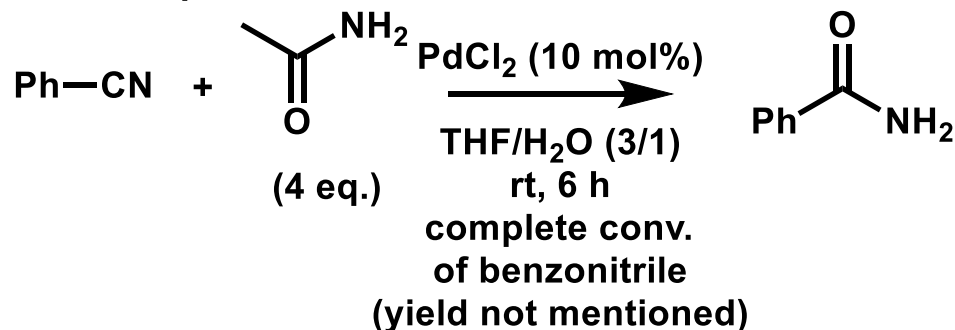
# Conditions with Water Surrogates

Drawbacks in hydration catalysts:

low nucleophilicity of water under neutral conditions

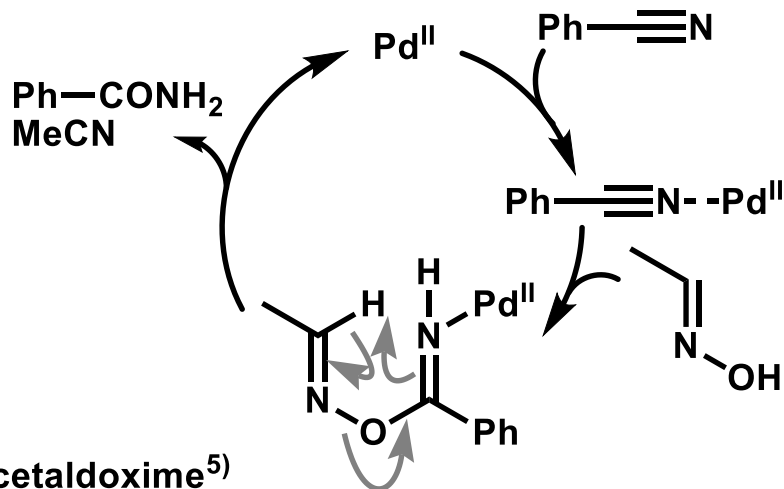
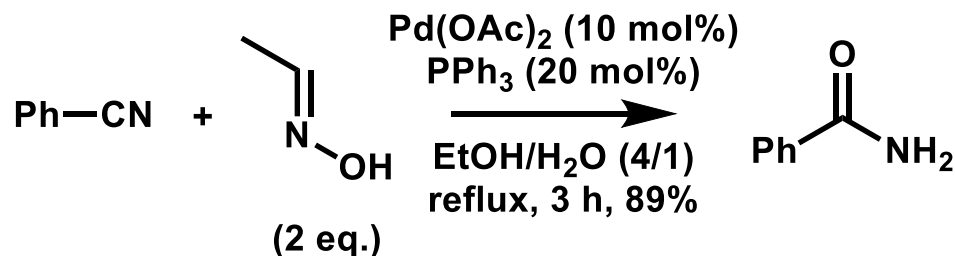
-Transfer hydration from amides

first example <sup>1)</sup>:



-Transfer hydration from aldoximes

first example <sup>2)</sup>:



RhCl(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>/acetaldoxime<sup>3)</sup>, InCl<sub>3</sub>/acetaldoxime<sup>4)</sup>, CuO/acetaldoxime<sup>5)</sup> conditions were also reported.

\* The reaction also proceeded without PPh<sub>3</sub> (82% yield)

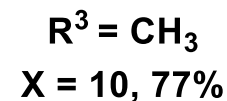
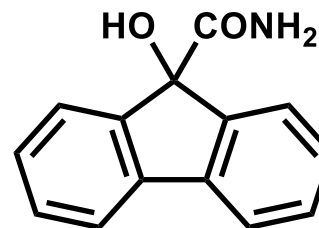
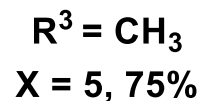
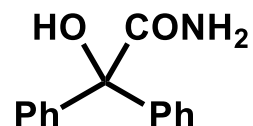
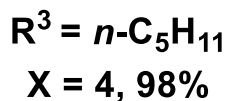
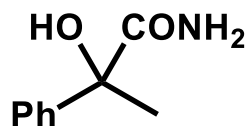
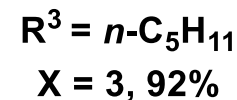
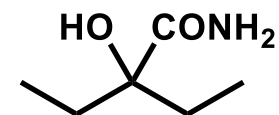
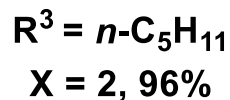
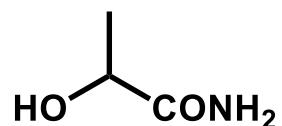
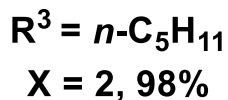
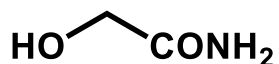
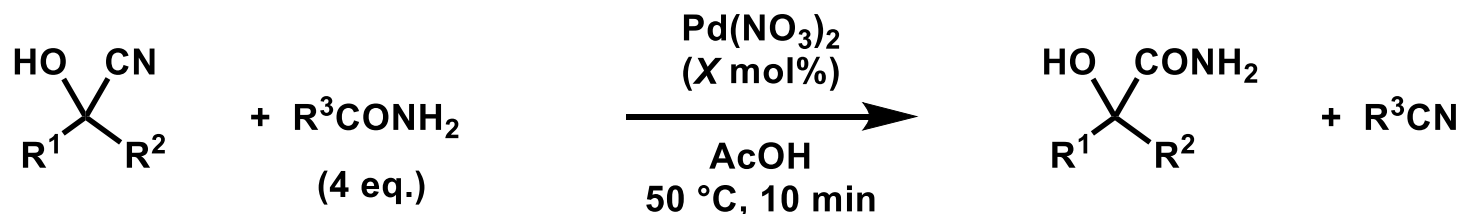
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# Recent Progress in Cyanohydrin Hydration



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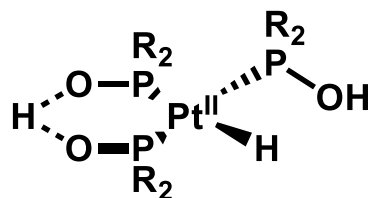
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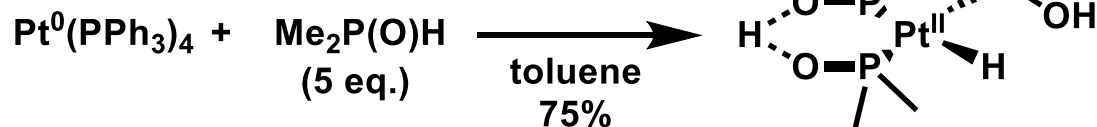
# Ghaffar-Parkins Catalyst



- air-stable
- three  $\text{Me}_2\text{P}(\text{O})\text{H}$  ligands, two of which are binded by hydrogen bonding
- described by Ghaffar and Parkins in 1995

Ghaffar-Parkins catalyst (**A**,  $\text{R}=\text{Me}$ )

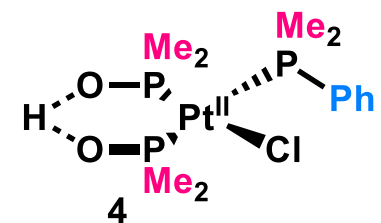
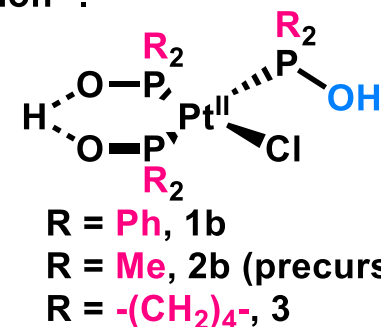
Synthesis:



- Ph analogue ( $\text{R}=\text{Ph}$ ) was known in 1975<sup>1)</sup>, and used in hydroformylation<sup>2)</sup>.

