



# The Chemistry of Jin-Quan YU

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## 164 papers

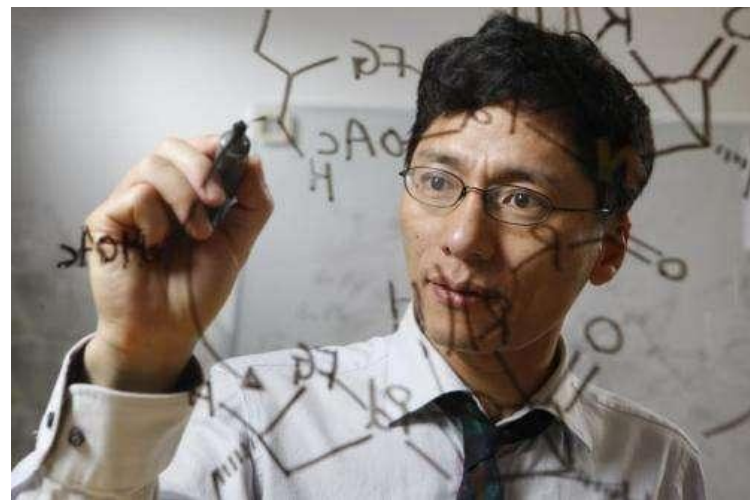
4 papers published in *Nature*

4 papers in *Science*

68 papers in *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*

12 papers in *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.*

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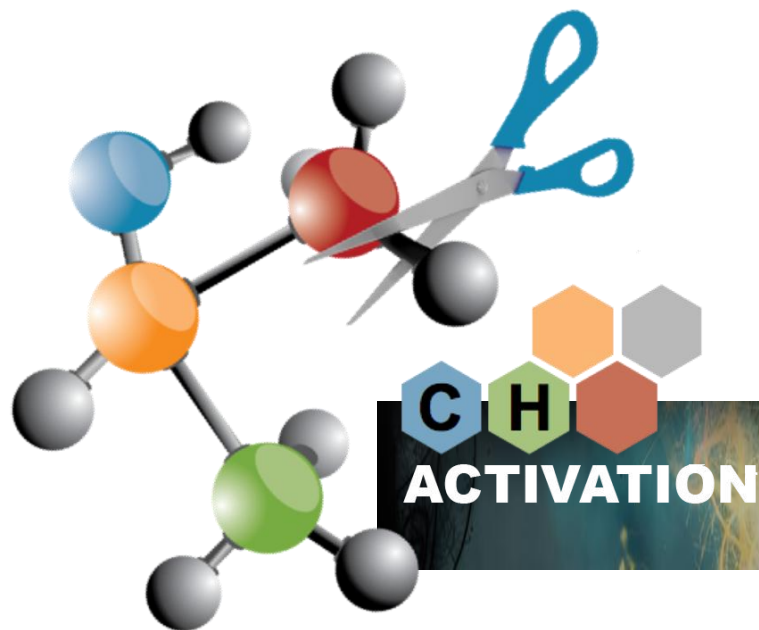
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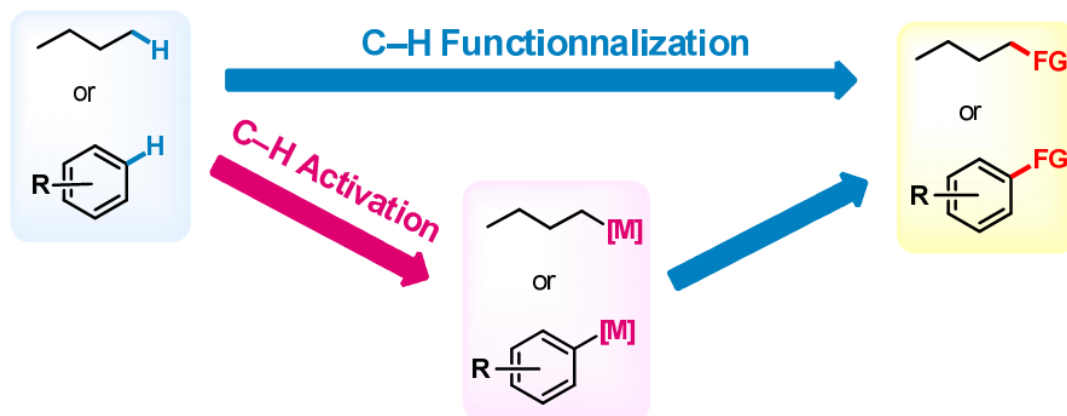
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# I - Introduction

## I - 1. Definitions, Principle and Challenges

### • Definitions



**C-H activation**: formation of a C-M bond with rupture of a C-H bond

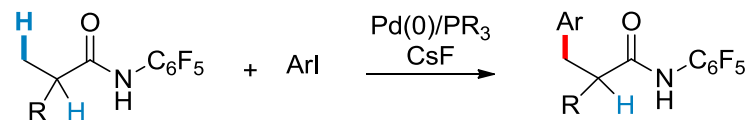
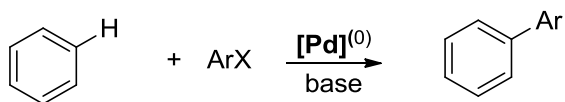
**C-H functionalization**: overall process (H replaced with a functional group)

• **Principle**: Functionalization of unactivated C-H bonds

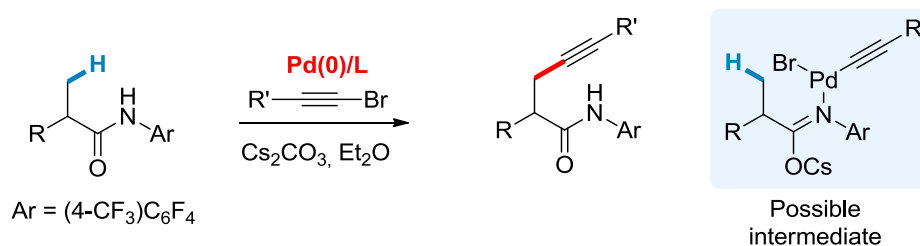
• **Challenges**: Find suitable catalysts and selectively functionalize one single C-H bond in a complex structure

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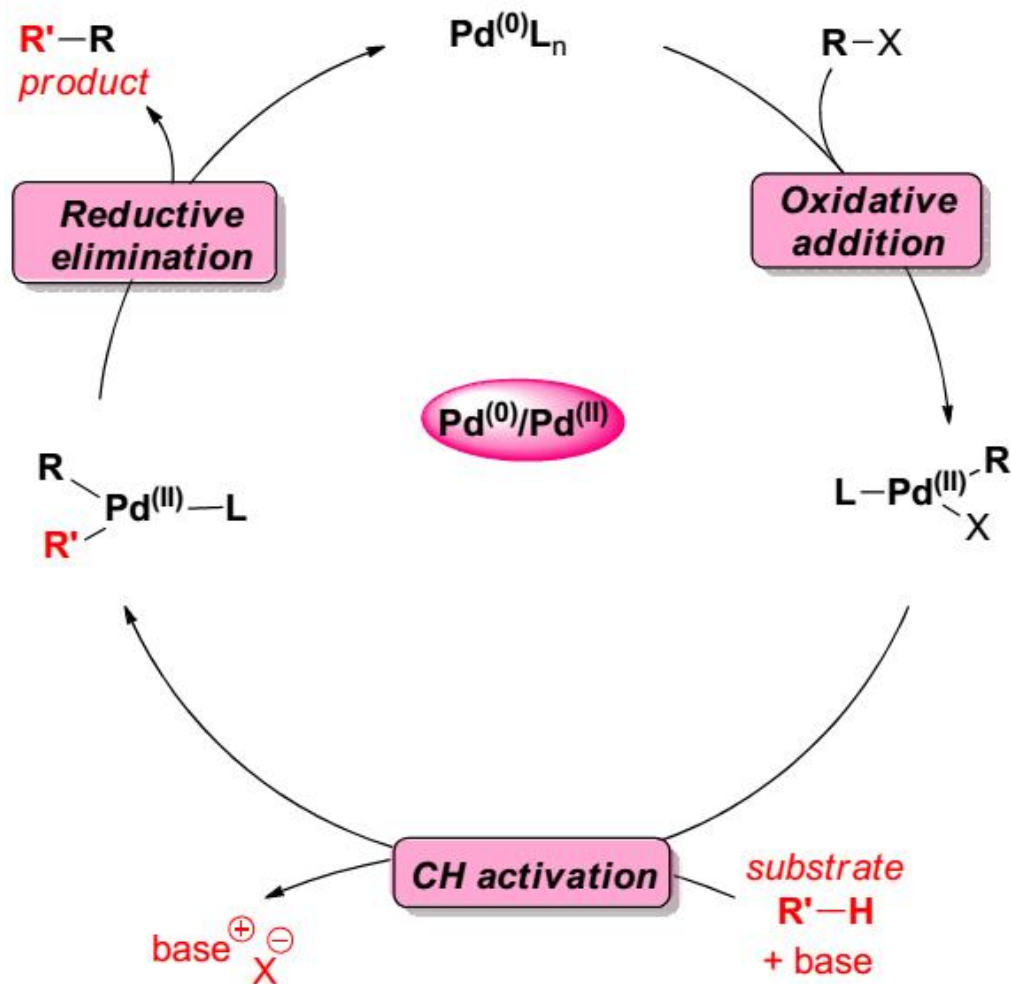
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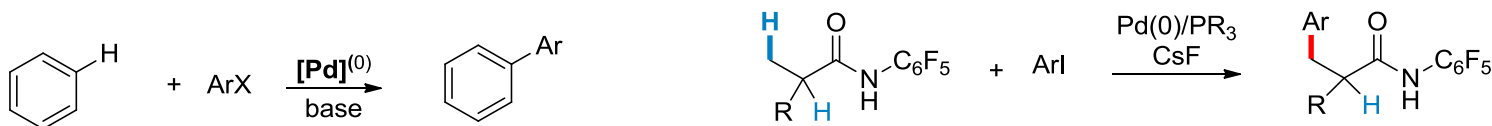
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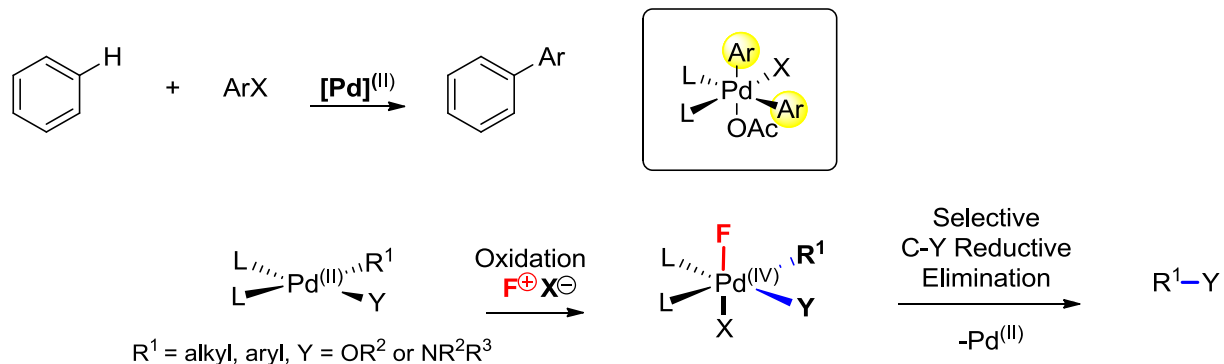
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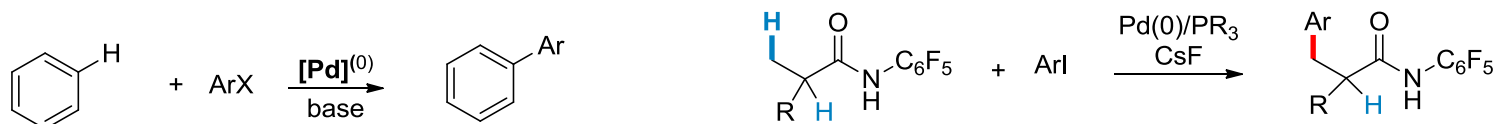
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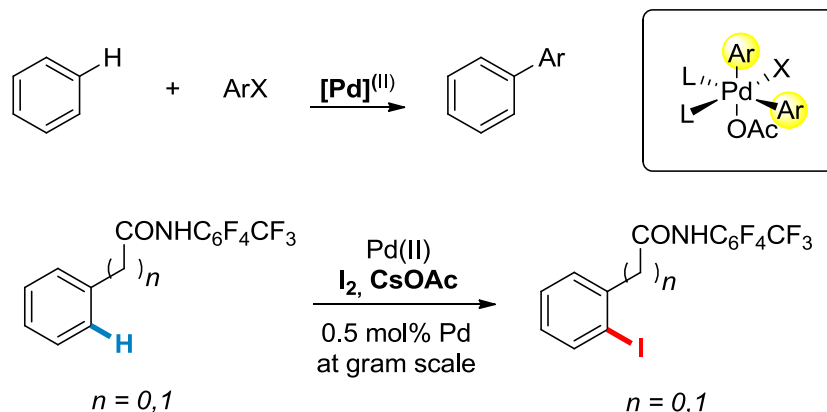
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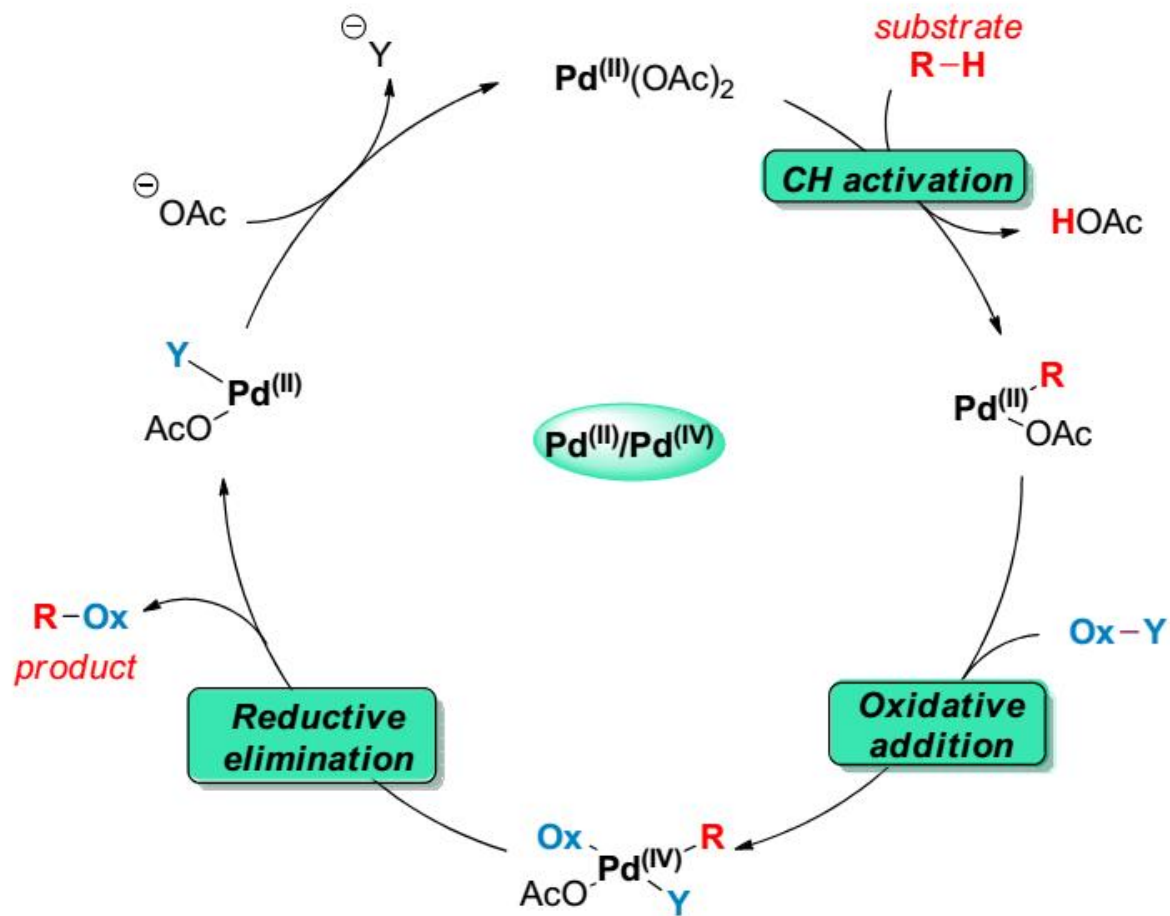
**Compatible heterocyclic arenes**  
imidazole, pyrazole, oxazole, isoxazole, thiazole, pyridine

