

# *C-H Activation: Fundamentals and Recent Developments*



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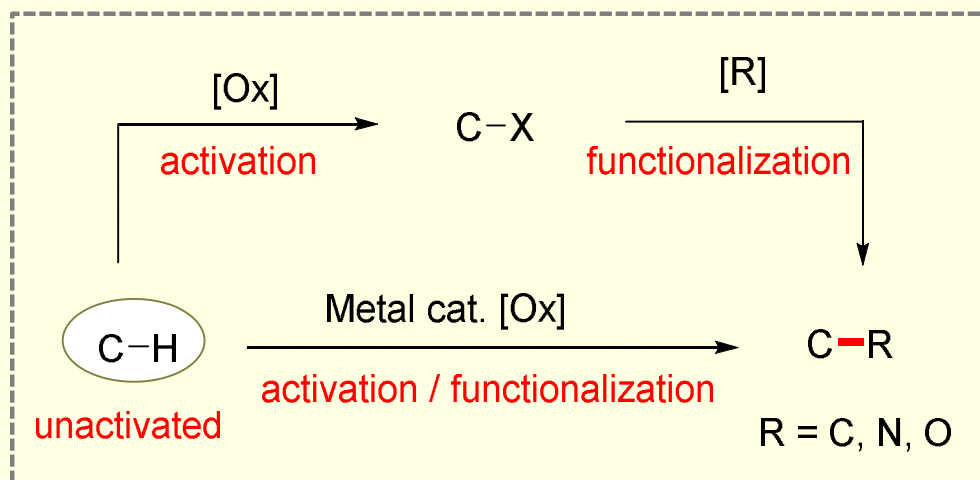
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# Plan: Focus on the Transformation

chromium 24 Cr	manganese 25 Mn	iron 26 Fe	cobalt 27 Co	nickel 28 Ni	copper 29 Cu	zinc 30 Zn
92.90638	54.938045	55.845	58.9332	58.6934	63.546	65.409
niobium 41 Nb	technetium 43 Tc	ruthenium 44 Ru	rhodium 45 Rh	palladium 46 Pd	silver 47 Ag	cadmium 48 Cd
92.90638	[98]	101.07	102.9055	106.42	107.8682	112.414
tungsten 74 W	rhenium 75 Re	osmium 76 Os	iridium 77 Ir	platinum 78 Pt	gold 79 Au	mercury 80 Hg
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bohrium 107	bohrium 107	hassium 108	meitnerium 109	darmstadtium 110	roentgenium 111	ununium 112
106	107	108	109	110	111	112

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type of C-H	C(sp)	C(sp <sup>2</sup> ) <sub>arom</sub>	C(sp <sup>2</sup> ) <sub>vinyl</sub>	C(sp <sup>3</sup> ) <sub>1°</sub>	C(sp <sup>3</sup> ) <sub>2°</sub>	C(sp <sup>3</sup> ) <sub>3°</sub>	C(sp <sup>3</sup> ) <sub>allylic</sub>
structure	$\text{H}-\text{C}\equiv\text{C}-\text{H}$		$\text{H}_2\text{C}=\text{C}-\text{H}$	$\text{H}_3\text{C}-\text{C}(\text{H})_2-\text{H}$	$\text{H}_3\text{C}-\text{C}(\text{H})(\text{CH}_3)-\text{H}$	$\text{H}_3\text{C}-\text{C}(\text{H})(\text{CH}_3)_2$	
BDE (kJ/mol)	552.2	473.0	460.2	410.8	397.9	389.9	361.1
pK <sub>a</sub>	~25	43	44	~50	~50	~50	43

ACS Symposium Series 885, *Activation and Functionalization of C-H Bonds*, 2004, 1-43

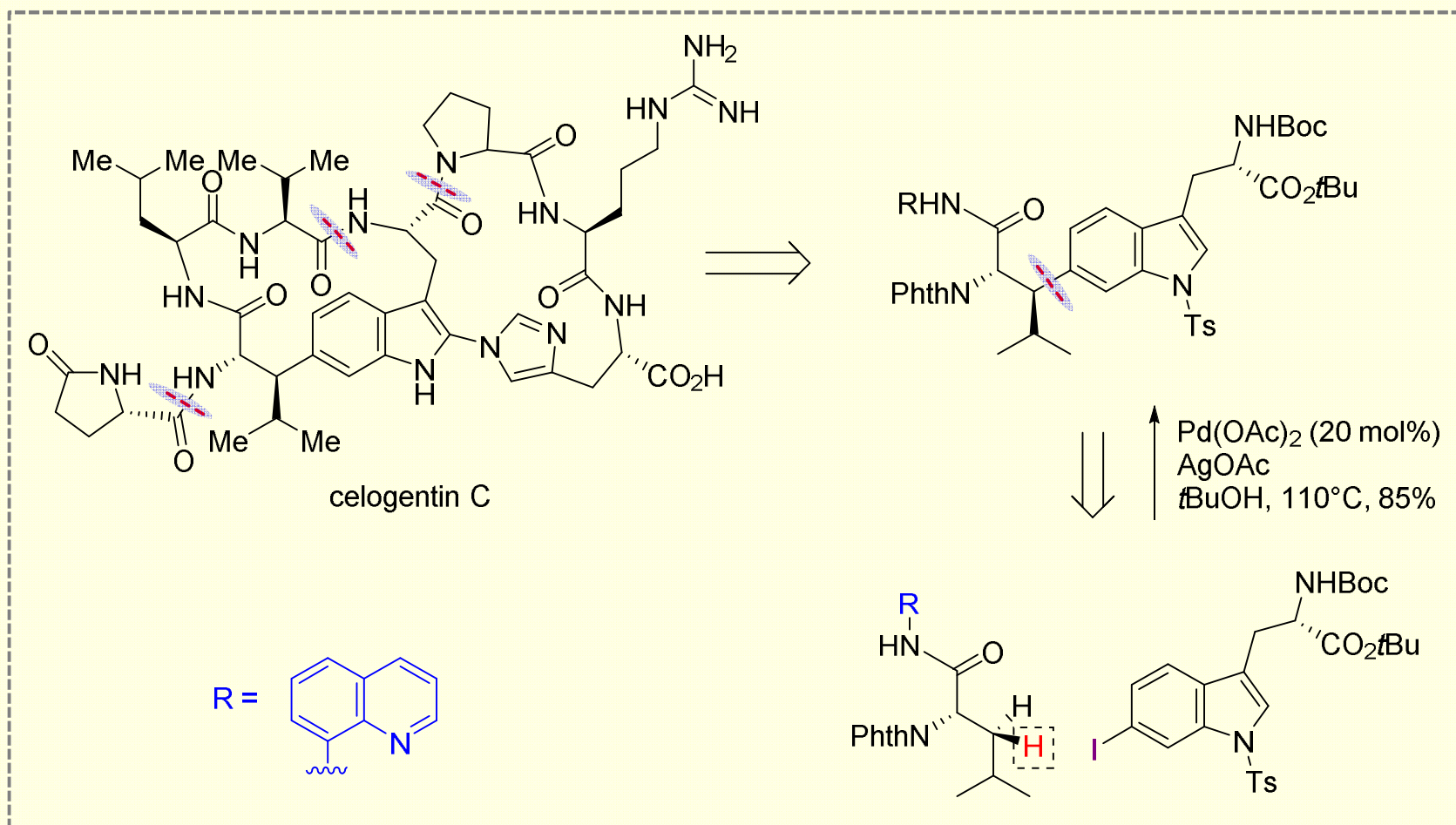
## Organometallic C-H Bond Activation: An Introduction

Alan S. Goldman<sup>1</sup> and Karen I. Goldberg<sup>2</sup>

The carbon-hydrogen bond is the un-functional group. Its unique position in organic chemistry is well illustrated by the standard representation of organic molecules: the presence of C-H bonds is indicated simply by the absence of any other bond. This “invisibility” of C-H bonds reflects both their ubiquitous nature and their lack of reactivity. With these characteristics in mind it is clear that if the ability to selectively functionalize C-H bonds were well developed, it could potentially constitute the most broadly applicable and powerful class of transformations in organic synthesis. Realization of such potential could revolutionize the synthesis of organic molecules ranging in complexity from methanol to the most elaborate natural or unnatural products.

# Multi-step Syntheses and C-H Activation / Functionalization

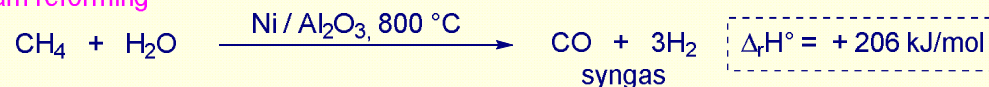
“Liberating chemistry from the tyranny of functional groups”... Of course, reactive groups have to be tolerated



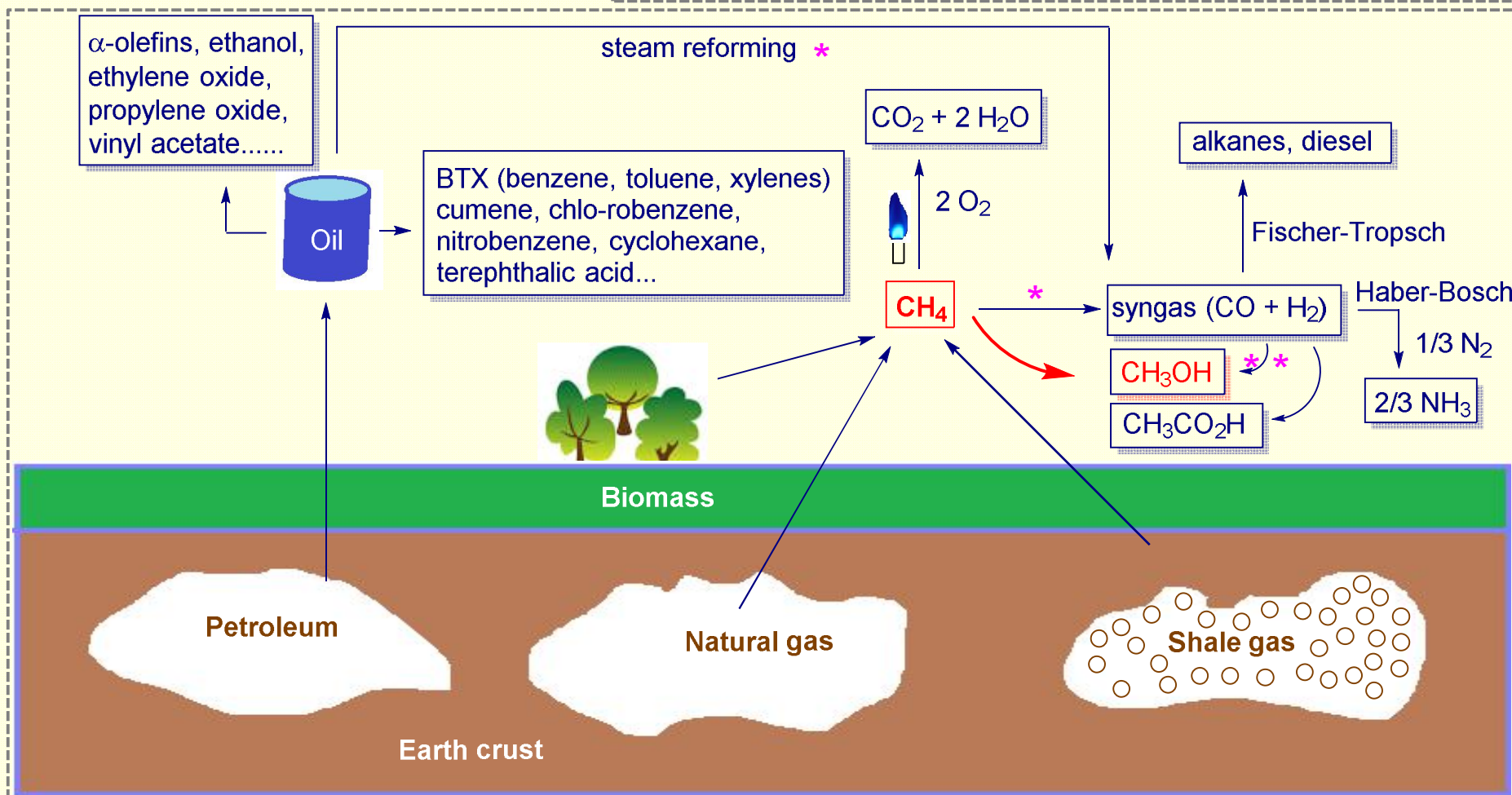
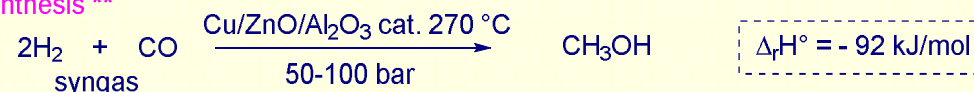
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# Feedstock Use and C-H Activation / Functionalization

Steam reforming \*



Synthesis \*\*



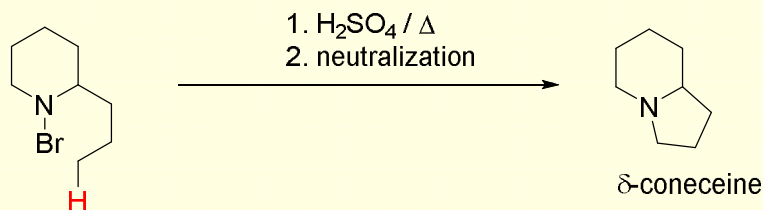
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# Hofmann-Löffler-Freytag (HLF) Reaction

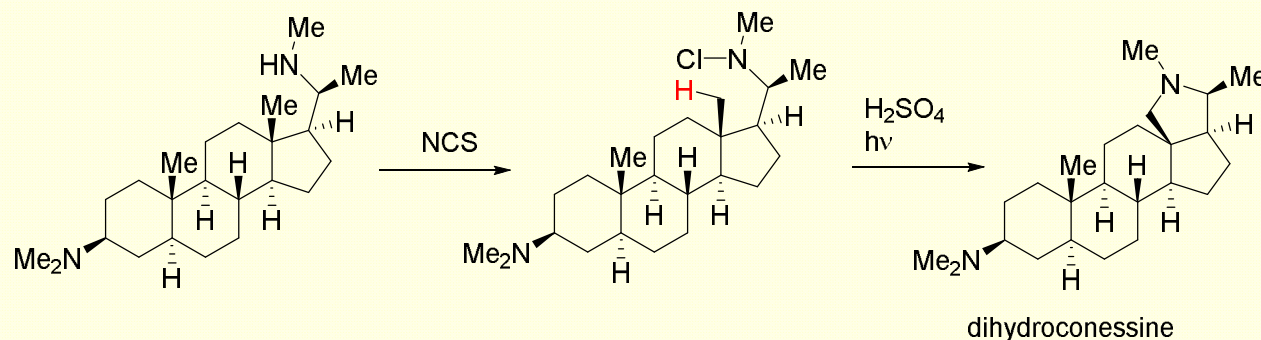
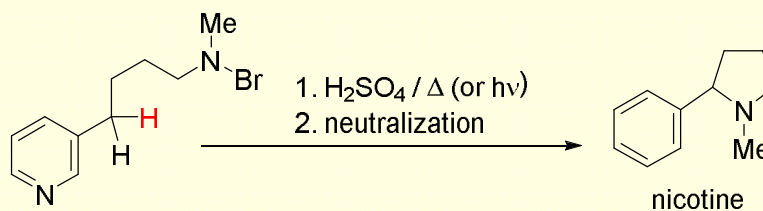
highly reactive intermediates.....and structural proximity



photochemical decomposition of  
*N*-haloamines



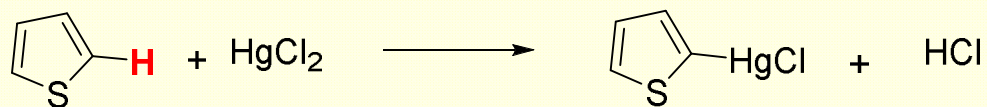
August Wilhelm von Hofmann



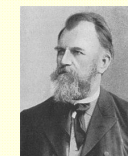
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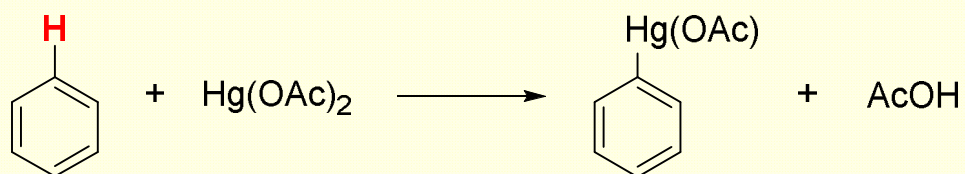
# Pioneering Electrophilic C-H Metalations of Arenes



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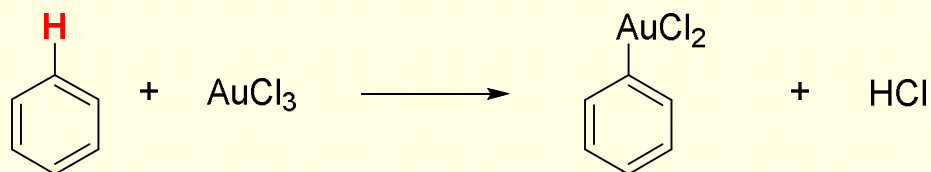
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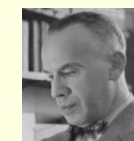
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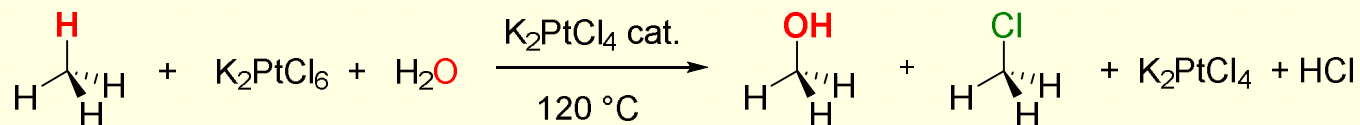
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Morris Kharasch



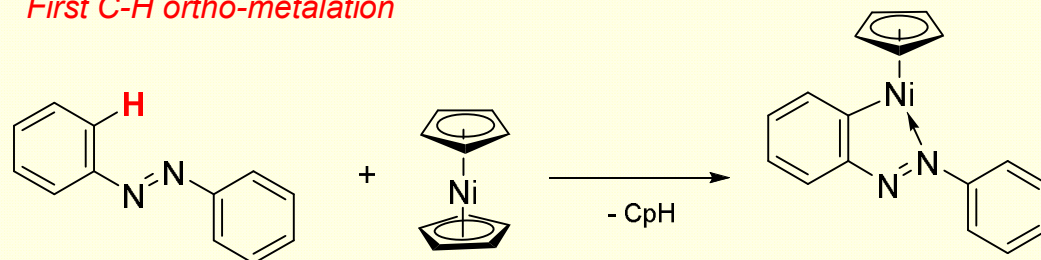
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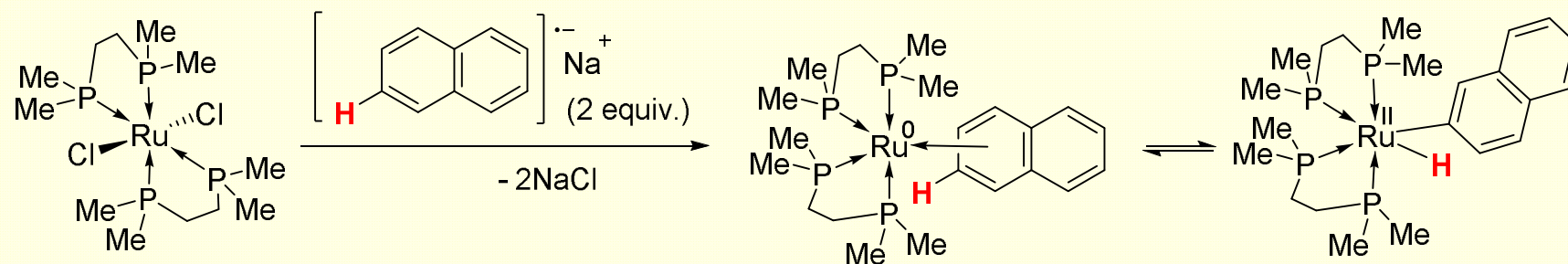
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# Pioneering Nucleophilic Metalations of Arenes

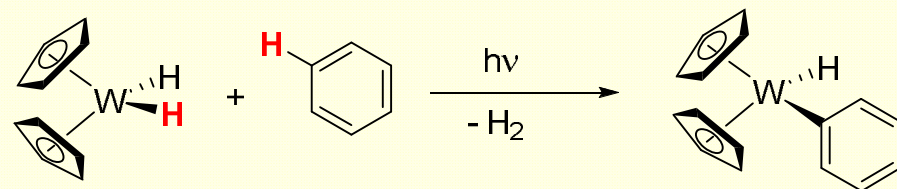
## First C-H ortho-metalation



Kleiman, J. P.; Dubeck, M. J. *Am. Chem. Soc.* **1963**, *85*, 1544



Chatt, J.; Davidson, J. M.; *J. Chem. Soc. (A)* **1965**, 843.

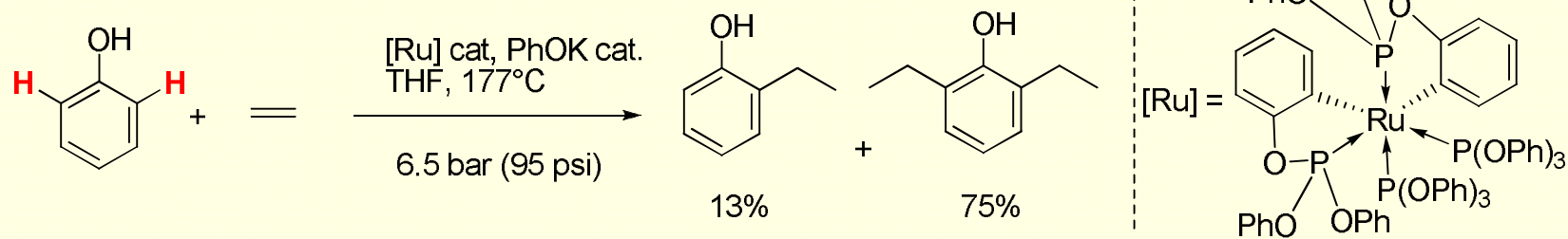


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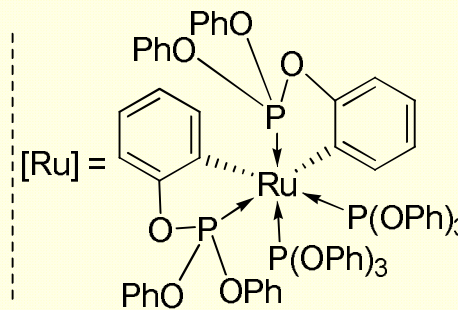
# Other Important Pioneering Steps Forward

## Catalytic aromatic ortho C-H activation

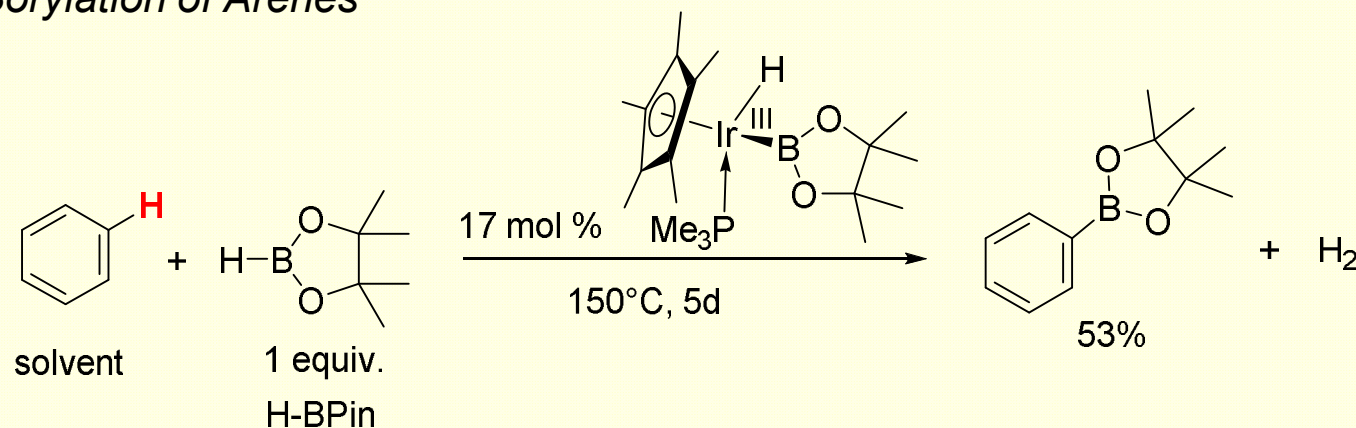
First catalytic C-H activation / functionalization



Lewis, L. N.; Smith, J. F. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1986**, *108*, 2728.



## Borylation of Arenes



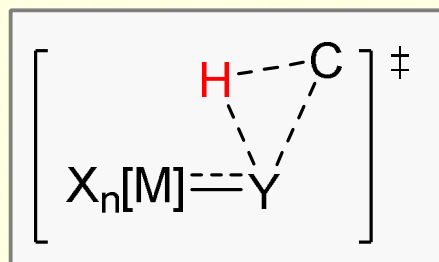
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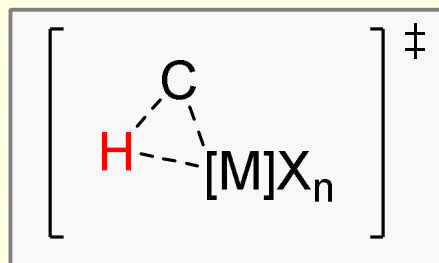
We can mechanistically classify the metal-catalyzed C-H activation / functionalization processes into **two main classes**.

1. Insertion of a C-H bond into the ligand of a transition metal (TM) complex



*outer sphere*

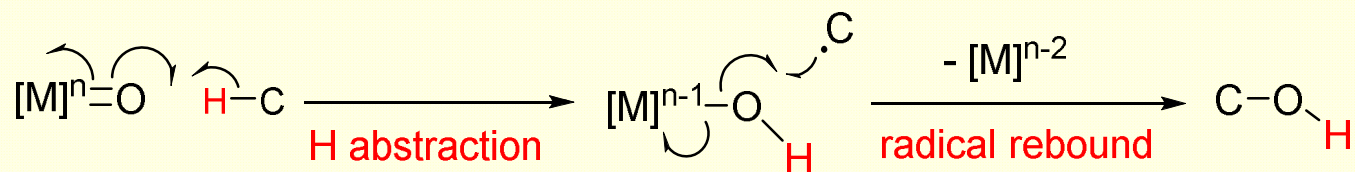
2. Coordination of the C-H bond to a metal vacant site to create an organometallic complex. The hydrocarbyl species stays in the inner-sphere during the C-H cleavage event.