Comparison of TOF (mol of amides/(mol of cat h))

precursor	acetonitrile	acrylonitrile	benzonitrile
1b	20	68	35
2b	488	1800	610
3	90	670	140
4	186	310	230



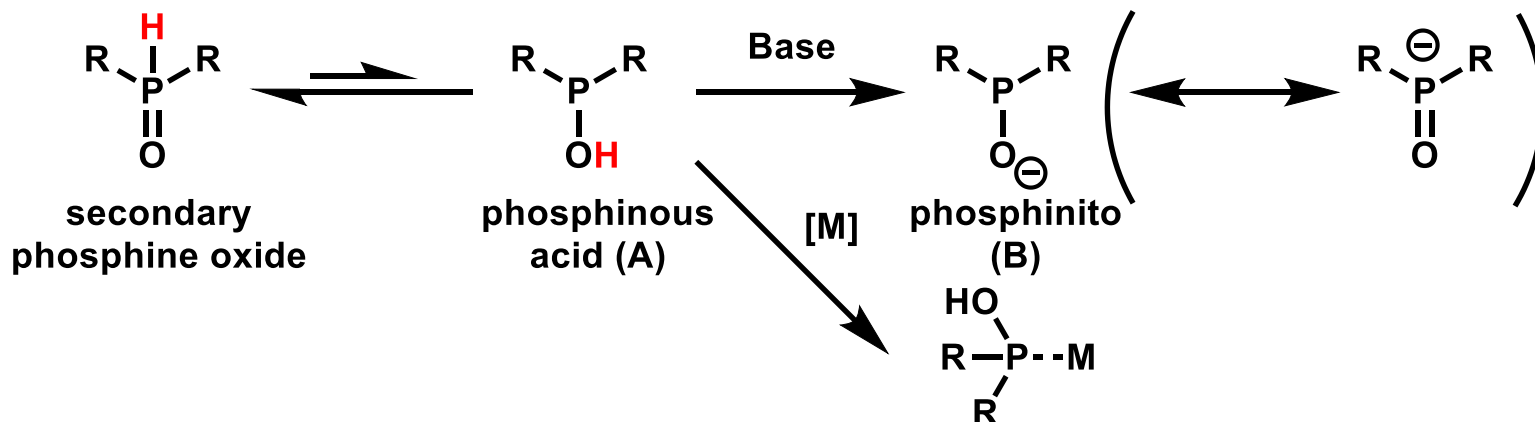
- Bulkiness of ligands affect the efficiency of the reaction.
- OH group plays important role in efficiency. (2b vs 4)

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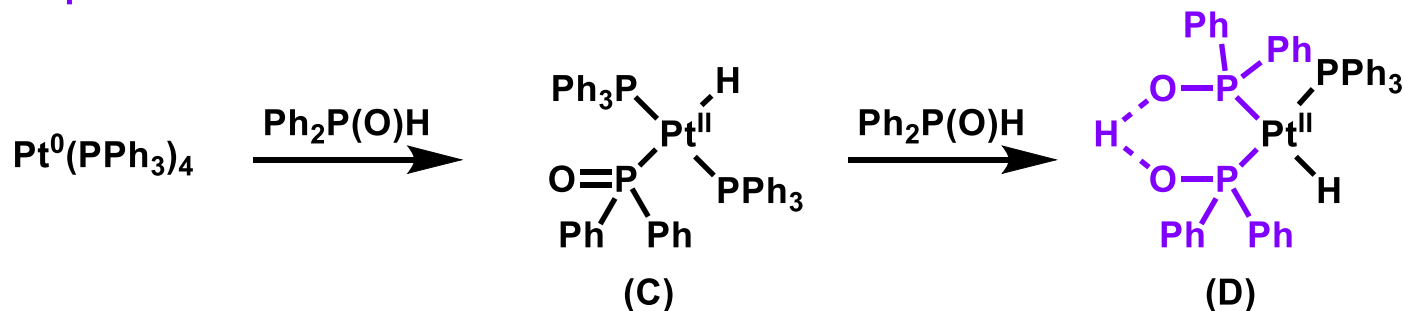
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# Secondary Phosphine Oxide as a Ligand



Tri-coordinate form of (A) can coordinate to a metal ion like a tertiary phosphine, and various metal complex with (A) or (B) have been synthesized.

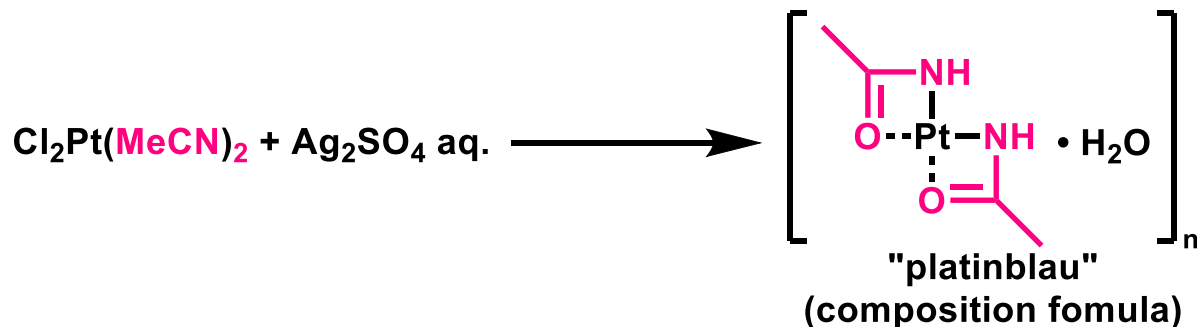
Unique coordination to metal:



Commonly, protonation of compound  $\text{Pt}^0\text{L}_4$  with  $\text{HX}$  leads to  $[\text{Pt}^{\text{II}}\text{HL}_3]\text{X}$  or  $\text{Pt}^{\text{II}}\text{HXL}_2$ . However, in this case, (D) is obtained instead of (C).

# Early Work with Platinum Salts and Nitriles

- First observation of acetamido formation <sup>1)</sup>:



The generated acetamido was not released from the coordination sphere.

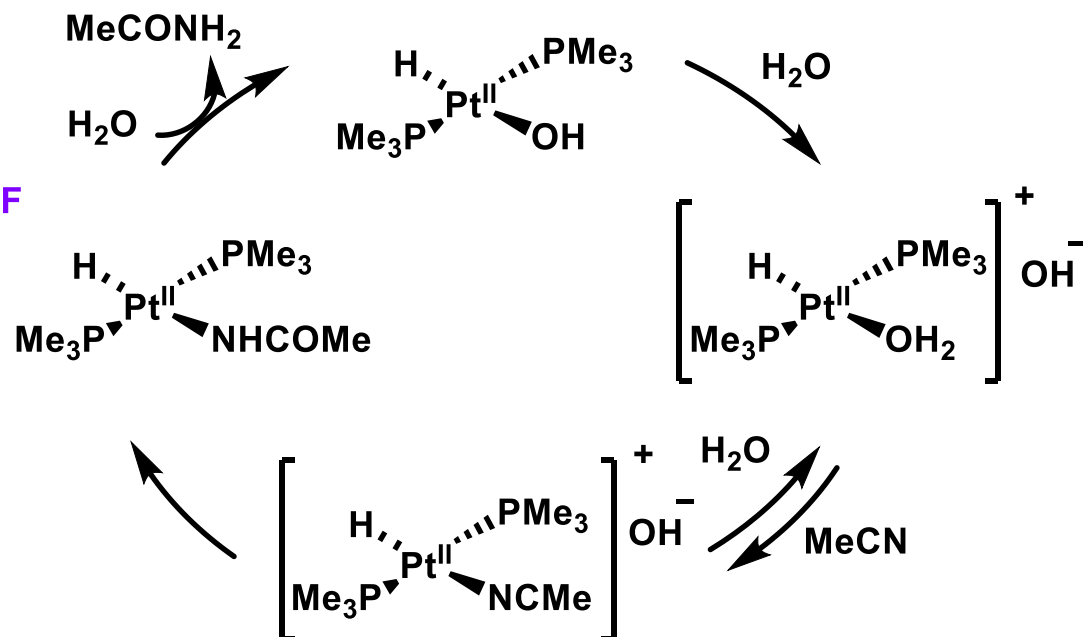
- The most efficient platinum catalyst for hydration of nitriles before Ghaffar-Parkins catalyst: *trans*-[PtH(H<sub>2</sub>O)(PMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>][OH] <sup>2)</sup>

conditions:

PtHCl(PMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, NaOH (1 eq.)

