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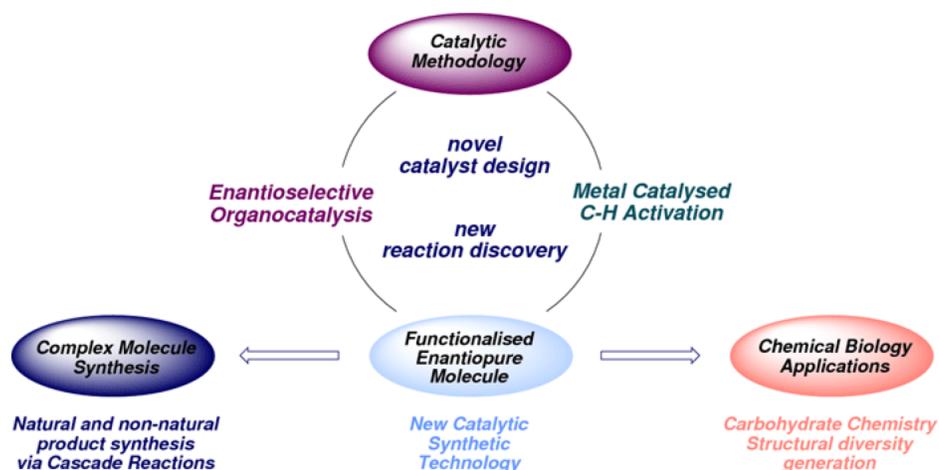


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0. Introduction

Biography

- 1995 graduated from the University of Birmingham.
- 1999 moved to the University of Cambridge to carry out his graduate studies, and finished. he was awarded a prestigious GlaxoWellcome Postdoctoral Fellowship.
- 2001 returned to the UK to work with Professor Steven Ley as a Junior Research Fellow at Magdalene College.
- 2003 began his independent research career in October at the University of Cambridge.
- 2004 and awarded a Royal Society University Research Fellow in October.
- 2006 he was appointed Lecturer in Organic Chemistry, and a Philip & Patricia Brown Next Generation Fellow.



They are actively pursuing research programmes in the following areas

- **Enantioselective Organocatalysis**
- **Transition Metal Catalysed C-H Activation**
- **Cascade Reactions for Complex Natural Product Synthesis**
- **Chemical Biology**

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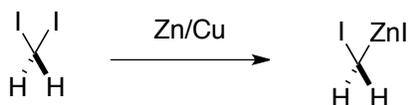
1.1 An Organocatalytic Cyclopropanation Reaction

[Background]

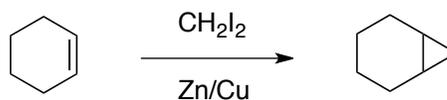
The cyclopropane motif is a common feature in the synthesis of complex molecules and in medicinal chemistry owing to a unique combination of reactivity and structural properties

1958

The formation of Simmons-Smith reagent

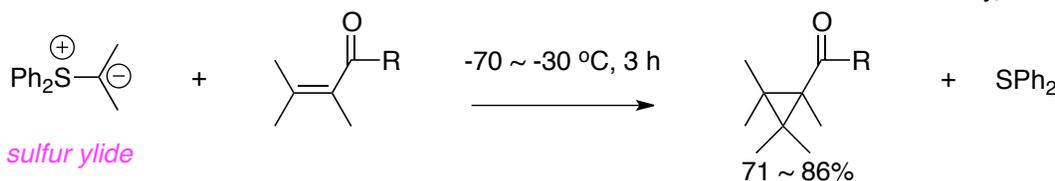


Simmons-Smith reaction



1967

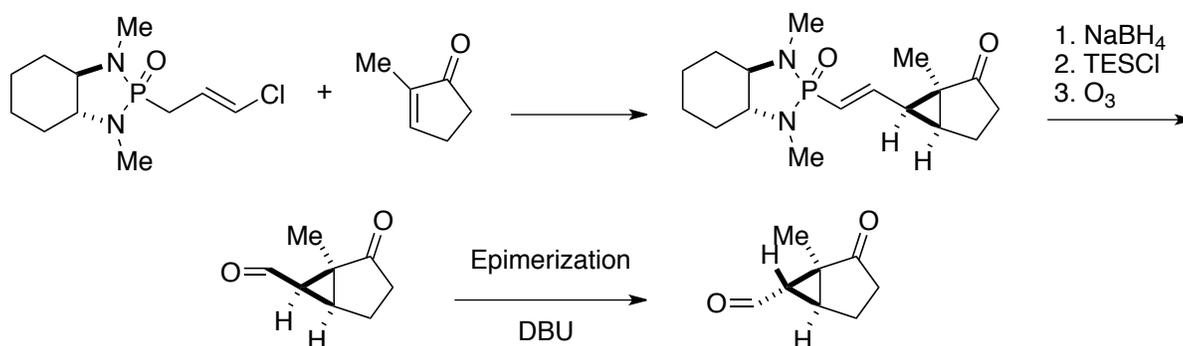
E. J. Corey, *JACS*, **1967**, *89*, 3912.



➡ There are comparatively few methods for synthesis of enantiomerically pure tri- and tetrasubstituted cyclopropanes.

1995

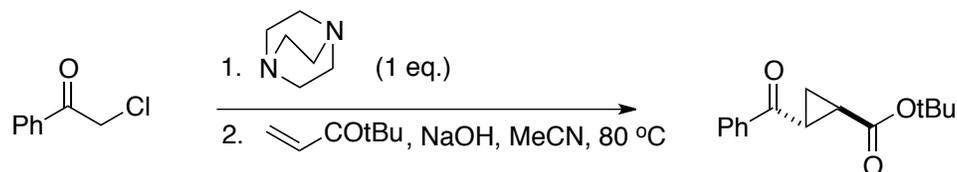
S. Hanessian, *JACS*, **1995**, *117*, 10393.



M. J. Gaunt's works

2003 Stoichiometric "one-pot" ammonium ylide based cyclopropanation

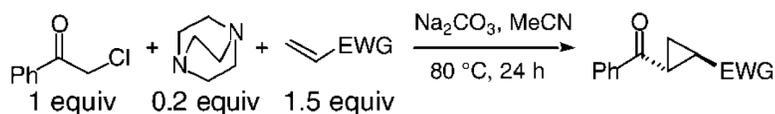
M. J. Gaunt, *ACIE*, **2003**, *42*, 828.



single diastereoisomer

The reaction proceeds without the formation of byproducts, and simple aqueous workup affords pure cyclopropane that does not necessarily require further purification.

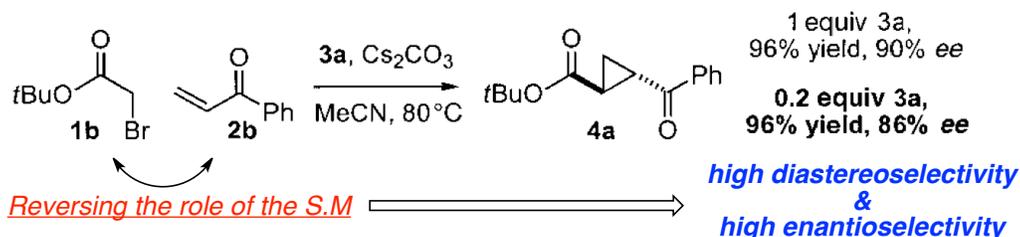
Catalytic cyclopropanation



high diastereoselectivity

Enantioselective Organocatalytic Cyclopropanation

M. J. Gaunt, *ACIE*, **2004**, *43*, 4641.



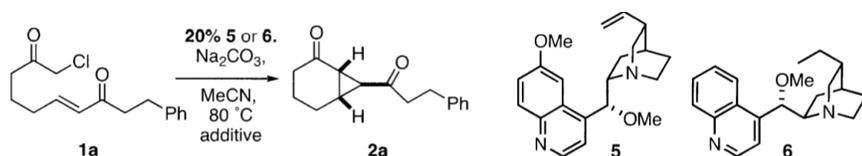
This enantioselective catalytic cyclopropanation process via ammonium ylides has a number of advantages.

- 1) There are no transition metals involved in the reaction.
- 2) The starting materials are readily available and conveniently handled.

This is the first general intermolecular enantioselective organocatalytic cyclopropanation reaction.