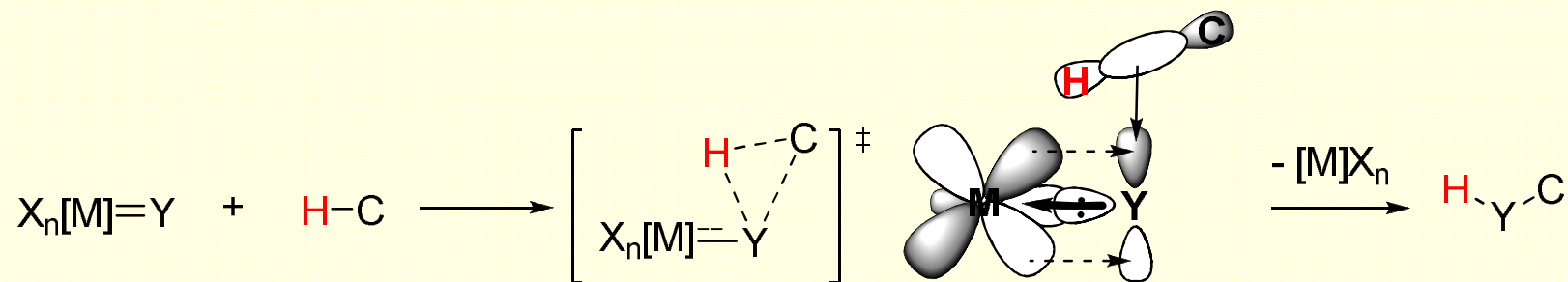
*inner sphere*

Metalloradical pathway (metal oxene)

Nature does it very well

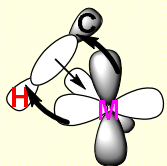


Metal carbenes (or nitrenes)

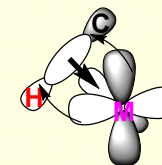
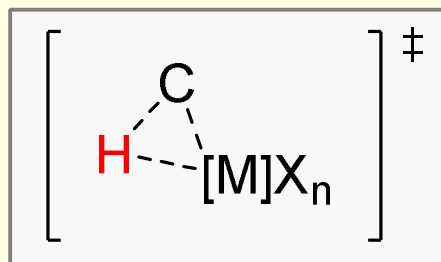


Y = CR<sub>2</sub>, RN (metal carbene or nitrene)

# Inner Sphere: Nucleophilic vs Electrophilic Character

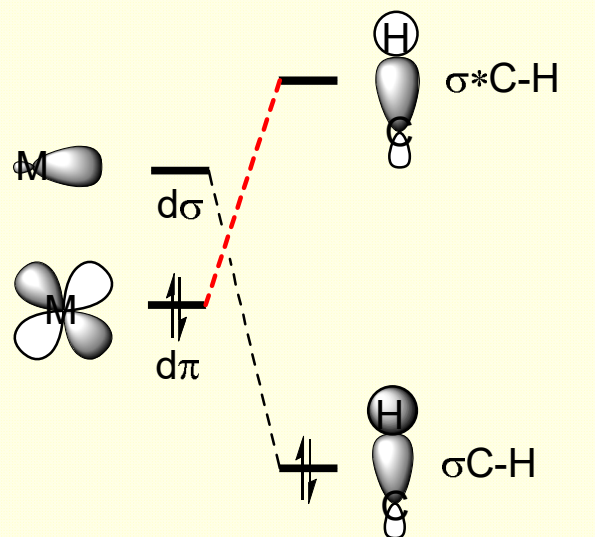


$\pi$ -back-bonding  $\gg$   
 $\sigma$ -donation



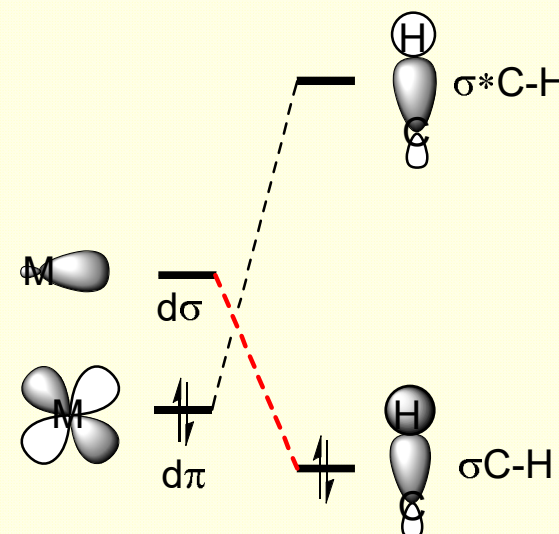
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## Nucleophilic C-H activation



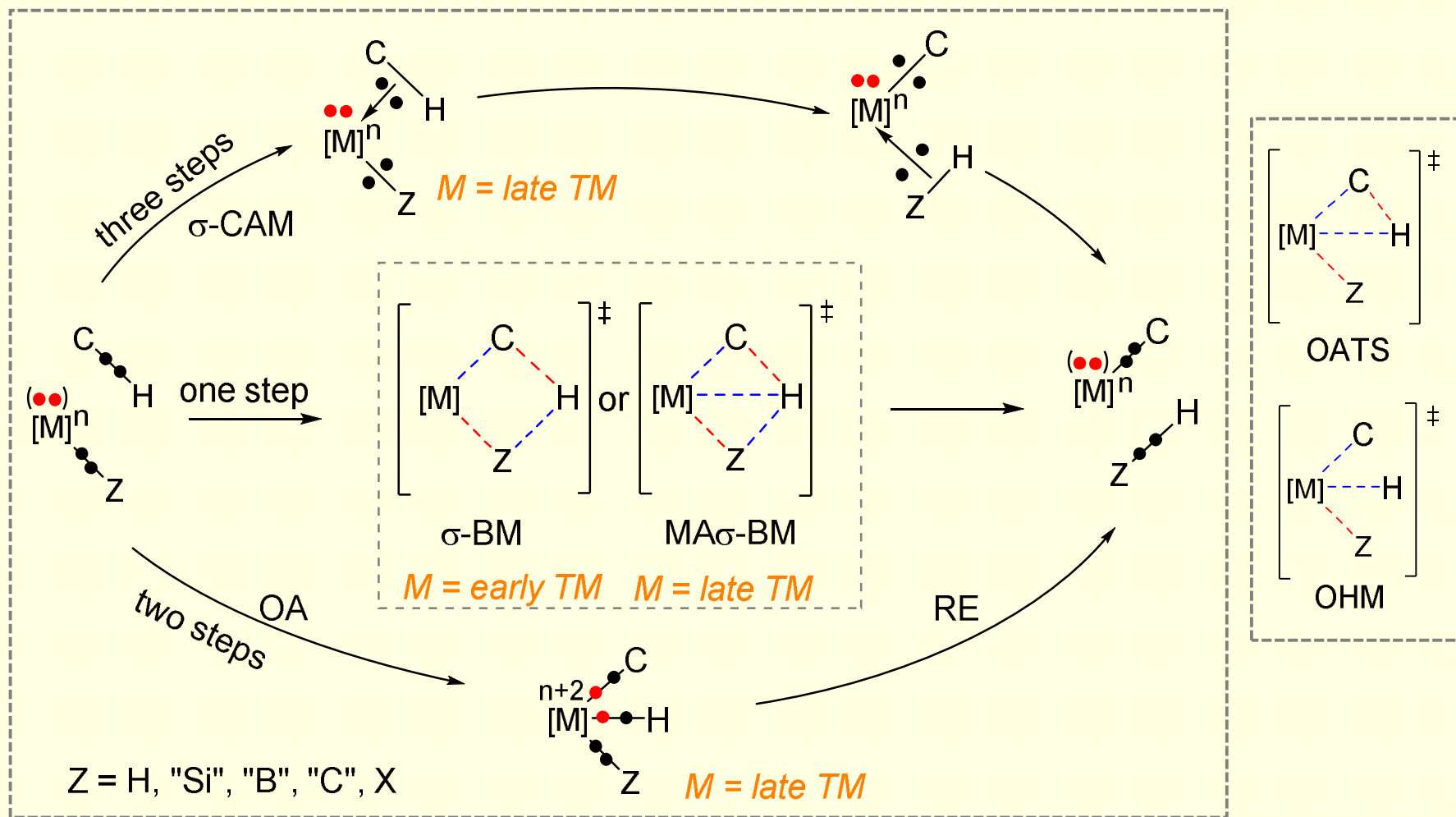
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## Electrophilic C-H activation



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# Oxidative Addition vs Sigma-bond Metathesis



$\sigma$ -Bond metathesis ( $\sigma$ -BM)

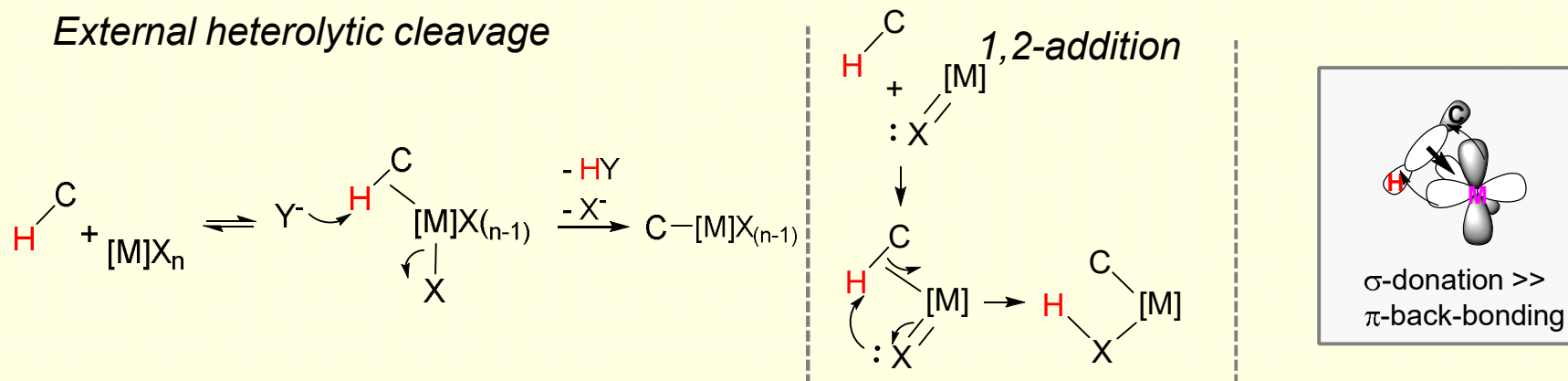
Metal assisted  $\sigma$ -bond metathesis (MA $\sigma$ -BM),  
Oxidatively added transition state (OATS)

$\sigma$ -Complex assisted metathesis ( $\sigma$ -CAM),  
Oxidative hydrogen migration (OHM)

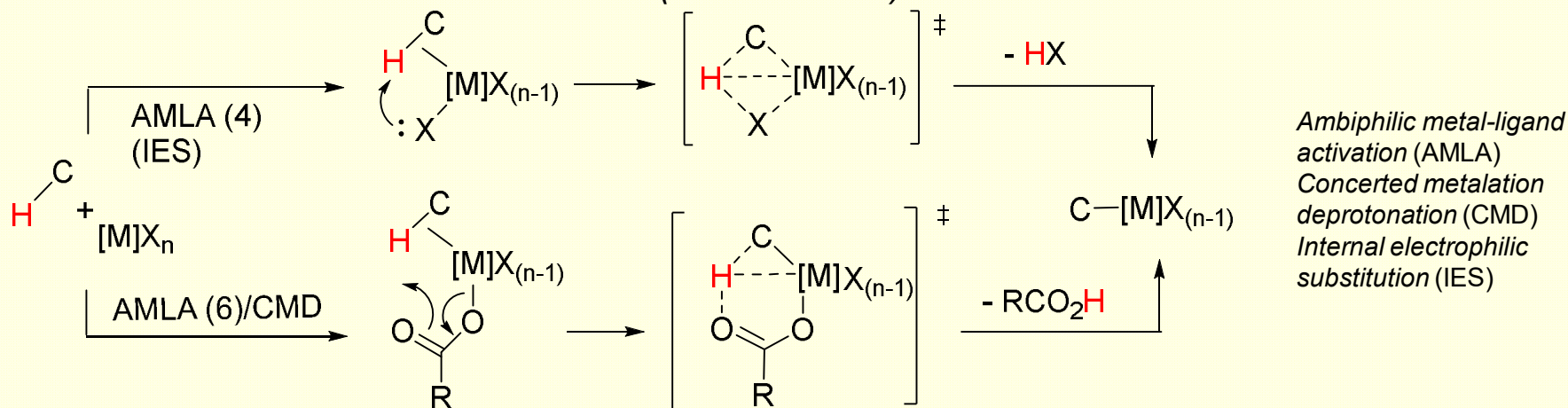


# The Isohypsic Electrophilic Mechanisms

## External heterolytic cleavage



## Intramolecular concerted mechanisms (AMLA / CMD)

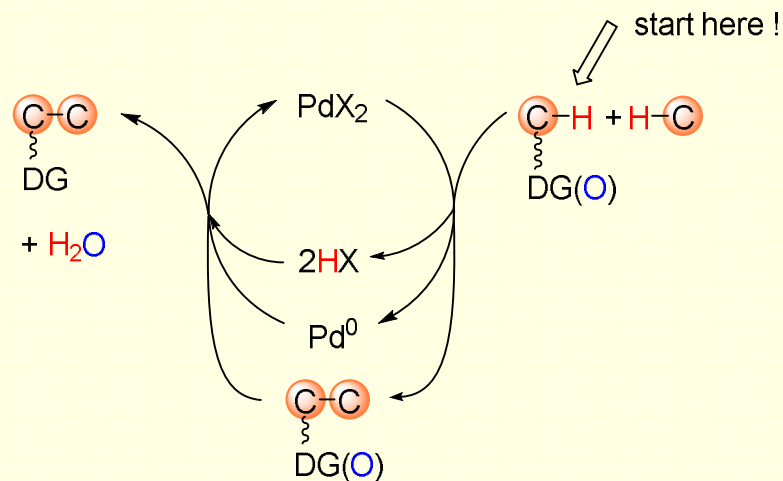
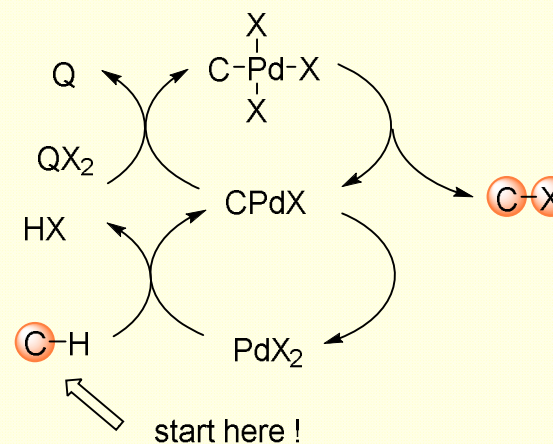
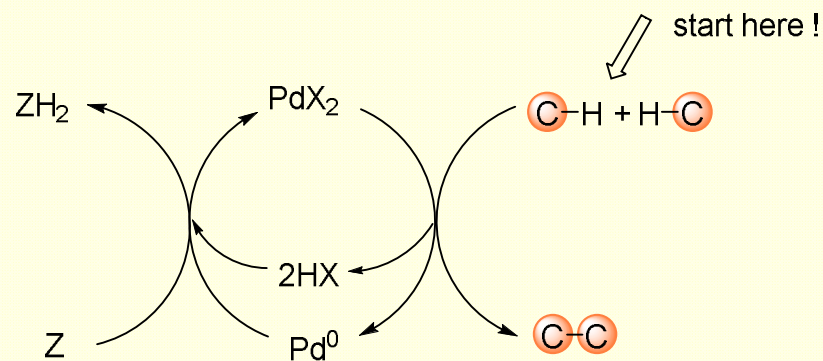


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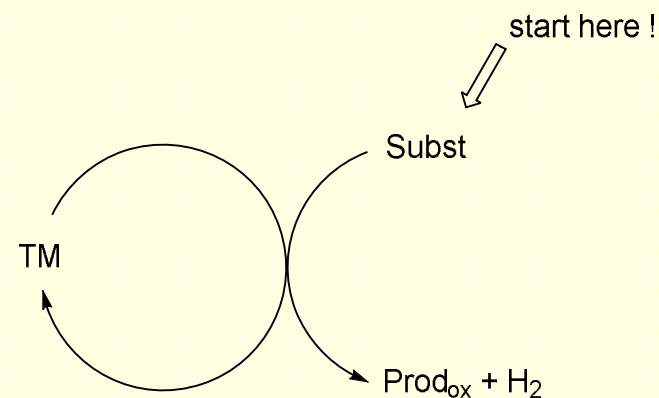
# Redox Concepts in C-H Cross Couplings

	coupling type	redox	reaction type, typical example
a)	$\text{C-X} + \text{X-C} \xrightarrow{-\text{X}_2} \text{C-C}$	reductive	Ulmann type coupling
b)	$\text{C-M} + \text{X-C} \xrightarrow{-\text{MX}} \text{C-C}$	isohypsic	classical cross couplings
c)	$\text{C-H} + \text{X-C} \xrightarrow{-\text{HX}} \text{C-C}$	isohypsic	Sonogashira, Mizoroki-Heck, Ohta
d)	$\text{C-H} + \text{H-C} \xrightarrow{-\text{H}_2} \text{C-C}$	oxidative	cross dehydrogenative coupling (dual C-H)
e)	$\text{C-H} + \text{Nu-H} \xrightarrow{-\text{H}_2} \text{Nu-C}$	oxidative	C-H nucleofunctionalization
f)	$\text{C=C-H} + 2 \text{Nu-H} \xrightarrow{-\text{H}_2} \text{Nu-C-C-Nu}$	oxidative	alkene 1,2-nucleofunctionalization

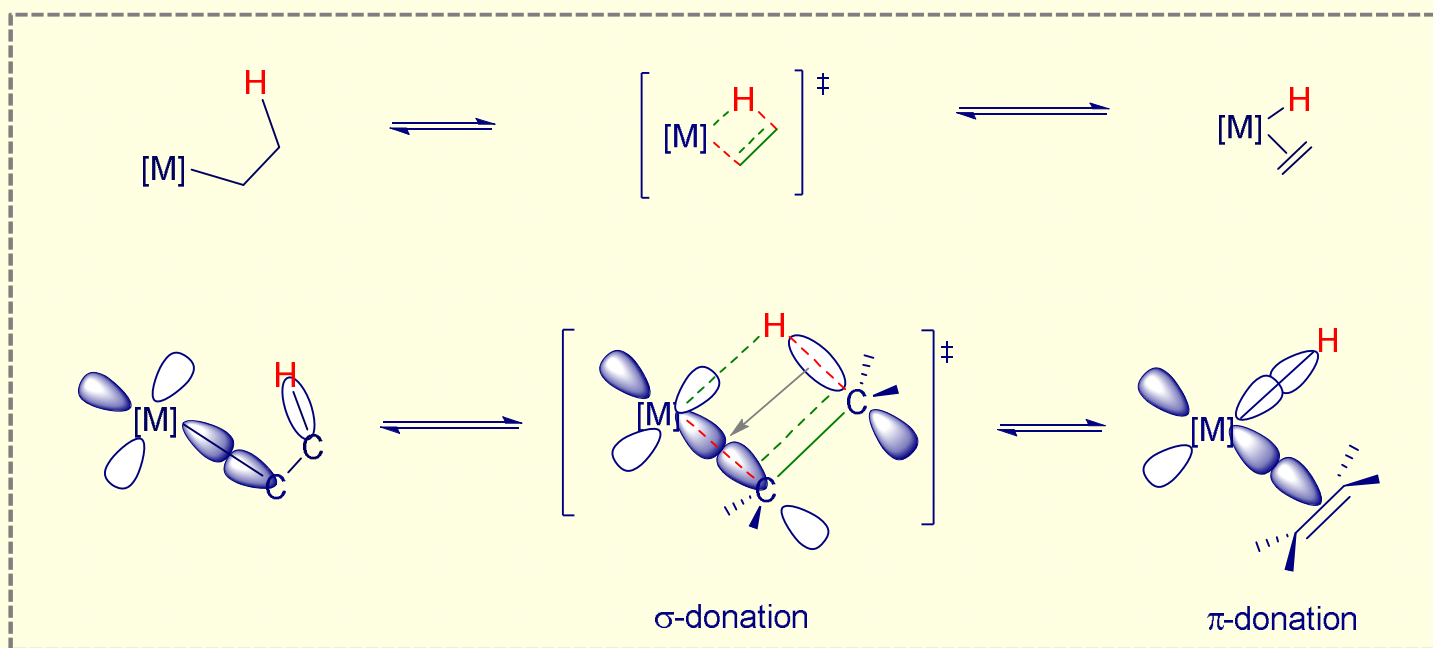
# PdX<sub>2</sub>-cat. Oxidative Transformations



## Acceptorless oxidation



Z and QX<sub>2</sub>: 2e<sup>-</sup> sacrificial oxidants; DG: directing group



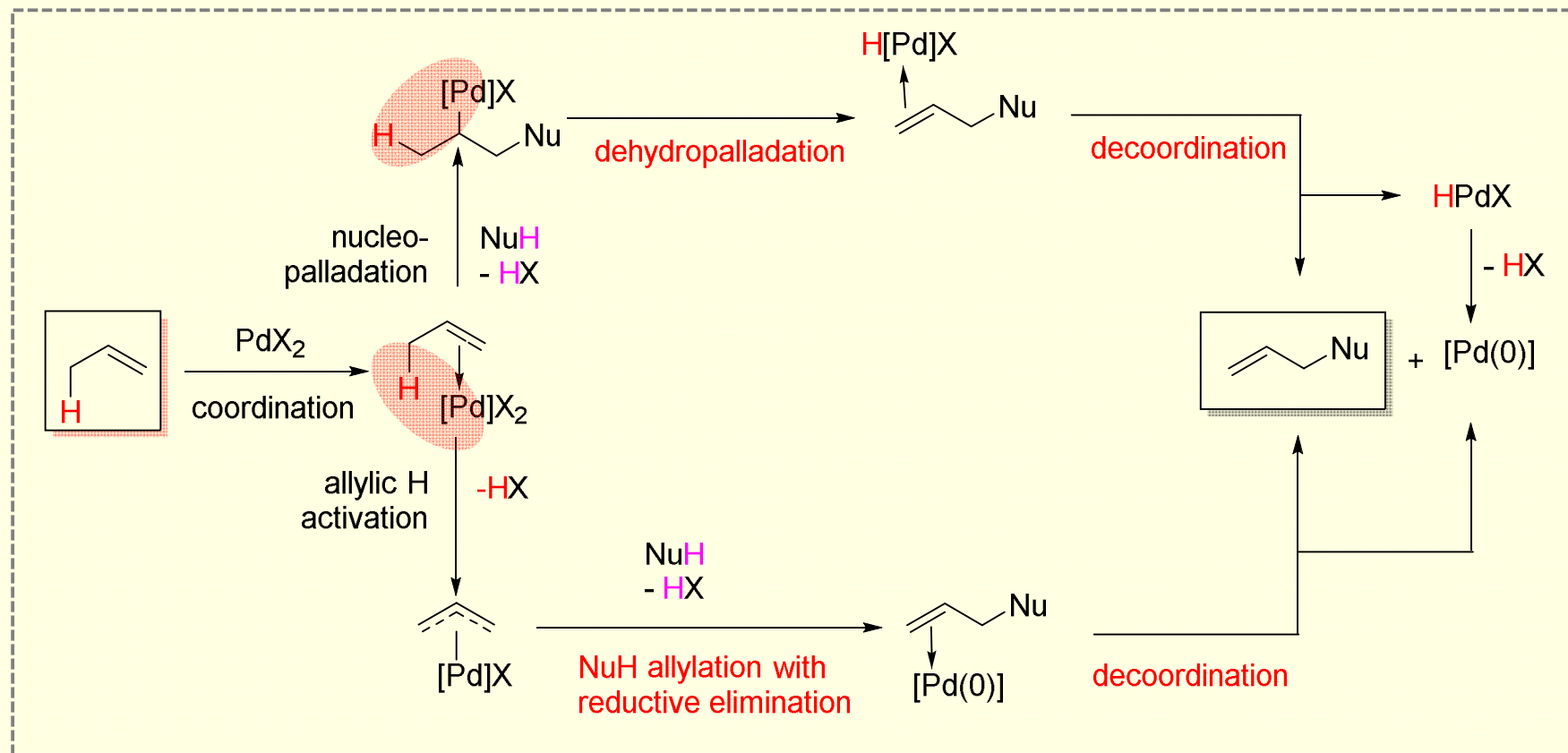
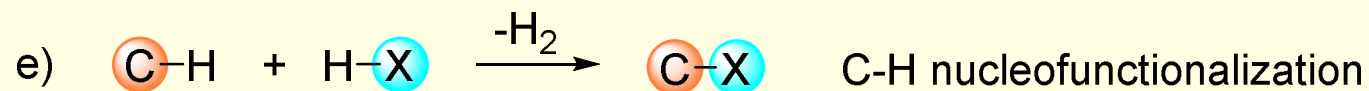
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Transition metal alkyl complexes bearing a  $\beta$ -H atom that can adopt syncoplanar position with respect to the metal undergo easily  $\beta$ -hydride elimination (dehydrometalation).

The metal must have a vacant coordination site (empty orbital) that can interact with the H atom of the alkyl ligand. So, *a dehydrometalation step can be regarded as a special case of inner-sphere intramolecular C-H activation.*

$d^0$  metal complexes (*i.e.*  $\text{Ag}^+$ ,  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$ ) lacking the possibility to participate in d-orbital bonding are normally stable to  $\beta$ -hydride elimination:

# The Case of the PdX<sub>2</sub> Catalyzed allylation of a NuH



Liron, F.; Oble, J.; Lorian, M. M.; Poli, G. *Eur. J. Org. Chem.* **2014**, 5863 **Microreview**

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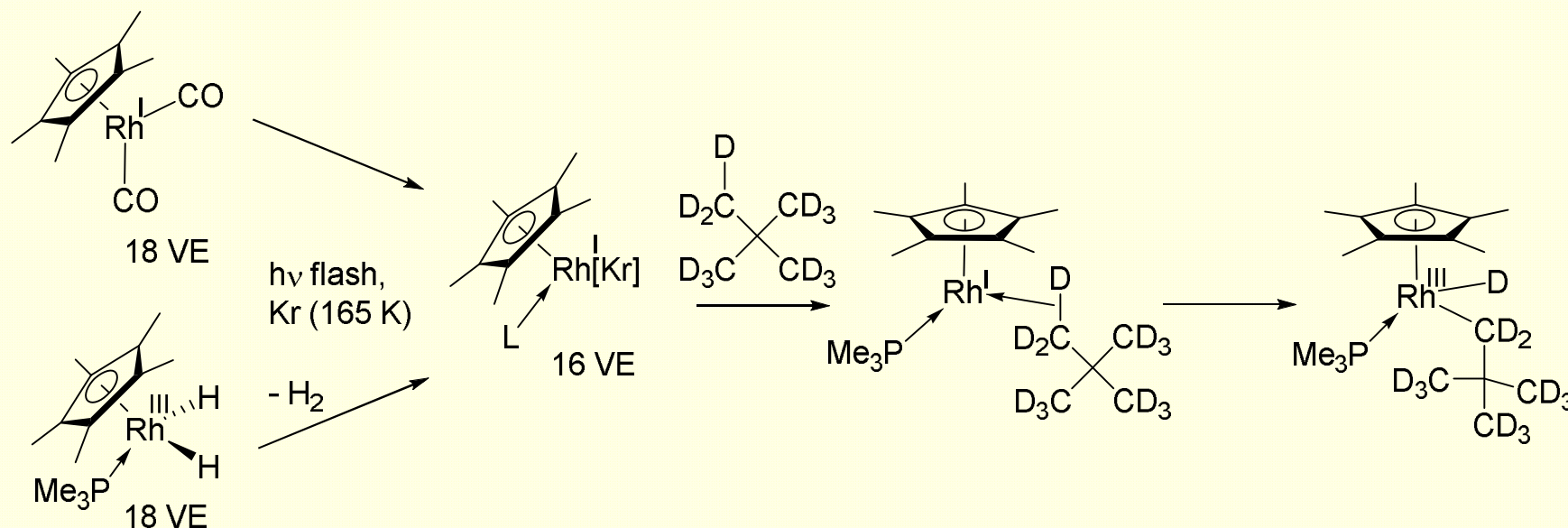
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# Inner Sphere: C-H Functionalization (nucleophilic reactivity)

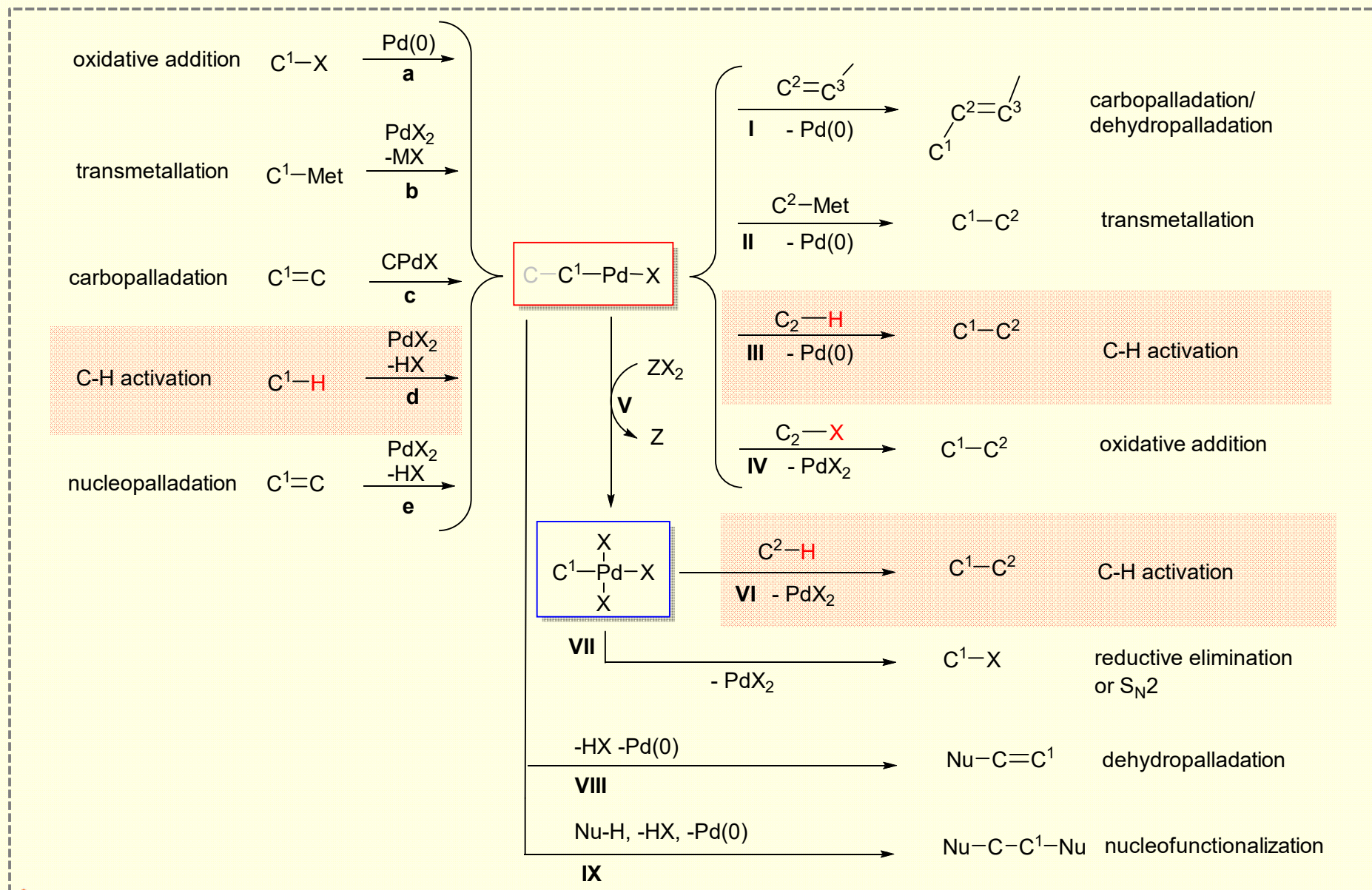
## The Bergman Breakthrough



- ❖ Low temperature IR flash kinetic spectroscopy
- ❖ C-H selectivity: sp<sup>2</sup> > 1° sp<sup>3</sup> (Rh easier than Ir)
- ❖ The hydrido(alkyl)metal complex is unproductive
- ❖ The oxidative addition is thermodynamically favored.
- ❖ Rh: thermodynamic control. Ir: kinetic control