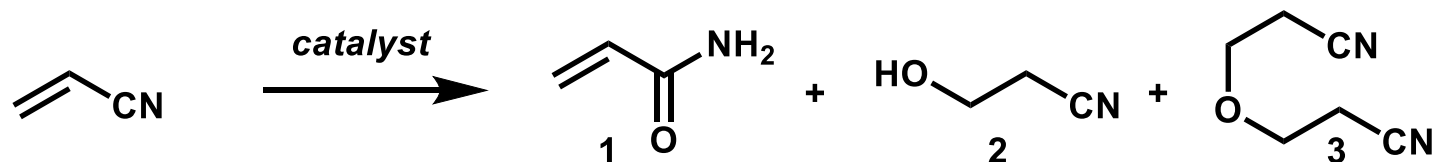
CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O (1/1), 78 °C

acetonitrile hydration at 78 °C: **178 TOF**  
(cf. NaOH cat. at 78 °C: **0.4 TOF**)

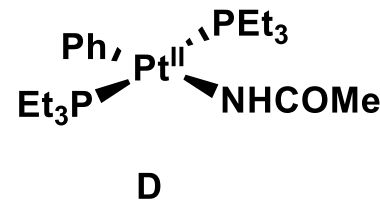
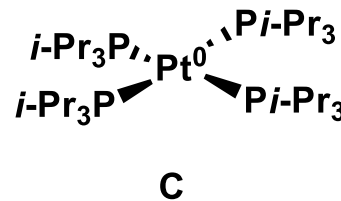
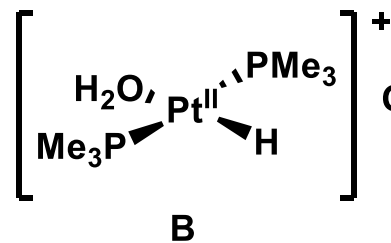
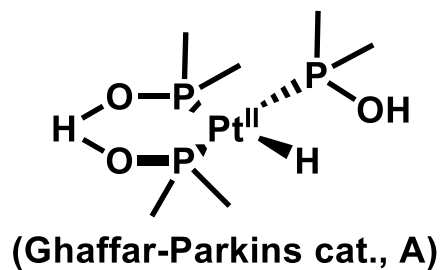


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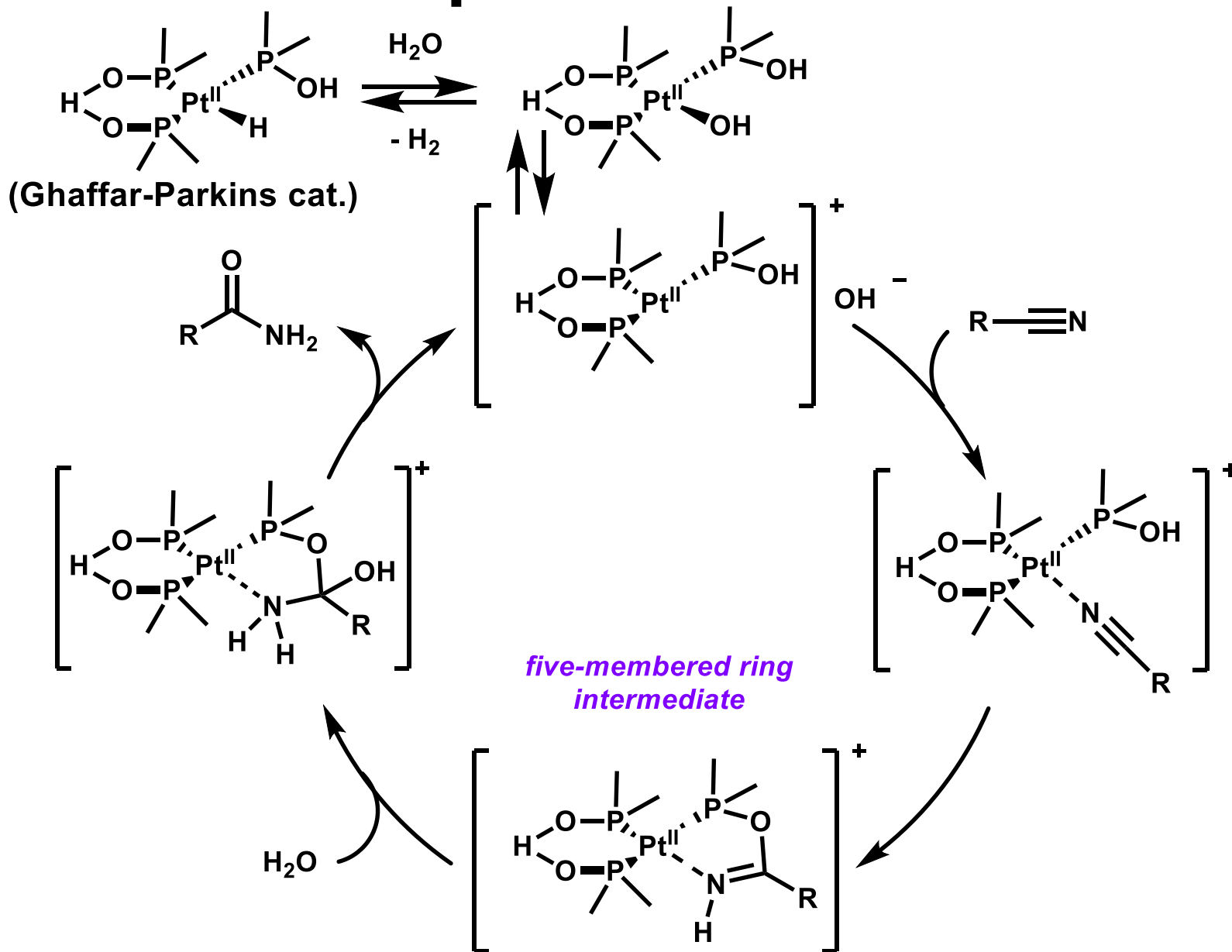
# Comparison with Other Platinum Catalysts