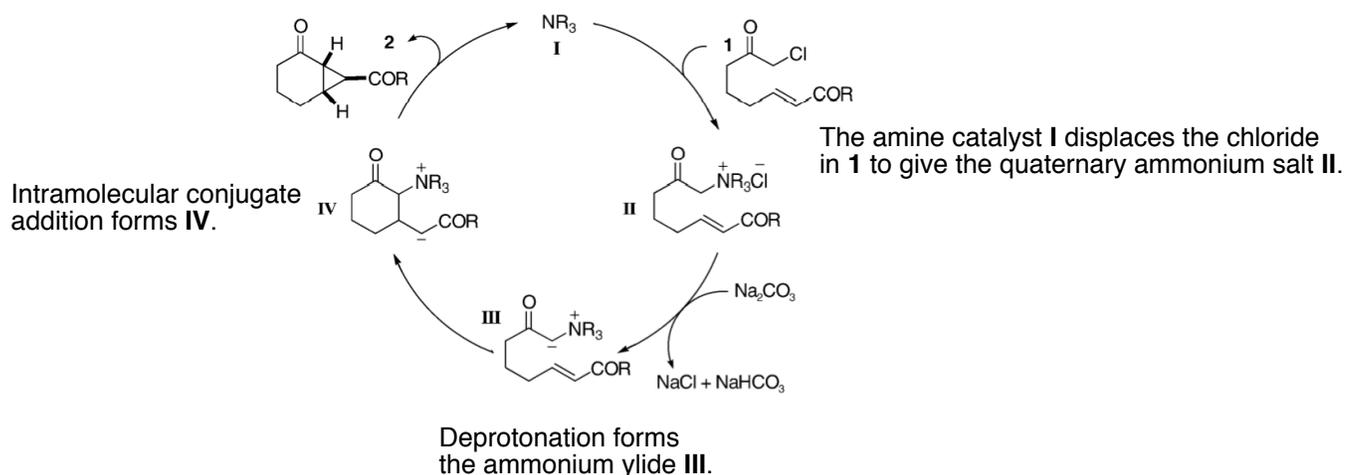
Intramolecular Cyclization

M. J. Gaunt, *ACIE*, **2004**, *43*, 2681.



[Catalytic cycle]

Finally the bicycloalkane **2** is generated through displacement of the ammonium group, concurrently regenerating catalyst **I**.

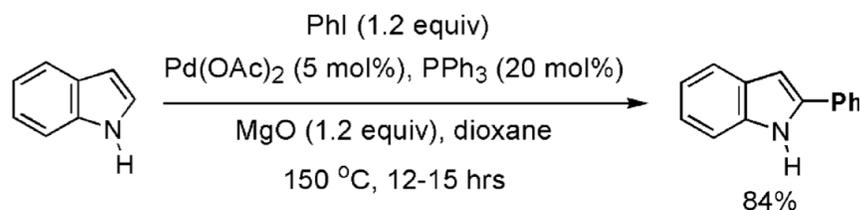


Small Summary

They have developed an organocatalytic inter- and intramolecular cyclopropanation reaction as single diastereoisomers. This powerful catalytic process effects the controlled formation of stereocenters in single transformation.

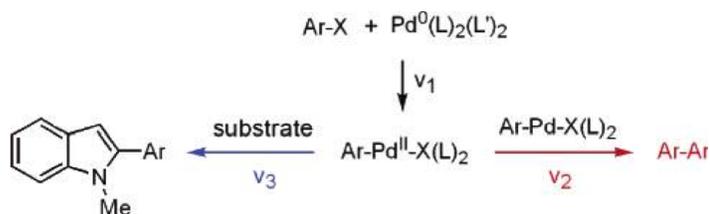
2.1 Palladium-Catalyzed Intermolecular Arylation of Indoles

Selective C-2 Arylation of (NH)-Indole



D. Sames, *JACS*, **2005**, *127*, 8050.
D. Sames, *OL*, **2004**, *6*, 2897.

i) The Key Reaction Pathway in the C-2 Arylation of 1-Methylindole



The first step proceeds to an aryl-palladium halide intermediate, which may then undergo two competing pathways:

(1) cross-coupling with the substrate to furnish the desired product

or

(2) formation of byproduct biphenyl.

key issues: 1) the choice of base
2) formation of the biphenyl side product

biphenyl formation required a bimolecular transmetalation of the allyl-palladium species.

[Hypothesis]

Decreasing the catalyst loading should increase the rate ratio v_3/v_2 and thus favor production of the desired product.

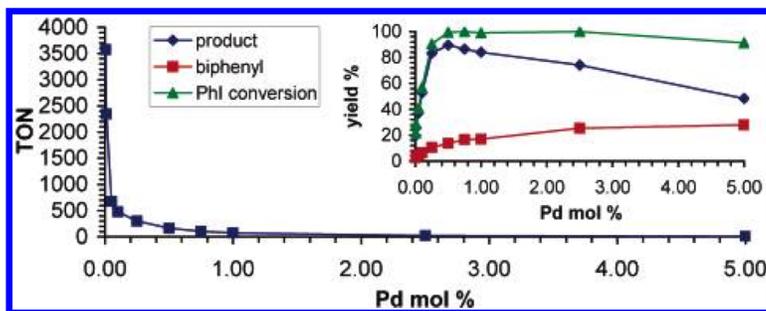


Figure 2. Chemical yield and TON as a function of catalyst loading in reaction of *N*-methylindole and Ph-I: Pd(OAc)₂/PPh₃ (1:4), 2.54 M in substrate, CsOAc, DMA, 125 °C, 24 h.

> 0.5 mol%: biphenyl formation

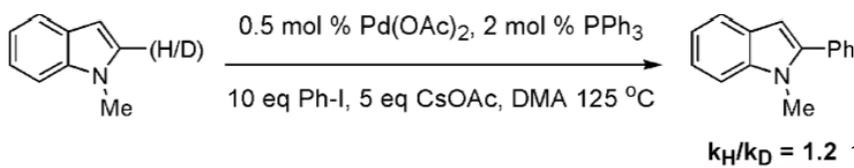
< 0.5 mol%: led to a sharp decline in yield, which was accompanied by a dramatic increase in the catalyst turnover number.



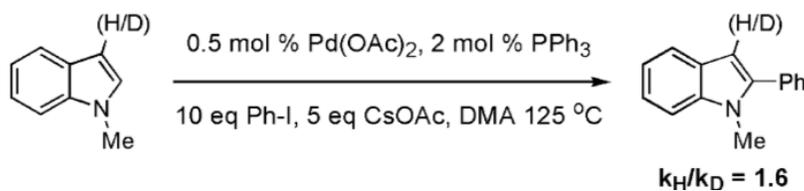
At such low concentrations, catalyst decomposition processes, including biphenyl formation were suppressed.

Good functional group tolerance was demonstrated.

ii) Mechanistic Study

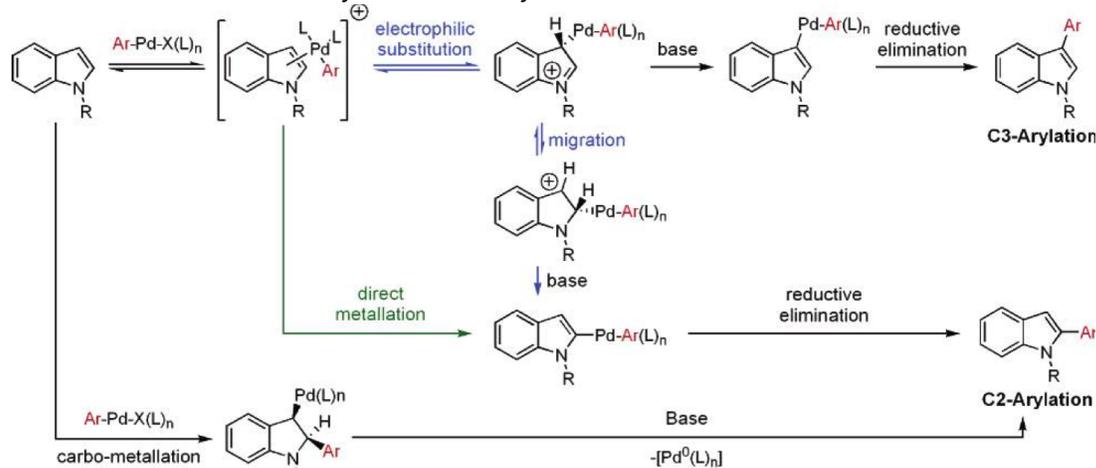


a value too small for the cleavage of this bond to be involved in the rate-limiting step.



the large KIE value was obtained for the 3-position where the substitution does not occur.

Possible Reaction Mechanisms in the Arylation of N-Alkylindole



There are three reaction mechanisms that may rationalize the strong preference for C-2 arylation.