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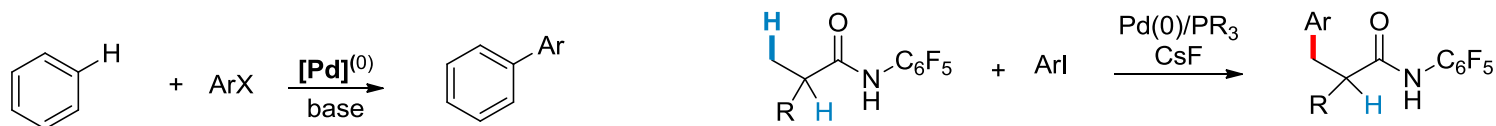
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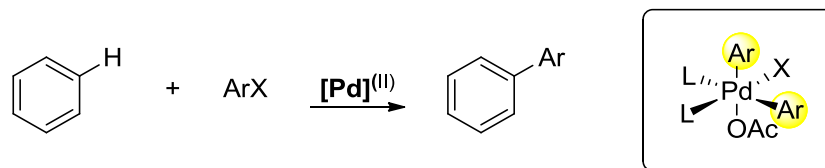
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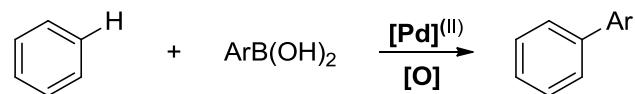


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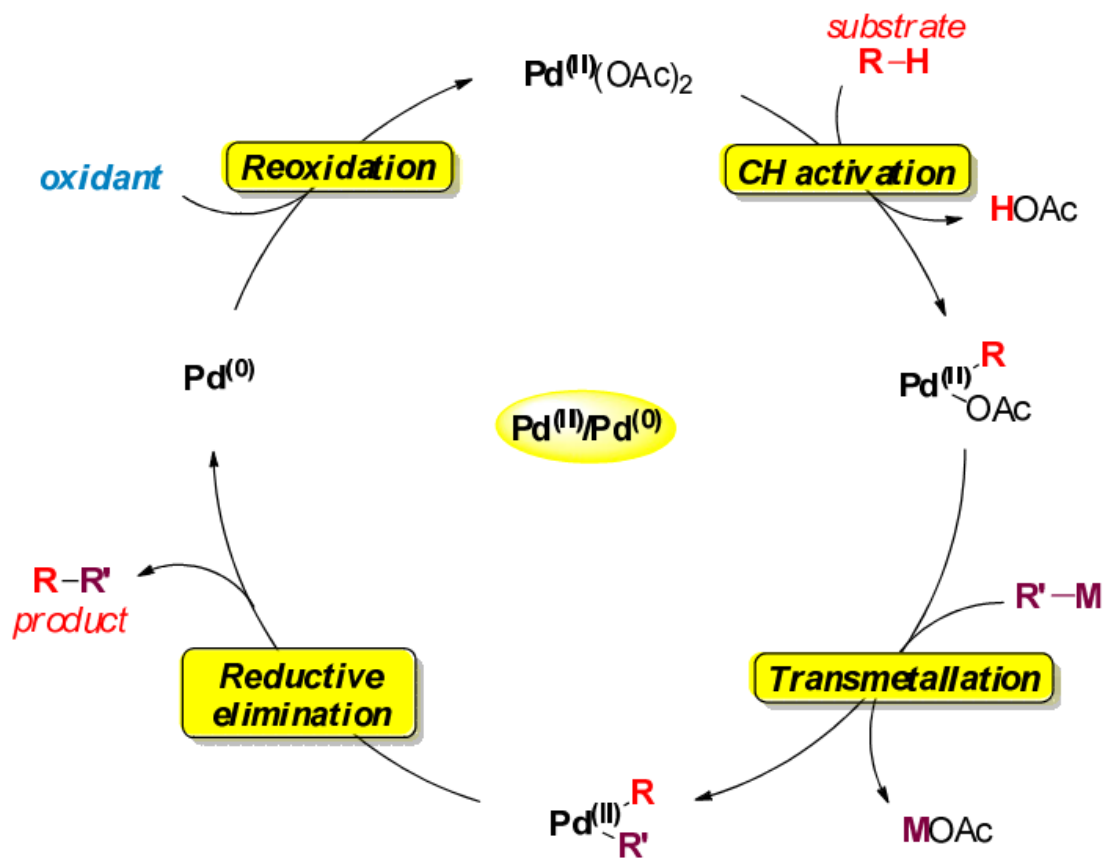


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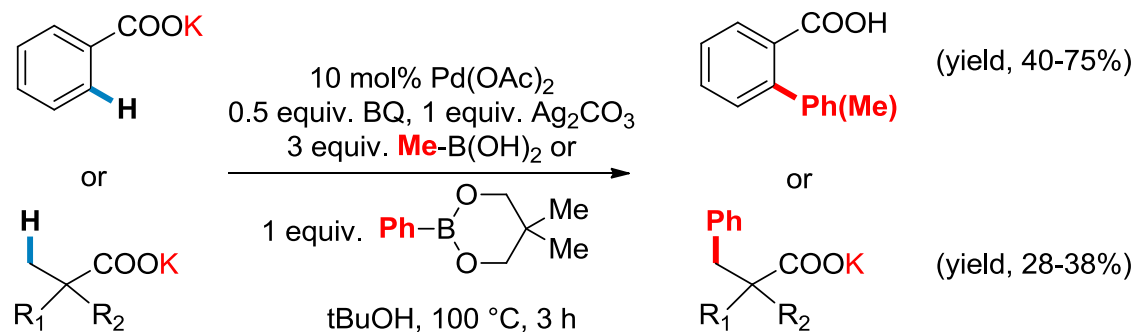
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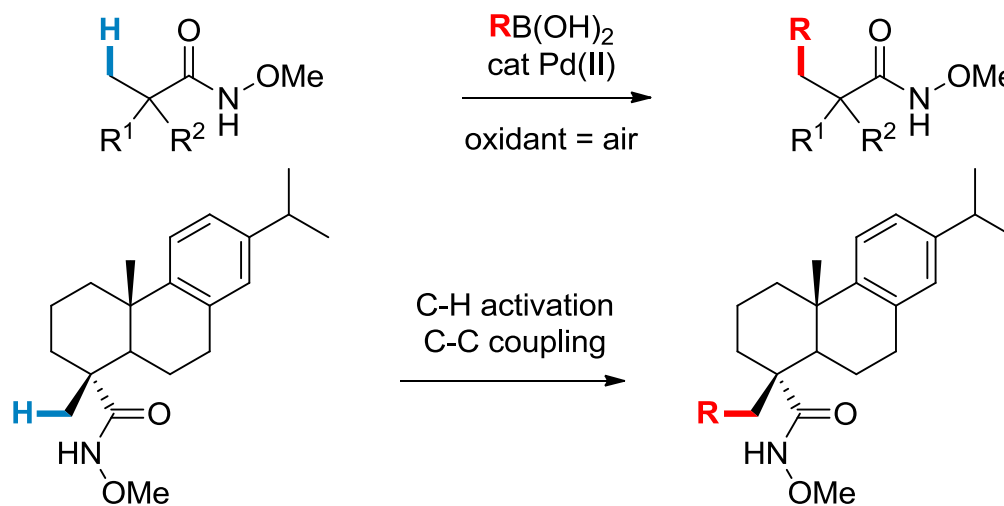


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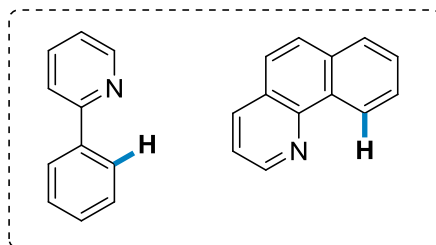


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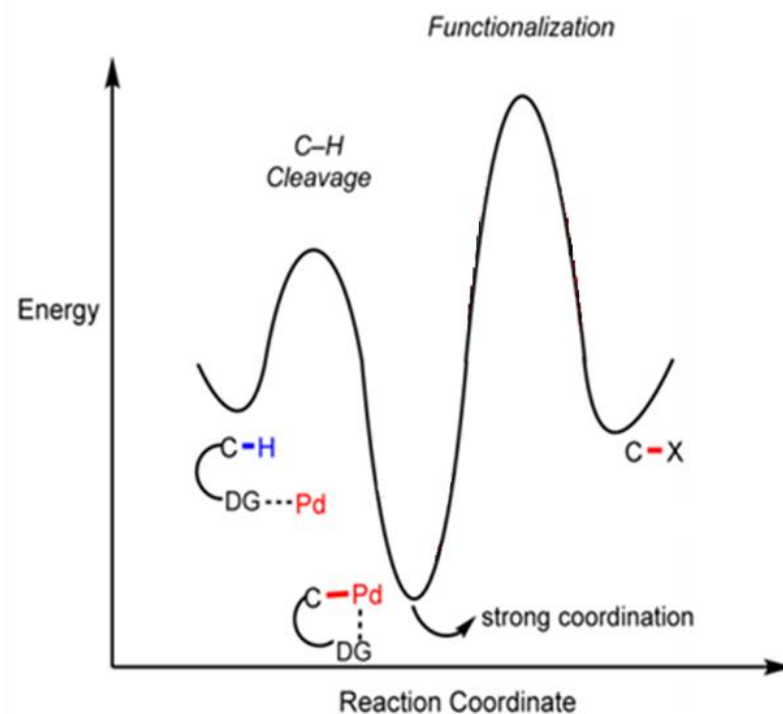
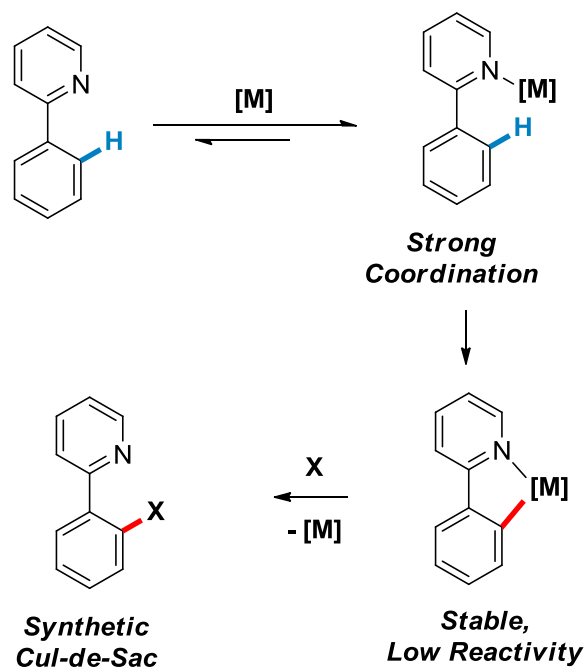
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- Strongly coordinating directing groups



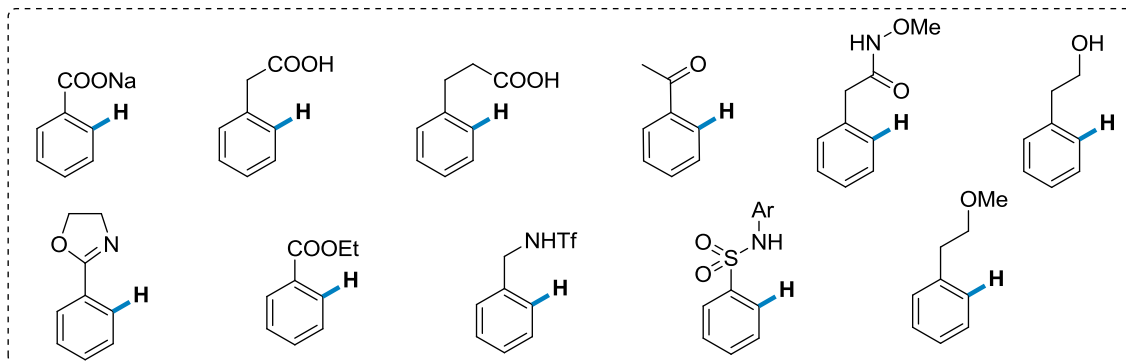
#### C-H Functionalization via Classical Cyclometalation