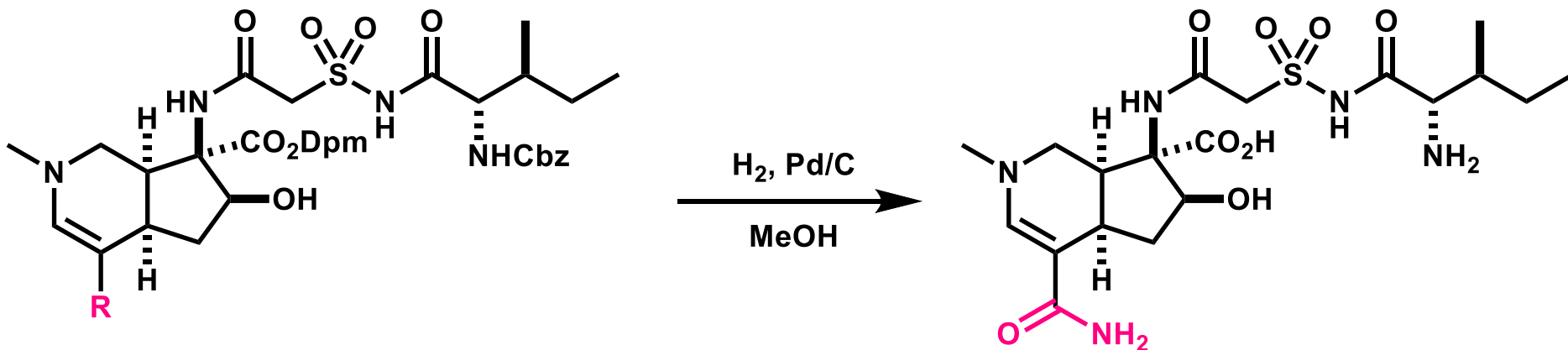
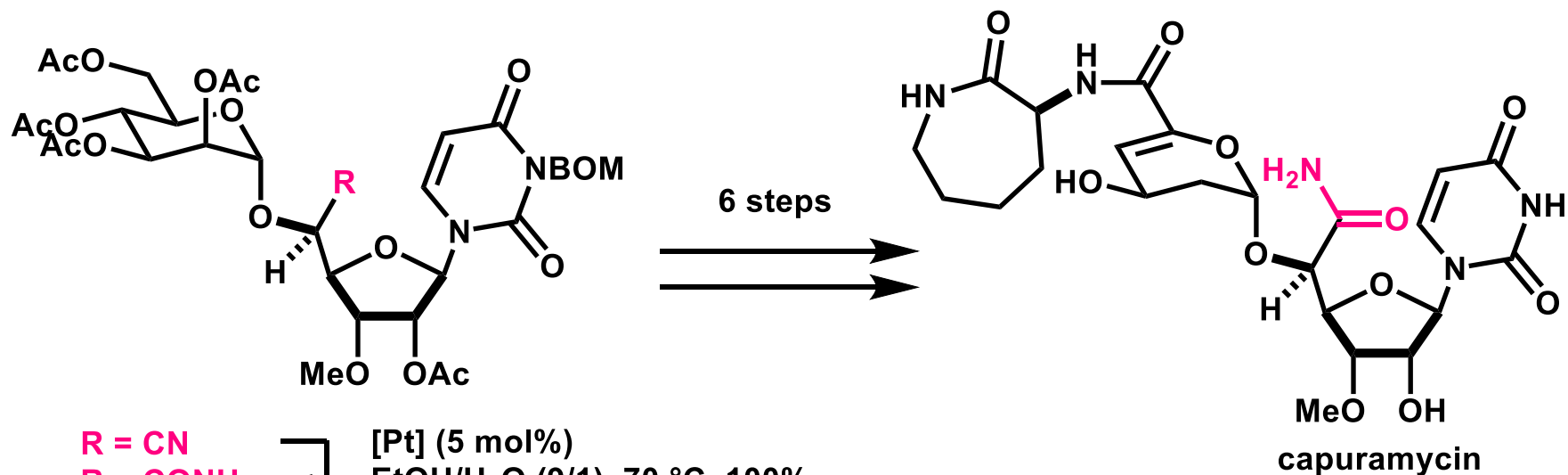
cat.	temp (°C)	TOF (mol. of product/mol. of cat h)			selectivity for nitrile
		1	2	3	
A	90	1485	-	-	>99
B	25	6.2	0.02	0.19	97
B	80	65.0	84.5	10.5	29
C	80	1.8	2.5	20.9	7.5
D	80	2.2	0.25	2.45	45



# Proposed Mechanisms



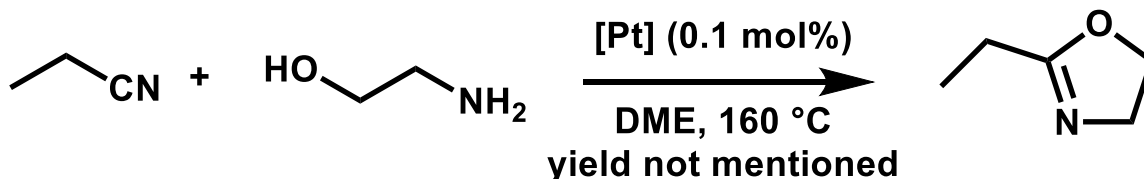
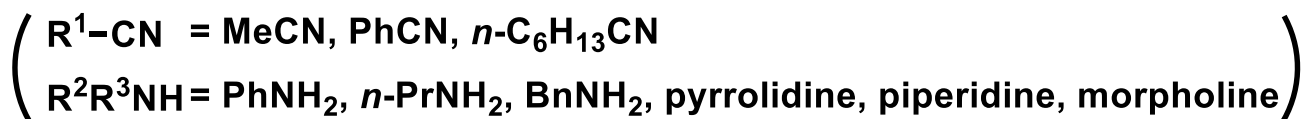
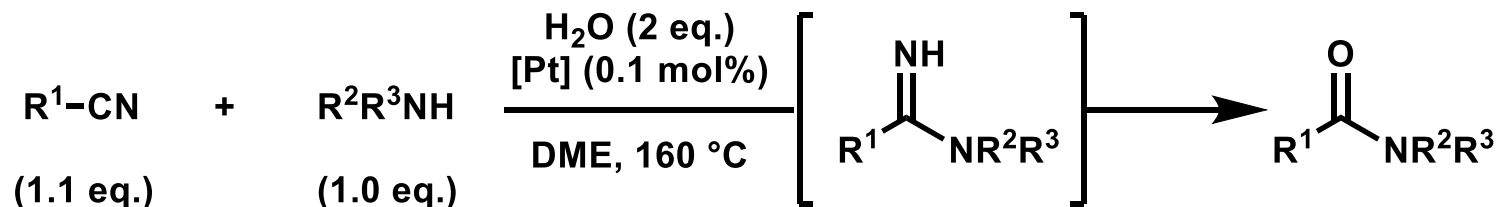
# Application in Total Syntheses



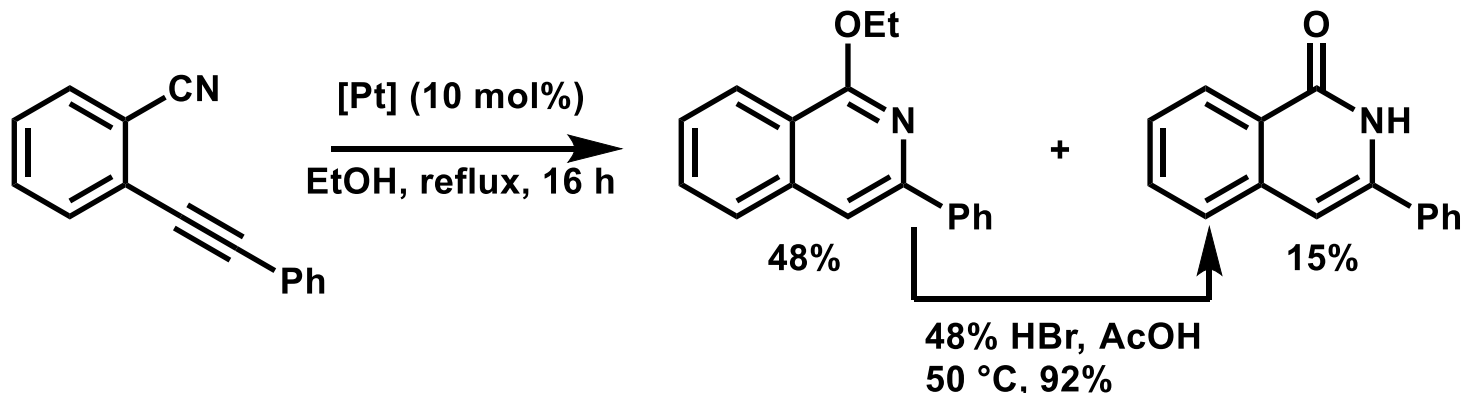
(Dpm: 1,2-diphenylmaleyl)

# Other Synthetic Applications

- Conversion of nitriles into *N*-substituted amides <sup>1)</sup> ([Pt]=Ghaffar-Parkins cat.)



