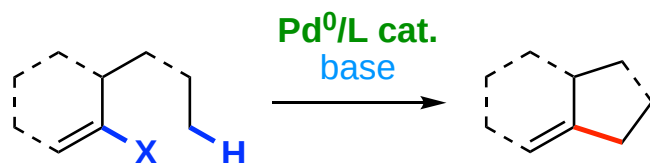


Constructing rings by Pd⁰-catalyzed C–H activation

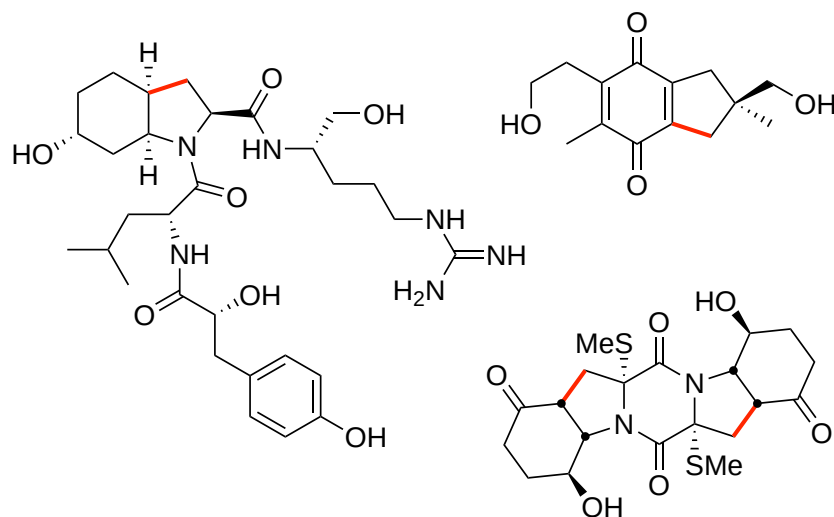
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intramolecular C–H activation

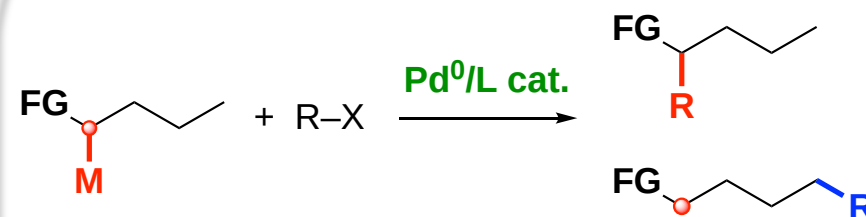


- synthesis of small rings
- enantioselectivity
- application to natural products & APIs

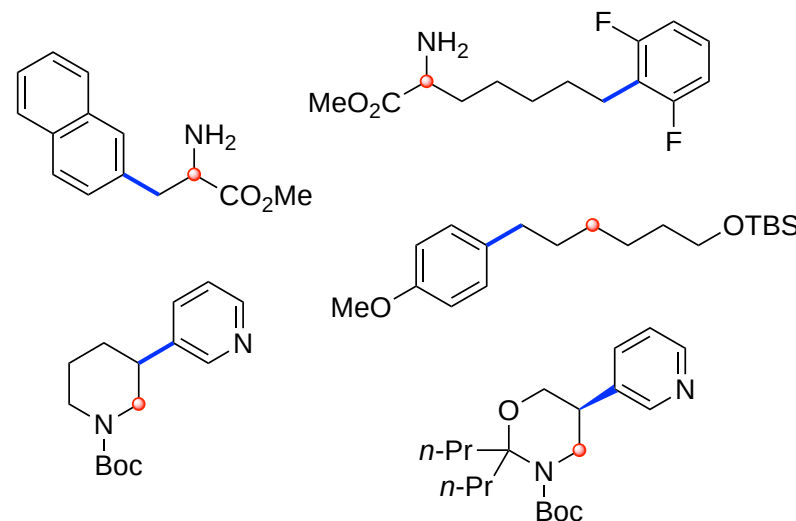


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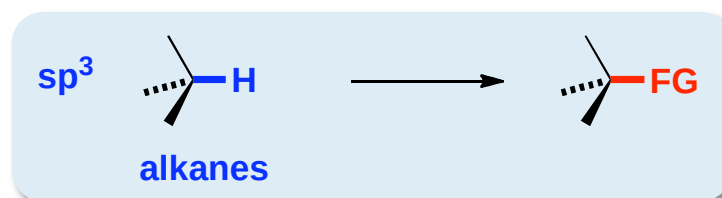
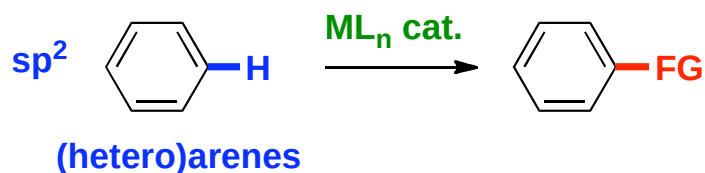
direct & migratory cross-coupling



- Pd chain-walk mechanism
- ligand-controlled selectivity
- divergent access to useful intermediates



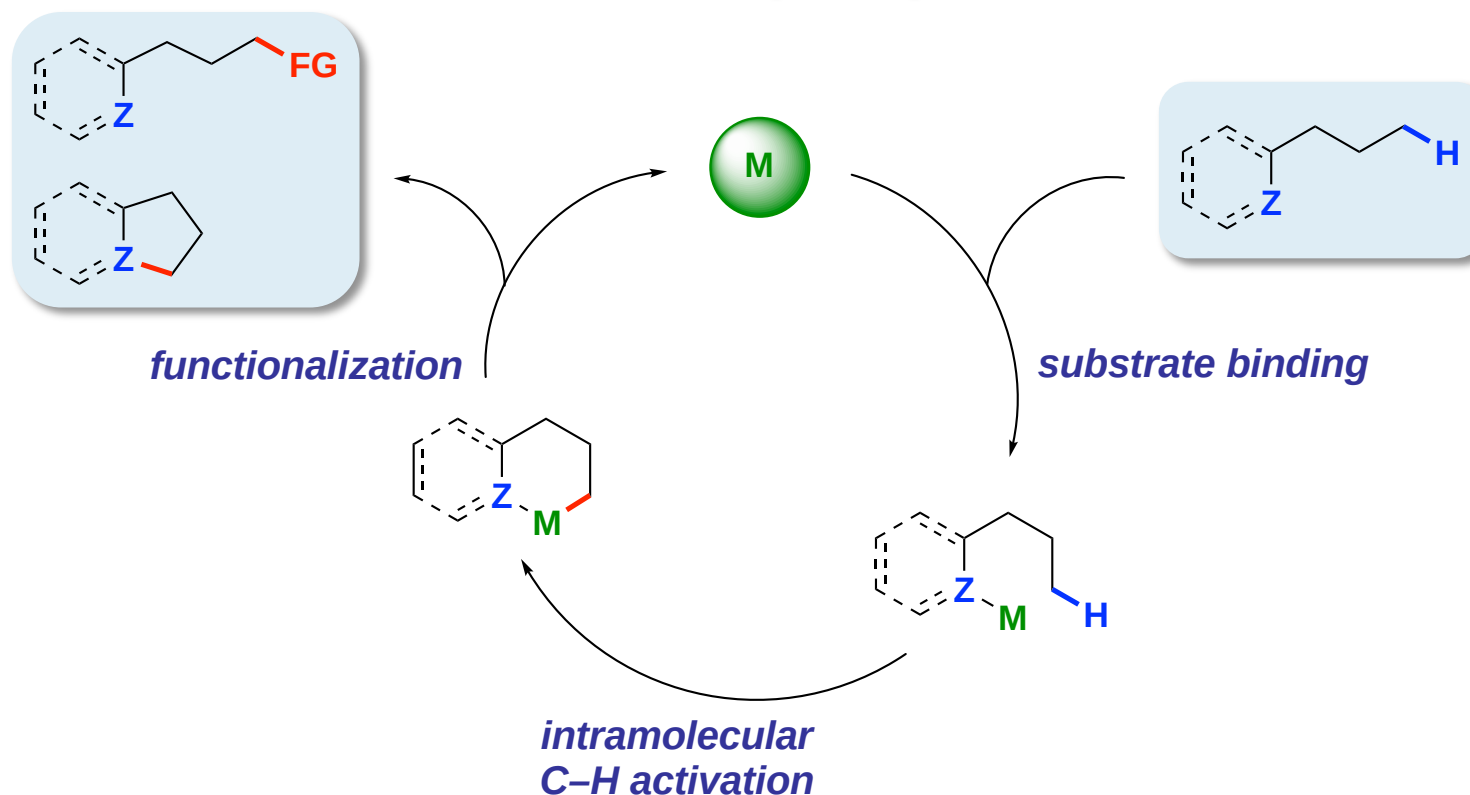
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Functionalization of unactivated C(sp^3)–H bonds

- reactivity, chemo-, site- and stereoselectivity
- step-economical synthesis of useful intermediates & original scaffolds

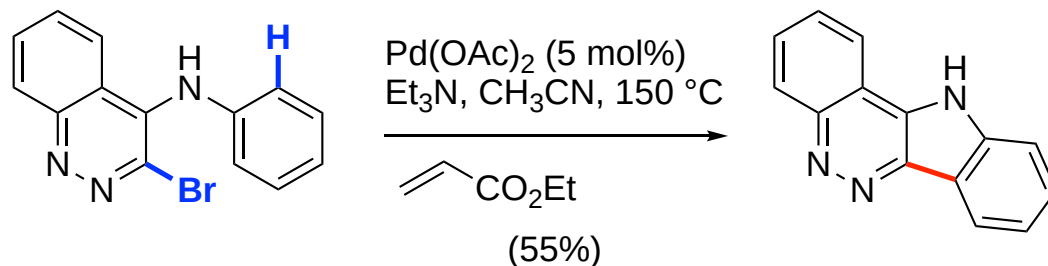
General principle



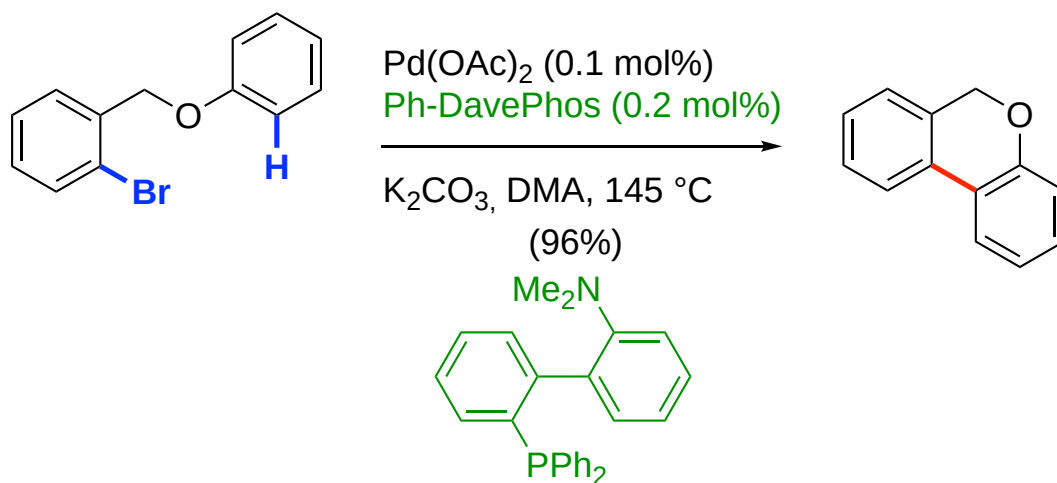
two main substrate binding modes:

Z = DG: coordination (directed C–H activation)

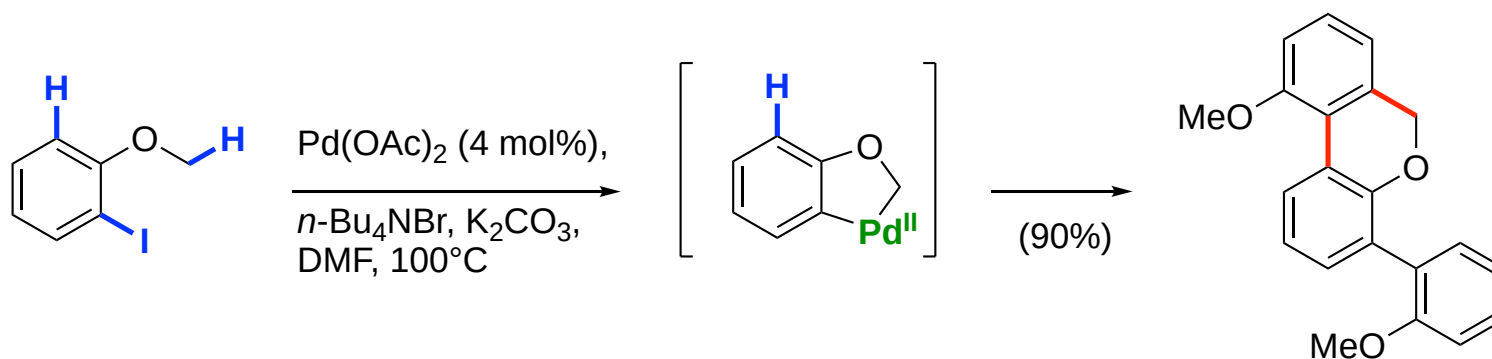
Z = C–Hal: oxidative addition



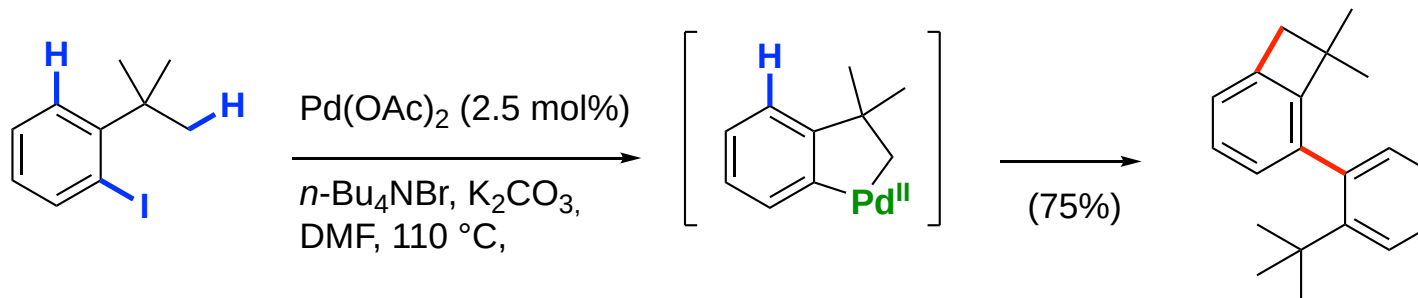
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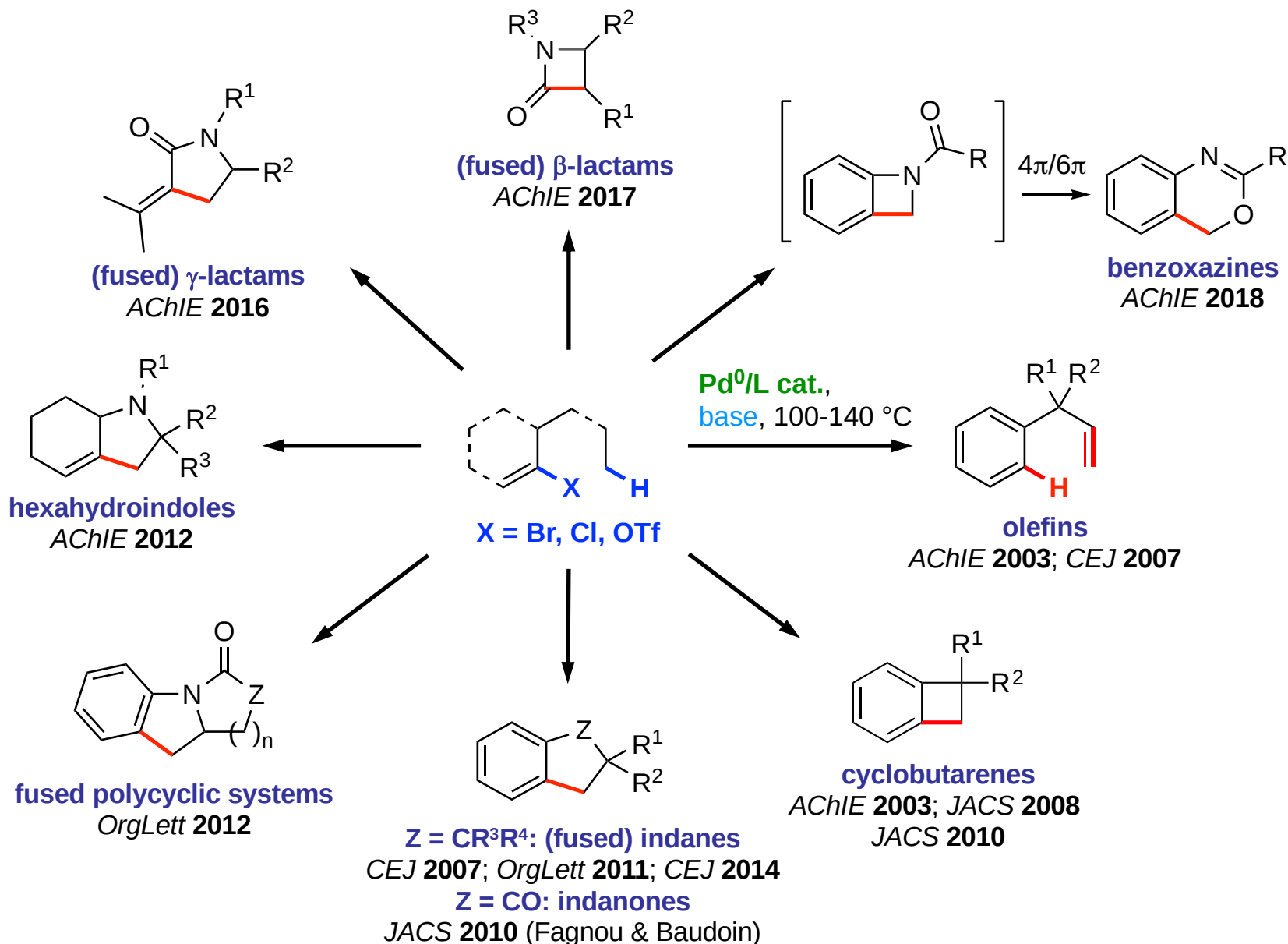
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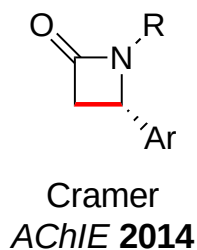
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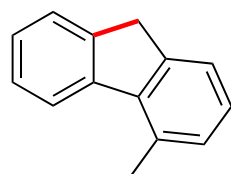
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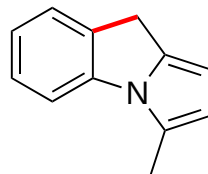
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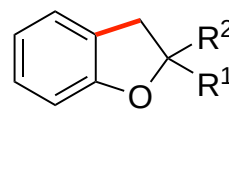
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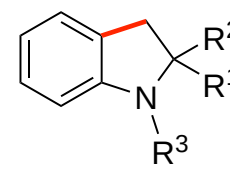
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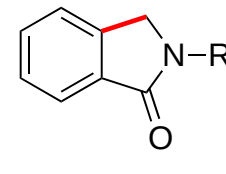
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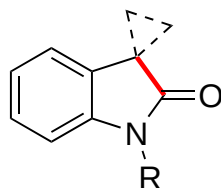
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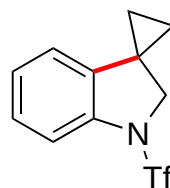
Ohno
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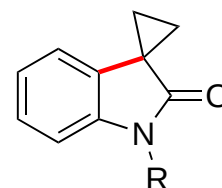
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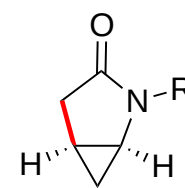
Takemoto
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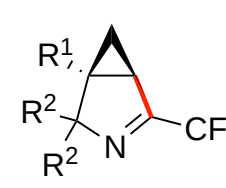
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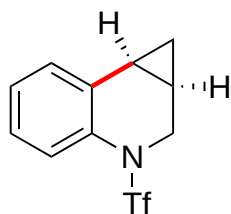


