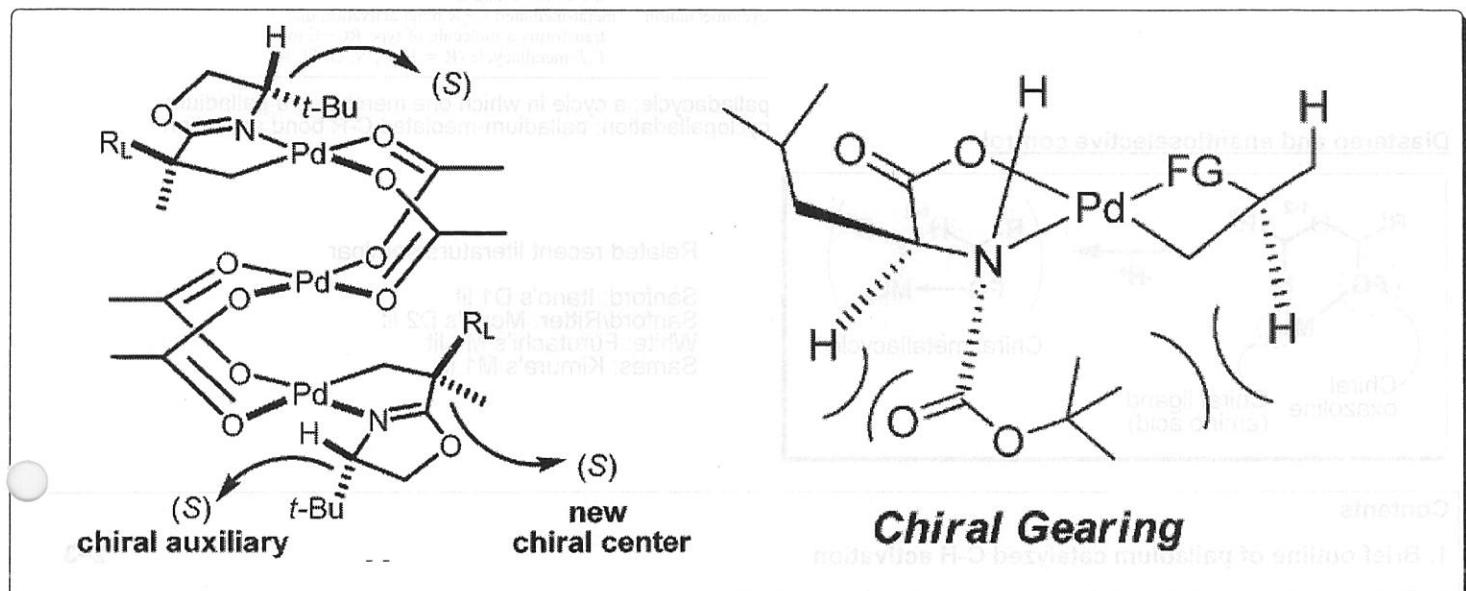


# Palladium catalyzed C-H functionalizations

## : regioslectivity, stereoselectivity and enantioselectivity

### ~Chemistry of Jin-Quan Yu ~



Jin-Quan Yu

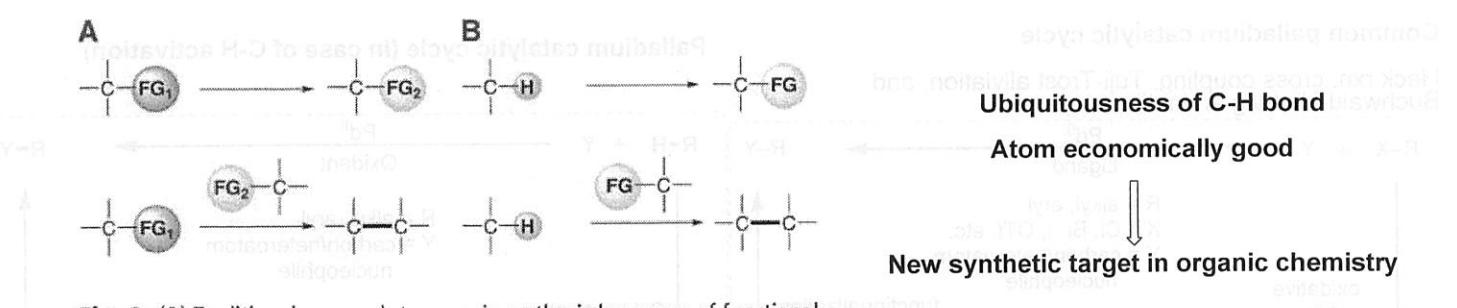
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## 0. Introduction

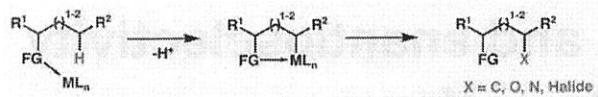


**Fig. 2.** (A) Traditional approach to organic synthesis by means of functional group (FG) transformation. (B) Synthesis by means of C-H bond functionalization.

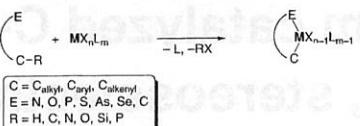
Transition metal complexes that cleave C-H bonds are necessarily high in energy.

→ One of the principle challenge in the field of C-H activation that limits its synthetic relevance is rooted in **selectivity**.

In many C-H activation chemistry, functional groups are used as directing group in order to arrange transition metal to appropriate position.



### Definitions applied in this seminar



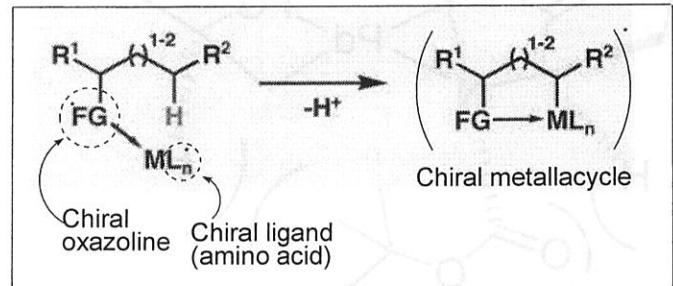
metallacycle  
C,E-metallacycle

cyclometalation

a cycle in which one member is a metal  
a metallacycle in which the metal is  $\sigma$ -bonded to the atoms C and E  
metal-mediated C–R bond activation that transforms a molecule of type RC–E to a C,E-metallacycle (R = H, C, N, O, Si, P)

palladacycle: a cycle in which one member is a palladium  
cyclopalladation: palladium-mediated C–R bond activation

### Diastereo and enantioselective control



### Related recent literature seminar

Sanford: Itano's D1 lit  
Sanford/Ritter: Mouri's D2 lit  
White: Furutachi's M1 lit  
Sames: Kimura's M1 lit

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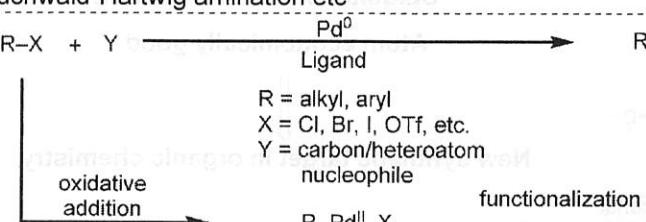
## 1. Brief outline of palladium catalyzed C-H activation

### Merit of C-H functionalization reactions catalyzed by palladium

1. C-H functionalization at Pd centers can be used to install many different types of bonds, including C–O, C–halogen, C–N, C–S, and C–C linkages.
  - i) Compatibility of many Pd(II) catalysts with oxidants
  - ii) Ability to selectively functionalize cyclopalladated intermediates
2. Palladium participates in cyclometalation in wide a variety of directing groups.
3. Vast majority of Pd-catalyzed directed C–H functionalization reactions can be performed in the presence of ambient air and moisture, making them exceptionally practical for applications in organic synthesis.