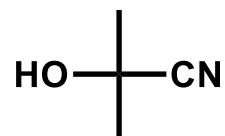
- Synthesis of isoquinolones by intramolecular cyclization <sup>2)</sup>



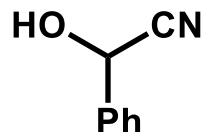
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# Limitations

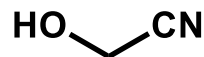
Hydration of cyanohydrins: limited scope<sup>1)</sup>



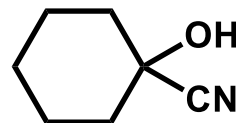
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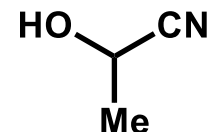
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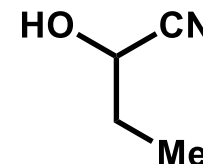
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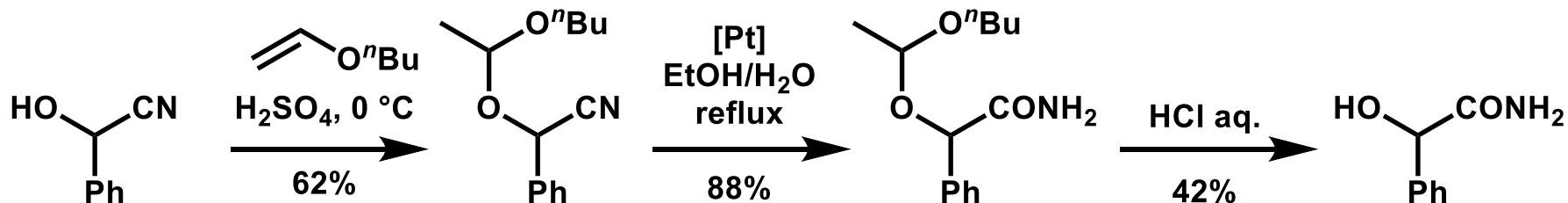
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TON = mol. of amide/ mol. of cat.

Circumvention of above problems: protection of hydroxyl group<sup>2)</sup>



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## Research topics

### 1. Organometallic synthesis and mechanisms

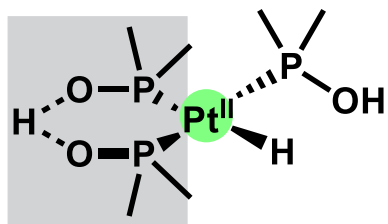
- Catalysts for olefin metathesis

### 2. Organic synthesis

- Catalysts that provide high enantioselectivity in RCM and high stereoselectivity in cross metathesis
- Other metal-catalyzed reactions including oxidations and tandem metathesis/oxidation

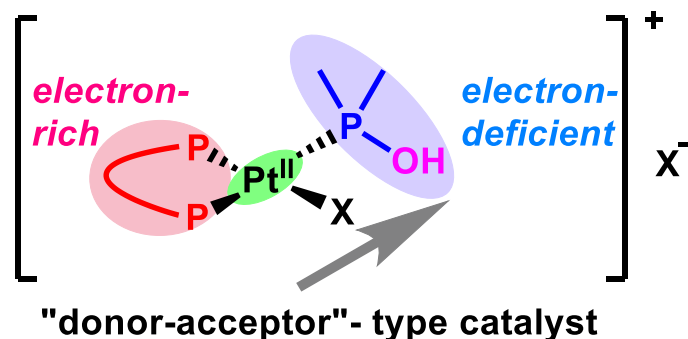
### 3. polymer synthesis

# Concepts



Ghaffar-Parkins cat.

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## Modification:

Introducing an **electron-rich bidentate ligand** instead of two bridging  $\text{PMe}_2\text{OH}$  ligands

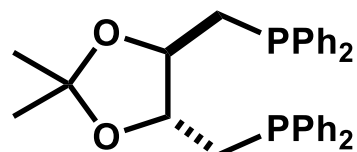
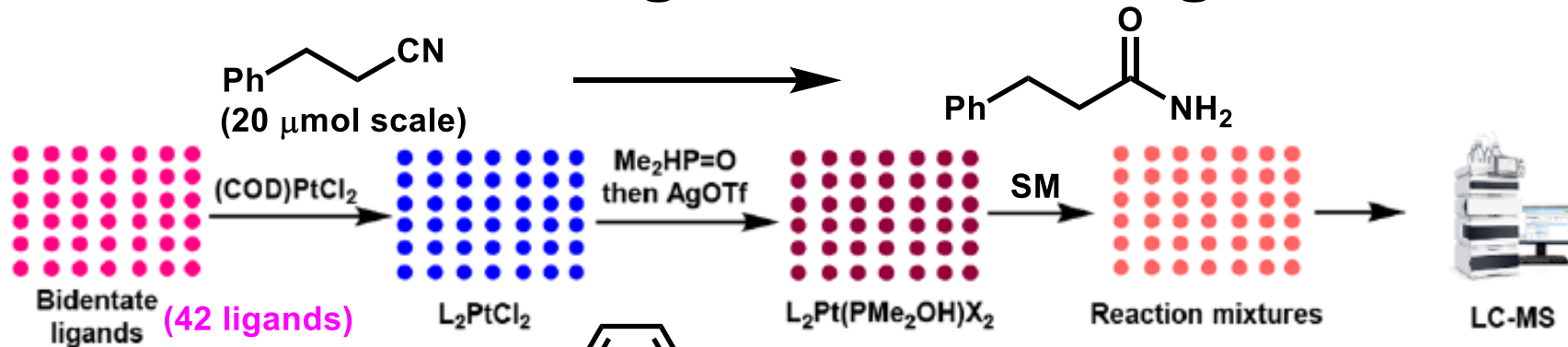
## Effect:

1. Enhancing nucleophilicity of **OH** group
2. more polarization  $\rightarrow$  softer cationic center  $\rightarrow$  facilitation of CN activation

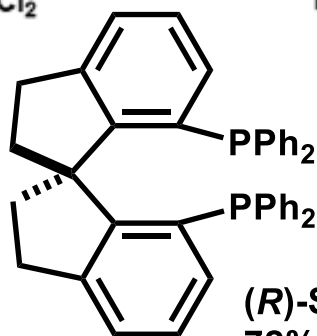
## Expected advantages:

1. High TON and TOF
2. Reaction proceeds at ambient temperature
3. Cyanohydrin hydration

# Screening of Bidentate Ligands



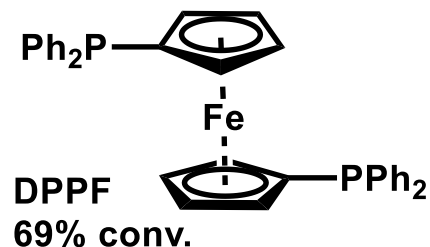
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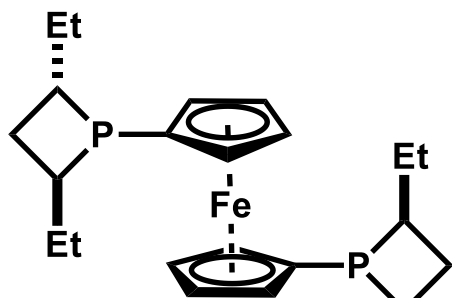
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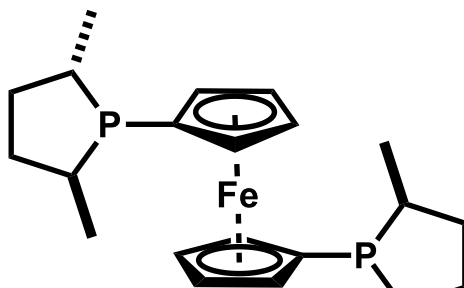
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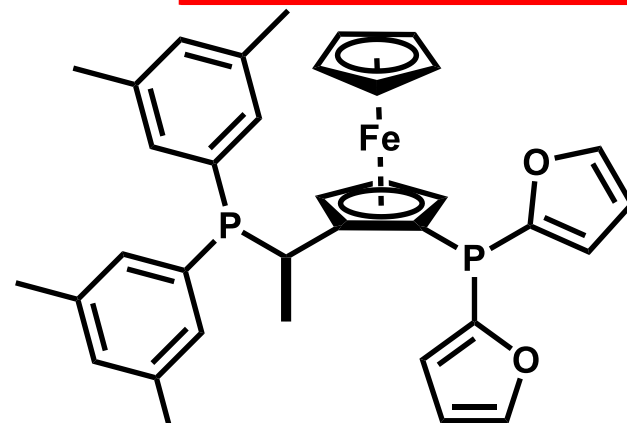
DPPF  
69% conv.