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# Electrophilic Paths: The Pivotal Role of C-Pd-X



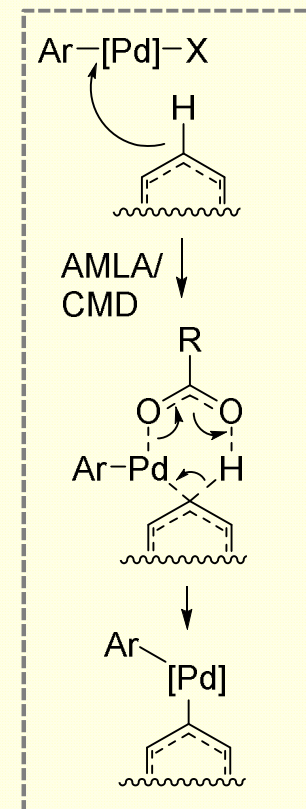
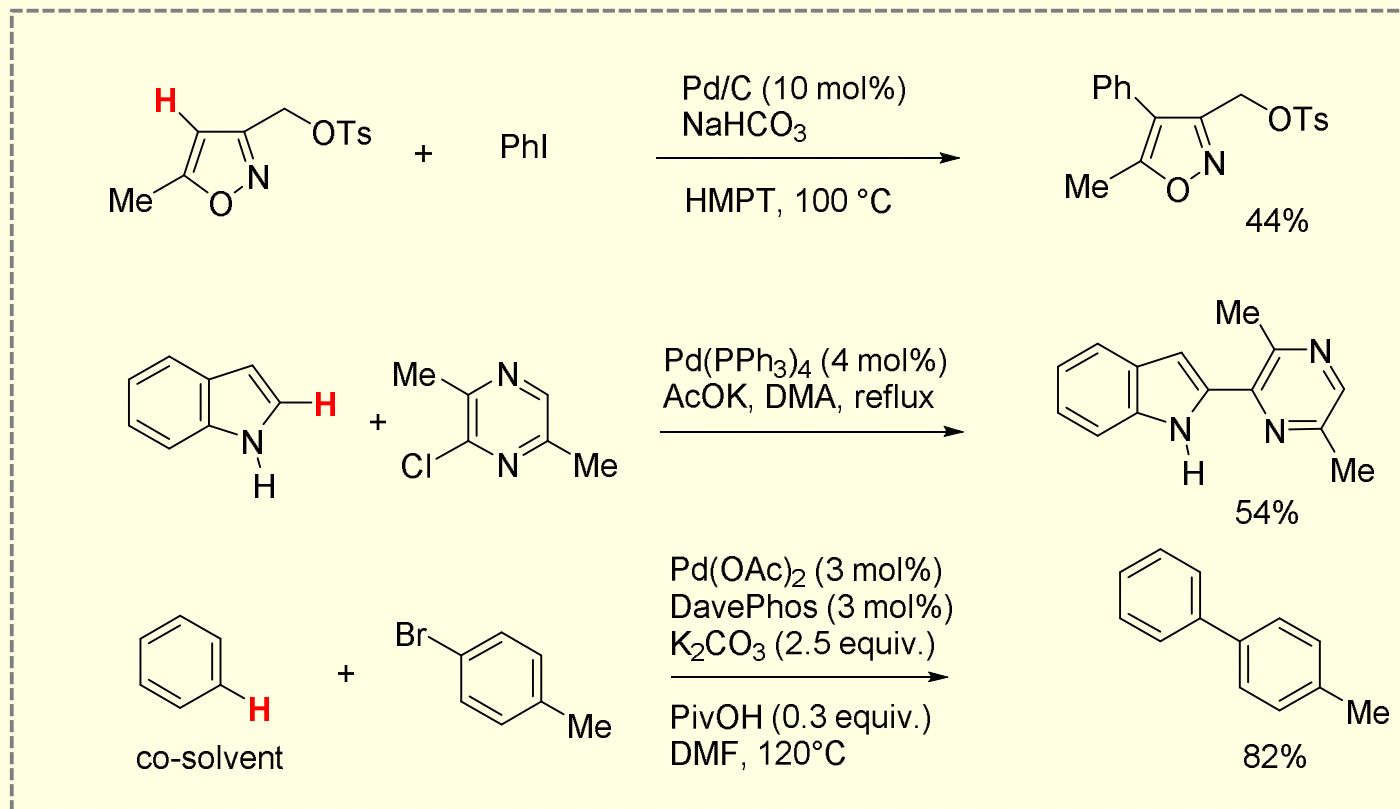


# Oxidative Addition Triggered Arylations

coupling type c, path (a + III)

Electrophilic reactivity

aryl/aryl



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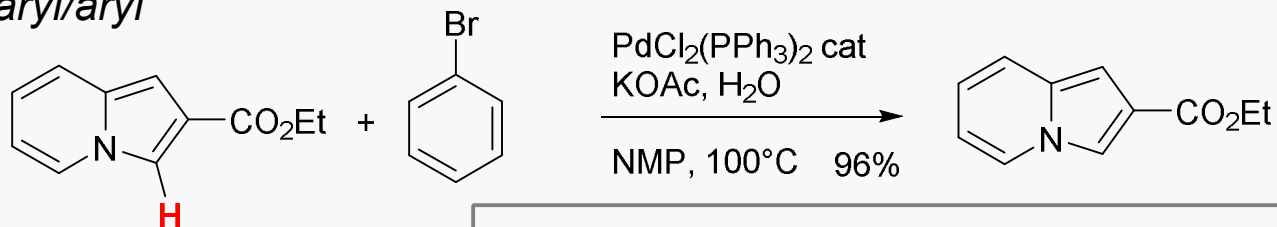
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# Oxidative Addition Triggered Arylations

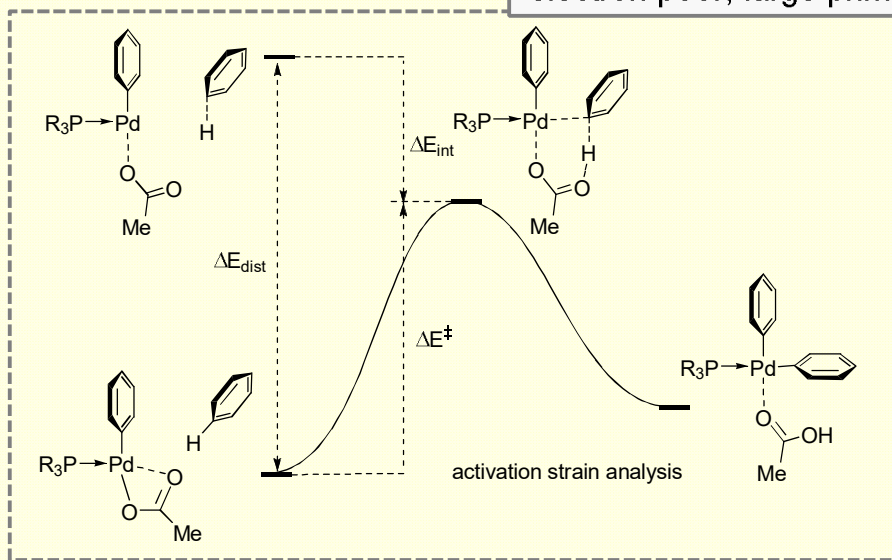
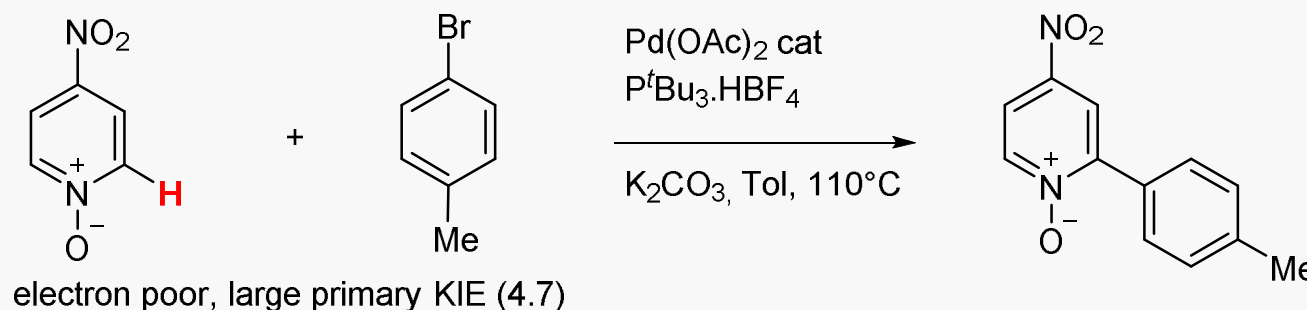
coupling type c, path (a + III)

Electrophilic reactivity

aryl/aryl



electron rich, no primary KIE



(a) Park, C-H.; Ryabova, V.; Seregin, I. V.; Sromek, A. W.; Gevorgyan, V. *Org. Lett.* **2004**, *6*, 115

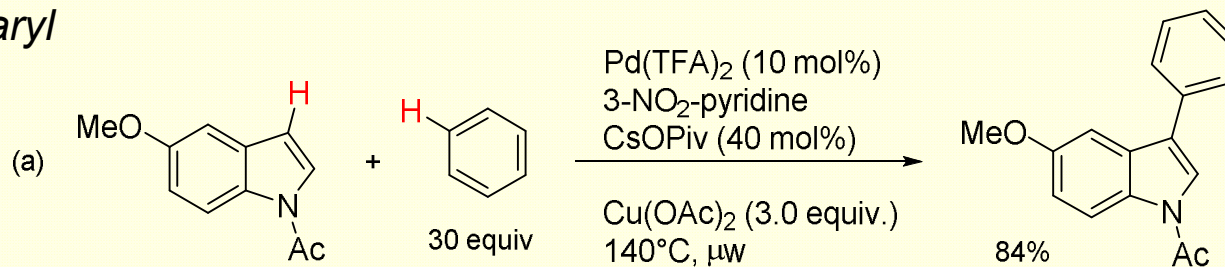
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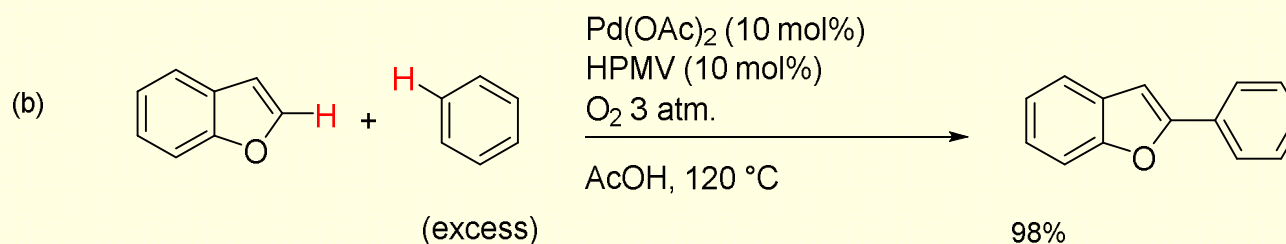
coupling type d, path (d + III)

Electrophilic reactivity

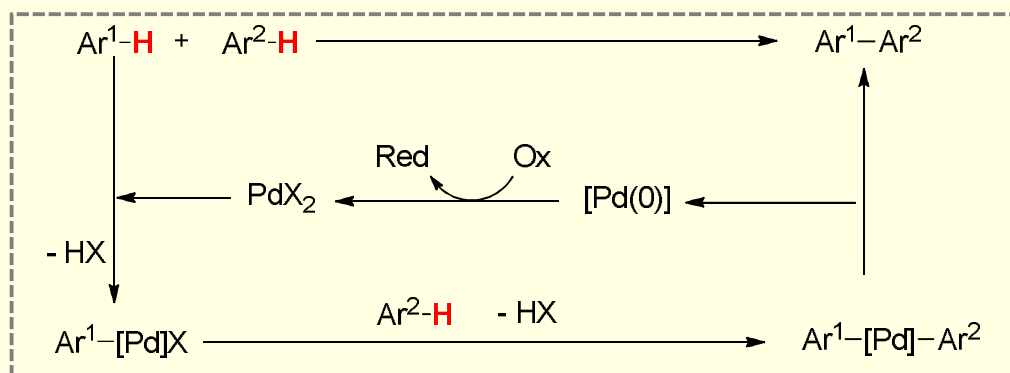
aryl/aryl



Stuart, D. R. Fagnou, K. *Science*, **2007**, *316*, 1172



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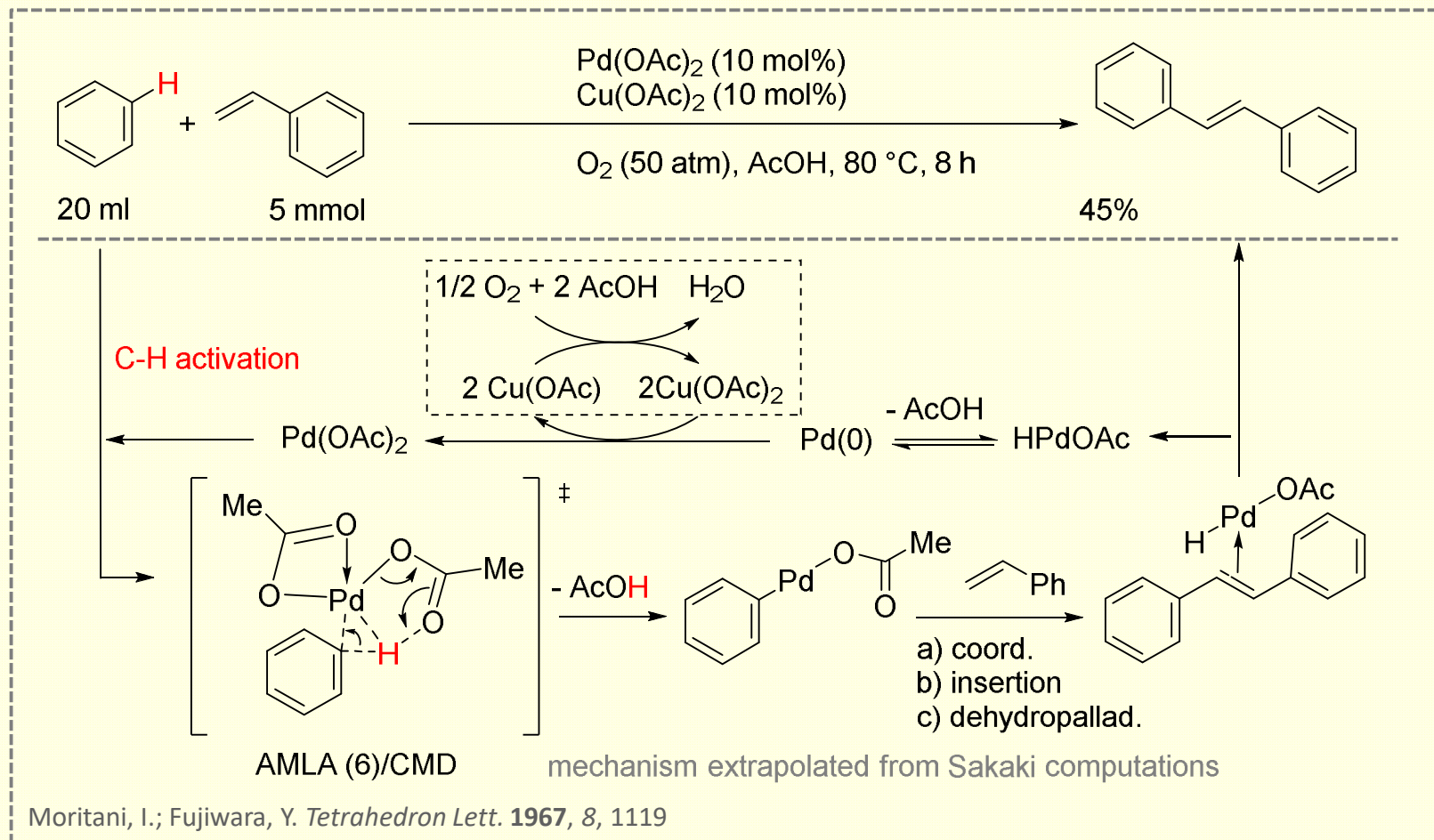


# Fujiwara-Moritani reaction

aryl/vinyl, coupling type d, path (d + l)

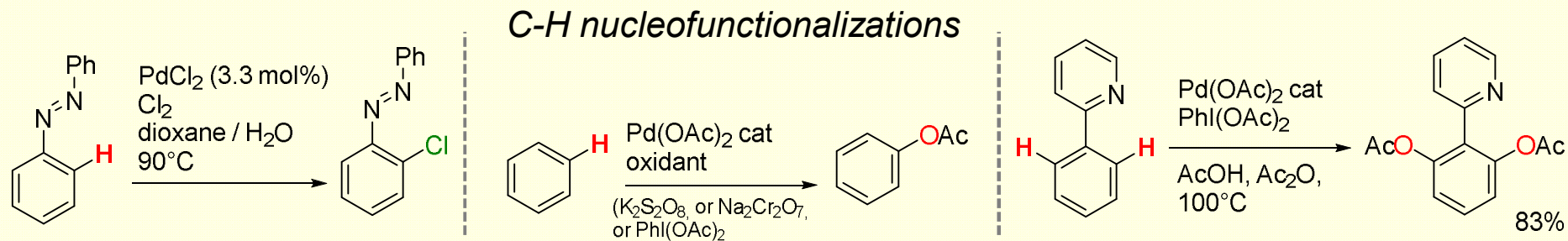
Electrophilic reactivity

aryl/vinyl

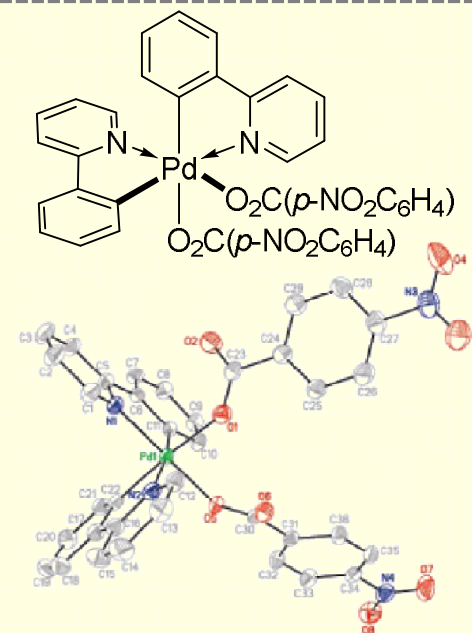
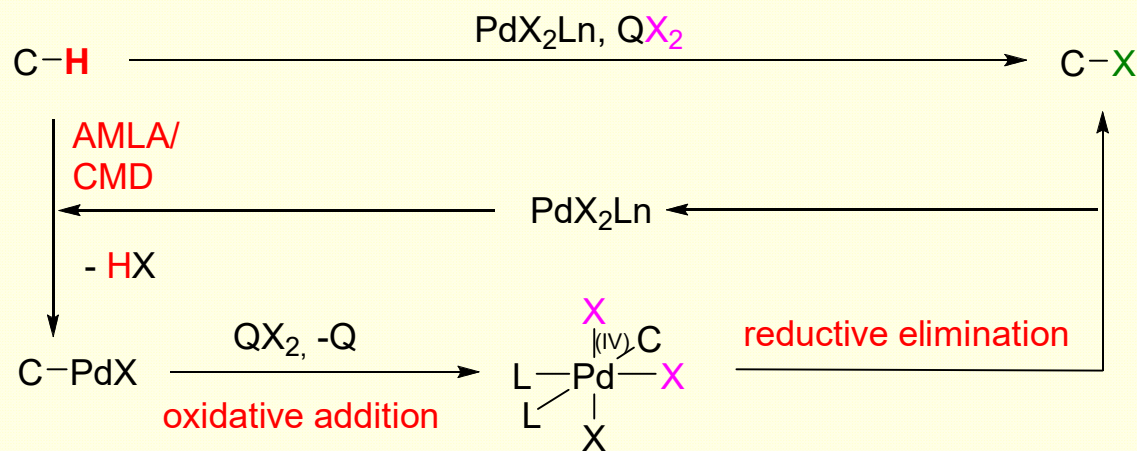


# Oxidative Pd(II)/Pd(IV) Sequences

coupling type e, path (d + V + VII)



- (a) Fahey, D. R. *J. Organometal. Chem.* **1971**, 27, 283.  
 (b) Ebersson, L. J. *et al. Liebigs Ann. Chem.* **1977**, 233; Stock, L. M. *et al. J. Org. Chem.* **1981**, 46, 1759. Crabtree R. H. *et al. J. Mol. Catal. A: Chem.* **1996**, 108, 35  
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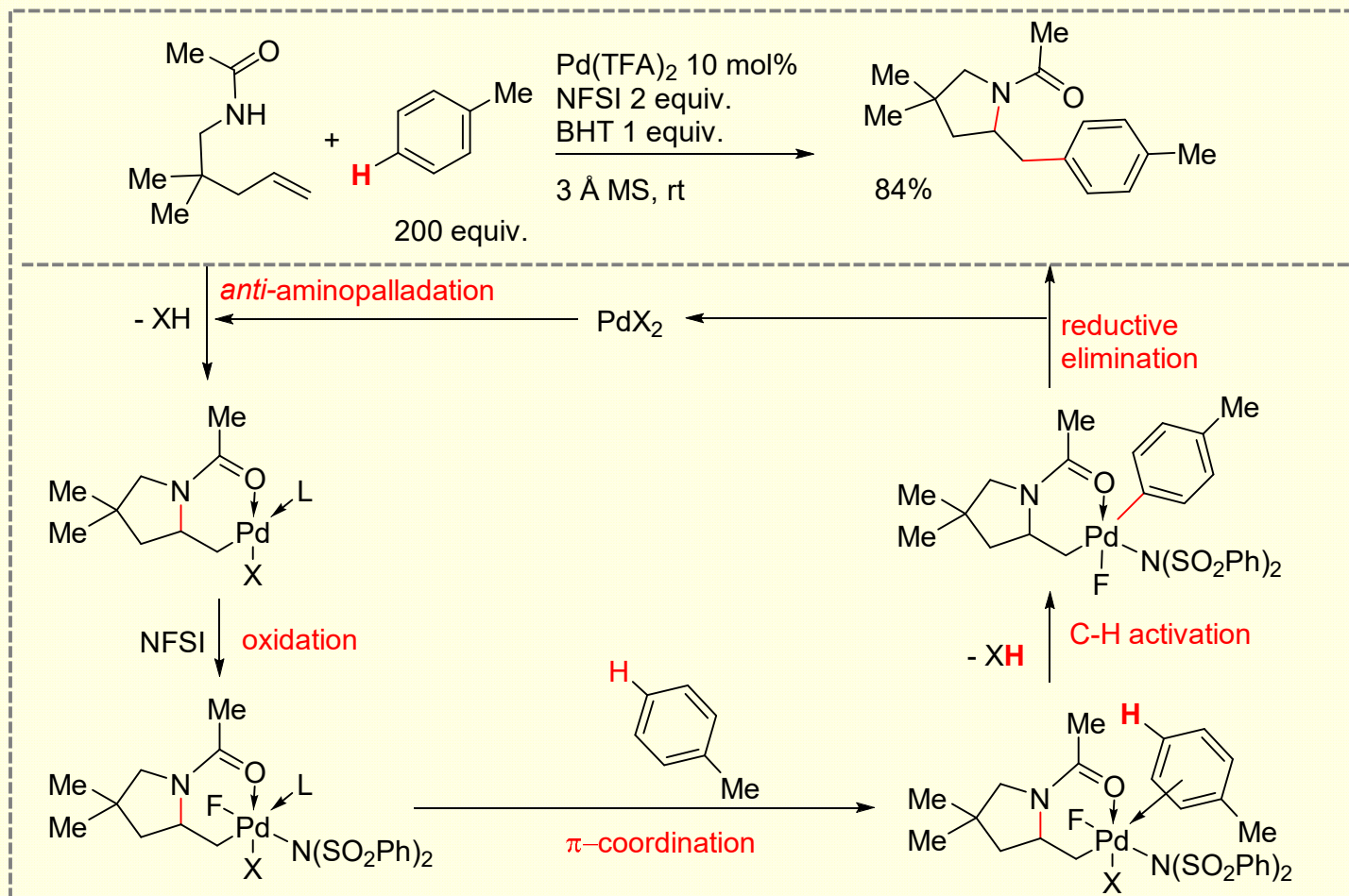


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# C-H activation at Pd(II) vs Pd(IV)

coupling type g, path (e + V + VI)

alkene 1,2-aminoalkylation



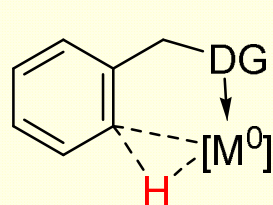
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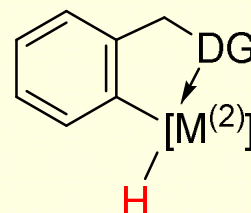
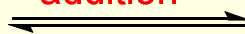
# Substrate Control: Directed Aromatic ortho Activations

Two mechanistically different strategies

Nucleophilic

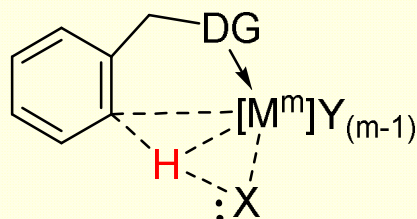


oxidative  
addition

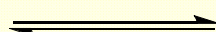


Ru(0) (Murai)

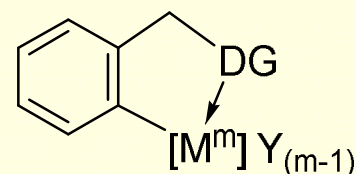
Electrophilic



AMLA/CMD



- HX



Pd(II), Ru(II)...  
(Directed Fujiwara)

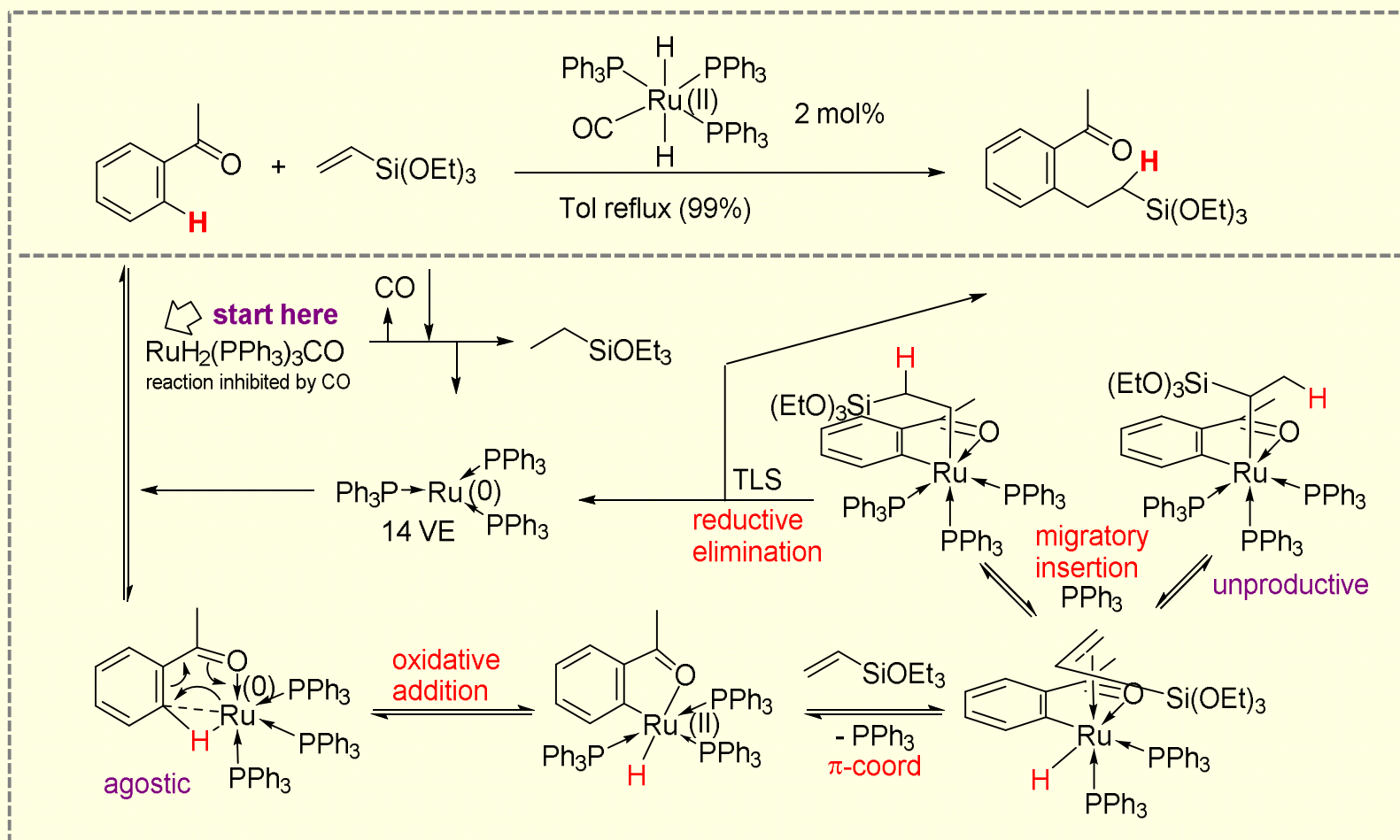
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# Nucleophilic Directed C-H Activation: The Murai Reaction

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Aromatic ortho C-H activation, the Murai-Chatani-Kakiuchi reaction

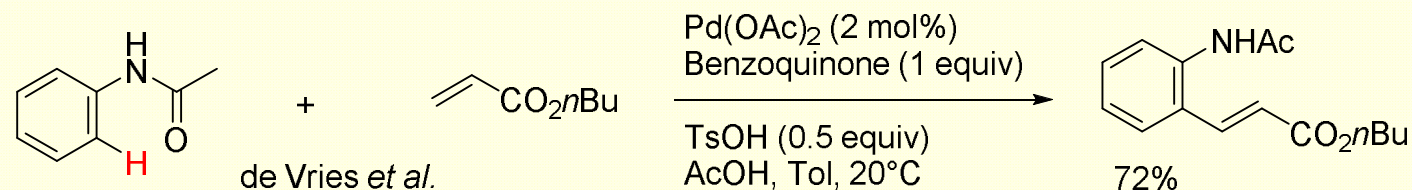
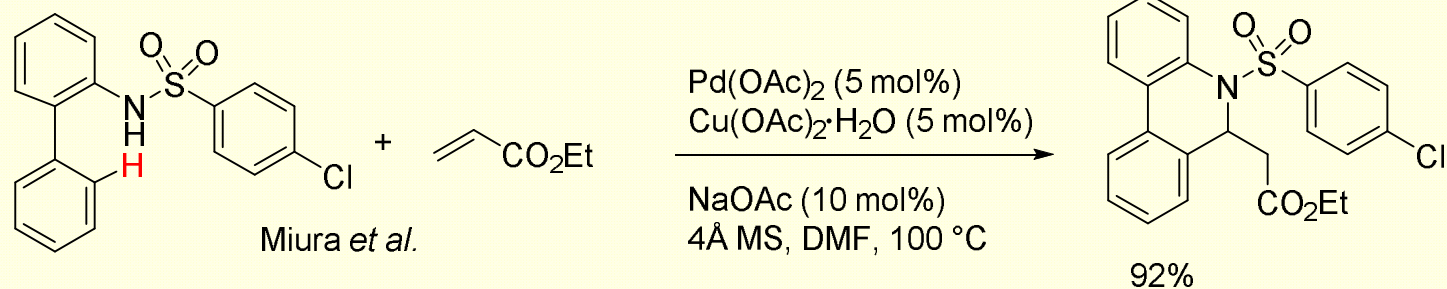
Nucleophilic reactivity



Murai, S.; Kakiuchi, F.; Sekine, S.; Tanaka, Y.; Kamatani, A.; Sonoda, M.; Chatani, N. *Nature* **1993**, 366, 529.