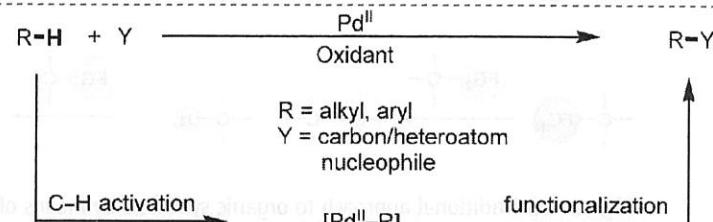
### Common palladium catalytic cycle

Heck rxn, cross coupling, Tuji-Trost allylation, and Buchwald-Hartwig amination etc



**Scheme 1.** Palladium(0)-catalyzed reactions of aryl(alkyl) halides. Tf = trifluoromethanesulfonyl.

### Palladium catalytic cycle (in case of C-H activation)



**Scheme 2.** Palladium(II)-catalyzed functionalization of C–H bonds.

Pd(II)-Pd(0) catalysis

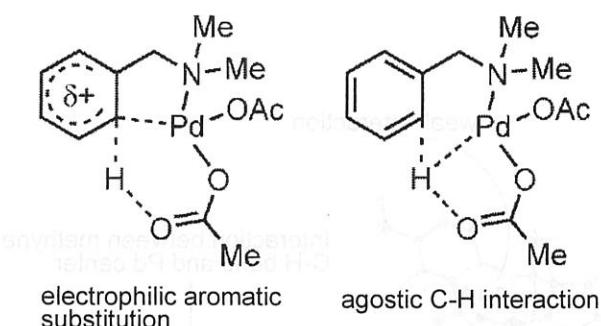
Pd(II)-Pd(IV) catalysis (involvement of Pd(III) species: Mouri's D2 lit)

Pd(II) catalysis

Pd(0)-Pd(II)-Pd(IV) catalysis

## Cyclopalladation (for more detail: see Dr. Itano's D1 lit)

Cyclopalladation is thought to be through electrophilic pathway.



Recent computational study supports 6-membered TS via agostic interaction.

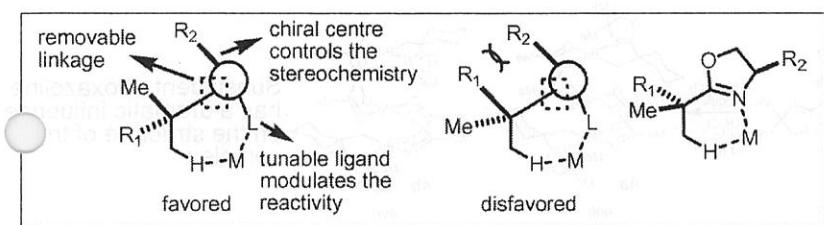
Acetate has a flexible metal coordination mode and works as a base.

Nitrogen-containing directing group is favorable over oxygen-containing directing group due to strong coordination nature.

## Chromatographic to naming

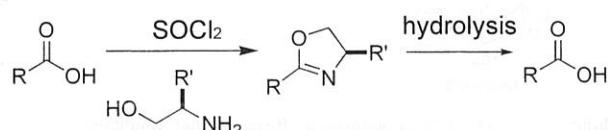
## 2. Oxazoline group directed diastereoselective C-H activation

### Concept



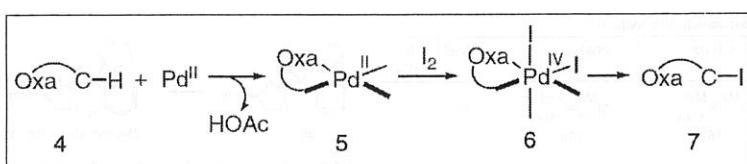
### Oxazoline group

Chiral oxazoline auxiliary is easily introduced and removed to afford carboxylic acid. Carboxylic acid is one of the most popular functional group in the organic synthesis.



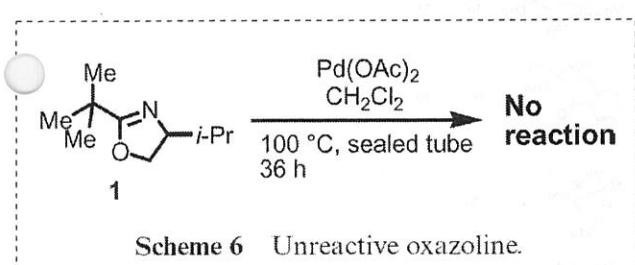
### 2-1. Diastereoselective iodination

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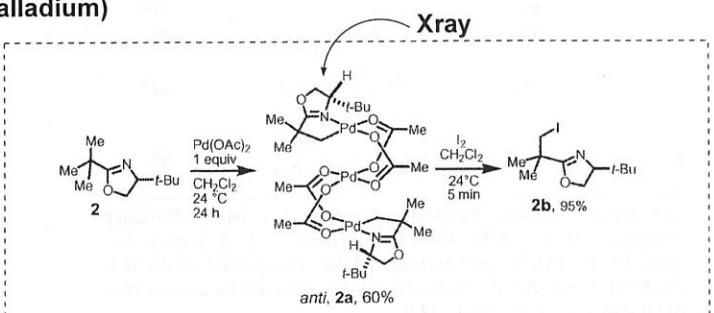


Scheme 2. Proposed reaction pathway for iodination of unactivated C-H bonds.

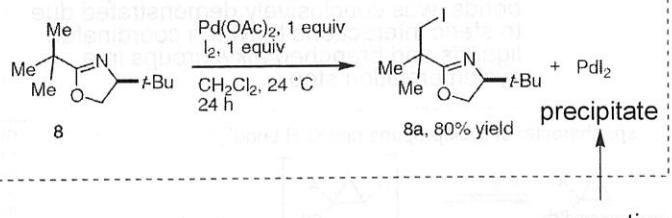
### Initial try (cyclopalladation using stoichiometric amount of palladium)



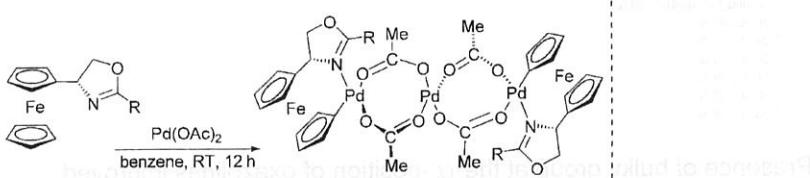
Scheme 6 Unreactive oxazoline.



Scheme 7 Room temperature  $sp^3$  C-H cleavage directed by oxazolines.

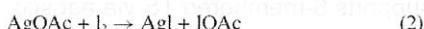
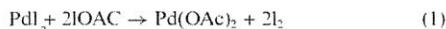