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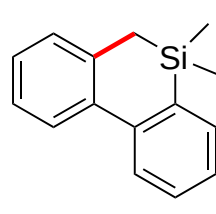


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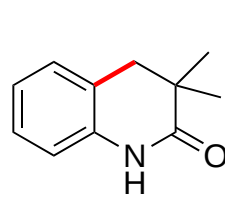
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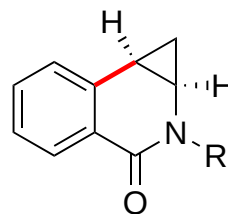
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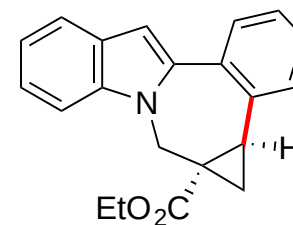


Z.-J. Shi
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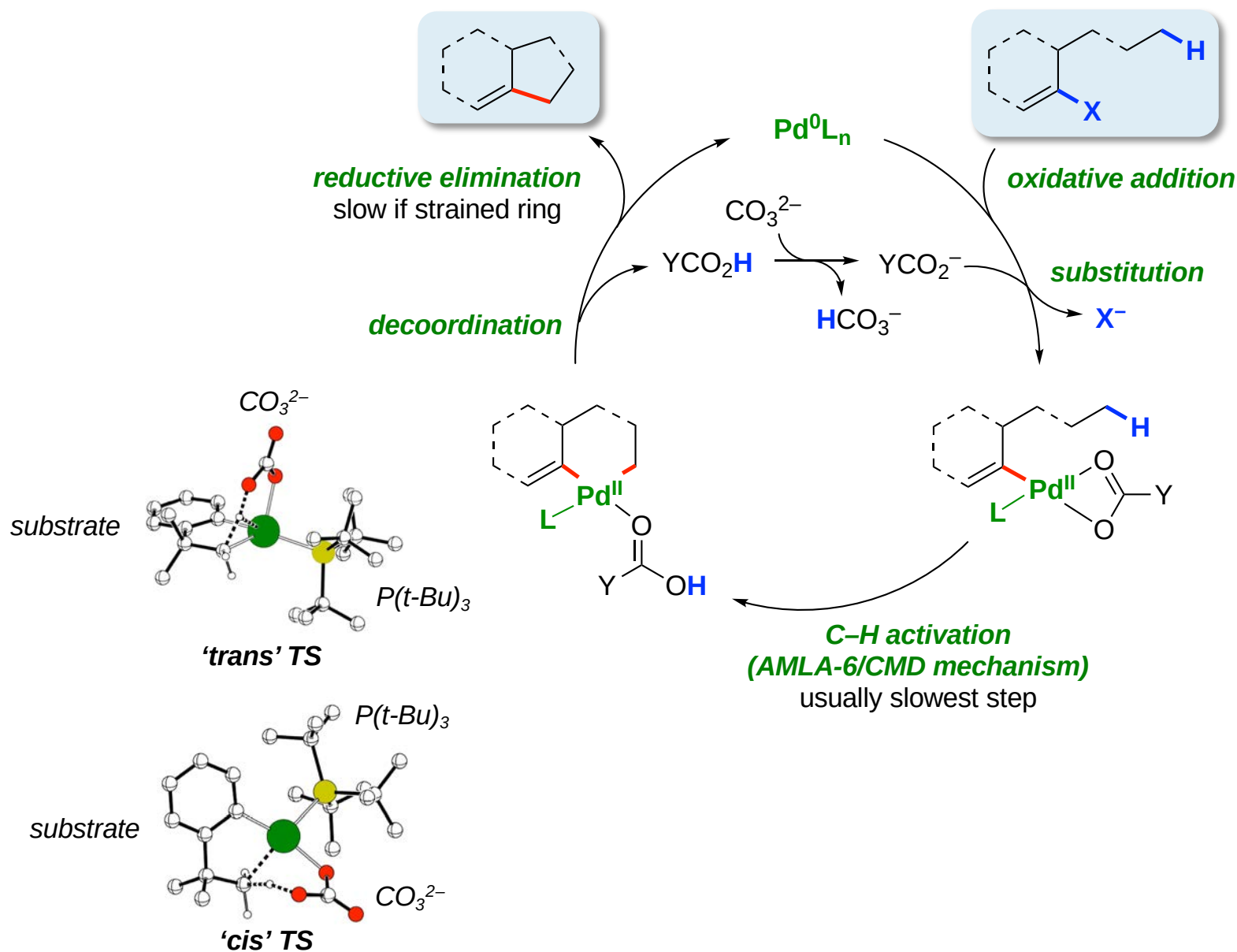


Cramer
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Seven-membered



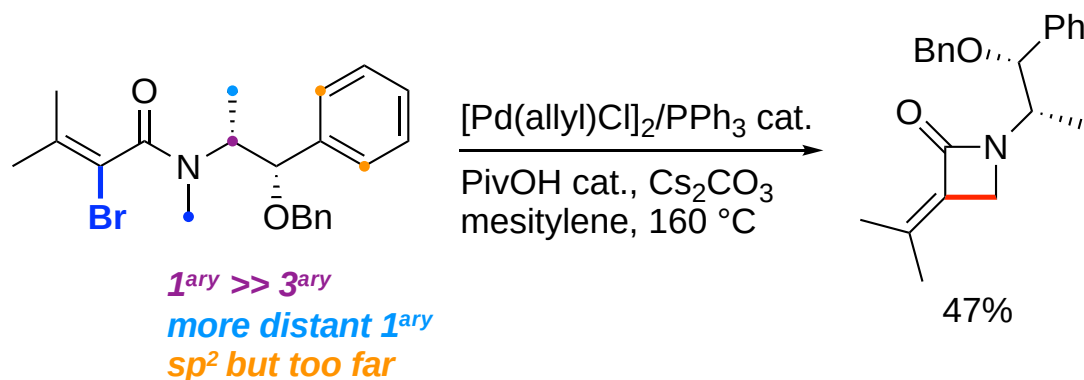
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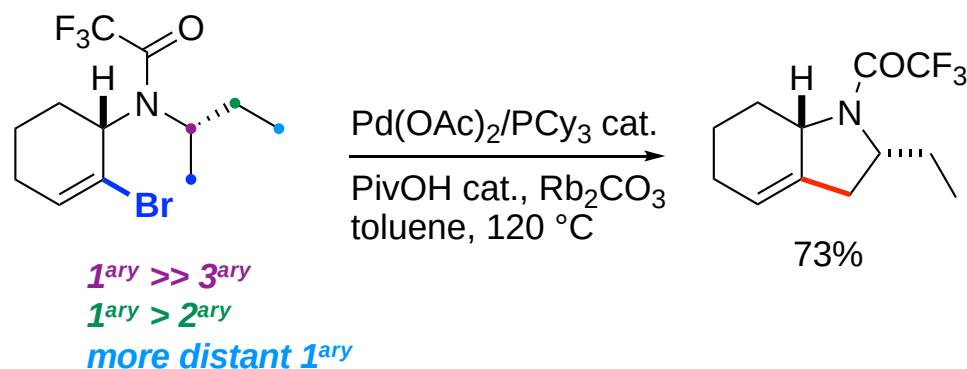
main selectivity factors

- distance of C–H bond to Pd (5 > 6 > 7-membered palladacycle)
- C–H bond type: aryl, cyclopropyl > methyl > methylene >> methine

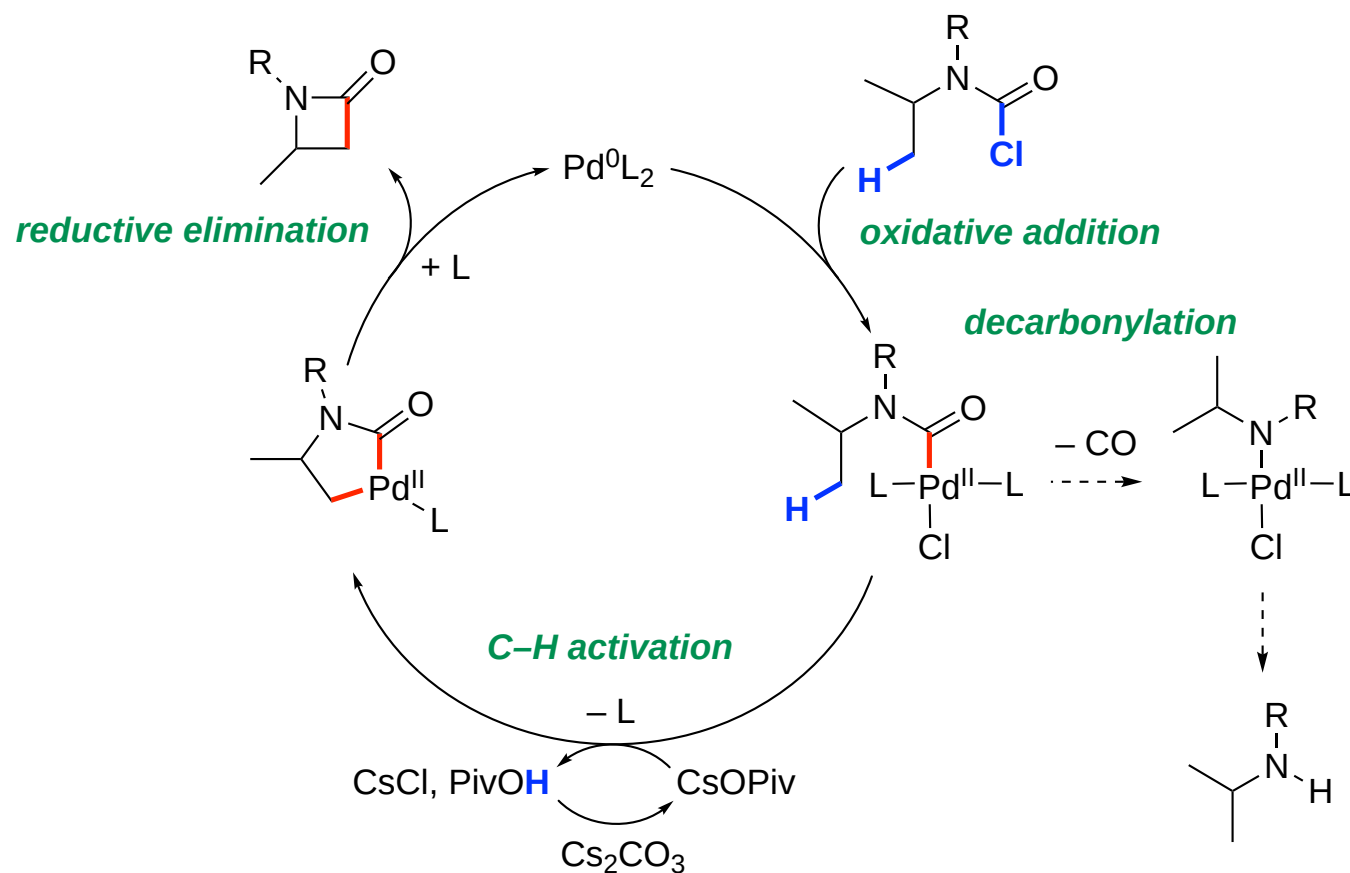
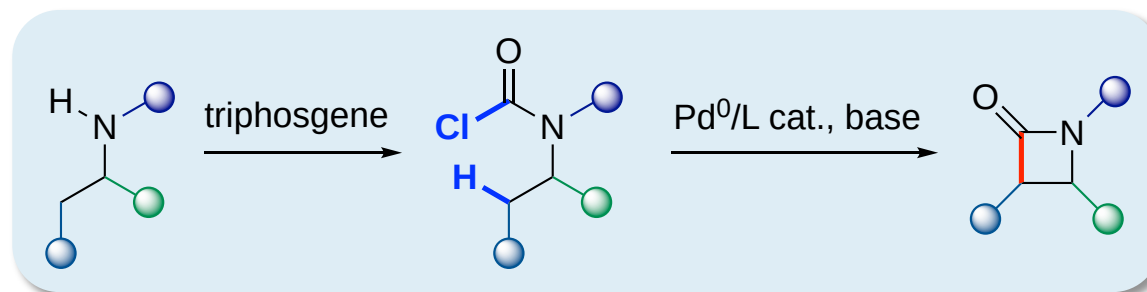
representative examples



γ - and β -lactams: *ACHIE* **2016**, 2805.



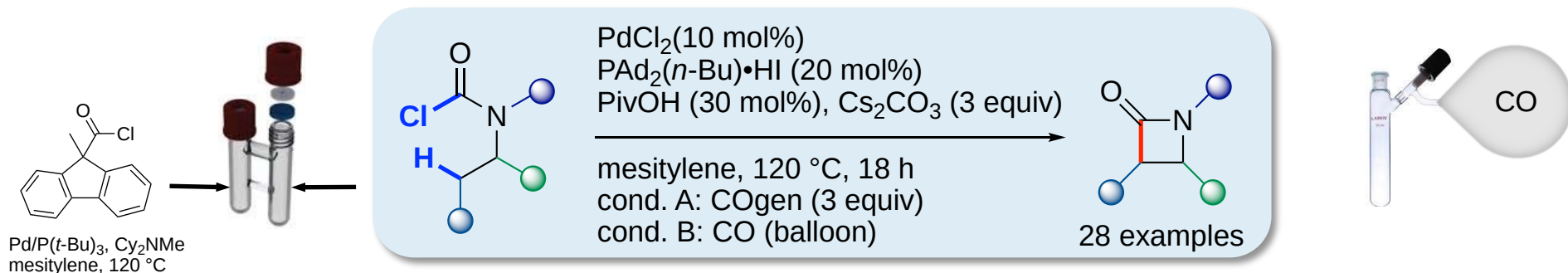
hexahydroindoles: *ACHIE* **2012**, 10399.