(*2S,4S*)-Et-FerrotANE  
64% conv.

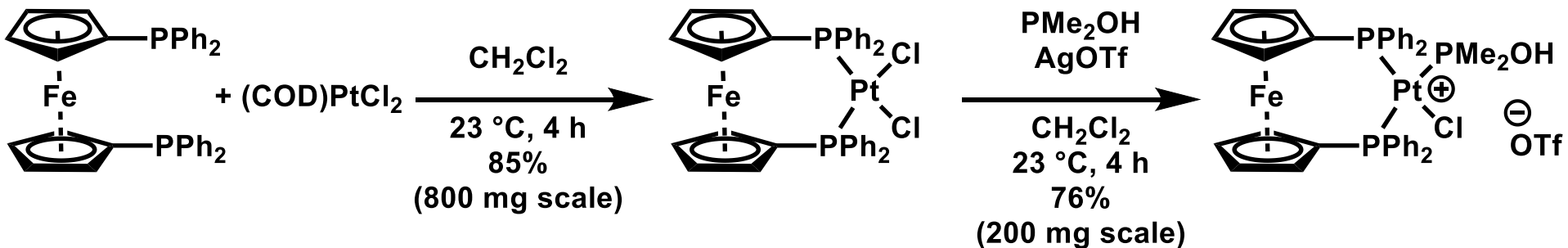


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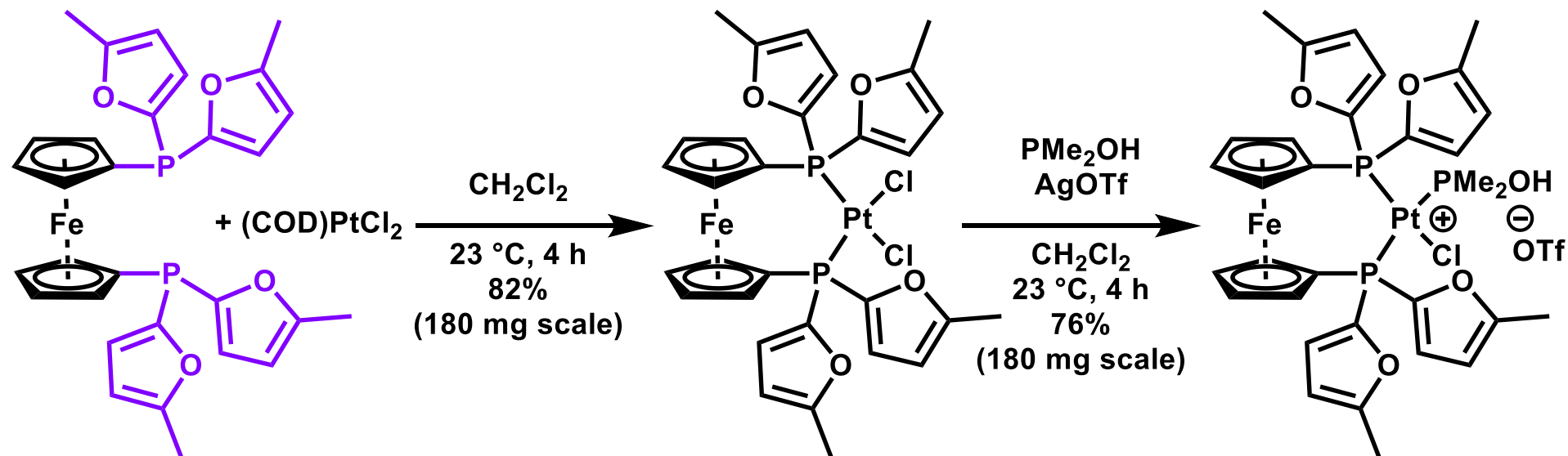


Josiphos SL-J015-1  
65% conv.

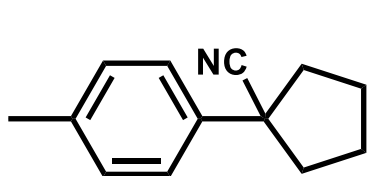
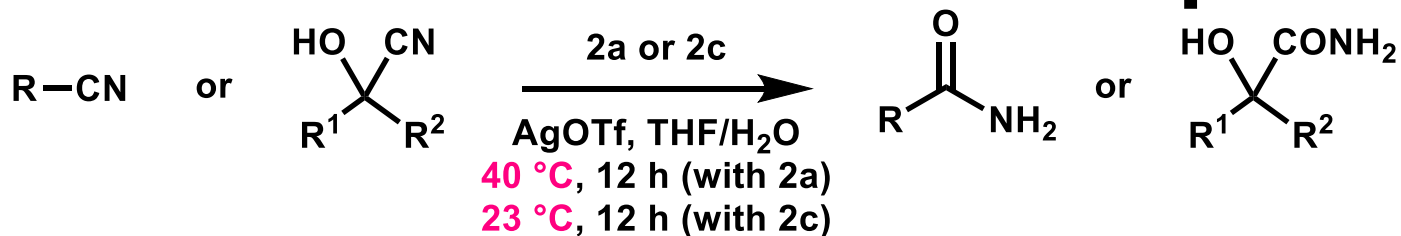
# Synthesis of Catalysts



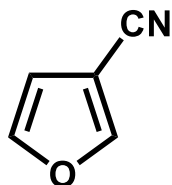
- Synthesis of the catalyst with **more electron-rich ligand**



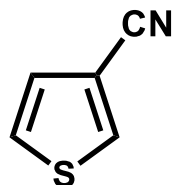
# Substrate Scope



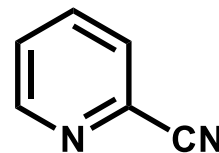
2a: 52%  
 TOF: 17  
 1a: 99%\*, 97%\*\*  
 TOF: 17\*, 3.3\*\*  
 \*at 80 °C  
 \*\*at 45 °C



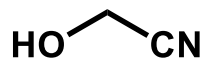
2a: 95%  
 TOF: 79  
 1a: 95%\*, 96%\*\*  
 TOF: 54\*, 2.4\*\*  
 \*at 80 °C  
 \*\*at 25 °C



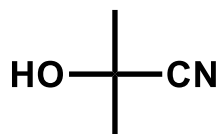
2a: 96%  
 TON: 960  
 2c: 95%  
 TON: 950



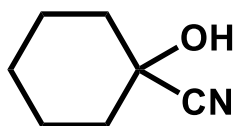
2a: 64%  
 TON: 254  
 2c: 45%  
 TON: 156