### First example of trimer palladium complex (Xray)

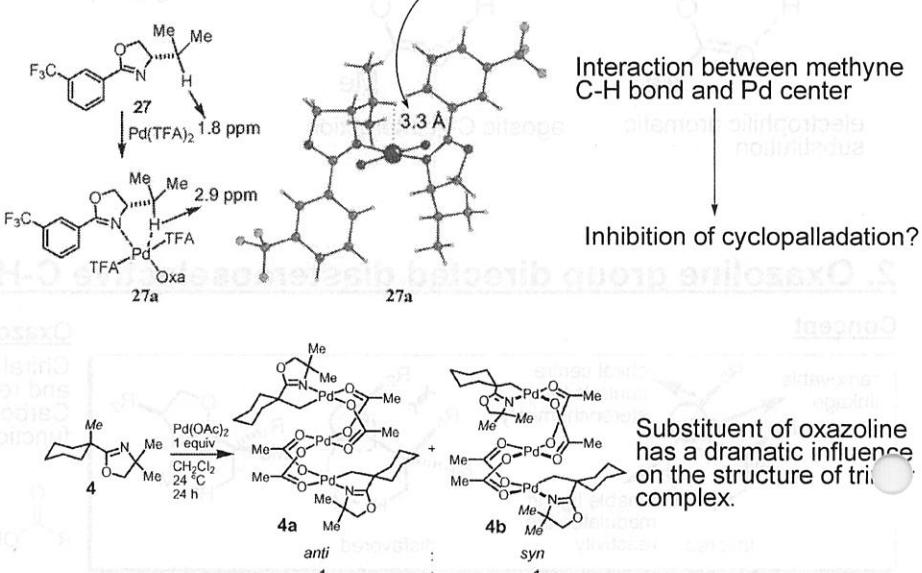
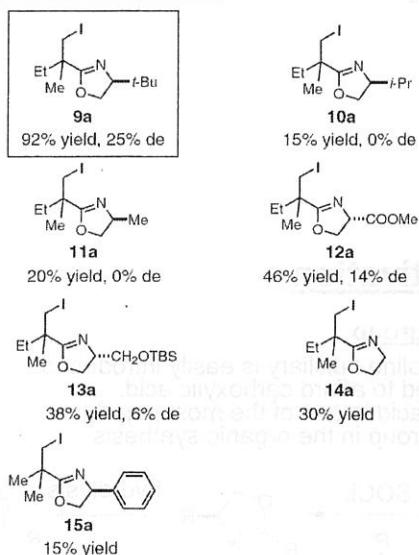


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## Palladium turnover



## Chiral oxazoline effect



Scheme 5. Ligand effect in iodination. Reagents and conditions:

$\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$  (10 mol %),  $\text{I}_2$  (1 equiv),  $\text{PhI(OAc)}_2$  (1 equiv),  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $24^\circ\text{C}$ , 64 h (9a–11a, 14a and 15a);  $50^\circ\text{C}$ , 48 h (12a–13a).

## Result

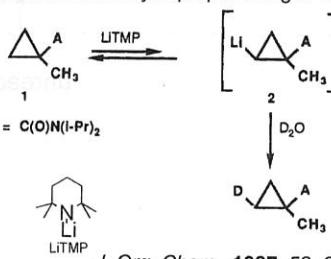
Table 1: Monoiodination of methyl groups catalyzed by  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ .<sup>[a]</sup>

Entry	Substrate	Yield [%]	Reaction sequence:	
			[b]	[c]
1	5a	92		
2	6a	91 <sup>[d]</sup>		
3	7a	88 <sup>[e]</sup>		
4	8a	90 <sup>[e]</sup>		
5	9a	97 <sup>[e]</sup>		
6	10a	81		
7	11a	67 <sup>[f]</sup>		
8	12a	98		

[a] Reaction conditions:  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$  (10 mol %),  $\text{I}_2$  (1 equiv),  $\text{PhI(OAc)}_2$  (1 equiv),  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $24^\circ\text{C}$ , 48–72 h. [b] Entries 1–3. [c] Entries 4–6. [d] 63:37 d.r. (NMR spectroscopy). [e]  $\text{PdI}_2$  precipitated at 36–48 h,  $\text{PhI(OAc)}_2$  (1 equiv) was added, and stirring continued for another 48 h. [f]  $\text{PhI(OAc)}_2$  (2 equiv),  $50^\circ\text{C}$ , 48 h.

Entry 1 ~ 3 : Iodination of primary over secondary C-H bonds was conclusively demonstrated due to steric interactions between coordinated ligands and branched alkyl groups in a cyclometalation step.

sp<sup>2</sup> character of cyclopropane ring C-H bond



J. Org. Chem., 1987, 52, 2100

Table 1. Diastereoselective iodination<sup>a</sup>

Entry	Substrate	Product	Yield (%)	de (%)
1	16	16a	60 <sup>b</sup>	35
2	17	17a	41 <sup>c</sup>	55
3	18	18a	45 <sup>d</sup>	55
4	19	19a	50 <sup>b</sup>	25
5	20	20a	60 <sup>b</sup>	10
6	21	21a	70 <sup>e</sup>	0
7	22	22a	83 <sup>f</sup>	82
8	23	23a	62 <sup>g</sup>	87
9	24	24a	65 <sup>h</sup>	99

<sup>a</sup> Oxa = (S)-4-tert-Butyloxazoline-2-. Reaction conditions:  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$  (10 mol %),  $\text{I}_2$  (1 equiv),  $\text{PhI(OAc)}_2$  (1 equiv),  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $65^\circ\text{C}$ .  $\text{PhI(OAc)}_2$  (1 equiv) was added after 12 h, and stirring continued for another 24 h.

<sup>b</sup> 50 °C, 41 h.

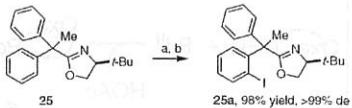
<sup>c</sup> 24 °C, 42 h.

<sup>d</sup> 24 °C, 24 h.

<sup>e</sup> 24 °C, 30 h.

<sup>f</sup> 50 °C, 48 h.

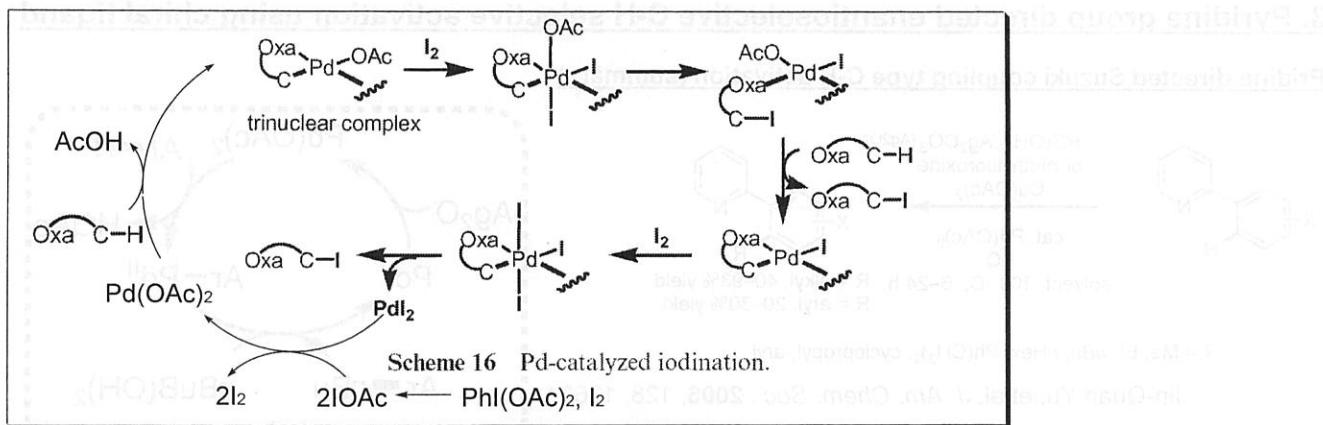
<sup>g</sup> 24 °C, 96 h.



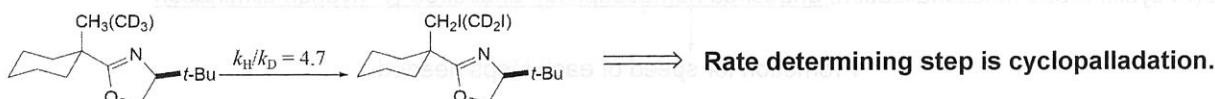
Scheme 6. Diastereoselective iodination of aryl C-H bonds. Reagents and conditions: (a)  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$  (10 mol %),  $\text{I}_2$  (1 equiv),  $\text{PhI(OAc)}_2$  (1 equiv),  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $24^\circ\text{C}$ ; (b) 13 h; (c) 48 h

Presence of bulky group at the  $\alpha$ -position of oxazolines improved diastereoselectivity.