## Ortho-metalation Pd(II)

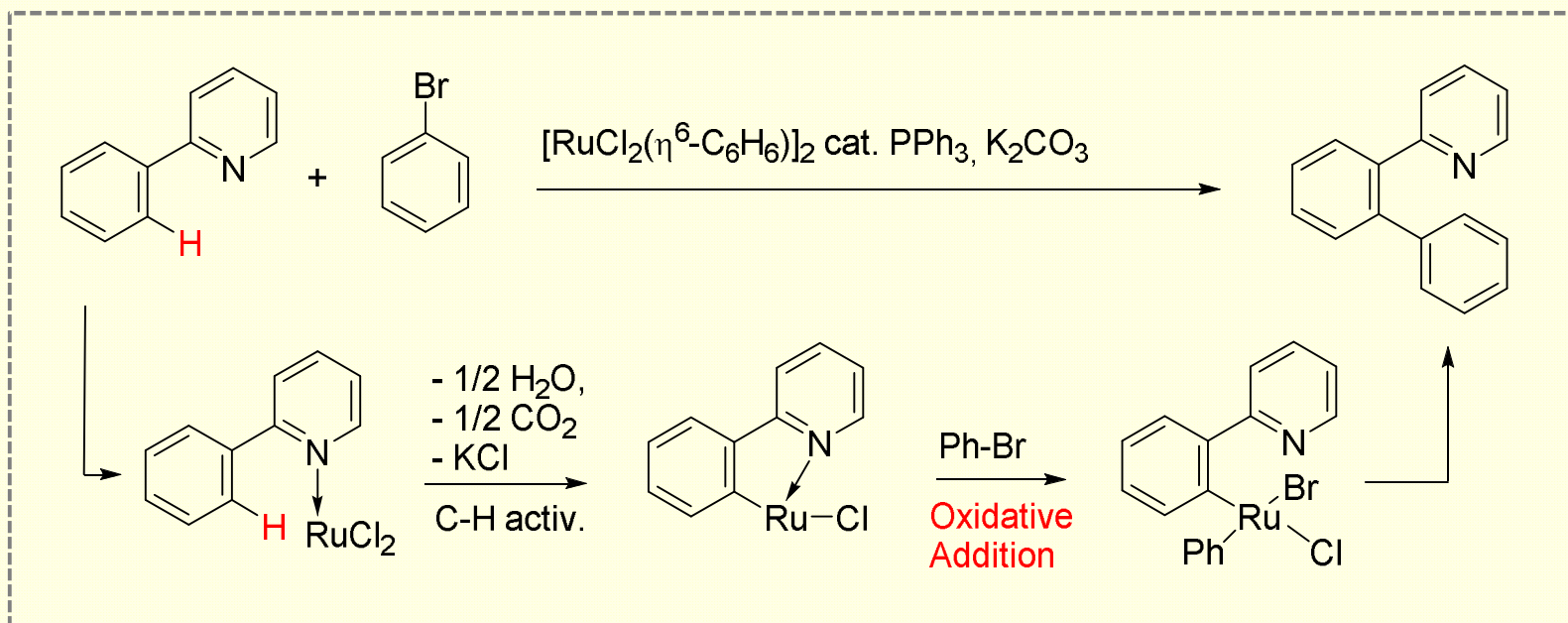


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Ortho-metalation Ru(II)

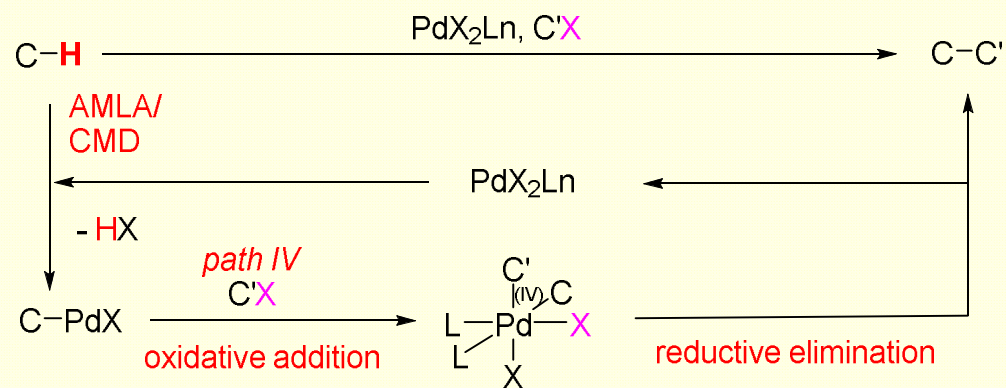
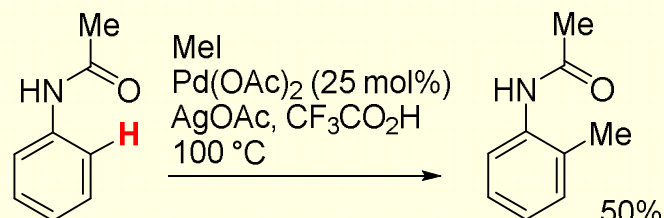
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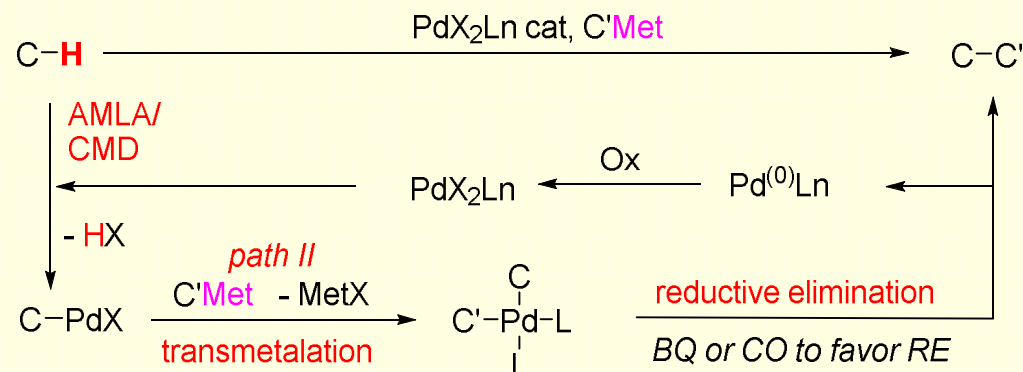
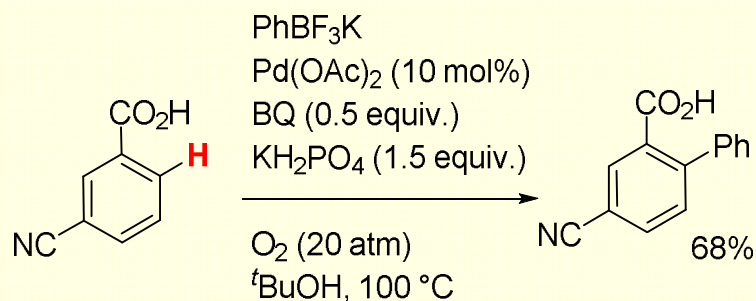
# Different directed Pd-catalyzed ortho functionalization

## Pd(II)/Pd(IV)



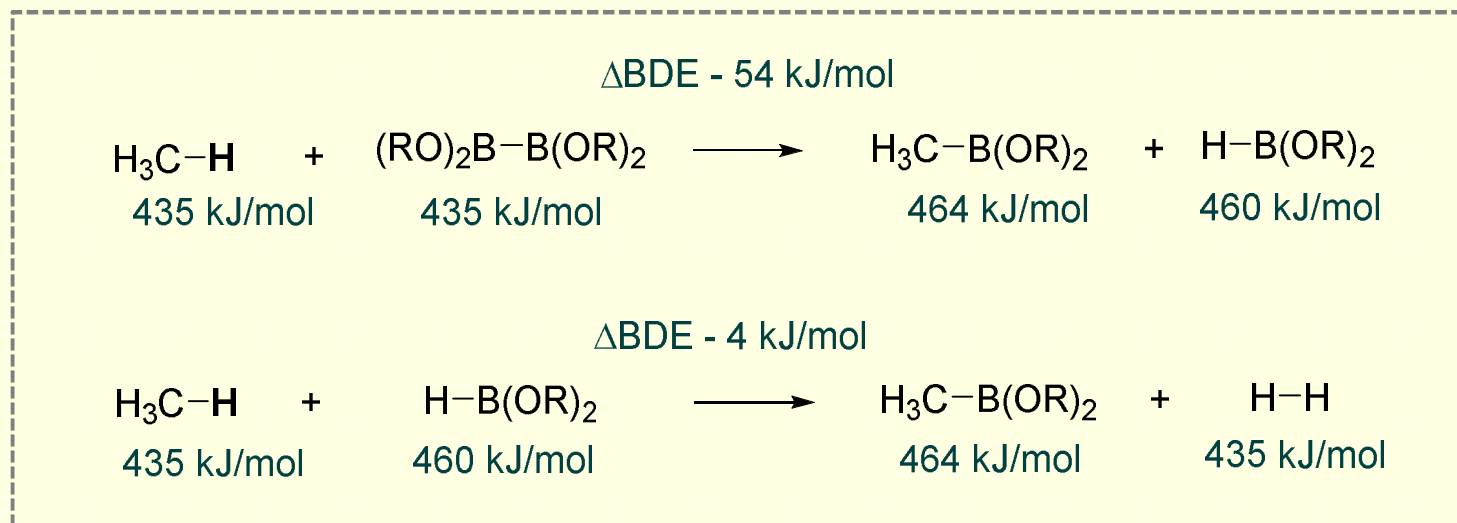
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## Pd(II)/Pd(0)

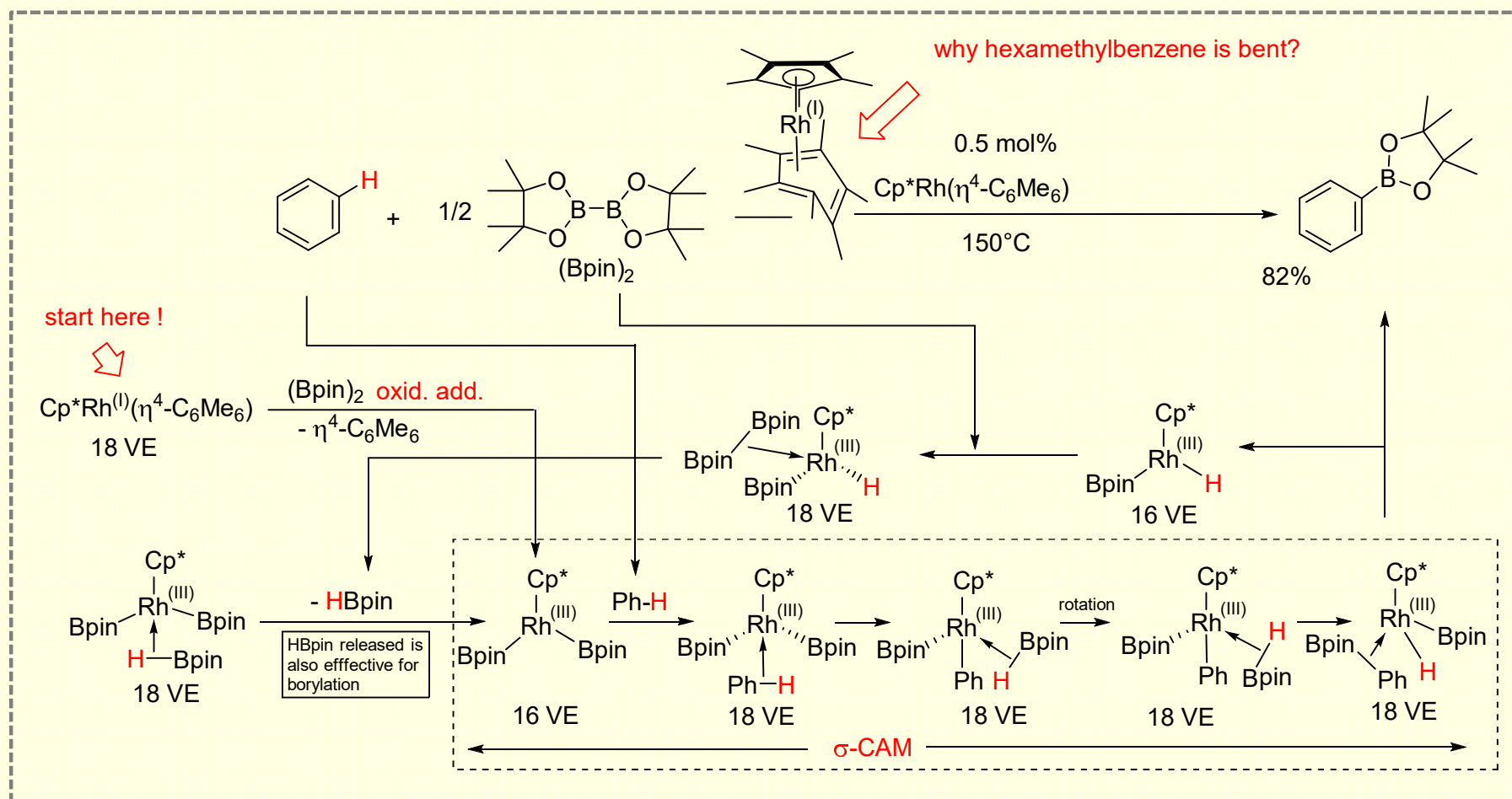


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Selectivity  $1^\circ > 2^\circ$



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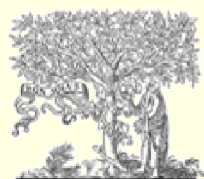
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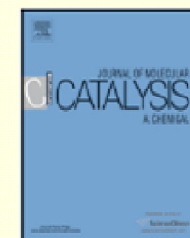


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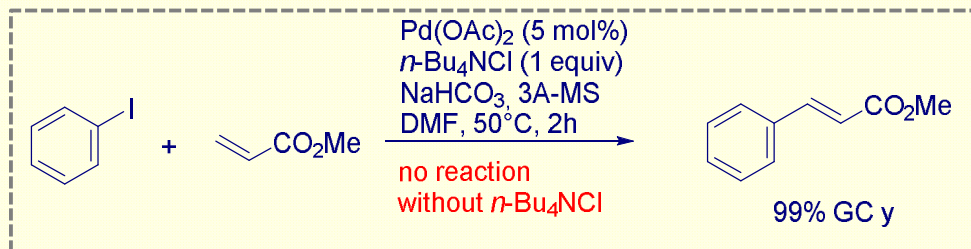
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An isolated C–H bond in a molecule has a very low reactivity owing to the large kinetic barrier associated to the C–H bond cleavage and the apolar nature of this bond. For this reason, the selective reactivity of such a non-functional group is under active study since several decades and is still regarded as the Holy Grail in chemistry. Metal-catalyzed C–H activation/functionalization chemistry allows the step-economical and original construction of C–C as well as C–O and C–N bonds starting from hydrocarbons (or hydrocarbon fragments) without the need of prior non catalytic oxidation steps. Furthermore, it can be of utmost importance in the domain of multistep syntheses, and also in transformations of societal significance such as the conversion of methane into methanol. This tutorial review addresses to students and researchers who would like to become acquainted with this fascinating topic. After a brief historical introduction, the main mechanistic fundamentals of metal-catalyzed C–H activation are exposed. Then, a selection of seminal advances and conceptual breakthroughs are presented.

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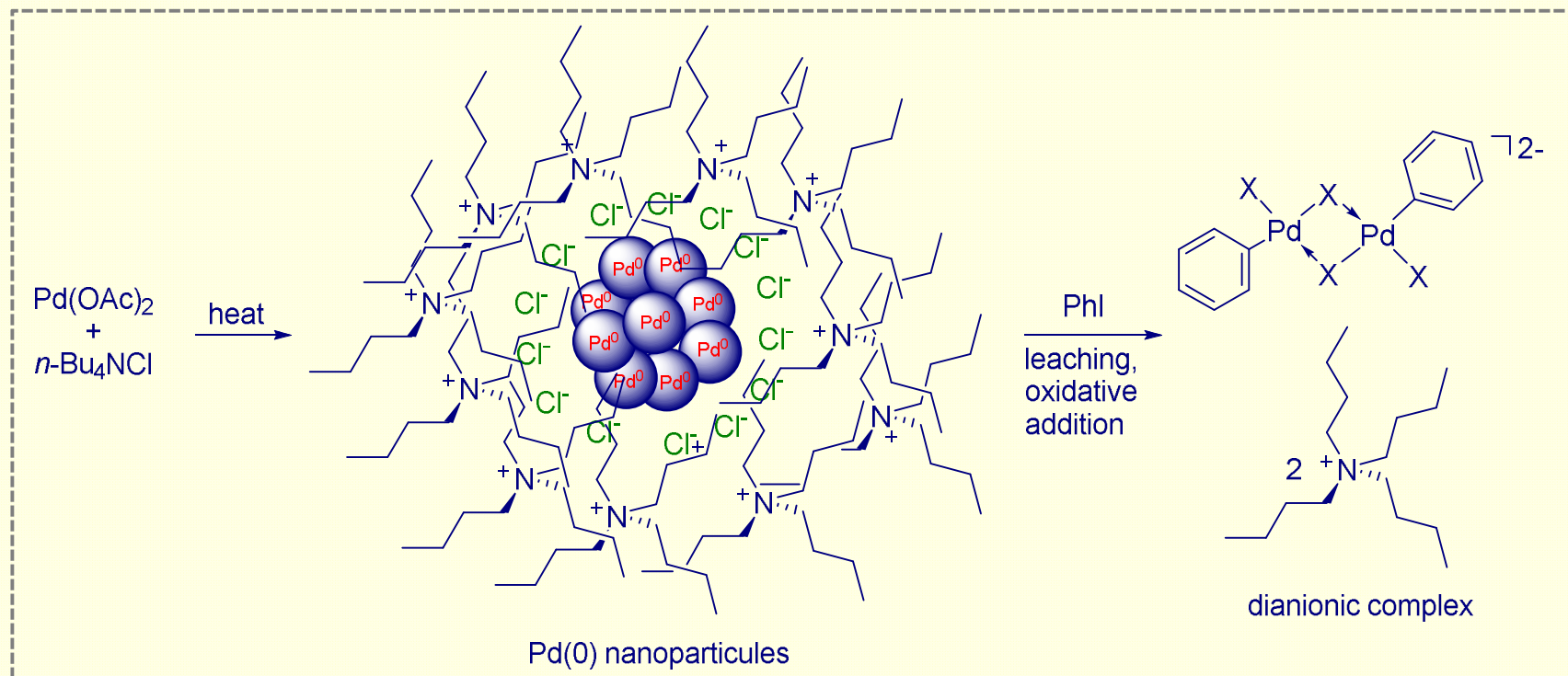
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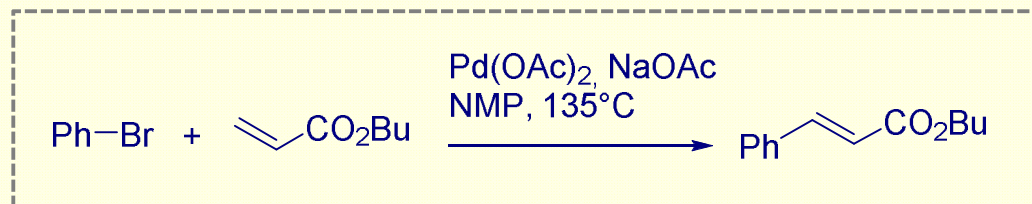


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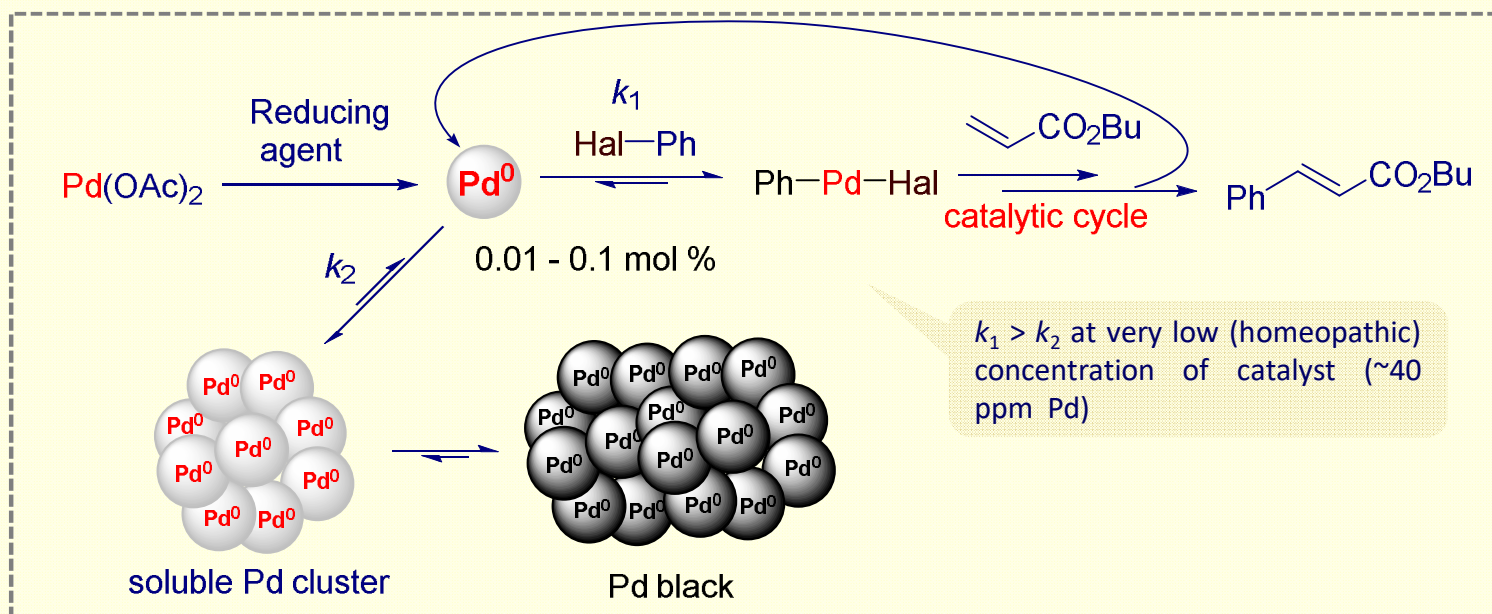
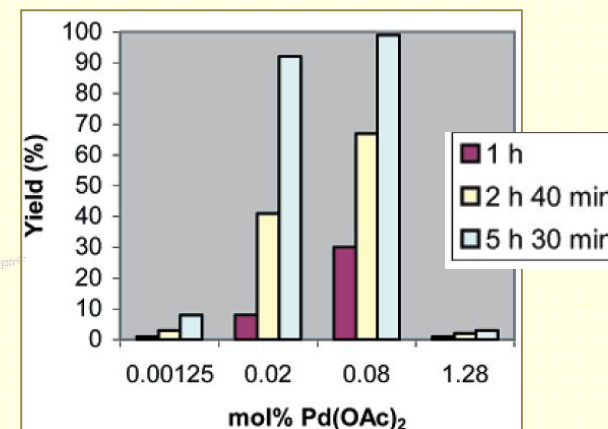
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# Homeopathic amounts of catalyst



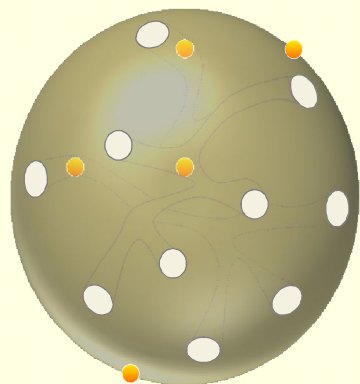
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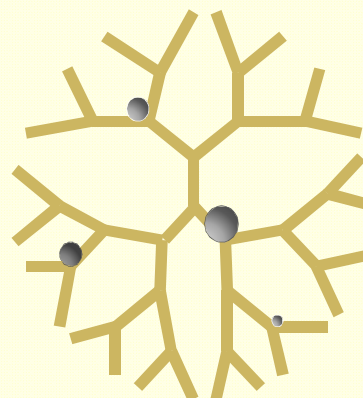
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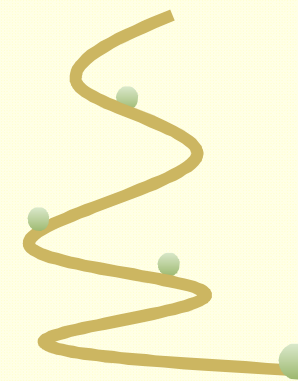
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Merrifield resins,  
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Dendrimers



Polymer Chains

Insoluble

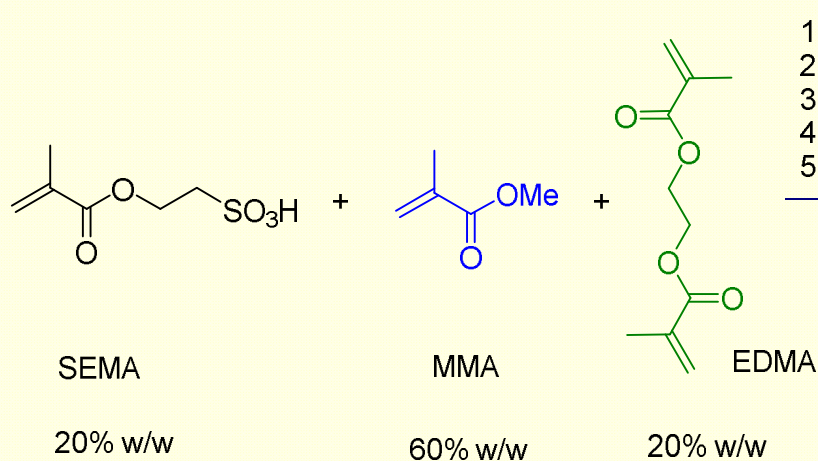
quasi-homogeneous catalysis

Soluble

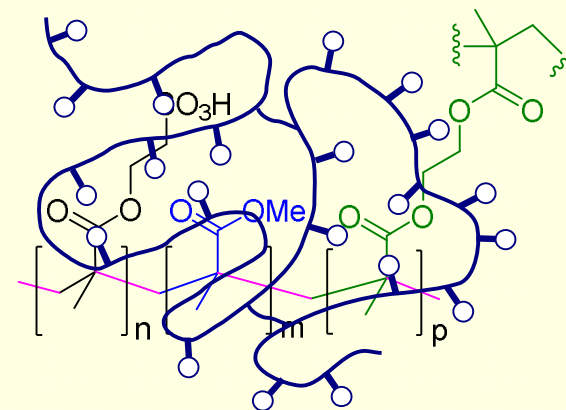
- ❖ nonlinear kinetic behavior
- ❖ unequal distribution and/or access to the chemical reaction
- ❖ solvation problems associated with the nature of the support
- ❖ synthetic difficulties in transferring standard organic reactions to the solid phase

*Chem. Rev.* **2009**, 109, 302.; *ACS Macro Lett.* **2014**, 3, 260.