2a: 88%  
 TON: 880  
 2c: 98%  
 TON: 395  
 1a: 4%  
 TON: 66

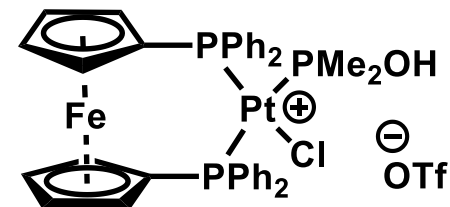


2a: 37%  
 TON: 112  
 2c: 54%  
 TON: 216  
 1a: 3%  
 TON: 3

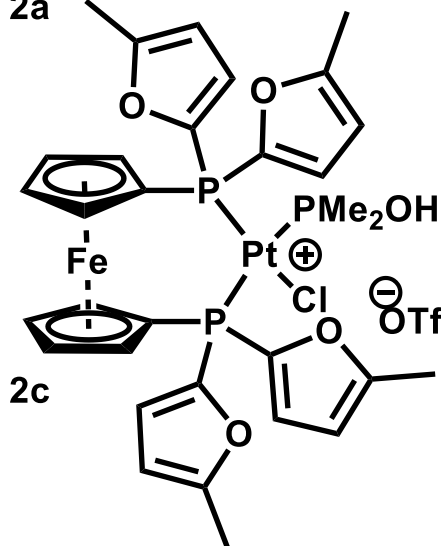


2a: 22%  
 TON: 43  
 2c: 37%  
 TON: 74  
 1a: 14%  
 TON: 3

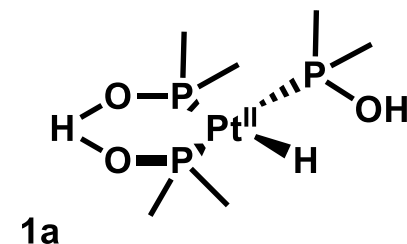
(TOF = TON/hour)



2a

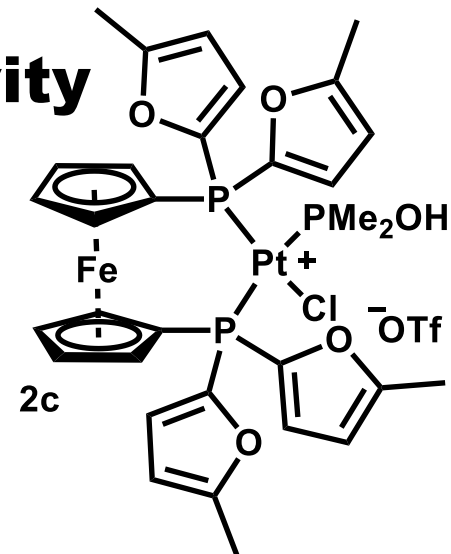
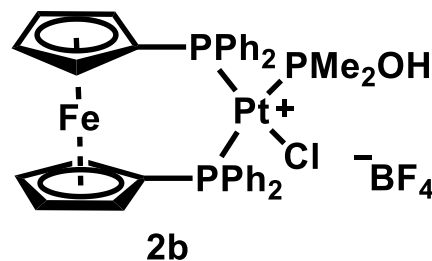
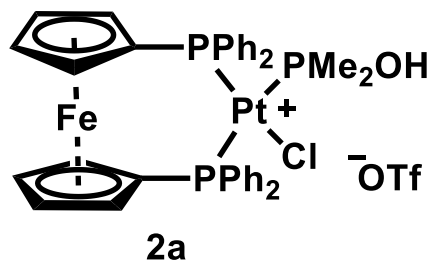
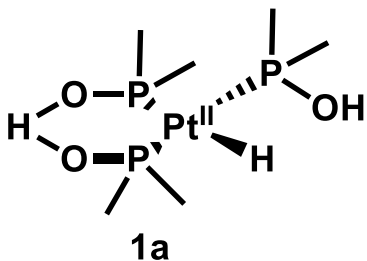


2c

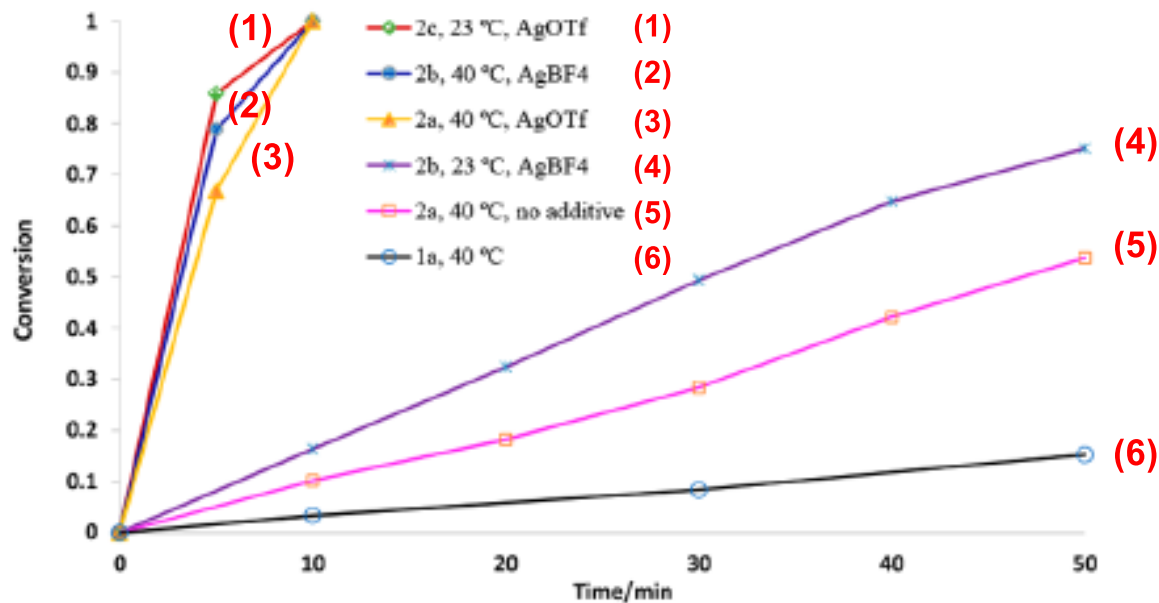
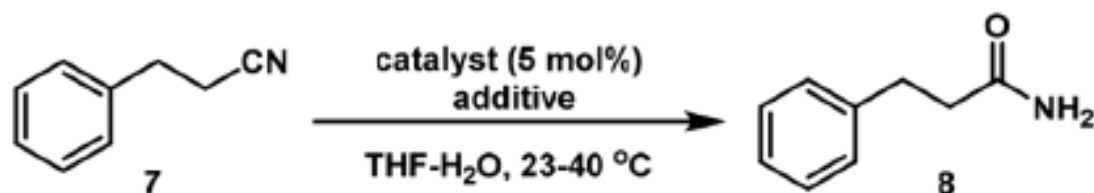


1a

# Comparison of Catalytic Activity



A.