### Proposed catalytic cycle



### kinetic isotope effect



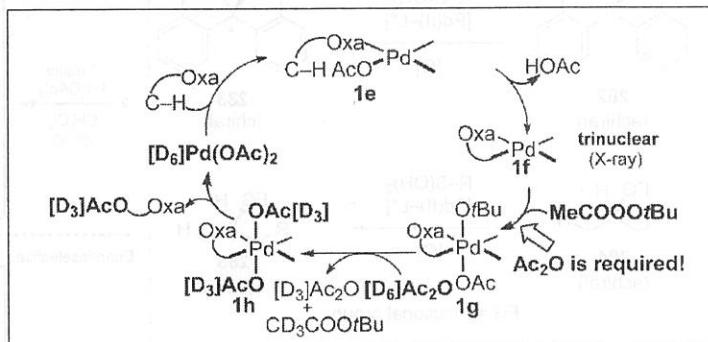
## 2-2. Diastereoselective acetoxylation

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### Result

Entry	Product	Yield (%)	de (%)
1	88	49	82
2	89	43	62
3	90	66	38
4	91	73	24
5	92	38	12
6	93	67	18

### Proposed catalytic cycle



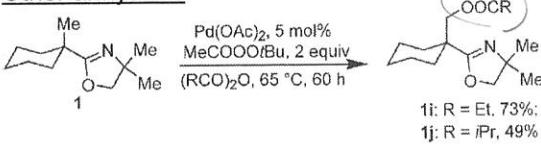
Scheme 4. Proposed catalytic cycle.

### Mechanistic study

In cyclopalladation step (1e~1f), the rate was not affected by the amount of Ac<sub>2</sub>O.

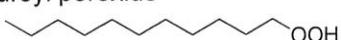
In oxidative addition step (1f~1h), the rate was affected by the amount of Ac<sub>2</sub>O.

### Other anhydride



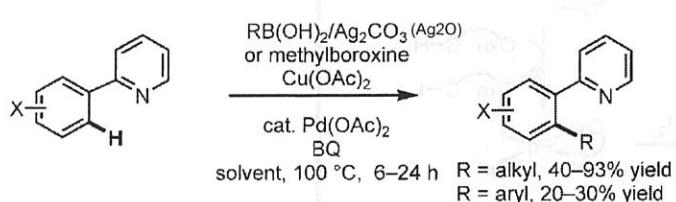
\* In optimized condition, MeCOOtBu was used as oxidant.

### lauroyl peroxide



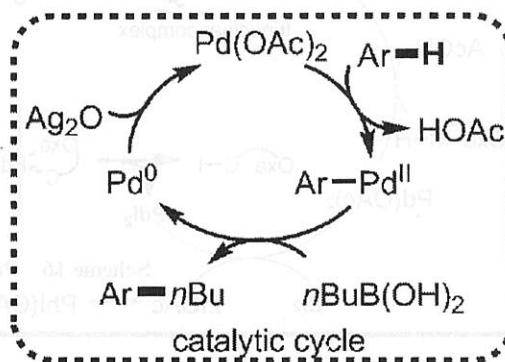
### 3. Pyridine group directed enantioselective C-H selective activation using chiral ligand

#### Pridine directed Suzuki coupling type C-H activation (summary)



R = Me, Et, nBu, nHex, Ph(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, cyclopropyl, aryl

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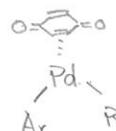


Pd(II)/Pd(0) cycle: broad functionalization, undesired homocoupling, undesired  $\beta$ -hydride elimination

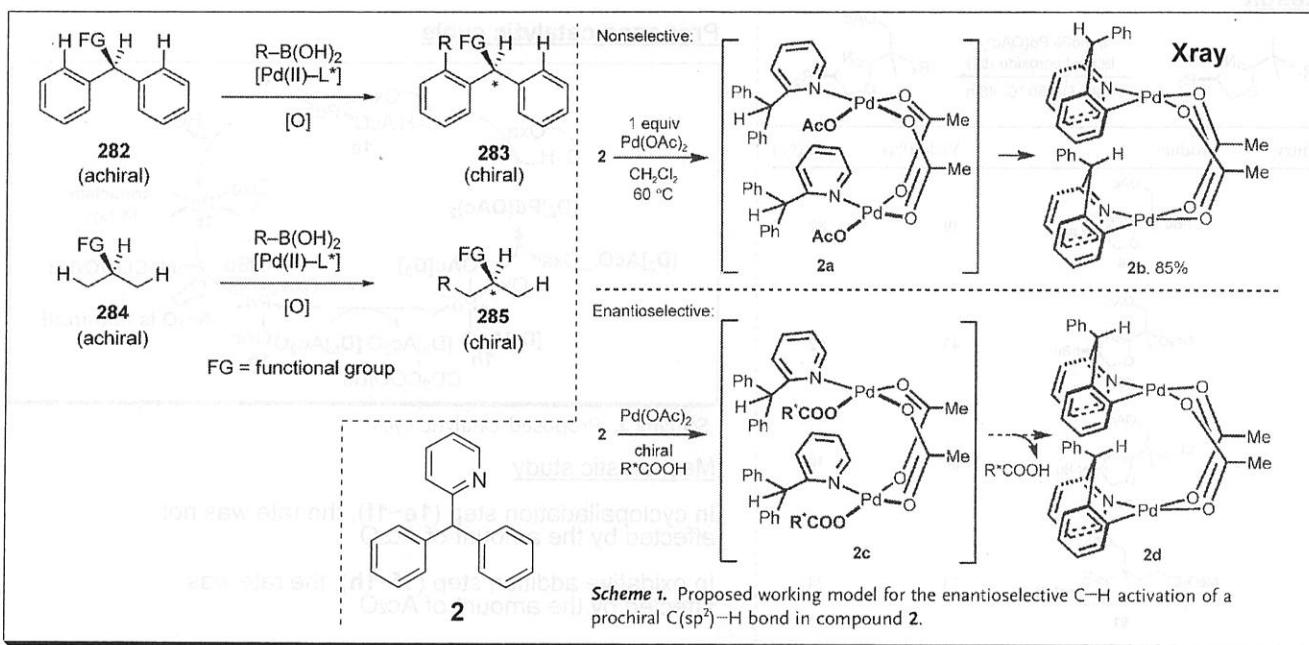
Promotion for speed of each steps needed.

Ag<sub>2</sub>O: efficient promoter(base) for the transmetalation and co-oxidant

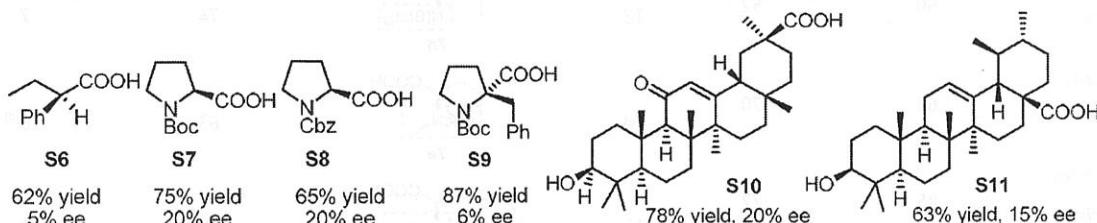
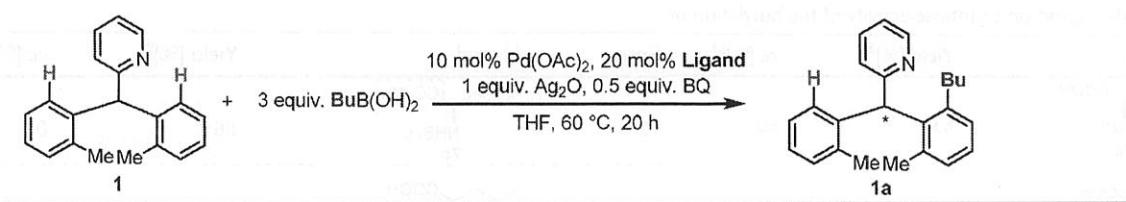
benzoquinone: promoter for reductive elimination



#### Concept



Preliminary result with commercially available carboxylic acid

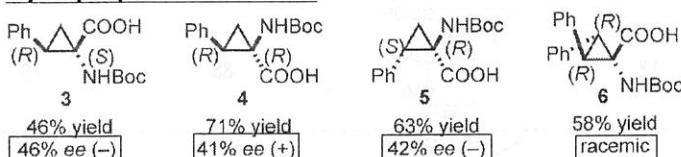


Enantioselectivity was poor...