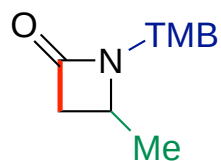
carbamoylation of benzylic $\text{C}(\text{sp}^3)\text{-H}$ bonds leading to oxindoles: Takemoto *et al.*, *ACHIE* **2012**, 2763.

other $\text{C}(\text{sp}^3)\text{-H}$ activation-based syntheses of β -lactams: B.-F. Shi *et al.*, *ACHIE* **2013**, 13588; Wu *et al.*, *Org Lett* **2014**, 480; Cramer *et al.*, *ACHIE* **2014**, 9064; Gaunt *et al.*, *Science* **2016**, 354, 851; *ACHIE* **2017**, 11958; *Chem Sci* **2017**, 8198.

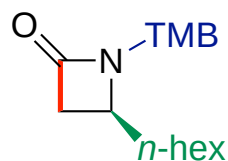
Synthesis of β -lactams



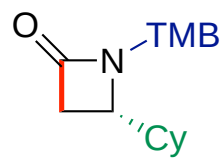
from 1^{ary} C–H bonds



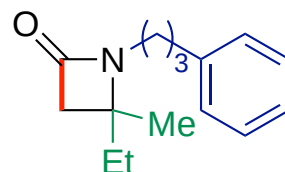
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B: 85%
 no CO: 70%



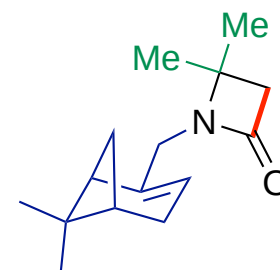
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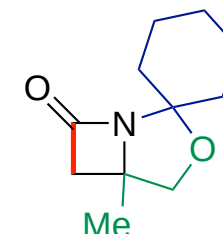
A: quant.
B: 88%



A: 73%
B: 72%

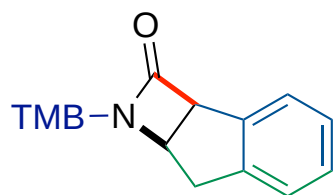


A: 53%
B: 50%
 from (–)-myrtenal

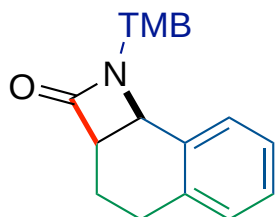


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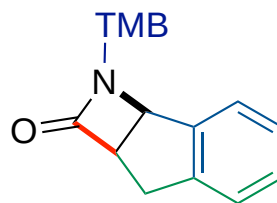
from 2^{ary} C–H bonds



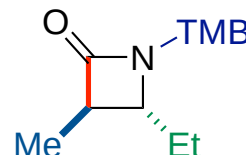
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B: 68%



A: quant.
B: 40%

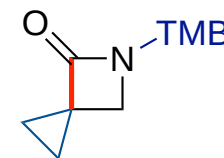


A: 47%
B: 25%

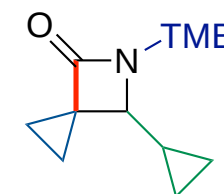


A: 51%
B: 41%
 d.r. 85:15

from activated 3^{ary} C–H bonds



A: 75%
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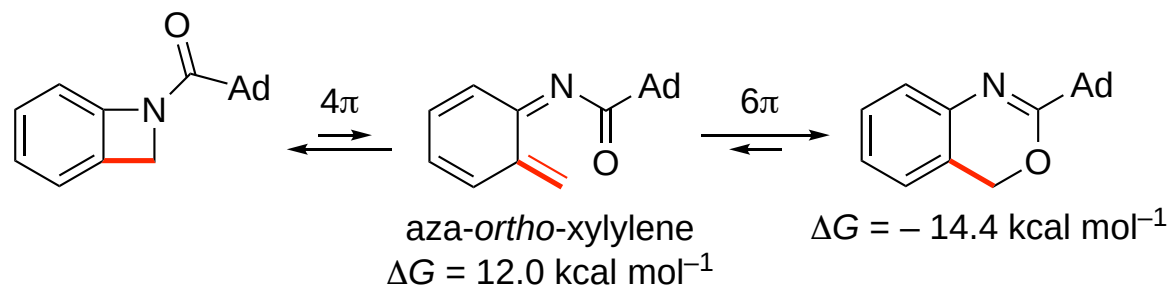
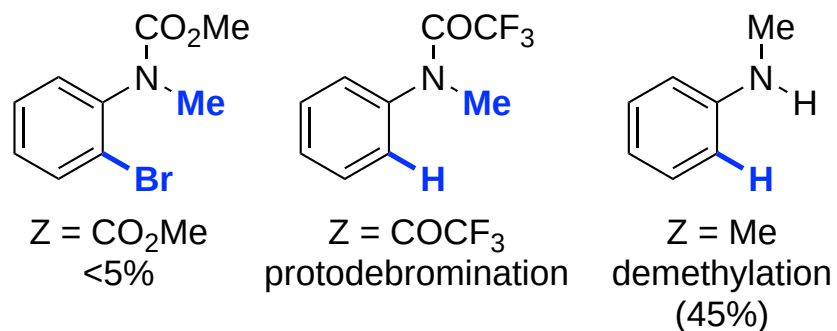
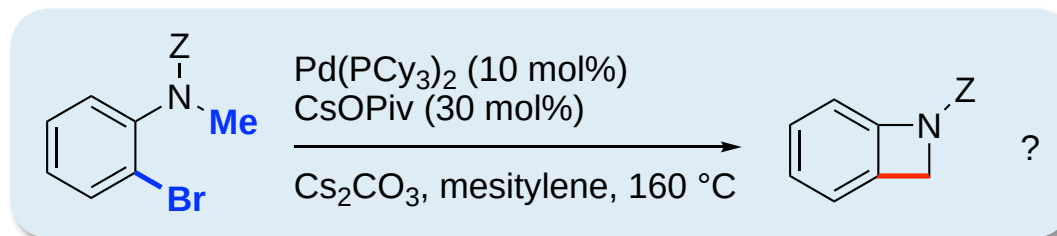


A: 81%
B: 81%

with D. Dailler & R. Rocaboy, *ACHIE* **2017**, 7218.

two-chamber system: Skrydstrup *et al.*, *JACS* **2011**, 6061; *Acc Chem Res* **2016**, 594.

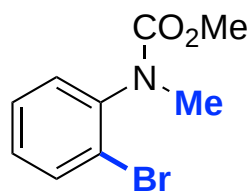
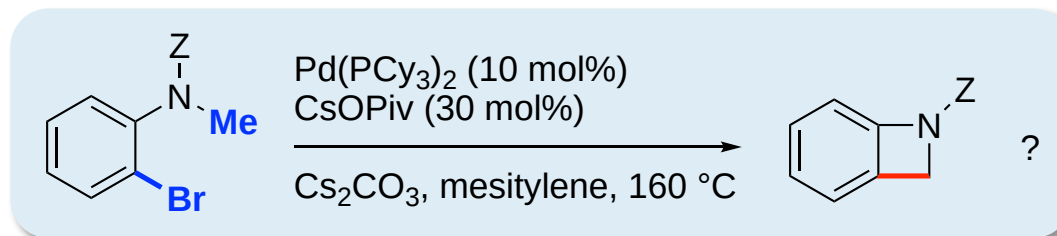
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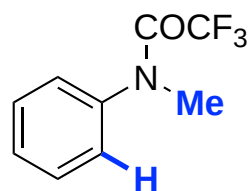
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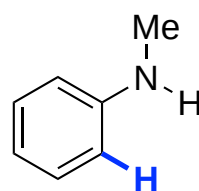
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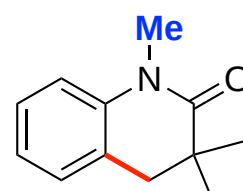
$Z = \text{CO}_2\text{Me}$
 $<5\%$



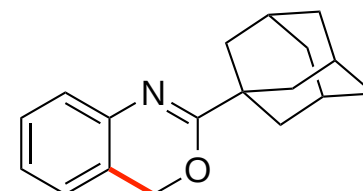
$Z = \text{COCF}_3$
 protodebromination



$Z = \text{Me}$
 demethylation
 (45%)

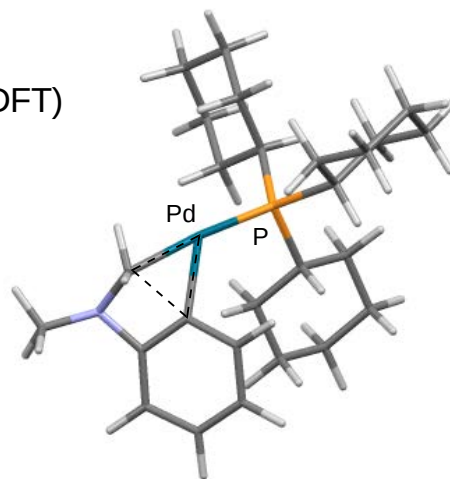


$Z = \text{Piv}$
 wrong site-selectivity
 (80%)

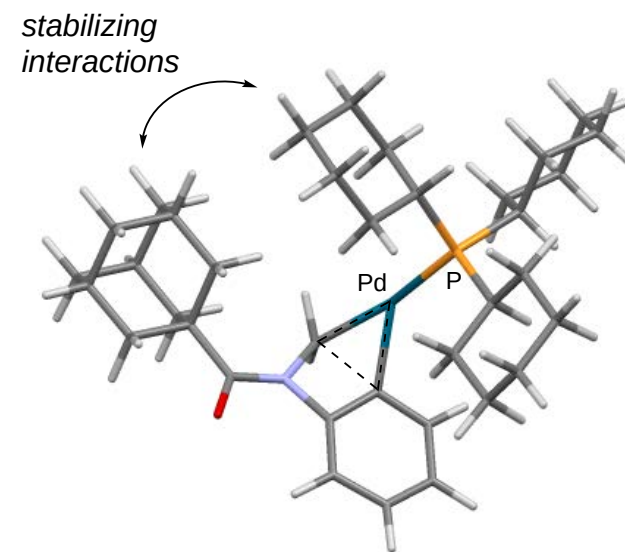


$Z = \text{COAd}$
 rearranged product
 (54%)

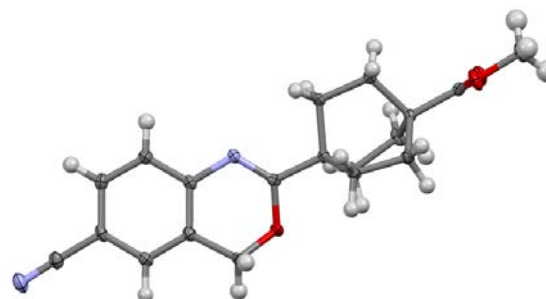
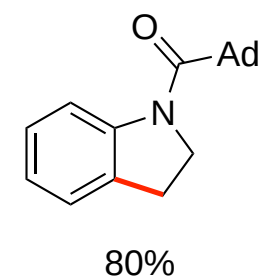
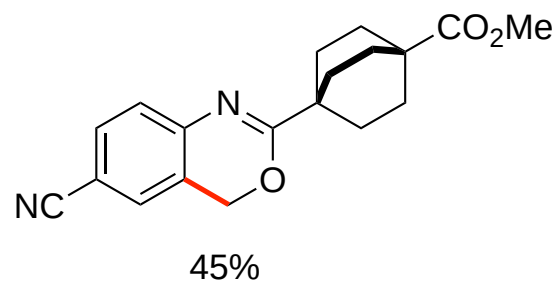
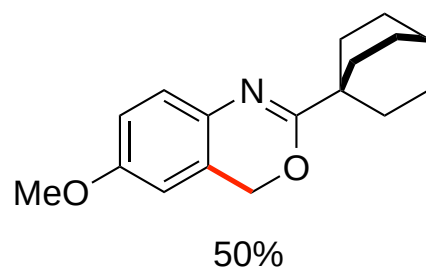
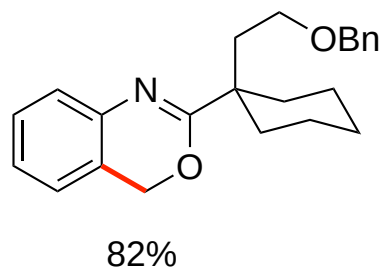
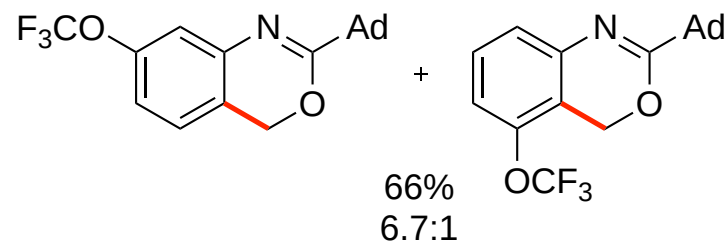
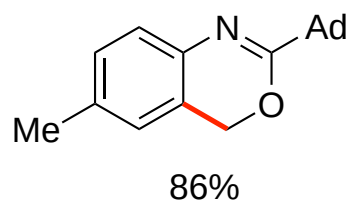
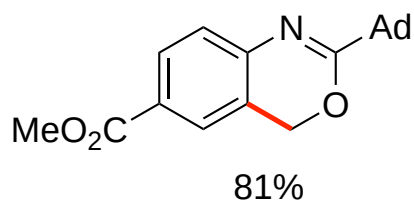
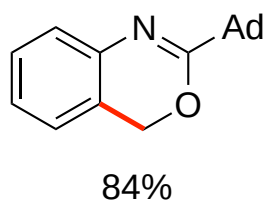
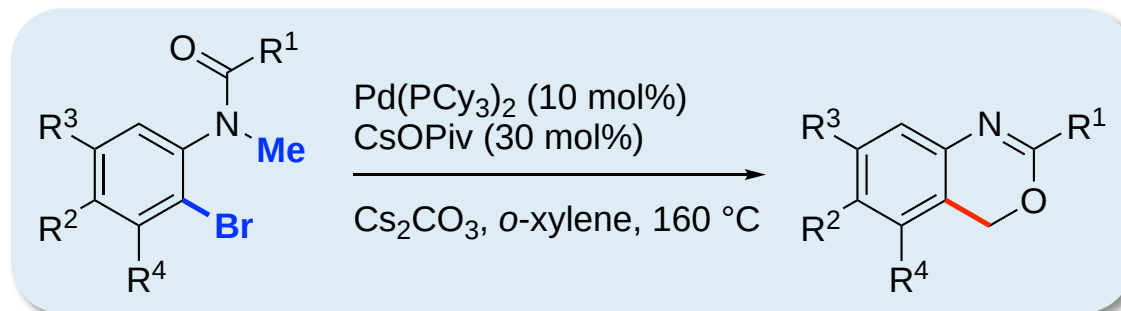
- reductive elimination = rate-limiting step ($k_{\text{H}}/k_{\text{D}} = 1$)
 - Ad group favors reductive elimination by dispersion (DFT)
- $\Delta G^\ddagger (\text{COAd}) 21.7 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$
 $\Delta G^\ddagger (\text{Me}) 27.6 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$
 $\Delta G^\ddagger (\text{CO}_2\text{Me}) 26.8 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$