# Functionalised microgels to stabilise metal colloids



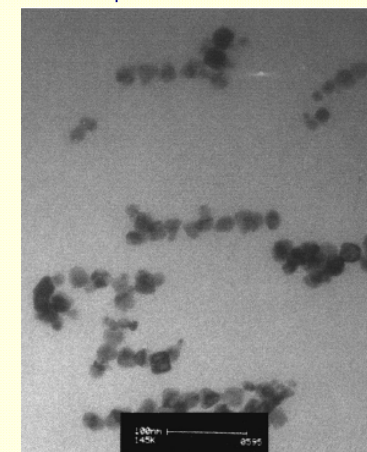
1. radical polym.
2. precipitation in Et<sub>2</sub>O
3. Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (0.25 mol%) MeCN
4. EtOH reflux 24h
5. precipitation in Et<sub>2</sub>O



Clear colloidal suspension



10-20 nm particle size



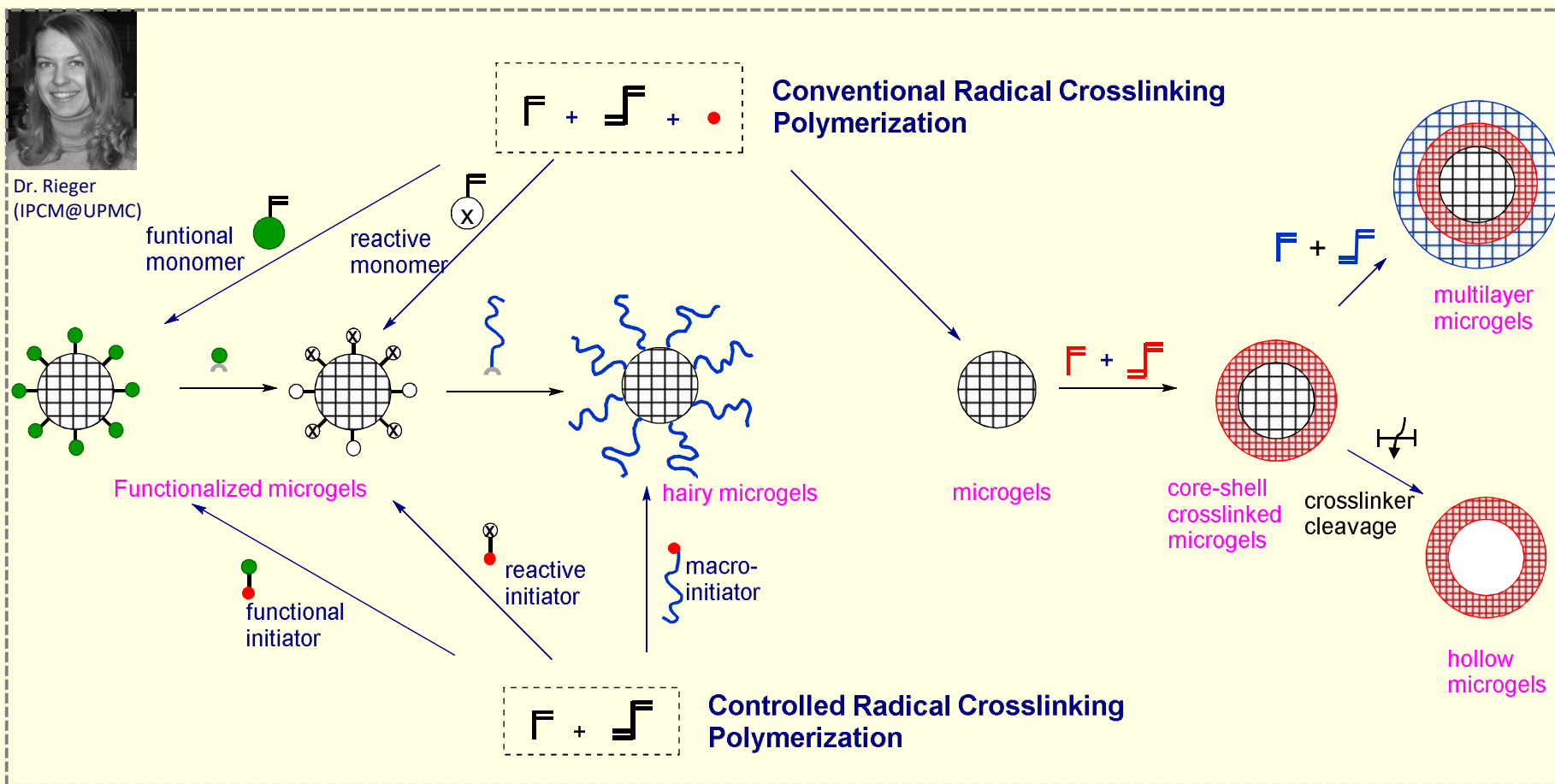
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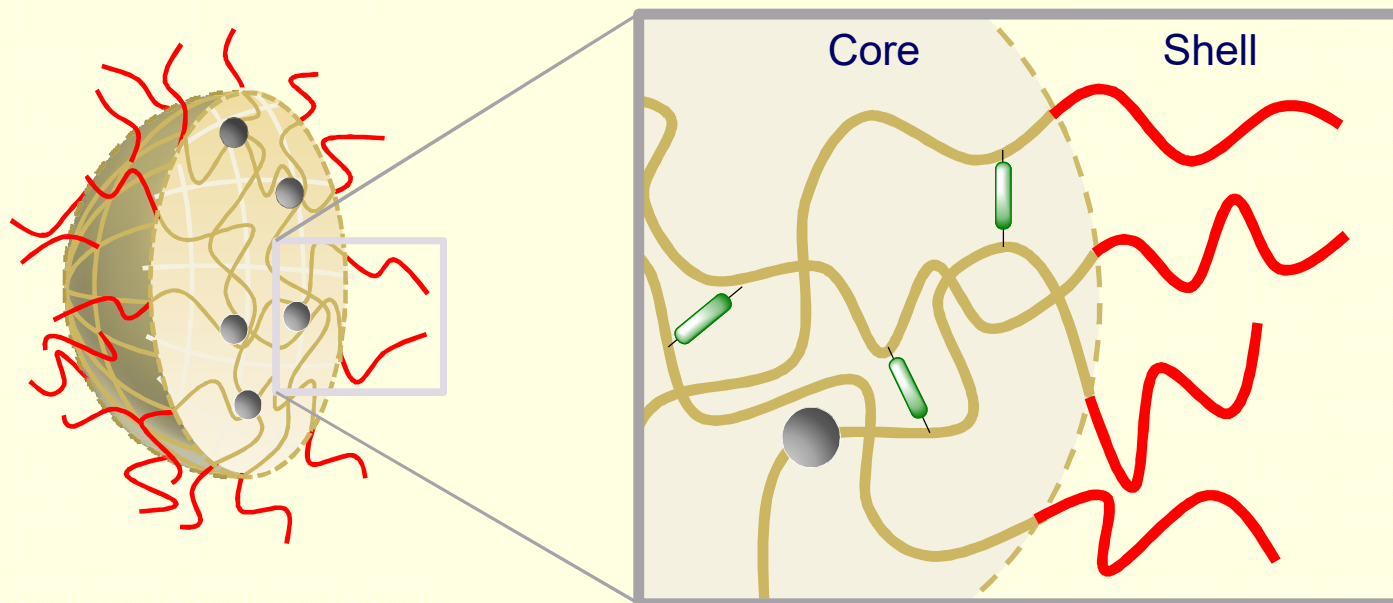
# Smart well-defined catalytic nanoreactors



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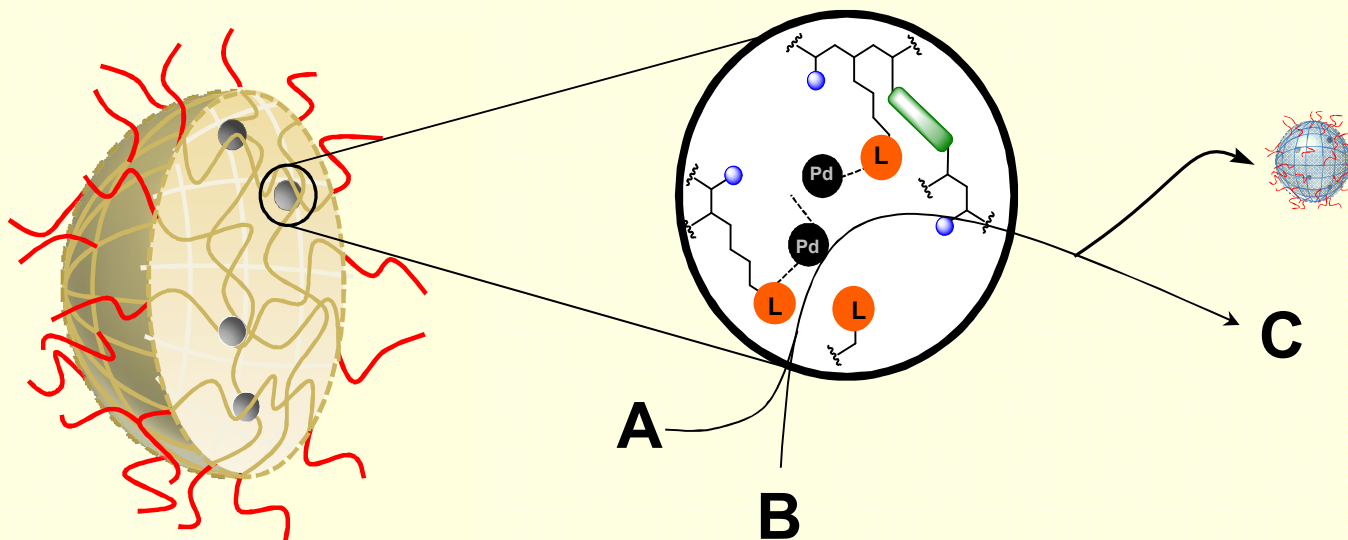


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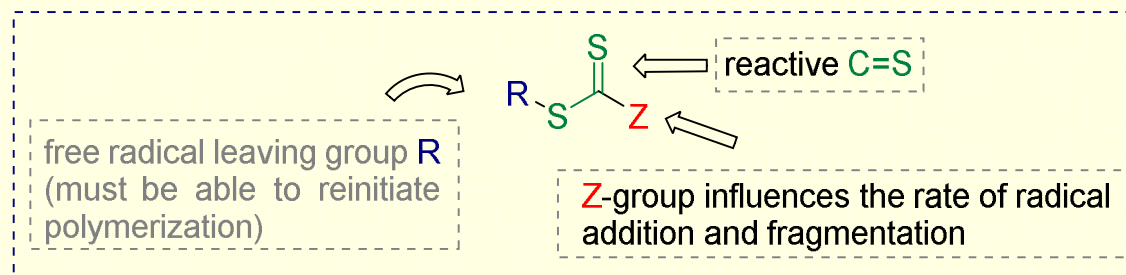
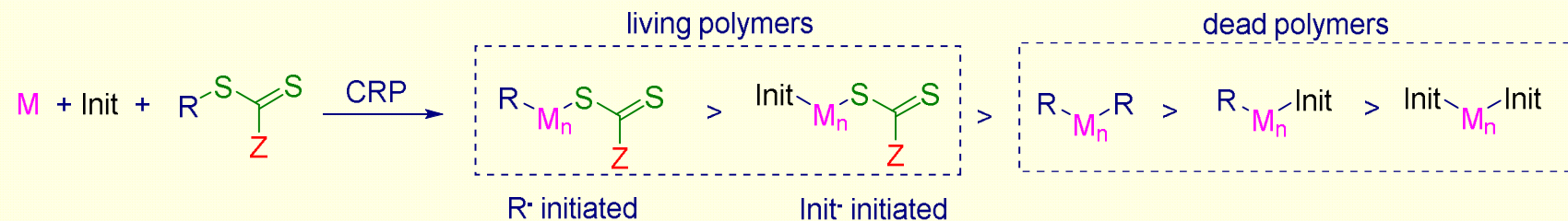


- Globular shaped cross-linked polymers in the range of 10-500 nm
- Different polymers in the shell and the core
- Swell in the presence of good solvents
- Confine metallic species (recycling, nanoreactors)

*Macromol. Rapid Commun.* **2008**, *29*, 1965.  
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- Synthesize Core-Shell nanogels with metal coordinating monomers
- Functionalisation with metallic species
- Study the catalytic properties of the hybrid materials
- Understanding system robustness and recyclability

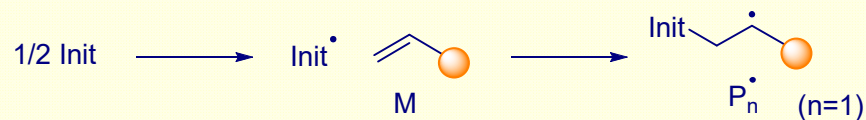


- Mechanism superimposed on a conventional free radical polymerization
- Predictable size and narrow  $M_n$  distribution (chain length and molar mass distribution depend directly on the monomer/control agent ratio).
- Large range of monomers: (meth)acrylates, (meth)acrylamides, vinyl, ...
- Fast initiation, absence of termination...
- Polymer architecture (alternate or gradient copolymers; one or more blocks; ...)

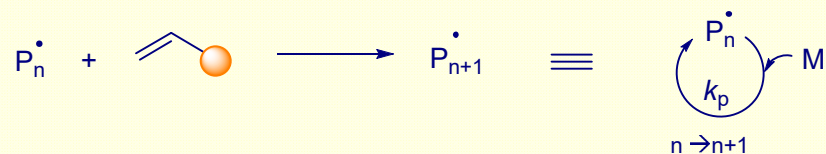
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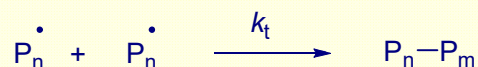
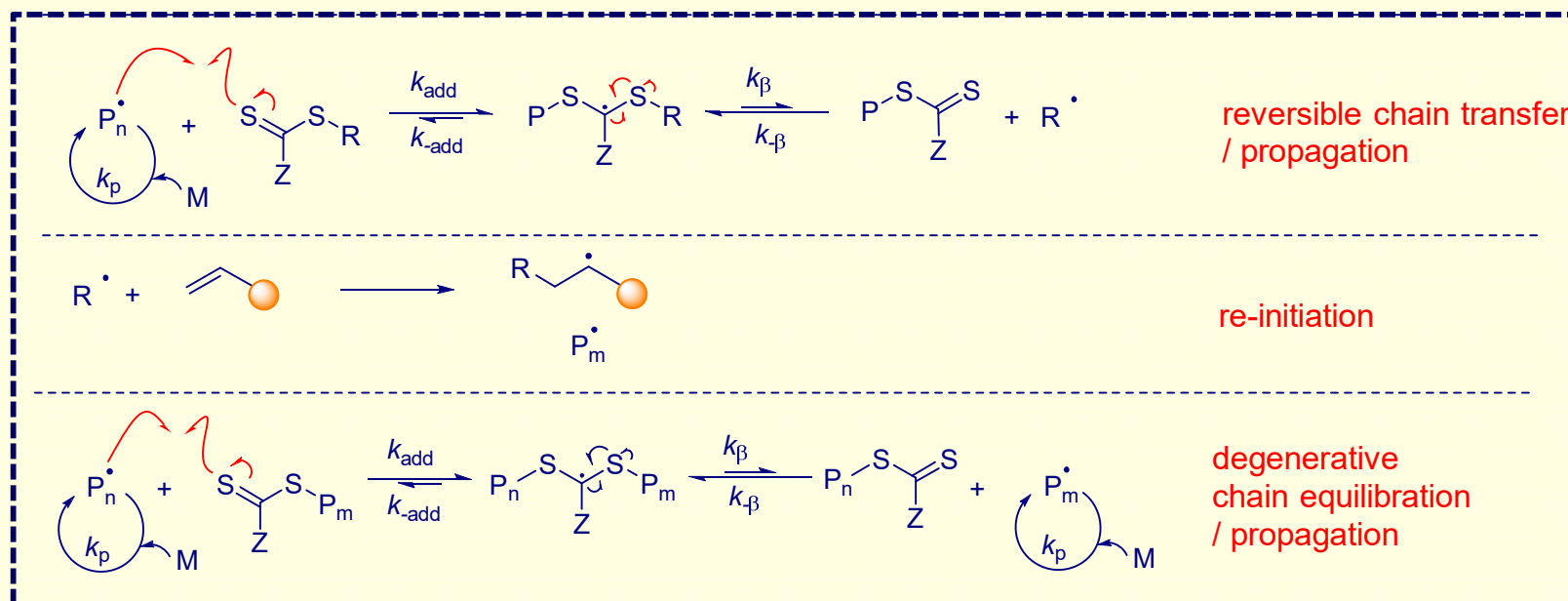
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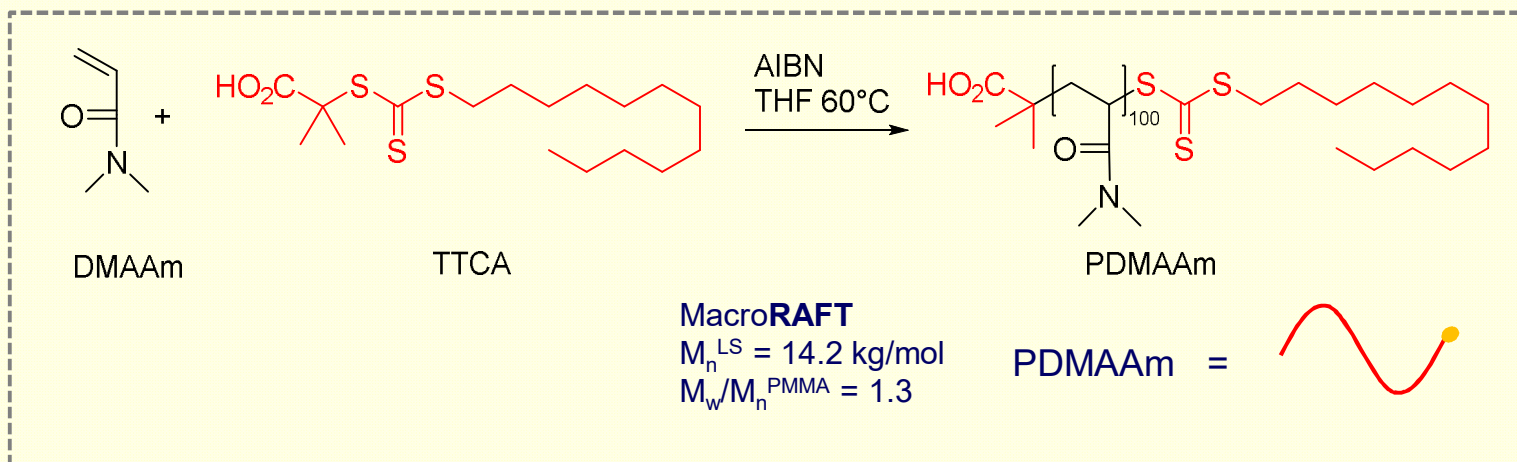


propagation



termination

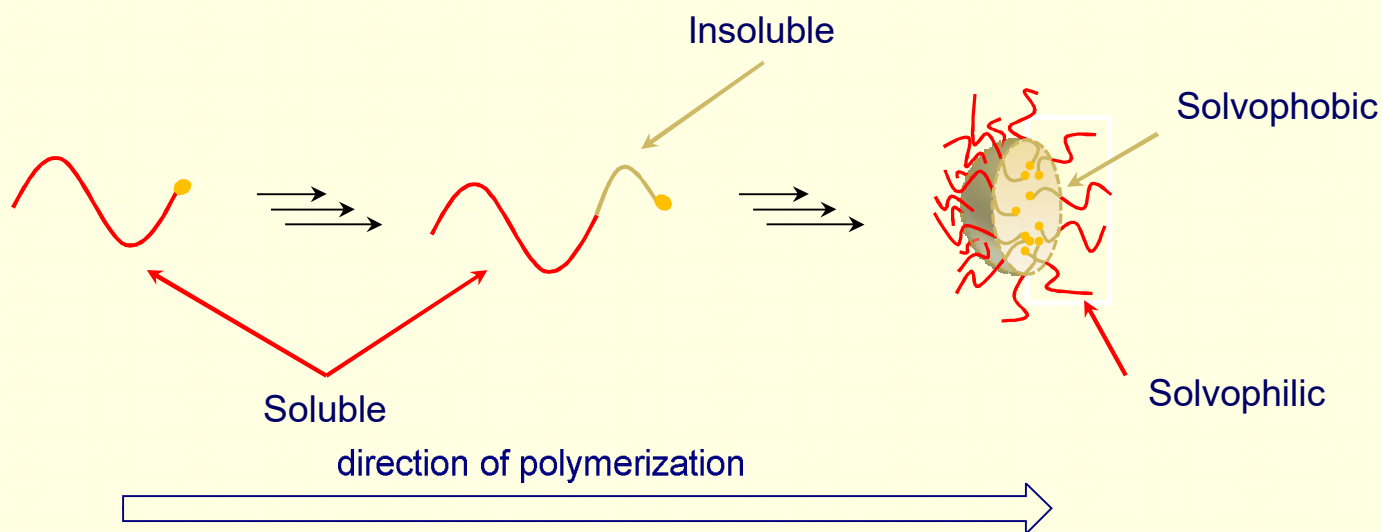
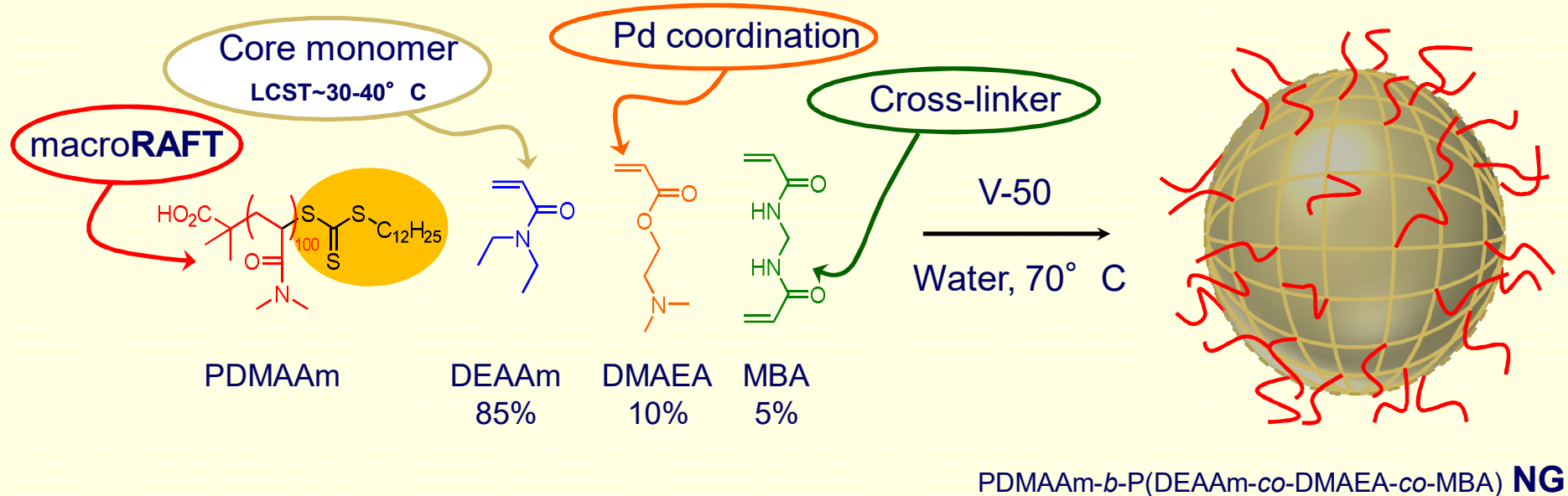
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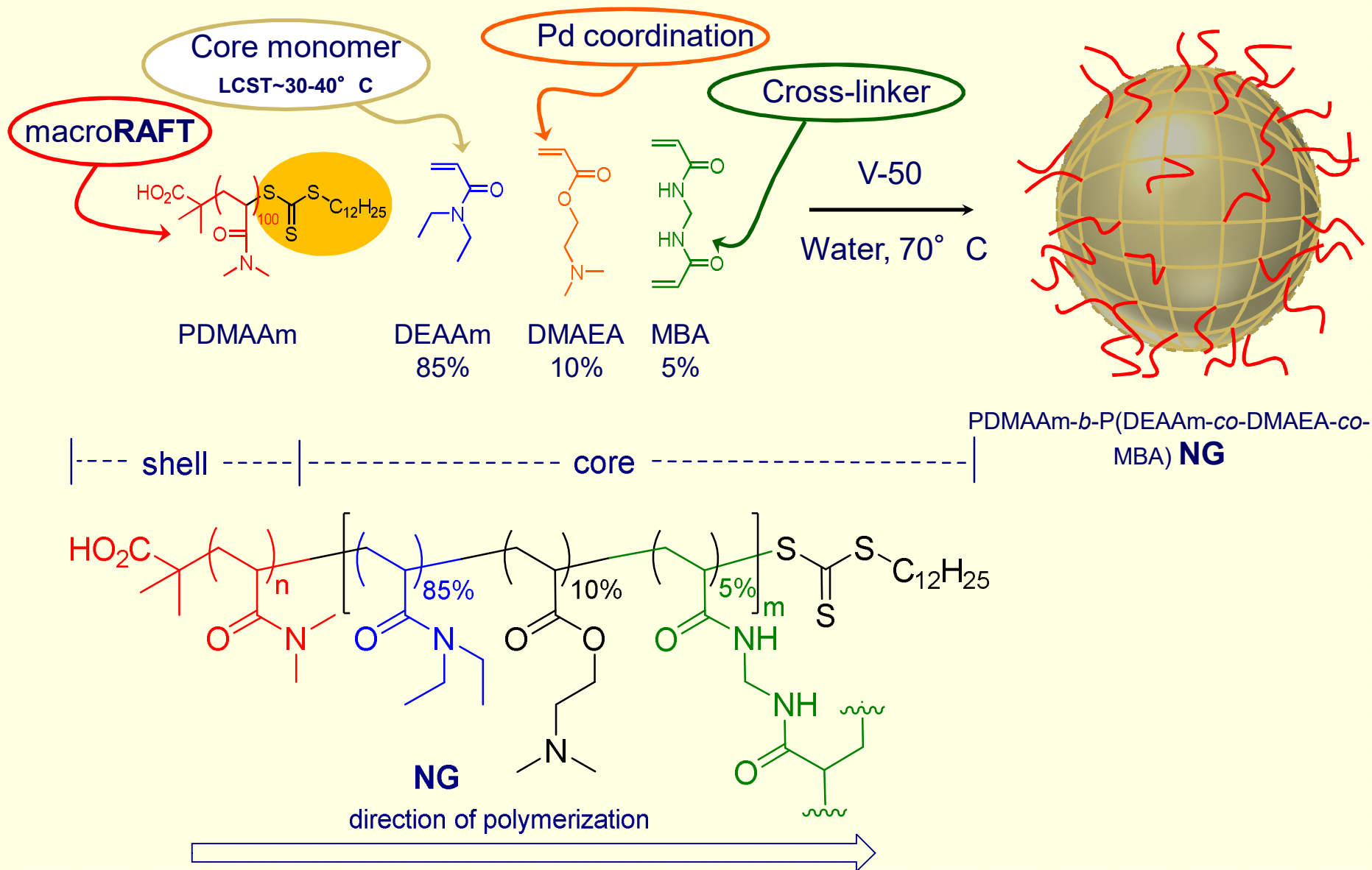
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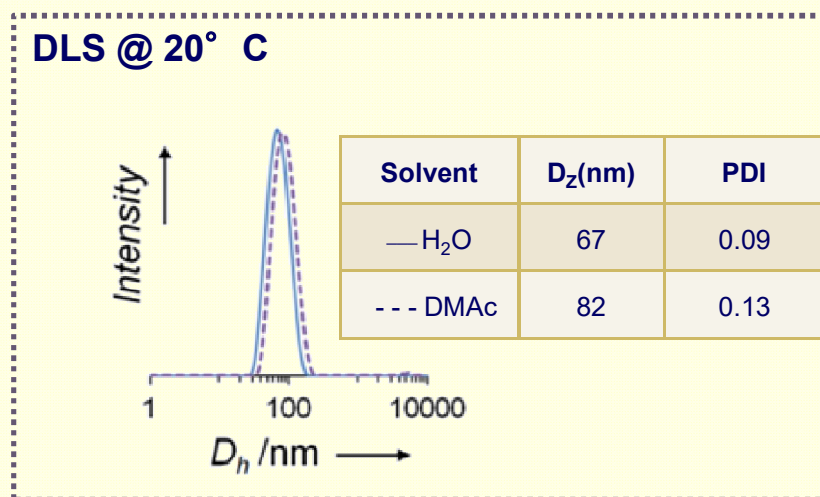
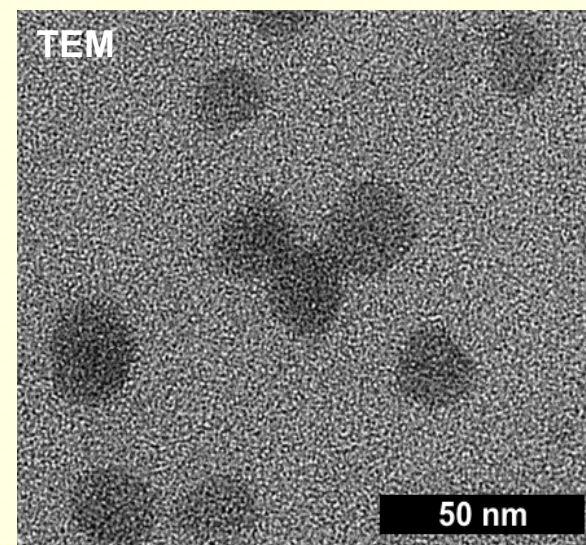
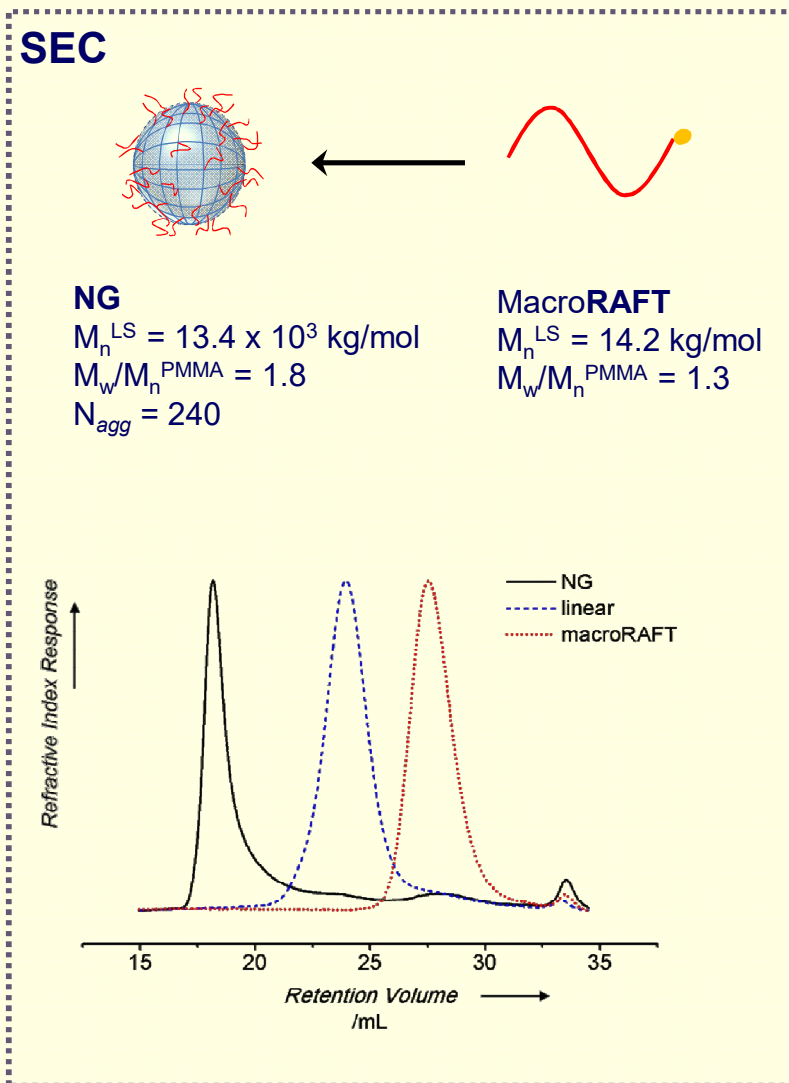
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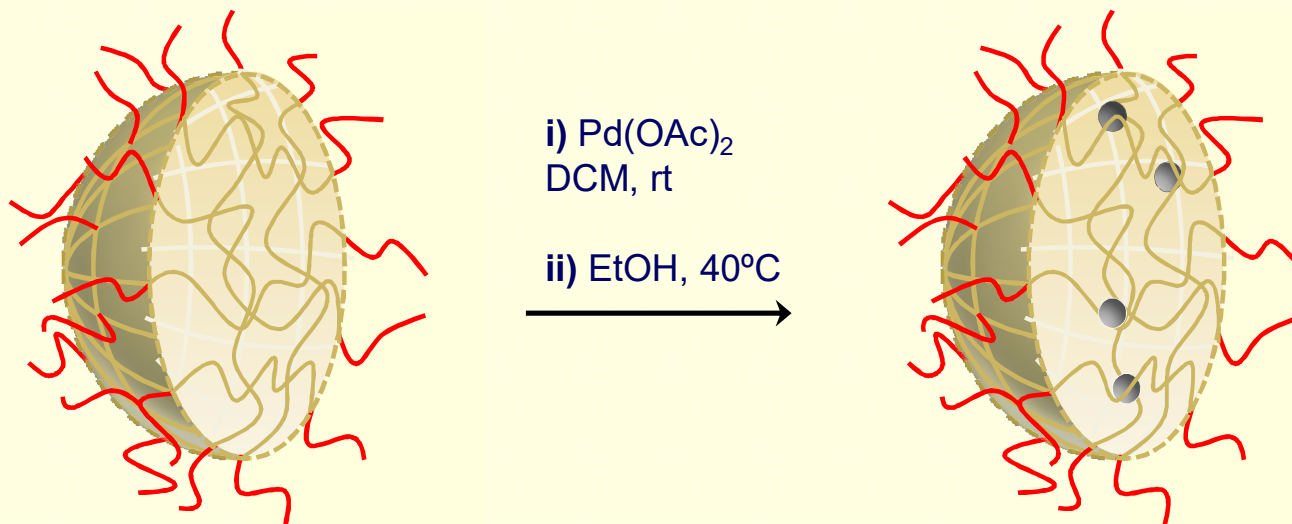
# Nanogel synthesis