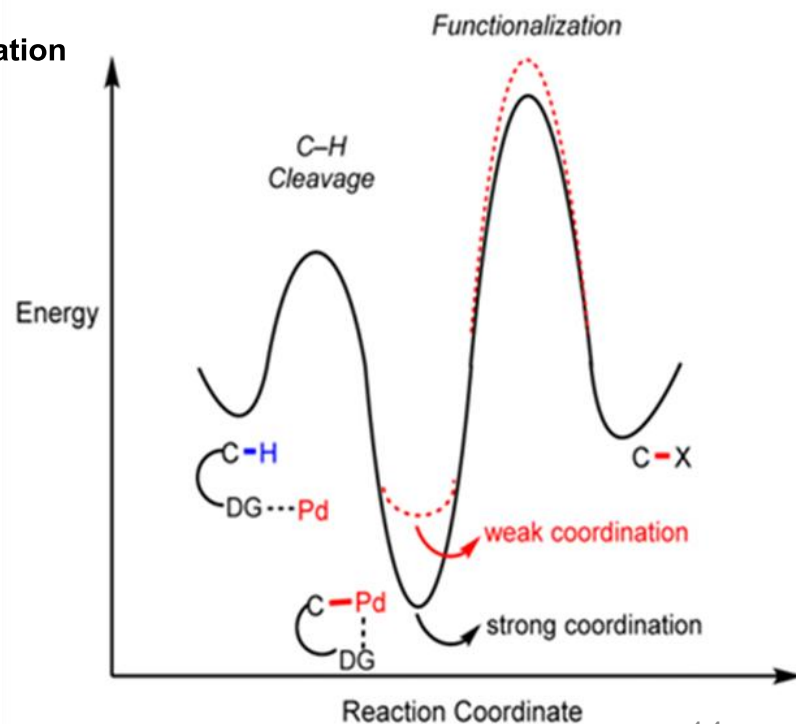
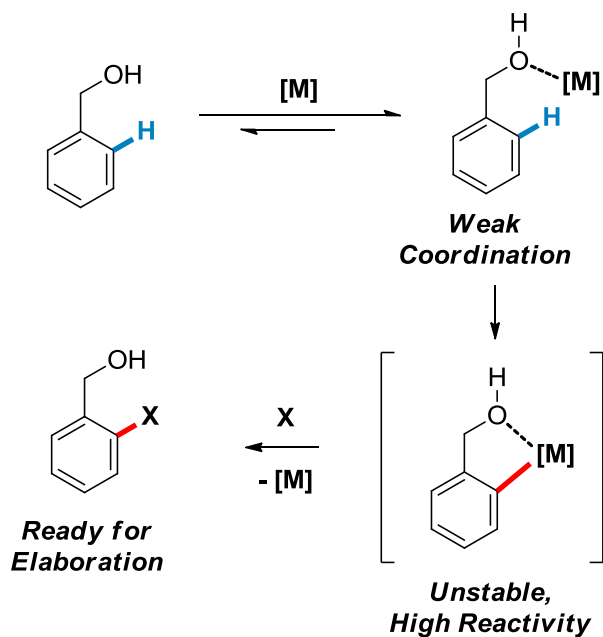
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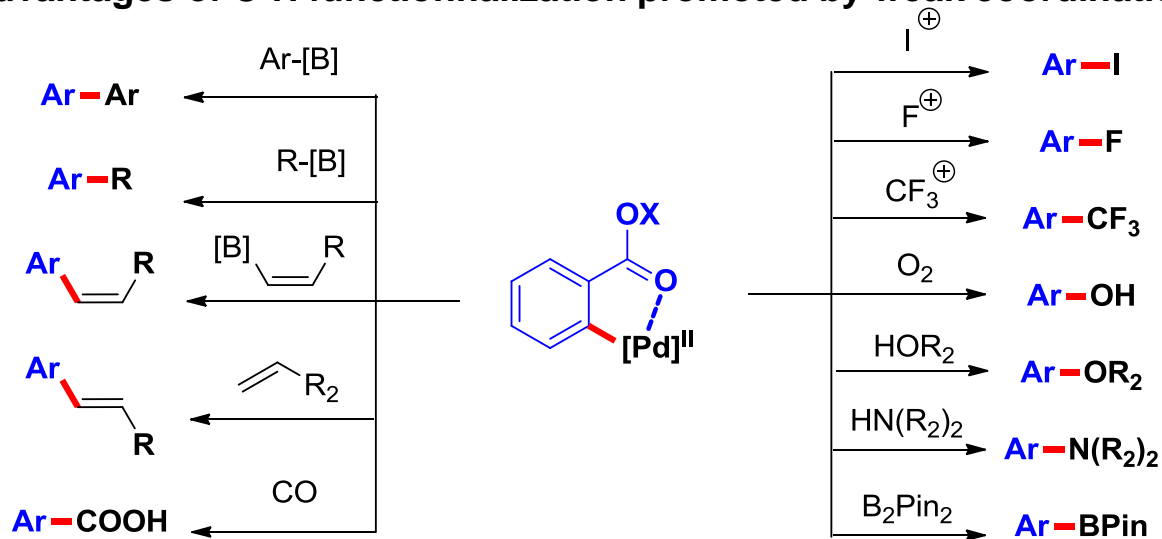
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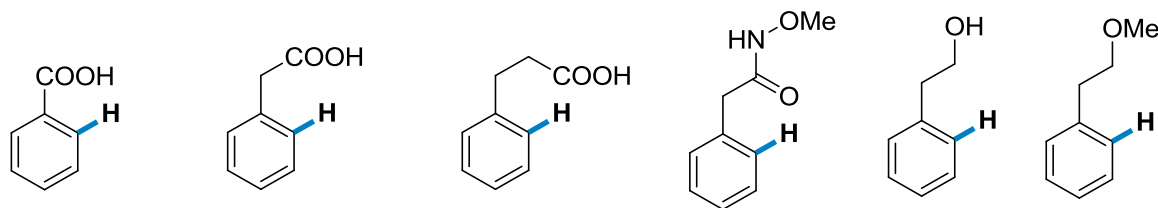
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- Advantages of C-H functionalization promoted by weak coordination



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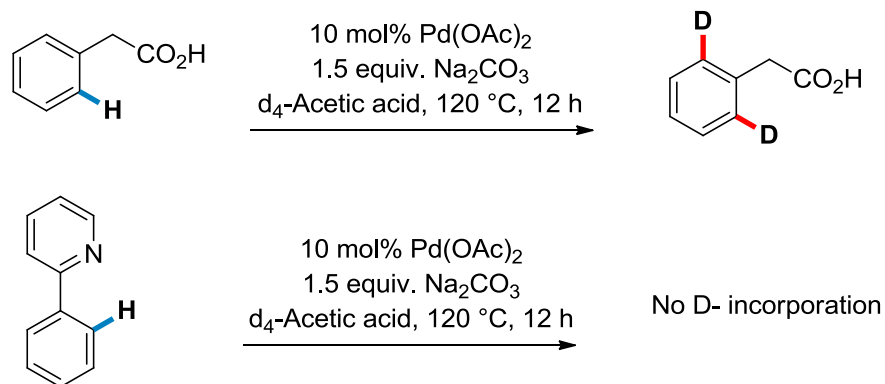
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- Weaker is better

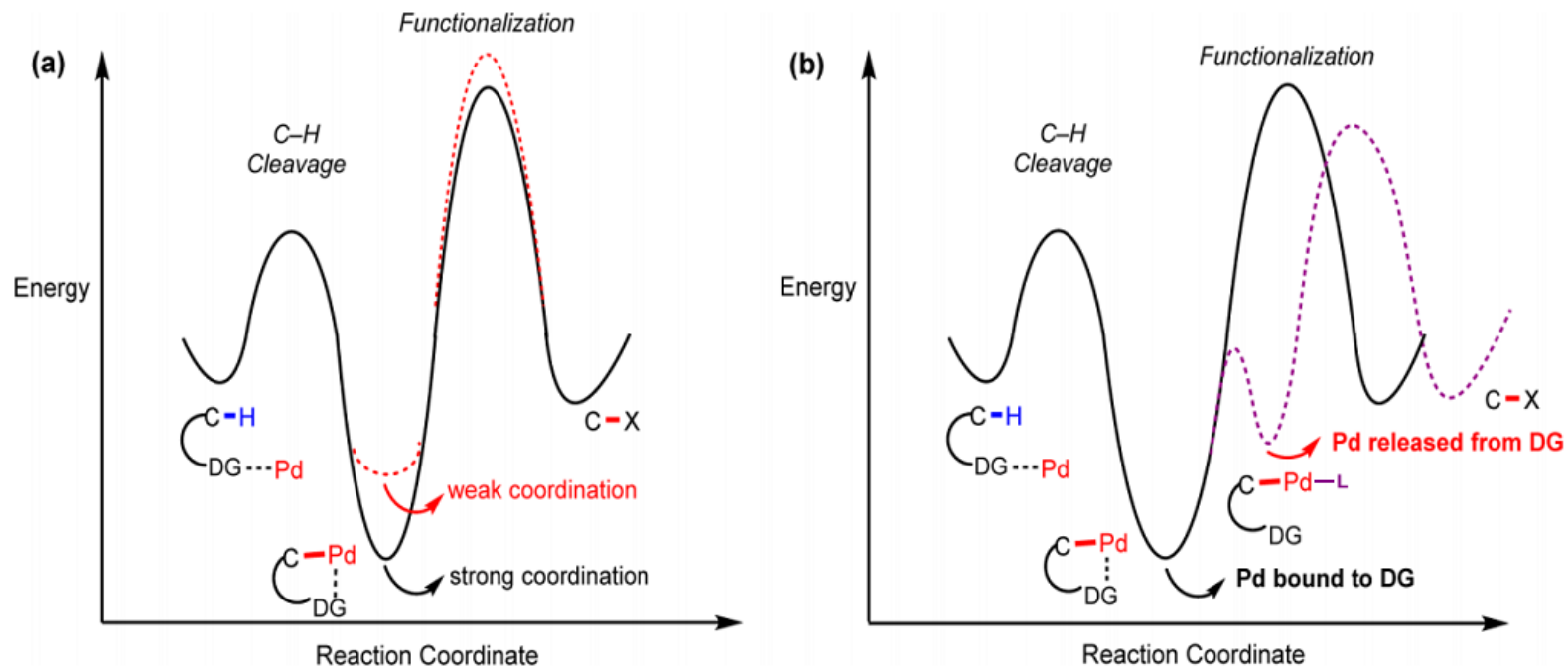


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#### III - 2. Ligand acceleration



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Weak coordinating substrate allows:

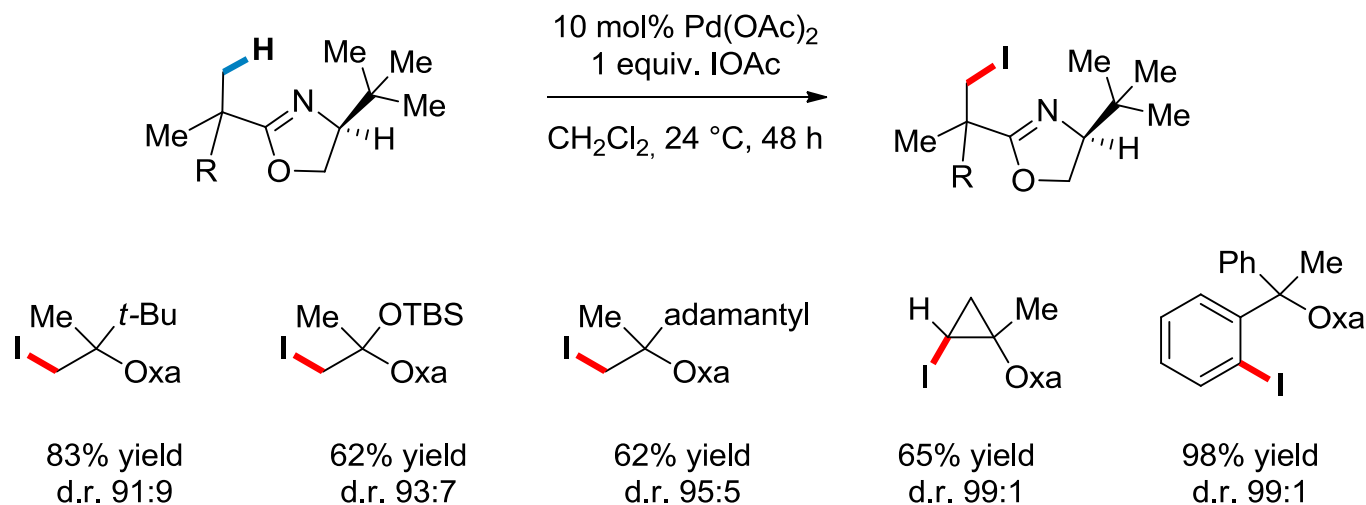
the use of an **external ligand as competitive coordination** (influence TS)

➡ regioselectivity, enantioselectivity, site selectivity (cf part IV and V)

➡ accelerate the reaction (scheme b)

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### IV - 1. Early stages: diastereoselectivity using chiral DG

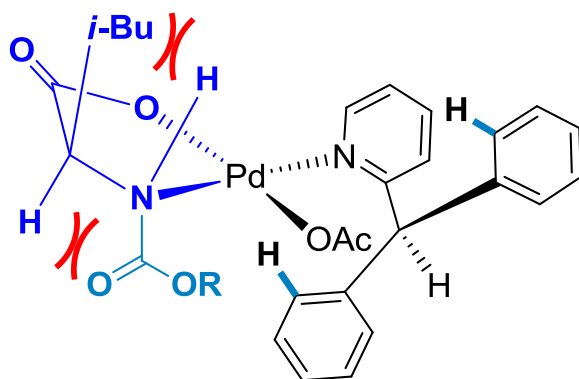


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### IV - 2. Chiral Ligand

#### •Structure-based stereomodel

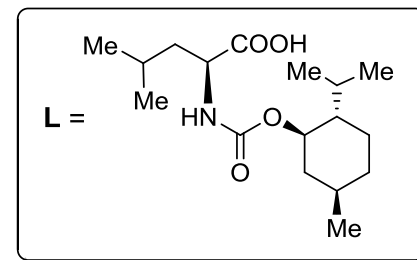
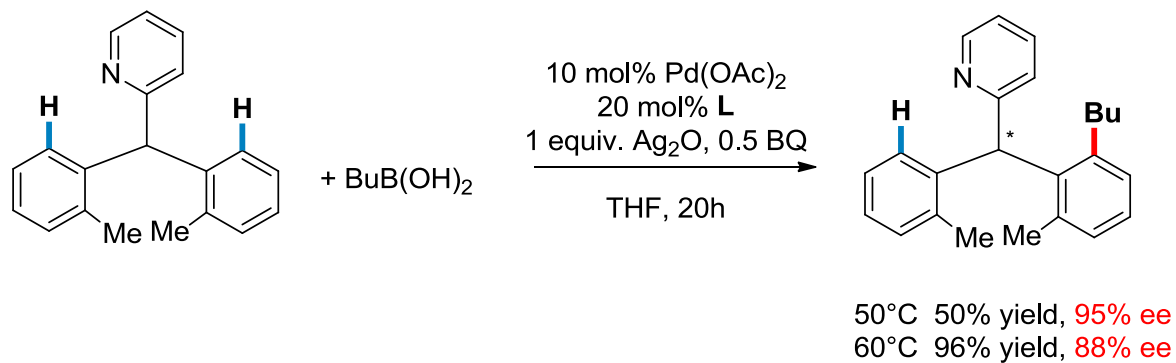