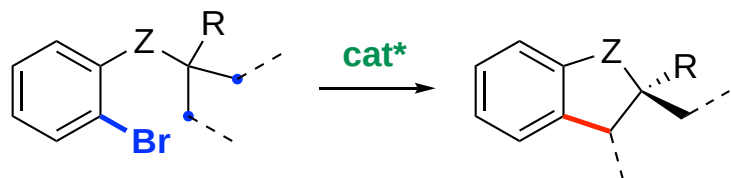
$Z = \text{Me}$



$Z = \text{COAd}$



type I: desymmetrization of enantiotopic alkyl groups

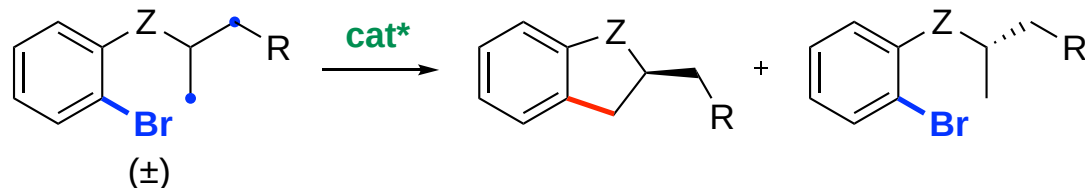


creation of stereocenter(s) remote to activated C–H bond

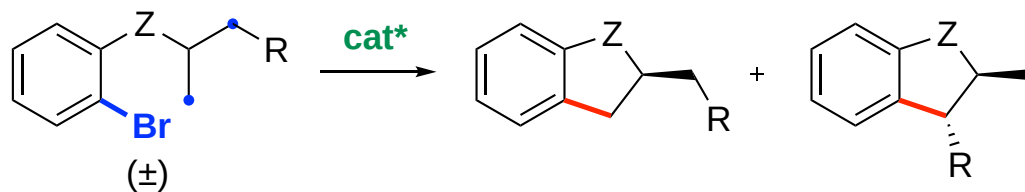
1^{ary}, 2^{ary} C–H bonds

type II: kinetic resolution

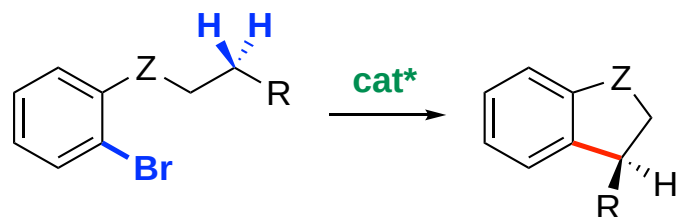
- classic KR



- parallel KR

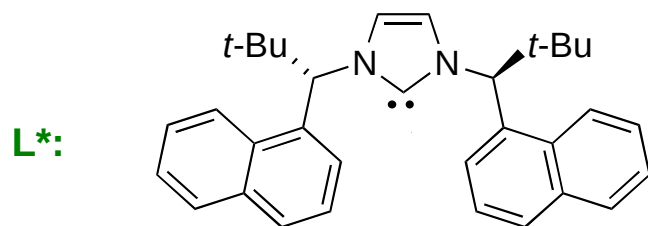
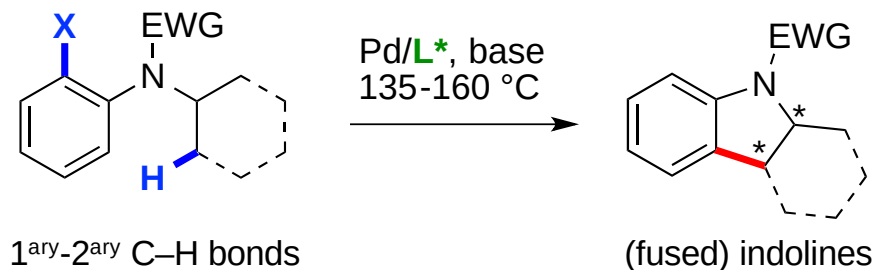


type III: activation of enantiotopic 2^{ary} C–H bonds



creation of stereocenter at activated C–H bond

concurrent work

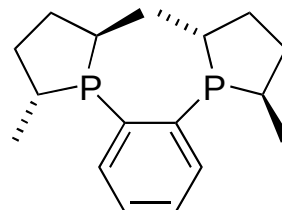


X = Br, EWG = CO₂Me

e.r. up to 99.5:0.5

Kündig et al.

ACHIE **2011**, 7438; *Chem Sci* **2012**, 1422.

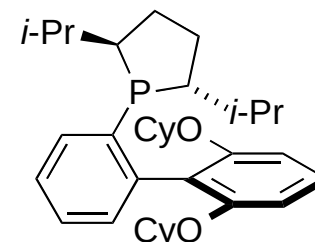


X = Br, EWG = CO₂Me

e. r. up to 96.5:3.5

Kagan et al.

Chem Commun **2011**, 11483.



X = OTf, EWG = Tf

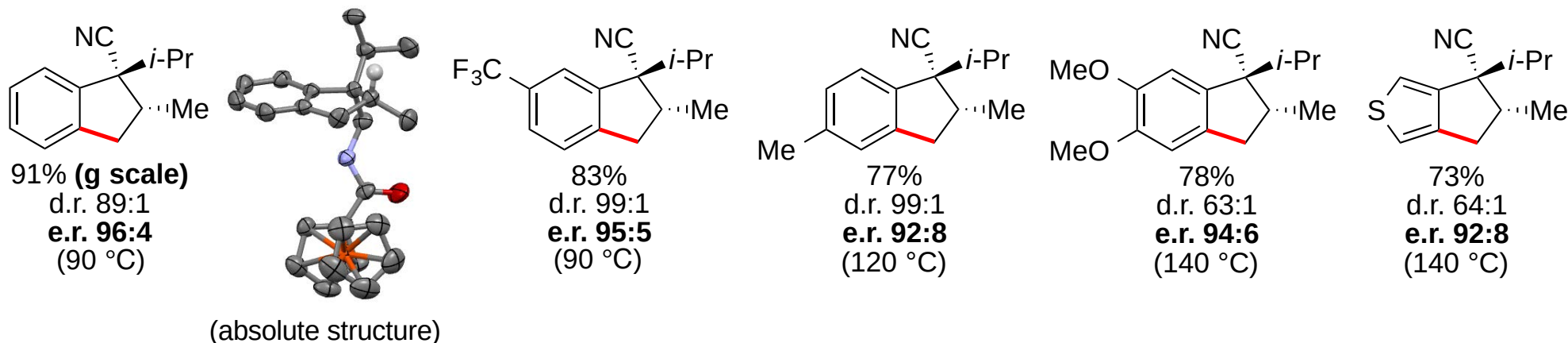
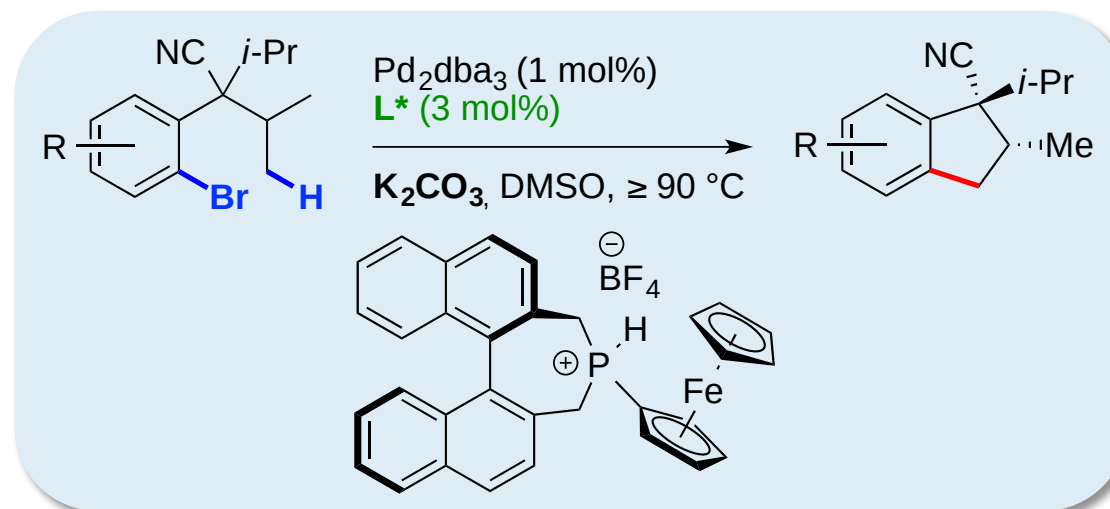
e. r. up to 98:2

Cramer et al.

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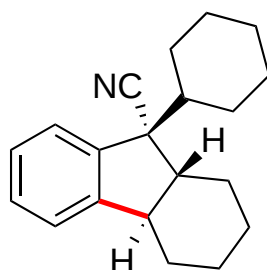
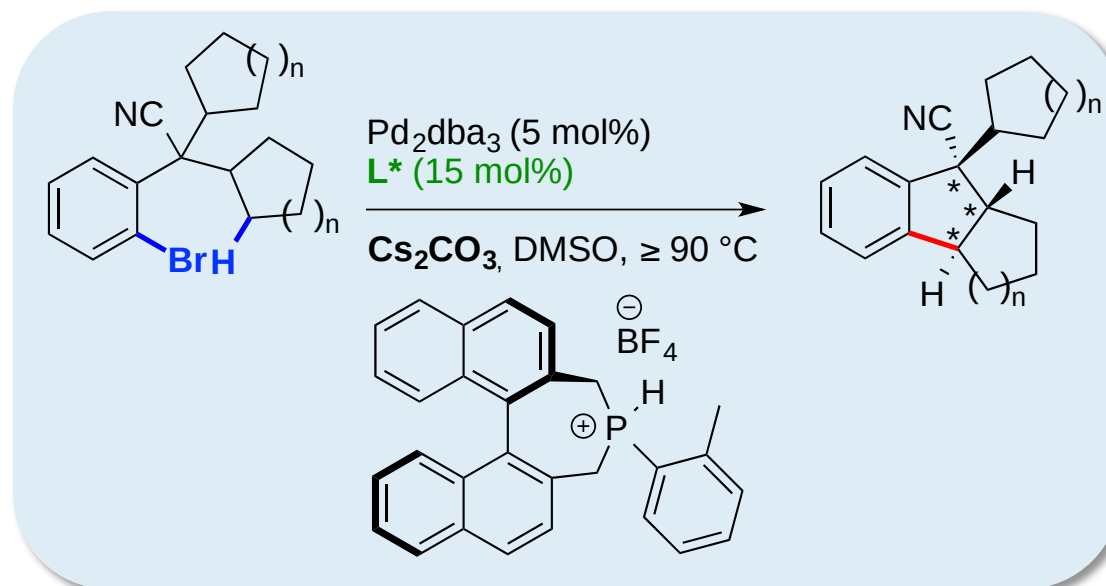
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desymmetrization of methyl groups

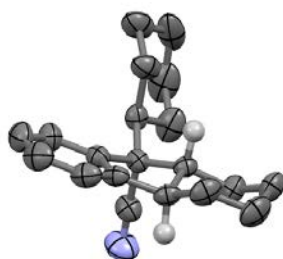


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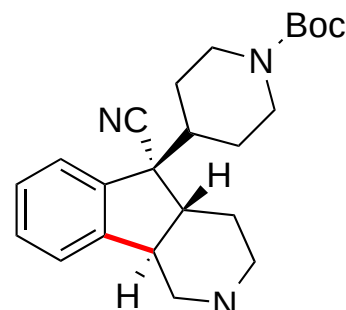
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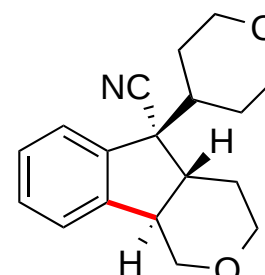
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(relative structure)

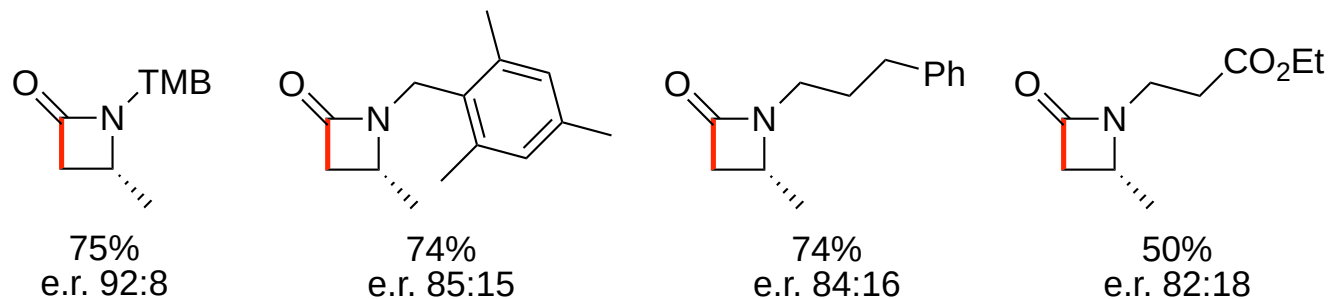
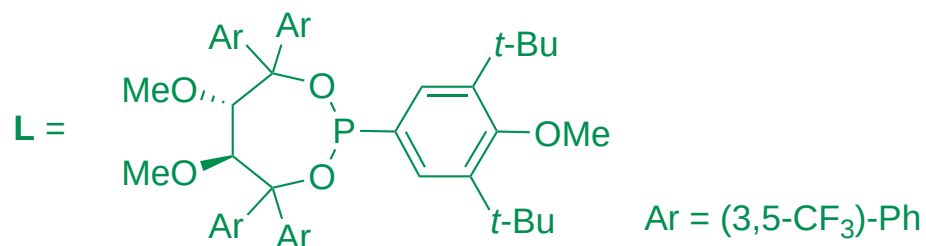
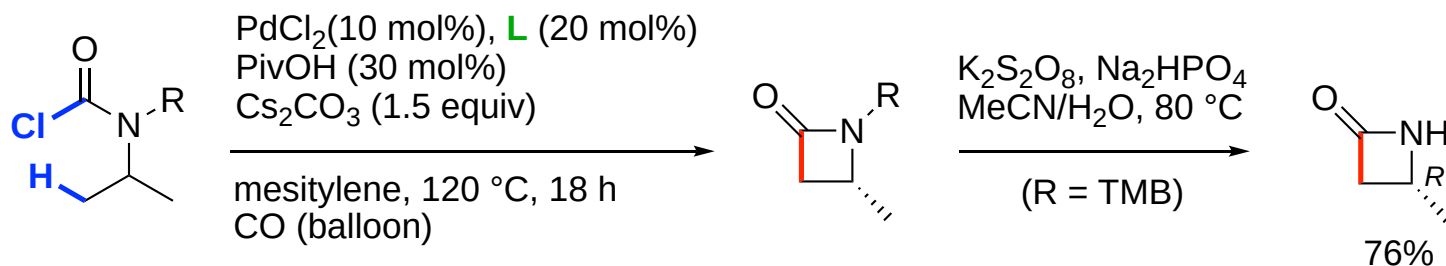


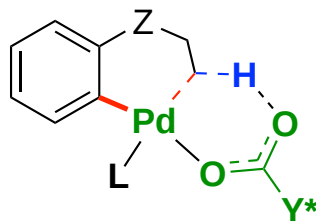
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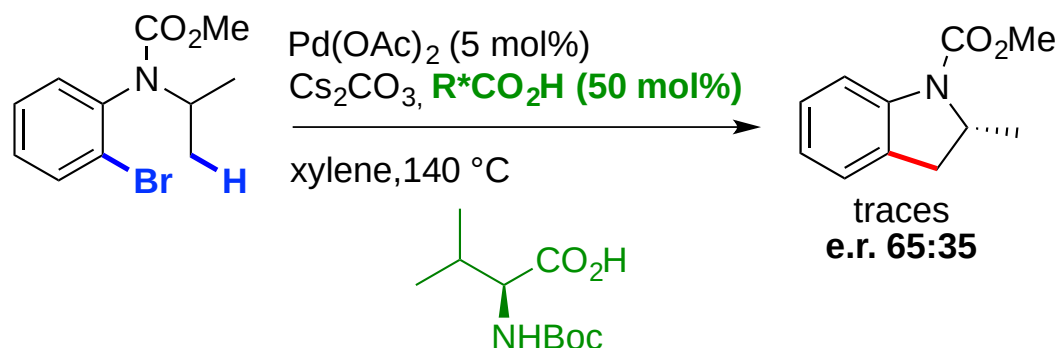
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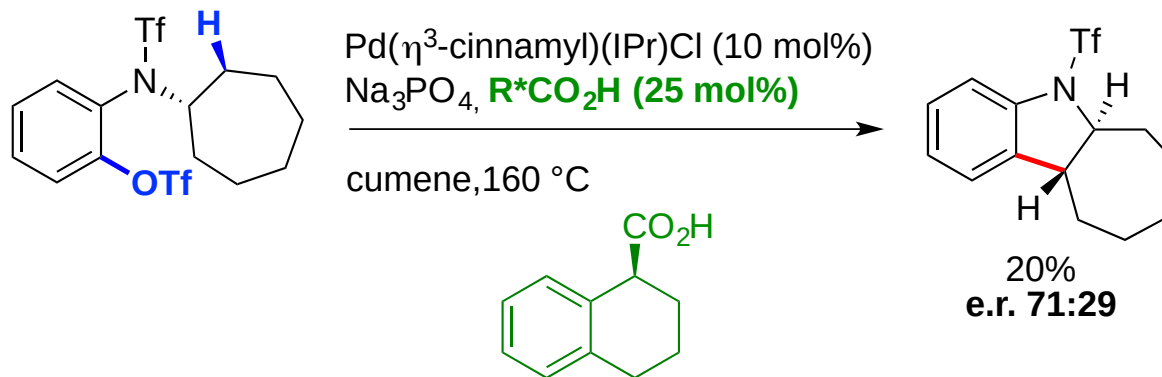