# Nanogel characterization



# Functionalisation with Pd nanoparticles



NG + Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub>

rt, 24h



precipitation  
DCM + EtOH

40° C, 24h

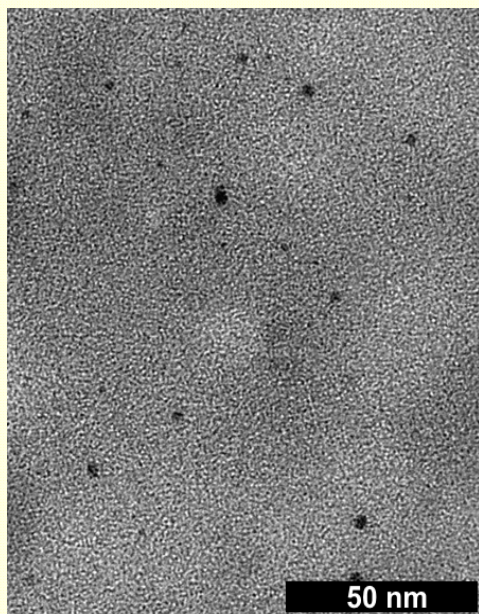
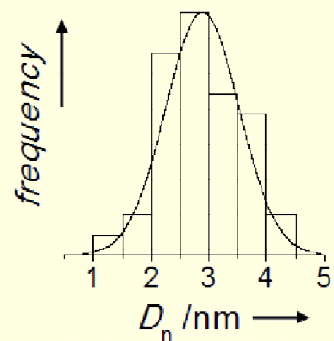


PdNP@NG

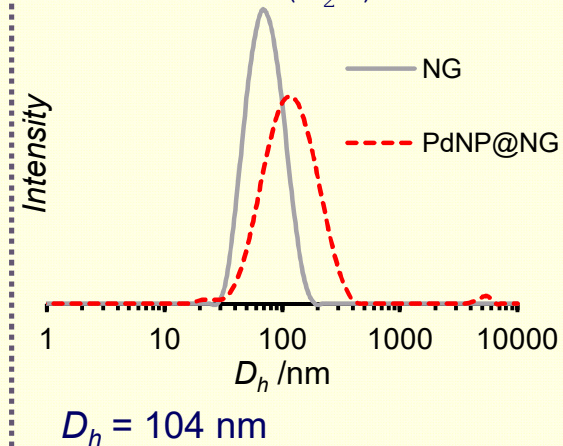
dialysis  
lyophilized

# Characterization of PdNP@NG

$D_n = 2.9 \pm 0.6$  nm **TEM**  
~868 Pd atoms /NP



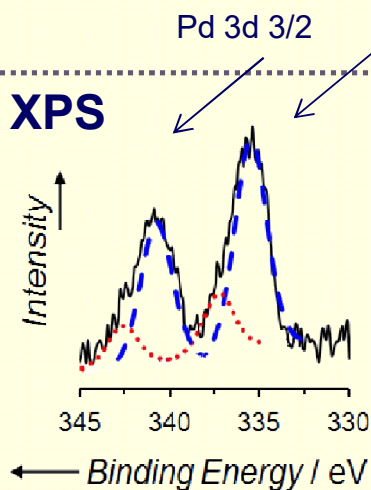
**DLS** 20° C (H<sub>2</sub>O)



Pd content (wt%)

ICP-MS	XPS	TGA
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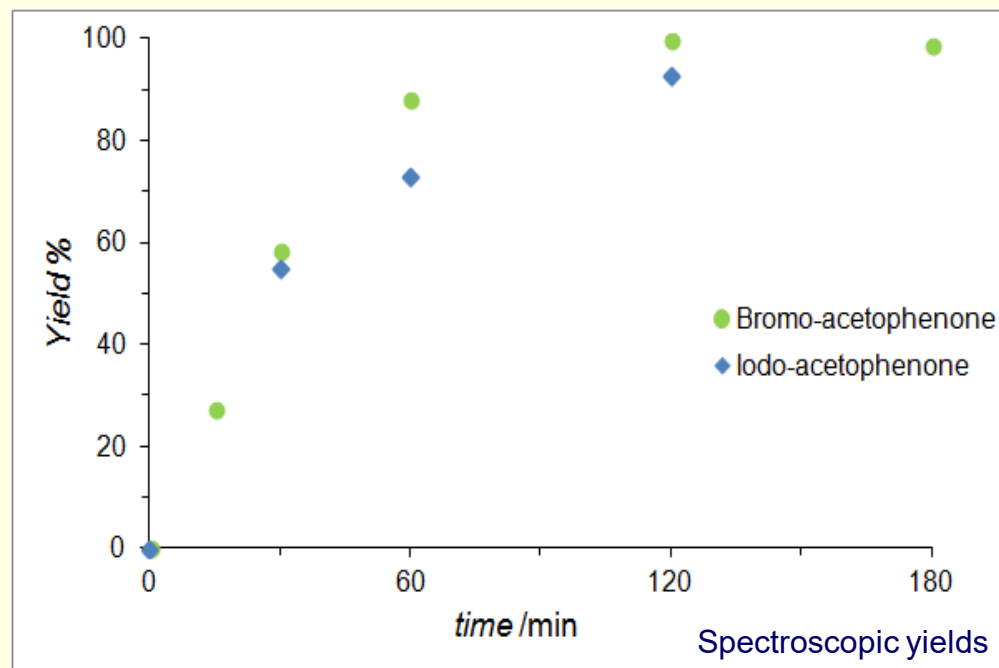
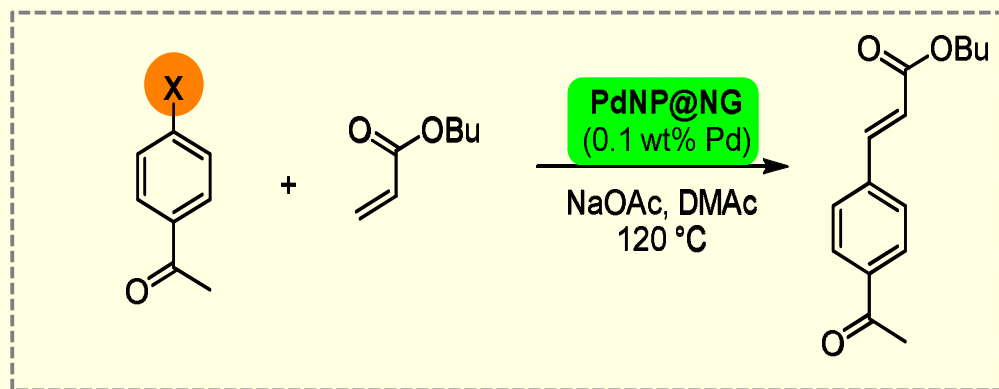
**XPS**



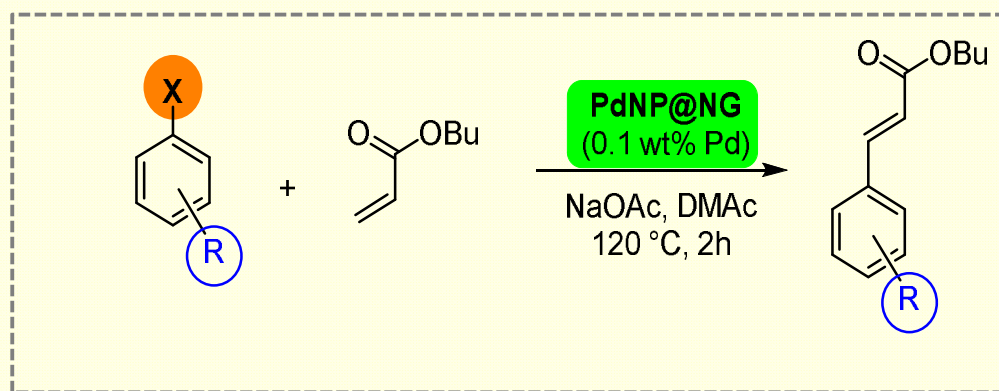
Oxidation state (%)

Pd <sup>II</sup>	Pd <sup>0</sup>
24	76

# The Mizoroki-Heck reaction

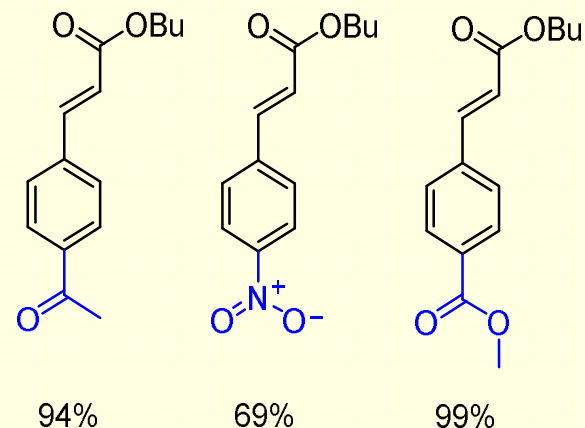
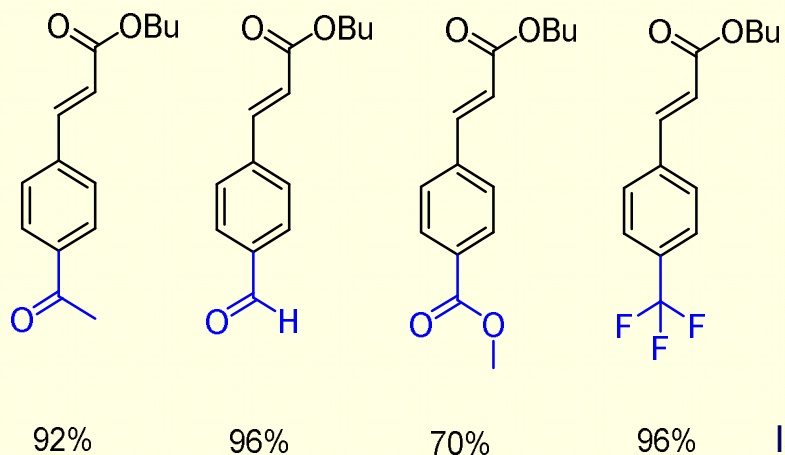


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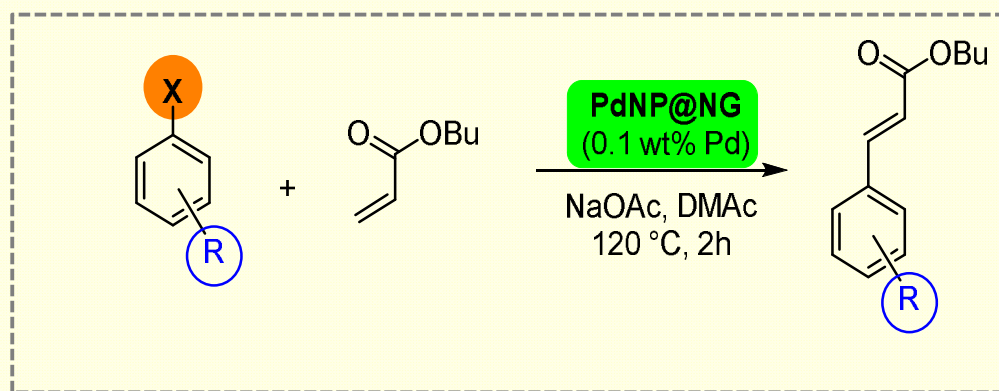
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X = I



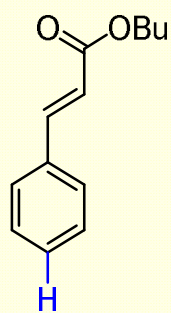
Isolated yields

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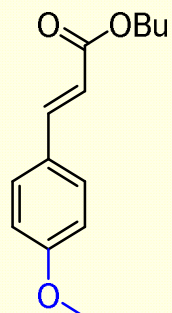


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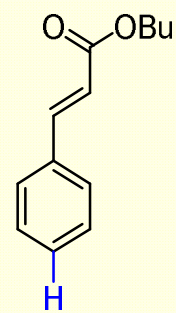


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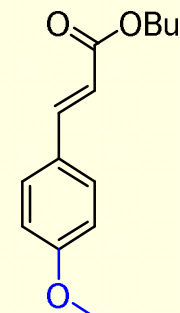


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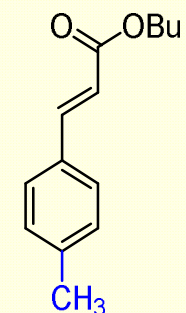
Isolated yields



68%



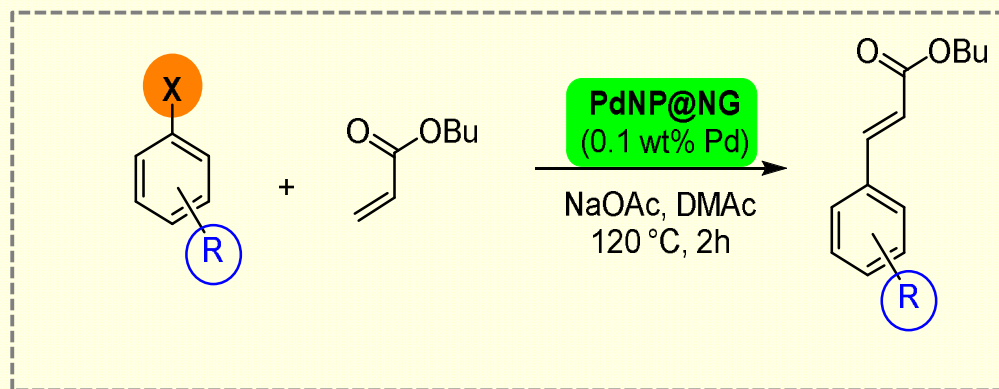
95%



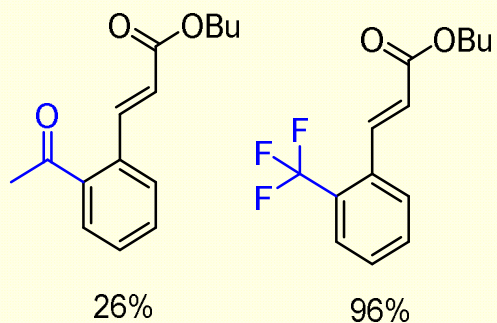
84%



# The Mizoroki-Heck reaction

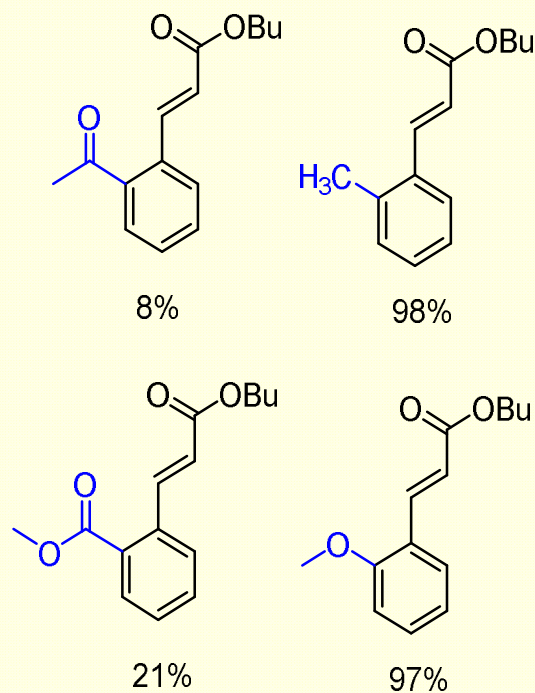


X = Br

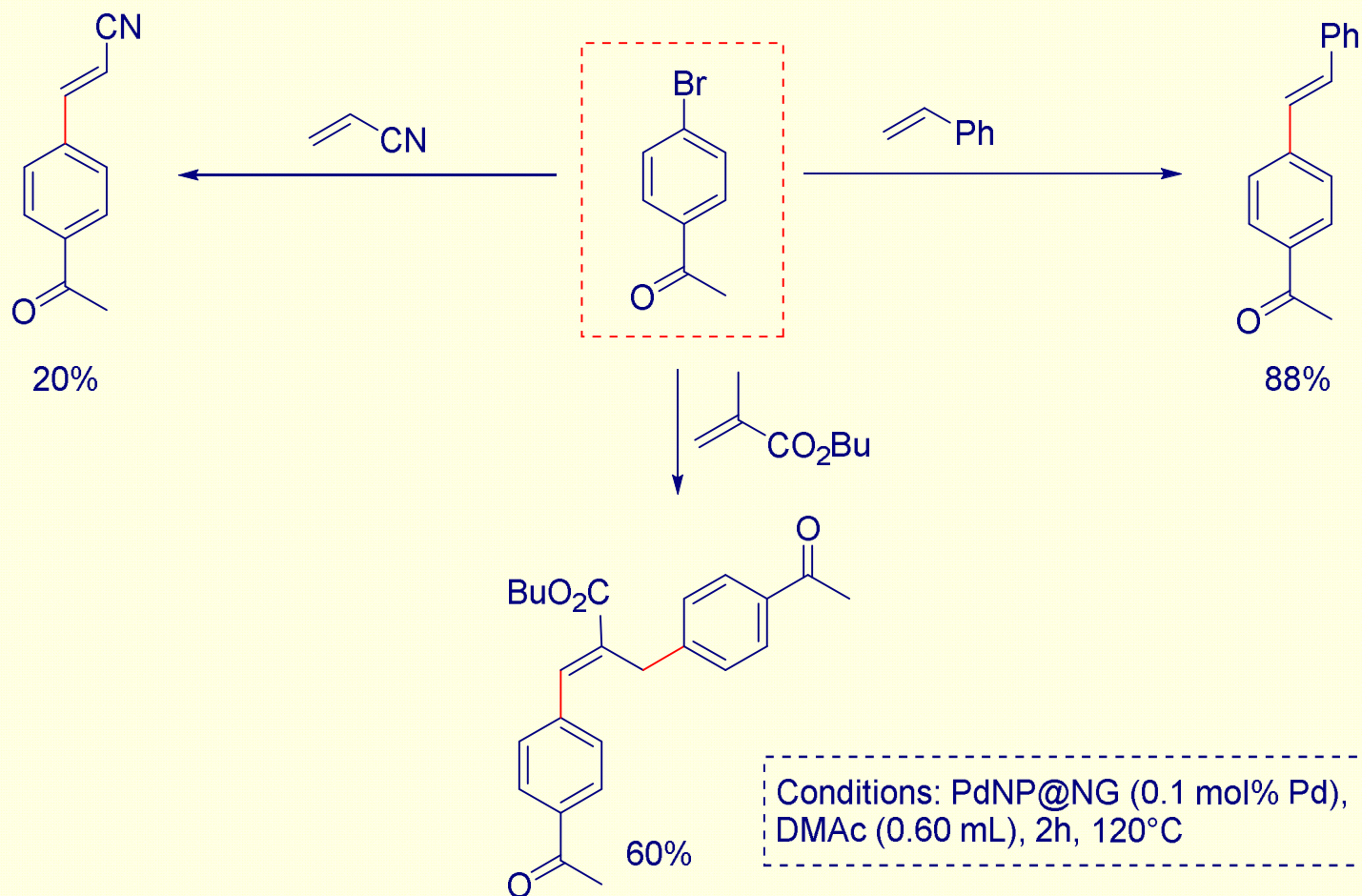


Isolated yields

X = I

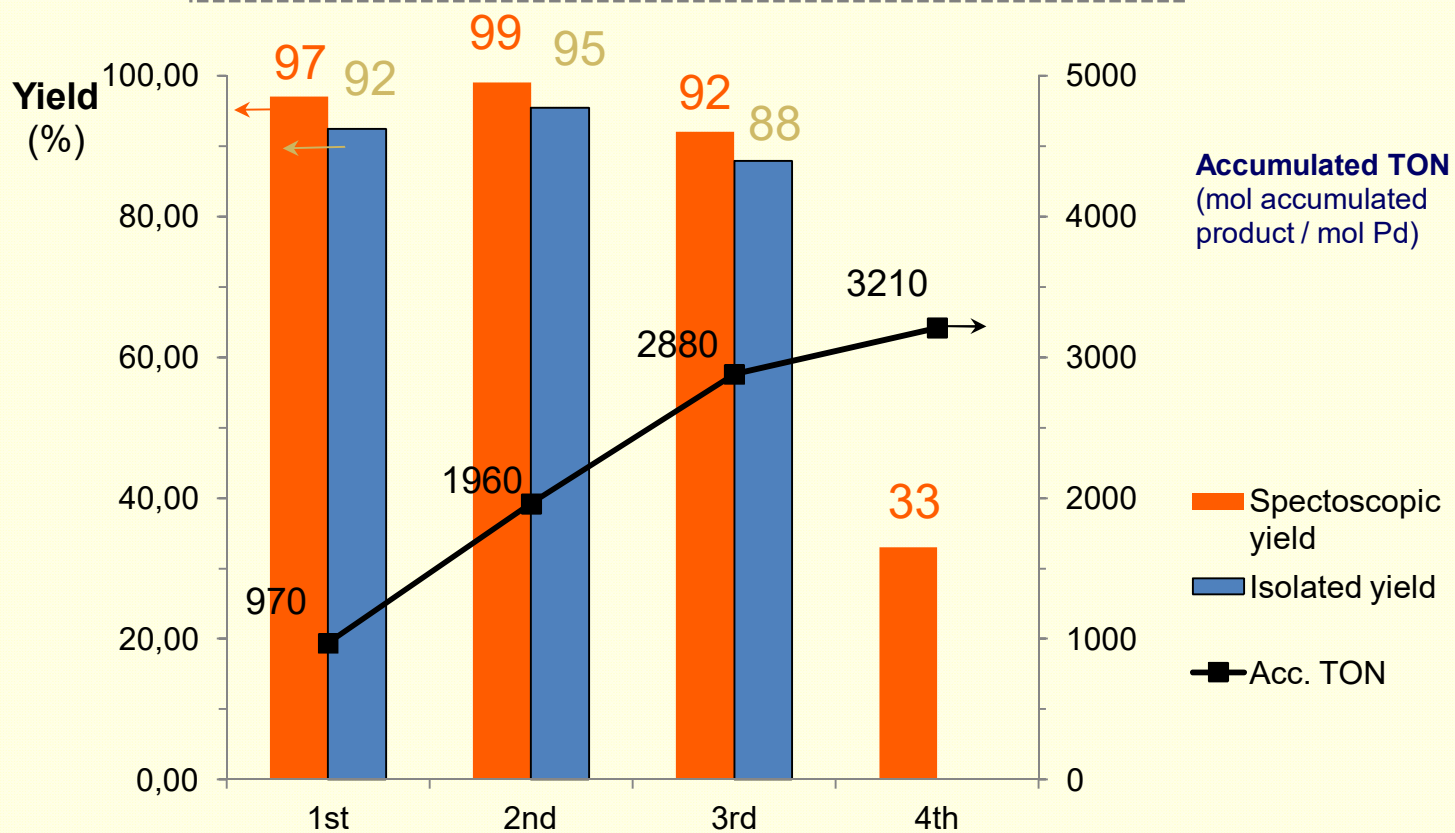
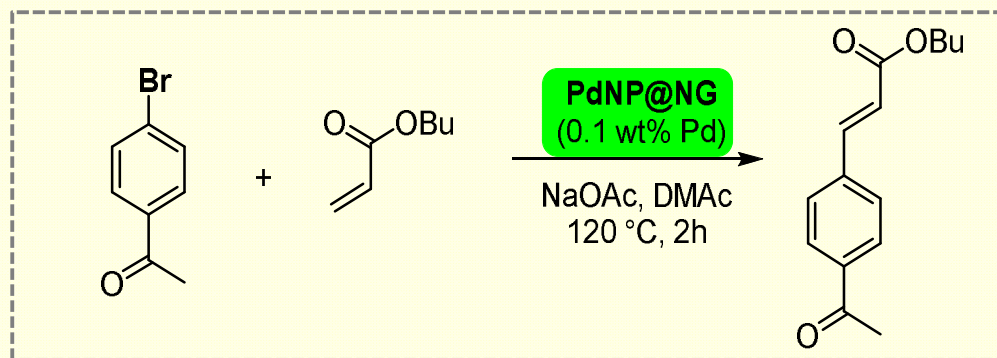