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R group of carboxylic acid is free to rotate → Low chiral induction?  
More restricted conformational backbone

Cyclopropane amino acid



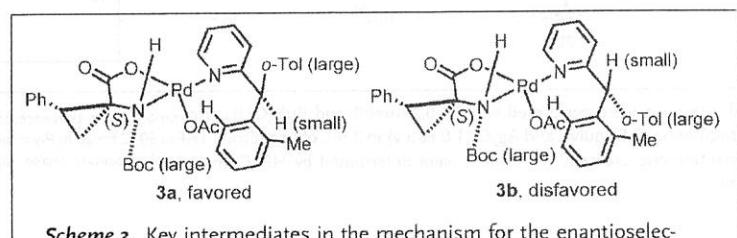
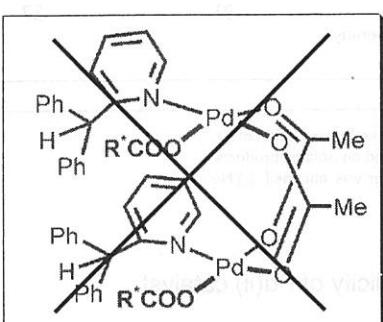
Unexpectedly, similar ee was obtained from 3 and 5.  
3 and 4 suggests that the chirality of the  $\alpha$ -carbon center plays a dominant role.

**Scheme 2.** Cyclopropane amino acid ligands used for the enantioselective butylation of compound 1.

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Previous mechanistic model was wrong?  
Based on these experimental data, new model is needed.

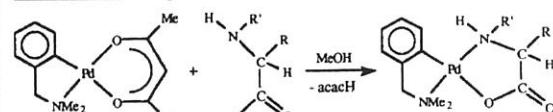
New model



**Scheme 3.** Key intermediates in the mechanism for the enantioselective C–H activation. Boc = *tert*-butyloxycarbonyl, o-Tol = *ortho*-tolyl.

NH moiety and carboxylate with Pd(II) center in bidentate manner.  
In case of ligand 6, the steric difference of the  $\alpha$ -carbon is minimized.

Known analogous structure



NMR analysis showed trans N-N geometry.  
In addition, NH moiety is not deprotonated.

*J. Organomet. Chem.* **1995**, 490, 35.

## Ligand screening

**Table 1:** Influence of the ligand on enantioselectivity of the butylation of

Entry	Ligand	Yield [%] <sup>[b]</sup>	ee [%] <sup>[c]</sup>	Entry	Ligand	Yield [%] <sup>[b]</sup>	ee [%] <sup>[c]</sup>
1		63	90	12		86	0
2		60	52	13		74	7
3		69	70	14		63	6 <sup>[d]</sup>
4		85	72	15		58	7
5		60	80	16		53	6
6		66	81	17		74	80
7		83	83	18		88	79
8		47	85	19		89	85
9		65	88	20		87	85
10		n.r. <sup>[e]</sup>	-	21		91	87
11		n.r. <sup>[e]</sup>	-				

[a] All reactions were performed with **1** (0.2 mmol) and  $\text{BuB(OH)}_2$  (0.6 mmol) in the presence of  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$  (10 mol %), chiral ligand (20 mol %), benzoquinone (0.5 equiv), and  $\text{Ag}_2\text{O}$  (1.0 equiv) in 2 mL of anhydrous THF at 60°C for 20 h. [b] Yields were based on isolated products.

[c] Enantiomeric excesses (ee values) were determined by HPLC on a chiral stationary phase. [d] The opposite enantiomer was obtained. [e] No reaction.

Entry **10** and **11**: electron-withdrawing group is necessary to maintain the electrophilicity of Pd(ii) catalyst.

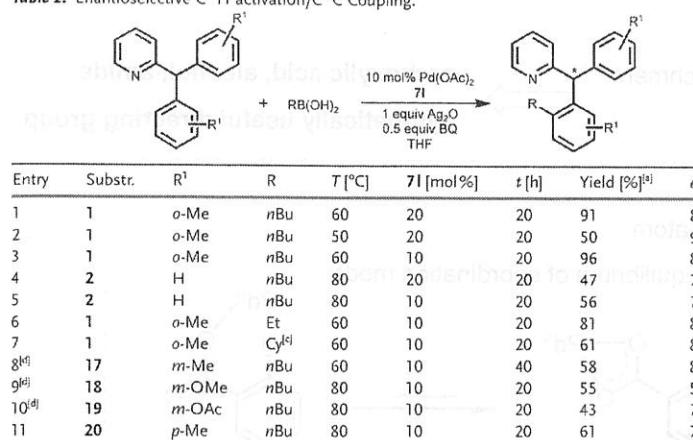
Entry **12**: esterification leads to a complete loss of ee.

Entry **13~15**: diprotected amino group and a poor coordination NHPiv group afford low ee.

Entry **16~18**: reduction in the size of protecting group from Boc results in steady decrease of selectivity.

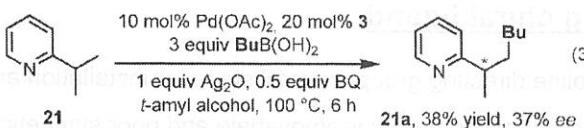
## Result

**Table 2:** Enantioselective C–H activation/C–C Coupling.

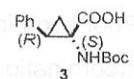


[a] Yield of isolated product. [b] ee values were determined by HPLC on a chiral stationary phase. [c] Cy = cyclopropyl. [d] Alkylation occurred only at the less hindered position.

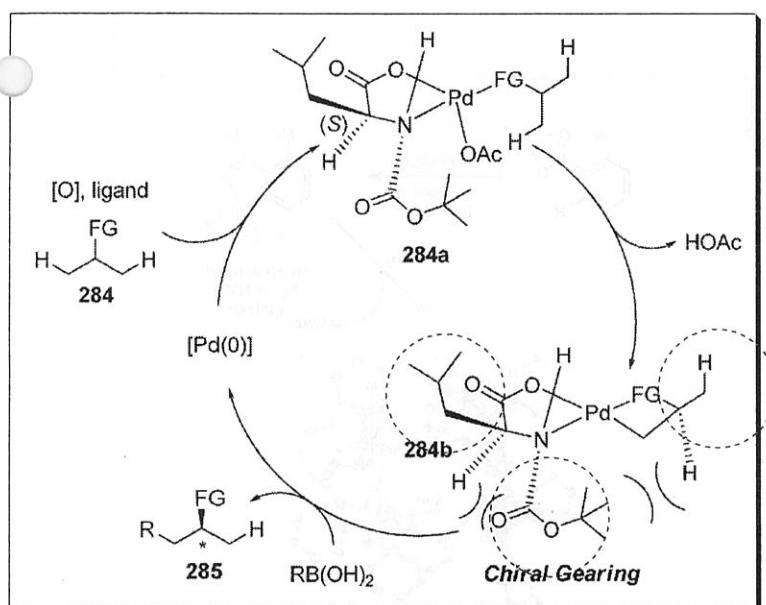
## sp<sub>3</sub> C–H bond



Poor enantioselectivity (10~15% ee) was obtained with ligands 7k, 7l, and 8.