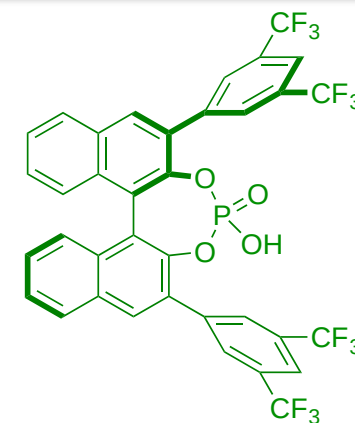
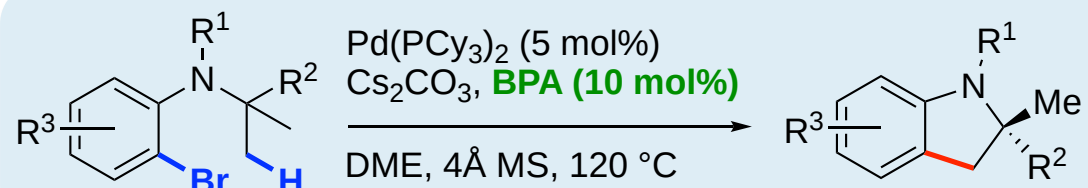
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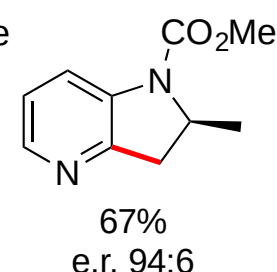
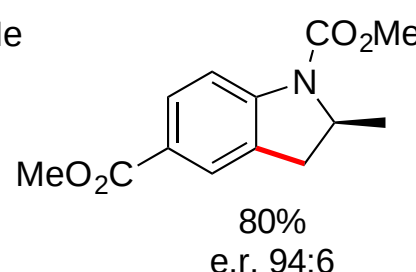
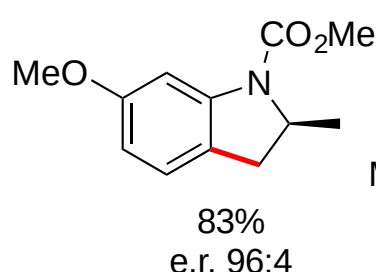
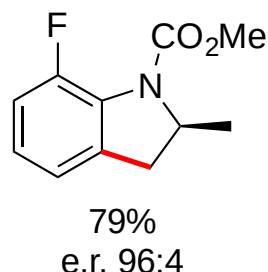
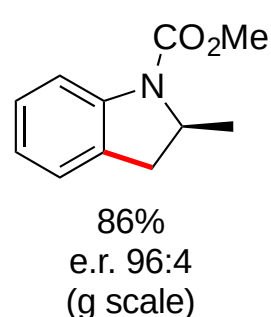
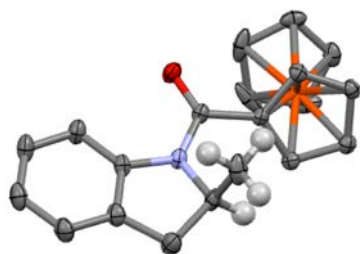
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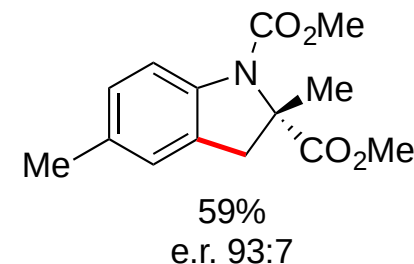
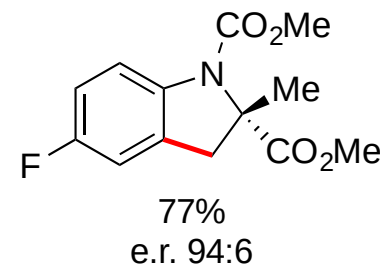
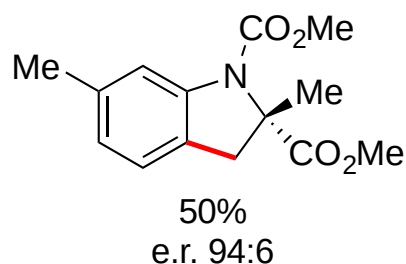
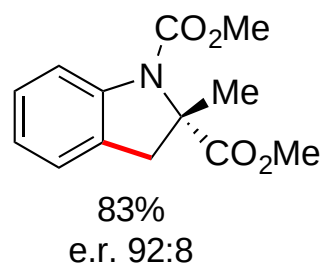
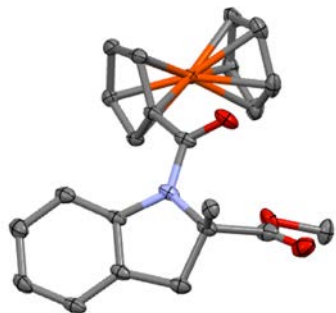
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indolines with trisubstituted stereocenter

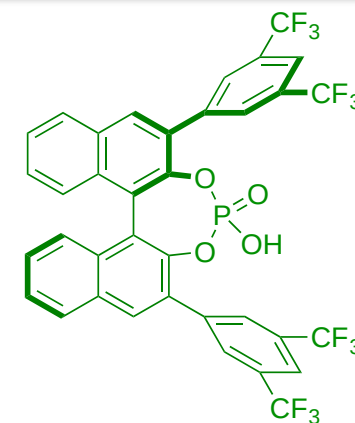
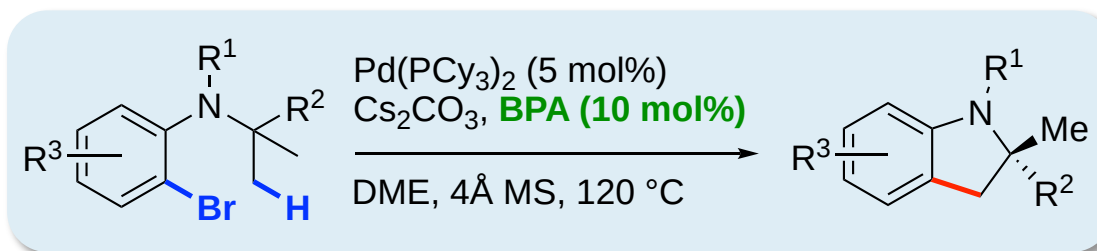


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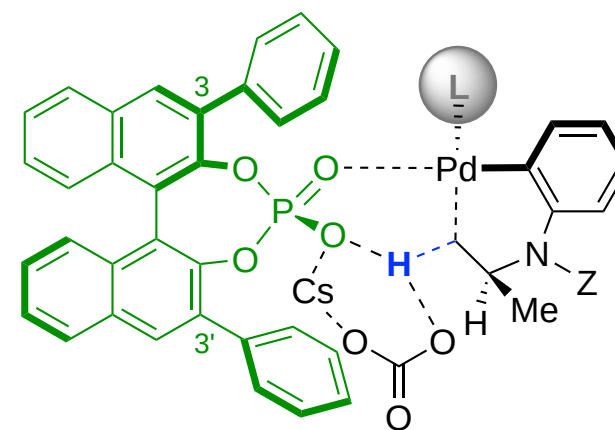
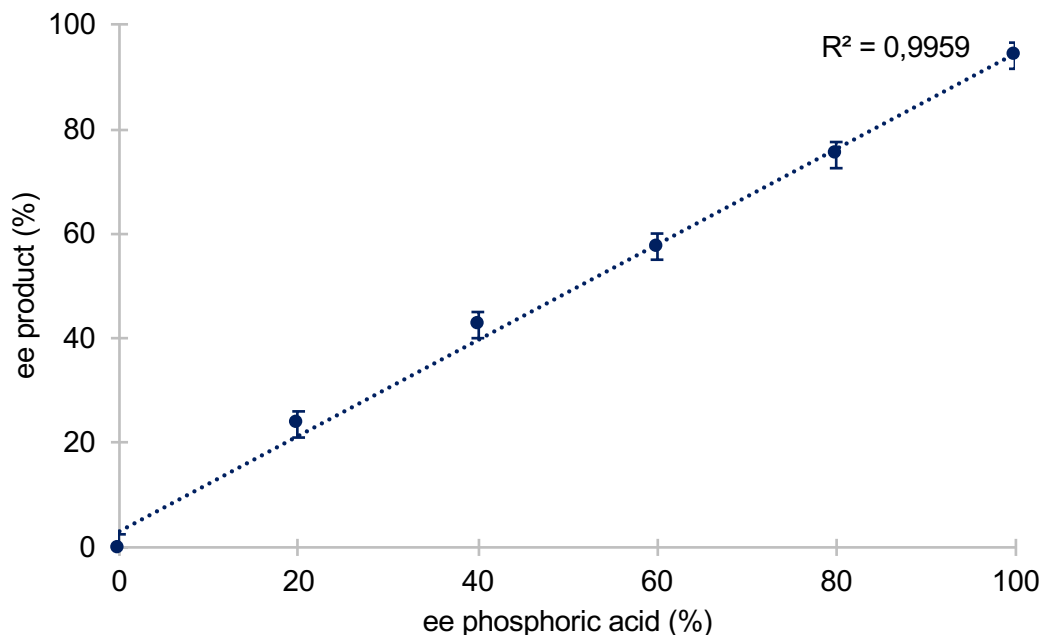
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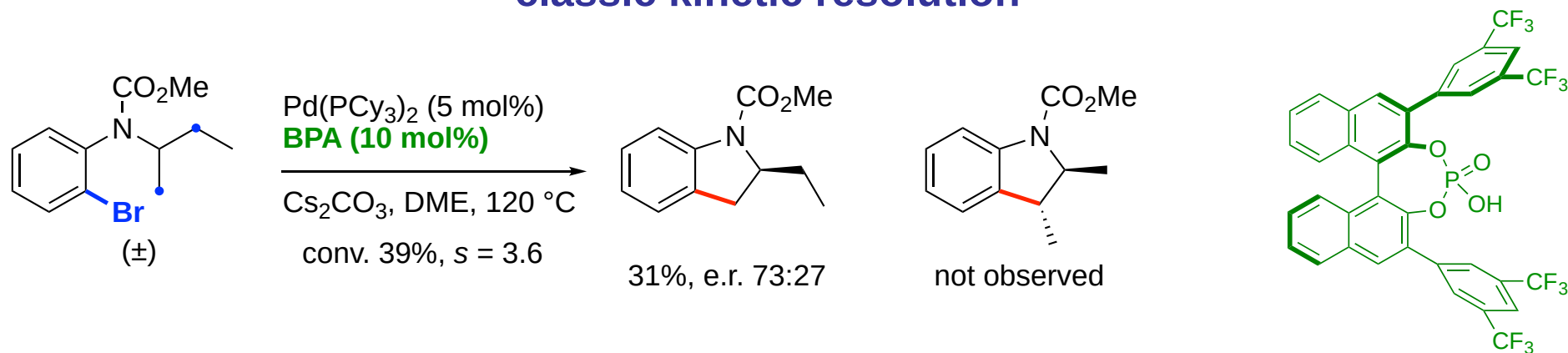


involvement of a phosphate•carbonate complex

- no reaction with stoichiometric cesium phosphate & without Cs₂CO₃
- slow background reaction without phosphoric acid
- Cs⁺ is required (racemic product with K⁺, Rb⁺)
- linear effect (e.e. product/e.e. phosphoric acid)

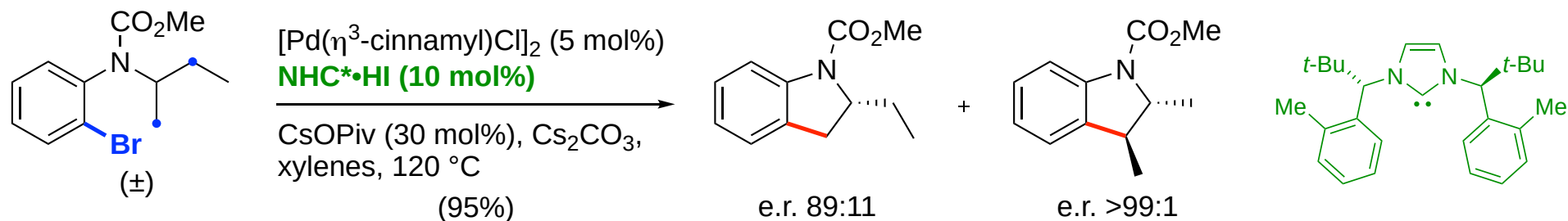


classic kinetic resolution



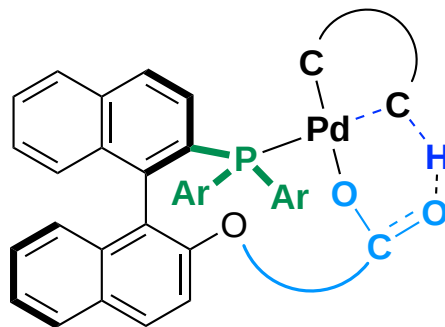
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... vs. parallel kinetic resolution

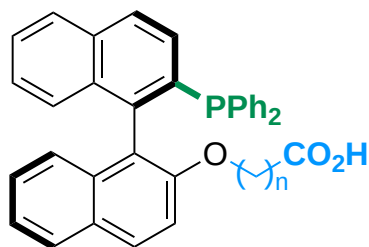
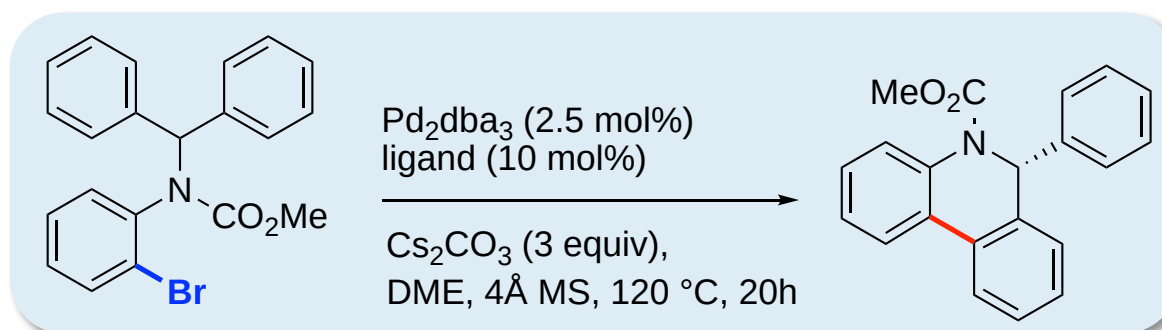


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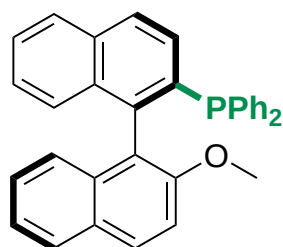
a third way: bifunctional ligands



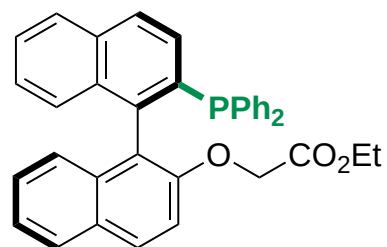
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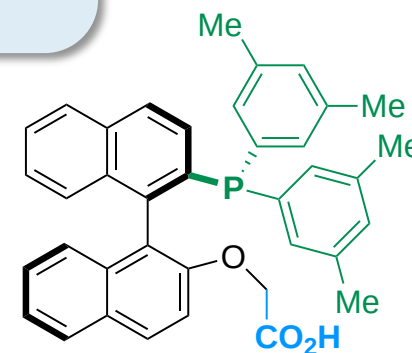
n = 1: 91%, e.r. 93.5:6.5
 n = 2: 95%, e.r. 75:25
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 n = 5: 83%, e.r. 46:54