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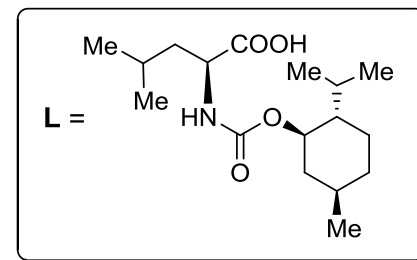
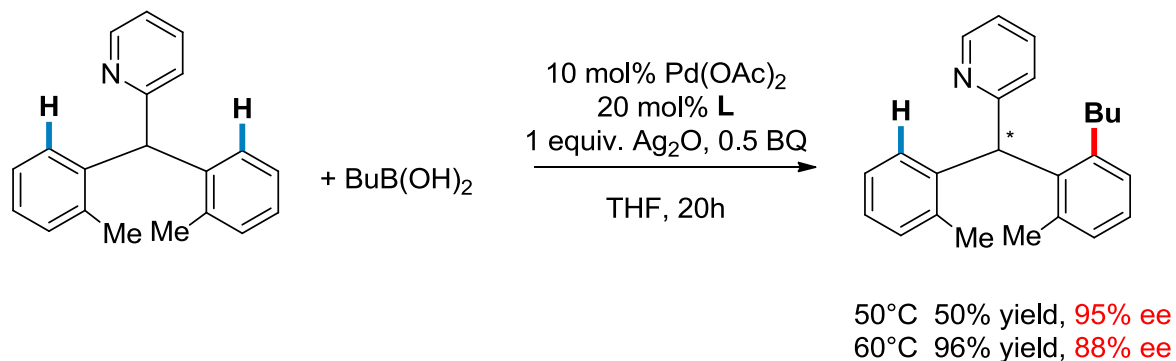
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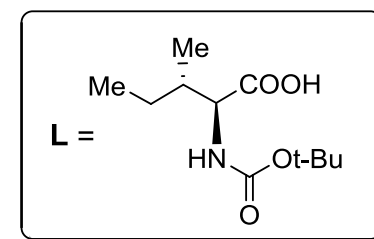
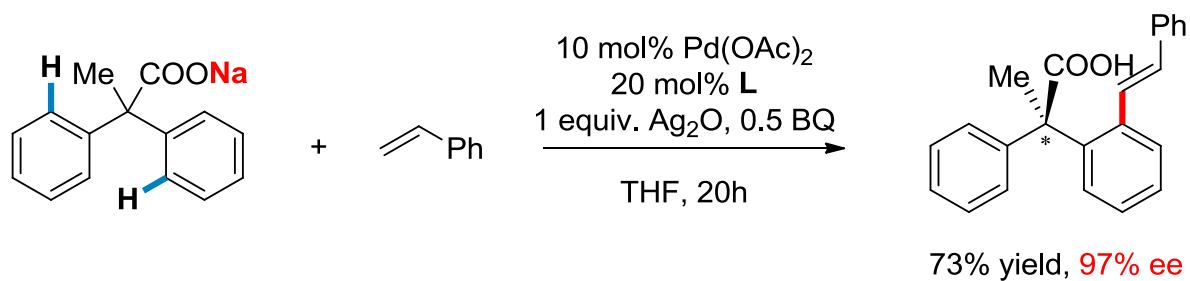
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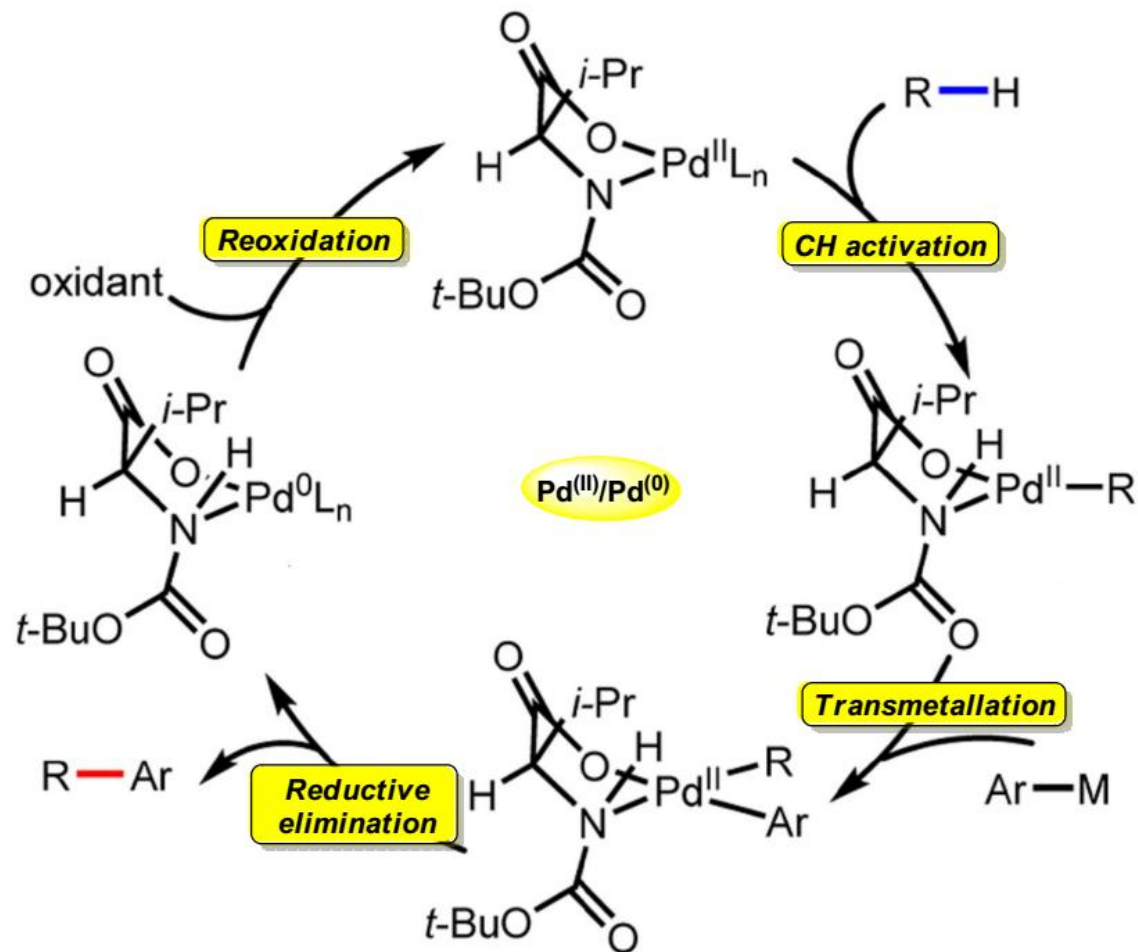


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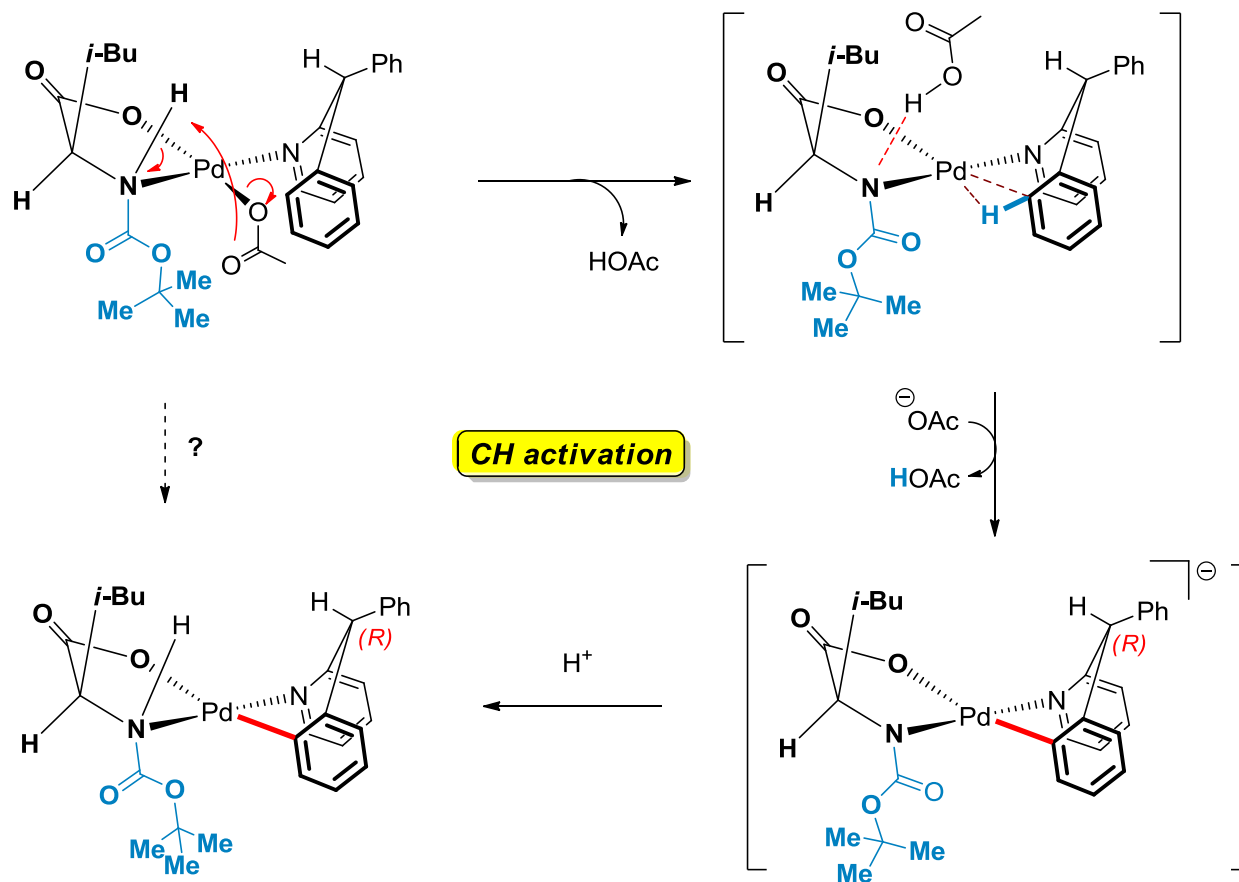
#### • Mechanism



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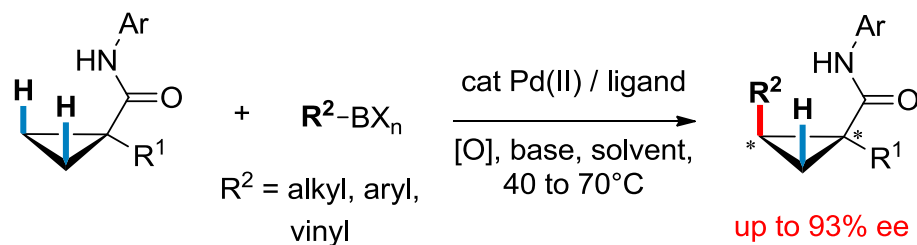
#### • Key Mechanistic Features: C-H activation step



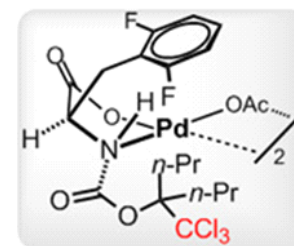
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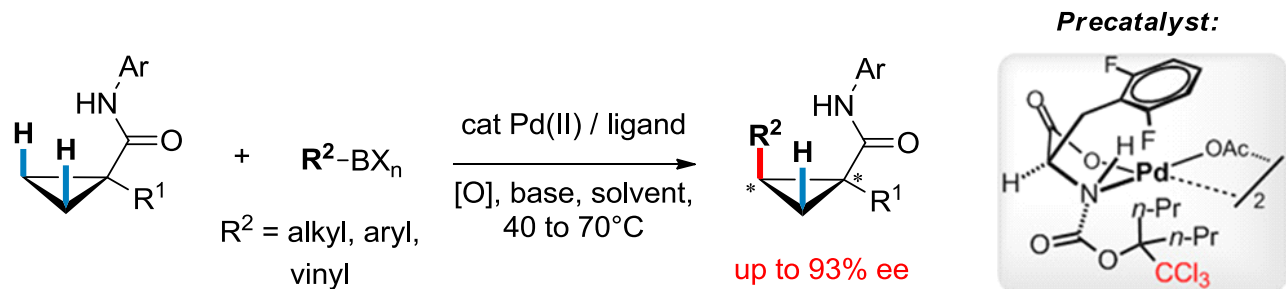


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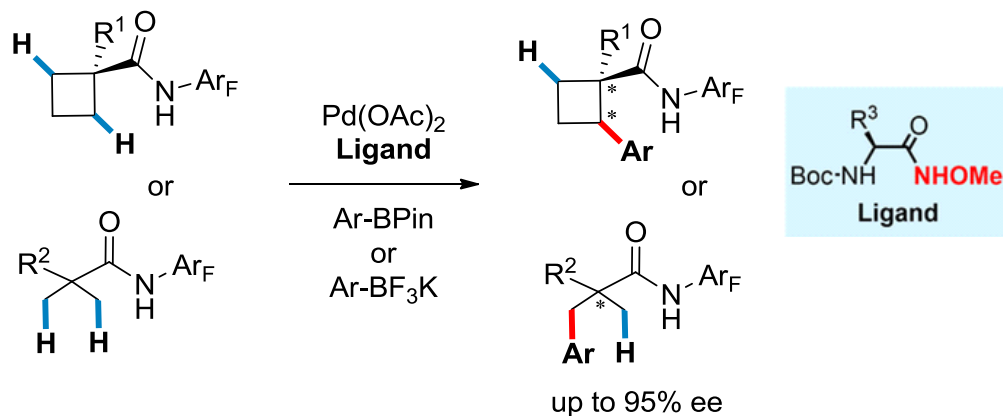


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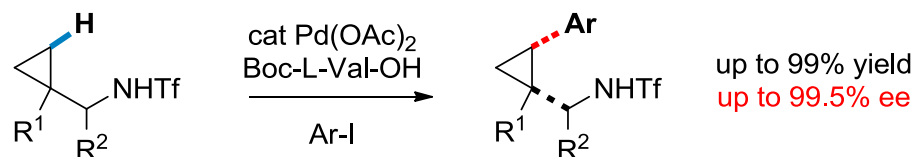
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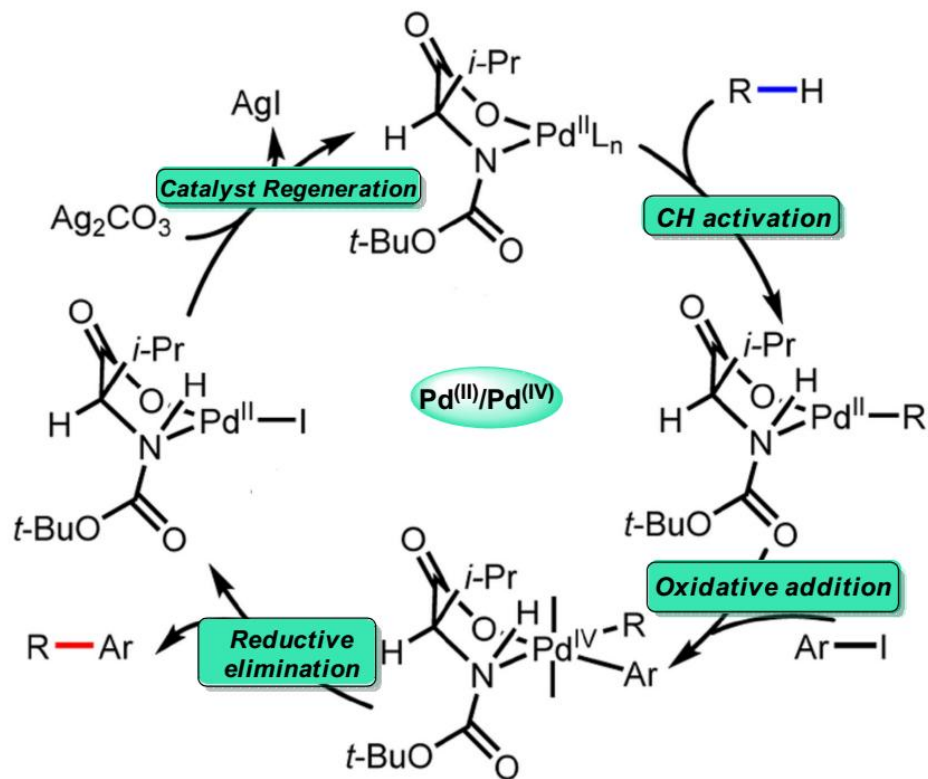
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#### • Pd(II)/Pd(IV) catalysis