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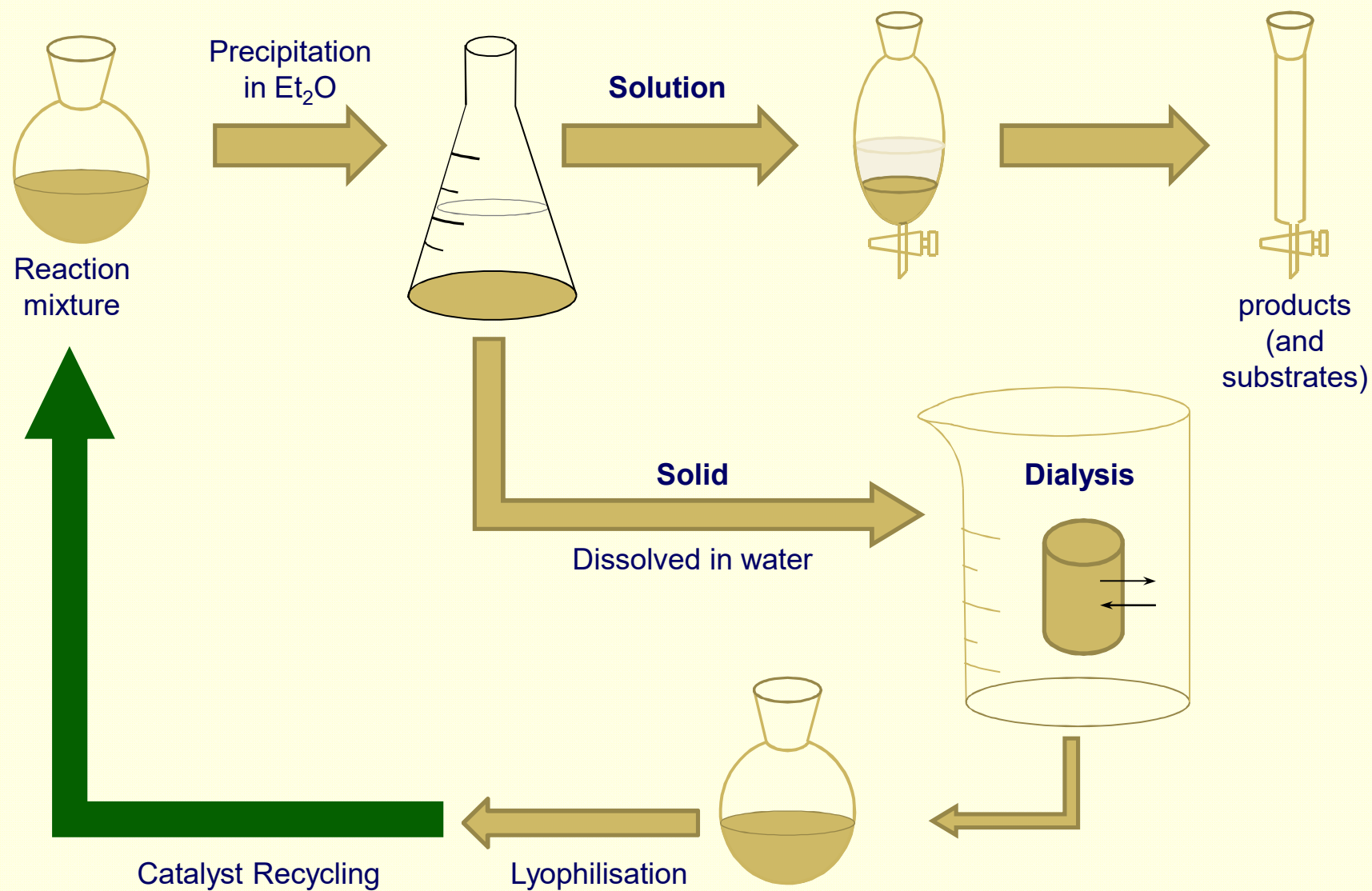


# Hybrid Nanogel Recycling

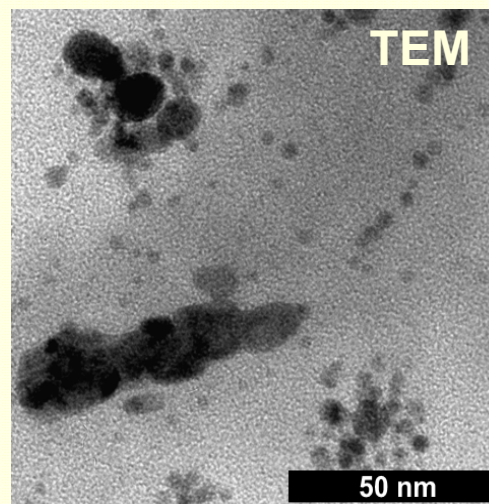
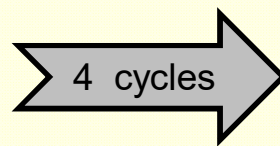
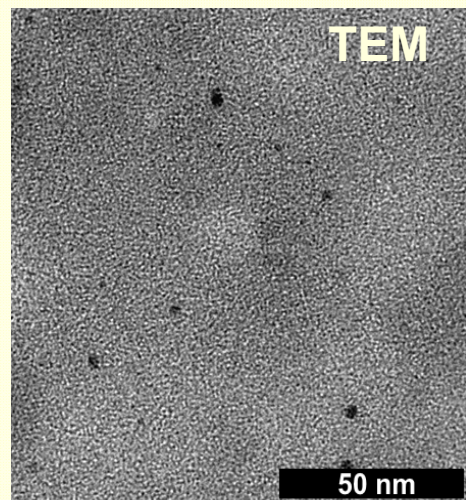
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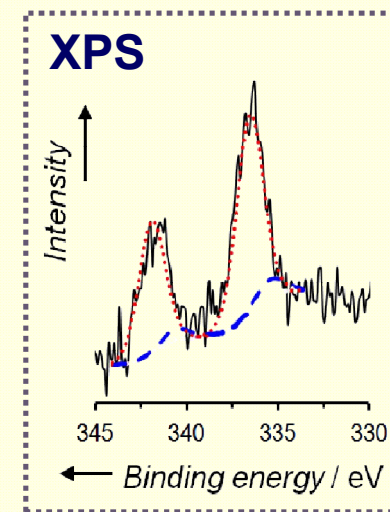
# PdNP@NG Recycling



# After 4 cycles of catalysis



Ostwald ripening

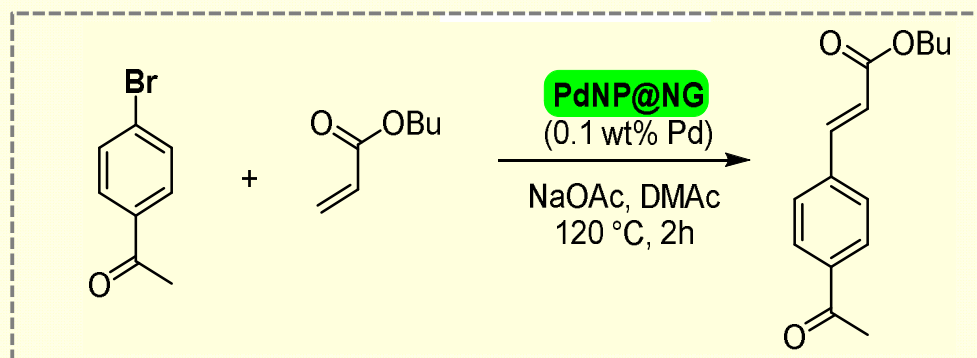


	ICP-MS	XPS	
PdNP@NG	Pd cont (wt%)	%Pd(II)	%Pd(0)
$t_0$	0.95	24	76
After 4 cycles	0.22	93	7

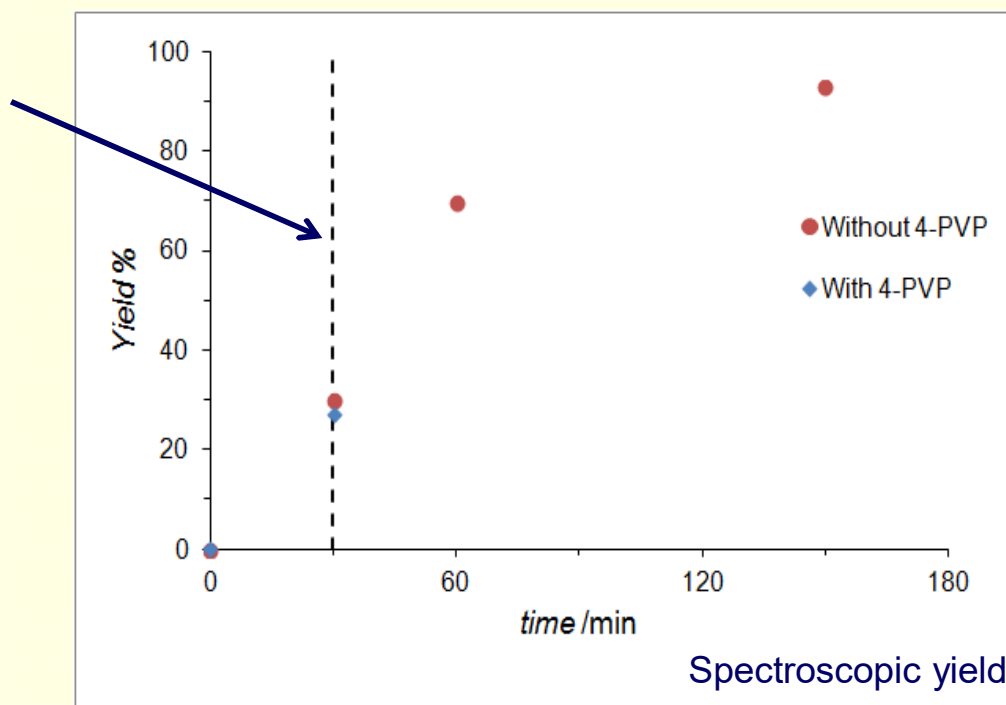
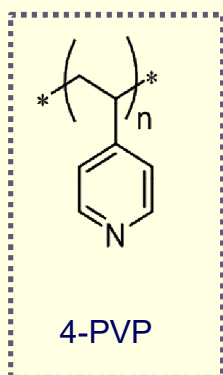
Pd leaching out of the NG		
	Pd content	
Phase	ppm	% total Pd
Organic	76.6	19
Aqueous	0.04	2

# Pd leaching test #1

Macromolecular base

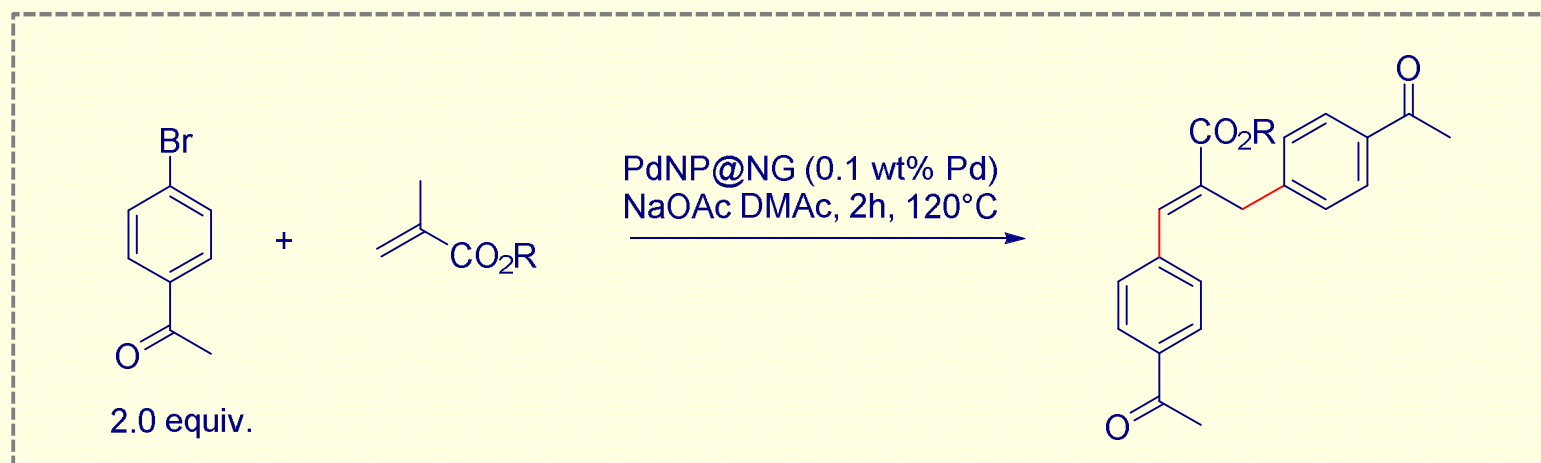


Addition of 4-PVP  
( $M_n = 50$  kg/mol)



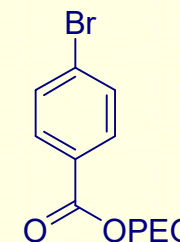
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Macromolecular substrate

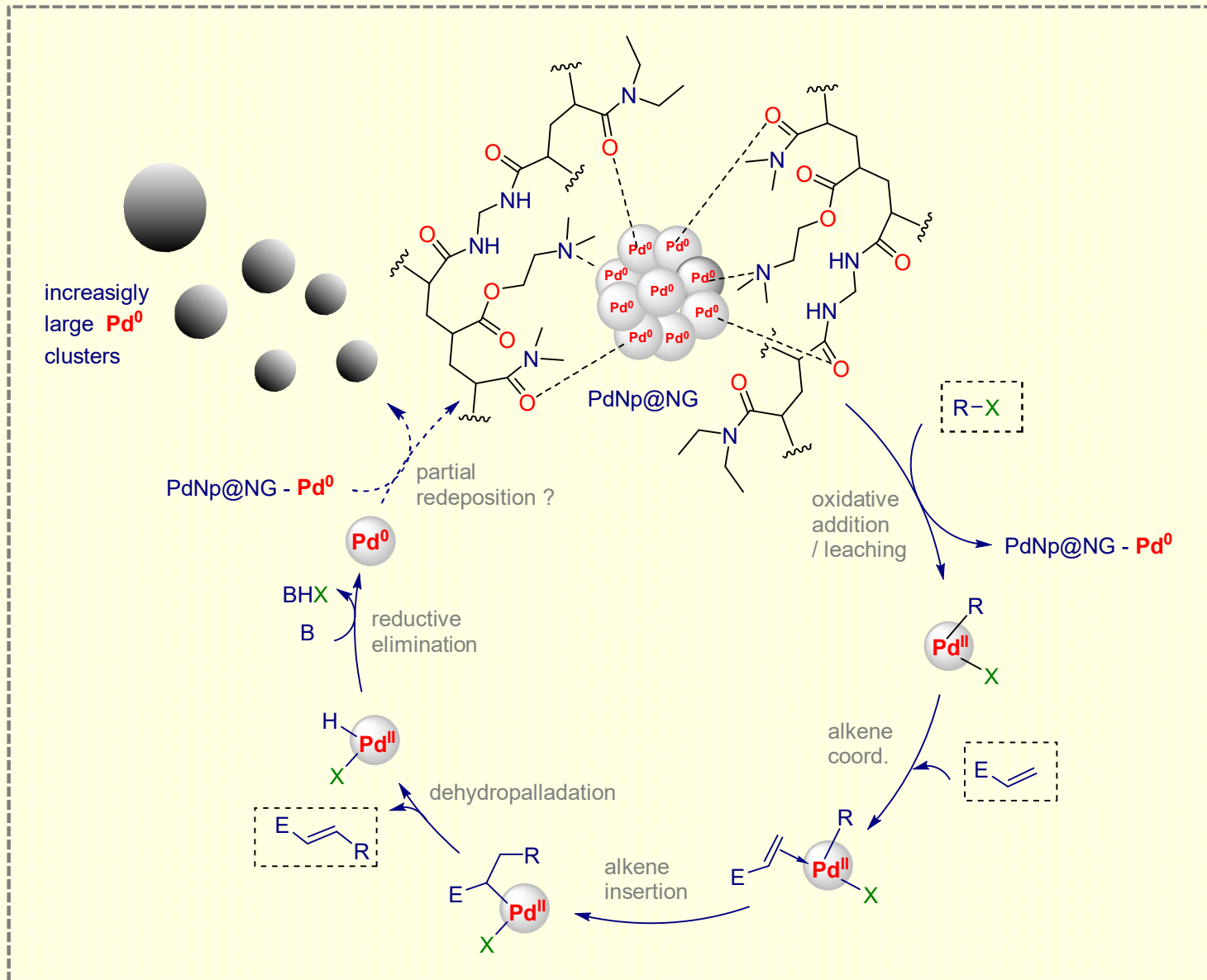


R	yield(%)
Bu-n	60
[CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>n</sub> OMe	60

PEG-methacrylate:  $M_n=1.1$  kg/mol



# Proposed mechanism for the PdNP@NG cat Mizoroki-Heck rxn





- ✓ Well defined core-shell nanogels **NG** have been synthesised and characterised  
RAFT aqueous dispersion polymerisation process
- ✓ Pd<sup>0</sup> NP were incorporated (~1.3 wt%) **PdNP@NG**  
Long-term stability even under air and moisture
- ✓ Nanogel Pd is an active catalyst in the Mizoroki-Heck reaction in 0.1 wt%  
Substrates: bromo- and iodo-arenes (accumulated TOF: 2880)
- ✓ The hybrid materials can be recycled up to three cycles  
Leaching of Pd lead to the formation of Pd(II)



Pontes da Costa, A.; Rosa Nunes, D.; Tharaud, M.; Oble, J.; Poli, G.; Rieger, J. *ChemCatChem*, **2017**, *9*, 2167 -2175

# From agricultural waste to furfural

corn cobs



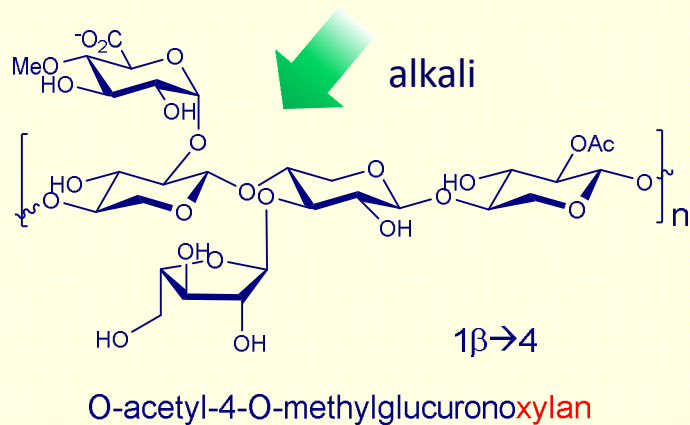
oat hulls



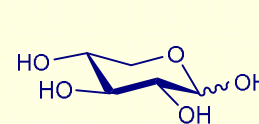
wood chips



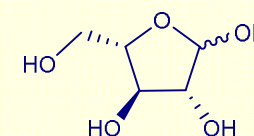
bagasse



acid

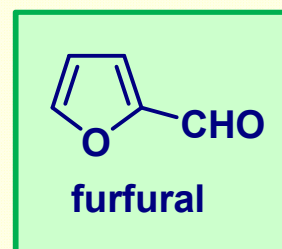


D-xylose



L-arabinose

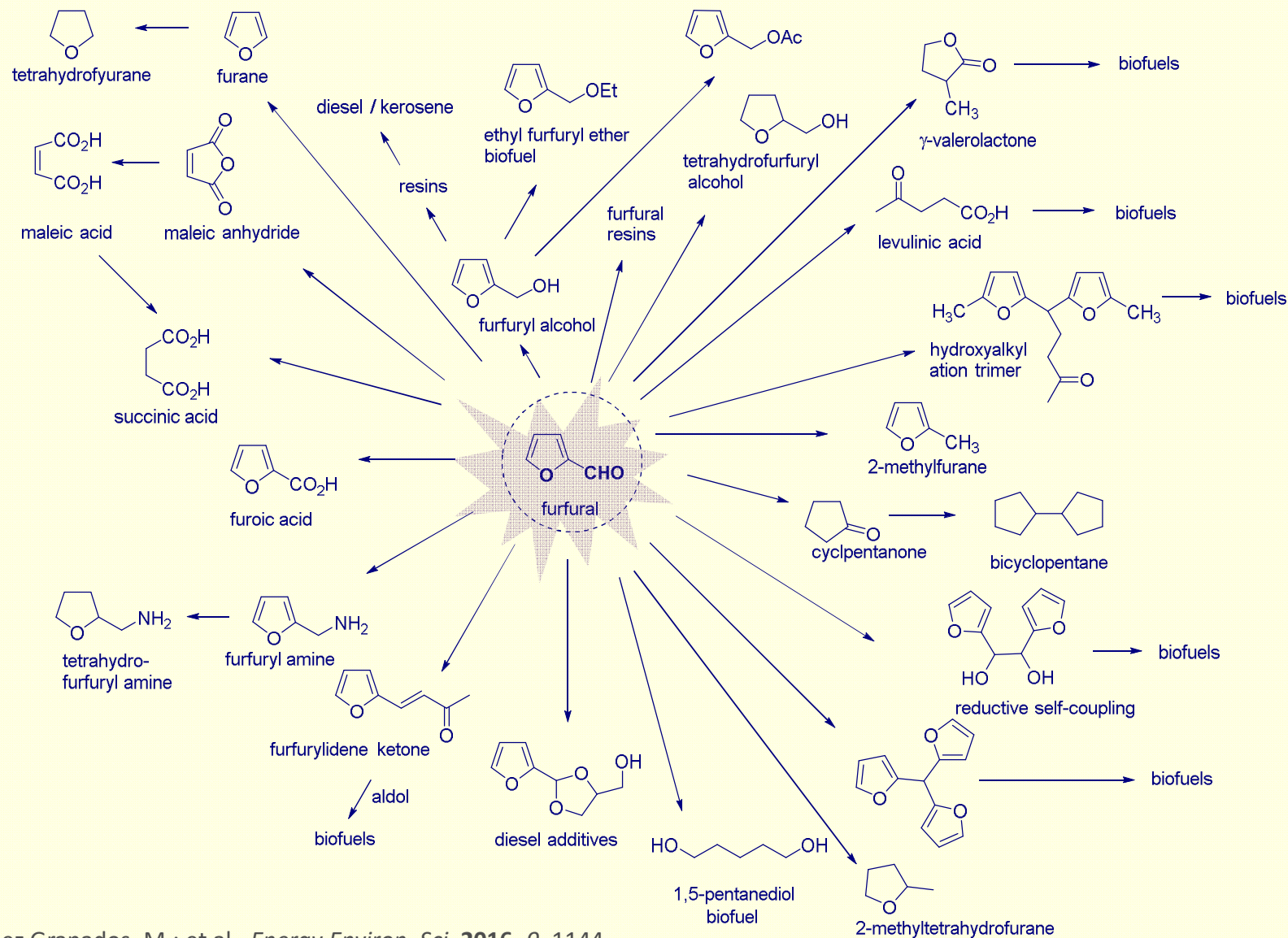
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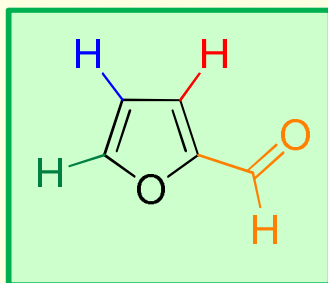
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Zeitsch, K. J. *The chemistry and technology of furfural and its many by-products*, **2000** vol 13, Elsevier Lichtenthaler F. W. *Acc. Chem. Res.* **2002**, 3, 201

# From furfural to bulk chemicals

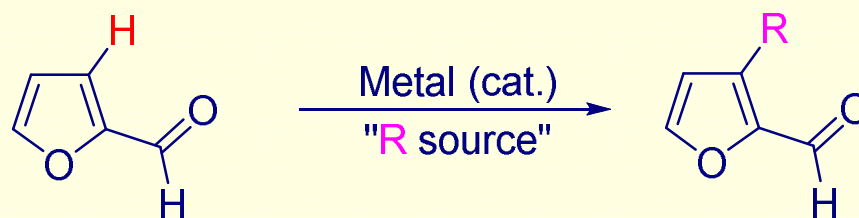


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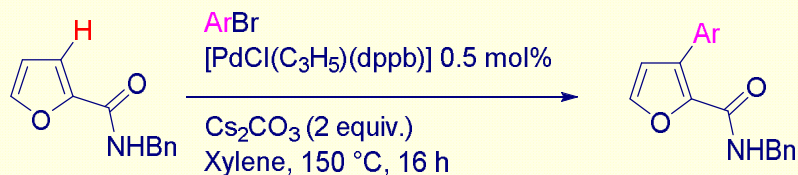


- ✓ Formyl function
- ✓ Aromatic nucleus
- ✓ Three different aromatic C-H bonds

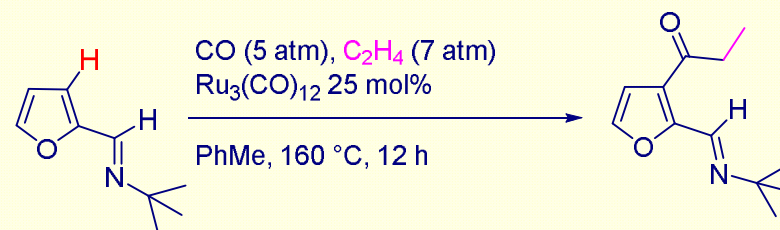
The challenge: C3 alkylation of furfural via catalytic directed C-H activation



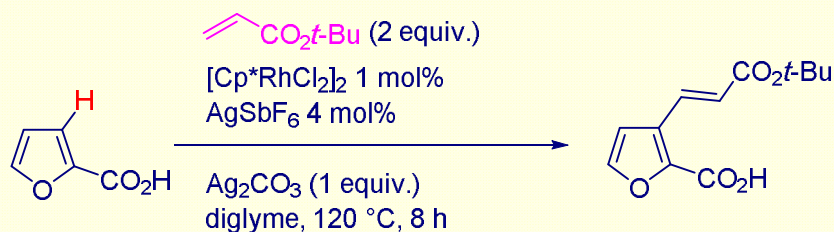
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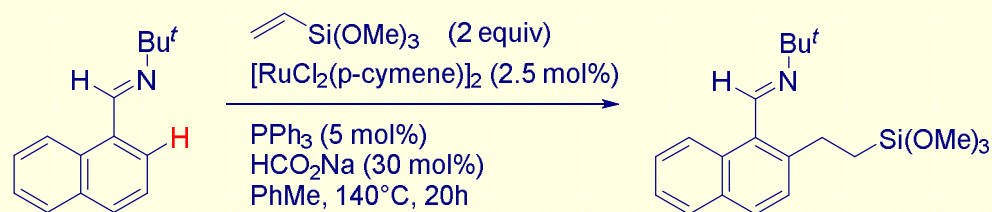
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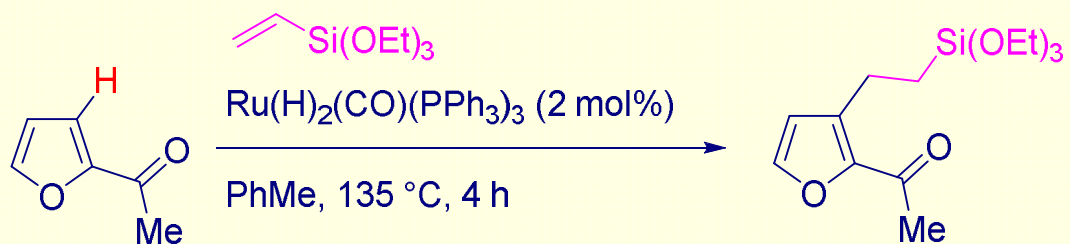


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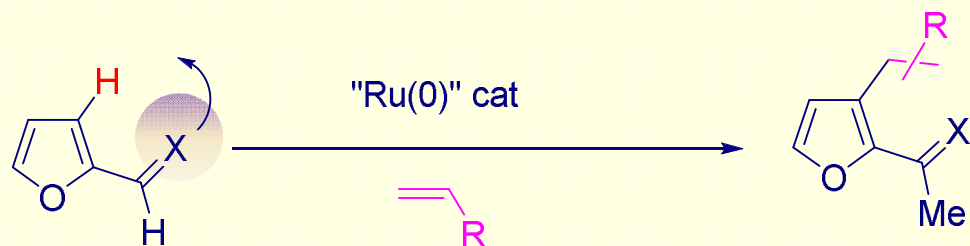
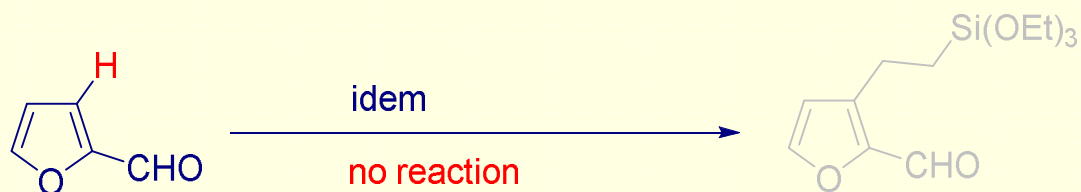