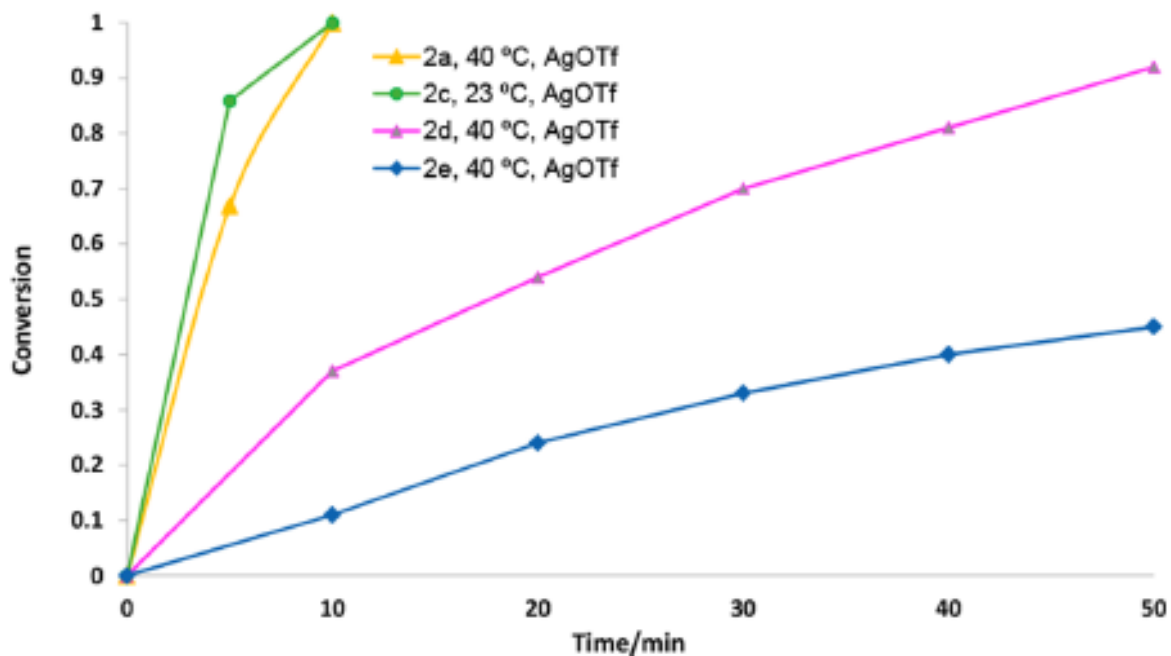
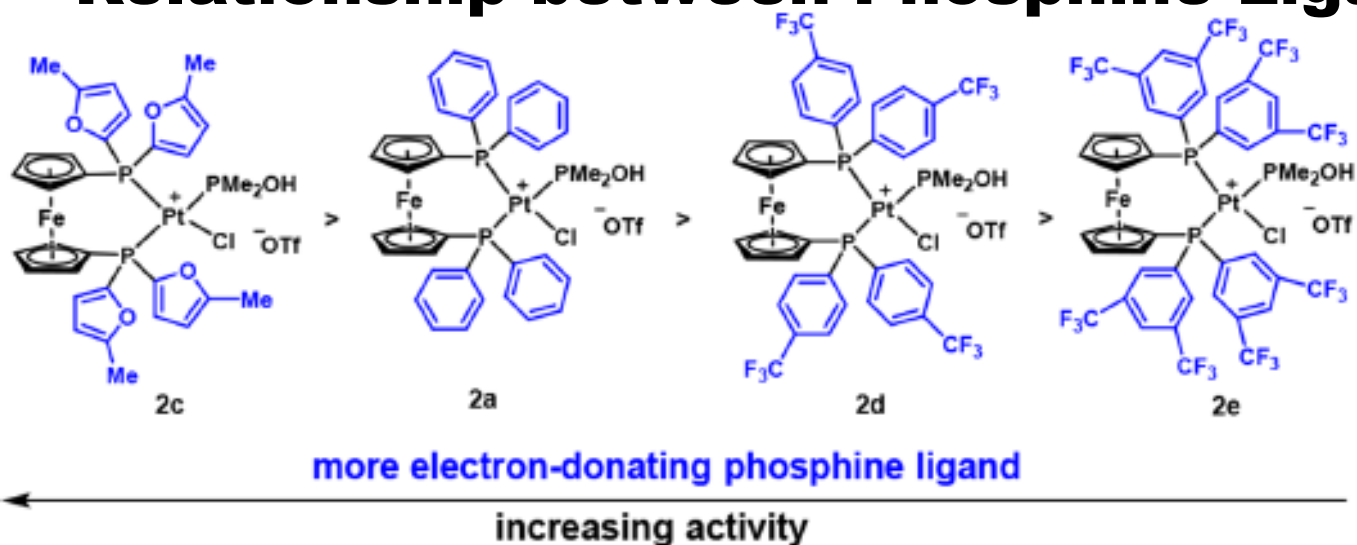
(1)~(5) vs (6):  
TOF: 2a, 2b, 2c > 1a

(2) vs (4)  
TOF: 40 °C > 23 °C

(1) vs (4)  
TOF at 23 °C: 2c > 2b

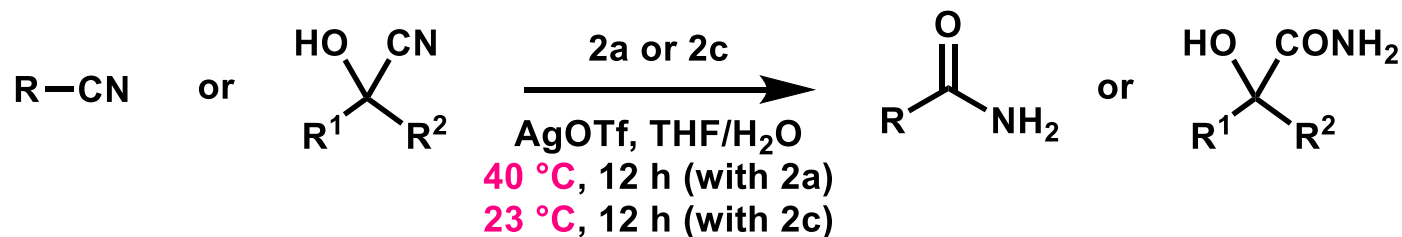
(3) vs (5)  
TOF: with AgOTf > no additive

# Relationship between Phosphine Ligands

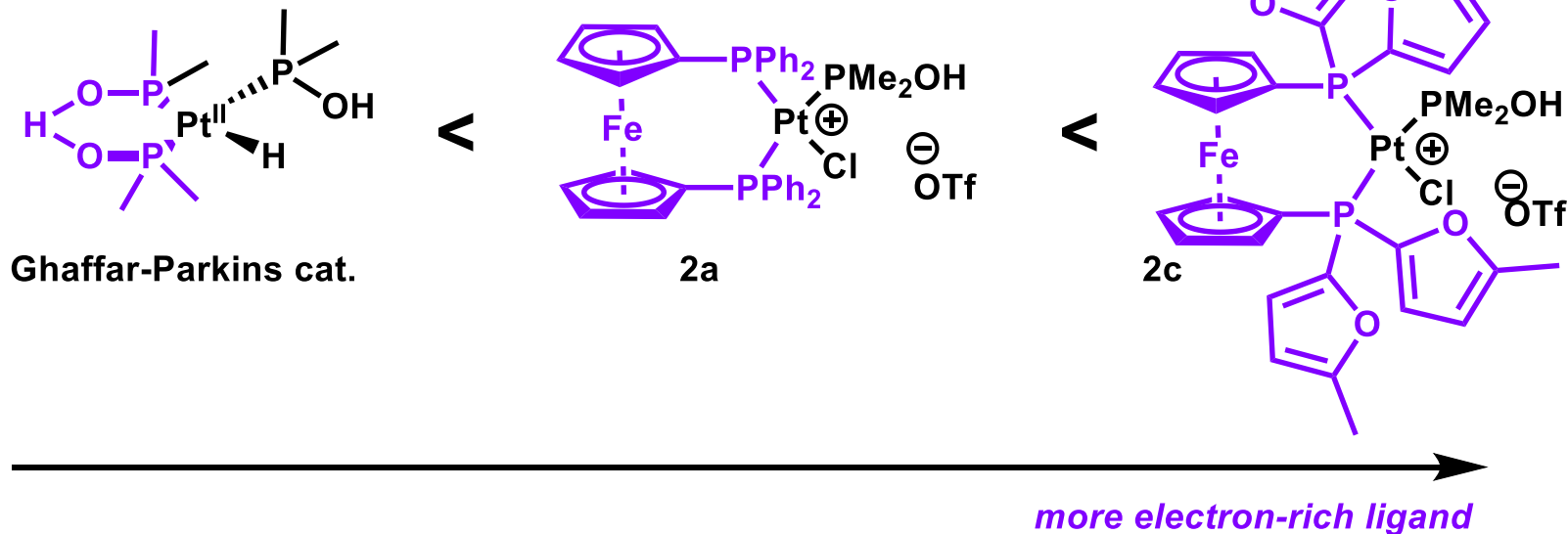




# Summary



efficiency of the catalyst:



- Hydration of nitriles can proceed **in lower temperature** by changing ligands into more electron rich bidentate ones.

- Substrate scope of cyanohydrins is expanded with 2c.