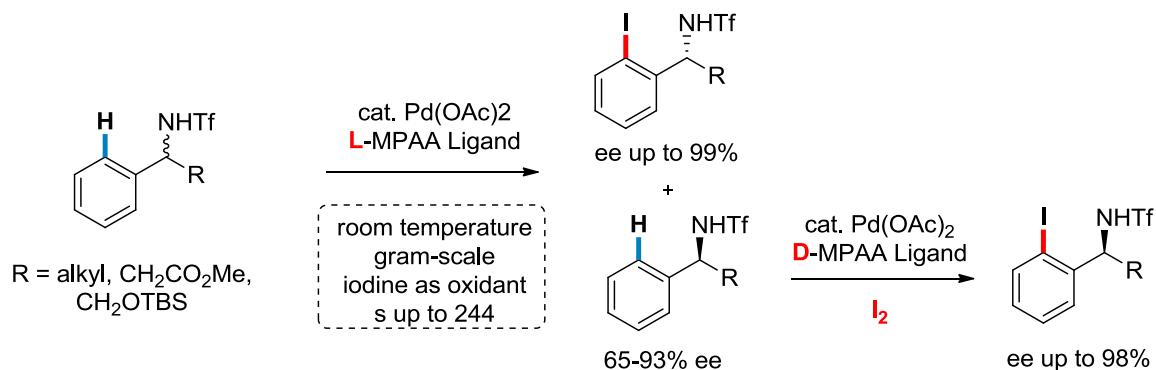
First example of enantioselective C-H arylation via Pd(II)/Pd(IV) catalysis



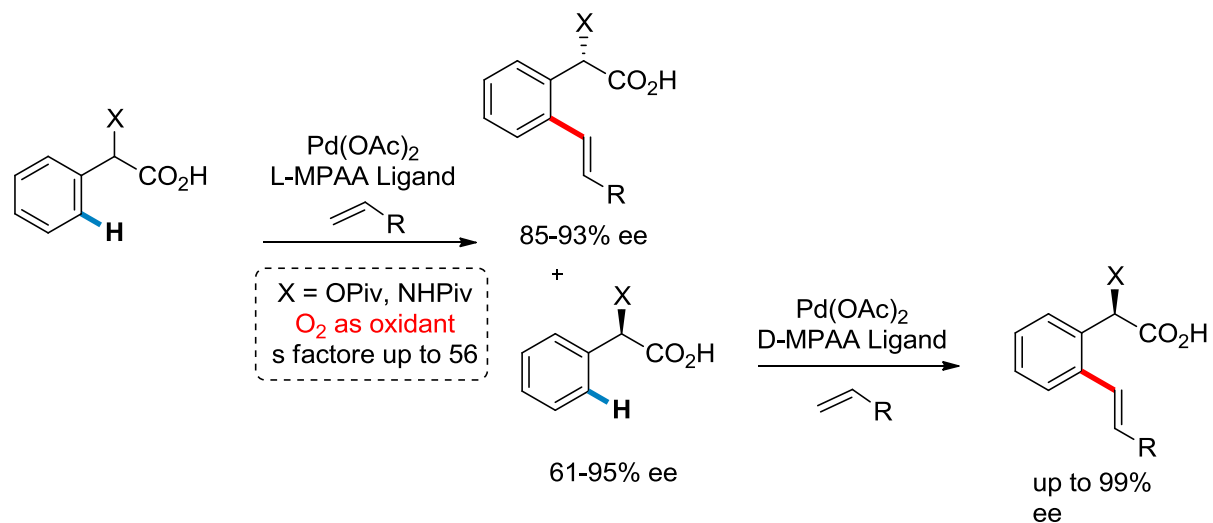
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#### • Kinetic Resolution



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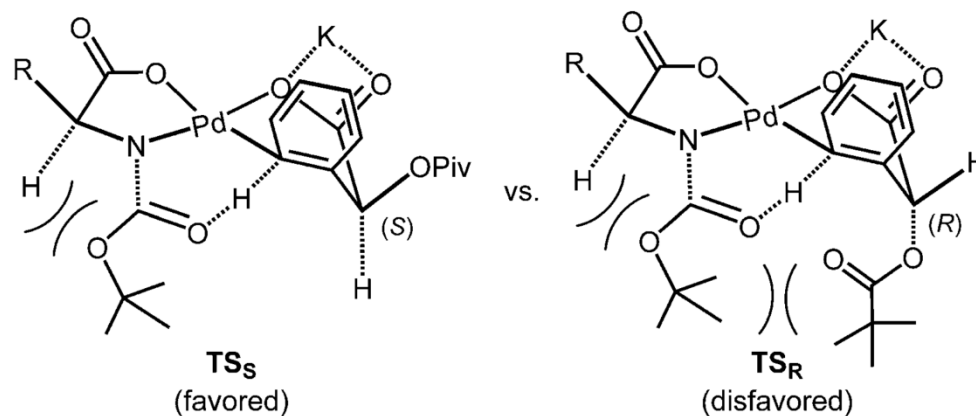
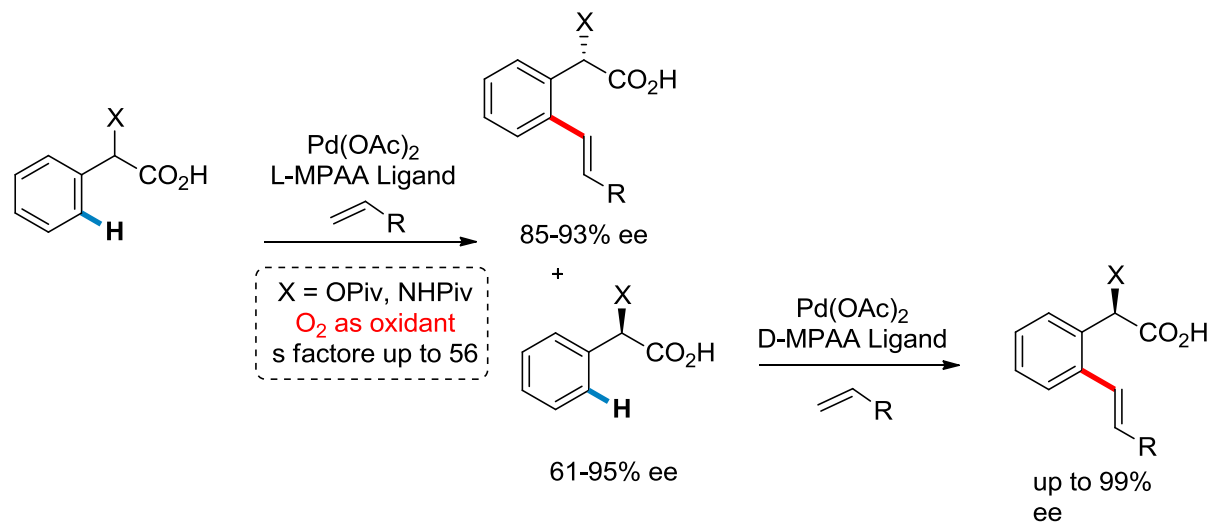


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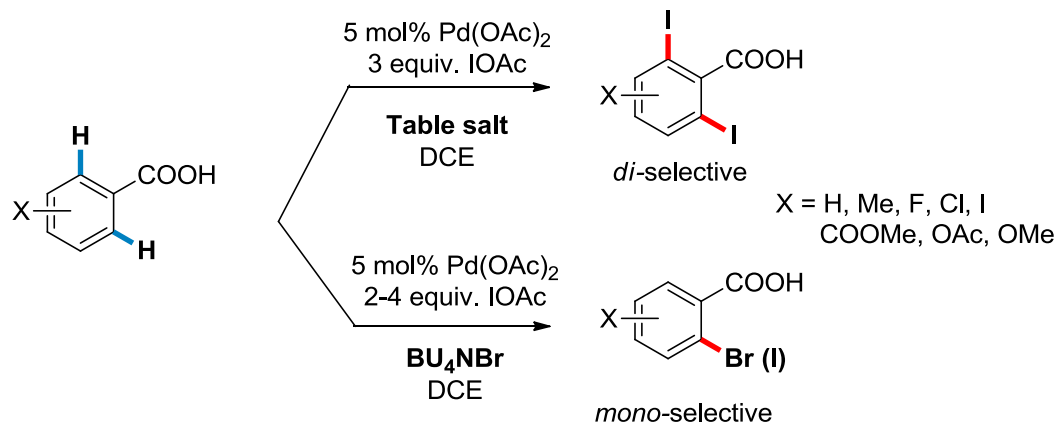
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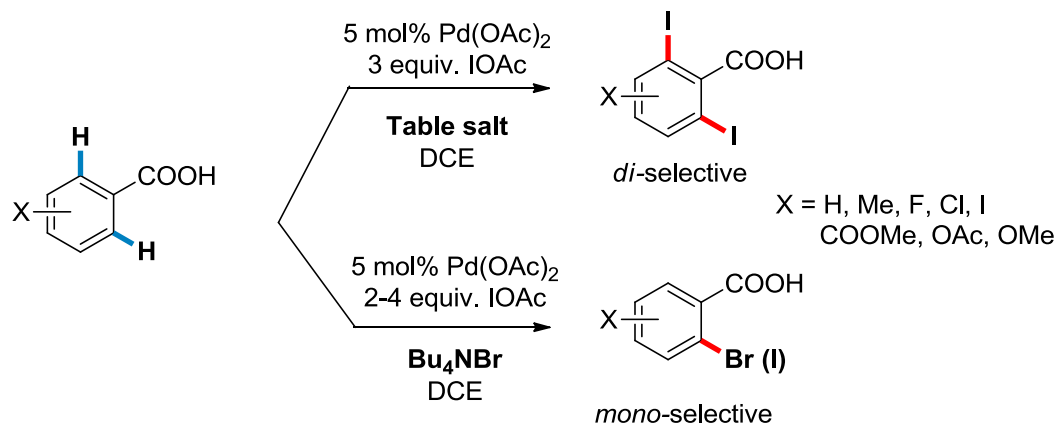
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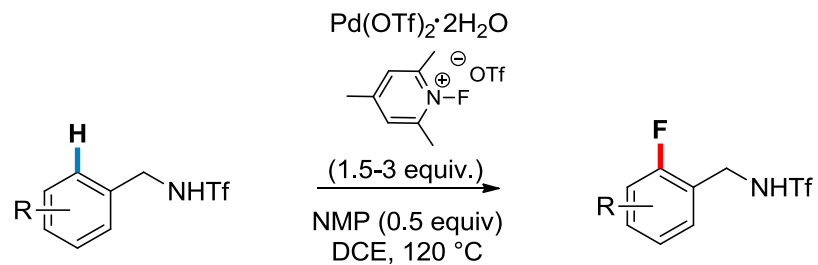
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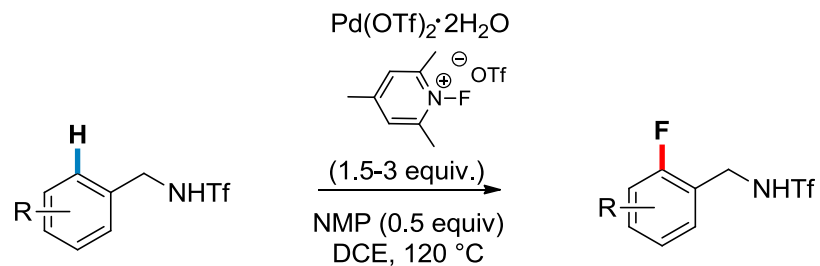
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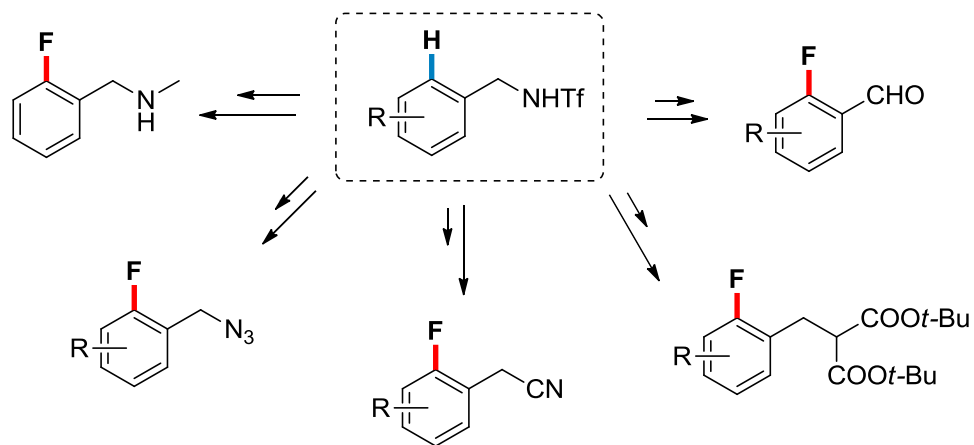
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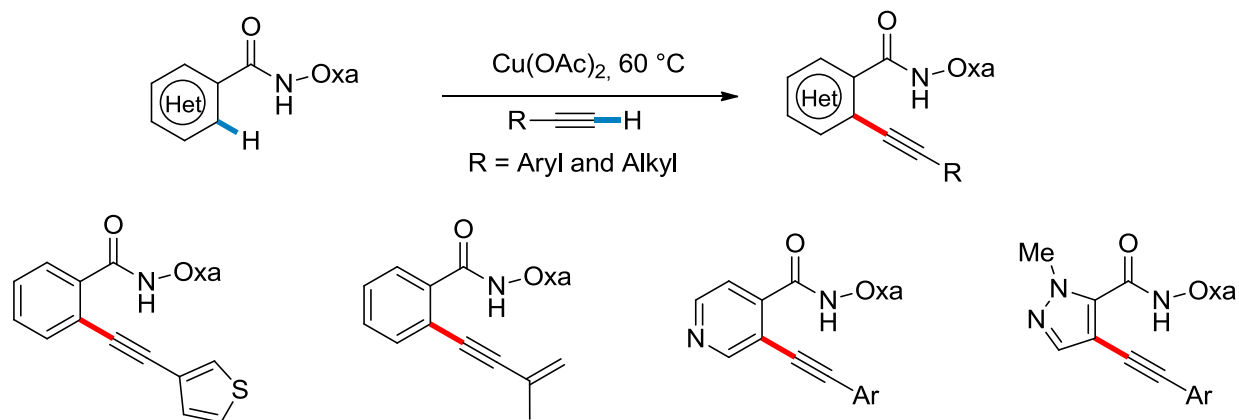


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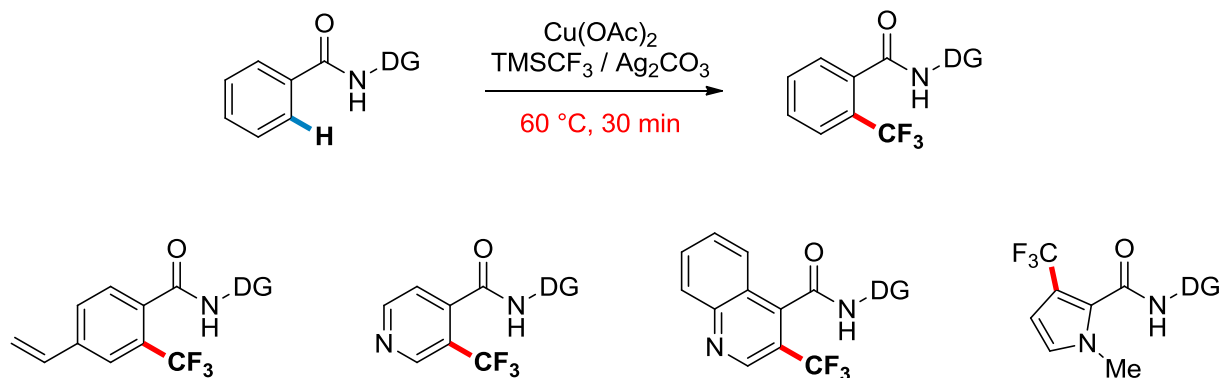