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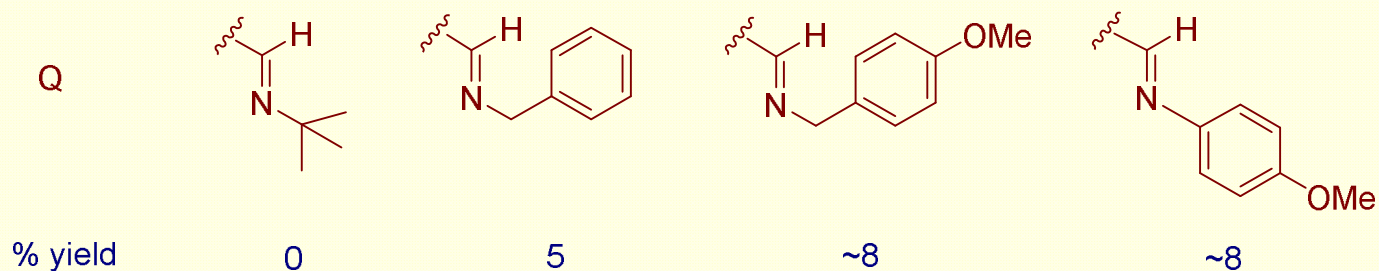
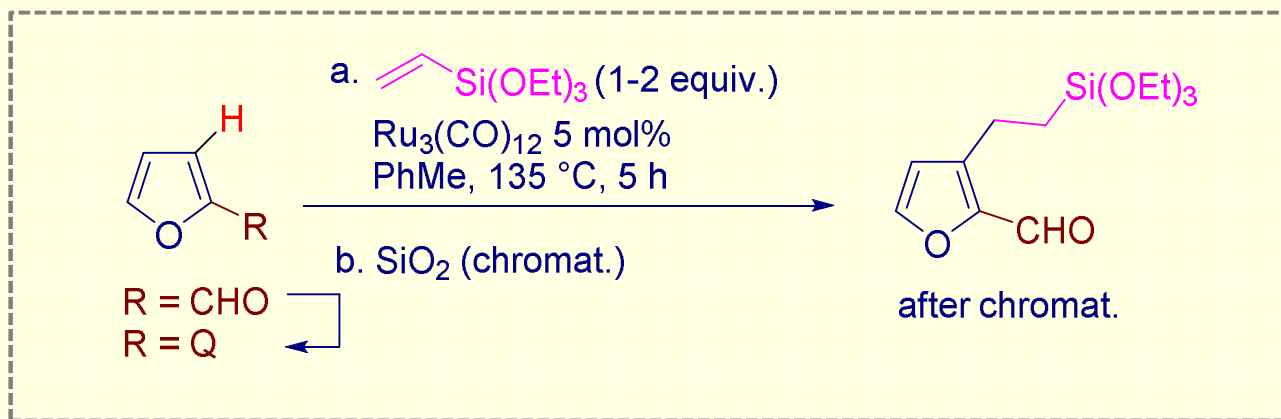
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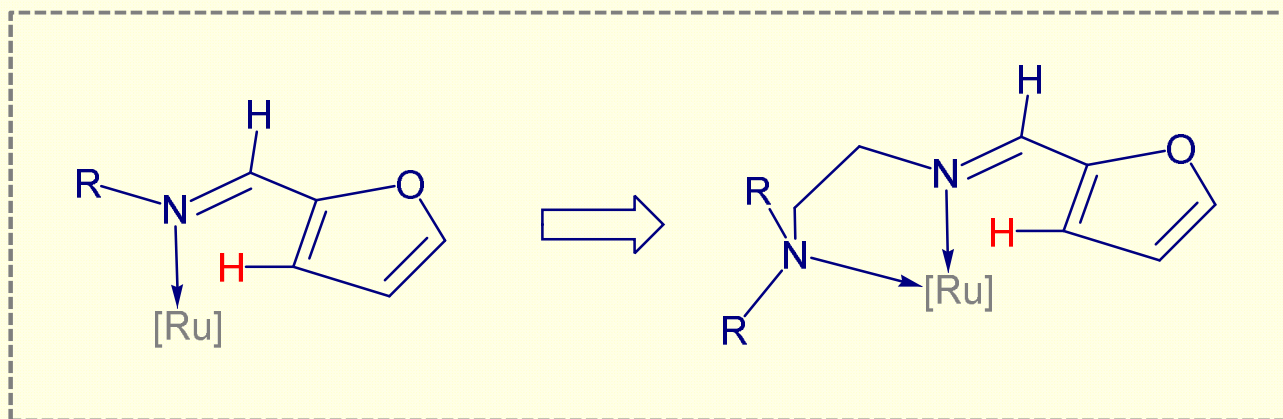
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# The first - disappointing - trials

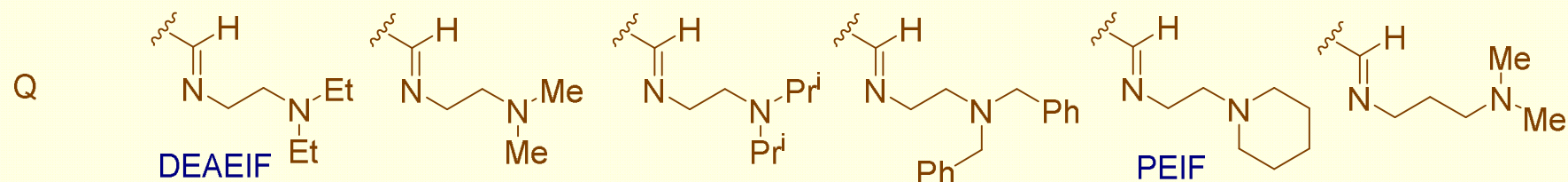
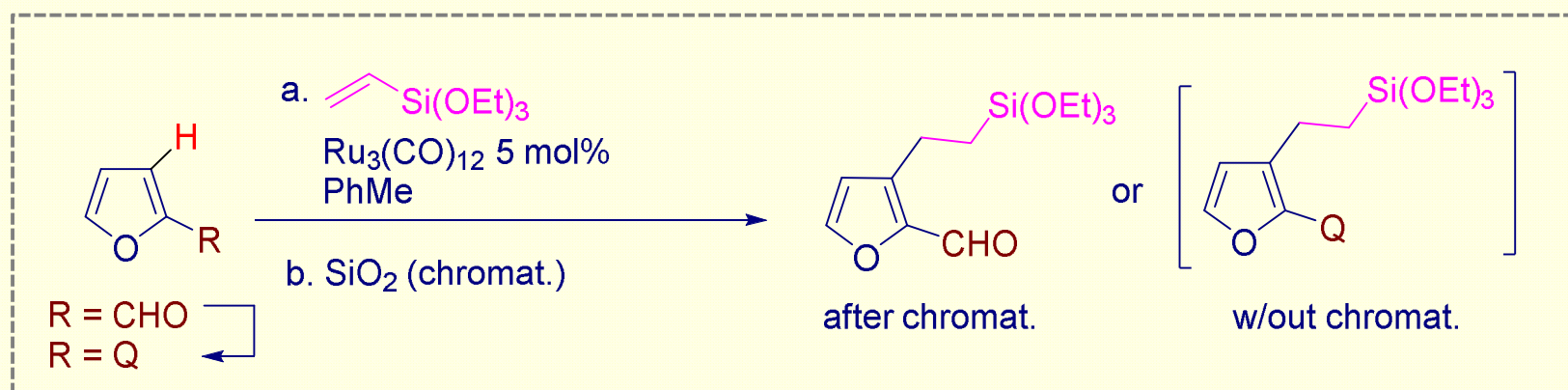


# From imino coordination to amino-imino chelation



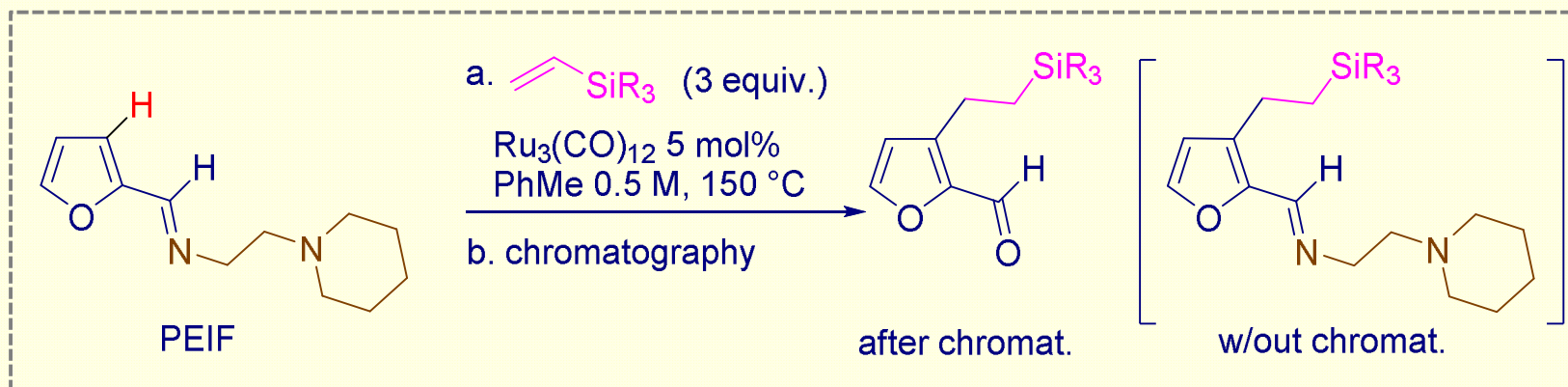


# Amino-imines as chelating groups



T (°C)	135	150	135	135	135	135	150	135
t (h)	18	5	18	18	18	18	5	18
equiv silane	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	2
yield %	47 [50]	[51]	[9]	5	0	49 [55]	[70] 62 [71]	0

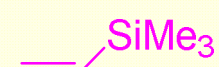
# Scope with vinylsilanes



5h, 62%  
(71%)



5h,  
(62%)



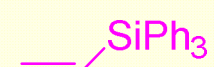
24h,  
31% (33%)



16 h  
66% (68%)

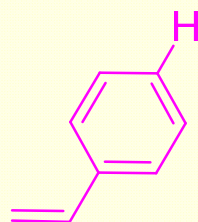
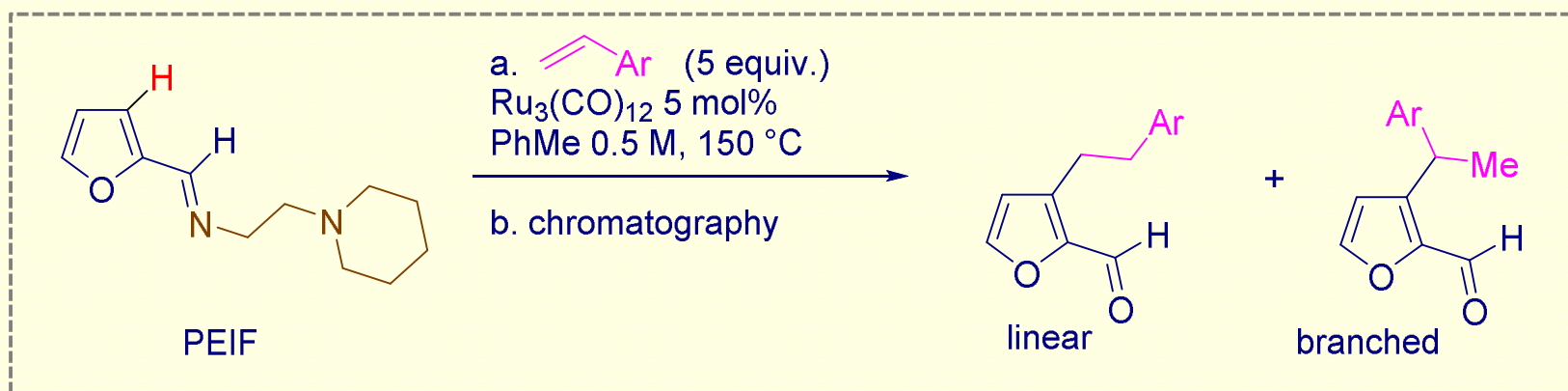


5 h,  
40% (63%)



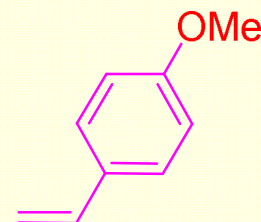
16 h,  
57%

# Scope with styrenes

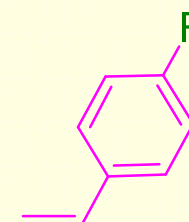


time, yield %

24 h, 26



16 h, 26



16 h, 31

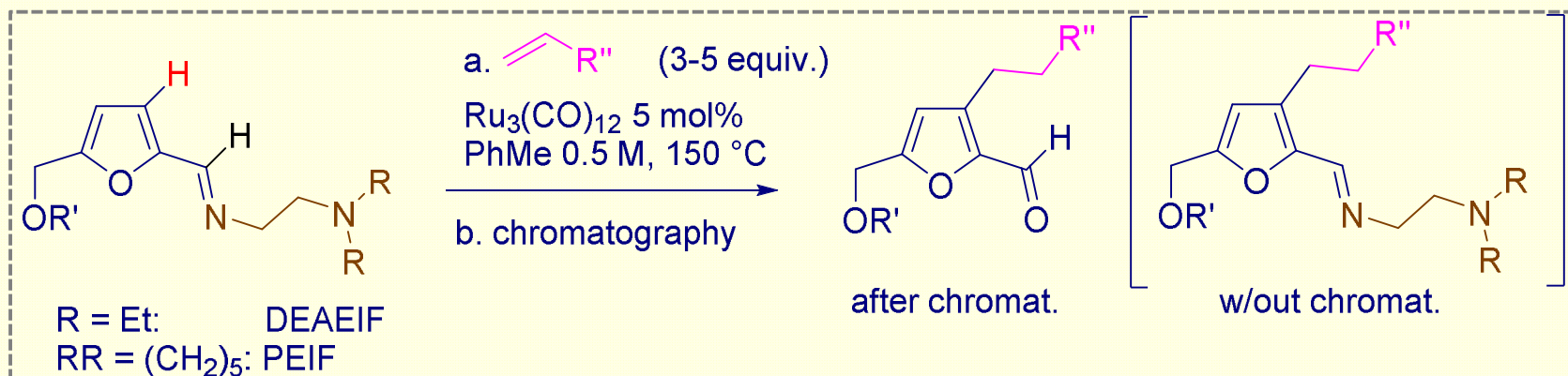
linear : branched

85: 15

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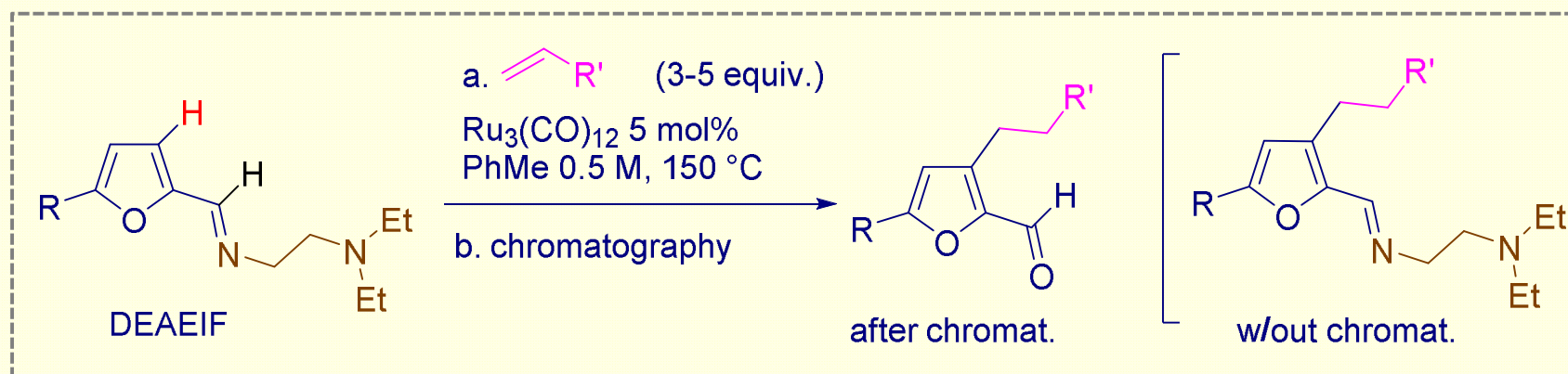
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# Scope from HMF derived substrates



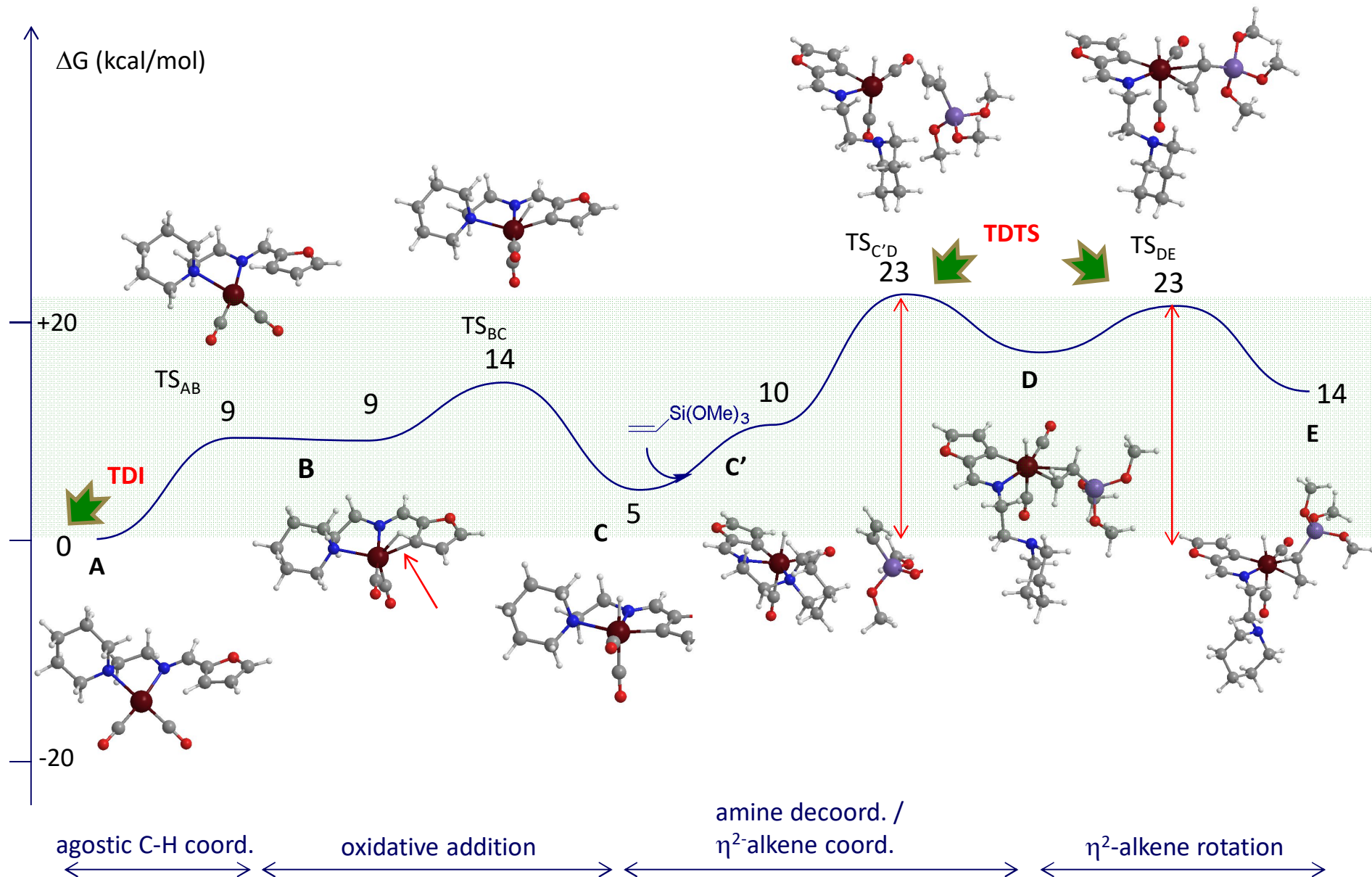
Entry	Imine	R'	R''	t(h)	Yield (%)	
					chromat.	w/t chromat
1	DEAEIF	TBDMS	Si(OEt) <sub>3</sub>	5	57	
2	PEIF	TBDMS	Si(OEt) <sub>3</sub>	5		44
3	DEAEIF	TBDMS	Si(OMe) <sub>3</sub>	16		59
4	DEAEIF	TBDMS	SiPh <sub>3</sub>	17	62	66
5	DEAEIF	Ac	Si(OEt) <sub>3</sub>	5	NR	
6	DEAEIF	Bn	Si(OEt) <sub>3</sub>	5	20	
7	DEAEIF	THP	Si(OEt) <sub>3</sub>	5	NR	
8	DEAEIF	Tr	Si(OEt) <sub>3</sub>	17	17	

# Scope: C5 substituted furfurals



Entry	R	R'	t(h)	yield (%)	lin/br
9	CH <sub>3</sub>	Si(OEt) <sub>3</sub>	5	56 (64)	
10	CH <sub>3</sub>	SiMe <sub>2</sub> (OEt)	5	40 (65)	
11	CH <sub>3</sub>	Ph	17	38	88:12
12	Ph	Si(OEt) <sub>3</sub>	16	20	

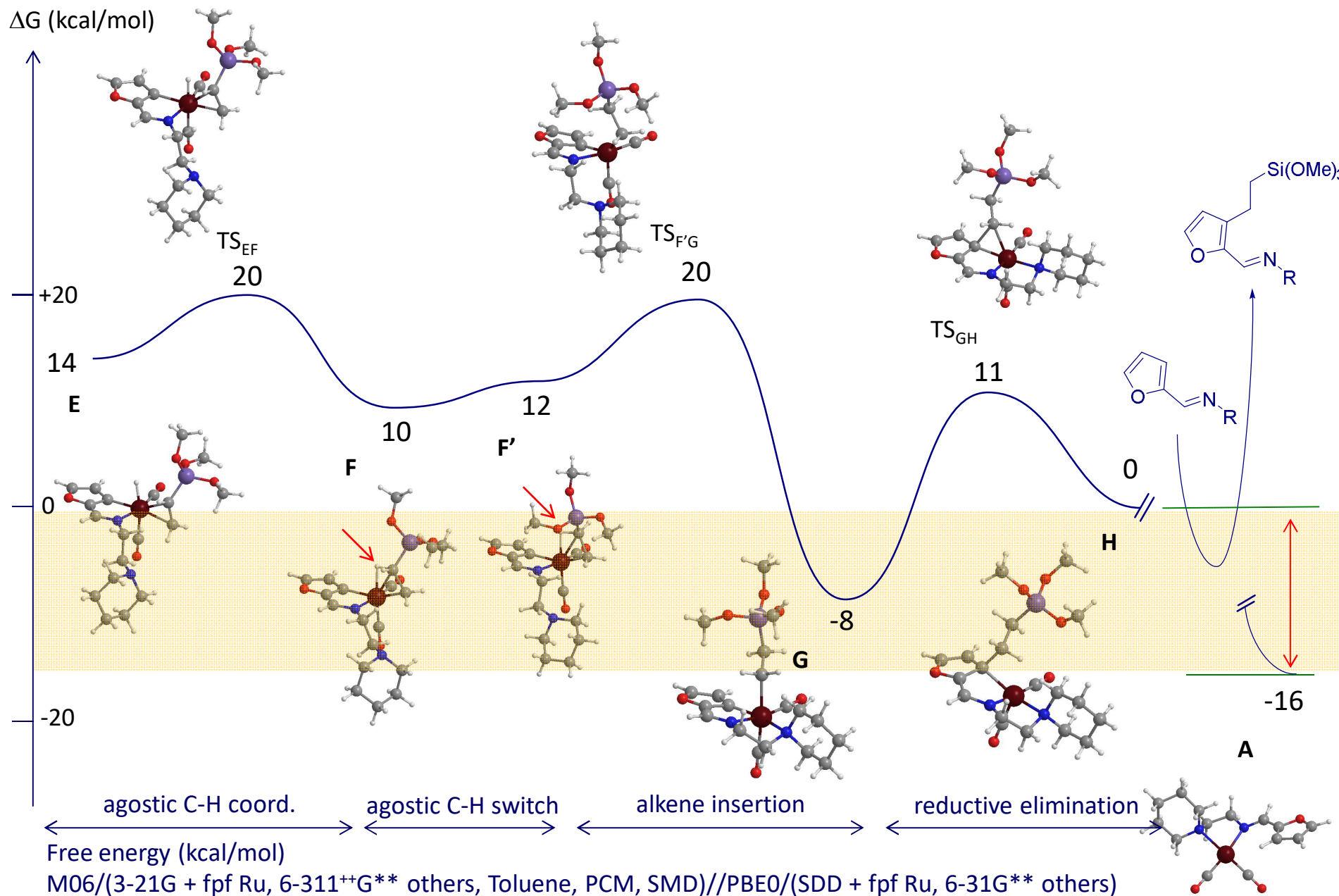
# Energetic profile 1



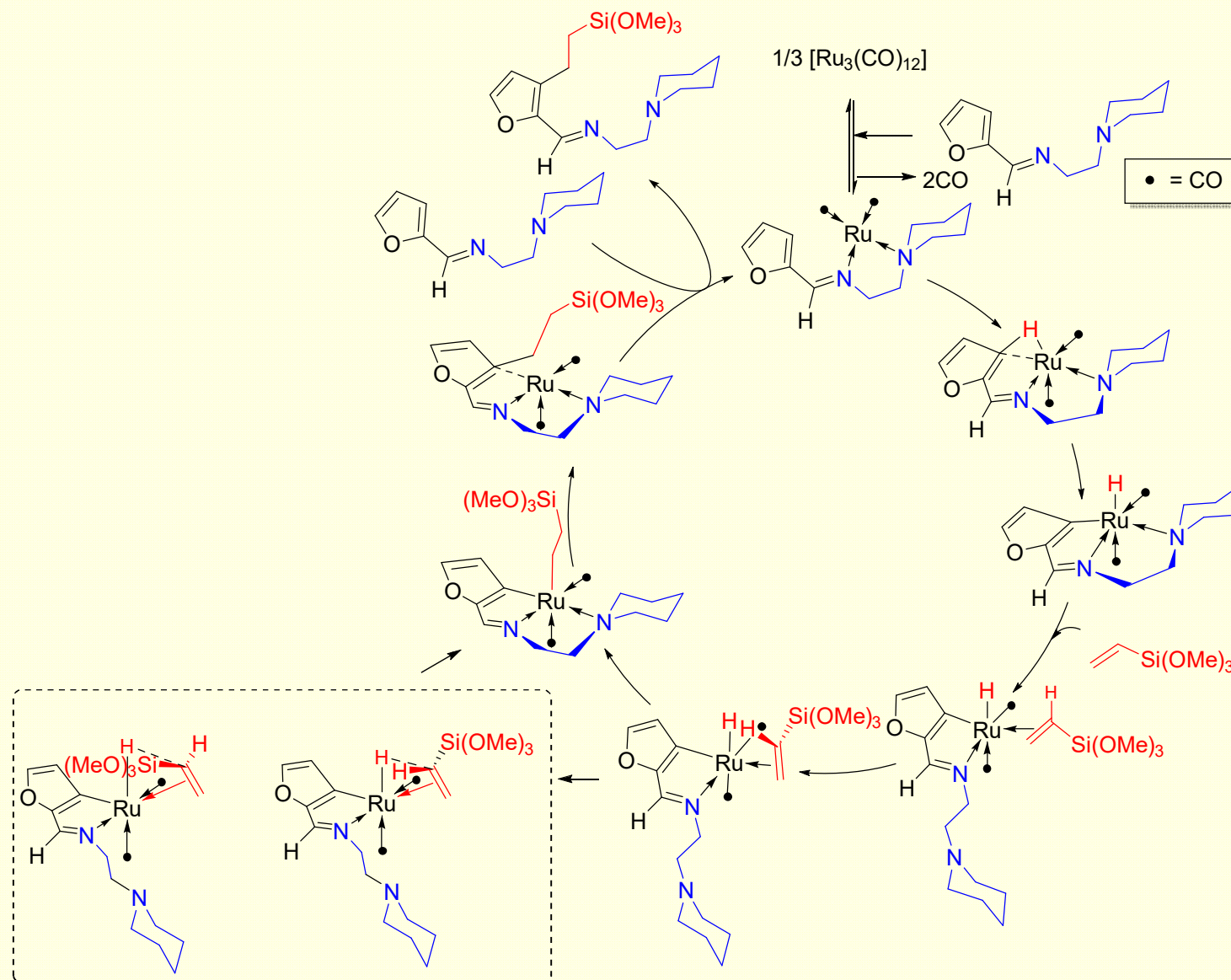
Free energy (kcal/mol)

M06/(3-21G + fpf Ru, 6-311++G\*\* others, Toluene, PCM, SMD)//PBE0/(SDD + fpf Ru, 6-31G\*\* others)

# Energetic profile 2



# 39/41 Global mechanism





- ✓ First example of directed olefin insertion at C3 of furfurals (Murai reaction)
- ✓ Use of a removable iminoamine N,N'-bidentate directing group is the key to success
- ✓ DFT calculations provided a plausible catalytic cycle to put forward.
- ✓ Breakthroughs in the valorization of lignocellulosic biomass substrates



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