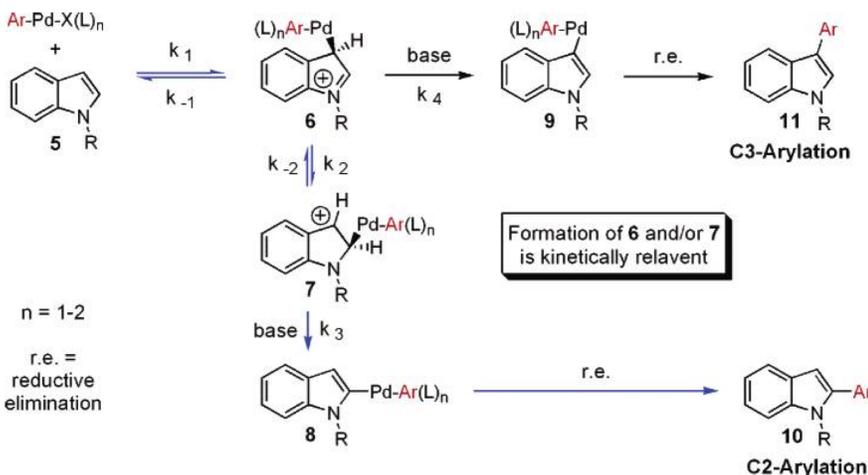
- (1) Electrophilic metalation-migration
- (2) δ -Bond metathesis
- (3) Carbometallation, that is, Heck-type reaction

(2) This is primarily due to the large KIE at C-3.

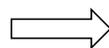
(3) Carbopalladation of indole, following by isomerization and syn- β -hydride elimination, should also be considered. A plausible mechanism for the isomerization step is a reversible α -hydride elimination, proceeding via a palladium hydride-carbene intermediate.

(1) The most likely candidate seems to be the electrophilic palladation pathway, supported by the kinetic studies.

Electrophilic Pathway for Arylation of Indole



The first step involves the formation of intermediate **6** by electrophilic addition of an aryl-palladium(II) species to the 3-position of indole. If the reverse step (k_{-1}) and the migration (k_2), then the formation of **6** and the migration may become kinetically relevant.



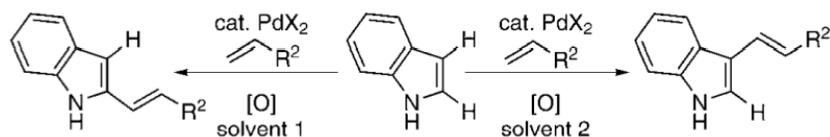
In such instance, k_3 must be faster than k_2 , and k_4 must be slower than k_2 .

The driving force for this migration is related to stabilization of the carbon-palladium bond by the adjacent nitrogen atom.

iii) Intermolecular Alkenylation of Indoles by Solvent-Controlled Regioselective C-H Functionalization

M. J. Gaunt, *ACIE*, 2005, 44, 3125.

New switchable solvent-controlled regioselective palladium-catalyzed indole alkenylation by C-H functionalization.



The natural reactivity of indole suggested that palladation and Heck coupling would take place preferentially at the 3-position.

Table 1: Optimization studies for indole functionalization.^[a]

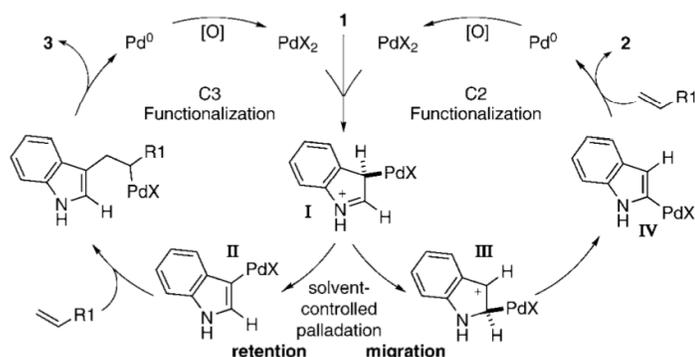
Entry	Catalyst loading [%]	Oxidant (equiv)	Solvent (v/v)	Yield of 2+3 [%] ^[b]	3 a/2a
1	10	Cu(OAc) ₂ (1.8)	DMF	54	> 95:5
2	10	Cu(OAc) ₂ (1.8)	DMSO	66	> 95:5
3	10	Cu(OAc) ₂ (1.8)	1,4-dioxane	n.r.	–
4	10	<i>t</i> BuOOBz (0.9)	1,4-dioxane	48	1:2
5	10	Cu(OAc) ₂ (1.8)	DMF/AcOH (3:1)	54	1:1
6	20	<i>t</i> BuOOBz (0.9)	1,4-dioxane/AcOH (3:1)	58	1:7
7	10	Cu(OAc) ₂ (1.8)	DMF/DMSO (10:1)	79	> 95:5
8	10	<i>t</i> BuOOBz (0.9)	MeCN/AcOH (3:1)	65	> 95:5
9	10	<i>t</i> BuOOBz (0.9)	1,4-dioxane/AcOH/DMSO (3:1:0.4)	66	> 95:5

reversal of selectivity

acid effect

improve the yield

[a] For all reactions the mixture (0.4 M) was stirred for 18 h. [b] Yields after isolation and purification by flash silica-gel chromatography. n.r.=no reaction. Bz=benzoyl, DMF = *N,N*-dimethylformamide, DMSO=dimethyl sulfoxide.



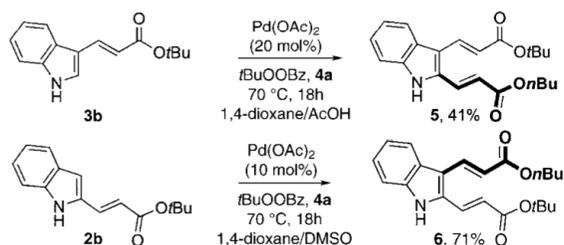
They proposed plausible pathways for the two reactions in Scheme 2. Palladation at C3 is thought to occur via intermediate I, and following rearomatization to II a Heck-type reaction forms the C3-functionalized indole 3.

Under neutral conditions, the acetate ion formed from the attack of indole on Pd(OAc)₂ will readily remove a proton from I to form the C3-palladated species II.

Under acidic condition they propose that this deprotonation would be slow, which could allow a migration of the C3-PdX bond in I to the highly activated 2-position of the iminium intermediate to give intermediate III and ultimately IV.

Scheme 2. Proposed mechanism of C-H functionalization.

The effect of the cosolvent is also important since the results in Table 1 suggest that strongly coordinating solvents (DMSO, MeCN) override any effect that the presence of acid may have, thus leading to C3 selectivity.

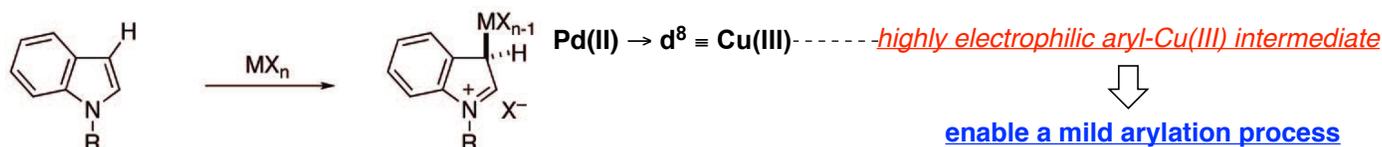


This strategy thus allows the selective installation of substituents at either position in any order and provides access to highly functionalized indoles by catalytic methods.