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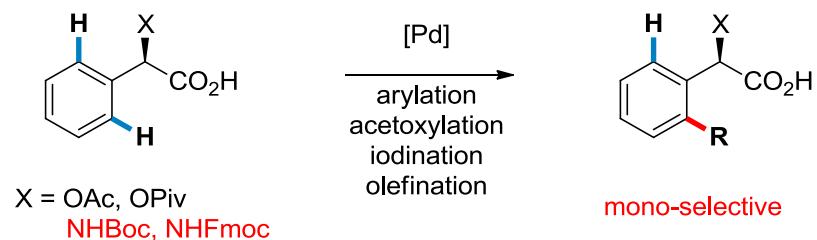


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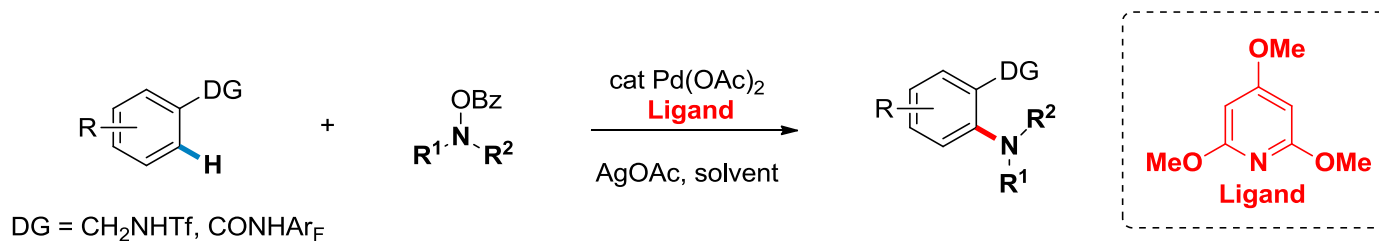


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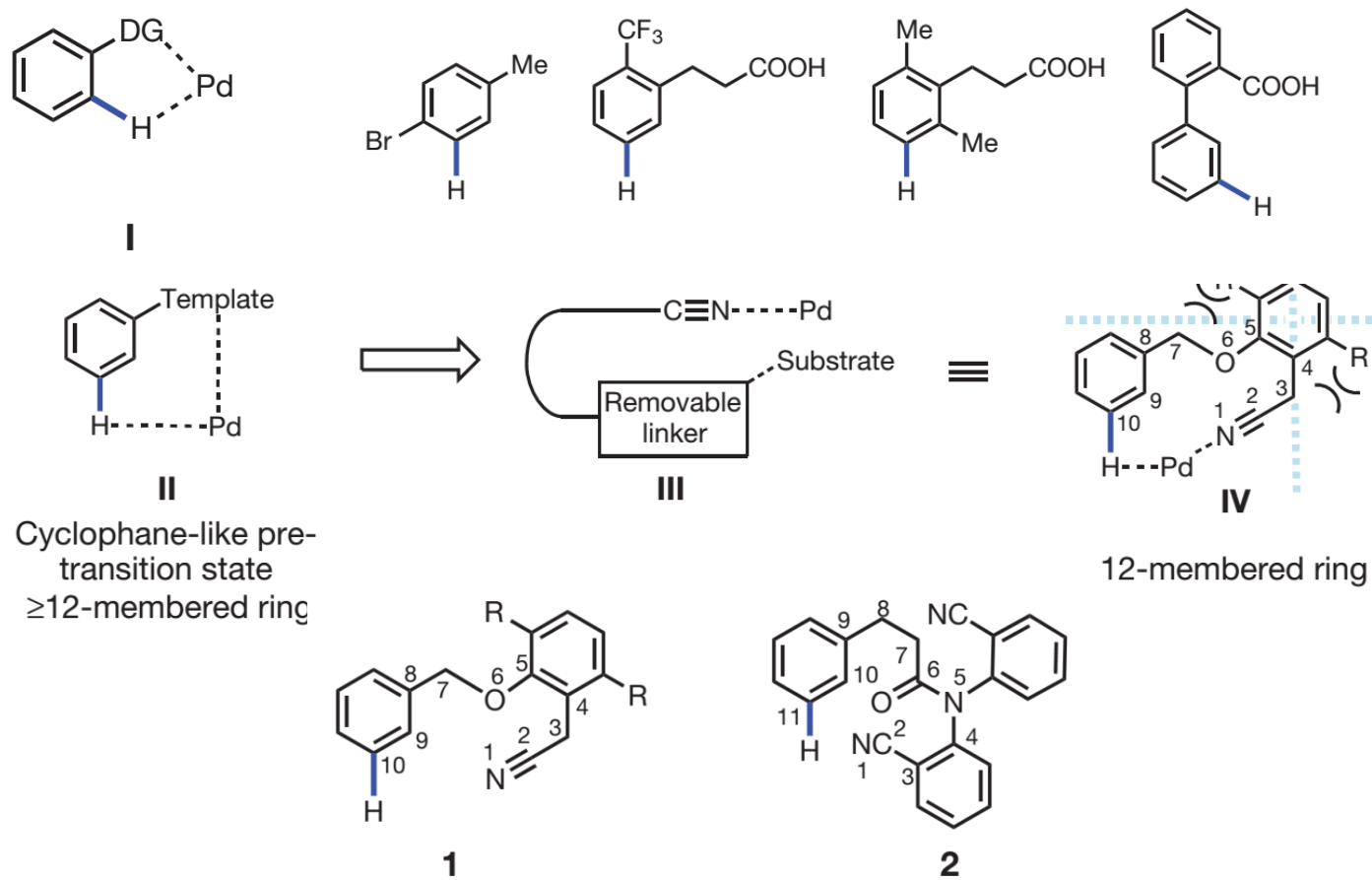


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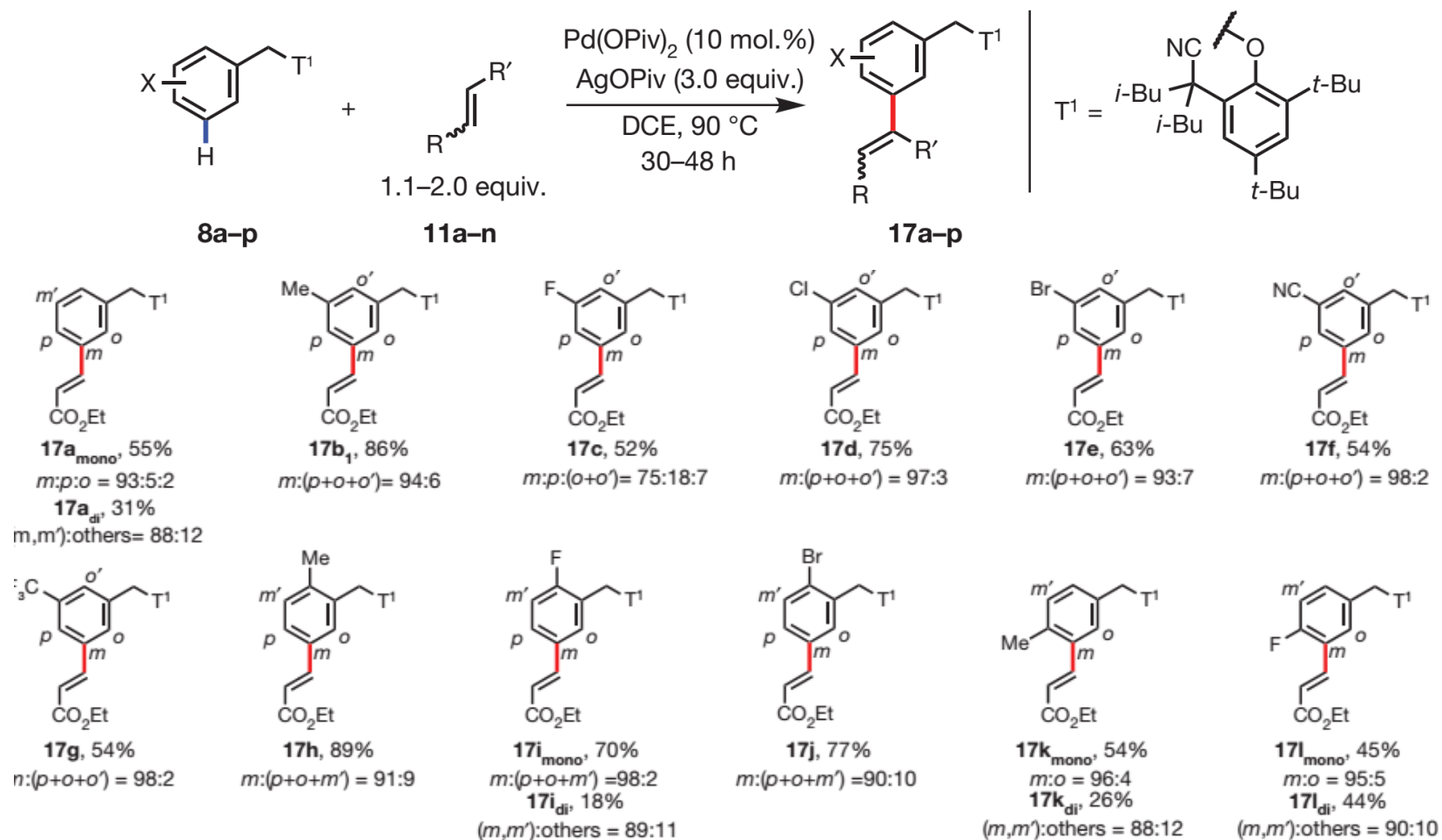
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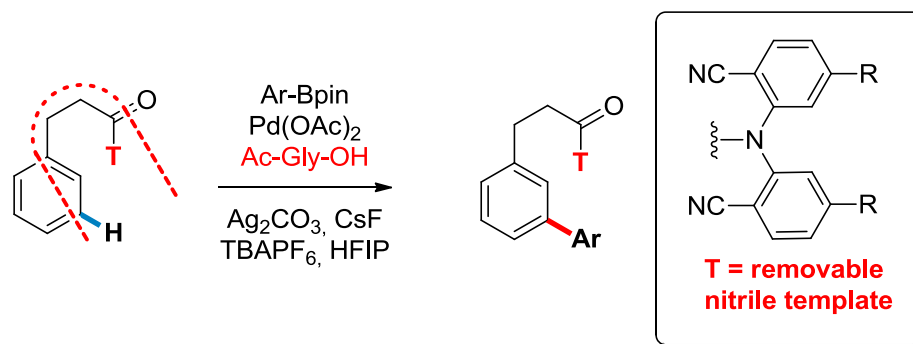
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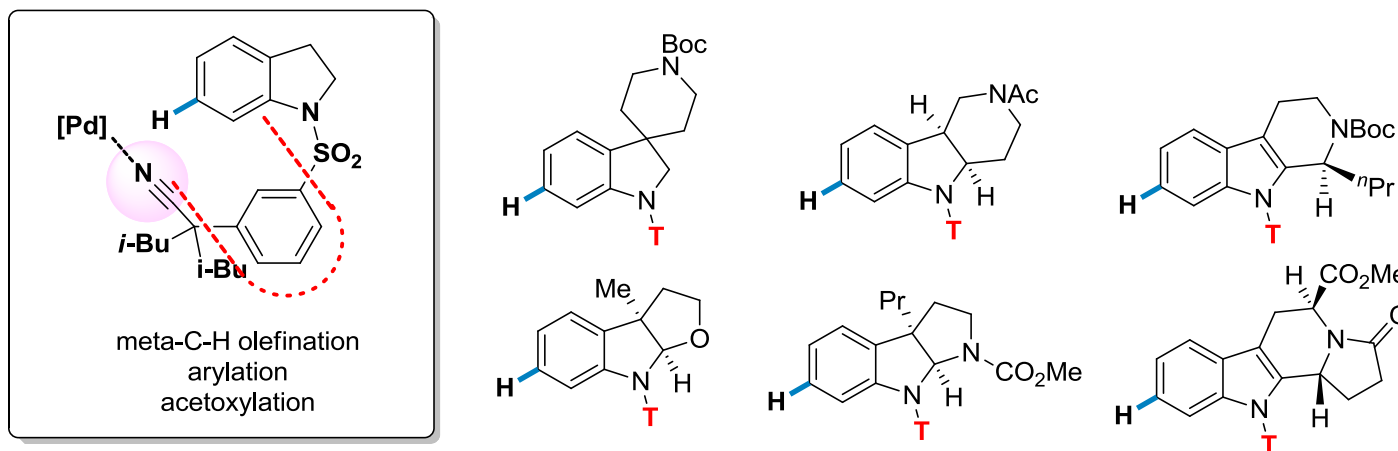
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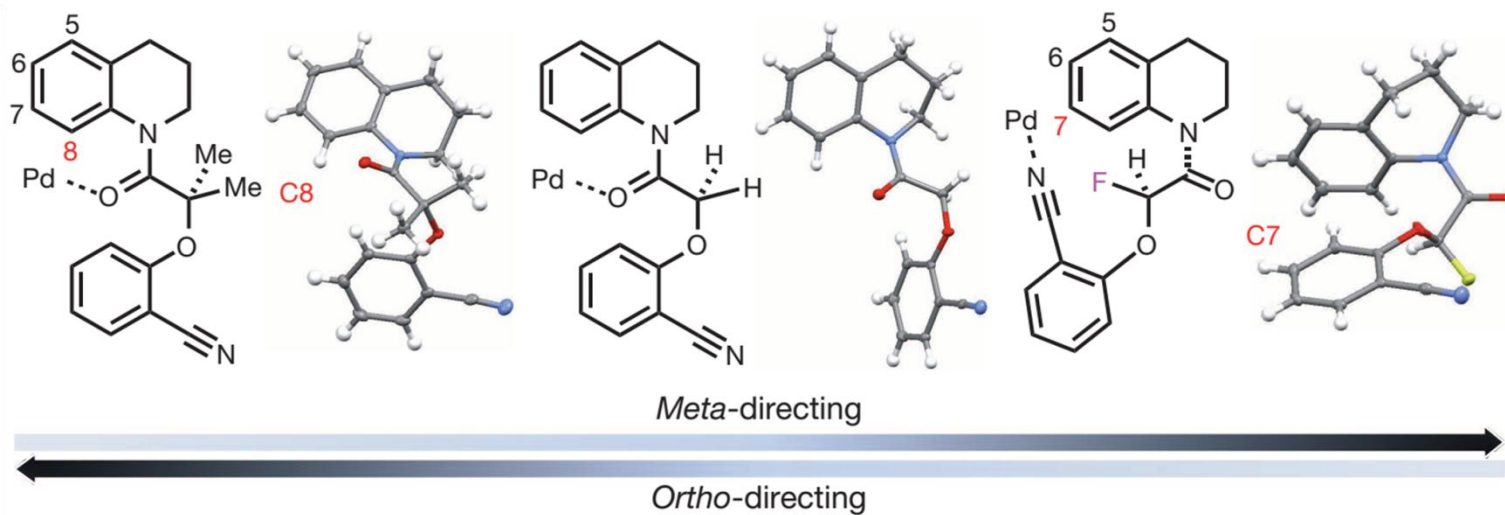
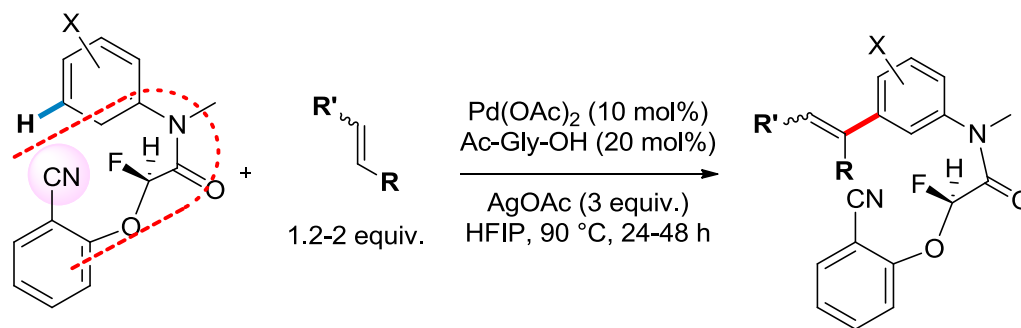