(MOP) +10 mol% PivOH
 96%, e.r. 63.5:36.5



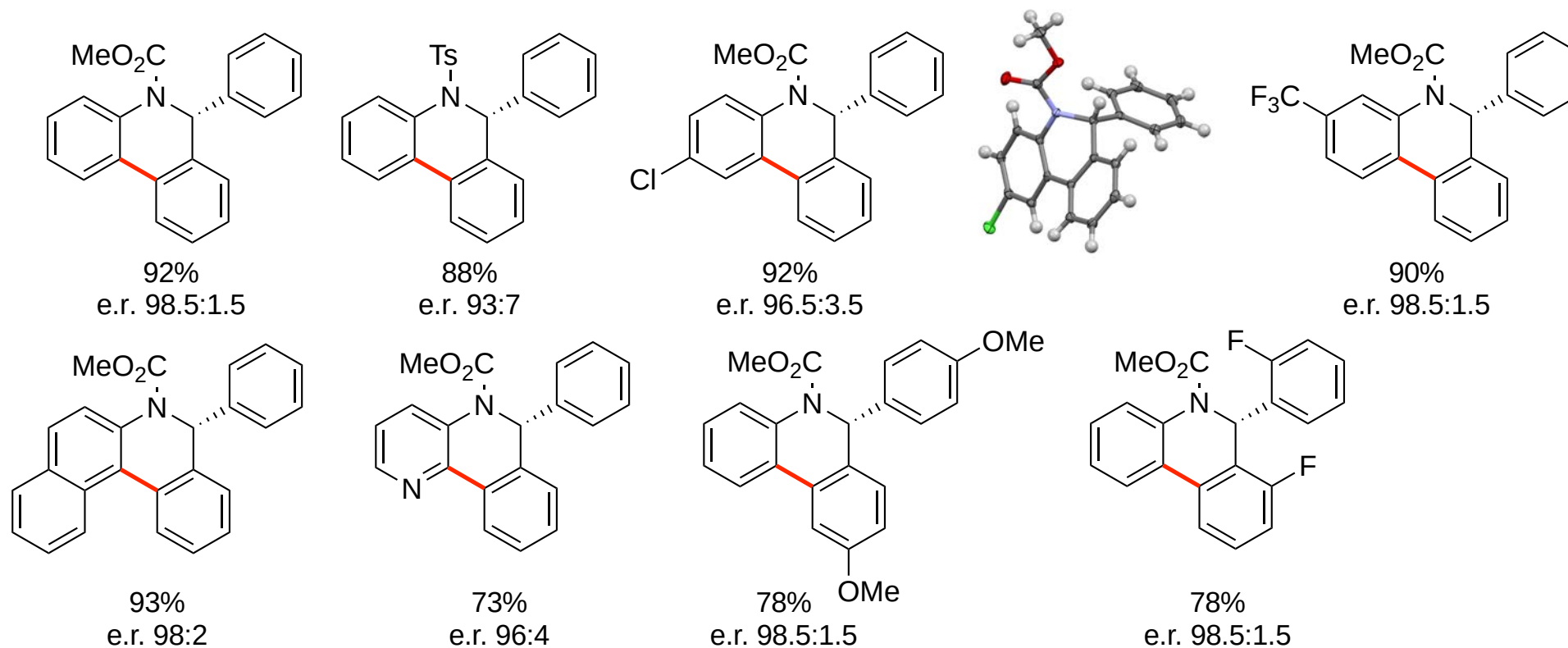
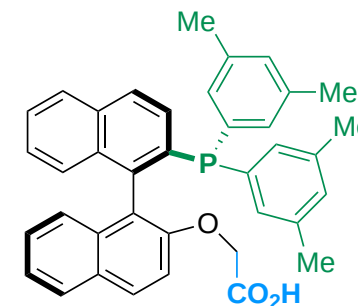
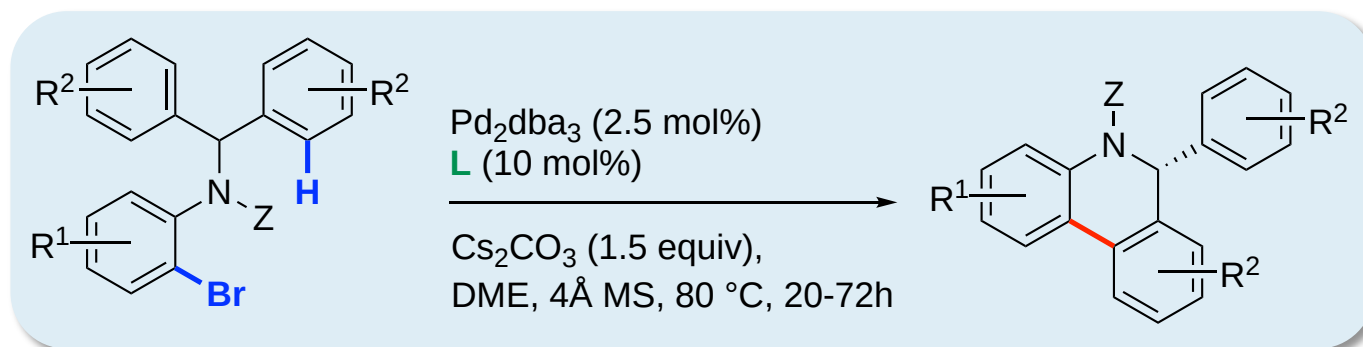
+10 mol% PivOH
 87%, e.r. 58.5:41.5



92%, e.r. 97.5:2.5
 stoich. K⁺ salt (no carbonate):
 92%, e.r. 95.5:4.5

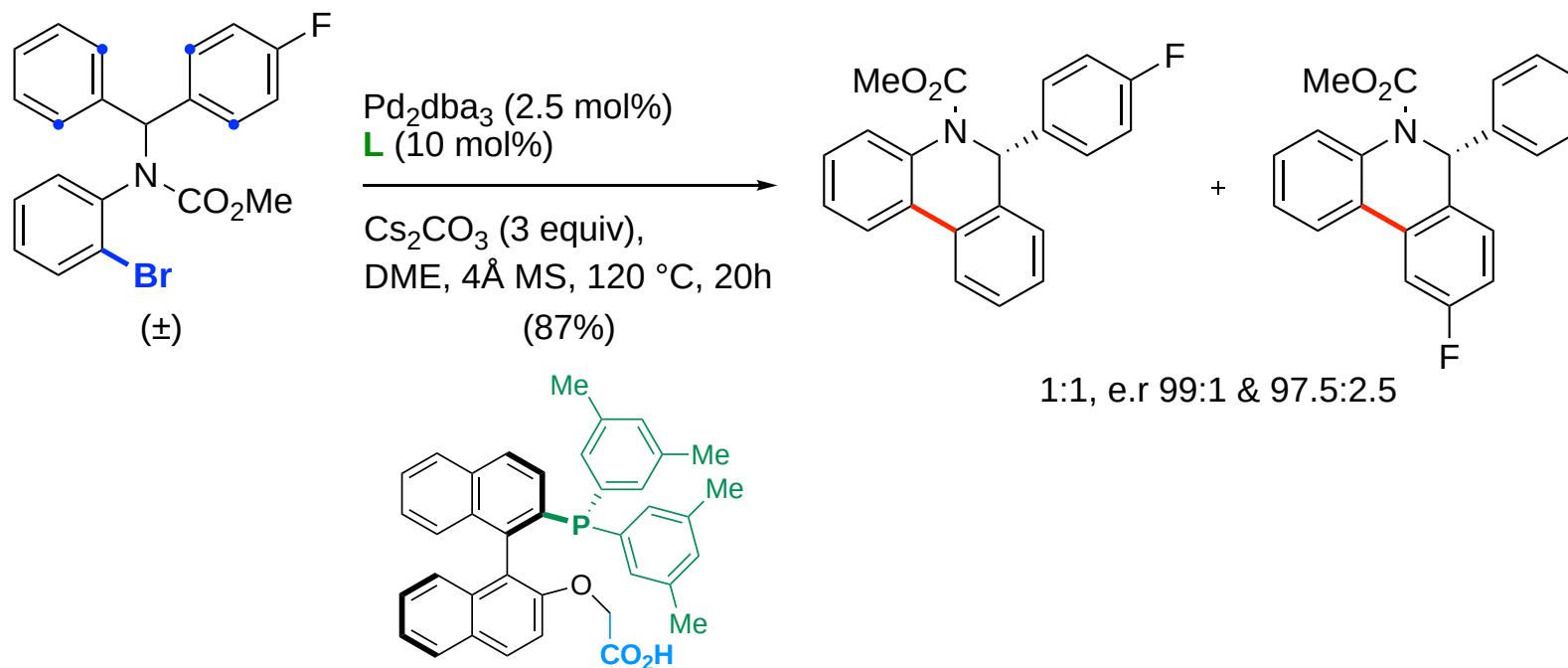
Enantioselective C(sp²)–H arylation with a bifunctional ligand ²⁵

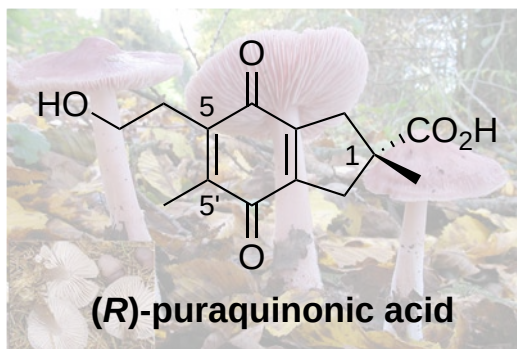
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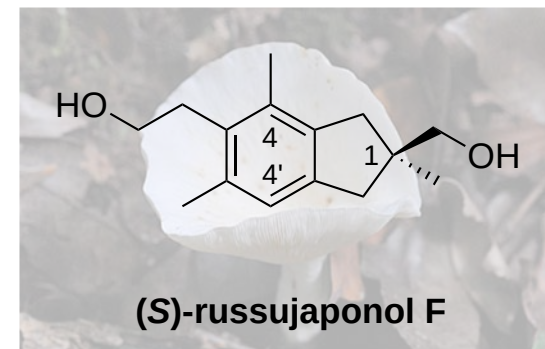
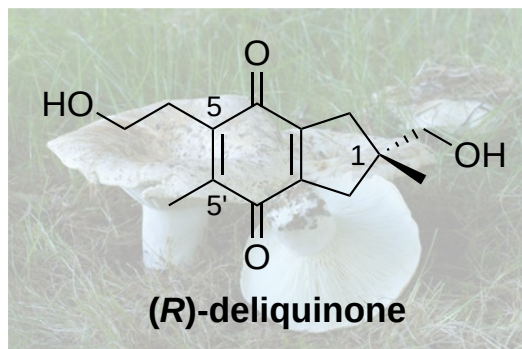
Enantioselective C(sp²)–H arylation with a bifunctional ligand ²⁶

parallel kinetic resolution





(inducer of HL-60 differentiation)



key structural aspects

- highly symmetric quat stereocenter
- polyfunctionalized, sensitive benzoquinone

two enantioselective syntheses:

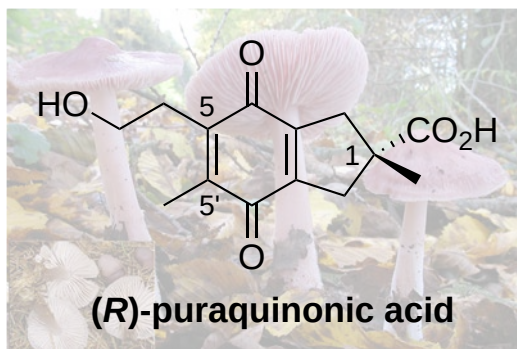
- (S)-puraquinonic acid: Clive, **2002**, 31 steps, Evans aldol reaction
- (R)-puraquinonic acid: Gleason, **2013**, 12-15 steps, 14-20% overall, asymmetric alkylation (chiral auxiliary)

Clive *et al.*, *ChemComm* **2002**, 2380; Gleason *et al.*, *ACHIE* **2013**, 3442.

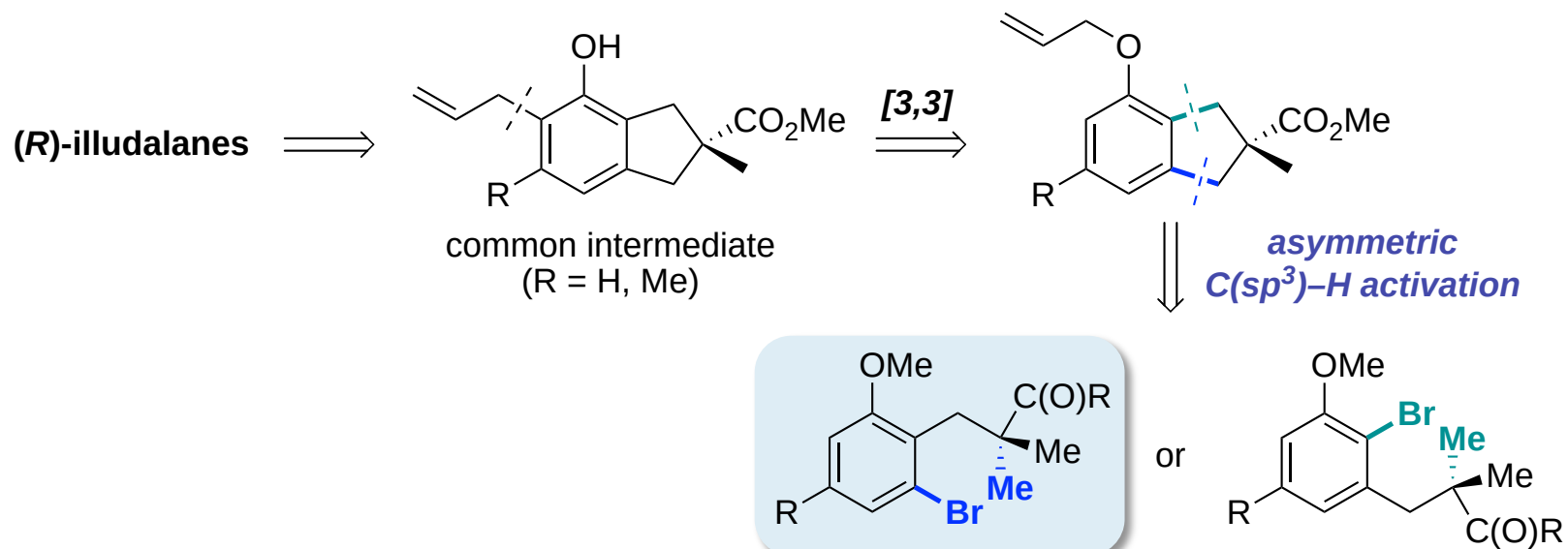
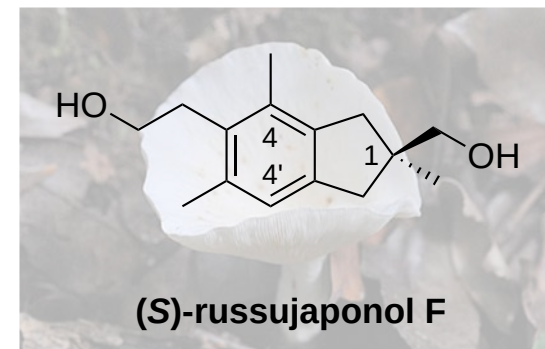
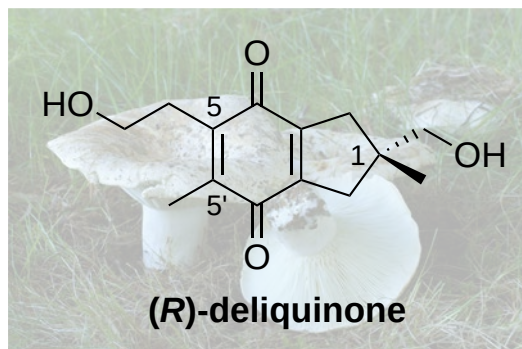
racemic syntheses: puraquinonic acid: Clive, *TetLett* **2001**, 2253 (15 steps); deliquinone: Kraus, *JOC* **2002**, 5857 (10 steps).

Divergent synthesis of illudalane (nor)sesquiterpenes

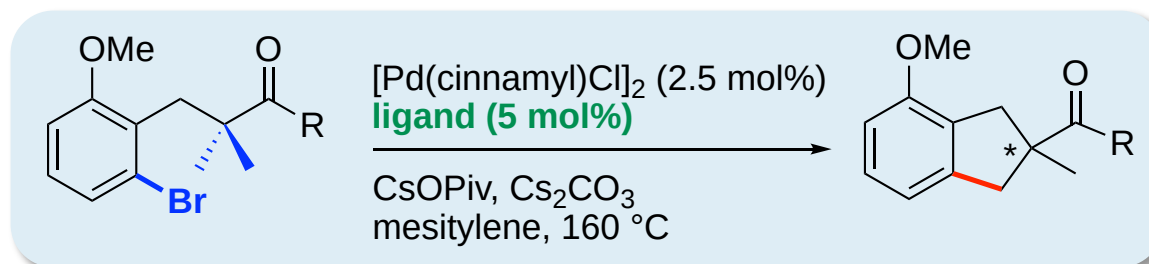
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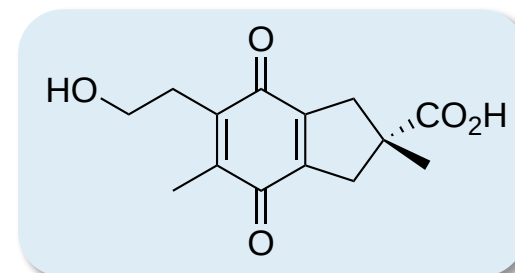
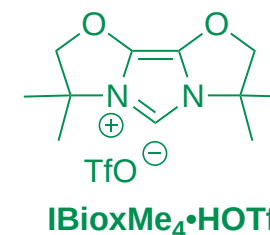
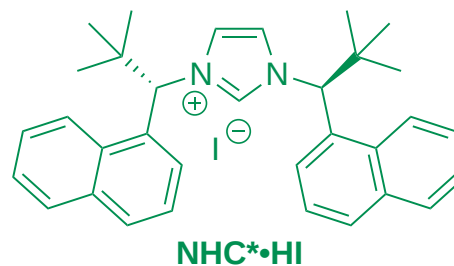
(inducer of HL-60 differentiation)