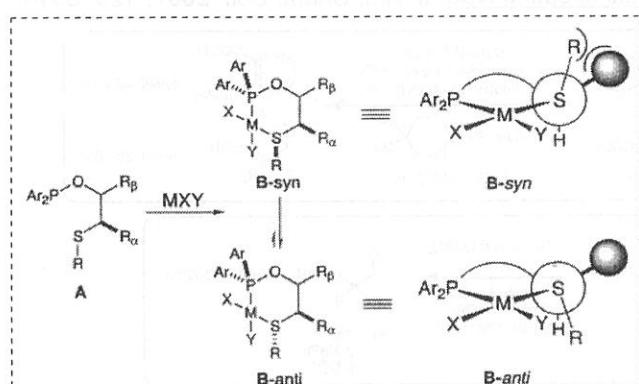
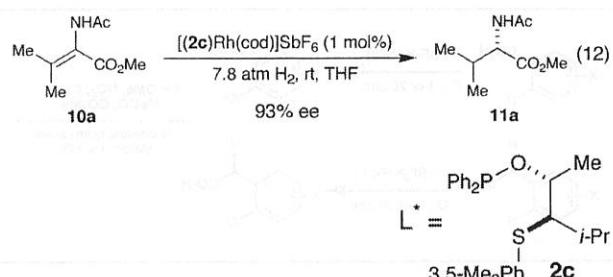


## Proposed catalytic cycle



Steric hinderance is minimized

## Other gearing system



David A. Evans, et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc., 2003, 125, 3534



## 4. Carboxylic acid group directed enantioselective and regioselective C-H activation using chiral ligand

Oxazoline directing group: several steps for installation and detachment

Pyridine directing group: irremovable and poor synthetic utility

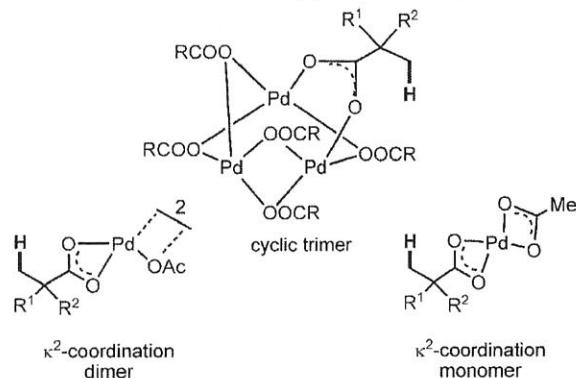
carboxylic acid, alcohol, amide

synthetically useful directing group

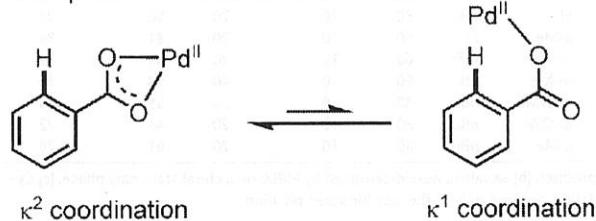
In carboxylic acid directed C-H activation, problem is

1. Poor coordination ability of oxygen atom compared to nitrogen atom

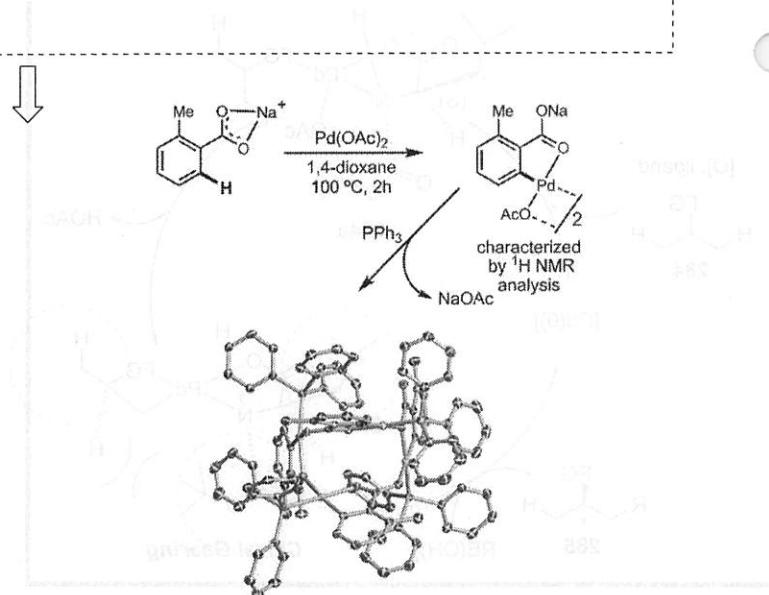
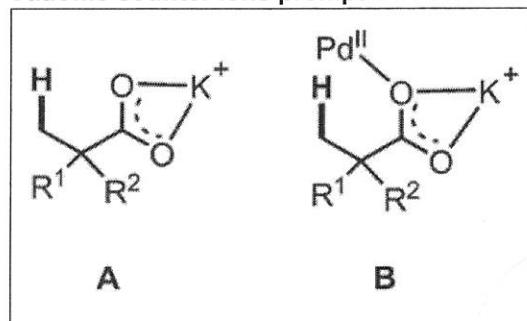
2. Coordination mode of Pd(II) with carboxylic acid



3. Equilibrium of coordination mode



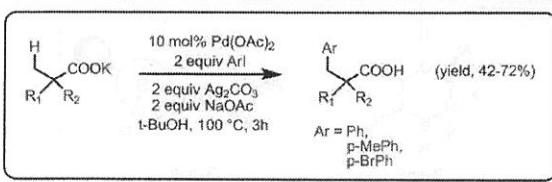
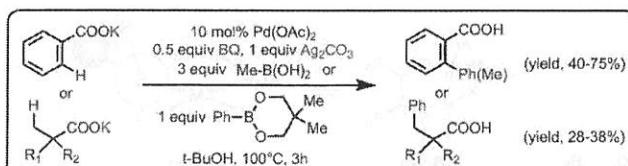
Cationic counter ions prompt C-H bond insertion



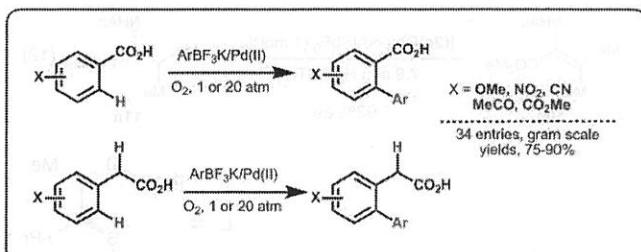
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### Various applications

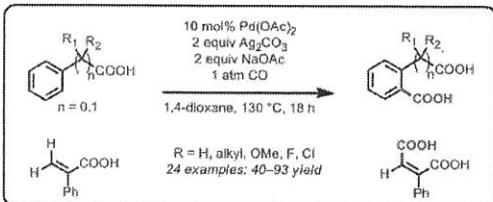
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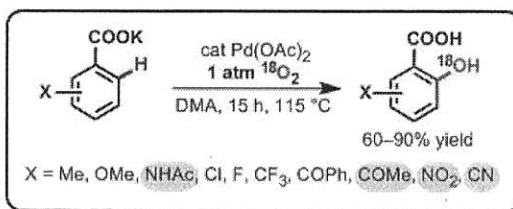


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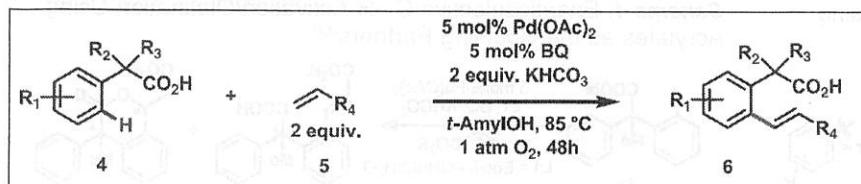