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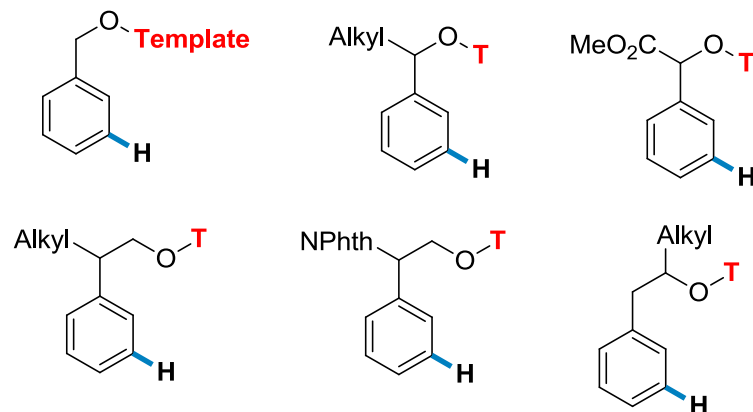
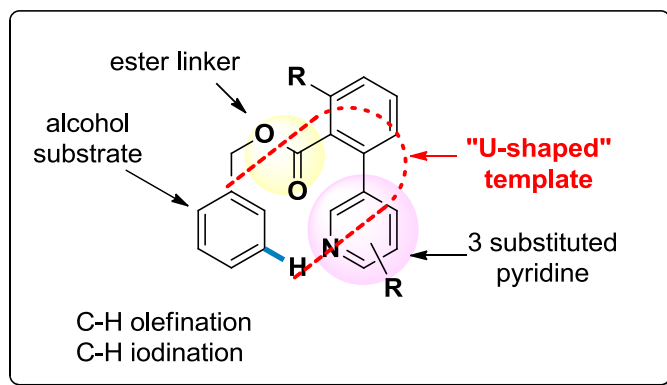
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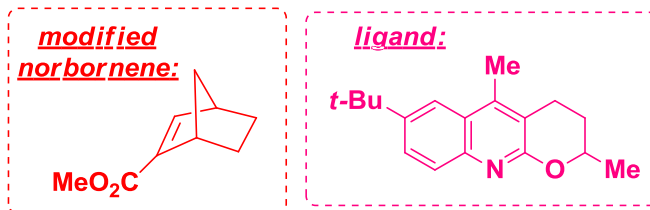
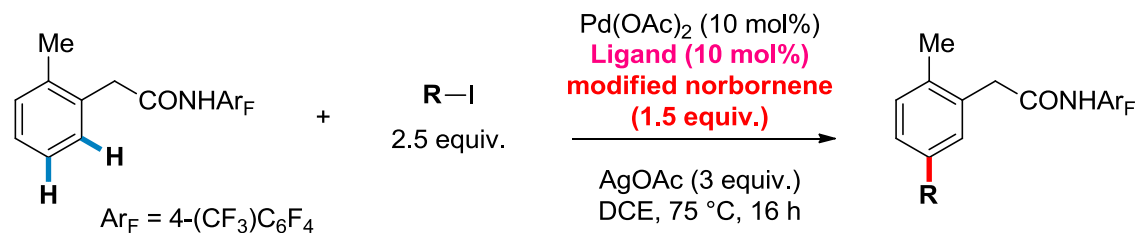


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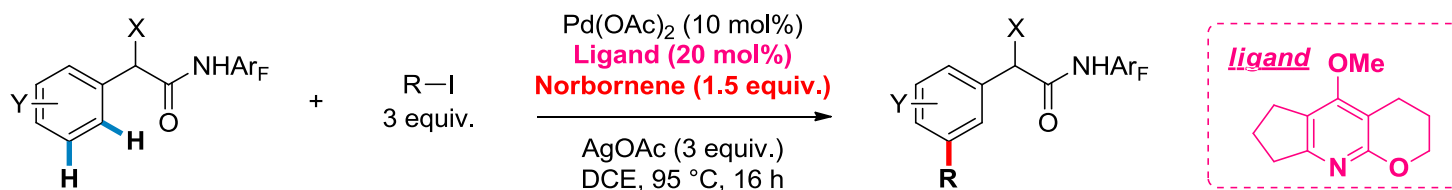
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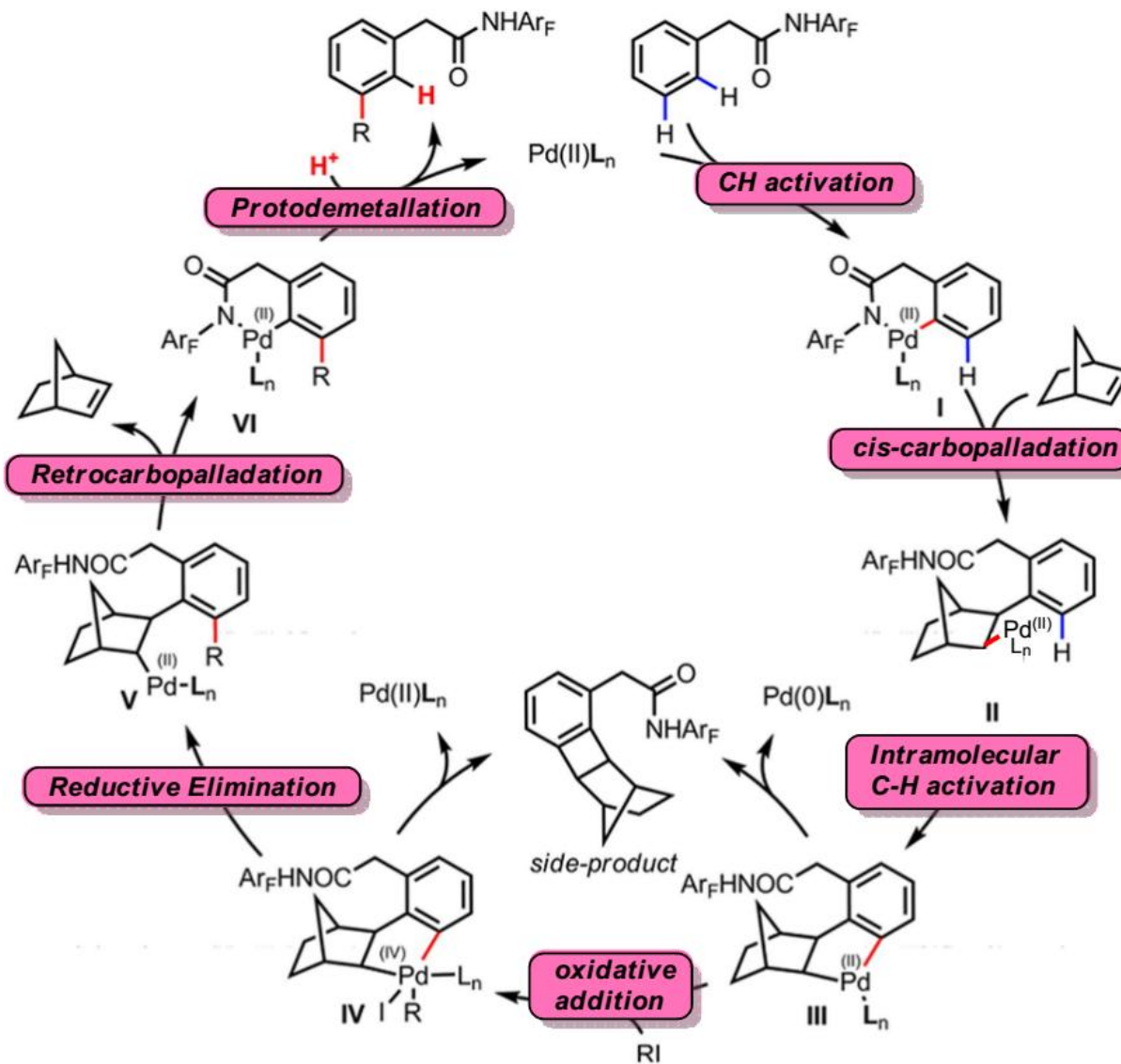
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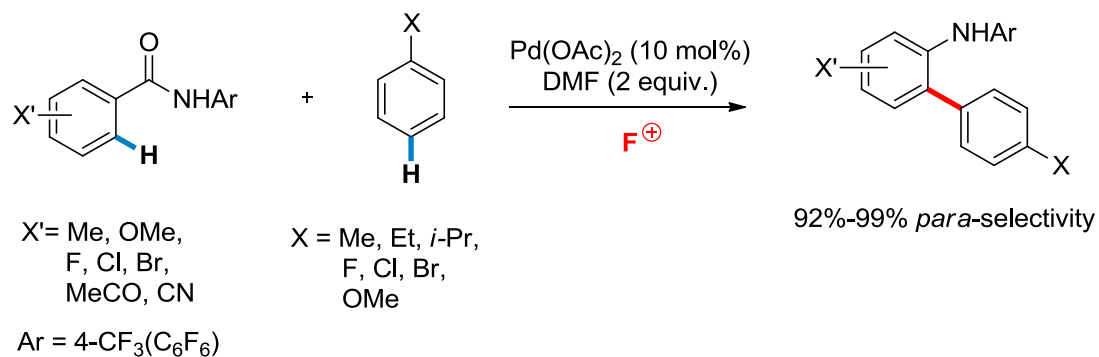
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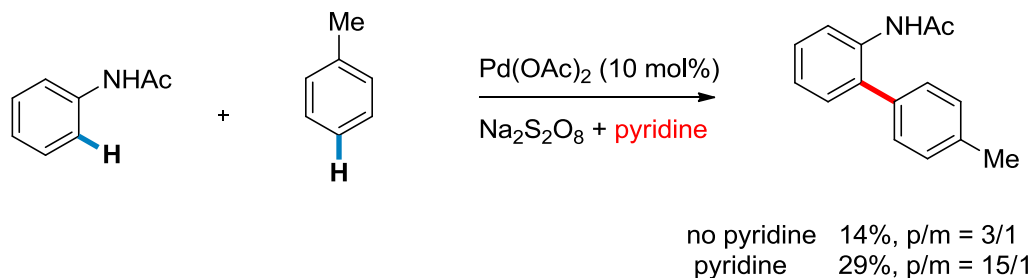


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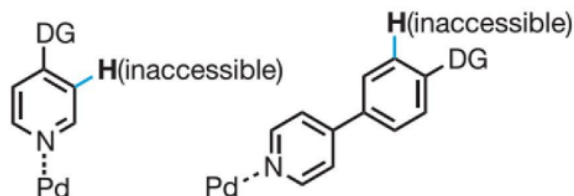
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## V - 4. Competitive site selectivity

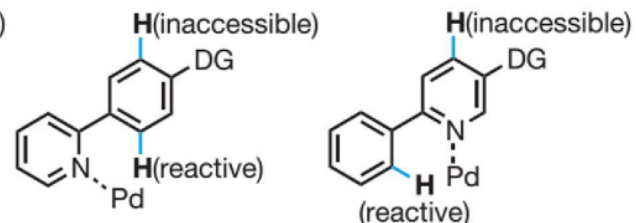
### • Heterocycle

#### Fundamental limitations of directed C-H functionalization of heterocycles

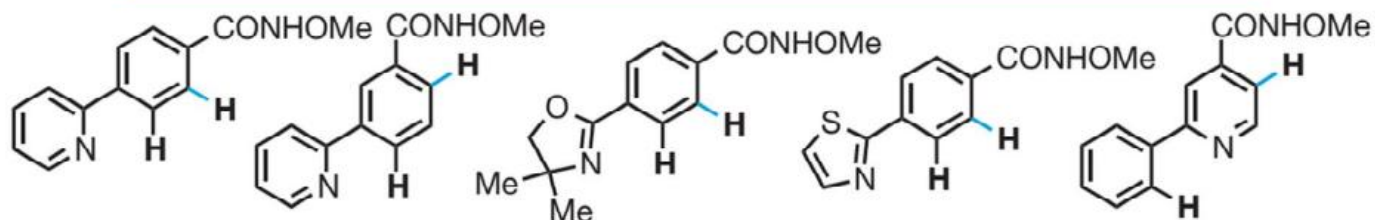
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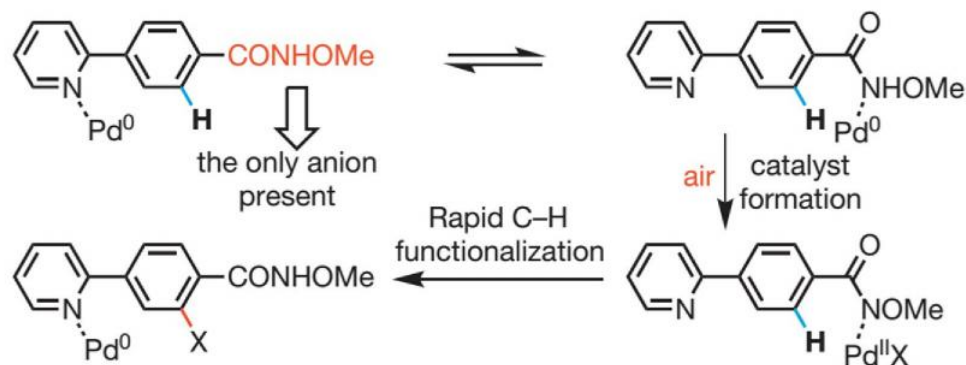
Restricting positional selectivity