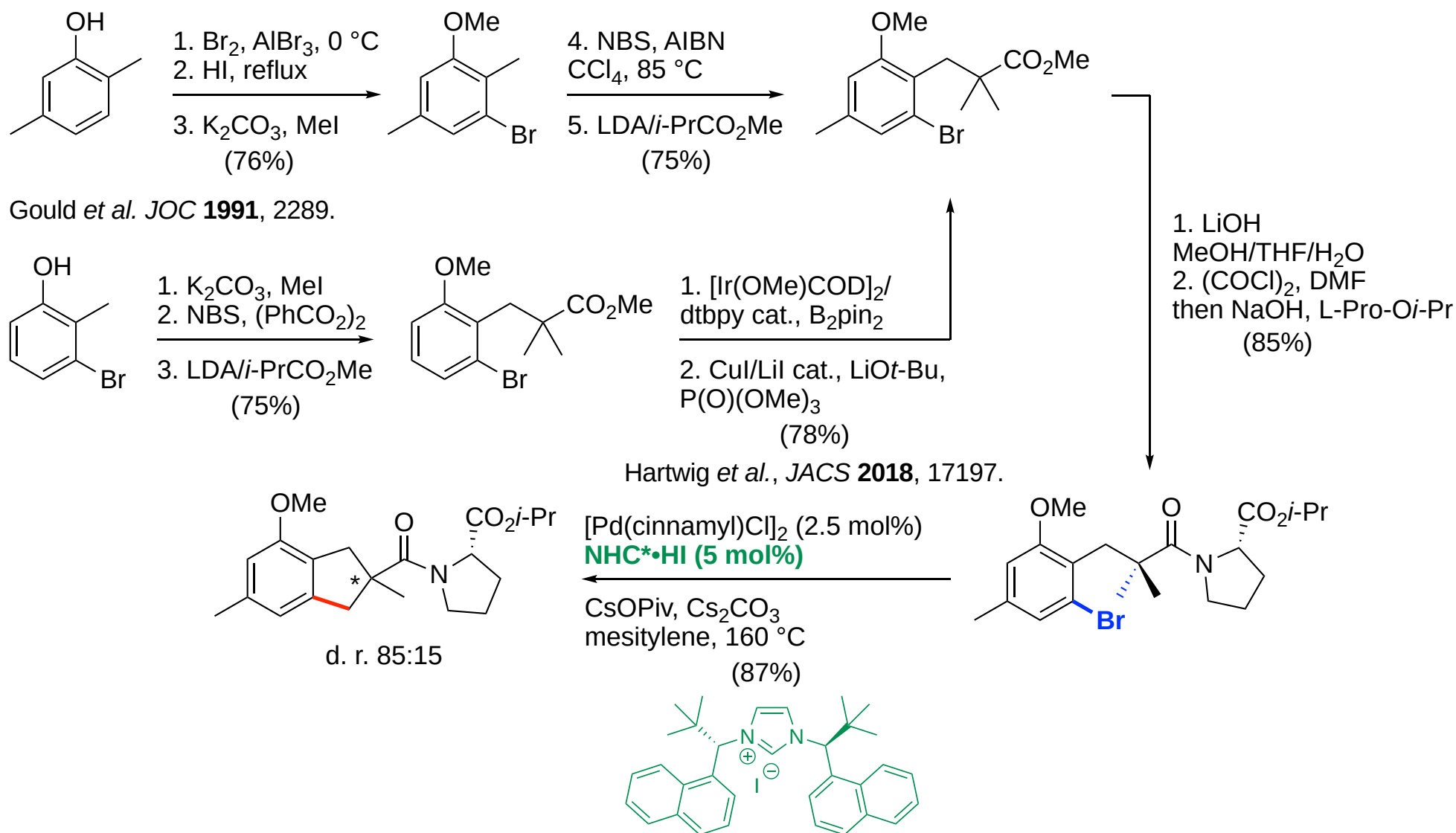
study of the asymmetric C(sp³)-H activation step



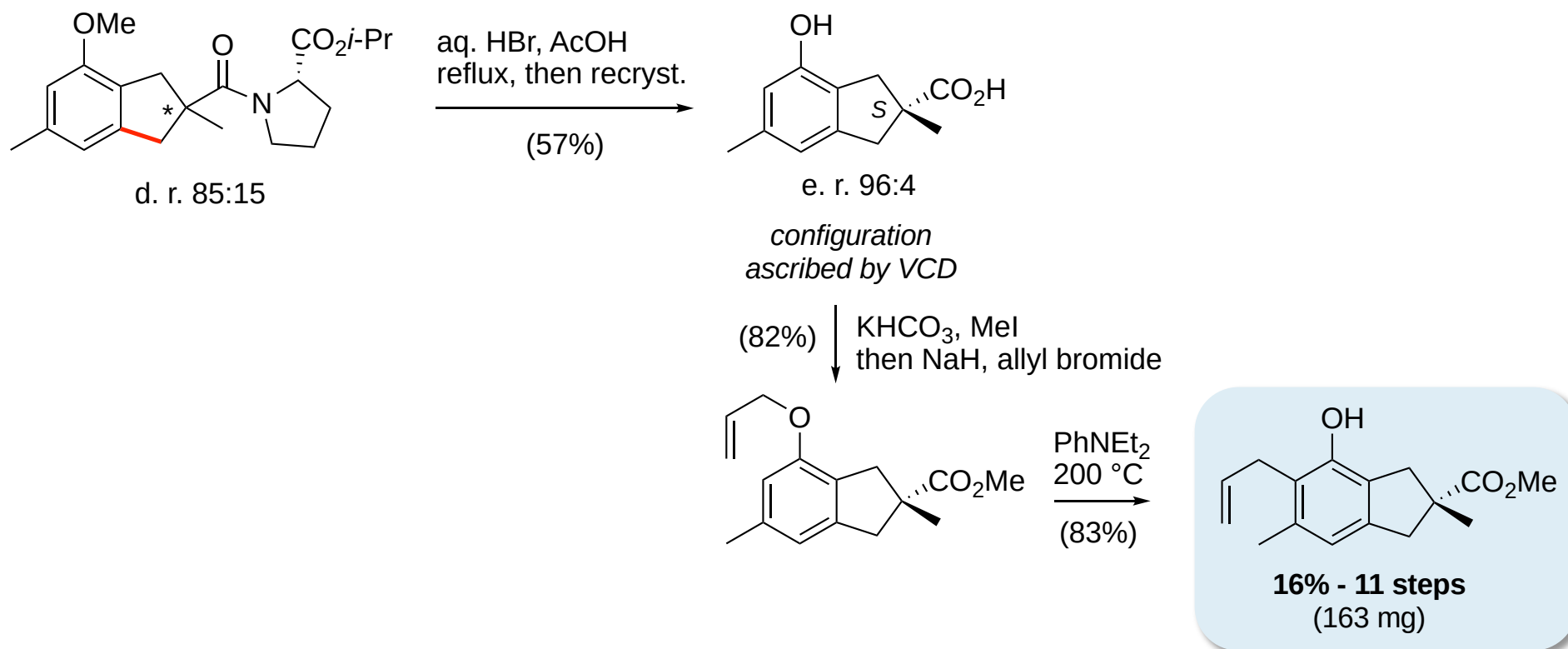
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OMe	NHC*	66:34	92
	NHC* IBioxMe ₄	80:20	95 89