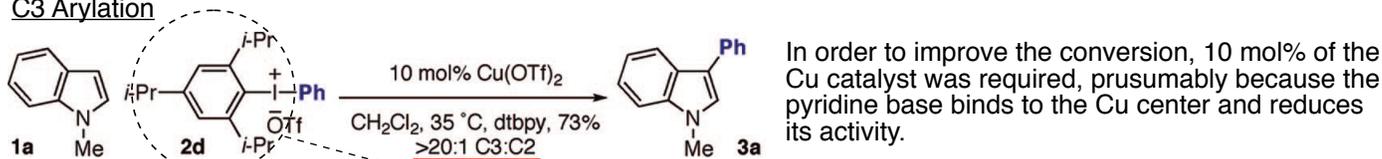
Scheme 3. Formation of bis(alkenyl)indoles.

iv) Cu(II)-Catalyzed Direct and Site-Selective Arylation of Indoles

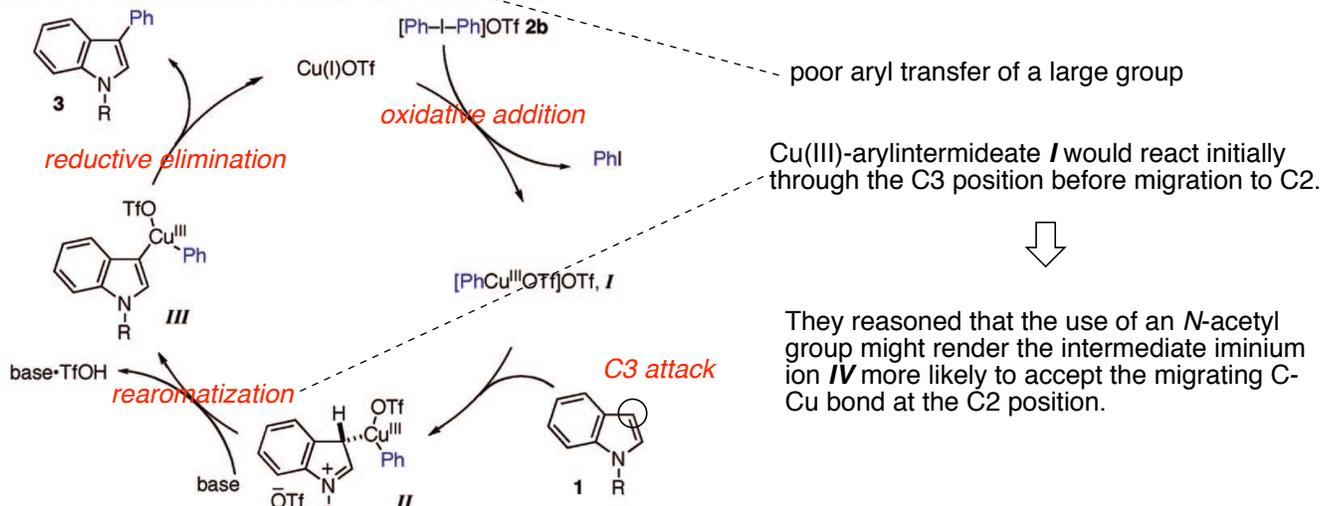
M. J. Gaunt, *JACS*, 2008, 130, 8172.



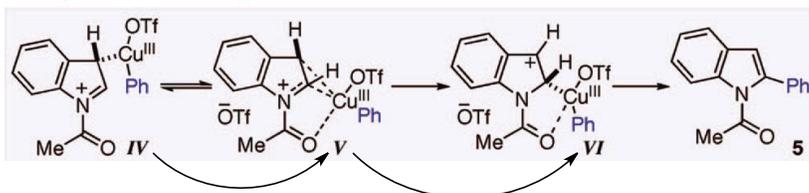
C3 Arylation



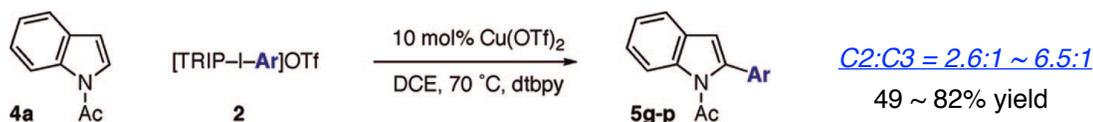
a. Proposed catalytic cycle for the Cu(II) catalyzed C-H arylation



b. Proposed C3 to C2 migration of the C-Cu bond



C2 Arylation



Small Summary

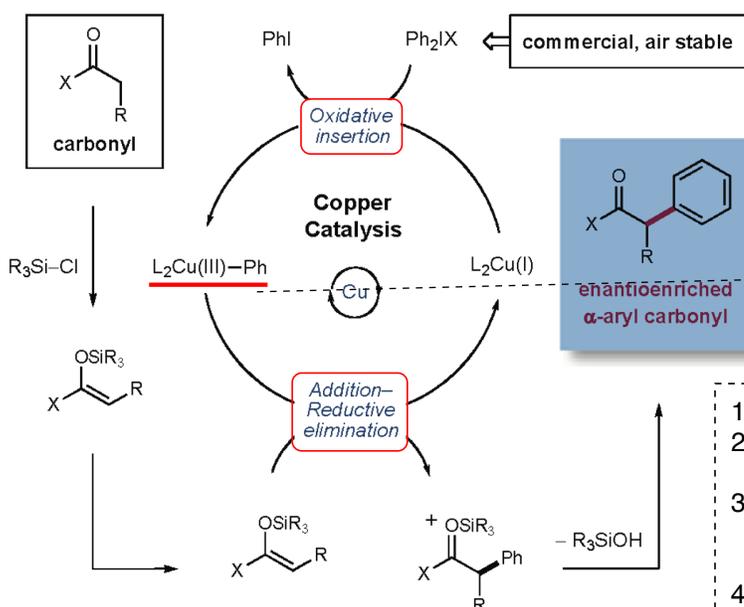
Free(NH)- and N-alkylindoles \rightarrow C3-arylated product
 N-acetylindoles \rightarrow C2-arylated product

2.2 Arylation with Diaryliodonium Salts

i) Copper-Catalyzed Alkene Arylation with Diaryliodonium Salts

W. C. MacMillan, *JACS*, **2011**, *133*, 13782.

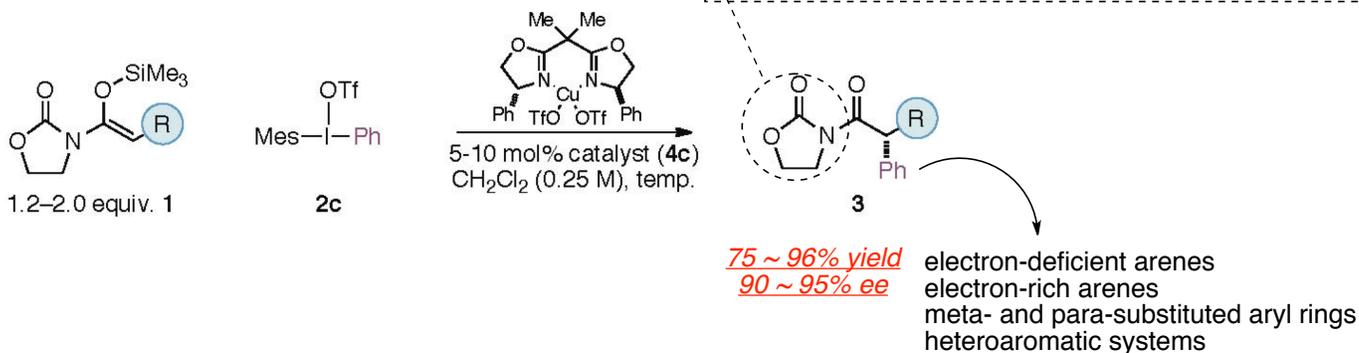
M. J. Gaunt, *JACS*, **2011**, *133*, 13778.



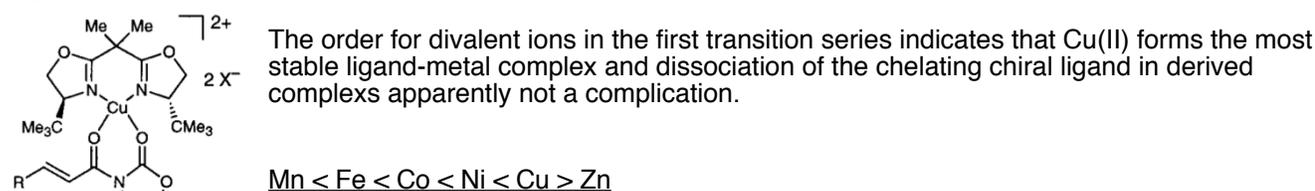
A broadly expanded array of carbonyl systems might be readily accessible using **chiral copper catalysts** in the presence of **iodonium salts** with silyketene acetals.

- 1) formed as single (*Z*)-isomers,
- 2) rigidify a transition state via stabilizing interaction with a chiral copper complex,
- 3) α-functionalized *N*-acyloxazolidinones are less susceptible to postreaction racemization than other carbonyl compounds,
- 4) the products can be transformed into useful intermediates.