Hydroxylation using oxygen

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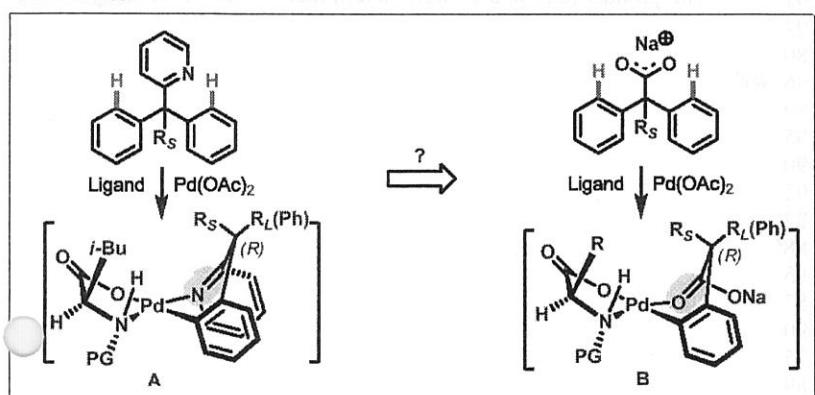
## Mizoroki-Heck reaction



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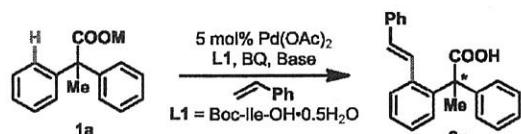
Asymmetric Mizoroki-Heck reaction

### Concept



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**Table 1.** Effect of Inorganic Cations and Bases<sup>a</sup>

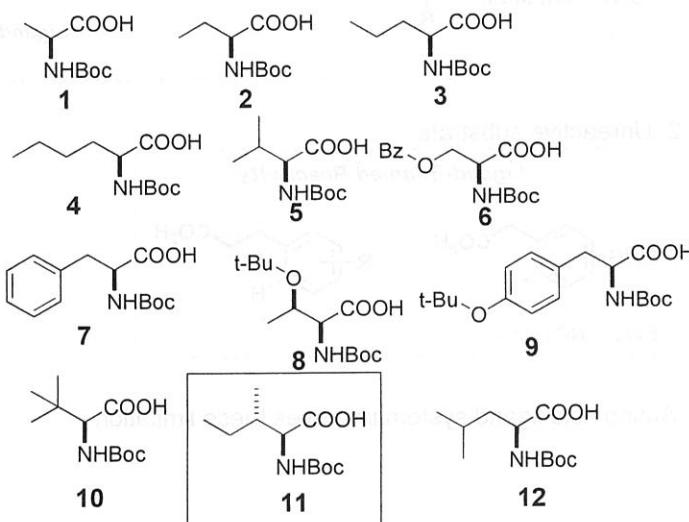


entry	M	base	% yield <sup>b</sup>	% ee <sup>c</sup>	entry	M	base	% yield <sup>b</sup>	% ee <sup>c</sup>
1	H	KHCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>d</sup>	46	95	8	Na	NaHCO <sub>3</sub>	56	89
2	Na	—	51	86	9	Na	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	61	91
3	Na	KHCO <sub>3</sub>	73 <sup>e</sup>	97	10	Na	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	—	—
4	NH <sub>4</sub>	KHCO <sub>3</sub>	—	—	11	Na	K <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub>	37	83
5	K	KHCO <sub>3</sub>	49	84	12	Na	Li <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	44	85
6	Cs	KHCO <sub>3</sub>	—	—	13	Na	NaOTs <sup>f</sup>	57	79
7	Na	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	25	87	14	K	NaHCO <sub>3</sub>	53	91

<sup>a</sup> Conditions: 0.5 mmol of **1a**, 5 mol % Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub>, 10 mol % **L1**, 5 mol % BQ, 0.5 equiv of base, and 1 atm O<sub>2</sub> in 3 mL of *tert*-amyl alcohol at 90 °C for 48 h. <sup>b</sup> Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis using CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> as a calibrated internal standard. <sup>c</sup> Determined by chiral HPLC analysis. <sup>d</sup> Using 2 equiv of KHCO<sub>3</sub>. <sup>e</sup> Isolated yield. <sup>f</sup> Using 1 equiv of NaOTs.

**Table 2.** Evaluation of Amino Acids<sup>a</sup>

entry	ligand	% yield	% ee	entry	ligand	% yield	% ee
1	Boc-Ala-OH	46	54	9	Boc-Tyr( <i>t</i> -Bu)-OH	45	96
2	Boc-Abu-OH	51	67	10	Boc-Tle-OH	43	94
3	Boc-Nva-OH	63	61	11	Boc-Ile-OH·0.5H <sub>2</sub> O	73	97
4	Boc-Nle-OH	59	81	12	Boc-Leu-OH	60	86
5	Boc-Val-OH	39	93	13	Formyl-Leu-OH	44	79
6	Boc-Ser(Bzl)-OH	61	91	14	<b>PG1</b> -Leu-OH	57	84
7	Boc-Phe-OH	25	93	15	<b>PG2</b> -Leu-OH	44	69
8	Boc-Thr( <i>t</i> -Bu)-OH	50	86	16	<b>PG3</b> -Leu-OH	37	65



<sup>a</sup> The reaction conditions were identical to those described in Table 1.

## Result

**Table 3.** Enantioselective C–H Activation/Olefination Using Substituted Styrenes as the Coupling Partners<sup>a</sup>

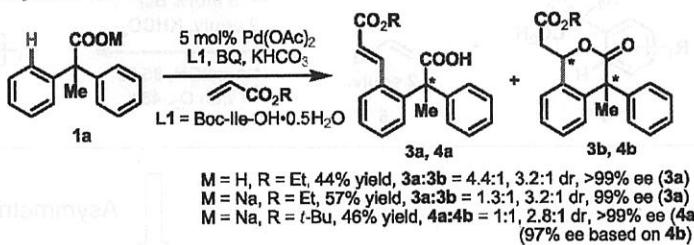
entry	2	R	R <sub>1</sub>	Reaction Conditions		
				R <sub>2</sub>	% yield <sup>b</sup>	% ee <sup>c</sup> (config)
1	2a	Me	H	H	73	97
2	2b	Me	H	p-Me	71	97
3	2c	Me	H	m-Me	63	92
4	2d	Me	H	o-Me	51	80
5	2e	Me	H	p-Cl	74	96 ( <i>R</i> ) <sup>d</sup>
6	2f	Me	H	p-F	51	89
7	2g	Me	H	p-t-Bu	51	95
8	2h	Me	p-Me	H	63	90 <sup>e</sup>
9	2i	Me	m-Me	H	58	92
10	2j	Me	3,4-dimethyl	H	63	82 <sup>e</sup>
11	2k	Me	p-t-Bu	H	45	88 <sup>e</sup>
12	2l	Me	p-OPiv	H	51	95
13	2m	Me	p-Cl	H	35	87
14	2n	Me	3-chloro-4-methoxy	H	47	90
15	2o	Me	3-methyl-4-methoxy	H	40	75
16	2p	Me	4-methoxy-3-trifluoromethyl	H	39	89
17	2q	Et	H	H	61	72
18	2r	Pr	H	H	52	76 <sup>e</sup>
19	2s	H	H	H	69	58 <sup>f</sup>

<sup>a</sup> The reaction conditions were identical to those described in Table 1.

<sup>b</sup> Isolated yield. <sup>c</sup> Determined by chiral HPLC analysis. <sup>d</sup> The absolute configuration was determined by analysis of the X-ray crystal structure.

<sup>e</sup> Boc-Tyr(t-Bu)-OH was used as the ligand. <sup>f</sup> Racemization occurred during the reaction.

**Scheme 1.** Enantioselective C–H Activation/Olefination Using Acrylates as the Coupling Partners<sup>a,b</sup>



<sup>a</sup> The reaction conditions were identical to those described in Table 1.