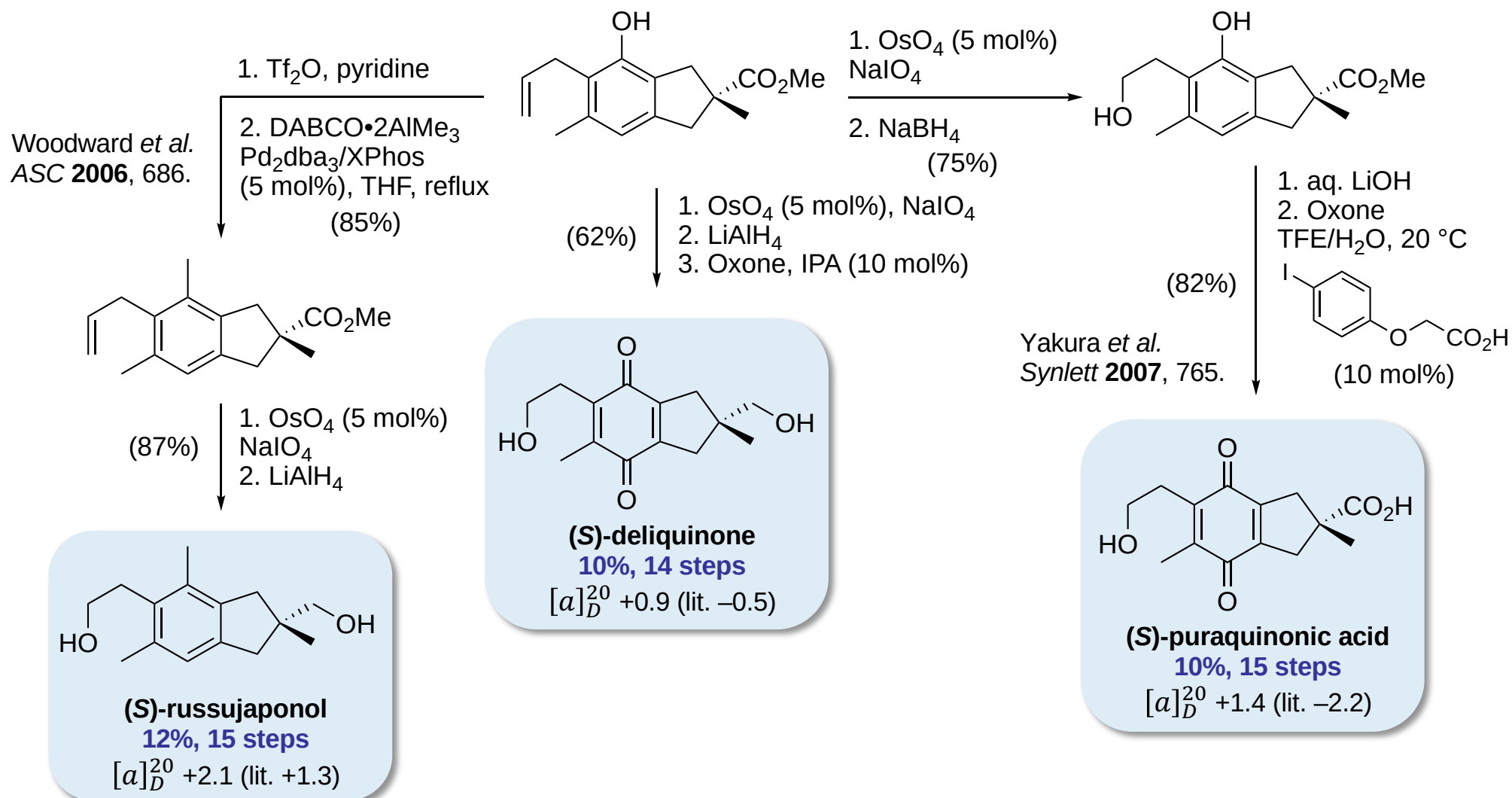
synthesis of the common intermediate



synthesis of the common intermediate

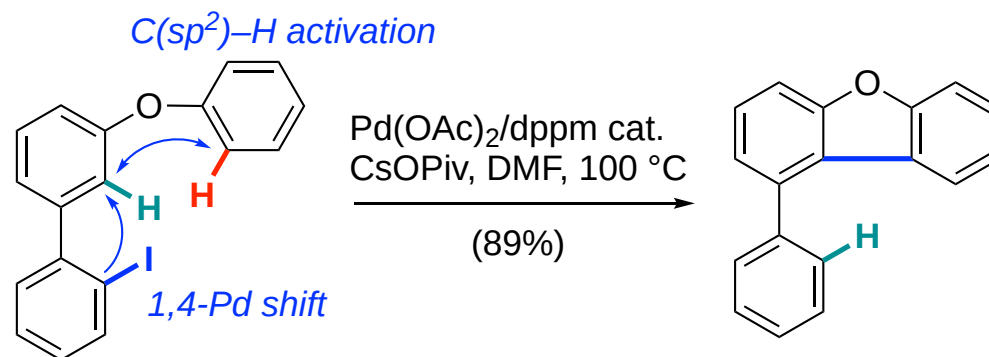


divergent synthesis of illudalanes

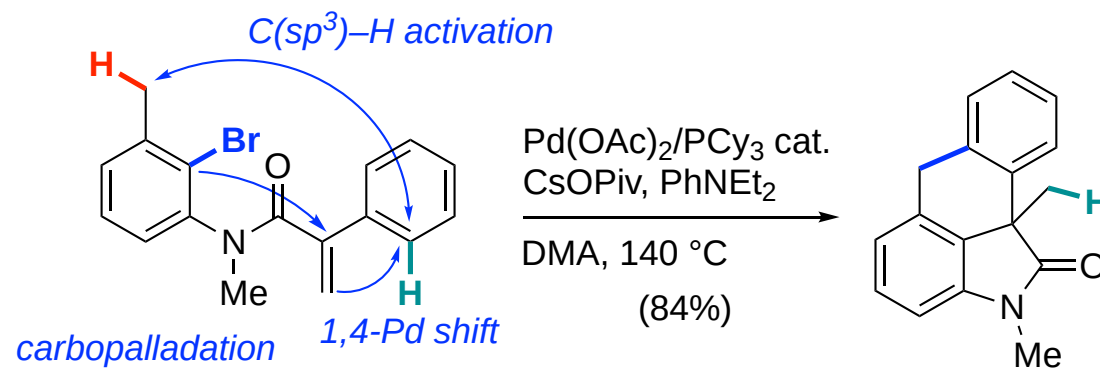


Remote ring construction via 1,4-Pd shift

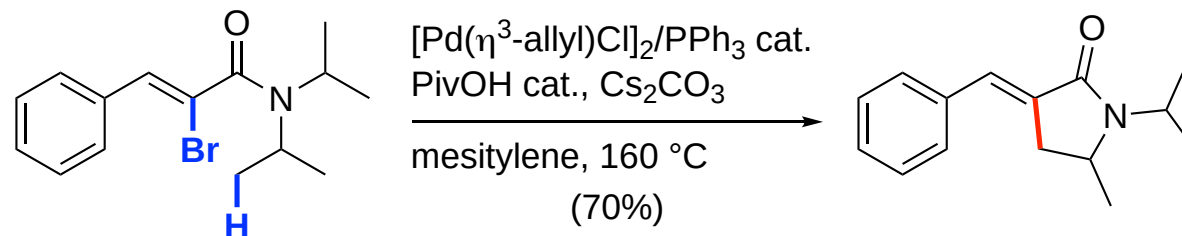
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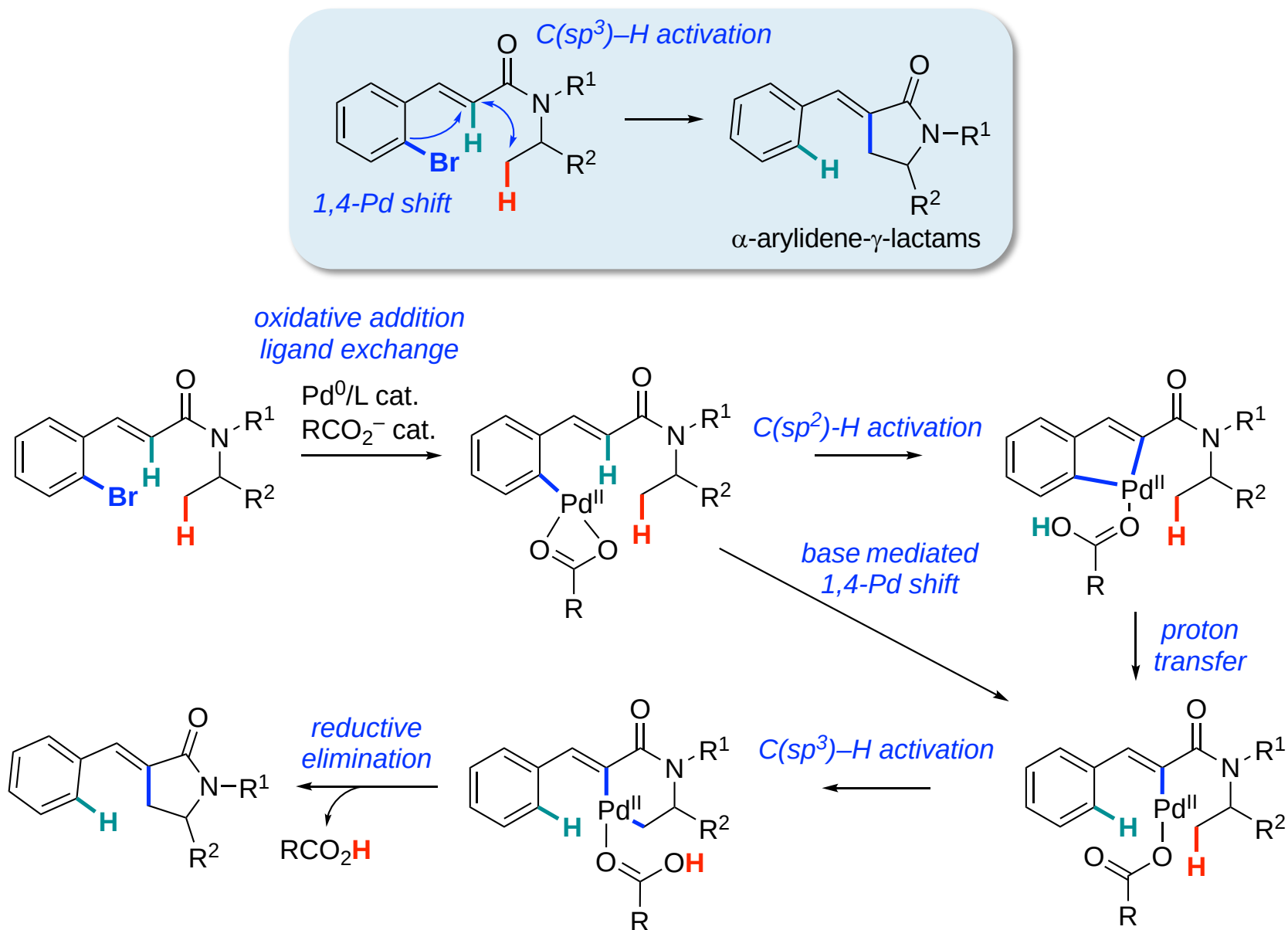
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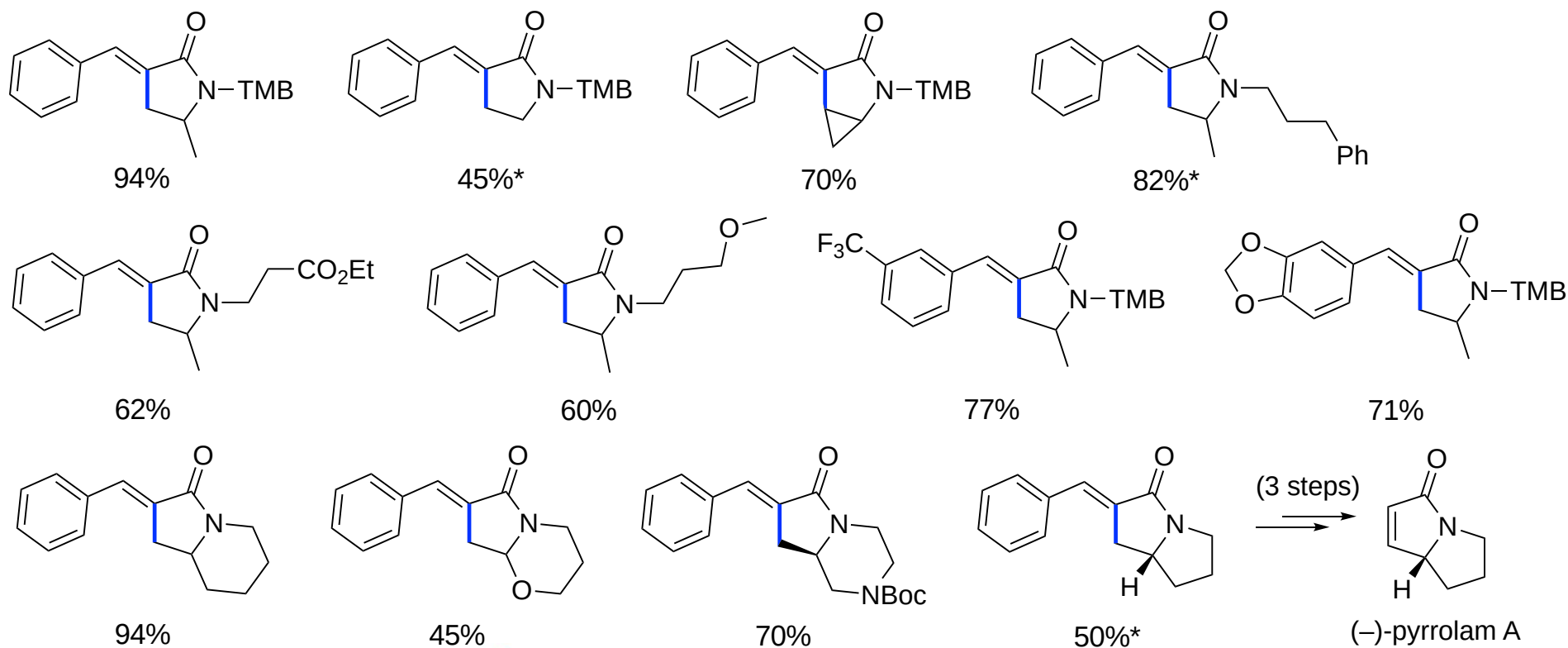
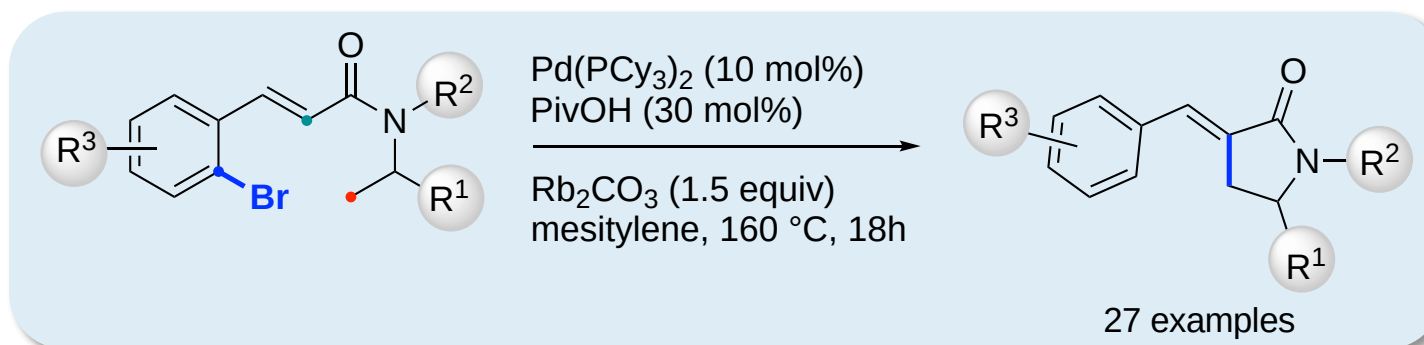


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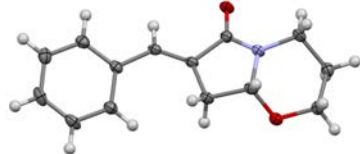


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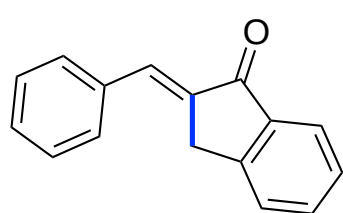
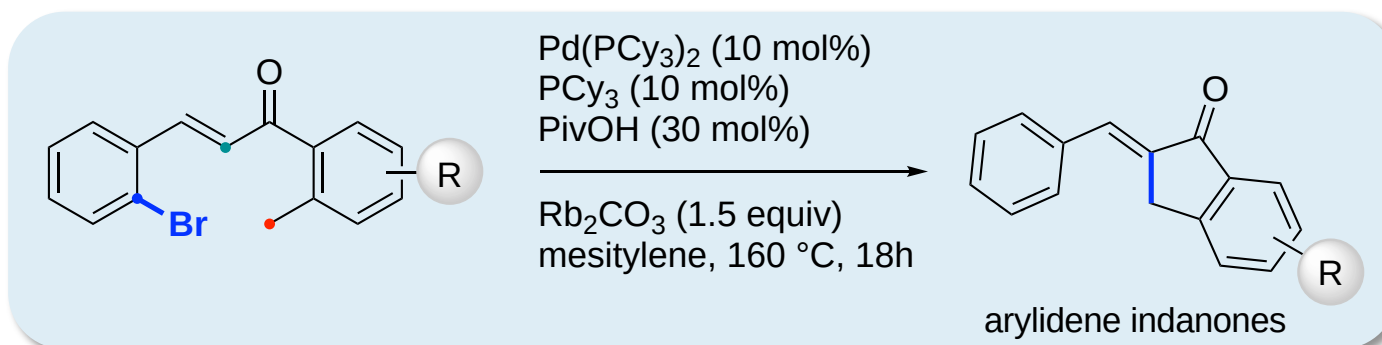


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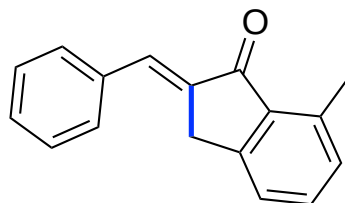
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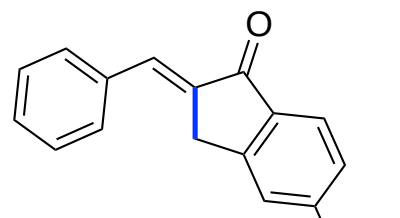
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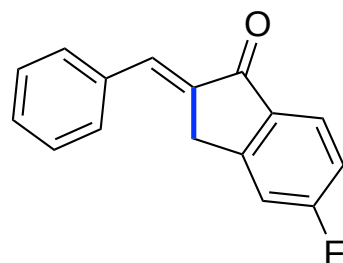
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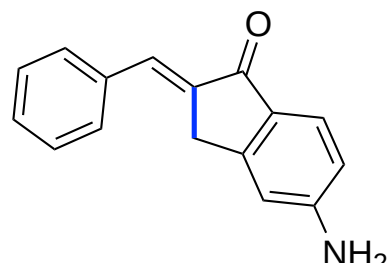
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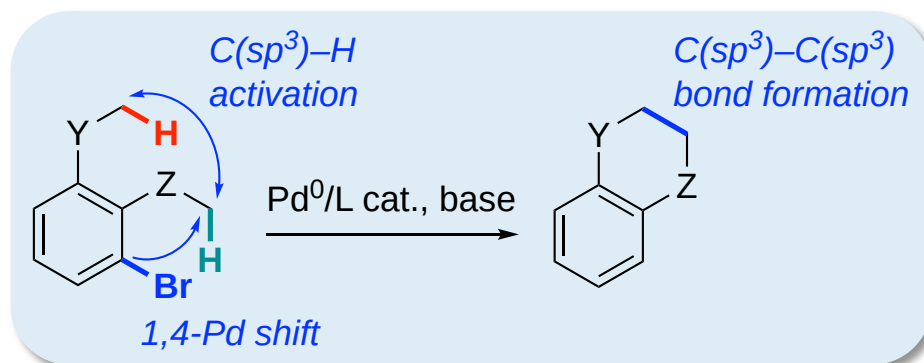
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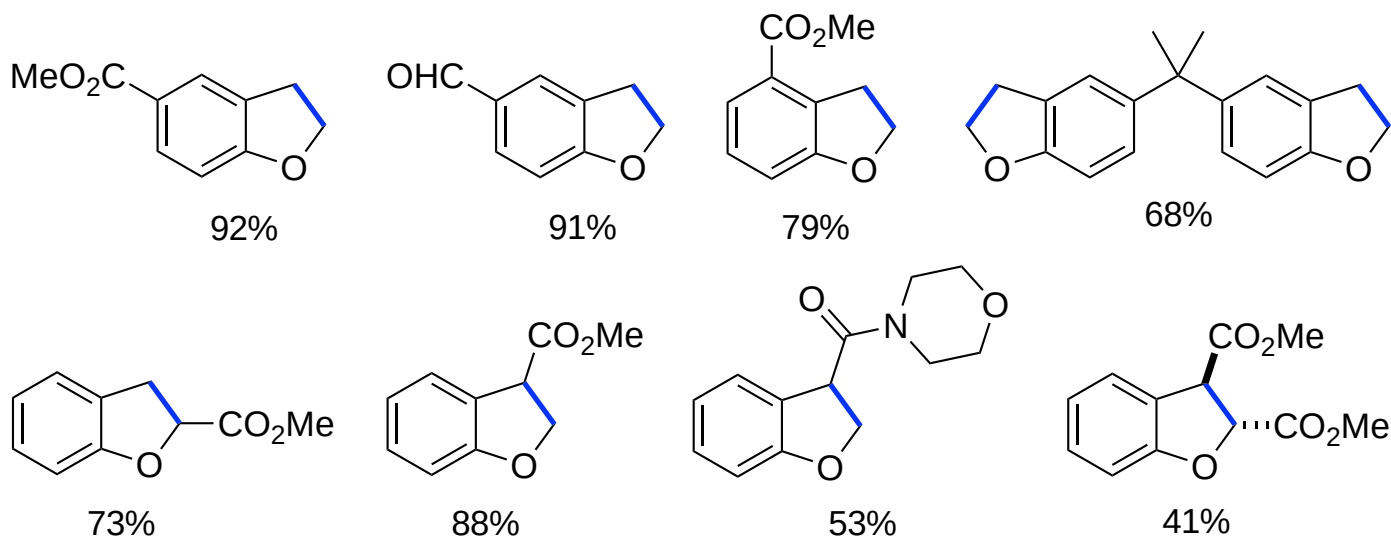
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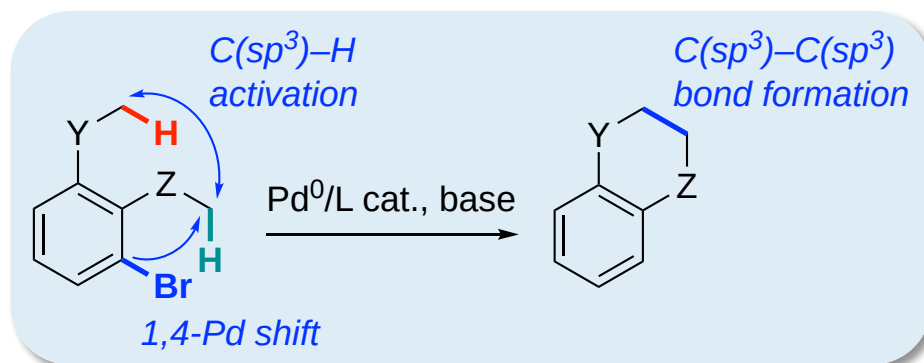
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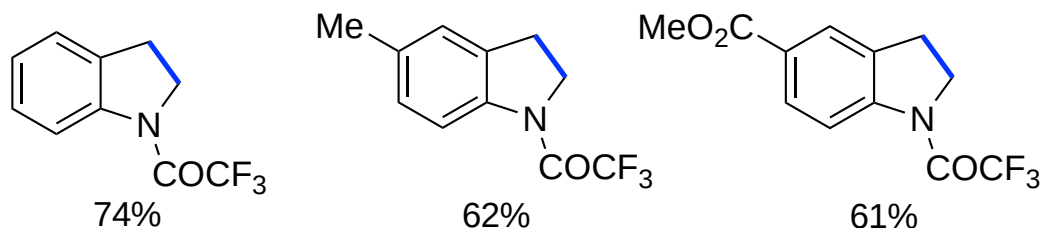
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Cross-Dehydrogenative Couplings: C.-J. Li *et al.*, *ACHIE* **2014**, 74; A. Lei *et al.*, *ChemRev* **2015**, 12138; seminal work: Dyker, *ACHIEE* **1992**, 1023.

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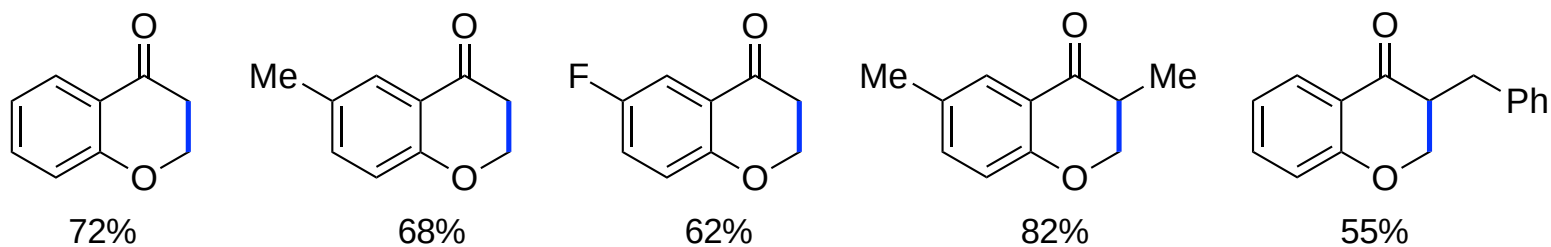


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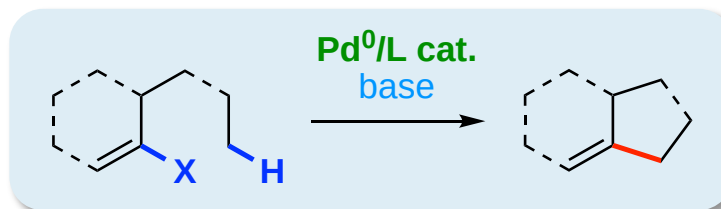


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Y = CO, Z = O: chroman-4-ones



conditions: $\text{Pd}(\text{PCy}_3)_2$ (10 mol%), AdCO_2H (30 mol%), Cs_2CO_3 , toluene, 120 °C.



- Synthesis of a variety of ring systems (C–C bonds) from simple precursors (C–X/C–H bonds) *directly or remotely*
- Remarkable chemo-, site- (1^{ary}, 2^{ary}), stereo- (diastereo/enantio) selectivities
- Selectivity modulation by the ancillary ligand and the base
- Applicability to the synthesis of complex molecules

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