Catalytic Enantioselective Arylation

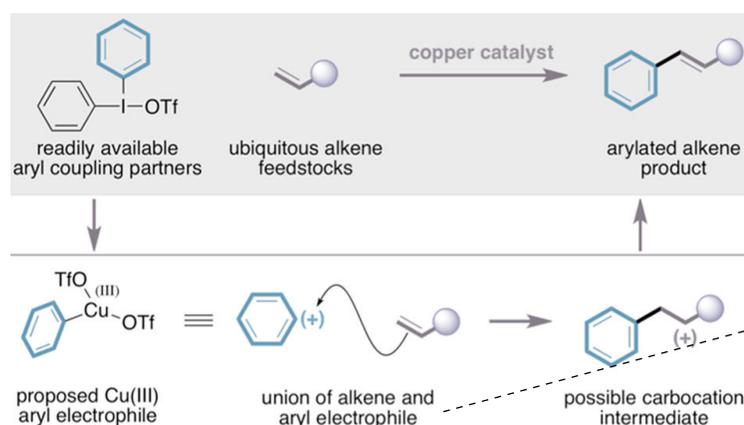


Appendix



ii) Copper-Catalyzed Alkene Arylation with Diaryliodonium Salts

M. J. Gaunt, *JACS*, **2012**, *134*, 10773.



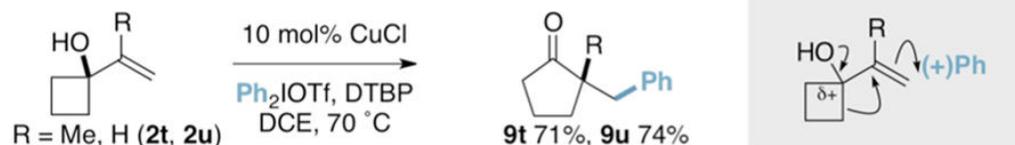
This combination of a Cu catalyst and a diaryliodonium salt appears to behave as an activated aromatic electrophile, paralleling the **Friedel-Crafts type** reactivity.

Exploiting the diverse reactivity of a possible carbocation intermediate

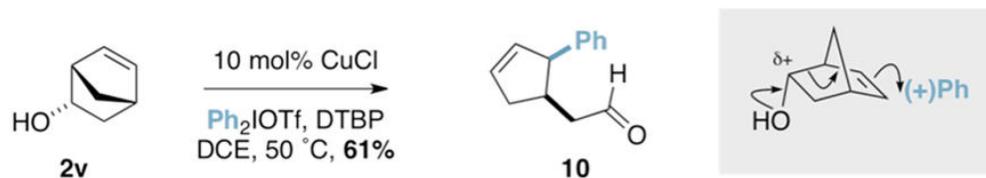


This new Cu-Catalyzed arylation may proceed by a reaction pathway displaying **carbocation-like character**, allowing the development of a number of novel tandem and cascade reactions that could expedite the synthesis of complex molecules.

(c) Arylation – semi-Pinacol reaction



(d) Arylation – Grob-type fragmentation

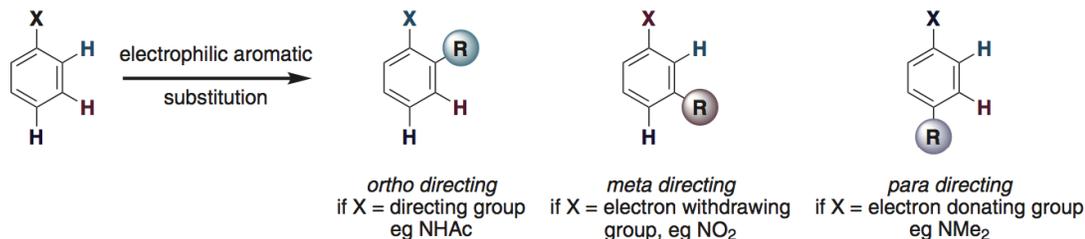


Small summary

They have shown that the product out comes differ significantly from these commonly obtained by the Heck reaction. Preliminary studies have shown that a carbocation-type mechanism may be involved in these reactions.

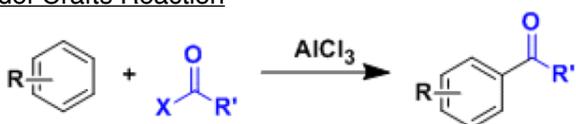
3.1 Meta-Selective C-H Bond Activation

Introduction Chemical transformations of benzene derivatives have been guided by the high selectivity for electrophilic attack at the ortho/para positions in electron-rich substrates and at the meta position in electron-deficient molecules.



Pioneering Work

Friedel-Crafts Reaction

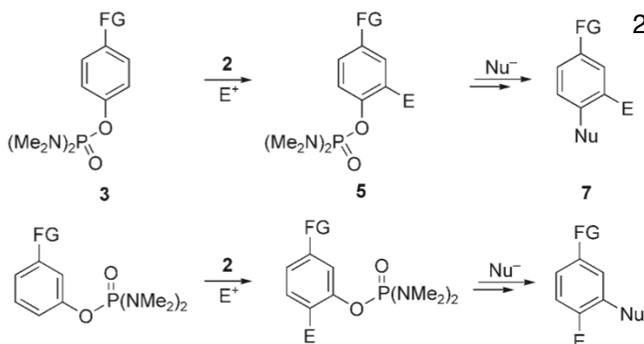


electron-donating substituents → **ortho and para**
electron-withdrawing substituents → **meta**

Precedent & Other Works

P. Knochel, *ACIE*, **2008**, *47*, 1503.

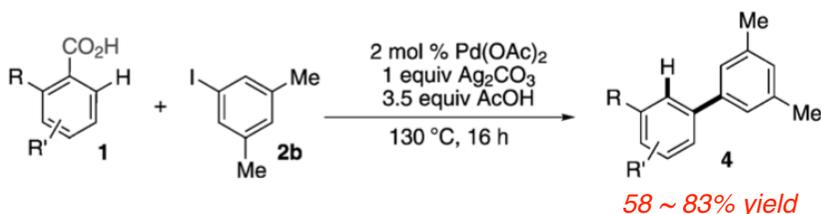
meta and para Functionalization of Arenes



2: $\text{TMP}_2\text{Mg} \cdot 2 \text{LiCl}$

not completely selective meta functionalization

Carboxylic Acid as Traceless Directing Groups for meta Selective Direct Arylation I. Larrosa, *ACIE*, **2011**, *50*, 9429.



harsh condition and long reaction time
Pd(OAc)₂ were needed.

Why was meta-selective C-H bond activation difficult and elusive ?

The several mechanisms that usually rationalize the majority of selective metal-catalyzed C-H bond activation.

- oxidative addition (OA) at electron-rich low-valent transition metal centers
- σ -bond metathesis (SBM) at electrophilic early transitionmetal centers
- electrophilic activation (EA) at electron-deficient late transitionmetal centers
- concerted metalation-deprotonation (CMD)

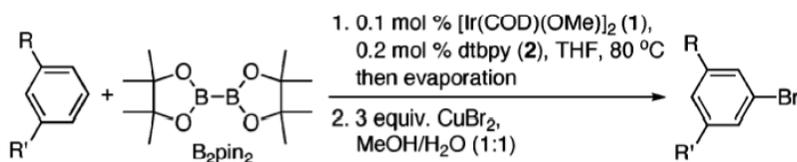
⇒ These mechanistic pathways most commonly form the ortho-substitution product.

But there is a paucity of methods for metal-catalyzed C-H bond activation at the meta position.

Meta-Selective C-H borylation

i) Meta Halogenation of 1,3-Disubstituted Arenes via Iridium-Catalyzed Arene Borylation

J. F. Hartwing, *JACS*, **2007**, *129*, 15434.



They reported the development of such a **one-pot** method for synthesis of bromo- and chloroarene.

but.....

1. iridium-catalyzed borylation of arenes
2. halogenation of the resulting aryl boronate esters with copper(II) bromide or copper(II) chloride

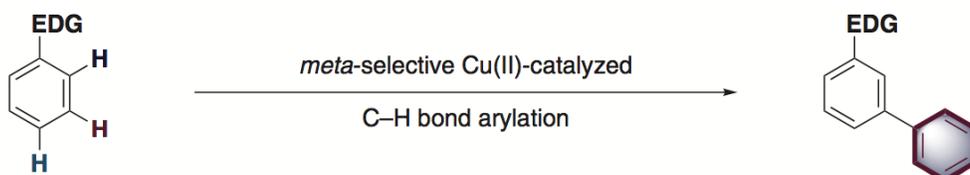
The regiochemistry of the products results more from steric than electroic control. Regioselectivity was low. Substrate scope was narrow.

M. J. Gaunt's works

M. J. Gaunt, *Science*, **2009**, *323*, 159.

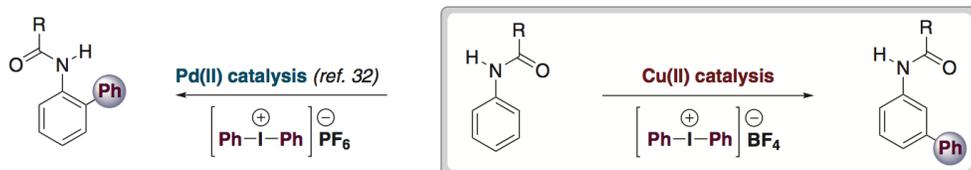
M. J. Gaunt, *ACIE*, **2011**, *50*, 463.