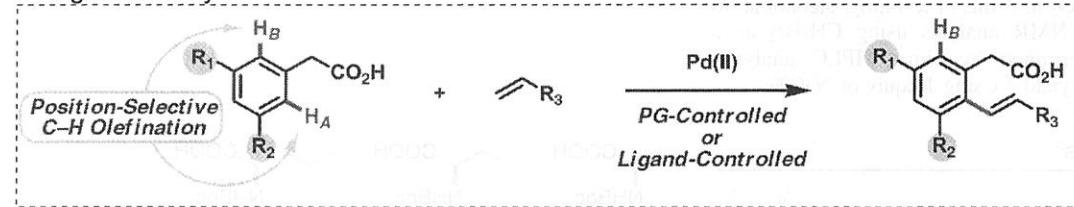
<sup>b</sup> The product ratio and dr were determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis.

## Improvement of regioselectivity and reactivity using amino acid ligand

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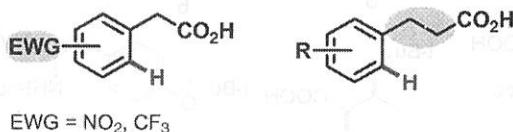
Mizoroki-Heck type C–H activation can be applied to various substrates, but...

### 1. Regioselectivity



### 2. Unreactive substrate

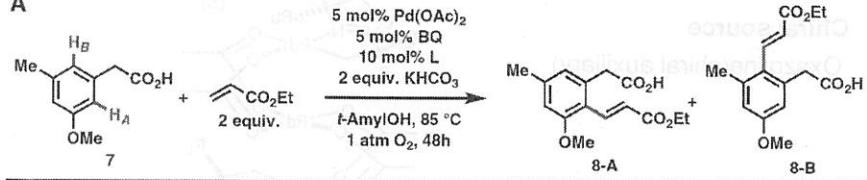
#### Ligand-Enabled Reactivity



Amino acid ligand system improves these limitation.

## Improvement of regioselectivity

A



Entry	Ligand	Conv. (%)*	A : B	Entry	Ligand	Conv. (%)*	A : B
1	--	68	1.4 : 1	7	Boc2-Leu-OH	50	3 : 1
2	Boc-Tyr(Bz)-OH	17	2.5 : 1	8	H-Leu-OH	16	6 : 1
3	Boc-Abu-OH	17	5 : 1	9	Formyl-Ile-OH	24	13 : 1
4	Boc-Val-OH	23	6 : 1	10	Fmoc-Ile-OH	16	5 : 1
5	Boc-Leu-OH	24	7 : 1	11	Ac-Ile-OH	23	10 : 1
6	Boc-Ile-OH	27†	8 : 1	12	Formyl-Ile-OH	43 (75)‡	20 : 1

\*Based on <sup>1</sup>H NMR. The di-olefinated product was formed in less than 5% conversion. †24 h. ‡7 mol% Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub>, 7 mol% BQ, 14 mol% L.

B

Substrate	Ligand	Conv. (%)*	A : B	Substrate	Ligand	Conv. (%)*	A : B
<i>i</i> -PrO <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>3</sub> (OMe)-CH <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> H 9	Boc-Ile-OH	65†	1.5 : 1	<i>i</i> -PrO <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>3</sub> (OMe)-CH <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> H 13	Formyl-Ile-OH	63	1.6 : 1
Ph-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>3</sub> (F)-CH <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> H 11	Formyl-Ile-OH	82	2.8 : 1	Me-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>3</sub> (Cl)-CH <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> H 15	Formyl-Ile-OH	50‡	4.7 : 1
		78	5.7 : 1			8	1.2 : 1

\*Based on <sup>1</sup>H NMR. Products derived from substrates 9, 11, 13, and 15 are labeled 10-A/B, 12-A/B, 14-A/B, and 16-A/B respectively. Only the major products were isolated and characterized. †*t*-Butyl acrylate was used as the coupling partner. ‡15 mol% Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub>, 15 mol% BQ, 30 mol% Formyl-Ile-OH.

## Improvement of reactivity

6t		
Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	Ligand	Conv. (%)*†
2 mol%	--	31
2 mol%	Boc-Ile-OH	>99

17		
Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	Ligand	Conv. (%)*‡ Selectivity
2 mol%	--	10 mono
2 mol%	Boc-Ile-OH	>99 di

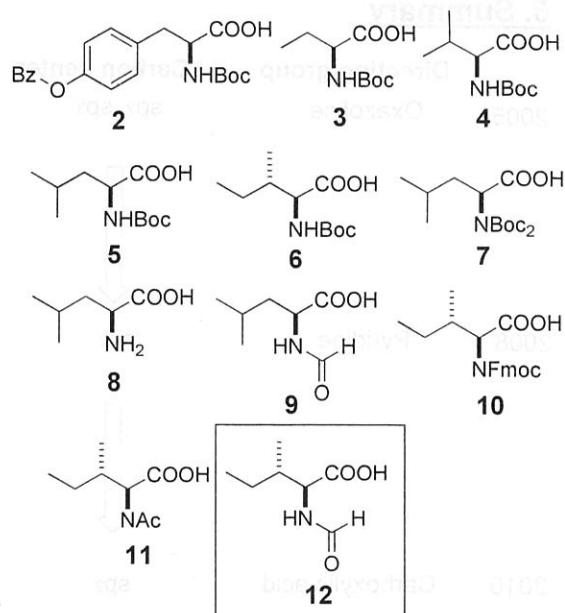
\*Based on <sup>1</sup>H NMR. †2 mol% Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub>, 2 mol% BQ, 4 mol% Ligand.

D

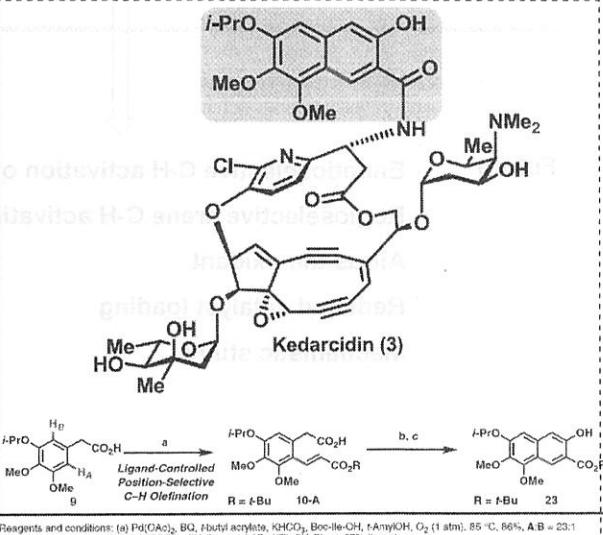
Product	Ligand	Yield (%)*	Product	Ligand	Yield (%)*
6u	Boc-Val-OH	12	6w	Boc-Ile-OH	85‡
6v	Boc-Val-OH	0	6x	Boc-Val-OH	57§
18a	Boc-Val-OH	8	18b	PG <sub>I</sub> -Leu-OH	22
		60			75

\*Isolated Yield. †2-Nitrophenylacetic acid was used as substrate; the product was completely decarboxylated under the reaction conditions: 10 mol% Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub>, 10 mol% BQ, 20 mol% Boc-Val-OH. ‡Mono:Di = 2:1. §4-Nitrophenylacetic acid was used as substrate; decarboxylated:non-decarboxylated = 2:1. ||PG<sub>I</sub> = (-)-Menthyl(O<sub>2</sub>C). §Mono:Di = 3:1.

Although the mechanistic details remain to be elucidated, the steric and electronic properties around the metal center are changed by using ligands.



## Synthetic application



Reagents and conditions: (a) Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub>, BQ, *t*-Butyl acrylate, KHCO<sub>3</sub>, Boc-Ile-OH, *t*-AmylOH, O<sub>2</sub> (1 atm), 85 °C, 86%, A:B = 23:1 (without ligand, A:B = 1.5:1). (b) COCl<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>, rt. (c) *t*-Pr<sub>2</sub>NH, CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>, rt, 87% (two steps)

## 5. Summary