#### Overriding site-selectivity dictated by the strongly coordinating heterocycles



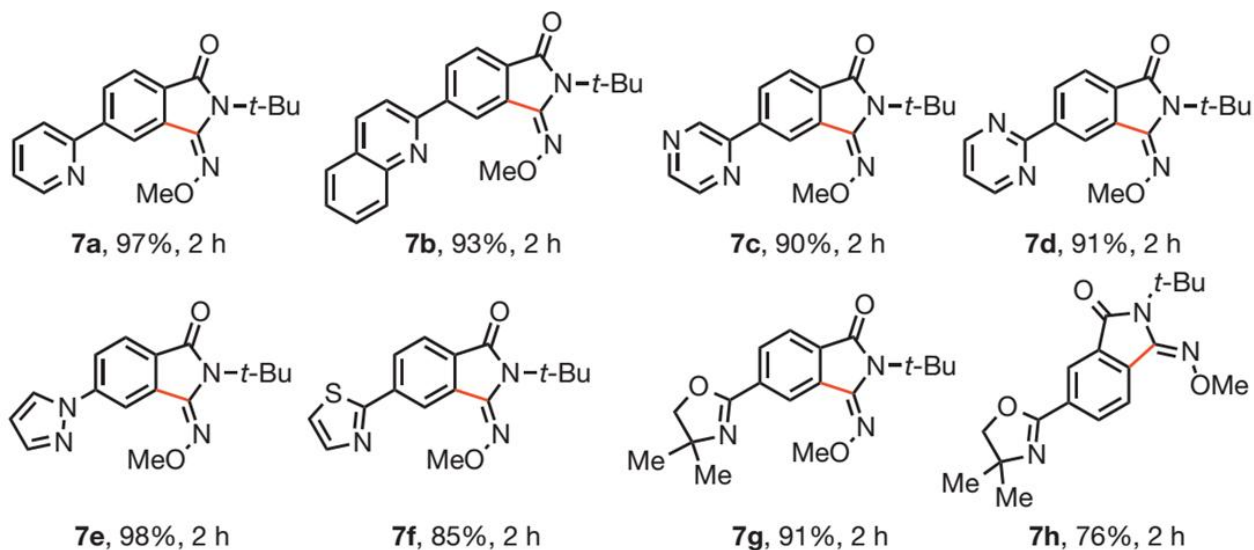
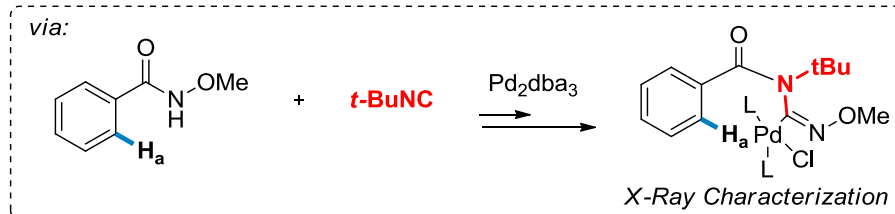
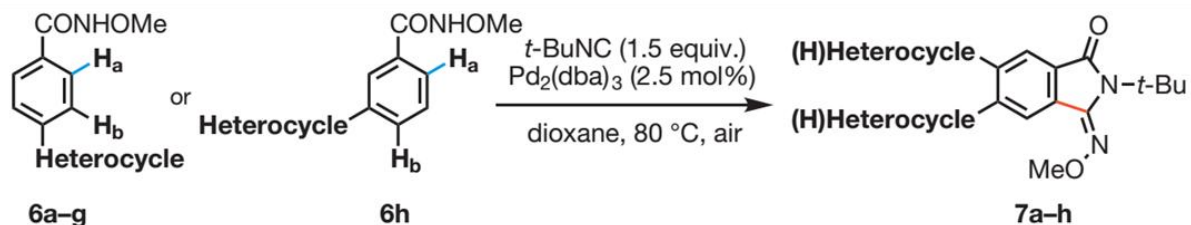
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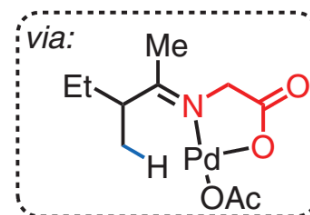
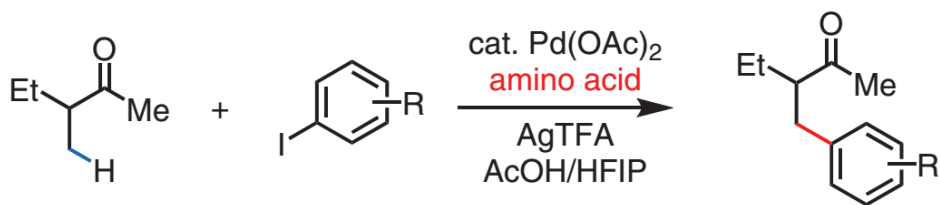
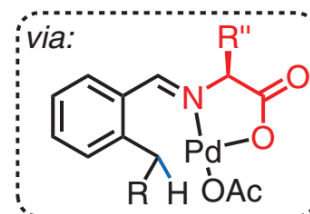
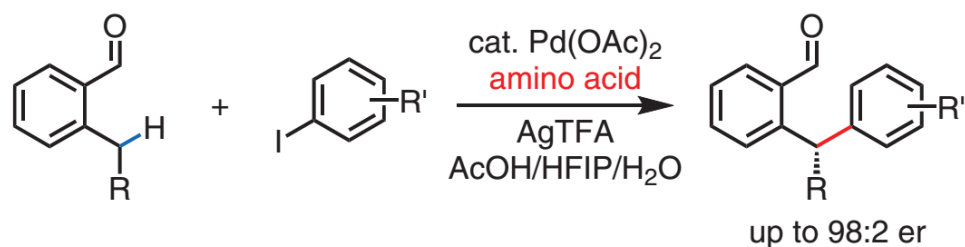
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#### • C(Sp<sup>3</sup>)

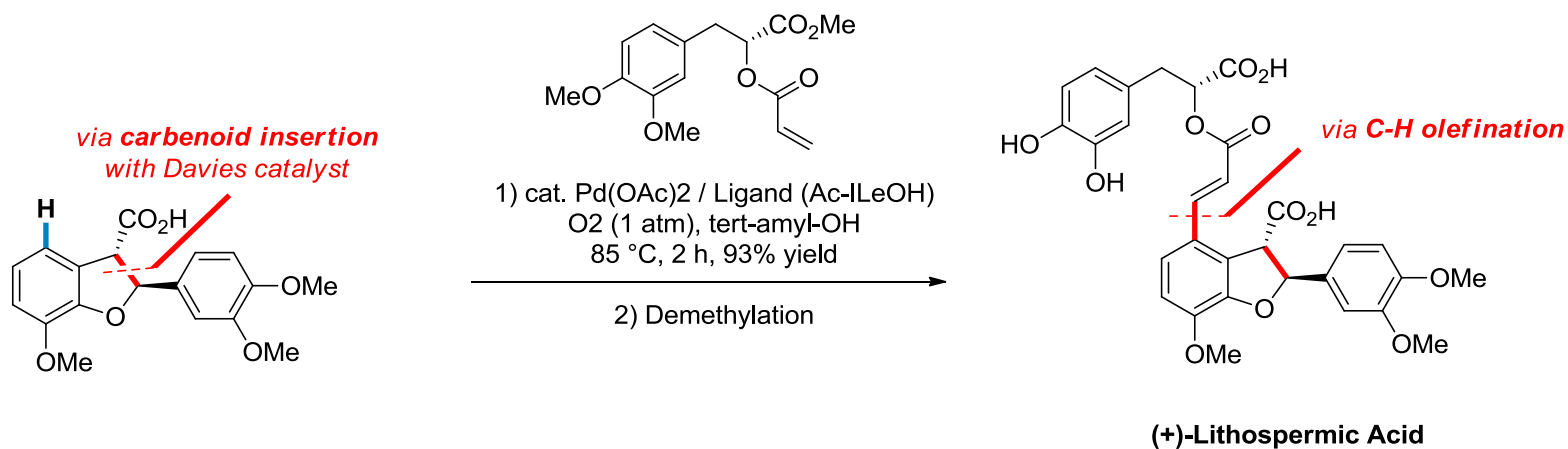


## VI - Application

### VI – 1. Total Synthesis

#### • Lithospermic acid

- 1<sup>st</sup> racemic synthesis by: Jacobson group, (*J. Org. Chem.*, **1979**, 44, 4013)
- 1<sup>st</sup> total synthesis of (+) lithospermic acid: by the Ellman and Bergman group, (*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2005**, 127, 3496) in **10 steps** with 5.9% overall yield

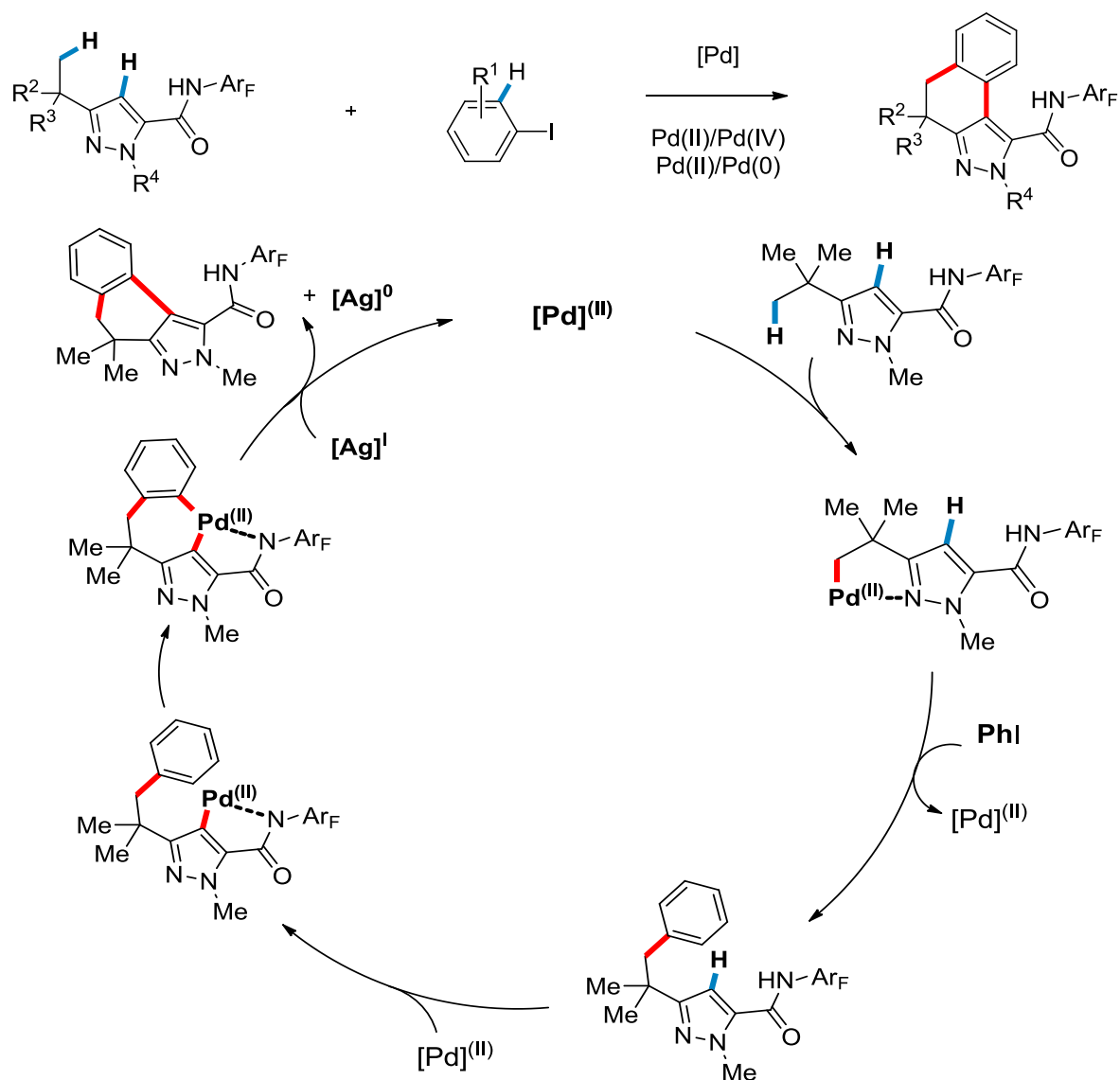


**12 steps** with 11% overall yield

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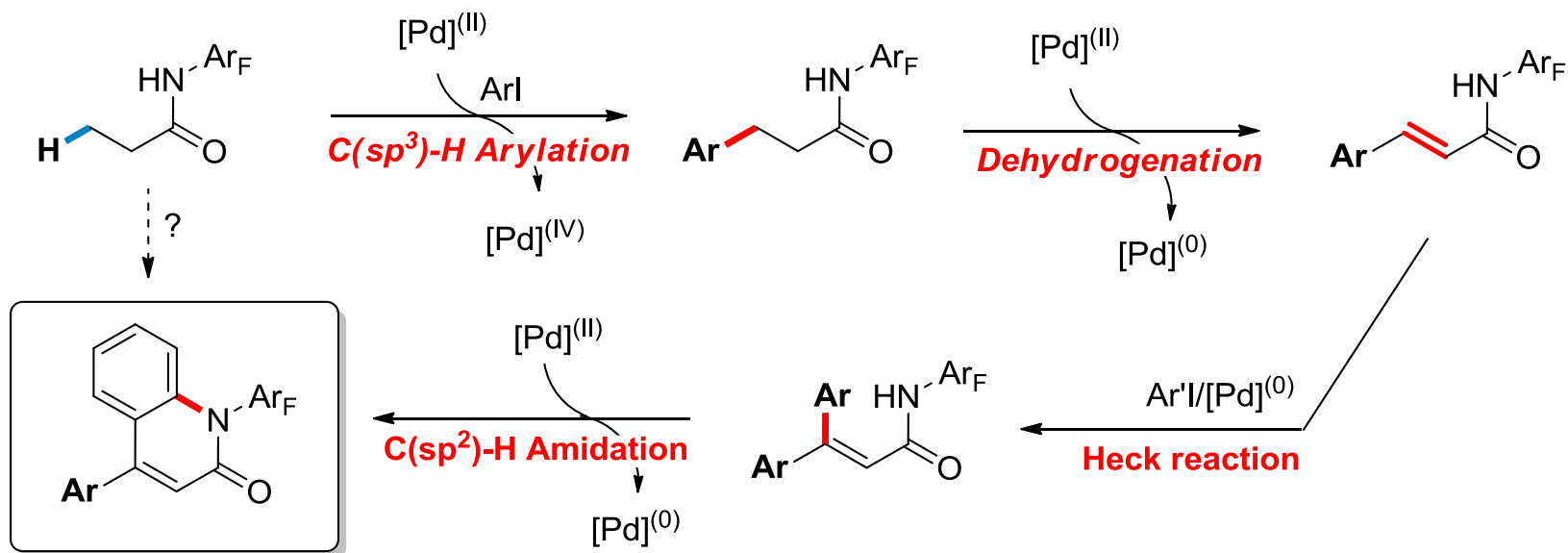
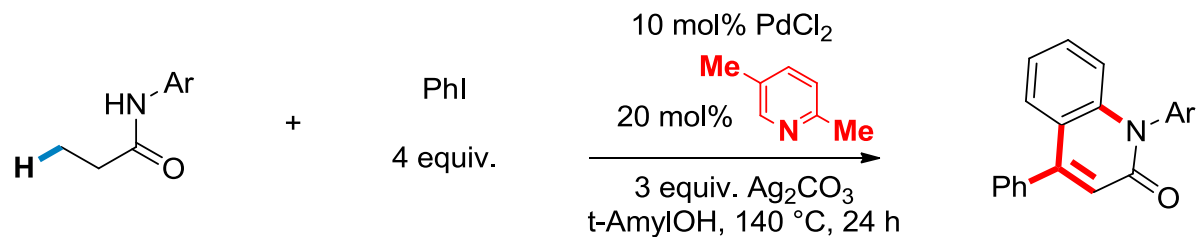
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### VI - Cascade C-H



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