ACIE, **2009**, *48*, 9052.



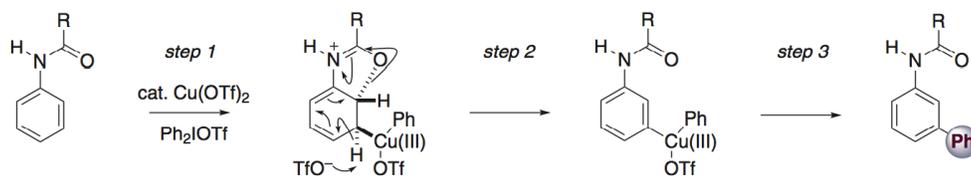
Circumventing the inherent *ortho/para*-selectivity of electron-rich aromatic systems to generate the *meta* product remains a largely elusive and unmet goal for chemical synthesis.

(C) This study – *meta*-C-H arylation of acetanilides with Cu(II) catalysis



ortho-arylation ← complementary reactivity → *meta*-arylation

(D) Proposed mechanistic hypothesis



meta-C-H bond cupration via dearomatizing 'oxy-cupration'

Step 1:

A possible rationalization could involve the highly **electrophilic Cu(III)-aryl species** activating the aromatic ring sufficiently to permit an anti-oxy-cupration of the carbonyl group of an acetamide across the 2,3-positions on the arene ring.

Step 2:

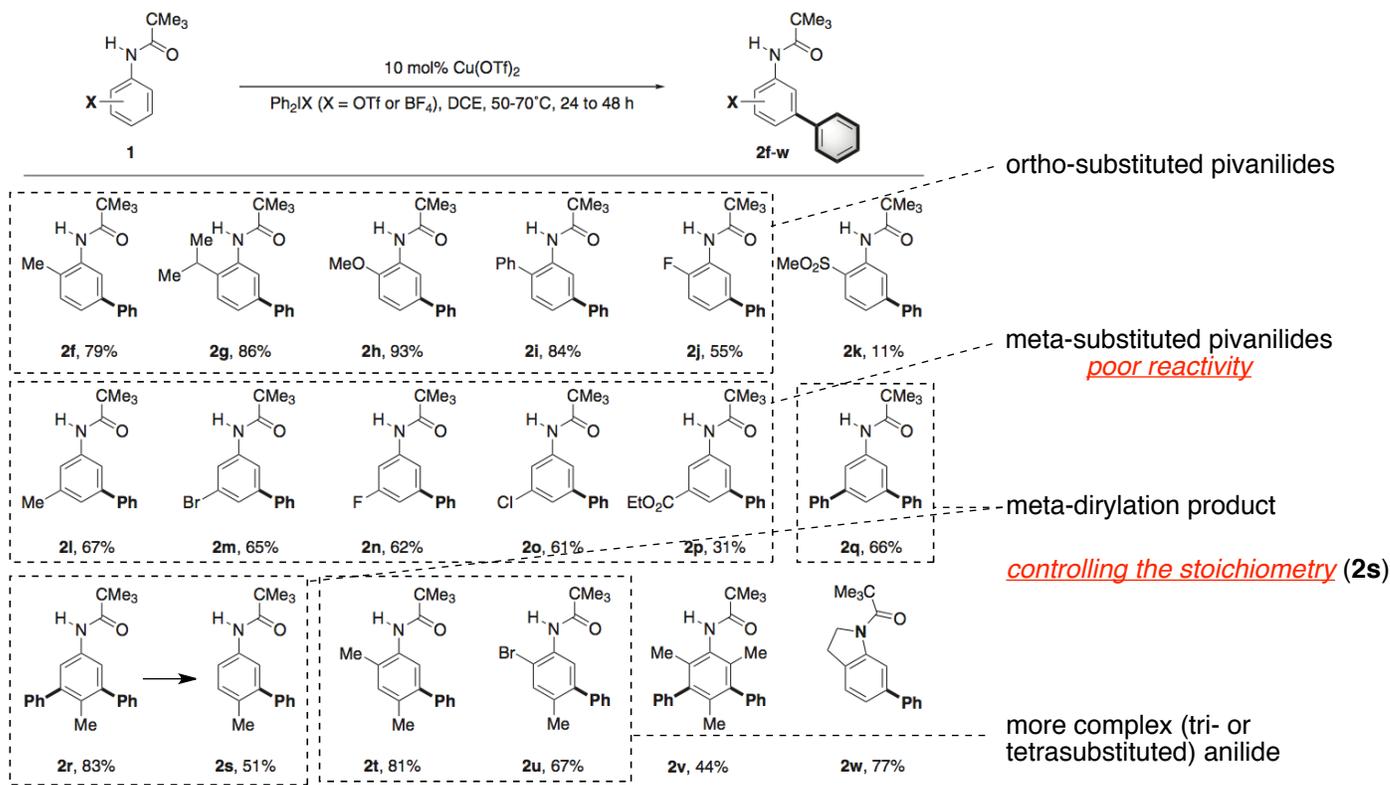
The dearomatizing transformation would place the **Cu(III)-aryl species** at the *meta* position, and rearomatizing deprotonation.

Step 3:

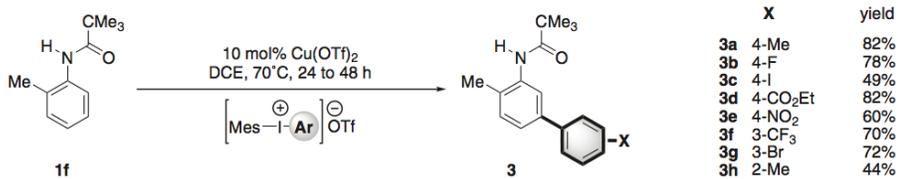
Reductive elimination

ii) Meta-Selective Copper-Catalyzed C-H Bond Arylation

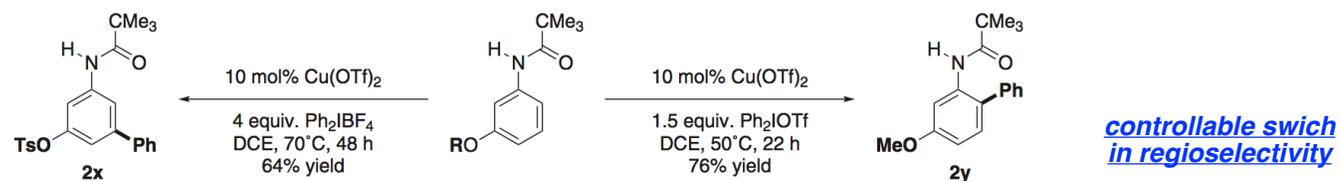
A Substrate scope



B Scope of aryl group transfer



Controlling the site selectivity of the C-H arylation



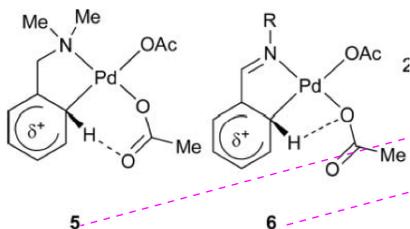
3-OTs group → 1,3,5-trisubstituted arene product
 3-OMe group → 1,3,6-trisubstituted arene product

In certain cases the meta-selectivity can be overridden by strongly electron-donating substituents.

iii) Concerted Metalation deprotonation (CMD)

Proposed transition states and calculated agostic intermediate

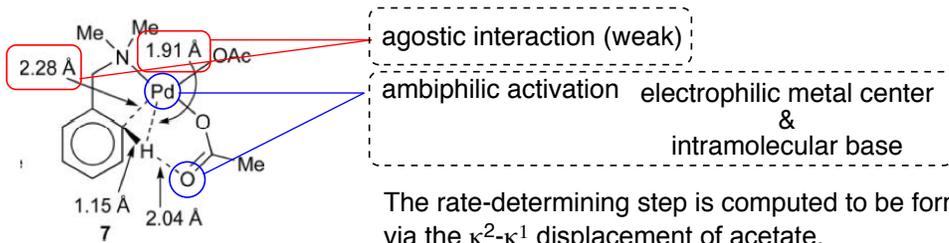
Dalton Trans, 2009, 30, 5820.



an electrophilic substitution via a **Wheland intermediate** with subsequent intramolecular deprotonation by coordinated acetate via a **6-membered transition state (5)**.

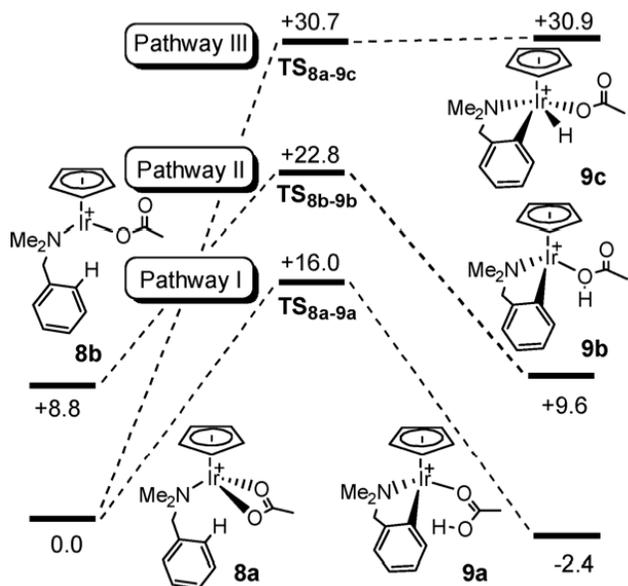
4-membered transition state for intramolecular deprotonation (6).

agostic structure > Wheland intermediate



The agostic structure is sufficient to polarize the C-H bond and allow acetate to form an intramolecular hydrogen bond to the transferring hydrogen.

*Computed reaction profiles for C-H activation [DMBA-H with (Cp*₂IrCl₂)]*



Pathway I: via a 6-membered transition state
Pathway II: via a 4-membered transition state
Pathway III: by oxidative addition

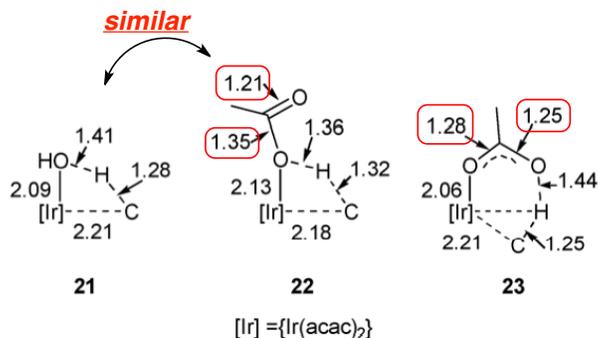
No intermediate agostic complex was observed.

The main activation energy barrier seems to be related to converting a κ^2 -acetate to κ^1 .

[Small summary]

6-Membered transitionstate to give **9a** was favoured over a 4-membered process via **8b** to **9b** or oxidative addition to an Ir(V) species, **9c**.

Transition state energy decomposition study of C-H activation



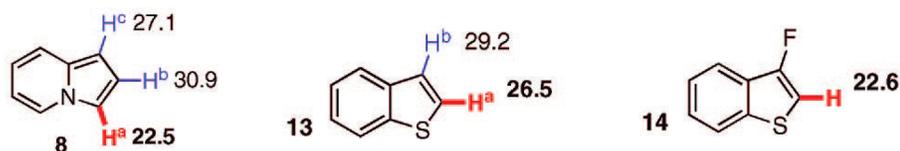
Hydroxide can only act as an intramolecular base with a 4-membered transitionstate (**21**), but acetate can have a 4-membered or 6-membered transition state (**22**, **23**).

The authors conclude the most significant contribution to the energy difference between **23** and **22** is the energy required to deform the reactants into their transition state geometries.

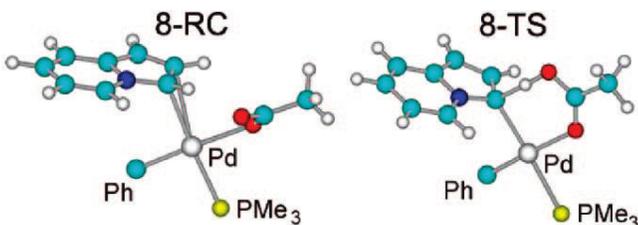
• **Concerted Metalation-Deprotonation (CMD)**

- [Feature] 1. Very little charge is present on the aromatic ring.
2. Retention of aromaticity is observed for all substrates at the CMD TS.

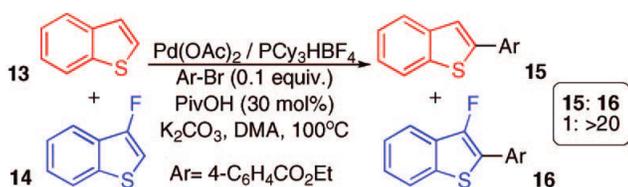
Free energy of activation for direct arylation via the CMD pathway



CDM TS (8)



η^1 - and η^2 -C-Pd coordination complexes, not Wheland intermediates

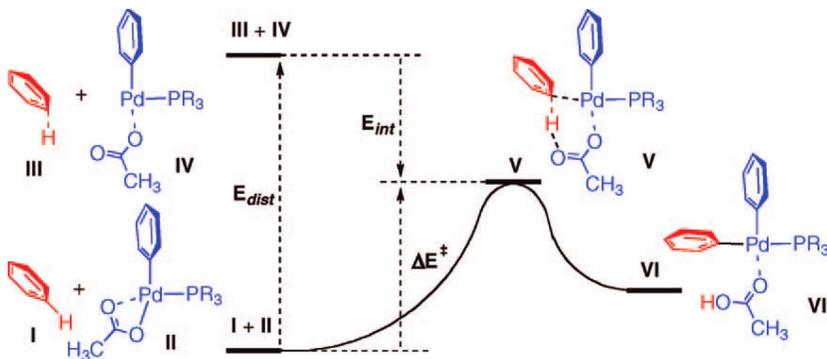


14 reacts preferentially over the more nucleophilic 13 in a competition reaction.



It conforms with CMD values.

Activation-Stain Analysis



distortion energy, E_{dist} : associated with distortion of the catalyst and arene from ground state *I* and *II* to TS geometries *III* and *IV*.

electronic interaction energy E_{int} : arising from bringing *III* and *IV* together to form TS *V*.

E_{int} = strength of the carboxylate- H_{Ar} and Pd- C_{Ar} interaction

E_{dist} = ongoing study

thiazole *N*-oxides
small E_{dist}
large E_{int}

electrondeficient arene
not large E_{int}
low E_{dist}

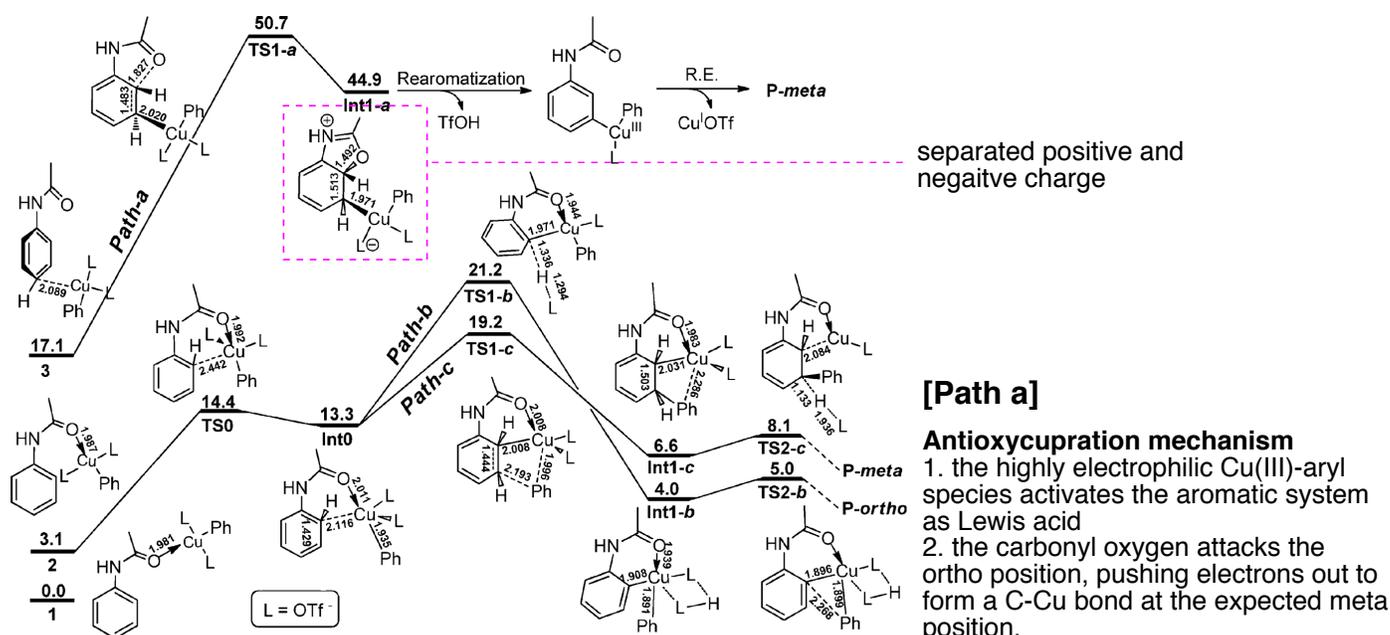
π -electron-rich arenes
large negative E_{int}
large E_{dist}

benzene
not favored either value

Arene	ΔE^\ddagger	E_{dist} (ArH)	E_{dist} (PdL) ^a	E_{int}	q_{NPA} (ArH) ^b	B_{Pd-C} ^c
1	5.8	29.3	16.6	-40.1	-0.039	0.45
2	12.4	33.8	16.7	-38.1	-0.079	0.44
3	16.5	36.8	15.4	-35.7	-0.065	0.43
4	14.5	36.8	16.9	-39.2	-0.041	0.51
5	15.9	39.9	17.4	-41.4	-0.014	0.52
6	15.6	42.5	17.9	-44.8	+0.009	0.56
7	11.1	42.2	18.3	-49.4	+0.017	0.58
8	13.1	48.1	19.9	-54.9	+0.065	0.62
9	12.5	50.1	20.4	-58.0	+0.078	0.59
10	12.8	40.0	18.6	-45.8	+0.003	0.51
11	11.9	28.8	15.3	-32.2	-0.092	0.44
12	25.1	44.6	15.8	-35.3	-0.010	0.51
13	16.7	37.5	16.8	-37.6	-0.035	0.50
14	12.3	32.4	17.2	-37.3	-0.041	0.48

iv) Mechanistic Understanding

The three calculated reaction pathways. Relative free energies including the solvent effect (ΔG_{sol}) are given in kcal/mol.



Path a is extremely unfavorable for the following reasons:

- the amide group is a weak π -electron donor, and the site being attacked is the unfavorable electron-rich ortho position.
- copper shifts from the preferred electron-rich para position to the unfavorable meta position.
- the aromaticity is broken without adequate compensation.

[Path b]

Starting Z-type carbonyl coordinated complex **2** with the copper, a intramolecular **Friedel-Crafts-type** electrophilic attack at C_{ortho} takes place.

⇒ The other four ligands roughly in a plane

⇒ The apical OTf⁻ anion disassociates from the copper and abstracts the proton from C_{ortho} in an intermolecular fashion.

⇒ **Reductive elimination**, which is easy because of the strong driving force for Cu(III) reduction, results in the ortho-arylated product.

[Path c]

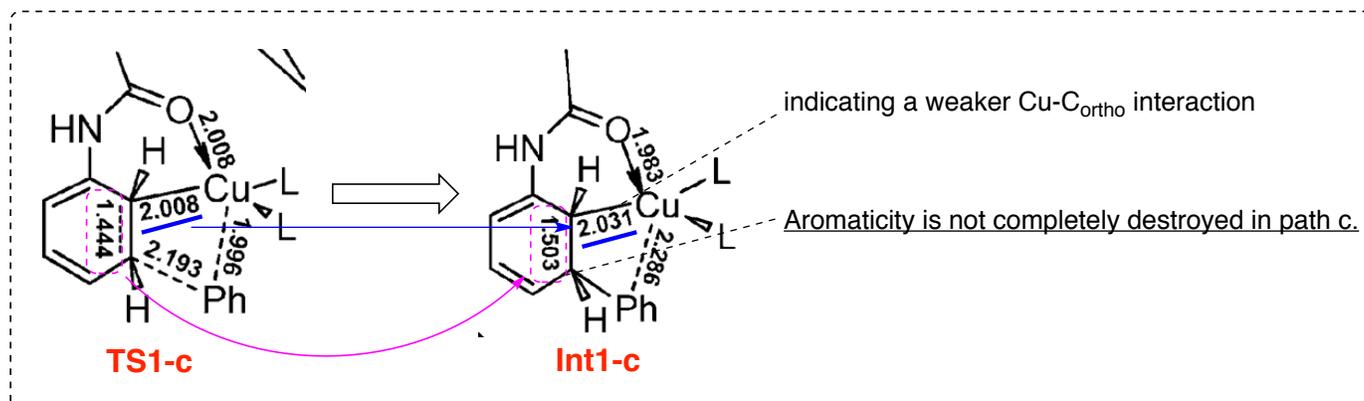
path c shares with path b the electrophilic-attack step from **2** to **Int0**.

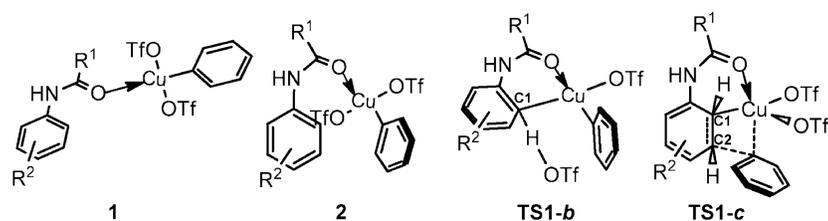
⇒

The phenyl group bonded to copper is transferred to the meta position via the **Heck-like four-membered-ring transition state TS1-c**, leading to intermediate **Int1-c**.

⇒

Free OTf⁻ anion abstracts the proton at the meta position, recovering the aromaticity and resulting in the meta-arylated product.





entry	R ¹	R ²	1	2	TS1-b	TS1-c
1	Me	H	0.0	3.1	21.2	19.2
2	CMe ₃	H	0.0	0.2	18.0	16.1
3	Ph	H	0.0	2.5	20.9	18.0
4	<i>p</i> -MeC ₆ H ₄	H	0.0	3.0	21.0	19.1
5	<i>p</i> -OMeC ₆ H ₄	H	0.0	1.9	19.6	17.6
6	<i>p</i> -FC ₆ H ₄	H	0.0	2.7	20.4	18.4
7	<i>p</i> -CF ₃ C ₆ H ₄	H	0.0	3.0	21.6	18.6
8	CMe ₃	<i>o</i> -OMe	0.6	0.0	19.2	13.7
9	CMe ₃	<i>o</i> -Me	0.5	0.0	18.1	13.6
10	CMe ₃	<i>o</i> -F	0.0	0.0	19.0	17.8
11	CMe ₃	<i>m</i> -OMe	0.4	0.0	13.5	12.3
12	CMe ₃	<i>m</i> -Me	0.1	0.0	16.7	14.3
13	CMe ₃	<i>m</i> -F	0.0	0.1	17.8	16.8
14	CMe ₃	<i>p</i> -OMe	0.6	0.0	18.6	13.9
15	CMe ₃	<i>p</i> -Me	0.5	0.0	17.9	14.1
16	CMe ₃	<i>p</i> -F	0.0	0.4	19.9	17.8

^a The numerical values are relative free energies in solvent (ΔG_{sol}) in kcal/mol.

- A large R¹ group pushes copper to the trans position, facilitating the electrophilic attack at the ortho carbon. (**entry 2**)

- The electronic character of R¹ has a small effect on the reaction. (**entry 3~7**)

- All of the ortho, meta, and para EDGs lower the barrier for path c because they can increase the electron density at either C1 or C2.

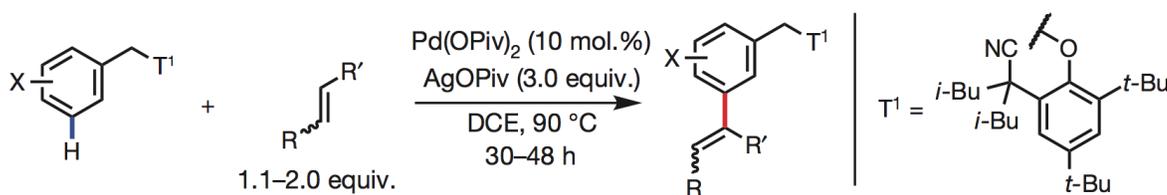
- EWGs generally raise the barriers for both pathways.

R¹ → reflect the steric character of the Cu(III)-Ph species

R² → reflect the electrophilic character of the Cu(III)-Ph species

v) Activation of remote meta-C-H bonds

Jin-Quan Yu, *Nature*, 2012, 486, 518.



high meta-selectivity

4. Summary

Meta-selective C-H activation chemistry has room to improve the range of substrates so on.

but I think.....

